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Subject: Parks & Open Space System Plan Update
(Discussion and direction)

The Parks & Community Services Board is reviewing and updating the city's Parks & Open Space System Plan over the course of four meetings in 2015. The plan is updated at six year intervals. At its core is a set of 20-year capital project recommendations. At the October meeting, the Board will update the capital project recommendations (Attachment 1). To aid in developing an informed set of future-focused recommendations, you have the following resources available for reference:

- 2015 Bellevue resident Random Sample Survey report (Attachment 3)
- Summary of Park System Plan presentations to other city commissions (Attachment 4)
- September 2015 Neighborhood Leaders Gathering report (Attachment 5)
- Minutes of prior board meetings including the public hearing (June 2015 available online and September 2015 in packet) www.bellevuewa.gov/park-board-minutes-2015.htm
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (printed in September packet and available online) www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/PCD/12_Parks_Recreation_and_Open_Space_FINAL_20150807.pdf
- 2014 Parks & Community Services Board Retreat (printed in September packet)

The materials above represent a significant amount of reading material. To help process the information, a summarized list of the key issues emerging from the public outreach conducted for the plan is provided (Attachment 2). Additionally, a column next to each of the capital project opportunities includes a staff recommendation as a starting point for the board's discussion.

The outcome of the meeting is to obtain direction from the Board on changes to the capital project recommendations. These will be incorporated into the draft plan, which will be brought back to the November meeting for final action and a recommendation to the City Council.

The 2010 plan is available online at: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/park-plan.htm> . If you have any questions prior to the meeting or if you would like an additional copy of the current plan, please contact me at (425) 452-2032 or cparker@bellevuewa.gov.

Parks & Open Space System Plan Update

Comprehensive Capital Recommendations (2010-2029) (2016-2035)

This section from the 2010 Parks & Open Space System Plan is displayed with proposed updates for 2016. Projects that have been completed since 2010 are shown in strikethrough text and projects proposed to add or edits to existing recommendations are shown in underlined text. Most projects for the 2010-2029 time period remain relevant and are proposed to carry-forward into the 2016 edition.



The Star symbol denotes a significant proposed change

Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails

The majority of acreage within the overall parks system is open space. Protecting these spaces and providing a well-maintained and interconnected trail network is a hallmark of the parks system. The following projects continue the work of connecting and expanding open space and trails.

Opportunity:	2016 Update
Greenway Connections/Extensions Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails Lake to Lake Greenway Trails South Bellevue / Coal Creek Greenway Trails Marymoor to Cougar Mountain Greenway Trails Bel-Red Greenway Trails Richards Valley Greenway Trails Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) Greenway Trails	All remain relevant and should remain. Text to highlight recent MTS Greenway progress and ERC planning and potential near-term development
Trail Connections/Extensions: Between Large Regional Systems and Open Spaces <u>Enhance connectivity and walkability by creating connections between neighborhoods and local parks</u> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	Reposition this recommendation to respond to public and Park Board interest in connectivity, particularly to neighborhood parks (“large regional systems and open space” connections captured in Greenways category above)
Native Growth Protection Areas (NGPA)	Keep
Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Implementation	Keep – highlight new Ped Bike Implementation Initiative in text

Park Facilities

Everyone needs a place to play. These projects advance a goal to bring green space within walking distance for all Bellevue households. They also propose additions or enhancements to existing parks to increase the variety of recreational opportunities for city residents.

Opportunity:	2016 Update
Add neighborhood parks in underserved subareas: <u>Bridle Trails</u> <u>BelRed (see Urban Park Systems)</u> Crossroads <u>Downtown (see Urban Park Systems)</u> <u>Eastgate</u> Factoria Newport Hills <u>Wilburton</u>	<i>Bridle Trails</i> : 1 new neighborhood park delivered and 1 property recently acquired <i>Downtown and BelRed</i> : cross-referenced here <i>Eastgate</i> : added due to annexation <i>Wilburton</i> : added in anticipation of future mixed-use land use changes expected
Develop existing undeveloped properties including, but not limited to: <u>Bridle Trails</u> <u>BelRed/West Trib Property</u> <u>Downtown</u> <u>Eastgate/Newcastle (Norelius/Sunrise Property)</u> <u>Newport Hills</u> North Bellevue (Chapin Property) Wilburton (Glendale Property)	Several recently acquired properties added to list <i>Eastgate/Newcastle</i> : this project (north of I-90) complete
Enatai Neighborhood Park redevelopment	Keep
Add to or continue phased development of existing community parks, including but not limited to: Bellevue Airfield Park Bellevue Botanical Garden Crossroads Park <u>Eastgate Park</u> Kelsey Creek Park Lewis Creek Park picnic area and trails Mercer Slough Nature Park Robinswood Park Surrey Downs Park Wilburton Hill Park	Most remain relevant <i>Eastgate</i> : no additional acquisition or major development expected <i>Lewis Creek</i> : picnic areas and trails portion of master plan complete – more elements of master plan remain Highlight in text the BBG work since 2010 and expected design and development at Airfield/Robinswood and Surrey Downs

Active Recreation Facilities

The following projects increase indoor and outdoor opportunities for active or structured sport and recreation.

Opportunity:	2016 Update
North Bellevue Community Center Addition	Keep
Facilities Serving Diverse Age and Recreation Preferences Facilities Providing Recreation and Interaction for Diverse Cultures, Ages and Abilities ★	Reword to better capture range of possible actions – align with Diversity Initiative goals
Community center serving North or Southwest Bellevue Subareas Northwest, Downtown and West Bellevue Neighborhood Areas	Keep - reworded to match new neighborhood area names
Sportfields Synthetic field surfaces Two lighted ballfields at Marymoor Park Lighted sportfields at Bellevue Airfield Park Lighted fields at selected community and school sites Improve school sportfields Ballfield at Wilburton Hill Park	How to characterize school district relationship in text?
Off-leash dog areas, improvements and additions expand Robinswood and add addition sites across the city	More specificity to reflect public interest and PB interest. Highlight in text as well – reference 2009 OLA study recommendations?
Enterprise Fund improvements Golf courses Robinswood Tennis Center Bellevue Aquatic Center Large group picnic areas with shelters and facilities ★	Keep – add picnic sites based on public feedback

Waterfront Access

When surveyed, Bellevue residents consistently support increasing public access to the city's shorelines. The following projects will provide water-oriented recreational opportunity for all Bellevue residents while at the same time creating opportunities to restore and improve the ecological function of the shoreline.

Opportunity:	2016 Update
Meydenbauer Bay Park	Keep all
Meydenbauer Bay Park to Downtown Park connection	
Connect Enatai Beach Park to Mercer Slough Nature Park	
Complete phased development of Enatai Beach Park	
SE 40th Boat Launch addition	
<u>Sweyolocken Boat Launch redevelopment</u>	Non-motorized
Lake Sammamish waterfront	
Chism Beach redevelopment	
Clyde Beach redevelopment	
Additions to existing waterfront parks	

Urban Park Systems

The majority of Bellevue’s residential growth over the next twenty years will be focused in the high density subareas of Downtown and BelRed. The park system required to serve these subareas differs in scale and function from other areas of the city. The following projects will provide needed green space for these urban areas and provide all Bellevue residents with a new and unique urban park experience.

Opportunity:	2016 Update
Downtown <u>Subarea</u> NW & SE quadrant neighborhood parks Downtown Park Ashwood Park Main Street linear buffer greenway <u>Urban Trail System</u> <u>Grand Connection</u> Community center serving Downtown	<i>Urban Trail System:</i> in 2003 plan (from 2002 Downtown Needs Assessment), dropped in 2010, but could be back for 2016 due to Downtown Livability project <i>Grand Connection:</i> part of 2014 City Council Vision priorities
Bel-Red <u>Subarea</u> Open space and off-street trail development Multi-purpose trail development Park acquisition and development	Keep
<u>Eastgate I-90 Corridor</u> <u>Open space and off-street trail development</u> <u>Multi-purpose trail development</u> <u>Park acquisition and development</u>	Supports findings of new Eastgate I-90 Corridor Subarea Plan allowing future mixed use development around Factoria commercial area and Bellevue College

Partnerships

While partnerships can play an important role in any project recommended in this plan, the follow set of projects may require significant partnership arrangements in order to be implemented.

Opportunity:	2016 Update
Elementary, Middle and High school recreation site improvements	Keep
Partner with other City departments to create parks	Keep
Partner with other public agencies to create parks, including but not limited to Bellevue School District, Cascade Water Alliance, Sound Transit, Seattle Public Utilities, Washington State, King County and Bellevue College	Keep
Partner with private non-profit or for-profit organizations to create parks where advantageous to achieve capital project goals	Keep
Aquatic Facility	Still supported by cmtty
Ice Rink	
Historic Building Preservation	Keep, provide more specifics direction in text
Cultural Arts Center	Supported in Diversity Plan and Cultural Compass
Youth Performing Arts Center	Completed (BYT)

Parks & Open Space System Plan Update

Key Issues Emerging from Public Outreach

- Continued strong support for public waterfront access
- Historic Preservation – what is Parks & Community Services role?
- Strong support for ecological improvements (tree canopy, streams, wetlands)
- Dogs in parks – off-leash areas, on-leash enforcement
- Neighborhood Parks (most notably, Eastgate)
- Eastside Rail Corridor
- Continued emphasis on park/trail maintenance as a high community value
- Connectivity between parks, walkability from home to parks/trails
- Access to parks system for increasingly diverse park users – culturally competent, intercultural interaction
- Downtown (Grand Connection) and BelRed urban park system progress
- Restating city and school district position on community use of school facilities
- Continued public support for both park and open space acquisition as well as development of existing parkland
- Continued support for an public aquatic center



Bellevue Parks and Community Services Survey

August - September 2015



Methodology

- ▶ ABS mail survey of residents in the City of Bellevue with supplemental web and phone options
 - Web option offered via promoted URL; Phone option offered upon request
- ▶ August 20th – September 15th, 2015
- ▶ 573 total completed interviews
 - 482 Mail
 - 90 Web; 1 Phone
- ▶ Overall Margin of Error (MoE): ± 4.1 points
- ▶ When applicable, results compared to a study conducted by the Gilmore Research Group:
 - August 28th – September 28th, 2009
 - n=694
 - MoE= ± 3.7 points
- ▶ Final data was weighted to Census household variables including zip code, household type, primary language spoken in household and children in household.

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

Quality of Life Ratings & Impact of Parks & Rec Opportunities

Quality of Life Findings

- ▶ *A vast majority of respondents rate Bellevue's quality of life positively (94% "Excellent" or "Good") and the impact of available parks and recreation opportunities (96% "Greatly" or "Somewhat enhance"), with little variation among key household and demographic subgroups. For the purposes of these subgroup comparisons, we will focus on the high-intensity ratings ("Excellent" and "Greatly enhance") for these variables.*
- ▶ *Regarding the highest intensity ratings, about half of respondents (49%) rate Bellevue's overall quality of life as "Excellent." Two-thirds of respondents (65%) believe parks and recreation opportunities greatly enhance Bellevue's quality of life.*
- ▶ *Quality of life ratings are highest among respondents living in West Bellevue (63% "Excellent") and lowest among those living in Central (32%). East (48%) and South (52%) respondents fall in-between. Overall quality of life ratings are still very strong (89%+ "Excellent" or "Good") in all four areas.*

Quality of Life Findings

- ▶ *When rating the impact of parks and recreation opportunities currently available in Bellevue, residents in the four regions give similarly high ratings (58-69% “Greatly enhance”).*
 - *Parks opportunities’ impact rating is highest among South and Central respondents (69% “Greatly enhance”) despite Central respondents’ lower overall quality of life ratings.*
 - *Despite giving the highest quality of life ratings, West Bellevue respondents rated parks’ impact the lowest (58% “Greatly enhance”). This is likely due to the high-availability of other activities and events in the area, which reduces West Bellevue respondents’ reliance on parks to maintain a high quality of life.*

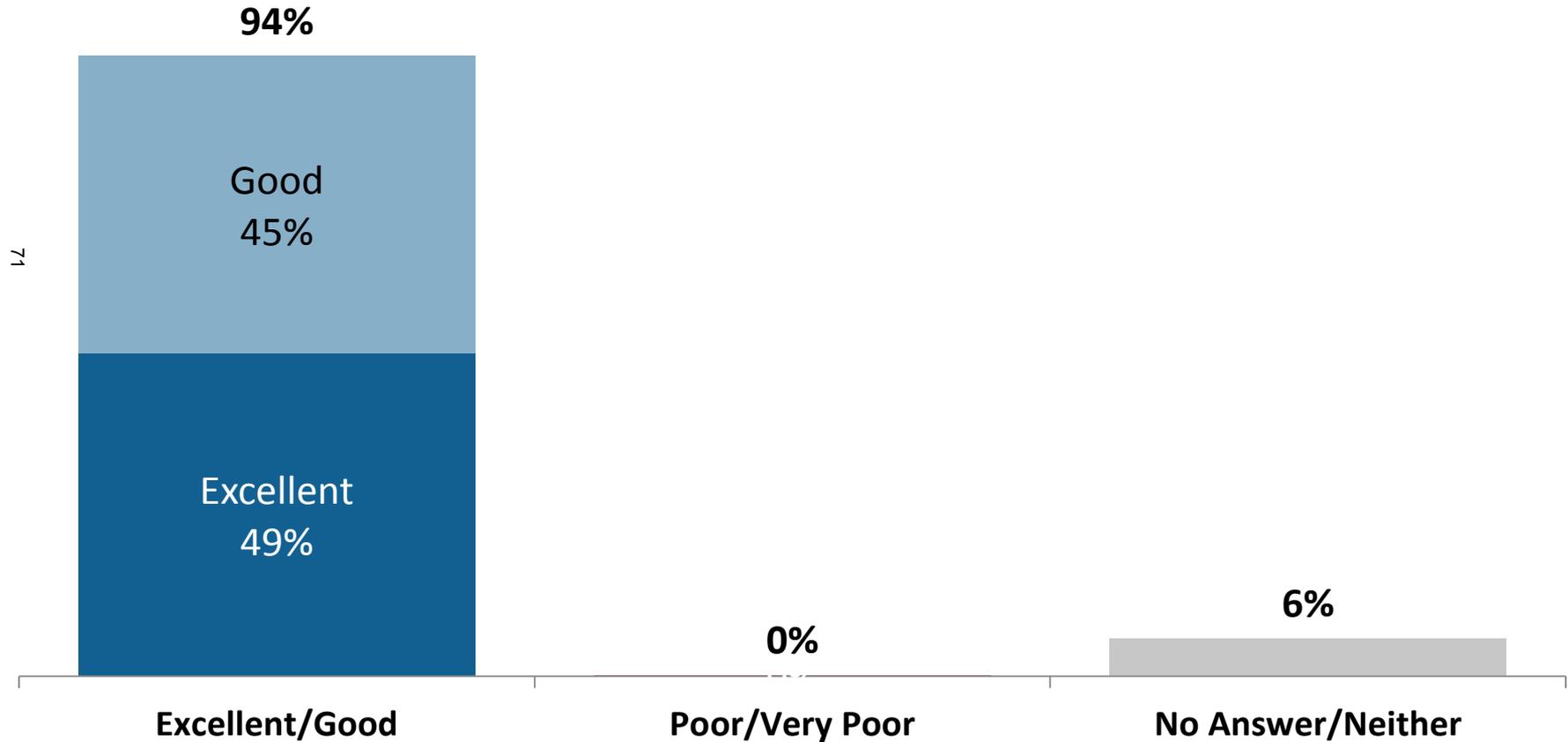
- ▶ *Respondents with kids in the household rate Bellevue’s overall quality of life (62% “Excellent”) higher than those without kids at home (45%). Those with kids in the household also rate the impact of parks and recreation opportunities (82% “Greatly enhance”) the highest of any major respondent subgroup.*

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Quality of Life Findings

- ▶ *Older respondents (age 65 or older) are more pessimistic about quality of life in Bellevue (38% “Excellent”) than younger age groups (56% “Excellent” among those under 65). Older respondents are also less enthusiastic about parks’ impact (60% “Greatly enhance”) but that variance is less significant (compared to 68% among those under 65).*
- ▶ *While there is no significant difference in quality of life ratings by overall gender, women under 55 rate parks and rec. opportunities with the highest intensity (74% “Greatly enhance”) of any age and gender cross-segment. Women 55 or older rate gave the lowest rating (57%).*
- ▶ *While respondents from higher-income households predictably rate quality of life (68% “Excellent”) higher than lower income respondents (35% among respondents from <\$50K households), both groups rate the impact of parks and rec opportunities roughly equally (61-63% “Greatly enhance”). Middle-income respondents (\$50-<100K households) rate parks’ impact the highest (73%).*

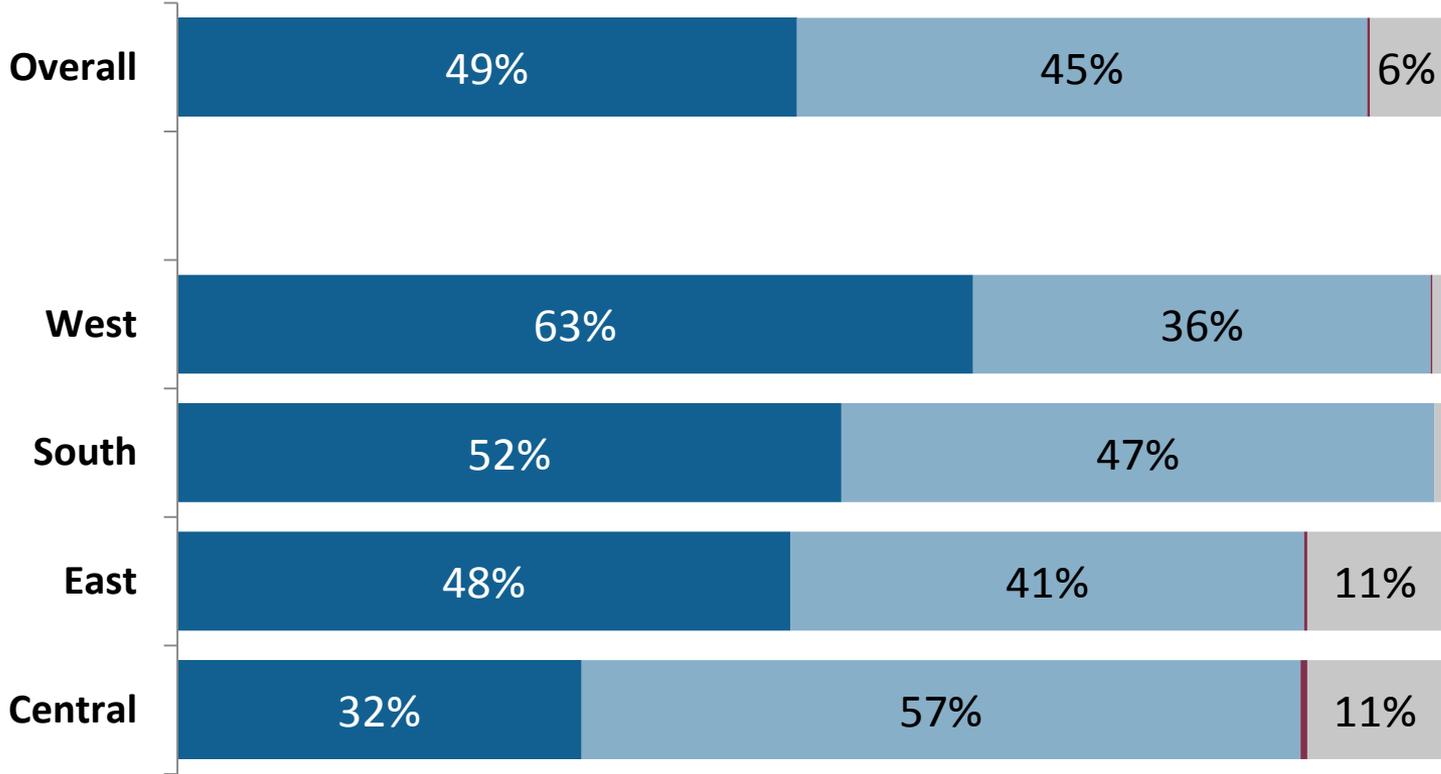
Overall Quality of Life in Bellevue



Q3A. How would you rate the overall quality of life in Bellevue? Would you say it is...

Overall Quality of Life in Bellevue - Geography

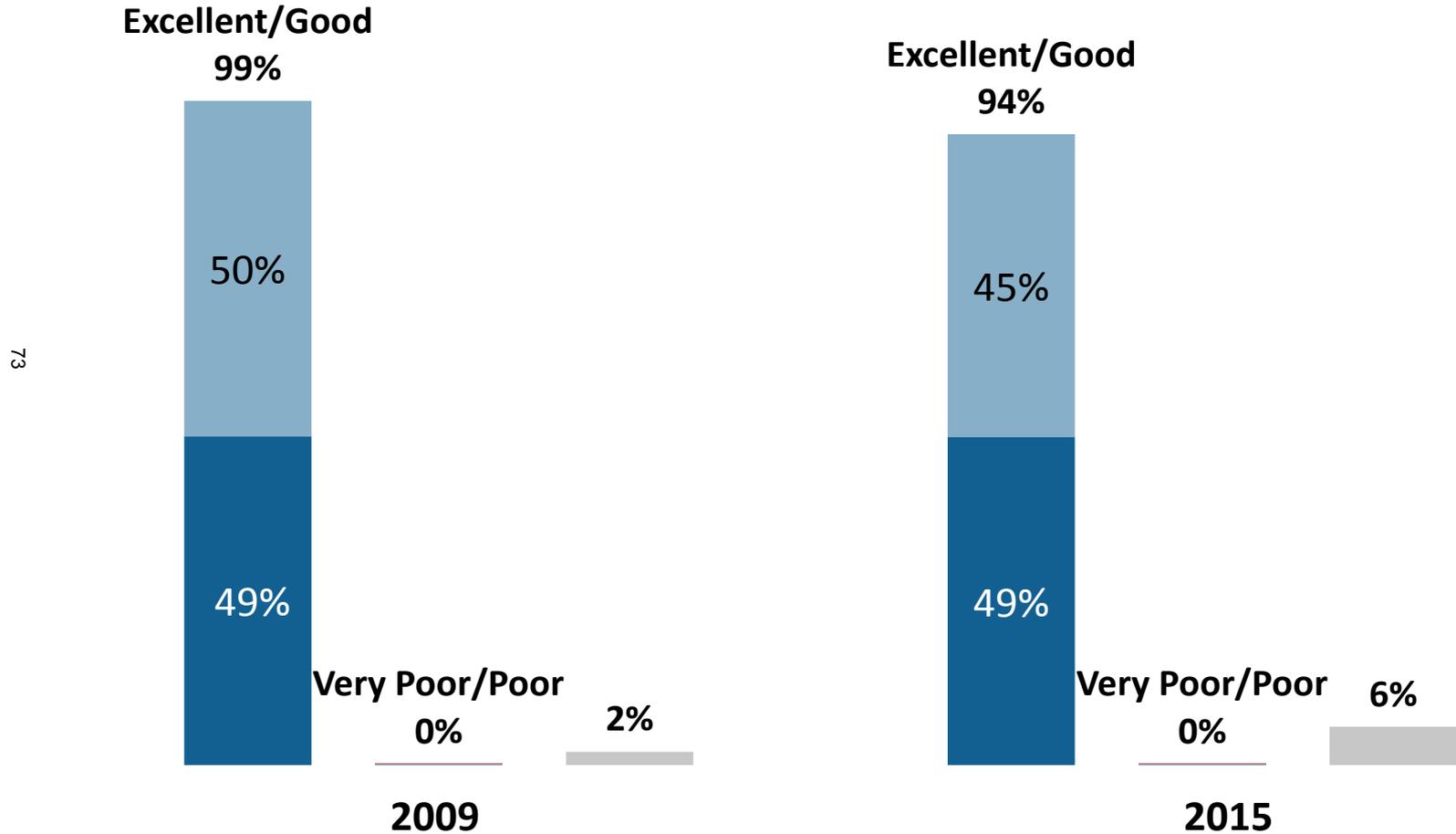
■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Poor/Very Poor ■ No Answer/Neither



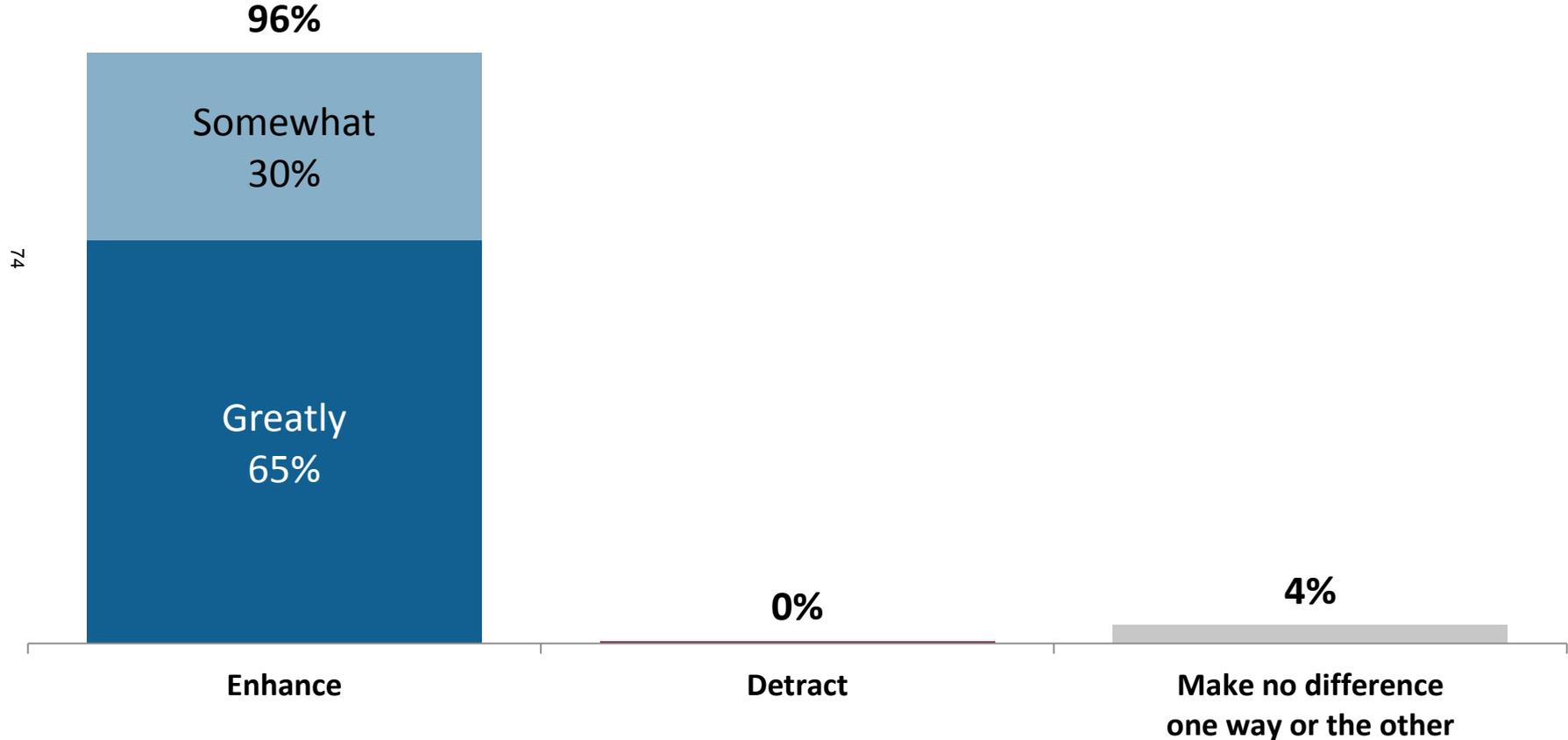
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Overall Quality of Life in Bellevue – 2009 Tracked



Parks and Recreation Impact on Quality of Life



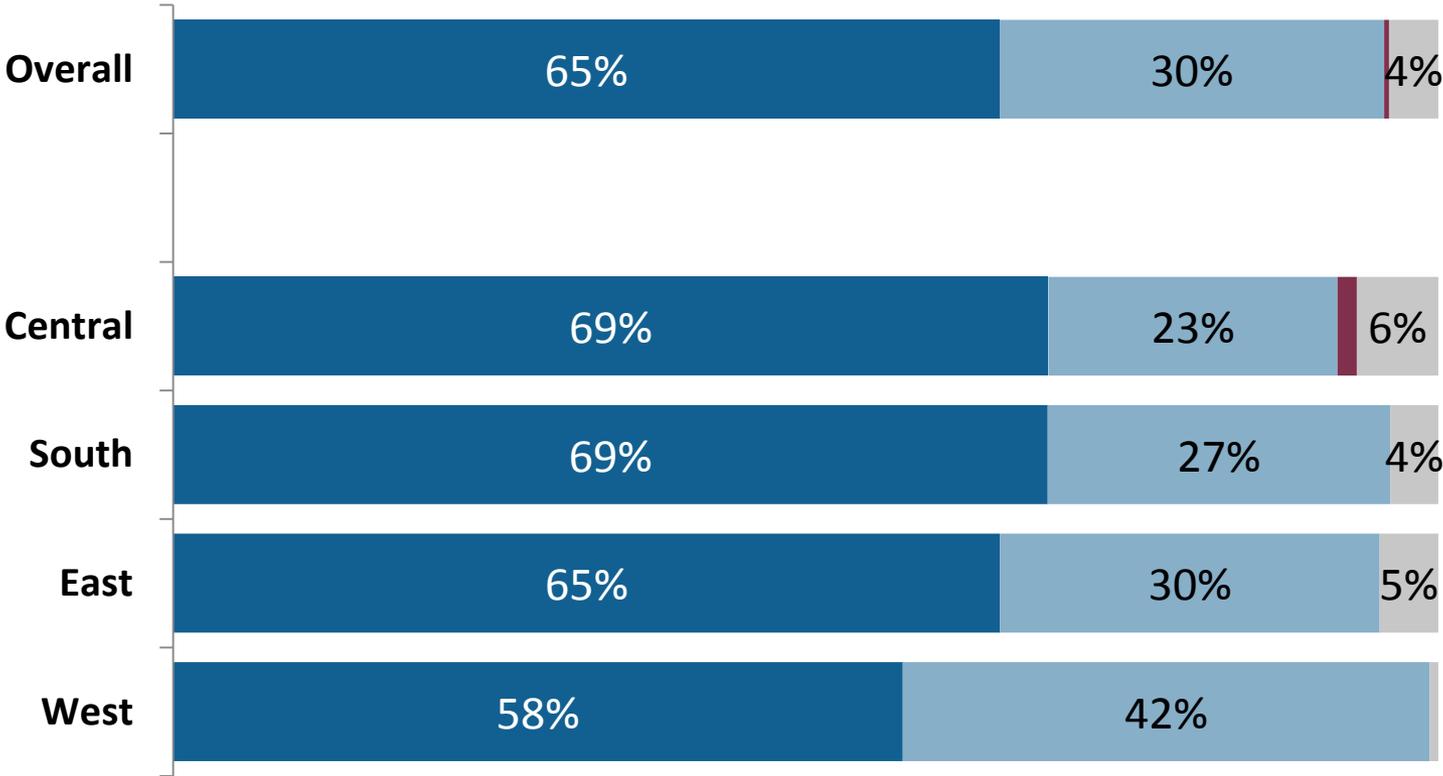
Q3B. To what extent do the parks and recreation opportunities available in Bellevue impact the quality of life here?



Parks and Recreation Impact on Quality of Life - Geography



■ Greatly Enhance ■ Somewhat Enhance ■ Detract ■ No Answer/Neither

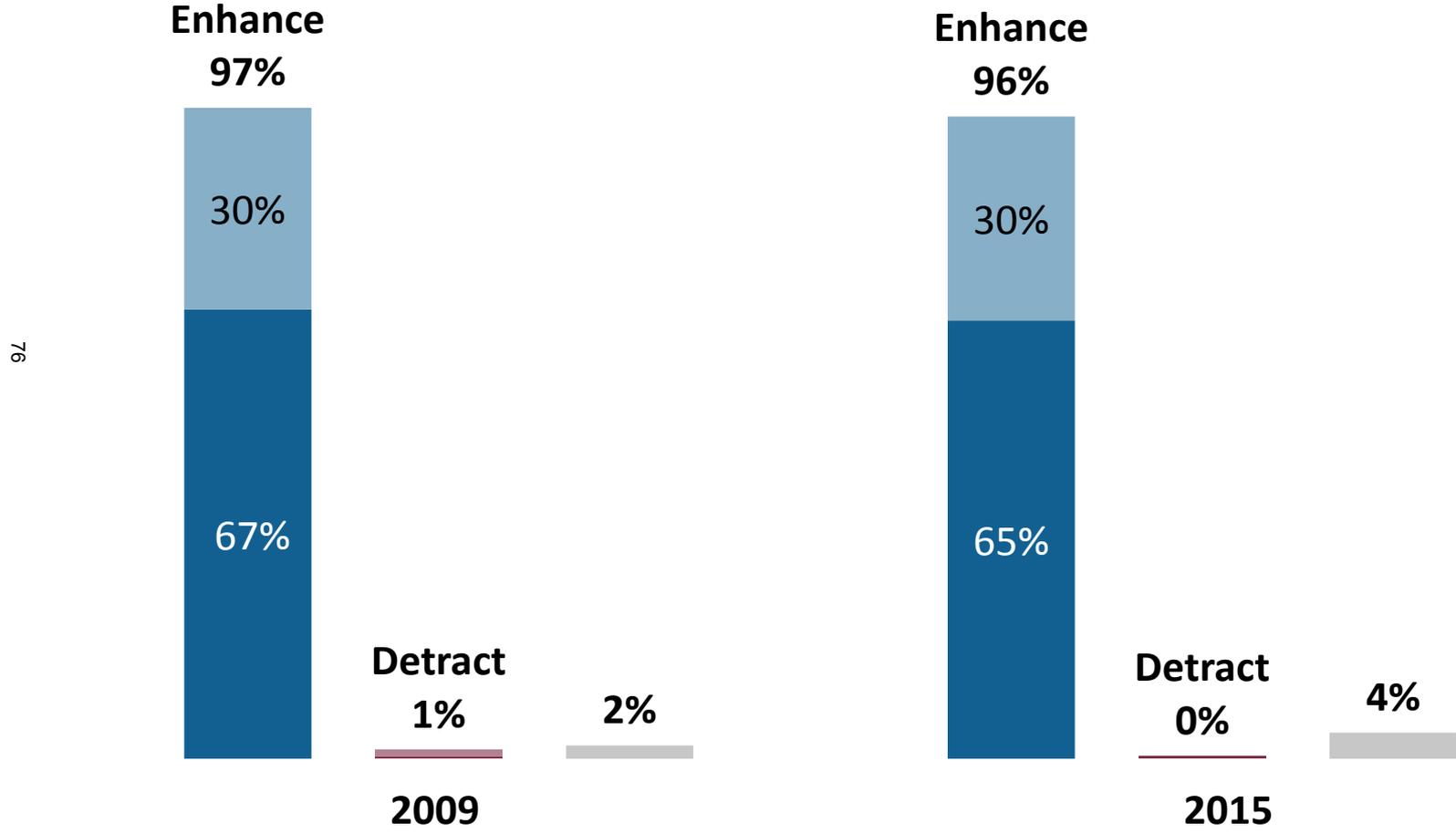


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Q3B. To what extent do the parks and recreation opportunities available in Bellevue impact the quality of life here?



Parks and Recreation Impact on Quality of Life – 2009 vs 2015



Q3B. To what extent do the parks and recreation opportunities available in Bellevue impact the quality of life here?

Parks & Rec Visitation Frequency

Visitation Findings

- ▶ *Natural trails (77% visit 2+ times/year), open areas like fields and plazas (70%), parks with display gardens (64%) and community beaches (61%) are the largest overall draws for residents visiting Bellevue parks, overall. In addition to these items, respondents with kids at home also report visiting playgrounds (2+ times/year) most frequently.*
- ▶ *Indoor sports facilities/fitness centers are less-frequented by overall respondents (41% 2+ times/year) but a fifth (22%) report visiting frequently (10+ times/year).*
- ▶ *Comprising nearly a third (29%) of Bellevue's households, respondents with children under 18 at home report higher usage (2+ times/year) across all park and facility types than those without kids at home.*
- ▶ *Respondents age 65 or older report the lowest use of parks and recreation facilities of all major respondent demographic groups. Trails are the only park type that a majority (58%) 65+ respondents report using at least twice a year.*

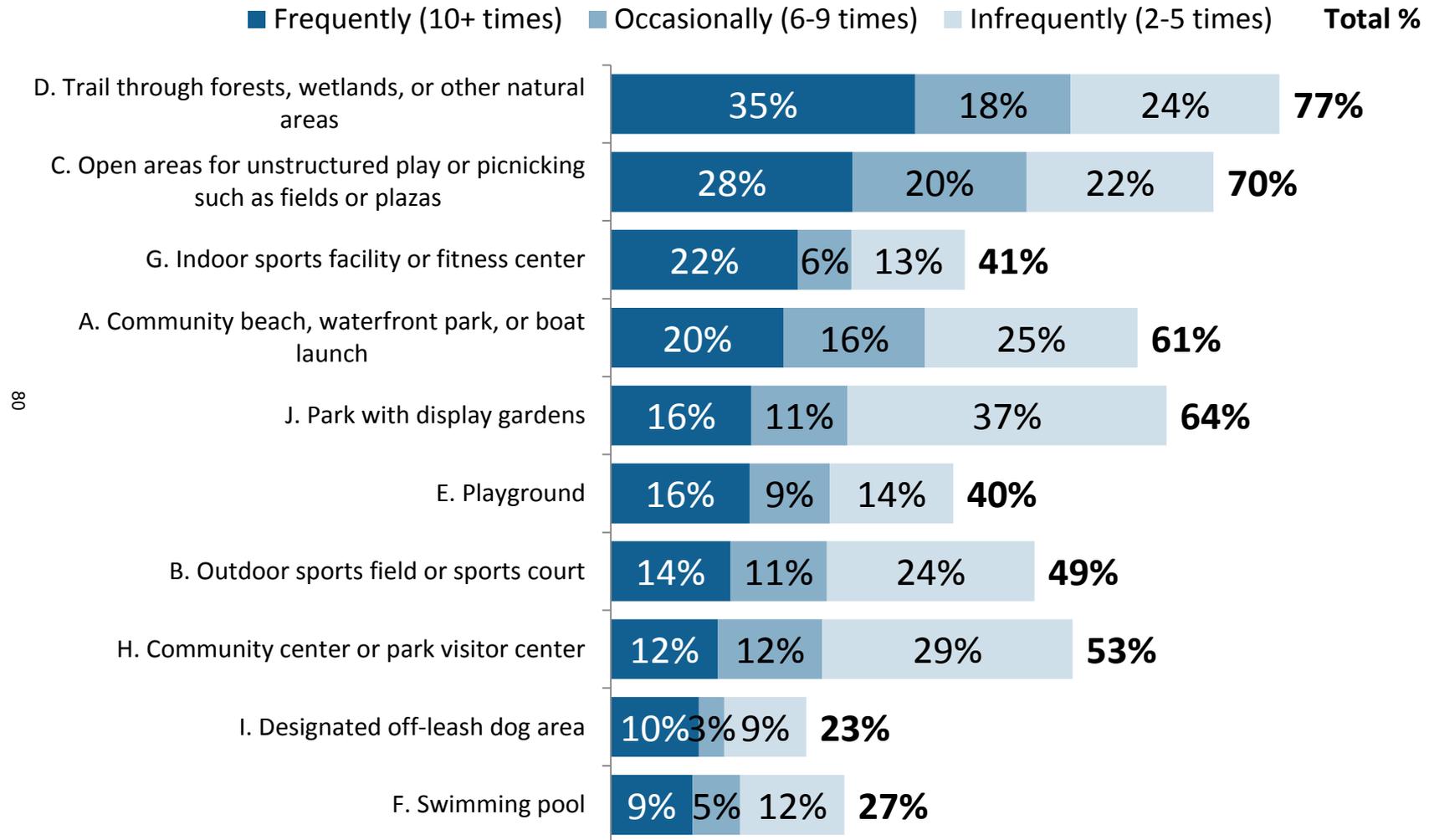
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Visitation Findings

- ▶ *The aforementioned top items (trails, open areas, parks with display gardens and community beaches) are generally the most-used park types in all four regions, as well. However, there are some notable geographical differences in usage frequency for certain types of parks and recreation facilities.*
 - *South Bellevue respondents report visiting community/park visitor centers (68% visit 2+ times/year), outdoor sports fields (64%) and indoor sports facilities (56%) more often than respondents in other regions.*
 - *Central Bellevue respondents report visiting community centers/park visitor about as frequently (65% 2+ times/year) as South Bellevue respondents (68%).*
 - *East Bellevue respondents report visiting community beaches less frequently (52% 2+ times/year) than respondents in other areas. This makes sense given the lack of public beaches on Lake Sammamish.*
 - *West Bellevue respondents exhibit notably different visitation habits than other areas. They report the lowest usage of off-leash dog parks (14% 2+ times/year), swimming pools (18%), playgrounds (24%), indoor sports facilities (30%) and community centers (30%) of the four regions. They also report using open fields/plazas for unstructured play or picnicking (76%) more than respondents in any other region.*

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Personal Visitation of Parks and Rec Facilities



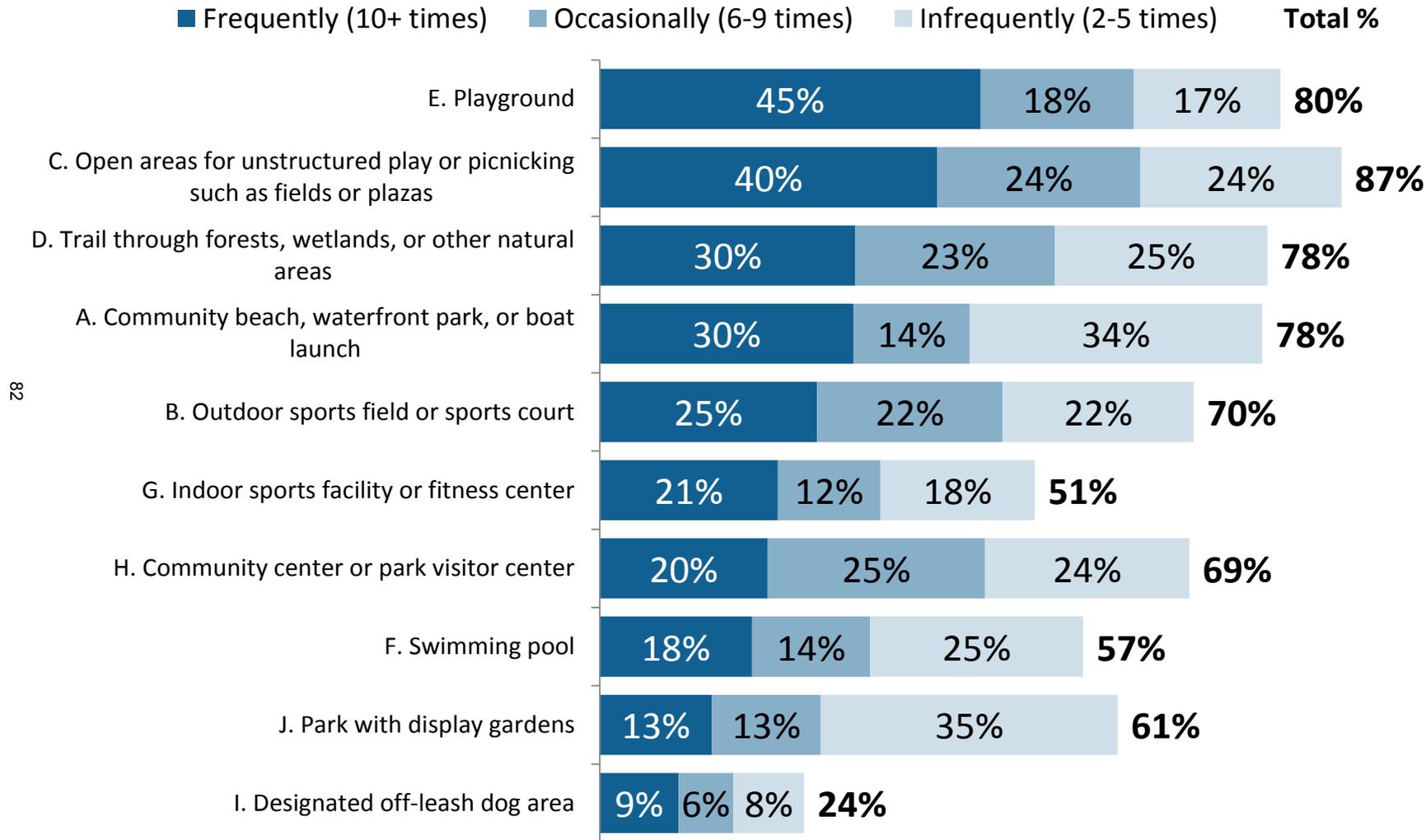
Q4A. In the past 12 months, how often have you personally visited any of the following types of public or private parks or recreation facilities in Bellevue?

Personal Visitation of Parks and Rec Facilities

Use of each park and facility 2+ times/year	Region			
	Central	East	South	West
Community beach, waterfront park, or boat launch	63%	52%	68%	60%
Outdoor sports field or sports court	46%	46%	64%	41%
Open areas for unstructured play or picnicking such as fields or plazas	69%	68%	65%	76%
Trail through forests, wetlands, or other natural areas	76%	80%	77%	75%
Playground	43%	51%	40%	24%
Swimming pool	25%	34%	31%	18%
Indoor sports facility or fitness center	43%	35%	56%	30%
Community center or park visitor center	65%	51%	68%	30%
Designated off-leash dog area	23%	25%	28%	14%
Park with display gardens	66%	67%	66%	58%
Other	2%	7%	9%	7%

Q4A. In the past 12 months, how often have you personally visited any of the following types of public or private parks or recreation facilities in Bellevue?

Child Visitation of Parks and Rec Facilities



Q4B. In the past 12 months, how often has any member of your household under 18 personally visited any of the following types of public or private parks or recreation facilities in Bellevue?



Reasons for Parks & Rec Usage

Usage Findings

- ▶ *Relaxing (70% mentioned), enjoying nature/open space (69%), spending time with family/ friends (60%) and exercising outdoors (60%) are residents' primary reasons for using Bellevue parks and recreation facilities.*
- ▶ *The top reasons for using parks and rec facilities are generally shared by households in all four regions. However, there are regional differences in some of the more unique categories.*
 - *West Bellevue households are the most likely to use parks and rec facilities to exercise outdoors (75% mentioned, compared to 59% or less in other regions). They are also far more likely to cite cultural or community events as a visitation driver (43% compared to 28% or less elsewhere).*
 - *Central Bellevue households are slightly more likely to use parks/facilities to spend time with friends/family (67% mentioned) and exercise indoors (27%) than respondents in other regions.*
 - *South Bellevue households are slightly more likely to visit parks for nature and open spaces (76% mentioned), though this is a notably high driver for visitation in all four regions (64% or higher).*

Usage Findings

- ▶ *While the overall top reasons are also prominent among age and gender subgroup, some particular reasons for parks usage vary among age and gender segments.*
 - *Men under 55 are most likely to use parks to relax (91% mentioned) than any other reason. Enjoying/experiencing nature and open spaces (76%) is their second-most cited reason.*
 - *Women under 55 report using parks for a barrage of reasons. Enjoying/experiencing nature and open spaces (88%) is their top response. They also cite using parks for exercise (71% outdoors; 35% indoors) more than any other age/gender segment.*
 - *Men and women age 55 or older report similar reasons for using Bellevue parks. Although at lower rates than their younger counterparts, their top reasons include relaxing (59%), enjoying nature and open space (56%) and exercising outdoors (54%).*

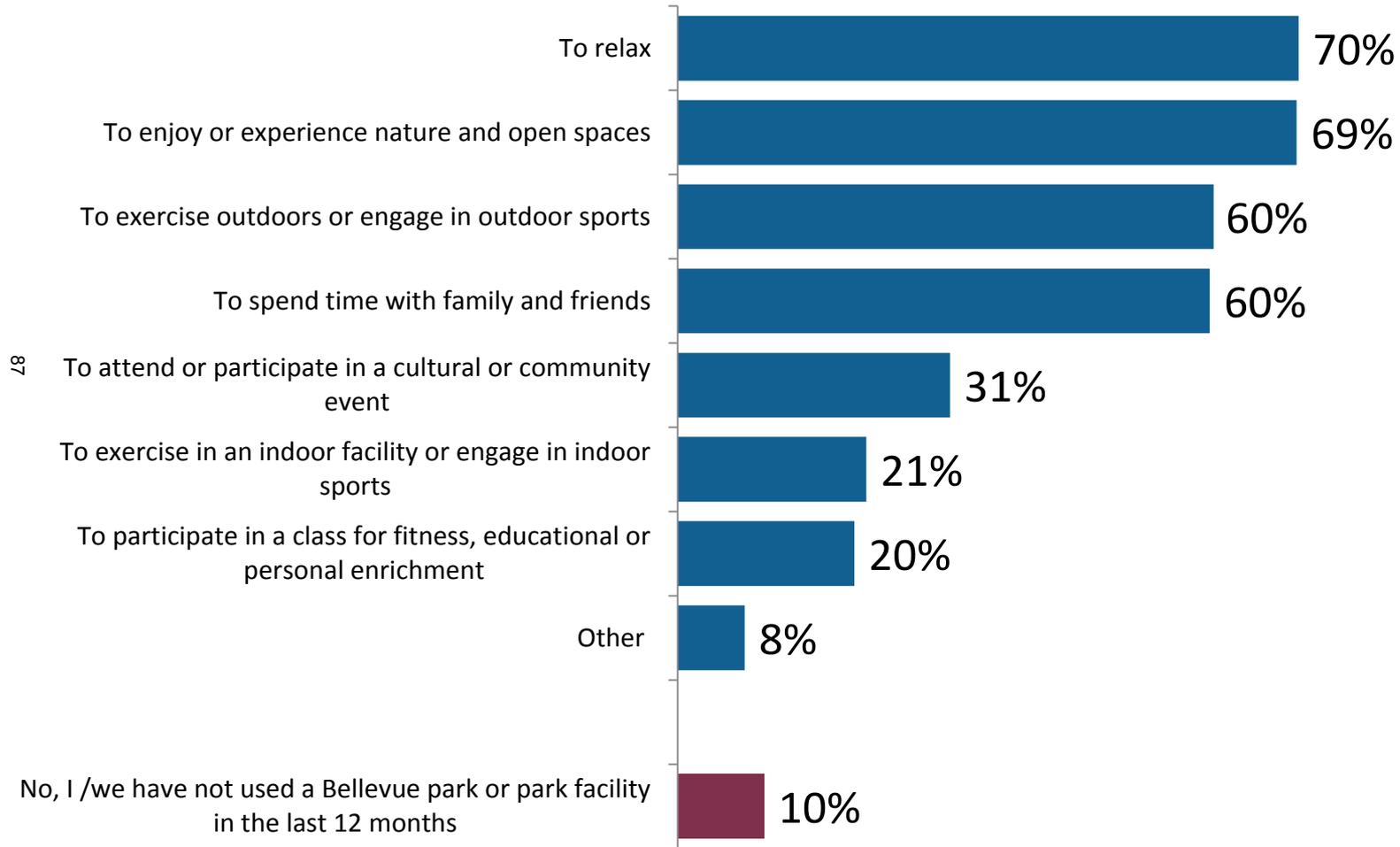
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Usage Findings

- ▶ *Bellevue households use parks and recreation facilities mostly for individual or family use (75% mostly) rather than for organized activities (6%). About a tenth (9%) report using /parks facilities for both individual and organized activities.*
- ▶ *Among households who use parks for organized leagues (14% either mostly or equally with individual use), soccer is the top mention (25%), followed by basketball (14%).*
- ▶ *Reported usage for organized leagues is highest among South Bellevue households (23% either mostly organized or both).*

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Household Use of Park or Recreation Facilities in Past Year



Q5. In the past 12 months, have you or any other member of your household used a park or recreation facility in Bellevue? If yes, how so? Select as many as apply.

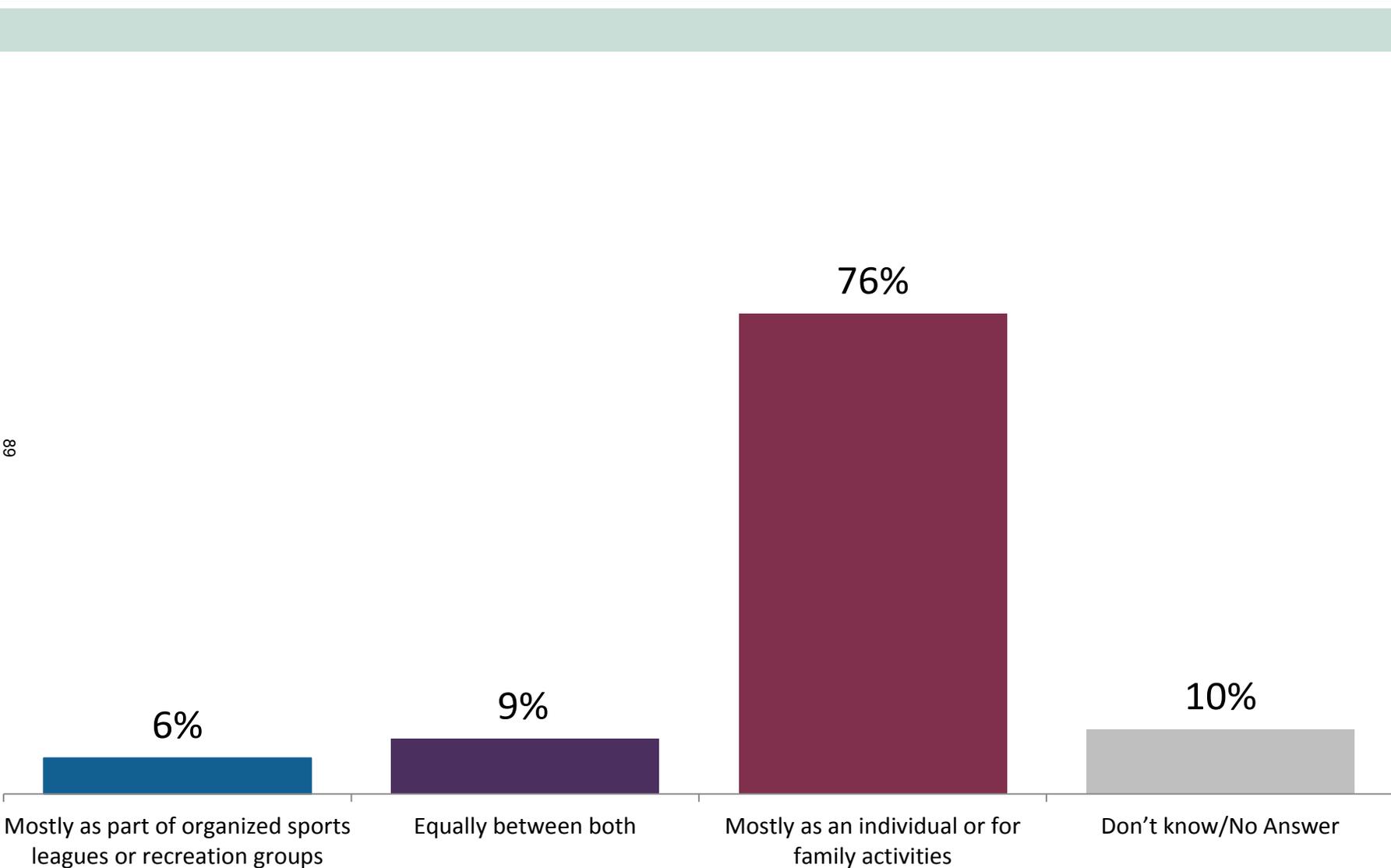
Household Use of Park or Recreation Facilities in Past Year

Purpose of Using Park/Recreation Facilities	Region			
	Central	East	South	West
To exercise outdoors or engage in outdoor sports	52%	55%	59%	75%
To exercise in an indoor facility or engage in indoor sports	27%	19%	21%	17%
To relax	70%	67%	69%	72%
To spend time with family and friends	67%	60%	61%	50%
To enjoy or experience nature and open spaces	64%	66%	76%	71%
To participate in a class for fitness, educational or personal enrichment	18%	22%	23%	17%
To attend or participate in a cultural or community event	25%	26%	28%	43%
Other	7%	12%	3%	7%
No, I / we have not used a Bellevue park or park facility in the last 12 months	10%	13%	13%	4%

Q5. In the past 12 months, have you or any other member of your household used a park or recreation facility in Bellevue? If yes, how so? Select as many as apply.



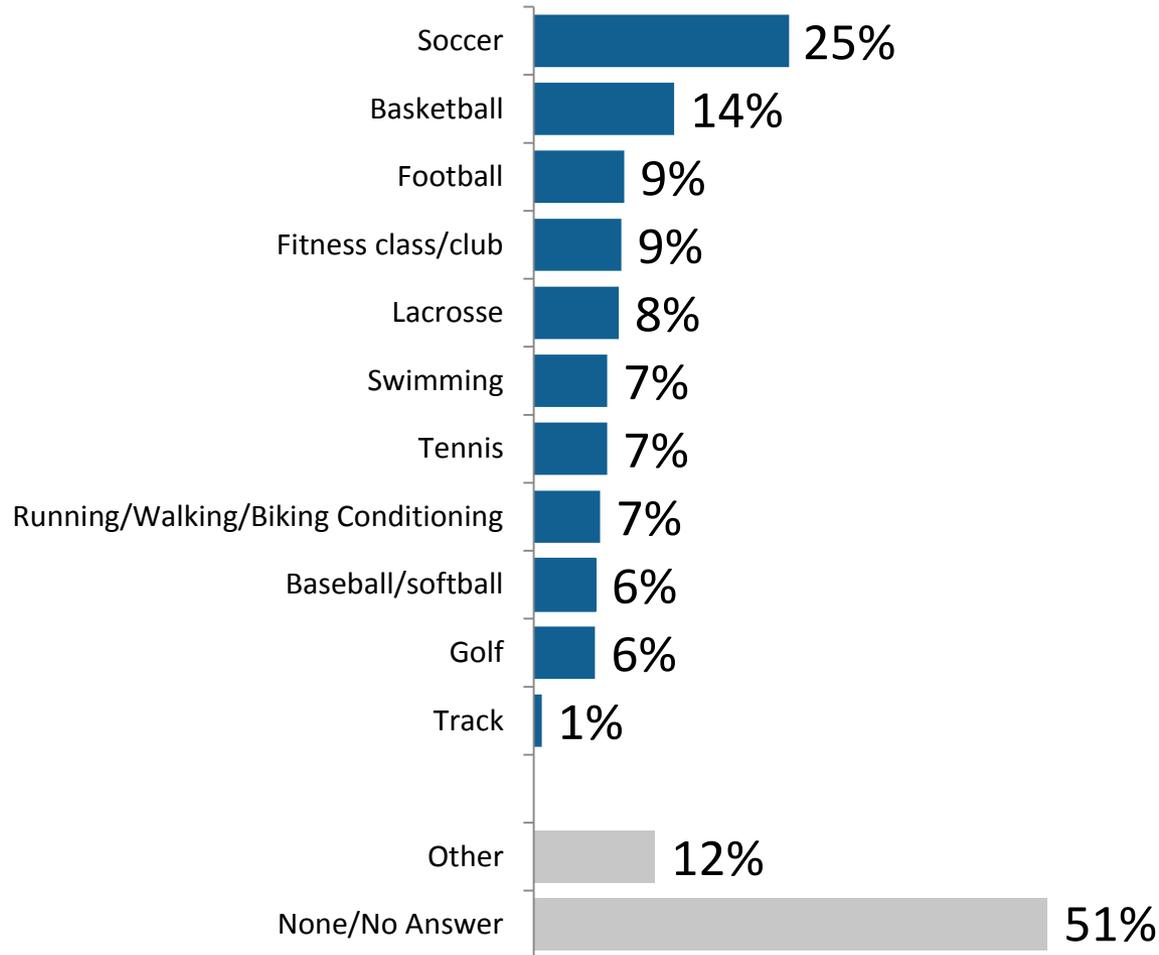
Household's Primary Use of Parks and Facilities



Q6A. Which of the following best describes your household's primary use of parks and facilities in Bellevue?



Household's Participation in Leagues, Clubs and Groups



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Q6B. In the past 12 months, what sports league(s), club(s) or recreation group(s) does someone in your household participate in, if any?

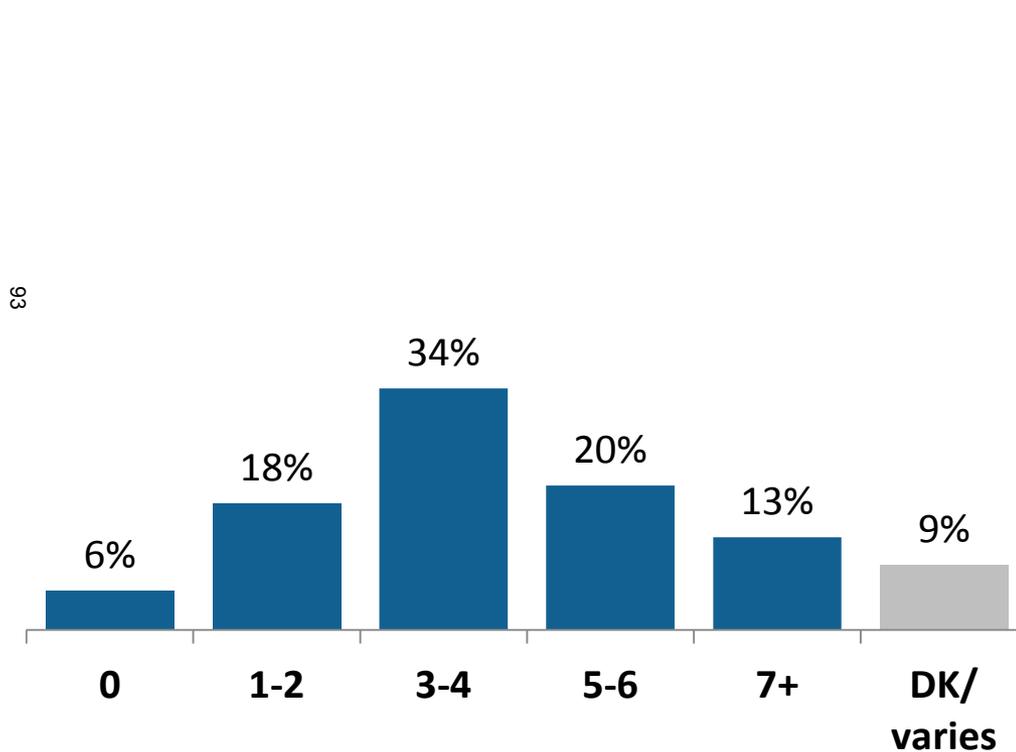
Exercise Frequency & Barriers

Exercise Findings

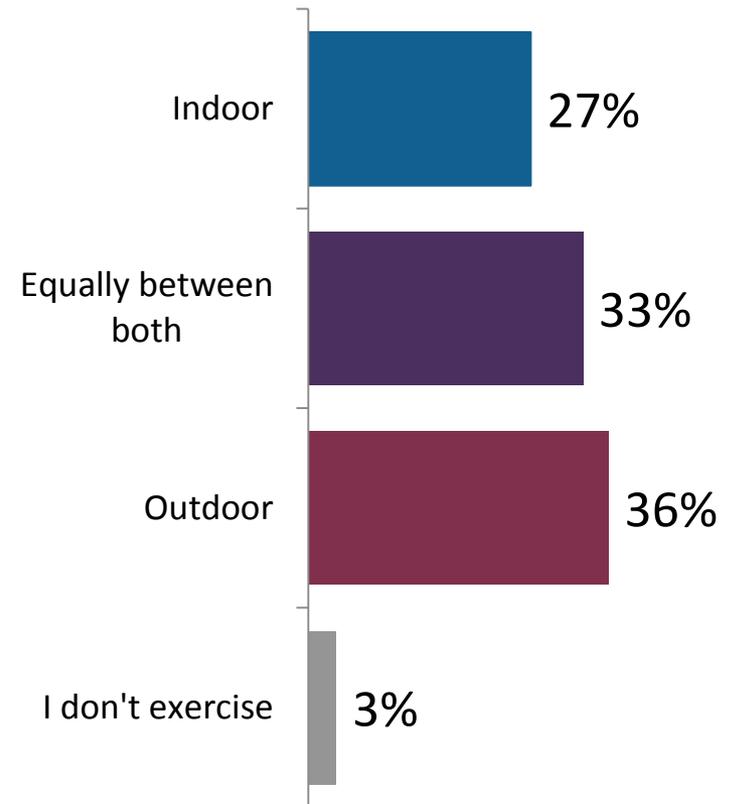
- ▶ *Respondents report a slightly higher preference for exercising outdoors (36% prefer) compared to indoors (27%), with a third mentioning both about equally (33%).*
- ▶ *East and West Bellevue respondents are the most likely to prefer exercising outdoors (46% and 42%, respectively), while Central and South respondents prefer them more equally (27-30% outdoor; 33-34% indoor).*
- ▶ *Two-thirds of respondents (67%) report exercising at least three times per week, overall. This portion is highest among respondents with dogs (83%), women under 55 (77%), South Bellevue residents (74%), respondents without children in the household (71%) and those who are college educated (70%).*
- ▶ *The quarter (23%) of respondents who exercise infrequently (less than 3 times/week) cite time (27% mentioned), disability/injury (23%, lazy/lack of motivation (17%) as the top barriers to exercising more often. Less than a tenth cite distance (9%) and lack of accessibility (7%) as barriers.*

Respondent Exercise Behavior

Exercise Sessions Per Week

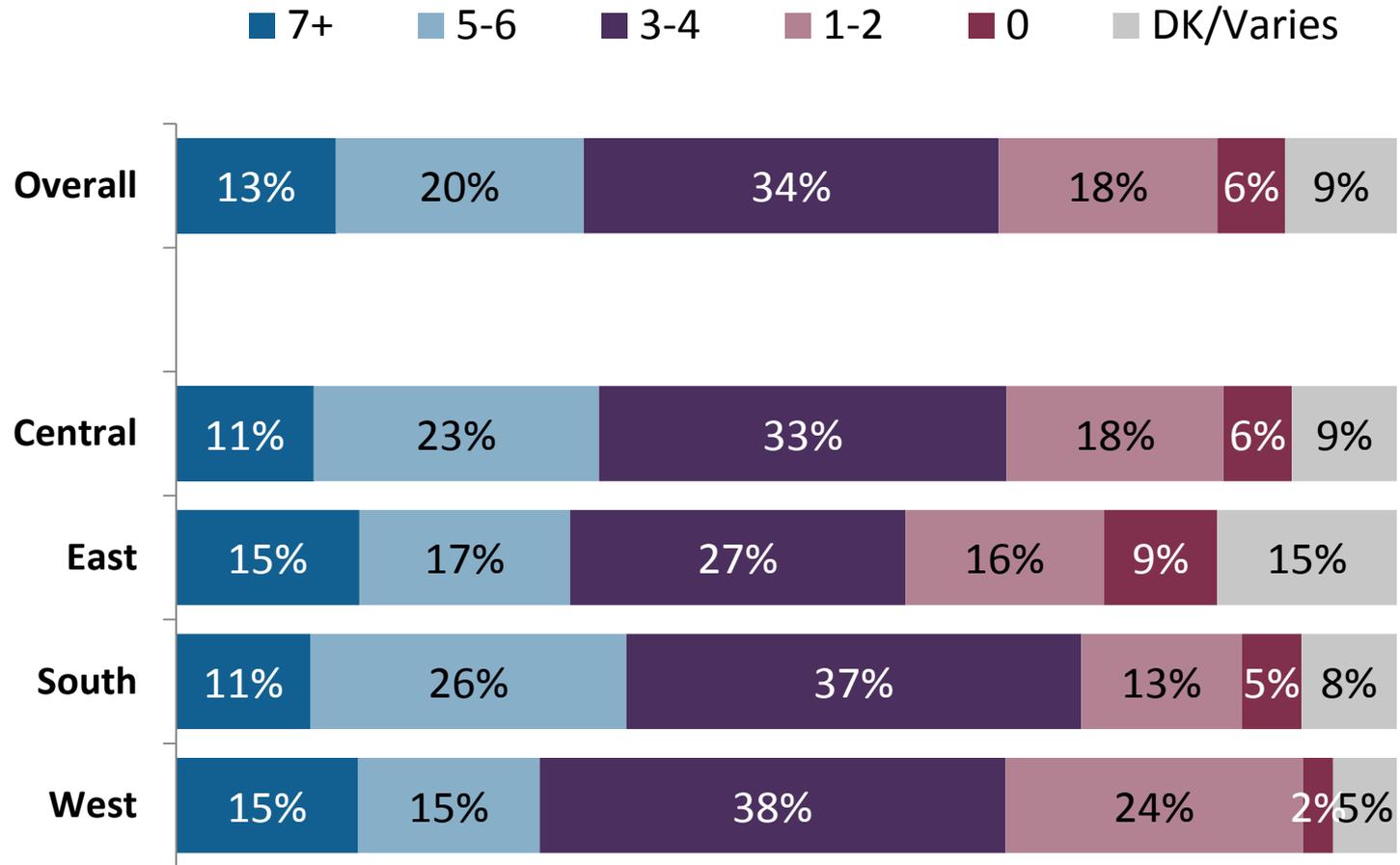


Typical Exercise Environment



Q7. In a typical week for you, how many times do you personally exercise for at least 30 minutes? By exercise, we mean any physical activity that increases your heart rate.
Q8A. When you do exercise, is it more often in an indoor environment, outdoor environment or about equal between both?

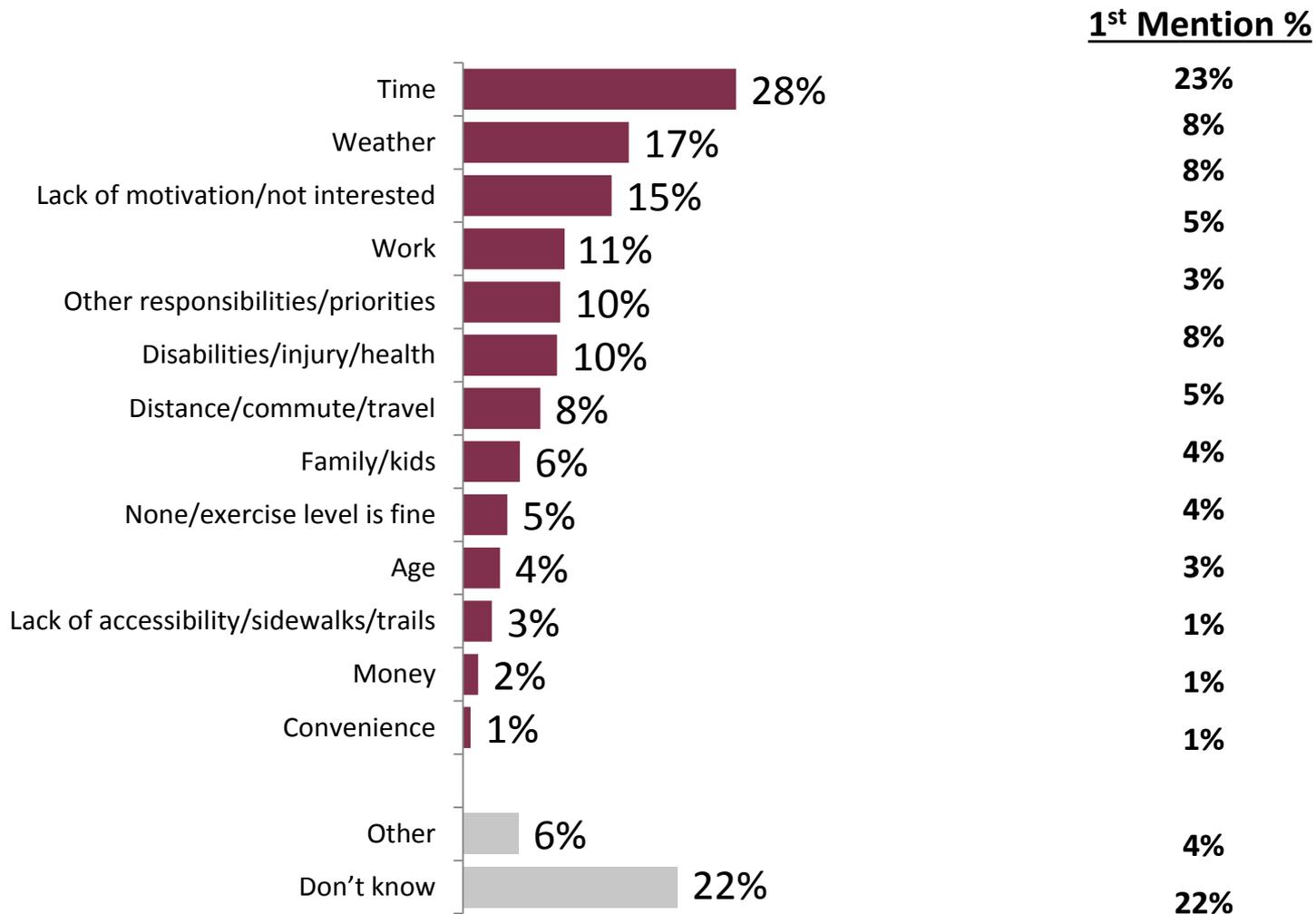
Respondent Exercise Behavior By Geography



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Q7. In a typical week for you, how many times do you personally exercise for at least 30 minutes? By exercise, we mean any physical activity that increases your heart rate.

Top Barriers to Exercise



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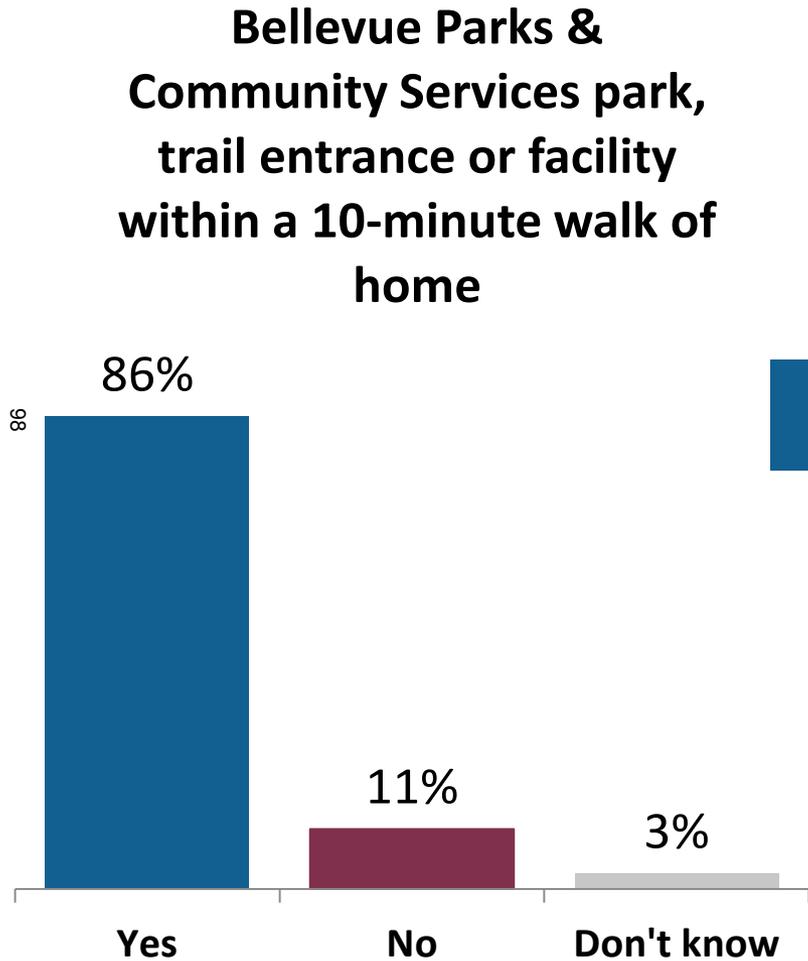
Ease of Parks & Rec Access

Access Findings

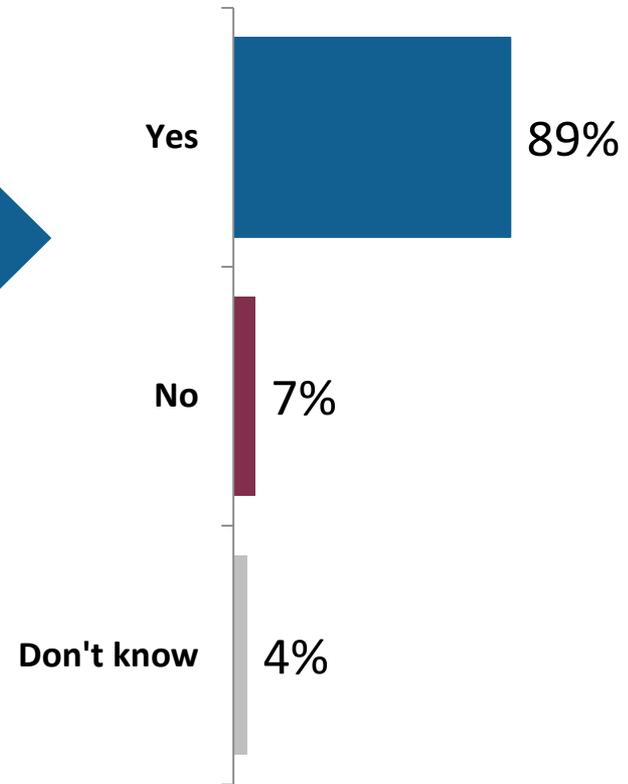
- ▶ *A vast majority of respondents (86%) say there is a park, trail or recreation facility within a 10 minute walk from home. About nine-tenths (89%) of that group reports being able to safely walk or bike to the facility.*
- ▶ *Overall, this translates to about three-quarters (77%) of all respondents with full parks/facility access, meaning they have a park/trail/facility near them and can reach it safely by walking or biking.*
- ▶ *Access is highest among West Bellevue respondents (91% full parks/facility access) -- particularly in Downtown Bellevue – followed by respondents in Central (80%) and East (73%). South Bellevue respondents report having the lowest level of access to Bellevue parks and facilities (63%).*

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Bellevue Park or Facility Nearby



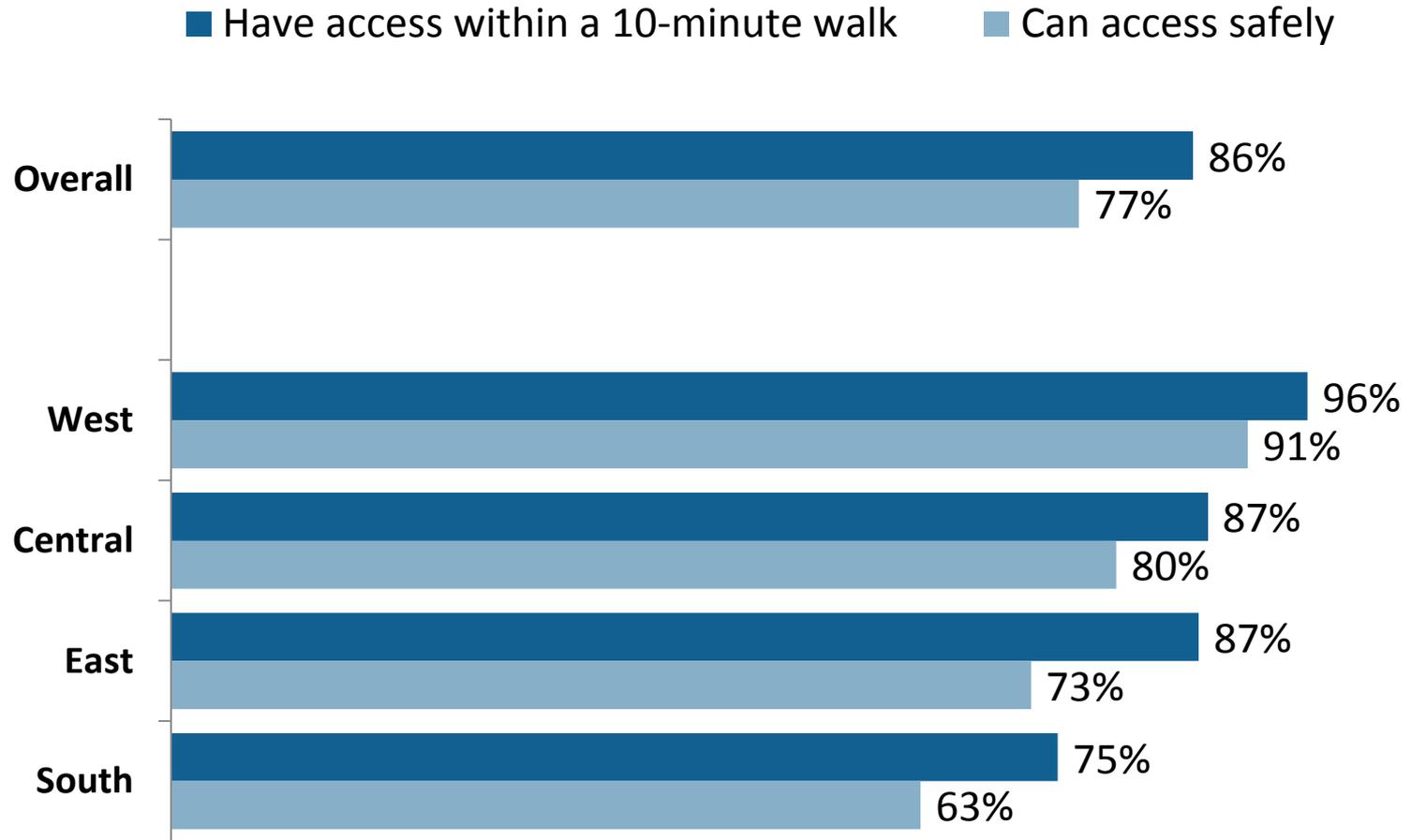
Reach this facility safely by walking or biking



Q9A. Is there a Bellevue Parks & Community Services park, trail entrance or facility within a 10-minute (or 1/3 mile) walk of your home?

Q9B. Are you able to reach this facility safely by walking or biking?

Bellevue Park or Facility Nearby – Geography



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Q9A. Is there a Bellevue Parks & Community Services park, trail entrance or facility within a 10-minute (or 1/3 mile) walk of your home?

Q9B. Are you able to reach this facility safely by walking or biking?

Parks Development Priorities

Development Findings

- ▶ *Overall, respondents are split between whether the City should prioritize acquiring new parkland and natural areas (46% prefer) or developing and improving existing parks (54%).*
- ▶ *There is a geographic divide in these preferences. A majority of Central (60%) and West (59%) respondents prefer developing and improving existing parks and facilities while while a slight majority of East (50%) and South (53%) respondents favor acquiring new parkland.*
- ▶ *Majorities of respondents from households with children (65%), women 18-55 (62%) and those from \$100K+ income households (59%) support developing and improving currently-owned parks and facilities.*
- ▶ *Respondents from \$50-<100K income households (56%) prefer that the City focuses on acquiring new parkland and natural areas.*

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Development Findings

- ▶ *Natural trails (77% ranked as a top-5 priority) are residents' highest-ranked priority for city parks and rec development. Open areas like fields and plazas (66%) and community beaches/waterfront (63%) represent the next level tier of priorities. Playgrounds (45%) and parks with display gardens (42%) follow.*
- ▶ *In addition to the top three overall priorities, a majority of respondents from households with children also mentioned playgrounds (55%) and outdoor sports fields (50%) as a top priority for development.*
- ▶ *Trails through natural areas is the highest-ranked priority among respondents in all four geographies; respondents in South (83% prioritized in top-5) and East (82%) Bellevue ranked it the highest. Open areas and community beaches were also the top second or third priority in every geography.*

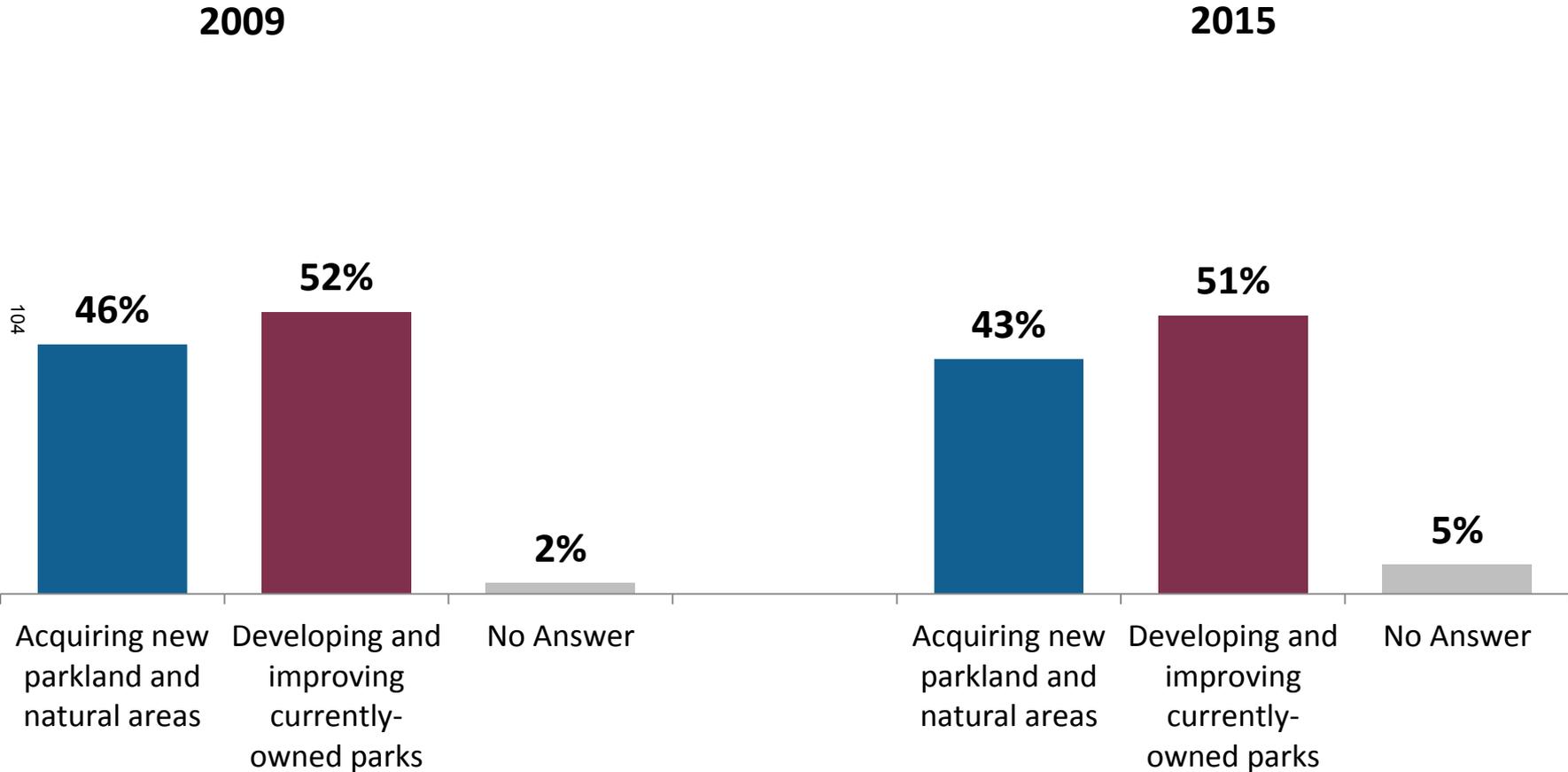
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Development Findings

- ▶ *Though not a top-tier priorities in any one area, outdoor sports fields and swimming pools were prioritized more heavily in the West (44% prioritized) and South (42%) than in other areas.*
- ▶ *South Bellevue residents had more requests for indoor sports facilities (46% prioritized) than other regions.*
- ▶ *Community centers received a higher portion of mentions among South (45% prioritized) and Central (46%) Bellevue respondents than other areas.*

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Investment Priorities – 2009 Tracked

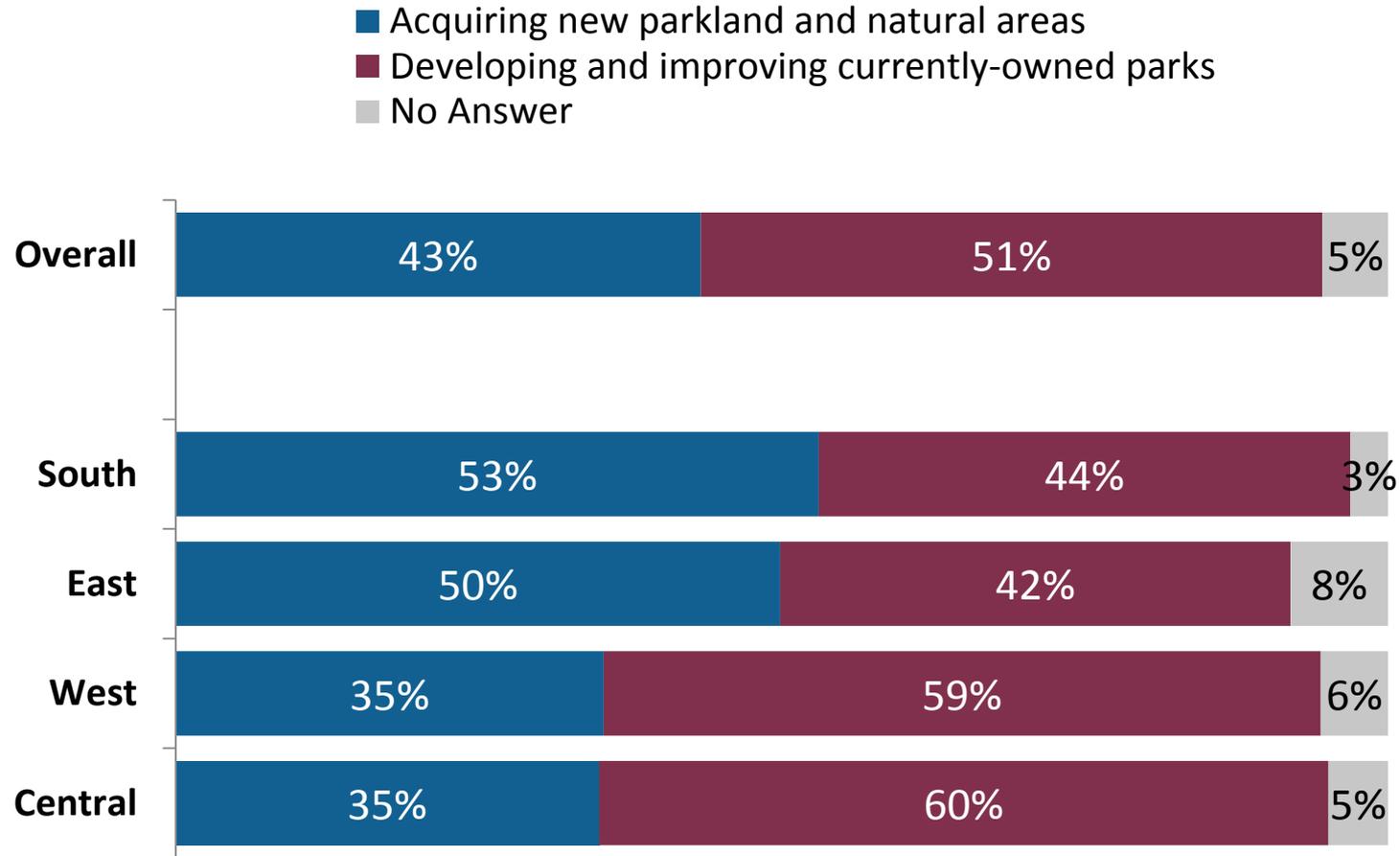


Q11. Bellevue Parks & Community Services acquires and develops new parks, and improves and redevelops existing park sites. Given what you know about the parks system, over the next ten years, should City investments be focused more on the acquiring new parkland and natural areas or focused more on developing and improving currently-owned parks?



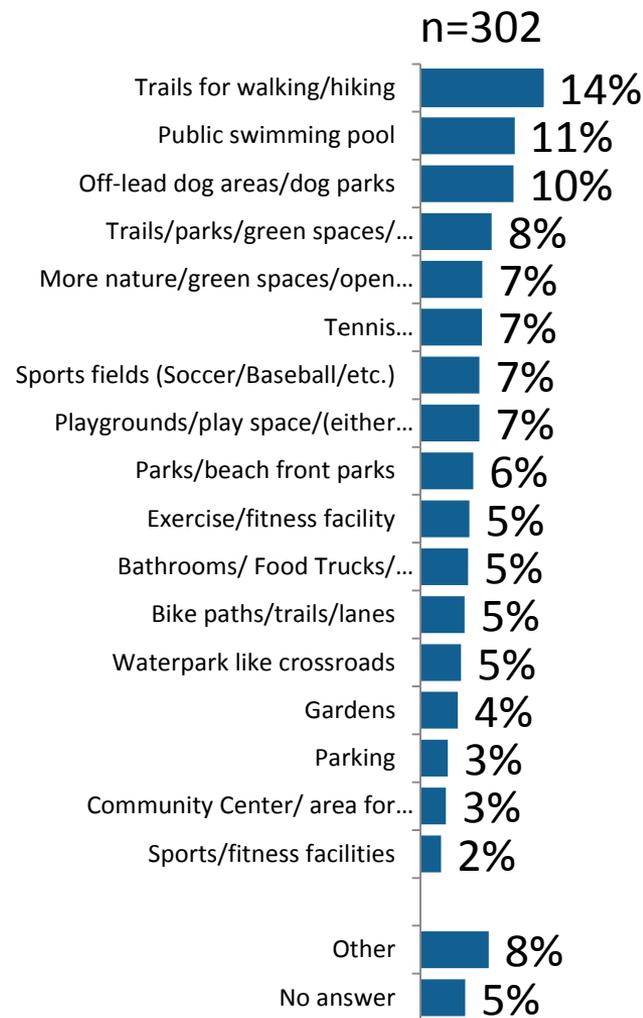
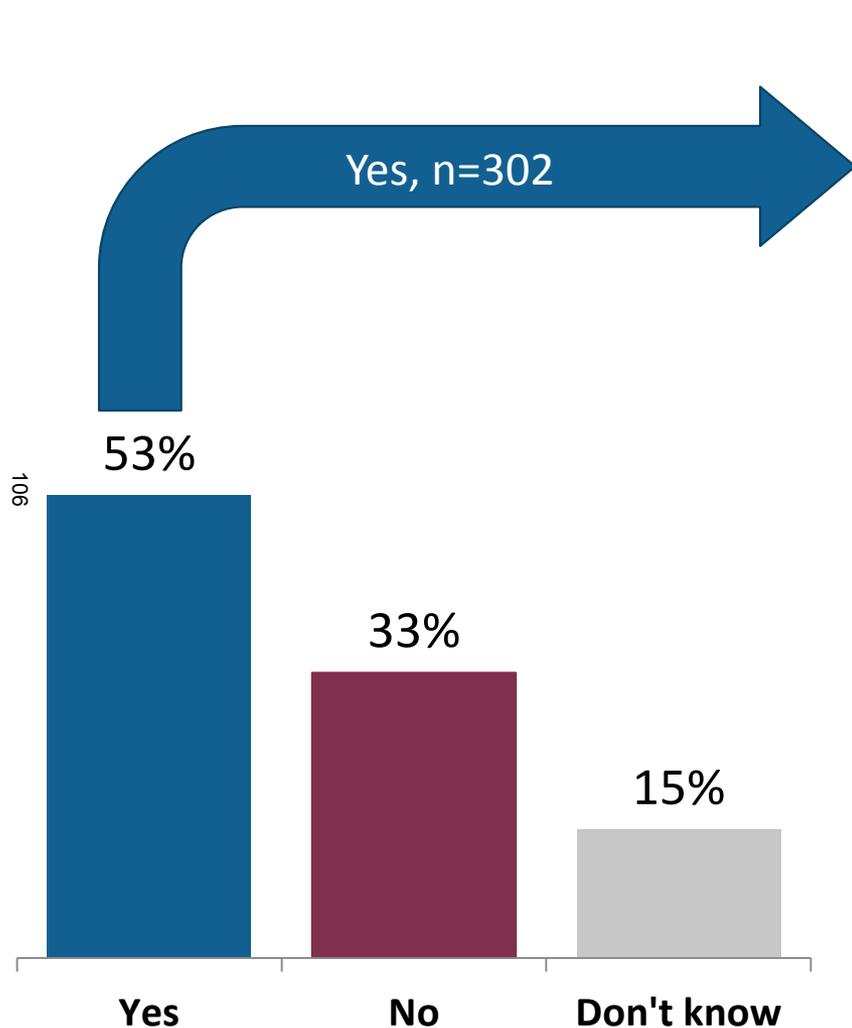
Investment Priorities – by Geography

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Top-of-Mind Parks & Recreation Additions



Q10A. Thinking of the parks and recreational facilities available in Bellevue, is there any type of park or recreational facility you would like to see more of of?

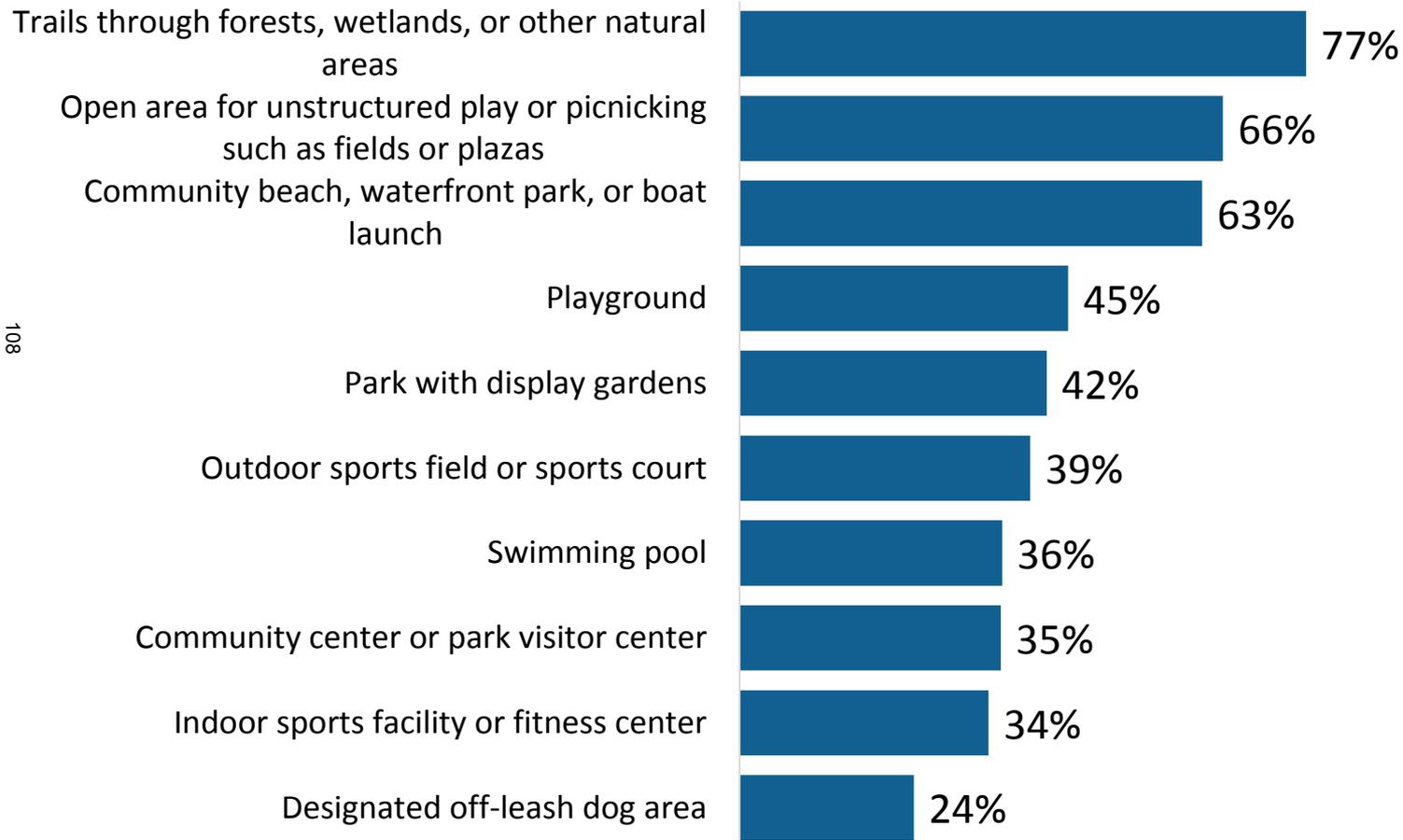
Top Ranked Development Priorities – by Rank

List of Priorities	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5
Community beach, waterfront park, or boat launch	13%	13%	19%	11%	10%
Trails through forests, wetlands, or other natural areas	30%	16%	15%	12%	8%
Open area for unstructured play or picnicking such as fields or plazas	13%	17%	12%	17%	12%
Swimming pool	8%	7%	8%	8%	7%
¹⁰⁷ Community center or park visitor center	3%	6%	8%	10%	13%
Park with display gardens	5%	8%	8%	13%	10%
Outdoor sports field or sports court	7%	5%	8%	9%	14%
Playground	6%	14%	8%	9%	12%
Indoor sports facility or fitness center	6%	7%	7%	7%	9%
Designated off-leash dog area	6%	4%	6%	5%	5%

Q10B. In the list below, please rank the FIVE items you think should have the HIGHEST PRIORITY for city development of parks and recreational facilities.

Top Ranked Development Priorities - Combined

% of All Respondents Mentioning Each as a Top 5 Priority



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Q10B. In the list below, please rank the FIVE items you think should have the HIGHEST PRIORITY for city development of parks and recreational facilities.

Parks & Rec Funding Priorities

Funding Priority Findings

- ▶ *For funding priorities and goals, residents consider ecological improvements the first priority (65% '5 – Very Important' or '4'). Neighborhood parks development is second-most popular (56%), while preserving historical/heritage sites (52%) and providing recreation programs for under-served residents (48%) round out the list of residents' top-tier priorities.*
- ▶ *These top priorities are largely shared across Bellevue's four regions. There is some geographical variance for some of the priorities tested.*
 - *South Bellevue respondents rated developing larger-scale parks (44% '4-5' rating) as a much higher priority than respondents in other areas (19-24%). They are also prioritized opportunities for under-served populations (55%) more than other areas, particularly Central (39%) and West (38%).*

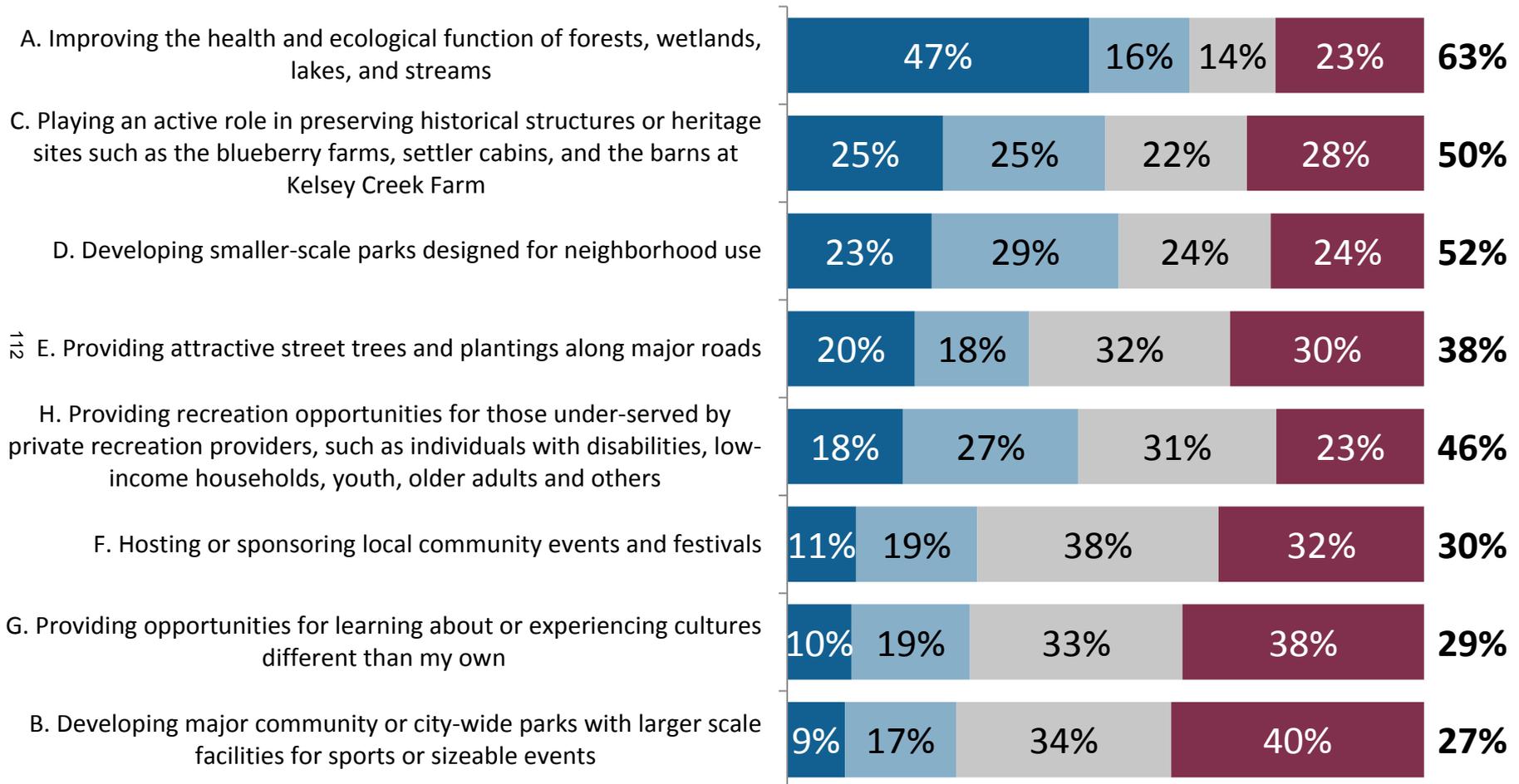
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Funding Priority Findings

- ▶ *Respondents from households with kids have a slightly different priority set. They prioritize developing major community parks and facilities (44% '4-5' rating) roughly as much as improving natural areas (48%), developing smaller-scale parks (48%), providing recreation opportunities to under-served populations (47%) and preserving historical structures (40%).*
- ▶ *Two-thirds of respondents from <\$50K income households prioritize opportunities for under-served populations (67% '4-5' rating) – making it their second-highest funding priority behind improving ecological health and function of natural areas (83%).*
- ▶ *With over two-thirds support (70% rank as a top-3 priority), Bellevue residents place the highest priority for programs for school-aged children (6-12 years old). Teenagers (58%) are the next-highest priority group, followed by adults (45%) and elderly residents (42%).*

Funding Priorities

■ 5 - Very important ■ 4 ■ 3/DK ■ 1-2 **Total Important (4-5)**



Q12. Bellevue Parks & Community Services must prioritize limited funding to maintain existing parks, operate recreation programming and provide other community services. Keeping this information in mind, please indicate how important you think it is for Bellevue Parks & Community Services to prioritize each of the following items.

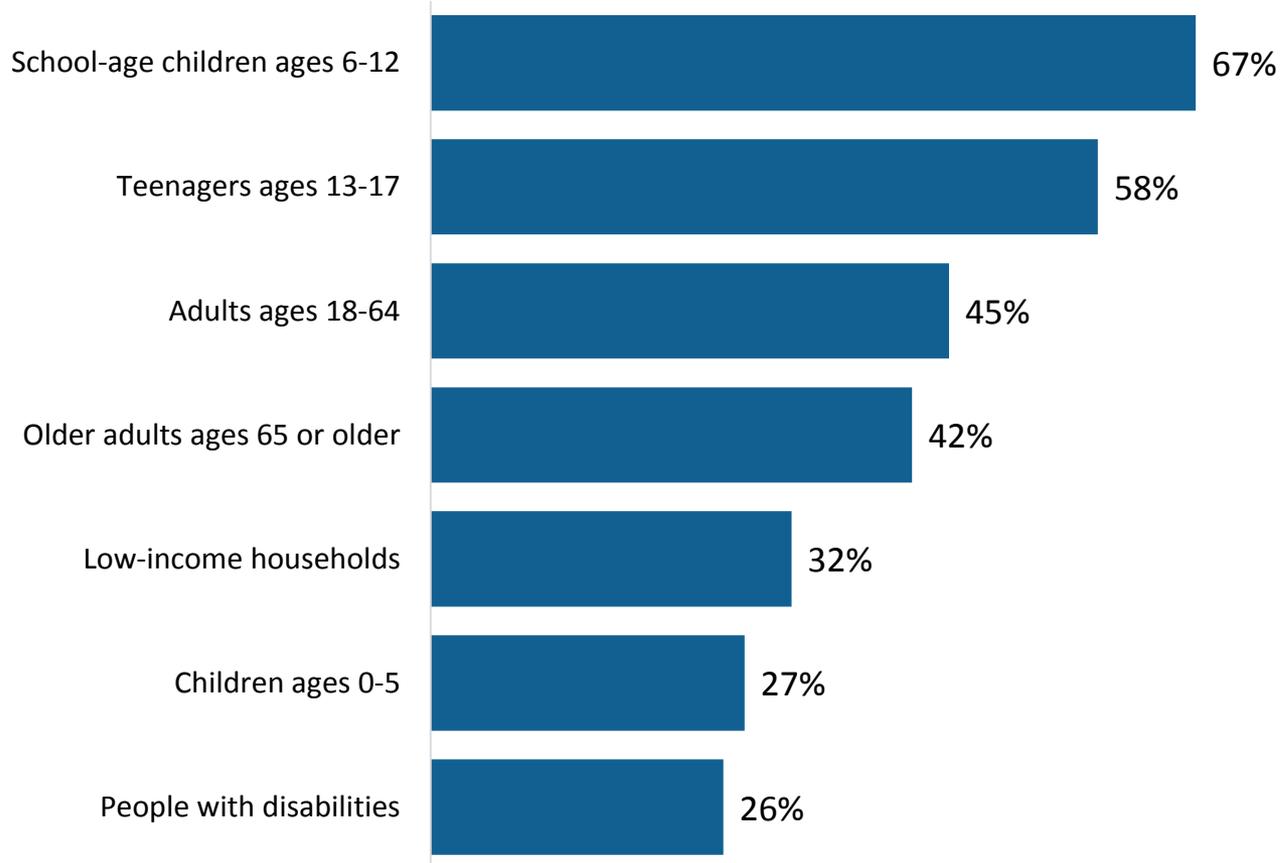
Funding Priorities – by Geography

List of Priorities	Central	East	South	West
A. Improving the health and ecological function of forests, wetlands, lakes, and streams	69%	69%	59%	55%
B. Developing major community or city-wide parks with larger scale facilities for sports or sizeable events	20%	19%	44%	24%
C. Playing an active role in preserving historical structures or heritage sites...	56%	51%	46%	46%
D. Developing smaller-scale parks designed for neighborhood use	50%	55%	53%	49%
E. Providing attractive street trees and plantings along major roads	41%	34%	37%	40%
F. Hosting or sponsoring local community events and festivals	36%	27%	31%	26%
G. Providing opportunities for learning about or experiencing cultures different than my own	32%	30%	27%	26%
H. Providing recreation opportunities for those under-served by private recreation providers...	39%	51%	55%	38%

Q12. Bellevue Parks & Community Services must prioritize limited funding to maintain existing parks, operate recreation programming and provide other community services. Keeping this information in mind, please indicate how important you think it is for Bellevue Parks & Community Services to prioritize each of the following items.

Top Ranked Programming Priorities - Combined

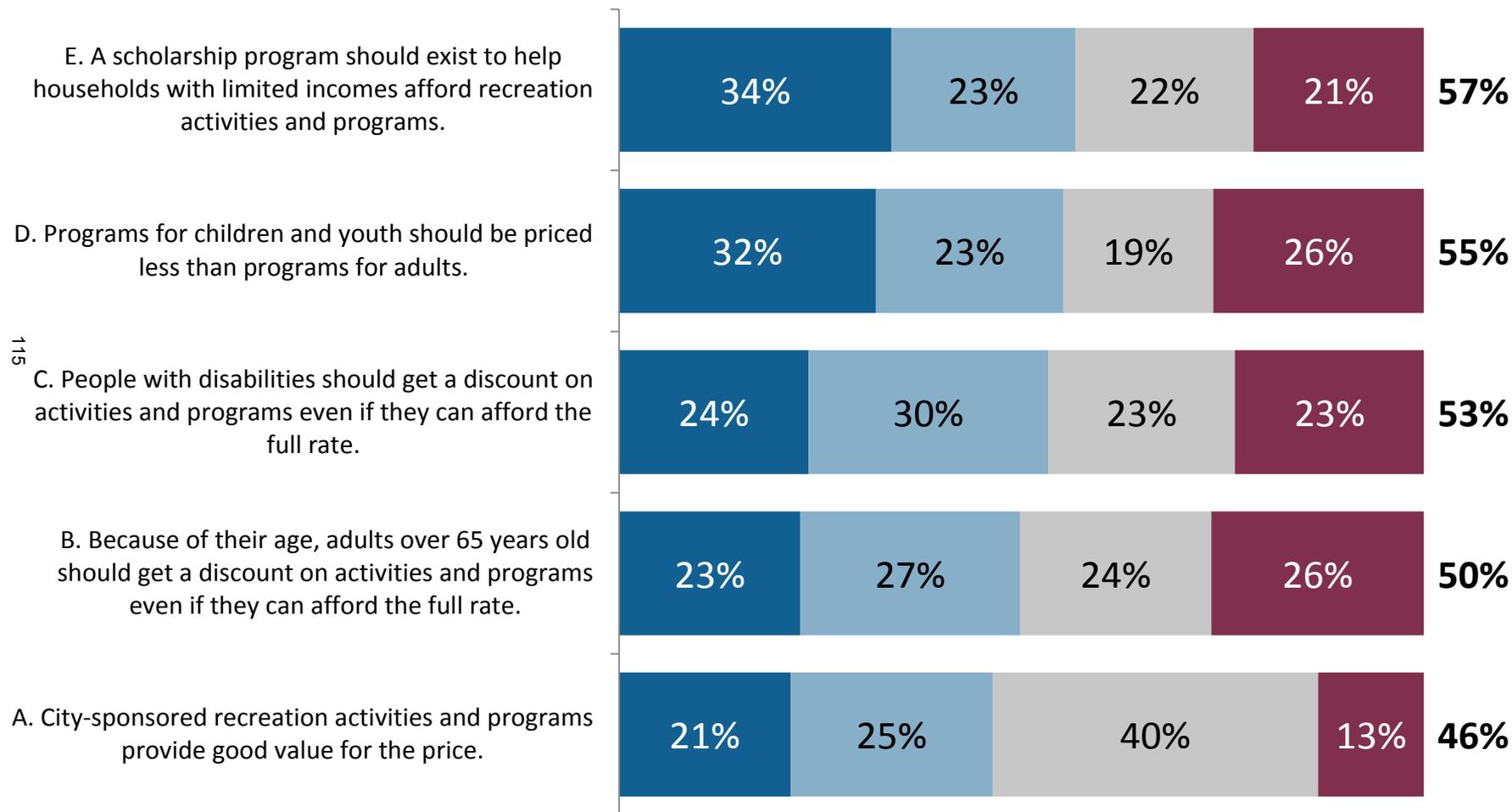
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Q13. Of the population groups listed below, which THREE groups do you think should receive top priority for City recreation programming?

Reduced-Rate Programs

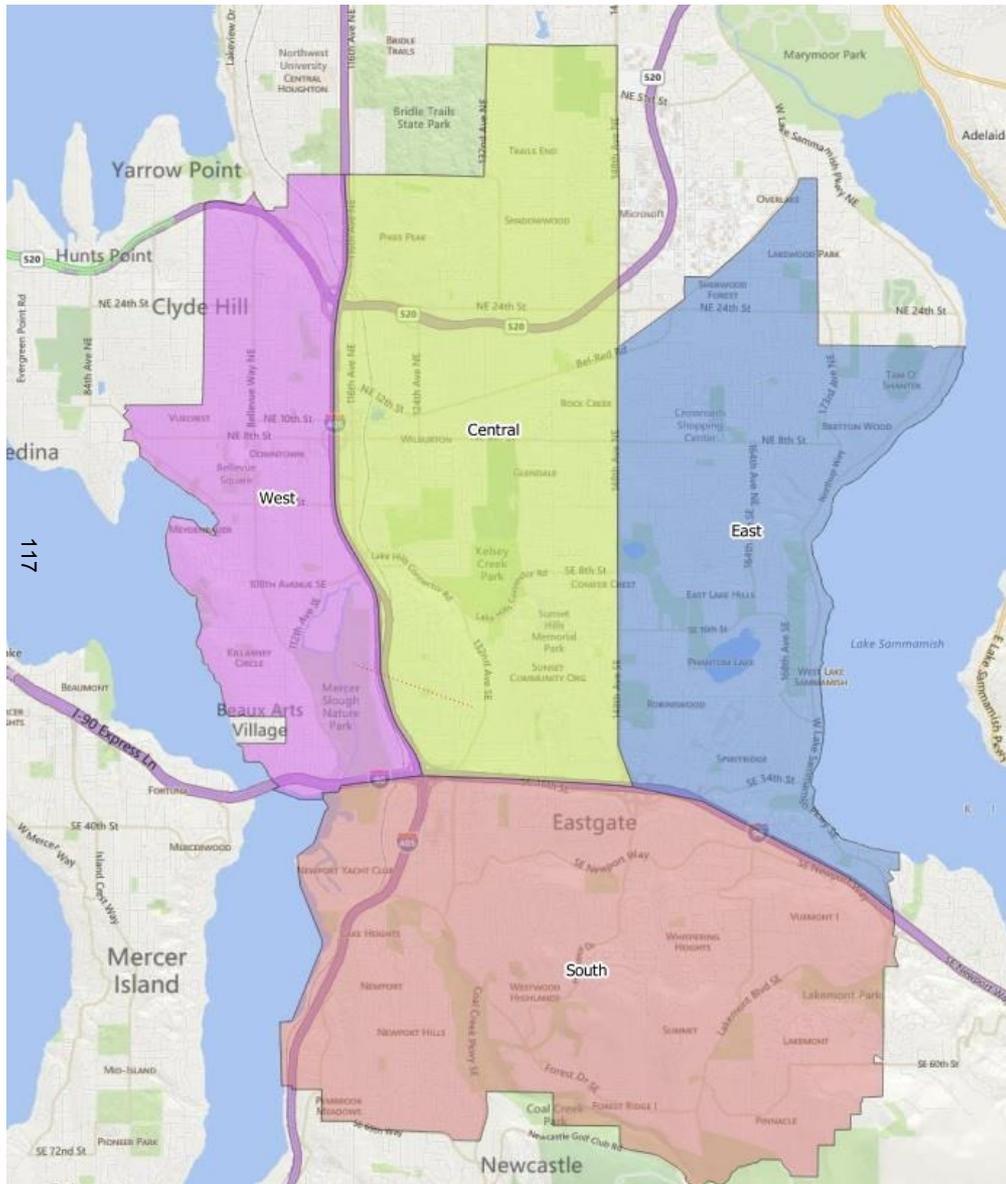
■ 5 - Strongly agree
 ■ 4 - Somewhat agree
 ■ 3 - Neutral/DK
 ■ 1-2 - Disagree
 Total Agree (4-5)



Q15. Considering prices for Bellevue Parks & Community Services classes, events, and services, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

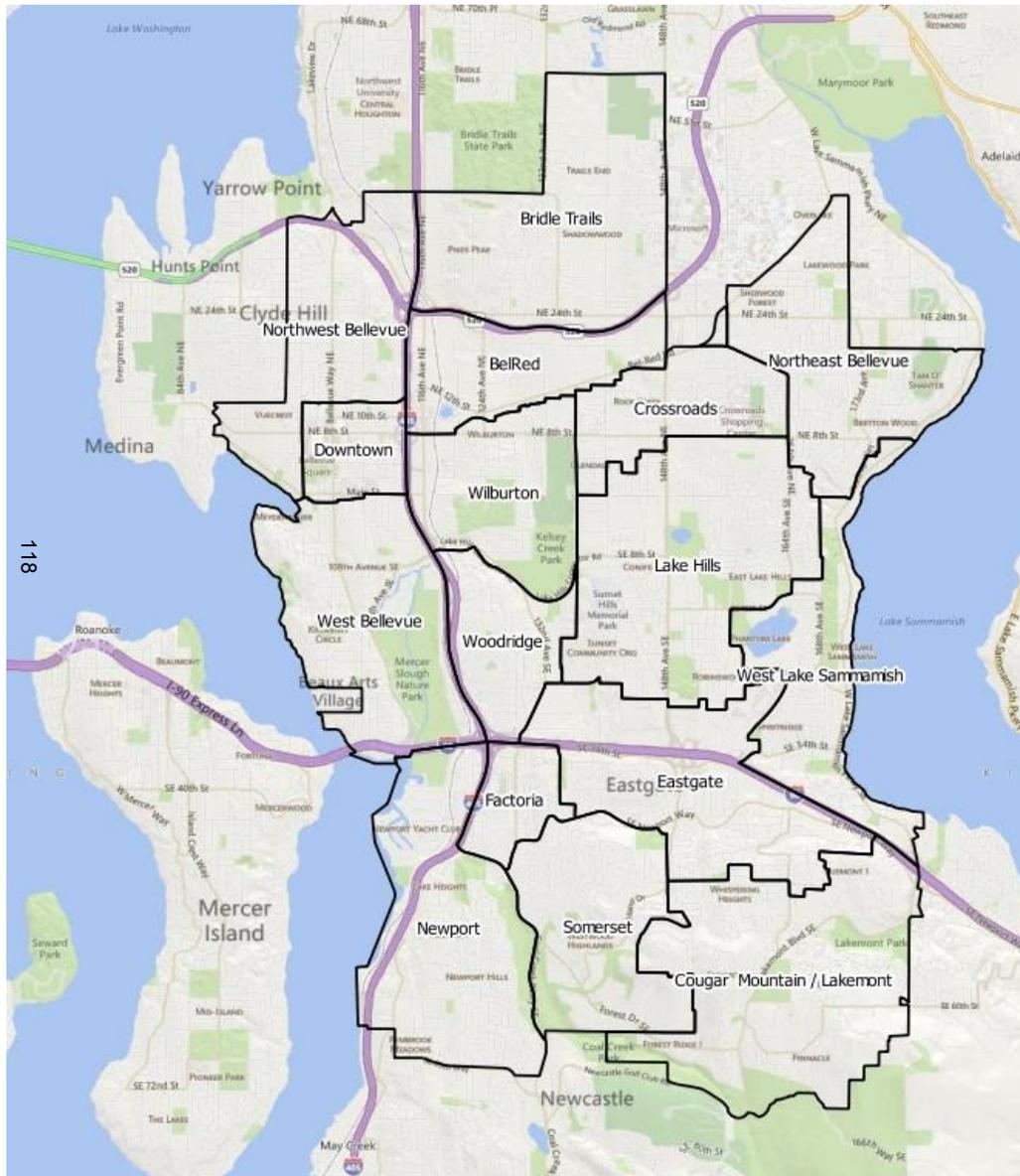
Respondent Household & Demographic Profiles

City of Bellevue Geographies



Region	%
West	25%
Central	25%
East	25%
South	25%

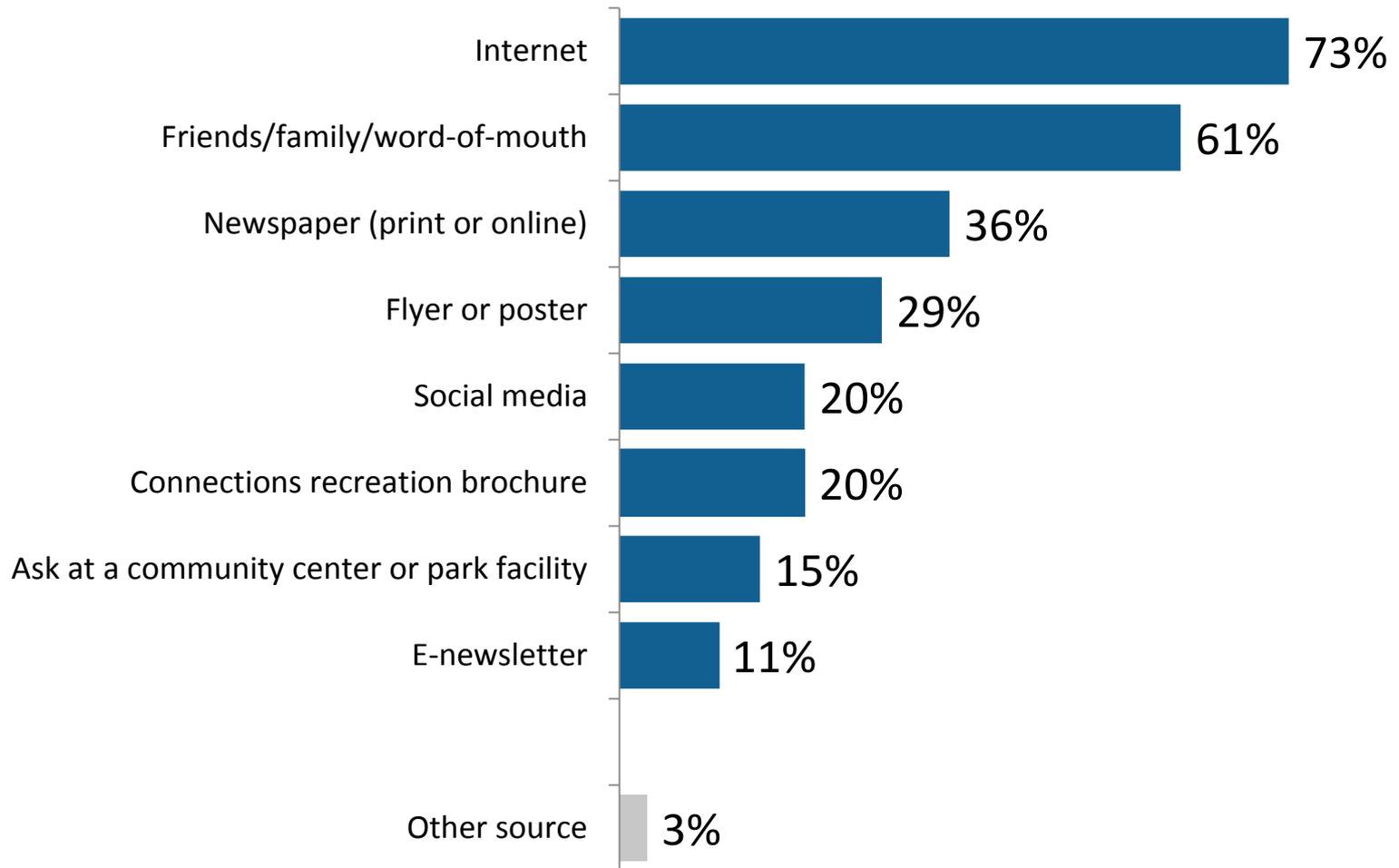
City of Bellevue Neighborhoods



Region	%
BelRed	--
Bridle Trails	7%
Cougar Mountain / Lakemont	2%
Crossroads	9%
Downtown	15%
Eastgate	0%
Factoria	5%
Lake Hills	16%
Newport	12%
Northeast Bellevue	6%
Northwest Bellevue	5%
Somerset	7%
West Bellevue	4%
West Lake Sammamish	5%
Wilburton	4%
Woodridge	4%

Sources of Parks and Recreation Information

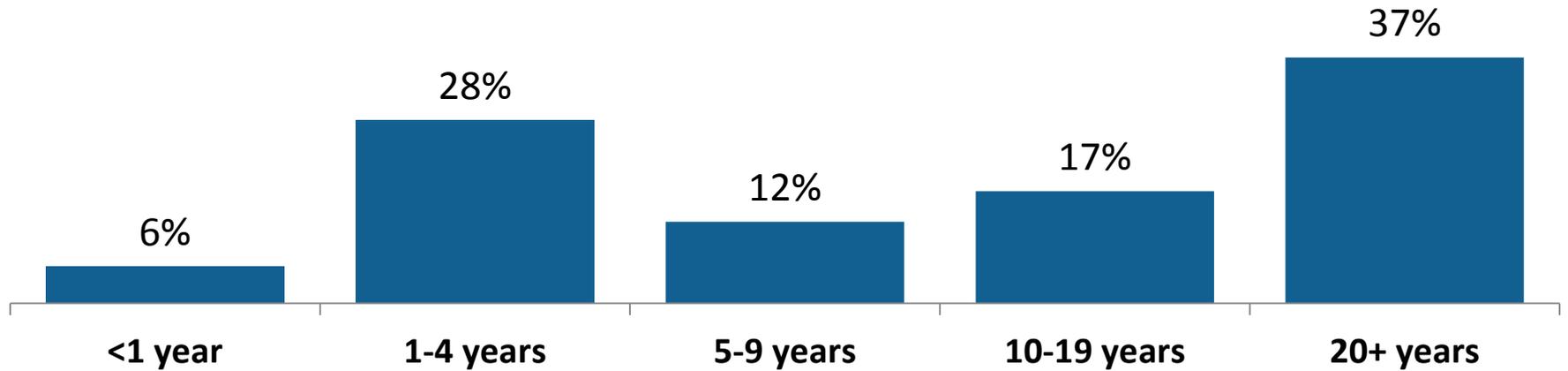
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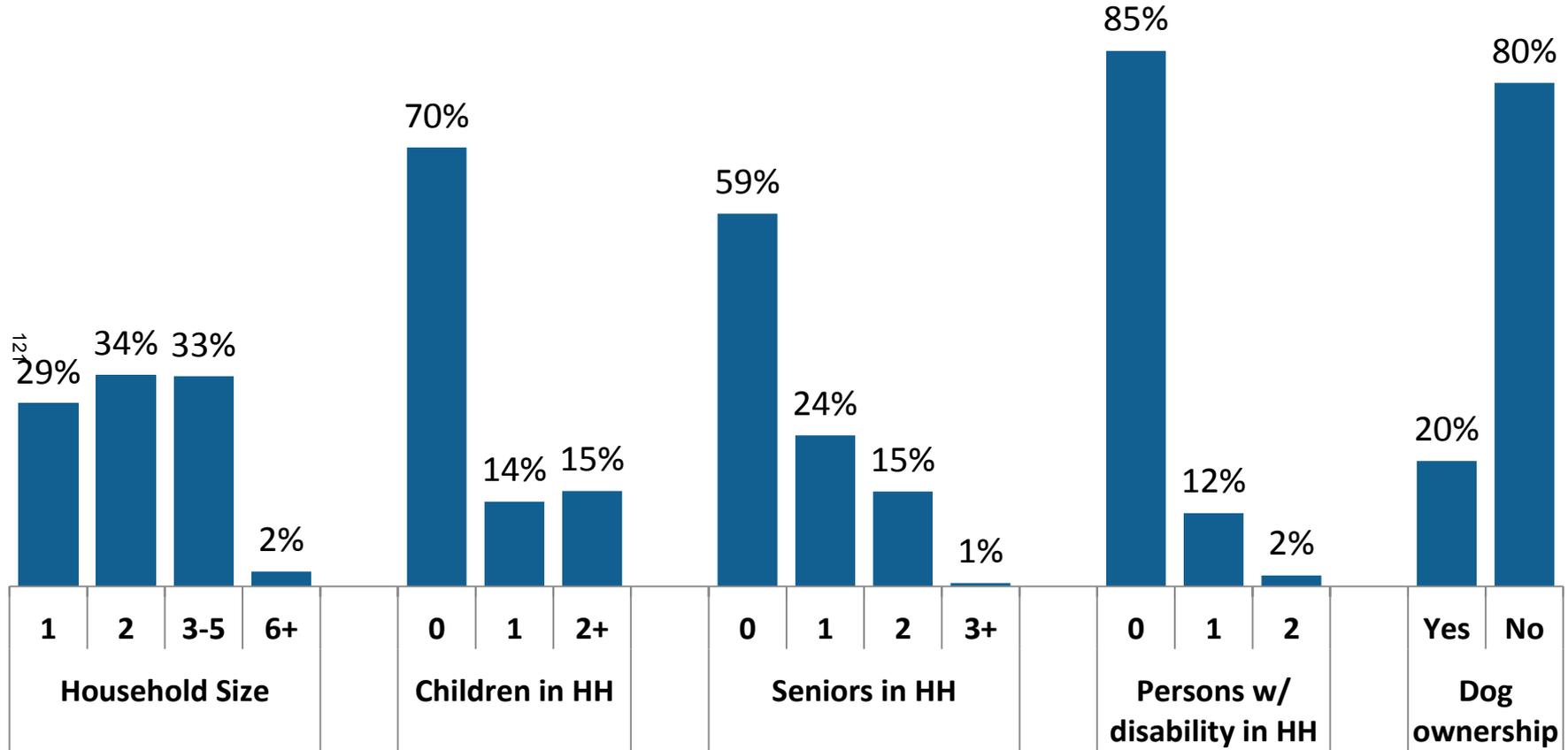
Q16. What sources of information do you use to find details on local parks, trails, recreational facilities, and programs? Select all that apply.

Years Lived in Bellevue

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Household Statistics



Q2A. How many of the people in your household are children under the age of 18?

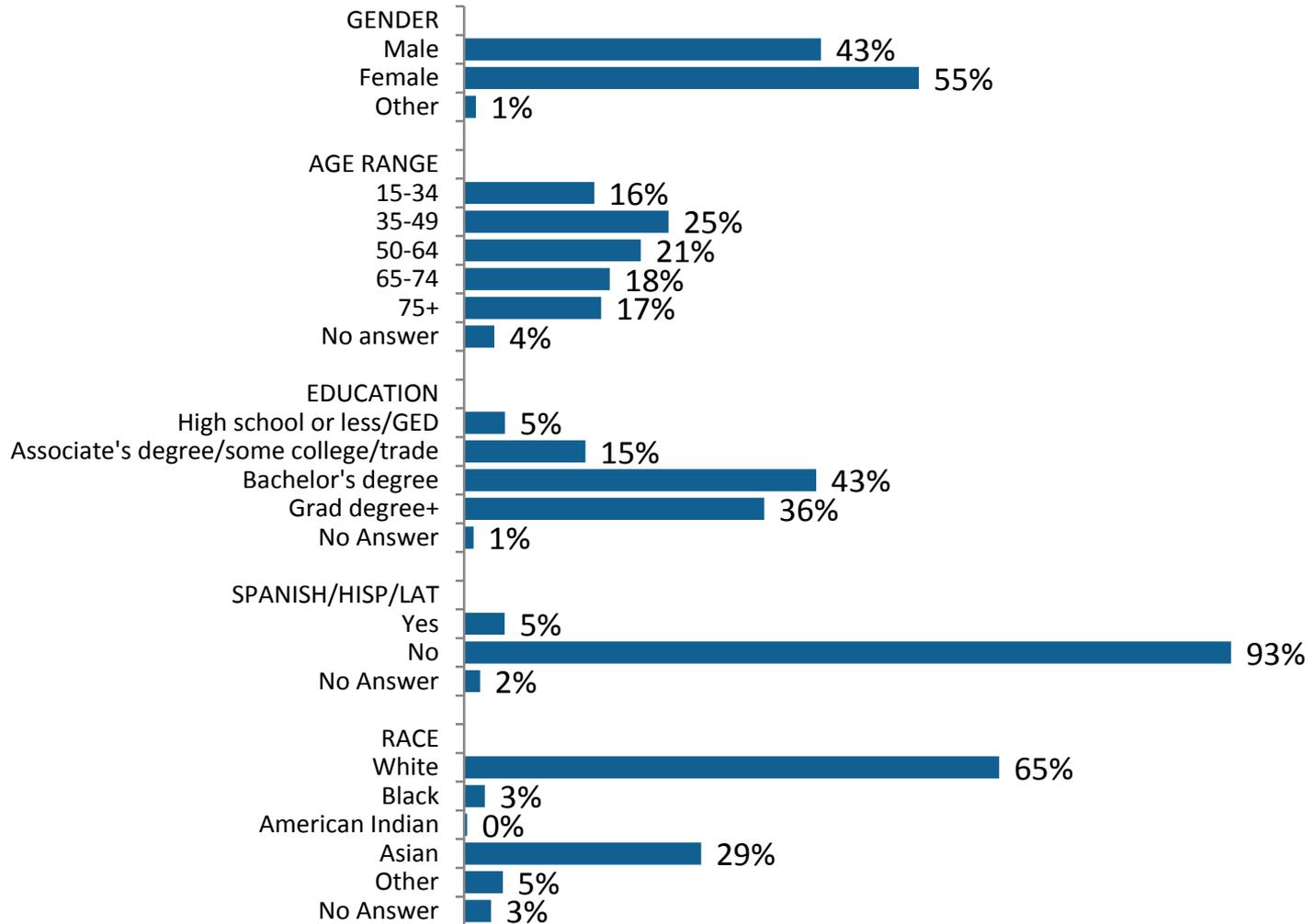
Q2B. Including yourself, how many total people, including all adults and children, live in your household?

Q21. How many of the people in your household are age 65 or older?

Q22. How many of the people in your household have a disability status?

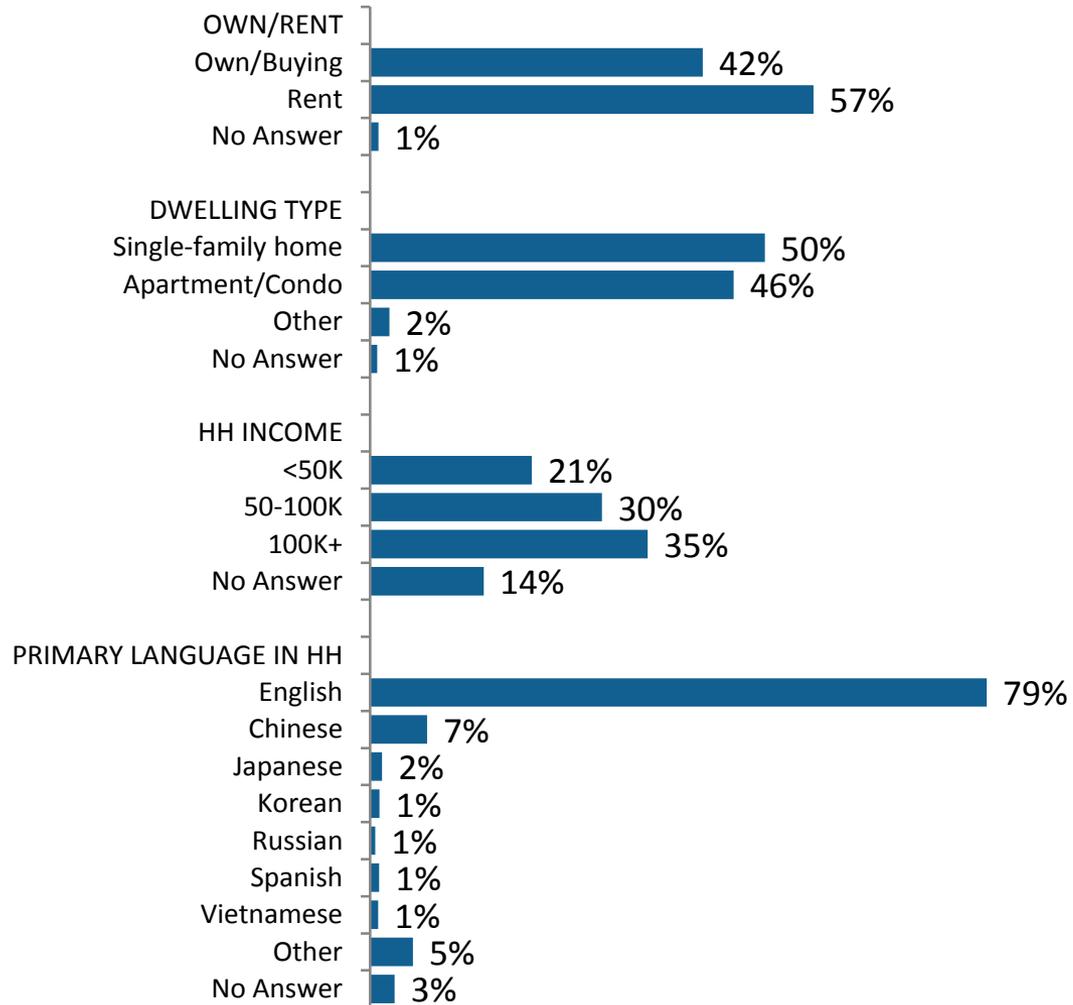
Q23. Do you or does anyone in your household own a dog?

Respondent Demographics



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Respondent Household Demographics



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Parks & Open Space System Plan Update

Summary of Insight from City Boards and Commissions

When asked what they would like to see in the future, Commissioners suggested:

Arts Commission – 9/1/2015

- Preserving and expanding greenspace in downtown and BelRed areas of higher density
- More playgrounds are very important for families
- Ashwood Park could use more activation and programming
- Increasing the connections between parks and trails
- More performance spaces in parks, such as stages, band shells and amphitheaters. BYT is great, but it is immediately full – more demand present
- More public plazas and pocket parks in urban areas
- Need better signage on the quasi-public spaces that exist in downtown
- Would like to see more examples of public art being built into the design of new parks – such as is being done now with Meydenbauer Bay Park
- Support the Downtown Art Walk (related to Pedestrian Corridor and Grand Connection)
- More neighborhood gathering places to strengthen community with local art that is an expression of that community
- Indoor exhibition space (like the SBCC art wall)

Human Services Commission – 9/1/2015

- More sidewalks and trails that will bring people to parks
- Connections between parks and schools for neighborhood gathering
- Continue to improve and expand the trail system as something unique to Bellevue
- Continue to develop Meydenbauer Bay Park
- Provide more waterfront access for residents
- Appreciation for historical trails with interpretation opportunities
- Would like to see programs offering meals and mobile libraries for children at local parks
- Continue to maintain Bellevue Municipal Golf Course as the nicest course in the region
- More sports facilities
- Support more programming to get people out into the parks more – nature walks, the Pianos in the Parks was a great program
- Seeing more visible homelessness in parks. Education needed on how park users can have positive/safe interactions with homeless individuals without having to call police
- Need for more accessible playgrounds throughout the system – also look into new playground equipment designed for adults

Youth Link Board – 9/9/2015

- Appreciate the Lake-to-Lake trail system and support more of the same
- More waterfront parks, like Kirkland
- More neighborhood parks
- Open and unstructured play areas hold the most benefit for a range of uses by all
- Bathrooms should be open year-round
- More public pools
- SBCC is a great standard to set for community centers and programming
- More diversity in organized sports offerings. For example, school lacrosse teams often has to practice and play at parks because they do not get field priority at their school
- The high level of maintenance at parks is a key reason why they are used – well maintained parks are easier to feel safe and able to play.

Environmental Services Commission – 9/17/2015

- More off-leash dog areas in the city
- Continued development of trails and preservation of open space
- School sites aren't always open or maintained at a level that allows public use (ex: school tennis courts nets missing or sagged). It would be nice to access high school tracks, but those don't seem open to public use
- Protecting and improving streams, wetland and tree canopy in Bellevue
- Plant more trees in parks
- Coal Creek Trail and Culvert project a great example of interaction between the storm water utility and recreational use of Coal Creek. Lots of future opportunity for similar projects.
- Connectivity and linkages between parks is important. 108th Avenue could be a great connecting feature if designed to better accommodate bikes and pedestrians.

Planning Commission – 9/23/2015

- Better lighting of the more busy parks during evening hours
- Periodic panic buttons on the trail system for use in emergencies would be a nice safety feature
- Opens space and parks in the downtown important for livability
- Like to see a feature that is a flat wide paved area that could be used by children to learn how to ride a bike
- Glad to see Mountains to Sound Greenway progressing on the missing link through Bellevue.
- Better connections and signage between parks and through trails to show how to get to and through parks on foot and bike
- Many apartment communities use their parking lots for recreation for kids. Would like more options for them to use parks so that risk of playing in parking lots reduced.
- Appreciate the opportunity to rent park facilities for private events at affordable rates
- Looking forward to a long-distance dedicated ped/bike trail (ERC) and the Grand Connection project into Downtown
- A public pool is needed that should be supported regionally – or a pool and hockey rink combination facility

Transportation Commission

- Appreciate high level of maintenance in parks and trails
- Parks and trails don't seem too crowded, including the neighborhood parks that offer gathering places for neighbors to connect
- Bellevue should continue to add to the diversity of features and elements that make each park unique and interesting with lots of different things to do and see
- Looking forward to Meydenbauer Bay Park giving Bellevue a public presence on the waterfront. Interested in additional waterfront parks, including on Lk Sammamish
- Meydenbauer Bay Park and Downtown Park improvements will create the need for more parking for park users. These will be regional draws and demand will be high
- There always seems to be a need for additional ballfields
- Important to create connections between parks using the trail system. Parks and Transportation need to keep working together to make these connections and improve the walkability and access for residents
- Accessibility to Mercer Slough Nature Park must be kept during light rail construction.
- Great to have a trail connection between Mercer Slough and Bellefield Office Park.
- More outdoor exercise equipment for adults to stay fit and active
- More bike racks in parks
- Focus on developing safe sidewalks and trails around schools for children to use



**Neighborhood Leadership Gathering
Meeting Summary
September 9, 2015**

On September 9th, the Neighborhood Outreach team hosted a Neighborhood Leadership Gathering, “Focused on Neighborhood Improvement” which assembled over 84 neighborhood leaders. There was great representation from neighborhoods across Bellevue. Councilmembers Robertson, Chelminiak, Stokes and Lee as well as EBCC members Kasner and Hughes, were in attendance. Bellevue’s new Police Chief Mylett introduced himself and provided welcoming remarks. Neighborhood Outreach manager, Mike McCormick Huentelman and Ying Carlson provided an overview of the newly reinstated Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Representatives from city staff in Transportation, Utilities, Planning, and Police were available to respond to specific questions. Table discussions and a large group facilitated discussion occurred around the question, “what are your best ideas to improve your neighborhood.”

Neighborhood leaders shared around some key themes: There was general agreement (approximately 85% of leaders in attendance agreed when asked) that there is need for more sidewalks throughout Bellevue’s neighborhoods. Pedestrian walkability, including improvements in sidewalks, trails, street lighting, safe crosswalks, bus shelters, and way-finding signage were all raised as key elements that would improve neighborhoods. Residents suggested the City explore creative funding options to dedicate to CIP sidewalk needs throughout the City, or exploration of other less expensive sidewalk options to provide interim solutions for pedestrian needs.

Residents expressed an appreciation for Bellevue’s parks and trails system. Residents identified the need for better signage to show how the neighborhood trails connect for runners and joggers. Eastgate residents expressed the need for gateway signage and neighborhood parks for their community. Residents also expressed an interest in developing the BNSF trail for pedestrians and bikers. The need for additional dog parks in Bellevue was also highlighted, along with more waste bag dispensers and disposal bins in existing parks.

Neighborhood leaders identified specific comments in areas of Neighborhood Planning, Community Building, Neighborhood Art, Parks, Environment, Improving Mobility, Public Safety, Code Compliance and concern over PSE’s Energize Eastside project. Detailed comments are attached.

Announcements highlighted opportunities for residents to participate in other citywide neighborhood improvement programs, including Neighborhood Art program, Neighborhood Match, Pedestrian & Bike Improvement Initiative, Parks and Open Space public hearing, and future Neighborhood Area planning efforts.

15 Volunteers to lead or work on an improvement project in their neighborhood

14 Requests for information on Neighborhood Enhancement Program

16 Requests for information on Neighborhood Match Program

Neighborhoods Represented: Bellefield Park, Bridle Trails, Cherry Crest, Downtown, Eastgate Enatai, Factoria, Greenwich Crest, Horizon Heights, Lake Hills, Lake Heights, Lakemont, NE Bellevue, Newport Hills, Newport Shores, Northtowne, Robinswood, Somerset, Somerset West, Surrey Downs, Trails End, Library, Spiritwood, Sunset, Vuecrest, Vuemont Meadows, Westwood Highlands, Wilburton and Woodridge.

**Attachment #1
Focused on Neighborhood Improvement
Neighborhood Leadership Gathering
September 9, 2015**

“Please share your best ideas for improvements in your neighborhood.”

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

- Design district for downtown NW Village
- Partner with developers and businesses
- Amenities offered to developers need to be revised very carefully and particularly as they impact the neighborhood and adjacent properties.
- Public parking in downtown
- New buildings aren't asked for amenities for community
- We are very supportive of the “grand entry” proposed in the comprehensive plan. We would welcome a “lid” over 405 that connects east and west Bellevue core areas. Lots of people would walk to the downtown core from the suburbs if we had an enticing “lid” with landscaping and public art (see Mercer Island lid for example) “If you build it, we will come!” Right now, the bifurcation feels like two separate cities.
- We are very supportive of the I-405/Wilburton Grand entry program! Many walkers want a picturesque entry into downtown Bellevue!
- Make Factoria more than a mall
- Need “greening and caring” for Factoria and identity other than shopping and traffic
- Start to underground distribution lines throughout Bellevue consistent with Comprehensive Plan – have some creative financing ideas
- No more mega houses

COMMUNITY PLACES

- Community gathering spaces
- Place for youth – i.e. Skate park, see Kenmore City Hall
- No gathering place in Eastgate - No park for children, adults
- Maybe a community center?
- Place our neighborhood in historical context of the area and tell folks about it.
- We could have a community building that could be used for dances, weddings, concerts, community events, etc. It could have gardens and areas for children and adults to have/hold outside events. It could have an amphitheater – an area for community events.
- Kiosks – bulletin boards
- Block Parties
- Notification of new residences in neighborhoods
- Perhaps a welcome package to new residents from the City of Bellevue including info from Wilburton Community.

ART

- Public Art for new roundabout at intersection of Belfair Road and Belfair Drive
- Identifying art work for each neighborhood
- Works of art or something else seen by traffic on busy streets – 156th, 148th and 140th

- Art projects- Art Commission has proposed art to improve the cell phone towers on 156th in front of new Lake Hills Shopping Center

PARKS

- Each neighborhood should be able to use a neighborhood park FREE one time a year for a picnic or function.
- Parks that draw the community
- Picnic areas
- Add Dog Park (Possibly at 110th/2nd Place/2nd Street – Old Christmas Store/Trend Imports Auto Chopshop)
- Dog waste bag stations and waste disposal (maintained by City)
- Dog Park downtown
- Add a 2nd off leash dog park in Bellevue
- Off leash dog area in Surrey downs park
- We have security concerns at large parks – and need better park signage and security: Downtown Park has been taken over at times by off leash dogs. Park rangers are not available and police are hesitant to enforce loosely posted rules
- Intentional green space for Factoria
- Outside green space in Factoria/Eastgate
- Why is the zip line so expensive?
- Pocket Parks (Eastgate is a chili pepper. Really more like 3-4 mini neighborhoods)
- Eastgate lacks a park
- Slide at Kelsey Creek Park
- Not in my neighborhood, but Kelsey Creek's Park playground could use a slide ☺
- Kelsey Creek Park is not secure at night – and neither is Downtown park.
- Install bathroom on southwest side of Robinswood Park
- Keep remaining green space green and free of building at Ashwood Park
- Bridle Trails desire is to maintain a rural character – the Park is great – need more parks....trees etc. to block utility elements....friendly signage about neighborhoods & safety
- Maintain space for downtown parks
- Develop the park area at 132nd and 8th
- Complete 140th Park
- Create solar roofed covered area for “no name park”

IMPROVED MOBILITY

- Sidewalks in Vuecrest
- More sidewalks
- Sidewalk quality. Uneven sidewalks are a danger
- Sidewalk improvement and lighting on roadway from Newport Way and 164th leading up to Lakemont
- Sidewalks that are missing
- Sidewalks along 130th Ave SE, the main street of our neighborhood
- Our sidewalks are crumbling and over 50 years old – need replacing
- Sidewalks
- Of course, sidewalks
- Sidewalks

- Posted speed limits
- Lower Vuecrest speed limit to 20mph – lots of blind curves!
- Lower the speed limit in high pedestrian focused area
- Speed calming
- More speed bumps on our street
- I don't know how to improve this situation/problem so I'll tell you my concern: pedestrian and vehicle safety on 156th Ave between Eastgate and Lake Hills, especially the intersections. The Lake Hills Greenbelt has become the Lake Hills Speedway.
- Add speed bumps to control both speed and volume of traffic in high pedestrian populated section of Lake Wa Blvd SE
- Traffic calming down 119th street like they did around Jin Ming Elementary (“The old Newport Heights”)
- Signage for entry into Factoria (traffic is confusing)
- Way Finding through Factoria
- Signage for Eastgate – also way finding to library, zip line, S Bellevue community center, churches, schools
- Sign that says “Eastgate” – entrance signs for Eastgate
- Signage/monument on Newport Way at the entrance to our neighborhood with the name of our neighborhood – Somerset West
- Street sweeping
- Street sweeping needs to be done more frequently
- Connect (pedestrian) 18th to Tam O Shanter Park – fence in way
- Outreach to schools which side of the street to walk on (facing traffic)
- Connect neighborhood (Bellewood East) to neighboring neighborhood to allow pedestrian connection to Tam O Shanter Park
- I would love to see better pedestrian access to the South Bellevue Community Center and the Newport Library. The future sidewalk along Newport Way will help, but more can be done.
- Trails added/improved
- Reaching out to the neighborhoods – see what they need. Walk the neighborhood. Is it walkable? Our community needs natural greenspace and light to exercise in day and night! Use a softer surface appropriate for aging populations – safety first with adequate lighting.
- Traffic improvement
- Railroad tracks as bike lanes
- Bike path below our neighborhood (BNSF corridor) - Walking trails below our neighborhood
- We have lots of greens, but need well mapped paths for taking walks.
- Have teenagers make stencils for the walkway along 128th so it is obvious that it is a pedestrian path.
- Blinking lights in crosswalks
- Add a lighted crosswalk to cross Lake Wa Blvd/Lake WA loop trail near Newport shores neighborhood
- Run lights for street crosswalk at 129th Ave and 60th
- Left turn arrows
- A sound wall along NE 12th from 112th to 106th similar to that on 148th or around Vuecrest that buffers the neighborhood from increased traffic and noise. With this include neighborhood signage at 108th and NE 12th.

- Clean cement walls along 8th street
- Eastgate area is very strong with transportation. However, some bus stops are still not enough with the bus time schedule information, waiting benches, and lights for night customers. If we make sure that all bus stops well are prepared for newcomers, and potential users. It would be great.
- We would like to see these improvements in our development that has been in existence since the early 1930's and seems to never garner ANY of the City's funds when we respond and ask for these improvements that are basic to most existing neighborhoods in Bellevue
 - Sidewalk on the eastside of the development entrance continuing up the hill and on the east side of 120th Ave SE – the main road
 - Speed bumps throughout the ¾ mile stretch of 120th Ave SE
 - Traffic light to allow safe access "out" of the development onto Coal Creek
- Use of renewables – solar battery – let's take the lead! Come on Bellevue!
- Bus shelters and Art
- Lighting

ENHANCED RIGHT OF WAY

- Gateway for Factoria
- Remove the bush/hedges on the 3 City parcels at 110th, 2nd Street and 2nd Place
- Neighbors are made responsible for maintaining cul-de-sacs but not all the people on the street are considered neighbors, just those around the cul-de-sac. Not all cul-de-sacs are maintained to the same standard and are eye sores that drag down the community appearance.
- More street trees
- Bridle Trail's community – new signage that reflects character
- Eco-concerns foliage

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Also in that area the dock at Phantom Lake gets trashed frequently, and there's 'suspicious activity' (drug deals? Human trafficking?)
- Safety – video cameras – and develop a city system or support neighborhood action
- Add photo enforced speed cameras to high pedestrian populated section of Lake Washington Blvd SE

ENERGIZE EASTSIDE

- Underground utilities
- "Energize Eastside" will impact our neighborhood in a tremendously adverse way!! The rural character, the visual beauty (those new higher poles will be seen for miles) and the safety (There are numerous well done studies questioning the negative impact on our health) of residents will all be seriously negatively changed – dramatically. Our neighborhood will in NO WAY benefit. Keeping the poles and high current transmission out of our neighborhood would benefit our neighborhood and all of Bellevue.
- It is hard, if not impossible, to divorce this question from the Oct 7th Session wherein Energize Eastside, traffic, mega houses, crime are priorities – first and foremost ideas should be to minimize these negatives.
- Not allowing PSE to construct new power lines – the destruction of trees/habitat would destroy the character of our neighborhood and the Bridle Trails corridor. Last year, Energize Eastside

was #1 priority in survey of Bellevue residents – shouldn't this be addressed before we enhance our neighborhoods? PSE is set to destroy our neighborhoods –

- Do not allow PSE and EE proposed industrial blighting of our neighborhoods to occur!
- No PSE lines through our City!
- Could some funding go to protect our neighborhoods from the PSE project?

Attachment #2
Neighborhood Priorities: Submitted Comments
Neighborhood Leadership Gathering
September 9, 2015

“What are the top priorities/issues you want to see addressed in your neighborhood in 2016?”

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

- Rules on helicopters/drones
- Better coordination between planning, permitting and neighborhoods to ensure development that works together (Counter example – the alley between Bellevue Towers and Bellevue Galleria)
- Crossroads is a good example of revitalization and grew in a dense area with lots of retail – how can this inform Factoria?
- Rental control and upkeep laws
- Building density and heights
- The commercial center on 140th and 16th is run down, vacant or minimally used buildings.
- Neighborhood character loss – due to developer new builds and covenant enforceability
- Bel-Red Development
- What is happening with the new school in Wilburton??
- We would like to see the City pitch in with BSD to build the NE 1st access to new Wilburton School. This is the only logical access point for the amount of traffic the school will generate. If the current plan of Main Street is seriously considered - then several intersections and the length of Main Street will require major improvements.
- Detached accessory dwelling

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

- Website
- Communication – MyBellevue App

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Signage and Community gathering spaces
- Help to resolve neighbor disputes regarding landscaping/views – major source of controversy
- A community area for people to meet and hold events – could have gazebos etc. – covered area and place for picnics and kids to play
- A larger area or smaller areas for people to meet and kids to play
- We need more discussions among neighbors. One-day meeting with a variety of events such as neighborhood free-market, music or art contests, and cultural fair will help enlarge community opportunities.
- Improve Community Connection/Interaction
- Better communication among residents
- Kiosk

ARTS

- Art project @ 156th and Lake Hills

PARKS

- Nature Trails
- Bathroom at Robinswood
Lakemont park – add activity center
- More than one doggy bag box in Surrey Downs Park and garbage cans at each entrance! Also would like Parks to ensure bags are always available. Doing a much better job now, last year it was empty for months at a time!
- Benches in open spaces
- More sport fields in our city!!
- Covered picnic area in Wilburton Park
- Electric outlets in Kelsey Creek Pavilion (picnic area)
- Another water feature similar to the one at Crossroads Park

ENVIRONMENT

- Get children and family outside to experience nature (real-time)
- Wildlife corridors through Bellevue

IMPROVED MOBILITY

- Sidewalks in downtown Bellevue – blacktop patchwork cracks/breaks within months
- Sidewalks on 112th near Hidden Valley Park are overgrown with vegetation, cracked from the tree roots and are too narrow for strollers/wheelchairs
- Need sidewalks along 120th (too scary to walk because it has been taken over by transients living in their broken down cars)
- Sidewalks
- The City put asphalt to correct sidewalk tripping panels were tipped up about ½ inch. We were told at the time the city would come back and replace the panels so that we wouldn't have to look at the ugly temporary repairs, but that still has not happened – maybe 5 years and counting.
- Sidewalk on Allen Road!
- Sidewalks redeveloped and add sidewalks
- Sidewalks for school children safety
- More sidewalks
- Horse/Walking trails along 134th and 132nd. The speed of cars with little consideration for horses or pedestrians – and increased noticeably over the last few years. Speed limits aren't observed.
- Trails enhancements would be appreciated – like along 132nd
- Trails/Paths that are accessible – but not necessarily cement. Softer surface please because you have an aging population
- Trail system on BNSF Rail line
- Reduction in cut-through traffic
- Drivers avoiding Richards Road by coming through our neighborhood (Woodridge) using our streets as major arterials!

- Traffic control through Woodridge – so many non-residents access I-90 through our neighborhood! They don't obey the speed limits, or care that the new "Local Access Only" signs.
- Signage that tells people "not a through street" or "local access only"
- Solutions for multi-modal transportation and Newport way; biking, walking, running and cars
- Dangerous intersection of 10th and 100th! New high density development will make this worse!
- Covered and lighted bus stops along Newport Way
- Covered bus stops
- Benches and covered bus stops
- "matching project" redo monuments on entrance to Conifer Crest neighborhood
- Traffic and pedestrian safety! (flashing crosswalks and flags)
- Light rail construction mitigation
- Speed bumps
- Crosswalk at the bottom of Coal Creek so I can cross to the island to the other crosswalk to use for linkage to Lakeshore Trail along Lake Washington. Not safe now. If not crosswalk, than an overhead walkway.
- Safety (Crosswalks, speed control mechanisms -> cameras, speed bumps, etc.)
- Volume control (Local Access Only)
- We need critical safety improvements to the neighborhood of 289 households. We have a dangerous (turn pocket lane) across from our development ingress/egress and cannot "exit" and turn onto Coal Creek Parkway safely. This needs immediate attention! We cannot wait to 2022 to put our safety issues in front of the city. A stop light at the train tressell bridge would allow our development "safe" travel onto Coal Creek (I will only list this item because of the urgency of this issue).
- Traffic enforcement/calming
- Bike Lanes "Hot Spots" at corner of 129th and 60th
- Better safety along 128th
- Remove graffiti from traffic section over SE 8th
- Traffic Safety

ENHANCED RIGHT OF WAY

- Landscape maintenance in ROW areas
- Add gateway art on corner of Newport Way and Factoria Blvd
- Signage
- Defining the neighborhood with signage on 108th NE and NE 12th
- Sound wall with increased traffic noise to maintain a feeling of a safe, quieter neighborhood for families (Bellevue Way in Northtowne)
- Defining the areas in Bellevue with landscaping, speed bumps and signage. Include public art on the wall like on NE 8th! So many great possibilities to beautify Northtowne and Downtown border.
- Trash at I-90 edge of area

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Get rid of the RATS!
- Safety
- Homelessness – people sleeping in doorways and benches around library
- Burglaries! Could we have cameras installed at the 3 main entrances to Woodridge?
- Crime problems
- Cameras would help decrease crimes, which now are occurring regularly during the day
- Bellevue police Block Watch info sessions to crime
- Bellevue fire walk through in neighborhood to increase safety
- Public Safety
- Also provide more police cruisers Wednesdays –Saturdays from midnight to 4:00am to reduce car prowls and more cruisers Mon-Friday 10:00 to 3:00pm to help prevent home burglaries.
- Neighborhood Crime/ more street lighting
- Panhandlers that park on 120th Ave SE either on the way up or at the top of the hill

CODE COMPLIANCE

- The issue I would like to be addressed: Noise making playground equipment (plastic drums, etc.) at Sherwood Forest Elementary School located too close to the fence with residential homes. According to the city code, there needs to be a 25 feet landscaped buffer zone between residential area and a school zone. This equipment is less than 25 feet away from the fence and creates a disturbance unnecessarily.

ENERGIZE EASTSIDE

- Tall power lines in Eastgate
- PSE's Energize Eastside project is THE issue that my neighbors ask about. It's vastly out of scale, providing 4-5 times the transmission capacity of our existing lines on towers 2-3 times the size of current towers. It's too costly \$200-400 million to be paid by ratepayers. It's an environmental disaster calling for the destruction of 8,000 trees. And it's not even clear if it's needed – US, Washington and King County electric consumption is flat to down. We're counting on our elected city officials and city employees to protect this city, serve its residents and put the brakes on this runaway train of a project that they have thus far only encouraged and allowed to gain speed.
- Energize Eastside continues to be the top concern for our neighborhood. I love the Neighborhood Enhancement Program – very enlightened. We don't think Bellevue's approach to electric utility planning is as smart. We let a private corporation motivated by profits drive the process. PSE is even influencing the outcome of the Environmental Impact Study that should be fairly evaluating alternative solutions. Neighborhoods will bear the brunt of the impact of Energize Eastside, but it feels difficult for us to have a real say on this project.
- A more thorough and analytical EIS for EE that truly represents neighborhoods is #1 You might revisit ideas/issues/and priorities going forward due to Energize Eastside; Sound Transit, Spring District changes etc – maybe through the subarea Comp plan process

- Puget Sound Energy – Energize Eastside project – we need to find alternatives to ensure our beautiful scenic area is not destroyed. The scope of the project does not fit into the neighborhood – it is industrial and not appropriate for a neighborhood or the Bridle Trails corridor – the sheer amount of trees they have slated to remove completely will alter the beauty, habitat, and overall feel of the area – you can add all the enhancements, art, etc. but if these horrific poles are constructed it will destroy the area we love and live in!
- To stop PSE from getting into Bridle Trails/Bellevue to keep them from cutting trees and building unneeded electrical towers
- Do not install PSE and EE proposed industrial blighting of our neighborhoods!
- Energize Eastside
- Electrical Reliability – Underground

