



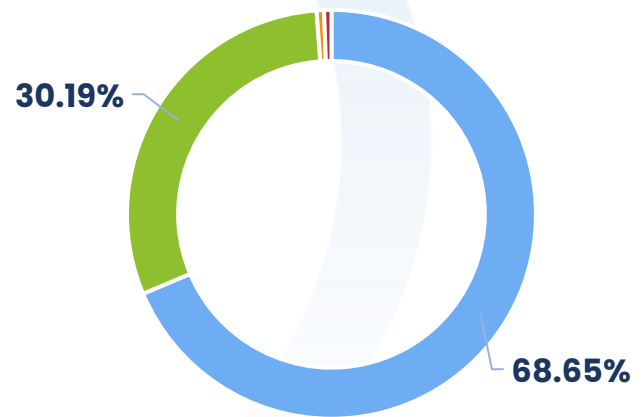
Forest Grove Park Priorities Survey

The Survey



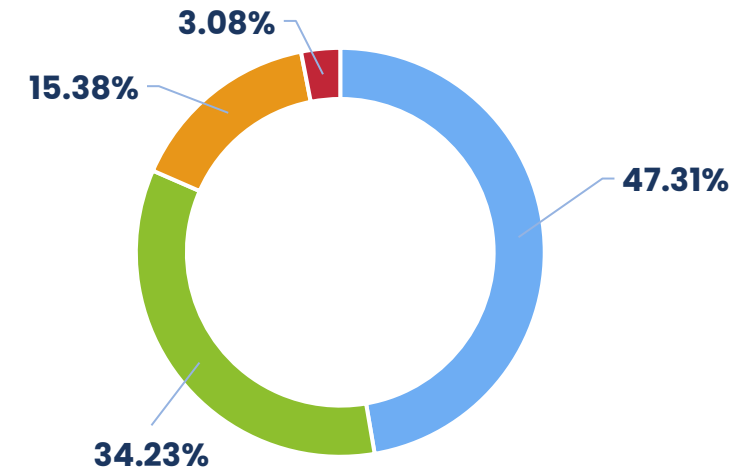
- **17 Days | Friday, April 24 – Sunday, May 10**
- **16 Questions | 11 Open-Ended**
- **520 Respondents**

What best describes you?



■ Bettendorf resident ■ Quad Cities resident
■ Visiting for youth sports ■ Visiting for other reasons

How old are you?



■ 36-50 years old ■ 19-35 years old
■ 50+ years old ■ 18 years old or younger

Current Park Experience

***Tell us about the last time you visited a park or outdoor space.
What did you do there?***

THEME 1

Playgrounds

- **~60%** of responses referenced children, playgrounds, or family-oriented activities
- **Common responses:** taking kids to playgrounds; using slides, swings, climbing features; meeting friends or having playdates; multiple mentions of specific parks: Forest Grove, Crow Creek, Hollowview, Veterans Memorial, Friendship, Ed Scheck

THEME 2

Walking, Hiking & Trails

- **~40%** of responses referenced walking, trails, biking, or exercise
- **Common responses:** walking on paved paths and bike trails; nature hikes; daily exercise; trail running; using Duck Creek, Crow Creek, and neighborhood trails

THEME 3

Youth Sports

- **~24%** of responses referenced sports or structured recreation
- **Common responses:** baseball and soccer practices/games, watching kids' games, using ball fields, tennis courts, cross-country trails, dekhockey

Current Fun/Entertainment Activities

**What do you do generally for fun/entertainment in the Quad Cities?
Are there certain activities you seek out?**



TOP MENTIONS

1. Parks (83)
2. Outdoor (72)
3. Activities (66)
4. Hockey (78)
5. Kids (59)
6. Play (54)
7. Music (50)
8. Bike (50)
9. Family (48)
10. Walking (43)

TOP TOPICS

1. Sports Activities – 62.21% (298 Responses)
2. Culinary Experiences – 21.09% (101 Responses)
3. Live Entertainment – 14.41% (69 Responses)

Current Fun/Entertainment Activities

***What do you do generally for fun/entertainment in the Quad Cities?
Are there certain activities you seek out?***

THEME 1

Outdoor Recreation

- ~65% of responses referenced outdoor recreation, parks, biking, hiking, or trails
- **Common responses:** walking and hiking trails; biking and mountain biking; running; exploring nature and green spaces; fishing, kayaking, and boating

THEME 2

Parks & Playgrounds

- ~45% of responses referenced children, families, playgrounds, or youth activities
- **Common responses:** playgrounds of all sizes; splash pads; picnic areas; shade and safe spaces for young children; parks with climbing structures, creek access, natural play features; desire for more shaded areas, more toddler-friendly equipment, larger or more exciting splash pads

THEME 3

Youth Sports

- ~40% of responses referenced sports, fitness, or active recreation
- **Common responses:** soccer, baseball/softball, basketball, volleyball, TBK sports complex events, coaching or attending kids' games, hockey, dek hockey

Current Park Experience

What parks or outdoor spaces do you currently visit and why?

TOP MENTIONS

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Park (209) | 6. Creek (81) |
| 2. Kids (128) | 7. Crow (67) |
| 3. Played (115) | 8. Walk (64) |
| 4. Playground (112) | 9. Took (60) |
| 5. Play (102) | 10. Walked (55) |

TOP TOPICS

1. Natural Elements in Parks – 30.89% (143 Responses)
2. Outdoor Activity Preferences – 24.41% (113 Responses)
3. Family-Friendly Park Features – 11.66% (54 Responses)
4. Park Infrastructure and Amenities – 10.8% (50 Responses)



Current Park Experience

What parks or outdoor spaces do you currently visit and why?

THEME 1

Proximity/Walkability

- **Common responses:** near my home, within walking distance, close to my child's school, easy to reach via bike path
- **Examples:** Forest Grove Park (mentioned very frequently due to being in or near neighborhoods), Crow Creek Park (close to many homes and schools), Friendship Park/Field Sike Park/Kiwanis Park/Ed Scheck Park (all cited for proximity)

THEME 2

Playgrounds & Kid-Friendly Amenities

- **Common responses:** modern, updated playgrounds; rubberized/squishy surfacing (not mulch); toddler-appropriate structures; fenced-in play areas; unique features (trampolines, pirate ship themes, sand areas)
- **Examples:** Forest Grove Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Hollowview/"Pirate Ship" Park, Friendship Park

THEME 3

Trails, Walking, Hiking, and Biking

- **Common responses:** daily walking or running, nature hiking, biking (paved or mountain bike trails), rollerblading, dog walking
- **Examples:** Duck Creek Trail, Crow Creek natural trails, Scott County Park, Sunderbrunch, Illiniwek, Sylvan Isle mountain bike trails

Future Park Opportunities

What do you feel Quad Cities parks or outdoor spaces are currently missing?

THEME 1

Nature, Trails, and Green Spaces

- **Common responses:** more walking and biking trails; hiking and wooded areas; nature-immersive spaces; restoration of native habitats, prairies, wildflower areas; creek or stream access for exploration

THEME 2

Water Features & Splash Pads

- **Common responses:** more/bigger splash pads; water play areas for kids; ponds and lakes for fishing, walking loops, scenery; waterparks or larger aquatic centers; cleaner, accessible natural water spaces

THEME 3

Sports Facilities (Especially Hockey)

- **Common responses:** outdoor ice rinks; roller/dek hockey rinks; soccer fields, baseball fields, pickleball courts; skateparks and pump tracks (bikes, scooters, skateboards)

THEME 4

Unique, Modern, and Adventure-Style Playgrounds

- **Common responses:** rock climbing, bouldering; ninja/obstacle courses, zip lines, natural play structures, large destination playgrounds comparable to well-known parks in other cities

Future Park Opportunities

Are there activities or amenities you leave the Quad Cities to find?

THEME 1

Hiking, Nature Trails, Natural Areas

- **Common responses:** hiking trails; long, wooded, scenic or “more rugged” trails; Maquoketa Caves, Starved Rock, other Illinois/Iowa parks; natural habitats, flora, wildflowers, bluffs; quiet nature spaces

THEME 2

Water Activities and Waterparks

- **Common responses:** indoor waterparks (Wisconsin Dells, Grand Harbor); lakes and beaches; swimming areas; kayaking, canoeing, paddle boats; clean/swimmable water features

THEME 3

Mountain Biking, Bike Trails, Pump Tracks

- **Common responses:** Bentonville, Dubuque, Clinton pump track; more advanced mountain biking terrain; bike parks for kids; safer, connected bike paths

THEME 4

Ice Hockey/Roller Hockey

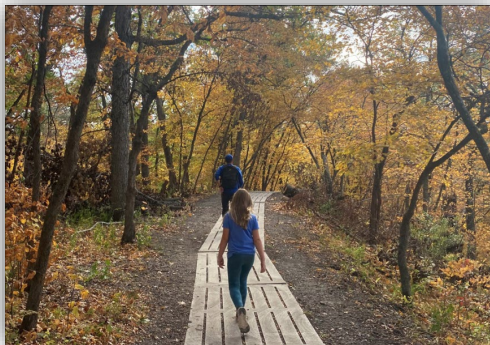
- **Common responses:** Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Peoria, MN; more ice sheets; outdoor rinks; roller hockey rinks; larger/better facilities; overcrowding at existing QC rinks

Feature Rankings

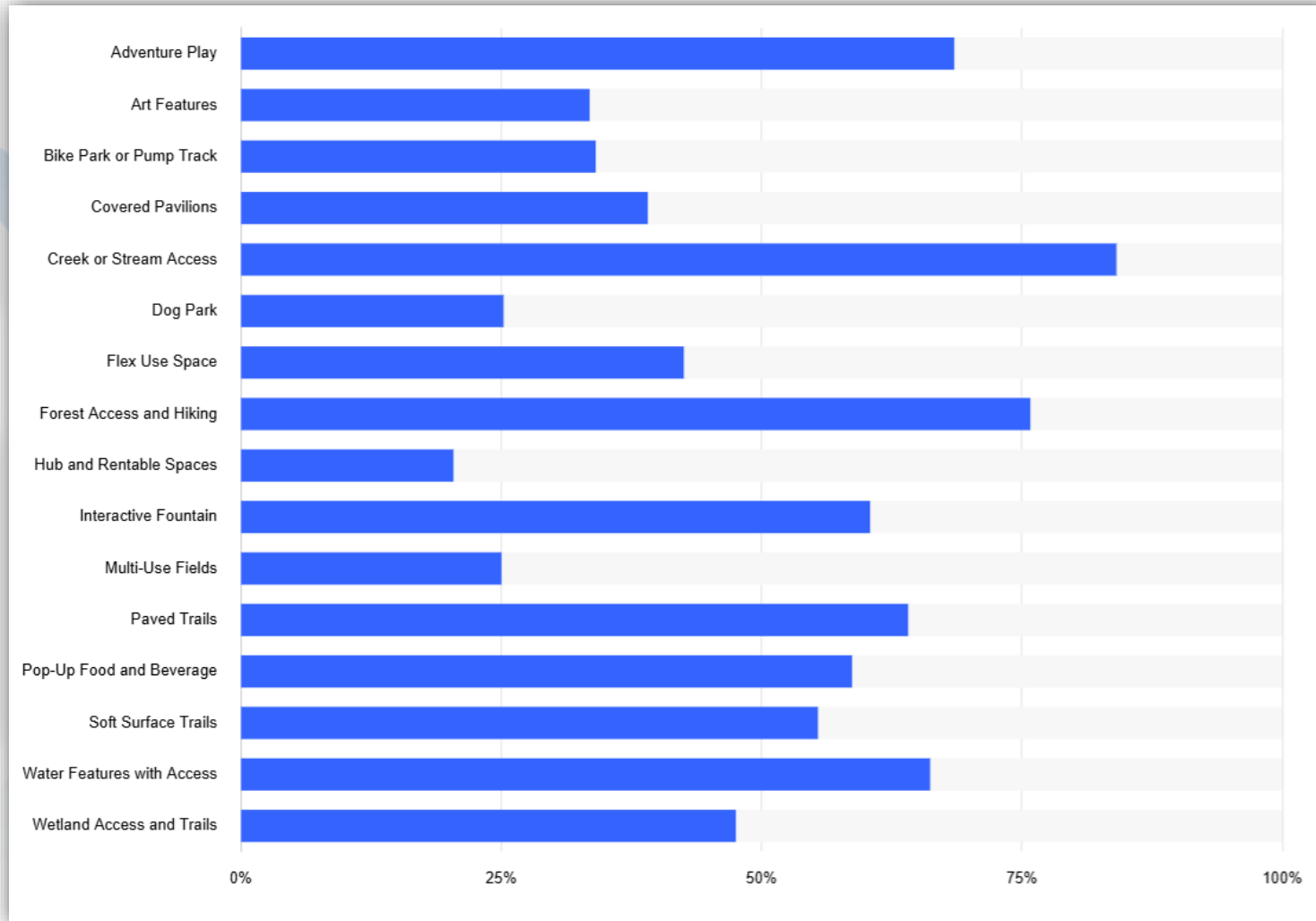
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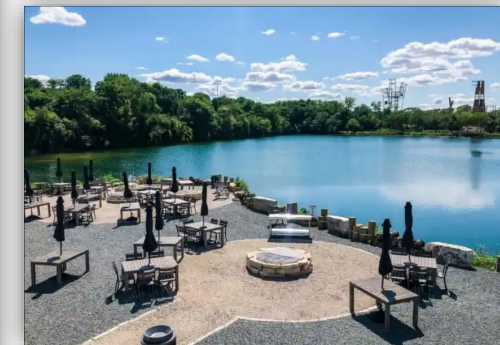
Creek or Stream Access: 84.04%



Forest Access & Hiking: 75.77%



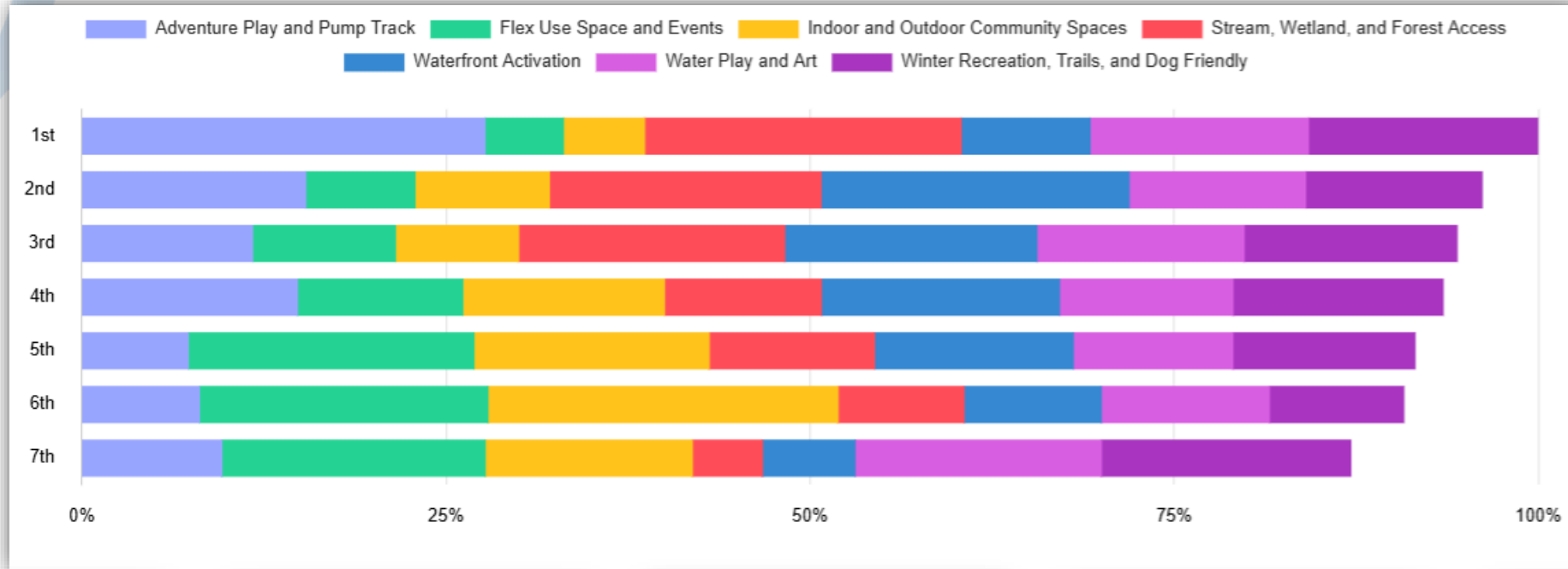
Adventure Play: 68.46%



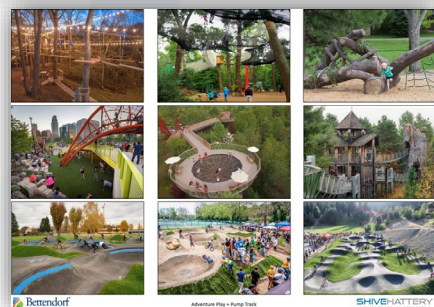
Water Features with Access: 66.15%

Feature Rankings

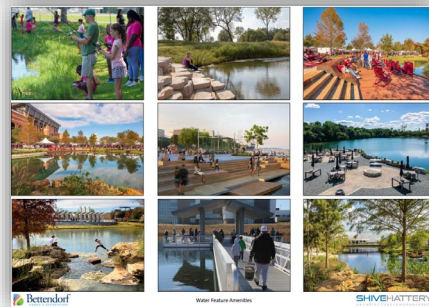
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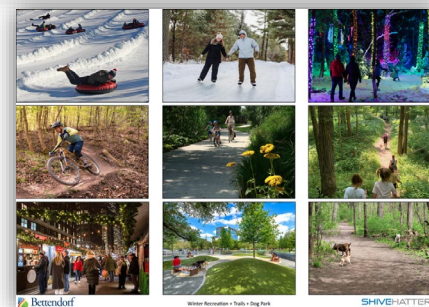
Stream, Wetland, and Forest Access: Score – 2,364



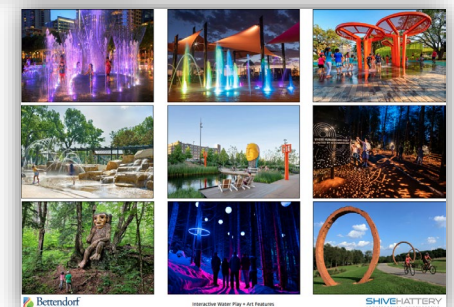
Adventure Play and Pump Track: Score – 2,349



Waterfront Activation: Score – 2,116



Winter Recreation, Trails, and Dog Friendly: Score – 2,012



Water Play and Art: Score – 1,921

Feature Rankings

What specifically attracted you to your top ranked choices?

THEME 1

Water Features

- **Common responses:** splash pads and interactive water play; shallow streams or creeks for kids; waterfront relaxation areas; kayaking, paddle boats, fishing; year-round water elements (summer splash + winter ice)

THEME 2

Kids & Family-Friendly Activities

- **Common responses:** adventure play structures; unique playgrounds; activities for a wide range of ages; places where parents can relax while kids play; low-cost or free options

THEME 3

Nature & Natural Preservation

- **Common responses:** nature; natural; trails; forest; outdoors; greenery; wildlife; access to nature (walking trails, woods, shade, natural play); preservation of existing habitats (concerns about overbuilding, crowds, noise)

THEME 4

Trails, Walking, Hiking, Biking

- **Common responses:** trails; hike; path; bike; pump track; soft surface and paved trails; nature trails connected to water; bike trails and pump tracks; multi-use paths accessible for all ages

Future Park Wants

What features would make you excited to visit this park?

THEME 1

Water Features

- **Common responses:** splash pads, water play areas, interactive fountains, streams and creek access, ponds for fishing, paddleboarding/kayaking, "Water!!"

THEME 2

Trails and Nature Access

- **Common responses:** hiking trails, nature trails (forest, prairie, wetlands, etc.), shaded walking paths, boardwalks, wildlife viewing, "nature access," "green space," "quiet nature," "trees"

THEME 3

Adventure Play & Unique Play Structures

- **Common responses:** adventure playgrounds, treehouse structures, big climbing structures, ziplines, sky nets, bike/scooter/skate adventure features, "Something unique, not like existing parks"

THEME 4

Bike Experiences

- **Common responses:** pump tracks, mountain bike trails, skill parks, paved bike loops, youth bike areas, connections to existing bike trail systems

Future Park Wants

What should Bettendorf absolutely include in this park?

THEME 1

Trails

- **~203 mentions**
- **Common responses:** walking and running paths; paved and soft-surface trails; bike trails, mountain biking, pump tracks; loops around the entire park; creek-adjacent hiking trails

THEME 2

Play Spaces for All Ages

- **~176 mentions**
- **Common responses:** adventure play areas; unique, imaginative playgrounds; climbing structures, zip lines, swings, slides; spaces specifically for toddlers, teens, and multi-age play; inclusive, ADA-friendly playgrounds

THEME 3

Water Features

- **~169 mentions**
- **Common responses:** splash pads (by far the most repeated item); creek access/creek play; ponds for fishing or winter skating; fountains, interactive water art; waterplay integrated with nature

THEME 4

Sports & Recreation Features

- **~186 mentions**
- **Common responses:** hockey rinks (ice, roller, dek); multi-use fields; cricket fields; pump tracks & bike parks; disc golf; basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball

Future Park Potential Fails

What should Bettendorf avoid when building this park?

Concern 1

Too many sports fields or sports-focused development

- ~86 mentions
- **Common responses:** no more soccer fields, baseball diamonds, pickleball courts, or other organized sports infrastructure

Concern 2

Dog Parks

- ~42 mentions
- **Common responses:** Crow Creek already fills the need; do not want noise, waste issues, or conflict with family-focused spaces

Concern 3

Excessive concrete, construction, or commercial buildings

- ~28 mentions
- **Common responses:** strong preference for the park to stay natural rather than paved or filled with permanent structures, restaurants, shops or city-run concessions

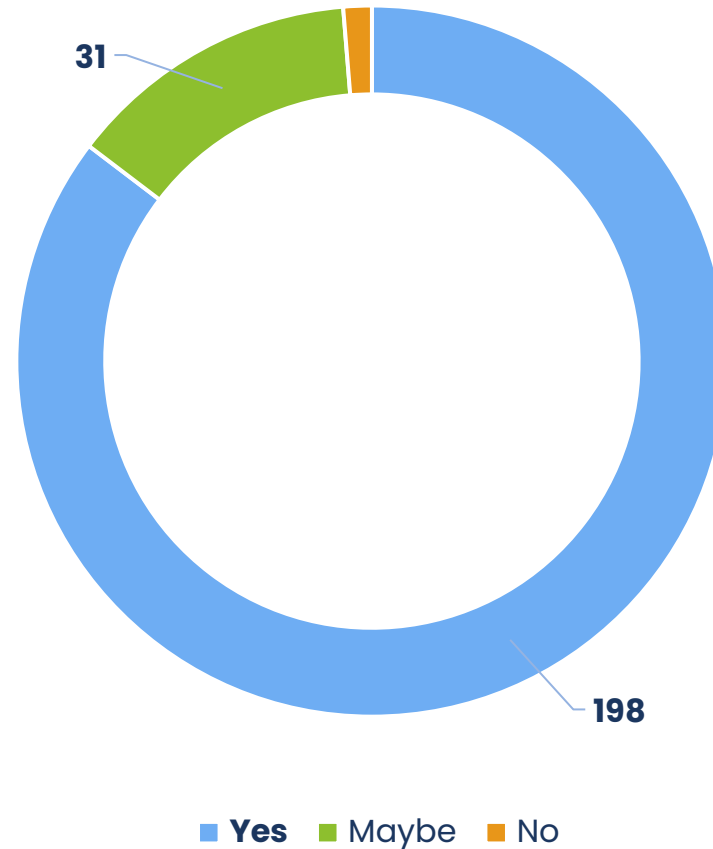
Concern 4

Bike/skate/pump track features

- ~26 mentions
- **Common responses:** safety concerns about ramps, pump tracks, skate parks, and bike tracks near roads or residential areas

Future Park Costs

Would you be willing to pay for certain features if they offered a unique experience?



Final Words

In one sentence, what would success look like for this new park?

TOP TOPICS

- 1. Family-Oriented Activities – 55.24% (211 Responses)**
- 2. Park Community Engagement – 30.1% (115 Responses)**
- 3. Variety of Amenities – 25.92% (99 Responses)**

THEME 1

Unique, Natural, Accessible Experiences

- **Common responses:** people, unique, park, natural, space, area, use, trails, accessible, fun

THEME 2

Family-Friendly, Multi-Age Recreation

- **Common responses:** family, friendly, fun, activities, enjoy, unique, nature, ages, free, park

THEME 3

Spaces for Families to Spend Time Together

- **Common responses:** families, enjoy, place, space, fun, kids, ages, time, just, spend

THEME 4

Active Play and Variety for Kids

- **Common responses:** kids, activities, play, like, different, park, ages, outdoor, adults, variety