

Appendix B: Community Engagement Summary

Stakeholder Interviews Summary

List of Interviewees

Through initial discussions with City Staff, several people were identified as stakeholders who may have valuable insight for the City's PROS Master Plan. The identified staff members are below:

Table B-1: List of Interviewees

Contact	Affiliation & Role
Mickael Stevens	Parks and Recreation Coordinator
Derek Kosanke	Park Superintendent
Lisa Key	Community Development Director
Jennifer Camp	Parks and Recreation Director
David Goehner	Communications Director
Nancy Hill	Parks and Art Commission Chair
Mark McAvoy	City Administrator
Darin Morgan	Deputy Chief of Police
Ben Turner	Public Works Director

Foundational Themes

Throughout the interview process, a few key themes emerged as priorities to address:

- Inequities in access and investment;
- Deferred maintenance and aging infrastructure;
- Lack of a recreation center limits programming capacity; and
- Desire for greater environmental stewardship & natural open space protection.

Stakeholders were generally aligned on these issues, and the details that follow act as a compilation of the input received.

Community Needs and Priorities

Park System Expansion

Provide ample access to parks. Multiple interviewees highlighted challenges and opportunities related to expanding the footprint of the current parks system. Liberty Lake is expected to be fully built out in 20 years, meaning that there is a sense of urgency to preserve and plan for additional open space to accommodate the new population and housing growth. There is an existing service gap in the southwestern area of Liberty Lake where there are higher density housing developments not near any public parks. Land constraints limit options for constructing a new park in this vicinity. A possible partnership exists between the city and the Central Valley School District at the Ridgeline High School site where 35 acres of adjacent land belonging to a former gun club is being remediated and could be developed to provide recreational facilities.

There is also a strong need for additional baseball fields. The HUB Sports Center in Spokane Valley, which is heavily frequented by community members, is expanding their outdoor turf space, but the expansion does not include baseball facilities. The local Little League teams, as well as several other groups request to use the fields at Pavillion Park and the Elementary School every season on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some users are left out because of the limited capacity. Adding fields would meet this demand.

Increase Park Amenities and Facilities

While the parks do have many amenities that the public currently enjoy, the staff stakeholders noted several specific improvements needed to enhance the parks system. **Dog-related needs within the parks system have become a prominent topic of discussion in the community, particularly the desire for a local dog park.** This lack of designated space has created challenges such as waste creation in high traffic areas and the necessity for dogs to be leashed. While a dog park is currently on the city's list of unfunded projects, it is not recognized as a priority. Space limitations may require integrating the dog park into an existing park rather than developing a new site.

Adding more benches, restrooms, shelters, and picnic tables would better facilitate the large events which are hosted at Pavillion Park and Orchard Park. The city should continue to partner with the nonprofit event facilitators to better understand their needs and priorities.

It is necessary to update the current, aging playground equipment at several parks. Rigorous public engagement should determine what play facilities that children, adults, parents, and grandparents would like to see.

Operational Improvements

The stakeholders communicated several operational challenges and improvements that are needed to enhance the park system. Currently, a significant management challenge is the education and enforcement of the park rules. Unfamiliarity with the rules has led to unwanted situations like golf carts being driven on park paths and noise complaints from teenagers using the park after hours.

Additionally, tennis and pickleball players share the same sport courts, which has sometimes resulted in scheduling conflicts. The parks also suffer from inadequate wayfinding and informational signage, making navigation difficult for visitors. Enhancing the rules communication tools would help improve clarity and the user experience of all parkgoers.

Currently lacking or insufficient infrastructure also creates management challenges. The amount of off-street parking can be insufficient during large events, creating congestion and spill-over into neighborhood on-street parking. There are limited alternative transportation options to such events. Some shelters lack electrical power, which limits their functionality for users. Drainage improvements could be made to reduce standing water collection under the shelters and amphitheaters.

Public Safety Improvements

Deputy Police Chief Darin Morgan emphasized the need to enhance public safety features in local parks. He suggested updating the surveillance system with new camera equipment that integrates seamlessly with the broader public security network. Specific improvements include installing new cameras at the skate park to help deter vandalism, adding coverage around the shed at Rocky Hill Park to prevent break-ins, and placing additional cameras at the Centennial Trail access points to monitor and discourage camping activity. Furthermore, he recommended increasing lighting around park perimeters and replacing existing fixtures with energy-efficient LED lights to improve brightness. He also proposed adding lighting to the platform at Rocky Hill to enhance safety and visibility.

Enhanced Programming Capacity

Liberty Lake lacks an indoor recreation facility/community center, which limits its programming capacity. Much of the existing activity is offered by external partners like the HUB Sports Center, YMCA, or other private organizations. Stakeholders felt the city could either build up its own programs or it should better coordinate with existing providers to increase their program visibility and fill in service gaps. There is a strong consensus that programs should include not only structured youth sports, but also targeted activities for seniors, families, and people with disabilities.

Community Values and Vision

The Liberty Lake community values a strong commitment to environmental sustainability through various initiatives and educational programming. The city should ensure that public spaces and facilities are well-maintained.

Many also value a well-connected, multimodal trail system to support their active lifestyles. Existing events such as the 4th of July celebration in the park, Barefoot in the Park, the local farmers market, outdoor concerts, Winter Glow, and Touch a Truck are very well attended. The city and nonprofits who host and organize the events have a great partnership. Therefore, the community would support and value additional similar programming.

According to the stakeholders, a future success scenario for the PROS Plan would include the following:

- The community continues to use the system and expresses their high satisfaction with it.
- Public facilities and spaces are well-maintained and operated.
- There are uniform park management policy guidelines so that procedures are clear and standardized across the system.
- There is an expanded capacity for community events including more picnic shelters, restrooms, and transportation accommodations.
- Open space is acquired and set aside for the future to accommodate additional growth as the city fully builds out.
- The Town Square Park site master plan is reconsidered and put to a vote so that the public can decide if the plan should proceed to fully utilize the space.
- Every resident is within a 10-minute walk of a park or recreational opportunity.
- The trail system has continued to expand, increasing multimodal connectivity.
- Parks programming has incorporated environmental stewardship educational opportunities.
- Youth, seniors, families, and people with disabilities have adequate programs and places to gather, be active, and feel ownership.

Opportunities

Table B-2: Opportunities Identified by Stakeholder Interviewees

Area	Suggestions
Park Amenities	Dog park, additional dog waste disposal stations, additional benches, additional shelters, additional restrooms, disc golf course, new playground equipment, swing sets, functional art installations.
Programs	Increase programs for all ages and abilities.
New Parks	Fill in service gap in southwest Liberty Lake, add more ballfields to meet high demand, create meaningful multimodal trail connections between neighborhoods.
New Facilities	Indoor community/ recreation center.
Partnerships	Spokane County (Parks, Recreation, and Golf Department), Central Valley School District (Ridgeline HS), City of Spokane Valley.
Operations	Public safety enhancements, wayfinding signage, park rules and guidelines communication channels, provide electrical power to shelters, improved stormwater drainage system, replace aging splash pad equipment.

Specific Parks

Table B- 3: Challenges & Opportunities Identified at Specific Parks

Park	Challenges	Opportunities
Pavillion Park	♦ Lacking enough amenities for large events (shelters, restrooms, parking spaces). ♦ Not inclusive to current assessment standards.	♦ Space to accommodate additional amenities.
Orchard Park	♦ Water drainage at the amphitheater. ♦ Limited parking for large events (Winter Glow, Touch a Truck, etc.)	♦ Continued partnerships with local nonprofits for event planning and expansion.
Town Square Park	♦ Less accessible from surrounding neighborhoods than other parks	♦ Parcel is not fully utilized and could be master planned in the future.
Rocky Hill Park	♦ Inadequate surveillance coverage. ♦ Inadequate dog waste disposal stations.	♦ Upgrade surveillance system. ♦ Engage dog-walkers to further advocate their needs.
Ball Fields	♦ High demand creates conflicts with reserving access.	♦ Opportunity to work with CV School District to construct additional fields and negotiate public access and programming.

Community Survey Summary

The online survey received 376 total responses – 235 of which were complete and 141 that were partially complete. **This represents 3.02% of Liberty Lake's total population.** The respondents provided feedback on how often they use parks and trails, what types of amenities they value, and what improvements they would like to see. The majority of respondents indicated that parks and recreation are "very important" to their quality of life, and most visit Liberty Lake parks multiple times per week. Trails, open space, restrooms, and access to water emerged as top priorities for investment. When asked about barriers to park use, the most common responses were related to facility maintenance and lack of amenities. Respondents also showed strong interest in expanded recreation programming, especially swimming, fitness, and youth activities. These results will help the city identify where to focus future resources and how to best support the community's evolving needs.

This summary presents the key findings from the survey and highlights the community's values, concerns, and aspirations to help guide future planning decisions. The responses offer valuable insights into the strengths of Liberty Lake's parks system, areas in need of enhancement, and the sense of connection residents feel toward programs and activities, play equipment in Pavillion Park, and public art.

Key Takeaways from the Community Survey

Community Priorities

Aquatics and Indoor Facilities

- Strongest request: a public swimming pool or aquatic center.
- Broad support for a community center/indoor recreation facility to provide year-round opportunities.

Trails and Connectivity

- Walking and biking paths are the most-used amenities.
- Desire for more connected trails, protected bike lanes, and safe pedestrian routes linking parks and neighborhoods.

Playgrounds and Youth Amenities

- Families want upgraded, shaded, and inclusive playgrounds.
- Strong support for natural play features at Pavillion Park.
- Most popular play options: swinging, climbing, sliding, and imaginative play.

Recreation Programs and Activities

- Current offerings partly meet needs but leave gaps.
- Residents want more camps, youth sports leagues, fitness classes, and outdoor nature programs.
- High demand for dedicated pickleball courts and structured leagues.

Events and Community Identity

- Events like Barefoot in the Park, Winter Glow, concerts, and the farmers market are highly valued.
- Support for public art - especially interactive and nature-inspired pieces - that reflect Liberty Lake's character and strengthen its community identity.

Specific Priorities for Improvement

Top Facilities/Spaces Desired

- Public pool or aquatics facility (nearly 70% support).
- Community center/indoor recreation facility.
- Expanded urban trails and sidewalks.
- Splash/spray parks.
- Shaded picnic and gathering spaces.
- Off-leash dog parks.
- Pickleball courts.

Top Park Improvements

- Improved safety and security.
- More walking and biking trails.
- Upgraded playgrounds with inclusive features.
- Increased tree canopy and environmental conservation.
- More support amenities: benches, restrooms, and lighting.

Key Barriers to Use

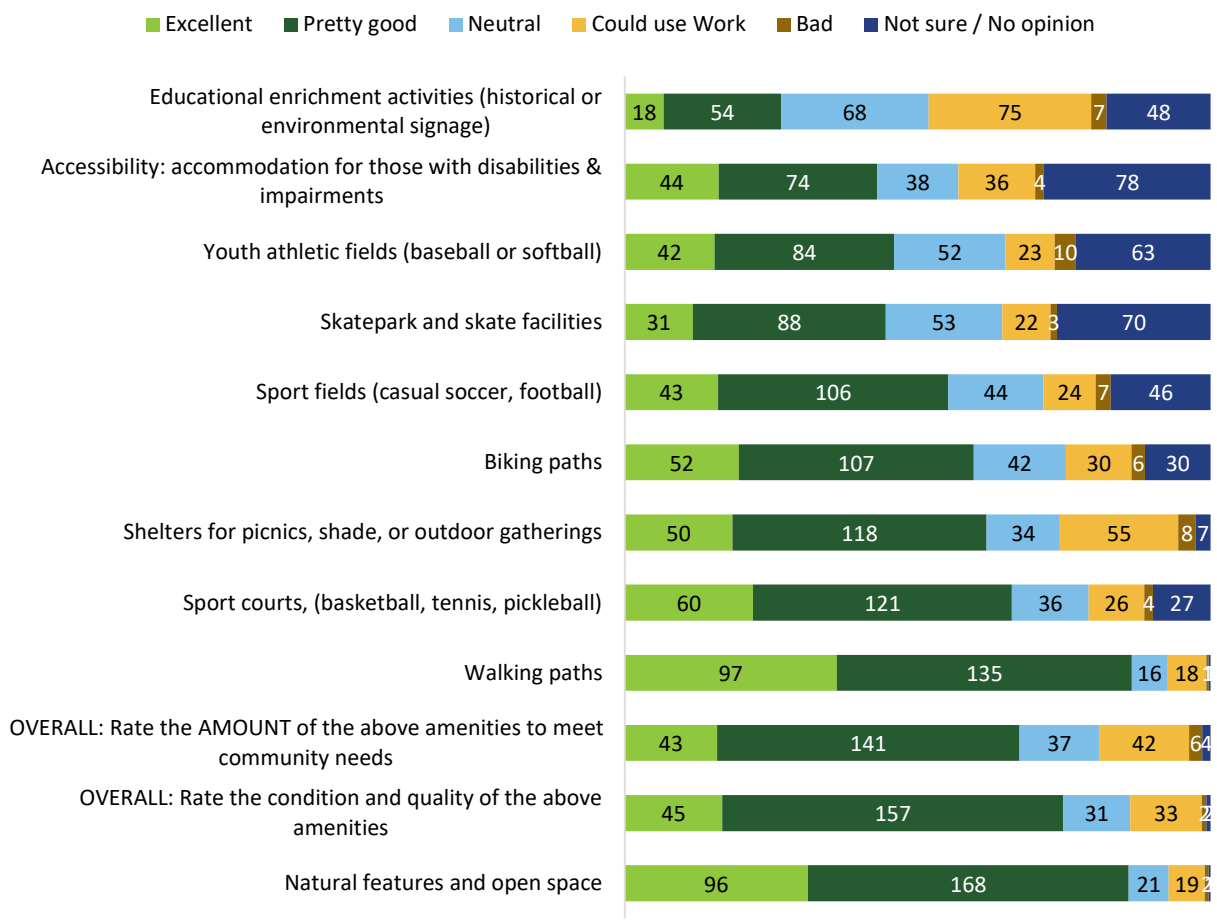
- Lack of information about programs and amenities.
- Overcrowding and limited facility availability.
- Need for more shade and restroom access.
- Safety concerns, particularly for youth and along trails.

Survey Results

Current Conditions

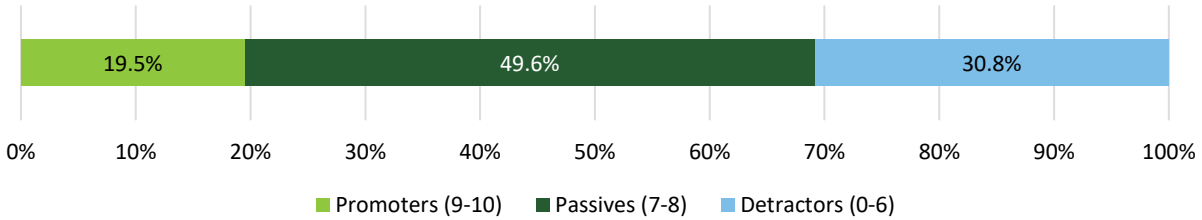
The survey began by asking people to rate the overall quality of specific aspects of the parks and recreation system in Liberty Lake. Survey responses indicate that natural features and open space in Liberty Lake's Park system are highly valued, with over 80% rating them as "Excellent" or "Pretty Good". However, other aspects received more mixed reviews. Outdoor game activities and accessibility accommodations for those with disabilities and impairments were frequently rated as "Bad" or "Could use work". Many respondents expressed uncertainty or no opinion for youth and adult sport fields. Respondents were asked about the overall condition and quality of amenities and the amount of amenities. Overall, both of these categories received over 60% of responses as being "excellent" or "pretty good" although it was noted that the amount of amenities could use work.

Figure B-1: How would you rate the overall quality of each of these aspects of Liberty Lake's parks and recreation system?



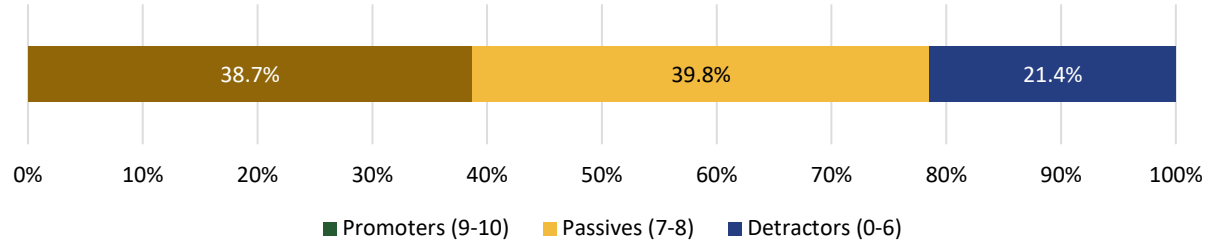
When asked about accessibility to residents of all ages and abilities, respondents rated the facilities on a scale of 0-10. When participants selected numbers 0-6, it is recorded as a “detractor”, while 7-8 are “passives”, and 9-10 are “promoters”. Overall, 49.6% of respondents selected options that are passive, indicating that Liberty Lake’s parks system is not notable as a significantly accessible system.

Figure B-2: We want Liberty Lake's parks and recreation facilities to be accessible to residents of all ages and abilities. This includes those with disabilities, children, seniors, etc. Rate how well we're currently doing.



Using the same scale from 0-10 for the next question, respondents were asked about how accessible parks and recreational offerings are to residents of all income levels. This question had a combined vote of 78.5% for promoters and passive responses. This indicates that survey respondents are currently satisfied with the parks and recreational opportunities Liberty Lake offers to residents of all income levels.

Figure B-3: We want Liberty Lake's parks and recreational offerings to be accessible to residents of all income levels. Rate how well we're currently doing



Park Usage

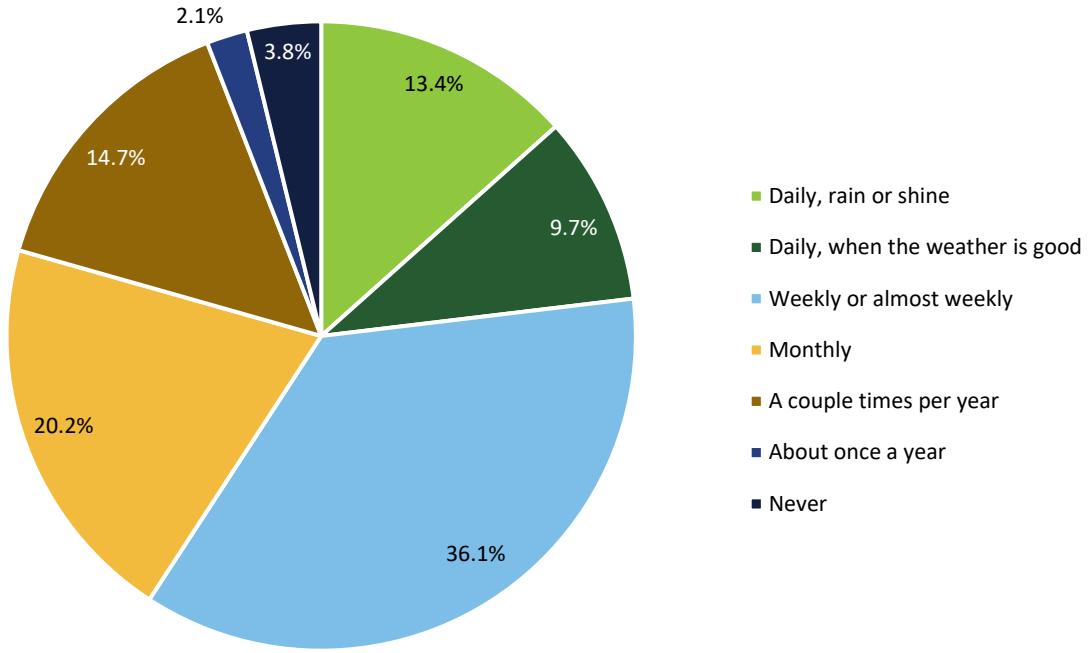
The survey then asked which park is closest to respondents' homes, both to understand who the survey reached and to see which parks might be in closest walking distance for community members. Results are seen in Table B-4 below.

Table B-4: Which park is closest to your home?

Park Name	Percent
Orchard Park	40.4%
Pavillion Park	25.9%
Rocky Hill Park	18.8%
Town Square Park	1.2%
Liberty Lake Ballfields	6.3%
Trailhead Golf Course	7.1%
Nature's Place at Meadowwood Arboretum	0.4%

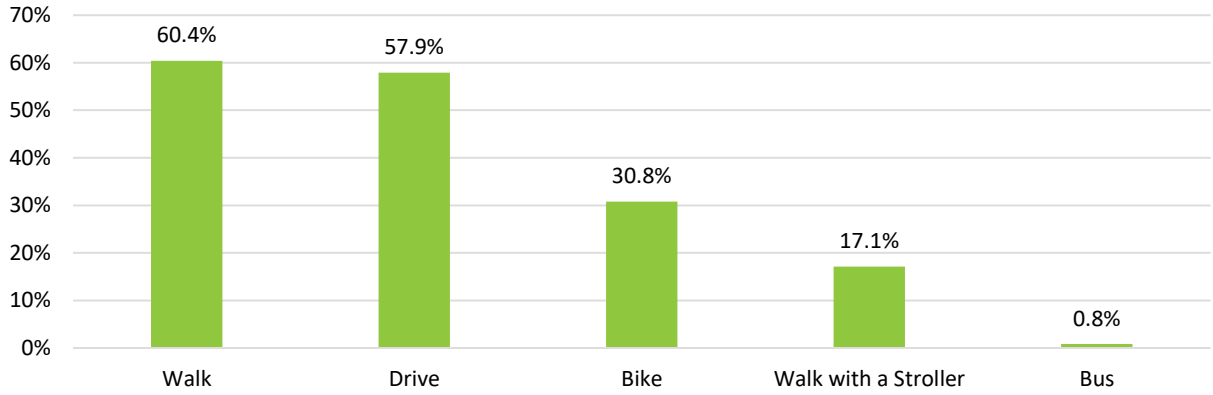
When asked how often they visit the park closest to their home, 59.2% selected weekly, daily (rain or shine), or daily (when the weather is good), showing that the majority of respondents frequently visit the park closest to them, rather than traveling to other parks. While on the other hand, 20.6% of respondents said they rarely or never visit their nearest park, suggesting that while many residents make frequent use of their nearest park, a significant portion do not.

Figure B-4: How often do you visit the park closest to your home? Choose the most accurate option.



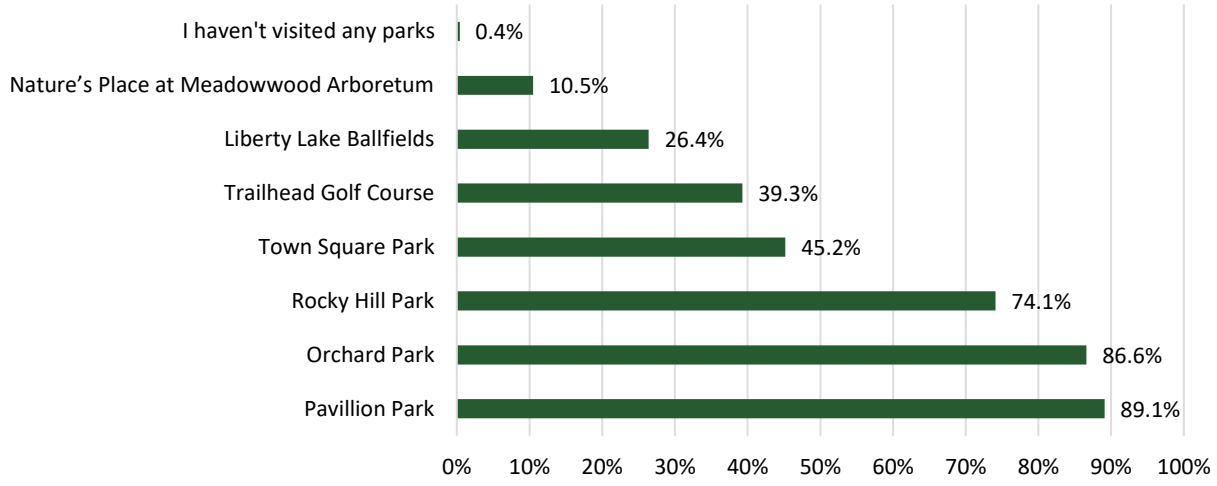
The survey then asked respondents how they are most likely to travel to a park. Most respondents are most likely to either walk (60.4%) or drive (57.9%) to a park in Liberty Lake. Biking and walking with a stroller are also popular modes of traveling to Liberty Lake parks. Only a very small portion (0.8%) prefer taking the bus. These results indicate that walking and driving are the most commonly used methods for getting to parks in Liberty Lake. These results can be considered while planning for parking, bike racks, and pedestrian crossings and pathways.

Figure B-5: How are you most likely to travel to parks in Liberty Lake? Select any that apply.



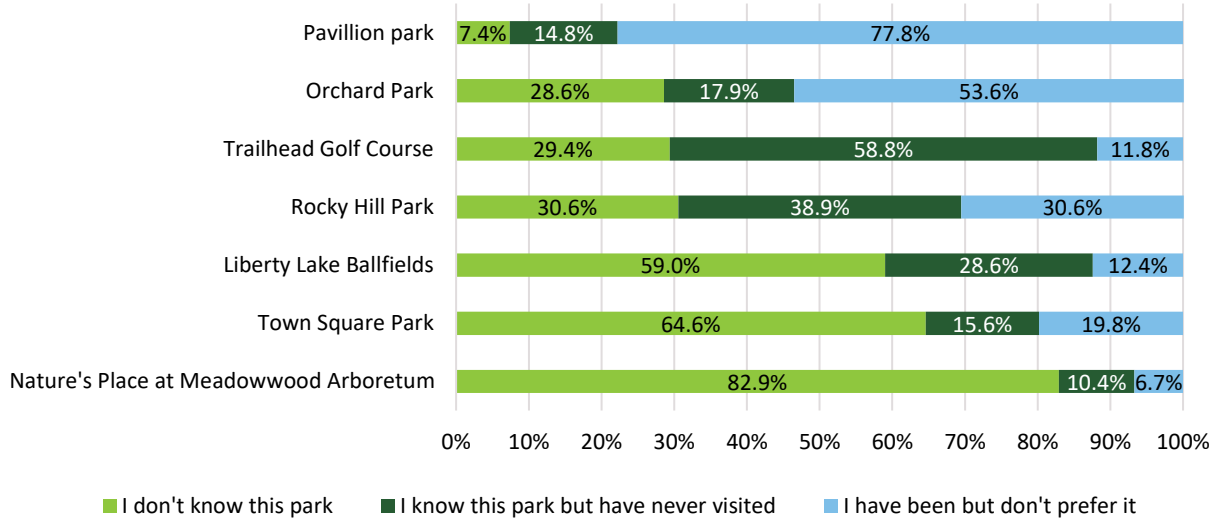
The three most visited parks in the past year are Pavillion Park (89.1%), Orchard Park (86.6%), and Rocky Hill Park (74.1%). The remainder of the parks were all visited less than 50% by survey respondents. The full list of results can be seen in Figure B-6 on the following page.

Figure B-6: Which parks have you or members of your household visited in the past year? Select all that apply.



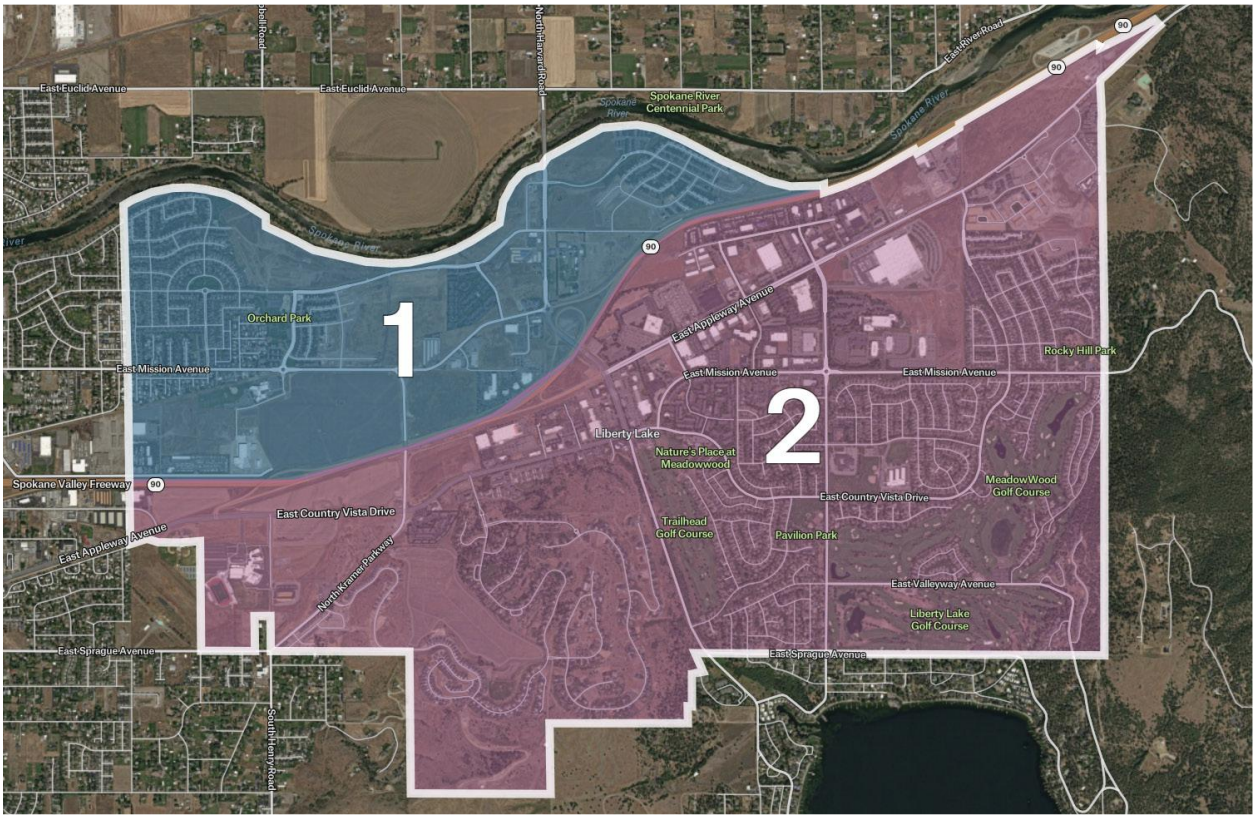
Survey respondents were directed to choose which parks in Liberty Lake that they either don't know about, haven't visited before, or don't prefer. The most unknown park is Nature's Place at Meadowood Arboretum with almost 83% marking that they don't know it. The park that is most well-known but never visited is Trailhead Golf Course (58.8%). Finally, the park that is frequently visited but not preferred is Pavillion Park with almost 78% marking that option. This feedback about Pavillion Park comes at a good time as the Pavillion Park playground is about to be redone, which might make it more of a preferred park for many.

Figure B-7: Are there parks in this list you either don't know about, haven't visited before, or don't prefer? Only select an option for those that apply



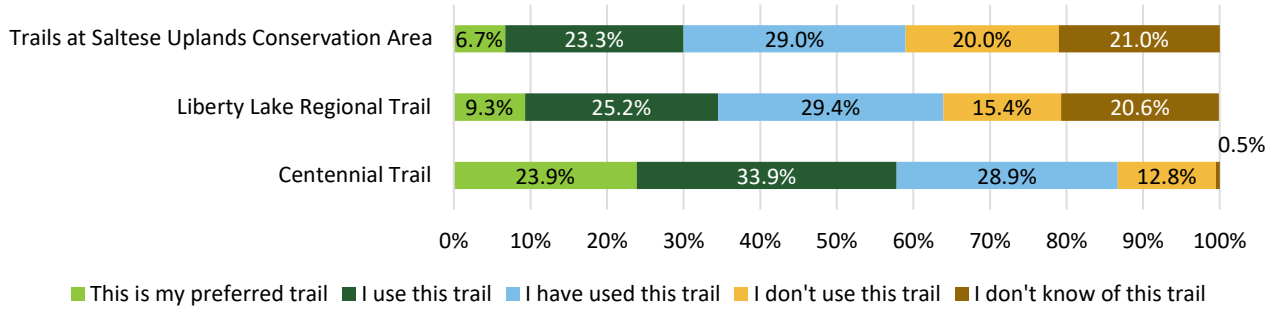
The image seen in Figure B-8, below, was presented in the survey to gather input on what areas of town lack access to parks and recreation. The responses were very close to being the same. Area 1 was marked by 55% of respondents and area 2 was marked by 53.2% of respondents. This shows that while Liberty Lake as a whole lacks the access to public parks and recreation spaces that the community would like to see, Area 1 needs more improvement than Area 2.

Figure B-8: What area(s) of town lack access to public parks and recreation spaces? Select any areas that apply. Use the map to answer.



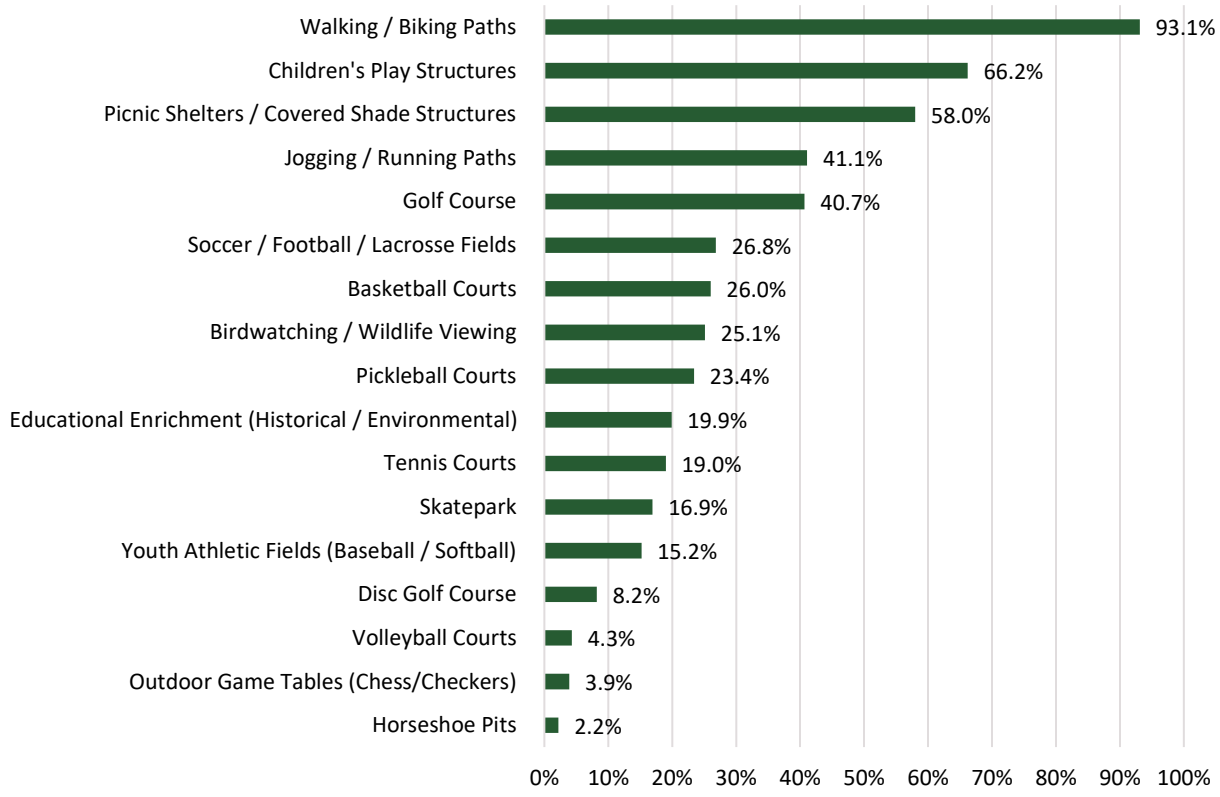
The survey then asked respondents about their recreational trail use. The Centennial Trail received the highest response for "This is my preferred trail", and the Trails at Saltese Uplands Conservation Area got the highest response for "I don't use this trail" and "I don't know of this trail". The statement "If you prefer other trails not listed above, please list them here" was presented in the survey and received quite a few responses. There were a couple responses for Mackenzie Natural Area and for Liberty Lake County Park. There were some concerns about the safety and accessibility of Liberty Lake's Trail system. This reinforces the importance of high-quality amenities and increased accessibility.

Figure B-9: Which recreational trails do you/your household use in Liberty Lake.



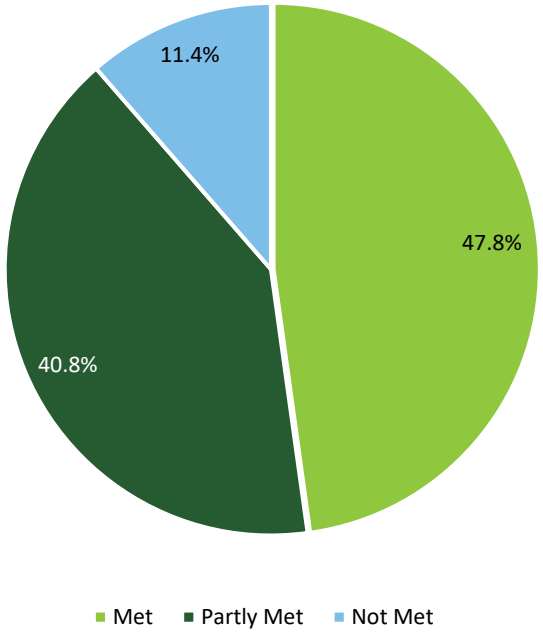
In Figure B-10, respondents chose all the recreational facilities they/their household used in the past year. More than 50% used the walking/biking paths, children's play structures, and the picnic shelters/covered shade structures. More than 25% used those facilities and jogging/running paths, golf course, soccer/football/lacrosse fields, basketball courts, and birdwatching/wildlife viewing. All the other amenities were used in the past year by less than 25% of survey respondents with horseshoe pits being the lowest at only 2%. The full list of results can be found below in Figure B-10.

Figure B-10: What types of recreational facilities have you/your household used in the past year? Select all that apply.



The majority of survey respondents feel that their needs for programs and activities are being met in Liberty Lakes parks system with only 11.4% marking that their needs are not being met. However, this shows that there is still room for improvement for programs and activities in the Liberty Lake Parks System, with 40.8% identifying that their needs are partly met.

Figure B-11: Are your needs for programs/activities being met in the Liberty Lake parks system.

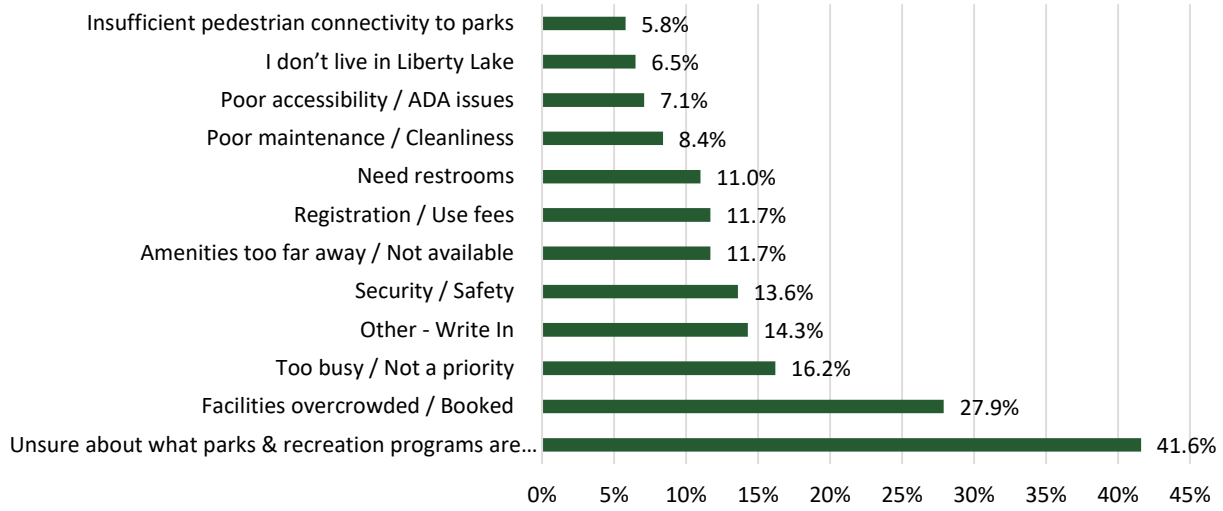


The survey question **"Which specific needs for programs/activities are not being met?"** received over 100 responses. There were several recurring themes about parks and recreation opportunities in Liberty Lake. The most frequently mentioned need was for a public swimming pool. Many residents expressed frustration with having to travel outside of Liberty Lake for swimming lessons, aquatic exercise, or accessible water recreation, particularly for families with young children and individuals with mobility challenges. Organized youth sports also emerged as a major theme, with multiple respondents calling for more local leagues (rather than seasonal camps), especially for soccer, baseball, and softball. Many noted that current programs are either too limited or unaffordable. Another area that was mentioned multiple times was the need for dedicated pickleball courts, with permanent nets, wind barriers, and structured programming. Survey respondents also highlighted the gaps in inclusive recreation, asking for more activities for children with disabilities like sensory-friendly playgrounds, and intergenerational programs that bring youth and seniors together. Beyond structured programs, respondents expressed a desire for more natural open spaces, shaded picnic areas, and safe walking paths.

Comments frequently emphasized the need to plan for growth, reduce overuse at existing parks, and ensure equitable access to recreation opportunities across all age groups and abilities.

In the next question, the most commonly reported barriers preventing use of Liberty Lake's recreational facilities were people being unsure about what parks and recreation programs are available, the facilities are overcrowded / booked, and that they are too busy or it's not a priority for them. There were a high number of write in responses as well. Several respondents noted that a lack of shade, limited restroom access, and overcrowded facilities discourage regular use of Liberty Lake's parks. Additional barriers mentioned include inadequate river access, safety concerns related to unsupervised teens and environmental conditions, and a broader desire for more natural spaces and continuous bike connections.

Figure B-12: What barriers keep you/your household from using Liberty Lake's parks and recreational facilities? Select all that apply



Responses to the question **"Please share one place, event, attribute, or something you love about Liberty Lake's parks system"** reveal widespread appreciation for the community's well-maintained parks, walkable access, and variety of events. Residents highlighted specific favorites such as Barefoot in the Park, Winter Glow, movies and concerts at Pavillion Park, and the Farmers Market at Town Square, all of which contribute to a strong sense of community connection and seasonal enjoyment. Many praised the splash pad at Orchard Park, shade structures at Rocky Hill Park, and the ability to walk or bike between parks using the extensive trail system. Several noted the cleanliness of parks and the abundance of large and small neighborhood parks which create lots of options.

In addition to special events and amenities, respondents recognized the attributes important to them, like proximity to home, dog-friendly paths, well-kept playgrounds, tree-lined areas, and inclusive features like illustrative signage. Families emphasized how the parks support multi-generational use and encourage daily recreation, whether for social events, quiet nature time, or active play. A few also shared hopes for future improvements, including an indoor aquatic center, more shaded picnic areas, and a dedicated dog park. Overall, the comments paint a picture of a loved and integral parks system that helps define Liberty Lake's identity as a welcoming, connected, and livable community.

Pavillion Park

The next four questions focus on the amount of use and the type of play needed in Liberty Lake's parks system. In Figure B-13**Error! Reference source not found.**, it shows that 53.3% of respondents and or their children use the playground at Pavillion Park. If respondents answered "yes" to this question, they received a question about the number of children in each age range in their household that use Pavillion Park. The age group "6-12-year-olds" had the highest count at 97 children and "6 months to 23 months" had the lowest count at 34. The full list of results can be found in Figure B-13 and Figure B-14**Error! Reference source not found.** below.

Figure B-13: Do you or your children use the playground at Pavillion Park

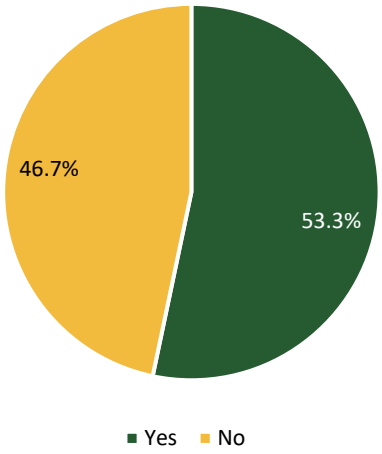
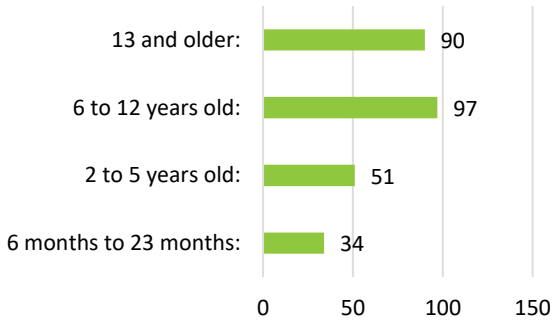


Figure B-14: If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, enter the number of children in your household using the Pavillion Park playground in these age groups. If an age group is not applicable, please leave it blank.

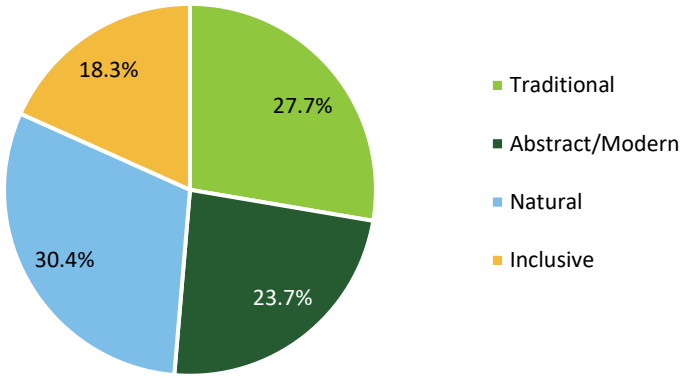


The next question asked about the general style of equipment the survey respondents would like to see at the Pavillion Park Playground. Natural style equipment had the highest number of votes, with traditional and then abstract/modern styles following closely behind.

These descriptions of the different styles of equipment were given to survey respondents, for further context:

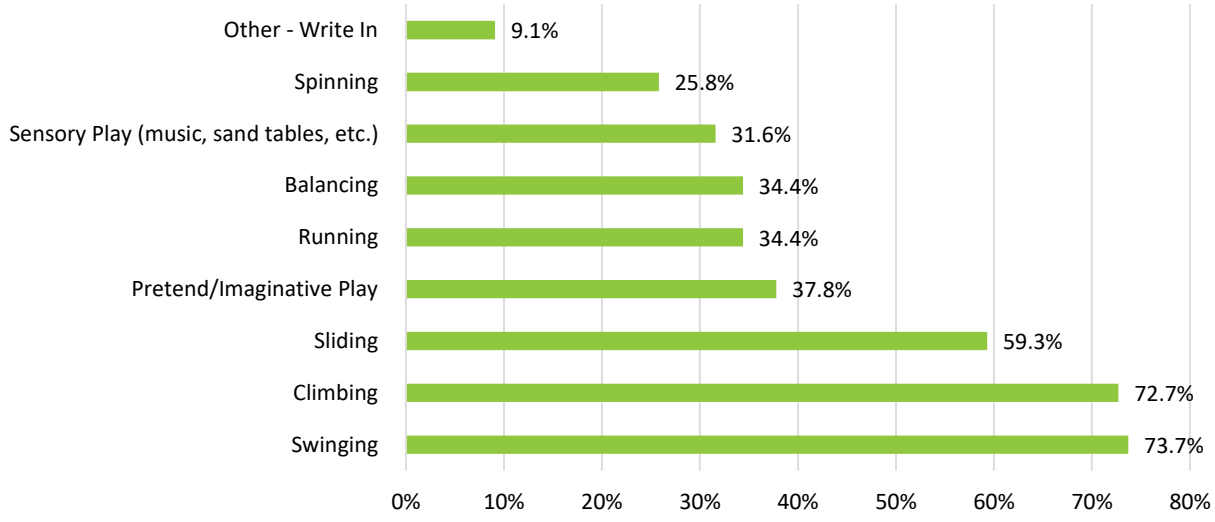
- **Traditional:** Classic structures like slides, swings, monkey bars, and seesaws. Usually made from metal or plastic, these are familiar and often designed for specific age groups.
- **Abstract/Modern:** Creative, sculptural equipment with unique shapes that encourage open-ended play. Often less prescriptive, allowing kids to climb, balance, and explore in their own ways.
- **Natural:** Incorporates elements like logs, boulders, sand, water, and plants. Aims to blend with the environment and foster connection with nature through tactile and imaginative play.
- **Inclusive:** Designed to be accessible to children of all abilities. Features ramps, sensory panels, and ground-level activities to ensure everyone can participate equally.

Figure B-15: What general style of equipment would you most like to see for the Pavillion Park playground.



Respondents were then directed to select the top three play options that children in their household would enjoy most. The top three play options were Swinging (73.7%), Climbing (72.7%), and Sliding (59.3%). The most common themes present in the other/write in response are water and play features, active recreation like exercise equipment or obstacle courses, and amenities suited for families with children of different ages.

Figure B-16: What type of play options do the kids in your household or that you know enjoy most? Select your top three answers

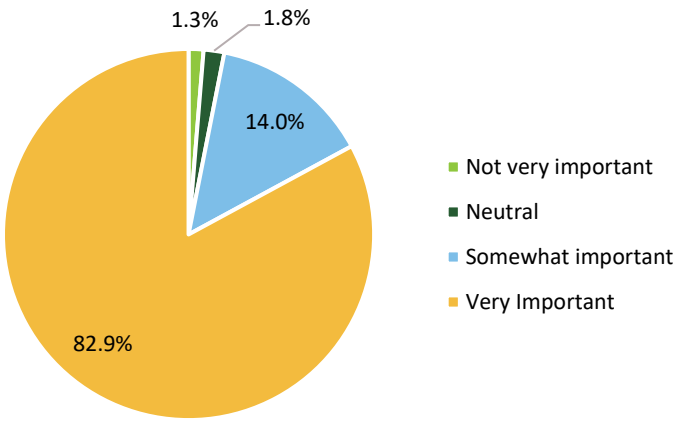


How Can the System Improve?

The next section of the survey focused on questions to learn how respondents believe the system can improve and what they value most within the current parks system that should remain the same.

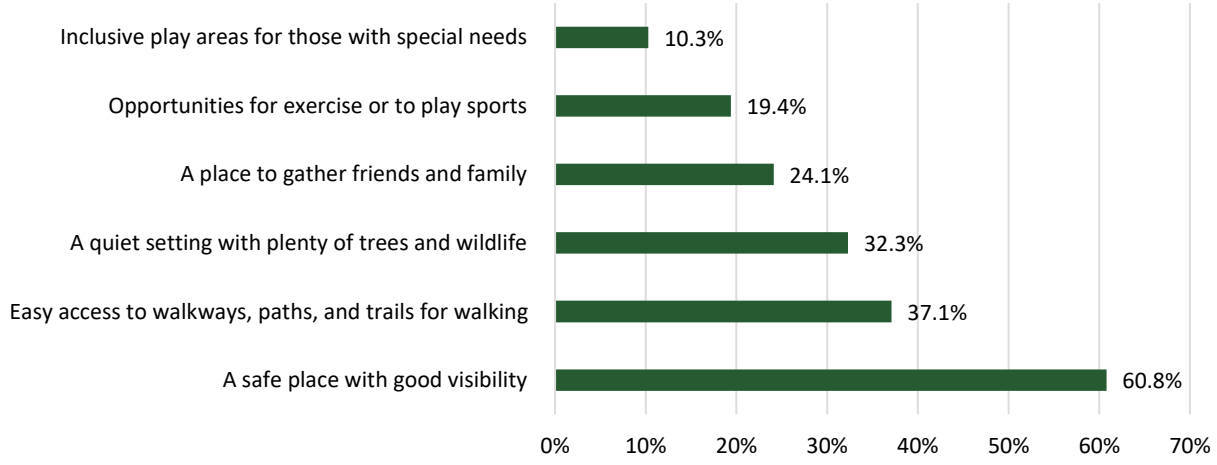
Survey respondents were asked how important parks and recreation are to the overall quality of life in Liberty Lake. The response "Very Important" received 82.9% of the total 228 responses to this question and the response "Not Very Important" received 1.3% of responses to this question. The vast majority of respondents view parks and recreation as a very important aspect of their overall quality of life in Liberty Lake.

Figure B-17: How important do you think parks & recreation are to the overall quality of life in Liberty Lake?



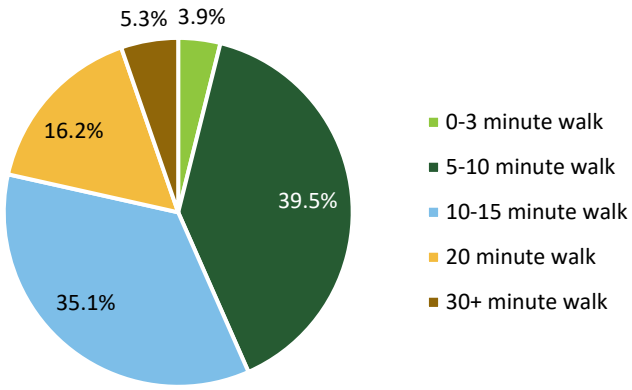
The next question was for respondents to select their top two priorities about what's important to them when considering a park visit. The statement "a safe place with good visibility" rose to the top as the highest priority with 60.8% of community members who participated in the survey selecting that option. The next highest priority was the statement "Easy access to walkways, paths, and trails for walking" receiving 37.1% of votes.

Figure B-18: When considering a park visit, what is most important to you/your household? Select your top two priorities.



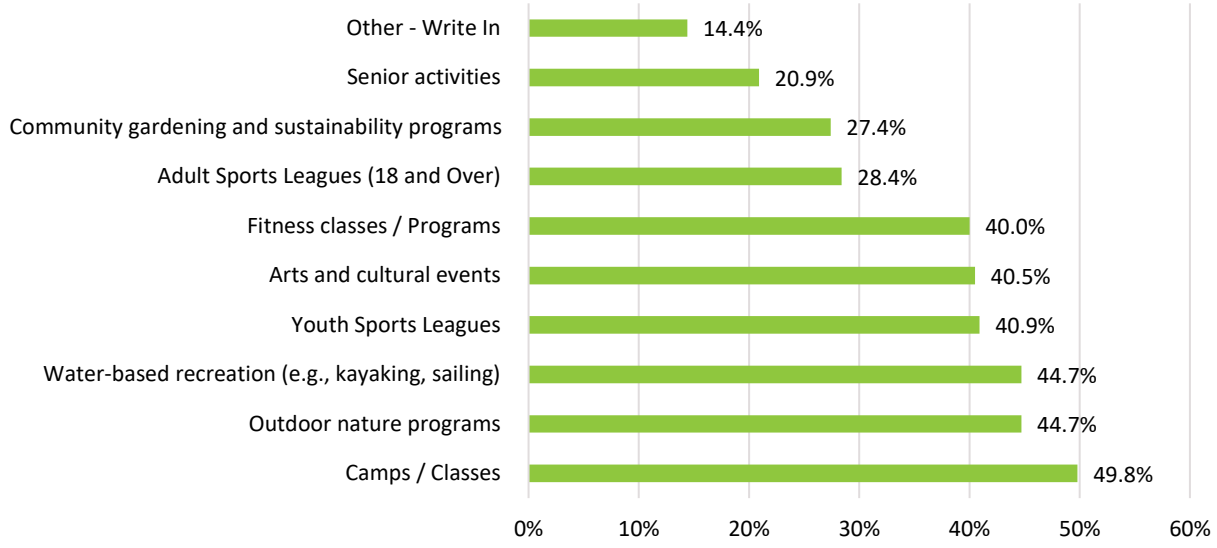
Next, survey respondents were asked to choose how long they would be willing to walk to a park; the top two answers were a 5–10-minute walk (39.5%) and a 10–15-minute walk (35.1%). The full list of results can be found in Figure B-19. This is important in considering level of service standards within a parks system.

Figure B-19: How long would you be willing to walk to a park?



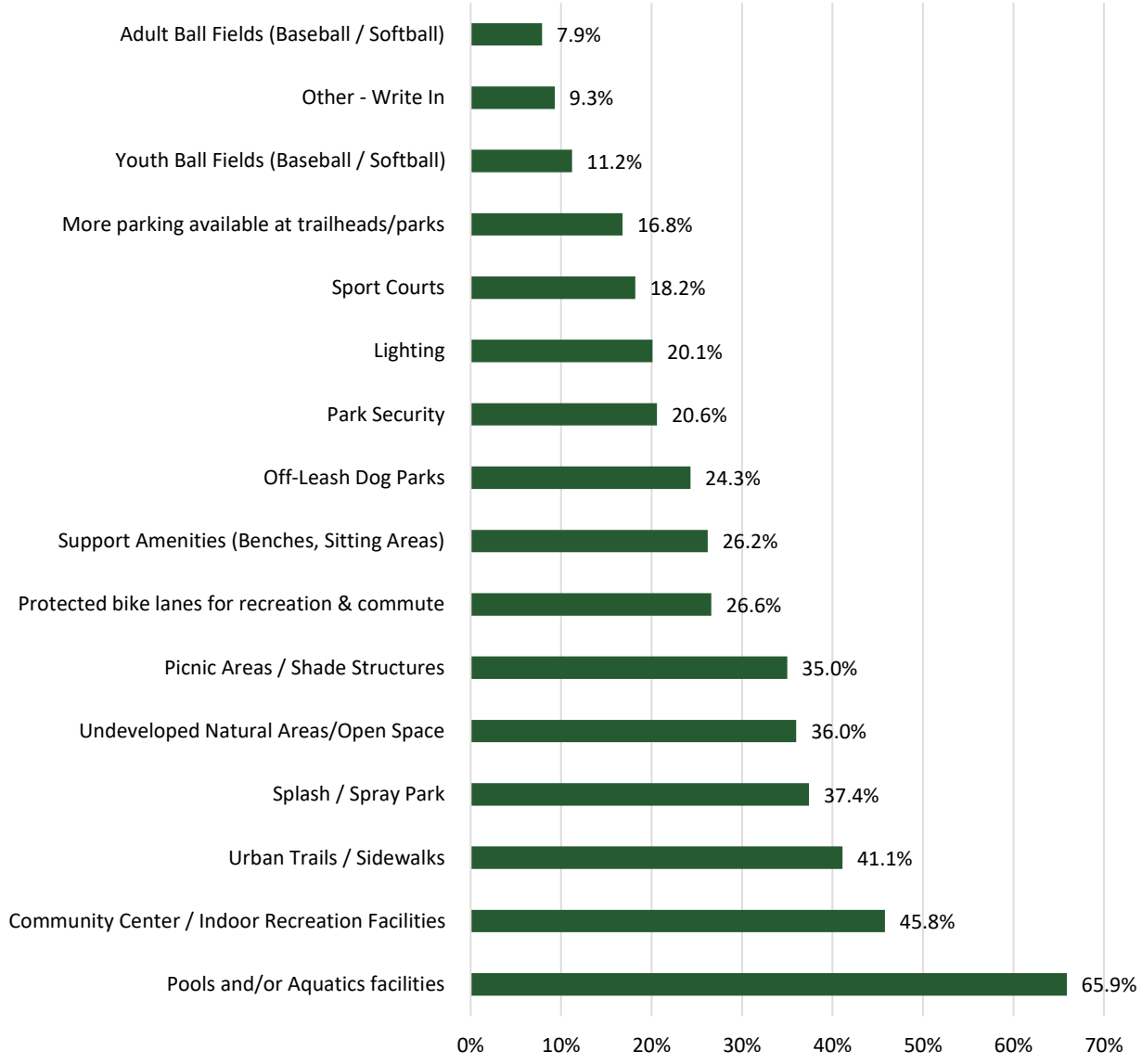
Over 25% of survey respondents are in favor of the vast majority of the proposed recreation programs or activities in Liberty Lake. However, camps and classes were shown to be the highest in demand with almost 50% of survey takers selecting that option. Outdoor nature programs and water-based recreation also received a high number of votes with 44.7% of respondents selecting those activities. The themes of swimming and aquatics, events and entertainment, and sports and recreation facilities were seen in the write in responses.

Figure B-20: What types of recreation programs or activities would you/your household like to see more in Liberty Lake? Select all that apply.



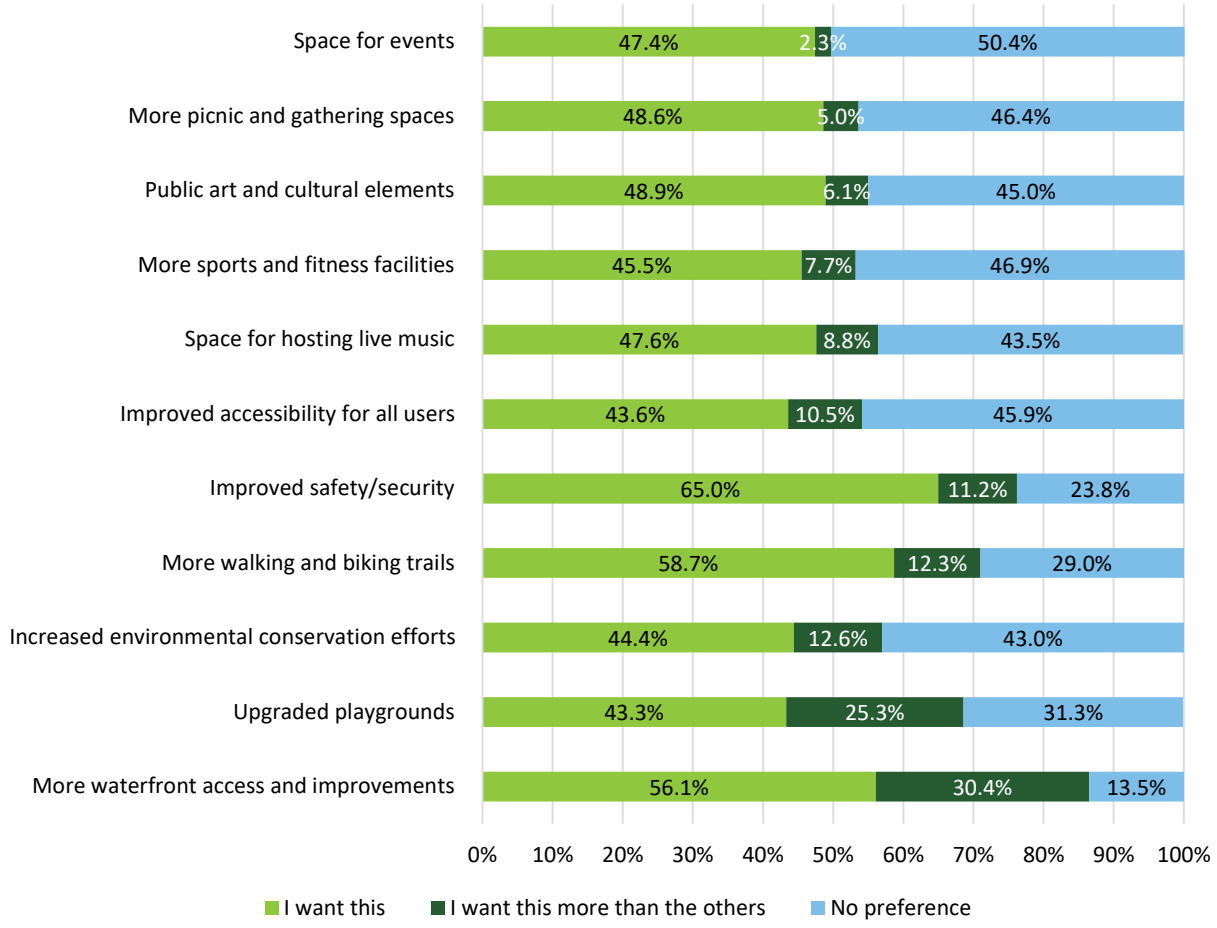
Directly after asking about recreation programs and activities, survey participants were asked what type of recreation facilities and spaces they or their household would like to see more of in Liberty Lake. Pools and/or aquatics facilities received the highest number of votes with almost 70% of respondents choosing that option. The three options following were community center/indoor recreation facilities (45.8%), urban trails/sidewalks (41.1%), and splash/spray park (37.4%). The option with the least number of votes was adult ball fields (baseball/softball) receiving about 8% of votes. There were 20 write-in responses, and the themes present were: swimming facilities, pickleball and other sports facilities, and general recreation improvements. The full list of responses can be found in Figure B-21.

Figure B-21: What types of recreation facilities and spaces would you/your household like to see more in Liberty Lake? Select all that apply



Then survey respondents were asked to select either "I want this" or "I want this more than the others" for eleven different possible park improvements. The option that received the greatest number of votes for "I want this more than the others" was more waterfront access and improvements. That same option also had the most overall votes (combined "I want this" and "I want this more than the others") totaling 86.5% of votes. Improved safety/security, more walking and biking trails, upgraded playgrounds, and increased environmental conservation efforts also had a high number of votes in both categories. The full list of categories and responses are listed below in Figure B-22.

Figure B-22: What types of park improvements would you/your household most like to see?



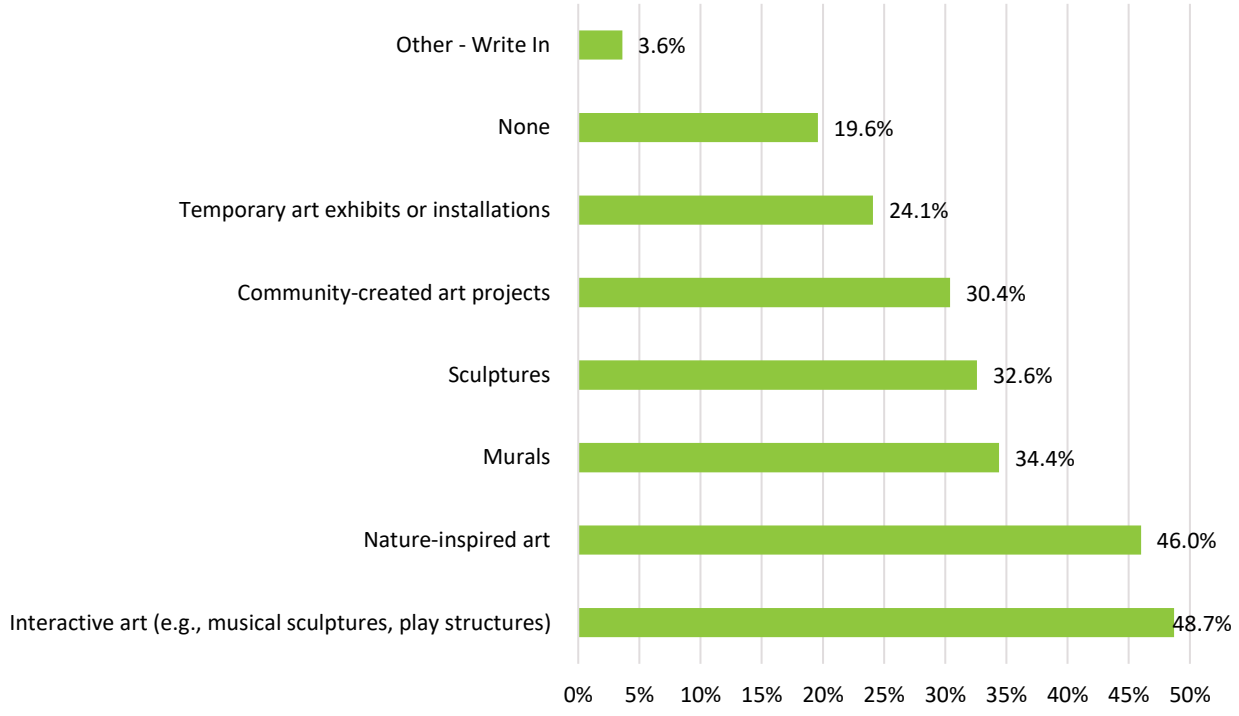
A review of community feedback to the question "**If you could make one change to Liberty Lake's parks and recreation system, what would it be?**" reveals a clear desire for a public pool or aquatic center. Respondents mentioned this need in many ways, emphasizing both recreational and safety aspects. Many see this as a gap, especially with the closure of the Liberty Lake Athletic Club pool and limited lake access. Some proposed multipurpose facilities like a year-round community center that could offer swimming, classes, and gathering spaces for all age groups.

Other key themes included the need for upgraded and inclusive playgrounds, more natural areas and tree canopy for shade, and dedicated pickleball courts. Several residents also voiced concerns about safety, accessibility, and overcrowding at existing parks, along with calls for better park maintenance, improved bike and walking paths, and enhanced programming for older children, teens, and adults. Collectively, these comments reflect a desire for Liberty Lake to balance new investments with stewardship of existing spaces, while building a recreation system that is inclusive, sustainable, and adaptable to a growing community.

Public Art

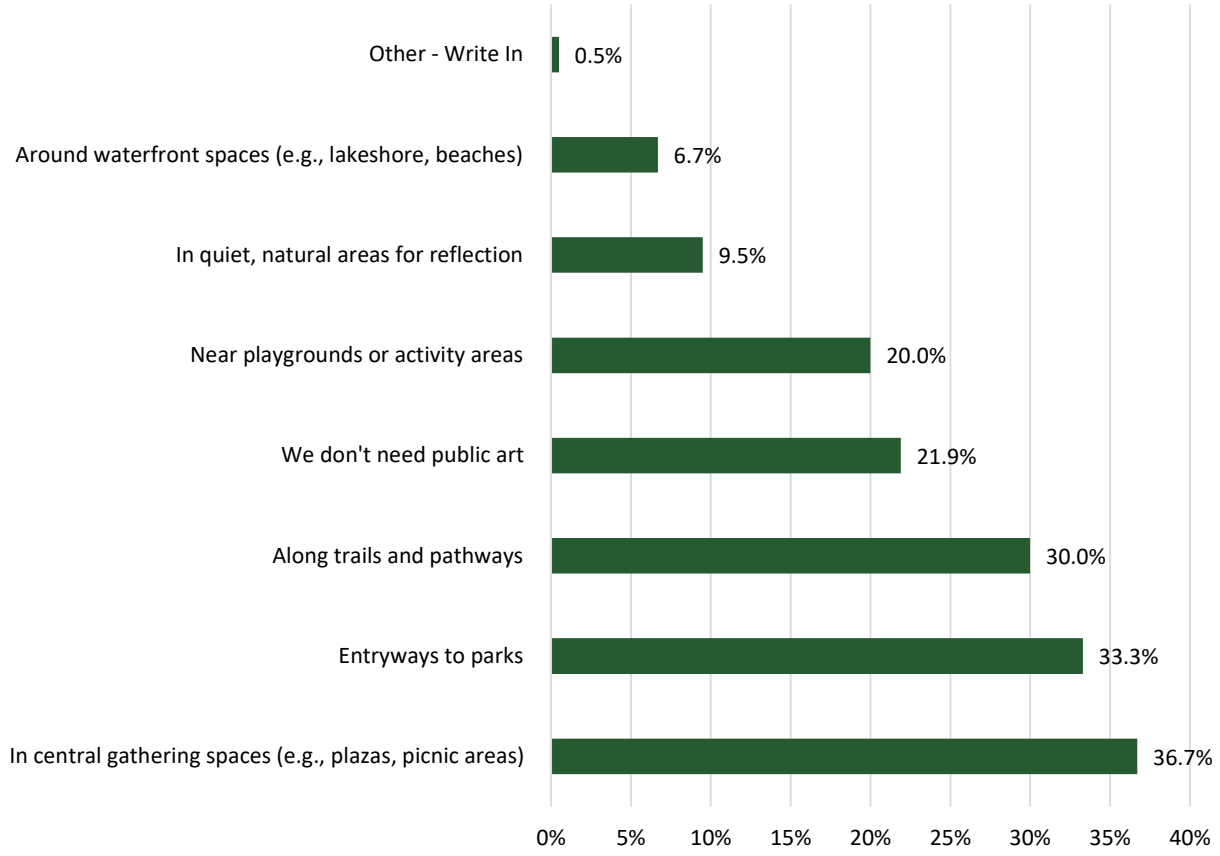
This section asked respondents three questions about public art in Liberty Lake. The first one can be seen in Figure B-23 and it asks the question of what types of public art would residents like to see in Liberty Lake parks. The top answer receiving 48.7% of votes is interactive art (e.g., musical sculptures, play structures), with nature inspired art following closely behind with 46% of votes.

Figure B-23: What types of public art would you most like to see in Liberty Lake parks?



The following question asks where the community feels public art would have the greatest impact within the Liberty Lake parks system. They were directed to select their top 2 answers. The answer “In central gathering spaces (e.g., plazas, picnic areas)” received the highest number of votes (36.7%) with “entryways to parks” following closely behind (33.3%). The options “along trails and pathways”, “we don’t need public art”, and “near playgrounds or activity areas” all received more than 20% of the total votes.

Figure B-24: Where do you feel public art would have the greatest impact within the Liberty Lake parks system? Select your top 2.



The final question asked, **"In your opinion, what should public art in Liberty Lake express or represent?"** Survey respondents most commonly felt that public art in Liberty Lake should reflect the community's natural beauty, local history, and shared values, with frequent mentions of nature, the lake, cultural heritage, and inclusivity. Many emphasized that art should foster a sense of unity, creativity, and belonging, while inspiring reflection and connection to place. However, some respondents expressed concern about the use of public funds for art, with several stating that art should avoid political messaging or that it is not a current priority. The feedback reflects a desire for meaningful, place-based art that resonates with the community, while balancing practical considerations.

About You and Final Insights

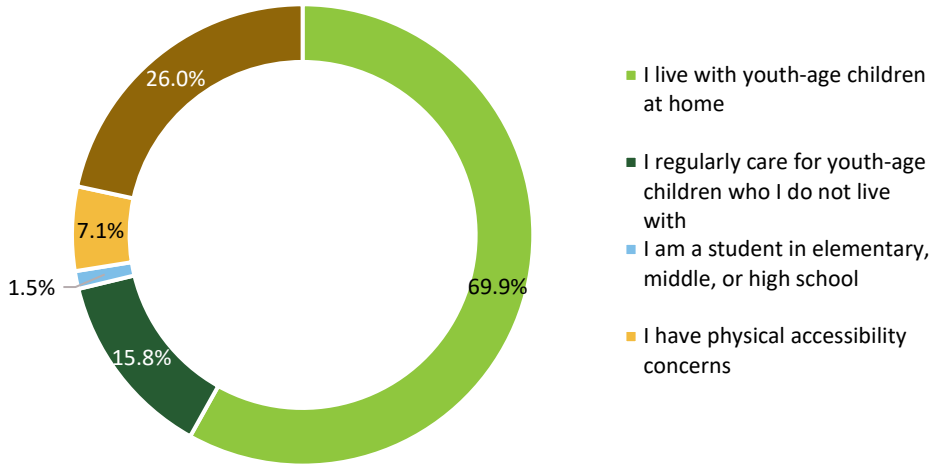
The final section of the survey asked respondents for some information about themselves. This is asked so that we can better understand who we have heard from and who we might still need to hear from through the survey or from other engagement efforts to ensure we hear from a variety of perspectives throughout Liberty Lake.

Table B-5: Demographics of Survey Respondents

Question	Responses
Where do you live?	♦ City of Liberty Lake: 78.8% ♦ Spokane County, but outside of Liberty Lake: 17.3% ♦ Kootenai County: 0.4% ♦ Other - Write In: 3.5% The majority of responses were from residents of Liberty Lake.
What is your age range?	♦ Under 12: 0.4% ♦ 20-29: 4.8% ♦ **30-39:** 33.8% ♦ **40-49:** 25.4% ♦ **50-59:** 13.2% ♦ **60-69:** 14.0% ♦ 70 or older: 8.3% There was a diverse age range responding to the survey, with ages 30-39 being the highest.
How many people live in your household?	♦ I live alone: 6.9% ♦ 2 people: 26.7% ♦ 3 to 4 people: 45.6% ♦ 5 to 6 people: 18.4% ♦ 7+ people: 2.3%
What ethnic or racial group do you identify with?	♦ African American/Black: 0.9% ♦ Asian or Asian American: 3.3% ♦ Caucasian/White: 84.0% ♦ Hispanic/Latino: 3.3% ♦ Native American: 3.8% ♦ Pacific Islander: 0.5% ♦ Prefer not to say: 14.6% ♦ Other - Write In: 0.5%
What is your gender?	♦ Female: 74.0% ♦ **Male:** 25.1% ♦ Non-binary: 0.5% ♦ I identify in a different way - Write In: 0.5% The majority of respondents to this survey were women.
What language(s) are most often spoken in your home?	♦ English: 100.0% ♦ Spanish: 1.9% ♦ I speak another language - Write In: 1.9%

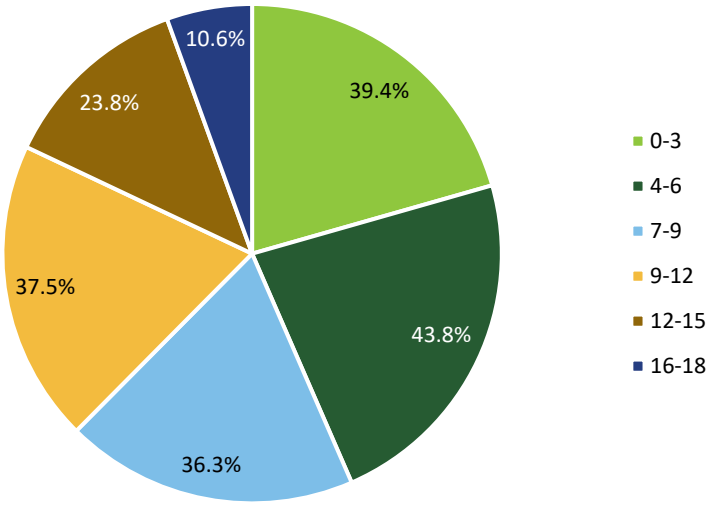
Respondents were asked if certain life factors apply to them, to understand the daily perspectives of some respondents. Figure B-25 shows that the majority of respondents live with youth-age children at home.

Figure B-25: Please let us know if any of the following apply to you. Select all that apply.



If survey takers selected that they live with youth-age children at home or regularly care for youth-age children who they do not live with, they were asked a follow-up question to share the age ranges of the children they care for. Those results can be seen in Figure B-26**Error! Reference source not found.**.

Figure B-26: What are the age ranges of the children you care for? Select all that apply.



The final question asked, “If you have any additional thoughts that you would like to be considered in the development of this plan, please share them with us here.” Community feedback highlights a strong desire for expanded recreational amenities, especially a public pool or aquatic center, which was mentioned frequently as a missing resource for families and youth. Residents also emphasized the need for more inclusive, challenging, and shaded playgrounds, upgraded park infrastructure, and expanded access to the lake, with concerns about limited public entry points and lack of waterfront activities. Many called for continued investment in trails, natural spaces, and trees, along with better maintenance of existing parks, such as weed control, tree care, and surface safety. A recurring theme was support for arts and cultural initiatives, including festivals, public art, and making Liberty Lake an "artist oasis" with vibrant creative opportunities. Other suggestions included dog parks, youth sports leagues, senior activities, community centers, and better safety around motorized devices on shared paths. Overall, responses reflect pride in Liberty Lake’s existing amenities and a clear interest in thoughtful, community-driven improvements.

Community Satisfaction Survey

Introduction

The Community Satisfaction Survey is conducted by Liberty Lake each year and aims to capture Liberty Lake residents' attitudes toward city life, with a special focus on core services, including parks and recreation. This survey, which was conducted from January to March 2025, plays a critical role in informing city leaders about the evolving priorities and needs of the community. The result helps to ensure that the city's strategic priorities are aligned with residents' expectations and allows continued refinement of service provision. The survey also assists data-based decision-making, with input to help streamline budget appropriations and refine the quality of services. The survey yielded valuable information from 226 households. The summary addresses significant questions and answers related to parks and recreation services, providing a clear picture of residents' satisfaction levels, safety perceptions, and areas for improvement.

This summary section highlights questions in the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey that provide insight on Liberty Lake and its parks system. These highlights are bullet points in an overview, and the full results can be seen through the City of Liberty Lake.



Figure B-27: City of Liberty Lake 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey



CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

2025
COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

May 6, 2025

Response Highlights

When asked how satisfied they were with their quality of life in Liberty Lake generally, 35% of respondents said they were extremely satisfied, and 45% said they were satisfied. This reflects an **overall sense of satisfaction** among residents, but areas remain where quality of life can be improved.

The survey asked respondents to determine how important 35 different factors were in determining their answer about quality of life in Liberty Lake. The response that ranked most important was “Liberty Lake as a place where you feel safe”. **A response that ranked as very important is “cleanliness of city parks and open spaces”,** where nearly 70% responded “extremely important” and another 25% responding as “important”.

Residents were asked whether they planned to go to a 2025 community event. 70% responded that they were either likely or very likely to attend, and 20% were somewhat likely. **This shows a strong sense of community interest.**

The survey asked “How safe do you feel in the following places in Liberty Lake?” and one of the prompts asked about “while visiting parks or open spaces”. **Over 80% indicated that they feel extremely safe or safe while visiting parks or open spaces.** A small percentage did say they did not feel safe. Then when asked about **“while visiting parks or open spaces after dark”, the answers changed significantly,** with approximately 20% indicating they feel less safe or not safe.

Respondents were asked to rate the quality of certain core city services, with 19 different options. **Parks maintenance was the best scoring option, with over 80% selecting excellent or good.**

When asked to select **three items that need the most attention from city leaders in the next year,** parks maintenance ranked 7th out of 19, recreation programs ranked 8th out of 19, and trail maintenance ranked 12th out of 19.

Engagement Kick-Off Summary

About the Workshop

On Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, SCJ Alliance and the City of Liberty Lake hosted an open house-style kick-off to share information about the plan and gather initial feedback from the community on park needs and preferences. Community members were invited to come and enjoy snacks and refreshments, while sharing their thoughts on Liberty Lake’s future direction.

Approximately 17 people attended this event. The majority of attendees were over the age of 60, with just a few being between 18-60.

Engagement Activities

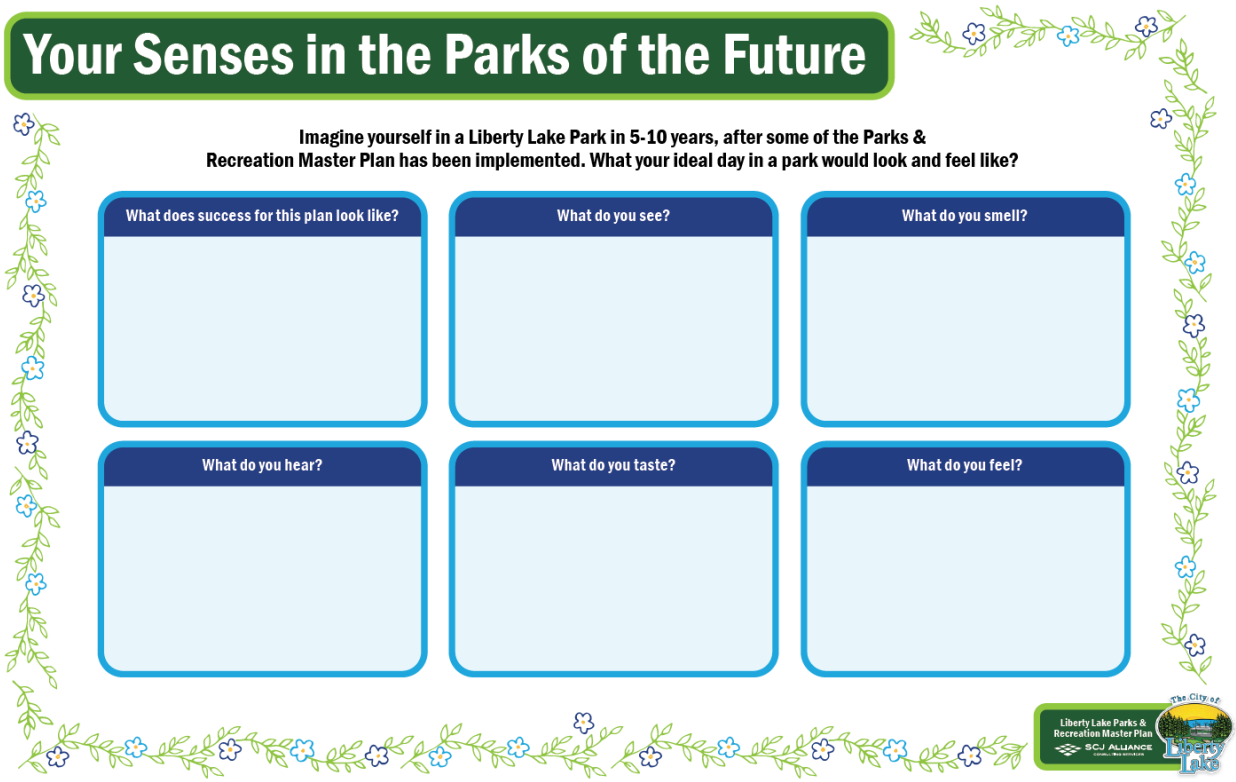
Station #1: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Info Wall

The first station that attendees interacted with was a large information wall that shared about the plan and identified the names of the City parks in Liberty Lake so that attendees knew which parks were being focused on. People could share what excites them about the plan and could identify spots on a map that they had thoughts about.

Station #2: What does plan success look and feel like?

The next station aimed to gather the public's long-term vision for what Liberty Lake's park system should look and feel like. Handouts were provided asking participates to describe their sensory experiences of visiting the parks in the future. The handout looked like this:

Figure B-28: Your Senses in the Parks of the Future Activity



The following sections highlight the written responses that were shared during this activity.

What does success for this plan look like?

- Having a solid plan
- Parks used for year-round activities. How can people get outside in the winter?
- Lots of recreation events. More tree cover. Safe and secure environment.
- Neighborhood park area communities accessible by bike or by foot from every neighborhood.
- Plenty of parks and green space – accessible to all
- Parks that bring people together
- Creating an environment that appeals to all ages. A safe place.
- Clean and serene open space
- Enjoyable space, recreation for all
- Continuous improvement
- Something for everyone in the area
- User friendly and understandable
- Many family events

What do you see?

- Open Space
- People walking/running. People picnicking. Children playing. Adults visiting
- Trees. Shrubs. Flowers. Water features.
- Play structures which are engaging for all abilities. Water features. Open games play area.
- Open space with dogs on a leash
- Color, trails, and people.
- Trees and flowers, natural landscapes, wildlife.
- I would hope to see a well maintained park.
- Trees, grassy areas, picnic areas, splash pads, ballfields
- Recreational equipment, ample trash cans, and comfortable restrooms
- Birds, trees, nature
- People of all ages, dog areas--but not all over the parks, swimming pads, food trucks, community garden beds
- Lots of smiling faces

What do you smell?

- Food located at the parks
- Springtime flowers! BBQs
- Flowers
- Fresh grass and native flowers.
- Flowers and blooming trees
- Grass, trees, fresh air
- Odors of the trees, grass, fresh air, BBQ
- Hopefully nothing!
- Blooming trees, fresh mowed grass
- Flowers, sport courts, food
- Hotdogs
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What do you hear?

- People talk swimming pool but too old to care
- Birds chirping. Children and families laughing. Music. Goats.
- Kids laughing. Birds singing. Water falling.
- Children laughing and playing.
- Birds singing
- Children playing. Birds chirping
- Kids playing, birds, water.
- Birds, laughter
- Kids playing, families gathering, soft music
- Kids playing
- Children, splash pad water, live music at events
- Children laughing, music, rollerblades, sports being played
- People having a great time, concerts
- Kids laughing. Birds singing. Water falling.

What do you taste?

- Organic food
- Picnic lunch
- Ice cream. Shaved ice
- Clean, fresh air
- Picnic food
- Food from vendors at events
- Cool water
- Food and drink from good food trucks!

What do you feel?

- Sometimes I feel like a nut, sometimes I don't
- Warm sun. Happy.
- Cool breeze. Peaceful. Happy
- Joy that youth have a safe place to play and interact.
- Happy!
- Grass underfoot.
- Peacefulness, joy from interactions.
- calm, refreshment, happy
- Happy!
- Peaceful, pride
- Happiness, stress relief, good about outdoor activity.
- Limited electric bikes and motorcycles. Pickleball courts.
- Good

Station #3: Public Art

Another topic that this plan is addressing is public art. At the third station, attendees were asked to provide input by interacting with two different prompts, each on a separate board. The first (*see Figure B-29 on the following page*) asked, "What types of public art would you like to see in the parks?" Participants could choose from several art categories with a corresponding color key, casting a vote for any that they would like to see in Liberty Lake. Nature-inspired art received the most votes at the kick-off event. All results are as follows:

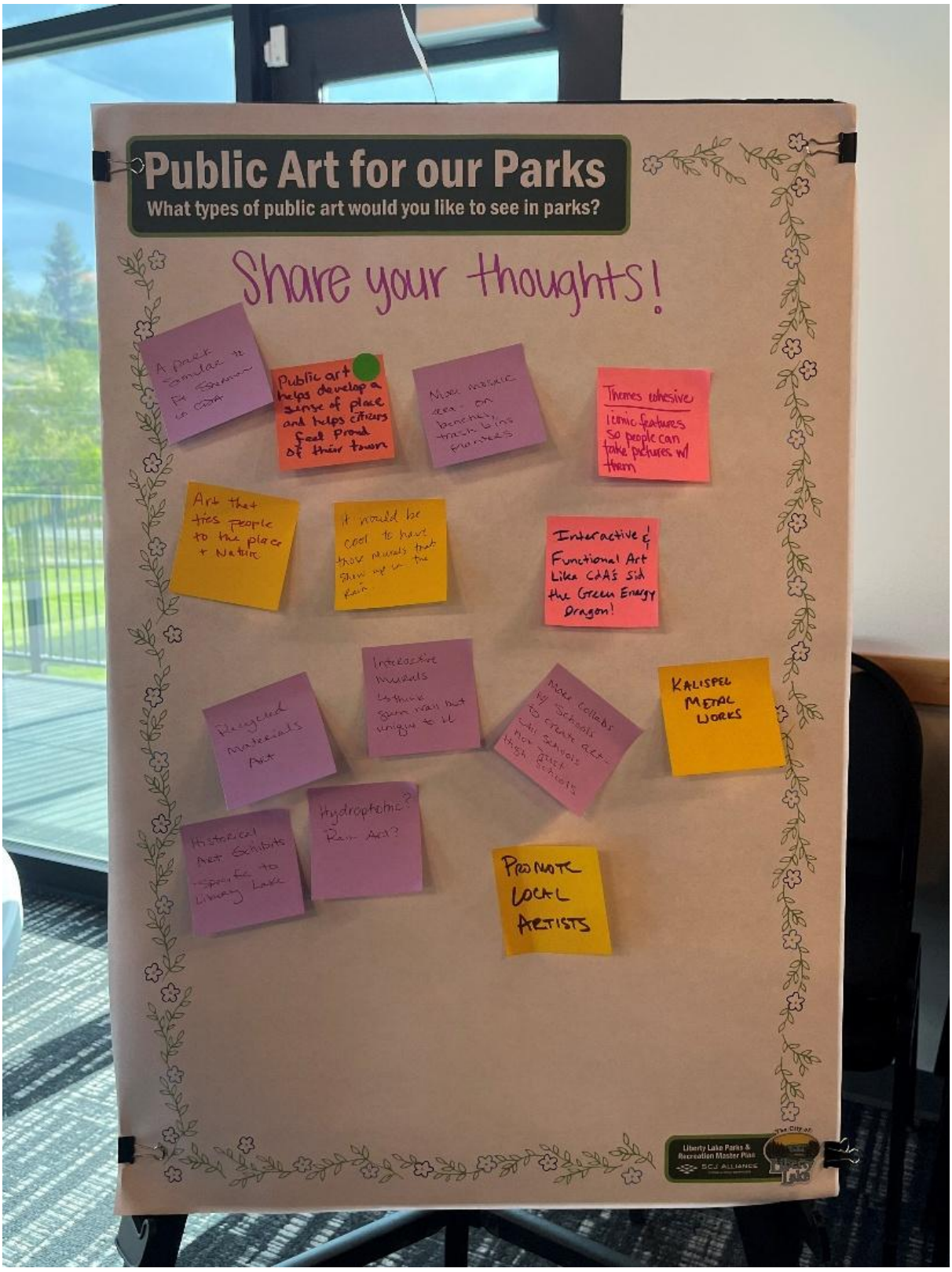
Table B-6: Public Art for our Parks Responses

Type of Art	Votes
Nature-Inspired Art	10
Murals	6
Community-Created Art	4
Interactive Art	3
Sculptures	1
Temporary Art Installations	1

The second prompt regarding public art was more open-ended and asked the public to record their additional thoughts related to the kinds of art that they would like to see in parks. These comments were:

- Public art helps develop a sense of place and helps citizens feel proud of their town;
- Art that ties people to the place and nature;
- Cohesive themes: Iconic features so people can take pictures with them;
- Interactive and functional art like CDA's Sid the Green Energy Dragon!;
- A park similar to Fort Sherman in CDA;
- More collabs with schools to create art, including all schools and not just high schools;
- It would be cool to have those murals that show up in the rain;
- More mosaic art – on benches, trash bins, planters;
- Promote local artists;
- Historical art exhibits, specific to Liberty Lake history;
- Recycled materials art;
- Kalispel Metal Works;
- Interactive murals like Seattle's gum wall, but unique to Liberty Lake; and
- Hydrophobic? Rain Art?

Figure B-29: Public Art for Our Parks Activity Board



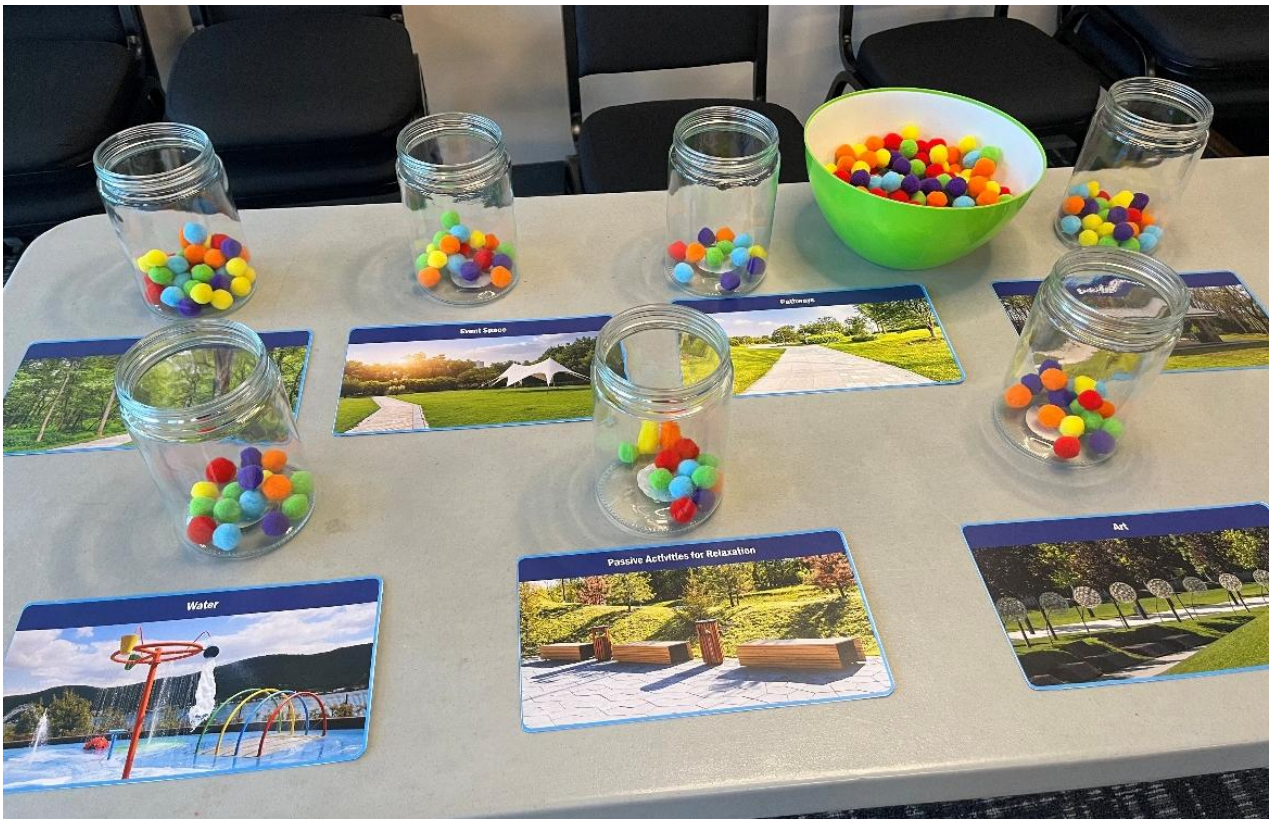
Station #4: Parks Features Polling

The next station had nine glass jars on the table, with a photo and label of a different type of park feature or amenity that could enhance Liberty Lake's parks system in front of each. Each participant was given nine pom-poms and were told that they could distribute their votes among the nine park features or amenities in any way they wish – whether they wanted to just put one in each jar because they want to see them all, or putting more pom-poms in amenities that they desire more. The top three features that received the most votes were nature, shaded gathering spaces, and sports. The full results at the event are as follows:

Table B-7: Parks Features Polling Results

Park Feature	Votes	Park Feature	Votes	Park Feature	Votes
Nature	35	**Event Space**	19	**Water**	16
Gathering Spaces	26	**Art**	19	**Passive Activities**	13
Sports	24	**Play**	16	**Pathways**	12

Figure B-30: Pom-Pom Polling Activity



Station #5: Preferred Types of Play

In the center of the room, a table was themed around gauging children's needs and interests in the parks system. A handout was provided that was geared toward kids, but also welcomed adult input, to share how they (or the kids they know) would prefer to play in Liberty Lake. The overall results can be seen below on an image of the worksheet. The numbers on each image represent how many votes that type of play received. The worksheet also had two question prompts. One asked what they currently like to do in the parks and the other asked what they would like to do in parks that they can't do right now. The existing skate park and sport courts are being enjoyed by several participants. People would like to see future spaces be more accessible to accommodate activities like swimming at the pool and more food concessions being offered.

Figure B-31: How Do YOU Play in Liberty Lake? Handout



Final Steps at the Workshop

At the end of the workshop, there was an opportunity to provide any additional comments on an open piece of easel paper and to also speak more with the project team. As people left the workshop, survey flyers were passed out to encourage people to take the online survey that is open through the end of June. If people had time then, there were paper surveys printed that they could fill out and return back at the event.

Pop-Up Events Summary

Introduction

As part of the ongoing update to the Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a series of informal pop-up engagement events were held at parks and community gatherings throughout the summer of 2025. These events were designed to meet residents where they already gather – at Pavillion Park, Orchard Park's Touch a Truck event, the Liberty Lake Farmers Market at Town Square Park – to gather broad, inclusive feedback on current park usage and desired future improvements. Through interactive boards, visual polls, and one-on-one conversations, community members of all ages were invited to share their thoughts on playground design, park amenities, recreation programs, and public art. The pop-up format allowed for spontaneous and genuine input from a diverse range of park users, especially those who may not typically attend formal public meetings. There were three different sets of pop-up boards, each of which were used at two different pop-up events. The boards continued to change to gain additional insight and build upon feedback as engagement continued through the summer. Insights gathered from these events will directly inform future planning decisions and help ensure Liberty Lake's Park system reflects the needs and priorities of its community.

Figure B-32: Pop-Up Engagement Flyer



Pop-ups for Pavillion Park

As part of the update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Liberty Lake, a series of pop-up engagement events were organized at Pavillion Park to engage the community. These two events were:

- **June 20th:** Engagement boards were set up alongside tables along the sidewalk near the playground at Pavillion Park. The consultant from Great Western Recreation joined to talk about playground updates, as well. Consultants were able to talk with many adults who were walking by and wanted to share their thoughts. Skyhawks was hosting a basketball camp, and many kids came and placed stickers for their preferences during breaks. The YMCA brought a large group of kids to the playground, and the kids eagerly all surrounded the boards to place stickers and provide feedback.
- **July 4th:** City staff held a pop-up event in conjunction with the 4th of July Concert and Fireworks show at Pavillion Park. The boards were placed to be in full view of park users during this community event, encouraging residents to provide feedback on park amenities and future improvements. Since the event brings a lot of Liberty Lake residents and visitors, staff were able to hear from frequent park users and occasional users to better understand park needs.

Activity One: Favorite Ways to Play at Pavillion Park

For both events, two interactive boards were used to gather community input on the park's desire for play and future playground design. On the first board, participants were requested to select their favorite ways to play by placing stickers on a maximum of three pictures, which were representative of different types of play, such as climbing, swinging, obstacle course, etc. These pictures and the combined results from both pop-ups can be seen in **Error! Reference source not found.**. In the results, the image with the embankment slide and wooden platform to climb up was most preferred, with 44 sticker selections. This was followed by the more natural-looking play image in the woods with 30 votes.

Activity Two: Pavillion Park Playground Update

The second board contained three pictures of playgrounds that came from Great Western Recreation, the company updating the playground equipment. Participants were asked to vote for which playground they liked best by placing a sticker on the playground they would most like to have installed. It served to measure aesthetic and functionality preferences for potential future upgrades. The board also asked about the park's currently installed exercise equipment, specifically whether it should be relocated to accommodate an enlarged playground area. Participants responded by placing a sticker on "Yes, move it" or "No, keep it where it is." The board presented a valuable opportunity to gauge the community's attitude not only regarding what they would like to see in terms of new installations, but also how they would like to see currently installed facilities modified. On the following page are the images of the two boards (*Figure B-33* and *Figure B-34*), along with a tally of the stickers placed on them.

Pop-ups for Needs Assessment

The next set of pop-up engagement boards focused on gathering feedback on what parks and recreation activities and amenities people would like to see in the Liberty Lake parks system. There were 3 engagement activities for the public to participate in and provide feedback on these pop-up boards.

Figure B-33: Combined Results from Two Pop-Ups about Play Preferences at Pavillion Park



Figure B-34: Combined Results from Two Pop-Ups about Pavillion Park Playground Update



These engagement activities were at community events that are highly attended by Liberty Lake residents, which are:

- **Touch a Truck Event – July 18th at Orchard Park:** This community event attracted approximately 3,000 people from across the region, including many local families with children, who frequently use Liberty Lake's parks, to explore and interact with trucks, participate in games, music and visit food vendors.
- **Liberty Lake Farmers Market – July 26th at Town Square Park:** There was high attendance between 9am and about 11:30am when the majority of votes were collected. The Farmers Market typically hosts 40–50 vendors each Saturday and draws many families and individuals who come to build community, meet new people, and support local farmers and artisans from across the Northwest.

Overall, the pop-up events resulted in high levels of participation and provided valuable feedback that will help inform future engagement questions and updates to Liberty Lake's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. There was a lot of feedback from the public on the pompom poll activity. The public art board was fun and engaging for all ages, which gathered input from a diverse range of community members. Allowing people to select their top three preferred recreation activities and programs provides a broader range of responses, which will be helpful in determining which programs and activities to pursue in the future.

Activity One: The Pom-Pom Poll

A pom-pom poll with 9 jars labeled with a variety of recreation activities and park amenities, including pictures of each, were set up. Participants were given 9 pompoms to vote on which amenities they would like to see in future Liberty Lake parks. Participants were able to distribute their 9 pompoms however they wanted to, whether they wanted to put all 9 in their most preferred option, equally distribute them all, or otherwise. In

Table B-8, we also included the results from this activity at the kick-off workshop, so that overall totals from this activity throughout the plan can be seen. The most desired amenity selected was “water” in the overall totals, followed by “play.”

Table B-8: Combined Results of Pom-Pom Poll

Recreational Activities & Park Amenities	Kick-Off Workshop	Touch-a-Truck	Farmers Market	Totals
Water	16	349	44	409
Play	16	355	24	395
Nature	35	289	48	372
Sports	24	161	5	190
Shaded Gathering Space	26	116	17	159
Art	19	114	16	149
Passive Activities for Relaxation	13	67	23	103
Pathways	12	57	23	92
Event Space	19	53	9	81
Total Votes	**180**	**1561**	**209**	**1950**

Figure B-35: Images of Participation in the Pom-Pom Poll



Activity Two: Public Art for Parks Sticker Dot Board

The next activity asked participants what types of public art they would like to see in Liberty Lake's parks. Each participant placed one colored sticker dot to vote for their preferred art option, with the option to place a dot for any public art types they would like to see in Liberty Lake. Results from the kick-off event are included as well, since this activity was used there too.

Table B-9: Combined Results of Public Art for Parks Sticker Dot Board

Type of Public Art	Kick-Off Workshop	Touch-a-Truck	Farmers Market	Totals
Sculptures	1	17	12	30
Murals	6	19	3	28
Interactive Art	3	66	11	80
Temporary Installations	1	9	3	13
Community-Created Art	4	21	2	27
Nature-Inspired Art	10	35	12	57
Total Votes	**25**	**167**	**43**	**235**

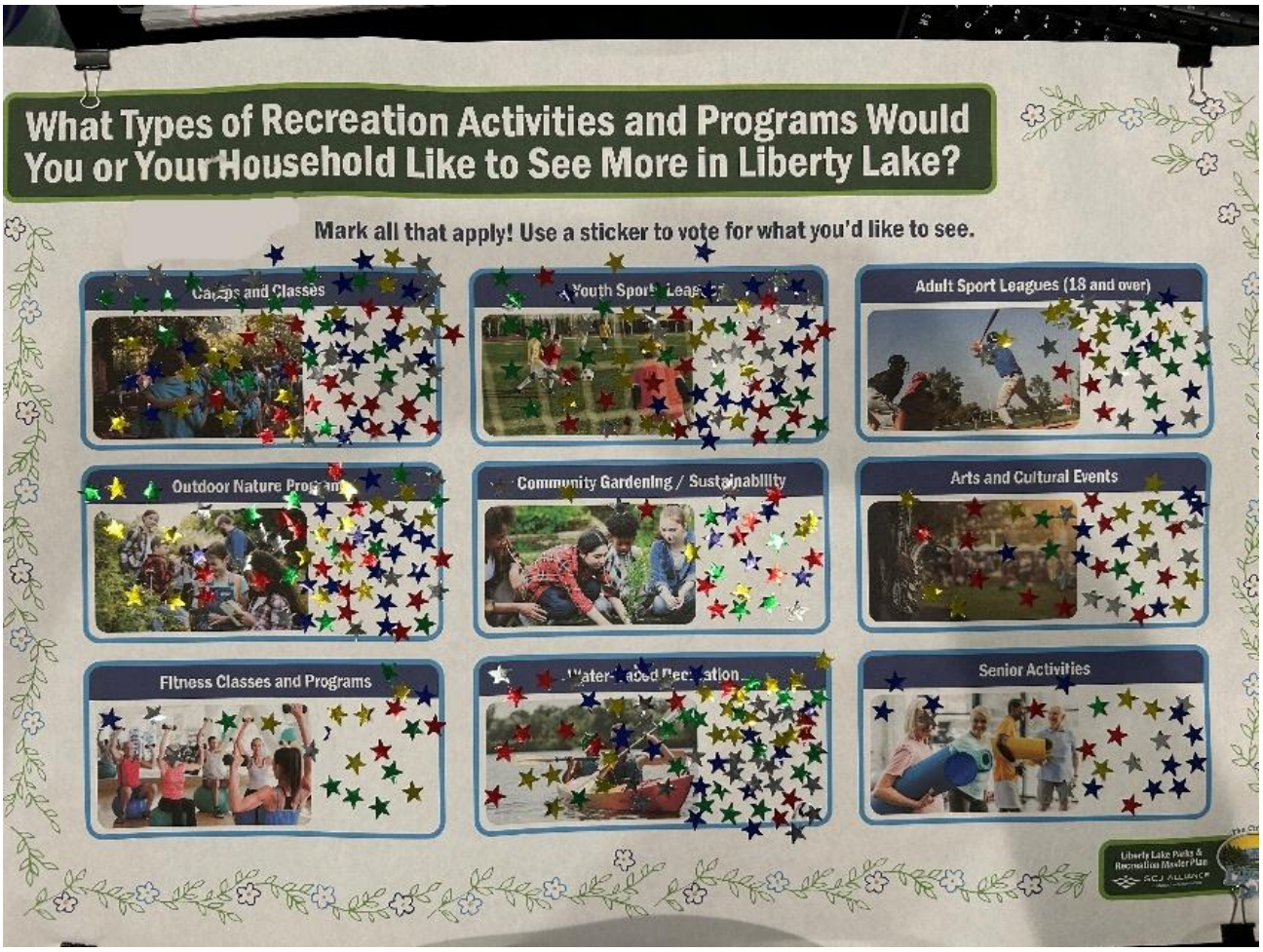
Activity Three: General Recreation Activities and Programs Sticker Dot Board

The final activity asked community members "What type of recreation activities and programs would you or your household like to see more in Liberty Lake?" They were given three star-shaped stickers and were directed to place them on their preferred activities or programs.

Table B-10: Combined Results of Recreation Activities & Programs Sticker Dot Board

Recreation Activities & Programs	Touch-a-Truck	Farmers Market	Totals
Camps & Classes	87	8	95
Water & Recreation	86	16	102
Youth Sports Leagues	76	9	85
Outdoor Nature Programs	66	11	77
Adult Sport Leagues (18 & over)	34	9	43
Community Gardening / Sustainability	27	7	34
Arts & Cultural Events	41	12	53
Fitness Classes & Programs	21	12	33
Senior Activities	24	9	33
Total Votes	462	93	555

Figure B-36: Example of a Board after a Pop-Up Event



Pop-up for Implementation Actions

Using the information we gathered during the first two sets of pop ups and the survey, two new boards were created to ask the community detailed and precise questions. These boards were at this community event:

- **Barefoot in the Park – August 2nd – at Pavillion Park:** This is a free event with an all-day celebration that includes games and entertainment for all ages, food and beverage vendors, a local car show, inflatable bouncy houses and water slides, bed races, live music, and so much more. It is a well-attended event that shows the fun and exciting opportunities available at Liberty Lake parks.

Activity One: Recreation Activities & Programming

This board summarized the past engagement in this category and asked more specific questions about each. It said “At our community pop-ups for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan so far, the top priorities for recreation and programming have been Camps and Classes, Water & Recreation, and Youth Sports Leagues. We’d like to better understand which options would be most interesting to you or your family in each of these categories. Please select one option in each category.” Community members at the event then marked their votes with a tally mark for each section. The water and recreation section got the most votes overall, and the Learn-To-Swim Programs (Group Lessons By Age/Skill Level) received the most votes out of all the suggested activities and programs. Nature Exploration (E.G., Wildlife Tracking, Outdoor Survival, Native Plants Education) and Family Water Days Or Splash Events (Pop-Up Splash Pad Activities, Inflatable Water Features) were close behind. Table B-11 through Table B-14 across the following pages display the data from the board shown below.

Figure B-37: Recreation Activities & Programming Board after the Barefoot in the Park Event

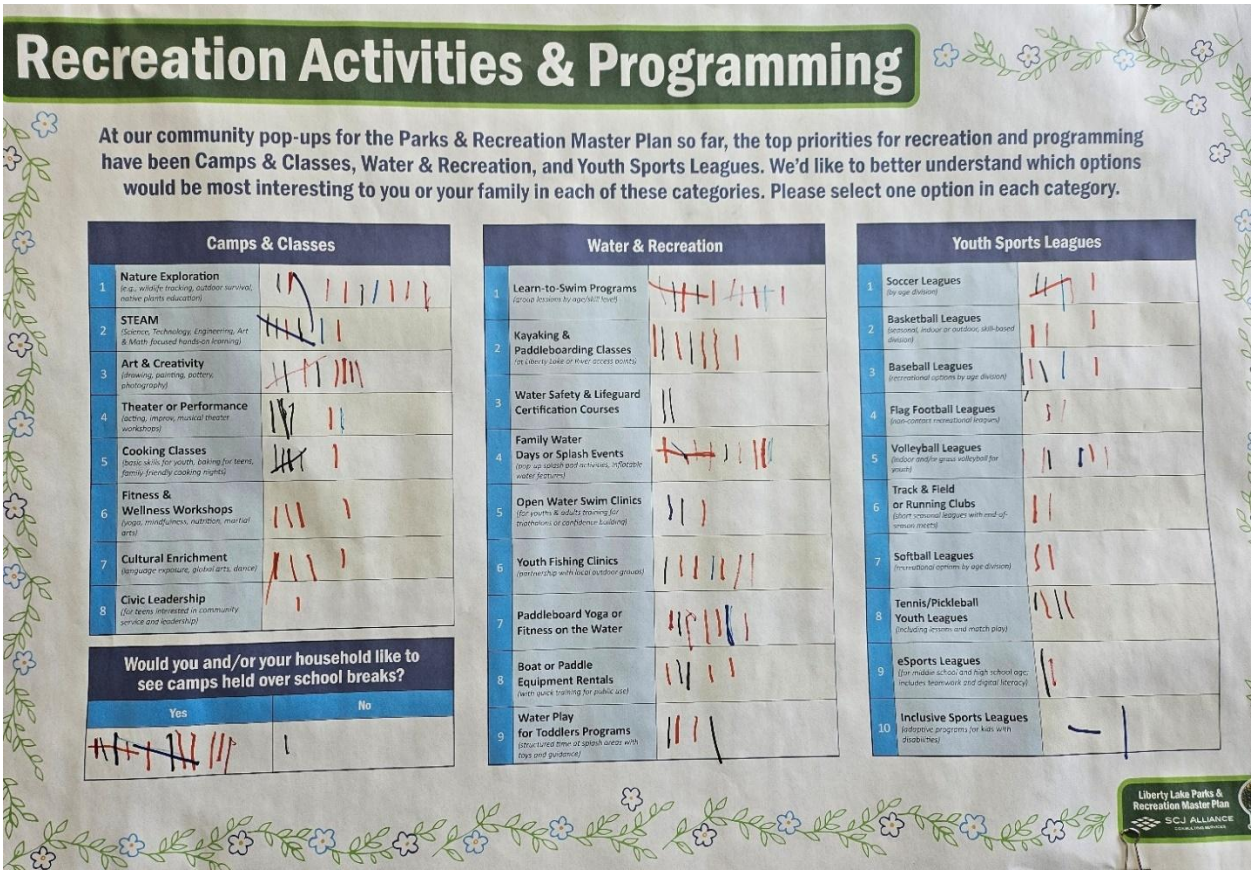


Table B-11: Results of Recreation Activities & Programming (Camps & Classes)

Recreation Activity or Program	Votes
Nature Exploration (E.G., Wildlife Tracking, Outdoor Survival, Native Plants Education)	10
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math-Focused Hands-On Learning)	7
Art & Creativity (Drawing, Painting, Pottery, Photography)	9
Theater Or Performance (Acting, Improv, Musical Theater Workshops)	5
Cooking Classes (Basic Skills For Youth, Baking For Teens, Family-Friendly Cooking Nights)	6
Fitness & Wellness Workshops (Yoga, Mindfulness, Nutrition, Martial Arts)	4
Cultural Enrichment (Language Exposure, Global Arts, Dance)	4
Civic Leadership (For Teens Interested In Community Service And Leadership)	1
Total	**46**

Table B-12: Results of Recreation Activities & Programming (Additional Question)

Would you and/or your household like to see camps held over school breaks?	Votes
Yes	13
No	1

Table B-13: Results of Recreation Activities & Programming (Water & Recreation)

Recreation Activity or Program	Votes
Learn-To-Swim Programs (Group Lessons By Age/Skill Level)	12
Kayaking & Paddleboarding Classes (At Liberty Lake Or River Access Points)	7
Water Safety & Lifeguard Certification Courses	2
Family Water Days Or Splash Events (Pop-Up Splash Pad Activities, Inflatable Water Features)	10
Open Water Swim Clinics (For Youths & Adults Training For Triathlons Or Confidence Building)	3
Youth Fishing Clinics (Partnership With Local Outdoor Groups)	7
Paddleboard Yoga Or Fitness On The Water	7
Boat Or Paddle Equipment Rentals (With Quick Training For Public Use)	5
Water Play For Toddlers Programs (Structured Time At Splash Areas With Toys And Guidance)	4
Total	**57**

Table B-14: Results of Recreation Activities & Programming (Youth Sports Leagues)

Recreation Activity or Program	Votes
Soccer Leagues (By Age Division)	6
Basketball Leagues (Seasonal, Indoor Or Outdoor, Skill-Based Division)	3
Baseball Leagues (Recreational Options By Age Division)	5
Flag Football Leagues (Non-Contact Recreational Leagues)	3
Volleyball Leagues (Indoor and/or Grass Volleyball For Youth)	6
Track & Field Or Running Clubs (Short Seasonal Leagues with End-Of-Season Meets)	2
Softball Leagues (Recreational Options by Age Division)	2
Tennis/Pickleball Youth Leagues (Including Lessons and Match Play)	4
Esports Leagues (For Middle School and High School Age; Includes Teamwork/Digital Literacy)	2
Inclusive Sports Leagues (Adaptive Programs For Kids With Disabilities)	2
Total	**35**

Figure B-38: Results for Play Structure and Amenity Preferences at Pavillion Park



Activity Two: Pavillion Park Playground Update

This activity showcased a rendering of what the new Pavillion Park playground could look like. Community members were asked "What structures and amenities are a priority for you and/or your household?" They were instructed to use a sticker to vote on their top three options. A merry-go-round got the most votes (27) with shade structure (25), and swings (19) close behind.

Figure B-38, on the previous page, shows all results.

Phase 2 Pop-Up Events Summary

Introduction

Phase 2 of the Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation Master Plan update included a series of pop-up engagement events throughout the fall of 2025 to gather focused community input to inform updates to the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Events

To support community-driven updates to the Capital Improvement Program for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a series of pop-up engagement events were organized throughout the Liberty Lake community to engage residents, including:

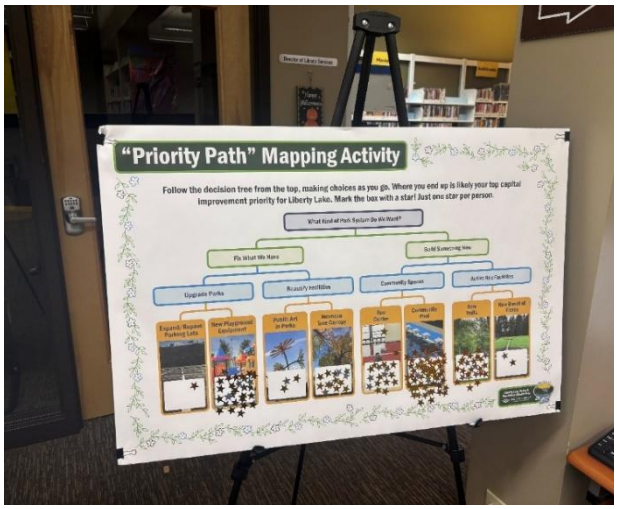
- **Liberty Lake Municipal Library Community Halloween Event**
  - Date: October 30th, 2025
  - Location: 23123 E Mission Ave, Liberty Lake, WA 99019
  - Responses: Nearly 325
  - Participation: Children and parents
- **Liberty Lake Elementary STEM Night**
  - Date: November 19th, 2025
  - Location: 23606 E Boone Ave, Liberty Lake, WA 99019
  - Responses: Approximately 100
  - Participation: Children (ages 7-12) and parents
- **Liberty Lake Girl Scouts Meeting**
  - Date: November 20th, 2025
  - Location: 3830 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99216
  - Responses: About 15
  - Participation: Girl Scouts and Parents

Priority Paths Activity

The priority path activity was developed to gauge the public's interest in investing in existing facilities, such as playgrounds and shelters, or adding new amenities. To guide the public through the decision process, the activity board asked participants to select a sticker—gold for residents and silver for non-residents—and move through a decision tree by making choices at each step. Once they reached the end of the path, participants placed their sticker on that option, which likely reflected their top capital improvement priority.

At the STEM Night and Girl Scout Meeting, there was also a matching activity that helped the younger participants understand the impact of planning before participating in the priority paths activity.

Figure B-39: Priority Paths Activity Boards





Engagement Results

Engagement results are grouped below by engagement questions and activity used in pop up events throughout Liberty Lake. Responses are summarized in tables and include a breakdown by resident and non-resident participation, where applicable.

"What Kind of Park System Do We Want?"

Table B-15 on the following page shows results from the priority path activity regarding Liberty Lake's park system, displaying votes cast by residents and non-residents of Liberty Lake. The top three selections were:

1) **Community Pool**
   a) Resident: 77
   b) Non-Resident: 14
2) **New playground equipment**
   a) Resident: 30
   b) Non-Resident: 9
3) **New Trails**
   a) Resident: 27
   b) Non-Resident: 8

Table B-15: Results of Priority Path Activity – Park System

Priority	Halloween Party	STEM Night	Girl Scouts Meeting	Totals
Expand/Repave Parking Lots	**1**	**2**	**0**	**3**
Resident	1	1	0	2
Non-Resident	0	1	0	1
New Playground Equipment	**29**	**6**	**4**	**39**
Resident	20	6	4	30
Non-Resident	9	0	0	9
Public Art in Parks	**3**	**1**	**0**	**4**
Resident	2	0	0	2
Non-Resident	1	1	0	2
Increase Tree Canopy	**14**	**8**	**0**	**22**
Resident	8	6	0	14
Non-Resident	6	2	0	8
Rec Center	**18**	**4**	**0**	**22**
Resident	13	3	0	16
Non-Resident	5	1	0	6
Community Pool	**59**	**23**	**9**	**91**
Resident	52	16	9	77
Non-Resident	7	7	0	14
New Trails	**25**	**9**	**1**	**35**
Resident	19	7	1	27
Non-Resident	6	2	0	8
New Baseball Fields	**2**	**1**	**0**	**3**
Residents	1	1	0	2
Non-Resident	1	0	0	1
Total Votes	**151**	**54**	**14**	**219**
Resident	116	40	14	170
Non-Resident	35	14	0	49

Figure B-40: Priority Path Activity: Park System Results (Combined)

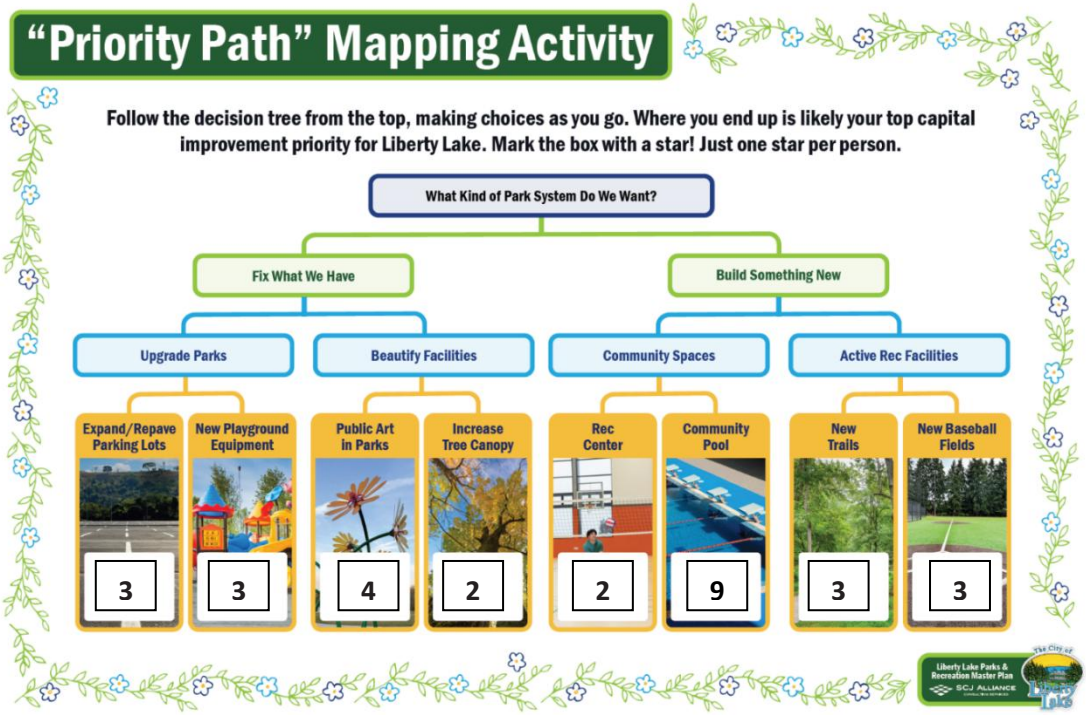
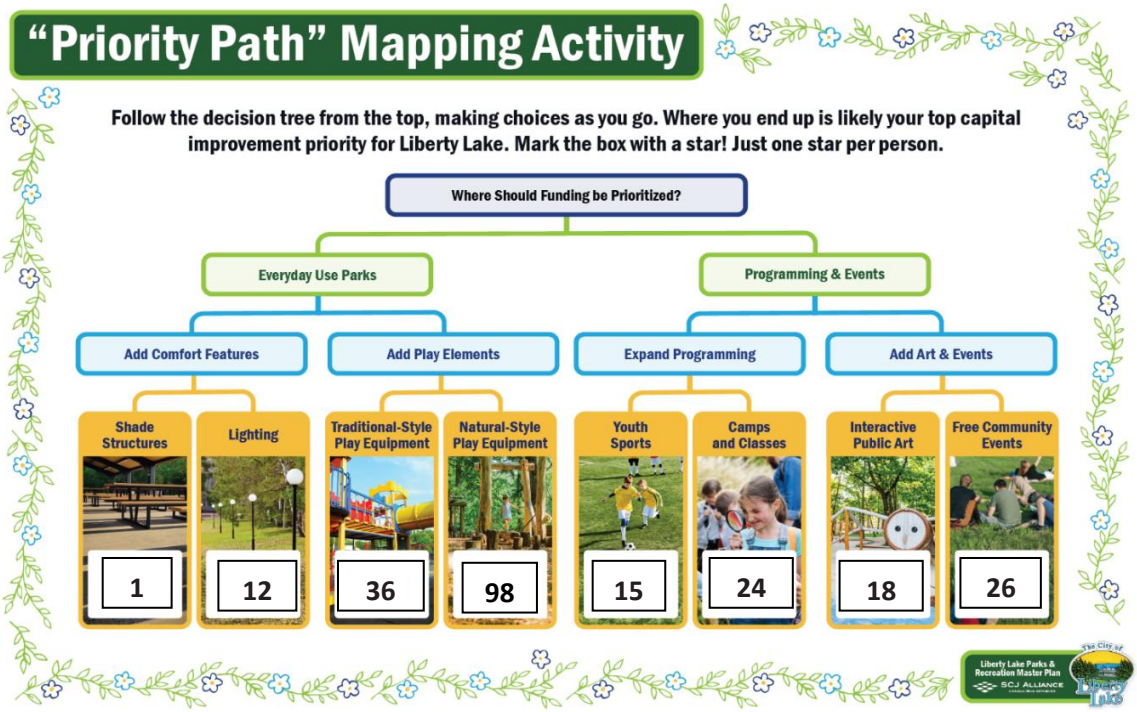


Figure B- 41: Priority Path Activity: Funding Prioritization Results (Combined)



"Where Should Funding Be Prioritized?"

Table B-16, beginning below, displays results from the "Funding Priorities Priority Path Activity", broken down by whether the vote was cast by a resident or a non-resident of Liberty Lake. The top three selections were:

1) **Natural Style Play Equipment**
   a) Resident: 79
   b) Non-Resident: 19
2) **Traditional Style Play Equipment**
   a) Resident: 30
   b) Non-Resident: 6
3) **Free Community Events**
   a) Resident: 17
   b) Non-Resident: 9

Table B-16: Results of Priority Path Activity – Funding Priorities

Priority	Halloween Party	STEM Night	Girl Scouts Meeting	Totals
Shade Structures	**7**	**7**	**0**	**14**
Resident	2	4	0	6
Non-Resident	5	3	0	8
Lighting	**9**	**3**		**12**
Resident	5	3	0	8
Non-Resident	4	0	0	4
Traditional-Style Play Equipment	**35**	**1**	**0**	**36**
Resident	29	1	0	30
Non-Resident	6	0	0	6
Natural-Style Play Equipment	**62**	**24**	**12**	**98**
Resident	49	18	12	79
Non-Resident	13	6	0	19
Youth Sports	**14**	**1**	**0**	**15**
Resident	10	1	0	11
Non-Resident	4	0	0	4
Camps And Classes	**16**	**6**	**2**	**24**
Resident	12	6	2	20
Non-Resident	4	0	0	4
Interactive Public Art	**14**	**4**	**0**	**18**

Resident	12	4	0	16
Non-Resident	2	0	0	2
Free Community Events	**19**	**7**	**0**	**26**
Resident	14	3	0	17
Non-Resident	5	4	0	9
Total Votes	**176**	**53**	**14**	**243**
Resident	133	40	14	187
Non-Resident	43	13	0	56

Priority Path Mapping: Online Survey

The same priority path mapping activity used at the in-person pop-up events was also offered through an online survey, with results organized by residents and non-residents.

Priority Path Mapping: Engagement Results

Responses are summarized in tables below and include a breakdown of resident and non-resident participation.

"What Kind of Park System Do We Want?"

Table B-17 on the following page shows results from the priority path activity regarding Liberty Lake's park system, displaying votes cast by residents and non-residents of Liberty Lake. The top three selections were:

1) **Community Pool**
   a) Resident: 124
   b) Non-Resident: 9
2) **Increase Tree Canopy**
   a) Resident: 27
   b) Non-Resident: 3
3) **New Trails**
   a) Resident: 28
   b) Non-Resident: 0

"Where Should Funding be Prioritized?"

Table B-17 also presents the results from the online survey of the funding priorities priority path activity, organized by resident or non-resident of Liberty Lake. The top three selections were:

1) **Free Community Events**
   a) Resident: 55
   b) Non-Resident: 4
2) **Natural Style Play Equipment**
   a) Resident: 46
   b) Non-Resident: 4
3) **Shade Structures**
   a) Resident: 38
   b) Non-Resident: 1

Table B-17: Results of Priority Path Activities Park System and Funding Priorities in Online Survey

Park System	Total	Funding Priorities	Total
Expand/Repave Parking Lots	**13**	**Shade Structures**	**39**
Resident	13	Resident	38
Non-Resident	0	Non-Resident	1
New Playground Equipment	**27**	**Lighting**	**32**
Resident	24	Resident	30
Non-Resident	3	Non-Resident	2
Public Art in Parks	**7**	**Traditional-Style Play Equipment**	**19**
Resident	5	Resident	16
Non-Resident	2	Non-Resident	3
Increase Tree Canopy	**30**	**Natural-Style Play Equipment**	**50**
Resident	27	Resident	46
Non-Resident	3	Non-Resident	4
Rec Center	**21**	**Youth Sports**	**37**
Resident	19	Resident	33
Non-Resident	3	Non-Resident	4
Community Pool	**133**	**Camps And Classes**	**26**
Resident	124	Resident	24
Non-Resident	9	Non-Resident	2
New Trails	**28**	**Interactive Public Art**	**6**
Resident	28	Resident	5
Non-Resident	0	Non-Resident	1
New Baseball Fields	**8**	**Free Community Events**	**59**
Resident	7	Resident	55
Non-Resident	1	Non-Resident	4
Total Votes	**268**	**Total Votes**	**268**
Resident	**247**	**Resident**	**247**
Non-Resident	**21**	**Non-Resident**	**21**

Results Summary

This section summarizes the combined results from the Phase 2 pop-up engagement events and the online priority path survey to identify the community's highest-priority capital improvement projects. Results are presented for both park system investments and funding priorities, with responses organized by residents and non-residents of Liberty Lake to highlight overall trends and areas of consensus.

"What Kind of Park System Do We Want?"

Table B-18 presents the results from both the online version and the in-person activities of the priority path activity regarding Liberty Lake's park system, displaying the votes cast by residents and non-residents of Liberty Lake. The top three selections were:

1) **Community Pool**
   a) Resident: 201
   b) Non-Resident: 23
2) **New Playground Equipment**
   a) Resident: 54
   b) Non-Resident: 12
3) **New Trails**
   a) Resident: 55
   b) Non-Resident: 8

Table B-18: Overall Results of Priority Path Activity: Park System

	Pop-Up Results	Survey Results	Totals
Expand/Repave Parking Lots	**3**	**13**	**16**
Resident	2	13	15
Non-Resident	1	0	1
New Playground Equipment	**39**	**27**	**66**
Resident	30	24	54
Non-Resident	9	3	12
Public Art in Parks	**4**	**7**	**11**
Resident	2	5	7
Non-Resident	2	2	4
Increase Tree Canopy	**22**	**30**	**52**
Resident	14	27	41
Non-Resident	8	3	11
Rec Center	**22**	**21**	**43**
Resident	16	19	35
Non-Resident	6	3	9
Community Pool	**91**	**133**	**224**
Resident	77	124	201
Non-Resident	14	9	23
New Trails	**35**	**28**	**63**

Resident	27	28	55
Non-Resident	8	0	8
New Baseball Fields	**3**	**8**	**11**
Resident	2	7	9
Non-Resident	1	1	2
Total Votes	**219**	**268**	**487**
Resident	170	247	417
Non-Resident	49	21	70

"What Kind of Park System Do We Want?"

Table B-19 presents the results from both the online version and the in-person activities of the priority path activity regarding Liberty Lake's park system, displaying the votes cast by residents and non-residents of Liberty Lake. The top three selections were:

1) **Natural-Style Play Equipment**
   a) Resident: 125
   b) Non-Resident: 23
2) **Free Community Events**
   a) Resident: 72
   b) Non-Resident: 13
3) **Traditional-Style Play Equipment**
   a) Resident: 46
   b) Non-Resident: 9

Table B-19: Overall Results of Priority Path Activity: Funding Priorities

	Pop-Up Results	Survey Results	Totals
Shade Structures	14	39	53
Resident	6	38	44
Non-Resident	8	1	9
Lighting	12	32	44
Resident	8	30	38
Non-Resident	4	2	6
Traditional-Style Play Equipment	36	19	55
Resident	30	16	46
Non-Resident	6	3	9
Natural-Style Play Equipment	98	50	148
Resident	79	46	125
Non-Resident	19	4	23
Youth Sports	15	37	52
Resident	11	33	44

Non-Resident	4	4	8
Camps And Classes	24	26	50
Resident	20	24	44
Non-Resident	4	2	6
Interactive Public Art	18	6	24
Resident	16	5	21
Non-Resident	2	1	3
Free Community Events	26	59	85
Resident	17	55	72
Non-Resident	9	4	13
Total Votes	243	268	511
Resident	187	247	434
Non-Resident	56	21	77

Online Survey Conclusion

The online priority path survey provided additional insight into community preferences for parks and recreation investments in Liberty Lake, expanding participation beyond the in-person pop-up events. Survey responses showed strong support for a community pool, playground equipment, trails, and nature-based amenities, as well as funding priorities focused on play equipment and free community events. This online feedback will be used to supplement in-person engagement results and help inform refinements to the Capital Improvement Program in a way that reflects broader community input.

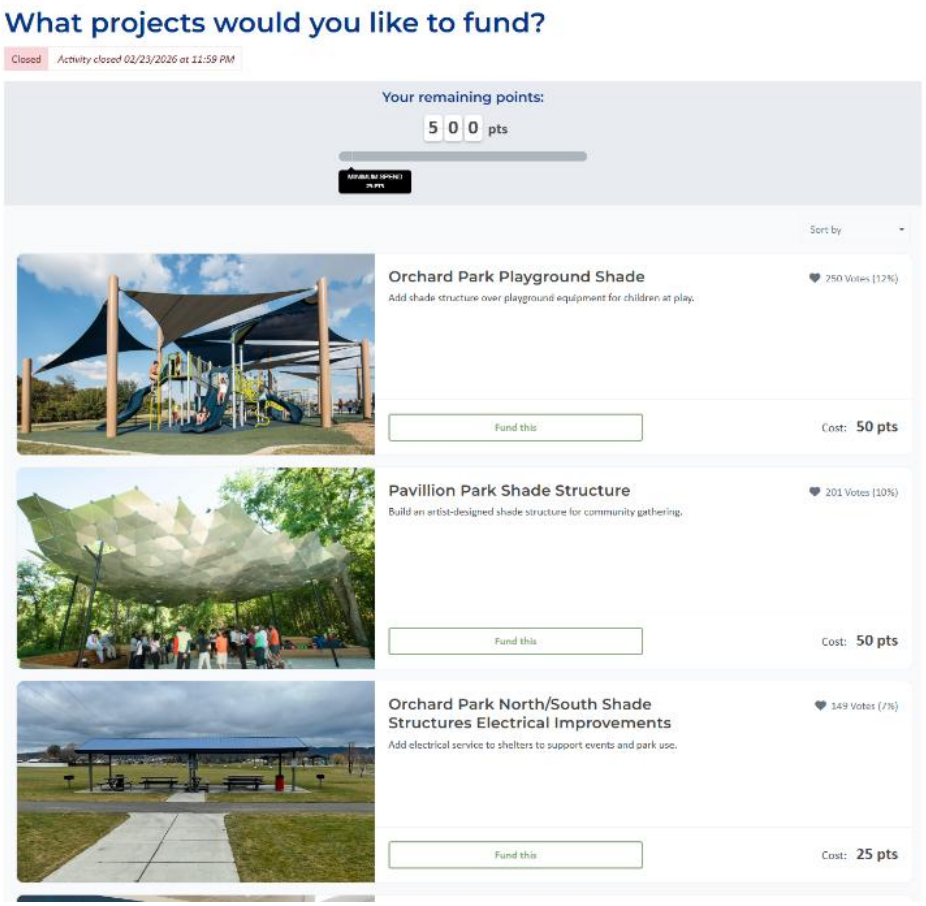
Priority Path Mapping: Key Takeaways

- A community pool clearly emerged as the top priority across all engagement methods and respondent groups.
- Playground improvements and new trails consistently ranked among the highest priorities, reflecting strong support for family-friendly and active recreation amenities.
- Nature-based features, including increased tree canopy and natural-style play equipment, were frequently selected, highlighting a desire for shade, comfort, and environmentally focused park spaces.
- Free community events and programming were a leading funding priority, signaling interest in accessible, low-cost recreation opportunities.
- Residents generally expressed stronger preferences than non-residents, reinforcing the importance of aligning major investments with resident needs.
- The consistency of results across in-person and online engagement provides clear, community-driven direction for refining the Capital Improvement Program.

CIP Prioritization Activity

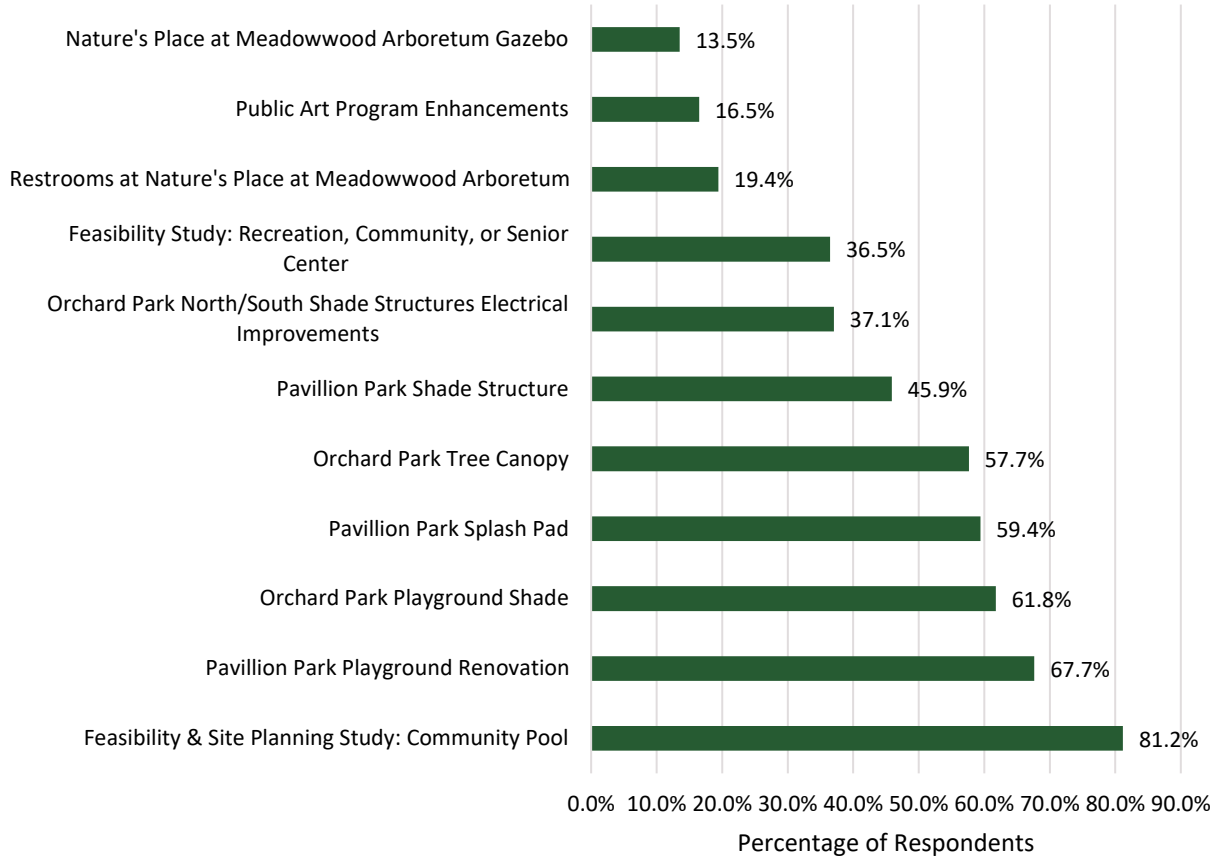
The Liberty Lake Parks CIP Priorities tool was an online engagement platform that was used to gather community input on future park and recreation investments. As part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Capital Improvement Program (CIP) prioritization process, we used an online engagement tool that allowed participants to review proposed projects and assign priorities based on what they consider most important for the community, using points to represent the monetary city investment of their selections.

Figure B- 42: A Screencap of the Digital CIP Prioritization Survey



The projects were developed to reflect themes and needs identified through previous surveys, city input, previous capital planning priorities, stakeholder conversations, and pop-up events. Feedback from this tool was used to inform project prioritization in the capital improvement program for Liberty Lake's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The online voting tool was open for 14 days and received 402 contributions. Each participant received 500 points to "spend" on their preferred projects. Before submitting their responses, participants were required to enter their zip code. Based on this information, 79.6% of respondents were identified as Liberty Lake residents, listing their zip code as 99019. The average points allocated to a project were 412 points, with each contributor funding an average of 5 out of 11 projects. **Overall, 2066 votes were distributed among the 11 projects.**

Figure B-43: Liberty Lake CIP Prioritization Tool Results



The top 5 projects the public would like to see the city invest in include:

1) **Feasibility & Site Planning Study: Community Pool** (81.2%)
2) **Pavillion Park Playground Renovation** (67.7%)
3) **Orchard Park Playground Shade** (61.8%)
4) **The Pavilion Park Splash Pad** (59.4%)
5) **Orchard Park Tree Canopy Project** (57.7%)

These community-identified priorities will be reflected in the Capital Improvement Project list and integrated into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to support next steps on park improvement implementation and investments by the city.

Conclusion

The Phase 2 pop-up engagement events provided focused, place-based input that helped clarify community priorities for parks and recreation investments in Liberty Lake. This feedback will inform refinements to the Capital Improvement Program and support a balanced, community-driven approach to future park and recreation projects.