



APPENDIX A

PARK SYSTEM & FACILITY INVENTORY



Appendix A: Medford Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Inventory of Existing Facilities

Park Name	Owned By	Maintained By	Total Acres	Total Trail/Walking Track Miles	Parking		Adult Baseball Field	Adult Softball Field	Youth Baseball/Softball Field	Athletic/Sports										Outdoor Recreation										Specialized			Other			Notes/Other									
					Total Parking	ADA Parking				Basketball Court	Fitness Equipment	Soccer/Football Field	Indoor Pool	Walking Track	Indoor Gym	BMX Track	Stadline Area	Futsal	Volleyball Court	Pickleball Court	Tennis Court	Dog Park	Trail Access	Paved Walking Trails	Unpaved Walking Trails	Equestrian Trails	Shade Structure	Water Play Area / Splash Pad	Inclusive Play Features	Nature Play Area	Outdoor Pool	Playground	Skate Park	Amphitheater / Stage	Meetings Rooms		Water Access	Community Garden	Picnic Area / Pavilion	Gazebo	Benches/Seating	Picnic Tables	Parking Lot	Restroom	
Community Parks																																													
Bear Creek Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	66.54	2.30	58	2						1	*	*					4	*	*	*	*	2	3		*	*	*				3		*	*	*	2							
Fichtner-Mainwaring Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	30.66	-	165	5				1	4			*		4	12	8			*	*	2	*	*		*						2	1	*	*	*	1	Underwent a \$2 million renovation in 2015-16. Includes Medford's largest splash pad and an art mural on the pillars under I-5 at the site.						
Hawthorne Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	13.32	-	120	4				1	*	1			*					*	*	*		*	*		*	*							*	*	*	1	Largest municipal installation of FieldTurf in the United States.						
Lithia & Driveway Fields	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	132.21	-	675	21	3	7				5								*	*	*	*				*							*	*	*	5	Master Plan updated and approved in 2009.							
Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	15.00	-	11	5														*	*	*	*				*								*	*									
Wes Howard Memorial Sports Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	47.13	0.16	See Rogue X	See Rogue X															*	*	*	*											*	*	*	1							
Community Parks subtotal			304.86	2.46	1029	37	3	7	0	2	1	13	0	2	0	1	1	1	4	12	12	2	4	5	5	1	5	2	4	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	6	1	4	5	6	10		
Neighborhood Parks																																													
Alba Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.51	-																	*		*										1		*	*			Located across from City Hall. Includes historic World War II Japanese Type 41 75mm, Italian carved Carrara marble statue, granite fountain, and benches donated in 1934 as a memorial to Charlie W. Palm.						
Cedar Links Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	5.42	-	10	2				0.5								2	*				3		*	*						1		*	*	*	1	Master Plan approved in 2014, development complete in 2021.							
Donahue-Frohnemayer Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	13	-	46	4				0.5											*		*	*		*							1		*	*	*	1	Includes a Wall of Remembrance with donor inscribed stones.						
Earhart Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.59	-																	*															*									
Holmes Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	18.35	1.00	20	2				0.5		*					4	2		*	*		2			*						2		*	*	*	1								
Howard School Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	7.52	-	24	2			1																	*								1											
Jackson Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	7.8	-	68	3			1									1		*	*					*							2		*	*	*	1	Playground renovated in 2017/18.						
Kennedy School Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	8.24	-	29	2						1							1		*	*	*	*		*							1		*	*	*		Upgraded and expanded in 2018.						
Lewis Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	8.14	-	13	2				2	1									*	*		*	*	*	*	*						1		*	*	*	1							
Liberty Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.23	-																*	*		*	*	*	*	*						1		*	*	*	1							
Lone Pine Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	3.96	-	8	1														*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						1		*	*	*	1							
Phoenix-Talent School District																																													
Orchard Hill Park	School District	Parks and Recreation	4.20	0.36							1	*									*		*	*	*	*	*	*								*	*								
Oregon Hills Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	14.91	-	10	2				1										*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					1		*	*	*	1	Earth history walk.						
Pear Blossom Park (Block 1-2)	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.40	-																						*	*								*	*	*	*		Open in 2013. Home to summertime concerts and Christmas tree lighting, as well as other community events.					
Medford School District																																													
Roosevelt School Park	Medford School District	Parks and Recreation	2.15	-					2	1																																			
Ruhl Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.28	-	1	1				0.5																*									1		*	*							
Summerfield Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.56	-	3	1																			*									*	*	*	*	1	Play structure refurbished in 2017.						
Union Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	2.13	-	7	1														*	*		*	*	*	*	*									*	*	*	1	Renovated in 2014. First Medford Park to feature LED-lit pathways and a large vandal-resistant steel play structure.					
Veteran's Memorial Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.94	-																*	*		*	*	*	*	*								*	*	*	1	Features multiple veteran memorials.						
Village Center Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	3.23	-						0.5								2		*	*		*	*	*	*	*							1		*			1						
Medford School District																									*	*																			
Wilson School Park	Medford School District	Parks and Recreation	6.15	0.18					2			1	*													*	*											*	*	*					
Neighborhood Parks subtotal			114.71	1.54	239	23	0	0	6	6.5	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	8	3	1	1	12	4	0	11	3	2	2	0	16	0	1	0	0	1	15	2	17	15	13	12			
Special Use Areas																																													
IOOF/Eastwood Cemetery	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	19.32	-																	*																								
Medford School District																																						*	*						
Jefferson School Ball Fields	Medford School District	Parks and Recreation	5.11	-					2																												*	*							
North Medford High Tennis Courts	Medford School District	Parks and Recreation	1.54	-															20	10																									
Quality Fence Fields	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	23.14	-		2			7														*			*								*	*	*	*	1							
Railroad Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	12.77	-	70	4														*																1	*	*	*		Once housed the City's sewer treatment plant. Outdoor train museum with full-size train cars, open-air model railroad tracks, and mini train rides.				
Special Use subtotal			61.88	0.00	70	6	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	3	1			
Community Facilities																																													
Rogue Credit Union Community Complex (Rogue X)	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	3.21	-	522	12						*		8				16	8					*								*		*	*	*	*	*	*	1	140,000 SF facility completed in 2024.				

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Appendix A: Medford Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Inventory of Paths and Trails

Trail Name	Trail Location	Owned By	Maintained By	Miles
Trails				
CCC Historic Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.38
Challenge Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.77
Deer Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.83
Equestrian Dead End	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.41
Equestrian Loop Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	2.48
Equestrian Ridge Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.61
Greenhorn Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.98
Lithic Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.28
Madrone Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.33
Manzanita Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.33
Oak Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.44
Overlook Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.04
Pali Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.16
Panther Pride Trail	Bear Creek Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	2.30
Ponderosa Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.16
Rock & Roll Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.11
Ropes Course Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.17
Twilight Trail	Prescott Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.82
Trails subtotal				17.60
Shared-Use Paths				
Amaryllis/NMHS Shared-use Path Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.03
Arena Dr Larson Creek Greenway Connection		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.00
Bartlett Middleford Garage Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.03
Bear Creek Greenway	Bear Creek Park	City of Medford	Jackson County	6.99
Bear Creek Greenway Access	Bear Creek Park	City of Medford	Public Works	1.14
Bear Creek Greenway Access	Bear Creek Park	City of Medford	Public Works	0.05
Bullock/Delta Waters Connection Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	0.64
Carnelian/McLoughlin Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.02
Cedar Links Dr./Caldera Ln. Connection		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.04

Cedar Links Shared-use Path	Cedar Links Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.20
Cedar Links Open Space Shared-use Path (East/West)	Cedar Links Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.26
Cedar Links Park Shared-use Path	Cedar Links Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.29
Colorado Dr. Greenway Connection"		City of Medford	Public Works	0.02
Deschutes Dr. Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	0.05
Dragon Tail Pl/Bronte Cir Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.05
E. South Stage Bear Creek Greenway Access		City of Medford	Public Works	0.10
East Jackson Hawthorne Park Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	0.12
Fichtner-Mainwaring Park Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.84
Hawthorne Park Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.43
Hwy 62 Bear Creek Greenway Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.16
Keene Way/Lone Pine North Medford HS Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.38
La Connor/Antilles Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.04
Larson Creek Greenway		City of Medford	Public Works	1.30
Lazy Creek Greenway Access		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.03
Lithia & Driveway Fields Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.60
Lone Pine Creek Greenway - Avion/Biddle Connection		City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.41
Lone Pine Creek Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	0.12
McAndrews Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	1.88
Owen Dr./Balsum Way Shared-use Path Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.03
Owen Dr./Pecan Ct. Shared-use Path Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.02
Prune/W 13th Union Park Shared-use Path Connection	Union Park	City of Medford	Public Works	0.12
SE Plan Greenway - E. of Utah Dr.		City of Medford	Public Works	0.12
SE Plan Greenway - N. of Arizona Dr.		City of Medford	Public Works	0.33
SE Plan Greenway - N. of Juanipero/Arena		City of Medford	Public Works	0.32
SE Plan Greenway - N. of Michael Park Dr.		City of Medford	Public Works	0.09
SE Plan Greenway - S. of Creek View Dr.		City of Medford	Public Works	0.17
Sky Way Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.05
Springbrook Ct Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	0.02
Stevens-Wabash/Oregon Ter Connection		City of Medford	Public Works	0.03
Tiffin Way/Saint Francis Shared-use Path		City of Medford	Public Works	0.03
Union Park Shared-use Path	Union Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.06
Shared-use Paths subtotal				17.61

Internal Park Trails				
Alba Park	Alba Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.23
Cedar Links Park	Cedar Links Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.09
Donahue-Frohnmayr Park	Donahue-Frohnmayr Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.60
Hawthorne Park	Hawthorne Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.25
Holmes Park	Holmes Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	2.49
Howard Park	Howard Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.51
IOOF Cemetery	IOOF Cemetery	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.37
Jackson Park	Jackson Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.44
Kennedy Park	Kennedy Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.58
Lewis Park	Lewis Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.46
Lithia & Driveway Fields	Lithia & Driveway Fields	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	1.21
Lone Pine Park	Lone Pine Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.36
Oregon Hills Park	Oregon Hills Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.63
Santo Center	Santo Center	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.05
Summerfiled Park	Summerfiled Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.18
Union Park	Union Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.08
Veterans Park	Veterans Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.15
Village Center Park	Village Center Park	City of Medford	Parks and Recreation	0.26
Internal Park Trails subtotal				9.95
MEDFORD TRAILS AND Shared-use PATHS TOTAL				45.16



APPENDIX B

NEEDS ANALYSIS



BRIEF 2: NEEDS ANALYSIS

1. INTRODUCTION

This document outlines needs and opportunities for the future of Medford's park and recreation system based on community outreach, recreation trends, and data-driven technical analyses. The analysis takes an in-depth look at Medford's system and community preferences to determine what is missing and to identify possibilities to create more vibrant and equitable parks and recreation experiences.

Findings are intended to guide the development of the Plan's vision, goals, and recommendations in subsequent phases of the Strategic Plan update.

2. LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS

The level of service analysis is the first step in understanding potential park and recreation needs and opportunities in Medford. This section explores current goals and potential gaps in the provision of recreation facilities, park land access and equity, and recreation programming. Findings from this section should be used in combination with park and recreation trends and best practices, and community outreach findings that follow.

Recreation Facility Level of Service

Sports Fields

The City of Medford relies on numeric based standards for sports fields as one metric to evaluate facility needs. The City of Medford sports field inventory includes both City-owned facilities and those owned by other providers, notably the Medford School District. City-owned fields are unrestricted with no limitations on use, while fields owned by others require preauthorization approval for use and may be available through a special agreement with terms that may change from year to year (Table 2-1).

DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

There are **six sections** included in this analysis:

1. Introduction
2. Level of Service Analysis
3. Park and Recreation Trends and Best Practices
4. Community Outreach Process and Findings
5. Staffing Needs
6. Next Steps

ATTACHMENT A: Community Survey Summary

ATTACHMENT B: Park Access Maps

ATTACHMENT C: Community Interview Notes

TABLE 2-1: EXISTING SPORTS FIELDS INVENTORY BY TYPE

Sports Field Type	Restricted Inventory	Unrestricted Inventory*	Total
Adult Baseball	4	3	7
Adult Softball	4	7	11
Youth Baseball/Softball	15	9	24
Adult/Youth Soccer	29	16	45
Football	16	-	16

SOURCE: City of Medford, 2016 Leisure Services Plan. * Unrestricted inventory combines soccer and football fields.

The City has adopted level of service standards for sports fields expressed as a ratio of facility per 1,000 residents (Table 2-2). The 2016 Leisure Services Plan noted that synthetic turf fields provided at U.S. Cellular Community Park (now Lithia & Driveway Fields) increased the value and capacity of sports fields to meet the needs of baseball, softball, soccer and football fields. As shown in Table 2-2, the City is currently meeting or exceeding its level of service standards for sports fields, except for adult softball fields. By 2042, the City would need approximately six additional adult softball fields and 8 additional youth fields to meet its standards.

TABLE 2-2: CURRENT & PROJECTED SPORTS FIELD NEEDS (2022 AND 2042)

Facility Type	Total Existing Facilities	Existing Ratio (facility/total population)	City of Medford Standard	Difference in Total Facilities	
				2022	2042
Adult Baseball	7	1/13,017	1/22,700	3	2
Adult Softball	11	1/8,283	1/7,143	(2)	(6)
Youth Baseball/Softball	24	1/3,797	1/3,846	0	(8)
Adult/Youth Soccer	45	1/2,025	1/3,333	18	8
Football	16	1/5,695	1/13,000	9	7

SOURCE: City of Medford, 2016 Leisure Services Plan. Based on City of Medford population of 91,116 (2022) and future population of 122,242 (2042).

Recreation Facilities

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) also provides numeric comparisons of recreation facilities from local park agencies across the country, based on population size. This data does not address distribution or access to these facilities across the city, or account for other factors like age, size, condition, quality or area demand. The 2024 NRPA Agenda Performance Review includes a range of recreation facilities presented by total number of recreation facilities

by population size. Table 2-3 provides a summary of selected recreation facilities in Medford by total population, with a comparison of national averages for jurisdictions of a similar size as Medford.

Based on the data, Medford provides a greater number of most recreation facilities than the comparable average. As shown in Table 2-3, Medford provides fewer playgrounds than the NRPA average, and will have one less community garden, skate park, community center and aquatic center than the average by 2042. Medford has a greater number of pickleball courts than the NRPA average. However, most of these facilities are shared with tennis courts with potential limitations on play.

TABLE 2-3: COMPARISON OF CITY OF MEDFORD RECREATION FACILITIES AND NATIONAL AVERAGES (NRPA PERFORMANCE REVIEW, 2022 AND 2042)

Facility Type	Total Existing Facilities	Existing Ratio (facility/total population)	NRPA Average (facility/total population)	Difference in Total Facilities	
				2022	2042
Playgrounds	23	1/3,962	1/3,707	(2)	(10)
Basketball Courts	11	1/8,283	1/8,363	0	(4)
Community Gardens	1	1/91,116	1/56,150	(1)	(1)
Dog Parks	3	1/30,372	1/55,135	1	1
Skate Parks	1.5	1/60,744	1/62,927*	0	(1)
Pickleball (total)	54	1/1,687	1/10,500	45	42
<i>Shared</i>	50	1/1,822		41	38
<i>Dedicated</i>	4	1/22,779		(5)	(8)
Community Centers	2	1/45,558	1/52,000	0	(1)
Aquatic Centers	1	1/91,116	1/60,824	0	(1)

SOURCE: Based on City of Medford population of 91,116 (2022) and future population of 122,242 (2042); 2024 Agency Performance Review, NRPA, based on national average jurisdiction population size of 50,000-99,999. * Based on 2023 NRPA data.

Park Level of Service and Service Gaps

As a rapidly growing city, Medford must contend with a variety of factors to achieve an equitable park and recreation system that meets future needs and expectations. This section identifies gaps in parkland level of service, including geographic-based park access and equity analyses. Medford currently provides 484.5 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 residents (Table 2-4). Based on the City's adopted level of service (LOS) standard, there is a current deficit of approximately 27.4 acres of neighborhood parks. The City previously relied on a LOS standard for Greenways and Natural

Open Space that will be replaced by new and updated policies that support ongoing protection and management of these areas as part of the Strategic Plan. Based on Portland State University population growth projections and assuming parkland inventory remains unchanged, by 2042 there will be an acreage deficit of approximately 104.3 acres for all developed park types. While parkland LOS goals are an important measurement of the system, the physical distribution, type and quality of parkland should also be considered, as presented in the following section.

TABLE 2-4: CITY OF MEDFORD CURRENT AND FUTURE PARK LAND LEVEL OF SERVICE (2024 AND 2042)

Park Type	Total Acres	Existing LOS (2022)			Future LOS (2042)	
		LOS (acres/ 1,000)	LOS Standard (acres/ 1,000)*	Acreage Surplus (Deficit)	LOS (acres/ 1,000)	Acreage Surplus (Deficit)
Community Parks	307.9	3.38	2.75	57.3	2.52	(28.3)
Neighborhood Parks	114.71	1.26	1.56	(27.4)	0.94	(76)
Special Use Areas	61.9	0.68	none	N/A	0.51	N/A
Total Developed Parks	484.5	5.32	---	---	---	---
Greenways and Natural Open Space	1,697.1	18.63	---	N/A	13.88	N/A
Undeveloped Park Sites	212.0	2.33	none	N/A	1.73	N/A
Total All Parks**	2,393.7	26.3	---	---	---	---

NOTES: Existing population is 91,116 (2022, PSU); Future population is 122,242 (2042, City of Medford). * Standards based on past plans including 1997, 2005, and 2016. ** Community Facilities (6.9 acres) and Beautification Areas (128.6 acres) not included in total.

Park Access

Park proximity impacts the frequency of park use and maximizes the many economic, social, and health benefits parks provide (Figure 2-1). Evaluating park access is based on the percentage of residents who have access to a park within walking distance from their home. NRPA and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) champion the national standard for providing parks within a 10-minute walk (or within a half-mile) of all residents, which is also Medford's current adopted level of service. The half-mile distance is generally considered the maximum distance most people would walk to get to a park.

Park Access: The just and fair quantity, proximity and connections to quality parks and green spaces, recreation facilities, as well as programs that are safe, inclusive, culturally relevant and welcoming to everyone. When people have just and fair access, our health and social well-being improve, and our communities can protect and better recover from environmental, social, and economic challenges.

Source: Equity Language Guide, Glossary of Terms, NRPA, updated 10/21/21.

To further evaluate park access, the Project Team used a digital mapping program (ArcGIS Network Analyst™) to identify areas currently served and unserved by existing developed parks. Map 2-1 illustrates areas within a 10-minute and 5-minute walk to developed parks or recreation facilities; undeveloped parkland and beautification areas were excluded from the analysis. The methodology also considers physical barriers like freeways and disconnected street networks to determine walking distances.

FIGURE 2-1: IMPORTANCE OF EQUITABLE PARK ACCESS



SOURCE: MIG

Equity Analysis

To better understand how unserved areas impact different population groups across the city, historically underserved populations, or those who may experience more significant barriers to access, this section provides results of an equity analysis based on an index of four equity indicators: population density, youth, low-income populations, and communities of color or culture.

FIGURE 2-2: DIMENSIONS OF EQUITY (ENVISION BEAR CREEK GREENWAY PLAN)



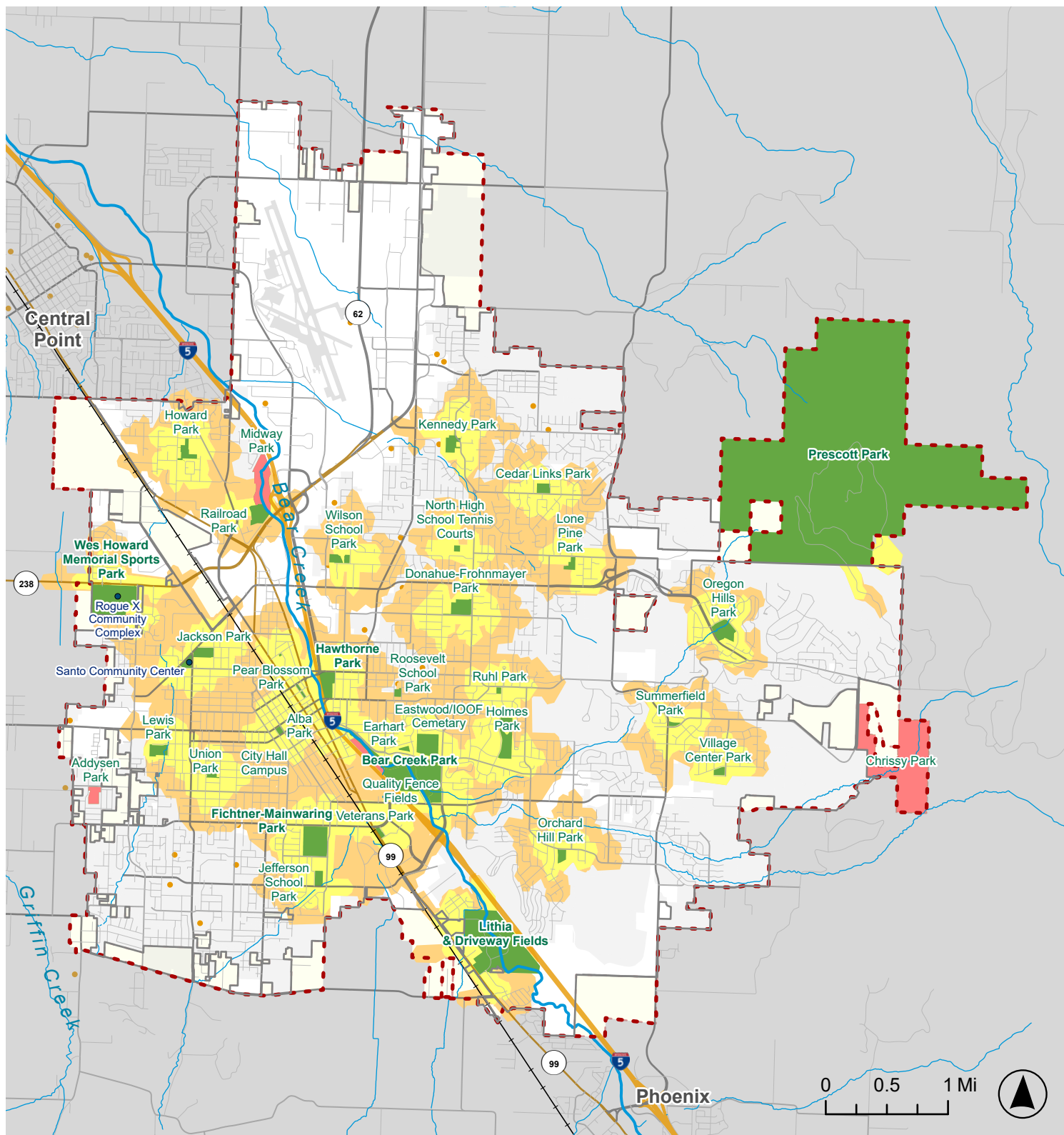
1. **Engagement:** The inclusion of those who have been historically excluded and marginalized from power and decision-making processes.
2. **Opportunity + Accessibility:** Opportunities for people to improve their quality of life and the role of transportation in enabling the connections to those opportunities.
3. **Environmental Justice:** The disproportionate exposure to pollution and other environmental burdens that people face as a result of proximity to industry, the transportation system, or other pollution sources.
4. **Health + Safety:** The disparate outcomes from the built environment that impact people's health and the role of the transportation system in enabling safe systems.
5. **Affordability:** The variable costs that housing and transportation impose on people's lives and its connection to their quality of life and risk of involuntary displacement.
6. **Socioeconomics + Resiliency:** The risk of harm that a major unforeseen disruption or natural disaster poses to a community. Socially vulnerable populations are especially at risk during public health emergencies or economic crises because of factors like socioeconomic status, household composition, minority status, or housing type and transportation options.

Source: Bear Creek Greenway Plan, 2024.

Map 2-1 shows the differences in level of access to parks and recreation opportunities for Medford residents. Attachment B provides maps highlighting park equity and access using these factors as well as additional information about the mapping methodology. The park equity index (Map 2-2) shows areas with a greater need for park access utilizing a combined score of the four equity indicator maps included in Attachment B. The darker shaded areas indicate areas with a greater need. These findings in combination with the access analysis help inform where to target future projects to improve equitable park access (Table 2-5).

TABLE 2-5: PARK EQUITY AND ACCESS GAPS BY AREA OF THE CITY

Area	Nearby Parks	Equity Index Score	Access	Opportunities
West	Jackson, Lewis	Highest	Good	Improving/renovating existing sites and developing Addysen Park
Northwest	Howard, Railroad	Highest	Fair	Renovating/activating existing sites and developing Midway Park
East	Cedar Links, Lone Pine	Low	Fair	Acquiring new parkland or improving access to existing sites
Southeast	Village Center, Orchard Hill	Lowest-Low	Poor	Developing Chrissy Park and improving access to existing parks
Southwest	Fichtner-Mainwaring	High-Highest	Poor	Acquiring new parkland or improving access to existing sites
North Central	Wilson	High	Fair	Acquiring new parkland or improving access to existing sites
Northeast	Kennedy	Moderate-high	Poor	Acquiring new parkland or improving access to existing sites
Central/Downtown	Hawthorne, Alba, Pear Blossom	Moderate-Highest	Good	Adding additional programming to existing sites



Map 2-1: Developed Parks Service Area



Park & Recreation Facilities

- Developed Parks
- Undeveloped Parks
- Community Facilities

Developed Parks Service Area

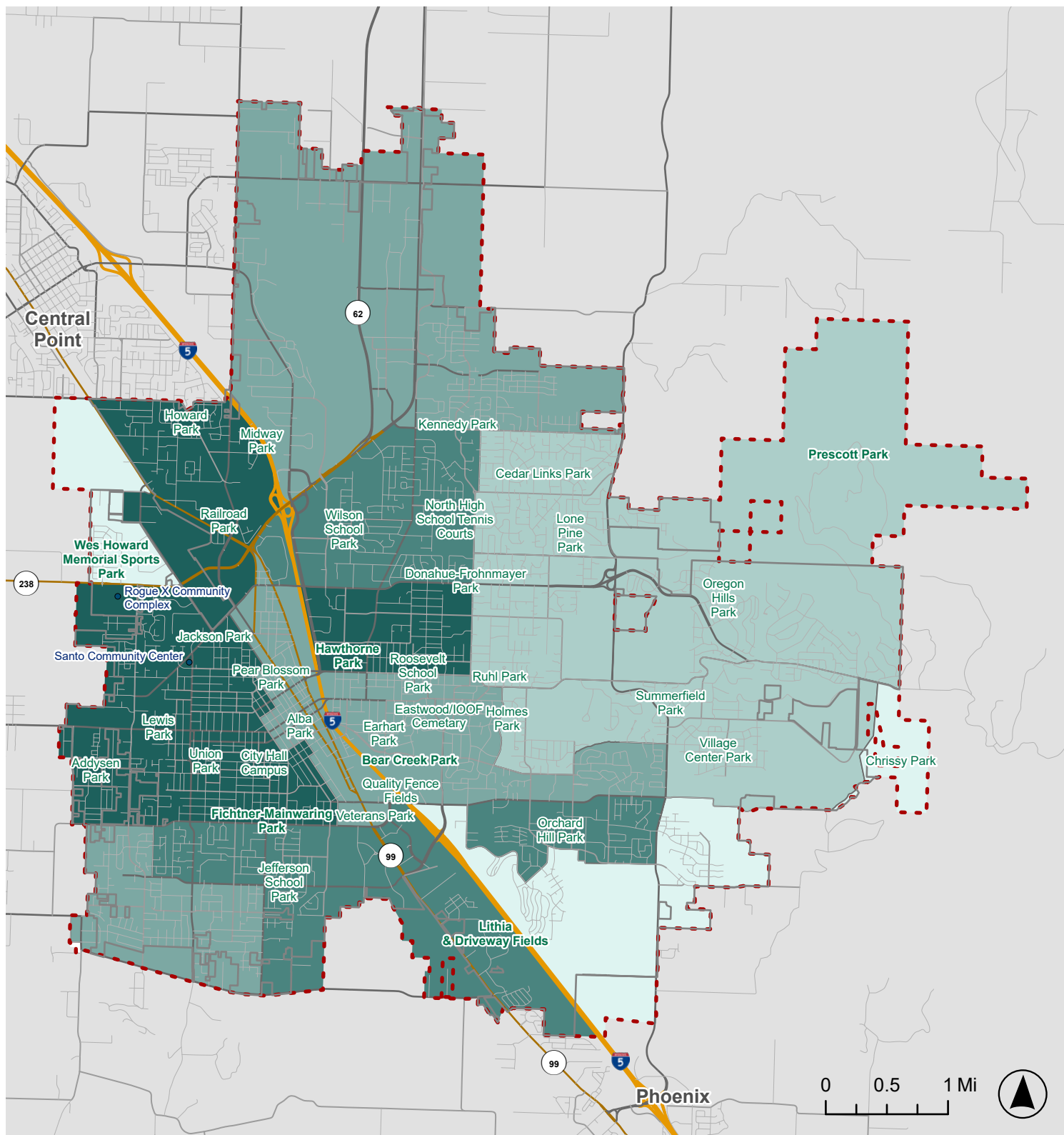
- 1/4 Mile Walk
- 1/2 Mile Walk

Base Map Features

- Residential Areas
- City Limits
- - - Urban Growth Boundary
- Schools
- Bear Creek

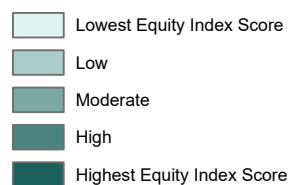


Source: City of Medford, 2023



Map 2-2: Equity Index

Equity Index*



*The higher the equity index score the greater the severity of need for park access based on the selected equity indicators.

Base Map Features



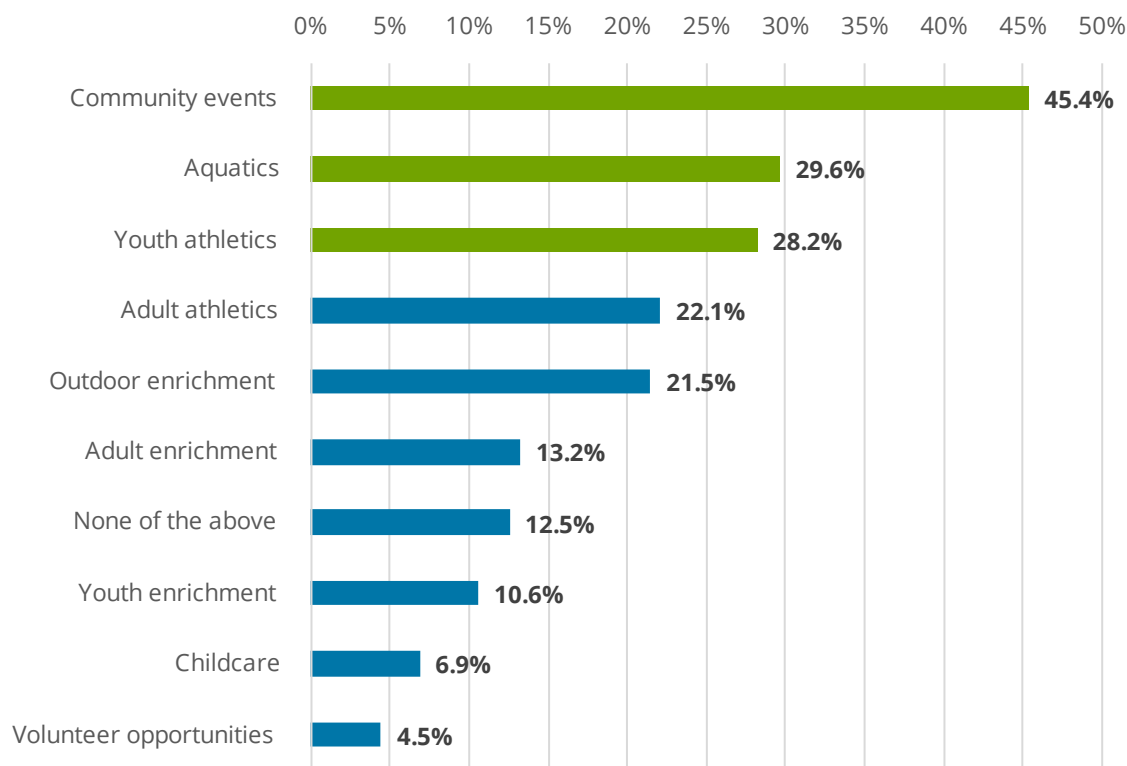
Source: City of Medford 2023, Esri Updated Demographic Variables 2023

Recreation Program Analysis

The City of Medford offers an array of recreation programs, activities, and special events for all ages. As a CAPRA nationally accredited agency, the City is dedicated to tracking recreation participation levels and committed to continuously identifying opportunities for expansion and improvement. This section identifies gaps in recreation programming based on existing offerings and community feedback.

Community engagement results indicated many respondents are satisfied with the mix and quality of programs offered. Recreation programs have high participation rates with 75% of respondents indicating they or their families participate in recreation programs often or occasionally. Respondents who participate in recreation programs most often attend community events and register for or participate in aquatics and youth sports programs (Figure 2-3).

FIGURE 2-3: “WHAT CITY OF MEDFORD RECREATION PROGRAMS DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST OFTEN?” (SELECT THREE)



SOURCE: Community Survey, MIG

Youth Programs

A quarter of Medford's population is under 20 years old, which is a slightly higher percentage than the county and state averages. Despite projections indicating a slight decrease in this segment of the population by 2042, planning for children and teens should remain a high priority based on responses to the Online Community Survey, where 44.9% of respondents indicated a desire to expand and improve programs designed for youth and teens.

Many youth programs are offered year-round, including camps, introductory special interest classes, indoor and outdoor athletics, and art. Most programs are targeted to preschool and elementary-aged youth, along with some programs designed for teens. While opportunities for teens exist, many of them are narrow-scope special interest and arts classes, often combined with adult offerings. Almost 25 percent of survey respondents want to see teen programs expanded or improved.

Adult Programs (Ages 18-54)

Adult programs primarily consist of art classes, athletics, and fitness classes. With over 60 unique program opportunities, art-based enrichment makes up the majority and are available on a year-round basis with a minimum enrollment age of 16 for most of them.

General enrichment programs (e.g., CPR, self-defense, etc.) and adult athletics are mostly offered in the fall. Fewer adult programs are offered in the spring and summer seasons because youth programs and camps utilize a large amount of available recreation space. Several fitness-based programs are offered throughout the year, and most of them are mind/body-based (e.g., yoga and tai chi). There are few options for more high-energy, high-impact classes like Zumba, step, and boot camp-style fitness.

PRESCOTT PARK DAY HIKE



YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Older Adult Programs (Ages 55+)

Medford has a higher-than-average population growth rate compared to national, state, and county levels, and adults ages 60+ have been the fastest growing segment of the population in recent years. NRPA's 2023 Park Pulse Survey found 92% of adults in the U.S. look to parks and recreation departments to provide recreation opportunities for older adults in their community. With the Baby Boomer generation being the largest segment of older adults today, it is important to understand their recreational needs and interests while also planning for Generation X, whose eldest members will turn 60 in 2025.

The City of Medford offers a variety of recreation activities and services for older adults, including programming and clerical support to the Medford Senior Center, which provides services to adults aged 60 years and older. While the Senior Center offers older adult social opportunities like bunco, bingo, and weekly lunches, the City's focus is on health and wellness-related programs like hiking trips, cardio and nutrition classes, along with a robust slate of art, finance and technical special interest classes offered at the Santo Community Center and the Rogue X.

The public services and activities available to older adults in Medford generally align with the findings of the 2023 NRPA Park Pulse Survey. The findings indicate preferences for outdoor activities like visiting a park or gardening; physical activities like working out and dancing; and indoor/enrichment activities like workshops, games, art classes, and concerts.

Classes and programs for older adults are primarily scheduled in the daytime, with the latest program ending around 6 p.m., indicating that programming primarily caters to individuals who do not work or have flexible or alternative work schedules. For older adults who remain in the workforce longer, there is a need to provide more opportunities between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Community feedback and Project Team observation noted that although Rogue X is a modern facility that expands programs and services to all segments of the population, Medford lacks an ADA-compliant multi-generational community center providing more specialized services for older adults and people with disabilities.

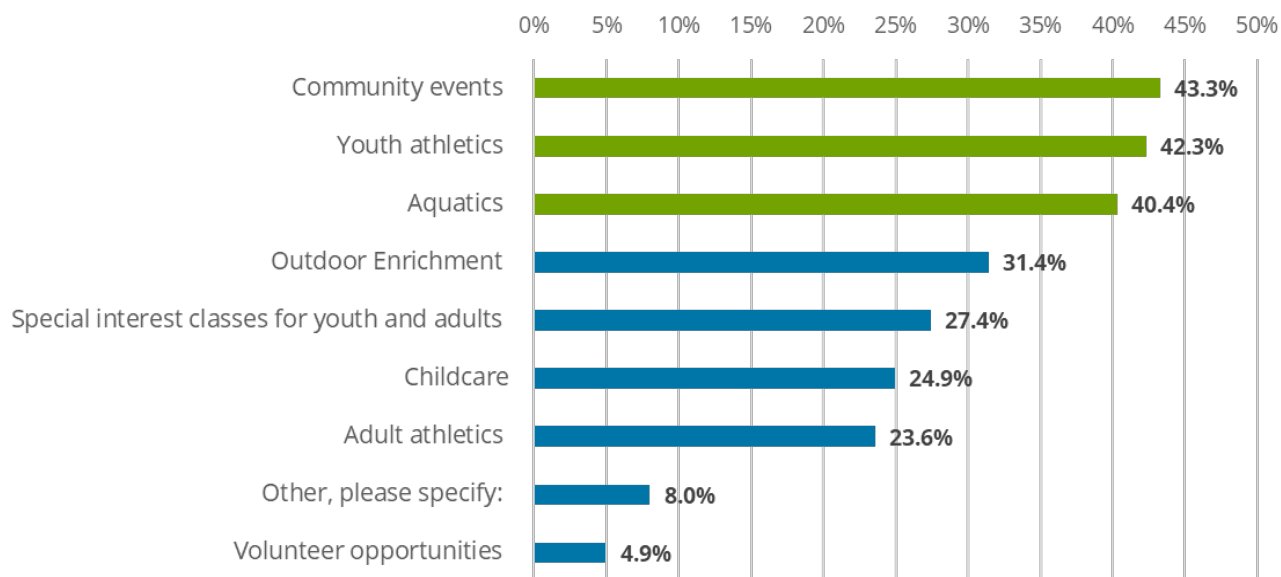
BALANCE AND MOBILITY 55+ CLASS, ROGUE X



Special Events

The City offers special events throughout the year for all ages that provide opportunities for community members to socialize. Popular annual events include the Winter Lights Festival, Father-Daughter and Mother-Son dances, Movies in the Park, and Halloween activities. “Community Events” was the top-rated recreation service in the Online Community Survey (43.3%).

FIGURE 2-4: “WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM AREAS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO SUPPORT OR EXPAND?”
(SELECT YOUR TOP THREE)



SOURCE: Community Survey, MIG

PEAR BLOSSOM PARK – BRITT KIDS KLUB KONCERT



3. PARK AND RECREATION TRENDS AND BEST PRACTICES

Recreation trends shift and evolve over time based on changes in demographics, societal issues, environmental conditions, and the individual priorities of community members. This section outlines relevant national and regional trends from the Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

An Active and Aging Older Adult Population

A growing population of older adults means increased demand for recreational activities that accommodate a range of needs and interests. With the eldest among Gen X turning 60 in 2025, this generation is expected to keep working longer and is anticipated to be the first generation to go into retirement with less financial security than their parents and grandparents. Alternative program hours and activities should be offered to better meet the needs of older adults looking for opportunities to stay connected and active, as well as ongoing programs for learning and enrichment.

Better Spaces and Opportunities for Youth

A quarter of Medford's population is under age 20. Many park and recreation agencies are taking a more holistic approach to youth development needs that transcends athletics and physical exercise to programming building leadership skills, socialization, and intellectual growth. The overall goal is to improve early adult experiences in economic self-reliance, healthy social relationships, and community contributions. In this approach, youth are also involved in local decision-making that helps them shape their future and current environment.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Cities are recognizing historic marginalization of certain resident populations and cultures in how parks and recreation programs are designed, planned, and structured. Many park providers are addressing inequities and intentionally making parks and programs more diverse, welcoming, and inclusive. A recent NRPA study found agencies across the country are removing barriers to parks and recreation by providing facilities such as community gardens that bring people together and increasing use among residents of all backgrounds by offering culturally diverse programming and multi-lingual marketing and information (Parks and Recreation Inclusion Report, NRPA).

OLDER ADULT AQUATICS – ROGUE X



“We need more for teenagers to feel safe and included.”

SOURCE: Community Survey Respondent

“Activated” Parks

Creating a unique connection with the users of a park and the surrounding community can increase ownership and support, decrease vandalism, and encourage additional use of public spaces. Park spaces and activities that are more welcoming and versatile maximize the use, value and vibrancy of parks. Cities are designing and developing activities and creating comfortable and active spaces in parks to increase appropriate park use. Specific examples of activation include group seating areas, dog parks, chess tables, outdoor ping pong, temporary play elements, and mobile recreation programs. Although “activated” parks have higher staffing and maintenance needs, the investment is intended to improve aesthetic and visual appeal, influence public perception of the park or place, and potentially reduce nefarious activities due to a more broad and robust community presence. Additionally, public art in parks can express the multifaceted and culturally diverse qualities of a community, and local identity.

Tourism and Economic Development

Cities are strategically positioning their parks and recreation systems as drivers of economic development, and destinations for tourism and large events. Tourism amenities are key considerations as cities consider how to invest in parks and recreation. For example, a recent report from Travel Oregon found that tourism in southern Oregon increased 10% from 2021 to 2022, totaling over \$1.4 billion in spending to the region (2022 Economic Impact of Travel in Oregon, 2022). Another recent Travel Oregon study found outdoor recreation was the second most popular activity for southern Oregon visitors, and Medford was the most popular city to visit (Travel Oregon Visitor Profile Report, 2021-22, Travel Oregon). The same report found 91% of visitors indicated they would return in the next 12 months.

EXAMPLE OF PARK ACTIVATION – HIDDEN CREEK PARK WEST, HILLSBORO, OREGON



Community Health and Wellness

It is well documented that parks, recreation, and access to the outdoors provide substantial health benefits. This is especially important in Jackson County where there is a higher rate of coronary heart disease compared to the state average (Asante Three Rivers Medical Center, 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment). According to Providence, heart disease is the leading cause of death for most ethnicities in the U.S. (Providence Data Hub, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey (BRFSS), 2019). The County also has higher rates of students reporting signs of depression compared to the state average. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, there has also been growing public awareness of the importance of access to the outdoors to combat loneliness and to support safe community connections. For these reasons, the City should consider partnerships with health organizations to explore programming and recreation opportunities that support broader community health.

Climate Resiliency

Parks and natural areas are closely linked to cleaner air, cooler temperatures, improved water quality, and stronger neighborhoods. In southern Oregon, wildfires are a major threat. Communities across the country are focusing on designs and policies that restore natural systems to help create safer homes and neighborhoods that are more resistant to wildfires and a changing climate. Examples include green infrastructure that treats stormwater through natural systems; restoring and slowing urban waterways; and urban forestry practices to shade neighborhoods with the warmest temperatures. Renewable energy and sustainable purchasing policies are also becoming increasingly common.

When residents see public parks and other spaces are well-cared for and rehabilitated, their trust in local government — and even in each other — increases over time.

SOURCE: NRPA, Green Infrastructure Evaluation Framework, Center for Active Design)

PRESCOTT PARK

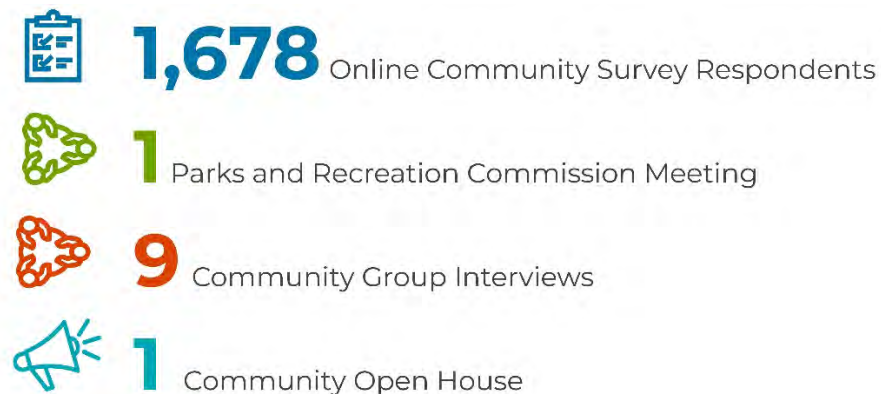


4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS AND FINDINGS

Outreach Process

The Project Team held a variety of outreach activities in early 2024 to gather input from residents, city leaders, user groups and other interested parties (Figure 4-1). Common themes from outreach efforts help develop the Plan's community vision for the future and inform future phases of the planning process. Additional community input will be solicited for the draft plan.

FIGURE 4-1: ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



Parks & Recreation Commission Kickoff Meeting

The Project Team met with the Medford Parks & Recreation Commission on January 24, 2024, to discuss project goals and the future parks and recreation system. Commissioners described key needs and opportunities, and ideas to ensure broad participation from the community.

Community Group Interviews

To help assess needs and opportunities, the Project Team conducted small group interviews with a variety of groups, organizations, and individuals who represent specific community interests and perspectives, including tourism and economic development, sports and recreation, older adults, accessibility, the Medford School District, Latino and immigrant communities, and youth. Nine interviews were conducted. Attachment C includes a summary of meeting notes from the interviews.

Community Survey

The Project Team administered a community survey from March 31 to May 6, 2024, to solicit opinions and public perceptions about parks, facilities, trails, and recreation programs. The 28-question survey was available in English and Spanish via a link to the City's website. City staff mailed 200 paper copies of the survey to a random sample of utility billing addresses (divided equally into each of the city's four wards) and made printed copies of the survey available at the community open house and at the Rogue X. A total of 1,638 people responded to the online survey, and another 40 people submitted printed surveys, totaling 1,678 respondents. Refer to Attachment A for an in-depth summary of the community survey.

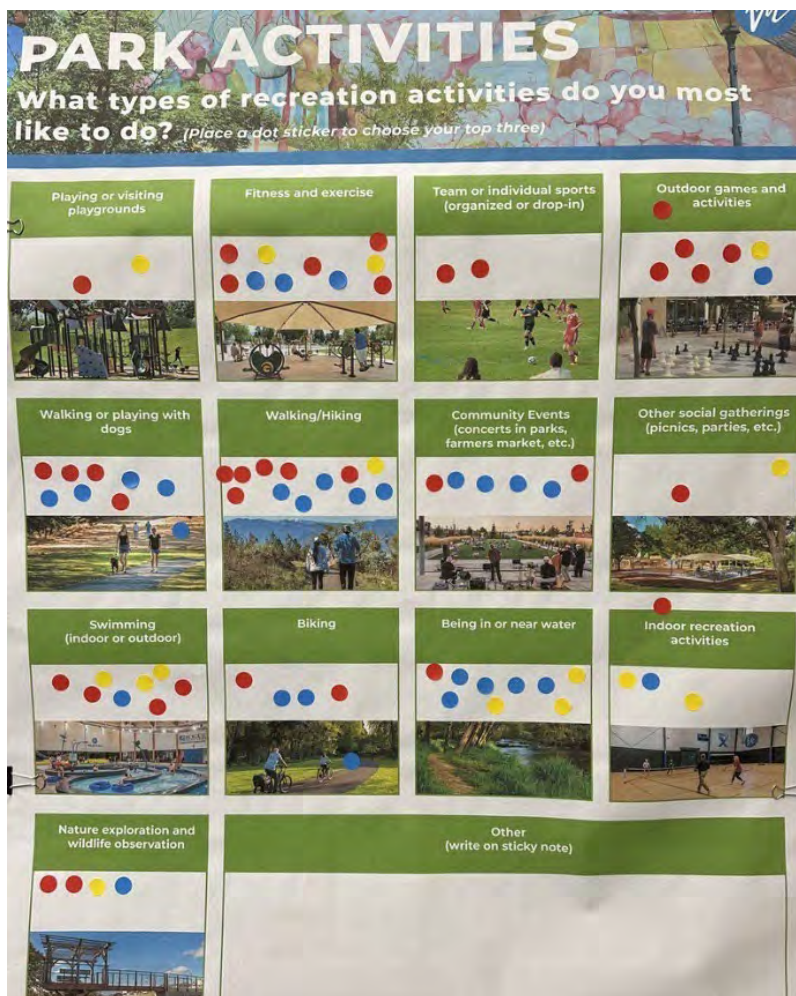
Community Open House

On March 21, 2024, the Project Team facilitated an open house at the Rogue Credit Union Community Complex (Rogue X) to share project information and to gather input on needs and opportunities relating to Medford's parks, facilities, trails, and recreation programs.

City Council Updates

The Project Team met with the Medford City Council on June 18 and June 20, 2024, to report on outreach and technical findings, and to outline next steps in the planning process. The City Council has the final say on the content and direction of the Strategic Plan.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE INPUT



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION INPUT



NORTH MEDFORD HIGH STUDENT FOCUS GROUP



Outreach Key Themes and Suggested Actions

This section presents key themes, needs, and suggested actions identified from extensive community input. Across all engagement results, participants placed a high value on Medford's park and recreation system, with 97% of survey respondents rating parks as "important" or "extremely important." The project team collected nearly 200 pages of community feedback. Detailed results are included in the appendices, including the community survey summary (Attachment A) and community interview notes (Attachment C).

Community group interviews, Park & Recreation Commission input, and open-ended survey responses, revealed several frequently mentioned park and recreation system strengths, opportunities and issues as summarized in Figure 4-2.

FIGURE 4-2: OUTREACH STRENGTHS, OPPORTUNITIES AND ISSUES



The following sections summarize the six key themes gleaned from the community engagement process.

1. Concerns about safety in certain City parks, trails, and on the Greenway, and the need for enhanced efforts to keep the park system safe, clean, and accessible.

The top concern across all community outreach activities is feeling unsafe in public parks and along trails and greenways. Residents want improved safety measures implemented throughout the park system. Sixty-three percent of survey respondents indicated improved safety would stimulate more park use.

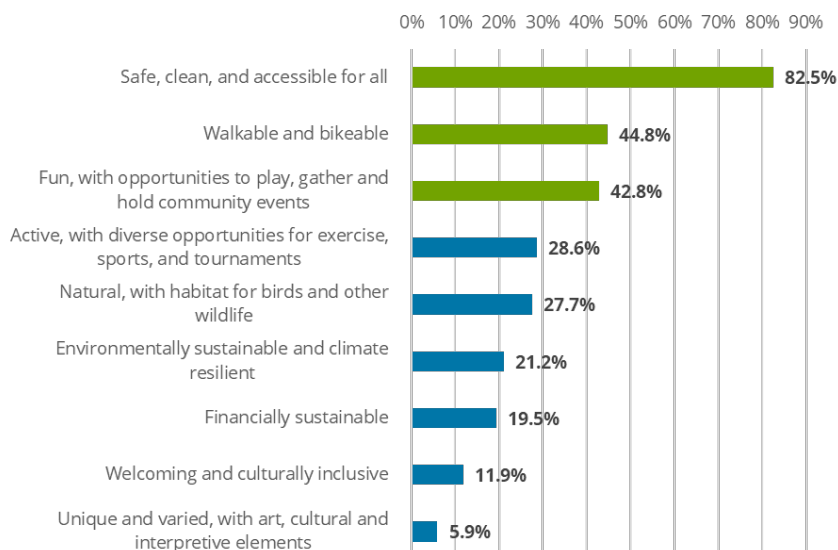
The safety-centric sentiments are consistent with feedback from other recent surveys. In Spring 2022, a Jackson County-commissioned survey involving over 2,100 residents revealed that 84% of respondents cited “Safety/Crime” as the top issue plaguing the Bear Creek Greenway, with 76% wanting improved levels of cleanliness and trash removal. And in Winter 2023, in a Medford Parks and Recreation Department survey about the quality of the City’s park maintenance services, the top concern raised by participants was park safety along with a call for increased law enforcement.

Public safety challenges are extensive and complicated due to systemic issues impacting the entire state, namely housing affordability, mental health, and drug addiction. Medford’s Livability Team has achieved excellent results, but enforcement exclusively focused on maintaining safety and adherence to rules is lacking throughout the entire City park system.

Suggested Actions Based on Community Input

- Increase surveillance and law enforcement in parks and along trails, greenways, and pathways.
- Augment Livability Team to have a more reliable law enforcement in all City parks.
- Create a volunteer program to improve surveillance of parks and to draw attention to park rules and regulations.
- Work with regional partners to create a safer and more welcoming Bear Creek Greenway.
- Activate parks with a range of events and programs that bring people into parks at different times of the day and throughout the year.
- Improve sightlines and visibility in parks and open spaces for improved surveillance and public safety.
- Quickly respond to vandalism and graffiti removal.

FIGURE 4-3: “WHAT STATEMENTS BELOW BEST DESCRIBE YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?” (SELECT YOUR TOP THREE)



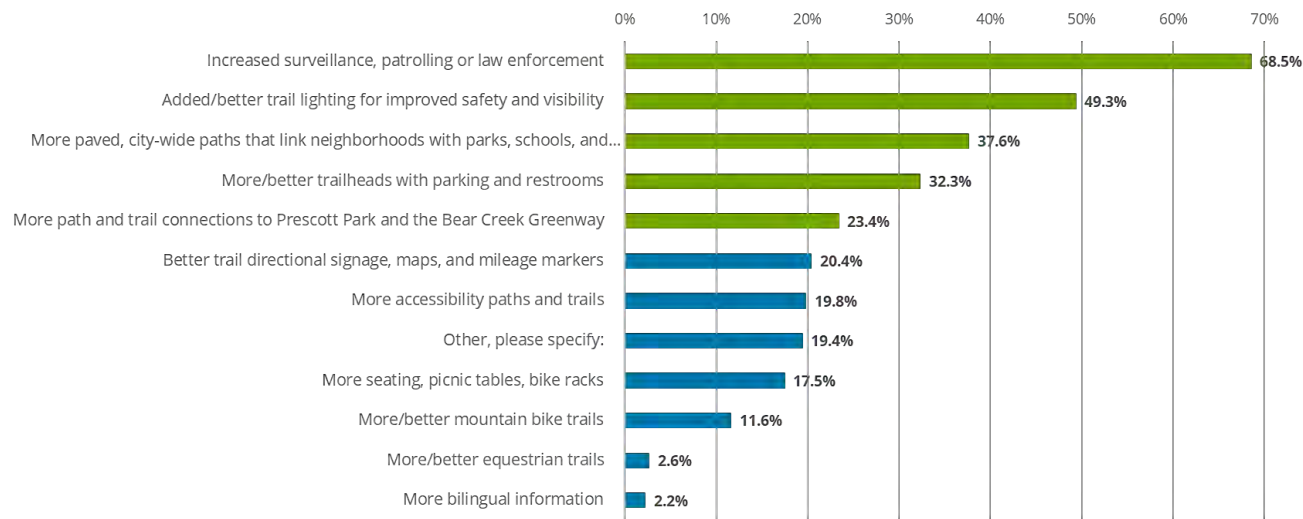
SOURCE: Community Survey, MIG

2. A high level of appreciation and use of trails and pathways, and the need for more of them, along with better connectivity and accessibility.

Residents are asking for more, improved and safer trails, pathways and direct connections for walking and biking. Nearly 38% of survey respondents reported walking to parks, and 23% of respondents reported riding a bike to access Medford’s parks. A walkable and bikeable system to get to parks were a top response on the community survey and focus group discussions also highlighted the importance of a connected and safe system to get to parks. The City’s Transportation System Plan (2018-2038) identifies 43 shared use path projects, new sidewalks and bike routes to create a safer and more connected system. The Plan prioritizes filling gaps near schools, activity centers and essential destinations, transit routes, and transit-oriented districts.

According to the survey, 56 percent of respondents use trails, pathways, and greenways at least monthly. Safety is a primary concern for trail users, with nearly 70 percent of participants reporting that increased patrolling or law enforcement would encourage them to use trails, pathways and greenways more often, and almost 50 percent reporting that added trail lighting would improve their perception of safety.

FIGURE 4-4: “WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE TRAILS, PATHWAYS, AND GREENWAYS MORE OFTEN?” (SELECT YOUR TOP FIVE)



SOURCE: Community Survey, MIG

Survey responses and results from the interviews also highlighted a need for affordable and inclusive park and recreation facilities designed for people with and without disabilities. The City will complete its ADA Transition Plan for the park system in 2025, having completed accessibility improvements ranging from accessible seating and picnic facilities to accessible play equipment, signage and pathways.

Suggested Actions Based on Community Input

- Expand Prescott Park trail system.

- Continue development of City-wide paved path systems that links neighborhoods and destinations, especially Prescott Park and the Bear Creek Greenway.
- Add lighting along trails for improved safety and visibility.
- Build better trailheads with amenities like accessible restrooms and parking.
- Provide bilingual and ADA compliant system-wide trail signage with information about difficulty, distances, and access to water and restrooms.
- Add multi-use trails for biking, running and hiking.
- Provide more trails to increase access to nature for people with disabilities, older adults, and others who need a flat or minimally sloped, durable walking/rolling surface.
- Provide support amenities such as charging stations for power chairs, and shade, seating, and drinking fountains.
- Partner to improve transportation options park and recreation facilities for people with disabilities, kids, and others.

3. Appreciation of City parks and facilities, and a need to see a wider range of unique recreation opportunities with better amenities and more frequent maintenance.

Places to have fun, to relax, and to socialize are important to Medford residents. Survey data and community input indicated a desire for more unique facilities, activities and opportunities to play, compete, and exercise that not only benefit residents, but also attract tourists to help stimulate the local economy. Along with diverse play and exercise opportunities, high priority was given to adding more support amenities such as restrooms, picnic tables, shade structures and space for group events.

Overall, Medford residents are proud of our regional recreation facilities (Rogue X, Lithia & Driveway Fields, Prescott Park) and support the important role parks and recreation play in the community's economic vitality.

Suggested Actions Based on Community Input:

- Expand Prescott Park and improve public trail access.
- Develop more facilities for increasing popular sports like pickleball, disc golf, soccer and sand volleyball.
- Consider building more aquatics facilities.
- Add challenge-based facilities like a bike skills course and pump track at Midway Park.
- Add support amenities such as restrooms, shade structures, picnic tables and spaces for people to gather and hold events.
- Install more art, cultural, or interpretive elements.
- Renovate aging facilities with new play and support amenities.
- Incorporate outdoor fitness equipment that provides an affordable way to exercise.
- Encourage more games in parks such as cards, bingo, and bocce ball.
- Incorporate universal design and accessibility principles into new or renovated parks and facilities.

- Provide adequate maintenance funding to ensure service levels match community expectations.

4. A desire for improved information, promotion, communication, and multi-cultural outreach about park and recreation facilities, programs, and services.

While feedback underscored the popularity of existing parks and programs, community engagement activities detected a need to improve the City's flow of information about what it offers the community. Communication that is clear, easy to understand and available in multiple formats ensures all users have equal access to parks and programs. Improved communication, outreach and engagement are keys to growing long-term supporters of the park and recreation system.

Suggested Actions Based on Community Input

- Expand promotion and marketing to Medford's Latino/a community, including bilingual staff and signage.
- Encourage multi-cultural involvement in programs and facilities.
- Improve outreach to older generations, including the use of a variety of media and in-person and online engagement.
- Use communication tools to show how decisions are made, and how people can be engaged in the public-input process.
- Ensure park signage meets ADA guidelines.

LEWIS PARK – AGING PLAY AREA



“Another seasonal pool(s) in the future would be nice... [Also,] more signage of where parks are on the roads would help bring more people to them.”

“Medford needs more dedicated pickleball courts.”

SOURCE: Community Survey Respondents

5. A need for more free or low-cost options and events for all ages and abilities.

Overall, residents like the recreation programs and services currently coordinated by the City, and high numbers want even more low-cost or free offerings. However, community preferences for additional or expanded programs and services would require additional staffing, facilities, or operational resources to accomplish. For example, there is inadequate field space and not enough local officials and umpires to expand youth baseball and softball tournaments beyond current capacities.

Suggested Actions Based on Community Input

- Expand community event locations to include underserved parts of Medford and in larger community parks with a need for activation.
- Identify more special event opportunities outside the peak summer season.
- Increase programs for children and teens, including aquatics and youth athletics.
- Provide more opportunities for childcare.
- Market program information focused on underserved areas to ensure vulnerable populations are informed and increase participation.
- Offer classes and events in locations and times where participants feel safe and welcome.
- Add opportunities between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. that better meet the needs of older adults who are still working.
- Add more options for more high-energy, high-impact classes like Zumba, step, and boot camp-style fitness.
- Add more accessible recreation programming.

BEAR CREEK GREENWAY



**“I would love to see more
ADA accessible parks
that have beautiful views
and a lot of variety in
flora.”**

SOURCE: Community Survey Respondent

6. A desire for more sustainable and climate-resilient park features.

Participants voiced a need to protect and enhance natural resources and green spaces, to design for environmental sustainability, and to adapt to climate change. The Rogue Valley is known for its mild and sunny climate, but drier conditions and periods of extreme heat cause more severe wildfires. Wildfire smoke causes extensive health impacts and limits outdoor recreation.

Suggested Actions Based on Community Input

- Reduce maintenance-intensive landscaping and require drought-tolerant landscaping throughout the park system.
- Add more trees or shade structures near or over popular park amenities like playgrounds and picnic areas.
- Support riparian restoration and fire management plans, especially along Bear Creek and in Prescott Park.
- Use fuel reduction strategies in natural areas and promote defensible space in or around parks and recreation facilities.
- Install solar light fixtures.
- Establish dedicated natural areas as part of park designs and integrate opportunities for nature play.
- Add trees along park boundaries with streets and within parks to create a green buffer, to increase habitat, and to provide shade.
- Design parks with consideration for sustainability, water quality, water conservation, and flood impact mitigation.
- Acquire parkland and protect natural areas in growth areas.

BEAR CREEK



“Climate resilience and ecological restoration are of paramount importance to parks in the decades ahead.”

“It would be really nice to have more shade coverings at parks, such as Summerfield Park.”

SOURCE: Community Survey Respondent

5. STAFFING NEEDS

Overall, community feedback expressed a high level of satisfaction with the provision of park and recreation services. However, a growing population and increasing demands on parks and recreation facilities places a greater strain on system operations and staffing.

The Department is also reliant on a high percentage of part-time staff to provide program capacity or to perform essential maintenance tasks also conducted by full-time staff. The reliance on part-time staff is complicated by difficulty in providing competitive wages and challenges in recruiting and retaining reliable workers for positions without benefits in a job market with low unemployment. Building on the staffing information summarized in Brief 1: State of the System and outreach key themes, this section identifies needs for park and recreation staffing.

Maintenance

Based on existing staffing numbers and customer service expectations, the demands on the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department are increasing, compounded by ongoing trash accumulation and vandalism in 43 parks spanning over 2,500 acres. Medford has one full-time park maintenance worker for every 126 acres of parkland; the Pacific Northwest median for comparable NRPA communities is approximately 1-to-17.

Key Needs

- Converting part-time staff funding into full-time positions to improve service reliability and consistency.
- Creating an additional park maintenance zone team, including an arborist and irrigation technician, to improve the current division of labor and level of service within the existing park system.
- Re-establish periodic adjustments to the Park Utility Fee to account for additional staffing and materials due to system expansion and assignments of right-of-way maintenance.

Administration

The Department's ambitious capital improvement project list has minimal project management and clerical support resources. Project management is increasingly time-consuming and complicated as a result of local and state contracting requirements and regulations. Given current staffing levels, the Department is not positioned to administer a heavy project administration load.

Key Needs

- Contract for project management assistance or consider hiring a full-time project manager, along with the necessary clerical support and requisite office space.
- Partner with other City departments, or other cities, to augment project management resources.

Recreation

A staff of seven full-time employees coordinates over 300 recreation programs, classes, services and events for all ages, including 117 unique offerings – a slate of opportunities that many communities desire (both larger and smaller than Medford). The opening of the Rogue X will only increase this level of services. The recreation division is at full capacity for output, but the additional and/or larger community events desired by the community, and other needs such as childcare services, will require additional staff resources.

Key Needs

- Partner with Travel Medford and Downtown Medford Association to enhance capacity to coordinate or expand existing events.
- Consider creation of a full-time preschool teacher position as part of childcare service expansion at the Santo Community Center.

6. NEXT STEPS

When combined with the information in Brief 1, this document will be used to share park and recreation needs with the community and for additional discussion with the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council. The Project Team will then develop systemwide policies and standards for park development, administration, operations, maintenance, management, and programming, building on the 2016 Leisure Services Plan. Using this framework, the following phase will identify system-wide recommendations and discuss priorities with the community in late Summer 2024. There will be multiple additional opportunities for the community to learn about the Plan's progress and weigh-in on changes and further refinements.



Community Survey Summary

MEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN

SURVEY PERIOD: March 31, 2024 – May 6, 2024



PURPOSE

The City of Medford is developing its Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan (Plan) to shape the next 10 years of citywide park and recreation services. The Plan will address system-wide needs, identify specific improvements to park and recreation facilities and activities, and outline goals and policies to provide guidance on future investments, projects, and programs.

As part of the planning process the City launched a community survey to help identify a shared community vision for the park and recreation system that reflects the diverse needs and interests of Medford's residents. **The survey was available online and in hard-copies from March 31-May 6, 2024, and received a total of 1,678 responses.**

The survey included 28 optional questions focused on community values, satisfaction, and desired improvements for the parks and recreation system. The findings are from a broad enough sample that they can help the City identify common themes and needs. All responses are captured in this summary with a total number of responses to each question listed with the results. Some questions allowed participants to select three or more answer choices resulting in total counts greater than the number of respondents and total percentages greater than 100%. MIG has completed a data quality check to confirm that individual respondents are not duplicative and not automatically generated (bots).

PROMOTION

The survey was shared with the community through several methods in both English and Spanish including:

- A media kit released to 50+ community partner organizations, including participants of the project's eight group interviews
- Three interviews with local news media
- Multiple posts across City social media channels
- Email and text notifications to 5,000+ subscribers (City eNewsletter, Events, Parks, and Rogue X audiences)
- Utility bill insert
- Notification of all 500+ City staff

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1. WHO RESPONDED?



**1,678 Total Respondents
In ~5 weeks**

1,638 Online Respondents
40 Paper Respondents

Park and Trail Users

Most respondents identify as park users (87.1%) and/or trail users (58.7%).

Residents and Employees

Nearly 80% of respondents live in Medford and 40% of respondents work in Medford. Over a quarter of respondents live in Northeast Medford.

Varied Ages

Respondents were largely split between the ages of 25 and 65. The 35-44 and 65+ age groups had the largest share of all age groups (28.5% and 20.3%).

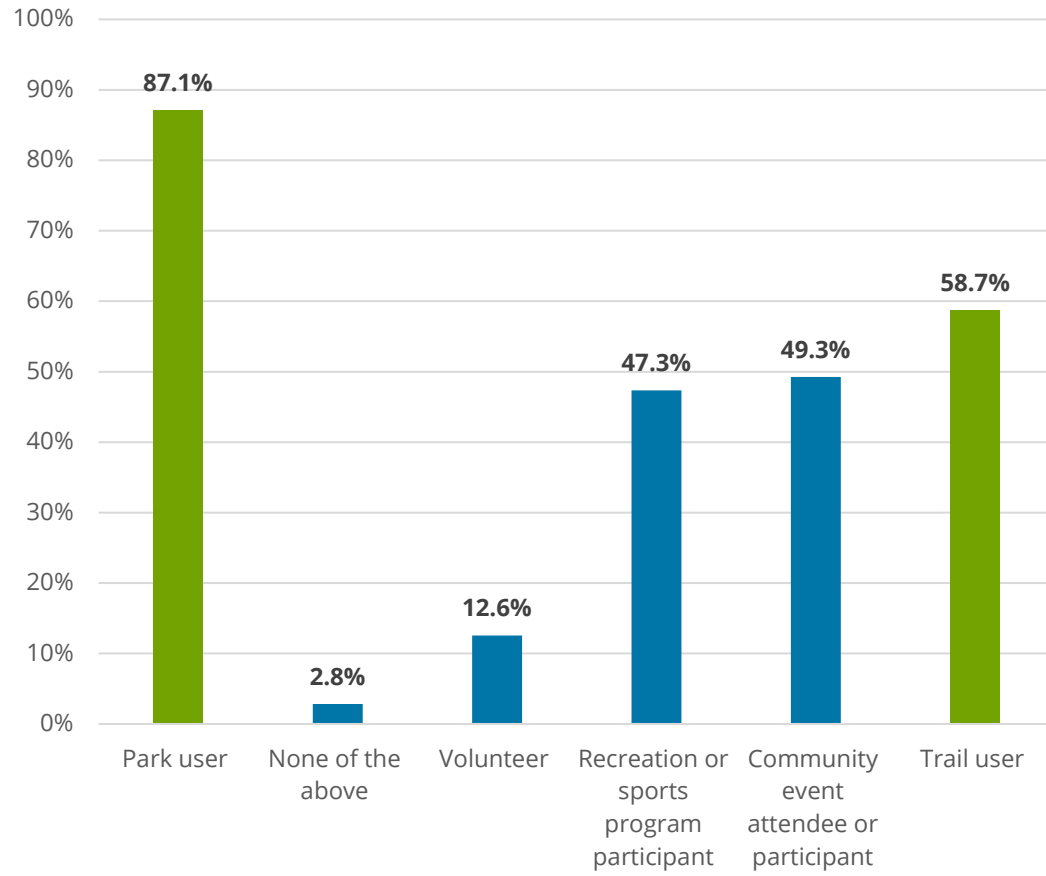
Mostly Adults Representing Families

Most respondents live with young children, teens/tweens, and older adults (65+).

Q1: I consider myself to be a...

(select all that apply)

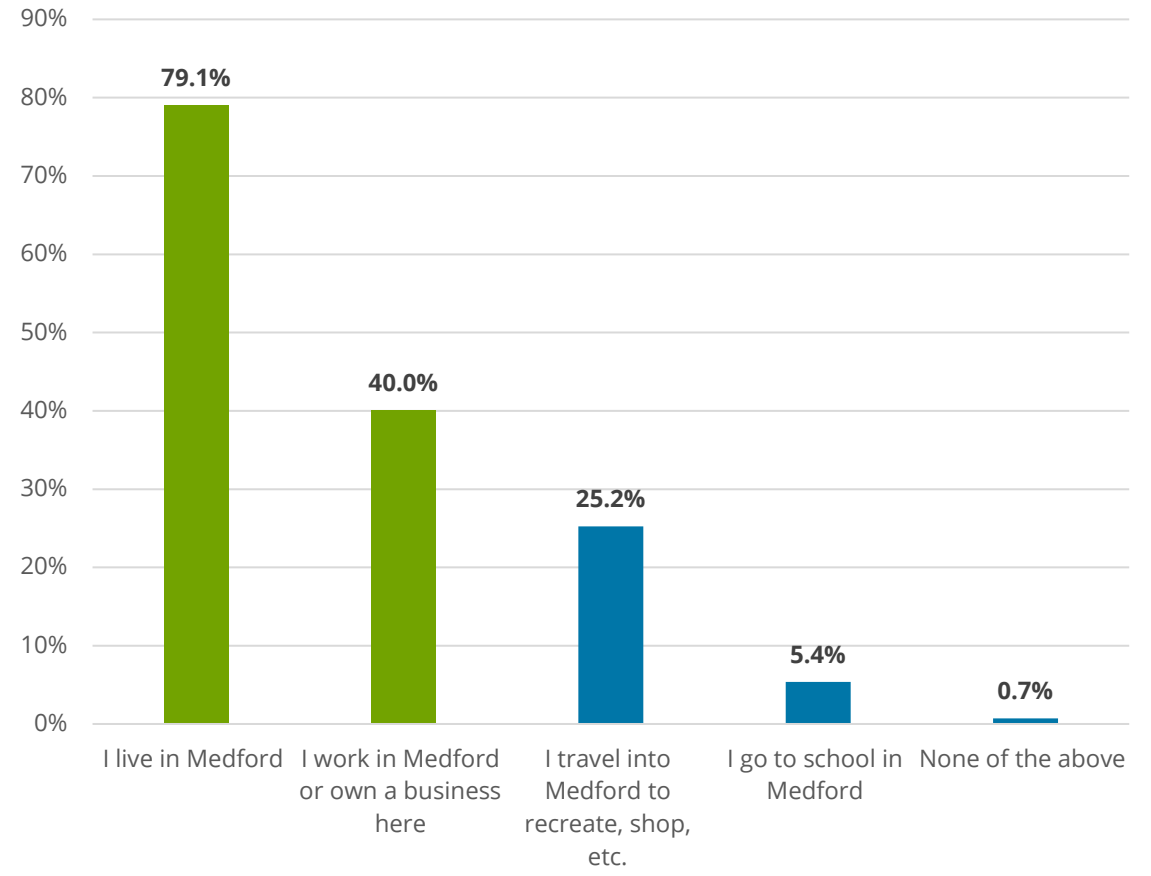
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Q2: How are you connected to Medford?

(select all that apply)

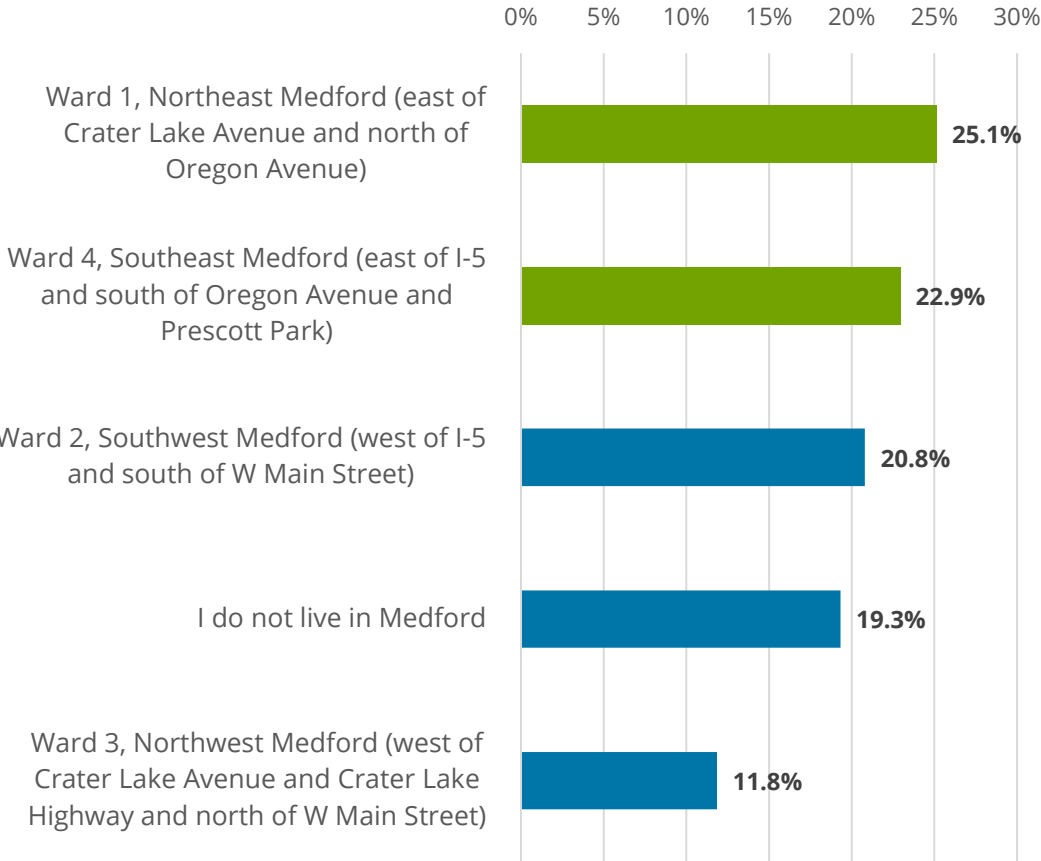
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Q3: In what area of the city do you live?

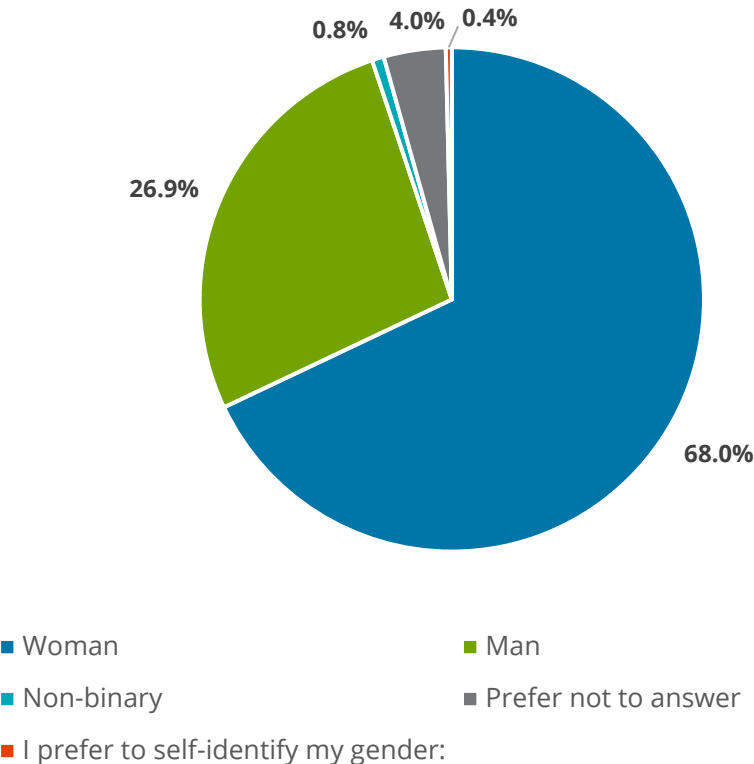
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Q22: What best describes your gender identity? (select one)

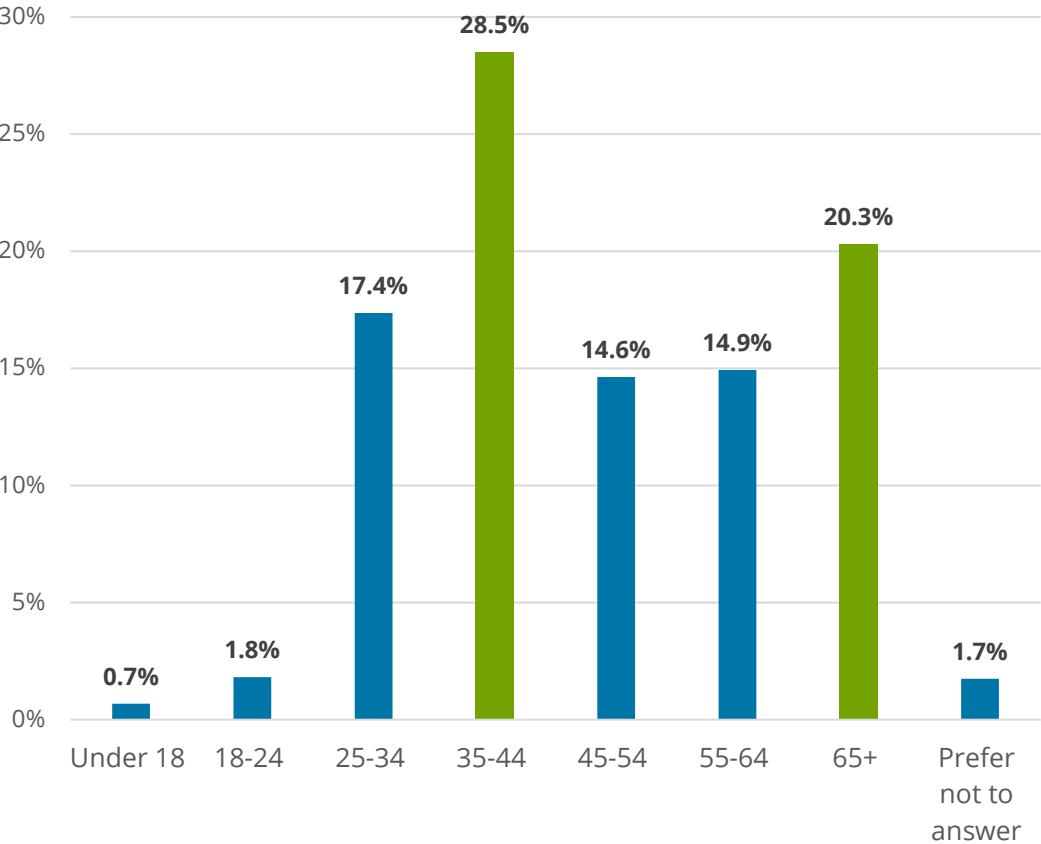
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Q23: What is your age?

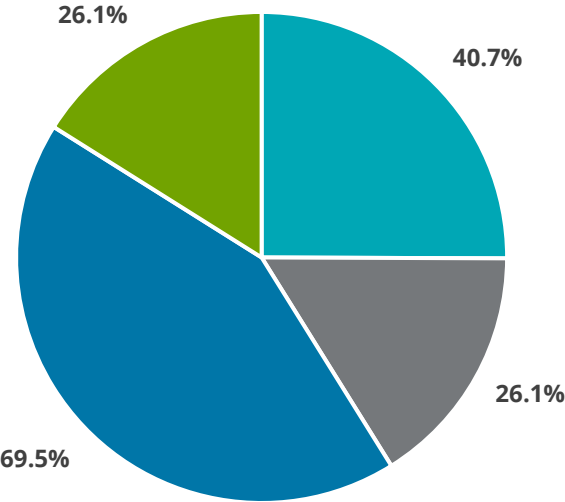
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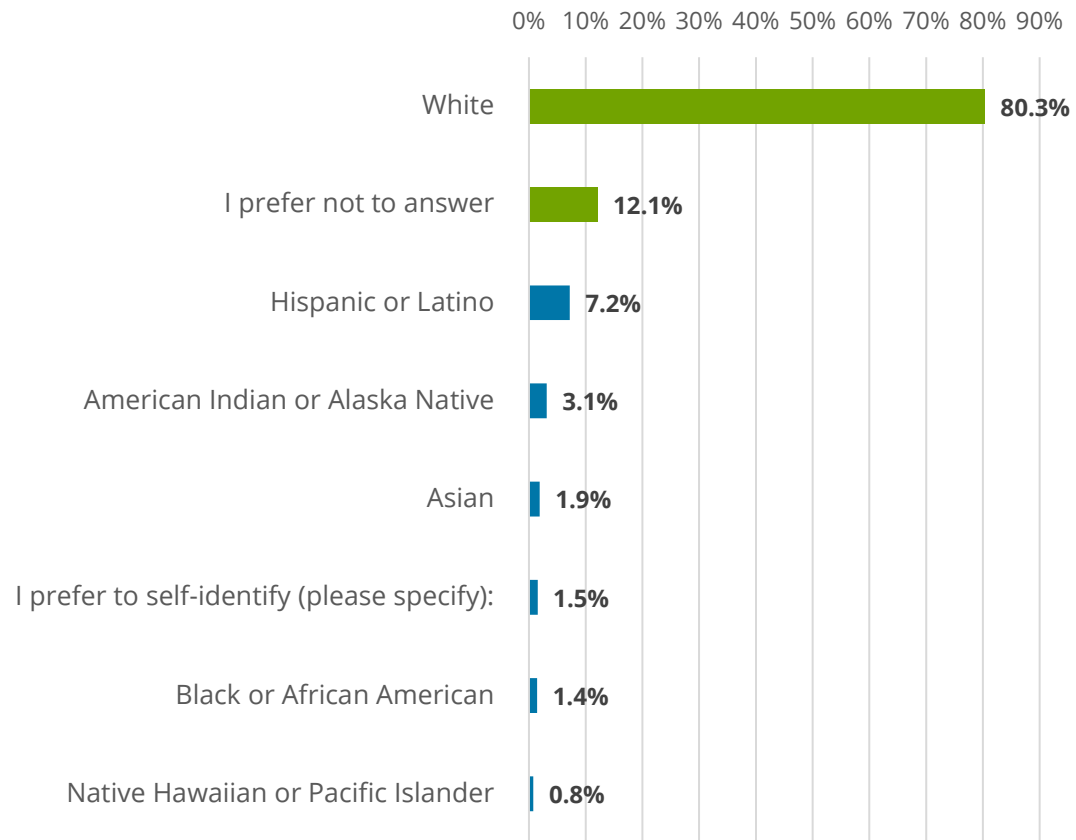
Q24: Which of the following age groups live in your home? (select all that apply)

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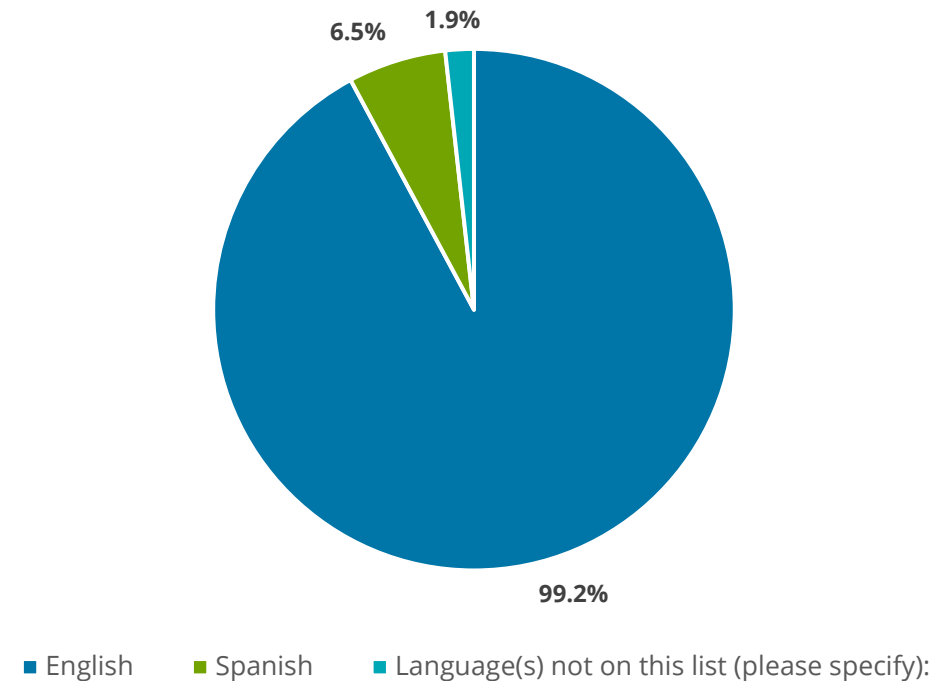


- Young children (elementary and younger)
- Tweens/teens (middle and high school)
- Adults age 18-65
- Adults age 65+

Q25: Which of the following most accurately describes your race and ethnic identities? *(If you are of a multi-racial/multi-ethnic/multi-cultural identity, please select all that apply)*
n=1,311



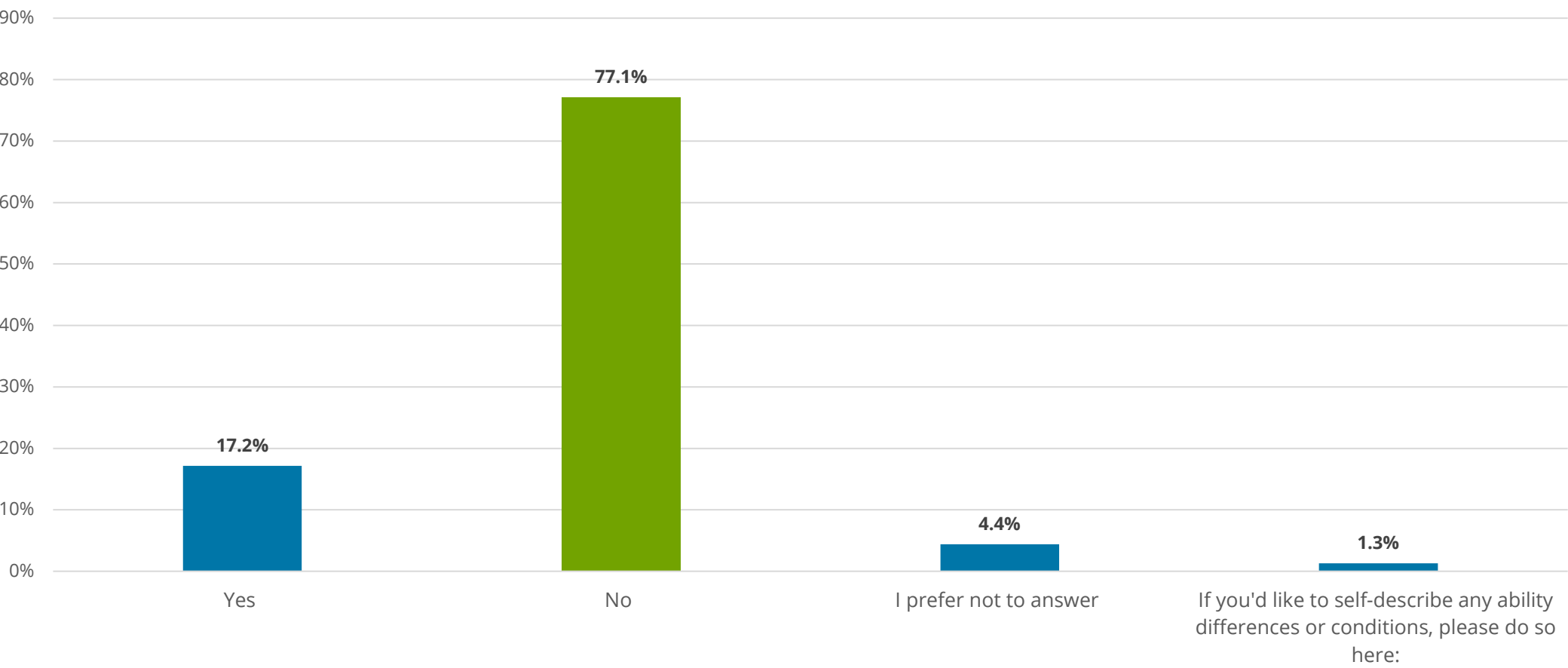
Q26: What language(s) do you speak in your household? *(select all that apply)*
n=1,314



Q27: Do you or anyone in your family have a conditions or disability that influences participation in or access to parks and recreation activities?

(select one)

n=1,316



2. VALUE OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks are extremely important

Over 97% of respondents rated parks as important or extremely important.

Vision for the future

When asked about Medford's park and recreation system in 10 years, most respondents envision a system that is:



**Safe, clean, and
accessible for
all**



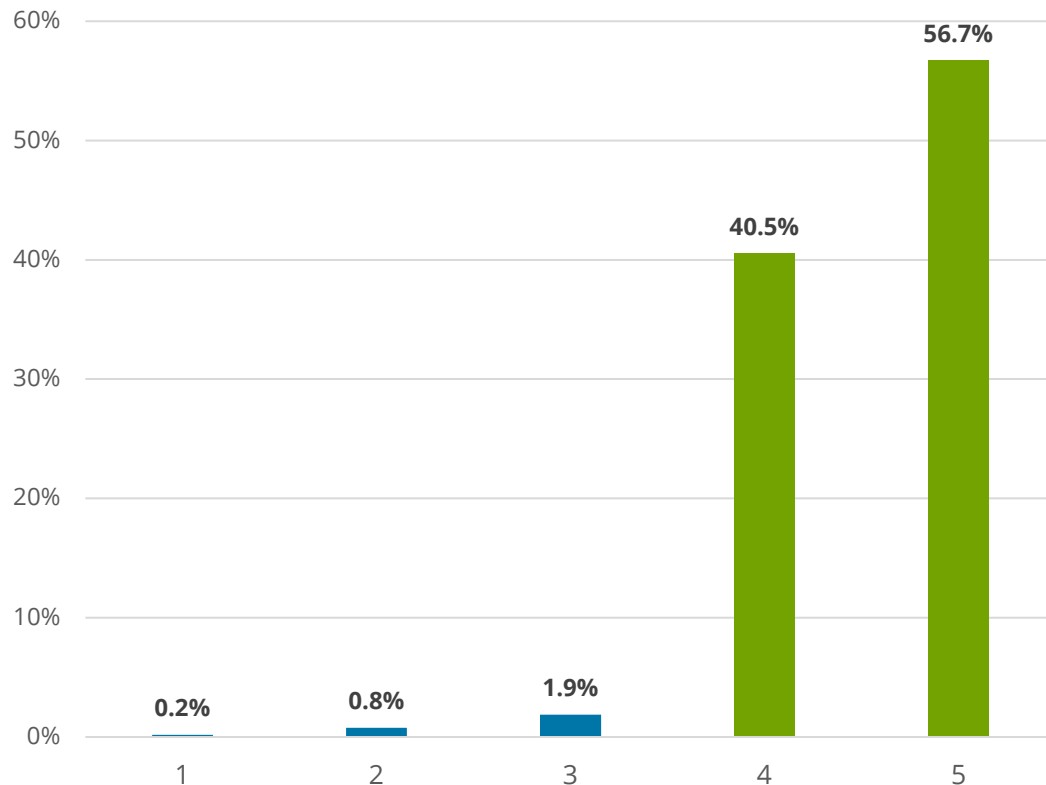
**Walkable and
bikeable**



**Fun, with
opportunities
to play, gather,
and hold
community
events**

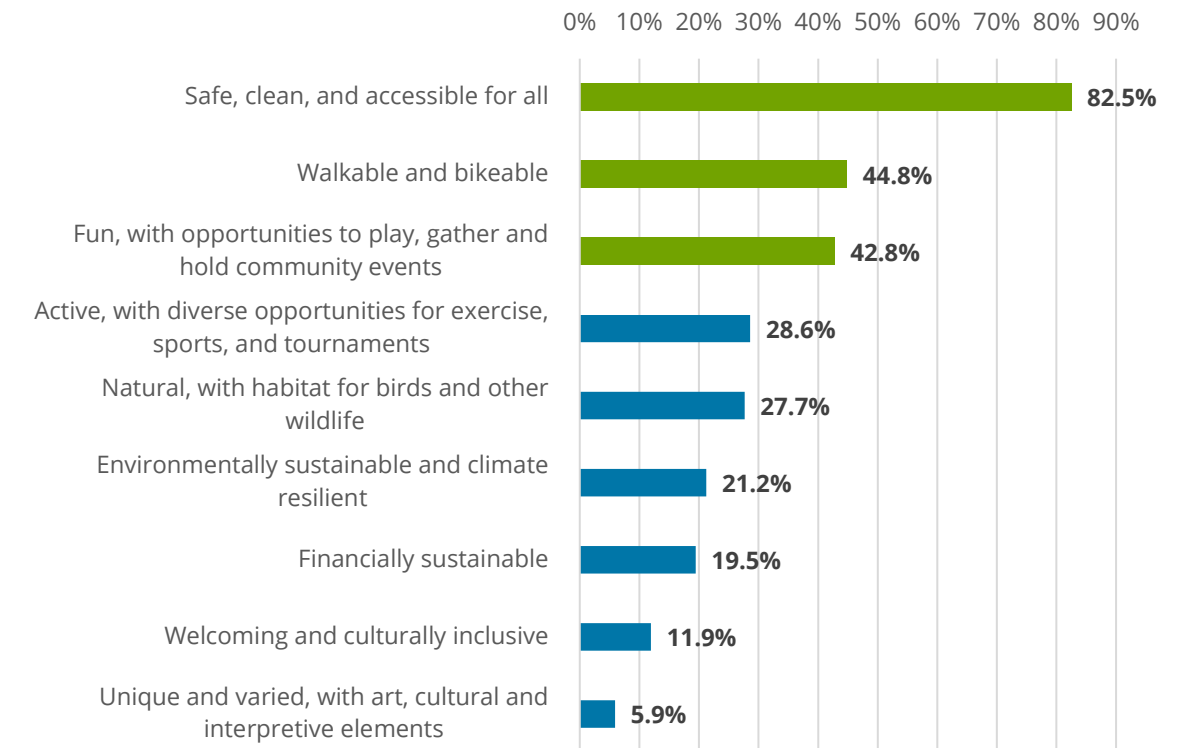
Q4: Parks and recreation mean different things to different people. How important are parks, trails, and recreation programs in your life? *(on a scale from 1-5)*

n=1,173



Q5: Think about the Medford parks, recreation, and open space system 10 years from now. What statements below best describe your vision for the future? *(select your top three)*

n=1,490



3. SATISFACTION, VISITATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS



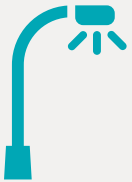
Parks, recreational facilities, and trails experience frequent use

Over 75% of respondents visit parks or recreational facilities on a **daily or weekly basis**, and over a quarter of respondents use trails, pathways, and greenways on a weekly basis.



Satisfaction varies by park type

Respondents are **most satisfied with the quality and availability of community facilities** (particularly the Rogue X), and **least satisfied with greenways and natural open space** (particularly the Bear Creek Greenway). Satisfaction with larger community parks, smaller neighborhood parks, and downtown parks is largely split between moderately negative and moderately positive levels of satisfaction.



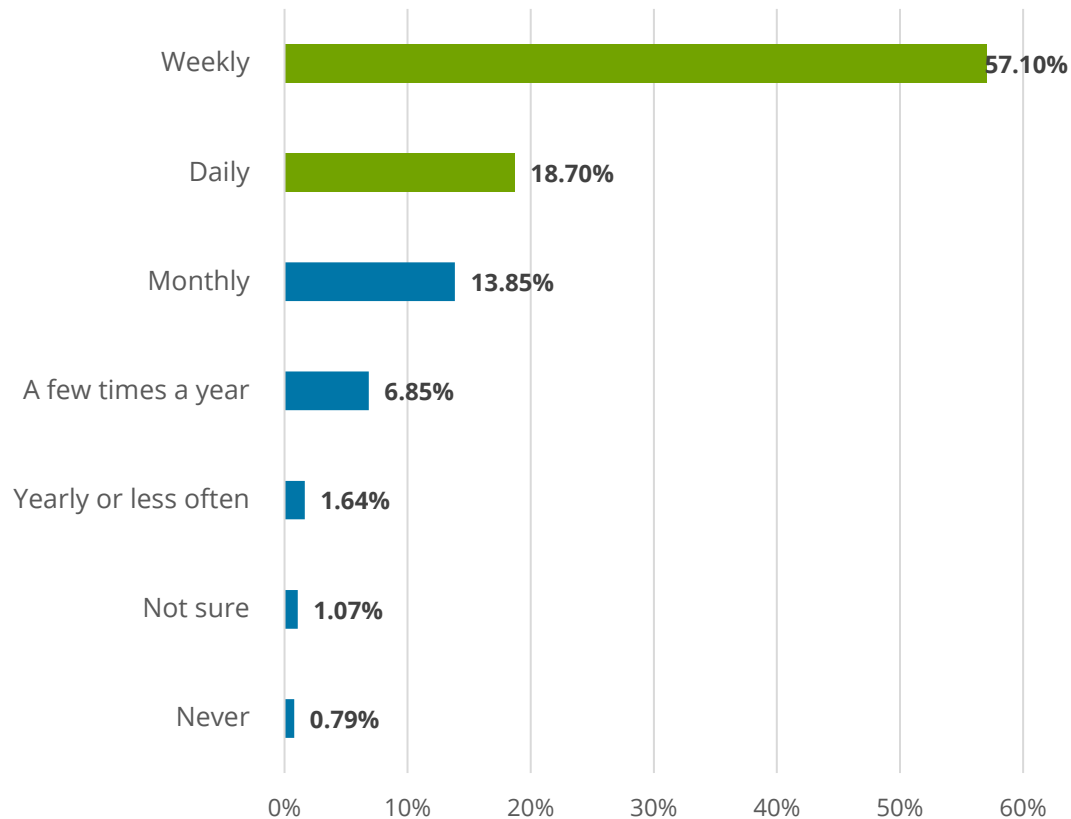
Safety is a top concern

Improved safety is the top concern of respondents. Multiple choice responses and open-ended comments are reflective of this concern.

Q6: How often do you or your family visit parks or recreational facilities in Medford?

(select one)

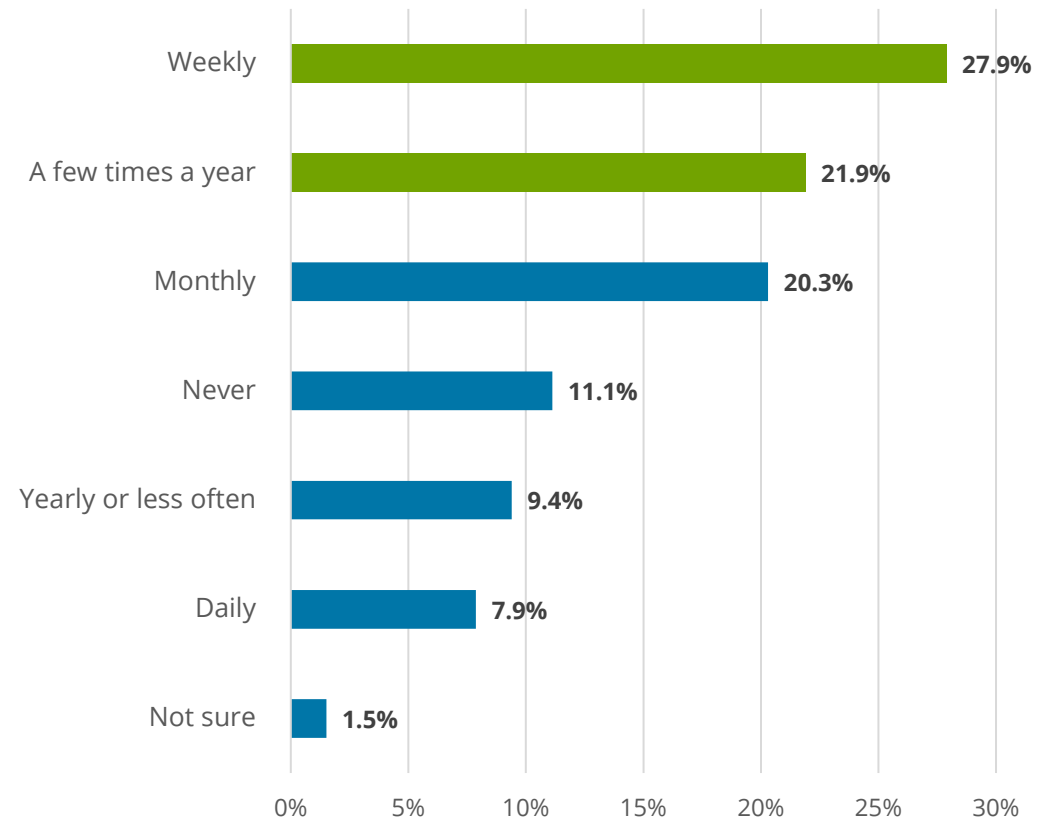
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Q15: How frequently do you use Medford's trails, pathways, and greenways?

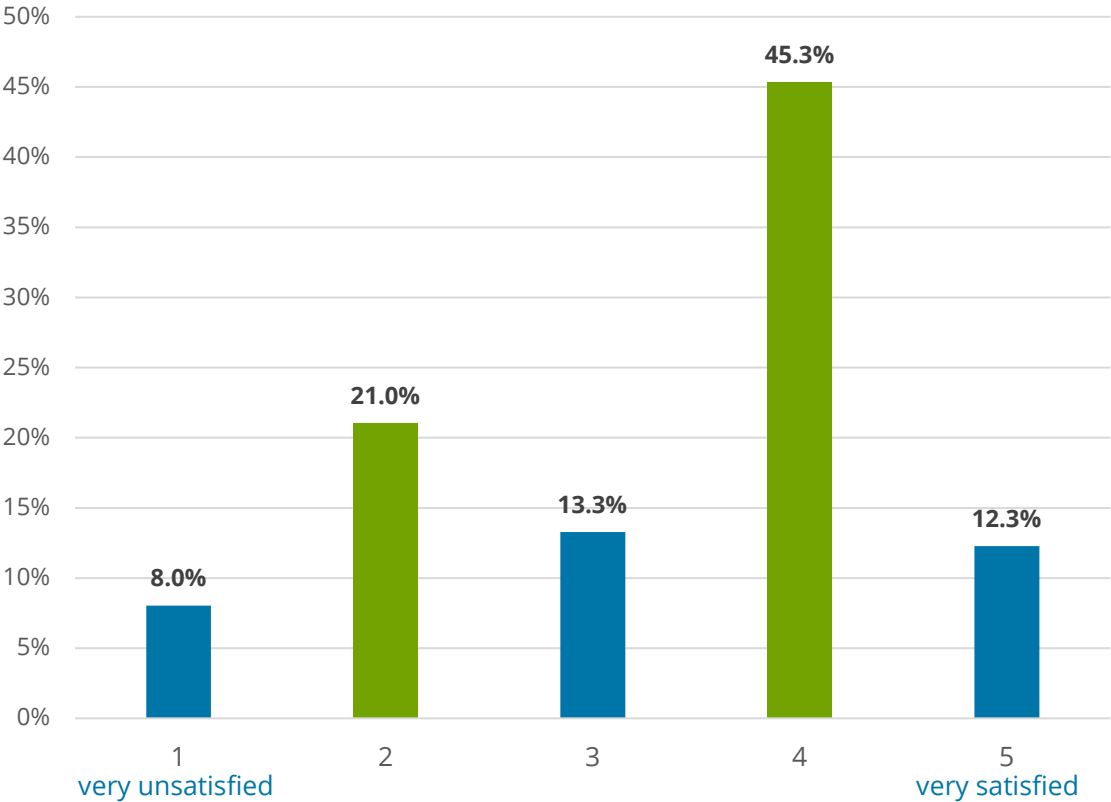
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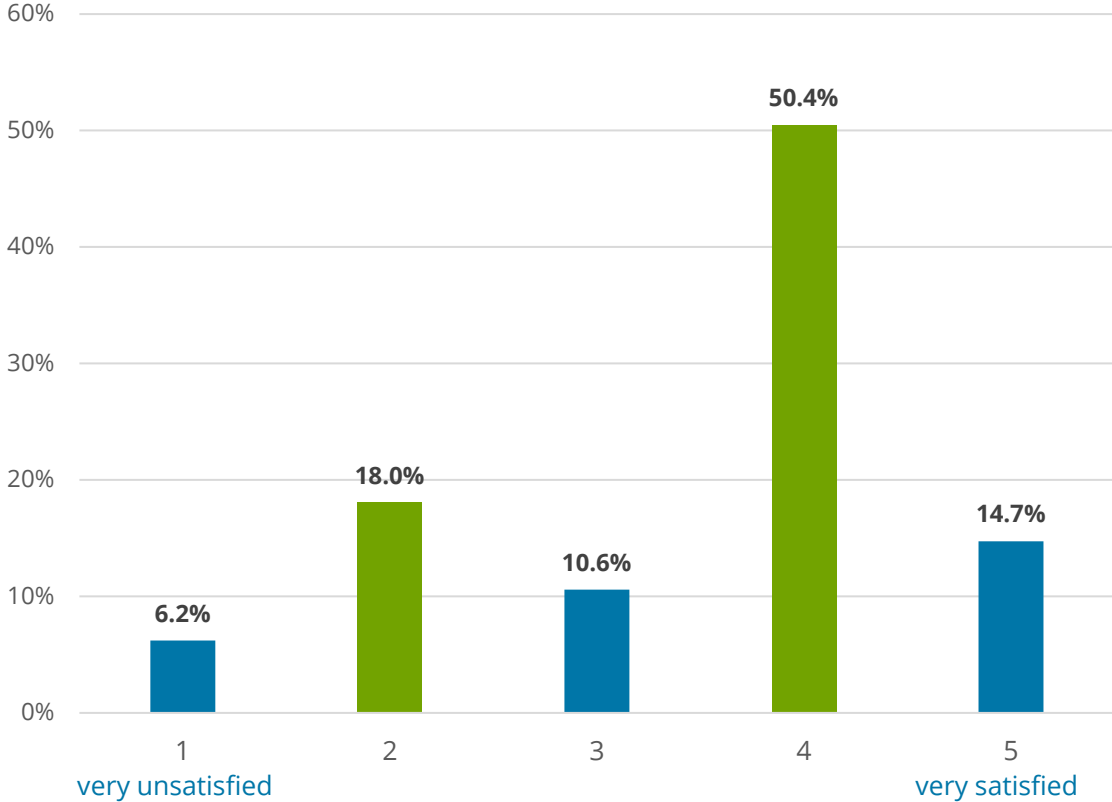
Q7: How satisfied are you with the quality and availability of the following types of parks and facilities in Medford? *(select one)*

LARGER COMMUNITY PARKS
n=1,107



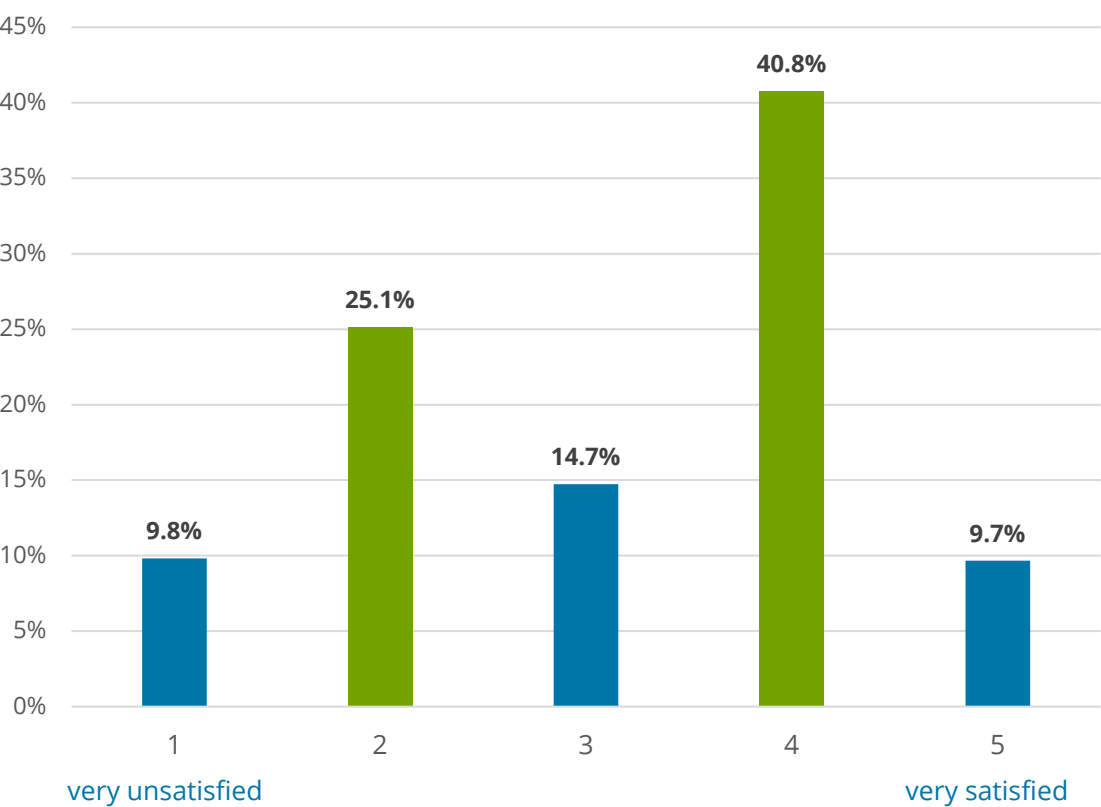
Q8: How satisfied are you with the quality and availability of the following types of parks and facilities in Medford? *(select one)*

SMALLER NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
n=1,031



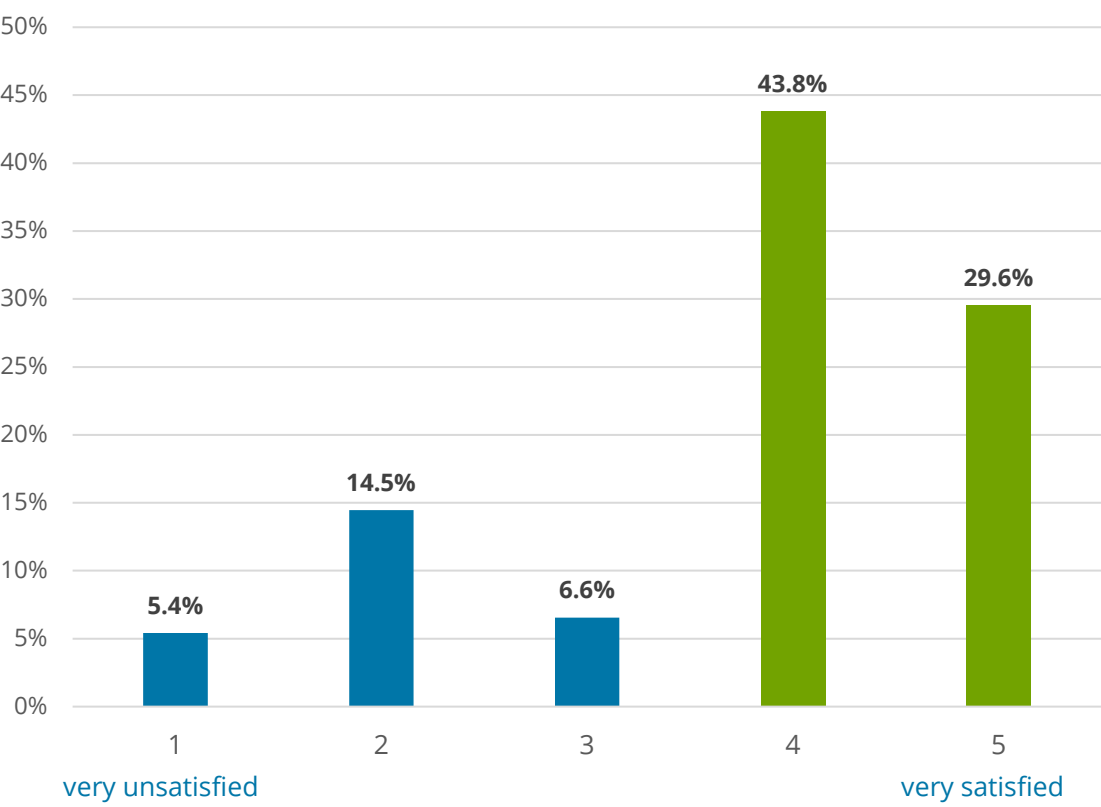
Q9: How satisfied are you with the quality and availability of the following types of parks and facilities in Medford? *(select one)*

SPECIAL USE AREAS
n=672



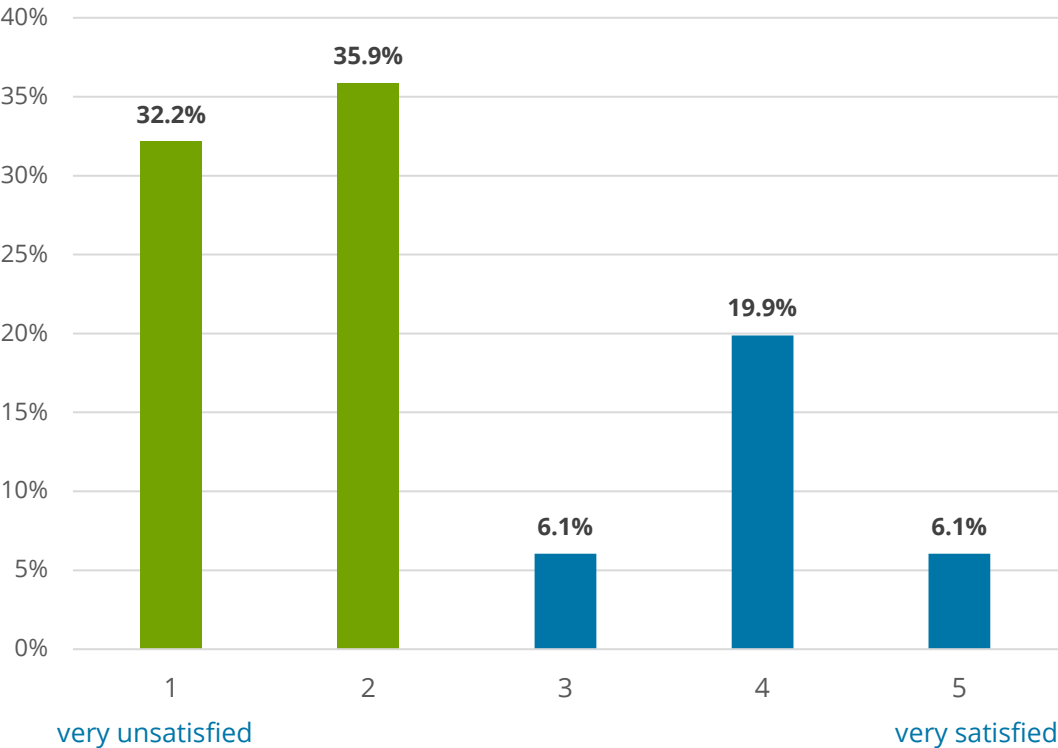
Q10: How satisfied are you with the quality and availability of the following types of parks and facilities in Medford? *(select one)*

COMMUNITY FACILITIES
n=961



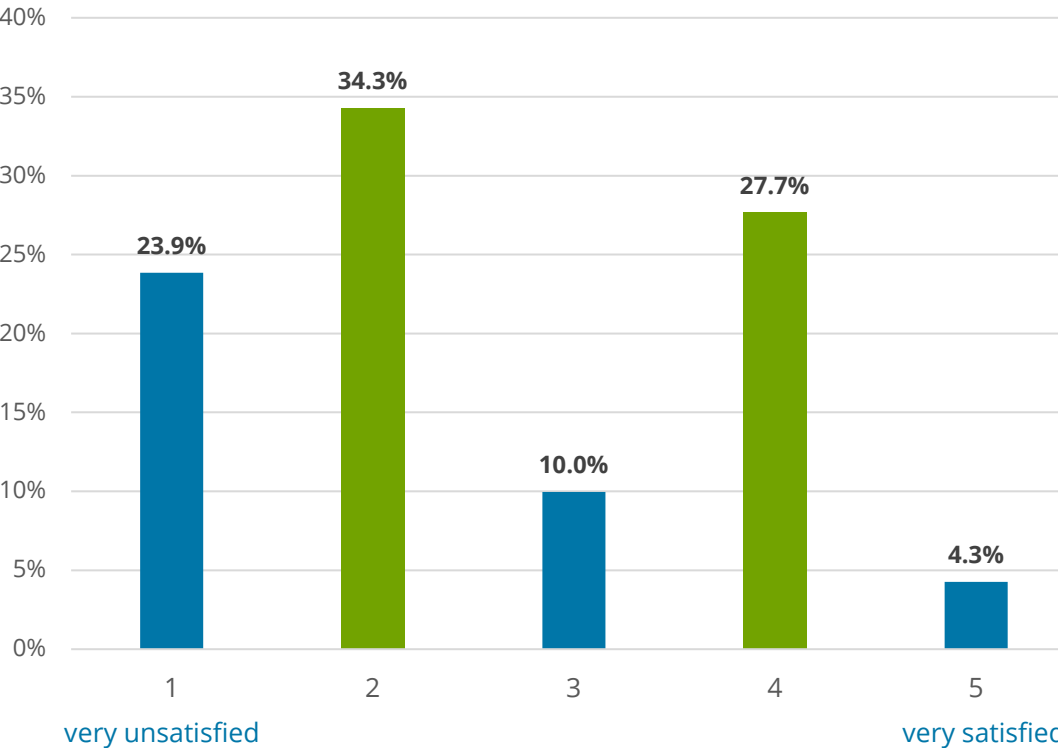
Q11: How satisfied are you with the quality and availability of the following types of parks and facilities in Medford? *(select one)*

GREENWAYS AND NATURAL OPEN SPACE
n=1,157



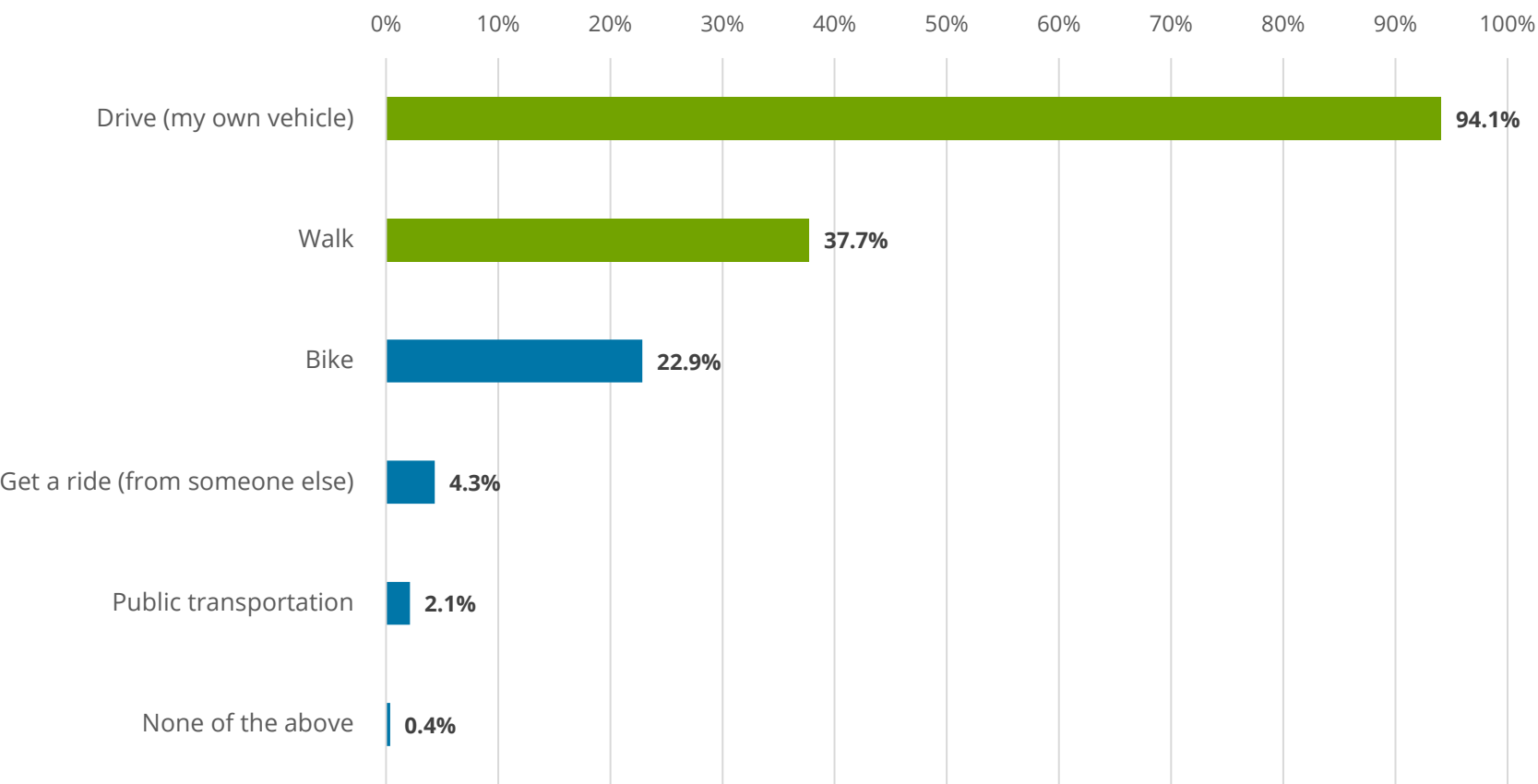
Q12: How satisfied are you with the quality and availability of the following types of parks and facilities in Medford? *(select one)*

DOWNTOWN PARKS
n=893



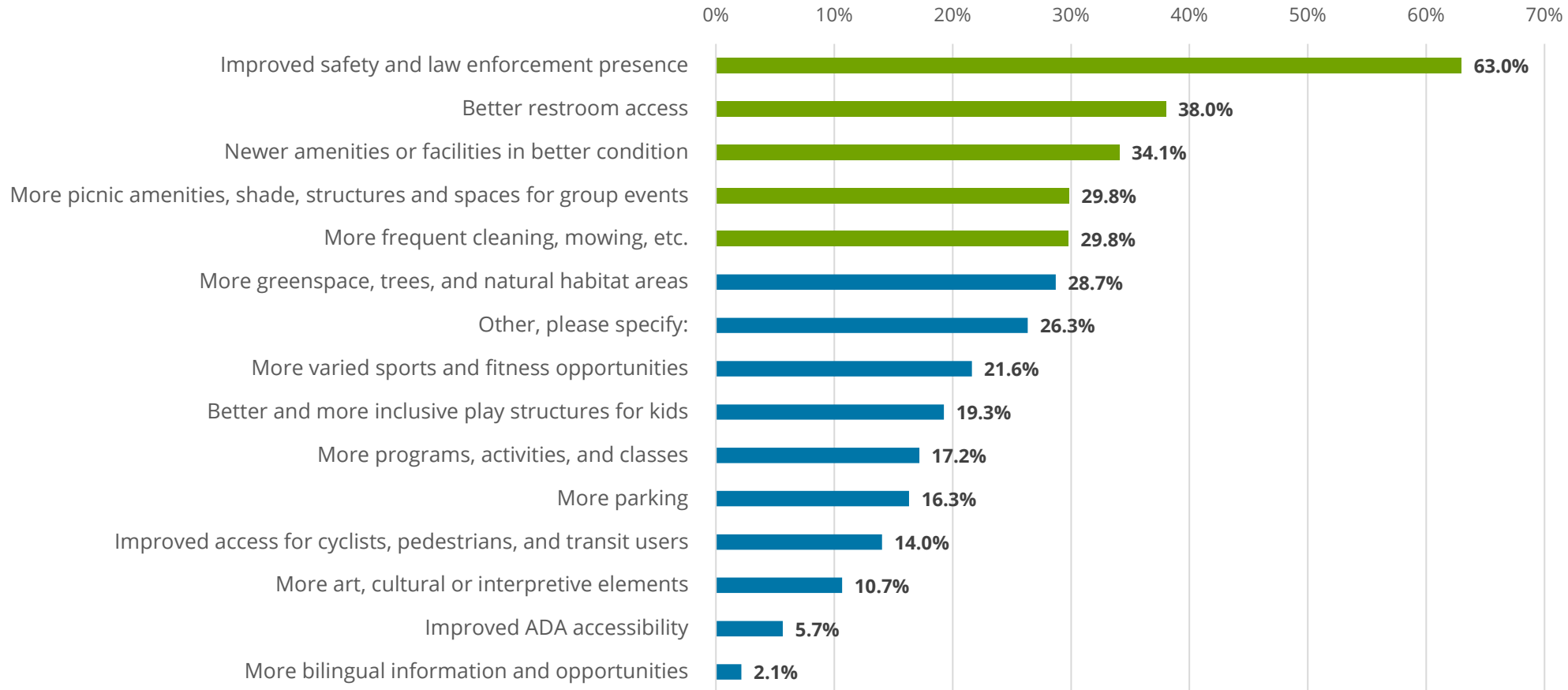
Q13: How do you typically travel to parks or facilities in Medford? *(select all that apply)*

n=1,404



Q14: Thinking of the parks and facilities you visit, what improvements would encourage you to use them more often? *(select your top five)*

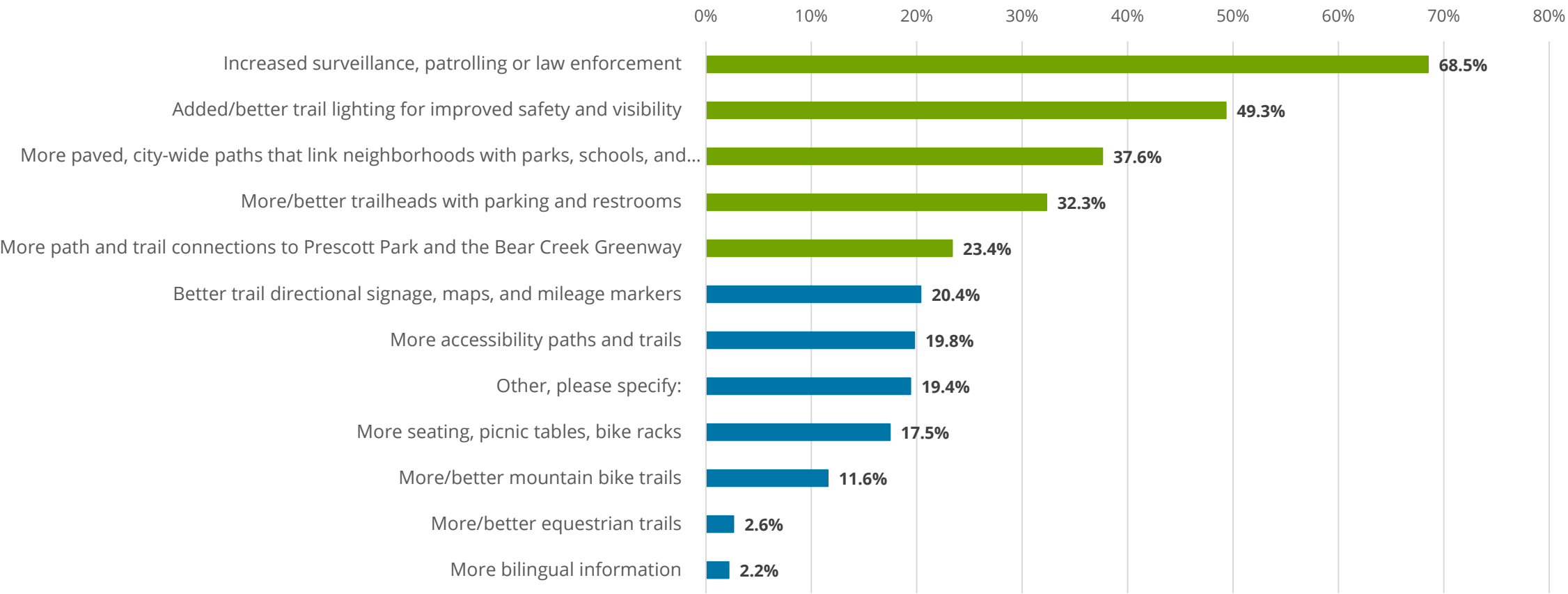
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OTHER: pickleball courts, disc golf, dog parks, biking and pedestrian connectivity, walking trails, bathroom improvements, cleanliness, perceptions of safety surrounding homelessness and drug use

Q16: What improvements would encourage you to use trails, pathways, and greenways more often? (select your top five)

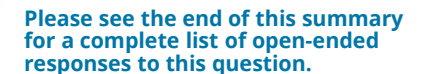
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OTHER: perceptions of safety surrounding homelessness and drug use, bathroom improvements, cleanliness, disc golf, accessibility improvements, wildlife viewing opportunities, secure parking lots, improved off-leash rule enforcement

n=716

- Additional amenities:
 - Pickleball
 - Disc golf
 - Soccer
 - Volleyball
 - Mountain bike trails
 - Activities for teens and young adults
 - Dog parks
 - Outdoor pool
 - Restrooms
 - Senior/community center
 - Additional parks
- Improvements:
 - Accessibility
 - Safety
 - Cleanliness
 - Bear Creek Greenway
 - Affordable program options
 - Shade/tree canopy
 - Updates and maintenance of existing parks



4. RECREATION PROGRAMS

High participation rates

Over 75% of respondents (or their families) participate in recreation programs **often or occasionally**. The recreation programs respondents participate in the most are **community events, aquatics, and youth athletics**. Respondents think each of these program areas should be expanded further.

Affordability, awareness of offerings, and sense of belonging

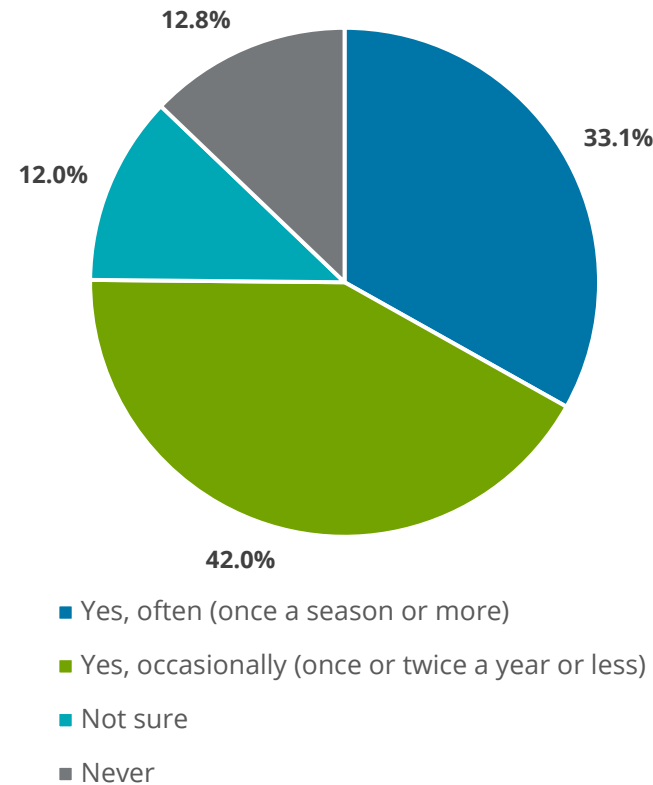
Top requested improvements for recreation programs include **more low-cost or free options, improved information** about offered programs, and more options where participants **feel safe and welcome**.

Expanded and improved programs for teens and youth

Respondents think recreation programs should be expanded and improved for all population groups, but particularly for **teens** (23.8%) and **youth** (28.6%).

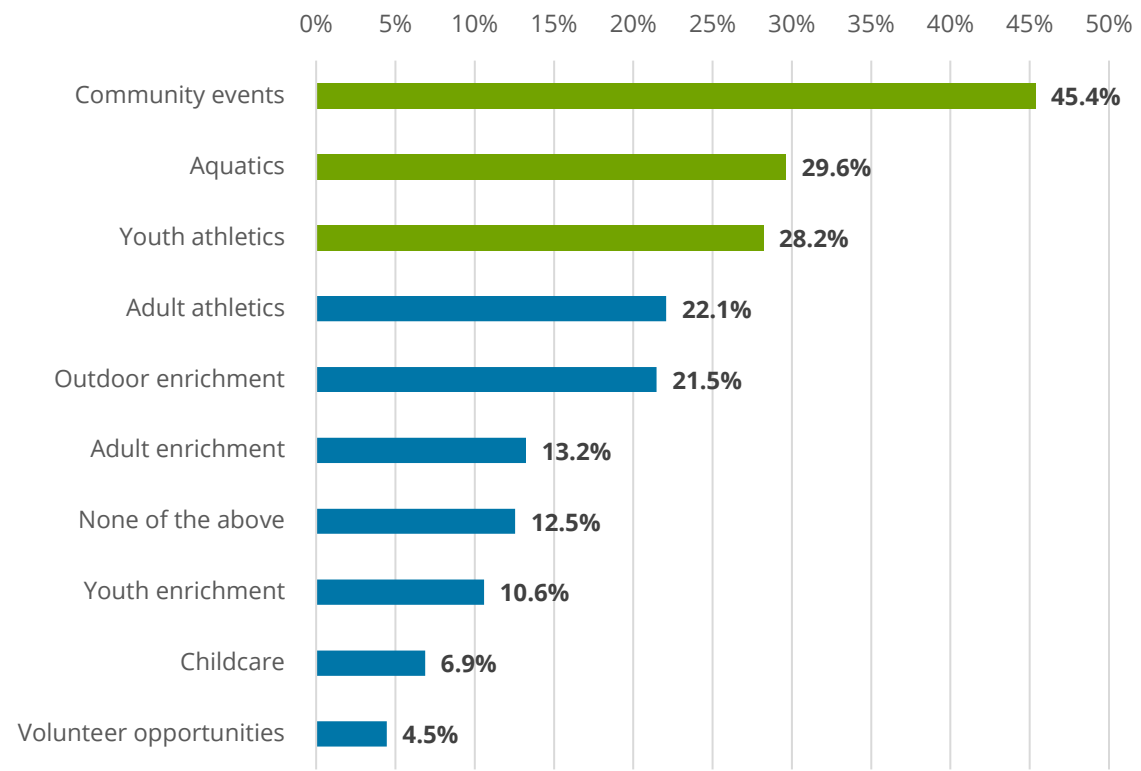
Q17: Have you or your family participated in recreation programs offered by the City of Medford before? *(select one)*

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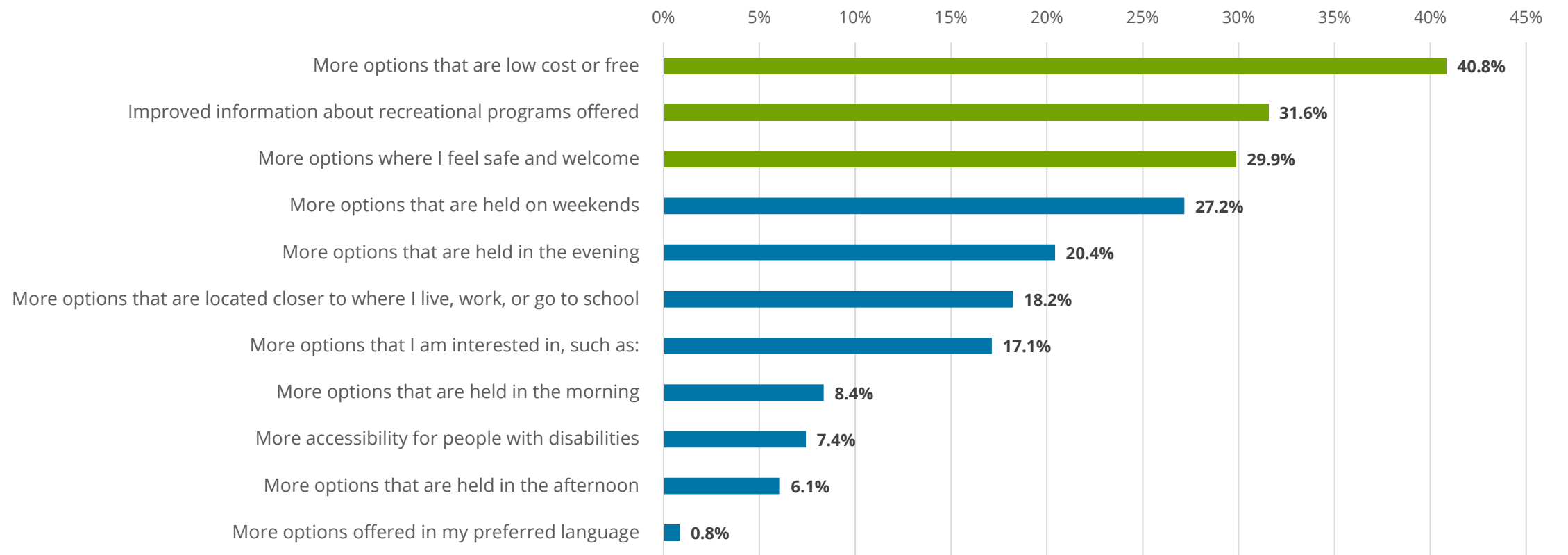


Q18: What City of Medford recreation programs do you or your family participate in the most often? *(select three)*

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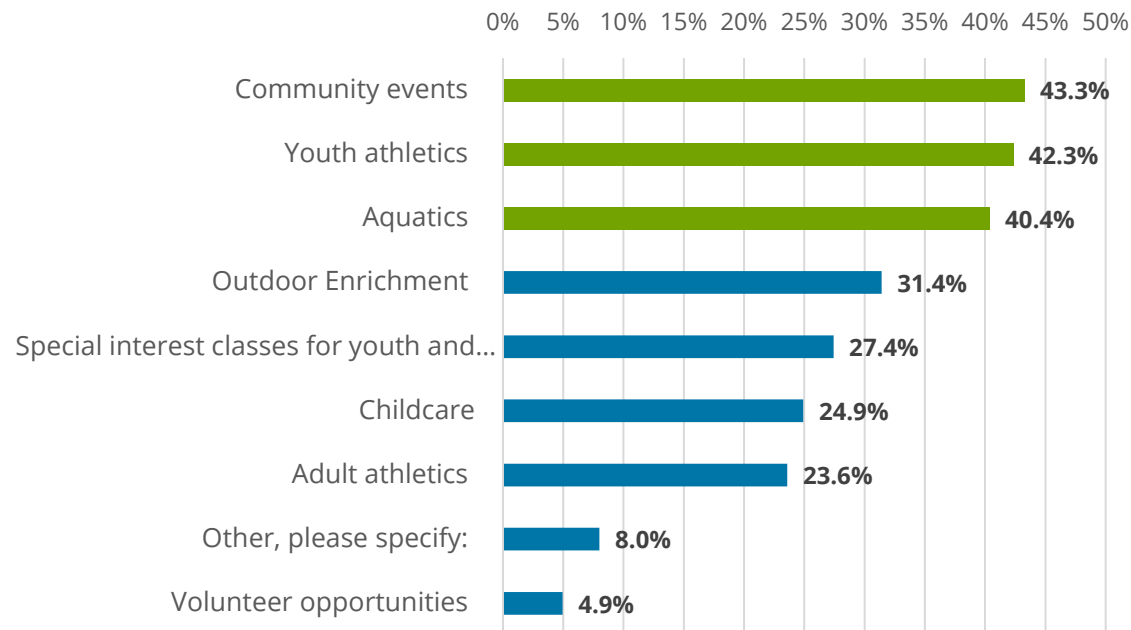


Q19: What improvements would encourage you to participate in City of Medford recreation programs more often?
(select your top three)
n=1,185



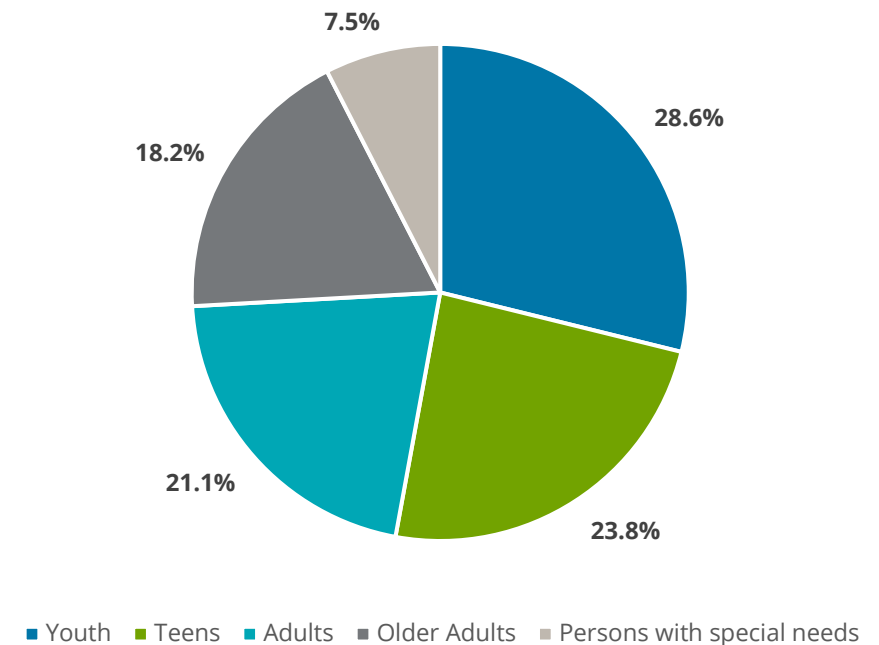
OTHER: pickleball, tennis, disc golf, mountain biking, cooking classes, family activities/events, crafts

Q20: Medford offers over 300 recreation programs, classes, services, and events each year. Which of the following program areas are the most important for the City to support or expand? (select your top three)
n=1,276



OTHER: pickleball, disc golf, mountain biking, activities for teens/young adults, dog parks, activities for older adults

Q21: Which population group does the City need to expand and improve recreation programming for the most? (select one)
n=1,258





Community Survey Summary

MEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN

SURVEY PERIOD: March 31 – May 6, 2024



ATTACHMENT A:

COMMUNITY SURVEY OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Q28: Do you have any additional ideas or comments you would like to share?

n=716

In the demographics question re: need for more programs I would have liked to have seen economic categories. Citizens in low income households have a much harder time finding funds for some of the higher \$ activities. Could you ask community members to sponsor anonymously? I would be interested.
It has been many years since the City removed the Disc Golf course at Holmes Park. It is unbelievable the resistance towards Disc Golf in the City of Medford. This is a very inclusive sport, that puts activity in open space. There is so much space at Prescott Park or Midway Park, that this could be inexpensively put up. This also needs to be the number one priority when developing Chrissy Park (it is on the park plan). Another priority should be multi-use trails throughout the City (connecting parks and neighborhoods).
Safety is our biggest concern. We have young children and have left or stopped going to parks due to lack of safety.
We would love to take advantage of Bear Creek with a clean and safe "River Walk" downtown, such as Reno, San Antonio, and Chicago have.
I feel Medford needs to have vision for the future. We need jobs and housing, but we need more natural beauty. We need a park on the scale of Ashlands Lithia park, that is beautiful and accessible to all.
Climate resilience and ecological restoration are of paramount importance to parks in the decades ahead. Prescott park in particular needs attention given to edge effects from the aggregate operation and from future development of adjacent lands south of the access road. I would love for the city to somehow acquire the 167 acre property that is currently for sale adjacent to Prescott Park.
How about more crosswalks, and better calibrated with vehicle traffic? I.e., most crosswalk lights IN MEDFORD (as opposed to many other places) will not activate if you press them one second after the vehicle light activates.
I have peripheral neuropathy in my hands and feet. Helpful to do stretching and mild weight training, heat is also one other treatment. So sauna or hot bath would be great at fitness centers.
Thanks for asking our opinions
This city needs pocket parks. Low-maintenance public green spaces with native plantings. We need third spaces for neighborhood community to regrow in. There is nowhere I can walk to except SMHS, and that's fully fenced off; there is no space that belongs to neighborhood community, just a bunch of disparate strangers going about their disconnected lives. And, we need more and larger trees to offset and break up the urban heat zone our excessive hardscape has created. Looking at old Portland and old San Francisco, you can see the value that was once placed on green space and shade trees, the value that has been left by the wayside for decades, a lapse we are now all paying for, slowly and silently yet surely. As much as I identify with Medford, having been born and raised here, I am ashamed when I look at the city from any distance, when I see its core, its sprawl, all paved and built or grassed or mulched over and adorned with token popsicle trees. We need to move in a better direction. Working small neighborhood greenspaces into the city structure, be they city-owned or privately-owned (https://sfplanning.org/privately-owned-public-open-space-and-public-art), is an achievable step in that direction.
The parks are just not safe. We live next to Bear Creek Park and the bike path and very seldom visit them

because of homeless people and drugs. We no longer walk or bike on the bike path because it is too dangerous.
The homeless situation in medford keeps us from using any of the bike path or going downtown. Last time we went to the library we had to call the cops because we were followed by a homeless man. People don't feel safe being anywhere near tenth street bridge, or downtown.
Prescott Park needs more mountain bike only trails. The Greenway needs to be safe for families.
Why are no parks included in new developments? I live in northeast Medford and have had several large developments occur in my neighborhood and more are planned and no park space has been allocated. Perhaps there is a way to build neighborhood parks into the new development requirement? I believe that Ashland requires a park every 1/4 mile. Most allocated greenspace is in areas that are not buildable spaces and not very habitable by people. Schools used to be considered available park space even though they are not available during school hours and now not even when schools are closed because of safety concerns. This is something worth considering. Please do. Thank you!!!
Make the greenway safe again.
Please do not continue the greenway to the east. We are not near the highways for a reason and we don't need easier access to our neighborhoods. Also, the Phoenix exit is sufficient for this end of town. We don't need a new exit. More nature trails would be wonderful. Paved paths are OK, but being right in the trees is ideal. As it is, we have to travel outside of Medford to hike. I would love to see a parcel of land used for this purpose instead of more housing, though I know more property tax is likely more important than quality of life for current residents.
The thing the disturbs me the most is, the travesty the Greenway's become, when it could be as beautiful and enjoyable as the river they have in Bend, and how unkempt and ugly the landscaping around businesses and roadways are.
The Medford Parks and Recreation department is doing a great job covering a huge range of facilities and activities. Keep up the good work!
Clean up trash in public spaces
The parks/greenway would be used so much more if people felt safe and there wasn't trash, needles and human feces everywhere. It's scary to go to any of the parks or greenway nowadays.
The biggest problem is safety. I don't feel like recreating with my family around filth and drugs. The homeless need to not be living in our parks. That's not what the taxes we pay are supposed to be doing there. Everyone wants background checks for employees at any school or business with children. But our parks are a free-for-all? Could we please clean that up?
The city has really invested well into parks and areas for families. However, we cannot take our kids to the library, parks or farmers market without stuff being stoked or being heckled by the homeless population. It's a shame.
The homeless population is taking the parks and the library from our children. It is sad that our children are not the priority of this community.
We live walking distance to Bear Creek Park and it boggles my mind that there isn't sidewalk on Sisikyou on the park side of the street, but there also aren't any crosswalks to get to the park from the side of the street that does have sidewalks. I j-walk with my kids to get to the park more than I like to admit. Plus Sisikyou is a curve and a hill at that point, so visibility is limited. More sidewalks and crosswalks, please!
Why do Parks employees just show up at Fichtner, work 30 minutes and then leave?
No
More popular activities for adolescents, not team sports. Skate park activities and more skateparks are needed and need to provide safety for this age group.
There are not enough water arobics spots, have not been able to try it. It would be nice to have more

organization for rooms for classes, I took a class and had several classes in the hall way, it would have been better to have a quiet place to meet, plus more private. It would be nice to have more opportunities for shorter hikes for physically challenged people.
The city missed the boat years ago by not capitalizing on the bike path and greenway. It could have been a beautiful asset and draw to restaurants and businesses along bear creek. Now people are afraid to even walk the path. Pear Blossom Park is an embarrassment. Lithia Fields have done well when it was US Cellular but you have NO IDEA how people detest the name Lithia. I realize it needed a sponsor and will continue to be used for lack of an alternative but that was a poor choice. Each school should have a city managed park available after school hours. The same for city owned properties...whatever and wherever they are... city hall..etc. The fountain at Oakdale get rid of it... plant grass... Not everything has to be "artsy" or wine tasting. I've lived here 71 years and am progressively inclined but what the powers that be THINK is needed or wanted is rarely the case. And FYI the Main Street fiasco is a disaster.
Possibly a sliding scale for admittance to Rogue X based on income.
I have always been interested in participating in events and classes, however it seems like 90% of them are for children or seniors. As a working adult who actually pays taxes I feel like I get no benefit. Working in healthcare I do not have a 8-5 M-F job. I work every other weekend. I work 13 hour shifts. I work variable days during the week. By creating this classes that are on every Thursday or every Saturday or whatever for several weeks mean I never have the opportunity to go, as I would miss at least half the classes. It would be nice to have options to more one off or pay per class instead of a whole stretch. It's very frustrating feeling like am I excluding for having a job that serves the community 24/7 and those of us who are on nights weekends never get to have any fun. I am also diabetic and require bathroom facilities. Every time we try to go to a park and enjoy the outdoors we have to leave shortly after discovering that once again the bathroom is locked.
The biggest issue is the drugs and homeless. We don't go to most parks because of the safety issues. We drive to ashland or talent because it's safer. We like to walk Roxy Ann peak or go to some of the east side parks.
We love all that our local parks have to offer, keep up the amazing work!
All of the amenities are on the west side. The east side families arguably are more participatory and we are forced to drive across town multiple times a day. We need a community center on the east side. The newer neighborhood parks are tiny. There is zero parking so cars park in the travel portion of the roadway. There isn't enough space for leagues to practice, there is a shortage of equipment and our parks are always packed. We need more parks and larger parks. Specifically village park- it should be at least double the size for the community it serves. And swings, add swings.
we need to deal with the trash and safety problems caused by the homeless and mentally ill
Get the roads back like they were downtownMAIN street.....and boot the transients totally out. It's not safe for my family to ever go there anymore. You offer everything to them like housing and food and they come in by the hundreds and no arrests or mental help to keep the, locked up. They ruin the city for everyone.
Not having a outdoor pool is just embarrassing. Google Malin, Ore pool and wonder how a town of 750 can have a outdoor pool and 92,000 population cant yet we had 2 50 years ago. Buy 30k of rollerskates and put up orange constructions cones and have at minimum 1 time a month roller skate event at the court at the new aquatic facility. Seems strange kids can ice skate here but not rollerskate. It is a good activity!!
Our city needs to add more culture. Our trails need to be safe with more lighting. Bend, OR has a lot of culture built into their city with sculptures and landscaping. We need to do better. Our city just looks so dirty and boring.

Would love to see a park in the newer NE part of Medford north of Abraham Lincoln there is only school parks which aren't always open. Very scenic and pretty would hate to see it all homes without a park.
The city needs to make the city safe for kids. Ban homelessness and drugs. Stop allowing this woke bs to be here. Unfortunately Portland politics have ruined this area and the state. It's why so many are looking to leave the state and I am one of them. I have lived here 35 years but this place isn't the same anymore and it doesn't seem like local government cares. If you want to improve than make this town known for something outside homeless and drugs. Put our tax dollars to things that matter. We don't need stupid art projects we need downtown the greenway our parks and public spaces cleaned out and patrolled. Better yet bring things to this town that people want an outlet mall with big stores like Nike. I'd bend Oregon can have one we can too
parks need to be cleaner and safer. Offer more trails connecting the parks. Offer parks that are walkable, safe and clean.
Hawthorne Park needs to have the City's laws enforced, like NO camping.
I'd like to see more basketball courts in the area. The courts at Oregon Hills park are in terrible shape and unusable for a lot of the year.
WE love Medford Parks but find it hard to bring our grandkids to Hawthorn Park and many other parks due to the drug use we have seen going on there. Prescott Park is great but the road is always torn up from the large trucks.
South west Medford needs more parks!
I feel like
Less homeless people in the parks
Remove homeless tents and drug users
Increased handicapped parking (the park itself had accessible locations, but I could not park to access them - so I missed the event entirely)
Increases security at Hawthorne park. So sad to see that incredible facility be so unsafe.
None of this matters if crime, drugs and homelessness is not addressed. There's an expression my grandfather just to say... you'd just be wiping your a** on a wagon wheel.
I would use the parks every weekend with my kids if I felt they were safe, but I can't even take them to their soccer games without finding needles in the park. I don't trust them to run or play in any of the parks so I sadly don't use any of them. I wish I could but I can't. They ask me all the time can we go to the park and I have to tell them no, and they don't understand why it's not safe.
More law enforcement that conduct drive throws at all parks
It would be nice to have a park closer to my home that's within walking distance.
Our parks and paths are over run with homeless and are not safe. This is nothing new and has been a problem since I was a kid.
More camps for kids during summer and spring breaks
Would love to see closer, safer, more secure parking nearer the bear creek dog park. More routine clean ups and safety sweeps of Hawthorne Park.
Grateful for all of the wonderful amenities in our town.
Medford Parks and Recreation is amazing! We love and use all the parks often and visit Prescott Park regularly! I wish some playground equipment was better maintained, there are broken or missing pieces. Some park parking is hard. Loving the new accessible sidewalks at Ruhl Park.
A flag football season for high school aged kids! I would also love to see the city support classes with autistic middle schoolers in mind. Would love to have hawthorn park back...so so many needles and the bathrooms are atrocious(except Thursdays which is cool but it be cool if it was clean on the other days

too
North Medford, especially off of roads like Mace and Beall, really don't have adequate sidewalks. It becomes dangerous just to walk around the neighborhood. I would be interested to see a collaboration with Central Point to install sidewalks on high traffic roads so people can get to parks safely.
I would like to see surveillance cameras at our parks to feel safer.
Overall Medford Parks are fairly nice compared to other cities we've been, but please try to remove and clean up homeless/drug use so everyone can enjoy all the areas.
We love Spec Rec! It is so wonderful to have a space for families like mine. The staff are wonderfully inclusive and all the participants accept our abilities.
The parks are nice in Medford, but a lot of homeless and nefarious things going on around Hawthorne park and the greenway is not even an option for our family due to safety concerns. We used to bike it but no more.
Water for parks turned on earlier
The Rogue X swimming can be very loud and this is why we don't go. My son has Sensory processing disorder and it's too loud for him to go. I was wondering if there is a way to have a limited amount of people at certain scheduled times for kids with SPD.
I would like to see new trails that are safe for students to walk to school. Crater Lake Avenue and Brookhurst is so unsafe for those students walking to North Medford High School.
Teen nights. Bounce house, pickle ball, teen movie float night at Rogue X. Open courts at Santos or Rogue X for drop in for teens. Teen and preteen open swim hours at night during the weekends
Youth activities fill up quickly and it is hard to know when they open.
Kennedy park does not have bathrooms and that is really frustrating for soccer youth teams that practice there.
We live near RogueX and the nearest nice park is still at least 7-8 minute drive away. We have really young kids and parks are not very small toddler < 2yrs friendly. Since Bear Creek burned down it's hard to find a place to bring a baby. I also wish there were more running & walkable trail options around down as we have to drive to Jacksonville or Ashland to find some (Prescott is not very shaded and gets very hot).
I would pay a membership to an outdoor park that was fenced in and guaranteed clean and drug free (like the children's museums outdoor space). It is such a relief to go to this space and not worry about what I may have missed on the playground before my children play. We have this for indoor spaces (like pools and gyms), but outdoor spaces would be just as welcome.
Park and greenway safety is my biggest concern. Hawthorn park is very unsafe for people to enjoy. I personally have found used needles there. I hope we increase toddler and young child park areas as there is not enough for smaller kids to use.
Pear Blossom needs restrooms! The homeless, street people keep me away from some parks. More law enforcement presence.
Please keep some tennis courts rather than convert all of them to pickleball. Tennis is a much better sport and pickleball can be played on tennis courts, but not the other way around
Na
City has made improvements in managing the homeless population particularly on the Greenway. I am aware of the cost of providing shelter and services for this population but I approve of the efforts made and results achieved. Thank you!
We need a disc golf course. You took it from us years ago and said we would get another. When? We are the only town this size in America without one.
Please more safe for kids specially when there are homeless and crazy people walking on the street screaming or half naked

We do not use our parks anymore with our grandkids due to the homeless situation and the drugs and the garbage. Nice to know we are taxed for it though.
It would be nice if there was a safe bike path in town
The green way needs better clean up on its less traveled parts. With fires being a yearly occurrence its not safe paired with the crime around it. Our homeless populations need more care and help. Stop trying to make their existence a crime and actually help them, better bathrooms, more garbage cans ect. We need more housing not for median income homes but for low income people. I make \$16 an hour and can't afford an apartment or house for my partner and son. Im stuck living in a house that cannot support 6 people but I cannot live on my own. I want to see more recreation for the youth, this city prioritizes its elderly populace and it shows. With no or few low cost childrens activities im left unsatisfied through out the year especially in the winter months. I would like to see more activities for our pets as well maybe a shallow but swimable water park for our dogs. I feel we also need more police or speed cameras on siskiyou the amount of people that speed through and treat a residential area as a drag strip is infuriating. I dont feel safe in my front yard or walking with my son and dog along that sidewalk much less crossing the street to get my son into his car seat. Siskiyou blvd should NOT be a main road and traffic somehow needs to be redirected back onto Barnett road.
The homeless situation in the parks make them almost unusable.
More dog parks would be great
We love the programs we have participated in. We are just worried about the one good pocket of Medford (east Medford) going downhill. Improved safety and police presence may help. Removing the can redemption at Albertsons may help. Cameras at trailheads may help. Theme - SAFETY!!
City needs to fix problems first before asking people to use parks etc. Safety - drugs, vagrants, stupid changes in roads, signage etc downtown and in neighborhoods near schools
Proud of the parks and all that is planned for future
I really like the water features at some of the parks though many need more maintenance and I would like to see them in more parks. Some more tree coverage along walkways and bike paths would be welcome in the summer. The only real issue I have with the parks in town is the crime. Even in nice parks like fichtner mainwaring and bear creek, and all along the Greenway, it doesn't feel safe sometimes and there is graffiti and drug paraphernalia everywhere.
The loss of localized open swim opportunities is a big disappointment to our family; we also feel strongly that has been a significant factor in providing disadvantaged youth/families with a safe, positive, ongoing summer activity. New pools need to be established in various neighborhoods. In the meantime, safe, affordable regular transportation such as buses timed to summer swim sessions at Rogue X should be planned and publicized. Many of the kids in Medford are presently without the opportunity to go to a pool in summer; this is an activity that we enjoyed all summer long as we grew up in Medford.
Would love to see covered shaded area over play grounds, more outdoor/ nature based play grounds like the one in Ashland by the nature park
We would love swings at the newer parks! We only have two parks with swings for bigger kids!
Rogue X should have made space for indoor skating, roller derby, roller hockey and soccer.
Very disappointed there wasn't a space in RogueX to skate. Since it would've accommodated indoor soccer as well.
I was shot at stabbed and beating with brass knuckles in one of your Parks I got to sit after being brutally attacked being homeless in that same park and watching your war on homeless You locking the bathrooms and not opening them in the middle of August with excuse of you fear winter weather and it was a hundred degrees until December Your driver's that drive your trucks need to either have regularly checked vehicles when they check them in cuz I witnessed a driver not only drive a Medford work truck

<p>into a sign but also his trailer Which taxpayers like me pay the fix You also have never fixed the sign that your driver broke And check your water spickets and your sprinklers because you had multiple 10-ft geysers that waste water galore You should also start driving electric vehicles instead of gas guzzlers because I watch your employee sit around twiddling their thumbs up their asses getting paid to do nothing Stop mowing the grass so much you're depleting resources such as water and you're causing a fire hazard cuz your grass and all of your parts is super dry Less cop presents And I really feel like you as Parks and recreation should take a budget cut We as taxpayers pay \$5 million in salaries just for Medford Police and we pay 3 million in your salaries I can walk through Bear Creek tomorrow and right after you guys clean it in the morning b I have to clean up right behind you like I'm your f***** mothers Also stop hiring old white men And their little grandsons looking at you floppy hat boy that tells Harry and David is hiring Also less ableist staff Not everyone your staff come across that they think can work can work I'm disabled like I said beating instead brain injury and stabbed in the back in your Park</p>
<p>I think putting a cover over the playground equipment should be a priority so we can use the slides and things in the summer. There is only 1 properly covered park in Medford right now. We should also get rid of the rope parks (on cedar links and by cherry street). Nobody uses these playgrounds because they are too hard for kids to navigate, the walkways just being all rope. Also I won't go to the Santos Center until I'm sure the homeless encampment set up across the street won't create a safety issue. It's crazy they put that next to a building with a preschool in it.</p>
<p>I would love to see more senior activities</p>
<p>Need bigger parks for events like they have in Twin Creeks. One in each Ward. So we can each havw spaces for events like fireworks, parades, trunk or treats, Easter etc.</p>
<p>To make play areas accessible to kids who have wheel chairs, gait trainers, or other mobile devices. More sensory options for children who may have vision or hearing loss.</p>
<p>Please make the Medford library safe and welcoming again! We want to go but always face homeless at the door, needles on the sidewalk, and feces in the parking lot.</p>
<p>Also a way to keep the bathrooms cleaner and safer.</p>
<p>I love our parks and I greatly appreciate how clean and cared for they are. My main concern is safety. I am sad that many of our parks have people that are using drugs and drug paraphernalia in the area. I would love to have our parks feel safer.</p>
<p>Could there be more swings at Jackson Park, please? My daughter loves the saucer swing, and it's a park that gets a lot of use when school gets out each day. A couple more swings, and some sidewalks that connect to the school sidewalks would make things more accessible and easier for the families and kids that use that park every day. With the new apartments being built on Summit, that park will be seeing even more enjoyment in the near future.</p>
<p>Yes. The Cedar Links park needs swings. So does Holmes park. The shades at Cedar Links are Hilarious. Don't do anything. You gave the best view at Cedar Links to the dogs. We used to watch the sunset there.</p>
<p>Make the parks safe for everyone</p>
<p>More native trees and plants in greenspaces around the city.</p>
<p>Safety is definately a concern. Cleanliness and roaming homeless give me a sense of insecurity</p>
<p>More new trees in the parks to replace the ones that die.</p>
<p>Put soap in the park bathroom</p>
<p>Having fun, safe, clean places for families to gather should be your only priority. All art and "cultural" installations should ONLY focus on southern Oregon—the land that binds us together, despite our sundry differences. We're in desperate need of more "grange-like" community centers, with low-cost use. Having simple meeting place-bathroom combos on park grounds would encourage organizations to regularly gather at our parks—which would organically detour troublemakers. Howard Park is shameful. I can't</p>

believe Howard students have to look at that eyesore. Oy! It looks like something out of the Baltimore ghetto. You don't need millions in funds to fix it. Just call in the local parkour businesses, ask them to design you a budget-friendly course, then ask our local hobbiest gardeners & landscapers to adopt a 12x12 plot of the park and make it magical for visitors.
Our greenway has so much potential! I encourage you to please look into the green belt in Boise, ID. It runs 25 miles along the Boise River running through multiple towns. With restaurants and breweries to stop along on a long bike ride or run and a beautiful view. Safe, clean, zero homeless population issues, no worries of stumbling across contaminated needles. This is something southern Oregon could have and also desperately needs.
We don't go to a lot of the local parks anymore due to the homeless population. I would love to see our parks clean for the small children to be able to play freely.
Thank you for all you do for our community. Parks and Rec does a great job! My biggest complaint (and it's not even really your problem, more public safety) is the lack of safety for places like the greenway and certain parks.
Different floor material options at parks instead of sand or bark. We prefer parks with the recycled tire material and Medford doesn't have any of those.
Disk golf. It's a free activity it's been stripped of all the parks while becoming increasingly popular again our community lacks spaces. More shaded parks and gazebos
Please do our city a service and add some disc golf courses to our parks. It is much needed despite what our parks and rec would like us to believe
We need more family friendly Disc Golf courses
Please support disc golf. a rapidly rising sport that has shown long term growth. Grants pass has a course that is packed all the time. Medford needs one as well.
Disc golf in bear creek park or other parks in the Medford area
Disc golf in every open park area
The biggest hindrance to enjoying what recreational activities are available, is the homeless population. We need housing mote than recreational services. But to keep the topic on recreation. More Disc golf! A dedicated Disc golf only park
A disc golf course in Medford would be amazing, it would allow friends and families a place to gather and be active. Disc golf is a good opportunity to get outside and make new friends at low entry level costs. I currently have to pay to play at the only course in town, would be amazing if a local park added a disc golf course
I would like to see a nicer disc golf course installed in a city park. It can be installed for relatively cheap within an existing park rather than needed its own dedicated space.
Disc golf is the one thing Medford is missing. It's the fastest growing sport in the world. The PDGA now has over 300,000 members around the world. It's an inexpensive and low maintenance sport that uses areas of the parks that are mostly neglected. It's fun for all ages and genders, and for handicapped people like myself, it is the only sport I can participate. There are hundreds of courses in northern Oregon, but only a handful down here. It also would help generate revenue for restaurants and hotels as we could hold PDGA tournaments that draw players and fans from around the world. Medford has really missed the boat on disc golf. But it's never to late to make a positive move into the most people friendly sport of all. Please make some disc golf courses!
I would love to see a disc golf course in Medford. It is an inexpensive sport that people of all ages and abilities can participate in.
Need more disc golf
I would really like to see a public disc golf course in a Medford city park.

Again, I'm surprised Medford doesn't have a public disc golf course, and I think it could be great. It can go into (or adjacent to) wooded areas that may not get much use otherwise, and keep people moving! I just moved here from Iowa last fall, where we had 3 good municipal courses, but I think of Oregon as much more "outdoorsy," so I'm disappointed in the lack of accessible options here. I have to drive to Emigrant Lake or Grants Pass to play.
Bear creek path is not safe. As someone who moved here from another state, I'm amazed that the city allows a beautiful waterway to be absolutely destroyed. Can't my 76 yr old mother walk safely through the park? The city does an adequate job in the amenities & maintenance parts. Just make these parks safe!
Medford needs a dedicated public disc golf course. Grants Pass and Selma have them. The fact Medford doesn't is honestly ridiculous. The sport is growing fast, and us low impact on the environment. WE NEED A DISC GOLF COURSE!!!
Putting in a disc golf course has brought many communities together. So many opportunities for youth and adults alike.
I strongly recommend a top level disc golf course in Medford. I used to live in Huntington Beach California and we had a city park that they put on a disc golf course on that ended up being a cash cow. You build a course, you put a pro shop that doesn't even have to be nice could be like a conX box(freight box) and charge 5 dollars every time someone plays. If it is a good enough course you will have about 50-60 people a day and on weekends probably triple if not quadruple that. Not counting league days and tournaments(which are the real money makers because you can charge a larger fee). All I'm really trying to point out is that you are missing an opportunity to make some real money and it would pay for itself within a year. Medford is a sleeping giant for disc golf. Everyone always has to go to selmec or Tom Pearce for a good course. Yes there is a course in Medford(bear creek) but it's on golf course where we have to share the love but it's not even close to the level of those two courses. If you need help with logistics, recommendations, or even help with course design(ensuring safety and location of course and baskets) email me at brandonjuanmendez1996@gmail.com.
Where's the new central point disc golf course ?!
Disc golf is for everyone. Kids, young adults, wise adults. Disc golf promotes hiking with a purpose. Disc golfers take care of the land we play on. More usage of these lands promotes less transient camps and dump sites. It promotes people to go be outside and play with friends. Please consider building some disc golf courses. Southern Oregon is the most lacking part of any state when it comes to disc golf courses. Please help promote the fastest growing unknown sport! It's worth it
I would like to see a new disc golf course in the parks system. It is still one of the more rapidly growing sports and has many long time players in the area already.
Bear Creek Public Disc Golf course not on golf course.
Disc golf is an emerging sport that can combine activity and art through public areas
I stay as far away from the Greenway and Hawthorn park as I can. If the police can't stop the open crime, drug use, and squatting; than recreation dollars should not be spent to improve them. The volleyball nets not being replaced at fitchner Park in a timely manner is unacceptable. Rogue X is a great facility!
My family would use parks more often if they were safe and clean.
I hope Medford Parks does well meeting the needs of Medford, and surrounding communities. Safety, in some areas, may need addressing, I'm sure y'all will make great decisions. Best Regards-
https://ussoccerfoundation.org/programs/safe-places-to-play/ Non Profit that helps build unique locally built, always open to the public mini pitches https://www.freethegame.org Funding for small soccer pitches https://ussoccerfoundation.tfaforms.net/4871632 Location Suggestion for help from US soccer https://ussoccerfoundation.org/suggest-a-mini-pitch-location/ https://ussoccerfoundation.org/suggest-a-

mini-pitch-location/
make medford safer to live in and add more things for the youth and teens to do instead of weed dispensaries, gyms, gas stations and things like those
CLEAN UP THE GRAFFITI, It's EVERYWHERE! Get a handle on the gang activity. Kick out the hobos from the parks and bathrooms!
The City 'Utility' Fee is the biggest scam going! Hopefully, you clowns will be replaced with someone who will make Medford live within its means. We can't afford this crap!
I love the new Rogue X facility and my three grandkids enjoy swim lessons and soccer teams. As another lofty city goal, Medford kids need a big outside pool. They loved the Jackson pool in the summer. Also, i used to run and ride my bike alone on the Greenway for years. Now I'm afraid to do that, and i absolutely won't take my little grandkids there to ride. I feel badly for all the homeless people, whether drug addicts, mentally ill, or whatever reason, and I know it's a big problem everywhere in our country, but the camping and disgusting littering and defecating on our beautiful public lands has to stop. Designated camp sites only. Sigh. I guess the Supreme Court will give us an answer soon. Thanks for all you do to offer clean, safe, fun opportunities in Medford.
Please consider a shade structure for the play structure in Ruhr park or plant shade trees on the North Modoc Street side. The play structure is too hot to enjoy in the hot summer months. Add swings for older children currently only bucket seat swings too small for 5-6yr olds.
I think participation might be better if there's an app that sycs with calendars. This way we can be reminded of upcoming events. Along with a monitored chat to provide quick answers to simple questions.
Eliminate the unhoused garbage and drug use
The Bear Creek Greenway is my biggest issue. I dont feel safe there. Seems to be mainly utilized by the homeless. Clearing with an eye towards safety, fire supression and natural habitat should be goals. I would encourage more small parks located along the greenway to entice more usage of the area. (see Eugene Greenway as an example)
The safety issues on the Greenway need serious improvement. It's a resource that used to be family friendly and safe, and now it feels dirty, scary and not usable.
The RVMBA should play a more active role to trails in Medford. Prescott Park is no longer a hidden gem, which is great that so many people are using it, but there are not enough trails to support the traffic.
Safety is of the utmost importance.
We need more law enforcement and security in our parks and trailheads. I do not feel safe leaving anything in my locked car when going for a hike. I empty my car before going to a trailhead. The Greenway and local parks are filled with transients and filth. We need more law enforcement to enforce laws rather than the " livability help" that the city focuses on. As a property owner, tax paying, employed citizen, I want to feel safe in my city, and in our parks and on our trails. Safety...enforcement and cleanliness should be prioritized.
Not today.
More Safe and enriching activities/social/cultural/ events/areas for older disabled, or not disabled teens/tweens.
More rec sports fields.
Another skate park would be great!
I think the City of Medford is doing a wonderful job with upkeep of current facilities. I've noticed the newer parks (cedar links) have very inclusive access to all activities for all age groups. I would love to see more dog parks in the coming years as our community and population grows. Having a larger park with pavilions for gathering (think Twin Creeks Park in Central Point) would benefit Medford greatly. Thank you for implementing this survey, I hope it receives the exposure it needs to continue developing our Parks

and Rec.
Thank you for taking care of our parks!
North East Medford needs new park with all the new houses built, we are overcrowding Kennedy Park. Kennedy Park needs more children staff, like slides , climbing and basketball courts
Rogue X is great for the people with money in the community. Unfortunately, you took away the pool that was there for the children of low income. What are they going to do this summer? They won't be able to afford the double the cost per day. I hope the people of white privilege understand what they have done one more time. Sad, really.
Love Rogue X!!!
More movie in the parks please!! (Cemetary too)
Homeless people have ruined several parks making them unsafe and the bathroom unusable. Bear creek had a fire destroy part of the kids structures, vandals draw all over the play areas. Put some cameras up at all parks .for safety and security. Get more police presences. I only take my kids to a few parks in our areas because we do not feel safe. I repeat put security cameras up, it's 2024 you have no excuse to not have them. Put them up. If a kids gets taken from a park, cameras would be very helpful. Get some damn cameras up at all the parks.
Get the homeless out of our parks and pathways so that they are once again safe for families!
Medford is a wonderful place. Sadly, the homeless have destroyed many public areas and my kids cannot even enjoy them. It's heart breaking.
We live in the Manor Hill neighborhood and our main open space is the shared Parks & Rec/ Phoenix-Talent Schools field and playground at Orchard Hill Elementary. We have become increasingly concerned that the school district is limiting neighborhood access to the green space and, especially, the playground which is the only place for neighborhood children to play. The field is often in use for soccer practice in the evenings and isn't available for neighbors to use during the school day. This neighborhood REALLY needs another park, or a renegotiated agreement with the school district that provides more access for neighbors.
Keep updating parks. Old Parks don't always make good parks.
Since the closing of disc golf at Holmes Park there hasn't been a good replacement. I'd love to see a large scale disc golf course in a scenic natural area be established.
We need better free option for our kids. To keep them active and out of trouble. Bear creek skatepark is nice but it's not well maintained. Also the new garbage compactors next to it stink and I can just imagine what our kids will be smelling as the temperature rises. The park needs lights. If it's open at night it needs to be well lit to keep these kids safe.
Need frnced, dedicated pickleball courts.
Parks and recreation are an essential part of our community. Safety should be the first priority. Not just safety from violence but safety of from the sun. Shade structures over play areas and outdoor sports courts would be ideal for this. Thank you.
I would like to see less homeless/homeless camps and trash in our parks and greenways.
Hawthorne park and the Greenway are an embarrassment. The drug addicts rule the area. We moved here 10 years ago during a time where the park was being revamped including a new playground. I believe it was a million dollar infusion. I now would never let my grandchild play in the park, where I don't know who is there or what we would be exposed to. I feel unsafe riding on the bike path. Our main focus should be ridding the area of drug activities and taking this park and green way back from the endless parade of low life creatures that frequent the area.
Update/ repair existing parks. Some are pleasant, some are mostly weeds and broken pathways- like Lone Pine Park.

I love Parks & Recreation and all they do to offer great programs for the community.
Making our community clean & safe would make a huge impact in how many people use community areas.
You need to patrol the parks and make sure they are safe for kids. The needles, feces, filth and lack of safety makes us never use several city parks. Same goes for the bike path. The fact the homeless drug addicts get preferential treatment over the majority of the citizens is unacceptable. Do something about it!! We citizens don't feel safe using some parks, definitely the bike path and unsure what lurks on the hiking trails by ourselves.
I love the fact u offer programs for adults but they seem more sport and dance related. Why not have more art classes, and crafts? Woodturning, jewelry making, clay/pottery, painting, knitting, plastic canvas cross stitch, etc
Parks and green spaces nearby every resident should be a priority. I love the parks I have access to, and they always seem packed with people. You're doing a great job already; keep up the great work!
We have enjoyed many many parks programs. Lately I've been concerned with safety on the Bear Creek Greenway specifically, and at some park restrooms such as Hawthorne.
I'd love to see more spaces for soccer.
There is a green park on Cheshire in the Hampton, candlewood neighborhood that really needs a play structure for kids. It would be safer for the people living in this neighborhood and we wouldn't have to drive to a park somewhere, where personal safety is a big concern, with all of the crime.
I would love to bike on the green way but I would never take my kids there. It is dirty and feels unsafe. I love community parks in neighborhoods! Bringing communities together.
We could use more options for adult community classes in general. I feel like it's the same offerings every season. We also need more pickleball courts and more indoor options for youth during smoke season. And please increase law enforcement presence!
I would like to see the greenway patrolled and cleaned more often through the heart of Medford.
Bear Creek Dog Park needs a parking lot!! There is a large empty lot right next to it. Also needs lighting and restrooms.
We used the greenway raising our children and would ride bikes from Hawthorn Park to Family Fun Center. Now my adult kids are afraid to take their children on it because of aggressive homeless people. We've all had bad experiences. Let the cops do their jobs and please enforce the laws. I know it's hard with leftist lawsuits, but your law abiding tax paying citizens support you.
My biggest concern is the safety for all using the parks and trails. The parks are always kept up and clean (mowed, landscape, etc) but I feel the homeless and drugged out people bring the quality of our parks and trails down considerably. I know many people with and without children who don't frequent the parks and trails because of the people "hanging" out. Going and enjoying the parks and trails shouldn't mean having to always look over your shoulder, running across needles/other drug items, or other people's garbage. It's sad because we really do have nice parks here.
Our parks in Medford are a mess because of homeless people and drug users leaving needles and loitering. I would consider most Medford parks unsafe due to these issues. In general we tend to visit central point parks to avoid these issues.
first of all my age, gender and nationality has nothing to do with this. second why dont you clean up Medford before trying to adding any more multi million \$ facilities or rec areas. this city needs a major clean up: from grafetee(everywhere to include city owned property), abandoned vehicles(tagged multiple times and still left sitting), homeless camps(they are disgusting, abandoned, unsafe) beggars for money(all where there are signs clearly saying not to, in unsafe areas, like on poplar drive by taco bell) drag racing on the expressway. allll the pot shops- grows WOW! have you seen Phoenix or Central point?

they DO NOT TOLERATE ANY OF THIS! clean the city up first before you waste any more money on recreational things to bump up revenue. this use to ve an amazing city to visit and live in
I would love it if there was a nice indoor year round walking track. It is much needed for smoky days, or hot days or rainy days. Walking at the mall is not fun
The Parks and Rec Department needs to listen to the people who play and use the parks and facilities. Some major concerns I have: #1 The pickleball courts at the new Rogue X are lined incorrectly. They should be relined and turned 90 degrees. Currently, they back up so closely to the next court, someone is going to get hurt, and probably seriously hurt. I emailed Rich at the city and he pushed my concerns off and basically told me to go play outside. Not the answer a city employer should have said, but he's on his way out so he doesn't care. #2 There are so many people playing pickleball right now, the city needs to take one park (Bear Creek or Fichtner) and design them as permanent pb courts. Build the nets in like at the Village Park. Taking the nets up and down will just continue to cost the city money as they are weakened easily. #3 I swim at the new Rogue X three times a week. The lap pool needs to be opened on Sundays. I realize it's a new pool and it's posted as a pool maintenance day, but how much maintaining needs to be done? #4 When the new Rogue X was built, the entry check in station is blocked by the big wall with the information screen. Who designed this? The employees working the front desk cannot see the comings and goings of visitors along the hallway. It would be so easy for someone to slip in any of the changing facilities and harm a child. Bad design. The wall should be taken down and all of it opened up. #5 The price of the lockers is ridiculous. \$3.00 for each visit. It makes more common sense to have visitors items locked up so there isn't the chance of loss. Also, all those dirty street shoes out on the deck of the pool. Yuck! #6 Rather than turning off the water faucets and locking the restroom doors at a certain calendar day, doesn't it make more sense to shut them off when the weather changes. We have beautiful weather in Medford and shutting these items off/locking them doesn't make sense. What is the city doing right: The parks look great and they are well taken care of with respect to the lawns, trees and shrubs. It's great there are doggy bags for those people who have dogs and clean them up. The new water parks at Lone Pine and other places are great for toddlers.
Family oriented opportunities and young adult/student activities or entertainment/educational that help with everyday living
Cedar links dog park is busy. This type of dog park would be beneficial in other neighborhoods too.
No
You're doing a great job already and I appreciate it
All in all, I think that the parks in Medford are lovely and welcoming. I'd love to see more small community parks that are within walking and biking distance of newer neighborhoods (post 2000), for use by community members. There is such a lack of third spaces that more would be greatly appreciated. I'd also push for better maintenance of the Bear Creek Greenway. It is a facility that connects all of Medford, and yet it continually feels unsafe and unsanitary to use, particularly between Jackson and Siskiyou. The pedestrian bridge at 9th street is consistently impassible with houseless folks loitering in large groups. There is graffiti all over, and the path beneath Jackson St. and 4th St. smells strongly of urine and other waste. There is a significant accumulation of garbage on the far bank of the greenway and some of it washes into the creek, hanging off deadwood. The alternative is risking traffic issues taking surface streets that are either not equipped for bikes (Crater Lake Ave) or to go far out of ones way to find a route that is safe, and spend far longer getting anywhere.
More permanent pickleball courts!!!! Fastest growing sport in America. Medford should not be left behind.
the hiking program needs to be for people under 55 also
Please expand your ADA awareness and compliance across the board...in all areas. Please capture the

<p>teen youth with skills programs from art to welding. Develop a relationship with local outreach (Maslow, etc.) and coordinate with local businesses to develop an apprenticeship program, exposing young people to skills and mentors. Invest in more art supplies and really let people of all ages find their creativity. Be well, take care, good luck.</p>
<p>Fix the unwanted before making new because if you don't, they will destroy it.</p>
<p>Please please please build a disc golf course in Medford!!! And offer a class to teach people how to play. Also, it doesn't matter what you build, what events you offer, or how nice everything is. If the parks are full of homeless people and drug addicts, no one can enjoy the offerings. The homeless crisis absolutely must be addressed first, or everything else will just be a waste of money.</p>
<p>Disappointed with removal of an outdoor pool accessible to many kids during summer. The Rogue X pool doesn't even have a pool big enough for kids to practice swimming in. Lap pool is never available. We as a community need an outdoor space for children during the summer. No one wants to be inside. Also I am not sure who is responsible for parking at Rouge X but appropriate for amount of people and definitely not enough handicap parking. We also need more outdoor pickleball and sand volleyball courts. I also know that the land donated that now holds a school and Rogue X was supposed to be baseball fields.</p>
<p>Push for greenway use.</p>
<p>Our parks and recreational facilities have been overrun by drug-addicts and people who have abandoned the social contract. This town is a mess.</p>
<p>Bear Creek Greenway should not be grouped in with Prescott Peak in the survey. Bear Creek Greenway has amazing potential but is absolutely unsafe to use for community members. I understand homelessness/houselessness is a national issue in urban areas so it is not an easy fix. However, it is a simple fact that community members generally do not use the greenway due to it feeling very unsafe.</p>
<p>As new developments pop up, please build more small neighborhood parks. I feel Medford lacks that. Neighborhood parks are valuable. We live in a newer area and have to drive to access parks. SMHS is about an 8 minute walk. There is no where to sit, no dog space, no playgrounds. It's great for a walk, but that's it. I love Rogue X. I was so happy to see it built. Great job! I can't wait to see what else you do to expand that.</p>
<p>I frequent the Bear Creek Greenway, which I view as an amazing local resource with great potential. Unfortunately, it is appalling to see the Greenway's current status from the South Medford Exit overpass to just beyond the North Medford overpass and north of Midway Park. Not only are there dangerous and aggressive individuals scattered throughout this entire section, there is so much drug use happening that I will not allow my family to use the Greenway with or without me. There hasn't been a time that I have ridden through this section that I have not seen drug users unconscious under the overpasses with exposed needles next to them. While it is apparent that the city is making a concerted effort to improve the Greenway, the amount of garbage and filth that accumulates inside of the constantly appearing homeless camps is out of control. I am a firm believer that the more an area is frequented by groups, the less likely it will be infiltrated by the current Greenway population. One great place to start would be to turn Midway Park into a Bicycle Skills Park, including a pump track, skills area, and jumps.</p>
<p>We need more safe walking trails/paths! Really hoping that Rogue X ends up getting a walking path</p>
<p>I think you offer a great variety in your parks department, both physical parks and also numerous recreational opportunities. I would like to see continued improvement in the area of safety and cleanliness. A difficult task!!! I believe that you could do a better job with communicating to the public with a monthly "Parks and Recreation" publication that talks about monthly events, activities, classes, tournaments and overall happenings. Currently you publish the season and many people look at it once and say "maybe I will take that class". Then toss the publication to the side and forget about it. If it came monthly there might be more participation or involvement because it is looked at more often!</p>

Thank you
Increased police presence is NOT synonymous with safety. Oftentimes an increased police presence can make areas feel more uncomfortable and uninviting for people.
If Medford were more walkable, I'd be on the trails almost daily.
Thx for all you do!
We need a senior center badly. The current center is a dump & has limited availability. Look at cities with less population who have better access.!
I applaud rogue x and all who saw the vision. I enjoyed Jackson pool for 45 years and Do wish there was an outdoor pool in the works.
We really enjoy the youth classes/sports offered through the city. Thank you! Please make the city parks safer & more welcoming to families.
Clean up the Greenway - enough is enough
I love Rogue X! Build more facilities like that. New, modern, affordable offering sports venues for the youth and adults. Build another rec pool because Rogue X is very popular and just what the people need and want. But it's hard to get in because it's so popular.
Do you have or will you have a program that assists and/or provides poor children who live in town a way to get to Rogue X. Jackson and Hawthorne were pools in town that could be walked to.
Overall, Parks and Recreation does a fabulous job of maintaining and managing its park areas. I commend all of the hard work and effort the City has put into making Medford welcoming and inclusive.
Thanks for working on this! We would love more trails to walk or bike to shops, restaurants, and parks, safely.
Please invest in more tree canopy along the greenway and other facilities/amenities with significant paving and asphalt. Neither my dog nor myself can use the Bear Creek Greenway in the summer. Please also improve connections to the Greenway from streets - many of the access points require 90 degree turns and are not wide enough for traffic heading both ways. I would also love to see more regional equity in the services provided - such as public pools accessible at the ward/neighborhood level. Also - please stop locking bathrooms, removing water fountains, removing benches, and getting rid of canopies. This significantly reduces my ability to use public parks and community spaces.
More disc golf :)
Cleaning up the Greenway paths should be priority #1. The homelessness have taken it over and I don't feel safe as an adult male to walk/bike the area.
Would love an update on technology at rogue X and lithia driveway fields. The YouTube streaming is great, but needs updated in quality and connection. And rogue X needs a YouTube channel for each court. Could also partner with local eateries to run local sports events on their tvs etc. Thanks!
Clean up the parks and patrol more so people feel welcome, clean up the Greenway and kick the homeless drug addicts to Ashland or further, kind of like what central point does to medford
Homeless keep tax paying, home owning adults out of the parks. We pay for the parks and are terrified to use them
My family lives Rogue X!
Request more walking trails (paved). Thank you!!
Recently took up pickleball. Would be great if they could stripe the tennis courts at Bear Creek Park for Pickleball in addition to tennis (similar to Holmes Park).
Inclusion and accessibility are different especially when it comes to children's playgrounds. Make sure that playgrounds are inclusive as well as accessible please.
Need more public art. Statuary. Murals. Art installations.

I would like Medford city streets more clean.
My wife and I are plant ecologists and are very excited about local natural area and their conservation. We are happy to volunteer our otherwise support that type of work, and would be happy to see additional resources for habitat and environmental education. Thank you!!!
All the employees I have talked to or asked questions were always very polite and helpful.
Parks are wonderful when they are well kept and safe. I am sick of having to avoid certain parks bc drug users are tweeting out. I am sick of the baseball fields feeling so unsafe. This is awful. Those motels have so much drug activity, so many needles and we need to either have law enforcement take charge or get new fields. Medford can do better. I hate that taxpayers pay so much for homelessness and our children don't have safe places to be.
I Would love to see the bike path cleaned up so families can use it. We live right on the path but never feel Safe with the homeless/drunk/high population
Please clean up Hawthorne park and make it safe for kids again.
Less homeless!!!
It makes me sad that there isn't a park within safe walking distance to my home. And that the schools don't open their playgrounds to the public after hours. We pay for those schools and should be able to use them. I'm soo grateful to finally have something like rogue X. Medford has needed a place like that for so long! Also, Many of our parks, I don't feel safe, letting my children play their or use the bathrooms there. Fichthner, Hawthorne, and Bear Creek specifically
Repairing all of the cracks, bumps, etc. in the Greenway would be great.
Children and homeless drug users with mental problems don't mix. Homeless drug addicts leave behind contaminated needles and literally square yards of garbage. Stop enabling homelessness. Stop with all the craziness. All this gender, inclusivity, multilingual, woke BS... People are sick of it. Just make nice parks. It's not complicated. Don't make it complicated.
Park on midway rd. Please avoid the entrance being on midway please!! That area is so busy and entering and exiting is the worst. Please consider the entrance being berrydale instead. It has a light and parking.
I love this program and the opportunities provided. However, there is too much of a homeless/drug epidemic to enjoy many of the parks in the area. It's a bummer.
We love Medford Parks! Cleaner bathrooms with soap would be much appreciated.
Doing better. The community can see.
Improve the Rogue X class web site, add more water exercise classes
It seems like having an area for house less people to sleep somewhere would be helpful. It seems like a band aid effect to kick them out of public areas and parks yet there's no place to go and housing costs and living expenses are so high. I appreciate that we do have some outreach happening but it's a hard situation for everyone.
Make the parks more heart friendly and not so far to walk to everything. Have AEDs installed at every park.
Senior center needs to move to a more safe and secure area in Medford.
Thank you for soliciting my feedback. I appreciate what you do!
More benches on trails! Soap dispenser in bathrooms!
Stop enabling the homeless population. Stop giving out needles for them to leave in our parks
Love to see swimming for teens. Non competitive. More activities for teens to keep them off computers. More community events.
Homeless people have driven our family away from parks, events, greenway and just going into town. They are destroying the town, garbage everywhere, leaving drug paraphernalia behind in restrooms and

park benches. And when bathrooms locked they just dedicate wherever, next to path along greenway,
The city needs to add quality outdoor pickleball courts. Bohnert park in Central Point is excellent. Fenced, level, with nice play surface. Medford added courts to Cedar Links Park which is uneven and subpar for a city of this size.
Clean up Vogel and make it useful again. More events. Increased safety. More maintenance.
More younger youth programs ages 3-5.
Please consider converting 2 of the tennis courts in Bear Creek Park into permanent pickleball courts. Perfect location, since no homes would be bothered by the noise. We have never seen more than 2 courts in use at one time. We greatly appreciate the law enforcement presence in BC Park and on the Greenway. Unfortunately, biking on the trail through downtown and to Central Point has become challenging due to harassment from those hanging out on the trail, often impaired and seemingly looking for a confrontation. It has reduced our use of the trail, which could be a much bigger draw for tourists.
The disc golf community desperately needs a legitimate disc golf course ever since Holmes Park was taken away. It's embarrassed people in Medford have to drive to Grants Pass or Roseburg to play disc golf on an actual disc golf course. Holmes Park was so much fun for disc!
Thanks for all you do! A lot of programs fill up before we can sign up, so more of the most popular programs would be great!
Suggestions: have patrolling and/or cameras for security, in all parks, trails, etc. Also give fines to people who litter or smoke/marijuana . Maintain the tennis courts in Fichtener in better condition. Thank you
Why does the city allow gravel trucks to operate in Prescott Park? This makes no sense to mix bikers, hikers and runners on a gravel road where we are constantly nearly run down and sprayed with dust from oversized gravel trucks that seem to speed up and down the road several times an hour Monday through Friday and sometimes on Saturday.
Information to go out to local schools, private and public about sports opportunities in advance. Banners or marketing to show when up coming sports are available
Thank you for placing Wes Howard signage at Rogue X honoring Mr. Howard's wish that his property become a park for the youth in the valley! More recognition for his contributions of valuable land is warranted inside Rogue X! He also left a valuable piece of land where Bi-Mart and Roadhouse Grill(?) stand that generates much annual rental revenue to The City of Medford! Although a complicated, controversial issue involving all branches of government, please focus on the homeless population and how their presence everywhere is negatively impacting the Rogue Valley greater Medford image and our local populations hesitancy to participate in Medford's Parks, Recreation and Facilities especially the elderly, women and likely our youth! Who wants to go to a park and be harassed for money or have young, healthy homeless by choice, young men with backpacks possibly containing tools to break into vehicles riding around on bicycles through parking areas? Disrespectful and the homeless leave trash, stolen shopping carts, baby strollers filled with dirty laundry and sleeping bags anywhere and everywhere! Bad for businesses also!
We LOVE our parks in Medford and are SO extremely grateful for all of the options we have to go & let our kids safely play and be outside.
Have soft tile instead of softfall for playgrounds. Outdoor space for bounce houses. The santo center is great but the room gets very loud with the blowers on. Indoor playground for winter months. It's hard to get physical activity in for my two year old when's it's cold/raining.
I truly believe that we can create an inclusive and welcoming environment through parks and recreation facilities and events, to encourage participation of a variety of groups in the community. In turn, this would lead to a less polarized community, and a more understanding, tolerant, and kinder community.
Less bicycles on the Prescott Park Trails

The disability access walk at Prescott park was much needed. Would like to see more of that. Thank you.
Homeless/drug users in the parks is by far my family's greatest concern related to our city's parks and recreation. On a related note, it'd be nice to have access to clean and SAFE bathrooms for my young children.
We have been interrupted at multiple parks by the homeless. Saturday morning soccer games walking around tents in the park. Afternoon walks passing by bums sleeping in the park. We never go to Hawthorne park anymore- our closest park- due to the homeless presence. We used to utilize Bear Creek park often, but rarely go now and feel unsafe walking with our family on the walking paths- we have seen half naked homeless people coming out of the bushes. None of the park restroom facilities seem clean enough to label safe for family use. We would rather see this type of menacing mess cleaned up than see any money spent on new structures or upgrades.
Lithia Driveway fields and Rogue X are wonderful facilities that the city has. Both facilities bring groups to Medford. Unfortunately are city parks are struggling. Bear Creek, Hawthorne, and Alba park cannot not be accessed at all times safely. The increase in the homeless population in and around the area has made it dangerous for kids. Last year our friends child found a large knife in the bark chips at Hawthorne. The Greenway is not an attraction from South to North Medford. It is so sad to see that we have allowed this area to grow into a dumping ground of trash.
Would love to see more shade at parks and fencing around play structures for safety
Better creek access. Better river access
Large overhead lighting on courts. We want to play at night, but it's too dark. Please also make more pickleball courts!
More sports fields and gyms are needed. The park system needs better law enforcement presence, and not just along the downtown section of the Greenway. There needs to be a better way to ensure safety and confidence in all parks, not just the new ones on the east side.
Bear creek would be so uch better with more safety and no drugs
Please clean up the greenways, add more pickleball courts, swing sets and shade covers!!!!
Need to add a lot more hikes and day trips on Sundays for those of us who still work Monday - Saturday.
I think that a permanent pickleball facility should be built. Medford is behind. Grants Pass and Ashland both have permanent courts. Granted we can play on tennis courts which are good, and the supply of nets for those courts is awesome. The sport is more popular than ever and permanent courts should be built.
We have great opportunities for kids and seniors but are lacking in activities for young adults 18-35. Would like to see more events that are accessible to people who work 9-5 M-F and would like to see activities that allow young adults to get to know each other and try new things. A lot of young people are looking to get off of social media and do real-life social activities. I would like to have more young adult beginner friendly activities like sports, games, dancing, hiking/camping, cycling, etc. Also free or low cost activities that are drop-in friendly (no sign up) like a regular weekly cycling group or sketching and coffee group. Would love to learn new skills like cooking, sewing, painting, dancing, martial arts, languages. A lot of young people are isolated because they are working or in school or can't afford to go out. I want Medford Parks and Rec to be a super accessible space that lets us casually try new things for cheap and meet and talk to peers.
Expand Prescott Park!! Adjacent Land is for sale right now
Please focus on homelessness and illicit drug use. That is the only issue effecting use of parks and recreational facilities.
Until something is done about the homelessness and drug use in the city my family will not participate in recreational activities within the city. Get rid of the greenway all together. That is a meeting/hiding place

for terrible people to carry out their illicit activities. God Bless.
Eliminate urban camping on the Greenway/right of ways, City lots, etc... More enforcement from local PD. Re-direct funds allocated for the "livability team" to officers who patrol and remove urban campers. We desperately need a new jail (I realize that it is/has been in the works, and the responsibility doesn't solely fall on the COM to erect a new "County Jail". Drugs and paraphernalia are everywhere, there are urban campers defecating on the sidewalk in front of the Library. Downtown is disgusting/scary to walk through.... However, our new waterpark is pretty snazzy... Maybe the self-medicating urban campers could defecate on the concrete there also...
Would love to see more art in our parks. Also would love to see some space in neighborhood parks made available for vegetable beds. And I appreciate Medford's use of native plants in its parks. = }
We are blessed to live in such a beautiful location. I know its not popular to say, but when the policemen and firemen I know expressly tell us not to go near the public spaces you care for this survey seems short sighted. We are big fans o f the father daughter dance...its wonderful but we avoid parks and trails most of the time because we don't want our children near drugs and dangerous people. why do you continue to act like this isn't a real community hinderance to families? Clean up the community so we can have community.
Rogue X is an amazing addition to the Rogue Valley! Congratulations!!! We hope the same enthusiasm and fortitude will be applied to the Greenway so that families once again can enjoy Bear Creek Park and the amazing biking, running path that the Greenway was in the distant past.
The City has not done enough to make the amenities available safe to use by families. Programs that encourage more homelessness from out-of-state and out-of-town homeless people to seek refuge in Medford have and will continue to add more the problems and crime. Take the money out of parks, rec, and facilities and address the issues that will make more families come out and take advantage of what they are financially supporting. Other local cities don't have Medford's homeless issue and they also don't have facilities and support programs to attract them either.
Safe and law enforcement would help the greenways (we have seen have a multitude of tents and appear unsafe to explore). Hopefully community housing would help the homeless.
The money that was spent at Hawthorne Park was a waste! So sad that it could be a wonderful space but the city has allowed it to be overrun with homeless druggies.
Wish Medford had a more dispersed parks. We live in SW Medford and have no parks within at least a mile of our house. We often drive our kid to the other side of town to use the fancier cleaner parks of the the upper eastside.
Please offer morning and mid day swimming lessons for children 6 and under! I am certain the classes would totally fill up and it would make life so much easier for parents with multiple children! I would suggest earlier morning classes for kids 3 and under, and classes from 12:30-2 for kids 3-6 who might have preschool in the earlier mornings. Actually, I would suggest you have any programs for toddlers and preschoolers available at these times!
I think shade over structures and pickleball space have been the improvements we've seen that are needed. Other than that, our parks have improved a lot In the last ten years! Good job!
I mostly run on the greenway and do not feel safe near the area by the interstate
For those with mobility issues, handicap parking is essential, but beyond that getting from the vehicle to where the activities are can be an issue if there are not flat, paved access paths.
None.
I know many families want to use the bike path and parks downtown but wont use them because of the homeless population. Its the same with the Medford library, we have a beautiful library and people leave town to go to other libraries and parks because of safety.

Do away with Hawthorn park and redevelop it into a nice hotel with parking so more people stay downtown.
The citizens do not want to have our tax dollars spent on expanding outdoor trails, etc. until the ones we have are safe. Right now, most people will not use the trails because of the homeless and risk of harm. It is not fun or safe.
We need more permanent pickleball courts with lights. The outdoor courts are constantly full.
Rogue X is amazing but too crowded/loud inside. Rogue X is expensive for most West Medford residents. Perhaps more free events for locals would be beneficial. Movies, drop in activities, etc
A city disc golf course would be great because it is very inclusive, inexpensive and easy on the environment.
More places for teens/kids to hang out and less homeless people sleeping near playgrounds
Extended bike trails would be great!
My family and I have an idea on how to fix a problem at the Rogue X . We have encountered a problem 5 or 6 times since the pool opened. We spent the morning etting our little one dressed and telling her we're going to the pool and then we show up and the pool is at capacity and we can't get in. We believe that the best way you could solve this is by creating an online check-in system where a person can log in that morning before they leave the house and that way there aren't kids standing around and bathing suits that you have to suddenly explain that they cannot go swimming today.
As a senior, it is difficult to accept the lack of seating available in the city of Medford. Exercise outdoors, social interaction, and community participation is essential to maintain health - physical and mental - at any age. Medford has turned their back on seniors who like to visit parks or take walks along neighborhood sidewalks. The paths are there - resting spots are not. I am in my 80's and still walk, yet rarely see other 65-80 year olds in the parks, at fairs etc. There are many reasons why not, but I wonder how many do not venture forth to a nearby park or walk to a local market because there is nowhere to sit when you get there. Or walking around your neighborhood? Wake up Medford! Please don't repeat the cop-out excuse, "homeless" will use the benches to sleep on. There are so many solutions to that concern. You invite people to gather, enjoy, learn, share - yet its apparent that doesn't include seniors. It is my understanding that Medford Parks, Recreation and Facilities is for all!
Clean up in and around The Medford Parks are key to their success. Focus less on the building of new parks until you can get a handle on the problems (i.e. Drug use, bathing and clothes washing in spray parks, after hours use, vandalism/ graffiti) in the parks you currently have. Make the events downtown fun and inviting and not a flyer handout, and informational booth event, like the last Pear Blossom event at Pear Blossom park. Needs to be more fun or at least interactive booths. I was seriously disappointed with it this year.
Disc Golf and similar games.
I am thankful for parks and community activities! I do worry mostly about safety, as a family we have seen too many drugged out people sleeping or passed out or in the bathrooms and it is scary. Also, dogs running off leash when they are supposed to be on leash- worst is at Hedrick middle school field! Dogs running everywhere while tying to coach track!
We need more neighborhood parks where multi-family development is happening. We need more neighborhood pools that are walkable for lower-income neighborhoods. Although Rogue X seems successful, the price tag is much bigger than it was at Jackson Pool and you can't walk to Rogue X. Or bike.
Rogu�� X is amazing and for me almost literally a lifesaver. My health is so improved with access to water exercise.
It would be really nice to have more shade coverings at parks, such as Summerfield Park. Also, to have the greenway feel safer so it's usable.

Love and appreciate all the work staff do to keep parks groomed. Oregon Hills park desperately needs a Sun shade over sand area! Kids are young there. Santo Center needs access to Rogue X during summer camps!! The children swam 3x/week last year during summer camp. Kids should have access to swim at Rogue X this year. Right now there is zero swim options for summer camp kids.
I live in the downtown core on S. Grape St. There is no park that is very close to me unless I drive, being older makes it hard to walk to a park if the weather is inclement. Alba Park has no bathrooms and very little seating. Why not have more small parks in this area?
Honestly all I want is for Rogue x to make the pickleball area safe to play. Turn the courts the other way and make them use able for games. The way they are now is not safe. Thanks
Please consider more recreational options for teenagers. Trade schools would also be fantastic! Especially in the winter. Indoor skate park, indoor surf wave pool , adult lazy river, indoor par core course? Our teenagers need to have more to do. Thank you for reaching out to the community!
I am loving how often I see over the last couple of weeks- police patrolling. I have lived here my whole life and spent my early 20's enjoying downtown. My friend groups and I stopped going downtown once dance clubs, restaurant's, etc. started all closing down. There was an uprise in gang type of members and homeless people everywhere, and we no longer felt safe to spend time downtown.
In general I like Medford parks. I have become more cautious about the Greenway and Prescott due to safety concerns but I think they are great community assets.
Leave the hiking trails as hiking trails. I want to walk on dirt and navigate over rocks. Not walk on a sidewalk in the side of a mountain.
The one facility most needed in Medford Parks is more permanent pickleball courts. If need be, converting 1/2 or more of the under-used tennis courts in places like Bear Creek Park. Again, what is needed is permanent courts, not overlays onto the tennis courts where the court lines are confused and the arrangement creates interference between adjacent games. But THE most important thing you must immediately do to improve Medford Parks, Recreation, and Facilities, is to completely eliminate the vagrancy and the inhabitation of the parks by drug users, the mentally ill, and petty criminals. My wife and I have been assaulted on more than one occasion in Bear Creek Park while riding bicycles on the trail. We have witnessed defecation on the trails, prostitution, intravenous drug use, robbery, suicide, and child abuse in Medford Parks. We recoil as we inhale the stench of urine going through underpasses. I have Medford resident friends who have within the last 12-18 months quit using the parks altogether for fear of personal safety. Friends with dogs that have been sickened consuming human feces. The charade of moving the offenders from one place to another and masking the issue behind euphemisms such as "unhoused" must end. That policy only creates more trash filled areas as the vagrants are moved from place to place. Current policies are not working; listen to your users! Open your eyes, admit reality, and permanently remove this scourge to make our parks once again places where women, children, and the elderly can enjoy the outdoors without the risk of violent crime to their person. As we are also seeing with the general public counter-reaction to measure 110, Southern Oregon has had enough.
I really wish there was a bike park for mountain biking. A place with an asphalt pump track, skills area, and some green level trails that ideally lead you out to bigger mountain trails.
I am an active Pickleball player but have not yet tried playing at Rogue X. I have heard lots of commentary from fellow players who are disappointed in how the courts have been set up for Pickleball playing inside the gym. I think there was a conscious decision to squeeze in more courts, and in an arrangement that doesn't meet regulation playing. And RogueX has missed valuable financial opportunity by setting the courts up this way. No tournament will ever be held at this facility (an event that could bring in funding) because the courts are not set up for regulation play.
More Parking

I really want to see Medford improve its look and appeal. Did what Bend did. Make is nice. Use native plants. Do it now. Do it well. Don't half ass it. Get rid of so much concrete and put in more green areas. Be the best. Be a beacon of what it is to make a civic area look great. And whoever is trying to sell the 167 acres of park up on Roxy Ann—the city should buy that and make that a larger park instead of an ugly development.
More Dog Parks, please!
The Rouge X facility is nice however there is no organized adult swim workout or Masters Swimming workouts.
Your web services are sub par and need an upgrade hard to navigate. Search doesn't work well. I wanted to attend the father/daughter dance and could not find it on your website. would like to be notified of events like this. Rogue X could have more free swims. Two a day just isn't enough for that kind of facility. You can't move in that pool when it's at full capacity. Afraid for my children when it's that full.
I wish we had more police presence at parks. I go to Lone Pine Park and Donahue-Frohnmeier Park often. There are always dogs off their leash, creepy guys taking pics of kids, people doing drugs in their cars and not caring that there are families/kids in the vicinity, and people parking in the handicap spot that don't have proper disability ID on the car. I'm disabled and when picking up my kid from school (Lone Pine), other parents park in the 1 handicap spot at Lone Pine Park. It's really frustrating. Also, the bathroom at Lone Pine Park has been locked since last year. There are a lot of us with little ones that depend on that restroom being open, especially once the spray park features are turned on.
Another seasonal pool(s) in the future would be nice. The rogue X pool is always too crowded. More signage of where parks are on the roads would help bring more people to them.
More disc golf
The ponderosa trail on Roxy Ann was smoothed out last year. The trail lost a lot of its technically interesting nature with the rocks and roots. I hope the city won't do the same to either of the other trails to the top. Otherwise I love that park and all its trails. The Greenway is potentially a fantastic resource, but especially closer to downtown it's so sketchy because of the vagrants, druggies, and tents. I'm a large man and I worry about going on the greenway. I wouldn't send my wife or kids down it in its current state.
Overall, I think our parks and recreation spaces and programs are great. Keep up the good work!
I would love to see more ADA accessible parks that have beautiful views and a lot of variety in flora. Love the new ADA path on Roxy Anne but don't feel safe because wheelchair could roll off the path on steep sections. Could a guardrail or bumpers be installed for better safety? Because of this, we don't use the trail anymore with my wheelchair-bound family member. I would also love to see a wheelchair accessible botanical garden or a zoo in the area. More accessible outdoor activities for families and disabled!
I look forward to the expansion and more offerings in Medford through Parks/Rec. I think it's a great resource we have and want to support!
Our future is our children. We must give them every opportunity to find their passions, their favorite interests. They need confidence and self esteem to be happy. As we have seen their identities are being questioned. Thank you.
Realign the pickleball courts at Rogue X to provide better spacing between courts (e.g., 3 courts across a basketball court instead of 4 courts in line with a basketball court).
This information is somewhat reflected in my score of some answers. It disappoints me when I go to my neighborhood park and I never know if the bathroom facilities are going to be available or locked. I suspect it is often locked because of vandalism. that makes me frustrated and sad.
Thank you Medford Parks and Recreation! I have taken lots of your art classes, they are great fun! Also whenever I call about a question, the customer service is kind and very helpful.
Not a facebook person and don't want to be just to find out about pool hours or canceled times at Rogue

X...not a friendly environment and pool is too cold
I love most of the parks and we go to many different ones frequently but there are a few that Inso not feel safe taking my kids to.
It would be nice to have a space for youth to be able to hangout for free and be safe and fun
Please stop putting money in pay for parks like Rogue X. We need a REAL park in NW Medford not school parks. I live between Whittle and CL Ave. NO PARKS! Also what happened to our Disc Golf Park, remember the one you stole from us by Holmes? Medford parks has failed miserably! At least Bear Creek Park has been improved a little. Bathroom at the Bear Creek dog park please? Rant over...Thank You!
Hi there, I think Bear Creek Greenway is a beautiful space that has been spoiled by drugs and homelessness. My family does not feel safe using it.
Would love to access downtown on bike, have more places for locking up bike downtown, safer greenway bike path to get to downtown. Would love pickle ball courts separate from tennis (thinking Holmes park) so designated pickle ball courts. Holmes park to have regular swings not just baby swings. Kids would love better basketball hoops/backboards, adjustable would be nice too.
Add more dedicated Pickleball Courts. The numbers playing are off the charts...
I think our most important asset and most underutilized is the GREENWAY! ALL of my female friends want to use it for biking and NONE of us do!! We literally leave town to bike elsewhere on vacation. We have all experienced moments on the Greenway when we felt threatened and unsafe. Clean it up, have designated times when officers are patrolling so we feel safe. If we knew when there were designated patrols, we would use it. Start a system where volunteers ride back and forth to keep a watchful eye- do SOMETHING so female cyclists and families can use it! We are sitting on a gem that is totally wasted. In my opinion, cleaning up this amazing gem once and for all is where all of our funds should be put until it is safe and usable. Don't start new projects until this one has been reclaimed by the community.
I would love to see a roller skating park or rink return to the valley!!
We have used the camps at the Santos center for several years, but we're not going back. The staff just isn't equipped to handle their responsibilities. There's bullying among the kids, lack of quality programming, and a couple of incidents involving really questionable decision making (ie showing a violent, frightening PG13 movie to my 5yo) Our community desperately needs safe, affordable, accessible childcare and the Parks Dept is perfectly placed to provide it. Please, please step up to the plate.
there should be an indoor walking track that is safe and clean. there is nowhere to walk indoors except the mall, which is not very good.
we used to enjoy riding bikes on the greenway and participating in the pear blossom bike rides but have not since 2020 due to running into frequent people using drugs and other substances, feces in the trail, urine in the trail, trash in the trail, feeling unsafe from being approached by people begging for money. drug paraphernalia on the trail we need Bear Creek greenway and downtown Medford cleaned up and a lot safer as my family and others do not feel safe and the cleanliness is also an issue.
I appreciate that the nice parks go in underserved areas but feel like there is a shortage of good facilities in East Medford, where most taxes are gathered for these facilities. It would be nice if we had more options. Also the greenway is one of my favorite things but I am so afraid to ride or jog on it alone I don't get to go on it as often as I would like.
Medford needs more dedicated pickleball courts. Rogue X was a huge disappointment as its courts are dangerously close together and the striping is not regulation.
Dedicated bike, walking paths for families.
Medford parks is doing a good job overall. The only real issue I personally have with the department is that often when I visit a park with my family the bathrooms are either locked or in need of servicing. I recently visited Holms Park with some family friends who were in from out of town and at 8:30 in the

<p>morning all four of the bathrooms were locked. We were there for about 90 minutes and as we were leaving a parks employee finally showed up to open the bathrooms. 10 am on a Friday is late in my opinion as there were already a dozen or so people using the park. About a week later i took my child to the park on cedar links and hose bathrooms were dirty enough my kid asked me to take her to a convenient store to use the restroom. Another note on that park in particular, the mover made a huge mess with the grass when we were there and left piles of grass all over the sidewalks. I would think the parks department would make sure the sidewalks were clear after Maintenance. Other than the maintenance issues, I feel the Medford parks department is doing a great job with expanding its program to meet the needs of the community and we appreciate the effort put out for community events.</p>
<p>Get rid of the homeless and transients. Hopefully the new City Manager will assist the community members who work, play and live in Medford to make it the place it was before Brian Sjothun took over. Medford has never been so gross in the decades I've lived here. The actions by upper City Administrators and the Mayor are terrible. All they do is pat each other on the back for terrible work ethic and do not take care of real issues.</p>
<p>More pickleball courts. Some indoor ones.</p>
<p>Please work on developing dedicated pickleball courts.</p>
<p>Keep up the great work!</p>
<p>Where resources are low, tensions are high...this is what is going to increasingly be the experience for the thousands who play pickleball each week around here. It's already happening. sufficient, adequate, well-designed, dedicated, quality pickleball courts are almost non-existent in this area and the community is feeling it and will feel it more as spring and summer hit. While I appreciate that pickleball was considered at rogue x, and the facility is truly lovely, the outcome for the pickleball access is extremely problematic (surface and proximity make it dangerous to play a true quality pickleball game). We would love to feel as considered, seen, and as valued as other active members of the community. Hopefully this year and upcoming seasons will see a significant financial investment by the city into this fantastic communal sport.</p>
<p>I feel the city is missing an opportunity to have a large pickleball area, if you would look at how many people are playing and the opportunity to be able to have tournaments and raise money for the city. Grant's pass is outdoing medford in several areas, not just pickleball</p>
<p>A world-class disc golf course would really help Medford's Parks and Rec. See what has happened at Emigrant Lake for a best practices model.</p>
<p>With Prescott Park and Midway park available now, a disc golf could be put in very inexpensively. This would be great for economic development and citizen happiness!</p>
<p>Would love to see expanding the greenway and connections to it. Thank you for all the hard work you do to keeping Medford active!</p>
<p>Wish the parks felt safer. Also wish the play structures accommodated toddlers better, most play structures are very dangerous for smaller kids. Would love more opportunity for you pick flower/fruit farms.</p>
<p>I would like to see improvements at the Pickleball facilities and possibly a covered Pickleball location It's really a bummer what you did with rogue and the Pickleball courts. Way too small and borderline dangerous with the courts back to back. I don't think Pickleball Has to be inside in the road valley But if some courts had covers over the top, it would allow year around play Eight Pickleball dedicated courts at rogue X outdoors and covered would be amazing!!!!</p>
<p>would like to have more dedicated outdoor pickleball courts</p>
<p>I would love another small neighborhood park in the area between Rogue X and Lewis Park. Living in the suburbs by Ross Lane in that area, it's not very feasible to walk to a park.</p>

Get us permanent pickleball courts in Fichtner-Mainwaring park, please. This was something people mentioned was going to happen and ever since then its been nothing but bad news. Having permanent pickleball at this specific central location would made such a positive difference. Thank you
I think Medford needs to improve safety of bikers and pedestrians throughout the city. I would bike more if it was safer to do so in traffic. I think the culture of Medford needs to change to make it more acceptable to bike and walk in town. There seems to be an attitude in the city that bikers and pedestrians are beneath those in vehicles, and are just in the way. It's a bit unnerving. Also, why isn't there a decent, free, disc golf course in town? It's very popular and brings in people from out of town. Even small towns in Oregon have courses, Medford is behind the times. A new skatepark on the North side of town would be great too. There should be trails, paths, walkways, restaurants, and shops along Bear Creek for locals and tourists to enjoy. Not parking lots and run down hotels and other unusable spaces. Let's move into the 21st century!
There are times I do not go to a park because it feels unsafe due to unauthorized campers and trash all over.
More soccer and volleyball for kids and teens. More tournaments for all sports. Another sports facility to go along with rogue x to hold huge tournaments like we do for soccer. More big soccer, bball, tennis, volleyball tournaments. New large sand volleyball courts on the east side like fichtner.
Medford is always behind the times. Pickleball has been the fastest growing sport in the US, there are over a thousand players here in the valley and yet there's little accommodation for it. Permanent set up of MANY courts would be such an income stream for the city. Just losing out and St. Marys has enough space and funding to do their own tennis courts, they shouldn't need fichtner any more.
We would like more dedicated Pickleball facilities. Also would be great to fix the issues with the Pickleball court layout at Rogue X.
I moved here in 2020 during Covid and the pickle ball community became a big part of my life. Compared to a lot of other cities around us we have far fewer dedicated pickle ball courts for the # of people playing. Thank you
To repeat an earlier comment, there is so much unused space at Fichtner Mainwaring on the Stewart side that would make a large amazing dog park. The west side needs a large diverse dog park, one with boulders and natural amenities for dog owners. Also, we need disc golf to make its return as a great free alternative for young to older people. It's especially important for teens, troubled or not
All parks are overrun as homeless camps at night and need to be adressed
I felt in the survey to combine Prescott park with bear creek greenway wasn't fair because I love Prescott but bear creek feel very unsafe. Or Lewis park and Holmes, same thing. Next time I think more comparable places would make for more accurate information.
We need more pickleball courts . On a Saturday you will see 60 ore more people playing . The course we have now . Have cracks all over them . We have to play on temporary nets .
overall quite happy with parks and rec. There can always be little things that need tweeking
We have more pickleball players then we do courts, so some additional courts at Fichtner would be nice. Rogue X was not designed with Pickleball players in mind. The layout is an accident waiting to happen if more than 4 courts are being used. To bad the person making the decisions about Rogue X and pickleball didn't listen to the suggestions from Southern Oregon Pickleball Association. If they had, a lot more players would use the facility. Also, to bad they put in a chlorinated swimming pool instead of what the YMCA converted to over 10 years ago.
I wish there was more sports offered for kids 7 who want to play or learn but are not competitive.
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More activity options that are sensory-friendly, less crowded

I mentioned this earlier but if funds can be allocated, that bike path behind Shoji's is in serious disrepair. Also I know you are aware but the Greenway is in my opinion not at all safe due to transients and drug activity. My last time on it was during the Rogue Run and even with police motorcycles escorting runners, I still saw open illicit drug use and can tell it's not a safe place to be when there aren't hundreds of runners around. Very sad. Maybe more clearing of bushes might be a good start. I wish I had more ideas of how to fix it.
I wish that our parks and rec would understand how important pickleball facilities are in a community. Look around the state and or country! Cities are fulfilling the needs of their community members by supplying courts for people of all ages to gather and play. I personally have met so many wonderful people through pickleball!
Please explore adding permanent pickleball courts on flat quality court area.
Currently I don't take my young kids to the park or use the Greenway because of negative experiences with the homeless population. It's ridiculous and needs to be taken care of .
I'm impressed with the new community facility Rogue X!
Fichtner should have permanent pickleball nets
Rogue X needs to have the pickleball courts redone to make them both usable and not dangerous. Obviously no one knew what they were doing when they put the lines in.
Please build a large dedicated pickleball complex or courts that are covered, thousands of people play weekly and we don't have a dedicated place in Medford. Thanks for your consideration.
Medford NEEDS a disc golf course! Having to drive to Ashland or GP for a decent course is ridiculous.
We would love to see more protected biking/walking paths interconnect the city and the city parks/recreation centers.
Programs for youth should take top priority. After that, the elderly would be the next target group. Each end of the life spectrum needs a bit more help to get fit and stay fit, not to mention being outdoors and enjoying the area, safely and with working facilities. I was at a pickleball event at Fichtner Mainwaring and there was also youth soccer and other activities and there were only 2 restrooms unlocked. It was ridiculous for the elderly and children who needed to use the facilities NOW. Both groups have their challenges with incontinence and control. Lines to use the facility in these instances is cruel. I am sure there was a good reason for the locked doors, but perhaps a solution can be provided in the 10 year plan.
We need to expand our dog parks, most of them are ruined by the homeless which makes a couple of them crowded and not maintained.
The new rogue x/238 roundabout is a dangerous nightmare. You MUST work with ODOT on doing safety improvements!!!! Ask anyone who lives in the neighborhood and drives it multiple times a day. A traffic light would have been the way to go. I don't believe that LOGOS should build more buildings on the property. That's not what Wes Howard would want. The Medford school district offered Wes a lot of money for his property back in 2002, to build a new trade school and he flat out said "no way". He wanted open fields of play for children etc. I would like to see the Rogue X property put on the "fast track" for funding to complete the grassy areas/soccer fields. It also needs to have a dog park up where LOGOS wants to build. Dog owners use the overflow soccer field to the south, which is very disgusting to have kids play in that area. I would also like to see a security presence in the area as the area gets more built out. The last thing we need is more overnight campers and a drug presence in the park..
Medford is very behind relative to dedicated pickleball courts. I hope that those will be included in the new plan, and would hope you would seek input of pickleball players in their design. For example, there is a need for a group of at least 8 courts, rather than a few here and there. Courts also don't work well without space on all sides, so it's much better to have fewer FUNCTIONAL courts than more courts crammed together. And spacing should assume there will be some sort of fencing separating courts, even

if installation of fences needs to be phased due to finances.
Thanks and please get dedicated lit Pickleball courts ASAP - there's a huge local demand . ALSO VERY IMPORTANT: Consult with S. Oregon Pickleball Assn about court design. RogueX configuration is not good and this could have been avoided....
City League adult sports need to include more family friendly options. Too many people I know have been injured by the intensity of other players. Citizen's participate in these programs for fun, not because they think they're going to be the next superstar. Livability team is a misnomer in regards to actual action that makes Medford more livable. The need to clean up the Greenway, Bear Creek and Hawthorne park are important and should be at the forefront of any citywide plan to improve livability.
N/A
I would love to see Medford have a park like Lithia Park in Ashland in these next 10 years as the city grows. It would be great if single women could feel comfortable walking on the Bear Creek trail without fear. I hope Medford is making a plan to find a location for the popular game of Pickle Ball where the noise of the game doesn't disturb the residents of the neighborhood. It would be nice if Ruhl Park had more permanent bathroom facilities that were kept up by the City of Medford.
Yes. Dedicated Pickleball courts need a fence around each court and permanent nets so as to not interfere with other pickleball games. Courts need to have lights for the all important Winter Months after work exercise for those of us who have seasonal Affective Disorder or just regular wintertime blues. Lights should be available to stay on until 11pm. Tennis courts need much better lighting as well. Gym floors are too slippery for playing pickleball as the ball slides on the floor.
Let's not ignore the elephant in the room here. I no longer take my children to parks or enjoy most city parks due to the occupants that are using the park for other reasons. I don't allow my kids to use the bathrooms at Their soccer practices because you can see what illegal activities are taking place there. I go to Holmes park with my Child's school to find a person passed out on the picnic bench. Our parks are not clean, inviting, or safe to enjoy.
We are in desperate need of dedicated PickleBall courts, in the meantime, the tennis courts at Bear Creek are most often NOT used and could easily be used for PickleBall. Our city is very lacking compared to others. Lights for evening play, and some sort of shade would be wonderful and would be very frequently used. Current, mostly temporary courts are often full with very long waits to be able to play. Pickeball brings our community together. The socialization and health benefits fit your mission perfectly. Current courts are severely lacking. Daily players are growing constantly. We need more courts so that families and church/school groups can also play more often. The courts at RogueX are very poorly designed and are dangerous if they are all used. The PB schedule is varied and we are unable to plan ahead because we often don't know when they are available. Earlier/longer schedule posting would be very helpful. Thank you!!!
Camping needs to be cleaned up in the parks so that they feel safer.
US Cellular fields are the only fields that have accessible soccer nets, which in turn make it very hard for children to practice, daily because these fields are rented out and highly used. Please consider adding soccer nets to parks, with a good field, not one they can break their ankles at, like the one by rogue x
I would love to see more pickleball courts. The amount of people playing is increasing each day and we don't have enough places to play. The courts at Fichtner need repair. The small neighborhood courts are not of great quality. And Rogue X courts are unsafe.
Safety is a huge priority for us. I no longer feel comfortable running or biking on the bear creek trail because of the homeless population, human feces and the drug paraphernalia. Please take our city back from those that are destroying it!
Improved, up to date, dedicated pickleball facilities.

Do something different about the meth head tweakers before the public has to. Last time using the creek path there was 5 of them surrounding a milk carton they lit on fire, then a 6th person came out from behind a bush like he was using the bathroom, all 200ft from the park. Thankfully Oregon still allows law abiding citizens the have a CHL.
My primary interests are better public transit access between parks and neighborhoods, and better bathroom access at parks. And I don't want to see anti-homeless architecture coming in.
I feel uncomfortable at times using some city parks- even going to the Growers Market
I am glad the city is asking for community input.
Need more free events for low income families and teens.
My primary struggle with enjoying parks and trails is homeless camps....
More dog friendly spaces!
Disc golf is a draw for tourism and a healthy activity which builds community connections between men, who are struggling with depression at higher rates than other groups. It is a good way to de-stress and I believe that if recreational sports and healthy living is important to the city of Medford they should have places to play all types of sports. Emmigrant lake just got baskets at the course and it draws in a lot of people. Disc golf is not growing as fast as Pickleball but it is the #2 fastest growing sport. It draws in tourists on vacation. Thank you for your time!
Thank you for Rogue X!!! There is a lot of vacant land in that area. Can we add a place to show movies or a bandstand to hold concerts in summer? Maybe add an outdoor pool? Or another skate park? Or a public garden with walking paths?
Generally, I'm satisfied with the way the city parks are maintained. I ride a regular bike often on the greenway and I've had several near collisions with riders of electric bikes that either go too fast, either for the conditions or their ability to safely manage their electric bike
The green way needs to be cleaned up
PING PONG TABLES and maybe kite flying events?
I feel like all residents should be within walking distance of a park. So many new homes have no yards and having a shared green space can be a way for people to get outside and build community.
As technology advances it would be nice to just have places to go to get away from it all and watch our kids play.
Clean up the Bear Creek and get restaurants on the waterfront
Medford needs a water park! Not an indoor swimming pool but an actual family focused water park where children and teens are welcome and can enjoy
Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport. With our ever growing retired population, it would be good to have more lighted courts.
More chair yoga classes. Monday-Wednesday-Fridays
Born in Medford lived there 63 plus years, last lived in Medford, in subdivision north of Rogue X. Got fed up with all the theft we experienced decided to move to Sams. Valley but still spend a lot of time in Medford.
As a woman, I do not feel safe using the greenway or any of the parks by myself. The large number of unhoused people living in these areas creates an unsafe, unhygienic, and unwelcoming environment.
I think Rogue X is a great addition to Lithia Driveway to offer more Recreational dollars to the valley. Rogue X needs some added parking and more sports fields. Sand volleyball, Recreational softball or sports fields for kids to play on when done swimming or between activities at the X. Also outdoors picnic areas for families during activities at the X.
I used to love going to the farmers market, but the homeless population has grown and I no longer go

because I feel unsafe. We really need to get a handle on the homeless situation here in Medford. I know many people have left and moved away due to our mental health, drug/addiction, and homeless problem. Geographically, it's such a gorgeous location, but the city of Medford is becoming very dirty with very few parks to choose from to take our children and youth to. I've only lived here for 7 years but the city has declined and we are looking into moving. Our children have such few safe options for parks and autonomy here. Our property crime is at an all time high. We have so much access to such beautiful trails and parks, but due to the level of feeling unsafe, I am slowly not using what's offered in our town.
Enforce dogs on leash at all parks, build more totally fenced dedicated pickleball courts, fix the pickleball courts at Rogue X to address safety concerns.
More kid friendly mountain bike trails and paths. Rogue X is amazing. Indoor parks for winter months also welcomed!
I really want to see Medford step it up immediately. Make this place nice. Theres so much crap and concrete and ugliness. It needs to be fixed. It shouldn't be so hard. Make green spaces. Plant native plants. Teach the locals how to care. Teach why it matters. Make Medford matter. That should be your slogan: Medford Matters (you're welcome). Also, take care of the wildlife. Please be conscious of the deer and the animals that Medford and the valley share the land with. Make bridges that are natural and allow them to cross safely. Make areas where they can cohabitate safely. Make Medford a leader in these areas. Do it right. Do it now. Do it well. More people care than you think. We are tired of the crap. Tired of playing second fiddle. Make this place nicer.
No
Please, please, please create a beautiful west Medford with all the growth that is coming. Do it right. Bike paths and pickleball courts.
Please consider improving safety at the parks- it's too scary bringing young children to the parks when there are homeless people using drugs. They often go into the bathroom and lock the door so they are unavailable for families who need them. The grass is kept cut but we have found used syringes before.
I know this is for the city of Medford but if there was a way to get a park or facility closer towards white city while still being "in medford". I also really think an "indoor park" would be a huge hit as we get really bad smokey summers and our winters are cold and rainy. There isn't enough things in our county for kids to do during those times of the year.
I envision a safe bike path system from Ashland to Grants Pass much like in Boulder, Colorado and Sunriver, Oregon, linking the Bear Creek/Rogue River greenways and also extending east and west at key places so the entire Rogue Valley and its parks and neighborhoods are bike-friendly and accessible on foot or by bicycle. I no longer feel safe going to Medford Parks except by car, and would no longer take little children on the greenway to do so, as I used to routinely do back in the late '90s and early 2000s with my own three young children. It's not too late to have the Medford we all want but everyone in the community must be allowed to be and feel safe and supported. To me, this means accessible and innovative (think solutions used in other cultures) restroom facilities that are maintained, heavy monitoring and patrol presence (perhaps 24/7 volunteer/veteran law enforcement peace officer patrols?) and paved off-road bike path (not bike lane) accesses to all parks that are fundamentally and reliably kept safe, clean, and available to all who respect our community's use of them. Other places do this; so can we.
Considering the current safety issues with most of our parks, I don't encourage anyone to take their children to them. Drug use, homeless individuals, and violent crimes need to be better addressed in our parks before we can feel safe to spend time in them.
The Rogue Valley is beautiful but the Parks and Trails do not reflect that. We regularly see trash, litter, and poorly maintained areas along with aggressive homeless/ drug addicts. The city needs to clean this up and make changes to make the parks safer, especially for the kids. I don't have children but feel bad for them when they're playing on the monkey bars while some guy is tripping and acting sporadic in

public parks.
You can't enjoy a area if its not safe Drugs and homeless are a real problem
Medford would benefit from a significant number of dedicated pickleball courts in a few different parks.
Need parking near the dog park for people with disabilities because it is very difficult to access the dog park (especially during the winter and rainy season.)
I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.
Improved pickleball courts at Rogue X. They are NOT feasible for Any play and would never, ever be able to.support tournament play.
Why does Medford National Little League not get assistance from the city when Medford American does? Also, the restrooms at random parks being closed at random times. Obviously due to vandalism or over use by the homeless. Not fair to the tax payers
We still need a less fancy community pool to replace Jackson Pool.
My family enjoys the parks and playgrounds in Medford. Thank you for working so hard to keep them safe and clean! Clean bathrooms are always #1 priority for families! Railroad Park is such a. Special place for the community. Can the City sponsor it more directly? It seems not well advertised and a little run down.
It's unfortunate we have parks and a greenway which are unusable due to homeless people and criminal activity.
Homelessness in our parks have a huge impact on our ability to utilize a safe place for ourselves and our children our community is scared to go to parks
A disc golf course would be very appreciated by alot of people in this valley. There are a big community of disc golfers that would use and love some park land or natural layout that could hold gatherings and tournaments
Real brick and mortar bathrooms on Prescott park.
Give people tickets for not having their dogs on a leash in all parks.
no
Thank you for this time
Remove homeless from the valley and ship them on a bus to Portland.
We LOVE the arts programs offered at the Santo Center with Ms. Q. We have participated in both the adult and youth courses. I would love to see more adult sports classes and teen classes. Like an adult modern dance class and teen art classes. Our family also LOVES Prescott Park, we really enjoy walking up there and all the improvements that have been made to that area!
One of my biggest concerns is safety for all ages. Seeing some sort of patrol would be comforting
Love community/family friendly events! Would love low lighting in the Bear Creek dog park for post-work winter time exercising. And please look into installing needle boxes in certain areas. I know they're not visually appealing, but it's a fact of life at this point.
Wildfires are a big problem in southern Oregon and with fire season only a month or two away we need to enforce the polices and laws and remove the transient population from our parks and the greenway or we will have another Alameda fire and burn thousands of homes, businesses, and properties down again. I bet you could ask the Fire Department about how many fires they have on the bike path a year and I wouldn't be surprised if the number is over 100 fires on the bike path a year. Add one of those to a windy day and we will have another Alameda fire. How long are we going to let 1-2% of the population cause most of the damage.
Main concern and why we never attend city parks/events anymore is due to safety concerns especially the bike trail from CP to Ashland. So many more would/could enjoy it if they felt safe.

We need to explore out of the box solutions and ideas from other metro areas. Medford is no longer a small town but is the regional metropolitan area for all of southern Oregon and a significant portion of northern California. We have for too long looked for solutions that hinder progress or look to "police" our way out of problems but do nothing to contain or strategically plan for growth. If we don't foster business growth, while progressively addressing social problems we will become a west coast version of the South (high numbers of: unemployment, people in poverty, crime, & homelessness; with low: wages, graduation rates, small businesses, and health outcomes)
I would love to see something where kids and/or families can participate in community service with the city in exchange for a reduced rate at RogueX. I feel that many families and citizens in our community simply cannot afford a pass to this amazing new facility and having a way to make it more accessible to ALL residents (as opposed to just the ones who can afford) is needed. I think incorporating community service also presents an opportunity for residents to have some skin in the game, so to speak, and just overall strengthens our community that much more.
Please consider that our utility bill 10 years ago was roughly \$35 for water and sewer. Then you split the bill and we pay over \$60/month for sewer and another \$35 for water. Consider a plan that DOES NOT CONTINUE TO RAISE OUR RATES. We cannot continue with this inflation and it needs to stop. STOP RAISING OUR RATES. WE ARE NOT GETTING MORE INCOME.
I think the skateparks should be expanded especially under the Hawthorne park overpass. Additional skateparks should be built in north Medford and sw Medford.
I believe we have some great parks and structures already in place. Policing the community and removing homeless camps and people who are threatening would open up the opportunity to use more of the already established great parks. As a female with a young child, I do not feel safe visiting some of our public places. The parks should be for all of the community to enjoy but especially young children. Women should feel safe taking their children to all our of local parks. Our community needs to support law enforcement, law and order and really just common decency. I hate to see anyone publicly displaying drug use, violence and "mental illness" for our young children to witness.
If the parks and trails were SAFER and CLEAN then more people would use them. But when I have to worry about finding used needles and condoms you can guarantee I won't be using the parks/trails anymore
Swim lessons in the evenings and on weekends for all levels would be very helpful. Most people can't duck out of work at 3:30 or 4:00 to take their kids to lessons twice a week.
Stop having fascist nazis control the gates at Prescott park. You're looking at a lawsuit waiting to happen having non-city employees locking people in the park. Either have a parks employee or cop lock it up or just leave it open. It's only a matter of time before someone is kept from medication or an emergency situation. Unaccountable power tripping volunteers are going to cost the city a lot of money.
I work with toddlers with special needs, ie autism and would love to see more places that are safe for these kids play without being able to escape
Please keep up on the graffiti removal. Thank you
Get rid of the MPD "Livability Team!" A 100% waste of taxpayer funds. Instead of pandering to the bums and junkies....run them out of town!
Enforce dog lease laws.
Would love to have a protective netting over the top of the children's playground at the lithia baseball fields! Time and time again we've had several close calls with children and foul balls nearly missing their heads!!!!
I would like to see more pickleball inclusive courts. The tennis/pickleball courts at Fichtner are in desperate need of resurfacing. The numerous cracks and uneven surface is becoming dangerous to the

<p>many people who utilize these courts. Rogue X was a hopeful answer to some of the court issues in Medford, but the horrible planning of the courts and their deficient spacing has left that facility almost useless to most pickleball players. That facility is dangerous for users of the pickleball courts. There is not nearly enough spacing between the baselines of the adjacent courts. Pickleball is a rapidly growing sporting activity for all ages. More opportunities are needed to play this sport for all age groups. Resurfacing the courts at Fichtner would provide more availability, however, the bathrooms at that facility are in serious disrepair and unsafe due to the number of homeless individuals who tend to use the facilities for sleeping and drug use. Due to the tremendous use of Fichtner both for pickleball during the week and for youth soccer on the weekends, I would like to see more security of the park and improvement of their restrooms.</p>
<p>I wish the city would do away with bark in playgrounds and parks. It's hard for toddlers to walk in and it's not accessible for those in wheelchairs or walkers. Please start using the artificial rubber like at the barn park in Central Point.</p>
<p>Sports should get field priority based on traditional sport seasons! Soccer seems to own Lithia fields even in Spring which isn't Soccer season, Fall is.</p>
<p>Please install more safety lights that turn on from 5pm to 7:30 am, sexual assault attacks, regardless of gender, need to end</p>
<p>Medford missed an opportunity when outdoor pickleball courts were not added to rogue x. Most cities of Medford size are hosting many lucrative tournaments because they have better facilities. Temporary nets are not the answer. Bend gets most of the better events. Even grants pass and Ashland have better courts.</p>
<p>Work with the county and surrounding communities to develop a world class bicycle path network for commuting, fitness, and recreation. Too much of this valley was developed for motor vehicles as primary transportation. Focus should be public transit, pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, and other, more sustainable modes of travel. Police need significant improvements in enforcing many of the basic traffic laws that are ignored all the time and make biking and walking and driving more dangerous.</p>
<p>Medford, in general, needs to be cleaner and more well-cared for. It's very dirty and dangerous for many of us unless we just drive in, hit certain stores or activities, and leave. It's not safe or clean or attractive otherwise and that keeps me away from outdoor activities in Medford. I pass Medford and go to Jacksonville and Ashland for those and it's unfortunate.</p>
<p>Replace the grass on the southeast side of field 4 at lithia driveway fields with more parking. More parking is needed. Local teams outside of Medford should have more priority at our local youth baseball tournaments. There are too many local teams being forced to travel because priority is being given to out of town teams.</p>
<p>Please beautify and make use of the areas under the i5 viaduct along side the creek, hawthorn park and across from library. Arts, gardens, parking, have community events and interactive activities - move homeless away from there by continually making it an area of high use. Hanging gardens - look at old railway gardens in New York City). Bike workshops, scavenger hunts, run or walk a thon for charity, make embankments to the river (look at Reno). Host kid competitions like weekend basketball with prize money, cross fit, wine tasting. Craft fairs so many options. Look at Troll under bridge in Seattle. Adult hunger games or medieval fairs</p>
<p>It would be nice to have a way for seniors to park closer to community activities as we tend not to go knowing we may have to walk for blocks.</p>
<p>Pickleball is growing world-wide. It's very inclusive, including age, gender, ability. It takes minimal space and allows deep social connections. Medford just needs a real pickleball venue, 12 courts with parking, etc.</p>
<p>Cleanliness and safety are my main concerns. Needles and harassment are prevalent on the Greenway</p>

and hawthorn park.
We need more for teenagers to feel safe and included. I'm seeing more and more teens trying to do gang stuff. More community activities spread throughout medford not just in downtown area or in the ritzy areas. Community yardsales would be fun too. More baseball instead of just softball for adults. An actual park at Rogue x. More support for medford school district. More shade and a new outdoor pool that is more modern.
More Parks WEST of I-5 plz
More parks west of I 5 like bear creek
Keeping parks drug and needle free is most important. Many friends do not want to have play dates at Hawthorne with us because of these issues.
we need a disc golf course. we need a disc golf course. we need a disc golf course. we need a disc golf course. we need a disc golf course.
No comment
It would be great to see every park on n Medford renovated in a way that is more ADA accessible (ALL PARKS). Every park should have signage in Spanish to make more welcoming to all specifically Hispanic population in the area. It would be awesome to see more trash cans and more frequent pick-ups on the greenway. Also, we need some major fire fuel reduction along the greenway
Shade over all the playground structures.
Rogue X is a beautiful facility but my son is having difficulty getting his 3 year old in a swim class due to no availability at times convenient for a working parent Life guarding is a perfect job for teenagers who can pass the Red Cross Life Saving class which should be offered year around for them.
I truly believe the potential for our parks and also our access to running trails etc could be enhanced by greater security, less tolerance on those who do not belong in the area with children present (people camping/sleeping/or sitting in their parked cars), and a better schedule of keeping said parks and areas clean.
Permanent pickleball courts, lots of them, with shade and bathrooms
We have two Autistic children who are nonverbal and elope which is very common with ASD. We wish there were more enclosed play structure areas and courts, where we can play as a family without worrying about our childrens safety. We Also wish there were safer play structures for disabled children without openings on top of tall structures and lower basketball hoops. There isn't anywhere we can enjoy an enclosed area in Medford. Jacksonville has one enclosed tennis court with a gate. More safe inclusive options at parks and organized activities. Safety is a concern having two disabled children I don't feel safe at the majority of the parks with the drug use and homeless worried about needles etc.
Public spaces without bathrooms do not keep homeless away, just leads to other areas being treated as bathrooms AND makes it hard for the rest of us to stay in a park
Putting the Greenway & Prescott Park in same question is unfortunate-I would NEVER walk/run/bike on greenway-especially not alone but I would on Prescott Park. Do better Medford-clean up the drugs, homeless & crime so that those of us who pay taxes can use our parks & greenways! The majority wants it so make it happen-walking in downtown Medford is so unsafe & dirty-this is an atrocity that this city has let these drugs/criminals take over
Figure out the homeless situation first. Provide REAL solutions. The parks will never feel safe with all of the drug users and homeless people wandering around.
The greenway and connecting parks could be so much more of an asset to Medford and the whole valley if they weren't used for camps, etc.
We would really like a small playground and shade park in our area, the "Eagle Trace" area, we have so many families here and no true walkable park, although "Oregon Hills" park is "close," but it is down a

steep hill with a blind corner and no crosswalk, so is not really walkable. There are several empty lots around that could be utilized. Love "Village Center Park, for example, but a small version over here would be so perfect. Please better address the retaining wall you put in front of "Oregon Hills Sand park" the unsightly cement blobs along Hillcrest are just atrocious and we can hardly believe it was left like that! Perhaps that is a good spot to open up to a public artist to beautify with pear relief sculptures or something, anything! Perhaps utilizing more public artists/stone artists in the parks would be lovely too. Especially the climbable sculptures for kids. Would love more park shades and pic-areas in general, please shade more of the playgrounds in the summer, what is one side of Donohue park shaded but not the other? Can community members and businesses help sponsor shades? We hate the wood pic nic table at Donohue, please remove old broken things like this. In general parks need more nice pic nic tables and more shade areas. Little walking path loops and little paved biking loops for kids to practice bikes and scooters on and for us mom's to get our steps in are so appreciated. We really need more little paved loops for strollers at about a one mile length loop is just perfect and so needed. Us mom's really need more of these sorts of safe paths, give us more little destinations - but simple - we just need a slide/swing, shaded pic nic table and walking path, add a safe potty and we are so happy and thankful!!!!
We love using all the incredible options y'all have presented into our community and are so grateful for your continual hard work even through difficulties.
More flowers, especially in the downtown parks. And more community events or weekly activities. I wish the Rogue X would hold a swing dance club/class in the evenings. They could teach some steps for beginners and then open it up for free dance for the rest of the time. All you need is an instructor and DJ and maybe the local bands or school bands could provide love music on special occasions.
Thanks for asking. More events in neighborhood parks like on Cedar Links and Lone Pine. Bring your coffee and chat. Meet your neighbors. Maybe board games.
Pickleball courts
This entire community is hostage to the homeless crisis. We have a state government doing nothing but exasperating the problem. Our local law enforcement is completely crippled when it comes to enforcement. As far as I am concerned being a tax payer and property tax payer is a complete scam in this city and state. None of us can truly enjoy the parks or this community, but we are most certainly tasked with its funding. I think this survey is absolutely worthwhile and serves a fantastic purpose but until you all start asking the hard questions and coming up with concrete solutions then this is all for nothing.
Medford is lagging behind the rest of the country when it comes to dedicated pickleball courts.
Increasing safety and cleaning at parks is paramount. The transients using the bathrooms and camping in Fichtner and Hawthorne are the biggest problems.
More dedicated pickleball courts. Fix the courts at Rogue X, they need to not be as close to each other, huge liability. The stripes are 1" and they need to be 2". Not facing sun! I can't believe that these courts were approved the way they were set up. Terrible decision!
Maintenance budgets need to be increased for our current parks. Many of them are in poor shape and are not constructed to be sustainable without continuing maintenance which is not provided
Medford needs permanent dedicated pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor
There is a large pickleball community in Medford, and dedicated, well lit courts would be well used in the rogue valley
We'd love more designated pickleball courts. It's challenging to play on multi-play courts that have tennis and basketball lines too.
More Designated Pickleball courts instead of lined tennis courts with portable nets. Set locations for tennis vs pickleball. Covered and lighted courts and an indoor complex for tournaments (with better

spacing, surface and lighting than Rogue X)
Kudos on expanding recreational opportunities!
Love, rogue x but the park trails are still on the scary side
The Rogue X pickleball courts are almost unusable due to the close proximity to each other. The building is beautiful, but the way these courts were designed was very disappointing. Medford desperately needs indoor courts to encourage year-round pickleball play, and dedicated outdoor courts would be great, as well.
We need more dedicated pickleball courts. The pickleball courts at Rogue X need to be redone correctly. Turn them the other direction . So they are not back to back. Right bow they are NOT safe to play on when many people are playing. Thanks
Additional dedicated and covered pickleball courts would be nice
Dedicated pickleball courts would be a welcome development and would bring money into the city.
Designated, covered pickleball courts with a food court would be superb, and bring in many people!
Dedicated pickleball courts would be fantastic
Nosotros vivimos al norte de California y jugamos el nuevo deporte que se llama pickleball viajamos tres o cuatro veces por semana ya sea a Ashland o Medford pero a veces no tienen suficientes canchas para jugar y tenemos que esperar Pou un buen rato si en ustedes esta que este deporte siga creciendo en su area les agradeceria que pensaran en construct mas areas para este deporte muchas gracias por pensar en su co.unidad.
The city of Medford could be more of a destination with dedicated Pickleball courts Me. It is the fastest growing sport in the world. Was disappointed in how they designed the courts at Rogue X the courts are too close together and it's downright dangerous I've seen people crash into each other and into the wall and trip over the Gates that keep the balls from rolling around. It's a lawsuit waiting to happen
Just dedicated pickleball courts. The tennis court lines are super distracting and take away full the fun
We really need a venue for holding invitational pickleball tournaments.
Pickleball is an amazing way to stay healthy and meet other people. its attractive to all age groups and fitness levels. we are running out of locations to play and too many restrictions and hard to know when areas are avaiable
We could have top quality pickleball tournaments on the pro circuit but the painted lines on courts don't allow for that. We need courts that are permanent and dedicated, even if it cost a few bucks per use. Get good revenue and enhance tourism with it. There are no decent options in winter when there is inclement weather in terms of Pickleball. Santos Center is often set aside for children and the Rogue X courts are so close to each other. They scare me to death. Me and my friends just won't play there. I think this was a really missed opportunity and it just beWilders me the city is unwilling to restripe the lines. You could be running indoor tournaments in the winter, and you would be packed with more Pickleball players than you would ever know what to do with. Instead, most of us are being pushed to other options, including paying to play in private facilities. It's really a shame. I don't get why the city is being so stubborn over Changing these lines. You made a huge error and just need to make it right instead of making people wait for a few years. Honestly, the lack of Pickleball facilities that are dedicated are one of the reasons I'm seriously thinking about moving away from the Rogue valley.
More dedicated pickleball courts are needed.
Parking is often times an issue at Fitchner park.
Would love to see some dedicated pickleball courts
Maintaining all parks and recreation areas to be safe and clean
More pickleball courts please!

As a widow in her sixties, safety is very important to me. I like to stay active and am interested in meeting people. Pickleball has been great. There just aren't enough Pickleball-designated courts, however. Rogue X has been awesome, but with the warmer months, we would like to play outdoors.
City sponsored beginner Pickleball classes
I will not take my family to the parks that are over run with transient and homeless. I do not feel safe in bear creek park, Hawthorn park, and section of the greenway, and alba park. These areas of town have changed my opinion on living in this city. I used to be proud of it and now I warn people of the area. Please enforce the law, please take back the parks so kids can use the facilities again.
Keep Prescott Peak open later in the winter so can hike after work. Permanent dedicated pickleball courts outdoors. Oak savannah restoration at Holmes and other parks. More rock on trails at Prescott so less mud. Cleaner bathrooms at Fitchner WITH SOAP!
Sure could use some additional outdoor pickleball courts that would also be lighted. Thanks
Dedicated facility for the fastest growing activity in the USA, Pickleball
Please build more dedicated Pickleball courts. Having lights would be great.
dedicated pickleball courts please. The sport is exploding and more players to come guaranteed.
Medford has a large number of Pickleball players. Research what other cities that are our same size are creating re Pickleball courts. They will get used and a large number of people will enjoy them
I'm a pickleball player so I would ask for a indoor facility that caters to pickleball 100%, Pickleball players shouldn't have to pay for a indoor facility, Tennis courts,softball fields, basketball courts,soccer fields were not paid by there players, why do we have to fight so hard for a functional Pickleball indoor facility???
Covered pickleball & tennis courts would have less damage due to rain & sun. Having some wind screens on the perimeter fences would also help.
Thanks for all you do to help our community!
I play pickleball 3 to 4 times a week at Rogue X but it is difficult and dangerous with the current lineage. Many of the pickleball friends won't play there because of it. They will play outside in the cold and heat or not at all rather than play there. What a shame it is such a nice facility. I really enjoy Marc Mason's classes and hikes. He is an excellent instructor and hike leader.
Please re-do the pickleball courts at Rogue X!
Thanks for asking!
We have a beautiful city with a valuable community. The city does a fabulous job arranging activities. I wish that law enforcement would be given the tools that it needs to enforce laws that pertain to camping, vandalism, littering, and the like.
We would love to see more pickleball courts, specifically a dedicated pickleball venue. One that would allow for year-round play, perhaps partially covered for wet days.
Pickleball courts!! Thanks for creating this survey.
I don't feel safe in most of the city of Medford parks. The transient population is unsafe with needles and other paraphernalia. I would like to see a safe place to take our grand children and have picnics
We need more pickleball courts with permanent nets. We are so far behind cities like Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, and Roseburg.
Please enforce leash laws. I'm scared of dogs. Dogs are uncontrollable and their owners are biased. I do NOT want to get bit, attacked by dogs. When I ask owners to leash their dog in city park the owners often get angry and are as scary as their dogs. Thank you for your open bathrooms: Cedar Links, Holmes. I want more parks on Westside too, the children on west side need the green open space, play etc even more. Thank you

More pickleball courts
Covered outdoor pickleball courts
Need pickleball courts
This is too large of town to have only one pool, hard to get to too congested. It is hot here we need to not get rid of the only outdoor neighborhood pool , this is almost a crisis. No one learns to swim in a splash pad!!!!!!
Medford parks and recreation department is very proactive which contributes to livability of the city and southern Oregon. Rich Rosenthal does a great job and his hard work is very much appreciated.
Please post more signs about dogs must be leashed and enforce, please
More programs are great. But it all comes down to safety. Finding needles, pipes, foil, and trash in downtown and in parks is unacceptable.
Be nice to see more pickleball courts. Dedicated courts would be awesome!
Designated pickle ball courts would be fabulous!
Specific parks that have high vandalism and mental health issues people intermittently need more security. These parks are beautiful but the live-in-car people destroy the atmosphere that parks are made for. Parks are for visiting and then going home, not living there all day. Primary parks with above issues are Hawthorn Park, Alba Park, Liberty Park, Bear Creek Park, Bear Creek Little League Park, Union Park, Fichtener Manwaring Park, Lewis Park, Donahue F. Park
The City of Medford does a pretty good with this. The homeless issue is a tuff nut to crack.
Would love to have outdoor covered pickleball courts. And pickleball courts specifically; difficult to have tennis and pickleball on same courts. Any chance some of the courts at Siskiyou Blvd Park turned into pickleball courts. I played tennis for 45 years and those courts were wonderful but it seems there are very few courts being used for tennis anymore
More pickleball courts
Thanks to Wes Howard, benefactor, City of Medford, Rogue Credit and numerous supporters the construction of Rogue X facility was possible. After spending millions of dollars for a beautiful facility with adequate square footage for regulation pickleball courts, the courts have been laid out to substandard regulations. 1. USAPA pickleball specifications requires a minimum 8 feet behind the base line for maneuvering. Rogue X only provides 4 feet. 2. All lines, per specification, should be 2 inches wide. Rogue X lines are 2 inch. The substandard layout of the courts presents several problems: 1. The most serious is possible injuries occurring because of inadequate area behind the base line. 2. Tournaments will not be able to be held on substandard courts. 3. Possible litigation because of injuries due to court layout. I have spoken to many pickleball players who are unhappy with the court layout and will not play at Rogue X because of the current situation. A resolution is in order and hopefully will be addressed in the near future. Thank You
Keep the parks safe. Remove the homeless and the drug addicts. Patrol the parks at night to keep crime down.
Increased police and cleaning of bathrooms at parks such as Hawthorne and Fitchner Mainwaring are needed to help with homeless.
Bathrooms at Fichtner Park are really bad and get alot of use. Between tennis players, high school teams, pickleball players, kids soccer, and families using the park water bottle refill at tennis/pickleball courts would be wonderful. It is a very busy park that bathroom updates and water availability would be a welcome addition.
I love the pool at Rogue X thank you for the liberal lap times !
I think the bigger parks should have a spot or two for food trucks(electricity,waste water drain ect). More

covered seating too.
We live in a beautiful area, and our community has so much potential. However, the heart of our city is just too unsafe. If I want to take my kids to a park where we're not tripping over someone else's trash or trying to avoid literal screaming, troubled individuals, I have to drive toward the outskirts of the city. The bathrooms at these parks are completely out of the question as well - Hawthorne & Fichtner are the worst that I've seen. If Hawthorne Park and the greenway were cleaned up, that could create an excellent flow into downtown businesses and, in turn, bolster our community. I have hope for the future!
We live in a beautiful area but it is a shame to not be able to use the parks due to the drug community. Hawthorne park is a perfect example of a beautiful park we are unable to take our grandkids to due to used needles found in the the play area. please make our parks safe to use.
We need a police presence to deal with tweakers and loose dogs at the parks. We're made to feel unsafe at some point at nearly every visit. Or possibly more designated places for people to run their dogs separately from where people are
I believe the main issue is the safety of our parks for all. Right now I feel like a lot of people aren't using our recreational areas due to not feeling safe. I also hear a lot of frustration that we the tax payers are paying for facilities that the homeless are taking over and trashing or burning. I don't know the solution but somehow our community needs to come together and find some solutions for our homeless community. Safe and useable parks and recreation areas will be able to justify additional funding.
Mountain bike specif trails are needed
I would like the Parks Department to find space for people to camp until they can find other housing. Toilet and hand washing stations. Trash pick up, and regular police patrols, not the execrable "Livability Team"
We love it the parks and rec stuff in Medford. Some of it is a bit expensive though. We also wish there was a better way of keeping the Greenway and places like hawthorn Park safer.
Please add a play structure at Oregon Hills Park.
Please change/expand the open swim hours at Rogue X. We are so excited about the facility, however, the hours available for open swim make it really difficult for those of us with younger kids to use the facilities. 1130am is far to late to be opening the doors to free swim, especially with lunch and naptimes to think of.
The section of Bear Creek through the park under the 15 bridges and the encampments that are constant fire threats and public dangers and are health hazards contaminating the river and its banks is a tragedy. There are hundreds of people willing to volunteer. But to do unorganized cleanups along Bear Creek is dangerous due to the encampments. The drug users and abused homeless women and dangerous campfires along the park and the filth and garbage piles all ruin the purpose and use of the park. It appears that the enforcement verbage the city puts out about cleanup and managing the subculture thst lives in and along the parks are just that; words and not real action. It's a game to them to move to their usual self designated spots to elude the police and city attempts and those who do the "enforcement" who participate know the game and just play along and real change never occurs. It is inconceivable for women to walk Bear Creek and feel safe and in the past 4 years even men are at risk.
Do not allow parks to become homeless campgrounds. Families will not feel safe to come and recreate in places where drug users are camping all around. Instead, it will just attract more drug users to live in the city parks. There should be zero tolerance for camping or parking rv/campers in city maintained areas that use taxpayer funds.
painting the park structure at union!
No
I run a preschool/summer camp program. We've tried riding the city bus to places with groups if kids. The bus part is awesome, but the parks we can get to in the bus are so full of trash, feces, etc. not to

mention the bathrooms are just awful, so the kids are afraid to use them. We want to get our kids out into the community, but it isn't safe, sanitary or fun anymore.
RogueX hits capacity when half the ticket holders are parents not swimming.
Make the greenway a county trail with rangers and camp hosts managing it to keep the dangerous and questionable off it. Create a 30 foot round slab on which a food truck, two tables and an umbrella can offer food with a creekside view every 1/2 mile to turn the creek into a quality feature. Each pad can also have a plexiglass board to exhibit local art to be rotated monthly or quarterly, even children's art like Bandon pier does. Include hot dog carts, snowcone carts, not just large noisy food trucks. Start with weekends then lunch time. Have the vendors pay something to help fund it. Also, make flowing walking paths in all the parks like Pather Pride or stroll gardens like the Japanese ones but w/o the costly specific decore. Everyone is trying to get their steps. Being among plants is chemically beneficial to humans. https://forestbathingcentral.com/phytoncides/?fbclid=IwAR3u9h22y8OGDTk52VumLfpC6K3qYxeM1G_xVquzXgkhGUzFCcwv2Sq_6jg Thank you.
Keep up the good work!
As someone with a small child I would really appreciate if the city could make an effort to make parks safer, cleaner, and more maintained. I am 99% more likely to use a smaller residential park over a big public park purely because of safety. 99.5% of the time I will chose a park in central point over Medford, again because of safety. The amount of homeless camping out in Medford parks is unacceptable. The drugs and crime are out of control. I would rather keep my kid at home, so nothing happens to them. I'm disappointed I feel this way because I didn't feel this unsafe growing up.
Day camp and or activities for young adults with special needs. Social classes, and activities that special needs persons can attend. Rec facility that can have club like activities for special needs people. Ie, pool table, air hockey, video games, computer access, movies.
Scholarships for classes and more variety with classes for neurodivergent children .
We love the accessible swing with zip line and the ramp access to play structures
Would be nice if the parks had more ADA accessibility. I have an adult son that's disabled and the parks that do have ADA swings are not big enough for him. He may be an adult, but he still likes to participate in those activities and the swings are not big enough and are also too high for him to get in on his own since he's in a walker. Would be nice if the paths were more accessible for him to use his walker. Would also be nice to have more handicap parking.
Clean up the parks so they are safer for our children. Clean more often and get the homeless out of our parks. Having to worry about what my child might touch or find at the city parks sucks as my kid loves the park but I refuse to take her to some of the bigger playground parks such as bear creek or hawthorn because of the drugs and homeless people you find there.
Build a disc golf course
I've noticed that the repair of some parks takes quite awhile. Bear creek being the perfect example. The infants area partially burnt down a year n a half ago. They've started repairing it, but have halted mid progress and that area remains closed to the public. Also for whatever reason features of the park have been removed and then haven't been fixed or replaced. Ex the kids xylephone, saucer swing, spiral pole. My kids have always loved this park and we like it for the inclusive features available, but sad to feel like our favorite park is an afterthought or not a priority. Especially because it is such a popular park locally.
Na
more bike lanes and paved trails connecting parks.
A Pickleball league would be nice.
I stopped taking my dog to Hawthorn Park because of all the homeless and crazy people there. I didn't feel safe and had to call the police on several occasions. I drive into Ashland's dog park now. I wish that

Hawthorn's dog park could be expanded and upgraded and that the whole park could be made safer. Thank you for asking.
Parks should be majority open green space, landscaping, multi-use. Not so much pavement, structures, single use game fields.
We recently moved here and are enjoying the parks. It seems every town has the swim lesson hunger games where you have to add the sign up date on your calendar to register your kids the moment sign ups go live.
There needs to be less bicycles on Prescott Park trails. As an aged person they are rude, unsafe and uncaring. Elimiate them from trails!!!
Safer parks. Less Homeless. Less trash. More prescott Park land/trails
My usage in Medford is limited now because of vagrants in so many public areas. I go to Lithia Park or trails in Jacksonville instead, almost daily. If I felt safer in Medford I would use the trails and parks in Medford much more often.
Disc golf course: - Very Inexpensive - All ages and abilities can play - Available parkland now - Great use of open space - Eyes and ears for City if people using these areas - Easy on Environment - courses bring in out of town \$\$\$\$
Medford is doing a terrific job with their parks and recreation. "Livability" is clearly a goal they are taking to heart. Consider protected bike lanes surrounding schools and more places to lock up bikes near businesses. Bike Bus would be amazing:) https://bikebus.world/
I'm an avid pickleball player. I really appreciate the additional courts at Fichtner, but they are taken over by tennis teams I the spring during the hours I am able to play. Would most like dedicated courts with lights and some type of cover.
Great survey, hopefully the city will be able to implement the responses to improve our parks and recreation areas!
I appreciate the City's work to improve the Greenway and other parks in our area, making them nicer and safer. It's still a work in progress, but I've seen great changes.
Enforce park rules.
My belief is that the main issue regarding Medford's parks and greenway, for both present and future, is safety. If people/families feel safer they will use them more often. Unfortunately, it revolves primarily around the complicated and interconnected issues of rampant homelessness, drug use, and mental health.
Downtown road redesign is a disaster. Rick Rosenthal had a public structure belonging to the citizens of Medford torn down overnight solely of his own volition. Then a couple of years later his poor management in failing to install lights or cameras let an arson in Bear Creek park go unapprehended.
There is a lot of houseless people and too much garbage on trials,, parks, highways and in town. Had several house less people break into my yard and house and left their poop and garbage in my house while I was trying to sell it a few years back (southwest medford) do wish that was better controlled Also I think more activities for young kids and teens would help them be ocupied during the summer.
Clean up the Greenway. Hawthorne Park is unusable except during the Market. Enjoy the evening concerts at Vogel and BCP. Clean up graffiti immediately, not months later. Need more police presence, and eliminate tents on park lawns. I pay taxes on all Medford Parks. I only feel safe in a few. No new parks, until you can clean up the ones we have
Don't allow the transient population to ruin our city parks and greenway. Citizens of Medford and Jackson County shouldn't have to worry about their families safety while on the greenway or at certain parks.
The Greenway is completely unusable. Too much drug use and too many sketchy individuals. It's not safe, and as much as I like parks, I think it should be shut down. (I know, easier said than done.) Bear Creek

Park is basically unusable, but I might go there in the right situation (with enough friends, full daylight, etc.) The downtown parks aren't much better. Prescott Park is great, I feel safe there, and I would love to see trails available in other areas of the city. Many other parks I feel good about, and there are great places to take kids to play. I know you work somewhat of a thankless job, so I want to say "Thank you" from a Medford resident.
I love Medford's parks. I wish more parts of our City were accessible by walking. I often don't go to a park like the Greenway only because I feel they are unsafe and unclear. Many thanks to the Parks Department for everything you do.
The new Rogue X was needed but it was so big and expensive. It sounds like the pool is in high demand. I would like to see smaller community centers (2-3 more) in different parts of town, closer to where more people live. I'd also love to see Bear Creek activated and opened/connected to the City in a meaningful way.
I love the Greenway, but it feels unsafe
I believe the city of Medford has put forth an honest effort to better the homeless and houseless population from its different perspectives. That said, I believe Medford Parks, Recreation, and Facilities can and should be a primary communications hub between the city, MPD, the public, non-profits, and government(other) on local policy/regulations/support regarding the subject. -thanks
I would like to see additions on West Medford parks. Lewis and Jackson specifically could use expansion with updates and modern equipment. I would love to see more water features and updated/expanded play equipment. Jackson also desperately needs a bathroom that offers safety and ease of access.
Take advantage of Bear Creek with creek front businesses and casino
I want safe, usable and adequately sized, natural areas to enjoy. Gardens, shade, green, trees. Safe.
Our property backs up to Fitchner mainwaring parks. On Saturdays the lack of parking and the amount of noise is nearly unbearable. We have lived in this same area for 45 years. This parks was nearly designed for this type of usage. Nancy aubin
I feel like Parks and Rec are amazing! For me it's the issue with the homeless and drug affected folk. I'm a female and am scared to use the bike path and am worried for my kid when she's at the parks.
Please make parks more safe :)
Activities for 3 and under are lacking. The cost for parents is already astronomical for child care, having a playgroup should be a great addition not another added expense that one would have to save for. The public parks lack developmental appropriate equipment for toddlers. The parks are unsafe with the additional individuals living within. Children are being kept inside which is cooping them up and then causing lack of social emotional skills and children not being able to regulate in public.
Allow designated areas away from city parks for the homeless population to gather. Spend the money and build them there own park with restrooms. Let them trash their own area. I love taking my toddler to the parks but unfortunately we always get harassed by homeless and I spend too much time cleaning up after them so my child has a safe place to play.
When it comes to parks, it would be great to have more Dog parks that are big enough for dogs to play, like the one at Bear Creek. But, that park has some design issues so I do not take my dogs there. As for the other Dog Park, at Hawthorne Park; I would *never* take my dogs in there. The footing is not only uncomfortable for dogs' feet, it is also dangerous. The last thing anyone wants is wood chips flung into their dogs eyes, or wood pieces jammed into paws. If you watch dogs play at that park you'll notice that most dogs don't run around, partly because its just too small, and mostly because its just plain uncomfortable. If there are any plans to buils more dog parks, especially in West Medford, I'd love to help design it. As a dog trainer, I think I have some good ideas.
We no longer go to the Farmers Market at Hawthorne Park due to how unclear the park and bathrooms

are and because we don't feel safe with the amount of drug addicts that live in the park, and fear of needles on the ground. I would love to use the Greenway, however never have because of the same issues going on at Hawthorne Park.
We need more parks in general!! Many more parks with play structures and pickleball courts! (Pickleball is the fastest growing outdoor sport and we need more courts!! And lights at night for us to use! Especially at the new cedar links park (NO lights on the courts, it's moronic!)
I have 2 young adults in wheelchairs in my family and despite the ADA, much of the Medford parks and facilities are not accessible to them. Example: the new waterslide at Rogue X.
No, but thanks for asking.
Union park needs new equipment that younger children can play on, the equipment that was installed in for older children in my opinion, and in the summer the metal gets way too hot to the touch, they need slides and climbing structures like Lewis park, that's a great park but further from our home so we don't get there as much as we do Union.
Parks are no longer safe for kids to enjoy. We need safer and cleaner parks/outdoor spaces
Over all the parks and recreation program is doing a good job. Improve oak trail in Prescott Park
I wish we could have a safer outdoor living space. I do not feel safe taking my kids to most parks in the area because of transients, drug use, needles, and unsafe behavior. I don't know the answer but I wish it was easier for families to recreate safely.
City has made great strides in the past year regarding camping and illegal activities in Hawthorne Park and the Greenway and that is highly appreciated! The new camping regulations and the Livability Team are making a huge difference. THANK YOU!
You can't maintain what you already have, why are you trying to expand? I won't go to the park because of the homeless and the drug users. Hawthorne Park for years was known as the stabby park. Go there and you'll be stabbed. You glammed it up and now it's a breeding ground for homeless and meth users. I wouldn't step foot on any single bike path area in this valley and you just keep expanding it. Your average citizen won't go to your parks because they're afraid of being attacked. Stop trying to expand. Stop trying to glam it up. Just try fixing what you have. Rogue X was the biggest waste of money I've seen in decades. You spent how much on art?! For a freaking pool! You have conference rooms and meeting spaces for a pool. Jesus, we are not Portland. You're trying to push us into becoming Portland when we just want to maintain our crappy little small town. Stop it.
Putting in sharp containers in bathrooms or in other public spaces so that way dirty drug needles aren't being thrown on the ground by homeless. A lot more garbage cans out in public spots. More access to bathrooms. More activities for ages 0-5 in community.
Outdoor swimming pools in the community must be available to summer youth. Our schools are cutting back on summer learning and care and meals. The health of our communities are reflected by your spaces. I would be willing to volunteer my time towards providing safe community spaces for youth
An Amphitheatre for smaller concerts at Bear Creek or even Roxy would be very cool!
Soap in bathrooms. Cleaner accessible bathrooms. More spaces for older kids to exist so they're not terrorizing and vandalizing the little kid play spaces
Cleaning out homeless from our parks is so important for the safety of the children and families that come to them. This is at the utmost importance in the community at the moment.
Prescott needs more L.E. action. Prescott needs more trail improvement (i.e. Ponderosa is great) Prescott desperately needs wildfire fuel reduction programs!! Prescott needs cleaner restrooms!
I feel our access to parks as community members and tax payers is unsafe and limited due to the proliferation of homeless camps, narcotics, and trash. We have allowed our green spaces to become free campgrounds and landfills. So disappointing that you can't even safely use a public restroom because

someone has soiled it or is sleeping in it.
Prescott park has now become a place for partying trash breakins . We are up there almost daily
It would be great to keep the splash pads open through the end of September instead of ending Labor Day weekend. It's still so hot in September. More splash pads would be great. There are some great parks, like village center, but it's too hot to play there in the summer without a water feature.
Affordable housing will make parks safer.
Thank you for all of your hard work! It doesn't go unnoticed. Your community appreciates you.
Bathrooms near dog park area. Another park in area for dogs not so close to main roads would be nice. Love the bear creek park.
Movies in the park in Spanish! There is no where local to see movies on the big screen for Spanish speakers
Me gustaria que haya mas seguridad y el los parques y actividades en mi idioma.
More fitness clubs with childcare Maybe rogue x
Bear creek Greenway us so polluted. It's a place that should be some how better enforced. It feels unsafe to use. It's a bummer. The homeless are destroying things. It's not just medford it's all over. Wish there were better social services.
I would like to see programs that mix kid with disabilities with typical peers.
Camps and after school care for children with disabilities would be a huge asset to our community.
I love art and murals, access to clean restrooms and enough lighting when it's late and I like feeling safe. New unique artwork or play structure's that are fun and different, colorful, more water fun and or big fun art like big unique big things like big animal structures or art that look beautiful and fun, examples like big frogs or bears or dinosaurs something unique, different. I feel like every park is the same, it becomes boring, palm trees are pretty and we don't really have many around here, that would look beautiful too. We can only dream right? 😊
I would like to see dedicated pickleball courts at parks around town. The addition of lights at Fitchner is great! Thank you!! Covered outdoor courts with lights would be a great addition to the Medford Park system.
More Music Artists in the Rogue Valley would be nice We really miss the old Bear Creek Wooden Structure style of park. With the Valley growing I hope a new park with similar Structure is built. It was the best one!
NA
Take care of our youth and seniors. Start with cleaning up the Greenway and parks and making them safe for the community. The trash that is going into the water/ bear creek should be a crime.
I've lived in Medford since I was in the 4th grade, completes Washington, McLaughlin and graduated SMHS, I think the parks and outdoor activities are amazing here in Medford thank you for working so hard to make Medford a beautiful place to live! Chloe Booth!! Much love!!! : D
I, being a veteran of the US Navy, wish there was a program in place that would seek to train and certify volunteer community members to be involved in the service of our communities safety and security and peace of mind while using our parks and trails (including the Greenway and downtown areas in particular) as additional eyes and ears to assist law enforcement and the Medford Parks and Recreation Department to any potential danger or safety issues or concerns related to individuals or equipment (including restroom facilities) that may be noticed by such a Community Volunteer that doesn't necessarily warrant an immediate response from law enforcement via a call to 911 but is a point of concern if not immediate safety hazard. Hopefully my long winded comment is somewhat understandable despite its length. I would be more than happy to answer any questions relating to clarifying the intention of my comment if

requested.
The reason most people I know are avoiding the parks is that some of them are becoming overrun with homeless people and their messes (some of which are dangerous).
Better solutions for the homeless. Give them access to shelters and food. A safe place for them to be
Our family loves the different services and events the City of Medford Parks, Recreation and Facilities offers us. The biggest deterrent we face for not participating more often is not feeling safe at certain events/activities and in specific locations/facilities. Furthermore, the biggest reason we don't feel safe is because of the large numbers of homeless and drug-users who hang around these types of events/facilities/locations. If things were more closely monitored and we felt more safe, we would participate in activities and events more often and visit more facilities and locations more often.
I have concerns about safety and cleanliness of our park facilities. More needs to be done about drug users & homeless leaving needles and trash. Its just disgusting and needs to be a high priority. Alot of reports of needles being found in play areas that children visit. We need more of a LE presence.
Make Rogue X more inexpensive
Night time or dusk movies in the park or musical activities like Britt but local to medford
Parks that are safer for small children that have interactive things to play on like animal statues or carss to sit on, easy obstacles, fountains. I find the older kid section of the park to be too close to the toddler sections.
Thank you for asking the community for feedback. It means a lot that our opinions are heard and taken into consideration.. I'm a 34 year old mother of three age 7 - 10. I was born in Medford and live in west medford. I've been taking my kids to the local parks and events for many years. I've noticed many improvements over the years and I appreciate that our parks are maintained and taken care of. Oregon is a beautiful place to live, I love all of the trees and water we have around here. Bear Creek park and Hawthornpark are wonderful parks... Lewis Park... Stewart park.. But we have a much bigger problem than events and facilities.. it's the transients and mentally ill who co mingle with our children making us feel unsafe, grossed out by the filthy behavior and hyper vigilant. The world can be a cruel and dangerous place.. parents already worry about children constantly.. it's even harder to bring them to a place where there are needles, feces and garbage left behind by blanket zombies wondering around aimlessly.. most of them not in their right mind and we can not even for a second trust their behavior. It's absolutely troubling. I don't despise those people, they're human beings and I am saddened by their situations.. but children need safe places to be where they're not exposed to the crime, lewd behavior , filthy language and drug use . People actively using drugs or under the influence.. scaring the children when they're exposed to this unpredictable behavior. Mentally ill, dangerous, addicts, criminals... They don't belong around the children. The parks are either a place for the kids or a place for the troubled adults.. but not both. The two just don't go together. Not at all. And I know that a park is supposed to be a public place accessible to anyone for all to enjoy.. but our children are paying the price.. sometimes you have to set boundaries in order to protect the innocent.
N/a
Let's get the greenway connected to grants pass! Let's get more bike lanes in the city! Let's get more bathrooms open in public spaces.
I would love to do more outdoor activities with my kids, but most parks especially the bigger ones i do not feel comfortable taking them by myself because of how many weird people there are. Also there needs to be more sports/activities for little kids and more cost effective ones for adults that are just recreation.
Please clean up the homeless from the parks and make it usable for our children. We avoid many parks because we feel unsafe
Medford has some neat parks, but I avoid taking my kids to them anymore because I always feel

uncomfortable or unsafe from the adults hanging around there that seem homeless and unpredictable. Medford would have to hire security to be at the parks all throughout the day for me to take my kids there.
Parks won't get better until they are safer. The homeless make it uncomfortable to go, the trash around the area left behind is bad. The homeless have been destroying the parks and facilities. I will stop at a park occasionally for my lunch break, bathrooms closed because they are damaged or under repair or just dirty.
We need permanent pickleball facilities. Also, whatever happened to the music in the park at Bear Creek?
Scary to go to parks sometimes from all the homeless people that sleep there or use the bathrooms
We'd love to see more Pickleball courts offered and to have more space around the Pickleball courts at RogueX. RogueX is an absolutely beautiful facility and I cannot wait to continue to see its growth in the months & years ahead.
More free events for children and the less privileged families. Not a lot of kids have back yards or pools or good books to read and clothes
Low cost or free for disabled seniors.
The parking At Fichtner Park is horrid. Also the bathrooms are disgusting: broken water fixtures, no soap, no sanitizer, cold water (when fixtures work), rarely have paper towels, unsanitary & unsafe for children playing soccer or playing on the playground.
Make our parks clean and safe. We need clean USABLE restrooms that are not over ran by the homeless and drug users. We would absolutely use and love a new bike path that is kid friendly! The greenway is over ran by the homeless and is not useable for anyone which is unfortunate. I rode that pathway was hundreds of times as a kid with my dad, back when it was safe. Things like the rogue x was a great addition to Medford for all the families. We would love options like that for activities for the kids and families.
Homelessness & drugs has ruined Medfords Parks. There have been syringes found in the sand pit at Hawthorne and I don't feel safe to take my child to some parks or to use the bathroom at ANY parks. Tax payers aren't using the parks they pay for because of this and it's very sad. It's an eyesore and dangerous for people to use these facilities.
We need more options for poor families, opportunities to teach kids about what makes our area special, and unique. We also need to do more the help people get off the streets and reduce homeless, and make our parks a safe, beautiful, and peaceful environment for each of us to enjoy.
More shaded area at parks. Less homeless. Clear the greenways to be able to feel safe on them again. Law enforcement monitor parks and make sure appropriate people/interactions are occurring there
I'd like to see a public disc golf course.
We need fun garbage cans at the parks. Exercise equipment for the grown ups. Water features.... please don't close Jackson pool! :(I'd love to buy it and operate it privately.
There are missed opportunities with your baseball tournaments. Too many teams left stranded on the waiting list each tournament. Could be the premier location on the west coast. Please consider partnering with larger associations and make Medford a destination for national showcase tournaments. Local teams not able to participate in your tournaments, consider expanding the schedule to allow local teams the opportunity to play on Thursday/Friday evenings. Send out a survey to travel teams that have played and capture experiences and recommendations for continuous improvement.
I think to date you have done a wonderful job and have included the diversified ethnic groups as much as possible!
The open Drug Use and Homeless population greatly Reduces how much we use Medford Parks
Thank you for asking for input! your efforts make a difference.😊 I am impressed at how clean & well

maintained the parks are - I appreciate the effort. I see the biggest needs as childcare & activities for Children & more activities for those with disabilities.
Having an outdoor pool was very important. Jackson Aquatics center was ideal and the location was best for kids to families locally.
We take our grandkids to our city parks regularly Unfortunately, there are some (including the Greenway that we avoid for safety reasons. We have beautiful Parks & services, but people loitering in some make them unsafe
Thanks for asking!
Thanks for CARING.
It's really disappointing how much of our tax dollars go to parks where homeless ruin it or drug paraphenilia is found. There are also offer teenage bullies at parks who make pre-teen kids feel intimidated
Know Would Like To SEE A LARGER LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE IN OUR Parks. NOT JUST AN OCCASIONAL DRIVE BY, BUT AN ON FOOT PRESENCE. There are SOME SKETCHY FOLKS AROUND. HOMELESS, DRUG USERS ETC Not All BAD PEOPLE, BUT SOME CERTAINLY ARE. Also MORE THOROUGH CLEAN UP IN OUR PARK OPEN AREAS OFTEN HAVE TRASH ON THEM,
Would like to know the rules for participation in pool and other recreational activities.
Rogue X is such a great place to recreate. I am so grateful it's here and is so diverse in it's offerings. BUT The echo/noise issue is UNSAFE and unbearable. Please fix!
Our older group has benefitted greatly with improved mobility with the exercises offered. Mark have been a very positive and encouraging teacher.
OPEN MORE CLASSES Aquatic classes for 55+ people
Thank you for the thought provoking survey. More police presence, ie on bikes, would be nice. I have never walked Bear Creek Parkway. Too afraid. Make it safe.
I have participated previously. before my move to Medford in a dance class led by an instructor. This is not a Salsa class or the like, but a Class where you get to move to Music.
You should be ashamed of the Señor Center 1. Would you send your parents there?

ATTACHMENT B:

Park Access Maps

MAP 2-1: DEVELOPED PARKS SERVICE AREA

Illustrates the service area for all developed public parks, including Community Facilities, Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Special Use Sites. Undeveloped Parks and Beautification Areas were excluded from the analysis. Service areas within a ¼ mile walk and ½ mile walk were derived using ArcGIS Network Analyst™ which utilizes enriched street data to deliver high-quality and multiscale network analysis. The analysis methodology factors in physical barriers such as railroads and disconnected street networks to determine walking distance.

MAP 2-2: EQUITY INDEX

Illustrates areas of Medford with a higher level of park need using an index of four scored indicators: density, youth, low income, and communities of color. Estimated demographic data was derived from the ESRI Updated Demographics (2023) developed using a variety of sources, beginning with the latest base, and adding a mixture of administrative records and private sources to capture changes. Each indicator was provided with a score from one to five as classified using natural breaks to reduce the variance within classes and maximize the variance between classes. Equity indicator scores were then combined for each block group to generate the equity index scores. The darker shaded areas of the map indicate areas with a greater need. The equity index does not incorporate access to parks so some high need census blocks may already have access to a park or facility.

MAP 2-3: DENSITY

Illustrates the number of residents per square mile. Estimated resident populations were derived from the ESRI Updated Demographics (2023) developed using a variety of sources, beginning with the latest base, and adding a mixture of administrative records and private sources to capture changes. The number of residents per census block was divided by the total area of the census block in square miles to calculate the number of residents per square mile. The data is classified using natural breaks to reduce the variance within classes and maximize the variance between classes.

MAP 2-4: YOUTH

Illustrates the percent of the population under 18 years of age. Estimated resident populations by age were derived from the ESRI Updated Demographics (2023) developed using a variety of sources, beginning with the latest base, and adding a mixture of administrative records and private sources to capture changes. The number of residents under 18 years of age per census block was divided by the total number of residents within the census block to calculate the

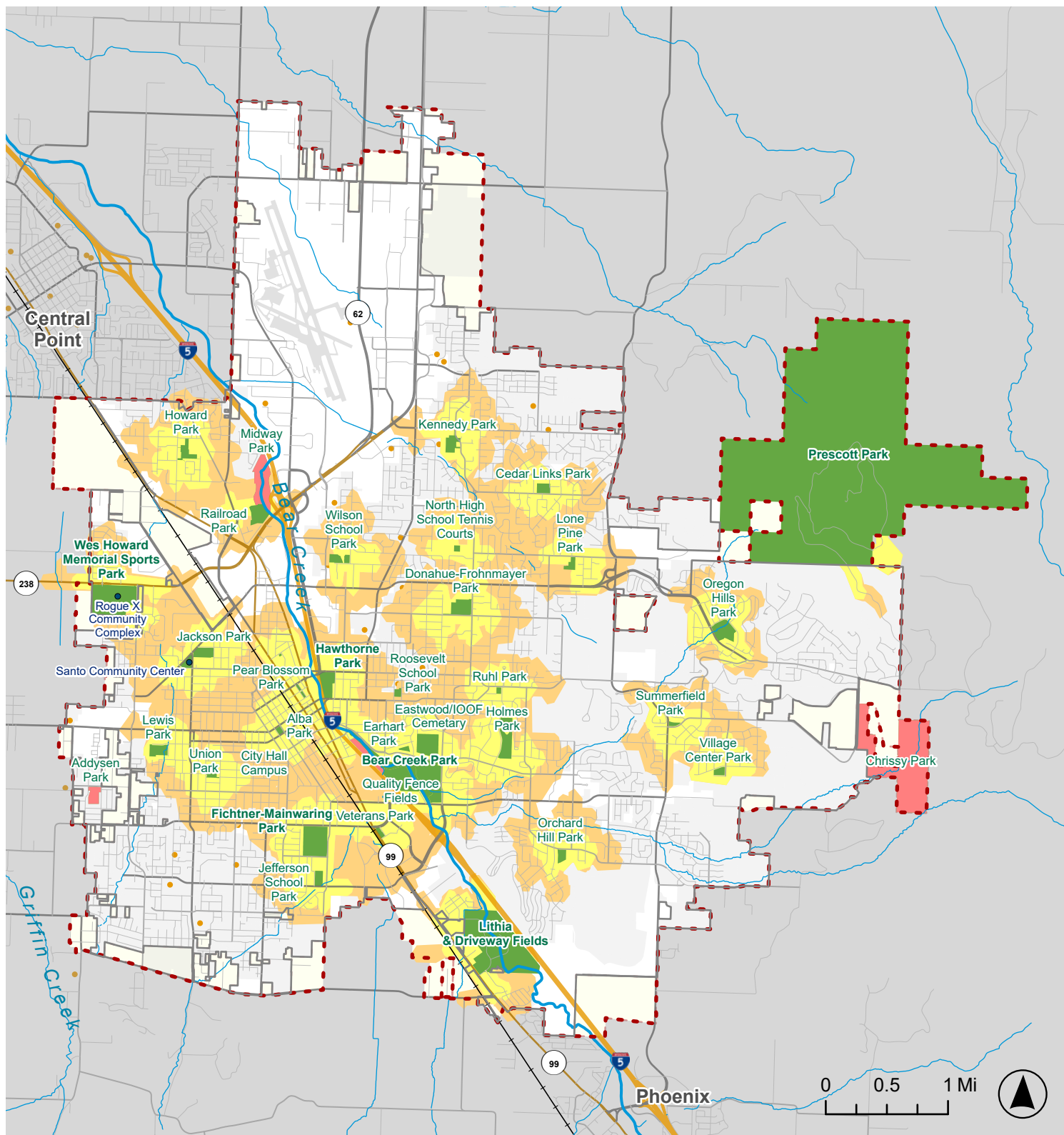
percent of the population under 18 years of age. The data is classified using natural breaks to reduce the variance within classes and maximize the variance between classes.

MAP 2-5: LOW INCOME

Illustrates the percent of the low-income population by census block. The estimated percent of low-income tier households was derived from the ESRI Updated Demographics (2023) developed using a variety of sources, beginning with the latest base, and adding a mixture of administrative records and private sources to capture changes. The data is classified using natural breaks to reduce the variance within classes and maximize the variance between classes.

MAP 2-6: COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Illustrates the racial and ethnic diversity of each census block in a single number, from 0 to 100, utilizing the Esri Diversity Index. The Index represents the likelihood that two people, chosen at random from the same area, belong to different races or ethnic groups. More information on the Esri Diversity Index can be found [here](#). The estimated Diversity Index was derived from the ESRI Updated Demographics (2023) developed using a variety of sources, beginning with the latest base, and adding a mixture of administrative records and private sources to capture changes. The data is classified using natural breaks to reduce the variance within classes and maximize the variance between classes.



Map 2-1: Developed Parks Service Area



Park & Recreation Facilities

- Developed Parks
- Undeveloped Parks
- Community Facilities

Developed Parks Service Area

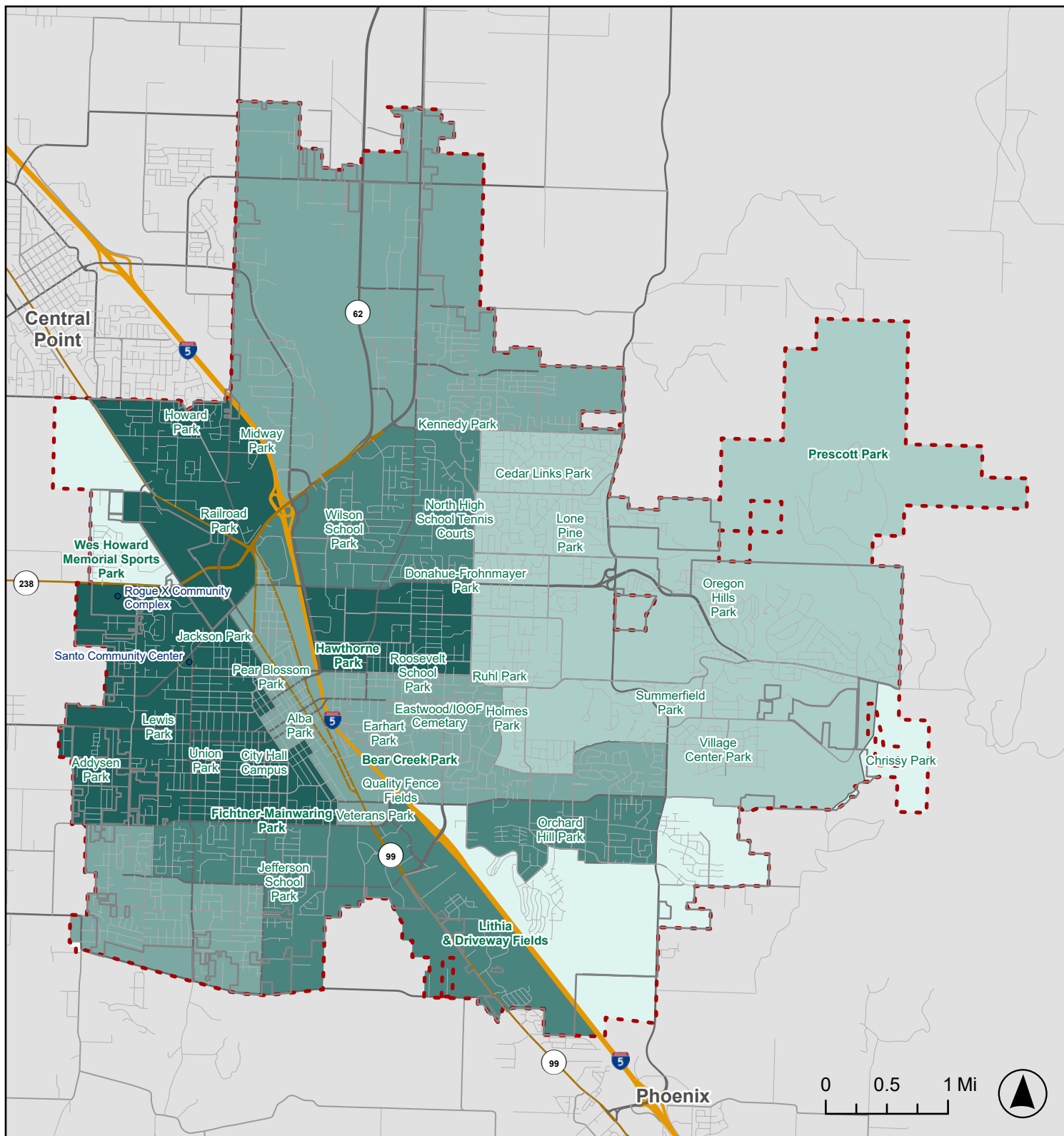
- 1/4 Mile Walk
- 1/2 Mile Walk

Base Map Features

- Residential Areas
- City Limits
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Schools
- Bear Creek

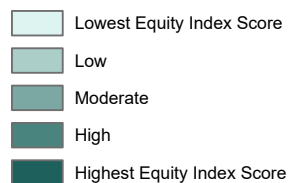


Source: City of Medford, 2023



Map 2-2: Equity Index

Equity Index*



*The higher the equity index score the greater the severity of need for park access based on the selected equity indicators.

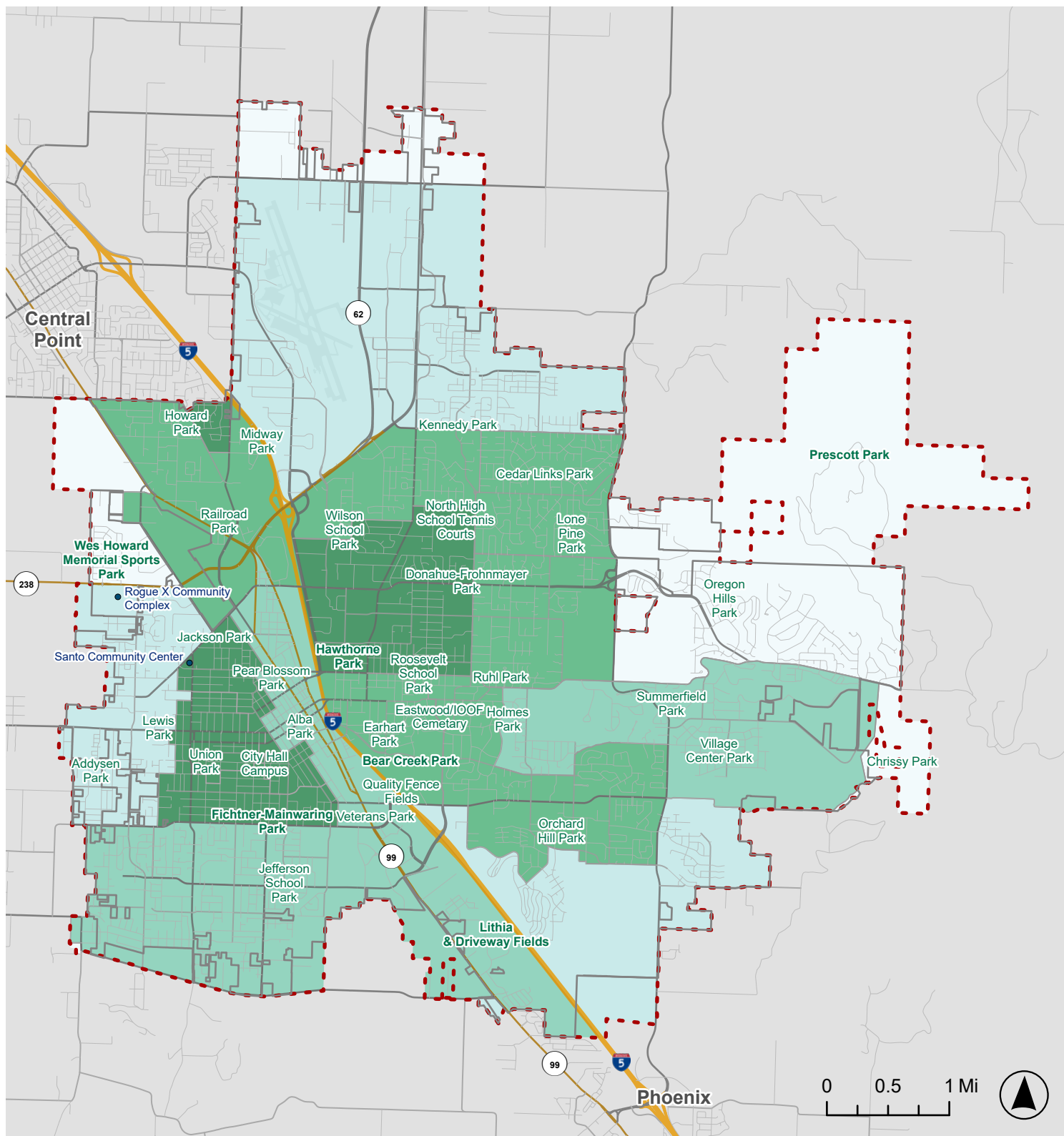
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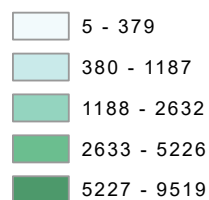


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Esri Updated Demographic
Variables 2023

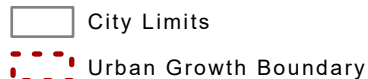
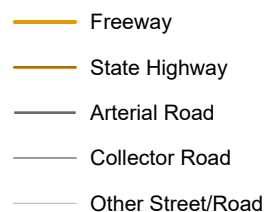


Map 2-3: Density

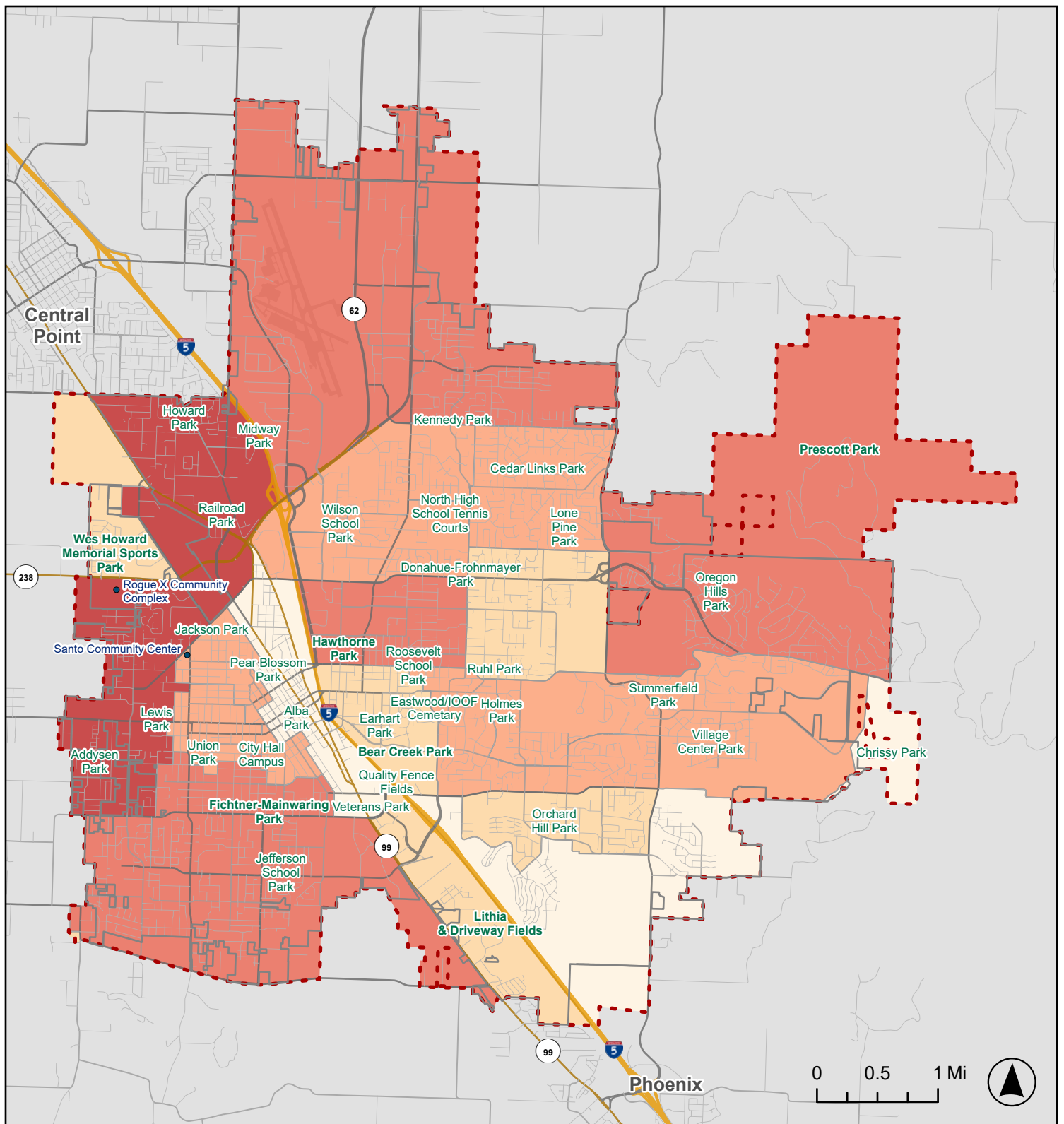
Total Population
per Square Mile



Base Map
Features

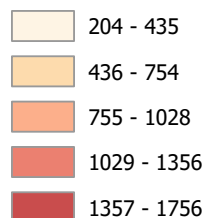


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Map 2-4: Youth

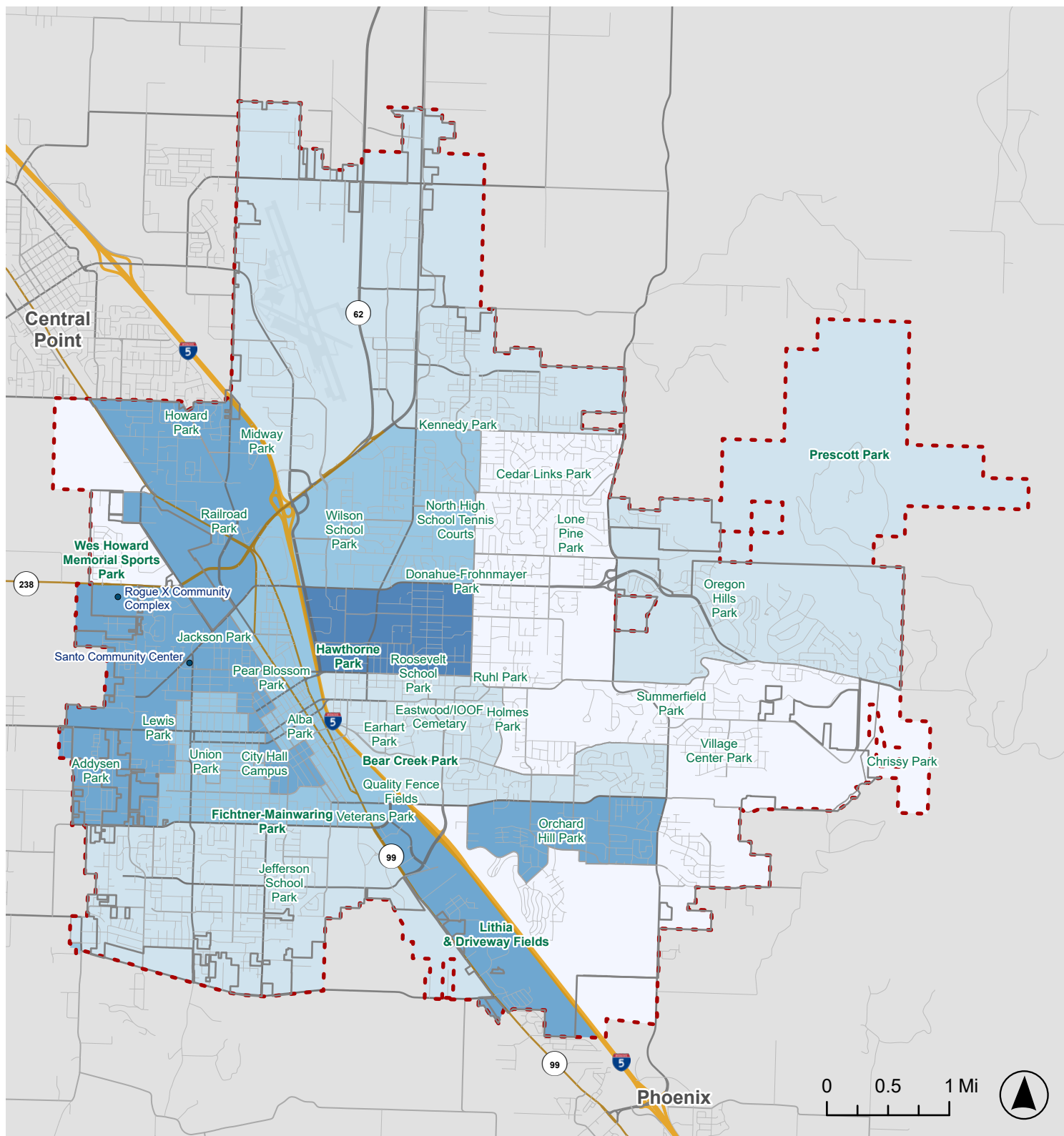
Percent of Population
Under 18 Years of Age



Base Map
Features

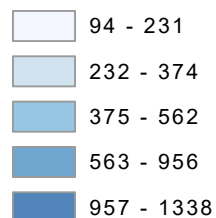


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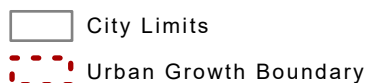
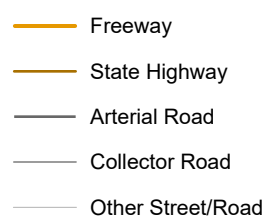


Map 2-5: Low Income

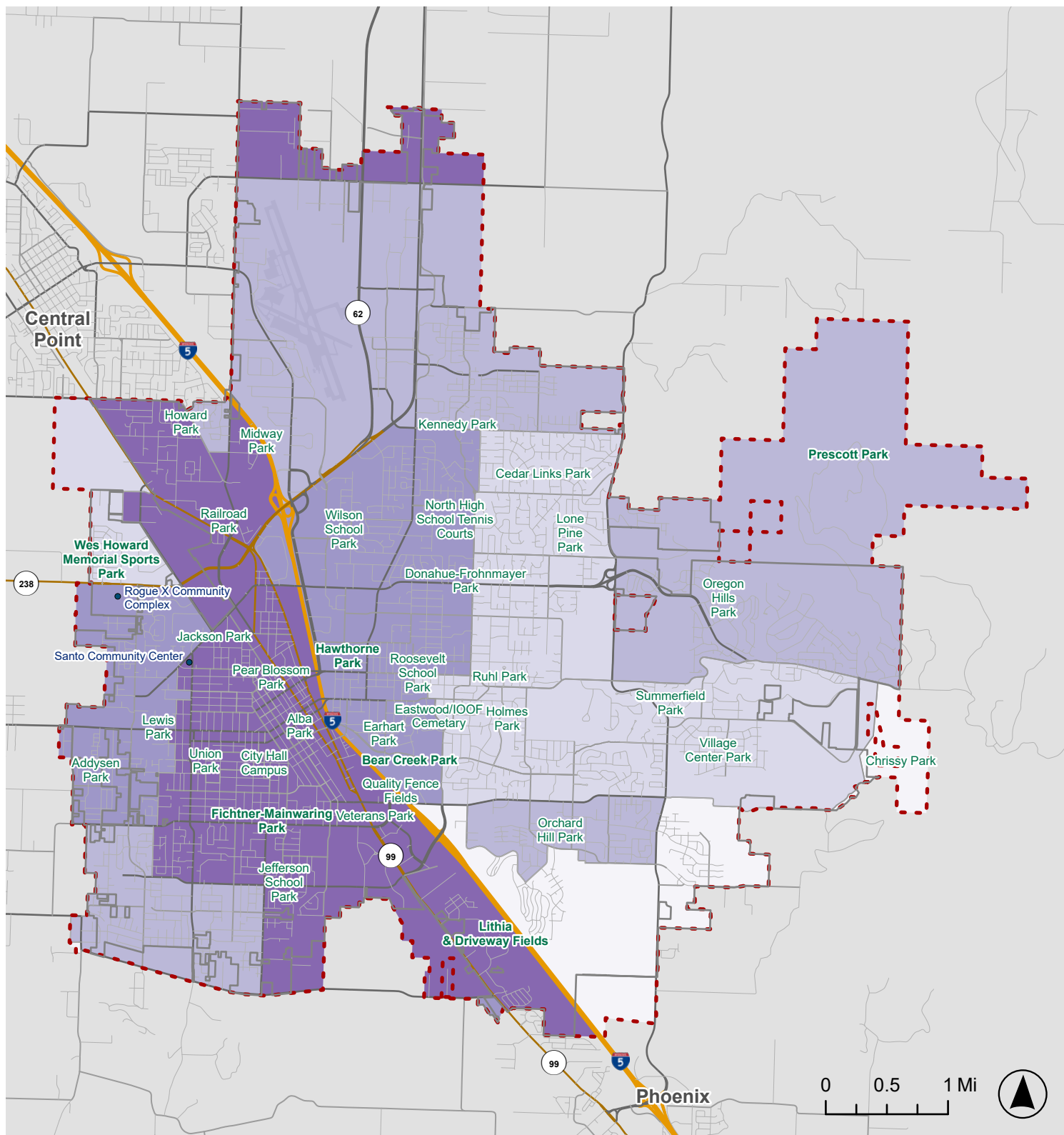
Percent of Low-Income Population



Base Map Features



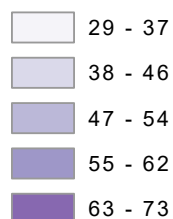
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Map 2-6: Communities of Color



Diversity Index



Base Map Features



Source: City of Medford 2023, Esri Updated Demographic Variables 2023

ATTACHMENT C:

Community Interview Notes

To help assess needs and opportunities related to the parks and recreation system, members of the Project Team conducted small group interviews with a variety of groups, organizations, and individuals who represent specific community interests and perspectives, including tourism and economic development, sports and recreation, older adults, accessibility, the Medford School District, Latino and immigrant communities, and youth. A total of nine interviews were conducted over approximately two weeks between February 28 and March 14, 2024, as well as on April 22, 2024.

Each interview asked participants the same general questions about their perspectives on the opportunities, issues and priorities that should be considered within the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan. The sections below include the notes collected from each interview organized by question.

In addition to these interviews, the Project Team also met with the Medford Parks & Recreation Commission on January 24, 2024, to discuss project goals and the future parks and recreation system. Commissioners described key needs and opportunities, and ideas to ensure broad participation from the community. Notes from this meeting are also included below.

FIGURE 1: COMMUNITY INTERVIEW SNAPSHOT



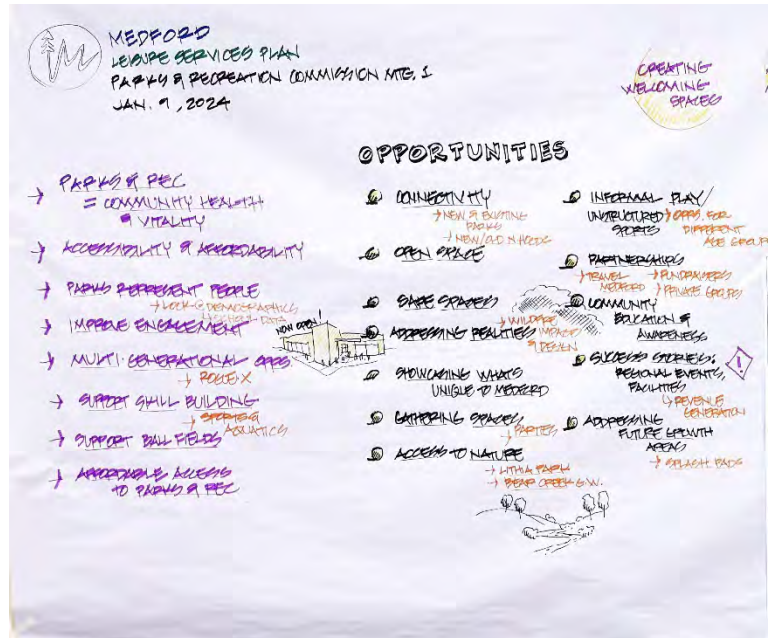
MEDFORD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 24, 2024

MEETING WALL GRAPHIC NOTES

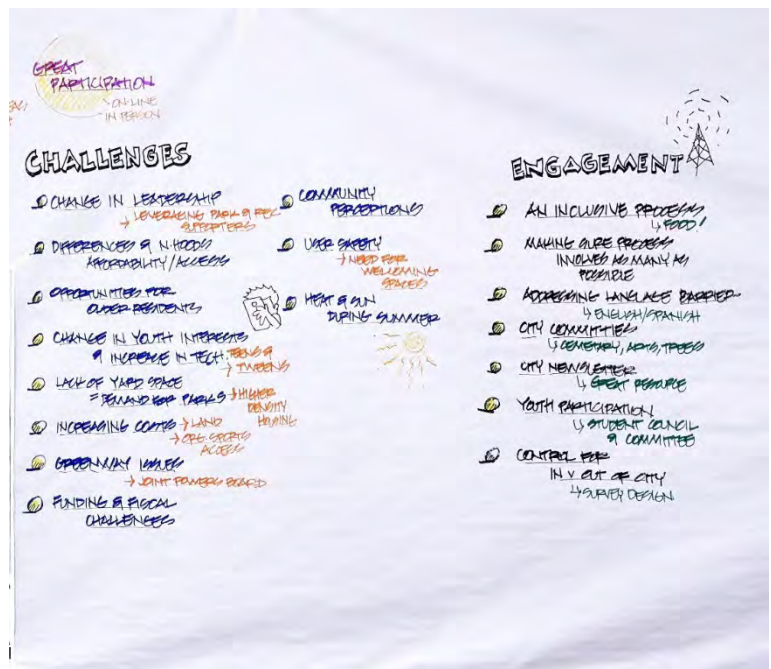
Key Opportunities:

- Connectivity
- Open space
- Safe spaces
- Addressing realities (climate change)
- Showcasing what's unique about Medford
- Gathering Spaces
- Access to nature
- Informal/unstructured play opportunities
- Partnerships
- Community education and awareness
- Success stories, regional events and festivals
- Addressing future growth areas



Challenges:

- Changes in leadership
- Differences across neighborhoods in affordability and access
- Opportunities for older residents
- Changes in youth interests and increases in technology
- Increasing costs
- Greenway issues
- Funding and fiscal challenges
- Community perceptions and user safety
- Lack of yard space leading to higher demand in parks
- Heat and sun during summer months



MEDFORD PARKS FOUNDATION

DATE: February 28, 2024

About You

1. *First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.*

Foundation participants: President, Vice-President, Administrative Assistant, Board Members, Staff Liaison, Commission Liaison (five total)
Connections to Medford: Long-term residents, Youth sports and recreation (especially soccer), Business owner, City leadership
Foundation Goals: Advocacy of low-income, racially diverse community members
A few additional members were not able to attend, will email comments

Opportunities

2. *What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?*

Regional park facilities that attract statewide users
Strong leadership and transparency (no favoritism)
Rogue X (remedies prior swimming pool gap)
CAPRA certification
Variety of park types, sizes, and locations
Proactive and collaborative citywide approach to houseless assistance and programs which has allowed the park system to maintain positive public perceptions unlike some other communities
Parks and programs that serve various age groups
Accessibility for all incomes and backgrounds

3. *What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?*

Continuing to get the word out about park and recreation opportunities (social media promotion)
Park development in pace with growth (UGB expansion, growth areas)
Transitioning City leadership to incorporate younger voices into determining future needs and priorities
Incorporating diverse amenities (not just pickleball)
Serving multiple ecosystem functions such as stormwater management (could allow parks to tap into other funding sources)
Strategic use of funding

Issues

4. *What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?*

Providing housing for all
Keeping up with increasing demand on parks and open spaces
Providing access to public space and parks as density increases
Setting up Medford as an attractive location for employers and future growth
Meeting regional needs
Climate change
Wildfire hazards and smoke (no roadmap on how to address)
The role of parks and recreation in wildfire resilience efforts and emergency preparedness
Funding \$\$\$
Addressing homelessness and associated complexities
Getting the word out to all segments of the community

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Vocal minority that opposes investment in parks due to other citywide issues (crime, homelessness)
Resistance to new parks in developed areas vs. parks within planned developments

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

Low-income communities
Hispanic communities
Lacking representation in decision-making from low-income and Hispanic community members
There have been recent accessibility improvements but there could still be more done

Priorities

7. *From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?*

The Parks Foundation does not aim to provide recommendations, rather they support the goals and recommendations of the Strategic Plan (LSP)
Supporting youth!
Equitable access to parks and recreation system

Outreach

8. *What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?*

Skipped for time.

Other

9. *Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?*

Foundation facilitates financial support of the system
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JACKSON COUNTY

DATE: March 1, 2024

About You

1. *First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.*

City and County do not cross paths as much as you would think, somewhat siloed (statewide reality)
Bear Creek Greenway (encourages regular, regional collaboration)
Other popular county sites:
Most county facilities are far away from Medford
Not much crossover in provided facilities
Involved with early Prescott Park land use planning process
Clear and distinct line between City and County facilities
Serve more of a rural audience than the City

Opportunities

2. *What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?*

Creative approach
Entrepreneurial spirit to meeting community needs (Ex: Lithia Driveway Fields, Rogue X)
Meeting and responding to community needs
Willing to take risks
Supporting tourism and economic development (strong business plans, Lithia)

3. *What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?*

New and expanded regional partnerships
Jackson County Expo Emergency Center (new development that could align with City programming efforts), end of 2026
Focus on growing the Rogue X
Collaborative marketing
Collaboration to address regional issues (Houselessness, drug use, safety concerns)
Expanding tourism to the Rogue Valley

Continue to promote safe public spaces
Advocate for parks and recreation facilities at the statewide and national levels
Natural resource restoration along Bear Creek Greenway (Envision Bear Creek planning process)
Build off shared multi-disciplinary goals
Identifying funding pathways from multi-discipline partners and agencies
Create a Southern Oregon Recreation Commission to share ideas and expand regional collaboration (ex: Willamette Valley) or Rogue Valley ORPA chapter

Issues

4. *What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?*

Houselessness
Wildfire hazards - threat to facilities
Safety
Drug use
Long-term funding and financial sustainability
Funding deferred maintenance
Climate resilience / climate hazards (smoke, extreme heat, etc.)
Drought impacts (irrigation, drought-tolerant landscaping, green design, etc.)
Development code challenges

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Innovative and entrepreneurial
Responsive to community needs (Rogue X, Lithia Driveway Fields)
Community appreciation around city effort to address social issues (recent improvements)
Community frustration due to social issues (camping, public safety, etc.)
Dual community frustration and appreciation

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

Skipped.

Priorities

7. *From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?*

Skipped.

Outreach

8. What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?

Reach out to adjacent school districts (especially Phoenix Talent)
Reach out to Unete for Spanish outreach
Rogue Valley Council of Governments (various service groups)
Reach out social support groups (access, United Way)
Bear Creek Greenway Foundation
Jackson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (quarterly meetings, June?, and information sharing)
Travel Medford - Southern Oregon Sports Commission (confirm still going)

Other

9. Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?

Community topics: Wildfires, Homelessness
County is fee based, reliant on facility revenues
900 camp sites
Drought impact
Water based recreation

TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DATE: March 6, 2024

About You

1. First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.

Chamber of Commerce
Travel Medford
Long-term residents
Positive public/private relationship with shared values and direction as it relates to serving community needs and investing in the system as an economic driver. Shared growth mindset.
Southern Oregon Sports Commission
Close relationship with City of Medford to provide visitor services
Destination marketing and management organization
COVID has shifted approach
Examples: Rogue X (Chamber visitor center)
City leadership (Council, City Manager)
Symbiotic relationship and community wide collaboration relating to parks and recreation
Examples: Events, sports tournaments, etc.

Opportunities

2. *What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?*

Rogue X (example of strong public/private partnerships)
Lithia and Driveway Fields
Aspirational City vision that leads to implementation of goals
Large park system with opportunities for future growth
Vision paired with action
Passionate Parks and Recreation Department driven by community needs and priorities
Community-wide collaboration and support
Department's community-driven mission and approach
Diverse and accessible programming

3. *What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?*

Continuing investment to support economic development and tourism
Continuing momentum of venue creation and development
Goal of Sports Commission
Prescott Park (trail development, mountain biking, running tournaments, mountain biking events)
Mountain Biking (Ashland and Grants Pass currently getting the bulk of spending)
Midway Bike Park (central location, urban mountain bike opportunity, greenway development)
Trail running
Department role: Providing innovative opportunities and driving growth through partnerships and an implementable action plan to achieve long-term vision
Continuing partnerships to create opportunity and drive economic impact
Ex: Southern Oregon University's soccer tournaments

Issues

4. *What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?*

Statewide pushback to business mindset and growth (not as big an issue in the Rogue Valley)
Staffing needs and capacity
Politics
Funding
Workforce development
Meeting community demand, especially during winter months
Drugs and homelessness

Wildfire mitigation and impacts
Smoke impacts on outdoor recreation (cancelled tournaments and cascading economic impacts)
Public safety

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Robust, successful Parks and Recreation Department
Connected to major City projects
Community appreciates the Park system
Strong City leadership
Positive community perception
High family use of parks (especially during sunny weather)
Pushback: Government in general, taxes, costs, inflation
Some negative perceptions relating to homelessness and drugs
Tangible results that build public support (Ex: Rogue X)

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

Good geographic distribution of high-quality, large parks
Not aware of any access issues from business perspective
Need to consider multi-modal access
Possibly some pedestrian access issues

Priorities

7. *From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?*

Increased facilities
Wes Howard Memorial Park
Prescott Park
Mountain biking opportunities - Midway Bike Park
Identify next large venue development for local community and tourism/economic development
Pickleball
Build off recent momentum for the "next big thing"

Outreach

8. *What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?*

Stakeholder engagement
Community-wide collaboration
Identifying shared vision and direction to support implementation

De-silo-ing development (Rogue X is a successful example)
Marketing
Communicating direction and progress along the way to stakeholders and community
Chamber newsletter
Surveys, City Utility Bill attachments, leveraging stakeholder communication pathways

Other

9. *Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?*

Important to have big goals and aspirations for next 10years
Think bigger
What is the next big thing?
Development and activation of Bear Creek Greenway

LATINO & IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

DATE: March 6, 2024

About You

1. *First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.*

City of Medford
La Clinica
Housing Authority of Jackson County
Various City boards
Volunteer opportunities (RVTD, Casa)
Community outreach, Multi-Cultural Fair
Serving Medford's diverse communities
Swim lesson partnership to provide discounted rate to low-income families
EJ Marketing
Long-term residents and business owners

Opportunities

2. *What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?*

Outdoor spaces
Strong park maintenance supports an inviting environment
Clean and family-oriented parks
Quantity of parks
Welcoming to Latino community and seeking ways to improve outreach

Diverse facilities and programs
More recent attention to West Medford (a previous gap)
Intentional effort for bilingual information sharing
Making a genuine effort to include Latino community

3. What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?

Will further inclusion of Latino Community
Expand promotion and marketing to Latino community
Methods: Translated materials (placement in Department magazine), Spanish radio station etc.
Representative park naming to further equity and inclusion
Bilingual staff
Affordable programming options
Looking at bigger opportunities (Rogue X) but not forgetting smaller opportunities that meet local needs
Encourage young community members to get involved
More soccer fields and nets throughout parks
Develop a cultural center to support multi-cultural involvement
Adding more nets for volleyball and soccer
Art representative of Medford's diversity

Issues

4. What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?

Closure of Jackson Pool (one of the largest Latino communities)
Lacking public information, especially for the Latino Community (hours, location, amenities, etc.)
Not meeting community demand for free recreation opportunities (Ex: volleyball nets)
Equitable access to parks and facilities
Bilingual signage and outreach materials
Medford DEI report found Latino community is largely invisible
Lacking multi-cultural, affordable community events
Transit access to community parks and facilities
Rogue X is not within walking distance of Latino community like Jackson Pool was
Homelessness and public safety
Bilingual staff (programming, reservations, etc.)
Meeting homeless needs
Need additional community partnerships
Limited parking (especially near downtown)
Need more specific and clear information that communicates parking hours

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Mostly positive community perceptions
Growing Latino community
Make sure to meet the needs of the local residents before meeting tourist needs
Tensions between community and tourist needs

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

Need to share information about parks to ensure people know where opportunities are
West Medford
Evening and weekend program offerings for working families and individuals

Priorities

7. *From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?*

Adding affordable or free recreation opportunities (adding free playground to Children's Museum)
Expanding equity and diversity

Outreach

8. *What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?*

Need to partner with community leaders and business owners that serve the Latino community
Hold outreach efforts at Latino businesses
Go where the people gather (identify through community partners)
Focus on creating and building community trust
Medford School District
Connecting Latino community to parks and recreation opportunities and programs
Family involvement (Premiere soccer, community events, etc.)

Other

9. *Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?*

Skipped for time.

SPORTS & RECREATION

DATE: March 6, 2024

About You

1. *First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.*

Youth soccer programming, grassroots recreational programming, competitive teams - Lithia and Driveway Fields, Fichtner Mainwaring. 2,500 kids.
Park users
Long-term Medford residents and transplants
Rise Volleyball Club
Dependent on City for facilities. Operate local, regional and national teams (Rogue X), currently go to Portland for tournaments.
Manny's Basketball (MBA)
Year-round basketball programs (partnered with Rogue X), 70-90 teams per season

Opportunities

2. *What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?*

Well-funded and maintained fields, parks, and facilities
The City's out-of-the-box/forward thinking and support of economic development
Athletic facilities
Rogue X, Lithia Driveway Fields
Strong City leadership
Regional location (pulling NW and Northern California markets)
Climate and long outdoor season
Community partnerships
Volleyball (sand and boys volleyball)
Great staff that are responsive and helpful at balancing community demand and scheduling

3. *What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?*

Essential to serving community needs
Continue partnerships with youth-serving athletic organizations/ programs
Expand opportunities for other sports and outdoor activities beyond traditional sports
Mountain biking, white water rafting
Offer both competitive and recreational sports offerings
Continue to embrace and elevate natural assets
Adding more amenities to smaller parks

Furthering partnerships with Medford School District
Racquet sport specific facility (tennis, pickleball, padel)

Issues

4. *What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?*

Confusing registration and scheduling process (technology issues not staff issues)
Foresee quickly outgrowing Rogue X
Waiver issues (City and/or sponsor required)
Not meeting community demand (gym/court/field time)
Kids are not getting enough practice time
Livability issues (homelessness, drugs, human waste, safety, cleanliness)
Branding and marketing for specific sports (Ex: Sport Ground, https://www.travelmedford.org/sports)
Can cause issues for attracting events and tournaments
Climate change and wildfire smoke
Medford Brand/Image
Bear Creek Greenway and numerous parks
Impacts on outdoor recreation opportunities
Lacking sand volleyball courts
Oregon has 2nd largest sand volleyball tournament in the world at Seaside, huge opportunity
Homeless issues prevent Fichtner Mainwaring for sand volleyball
Limit outdoor opportunities (basketball and volleyball) and youth opportunities
Outdoor basketball
Safe outdoor spaces, bathrooms, and youth/teen gathering spaces

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Skipped for time.

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

West Medford, expanding access and improving existing
More accessible and safe opportunities for youth and teens
Teen/youth specific facility
Especially easy access for low-income communities
Transit access to key community parks and facilities
Pick-up sports opportunities for kids
Opportunities to get kids outside, exercise and explore
Affordable recreation opportunities

Priorities

7. From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?

Skipped for time.

Outreach

8. What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?

Working with community members who were against Rogue X and felt unheard
Expanding non-traditional sports opportunities
Supporting unorganized facilities and recreation opportunities (Ex: Bend rentable Cargo trailer for block parties, concrete ping pong tables, etc.)
Getting out in front of trends (Ex: pickleball)
Providing affordable recreation opportunities that support low-income communities
Providing community amenities that do not require huge investments
Building community trust

Other

9. Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?

Skipped for time.

OLDER ADULTS & ACCESSIBILITY

DATE: March 8, 2024

About You

1. First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.

Numerous community Committees
Improving accessibility of Bear Creek greenway (solar panel lighting)
Prescott Park improvements (van with lift system and ADA accessible path)
Health coach, focused on adaptive exercise and adaptive wellness (identify barriers and meet individual goals)
ADA compliance improvements (sidewalks, buildings, etc.)
Advocate for people with disabilities
Park accessibility improvements for people with disabilities and older adults
Collaborates with Medford ADA Coordinator, Maintenance staff, past Parks Planner
Fitness, wellness, hiking classes, IDD support
City of Medford instructor for 5-6 years (programs for people over 55)

Lives in Josephine County (45 minutes away). Comes to Medford for regional resources.

Opportunities

2. *What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?*

Supportive and professional Â Department
Providing regional parks and recreation services
Responsive to community needs, priorities and demands
Hawthorne Park (ADA outdoor gym equipment)

3. *What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?*

More programs for people with disabilities
Lake with fishing access
Restroom improvements
ADA improvements
More solar panel lighting (like Bear Creek Greenway)
More friendly park patrol for people with disabilities
Food and drink vendors
Seating for people with disabilities (benches capable for multiple people)
Watering fountains
Cameras to deter crime
Picnic tables for people with disabilities
Listening devices
Offices and staff at each park for information and support (trained to support people with disabilities and mental health issues)
Understand there is a difference between older adult and people with disability needs
Offer programs for both older adults and people with a disability (don't always group together as they have different needs)
Outreach that reaches the older generation (not all technology-based communication pathways)
More games in parks
Table games (cards, bingo, etc.)

Issues

4. *What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?*

Homelessness
Funding to pay for programming that provides the needed assistance

Safe, affordable and accessible housing
Government constraints
Transportation access for people with disabilities (ADA accessible options)
ADA accessible paths
Covered picnic tables and gathering spaces
Need more event spaces
Parking enforcement
ADA accessible parking

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Lots of challenges but they can be overcome through community collaboration
Many older adults are surprised about all of the older adult program options available
Need better outreach to communicate program options
Parks Department can be better, especially to serve the needs of people with disabilities
Youth focused
Marketing/outreach reaches families and younger populations better

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

People with disabilities
People with physical challenges
Transportation access for older adults and people with a disability
People over 55
Lost participants when programs moved from Santo Center to Rogue X

Priorities

7. *From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?*

Park improvements
Removing barriers/challenges in parks
More safety enforcement
More lighting
Inclusive training for staff
More department volunteer staffing to create a welcoming park environment
More engagement of Department's existing resources
Greater priority placed on the needs of target communities (older adult and disabled communities)
Volunteer funding to increase participation of target communities
Senior Center
Facility that serves people with disabilities and other challenges

Outreach

8. *What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?*

Reach out to DSAC
Better communicate the different ways to be involved with Parks and Recreation
More outreach at community events
More outreach with parks and recreation program instructors
More outreach with program participants
More youth outreach (schools)
More outreach at older adult gathering places

Other

9. *Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?*

Bigger emphasis placed on older adults
Serving additional target populations beyond youth
More programming, staffing, outreach, and volunteers
Bigger emphasis placed on people with disabilities
Purchase another van with a lift to expand park access
Crater Lake day trip
Improved youth safety
Why did the healthy foods programs at Hawthorne Park not happen?

SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: March 14, 2024

About You

1. *First, tell us about your organization and how you're involved with the City of Medford and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, as well as parks and/or recreation more generally in Medford.*

Medford School District Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Director of Athletics and Activities
Long-time Southern Oregon resident
Shared park facilities
Shared maintenance agreements
Gyms and fields are open to adult programs under cooperative agreements
Positive relationship with Medford Parks
Quarterly meetings with the City to discuss numerous topics, Parks included
Coordinating pool and field time
Student programs prioritized first
Safe Routes to School partnership

Continuing positive relationship with the City
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Opportunities

2. What are the City's biggest strengths and positives related to parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities?

Rogue X, met long-term need
Going beyond green space and bike path requirements
Keeping up with trends (pickleball)
Strategically planning for a wide variety of parks
Parks and recreation are a clear priority in the city
Sense of pride and ownership in the system
Lithia and Driveway Fields (artificial turf)
Citywide support
Providing opportunities for youth athletics (strong facilities)
Positive relationship between the City and School District
Allows the system to provide additional opportunities that provide community wide benefits

3. What are Medford's biggest opportunities in the next 10 years, and what role does or should the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department have in those opportunities?

Addressing the needs of an aging community
Changing demographics (aging community, lowering birthrates)
Equitable distribution of high quality parks across the system
Additional opportunities in West Medford (new parks and improved existing parks)Â
Continuing momentum created by new public facilities
Continuing to support sports tourism
Rising enrollment in alternative school types
Declining public school enrollment (down 1,000 since pandemic and continuing to decline)

Issues

4. What are some of the biggest challenges facing the Medford community as a whole, and those facing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department?

Changing demographics (aging community)
Negative perception of public safety
Lack of equitable park access (West Medford)
Safety
Bear Creek Greenway
Despite some citywide Â improvements (Ex: Alba Park)
Lacking tennis courts (safety concerns for school use)

Program costs
Maintaining positive relationship and open communication pathways with the City over the long-term
Access to Rogue X (cost and multi-modal access)
Communicating improvements are in the works
Quantity of artificial turf fields to meet local and regional demand
Funding for ongoing maintenance costs
Dedicated space for cross-country
Cycling opportunities
Addressing recreational tensions at Prescott Park
School drop-off and pickup issues (pressures on transportation system and school sites)

5. *What is the perception of the City within the community with regard to parks and recreation services?*

Negative perceptions around safety
Positive perception around parks in general
Creates challenges for the use of safe routes to school and parks
Park access issues (East vs. West Medford)

6. *Are there segments of the community or parts of the city that have unequal access to parks and recreation?*

West Medford
Accessible opportunities for older adults
Dog parks

Priorities

7. *From your perspective, what should be the top parks and recreation funding and facility priorities?*

Free daycare
Affordable options
Accessible and equitable park access
Continuing to meet field demand
Additional affordable options for youth and low-income families (aquatics, etc.)

Outreach

8. *What do we need to know to gain community support for this Plan and for future investments in parks and recreation facilities and services?*

Communication on available opportunities across the system
Reaching youth and families
Will require inter-governmental and agency support and collaboration
Building community funding support

Identify a convener to communicate plans and identify the larger vision, shared goals, and opportunities
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Other

9. *Is there anything else you would like to share? Anything that you're interested in that we did not cover?*

Reiterated positive relationship with the City
Know Your Role Campaign (Rogue X)
Working in harmony is very important
Positive messaging

YOUTH – NORTH MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DATE: April 22, 2024

Interests

Interests among the high school focus group included:

- Basketball
- Baseball/Softball
- Golf
- Soccer

Positives

What do you like about Medford Parks?

- The outdoors and trails
- Green space
- Sports
- Social activities/community events
- Water features
- The programs

Needs

What are some of the needs of Medford Parks?

- Water park
- Organized events/programs
- Drive-in movie theater
- More drinking water/water fountains in parks
- Cleaner parks
- More transparency in how decisions are made
- More variety in activities

- Trampoline Park (old one closed)
- Skate Park
- Dog Park
- Mini golf
- Pickleball
- More tourism opportunities
- Air show at the airport

Outreach

What kinds of outreach are effective for reaching young people?

- Instagram, Facebook TikTok, snapchat, and other social media platforms. Some local youth sports teams have their own Facebook/IG pages
- In-person outreach (like this)
- NOT paper surveys/forms
- NOT influencers, just average/everyday people
- Polls (on IG or other platforms)
- “Shorter the better” for surveys
- Student groups (one student is/was president of his schools Black Student Union).
- Community members. Most of the students knew and respected Coach Chen

Summer Jobs

What interests you about summer jobs with Parks and Rec? (ex. Lifeguards)

- We want a job that we can enjoy
- We value both the pay but also the social aspect of it
- The age range matters to us. Is this for young adults/high schoolers?
- Some of us are saving for college
- The lifeguard pay interests some of the participants

Issues

What kinds of issues are there?

- Safety is a concern
- A student shared a story of seeing someone (presumably homeless/in crisis) acting unsafe and harassing people at the park.
- Some improvements to safety have been made but issues persist
 - Particularly along the greenway and Hawthorne park areas.

YOUTH – KIDS UNLIMITED (KU)

DATE: April 22, 2024

About You

- Gave us background about Kids Unlimited (KU) and how it has grown over the years from an afterschool program to a full K-8 charter school and preschool program. The focus of KU is to help kids who struggle with the public school system. Many of the kids come from homes where they don't speak English, their parents may not be citizens, and/or parents are not involved or too overwhelmed to help their kids. The demographics of Medford have changed a lot and continue to change. Poverty has continued to rise. At first there were difficulties in getting established, but they see more support from the City now.

Opportunities

- KU is considering starting swim lessons for communities that are not exposed to swimming.
- Other opportunities to break down barriers with culturally relevant programming.
- Sports with Spanish translation
- Tutors who speak Spanish
- Culturally relevant music and theatre
- KU and the City are in a better position now to work together. Parks and Rec is in a better position to leverage resources for underserved kids. Opportunity for KU to share what they learn about cultural competency and inclusiveness with City

Needs

- Issues of housing, employment, and citizenship for many.
- KU needs help with access to Parks facilities and programs.
- KU lacks capacity for some programs such as youth sports leagues or parent engagement,
- Accessibility of facilities/programs is key. Not just the facility itself, but how do people get there? How do kids get there without their parents' help?

Highest Priority Projects/Wish List Items

- Tangible partnerships between KU and Medford Parks. Emphasis on multi-use facilities such as schools + parks, community center + community recreation.

- Transportation solution for kids/others to access programs. Sharing buses with schools/parks is cost prohibitive and bureaucracy is an issue. Portland SEI has done a lot around this issue.

Closing Thoughts

- In developing the strategic plan, how do we build-in cultural sensitivity and how do these programs sustain themselves beyond the individuals implementing them. Faces can change a lot over 10 years.
- The plan needs to be more than just the # of people who respond to surveys or go to events. How do we consider marginalized communities and those who are too busy or overwhelmed by life to participate in these activities? The Parks dept has grown and can play a meaningful role in being a resource for marginalized communities in Medford. They can be a hub for the community and as a non-profit we can plug into that.



APPENDIX C

PRIORITIZATION SURVEY SUMMARY





Prioritization Survey Summary

MEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN

SURVEY PERIOD: August 26, 2024 – September 9, 2024

PURPOSE

The City of Medford is developing its Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan (Plan) to shape the next 10 years of citywide park and recreation services. The Plan will address system-wide needs, identify specific improvements to park and recreation facilities and activities, and outline goals and policies to provide guidance on future investments, projects, and programs.

As part of the planning process the City launched a second community survey to help prioritize potential park and facility projects for the next 10 years of citywide park and recreation services. **The survey was available online from August 26-September 9, 2024, and received a total of 974 responses.**

The survey included 18 optional questions focused on prioritizing future projects for implementation and identifying where to focus projects across the city. The findings are from a broad enough sample that they can help the City identify community priorities. All responses are captured in this summary with a total number of responses to each question listed with the results. Some questions allowed participants to select multiple answer choices resulting in total counts greater than the number of respondents and total percentages greater than 100%. MIG has completed a data quality check to confirm that individual respondents are not duplicative and not automatically generated (bots).

PROMOTION

The survey was shared with the community through several methods in both English and Spanish including:

- A media kit released to 50+ community partner organizations, including participants of the project's eight group interviews
- Three interviews with local news media
- Multiple posts across City social media channels
- Email and text notifications to 5,000+ subscribers (City eNewsletter, Events, Parks, and Rogue X audiences)
- Utility bill insert
- Notification of all 500+ City staff

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1. WHO RESPONDED?



**974 Total Respondents
In 2 weeks**

Park and Trail Users

Most respondents identify as park users (84%) and/or trail users (66%).

Long-Term Residents and Employees

Over 80% of respondents live in Medford and nearly 40% of respondents work in Medford, which is the same breakdown as the first survey. Respondents live throughout Medford with the most respondents from Wards 1 and 4. Most respondents have lived in Medford for over 10 years.

Varied Ages

Respondents were largely split between the ages of 25 and 65. The 35-44 and 65+ age groups had the largest share of all age groups (27.6% and 24.9%), similar to the first survey.

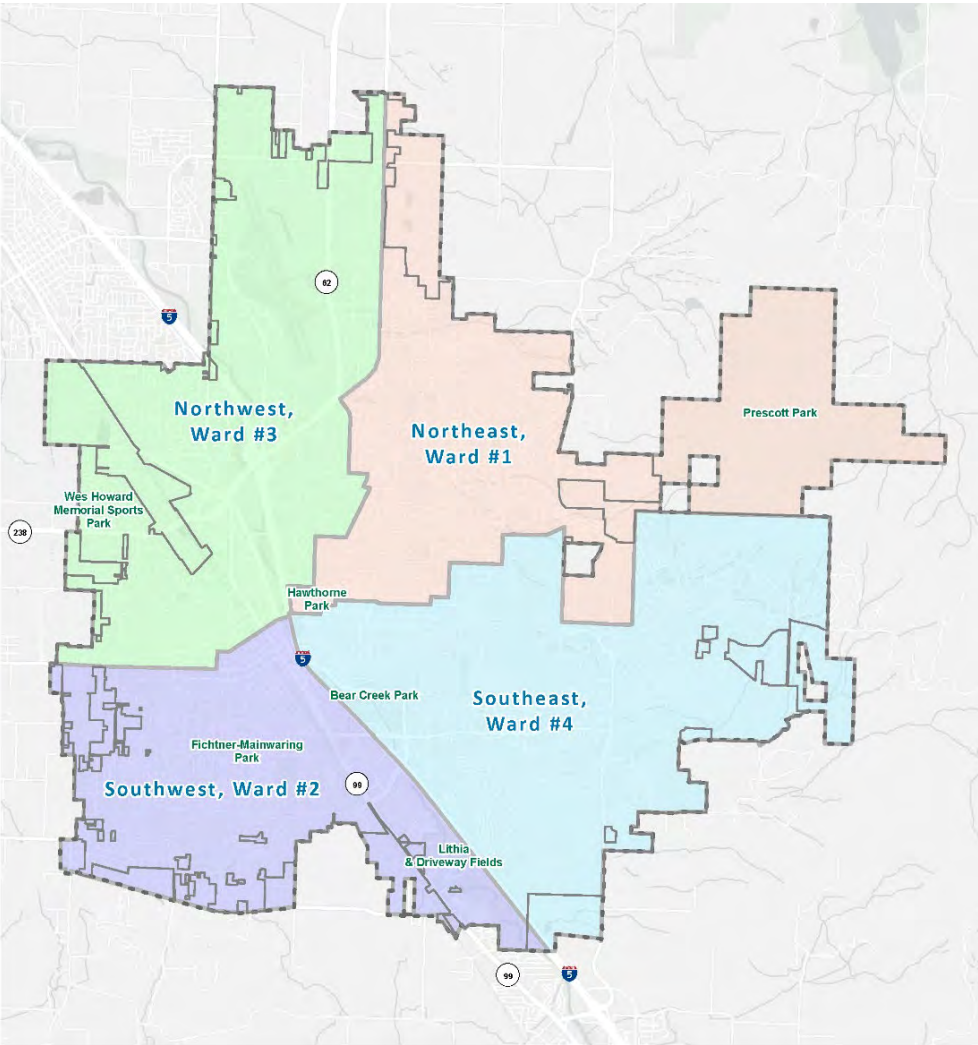
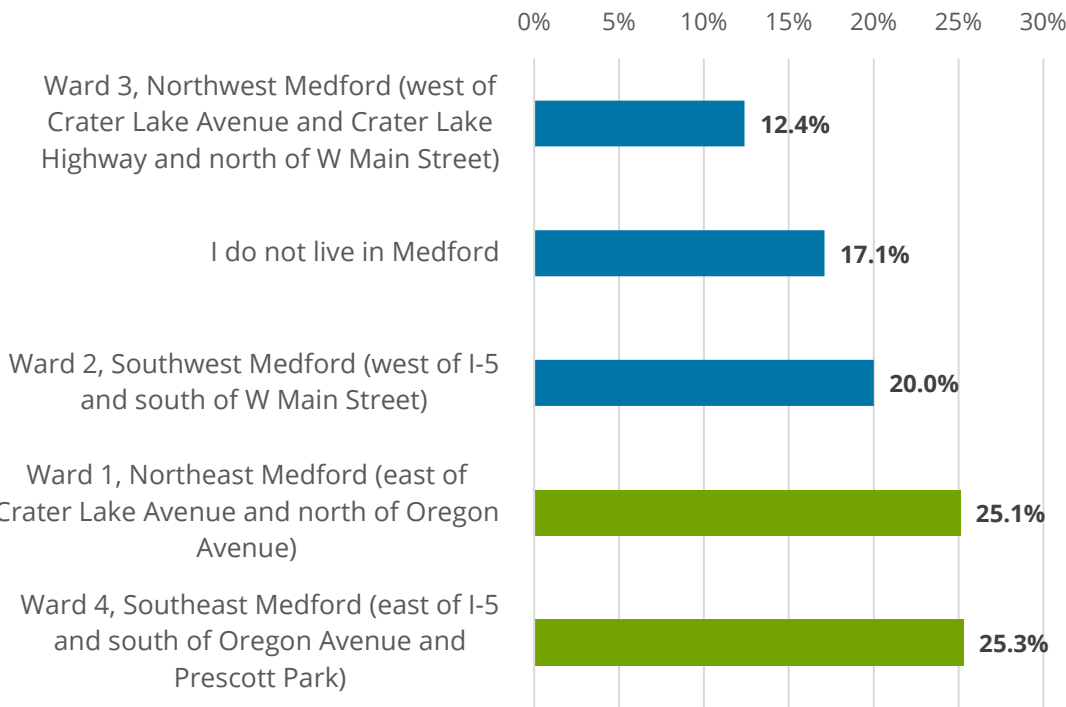
Mostly Adults Representing Families

Most respondents live with young children and teens/tweens, similar to the first survey.

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(select one)

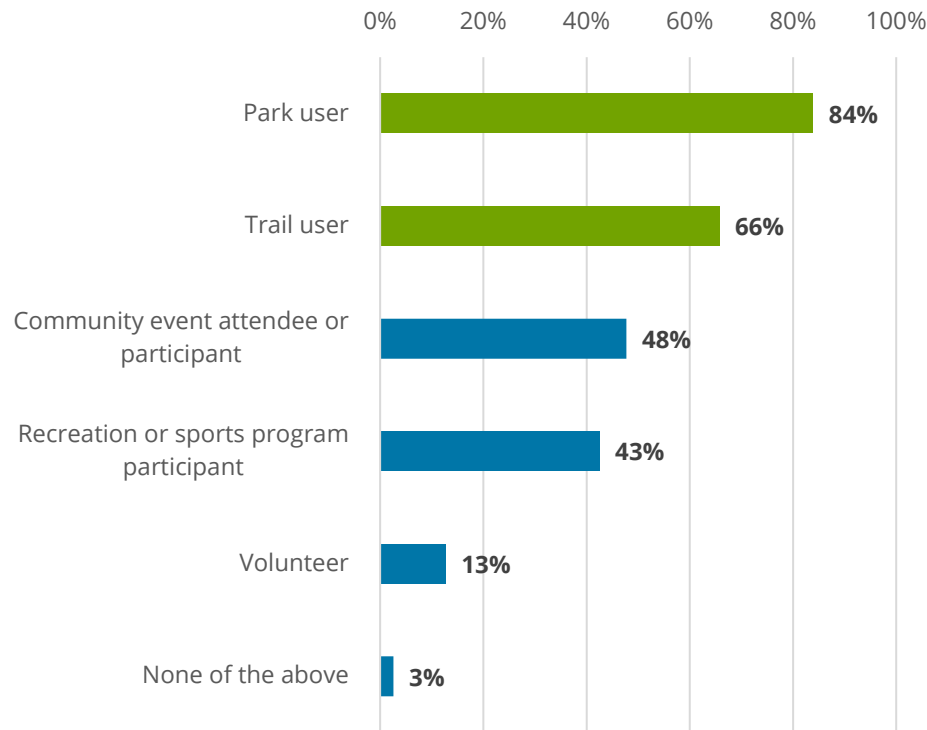
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Q10: I consider myself to be a...

(select all that apply)

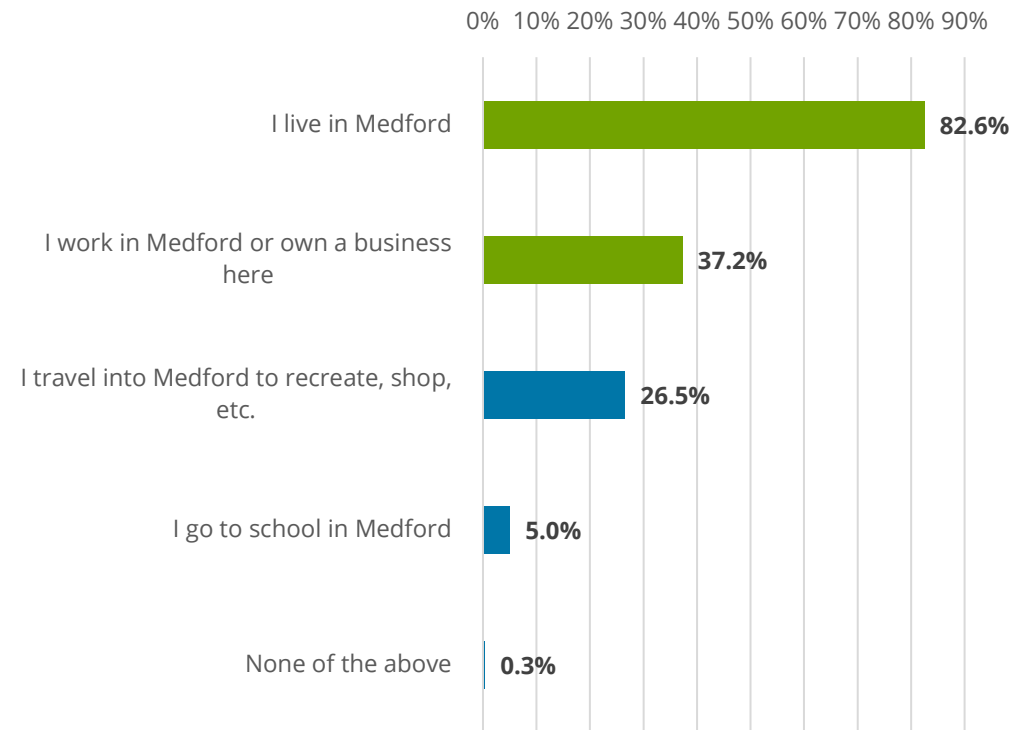
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Q11: How are you connected to Medford?

(select all that apply)

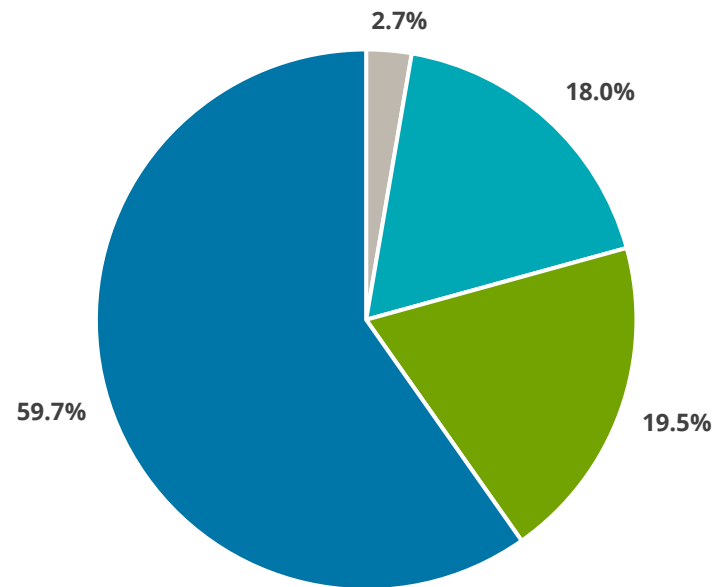
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Q12: If you live in Medford, how long have you lived here?

(select one)

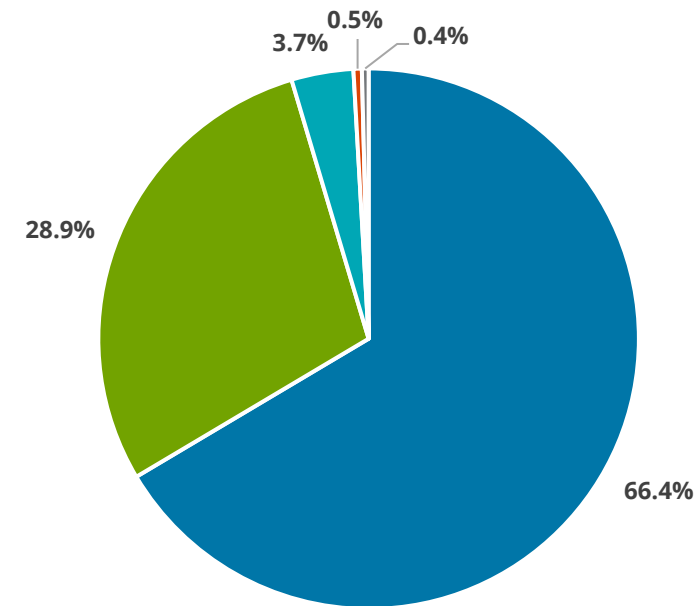
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■ Less than 1 year ■ 1-5 years ■ 5-10 years ■ More than 10 years

Q13: What best describes your gender identity? (select one)

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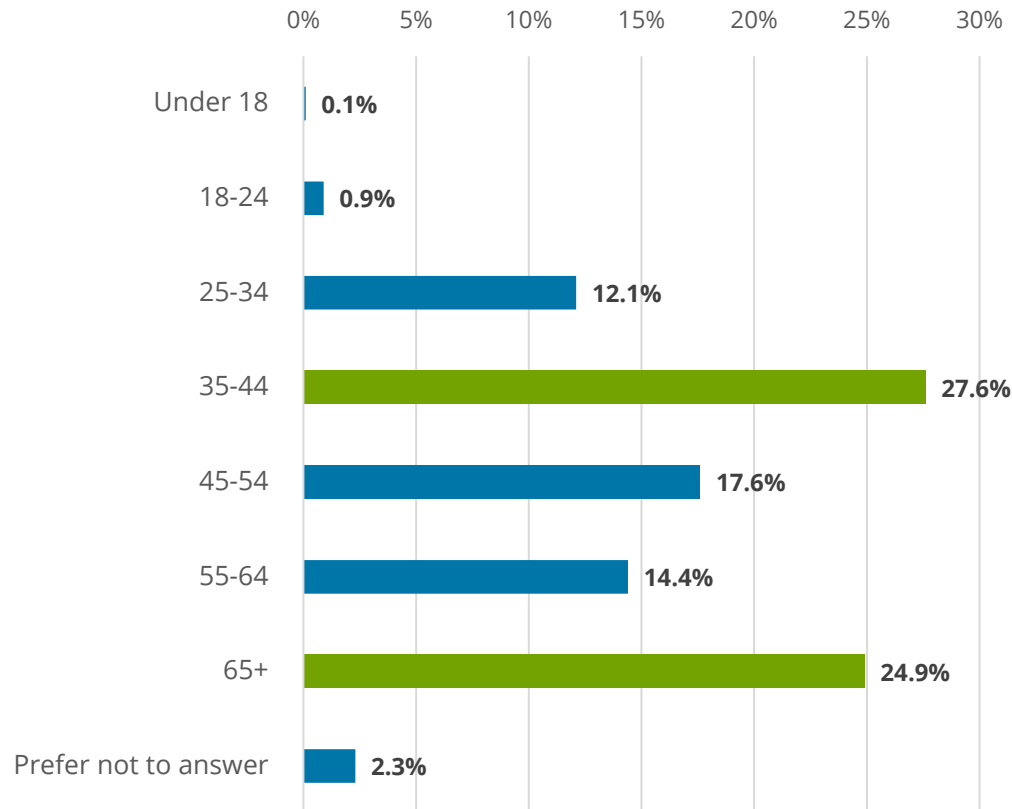


■ Female ■ Male ■ Prefer not to answer ■ Nonbinary ■ I identify as:

Q14: What is your age?

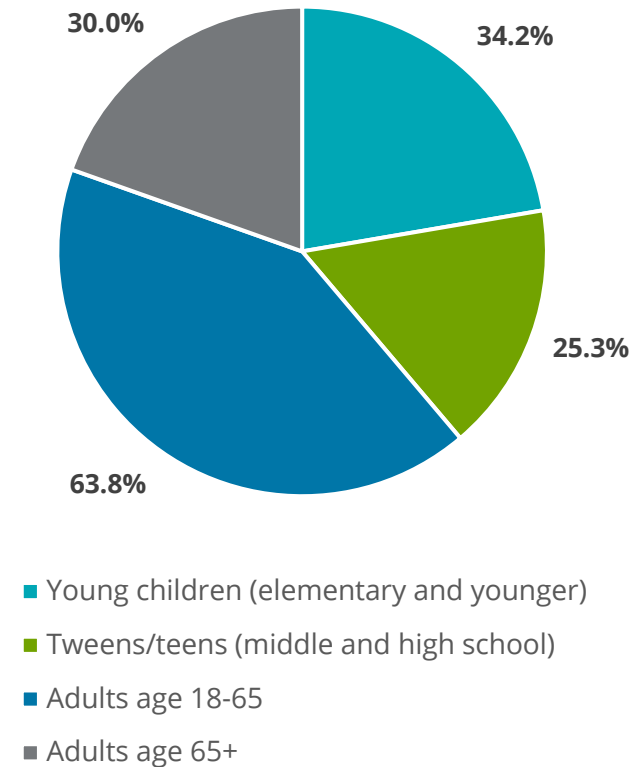
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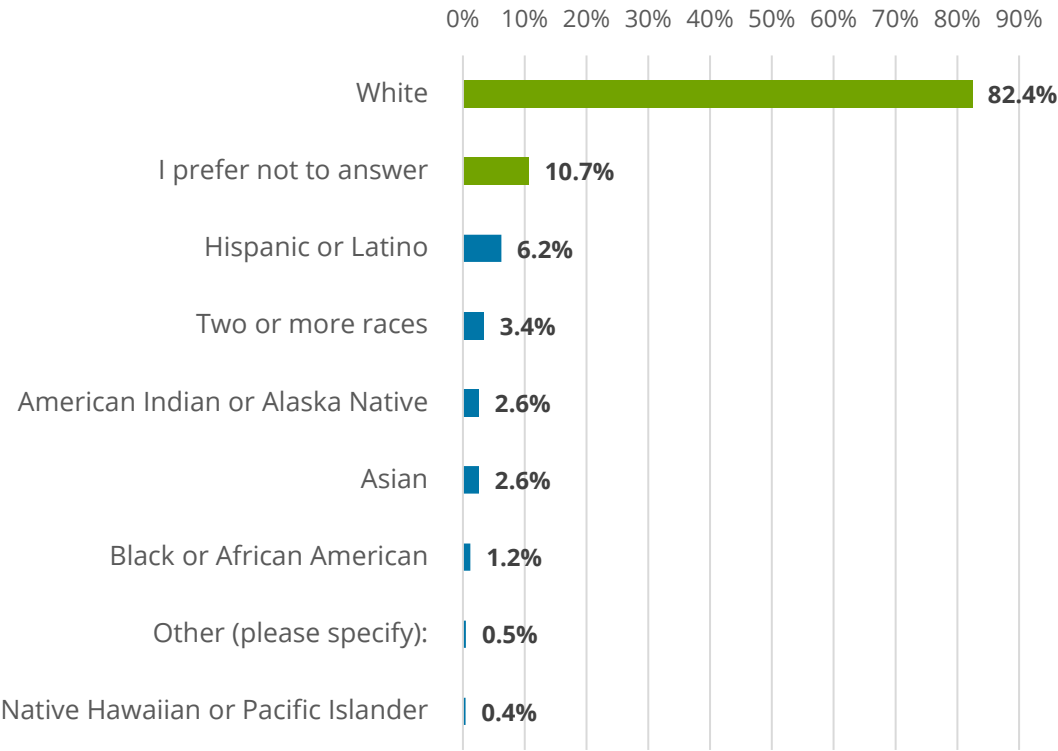


Q15: Which of the following age groups live in your home? (select all that apply)

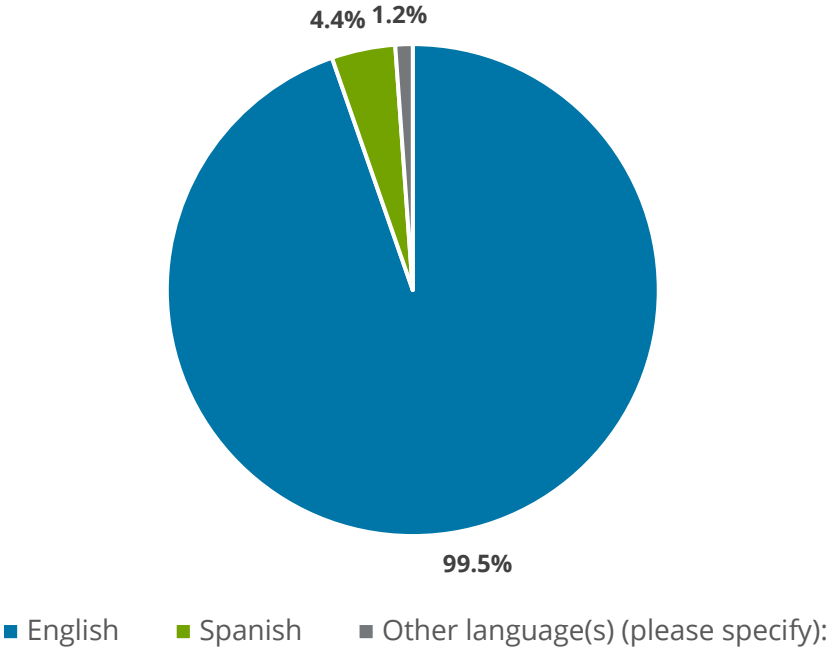
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Q16: Which of the following most accurately describes your race and ethnic identities? *(If you are of a multi-racial/multi-ethnic/multi-cultural identity, please select all that apply)*
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Q17: What language(s) do you speak in your household? *(select all that apply)*
n=771

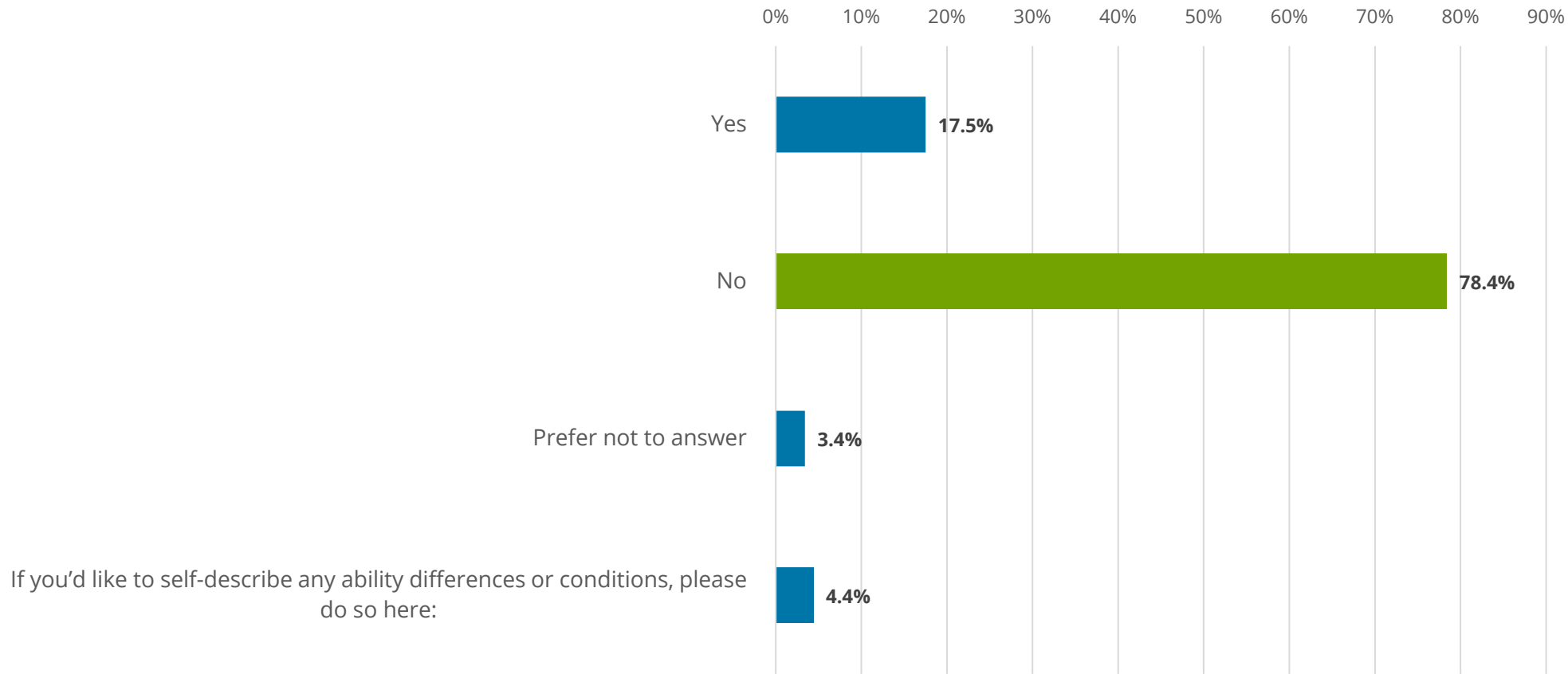


OTHER LANGUAGES: German, Dutch, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Portuguese, Samoan

Q18: Do you or anyone in your family have a conditions or disability that influences participation in or access to parks and recreation activities?

(select all that apply)

n=758



2. PRIORITY PROJECTS

The Medford community has identified a range of needs to improve the City's parks, facilities, trails, and recreation programs over the next 10 years. The Strategic Plan will ultimately recommend specific short and long-term projects phased out over time based on available resources. The survey asked participants to prioritize selected projects based on three general project cost scales.



Moderate Cost Needs

Improved lighting in parks and on trails (62.5%), more shade trees and drought-tolerant landscaping (59.0%), providing more park amenities (47.8%), and more year-round community events and programs (43.9%) were the top four moderate cost needs.



High Cost Needs

Improvements to the Bear Creek Greenway (67.3%), including improved safety features and services, and development of natural areas and opportunities for nature play (33.5%) were the top two high cost needs.

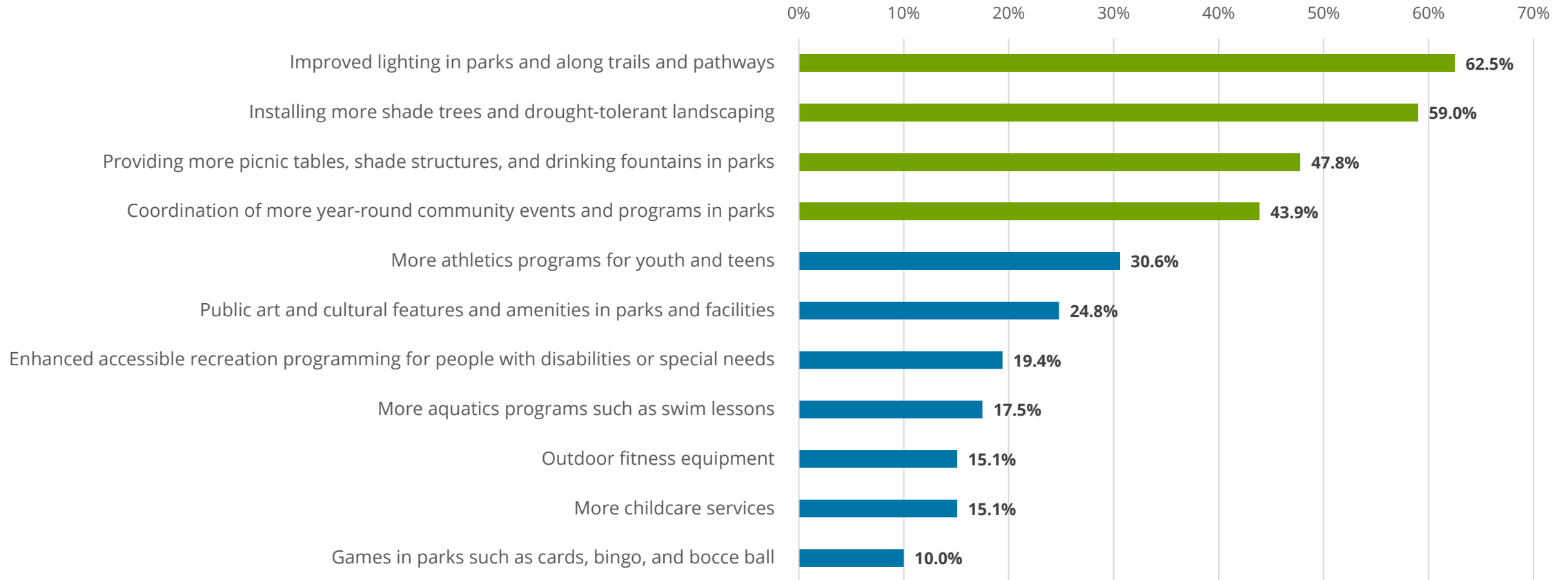


Highest Cost Needs

Renovation of aging parks and facilities, including restrooms and picnic shelters, was the top need (62.1%).

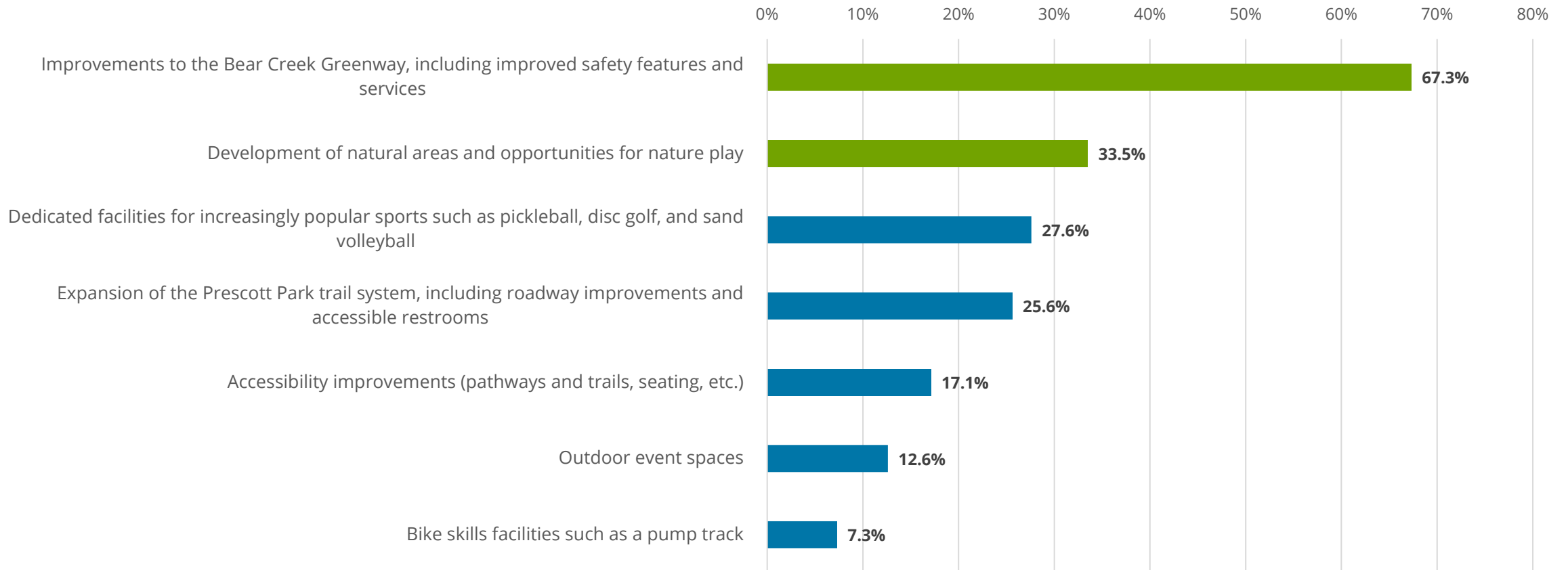
Q2: Choose up to four moderate cost needs that you think should be the highest priorities for Medford.

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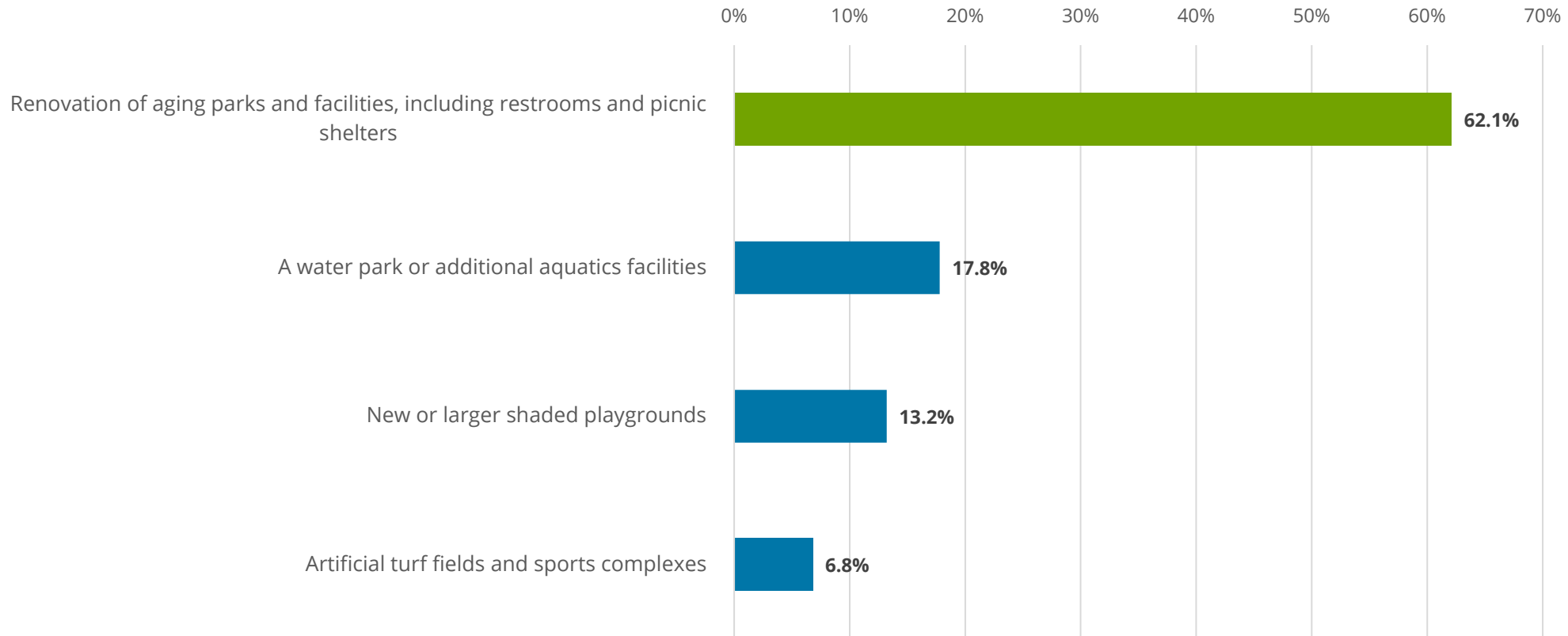
Q3: Choose up to two high cost needs that you think should be the highest priorities for Medford.

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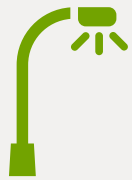
Q4: Choose one highest cost need that you think should be the highest priority for Medford.

n=774



3. GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITIES

The survey also asked participants to prioritize project types based on general locations in Medford.



Safety Improvements

Installing or upgrading safety features was the top priority across all locations in Medford.



Renovation of Existing Parks and Facilities

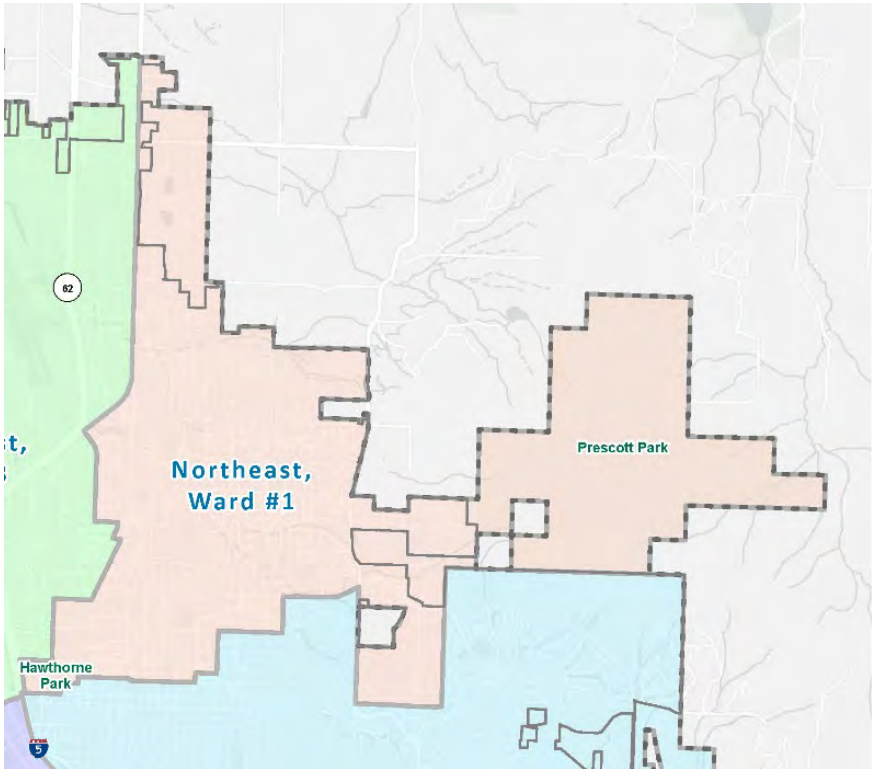
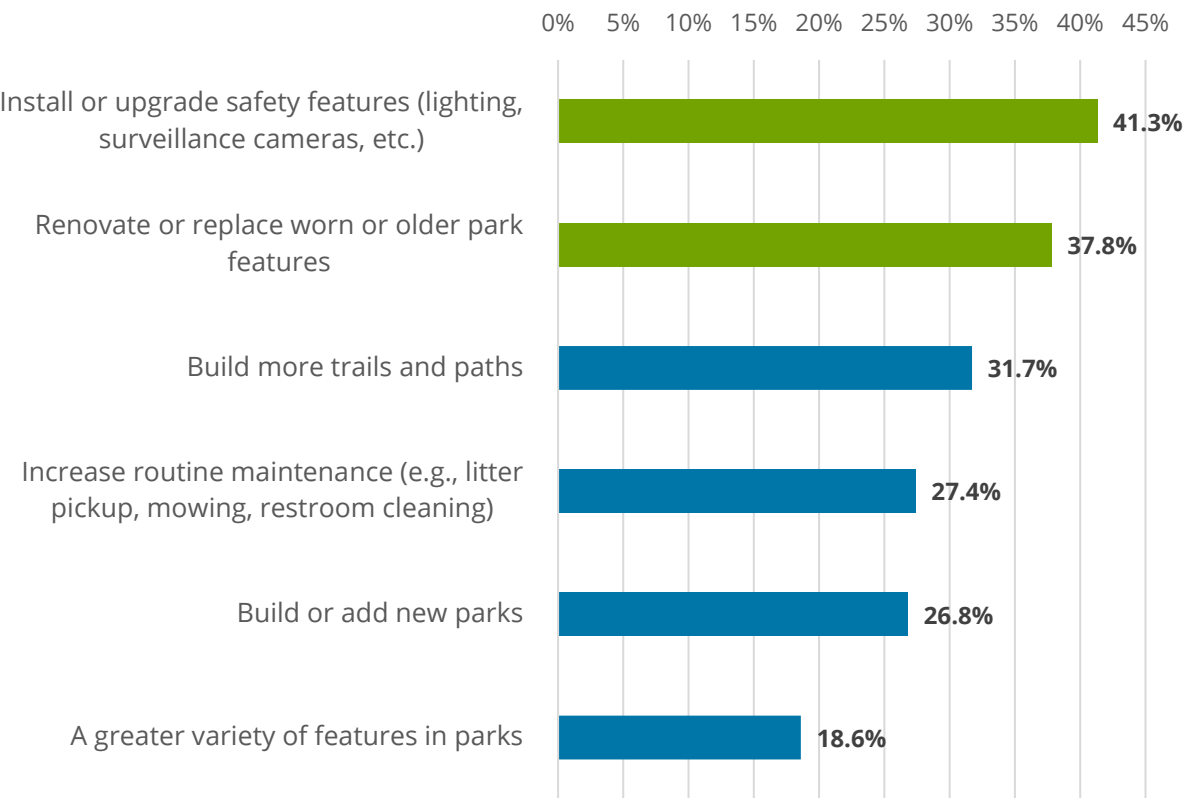
Renovating or replacing worn or older park features was the second highest priority across all locations in Medford.

Geographic Location	Safety Features	Renovate or Replace	Build or Add New Parks	Build More Trails and Paths	Increase Routine Maintenance	More Park Features
Ward 1 (Northeast Medford)	1	2	5	3	4	6
Ward 2 (Southwest Medford)	1	2	3	5	4	6
Ward 3 (Northwest Medford)	1	2	3	5	4	6
Ward 4 (Southeast Medford)	1	2	5	3	4	6

1 = highest priority, 6 = lower priority

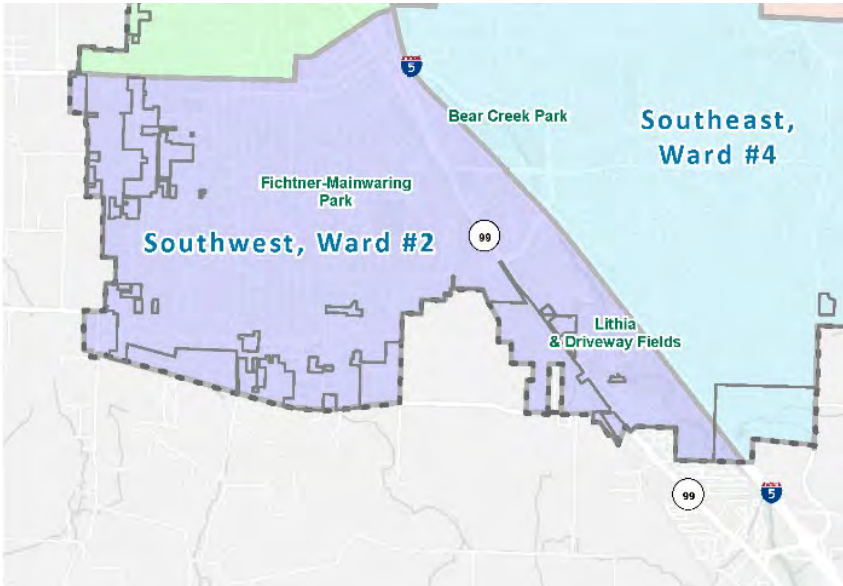
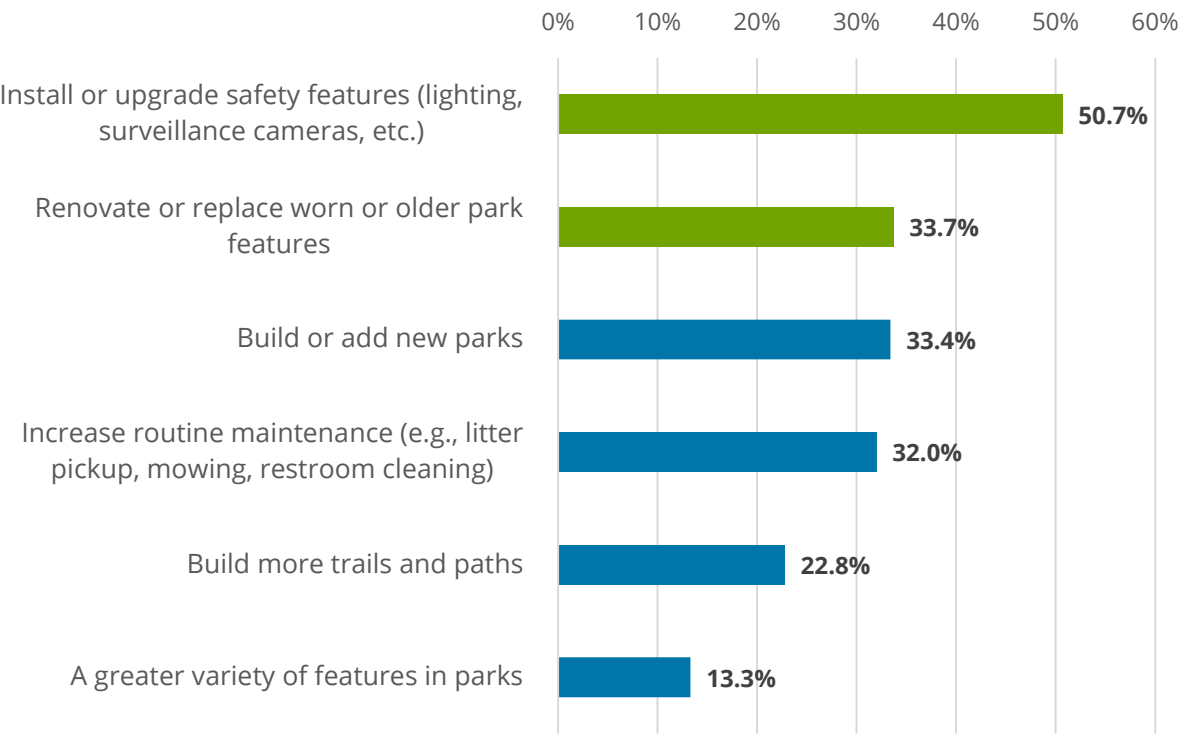
Q6: In Ward 1, Northeast Medford, what is the highest priority? *(choose top two)*

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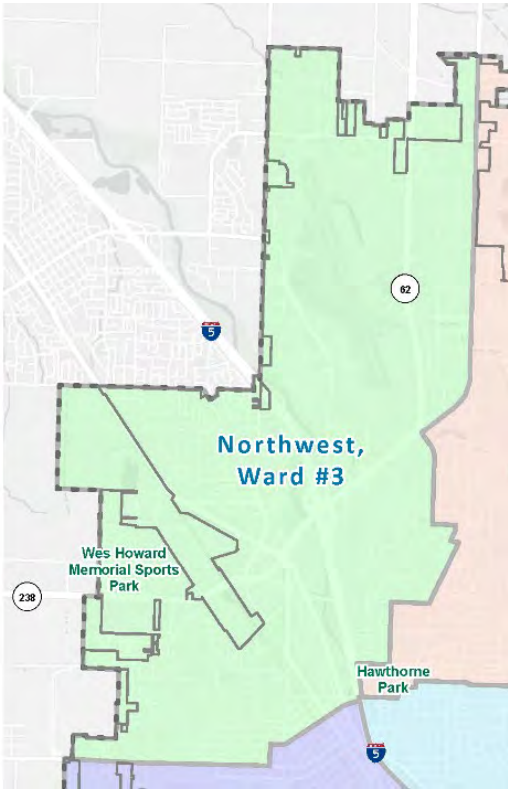
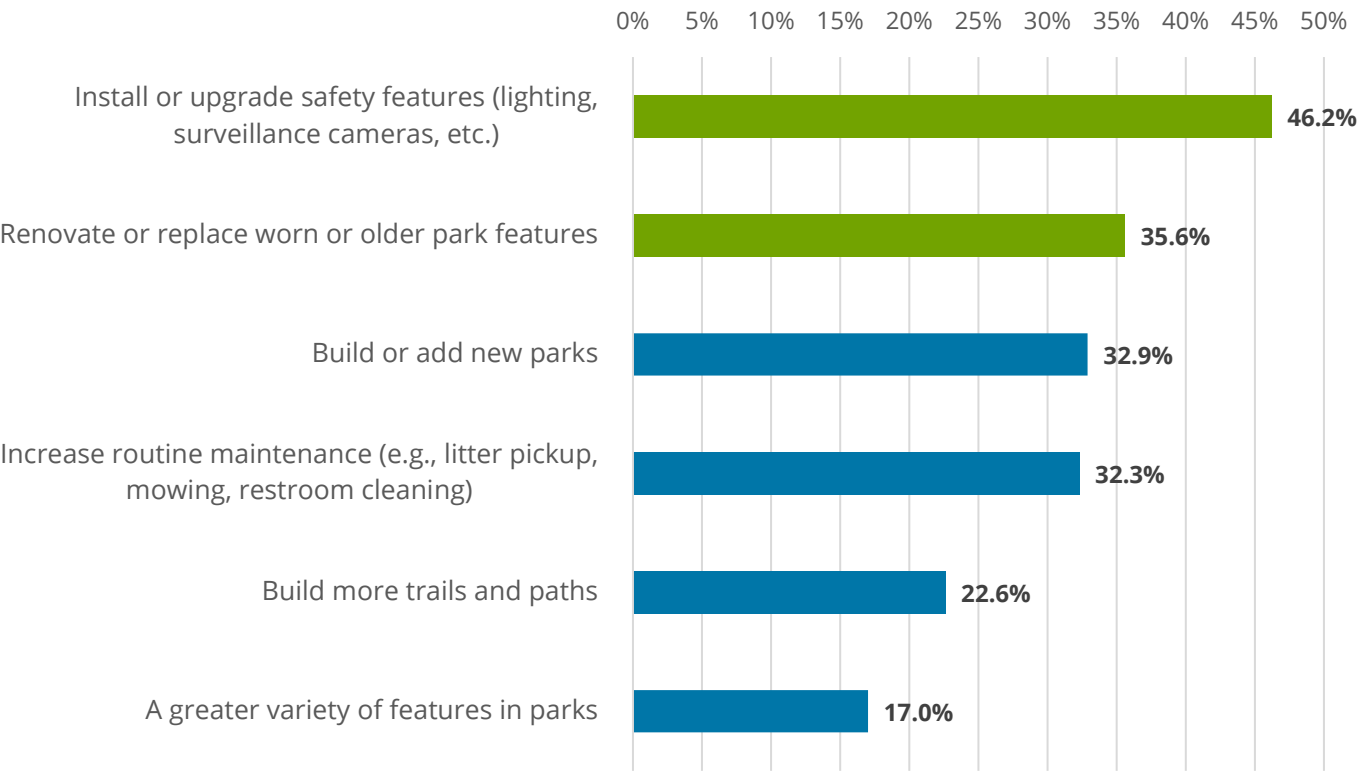


Q7: In Ward 2, Southwest Medford, what is the highest priority? *(choose top two)*

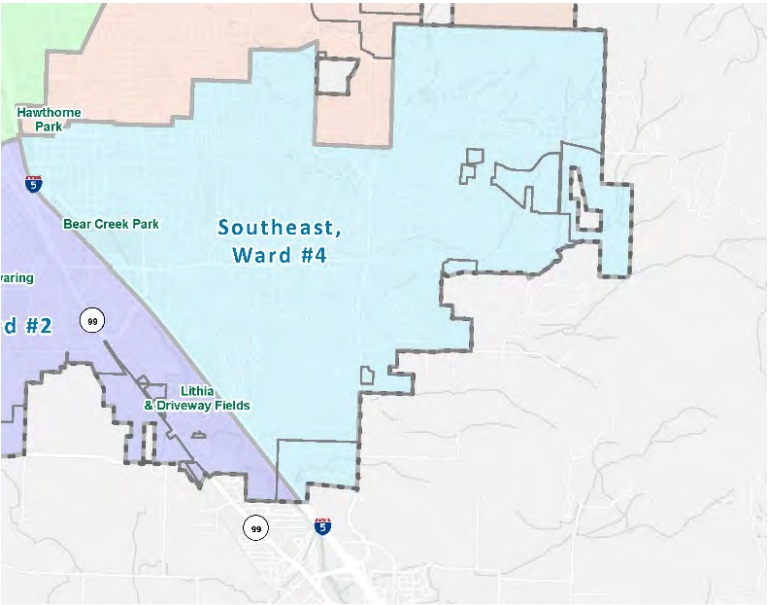
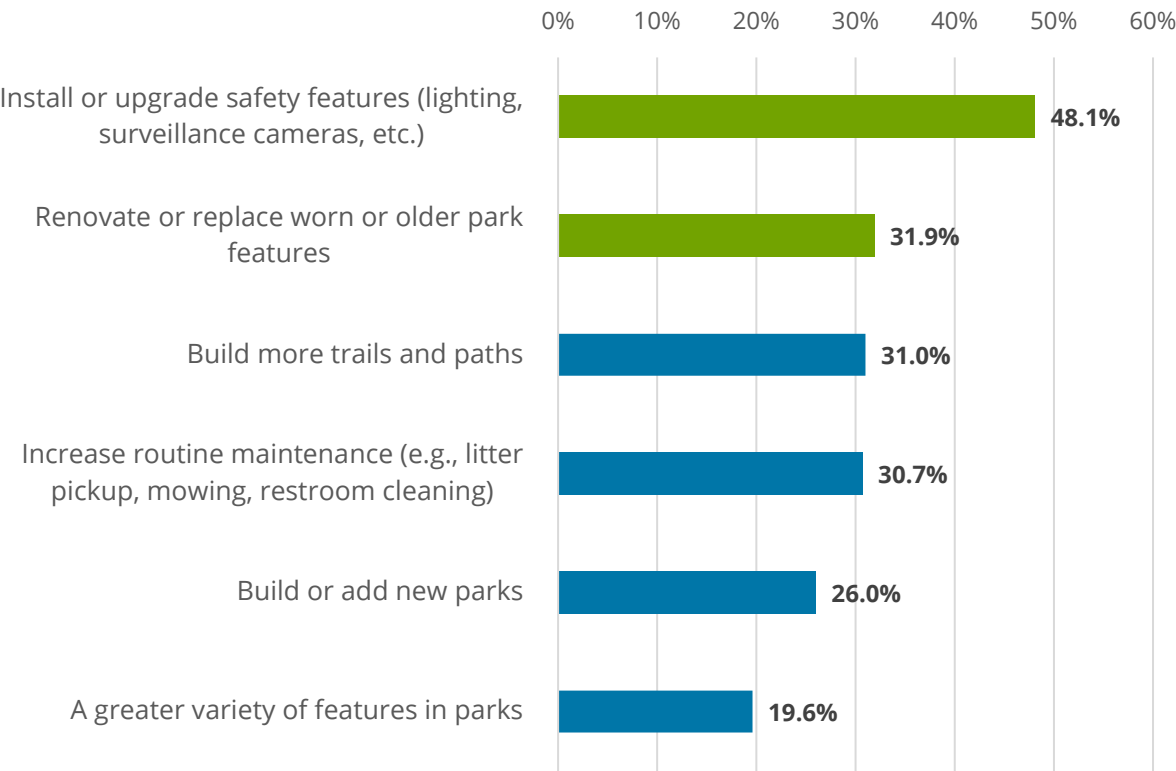
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Q8: In Ward 3, Northwest Medford, what is the highest priority? *(choose top two)*
n=1,237



Q9: In Ward 4, Southeast Medford, what is the highest priority? *(choose top two)*
n=1,274





Prioritization Survey Summary

MEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN

SURVEY PERIOD: August 26, 2024 – September 9, 2024

ATTACHMENT:

PRIORITIZATION SURVEY OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Q5: Are there any other specific ideas not listed that you'd like to prioritize first?

n=385

pickleball
bicycle paths and infrastructure
Jackson Park needs to be revamped now that the aquatic center is closed. We need a splash pad, dog park, and walking loop.
increasing the hours (open swim all day) at the pool at RogueX
Soap in the park bathrooms please
We need a nice neighborhood park over here in Eagle Trace area, someplace for kids to walk to and play at, Oregon Hills park is down a steep dangerous hill/not really accessible for all the kiddos up here, there are several empty lots around that look nice, would make lovely pic nic areas to feature beautiful views of Roxyanne for the community.
Update old existing parks
Bike trails
Soccer should not be for Timbers only. What the city has done is shameful. You prioritize a club that makes hundreds of thousands of dollars on a community park that was created for the community and not just for the rich and white families from the east side of Medford
Na
expand the lap swimming hours at the Rogue X facility. Should not be closed on Sundays, and should be open/in use whenever the rec area is open. I have to pay to get into the rec area with my kids, but can't swim laps while they play??
Bear Creek "Riverwalk"
disc golf course
Safe and clean restrooms should be a high priority at all the parks. And park maintenance and security.
You need to get control of the southern part of Hawthorne park. Still overrun by homeless people and addicts. Many parents will not go to Hawthorne or use the Greenway for fear of their safety.
I think you're doing great and we do appreciate you reaching out to the community!
don't need more maintain what we already have. Volunteers can't do everything
Please build one epic playground, all of ours are just run of the mill and nothing special. I mean like a huge three story playground that every kid in the county will want to visit!
Improved restrooms and maintenance of existing in parks
Have teams that go through all the parks every morning to pick up all the dirty needles left by junkies so our children don't get stuck by them.
Increased safety and cleanup of existing parks
Please create more shaded areas for kids to play. Some of the parks are just too hot! And keep parks updated and safe. Thank you!
More green space
Partial Shade over the sand area at Oregon Hills Park

More parking at Litiha driveway fields. Better accommodations for youth tournaments
My top suggestion is to increase police presence at the parks, enforce dog leash laws and prevent the homeless from camping. Can't use the parks if they are not safe from unleashed dogs and the homeless. This should take precedence over everything in the survey.
Keeping the unhoused out of public parks, so those of us taxpayers can use the services we support. The needles and filth that accompany, the unhoused curb any desire to go into public spaces these days. They feel very unsafe and unsanitary.
The availability of continuous & safe sidewalks all over SW Medford, especially near the schools is very limited. There are very few consistent areas where children & pedestrians can walk safely without having to walk along the edge of a road, in the bike lane, &/or having to zig zag across streets to be on a sidewalk. I walk 20-30 miles a week in this area & haven't seen much improvement in this area over the years and have witnessed the hardships for pedestrians it's caused.
Make Medford safe
Reopen Jackson pool. For those with lower incomes, the Rogue X is out of their price range and inaccessible. Jackson provided a reasonably priced pool for all of those neighborhoods.
Medford needs to get on the mountain biking train. Look at thriving, functional and happy towns like Bentonville, AR. They are doing it right with minimal hills and elevation. We are surrounded by elevation and could be a destination area for outdoor recreation.
Make them safe for kids. No sleeping in parks!!
making Greenway safer to use
Accessible parking (handicap) adjacent to the Bear Creek Dog Park. Park is virtually inaccessible to people with mobility issues.
Non bark/woodchip for playgrounds. We'd like to see recycled material like the tire material.
Put effort toward the "lower" income areas. It's exhausting to watch areas like the Cedar Links park receive so much equipment, intention, and care while just down the road, Kennedy Park gets a basic swing set and a consistently damaged picnic cover. That's just one example, but the city has to improve livability and walkability in these neighborhoods, too. People in less affluent housing deserve healthy and safe outdoor spaces just as much as anyone else.
Biking infrastructure
Clear the overgrowth on the greenway to make it safer and make it more accessible to shops and restaurants. Phoenix and talent portion of the greenway are great, Medford portion doesn't feel safe. More "nature-based" type playgrounds that aren't only plastic play structures. Large rocks to climb, logs to walk on, moving wooden bridges, walking paths etc.
More parking access at the busiest parks
Native plants and pollinator gardens in parks
Gym equipment at RogueX!!!
More aquatic options in southeast medfors
Safety in Bear Creek and adjacent areas
Chrissy Park development in East Medford along Cherry Lane. It would be a jewel in the area.
BATHROOMS
Pickleball courts
accessibility to parks...Spring street NEEDS a sidewalk!
No
get rid of the graffiti on the columns under the I-5 overpass
seniors

Although I know this survey isn't about existing infrastructure, I think the main priority/monies should go towards allowing our existing parks/trails/etc to be utilized by families how they should be. There is no point in building new facilities if they will become overwhelmed with homeless and crime.
Disc golf course
Safety features
more adult classes
NO
Disability programs should not be a specific focus, instead the focus should be on making current things disability inclusive. Together not separate.
Ward 2 needs a dog park since south Medford high school no longer allows neighbors to access the green in its south east corner.
Free Disc Golf
We don't need more. We need more security to where people will use what we have. Medford is not safe and no consequences for behaviors people experience. They are parks, bathroom-drug houses-sleeping quarters
Maintenance of current landscaping.
Upgrading the water park at Fitchner. It's over 20 years old.
50 meter pool please
make it safe to use. As a senior I would love to ride a bike along the Greenway, but not because of the homeless. Those who I've spoken with mention being accosted each time there. And so a potential wonderful asset isn't used by me and my family.
Trail for high school/middle school cross country.
Security. Police patrols.
Repair and Maintain Tennis Courts (provide pickle ball players space that doesn't take up tennis courts)
Safety First
eliminate the vagrants
Addressing homeless populations in park, not safe!
Recreational indoor parks for kids when you can't go outside
Pickleball courts at Bear Creek park
SAFETY! Coordinated efforts with MPD to eliminate homeless camping in public parks so that the tax paying public can use the areas the city is spending tax dollars to improve. Ensure parks restrooms are not used for shelter or drug use, clean up of human feces in the parks, police presence in the parks
Public safety in and around parks and trails
Biggest issue is safety in all parks so they can be used with ease and comfort
Get rid of the homeless on the greenway. Children should not be exposed to someone performing CPR on a half naked person. Safe space is a must for all children. Hire Park Security.
Remove transient people.
Restrooms that are unlocked and usable in parks.
A park in Northeast Medford near Coker Butte and Springbrook Drive. There has been and will continue to be a lot of development in this area but no parks have been added.
More sports for children and adults
Disc Golf
I would love a nice flat, paved place to rollerskate
safety on the bike trail by bear creek

Moving homeless away from existing parks and playgrounds
enforce leash laws for dogs
Shade for every playground and more benches
No
Hiring an actual arborist or urban forestry professional for city of Medford for landscaping maintenance
Daily clean up crews or security of kid parks so that needles aren't being stepped on by children.
Every city must have parks and nature spaces for top quality of life.
Shaded Pickleball complex like the one in Ashland
More police presence and less homeless
More things 4 kids to do. Not just sports.
More pickleball specific courts
Safety and security
Mountain biking trail Improvements and new trails
More police patrols after dark
Keep dogs on leash or fine the owner
Remove homeless, mentally ill, and drug addicts from the parks. I've seen homeless people bathing and washing their clothes in the splash parks. I don't think I'll be bringing my grandchildren to the splash park features again.
Enforce park rules
No, but thank you for asking.
NATURE PLAY! This is the highest need and biggest gap in our park system. The only SAFE places are Prescott (poison oak everywhere) and the paths in Jacksonville and Ashland. No creeks, forests, ponds etc to explore. My biggest regret since leaving Hillsboro for Medford.
Clean up along Larson and Bear Creeks
No, thanks for all you do over the summer for kids programs!
Fence off current parks and facilities to close after dark. Reduce vandalism and needles hazards in sand pits and play areas .
None
Add more art to our city. Use the grants and lottery funds for our parks and recreating instead of saving it or using it for homelessness. Just so the homeless somewhere else like they are doing to us.
An area intended to run in some park, as specified one mile, two miles and more security and less homeless in the parks
No
More sand volleyball in safe locations!
Please build the Midway Bike Park !!!!!!!
Oxygen parks with trails.
Bear Creek Greenway
Utilize our taxpayer money and grants to hire more police officers to enforce safety! I would never ever walk
Increase the safety of the paths under freeways. On the greenway under the south Medford interchange is the place I feel most vulnerable. It would be ideal to have a safe path to get to Lithia Driveway. Are there good bike lock g stations near these fields?
Easy access for the elderly and disabled to utilize the dog park.
Security Checks during high use times.

Helping homeless find shelter in safe places away from parks
Lights at Medford Bear Creek Skatepark!
Tennis courts. I understand that people like pickleball but there is no tennis court close to me that I can play on with my family. There are several pickleball courts that are often not in use, but when I drive to the only tennis courts on the east side of town (I live by cedar links) it is filled with pickleball players. There should be a lighted spot for people that would like to play tennis. Fichtner is a good option but it is 15-20 minutes drive for me and there are tons of homeless people and needles there I want to keep my kids safe from. Thanks for considering, I know many of my friends have also expressed this opinion.
Más servicios bilingües o en español
Not off hand now but thank you and good luck!
an actual water park, not a tiny overpriced crowded swimming pool
Park safety being addressed
Build a parking lot for the dog park on barnett
Staffed checkout system for checking out balls, croquet sets, rackets, etc at the park
I honestly think Medford has many excellent features already available. There are plenty of parks and trails, but many are not usable due to the homeless problem. I think we should learn from Grants Pass and have stricter ordinances around the homeless in parks and even have police officers clearing them away from parks, so children can safely play. Needles found in the grass in parks and in bathrooms would benefit from being regularly cleaned up. Also, I would love to take my family down the greenway, but the amount of litter, drugs, and homeless make it feel unappealing and unsafe. I would much rather have money spent on these things over the above options.
Prefer county funds at this time go towards a new jail.
More dog parks
Removing homeless and drug users from parks. So kids and families can enjoy parks safely
Better care of the bike path!!
Exercise programs for seniors
Events for people with special needs
Lone Pine Park needs irrigation and landscaping like Kennedy and Spring St. Could also be a natural butterfly site . It's overgrown with weeds.
Pickleball - the courts are full a lot and there is a lot of interest in playing
Get the homeless out of our parks, cameras 24/7 and shown on cry parks website so not only the police but for parents and others to see what is happening in our parks, this is in New Orleans and other cities, make our parks comfortable for families we don't need new parks except in growing areas, we need the parks we have safe and useful for all. And make donations and handouts in parks illegal!!!! No church or group should be using our parks to feed and give handouts to the homeless!! Get it together and clean our parks up!
Homelessness ruining our children's spaces
J2 level chargers at trail heads and play areas
Police patrol after dark to curb vandalism.
Get rid of the bums!
A dog park of at least a couple of acres in an undeveloped area. Just a big fenced area with parking, where dogs could really roam and owners can have a nice walk.
More single use (ie, mnt. Bike only) trails at Prescott Park
Clean up brush (blackberry bushes) around the ponds where people like to fish. The few spots on the ponds get crowded quickly and 98% of the bank is overgrown with thorny brush.

Safety changes made specifically around Hawthorne park
Mountain bike trails to draw local and out of town riders
Safety
Nope
Remove homeless or they will destroy the things you try to improve
Development of the park for the Vietnam Wall to include all items for comfort and protection for this National Monument on the West Coast.
Que el Rogue X tenga gym y sauna
Monitoring unhoused people in the park
Plant more native shrubs and trees
Safety and litter
Bowling alley in SW Medford
More hiking trails geared towards seniors
Improving safety in all parks, paths, etc, at minimum with patrol presence, and more lighting where feasible. Fix the homeless and drug/crime problems so we all feel safer wherever we go.
Native drought tolerant vegetation
I just want to emphasize SHADE at playgrounds. Its horrific standing out on dark surfaces and my kid loves playgrounds.
Yes
Please connect greenways and paths by developing and maintaining public easements so there is a network of connected walkable paths.
dog park at Donahue park
Downtown music events
With the growing popularity of cycling in southern Oregon, I strongly believe that a comprehensive bicycle skills park & pump track will not only be popular, but will bring tourist dollars to our area as well. We have great local trail systems, but having another reason for bicycle enthusiasts to stop in to Medford will only be increased if we had a facility, such as the one proposed at Midway Park.
Accessibility features that improve access for the elderly, children, and people with disabilities. Also, improvements like shade trees and drought tolerant plants
Cleaning off play structures at Donahue
None
Swings at parks!!!
Empty lot on 10th next to the DA office would be perfect for a neighborhood park. There are many kids in this area and Union park is not kid friendly and has a weird vibe that makes our small family avoid it.
Clean up and maintenance of the skate park at bear creek park.
More greenway upkeep and security
Clean up the existing parks. They are disgraceful
Prescott. Safety
Safety in areas of bear creek park and other parks including light and improve paths
I live in Hayden subdivision and it's very disappointing that we don't have our own Park in this neighborhood
Would like to see the aquatic classes include water fitness for all age groups
We don't need any more parks & spending is too much!
Keeping drugs out of kids play parks

Attention is needed to relocating homeless persons. We don't go to most of thre parks in Medford because we have seen needles in Hawthorne and Bear Creek park. The parks are not safe. They are dirty and embarrassing for this city.
Wasn't Summerfield supposed to have a walking path??? More walking/bike paths, please. (not on streets)
Safety on the Bear Creek Greenway
Yes, remove the transients and their needles from our city limits so we can use the parks/areas we pay for
Safety and cleanliness of the parks
Lbs the newfoothills renovation. Southstage could also use a multi use path to run or bike in. Anything related to trails!!! Would love to see some mountain bike practice areas in Roxy. Similar to Moore park in K falls.
Get rid of homeless!
Make parks safer by removing homeless and drugs. Without that, all improvements are just misallocated funds.
Increased mental health services !!!!
Make RoxyAnn accessible by car for handicapped people. We used to be able to drive up to picnic areas and now cannot.
Clean, useable bathrooms. And access to all parks without worry of safety. We can't even use all the parks in our town due to the homelessness invasion.
Waterpark
Kick the homeless out of medford. It's gross. I don't even like to take .y kids to Medford or even visit friends to enjoy your parks. Spend your money on taking your city back.
Patrol and law enforcement on the Bear Creek Greenway to make it more usable for taxpaying citizens.
Or toddler friendly areas that are shaded. For kids under three or four, playgrounds are very dangerous and the park department does not take that into account. Having big kids in little kids play together is very dangerous
Bathrooms need to be updated and more safer for us more hand soap and towels to dryer our hands
If possible, I would love to see a park in NE Medford at the Springbrook/Monarch Ln intersection. So many houses are slated to be built in this area without a park in walking distance.
Regular maintenance of Prescott park.
CLEAN UP OUR PARKS
Remove homeless and intoxicated people from parks. Increase events like 5ks on greenway
Safety and sanitation in parks - there is a need for safe public bathrooms downtown. Maybe even give businesses a code for customers to access parking garage bathrooms for shoppers and patrons. The code could be changed weekly for security.
Since we're limited to amount of selection I'll put here. More shade. Little neighborhood park/rest areas. Kid friendly events. Senior facilities and events. Until the city cleans up the homeless issues nothing will ework
Bike pump track and more trails for bikes
I would like to see cleaner and safer parks. More adult classes that are held during the nights and weekends. Simple things. Book club, girls night out, and more. Benches to sit while our kids play. More activities for teens.
No one wants to go to the parks because of the homeless
We need more permanent pickleball crts, indoor and outdoor.
Better larger dog park. Better maintained with more shade, water and much much larger

The greenway would be amazing if it weren't for the homeless camps and their garbage. It doesn't feel safe there.
vault toilets do not work well for children or handicapped people
more visual surveillance
Get rid of the homeless. They have taken over the parks. This is why no one uses them.
There are multiple locations and parks that are beautiful and well built but because of the homeless situation at bear creek hawthorn and more recently fichtner and the Greenway. Families are unable to use these recreational areas, parks and facilities. Above all we should make our current parks safe for people to use.
Getting rid of the bike path on west main
We currently have several amazing areas that are unsafe for families due to the large amount of homeless. Bear creek, and Hawthorne, the Greenway and fichtner are all very well made however. Many people don't feel safe taking their kids to these locations. Above all we should improve what we have. And make it safe for the intended use
Safety and security. Won't visit the way it is now
A pump track and bike park for younger and learning cyclists
Remove homeless & graffiti..both ugly.
City parks being safe again for general public enjoyment, free of haz mat and groups of unstable individuals.
Get rid of the homeless. More police in parks. S
Remove the homeless that crowd our local parks making them dangerous and unsuitable for public use.
Another nature park with running trails like Prescott Park
indoor walking track is definitely needed!
Safety. The parks are extremely unsafe with all the drug and transient issues. It's time to care about everyone and quit letting the addicts ruin everything for all
I want to be able to use a park without worrying about used drug paraphernalia. When I was working I looked
Securing park facilities like bear creek park to guard against further arson or other damage
Clean up of homeless - The parks aren't safe for our children. We have stopped going because of finding so many open needles near structures.
More security to parks
Bathrooms in all parks like Kennedy
Por el momento no
More young age appropriate playground equipment. Ages 2 to 5. Soft gyms, etc.
have the homeless clean our parks and play areas.
Please be certain that there is public transportation to parks and recreation facilities
We need to provide the homeless with a safer encampment so they feel safe and we the residents feel safe enough to actually go to the parks and to camp live
Clean them Up! I don't go anymore due to Needles and other drug use paraphernalia!
We need a large dedicated pickleball courts facility for the fastest growing sport.
Outdoor water park, similar to Waterworks in Redding.
Making our plant life in parks more sustainable and native
I have changed my opinion about the tennis courts at Fichtner-Mainwaring Park. I now think it would be fantastic to build permanent pickleball courts to north of the tennis courts, or convert most of the courts to permanent pickleball courts.

Safety is #1. We don't feel safe going to the parks. Because of so many shady people. It's plain out scary for our kids. It shouldn't be this way.
Safety. Clean up of drug paraphernalia
Park safety after hours. Enforcing park closed times at night. Reducing illegal activity in parks at night.
New pavements on greenway
No, but one big dedicated pickleball complex. Not two courts randomly, it's a social sport. And far away from residences so we don't annoy them with noise. No more portable nets and whiny tennis players
Dedicated, regulation pickleball courts at rogue x
Making it safe for people to actually go outside and hang out in our town. If there are people sleeping in the bushes or in their nice piles of junk/ trash and drugs, it doesn't really matter how great the landscaping is...
getting the drugs cleaned up
It is probably too late for this in medford, but it is really a shame that bear creek is not center stage for parks, businesses, and walkability. Instead, it is run down in most places with a freeway and homeless issues. Of course, we can't change the past planning but maybe there are smaller ways to bring sections of it to life?
Dedicated Pickleball Courts
New hiking trails
I believe the community would benefit from a covered and dedicated pickleball court complex.
Dedicated bike and running paths. If we cannot make the Greenway feel safe due to it's locale to homeless camps, we need to build paths elsewhere, such as along the Foothill/No. Phoenix roads. Dedicated paths, not shared with car traffic.
Dedicated pickleball courts with noise reduction screens
Cement Cornhole boards at Parks. More specifically, the softball fields
Dedicated pickleball courts
Prohibit the homeless day campers at all city parks. Cite people for not having their dogs on leashes.
More park facilities on the west side of town.
Expansion of trail from Greenway to Prescott Park. One can dream
More events and better communication of events
Make half of Fichner tennis courts into full time pickleball courts Re surface all courts and fix cracks
Affordable housing and a place for unhoused people to go. The Greenway and many of our public parks feel unsafe because the unhoused community has no where else to be. If you chase them out then they go to the neighborhoods making it a larger problem. It's going to create a cost no matter what, we should treat them as humans and as if they were a family member fallen into crisis. Easier said than done but we must improve how we handle this issue.
Safety
Turn 1/2 your tennis courts into dedicated true pickleball courts no more using tennis courts w additional lines step up all our outdoor area like Bend OR has done
Medium/large Pickleball venue
Keep parks and walking and bike paths safe
Build more trails away from the freeway. Something like Bear Creek Greenway that goes a long hillsides or ridgetops, and is relatively flat, so is usable by older people and kids. I would LOVE this, and it would get me out walking more. I have absolutely no desire to be on the Bear Creek Greenway, primarily because the freeway makes it noisy and drowns out any sense of nature.
Do not ban e-bikes from Prescott

Regular bee/wasp inspections
Remove the illegal homeless encampments all along the greenway and in the parks that prevent us all from even using what parks, trails, and facilities we already have.
Sports chairs for Adaptive Pickleball, basketball, tennis, badminton. People in a wheelchair need a sports wheelchair to play these games. Other cities have these sports wheelchairs to borrow/rent.
homeless out of parks completely,
Don't let the homeless people take over the parks like they have at Hawthorne
Dedicated pickleball facility. The dedicated pickleball courts aren't great in Medford (like the ones at cedar links are severely sloped and ones over off of Cherry lane have no fence/sloped
Making Hawthorne park safer!
I'd like to see more mountain bike opportunities. I don't live in Medford, but would visit more often if there were more trails
no
Making our parks safe. More lighting. Getting the homeless camps away from where our children's are. Both skateparks need lighting and moving the homeless out as well.
Update bathrooms at fictner!!!
Better access to the dog park. It is not very accessible for those with disabilities and you frequently see evidence of drug use along the path.
Eliminate homeless camping completely and make Hawthorne safe because it is very unsafe because of the day camping allowed
homeless problem/safety
N/A
Recycling bins
Increase homeless outreach. Parks do not feel safe, and people facing homelessness need a place to exist that doesn't increase stigma and criticism from public. Greenway is awesome, but as a lone woman I do not feel safe. You have to fix the bigger problem before these other improvements. Only the affluent areas in East Medford can enjoy their parks. :(
Fix the broken sprinklers in Holmes Park to get rid of standing water and to water the trees.
Animal shelter
Animal shelter
A project the City overlooked, "animal shelter." A decent shelter with adequate exercise areas would be park-like - like Greenhill and Saving Grace. Medford is about a third of the County's population and accounts for an even great share of abandoned, stray and "evidence hold" animals. The City should work with the County to meet its citizens' needs and build a new, true animal shelter.
Clean up the parks from drugs
More big dog parks
New animal shelter
Jackson county Animal Shelter new building
Yes I think we need a new dog shelter please
More dog parks
Increased Security for all parks, with Hawthorne Park being 1st priority
Disc Golf! This town is a total disc golf dead zone.
No
A pump track would be perfect!
Disc golf

You need a disc golf course!
Disc Golf
Make the parks safe. Don't have to worry about find dirty needles
Repaving the old segment of the greenway along biddle road.
Disc golf courses
Disc golf courses
Animal Shelter! Ours is a DISGRACE.
Bigger and better animal shelter!
Dog park near Oregon Hills park. Leverage unused space to turf and fence a safe area
animal shelter
A new animal shelter
Animal Shelter
It was listed, but all outdoor sports should be a priority to get people outside, using a cheap and healthy resource :)
Deal with feral cat colonies
Public safety. I don't feel safe taking my toddler to Medford parks because of homeless and sketchy people around the parks. I would love a police officer stationed at the parks during certain published hours so parents can take kids to park and feel safe!
Animal shelter and services! Accessible spay/neuter and liveable shelter for adoption!
Safety, get the drugs and users out of the parks
It's hard for people to want to take their families out to explore local offerings when they don't feel safe doing so. Personally, I think the biggest need wasn't mentioned, and that is making are parks, bike trails, and recreational areas safe for all to enjoy.
Clean them up. We rarely go anymore because of hypodermic needles, condoms, trash, broken and feces covered bathrooms, and male homeless in women's bathrooms.
Keeping some undeveloped land as wild/nature parks. Do not concrete over all of the creeks and wetland areas
ANIMAL SHELTER. Take care of our community's survival needs before recreational!!!
The animal shelter
Pickleball Plex
Pickleball Plex
I want some lights installed at Lone Pine Park
Outdoor public pool
New Animal Shelter that takes in more than just dogs.
The safety of the bike trails, getting the homeless out
Animal Shelter
Yes, money set aside to help with the cats being dumped in the parks to do TNR and to rehab kittens. Lower bacterial levels in Bear Creek. Offer more free programs in the park that everyone can enjoy. Entertaining young families costs so much money. It's hard to find free things to do for families.
No
animal shelter
Lig
A large pickleball facility similar to courts in Ashland
additional splash pads at existing parks; shade at existing parks

#1 ANIMAL SHELTER/SERVICES #1 PRIORITY!
Dedicated Disc Golf Course
splash pads at existing parks
Removal of dangerous trees, dead limbs, etc. on walking trails not in parks and upgrade pavement where lumps from tree roots are a tripping hazard. n walking
Bike skills course, pump tracks, make Greenway more safe for families
Improved animal shelter facilities
A new ANIMAL SHELTER!!!
Help Saving Cats Along Greenway
Holmes park upgrade, it's so shabby and so beautiful
My kids loved the mobile park program in a city we used to live in. Once a week 5-6 smaller parks had recreation programs like craft day, kickball, etc. It was fun when you lived near a very small park that doesn't have big playgrounds and splash pads.
Dedicated covered pickleball courts adequate for the number of people playing and the right size courts
An animal shelter that serves ALL animals, not just dogs
No
Animal shelter
I would love another Splash Pad Park in our area! A nice big one like Don Jones!
More indoor running or track options for people and pets to walk or run.
Safety and homeless on the bear creek Greenway. Too many homeless to feel safe in many areas. Please help clean this up so my family can use the trail safely
Purchase of land to expand Prescott Park rec areas
Mountain Bike Trails
Disc Golf
Safety in parks
more city parks with open space and shade
Greenway safety
No more homeless on the greenway and in every single park
Safer Beach volleyball - put courts away from the homeless and the needles!
none
Dedicated, lighted, pickleball (covered)
Community gardens! It appears there are a few that are privately run in Medford. I would love to see funding/partnership with Jackson County Master Gardeners to identify opportunities to create community gardens to augment what is currently in the city.
Animal shelter
Get the homeless out of our parks
Anyway we can better 'connect' our city via paths and trails would be a big plus.
remove homeless from public parks
I would like to see one or two full time police officers stationed at Hawthorn Park. My neighbor was assaulted there, my daughter-in-law saw the bathroom being used for prostitution, I've encountered dogs running around off leash. The park doesn't feel safe to me and it's a shame because it's a lovely park.
I do not feel safe with my children at Hawthorne park, Fitchner park, or sometimes Bear Creek Park due to the homeless population there. We also will not use the greenway, as it has many homeless people and drug use that my children have now been exposed to while we were just trying to go on a family walk.

Dealing with homeless issues in parks and on the greenway
All the homelessness in the parks are a issue!
varied musical concerts, e.g. classical, jazz
Removing illegal camping/homeless from public parks and the greenway
Get the homeless drug using population out of the parks. We have nice parks but avoid them for to trash, drug usage, and a general fear for safety.
A NEW AND IMPROVED ANIMAL SHELTER- more space, better provisions, community programs.
Removal of illegal campers along the Greenway and other areas in which kids often play
Update Jackson County Animal Shelter
Better marketing of what we already offer, over & above the new RogueX facility
North Medford, East Mcandrew in the higher elevation for Observatory science or space museum or cultural center for occasional event for live music, concerts, food festival for kids and family friendly.
Child safety.
The very large bulky pine trees between pathway and tennis courts on the east side of the courts at Fichter Manwaring park would best be removed. It would immediately stop the issue of persons camping and defecating beneath them as well as continuously stash trash, carpet ends and other materials. This would save wasted man hours having to clean up the areas. This area I think would also be ideal for staging event booths or allow for a seating area during events. I don't play pickleball but is clearly become very popular at this park. Which also brings to mind that the pavement for the courts needs significant repairs to prevent injuries and increase the number of good courts for pickleball players to use. The area between the courts where bleachers needs a real clean up done. We love this park and appreciate all the efforts made to keep it maintained. Thank You
Animal shelter
Prioritizing safety and items affected by climate change, shade, water etc.
Would love to see a Pickleball facility that was dedicated courts for the growth of the sport that is happening in Medford.
Disc golf!!
Maintenance of our facilities and getting homelessness and drugs out of our parks needs to be a priority. Safe and clean!!!
Improved safety features
animal shelter.
Dedicated pickleball courts
Provide parks in all neighborhoods that people can walk/bike to.
Provide security in the parks and along the greenway.



APPENDIX D

CAPITAL MATRIX



Appendix D: Capital Matrix

Revised 10/28/2024

			Capital Project Type																				Planning-Level Costs				
	Total Acres	Total Trail/Walking Track Miles	Renovation and Renewal (✓)	Facility Additions (●)	Expansion and Development (x)	Play enhancement	Sports field/court improvements	Shelter and gathering area improvements	Accessibility improvements (ADA)	Connectivity improvements	Parking and access improvements	New/improved signage or wayfinding	New or improved dog park	New lighting	New outdoor fitness equipment	New gathering/event/vendor space	New comfort amenities and art	Restroom	Shade structure	Trees and landscaping	Nature area restoration and enhancement	Projects from other City Plans	Other new/improved facilities (write-in)	Project Description (write-in)	Total Capital Costs	Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs	
COMMUNITY PARKS																											
Bear Creek Park	66.54	2.30	✓	●			✓	✓		✓	✓ / ●			✓		●		✓ / ●			✓		✓	Improve and resurface skatepark	\$ 2,710,000	\$ 639,000	
Fichtner-Mainwaring Park	30.66	-	✓	●		✓	✓ / ●			✓	✓		●	✓			●	✓ / ●	●				✓	Improve sand volleyball courts, update splash pad mechanicals and components	\$ 2,605,000	\$ 294,000	
Hawthorne Park	13.32	-	✓	●		✓	✓					●		✓			●	✓	✓		✓		●	Expand and improve existing skatepark	\$ 1,128,000	\$ 85,000	
Lithia & Driveway Fields	132.21	-	✓	●			✓ / ●				✓	●		✓				✓					●	Hitting and team facilities (Harry & David Field and softball complex)	\$ 3,030,000	\$ 1,269,000	
Prescott Park	15.00	-	✓	●	x						✓	✓					●						●	Acquire additional natural open space land	\$ 935,000	\$ 10,000	
Wes Howard Memorial Sports Park	47.13	0.16			x		●				●					●								\$ 3,000,000	\$ 302,000		
Community Parks subtotal	304.86	2.46																					\$ 13,408,000	\$ 2,599,000			
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																											
Alba Park	1.51	-	✓	●								✓		✓		●	●	●					✓	Repair central fountain	\$ 1,305,000	\$ 14,000	
Cedar Links Park	5.42	-	✓		x					●													●	Install irrigation to nearby open space	\$ 500,000	\$ 35,000	
Donahue-Frohnmayr Park	13.00	-	✓	●			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		●				●				\$ 3,533,000	\$ 83,000		
Earhart Park	1.59	-	✓									✓												\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000		
Holmes Park	18.35	1.00	✓	●		✓	✓		●	✓		✓						✓	●					\$ 1,387,000	\$ 117,000		
Howard School Park	7.52	-																						\$ 2,045,000	\$ 48,000		
Jackson Park	7.80	-																						\$ 1,475,000	\$ 50,000		
Kennedy School Park	8.24	-		●		●												●						\$ 1,100,000	\$ 53,000		
Lewis Park	8.14	-	✓	●		✓						✓		✓	●	●				●		✓	Replace/upgrade splash pad mechanical equipment	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 26,000		
Liberty Park	0.23	-	✓									✓	✓											\$ 160,000	\$ 1,000		
Lone Pine Park	3.96	-	✓	●		●				✓	✓	✓						✓		✓		✓ / ●	Update splash pad mechanical equipment, install irrigation and trails in undeveloped areas, community garden	\$ 2,031,000	\$ 25,000		
Orchard Hill Park	4.20	0.36	✓									✓												\$ 10,000	\$ 27,000		
Oregon Hills Park	14.91	-	✓	●		● / ✓	✓	●				✓				●	●						●	Implement remaining phases of master plan	\$ 2,854,000	\$ 95,000	
Pear Blossom Park (Block 1-2)	1.40	-	✓	●		✓						✓						●				✓		\$ 2,540,000	\$ 13,000		
Roosevelt School Park	2.15	-	✓				✓																	\$ 150,000	\$ -		
Ruhl Park	1.28	-	✓	●			✓			✓		✓						●						\$ 685,000	\$ 4,000		
Summerfield Park	1.56	-	✓	●							✓	✓				●		✓	●					\$ 1,035,000	\$ 10,000		
Union Park	2.13	-	✓	●		●						✓						✓	●					\$ 2,260,000	\$ 7,000		
Veteran's Memorial Park	1.94	-	✓									✓		✓										\$ 30,000	\$ 19,000		
Village Center Park	3.23	-																						\$ -	\$ 21,000		
Wilson School Park	6.15	0.18	✓				✓																	\$ 200,000	\$ -		
Neighborhood Parks subtotal	114.71	1.54																					\$ 24,950,000	\$ 653,000			
SPECIAL USE AREAS																											
IOOF/Eastwood Cemetery	19.32	-	✓																					\$ -	\$ 100,000		
Jefferson School Ball Fields	5.11	-																						\$ -	\$ 33,000		
North Medford High Tennis Courts	1.54	-	✓				✓																	\$ 200,000	\$ 10,000		
Quality Fence Fields	23.14	-	✓								✓											✓	Renovate concession building	\$ 325,000	\$ 148,000		
Railroad Park	12.77	-	✓								✓							✓						\$ 375,000	\$ 123,000		
Special Use Areas subtotal	61.88	0.00																					\$ 900,000	\$ 414,000			
COMMUNITY FACILITIES																											
Rogue Credit Union Community Complex (Rogue X)	3.21	-																						\$ -	\$ 31,000		
Santo Community Center	3.69	-	✓			✓					✓											✓	Resurface main hall, improve indoor facility space to expand childcare services, repaint courtyard surface	\$ 525,000	\$ 35,000		
Community Facilities subtotal	6.90	0.00																					\$ 525,000	\$ 66,000			
GREENWAYS AND NATURAL OPEN SPACE																											
Bear Creek Greenway	-	8.79	✓									✓		✓										\$ 532,000	\$ 28,000		
Biddle Road Greenway	-	1.17																				✓	Resurfacing	\$ 585,000	\$ 25,000		

																							Planning-Level Costs				
	Total Acres	Total Trail/Walking Track Miles	Renovation and Renewal (✓)	Facility Additions (●)	Expansion and Development (x)	Play enhancement	Sports field/court improvements	Shelter and gathering area improvements	Accessibility improvements (ADA)	Connectivity improvements	Parking and access improvements	New/improved signage or wayfinding	New or improved dog park	New lighting	New outdoor fitness equipment	New gathering/event/vendor space	New comfort amenities and art	Restroom	Shade structure	Trees and landscaping	Nature area restoration and enhancement	Projects from other City Plans	Other new/improved facilities (write-in)		Project Description (write-in)	Total Capital Costs	Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs
Crestbrook/Siskiyou Greenway	-	0.32																							\$ -	\$ 3,000	
Larson Creek Greenway	-	0.67																							\$ -	\$ 30,000	
Navigator's Landing Greenway	-	0.41																							\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Prescott Park	1697.13	15.11																							\$ -	\$ 90,000	
Greenways and Natural Open Space subtotal	1697.13	26.47																					\$ 1,117,000	\$ 186,000			
BEAUTIFICATION AREAS																											
City Hall Campus (includes Lausmann Annex, Police Station, and associated parking lots)	2.21	-																							\$ -	\$ 40,000	
Mayor's Plaza	0.27	-																					✓	Concrete replacement and repair	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,000	
Rights-of-Way	123.90	-																							\$ -	\$ 793,000	
Service Center	1.95	-																							\$ -	\$ 30,000	
Virginia Vogel Plaza	0.30	-																							\$ -	\$ 20,000	
Beautification Areas subtotal	128.63	0.00																					\$ 100,000	\$ 886,000			
TOTAL EXISTING	2314.11	30.47																					\$ 41,000,000	\$ 4,804,000			
PROPOSED PARKS AND FACILITIES																											
Addysen Park	7.86	-			x																		x		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 50,000	
Chrissy Park	165.21	-			x																		x		\$ 4,200,000	\$ 128,000	
Midway Park	30.64	-			x																		x		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 64,000	
Proposed Southwest Neighborhood Park	5.00	-			x																		x		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 32,000	
Proposed Southeast Neighborhood Park	5.00				x																		x		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 32,000	
Proposed North/Northeast Neighborhood Park	5.00	-			x																		x		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 32,000	
TOTAL PROPOSED	218.7	0.0																					\$ 17,200,000	\$ 338,000			
TOTAL EXISTING & PROPOSED	2532.8	30.5																					\$ 58,200,000	\$ 5,142,000			

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Because actual prices fluctuate and will vary by site, the cost estimates are presented as a range of costs. The range is aimed at capturing differences based on site size, location, topography and setting, facility quality and detail, supply and demand for labor and materials, etc. The costs do not include environmental compliance documentation, permitting, installation, or staff hours to manage site planning, design, construction, and implementation. Those elements could escalate park development costs by 20-25 percent.

Table 2: Planning Level Capital Cost Estimates and Assumptions

Revised 10/17/2024

Planning Level Cost ¹				
Feature	Unit	Build/Add	Improve Existing	Assumptions
PARKLAND AND OPEN LANDS				
Parkland Acquisition	per acre	\$ 300,000	-	Unimproved land with access to municipal utilities.
Open Lands Acquisition	per acre	\$ 200,000	-	Unimproved land.
Community Park Development	per developed acre	\$ 400,000	-	City of Medford cost assumption. Planning-level costs to account for site grading, circulation, utilities, outdoor facilities, amenities, and landscaping. Cost does not include the development of major facilities such as community centers and pools.
Neighborhood Park Development	per developed acre	\$ 500,000	-	City of Medford cost assumption. Planning-level costs to account for site grading, circulation, utilities, outdoor facilities, amenities, and landscaping. Cost does not include the development of major facilities such as community centers and pools.
SPORTS FIELDS				
Baseball/Softball Field (Grass)	each	\$ 500,000	\$ 300,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Costs reflect a regulation-size field with turf, outfield fencing, backstop and outfield fencing, and dugouts. Higher costs include Bull pens, scoreboard, bleachers, PA system, flagpole, and sports field lighting.
Multi-purpose Field (Grass)	each	\$ 450,000	\$ 200,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Costs reflect a turf field with basic drainage/prep and features. Higher cost reflects bleachers and sports field lighting.
Large, Multi-purpose Artificial Turf Field	each	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Costs reflect a regulation-size field with artificial turf, outfield fencing, backstop and foul-line fencing. Higher costs include Bull pens, scoreboard, bleachers, PA system, flagpole, and sports field lighting.
Basketball Court	each	\$ 250,000	\$ 50,000	3/4 of full HS basketball = 75 x 50 (63' x 37.5' plus 6' run-out all sides) with two goals and surfacing.
Pickleball Court	per four	\$ 350,000	\$ 175,000	Four side-by-side pickleball courts (70' x 130') with fencing, nets, surfacing, and lighting.
Tennis Court	per two	\$ 400,000	\$ 200,000	Two side-by-side tennis courts (120' x 120') with fencing, nets, surfacing, and lighting
PLAY EQUIPMENT AND AREAS				
Play Equipment and Furnishings (pre manufactured)	each	\$ 500,000	\$ 400,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Play equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12 scaled for neighborhood park w/ surfacing. Actual cost will depend on type and size.
Playground/Play Equipment (Custom)	each	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 800,000	New or replaced play area with custom features. Actual cost will depend on type and size.
Nature Playground (Small)	each	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Nature play features, topography, landscaping, safety surfacing and seating. Actual cost will depend on type and size.
TRAILS				
Hard-Surface Path	per mile	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 500,000	Costs assume an 8 to 10 ft-wide asphalt paved trail with gravel shoulders, minor grading, mile markers and continuous buffer vegetation. Improvements may include curb and gutter, curb ramps, minor drainage infrastructure and installations.
Soft-Surface Trail	per mile	\$ 250,000	\$ 80,000	Costs assume a 3ft-wide stabilized natural surfaced trail and mile markers.

SOCIAL GATHERING				
Shade Elements	each	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Costs reflect fabric-roofed elements that shade play areas/spray parks/etc.
Picnic Area - Large	each	\$ 600,000	\$ 300,000	Costs assume a large group area (20+ people) with shade to support amenities such as barbecues, sinks, food prep areas, and long tables or mixed table sizes.
Dog Park/Off-leash Dog Area	each	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	Costs reflect a one-acre fenced area with turf, DG and/or bark mulch, with a dog drinking fountain, benches, trash receptacles and trees. Costs assume the dog park is within a larger park and uses existing utilities for water, parking, etc. Higher cost sites may include separate areas for large and small dogs, additional amenities: shade umbrellas, accessible walkway, and dog agility features.
Small Outdoor Event Space	each	\$ 325,000	\$ 162,500	Plaza, small amphitheater, outdoor stage, pavilion or outdoor classroom, with utilities and support amenities.
OTHER FACILITIES AND ELEMENTS				
Comfort Amenities and Art	allowance per each	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	Elements such as: seating, bottle-filler stations/dog drinking dishes, Trash/recycling receptacles, bike racks, docking stations, art (playable, integrated, stand-alone, and/or temporary displays), information kiosks, and coworking stations/outdoor work space.
Restroom (permanent)	each	\$ 600,000	\$ 300,000	2 unit single-occupant each (24'x12').
Community or Demonstration Garden	each	\$ 500,000	\$ 125,000	Combination of in-ground, raised beds, and accessible planting areas, with fencing, water, composting/green waste recycling, seating, shade.
Natural and Interpretive Elements	allowance for each	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	Elements such as: Native plantings, designated natural areas/features, bioswales and rain gardens, arboretums, pollinator patches, gardens and corridors, bird habitat, baths and houses.
Stand Alone Outdoor Fitness Equipment	per 5 stations	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	Stations that combine cardio, strength training, or cross training.
Signage - Wayfinding and Identity	per site	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	Assumes monument sign, directional signage, and other informational signage.
Shade tree planting	per maintained acre	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	Shade tree specific from City approved tree list.
Sports Field Lighting	allowance	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	Sports field scale lighting fixtures.
Park Lighting	allowance	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	City of Medford cost assumption. Pedestrian scale lighting fixtures.
Parking (off-street)	per site	\$ 400,000	\$ 75,000	Costs reflect the creation or resurfacing of 10 spaces including 2 accessible spaces.
Skatepark	per each	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 312,500	Skate park renovation to accommodate spectators, enhance safety, improve surfacing, and enhance access.
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Table 3: Planning Level Maintenance Cost Assumptions*Revised 09/18/2024*

Maintenance Service Level	Unit	Cost Estimate ¹	Notes
1	per developed acre	\$ 9,600	Maintenance costs at the highest level represent a 50% increase of Level 2 maintenance costs. Enhanced maintenance is needed at highly-visible, heavily-used sites that include specialized assets. Does not include major capital projects or asset renewal.
2	per developed acre	\$ 6,400	Maintenance cost are calculated for 100% of every acre, reflecting maintenance needs after sites are developed or improved. These are estimated based on Medford's expenditures for average park maintenance costs. Does not include major capital projects or asset renewal.
3	per acre/trail mile	\$ 3,200	Maintenance costs at this level are for sites with lower use and fewer amenities, as well as an assumption for trail maintenance. This service level represents 50% of Level 2 maintenance costs.
4	per acre	\$ 640	Undeveloped land maintenance costs are based on sites with limited to no public access, or little to no natural resources present. Costs represent 10% of standard maintenance costs.

¹Costs are planning-level estimates in 2024 dollars, not accounting for inflation.