



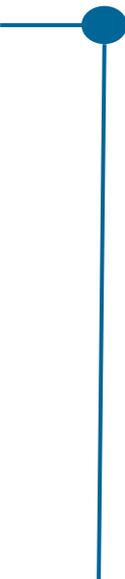
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# Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan Update

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# Direction

Requesting Council's preferred Master Plan and direction to complete environmental review.

# AGENDA – Bellevue Airfield Park



Background



Parks & Open Space System



Community Outreach and Feedback



Master Plan Alternatives and Feedback

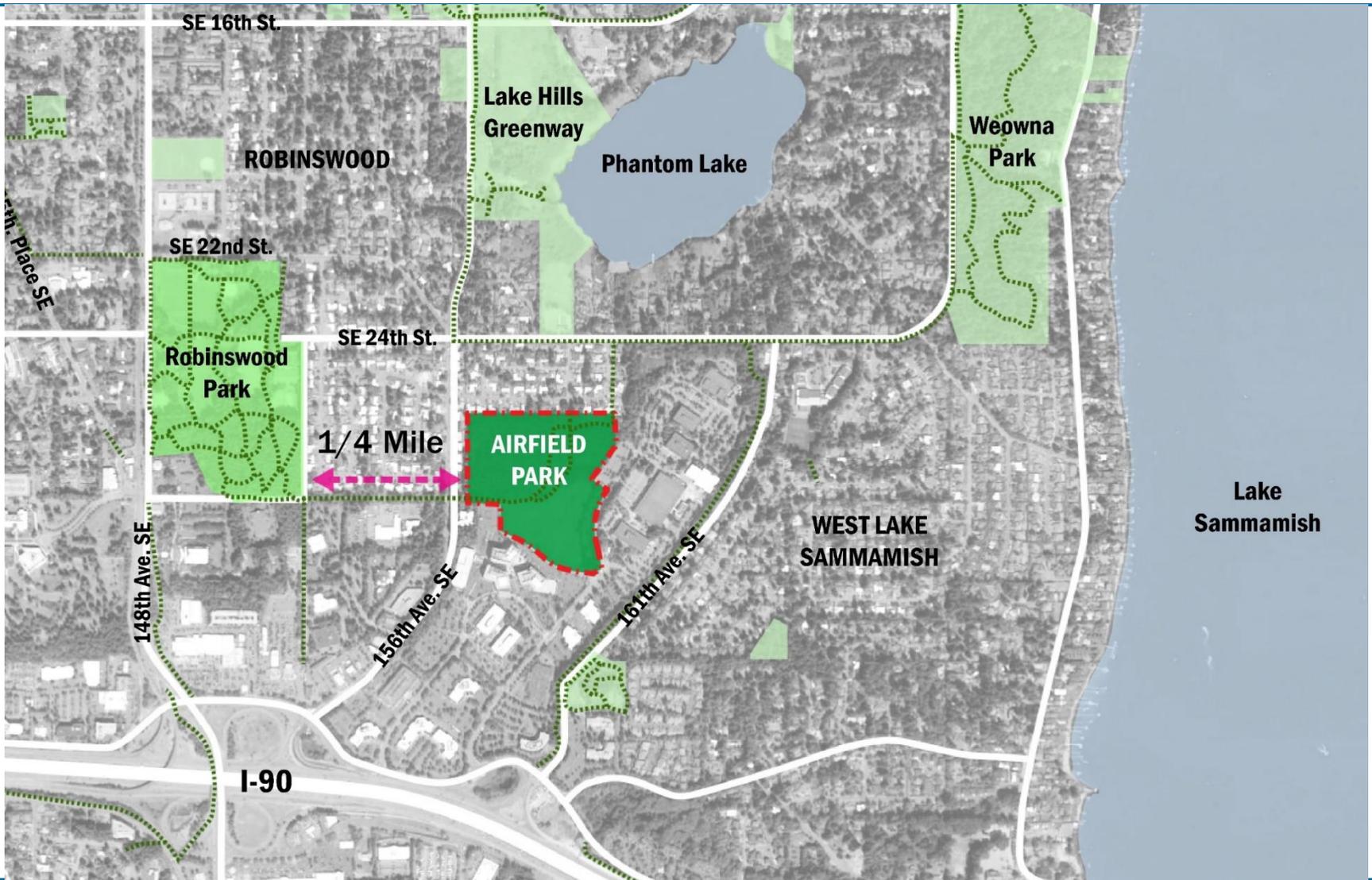


Board Recommendation



Next Steps

# Background



# Airfield Park Site Context

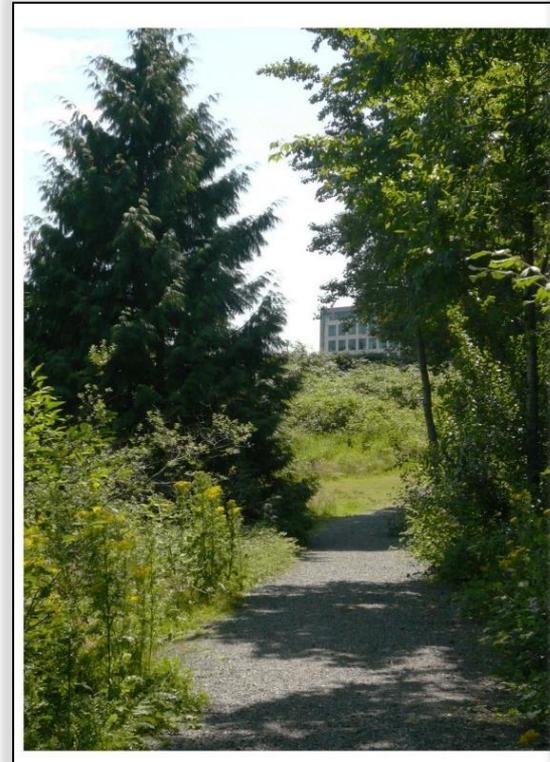


- ➔ Pedestrian Access Points
- ➔ Vehicular Access  
(160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE)

# Slope Analysis



# Bellevue Airfield Site



**27.5 Acre Site**

The image is an aerial photograph of a 27.5-acre site. A dashed white line outlines the entire site. The site is divided into two main sections. The upper section, outlined with a dashed white line, is a dense forest of green trees. The lower section, outlined with a dotted white line, is an open, brownish meadow. Surrounding the site are residential houses on the left and commercial buildings on the right.

**16 Acres**

**Limited Opportunity:**  
Steep Slopes  
Existing Forest  
Proximity to Residential Neighbors

**11.5 Acres**

**Developable Park Space:**  
Relatively Flat  
Open Meadow  
Commerical Neighbors

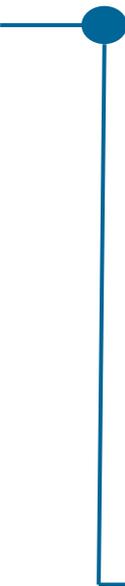
# Council Adopted Master Plan



# Aquatic Facility Concept

- Recreation Splash Family Pool
- Warmwater/Therapy
- Competition Pool
- Spectator Seating
- Deep Water/Dive Pool
- Fitness Facilities
- Class/Meeting/Event Space



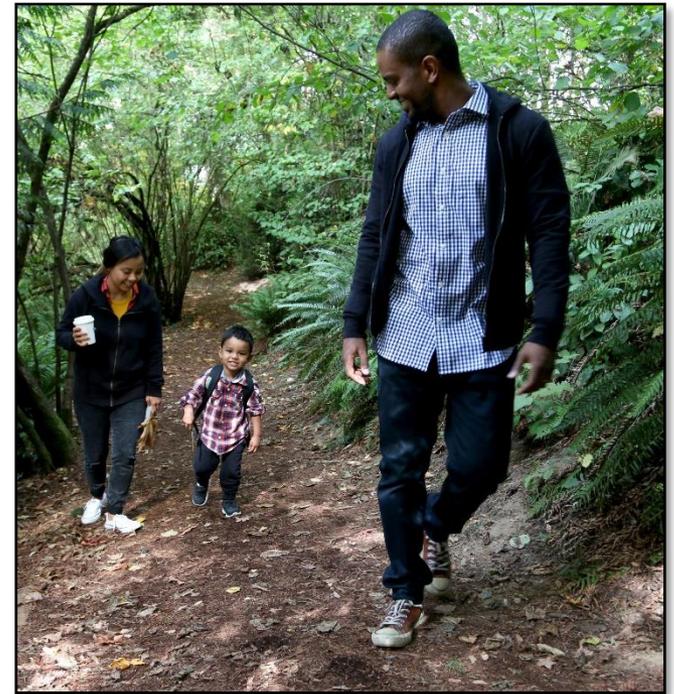


# **Parks and Open Space System**

# Parks and Open Space System Plan

## Top Community Preferences

1. Trails
2. Beaches and waterfront parks
3. Unstructured play/picnic areas
4. Parks with display gardens
5. Outdoor sport fields/courts
6. Swimming pool
7. Indoor facilities



# Sportfields and Picnic Shelters



# Pickleball Courts in Bellevue

## 2022 Courts

- Cherry Crest Mini Park 1
  - Crossroads Park 2
  - Eastgate Park 4
  - Hillaire Park 3
  - Lakemont Park 2
  - Norwood Village Park 2
  - Robinswood Tennis Ctr. 2
  - Georgia Zumdieck Park 1
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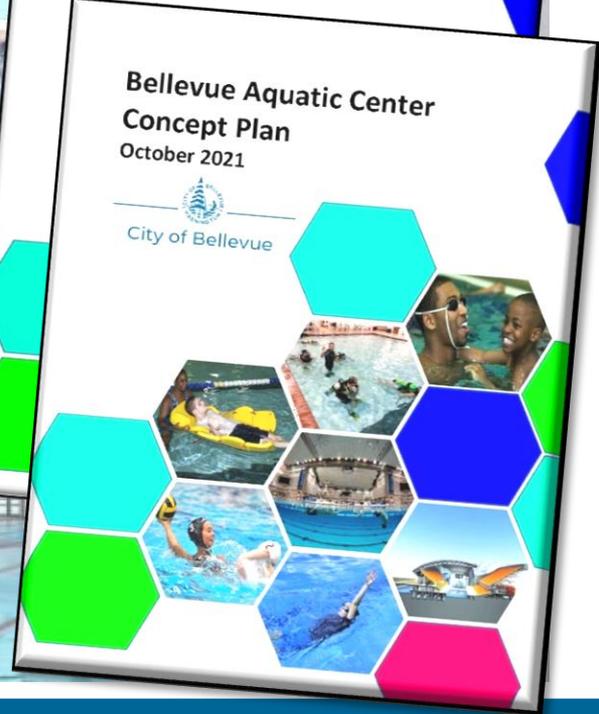
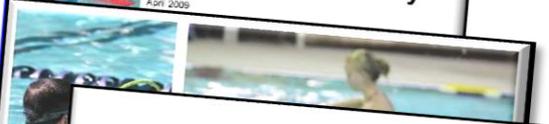
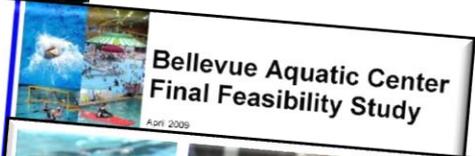
## 2023 Additional Courts

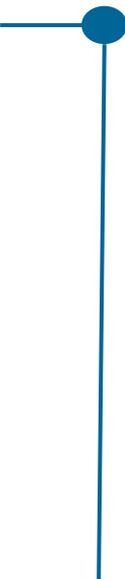
- Enatai Neighborhood Park 2
  - Highland Community Park 4
  - Spiritridge Park 2
  - Hillaire Park 2
  - Lakemont Park restripe 2
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Eastgate Park - 2022

# Aquatic Facility Studies





# **Community Outreach and Feedback**



# Community Outreach

## Meetings

- 6/14 Parks & Community Services Board Kick-off
- 6/23 Neighborhood Site Walk (≈35 attendees)
- 7/26 Community Workshop #1 (≈ 60-70 attendees)
- 9/22 Community Workshop #2 (≈ 82 attendees)
- 10/11 Parks & Community Services Board
- 12/5 City Council
- 1/19 Community Workshop #3 (≈ 172 attendees)
- 2/14 Parks & Community Services Board

# What we heard

Bellevue Airfield should be . . .



**Inclusive**



**Safe**



**Environmentally Responsive**



**Active**

# Master Plan Alternatives



*Alternative 1*



*Alternative 2*



*Alternative 3*

# Master Plan Alternative Feedback

## Community

- Have we found the right active/passive balance?
  - 41% - yes
  - 43% - no, there is too much passive area
- Preferred Active Programs: Aquatics and more Pickleball
- Preferred Passive Programs: Trails and Picnic Areas

## Adjacent Neighbors

- Preservation of 10-acre northwest woods

## Park Board Feedback

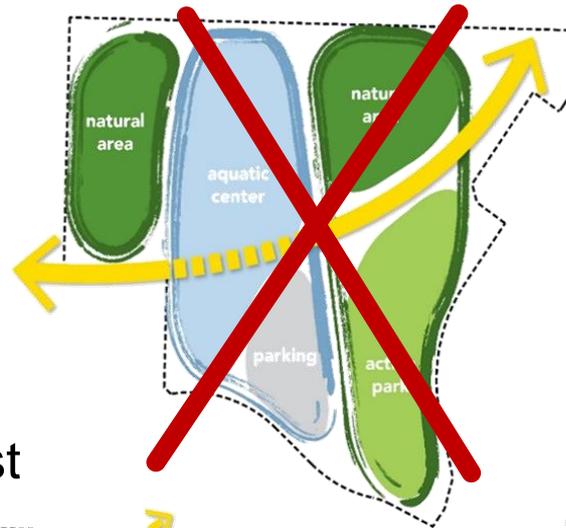
- Support an Aquatic Facility and Pickleball Courts

## Council Feedback

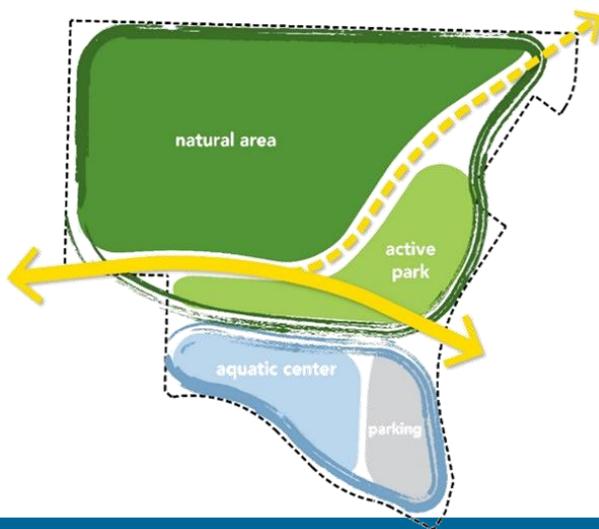
- Support an Aquatic Facility and the alternative with the Aquatic Facility in the SW of the site, sports field, off-leash areas, basketball courts, inclusion of arts, benches, exercise equipment.

# Activity Diagrams

Northwest



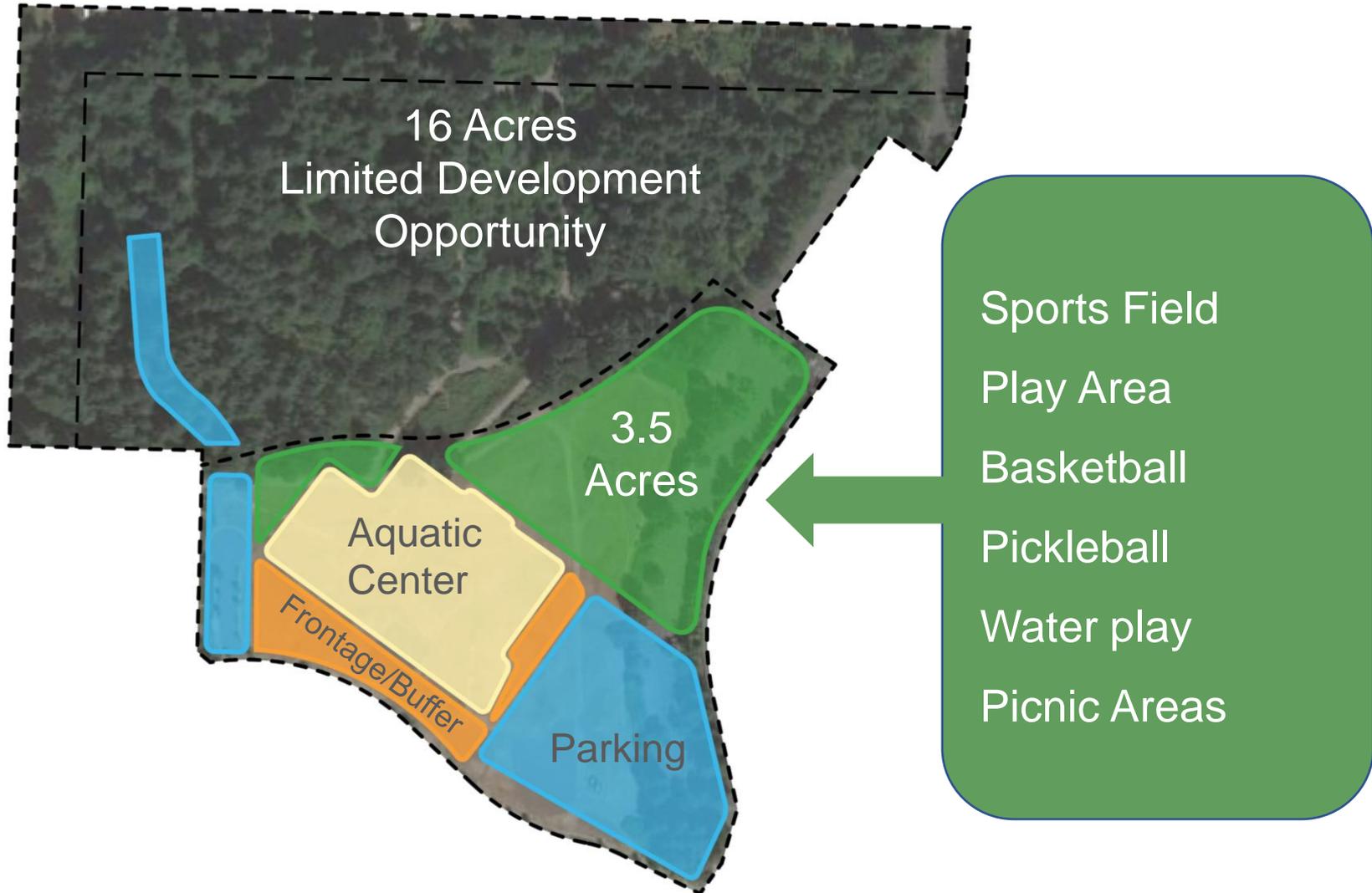
Southwest



Southeast



# Desired Park Amenities



# LEGEND:

- ① Parking Area
- ② Multi-Use Fields
- ③ Playgrounds
- ④ Basketball Court
- ⑤ Pickleball Courts
- ⑥ Splash Pad
- ⑦ Picnic Area
- ⑧ Amphitheatre
- ⑨ Stormwater Area
- ⑩ Restrooms
- ⑪ Aquatic Center



# LEGEND:

- ① Parking Area
- ② Flexible Field
- ③ Playgrounds
- ④ Basketball Court
- ⑤ Pickleball Courts
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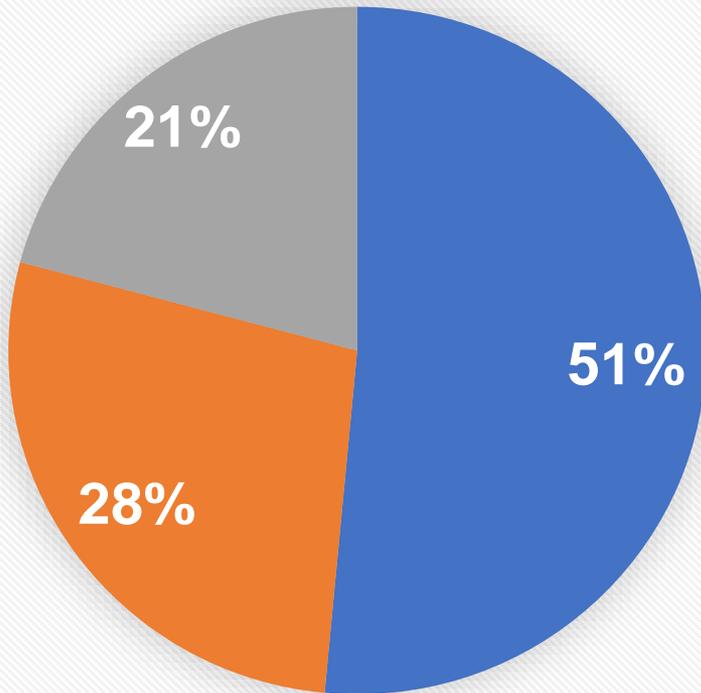
# Concept Comparison



Pickleball	Play Area	Water Play	Basketball	Fields	Picnic
4 Courts	Yes	Yes	Half Court	Multi-Use Soccer Type	Variety of small to medium Shelters
8 Courts	Yes	Yes	Half Court	Flexible Lawn	Large Single Shelter

# Survey Feedback

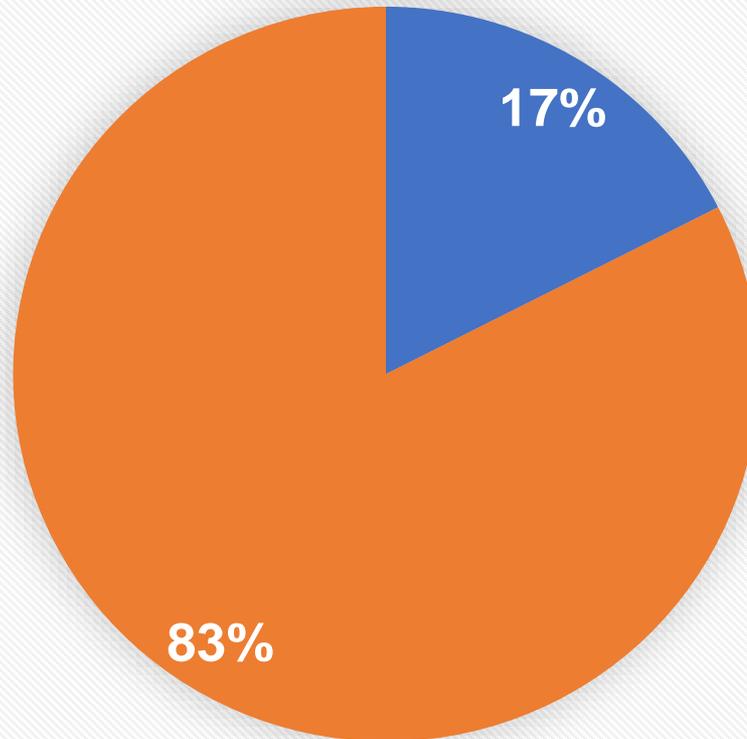
Have we found the right active/passive balance?



- Yes - The concepts seem to balance development with preservation
- No - There is too much passive use
- No - There is too much active use

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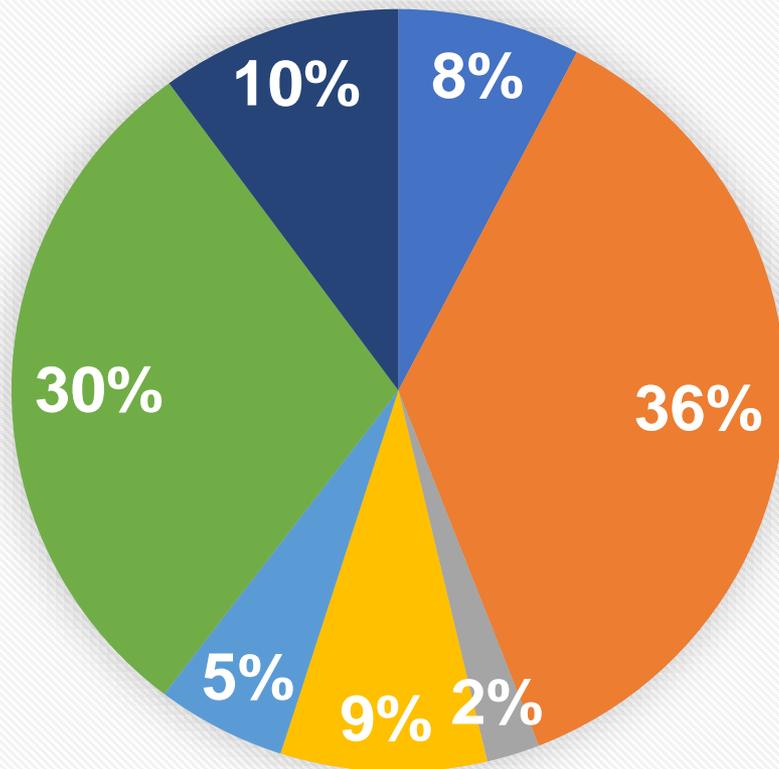
Which proposed concept do you prefer?



■ Concept #1    ■ Concept #2

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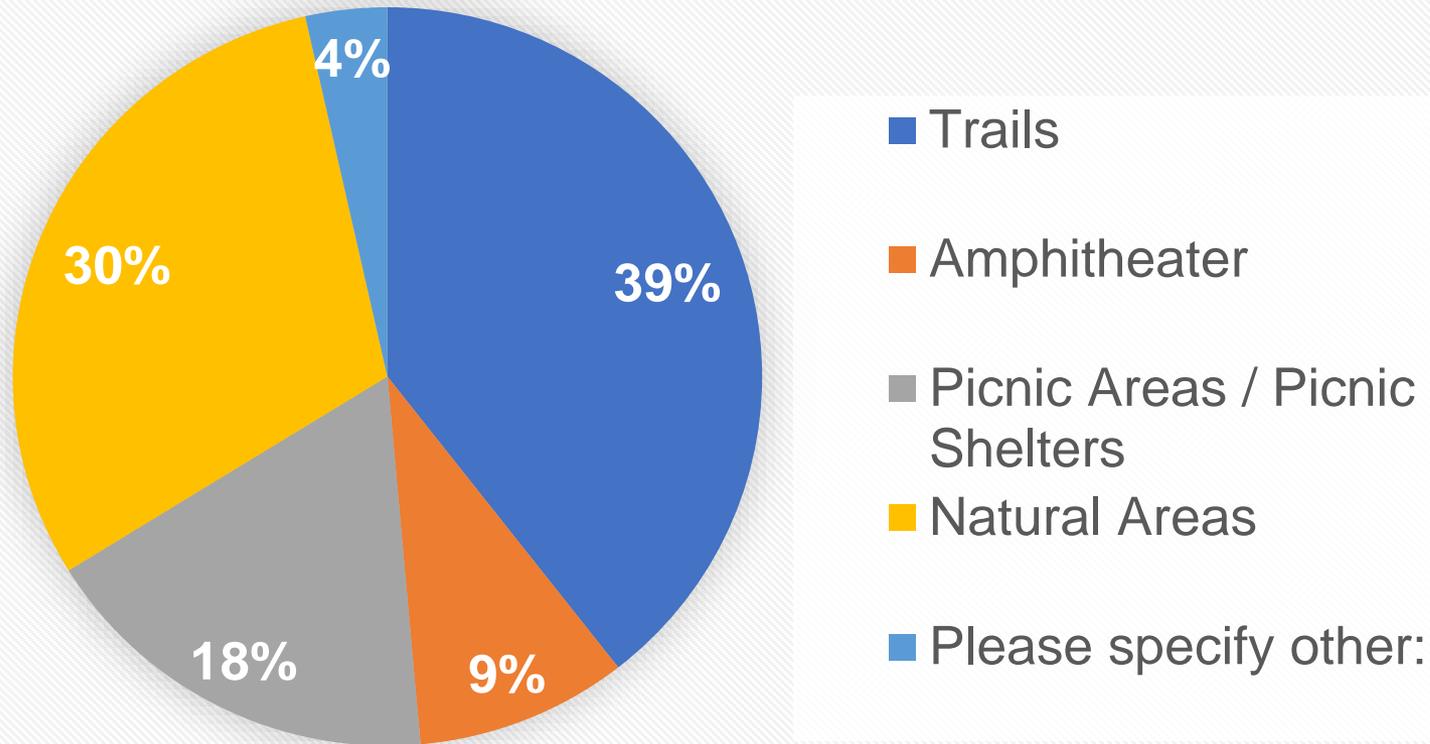
What two active program elements most interest you?



- Sports Fields
- Pickleball
- Basketball
- Playground
- Outdoor Water Play
- Aquatic Facility
- Please specify other:

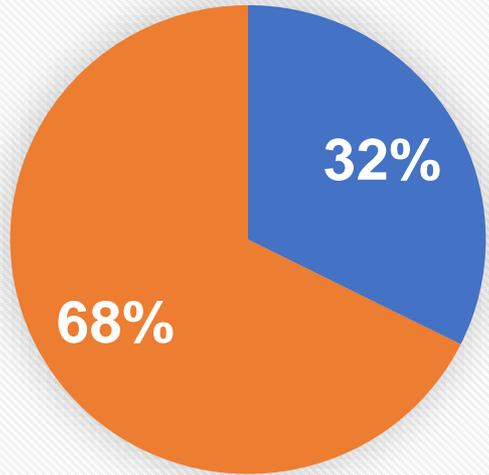
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What two passive program elements most interest you?



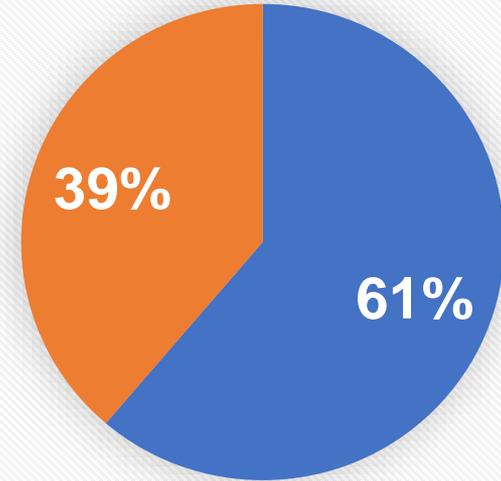
# Survey Feedback

Which field type do you prefer?



- Formal sports field
- Flexible lawn/field

Do you support picnicking in the northwest area?



- Yes
- No

# Parks & Community Services Board

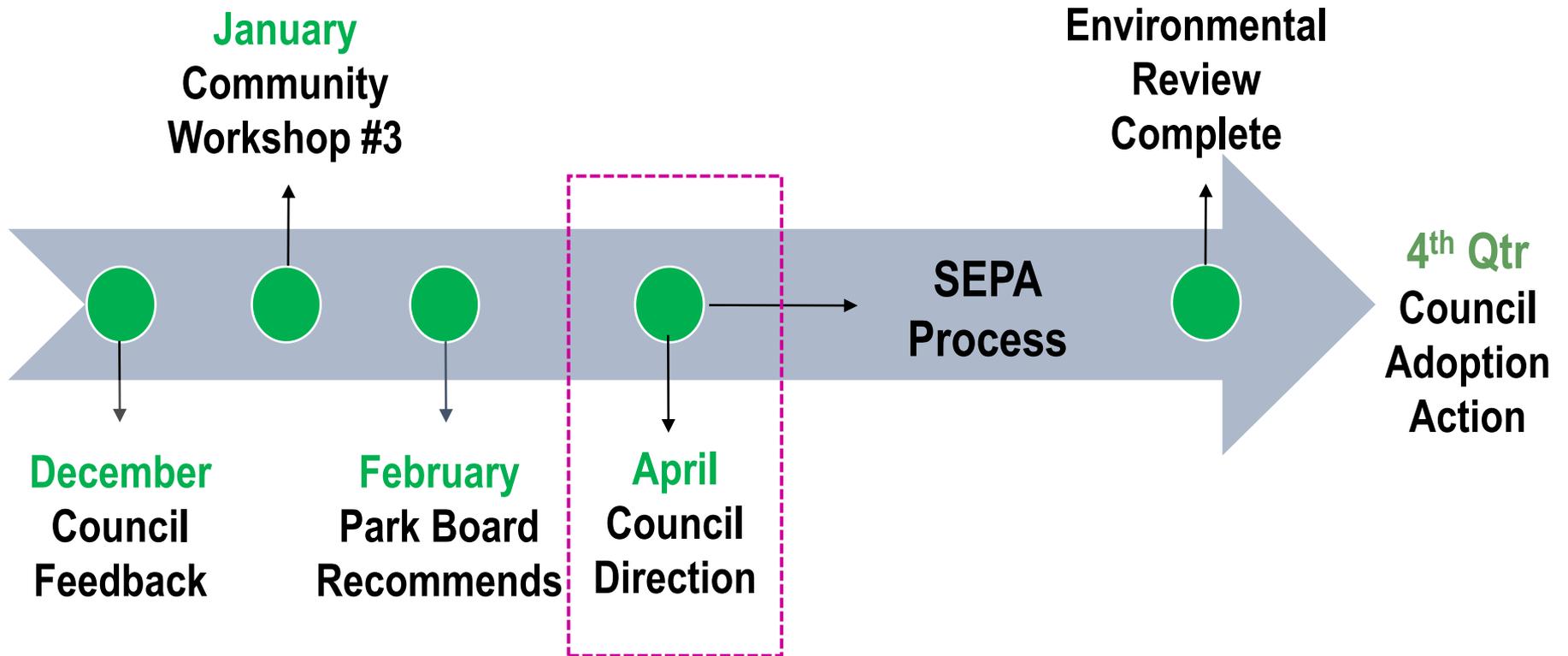
- Community Interests Served

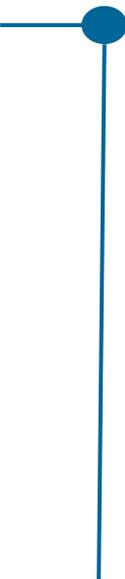
**Inclusive, safe, environmentally responsive, active**

- Support Aquatic Facility
- Park and Open Space needs
  - Pickleball courts
  - Picnicking
  - Trails
- Respectful of neighborhood



# Next Steps - 2023





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