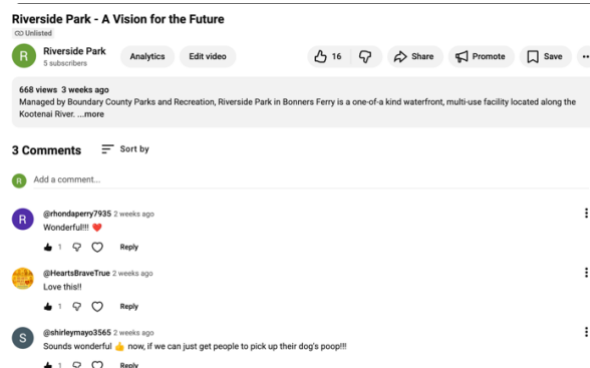
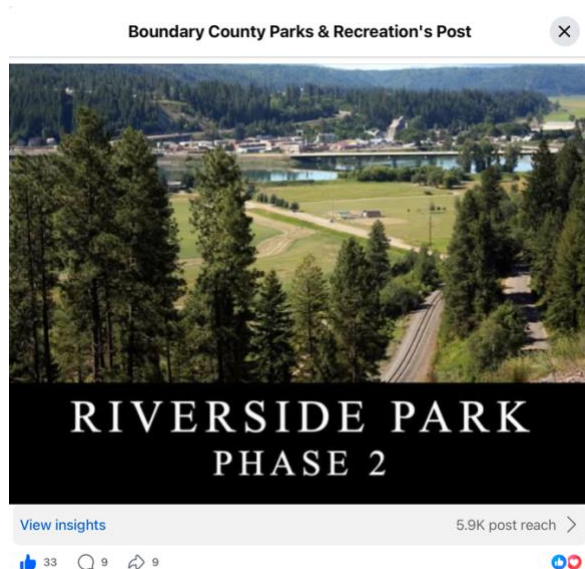


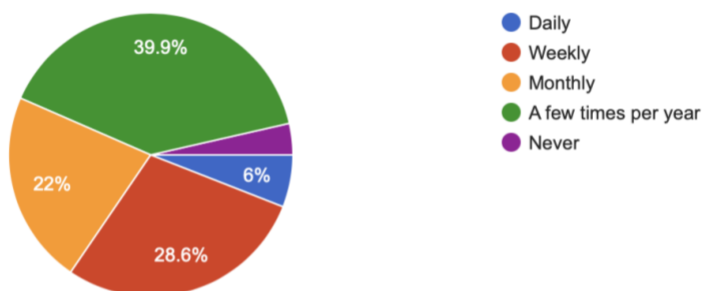


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1. How often do you visit Riverside Park?

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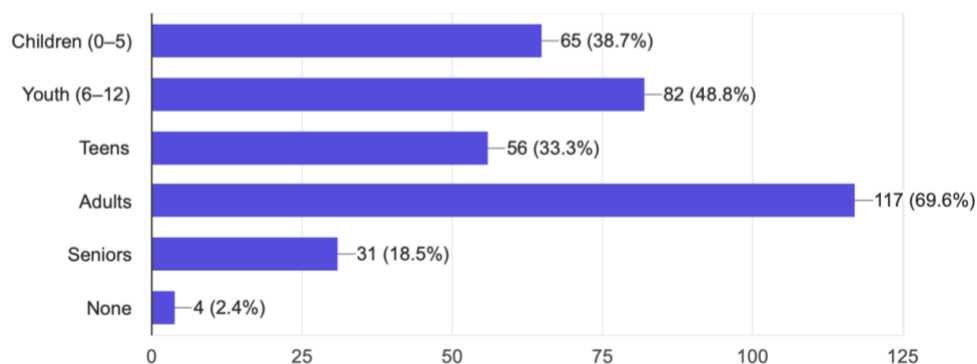
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2. What age groups in your household use the park?

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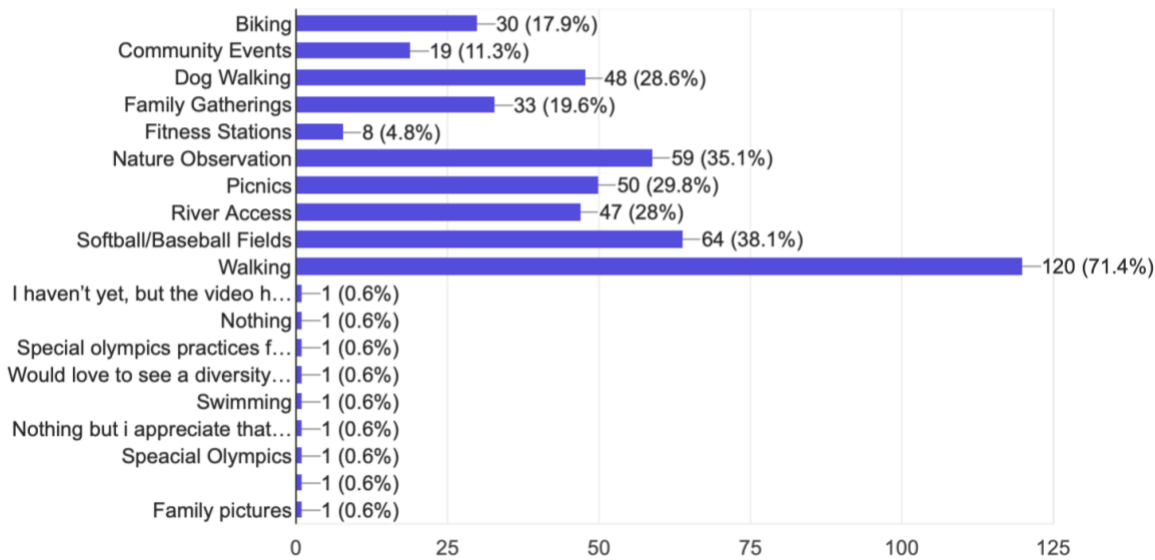
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3. What do you currently use Riverside Park for?

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4. What do you enjoy most about Riverside Park?

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The walking path
N/a
Proximity to town, walking trails, river access, ball fields
safe path fir kids and views
Open space and natural landscape wgile being close to town
The walking paths and nature
Nothing there's miles off trails in the county
Easy access area for recreation
I love the playground

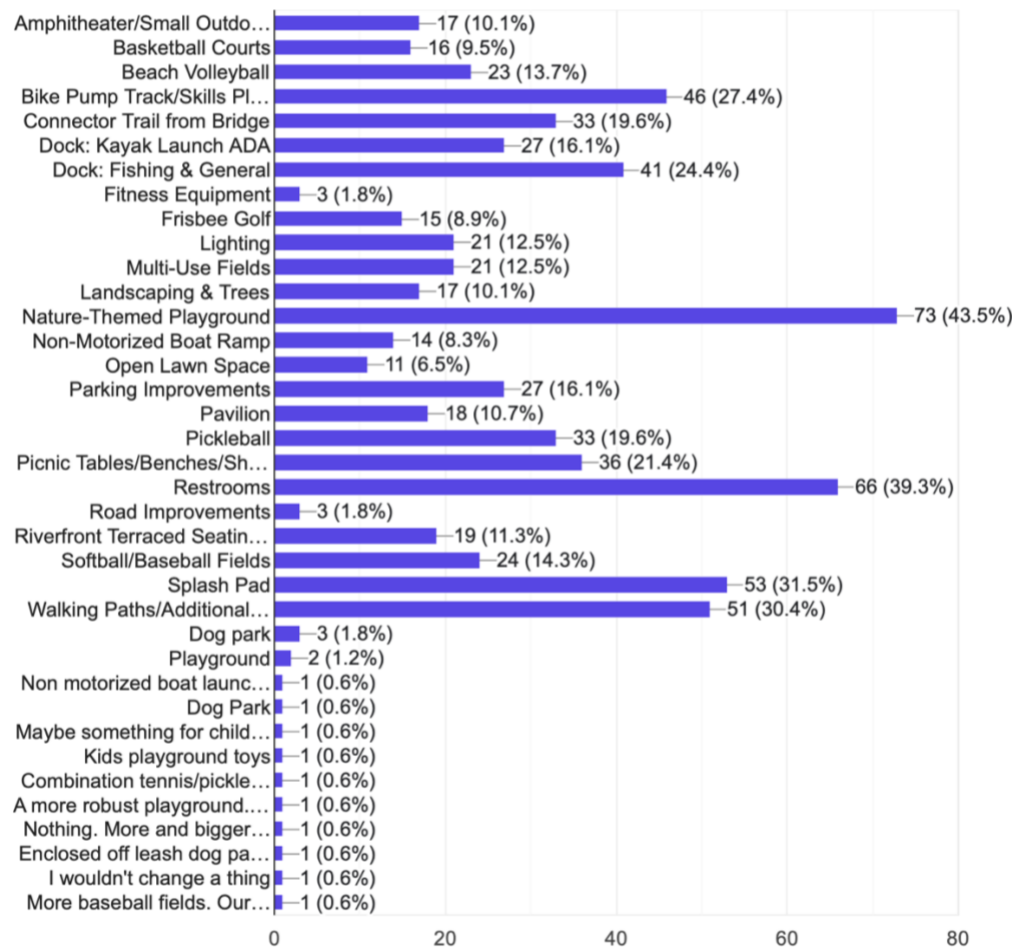
Location	Nice trails
The location close to town	How beautiful and peaceful it is.
Everything	The beautiful scenery and epic views
Scenery, ease of walking with young kids, baseball and softball games	Easy walking trails in a beautiful setting.
Different nature walks	Location and access
Safe trail to let littles explore on	Scenery and quietness
Calm area	A pretty place for my kids and I to take walks with friends and play.
It's not the search and rescue ramp.	Walking trail
The picnic tables and the nature/scenery of it all.	The track

Proximity to town, central to everything	How quiet it is and it's not over ran by people. You can walk your dog anywhere in the park except the ball fields. I like that there are plenty of garbage cans. The park is very clean. I love that you can't park at the river anymore, so our dogs can safely play in the water.
Peaceful and beautiful. Close drive	
The beautiful nature	Softball, baseball,
I like that it's developed, but still feel like a mostly rural place.	Open spaces. Updated trail system. Access to water.
Next to the river, kids can play and it's close to town	How clean and peaceful it is
Where its located.	Community access to the river and additional ball field access.
The natural setting	Walking paths and natural beauty
quiet & peaceful	Nature walking close to town without car traffic
The beauty of the river.	River access near town and no leash dog walking
It's quiet and peaceful	The cleanliness and beauty along tje river. So few public access point along the river
Convenience,	Wildlife
The trails and the baseball fields	The natural setting, river access
It is peaceful, not a lot of people use it at the same time. I also really appreciate the flush toilets—very nice when I have my kids with me, unlike the fairgrounds.	Beautiful, close to town
Baseball fields and walking path	Nature and fitness station
The openness and freedom away from the ball fields and other people there.	Peaceful environment
Very nice walking path; can access the river as well.	The closeness of nature and nice walking trails. My kids love seeing the turtles in the pond, and seeing the little "waterfall"
Peaceful	One can walk as much or as little as one wants
The trees	The nature atmosphere
The views	The quietness yet so close to town.
The nice trail, ponds, access from town	Fishing in the river
The Location	Close to town
Views and flat area to walk	Proximity to town. Baseball fields.
The walking trails	I enjoy spending time at the waterfront area on the River side of the dyke.
trails	Less people
In the river	trails and baseball fields
I enjoy the walking trails a lot. They are easy to use with a stroller.	Beautiful and close to everyone for games.
The view	Natural setting
Sunrise and sunsets!	Quiet, not over developed
Solitude, not usually much going on	The walking/biking trails
The trail along the river	The large lawn. I would hate to loose that to wood chips under a play structure but my 2.5 year old would love another play structure to frequent. Would love to see it naturally added.
The river	We used to enjoy walking our dogs down there but so many don't pick up after their dogs and many have off leash dogs that should not be off leash that we don't go much anymore. Sad. Wish there was some enforcement.
The peace & quiet	
Close to home	Its quieter than the fairgrounds
That we have a park in our community that is very nature oriented.	the walking paths and the beautiful landscape setting!
The peace and quiet with a beautiful view	Scenery
quiet, nearness to town, relative solitude and limited people	How close it is to the river

5. What improvements would you most like to see at Riverside Park?

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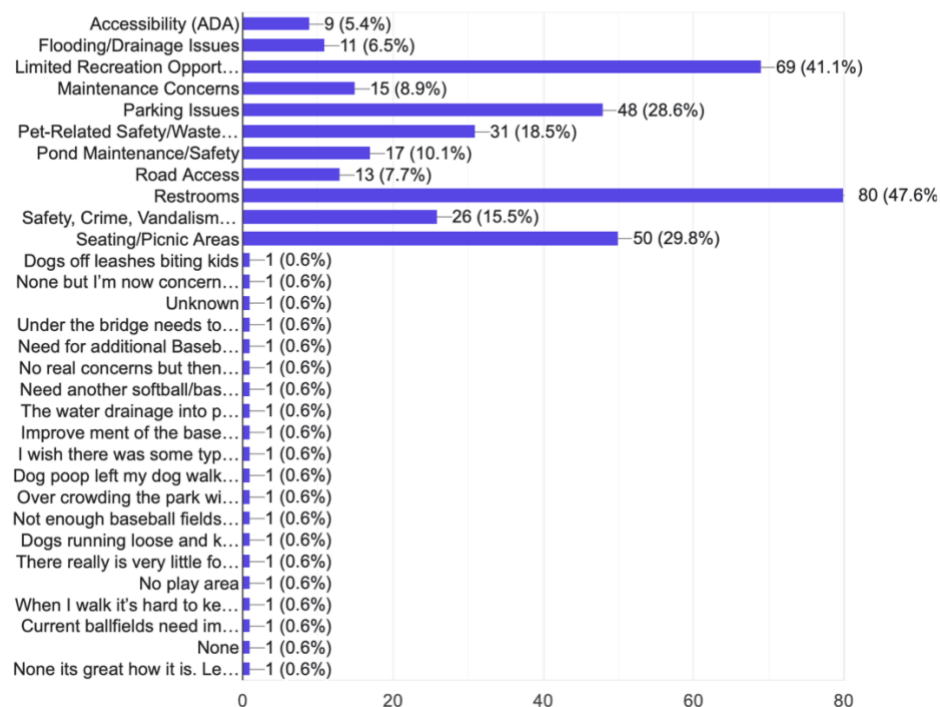


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1. Nature Themed Playground - (43.5%)
 2. Restrooms - (39.3%)
 3. Splash Pad - (31.5%)
 4. Walking Paths/Additional Trails – (30.4%)
 5. Bike Pump Track/Skills Park – (27.4%)
 6. Dock: Fishing & General – (24.4%)
 7. Picnic Tables, Benches, Seating – (21.4%)
 8. Tied: Connector Trail / Pickleball – (19.6%)
 9. Tied: Parking Improvements / Dock: Kayak Launch ADA (16.1%)
 10. Softball / Baseball Fields (14.3%)

6. What are your top 3 concerns or challenges that currently exist at the park?

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7. Are there barriers that currently prevent you from using the park more often?

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No

no

No

Parking

Under bridge access

There's miles of trails in boundary county no need to go there

Lack of playground

No restrooms

Needs more rec options

We wish there was a playground or a way for littles to safely cool down in the summer heat	Restrooms
Rocks block the river from getting boats in and out.	The old launch is blocked
When I go most dogs are off their leash so I don't go as often as I would like to.	Bigger fishing area would be nice, playground would be great so there is another option to just the fairgrounds.
Mostly the difficulty turning left to get back onto 95	Parking when games are going on/Traffic flow
Lack of recreation (pickleball)	I avoid spending time there lately because many of the dogs are off leash.
Homeless people / if it had a play structure we would definitely come more.	Difficult winter trail walking
Road access	When it's too crowded
There are not many activities that draw me to the park	People being there
sometimes parking availability	There isnt much for my kids to play on

I forget that it is there and nothing specifically has drawn me there.	No, my family loves the park.
Hard to park during baseball games	The amount of people lol during sporting events
Would like longer walking trails	No real barriers. If there was a playground we might go more often.
To busy	Too many people keeps me away.
Would like playground equipment	No playground is huge, also not a safe area to play near the water.
Feels remote	People with their dogs off leash. It makes me really nervous when I have my kids there with me.
My laziness!	Dog poop
	Of leashed pets with no secure dog park area.
	No bathrooms

Loose dogs and owners who refuse to control them, no playground for the kids to be occupied while I walk	Not a lot of seating options
Dog waste and off leash dogs	Not enough picnic areas or pavilion
Lack of activities	There is no playground or does it need to play area for younger kids. It would be nice to have more fields.
parking is limited when there is an event going at the fields so its hard to just pop in for a walk on the trails.	In a way, my children get bored quickly with what's available currently.
The trail is very short for cross-country training.	No restrooms, inability to drive to the water area
There really is very little for young children to do at Riverside Park currently, I would love for there to be a splash pad / playground / something for YOUNG children.	No picnic area
Parking and restrooms	Time
When they do sports on weekends there is very limited parking and some peoples driving skills are not very good to be around young children,elderly or pets, posted-enforced speed limits	Limited picnic areas, limited parking areas and limited trail options
	Picnic areas

No pickleball courts.
Dog got attacked by another dog that frequents the park
That there's not many things for little kids to do.
other parks offer more for children
Not to much to do when bringing little kids down there
Just not a lot for the kids to do

8. What features do you feel are currently missing from the park?

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Playground
None
Playground
Fenced off leash dog park.
Improved water access
Play area for small kids, clean bathrooms and water fountains
More baseball/soccer fields
Playground, additional baseball/softball field
Play area for children

Restrooms	Pickleball courts, river access, connecting trails under the bridge
	Handicap accessible playground
	Playground ❤️
	Restroom/Playground
	Playground or things for our grandkids to play in while we walk the trail.
	Playground equipment for the kids
	Have tables with checker and chess boards printed on the table tops. Diversity in activities to attatract diverse likes and needs. Not just a ball park.
	Pickleball
	We need to upgrade the softball fields with true dugouts
Water access and jungle gym	
A playground and splash pad	
Boat launch for non motorized	
A dog Park so people can have dogs off leash without interrupting trail walkers/people enjoying other amenities. More sports related amenities would be nice such as pickle ball, basketball, and frisbee golf if there is enough room for it.	
Extended walking & biking trail along the river	
Nature stations - bird info, critter info, tracks with identification pictures, leaf identification	
Pickleball courts, seasonal water fountains, and protecting wildlife	
Nothing missing, but some of the proposed ideas seem to be reasonable additions	Additional Baseball fields/Parking
Taking mor advantage of the river frontage.	A fenced area for a dog park.
Pickleball and river opportunity pump track picnic areas	sports fields
Playground area	Bathrooms
More options for young children and teens	More baseball fields, maintaining restrooms
More trails. Water access	Walking along the dike
A boat launch for kayak/ drift boat	A playground
Parking and restrooms would be nice. The road becomes a hazard during baseball events with limited parking.	Playground, river access
Pickleball court	More baseball/softball fields

Restrooms, lighting, some playground stuff for my kid	
pickleball, sand volleyball...anything for groups to gather in fun!	Calisthenics park
more river access, longer walking trails, more restrooms - closer to fields, more and better parking	Accessibility to fishing for all
Playgroubd	A playground
Restroom with handwashing	At 72, I'm okay with the way it is. I think you would draw more families if you incorporate play structures, swings, etc. it's a great place for seniors to walk!
Pickleball	Nothing
Play area	A third baseball field
Bike pump track , playground	Lighting.
Playground for kids	A fun playground area for littles- bathrooms closer to ball fields
	An awesome playground.
Added restrooms	
Longer trail along river	
Playground, bleachers	A playground for the kids to use while Mom's walk the circle around them in the back field.
Parking	Playground and picnic tables
Dock/beach. Playground, picnic areas	Places to spread out beyond the fairgrounds park. Altogether gathering place for families/groups with a purpose (biking, playground, basketball)
Playground structure.	Anything to do other than walk and baseball
Dog park	a playground and another set of bathrooms at the opposite end of the park.
More baseball fields	Lights for the softball fields to play after sunset
Bathrooms	Dog park
	A park for my 4 small children. It would be nice to have another option besides the fair grounds for the kids to enjoy a park while I can get exercise by walking the loop while watching my kiddos
Fun for younger ones	Kids play areas
I'm actually satisfied with it now, but extra trails would be nice for my use	Splash pad for kids
Playgrounds for children	Playground ,
More outdoor sports, picnic areas, pavilion	Picnic areas, covered pavilion, more recreational opportunities for kids
Definitely a playground and play space for younger kids. It would be really nice to have that when you are there for ball games. It would also be wonderful to have river access for swimming and fishing. We are lacking river access in our community for swimming.	Enclosed dog park
Safety features surrounding water and a playground for children. Bring back the classics, merry go round and such. No boring playgrounds.	Picnic areas
Waterfront accesibility	Soccer goals, set up batting cage so it's usable (covered would be amazing), full size baseball field, scoreboards, dugouts
Nothing, leave it the way it is	Pickleball courts, river access, developed trail under the bridge.
	Additional softball/baseball fields

Playground would be nice

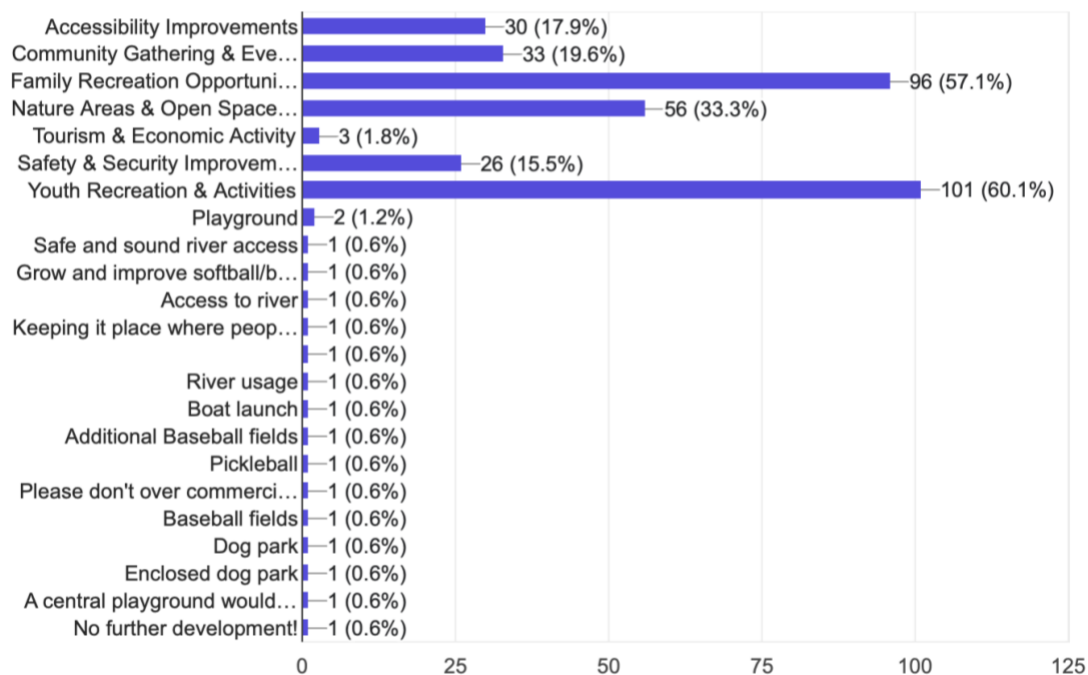
A playground! A play set and some swings. And pickle ball for my teen siblings.

play place for children

9. What should be the highest priority for future development?

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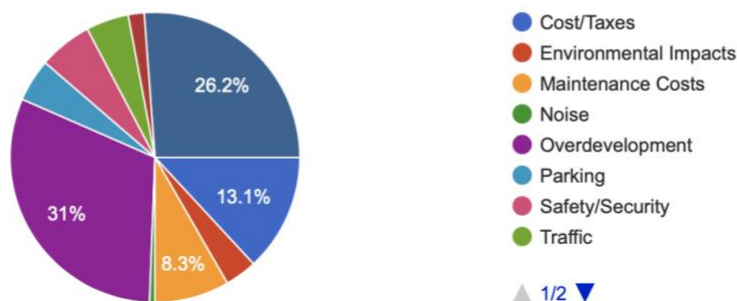
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10. What is your biggest concern regarding future park expansion?

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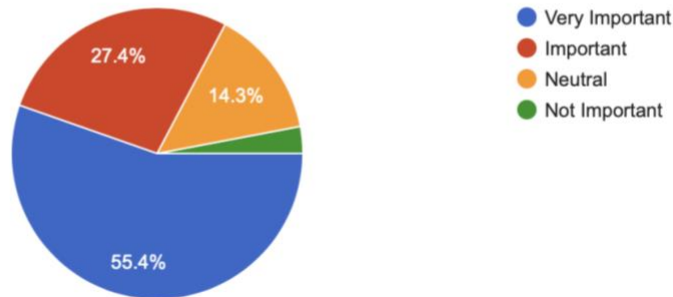
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- **Overdevelopment – 31%**
- **No Concerns – 26.2%**
- **Cost/Taxes – 13.1%**

11. How important is it to preserve the natural character and riverfront setting of Riverside Park?

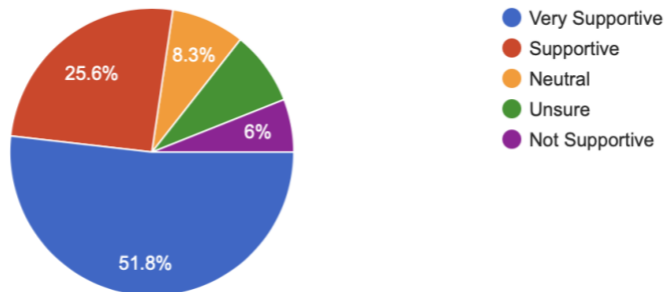
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- **82.8% were supportive or very supportive of preserving the natural character**

12. After reviewing the video proposed ideas and concepts, how supportive are you of the future vision for Riverside Park?

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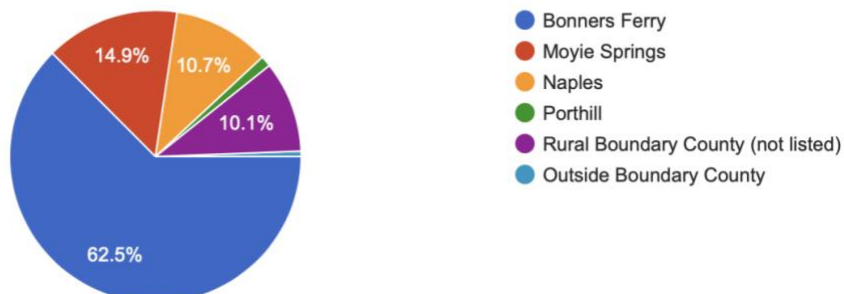


- **77.4% were supportive or very supportive of the proposed ideas.**

13. What community do you live in?

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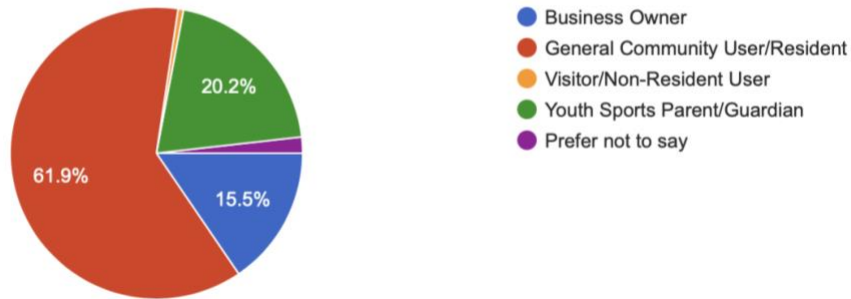
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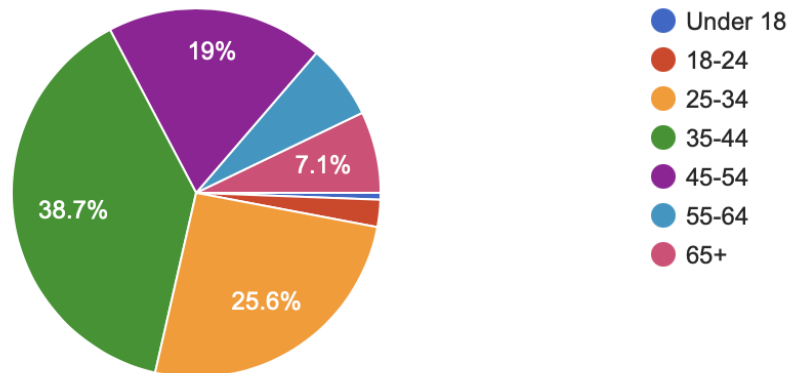
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15. What age group are you in?

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16. Do you have any additional comments, concerns, or suggestions? (Paragraph Response)

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A fenced dog park like in Ponderay would be great! Thank you all for the work you do. Very supportive of making Bonners Ferry a lovely place to live! Also, thank you for the ADA considerations - very thoughtful.

Please please please make a playground

Love to see more opportunities for people of all ages but especially little kids to enjoy time outside while preserving the natural open space

We don't need anymore trails

I like the waterfront improvements most. I'd like to see that developed better/more accessible. I like the bike park idea too- very family oriented.
Great job on the video and survey!

This is a great idea for the community!

Concerns about the lack of communication with park neighbors and the district 2 drainage district.

Our community needs more opportunities for the youth. Sports fields are very needed here

Fixing the current softball fields would be awesome. They are clay and sliding on them is a guaranteed injury.

My kids and I love this park. It's a great place to let my little guy get better skilled on his bike while I run with the stroller. We often stop at the fitness stations, however having a 2 and 4 year old, they are much too young to properly use the equipment.

A playground where they can explore and play would be nice.

Also a safe place to littles to cool off in the hot summer heat would be so beneficial to our community.

I am very excited to see this project succeed.

Boat ramp for non motorized

Preserving some of the tranquility of the park would be appreciated as the way it is now is very peaceful. Adding too much stuff would take away from the nature/scenic vibe of the park. If there are going to be additional amenities I would prefer sports (pickleball court being my number 1 requested), the splash pad, and more picnic table areas. A dog park would help with dogs being off leash bothering people while they are doing various activities.

Frisbee Golf. It would be cheap to install as well as take up less space than people think. So there would be space for other recreational activities. Basketball/pickleball courts, bike trails and other places are available to the area still and the course can be built around it. As a disc golf business I've been included in and built multiple courses. Please reach out to me to have help building/designing the course if that's an option. Disc golf is also famous for raising the funds in the community. I'd even pay for a large portion of it.
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Pickleball is a fad, there are some good ideas in the video but I think some of them pander too much to minority groups and wouldn't get used as much as you may think.

More baseball fields.

Great job on the video and getting the information out there for the community

More ideas include concessions, updated bathrooms, and teen focused opportunities

Concern about the timeline and priority of development.

Many of the recommendations would be better suited for the fairgrounds park where there is already adequate parking and new services are being built (bathrooms). Pickleball courts, basketball courts, and splashpad should all be improvements at the fairgrounds. Riverside park is better suited for additional baseball and softball fields. I support a playground, additional walking paths and better parking but feel the space will be underutilized if the open areas remain grass/multisport fields. This park has always been intended for softball and baseball fields and currently sees 500+users weekly from April through August during youth baseball and adult softball seasons. The road is named Ballpark road. It would benefit our community for many years to have enough softball and baseball fields there for all age groups to play on.

Don't change what is already nice as it is.

Would love to see a splash pad/playground developed. I am not in favor of Little League plans for new fields.

I think all the expansion ideas are actually wonderful, however, it's going to substantially change this park. Maybe that's the idea but I think this park is special just the way it is because it offers so much peace and calm that you can't get anywhere else.

Owner of Adventure Ridge here, would love to partner somehow in helping the nature themed playground and walking path info for kids come to life! 541-633-0386

We would like to see increased opportunities for public enjoyment of the park area while still maintaining the park's natural beauty.
Overdevelopment is a concern in this limited space.

A playground that is also handicap accessible is so important. There are far more handicap children than we realize in our county and this would be huge to feel included. Currently our other park is not accessible and that's hard for children like my son and some of his handicap friends (preschool/kindergarten age).

Thank you!

I love that there are big open spaces to play in. I enjoy how quiet & peaceful it is. I worry some of the proposed changes would ruin those two things.

Pickle ball is a trend and will fade, don't waste space for it. Just improve the tennis courts we have, no need to build new ones. Amphitheater will not get used.

Our youth need more baseball fields. They will use them for many years to come and they require little cost/maintenance. The bike park looks boring and disappointing. Not to mention there are plenty of opportunities and places to ride bikes in the county. We don't need to ruin and take up space down there with parking lots. The fitness centers are a joke. Please don't build more. Pickleball will phase out and the court will be costly with maintenance. Put all these unnecessary attractions down at the fairgrounds.

Love all of these proposed ideas! Multi use fields are very much needed in our community!

Dogs are my biggest concern. A GIANT dog came running out of nowhere, off leash, with the owner out of sight and knocked my little one to the ground. It took the owner almost 2 minutes to reach us and control their dog. My little one screams at the sight of dogs now. A little enforcement on off leash dogs would be nice.

I would love a safe place for my kiddos to play while I walk the circle loop around them.

I really love the plans! Its a beautiful and peaceful park right now, but it can be so crazy when an event happens that it deters me from stopping by because of no parking and just a lot of people there. However, we are also a special needs family so i really like the idea of more ADA compliant things including a playground and flat and wide walking paths are a huge hit for us. We love it!

The softball fields need major maintenance including outfield fencing and regular mowing

N/a

I just hope we keep it tasteful and don't try to build Spokane park in Bonners ferry

When I think of a playground that is actually beautiful and enjoyable, even as an adult, I think of the fort Sherman park in CDA.

I think priority #1 is waterfront access. It's a wonderful resource that has great potential. I really like the idea of the bike park, and the pickleball court. But the whole plan sounds great and kudos to whoever put the video and surveys together! It makes me 9B proud.

Keep it simple, a third baseball/softball field, expanded parking, and walking/ jogging trails.

I love the overall vision. My general concerns are centered around added maintenance cost to P&R, a department that already seems to struggle with maintaining existing infrastructure (ball fields often have to be prepped by teams/leagues that are playing on them, existing tennis courts are falling apart and recent maintenance performed by clubs rather than P&R, bathrooms are having to be built by volunteers after several years of being unable to afford them internally... etc.)

My 2nd ask would be that if pickle ball courts are built that a small amount of extra money is spent to just make them a dual purpose court for tennis and pickle ball (many other facilities are doing this same thing to save cost of building separate courts). Our existing courts are in TERRIBLE condition. I play on them multiple times per week and am rarely there when others are not trying to use them as well. My family and several others have started commuting to Sandpoint at times just to play on courts that are in better condition.

Awesome playground!!

I would like to keep the park wild but see a need for upgrades such as parking also extending the trail system would be great. Improvement of the baseball fields fences and dug outs.

The only concern I have is the lack of responsibility of pet owners. Picking up their dog waste. I am not sure how to combat this issue, public education- but the county does have ways to dispose of the waste readily available.

I would like to see the natural open concept remain- while adding a playground and bike track for younger kids. I think it would be great to connect the trail system to the bridge as well.

Thank you for your hard work!

Some additions sound like a great use of the space. But be careful of over developing and taking away it's unique character. 1 new bigger baseball field would be useful to the community.

Please don't overdevelop!

It's a lovely park. I think families would use it more if there were things for kids to do- and adults too. I'm old, I meet up with friends and stroll one around the block.

We love the park how it is. We don't want to make it different, we just feel it will bring a different dynamic and financial burden to our town.

none

Please don't take out the cottonwood trees! Replacing them with a parking lot would be crazy and terrible and sinful. Find a way to keep them. There's nothing so big and old and beautiful. You cannot replace that.

Shady family friendly areas would be great! A park that is safe (please have a mom on the play equipment committee) and lots of shade with water fountains and close bathrooms would be great!! A paved walking area for strollers, bikes, scooters would be wonderful, especially during mud season.

Hate to see this become something that is too busy for people to enjoy... simple is better. Would like to have a baseball/softball complex for the kids in the community.

Focus on families and kids, not boomers

I love the vision, and support all you do to provide healthy recreational options for our community. For people with dogs, this is a popular area, so keeping that dog friendly - but also making more opportunities for all ages is great. Please improve the parking and add more. Thank you.

More Pickleball please.

I look forward to seeing the riverside park grow. I think have a safe place for people to get in and out of the river with non motorized boats would be great. But I also think a safety on the river station should be included. More people need to understand our river and how to navigate it safely. Provideing knowledge about the dangers.

I also love the idea of providing more opportunities for our youth to have something to do in our town. But that comes with the concern of vandalism.

This can be a great space for families

Walking trails are great but no desire for more. Youth activities are needed

No

We are blessed to have this property for community use. As a lifelong BF native and 4th generation Boundary county family, I feel we should take this development seriously and consider the majority of the main users of the Park. The answer is: The Baseball community, Walkers of dogs, and general community socialization. All Stakeholders should be considered for future development.

The only playground in the community currently is not suitable for little kids safety wise and would benefit the community

More waterfront paths would be nice like other towns have. A playground or structure for kids to play on while visiting the park.

Make this park for everyone to enjoy. If you can bring in multiple sports, activities it will be for all to enjoy not just ball parks users. Seniors like to sit on benches and enjoy the scenery and socialize. Maybe have tables with checker and chess boards. It gets them out of the house and engaged

I like the idea of improving the park, but I would hate to see development ruin what makes the park nice to visit. It's quiet, rural and still kinda raw, still has a lot of natural features. It still feels like a small town place

Nope:)

Love the vision, just concerned with limited funding

Please don't pursue the river access/boat ramp... it will take away from it's beauty and peacefulness of that park. There are multiple docks/access available on the way to the refuge.
Please don't pursue the pump track either at this location. Perhaps this is better located at the fairgrounds.