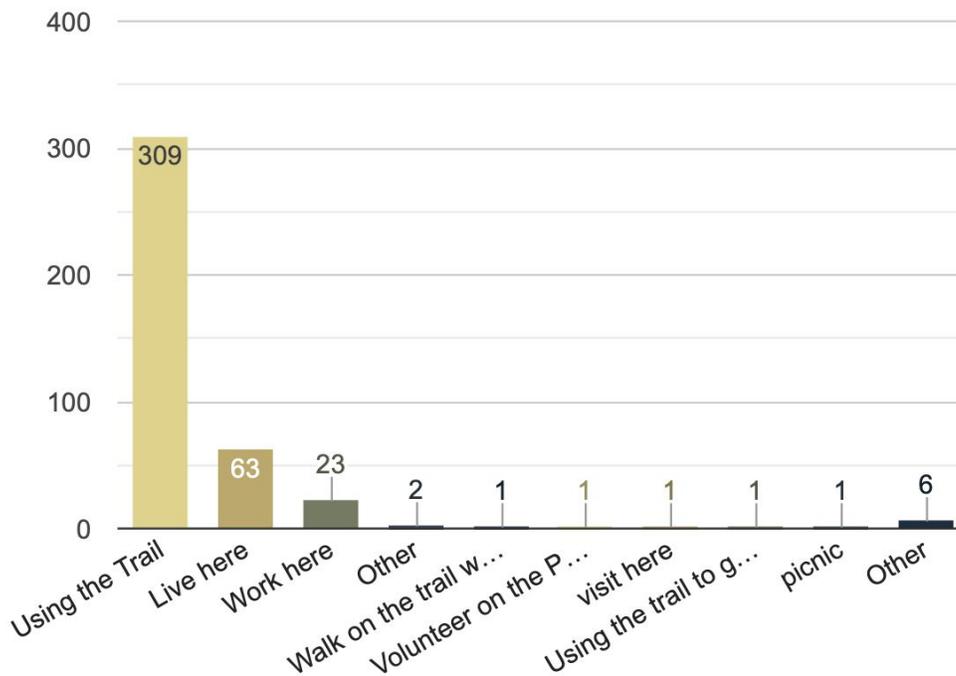


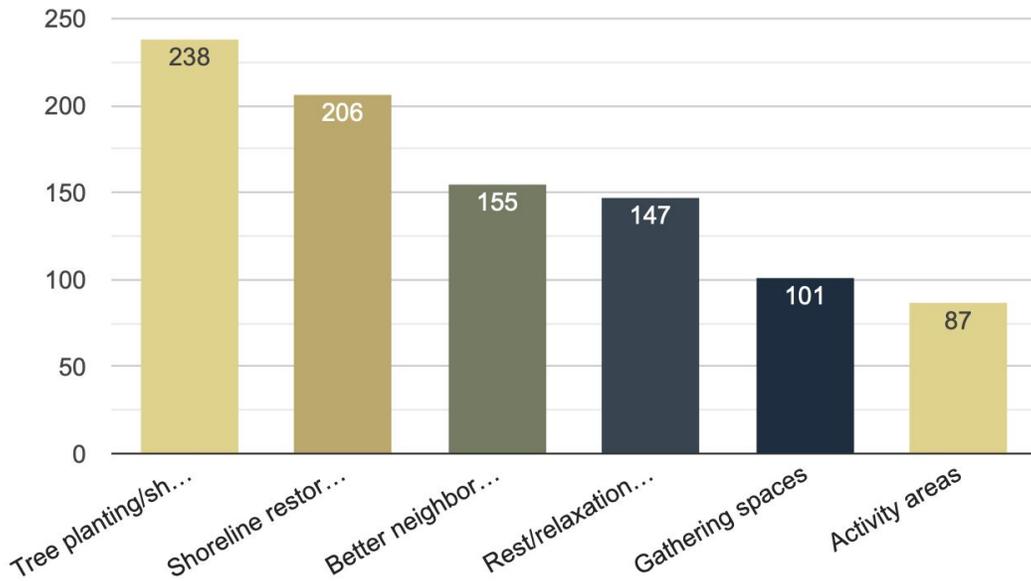
Rainey Street Trailhead Community Engagement #1- English Survey

Final Results - 10/14/19

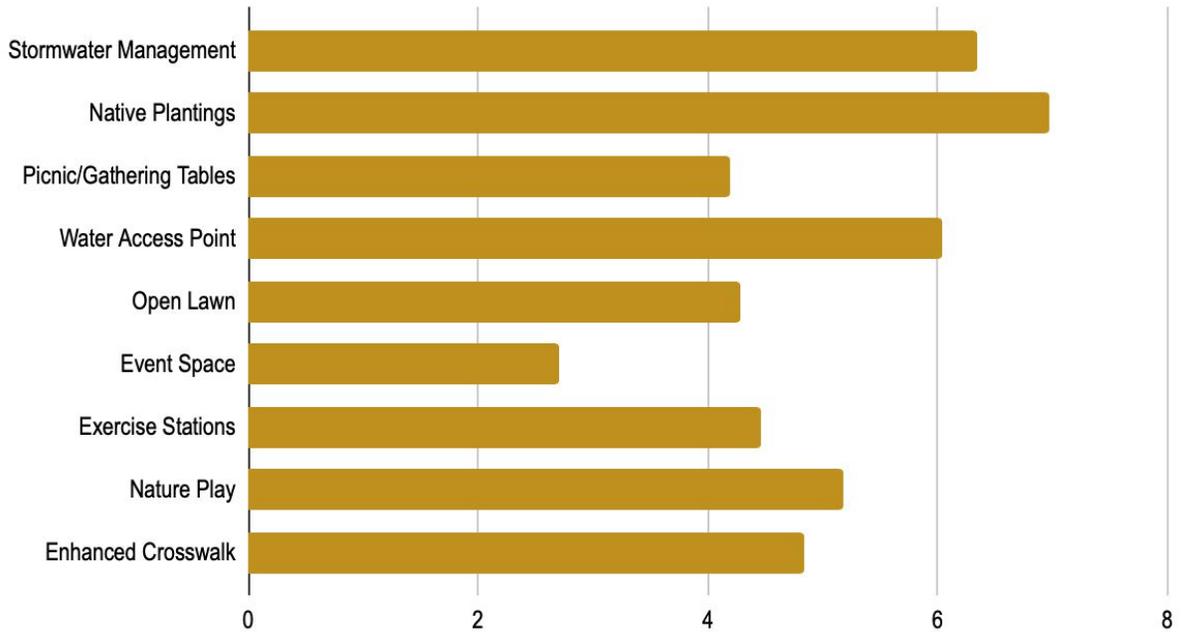
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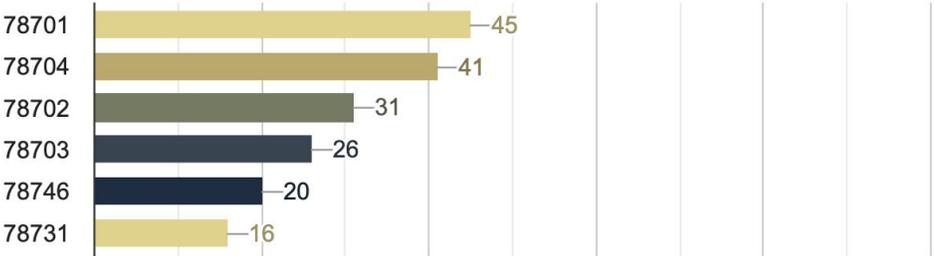
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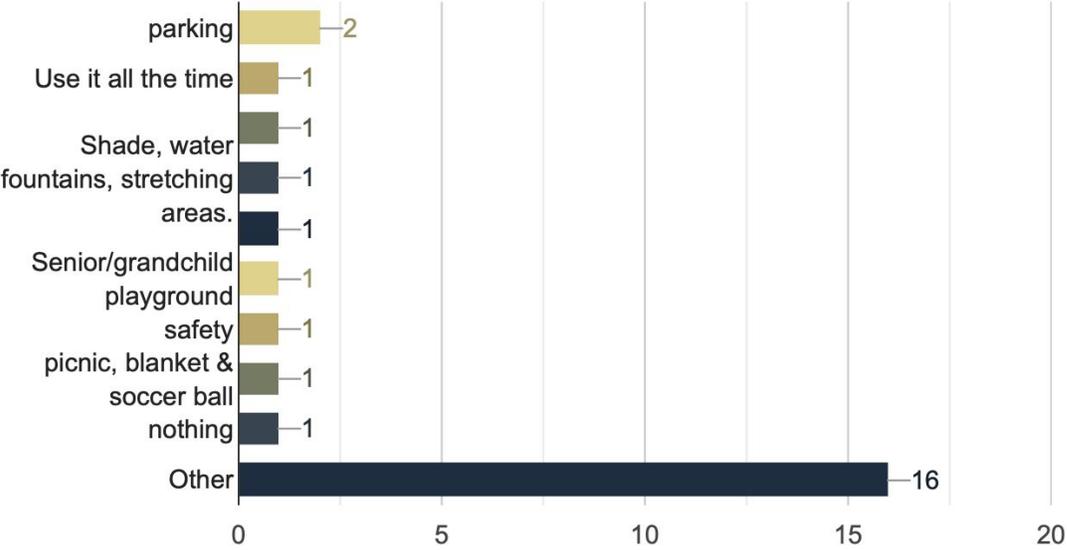
Rank these elements for the park in their importance to achieve the project goal.



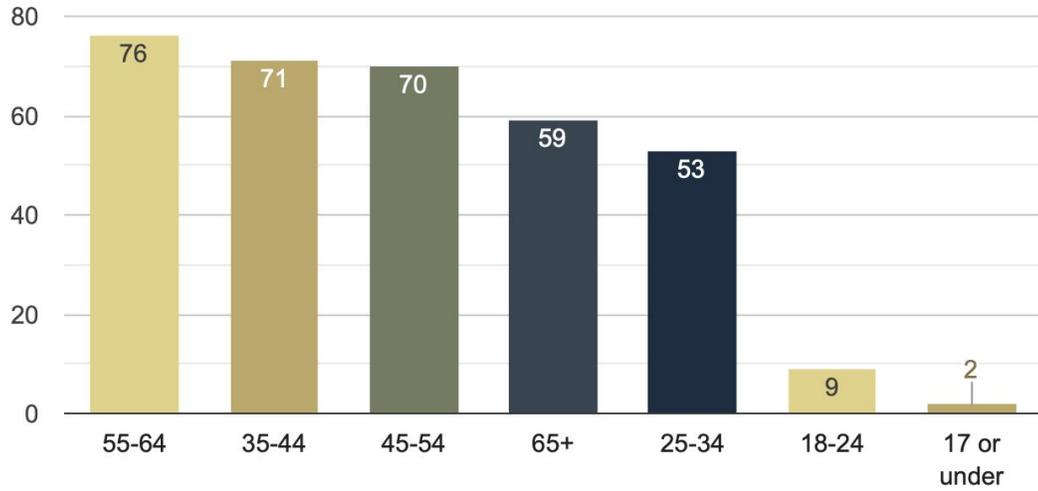
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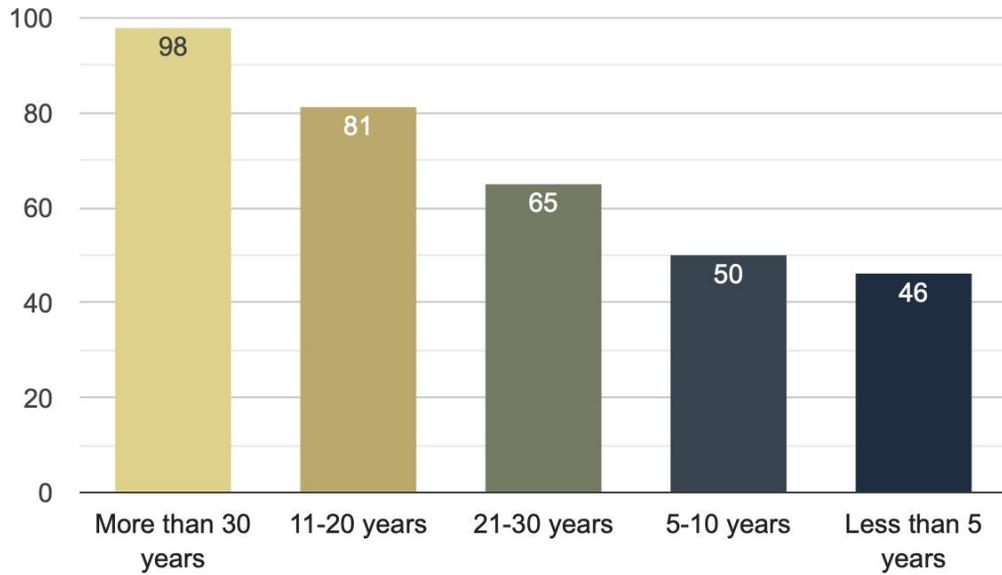
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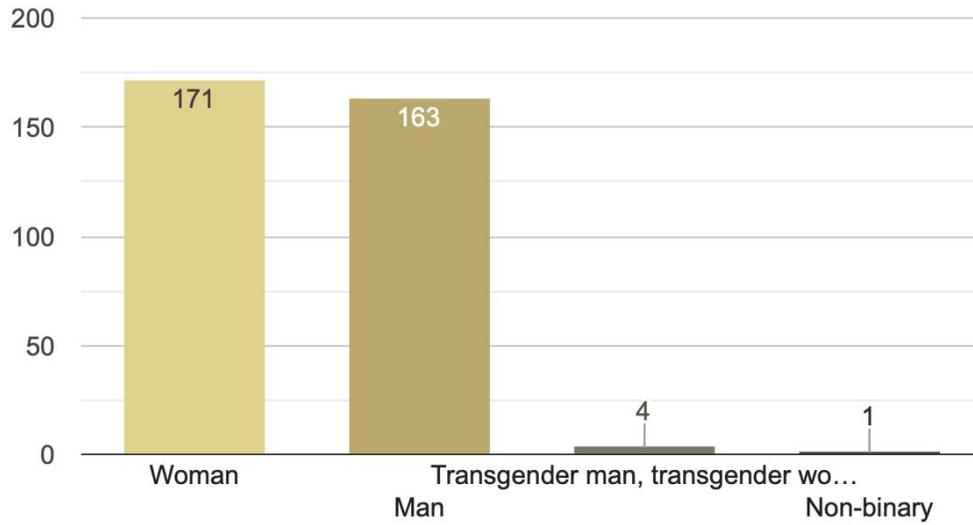
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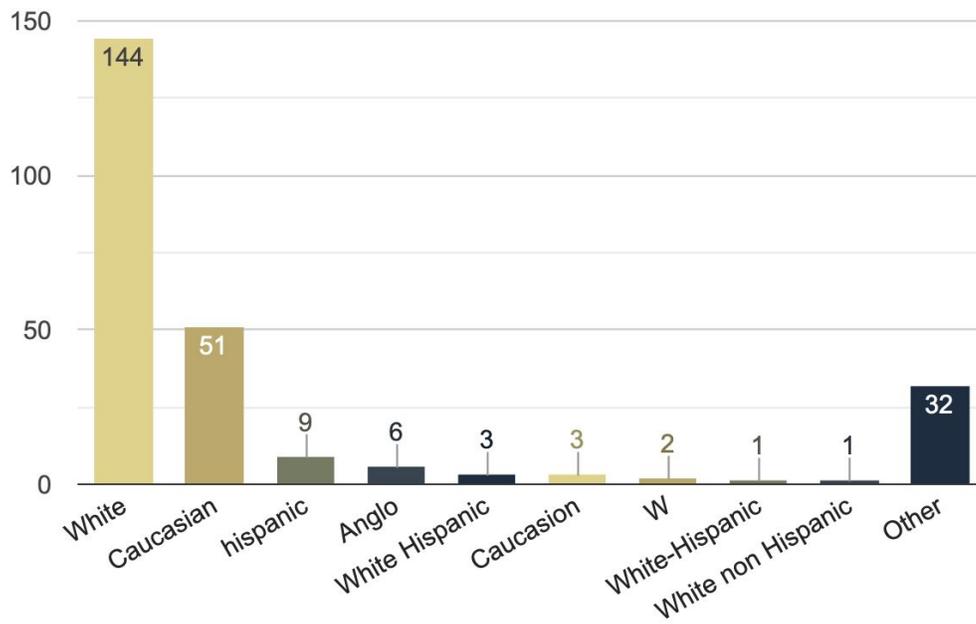
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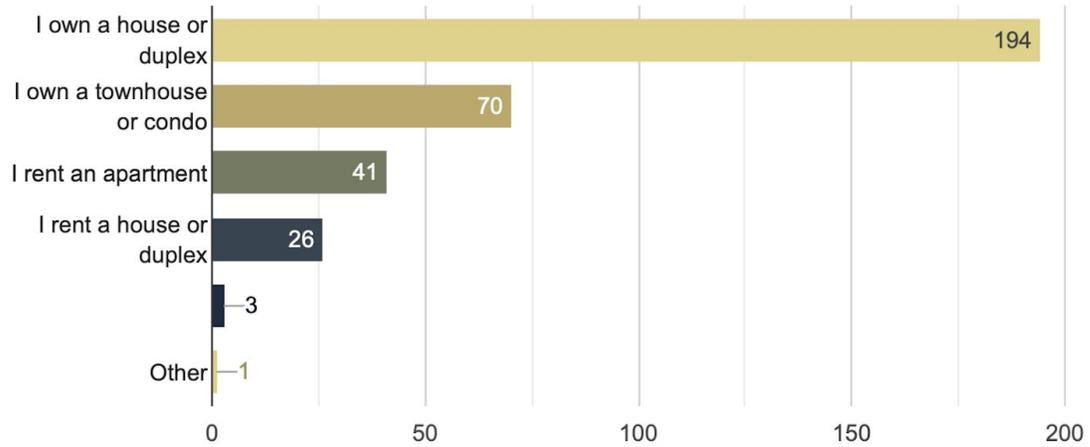
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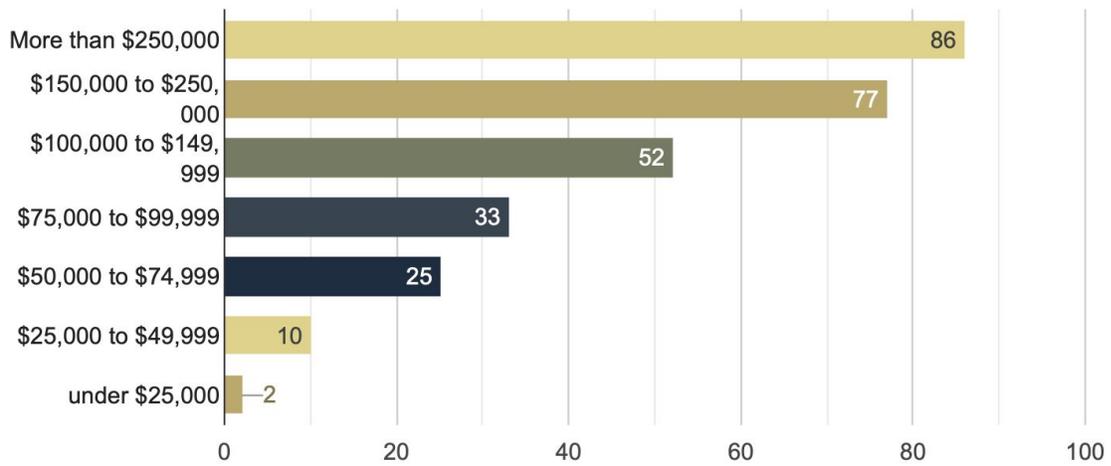
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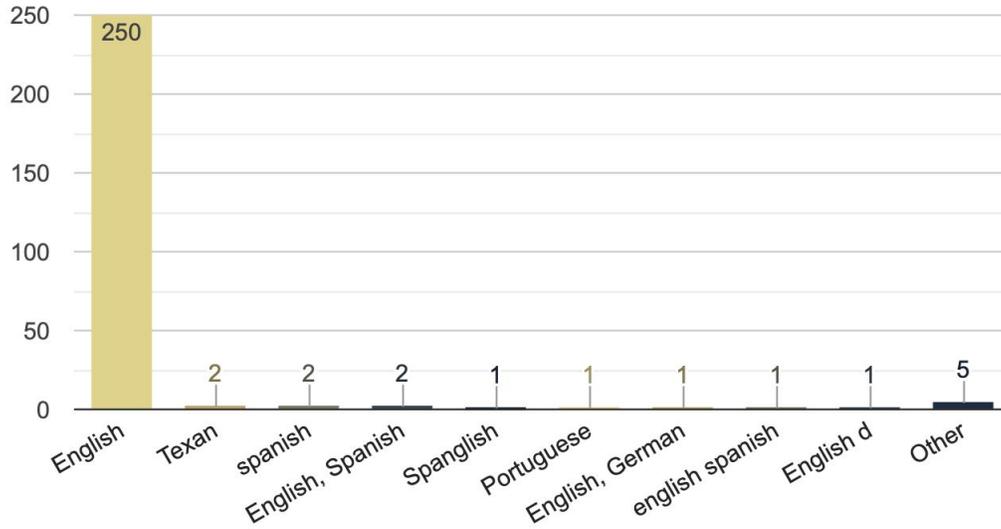
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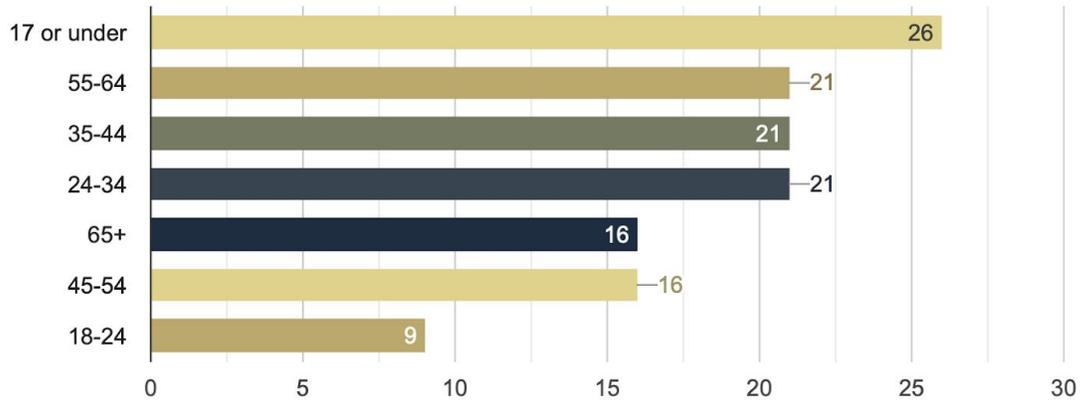
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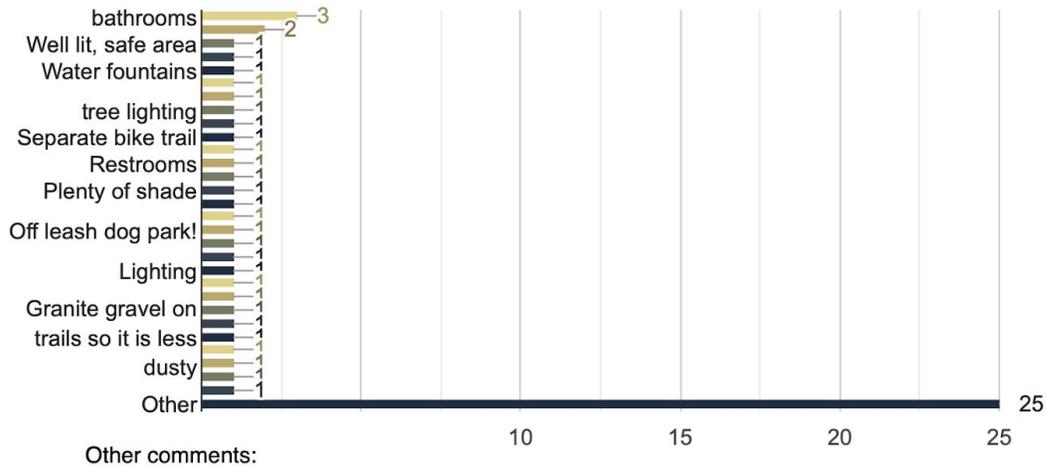
Language spoken at home



Not including yourself, what other ages live in your household?



Add any elements not listed above that support the project goal. Rank in order of preference; List the most important as number 1.



Board - What Do You Want to See Here?		
	Number of Dots per Image	
	1st	
Stormwater Management	6	
Native Plantings	19	
Picnic/gathering Tables	7	
Water Access Point	20	
Open Lawn	9	
Event Space	2	
Exercise Stations	10	
Nature Play	20	
Enhanced Crowswalk	3	
Additional Trail Connections	6	
TOTAL	102	

COMMENTS:	
Awesome Playground	2 dots added
Adult Splashpad	1 dot added; +1 (comment)
No perm fixtures; keep it natural; bring in events, then out.	
Not slick or urban	Yes (comment); Wild (Comment)
More lighting on trails	
Connectivity to properties across Cummings	
Lighting	
Small boat launch for paddleboards	
Dog splash pad	
Docks on water	
Leashless dog park	
Lights on trail	yes (comment)
Shade trees to screen buildings	
Police kiosk	
Senior play area	
Dog park	

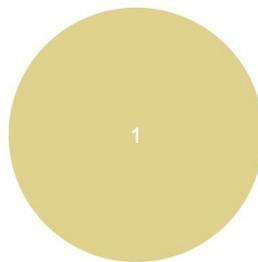
Board - How Would You Make this Park Better?			
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	1st		
Gathering Spaces	6	Add'l dot says "No - formal tables"	
Shoreline Restoration	24		
Activity Areas	15		
Rest/Relaxation Areas	4		
Tree Planting/Shade	27		
Better neighborhood & trail connections	10		

COMMENTS:	
Like the open space - No add'l trees	
Make pet friendly	1 dot added
Dog park	
Access to the shoreline/docks	
Public art	
Swings	
Dog agility Area	2 dots added
Bring birds and animals	
Please don't add parking. It is already way too crowded.	
All above.	

Board - How Would You Design the Park?	
COMMENTS:	
Turn Rainey into a pedestrian only street. Foot access to this park.	
More plants and shade.	

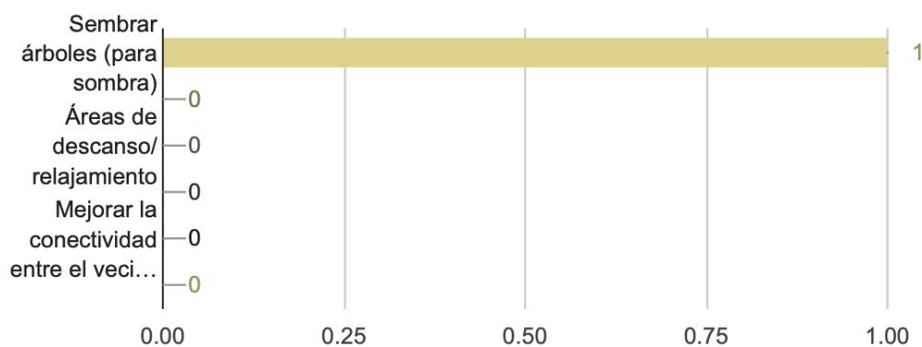
Comentarios Públicos no. 1 acerca de Rainey Street Trailhead

¿Cómo utiliza usted este parque?



● Vivo aquí

¿Cómo mejoraría este parque? Por favor seleccione todos los que apliquen.

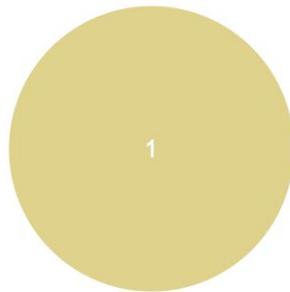


Ranking question results included in English survey chart

Agregue cualquier elemento que no haya sido mencionado en el listado anterior y que ayudaría a lograr el objetivo del proyecto. Clasifique estos elementos en orden de preferencia (1 siendo lo más importante):

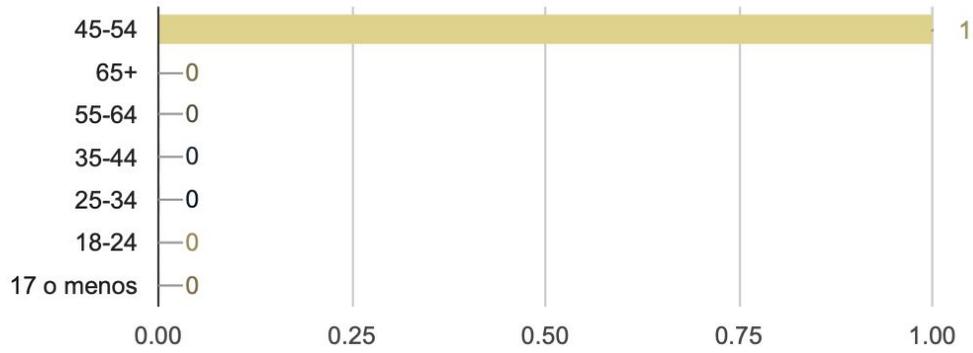
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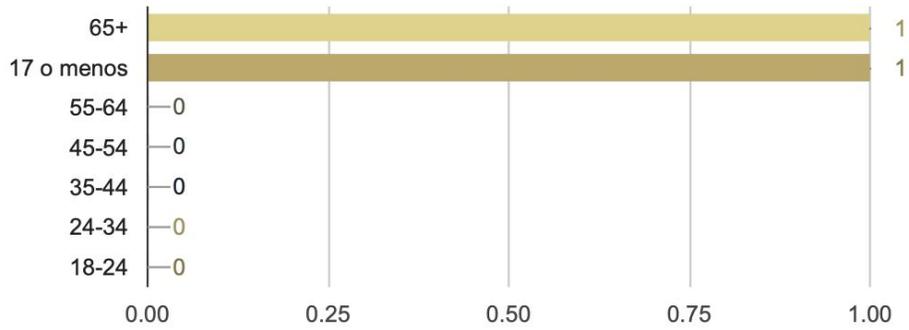


● Más de 30 años

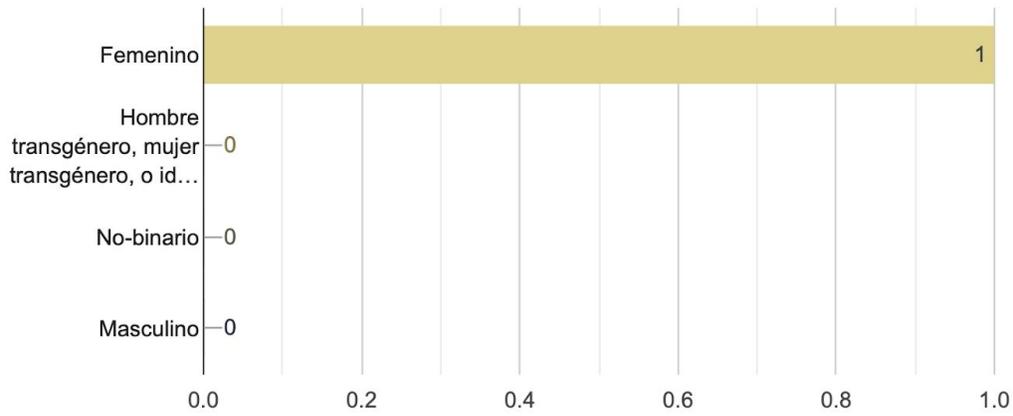
¿Cuál es su rango de edad?



Sin incluirse usted, ¿personas de qué edades viven en su hogar?



¿Cuál es su género?



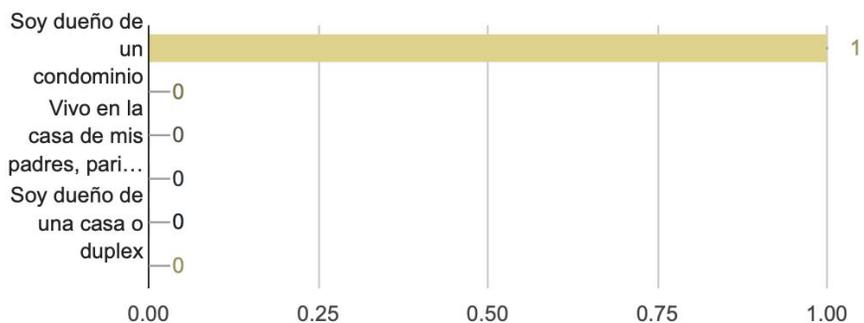
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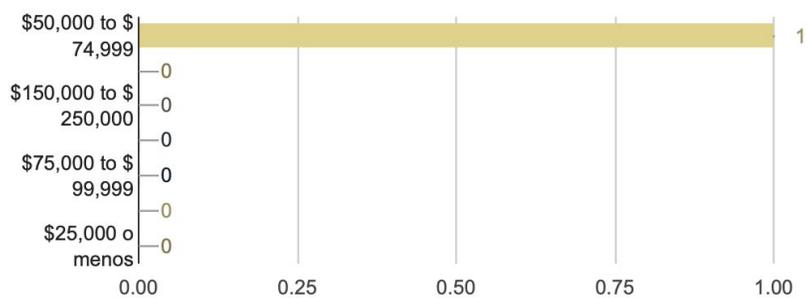
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Por favor describa dónde vive actualmente



¿Cuál es su ingreso familiar aproximado?



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Otros comentarios:

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If you don't use the Trail here, what would bring you to it?

communnity activity

Sponsored Garden beds by local communities; who maintain the beds.

Children's playscape

launching kayaks

Better maintained trash cans, trees trimmed and grass edges groomed away from trail

art or music events along the river

Homeless not camping out

Accessible for run, walk, stroller, bike and being safe

Easy accessibility

....added lighting on the Trail is a Must !

Shade, water fountains, stretching areas.

longer run

It's a regular part of my trail use loop

parking

More light/safety features in evenings & early mornings

Parking

nothing

Never enter trail here, but experience it when running I-35 loop.

i would run on it

Senior/grandchild playground

safety

Access points.

Use it all the time

shade

picnic, blanket & soccer ball

No homeless people!

Add any elements not listed above that support the project goal. Rank in order of preference; List the most important as number 1.

Children play areas (4)

improving connectivity across/below IH35

Accessibility

better trail security and maintenance

Undisturbed areas for biodiversity

1. Safety 2. Homeless population bathing in drinking fountains

Off leash dog park!

Water fountains often don't work in trail after rain. Would be nice to see this improved

Granite gravel on trails so it is less dusty

Children's playground

#6 - dog park

Playground

Bus stop for better transportation options.

Covered picnic areas

To see the bats under Congress St. bridge

1/4 mile markers

Homeless are using current shower located at the Rainey side of the trail - also living in the trail shoreline and grass areas

Perceived disconnection from urban space

1. Connection to MACC / focus on MACC collaboration

Doggie Park

Preserve the ecosystem and nature while accommodating to our recreational needs

Don't block the running trail.

Running trail #1

Improved bicycle facilities on east ave and cummings st, traffic calming on frontage road.

A dock into the lake for views and fishing

Bicycle parking racks / stations.
children's playground

1. Shade

Intermittent shade trees with picnic tables.

Trail lighting

Bathroom?

2a: River dockage with cletes to tie up canoes, kayaks and paddleboards to serve as a restful stop/destination for the increasing numbers of people using the river

Well lit, safe area

Plenty of shade

Water fountains

5, 1, 8, 9

Lighting

Doggie poop containers/bags

bike access, free parking

Trail lighting

Separate bike trail

Restrooms

Unimpeded trail for runners/walkers/cyclists

bathrooms

bike repair station, food forest

decorative fountain

bike parking to make access to Rainey easy

1.retail/food interaction along trail with patios 2.more docks at water edge like east of 35

tree lighting

Bathrooms

Bathrooms

Clear Shoreline undergrowth

Lights in the dark, non-obstructed views in key places

1. Scooter exclusion

Nature play, stormwater management, shoreline restoration with native plantings, and water access are the most critical needs. Nature play doesn't change the current state that's calming to feel you're not in the urban core. The development is encouraging the area to change for their sales, but the holistically nature of the trail and this area still needs to be kept within it's natural state. The boards did not depict needs or wants, rather than designs from around the city and other cities. They were thrown together quickly that showcased more concerns to help the developers, rather than the naturalistic feel that keeps people coming to the trail and space on a regular basis. Simply the area could have been thought out or better precedent imagery to depict less infrastructure ideas. The area can be designed without pre-fab picnic tables for example or permanent art structures and could investigate more temporary art for example. The nature play is a great example, but overall, the precedent imagery could have been better thought-out. Kudos to the Trail Foundation on the other hand for providing great engagement, listening and providing above and beyond snacks during the event.

1. SECURITY!

anything dog friendly (#1 priority)

Other comments:

Please don't remove the public bathroom and shower

This area suffers from having a suburban style road (East Avenue) running alongside the trail, killing the natural setting and limiting potential. Also, the nearby IH35 underpass is dangerous. Improvements to the crosswalks to the neighborhood just east of IH35 are needed, as well as clear trail boundaries as it passes below IH35 - right now the trail dumps into a parking lot/water access point.

Shoreline Restoration ... Maintenance!

Please provide regular maintenance to the shoreline (inside the trail) area.

It is grossly overgrown and unsightly!!

The only problem in all of Austin area!

There can easily be an appropriate area of low growing vegetation to help with watershed issues... while allowing for an ongoing view of the beautiful water. Better mowing for safety and an improved look of the trail area needs attention as well.

This need seems more important than most of the expensive small projects that are being undertaken now.

A source of maintenance money for year round work to keep the trail (shoreline) healthy and beautiful... must be found!!!

Thank you!

It is a huge embarrassment right now.

Don't put a restroom because the bar folks will destroy it.

picnic/gathering tables and benches are normally always occupied by the homeless hence please don't add more.

This is a relatively small area with a pinch point where Rainey almost meet the lake. A few picnic table and some shade trees is all it will support. exercise areas, water accessibility for event space would greatly overcrowd it.

Meanwhile, at the end of the trail, joggers and bikers have to turn sideways to cross the pleasant valley bridge--this needs to be a priority!

I think the Trail Foundation should prioritize keeping the ship hull restrooms in working order and have additional functioning restrooms available.

I use the trail from Austin High School to Pfluger Bridge or the 10 mile loop for bicycling.

I'm woman who has been running here for 35 years and feel that suddenly the benches are now claimed by homeless rather than trail users. I was accosted at 7 a.m. by a naked homeless man on the trail near Congress Ave two weeks ago. Safety for women and children is now my top concern. I have previously donated to the trail foundation but do not want my money going to things that will be occupied by homeless (and/or criminals) rather than families, women, children, trail users. The city council is giving this area away and making it unsafe.

The trail needs to be more child and family friendly. There needs to be a playscape with very simple swings and slides.

I ride / commute by this park every day and see frequent users with their pets enjoying the open space; and sometimes, but less frequently, users enjoying the park for a picnic or just to be outside; I also use the trail for recreation and pass by this section occasionally during the weekend; I appreciate the current restroom facility and water stop during the hot weather; the existing tree canopy is quite nice, but additional shade is always welcome; given the location in Rainey and residential draw, a small dog park would be a good addition, but could be a victim of it's own success; given the amount of construction occurring in this area, saving a majestic tree from an adjacent future project site and transplanting it to the park, along with improvements around the tree, would be a great addition, and pending tree size, could be a draw for users to that location; with the current restroom I think park connectivity is sufficient anchored at the NW end, but there are several non-official paths that have been rutted in as you move south / east, and providing intermittent cut through paths to get to the trail would be beneficial; finally, again with the draw from the adjacent residential units, a nature play space would also be a great addition

There use to be a playground in this park... it really needs one again as there are lots of families in close proximity. I'd like good space to play with kids, easy ways to get to other downtown spaces, like a zilker zephyr to the downtown library and a dedicated space for dogs so that we can all happily coexist with or without dogs and their dog poop. Thank you!

Playground for kids, play area for dogs

Must have covered picnic areas with enough garbage cans.

Would be nice to have some shaded tables etc close to the water front. There are many older people who really need it as well. Shade.

Austin would not be the same without the trail.

Add signs advising users of trail courtesy. keep right...no 4 abreast...short dog leash...etc

clean bathrooms that are maintained

Need better police presence and curfew enforcement. Also the eBikes and scooters are out of control as they are constantly being used in the trail and left in the trail - even thrown into the water!!! Trash cans around the trail are always full and smelly. Graffiti takes over most concrete and structure elements. Overall the trail is unkept, unclean, lawless. Needs to be improved.

It would be nice to have a visual barrier between the trail/park and the streets.

I think the main draw of this part of Austin is the access to the nature and historic culture endemic to this area! If we build over the nature and culture, and try to avoid the traditional buildings in the area, we put our vision of new Rainey at odds with the beautiful history there. We won't be able to tap into the appeal of the area's history, and we'll have uninitiated tourists choking out the MACC's visitors (an already underserved and choked-away community!).

We need a dog park adjacent to the MACC. Everyday dozens of dogs without leash are wandering onto the ESB-MACC grounds. This is a safety issue. Lets get a fenced doggie park going on asap.

Excercise and play areas for families!!! We use to visit and play on the playscape and we were so sad when it was gone. Now there is no reason for my family to go down to that part of the trail. My parents live at the Milago and we would visit more often to play outside if there were exploration, play or exercise stations!!

Butler trail is a unique resource and should not be compromised by too many facilities and activities. It should not be commercialized and obstructed like the Waller Creek trail has been. It's a hike and bike trail, not the San Antonio Riverwalk

Love the trail and would like to see it take precedence over everything else. My biggest issues are the width of the trail and the condition of the trail after rain. Please keep those in mind.

There was a children's playscape in this park. It was taken down and never replaced

Everything must be done to preserve the natural environment and to avoid making this area just another carnival site on the lake. Check how Chicago has managed to preserve and to develop its lakefront in the past three decades. That should be a working model for the City of Austin!

Due to homeless camping along Trail, lighting & emergency call boxes are critical!

There urgently needs to be a walkway, path, etc. over the lake that connects this area to the south side of the lake. As is the trail lacks a critical crossing of the lake at this end.

More frequent trimming of plants on trail to reduce overhang and improve/maintain width of trail.

Water fountains; gathering and stretching areas, seating or picnic areas, splash pads or water features,

Sometimes less is more. This is a relatively small land parcel in the middle of a fairly congested area now with all the new residential towers and more on the way. Limited parking, plus many neighbors with balconies and open windows do not make this an ideal location for event-based activities and as a vehicle destination. Those public needs are already well served just across the freeway at Fiesta Gardens. Having this be a restful place in beautiful gardens targeting primarily Rainey neighborhood residents, trail and river users, would seem like a real value-add...maybe a Zilker / Botanical / Japanese Garden inspired space at rivers' edge.

I love the Hike and Bike Trail.

Thanks

i wish you guys good luck!!!

Unfortunately, picnic tables will attract homeless people and contribute to a sense the area is not safe for children. This is already the case at Festival Beach. Open lawn and additional shade trees will provide places for families to picnic by spreading a blanket. Thank you.

I'd like maintenance to be a part of the plan - several Trail Foundation projects, once completed, have fallen into disrepair very quickly.

Is there a way to enhance security in this area? With the growing number of attacks on women on the trail (and being a woman myself) it would be nice to see maybe those emergency blue lights they have on college campuses? Where you push the button and it automatically alerts 911? Not sure how feasible this or other safety measures are but thought I'd throw it out there.

I love and use heavily the bike trails and hiking trails

better quality sidewalk and mile trackers

I would like to see this access area be as well-maintained and trail-centric as the area underneath MoPac on the Austin High side. I am concerned, however, that given the current issues with people camping and living on the streets/in parks/etc that it would perhaps not be utilized as a place to access the trail, but rather as a place for drug use, etc.

For exercise stations - no equipment necessary but a padded clean service similar to a track or even astroturf to use for exercise (push ups, sit ups etc..)

It's fine in its present state. Man made changes are not always an improvement.

trees need pruning

Fix the wasteland that is the underside of I35 which is right next to this....

Please fix the bathrooms that have been closed forever

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The shoreline is overgrown with "Restoration" plants (some are non-native) and it looks terrible, attracts rodents, encourages invasive species and generally serves little positive purpose; as the lake is constant level, there is little need for erosion control. Additionally the beautiful views and the cooling breeze achieved through the removal of these destructive habitat areas, far exceeds the present value of the habitat erosion control plan in place.

It would be nice to have better trail lights. I don't want more light pollution but keeping the space pitch black doesn't keep people away and makes it unsafe.

I would like more educational information about reinforcing the public about needing everyone to join the efforts to deal with climate change to clean water, plant trees.

The nature thriving plants, fish, bats, reptiles, animals.

Please retain the scooter ban on the trail and POLICE it. Place limits on the number of scooters that may be placed in the Cummings/Rainey area directly by the trailhead.

Dog area -No loose dogs in front of MACC. Folks disrespectfully use the MACC to let dog roam and poop. It is disrespectful that a cultural center has to deal with dog owners that could care less about folks that were there before they were. I personally pick up after dogs every time I walk through that section.

It is already way too crowded in the entire Rainey district, Please DO NOT make it any worse. Parking and traffic is a complete disaster and already approved add'l building will make it virtually un-liveable. The Trail Foundation is a great organization but let's not mess up the only decent sized green space for the dense area.

As ecologically friendly as possible and nothing less

That area is unsafe! A friend came to town and got smacked on the back of his head by a homeless person (stayed at Holiday Inn and was enjoying the lake front and trails).

Gathering space would be nice but I am worried that it would become overrun with homeless and if that were the case, the other homeowners and renters in the neighborhood would not benefit.

The recent renovation near the existing restroom removed the tree that was helping to provide shade for the restroom and water fountains. The water and restroom get very hot during the summer.

Don't provide anything that the parks department won't/can't maintain and repair. Too many things elsewhere along the trail lose functionality a short time after completion.