

# Report for Visioning a New Park on Lower Paul Avenue

## Response Counts



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Totals: 144

1. What do you hope this park will add to the Riverside community? (see location on map above)



ResponseID	Response
6	More visible hiking access, way finding. Also hang out spots, maybe flat areas of grass for playing fields. And ideally a basketball court. I know building in flood plains blah blah but the kids of the neighborhood spend ALL LAST SUMMER playing basketball on the old foundations of the houses. Technically if you document the existing impervious surface you can continue to have the same amount of impervious surface after development under MRPA
8	I hope this park will add a safe environment for our kids to play.
9	A community focal point to organize and bring the riverside community together
10	Walkable trails that can connect the neighborhoods, River access would be amazing
11	I hope this will add a safe place to see friends and family, bring my kids to play, and enjoy a local and clean access to the river for all to enjoy.
12	Riverfront, nature trail access for families
13	First off additional green space is amazing, thank you. But I think with this neighborhood adding a lot of new families (kids) a place for kids to come play would be crucial. The new Westside park with tons of trails & green space only has a tiny playground for kids. A few benches, covered area, and a playground would be ideal for a growing neighborhood and it's youth.

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14 I hope this park will be a space that can be valuable to all ages and abilities. Fun for kids, relaxing for grown ups.

15 A safe place for our children to commune and have fun.

17 A play for the kids to gather that is safe.

18 Another park in walking or riding distance from our home

19 A nice park within walking distance so people don't need to drive out to other parks. And just a new way of experiencing the Chattahoochee because there aren't a lot of opportunities to do that in Atlanta South of Palisades.

20 More areas for the community to gather.

21 A skatepark (with a mini ramp for the older skaters like me) and easy access to some new fishing spots along the river.

22 Space to gather, take dogs to run, a playground for kids

23 Gathering space for friends and families

26 Access to river and added connection to nature with trails

27 A place for exercise, outdoor events, and the community to come together!

30 A playground for kids with different equipment for smaller kids and big kids near each other. A walking trail would be nice and a space for bikes. Our neighborhood is not the best for kids on bikes.

31 More walking space, open space to be outside with families and pups, increased home value.

32 A place to take dogs and kids and the family to enjoy. More established running/walking trails along the Chattahoochee.

36 A nice, wholesome place for people to enjoy the outdoors and appreciate nature.

37 I hope that it will bring a play area for the children to play and a basketball court for the older kids.

38 A green space for our neighborhood to use and enjoy.

39 Nothing, when we lived in Riverside we could not get any kind of park...but now go figure

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40	Opportunities for dog walking, seeing neighbors, elevate the community, property value
41	community togetherness, opportunities to meet people / neighbors, property value, will make Riverside a destination
42	Hope it will encourage development around the Riverside community (more local restaurants and shops) to make Riverside a thriving independent community such as Inman Park, Virginia Highlands
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45	More community space and picnic space
49	Kayak launch More free space Playground
50	I hope it adds nice green space for the community to enjoy.
51	A place to safely gather and walk through nature.
52	Clean safe green space And a dog park.
53	Greenly
54	A place for the neighborhood to come and relax.
55	Opportunities for community gathering
56	A nice quiet area to exercise close to nature and the river.
58	I hope this adds a community gathering space, a place for people to find peace and fresh air, and a place to be seen and know your neighbors.
59	Green space and a place to take your kids and relax
60	Make an area that is just a run-down space in a flood zone and actually make it nice.
61	A safe space for people to gather outdoors (especially given the last few years) and relax with friends and community in nature.
62	Safety, more family oriented

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63 Direct Connection to the Chattahoochee River. 2. Direct Chattahoochee connection to the Chattahoochee trail and above to the trolley tunnel at Marietta Rd and Bolton 3. Connection to the Chattahoochee Brick and vis a vis the Cobb County Pedestrian walkway across the river. 4. Refuge for the Region

64 I would like to have a place that is safe to gather, walk, and enjoy the neighborhood.

65 Well-lit open space for fun recreational activities to happen for people of all ages. It would be great to have events here with farmers markets, small concerts, or other events. If it's in the budget, having nice public tennis courts available to reserve. And having a basketball hoop would be a major plus.

66 Easier and safer access to riverbank

67 I hope this park will add a safe space for our community to have for spending time outside together.

68 A closer community, being able to go to a park by just walking

69 Family and pet areas to walk and enjoy the outdoors.

70 A place to gather and relax, and to make the neighborhood more of a community

71 Safe place for neighborhood to kids to play Walking/running/biking trails

72 Safe and inviting place for families to enjoy. Take advantage and gain greater access to the river, so it can also be enjoyed.

74 A place to safely enjoy nature with fellow neighbors, kids and pets! With so many new developments in the area, more recreational green space is welcomed.

75 A dog park, basketball courts, multipurpose fields, trails

76 I hope this park adds lots of people who want to move to this area, which will create more people to open up shops and restaurants. Also make the area very walkable.

77 A place for neighborhood kids and residents to gather, play and socialize.

78 A safe place to exercise

79 A peaceful place to walk sit and have a coffee and enjoy the river.

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80 It will be nice to have a neighborhood park because people can go and enjoy nature and meet their neighbors. It will make it a real neighborhood instead of just a group of houses.

81 A place to enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

82 I hope that it will provide a space for residents of the community to bring there families and dogs to enjoy the out doors.

83 I am hopeful that park will give residents of Riverside and Atlanta access to experience the natural wonders of the Chattahoochee River.

84 Space that the Riverside community can access easily without having to drive to neighboring parks (Whittier mill).

85 I hope it will be a focal point of the neighborhood and it be a meeting place for neighbors to gather.

86 Access to the river, a place for kids to play, community to gather, maybe even parties for kids.

87 A safe and beautiful place to enjoy the outdoors. Public tennis courts.

88 Fenced in spot for dogs, and pickleball courts!

89 A neighborhood meeting spot and pride

90 A much needed green space and public tennis courts

91 Pickle Ball Court, Walking trails, access to the river, just a beautiful place to be, kayaking slip, tables/place to eat outside

92 Would love tennis courts!

93 A gathering place with good access to the river, safe parking, and access to recreation.

94 A safe place to gather & enjoy nature, and a place for our children to play.

95 Additional green space that also has amenities to encourage people to be active outside.

97 I hope it will be a focal point for neighborhood social life - play dates, birthday parties, neighborhood events and block parties.

98 Greenspace. Peaceful nature along the river

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- 100 If planned properly Riverside will take a huge step in becoming a true city neighborhood.
- 101 Greenspace is always a needed addition to any community. My hope is that this space can create healthy habits for the community and bring our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods closer together
- 102 I would love having more access to the river, not necessarily getting IN the river, but areas that are usable to enjoy a picnic near the water, walking our dogs by the water on an actual sidewalk/cleared path. We have a lot of areas where you can get to the water, but they're not terribly user friendly once you get there (overgrown/muddy paths, nowhere to sit and enjoy, etc.). The area also has several smaller parks tucked back into neighborhoods that great for the people within walking distance, but aren't really a community-wide destination. It would be nice to have something more established.
- 103 I hope it will be a gathering place for the community
- 104 A great place to walk to and enjoy attire and being outside.
- 105 ... a park. And a central gathering place!
- 106 A place to hangout
- 107 A safe, unique place to get outdoors and do recreational activities.
- 108 A safe environment to exercise, opportunities to explore, and cleaning up the general area as it has been used for industrial use for years
- 109 Connection and a nearby park that is accessible in the neighborhood. Please consider ADA accommodations to support inclusivity.
- 110 There is a great opportunity for this park to be a place where the community can come together to meet, talk, play, share, and volunteer and embrace the cool landscape we live in.
- 111 More awareness of local wildlife and the urgent need to protect, treasure and learn about the vital and frail ecosystems along the Chattahoochee River
- 112 An awareness of the fragile ecosystems along the river that are in such dire need of protecting
- 113 Family oriented appeal and bringing the Chattahoochee in as a focal point of the community

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114	Quiet place for the community to gather and meet your neighbors; a way for Atlantians to connect to each other.
115	A playground for the kids, tennis courts, access to the River.
116	A good place to gather, play together and invite others to visit our community
117	A green space to walk and safely enjoy our location next to the Chattahoochee.
119	A more useable green space and access to the walking trail.
120	A place of gathering, access to outdoor recreation (including river access), and beauty for the community
121	Connect the community to the river
122	Walkability to a people and pet friendly park " in the neighborhood" A clean safe place for the community to enjoy the outdoors without having to travel outside our neighborhood by car.
123	Real estate value A place to walk my dog and let him run without a leash
124	Dog park, play ground.
125	Sense of community, equity, family oriented, curb appeal
126	Continued beautification of green space, dog park
127	Safe, clean space for children to play and families to spend time. Easy access to the river.
128	A place for the community to gather
129	Exercise and recreational activities for families and children.
130	Running trail, place to exercise outdoors, gather with animals, bike trails
131	Increased property value. A safe space for people in the community.
132	a decrease in crime and pollution
133	community connectivity, safe enjoyment of nature
136	A natural green space near the river for all to enjoy.



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137 More community! Having a place for people to gather is key to building community.

138 A dog park, water fountains, access to get in water with river tubes, playground, pavilion for small gatherings.

141 I already use the trails a lot. I hope the park will create community and a sense of environmental awareness. People tend to use this side of the community to dump their unwanted things.

142 nature trails

143 A playground, dog park, open area for play, a basketball court.

144 Welcoming, safe space to play/gather/relax - adults, kids and pets alike.

145 A place for children/ people to play and be safe. Some extra beautification to area . access and respect of river . open green space and possibly even some historical relevance and info educating natural flora & fauna

146 A public place to enjoy nature and get together.

147 - A green space primarily - Neighborhood gathering place - Safe place for kids to play

148 A great opportunity for children (and parents) to meet and play and build friendships. Also for elders to meet and talk! And youth to play some sports and games. A great way to meet our neighbors!

## 2. What most concerns you about this park, if anything?



ResponseID	Response
6	I'm concerned it will only be passive. We need active recreation. So. Many. Kids.
8	Parking. Where will visitors to the park be able to park their bikes or cars
10	No concerns
11	Nothing concernse about this park so long as it is well built and lit.
12	Safety (crime and pollution), water quality/hazards (safe for activities?)
13	We can walk to it and don't live on lower Paul. But if I lived a drive distance or lived on lower Paul the parking would be a concern.
14	I have concerns about Being at the park alone. I know homeless people have set up camp near the river in some places down there and that concerns me.
15	That children have access to train tracks and could possibly run in harms way
17	Traffic into the neighborhood and the speed of the cement trucks on outer Paul with pedestrians. We need stop signs and speed bumps if we are adding to foot traffic.
18	Buried trash, glass, bricks that may surface and hurt kids
19	Maybe how it's designed for flooding and just making sure that people know not to be thers after/during heavy rains.

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20 Nothing!

21 Nothing

22 Proximity to cement plant and the big trucks that use Paul Ave. Proximity to working train tracks.

23 N/A

26 Dumping

27 That people won't take care of it

30 No concerns

31 Safety, making sure the park doesn't become an overnight hangout spot that's loud or unsafe

32 Safety and keeping the invasive plants out.

35 I don't want anything to be dangerous.

36 That too much nature could be taken away by park structures (if any)

37 Adequate lighting

38 I just want it to be maintained well (grass cut etc.)

39 Crime, Robbery, Rapes

40 People need to do their part to keep it clean, crime and vandalism are always unfortunately concerns

41 A park that is not kept up and is not safe is worse than not having a park at all

42 Riverside Park has become an encampment and unwelcoming area; do not want the same of this park

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45 N/A

50 It staying maintained

51 Litter and possibly people harassing others.

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52 Not clean Not safe Not maintained

53 Traffic and parking.

54 Roadside parking. I love to visit the historic fourth ward park. But I imagine living there is a nightmare with all the cars.

55 Late night parties. Overdevelopment along the river

56 The potential for hazardous materials in the ground and air from the cement plant and power plant near the park. Also the potential fro dumping in the area.

58 I'm concerned that this park isn't well-known about within the wider Atlanta community. If this park is placed in the context of one of Atlanta's only access points to the river, I don't think it should be kept "secret"--everyone should be able to enjoy it.

59 Safety and the presence of wildlife.

60 That it won't be an actual park like Whittier Mill that anyone would enjoy. That it's just a green space for the neighborhood.

61 Bringing a lot of extra traffic into the neighborhood. We really don't get a lot of non-community traffic or parking back here, and depending on the parking availability for the park itself I worry that could bring lots of through traffic and street parking of non residents to the entire community.

62 The park not being kept up with

63 Crossing the Train tracks. Maintenance as the Whetstone has many holes in the boardwalk. 2. Ability to use as a biker as well as a hiker. No engines. 3. Active mgt of future flooding

64 One concern I have is the available access to the park northwest of the railroad tracks. In my experience, there have been training blocking access to the park. I would like to see one or two bridge accesses installed. Another concern is how wet the trails stay. I would like to see paths covered with stones or mulch to keep accessible during wetter days.

65 Homeless people staying here, unsafe situations in bathrooms, feeling unsafe if running through the park

66 Railroad crossing

67 Parking limitations

68 None

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69	Maintaining the flora and fauna of the area
70	Not to sound old school, but I hope it does not encourage too much loitering or drinking/drug use by kids/teens. Well lit areas in the open with help with that. Parking is also an issue. I'd like the Paul Ave entrance to be for neighborhood only so that a lot or crazy street parking is not necessary.
72	That landscaping will not be maintained or that it will foster criminal activity at night. Also safety while trains are running.
73	Safety and trash. There is a homeless person that lives nearby.
74	Potential for crime/loitering/trash if not monitored.
75	None
76	I think if the park is maintained well, kept up really nicely and well lit, I don't have any concerns.
77	Traffic and street parking of non-residents.
78	Parking, security, maintenance
79	Potential flooding, potential damage To structures, attracting overnight visitors or late Night rowdies.
80	Crime and homeless people making it an encampment.
81	I would like to see the crazy amount of weeds/lvy cleaned up and more trees planted.
82	Nothing.
83	That their will not be resources to maintain the safety and quality of the park. We need to make sure this park is safe for kids and residents. Need to make sure that park is maintained from cleanliness, trail access and other things
84	Railroad and argos plant proximity/safety.
85	Crime and homelessness.
86	No concerns, just want to make sure there are safety measures in place if there are kids present.
87	Safety. Keeping it clean and beautiful.
88	Nothing

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89	The people that live across the street and proximity to moving trains
90	Nothing
91	That it won't utilize the space and really reach its potential
93	Additional traffic, parking.
94	Bringing strangers into the neighborhood. Please install dog poop bag/trash stations.
95	No concerns
97	Street parking is a major concern, especially with the truck traffic on Lower Paul. A small parking lot near the Argos end would be ideal. I would also want to make sure the park is well lit and has security cameras.
98	Flooding.
99	Flooding.
100	The train tracks. Security.
101	Crime
102	Keeping it clean and safe
104	I worry people will continue to dump trash here and it could be unsafe for people to visit alone.
105	Deterioration of any potential fixtures that would be built there.
106	I don't really have any concerns
107	N/A
108	The additional traffic. The current road system is not built to handle it
109	Please ensure barriers are to keep ATV riders and off road dirt bikes. This is an issue now.
110	I want it to be safe/well maintained for all ages and demographics of the community to feel comfortable using. It is on a quiet street with family homes and it should be respectful of that.

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111 That it will become a generic, suburban space that is devoted to human recreation and forgets the wildlife and ecosystems so desperately in need of preservation

112 That it will become yet another sterile generic urban sprawl that is dedicated to human entertainment and destroys the ecosystems there

113 River safety and cleanliness

114 Parking, trash, unsupervised animals and human waste.

115 It being a place for homeless people.

116 Traffic

117 Not much, actually. It may be a pain for our neighbors who live on lower Paul during construction.

119 Traffic, loitering, potential for criminal activity, parking throughout the neighborhood.

120 Proximity to active railway

121 Nothing

122 Maintenance of cleanliness and safety.

123 Nothing - it's a wonderful idea

124 Trash being left everywhere

125 Attract small crime

126 Parking situation if it becomes a public attraction

127 Safety regarding the proximity to the railroad tracks

128 The potential threat to the tree canopy

129 Nice, traffic, and limited parking.

130 Safety - can we add lights

131 Parking, traffic, and noise.

132 increased traffic to the neighborhood and parking issues

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133	Where is parking? double parking/truck traffic would be a mess for all vehicles
135	Parking Railroad tracks Safety. Power
136	Safety around the train.
137	None
138	people complaining/worrying about the surrounding industrial plant and GA Power and railroad.
141	That people won't care for the space. That it is left a mess and left to the closest member responsible for cleanup. And with more traffic means more cars that can make the streets crowded.
142	traffic/parking on lower Paul, trash, noise, unruly/unsupervised children
143	flooding.
144	Saturated ground/mud/inaccessibility during heavy rains, bugs are really horrible and makes the park unpleasant especially closer to the river & in hot months. Litter - especially in some common dumping grounds like alongside hill near Bidy Creek.
145	cleanliness & safety
146	Not sure - maybe trash and litter? Also danger from the train tracks if kids are often playing there.
147	safety. Vagrants could be camping around. Feels very isolated, especially near the incinerator/S. Cobb bridge supports
148	Extra litter everywhere! Needs 3 trash cans: on both ends of Lower Paul and in the middle right on the park side of Paul Ave & three more cans inside the park. Also concern for noise and wild parties.



3. What are important assets or qualities of the site that should be retained in the park design?



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6	Places to play. Ruggedness of the industrial past.
8	I hope they are able to incorporate the train that runs back there
10	Tree coverage, native plants
11	Good sunlight, access to walking paths to the river
12	Usable open space plus wooded river access with forest trails.
13	A better connection to the trails Riverwalk Atlanta trails. Current railroad hoping or going under rail cares isn't the best. Also more engagement on connecting to whetstone trails.
14	1. Playground- a set for young kids and a space for older kids. Also equipment for children that have different abilities. 2. Open area for playing ball, frisbee, etc. 3. Benches near the playground. 4. Picnic tables 5. Covered patio area 6.
17	Keep as much nature as possible. Memorial park is a great example.
18	Playground
19	Wooded in feeling. They took a ludicrous number of trees out of westside park and now it feels kinda barren.
20	Paddle board/ canoe ramp

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21	River views and aces
22	Maybe I incorporate something fun with the trains? Like a viewing platform for kids?
23	Natural, approachable
26	Natural feel and connection to river
27	Good walking/running routes, large grassy areas to sit and gather, a quiet escape
30	Natural wildlife/forest
31	Keep as much greenery and open space as possible
32	Keeping the national landscape and low maintenance.
35	Monkey bars Slides Rock climbing wall Swings Balance beam Train playset
36	The outdoors and unpacked trails
37	Safety
38	I would love for there to be room for a playground
40	Keep as much green as possible.
41	views of the river and of the train
42	Maintains and improves the green space, encourages outside activities, and connects to other parks (Whittier, Spink) to encourage walking to and from
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49	Access to walk alongside and see the Chattahoochee river
50	Bike and walk trails and playgrounds
51	View of the water
53	The trees [].
54	Embrace how it sits right in the middle of everything. (The neighborhood, power plant, cement plant, river, etc.). I think it's best to expose it rather than hide it.

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55	Maintain natural river front
56	Trees. It needs trees and meeting places. No playgrounds please, they are ugly and there is once close already in spink-collins that barely sees any use.
58	Beautiful big trees that provide shade and natural habitat; connection to a walkable, quiet community; pedestrian and bike friendly access.
60	Make it an actual park, not just take a wooded space and call it a park.
61	The old tree coverage is very nice, but openness in a shared outdoor space can be great too! Would be good to see a balance of the existing foliage (not the brushy areas, more the trees) and cleared space to give a feeling of openness to the park.
62	Dog park, picnic tables, swings, deck area
63	Views of the River. Connections to and from the site. Access for future Kayak in and output. Biking use. Resting, gathering, music, and performance site.
64	This should be a park for the neighborhood but also a place that welcomes people from surrounding communities to enjoy the Chattahoochee River. I walked through the park last weekend and would like to share some direct ideas. I would like to see a boat launch for kayaks and small motorboats, a small parking lot so people can come park there without blocking the neighbors along Paul, two bridges that cross over the railroad tracks (like Morningside Nature Preserve's), a playground for children that is inspired by the neighborhood/river, riverbank restoration to avoid more washouts/erosion, and planting of water-loving native species.
65	Lights for night time A designated path around it to walk / run on Surveillance Upkeep with cleaning / trash so the park is always in top form
66	Trees
67	Connecting us to the river would be so lovely, and connecting us to the rest of the Westside / city, via safe well kept sidewalks.
68	I would love a dog park
69	It's history but also keeping as many trees to house fauna.
70	Those trees are wonderful. I assume CoA and Park Pride only want to conserve those, but figured I'd mention it. The water "features" (drainoffs) are not beautiful, but I'd love to see them taken advantage of in some way to make them look better as a lead in to the River

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72	1. Gate to separate railroad tracks 2. Cohesive with existing nature 3. Playground, paved walking trails
73	The natural beauty.
74	Try to keep with the character of the neighborhood.
75	Trails
77	The trees and very natural, scenic look of the area. Don't want it to become overly manicured with plants that are native to the area.
78	Keep as much of the grass as possible, ensure proper drainage, add trees
79	Since along the River, passive and natural, lots of places to sit some history and minimally invasive natural art. Maybe some swings.
81	The walk space along the water
82	Nothing
83	I do love the walking trails, would love to see more and see them maintained.
84	Lots of green space/openness.
86	Views of the river and access to the river. Keep as many trees as possible!
87	Good sidewalks, good lighting, police presence. Public tennis courts.
88	It feels like a neighborhood, not a metro park. I want it to stay that way
89	Trees
90	Public tennis courts
91	River view
92	Hiking trails would be great. Have hiked the area as unofficial trails.
93	Nature, accessibility, multi-use spaces.
94	Keep it as natural as possible.
95	Basketball courts, tennis and pickle ball courts, volleyball. Anything that encourages people to be active

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97	Please leave all the large trees as they really add to the space. though I would like to see a few amenities added, I think the space should be kept mostly natural.
99	Ability to access River, maybe tubing ability, compared to only further north. Covered shelter w/grill to be reservable
100	The massive existing fields should be utilized for soccer/football. No trees over 12" radius should be sacrificed.
101	Walking/hiking trails
102	Maximize the river. So many cities utilize their rivers in a beautiful way, as a highlight of the metropolitan areas and architecture. Atlanta seems to ignore our amazing Chattahoochee!
105	General geography. I'd like to keep some inclines if they're there. And trees! I like trees.
106	I think that all the paths should be simply dirt and not paved
107	River access, walking trails
108	Keep as much of nature as possible. Minimal tree removal. Historical context to anything we are building around
109	Natural trails along the river. The ability to refuse and repurpose. Consideration of the impact to wildlife. Many deer will be displaced with a potential to move further into the neighborhood.
110	It is a unique landscape with the river, the train tracks, even the industrial plants. Riverside has a "small town community in an urban environment" feel and I think that should be echoed in the park. Also please keep the old trees if it's safe to do so. I think it's an important reminder of the homes that used to be there.
111	It should be kept as wild as possible. Few if any spaces given over to generic suburban sprawl found in other parks, parking should not be an option
112	Keep it as wild as possible! No construction or buildings unless right along lower Paul (if at all)
113	Railroad tracks
114	Rugged natural landscape, and retention of natural shade as much as possible.
115	Playground.

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116 grass

119 The native foliage and as much as the wild life habitat as possible.

120 Healthy native plants

121 Ability to get in the river for a canoe, SUP etc

122 Walking paths, pet clean up stations, access in some areas for those less mobile that may not be able to access on foot. Seating areas. Lighting providing safety in some areas.

124 Trees.

125 Creek and river, boulders in creek, trees

126 The TREES!

128 The tree canopy. Don't touch the trees

129 Equipment for a variety of ages, fencing, and benches.

130 Trees close together to hang a hammock

131 Sidewalks.

132 a sense of being in the woods when on the trails

133 not noisy to neighbors

135 Sense of history and belonging in

136 The creeks and trees!

137 Seating areas with tables for families to have picnics or play games in addition to walking/biking trails also good lighting to feel safe. extension of walking trails Access to the water would be amazing to launch paddle boards or kayaks. Perhaps too ambitious but a stage for live music would be a dream!

138 point the way to access to river to go fishing, running, and put in water craft

141 The trees and natural space and access to the river.

142 Keep land natural/undeveloped yet maintained (grass cut, trees maintained, trash picked up) except for paved/unpaved walking trails with lighting for safety.

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143            none make it really cool.

144            Open green space. Trails. Connectivity to river.

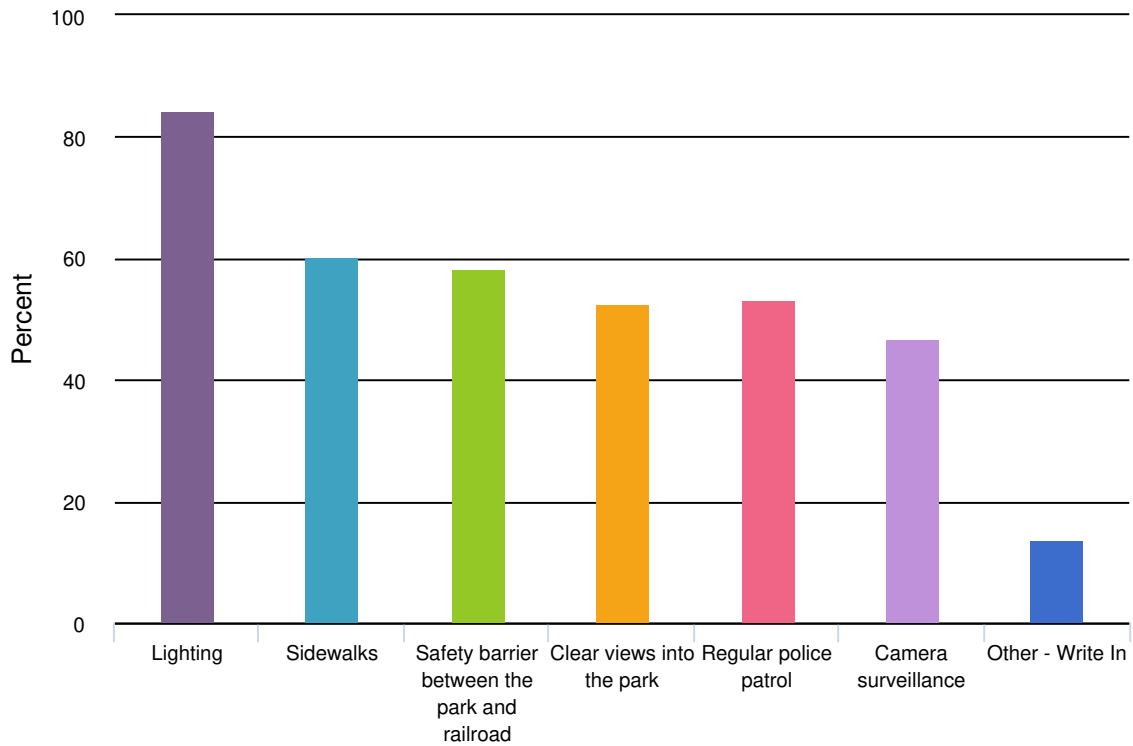
145            existing flora and fauna and man made trail ( bike & walking )








146            The forest and the Riverwalk.

147            - Wildlife, protection for the ecosystem. - Large open spaces near Paul/former houses.

148            Save a small soccer/baseball playing field for kids. Keep a footpath through the park and 1-2 sidewalks across the park with benches for elders!!

#### 4. Which improvements would most likely make you and your family feel safe and welcomed in this park?

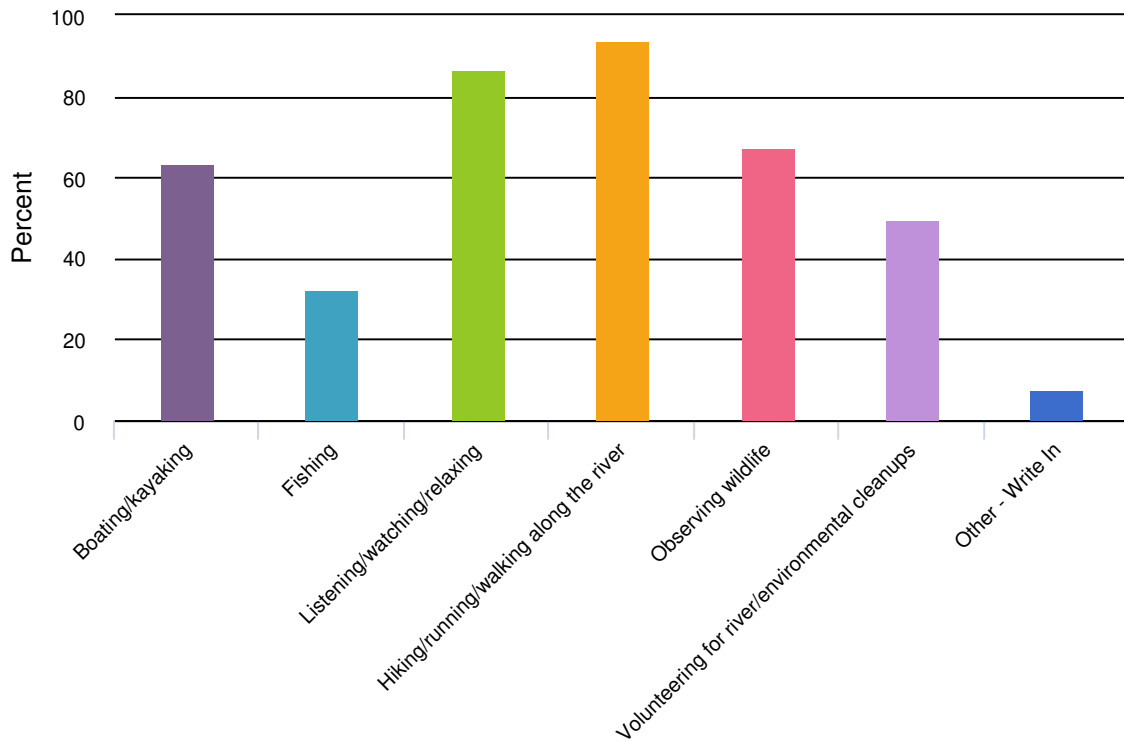









Value		Percent	Responses
Lighting		84.2%	117
Sidewalks		60.4%	84
Safety barrier between the park and railroad		58.3%	81
Clear views into the park		52.5%	73
Regular police patrol		53.2%	74
Camera surveillance		46.8%	65
Other - Write In		13.7%	19



Other - Write In	Count
A bridge over railroad track so that it can be crossed safely	1
A bridge over the train tracks. People Literally climb trains to get to the riverside trails.	1
Access to the park not by walking directly over the railroad tracks	1
Accessibility improvements	1
Bridge over tracks	1
Emergency alarm system to alert police (the blue light columns found elsewhere)	1
Our own neighborly awareness and communication	1
Police call/blue light station	1
Prefer bushes/greenery as the safety barrier by tracks rather than a fence/concrete	1
Speed bumps	1
Speed bumps and stop signs on outer Paul.	1
Tennis courts	1
a combo of all should be implemented	1
call boxes	1
mow regularly fro not walking through tall grass. dog poop picked up - people are rude!!	1
presence of other people; dog friendliness	1
safe access over train tracks - bridge	1
signage stating the monitoring of the park	1
trash cans and regular trash pick-up	1
Totals	19

5. This park will be a gateway to the river. Which of these activities do you see yourself enjoying on the river?



Value		Percent	Responses
Boating/kayaking		63.6%	89
Fishing		32.1%	45
Listening/watching/relaxing		86.4%	121
Hiking/running/walking along the river		93.6%	131
Observing wildlife		67.1%	94
Volunteering for river/environmental cleanups		49.3%	69
Other - Write In		7.9%	11

Other - Write In	Count
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Biking	2
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Benches of trails facing river/streams	1
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Events! Live music, food trucks	1
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Letting the dog swim	1
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Tennis court	1
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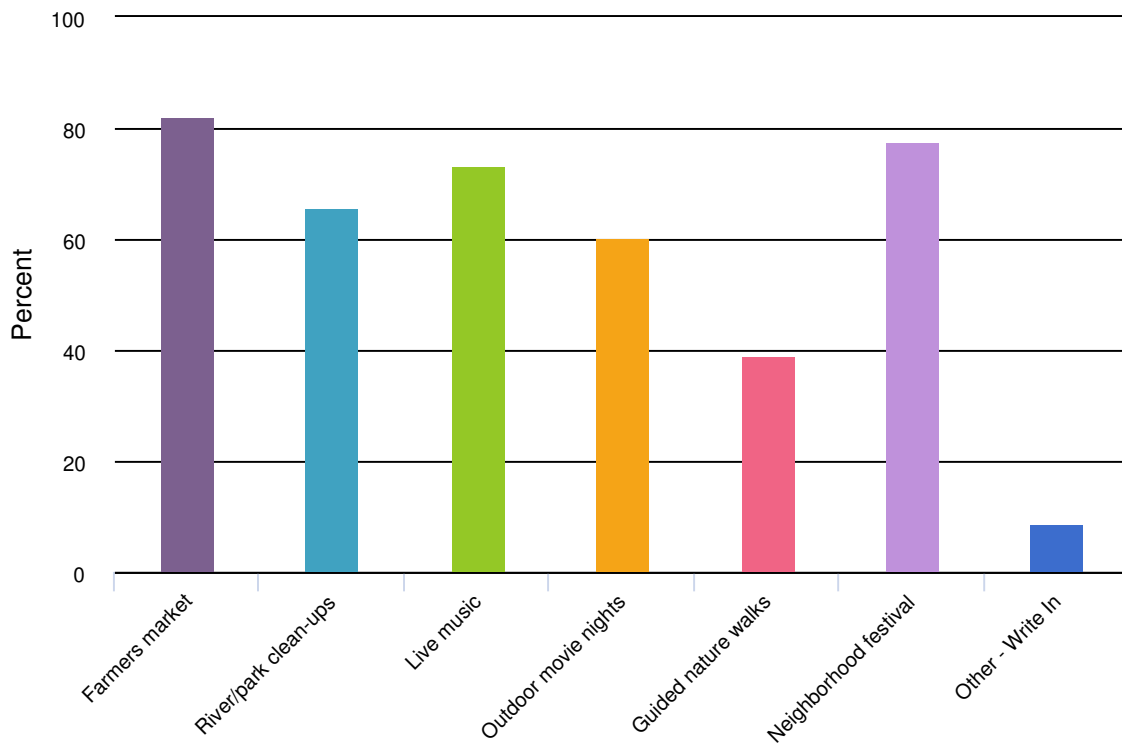
Trail Connections	1
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bringing the dog	1
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if done correctly all of these amenities will be enjoyed	1
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Totals	9
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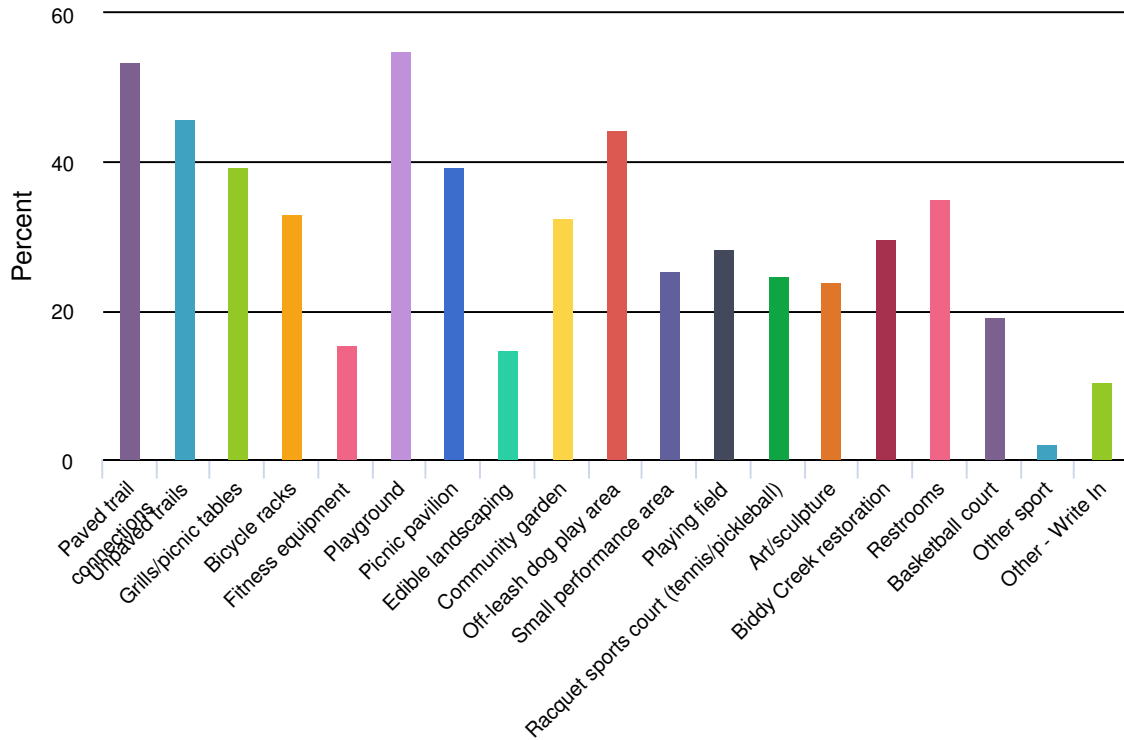
## 6. What programs would you like to see in the park?






















Value	Percent	Responses
Farmers market	82.0%	114
River/park clean-ups	65.5%	91
Live music	73.4%	102
Outdoor movie nights	60.4%	84
Guided nature walks	38.8%	54
Neighborhood festival	77.7%	108
Other - Write In	8.6%	12

Other - Write In	Count
5k trail race	1
Boater/water safety course	1
Composting	1
Designated dog park area	1
Drainage/hydrology education?	1
Engagement with volunteer groups up and down river and across river	1
Fitness classes	1
Neighborhood skateboard competition	1
again if done correctly all of these are great ideas and ways to enjoy park	1
neighborhood garden	1
pet adoption events; local craftspeople	1
this should be run by the city and not just by neighborhood volunteers	1
Totals	12

7. What amenities would you most like to see in this new neighborhood park? (Pick up to seven)



Value		Percent	Responses
Paved trail connections		53.5%	76
Unpaved trails		45.8%	65
Grills/picnic tables		39.4%	56
Bicycle racks		33.1%	47
Fitness equipment		15.5%	22
Playground		54.9%	78
Picnic pavilion		39.4%	56
Edible landscaping		14.8%	21
Community garden		32.4%	46
Off-leash dog play area		44.4%	63
Small performance area		25.4%	36
Playing field		28.2%	40
Racquet sports court (tennis/pickleball)		24.6%	35
Art/sculpture		23.9%	34
Biddy Creek restoration		29.6%	42
Restrooms		35.2%	50
Basketball court		19.0%	27
Other sport		2.1%	3
Other - Write In		10.6%	15

Other sport	Count
Frisbee golf	1
Kayak launch	1
biking	1
Totals	3

Other - Write In	Count
2 or 3 seater swings	1
A bridge over the railroad track so it can be crossed safely	1
Access path down hillside from Bernard	1
Biddy Creek floods all the time with heavy rain	1
Boat Launch into the river & small parking lot	1
Handicap accessible for wheelchairs, mobility scooters	1
Love to see a kayak trail and kayak/small launch into the river	1
No bathrooms...these will increase encampment issues we already have	1
Skatepark	1
There was talk of a visitors center maybe?	1
a space that can " house more then one sport " much like a basketball court that doubles as skate hockey rink and even an indoor esc soccer field ( the small ball ) . multiple lines or options in limited space . not just playgrounds for small children but also space for older and soon to be older children. wiffle ball field and 50 yard football lines . dual/ combo sports usage	1
benches	1
no bathrooms, riverside already has an issue with encampments / homeless; pull ups bars would be an easy fitness item	1
trash cans & dog poop bags	1
water fountains	1
Totals	15





8. What ideas do you have for how the park can reflect the river, history, local ecology, and culture?



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11	Have small trail signs identifying native plants and detail the history of the area as well as have landscape architecture reflect the link to the river.
12	Preserve, don't over-landscape. Signage about local/native plants.
13	First would be getting a safe connection from park to river trails. No parent wants there kids railroad hoping an active train track.
17	Art is a great way for kids to take in information
19	Unfortunately I don't know much about any of these things so anything that helps educate would be great!
20	Signs / information maybe
22	Maybe include a retired train car for kids to climb on/explore and have some educational signage around it about the train yards in the area.
23	Maybe plaques or signage explaining the history of the area and wildlife details
26	Connection to history with natural elements
27	The river is a beautiful and serene escape from the city and I think he park should reflect that feel as best as possible. As much florals and nature as possible would be great!

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36	Signs/plaques about the history of the land and railway, etc.
39	The pollution in the river is overwhelming.
42	Sculptures and Art with plaques that tell the history of Riverside, less cement/asphalt more natural stone, curvy lines not rigid edges
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51	Signs explaining natural vegetation
53	N/a
54	Really embrace the art and sculpture potential. Show the history in the art. I think some of the trains are local and don't move that far. If so, would be awesome if a muralist or any kind of artist paint the train compartments to show the river, history, local ecology, culture, etc.
58	I think we should have some interpretive signs that connect parkgoers to the history of the area--the railroad, river, neighborhood, and industry nearby. A native species garden with signs that tell you what plants and animals to be on the lookout for.
60	historical markers
61	It would be great for any structural spaces to be decorated with murals from local artists, or possibly even to showcase rotating local art.
62	memorials
63	Signage for history, education. NO POLITICS. Whittier Mill is Mill history, Bolton is Railroad and trolley, What is Riverside
64	I would like to see signage/art directly about the significance of the Chattahoochee River and the park's place in the watershed. This could be completed by a nature walk that identifies tree species and their ability to maintain, slow, and clean the water. I would also like to see information about the historic trolley line that used to be in the area and information about the Riverside Neighborhood. Overall, sharing with the public about where they are in place and history via signage, art, & design.
65	You could have local artists from all different ages come paint in the area to show the flow of time & art is similar to the flow of the river. Or could have a yearly art update where artists are encouraged to add to the flowing art piece
67	Historical markers and signs with educational pieces

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70	I would love to see ecological signs to call out specific tree/flower/grass species. If there are enough stories for historical markers, that would be nice as well. Any call out to Atlanta's connection to the river would be nice (only if that's not planned for the Incinerator site, that is)
72	Art installations, engraved bricks from donors, historical plaques
77	Include history markers about the area or on-demand self-guided tour stations/monuments
78	It could anchor our community
79	Map, history, importance of the resource. Lots of ecology and learning regarding plants, zones, animals.
80	Maybe some historic signs along the trails
81	Plant more native flowers, edible plants, etc
83	Would love to see area where people can access the river for fishing. Also like to make the river accessible for kayaking (wide paved trail to river, small boat launch ramp for kayak or canoes)
84	N/a
85	Put historical markers and other explanatory signs up about the history, ecology and culture.
89	History placards
91	Sculpturist William Massey does some cool contextual work. Planting local plants and flowers
92	Connecting to the river would be key to taking advantage of the location
93	Remember the indigenous people who lived in Atlanta long before European immigrants. What role did the river play in their lives? What role has the river and Riverside neighborhood played in the history of the city of Atlanta?
94	Informational signage
97	Signage that highlights the history of the neighborhood (similar to Whittier Mill) and other signs that explain the native plants and wildlife.
99	Signs identifying plants, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE POISONOUS to people or pets, along with others identifying native wildlife-birds, fish, etc and others identifying historical events.

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100 Connect the park to the river trails, expand and further manicures the trails, and build a large covered plaque display with history, ecological information, maps...

102 Maintain the old mill/railroad look that reflects the character of the area. Nothing that looks too sleek or modern.

106 I think it is a really good idea to have basketball court

107 Maybe some local art exhibits

108 Plaques with historical descriptions, murals, art

110 -create environments for wildlife to thrive. -an art installation reflecting Atlanta/Riverside. -access to the river to make it useable

111 I believe it should stay as close to how it is now as possible. If we turn it into a place with swings and tennis courts and bathrooms it will lose the charm and magic that stands it apart from other parks and will endanger the wildlife

112 Keep it as close as it is now! What sets us apart in this neighborhood is precisely that we do not wish to become a sterile and homogenized clone of other atlanta urban sprawls

113 Small museum or placards

114 Plaques Trails with exit markers Distance to next location

116 I would love a history of the neighborhood

120 No ideas at this time

121 Nature

122 local artist contributions such as murals/sculpture reflecting these themes events featuring local musicians market featuring local artisans and farm goods

125 Informative signage

129 Signage and art that reflects the history and culture of the city.

132 informative plaques and signage, maybe a message center

136 Imagination Creek in honor of Mr. Imagination Signage/Plaque discussing the ecology of a floodplain and history of flood events

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137 I'd love for any historical information about the park to be reflected in a website and onsite signs. I feel it is important that any historical information be balanced, presenting the information in a way that doesn't glorify parts of our history that were damaging to people. I think we need to do a better job at facing history straight on and presenting the impact and realities of the way life was for all parts of society throughout history.

138 Let Chattahoochee Riverkeeper write something. Mention floods.

142 Keep in natural. I enjoy seeing deer.

143 putting in a playground, there are lots of children in the neighborhood

144 It would be cool to see some of the foundations of previous houses that are still there used in creative ways to be incorporated into the design of the park - maybe as gathering places or marking play zones. I do appreciate the history of the neighborhood, and I am one to stop and read signage that gives interesting historical anecdotes with pictures.

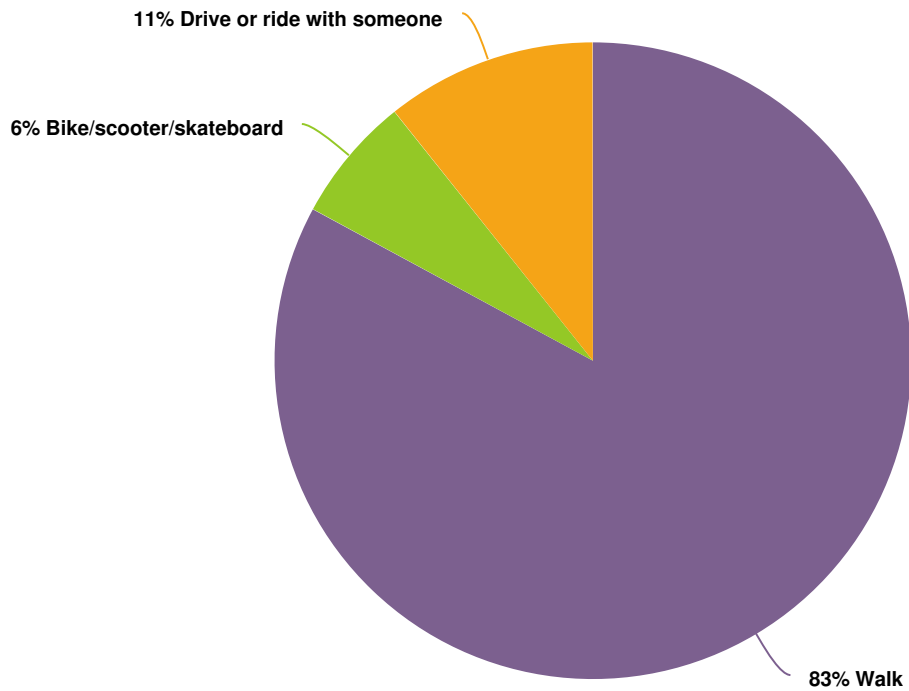
145 maybe plaques identifying the history of change from autochthon peoples to current and uses of land of old and current flora & fauna identification. when people know and identify with what they are looking at they tend to respect it more . its not just a weed . its not just any tree etc




146 Not sure

147 Native pollinator garden

148 Some metal wall tablets near picnic area that summarizes river history and ecology

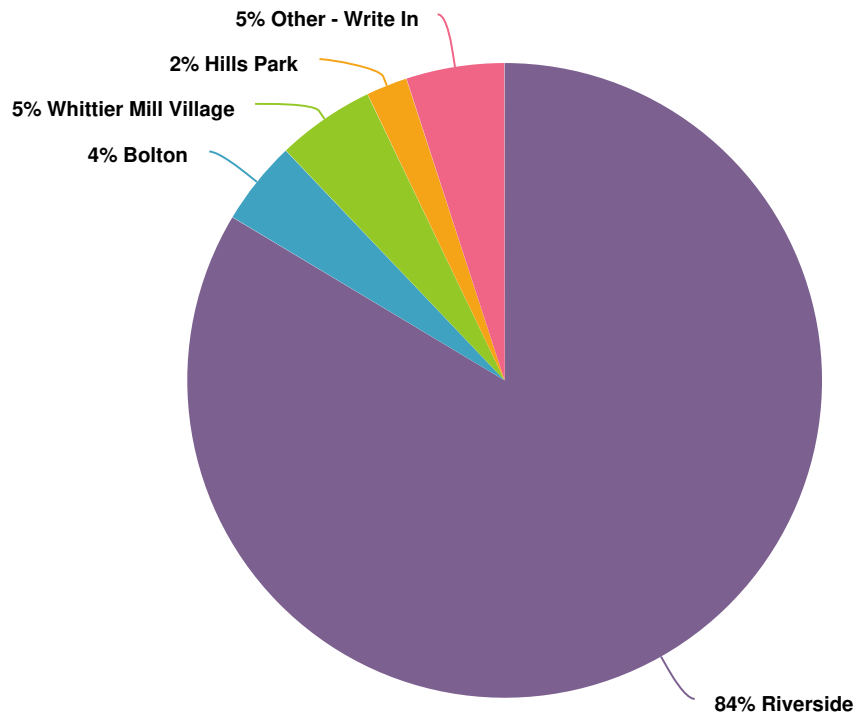
9. How would you get to this park? (select the one you would use most)



Value		Percent	Responses
Walk		82.9%	116
Bike/scooter/skateboard		6.4%	9
Drive or ride with someone		10.7%	15

Totals: 140

## 10. What neighborhood do you live in?



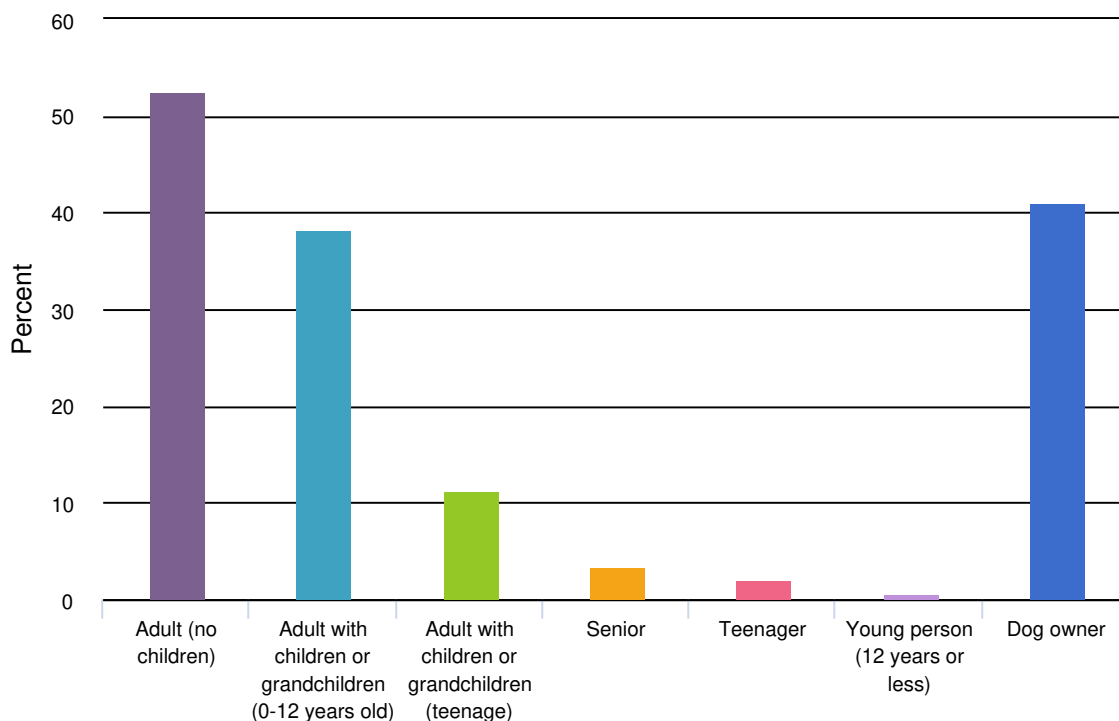
Value	Percent	Responses
Riverside	83.6%	117
Bolton	4.3%	6
Whittier Mill Village	5.0%	7
Hills Park	2.1%	3
Other - Write In	5.0%	7

Totals: 140



<b>Other - Write In</b>	<b>Count</b>
Future Riverside resident	1
Home Park	1
Margaret Mitchell	1
Ridgewood Heights	1
Vinings on the Chattahoochee	1
Westhighlands	1
vinnings on Chattahoochee	1
Totals	7

### 11. How would you describe yourself? (check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Adult (no children)	52.5%	74
Adult with children or grandchildren (0-12 years old)	38.3%	54
Adult with children or grandchildren (teenage)	11.3%	16
Senior	3.5%	5
Teenager	2.1%	3
Young person (12 years or less)	0.7%	1
Dog owner	41.1%	58

12. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about this new park?



ResponseID	Response
10	The community has a lot of passionate people willing to help out to make this a reality
12	River should be available for recreational use & safely accessed. Encourage foot & bike traffic as there won't be room for car parking. Small playground would be amazing and we'd use it everyday! Please don't take up space for a dog area as most residents have yards here.
13	Just a big thank you.
14	We are so excited about this and cant wait to have this park in walking distance to our home! This is an incredible asset to our community!
17	I'm concerned about parking and traffic
19	I usually bike from midtown area to get to this park, so that should give an idea of how worth it the trip is just as the park is now. Excited to see how it grows.
21	I see skateboarders walk along Bolton every single day. Let's give them somewhere safe to skate feel like they are a welcome part of our community.
23	Let's make it happen!
27	I am so excited!
30	Glad it's happening

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35	I want it to be fun. I want it to have fun things.
36	I love the escape from the city that this area provides and truly enjoy the majesty of the river and soothing rapids
53	N/a
54	Selfishly, paved connections to other trails would be AMAZING.
58	I'd really like to see this park as a community space where people can get to know their neighbors and feel part of a neighborhood.
60	Will there be access to Biddy Creek area from Bernard Rd?
63	It is a segway on the Riverlands trail, a place to rest, a place of connection up and down the river, and a neighborhood gathering spot.
64	Thank you for conducting this survey and gathering community member's ideas.
67	Any chance for it to connect to the Atlanta Beltline?
70	When I moved here, I recall hearing that the Groundwork Atlanta grant was meant to help create a facility of sorts near the incinerator -- e.g. a small outdoor amphitheater and museum to call out Atlanta's industrial past and connection to the river. I prefer this to stay at the incinerator location, since there will be better parking options for those outside the neighborhood. Then Lower Paul will be able to be a neighborhood entrance only.
72	We are so excited!
77	Can't wait for it to open!!!
78	I love that this is happening.
82	I think it's a wonderful idea and I hope that it happens.
83	I think it needs to very kid friendly with all kids we have near by
88	PLEASE ADD PICKLEBALL
90	The only public tennis courts around here are underwood hills which only have two small courts that tend to always be busy. I think they would be a great addition to this area and a way for adults to stay active and kids to have the opportunity to learn how to play.
97	I'd love to see this park become a gathering space for the neighborhood, so anything we can do to facilitate that is good in my book.

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102	We're really excited for this new addition to our neighborhood!
104	Definitely need a fenced off leash dog park tea. Needs to have restrooms since none of the other area parks have them.
106	Nope!
109	Thank you so much! I've been walking along the River and on Lower Paul since I bought my home on Main Street NW in 2018. Work with Argos to manage the train schedule. Often times this blocks accessible paths to the river trail.
111	Do not mess with it! Leave it how it is! If people want a generic suburban space devoid of wildlife they can go to the west side quarry sprawl or Wittier Mill park. Keep it as wild as possible for the sake of the ecosystem and help the area becoming yet another sterile, generic, urban sprawl
112	Please do not develop this area! For the sake of the ecosystems and wildlife and the unique nature of riverside. If folks want swings and tennis courts they can go to Wittier Mill park or the west side quarry that are devoid of wildlife. If we develop this area it will help stop riverside being the unique neighborhood it is
113	I want it to feel like it's part of the riverside neighborhood
120	I'm a relatively new resident of the neighborhood and very much looking forward to having this park nearby!
121	Put in put in to the river above the water treatment plant so can float towards Mabelton etc
122	How can I help?
124	Will it be maintained by city.
125	Look forward to adding value/equity to the neighborhood through restoration of Lower Paul while maintaining the nature of the area and making the river more accessible.
129	I think that maintaining the quaintness, and safety of Riverside is paramount.
136	It's gonna be the bomb diggity
137	We really like the new part at the quarry but there is no way to safely walk or ride our bikes there due to the crazy busy road (Marrietta Rd). Semi trailers and cars a like seem to drive down this stretch of road like it is a race track.

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138 I hope trash and recycling pick-up is part of it. Please clearly put a sign up that explains that we are allowed to cross the railroad tracks at certain points.

143 Please put in a playground.

144 The two most important ways I'd use the park... 1 - Dog-friendly, kid-friendly place that connects neighbors more by giving us a space to gather. 2 - lazy weekend relaxation - a place to watch, listen, walk and disconnect a bit closer to nature.

145 i think the park should be as diverse as the surrounding neighborhoods . i think the more " natural" the man made spaces the better . not interested in being inside outside . and separate dog spaces from people spaces . nothing worse then landmines where kids and people play and congregate

146 I'm very excited for a new park! Thank you for all the work you are doing to plan it. Habitat and ecological restoration is very important to me. One of the reasons I wanted to move to Riverside was for the Riverwalk and the easy access to nature.

147 We're just very excited!