

Report for Preliminary Concept Preferences

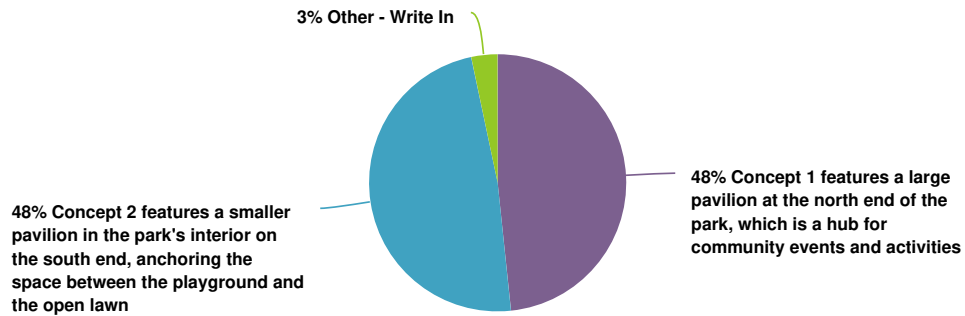
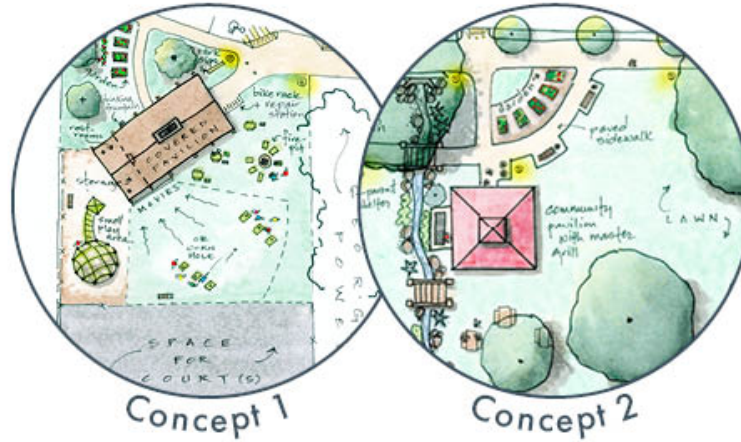
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1. Which configuration do you prefer for a park pavilion? Both concepts include a pavilion, but they are shown in different locations and have different forms and

features.

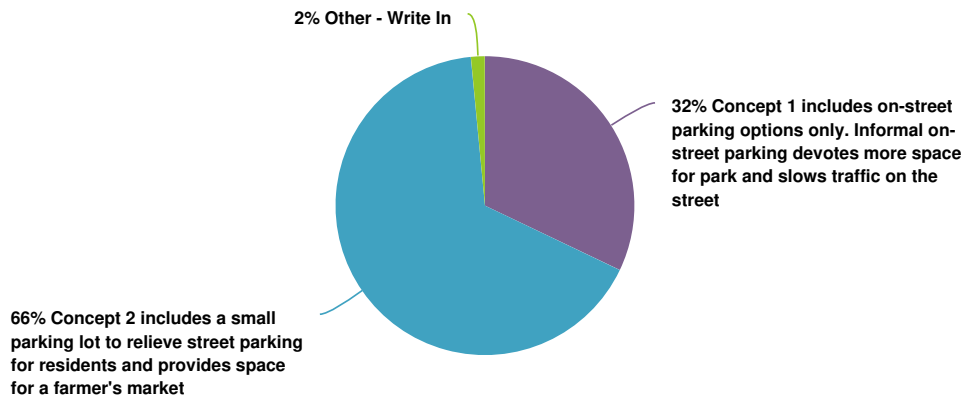
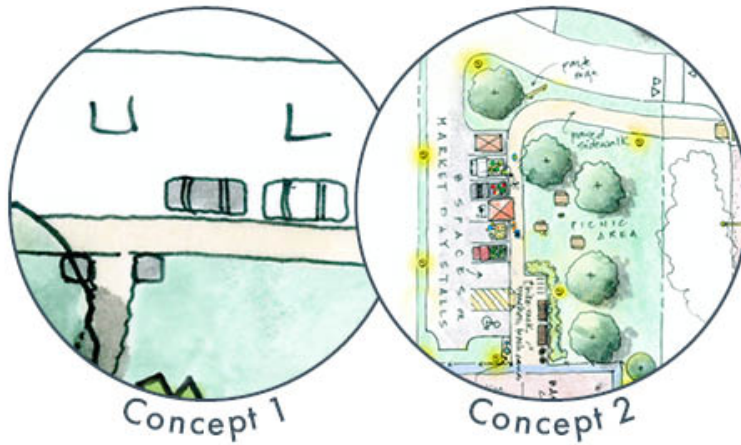


Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 features a large pavilion at the north end of the park, which is a hub for community events and activities	48.4%	74
Concept 2 features a smaller pavilion in the park's interior on the south end, anchoring the space between the playground and the open lawn	48.4%	74
Other - Write In	3.3%	5

Totals: 153

Other - Write In	Count
Absolutely needs a boat ramp.	1
Either	1
I like concept 1 without the small kids playground. I would sub that out for the market stalls.	1
I would like to add a splash pad for the children to play.	1
keep concept 1, but move the small playground next to the large playground so parents with different aged kids can watch both at the same time	1
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2. Which parking option do you prefer?

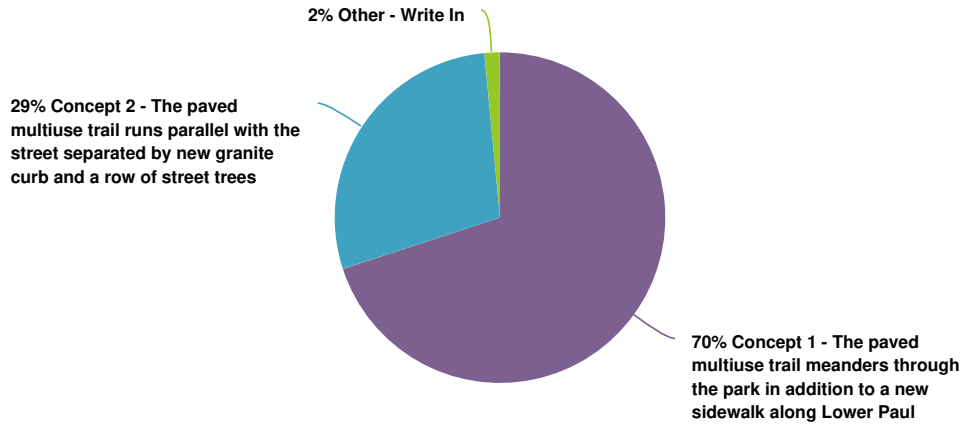
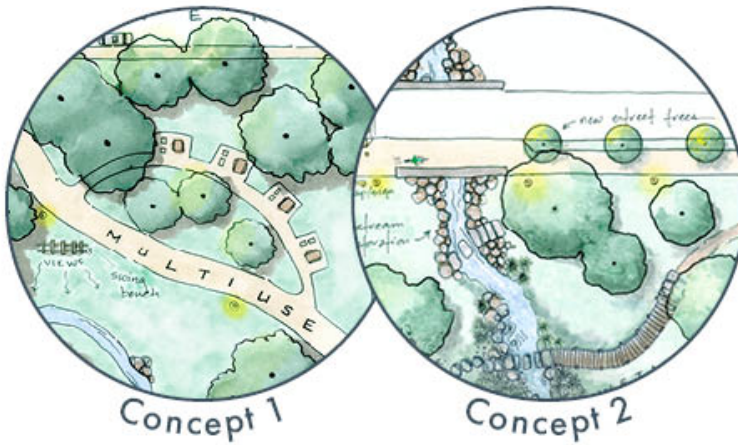


Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 includes on-street parking options only. Informal on-street parking devotes more space for park and slows traffic on the street	32.1%	42
Concept 2 includes a small parking lot to relieve street parking for residents and provides space for a farmer's market	66.4%	87
Other - Write In	1.5%	2

Totals: 131

Other - Write In	Count
Parking lot is better but if we are sacrificing potential tennis courts then vote for #1	1
put speed bumps in to slow traffic	1
Totals	2

3. Which alignment of the multiuse trail do you prefer?



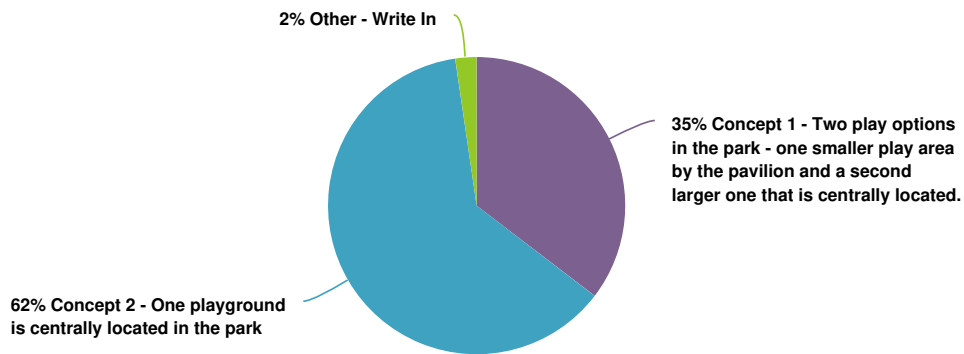
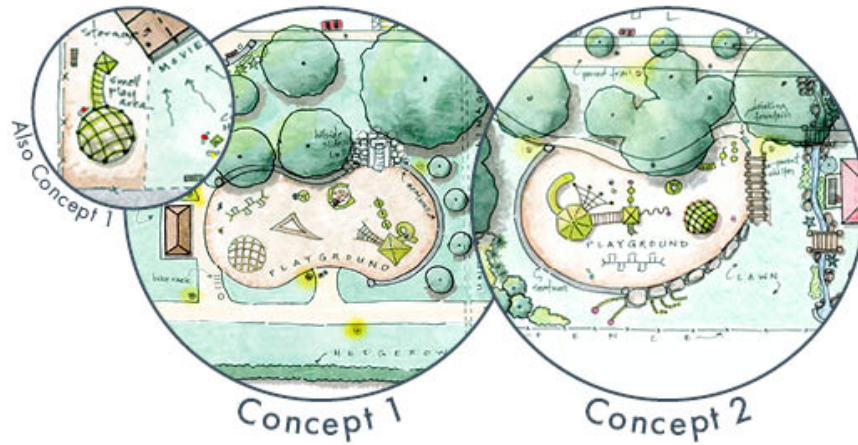
Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - The paved multiuse trail meanders through the park in addition to a new sidewalk along Lower Paul	70.0%	91
Concept 2 - The paved multiuse trail runs parallel with the street separated by new granite curb and a row of street trees	28.5%	37
Other - Write In	1.5%	2

Totals: 130

Other - Write In	Count
Minimize paved surfaces	1
i like concept 1 being acontiguous multiuse not a brief walk blocked by a dog park	1
Totals	2

4. Both plans include new playground equipment, but differs in the number of play

areas supported.

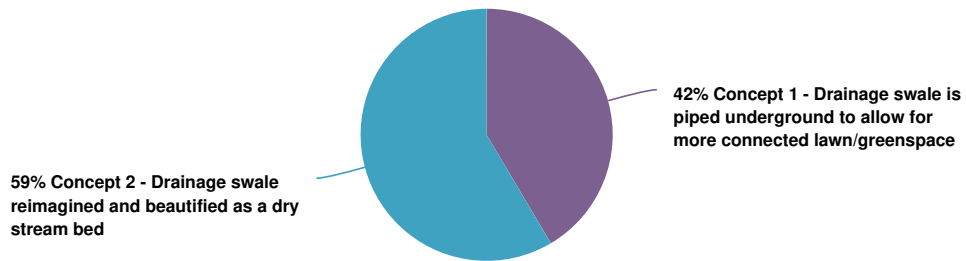
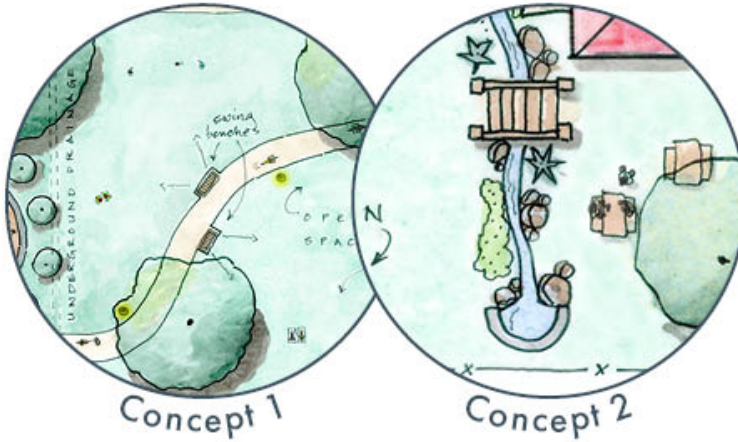


Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - Two play options in the park - one smaller play area by the pavilion and a second larger one that is centrally located.	35.4%	46
Concept 2 - One playground is centrally located in the park	62.3%	81
Other - Write In	2.3%	3

Totals: 130

Other - Write In	Count
One playground but doesn't have to be centrally located - would still like to see dog park areas	1
i like two play areas but think the playground in park 2 looks more fun and imaginative	1
one central playground as long as it is suitable for all ages. I love the idea of having the playground below the street with the slides going down the hill	1
Totals	3

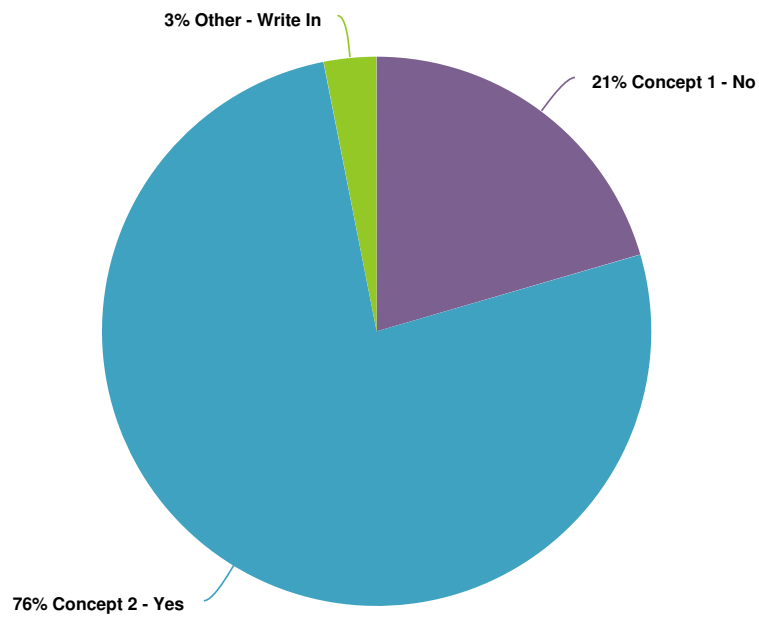
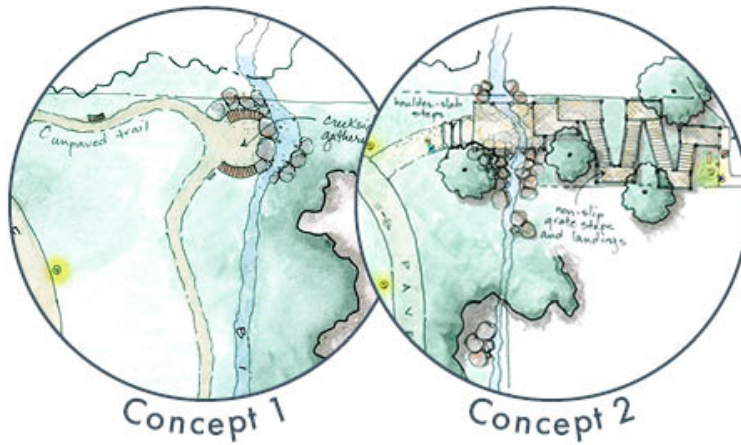
5. An existing drainage swale traverses the southern end of the park. The two options treat this feature differently. Which do you prefer?



Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - Drainage swale is piped underground to allow for more connected lawn/greenspace	41.5%	54
Concept 2 - Drainage swale reimagined and beautified as a dry stream bed	58.5%	76
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Other - Write In	Count
Totals	0

6. Should there be a stairway connection to Bernard Road?

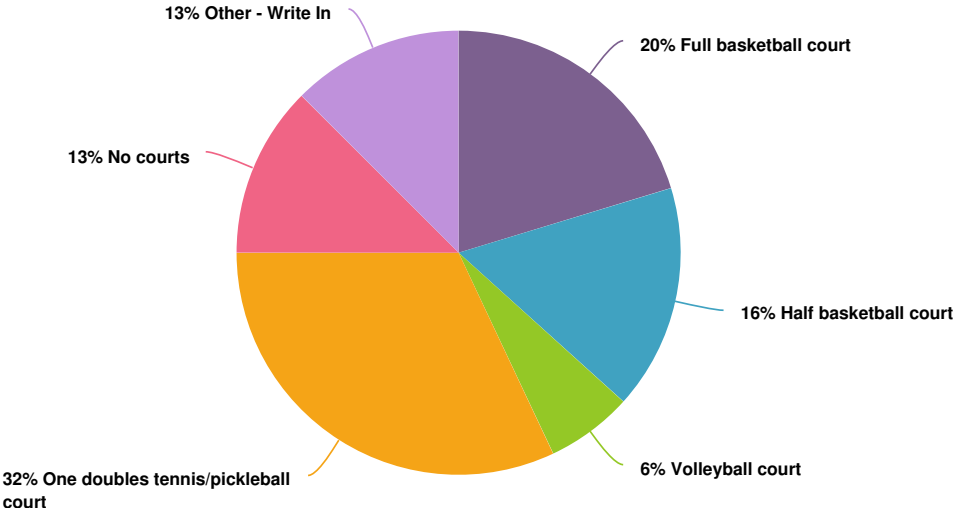


Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - No	20.5%	26
Concept 2 - Yes	76.4%	97
Other - Write In	3.1%	4

Totals: 127

Other - Write In	Count
Blend of both options. Sitting area below stairs	1
Not sure	1
i think either could work number two seems more Aesthetically pleasing but i like the sitting area of number one . a combo if possible would be great	1
no opinion	1
Totals	4

7. Although space for dedicated sports courts is limited due to topography and existing trees, what kind of sports court would you prefer, if any?

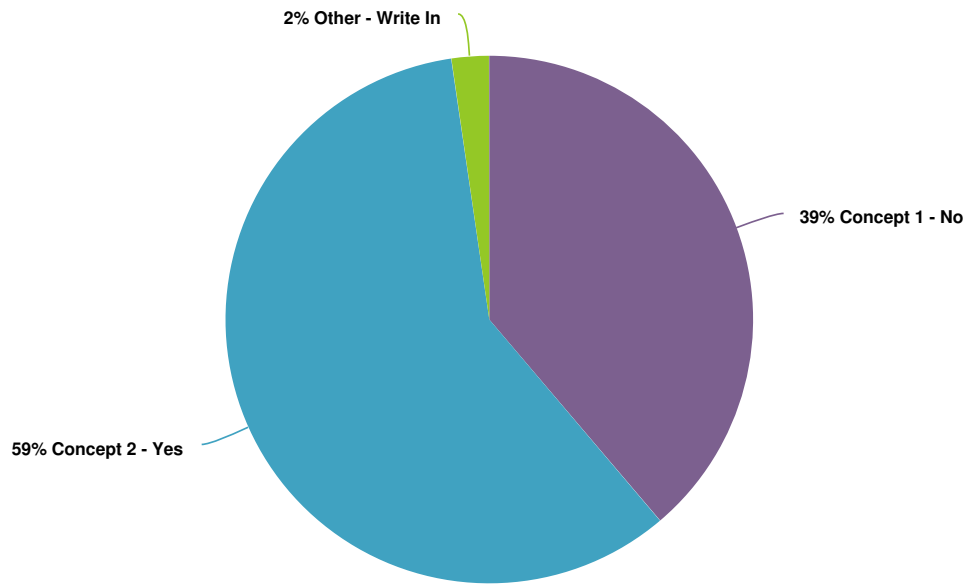


Value	Percent	Responses
Full basketball court	20.3%	26
Half basketball court	16.4%	21
Volleyball court	6.3%	8
One doubles tennis/pickleball court	32.0%	41
No courts	12.5%	16
Other - Write In	12.5%	16

Totals: 128

Other - Write In	Count
Full basketball court and Volleyball court	2
Full or half basketball court or volleyball court	2
Dog park	1
Putt Putt	1
SKATE PARK!	1
Turfed small soccer field	1
Volleyball court and one doubles tennis court	1
Whatever the kids want; probably either full or half court basketball court(s)	1
You can can get up to four pickleball courts on a tennis court. We have it at my work. The line are painted different colors for the tennis court VS the pickleball court. This way you would get more utilization due to the growth of pickleball.	1
full and/or half court basketball	1
half basketball/full tennis court (like in howell station park)	1
if the courts will be enclosed maybe considering a full court that has pee wee rims hung width wise to encourage younger players would be nice . adults and teenagers learn to share when small kids are there and small kids learn to watch the traffic if they are the few . just a thought to maximize space	1
no opinion	1
pickleball specifically	1
Totals	16

8. Should the new park include a fenced off-leash dog play area?

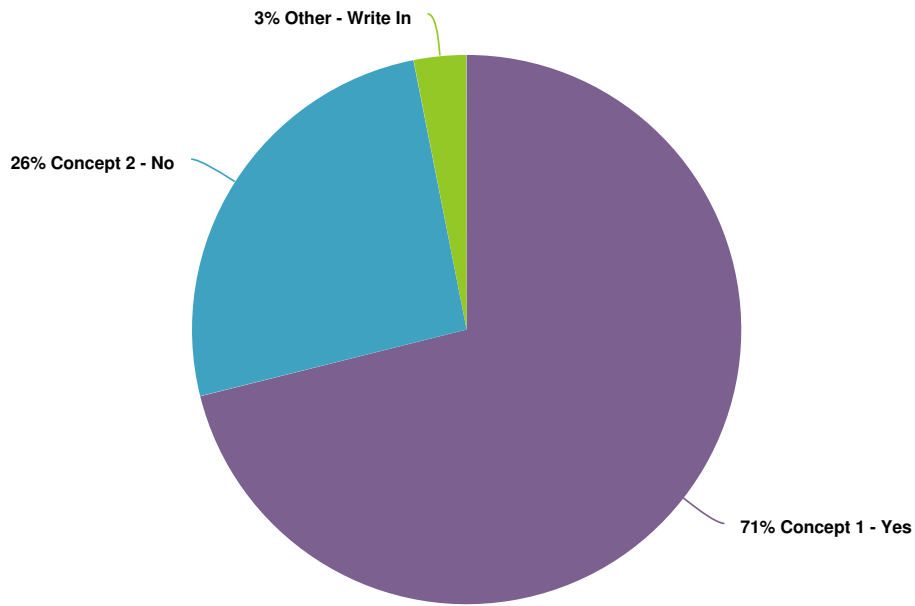


Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - No	38.8%	50
Concept 2 - Yes	58.9%	76
Other - Write In	2.3%	3

Totals: 129

Other - Write In	Count
We do not own pets, however, I am not aware of one close to here. I do think it would be a great idea but the idea in Concept 2 seems to take up a ton of space	1
Yes but one not two	1
i think if we must have one it should be small and only one . plenty of places for dogs to be already hardly any for children teenagers etc but would live without one	1
Totals	3

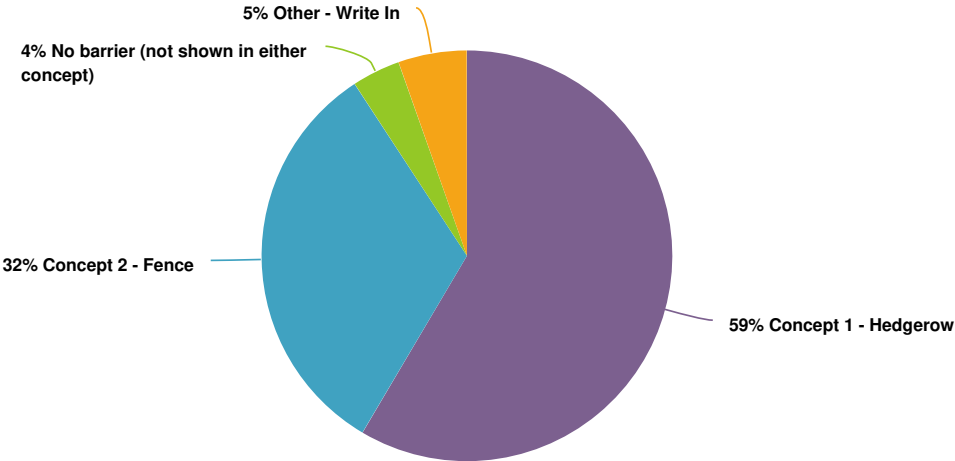
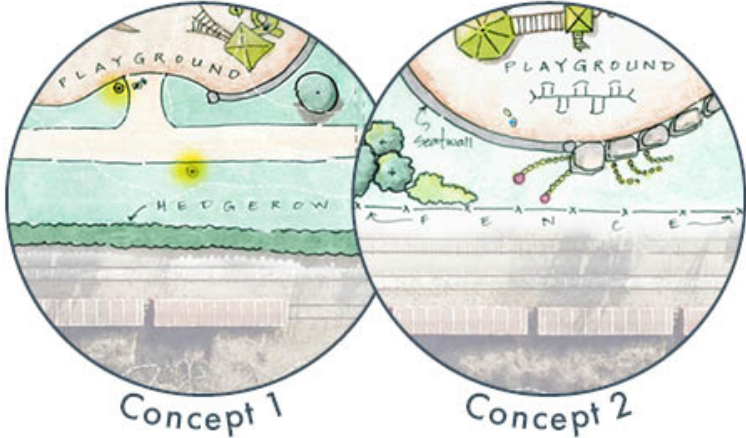
9. Should the new park include restrooms?



Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - Yes	71.1%	91
Concept 2 - No	25.8%	33
Other - Write In	3.1%	4
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Other - Write In	Count
No opinion	1
Yes, but they need to remain locked during overnight hours.	1
no as it is huge maintenance cleanliness issue, otherwise bathroom welcomed for hiker bikers	1
this is tricky there has to be a plan and commitment to safety and cleanliness . if yes im all for it	1
Totals	4

10. What kind of barrier between the park and the railroad would be most appropriate in your opinion?

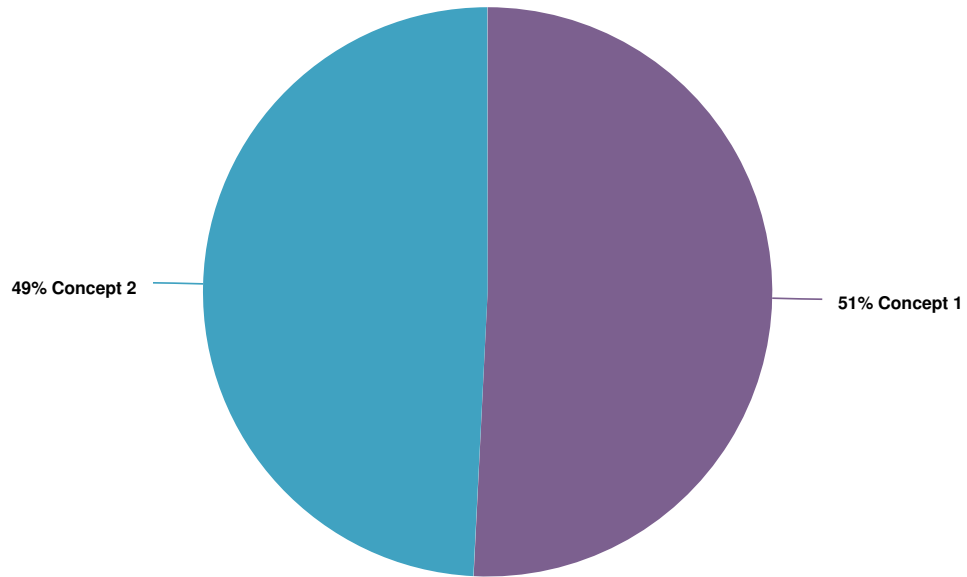


Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1 - Hedgerow	58.5%	76
Concept 2 - Fence	32.3%	42
No barrier (not shown in either concept)	3.8%	5
Other - Write In	5.4%	7

Totals: 130

Other - Write In	Count
A combination a fence and hedgerow	1
Both, fence for safety, hedgerow in front for looks	1
Fence and hedge grow	1
Fence and hedgerow	1
Fence covered by a hedgerow	1
Hedgerow and fence	1
Something more decorative than a fence but doesn't have to be a full set of hedges	1
Totals	7

11. Overall, which plan do you prefer?



Value	Percent	Responses
Concept 1	50.8%	64
Concept 2	49.2%	62
		Totals: 126

12. Is there anything you would like to add? Feel free to expand on one of your answers above, or tell us about something we didn't ask about.



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3	If possible, add basketball, tennis and volley courts. Both concepts need restrooms and filtered water fountains.
5	Having a dog park breaks up the space of the park! :(I'm hoping there will be NO dog park in the final design (and that it will look more like Concept 1), but if there is dog park in the final design, maybe put a playground/play area near the entrance of the park instead, and leave the area to the right of the dog park just for trails, nature, open space, a fountain.
8	If there's a playground, a bathroom is needed!! We often avoid parks that don't have bathrooms as kids can't hold it as well. Additionally, some sort of fencing/barrier to slow smaller children down from exiting the playground, particularly since the railroad will be so close. Also like the idea of several pieces of exercise equipment that was floated previously and benches for elderly/disabled along the path.
9	The paved trail running through the park would be nice if it was separated by a line. One side is for bikers and the other side is for runners/walkers.
10	Too many kids playing basketball dangerously on side streets, not many sidewalks in the area. Would love a dedicated basketball court for the kids.
12	N/A
14	Love the fenced dog park. They are none in the area.
16	Finally a much needed dog park!!!
17	Splash pad

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18	I love concept 1 but don't like the separate playgrounds. I'd love one big area that has space for younger and older kids in one area. It's important to me to have the community be able to be together and little kids have a space close enough to big kids for grown-ups to be able to talk. I also like the idea of the restrooms but I'm concerned about how clean they will be and also concerned about the homeless that sort of camp by the river using the bathroom to spend the night etc. Who would be in the charge of cleaning it? Would it be locked at night? I don't necessarily trust city of Atlanta to stay on top of the restrooms. If it is questionable at all about how well the bathrooms will be maintained then I don't want to have them there.
19	option for small splash pad
20	A dog park is so sorely needed in this area. The nearest dog park to Riverside is maybe piedmont park or the new Fetch opening in Foodworks. Our dog really loves playing with others, and we'd be at the dog park every weekend if we had one nearby!
28	Would like to still incorporate a dog park in concept 1 layout. Could it be placed on the far right end towards the trails? (Only 1 playground). In my last neighborhood I met more neighbors this way as I don't have kids.
29	Tennis courts would be a game-changer for the neighborhood
33	longer contiguous trail on 1, with parking from 2, dog park not needed for such a small park, this park needs to be the stepping stone all the way to Proctor Creek which will connect Cobb County pedestrian bridge across Chattahoochee, we need to keep aware of how to connect the trolley tunnel, mountainbiking power lines use MTB Atlanta and Sorba
34	Please please consider a full basketball court. Would also love a community garden area
35	with such limited park space would hate to see so much used up for a dog park as shown in concept 2
37	Tennis courts
38	I feel tennis courts are a must-have and fill a need that is missing in the community.
39	the only other change i liked was having the food garden where it was placed in concept two . for some reason i thought that part was to accessible . i liked it off in the upper north corner . small thing lasty maybe consider a canvas canopy on small play ground where equipment can get hot . another small thing but in ga it can make a huge difference.
40	Tennis courts are definitely needed with lights.
43	I prefer the nature-based play structures in Option 2. Either way, parents need shaded seating. The more neighborhood entrances the better. I vote for whichever option provides walking access from Spink/Bernard. I vote for the option that provides safe stream access- as in playing in the stream. Summer is coming and simply being able to touch water provides such relief! Or consider a splashpad at the playground (although this would use unnecessary water and probably be off half the time due to drought). Dog parks, especially 2, take away usable space for humans. I strongly vote against dog parks since most dog-owners here have yards. Please consider having just 1 if neighbors really need a dog park.
44	N/a
48	Will there be security and cameras? If the playground is not in a shaded area, will there be a covering?

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49	This area is a wildlife corridor, please do not install a barrier that will impede the free movement of deer through the park. The garden will need a fence, though. I can tell a lot of hard work went into this planning, and it is very appreciated. I would love Concept 2 with the Imagination Garden instead of a dog park.
50	Restrooms are essential
55	Would absolutely love if somehow there could be more than 1 tennis/pickleball court!
57	Speed bumps on Bernard rd.
60	Would love to see disc golf baskets if room
62	Nothing new to add
67	Minimize paved surfaces and retain wildlife and natural beauty.
73	Connection through to the Westside Park
76	I love so many things about both concepts! Great work! We're excited to see how it looks at completion
77	I would love to have outdoor fitness equipment for adults, such as a bench press, bicep curl, pull up bar, etc.
78	Would love any version of a basketball court for all the kids and adults in the neighborhood to enjoy.
81	No. Looks great!
82	Concept 1 needs parking
83	I genuinely see a lot of kids skateboarding up and down Bolton. It's safer for the kids and the neighborhood to give them a place to go.
85	Tennis courts
86	Permanent exercise equipment would be great
88	A drop in point for kayaks, a gazebo/stage for parties, concerts, decent parking, larger areas for dogs, Bridges over streams, bike paths
89	Lighted path for early mornings or late evenings. Benches and rest spots on the trail. Bulletin boards for the community.
90	The addition of a tennis wall and net could be on one side of the sports court to make it multi-use so people could play basketball and tennis on the same court.
91	https://paws4udogs.wordpress.com/?s=Dog dog sociability &submit=Search&fbclid=IwAR2WLABwL4whQlHc6tQkkOx8Rz2EIr4cc8brMeG9XhDAS2V629lpYTLhGmQ Dangers of dog parks. I'm strongly opposed to this feature.
92	Man powered Security-need something more than lights
97	I don't think there should be any art pieces that will take up limited space in the park. The pavilion doesn't seem like a worthwhile space either. Restrooms should be provided as well.

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98	Na
99	I want to see a detailed security plan. We live on lower Paul across the street from this park. There is already enough sketchy stuff happening here. I'd like to know the park has hours that are enforced as well as noise ordinances. There are lots of younger children / new families in the neighborhood - please include one play space dedicated for toddlers. It would also be great to know what the exact timelines are for this opening.
102	It wasn't clear on how you would cross over the railroad safely to access the river.
103	Nothing to add - great job!
107	Dog park is very much needed.
109	The dog park would be an amazing addition!
110	dog park is SO needed on this side of town.
111	I think the space for kids to play is very important, so even though I would like a tennis court myself, basketball court would probably be better for the community. Although the second plan doesn't include the truck warning sign at the Argo split, but if the funding is an issue, I feel like the residents would be willing to chip in (I would!)
119	Even if everything else is voted for more in concept 2, please, for the love of everything good and holy, please keep the "no trucks" island in the road.
122	I think a pickle ball court/tennis court would add a lot of value to the neighborhood and there aren't many of them in this part of town! I think open greenspace/lawns are very valuable with the amount of trees/other natural barriers present for the park. I'm so excited!!
124	Both concepts look amazing and I would be happy with either!
127	N/a
129	I chose concept 2 primarily for the off leash dog area. With houses getting smaller and offering no yard space, I think this amenity is essential for residents.
130	So excited for the potential here! I have always been jealous of WMV greenspace, playground, and community space, and would love to have these amenities in Riverside.
134	Both concepts are very thoughtful in design. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!
135	I really love the trail through the park like in concept 1. I feel like the dog park will be a muddy mess. How to keep dry & w/grass? I love the open stream bank in concept 2. I have concerns about pavilion/crosswalk curve in concept 1
136	small off street parking for handicap
137	A floral patch for the earth and more trees please . Would love to se the half basketball court in it also. I would like to try to save more room for the trees and flowers
139	River access for kayaks is a must! Fulton has none! GPC right of way use needed. Actual access to water (even by foot) is the most important to many.
141	1. Preserve mature trees. 2. Include Mr. Imagination outdoor sculpture garden 3. Add stairs from Bernard to Plan 1 4. Use Plan 2 alignment of Bernard portion of trail.

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142	Notes on paper survey: Yes! to traffic island in concept 1 "I like the wetlands" Concept 2 "Sports court! Yes!" concept 2 "Also w sidewalk [along Lower Paul] that has street trees" Emphasized play for "all ages"
144	Would love this! Thank you! Voted for dog park, but would not be bothered by Imagination area instead. Other notes on paper survey: Emphasized "restrooms" with sunshine in concept 1 Indicated to move pavilion from concept 1 to concept 2 Circle heart at Bernard connection, concept 2 Circle check at garden area in concept 2 Circle check at wetlands in concept 2
146	Things I love about concept 1: Large main pavilion/active area Unpaved trails and Imagination Art Garden Hedge between park and railroad Multiuse trail through park Things I love about concept 2 Connection to Bernard Rd Small off-street parking lot Multiuse trail parallel Off-leash dog park Small pavilion Wetland area/boardwalk I love it all. Any way to have Imagination Garden and dog park? I probably wouldn't use the dog park for my own dogs but I love it as a place for neighbors to connect with each other and their dogs.
148	Include bicycle racks at pavilions or entrances to park
149	Love concept 1 dog park (if possible. Love trails through park vs. trail along street. Move dog park near [AGL] gas light entrance "open space"? Leaves middle space open for green space in concept 1?
150	I would like the Bidy Creek wetland area to be incorporated into concept 1.
151	How will the easement across the railroad be signed/labeled for all to see? Note on paper survey: running water/water fountain