

**APPENDIX C**

**PUBLIC OPINION**

**ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS**

Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District  
2013 Online Survey

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Recreation District conducted a survey to assess use and satisfaction with parks, facilities, and programs in order to inform the Comprehensive Plan Update. Surveys were administered online, using surveymonkey software, in the fall of 2013. In total, 912 respondents completed the online survey. This report lists the open ended-user comments, organized into themes.

## Chapter 2

# Survey Sample Demographics

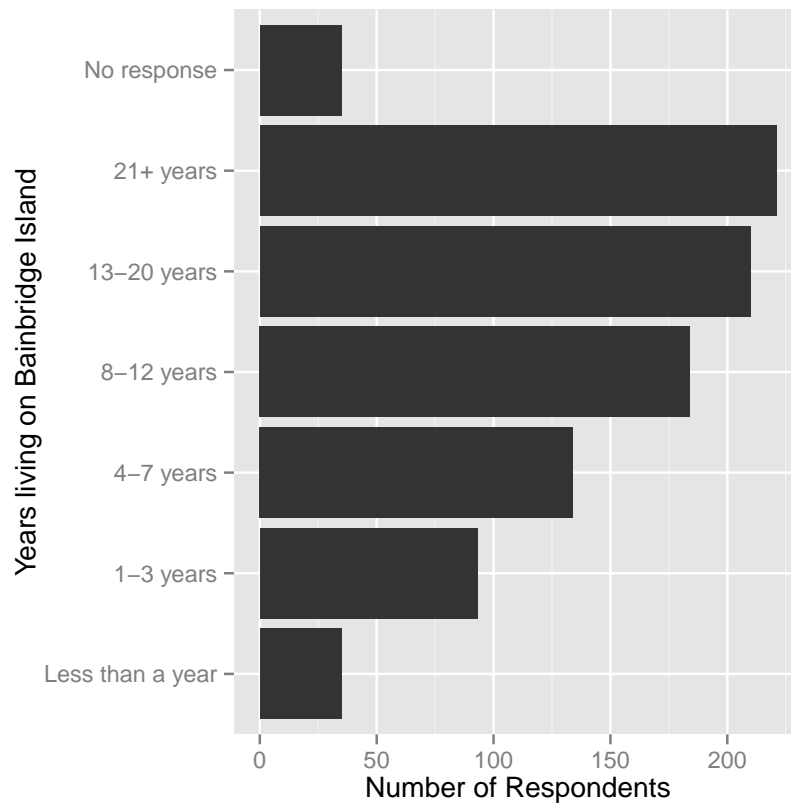
### 2.1 Introduction

There were a total of 912 survey respondents. Demographic information that survey respondents reported includes information about their residence, household size and age structure. 95% of respondents reported that they live on Bainbridge Island.

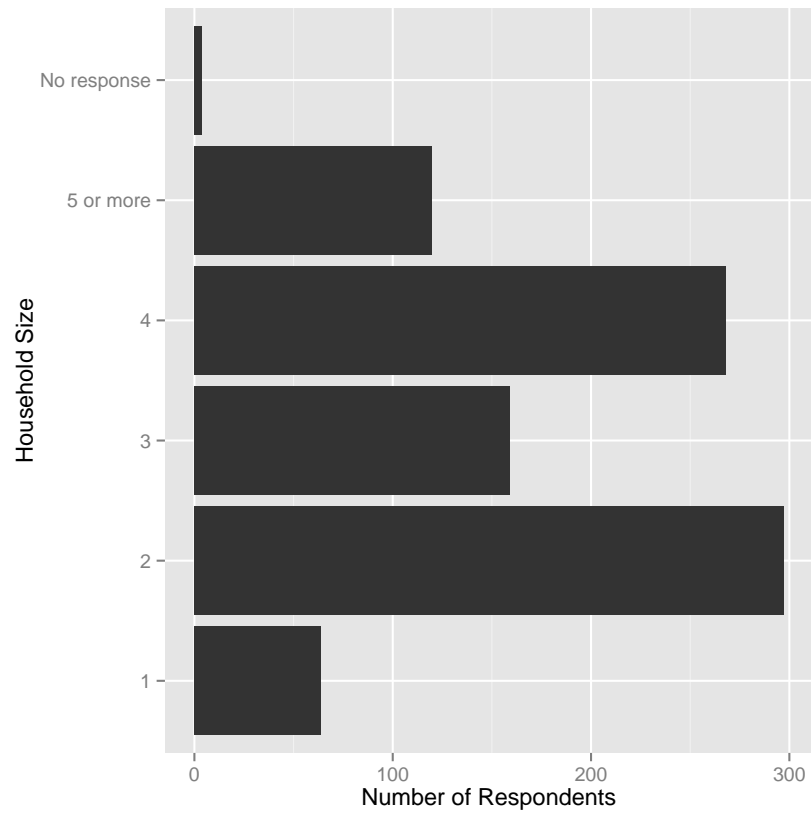
The amount of time respondents have resided on the island varies (Figure 2.1): 25% of respondents have lived on the Island more than 21 years, while 15% have lived here less than 4 years. NA refers to the respondents that did not answer the question.

The average household size is 3 people. 7% of respondents live alone, 33% are part of a two person household, and 60% are part of a household with three or more members (Figure 2.2).

Over half of the respondents have adolescents in their household. 34% have a child younger than 10 years of age (these same respondents may also have older children in the house as well); 21% have a child between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age (Figure 2.3). While 53% of respondent households have a member over the age of 55 years.

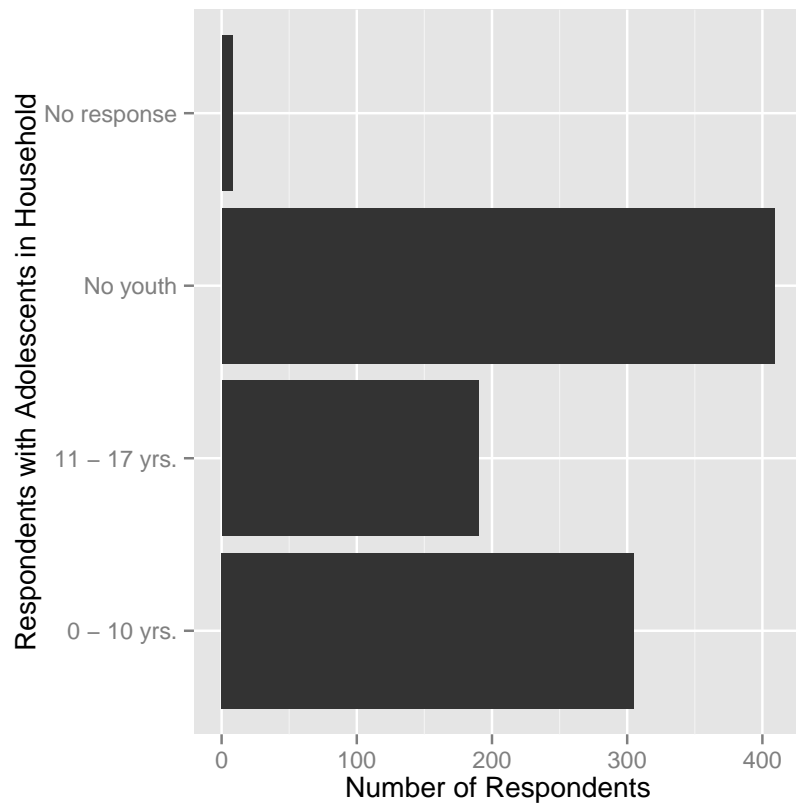


**Figure 2.1:** Number of years respondents have lived on Bainbridge Island.



**Figure 2.2:** Household size.





**Figure 2.3:** Respondents with adolescents in their household.

## Chapter 3

# General Satisfaction levels: parks, facilities, trails and programs

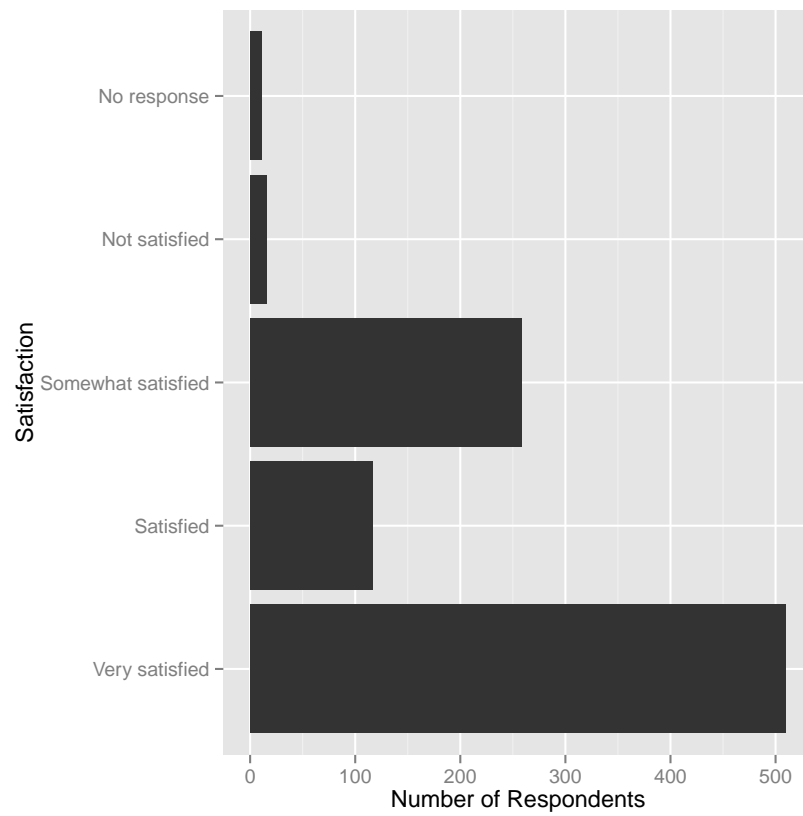
Respondents indicated that overall they were satisfied (56% were very satisfied) with parks, facilities, trails, and programs (Figure 3.1).

Only 1.7% of respondents indicated that they were not satisfied. Of these 16 respondents:

- 10 have four or more people in their household,
- 9 have lived on Bainbridge Island 8 to 20 years,
- 8 have children between the ages of 0 and 10 years, while 5 have no youth in their household.

A number of these respondents also filled in comments at the end of the survey. Below is their list of statements.

- These Playgrounds are also a top priority for me. Several of the 'community center' buildings and programs are also valuable to our family.
- Better communication with community
- Please consider an all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities.



**Figure 3.1:** General Satisfaction levels: parks, facilities, trails and programs.

- Reopen the sewer dump at Fae Bainbridge Park! You want tourist money but you close the dump at a camping park? Penny wise, Pound foolish! And forget the "Center". That much money could be used to make some decent bike/walking paths to protect commuters.
- Cooperation with Roller Hockey is of the utmost importance to our family. Having a player on a roller hockey team brings the whole family to Battle Point. We walk the trails with our dog during practices and after games. We spend a very large portion of our summers at Battle Point solely because of Roller Hockey. I can't imagine going there without that attraction.
- Soccer is by far the biggest sport on the island based on participation of both kids and adults. Additional artificial turf fields, like what we have at Battle Point 4 & 5 are a real must. Even more important is the need for an artificial turf field (or two) with lights – even if the lights are turned off at 8pm. There are too many kids that are missing practice opportunities because there are no lighted soccer fields on the island. There is no way all teams that need to practice in the fall and winter can get their practice in during the short period between school ending and sunset. The park district should also work with private baseball clubs for use of Sands Fields.
- Bottom line, if the park district has land, then it should be accessible with trails and interpretive signs. Rules about dogs on leashes and defecation MUST be enforced (and for horses too).
- I object to the whole metropolitan park organization system. You are a group without voter control and are out of control spending money . STOP
- want more fields for soccer use, turf and lights needed
- Off leash doggies on trails as long as voice responsive and not aggressive

## Chapter 4

# Respondent Ranking of Most Important Parks, Facilities, Programs, and Uses

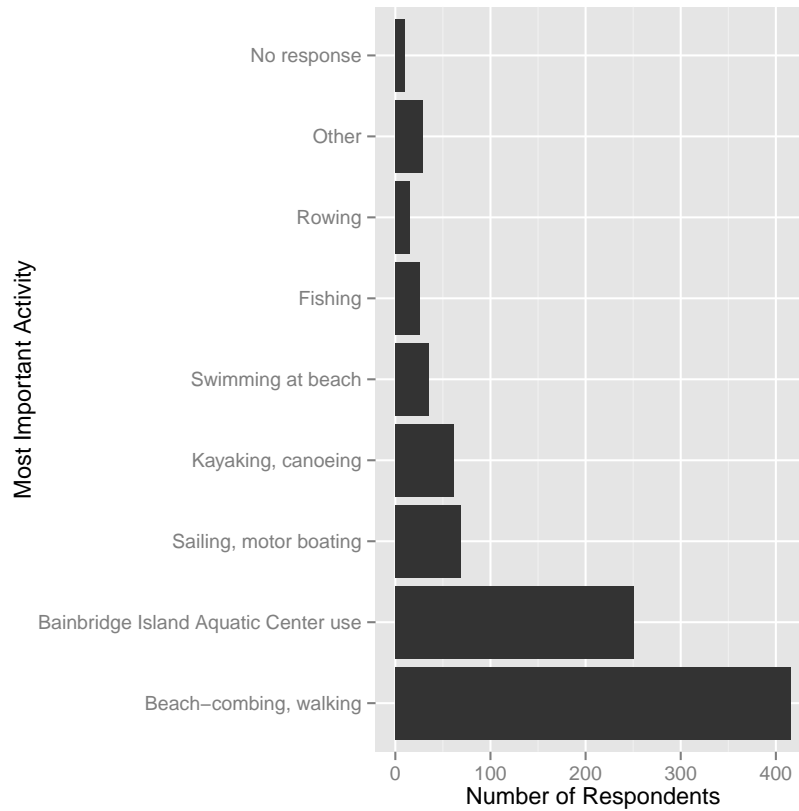
### 4.1 Introduction

Respondents were asked to indicate the activity or facility that was most important to them. Questions included activities related to water access, sports facilities, trails, leisure activities, conservation and wildlife, and special use facilities.

### 4.2 Water Access

Respondents most frequently rated the Bainbridge Island Aquatic Center (29%) and beach combing and walking (49%) as the most important activities related to water access (Figure 4.1). A number of respondents also took advantage of the option to write in answers on the survey instead of choosing from the listed options. The most common write in option was

Rowing.

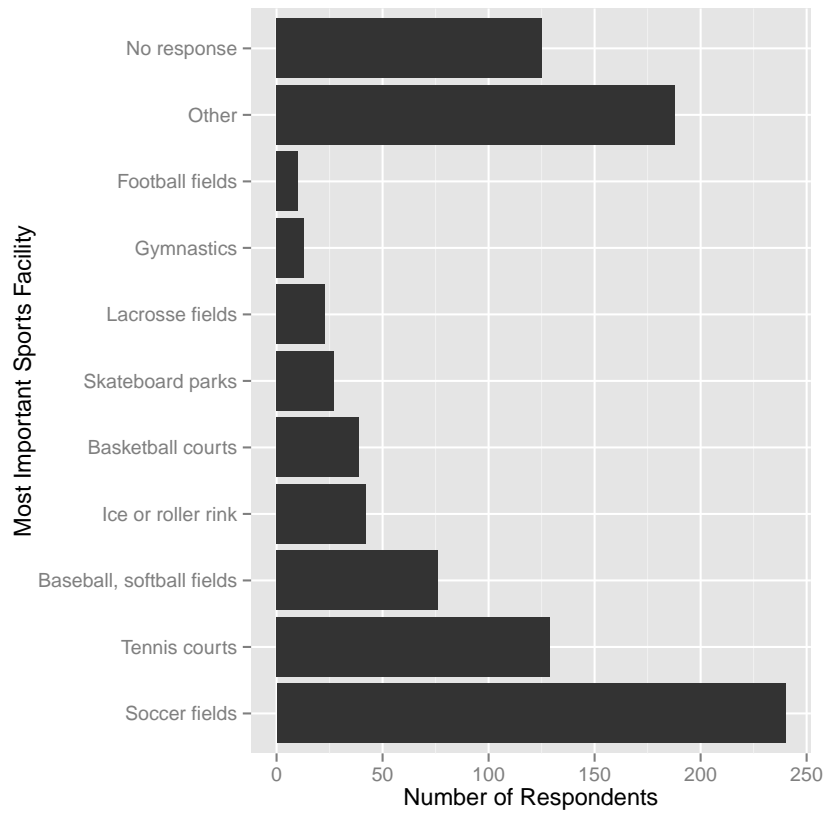


**Figure 4.1:** Most important activity related to water access.

### 4.3 Sport Facilities

Respondents most frequently selected the soccer fields (26%) and tennis courts (14%) as the most important activities related to sport facilities (Figure 4.2). A number of respondents also took advantage of the option to write in answers on the survey instead of choosing from the listed options. There were a diversity of write in options included, the most common ones were related to aquatic facilities (swimming, boating, and rowing), ice or roller (hockey) rink, and gymnastics centers. It is important to note that even though it was not in the list of options to selection the swimming, boating, and rowing category was the third most frequently selected

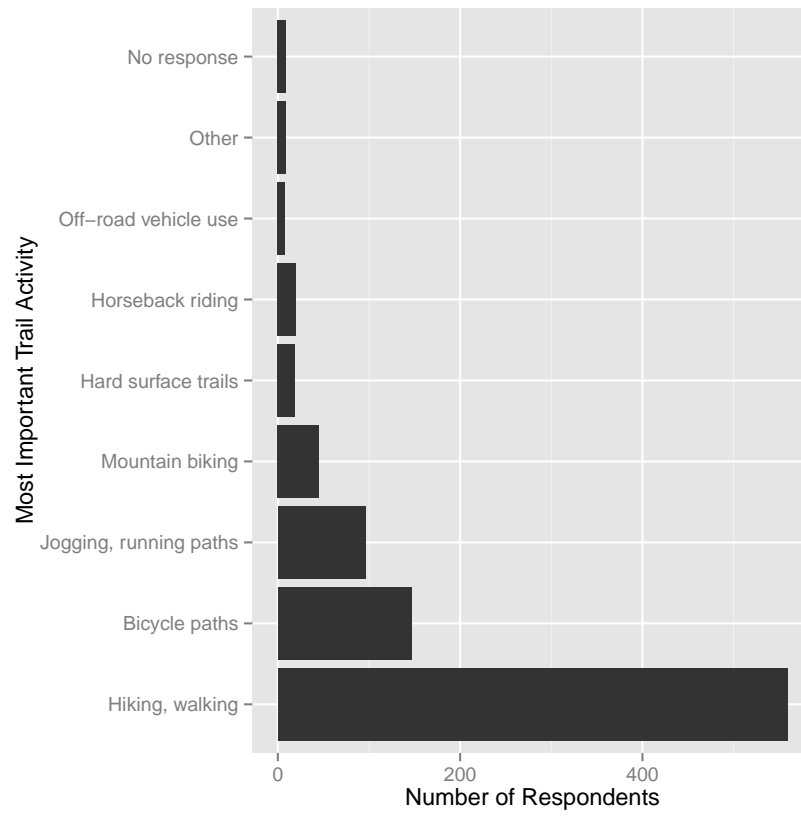
option (10%).



**Figure 4.2:** Most important sports facility.

## 4.4 Trails

Respondents most frequently rated the use of trails for hiking or walking (38%), bicycling (16%), and running or jogging (11%) as the most important (Figure 4.3). A small number of respondents wrote in horse riding, while others amended the walking and jogging categories to explicitly include their dogs in these activities.



**Figure 4.3:** Most important trail use.



## 4.5 Leisure Activities and Facilities

There are a number of leisure activities supported by the parks and recreation programs and facilities, so three questions were included in the survey. Each question has a different list of activities that respondents can choose from.

In the first question (Leisure I Activity or Facility), respondents most frequently rated hiking or viewpoints (23%), playgrounds (23%), off leash dog areas (20%), and picnic areas (19%) as the most important (Figure 4.4). Many respondents also wrote in trail use and beach activities.

In the list of options from the second leisure question (Leisure II Activity or Facility) the commonly cited most important activity included arts, music and concerts in the park (37%), adult learning classes (16%), outdoor adventures (15%), and fitness conditioning (15%) as the most important (Figure 4.5).

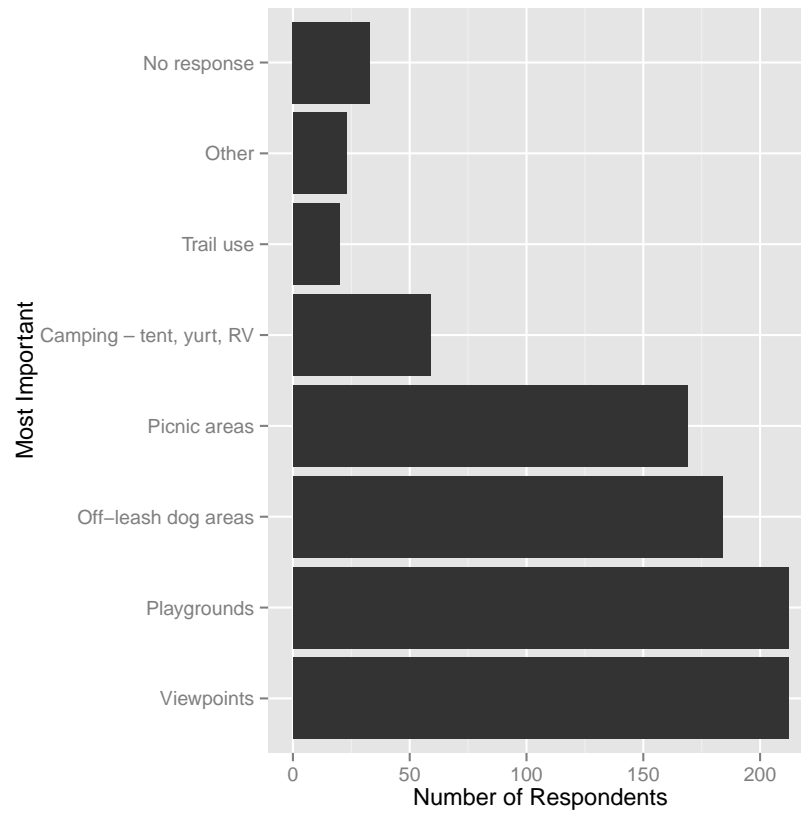
Finally, the highest ranked leisure activities from the third question (Leisure III Activity or Facility) were summer camps (24%) and after school programs (20%) (Figure 4.6). Additionally, a number of respondents indicated that they didn't use any of these programs.

## 4.6 Conservation and Wildlife

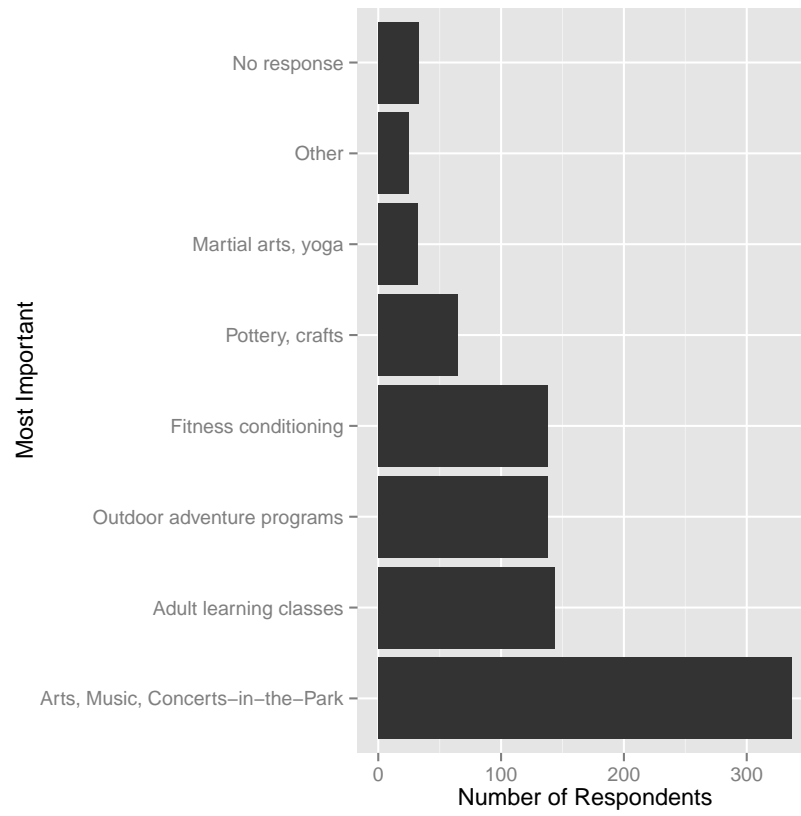
Respondents most frequently rated preservation of natural areas (57%) and environmental education (such as Student Conservation Corps) (11%) as the most important conservation and wildlife considerations (Figure 4.7).

## 4.7 Special Use Facilities

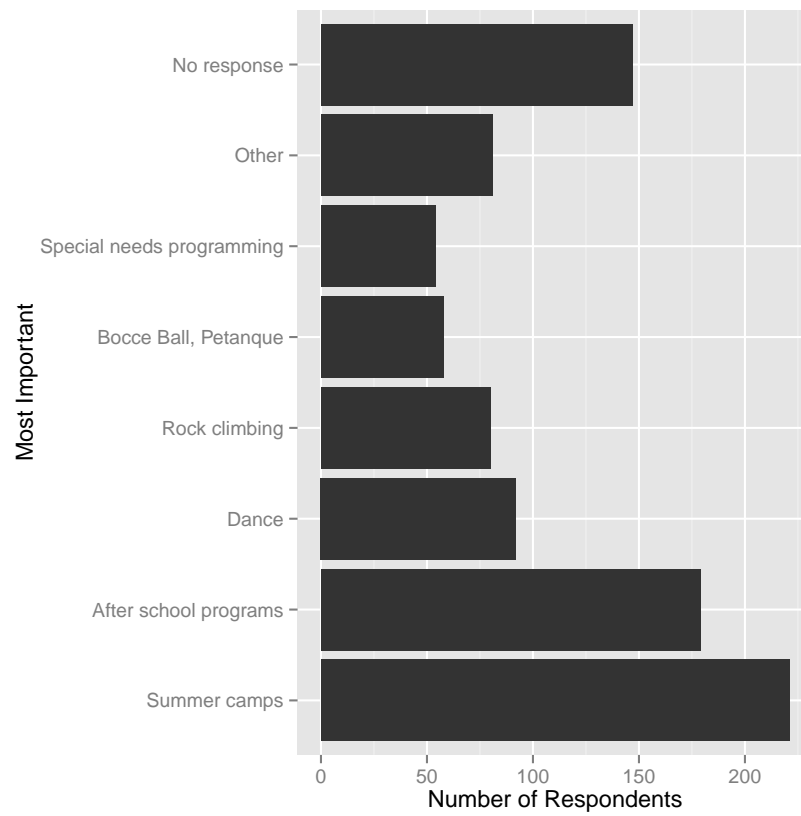
Respondents most frequently rated the Senior Center (Waterfront Park Community Center) (24%), Island Center Hall (12%), and the Teen Center (11%) as the most important special use



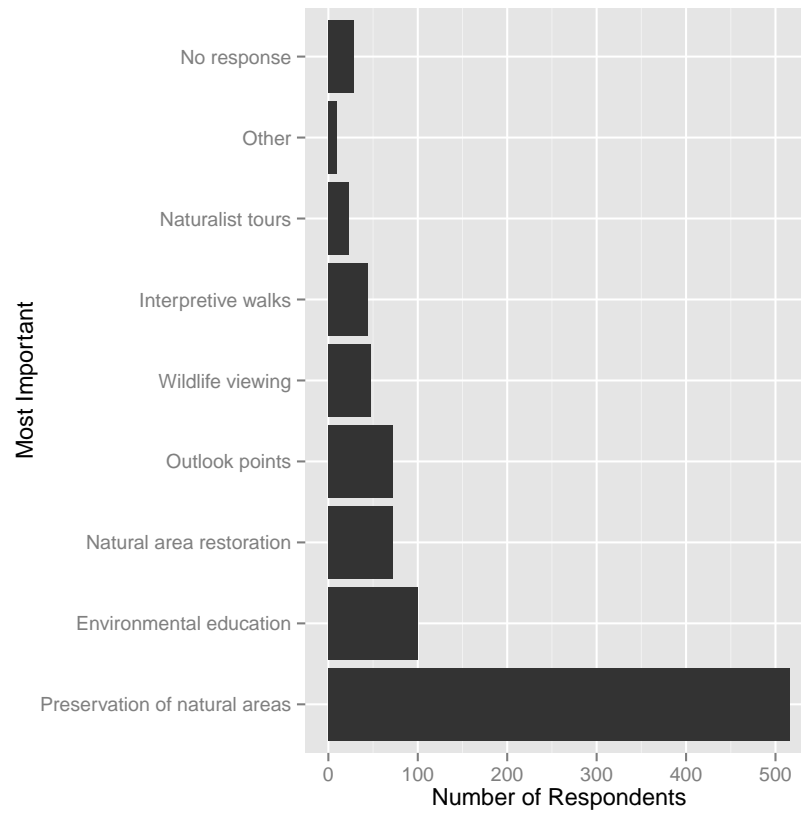
**Figure 4.4:** Most important leisure activity or facility (Leisure I Activity or Facility).



**Figure 4.5:** Most important leisure activity or facility (Leisure II Activity or Facility).

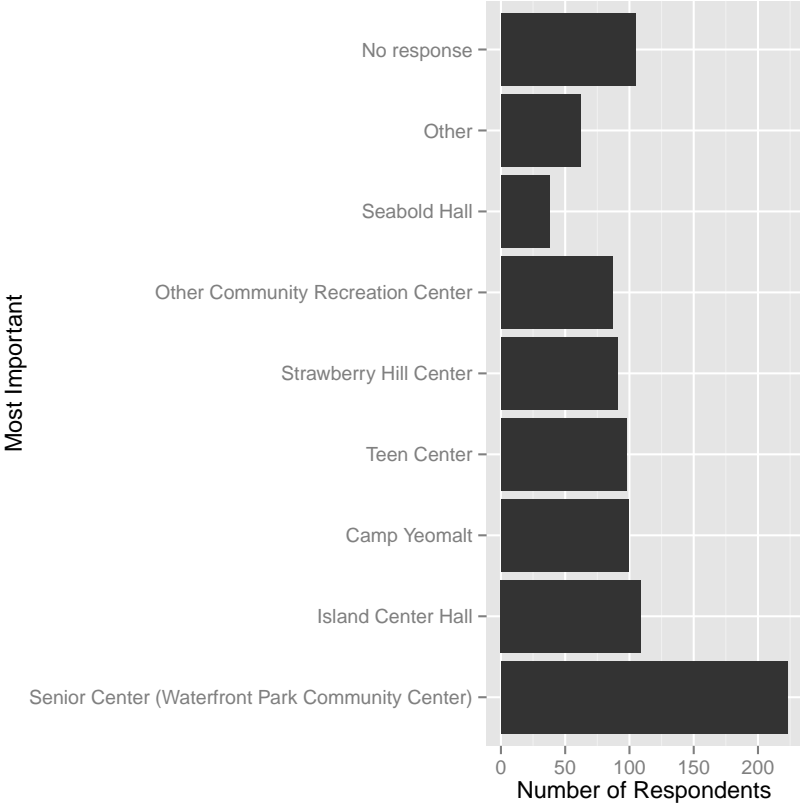


**Figure 4.6:** Most important leisure activity or facility (Leisure III Activity or Facility).



**Figure 4.7:** Most important conservation and wildlife consideration.

facilities (Figure 4.8). A number of survey respondents also filled in the Aquatic Center (11 respondents) in the write in option box.



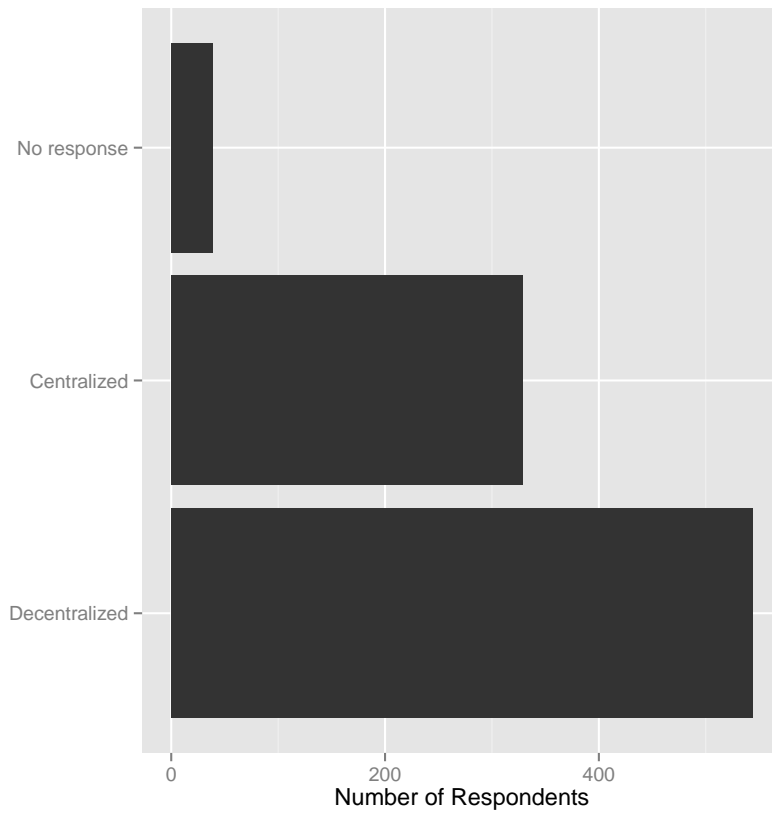
**Figure 4.8:** Most important special use facility.

## Chapter 5

# Future Directions

There was also a question on the survey exploring preferences for a centralized community recreation center with gymnasium. The alternative would be to continue with decentralized facilities across the island for park classes and programs. A centralized community center was estimated to cost approximately \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 and it would provide space for a variety of activities. It would likely be located in or near Winslow.

60% of respondents favor the decentralized status quo option over a new centralized facility; while 36% favor the new facility (Figure 5.1). A number of respondents included a summary of their concerns (e.g., traffic, maintenance of current facilities, costs), requests (e.g., boat access), and desire to learn more about all the implications of both options in the comment box option at the end of the survey. These comments are compiled and included in Chapter 6 (Section 2.1).



**Figure 5.1:** Preference for new centralized facility vs. status Quo.



# Chapter 6

## Open Ended Comments

### 6.1 Introduction

The open ended comments have been organized into the following subgroups:

Indoor, Special, and Support Facilities:

- Preference for a Centralized Community Recreation Center vs. Decentralized Facilities
- Senior Center
- Pottery Studio
- Special Needs Facilities

Playground and Athletic Facilities:

- Playgrounds
- Fields, Courts, Rinks, and Gyms
- Pool and Aquatic Center

Parklands:

- Beaches
- Access to Water
- Offleash Dog Parks and Offleash Rule Enforcement
- General Comments about Park Use and Maintenance
- Parks for Conservation

Access and Trails:

- Getting to the Parks and Facilities
- Non-vehicular Access to Parks
- Trails

Programs and Classes:

- Classes
- Outreach, Communication, Registration
- Youth Programs and Facilities
- Ideas

General Comments:

- Words of Praise
- Staff, Vision and Future Directions, Comprehensive Plan Update Process

## 6.2 Indoor, Special, and Support Facilities

### 6.2.1 Preference for a Centralized Community Recreation Center vs. Decentralized Facilities

- I would like a centralized area for ease of transportation but the decentralized buildings like the cabin at yeomalt and seabold provide unique rental opportunities and sometimes access to trails and forest is necessary for camps and activities.
- I don't mind a decentralized approach but I love the idea of a community center with low cost gym and exercise classes with childcare, more open swim times, indoor tennis courts/racquetball/jogging track/toddler drop-in play room. My kids have taken so many fun classes and camps over the past four years. I really appreciate the good rates and fun opportunities. Thank you very much for your great work for the community!
- In my mind, the centralized recreation center would be nice, but definitely not a necessity. There are great things going on around the island and it's not a big deal to travel to them for the activities offered.
- The central/decentralized issue is interesting. I see plusses and minuses for both. Safety and access are high priorities for our family, closely followed by community. If a centralized facility would build intra-island community, and allow for the higher-volume parking needs, then I am in favor. If the cost resulted in significantly higher class costs, that is a serious consideration.
- I have reservations about situating a new community center at Fort Ward. Area is difficult to access and would add traffic in rural area with poor roads.
- While I appreciate the idea of the centralized facilities, I am quite content with decentralized as well. I really would like to see some expansion to Battle Point for Roller Hockey - storage, additional space. It is a very multipurpose with the basketball. You guys are doing a great job! Both centralized community rec Center and also use decentralized

locations.

- I think a centralized community center that serves all ages would allow for building a stronger sense of community. I would hope that it would include specialized space and programs to meet the needs of teens.
- There is a definite lack of open gym access for kids during the Winter right now, which is why a centralized facility sounds so appealing. We are also part of the BRHL, and would love to at least have a roof for the outdoor rink at BP.
- If the "centralized" center could include an indoor basketball court so on rainy summer days we could go. Also, a skate park that is good for beginners with ramps and flat surfaces. i.e. Kingston skate park is good. Ours is not good for beginners or a lot of kids. it would be a great addition to the island.
- In a perfect world I'd love to see a centralized community center like listed above with the addition of an indoor walking/ running track, rooms of ping pong/ pool tables and a gathering place. I've seen other like centers all over Seattle metro area and it saddens me we don't have something similar.
- I am for a centralized facility as long as it doesn't raise the rates for just using the pool or taking classes. Will it bundle offerings so you end up paying for gym access even if you just want to swim?
- Centralize in downtown of village centers - consider ones carbon footprint With the development of a Centralized facility my hope would be it could improve BIMPRD's ability to better maintain facilities rather than have substandard maintenance of buildings and park areas as currently takes place. In otherwords, get rid of maintaining defunct structures (like the Fort Ward barracks - just remove those eyesores and let the shore do its thing) and concentrate on facilities that could benefit a larger sector of the population. With a centralized community center what would be very important to me is that there are Open Gym times for various activities for all age levels - so don't overbook the facility

with programs that can already take place at places like Eagledale Pottery facility or the Gymnastics gym at Battle Point, etc. and provide this increased badly needed open gym service that is available to so many user groups. Make it big and make it something that will last a long long time. Yes, make it in Winslow where there is bus service and that it would be close to schools and ferry, etc. Good Luck! It would be wonderful to have!

- Most needed: high-quality, educational programs accessible to all kids from the elementary schools—and up through Sakai and Woodward—that can serve (logistically) as child care for parents working off-island. A centralized community rec center could help with this—be sure busses from each school go there.
- the bathrooms at Battlepoint are always dirty and without toilet paper , even as a long summer weekend with festivals and tournaments are scheduled. Before we spend money on a large rec centre we should make our existing facilities adequate. Then a Rec Centre would be good for indoor facilities
- BIPD works very well as is. Keep it simple, don't over complicate things or build some crazy expensive new facility. A decentralized strategy is best in the LT, less debt, maint & cost. Keep it simple. Thanks
- Existing facilities are adequate, there is no need to spend money for more. I feel very strongly that 8% of my property tax should be used as efficiently as possible. A new 15–20 million recreational facility would likely require even MORE money from property owners. Just so you know, I'm a liberal Democrat. I already feel the district gets more money than it needs. please don't take actions that further increase taxes and don't attempt #14 unless some wealthy contributor fully funds it. Taxes related to parks have increased a lot over years and schools should be higher priority with respect to taxes. Work with them to coordinate resources/facilities use to achieve goals. Retired folks can't afford increasing taxes and they are big demographic on island. Have seen improvements lately, under current leadership, thank you!

- If I had 15 to 20 million I'd upgrade current facilities...
- Please prioritize the BASICS (e.g. simply keeping parks open & safe, etc.) over special programs and the like. Also, things like sponsorship/ads for movies in the park are a good way to offset operational costs of special activities. Whenever possible, special activities should SUPPORT THEMSELVES. BIPRD's main responsibility is basic access to parks.
- Rather than spending an exorbitant amount of money on a centralized center—use money to improve and support the ample buildings that exist. Put money into trails!! That is my vote. It is an all around way to encourage love of recreation, nature, preservation, health and fitness, tourism, and community. Thank you for reaching out to the general public for feedback. I hope to be able to attend meetings that address these issues in the future.
- I would support staying with the decentralized facilities, but improving existing infrastructures for a more affordable approach.
- I wish that more than one answer to questions would have been allowed in this survey. Also, I would support a centralized community center, but not at the expense of the other facilities. The way the question was presented, it seemed like an either-or.
- I like multi use of existing facilities like school gym and fields rather than using land to build new facilities.
- We need to take care of existing facilities before looking at new centers. The Ray Williamson pool and locker rooms need to be updated and would be better used if lanes were added. If possible, a 50 Meter pool with 25 yard width would be utilized by Swimming, Masters, Lap Swimmers and Water Polo. We could host more meets and host Water Polo Tournaments. The facility is NOT conducive for water polo and barely acceptable for swim meets as is.
- I would love to see a gym that is available to the public on a regular basis and not always booked with activities. However, I think having most programs decentralized makes all the spaces in our community stay viable and better cared for. I would hate to see that other

spaces don't get the resources they need because we have a bigger new central building. I would choose to stay as we are rather than do that.

- I think having one centralized community center will create too much traffic in one place and require people to drive further. Decentralized is better for the environment and better for people. May get to know neighbors better also.
- A prime attribute of Bainbridge Parks is access to natural areas and other facilities all over the Island. It seems to me that a centralized facility would cause a lot of traffic/use congestion. I also support use of current buildings as much as possible due to their historic value. Reopen the sewer dump at Fae Bainbridge Park! You want tourist money but you close the dump at a camping park? Penny wise, Pound foolish! And forget the "Center". That much money could be used to make some decent bike/walking paths to protect commuters.
- Mostly we prefer decentralized facilities, but that's not to say that there isn't demand for a larger central facility too. I am concerned about the increased traffic, for example, that has occurred on the deadend road that is Mandus Olson as a result of Hilltop converting from a passive to an active use park. When people are rushing to and from a scheduled activity, traffic is much heavier and faster than usual. Similarly, park district employees traveling to Hilltop have increased traffic and not always driven the speed limit. Please be sure to maintain the horse access to trails and parks. Wish the arena that had been installed at Battle Point was designed as a dressage arena as had been discussed - it's multi-purpose design ended up serving no one's need. But better to have it than nothing. Please do not waste our money with designs that show drastic changes to Battle Point like moving the roller rink (please allow improvements there) and moving the Kids Up playground. Those suggestions are ridiculous and a poor use of limited funds. Please keep lights out of Battle Point and support the use of the observatory. Please reschedule the Bluegrass Festival so that it does not coincide with the longstanding roller hockey end of season tournament. Thank you for considering these comments.

- Stop development.
- We love and use many of the special use facilities, especially Strawberry Hill, Camp Yeomalt, and the Island Center Hall. These facilities are part of the island's charm which would be lost with an expensive centralized rec center.
- I would need to know more about the pros, cons, and unintended consequences of building a centralized community center.
- We love the parks. We would like to see more bike trails and walking and hiking trails. I am not opposed to a centralized facility, but would really want to see a cost/benefit analysis. It seems like a lot of money to spend when we already have facilities spread around the island that work.
- very uncertain about centralized vs decentralized
- Question 14 does not provide relevant information to judge the magnitude of the project. Perhaps you should have left the cost out just to gauge initial support, or break the cost down to the annual cost per household (assuming it would be financed with a levy). I would support a centralized facility to help reduce car trips, ensure more equitable access, and support/encourage growth concentration downtown.
- My answer to question 14 is somewhat tentative. I would like more information and to better understand what that would look like. I have some concern over it becoming an overly crowded area and having things spread out may help with traffic flow as well as creating more familiarity with our Island's parks.
- indoor running track
- indoor soccer fields/lacrosse fields would be a great addition. think starfire indoor facility but smaller. 2 fields with indoor track etc.
- During the winter months especially, there is a need for an indoor recreation/activity/playground facility. This would also be hugely beneficial any time of year. It is time to make this



investment for our future generations!

- I believe an indoor play area for families with small children is very important in our weather. I would hope this could be part of a community center.
- Answer to #14 assumes that boat storage could be in the basement of a large rec center at Waterfront park.
- The Island needs a large facility where an indoor baseball, football, and can be played and practiced year round
- I hope that if you build a centralized CRC, that you would be adding on room for the gymnastics program. Even with the use of the Transmitter Building for the younger kids, the rest of the rec classes, rec teams and high school team all share the one small room. More room is needed for safety and comfort and most likely would help the program keep expanding.
- I am willing to spend money on a well-thought-out Community Music Hall
- I would love a theater/public performance space included in the centralized community recreation center (similar to the theater/aquatic/recreation center in Poulsbo). A real need for our community!
- A new center would be nice, but what about parking?
- the ball park of 15/20 million is silly. if you do not want to build it, fine but do not try to scare off the question with an inflated price tag.
- Please build a community center attached to the aquatic center! This would benefit so many families on the island.
- We need a large performance space, larger than BPA or the high school auditorium, for school and community productions.
- I have a suggestion – can we build a rentable hall at Fay Bainbridge for events like wed-

dings? None of the other halls are very large and the island is in sore need of a large, publicly available, beautiful indoor facility with a kitchen and a couple side rooms. The only real indoor wedding venue on BI is in the new development at Pleasant Beach, which is very expensive. The facility at Kitsap Memorial State Park makes the park district there good money and is a good value for renters – there is plenty of room for something like this at beautiful Fay Bainbridge.

### **6.2.2 Senior Center**

- The Senior Center is a wonderful resource! It adds a whole new dimension to my life
- The senior center room for meals and BINGO is too small. There is not enough room for walkers. and it is too crowded. The chairs that are in there are a hazard for some of the seniors. I have seen them trip over the legs.

### **6.2.3 Pottery Studio**

- The wheels in the Eagledale pottery are disappointing. It would also be great if it could become a center for potters with their own studios not just for classes. Dmonstrations by top potters would bring the ceramic community together.
- all for Eagledale studio: 1. sink drainage needs to better accommodate clay in wastewater. 2. suggest the toilets not be so primitive, & better lit. 3. more storage for student work-in-progress. 4. budget for firing the cone 10 kiln more frequently or find a suitable alternative to the gas cone 10 kiln.

### **6.2.4 Special Needs Facilities**

- Need any upgrades or improvements to address and meet 2012 guidelines for accessibility for ALL people

- We badly need Special Needs facilities like exercise equipment and play areas sized for adults. Most facilities are currently directed toward children, but children grow up.

## 6.3 Playground and Athletic Facilities

### 6.3.1 Playgrounds

- There is a need for accessible playgrounds considering the amount of children with disabilities that live on the island.
- Our family feels strongly that a universal access/ inclusive playground be a priority on Bainbridge Island, illustrating our community's commitment to diversity and to our children. Currently, no playgrounds exist on the island with basic accessibility/inclusive play elements such as smooth surfaces that accommodate wheelchairs (for either children or parents/caregivers), accessible play pieces such as slides, swings and merry-go-rounds, sensory stations that involve texture and sound or that include sight-impaired play components. We invite BI Parks and Recreation to be a part of our growing network of supporters and to join the conversation about how we can work together to build a world-class, universal access/inclusive playground on Bainbridge Island: [www.owensplayground.org](http://www.owensplayground.org) and [www.facebook.com/owensplayground](http://www.facebook.com/owensplayground). We thank you for the valuable work you do on behalf of Bainbridge Island and the greater Kitsap community!
- I have heard about the idea for an inclusive "play for all" space being circulated for the Waterfront Park area, and I love it! I used to live on Bainbridge Island, and I still come over from West Seattle quite often with my nieces and nephews to visit my friends with kids on the island. I'd love to see a space that's integrated with the natural landscape that provides access to kids (and adults) that travel with wheelchairs, walkers, etc. I think the waterfront location across the street from the retirement home would be wonderful, making it easier for the senior community to access the space and enjoy watching the

children at play during the day.

- It would be great to have an accessible playground for our grandson with special needs.
- Need for an accessible playground for children with special needs. All inclusive!
- Our family feels strongly that a universal access/ inclusive playground be a priority on Bainbridge Island, illustrating our community's commitment to diversity and to our children.
- Currently, no playgrounds exist on the island with basic accessibility/inclusive play elements such as smooth surfaces that accommodate wheelchairs (for either children or parents/caregivers), accessible play pieces such as slides, swings and merry-go-rounds, sensory stations that involve texture and sound and or that include sight-impaired play components. We invite BI Parks and Recreation to be a part of our growing network of supporters and to join the conversation about how we can work together to build a universal access/inclusive playground on Bainbridge Island: [www.owensplayground.org](http://www.owensplayground.org) and [www.facebook.com/owensplayground](http://www.facebook.com/owensplayground). We thank you for the valuable work you do on behalf of Bainbridge Island and the greater Kitsap community!
- Please consider an all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities.
- I would love to see an "Inclusive Playground" take shape in the Waterfront Park plan as both a local and regional asset.
- When putting up a new playground, such as the 2012 structure at the Madison Tot Lot, it would be nice to have parental input. There are some dangerous parts of that playground.
- Playgrounds are not maintained and are unsafe.
- Playgrounds are also a top priority for me. Several of the 'community center' buildings and programs are also valuable to our family.

### 6.3.2 Fields, Courts, Rinks, and Gyms

- Access to fields is in an issue it's getting better but still difficult at times
- I think enclosed or at least covered regulation size bocce courts 2-4 across from the senior center would get alot of use
- would love to have an indoor soccer/baseball fields. Also access to indoor basketball courts - our kids need someplace to go when the weather get bad!
- some of the baseball fields seem like they receive little or no attention. We have been playing little league at Hidden Cove Park for years and will for a couple more. The two fields are never groomed and year after year never refilled with dirt. Huge puddles collect at first base, short stop, third base and the batters boxes. If you are going to have 6-10 year olds play on those fields the conditions should be safer. Rocks, gravel, etc make the balls jump up into the kids faces.
- Need to upkeep the basketball courts at Seabold Hall. Needs to be court to be cleaned and new nets to be added.
- My child is playing on the 7-8 year old bb league. Very frustrated that almost every game is off island. We are unhappy that there is no facility to host more games on BI
- I would love to see a disc golf course somewhere on the island, possibly in the grand forest. The island needs more athletic fields with lighting - considering 60% of hh have children and a majority of those children participate in some kind of after school athletics - I would like to see outdoor lights added to the Battlepoint ball fields, soccer/lacrosse and softball fields.
- I would very much support the idea of lighting the Battle Point Park Fields. It is such a great facility and it is shame that during the winter it is only useful for sports until 4:00. Even temporary lights that one could put up and take down when needed would be great!
- It'd be great to get some tennis courts lighted.

- More lighted fields are needed not just the high school
- Need lights for fields.
- Need more lighted athletic fields
- Please, no over development of the parks; lights, buildings, et cetera
- Soccer fields with lights for year round practice starting at young age are dearly needed
- I play adult soccer with Bozoball 3 times a week. We are constantly losing field time to BIFC which is a pay to play system. There are more adults than kids on the island, we are aging as a community why must we cede field use to them? I just think it's time we examine a reasonable amount of all weather fields to meet demand. Lights at Battlepoint? Heck yeah. How about installing a turf field at the practice field behind the high school as a joint BISC BIPR effort. want more fields for soccer use, turf and lights needed
- Petanque has much lower installation and maintenance costs than bocce. Petanque can be visually integrated into a park much better than bocce - bocce requires low walls, marked terrain, very flat and protected surface... while petanque requires only a generally flat, compacted 1/4minus crushed rock surface such as is typical for a public path. A petanque area can be used for other purposes in addition to petanque, while bocce courts are dedicated solely to bocce.
- Would love to see permanent improvements to the roller hockey rink. Fabulous program!
- We use the multi purpose rink at Battle Point Park to play roller hockey as much as possible! My whole family loves the sport and wishes that the rink was covered and resurfaced so we could use it more in the winter months!! I believe there are over 200 people that play roller hockey during spring time that would also continue to use the facility all year long if it was covered!
- Would love to multi purpose indoor facility. Cover for the Roller Rink
- I would really like to see an enhanced roller hockey program. Adding a gear storage area

and snack shack that could be shared with roller hockey/ lacrosse/ soccer would be well used! Also, increased picnic tables around the rink and sports fields would be so nice for families who are watching games and tournaments. Sports are important to families on the island and get more people out and enjoying our amazing battlepoint park.

- I'd like to see continued maintenance of the roller hockey rink at Battlepoint, and expansion of the rollerblade surfaces outside the rink to include a place for folks to rollerblade/skate off the rink, e.g., a loop similar to the walking path or paving more of the walking path. I'd also like to see more storage space at the hockey rink.
- The Roller Hockey facility needs to be updated including additional on-site storage. The Roller Hockey rink needs to continue to be maintained and improved. Ideally this includes the surrounding areas that are there for the rink such as benches, seating, and storage. With that said, most important is the continued maintenance of the skating surface.
- The roller rink at battle point needs a cover
- The roller rink is one of my favorite places on the island and a new surface would be a great addition. Thanks
- we use the hockey rink on BPP a lot and it could use some improvements to the storage facilities at the rink, as well as, continuing to maintain and improve upon the skating surface, surrounding skating surfaces and bleacher/picnic areas.
- I would like to see more flexibility in allowing "permanent" changes to the roller rink so that community members can self raise funds to make helpful improvements.
- Ice skating rink, please!
- More improvements to the hockey area, more skateable areas
- Roller hockey rink needs a cover and the brhl has the funds please please let us cover it!
- There are too many baseball fields. I would like to see the baseball fields removed from Strawberry hill and have an ice-skating ring there instead so ice hockey and ice skating

classes can be held there.

- We are a roller hockey family with the Bainbridge Roller Hockey League (BRHL) and would love to see the storage facilities at the rink improved for our players and coaches. We also need continued maintenance and improvement of the rink's skating surface, as well as the surrounding skating surfaces and bleacher/picnic areas.
- We are rabid roller hockey fans after just one season with BI Roller Hockey League. These guys are fantastic and it would be great if Parks would allow a bit more storage or stands for the fans. A lot of parents & grandparents come out and the stands are the best way for them to watch the game.
- We make extensive use of most of the park's various venues and programs - like the current balance in both. Love the Roller Hockey Rink ... hopefully a candidate for maintenance and improvements in 2014.
- We'd like to see improvements to the roller hockey area, including storage facilities at the rink, as well as continuing to maintain and improve upon the skating surface, surrounding skating surfaces and bleacher/picnic areas.
- We need a second rink for Roller Hockey. A shed and bleacher upgrade for Roller Hockey would be good also.
- Please consider installing a cover over the skatepark to make it more accessible during inclement weather.
- Soccer is by far the biggest sport on the island based on participation of both kids and adults. Additional artificial turf fields, like what we have at Battle Point 4 & 5 are a real must. Even more important is the need for an artificial turf field (or two) with lights - even if the lights are turned off at 8pm. There are too many kids that are missing practice opportunities because there are no lighted soccer fields on the island. There is no way all teams that need to practice in the fall and winter can get their practice in during the short



period between school ending and sunset. The park district should also work with private baseball clubs for use of Sands Fields.

- The soccer fields at battlepoint need a wind break. Lighting needs to be revisited in a fashion that works for the neighbors and the astronomy club. Even minimal lighting to enhance safety when the fields are in use at Dusk would help.
- The Parks District has been doing a great job, especially since the separate funding was put in place. We use Battle Point Park nearly every day and have seen a great improvement in it since the soccer fields were built. People play there all year round now. Thanks!
- I think BI Parks does a good job. One area that could be improved is softball fields. I play occasionally at Bremerton and their facilities are much superior and better maintained.
- Please remember that the tennis courts are heavily used by the community - even in December and January - every court is in use during the afternoons. We could use more courts please!!!
- It seems that the grading for the renovation at the Rotary park ball field will cause water in the non-ballfield grass area and there is a drain that may cause accidents if people are using the area for active games. Some of the cement work has points or uneven connections that may cause tripping,
- A bigger facility for on-site activities at Battle Point Park would be good.
- drinking water issue at battle Point should be corrected
- need lights at Battle Point Park Turf fields
- keep up the great work and looking for ways to be even better. Consider a bocce/lawn bowling/horseshoe area somewhere on the island
- Please keep Battle Point peaceful and not intensively developed. Thanks
- I live adjacent to the new Rotary Park Fields, and you are doing a great job reforming the

fields and rec area.

- A large-scale recreational facility for the public with gym, workout facilities similar to a YMCA is missing on BI. It would be wonderful if the facility also had an indoor soccer/lacrosse field.
- Having a bigger gymnasium that has more activities for all ages. Also, having a foam pit would be nice.
- gymnastics facility and equipment needs major overhaul

### **6.3.3 Pool and Aquatic Center**

- Off Island participants should pay MORE for use of our Parks and Rec activities., especially the Aquatic Center. We pay huge taxes to keep the Park and Rec . . . they don't.
- We moved here from the east coast in July and have been so impressed with the abundant and wonderful parks on the island! My only hopes for the future would be a municipal outdoor pool for swimming in the summer and youth ballet and horse back riding lessons offered through parks and rec. Thanks!
- Aquatic center needs to expand
- aquatic center is too crowded
- need a long course pool and continued space for all swimmers, inc. swim team, lap swimmers, rec swimmers and swim classes
- We need a indoor/outdoor swimming pool with sliding walls or roof.
- The aquatic center is bursting at the seams. We need more pool space
- All three of my children participate in the youth water polo programs, one in Splashball, one in the 12/14 u program and one on the High school team. My children love the sport and the coaches have been wonderful influences on them. Sadly, the pool times made

available for the water polo teams have made it very difficult if not impossible for my children to get the amount of sleep recommended by the American Pediatric Association for youth ( minimum 9 hours a night, through high school). I would love to see some scheduling adjustments made at the Aquatic center to allow the youth Polo clubs to practice earlier in the evening. If the evening lap swimmers were able to share lanes in the Don Nakata pool from 7-8 pm, then the youth polo players could practice in the Ray Williamson Pool at the same time. This would allow them to get to bed at a reasonable hour. The current schedule allows the Polo clubs pool time from 8pm to 9:30. The kids cannot get to bed before 10 or 10:30, and that is simply unhealthy. Water Polo is a wonderful, all season sport for youth and adults alike. I would love to see many more youths able to enjoy it on Bainbridge Island, but with the current scheduling difficulties, my family has to consider giving up on it, as several families have, due to their children's fatigue. Thank you so much for considering this issue and for all of the wonderful work you do for our community.

- More lap lanes, another pool?
- We desperately need more pool space. The pool is consistently full and kids are getting turned away from participating on swim team due to the crowded conditions. I would be very supportive of an initiative to develop another pool.
- We have plenty of gymnasiums on the Island. What we need to begin planning for is the end of the Ray Pool. The pool is getting up there in age and will need to be replaced sooner than later.
- PLEASE convert the Aquatic center to saline, rather than chlorine. The chlorine is really hard on kids with exzema, and anyone with asthma.
- I am very concerned about the cleanliness and use of chemicals at the aquatic center. Two of my children are avid swimmers (in BISC and HS swimming). They are both plagued by sinus infections, skin irritations (fungus, warts, etc) and headaches. I would like to see

parks rec put more funding/energy into finding better options for keeping the pool, pool deck and locker rooms sanitary and free of harmful chemicals.

- Loud radios, and coaches shouting in pool area are counterproductive to life guarding and are intensely disliked by some swimmers. Negative coaching is distressing as well.
- I primarily use the pool, saunas, and hot tub due to my debilitating arthritis.
- The pool is not managed well. You should at least put up a sign saying which lane will close when so someone doesn't get it and have it closed on them after 5 minutes. Lap swimming is the best option for exercise for seniors or adults with chronic pain/injuries that prevent them from doing other fitness activities but the lap swimming schedule seems to constantly change which makes it hard for those of us who still work to get it into our routine.
- There seems to be tension about how the Aquatic Center is used, and we have experienced the high-volume usage by being waitlisted for the swim team. It is our understanding that the team capacity is determined by how much access there is to swim lanes. I hope that needs are being balanced in ways that are equitable to the most users.
- I love using the pool for lap swim.

## 6.4 Parklands

### 6.4.1 Beaches

- an outdoor shower at a Road End (Manzanita, Lytle Beach) or Park (Fay Bainbridge, Fort Ward) would be awesome.
- Keeping Road Ends accessible would be great. But in general I'm really happy with the BI Park District: every time I walk the trails of BI I'm impressed by the network/extensive numbers of paths/trails, and how well they're maintained. Thanks!

- More visibility and reasonable parking for beach access and trail access. For example, it took me a year to figure out how to access Gazaam from Baker Hill Rd. I showed a 20 year veteran of BI who has walked/hiked all over and she never accessed from there. Yet there is parking, signage, etc. IF you can find it! Cheers!
- Please improve parking access to waterfront areas, such as the open space at Murden Cove. Right now, the only way to access that area is if to live there, since the local property owners have seen to it that there are "No Parking" signs everywhere.
- Making public access to beach walking easy. I would love to hike the beaches with my children but always fear that I'm trespassing.
- I'd like to see money spent on road end maintenance and beach cleanliness.
- Halls beach/Hawley neighborhood. There has never been an easy and safe access to this beach from the Hawley neighborhood. The very neighborhood that it exist in. Instead it appears all the funds went toward safe and costly access from Wing Point Way. Getting to and from that beach is treacherous for all ages! It is one of the only beaches on this side of the Island for families to enjoy and view the fireworks. Yet couples trying to get there children back home safely is almost impossible without them falling with children in hand. It really needs to be looked at.
- Trail maintenance is important to me, as is access to beaches through the road ends. Some are not all that accessible. Thanks for the new stairs at Rockaway Beach! Making public access to beach walking easy. I would love to hike the beaches with my children but always fear that I'm trespassing.

#### **6.4.2 Access to Waterfront and Water**

- I believe an improved rowing facility in waterfront park will help introduce the joy of rowing to even more island residents.

- We need a boathouse on this Island!
- Let the rowing club have its boathouse in waterfront park.
- I was hard to choose just one item in several of the lists. I would like to add that access to the water for kayaks/canoes is also important to me.
- the changes made because of the new funding are great. Love Fay Bainbridge... How about a boat launch there again?
- The island desperately needs water access for trailer boats. A launch ramp with a dock should be high priority.
- I would like to see the public dock and ramp plans completed
- More places with easier access for kayak launching is needed.
- Please extend and improve the dock, and add pleasure craft docking at Hidden Cove Park.  
Thank you.
- Real need for better water access for community. In particular canoe and kayak. It would be great to be able to store boats at the access point.
- Thanks for the dock improvements at Hidden Cove Park. Hoping for easier kayak put-in capability.
- We are an island – waterfront is key, non motorized uses such as rowing and sailing are core values.
- We need more ways to get Bainbridge Islanders on the water with community boat racks, etc.
- Nice work all the way around. Love our wildland parks and the kids programs are excellent. Waterfront access is most important to our household.

### 6.4.3 Offleash Dog Parks and Offleash Rule Enforcement

- A fenced dog park on higher ground (ie, not down in the muddy!) would be most gratefully received.
- Battle point needs dog off leash area, doesn't have to be expensive dog owners might even help to fund. would help Parks and reduce some of your maintenance re cleanup after dogs.
- I'd like to see a good, off-leash dog area.
- I'm very disappointed the dog park situation. Bainbridge Island is such a dog friendly community. I don't understand why the parks dept. feels such a need to completely isolate public dog parks. Off leash hours or off leash areas in could be considerably less costly. It would be great to have a significant amount of acreage devoted to an off-leash dog park.Hoping the Vincent Rd dog park proposal materializes.
- Off leash doggies on trails as long as voice responsive and not aggressive
- Off-leash dog park is needed at Battlepoint Park. Off-leash dog hours on trails would be nice. Even just two hours per week.
- We would like to see an off-leash dog park (happy about Vincent Road site) and forest trails where dogs can be off-leash (not sure if this is included in Vincent Road site). Sorely needed on the island!
- Will you open the dog park anytime soon?
- you are not seeing off leash dog areas as a priority
- I would like more off leash dog areas in our parks...it is better for everyone whether they have a dog or not as now there are too many dogs off leash near the playground and on the lawns in the normal parks and not all are friendly.
- Please do not ban off leash dogs on your trails if they are kept within sight and under

immediate voice control. It is impossible to properly exercise a larger dog on a leash. Walking with one's dog rather than always being stuck watching the dog at a dog park is healthier for both dog and owner.

- Please provide shared use of trails and parks for off-leash dog walking
- Would love to see more off-leash areas - perhaps limited hours at multiple locations
- We need more off leash dog park access. I am not a dog owner but love pets nonetheless. There will be increased conflict between non-dog owners and dog owners if the on leash laws are not enforced and more off-leash access is not developed.
- As a birdwatcher, I would like to see more work on getting dogs ON leash or off-leash areas they can go to and not disturb me and the birds
- Enforce your rules about keeping dogs on leashes.
- Would like better enforcement of leash laws at battle point, and less/no use of pesticides / herbicides near playgrounds
- Need more policing of parks w/off leas dogs, it's a major issue.
- Please enforce leash laws! I walk regularly at Battle Point and see off-leash dogs almost every time I'm there.
- Please keep and enforce leash laws. Park users need to be protected from loose dogs. The parks department is doing a great job keeping facilities clean and in good working order!
- Bottom line, if the park district has land, then it should be accessible with trails and interpretive signs. Rules about dogs on leashes and defecation MUST be enforced (and for horses too).
- I really like the new trail signage in and around the Grand Forest. And I am proud our community was able to restore Camp Yeomalt. I would really like to see a system of use enacted where dogs are allowed off-leash at certain times of day within the BI trail



network. Thanks for asking!

- Get those dogs back on their leashes especially in the Grand Forest. Dogs are even more devastating to wildlife than cats.
- A centralized dog park that is accessible for all. Preferable one that is not tucked out of the way, as the one on the south side of the island, that a woman doesn't feel safe to be at alone. The parks are too primitive overall. It's fine, but we need a more balanced approach. Let's develop more parks with simple walking paths that are accessible; and enforce the leash laws to prevent off leash dogs everywhere.

#### 6.4.4 General Comments about Park Use and Maintenance

- I'd like to see more shoreline open and groomed for public use. I am definitely annoyed that shoreline areas like Blackberry Park and the Cannery shoreline have been re-planted with native vegetation that will now grow up and make it inaccessible to those of us not fortunate enough to own waterfront property. Really, what is the point? There are PLENTY of trees and blackberry brambles on this island, but not plenty of open shoreline to walk, picnic and enjoy.
- I encourage keeping a picnic table by the old barracks at Fort Ward
- Beautiful job updating Fort Ward Fay Bainbridge!
- We love how the Island has so many different parks. When you go to Poulsbo or Silverdale...there are only 1 or 2 that I can think of and they aren't nearly as well kept as our Island's Parks. Also the variety of park specifically playground structures are nice, especially with growing children.
- Time to reclaim the pocket park at Sportmans Club Rd. 305. We cleared it out a few years ago with volunteers. Its now overgrown again. Bench promised never materialized!
- I would like to discourage the use of leaf blowers@fort ward park. Also some trees were

cut for no apparent reason. Generally, I think the BIMPRD is doing a better job than the State (which is a low bar, but still welcome...)

- I feel there is too much emphasis around here on buying new land for parks when it is hard enough to keep up with what we have and most of the time they appear to be pretty much empty.
- can't believe you're doing all of that work at Rotary Park for the few people who ride horses!
- Fort Ward Park still has wild areas that are critical as wildlife habitat as well as serving as a more meditative human environment. Curtailing trail development, restoring natural areas and ensuring that sewage and runoff do not pollute this environment are essential for this park to remain a viable natural habitat and so that it contains quiet areas for human enjoyment.
- i like the camp ground at fay
- I would like the Park District to be more mindful of environmental impacts in its park development and work to reduce such impacts
- Most of our family reunion 'originals' grew up on Bainbridge. We have a love of the Island, and especially this park where we met before it was a park! Now we're bringing our families – 4th generation to enjoy this beautiful setting. Thank you for allowing us to enjoy its beauty and natural setting.
- My favorite park is Battle Point Park because it is open to the sunlight, and is always busy with various activities.

#### **6.4.5 Parks for Conservation**

- Continue to improve the parks and trails we have while preserving as much natural environment as possible. Once the land is gone, it's gone!

- Integrate Parks and Recreation with the certified wildlife / nature Non-profit organizations on Island. Should have a very synergetic coordination between land, facilities and preservation-rehabilitation.
- I love our island and the ability to have easy access to nature. Thanks for all you do! Keep Bainbridge Green!
- We should do more to try to find undeveloped property on the island and purchase it for public use and/or preservation.
- The Port Madison Nature Reserve needs attention or a new name. It's basically a dead-end trail behind some houses with a broken fence along the path. If funds are limited to improve the park, I'd recommend just calling it a trail; is a long ways from being a nature reserve.
- continue to pick up and save open space.
- Please keep open space just that. Don't sell it for development! That is my big worry with the parks department owning open space.
- I believe the Road Ends should be protected. We've already lost quite a few and I suspect more people go more often to their local Road End than go to any of the other places, although probably for shorter time periods. I believe the Road Ends need to be aggressively protected and keep as natural as possible.
- Would like to see more open spaces and views of the water once the waterfront park is redone. Now that the Park District is responsible for so many shoreline facilities, I'd like to see them take an active role in preserving and restoring natural areas, and maintaining/restoring native vegetation along the shorelines.

## 6.5 Access and Trails

### 6.5.1 Getting to the Parks and Facilities

- Bainbridge Island's poor public transportation makes it difficult to get to programs that are not located in Winslow.
- Why does the park department provide paved parking for staff and mud lots for users? Permeable paving of various types would be a good option.
- Battle Point park - the road in the park needs to connect all the way around like it used to!

### 6.5.2 Non-vehicular Access to Parks

- Where/when the Parks has input about greenbelts - would like to see one long one along major arterials for walking and biking, to avoid traffic/noise/pollution of vehicle traffic.
- We would like to see better accessibility at the parks for age range and disabilities. And more safe trails for family bike riding would be so great.
- more bike trails with access to shopping in Winslow. Trails should be separate from car traffic. Thank you!
- Please work on making access to the parks without a car more possible. Walking and biking trails should connect parks and speed limits around parks should be looked at—some, such as Battle Point Drive, have a lot of fast cars.
- Keep up the great work! We are very appreciative of the trails network you are creating. Since our City can't seem to make progress on roadside biking lanes, maybe there is a way this could become a Parks initiative? Truly, this is one of our Island's greatest unmet needs.

- More bike trails
- I think BIPRD has an excellent program. I would like to see a walkway along one side of Lynwood Center road and up Baker Hill (from Lynwood Center Rd to Crystal Springs). I bicycle commute to work along this route and I see many near accidents with pedestrians who are walking along this popular route. I like the mix of programs offered by BIPRD. I think activities things that promote community are a great thing. It's nice to see these in the program. Continuing to expand mixed use trails (bike, walk, horse, etc) and water access I think benefits many age groups.
- Need more extensive cross island walking trail system—not involving walking on road sides.
- Would love more choices to walk "off road". I really enjoy the forest to sky trail and would love more trails like that , if possible.
- Would love to see more paths removed from the roadway for bikes/pedestrian use so that bikes and walking can be a safe mode of transportation.
- Would love a way to have a safe way to bike as a family to the ferries / downtown. Right now it is too dangerous for children to ride from the north end.
- Thank you for staying on budget and offering an amazing amount of services for our pop.base. Please work with city to build more trails-safe non-motorized access
- Sidewalks on Battlepoint road! There is going to be an accident one day with a car a child on bicycle! Do not ignore ... Speeding and traffic bad!
- I would like bike trails to be separate from walking areas. I've been nearly mowed down by speeding bikes in Fort Ward and Battlepoint.
- Please build the off-highway cross island trail from the ferry terminal to the bridge as a backbone for a whole network of walking and biking trails...connect them all...connect the ferry terminal with Hawley Cove Park with a walking trail over the wetland...good job...appreciate all your work

- Bainbridge needs biking trails that are off the busy roads. Family friendly rides that can go the distance.
- Additional biking paths or bike lanes on the island are incredibly important for our (any) community. These are critical for our infrastructure and would allow easier access for kids getting to school and commuters alike - as well as helping with parking issues downtown. Our entire family would ride more often (and leave the car behind) if there were more bike lanes allowing safe access.
- Please develop more biking and walking paths. I think more adults and kids would bike/walk but some of the roads have little/no shoulder and it is just too dangerous, especially for kids.
- create more trails and connections of trails with one another via trails or low or non-car roads.
- I love how much the park district does, how many trails have been added, how great the pool is, etc. Keep up the good work! Extending the network of trails is a high priority for me, as is making biking safer and therefore a better commuting option for kids and adults. Teaming up for better bike trails would be a HUGE win for the community.

### **6.5.3 Trails**

- We would like to see the trail around Battle Point Park completely paved, especially for disabled in wheel chairs, persons with walkers, and parents with prams.
- Great job on the trails... They are a treasure and your hard work really shows!
- Great job with adding trails
- Great job with the trails !
- Excellent work on trails in recent years.

- I am particularly happy with the continued creation of trails on the island. Great job!
- I love all the walking trails.
- Love the 30 + or - trails on Bainbridge!
- Support the Trails!!!
- The Parks Dept deserves a huge thumbs up for maintaining the paths around the Grand Forrest and Gazzam!
- The trails on Bainbridge are fantastic and get better all the time – thank you!
- We frequently use and really appreciate the well-groomed trails in BI parks - Gazzam, Forest-to-Sky, Fort Ward, in particular. Thank you!
- There are, I believe, 20+- hiking trails on Bainbridge. Thank you, Bainbridge Trails Committee.
- The Park District has done an excellent job absorbing the State Park properties and we appreciate the enhanced trails that all Park properties have. thank You for your hard work
- I would love to see BIMPRD move past beauracracy and take on the Sakai Canyon trail. It is ridiculous that this project is on hold. We need the Friends of BI Trails group to move forward with the vision of connecting this island.
- Please work on increasing trail linkages and support efforts to get private property owners to give easements across properties they own. There is huge community benefit in this.
- Bike trails are very important and should be a priority for the island.
- We need more trails and bike paths on the Island. We moved here from Bellevue and there were wonderful trails and paths there throughout the entire city.
- Continue building walking trails.

- Maintaining trails is most important to me.
- I would like to see the manzanita trail restored.
- I would love more connected trails that are open and welcome to horseback riding. Also a public covered riding arena would be very useful.
- Mainly would like rollerblade trails and activities for teens in the summer. Thanks!
- I would love some sort of hard-surface trail for rollerblading
- trails as intended - to walk, bike and ride horse every week - usual multiple times.
- We need bike trails on the Island.
- I love the addition of the Hilltop property. The more trails and unspoiled natural spaces the better.
- Continue to improve the parks and trails we have while preserving as much natural environment as possible. Once the land is gone, it's gone!
- love the new trails and acquisition of park land from state
- I'm dismayed by the continued overdevelopment of the natural trails on the island with extensive graveling, widening, grading, pruning, leaf blowing, and use of plastic waypoint signage, rather than promoting more natural trails that fit into the natural landscape and exhibit a connection with the environment instead of the manipulation of it.
- Horse Riders need to stop leaving piles of horse sh%%\$ on hiking/biking trails.
- The trail at Hidden Cove Ballfields urgently needs signs.
- Provide more signing at junctions of forest trails. I got lost in Grand Forest
- Doing a great job. Like the increased signage in parks and trails.



## 6.6 Programs and Classes

### 6.6.1 Classes

- Love BIPRD so much! YES for more classes and green space :)
- Art and Painting classes are great!!!
- Thanks for the great programs and facilities
- I love to peruse the catalog, and while I don't have time to take every class I'd like to, I think the range of possibilities is wonderful. Keep up the great work!
- I like the mix of programs offered by BIPRD. I think activities things that promote community are a great thing. It's nice to see these in the program. Continuing to expand mixed use trails (bike, walk, horse, etc) and water access I think benefits many age groups.
- Love the outdoor activities offerings in the past few years. Except costs frequently stop me from registering.
- I would like to see the price of ceramics classes drop dramitically!
- More classes across the board for adults; fewer for children (that's why we pay for the schools!)
- add boating activities to your list of services
- We now live in Spokane but I grew up on Bainbridge Island (1972-1981) and every summer my kids and I live with their grandparents and participate in your sailing programs and love it!
- I wish there were computer classes. Maybe at the high school or ther library We new new and different classes offered. They seem to be the same year after year.
- More gymnastics classes for little children after schools or on weekends would be great. Gymnastics provides an unsurpassed foundation for every sport and physical movement...it

should be offered (if possible) to children from 1 and older.

- I would love a beginning adult gymnastics class!
- nutritional classes for general public and individuals who suffer from obesity or overweight issues.
- My husband would love to teach a letterpress printing class - there have been several requests by people on the island. He's been printing for 57 years!
- We need far more yoga-fitness type classes for the over 65, located outside the 'senior center'. The latter tends to be controlled by a few people as it is 'decentralized'. Not all people want to be classified as 'the elderly' by having to take community classes at the Senior Center: most of us prefer to accomplish our fitness with the general population.
- I have been waiting for a beginning Spanish class to be offered again. It's been awhile. More swim lessons for kids.
- Scheduling for swim lessons seems to be a struggle every session. Classes are too full and instructors unaware of child's previous session. Suggest using a data system that allows instructors to input comments and track progress, rather handing over a soggy half slip of paper that has no tracking capability. This could also inform planners which students are progressing to the next level or staying in the same one so that they can schedule enough sessions/instructors accordingly.
- I would also like swimming lesson times that work better around school hours.
- Yes, could they have some swimming classes on Saturdays?
- The Parks District does a beautiful job of meeting our needs! P.S. Will there ever be a women only camping/hiking trip? It has been suggested many times and marked on the trip evaluation forms, but seems to fall off the radar.
- more woodworking programs

- Would love to see yoga for preschoolers or Mommy and Me yoga!
- Although we love all of the classes we've participated in through the Parks Department, the classes fill up fast. It would be nice to have more offerings.
- I wish anyone that wanted to offer a service or class could do so. Open trade
- It would be nice if there weren't so many classes available only on Sundays
- This comment if more about a specific programs. We have enjoyed the swimming lessons and the aquatic center, the concerts in the park, and all of the parks on the island. One recommendation for improvement is in soccer. I have two boys, when we first moved to the island they were in the Bainbridge Island Football Club program, one was in U8 and the other U6. Last year my youngest was in your U6 program and I cannot tell you how disappointed I was in the program vs Bainbridge Island Football Club. The "coach" in your program provided no instruction, my child got very little interaction or information about how to play the sport, and while one game/practice was nice, it was not what we were used to from other areas in the country. Please improve the U6 program or ask Bainbridge Island Football Club to provide help.
- I didn't like how BIFC was excluded from having younger kids (U6) for their fall program. We have an older child who plays with BIFC at a competitive level and it was inconvenient to have one with BIFC and the other with BIPRD. I won't sign my younger son up for fall soccer with BIPRD again.
- Have it less misleading so students know that Yoga poses will not be done by instructor
- Cooperation with Roller Hockey is of the utmost importance to our family. Having a player on a roller hockey team brings the whole family to Battle Point. We walk the trails with our dog during practices and after games. We spend a very large portion of our summers at Battle Point solely because of Roller Hockey. I can't imagine going there without that attraction.

### 6.6.2 Outreach, Communication, Registration

- It would be nice to have a formal way to request certain types of classes (by survey?). It is confusing sometimes with classes that fall outside the normal sign up days. Is there a better way to communicate changes and class modifications out to the public? Is there some way to communicate new classes that haven't been printed or have changed from print?
- Catalog needs better info. I was not allowed to sign up for a class that began today.
- You guys need to really change your online registration process/bookkeeping before I take anymore classes or register for programs. It is way outdated and does not work efficiently and does not make it easy for people to take your classes.

### 6.6.3 Youth Programs and Facilities

- It will be nice to have more in-doors facilities for young children. at a reasonable price.
- Very much needed: a "YMCA-like" facility with programs for youth ages 14-20, late hours, many activities and options for hanging out, being productive or not, being athletic or not, but an adventurous option for youth. We have a lot of fantastic activities for youth 0-12 yrs. But exciting activities for adolescents are more limited. Cheers to BIMPRD for mt. biking, hiking, and pottery! Let's see more action and adventure for our rather neglected 'teens.'
- We really need a community gym / workout / rec center for our teens! I strongly feel that this would lead to less drug use. Kids don't have a place to hang out!
- Families would benefit from summer camps that were met for longer during the day (i.e. 9-3) and for a longer duration (2-4 weeks).
- I would love to see a real summer day camp on Bainbridge with all the activities available!

- Fishing sailing swimming archery horseback 8 am to 5 pm
- Structure of survey is very limiting. With such a diverse program unclear how these questions can support development of a comprehensive plan. One of the most important changes I would like to see is in summer camp programming that supports working families - additional full day camp options. Mainly would like activities for teens in the summer. Thanks!
- Keep up the good work. Please plan for family and kids... There is a skew towards retirees and a lot more families are moving here now.
- Love the youth programs!
- We really need to provide something for our teens on the island.
- Keep up the fantastic work! My kids love the summer camps and I am continually impressed by the variety of classes offered and the quality of instruction.
- Main thing I would love to see is better access for boats to the water—a ramp on the north end of the Island would be ideal. Thanks.
- Please continue with all of the wonderful class offerings for kids - Parks Rec is one of the reasons Bainbridge is a great place to raise a family!
- I think there needs to be an increased emphasis on providing the Island's teen population with recreational activities that are healthy and fun.
- I think there should be more things for new moms/or moms with young toddlers to do on the island.
- I would like to see Kids Up! revitalized within the district.
- Need more options for older youth non-competitive sports and recreation - especially during the rainy months.

#### 6.6.4 Ideas

- We would like a more robust volunteer program so we can all weed pull, clean, build infrastructure and maintain what we have.
- I'd also like to see a program added for environmental community clean up projects.
- Organize and incentivize Community to assist in attending to/maintaining neighborhood, community centers. Get input, empower fund raising from the neighborhood, and revitalize centers. Community BBQs with locals who can bring or play music.
- would it be possible to partner with the library to hold some library sponsored programs at park district facilities? sometimes popular events at the library seem to overwhelm the ability of the library to function both as the library and an event venue.

### 6.7 General Comments

#### 6.7.1 Words of Praise

- I love our parks and use them daily with friends, by myself ,with a group of young adults w special needs, and my family. The improvements made over the last 2 years have been fantastic! Thank you for breathing life into all of our parks'. I live here in large part because of the fine access we have to such beauty!
- I have lived in areas other than Bainbridge and have found the facilities, classes parks maintained/provided by BIMPRD to be exceptional - all of which make raising children here more enjoyable.
- Because of your fine parks and programs I am hoping tomove to BI from Seabeck soon, THank you
- Doing a great job. Like the increased signage in parks and trails.

- Fabulous parks and rec dept on BI. Thanks to all!
- Fay Bainbridge is one of our all time favorite campgrounds!
- Fay Bainbridge Park has been fantastically renovated as a BI Park. Thank you
- good job with improvements at Ft. Ward
- Great job BIMPRD
- Hi
- Huge improvement over the past five years. Maintenance has taken a giant step up.
- I appreciate the Parks District's wonderful care and stewardship of our parks and open spaces.
- I love the parks department here. It is one of the many reasons we returned!
- I think the Parks and Rec Programs are amazing. There is something for everyone and it is well balanced. I rely on Parks and Rec for much of my recreation activities from hiking in the parks, to watching my kids play soccer, to ping pong with the old guys, to cross country for my sons - it just goes on and on!!
- I think we are extraordinarily lucky to be surrounded by such beauty, and to have such a strong parks rec department!
- I value the investment that the City of Bainbridge Island has put into all of the parks available on the island. I am especially thankful that the City stocks fish at the Battle Point Park pond.
- I'd have to say pretty much all around AWESOME parks and rec. Thumbs up.
- keep up the good work and thanks for asking
- keep up the good work!
- Keep up the great job you are doing. Thanks to all

- Love the program as it is!
- Park department does a commendable job
- Parks and Rec. maintenance has done a great job in Fort Ward Park.
- Parks has done a great job with their new management of Fort Ward and Fay Bainbridge parks!
- Please keep doing a great job maintaining and preserving the beautiful natural environment!!!
- Please keep up the great work. The parks looks better than ever!
- Thank you!
- Thank you!
- Thanks for the good work sprucing up the parks.
- The outstanding efforts of BI Parks Rec. contribute to the wonderful way of life we enjoy every day. Thank you.
- The parks staff is doing a great job. I see nice improvements. Keep up the good work.
- Top notch job being done - very impressed
- We are currently residing in Poulsbo, but are building and will be on the Island this year
- We love our Parks and Rec!
- you are doing a great job!!
- You guys do a GOOD job as compared to the City!
- You guys do an amazing job! Thank you!!!!



### 6.7.2 Staff, Vision and Future Directions, Comprehensive Plan Update Process

- Better communication with community
- I object to the whole metropolitan park organization system. You are a group without voter control and are out of control spending money . STOP
- name removed should be fired
- satisfied with instructors and lower level staff. poor experience with upper management on several occasions.
- name removed does an awesome job with the TeenCenter
- Staff and the direction that the board gives staff is in the interest of the community
- I have lost complete faith that the vision, and leadership, of the BI Park & Rec District, is adequate to follow through on what is in the best interest of Bainbridge Island. I have been constantly disappointed that the personal agendas of people within the Park & Rec District, have clouded their judgment to do what is best for the community. I am sure that the results of this survey will also fall of deaf ears. But, one can always dream to effect change.
- I wish the Park District worked more proactively with the City instead of seeing it as an obstacle in terms of water resources, etc.
- Sometimes I think we get carried away with BIPD and we need to realized we cannot be everything to everybody.
- The Parks department seems quite isolated and not at all response to the residents needs. You've done previous surveys and you don't seem to have followed those mandates at all. The way you have set up this survey is going to lead to very mislead results, but perhaps that was your goal? The groupings above will skew the results. The Parks Board members

are not at all representative of the island's population - and are far too entrenched with the old guard.

- This survey is not very good. Requesting only one preference is not sufficient. You should ask for a preference ranking (I.e. 1-10).
- Very difficult to chose just one. A better idea would be to ask folks to rate each from 1 to 4.
- This survey is absurd. You will not obtain useful results with your limited questions and asking folks to pick one. Multi-voting or ranking would be far better.
- The "Select One" aspect of your survey is going to give you skewed results. It would be a much more accurate survey if you surveyed a ranking, then prioritized the responses.
- Yes--when my kids were still at home I would have answered this very differently. Also, there were a number of areas where I valued more than one answer equally, and by forcing one choice you didn't capture this....
- Difficult to select just ONE of these
- I would have preferred a ranking option for this survey rather than a select one option.
- I'd prefer ranking my top three vs selecting only one in this survey. Consider topping surface for roller hockey rink as they have in Beaverton. Smoother is safer for falls.
- Question #7 too difficult to pick one. With multiple people in the familiy there are multiple answers. My youngest son would say Basketball courts, my oldest would say Roller Hockey, my husband would say Baseball. I felt soccer as that is what I enjoy watching the kids play the most!
- Questions 6-12 may have returned better information if more than one option was available to choose with a weighted system; rankings: 15 points, 23 points, 31 point. Also, some of the groupings don't seem to make sense...for example, #6 includes aquatic center use which is an indoor use in a highly managed facility. all other choices are outdoor, unscheduled,

unmanaged, free, etc. Also, sailing? is this referring to a sailing class? If so, then this should be included in a question about program preferences, not here. If not, then it seems it should be listed as boat access to the water, not the activity itself. Lastly, there should be a 'None' choice or something to the effect to help make this more statistically valid and capture all resident opinions.