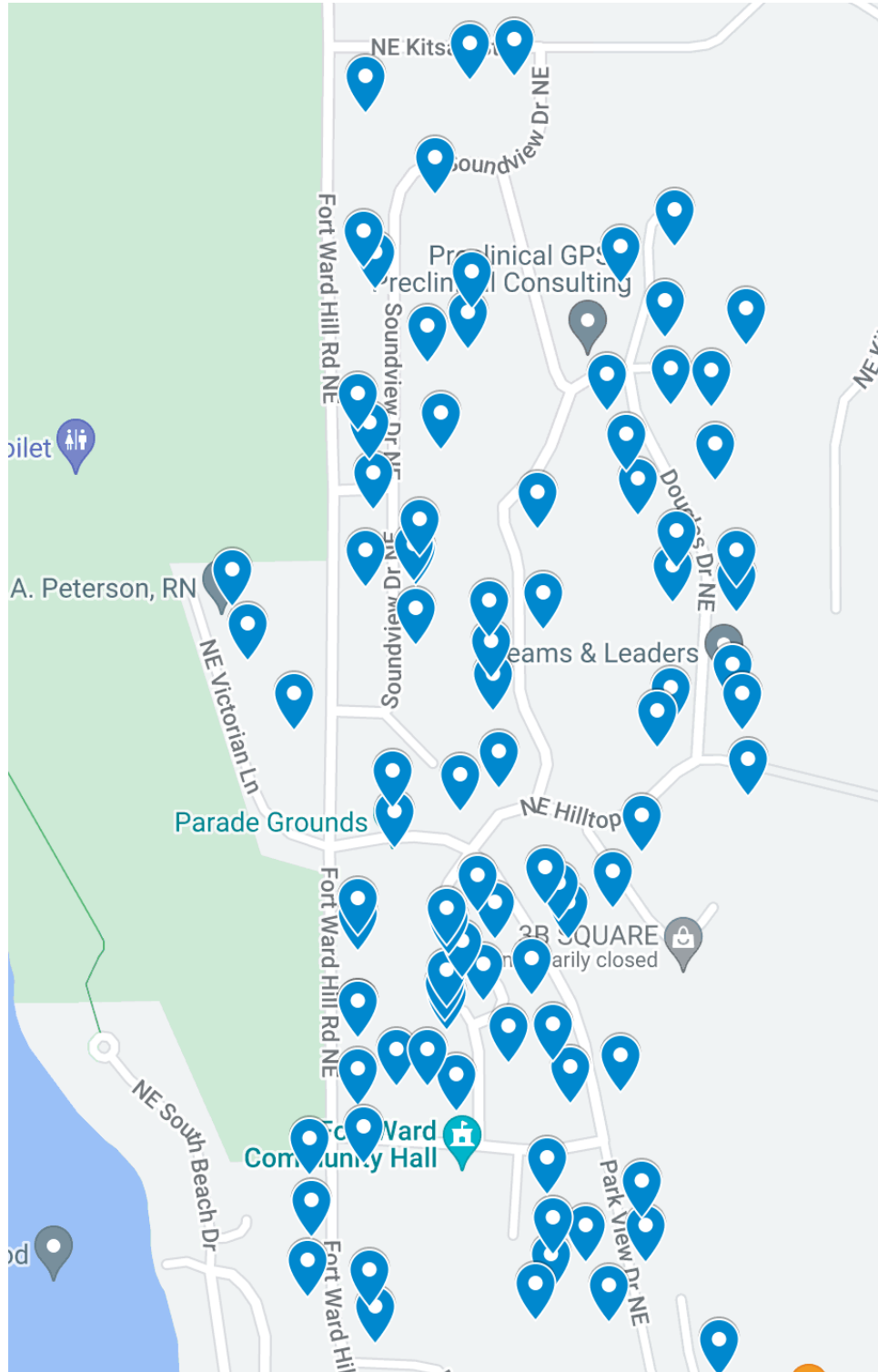


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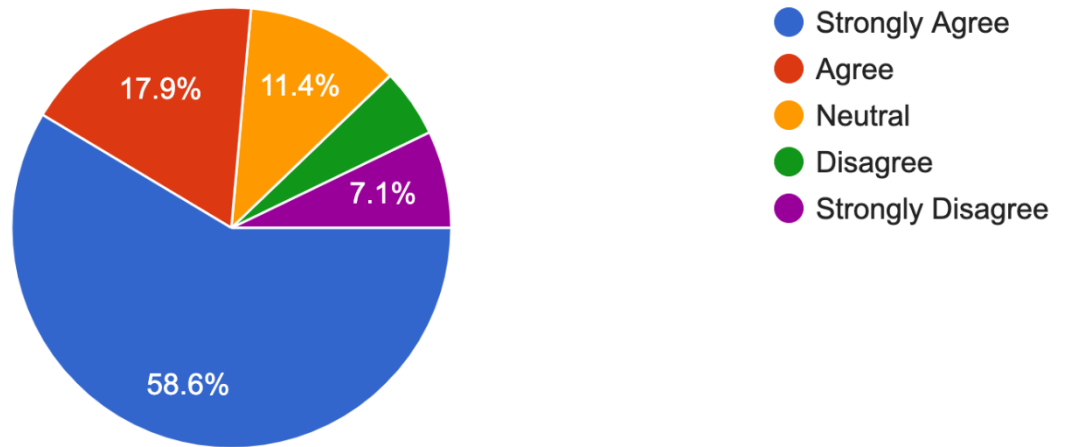
140 responses were received from 108 households in Fort Ward, nearest to the proposed sites for a playground. Individual responses are anonymous but came from these households.*



**Most households had one respondent and about 30 had multiple respondents. Eight respondents did not include a full address so they could not be included on this map, though their responses are included in the following results.*

I support the idea of a community playground in Fort Ward.

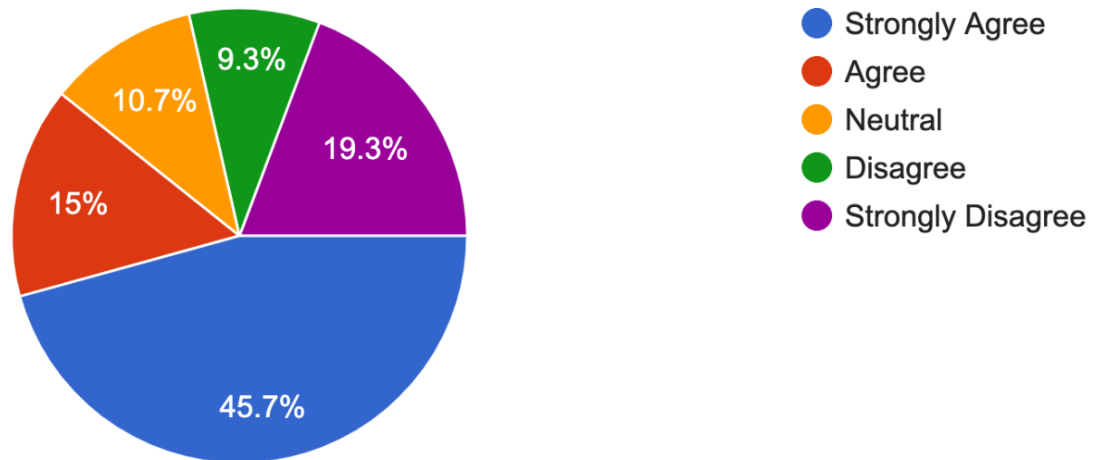
140 responses



76.5% Positive : 12.1% Negative

My family would use a community playground in Fort Ward.

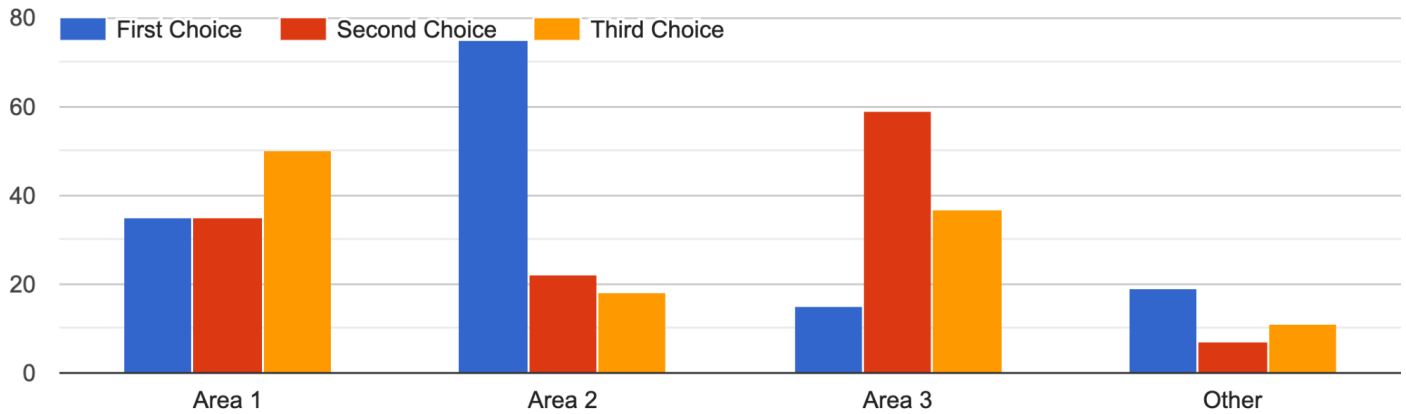
140 responses



60.7% Positive : 28.6% Negative



If there were a community playground in Fort Ward, my preference for location would be (please see picture above for locations, and rank choices). ...posed sites, please write that in the next section.



First Choices:

- **Area 2** – 75
- **Area 1** – 35
- **Other** – 19
- **Area 3** – 15

“Other” answers included:

- Intersection of Fort Ward Hill Rd & Belfair - 4
- Upper Entrance to Fort Ward Park - 4
- By Bakery Building - 2
- Near Picnic Tables in Parade Grounds - 3
- Down near the beach in Fort Ward Park - 3
- *Two responses to “other” were “not area 1 due to traffic issues!” and “north end of parade grounds, nothing near the flagpole!”*

If there were a community playground in Fort Ward, it would impact me and my family in the following ways:

To broadly summarize the 111 written responses to this question, the majority (in line with the 76.5% who “agree” or “strongly agree” with a playground) expressed that they would have a place to take their children or grandchildren, meet other neighbors and socialize, that they would drive less frequently with a playground in walking distance to their homes, and that having outdoor play options is healthy for kids and parents. About 20 responses indicated they would not personally use the playground, but would enjoy living in a neighborhood where children play and families feel welcome.

The responses from the participants who “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with a playground in Fort Ward, expressed concerns over increased traffic, increased noise (from children playing at the playground), increased garbage, increased crime, or a worry that teens or “others” would come to the neighborhood. Or, respondents had location specific concerns that: Area 1 is too dangerous for children because Fort Ward Hill is a busy road (this was also in the responses of 8 people who support a playground but did not think Area 1 was a good option), or that the Parade Grounds should be kept as-is; have historic significance, and are well-utilized now, a playground would be imposing/decrease privacy, or that children may be hurt by off-leash dogs that currently run there.

It is worth noting that there were several (3) responses with very specific concerns about specific locations due to proximity of their homes. I have excluded details to protect anonymity but they were generally about noise, parking, property value and privacy.

If you have any questions about this survey or its results, please don't hesitate to reach out to Caitlin Lombardi at caitlin.k.moody@gmail.com