



# SWEDE HOLLOW PARK MASTER PLAN

MEETING ONE  
GOALS & PRIORITIES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019  
5:30-7:00 PM



# Swede Hollow Park Master Plan

April 24, 2019

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1. Welcome and Introductions (5:30 PM)
2. Roles and Ground Rules
3. Project Schedule
  - a. Fall Tour - October, 2018 - Existing Conditions
  - b. Winter - February, 2019 - History & Immigrants
  - c. Spring Tour, March, 2019 - Dakota Culture & History
  - d. Meeting 1, April 2019 - Swede Hollow Park Goals & Priorities**
  - e. Meeting 2, May 2019 - Preliminary Concepts
  - f. Meeting 3, June 2019 - Refined Concept/Open House (Art in the Hollow)
4. Review Design Process
5. Park Tours Re-Cap
  - a. Fall Park Tour
  - b. Winter Park Tour
  - c. Winter/Spring Park Tour
6. Existing Conditions
7. Community Engagement Survey Results by Lower Phalen Creek Project
8. Goals & Objectives
9. Discussion / Questions & Next Steps



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## MEETING AGENDA



# COMMUNITY MEETING ROLES & GROUND RULES

## Your Roles:

- Define the community and neighborhood needs of the park
- Review plan concepts and provide input on major design elements and themes
- Bring suggestions from area residents to the attention of the project team
- Help communicate project progress to community members
- Provide guidance to the Parks and Recreation design staff on final design recommendations for the project
- Ensure that the full range of issues are discussed during the design process

## Ground Rules:

- Respect for different perspectives with an open-mind
- Willingness to listen and hear different views/ideas
- Courtesy of one another
- Understand and balance needs of all park users
- Contribute in a positive way
- Attendance at every meeting



2018

2019

**AUG.-SEPT.**

**RESEARCH & ANALYSIS**

- + Project Kickoff
- + Data Gathering - Demographics & Site Analysis
- + Identify Stakeholders
- + Define roles between Lower Phalen Creek Project & City of Saint Paul

**OCT.-JULY**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- + Site Tours
  - Sept. 2018 - Existing Conditions
  - Feb. 2019 - History & Immigrants
  - Mar. 2019 - Dakota Culture & History
- + Community Outreach by LPCP (Oct. 2018 - May 2019)
- + Identify Swede Hollow Park Priorities (April 2019)
- + (2) Preliminary Concepts (May 2019)
- + Refined Concept & Open House - Art in the Hollow (June 2019)

**WE ARE HERE!**

**APR.-DEC.**

**MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT**

- + (2) Preliminary Concepts (May 2019)
- + Develop Preliminary Cost Estimate (June 2019)
- + Refine to (1) Concept & Open House (June 2019)
- + Preliminary Master Plan (May-June 2019)
- + Master Plan Development (May-Dec. 2019)
- + Develop Final Cost Estimate (Sept.-Oct. 2019)
- + Parks Commission to Approve Final Master Plan (TBD)



# RECAP - SITE TOURS

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# FALL TOUR

## Existing Conditions



# WINTER TOUR

## History & Immigrants



# SPRING TOUR

## Dakota Culture & History



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# PARK TOURS



# CREEK PATH BEFORE IT WAS DEPLOYED INTO UNDERGROUND STORM SEWERS IN THE 1930's



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## KAPO'ZA HISTORICAL MAP





Swede Hollow, St. Paul  
ca. 1910  
Photographer: Albert Charles Munson  
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Minnesota Historical Society



Swede Hollow from 7th Street toward E. Minnehaha St., St. Paul  
Photograph Collection 1925  
Location no. MR2.9SP2.2 r10  
Negative no. 11418

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## HISTORICAL PHOTOS







Burning of Swede Hollow, St. Paul  
12/11/1956  
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## HISTORICAL PHOTOS CONT.





Swede Hollow, St. Paul  
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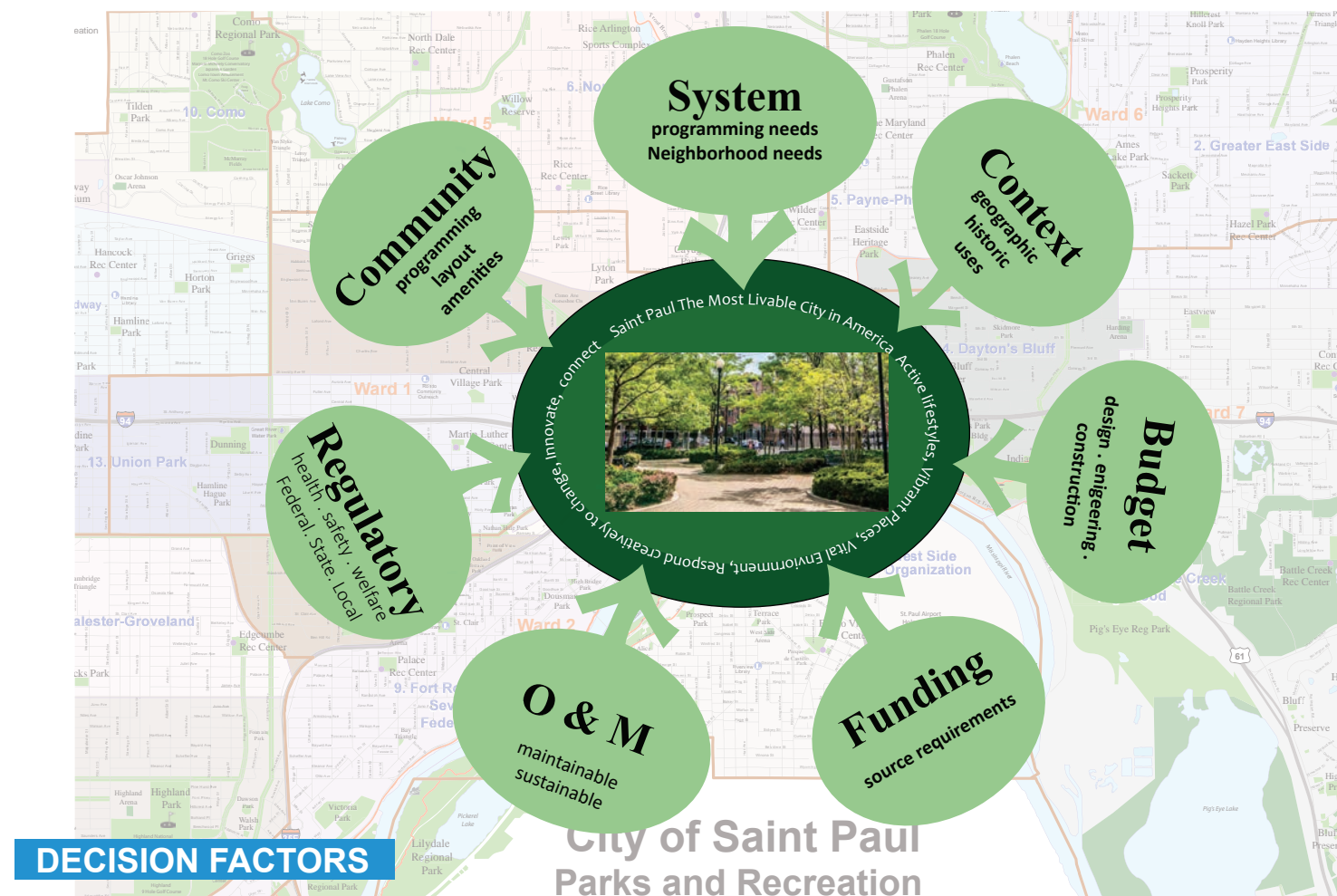
## What is a master plan?

# WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

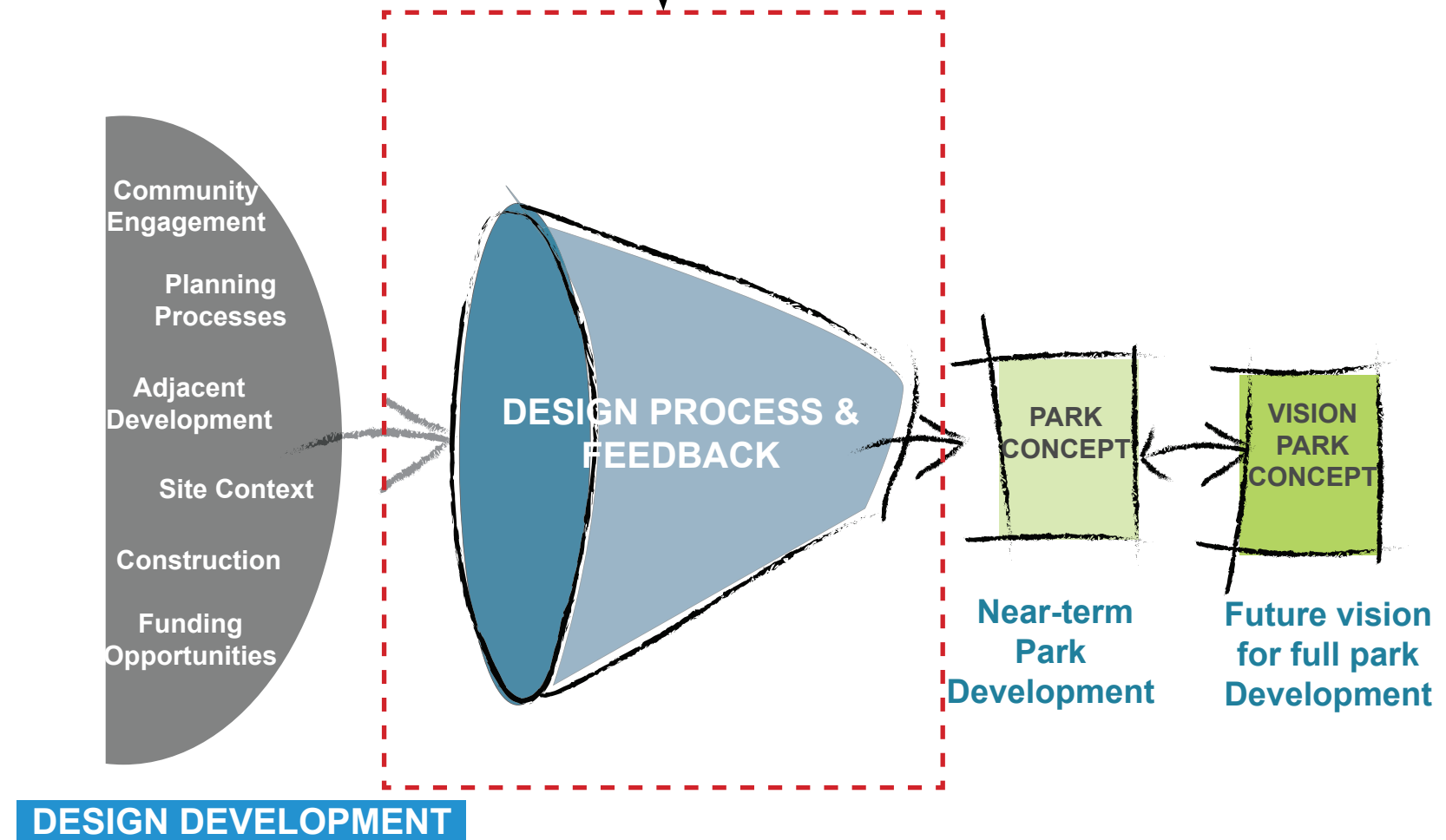
A master plan is a general plan or program for achieving goals and priorities.

## DEFINING GOALS

Goals are priority project defining land use and programming.



We are here



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## DESIGN PROCESS



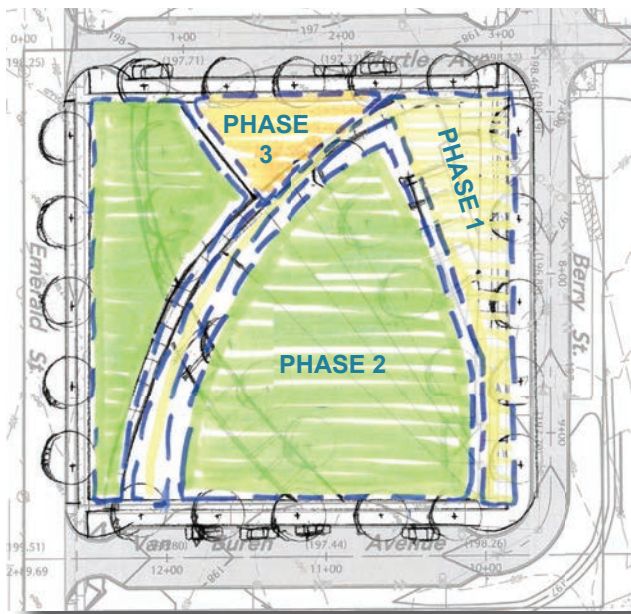
# DEFINING STRATEGY

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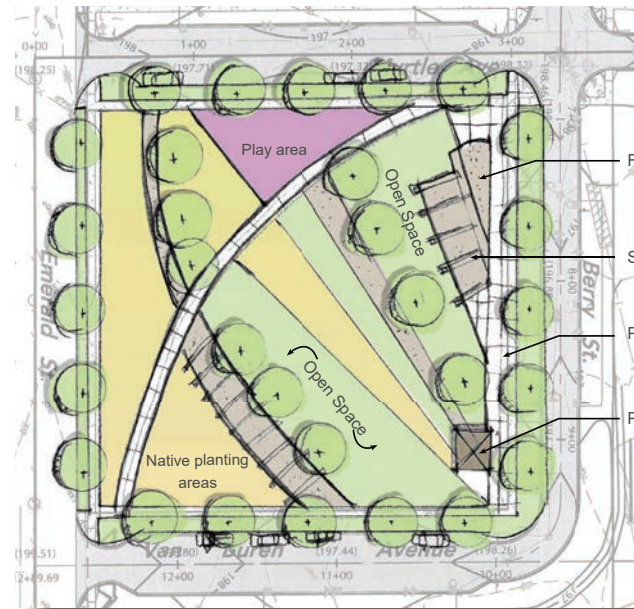
## GOALS & PRIORITIES EXAMPLE

Goal #1) Connect stormwater systems flowing into site through creative design that becomes a site amenity and educational opportunity.

- + Investigate best practices for stormwater management
- + Provide interpretation of stormwater systems
- + Explore wetland types and opportunities that result in healthy urban wetland
- + Explore creation of flowing stream



Rough Concept



Refined Concept



Master Plan

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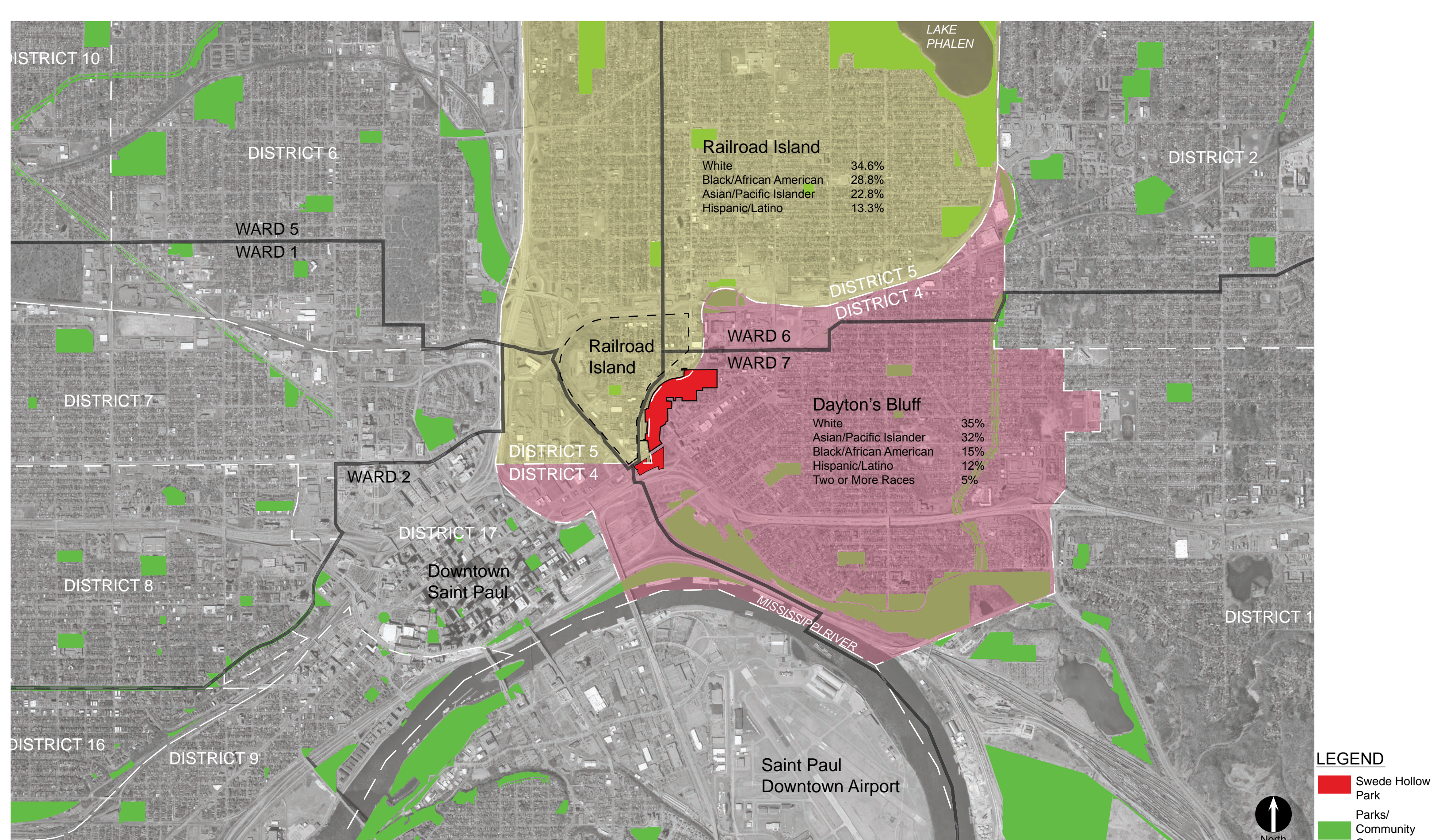
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## Existing Conditions

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**Railroad Island**

White	34.6%
Black/African American	28.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	22.8%
Hispanic/Latino	13.3%

**Dayton's Bluff**

White	35%
Asian/Pacific Islander	32%
Black/African American	15%
Hispanic/Latino	12%
Two or More Races	5%

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# DEMOGRAPHICS

**LEGEND**

- Swede Hollow Park
- Parks/Community Centers

North



**LEGEND**

- Swede Hollow Park
- Parks/Community Centers
- Major Bikeways



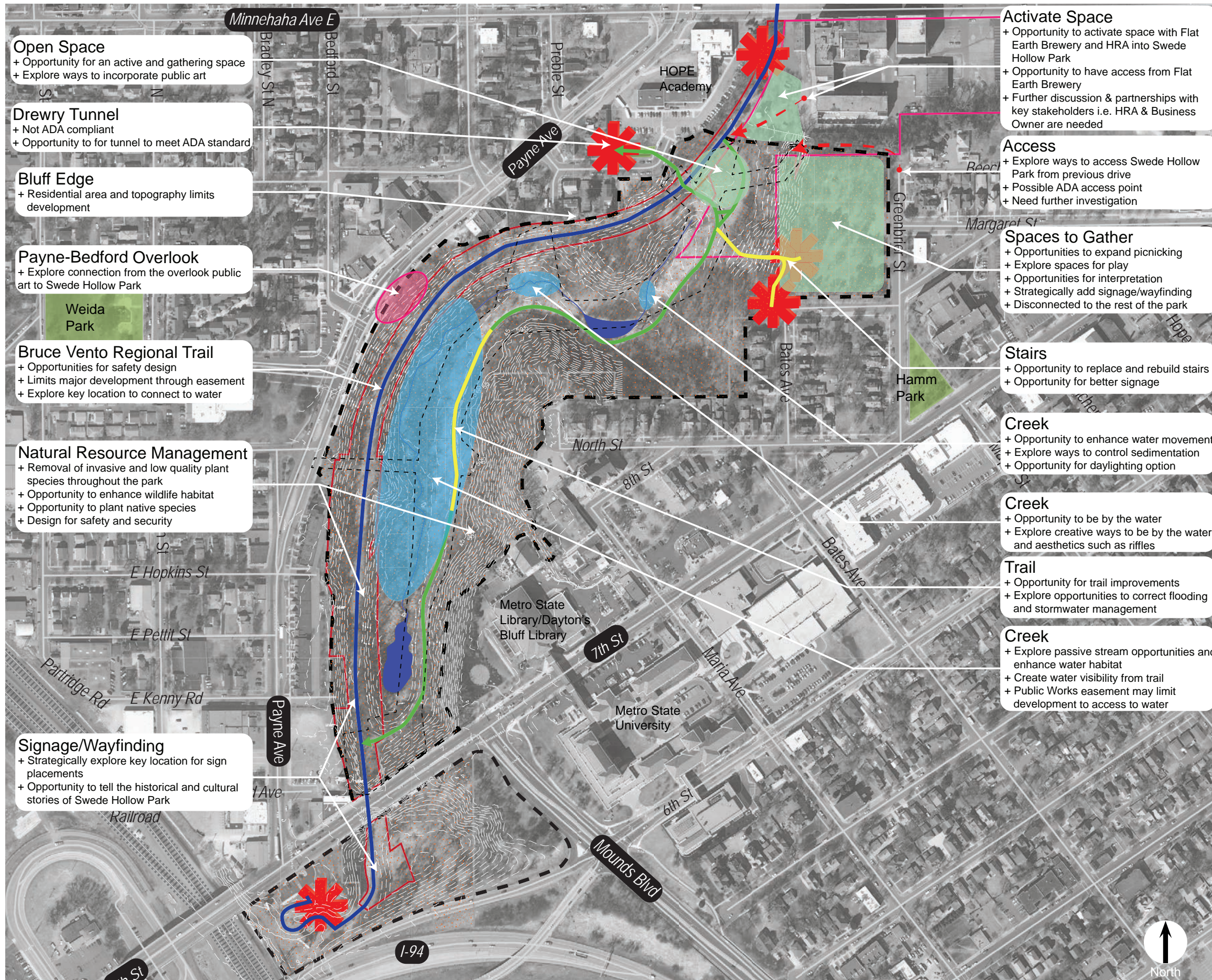
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**SITE CONTEXT**







# Three major constraints:



Public Works Easements



Topography



Water

## LEGEND

-  Access
-  Existing Park Trail
-  Bruce Vento Regional Trail
-  Swede Hollow Park Limits
-  Ramsey Co. Regional Railroad Authority Limits
-  HRA Limits
-  Trail/Stair Improvements
-  Public Works Easement
-  Potential Area for Active Spaces
-  Area for Potential Water Improvements
-  Natural Resources Management

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# SITE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS



# SURVEY

## Community's Input

### SWEDE HOLLOW PARK MASTER PLAN

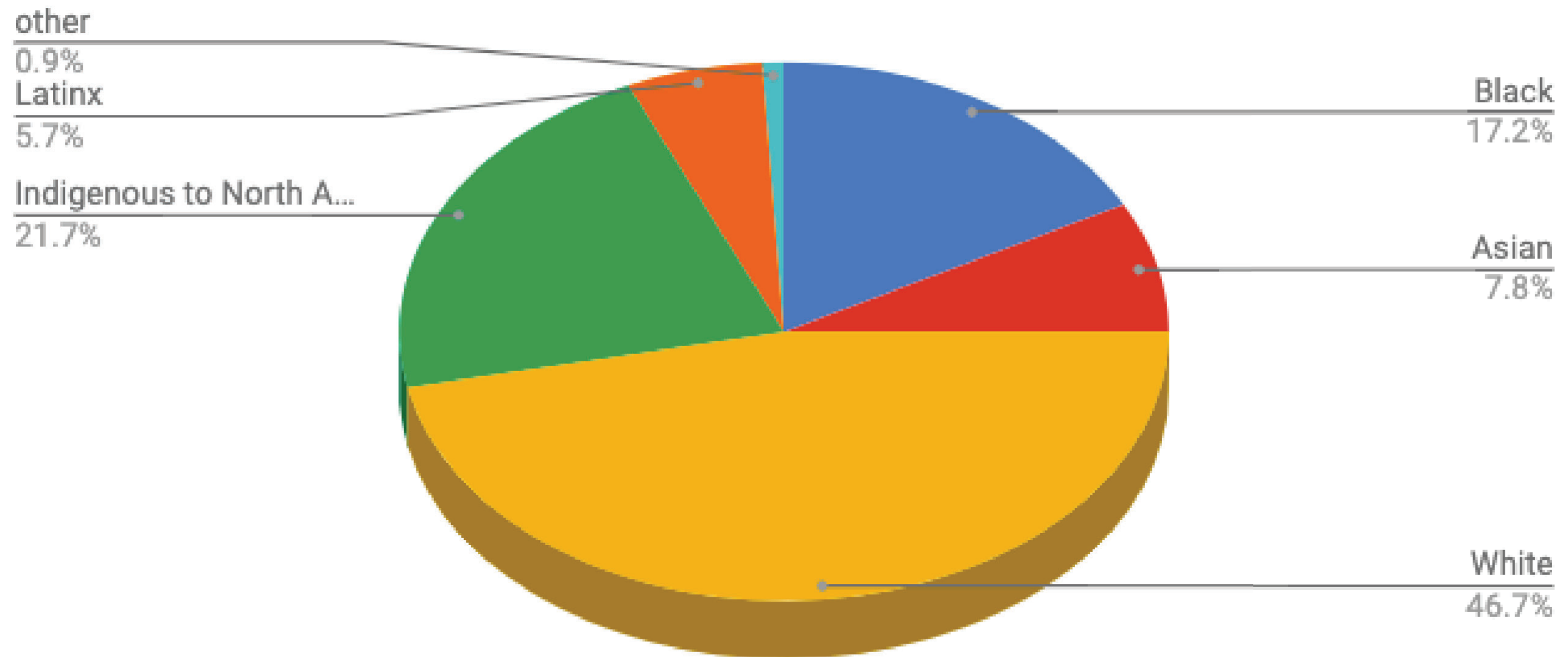
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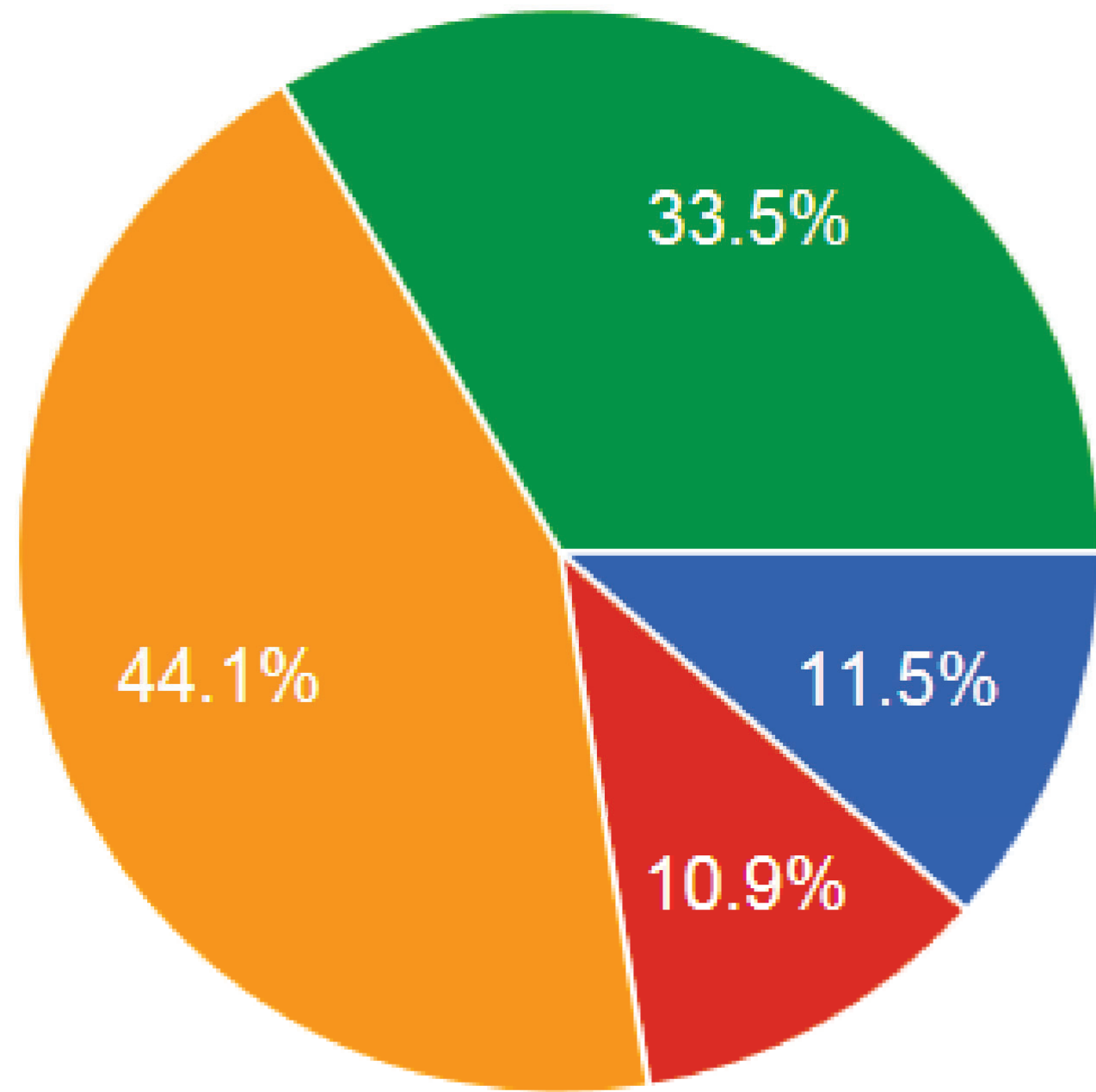
# Lower Phalen Creek Project (LPCP) Swede Hollow Park Master Plan Survey

Total Responses = 318 from October 2018 - March 2019

## Demographic Breakdown

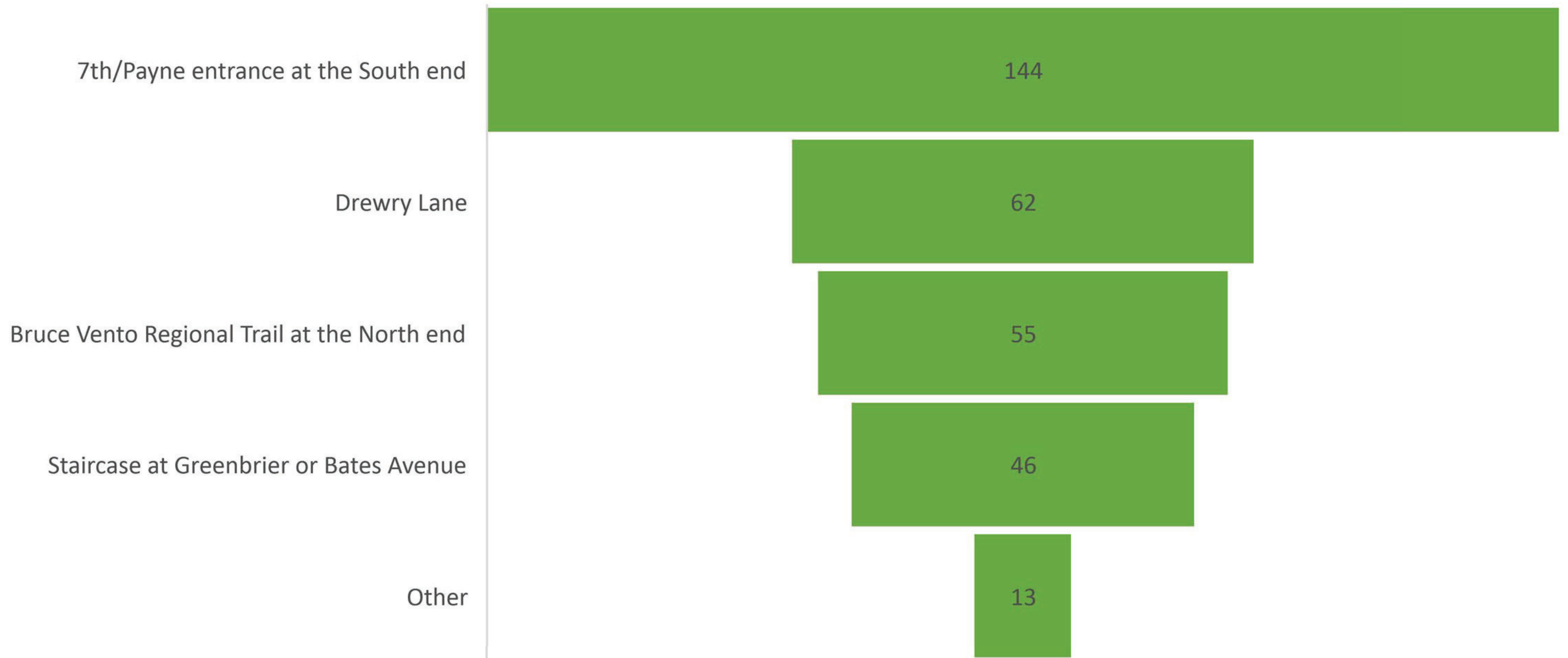


# Age Group



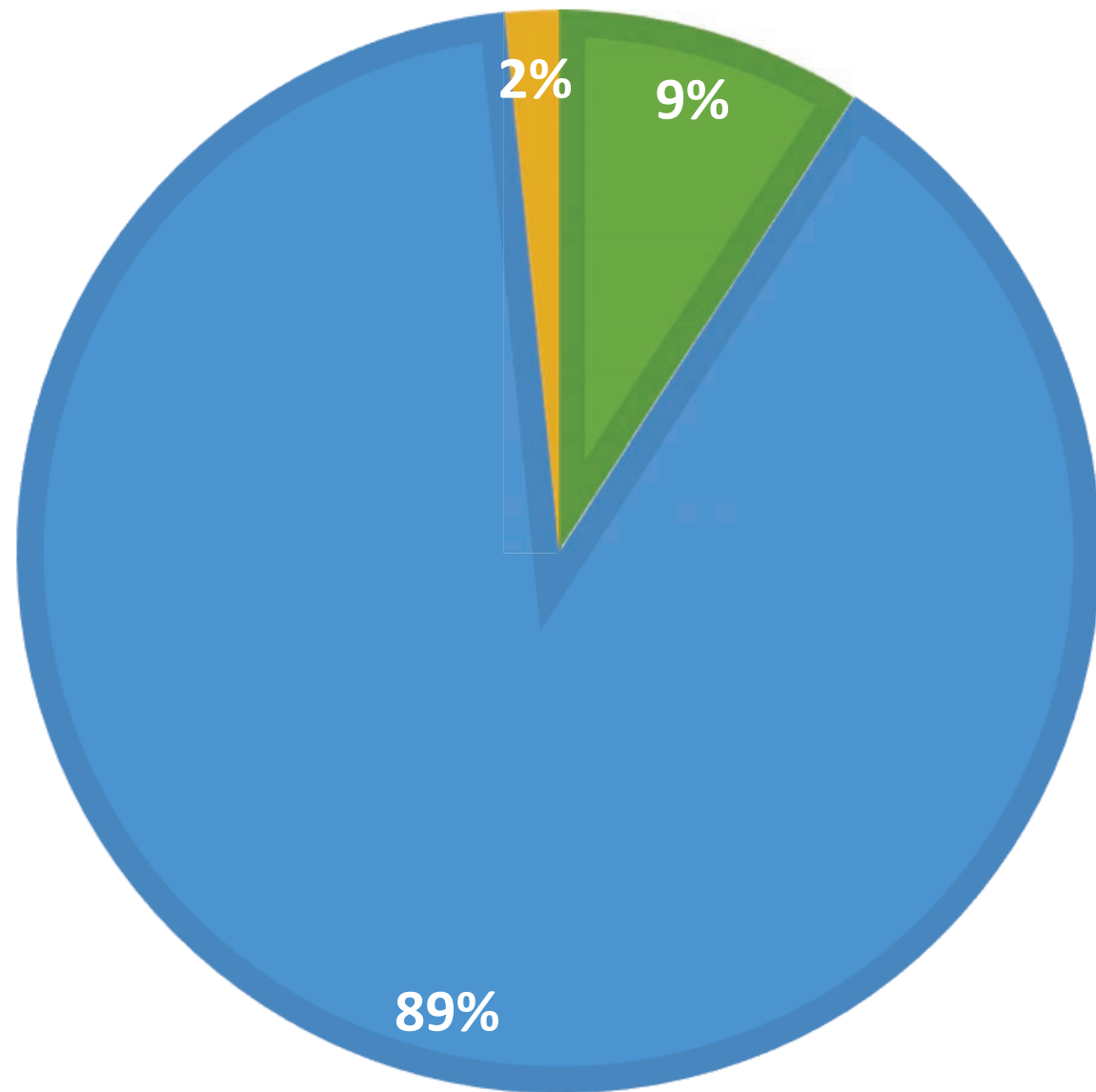
- Youth 19 or under
- Young Adult 20-29
- Adult 30-54
- Senior 55 and up

## What entrance are you most likely to use?



# DO YOU HAVE LIMITED MOBILITY?

■ yes ■ no ■ other

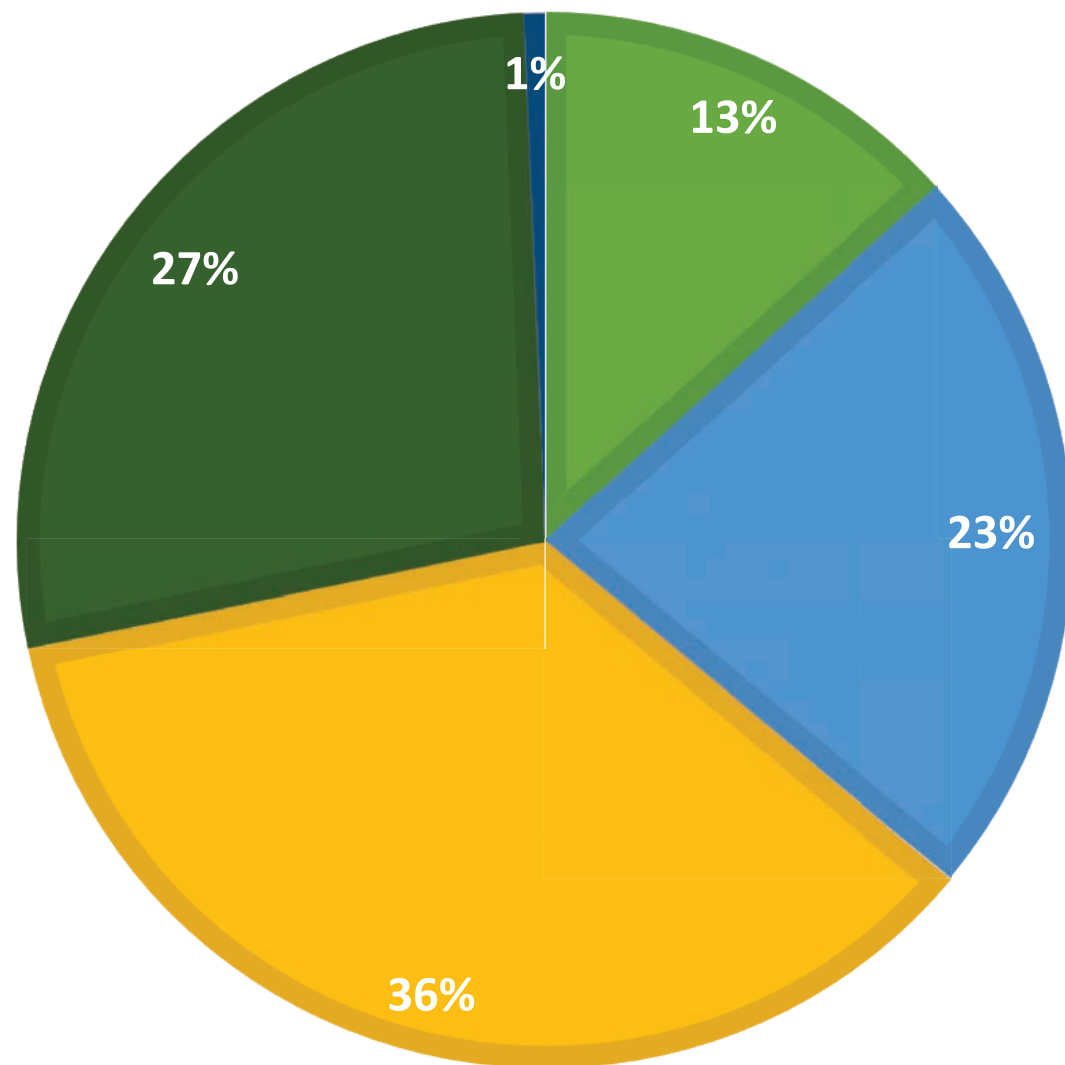


## Do you have limited mobility?

yes	29
no	283
other	5

# HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT SWEDE HOLLOW PARK?

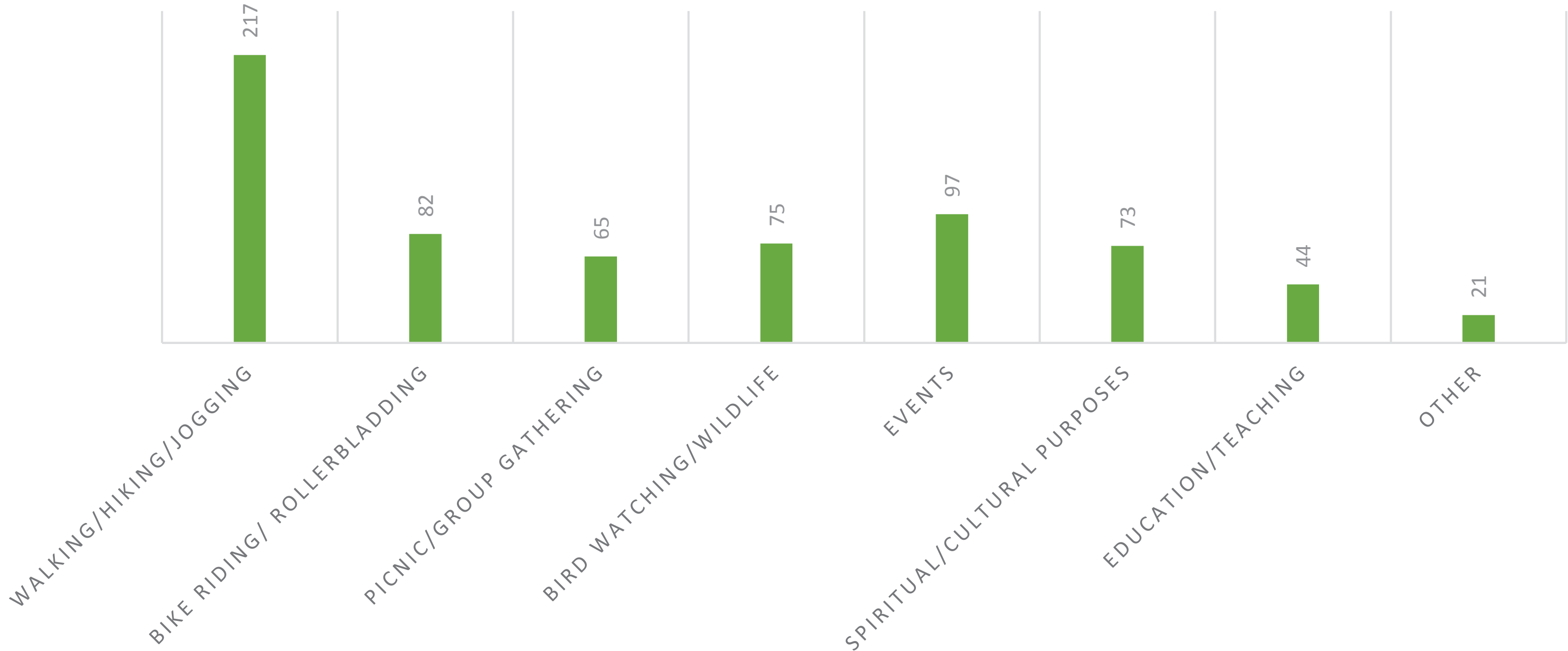
- Often (weekly)
- Rarely
- Other
- Somewhat often (monthly)
- Never, but I will in the future



## How often do you visit Swede Hollow Park?

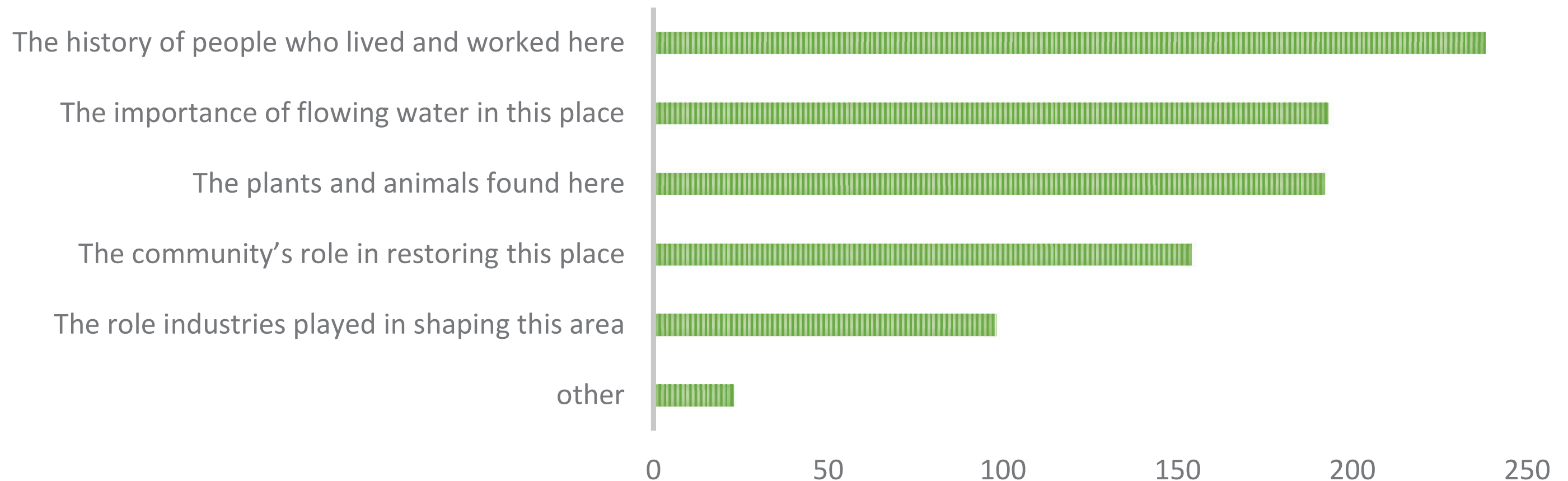
Often (weekly)	41
Somewhat often (monthly)	70
Rarely	110
Never, but I will in the future	85
Other	2

# HOW DO YOU ENJOY SWEDE HOLLOW PARK?



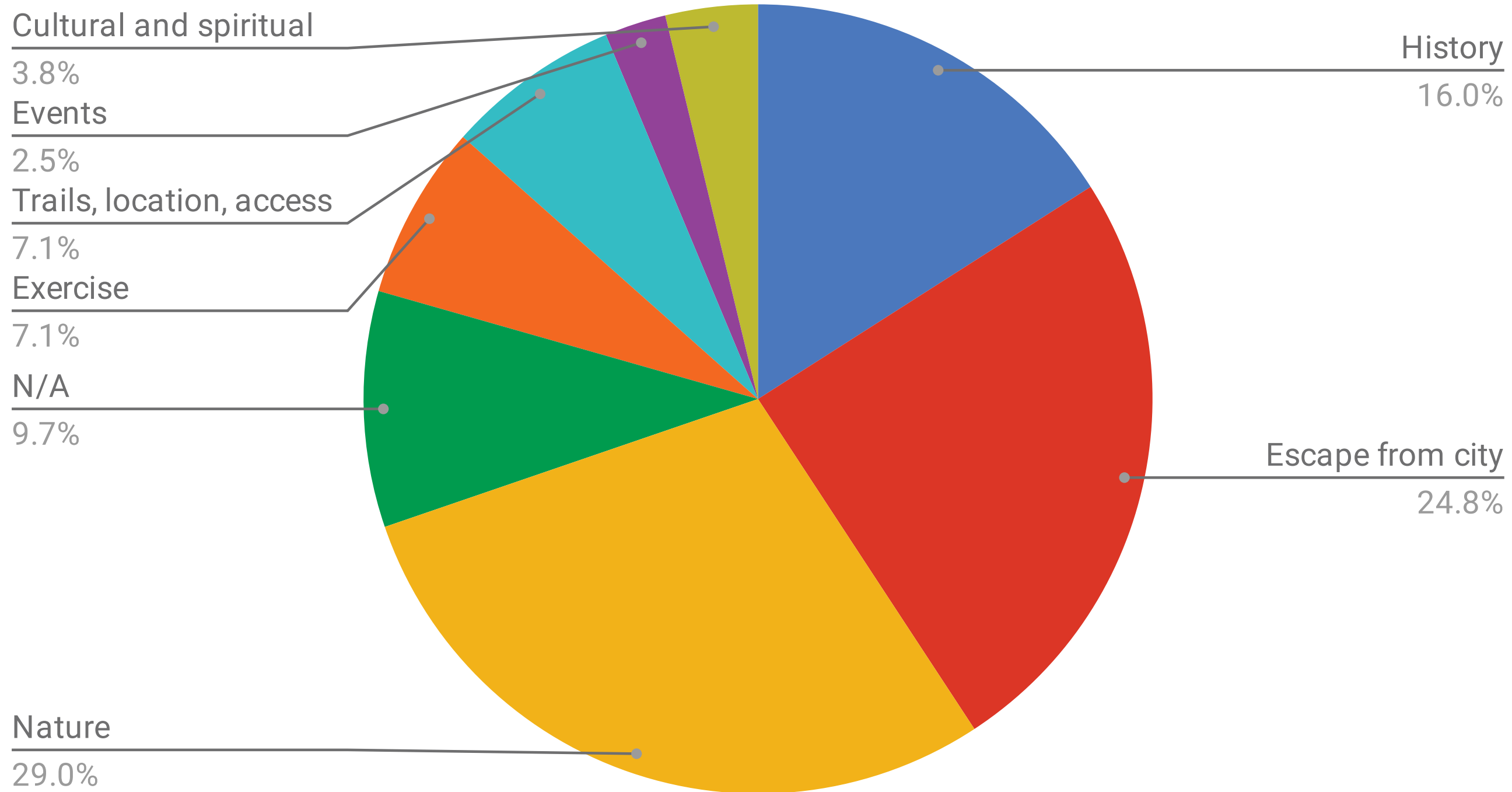


# WHAT STORIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SHARED ABOUT SWEDE HOLLOW IN THE PARK?

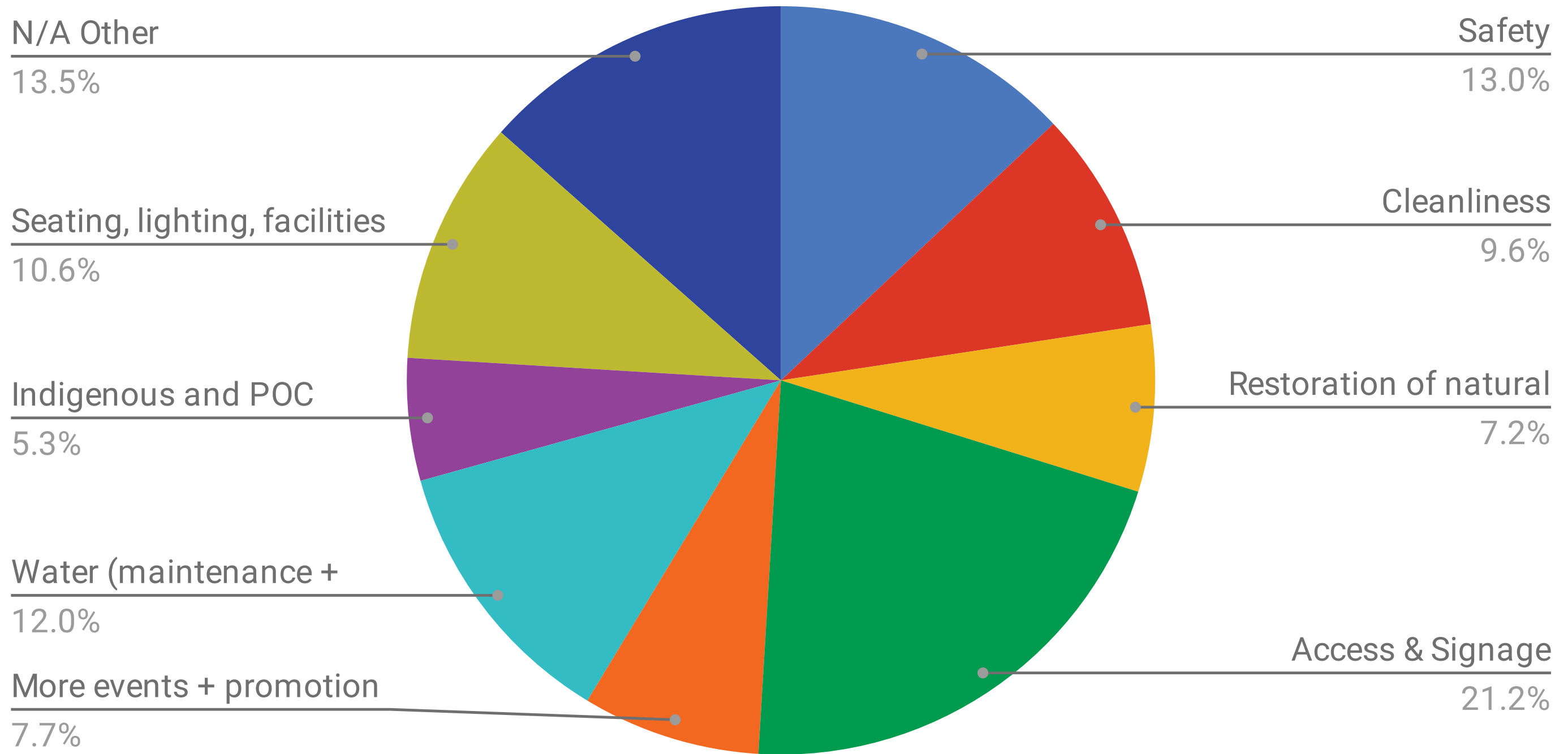


*Of the 23 responses in the Other category 48% of respondents noted the importance of telling the indigenous people's story, 17% said all of the above, and 13% wanted to hear the spiritual and cultural significance of the park.*

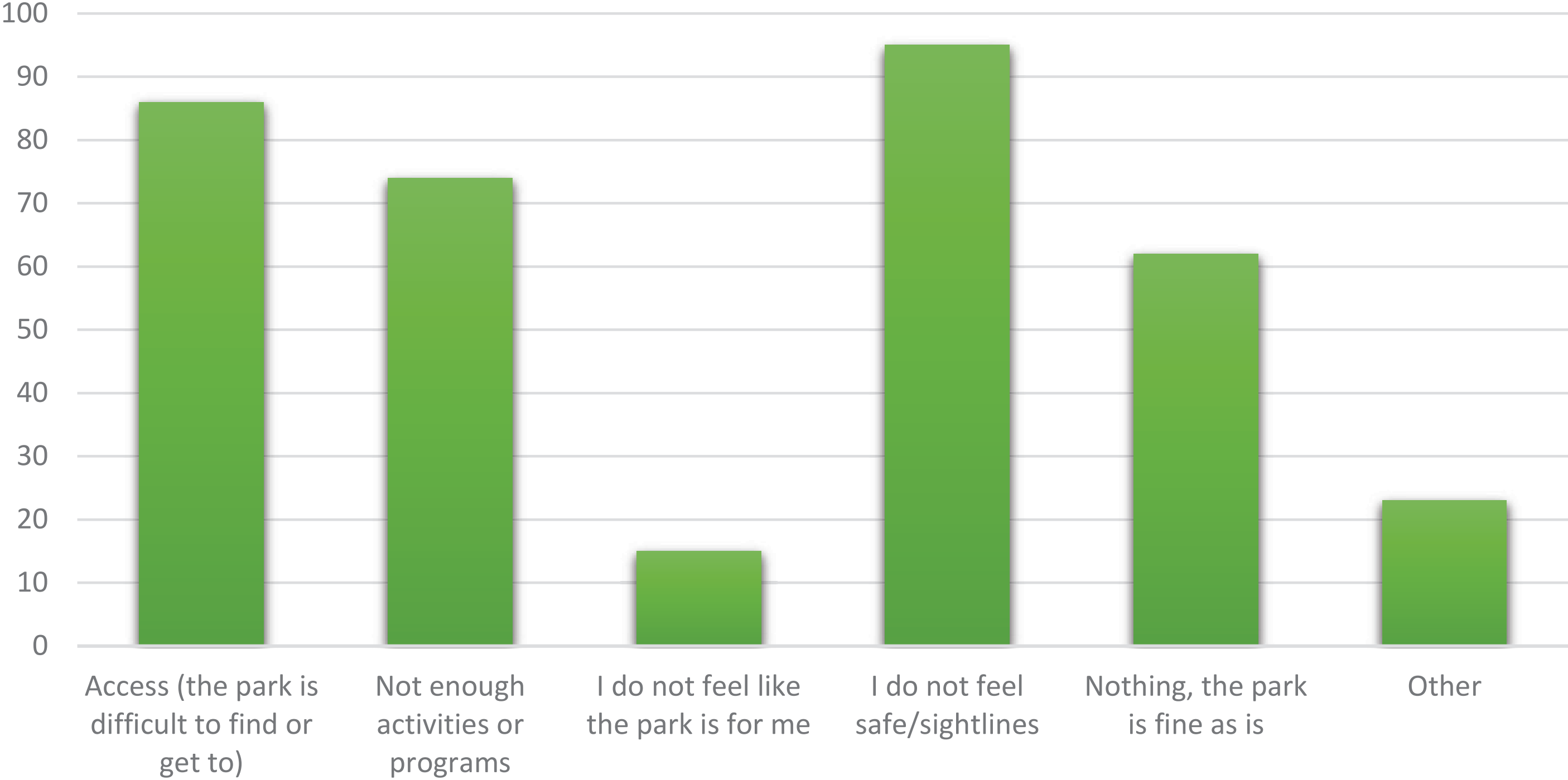
# What you LIKE most about Swede Hollow Park?



# What do you think needs IMPROVEMENT at Swede Hollow Park?

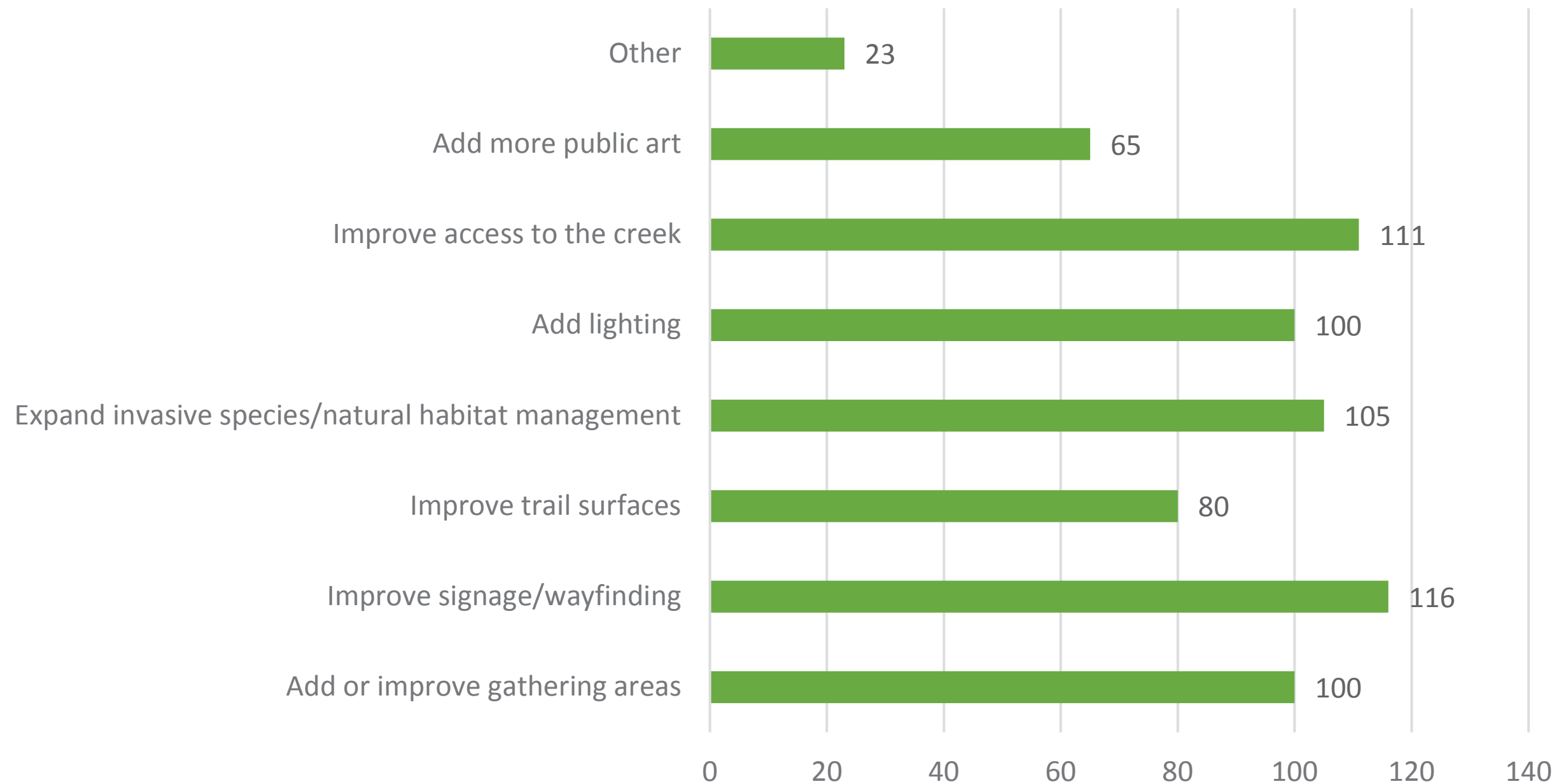


# What might limit your use of the park?



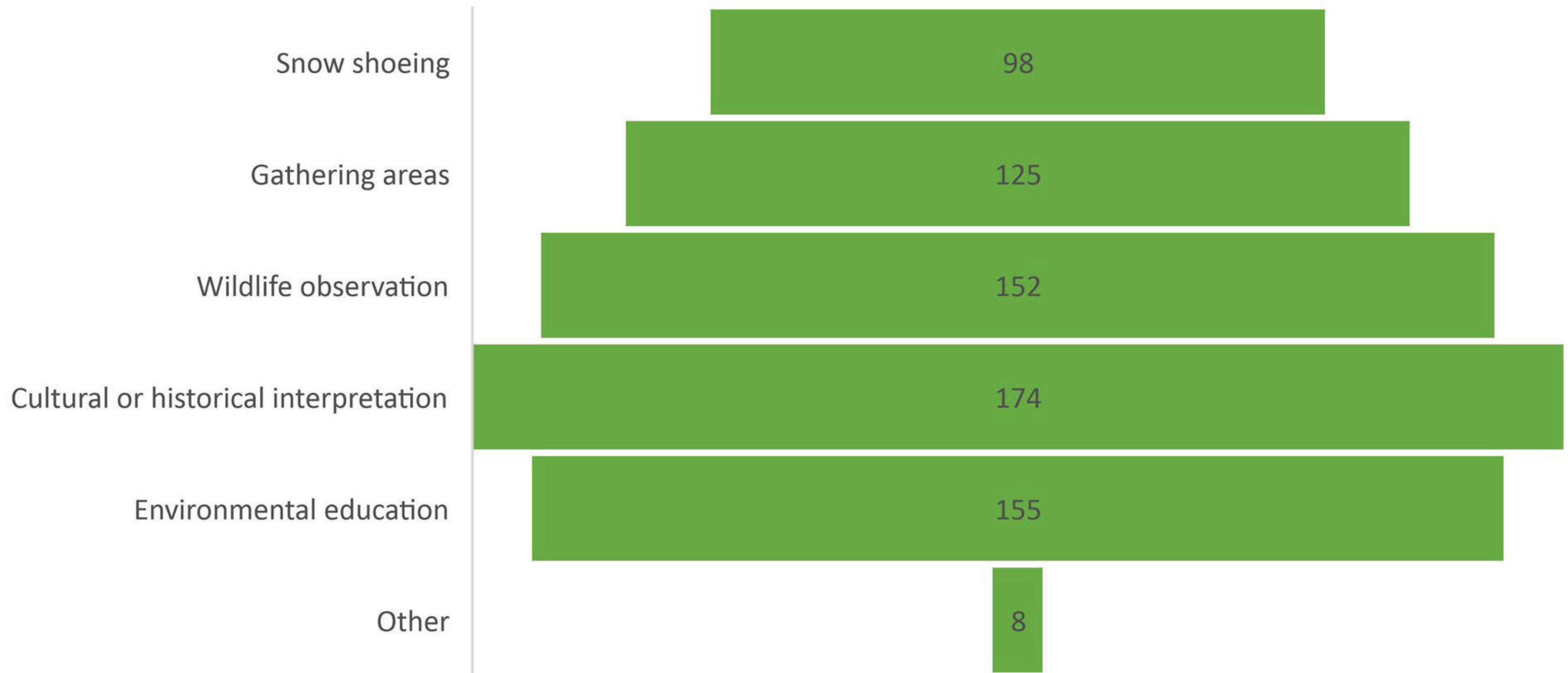
*The majority of the responses in the other section weighed towards limited use due to flooding within the park, location (too far), and N/A.*

Please select the potential changes that would most likely increase your use of the park?



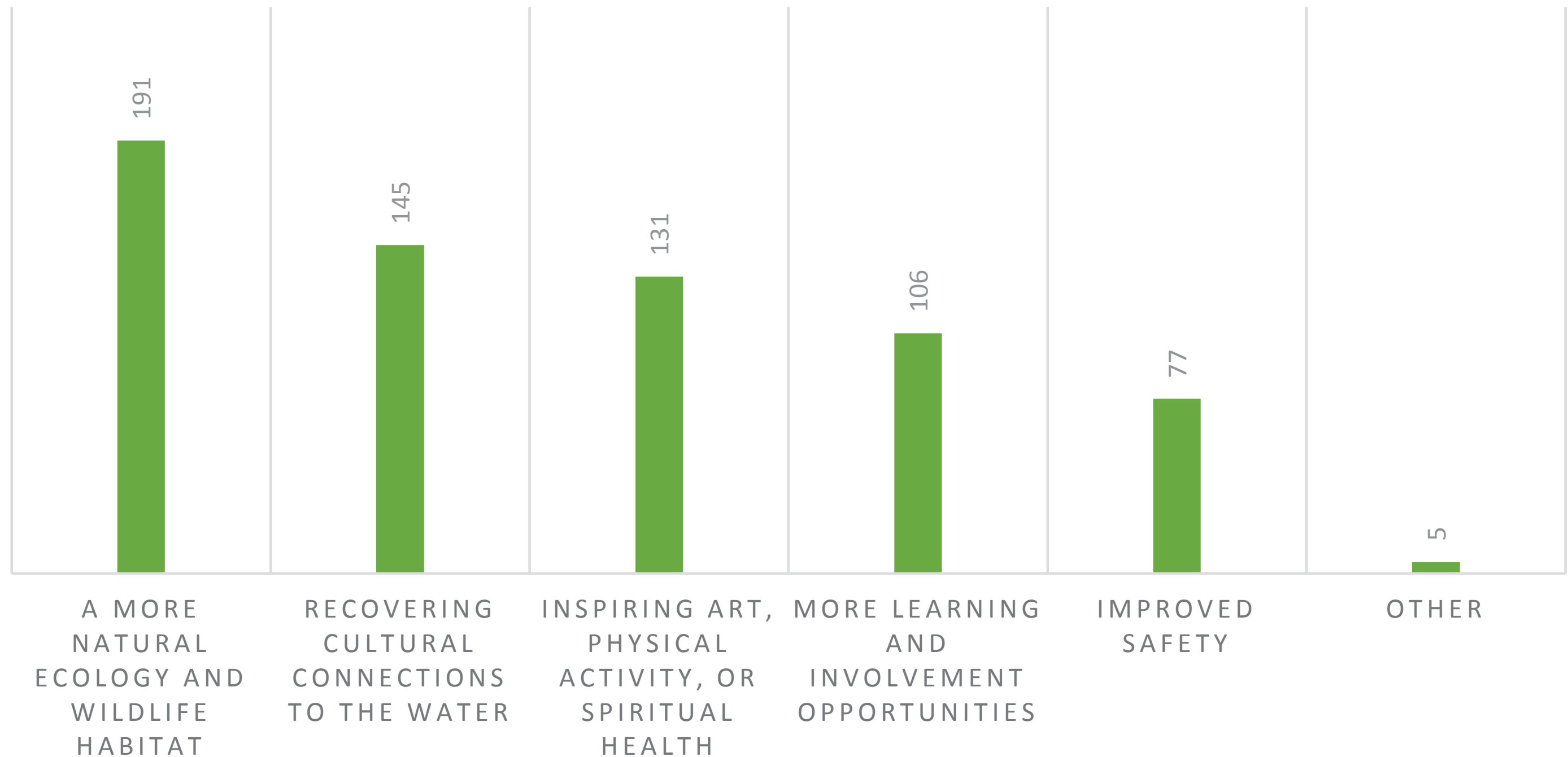
*Of the 23 responses in the Other category responses rank as follows; No changes (6), attract more people (4), safety (4), N/A (4), respect and recognition of Dakota people (2), playground (2), Cleanliness (1).*

# What kinds of recreational programs or space would you like to see at Swede Hollow Park?



*Cross country skiing was a popular response in the other category*

# WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT AS A RESULT OF RESTORING THE CREEK FLOW IN SWEDE HOLLOW PARK?



# GOALS & PRIORITIES

## What is the community's vision?



# What does the survey tell us about Swede Hollow Park?



From Highest to Lowest

Swede Hollow Park Today



Nature



Escape from City



History



N/A



Trails, Access



Exercise











Cultural/Spiritual



Events

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Swede Hollow Park Today

-  Nature
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Park Limitations

-  Safety
-  Accessibility
-  Not enough programming
-  No Change - Fine as is
-  Other - Flooding
-  Not Welcoming

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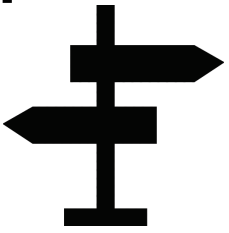
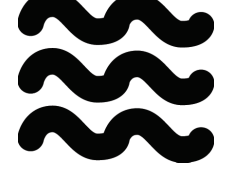


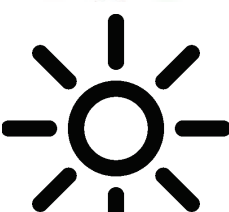

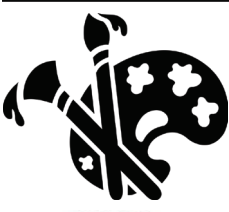



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Desired Improvements

-  Signage
-  Access to Creek
-  Natural Resource Management
-  Gathering Spaces
-  Lighting
-  Trail Improvements
-  Public Art
-  Other - No Change, Play Area

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## SURVEY SUMMARY CONT.



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Escape from City



History



N/A



Trails, Access



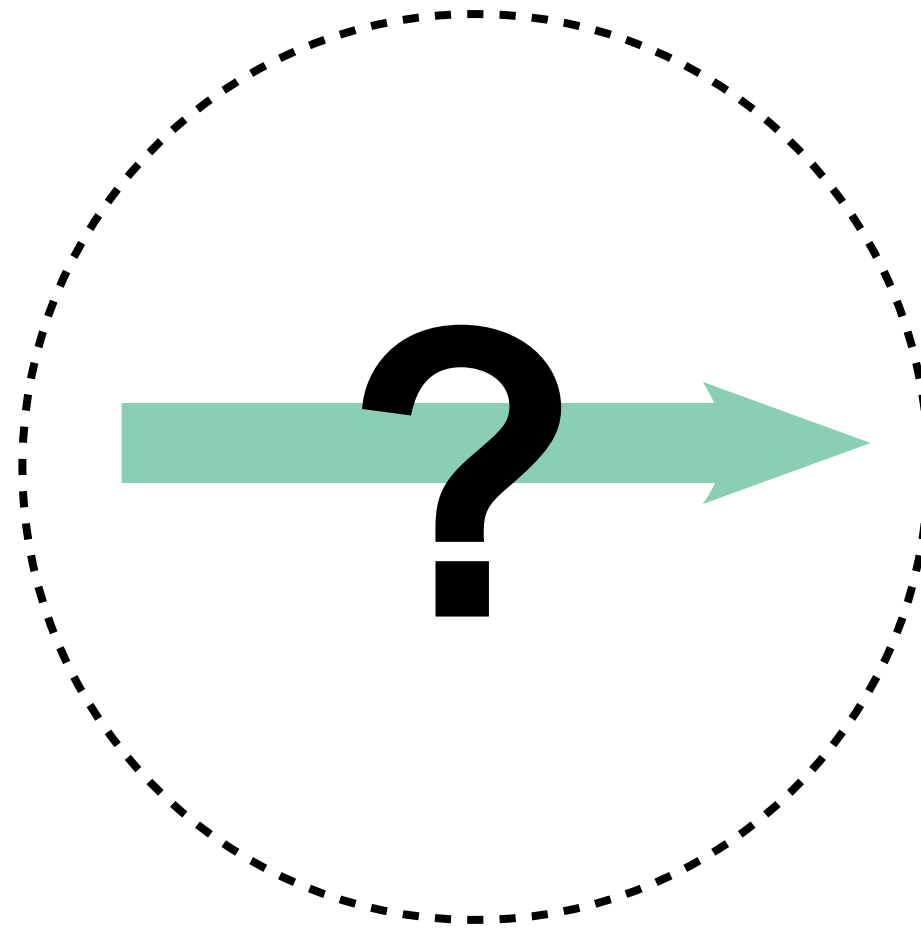
Exercise



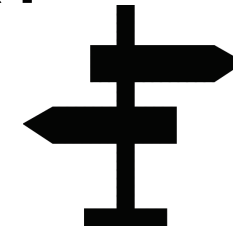
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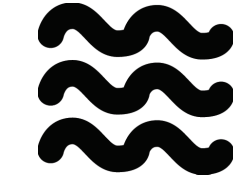
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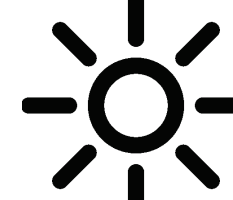
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Trail Improvements



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## TRANSFORM:

Improve park access. Activate the park through sustainable design, partnering with key stakeholders, and passive recreation and programming.

## ENHANCE:

Provide enhancement to the unique *natural* environment, water quality, stormwater management, and wildlife habitat through natural resources management.

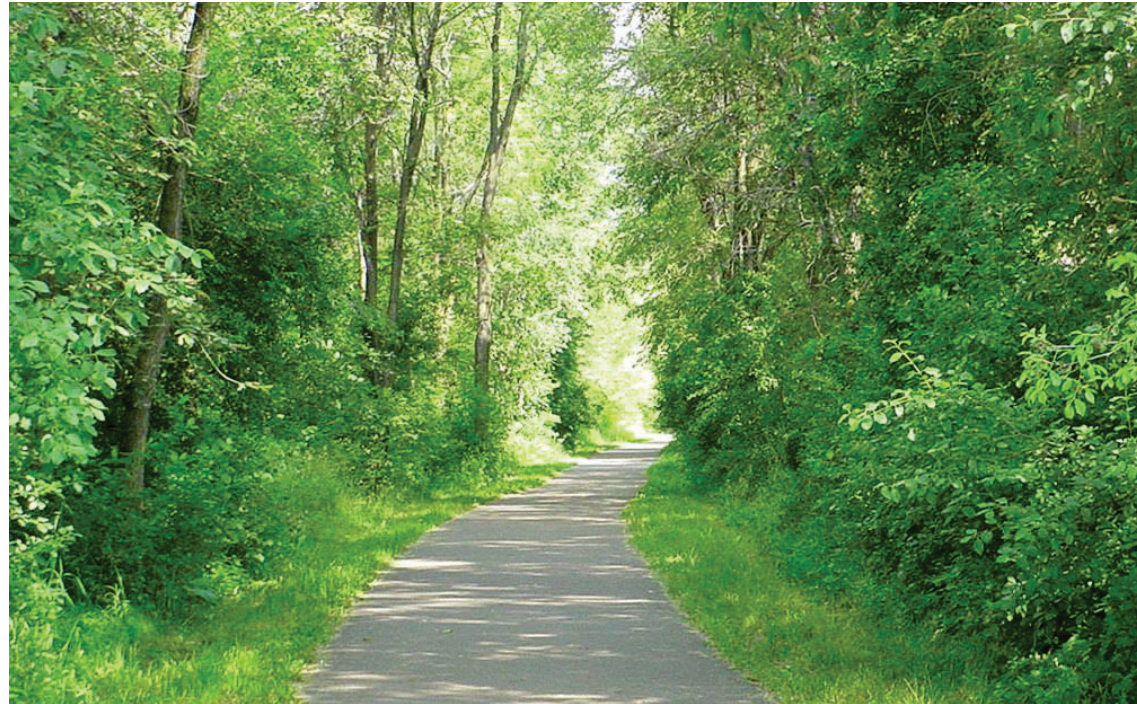
## CONNECT:

Interpretation of the natural, historical, and cultural stories of Swede Hollow Park, and connection to the neighborhood and nearby parks.

**NATURAL AREAS AND OPEN  
SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS**

# GOALS TO ADDRESS

# TRANSFORM ENHANCE CONNECT



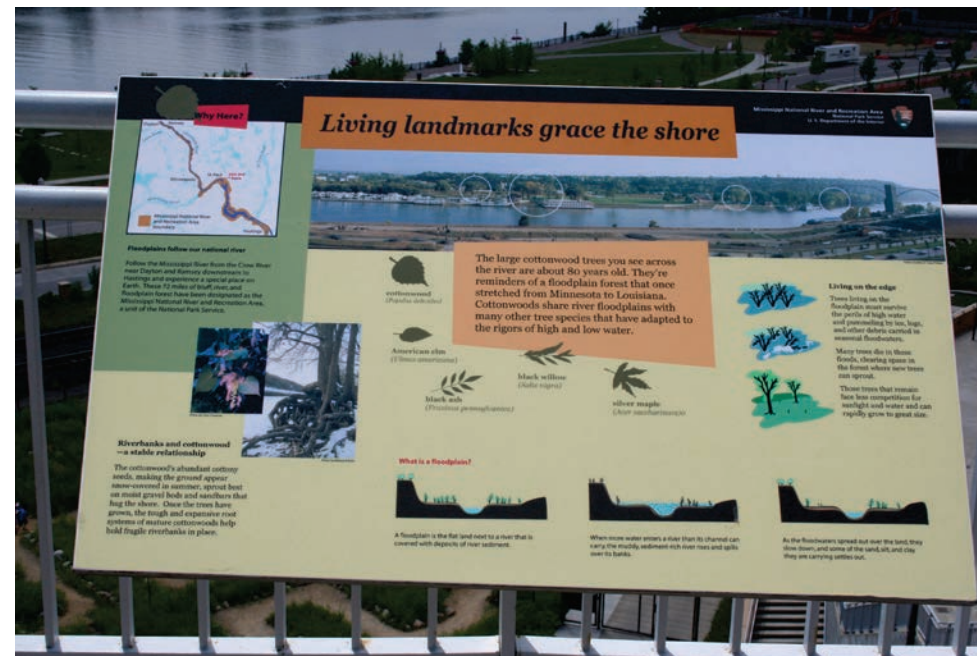
1 Improve equitable park access



2 Increase visibility & security through design



3 Natural Resource Management



4 Historical & Cultural Interpretation and Signage



5 Options to Daylight Phalen Creek

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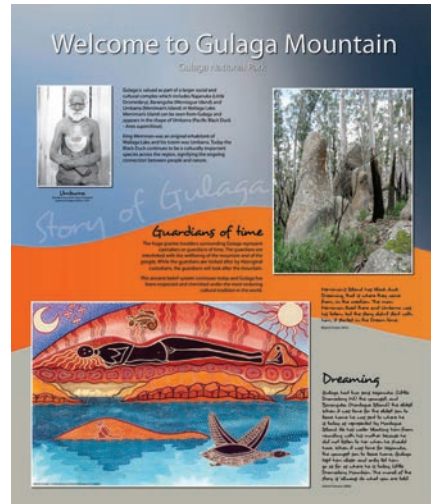
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## MASTER PLAN GOALS



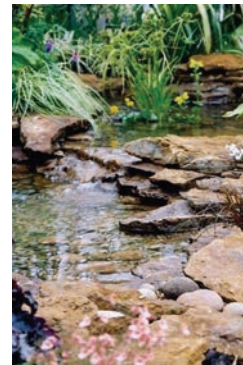
### 1. PARK INTERPRETATION & SIGNAGE

- + Natural, historical, & cultural stories - Migratory Bird Flyway, Dakota culture, Immigrants
- + Investigate strategic key location
- + Connection to other destination - Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Downtown Saint Paul, East Side Heritage, Hamm Park
- + Opportunity for creative public art



### 2. Access to Water

- + Daylighting Phalen Creek
- + Water quality with additional investigation on water source
- + Creative design by the water and education opportunity
- + Alternate trail type i.e. Boardwalk



### 3. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- + Removal of invasive species i.e. Buckthorns, green ashes, Siberian elm, & low quality vegetation
- + Enhance wildlife habitat i.e. Rusty Patched Bumble Bee, planting native plant species



### 4. VISIBILITY/SAFETY

- + Lighting
- + Emergency Beacon
- + Removal of low quality vegetation
- + Activating the park brings more awareness i.e. partnering with PED to activate north part of the park
- + Park Access



### 5. SPACE

- + Provide space to gather & events
- + Spiritual/Cultural healing space
- + Activating spaces with passive recreation & programming



## OTHER DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS:

+ Trail Improvements

+ Public Art

+ Play Space

+ Bathroom Facility

## ANY ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS?





# DISCUSSION

## Questions? Comments?



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# NEXT STEPS

- + Produce Schematic Designs
- + Propose park programs & key locations for signage and interpretation
- + Find precedent images based on the vision
- + Review with Parks Operation Maintenance, PW, and PED

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**HOPE Academy - Cafeteria**

Please visit the project website for updates: [www.stpaul.gov/SwedeHollowMasterPlan](http://www.stpaul.gov/SwedeHollowMasterPlan).

**GRACIAS - UA TSAUG - TOKSA AKE - THANK YOU**