

## Q1 What do you like about Concept 1? Concept 1 focuses on having an overlook over the Mississippi.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is better in my opinion. The space to be down along the river seems a bit more inviting, with more benches, including some longer ones. Overall, the whole riverfront space is still kind of lifeless feeling, you're basically just hanging out in a sea of concrete.	2/21/2025 11:37 AM
2	Multiple tiers to separate people.	2/21/2025 11:35 AM
3	It's nice to have an overlook, but it should be surrounded by natural beauty -- not so much paved surface. Are those hostas in D? How about native wildflowers instead? The trees and shrubs are in stagnant rows with grass below -- boring and unfriendly.	2/21/2025 11:04 AM
4	Prefer the Concept 2 which is open. Concept 1 is closed with the access to the river to walk is restricted. sort of not inviting and restrictive.	2/21/2025 9:15 AM
5	I'm not convinced Concept 1 Overlook style is necessary. All of the trail is an outlook. A person can stop anywhere along the trail all the way from the High bridge toward the bird gardens. The plantings on river level below the outlook will be flooded on a yearly basis. I am a member of Friends of Upper Landing and we assist the city in maintaining all of the gardens. We have worked hard to keep the plantings healthy and thriving in the presence of silt saturated soil. Why add more plantings at river level to the workload.	2/21/2025 8:15 AM
6	It has a nice viewing area	2/21/2025 7:58 AM
7	I like the separation of upper and lower walkway	2/20/2025 8:45 PM
8	I like the greenery on the lower level. I like the lower estimated cost.	2/20/2025 8:00 PM
9	Like the vegetation but limits easy access to river.	2/20/2025 4:07 PM
10	I don't like concept 1. It eliminates both a pedestrian and water/Fountain connection to the river that is a feature of the current design.	2/19/2025 11:57 AM
11	I like the increased amount of green space.	2/18/2025 5:24 PM
12	River closed off from park. Long seating areas promote sleeping.	2/18/2025 5:08 PM
13	Like the greenery	2/18/2025 4:22 PM
14	Increased trees, shrubs and perennials which help absorb run off and may be better for the river. You can still connect to the river by walking a few yards to the east or west and using the existing walkway down.	2/18/2025 12:59 PM
15	Lower cost, more plantings.	2/18/2025 11:10 AM
16	This concept creates closed off areas, where crime and safety issues can occur.	2/17/2025 4:13 PM
17	I like the planter on the lower level and the benches lining it.	2/17/2025 8:21 AM
18	Not much. The plan bars getting close to the river.	2/16/2025 12:11 PM
19	I think isolating the walk near the river is not a good idea. That area is isolated enough as it is. I rarely walk my dog on the lower level, as there is no protection from falling (or being pushed into the river). If we should go with this option, please add a railing to prevent people or dogs from falling or jumping into the river. Please add a railing along the river.	2/16/2025 9:59 AM
20	Nice areas to site and enjoy the view of the river. Lots of shade with the trees at the top level.	2/15/2025 7:30 PM
21	I like the greenery and viewing area	2/15/2025 6:30 PM
22	The potential for plants and flowers next to the river that follows the section of the river landing	2/15/2025 12:45 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

/ dock that juts out into the river.

23	Looks tidy.	2/15/2025 8:22 AM
24	Addition of plants is pretty but that area has flooding yearly and I expect the plants would be damaged regularly.	2/14/2025 11:41 PM
25	The overlook of the river is nice. Nice large area and long sitting bench.	2/14/2025 7:50 PM
26	The bench has a nice view of the river, unblocked by the interpretive sign in concept 2.	2/14/2025 6:50 PM
27	The plants, shrubbery and landscaping are beautiful yet they will be flooded/destroyed every year requiring volunteer hours and donation funds to repopulate. People also tend to cut through the gardens to get to the river.	2/14/2025 4:29 PM
28	Everything except the loss of access to the Mississippi.	2/14/2025 1:56 PM
29	No direct access to the river - that is a negative	2/14/2025 10:38 AM
30	The long bench close to the river	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
31	I like that it has a lot of Greenery	2/14/2025 7:36 AM
32	Like large overlook and interpretive area (that hopefully doesn't obstruct the views).	2/14/2025 6:47 AM
33	Keeping the water feature.	2/14/2025 12:12 AM
34	Separation of river walkway and plaza.	2/13/2025 9:38 PM
35	Prefer steps.	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
36	I like that there is lots of greenery, but I don't like that there isn't easy access to the river front walking/biking pathway. Also, a lot of vegetation can be hard to maintain and a place for unhoused folks to hang out.	2/13/2025 8:44 PM
37	I don't like it because it eliminates the stairs	2/13/2025 8:41 PM
38	I like the additional landscaping in option 1	2/13/2025 7:51 PM
39	This concept is nice. Cost is obviously the main positive point.	2/13/2025 1:21 PM
40	Not a fan.	2/13/2025 11:28 AM
41	The foliage	2/13/2025 11:18 AM
42	Wonderful concept	2/13/2025 5:45 AM
43	Nothing, direct connection is better	2/12/2025 9:22 PM
44	A - stairs , B and D sitting areas with view of the river.	2/12/2025 8:50 PM
45	I like the added flora, providing a more natural look.	2/12/2025 8:07 PM
46	This plan is more conducive to standing and watching. You are not in anyone's way while enjoying the view	2/12/2025 8:04 PM
47	More greenery	2/12/2025 7:51 PM
48	I like the green! Not as much concrete. I think it may deter some of the vandalism we see on the landing if it's a little harder to get down there.	2/12/2025 7:50 PM
49	Plantings on lower level	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
50	I do not like concept 1 given it eliminates access to the walkway below	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
51	The lower budget is really the only thing to like better than option 2.	2/12/2025 6:23 PM
52	I like the first option because it looks like there is more seating and fewer stairs. This has more trees which I like	2/12/2025 6:14 PM
53	I don't like it - there is too much separation between the plaza and the river, blocking access. It also adds foliage requiring more maintenance.	2/11/2025 12:08 PM
54	In general its nicer than it is now. how does one approach the water in this way? is it meant for	2/10/2025 10:41 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

	recreational boats to pull up?	
55	It's nice that there's a ton of greenery, and a spot to sit and admire the rivver.	2/10/2025 9:40 PM
56	Nothing	2/10/2025 9:23 PM
57	I love the added greenery. This is a nicer concept than all the added concrete in concept 2	2/10/2025 3:21 PM
58	There is a lot of greenery and seating for overlooking the mighty Mississippi.	2/8/2025 2:32 PM

## Q2 What do you like about Concept 2? Concept 2 focuses on having a direct connection to the Mississippi.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think this concept risks elevating the number of potential conflicts between trail users and those using the plaza. While the more direct connection might have some benefit, this will also end up being closed during flooding and I'm really not sure how much it will get used.	2/21/2025 11:37 AM
2	The direct connection to the river.	2/21/2025 11:35 AM
3	Eliminating useless section D is helpful. It's still cold and uninviting space. The lower level natural sections are separate from humans. Add some sculpture or prettier, more functional seating space.	2/21/2025 11:04 AM
4	Very Good concept. River side walk enabled and is open and inviting to spend time	2/21/2025 9:15 AM
5	Concept 2 seamlessly allows direct access to river, which is desirable.	2/21/2025 8:15 AM
6	the direct access would be a huge improvement. The lower landing would get so much more use by spectators as well as walkers/runners	2/21/2025 7:58 AM
7	The large different tread height on the stairs	2/20/2025 8:45 PM
8	Easier, closer access to the river.	2/20/2025 8:00 PM
9	Like the lowest area that floods every year is removed as is also a bad homeless and trash area. The overlook on the right side with signage is good	2/20/2025 4:07 PM
10	The pedestrian connection stairs are nice. They resemble the harriet Island Wigginton steps across the river. Unfortunately it eliminates the water feature that (symbolically) brings the water from Landmark Plaza to the Upper Landing and then the River. The Rice Creek river meander is a concept that should be expressed in Concept 2. Also, I am disturbed by the blank wall at the river edge, which creates a CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) problem that already is problematic with poor visibility to the river edge. There has been a homeless tent under the stairs in the recent past.	2/19/2025 11:57 AM
11	The direct connection to the river is more inviting and logical. I prefer this plan, especially since the under-stair area has been eliminated.	2/18/2025 5:24 PM
12	Park opens onto river — preferable. Glad to see pool under stairs gone.	2/18/2025 5:08 PM
13	The steps down to the river, similar to current design	2/18/2025 4:22 PM
14	Increased seating areas and greater access to the river	2/18/2025 12:59 PM
15	Concepts 2 provides more open access to the river	2/18/2025 11:10 AM
16	This concept allows for the connection to the river for all people enjoying the park and the plaza. This concept keeps everything open and visible, preventing safety issues that occur when areas are closed off.	2/17/2025 4:13 PM
17	I like having the steps connecting to the river. I don't like the somewhat severe looking wall just to the right of the steps. A design that combines the best elements of the two proposals would be the best fit, in opinion.	2/17/2025 8:21 AM
18	Direct access to the river. My preferred choice.	2/16/2025 12:11 PM
19	I think this is the better option, as it allows river access. For example, a boat could pull up to provide "taxi" service to Harriet Island for concerts or other events. BUT, we need a railing along the river to prevent people from falling in or being pushed into the river. PLEASE add a railing along the river.	2/16/2025 9:59 AM
20	Easier access to the waterfront with the main step area.	2/15/2025 7:30 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

21	It's nice to have the stair but like concept one	2/15/2025 6:30 PM
22	The stairs that connects the upper plaza with the actual river rather than just a viewing area.	2/15/2025 12:45 PM
23	Less green, but I like the stairs down to the river.	2/15/2025 8:22 AM
24	Clean design and sustainable long term with flooding. Nice area to rest and look at the river.	2/14/2025 11:41 PM
25	I LOVE the direct access to the River. That is unclear in Concept 1.	2/14/2025 7:50 PM
26	YES. This is way better. Direct access it needed.	2/14/2025 6:50 PM
27	It is straight forward with clear areas for walking, biking and viewing. Hidden spaces (under current steps) will be removed so hopefully fewer homeless inhabitants and decreased trash accumulation.	2/14/2025 4:29 PM
28	Everything! The stairs leading down to the river walkway is what I like most.	2/14/2025 1:56 PM
29	I like this plan because of the access to the river	2/14/2025 10:38 AM
30	I prefer concept Plan 2 - the direct connection to the river is important	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
31	I like that it has stairs down to the river	2/14/2025 7:36 AM
32	Like easy riverfront access.	2/14/2025 6:47 AM
33	I like having the steps connecting down to the Mississippi.	2/14/2025 12:12 AM
34	Separation of the river walkway but retain stairs.	2/13/2025 9:38 PM
35	I like the direct connection via the steps.	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
36	I like how this has easy access to the river while also having a viewing area.	2/13/2025 8:44 PM
37	I love concept 2. It's so nice to have steps to the river.	2/13/2025 8:41 PM
38	I like that the wide steps offer more seating for sitting and enjoying the river and the direct connection to the river.	2/13/2025 7:51 PM
39	This concept is more desirable due to the direct river egress. This concept offers better direct access to lower areas for public safety agencies.	2/13/2025 1:21 PM
40	I prefer option 2 to have the steps go down directly to the lower plaza by the river.	2/13/2025 11:28 AM
41	Easy and welcoming access to the river	2/13/2025 11:18 AM
42	Not sure this is necessary	2/13/2025 5:45 AM
43	stairs down to the path along the river, direct connection is important	2/12/2025 9:22 PM
44	I like this plan because the stairs gives direct access to the river.	2/12/2025 8:50 PM
45	The access is an advantage, but it does not outweigh the natural look of Concept 1, in my view. A compromise might be much narrower steps at the SW corner of the platform on Concept 1. Otherwise, I'd vote for Concept 1.	2/12/2025 8:07 PM
46	This plan is more "active". The lower river deck does not have railings. With this plan help can get to the platform quickly.	2/12/2025 8:04 PM
47	I like the staircases to the dock area	2/12/2025 7:51 PM
48	It's ok. I like concept 1 much better though.	2/12/2025 7:50 PM
49	feels much safer than concept 1 - low area seems unsafe when it is not connected to more active plaza above. Boat with music has parked on river, this would allow that to happen better than 1.	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
50	Maintains access to the walkway below, while still providing for an overlook area.	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
51	A direct connection to the river is essential. It has been a decades long focus of the city to reconnect St Paul to the river.	2/12/2025 6:23 PM
52	too much cement and not enough greenery in concept 2.	2/12/2025 6:14 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

53	I like the unblocked view of the river as well as direct access to the river, especially given the overgrown trees that block the view all along the part paths.	2/11/2025 12:08 PM
54	clear access to the water	2/10/2025 10:41 PM
55	I love that the staircase (slash seating area) that connects down to the lower level of the river in addition to having seating up above for admiring the fountain and the river. That makes the river feel so accessible and makes me feel close and connected to it.	2/10/2025 9:40 PM
56	Direct connection to the river	2/10/2025 9:23 PM
57	Way too much added concrete. Concept one is better.	2/10/2025 3:21 PM
58	The more direct access to the river walking path from the fountain and more seating with the stairs/seatwall.	2/8/2025 2:32 PM

## Q3 What is your primary activity at Chestnut Plaza?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cycling through on my commute to/from work.	2/21/2025 11:37 AM
2	Walking/running through.	2/21/2025 11:35 AM
3	Rest stop on a bike ride.	2/21/2025 11:04 AM
4	biking and walking	2/21/2025 9:15 AM
5	I live at Upper Landing. I walk on the trails and enjoy the great Mississippi River.	2/21/2025 8:15 AM
6	Access for biking and walking on the Sam Morgan Trail	2/21/2025 7:58 AM
7	Walking or biking	2/20/2025 8:45 PM
8	Running by it every morning and often seeing people taking important photos like graduation and engagement.	2/20/2025 8:00 PM
9	Volunteer with maintaining the area.	2/20/2025 4:07 PM
10	Visual, spiritual, and physical connection to the river. I would land my boat there if permitted, as some already do but should be encouraged. Also a water taxi to the other bank would be wonderful. Thanks for asking.	2/19/2025 11:57 AM
11	Walking, showing friends and family the area, and enjoying the outdoor space and views.	2/18/2025 5:24 PM
12	Walking and attending events.	2/18/2025 5:08 PM
13	Walking	2/18/2025 4:22 PM
14	walking/running/biking	2/18/2025 12:59 PM
15	Walking along the river	2/18/2025 11:10 AM
16	connecting to the river; walking the park and plaza; viewing the river; meeting friends to enjoy the plaza and park.	2/17/2025 4:13 PM
17	Walking my dog while enjoying the views of the river and downtown.	2/17/2025 8:21 AM
18	Being close to the river.	2/16/2025 12:11 PM
19	I walk my dog through Chestnut Plaza at least once every day.	2/16/2025 9:59 AM
20	Quick stop to enjoy the view while on a walk or bike ride.	2/15/2025 7:30 PM
21	walking daily	2/15/2025 6:30 PM
22	Walk through on the way to library and to downtown. Periodic cleanup in the plaza and along river.	2/15/2025 12:45 PM
23	Walking around	2/15/2025 8:22 AM
24	Dog walking	2/14/2025 11:41 PM
25	Visiting the River's edge	2/14/2025 7:50 PM
26	Seeing the river	2/14/2025 6:50 PM
27	As a RFF neighbor, this is our urban park for walking, grandchildren playing and community activities. As a Friends of Upper Landing volunteer, we spend hours picking up trash, restoring and maintaining gardens.	2/14/2025 4:29 PM
28	Mostly Playing with my kids. We used to play in the waterfall feature before it was shut off. Now we play in the fountains near the bird statues. Also enjoy sitting and reading, climbing and	2/14/2025 1:56 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

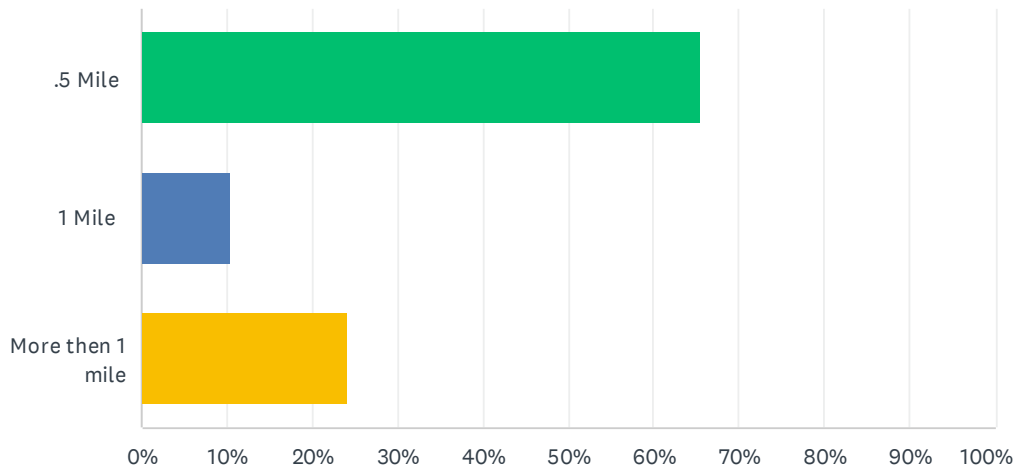
jumping on whatever is available, taking in the river scenery and playing with balls in the field. Sadly, This plaza is the closest thing we have to a playground in our neighborhood.

29	Access to the river to walk along the river	2/14/2025 10:38 AM
30	Biking and running	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
31	passing through on the river trail	2/14/2025 7:36 AM
32	Enjoying the fountain if it's running and taking in the views of the river.	2/14/2025 6:47 AM
33	Walking from my home (condo in block 2) up into downtown.	2/14/2025 12:12 AM
34	We use it year round - which we couldn't answer in #6 below - so it's very important to us.	2/13/2025 9:38 PM
35	Walking	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
36	Using the path for biking or walking, and it's where we take our annual family photos!	2/13/2025 8:44 PM
37	We live just a block away. We take the grandkids to the open lawn area and play. I walk/run on the walking path. On occasion I love to bring a book and read on the benches.	2/13/2025 8:41 PM
38	Walking along the river, sitting to have a coffee or bite to eat	2/13/2025 7:51 PM
39	Walking and enjoying the river. We did picnic and lay on the grass there a few times. Perhaps offer a few picnic benches/tables. Whenever there's a major event over at Harriet, we would watch it from there.	2/13/2025 1:21 PM
40	Walking along the river, sitting in the park with coffee visiting with friends and enjoying the view.	2/13/2025 11:28 AM
41	Walking or biking	2/13/2025 11:18 AM
42	Walking & viewing the river	2/13/2025 5:45 AM
43	Walking	2/12/2025 9:22 PM
44	Walking and hiking through the park.	2/12/2025 8:50 PM
45	I live nearby and walk there frequently.	2/12/2025 8:07 PM
46	Enjoyment of the river and park	2/12/2025 8:04 PM
47	Walking	2/12/2025 7:51 PM
48	I live in the neighborhood so I walk it often.	2/12/2025 7:50 PM
49	Dog walking on path, hanging out with friends on seating near river - it stays warm on days other areas are too cold to be outside because of sun on wall!	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
50	Walking	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
51	Daily walks, bike rides, and Upper Landing resident	2/12/2025 6:23 PM
52	walking the path and sitting to watch the river	2/12/2025 6:14 PM
53	Walking	2/11/2025 12:08 PM
54	Running/ biking	2/10/2025 10:41 PM
55	Usually going for a walk down those stairs and along the path, or bringing my book to read on the grass nearby.	2/10/2025 9:40 PM
56	Walking; viewing the river	2/10/2025 9:23 PM
57	I live along the river trail and visit the park frequently in the non-winter months.	2/10/2025 3:21 PM
58	I live in the condo building right by Chestnut Plaza so I walk in the plaza, meet friends and drink coffee, have picnics, exercise (I'm a member of Anytime Fitness located there). It is my plaza and park.	2/8/2025 2:32 PM



## Q4 How far do you live from the plaza?

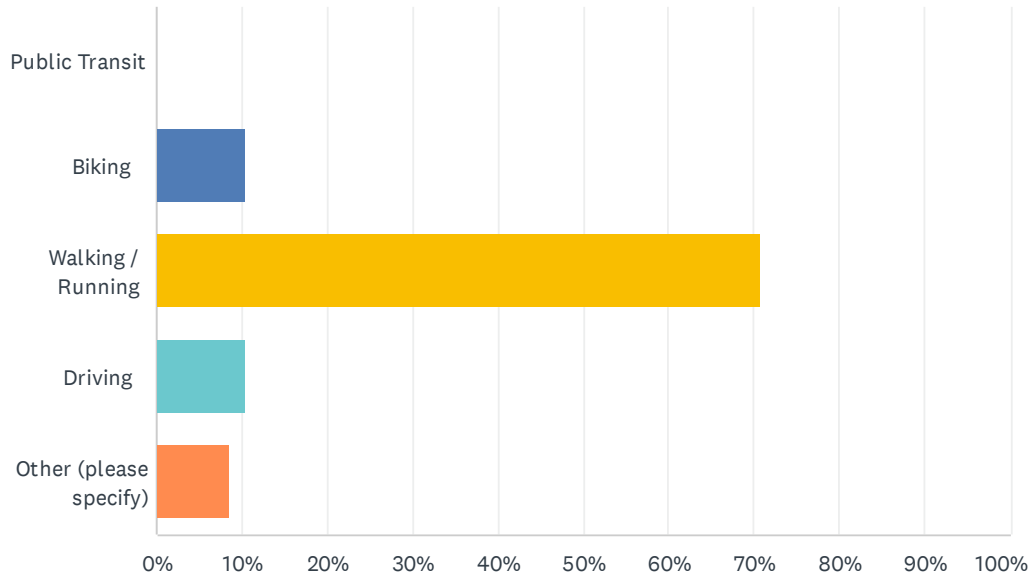
Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
.5 Mile	65.52%	38
1 Mile	10.34%	6
More than 1 mile	24.14%	14
TOTAL		58

## Q5 How do you get to the Chestnut Plaza?

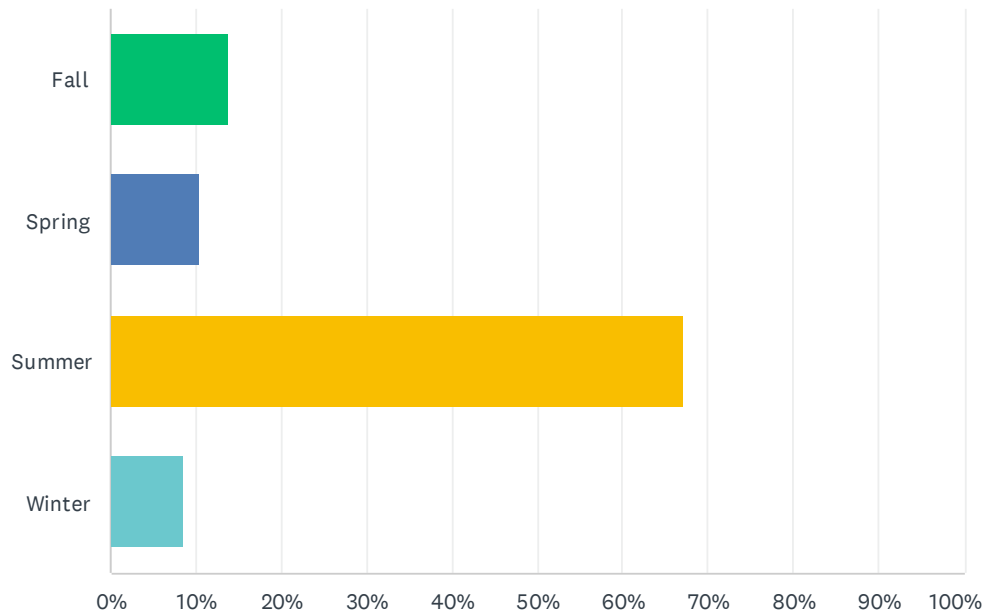
Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Transit	0.00%	0
Biking	10.34%	6
Walking / Running	70.69%	41
Driving	10.34%	6
Other (please specify)	8.62%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58</b>

## Q6 What times of the year do you, or your family visit Chestnut Plaza?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Fall	13.79% 8
Spring	10.34% 6
Summer	67.24% 39
Winter	8.62% 5
TOTAL	58

## Q7 What do you like about the Plaza?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If coming from the east, it's the first spot where you don't feel completely overwhelmed by the noise and pollution of Shepard Rd., which generally speaking completely ruins our downtown riverfront.	2/21/2025 11:37 AM
2	Proximity to the river.	2/21/2025 11:35 AM
3	I like when it's open fall, spring, summer, and its close proximity to the river.	2/21/2025 11:04 AM
4	the river overlook and the time and space to take a break and walk around	2/21/2025 9:15 AM
5	Great views of Harriet Island, Raspberry Island, and the bluffs. There is shade and seating available.	2/21/2025 8:15 AM
6	I like the plaza is available for passive recreational use. I frequently wish the water feature was available for the children that were visiting the park. It used to be so much fun to watch them interact with it.	2/21/2025 7:58 AM
7	River access	2/20/2025 8:45 PM
8	A calm green spot on the river, surrounded by city.	2/20/2025 8:00 PM
9	Plenty of room to sit and relax and meet people. Will be attractive to young families in the area. Extra lovely in the fall. Like the activities that happen in the area.	2/20/2025 4:07 PM
10	Actually all four months. The fountain , when it works, attracts kids and people of all ages, which eliminates many of the public safety issues now experienced including homeless mental health situations, and general lack of people.	2/19/2025 11:57 AM
11	It's a lovely public space that takes advantage of the river and historical buildings and sites in the city.	2/18/2025 5:24 PM
12	We enjoy location adjacent to river and the trees all year, except for bitter cold days.	2/18/2025 5:08 PM
13	River views, located walking distance from home	2/18/2025 4:22 PM
14	great views of the river and wildlife	2/18/2025 12:59 PM
15	Visiting space on riverfront	2/18/2025 11:10 AM
16	We use the plaza year round, Fall, Spring, Summer and Winter. The plaza and park welcomes friends and families to enjoy the park and the river.	2/17/2025 4:13 PM
17	(I want to note that question 6 should be a multi-select option. I visit this park regularly, year-round. I like that it is a welcoming public space	2/17/2025 8:21 AM
18	The view of the river and downtown.	2/16/2025 12:11 PM
19	Please note above, I use Chestnut Plaza EVERY day of the year. It is a beautiful spot on a beautiful river	2/16/2025 9:59 AM
20	The trees and inviting space to enjoy the river and outdoors.	2/15/2025 7:30 PM
21	I like walking that area daily	2/15/2025 6:30 PM
22	I walk(year round) and bike (mainly when biking weather) through the plaza area. I like the water fall feature when running. I like the way it mimics and points to the main attraction - the Mississippi. As we walk this way with friends and guests it is a great way to highlight the Mississippi. I cannot tell from the concept drawing how many water features would remain in each. I prefer to keep what I believe is the current 3 features (not working so I forget). My preference is that two remain if all three are not possible.	2/15/2025 12:45 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

23	It's nice	2/15/2025 8:22 AM
24	Pretty views and vegetation	2/14/2025 11:41 PM
25	Its proximity to the River	2/14/2025 7:50 PM
26	It's a pretty spot by the river.	2/14/2025 6:50 PM
27	We have missed the large fountain over the past few years. It is calming, fun and a great place to watch children play. It also showcases the rivers beauty . There are families that have traditions of visiting each year and enjoying the view. Visitors come to learn about the river.	2/14/2025 4:29 PM
28	View of the river, entertaining for my kids, large enough so it never feels too crowded. The cleanliness.	2/14/2025 1:56 PM
29	Access to the river	2/14/2025 10:38 AM
30	View, paths	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
31	I like that it is open space near the river	2/14/2025 7:36 AM
32	A running fountain and easy access to the riverfront.	2/14/2025 6:47 AM
33	It will be great to have the water feature restored! It is very unique.	2/14/2025 12:12 AM
34	Greenery, ability to sit and eat, and just enjoy the river.	2/13/2025 9:38 PM
35	I visit spring, summer, and fall.	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
36	It's a scenic, easy to exercise.	2/13/2025 8:44 PM
37	Love the lawn space	2/13/2025 8:41 PM
38	River views, food trucks	2/13/2025 7:51 PM
39	For #6 above: if there was a check box for year-around, I would have ticked it. Access to river!	2/13/2025 1:21 PM
40	To question 6 - it does not give me the option to respond to multiple times of year. Will only allow one radio button to be chosen. I visit the plaza year round, several times a week. This is my neighborhood park.	2/13/2025 11:28 AM
41	Accessible	2/13/2025 11:18 AM
42	View	2/13/2025 5:45 AM
43	Nice gathering area	2/12/2025 9:22 PM
44	River view and events that take place in the park.	2/12/2025 8:50 PM
45	I like the seating, the open space, and the water for kids, although I don't have young kids anymore.	2/12/2025 8:07 PM
46	Beautiful place to relax	2/12/2025 8:04 PM
47	Access to upper landing park	2/12/2025 7:51 PM
48	Sadly, the water feature that rarely runs.	2/12/2025 7:50 PM
49	It is active and a good place to meet up with neighbors. There is too much paving and it gets really hot in the summer. the tall grass areas are just places dogs (and sometimes homeless people pee) which is pretty gross	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
50	The plaza it a great place to sit and observe happenings as well as providing access to the river walkway below. Please note we visit Chestnut Plaza year round (fall, spring, summer, winter). The previous question did not allow checking all seasons; it only allowed checking one season.	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
51	Answer to above is "all" but that is not an option. It serves as the connection from most of downtown St Paul, West Seventh, and Irvine Park to the river.	2/12/2025 6:23 PM
52	The view and hearing the wind blow through the trees	2/12/2025 6:14 PM
53	#6 we visit all year round We like park spaces and being close to the river.	2/11/2025 12:08 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

54	Near city house, good turnaround point for exercise	2/10/2025 10:41 PM
55	^I couldn't elect more than one option in question #6, but I visit frequently in all 4 seasons. I love that the plaza is a place to directly and accessibly connect to the river, as well as recreation like the walking trail, and entertainment like City House. It bridges the urban-nature gap and makes you feel close to the water and the river's wildlife.	2/10/2025 9:40 PM
56	Public soace	2/10/2025 9:23 PM
57	Loved it when the fountain was working. It is a nice relatively shaded area to sit and relax.	2/10/2025 3:21 PM
58	It is a calming place so close to home and the river. When the fountains worked, families would bring kids and play in the water. I've even been able to "crash" a couple weddings taking place in the park or along the river. The plaza also becomes a hub when there are running events like MonsterDash or TurkeyTrot. Also, when it is a hub of activity, it is a positive way to reduce the unsavory. It is such a great gathering place for the neighborhood.	2/8/2025 2:32 PM

## Q8 What would make you want to use Plaza more?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There should be more nearby trees. There's too much grass and pointless open space. The whole area that's currently a dumb field requiring lots of mowing could be replaced by a lot of trees or native wildflowers to actually promote some sense of ecological connection. Or how about a large scale rain garden that could retain/filter some of the water running off of all the parking lots and highway nearby? Also, it's ironic to me that both concepts include a rendering of someone in a wheelchair, when by and large this space is pretty poorly accessible for anyone with mobility challenges, due to the lack of ramps. To me, improved accessibility would be a much higher priority than spending money to have a fountain I honestly don't know if I've ever noticed before run still when water is high.	2/21/2025 11:37 AM
2	Improved lighting for security (solve the copper wire theft).	2/21/2025 11:35 AM
3	The lower level natural sections are separate from humans. -- Add art & sculptures (representing Mississippi River history) and prettier, more comfortable seating space.	2/21/2025 11:04 AM
4	the open concept and probably some small music artists performances or some family events	2/21/2025 9:15 AM
5	Concerts. Art installations	2/21/2025 8:15 AM
6	Stairs	2/21/2025 7:58 AM
7	Tables	2/20/2025 8:45 PM
8	Nothing	2/20/2025 8:00 PM
9	More cooperative work with the national and city park system on presentations like on eagles, ice break up, history.	2/20/2025 4:07 PM
10	Working fountain, and food trucks, which have been there in the past, holiday tree lighting, a Jens Jensen community fire ring, and plant the dozen urns along shepard road that have never worked in almost twenty years.	2/19/2025 11:57 AM
11	A decent coffee shop and/or ice cream vendor nearby.	2/18/2025 5:24 PM
12	Bricks need to be leveled occasionally — tripping hazard & bad look. Better treatment under trees. Maintenance of Plaza has not been great.	2/18/2025 5:08 PM
13	Keep it clean and lit	2/18/2025 4:22 PM
14	would love to have a coffee shop back in the adjacent building or a coffee or food truck	2/18/2025 12:59 PM
15	Functioning water feature, more police patrols to address drug use.	2/18/2025 11:10 AM
16	A continued connection to the river. Boats pulling up to do musical concerts for those in the plaza. More families and kids. The water fountain was a key element for families and kids playing.	2/17/2025 4:13 PM
17	A public restroom, a water fountain for humans and dogs.	2/17/2025 8:21 AM
18	More park like.	2/16/2025 12:11 PM
19	I already use it daily. I think we need to prevent camping in the plaza and park for safety reasons, so I would recommend increased police patrols.	2/16/2025 9:59 AM
20	Splash pad for kids on hot days. Small playground or swings.	2/15/2025 7:30 PM
21	It Would be helpful if there were fewer homeless	2/15/2025 6:30 PM
22	1) operational water features. 2) tables and benches on which to play board or card games 3) access to the river directly from the plaza.	2/15/2025 12:45 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

23	Having a food or activity there	2/15/2025 8:22 AM
24	Additional seating and perhaps events or live music	2/14/2025 11:41 PM
25	Easy walking access to the River	2/14/2025 7:50 PM
26	River access	2/14/2025 6:50 PM
27	No thoughts on this	2/14/2025 4:29 PM
28	Having the waterfall turned back on for sure! You could even add a button w/ a timer so less water is used. If there could be more water features or even a splash pad area, that would be awesome.	2/14/2025 1:56 PM
29	Clear the snow in the winter, especially on the steps	2/14/2025 10:38 AM
30	Public bathrooms	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
31	I think more greenery and space to relax	2/14/2025 7:36 AM
32	Enjoy fountain which runs regularly. Get close to the river. Enjoy the view.	2/14/2025 6:47 AM
33	Removing/straightening the uneven cobblestones	2/14/2025 12:12 AM
34	Not sure.	2/13/2025 9:38 PM
35	Can't think of anything. Possibly more benches to sit when I get tired of walking.	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
36	More places to hang out like restaurants, bars, breweries, etc. AND/OR a playground.	2/13/2025 8:44 PM
37	Maybe a water feature?	2/13/2025 8:41 PM
38	Sufficient trash receptacles and more programming	2/13/2025 7:51 PM
39	Perhaps sun shading of some sort scattered around the entire park and especially along the lower walking path.	2/13/2025 1:21 PM
40	Having the fountains run again!	2/13/2025 11:28 AM
41	Working fountains	2/13/2025 11:18 AM
42	Floodless walkways	2/13/2025 5:45 AM
43	shade, fewer homeless	2/12/2025 9:22 PM
44	Ampitheater or someplace for music.	2/12/2025 8:50 PM
45	I use it plenty now.	2/12/2025 8:07 PM
46	The fountains working	2/12/2025 8:04 PM
47	Attractive Landscape , more public activities	2/12/2025 7:51 PM
48	I'd love to see parks and rec utilize the space. Fitness in the park or something. Love also when there is art or art programs in the park.	2/12/2025 7:50 PM
49	If it was greener and the seating more protected	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
50	Keeping access to walkway below	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
51	Lighting that is in working condition, which has improved recently.	2/12/2025 6:23 PM
52	quiet, no skateboarders or loud music.	2/12/2025 6:14 PM
53	We already use it year round.	2/11/2025 12:08 PM
54	Outdoor table tennis table similar to the one at union depot, pullup bar/ situp bench like at little bohemia park. beach volleyball court?	2/10/2025 10:41 PM
55	Having the fountain features work again would be an amazing plus! I go there frequently for walks, but I would go more if there were more benches and spaces to gather or watch live music or events in the park.	2/10/2025 9:40 PM
56	More seating	2/10/2025 9:23 PM



## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

---

57	If there's a way to incorporate more trees in place of shrubbery that would be a plus.	2/10/2025 3:21 PM
58	Especially with concept two and the seating wall, it is a great place for Shakespeare in the park or music on the river. Can there be a small ice skating rink in the winter? It is a treasure for the city!	2/8/2025 2:32 PM

---

## Q9 Do you have anymore feedback on Chestnut Plaza?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Why can't I select more than 1 season in question 6? I visit the plaza year round, that is a very poorly designed question.	2/21/2025 11:37 AM
2	Include cameras for security purposes.	2/21/2025 11:35 AM
3	The shrubs have a better view of the river than people. Why not mix it up -- add shrubs and trees around the seating areas. Maybe try design elements similar to the pretty space at Mears Park in downtown St Paul.	2/21/2025 11:04 AM
4	Plaza is in a good place with with good views. more activities will make it a hanging spot for families	2/21/2025 9:15 AM
5	We could use bicycle police. We tolerate a significant transient population. Residents have been exposed to attempts to set up camps, syringes and needles left in the gardens, large amounts of trash and increased small crimes.	2/21/2025 8:15 AM
6	While I live more than a mile, I work less than a mile from the plaza and use it daily in Spring Summer and Fall.	2/21/2025 7:58 AM
7	No	2/20/2025 8:45 PM
8	No. I'm happy you're moving the water feature to ensure year-round enjoyment.	2/20/2025 8:00 PM
9	Thrilled that the city said this area would in the first round of funding and am thrilled it actually is.	2/20/2025 4:07 PM
10	Thank you for your work on this, I appreciate your creativity and design thinking for the UpperLanding.	2/19/2025 11:57 AM
11	We use the area year round - please adjust your survey to allow for more than one choice. I am heartened that the city is investing in this site. Families need beautiful, safe spaces in their cities.	2/18/2025 5:24 PM
12	More emphasis on using 1% tax to simply improve maintenance of plaza, parks, riverwalk, etc. rather than continuing with grand projects at the expense of what has already been created.	2/18/2025 5:08 PM
13	no	2/18/2025 4:22 PM
14	It's pretty empty most of the time. Having more food or beverage options might attract more people. I love it.	2/18/2025 12:59 PM
15	Beautiful area. Thanks for keeping it so clean!	2/18/2025 11:10 AM
16	It is imperative to keep the connection to the river, especially as the City of St. Paul continues to focus on development of the bluff area with a focus on connection to the river. Safety, crime prevention is an absolute must do.	2/17/2025 4:13 PM
17	I do. I will contact Alice directly via my District Council	2/17/2025 8:21 AM
18	No	2/16/2025 12:11 PM
19	Please add a railing to the lower level walkway along the river. I use the upper walkway, even though I have to be mindful of bike traffic, because the lack of a railing makes me worry that my goofy dog will accidentally fall in the river.	2/16/2025 9:59 AM
20	I love the idea of preserving this space and making it more family friendly.	2/15/2025 7:30 PM
21	Not at this time	2/15/2025 6:30 PM
22	My prime desire is to see working river like water features that are currently installed ( I	2/15/2025 12:45 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

understand that a redesign with flooding concerns is needed to keep them operational). I also no prefer a connection via stairs to the river. It would be great to have some type of plant or flower features next to the river as in concept one with the river access of concept two. I've heard some volunteer concerns with maintenance of an additional garden area in the lower zone that is prone to flooding and thus killing plantings in the lower area - a possible solution is to have a smaller planting area and have it designed to be movable to a higher location during flooding events. Then I think volunteers would be willing to maintain when flooding occurs sine the planting would not drown at each flood and need replacement.

23	No, I've only been here once before, I have no strong feelings	2/15/2025 8:22 AM
24	I enjoy the gardens that promote native creatures.	2/14/2025 11:41 PM
25	Thanks for asking for input	2/14/2025 7:50 PM
26	No	2/14/2025 6:50 PM
27	No	2/14/2025 4:29 PM
28	We visit Chestnut plaza in Spring, Summer, and Fall. Doesn't feel the safest crossing Shepard rd - the timer isn't long enough. I think the plaza would get used even more if there was more parking - how does the city feel about a ferry from the other side of the river, so ppl can park over there too?	2/14/2025 1:56 PM
29	It is a nice access point to the river	2/14/2025 10:38 AM
30	Consider the flow of bike traffic	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
31	no	2/14/2025 7:36 AM
32	Can we get handicapped accessible access to the riverfront? (without having to go a long distance from accessible parking.)	2/14/2025 6:47 AM
33	None	2/14/2025 12:12 AM
34	Glad the fountain will be operational year round. It appears that this work won't change flooding down near the river.	2/13/2025 9:38 PM
35	No.	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
36	Please keep the water fountains. I'd love if there was a playground. I loved when the space was used for art installations and big events (i.e. Beer Dabbler)	2/13/2025 8:44 PM
37	No	2/13/2025 8:41 PM
38	No	2/13/2025 7:51 PM
39	As long as the river is preserved by reducing pollution, this significant asset will only increase in value for public use. Does the city parks and rec own the entirety of Chestnut Plaza? Is parks and rec responsible for maintaining the plants, shrubs, etc.? Would parks and rec wish to collaborate with locals to maintain plants and shrubs? Who's responsible financially to maintain and repair pump system going forward? Wondering if river boats would be allowed to dock and park for lunch at Red River Kitchen. I like having a car parking lot. Wondering if expanding this lot should also be considered. I've noticed it full during busy times. I would highly recommend a wheelchair ramp adjacent to any steps both above and below.	2/13/2025 1:21 PM
40	Please have the water feature repaired and functioning!	2/13/2025 11:28 AM
41	It seems to be a popular area for drug sales	2/13/2025 11:18 AM
42	no	2/13/2025 5:45 AM
43	no	2/12/2025 9:22 PM
44	Good idea to move the pumps off the shore of the river.	2/12/2025 8:50 PM
45	No	2/12/2025 8:07 PM
46	You didn't ask what I don't like about the two plans above. So here goes. Plan 1, while beautiful, I worry that the lower section may possibly attract safety issues. Also may attract homeless tents and sleepers. Also I am answering this survey on my phone and I was forced by the survey to only pick one season in question #6. My real answer is all four.	2/12/2025 8:04 PM

## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

47	No	2/12/2025 7:51 PM
48	Loved it when the food truck was at the edge of the park.	2/12/2025 7:50 PM
49	The microclimate down at the River is really wonderful and seating there allows me to be outside in early spring/late fall. Graffiti is a big issue - there should be a graffiti coating on any walls for easy washing.	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
50	Please implement concept 2 with the access to river walkway below. Thank you for reaching out and your consideration!	2/12/2025 6:39 PM
51	Would love to see all of the deferred maintenance on infrastructure throughout the park addressed. Irrigation for planter baskets is not in use and should be. Brick columns damaged and broken. The nearby neighbors take exceptional care of this neighborhood and park. It would be nice to see the city do their part.	2/12/2025 6:23 PM
52	I also go to the Plaza in the Spring and Summer.	2/12/2025 6:14 PM
53	The trees and overgrowth behind the fencing between the river and the park paths need to be maintained.	2/11/2025 12:08 PM
54	x	2/10/2025 10:41 PM
55	I love the park! Thanks for all you do to keep it nice amidst changing river levels!	2/10/2025 9:40 PM
56	No	2/10/2025 9:23 PM
57	Glad it's being updated!	2/10/2025 3:21 PM
58	When it asked "What times of the year do you, or your family visit Chestnut Plaza?" I could only select one, but as I mentioned, I live here so I visit it year round.	2/8/2025 2:32 PM

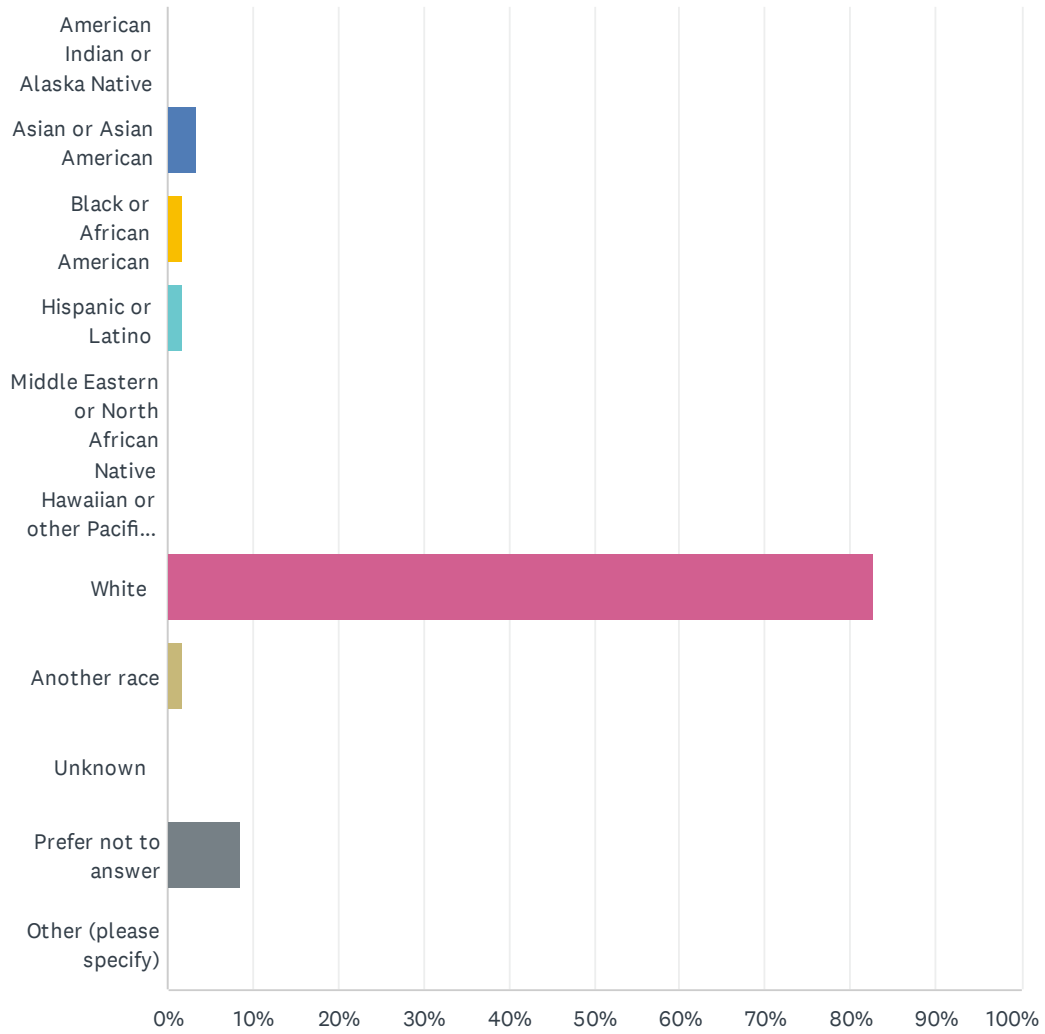
## Q10 If you would like to receive updates about the project, please share your name and email address with us.

Answered: 32 Skipped: 26

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	32
Email Address	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	100.00%	32
Phone Number	0.00%	0

## Q11 With what race do you identify?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



## Chestnut Plaza Site Improvements

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	0
Asian or Asian American	3.45%	2
Black or African American	1.72%	1
Hispanic or Latino	1.72%	1
Middle Eastern or North African	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
White	82.76%	48
Another race	1.72%	1
Unknown	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	8.62%	5
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58</b>