



City of Bothell™

BOTHELL PARKS & RECREATION

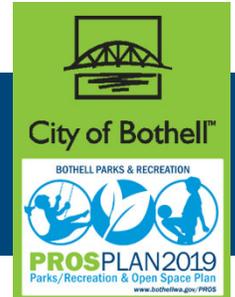


**PROSPLAN 2019**  
Parks/Recreation & Open Space Plan  
[www.bothellwa.gov/PROS](http://www.bothellwa.gov/PROS)

# Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

# AGENDA

- Quick PROS Overview
- Existing Program & Asset Review
- Community Engagement
- Capital Project Planning
- Council Direction
- Next Steps

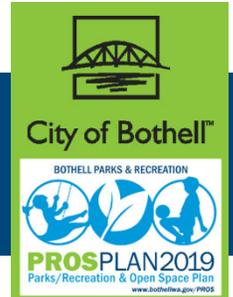


# What is the PROS Plan?

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan is a 6-year guide\* and strategic plan for managing and enhancing parks, open space, trails, and recreation opportunities for the Bothell community.

\*The last plan was adopted in 2014.

- Policy & Strategy Guide
- Capital Planning Tool
- Technical Study
- Communications Tool



# What is the PROS Plan?



The Plan will be strategic in focus to help the City respond to three important questions:

- What are our strengths?
- How should we serve our local community?
- Where should we focus our efforts?

Create a plan that is responsive to the community and Council Goals.



# Project Timeline



Mar 2019

12 months

Feb 2020



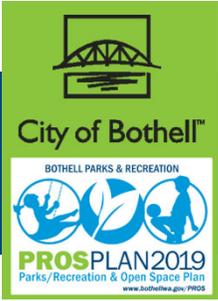
# Steps to Building the Plan



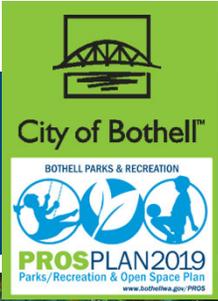
- Park, Trail & Program Assessments ✓
- Community Engagement ✓
- Needs Assessment ✓
- Capital Project Planning ←
- Implementation & Funding Strategies
- Plan Review & Approval



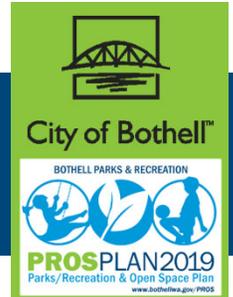
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# PROS Plan Goals - 2014 Update

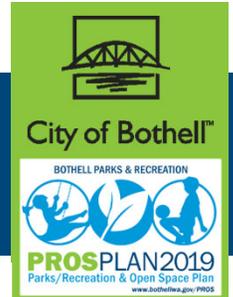


## Goals:

1. To provide a parks and recreation system that will meet the needs and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Bothell.
2. To promote a range of recreational opportunities and provide local recreation programming which compliments services offered by other agencies in the City.
3. To maintain and operate a park system to a level and quality that will enhance and promote Bothell's unique character.
4. To conserve, enhance and acquire open space, natural areas and wildlife habitat.
5. To acquire and develop land for active park and recreation facilities, with a focus in the Snohomish County portion of the City.



# Bothell 2000 to 2019

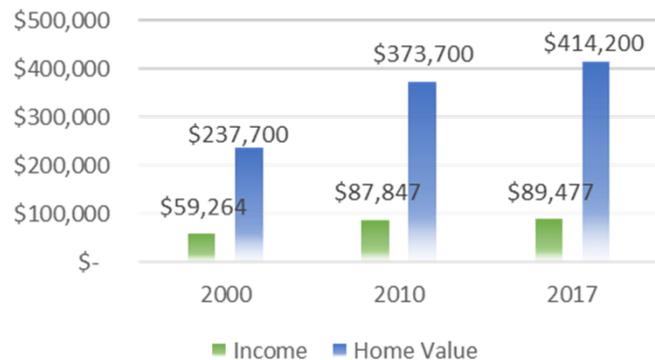


## POPULATION – Population increased 51%

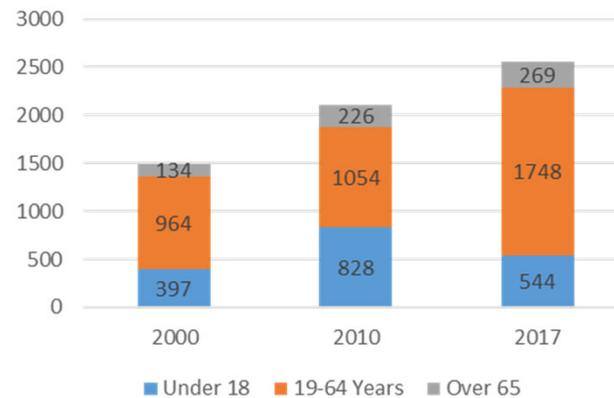


## HOUSING & INCOME – Median income increased 51%

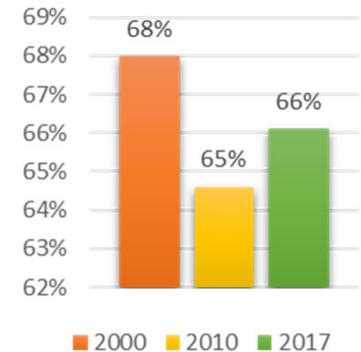
Median Income & Home Value



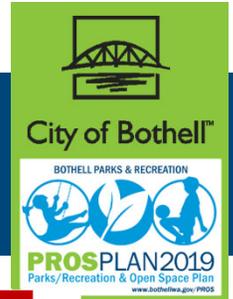
Persons at or below Poverty Line



Owner Occupied Units

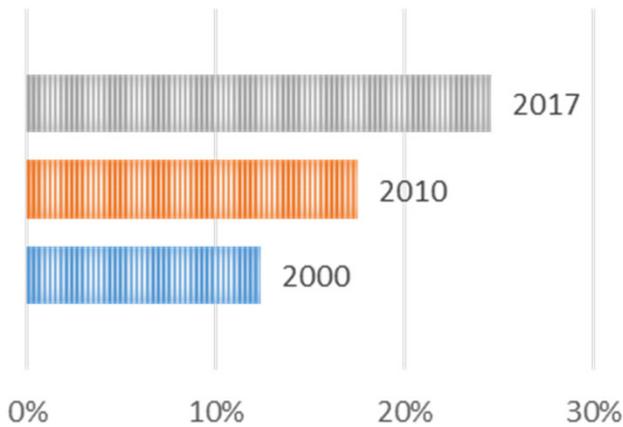


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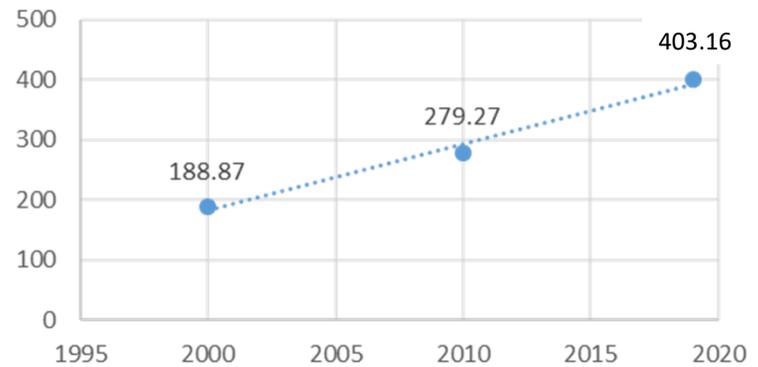
**RACE & LANGUAGE – Other languages at home increased 100%**

Language other than English at Home

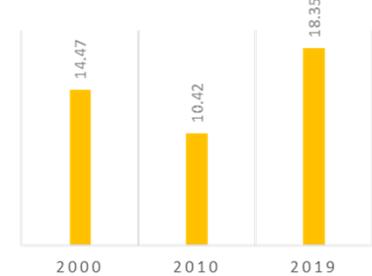


**PARK & OPEN SPACE ACRES – Acreage increased 112%**

Park & Open Space Acres

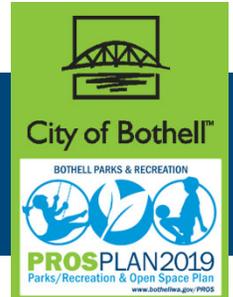


Parks & Recreation Staff - FTE



# Parks Overview

- 403 acres of parks and open space
- 141 acres are urban forests
- 5 acres are cemeteries
- 28 acres are sportsfields
- ~ 230 acres are passive use only
- ~168 acres are active use
- 3.6 miles of regional trails maintained



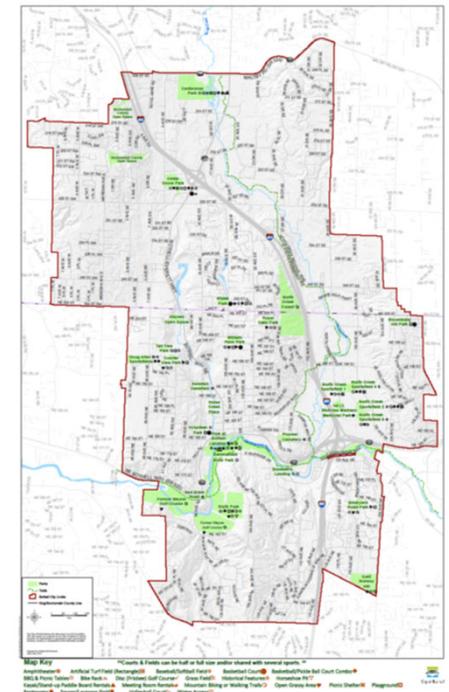
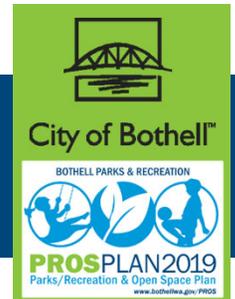
North Creek Forest



# Park Amenities

- 11 Parks with BBQs & picnic tables
- 15 Parks with walking/biking/mountain biking trails
- 4 Rentable picnic shelters
- 14 Playgrounds
- 8 Restrooms (31 stalls)
- 3 Artificial turf fields & 6 Grass fields for baseball/softball or lacrosse/football/rugby/soccer
- 12 Open grassy play areas

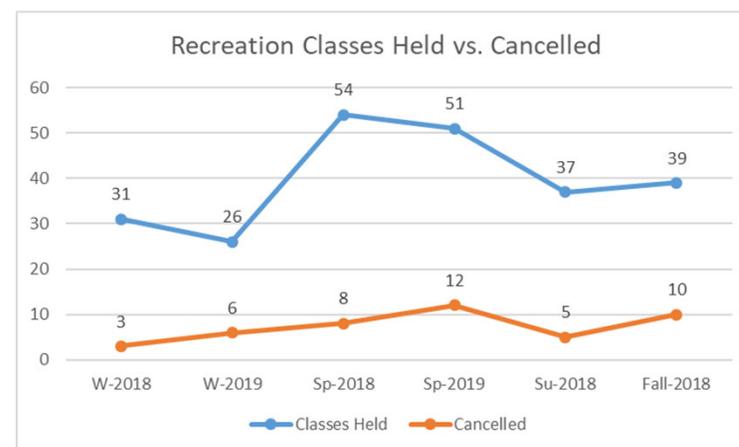
- 3 Parks with water access
- 6 Basketball/Pickle ball courts
- 5 Parks with historical features
- Kayak/SUP board rentals
- Disc golf course
- Horseshoe pit
- Outdoor volleyball court
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- 2 Rental facilities
  - North Creek Schoolhouse
  - Lytle House



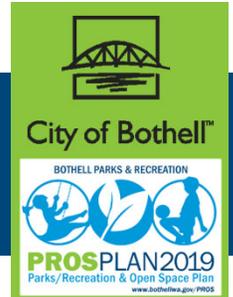
# Recreation Trends – 2018 and 2019



- Historical trends are challenging; data lost in registration software transition
- Contract model for all recreation opportunities
- Adult Softball Leagues very popular with 90 teams annually
- Skyhawks & Kidz Love Soccer are most popular recreation offerings - 1,012 kids in 2018
- 2018: 16% of classes were cancelled due to low registration
- 2019 Q1 & 2: 23.5% were cancelled due to low registration



# Adult Classes & Softball

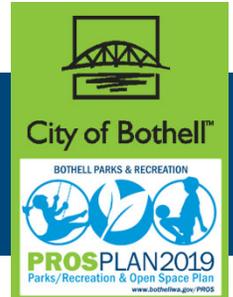


- Contract model
  - 75/25% split (2018),  
70/30% (2019)
- Class size ranged from 1 to 24
- Registration is drop-in or full class
- Average registrants per class is ~9
- Classes also offered by YMCA and private businesses

SOFTBALL 2018	
League	# Teams
ASA Softball - Men's Spring League	15
ASA Softball - Coed "Very Rec" Short Season	8
ASA Softball - Friday Coed Rec League	7
ASA Softball - Men's Summer Rec League	16
ASA Softball - Monday Coed Rec League	16
ASA Softball - Sunday Coed Rec League	8
ASA Softball - Thursday Coed Rec League	12
ASA Softball - Wednesday Coed Rec League	9
<b>TOTAL TEAMS:</b>	<b>91</b>

SOFTBALL 2019	
League	# Teams
USA Softball - Men's Spring League	13
ASA Softball - Coed "Very Rec" Short Season	9
ASA Softball - Friday Coed League	7
ASA Softball - Men's Summer League	16
ASA Softball - Monday Coed League	16
ASA Softball - Sunday Coed League	8
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<b>TOTAL TEAMS:</b>	<b>87</b>

# Kids Classes & Camps - 2018

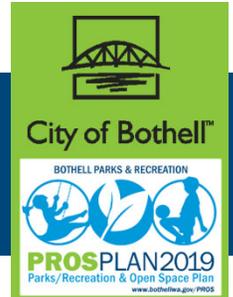


- Contract model
  - 75/25% split (2018),  
70/30% (2019)
- 324 Enrichment Registrants in 2018
- 1,012 Sports Registrants in 2018
- Art classes (drawing) least popular with 2 to 6 per class
- Parent & Me averaged 11.87 per class
- Non-sports summer camps averaged 12.8 kids

Springs & Summer  
increase in  
registrations from  
kids sports programs



# Community Events



- Community Events
  - Fourth of July Parade (~5-8k)
  - Music in the Park (~300-1k)
  - Just Kidding Around Concerts (175-700)
  - Blyth Park Campout (40 families)
  - Safe Halloween (~1k; 600 candy pieces)
  - Arbor Day (30-50)
  - Veteran's Day (15-30)



Fourth of July Parade

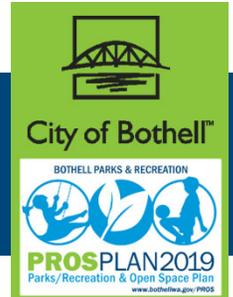


Music in the Park



Blyth Park Campout

# Community Engagement



**Board & Council Sessions**

**Community Survey – 1,241 responses**

**Dog Park Survey – 1,405 responses**

**Teen Survey – 154 responses**

**3 Stakeholder Sessions**

**18 Community Meetings & Pop-Ups**

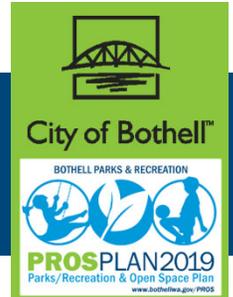
**1 Community Workshop – 32 attendees**

**Online Engagement**

...a thorough, thoughtful and transparent public process to enliven, inform and validate the Plan.

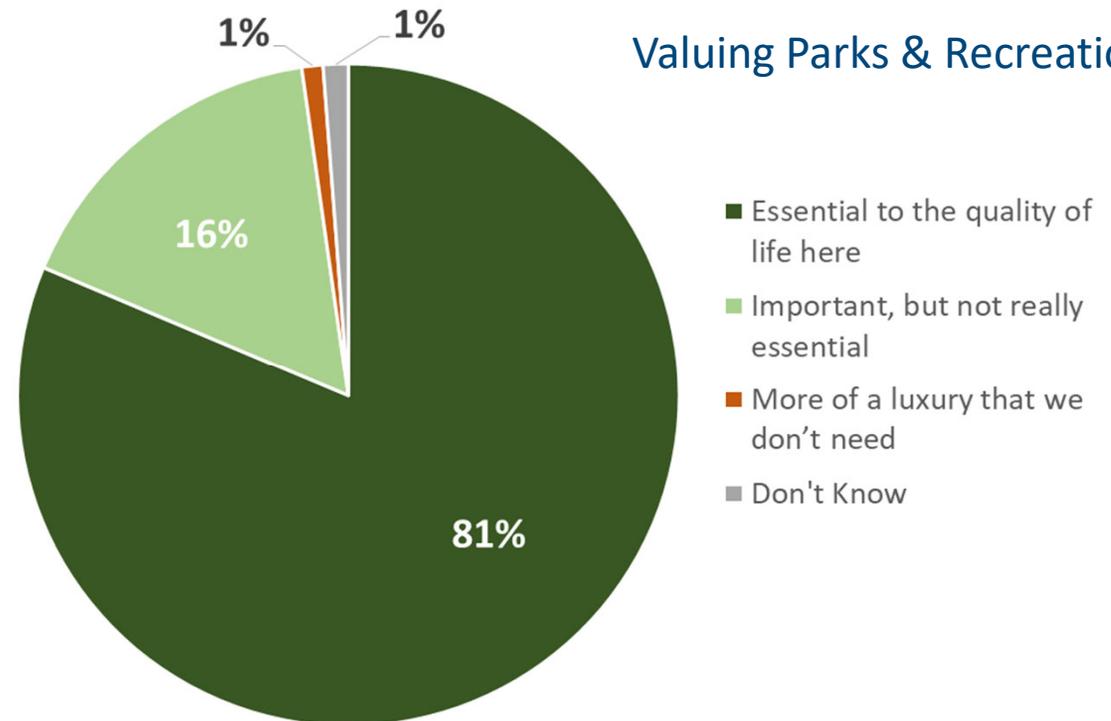


# Community Survey Highlights

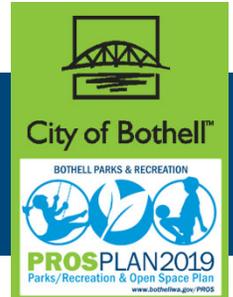


1,241 completed surveys!

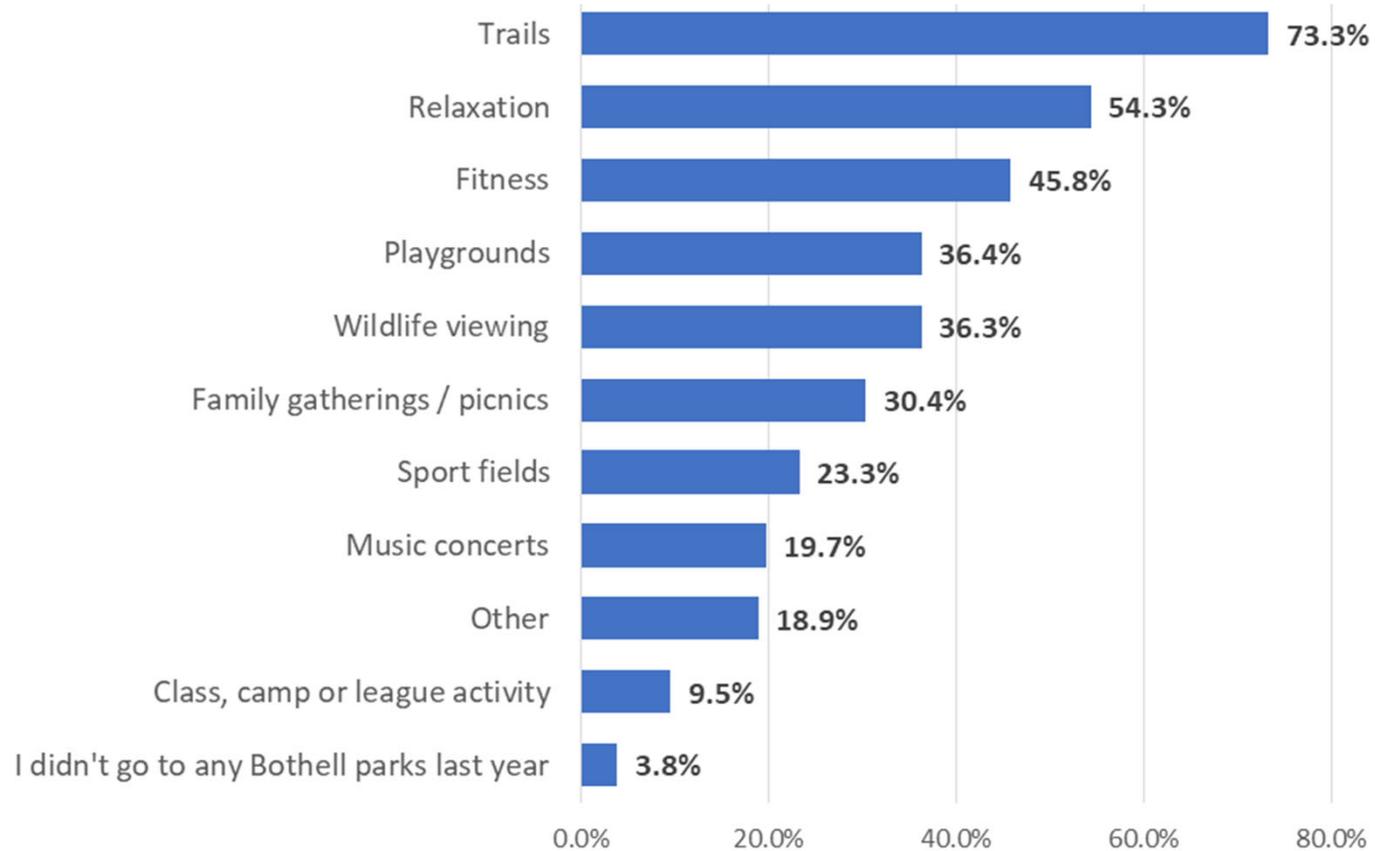
**Over 97% feel parks & recreation are essential or important**



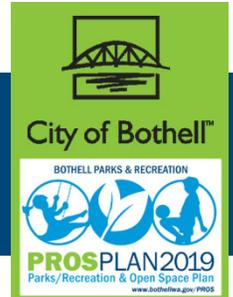
# Community Survey Highlights



Top reasons for visiting Bothell parks

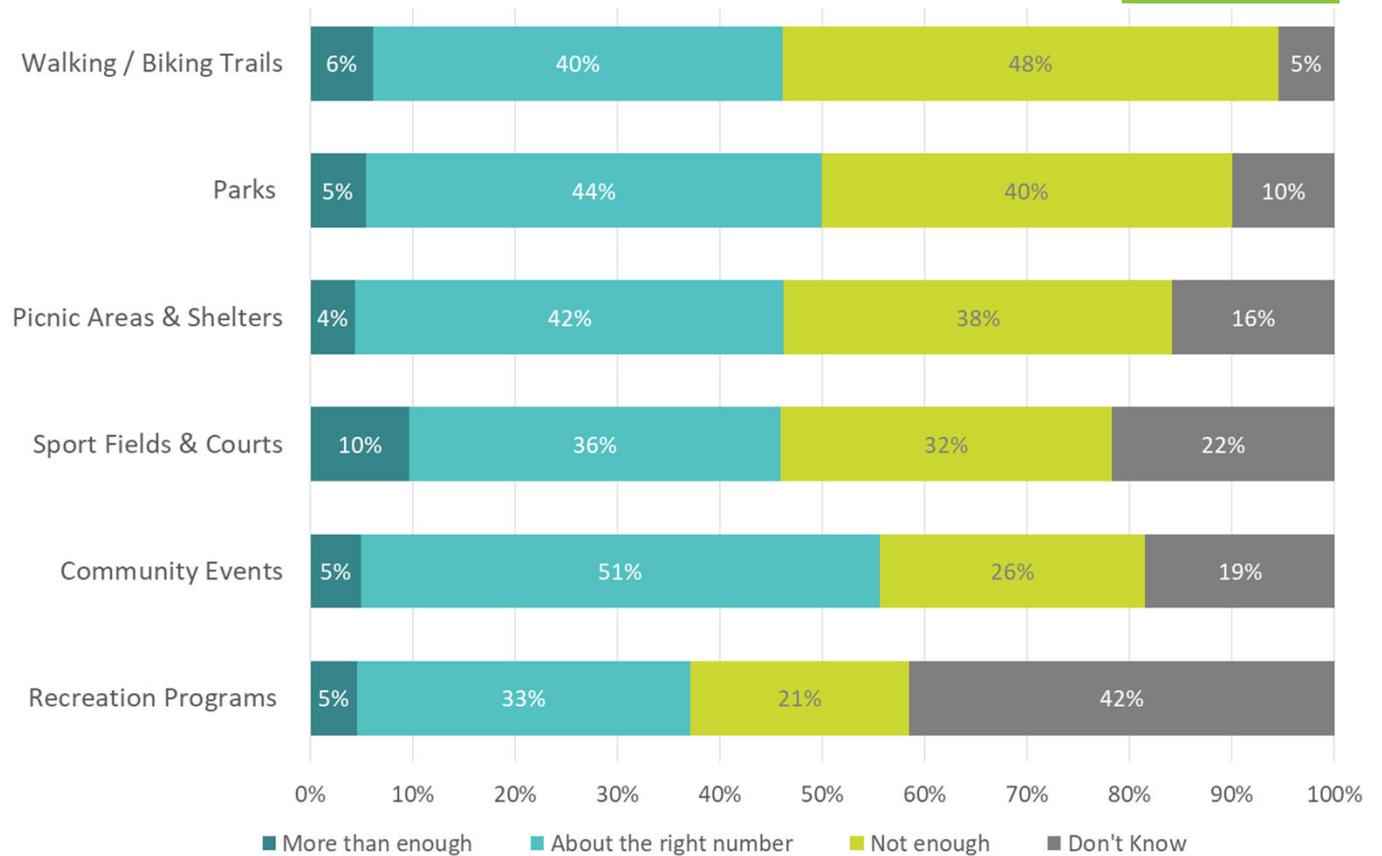


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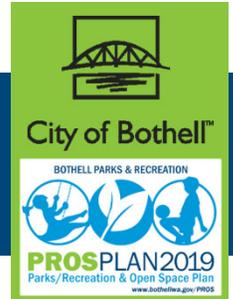


## 'Goldilocks' question regarding parks, programs & facilities

- Just under half of survey respondents think that the City of Bothell does not have enough walking and biking trails (48%)

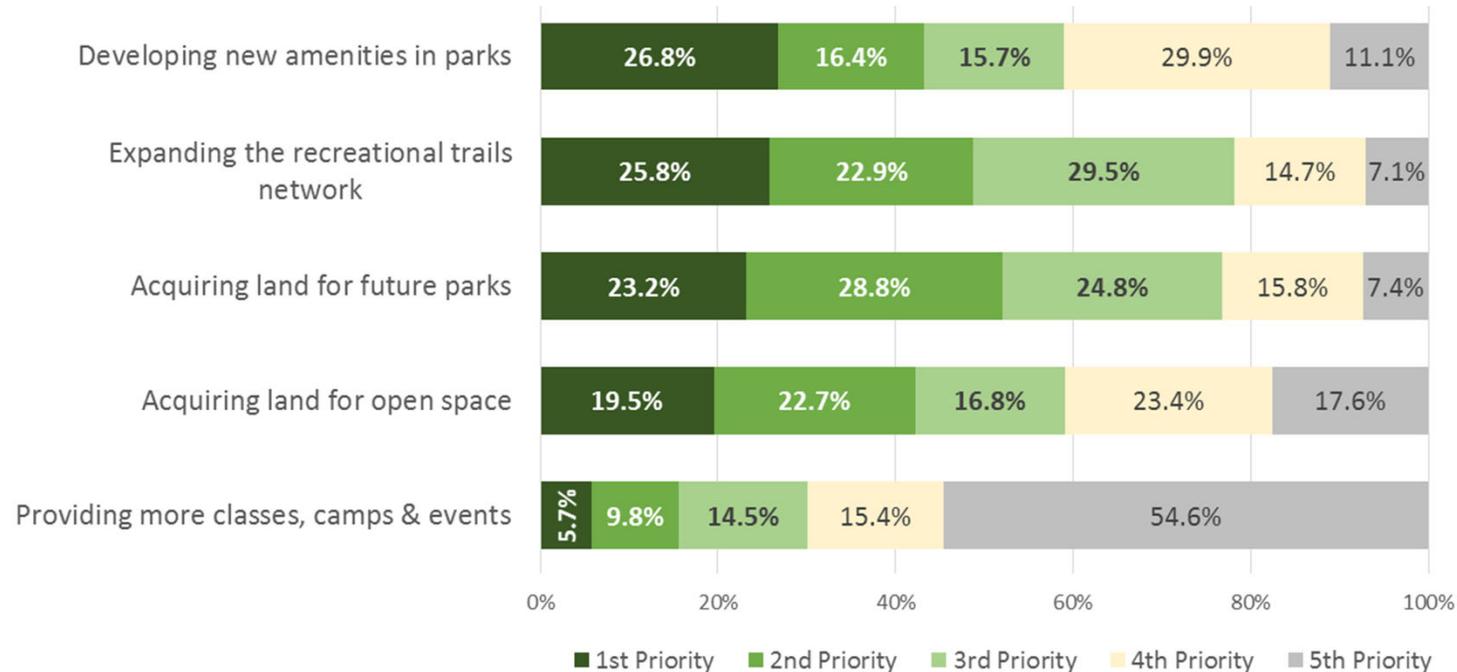


# Community Survey Highlights



## Priority ranking between certain system investments

- Developing new amenities in parks was the highest single priority (27%)
- Sum of Top 3: Expanding the trail network (78%) & acquiring land for future parks (77%)

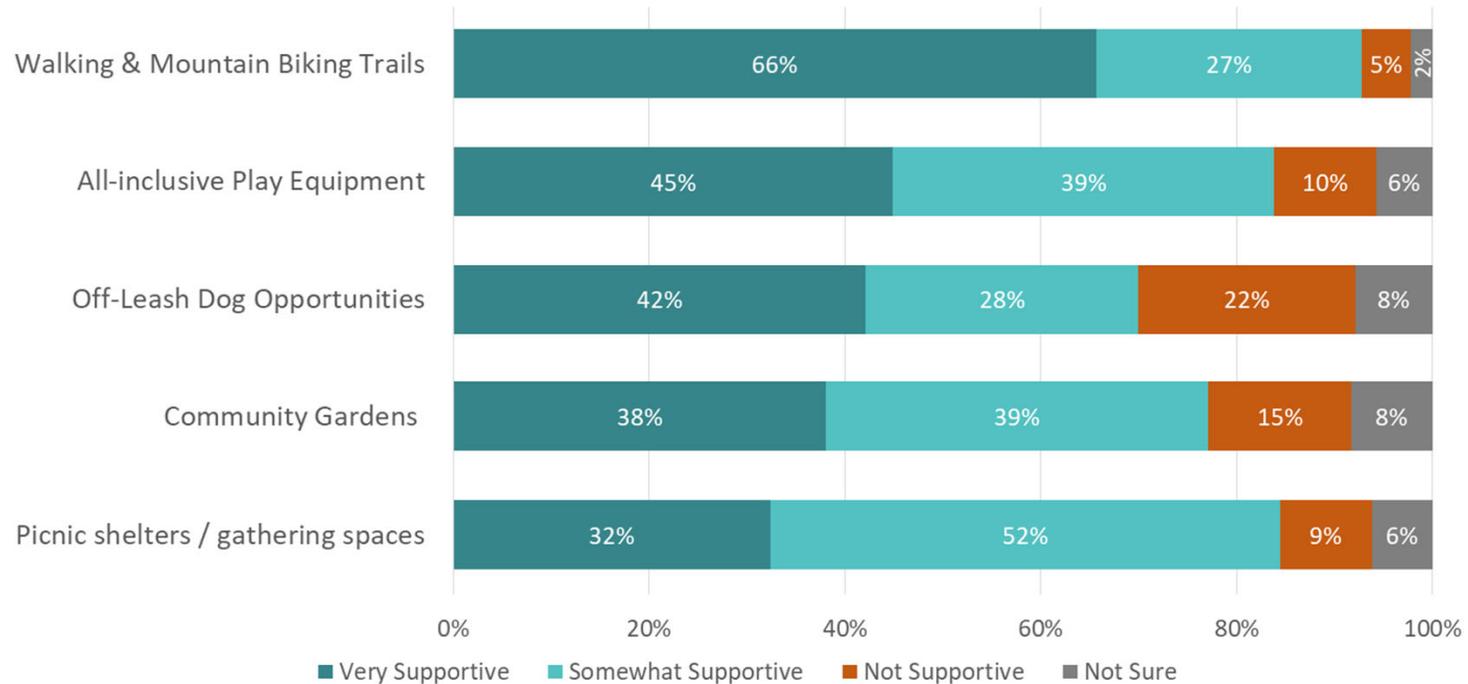


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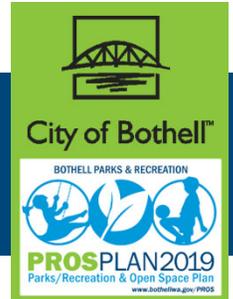


## Support for park amenities: Lower cost improvements

- Strong support for trails, all-inclusive playgrounds & picnic shelters
- 70% or better support for all listed options

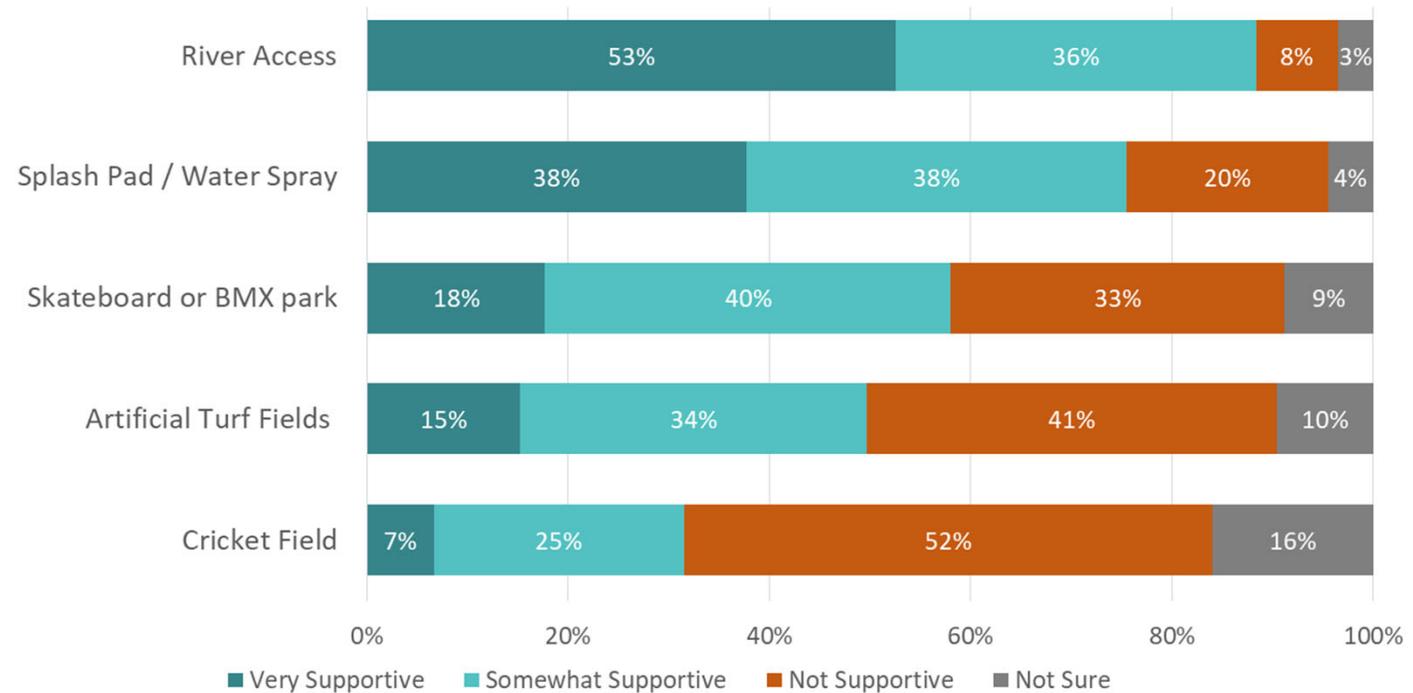


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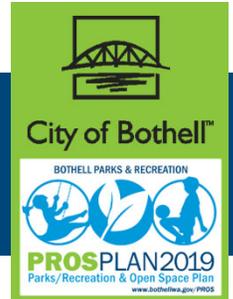


## Support for park amenities: Higher cost improvements

- Strong support for river access & splash pad

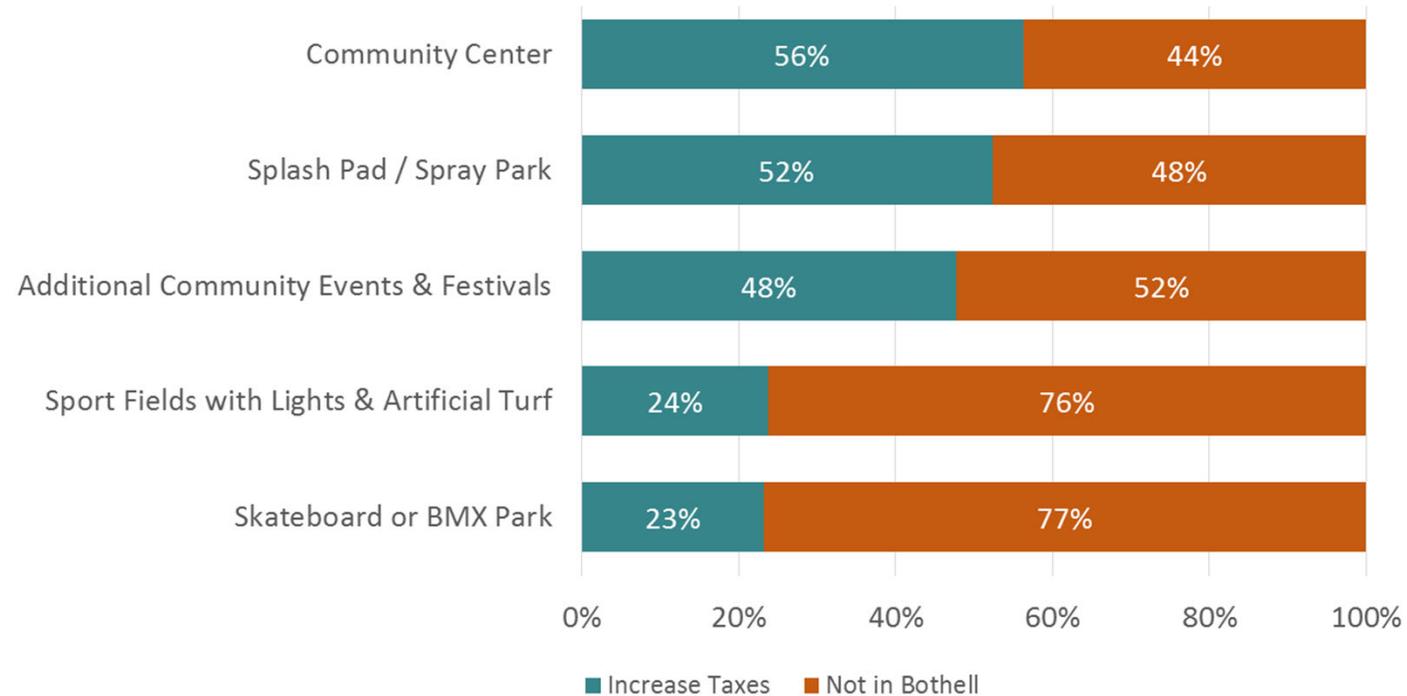


# Community Survey Highlights



## Priorities related to tax support

- Slight majorities support the ideas of a community center & splash pad



# Why did you visit Bothell Parks Last Year?



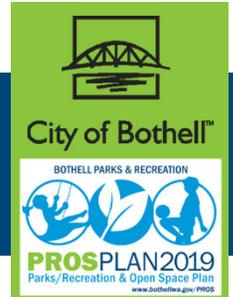
- Cricket
- Mountain Biking
- Disc Golf
- Dog Play & Walking
- Geocaching
- Pokémon Go
- Pickle ball
- Meditation
- Rock Hunting
- Hiking & Walking
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Swimming/Water Access
- Wildlife watching
- Trails

# Why didn't you visit Bothell Parks last year?



- Not enough restrooms, restrooms closed or not clean
- No off leash dog park
- Too many dogs/waste
- Limited or no parking available
- No parks near my home
- Lack of trail maintenance
- Too crowded
- No dedicated cricket field
- Bicyclists, scooters, skateboards are too fast on King County Regional trails in Bothell
- Not enough amenities, shade or covered areas
- No pickle ball courts or dedicated courts
- Parks not constructed to Master Plans
- No bike racks/secure bike parking
- Don't know what's at the parks

# Survey Project Ideas (Under \$2M)



- Dedicated open space for drones, rocket launches, radio aircraft, kite flying without concern of disruption to co-located activities
- More recycling/garbage containers especially for plastic
- Tree house
- Skateboard park
- Equipment for checkout (corn hole, jenga, croquet, etc.)
- More places for under 5 (tot lots)
- Greater ADA accessibility
- Protective perimeter fences
- Community gardens
- Food trucks
- More free concerts, events, gatherings such as Farmer's Market, Renaissance Festival, Car Show

# More under \$2M Survey Project Ideas



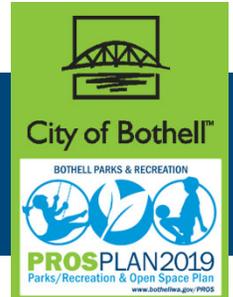
- Parking lots
- Updated playgrounds and maintenance on playgrounds, trails, restrooms, picnic tables, etc.
- Tennis courts
- Plant more trees
- Additional and improved signage
- Volunteer opportunities
- More restrooms

# Survey Project Ideas - \$2-9M



- More parks or open spaces especially in north Bothell (Sno County)
- Sports field construction or artificial turf (all sports)
- Splash pad
- Pickle ball complex/indoor pickle ball courts, outdoor court lights
- Mountain bike park with obstacles
- Rock climbing wall with managed or reserved adventure park or rope park
- Equestrian Park

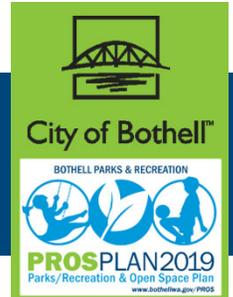
# Survey Project Ideas - \$10M+



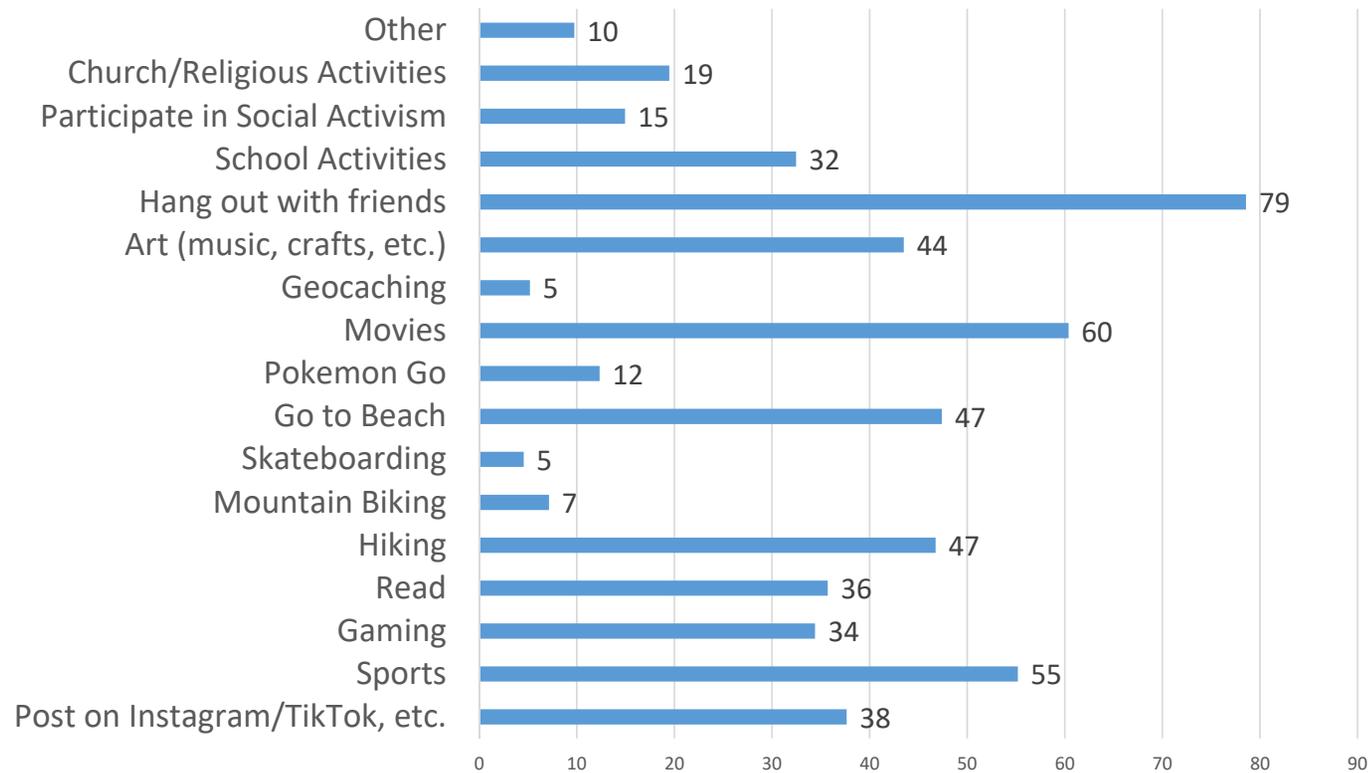
- Park or Open Spaces (larger parcels) especially in north Bothell such as Shelton View Forest
- Community Center with pool and free indoor community spaces
- Indoor aquarium or small zoo
- Botanical gardens



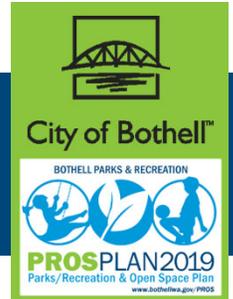
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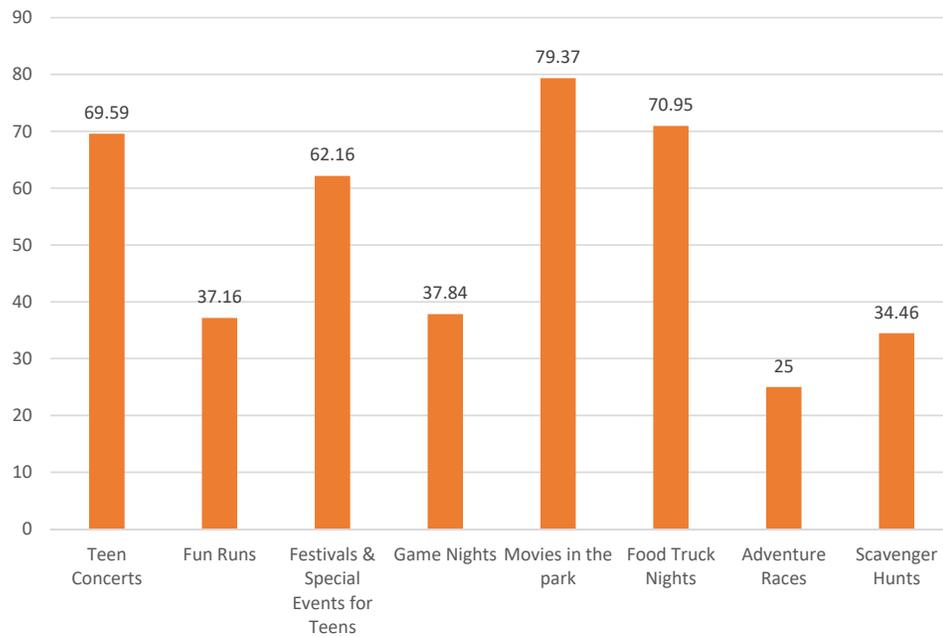
What Teens Do for Fun



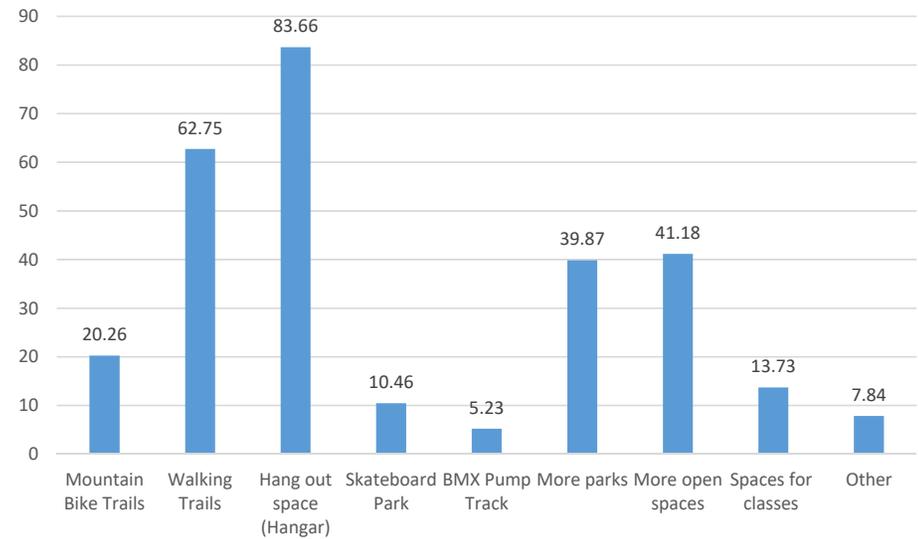
# Places and Events for Teens



Events Teens Want in Bothell



Amenities Teens Want in Bothell



# Other Teen Thoughts



- Road biking trails
- Basketball courts & covered courts
- Flat space for roller skating
- Sports fields
- Adult sized playgrounds
- Dog park
- Stage
- Study space open after 9PM
- Volunteering/beautify parks
- Walking trails
- Picnic days
- Coffee shops & cafes
- Concerts with teen bands (peers)
- Monitor creepy men at library
- Parking
- Fast food places (McDonalds)
- Ski bus
- Drive in movies

# Dog Park Survey Highlights

- 1,405 responses
- Most dogs are between 41-80 pounds (43.9%) and 16-40 pounds (31.81%)
- 83.8% of respondents were Bothell Residents
- 282 respondents provided email address to help volunteer on a permanent location

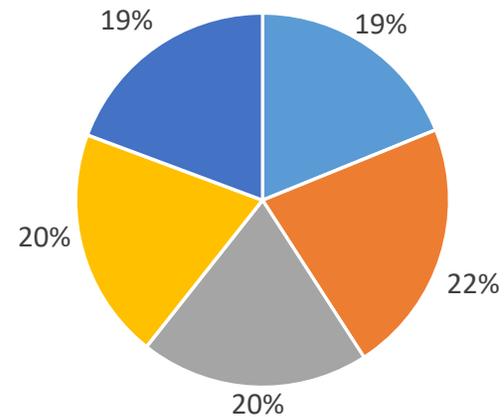
91% said it is  
“Definitely Needed”!  
Woof!



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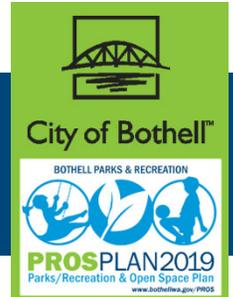


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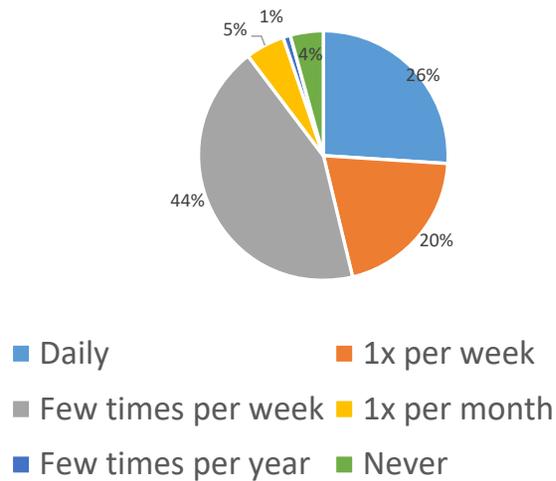


- Park at Bothell Landing
- East Norway Hill
- Blyth Park
- Cedar Grove
- William Penn

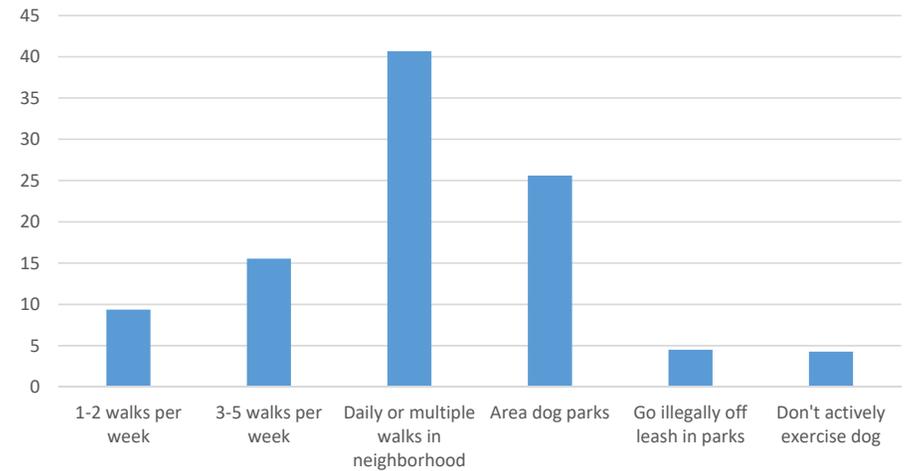
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How often would you use a Bothell Dog Park?



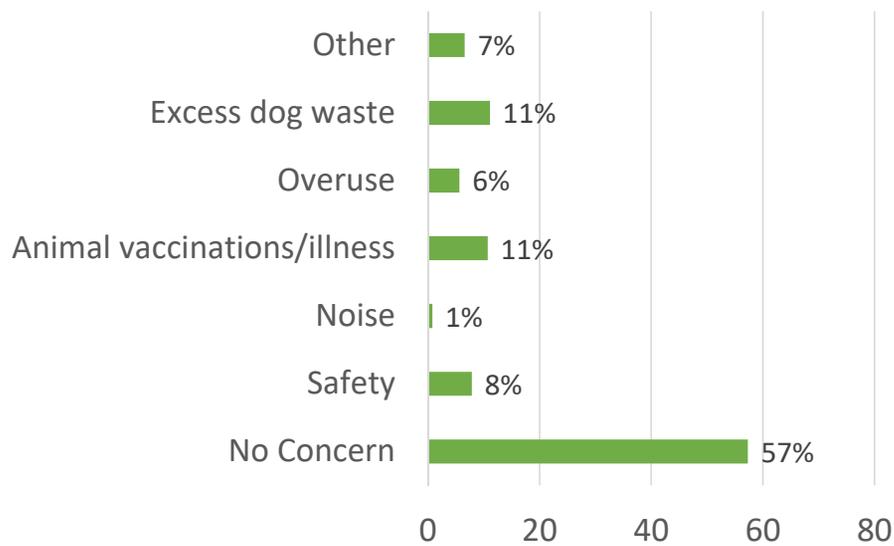
Current Exercise Method



# Dog Park Survey Highlights



Dog Park Concerns



# What We've Heard So Far



## Core Themes

### Take Care of What You Have

- Upgrade & improve existing parks
- Wayfinding & interpretive signage systems
- ADA compliance – barrier removal
- Minor repairs & renovations



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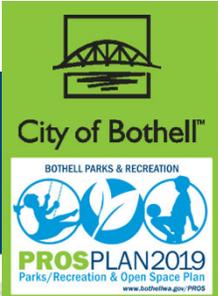


## Core Themes

### Parks & Programming for All

- Connecting & expanding trail system
- Dog park!
- New park amenities
- Inclusive parks & events
- Community events, concerts & gatherings
- Special events for teens – concerts, food truck nights, movies in the park





# System Gaps & Capital Project Planning

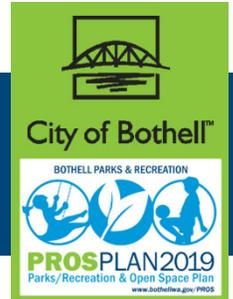
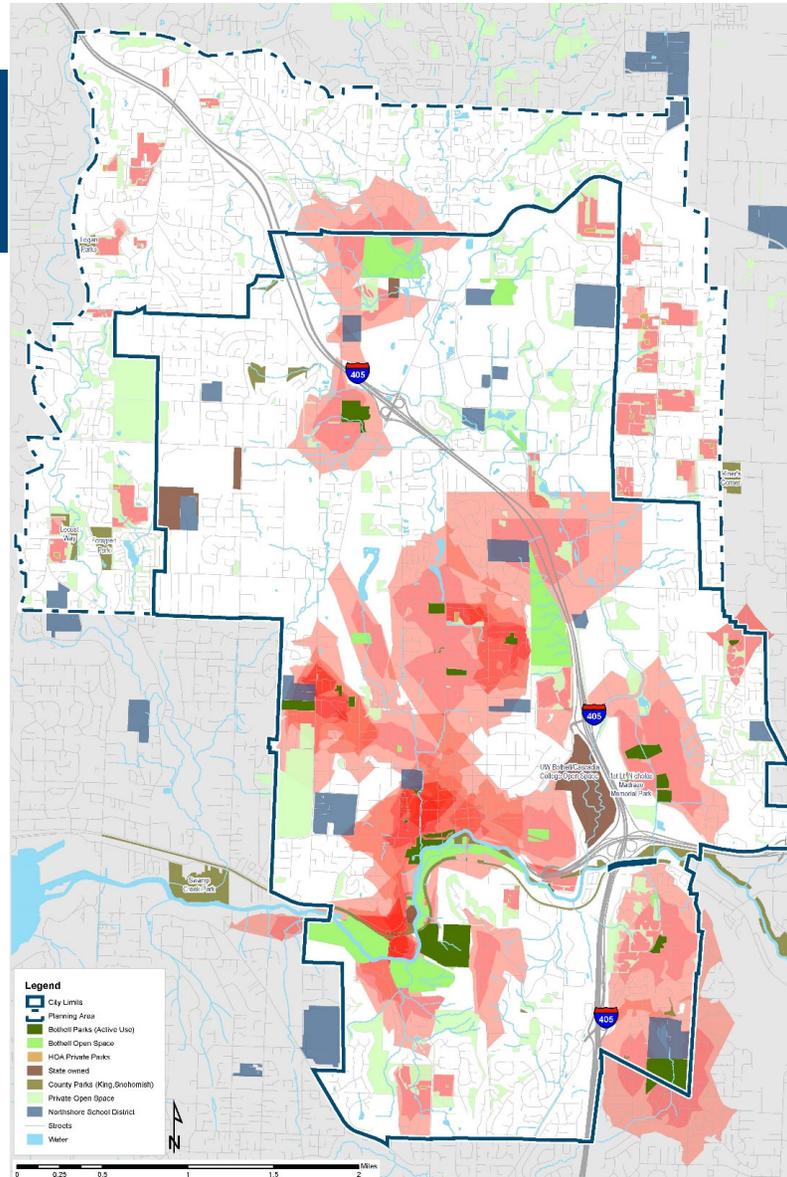
# Examining System Gaps



- **Park Access & Distribution**
- **Physical Accessibility**
- **Diversity of Places & Spaces**
- **Serving Today's Residents**
- **Planning for Future Growth**

1/2 mile walkshed

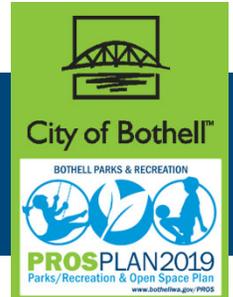
# Walkability to Open Spaces, Parks & HOA Play Areas



# Tools for Balancing Demands

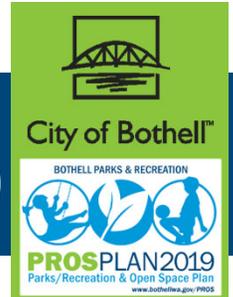


# Tools for Balancing Demands



- **Community Need**: projects that support parks and facilities infrastructure priorities identified through the sum of the community engagement process of the Bothell PROS Plan.
- **Safety & Security**: projects that address parks and facilities safety and security needs in order to provide safe spaces that are accessible to all.
- **Usage / Resident Benefit**: projects that improve parks and facilities that are used heavily and/or in areas where few City facilities exist and where cost of project is evaluated against the volume of usage/resident benefit.
- **Location / Geography**: projects that support equity and access to parks and facilities across the City.
- **Local / Regional Significance**: projects that impact parks and facilities that are destinations for a large number of Bothell residents and visitors and/or where a significant amount of programming and space already exists.
- **Ability to Leverage Funding**: projects that meet the criteria (i.e., population size, demographics, income level, and access) for local, state and federal grants, as well as charitable foundations.

# Asset Replacement (Take Care of What We Have)



	LAST REPLACED	ESTIMATED LIFE	REPLACE
Blyth - Large shelter (structure)	2005	50	2055
Blyth - Small shelter (roof)	2005	50	2055
Blyth - Small shelter (structure)	2017	30	2047
Bothell Landing - Gazebo	2000	10	2019
Brickyard Road - Sports court	2008	10	2018
Cedar Grove - Boardwalk	2004	15	2019
Cedar Grove - Picnic shelter	2004	50	2054
Cedar Grove - Basketball court	2005	20	2025
Centennial - Picnic shelter	2008	50	2058
Centennial - Playground	2008	12	2020
Centennial - View deck	2008	15	2023
Conifer View - Sports court	2008	10	2018
North Creek - Field #1 synthetic turf	2014	12	2026
North Creek - Field #2 synthetic turf	2010	12	2022
North Creek - Field #4 synthetic turf	2006	12	2018
North Creek - Fields #1-4 relamping	2013	10	2023
North Creek - Fields #1-4 lighting	2002	30	2032
North Creek - Weather station	2010	20	2030

Royal Oaks - Sports court	2008	10	2018
Stipek - Basketball court	2000	20	2020
Stipek - Shelter	2000	50	2050
Volunteer - Basketball court	2016	20	2036
William Penn - Sports court	2008	10	2018
Bloomberg Hill Playground	2000	17	2017
Blyth Playground	2016	20	2036
Bothell Landing Playground	2004	15	2019
Brickyard Road Playground	2004	10	2015
Cedar Grove - Climbing net	2005	20	2025
Cedar Grove - Main playground	2005	20	2025
Cedar Grove - Swing set	2005	20	2025
Cedar Grove - Tot playground	2005	20	2025
Conifer View Playground	2000	17	2017
Conifer View IV Playground	2008	15	2023
Royal Oaks Playground	2000	17	2017
Stipek Playground	2000	20	2020
Tall Tree Playground	2009	15	2024
Volunteer Playground	2017	20	2037
William Penn Playground	1999	18	2017
22 Park Entry Signs	various	20	various

## Potential Projects – Safety & Maintenance thru 2025



Park	Project	Estimated Cost
Cedar Grove Park	Field Repairs	\$600,000
Former Wayne Golf Course	Bridge Condition Analysis	\$50,000
Cedar Grove Park	Boardwalk replacement (Bridge)	\$25,000
North Creek Field #4	Turf Replacement	\$1,000,000
North Creek Field #2	Turf Replacement	\$1,000,000
Capital repairs	Pavement repairs, playground ramps, sports court painting, ADA	\$30,000
Conifer View Park	Sport court resurfacing	\$35,000
Bleacher replacement	Replacement or safety rail installation	\$30,000
Park at Bothell Landing	Boardwalk replacement	\$35,000
Conifer View Park	ADA entry improvements	\$15,000

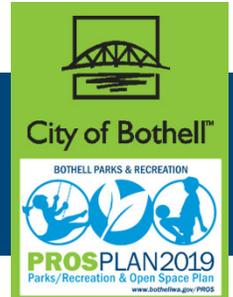
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# Potential Projects – Near Term



Park	Project	Estimated Cost
Park wayfinding system	Planning, graphics, signs, mapping	\$20,000
Tree planting program	Canopy enhancement @ numerous parks & open spaces	\$15,000
Cedar Grove Park	Shade structure @ play area	\$15,000
Stipek Park	Shade structure @ play area	\$15,000
Stipek Park	Playground ramps & paved path to swings	\$8,000
Park at Bothell Landing	Shade Structure @ ampitheatre	\$30,000
Bloomberg Hill Park	ADA path & shade structure	\$30,000
Blyth Park	Shade structure @ play area	\$15,000
TBD	Dog park & shade structure	\$65,000
North Creek Field #3	Dugout roofs	\$5,000
Red Brick Road Park	Handicapped parking space	\$2,500
William Penn Park	Play area shade structure	\$15,000
TBD	All inclusive playground	\$0

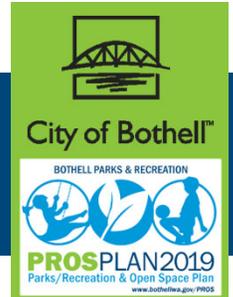
# Potential Projects – Near Term



Park	Project	Estimated Cost
Bench & table replacements	Standardized & ADA-compliant	\$45,000
Blyth Park	Restroom replacement	\$500,000
Former Wayne, William Penn, N Creek Forest	Building Demolition	\$500,000
Tall Tree Park	Paved access to amenities, park connection trail	\$20,000
Volunteer Park	Shade structure @ play area	\$15,000
TBD	Skate/BMX park	\$1,300,000
Brackett's Landing	ADA paved path & picnic table	\$7,500
Madrazo Park	Construction	\$854,000
Conifer View Park	Paved loop trail	\$20,000

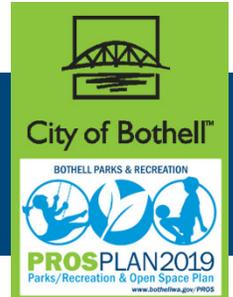
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# Potential Projects – Long Term (2026+)



Park	Project	Estimated Cost
North Bothell Park	Acquisition: community park	\$4,000,000
North Bothell Park	Design/development: community park	\$1,500,000
Trail	Additional trail planning	\$0
Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (4-5 ac east-central Bothell)	\$1,200,000
Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (2-3 ac Norway Hill area)	\$850,000
Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (3-5 ac west-central Bothell)	\$1,400,000
Trail	Canyon Creek Loop	\$0
Centennial Park	Phase II improvements: boardwalk, overlook, bridges, restoration	\$2,224,000
TBD	Multi-sport courts (pickleball, tennis, basketball)	\$0
River Access		\$0
TBD	Teen Space	\$0

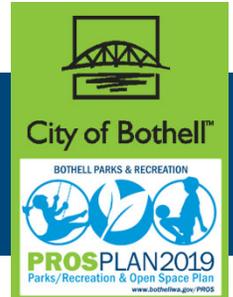
# Potential Projects – Long Term (2026+)



Park	Project	Estimated Cost
Former Wayne Golf Course	Trails, Site Restoration	\$0
TBD	Splash pad installation	\$0
East Norway Hill Park	Add'l Development: parking, restroom, OLA, trails	\$2,000,000
North Creek Field #3	Replacement w/ synthetic turf, backstops, fencing	\$1,775,000
Connectivity Master Plan	Contiguous parks: downtown to former Wayne Golf Course	\$150,000
William Penn Park	Master plan for park renovation	\$45,000
Blyth Park	Phasing for master plan installation	\$2,300,000

**\$17,294,000**

# Potential Projects – Future



Park	Project	Estimated Cost
Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (2-4 ac Alderwood area)	\$1,400,000
Neighborhood Park	Acquisition (2-5 ac Kennard area)	\$1,600,000
Former Wayne Golf Course	Deferred Bridge Maintenance	\$0
Bike Skills / Adventure Park		\$2,500,000
Park at Bothell Landing	Future expansion/redevelopment (from SR522 realignment)	\$14,214,000
Shelton View Woods	Acquisition	\$10,000,000
Aquatic Community Center	Regional facility development	\$18,000,000

**\$47,714,000**

Alternate Funding Source Needed

# Next Steps



- Incorporate Feedback from Study Session
- Draft to Parks Board in December
- Briefing to Planning Commission in January
- Full Plan for adoption to Council in January/February
- Submittal to WA Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) end of February

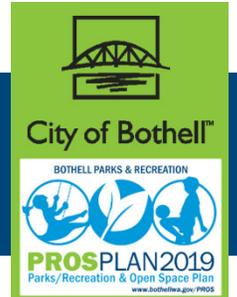
# Question #1



Should the City strive to meet the ½ mile walkshed to parks for all residents?

- Projects would be re-prioritized to emphasize land acquisition

## Question #2



Are there any potential projects that should be added, removed, or changed to a different category?