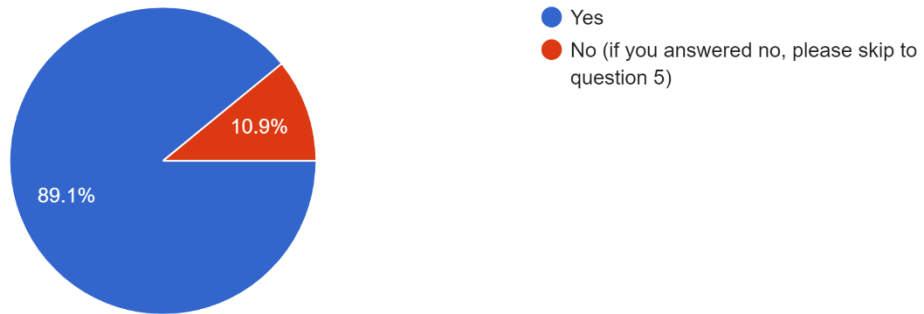


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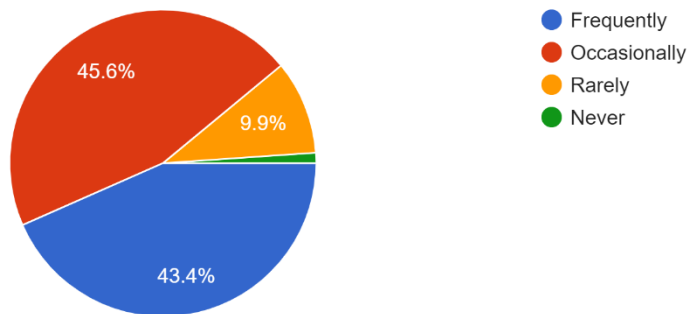
1. Do you use the current trail/park?

202 responses



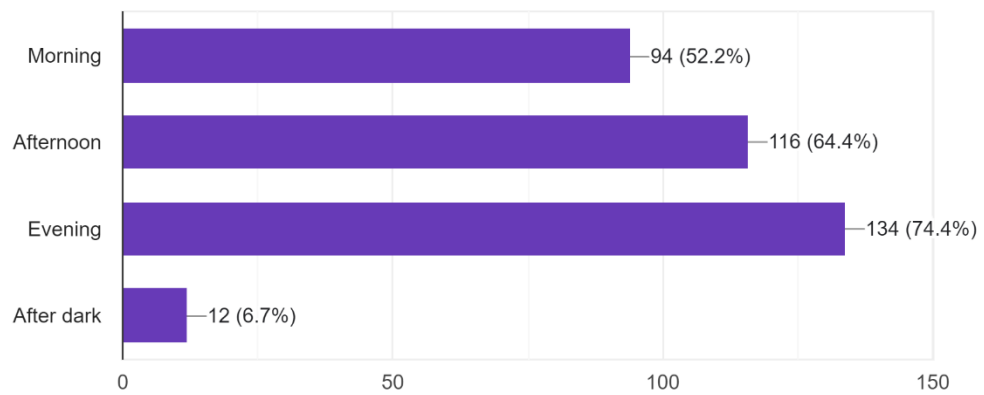
2. How often do you use the current trail/park?

182 responses



3. What time of the day do you use the current trail/park? (mark all that apply)

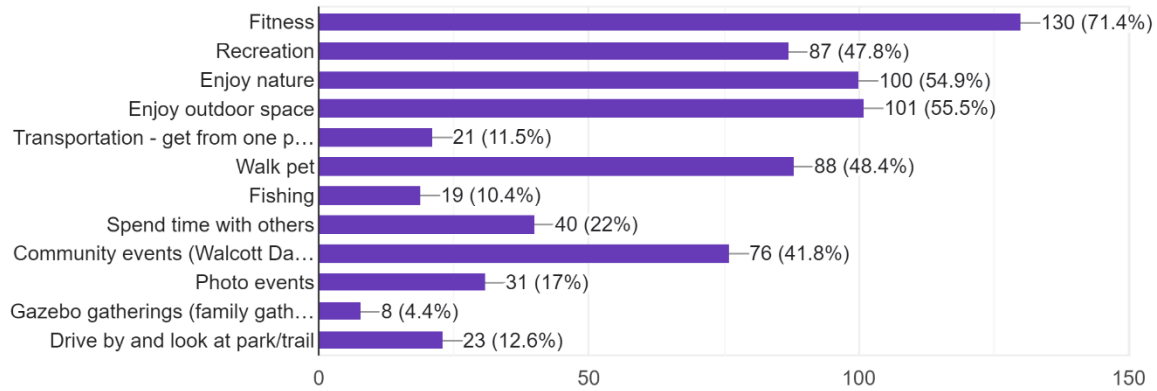
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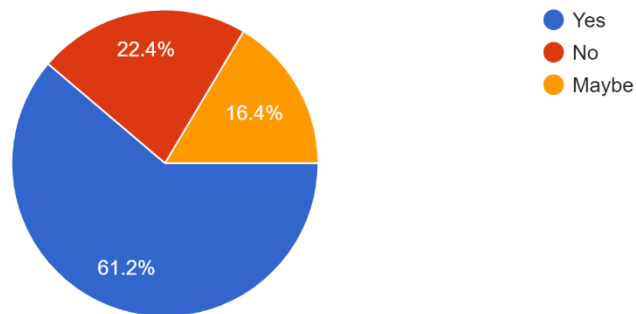
4. What do you use the current trail/park for? (mark all that apply)

182 responses



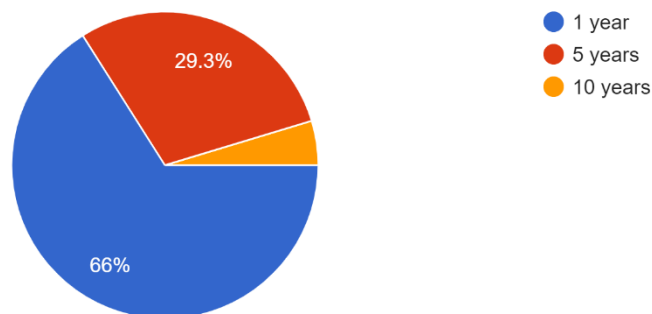
5. Would you like to see an extension of the trail?

201 responses



6. If you marked "yes" or "maybe" to question 5, how quickly would you like to see the trail extended?

150 responses

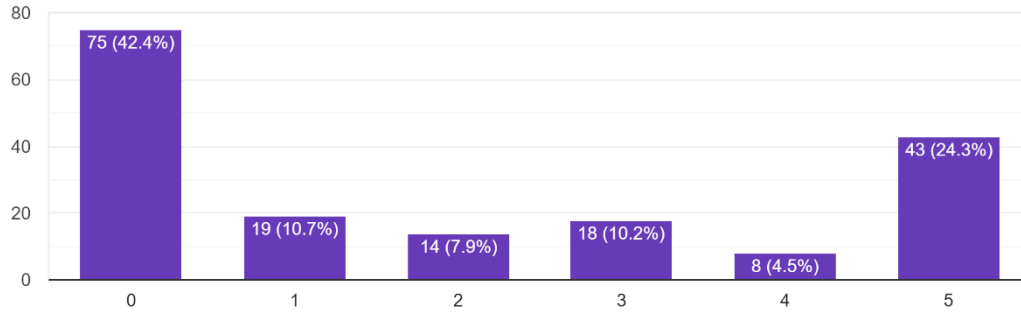


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8. Some of the residents living along the proposed trail route have expressed the following concerns about the trail. Which of these are concerns for you? (Please rate items from "Not Important 0-1-2-3-4-5 Very Important")

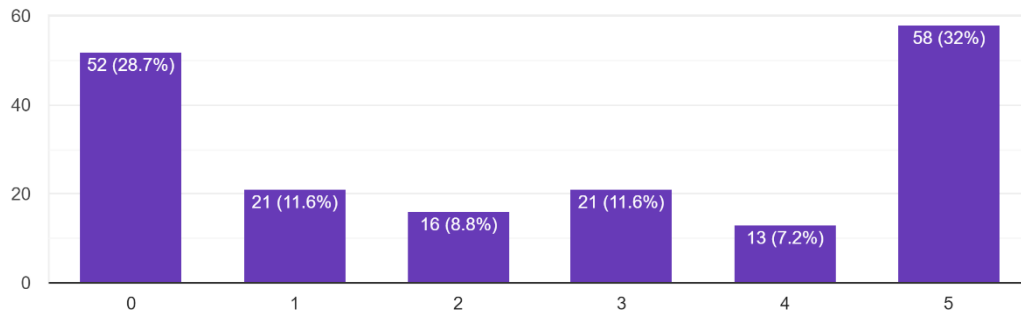
Effect on adjacent property values.

177 responses



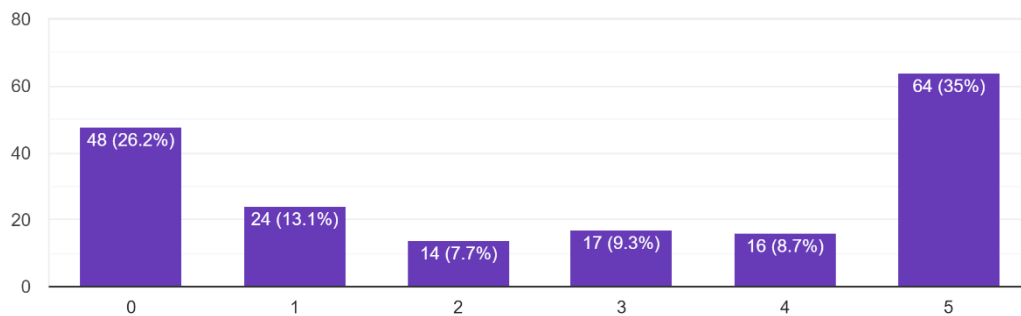
Privacy for adjacent residents.

181 responses



Trespassing on private property.

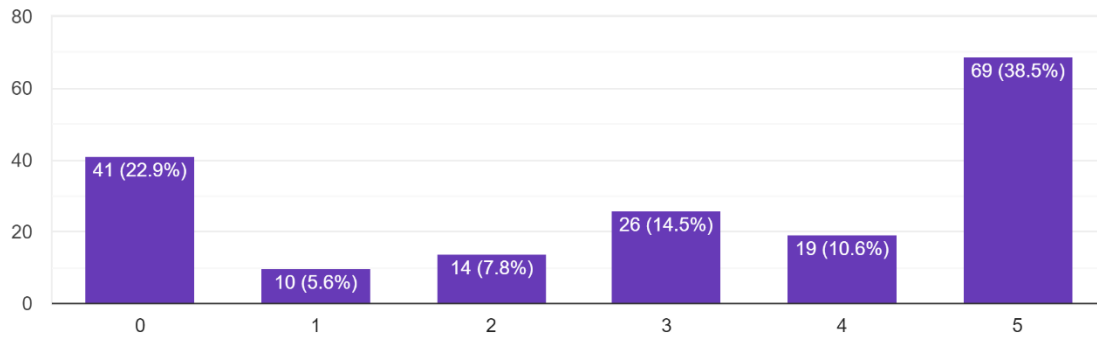
183 responses



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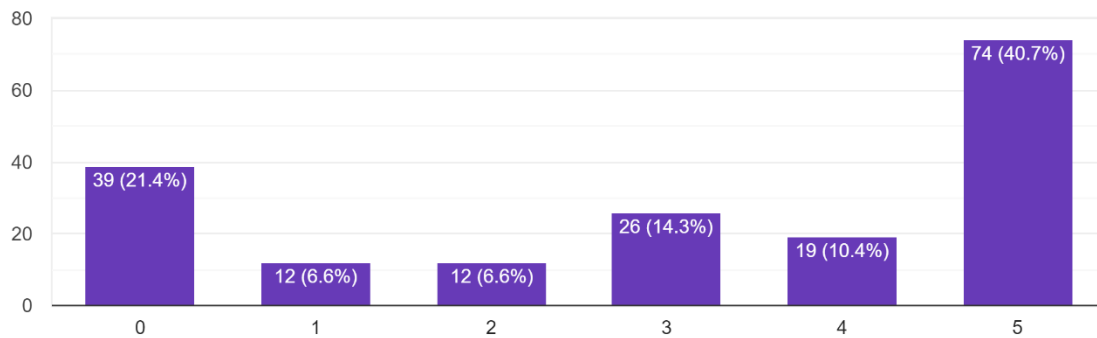
Safety for users of the trail.

179 responses



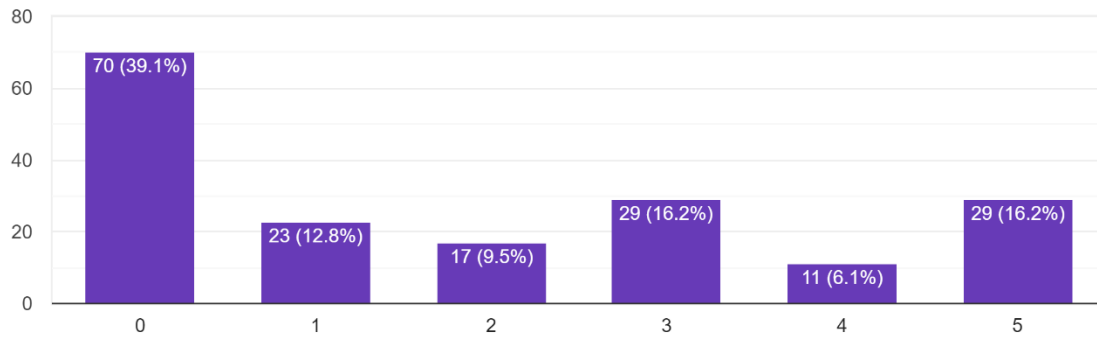
Safety for residents along the route.

182 responses



Proximity of the trail to the creek.

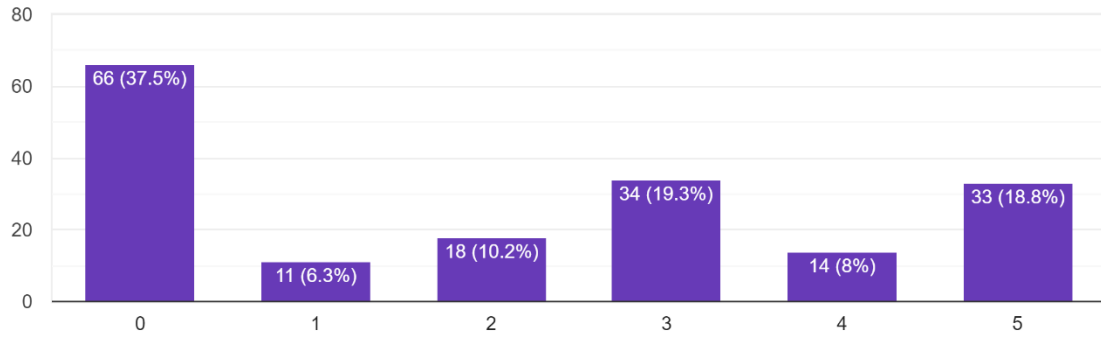
179 responses



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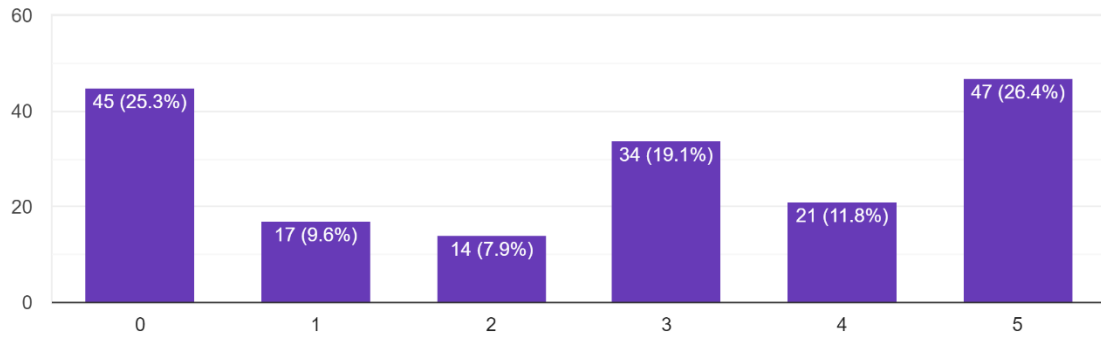
Hours of operation.

176 responses



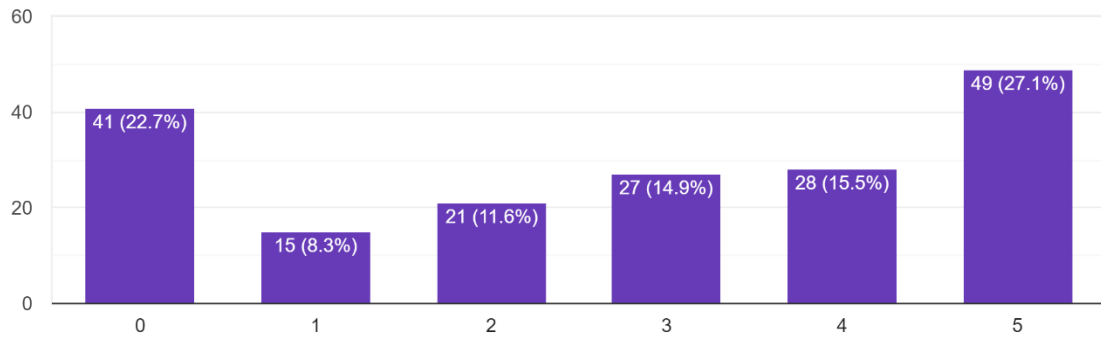
Animal Waste.

178 responses



Maintenance (grass mowing, snow removal, trash and flood cleanup, trail repair).

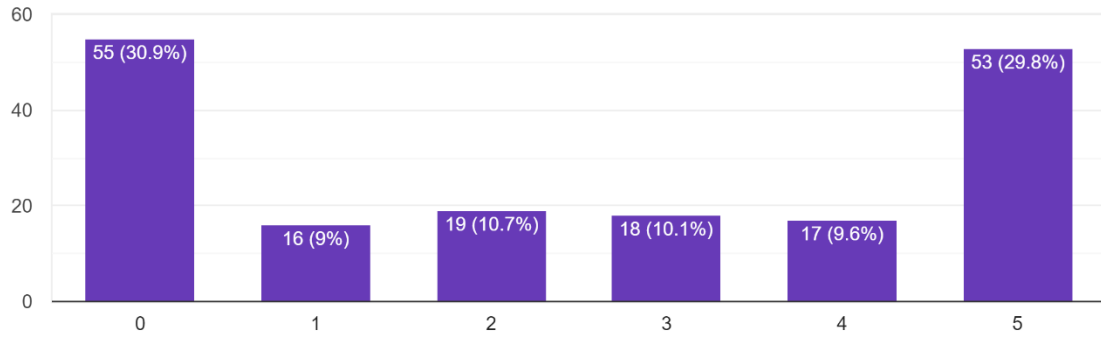
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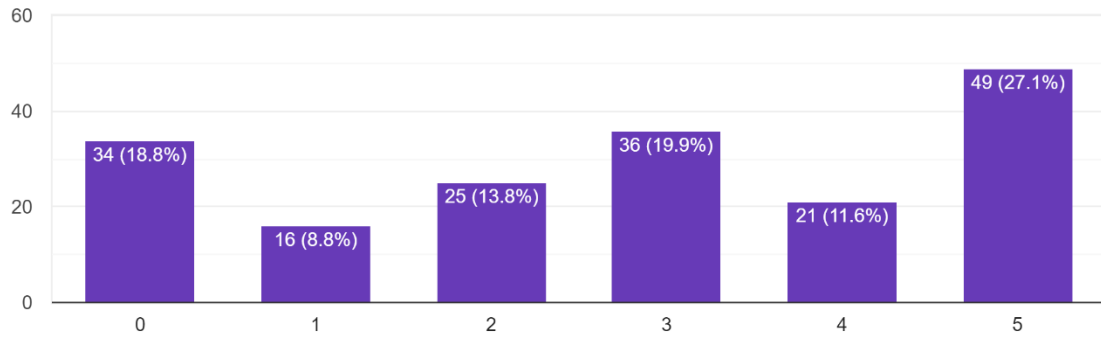
Utility easement restrictions on private property.

178 responses



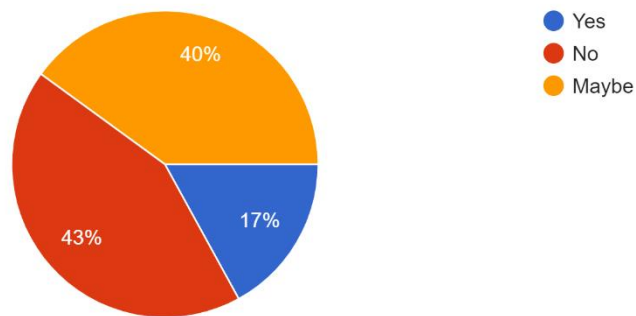
Cost of construction and/or maintenance.

181 responses



10. If the project proceeds, would you be interested in making a donation to the trail development?

200 responses



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7. If you marked "no" or "maybe" to question 5, how would you rather see the funds spent?

Subsidize tax relief to put in a grocery store

Water tower park improvements

Fire Station.

Handicapped Bathrooms with outside security cameras

Existing parks

While I do like the extension idea I think people would much rather have a small dog park and expand the splash pad.

Town coffee shop, something to benefit kids

if no- i would like to see a dog park

Restock the pond, maybe make it larger or create another.

A play area/park for younger children or individuals with mobility restrictions. Rubber mat under current playgrounds instead of mulch.

Decrease taxes

Walk path around water tower park

Improvements at water tower park.

trail expansion is what I support

Would like the city to buy the Coliseum and invest/develop it into a community center.

IF THIS PROJECT DOES NOT PROCEED DUE TO NEIGHBOR CONCERNS, I THINK THE MONEY SHOULD BE USED TO PUT BATHROOMS AT WATERTOWER PARK.

BRINGING NEW BUSINESSES INTO CITY

NOT SURE

HELPING TO ESTABLISH MORE BUSINESSES WITHIN CITY

SAVE FOR FUTURE WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO PREVENT MORE INCREASES

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CITY IMPROVEMENTS

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STREETS AND PARKS-FOR USE BY EVERYONE

ANYWHERE BUT A TRAIL TO NOWHERE

INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY

WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A DOG PARK

WATER TOWER PARK-PARKING LOT, BATHROOM, ETC.

I would rather see the funds go towards improvements and additions to the south side of town!
Many areas we walk in town do not have accessible sidewalks. I would also like safer access from Main Street to the cemetery.

Improvements to the town such as additional/improved sidewalks. Instead of majorly building up the North side, I think it would benefit our town to expand and update the South side as well.

WATERTOWER PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PLAY EQUIPMENT, PERMANENT RESTROOMS

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL OR INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY

ALL SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE PEOPLE!

Enhance parks

Water tower park

STREET REPAIR

Build up other areas of the town. Make other areas more desirable.

Something for the firefighters

Develop concession stand or something at the Water Park during soccer and football games.
Park signage on Main St. people pull over all the time and ask me where the parks are and which park is which.

Upgrading water tower park

I think the trail should go along the north and west side of the creek. Utilizing funds to find a resolution for crossing the wider areas.

New restrooms at Victory, paint light posts on Parkview Drive and Michelle Lane

COMMUNITY POOL

Developing south side of town for access/rec trail/activities.

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BAND SHELTER AT VICTORY PARK, NEW SHACK AT VICTORY PARK (LARGER), NEW BATHROOMS AT PARKS

ANYWHERE, THERE'S PLENTY OF PLACES TO WALK IN WALCOTT.

KEEPING THE SCHOOL IN TOWN

CONVERT BLDG @ WATER TOWER PARK INTO BATHROOMS AND CONCESSION STAND. SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

STREETS

Anything that doesn't touch my property line

BUILDING AND COMPLETING SIDEWALKS IN TURN

Improvement of field at water tower park with scoreboards and permanent fields for sports played there. Addition of high speed internet to all areas of Walcott.

Permanent restrooms at water tower park

Sewers, sidewalks

Lighting for the trail at night would be helpful as well.

Park updates on south end of town for flag football or general park use

Updated sidewalks.

A dog park

City parks

FIXING SIDEWALKS TO PROVIDE A ROAD VERGE FOR MAILBOXES AND SNOW RUN OFF FROM PLOWS

THIS HAS DRAGGED OUT TOO LONG AND HAS COST TOO MUCH ALREADY. MOVE THE TRAIL TO THE TRAILER PARK FLOODPLAIN AND BE DONE WITH IT.

PUT SIDEWALKS IN ON PROPERTIES WITHOUT THEM

NICER BRIDGES ALONG TRAIL. FIX TENNIS COURT.

UPDATE THE BATHROOMS AT THE PARKS

BATHROOMS WATER TOWER PARK, ALL SIDEWALKS, MORE MAIN STREET LIGHTING

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Additional Comments

This is a huge positive for the community. Who opposes a bike path?!

We are very much in favor of projects to better our community, but we are not sure this is the best use of funds.

Would love to see more done with our current parks.

Trail could continue along other side of creek where there already is some trail. This would likely alleviate concerns about privacy, proximity to homes, decreasing home values, etc.

I think the extension of the trail would be a great benefit for the community as a whole. It's unfortunate that a few nearby residences oppose the trail. Wasn't this part of the city's plan for some time now? I'm guessing this was part of the plan well before some of the homes in that area were even built. Again, the trail would benefit plenty of people.

The current rec trail is well kept and clean. Having a rec trail in your back yard imposes the same concerns as having a side walk in your front yard (privacy, safety, waste, ect). The creek is much more shallow than the pond. The creek has always been there, with the same risks.

I use the current path and maybe see one or two individuals using it while I am using it. I understand it is a small period of time throughout the day, but I'm not sure how much more it would be used if extended. The current path has ok visibility for others going by. I feel safe that if something were to happen someone would see it. I believe with the path being behind houses and privacy fence there is less visibility for someone to see if something were to happen to me. I would definitely not use the extension of the path alone or with my children. I feel like 50% of the time, on the current path, I am trying to avoid stepping in or taking my stroller through goose poop. With a longer path comes more work for public works to keep up on keeping the path clear.

I think this is a favorable addition to our community and fully support the implementation.

Proceed with caution

The amount of users on today's rec trail does not warrant an extension of the trail, perhaps a track around water tower park would serve the other side of town.

While I understand the concerns of those along the expansion of the trail, it is what is best for the city. I think they will find their property values will increase and with the right landscape they will not feel a lack of privacy. The original owner gifted the city the land with the intention of an expansion. That was put into place before any of those houses were there. If the developer and real estate company failed to note that in the sale, why should the city have to change their plans? I think a compromise with the landscaping could help with a compromise. There were the same arguments when the recreation trail and pond were originally put in and we have seen those fears have not come true. In fact the property value of those along the trail has increased. It would be a great asset for the community and is something that should be done for the long term growth of the community.

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I like the idea of the trail phase 2. It would be a really nice tie in to Wescott park and the splash pad. I don't see a concern about the path going along the creek, there are several other paths in the QC area that follow a creek in out of residence yards. I would like to say that the people that frequently use the rec trail are good people that will respect the residence properties along the trail.

SUPPORT EXTENSION IF THE TRAIL IS CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MUD CREEK AS PROPOSED. HOURS OF OPERATION-DAYTIME

THIS IS GOOD FOR WALCOTT

TOTAL COST? WHY IS THIS NOT ON SURVEY? THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE VALID CONCERNS AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED BEFORE ANY ACTION WAS TAKEN.

staff marked concerns "0" because resident wrote "these are not concerns" next to that section; #10 left blank, staff marked no HAVE LIVED ON WALKING ROUTE TO SCHOOL, ACROSS STREET FROM CITY PARK, DAILY WALKERS, FOR 42 YEARS. MINIMAL TO NO PROBLEMS NOTED.

I THINK THAT IF YOU ARE ON A COMMITTEE TO EXTEND A REC TRAIL THROUGH PEOPLE'S BACK YARDS, BECAUSE THEY WANT MORE REC TRAIL YET HARDLY ANYONE ON THE COMMITTEE USE THE ONE WE HAVE, INCLUDING OUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

I would like the committee to discuss and truly decide whether an addition to the bike path is more valuable than the concerns of residents impacted by their decisions. If this passes, my family will be forced to reevaluate if this is somewhere we want to continue living. Being a long-time resident, this hurts more than I can explain on a survey.

The current trail is a nice addition to our town and we appreciate it. However, moving forward with a project that many residents do not want for the sake of a small number that do is disappointing. It is upsetting to think that we would potentially move from the town where we raised our family over a bike path that could rarely be used.

I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT ADDITION.

RESID HERE SINCE 1983, BEAUTIFUL PARK NOW SINCE MOWING HAS BEEN DONE. IT WAS NOT AS NICE WHEN IT WAS A WEED PATCH! NOW IT'S MORE LIKE A PARK AND MUCH SAFER AND LESS FIRE HAZARD. MANY PEOPLE USE THE PARK. IT'S VERY NICE NOW AND KEEP MAKING IT BETTER.

We recently moved from a large metropolitan area to Walcott. We knew that we wanted to be near - but not in the Quad Cities. As we considered various communities, we were attracted to Walcott because of the many amenities it offers in a small city environment, and the Heritage Recreational Trail was certainly a major part of our decision. My wife and I began regular walking several years ago, so the trail helped to make Walcott the perfect fit for us, and the extension would make this an even more attractive feature of the community.

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Regarding question 8, all of these points are important - especially safety and privacy issues, but given the care and oversight that the current trail receives, I believe that the proposed extension would also be well supervised and cared for, and it would prove to be a benefit to the entire community as well.

This would be a huge asset to the COMMUNITY. The community is not just those that live on/near the bike path.

I understand hypothetical concerns, which are stemmed from fear, when dealing with private citizens living along the proposed trail. But the argument against their hypothetical fears is simple, what if none of those fears come to fruition? Do they own the land that the expansion would be on? I feel more people would benefit from having the trail extended and building onto the communities available assets. The past few years there have been kids in the community that have had things removed from their activity list because of repairs and road construction. I think this will have a positive impact on the community and give outdoor opportunities for all and will be a safe place that the kids can go and be kids. Vegetation management in the pond would be a bonus.

While I would greatly appreciate an extension of the trail for my own convenience, it does not outweigh the negative impact on my neighbors. A new route should be considered and planned where it will not impact the current residents daily living.

This would be a great addition to the community.

We use the bike path several times a day to walk and clean up after our dog. We have never seen dog waste on our walks. The trails were a big factor for us when buying Senior Living here in Walcott. Having the trails this close to our home has gave us better health. We also enjoy watching the people going to and from trails. Seeing the same dogs walk by with owners at same time every day is enjoyable. The quality of our lives have improved because of the bike path being so close. We are so blessed to have the path so close to our home.

The issue of privacy and safety is a moot point to me. Anyone can be walking a city street can look into a house, break into a house, trespass on property. Having a rec trail won't change anything. Also the property that is being looked at if not their property and has always been talked about having a trail there. Davenport and several cities have several trails next to houses and there doesn't seem to have any epidemic of increase of crime. There are 8-10 house already on the current trail and there doesn't seem to be any increase in crime. I feel that an addition to the current rec trail will only increase the value of our town with one more thing that Walcott has to offer

GREAT PROJECT!

IF PHASE 2 DOES NOT PASS DUE TO THE DISAPPROVAL OF THE NEARBY RESIDENTS, PLEASE MOVE FORWARD WITH PHASE 3. IN MY OPINION, IT IS THE MORE IMPORTANT PHASE TO THE

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PROJECT/COMMUNITY AND ALTHOUGH IT IS THE MORE EXPENSIVE, IT WILL ONLY GET MORE EXPENSIVE AS TIME PASSES AND HOPEFULLY WILL MEET WITH LESS OBJECTION.

staff did not fill out "concerns" section because resident ranked the concerns, instead of rating

RARELY DO I EVER SEE ANYONE USING THE EXISTING TRAIL, WHY EXTEND IT. NO MATTER WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM, IT IS A HUGE WASTE. SPEND \$ JUST TO SPEND \$!

1. ASSET TO ATTRACT POTENTIAL BUYERS TO OUR TOWN. 2. WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO USE FOR HEALTH BENEFITS.

This survey did not speak to the possibility of other paths for the trail. Can we share these options with all residents of Walcott.

WE CAN'T EXPAND THIS CITY DUE TO FARM PROPERTIES SURROUNDING. WE NEED TO MAKE THIS TOWN AS BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL WITH WHAT WE HAVE.

Love to walk my dogs there since it is close to my home. Hate to see animal waste, the owners don't clean up after their animals.

I understand the concerns lists in the survey though I do not believe they would be major issues. The majority of the trail does not appear to encroach on residence and I have not seen issues with excess litter or animal waste along the existing trail on our uses of it. I am excited for the proposal and would love to see the trail extended allowing residences to enjoy additional time outside in our lovely town

This is not the way I want to see my tax dollars spent. I have privacy concerns about putting this in people's backyards.

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PLEASE SEE INCLUDED LETTER

Sorry we can't donate, our son has cancer so all of our money goes to that.

USE A CULVERT BACK FROM TRAILER COURT TO DUMP AREA (CHEAPER THAN A BRIDGE). FOLLOW THE DUMP SIDE CREEK TO ENTRANCE OF THE DUMP.

FORGET IT.

TRAIL WAS ALWAYS TO GO NORTH-LOOK AT VISION PLAN AND COMMENTS

TICKS HAVE BEEN A HUGE PROBLEM AT THE TRAIL, ALMOST UNWALKABLE IN THE SPRING/EARLY SUMMER. ALSO THE PATH SEEMS A BIT REDUNDANT RUNNING PARALLEL TO

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THE PATH ON THE TRAILER PARK SIDE. I THINK IT WOULD MAKE THE MOST SENSE TO BUTT UP TO THE EXISTING PATH ON THE TRAILER PARK SIDE.

November 22, 2024

I'd like to share a few comments about the second phase of the Rec Trail project currently being discussed.

I acknowledge that some of the adjacent property owners are not supportive of siting this phase of the Rec Trail on the south side of Mud Creek, with some going so far as to state they will move from their homes rather than remain to see what the project will bring. I think this is unfortunate, for while they've focused on potential negative aspects about the project, they have not given space – breathing space – to the possibility that life – their life – might actually be enriched by the trail at the far end of the properties. Seeing a new family that moved into town with their young child out for a walk. Hearing kids filled with excitement as they head to the splash pad on a hot summer's day. Watching an older Walcott resident getting in her steps to maintain her health. These thoughts bring *a smile to my face.*

I strongly believe that the vast majority of our residents are good, honest people. So, the fears being espoused of peeping Toms looking into back windows, ferocious dogs on the loose and attacking their pets, or disrespectful residents littering in their yards seem to me to be quite a stretch of imagination. Rather, based upon the 12 years the Rec Trail has existed at its current location, any such fears of the adjacent property owners have gone unrealized. I truly wish the residents adjacent to the proposed Phase II path would recognize those fears were not realized during the first phase and are unlikely to be realized for the second. Again, the vast majority of our residents are well mannered and respectful.

Our society in general seems to be fixated on one's individual rights and freedoms, which certainly have their place. However, the pendulum seems to have swung too far in this direction. Rather, I strongly believe that what's best for the larger community – for Walcott in this case – should not only be heard, but it should vie for equal standing, if not to even take precedence over. To steal a quote, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." Completion of the second phase of the Rec Trail *is in the best interest of Walcott.*

I strongly support the second phase of the Rec Trail development and see it as an amenity to our community. I would also support the project if it was sited on the north side of Mud Creek, albeit the inferior option given the cost alone, let alone the permitting challenges. At a time when our community needs to diligently focus on growth, it is these types of amenities that can set us apart and draw young families to our community. And should the consensus from the survey not favor pursuing this trail expansion, I will see it as a lost opportunity. But even so, I will look forward to supporting the next project that enhances and grows our community – even if that project is placed at my own property boundary.

For Walcott.