

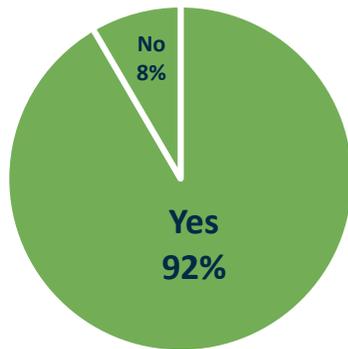
Appendix B: 2022 PROS Plan Update Survey Report

Number of responses: **97**

Section 1: Demographic/Household Information

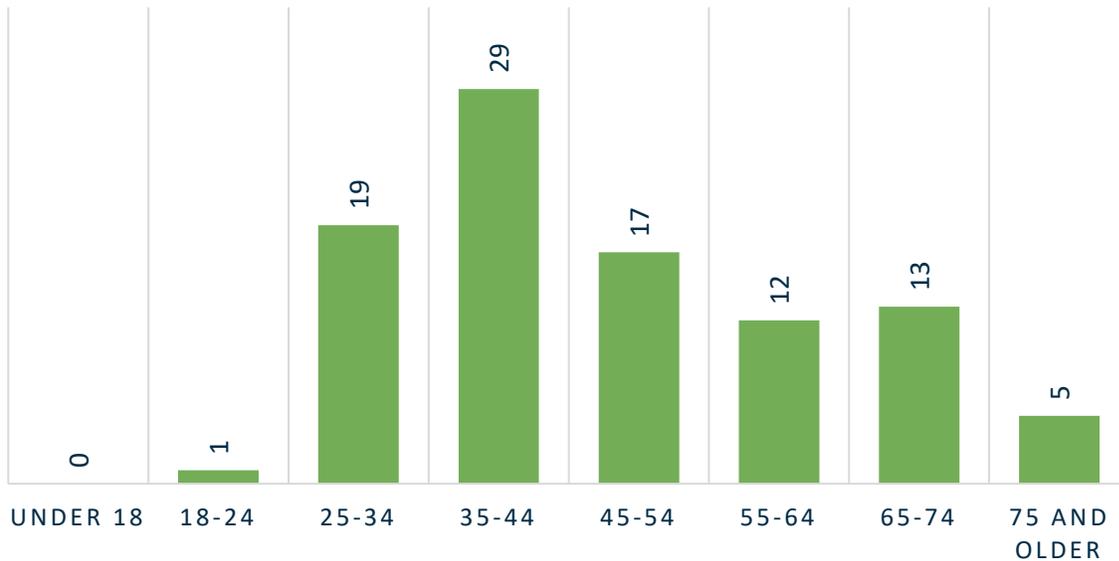
Snohomish residents: **92%**

ARE YOU A SNOHOMISH RESIDENT?



Average age range: **35-44 years old**

WHAT IS YOUR AGE?



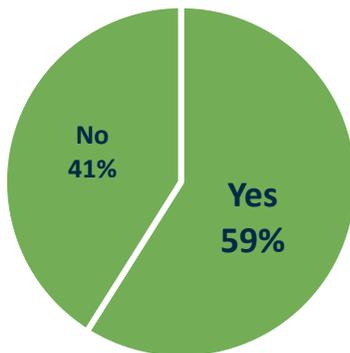
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Race/Ethnicity:

White or Caucasian	76.04%
Mutiracial or biracial	3.13%
Native American or Alaska Native	3.13%
Race/Ethnicity not listed	2.08%
Black or African American	2.08%
Hispanic or Latino	1.04%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0%
Prefer not to answer	12.5%

Respondents with children: **59%**

ARE THERE CHILDREN IN THE HOME?



Average number of children: **2.09**

Median and Mode: **2**

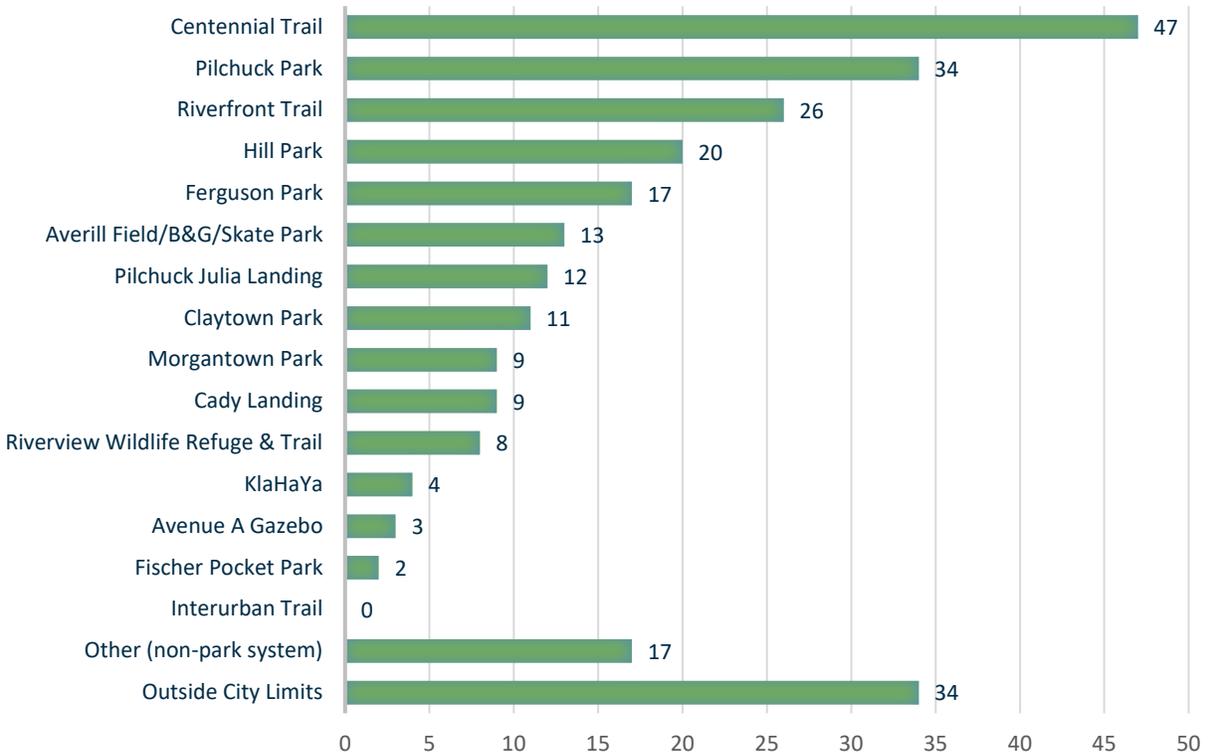
Range: **5** (1 to 6 children)

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Section 2: Existing parks system

Question 8: List a few of the parks or recreational facilities you enjoy using the most. This includes parks, playgrounds, open space, trails, boat launches? If you don't know the name, a description or location is fine?

MOST USED AND ENJOYED PARK & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Full responses, uncategorized

- Almost exclusively Riverview Wildlife Refuge
- Pioneer Cemetery, Hill Park, GAR Cemetery, Ferguson Park (doesn't feel safe though), trail near 10701 Old Snohomish Monroe Rd that has indian history dating back 3,000 years; next to Pilchuck river, City of Snohomish Riverfront Trail and Parks
- River Trail, Kla Ha Ya, Centennial Trail, Gazebo
- River Walk, Centennial Trail
- I am new to the area. So far, I only explored part of the Centennial trail, and I think it's a great!
- Trails, boat launch, open spaces, sports courts
- Centennial Trail, Carnegie Building, River walk below 1st Street, Walk over by water treatment plant, Pilchuck park (pickleball), Averill Field
- Centennial trail
- Claytown park, centennial trail
- Pilchuck Park, Clayton Park, Ferguson park
- Willis Tucker playground and splash pad, boys and girl club playground

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- Pickle Ball “ pilcher park
- Lord Hill, Ferguson park, aquatic center park, hill park, Morgantown park, boys and girls club park
- Centennial Trail
- Flowing lake park
- Pilchuck park and hill park
- Claytown park, Hill Park (back east sode of black mama lake), Flowing Lake
- Lundeen Park, Forest Park, Miner's corner, Lake Tye, Kayak Point, Flowing Lake, North Creek Park
- Morgantown Park. Centennial trail. River front trail.
- Pilchuck
- Centennial trail and the swimming pool
- Centennial Trail, along the sixth st bridge, Morgantown Park, the field behind the aquatic center, riverfront trail, the new boat launch
- Lake Stevens Cove, centennial trail
- Centennial trail, Willis Tucker, Cary park/river trail, aquatic center open space, Lord Hill
- Sammamish park , lake tye , Kirkland park
- Haller Park in Arlington, Blackmans Lake park and the park at Machias Trailhead
- Lundeen park, deering wild Legion park
- Flowing Lake
- northcreek park, miners park in bothell
- Flowing lake and boat launch, panther lake, blackmans lake, the skate park, the centennial trail, Snohomish river walking path, Snohomish river boat launch
- Lake Tye, Monroe. Lundeen Park, lake Stevens. Osprey park, sultan. Forest park, Everett. Willis Tucker Park, Mill Creek/Snohomish
- Pilchuck Park
- Pilchuck park, Riverview school park, park by the boys and girls club, lord hill and more
- Claytown, Hill Park, Pilchuck Park
- Walking trails
- Park Ave park, Ferguson park, Willis d Tucker
- Pillchuck Park, Centennial Trail, Aquatic Center Playground, Fischer Pocket Park, Blackmans Lake (Both playgrounds) and Morgantown Park
- Hill park, Pilchuck park, Blackmans lake, Ferguson park, Lord Hill, Centennial trail, Flowing lake
- Toddler park on Ave J and 4th, Park next to Boys & Girl's club, Centennial Trail, Pilchuck Park, Ferguson Park
- Claytown Kids Park, the centennial trail and riverfront trail
- Centennial Trail! Pilchuck Park
- Playground at Aquatic Center, Centennial Trail, trail along Snohomish River
- Centennial trail, Ferguson Park disc golf, river access at Pulchuk park
- Pilchuck, skatepark
- Lowell riverfront park, cavelero hill dog park
- Clayton, Poop Loop, Ferguson. This pertains more to our trails, and particularly our streets: my wife and I love to walk the beautiful streets of our town, but our endurance is fading. If only there were benches every couple of blocks, we could extend our walks almost indefinitely. As it is, we can only do a few block, I. Order to be sure of making it back home. Benches??
- Hill park

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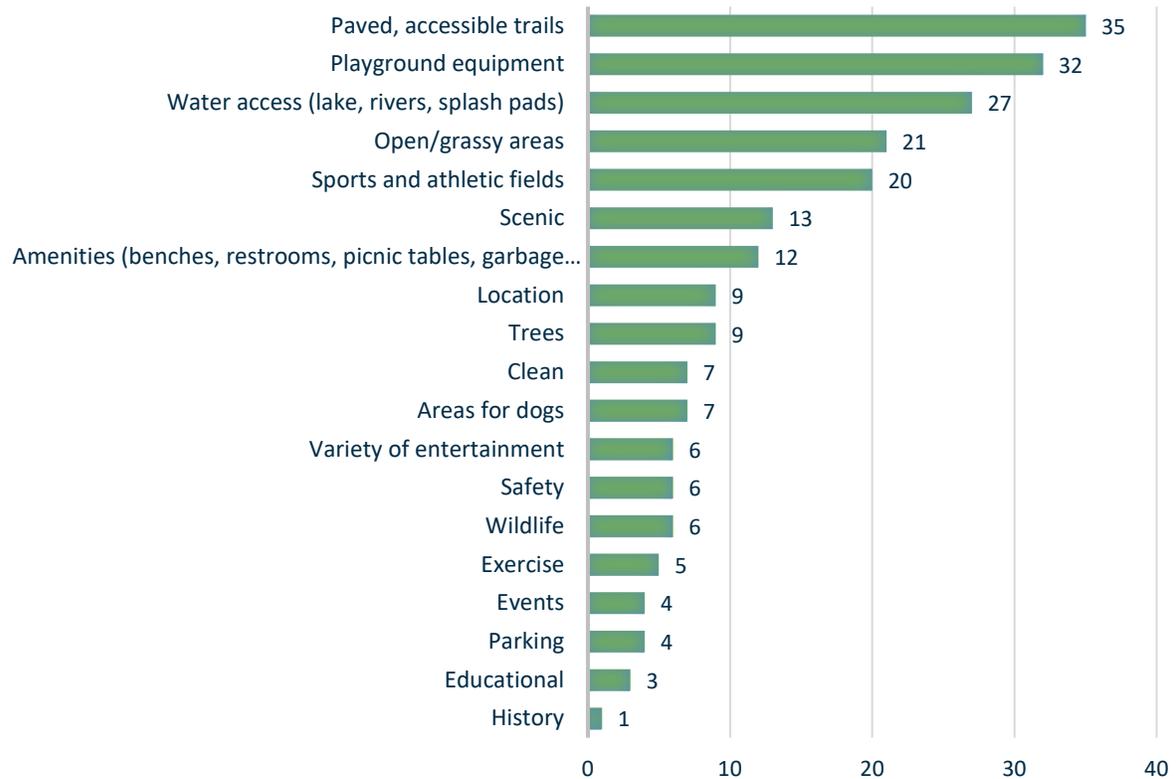
- Centennial Trail, pilchuck River park
- Pilchuck, Hill, Morgantown, Ferguson, Skatepark
- Aquatic Center park, Ferguson Park, Centennial Trail, Pilchuck Park
- Pilchuck Park, playground at the Aquatic Center.
- Centennial Trail, Cady Landing, Morgantown Park
- Pilchuck, stocker boat launch, school playgrounds, downtown riverfront, claytown,
- Park next to boys and girls club, Pilchuck Baseball field park and Machias park
- Aquatic Center play ground, hill park, and Ferguson park playgrounds are great. We also use Lord Hill Regional Park almost weekly for hiking or running.
- Willis tucker park, Sky Valley parks and fields, lake tye park and trail, centennial trail, aquatic center park and track, nature trail/water treatment plant, claytown (although almost past our ages of enjoyment)
- Morgantown, Centennial and River Front Trail, Cady
- Sundquist open space, meadow sale beach park
- A Street Gazebo
- Hill Park, Pilchuck Park, Centennial Trail, Ferguson Park
- Bellevue Downtown Park, Houghton Beach Park, Leavenworth Bike Pump Track at Enchantment Park
- The river walk and Centennial Trail
- Pilchuck park, hill park, Ferguson park, aquatic center field, centennial trail, lord hill park
- Riverview Wildlife Trail!, Pilchuck Park, Boat Launches for kayaking, River Walk Trail, Ferguson Park Frisbee Golf Course, Centennial Trail, Field and Track at Aquatic Center (even though it is district land)
- Centennial Trail
- Ferguson, Hill Park, boat launch, 1st Street by river, pilchuck
- Boat Launch, River Walk, Kla Ha Ya Park, Averill Field
- pilchuck park, especially in the river in the summer. The one by the Y when all the equipment is working. Lord Hill
- Trails
- Centennial Trail
- Kla Ha Ya Park, Riverfront Trail
- river front trail, centennial trail, Cady park, children's playground by boys/girls club, track/fields at high school, Pilchuck park, aquatic center, trail and open space by aquatic center,
- River Trail, Kla Ha Ya, Centennial Trail, Gazebo
- Centennial trail. I used more parks when my daughter was younger.
- River walk, boat launch, centennial trail
- Boat launch, Cady, Claytown, Hill, Pilchuck, Morgantown
- Centennial Trail, boat launch, River trail in town, pilchuck park, Blackman's lake area
- Centennial Trail, Pilchuck Julia, trail near the water treatment plant, trail on the dike off Riverview Road
- Flowing Lake, Ferguson (disc golf), Blackman's Lake (fishing docks)
- Willis Tucker
- Trails: Riverfront, Centennial. Cady Landing.
- Centennial Trail, River walk below 1st street, Pilchuck Park, Watching at the airpark in Sno Cty, Boat launch (to watch)
- Hill park playground, Willis tucker playground and splash pad,

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- Riverview Wildlife Refuge, Cady Landing Park, Pilchuck Julia Landing
- river trail, centennial trail, cady landing, pilchuck park
- Morgantown Park, Centennial Trail, Riverfront Trail, Wildlife park at the sewage treatment
- The park by the skatepark. Centennial trail
- Both parks on Blackmans lake, the boat launch, the river trail
- Centennial Trail- Machias, Pilchuck Park, Hill Park
- Lord hill,
- Fischer pocket park and Hill Park
- Ferguson Park, Claytown Park, Pilchuck Park, Averill Field
- Centennial trail, Machias station playground, Hill park, Pilchuck park, Thornton A. Sullivan park
- Pilchuck Park
- Centennial Trail
- Centennial Trail
- For mountaineering training I love running on the Centennial, and Lords Hill Park trails. For playing with my son I love going to Pilchuck Park and playing by the river and the playground.

Question 9: What are your favorite features of the parks or recreational facilities you use?

FAVORITE FEATURES OF PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Full responses, uncategorized:

- Wildlife, river access (small, but peaceful location)

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- Historical buildings artifacts, and or markers, trails, safety, adequate safe parking. Also, whatever children need to draw them into learning and interacting with nature, history(the real world)
- Walking, entertainment
- Seeing the trees change color seasonally
- Nature trails with the signs to easily navigate and also get more information about the place and its inhabitants.
- Trails
- Accessibility to neighborhoods, beauty of area, easy to navigate and paved surfaces are easier for walks
- Avoiding traffic and roadways
- Garbage can available, dog friendly
- Playground, walking trails, basketball and tennis courts
- Variety of play and water
- Play in Pickle Ball but we're also on tennis courts
- I love the trees. I love having natural elements around. I also enjoy having a fenced playground for parents who have kids that are more likely to run away and test boundaries. I like when parks have restrooms. I like when parks have picnic tables and lots of seating options.
- Great views, cleanliness
- Playgrounds
- Water access, large grassy areas
- Playground, shady spots, water, restrooms, trash cans picnic tables, benches, open fields
- Nice clean safe facilities, Safe large playstructures for the kids, Shaded areas for sitting and gathering, Safe large walking areas that are family friendly.
- Trees. Opn area for playing Frisbee. Water
- Trail, tennis courts, grass
- Oh and the other park by the cemetery there's soccer fields tennis courts. I just love being outdoors I wish that there was something that was on the river that we could really enjoy
- Open space, water access
- Trails. swimming and events
- Smooth paved trails for wheels, mix of sun/shade, dog park, walking distance
- Trail to walk and a lake with picnic seats , swings for adults
- Splash pad, on the lake, play equipment
- Trails and fun large play sets
- Water
- stuff for older kids, good parking-enough and easy to get into and out of; some trails
- Location, clean
- Splash pads, lots of benches/tables, play area for little kids, big kids.
- Walking path
- Play sets, sports fields, water access
- Green space, playgrounds
- Walking trails
- Safe playground equipment for children
- Swings, slides, toddler friendly play structures, volleyball nets
- Don't really have a favorite feature

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- Appreciated the fence around the toddler park when my kids were really little. I like having a park at the entrance to the trail and near the library - it's a great central location for kids. We love getting ice cream and walking over to Ferguson & my husband plays disc golf there occasionally. Pickle ball courts and the large play structure at Pilchuck
- Fenced area for kids, bike riding access and water front walking
- Clean! Lots of people together enjoying the outside but not over crowded.
- The open space around the large playground at the Aquatic Centerp
- Trails, disc golf, river access
- Bball/tennis courts/play structure at Pilchuck
- Fenced in Dog park area
- Unique and intriguing trees and plants, especially if there is a shady bench nearby.
- The openness
- Semi wild areas, family friendly, lakes and rivers allowing for a multitude animal and plant views.
- River, lake, basketball courts, skatepark, pickle ball court, volleyball/badminton court
- Big open grassy spaces for multiple uses; Off-street paved pathways for walking, biking, etc
- Benches, playgrounds with options for group and individual play space to run around
- Walking trails, spaces to roller skate
- Easy parking and plenty of space for all, kids toys that help burn off energy of said kid
- Kids playground structure, swings, big open space, good parking, great location within city.
- The open area for free play, but the swings and slides get used a lot by my kids as well.
- Clean, safe, playground equipment, ball fields, paths for bikes or running
- Green space, walking, close to rivers
- Area for dogs to play, access to water
- Riverview ans access to shopping and dining options
- Good locations, the parks themselves are big
- Innovative play area design, open space to see children, element is a must! sprinklers and waterfalls for kids to cool off in summer. Other parks with out added water features we go to are lake side or have quick access to beachy areas by the river. Bike pump tracks are the other reason we would go to a park, these are just amazing additions to parks, fun for the entire family, great for kids to learn to use the force of their body, and great for cities to use as a marketing opportunity and attraction for Redbull events or other sporting competitions.
- Having places to talk away from traffic
- Trails to jog, playgrounds, space to play with dog
- Frisbee Golf Course at Ferguson Park, Foraging and walking the loop at Pilchuck Park, Launching Kayaks from boat launches, Bird watching and sunset watching at Riverview Wildlife Trail
- The trail and how it makes Snohomish walkable and bikeable
- Small Town feel, Blackmans lake, river
- HDSA Events
- river, trees and playground equipment
- Their existence
- Walking path
- the river
- enjoy green spaces and open air, places for my granchild to walk/play, ability to take walk for exercise
- Walking, entertainment

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- I like that there are different parks in town. I like that there is park space that the kids at the B and G club can use
- River walk paved great dog walking trail and hooks up with the Centennial trail easily
- Water access, trails
- Accessible, benches, garbage cans
- Walking trails, nature preserve areas for watching birds, areas that encourage photography
- Activities, like disc golf, fishing, etc
- Dog park and dog trails
- Walkability. Benches for rest. Green open space.
- They are always clean, seem secure, people visiting them love them, views are beautiful, the variety of things to do allows you to find something anytime
- Playground and splash pad
- Passivity.
- benches, green space, swings,
- Trees, water, wild space, open space for community get togethers, exercise, solitude
- How it's near the trail
- The water, the view
- Trails, lots of recreational fields for activities
- Trails, secluded
- Short walk away from home
- Easy access walking or on bike. Tennis courts. Playground equipment, clean cared for restroom at some.
- Easily accessible trail, playgrounds
- Athletic Fields, playground for younger kids.
- Variety of activities for all ages
- Cardio Training, Sports courts, and Playgrounds

Question 10: *Please share a favorite Snohomish park memory or experience.*

- Countless first-time sightings of native birds that I just started paying attention to a couple years ago.
- My dad brought us to Snohomish from Bellevue on a regular basis, it reminded him of his childhood town and we would stop at the Pioneer Cemetery. 1950's-1970. I did the same with my daughter, and friends, and now retired here, because of the historical town.
- Taking my daughter's senior pictures along the Riverfront Trail.
- not applicable yet, but plan to visit them soon.
- Pilchuck park, catching crawdads and having a feast
- Walking on the Centennial trail or bike riding is a favorite and when my daughter comes home to visit, it is at the top of her list!
- Walking with my grandchildren from my house to downtown snohomish
- When there are no children present, my dog loves to run around Claytown park
- We enjoy Pilchuck park the most because it is large and creates a safe space between the parking lot and the park. We bring the dog and the kids ride their bikes around the paved loop and then play on the playgrounds or go down to the river in warmer months. Pilchuck is probably the best park option in Snohomish in my opinion.

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- For several years ago I discovered Pickleball at Pilchuck Park. Through this as a senior It gave me the opportunity to exercise and to meet other seniors from our area. Since then we have outgrown the area we playing times we have up to 30 people there.
- I love when my kids roam around the field at the aquatic center park. They come up with magical games that don't involve the playground and use sticks and leaves and dirt instead.
- Riding bikes from Snohomish to Arlington
- Playing with my kids
- Watching the airplanes take off/land while swinging at Claytown park.
- I love Pilchuck park and the access to the river. It is an ideal place to bring the kids to cool off in the summer. Improving this location for access and amenities would improve the park dramatically.
- Our neighborhood watch picnics at morgantown Park. Seeing the heron rookerie at the sewage plant
- Playing tennis with my kids
- Conversation with my kiddo and watching him play sports
- Snohomish Block Party! And Farmers Market
- Walking and talking with my family on centennial trail
- My kids love the splash pad at Haller Park in Arlington. So much fun!
- Willis tucker is large and spacious but needs a big playset. Also Park toy areas that are enclosed are best for families with small children
- Family time
- Fishing
- To date, I've left Snohomish to go to parks elsewhere. The reason being is that those parks are bigger, work for my older son and younger son and have splash pads in the summer.
- Cooling off in the river at Pilchuck Park
- My kids love exploring the parks abs it's the best way to make friends. We moved to the area 2 years ago and you don't meet many people during covid. Once, after swim lessons at the park behind the Aquatic Center we met a local mom who was so great and filled us in on all sorts of parent info for snohomish. My 4 year old son makes a new best friend at every park and it's really cool because it brings local families together.
- My three young boys and I walk to Claytown Kids Park at least once weekly, as it's walking distance to our house and we love that it's fenced in with both a playground and green space.
- Walking the track in Pilchuck Park and skipping rocks in the river.
- Watching my daughter use a playground for the first time
- Any time our toddler does something "brave" for her. Sliding for the first time, "I can do it" on a swing (she can't yet but sure tries) and climbing
- My family went to the movie in the park
- It's the small things - pushing my baby on the swing set for the first time, enjoying warm spring days, family bike rides on the trail, meeting friends for a picnic
- My daughter laughing as she was being swung at the toddler park
- Watching my grandchildren run to the playground
- Playing disc golf for the first time
- Movie night at Boys n girls club. Roller skating in the courts or the trail
- Watching the Blue Herons nesting from the west end of Poop Loop!!
- My kids playing in parks
- Seeing a Bald Eagle catch a salmon from the Centennial Trail.

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- Sledding on snow days at Hill Park, attending Birthday celebrations at various parks, picnics and playing in the river at Pilchuck Park.
- Playing croquet with my wife at the Aquatic center park. Running on the centennial trail on busy sunny days.
- My youngest took some of his first steps at the aquatic center park
- Watching my wife learn to roller skate
- My sons being toddlers playing at the Park next to boys and girls club. We were able to play at the park before trick r treating downtown Snohomish. Also every park picnic we have had during spring and summer.
- I love watching my kids roam in the wide open spaces at the aquatic center park. They go on mini adventures that are incredibly epic and unforgettable in their minds.
- Taking my dog to the water treatment plant trail during Covid times, it was peaceful and quiet during a crazy time- we both looked forward to it daily!
- I visit Morgantown Park every single day.
- I just hiked down the hill at sundquist open area to the lurch stream and I really wish the parks department would invest in building a proper trail so that hikers with dogs can easily access the stream. I'm going to attempt to contact the right person to see who I might be able to inquire about this further.
- National Night Out at Averill Field, Snohomish Art Walk at The A Street Gazebo, Snohomish Block Party at Carnegie Library
- I used to love overnight camping at Ferguson Park
- We haven't yet found a great park in Snohomish we'd like to spend alot of time at- BUT we do enjoy the riverwalk in downtown Snohomish and the little boatlaunch area has some potential for a nice gathering spot
- Teaching my dog to paddle board with me at blackmans lake launching from hill park
- We have had many amazing bird experiences on the Riverview Wildlife trail. We have witnessed a Merlin catching it's duck prey in the sky and then a set of hawks chasing the Merlin to cause it to release it's duck. The Heron Rookery is always site to behold in the spring when the Herons are roosting in their nests. We have also witnessed a Bald Eagle eating it's duck meal up in a tree.
- Going for walks with my daughters and having great conversations.
- Hill Park, daughters birthday parties, pilchuck park trail, walking to parks with my daughter
- HDSA Grinch Run, HDSA Tweed Ride
- bringing my grandkids to these places
- I love walking up to 10 miles with my dog
- Tai Chi Chuan every morning facing the river
- watching my 2 year old grandchild play and push himself to climb play structures and learn to ride bike
- We have loved going to the pilchuck river in the summer! My daughter would always want to play on the playground before we left.
- Watching the birds, seals and fisher people and the speed boats
- New Year's Day polar bear dip at Cady Park
- Playing in parks with my grandkids when they came to visit. Since we live in town, we loved discovering the parks tucked away in unexpected places when we went out for walks.
- At the start of Covid, many many times my small children and I walked to Blackman's Lake. We hung out on the docks, setup hammocks in the trees, had dessert picnics. It was wonderful.

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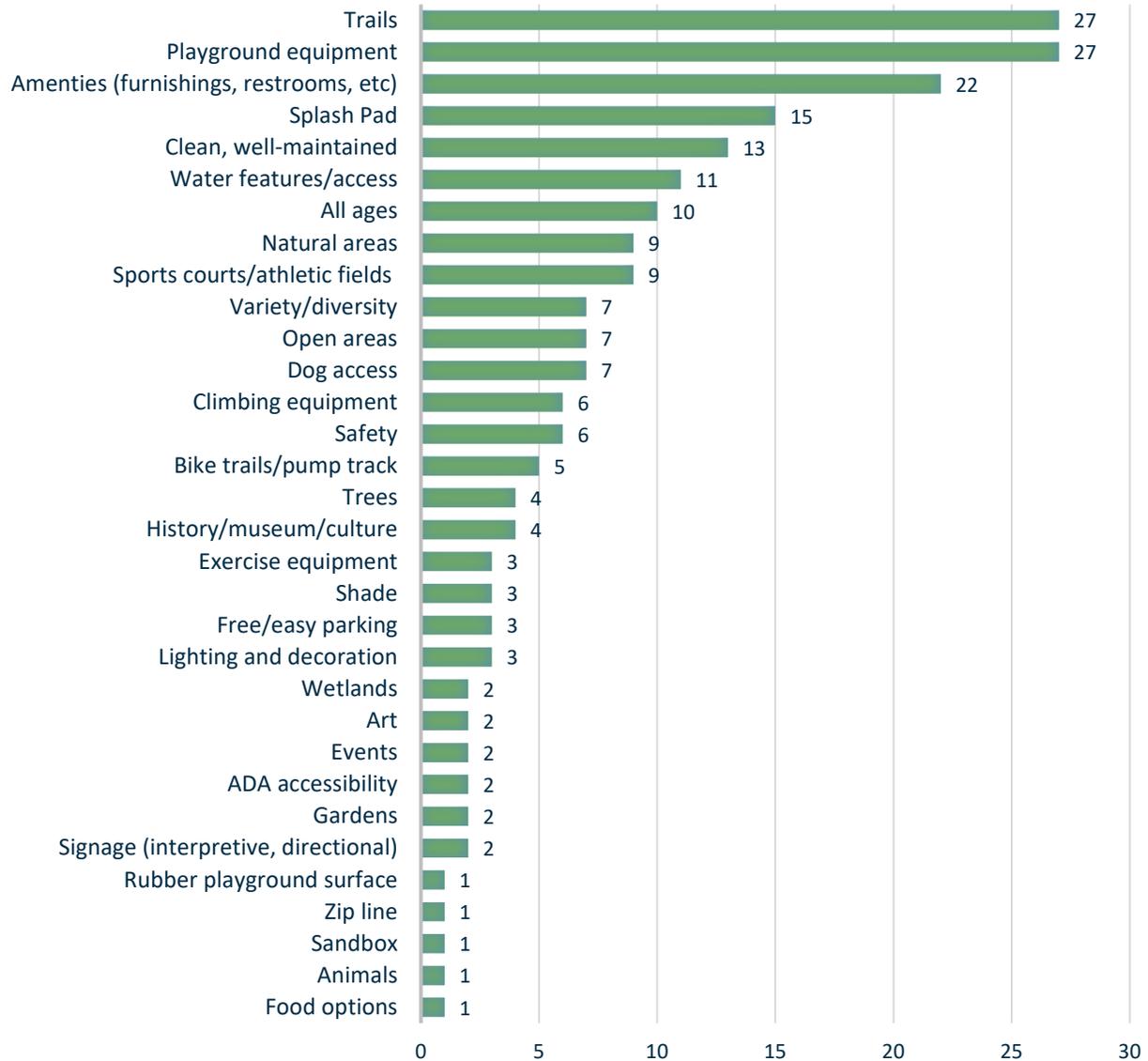
- Taking the entire family to go play with our pups and meeting other dogs and families. My son can go explore the trails and experience nature while we all exercise.
- There are so many! We moved to Snohomish in 1999 specifically for all the parks. I managed an adopt-a-park program for many years and the volunteer clean-up and planting events were always fun. More recently, I sometimes see small children, toddlers, running across the new Veteran's Memorial lawn with such happiness and glee...
- The winter solstice walk along the river is always special and turns into a community celebration. The Centennial Trail has a lot of fun memories with friends and husband - biking, walking, healing Pilchuck Park is a really nice respite when I was working - I use to go there to decompress
- Just playing with my kids
- I helped name Pilchuck Julia Landing, Averill Field, and Whistlestop Park.
- accessing the river at pilchuck park
- Looking at the heron rookery at the wildlife park nests very visible in winter. Community picnics at Morgantown Park, cooling off in the pilchuck river at pilchuck park in the summer, rolling down the grass hills with my great newphews at MOrgantown park
- Biking to the park with my young kids in a bike trailer.
- Playing with my grandchildren or fishing off the dock, kayaking
- I enjoyed swimming at pilchuck park as a child
- My kids have nicknamed all of the local parks, and they've gotten excited about when I announce we're going to one or the other (the fancy park, the climbing park, the train park, the horsey park, the lake park..)
- When my grandchildren visit they always want to go to Claytown since we can walk or just ride their bikes over there. If they meet a friend they usually ask to meet them at Ferguson Park.
- Both kids learned to ride bikes on Centennial trail!
- Baseball under the lights.
- Growing up Pilchuck Park was always the place to be for families. Kids would be playing baseball, parents walked the path and kids played at the playground. Sadly, it's not that way anymore.
- Playing in the river at Pilchuck Park with my then 18 month old son last summer.

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Section 3: Non-Snohomish Parks

Question 11: Think of other parks outside of Snohomish you have visited. What did you like about them?

WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT PARKS OUTSIDE SNOHOMISH?



Full responses, uncategorized:

- I can't compare RWR to most other parks as it's not really a park, but restrooms at all parking areas and trail access areas are certainly nice. Also, good signage.
- The Bellevue downtown park "Inspirational Playground" to me, isn't a inspiration of what they are outside for: a man made tree- really? surrounded by cement, fake grass, fake water, it's more like virtual world. BUT, they have a really nice "jungle gym" (playground equipment set) rather than tall, seems longer, so appears large, but maybe safer. Snohomish could follow the

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tone it has set for itself, in the way of incorporating it's history, possible old buildings, artifacts, markers to encourage and welcome people that are drawn here already. I like parks like Farrel-McWhirter Park, and even incorporating a city summer food bar, museum, some activity Snohomish is already known for; pumpkins, animal farms, etc. (A money payback, to reinforce the futures direction.)

- I like any park that is near a water feature
- I love botanical gardens. I also like when there are various hikes within the park (not too short, a few miles would be great). I think that a lake or a pond makes any park even more beautiful. For more developed parks (not just nature), I like some interesting lighting and decorations that look amazing when it's getting dark.
- Cleanliness, upkeep/maintenance
- Dog park at Willis Tucker park is a great place to go with lots of trails as well as Lords Hill park. Any park or area by water is high on my list. I would love to see a trail developed from the River Walk to the new boat launch.
- Burke Gilman Trail avoiding cars & roadways
- Dedicated dog park
- Newer, bigger play structures. Splash pads. Options for toddlers and older kids. Paved areas for bikes and scooters, walking trails. River or lake access.
- Forest Park is a good park places to have a picnic in places to bring your grandkids.
- I would love to see an accessible park in Snohomish. North Cove in Lake Stevens is a mostly accessible playground that all the kids love, not just mostly able bodied children. There's a splash pad, lots of seating, and clean restrooms. Lake access is a bonus.
- Updated, splash pads, clean, picnic tables, option to sit in shade
- Splash pads
- Lake tye park. Jennings memorial park. Willis Tucker Park. Safe areas for small toddlers (2-4) with no wood chips. Splash pad. Safe parking lot. Well maintained trails
- Miners Corner- sandboxes, loop trail Lundeen, Forest park - lots of different playground structures for different ages. Splash pad!
- Parks that are clean, safe from drug use and transient activities. North cove has been redone in Lake Stevens and it is well lighted, wide walking paths, great playground structure and ample leveled out space for families to stretch out and picnic.
- Forest park everett variety of amenities. I like wetland parks
- Big and lots of space to spread out, shade
- Availability and diversity is really important. We live in such a beautiful place that we need to be able to have a place to decompress and enjoy our family and disconnect from all that technology nonsense that we have to manage every day
- Beaches and trails. Places to get outside and exercise
- Dog park, water access, gardens and mature trees
- Trail to walk and a lake
- All ages toys
- Large playsets and enclosed play area for little kids
- Splash pads
- equipment separate for older and younger kids; easy to figure out where to go for first time users (both in parking-no or easily marked one-way driving; and how to get from park to play to lake, etc)
- Parking

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- I love the splash pads for the kids (and adults!), play structures are bigger/more interactive and new, lots of benches and seating for parents.
- I love the splash pads at the edmonds park by our old house. Having one of those in downtown snohomish instead of Willis tucker would be amazing. A track or paved bike trail would be great for kids too since we have a hilly area
- Splash pad Play structures Walking paths/ trails
- Walking trails
- Fenced in playground for child safety. A playground that has a toddler and big kid play area
- One of our favorites is Fort Boarst in Centralia. The restroom facilities are great, the structure is easy to navigate for a little, and big kids still have areas to play a bit wilder. I know we will have bigger kids all too fast, but there's not a ton of play areas that are geared toward littles without a ton of parent support. Sometimes a park run is about allowing safe risky play and "you CAN try" instead of "no" (no jumping on the couch, no climbing on the table, etc)
- Clean, newer and not broken playground equipment, no homeless living in or around the park bushes
- Cleanliness and a general feeling of safety; public bathrooms; splash pads; access to water; off leash dog areas
- Maintained features and a clean play area
- Access to water! Great kids playgrounds. Facilities for sports and community events. Shade and picnic areas.
- Flowing Lake - the lake
- Off leash dog areas
- Better play structures. Splash pads.
- That I can bring my dogs and let them run around in a fenced in area
- The riverfront parks of Edmonton Alberta, Canada - interconnected with trails and bridges.
- They are cleaner and neater
- The parks frequently blended into suburban areas. Marshes and lakes had boardwalks making access easy for all.
- Bike riding areas ideal for beginners, climbing structures, zip-line play structure, ADA accessible equipment, fitness-oriented equipment.
- Interactive art installations that appeal to children and adults
- The playground at flowing lake has a huge playground with lots of ways to play on it. Exploration park has a great mix of natural play structures. Willis tucker park has a splash pad.
- Bigger skating areas, bicycle playground
- Updated playground equipment, clean bathrooms
- I have enjoyed the historical farm park in Ferndale WA. Farm animals, barns kids can walk through, tractors to take pictures next too and the best park I have seen is the Blaine marina park has the best kids climb on play structure.
- I love the parks with rope style climbing areas. Natural style playing areas are so great. I also really love when there's a bathroom nearby "bush wees are great in Blueey, but not ideal all the time. I also love when there are several picnic tables at parks. I always bring loads of snacks, and not everywhere we go has them.
- More play equipment, fields were maintained, splash park fun for kids
- Walking, green space
- Access to water, clean, well maintained trails
- Fort Dent Park - Tukwila Running Trails and Soccer Fields Point Defiance Park - Tacoma Bocce Lawns

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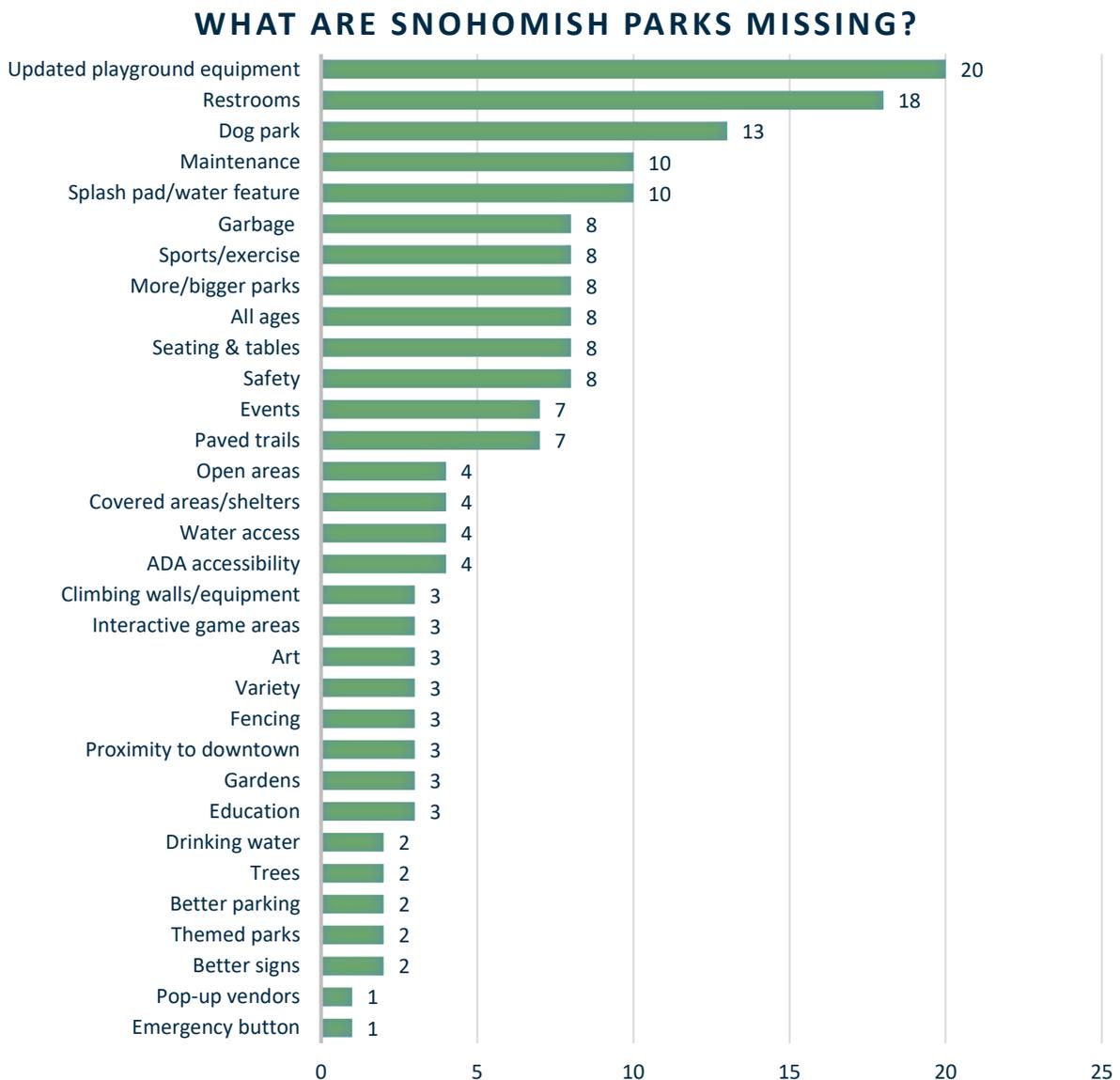
- The playground equipment is always better and bigger.
- Access to water for kids to cool off is a must. We don't go to parks that don't have this element. Innovative climbing and swing structures, and best of all a bicycle pump track. We drive a few hundred miles a few times a year to visit a park with a pump track
- Mountain bike trails, pumptracks
- We enjoy parks with trails and lots of trees and parks with spray parks to keep cool in the summer.
- Special events that feature the parks.
- Can't think of any that stick out
- Herbert Samuel Pavilion Tel Aviv - The Mediterranean Sea Piazza Archimedes - Sicily - appreciation of the diverse Sicilian culture
- I like Lake Tye's room and playground equipment
- More woods
- Walking trails
- best when established with a natural element, for example, the town pond with swans and other birds in Barnes, England -- kept natural.
- trees, walking, lounging
- I think of the park in the zoo. I like that it looks more natural but kids can run and play! I enjoy when there is covered space for people to sit as well. I know that parks aren't just playgrounds but those are the parks that as a parent, I would visit. The park next to the EMP has great climbing!
- Trails and nice places to take in views
- Walking paths
- Parking, restrooms, easy access
- I especially like parks that invite me to sit and observe the natural beauty around me. I also enjoy parks where I can take a picnic.
- Lake Stevens has a GREAT full disc golf course.
- Saint Edwards (Kenmore) has a HUGE playground. Some parks in Seattle have built-in walled soccer fields (kind of indoor, but outdoor). Anything where you can just bring a ball or a disc and play for hours.
- Japanese Gulch in Mukilteo (light hiking for the entire family including dogs), Silver Lake Beach (local swimming and playing)
- I appreciate public art in many Seattle Parks.
- Water features especially, botanical garden interest, views, walkability, ability to learn about history, geology, places to sit, picnic, etc. Security and cleanliness, free parking. Also sport events - circuit exercises, watching or playing in various sports
- Different types of playgrounds
- Lowell Park in Everett with its off-leash dog park and other amenities.
- plenty of places to sit, lots of swings,
- natural settings, trails, wildlife, amenities like horseshoes, tennis, lawn to sit on on a sunny day and enjoy a picnic
- They have bathrooms
- Greenery with picnic tables
- I love Lake Tye park in Monroe. I wish Snohomish had a park with turf and lighted fields where sports teams could practice while families play, walk, etc.
- Kayak point park. Wide open and tons of space

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- Soft ground (not bark, more rubberized), variety of climbing, slides, exploring, and swings
- Clean, garbage picked up and emptied, all around well cared for, restrooms (OPEN restrooms). Things for all ages of children to do with seating for adults.
- Unique/unusual playground features, trails in more scenic areas, ample picnic areas, clean restrooms
- Variety of activities for kids of all ages and abilities. Larger sized, so more people can participate.
- Rainier National Park, and Mt. Baker National Park are two non local favorites of mine. I very much appreciate the trails and lots of Nature.

Section 4: Snohomish Parks Improvements

Question 12: Based on your visits to other parks, what are Snohomish parks missing?



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Full responses, uncategorized:

- The RWR specifically is missing consistency in the signage. The first sign seen (if you really look for it) when entering the west parking area by the shop says, among other things, No Dogs. 100' away is a dog poop bag dispenser and drop container. Hardly consistent.
- updated playground equipment. Themes, maybe each with it's own focus on history and the people that came before; what life was like for them; with building/artifacts/markers leading to teaching moments, connecting them to nature and history, a source of motivation and comfort you get from understanding the past, as well as the future.
- A quality parking area. The Riverfront Trail lot is sketchy. There are huge potholes in the trailhead for the Centennial Trail between Snohomish and Lake Stevens.
- Security
- We need more walkable trails, ada accessibility to get to the Pilchuck River for recreating. We need benches and seating areas at the Carnegie, not to take up the whole lawn but a few would be nice. I would like to see the Veterans Memorial area at the Carnegie completed.
- Connecting to downtown Seattle
- Dog park
- Updated play structures, splash pads, we really only have 3 parks in snohomish with playgrounds and tilikum playground lost a slide that was never replaced and my kids don't really enjoy going there anymore.
- Splash bad, seating with shade, slides, smaller children play grounds
- We are missing a sense of community . Foreign sample some town have community events that happened in the park like movie night , Concerts, and events that you can walk to and watch and meet your neighbors.
- Accessibility. Restrooms. Modern play equipment. Shade. Seating.
- Updated toys
- Splash pads
- Maintain landscaping better, add a splash pad and more walking trails
- More of them!!!! A big playground. When my kids want a big playground with lots to do, we always drive out of the city. Probably at least 1-2x/week
- Updated playground equipment, park benches, picnic tables, paved paths, clean safe restroom facilities,
- Not sure
- More tennis, shade for picnics and SAFETY!!!!!! I have seen many drug deals and kids smoking pot around little kids. Ridiculous. Do better. Hire police and stop bashing them. Our police are awesome around here
- I came from Redmond and I loved marymoore because it had a big dog park but it also had like these incredible activities like concerts and outdoor movies
- A dog park would be a nice addition. I guess it is technically outside of city limits, but a trash can near where the centennial trail intersects three lakes road would be nice! Also the return of the one at sixth and Lincoln. Sorry to talk so much about trash cans specific to where I frequently go, I think our parks are pretty good.
- Trails, things for teens.
- Dog park, gardens and mature trees
- Big park with long walking trails
- Splash pads
- A large playset park in north Snohomish. Would love the see a fun wooden playset
- A kids friendly water feature. Splash pad, wading pool etc

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- space, upkeep,
- Better parking
- Snohomish parks are very small in comparison and many outdated. There are no splash pads and there's no "community park" where families are known to gather. Most parks are either for little children or big children, there isn't one where it caters to big and little children.
- Open bathrooms, regular garbage pick up, security/emergency call button
- We need to improve our play structures #1, the blackmans lake play structure is great but could have other features like basketball hoops etc.
- Better/ lack of play structures Proximity to central things (no park with play structures close to downtown except Boys and Girls club)
- Can't think of anything
- Fenced in playground and multi use playgrounds
- Playable equipment, free from drug Paraphernalia and transients, clean water to swim in, clean and functioning restrooms
- Several of the parks sometimes feel unsafe, specifically Ferguson and Hill. It also doesn't seem like our parks take full advantage of Blackmans Lake or the river, and there's not a dog park in town. It would also be great to see some of the older play structures updated with more modern play equipment.
- Basketball/tennis hard top area
- Great playgrounds, access to water, picnic shelters
- Some shade protection might be nice above the benches at the playground, maybe a covered area for gatherings
- Off leash dog area
- Bathrooms. Slides. Better swings.
- Fenced in dog park areas
- Quantity? Could we not develop some of the overgrown areas, say behind Jack in the Box, or along further shores of the Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers into quiet reserves?
- Garbage service and yard maintenance
- Clean safe restrooms and drinking water.
- Interesting elements that gives parks a desirable feel to spend time in like art installations/outdoor sculptures, courtyards, mini amphitheater, pop-up vendor (makers) spaces/food truck areas, chess/cards/table-top game spaces, reading spaces.
- A DOG PARK!!! And more interactive art! Such as a big xylophone, etc
- A splash pad closer to down town. A decent climbing wall. More fenced in playgrounds for little ones who try to run away.
- Flat skating areas
- Wishing the bathroom at pilchuck was clean/accessible to use
- Large good quality play structures for older elementary age kids, more open nature space with better plants curb appeal, would be nice to have more covered playgrounds to be used during rainy fall winter season.
- Picnic tables at the aquatic center play ground, bathrooms/port-a-potties at some, challenging climbing areas for older kids or more adventurous kids.
- Dog park, updated equipment, things for teenagers, outdoor exercise equipment
- Undeveloped natural areas
- Sundquist open space needs a trail with staircase to the river. I really want to see what I can do to make this happen.

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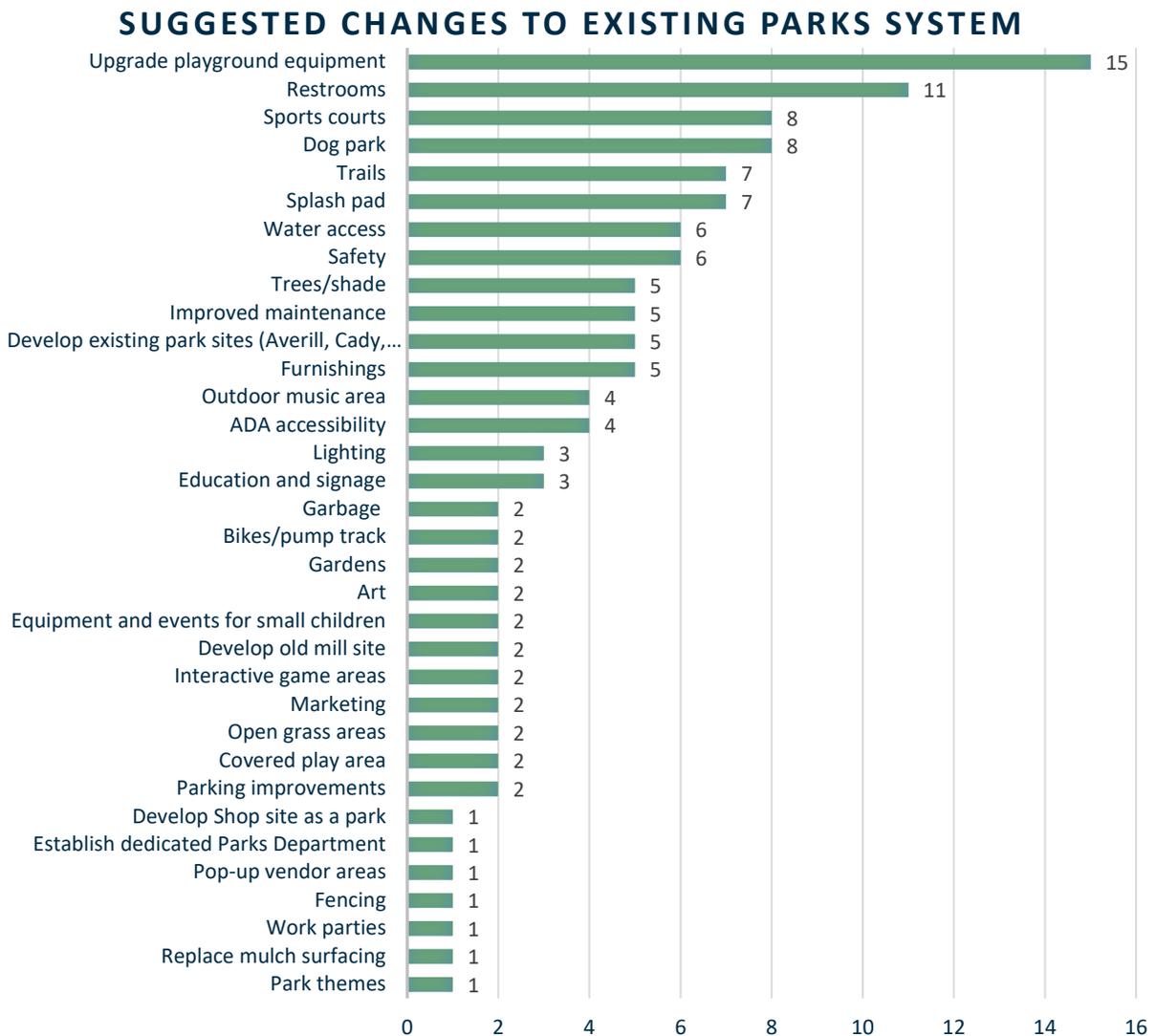
- Adequate restrooms
- Better playground equipment for sure.
- Water play for kids to cool down, open space not concealed by trees or encroached on by the boys and girls club activities, bicycle pump tracks, close proximity to restaurants and cafes, at time parks are missing safety
- A central gathering place for big events
- Mountain bike trails, pumptrack
- Spray park and garbage cans
- Utilizing the open spaces /
- More maintenance and keep any homeless, druggies away such as the bathrooms
- Architecture and/or Events that convey an appreciation of the diverse Snohomish culture/events. Canoe journey with the indigenous community for which the city is named.
- Bathrooms
- More woods. Bigger parks. More parks.
- Restrooms and garbage cans
- more places with benches and picnic tables
- Docks with river access
- I believe the parks are missing a variety in equipment that can attract kids of more ages and ability levels. Many of my students go to the boys and girls club and I would LOVE to see a magnificent playground for them. I know safety has to play a factor but lets let them have a big rope climbing toy, tall slide, etc. I don't know if that would mean 2 playgrounds (so little kids and big kids can all get a piece of the fun). It would be nice to have some covered areas for families to gather or have a picnic. This would allow us to visit in rain or sun. I also think of our kids with disabilities and just having someone with that lense on the committee. A bathroom would be great as well.
- I think downtown needs a park in the middle of town for festivals like the big grass patch by the library
- Nice restrooms
- Not much
- I would love more signage that identifies plants.
- Snohomish parks have rundown playgrounds and open fields. To utilize an open field in a recreational way, you need a large group of people. It's easier to get involvement if the infrastructure is already there.
- We have so much greenery and space, I'd love to see more dog-friendly, off leash trails
- Public Art. ADA access play structures. Better staffing for maintenance.
- Botanical garden - a place that features gardens, herbs, native trees and plants, shows landscaping options (could do a great garden show in Pilchuck Park with all of our talented farmers and nurseries), More activities for adults - badminton, bocce ball, volleyball, chess court, a game park perhaps? More information on what parks exist in the area.
- An off-leash dog park and a neighborhood park for residents west of Avenue D. Homestead Park is too far north and most city parks are on the east side of town. Every neighborhood, except the west central neighborhood, has a level of service (LOS) of 80% or more. West Central has only a LOS of 20% and not a single neighborhood park.
- benches/picnic tables, restrooms, adult size swings
- dedicated dog park.
- The park I go to all the time (by the boys and girls club) is missing a bathroom. Which becomes very stressful very fast if one of my kids all of a sudden has to go.

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- A dog park
- Snohomish parks are severely lacking compared to surrounding communities. The bathrooms are run down, dirty, or closed, trash is dumped regularly in the river and parking lots and we lack spaces for people to recreate safely. I've experienced people meeting to fight at blackmans lake, had to call the cops on drug users sleeping in cars and found used condoms in snohomish parks parking lots. I've tried to take my kids swimming and found a couch in the river at pilchuck park and I've never seen a ranger or maintenance person of any kind at any park. Never have I had any of these experiences in Monroe or lake stevens parks. I frequent them now. It's sad that our kids sports teams are paying other cities for practice fields because snohomish has never prioritizes parks and has no good fields that are lit in the winter aside from the high school. It's a huge missed opportunity for our community.
- Well for the Fischer Pocket Park, updated play structures that aren't still in the 80s.
- Garbage being picked up, restrooms open, clean and accessible. The restrooms on First Street in Snohomish are an example of this. Having restrooms open certain hours, garbages being emptied daily.
- Unique/unusual playground features
- Bathrooms that are actually open.
- Bathrooms and water along the trail. Users have to use businesses. Also there's plenty of trail parking but trail users fill the library lot instead
- The riverfront trail is wonderful but too short.

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Question 13: *If you were given the funding to make any change at all to the existing City of Snohomish park system, what would it be?*



Full responses, uncategorized:

- For RWR exclusively, more river access, viewing areas of the north marsh (doesn't even have to be a structure...just clear some of the brush between the trail and the marsh.
- See if a money making system could be devised. Install welcoming safe playground equipment. Make sure the parking location safe, feels safe, handicap accessible. Install a theme for each park, taking in history of what was at that site before, and or bringing historical building/artifacts/markers on learning trails.
- Re-construction of Kla Ha Ya Park for outside entertainment
- More pickleball courts would be nice. And pave the parking areas.
- I need to explore existing parks first. But I think, it would be something from what I mentioned in the question # 10.
- Add armed security

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- Finish both Averill Field and the Carnegie site.
- Connect Centennial trail to Burke Gilman trail
- Add a dog park
- Splash pads, add more parks, new play structures, better footing (not mulch)
- Pilchuck Park would have 6 , 8 Pickleball Court , The area by the boys and girls club would be a good place for music outdoor events, and a waterpark for the kids.
- Create a centralized accessible playground with facilities and picnic tables so more people can enjoy them.
- Build a park with a splash pad
- Add splash pad
- Bigger play structures.
- Add police patrols, improved playgrounds, and covered play areas
- I think that they need to be marketed better. I think that there's some hidden gems that I just don't know about being a new resident here in the city of Snohomish. I think that bringing people out for work parties so that it can create a higher sense of community and ownership to the beauty Would be awesome and some sort of educational programs
- Add sports courts and trails with water access.
- Dog park
- Park by a lake
- Add more spacious play areas for families
- More independent play. Imagination Station in Troutdale Oregon
- update play structures if needed, add a couple more parks with green space, add some parks with mainly trails-but safe trails;
- Free parking, more parking more bathrooms
- I would create a large community park by the boys and girls club with a splash pad and plenty of benches with a newer/expanded park, near downtown Snohomish on the South side of the river or along Ave D/Bickford Ave. Another option would be to update and redesign Ferguson park or expand Hill Park so there's a splash pad option (similar to lake tye in Monroe).
- Give police the authority to actually do something to deter those that vandalize the parks and do or sell drugs in the parks. We used to walk to Pilchuck Park daily - now it's not safe during certain times.
- We need a big awesome park downtown- maybe refresh the one by the boys and girls club or add a splash park to pilchuck
- Better play structures
- Kid events for residents in the morning. Kids are active and awake in the morning. The evening stuff is useless because we are tired and it's almost bedtime.
- Dedicated little sections at the same park as bigger kid areas.
- Upgrade playground equipment, make them safer for children to actually play there
- Have better park facilities at Blackmans Lake and along the river.
- I would spend funding on expanding fenced areas for toddlers and adding sport features for older children and adults to use
- Better playgrounds
- Off leash dog area
- Volleyball courts. Bathrooms. Put the slides back by the skatepark (just dont add tunnels)
- Make a fenced in dog park

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- I would make more use of our amazing rivers. Even, for example, at the SW extremity of the Poop Loop there is a very rugged trail that eventually culminates at the river. What a perfect spot to upgrade the trail and open up the shore with seating.
- Upkeep is very important
- Clean and safe restrooms.
- I would prioritize projects that would be the most desirable to the widest range of ages possible. The more people drawn to spend time and linger in parks helps increase the security of that park and area. Increased park-goers, design, and solar lighting are better vandalism/crime prevention measures than using funding for surveillance of our community and open space areas. Ideas for creating unique spaces to draw the public to our parks: Community Art: stepping stones, outdoor sculpture gardens/bird baths, perches/seating areas with artistic elements for a broad range of abilities and age groups. Gardens: Botanical/herb/zen gardens; plants, bushes, trees that attract and support native birds. Gathering spaces: Mini amphitheater, courtyard areas, areas for pop-up vendor/makers spaces and food trucks, creative perching/seating areas Bodies of Water: Design elements to promote, highlight, and utilize the most prominent and desirable feature of many of our open spaces Potential Community Partners: Snohomish School District, Snohomish Conservation District, Sno-Isle Library, Local Colleges (landscape design, art classes), 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, Snohomish Sportsmens Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis, Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, Local farms, churches, and community groups, local business.
- Carve out a small portion of the aquatic center park for a dog park. And add year round interactive art exhibits to the parks!
- A reservation system for courts.
- Flat skating area
- More equipment and more parent benches
- Covered large playground structure for all ages that kids mostly elementary age could use during each of the seasons.
- I'd love to see more parks that are truly accessible. I'd love for there to be more ramps onto play structures, swings for people who may need a chair, I'd also really appreciate fencing with gates so people with kids that are runners wouldn't have to worry quite as much about their child running out of the play area.
- Trees, more trees, and then a couple more
- Add a staircase and trail down to the river at Sundquist open space. It would be so wonderful to safely walk with my dog down to the stream.
- Restore the A Street Gazebo
- Just improve the existing parks. We have plenty, we don't need pocket parks that are tiny with no room for kids to run around.
- I would relocate the boys and girls club to another location, renovate averill field to include a walking/jogging trail, bike pumptrack, childrens splash park for summer, and climbing area with swings and small covered area for shade. This location is close to many restaurants and cafes and the new carnegie building. An investment in a renovated park at this location would be wise for marketing opportunities and a return for local businesses
- I would purchase the old mill site, by taxes, bonds how ever possible. It could be a great open space for concerts, picnics. People could park there and walk into town by converting the railroad bridge to foot traffic.
- Add mountain bike trails or at least a pumptrack
- Restrooms and a place for musical and theatre performancs.

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- A dog park would be nice, as well as paying attention to the north side of the City by trails end when planning events. Not just focussing on the downtown area.
- Maintenance
- Restore the gazebo on First and A
- to have bathrooms available in all and people to man them
- Set aside large tract of woods.
- Increase restrooms and garbage cans
- Interpretative signage -- "what was here before?"
- expand current park size and/or number of parks -- need to preserve all green space we have in town
- Larger Gazebo Addition of a dock or two Park at City Shop site
- The boys and girls club park or pilchuck park. I believe the B and G would reach the most people though.
- Lighting on the river walk and maybe the river trail keep cleaner
- Add exercise equipment
- I would build an outdoor multi-game court in the field at 3rd and Pine. Some basketball courts would be great too.
- Bigger dog parks
- Better funding of a dedicated Parks Department.
- Advertising about what resources we do have, and find a place to do a botanical garden effort - perhaps at the Carnegie? or larger park? Carnegie may be good for some of the games - chess plaza, horseshoes or bocce ball?
- Relocate the city shop at 1801 First Street and turn the acreage into a shoreline neighborhood park for the residents living west of Avenue D. It is very rare to have this kind of opportunity to utilize the shoreline to the Snohomish River. This shoreline park is in the current PROS Master Plan but Steve Schuler and Brandon Collins want to delete it altogether and make permanent the existing temporary city shop. Brandon Collins, city parks project manager, claims the shop site is currently zoned "light-industrial", implying it would be hard to rezone it to "Parks". Very misleading. It took the city council about 20 minutes to change the zoning for the Homestead Park from "single family" to "parks" just a few years ago.
- more shade trees, more picnic tables and benches, more inviting landscaping
- plant more trees
- Restrooms
- A QUALITY dog park
- Regular security, cleaning and maintenance and we MUST have a functional bathroom if a park is open. Porta potties we're even removed from pilchuck park. People are pooping on the beach!!
- Update the play equipment at Fischer Pocket Park.
- As stated above. Have staff who clean and lock/unlock restrooms (if they're available) on a schedule and also to empty garbages daily more on busy days (like at Blackmans Lake in the summer). Be like First Street bathrooms. I'd wish for access to restrooms at ALL parks in the summertime. Having Pilchuck locked all the time is horrible.
- Clean restrooms, variety of playground features
- Better lighting on fields and actual security or better locks for bathrooms. It's 2022. Those lights are inefficient (both from a cost to run, and actual light provided). I am willing to bet the city loses money every time they turn on, especially when you factor in maintenance to them (which hasn't been done for years, hence several are out). It's 2022 and there is a high vandalism

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problem. Spend money to secure the bathrooms and you'd save money long run instead of having to buy new things and pay guys to constantly fix things. (Vs the current solution of "just close them").

- Update all existing structures while adding more inclusive equipment. Provide walking trails.
- Love to see the centennial trail finally connect with nearby trail network
- Finish Averill Field, Cady Landing Bridge Connector, and Homestead Parks!