

Bow Bottom Trail Drainage Improvement Project

Phase 2: Explore- What We Heard Report
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Project overview

Queensland Off Leash Dog Park, along Bow Bottom Trail near Canyon Meadows Drive has been identified for future development of a dry pond to prevent flooding along Bow Bottom Trail and nearby properties. During significant rainfall events, the roadway along Bow Bottom Trail towards Canyon Meadows Drive becomes impassable which creates a safety risk to drivers and people in the area.

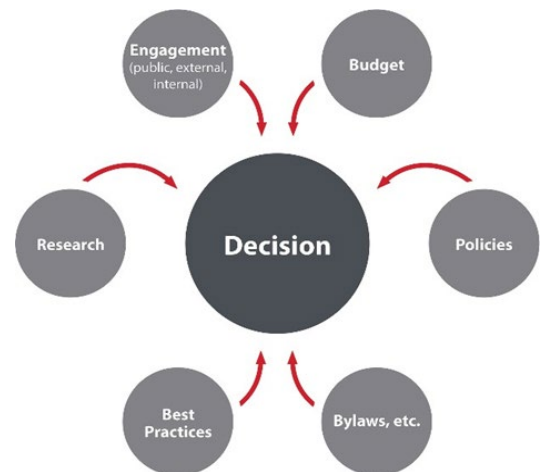
A dry pond is primarily dry most of the time and has little impact on how the space is currently being used. Dry ponds are created to prevent the stormwater system from becoming overwhelmed and helps prevent water from backing up into basements or flooding into houses or businesses. It will also help to reduce street flooding which prevents damage to vehicles and other property. Dry ponds are equipped with multiple drains that help empty the water within 1-24 hours, depending on how much rain has fallen. The existing berm will be replaced with a sound barrier wall and construction is expected to begin as early as 2026 for the duration of approximately six months. Details on construction impacts and the associated timelines will be communicated prior to the start of construction.

Engagement approach

During Phase 2 of engagement, we introduced a design concept informed by feedback gathered in Phase 1. The project was promoted through social media, poster boards, QR-coded cards, and increased awareness via the Community Associations in the surrounding communities.

How participant feedback will be used

Community input is essential to creating a park that reflects local vision. Feedback from Phase 2 helped shape the conceptual design, which outlines features and amenities shown in the draft renderings. While this input is vital, the final plan will also factor in technical data, policies, budgets, and best practices for a balanced, sustainable design.



Phase 2 engagement overview

This section of the report provides a summary of the strategies used to inform and engage the public on the project in Phase 2: Explore. The goal was to gather public feedback on the concept.

Project Objectives

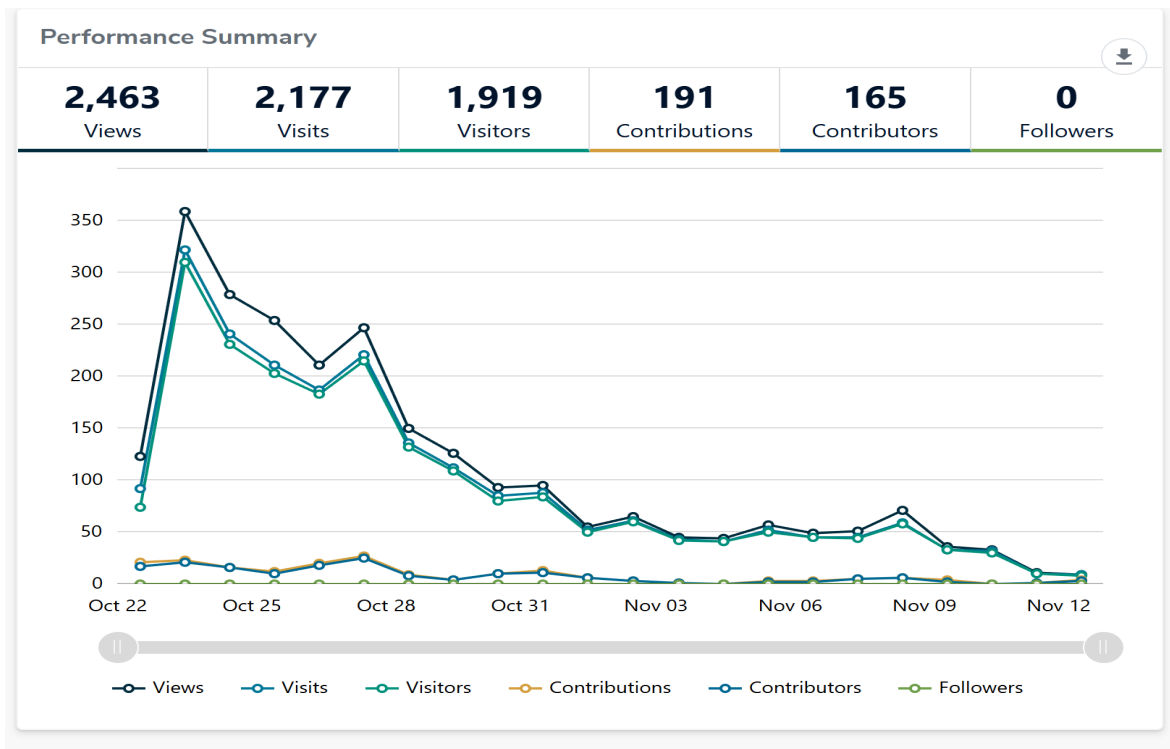
- Build community awareness around the vision and importance of the Bow Bottom Trail



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- Drive participation across diverse demographic groups and nearby communities who use the park space.

Between October 22 and November 12, 2025, the platform recorded 2,463 views, 2,177 visits, and 1,919 unique visitors, with 191 contributions from 165 contributors.

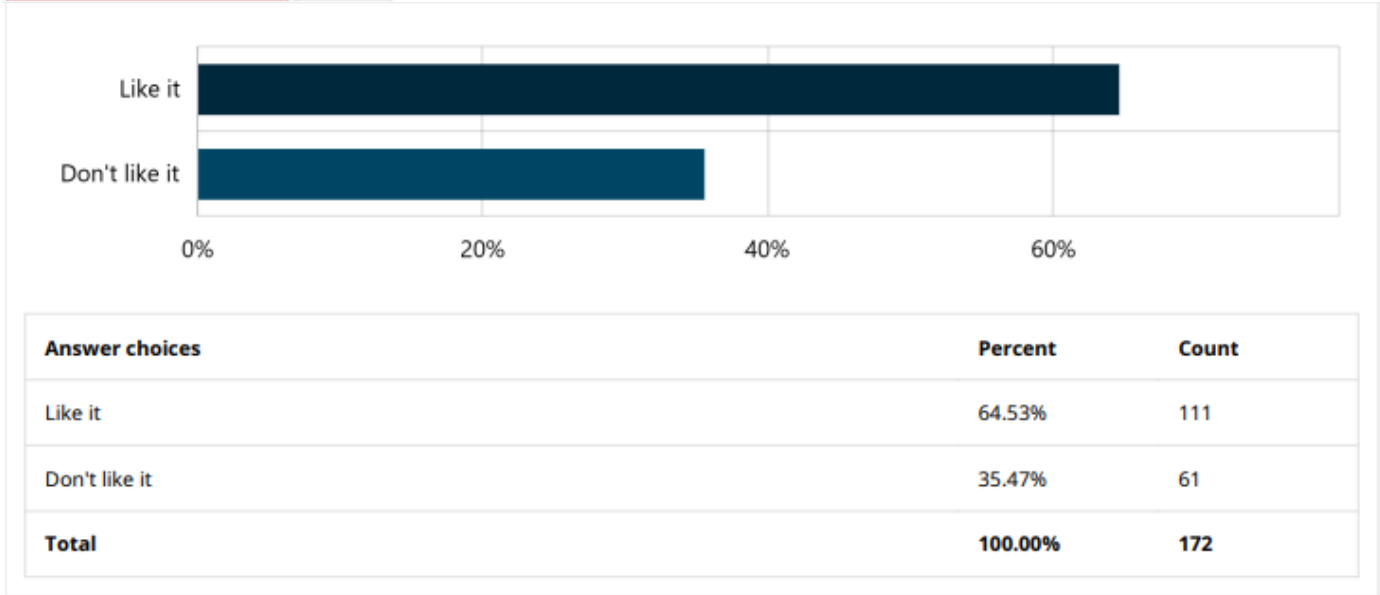


What we asked and what we heard: Phase 2

The following section summarizes what we asked and what we heard during Phase 2: Explore. This section presents the types of questions asked. It is intended purely to illustrate the distribution of responses and should not be interpreted as a voting mechanism. The comments and responses may be a varied range of feedback.

The first question we asked is: **Looking at the renderings above and referring to the What We Heard Report from Phase 1 what do you think of the proposed plan?**

Below is a visual representation of the question's results:



The second question asked is: **Would you like to share any final thoughts on the proposed plan?** This section highlights five key themes that emerged from your feedback. Each theme is paired with verbatim quotes that showcase the variety of opinions shared by participants. Note: no edits have been made to people’s comments

Most participants highlighted that ensuring safety is a priority for an off-leash dog park.
Supporting comments:

- *“fenced-in off-leash park”*
- *“Please include fences and gates.”*
- *“Fully fenced dog park would be great”*
- *“A fenced in Off Leash Park would be awesome”*

Community feedback strongly supports dry ponds as a particular flood mitigation solution, with attention to maintenance and usability.

- Supporting comments:
- *“No, looks like a sensible way of accommodating flood events.”*
 - *“Flood mitigation is important in a lower area Looks usable for the public”*
 - *“Like the flooding prevention as this area often has a large puddle with chinook melts”*
 - *“What and if any smell will there be for sitting water? Will there be more mosquito control in the area?”*
 - *“Looks like it’s much needed. Hopefully, it will be maintained to contain the mosquitoes and overgrowth”*

Feedback reflects strong interest in pathways that improve mobility and connectivity while respecting the park’s primary purpose.

Supporting comments:



- *"make the pathway good for running"*
- *"It needs to remain an off-leash area. No bicycles."*
- *"Like the idea of improving the off leash with fences and pathways."*
- *"Really great pathway design, and even great for people who want to experience the area."*
- *"I support more new pathway connections in this area for better walking and biking access."*

Feedback reflects enthusiasm for greener, more sustainable landscape that balances functionality with ecological health.

Supporting comments:

- *"Love it but keep the existing trees"*
- *"Would like to see more trees or shade"*
- *"Please go heavy on the native plants and grasses"*
- *"I like it. I would like to see more trees and indigenous planting."*

Some comments raised concerns about cost, maintenance and parking.

Supporting comments:

- *"Only concern is parking"*
- *"Not needed. Stop wasting money"*
- *"Gross misuse of taxpayer funds."*
- *"This is a total waste of money. It's perfectly fine how it is now"*

Overall, feedback shows strong community interest in improvements that enhance safety, connectivity, and natural features, while ensuring the space remains welcoming and functional for all users.

Next steps

Construction of the dry pond and park improvements could start in early 2026 and will take approximately six months to complete. We thank you for providing your valuable input that has helped to shape the future of this space.

Verbatim comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to the Project Team to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have also been removed from participant submissions.

Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remain. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers. [Full verbatim comments can be viewed via this link.](#)