Big Marlborough Park Master Plan Project What We Heard Report

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Land Acknowledgement

The city of Calgary sits on fertile land where two rivers meet, where Indigenous Peoples have been gathering for thousands of years, sharing knowledge and storytelling, and planning for future generations. The traditional names for this place we know as Calgary are Moh-kins-tsis, Wîchispa Oyade, Otos-kwunee and Guts-ists'i - the land that has given so much to so many.

Calgary is located on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta. This includes the Blackfoot Confederacy, made up of the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations; the Îethka Nakoda Wîcastabi First Nations, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. Calgary is also homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We acknowledge all Indigenous urban Calgarians who have made this city their home. Together, their spiritual and practical relationships to the land create rich lessons for our life as a community.



Figure 1: Spring Landscape

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Executive Summary

The Big Marlborough Park Master Plan aims to revitalize the park by enhancing community engagement, social inclusion, and park amenities. The park, established in the 1970s, is an important greenspace in northeast Calgary, surrounded by schools and community facilities. The project addresses the urgent need for updated park facilities to serve the growing and diverse population in the northeast quadrant.

Engagement Process

Engagement was open from March 20 to April 21, 2025. Platforms and tactics included the Engage portal page (https://engage.calgary.ca/BMPmasterplan), an open house, park pop-ups, Coffee and Conversations, 3 school workshops and 4 community events. Posters and postcards were also distributed throughout the community. A sounding board was placed in front of the Marlborough Park Community Association with regular updates and bold signs were deployed telling communities about the opportunities to provide feedback.

We had 2,810 online visitors to 92 participants at our in-person events, 62 at our school workshops and 116 at community events for a total of 3,080 participants.

Key Themes from Community Feedback

1. Concept Preferences

Concept 1: Recreation Hub

- It was favored for its active play focus, including playgrounds, sports fields, and gathering spaces.
- Top features: Playground, pathway connections, gathering spaces.
- Preferred by schools for student use and physical activity.

Concept 2: Community Hub

- Emphasized nature, art, and dispersed gathering areas.
- Top features: Gardens, picnic pockets, gathering in nature.
- Valued for its calming environment and cultural programming.

2. Levels of Support

Participants allocated points to preferred features:

- **Top online priorities:** Gardens, playgrounds, pathways, and bikeways.
- **Top in-person priorities:** Gardens, pathways, playgrounds.

3. School Engagement Highlights

Workshops with local schools revealed:

- Strong support for outdoor education, Indigenous learning, and nature-based play.
- Need for accessible, safe, and inclusive spaces.
- Emphasis on physical and mental wellbeing through sports and mindfulness areas.

Project Overview

Big Marlborough Park, established in the 1970s, has remained largely unchanged over the decades. This multi-functional greenspace is situated in the heart of the northeast community of Marlborough Park. The park is surrounded by important community facilities, including the Marlborough Park Community Association, Dr. Gladys McKelvie Egbert School, St. Martha School, and Roland Michener and Cappy Smart Elementary Schools.

The northeast Calgary region is home to a significant population of new Canadians and diverse ethnic groups, making parks and open spaces essential for fostering community connections and supporting newcomers.

As one of Calgary's fastest-growing areas, the northeast faces a shortage of redeveloped regional park facilities to meet the high demand. Many existing features within Big Marlborough Park, including tennis courts, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, playgrounds, and the toboggan hill, are nearing the end of their lifecycle and require updates to better serve the growing population.

The Big Marlborough Park project aims to revitalize the park, enhance community engagement, promote social inclusion, and improve park amenities. Identified by the Legacy Parks Program, this project addresses the urgent need to upgrade existing park spaces in the northeast quadrant of our city.

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Project Area

Borders:

- North & East: Madigan Drive N.E.
- West: Maidstone Drive, Madeira Gate, and Madeira Drive N.E.
- South: 4 Avenue N.E.

Nearby Roads:

- North: Manora Drive N.E.
- East: 8 Avenue N.E. and Maitland Drive N.E.
- Southeast: Malvern Drive N.E.

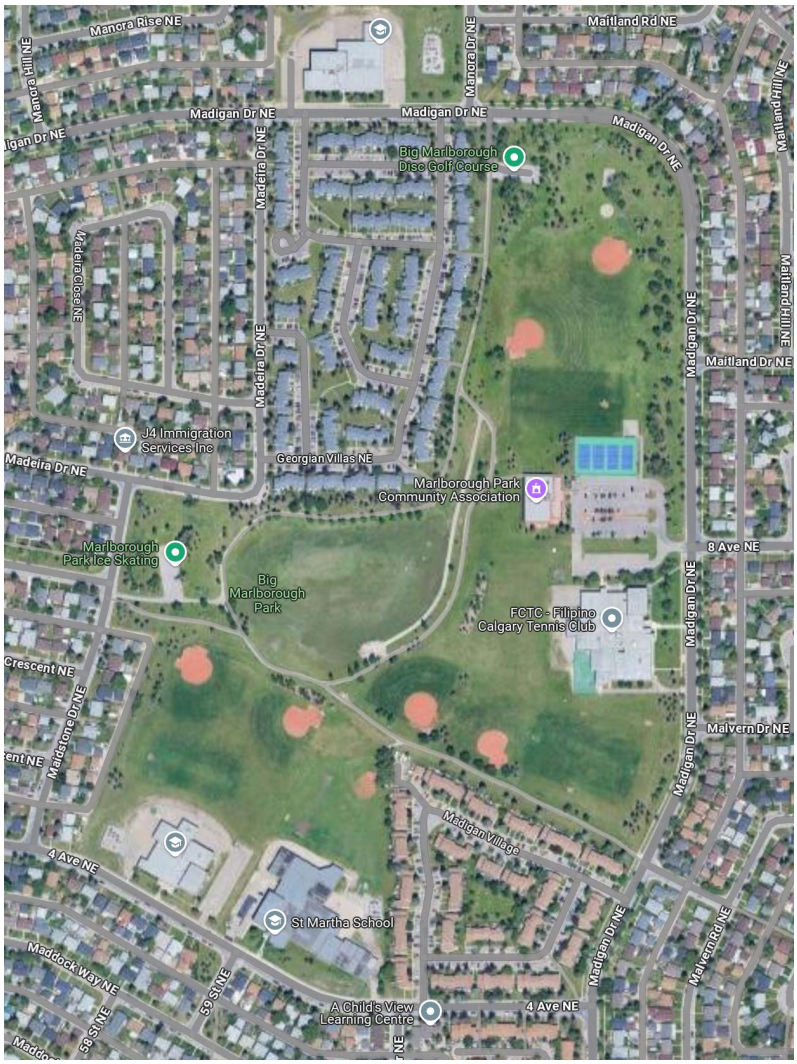


Figure 2: Google map of Big

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Project Goals

1. Enhance the park space to better serve the community's needs.
2. Foster a greater sense of community and social inclusion through thoughtful engagement and design.
3. Upgrade and refresh existing amenities to ensure they meet current standards.
4. Align with the Pathway and Bikeway (5A Network) recommendations.
5. Address the northeast quadrant's need for improved and updated park amenities.
6. Improve regional park amenities.

Project Outcomes

Develop a comprehensive master plan to guide the construction and completion of the following:

1. Enhanced Park amenities and facilities to better serve the community.
2. Increased community engagement and social inclusion through thoughtful design and programming.
3. A revitalized park that remains relevant, useful, and welcoming for years to come.
4. A phased implementation plan to guide construction.

Engagement Timeline

Summer/Fall 2024: Round 1 (Values and Priorities)

Objective: Active outreach and engagement to understand the community's values, concerns, and
priorities for Big Marlborough Park.

Process: Open houses, pop-up in the parks, community collaborations, portal page

Focus Areas:

- Park Usage
- Accessibility and Inclusivity
- Community Events and Programming

- Safety and Security
- Cultural and Historical Significance
- Community Engagement
- Future Vision

Outcome: The Big Marlborough Park What We Heard Report Summer 2024 was generated from the insights gathered. These learnings guided Phase 1, Round 2 of outreach and engagement (Concept and Design). A What We Did Report was completed and posted on the portal page.

Winter 2024 - Spring 2025: Round 2 (Concept and Design)

Objective: Gather feedback on the proposed concepts and designs for park enhancements.

Process: Present proposed concepts, incorporating feedback from the first round of engagement.

Outcome: The Big Marlborough Park What We Heard Report Spring 2025 was generated from the insights gathered. This report will help guide the final concept and design.

2025: Round 3 (Completion and Report Back)

Objective: Present the final park design, known as the master plan, to the community.

Process: Finalize the park design incorporating feedback from the second round of engagement.

Outcome: Showcase the proposed enhancements for Big Marlborough Park.

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Engagement and Communications Overview

Engagement Participation Numbers

Platform/Tactic/Tool	Dates	Numbers
Portal Page https://engage.calgary.ca/BMPmasterplan		
Main	March 20 – April 21	2,810 visitors
Open House		
Open House at Marlborough Park Community Association	Thursday, April 3, 2025	68 attendees
Park Pop-Ups		
Park Pop-Up 1	Cancelled due to inclement weather	N/A
Park Pop-Up 2	Sat., April 12, 2025	24
Online Coffee & Conversation		
Online Coffee & Conversation 1	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	0
Online Coffee & Conversation 2	Tuesday, April 15, 2025	1
School Workshops		
Pizza & Presentation: Dr. Egbert	Friday, April 11, 2025	25
Pizza & Presentation: Roland Michener	Thurs., April 17, 2025	17
Pizza & Presentation: Cappy Smart	Friday, April 25, 2025	20
Static Displays		
Sounding Board	March 24 – April 21	580[1] views
Community Association & Ward 10 Events		
Ward 10 Town Hall	Thurs., March 20, 2025	35
Marlborough Park Community Assoc.	Wed. April 9, 2025	10
Ward 10 Open House	Thurs., May 1, 2025	16
Ward 10 Town Hall	Thurs., May 15, 2025	55

Table 1. Engagement audience and tactic summary

[1] Based on 20 views per day between March 24 and April 21, 2025.

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General Metrics - Communications

Date	Tool	Numbers
Mar. 24 – Apr. 21, 2025	Bold signs	9
Mar. 24 – Apr. 21, 2025	Social media	Total impressions: 290,126 Total link clicks: 2,813
Mar. 24 – May 15, 2025	Sounding board	1 (580 views)
Mar. 24 – Apr. 21, 2025	Sandwich board signs	6 (double sided)
Mar. 24 – Apr. 2, 2025	Community posters	12
March 14, 2025	Canada Post mailout	14,751
Mar. 24 – Apr. 21. 2025	Web content on Cllr Chabot's City website, under 'Community events & engagement' for all BMP online and in-person events	

Table 2. Communications tactic summary

Audience and Methodology

In-Person Engagement

(March 20 – April 21, 2025)

Outreach and engagement took place during the spring of 2025, beginning with community conversations in March and continuing with public participation from March 20 – April 21, 2025.

School Workshops

(April 11, April 17, April 25, 2025)

We held a series of lunch hour workshops with education staff and administrators from three of the schools around Marlborough Park: Dr. G.M. Egbert, Roland Michener, and Cappy Smart. The sessions included a brief presentation, pizza, and refreshments designed to foster engagement and dialogue. This initiative focused on a key interest group, school staff and administrators, who have both a vested interest in and direct knowledge about Big Marlborough Park. The purpose of the engagement was to share information, build relationships, and gather feedback from school staff on how they use the park, their concerns, and opportunities to support their curriculum.

According to the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), this engagement aligned with the following levels: Inform, Consult and Involve.

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Open House

(April 3, 2025)

An in-person Open House was held on Thursday, April 3 at the Marlborough Park Community Association to engage residents in the Big Marlborough Park project. The event featured a hot chocolate bar to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, encouraging community members to drop in, learn about the project, ask questions, and share their feedback. This approach supported IAP2 principles by fostering transparency, trust, and two-way dialogue, and provided an opportunity for real-time interaction with the project team.

Park Pop-Ups

(April 12, 2025)

In addition to the Open House, two pop-up engagement sessions were planned within Big Marlborough Park to connect with residents directly in the space being discussed. These informal, on-site events were intended to gather spontaneous feedback from park users and passersby. While the first pop-up was cancelled due to inclement weather, the second session proceeded as planned and provided valuable opportunities for face-to-face conversations, reinforcing the IAP2 principles of accessibility and responsiveness by meeting people where they are.

Community Posters

We distributed informational posters at key community locations. Posters were placed at the Marlborough Park Community Association, Calgary Library Forest Lawn, Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Club, Village Square Leisure Centre, Centre for Newcomers, and the Mustard Seed Community Centre (Madigan Drive location).

Online Outreach and Engagement

Coffee and Conversation

(April 8 and 15, 2025)

To provide additional opportunities for engagement, two online *Coffee and Conversations* sessions were scheduled from noon – 1 p.m. allowing participants to connect directly with the project team in a relaxed, virtual setting. This tactic offered a more conversational platform for feedback, supporting the IAP2 principles of inclusiveness and responsiveness by accommodating those who preferred digital interaction or were unable to attend in-person events.

Portal Page

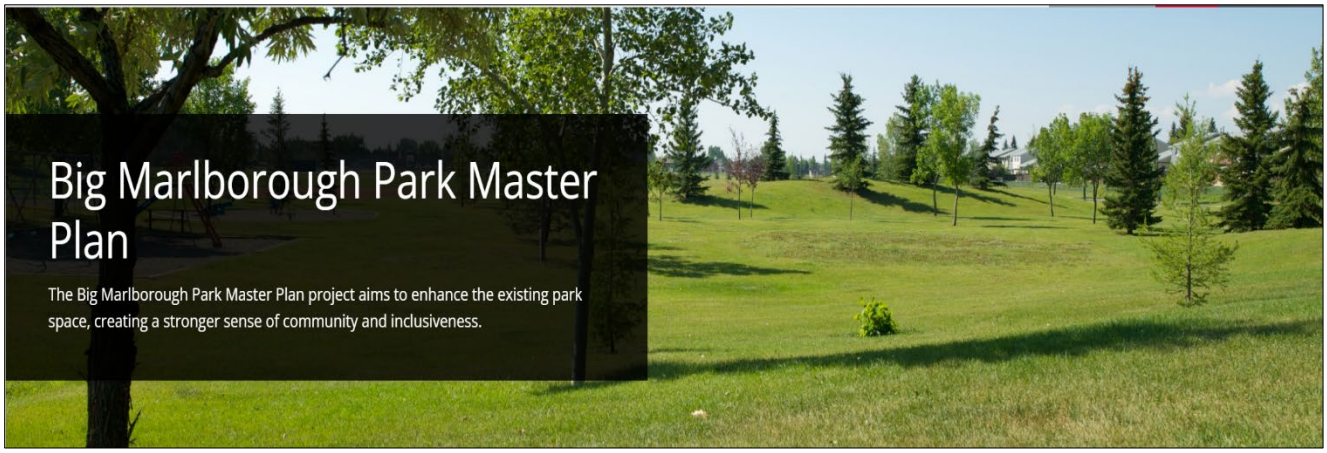


Figure 33: Banner from www. engage.calgary.ca/BMPmasterplan

To ensure broad and inclusive public participation, the portal page with a feedback form was used as a key engagement tool. This platform allowed community members to share their input conveniently and anonymously, regardless of their schedules, mobility, or comfort with in-person events. The digital format also streamlined data collection and analysis, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of community perspectives.

Using an online feedback form aligns with IAP2 principles by promoting inclusiveness and accessibility. It also supports transparency and informed participation by providing consistent access to project information and a clear channel for input.

As per the graph below, we received 3,664 views, 3,295 visits, 280 visitors, 787 contributions by 341 contributors.[2]

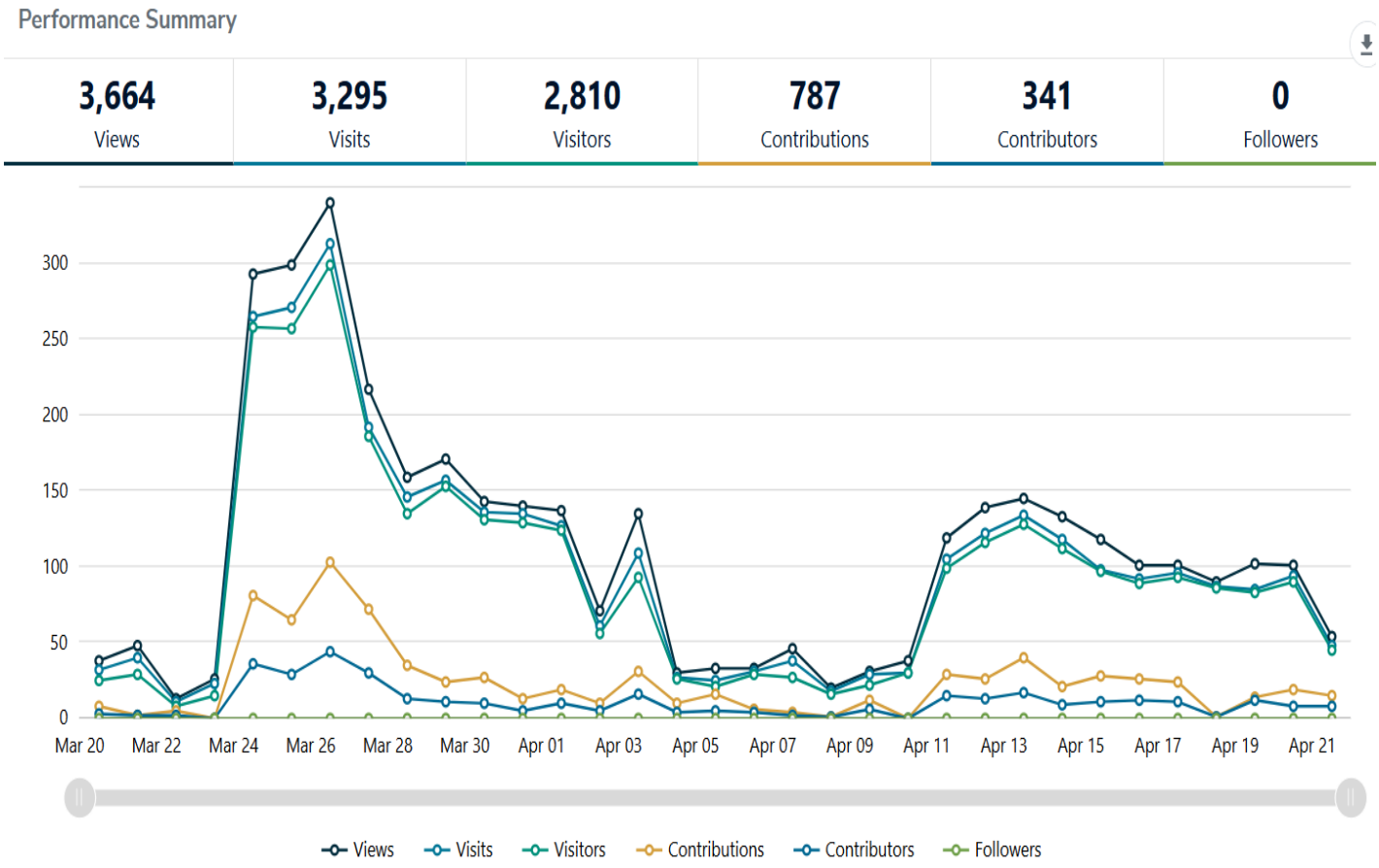


Figure 4: Portal page numbers

[2] Views are the number of times a Visitor views any page on a Site. Visits are the number of end-user sessions associated with a single Visitor. Visitors are the number of unique public or end-users to a Site. A Visitor is only counted once, even if they visit a Site several times in one day.

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What We Asked

This section of the report contains the questions asked through various platforms.

Portal Page

Concept 1: Recreation Hub

1. What do you like about 'Concept 1: Recreation Hub'? Select your top 3 from the choices below.

    - Skills Park
    - Gathering Spaces
    - Outdoor Basketball
    - Playground
    - Central Community Hub
    - Pathway Connections
    - Dedicated Sports Field- Baseball and/or Soccer
    - Multiuse Cricket + Soccer Field
    - Other (please specify)

2. Would you prefer a bike skills park or a skatepark?

3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about 'Concept 1: A Recreation Hub'?

Concept 2: Community Hub

1. What do you like about 'Concept 2: A Community Hub'? Select your top 3 from the choices below.

    - Multiuse Cricket + Soccer Field
    - Play Features
    - Multi-purpose Field
    - Picnic Pockets
    - Central Community Hub
    - Garden
    - Pathway Connections
    - Gathering in Nature
    - Other (please specify)

2. Which of the following features is most important to you?
    - Play features

- Art and mural features
- Picnic amenities

3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about 'Concept 2: A Recreation Hub'?

Help Us Prioritize

1. Which of the amenities and activities would you, your family, and friends enjoy the most? Select your top 5 from the choices below.

- Open field
- Soccer pitch
- Cricket pitch (multipurpose cricket + soccer field)
- Baseball diamond
- Disk golf
- Tennis + pickleball courts
- Bike skills park
- Skatepark
- Playground
- Attending community gatherings
- Basketball (full court)
- Basketball (3x3)
- Garden
- Enjoying nature
- Pathways

2. Which of the following features would you like to see more of in the park?

- Picnic tables
- Trees
- Shelter
- BBQs
- Nearby open spaces
- Fire pits
- Other (please specify)

3. When you get together with family and friends, how large are your gatherings?

- 5 people or less
- 6-12 people
- 12-24 people
- More than 24 people
- Other (please specify)

4. How would you, or your family and friends, like to use the pathways in the park?
   - Walking, strolling, rolling
   - Running
   - Biking
   - Scootering

- Other (please specify)

5. What elements would you like to see in a new play area in Big Marlborough Park?
    - Climbing structures
    - Glide line / Zip line
    - Swings
    - Nature inspired play
    - Musical play
    - Other (please specify)

6. Which of the following ideas would you be most excited about?
    - More trees
    - Pollinator gardens (bee friendly)
    - Nature gardens (local grasses and water-wise plants)
    - Rain gardens (planted with water-wise plants in an area that captures rainwater)

Levels of Support

We want to know how you would support the following features in Big Marlborough Park. You have 20 points to allocate. You can use them all on one park feature or spread them out according to which ones you most support. You must use a minimum of ten points before you can submit.

(Note: 'Gathering Spaces' was inadvertently left off the feature list. This was mirrored during in-person engagement as well.)

- Open Field
- Soccer Pitch
- Cricket Pitch (multipurpose cricket and soccer field)
- Baseball Diamond
- Disc Golf
- Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- Bike Skills Park
- Skatepark
- Playground (areas of play)
- Community Events
- (organizing, attending or participating in)
- Basketball (full court, 3 x 3)
- Gardens (pollinator, rain, nature)
- Enjoying Nature
- Pathways & Bikeways (accessible for all ages and abilities)

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In-Person

Open House

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Concept 2: Community Hub

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    - Central Community Hub
    - Garden
    - Pathway Connections
    - Gathering in Nature
    - Other (please specify)

2. Which of the following features is most important to you?
    - Play features
    - Art and mural features

- Picnic amenities

3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about 'Concept 2: A Recreation Hub'?

Levels of Support

Using Mason jars and wooden tokens, we asked how you would support the following features in Big Marlborough Park. You have 10 points to allocate. You can use them all on one park feature or spread them out according to which ones you most support.

- Open Field
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Pop-Ups

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Community Conversations (April 11, 17, 25, 2025)

The following questions were used as discussion points and conversation starters during workshops with teachers and administrators from Cappy Smart Elementary, Roland Michener Elementary, and Dr. Egbert Junior High School.

Outdoor Education

Focus on: How the park supports outdoor learning.

Think about flexible seating, weather-resistant teaching tools, and natural science equipment like magnifying glasses and plant guides.

Prompting Questions

How do you currently use the park for outdoor education?

What features of the park are most beneficial for outdoor learning?

What additional features or improvements would enhance outdoor education?

Science (and Math)

Focus on: Utilization of the park for science curriculum.

Think about areas for experiments, water features, and observation tools.

Prompting Questions

Which scientific concepts are taught using the park?

What specific areas or features of the park are used for science lessons?

What additional resources or changes could better support science education?

Art

Focus on: Use of the park for art and cultural activities. Art can include visual arts, performing arts, digital arts, and creative writing.

Think about open spaces for creativity, natural elements for inspiration, and maybe even art supplies for storage.

Prompting Questions

How do students use the park for art projects?

What elements of the park inspire creativity in art?

What improvements or additions could enhance art activities in the park?

Physical and Mental Wellbeing

Focus on: Physical education and wellbeing activities in the park.

Think about sports fields, fitness equipment, and shaded rest areas.

Prompting Questions

What physical activities are conducted in the park?

How does the park contribute to students' physical and mental wellbeing?

What additional facilities or changes could improve physical education and wellbeing in the park?

Other

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about Big Marlborough Park?

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Summary of Input

Portal Page

Concept 1: Recreation Hub - *A place to gather, move and play together*

1. What do you like about 'Concept 1: Recreation Hub? Select your top 3 from the choices below.

As per the graph below, participants' top three preferences were the playground, pathway connections, and gathering spaces. These were followed by the skills park, a central community hub, a dedicated sports field, outdoor basketball and lastly a multiuse cricket and soccer field.

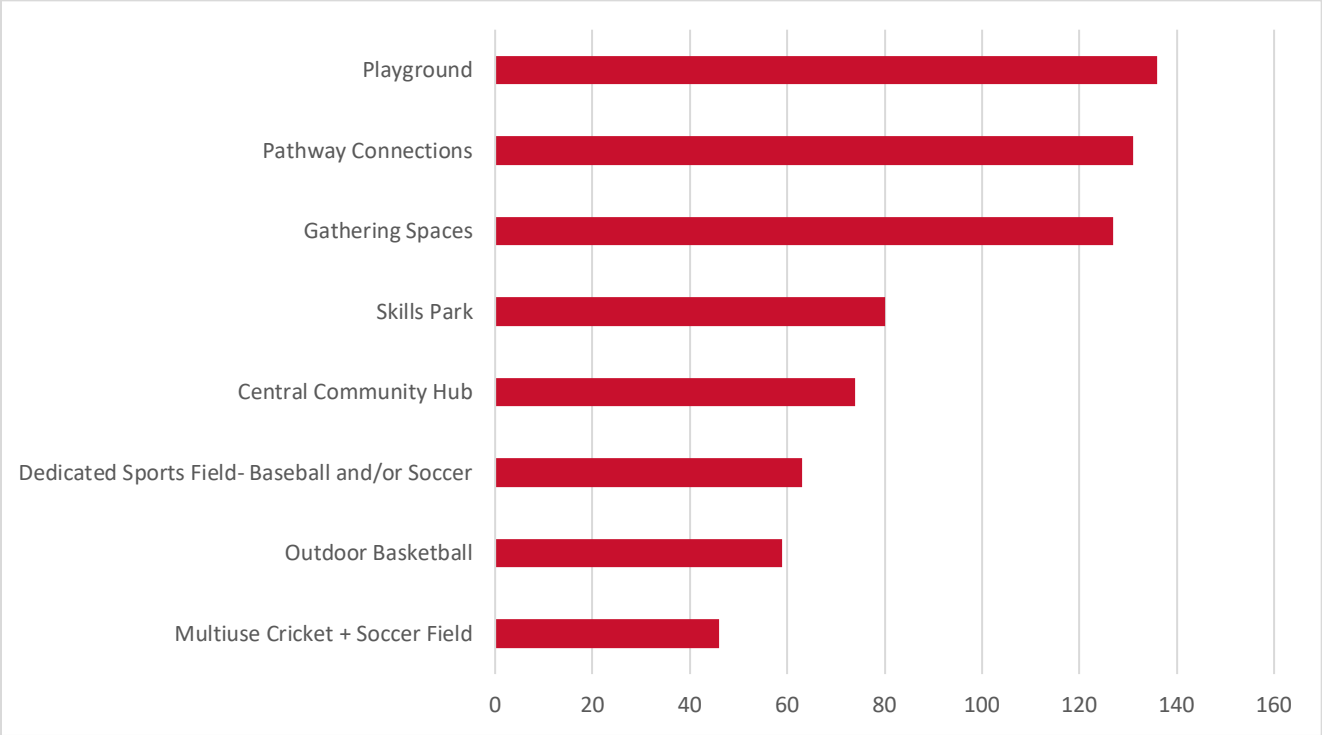


Figure 5: Concept 1: What do you like?

2. Would you prefer a bike skills park or a skate park?

As per the graph below, most respondents express a preference for the bike skills park (60%), and less than half (40%) favor the skate park.

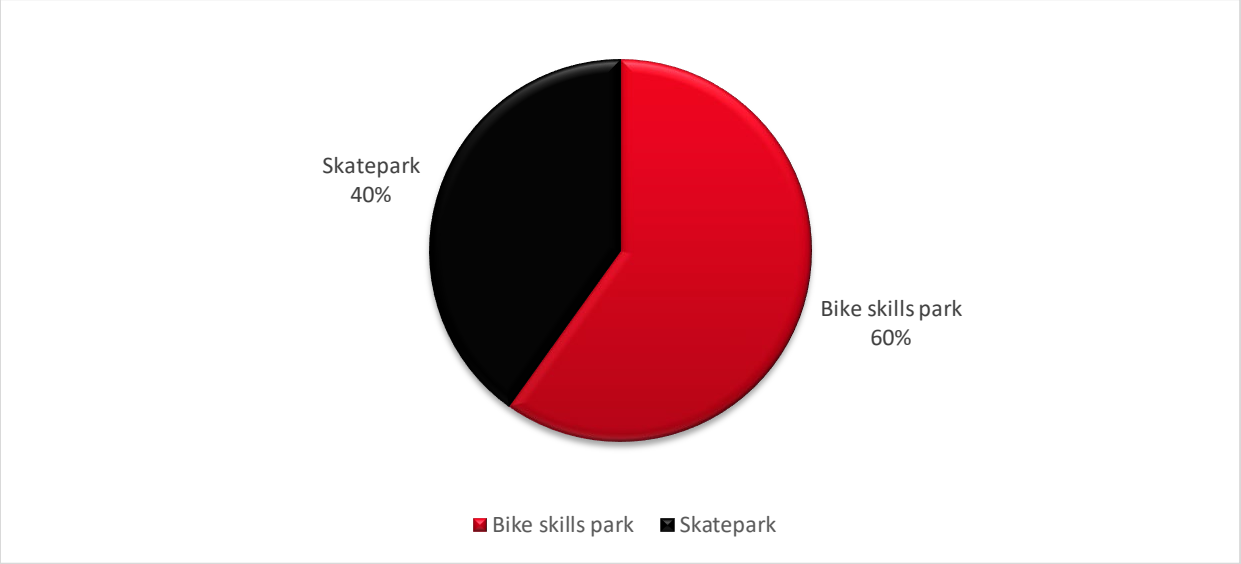


Figure 6: Concept 1: Skate or Bike skills park

3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about 'Concept 1: A Recreation Hub'?

Recreational Facilities: Strong support for additions like skate parks, splash parks, disc golf courses, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, pickleball courts, basketball courts, and outdoor fitness equipment. Some opposition to bike skills parks.

Community & Safety: Emphasis on more lighting to deter illegal activity, safer washroom designs, and security considerations related to crime and homelessness.

Gathering Spaces: Interest in picnic areas, amphitheaters, farmer's markets, concerts, and enhanced festival spaces. Community engagement through food events and educational features like bug hotels and gardens.

Nature and Landscaping: Preference for more trees for shade, natural elements over concrete, pollinator gardens, water ponds, and preserved green space.

Concerns: Opposition to murals and unnecessary art installations, worries about drug activity, crime, and noise in park areas, and the impact of evening gatherings in parking lots.

Concept 2: A Community Hub - *A place to gather, celebrate, and learn together*

1. What do you like about 'Concept 2: A Community Hub'? Select your top 3 from the choices below.

As per the graph below, participants' top three preferences were the garden, then the picnic pockets, followed by gathering nature. These are followed by the play features, pathway connections, central community hub, multi-purpose field with the lowest preference for multiuse cricket.

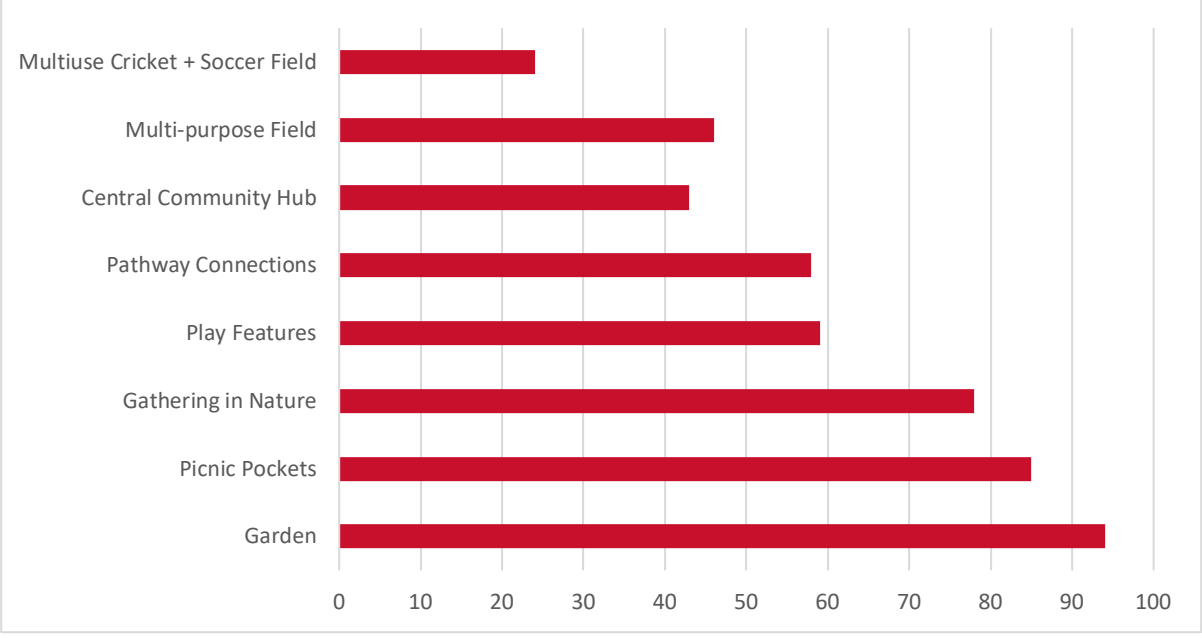


Figure 7: Concept 2: What do you like?

2. Which of the following features is most important to you?

As per the graph below, most respondents (44%) expressed a preference for play features, followed by picnic amenities (37%), and lastly art and mural installations (19%).

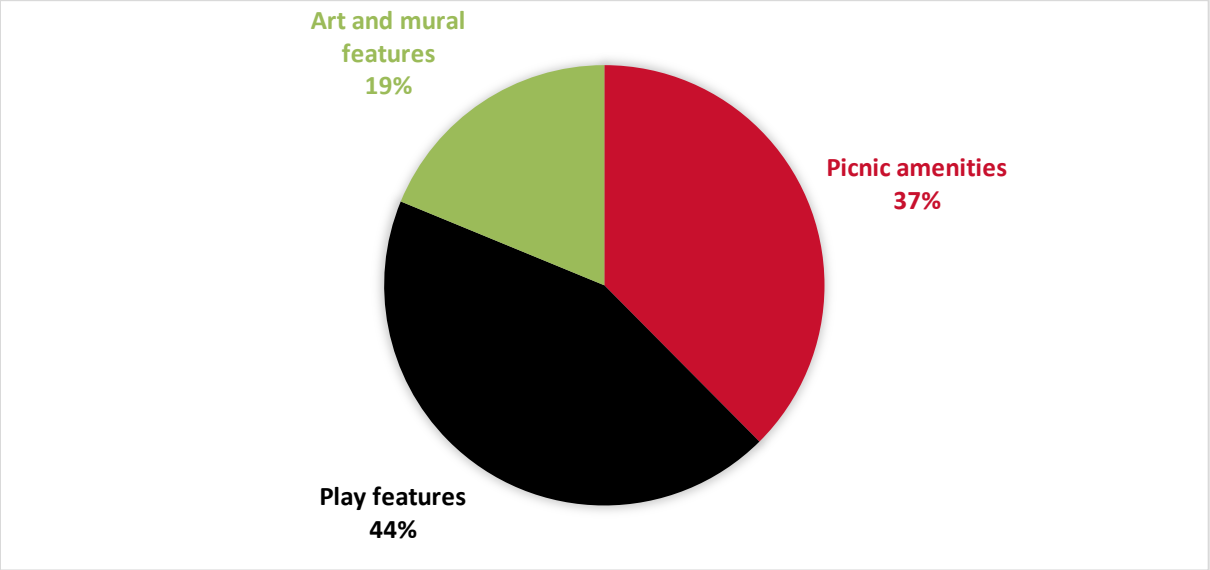


Figure 8: Concept 2 - Favourite Features

3. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about 'Concept 2: A Recreation Hub'?

Pathways and Accessibility: Desire for well-connected multi-use paths for jogging and biking, with improved access across the park's perimeter.

Nature and Landscaping: Emphasis on adding more trees for shade, maintaining natural areas, and ensuring a calming environment. Mixed opinions on gardens—some see them as wasteful, while others support food or bug-viewing gardens.

Gathering Spaces & Events: Interest in creating spaces for festivals, community gatherings, and markets. A dedicated picnic area, BBQ spots, and seating are valued.

Public Art and Murals: Strong opposition to spending taxpayer money on art installations, murals, and similar decorative elements.

Security and Safety: Ideas include adding fences and security features in key areas, addressing concerns about homeless shelters, and designing parks to help prevent safety issues.

Levels of Support

We wanted to know how participants would support the number of features in Big Marlborough Park. On the portal page, respondents had 20 points to allocate. They could use them all on one park feature or spread them out according to which ones they most supported.

The features that received the most support on the portal page were Gardens, Playgrounds, and Pathways and Bikeways. For participants at the in-person events, the features that received the most support were Gardens, Pathways and Bikeways, and Playgrounds.

Responses varied based on the forum used to collect feedback – in-person or online. As a result, this information is reported separately below. Overall, the park features that received the most support were Gardens, Playgrounds, and Pathways and Bikeways.

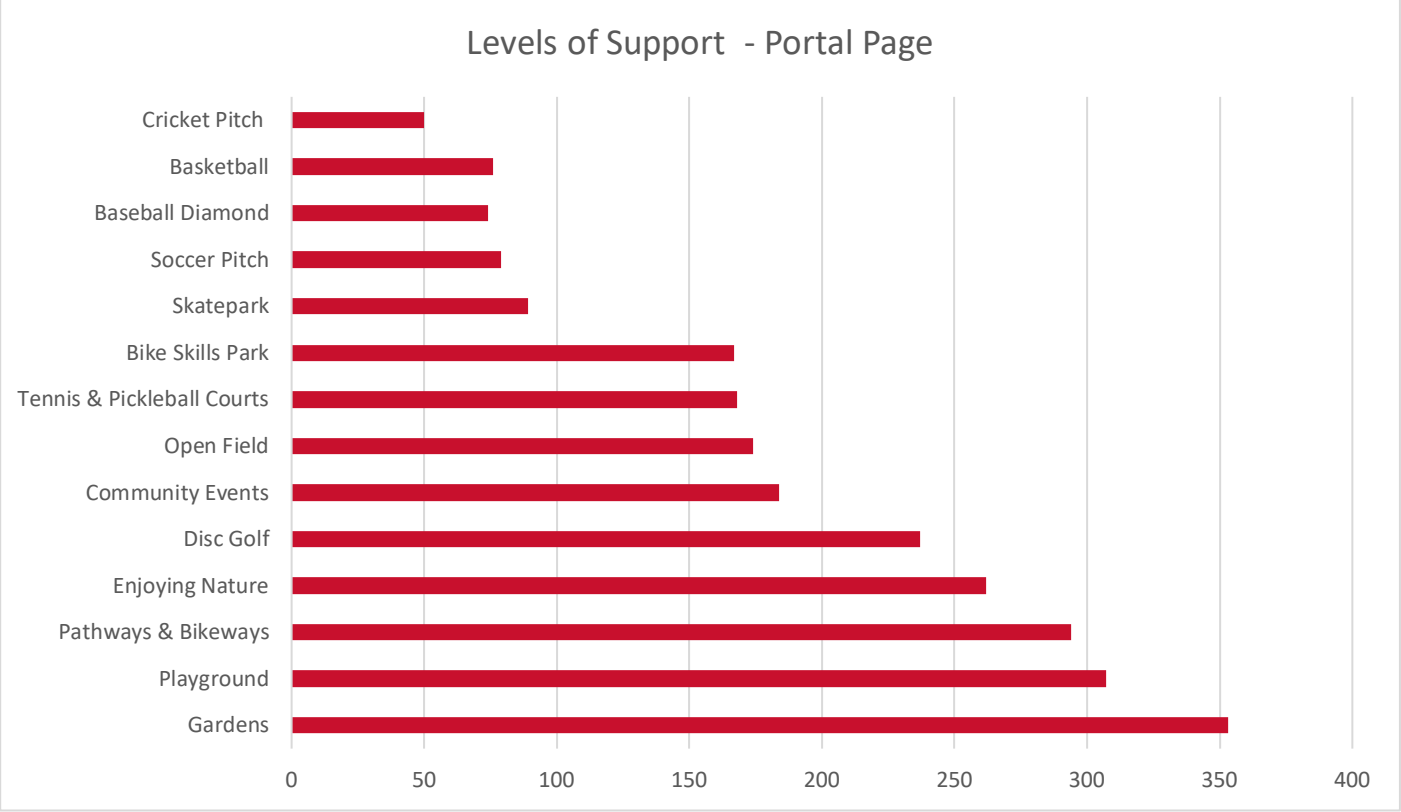


Figure 9: Levels of support - portal page

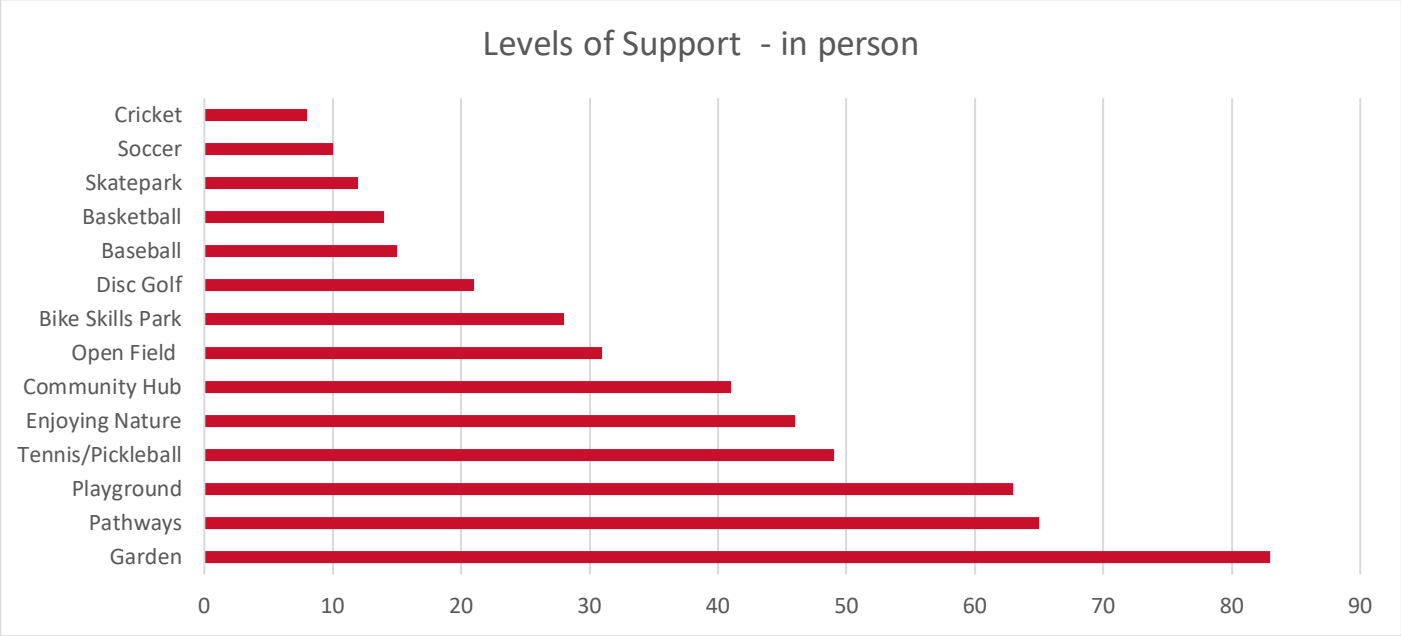


Figure 10: Levels of support – in person

Help Us Prioritize

Q 1. Which of the amenities and activities would you, your family, and friends enjoy the most? Select your top 5 from the choices below.

As per the graph below, participants top five preferences were pathways, enjoying nature, playground, garden and disc golf.

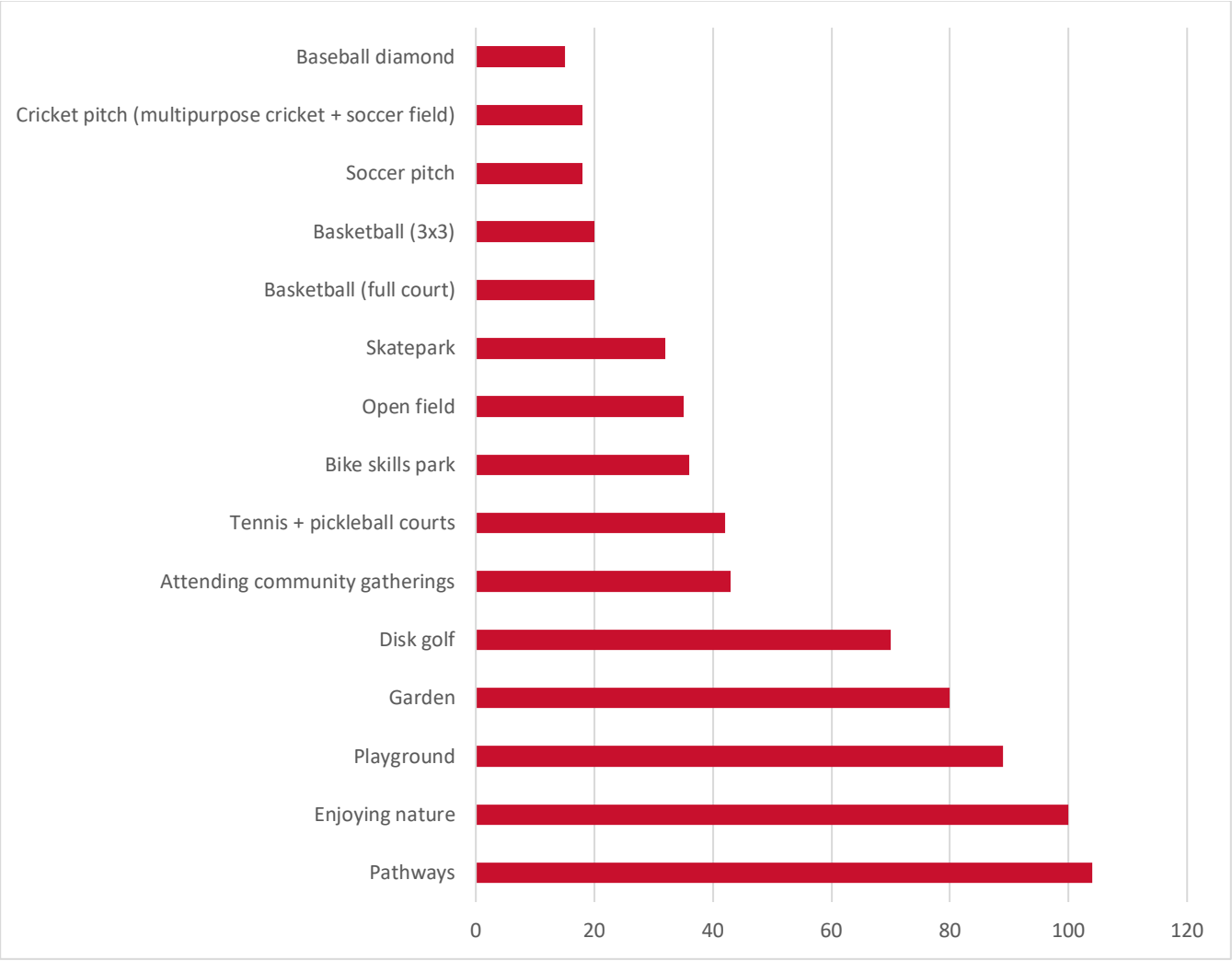


Figure 11: Help Us Prioritize

Q 2. We heard from you, gathering spaces are an important feature for Big Marlborough Park. Which of the following features would you like to see more of in the park?

As per the graph below, participants expressed the strongest preference for more trees, picnic tables, and fire pits, followed by shelters, BBQs, and, lastly, nearby open spaces.

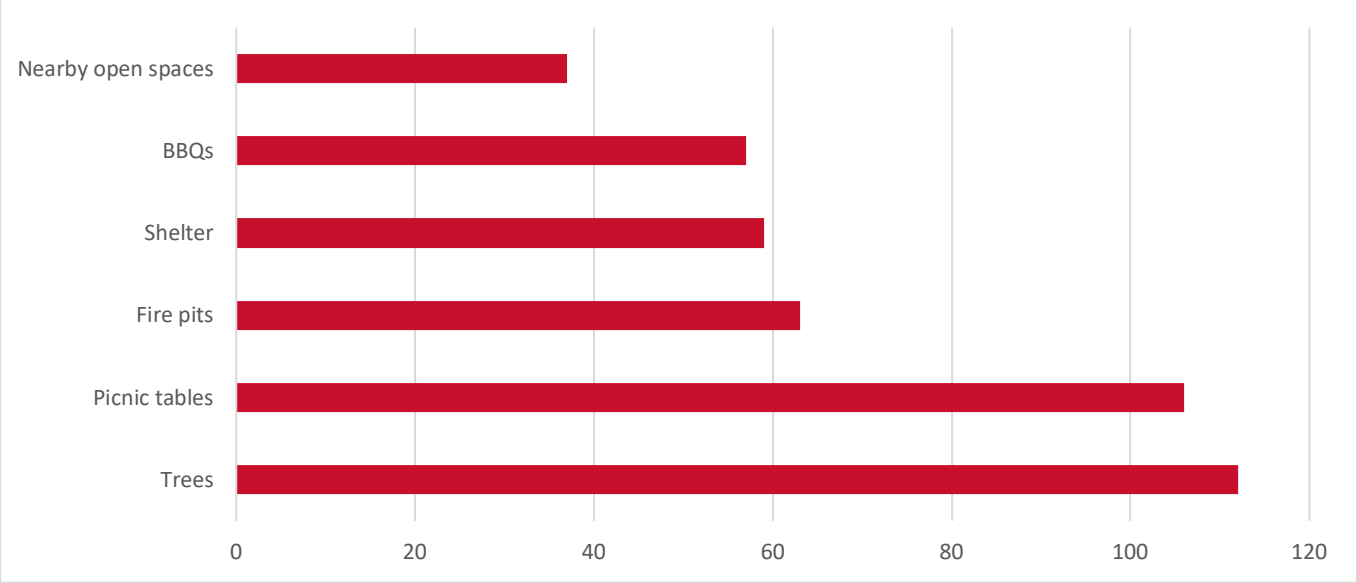


Figure 12: Preferred Type of Gathering Space

Q 3. When you get together with family and friends, how large are your gatherings?

As per the graph below, 45% of respondents indicated that their gatherings are 6-12 people, 44% indicated that their gathering are 5 people or less, 7% are 12-24 people and only 4% are more that 24 people.

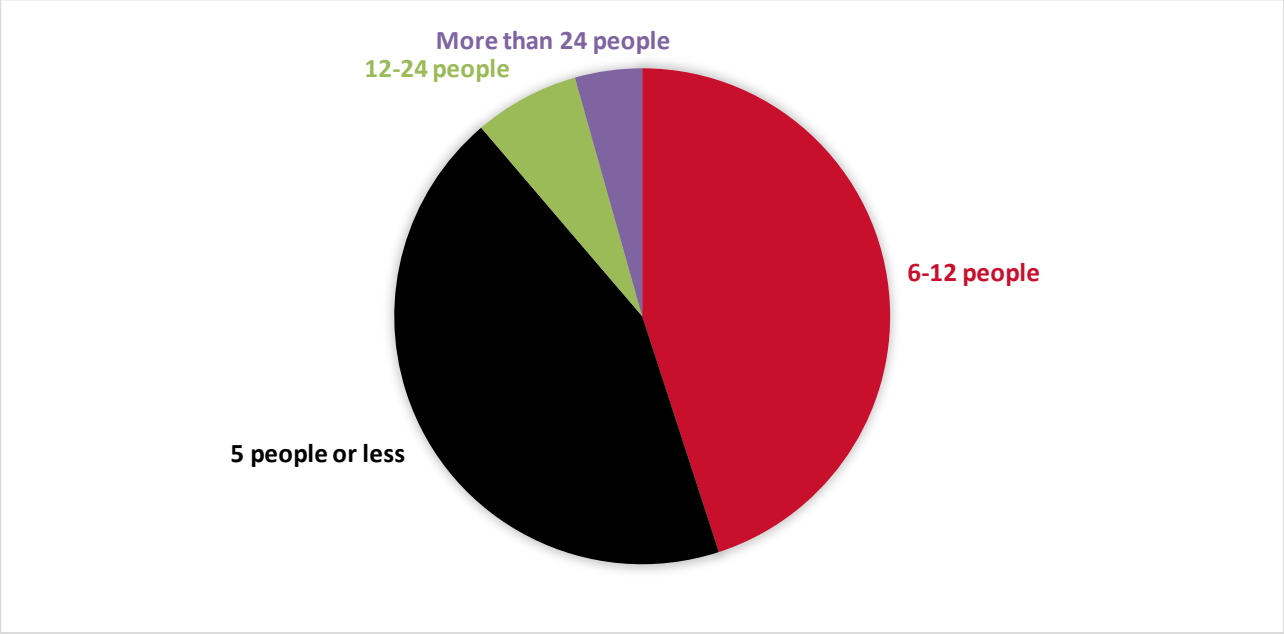


Figure 13: Size of Gatherings

Q 4 How would you, or your family and friends, like to use the pathways in the park?

As per the graph below, most participants like to use the park for walking, strolling, or rolling (77%), followed by biking (14%), running (8%), and scootering (1%).

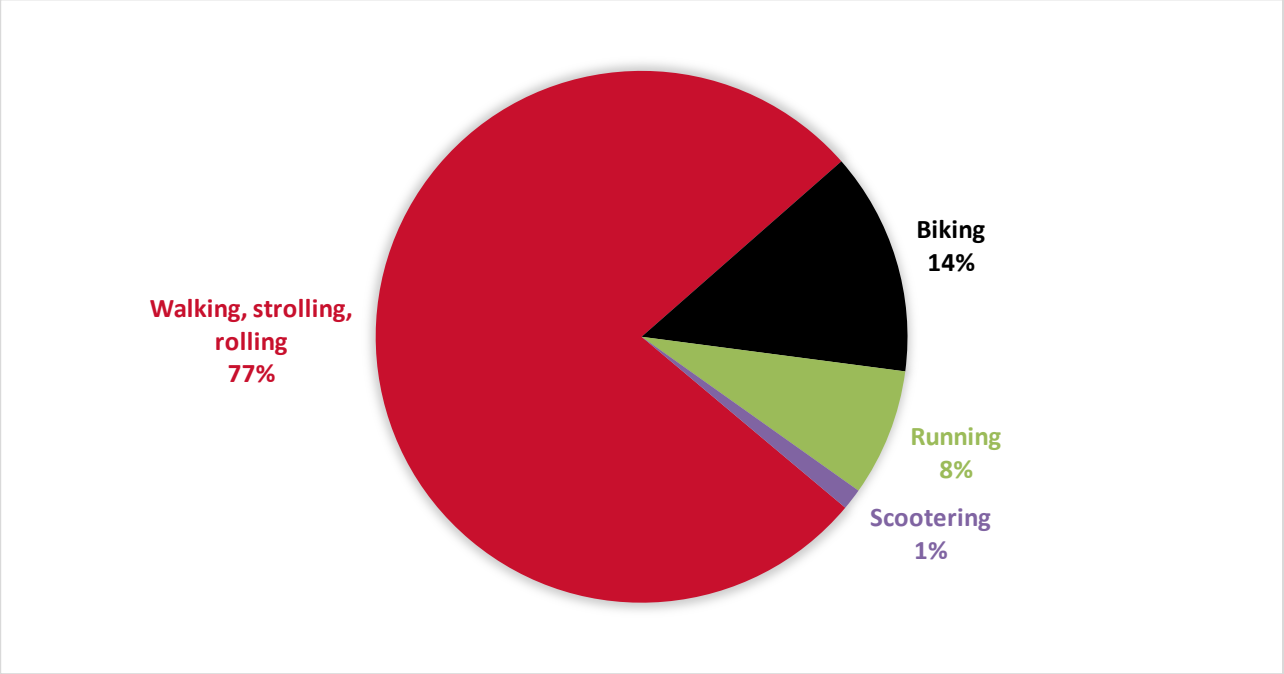


Figure 14: Use of Pathways

Q 5 There are multiple school playgrounds near Big Marlborough Park. What elements would you like to see in a new play area in Big Marlborough Park?

As per the graph below, respondents expressed a preference for the following features in a new playground: nature-inspired play elements, climbing structures, a glide line or zipline, swings, and musical play.

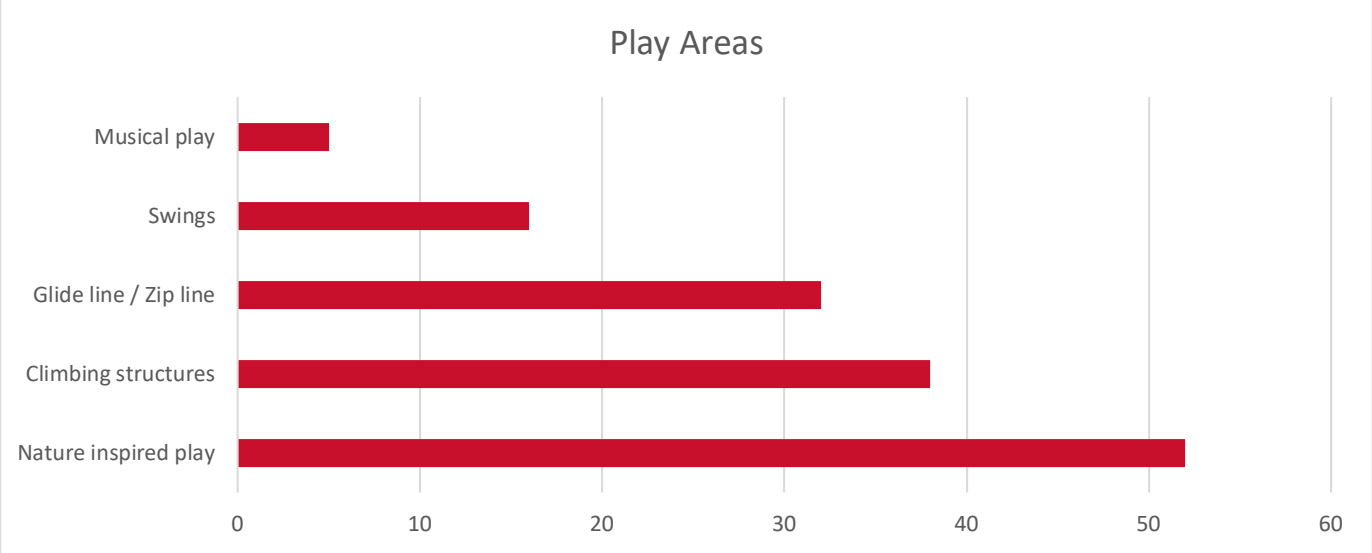


Figure 15: Preferred Elements of Play Areas

Q 6 We are exploring how we can add more nature in the park. Which of the following ideas would you be most excited about?

As per the graph below, respondents are most excited about incorporating pollinator-friendly gardens (bee-friendly), additional trees, rain gardens, and nature gardens.

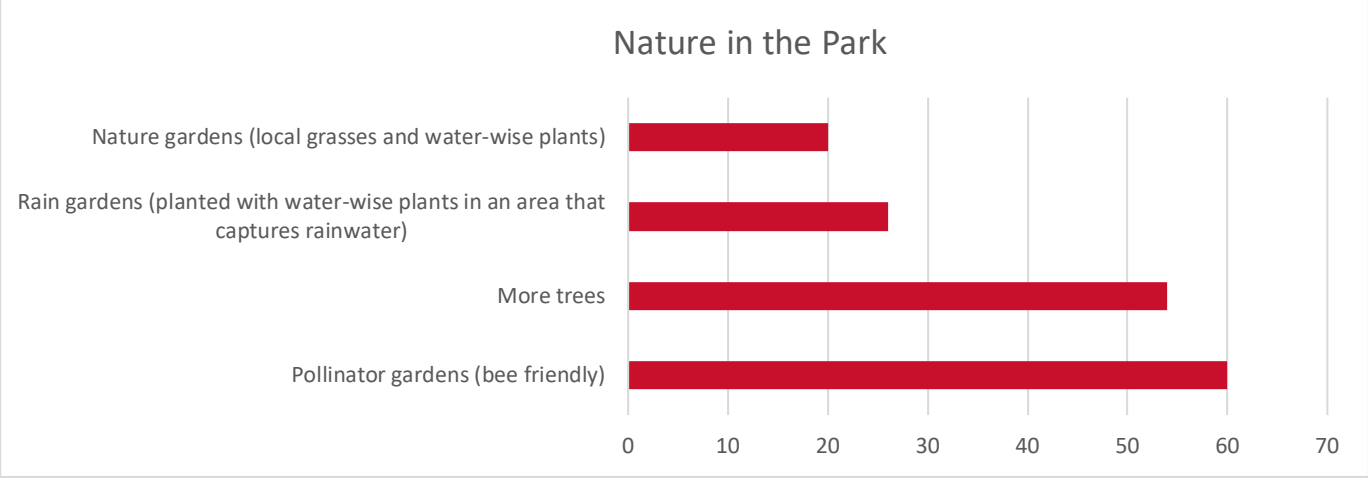


Figure 16: Nature in the Park Preference

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Community Conversations

Dr. G.M. Egbert (April 11, 2025)

Outdoor Education
Use: Nature-based learning with tools like magnifying glasses and plant guides.
Needs: More activities like geocaching, survival skills, and educational signage.

Science and Math
Use: Teaching ecosystems, water studies, and measurements.
Needs: More observation tools and Indigenous learning integration.

Art
Use: Drawing, photography, and performances.
Needs: Art-friendly spaces, cultural representation, and a small stage.

Wellbeing
Use: Sports, wellness walks, and Indigenous activities.
Needs: Better sports equipment, shaded areas, and positive police presence.

Other
Concern: Drug paraphernalia on picnic tables.
Suggestion: More community-focused police presence.

Roland Michener (April 17, 2025)

Outdoor Education
Used for sitting spots, nature walks, and Indigenous learning. Needs more seating, tools, and science gear.

Science and Math
Teaches plant and tree studies. Suggests more natural features and observation tools.

Art
Inspires sketching and writing. Open creative spaces and storage would help.

Wellbeing
Popular for sports and fitness. Needs more amenities for young kids and shaded areas.
Lack of safe bathrooms is a major issue. Desire for Indigenous and historical learning signs.

Concept Preferences

Recreation Hub: Favored for student use, sports, and activities. Needs better field maintenance and more trees.

Community Hub: Useful but may disrupt school use. Concerns about safety in open areas.

Cappy Smart (April 25, 2025)

Outdoor Education
Key Themes: Nature-based learning, accessibility, Indigenous inclusion.:

- Outdoor classrooms (e.g., amphitheater, rock circles for storytelling).
- Covered gathering spaces with tables.
- Fenced, accessible playgrounds for safety (especially for special needs).
- Exploratory and naturalized play areas (e.g., balance, mazes, native flora/fauna).
- Indigenous elements like tipis and circle spaces.
- Mindfulness areas (sit spots).
- Educational signage about local nature.

Science (and Math)
Key Themes: Ecosystems, biodiversity, hands-on learning.

- Wetland/pond area to explore habitats and life cycles.
- Diverse plant/tree species.
- Animal shelters (bat houses, birdhouses).
- Tools for exploration.
- Lighting for sky science.

Art
Key Themes: Inspiration, local culture, creativity.

- Artistic structures and murals for analysis.
- Space for local artists to display work.
- Musical elements (e.g., chimes).

Physical and Mental Wellbeing
Key Themes: Accessibility, inclusive play, physical activity.

- Fully accessible and inclusive playgrounds.
- Natural risky play (logs, rocks, ramps).
- Climbing structures, ziplines.
- Multi-sport fields (soccer, cricket, badminton).
- Emphasis on mental wellbeing through nature and play.

Other
Key Themes: Community, safety, Indigenous presence.

- Land acknowledgement displays.
- Indigenous gardens and designers.
- Safety features (lighting, signage).
- Bathrooms and shaded areas.
- Central playground for dispersed students to connect.
- Math integration (e.g., measuring tree circumference).

Playground Request: Children are eager for a playground.

Accessibility Needs: Current playgrounds lack features for children with accessibility challenges.

Location Issue: The nearest [accessible] playground is in Abbeydale, which is considered too far.

Bathroom Access: Limited bathroom proximity restricts outdoor time to under 45 minutes, as teachers need to return quickly.

Key Themes: Accessibility, safety, family gathering, inclusive play

- **Accessibility & Inclusion**:
  - Accessible playground with features for special needs students (e.g., accessible swings, spinning features, wide spaces).
  - Communication supports core boards, touch chat, and braille.
  - Accessible washrooms with changing tables and lighting for extended use.
  - Paved pathways and picnic tables are accessible.
- **Safety**:
  - Fencing for children who may run or elope.
  - Avoid small objects/rocks that could be ingested.
  - Drainage improvements needed concerns about water pooling and icy conditions near Cappy Lake.
  - Alternative materials for driveways to replace rocks.
- **Amenities**:
  - Shade for playgrounds and gathering spaces.
  - Bathrooms are located closer to the school.
  - The park features both very young and school-aged children.
  - Gathering space for families (e.g., Friday meetups).
  - Only one baseball diamond is needed (not two).

Concept 2 – Community Hub

Key Themes: Arts, accessibility, safety

- **Safety**: Pedestrian crosswalk with working lights.
- **Accessibility**: Inclusive playground with naturalized areas and paved paths.
- **Arts & Culture**: Mini amphitheater for dramatic arts and performances.

Open House (April 3, 2025)

Popular Suggestions

- Looping paths for kids on bikes
- Outdoor fitness areas for adults and seniors and an all-ages parkour park
- Community garden and educational signage
- Amphitheatre, volleyball, and indoor walking track
- Fenced dog park, splash/wading park, and separate tennis & pickleball courts[3]

Key Concerns

[3] Addressed in What We Did Report Summer 2025

- Safety (lighting, washrooms, fire pit use)
- Encampments and shared pathways near schools
- Lack of washrooms near bookable fields

Community Values

- Inclusive spaces for all ages
- Nature appreciation (birdwatching, pollinator gardens)
- More programming and cultural celebration

Park Pop-Up (April 12, 2025)

Concept 1: Recreation Hub

- Focus on centralized gathering and active play (e.g., skate/bike park).
- Concerns about lighting, visibility, and skateboarding restrictions.
- Appreciated: dog-walking paths, gathering spaces, and inclusive art.

Concept 2: Community Hub

- Emphasizes diverse, spread-out activities (e.g., pickleball, disc golf, art).
- Loved for its community feel, shaded areas, and winter use.
- Concerns: crime in parking lot, underused park, need for a playground.

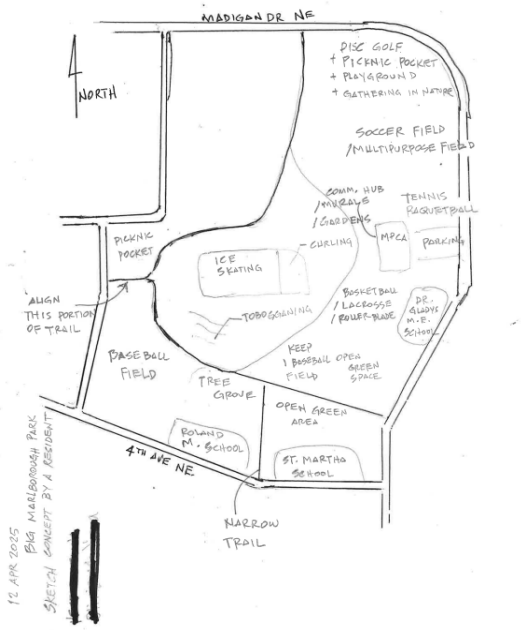


Figure 17: Participant Map

Next Steps

- Public input will be provided to the Project Team and Consultants for consideration as they develop the final master plan.
- Public participation will be one source of input for the creation of the final park master plan.
- The final master plan will be reviewed internally by subject matter experts, the Legacy Parks Committee (the funding source), and the Site Planning Team (SPT).
- The final master plan will be shared with Calgarians on the Engage Portal page in Q4 (October – December) 2025.

Decision Process Inputs

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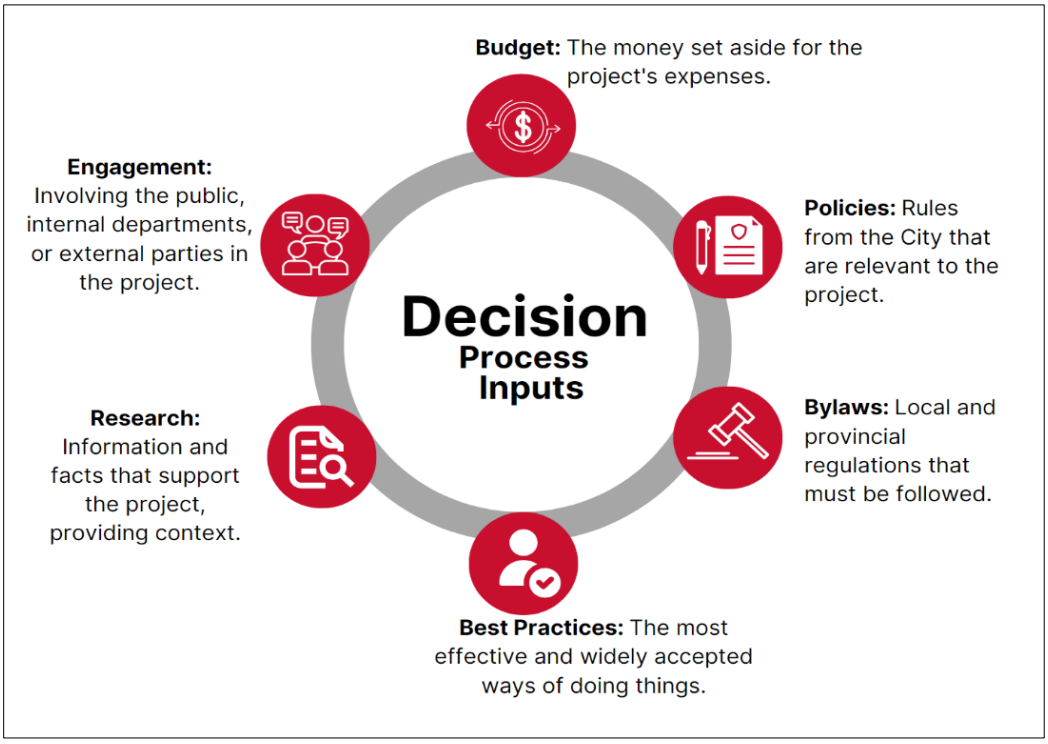


Figure 18: Decision Process Inputs

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Verbatim

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 Project Teams 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 remains. 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

Open House April 3, 2025

Concept 1: A Recreation Hub
Senior activity *(with 1 dot added to stick)*.
Amphitheatre to hold outdoor concerts, etc.
Very excited about crokicurl!! We love skating and sledding at the same location.
Flag football (filed lines?)
Off leash dog park.
South pathways towards 4th ave should be limited/controlled as there is shared with 2 schools.
Still concerns about encampments.
Concerns about washrooms from baseball diamond by Roaldn Michener.
Seperate tennis and pickle ball court *(with 6 dots added to sticky)*.
Dog park *(with 8 dots added to sticky)*.
Gated off leash area for dogs (fenced/gated) *(with 6 dots added to sticky)*.
Indoor activities like curling or a walking track *(with 1 dot added to sticky)*.
Concept 1 should be at east hills crossing.
No cricket *(with 1 dot added to sticky)*.
Parkour Park *(with 7 dots added to sticky)*.

Foot golf combined with disc golf.

Concept 2: A Community Hub
Add outdoor fitness fun! *(with 1 dot on sticky)*
Still want a ball diamond (proper sized).
If fields are bookable they must have washrooms or they pee on neigbours lawns.
Community garden *(with 3 dots on sticky)*.
Adult playground fitness area.
No cricket pitch.
Running track around multipurpose field.
Wind sheuter/break.
A path that loops is great for kids on bikes-they dont get lost and can go forever.
Seniors exercise park *(with 4 dots on sticky)*
Dog park *(with 5 dots on sticky)*
Where did the on-leash signs go?
I would miss being able to walk/run/bike loops with my family-they work great for different paces.

Help us prioritize (board with garden options at the bottom)
Dog park *(with 8 dots added to sticky)*.
Fun facts/info/plaques
Information markers ie.learn about the pollinators
Same board and in "other" box (Which of the following features would you like to see more of?)
Disk golf
Parkour Park (with 7 dots added to sticky).
Seniors activity area.
Water to play in (no splash parks between Dover and Prairie Winds)

Tell us more
Seperate tennis and pickleball courts.
Playground at St. Martha's is being replaced soon. Existing playground is at the end of lifecycle.
Please prioritize space for humans over dogs.
Celebrate multicultural community.
Volleyball.
We like the playground and zipline at Ralph Klein Park. Something like that would be wonderful.
A wading pool would be so lovely to cool off in the summer.
Adequate lighting please *(with 1 dot on sticky)*
Fenced off leash dog park *(with 2 dots on sticky)*.
More programming!
More xmas lights throughout park *(with 2 dots on sticky)*.

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Take care of the park *(with a comment "-second this!" on sticky)*
I would like to see a spary park like prairie winds *(with 4 dots on sticky)*.
Yes! Splash park.
Actvitiy for children, ages 1 yr and 6 yr to come here!
And opportunities for summer camps at big marlborough park.
What pollinators will be attracted with the gardens?
All ages splash park with sun shelters!!
HOw would fire pits and BBQs be monitored after park hours and how would park hours be controlled? Concerned about people using fire pits and bbqs late at night and disturbing residents.
Curling rink and indoor wlaking path.
Safety!
Marlborough Park baseball team?
Indoor walking and fitness opportunities.
Will statistics including demogrpahics be run as to what the most popular amenities?
Progrmaming for tennis and pickleball.

Help us prioritize (How would you, or your family and friends, like to use the pathways in the park?) "other" box
Birdwatching
Benches in shade for nature watching and reading.
Nature admiring/bird watching.

Park Pop Up – April 12, 2025

Concept 1: A Recreation Hub

- I'm not allowed to skateboard in the tennis courts
- Non-political art murals; nothing to fight about
- Like the idea of gathering spaces and play elements
- We love the pathways to walk with our dog
- Gathering spaces, parking lots and lighting
- Georgian Village – no backyard fires
- Gathering and parking lot - it's hidden and needs more lighting
- Skate or bike skill park
- Skateboarding in the community and scooters
- Visibility – adjust grade to increase visibility [by parking lot]

Concept 2: A Community Hub

- We would like to see horseshoe pits
- We love pickleball

- We love walking on the pathways
- We support disc golf in the park
- We love community art and art programming
- Paint nights for community members
- Gathering spots – bookable for family
- The park is underutilized from community member living here for 13 years
- Concerned about crime in North Parking Lot
- Shaded areas, more trees
- Used the winter hub and rink. Sledding, biking and dog walking
- Need playground in the park or renovated park
- I like how Concept #2 has pockets of activities instead of the concentrated dedicated spaces in Concept #1. Pockets of picnics, pockets of play sites.

Portal Page

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about 'Concept 1: A Recreation Hub'?

Concept 1: A Recreation Hub
-At the Marlborough Park Community Association, please add a area to self Bike repair stations; but attach the wrenches, air pump, and screw drivers tool with metal. If you have the funds please also place them near the school zones for the students. - The best community engagements; are the Food festivals & Food Truck days and Jelly Beans dances but they are gear more to families with Jr. High school kids (High schoolers would not enjoy them). - If funds are available; bug shaped: Bee hotels, living Ant farm, bug resort.
A beach volleyball I think would be great to add to the community for local people to gather and play
A bike skills park would be quieter than a skate park
A cafeteria would be great.
A good clean playground would be amazing. Even an Off leash space for dogs would be great so the "whole family" can go
A smaller baseball diamond that allows for a soccer field would be preferable for the school that's nearby.
A water park! Or spray park!
Add a splash park for summer
Amphitheatre for open music and arts.
Basketball
Disc golf
Disc golf
disc golf course
Disc golf course please.

Disc golf!
DISC GOLF!!! Please don’t take away the course, it’s such a valuable spot for beginners to learn how to play!
Do not add shelters in picnic areas as it encourages the homeless to camp. City does not have capacity to remove homeless from the park.
Does this include a disc golf course? If so, that's wonderful. If not, then why not?
Don't expand parking lots as we have on the west end of the park that is a late evening gathering location for smoking pot, noisy cars burning donuts and loud parting.
Don't forget that the Disc golf Course in your design, which is presently there.
for the basketball court, I would love it to not be double rim wmd for the backboards to be proper quality. and the rims to have nets.
Have security in the evening. We had a lot of trouble with motorized bikes last year. Our children almost got hit several times. We had to stop going to the park.
How about a pond of some kind with fish and seating around it,next to a pickle ball court,and a concrete chess table so you can bring your own pieces and play chess in the park.i live in Madigan drive and walk here constantly.looking forward to the improvements
How about an actual ice skating rink. In the winter the drypond is always flooded, but the ice is horrible and kids can rarely skate on the bumpy ice
How about you leave it alone ??
I am excited to see how this beautiful space will be enhanced.
I am sad to see the loss of the baseball diamond in the field. We don't have enough baseball diamonds for children to play t-ball or little league. We miss the small playground that was in the park before summer of 2024, this has limited the use of the area by younger children.
I don't want change I want it to stay original.
I enjoy the nature gathering hubs and picnic designated areas
I have lived in Marlborough Park for 20 years. Leave it as is. Maybe toddler playground.
I honestly don’t know enough about the difference between a bike park and a skatepark to make an informed decision here.
I know there are a lot of people that walk there dogs, I am one of them.
I like the enhanced pathway connections. I think it is also important to ensure that the bike pathway connections in the broader community are well-built, to allow people to safely bike to the park without having to bike on the road or a painted bicycle gutter. Thaf will encourage more people to bike to and use the park, especially younger adults and older teens.
I love the idea of a skate park close the community centre. I have a young son currently at Roland Michener School who is forever looking for new places to get out on his skateboard, and we need to go pretty far afield looking for places right now. A skatepark with a nearby picnic area for families would be a huge benefit for him and us.
I really like the design and elements of upgrade that has been suggested. Being a Marlborough Park resident for over 48 years, I have enjoyed the park and would like to see the upgrades but also make sure there is still lots of trees and other vegetation that has made this park so special and beautiful.

I really like the idea of it being a central hub as many schools and communities are connected to this park. A basketball court would be amazing as the one currently are not in the best shape.
I think the Central Community Hub is a good idea in principle, but a mistake in general. I firmly believe the facilities will be subject to abuse, vandalism and become an ongoing maintenance headache for the city. If people can find a way to wreck something they will. Considering the number or homeless people that hang around, pass through or outright live in the park from time to time, this is a terrible idea.
I think this benefits many different people with different outdoor hobbies and interests.
I think this design is quite nice, but I think it would be nice to have more space for pollinator gardens and space for trees and nature. Activated space, but also where one can just hang out as well, amongst the kids and adults using the recreation areas.
I wish it included a pool. All the outdoor pools are disappearing!
I would also like to see tennis/Pickleball here as well and of course, soccer and baseball... These are good for all ages... I don't think we need a skate park or a bike skills park at this location
I would like to see tennis courts that can be converted in to pickle ball courts.
I would suggest moving to an actual area where a large indoor recreation building can be built, no need to further keep taking away the very few decent green spaces the NE has.
I'd like to see the disc golf course continue or be improved!
I'd like to see a sprinkler park like the Glenmore has for during hit summer days especially if we ensure the 15 minute city program or similar
I'm worried that adding so many open fields will take away from the natural feeling of the park
In this area we'd have lack of outdoors activities such as outdoor pool, barbecues zone, ... we used to leave this park to gar far away to enjoy like Prairie park.
Increased lighting along the path, Walking in evening hours in fall and winter can be tense due to limited lighting.
Indoor swimming
Is there a space dedicated for perhaps outdoor concerts or musical events...maybe even a farmer's market during the summer?
Is there a water pond like the one in Dover and Panaroma?
Is this the same location as the disc golf course? Please keep disc golf in Marlborough. It's a low cost, low impact sport for all ages that can be played as a group or individually.
It would be great for the community if the disc golf course were to be expanded. Disc golf is a family friendly, low impact and low cost sport/recreational activity that people of all ability levels can participate in. It is one of the few sports that can be played from a wheelchair and by those who use mobility aids, without special equipment; the cost of entry/cost of discs is also $0-30, both of which significantly reduce barriers to sport and encourage community participation.
It would be nice if the disc golf course had better signage.
It would be nice to be able to have a beautiful area to picnic in
Keep the disc golf course
Keep the Disc Golf Course. It's very popular and used year round.

Keep the disc golf course. They are fabulous to have!! North Glenmore Park course was awesome and should be put back.
Keep the existing disc golf course
Leave it as is
Leave it as is. It's a nice quiet park. Build a new playground and thats enough. Don't ruin it.
Leaving grass areas would be great plus making the pathways accessible for walking dogs
Less concrete and more green space please. I'd prefer no bike park nor a skate park.
Lets make the park as green as possible by growing trees or flowers of any kind and grass more vibrant. Concepts of the park environment should be prioritized by polishing it looks
Looks a bit crowded, perhaps add more tress and keep all current trees!
Love that there's still space for the disc golf course!
Love the disc golf course here
More trees
More trees, please! The cricket pitch and baseball diamond should be surrounded by trees to reduce wind and give shade.
My concern in putting in washrooms is that we already have people who stay out all night in the park making all sorts of unbearably loud noise. (Screaming, fighting, shooting off fireworks, etc.) How are the washrooms going to be regulated? Monitored? I live in Georgian Village right off the park and have had to give Narcan twice to overdose cases. They left before I could call the police because you have to act fast. I moved here because it was a nice quiet park. I've been here almost 4o years. I can watch the baseball and soccer games from my back stoop. I'm fine with all the day time activities but it's the evenings that are starting to get worse. Even though I've called the police several times because a young motorcyclist wants to tear up the grass with it and on a few occasions almost ran a family off the pathway driving at very high speeds, the police have done nothing. So, making all these plans to beautify the park aren't going to stop those that use it for dealing drugs, taking drugs, and potentially using those beautiful new bathrooms for ... well, you can surmise the rest. A skatepark? A bike park? How are those going to be monitored? I've already had things stolen out of my own tiny yard. And our units have been vandalized with spray paint. I'm concerned about the increase of crime here. There is only so much a handful of watchful neighbours can do. And like I said, the police do not come around as often as they should. So what are we do to? Honestly the park is not that big that we need bathrooms. Water fountains would be nice, but the majority of park users live close enough to use our own. We don't need a place that is just going to be vandalized in a very short period of time. Please consider these concerns I have.
My concern is the garbage leftover from large gatherings at picnic tables
My friends and I use the park for disc golf and would be saddened if it wasn't included in the future plan, especially after losing the incredible course at North Glenmore.
Needs a water park
Neither

Neither.
No
No cricket!!
No Murals please! Improve skating rink and area
None. Leave it the way it is
Not to over change things. No condos in my park
Other than updating the playground or including a splash park for small children and adding some trees . . . leave the park alone. The majority of the people in the neighborhood would prefer it be left as is. There is a lot of concern that the park will be become too busy and draw people who don't live in or care about the community and safety. Keep it simple and let the families in the community enjoy it.
Outdoor fitness equipment for adults please. I like get my steps in this park as the walking space is quite lovely. Outdoor fitness equipment for adults would be welcome by many
Park makes it easy to access for neighboring schools
Picnic tables, outdoor exercise equipment
place 1 more bench between north parking lot and where the loop begins
Please keep the disc golf course!
Please keep the disc golf course. It’s incredible.
Recreation good for community also community hub good and art and garden
Sad to see the exclusion of disc golf. It has been great having it there and it fits in very nicely in the surrounding tiny hills.
Skatepark
spend money on current issues not future, we are way behind on real life issues. sad.
Splash pad
Splash pad/water park
Splash park and upgraded playgrounds
splash park would be a nice idea too
Spray park would be nice!
The key is to have people using the park all year long.
The local diy skate park in Fonda park has to many druggies kids need a new place to skate and it's in a great location lots of kids and others that would enjoy the space
The walking paths are used as connectors, for evening strolls, running, all season. Would like to see it better taken care of. A little wider if possible. Higher up so the water isn't running down the hill and freezing the path in winter/spring. (East side)
There is a high volume of houseless individuals and groups in this area. Having an outreach team around the area would be beneficial to ensure things like needles and garbage do not accumulate. It could be helpful to have a system for this in place prior to opening to ensure everyone is welcomed and safe. Having a day program for people living rough could keep them out of the children's spaces and promote their basic needs: food, shelter, and water. etc.

There is abundance of youth who travel far for out door activity and skill seeking. The park could be a big change for the Marlborough and surrounding areas as near by there Is a community built skate park in Marlborough area from the residents who worked hard to keep it there its in a dry pond and would benefit a huge amount of people and communities of there was a dedicated space. Thanks
There should be swimming or a water park
This looks like a nice layout. A little bit for everybody. I hope it includes benches to sit peppered throughout the park, bleachers so spectators can watch the field games, garbage so dog owners can dispose of waste and definitely a few more trees.
This space is already beautiful, I am exciting to see you enhance this soace
Water fountains, and more trees and flower gardens
Water park
We need a water fountain, more trees , flowers from the region, and a toilet house.
We need an indoor recreation center like genesis , and also a water park in Marlborough area.
We need and exercise park , our Adults showing our kids that keeping active in all the sports will make for a healthier life .
We need more lighting, the parking lots harbour illegal activity as there is NO lighting. This area is very unsafe early evening into the night.
We really like the disc golf course. Having a area to play hockey would also be great in the winter
What is that sign doing in Rundldle; which is just remoteky controlled to the BMP?
Why dont you just leave this space alone. God forbid having greenspace to just enjoy on its own
Why is there no off leash park. Compared to central, and west city there are significantly lass off leash areas
Will you incorporate power and water near the large skating area to support festivals and events/expanded community gatherings beyond the picnic sites identified?
With increase use of the park, I would like to see parking space available around the park. Also would like to see garbage areas around the park, especially if there's gathering areal use in the park. Theres not a lot of garbage cans available around the park and the garbage bins that are available is full of garbage. Increase garbage cans will ensure that the areas remain clean for the community members to use. Would also love to see an ice rink available as well. Accessible walking areas interconnecting each area would be great.
would be a good idea like @fonda park has the slab skate park a little skate park would be great back in the day down the road had a city mobile skate park setup wish it would be at this location great space good area the mobile skate parks from the city could make a good permanent home at this local spot ... maybe a little more park pathway lights keep it safe keeps kids active im almost 42 and want to skate just need spots in my area
Would definitely like to see a new skate park in the NE!

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A big draw for Community Centres, is Food Truck Festivals and Jelly Bean Dances. Education: Add a bug shaped bee hotel, live ant farms, or any other bug resort. Might want to create a sign about "Drones and rules around them". Gardens: It's sad but the city would have to have a bit safeguarding around the plants for food, recreational, or bug viewing gardens. For example, using a fence and lock, one security camera, sometimes kids will think it's funny to destroy gardens.
A central hub where people can gather and engage in social activities along with a pool or water recreation would be great for the summer along with a basketball court that's updated and level! Most basketball courts are uneven making the game not as enjoyable. Places for events to be hosted like food trucks would be good
A designated fenced off-leash area for local dog owners to allow their dogs to safely play and engage, without bothering others using the park. This can connect to the community aspect of the concept, and allow a safe place for dog owners to socialize their fur babies while adhering to city regulations/guidelines.
Absolutely No murals please ! Other art features would be ok.
As long as it includes the disc golf course around the park.
Basketball and make it a bit of a privacy place so that it doesn’t get too crowded
Currently there isn't many play features in the park for small children, but the park is almost always full of kids in strollers or wagons. The existing fields are not used as much as expanding them would justify.
Disc golf
disc golf course
Disc golf!!
Do not add shelters as it encourages homeless people.
For seniors as well
Garden good idea also bike path and fields and community hub
Hello. I like concept 2, including the pickle ball court (or courts). Adding a Waterpark and possibly a community garden would also be great. Maybe some outdoor BBQ pits for taking the family on picnics to.
I am excited to see how this beautiful space will be enhanced.
I do not like this plan as much as the other.
I have lived in Marlborough Park for 20 years. Leave it as is. Maybe a few more trees for shade.
I like both concepts. This one seems to be more of a keeping it simple kind of layout. Not a bad thing, but with so many families and schools nearby, it seems to be more beneficial to have more amenities.

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I like that the multi purpose field and soccer field are closer to the schools leaving the other areas in a more nature setting. I also like that there is an expanded winter activity area included in this concept.
I like the idea of natural areas and making the hall visually inviting from the outside.
I like the use of nature as a space.
I love how this option seems much denser. There seem to be more usable spaces while maintaining a nice canopy of trees. We could have more trees, though. We could line every path with trees. We live in a hot place, and the more trees, the better. We can never have enough. I'd like to see this option basically become a forest with amenities within it.
I love the idea of a significant naturalized space. I highly encourage re-naturalizing this section with native plants, as NE Calgary lacks natural green spaces compared to the rest of the city. I also think we should have some campfire rings; NE Calgary also lacks fire rings.
I prefer a park over play features
I think "Play features" would be important...we don't have kids, but there are a tonne of kinds in the community and I believe families would appreciate the amenities. Now, I know this is not the point of this feedback box, but "art and mural features".... please??...what a complete and utter waste of money. These would be vandalized in no time, and quite frankly they have a place...not in a public park surrounded by multiple schools. The time resources put into these art/mural installations would be wasted in an area where they would not be appreciated. I've lived in this community my entire life, so I know. Please please please DO NOT waste taxpayer dollars on items that will not be appreciated and WILL BE ruined continually by ungrateful users of the park. Use your heads for gods' sake...deep down inside you know this is true...there is no appreciate for this sort of thing. You are wasting time and money on such considerations. That said, I fully expect there to be something of this nature in the park because you cannot listen to reason and have no clue of the type of people that frequent this park.
I think maintaining an outdoor/natural experience is important. Not everything needs to have human involvement such as art installations. Those are better used in concrete areas. People go into natural spaces to enjoy nature, not modify the heck out of it.
I worry that this concept isn't the best use of the available space. Park benches, walls, and catwalks in Marlborough Park are frequently vandalized, and it seems likely that public art would suffer the same way. The northeast corner of this design seems really under-utilized, more like a blank space than something that will be used by the community.
I would love to see table tennis (ping pong) tables included in the Central Community Hub or picnic areas. It’s a fun, inclusive activity for all ages and encourages casual play and community interaction.
I’d love to see the disc golf improved
large gathering space for festivals and events with amenities to reduce barriers through turn-key access
Love that this option is geared toward nature. Love the disc golf course! Would be happy with either option!
More nature spaces, leafing trees and development that reduces annual maintenance/upkeep costs.
Natural settings for smaller venue gatherings would be cool (pop up markets, artist showcasing etc)
No
No art, art is a waste of money It’s in the eye.

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No gardens waste of money and water the up keep is not worth it with all the children around. That's more for adult living. Play features are best maybe a spray park similar to Dover. Not a pool just sprinklers a sand volleyball court. Do we has a unique park. Consider that as your example
none of the above
None of the above. Leave it alone
Outdoor pool would be awesome!
Please have a Disc golf course here. It's used very often by the community
Please have more trees bordering all the open spaces! Make a wall of trees around every area. We live in Alberta, and the last thing we need is more windy open spaces. Our parks lack shade so badly in summer.
Please keep disc golf
Please keep the disc golf course
Please keep the disc golf course!
Prefer this over the other one but I can see how the more purpose-built option could be preferred by many, especially anyone underserved by facilities in this area like cricket and tennis players. My comment on the other one about disc golf not being there was a mistake, the icon was hiding on the map but I see it's included in both plans now. Very happy to see this. My family has really enjoyed this as something we can all do.
Really like the garden area
Scrap the whole thing. Calgary needs more functional diamonds that kids can actually play on
She lash pad
Should be a quiet and relaxing space Taking into consideration many family homes surrounds the park and home to wildlife
Some type of water recreation would be nice especially for summer would be nice with picnic area. It would bring lots of households out to the park. Garden would make the picnic environment nicer too.
The pathway network could be more extensive. There is no sidewalk around the park so a multi-use path along the perimeter would be nice. People could use it for jogging or biking, as well as increasing access and usage to the entire park area, particularly along the North and East edges of the space where there's currently nowhere to walk or cycle.
Things I have always liked with natural already exist in a limited quantity meaning giant rocks. You can sit on them, lean against them, and they are almost impossible to break or steal. They're texture. Natural ares can definitely work and I would love to see it but if considering, try and choose hardy ideas that can stand up not only to people but local climates as well. There have got to be different choices then putting down gravel or plain grass everywhere.
This is a great idea.
This is a really beautiful design. I hope it ends up being something close to this. There's a really great peacefulness with areas for picnic, kids playing, natural areas, garden, pathways, and to run around and play games. The Gathering in Nature area sounds great. A Community Hub where there could be washrooms and a water fountain or something would be a big plus.
This removes ALL baseball fields and useful and very much needed sports spaces. Please do not go with this option. this removes all useability by young children.

Utilizing the northern edge of the park this way makes more sense, those fields are rarely used aside for the occasional disc golfer. Dividing the park this way between activities/sports and more natural calm would be welcomed
We need a skatepark
Why no skatepark? I believe a skatepark could be incorporated into Concept 2.
Yes, I would like to incorporate some of the ideas about Concept 2 into Concept 1 to make it sort of a hybrid plan: 1-placing picnic pockets instead of shelters (shelters would end up to be a security concern after hours). 2-the gathering in nature on the North side, sharing space with the playground/disc golf/soccer field from Concept 1. 3-Leave the existing pathway as is, only to make an improvement on the 90 degree bent at the corner of the residential complex. 4-The Multipurpose field to be on the north side and the baseball field on the southwest portion, by the Roland Mitchener school. 5-dedicate only a narrow south entrance to the park between the two schools.

Emails

Monday, March 31, 2025 5:48 PM

I received your email regarding the project and I don't have other input than ***please*** *make 2 of the tennis courts 4 dedicated pickleball with permanent pickleball nets.* ***I cannot emphasize enough how this sport is exploding and the benefits of it. Easy to start, costs reasonable (compared to Tennis), social, all age groups from 5 - 90 are playing. Families can play together, it is remarkable.***

Calgary has 3 new Private Indoor facilities that will be opening shortly (we now have 3) as the need is so big.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:31 PM

Moving from nose hill to here I strongly recommend a bike park for kids. Also, Valley view park consider a volleyball sand court, a small spray park, expand playground. Raised my kids at the park it was a drive but definitely fit for all ages.

Marlborough is great for kite flying, skating its lovely area lit up, highly popular space for winter. Tennis court due to availability we have to go to Bob Edwards school. more basketball and tennis courts. additionally, I would like to express the reason I write this please no cricket fields. Cricket is a popular sport to a certain demographic, and it does not align with the demographic in Marlborough. Look at YMCA Genius centre it has taken over the rec centre.

Garden centre or nature is going to be a challenge to maintain. That is for adult living communities . Focus should remain on play and recreation rather than nature preservation. Funny as I type

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This my boys Say they were approached by a city employee At The park for their opinion. That's wonderful. Children need to voice their preference.

Thursday, April 3, 2025 2:45 PM

Good morning,
My name is [redacted] and my family and I have lived adjacent to and made use of the park since 1973. I walk in the park most days of the week and my comments are based on my observations of the use of the park over the last 50 years.

First allow me to say thank you for the time and effort the team has put into the development of the proposals for changes to the park, obviously many hours and hard work were put in to the development of the proposal.

The Existing Plan – Concept#1
Based on conversations with my friend who lives next door.

There are concerns regarding the location of the Cricket field. The regulation size for a cricket field is approximately 230ft X 200ft I suggest that this will interfere with the football fields. Based on my observations at Riley Park I suggest that It will also be of concern to those using the foot path and the children's play ground.

We need a children's wading pool similar to that in Riley park.

We need Volleyball facilities. Based on those bringing their own nets, I suggest locating these on the north side of Roland Mitchener school.

Based on the outdoor program at St Marthas school I suggest you talk to them about providing a running track on the north side of the school.

Now the hard part.
As mentioned previously, I am a frequent user of the existing park and I can honestly say that the existing park is one of, if not the best parks in Calgary and the reason is very simple "it is peaceful". It is one of the few places that one can go to and know that you can just relax and let nature bring you peace. This is true even when the baseball season and football games are in full swing.

We have basket ball areas behind St Marthas and Dr Egbert schools and the only ones that are in frequent use are those behind St Marthas school and it the same group of young people each time.

Regarding the Skate board proposal, I can count the number of people who use the pathway or the street in one hand on any given month.

For these reason, I am suggesting that modifying the park as per your proposal could be a waste of money.

So, what to do with your proposal.

My suggestion is that your proposal is excellent it is just in the wrong place and for this reason I suggest the following'

The proposal as present is ideally suited for a high density location therefore' I suggest that it be implemented in on e of the following locations.

- *In the open area between Stoney trail and 84St NE.*
  OR
- *In the open area East of the East Hills Crossing complex.*

Either of these two areas will give the park maximum use and the demographics of the area will, I believe, will make good use of the Cricket field.

Concept #2.
Of the two concepts presented concept #2 is my preference with the addition of a wading pool, a volleyball court and a running track.

My main concern regarding concept number 2 is cleanliness. The park as it exists is always clean. No garbage is lying around. What steps will the city take to ensure that all garbage is removed promptly and not left to blow around the park.

Suggested Concept #3
Leave the park as is with the addition of the wading pool, Volleyball court and running track

Pizza and Presentation Workshops

Dr. Egbert

Sticky Station: 1 Outdoor Education

- *Information about native plants, animals in the area*
- *Geocaching*
- *Orienteering*
- *Survival Skills*

Sticky Station 2: Science *(and math)*

- *Dipping pond at RKP*
- *Different ecosystems*
- *Would go to features like ponds, bugs, vegetation*
- *Measurements, shadows*
- *Indigenous connections to land, place-based learnings*
- *Measurements on pathways*
- *Water features/pond!*

Sticky Station 3: Art

- *Tables without holes in them for drawing*
- *More plant diversity*
- *Small stage for local artists to host musical shows.*
- *A nature stage!*
- *FNMI Space/[Illegible] area SW. It is multipurpose*
- *Add spaces for photography by adding local plants*
- *Referenced census data – demographic of BMP is Arabic, [illegible], Vietnams, Muslims, etc.*
  - *No cultural pieces incorporated in the park*
  - *How are we incorporating the cultural fabric (like what they have in GFL)*
  - *E.g. mural, plaque, etc.*

Sticky Station 4: Physical and Mental Wellbeing

- *Broom ball*
- *Football*
- *X-country*
- *Sit spots*
- *Cricket*
- *Sports days*
- *Ice skating*
- *Snow shoeing*
- *Tent set up*
- *Terry Fox run*
- *Tennis/Pickleball*
- *Softball*
- *Wellness walk*
- *Track & Field*
- *Soccer*

- *Elk Days*
- *Indigenous walks i.e. wenjack*
- *Single rim hoops please*
- *Single rims*
- *Land-based learning*
- *Police interaction – e.g. playing basketball with the kids*

Sticky Station 5: Other

- *More police presence with community interaction*
- *Crack paraphernalia on picnic tables*

Roland Michener

Sticky Station 1: **Outdoor Education**

- *Sit spots*
- *Mini forest*
- *Trees*
- *Sit spots*
- *Indigenous Learning*
- *Nature walks*
- *Rock classroom like Cecil Swanson*
- *Gathering spaces for 25-30 people*

Sticky Station 2: Science *(and math)*
- *Plants, trees, wildflowers*
- *Natural spaces*
- *So important for us to have naturalized spaces to gather*
- *Various types of trees with different bark and leaves shapes, colors*

Sticky Station 3: Art
- *Sketching*
- *Sit spots*
- *Trees, clouds, flowers*

Sticky Station 4: Physical and Mental Wellbeing
- *Bike Park*
- *Disc golf*
- *Basketball courts*
- *Soccer field is a must*
- *Baseball diamond by RMS*

- *Would need more amenities for younger children to use this park as a community member, outside of winter sports.*

Sticky Station 5: Other

- *Sit spots*
- *Naturalized spaces- sit spots*
- *A huge barrier is the lack of safe bathrooms. As a solo parent with 2 kids (4 years old)*
- *I can't spend too much time there without bathrooms. Port- a- potties are not a solution for young children!*
- *Need to see explicit connection to Indigenous land+ land-based learning*
- *Classes do a lot of community walks in Big Marlborough Park paths- would it make sense to have some info signs? Learning about the history of the area? Or land-based learning? Native plants, etc.*

Concept 1 – Recreation Hub

- *This is wonderful for our students*
- *Pest control is needed on the fields! Gophers are bad*
- *I wonder about the booking system and how user friendly it will be*
- *For our students, this is the best*
- *We would like a smaller baseball field closer to Egbert*
- *Would lead to greater use*
- *I like all the community engagement opportunity that concept 1 offer*
- *This is more geared to kids/teens having activities/active lifestyles*
- *Add multicultural aspect like local history [redacted] that live in Marlboro Park*
- *24 hr coffee shack*
- *Keep the soccer fields here (in OG location) as we use them for league play during the soccer season. Soccer field also needs to be redone*
- *Please maintain and line all fields. It becomes a headache, and we pay to do it ourselves.*
- *This will divert our students to more positive activities! They need this*
- *There are many options for being active for people of all ages*
- *Can we have more nature and trees in the recreation hub?*
- *I like this one best for students*
- *I chose concept 1 for our students! (Love BB courts)*
- *Things I like*
- *Access to different activities*
- *Our kids love basketball & soccer*
- *More opportunity for walking, being outside*
- *My vote!*

Concerns/Questions

- *Time of construction and timeline of it as it may impact access to it*
- *With a playground, has this now become a playground zone?*

Concept 2 – Community Hub

- *Will get used but may interfere with school activities*
- *As a PE teacher I use these spaces every day! We need these spaces for well being*
- *Fence the garden so it doesn't get wrecked or move it farther away*
- *Gazebo??*
- *Can we still have a soccer field here?*
- *Concerns about unsavory activities happening in unstructured spaces here*
- *Add multicultural aspect, like local history [redacted] that lived in Marlboro Park*
- *Too many open and unstructured areas. would be misused.*
- *I have concerns about the community hub becoming a place for illegal activities ie drugs, homeless.*

Cappy Smart

Sticky Station 1: Outdoor Education

- *Murals don't age well, seen as visual clutter*
- *Learning from the land*
- *Learning amphitheatre or outdoor classroom*
- *Yes!*
- *Sit spots, mindfulness, time to connect with nature (one checkmark)*
- *Covered gathering space with table (three checkmarks)*
- *Consider accessibility for playground, put a fence around the playground*
- *First Nations structures like tipi, spots for circles, etc.*
- *Exploratory playground equipment that is different than traditional equipment – balance, crawling, mazes, problem solving*
- *special need classes, lots of runners 'elopers', need fenced area*
- *9 squares (less programmed spaces)*
- *Nature space! Identifying natural elements with signs (ex. Alberta plants, trees, etc.) (One check mark)*
- *Spots for outdoor learning (rock circles) for storytelling. Ditto x 10*
- *Naturalized areas to learn about native flora and fauna*
- *Games to support collaboration*

Sticky Station 2: Science (and math)

- *Different types of plants/trees for exploration (one checkmark)*
- *Wetland area*
- *More places for animals to situate and form potential shelters (+ bugs) bat houses, birds*

- *Making a pond/wetland connects with ecosystems, life cycles, habitats etc. (two checkmarks and a 'Yes!')*
- *Lighting that would accommodate sky science*
- *Pond possible habitat (one checkmark)*
- *Usable tools for exploration*

Sticky Station 3: Art

- *Artistic structures for students to take inspiration from (local artists)*
- *Murals & art to analyze*
- *Space for local artists to display*
- *Local artists*
- *Things to make music with (ex., chimes etc.)*

Sticky Station 4: Physical and Mental Wellbeing

- *Fully accessible playground*
- *Natural risky play space [ex. rocks, logs, ramps etc.)*
- *Accessibility is a key factor*
- *Ziplines, climbing/rock climbing structure*
- *Accessible parks please*
- *Accessible and inclusive play spaces*
- *Natural climbing like found in Elliston Park*
- *Access to equipment for all sports*
- *Accessible playgrounds*
- *Accessible playgrounds (one checkmark and a 'Yes!')*
- *Sports fields that would serve multi-sports. Soccer, cricket, badminton*

Sticky Station 5: Other

- *Land acknowledgement connected to community displayed in the park*
- *Lights/signs for pedestrian safety, to learn about community safety (Yes!)*
- *Indigenous plants/gardens throughout (Yes!)*
- *Core board visual communication board*
- *Indigenous designers*
- *Shade for playground*
- *Bathrooms! (two checkmarks)*
- *More shaded, water, fountains*
- *Math: circumference of trees being measured*
- *Spray Park*

- *With students dispersed across many schools, one common playground for children to meet is nice. This is also good for childcare*

Concept 1 – Recreation Hub

[note - these centred around the area closest to Cappy Smart Elementary school]

- THIS with shade cover. (sticky note points to 'Gathering Spaces')
- Baseball diamond above Cappy Smart
- *Concerns about Cappy Lake wetland – water pooling, safety issue, becomes icy in Winter*
- *Accessible washrooms close to school*
- *Shade for playground* 😊
- *Fence for 'runner/elopers', no rocks or small objects for kids who try to eat them.*
- *Gathering with families on Fridays*
- *Accessible playground for our special needs students with picnic tables*
- *Paved pathways, washrooms, tables that are accessible, shade*
- *Spinning features on playground*
- *Park for very young kids*
- *School age children can access parks (playground) at school too*
- *Core board, touch chat*
- *Communication board, smaller simpler for non-verbal*
- *Accessible swing*
- *Touch chat/braille duo to help. Best location for this is at the playground*
- *Bathrooms – lights outside use for kids for longer than 45 minutes, always hurrying back – grade 1- 3*
- *45 minutes for [illegible]*
- *Need closer bathrooms*
- *Change tables for washrooms*
- *Wide spaces*
- *Water pooling at bottom of hill, icy, spikes needed, safety feature*
- *Drainage [illegible]*
- *Don't need 2 baseball diamonds*
- *Alternative for rocks on the driveway*

Concept 2 – Community Hub

- *Working pedestrian crosswalk with lights*
- *Accessibility playground with access to naturalization and paved path*
- *Mini amphitheatre for dramatic arts & plays please*