

Brackenridge Park Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
*Brackenridge Park Reconciliation*  
February 13, 2024



# AGENDA

- Public meeting 2 results and discussion
- Proposed final language
- Prioritization rubric draft
- Survey results - final

BRACKENRIDGE  
PARK  
RECONCILED PLAN







## Community Workshop 2 Results



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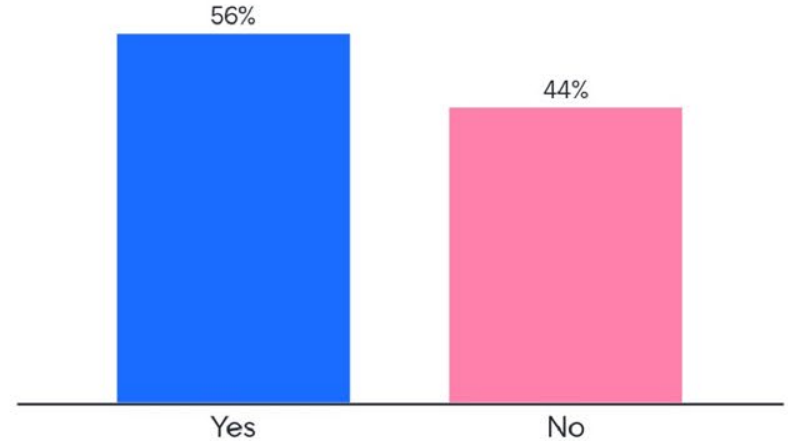
## ORIGINAL

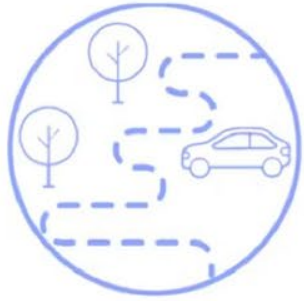
Does the recreation project negatively impact the ecology?

## PROPOSED

Does the **proposed recreational use** appropriately integrate with the river's natural ecology?

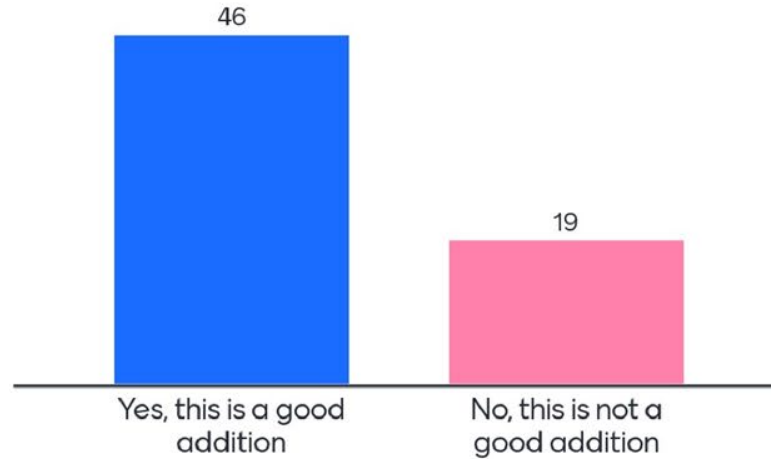
Changed River Criterion:  
Do you agree with the proposed wording?





CIRCULATION /  
CONNECTIONS

# New Circulation Criterion: Does the project include traffic mitigation features within and adjacent to the park?







**Finalize Guiding Principles and Prioritization Criteria**

# Respect for People and Nature

Projects should promote inclusivity and should not privilege users based on class, race, cultural tradition, age, income, physical ability, or other factors.

Projects should promote free use of the park, and where possible, should open access to areas of the park which are currently restricted

Projects should protect or enhance natural resources and habitat and should integrate nature into the recreational experience to further people's connection to nature.

Projects should be implemented for long-term sustainability including a plan for and funding of maintenance, operations, and programming.

## Respect for History and Culture

Projects should honor and interpret cultural history including comprehensive traditions of use.

Where existing physical history can be preserved, it should be; where that is not possible or nothing remains to be preserved, interpretation (through a variety of means) should be incorporated.

Projects should take the entire history of the area which is now Brackenridge Park into consideration, including aboriginal/indigenous use, Spanish colonial development, the land uses precedent to establishment of the park, and the history of the park itself. Further, projects should contribute to the public's understanding of that full history and should include all periods of interpretation.



## Respect for Compromise

If a project has internal conflict between principles but is still deemed worthy of implementation by the evaluation process, divergent principles should be respected through a balanced approach; no principle may be ignored.

# River

Does the project prevent flooding of homes and structures surrounding the park?

Does the project include nature-based solutions?

Does the project respect the comprehensive historic and ecological character of the river?

Does the project increase access to the river where appropriate?

Does the project preserve, improve, or contribute positively to the river ecology?

Does the project preserve/improve river recreation?

Does the proposed recreational use appropriately integrate with the river's natural ecology?

Does the project allow safe access to the river for spiritual and diverse interests?

Does the project replace habitat that is being lost in other areas of the park?

# Architecture/Archaeology

Does the project balance ecological or natural resources with built resources?

Does the project enhance the public's understanding of the park's full history and culture?

Does the project enhance the interpretation of the water story of the park? Does it enhance the ecological and cultural story of the park?

Does the project reinforce the unique and distinctive character areas of the park?

Does the project utilize historic structures in order to increase their utility or useful life?

Does the project increase or result in space that is accessible for public use?

Does the project enhance understanding and interpretation of historic and culturally significant uses of the park?



# Land

Does the project protect, restore, or enhance natural ecosystems in the park?

Does the project incorporate non-invasive native and climate-adapted plant materials?

Does the project prioritize natural ecology while also incorporating nature-focused recreational access, where appropriate?

Does the project incorporate nature-based solutions and maximize the benefits of nature for public health, habitat, and environmental sustainability?

Does the project preserve park open space?

Does the project preserve or increase the amount of natural area within the park as a whole?

Does the project interpret and educate people about natural systems including their ecological, spiritual, historic, and climate-conscious value?

# Circulation/Connections

Does the project improve parking availability while not impacting existing open space or increasing impervious cover?

Does the project incorporate universal design and accessible principles?

Does the project resolve pedestrian/bicyclist/traffic conflicts?

Does the project enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between major transportation modes (bus, vehicular) and destinations?

Does the project connect circulation and parking outside the park to amenities in the park?

Does the project enhance park wayfinding and navigation?

Does the project include design features that improve and promote public safety while respecting nature?

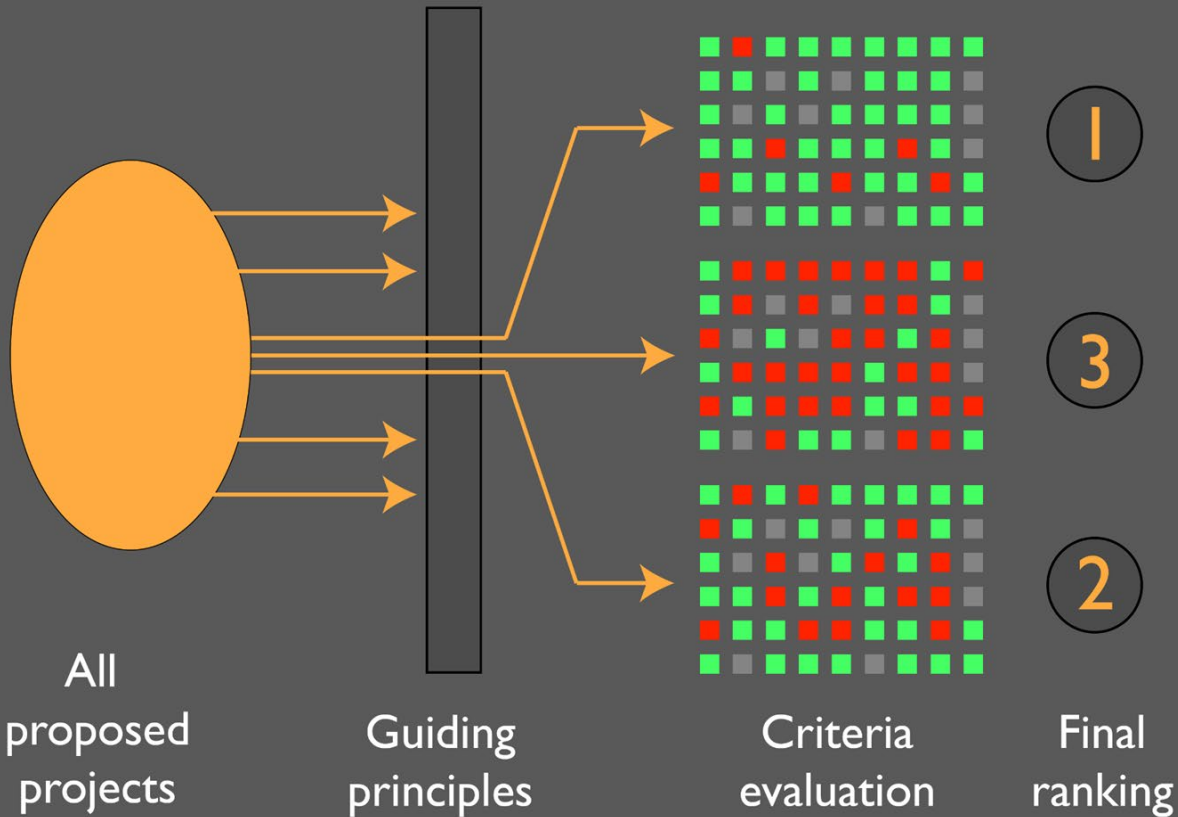
Does the project balance wildlife and human corridors?

Does the project include traffic mitigation features within and adjacent to the park?



## Survey Results





All  
proposed  
projects

Guiding  
principles

Criteria  
evaluation

Final  
ranking

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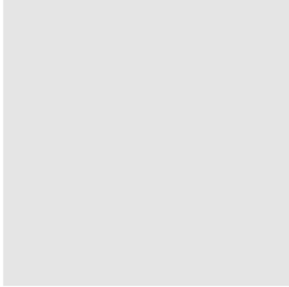






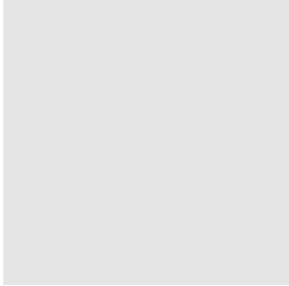
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Brief project description or location/boundaries



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Demo/Reno/Resto/New Con	Yes - Doc ###	yes/no	Yes - Doc ###

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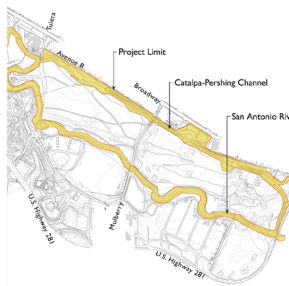
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Ecosystem restoration and trails at existing drainageway



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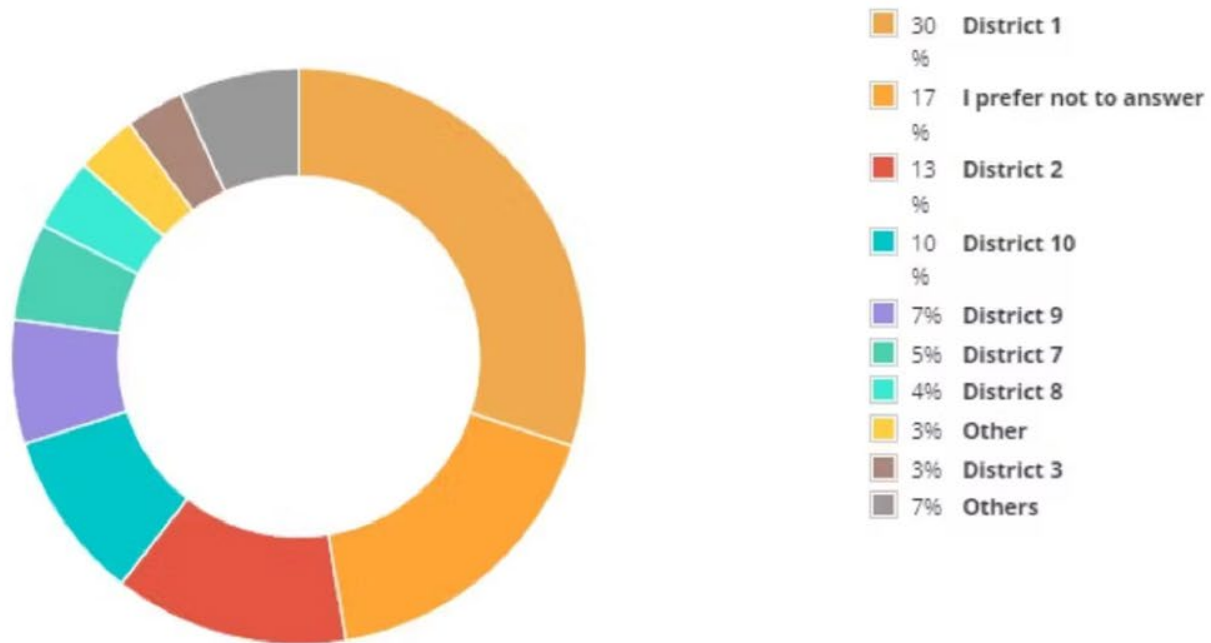




**Prioritization Rubric Draft**

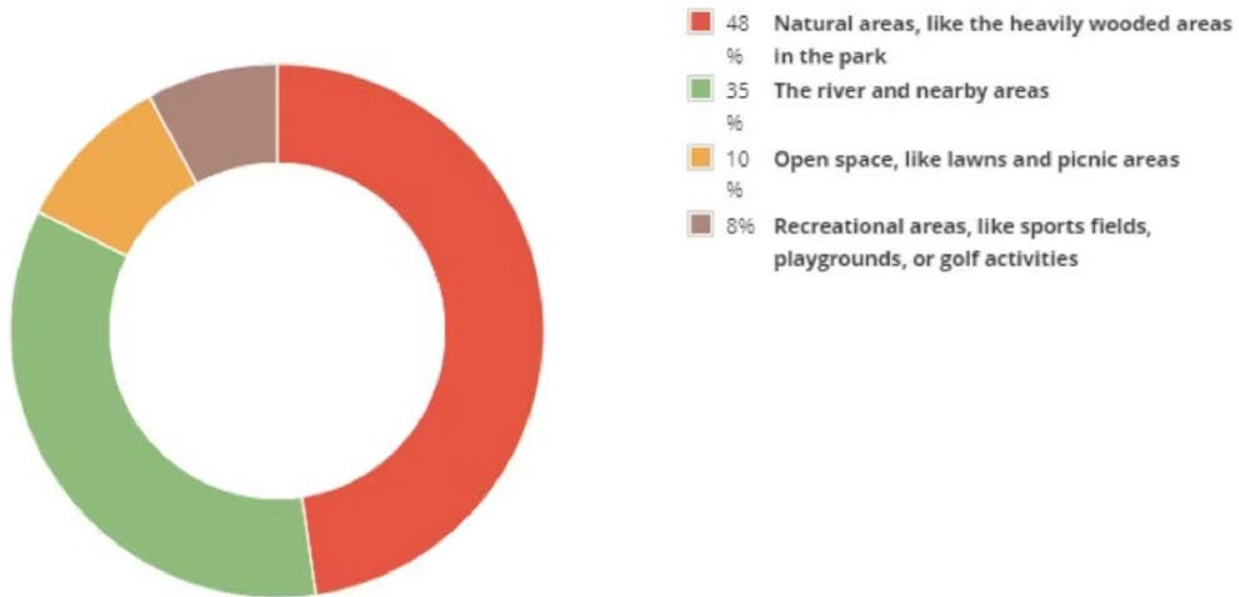


City Council District:



819 respondents

Which of the following is most important to you? Select only one.



979 respondents

How aware are you that aboriginal/first people once lived in the area that is now Brackenridge Park? Please choose one.

35%

Very aware

586 ✓

34%

Somewhat aware

564 ✓

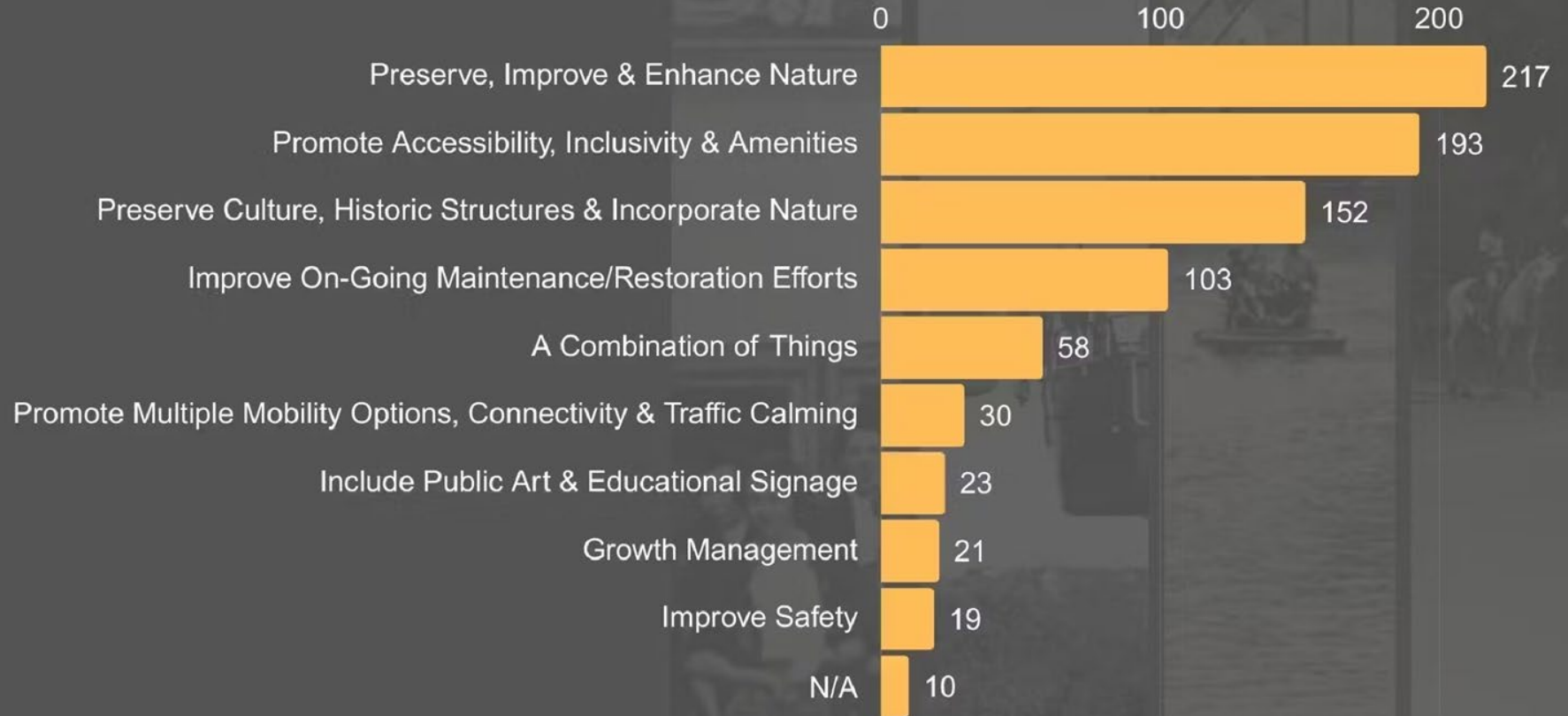
31%

Not aware

518 ✓

1,668 Respondents

# Is there anything that you think all projects in Brackenridge Park should do?



# Is there anything that you think all projects in Brackenridge Park should not do?



What aspects of Brackenridge Park are most important to you? Please rank your choices from most to least important.

99%	Natural areas and ecology, such as the river and wilderness areas	Rank: 1.44	744 ✓
99%	Historic structures, like the restrooms along St. Mary's Street or the Jingu House	Rank: 3.11	739 ✓
99%	Aboriginal/First people habitation, including the use of the land dating back 12,000+ years	Rank: 3.59	737 ✓
98%	Recreational uses, like sports fields and playgrounds	Rank: 3.86	733 ✓
98%	Celebratory/traditional use, like Easter camping and birthday parties, for example	Rank: 4.31	734 ✓
98%	Spiritual use, including religious use by aboriginal/first people groups	Rank: 4.66	734 ✓

748 Respondents



# BRACKENRIDGE PARK RECONCILED PLAN

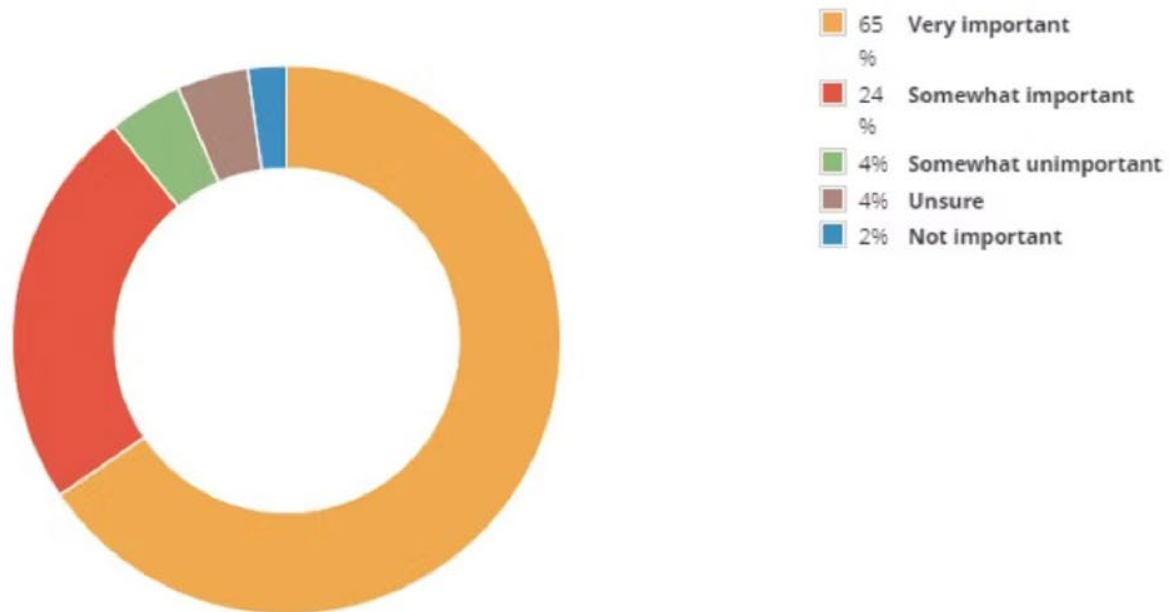
Community Workshop #2 - Jan 30, 2024

What do you value most about the river in Brackenridge Park? Please rank your choices from most to least important.

99%	Plants and animals	Rank: 1.67	690 ✓
99%	Historic character	Rank: 2.51	688 ✓
98%	Flood control	Rank: 3.40	684 ✓
98%	Recreational opportunities	Rank: 3.48	682 ✓
15%	Other	Rank: 3.94	105 ✓
98%	Spiritual connections	Rank: 4.23	683 ✓

695 Respondents

How important do you think it is to preserve all historic structures and artifacts such as the 1878 Pump House #1, archaeological artifacts, colonial irrigation channels, and others?



1,005 respondents

Which aspects of the park are most important to you? Please rank these choices from most to least important:

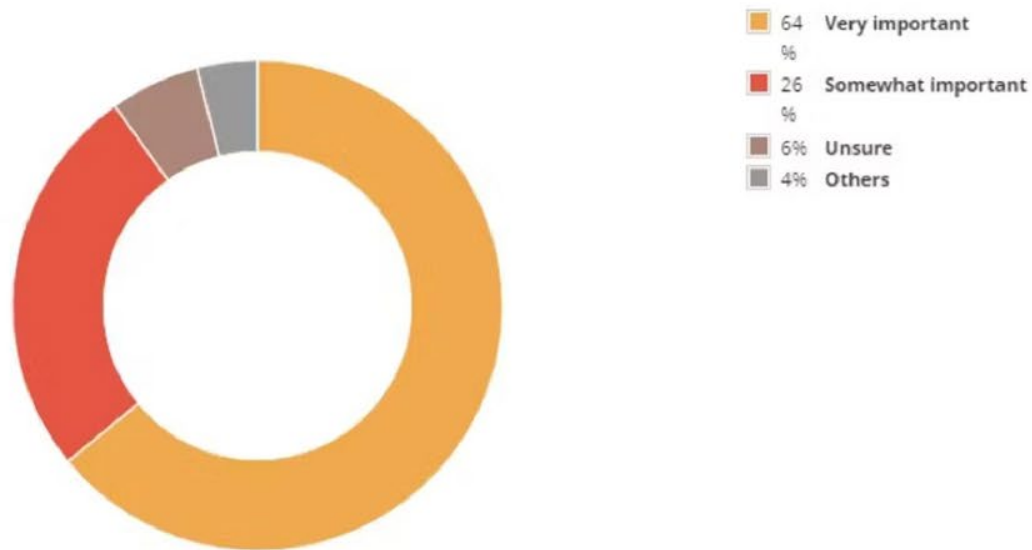
98%	Health of the river, including the plants and animals that live in it	Rank: 1.37	814 ✓
95%	Health of land areas, including plants and animals	Rank: 2.13	788 ✓
93%	River structures, including preserving their history	Rank: 2.83	776 ✓
90%	Recreational areas of all types	Rank: 3.56	745 ✓

832 Respondents

# BRACKENRIDGE PARK RECONCILED PLAN

Community Workshop #2 - Jan 30, 2024

There are many plants in the park which, if left alone, could crowd out native plant species. These are known as invasive species. How important do you think it is to prioritize removing invasive plants?



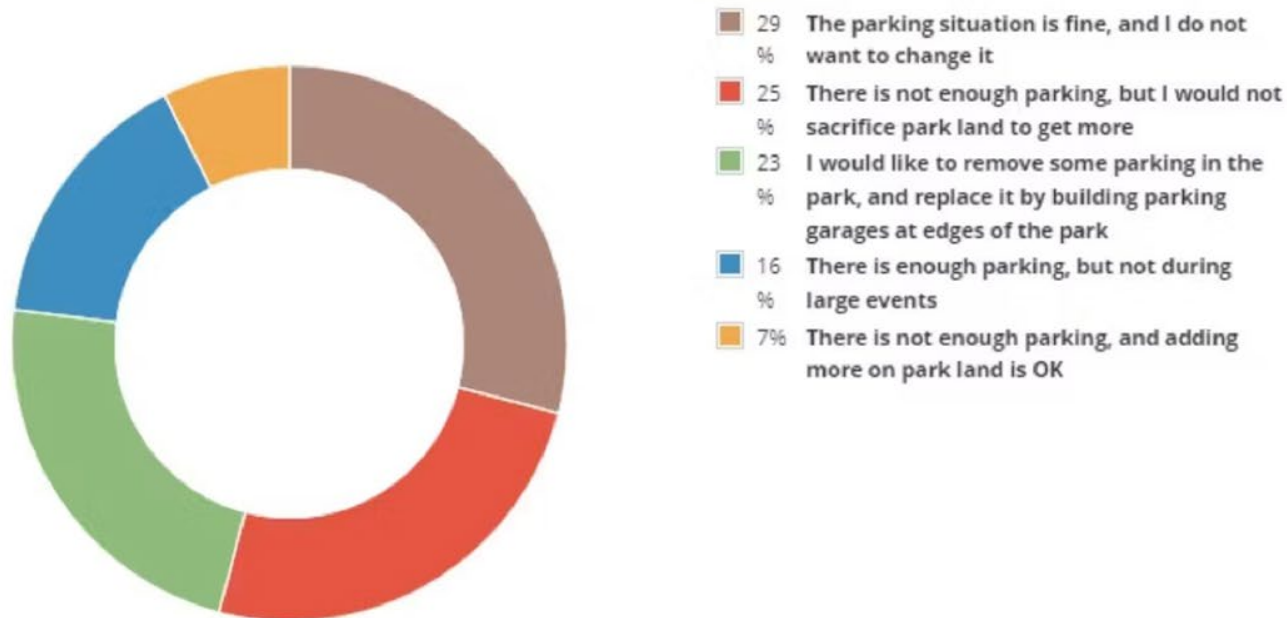
982 respondents



## How do you feel about parking in the park?



Please select one answer below that best represents your opinion on parking in the park.



954 respondents

How do you feel about cars driving in the park? Please choose up to two answers.

51%

I might support limiting traffic in the park depending on the details

486 ✓

25%

I feel like walking or biking in the park can be dangerous sometimes because of car traffic

235 ✓

24%

I would not change anything about roads in the park

229 ✓

22%

It's important to me to have direct access to areas in the park with my car

207 ✓

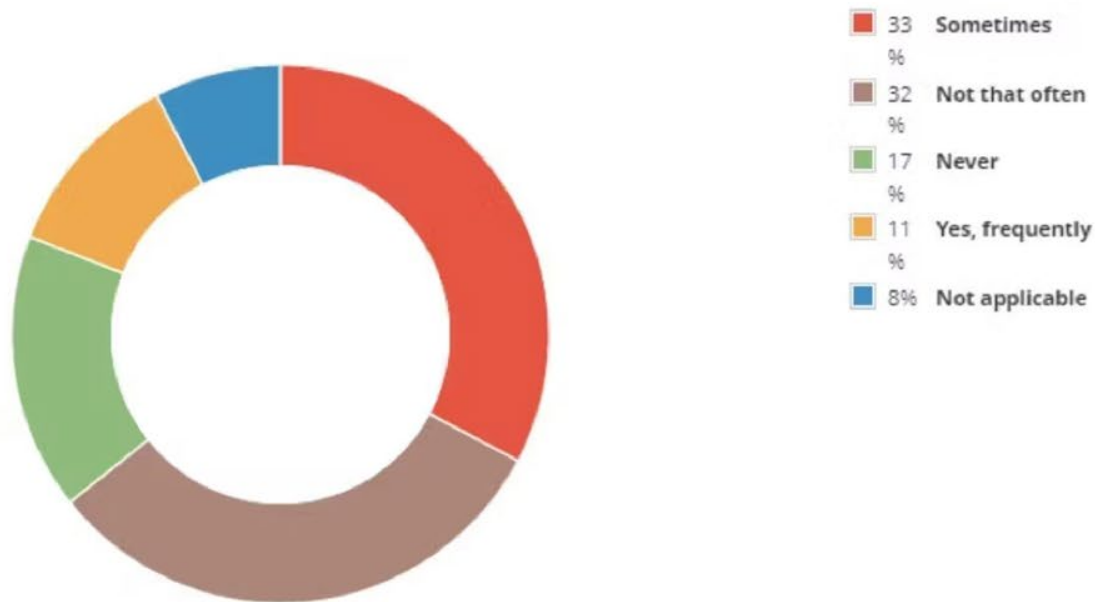
2%

I think we need more roads in the park

15 ✓

944 Respondents

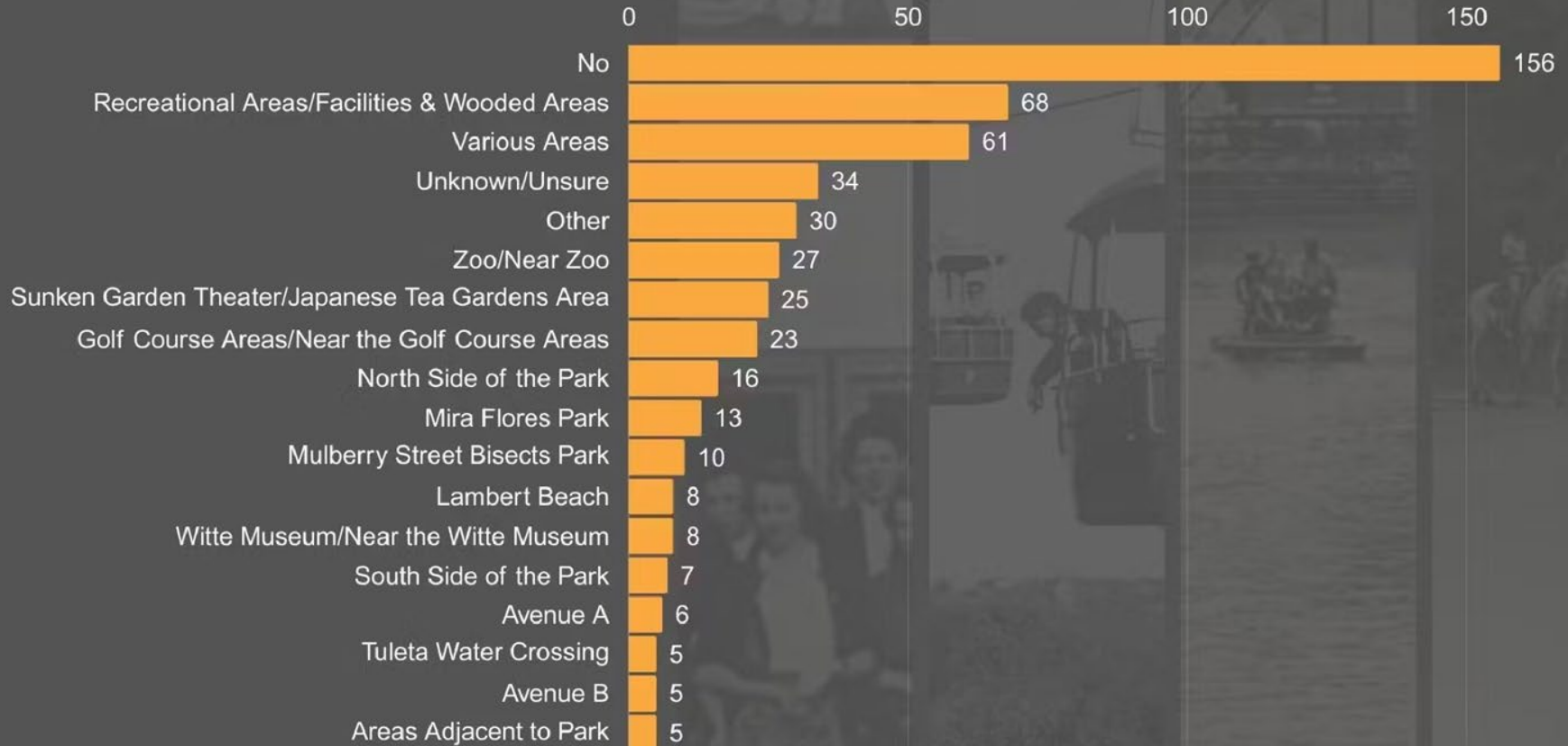
When you are walking or biking in the park, do you ever feel unsafe due to car traffic?



958 respondents



# Are there any areas in the park that feel disconnected from the rest of the park? If so, what are they?



What do you believe is most important? Please rank your choices from most to least important:

93%

Maintaining native landscaping and trees

Rank: 2.03

735 ✓

90%

Restoring the health of the river and its ecosystem

Rank: 2.05

707 ✓

93%

Preserving archaeology and historic structures

Rank: 2.67

735 ✓

84%

Preserving spiritual areas

Rank: 4.53

665 ✓

83%

Preserving areas used for celebratory practices (as for Easter Sunday, for example)

Rank: 4.54

654 ✓

82%

Creating additional recreational areas

Rank: 4.61

648 ✓

788 Respondents











# GUIDING PRINCIPLES



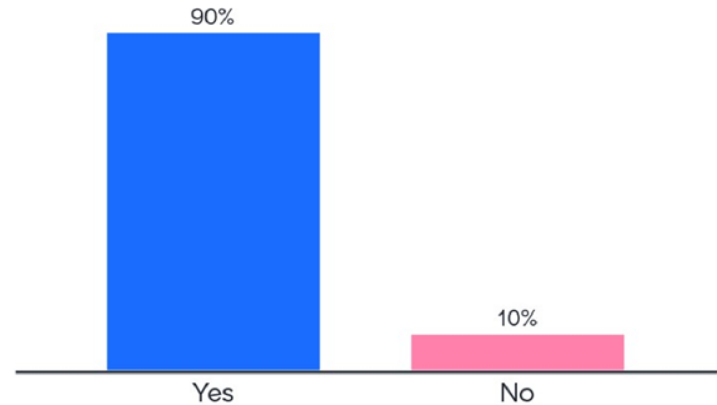
## ORIGINAL

Projects should incorporate components which enhance natural habitat but also should mesh nature and recreation to further people's connection to nature.

## PROPOSED

Projects should **protect or** enhance natural **resources and** habitat **and integrate** nature **into the recreational experience** to further people's connection to nature.

### Guiding Principle Change: Do you agree with the proposed wording?





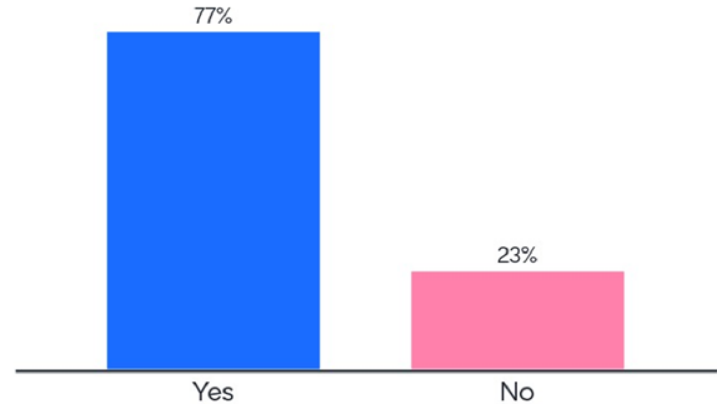
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Projects should honor and interpret cultural history including traditions of use, both modern and historic.

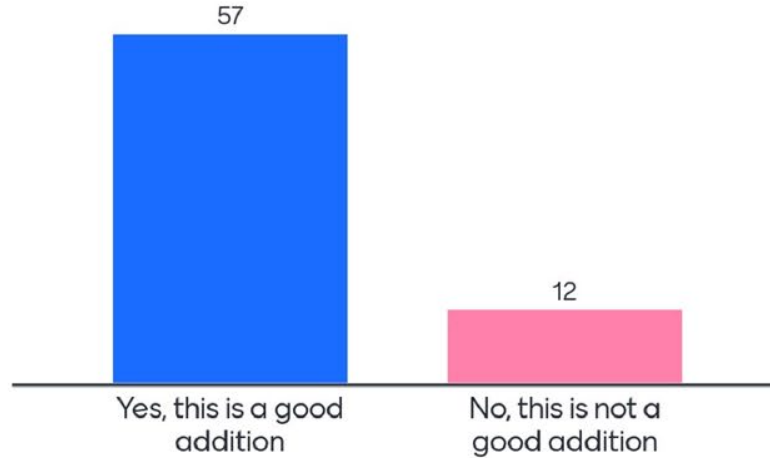
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Projects should honor and interpret cultural history **and** traditions of use, **including** **aboriginal/indigenous, historic, and** modern.

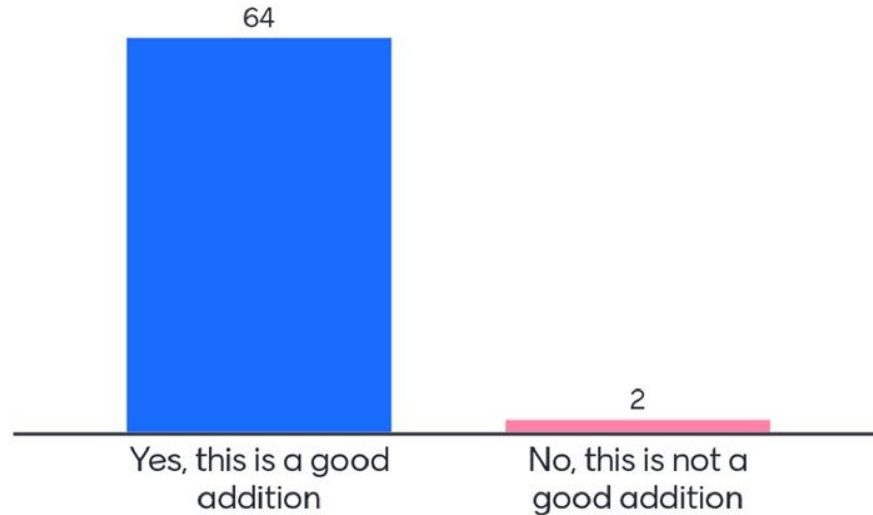
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# New River Criterion: Does the project mitigate flooding of homes and structures surrounding the park?



# New River Criterion: Does the project include nature-based solutions?



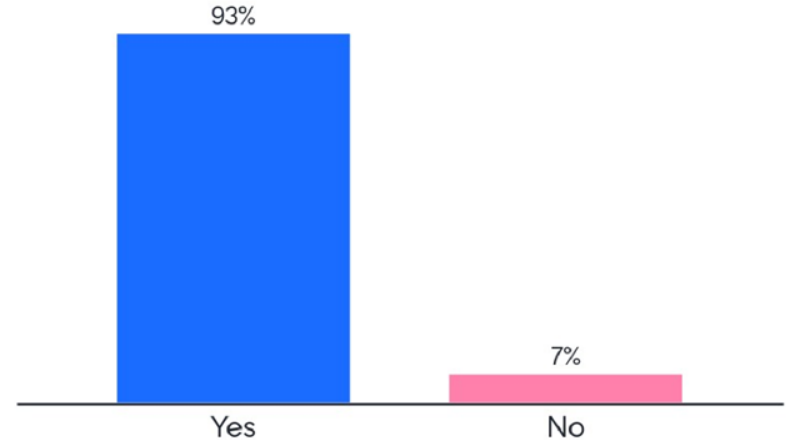
## ORIGINAL

Does the project maintain the historic character of the river?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **respect** the **comprehensive** historic **and** **ecological** character of the river?

Changed River Criterion:  
Do you agree with the proposed wording?



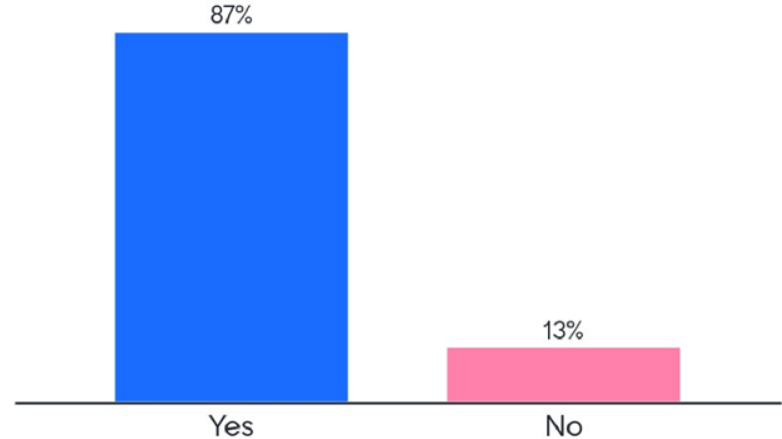
## ORIGINAL

Does the project increase access to the river?

## PROPOSED

Does the project increase access to the river **where appropriate?**

Changed River Criterion:  
Do you agree with the proposed wording?





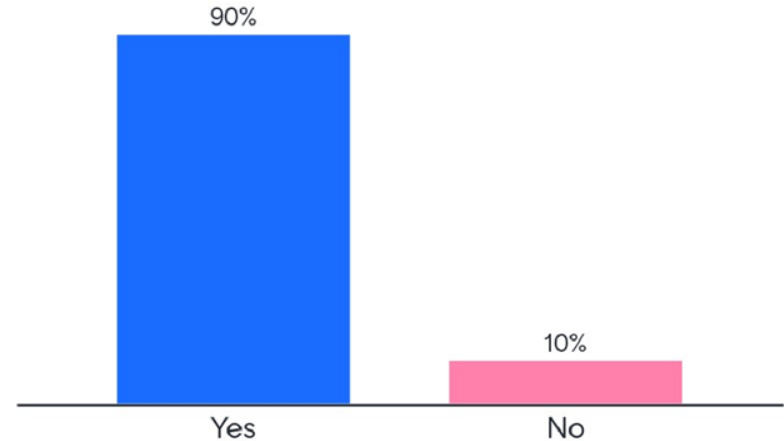
## ORIGINAL

Does the project preserve/improve the river ecology?

## PROPOSED

Does the project preserve, improve, or contribute positively to river ecology?

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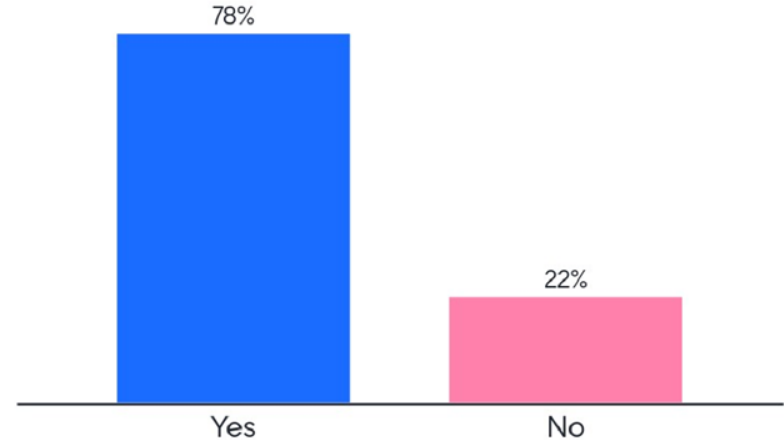
## ORIGINAL

Does the project restrict access to the river for spiritual connections?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **allow safe** access to the river for spiritual **and diverse** interests?

Changed River Criterion:  
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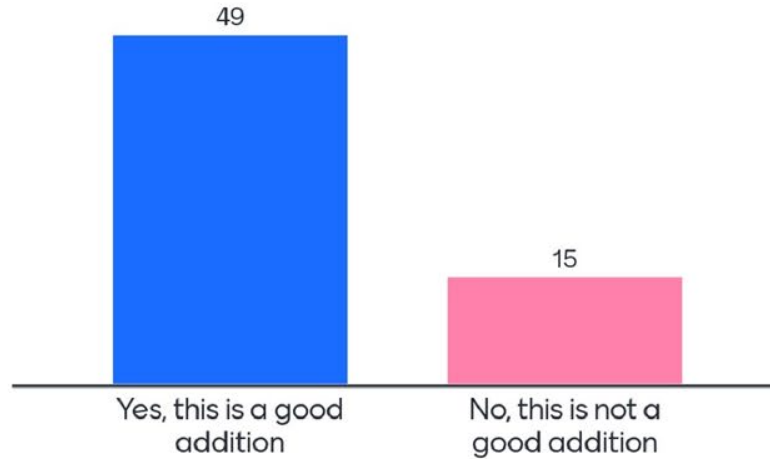




ARCHAEOLOGY /  
ARCHITECTURE



# New Architecture/Archaeology Criterion: Does the project balance ecological or natural resources with built resources?



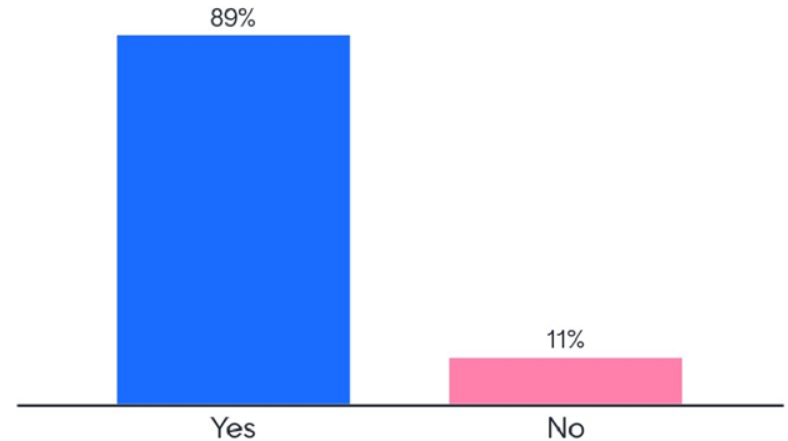
## ORIGINAL

Does the project enhance the public's comprehensive understanding of the park?

## PROPOSED

Does the project enhance the public's understanding of the park's full history and culture?

Changed Architecture /  
Archaeology Criterion: Do you agree with the proposed wording?





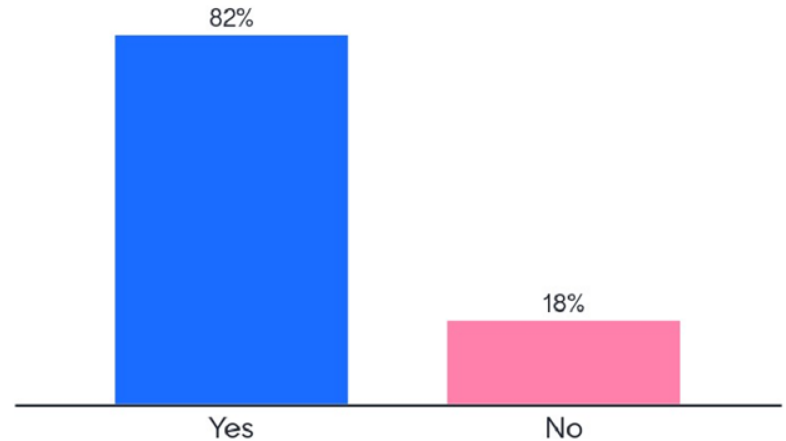
## ORIGINAL

Does the project unify areas throughout the park?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **reinforce the unique and distinctive character** areas **of** the park?

Changed Architecture /  
Archaeology Criterion: Do you agree with the proposed wording?



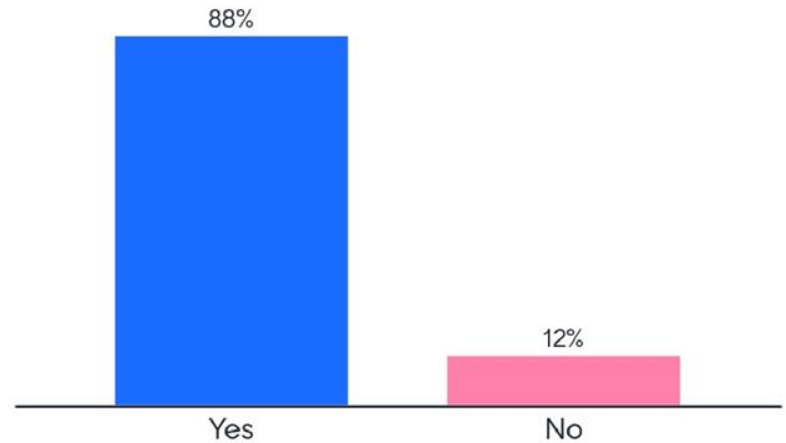
## ORIGINAL

Can the building be adapted to increase longevity?

## PROPOSED

Does the project utilize historic structures in order to increase their utility or useful life?

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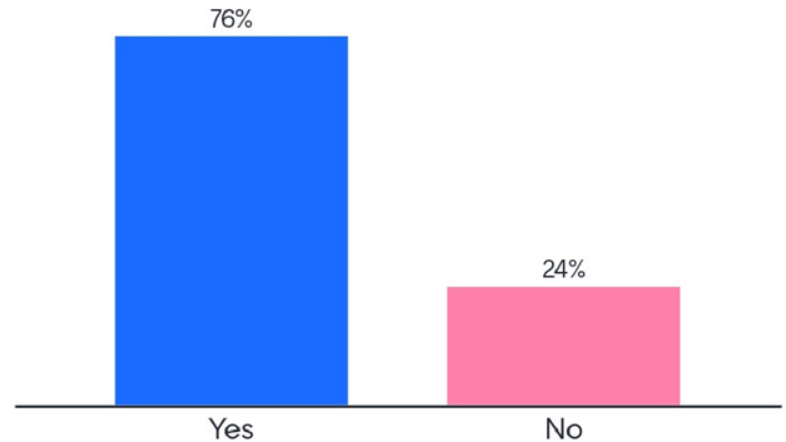
## ORIGINAL

Is the project accessible for public use?

## PROPOSED

Does the project increase or result in space that is accessible for public use?

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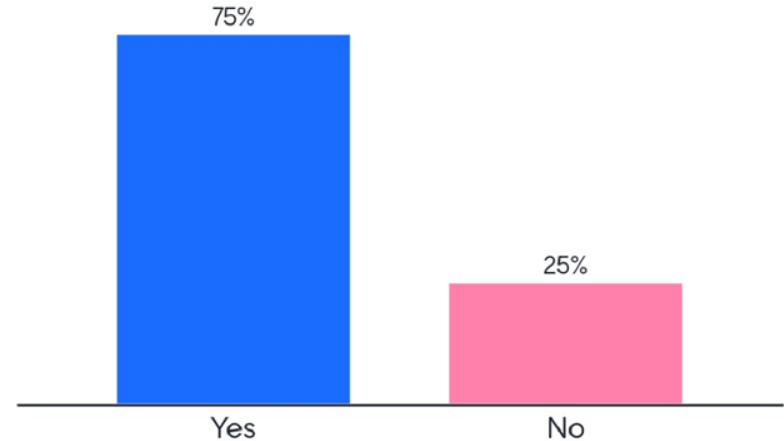
## ORIGINAL

Does the project promote the natural ecosystem by incorporating native plant materials and removing invasive species?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **incorporate non-invasive** native and **climate-adapted** plant materials?

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Do you agree with the proposed wording?



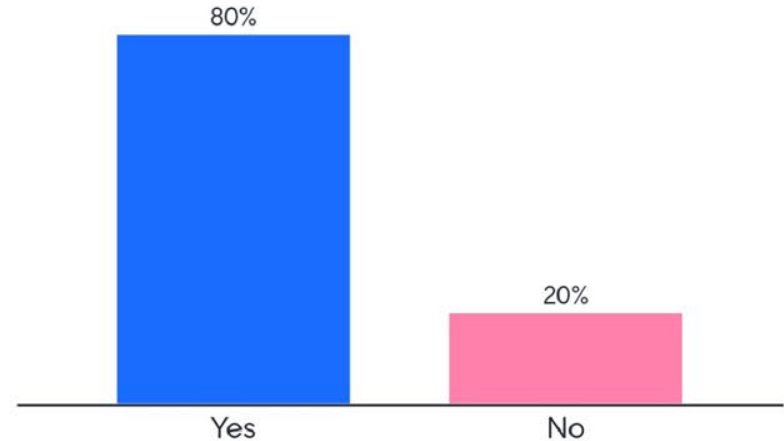
## ORIGINAL

Does the project promote natural ecology in concert with recreation access?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **prioritize** natural ecology **while also** **incorporating nature-focused recreational** access, where **appropriate**?

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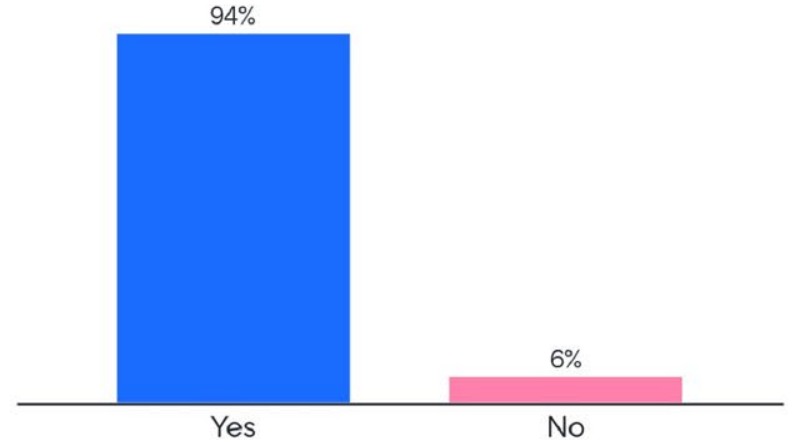
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Does the project incorporate low-impact development features?

## PROPOSED

Does the project incorporate nature-based solutions and maximize the benefits of nature for public health, habitat, and environmental sustainability?

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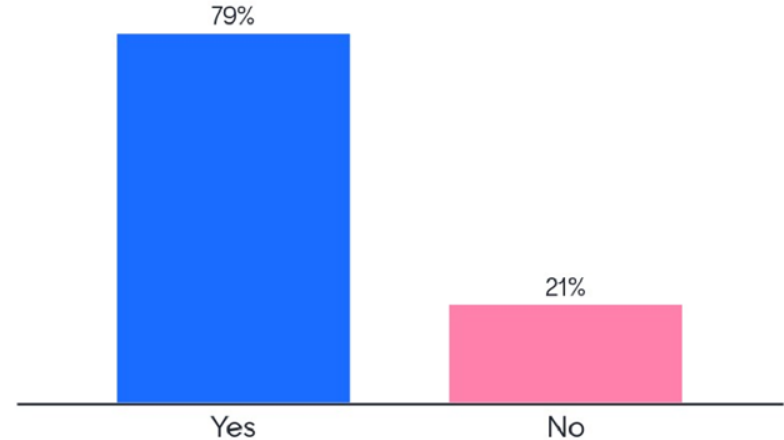
## ORIGINAL

Does the project enhance the availability of park open space?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **preserve** park open space?

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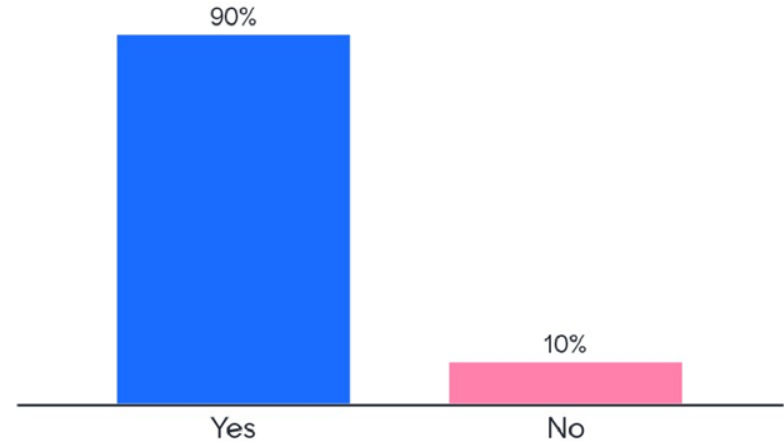
## ORIGINAL

Does the project increase the amount of natural areas?

## PROPOSED

Does the project **preserve or** increase the amount of natural area **within the park as a whole?**

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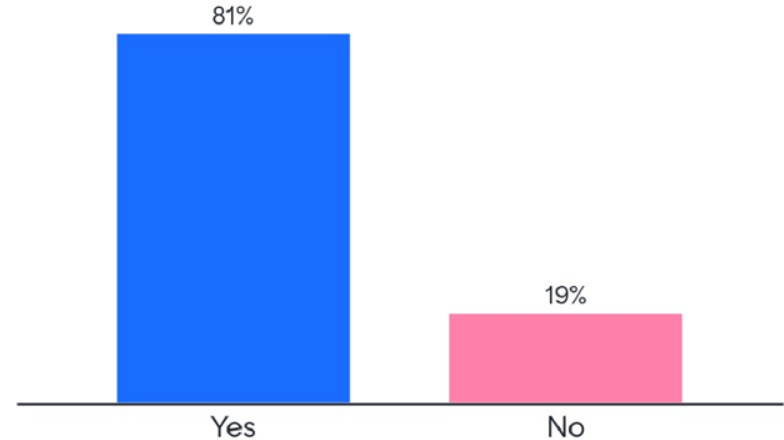
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Does the project interpret and educate people about natural systems?

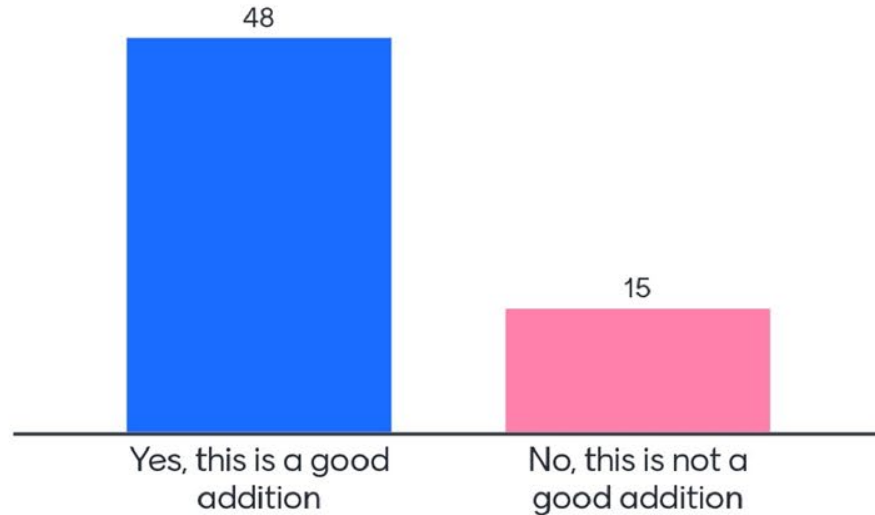
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Does the project interpret and educate people about natural systems **including their ecological, spiritual, historic, and climate-conscious value?**

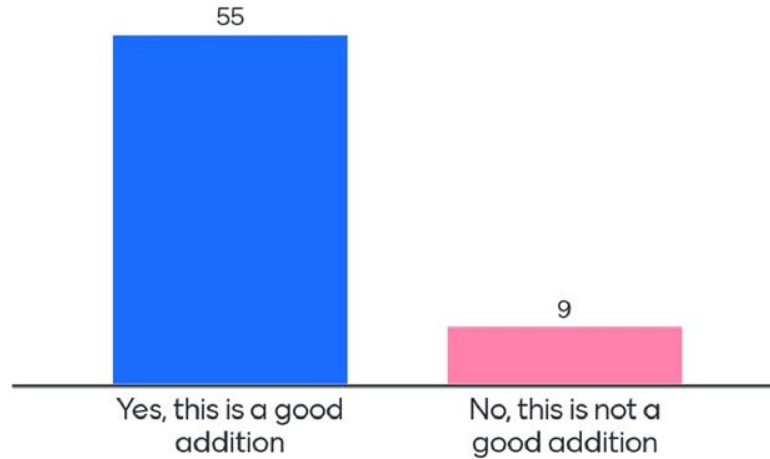
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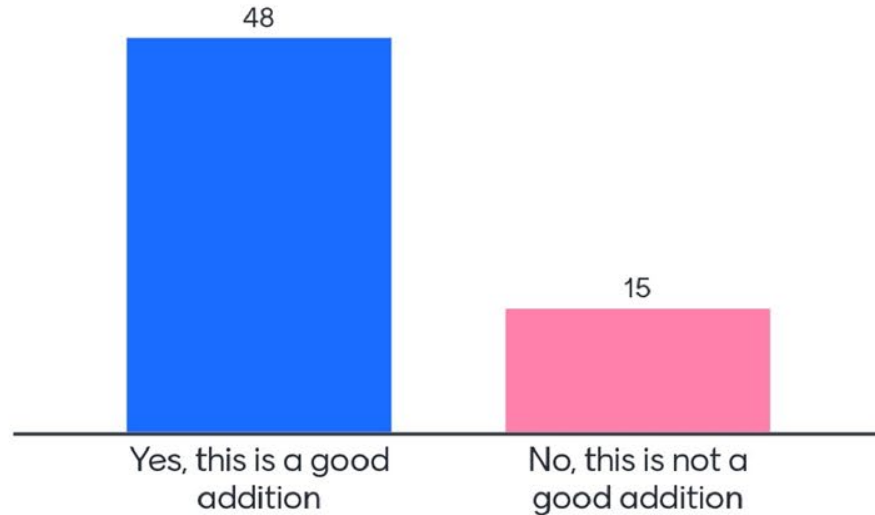


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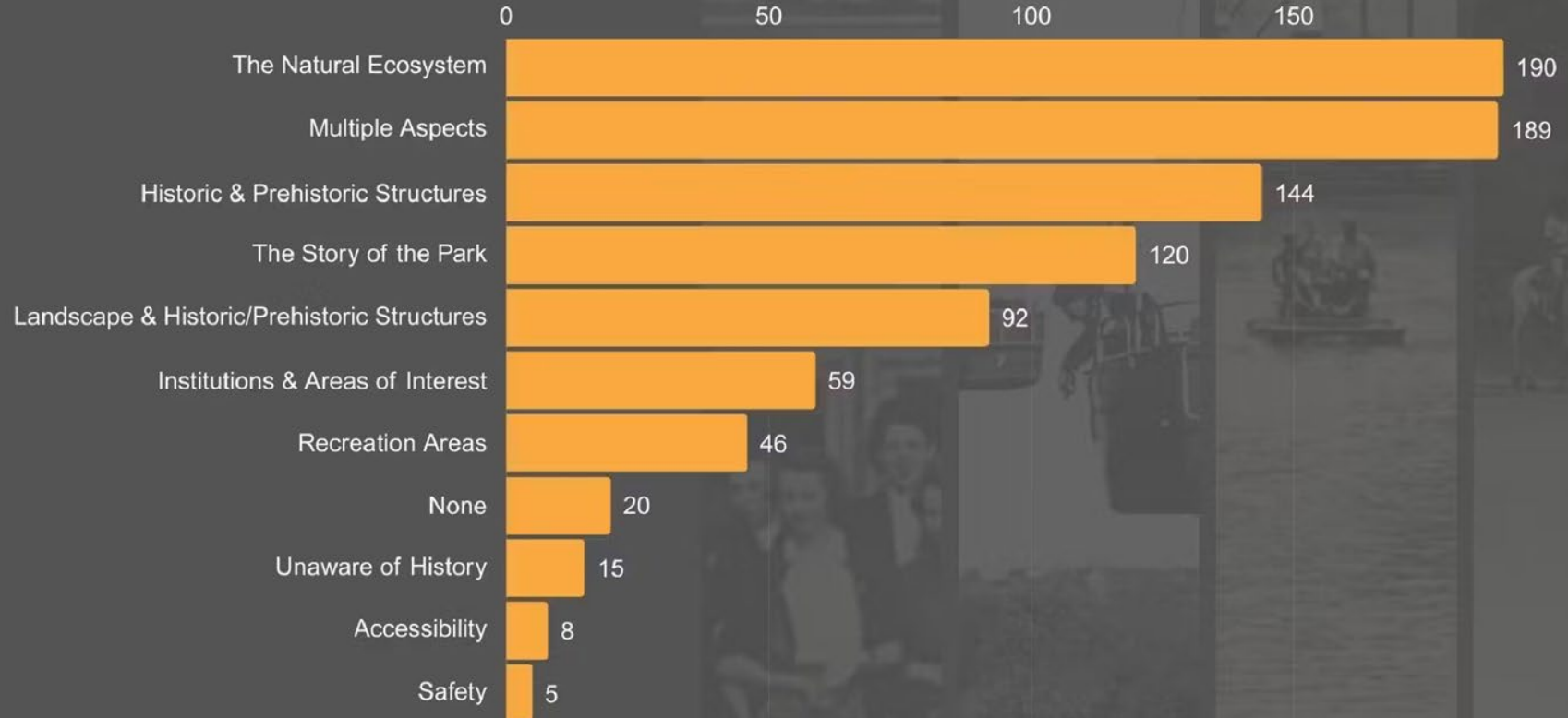




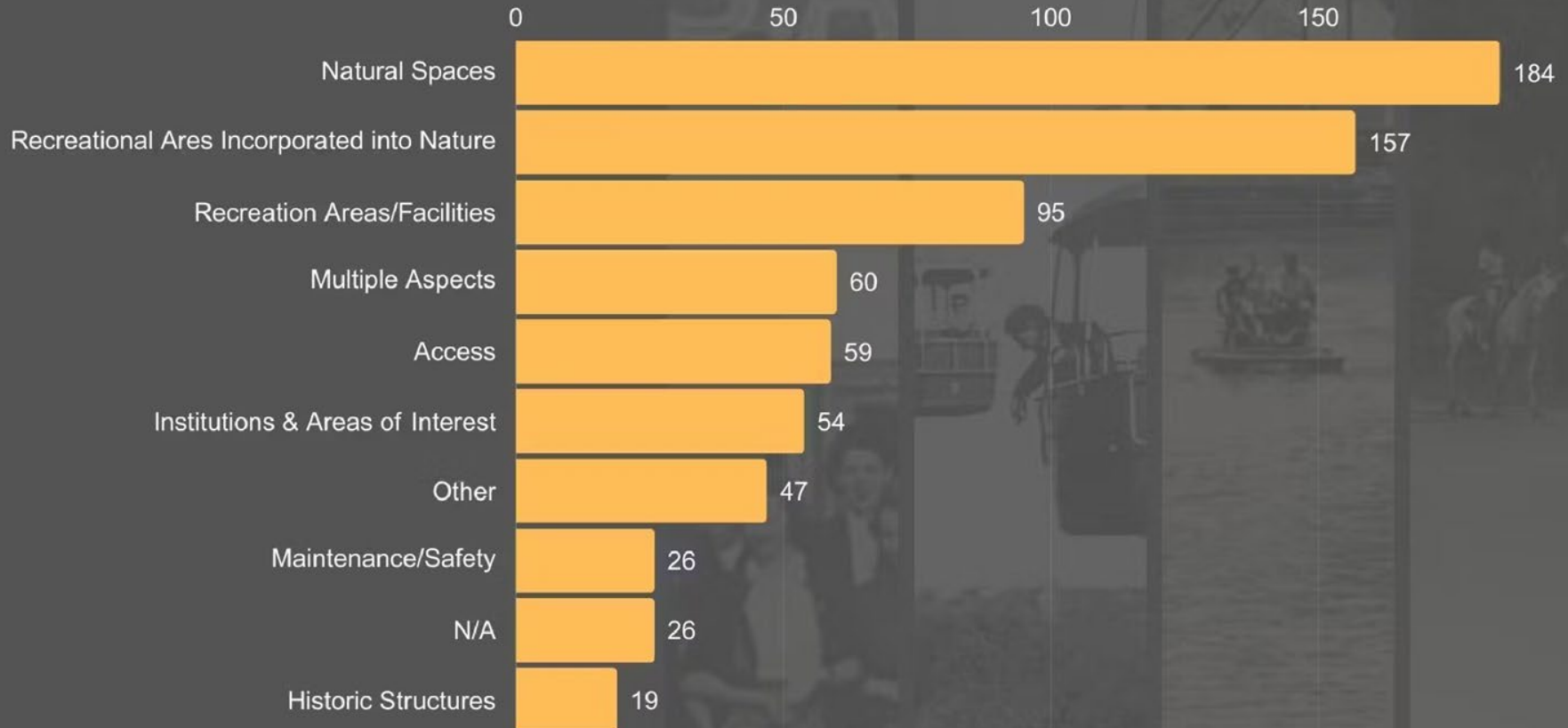
# New Circulation Criterion: Does the project balance wildlife and human corridors?



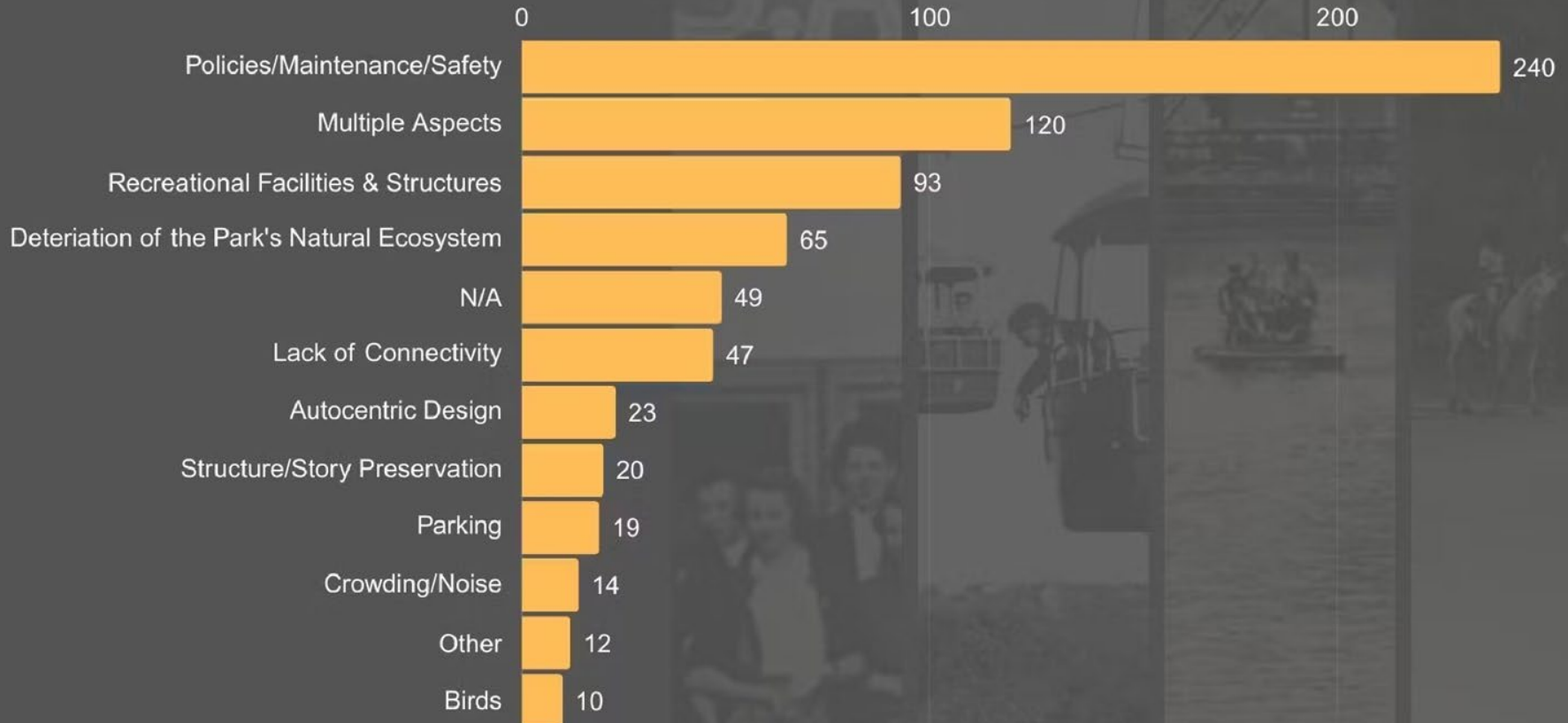
# What historic aspects of the park are most important to you?



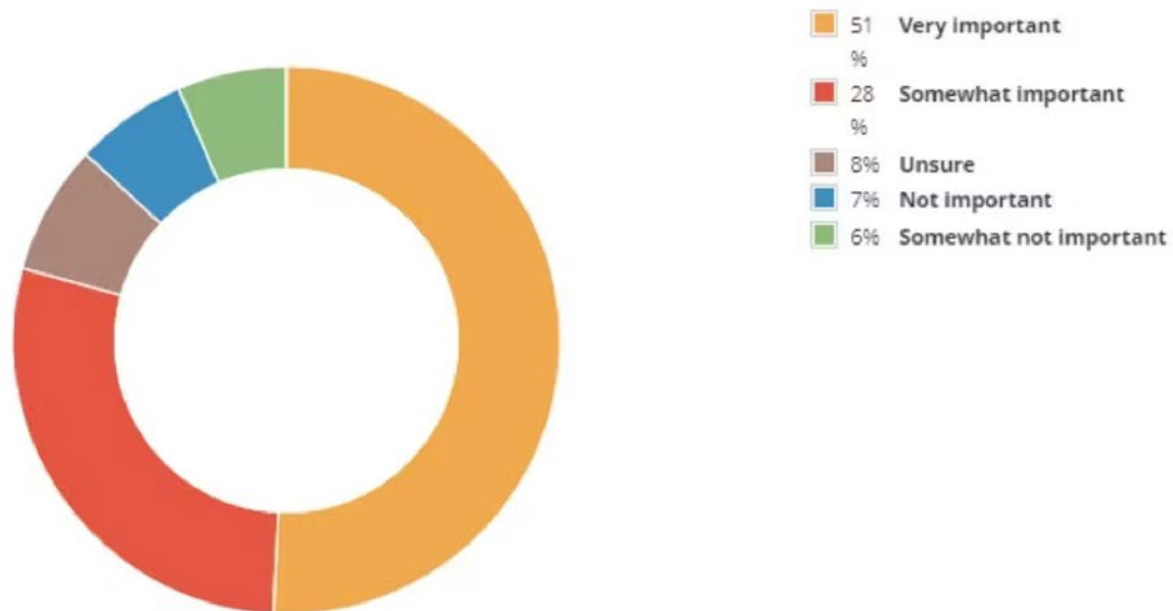
## What aspects of the park are you happiest about right now?



# What aspects of the park are you unhappy about right now?

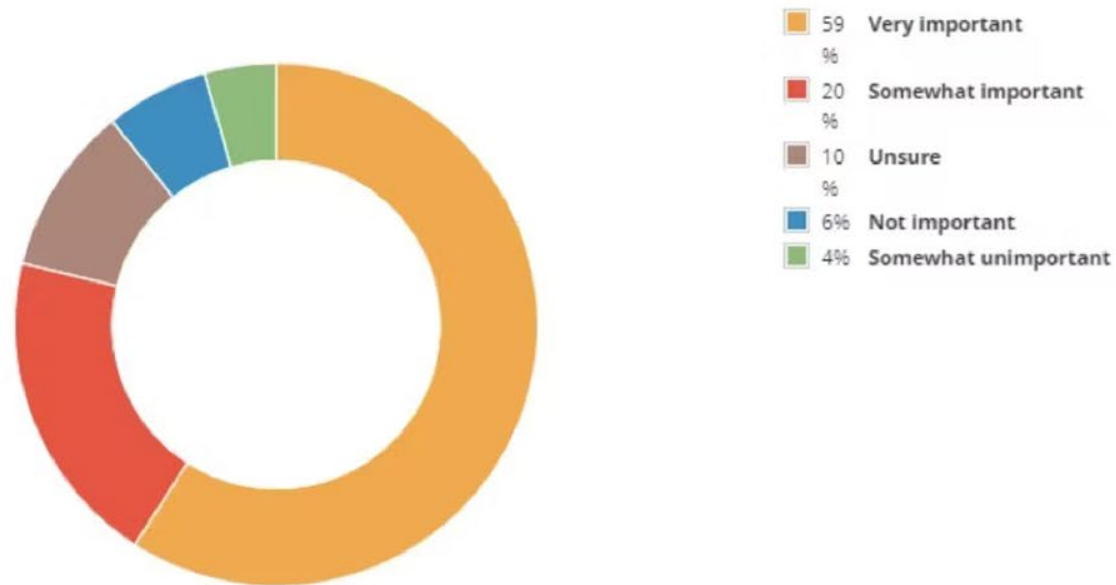


How important do you think is to add more walking and biking paths to connect parts of the park?



993 respondents

Do you feel that increasing the amount of park space available for use without paying fees is important?



990 respondents



How easy is it for you to navigate around the park with the current signage?



939 respondents

### Have you taken the bus to or from the park?



941 respondents

# What is the biggest challenge with moving around the park?

