

# WHAT WE HEARD

## Nashville Park and Algoma Park Development

### PHASE TWO ENGAGEMENT REPORT



**Summer 2024**



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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## About this report

This report summarizes what the City of Vaughan heard through the second phase of community engagement on park amenities and design options for Algoma Park (42 Algoma Dr.) and Nashville Park (639 Barons St.).

As part of the first phase of community engagement, the City held an in-person Open House and an online survey in June and July of 2023 to collect feedback on the proposed programs for both neighbourhood parks. Overall, feedback from this phase of engagement was generally positive, with many respondents expressing their excitement for the two new parks and proposed programming options. The feedback received from the Open House and survey in phase one was used to inform the [design package](#) (PDF) for each park.

In phase two, the City conducted a second survey to hear the community's thoughts on these proposed designs. Through the survey, the City sought feedback on the proposed design and location of shade structures, park furniture options, playground features, a pickleball quad, basketball courts and an outdoor fitness circuit at the Mactier Greenway (Mactier Dr. and East's Corners Blvd.).

**In total, 217 community members participated, sharing their feedback and perspectives on the parks' designs.**

The feedback received was once again positive, with strong support for each of the proposed designs. The City received numerous comments expressing a range of preferences regarding the proposed design and locations of the shade structures, playgrounds, pickleball quad and basketball courts, including a desire for flexibility



in the design of the pickleball quad and the half-court basketball facilities. Respondents encouraged staff to explore designs that would accommodate various sports, group sizes and play types.

## How your feedback shapes decisions

Community input is integral to the decision-making process. No one knows their community better than the people who live there, and the City believes incorporating the public's feedback leads to better project outcomes. But community engagement isn't the only input into the decision-making process – City staff and Council must also consider existing policies, standards and guidelines, technical feasibility, financial considerations and other factors when making decisions.

All parks in Vaughan are programmed based on the guidelines of the City's [Active Together Master Plan](#), which outlines service level standards for different park types (e.g. neighbourhood parks and district parks). This plan, generally updated every five years, helps guide the City to efficiently, consistently and optimally allocate growth funding and tax dollars across the city. This consistency helps reduce operational, maintenance and replacement costs, keeping taxes low while continuing to provide new parks, recreational facilities and trails, where needed, in Vaughan.

Your feedback helps ensure the future amenities in Algoma Park and Nashville Park reflect the local community's needs. The design of each park will be refined with the community's feedback in mind while also ensuring the final design aligns is technically and financially feasible and aligns with the standards set in the Active Together Master Plan.

## Background

Algoma Park and Nashville Park are two new parks coming to the community north of East's Corners Boulevard, south of Nashville Road, east of Huntington Road and west of the Canadian National Railway line.

Both are classified as neighbourhood parks within the City's Active Together Master Plan. Neighbourhood parks are designed to serve the community located within a 10-minute walk of the park and support a balance of active and passive uses with amenities such as playgrounds, skate zones, play courts, unlit sports fields and social gathering spaces. Given the two parks are approximately 800-metres apart, there is an opportunity to select complementary programming for each (e.g. placing basketball courts in one and tennis courts in the other), providing a greater range of play options for the neighbourhood.

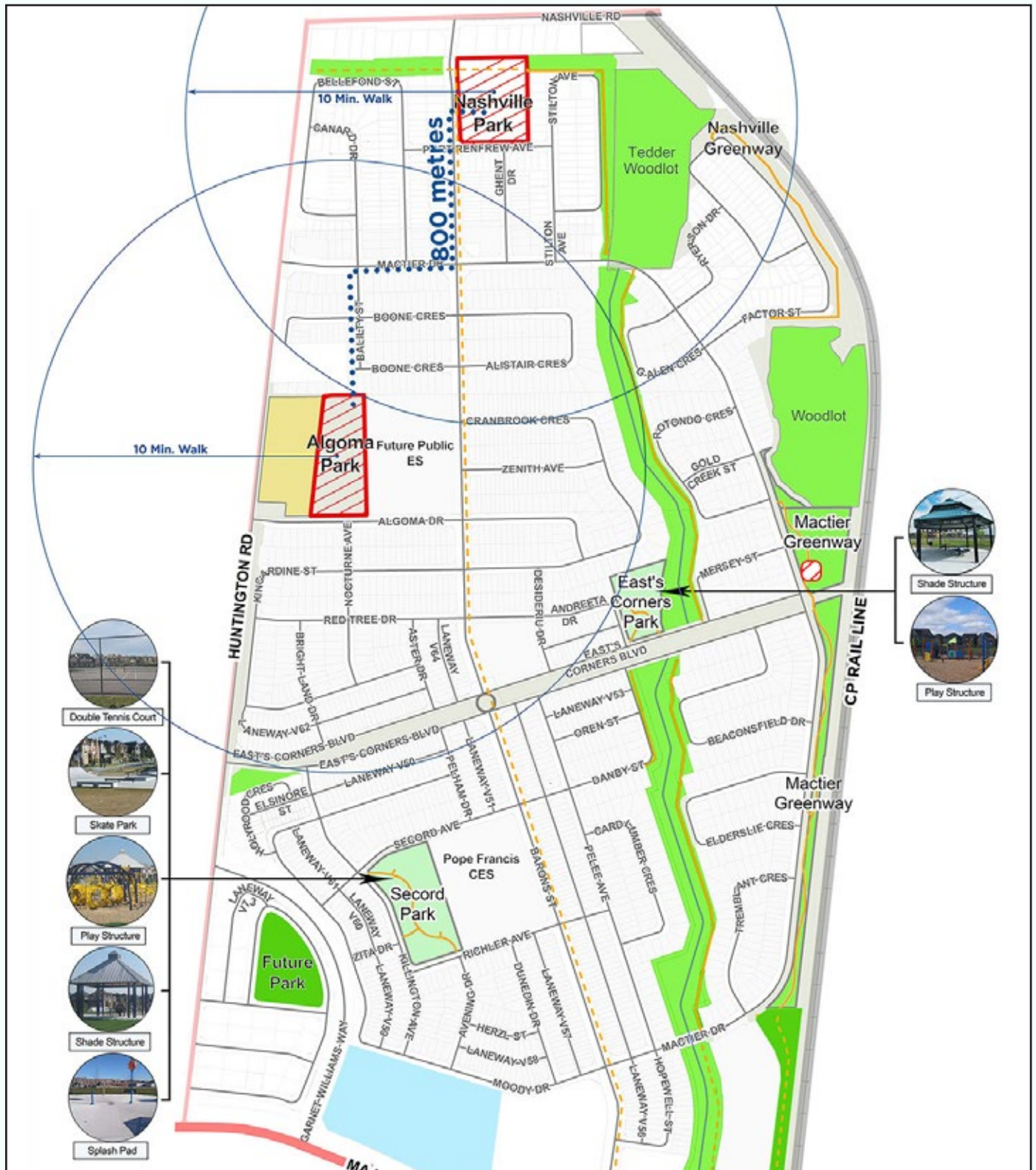
Incorporating the feedback received from the Open House and online survey in phase one, the City developed design concepts for both parks. These concepts included themed amenities reflecting the heritage of the Nashville-Kleinburg community, gathering spaces, a shade structure in each park, a variety of seating options, a junior and senior playground in each park, recreational courts, multi-use lawn areas and naturalized areas.

The objective of the second survey was to present these concepts to the community and gather additional feedback before finalizing the parks' designs and proceeding with construction.





Figure 1: Map of park locations in the Nashville-Kleinburg community



# HOW WE ENGAGED

## Online survey

The City launched an online survey in June 2024. Survey participants reviewed design concepts and provided feedback on proposed park amenities and design options. Respondents were also asked to provide demographic information about their household.

## How we reached the community

Promotion of the survey was multi-faceted and included a combination of far-reaching and targeted communications tactics.

## Project notice

A notice with information about the project and online survey was mailed to 1,189 homes located in the area north of East's Corners Boulevard, south of Nashville Road, east of Huntington Road and west of the Canadian National Railway line.

**Figure 2:** Project notice sent to residents living near each park



*Online survey, computer and mobile view*



**Figure 3:** Map of distribution area for the project notice

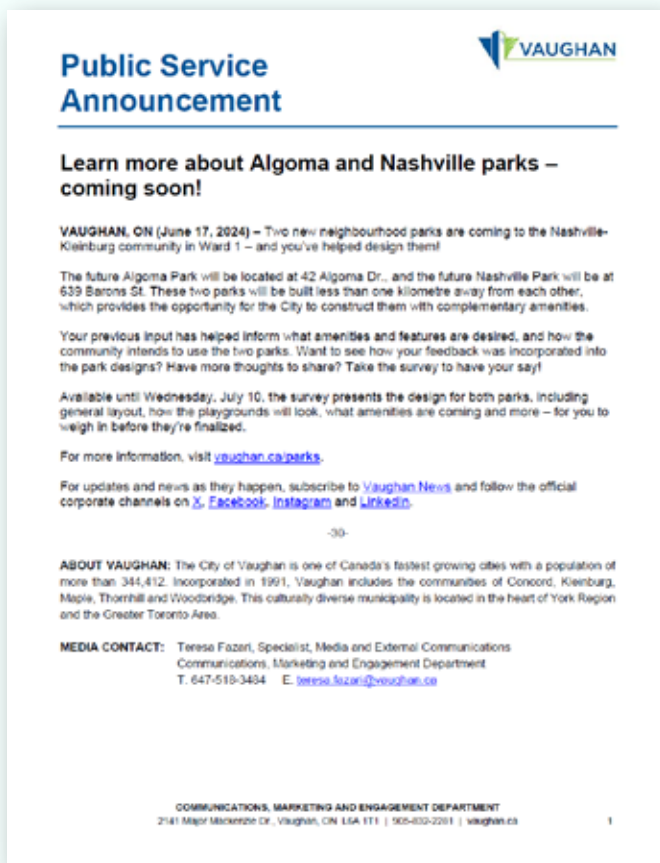




## Public service announcement

A public service announcement was released on June 19, 2024, to promote the project and engagement opportunities to local, GTA, national and cultural media outlets, and individuals who subscribe to Vaughan News, the City's eNewsletter. The public service announcement was issued to more than 44,200 subscribers.

*Figure 4: Public service announcement issued to residents and media*



## Social media

To further promote the second survey, the City shared 13 posts across Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn to encourage the community to get involved and share their feedback.

*Figure 5: Social media graphic*



## Community signage

The City installed temporary signage around the Algoma Park and Nashville Park sites to inform residents living in the community about the online survey. Three roadside signs were placed at the following high-traffic areas:

- Southeast corner of Algoma Drive and Barons Street (adjacent to the future Algoma Park site)
- Northwest corner of Barons Street and Port Renfrew Avenue (adjacent to the future Nashville Park site)
- Northeast corner of Major Mackenzie Drive and Barons Street

The online survey was also promoted across the City's digital signage network across Ward 1 and community centre televisions within the surrounding area, including at the Al Palladini Community Centre.

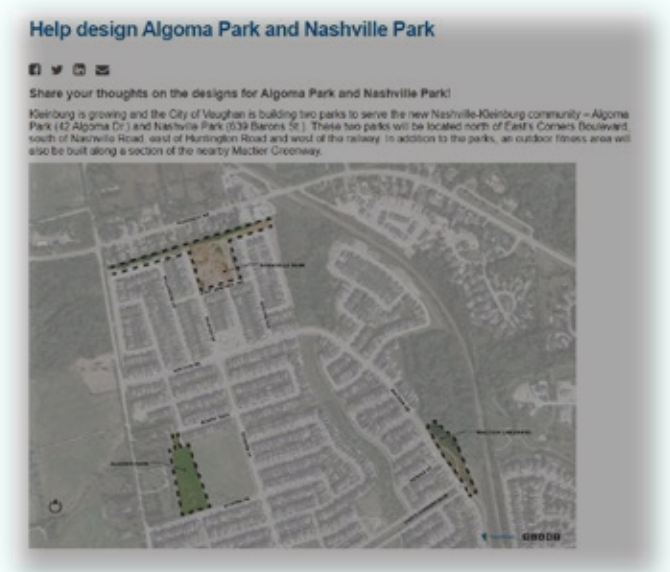
**Figure 6: Community centre TV graphic**



## Website

Residents could visit the [project webpage](#) for more information throughout the engagement process. This report will be available on that page, and additional updates will follow as the design progresses and construction timelines are finalized.

**Figure 7: Engagement on City's engagement platform – Have Your Say, Vaughan**



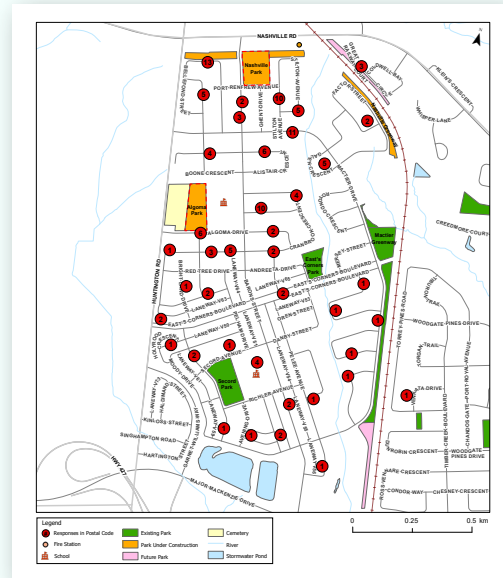


# WHO WE HEARD FROM

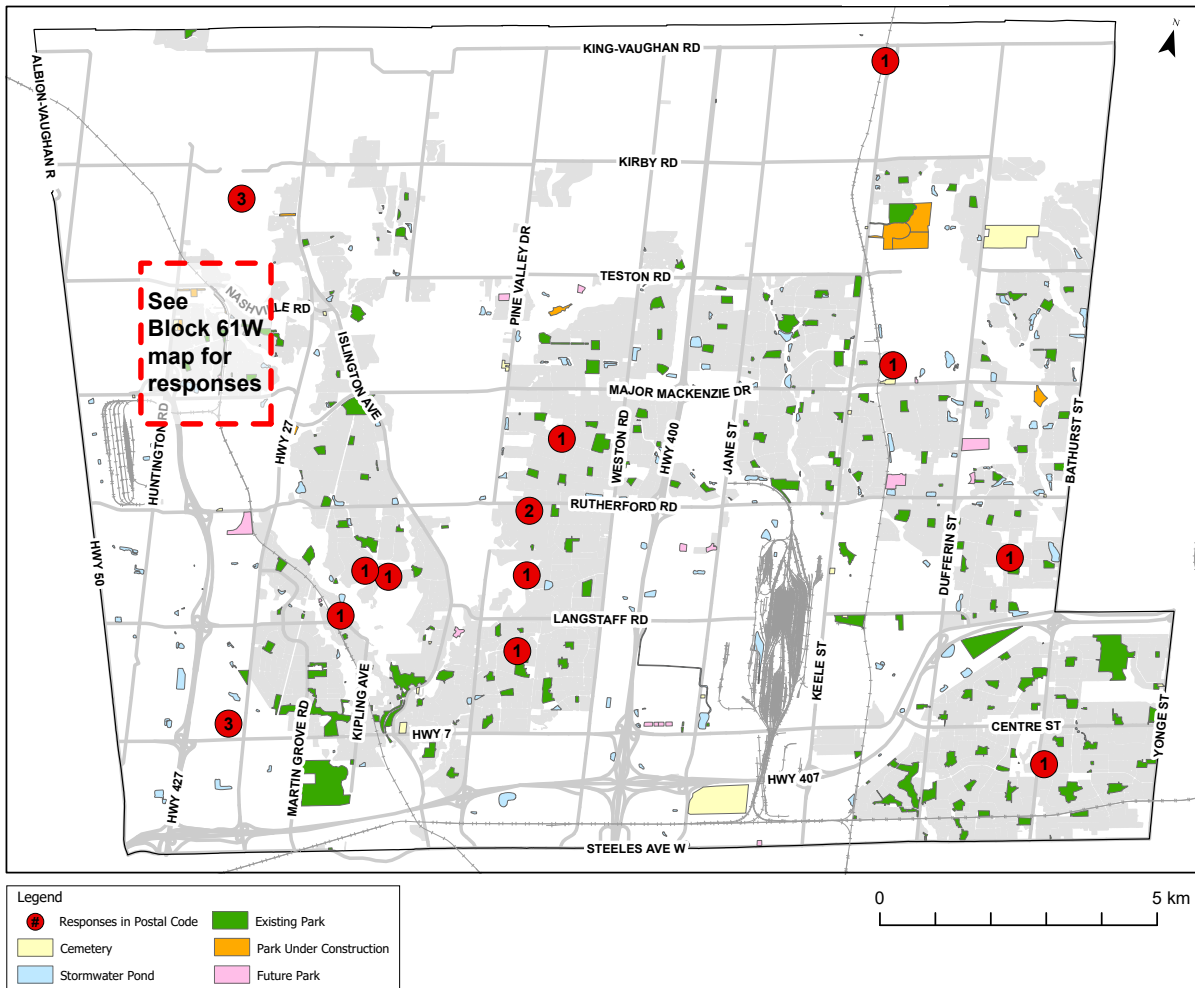
In total, the City heard from 217 community members through the survey.

The survey included questions to help the City better understand who participated. The majority of respondents live in the Nashville-Kleinburg community and represent a range of ages and family structures, in particular families with young children under the age of 12. Almost half of the respondents heard about this project from roadside signage in the neighborhood (48 per cent), followed by the mailed notice from City staff (29 per cent) or from word of mouth (23 per cent).

Block 61W survey responses



Citywide survey responses



# WHAT WE HEARD

A total of 561 open-ended comments were collected throughout the survey. Each comment was reviewed and coded based on the perspective or concern shared. In summarizing the feedback collected, the following words are used to describe the relative number of people who shared a perspective, idea or concern:

- “Most” or “a majority” represents at least half of the responses to a particular question.
- “Many” represents 10 or more responses.
- “Several” represents six to 10 responses.
- “A few” represents up to five responses.

## Overall satisfaction with the design concepts

The survey began by asking respondents to provide their overall impression of each design concept. A concept plan and perspective sketches were provided for both parks.

**Figure 8: Algoma Park, “Farm and field”**  
Perspective sketch and concept plan for Algoma Park showing the proposed shade structure theme and the proposed locations of park amenities and features.

**Figure 9: Nashville Park, “Train and tracks”**  
Perspective sketch and concept plan for Nashville Park showing the proposed shade structure theme and the proposed locations of park amenities and features.

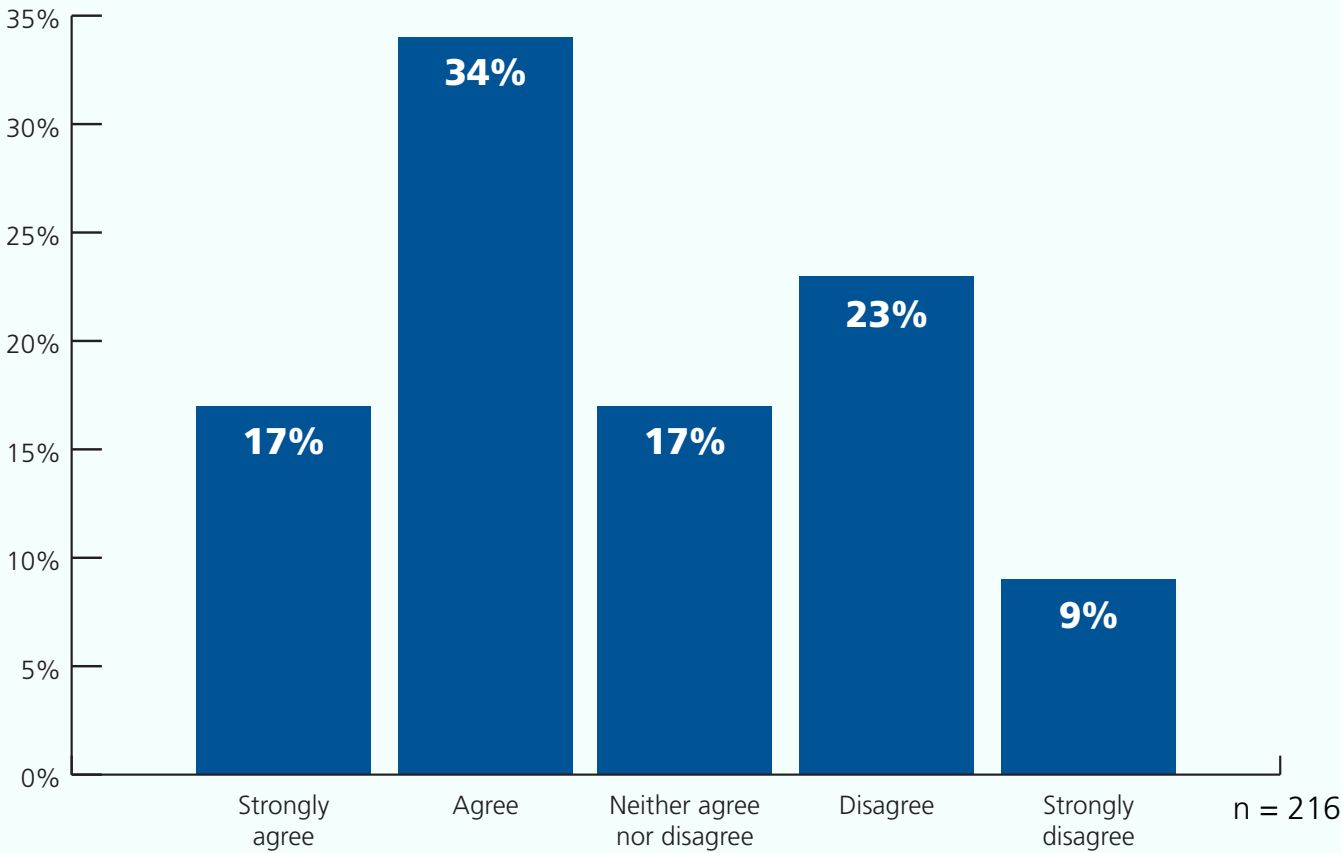




After reviewing each concept, respondents were asked to indicate if they agreed or disagreed with the following statement: "I am satisfied with the range of amenities the two parks provide." The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement (51 per cent). Of the remaining respondents, 23 per cent disagreed, nine percent strongly disagreed and 17 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed.



**Figure 10:** Survey responses for "To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following: I am satisfied with the range of amenities the two parks provide."

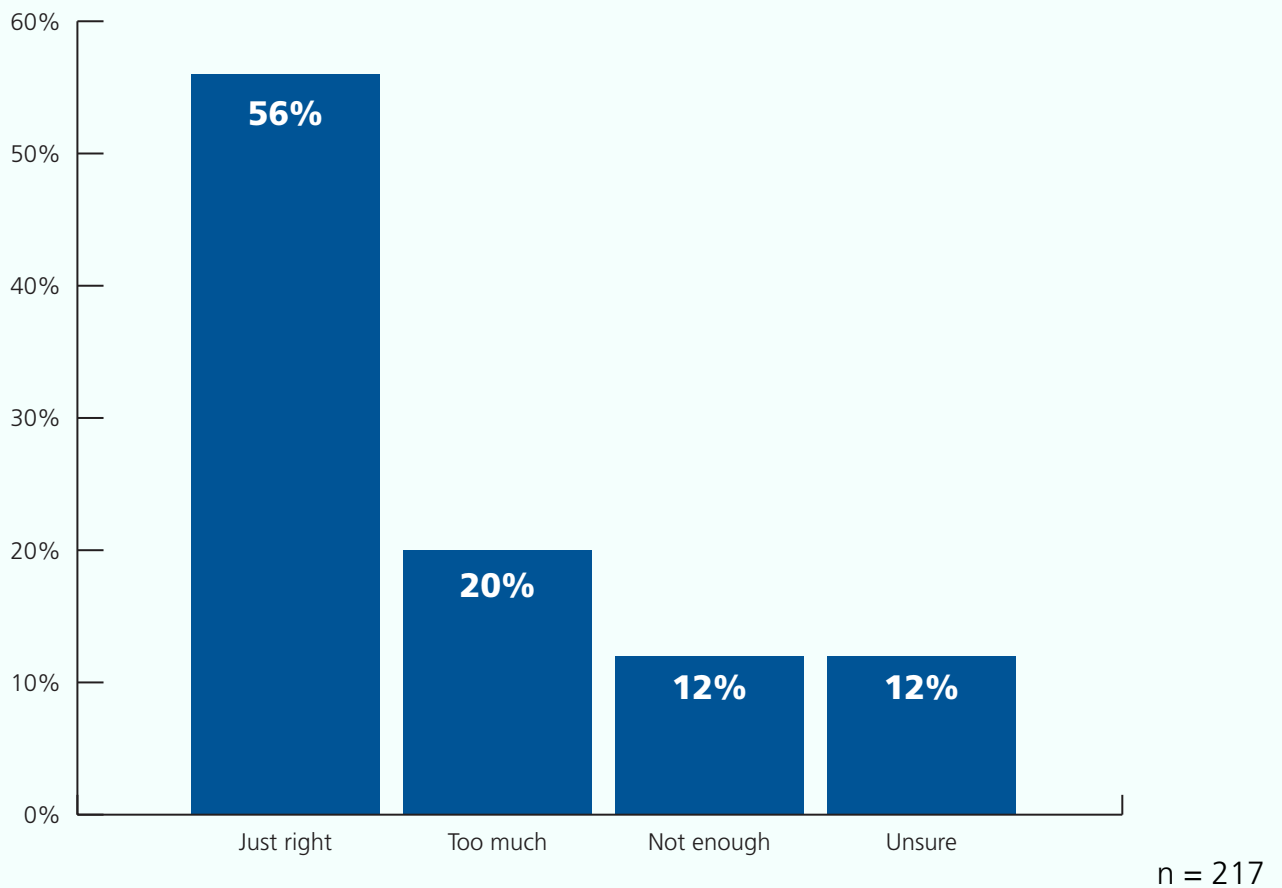


Each concept included dedicated space to naturalized areas (shown in the concepts as natural plantings). These areas are intended to support a variety of pollinator and wildlife species while also providing other environmental benefits, such as the management of excess stormwater. Respondents were asked if the amount of space dedicated to naturalized areas

in these concepts was just right, too much or not enough.

The majority of respondents supported the plan, indicating the amount of space dedicated was just right (56 per cent), followed by those who felt it was too much (20 per cent), not enough (12 per cent) and those who were unsure (12 per cent).

**Figure 11:** Survey responses for “the amount of space dedicated to naturalized areas (shown as natural plantings) for native species and pollinator plants is...”



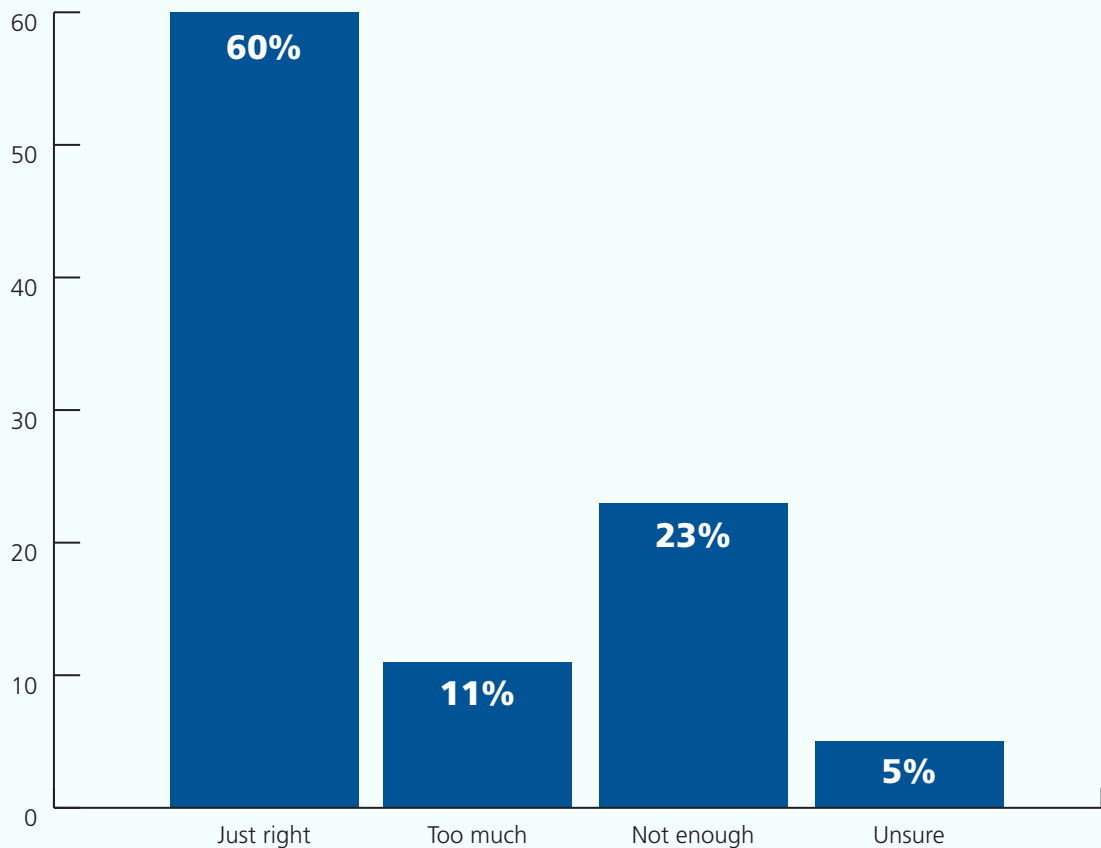


## Gathering spaces, shade structures and park furniture

In phase one, we heard the Nashville-Kleinburg area had strong family and community ties, and these parks would be popular destinations for gatherings. Considering this, both park concepts included gathering spaces with accessible picnic tables to support larger gatherings and use by more than one group at a time. Both parks also included a large shade structure by the junior playgrounds. Additionally, Nashville Park featured a small plaza with additional seating in the southwest corner of the park.

Respondents were asked to indicate if they thought the amount of space provided for gatherings was adequate. Most respondents were pleased with the current plan, stating the amount of space was just right (60 per cent). Others felt it was not enough (23 per cent), too much (11 per cent) or were unsure (five per cent).

**Figure 12:** Survey responses for “I think the amount of space provided for gatherings is...”

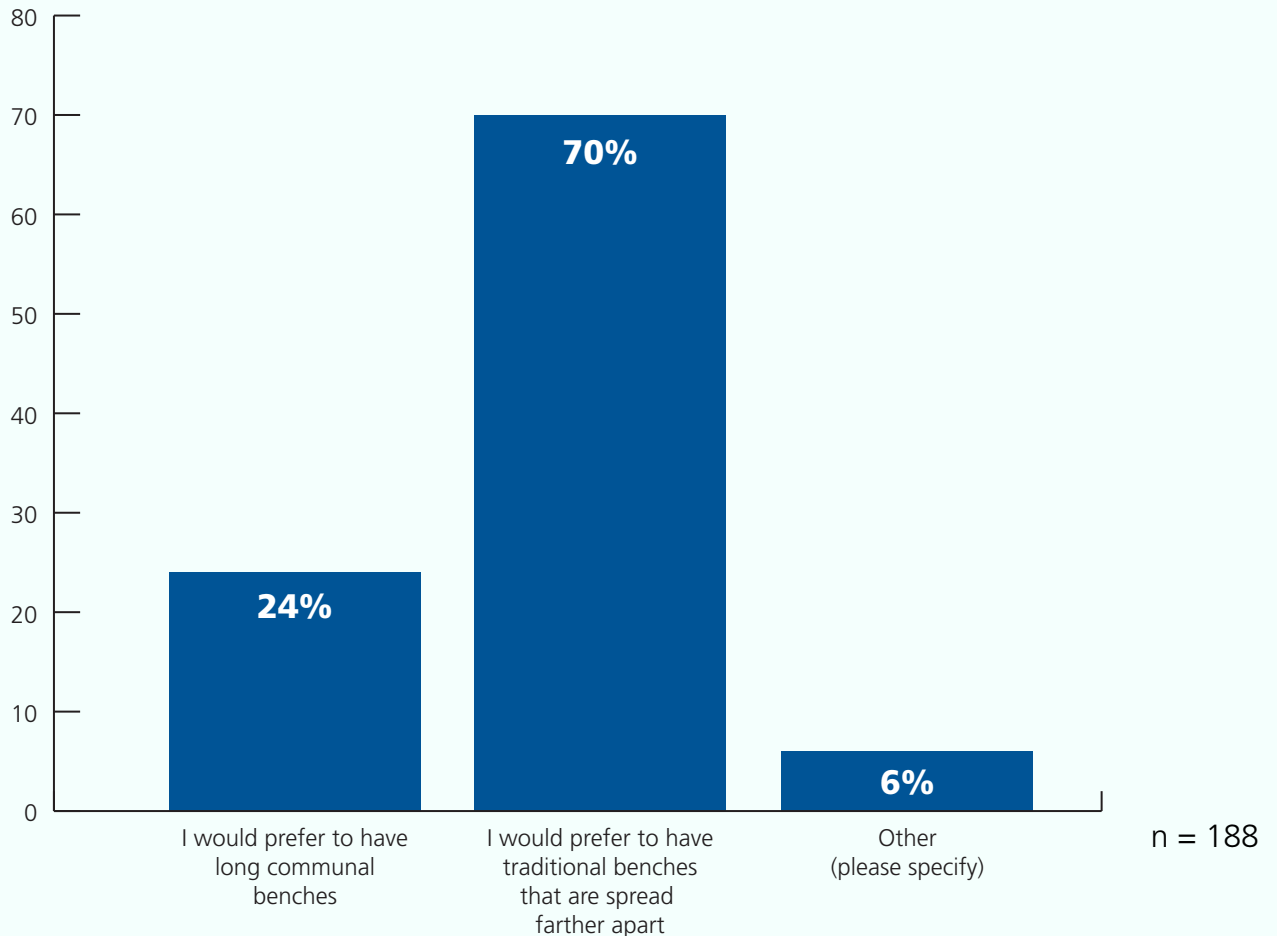


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Respondents were then asked about their seating preferences. They were presented with the option of either long, communal benches in gathering spaces to accommodate more people or traditional benches spread farther apart. Over two-thirds of respondents (70 per cent) indicated they would prefer traditional benches, while a quarter of respondents preferred long, communal benches (24 per cent). A small number of respondents selected 'other' (six per cent), with some specifying they would like to see a mix of both options.



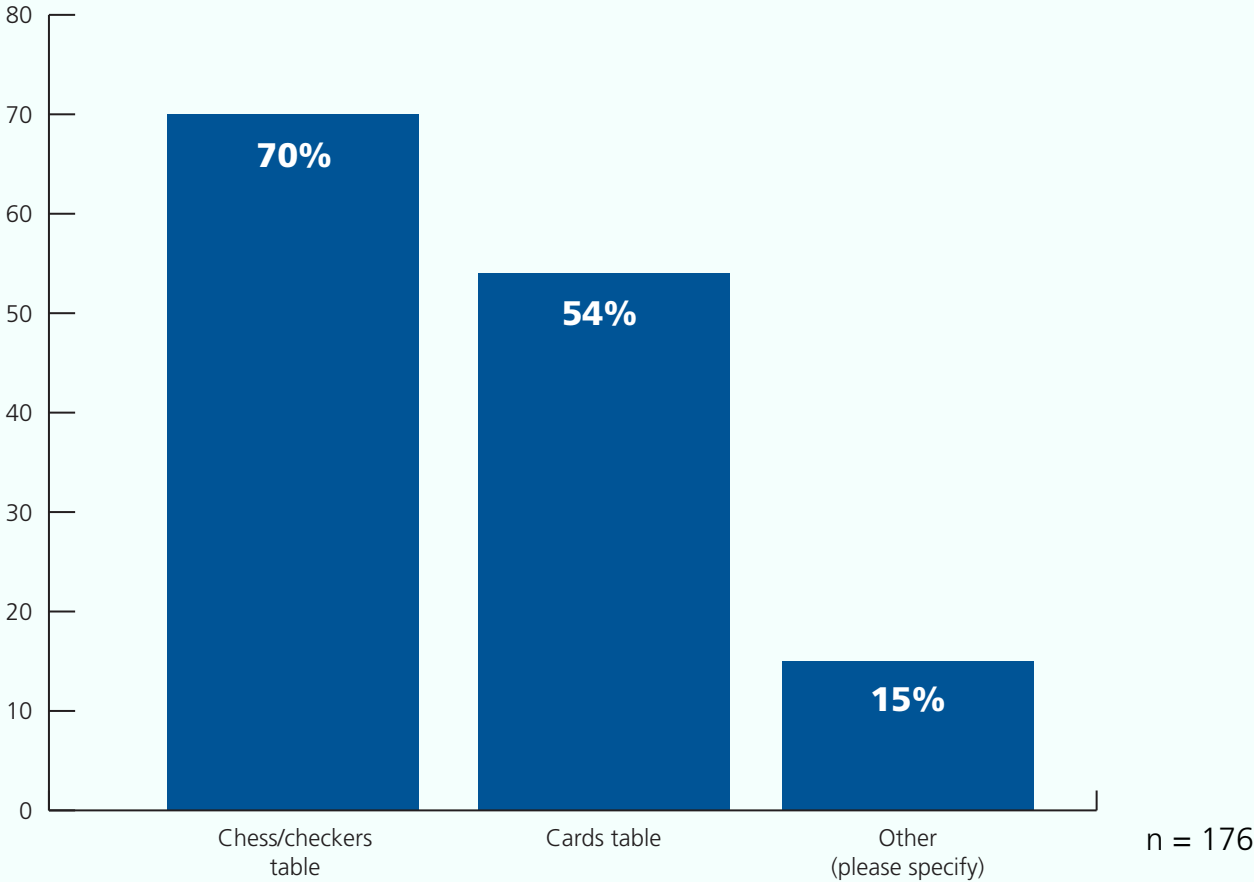
**Figure 13:** Survey responses for “There is an opportunity to have long, communal benches in the gathering spaces (e.g. picnic areas, plaza, etc.) to accommodate more people. Would you prefer to have long, communal benches or traditional benches that are spread farther apart?”





In our first round of engagement, we also heard the community was interested in having games tables. Given this, respondents were asked what kind of games table they would be interested in, and most indicated that they would like to see a chess/checkers table (70 per cent), while a majority were also interested in a cards table (54 per cent). Some respondents selected the 'other' option (15 per cent) and indicated they would like to see table tennis considered.

**Figure 14:** Survey responses for “In our first round of engagement, we heard the community is interested in games tables. Which kind of games table would you be interested in? [Select all that apply.]”

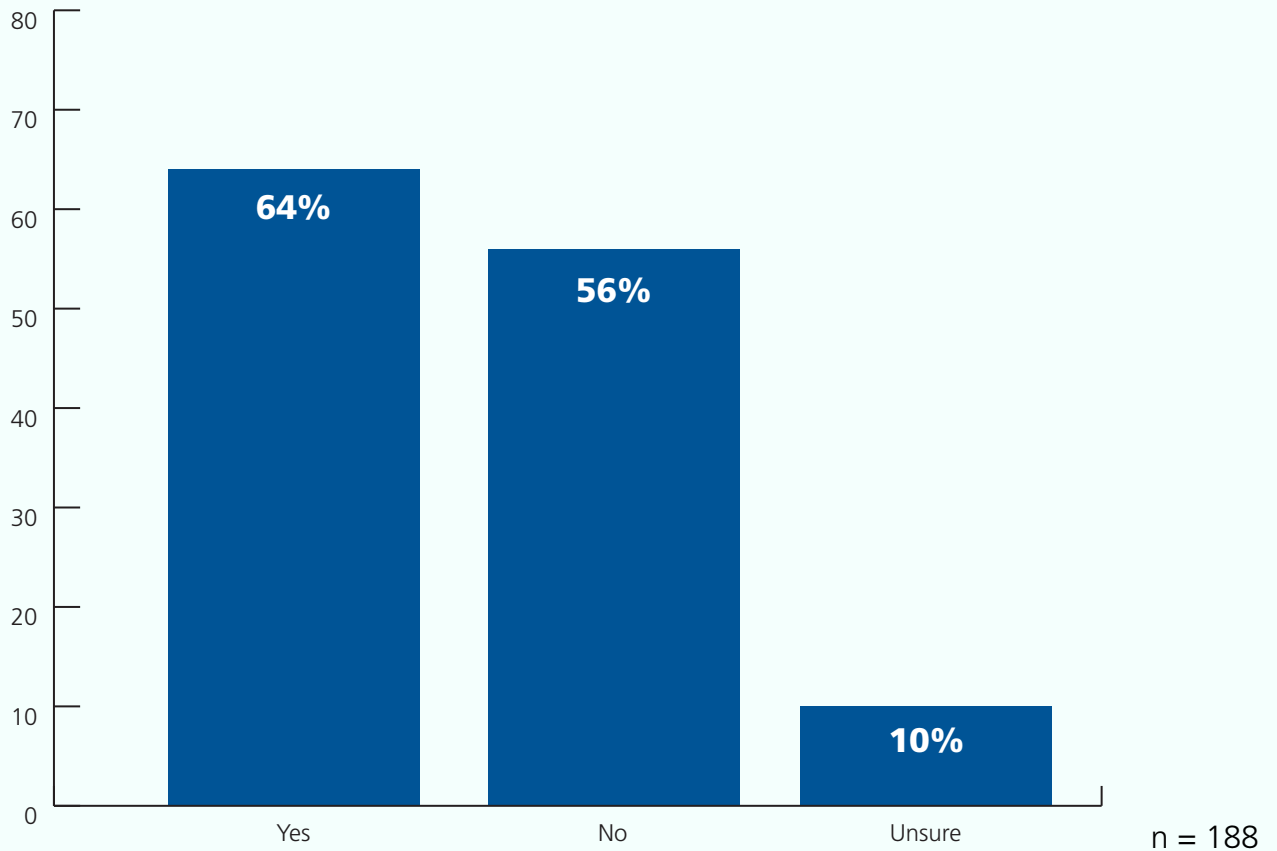


Currently, one large shade structure is proposed for each park. Respondents were asked if, based on the proposed designs, they felt they could comfortably share the space with others.

The majority of respondents (64 per cent) said they could comfortably share this space, while a quarter of respondents (26 per cent) said they could not. The remaining respondents said they were unsure (10 per cent).



**Figure 15:** Survey responses for “One large shade structure is proposed for each park. Based on the designs, do you feel that you would be able to comfortably share the space others?”

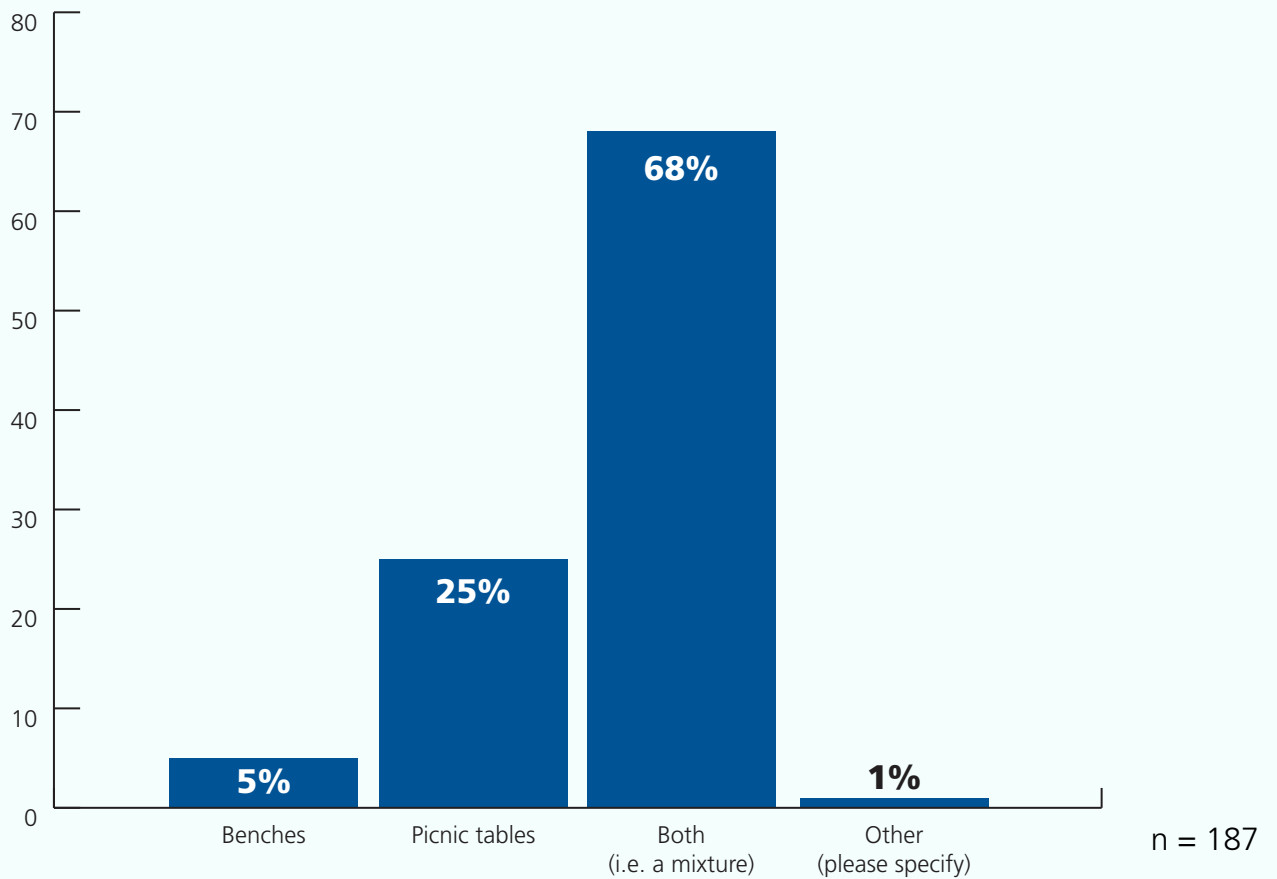




Respondents were then asked whether they preferred benches or picnic tables under each shade structure. Most respondents indicated they would prefer a mix of both (68 per cent) followed by a preference for picnic tables (25 per cent) and then benches (five per cent). A couple of respondents selected 'other' (one per cent) – these respondents also suggested having a variety of seating options.



**Figure 16:** Survey responses for “Under the shade structures, there will be stationary (non-moveable) furniture. Would you prefer benches or picnic tables?”

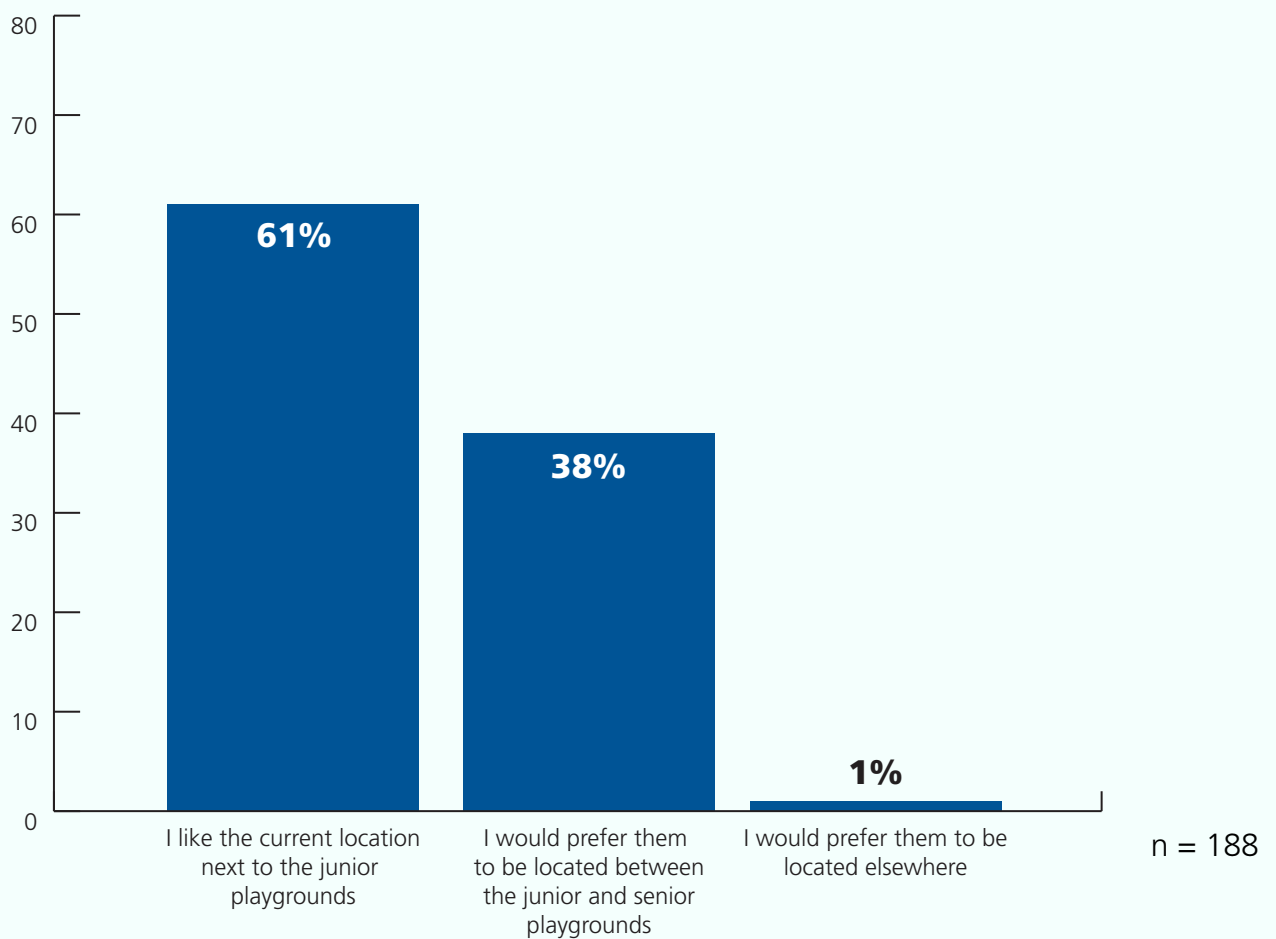


In both park concepts, the shade structures were located near the junior playgrounds to provide a space where caregivers could sit and supervise younger children as they play. Respondents were asked for their thoughts on this location, and most indicated they liked the current planned location (61 percent). Others (38 per cent) indicated they'd prefer the structure be located between junior and senior playgrounds. One respondent selected, "I would prefer them to be located elsewhere" and specified they would like to see the shade structure next to the slides rather than the swings to improve their ability to supervise their children.

The shade structures in both parks will be themed to pay tribute to the area's architectural heritage. At Algoma Park, the proposed roof design and materials of the structure borrow from the heritage grain elevator used by area farmers. Similarly, at Nashville Park, the proposed roof design and materials take cues from the Kleinburg Rail Station.

Respondents were shown the concept designs for these structures and asked for their thoughts. First, respondents were asked about the rail station-themed shade structure at Nashville Park, and a large majority indicated they liked the theme (87 per cent). Of those

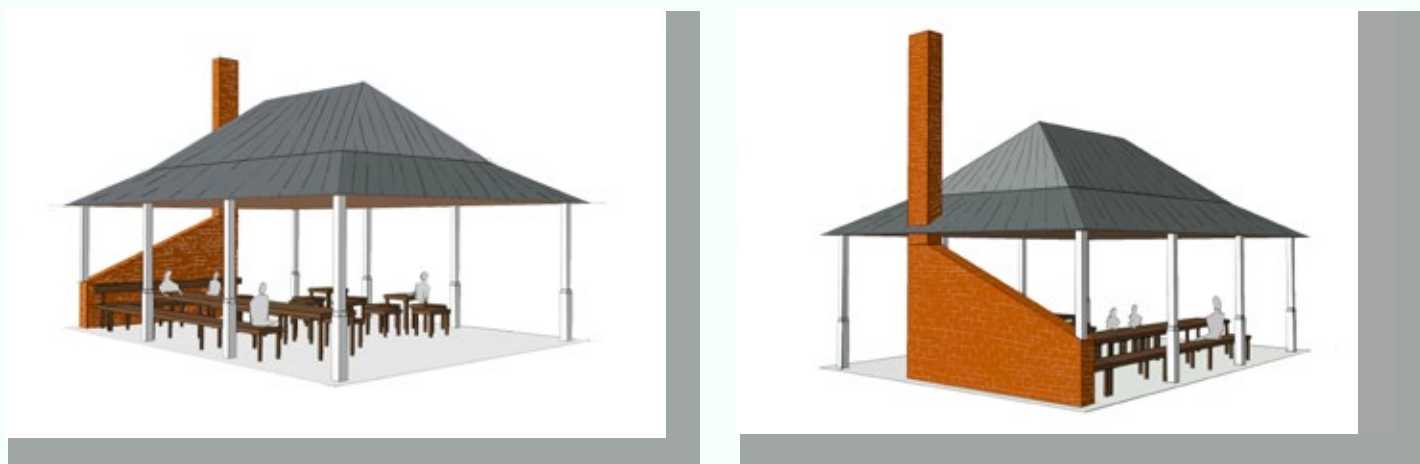
**Figure 17:** Survey responses for "The shade structures are located next to the junior playgrounds at both parks to provide a space where caregivers can sit and supervise younger children as they play. What are your thoughts on this location?"



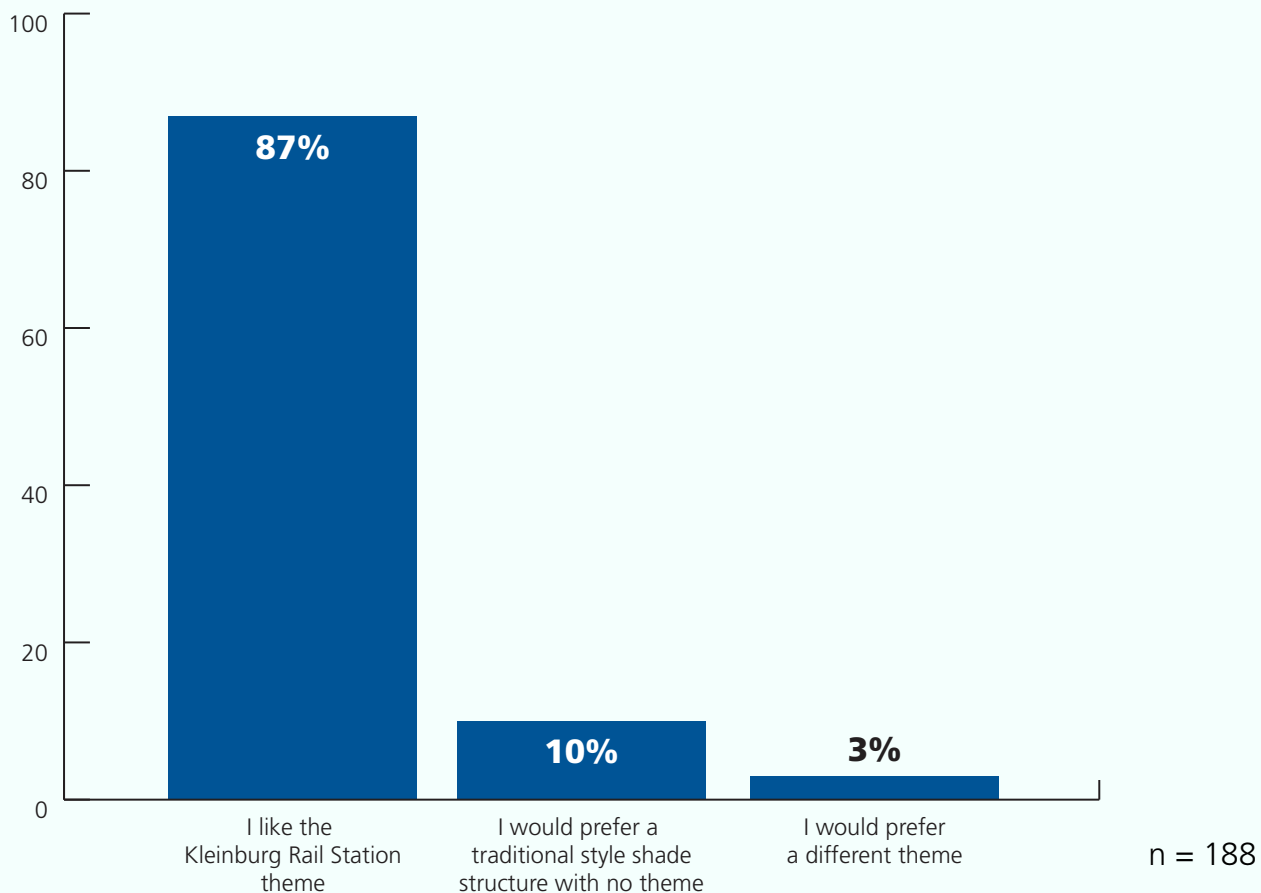


that felt otherwise, some respondents preferred a traditional-style structure with no theme (10 per cent), while several said they would prefer a different theme (three per cent). Those who indicated they preferred a different theme expressed concern over the aesthetics of the proposed design, indicating they would prefer a more modern theme or a science-based theme.

**Figure 18:** Concept images showing two angles of the proposed Nashville Park shade structure.

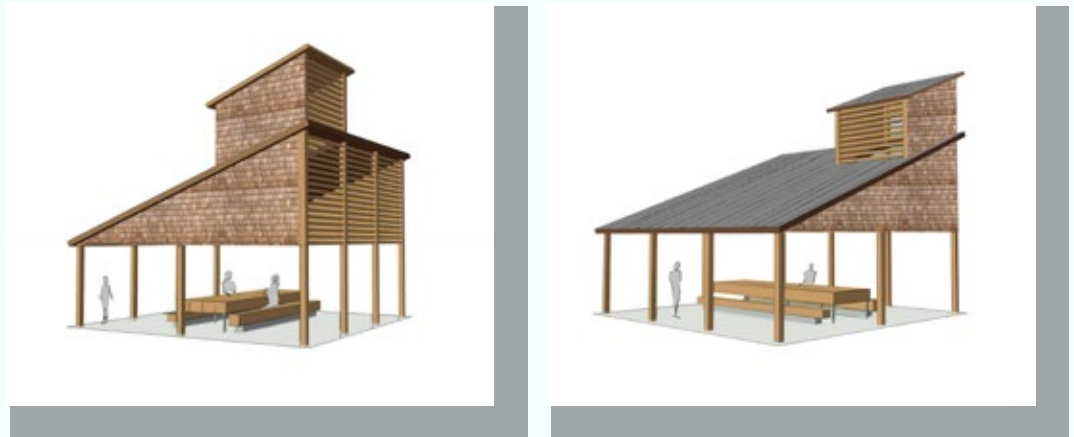


**Figure 19:** Survey responses for “What are your thoughts on the Kleinburg Rail Station theme for the shade structure at Nashville Park?”

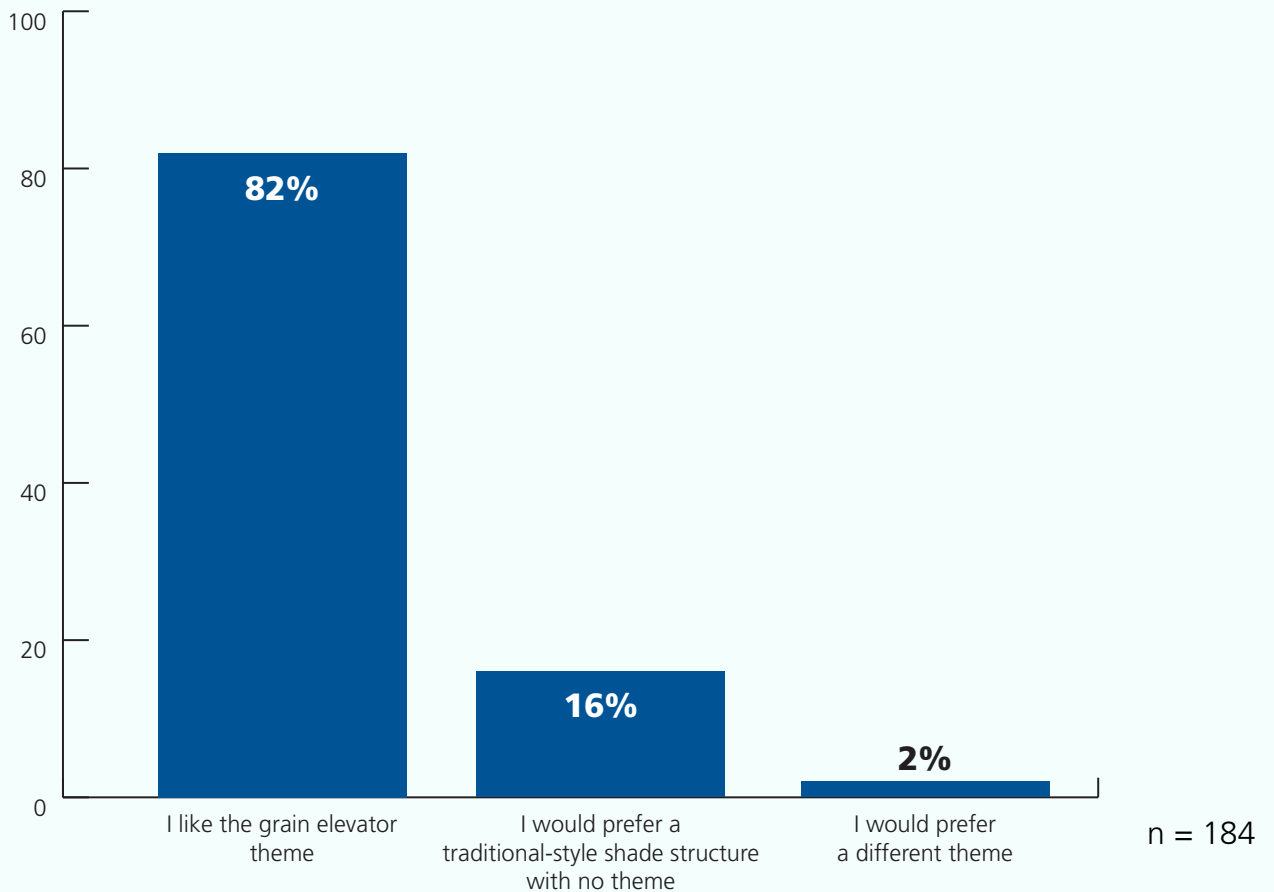


Respondents were then asked for their thoughts on the grain elevator-themed shade structure at Algoma Park, with a large majority of respondents indicating they liked the theme (82 per cent). Of those that felt otherwise, some respondents said they would prefer a traditional-style shade structure (16 per cent) or a different theme (two per cent). Those who indicated they preferred a different theme agreed with “farm and field” but felt people may not be able to associate that theme with the proposed design.

**Figure 20:** Concept images showing two angles of the proposed Algoma Park shade structure.



**Figure 21:** Survey responses for “What are your thoughts on the grain elevator theme for the shade structure at Algoma Park?”





## Summary of additional gathering spaces and park furniture feedback

There were two open-ended questions in this section of the survey. Respondents were asked what would make the shade structures more comfortable to share with others and whether they had any additional thoughts on the gathering spaces and park furniture. Fifty-five respondents provided feedback on sharing shade structures, and 64 shared general thoughts. Feedback highlights include:


- **Additional shade structures desired:** Many respondents suggested building additional shade structures throughout the park to make the experience of sharing these gathering spaces more comfortable for various groups.
- **Desire for larger shade structures:** Many respondents who felt they could not comfortably share the shade structures as designed suggested building larger shade structures to accommodate more groups.

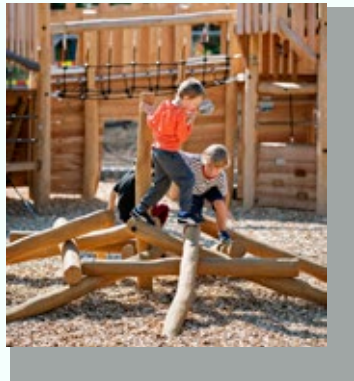



- **More tables and seating requested:** A few respondents expressed a desire for more tables and seating than what was shown in the current designs – particularly for Algoma Park, where only a single, large table was shown – to comfortably accommodate multiple groups under one structure.
- **Suggestion to add dividers:** A few respondents who felt they could not comfortably share the shade structures suggested adding dividers such as lattices to separate groups within a single structure.

## Playgrounds


The concepts for Algoma Park and Nashville Park each had a junior playground for younger kids and a senior playground for older kids, and were designed to provide a range of play experiences. In our first round of engagement, we heard strong interest in sliding, swinging and climbing, so different types of slides, swing sets and climbing structures were incorporated into the playground designs.

 Crawling pyramid



 Embankment slide



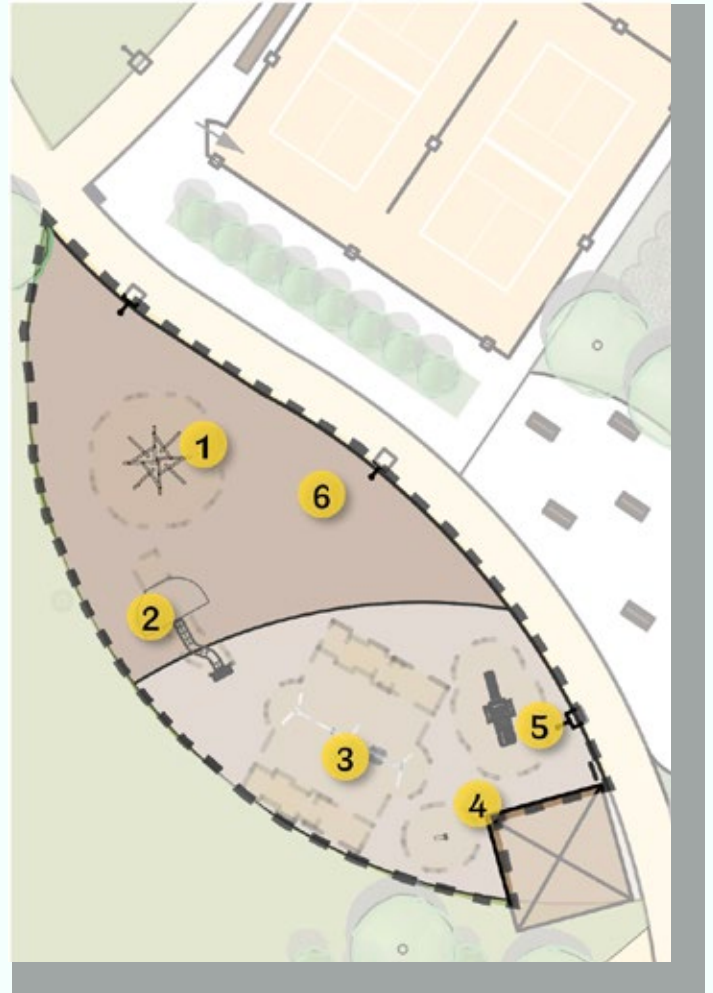
 Double bay swing, bird's nest, all user and toddler swing




 Springer




**Figure 22:** A concept of the proposed playground at Algoma Park including example images of proposed play features.



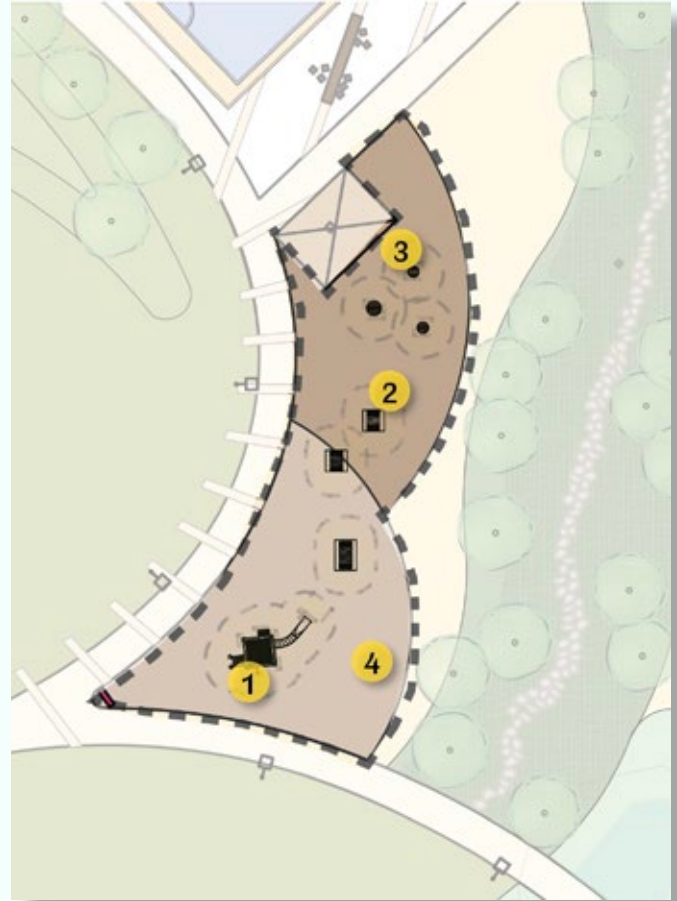
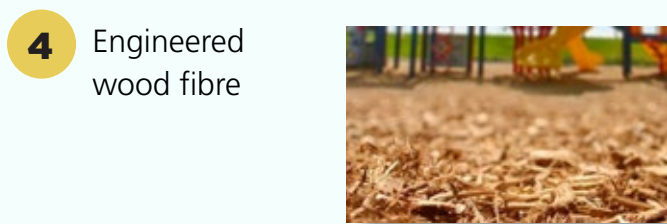
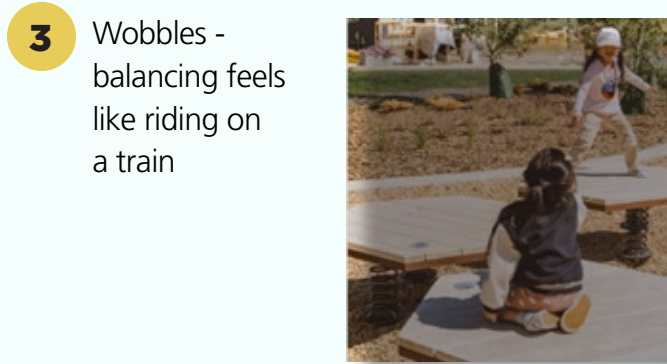
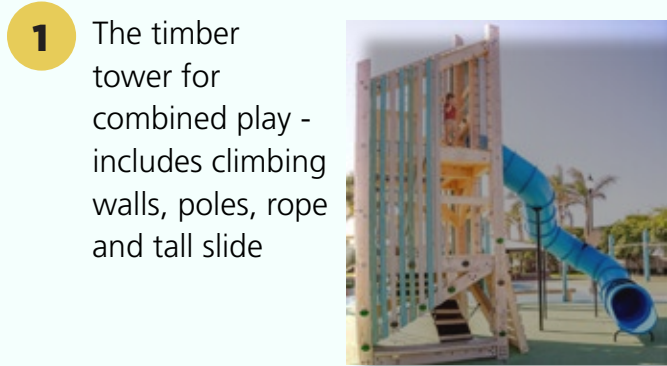
 5 Tractor slide



 6 Engineered wood fibre



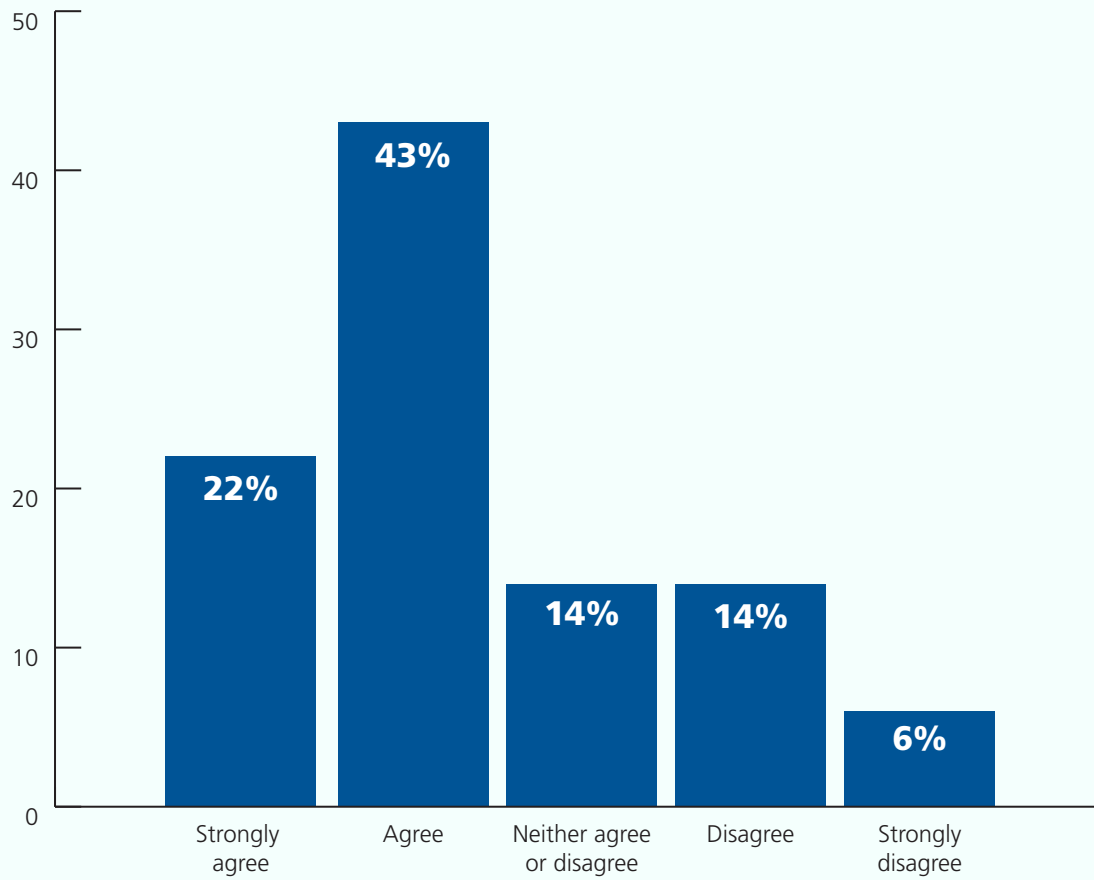
**Figure 23:** A concept of the proposed playground at Nashville Park, including example images of proposed play features.



Respondents were shown a concept and example images for each park and asked if they felt the proposed junior and senior playgrounds provided a good variety of play options. Two-thirds were supportive of the designs, with almost a quarter of respondents saying they strongly agreed (22 per cent) and many more indicating they agreed (43 per cent). This was followed by those that neither agreed nor disagreed (14 per cent), those that disagreed (14 per cent) and respondents that strongly disagreed (six per cent).



**Figure 24:** Survey responses for “The junior and senior playgrounds at Algoma Park and Nashville Park provide a good variety of play options.”

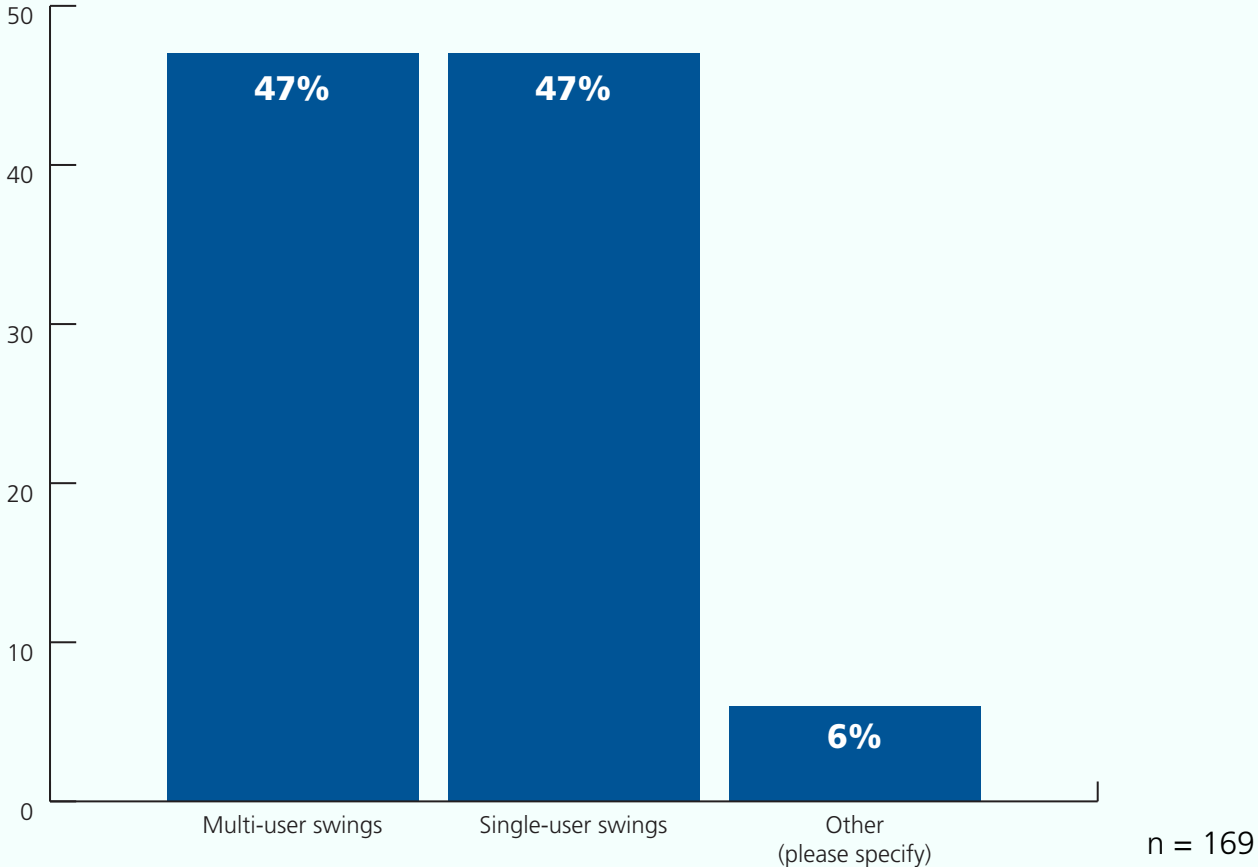


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Participants were also asked whether they would like to see more multi-user swings (e.g. basket swings) or more single-user swings at each park. Responses were evenly split, with equal numbers for multi-user swings and single-user swings (47 per cent each). Some respondents selected ‘other’ (six per cent), noting a desire for tandem swings that parents can use with their child as well as accessible swings.



**Figure 25:** Survey responses for “Multi-user swings (e.g. basket swings) and single-user swings are proposed for both the junior and senior playgrounds. Which of these swing types would you like to see more of?”



## Summary of playground feedback

There were two open-ended questions within this section of the survey. Respondents were asked if there were any playground elements they had seen in other parks that they would like to see at Algoma Park or Nashville Park and were asked for any additional thoughts regarding the playgrounds. One hundred and one respondents shared additional playground elements they would like to see and 68 provided additional thoughts. Requested features include:

- **Climbing structures:** Many respondents indicated they wanted additional climbing structures added to the playgrounds, with suggestions including monkey bars, climbing walls and mesh climbers among the specific features identified.
- **More swings and slides:** Many respondents felt the playground designs would be improved by including more slides and swings.
- **See-saws:** Several respondents requested the addition of see-saws to the proposed designs.



- **Ziplines:** Several respondents also noted they would like zipline features added to both playgrounds, with some noting parks in neighbouring municipalities with ziplines they've enjoyed.
- **Spinning platform:** Spinning platforms were requested by a few participants, with some requesting a carousel-like feature with seats.
- **Sandbox:** A few respondents also suggested adding sandboxes to each park, potentially with a water pump to allow for creative play.
- **Alternative safety surfacing material:** Similar to the first round of engagement, many participants expressed a preference for rubber safety surfacing for the playground instead of engineered wood fibre, which is the City's standard for parks classed as a 'neighbourhood park.' Several comments noted a concern that the engineered wood fibre may splinter easily and may contain ticks.



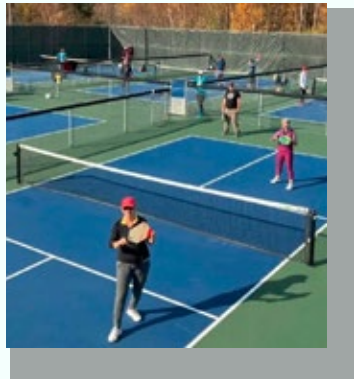
## Pickleball quad

Two tennis courts were initially proposed for Nashville Park. In the first round of engagement, we asked the community whether there would be interest in adding a pickleball line overlay to one of the two proposed courts, and more than half of respondents expressed interest in having a hybrid court at this location.

Concurrently, throughout 2023 and into 2024, the City conducted a Tennis and Racquet Sports Study, where we heard there is a high demand for pickleball facilities. Due to this demand, the concept for Algoma Park was developed to consider including a pickleball quad, replacing the tennis courts originally proposed for Nashville Park.

**Figure 26:** A concept of the proposed pickleball quad at Algoma Park, including example images of the courts and surrounding features.

- 1 Quad pickleball courts



- 2 Benches

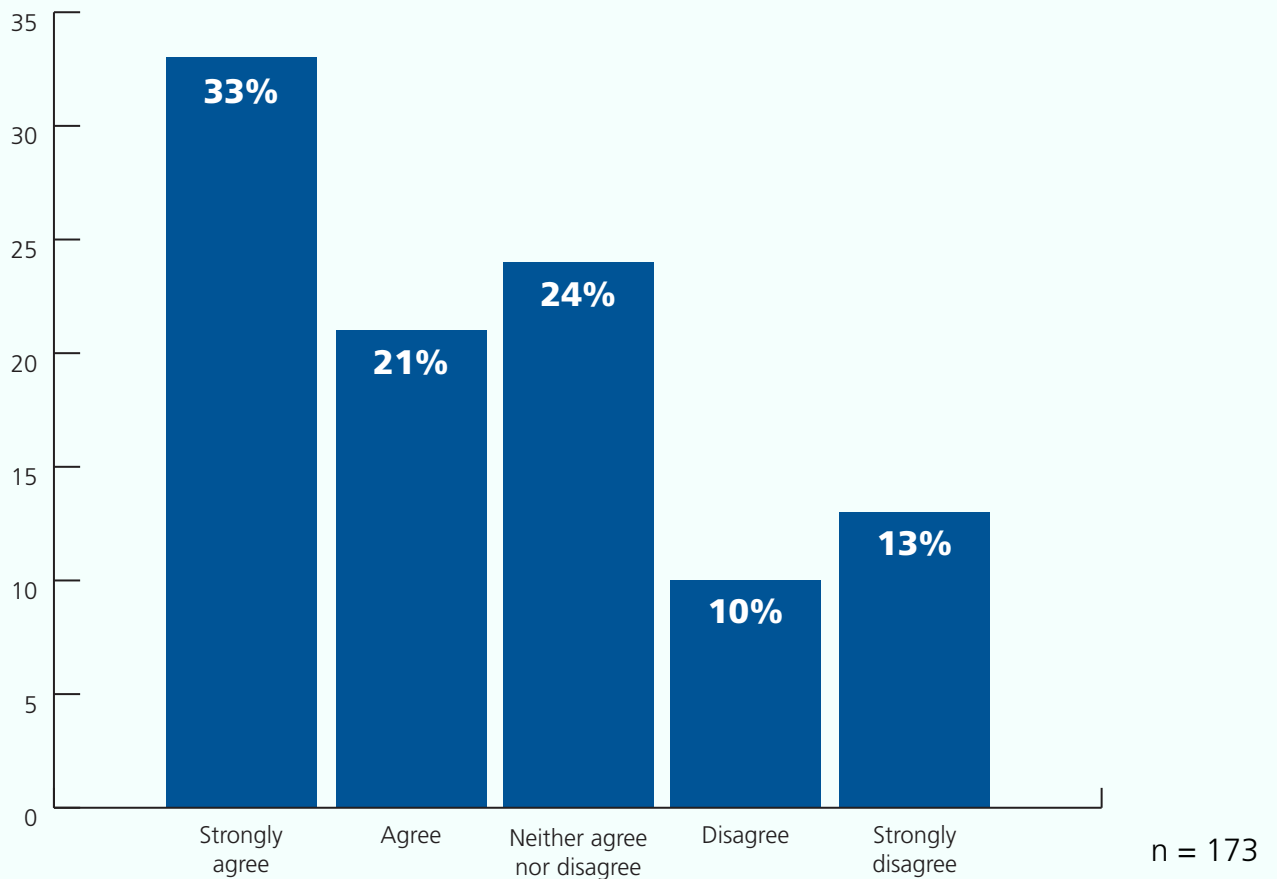


- 3 Buffer planting - ground cover and low shrubs



Respondents were asked to review the proposed design for a pickleball quad at Algoma Park and indicate to what degree they agree or disagree with having dedicated pickleball facilities at this location. Just over half (54 per cent) of participants agreed or strongly agreed with the design, followed by nearly a quarter (24 per cent) who did not have an opinion either way. The remaining participants (23 per cent) disagreed or strongly disagreed.

**Figure 27:** Survey responses for “To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following: I support having dedicated pickleball facilities at this location.”



## Summary of additional pickleball feedback

There was one open-ended question within this section of the survey, inviting respondents to share any additional thoughts regarding the proposed pickleball quad. Fifty-nine respondents provided their thoughts, which included a mix of positive and negative sentiments toward the proposed pickleball quad. Feedback highlights include:

- **Noise concerns:** Several respondents expressed concerns about the noise created by pickleball, with some expressing concern of the potential for the proposed quad to disrupt residents that live near the park. Some of these respondents suggested alternative sports amenities for the City to consider or, if pickleball is added, that it be only one court.
- **Preference for tennis or hybrid courts:** Several respondents indicated they would prefer to see tennis courts at this location, and several others expressed a desire for hybrid courts (tennis courts with a pickleball overlay). Some saw this as a good compromise that would provide amenities to the players of both sports.



- **Desire for more pickleball facilities:** Alternatively, a few respondents felt a pickleball quad was not enough to meet demand, asking for more pickleball facilities beyond the proposed quad.
- **Desire for alternative amenities:** Many respondents suggested including basketball courts at Algoma Park. Some suggested basketball as an alternative to pickleball, while others commented more generally that they would like to see basketball at this park. Additionally, a few respondents asked for volleyball courts, with some suggesting it is a more popular sport and accommodates larger groups of players.





## Basketball

A basketball court was initially proposed for Algoma Park. In the first round of engagement, we heard a strong preference for two half-sized courts instead of one full-sized court to allow more than one group to play at a time. In the proposed concepts, basketball was moved to Nashville Park and two half-sized courts were proposed.

- 1 Junior and senior half basketball courts



- 2 Picnic tables



- Picnic table with embedded chessboard



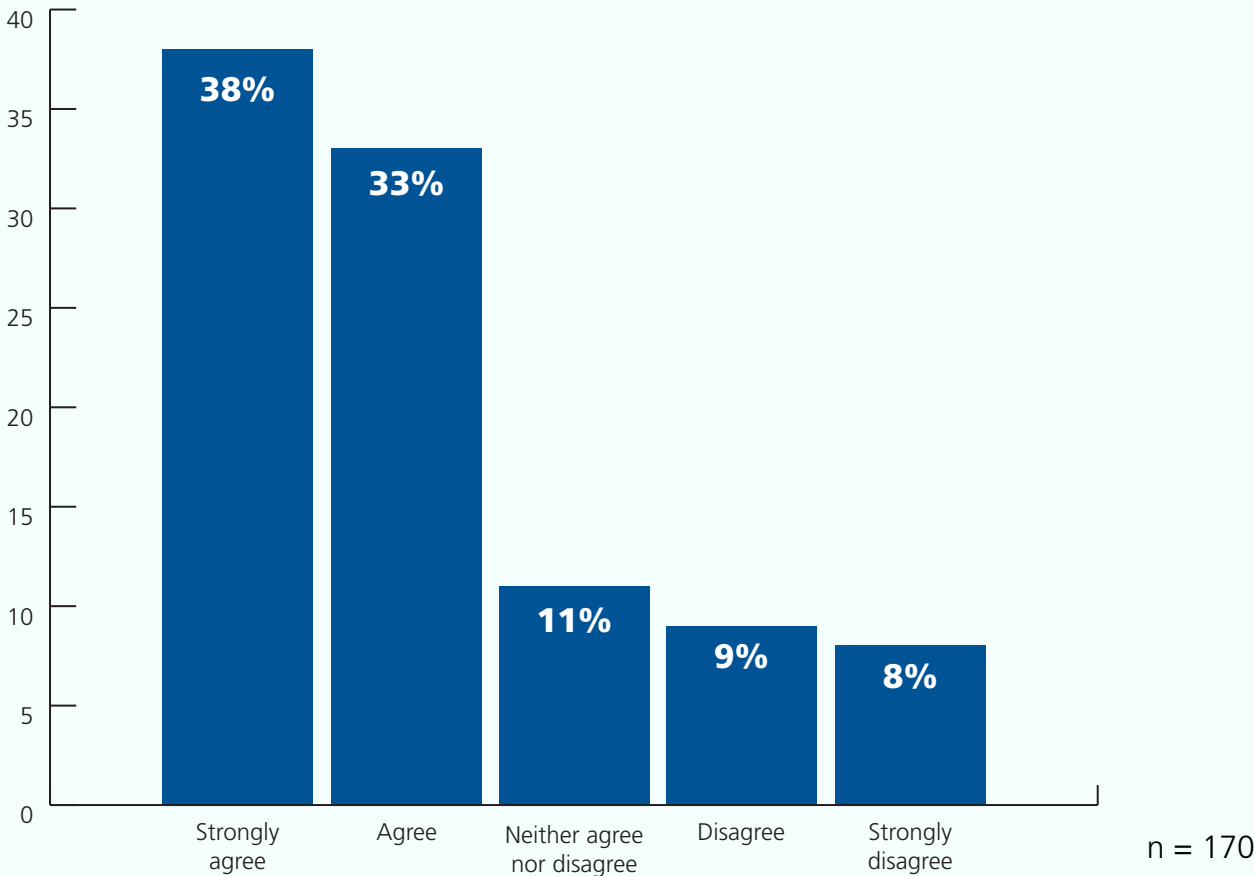
**Figure 28:** A concept of the proposed half-basketball courts at Nashville Park, including examples of the surrounding features.



Respondents were asked to review the design for the proposed basketball courts and indicate whether they support the inclusion of two half-sized basketball courts instead of one full-sized court in Nashville Park. Most were supportive of the proposed plan, with more than a third strongly agreeing (38 per cent) and another third agreeing (33 per cent). Eleven per cent neither agreed nor disagreed and 17 per cent disagreed or strongly disagreed.



**Figure 29:** Survey responses for “To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following: I support the inclusion of two half-sized basketball courts instead of one full-sized court in Nashville Park.”



## Summary of additional basketball feedback

There was one open-ended question within this section of the survey, asking participants to share any additional feedback on the basketball area at Nashville Park. Fifty-two responses were received. Feedback highlights include:

- **Preference for full-sized courts:** While a majority of survey respondents shown in Figure 29 supported the plan to include two half-sized courts, several respondents reinforced their preference for a full-sized court, noting that a full-sized court may be flexibly used. They highlighted that, unlike two half-courts, a full-size court can be used for standard basketball games while also accommodating half-court use by two groups at once.
- **Desire for basketball courts in Algoma Park:** A few respondents noted that they would like to see courts added to Algoma

Park instead of Nashville Park, while a similar number of respondents requested that basketball be incorporated in the design of both parks. Some suggested that basketball courts would be a suitable replacement for the proposed pickleball courts at Algoma Park.

- **Greater need for other sports amenities:** A few respondents indicated there isn't a need for additional basketball facilities at either park as there are already courts at nearby schools and parks in the neighborhood. These respondents suggested alternative sports facilities, such as a baseball diamond or a hockey rink.
- **Preference for tennis or pickleball:** A few respondents suggested repurposing this area for additional tennis or pickleball courts. Some argued the half-court options were not needed and tennis or pickleball courts would be better used.

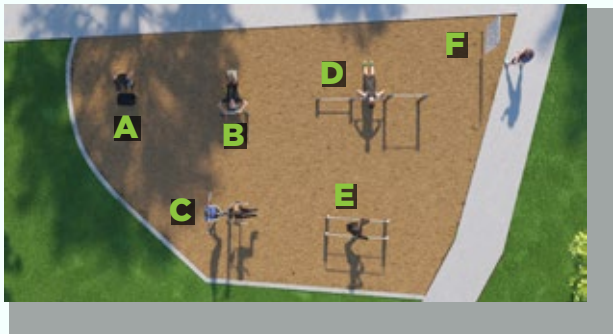




## Outdoor fitness circuit

In the first phase of engagement, we heard a strong community interest in outdoor fitness equipment. Based on this feedback, an outdoor fitness circuit is proposed for the nearby Mactier Greenway. The concept shared included steps, a decline bench, a leg lift and pull-up station, push-up bars and parallel bars.

### 1 Fitness circuit



**A** Step



**D** Push up bars



**B** Decline bench



**E** Parallel bars



**C** Leg lift and pull up



**F** Sign

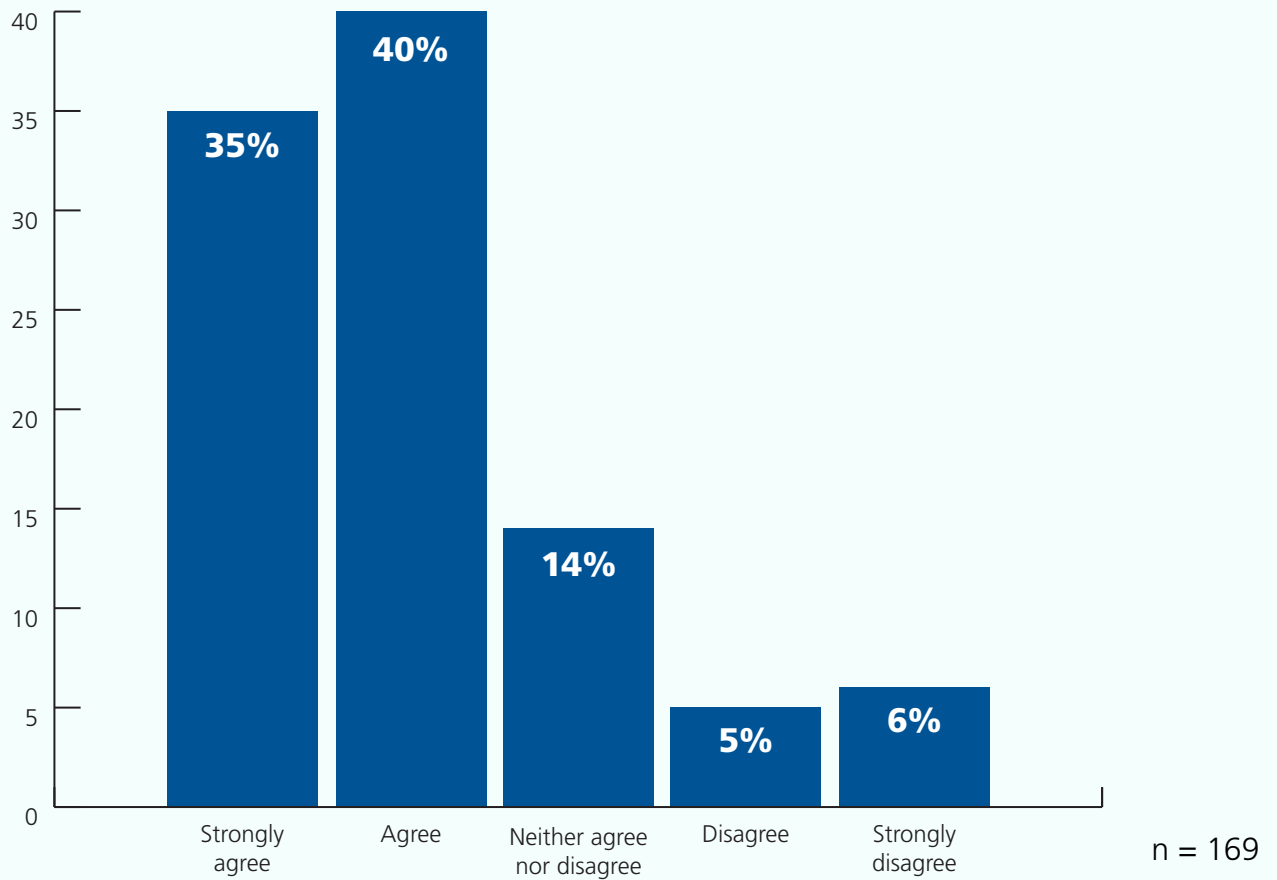


**Figure 30:** A concept of the proposed outdoor fitness circuit at Mactier Greenway with examples of the proposed features.



Survey participants were asked to review the fitness circuit concept and indicate whether they felt it provided a good range of exercise options. Respondents were supportive of the concept, with most (75 per cent) agreeing or strongly agreeing that the circuit provided a good range of exercise options. Fourteen per cent did not have an opinion and 11 per cent disagreed or strongly disagreed.

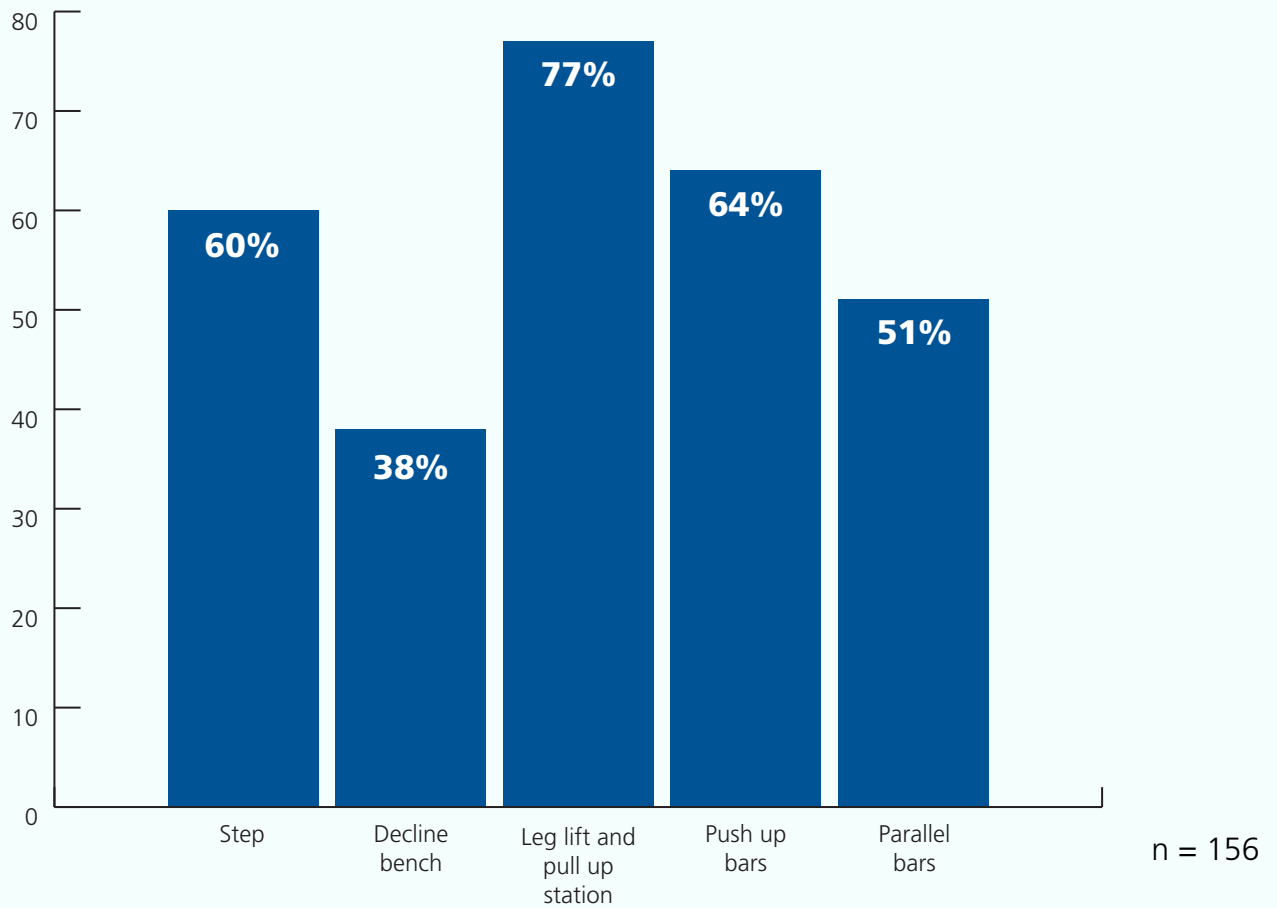
**Figure 31:** Survey responses for “To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following: I feel the outdoor fitness circuit provides a good range of exercise options.”



Respondents were also asked to select the three pieces of equipment they would use most in the fitness circuit. The leg lift and pull-up station were the most common response (77 per cent), followed by the push-up bars (64 per cent), the step (60 per cent), the parallel bars (51 per cent) and the decline bench (38 per cent).



**Figure 32:** Survey responses for “Please select the top three pieces of equipment you would most use in the outdoor fitness circuit. [Select up to three].”



## Summary of additional outdoor fitness circuit feedback

There were two open-ended questions within this section of the survey which invited respondents to provide feedback on the proposed outdoor fitness circuit. Fifty-nine comments were received. Feedback highlights include:

- **requests for more equipment:** Many respondents expressed a desire for more equipment. Some felt more variety was needed, such as adding leg presses, climbing

and stretching equipment, while others suggested including more than one of each equipment type so multiple users could be accommodated simultaneously.

- **lack of support for the fitness circuit:** Several respondents expressed that they did not like the circuit. Some noted they felt the aesthetics were poor, others felt it was not needed and a few respondents suggested alternative uses of the space, like a dog park or an additional playground.



## Additional thoughts and considerations

The concepts, sketches and example images shared throughout the survey were creative and ambitious – and potentially costly. Survey participants were told that City staff may need to make trade-offs to stay within budget, prioritizing some park elements to feature unique design and construction while keeping other elements more standardized and traditional. To help with these decisions, we asked for the community’s feedback on which elements to prioritize.

Participants were asked to rank the following in order of importance to them:

- shade structures that have a unique character
- an exciting range of play experiences at the playground
- hardscaped (e.g. concrete surface) plazas with seating for gathering

An exciting range of play experiences was ranked the highest, receiving an average weighted score of 2.51 out of three. Shade structures with a unique character ranked second with a score of 1.99 and hardscaped plazas ranked third with a score of 1.5.

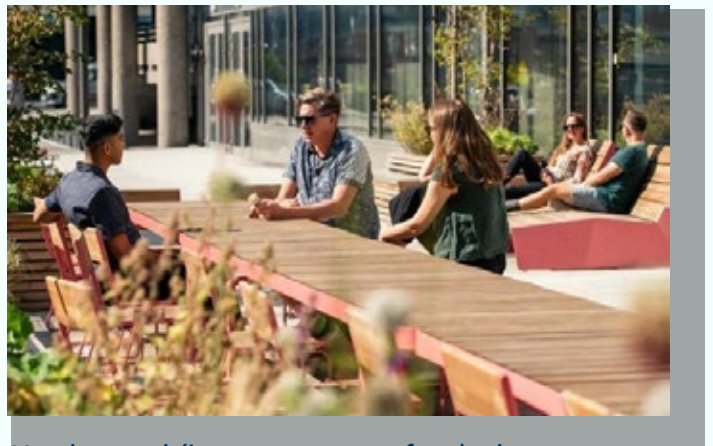
**Figure 33:** Images of a themed shade structure, swings at the playground and a proposed gathering area.



*Shade structures that have a unique character*

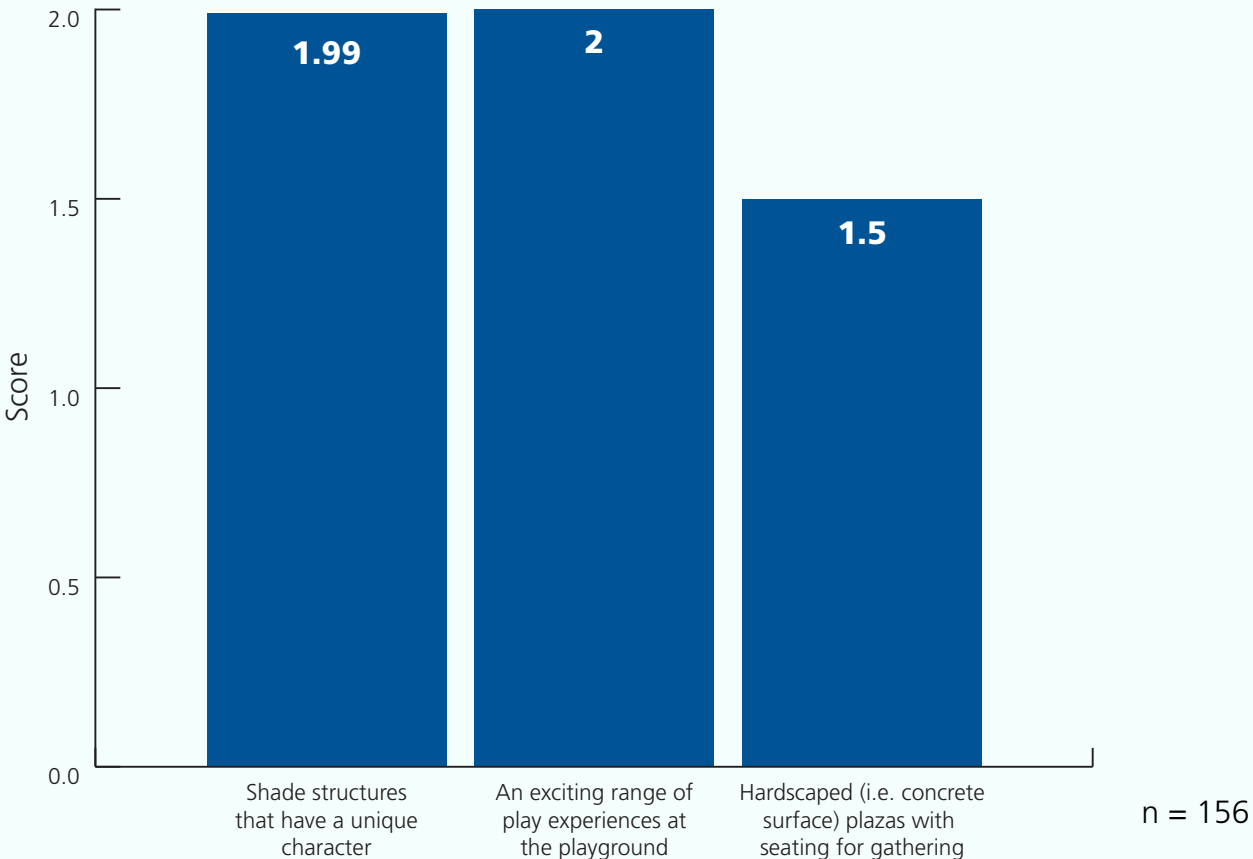


*An exciting range of play experiences at the playground*



*Hardscaped (i.e. concrete surface) plazas with seating for gathering*

**Figure 34:** Survey responses for “Please rank the following park elements based on what is most important to you.”



## Summary of additional feedback

In the final question of the survey, respondents were given the opportunity to share any additional ideas or feedback they would like the City to consider for Algoma Park or Nashville Park. Feedback highlights include:

- **Desire for waterplay:** Throughout the survey, many expressed a desire for a splashpad to be included in the design of either park. Some noted that while there is a splashpad available at the nearby Secord Park, they felt it was not sufficient for the number of families using it in the community.
- **Request for water stations and washrooms:** Several respondents requested water stations and washroom facilities to be added to both parks.
- **Off-leash dog park desired:** A few respondents requested the addition of an off-leash dog area to one of the parks, with some specifically requesting it in Nashville Park.
- **Support for additional pickleball facilities:** Many respondents reiterated their support for pickleball facilities in Algoma Park, with others adding that they would like to see them added to Nashville Park as well.
- **Road safety concerns:** A few respondents expressed concerns related to road safety, noting that Barons Street is a well-used road with high traffic levels. These respondents requested the addition of traffic-calming measures, like speed bumps and pedestrian crosswalks, to keep children and community members safe.
- **Request for a running track:** A few respondents suggested adding a running track to one of the parks, with some noting a specific desire for a rubberized track with printed marks to indicate distances.

## NEXT STEPS

### Thank you to all who provided thoughtful suggestions and feedback!

In the next phase of this project, the City will continue working with the design consultant to refine and finalize the programming, and design of each park based on the community's feedback. The detailed design of the playground, shade structures, gathering areas and amenities in both parks will be determined as the project progresses, and will be informed by what we heard from the community, technical feasibility, guidelines and costs.

The designs for Algoma Park and Nashville Park are anticipated to be completed by late 2024, and construction is anticipated to start in 2025. Both parks are expected to be open to the community in 2026.

For future updates on these parks, visit the [project webpage](#).



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