



# **SOUTHSIDE PARK TASK FORCE**

## **REPORT TO BEAUFORT CITY COUNCIL**

**May 11, 2021**



*'A premier park that will become a destination for all of Beaufort and nearby communities.'*

# BACKGROUND

Southside Park, in the Mossy Oaks neighborhood, comprises 34 acres and features green space, walking paths, separate dog parks for large and small dogs, and restrooms. On Jan. 27, 2021, Beaufort City Council appointed members to the Southside Park Task Force, with the mission of advising City Council of potential improvements to the park before the City of Beaufort begins its next fiscal year on July 1, 2021. [See resolution here.](#)

Task Force members include Chairman Brantley Wilson, Vice Chair Jessica Chemsak, RJ Ball, Alice Howard, Neil Irvin, Brenda Litchfield, Kristen Marshall Mattson, Elizabeth O'Brien, Bryan Thierry, and Tamara Volk-Pace. Councilman Neil Lipsitz, who lives in the Mossy Oaks neighborhood, serves as Council liaison. Staff members include Downtown Operations Director Linda Roper, Planner Dan Frazier, Parks Supervisor Adam Wellins, and Communications Manager Kathleen Williams.

Since becoming a City park in the early 2000s, several committees have been formed to conduct surveys and provide input about the future of Southside Park. Improvements have been made, including the dog parks, a walking trail, and restrooms. [See documents here for more details.](#)

Mossy Oaks is Beaufort's largest neighborhood, and as such, deserves a premier park that will become a destination for all of Beaufort and nearby communities.

## GATHERING INFORMATION

The Task Force proceeded to gather information, including reviewing previous documents pertaining to the park – site plans, land surveys, questionnaire responses, and detailed plans from an earlier park commission. Ms. Roper and Mr. Wellins shared information on recent and past improvements at City parks, and the cost of those improvements. [Spreadsheet of amenities and costs.](#) The Task Force met seven times, from Feb. 1 through April 15.

## SURVEY

The Task Force used information and recommendations from past Southside Park surveys and committees to develop a questionnaire using Survey Monkey. The survey was distributed on the City's and County's social media sites, via an email sent to almost 3,000 subscribers, through a splash page on the City's home page, and through a QR code embedded in posters hung at various City parks and at other sites around the City of Beaufort. The survey was also sent to the two public schools that serve the Mossy Oaks neighborhood. The survey was also shared by Beaufort County and by the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce. The survey was closed on March 28, and 1,171 people responded.

## SURVEY RESULTS

The initial question of the survey asked people to rate a list of 10 amenities as "Extremely Important," "Somewhat Important," or "Not Important at All." This question, which weighted the answers, showed that the top features (in order) were a playground, a paved path/course, a multipurpose paved court,

picnic pavilions, and an enhanced wetland habitat. Of amenities not listed above, a splash pad, water fountains, soccer field, and additional benches and restrooms rated high. In addition, pickleball courts and disc or frisbee golf were great favorites (though they were in the original list of 10 amenities).

Another question asked: “What type of events/activities would you like to see take place in this park?” The Top 5 answers were community events, festivals, concerts, disc golf tournaments, and pickleball.

Those who responded to the survey were balanced demographically, from families with children to empty-nesters.

[See survey summary here.](#) [See complete survey here.](#)

## **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT**

Public comment was solicited at each task force meeting. In addition, once the survey results were disseminated, the April 1 meeting opened with an invitation for public comment about those results. During that meeting, three people spoke in favor of adding pickleball courts in northern Beaufort County, including at Southside Park.

## **BEAUFORT COUNTY**

As the Task Force conducted its meetings and research, it became apparent that there is more room for a robust partnership between the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County and its Parks & Recreation Department to determine and fill in the recreation gaps in northern Beaufort County. Among those gaps are dedicated pickleball courts and a splash pad for kids, both of which rated highly on this survey, and will be addressed later in this report. The County and City should also work together to enhance the experience of those visiting Southside Park and/or the adjacent tennis courts, which are managed by the County. This includes enhancing and widening the trail between the tennis courts and the park.

# OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

## SOUTHSIDE PARK TASK FORCE

The Task Force is comprised of neighbors and residents who use the park, love the park, and want to see an even better park that all of Beaufort can be proud of. One member is an arborist; another is an environmental educator, and another brought a focus on access and usability for those who are disabled. We believe the Task Force, or portions of it at various times, should have an ongoing role and should help to guide a plan toward implementation. The Task Force can assume roles through implementation phases, including:

- a. Input during RFP/design process
- b. Input in the development of a Master Plan
- c. Coordinating volunteers
- d. Developing guidelines for park use and rental policies
- e. Transitioning to a Friends of Southside Park

## IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING AMENITIES

As we look at ways to improve Southside Park, it is important to note that we start with a beautiful property that has desirable amenities already. Its dog parks and walking trails are popular. Its field is used for different kinds of pick-up games. It has restrooms. The Task Force believes that these amenities must be maintained and improved, and that other amenities be added. All of the items listed below were cited by survey respondents:

- a. **Field:** Correct current flooding issues and grade the field for use as a pick-up athletic field. The development of a wetlands preserve may help with the field's drainage issues.
- b. **Dog parks:** Install additional seats/benches for owners. Add obstacles for dogs. Improve dog drinking fountains, and add more waste stations. Add more shade with trees or canopies. See if there is a solution to grass issues in large-dog park.
- c. **Trail:** Broaden trail section connecting City-owned and County-owned parcels. Add trail sections to make a complete perimeter of City/County park areas. Incorporate shaded areas. Add distance marking. Add dog waste stations. Add benches along the trail.
- d. **Miscellaneous:** Add benches and swings (similar to Waterfront Park) throughout park. Add trash cans and more pet waste dispensers. Add refillable bottle drinking fountains.
- e. **Parking and restrooms:** Add more parking and restrooms as more amenities are put in place.
- f. **Wheelchair access:** As these improvements are made, ensure that wheelchair accessibility is incorporated.

## CONNECTIVITY

There are opportunities to add connectivity to Southside Park, which we urge the City to explore. These include:

- a. Adding an entrance to the park from Waddell Road
- b. Adding signage/crosswalk to Spanish Moss Trail
- c. Widening and enhancing walkway to Beaufort County tennis courts

## SECURITY

A thriving park must be a secure park. The park should keep its current dawn-to-dusk operating hours and maintain current police patrols. New amenities should be secured as best possible.

## PROPOSED NEW AMENITIES

(Listed from highest to lowest in survey responses)

- 1) **PLAYGROUND:** A playground ranked as the No. 1 amenity in the survey. This playground should be modeled after the playgrounds at Waterfront Park and Pigeon Point Park in terms of size and variety of play structures. It should include elements of inclusive play and conform with all ADA requirements. It should include ample seating. We recommend that it have plenty of shade, a safety surface material, and be enclosed by a complete perimeter fence with a gate to allow access. Additional restrooms and parking should be built close to the playground. Restrooms should incorporate a family restroom, and at least one toilet and sink in each playground restroom should be sized for small children.
- 2) **PAVED COURSE** (*separate from existing gravel trail*): The survey described this as a course suitable for biking or rollerblading. Our assumption is that adult and serious cyclists would use the nearby Spanish Moss Trail, and that this course might be used for young cyclists, or parents teaching their children how to ride a bike, or for people who want to take a short walk. We recommend a flat or very gradually sloped concrete path located around or near the playground. The course should have access to a nearby parking area. The width of the path should be sufficient to allow movement in two directions. This paved course should be wheelchair accessible from the parking lot.
- 3) **MULTIPURPOSE PAVED COURT(S):** Respondents clearly preferred separate courts for separate sports. We address this in a separate section on partnered amenities.
- 4) **PAVILIONS:** We recommend one large pavilion that could hold multiple picnic tables and could also be used for community gatherings, small concerts, and festivals. We recommend an additional 2-3 smaller pavilions that could house 4-5 picnic tables at various spots throughout the park. One of these pavilions should be close to the playground. The large

pavilion should be built first. All pavilions should have electrical outlets. *(Note: Although the survey question was phrased ‘pavilion with grills,’ a City ordinance prohibits grills for safety reasons.)*

- 5) **ENHANCED WETLAND HABITAT:** A constructed wetland should be created incorporating rich natural aesthetics and educational signage. This should be located and designed to receive stormwater drainage from the surrounding areas of the park. Initially, signs can be added to describe plants in current wetland area. A more enhanced wetland habitat can be built after other amenities are completed, allowing this wetland to accommodate new drainage patterns.
- 6) **FITNESS COURSE:** This landed in the middle of the survey. Our observation is that fitness courses nearby, such as at Beaufort Middle School, are rarely used. We recommend that the City look more closely at existing fitness courses and whether those courses can be enhanced, before committing to a fitness course at Southside Park.
- 7) **FRISBEE (DISC) GOLF:** Although this was ranked in the bottom half of the survey, it also came up frequently under ‘What other amenities not listed above would you like to see in Southside Park?’ Many people responded disc golf, which led us to believe that if we had listed the amenity as disc golf, it would have landed higher in the survey. There are no disc golf courses in northern Beaufort County, and adding one would be a draw for residents and tournaments. We recommend that the City confer with the [Beaufort Area Sports Council](#) on the desirability of a tournament-level disc golf course at Southside Park. ([Read more about Disc Golf here.](#))
- 8) **COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Although this was in the bottom half of the survey, the Task Force believes that a community garden would be an ideal fit for Southside Park, and would fill a need, especially for residents of nearby apartments who do not have a backyard. Community gardens are becoming more and more common in both traditional neighborhoods and gated communities. Community gardens need to have delineated plots, access to a water supply and irrigation, and be fenced. To ensure its success, it is essential that a community garden be well-managed and well-maintained. We recommend that the City, in coordination with Councilman Mitch Mitchell, pursue a partnership with a non-profit organization(s) that would implement and manage a community garden at Southside Park. [Clemson University Extension](#) may be the partner we would need to make this a success, and would certainly offer guidelines and advice.
- 9) **COMMUNITY ROOM:** The Task Force voted against recommending this amenity, which was low on the survey. We believe a large covered pavilion would serve many of the same purposes as a community room, and be less expensive to build and maintain.

- 10) **HORSESHOE PITS:** The Task Force voted against recommending this amenity. It came in last on the survey. There is a horseshoe pit near the County tennis courts but it appears to be in disrepair from lack of use.

## **PARTNERED AMENITIES**

**PAVED ATHLETIC COURTS:** In the survey, adding a multipurpose paved court that would be used for pickleball, basketball, and volleyball ranked No. 3. In response to the question, ‘what other amenities would you like to see at the park,’ pickleball and pickleball courts ranked very high. We also had a number of people who spoke or emailed in favor of adding pickleball courts. Although the volume did not match pickleball, we also received many requests for a basketball court and volleyball court.

For clarification purposes, Beaufort County currently manages what are considered active parks, sports fields, and rec centers throughout the county. This includes tennis courts, ball fields, gyms, and pools. The City of Beaufort manages passive parks within its boundaries, including Southside Park. If the city were to undertake building and managing pickleball or multipurpose courts, it would represent a significant (and costly) change from current practices.

Around the same time the Southside Park Task Force was meeting, a separate group was meeting with Beaufort County to address pickleball as there are no dedicated public pickleball courts in northern Beaufort County (although the tennis courts next to Southside Park are used for pickleball). The County agrees that this is a need. Beaufort County Council Member Alice Howard, who is also a member of the Southside Task Force, informed us that the County is considering several ways to address this:

- Repurpose the two tennis courts at Shell Point, which are currently in disrepair, so that they can be used for both tennis and pickleball. This would add four pickleball courts north of the Broad.
- Possibly repurpose one tennis court on St. Helena Island so that it could be used for both tennis and pickleball.

Longer term, Ms. Howard said the Beaufort County Parks & Rec Department new Comprehensive Plan, which is being developed, may call for the construction of a 16-court tournament-level pickleball complex in northern Beaufort County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recognizing that pickleball is a popular and growing sport, and given that there is room near the County parcel at Southside Park to build more courts, we recommend that the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County work together to add dedicated pickleball courts near the park. We also recommend that a full-sized basketball court be constructed in close proximity to the tennis courts. There is no publicly accessible basketball court nearby, and we are confident that a basketball court would be popular. We recommend that the City and County study the feasibility of adding a sand volleyball court.

**SPLASH PAD:** Adding a splash pad to Southside Park was the top answer to “what other amenities what would you like to see at the park?” In consideration of various safety concerns, ongoing maintenance and staffing expertise, the Task Force determined that a splash pad was not a good fit for Southside Park.

But it’s important to note that residents have urged the inclusion of a splash pad as several park master plans were developed, including at Waterfront Park, and an earlier master plan for Southside Park. It is very clear that parents would like to see a splash pad installed in northern Beaufort County, and that their children would use it.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County work together to develop a plan to install a splash pad in an appropriate location that would be convenient for families in the City of Beaufort. This should be a significant and immediate priority for the City given the overwhelming and persistent demand from residents reflected in this survey and others consistently over the past 20 years. We believe that failure to act on such an enduring top priority would likely harm community involvement in future projects.



## FUNDING

We purposely did not attach estimated costs to these various amenities as that will depend on the development of a master plan and a timeline for adoption of these proposals. We believe there are a variety of opportunities for funding, through the City's Capital Improvement Projects Plan, impact fees that will be coming to the City from Beaufort County, and application for various grants available through Community Development Block Grants, the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, National Coastal Resilience Fund, various nonprofits, as well as possible federal sources.

Soliciting donations through Beaufort Pride of Place could also lead to naming opportunities for benches, swings, the wetland, etc.

Maintenance funding must grow annually as new amenities are installed to ensure these investments are well maintained and the park fulfills its intended purpose as a regional attraction.

# IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

The Task Force recommends a five-phase timeline to extend over approximately five years, depending on funding.



## Phase 1

- Creation & adoption of Master Plan
- Begin collaboration with county on adding courts/splash pad
- Begin talks with Clemson on community garden
- Talk to Sports Council about disc golf



## Phase 2

- Improvements in dog parks
- Widen trail, add distance markings, complete trail perimeter
- Add benches, swings, drinking fountains
- Add wetland signage



## Phase 3

- Install playground
- Install paved course
- Add disc golf
- Some field improvements



## Phase 4

- Install community garden
- Install large pavilion



## Phase 5

- Construct wetland
- Add smaller pavilions
- Regrade large field

## CONCLUSION

We appreciate the City's desire to make a significant investment in improving Southside Park. The location of this park in the most populous neighborhood in the City, along with its expansive available area to house a variety of amenities, creates an ideal opportunity to develop an exemplary regional park that will serve our community well for generations to come. The overwhelming community feedback through our survey tells us that the residents of Beaufort want – and expect -- the City to make significant investments in Southside Park to serve the diverse needs of our community. We believe our recommendations have respected this community input and offer a path to creating an exceptional resource. We appreciate the opportunity to serve our neighbors, and on their behalf we submit our report for your consideration.

# Additional Documents & Survey Results

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE FOR PLANNING CONTINUED PARK DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHSIDE PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of Beaufort established a Southside Park Planning Advisory Committee on January 27, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2004 recommendations for the dynamic development of Southside Park were completed and consisted of Multi-Purpose Trails, Playground, Dog Park, Open Grassy Areas, Picnic Areas, Constructed Wetlands, Maintenance Facility/Community Room, Interactive Fountain, and Restrooms and Drinking Fountains; and

**WHEREAS**, work on planning for Southside Park has been informed by a conceptual master plan dated March 15, 2002 and an updated conceptual master plan dated August 23, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the dog park, restrooms, and walking trail have all come to fruition and are currently in use and maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020-2022 City of Beaufort Strategic Plan, Objective 5: "Provide accessible public facilities and spaces" initiative 5.3 "Update the Southside Park plan" was adopted by City Council on September 22, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council solicited applications for membership to comprise a Southside Park Task Force in January of 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Beaufort, South Carolina, that the Southside Park Task force is formed and:

1. The following citizens have been notified and are hereby appointed to serve as voting members of the Southside Park Task Force:

Elizabeth O'Brien

Jessica Chemsak

Brenda Litchfield

Alice Howard

Ronald Ball

Kristen Marshall Mattson

Tamara Volk-Pace

Gwen Speller

Neil Irvin

Brantley Wilson

Bryan Thierry

2. Is supported by Councilman Neil Lipsitz who shall serve as the liaison to Beaufort City Council.
3. Is supported by the Director of Downtown Operations and Community Services Linda Roper who shall serve as liaison to the City Manager.
4. Is supported by Kathleen Williams (Communications Director), Dave Frazier (Planner), and Adam Wellins (Parks Supervisor).
5. Is charged with electing a chair of the task force during the first meeting and following Robert's Rules of Order when conducting meetings.

6. Is charged with reviewing past master plans and providing an updated plan for the remaining build out of the park, including a priority project list.
7. Is Charged with seeking public input and incorporating this feedback into the new plan, through in person or electronic means.
8. Is charged with completing their work in 90 days and presenting their report to city council at the April 27, 2021 Worksession, at 5pm.
9. Is charged with presenting their plan to Council for adoption of by resolution on May 11, 2021, at 7 pm in the regularly scheduled meeting of City Council.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 26 day of January 2021.



STEPHEN D. MURRAY III, MAYOR

ATTEST:



IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

# Southside Park Community Survey

Monday, March 29, 2021

# 1171

**Total Responses**

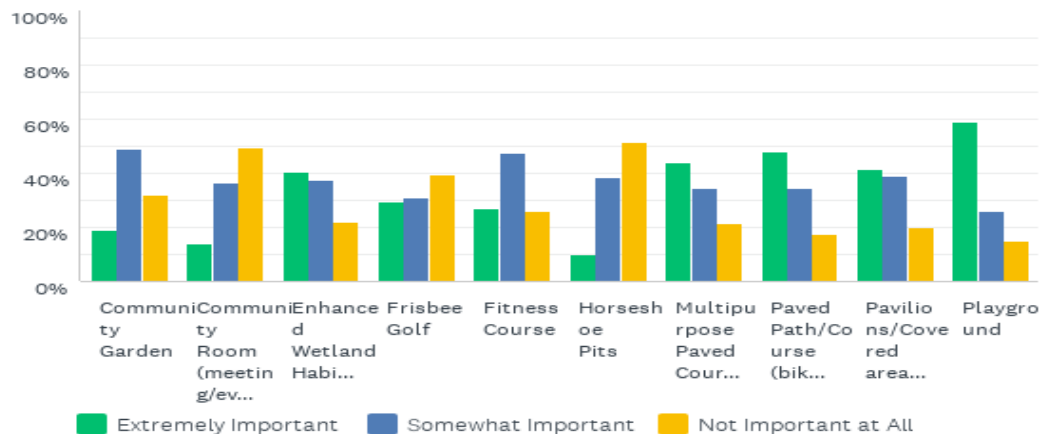
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Complete Responses: 1071

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Q1 Previous community surveys suggested several amenities for Southside Park. For each amenity listed, prioritize the list by most to least important. (Current amenities -- walking trail, dog park and restrooms -- will remain and be maintained)



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Answered: 1,171 Skipped: 0

	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Playground	59.05%	25.92%	15.03%	1138	2.44
	672	295	171		
Paved Path/Course (biking, rollerblading, etc.)	48.15%	34.57%	17.28%	1134	2.31
	546	392	196		
Multipurpose Paved Court (basketball, volleyball pickeball etc.)	44.12%	34.35%	21.53%	1147	2.23
	506	394	247		
Pavilions/Covered areas w/grills	41.28%	38.88%	19.84%	1129	2.21
	466	439	224		
Enhanced Wetland Habitat for Observation	40.28%	37.71%	22.01%	1127	2.18
	454	425	248		
Fitness Course	26.83%	47.41%	25.76%	1118	2.01
	300	530	288		
Frisbee Golf	29.51%	30.83%	39.66%	1132	1.90
	334	349	449		
Community Garden	18.80%	49.15%	32.05%	1117	1.87
	210	549	358		
Community Room (meeting/event space)	14.17%	36.27%	49.55%	1122	1.65
	159	407	556		
Horseshoe Pits	10.03%	38.32%	51.66%	1117	1.58
	112	428	577		

## Q2 What other amenities not listed above you would like to see in Southside Park?

added trail people Leave think city use space fountain families Splash pad kids track  
Lights Dedicated pickle ball Picnic tables rest Na part seating events shade Nothing  
etc Landscaping public open Pickleball garden courts walking trail field station  
Soccer field activities water fountains love dogs amphitheater  
water place Disc golf course outdoor  
pickleball courts path Benches covered  
Splash pad tennis courts area really park  
water feature dog park see None pavilion Disc golf  
Stage need concerts kids course N trees restrooms facilities small  
love see Frisbee golf Sand volleyball courts playground Splash play Tennis  
Bathrooms Bocce great possibly children run pool wildlife Also Benches swings  
good plants Pickle ball courts Please nice Swings  
Dedicated pickleball courts security around walking soccer set one built pond  
keep

## Q2 What other amenities not listed above you would like to see in Southside Park?

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Answered 773 Skipped 398

### Top 5 Answers

Splash Pad

Water Fountains

Soccer Field

Benches/Seating

Restrooms/Bathrooms

\*Please note Disc Golf & Pickleball were in the top 5 however they were included in Q1 and eliminated from this list

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Q3 What type of events/activities would you like to see take place in this park?

playground Block parties local programs Soccer see Movies park types walking summer  
games Adult group celebration Pickle ball nights Movie nights competitions area  
outdoor concerts None love see small Soccer field food using birthday parties  
parties Frisbee golf school outdoor basketball Community events  
Dog Farmers market family gatherings sports bike park Beaufort  
Music Anything family Pickleball tournaments  
Disc golf tournaments neighborhood  
Concerts Na Disc golf nature events place  
festivals N community Food truck festival  
Pickleball keep activities things etc host  
tournaments Movies kids classes picnics volleyball  
Food trucks something play people Live music s day family friendly  
children type events leagues Frisbee golf tournament fitness good gatherings Fun  
Community gatherings carnivals meetings kickball Holiday nice Maybe vendors  
space trails oyster roasts Community garden youth kids playing exercise markets

## Q3 What type of events/activities would you like to see take place in this park?

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816 Answered 355 Skipped

### **Top 5 Answers**

Community Events

Festivals

Concerts

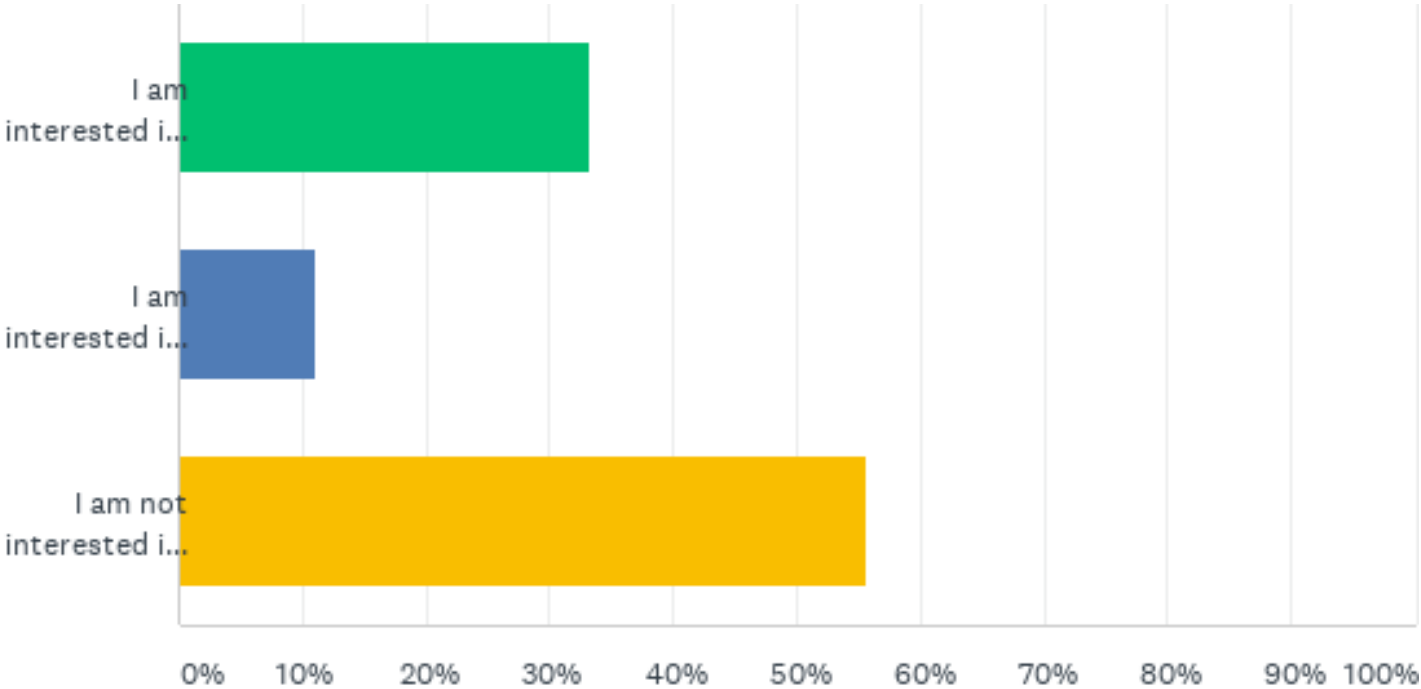
Disc Golf Tournaments

Pickleball

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**Q4: There could be many ways to contribute to making Southside Park a community success. Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer, or donating resources?**

Answered: 1,076 Skipped: 95



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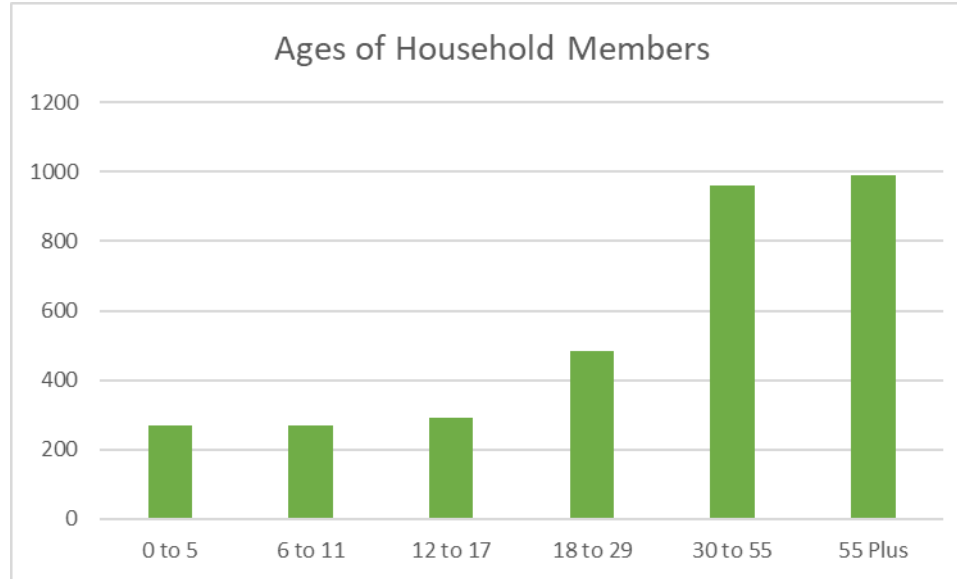
<b>ANSWER CHOICES</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>	
I am interested in volunteering	33.27%	358
I am interested in donating money or resources	11.06%	119
I am not interested in volunteering or donating at this time	55.67%	599
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,076</b>

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**Q5: What are the ages of your household members (please indicate number of people in each age group) \*Information received will only be used for this survey**

Answered: 1,131 Skipped: 40



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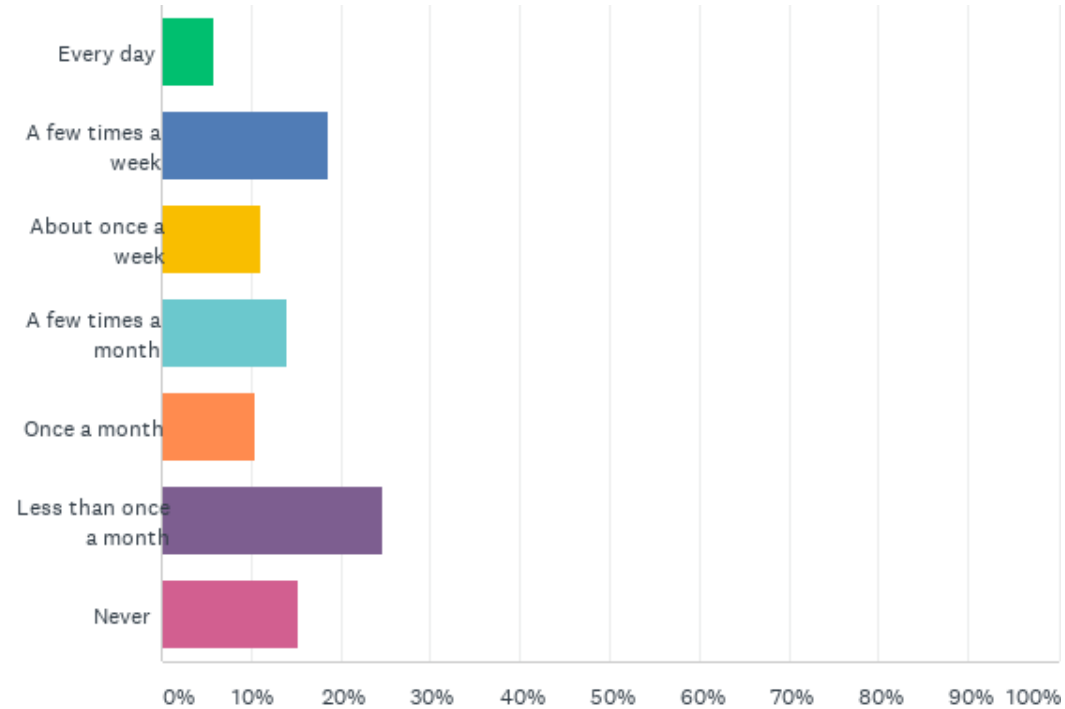
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<b>ANSWER CHOICES</b>	<b>AVERAGE NUMBER</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>
0-5 yrs old	1	272	268
6-11 yrs old	1	270	272
12-17 yrs old	1	292	266
18-29 yrs old	1	482	365
30-55 yrs old	2	962	598
55+ yrs old	2	992	559
<b>Total Respodents: 1131</b>			

When we reviewed the survey responses, we observed that several respondents appear to have entered their age rather than the number of household members in the age group box. This resulted in skewed age demographic data. To control for this, we replaced all numbers 4 or greater in age groups 0-5 and 6-11 with a "1". We also replaced all numbers 10 or greater in in the remaining age groups with a "1".

## Q6: On average, how often do you visit Southside Park?

Answered: 1,138 Skipped: 33



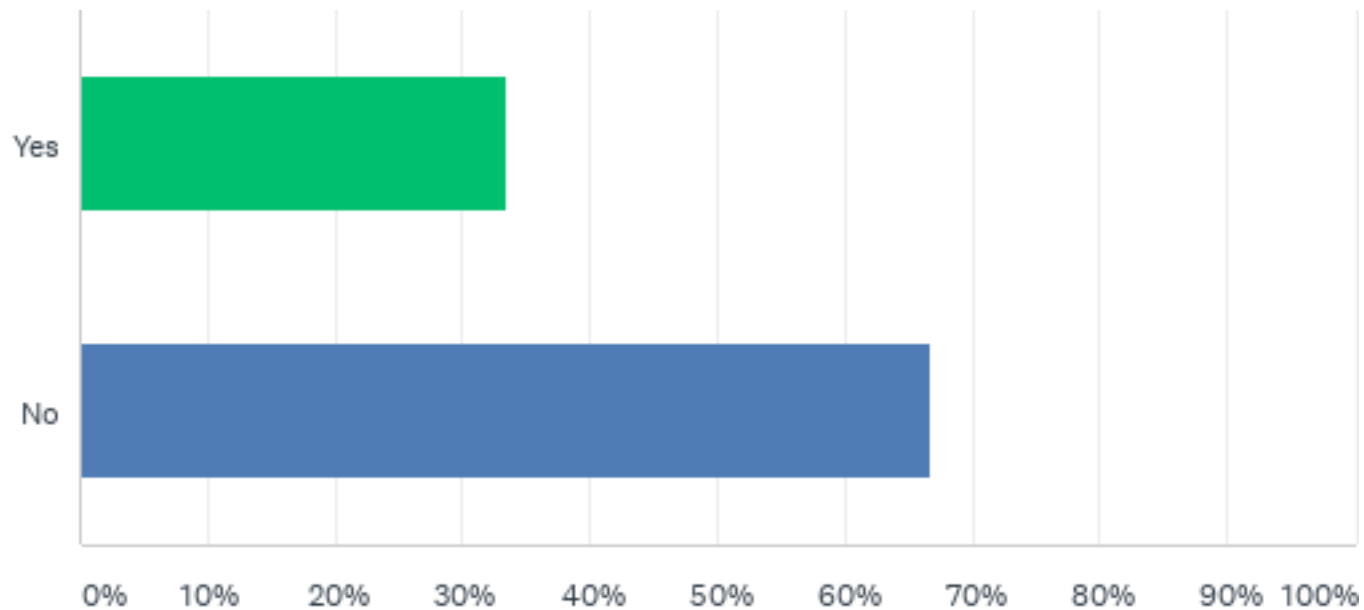
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Answered: 1,138 Skipped: 33

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	5.80%	66
A few times a week	18.72%	213
About once a week	11.16%	127
A few times a month	14.06%	160
Once a month	10.46%	119
Less than once a month	24.60%	280
Never	15.20%	173
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,138</b>

## Q7: Do you use the dog park?

Answered: 1,154 Skipped: 17



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.45%	386
No	66.72%	770
Total Respondents: 1,154		

## Q8 What do you like the most about the dog park?

play place dog run two water available great different size fenced area shade water  
separation spacious dogs play Location clean use one free dogs run trail  
Large area secure fenced dog run play separate exists people  
leash s meet big water area owners large around dogs good  
space enjoy size freely small dogs pups shade  
Cleanliness nice environment love close park take Open space availability  
large small dogs kept dog park able socialize need  
separate areas one bigger sides safe place open dogs run around LOTS place dogs play  
well

## Q8 What do you like the most about the dog park?

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313 Answered 858 Skipped

### Top 5 Answers

Separate Areas

Large Size

Shade

Fenced

Clean & Maintained

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## Q9 What improvements would you like to see to the dog park?

Sit Working water fountains Covered fix water fountain picnic tables fenced area shade areas  
aggressive dogs work Chairs N well NEW picking humans little sitting area activities another  
leave added doggy sections Additional stations course water fountain waste  
obstacles things larger dog wash station S agility course clean allowed  
benches poop water side Better take seating nice  
area agility dogs play grass Na small see shade one  
Maybe water feature people watering stations dog park fence None  
Keep owners etc sure tables park Fixed large dog Also bigger options needs great  
separate making obstacle course along think fill bags dogs run trees Agility equipment  
covered area dogs cool Better seating large dog park dogs play gated

## Q9 What improvements would you like to see to the dog park?

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257 Answered 914 Skipped

### Top 5 Answers

Grass

Seating

More Water

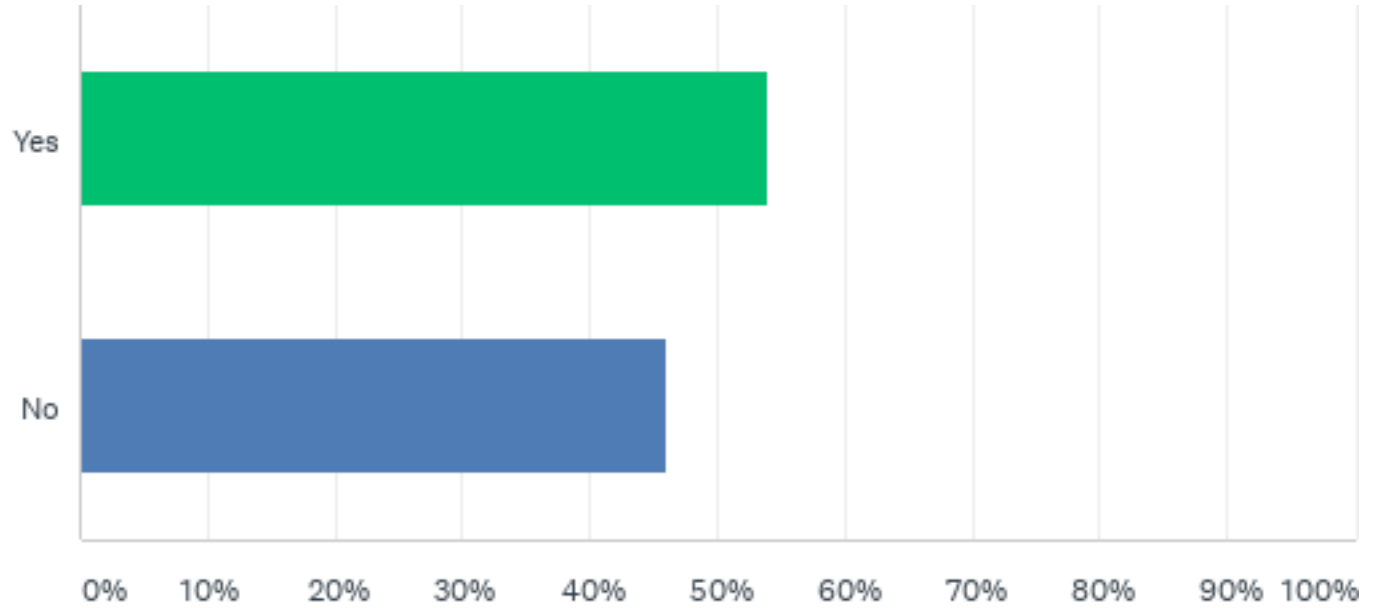
More Shade

Obstacles

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## Q10: Do you use the walking trails at the park?

Answered: 1,132 Skipped: 39



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.06%	612
No	45.94%	520
TOTAL		1,132

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## Q11 What do you like the most about the trails?

wind wooded areas well maintained able walk part busy pretty Peacefulness Scenic go  
Beauty Easy feel close well Quite bikes Everything clean kept length spaces  
gravel clean safe S available views street natural Safety quiet  
Distance scenery crowded area place nice convenient  
shade beautiful walking wide nature walking dog  
trails pleasant trees N open lots paved variety peaceful  
calm park easy walk path birds Good relaxing location miles Safe ok  
place walk woods great strollers dog re traffic road exercise shady maintained  
feel safe shaded areas Natural surroundings bridge

# Q11 What do you like the most about the trails?

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431 Answered 740 Skipped

## Top 5 Answers

Nature

Shade/Trees

Scenery

Open

Paved

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## Q12 What improvements would you like to see for the trails?

way addition disc golf nice Distance markers signage views water little Nothing use areas  
walkways along Connect added swings see variety sure markers Maybe larger  
benches Disc golf N surface Lights make None time  
trails think Better maybe paved paved Spanish Moss Trail  
longer around walking educational trees fine path gravel plants seating  
pavement s shade extending disc golf course playground water fountains Na  
stations Dog bag flowers loop

## Q12 What improvements would you like to see for the trails?

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376 Answered 795 Skipped

### Top 5 Answers

None

Lighting

Longer

Benches

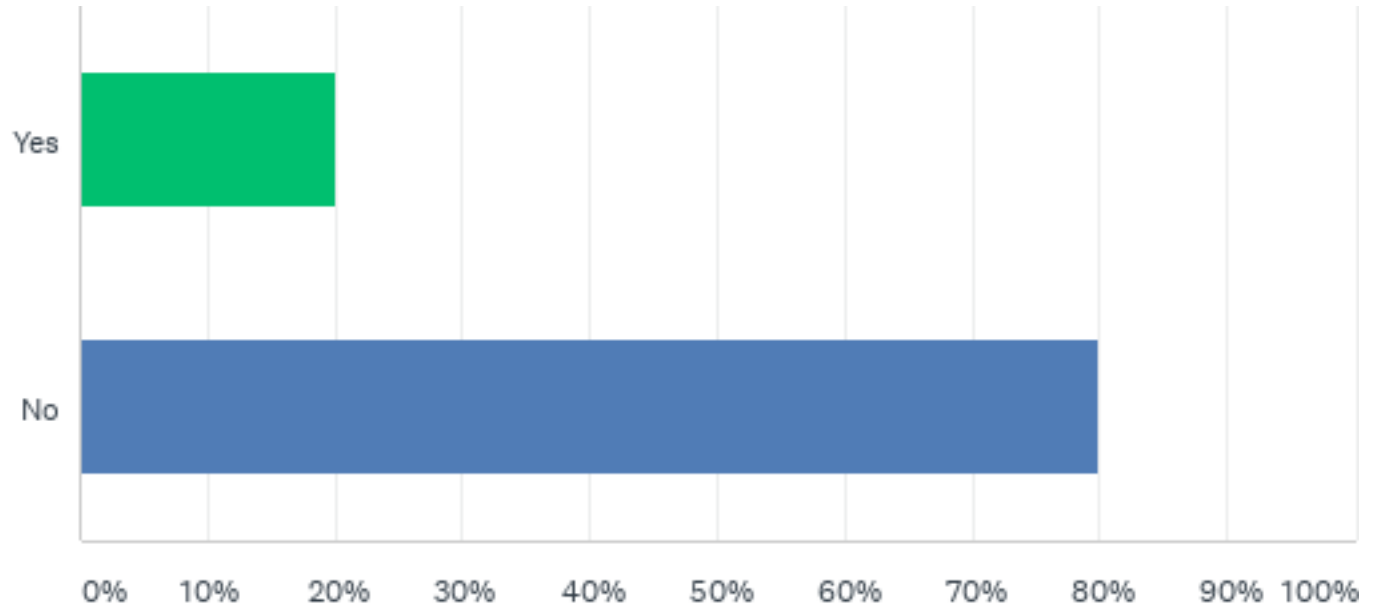
Distance Signage

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## Q13: Are you a teacher or do you work with children in an educational capacity?

Answered: 1,099 Skipped: 72



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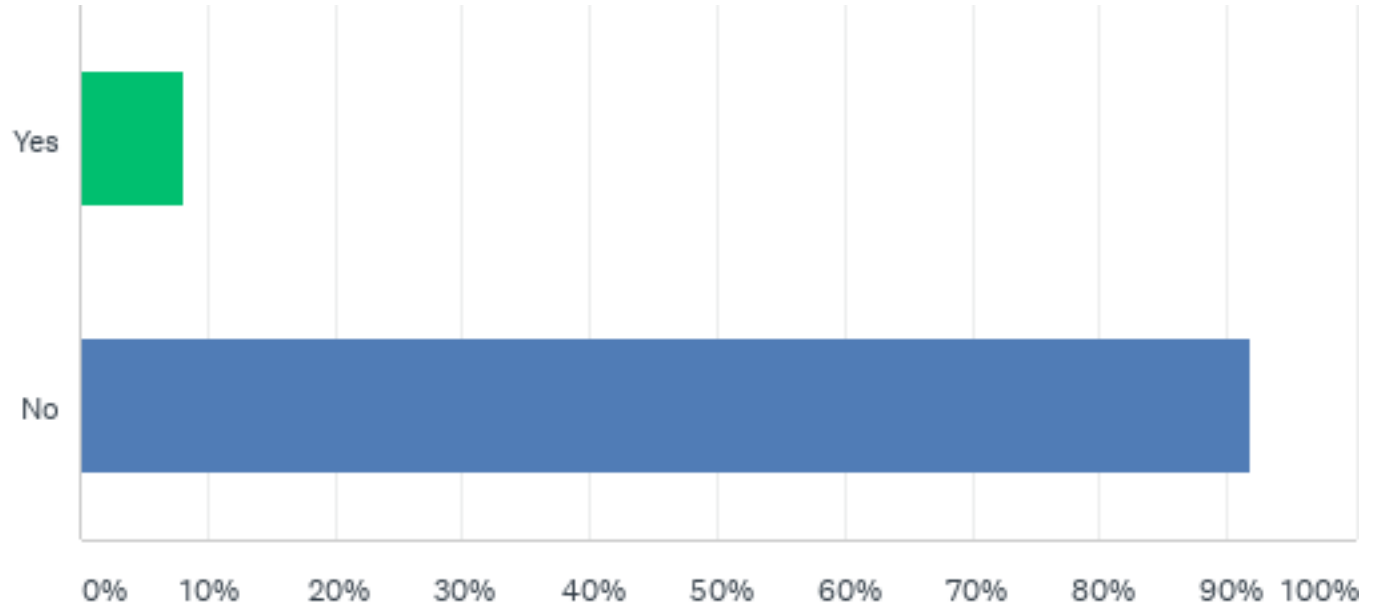
Answered: 1,099 Skipped: 72

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.11%	221
No	79.89%	878
TOTAL		1,099

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## Q14: Do you currently come to Southside Park with your students or youth organization?

Answered: 218 Skipped: 953



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Answered: 218 Skipped: 953

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.26%	18
No	91.74%	200
TOTAL		218

Q15 What features would you like to see at Southside Park that would help with learning activities?

activities butterfly garden signage post Information students garden local  
community garden Disc golf course plants nature trails  
nature open signs field educational natural  
playground Environmental areas None  
Wetlands Community learning Outdoor classroom  
wildlife local wildlife outdoor tables school history  
Disc golf seating see nice park nature walks picnic tables sure

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**Q15** What features would you like to see at Southside Park that would help with learning activities?

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142 Answered 1029 Skipped

### **Top 5 Answers**

Educational Elements

Wetlands

Playground

Signs

Community Garden

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## Q16 What suggestions do you have for other improvements to Southside Park?

Splash pad take time restrooms open rules field dedicated pickleball courts None time  
pickle ball courts lots walking dogs Courts Family friendly even open space play gardens  
safety improved Frisbee golf neighborhood see unsure nice well live safe think  
cameras Na Build disc golf Lights addition dogs drive make really kids  
will dog park covered Better Leave use security area trees  
park frisbee golf course None sure  
disc golf course small playground something  
need trails N love Disc golf visit Add landscaping  
Pickleball courts s Pickleball children community Nothing  
Beaufort space benches place Maybe close bathrooms large great survey  
activities facility people water feature Keep place play course didn t know go  
sand volleyball courts festival Add disc golf sports able know shade Please trash  
tennis courts Soccer field

## Q16 What suggestions do you have for other improvements to Southside Park?

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578 Answered 593 Skipped

### Top 5 Answers

None

Disc Golf Course

Playground

Kid Activities

Pickleball Courts

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