

DATE: February 19, 2026
PROJECT NAME: Astoria Parks Master Plan Update
PROJECT #: 2250168.00

SUBJECT: Summary of Input from Survey #2

SURVEY RESPONSE DETAILS:

- Survey open from January 6, 2026 to February 5, 2026
- **1,079 Responses**
- 71% survey completion rate.
- 242 email sign-ups for project updates.

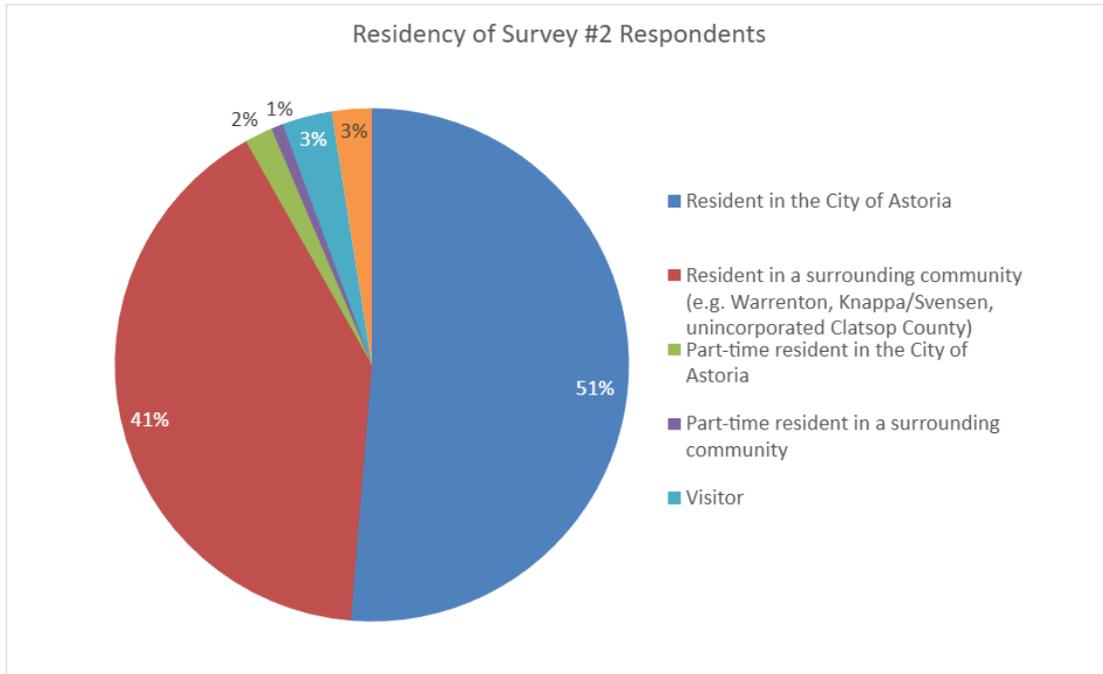
Overall Survey Themes and Takeaways

- **Indoor recreation space for families and/or teens** was mentioned frequently as a desired amenity (85).
- The creation of an **off-leash dog area is controversial**. This project received the greatest number of “Do Not Support” selections (207) but also received 325 selections for completing within 0-2 years (the third most-selected option) and support was high in written comments, with 41 comments in favor. 26 written comments were in opposition to dog parks or Tapiola Park as a location.
- **Support for the Aquatic Center Expansion is generally high** amongst respondents, with it receiving the greatest number of selections for projects to complete for all timeframe options, [within 0-2 years (510), within 3-5 years (430), within 6-10 years (276), and within 10+ years (255)] but was most heavily weighted towards the 0-2 year completion timeframe. There is support for **increasing both non-fitness related and fitness related classes** and recreation opportunities.
- **Safety** (including lighting and safe pedestrian access) and enhanced **park equipment/amenities** (including restrooms and indoor/covered recreation space) were primary concerns for Level of Service questions.
- Access to parks, trails, and amenities was highlighted, with the **greatest number of respondents saying it is “Very easy (5-10 minute walk)” to get to a park from their home** (273 responses, 36% of responses) and the least number of respondents saying it was “Very difficult (more than 15 minute drive)” (87 responses, 11% of responses). Access was discussed in in approximately 70 written responses. Some responses addressed topics such as **access for those with disabilities** and improving access through **maintenance of existing trails and creation of new trails/routes**.

QUESTION BY QUESTION SUMMARIES

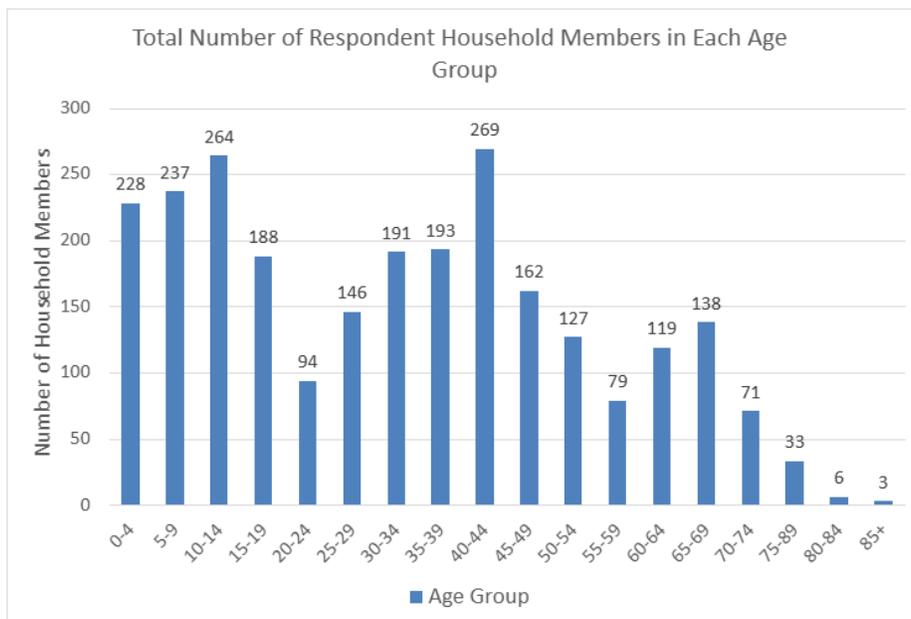
Question #1 - “I am a...”

- Total Responses = 1,078 (skipped by 1 respondent).



Question #17 - Including yourself, how many members of your household are in the following age groups?

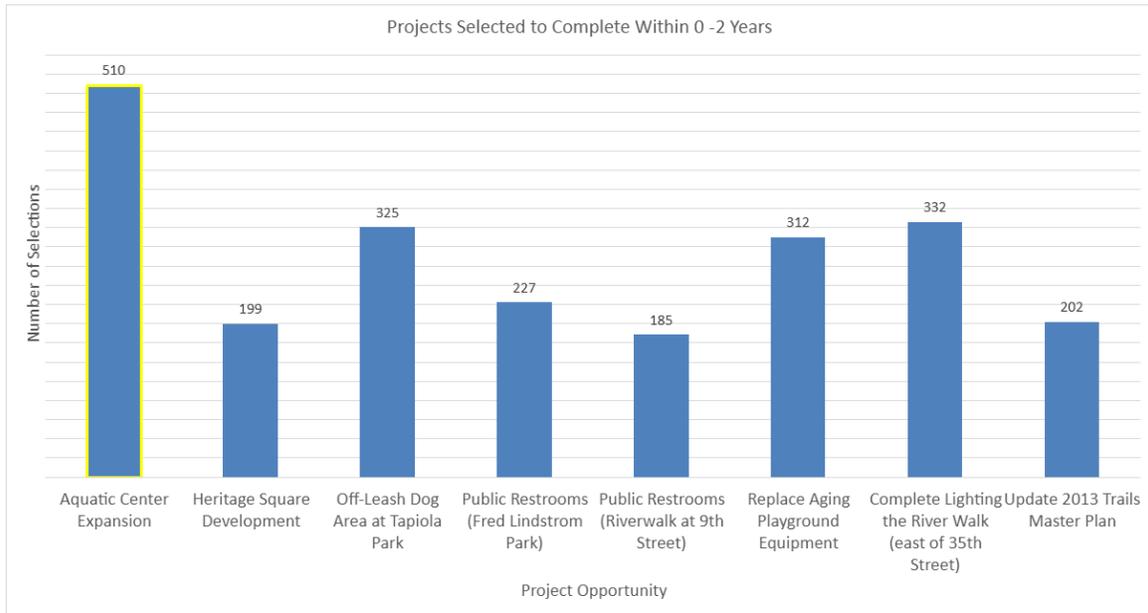
- The largest age demographic of respondent household members was the 40-44 age group (269), and the smallest was the 85+ age group (3).
- Total Responses = 704 (skipped by 375 respondents).



PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

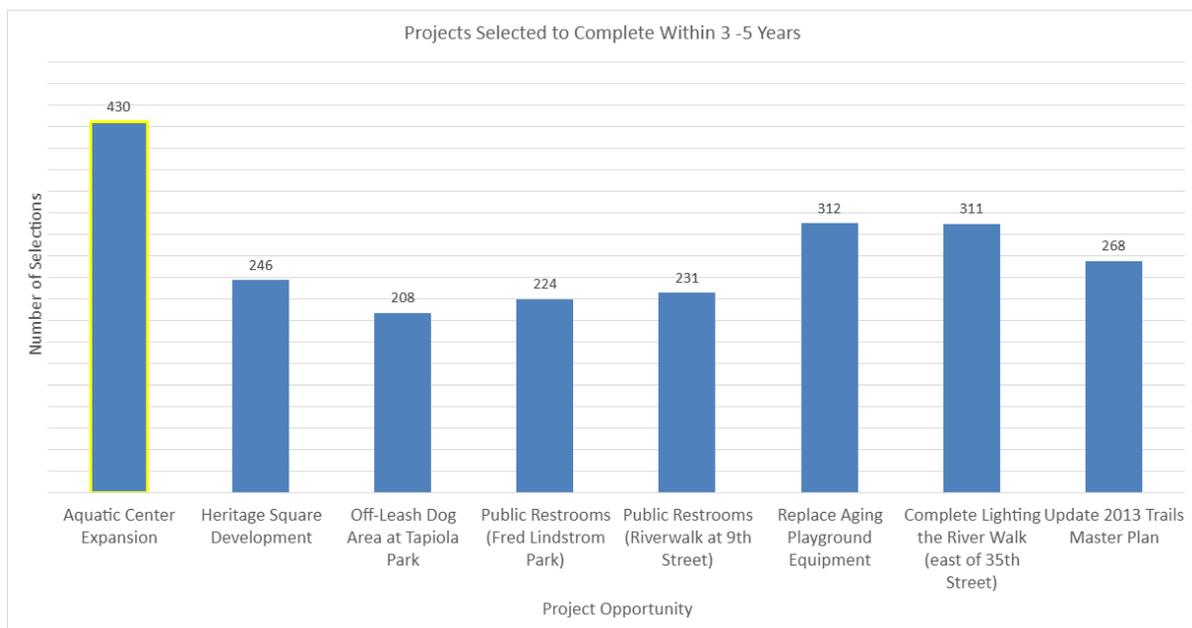
Question #2 – Select up to 3 projects to complete **within 0 – 2 years**

- Aquatic Center Expansion received the greatest number of selections (510).
- Total Responses = 876 (skipped by 203 respondents).



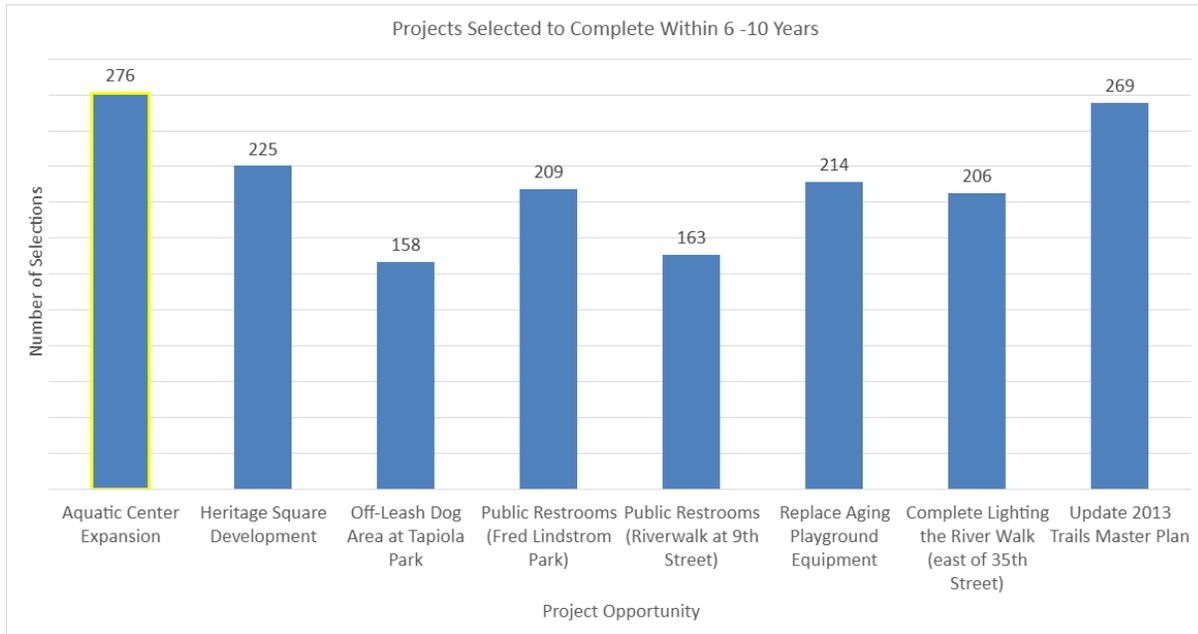
Question #3 – Select up to 3 projects to complete **within 3 – 5 years**

- Aquatic Center Expansion received the greatest number of selections (430).
- Total Responses = 844 (skipped by 235 respondents).



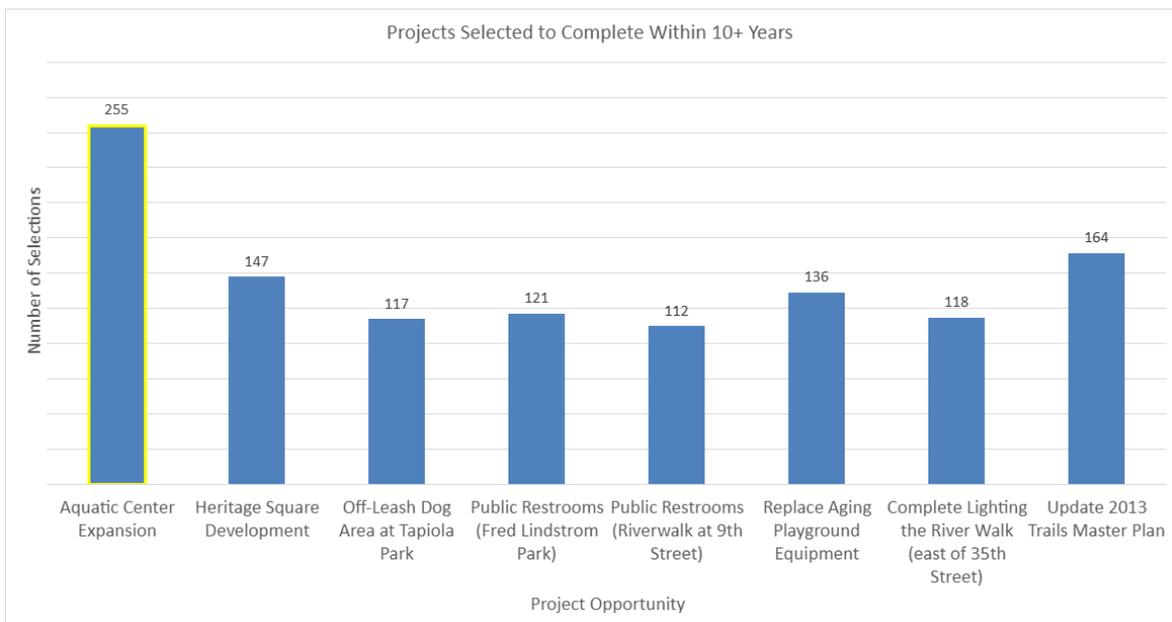
Question #4 – Select up to 3 projects to complete within 6 – 10 years

- Aquatic Center Expansion received greatest number of selections (276), followed closely by Update 2013 Trails Master Plan (269).
- Total Responses = 749 (skipped by 330 respondents).



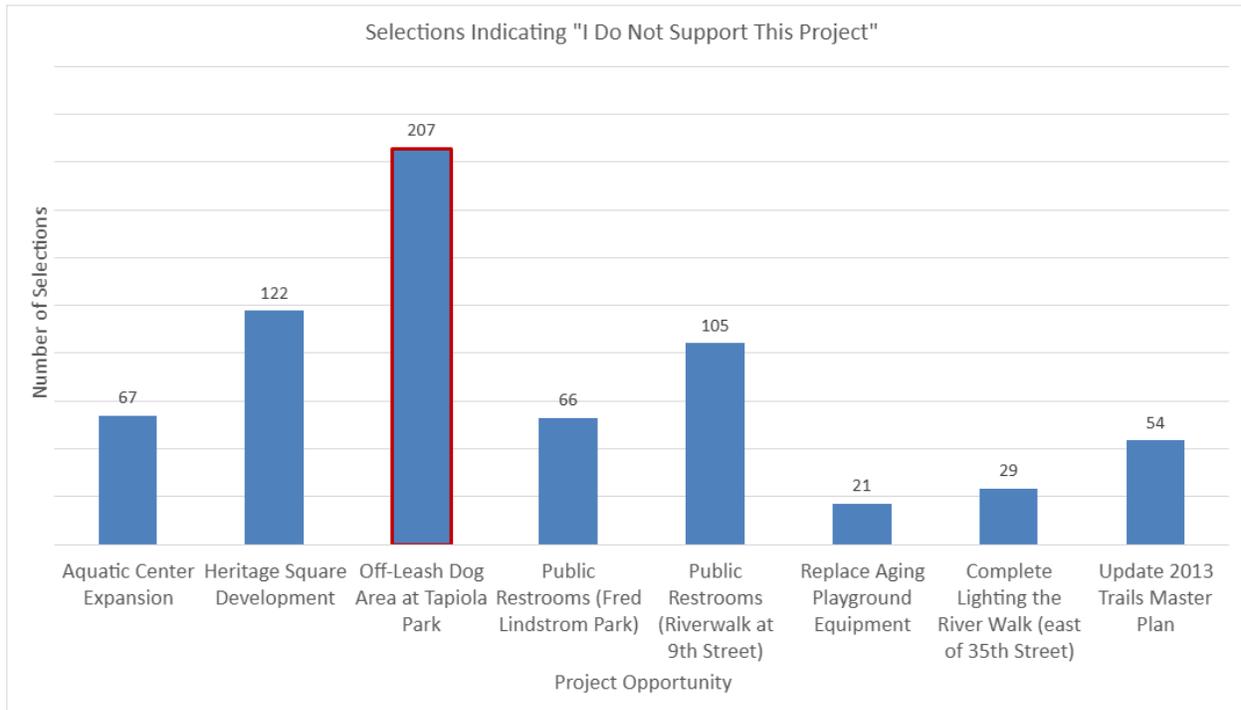
Question #5 – Select up to 3 projects to complete within 10+ years

- Aquatic Center Expansion received greatest number of selections (255).
- Total Responses = 521 (skipped by 558 respondents).



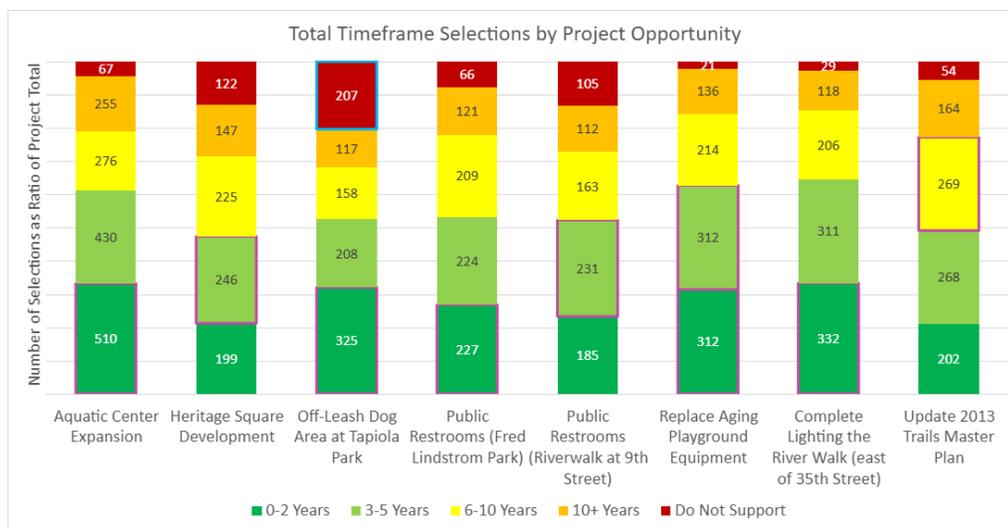
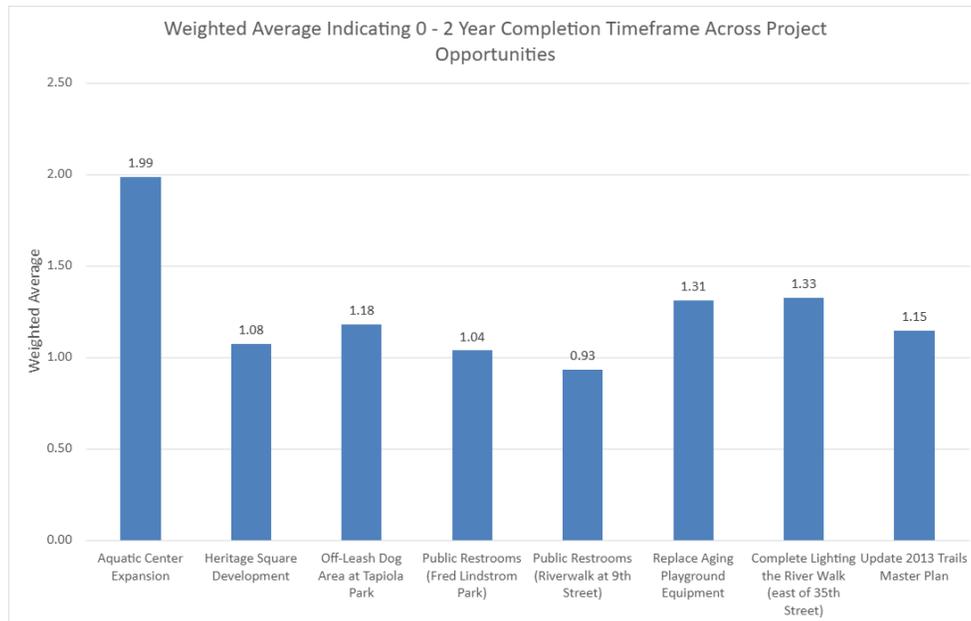
Question #6 – Please Identify any projects you **DO NOT support**

- The Off-Leash Dog Area at Tapiola Park received the greatest number of “Do Not Support” selections.
- Total Responses = 387 (skipped by 692 respondents).



All Selections (weighted average based on timeframes)

- Across timeframe options, the **Aquatic Center Expansion was most heavily weighted towards the 0-2 year completion timeframe** of the Project Opportunities.
- Responses were more heavily weighted towards a 0-2 year completion timeframe for **Public Restrooms (Fred Lindstrom Park)** than for Public Restrooms (Riverwalk at 9th Street).



Magenta outlines indicate the highest number of timeframe selections for each project opportunity.

Written Responses on Project Opportunities

Question #7 – Are there other projects not listed above that you want to see completed in the next 10 years? If so, please describe them here and let us know when they should happen:

- Total Responses = 235
- 100 of 235 (43%) respondents commented on **Park Equipment and Amenities**.
 - 50 of 100 responses regarding Park Equipment and Amenities were about providing **indoor or covered space for recreation for families and teens**.
 - Other topics included **restrooms** (14), specific recreation and community amenities such as skate parks (8), soccer field/facility, disc golf, golf, ice skating, sauna etc. (24).

- Responses about **pedestrian and vehicle infrastructure** featured prominently (approximately 58 responses, 25%).
 - 13 of these responses mentioned the **availability or accessibility of vehicle parking**. Other topics included waterfront development (9), safety and accessibility (6), bike lanes/trails (4), and lighting (4).
- 25 responses (11%) were about the **Aquatic Center**.
 - Topics included providing specific amenities (11), expanding hours (8), and improving maintenance (2). 3 of 25 responses were to express support for the Aquatic Center expansion, and 2 of 25 responses were not in favor of the Aquatic Center expansion.
- 20 responses (9%) were about **dog parks**.
 - 9 of 20 suggested that the dog park should be built in an alternate location (rather than at Tapiola Park). Location suggestions included the 8th Street fields, the east end of the Riverwalk, empty lots on Irving, Alderbrook neighborhood, and Fred Lindstrom Park.
 - 7 responses were in favor of a dog park or dog parks, and 4 responses were not in favor of a dog park.
- From Written Responses on **Operations & Maintenance Opportunities**: 10 responses are about park equipment and amenities including access to specific recreation options such as disc golf (2), seating and tables (2), and support for indoor recreation facilities (3). *These comments were submitted as part of Question #11 but apply here.*
- 29 of 235 responses were related to **Operations & Maintenance Opportunities (26)** and **Program Opportunities (3)** and were moved. See Questions #9 and #11.

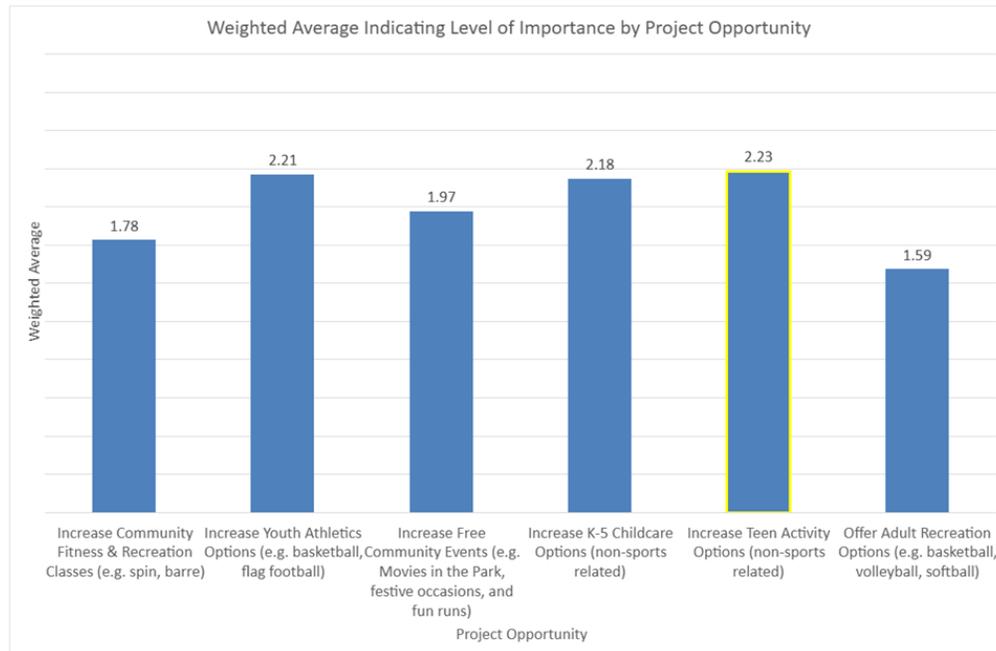


Word cloud produced from written project opportunity responses. The word “indoor” occurred the greatest number of times (50).

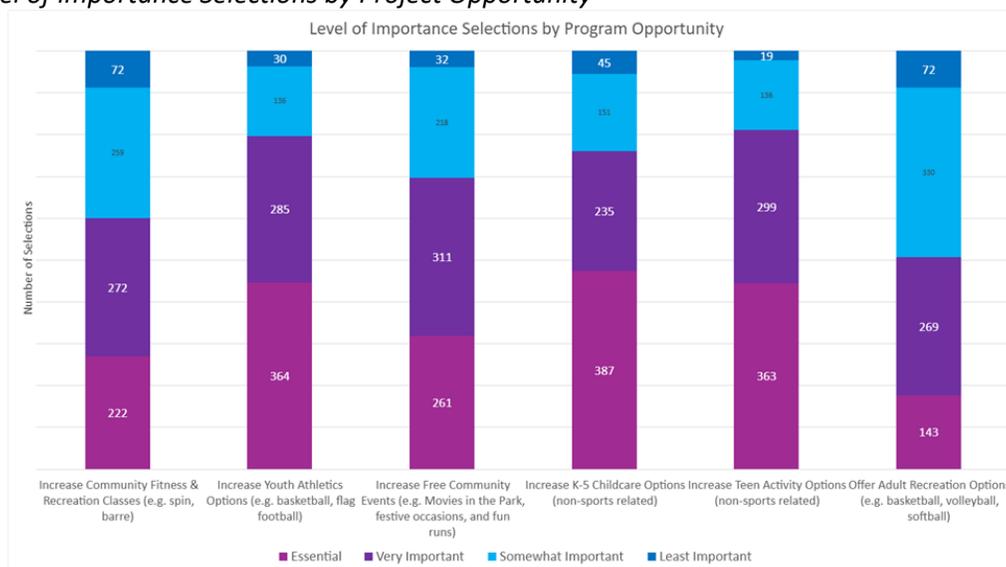
PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Question #8 - Tell us how important it is for the Parks & Recreation Department to pursue the following program opportunities:

- Weighted average indicates **Increase Teen Activity Options** was the most important, followed closely by **Increase Youth Athletics Options** and **Increase K-5 Childcare Options**.
- Total Responses = 831 (skipped by 248 respondents).



Total Level of Importance Selections by Project Opportunity



Written Responses on Program Opportunities

Question #9 – Are there other program opportunities not listed above that you want to see offered in the next 10 years? If so, please describe them here and let us know how important they are to you:

- Total Responses = 126
- 30 responses comment on parks and recreation **facilities** with 12 of 30 comments expressing **support for indoor recreation space**.
- 25 responses were about **classes**, including non-fitness related options (10, arts, crafts, CPR, gardening, music etc.), fitness classes (9), and classes accessible to those with disabilities (2).

- 15 responses mention **expanding childcare options**.
- 19 responses mention **providing specific recreation opportunities** such as climbing (2), football, softball, ultimate frisbee, pickleball (5), racquetball, basketball, volleyball, martial arts, gymnastics, and kickball. 8 of these 19 responses specifically comment on increasing adult recreation options.
- 10 responses mention the **Aquatic Center** including expanding hours (8), access for those with disabilities (1), and updating facilities (1).
- 8 responses mention **community events**, particularly specific events such as paddle boarding, easter egg hunts, and a fun runs.
- Other comments express concern about houselessness (3) (including cleanliness, 1 and budget allocation, 2), support for teens (2), and access to opportunities for those with disabilities (2).
- Other responses concerned **budget and policy** (13), including addressing squatting at public restrooms by those experiencing homelessness, wages for city workers, and support for financial austerity.
- *From Written Responses on Program Opportunities: 3 responses from Project Opportunities apply here and were moved from Question #7.*

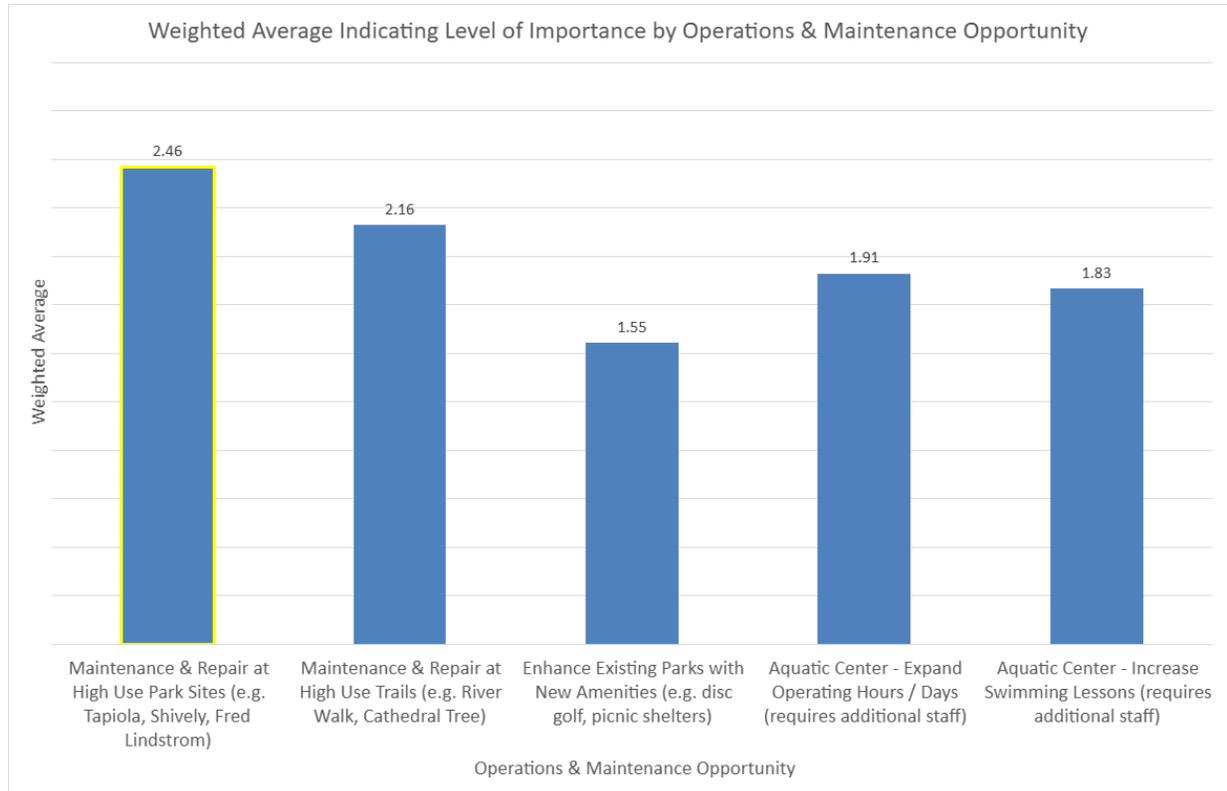


Word cloud produced from written program opportunity responses. The word “classes” occurred the greatest number of times (21).

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Question #10 - Tell us how important it is for the Parks & Recreation Department to pursue the following operations and maintenance opportunities:

- **Maintenance and Repair at High Use Park Sites** received the highest weighted average score
- Total Responses = 809 (skipped by 270 respondents).



Written Responses for Operations and Maintenance Opportunities

Question #11 – Are there other operations and maintenance opportunities not listed above that you want to see implemented in the next 10 years? If so, please describe them here and let us know how important they are to you:

- Total Responses = 87
- 27 responses are about the **Aquatic Center**. 13 of 27 responses are about **expanding hours of operation** and 6 support **increasing swimming lesson offerings** including those for seniors, infants, and those with ASD (autism spectrum disorder). Other topics include increasing heat (3), maintaining cleanliness (2), and not increasing fees (1).
- 20 responses are about **maintenance**, including maintenance of the Riverwalk (3), public restrooms (2), water access, and trails. 4 of these responses specifically mention maintaining existing amenities.
- 7 comments express desire for **updates to play equipment** and/or **trash service** at specific locations, including Post Office Park, Children’s Park, the Riverwalk, Astoria Middle School, and Ocean View Cemetery.
- 6 responses express concern around **houselessness**. Concerns include cleanliness and access to spaces such as Heritage Square, Downtown, 9th Street, and Tapiola Park, and investing in addressing the issue of houselessness.
- *10 of 87 responses applied to Project Opportunities. See Question #7*
- *From Written Responses on Program Opportunities: 26 responses from Project Opportunities apply here and were moved from Question #7.*

Question #12 Written Responses- Other than time and distance, what factors affect your ease of access to outdoor recreation sites

- Total Responses = 110.
- **Safety was mentioned 34 times**, primarily about sidewalks (7), general concern around houselessness (8, including concern around cleanliness (1) and blocking of access (1)), park equipment safety (6), and lack of lighting (4).
- **General lack of vehicle parking** infrastructure was mentioned in 22 responses. One comment mentions the lack of parking during the tourist season.
- Lack of amenities was mentioned 19 times with desire for **restrooms** (8), covered space (3), dog parks (3), extended access (3), age-appropriate equipment (1), and seating (1).
- 11 responses were about **mobility and accessibility**, including concerns around transportation (4) and access for those with disabilities (4).
- Familiarity with parks and trails (2) and neighborhood access (3) were concerns as well as weather (13), use of parks by non-target age groups (4), and difficult topography (3).

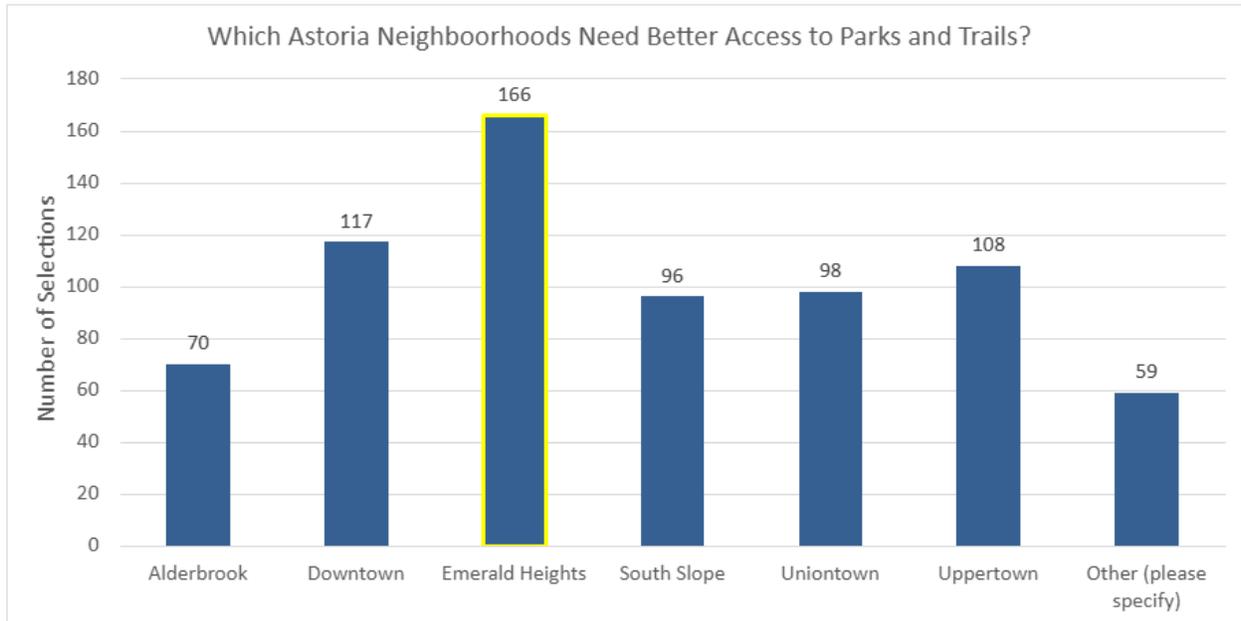


Word cloud produced from written program opportunity responses. The word “parking” occurred the greatest number of times overall (23).

Level of Service by Neighborhood

Question #13 - Which neighborhoods need better access to parks and trails?

- **Emerald Heights** received the greatest number of selections (166).
- Total Responses = 422 (skipped by 657 respondents).



Written Responses about Neighborhood Access to Parks and Trails

Question #13 - "Other (please specify)" Responses to "Which Astoria neighborhoods need better access to parks and trails?"

- Total Responses = 59.
- **Lewis and Clark was mentioned 7 times.** Other locations mentioned included Jeffers Garden (1), Warrenton (1), John Day (1), Clatsop Plains (1), Shivley Park (2), Knappa (1), Bella Ridge (1), and Seaside (1).
- 3 respondents commented that **all** neighborhoods need better access, and **9 commented that none of the listed neighborhoods need better access.** 16 respondents lacked familiarity with the area and/or were unsure which neighborhoods need better access.

Question #14 - What are the specific factors affecting the neighborhood(s) you selected above?

- Total Responses = 160.
- **Lack of neighborhood access to parks, trails, or amenities** was mentioned **47 times.**
- **Safety was mentioned 44 times** with lack of pedestrian access/lack of sidewalks/sidewalk quality (17), roads/traffic conditions (12) and lighting (5) mentioned most frequently.
- Distance to parks, trails or amenities (25), lack of familiarity with parks or lack of wayfinding (15), addressing houselessness (8, including general concern (5), concerns about cleanliness (2) and perceived safety (1)), topography (5), and lack of transportation options (2) were also cited.

Question #15 - What park and trail amenities would you like to see more of in Astoria neighborhoods?

- Total Responses = 155.

Alderbrook

- Total Responses = 46.

- 32 responses reference **specific park equipment, access, and amenities**. 15 of these responses mention **restrooms**. Other amenities include a dog park (4), nature-based, accessible, or updated play equipment (7), picnic areas (3), and disc golf (2).
- 6 of 46 responses mention **maintenance** or concerns about equipment (updating Birch Street field, repairing the Riverwalk trail from 35th to Alderbrook, and loosening playground equipment).
- 3 of 46 responses mention improvements to pathways.

Downtown

- Total Responses = 48.
- 37 of 48 responses mention **specific park equipment, access, and amenities**. 11 of these responses mention **restrooms**. Other topics include **playground space and play equipment** (11), seating and/or tables (5), dog park (4), dog waste bag stations (3), and increasing green space (3).

Emerald Heights

- Total Responses = 43.
- 31 responses are about the **availability of park equipment, access, and amenities**. **New playgrounds, play areas, or play equipment** (14), updating existing play equipment (4), specific amenities like restrooms (3), soccer field (3), disc golf (2), benches (1), lighting (1), and a water pad (1) were mentioned.
- 8 responses concern **accessibility, including accessible amenities** (1), increasing transportation options (1), and pathways/trails (6).

South Slope

- Total Responses = 49.
- 37 responses concern **park equipment, access, and amenities**. Of these, desires include a **dog park** (12), restrooms (7), picnic tables or seating (4), covered play areas (3), recreation space (disc golf 2, basketball 1), and teen and “big kid” focused amenities (2).
- Respondents also mentioned adopting the **community-built skate park**, and **Gray School baseball lot**.
- Increasing pedestrian accessibility (3), investing in art (1), providing kayak rentals (1), and providing sensory play equipment (1) were other suggestions.

Uniontown

- Total Responses = 31.
- 17 responses suggest **new parks and amenities**, including restrooms (5), dog park (2), disc golf (1), picnic tables (1), benches (1), trash cans (1), and covered areas (1).
- 8 responses suggest **updating or better maintaining** existing spaces.
- 3 responses request new or **improved pathways** including steps, ADA accessible paths, and bike trails.

Uppertown

- Total Responses = 35.
- 20 responses about **new parks and amenities** including **new playgrounds** (approximately 9), restrooms (3), dog park (2), picnic area, and disc golf (1).

- 5 responses were about trails, including formalizing care and maintenance for 41st and Franklin Avenue trails (2), increasing bike trails, and maintaining Cathedral Trail.
- Other suggestions include enhancing bug and amphibian habitat zones, improving safety (lighting 2, sidewalks/pedestrian accessibility 4).

Other

- Total Responses = 43.
- **Support for trails** were mentioned 9 times including support for the development of a comprehensive trail system (3) and trail maintenance (2).
- “Other” responses supported themes from neighborhood suggestions including desire for restrooms (5) and dog park access (2).
- Other suggestions included more signage/wayfinding (3), lighting (3), an outdoor pool (1), a walled park area (1), water fountains (1), and trash bins (2).

GENERAL RESPONSES

Question #16 - Do you have any additional thoughts or questions about the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update that you'd like to share?

- Total Responses = 114.
- 28 responses were made about parks and amenities **including indoor or covered recreation space** (10) and new bike trails (3).
- 18 responses were about the **Aquatic Center**. 10 of 18 mention maintaining or expanding amenities including sauna (4) and expansion of recreation options (5). 4 of 18 comments were about expanding hours.
- 17 responses mention a **dog park**. 7 of 17 expressed concerns and a lack of support for a dog park; 5 comments suggested finding an alternate location (other than Tapiola Park), and 5 expressed support for a dog park.
- 15 comments expressed **support and appreciation for Astoria Parks and Recreation Department** or the community engagement process.
- Other concerns included operating **more classes and recreation opportunities** (9), maintaining existing parks resources (3), addressing houselessness (including cleanliness (1), and personal safety (2)), and Heritage Square development (supportive (2) and not in favor (1)).

ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES

- *All written responses were gathered to assess trends in written response themes. Responses were split apart according to theme, resulting in a larger total count of responses (1,129) than submissions (1,079). Single word responses that resulted in “N/A” theme coding and duplicate comments were removed for this assessment.*
- **Indoor recreation space or covered recreation space was mentioned 85 times.**
- The **Aquatic Center featured 79 times** with offered or prospective amenities such as expanding lanes, increasing lesson offerings, and fitness space (32) and hours (29) being the most common response content.
- **Dog park(s) were mentioned 69 times.** 12 responses were not in support, 41 in support, and 14 suggesting that a dog park be developed somewhere other than Tapiola Park.
- **Parking infrastructure was mentioned 34 times.**