

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

Park Position Description

1/27/17

Englewood MetroPark is the largest park in the Five Rivers MetroParks' district, straddling the Stillwater River for nearly five miles. Of its 1,575 acres, 94% are in natural habitat, including forest, some grasslands, and emergent wetland where Englewood Lake is filling in. In addition to the river, a series of ponds occur at the north end of West Park and in North Park. Englewood offers hiking, birding, fishing, picnicking, nature play, disc golf, camping, horseback riding, and sledding as primary activities. Paddlers will take out above the dam or put in below the dam, mostly in the spring months.

Englewood is disjointed with seven separate entrances and five distinct areas. North Park and South Park are physically separated from the main areas of the park. South Park lies on the other side of S.R. 40 and is further separated by Aullwood Garden MetroPark as well as Aullwood Audubon Center and Aullwood Audubon Farm. The North Park is bridged to the main areas of the park on the west side of the river with land owned by the City of Union. The city of Englewood is adjacent to the west, and many residents are within walking distance of the park. The Dayton airport abuts the park to the east with a prairie. An active gravel quarry lies to the north and separates Englewood from the Pigeon Conservation Area.

Englewood is a nature park in the MetroParks' typology, reflecting its strong variety of experiences and blend of ecosystem and human services. The park offers a strong balance of human activity and amenities with remote natural areas. In addition to being the largest MetroPark, Englewood is generally among the top visited parks in the system, hosting nearly 300,000 visitors in 2016, second among MetroParks. Englewood's close proximity to the I-70 and I-75 interchange as well as other well-traveled streets makes it an easily accessible park for a high population. Staff sense that visitors to the park tend toward habitual users. With the lake at the park transitioning to a wetland, Englewood is noted as a remarkable birding area, particularly in the migratory season.

The core interpretive storylines that apply to Englewood are these: that each park within the FRMP system tells a story from the past and that active conservation efforts protect lands for future generations. The specific interpretive theme for Englewood focuses on the Stillwater Valley and the protection it provides both nature and humans. This theme will translate to storylines that focus on the park's roots in the 1913 flood and the importance of Englewood for migratory birds.

As the most highly attended Nature and Conservation Park and the largest park in the system, Englewood MetroPark is perhaps the most well-known for MetroParks' core mission of connecting people to nature. Birding at Englewood is distinctive and anchors the park's reputation, particularly given its proximity to Aullwood Audubon Center. Active pursuits, like paddling and disc golf, communal pursuits like picnicking and nature play, immersive pursuits like horseback riding and camping, and contemplative pursuits like fishing and hiking provide activities for all demographics and moods. More than any other MetroPark, Englewood provides a diverse blend of activities deep within the natural environment.

Typology: Nature Park

Brand Statement: Discover Next Door Nature

Interpretive Themes/ storylines:

Core-Themes:

- Each park within the FRMP system tells a story from the past.
- Active conservation efforts protect lands for future generations.

Themes for site:

- The Stillwater Valley provides protection for both nature and humans.

Sub-themes:

- Each piece of land tells a story of how conservation touches people's lives.
- The story of the area before it became a park ties it to the history of the region.
- FRMP is a conservation agency with roots back to the 1913 Dayton flood.
 - The 1913 flood
 - Building of the Englewood Dam
 - National Road
- Habitat management benefits both humans and wildlife.
 - Human recreational benefits, activities and respite.

Storylines specific to site:

- Several habitats and returning species
- Important birding Area, migratory birds

Other opportunities to connect to agency-wide themes

- Outdoor family adventures create lasting memories.

Staff Survey

	1	ENMP	5
Natural areas	2.1		Developed areas
High energy uses	3.4		Quiet uses
Facilitated education	3.4		Interpretive education
Typical uses	2.8		Unique uses
Nature-based recreation	2.1		Built recreation
Big groups / community atmosphere	3.0		Intimate groups / solitude
Serves broad interests	2.8		Serves niche interests
Draws regionally	2.9		Draws from close by
Facilitated use	3.8		Independent use
Many different users coming infrequently	3.7		Same users coming consistently
Similar to other parks	3.3		Distinctive, unlike other parks

Brand Image Personified: Michael

Fitness is important to Michael. He wants to stay healthy for his family. He also needs a strong back for his job at the warehouse. The job means a lot to him – the guys there are his regular softball, boating and golfing crew. A few of them have kids about the same age and make a point to bring the boys along on their outings. Michael's been trying to get a running group together too.

Michael and his wife like to entertain at their home. They have made a comfortable place out of their acre and a half at the edge of the city. There's plenty of space to roam, yet it's close enough to their favorite restaurants, sports bars and the gym – as well as all the kids' after school activities.

Michael and his family have been planting a new section of trees at the rear of their yard: one tree for every one of the kids' birthdays. He hopes that in time, the woods will be something the kids can bring their own children back to enjoy... just like his Dad with him on the land across the road.

Brand Personality: (ask the core team to rate these on a scale of 1 to 5; ask for any other words they think should apply to Eastwood as we want it to become.)

User-Chosen Words

- Natural
- Local
- Accessible
- Outdoorsy
- Pleasant
- Green
- Community-based
- Calm
- Family oriented
- Safe
- Active
- Fun
- People oriented
- Likable
- Free
- Down-to-Earth
- Sustainable
- Appealing
- Welcoming
- Wholesome
- Friendly
- Genuine
- Real
- Health-conscious
- Unique
- Practical
- Delivers high quality products/services
- Appealing
- Intelligent
- Stands for something
- Admirable
- Imaginative
- Cheerful
- Young
- Hard working
- Service-oriented
- Unconventional
- Relevant
- High-quality
- Good looking
- Cheerful
- Charming
- Innovative

High-scoring, Weighted Brand words

- Natural
- Green
- Family oriented
- Down-to-Earth
- Sustainable
- Wholesome
- Genuine
- Real
- Honest
- Unpretentious
- High-quality
- Sincerity

High scoring differentiation:

- Condescending
- Irreverent
- Conforming
- Macho

Low scoring differentiation:

Discussion with FRMP Leadership Team

Trails

- Check the loop distance connecting low dam trail, east park, bridge and west park
- Formalize upper terrace on dam to connect to trails with overlook parking area used as a trailhead
- Backcountry spur to Pigeye (vs loop)
- Backcountry trail to go around Englewood Lake and then the core.

Park Core

- Soften National Road trail and continue through the park
- Parking to become a turnaround, consider turning radius of bus with bus parking
- End Patty's Road at turnaround; keep historical bridge for trail use.

Upland Use Area

- Connect Patty's Road to existing drive at Route 40
- Access to maintenance building off spur; abandon maintenance road.
- Trail link down Patty's Road – integrate future bike trail
- Move equestrian parking and trailhead to north of road
- Connect Patty's Road to existing drive at Route 40
- Restroom
- Native habitat restoration
- More shelters
- Move Old National camp area against treeline
- 1000' radius for camping to facilities (state standard)

Aullwood Garden

- Garden loop that connects visually to the Stillwater River
- Keep existing parking lot but improve gateway and connection
- Integrate prairie into garden experience
- Move entry up the road
- Realign Aullwood Road to soften approach to riverside parking
- Add restrooms at river
- Maintenance facility could become a visitor center, classroom, or greenhouse
- Outdoor classroom

Next Steps

- Explore terminating road at park core and not continuing through to upland use area
- Expand and refine trail loops
- Create study plan for disc golf and birding parking lot areas

DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

John	Applegate	City Manager, City of Union
Janet	Bly	General Manager, Miami Conservancy District
Jack	Kuntz	Director of Development, City of Englewood
Kurt	Rinehart	Chief Engineer, Miami Conservancy District
Rick	Rose	City Manager, City of Englewood
Bill	Singer	Community & Economic Development Director, City of Englewood

Union

- Consider shared mechanism for promoting regional events
- Planning the continuation of sidewalk to Martindale from Old Springfield and to Pigeye on 48
- 6' width, concrete sidewalk
 - Union to give Eric GIS/CAD files
- Wellfield Park Pond (picnic tables, benches, and veg. mgmt. coming; remove some sediment)
- Interpretive opportunity at old waste water treatment plant and Sheep's Rifle on 48
- Union connection desired from Martindale Road bridge to Martindale Falls / Green Trail loop

Englewood

- Promotional partnership w/ digital sign
- Covered bridge project
- Effort to clean up blight along Main street
- Attracting businesses and development by co-promoting community parks
 - Head counts from FRMP to communities could help promote and attract businesses

MCD

- Plans to build new maintenance facility by WWTP
- Dam
 - Need to improve path on upstream side, railings and chains are needed
 - Tell the story of the dam
 - Communicate MCD land ownership
 - Remove or repair stairs to nowhere – in poor condition and do not connect to the bottom

- No issue with walking trail connection between parking and bikeway trail connection on south side of dam (already existing desire lines)
 - Trail on top of dam would need a vertical wall supporting the trail
 - No cantilever and pylons
 - Doesn't matter if it's upstream or downstream side
- Open to idea of park gateways on park edges that are inspired by MCD historical gateways
- Englewood Lake
 - Recommendation not to dredge
 - Analysis of dam needed to measure potential impact of the dredging/distance from the dam
 - Open to exploring vertical water movement, e.g., feed from wells or divert springs to replenish wetlands
- Pigeye
 - Access and parking w/ small loop trail and northern terminus of a hiking trail connection down to North Park

DISCUSSION WITH VOLUNTEERS

Aullwood Gardens

Challenges / Concerns

- Lack of appropriately designed signage
 - People end up at Audubon Center first – wayfinding and presence is poor
 - Most people don't know garden is here
- Limited people and funding to support maintenance and improvements
- Be careful not to let recreation overtake conservation in the overall park

Strengths / Opportunities

- Signage
 - Signage to encourage positive behavior (e.g., keeping dogs on leash)
 - Clarify difference between Audubon Center and Aullwood Gardens
 - Gateway signage
- Nomenclature
 - Aull's called garden "Aullwood on the Stillwater"
 - Most people know the garden as "Mrs. Aull's Garden"
 - Deed requires it to be named "Aullwood Garden"
- Unique and special place in the entire park system/region
- Education
 - Preservation of garden is paramount (raising awareness)
 - Incorporate history more strongly

Wishlist

- Security
- Education
 - More programming, like former "weekly walks"
 - Highlight relevant history
- More maintenance personnel and garden ambassadors
- Irrigation system (takes a lot of time to move hoses around)
- Restore original garden gates
- Promote/announce on social media and in newspapers and website
- Potential for research volunteers to chronicle garden documents

Englewood

Considerations

- Wonderful hiking, variety, falls, birding
- Concerned about recreation overtaking conservation
- Concern about lake drying up too much and too soon
- Concern about impacts of bridge construction on habitat

DISCUSSION WITH INTERPRETIVE STAFF

Beth Burke, Coordinator

Laura Stevens, Coordinator

An agency-wide interpretive plan has been created

Main Themes

- Active conservation protects lands for future generations
- Each park tells story of history
 - Aulls
 - Scenic Stillwater River
 - Native American
 - Wright Brothers
 - 1913 Flood
 - FRMP Founding

User Groups (*denotes primary visitors for EA; **denotes secondary)

- Rechargers* - emphasis of Englewood
- Experience Seekers* - birders, trailer riders, kayakers
- Explorers**
- Hobbyists**
- Facilitators

Opportunities

- Area between parking lot and road is the best place to tell the story of AG
- Areas to interpret
 - Dam
 - Lake/wetland
 - Habitats (red trail)
 - Trailheads
 - Native American mounds near Pigeye
- Accessible fishing desirable

DISCUSSION WITH PROGRAMMING AND RECREATION STAFF

Programming

- Bank side access for fishing at North Park (30' ideal)
- Fossil programs are big for school groups at Aullwood (60-90 kids)
- More amenities are needed, such as bathrooms, near Aull House
- Patty's Shelter is big asset for school groups.
 - Central hub
 - Hike up to Patty's Falls
 - Nature Play
 - Scattered picnic tables are good
- 8x8' small structures w/ tables can be great, scattered around, for a variety of users/trailhead structures/staging area
- Improve river access, considering ADA compliance (too steep now)
- Changing booths in restroom for paddlers and cyclists
- Wader cleaning stations for restrooms near fishing
- One way roads are generally problematic (inherited road network)
- Introductory backpacking loops near camping areas for scouts (front country experience vs. back country)
- Backpacking/hiking trails
- Improve definition of viewing areas at Martindale Falls

Themes

- Connections / loops
- Building the whole
- Progressive play
- Engaging people of all levels
- Education
 - Important to highlight importance of not spreading invasive between bodies of water

Other

- Appetite for Change – maybe a modest option and a bold option
- Must improve one way road by removing trail from road and dealing with bridge
- Parking at near capacity. Should look at areas for more parking growth following a decentralized approach.
- Partner with volunteers to increase offerings
 - Work with John and volunteers to build birding-hike program
- History
 - Remnants of Girl Scout camp

DISCUSSION WITH STAFF ABOUT AULLWOOD GARDEN

Kim	Ballweg	Horticulture Tech	Chris	Pion	Director, Parks and Conservation
Beth	Burke	Interpretation Coordinator	Carrie	Scarff	Chief, Planning and Projects
Megan	Croswell	Horticulturist	Angie	Sheldon	Outdoor Rec Coordinator
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Trevor	Hagedorn	Business Services Manager	Laura	Stevens	Interpretation Coordinator
Betty	Hoevel	Education Coordinator	Bronwynn	Stormer	Horticulture Tech
Mary	Klunk	Conservation Manager	Phil	Timko	Park Tech
Chris	Manning	Principal, Human Nature	David	Whittaker	Associate Principal, Human Nature
Jennifer	Morris	Business Operations			

Challenges / Concerns

- Budget and staffing
 - Currently: 1 FT/1 PT, 12 fair weather volunteers at Aullwood
 - Staff turnover
- Equipment (mostly need knowledgeable hands)
 - Potential to share with other facilities (Englewood?)—We currently share equipment with Englewood
 - Lack of amenities (bathroom) limits stays to one hour or less
- Maintenance facilities are not adequate- Equipment and tools stored in three different locations.
- Do not want weddings, receptions, etc.
- No telephone, internet, potable water, trash service
- Difficult to find or people don't know about it
- Not ADA accessible
- Driveway sends mixed messages and does not fit with character of garden
- Lack of deer fence/ineffective deer fence is a major concern

Opportunities

- Garden Management Plan
 - Marie Aull's notes
 - National Garden Conservancy's recommendations
 - Both are not moving as fast as they would like to be

- Endowment draws ~\$115,000 annually. Amount of endowment income varies 2016 =125,574
- **Research/documentation of history/story
- Strengthen connection and relationship with Audubon Center- including better trail connection
- Gate between Audubon and Aullwood Garden is very uncomfortable needs updates
- Parking entrance updates are needed
- Updates to parking area and walkway to garden are needed- include historical interpretation in this area
- Promote better access to prairie & woodland areas
- Additional seating
- Communicate programs on website and newsletters
- Former orchard/prairie/edible gardens
- Great opportunity exists to create connection to bikeway
- There is a great opportunity to increase visitation with marketing and directional signage however care should be taken not to over-program this site which would likely harm the garden and the visitor experience
- Great opportunity exists to abandon Aullwood Road and create extension of bikeway/walkway to South Park

Wish-List

- Improved maintenance facility in single (shared) location
 - Golf carts storage
 - Space for training and groups
 - **Keep maintenance separate from garden.
- Re-install old greenhouse
- Equipment
 - Small Tractor
- Amenities – accessibilities, restrooms, etc.
- Deer fencing and front gate/front entrance
- Increase visitation by staying true to the brand
 - History
 - Serenity
 - Intimacy

Visitors

- Mostly small groups and families
- School groups
- Privately scheduled tours

- Monthly programs 5-15 people
- Many have history with Aullwood

DISCUSSION WITH STAFF ABOUT ENGLEWOOD

Challenges / Concerns

- Budget and staffing
 - Similar concerns as Aullwood Garden
 - Things that need to get done that aren't getting done
- Flooding considerations
 - The most popular areas are the areas that happen to get flooded the most (behind dam)
 - Minimize structures in floodplain
 - Structures must be easily cleaned and not trap flood debris
 - Shelters work ok
 - Restrooms are not as great. Updated restroom facilities needed
- Concerned new "stuff" won't be maintained due to staff and budget shortages
- Concerned about disturbing high quality natural areas. New features/trails need to be installed with care to avoid damage to sensitive areas and habitat.
- Englewood Lake is silting in
 - affects fall migration
 - often dry Sept.-Nov.
 - considering pumping water in from river
 - concern about undermining the dam

Opportunities

- Further the connections of trails
 - More connections will mean more visitation, which will mean the need for more amenities
- Places where people can meet & do other activities
- Possibility of long distance hiking trail to connect all the way up to the Pigeye Conservation Area
- Emphasize history in the park vocabulary
- Infusion of nature & technology
 - Dam
 - Airport
- Separation of uses
 - Keep disc golf separate from birding
- New bridge would provide pedestrian connection and potential for birding/viewing

- We discussed the possibility of creating potholes in the wetland/lake that would allow for standing water for wildlife in the dry times of the year.
- Hybrid/Nature play
 - Typology gets most use because kids know how to use the features
 - Pre-school and school groups
 - Pre-teen is largest group
- North Park
 - Potential to strengthen connections between and around lakes
 - Potential location for accessible fishing structure
 - Potential for additional restroom
 - Potential for additional access/ parking / river access
- South Park
 - Reserve-able shelter
 - Possible connection to bikeway if Aullwood Rd. is decommissioned
- West Park
 - Possible new connections to canoe take out area. We spent a lot of time walking the possible route through the sled hill area.
 - Possible to allow canoe and kayak paddlers to pass under the new bridge and continue to current take out location
 - Separation of bikeway and vehicular traffic on Lienesch Rd.
 - Possible closure of the Lienesch Rd. access
 - Bikeway connection from current terminus of the bikeway to the new covered bridge that will be constructed in 2020 by the City of Englewood
 - Connection to the City of Englewood at the West Park entrance

Strengths

- High visitation – many reasons to come back
 - Project for Public Spaces: Power of 10 concept: give people a reason to stay all day
- Natural, peaceful, getaway
- Stillwater is scenic river
- Different gateways create nooks that are special to visitors for different reasons
- Birding area
 - Major destination
 - No better observation spot than “rock pile” parking
 - Duck observation area floods first and dries last

Wish-List

- Put money toward staffing and maintenance

- Primitive backpacking trail
- Promote park-to-park connection of Aullwood to Wegerzyn
- Camping for hiking/biking/paddling
- More small shelters (would need more staff)
- Accessible walkway near hybrid/nature play area
- Park Building and storage
 - Needs paving in lot
 - Needs more under-roof storage

AULLWOOD GARDEN	
COMMENT COUNT	COMMENTS
ENVIRONMENT/WILDLIFE	
	<p>I would like to keep one small nook in the parks just as beautiful and severe as is wall originally intended.</p> <p>Garden is fragile and was created thoughtfully to preserve the land</p> <p>Better strategies to protect plants</p> <p>Old Burr oak plant a sapling near by</p> <p>Restore water in lakes for birds</p> <p>Aullwood Gardens: If you put a bathroom put it away from the gardens to make it a composting green bathroom</p> <p>Aullwood: Keep it no dogs. To many dog owners don't care about other wildlife</p>
EDUCATION/HEALTH	
	<p>Need to tell the stars of the donor family at Aullwood Garden with signage</p> <p>Aullwood Audibon serves as defector welcome center and nature center for the whole park</p> <p>Info kiosk to tell what is blooming when</p> <p>Tell stories (history, landscape)</p> <p>QRL code in flower beds w/ info about plants/trees and also @ house w/ info about Jon and Marie Aull & the house</p> <p>Small native tree nursery for educational purpose or replanting of lost trees</p> <p>Story of place important to tell</p> <p>Larger green house for growth and care of native plants / educational school public</p>
CONNECTIVITY/WAYFINDING	
2	<p>Terminate Aullwood RD and put a roundabout in front if Aullwood Garden</p> <p>Any trail connections should link to Aullwood Garden to increase visitation</p> <p>Need to tell the stars of the donor family at Aullwood Garden with signage</p> <p>Connection from East or West Park to South Park & Aullwood i.e. on paves trail too under 40 w/ pedestrian or bridge over 40</p> <p>Bridge to Aullwood from East Park</p> <p>Entrance difficult to find ...Thought I had passed it</p>
2	<p>5 various areas (North Park, East Park, West Park, South Park, and Aullwood Garden) could use better connection</p> <p>Info kiosk to tell what is blooming when</p> <p>Address the issue of naming confusion</p> <p>Story of place important to tell</p> <p>Defined separation from supply area, better trail back to garden area</p> <p>National Register Historic Sign</p> <p>Steps needed very slippery muddy (#6 on map)</p> <p>Would like to be able to hike into Aullwood Aud. Property w/out feeling like trespassing to make longer hiking loops</p> <p>Connect all the Englewood parks... long hiking trail(backpacking?) similar to TVT</p> <p>Historic Plaque</p> <p>Connect trail to Englewood South</p> <p>Improve ped crossing</p> <p>Low key signature</p> <p>Need a sign at entry about restroom; use one in parking lot</p>
ENTERTAINMENT/AESTHETICS	
	<p>I would like to keep one small nook in the parks just as beautiful and severe as is wall originally intended.</p> <p>Garden is fragile and was created thoughtfully to preserve the land</p> <p>Aullwood Gardens: Would hate to see too much done to such a beautiful setting</p> <p>Native old stones for wall</p> <p>Have dahlias planted along the edge of the prairie</p> <p>Interpretive zone</p> <p>Intimate experience</p> <p>More tours of house - related events</p> <p>Events in parking lots</p> <p>Maintain character of garden</p> <p>No public restrooms at house</p> <p>Arts and crafts character (house/garden)</p>
SUSTAINABILITY	
	<p>Native old stones for wall</p> <p>Small native tree nursery for educational purpose or replanting of lost trees</p> <p>Aullwood Gardens: If you put a bathroom put it away from the gardens to make it a composting green bathroom</p>
INFRASTRUCTURE	
2	<p>Terminate Aullwood RD and put a roundabout in front if Aullwood Garden</p> <p>Change name to "Marie Aulls Garden" too much confusion with "Aullwood Farm" & "Aullwood Nature Center"</p> <p>Bridge needs work</p> <p>Flushable toilet would be awesome</p> <p>Larger green house for growth and care of native plants / educational school public</p> <p>Steps needed very slippery muddy (#6 on map)</p> <p>Improve driveway to Aullwood MP parking current is narrow - difficult for 2 way traffic - & has a blind corner</p> <p>Boardwalk repair</p>

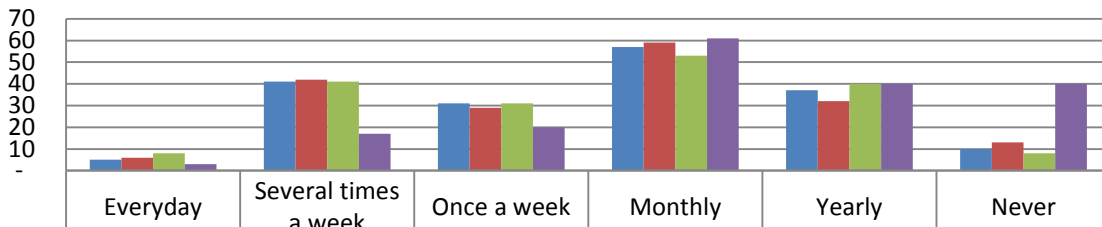
	Groom the bike trail make it more appealing across the river Improve ped crossing Maybe put restroom between house and park office
OTHER	
2	Aullwood Audibon serves as defector welcome center and nature center for the whole park Aullwood Gardens: Would hate to see too much done to such a beautiful setting Better FB or Social Media coverage Keep separate from South Park Add benches More presence on Facebook on Aullwood Garden More presence of Metro Park Rangers during spring and early summer to help prevent people stepping and lying in flower beds (especially during prom) Photo of place (Along Aullwood Rd.) Trail maintenance Create funding for historical building upkeep Metro park _ (unknown) apply for grants or use foundation \$\$specifically for the re-establishment of the historic hillside rock garden and the stone overlook from the hillside rock garden and the pergola. Using old stone to keep with the original look Move maintenance drive across from 955 drive to parking lot Interpretive zone No weddings Aullwood: Keep it no dogs. To many dog owners don't care about other wildlife Maiden hair ferns - add to Blue eyed Mary valued Better incorporation of prairie space, defined trail - better separation from staff area

ENGLEWOOD METRO PARK	
COMMENT COUNT	COMMENTS
ENVIRONMENT/WILDLIFE	
2	<p>The fall spraying of the honeysuckle is showing good results; my impression this spring is that in those areas there are more & better wild flowers</p> <p>Apparent lack of consistent burning of prairies especially in South Park</p> <p>What about managing the old hay fields as grassland?</p> <p>Expanding the grasslands by removing the trees in the old fence lines along US 40 in the old horse pasture</p> <p>Trees around parking lot for shade</p> <p>Flood debris tires/trash opportunity to bring attention to what neighbors upstream have on their hillsides that can be washed downstream</p> <p>Would like to see the bird counts continue there</p> <p>Along White Trails honeysuckle is BAD! (Safety concern, aesthetic blight, lack of visibility)</p> <p>Interest to work with ornithologist clubs to develop catalog for accessible birdie site</p> <p>Sprinkling of native flowers throughout allows to spread away from public</p> <p>Get water back into the lake -by all means</p> <p>Low water affects fishing and boat access</p> <p>More native plants to replace older ones that have died</p> <p>Interest to bringing water back to lake for birds</p> <p>Uncontrolled Bittersweet - Southside of road at old field</p> <p>Coyote population concerns</p> <p>Birdie journals of 30's complained or East Park pond sitting up / Would like to see managed for wetland for bird habitat</p> <p>Need to keep water in lake</p> <p>Possible well water too supplement lake</p> <p>Great wildlife area views / Fisherman trash a challenge</p> <p>I hate to see too many paved trails anywhere. If paving them use more green material that doesn't impact the environment</p> <p>Lots of springs and ponds</p> <p>South Park - keep the grassy overlook trail</p> <p>Huge quail shells that have been opened and eaten by birds</p>
2	<p>Please be careful of trees when putting in biking trail and bridge</p> <p>Regional destination / Manage for shore birds</p> <p>Birding Treasure habitat is for birding e-bird</p> <p>Importance of wetlands</p> <p>Would like to see more connection between birdies and the people issuing the data collection at wetland mitigation bank</p> <p>North Park: Would like to see invasive celery pear cut down before it gets worse and worse</p> <p>North Park</p> <p>Enjoy explanations on areas e.g. let area grow back</p> <p>Would like to see them put a stop to people training deep in the natural areas</p> <p>Concern here for non-birdies that water low because they took out low dam... however doesn't think that it would like to see explanation of how wetlands good</p>
3	<p>Don't disturb bird nesting areas in the North Park</p>
EDUCATION/HEALTH	
	<p>A thirst for education about the garden</p> <p>Need to educate all the people with dogs at all the parks to keep them on a leash</p> <p>Fitness loop or components</p> <p>Educational bird walks</p> <p>Keep the garden intact / enhance it and the house to remain true to Marie and Johns history</p> <p>Interest to work with ornithologist clubs to develop catalog for accessible birdie site</p> <p>Flood debris tires/trash opportunity to bring attention to what neighbors upstream have on their hillsides that can be washed downstream</p> <p>Would like to see more connection between birdies and the people issuing the data collection at wetland mitigation bank</p> <p>FRMP website pretty good info on birdies but doesn't..</p> <p>Importance of wetlands</p> <p>Label historic spots along this section (between 23 -24(Pumpkin Ash & Swamp Forest))</p> <p>Interpret wetland cycle</p> <p>Spread message to middle and high schools</p>
CONNECTIVITY/WAYFINDING	
	<p>Not everyone wants a city sidewalk in the park; some want a more adventurous time / for example skiing trails are designated by skill level</p> <p>Discovery walks</p> <p>Label historic spots along this section (between 23 -24(Pumpkin Ash & Swamp Forest))</p> <p>It would be nice if bike trail from Englewood Park to North Park on Old Spring Field</p> <p>Would like to see a TVT with backpacking campsites connecting sections of the park</p> <p>Boardwalk needs repair edging board missing; no railing</p> <p>Trail is only 1 hour loop</p> <p>Bike trail along river</p> <p>Would like to see more biking connection</p> <p>Trail connecting along the river to North Park to create a long hiking loop</p>

	<p>Trail connecting North Park (biking/hiking)</p> <p>without handrail feels steep can be more difficult for folks than just an incline</p> <p>Would like to see connection from West to East Park. Excited at bridge - but not sure about covered bridge design because of safety concerns especially after dusk</p> <p>Sections of green trail that need work. Along river has thick muddy spots</p> <p>Need a trail to access the bottom of Oaks Falls for the fall view</p> <p>Sign decision point before very steep area of trail</p> <p>Plant ID cards</p> <p>Potential horse of hiking trail linkage</p> <p>Trail is getting treacherous. Extend staircase possibly? A lot of roots near Martindale falls</p> <p>Consider expanding the horse trails to make them multi-use trails (hikers)</p> <p>Lake loop trail would be nice</p> <p>Could signage be developed to tell the stories of different place names? (Martindale Falls, Patty Falls, Oak Falls, Wiles)</p> <p>Update old sign on what’s happening to the lake</p> <p>Interpretation opportunities in the East Park (but don’t overdo)</p> <p>Many don’t know there are 3 falls</p> <p>See many people looking for Patty falls.</p> <p>Trail to Martindale pond is very overgrown and it makes me nervous. Haven't been there in a long time because of that</p> <p>Boardwalk in handicap trail needs some work</p> <p>Fitness loop or components</p> <p>Make formal path between pt. 7-5 since it already exists</p> <p>2 More loops trails</p> <p>2 Please be careful of trees when putting in biking trail and bridge</p> <p>7 Informative signage</p>
ENTERTAINMENT/AESTHETICS	
	<p>Main park would like to see some type of way to keep some water on the lake especially during migration.</p> <p>Birdies come from all over to see birds</p> <p>Great wildlife area views / Fisherman trash a challenge</p> <p>Concern at impac number of disc golf users will a have on birds</p> <p>More viewing spot for birding</p> <p>No bowl on drinking fountain for dogs</p> <p>Some sort of dog park area where dogs could run off leash would be nice</p>
SUSTAINABILITY	
	<p>Use the cut down trees as chips for the paths instead of letting it all rot in the service area</p> <p>Use existing well? / Make a water feature out of it with solar powerd waterfall etc.</p>
INFRASTRUCTURE	
	<p>Bathrooms are always clean and neat</p> <p>Major construction projects are poorly planned</p> <p>-The bridge over Oak Falls is unnecessary and now makes it more dangerous</p> <p>-Wood is slick but looks safe in the winter</p> <p>-Spring flooding will make it more dangerous</p> <p>-No rail, but now you are 16"+ above the ground</p> <p>-Boardwalk below Martindale Falls should have been built</p> <p>2 Benches for birdies that can’t stand for long would be nice in/near parking lot</p> <p>Railing to Patty's Falls needs attention</p> <p>No parking on Martindale Rd. Make it difficult to access Martindale Falls</p> <p>When will this be reopened (<i>Near Patty</i>)</p> <p>3 without handrail feels steep can be more difficult for folks than just an incline</p> <p>Gated parking lot</p> <p>Concern here for non birdies that water low because they took out low dam... however doesn’t think that it would like to see explanation of how wetlands good</p> <p>Lots of traffic on Martindale Rd</p> <p>North Park: Would like to see wheel chair accessible tables</p> <p>Boardwalk in handicap trail needs some work</p> <p>Add edge to keep from unintentionally drive off</p> <p>Somewhat hard to get from handicap parking to TH. Needs ADA specs</p> <p>One or the best in the area for handicap access to nature</p> <p>North Park needs more rest rooms</p> <p>Flat and nice walking for mild mobility impairments when dry</p> <p>Nice place to park</p> <p>Concern for doors on bathroom stalls</p> <p>When we get good rains area along Red Trail gets nice mud flats</p> <p>Trail is getting treacherous. Extend staircase possibly? A lot of roots near Martindale falls</p> <p>I hate to see too many paved trails anywhere. If paving them use more green material that doesn’t impact the environment</p> <p>Nature center for the whole park</p> <p>If MP doesn't clear paved trails after a big snow, then at least run a gator over it so people can walk in the treads. Then skiers can ski between the treads</p>

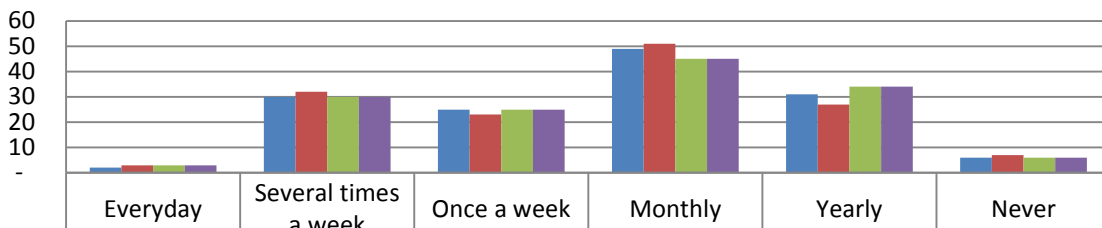
OTHER	
	<p>Partnership</p> <p>Not a lot of people use this area(<i>South Park</i>)</p> <p>Enjoy explanations on areas e.g. let area grow back</p> <p>No design through grassy area gets tricky (<i>East Park</i>)</p> <p>What birds?</p> <p>Community gardens co-op</p> <p>Acquire land as a part of the park</p> <p>Update don't get ducks and why</p> <p>Underutilized area?</p> <p>Feel south park underutilized</p> <p>Regional destination / Manage for shore birds</p> <p>Keep the garden intact / enhance it and the house to remain true to Marie and Johns history</p> <p>Why called rock pile parking lot</p> <p>Along White Trails honeysuckle is BAD! (Safety concern, aesthetic blight, lack of visibility)</p> <p>Interested in increasing the diversity of park users and thinks the biodiversity here helps to increase this</p> <p>Any trail connection should link to Aullwood Garden to increase visitation</p> <p>Mucky muddy to allow for better pedestrian</p> <p>Let's keep it as it is</p>

About how often do you visit Aullwood Garden or Englewood MetroPark? (All respondents)



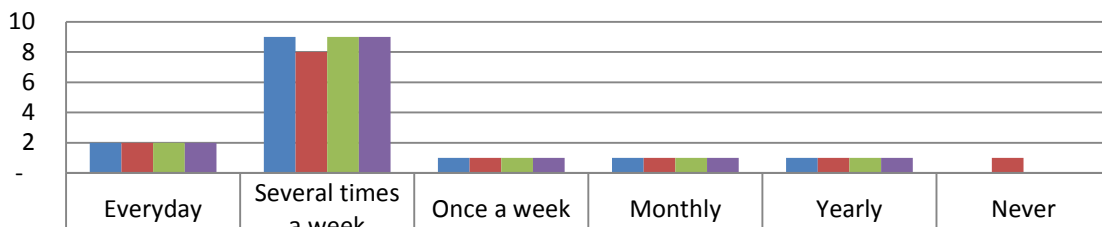
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Summer	6	42	29	59	32	13
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Winter	3	17	20	61	40	40

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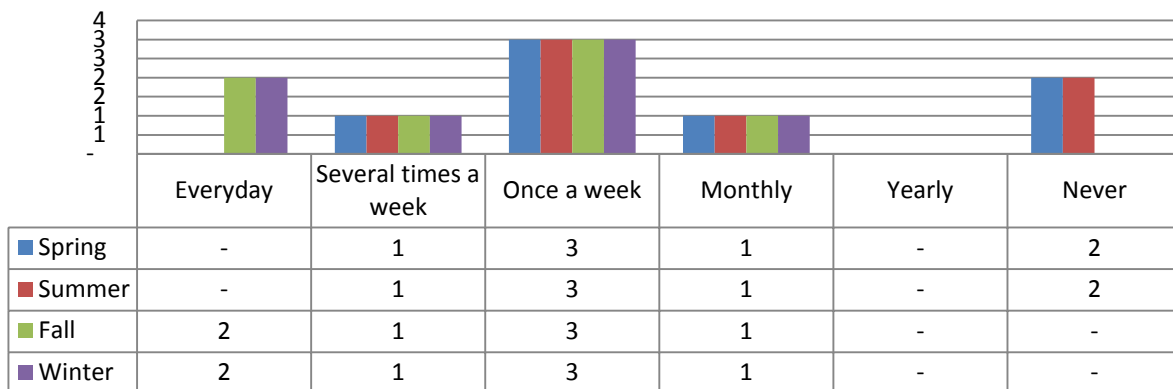
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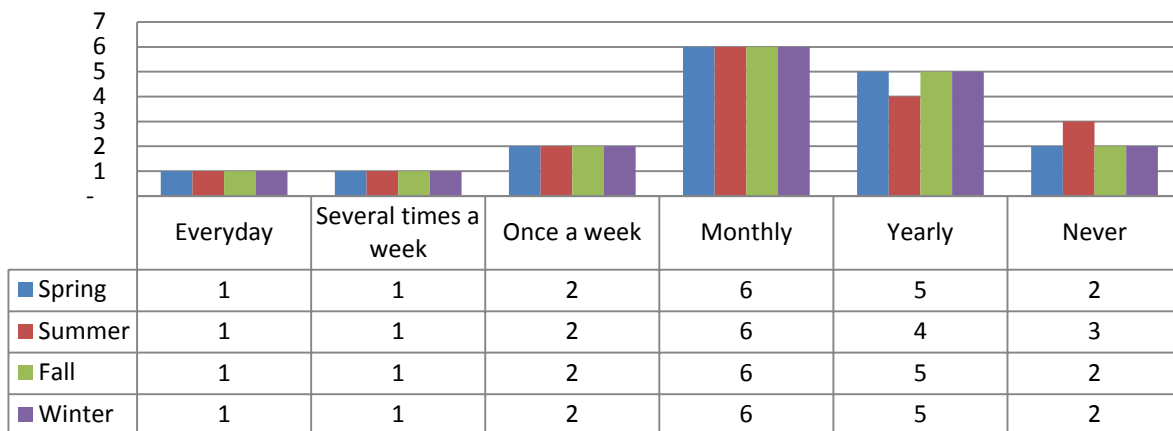


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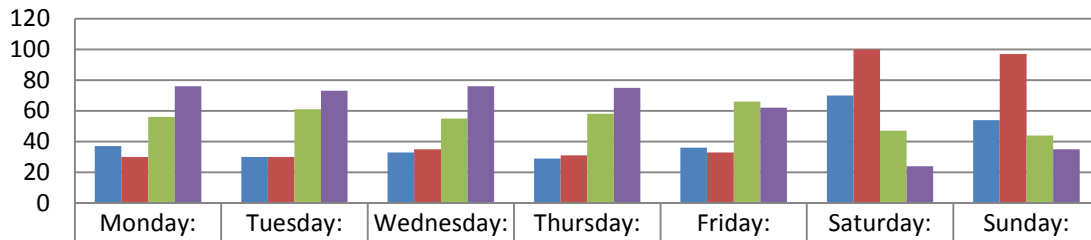
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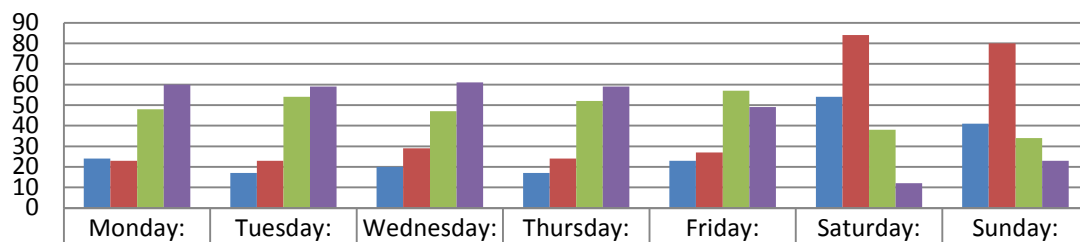


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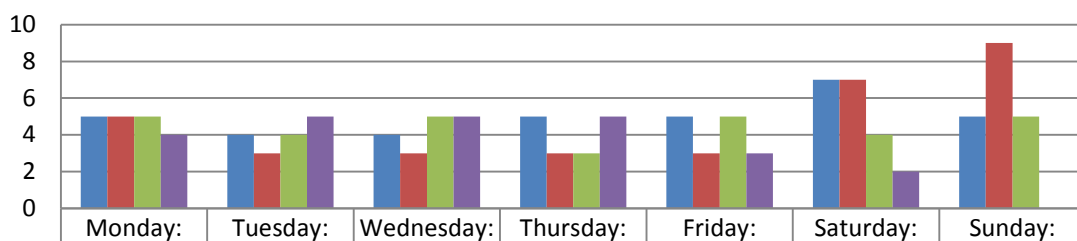
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Morning	37	30	33	29	36	70	54
Afternoon	30	30	35	31	33	100	97
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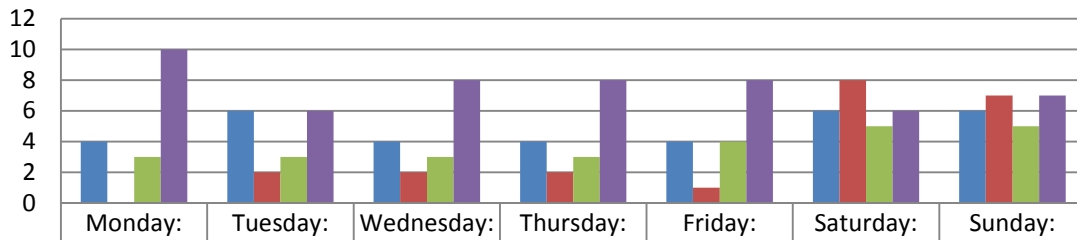
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Afternoon	23	23	29	24	27	84	80
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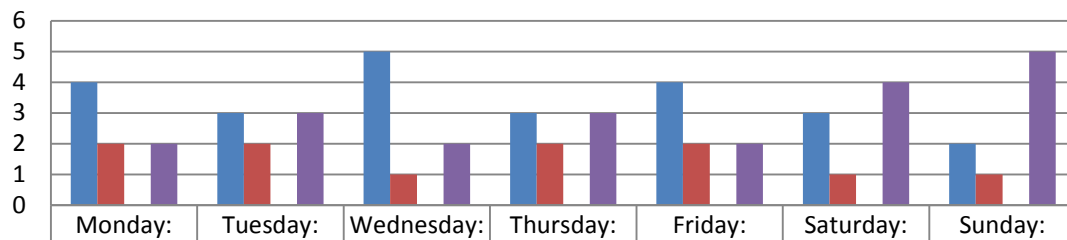
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Afternoon	5	3	3	3	3	7	9
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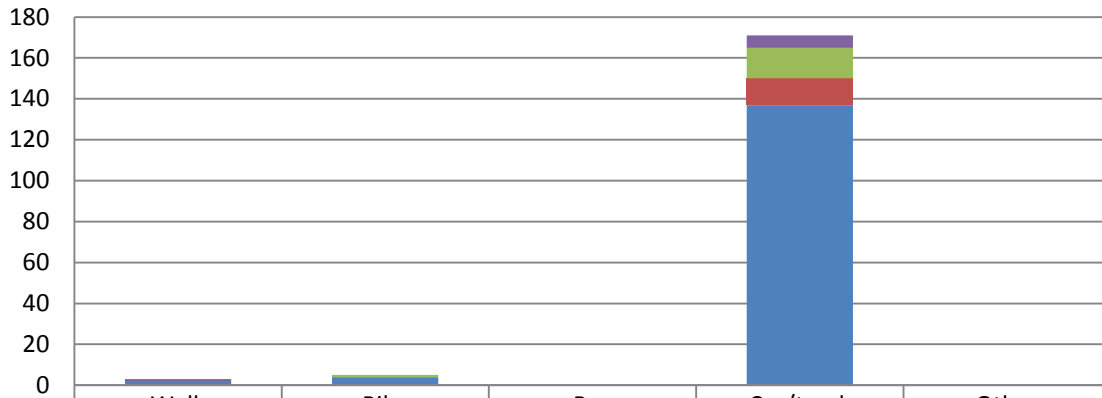
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Afternoon	0	2	2	2	1	8	7
Evening	3	3	3	3	4	5	5
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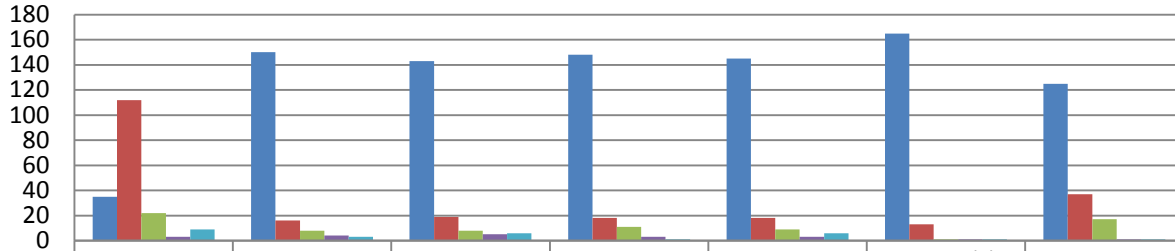
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Afternoon	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
Evening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not at all	2	3	2	3	2	4	5

How do you typically get to these parks?



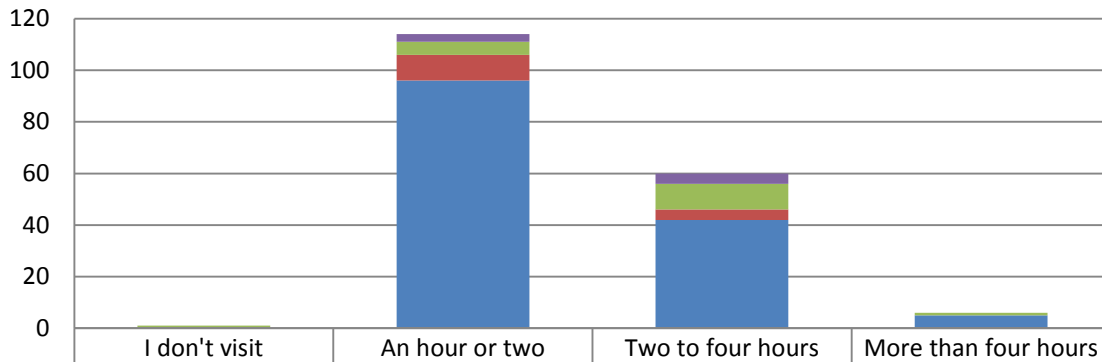
Intercept	1	0	0	6	0
Staff	0	1	0	15	0
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Web	2	4	0	137	0

On a typical visit, how many of the following visit with you?



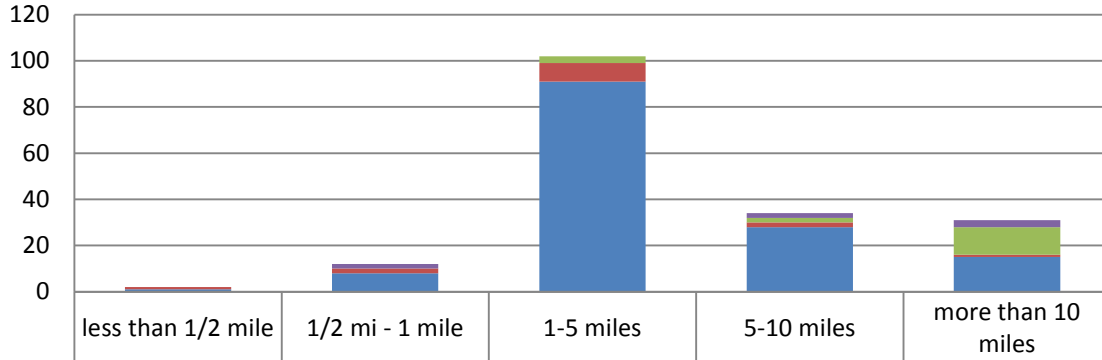
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0	35	150	143	148	145	165	125
1	112	16	19	18	18	13	37
2	22	8	8	11	9	1	17
3	3	4	5	3	3	1	1
4+	9	3	6	1	6	1	1

How long do/ would you typically stay in these parks on each visit?



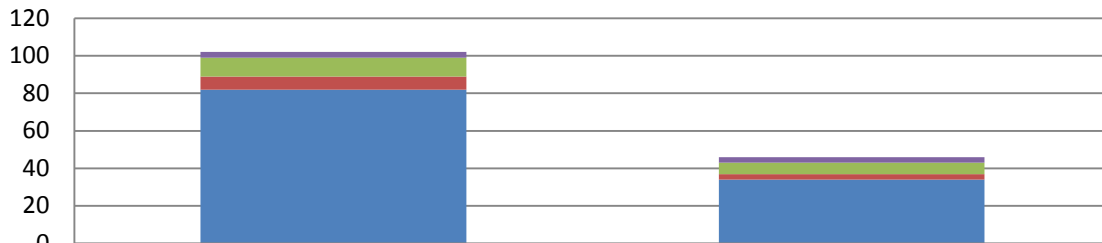
Intercept	0	3	4	0
Staff	1	5	10	1
Paper	0	10	4	0
Web	0	96	42	5

How far do you live from Aullwood Garden & Englewood MetroPark?



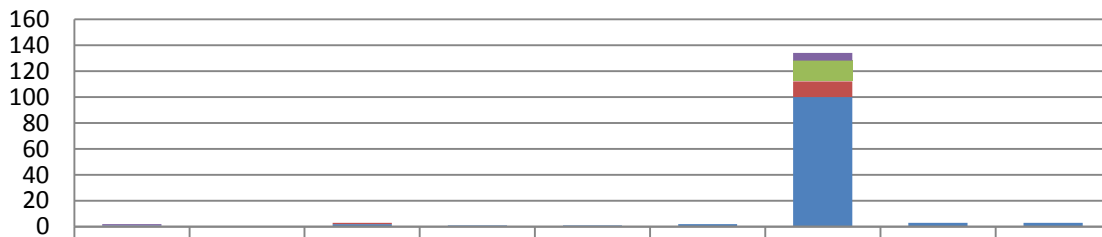
Intercept	0	2	0	2	3
Staff	0	0	3	2	12
Paper	1	2	8	2	1
Web	1	8	91	28	15

Gender of Respondents



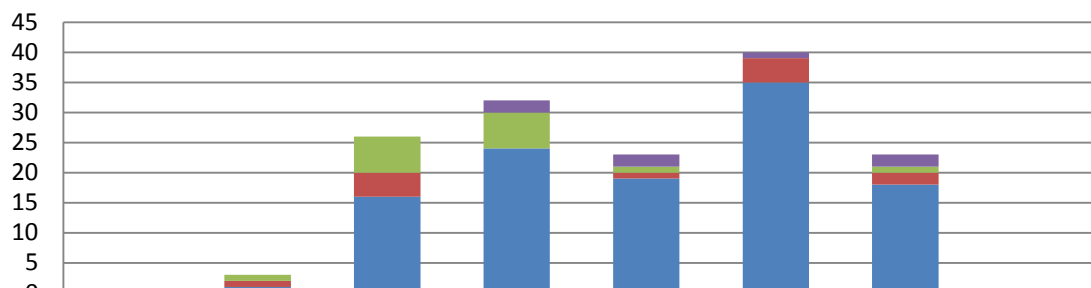
	Female	Male
Intercept	3	3
Staff	10	6
Paper	7	3
Web	82	34

Race of Respondents



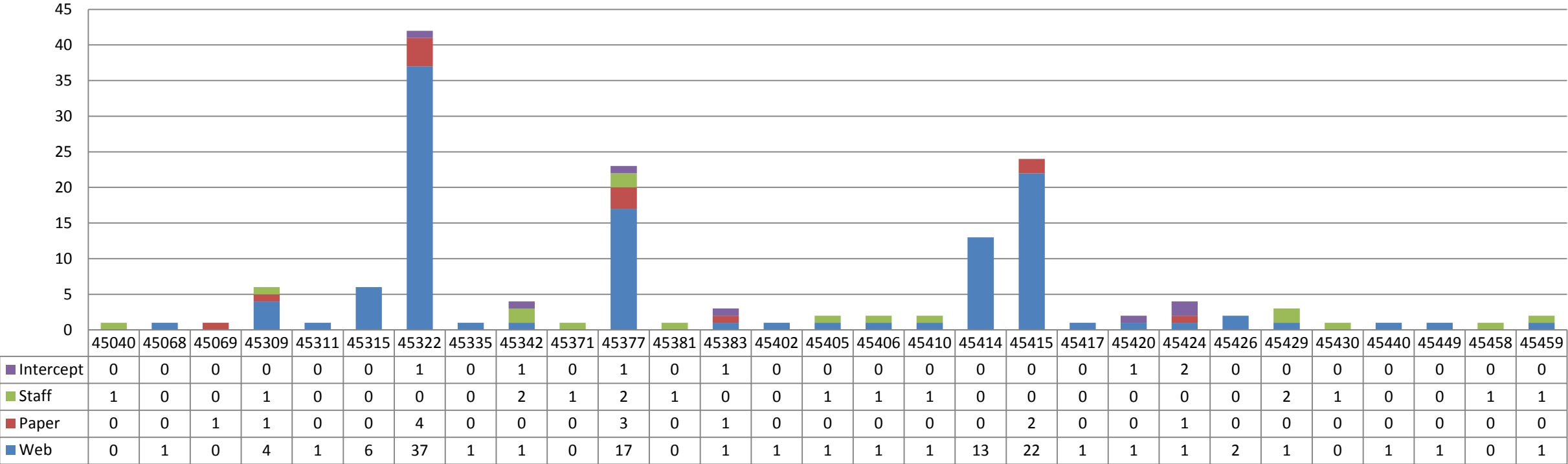
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Non-Hispanic White	White or Caucasian	Two or More Races	Other
Intercept	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
Paper	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	0
Web	1	0	2	1	1	2	100	3	3

Age of Respondents

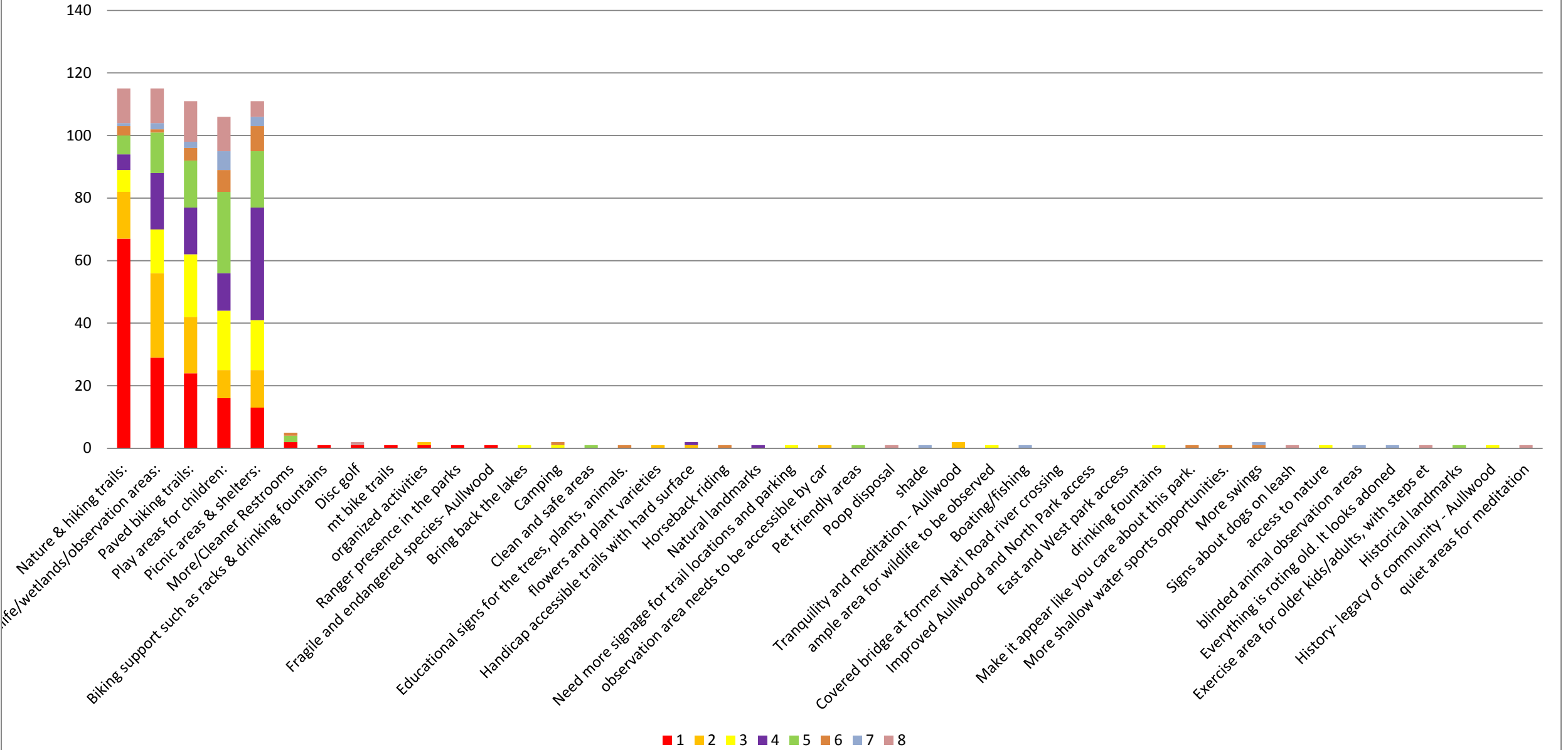


	18 or under	19-24	25-34	35-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76+
Intercept	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0
Staff	0	1	6	6	1	0	1	0
Paper	0	1	4	0	1	4	2	0
Web	0	1	16	24	19	35	18	0

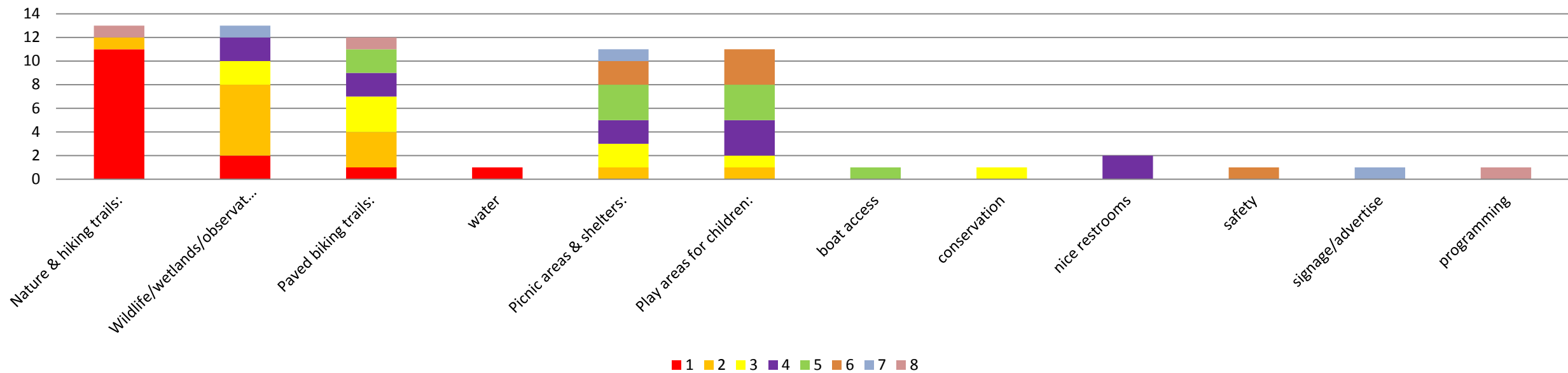
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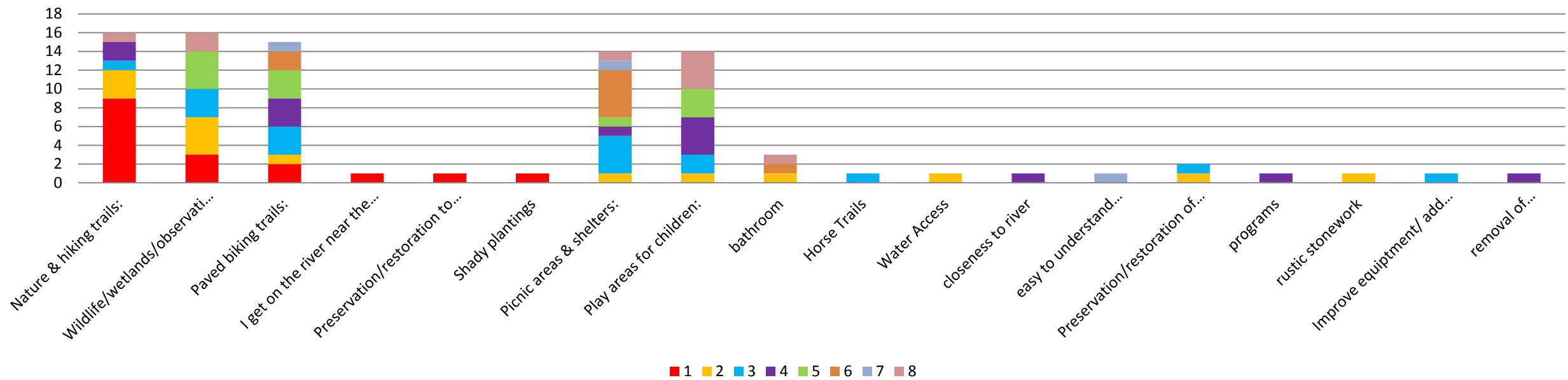
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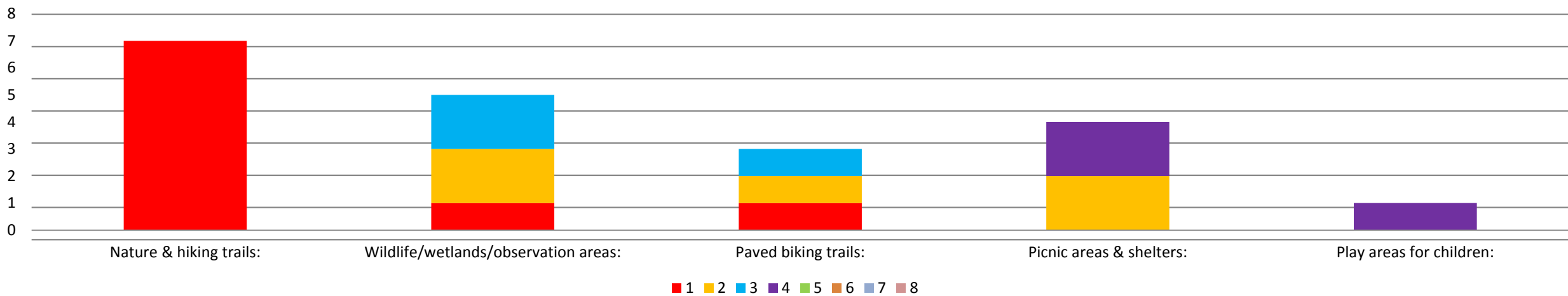
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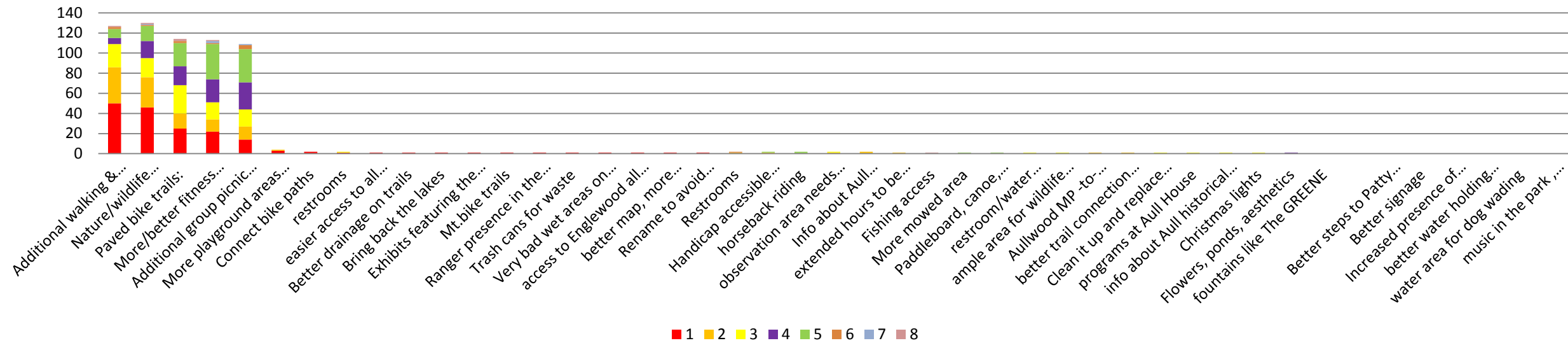
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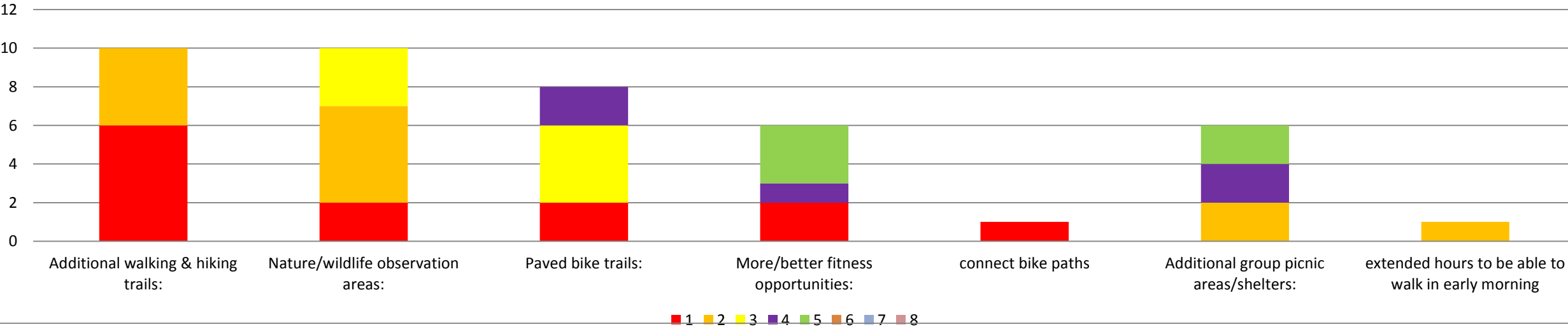
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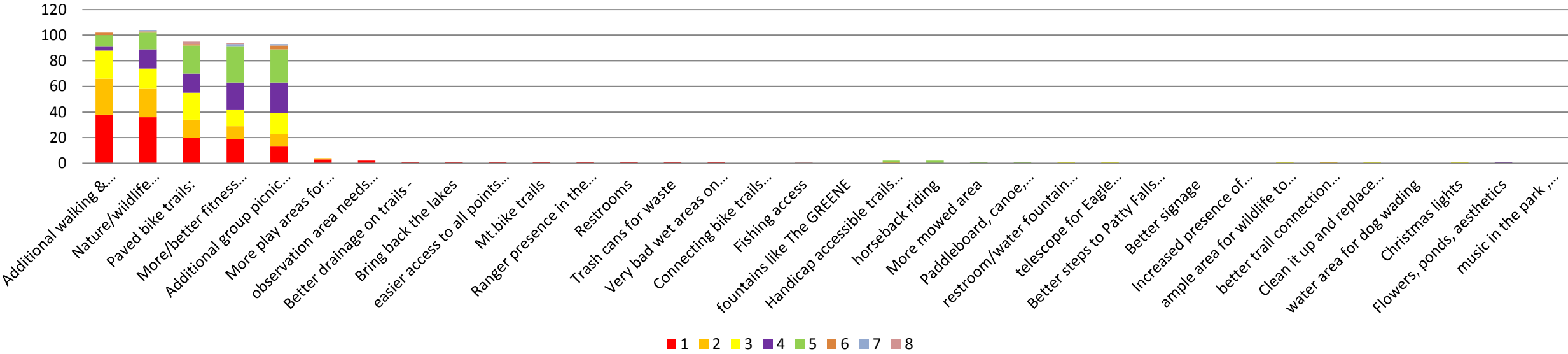
What things would you add to Aullwood Garden & Englewood MetroPark to make it better? (all respondents)



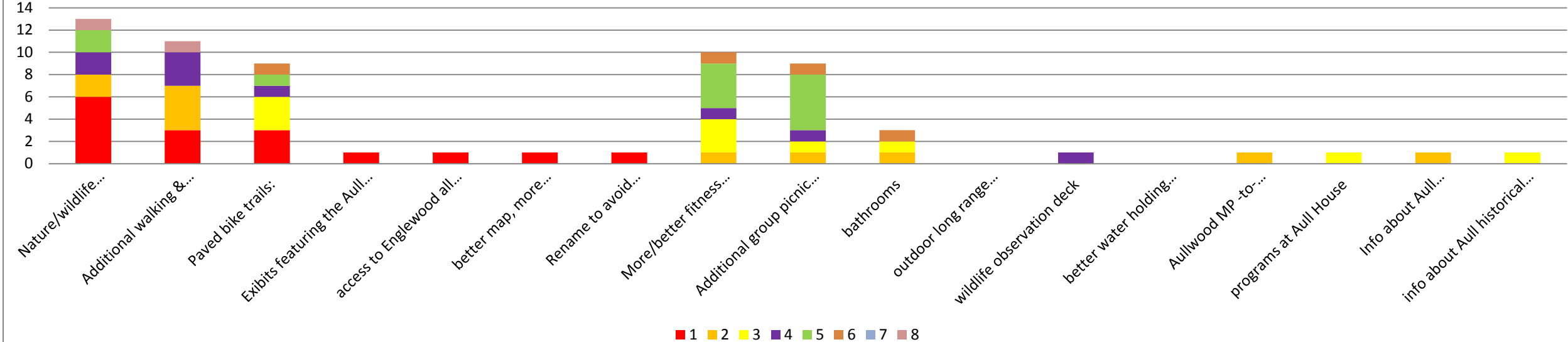
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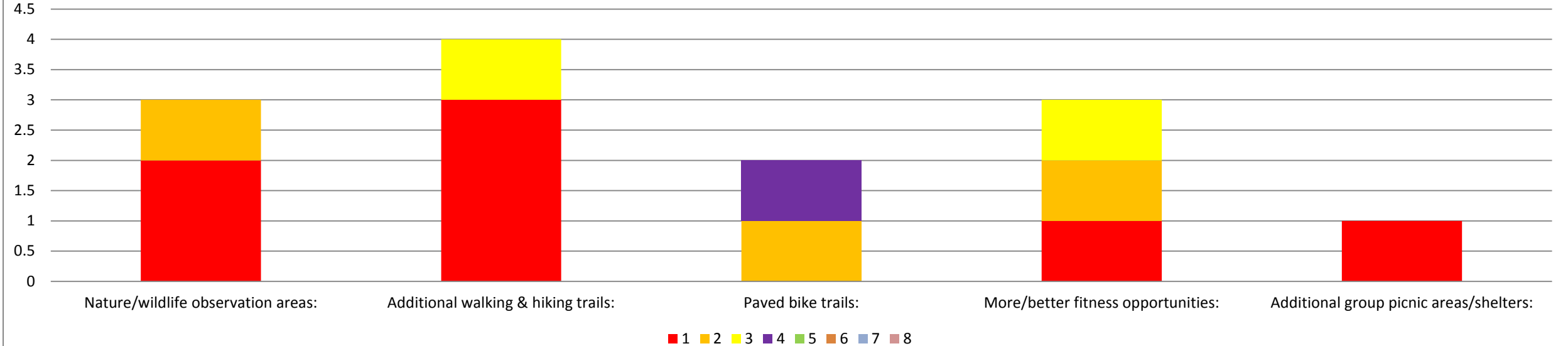
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10. Any other comments or ideas that you would like to share?

Source	Comments
Web	I would like to see all of the MetroPark trails especially the one I visit on Meeker the most often, kept in shape much better. These trails need mowed more often. I have told them about fallen trees that are almost impassable and they still haven't been taken care of. Several other trails including the river trail at Taylorsville are not kept up at all.
Web	Aullwood is a community treasure. Please assure funding to adequately protect Mrs. Aull's legacy, both in the Garden, and in her role as a leader of the establishment of the Metro Parks System.
Web	Would like to see increase in programming, especially nature. For adults as well as children and youth. I appreciate that there are Meetup Groups advertising and promoting Walks and Hikes, including with a focus on nature. Some signage about habitat, plant-mammal-amphibian-reptile-bird-etc. species would be a nice touch especially on shorter trails (I.e. Red) and at Trail Heads
Web	More birdwatching programs
Web	MetroParks owns several pieces of property along the rivers. It would be nice to have easy access for canoes/kayaks along various parts of the river. The area at Frederick/Peters Pike/Philadelphia has a lot of use but people have to basically trespass onto private property to access the river, even though Five Rivers owns the property right across the street and has immediate access to the river. Please make access to the river so people can reach the river easier instead of parking along the side of the road which poses a hazard.
Web	I really, really love Englewood.
Web	It would be great if the bike trail connected to other paths to make it longer.
Web	Mt.bike trails
Web	one of our region's true treasures
Web	Please keep our park open! It is SO important!!!
Web	Thank you for keeping the parks so clean and safe at all times during the day. Truly a great asset to have. The dedication of each person I have seen working in the parks is greatly appreciated.
	The park is just depressing. In the 70s it was alive with people and patrols. I will not walk alone. It is ugly, overgrown, no place
Web	to enjoy family activities. No wildlife, park benches, lake...just weeds. I walk by the hospital now and the lake at the end of Wenger.
Web	Although I've never had any problems while visiting Englewood park, it would be nice to see a regular police presence there. The seclusion of both Aullwood Garden and the park is a two-edged sword: peace and relaxation on one edge, opportunities to be unsafe on the other.
Web	I like the seclusion the trails offer. The peace and quiet.
Web	Aullwood Garden and Englewood Metropark are gorgeous places that are awesome for photography (both portraits and nature photography). I would love to see more scenic views and photography-oriented locations around the parks!
Web	I do miss the duck pond... I love both parks and consider them local treasures. Unfortunately, I have seen bikes and tire ruts on the trails. Have also caught people carving initials on trees! Not sure how to prevent either violation - perhaps more warning signs at trailheads WITH an associated fine? If there is no fine, someone should petition to create one!
Web	What is needed is more help for Kim at Aullwood Garden. For heaven's sake, this garden is so important and extensive that demanding that one person be responsible for the maintenance of the entire garden is hard to me to understand. I know she gets some part-time help and some great volunteers. But be serious, Kim really needs one or two full-time people she can train and then depend on.
Web	I'm not totally wild about folks bringing their dogs there. While most are kept leashed, there always seems to be someone with a large dog that seems a little aggressive.
Web	When the lake has water in it, it attracts many species of birds. During one week in August this year there were 3 state rated rate Bird there. People drove from Indiana, Cleveland and Columbus to see a white ibis, snowy egret and little blue heron. Englewood is ranked on Bird as the top birding location in Montgomery county and 25th in the state. If there was a way to maintain at least mudflats, it would most likely move up the list.
Web	For myself and, I'm sure, other nature lovers, keeping the natural feel of the park is of utmost importance. There are other parks for bicycling and playgrounds (my children were happy enough with climbing over fallen trees and jumping on rocks to cross a creek).In fact, the organized runs that happen periodically at Englewood could perhaps be moved to an area like Taylorsville--nothing like starting out on a beautiful day for a peaceful hike and finding dozens of people dodging around you! Also, if possible, more information on the development of the park, and the history of what came before would be interesting. I have seen remnants of buildings and farming activity that have me curious. Namely, the power pole near Patty's Falls and the feed trough and out-building along the Oak Falls trail!
Web	Aullwood gardens is a NOT place to ruin with picnic areas, or paved trails. Maybe more nature trails up on the hillside. Please do not ruin this beautiful and peaceful place. Same with north park. People have the main park for fitness and biking and a natural children's play area if that is what they are interested in.
Web	Thank you for providing us with a great park experience. As someone who is very frequent to the park, a good, clean, and scenic environment keeps me coming back. I am also thankful for park permits so I can work out with clients at the park on Sundays.
Web	Enjoy the disc golf course. As an experienced cyclist, the road is sufficient in the park. Paved bike trails also attract walkers, dogs, and strollers which make cycling challenging.
Web	I wish I could bike to this park via bike path continuously from Dayton, or Vandalia.
Web	Main obstacle is steps to Patty Falls - too hard for seniors
	Offer a None of the Above or It Varies choices on this survey. I marked Not at All on questions about what day I visit or who accompanies me because I go very irregularly and alone, neither of which could be indicated.
Web	(In the latter case, please learn that not all of us exist as part of a couple.)
Web	Drinking fountain in the north park for people to get a drink.
Web	more benches along the bikeway/roadway for people to sit and rest
Web	Englewood has so many entrances, and we happened to find them only by accident. There is not enough signage to indicate marked trails, nor where we are able to park. The park seems so secretive, and I have no idea if it's safe to hike there alone, nor if it is patrolled regularly. Only folks who grew up there seem to know anything about it.
Web	Aullwood Garden is kept very nicely. Thanks to all that work hard to keep it so enjoyable to visit.
Web	I think mountain biking trails would be a nice addition and would provide another fitness opportunity for the park.
Web	Love both parks and use them extensively. I have wished for 25+ years for the drainage issues in the south area near the Aullwood Lookout Tower to be fixed!
Web	We enjoy natural play areas.
Web	These parks are great for hiking and Englewood is excellent for running & biking as well. However, moving from one park to the other involves either walking through large grass areas above the spillway, or driving to the parking lot next to the spillway. If the paved trail were to branch off around the water treatment plant and above the spillway to connect to the parking lot, it would be more accessible for bikers and hikers to connect to Aullwood's trails. A bike rack in the parking lot could keep Aullwood's trails limited to foot traffic only.
Web	We are very happy with the Englewood and Aullwood Parks. Any additional walking trails would be more than welcome and trail signage that would allow for longer distances to be walked/biked. Also maybe more trails and clear maps on how Aullwood and Englewood parks trails might intersect to get longer mileage and distances. Finally, could we have a link to the other bike/walking trails in the Metro Parka areas, especially to connect to downtown where we could then hook with many other trails (both walking and/or bike)?
Web	Englewood Metropark is my favorite, and not just because it's the closest MP to me. I would continue to go there even if I moved. Its fine as is, but more hiking trails and/or more "named" natural/historical landmarks would add interesting features to the trails and might encourage exploration of the park.
Web	Dogs are not permitted at Aullwood so that limits our visits
Web	So glad they're both close to our home

Web	Loved it when park workers/rangers were walking around in the park and would talk to my then young boys. I remember one time when the area was pretty flooded and Craig stopped and talked to my boys about how the dam prevented flooding to homes. He also explained what/how he was measuring as he "dropped a line" for dam surveillance. The boys were very impressed, as was I. This is something that we enjoy when we visit the national parks, too. Ranger led walks/talks, as well as spur of the moment education.
	I wish our Englewood park and Aullwood were connected to the bigger bike trail system, so we could ride from Englewood to Wegerzen on a bike trail.
Web	I wish mileage for paved road was better marked. For example, the mileage to the East side of the Englewood park is stated at the West portion and at the dam, but once you get to the East side, not clear where the mileage ends/begins.
	More pull off and picnic areas for 2-3 cars and a table or two along the roads. (Maybe every 200 yards?) It would feel like your spot, and encourage us to go more often for picnics and meeting with friends. Have a grill there also.
	Don't make the tables so far from the road. I'm getting older, and it discourages me to carry goods so far to a shelter.
Web	Thank you for the bow hunting areas. I have harvested deer for my family in that program.
Web	We walk our dogs quite often at Englewood park. We clean up their waste but there is not many trash cans along the bike paths. I counted about only 2 last times we were there. We walk a 5 mile stretch and it's not pleasant to carry around their droppings that long.
Web	Please don't pave much more
Web	Need to send out Facebook posts or something when trails under construction. Went to Englewood no knowing white trail closed
Web	Bring back the Lakes, I miss them.
Web	It's hard to make the same comments for both of these metroparks. Aullwood garden is a historic landmark and needs preservation not increased amenities such as bike trails or paved pathways. This could destroy the character and historic significance of such a marvel. So, please don't. Englewood is a different story, but as increased amenities disturb the natural beauty of our parks, we need to turn our attention to education about conservation and preserve some undisturbed wild areas in our parks. I use to love running on the dirt paths at Taylorsville for instance and exploring beyond the paved area that now goes all the way from rte 40 to Ross rd. It's good for bikers, many walkers, and folks w/ disabilities. Now the dirt paths are closed or not maintained. I am happy to ignore the rules, but suddenly I have become a criminal in my quest for solace in nature. We need to be careful about destroying that which we seek to preserve. Our parks are fabulous! Doing great work! I love most of the improvements! But walk softly and carefully consider! Aullwood, preservation is key! I would not change amenities (there is an outhouse there and that's just fine). It's a very special place. Don't try to turn it into Cox Arboretum. Let's keep the old lady and her garden feel there. Englewood has changed a lot over the years and it's great. A functional hand pump for drinking water all year would be wonderful. Sometimes the old fashioned technology is best. I know the running water has to be turned off in winter so the pipes don't freeze. A hand pump could suffice couldn't it?
Web	I do not rank bike trails high because I can no longer ride a normal bike due to arthritis in my hands. But I see a lot of bikers so I believe these trails are important to them.
Web	Englewood MetroPark offers such a diverse set of recreational opportunities, but they're somewhat disconnected. We drive to the park when taking our dog, but walk or ride bikes when he's not along. Better "circular" access as well as improved Aullwood and north park access with multi-use trails would be great. Looking forward to the covered bridge at the former National Road crossing of the Stillwater River!
Web	What is so lovely about these parks is their proximity to local towns, yet both have wilderness that is easy to engage with and enjoy daily. The trails are easy to navigate and are well kept. Patrons using the park respect the rules which make each visit pleasant. Identifying nature signs would add to the hiking trails, something that is found in other metro parks. Aullwood Gardens does have some seasonal signage.
Web	Some parks address certain community needs-such as nature trails, cycling roadways, meeting rooms, plant sales, environmental courses, farm activities. However, not all can fill all needs and they should not try to.
Web	Our family visited Aullwood for the candle dipping they offer. There was an older lady at the desk which was EXTREMELY rude, not only to myself but to the two young girls that were so excited for the dipping. It was our first and LAST time we will do that! I was not opposed to the fee to participate or the fee per dipping candle, which seems like a great money maker considering what you are getting for the fee, a volunteer giving directions, a string, dipping wax and newspaper s piece of tape and a copied TO/FROM tag(s). I was met at the counter by a very rude person, that may or may not have been a volunteer, she is a seasoned person at Aullwood, letting me know I seemed to have been the only individual not wanting to pay \$5-6 just to sit in a chair and wait in the girls to finish. I would like to further state I did not attempt to go in the room because of the smaller children running in the room with each hand holding a dipping candle. Perhaps the rude lady should have been policing the candle dipping room. This Aullwood associate further instructed myself that because we were not Aullwood members if I did not pay for the dipping experience I would have to physically leave the property and leave the girls there by themselves. She further instructed me that I would not even be permitted to sit in my vehicle in the parking lot and wait for the girls there. I paid the fee but continued to watch visitors park their cars unload their families and NEVER come in to pay the fee for visiting. I vote FOR any and every renewal or new levy the parks ask for because I believe experiences that you offer are definitely an asset to our community. With that said, it is difficult for me to believe you would expect or for that matter, promote families just dropping off children at the facility without supervision! As a taxpayer I do not believe this is a good policy to have, if you are indeed promoting such a policy!! WE DO NOT VISIT AULLWOOD JUST FOR THIS REASON! It wasn't so much the \$5-6 I was told I would have to pay just to sit in a chair while they dipped candles but the way I was told. I do not believe a parent or anyone visiting for that matter should be told they MUST leave their minor children at a public facility over a participation fee!!! The facility as a whole needs to re-visit that thought and the volunteers making those demands!!!! This particular activity is a neat experience it's a shame the experience was tarnished by a grumpy old lady!! Shame on her. How well would my children have been received had I not been there to take the brunt force of her abusive personality? Great question, you might want to give that a little thought.
Web	A way to loop bike trails
	The service crews routinely leave visible trash items (cans, bottles, paper, etc.) for days at Englewood Metropark before finally picking them up.
	Increase the mow line and add a few more picnic tables at Englewood.
Web	Focus more on education and passive recreation rather than athletic/game features.
Paper	We love to come early to walk but at north park around 7:30 a.m. we have noticed multiple cars and a truck that had been there most of the summer near the restrooms and now we don't feel as safe as we used to. Therefore as we would like open early not sure if everyone is on the up and up.
Paper	Additional comments from question 4: every now and then will take young children to the park. Occasionally brings groups of seniors to North park from assisted living complex.
Paper	When you add or change something, please be as least invasive as you can.
Paper	Better maps of trail system/use of park for self-guided walking tours.
Paper	Love to see the water back in the lake.
Paper	Connect the parks to make a "TVT" trail here, with primitive backpacking sites. Connect bike path. Restore water to lake for birds. Keep front country camp sites.
Staff	I think Aullwood specifically has a great balance as is and would really like the makeup of the park to same similar or the same as it is now.
Staff	AULLWOOD and ENGLEWOOD are TWO parks with different needs! I found it very difficult to take this survey considering both parks, I use both parks but it profoundly different ways. Aullwood needs to be maintained in its grandeur as a historical garden park for quiet contemplation and personal connection to nature. On the other hand, Englewood provides a wealth of opportunity for more fitness/recreation opportunities while still being able to enjoy the natural Ohio woods. Metroparks must continue to have conservation lead in the development of the parks as to never destroy why we all love them so much. I would never want to see over-visitation and a wasteland of human use.
Staff	Work at being able to receive and retain water in old lake area for spring and fall bird migration
Staff	2 separate parks. Don't try to combine them. Their identities are too different.

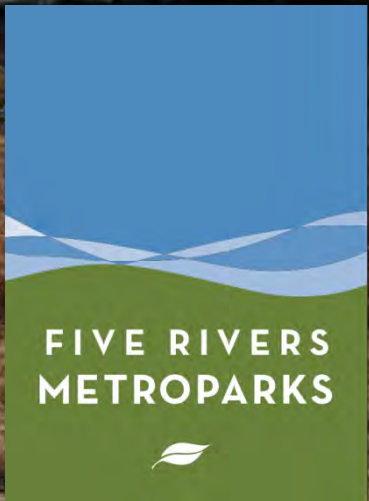
What do you like most about Aullwood Garden & Englewood MetroPark?

Source	Comments
Web	Variety of terrain
Web	Clean and close
Web	I love the trails and the children's play area.
Web	Love the waterfall trails, the river trails and the kids natural play area
Web	hiking trails
Web	The history and legacy of the Aull family, as well as the history of the Conservancy district. Beautiful setting. Beautiful gardens at Aullwood.
Web	Habitat: quality and variation. In a short walk can visit water/wetland, prairie, various stages of woodland succession. Good numbers and variety of expected mammals, butterflies, birds. Englewood Metropark is incredible resource for birders locally and statewide with sightings of rare species, number of species.
	Ebird.org (international citizen science project) reports gives good indication of EMP importance for birders and birds:
	Current year Ebird reports (through September 28):
	27th in Ohio for number of species reported (173)
	1st in Montgomery County for number of species (173)
	All years Ebird reports (through September 28):
	24th in Ohio for number of species reported (247)
	1st in Montgomery County for number of species (247)
	My life list for Englewood Metropark (North, South, East, West, Martindale Access, River Road) is 180. (2009 to present).
	The "lake" has historically provided habitat for migrating shorebirds and has been enjoyed by local birders as well as birders throughout the state coming to see reported unusual and rare birds. Variations in water level and seasonal drying with vegetation changes threaten the habitat potential for birds and birders.
Web	I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this area for habitat and opportunity to explore nature. Especially loved by the birding community.
Web	Birdwatching, looking at plants
Web	The setting is beautiful
Web	biking/hiking
Web	Peaceful, clean, lots of trees
Web	Location
Web	I really love the trails, and the wetland observation areas! Also my kids really the kids area by Patty shelter. We found a tiny salamander and crayfish in the kids stream it was great!!!
Web	Gardens
Web	The variety of hiking trails! I also enjoy the nature play area for the kids and the Frisbee golf course.
Web	Hiking trails. Water features.
Web	Trails and quiet
Web	the Virginia Bluebells and wildflowers in the spring
Web	I love how close and accessible they are. we love the birding all year! LVOE when there is water at E-wood!!!!
Web	the tree and birds the beauty
Web	The park is slowly being ruined. I feel that it is the most neglected park of all and that funds are going to all other parks. I really miss the lake. It is heartbreaking to see the weeds where ducks and other birds once swam. It is nothing but weeds. It appears the intent is to close this park. There have been zero upgrades for years. Less and less is mowed. I expect it to be a mosquito trap going forward. Trails at not kept up. It has the same picnic tables from the 70s and the horseback riding is gone as well. I see very little wildlife anymore. I guess the people who live north have to pay for the upkeep of the downtown and southern parks. This has made me seriously consider not voting for the park levy going forward. It is all about the southern suburbs.
	hiking
	Nice trails, play area at patty shelter in Englewood
	Time spent at Aullwood Garden is time spent in a well-loved home. It's not mine, but sometimes it feels like it. It's peaceful, engaging and beautiful at any time of year.
Web	It's also a place where photographic opportunities abound!
Web	I love the hiking trails at Englewood MetroPark, especially in the fall. The foliage is so beautiful and the paths are well maintained. It's close to home, so I don't have to travel far to get there. I don't usually visit Aullwood, although it is a great place.
Web	I enjoy the walking trails, the white is my favorite. I enjoy that there is very little traffic on the trails.
Web	The atmosphere -- although it's near a major freeway, both parks manage to feel incredibly secluded from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Sitting on the back porch of Aullwood's nature center on a rainy fall day, is one of the most relaxing things a person can do - in the Miami Valley or beyond.
	close to home
	Hiking Trails
	Scenery, not crowded, walking trails
Web	I like the clean and cleared walking paths. I feel safe there.
Web	I enjoy that they aren't usually too crowded with people, which means we can have some level of privacy. As a photographer, I enjoy anywhere that has a scenic view, including over the lake.
Web	Nature and fishing where available.
Web	Just that they're there. Five Rivers Metroparks ROCK!
Web	Well-marked trails, cleanliness, variety of flora, beautiful scenery.
Web	The rivers
Web	It is quiet and peaceful.
Web	I have been to many public gardens throughout the United States over the course of my 73 years. There is no question in my mind that Aullwood Garden is one of the most unique and precious gardens I have ever seen. My typical reaction to a public garden is the joy of being surrounded by so much beauty. On the other hand, I often think that given \$5 or \$10 million or some small multiple of that, I could build the garden. When I first saw Aullwood Garden, I knew immediately that this garden was unique. Literally millions of a large variety of woodland perennial plants and trees, some of which are hundreds of years old. Money alone simply could not rebuild this garden. My impression is that Metroparks simply does not understand that Aullwood Garden is the single precious jewel in the crown of Metroparks holdings. The resource spent on Aullwood Garden is completely insufficient to adequately maintain this precious garden. My responses to the following questions are only about Aullwood Garden.
	Trails and river with the beauty of the area.
	Things are left in a very natural state.

Web	trail hiking Mrs. Aull's garden
Web	Bird watching. Lake when it has water in it. Take grandchild on short walks and to play area. Hike green trail at least once a week. Bird watch at North park. Hike around Martindale lakes once a week. Visit Aullwood gardens monthly. Park at Dr. Bowers lakes on Wenger rd and follow bikeway to West park bathroom 6x a year.
Web	Englewood metropark has such a variety of scenic hike options: woods, field, river, falls. I can map out my hike depending how much of a challenge I want (steps/hills or more flat). What I most love about the park is that the trails, while being well-maintained, still feel primitive, like a walk in the woods. Some parks have paved the paths to attract bicyclists. I do not even bother to go to those parks--if I want paved roads and traffic, I can walk my own neighborhood!
Web	Besides the fact that both are drop dead gorgeous in all seasons? We are birders and both parks are prime spots. Plus it helps you find your inner peace. I would love to see a few more benches. It would also be nice if people kept bikes off of nature trails.
Web	As a fitness buff and trainer who loves being outdoors most of the year, I prefer Englewood over Taylorsville anyday- I like the running/biking paths with scenic views, the parking lots to set up some equipment for a great workout, the stairs for running. Generally, the entire park for whatever workout I am inflicting on myself that day. I also love being able to get permits to do fitness classes with a few clients on the weekends when the weather permits!
Web	Nice disc golf course, hiking trails, mature trees.
Web	trails
Web	Disc golf course
Web	Love Aullwoods flowers - a very inspiring walk. Englewood is a wonderful place to walk in a shaded area. We would like to walk by river but so muddy in spring that we haven't tried it again.
Web	Nice hiking trails. Good place to ride bikes. Waterfalls
Web	The rose gardens at Aullwood and the Old National Trail riding center (now the campgrounds).
Web	Hiking Trails
Web	Close proximity to home and the quiet, peaceful well maintained trails. I particularly like the availability of seating around the park to sit and rest and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.
Web	The clean open trails and the summer camp for my boys
Web	The wilderness area being in the middle of a city.
Web	trails to walk on
Web	the walking and hiking trails
Web	Aullwood is quiet for the most part with nature the star of the show. The grounds are well kept and in the line of what Marie Aull thought it should be. It is a good birding site with many varieties of birds to look for. The many different flowers go on from season to season.
	Englewood with its main park along with West park, South park and North park has many options for people to do. Hiking the many trails at all four sites, Biking the trail system, Fishing the several ponds and lakes, Camping in the park and using the shelters for family gatherings and picnicking.
Web	They seem beautiful and the grounds are kept very nicely.
Web	Peaceful Nature
Web	Hiking the trails and looking at the flowers, trees, etc.
Web	Freedom to roam.
Web	Walking trails
Web	The trails at both, and the farm center at Aullwood. Also the bike trail at Englewood Metopark.
Web	Flora, fauna & education center
Web	The closeness of such a beautiful park.
Web	It's close and offers so much. I'm a preschool teacher who also visits often in the summer with the summer camp schoolagers. We love to go hiking, creekin, the natural playground and so much more. Also nice that there are restrooms close by
Web	The quiet and the cleanliness
Web	The trails
Web	Good trails, clean, safe, good options for different trails
Web	The quiet and beautiful atmosphere.
Web	Well tended to, beautiful.
Web	Beauty and peacefulness. Park is well maintained. I go by myself and feel safe.
Web	Accessibility
Web	Walking trails, playground, slide
Web	The trails - both paved and unpaved.
Web	Natural environment, abundance of trees and nature. The walking and bike trails are also a favorite as we like the harder, even surface for walking for fitness and for our elderly parent who is in a wheelchair.
Web	The quietness.
Web	It provides excellent hiking opportunities mere minutes from my house. I especially love the variety of hikes; there are long ones for when I want to condition for backpacking trips, but there are also nice shorter loops for when I don't have as much time or when I'm with friends/family/my dogs that don't like to push themselves too hard.
	Furthermore, I just love that Englewood MP is there. It's an oasis of green space surrounded by uninspiring suburban sprawl. My wife and I love to drive over the dam whenever we can, especially at night.
Web	Hiking paths
Web	Bike path and hiking paths
Web	I have never before lived in a community with such great parks and recreation programs. Love all the unique activities put on from ice skating to the outdoor experience (Thanks Subaru!) The jazz band at RiverScape was just so amazing to hear and to see all the dancers that accompany them to most shows was a really fun and a wonderful unexpected surprise. My family enjoys biking downtown in the summer to see the lunch crowd and entertainment.
	Keep up the good work.
Web	Hiking trails, scenery.
Web	I enjoy the trails at Englewood MetroPark, the bike path and just sitting in one of the many swings along the water's edge to watch nature.
Web	openness, variety in hikes, children's play area, water play
Web	Scenery, feel safe/secure, walking trails are pretty well maintained, picnic areas kept clean
Web	The trails are maintained properly and all are welcome. Your locations within our metro area are incredible, no need to drive for hours to get to you. Great out-reach and educational programs!
Web	Ease of reservation, beauty spaces
Web	I love the exhibits inside of Aullwood, the trails and bird hikes, as well as the Full Moon Walks.
	I think it is a great place for school Field Trips, too.
Web	being near the river and seeing the running water... it's a spiritual experience
Web	The large size is quite nice.
Web	Fishing and canoe access. Frisbee Golf. Walking trails, picnic tables. Walks in the gardens all seasons for pictures.
Web	We love the beauty of the park in general. Each time we go walking there we see at least one deer, and other wild life. We love the mapped out trails that we can walk and know how far we are walking also.

Web	I love the children's play area at Englewood. We like to walk the short loop there (that includes the boardwalk) and then play at the slide/tunnel and by the water. Aullwood has such gorgeous flowers. We have enjoyed a few special events - Conservation Kids at Englewood and Christmas Luminary Evening at Aullwood.
Web	Natural hiking trails with historical aspects. Nature play area. Birding
Web	Trails, waterfalls, gardens at Aullwood
Web	I like the diversity of the trails offered. I enjoy how the Aulwood Garden offers a more formal garden experience in contrast to Englewood MetroPark.
Web	Being able to drive through and see the scenery from the vehicle as well as the trails. We have enjoyed the shelters and amenities. Appreciate handicap accessibility to shelters and trails.
Web	Bike paths
Web	Convenience of hiking and horseback trails. North park ponds kayaking and bird watching.
	variety of terrain, environments
	usually not crowded
Web	lots of birdlife
Web	All can enjoy!!
Web	I love the trails (green trail in Englewood is my favorite). Beautiful trees, flowers, birds. So many different things to explore.
Web	History of the Aullwood Gardens and north park, especially when water fills the former lagoon. Aullwood Gardens provide unusual access in Dayton, especially North Dayton.
Web	Scenery and the people working there.
Web	I like the variety of plantings, ease of walking, the silence of the woods, and the variety of smells from the gardens.
	Aullwood garden provides peace and tranquility that is not present in other parks or venues . When my sister died after a long fight with breast cancer I went to the garden and was able to be supported by the peace found there. We have other facilities for classes, nature programs, and horticultural courses. Our community has walking and cycling trails, places for outdoor weddings and pictures, locations for plant sales and garden club meetings, but we have only ONE historic garden and estate. We must maintain the history and legacy of Mrs. Aull's garden. If that is lost it is lost forever.
	I frequently take my grandchildren to Englewood park as I did my children when they were young. It is a wonderful site for nature walks, discovering water habitats, woodland habitats, and teaching a respect and appreciation for our environment.
Web	I looked at the next section and I am alarmed because these two parks are totally different and cannot be used for the same purpose. Trails and picnic areas are great for Englewood but would absolutely destroy Aullwood. Please do not try to do the same thing with Aullwood that is right for Englewood. Aullwood is a very unique place that be treated like the other metro parks- for hiking, picnics and social gatherings.
Web	The all he colors of the park; however I do not believe Englewood is maintained/ kept up to its full potential. It is too over grown. I believe it would be visited more if it didn't feel so over grown and frankly a little creepy.
Web	location and beauty
Web	It's nice, pretty and peaceful
	Park and facilities are usually in good condition.
Web	A safe bike tail between Englewood Dam and the Taylorsville Dam areas.
Web	They are both so beautiful and relaxing!
Web	It feels in closed,and safe. The kind of people it attracts are like minded with me and my family. So it spontaneously starts great conversation,and new friends.
Web	It has shelters and is very clean. We also appreciate the games provided by the park
Web	the hiking and nature center
Web	Being around nature the calm peacefulness.
Web	I love the Aullwood Gardens for its pristine natural beauty, native plants, and it's serene, peaceful atmosphere. I also have an emotional attachment to the Gardens because my Grandfather was the caretaker there when I was a child. My family spent many days there and I would sometimes follow my Grandfather as he worked in the Gardens. It is my favorite place on earth.
Web	the changing flowers and hiking trails
Web	Variety of terrains, forests, and safety.
Paper	Northern park. Quiet (and) peaceful. Birds. Purple asters. Nice walking on trail.
Paper	The number of diverse parks and the easy access to them.
Paper	Hiking trails
Paper	Nature, hiking trails, overall environment.
Paper	Outdoors. Place to run/bike/hike and think. Paved bike paths allow run at nite or rollerblade. This park is like a big back yard to me.
Paper	The trails and the nature; love the big trees.
Paper	I love it all.
Paper	Attended the meeting and wrote these on the maps. Thank you.
Paper	Just the beauty that you see, birds, animals and plants.
Paper	Hiking, dog walking. Conservation, natural/native plants.
Paper	The trees, trails, and picnic areas. A quiet place to escape the noise of the city.
Paper	Absence of supervision/rangers--let people "police" the park.
Paper	Natural features, hiking, trails
Paper	Good trails. Nature. Views from high ground.
Staff	the variety of experiences (gardens, falls, pumpkin ash, water)
Staff	The horseback riding and hiking trails
Staff	I love the Bluebells!
Staff	Aullwood is such a beautiful place and so serene. I really enjoy walking the gardens each season and looking at the change in the landscape and plant material.
Staff	Aullwood spring wildflowers
Staff	I enjoy the tranquility and peaceful character of the gardens design. I also enjoy the history and Arts and Crafts features of one of the last local vestiges of an era. Aullwood is a very significant piece of the regions history and should be promoted as an icon of local/regional history. What a gem.
Staff	Aullwood Garden is a very tranquil place to enjoy the beauties of nature. I have dogs and enjoy the hiking trails that Englewood has to offer. I do not have an issue with leaving them at home to visit Aullwood.
Staff	Spring flowers
Staff	trails, wildlife
Staff	Epic drive over levee. Very secluded feel at Aullwood, reminiscent of a summer lodge.
Staff	Disc golf is cool
	Englewood has some great hiking "destinations." I love the nature play area. The paved trails are nice also.
Staff	Aullwood Garden is really special. It is the jewel of the park district. That garden was 100 years in the making and is irreplaceable. The way the garden plants intermingle with the natural forest creates magic.
Staff	haven't been there enough to have an opinion
Staff	There are so many different places to go to view wildlife, and the variety of wildlife is awesome! The trails are great and you can spend lots of time in the park, in different places.

Staff	The history and trails
Staff	the forest and gardens
Intercept	Peacefulness
Intercept	Well kept
Intercept	All of nature
Intercept	Beauty of nature
Intercept	Trails
Intercept	The trials, wildlife, plants
Intercept	Leaves falling all in color.



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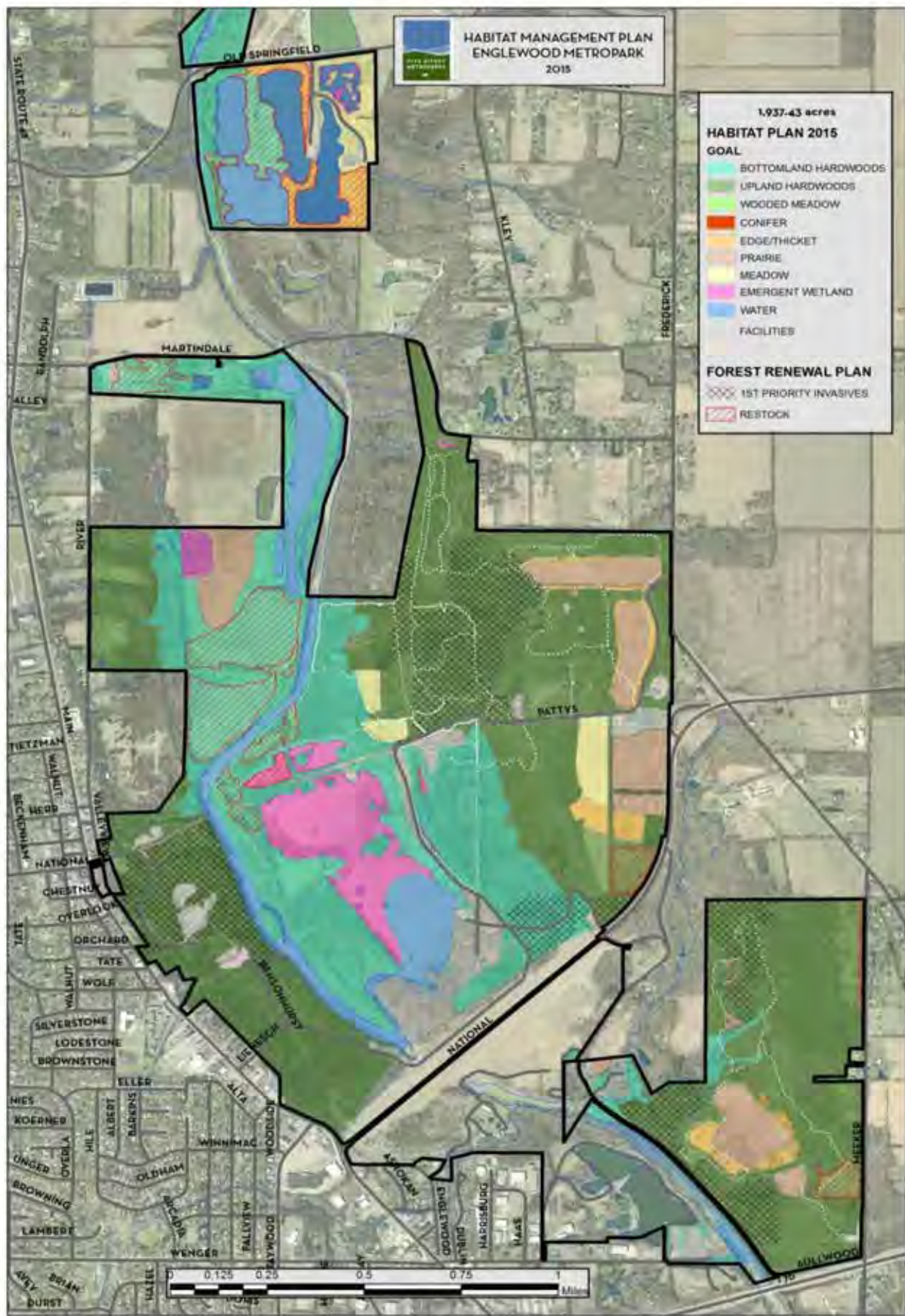
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

1937.43 acres

The natural areas of Englewood MetroPark contain a great diversity of habitats in the valley of the Stillwater River. The park contains outstanding examples of bottomland hardwood forest, old growth upland forest, an oak swamp, and former farmland in natural succession. A large shallow lake/wetland provides outstanding habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds. Several meadows and planted prairie grasslands provide grassland habitat. The Stillwater State Scenic River bisects the park and contains excellent aquatic diversity. Because of the size and diversity of the habitats here, Englewood MetroPark has been designated by the National Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area.

GOALS

1. To protect the existing mature woodlands. Manage honeysuckle and other invasive species in all habitats as designated.
2. To permit natural succession to occur in designated old fields and young forests, to generate new mature forests and minimize edge effects within large tracts. Reintroduction and planting of native mast species in designated areas to augment succession and ensure a diverse future forest.
3. To assure adequate meadow and prairie habitat for the continuation of the processes of grassland ecology.
4. To maintain sufficient edge/thicket habitat, a transitional habitat important to many types of wildlife. Reintroduction of native shrubs in designated areas to promote re-establishment of these species.
5. To manage existing ponds and wetlands to benefit wildlife that is dependent on these habitats.
6. To manage the former lake to maximize habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife.
7. To manage the existing lakes in the North Park for wildlife habitat and recreational fishing. The wetland in the northeastern section will be managed for a mixture of wetland, prairie, and edge habitats.
8. To design and maintain hiking and horse trails to maximize the experience of the user and integrity of the managed habitats.



PIGEYE CONSERVATION AREA

111.2 acres

This diverse conservation area features mature upland and bottomland forest, thickets, a spring fed wetland, and Pigeye Creek, a spring-fed stream. Historical artifacts include the site of a former covered bridge, mill race, and a Hopewell enclosure mound.

GOALS

1. To preserve the existing mature woodlands. Control of honeysuckle and other invasive species in all habitats as designated.
2. To permit natural succession to occur in the designated areas to maximize forest size and minimize edge effect within large tracts. Reintroduction and planting of native mast species in designated areas to augment succession and ensure a diverse future forest.
3. To maintain sufficient edge/thicket habitat, a transitional habitat important to many types of wildlife. Reintroduction of native shrubs in designated areas to promote re-establishment of these species.
4. To maintain a meadow grassland for grassland birds and wildlife.

