

## 4.0 Master Planning Process

1. Established a working core team
  1. Representatives from each functional area
    1. Beth Burke- Interpretive Coordinator
    2. Trish Butler- Director of Marketing and Community Engagement
    3. Erik Dahlstrom- Outdoor Recreation Coordinator
    4. Amy Dingle- Director of Outdoor Connections
    5. Mike Enright- Director of Conservation
    6. Trevor Hagedorn- Business Services Manager
    7. Karen Hesser- Chief of Operations
    8. Mary Klunk- Conservation Manager
    9. Joe Morrison- Park Manager ( Now Regional Manager)
    10. Chris Romer- Executive Management Assistant
    11. Eric Sauer- Planning Manager
    12. Carrie Scarff-Chief of Planning and Projects
    13. Laura Stevens- Interpretation Coordinator
    14. Joshua York- Education Coordinator
2. Retained consultants
  1. POD Design
  2. Provided background documents and base map information
    1. GIS Data
    2. Property Data
    3. Conservation Files
    4. Park History
    5. Previous Master Plan
3. Public Relations
  1. Park Banners
    1. Placed at park entrances about 30 days before open houses
  2. Parkways
  3. Social Media
  4. FRMP Electronic Newsletters
  5. Direct emails
  6. Surveys
    1. In park intercept surveys
    2. Open House surveys
4. Two Day work session
  1. **Tuesday October 11th, 2016 –**
    1. 8:00- 9:00 AM Kick Off Meeting- Meet with core team- Park – Mad River Shelter
    2. 9:00-11:00 AM- Drive and initial tour of the park
    3. 11:00-11:30- Quick Lunch/ travel to open house
    4. 11:30 AM till 1:30 PM-Open House Location: Comfort Suites Wright Patterson- 5220 Huberville Avenue
    5. 1:30-3:00 Meet with FRMP Operations Staff- Hotel
    6. 3:00-4:30 Meet with interpretive staff- Hotel
    7. 4:30-5:30- Dinner

8. 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM- Open House Location: Comfort Suites  
Wright Patterson- 5220 Huberville Avenue

2. **Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

1. 8:00-11:00 Walking and in depth tour of the park- Site analysis  
(includes public safety)
  2. 8:30-9:30- Meet with City of Dayton Water Department Staff
  3. 11:30-1:00 Meet with key volunteers (Lunch) HQ Classroom
  4. 1:00-2:00 Meet with community stakeholders- HQ Classroom
  5. 2:00-3:30 Meet with Program Staff- HQ Classroom
  6. 3:30-5:00 Meet with core team for wrap up- HQ Classroom
  7. Consultant Team departs
5. Develop meeting notes
    1. Core team review and comments provided to the consultant
  6. Develop program
    1. Core team review and comment
  7. Developed concept alternatives
    1. Presentation to the Core Team
    2. Core Team and Staff Comments
  8. Develop Pre-final site plan
    1. Presentation to the Core Team
    2. Core Team and Staff Comments
  9. Public feedback
    1. Public Open House
      1. Notified participants by email
      2. Posted meeting on social media and website
    2. Post Pre-final plan online for public comment
  10. Final plan development
    1. Site Plan
    2. Capital Improvement Estimate
    3. Established 10 top priority projects
    4. Developed Projections
      1. Narratives and project cost estimates
        1. Parks and Conservation
        2. Programing and Interpretation
        3. Business Operations
        4. Public Safety
        5. Philanthropy

## EASTWOOD METROPARK

### Park Position Description

Eastwood MetroPark is distinctly divided by the Mad River. The north side of the park is dominated by a lake formed by a gravel extraction operation, and City of Dayton well fields. The south side, also in the City of Dayton wellfield, is predominately grassland dotted with mature trees, a landscape not found in many places throughout the MetroParks system, with some wooded areas along the borders and a lagoon. This side of the park harkens back to the City Beautiful movement of grand nature in urban areas.

A broad variety of activities are available at Eastwood. Power boating, sailing, personal watercraft, paddling, and fishing occur at the lake. Paddlers also enjoy the river, enhanced by the Mad River Run, and the lagoon. The Mad River Bikeway connecting downtown Dayton to other trails and destination traverses the south side of the park and is busy with cyclists and pedestrians. There is a great deal of picnicking that occurs, particularly in the shelters on the south side of the park.

Eastwood is isolated from its surroundings, bordered by S. R. 4 on the north and the elevated railroad to the south, five-lane Harshman Road the City's restricted wellfields to the east. To the west, the Mad River corridor continues, and the land is controlled by the Miami Conservancy District. The only possible access to the park is via the three vehicular entrances or the bikeway. The lake is a strong visible landmark to travelers on S. R. 4. This and the high vehicle counts on S.R. 4 and Harshman Road as well as Springfield Street make the park widely accessible, however. Various immigrant communities surrounding the park, particularly Hispanic and Eastern European, result in a strong ethnic diversity among park users and give the park a sense of cultural excitement.

Eastwood is an urban community park in MetroParks' typology matrix, reflecting its highly human and highly urban nature, close connection to other parks via the bikeway, and its relatively high degree of amenities and human activity per acre. Urban parks have a great focus on park services, the highest degree of access and connectivity, and more built amenities than other parks. Fifty-seven percent of Eastwood is natural habitat, and that percentage is buoyed by the large amount of water in the park. At 437 acres, it is by far the largest urban park but is generally mid-sized when compared to all of the MetroParks. Eastwood ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in MetroParks attendance in 2016 with nearly 230,000 visitors. That number has steadily risen over the last three years.

Visitor use of Eastwood MetroPark focuses on a quick and easy escape to recreation—whether by relaxation or active pursuits. Myriad activities are available in the park anchored by water-based pursuits. The beauty of the park and serenity of the river and lagoon offer a thorough respite. This breadth of enjoyment and the park's location makes Eastwood attractive to a large demographic. Core MetroParks interpretive themes that apply to Eastwood are that parks make our lives healthier and happier and that a unique adventure awaits visitors. Two themes specific to Eastwood are that outdoor activities abound with an aquifer right underground and that Eastwood MetroPark makes our lives healthier and happier as conservation efforts protect fresh water for our community, fresh air to breathe and variety of outdoor adventures for a healthy active you.

Eastwood MetroPark offers visitors easy access to an immersive naturalistic experience within the urban environment for both quiet respite and active recreational pursuits. The river, lake, and lagoon anchor all these experiences in water and keep close in visitors' minds the value of water and the natural environments that protect its quality. The diversity of visitors and of activities create a sense of a

inclusiveness and richness in the park. Eastwood, more than any other MetroPark, combines the intensity of the urban parks with the natural setting and beauty that is typical of the larger, nature parks.

**Typology:** Urban Community Park

**Brand Statement:** Get out and play!

**Interpretive Themes/Storylines:**

Core -Themes:

- Parks make our lives healthier and happier.
- A unique adventure awaits.

Theme for site:

- Outdoor activities abound with an aquifer right underground.
- Eastwood MetroPark makes our lives healthier and happier as conservation efforts protect fresh water for our community, fresh air to breath and variety of outdoor adventures for a healthy active you.

Sub-themes:

- Eastwood MetroPark provides healthy ecosystem services and protect our city water.
  - *(working theme pending meeting with City of Dayton Water)*
  - *If you see something say something –*
    - *Report debris or spills near waterways*
    - *What goes in runoff – catch basins – goes to the rivers.*
- There's and activity for everyone
- Time outside to walk, run, or boat is healthy for our body and mind.
- Greenspace makes our brains happy.

Storylines specific to site:

- There is an aquifer under your feet
- This park serves as open space, filtering water, for healthy high quality drinking water for the Dayton Community
- A short walk from city center, Eastwood provides a place to meander through the woods, let your mind relax and recharge while enjoying your favorite recreational activities.
- There's an activity for everyone at Eastwood MetroPark to get outside and exercise.
- Area has a history of recreational use since the early 1900's filling the free time of Daytonians for over 100 years.

Other opportunities to connect to agency-wide Themes:

- Partnerships create healthy and vibrant communities.
- City of Dayton Water well field and monitoring area.
- Potential partnerships with Wright State University for area to be a water education destination.
- Potential partnerships with other organizations for conservation and water to reach out to:
  - Miami Conservancy District
  - Montgomery County – DRG3
  - Ohio EPA OEEF grant opportunities
  - Local artists

Other opportunities to connect to agency-wide themes:

- Active conservation efforts protect lands for future generations.
- Conservation efforts along river corridor improving habitat.

- Five Rivers MetroParks habitat and clean waterways conservation efforts have been rewarded with the return of Bald Eagles, nesting at Eastwood MetroPark after a 70 year absence in the Dayton region.
- Grassland openings are former prairies that retain the rich prairie soil and lend themselves to prairie restoration.
- Migratory bird populations, including waterfowl, osprey, shorebirds, and gulls.
- Along the river near the Mad River Run, visitors frequently spot Great Blue Heron, Osprey and an occasional eagle looking for a fresh fish meal in the riffles of the Mad River.

## Staff Survey

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Natural areas	3.8	Developed areas
High energy uses	1.8	Quiet uses
Facilitated education	3.5	Interpretive education
Typical uses	3.2	Unique uses
Nature-based recreation	2.5	Built recreation
Big groups / community atmosphere	2.3	Intimate groups / solitude
Serves broad interests	2.2	Serves niche interests
Draws regionally	3.2	Draws from close by
Facilitated use	3.5	Independent use
Many different users coming infrequently	3.2	Same users coming consistently
Similar to other parks	4.0	Distinctive, unlike other parks

### Brand Image Personified: Larry

Larry has learned to relax quite a bit since his Air Force days, but he still likes to rise early and start his day with a swift bike ride around the neighborhood or down to the park before visiting with boys down at the coffee shop. He considers himself morning patrol. Since his wife died a few years ago, he has learned to cook a bit at home, but looks forward to this daily gathering to talk about the day's news around town. He always orders the same thing: an egg-white omelet with turkey sausage, the voice of his beloved Ester tells him to.

Life after retirement has given Larry lots of free time to tinker in the garage on his truck or in the backyard. When his garage door is open, neighbors can hear country music coming from the back corner, and maybe Larry whistling along. The grandkids visit on some weekends or he meets them at Pizza Hut for a monthly treat. He has helped rebuild a couple bikes for them and has taken to teaching the older ones how to fix their bikes in recent visits.

Larry's latest project is a fish pond he built in his lush, green backyard – an envy of the neighbors. He enjoys sitting in a lawn chair next to it and watching the goldfish in the sunlight. This fall, Larry is going to start picking the kids up after school for his daughter. He plans to make a ritual out of taking them to the park for an hour or so, walking in the woods, spotting birds, and circling the lake. Maybe once in a while they'll ask to head back to his house to see the goldfish.

**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

- Local
- Accessible
- Free
- Pleasant
- People oriented
- Family oriented
- Green
- Laid back
- Community-based
- Sustainable
- Natural

High-scoring, Weighted Brand words

- Family-oriented
- Green
- Sustainable
- Natural
- Down-to-Earth
- Genuine
- Reliable
- Consistent
- Honest
- Wholesome
- Unpretentious
- Real
- Trustworthy
- Sincerity
- Delivers high quality products/services

Leading traits

- Environment & Community
- Sincerity
- Competence

High scoring differentiation:

- Accessible
- Working-class
- Conforming
- Introverted
- Old
- Athletic
- Masculine

Low scoring differentiation:

- Visionary
- Wealthy
- Imaginative
- Ambitious
- High-quality
- Unique
- Daring
- Innovative
- Surprising

# EASTWOOD METROPARK

## MASTER PLAN

DECEMBER 29, 2016





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## PROJECT THEME:

*Highlight the historic importance and natural resources of the park and offer a year-round fitness and recreational regional park*

## GOALS:

- o Magnify park-use awareness and provide clear connection of two distinct major areas
- o Enhance natural park features for passive and active engagement
- o Restructure routine physical activity with regional bikeway and waterway connections
- o Create innovative multi-generational amenities in the park for increased and long-term use
- o Create partnerships to assist with programming and operational support



## PROJECT THEME AND GOALS



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## PARK PROGRAM:

### HISTORIC AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- o Continue to enhance the recreational link to downtown
- o Recognize the park as a historic learning & recreational destination
- o Create meaningful themes to help guide the visitor experience
- o Provide interpretive information regarding the park's importance to the drinking water supply
- o Improve the park's identity, gateways and connections (vehicular, pedestrian & aquatic)
- o Activate commercial opportunities within the park and extend beyond the park, without issuing a general entry park fee

### STRUCTURAL AND AMENITIES SUPPORT

- o Make upgrades to existing facilities and structures
- o Consider relocating and combining operational and equipment facilities
- o Provide increased educational facilities throughout the park
- o Create improved facilities to support ongoing recreational programming
- o Make improvements to utilities, infrastructure and amenities to support programs and special events
- o Continue improvements to paving, parking and all levels of pedestrian trails
- o Identify an appropriate location for one vehicular/ multi-use bridge connecting the north and south park segments
- o Define a hierarchical system for all signage within the park
- o Make reasonable improvements to boat docks

### SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES

- o Continue to support the irreplaceable natural and diverse wildlife habitats, woodlands, recreational greenways and clean aquatic resources for future generations.
- o Expand the grassland prairies along the Mad River
- o Support architecturally sustainable standards
- o Create constructed wetlands to improve water quality
- o Make ongoing erosion control and waterfront access improvements to Eastwood Lake
- o Plan educational and programming venue improvements to Blue Lake
- o Incorporate improvements along the Mad river
- o Provide improvements to the lagoon that support improved use and accessibility



2014-2015 Strategic Plan



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## PARK PROGRAM: (Continued)

### RECREATION AND EDUCATION

- o Continue to offer year-round learning and recreational access throughout the site
- o Provide educational programming for all age groups
- o Create trail connections along park and river corridors linking north and south segments
- o Provide ADA accessibility throughout the park
- o Make upgrades to all designated children's play areas
- o Maintain current principles of land-based recreation
- o Support camping opportunities within designated areas of the park
- o Expand the various aquatic recreational opportunities throughout the park

### STEWARDSHIP AND SITE MANAGEMENT

- o Proactively protect the site and adjacent land when appropriate
- o Partner with the Cities of Dayton and Riverside for continued environmental improvements
- o Expand programs to educate the public regarding water resources and land management
- o Expand the 'Take Back the Tap' educational program



## POWER OF 10+ REASONS TO VISIT EASTWOOD METROPARK

Neighborhood trail access to downtown  
Lake boating  
River access  
Water safety/training  
Nature play  
Midwest Outdoor Experience  
5k - 10k runs  
Winter recreation  
Livery and changing room accommodations  
Hiker and cyclist camping  
Shelters with electricity  
Fishing  
Experience nature  
Fitness  
Social events  
Education  
Hiking/walking  
Bird watching  
Recreation  
Community program  
Picnics  
White water activities

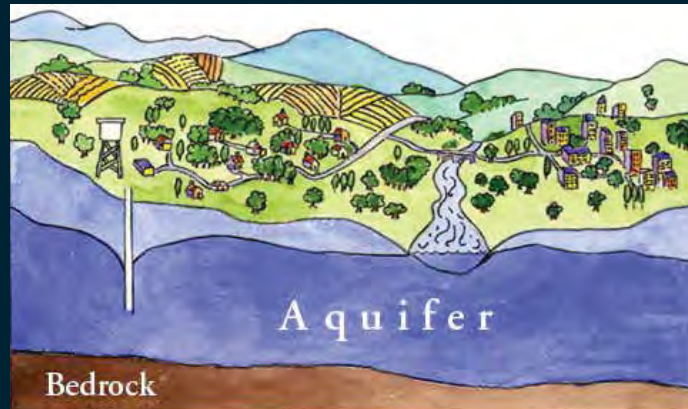


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## HISTORIC AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

A unique park, offering a potential source of revenue, that also needs improved visual and physical connection.

### General information



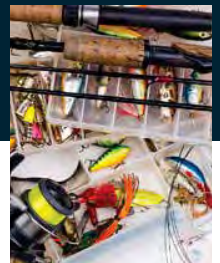
Hydrology and natural Resources



Identity and Connections



Commercial Opportunities



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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## STRUCTURAL AND AMENITIES SUPPORT:

Enhance existing amenities while consolidating educational and operational functions

### Entries and Signage



### Paved Areas and Parking



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## STRUCTURAL AND AMENITIES SUPPORT

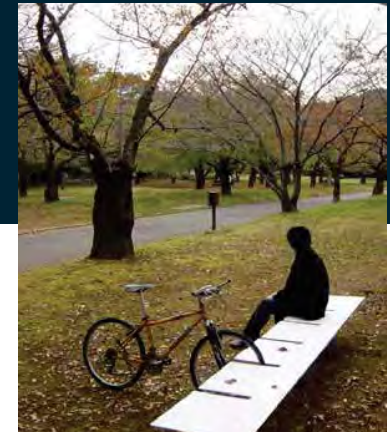
### Shelters and Restrooms



### Utilities



### Furnishing



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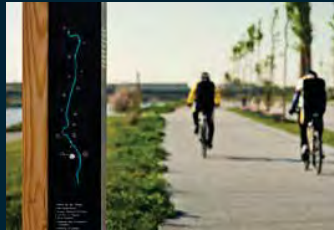


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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Access, use, and protection of Greenways and Open Spaces

### Signage



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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Center



Bridges and Conflicting Areas



Operations



Public Stage Area



Elevator



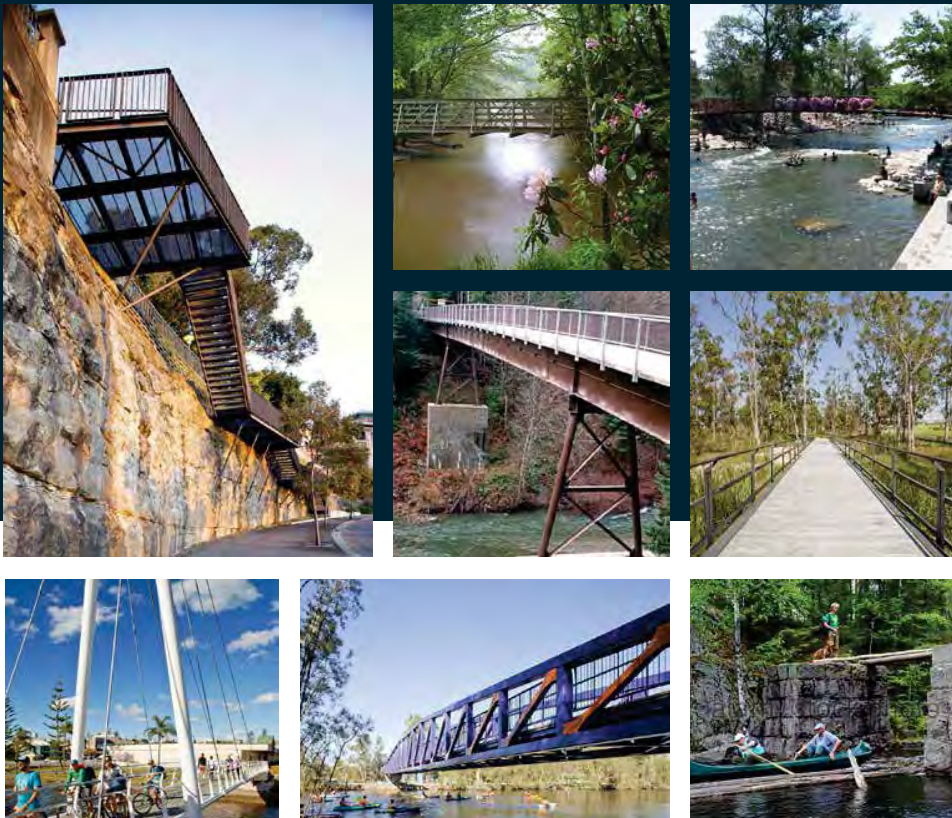
## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

### Bridges



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### Lighting



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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Eastwood Lake



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

### Blue Lake



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Mad River



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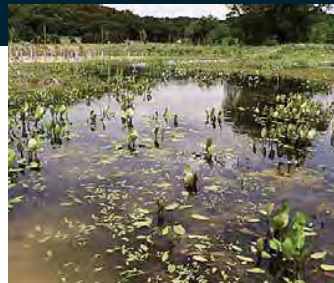




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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

### Lagoons



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SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES:  
RECREATION AND EDUCATION

## Camping



## Trails and Fitness



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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

### Open Fields



### Playgrounds



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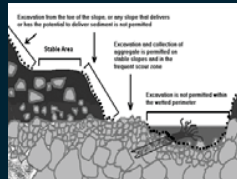


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## STEWARDSHIP AND SITE MANAGEMENT:

Maintain collaborative partnerships and sound long-term management practices

### Riparian Remediation



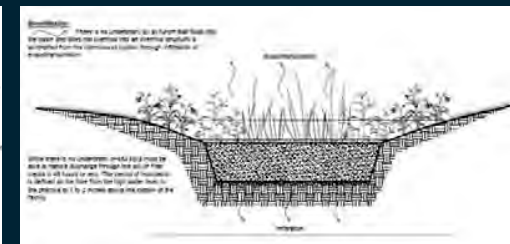
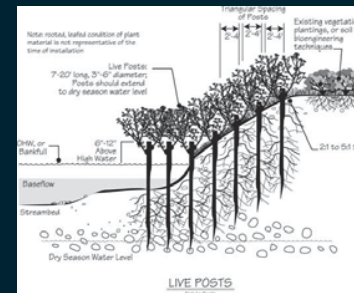
### Partnerships



### Reforestation



### Wetland Cleansing



### WPAFB Partnership



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## PROGRAM DIAGRAM: GENERAL USE

# EASTWOOD METROPARK

MEETING COMMENTS / POD SUMMARY		ACTION CHECKLIST	TALLIED NOTES
<b>HISTORIC &amp; ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	<p>Eastwood Park, although not popularly known as a comprehensive park of two major sections, is unlike any other public park in the region. It hosts the largest, unconsolidated aquifer water source in the world, while blending beautiful natural green-ways. The park should serve as a reminder to the community as a special accessible recreation link to Downtown's Outdoor Adventure trail and RiverSape MetroPark. In August 2010, the Mad River was designated as a state water trail. The park's water features serve as a big asset to the citizens of Dayton. Potentially, the park can be identified as a historic learning and recreational destination that may generate local economic stimulation.</p> <p>Create meaningful themes that guide the visitor experience (stormwater management, sustainability, infiltration, influence of man-made vs. natural hydrology, stocked vs. spring-fed fish). Theme may include critical aquifer that impacts the drinking water supply for the region (one of two drinking water supply facilities). Provide information about the importance of the park with 50-100 millions of gallons/day of drinking water supply</p> <p>The Harshman house, former known as the 'Mill Race' property, provides historical context relating to the railroad and park site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market both lake and river parks as one connected comprehensive facility, while serving as an immediate urban core extension of Downtown's heavily programmed events.</li> <li>Provide consistent themes: "Life of the Earth", "Healthy Lifestyles", "Parks Make Our Lives Healthy and Happy", "Challenge through Recreation", "Water Conservation and Watershed Ecology", "Connect with Nature", and the importance of nature protection awareness.</li> <li>Line up venues like the Midwest Outdoor X Experience for potential money-generating events</li> <li>Limit marketing information and physical access to aquifer well and utility stations due to national security issues</li> <li>Upgrade house for tours</li> <li>Market history of the trains, which go through site 2-4 times/hour</li> <li>Generate entry fee to help sustain maintenance costs</li> <li>Coordinate with Action Adventure Sports as potential lessee for space for BMX, soccer/lacrosse, and warrior dash/iron-man events</li> <li>Coordinate with Warrior Dash as user to utilize expanded area between the two lakes</li> <li>Submit Miami Valley Enhancement Fund</li> <li>Maximize usage of private/public partnerships when appropriate</li> <li>Maximize usage of grants that support educational programs. Remain with retail aspects and opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>     </li> <li>     </li> <li>     </li> <li>  </li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> </ul>
<b>IDENTITY AND CONNECTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gateway entries into the Eastwood Park should be more clearly defined.</li> <li>The east public entry to the Eastwood lake area, the scene of fatal traffic accidents, should be closed.</li> <li>The Springfield Street entrance should be improved and reconfigured</li> <li>Connecting the north and south park sections with a vehicular overpass will provide a strong visual and physical connection in the park</li> <li>Water vessel transport between the lagoons and the bike trails should be developed to reduce conflicts</li> <li>Current improvements to Harshman Drive will provide a pedestrian connection to the north park entrance, however, fails to connect north to Riverside and across SR 4. This connection should be encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance experience and comfort of the only bus stop at the Springfield St. entry</li> <li>Unify 3.5 mile trail from Hashman Road to Riverscape with same amenities</li> <li>Continue existing nature themed fields: prairies, meadows, transitions, nature trail in between</li> <li>Identify bus lines</li> <li>Use "pull off" areas between MoMBA and downtown for high active zones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>  </li> <li>  </li> <li>  </li> <li>  </li> <li>I</li> </ul>
<b>COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the park is developed to target for an increased number of users, operational and maintenance costs considerations will be necessary</li> <li>Identify Eastwood park as a safe place for beginners and or novice first-time users, as many individuals and families without equipment don't know where to begin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design bike racks, boat dock and locks, kayak park locations for both directions and north side of river</li> <li>Designate areas and access from Buckeye Trail for cyclist camp</li> <li>Install changing stations, outdoor showers, lockers at whitewater activity areas; kayak and bike lockers needed for downtown commute</li> <li>Water play equipment rentals</li> <li>Create an outdoor public space for venue events</li> <li>Provide venues for food trucks, temporary and permanent concessions</li> <li>Install reservable shelters on Lake side</li> <li>Eventual livery to downtown</li> <li>Restaurant leasing space opportunities</li> <li>Provide bait and tackle sales</li> <li>Sponsor boat races if aquatic venue can be configuration to meet requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>     </li> <li>   </li> <li>   </li> <li>  </li> <li>  </li> <li>  </li> <li>  </li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>I</li> <li>  </li> </ul>



## APPENDIX



# EASTWOOD METROPARK

	MEETING COMMENTS / POD SUMMARY	ACTION CHECKLIST	TALLIED NOTES
<b>STRUCTURAL AND AMENITIES SUPPORT</b>			
UPGRADE EXISTING FACILITIES	Eastwood Park offers numerous existing facilities, structures, and elements that will require more observation for recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design bike racks, boat dock and locks, kayak park locations for both directions and north side of river</li> <li>Upgrade restrooms and add more in several locations</li> <li>Replace lagoon and lake docks: Use permanent, non-splintering structures</li> <li>Design with a minimum of 4-lane docks</li> <li>Repair upstream lagoon gate control</li> <li>Retrofit concrete bench tables to match natural park theme</li> <li>Protect facilities with lighting</li> <li>To provide drive access to wells, provide 50' min. radius for ambulance and emergency access and tree clearance distance</li> <li>Define identification and access to water wells that need daily monitoring</li> </ul>	IIII IIII IIII II I I I I I
OPERATIONAL AND EQUIPMENT FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combine operational and equipment facilities under one roof and away from the Springfield Street park entrance</li> <li>Consolidate associates and staff to one location for a more streamlining operation</li> <li>Provide a convenient location for program equipment storage on site so transport from downtown can be eliminated or reduced</li> <li>Layout a convenient location for maintenance equipment storage on site so transport from Huffman Park can be eliminated or reduced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimize trailer use: provide storage for gator and mower storage on lake side. Model existing garage size plus two bays</li> <li>Limit operational/ maintenance equipment in secured building on Springfield Road</li> </ul>	II I
EDUCATIONAL FACILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centrally locate accessible educational and potentially, office staff facility (Possum Creek building as one model)</li> <li>Create Eastwood Park as a recreation hot spot for school programming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate all-weather education classroom and restrooms with major center facility</li> <li>Locate outdoor lean-to staging stations or shelters as 'home base' classrooms. Include picnic table/bench for production work</li> </ul>	III II
RECREATIONAL FACILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide major and minor shelters at the water features and at anticipated outdoor venues</li> <li>Provide a Boat house at the Blue Lake and any area where kayaks will be stored</li> <li>Provide easy manual transport to the Mad River Run</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dual sheltered boat house / classroom at Blue Lake</li> <li>Provide kayak / paddling stations at Twin Creek and White Water Warehouse</li> <li>Provide bait/tackle concession at bridge and accessible convergence of north and south sections</li> <li>Locate major and minor all-weather storage facilities that can be centrally located and shared among the major bodies of water</li> </ul>	I I I I
UTILITIES AND AMENITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade operational and educational facilities with electric, cable, water and sewer lines</li> <li>Provide water and electricity to all reserved shelters, restrooms and all program areas and areas for special events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace outsourced generated power and trucked water with permanent utility line</li> <li>Use lighting at highly used evening venues, river activity zones and strategic locations</li> <li>Upgrade water tap at highly used venues and to shelters</li> <li>Use lighting to match FRMP sustainable guidelines</li> <li>For accessibility and access, centrally locate water tap for large venues</li> <li>For emergency records only: Survey and update layout plans for water mains, feeders from wells (7 on lake side and 4 on the park side)</li> <li>Provide GIS-guided updated plans for electric lines</li> <li>Provide new restrooms: at each end of the lake ramp.</li> <li>Provide kayak / paddling stations at Twin Creek and White Water Warehouse</li> </ul>	III III II I I I I I I



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# EASTWOOD METROPARK

## MEETING COMMENTS / POD SUMMARY

## STRUCTURAL AND AMENITIES SUPPORT

**BRIDGES,  
PAVING,  
PARKING, AND  
TRAILS**

The Eastwood Park is challenged with major physical and visual connections that link the north and south park sections and the layout of accessible paths to the marina edges. However, it is observed that park users utilize both active and passive trails that have been designated. In general, the lack of parking for large venues pose problems, especially when the ground is wet. Emphasize the strong connection with the Buckeye and North Country Trails.

- Provide a clear physical separation between vehicular drives, shelters and the playground to minimize serious safety conflicts
- Minimize all vehicular, pedestrian and boat access conflicts throughout the park
- The Springfield Street entrance should be improved and reconfigured
- All pedestrian connectivity along the ridge between the river and blue lake adjacent to the well field wells should be discouraged
- Improve the vehicular circulation & personal watercraft launch area between Blue Lake and Eastwood Lake

## SIGNAGE & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

- Define and layout a hierarchical systems of signs to include entry, way finding, information/interpretive, kiosks, and interpretive information
- Install clear traffic and safety signs to help minimize conflict among path and park users
- Provide language and material consistency with Five Rivers system

## ACTION CHECKLIST

- Provide accessible active and passive trail around the lake with a boardwalk/bridge at the NW corner; Provide looped trail off Buckeye trail (min. 1 mile) for multi-modal use
- Remedy design of identified intersections with crossing conflicts, including vehicle/children conflict at main shelter area
- Design clearly designated parking and trails at major venue areas and shelters
- Eliminate public access to the Lake park from the existing NE entry. Use only traffic lighted intersection
- Connect waterways with accessible bridges
- Minimize public vehicular access at the south entry. Consider use for emergency and overflow venue parking
- Convert Springfield entrance to a green corridor for pedestrians, bikers
- Connect Springfield entrance to the existing bike path
- Provide ample bus access and parking; expand parking by entry
- Design fitness stations in the park
- Provide accessible trail around the lagoons
- Design a rope-platform bridge at various Lagoon locations
- Provide permanent, safe drive between Blue Lake and Lake
- Renovate turf area to hold up auxiliary and overflow parking
- Provide 20+/- spaces at Blue Lake
- Provide adequate parking at the eastern and central areas of the entire park
- Provide direct access to parking at the southwestern corridor, as this section is underutilized
- Expand accessible drive for Dayton Water Department
- Replace pavement at boat plug area
- Install reflective pavement markings
- Replace ADA docks at Lagoons
- Bridge and trail access at area to Lily Creek
- Final destination points are important and must be guided by signs
- Clearly define gated closings

## TALLIED NOTES

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<b>SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
	<p>Eastwood Park should provide the City of Dayton irreplaceable natural and diverse wildlife habitats, woodlands, recreational green ways and clean aquatic resources for future generations. The wooded areas along the riparian edges can help delineate the intensively used zones for recreation from natural habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the grassland prairies along the MAD River Trail, which provide interesting low buffering fields</li> <li>Support architectural sustainability LEED standards while maximizing the beauty and conservation of the natural land and three major bodies of water</li> <li>Create a constructed wetland to improve the water quality of the newly dredged lagoons</li> <li>Encourage the City of Riverside to improve the property south of the railroad tracks and north of Springfield Road. It has historically been used as landfill. The natural creek feeds seasonally to the wetland/pond and any design considerations are critical as the creek contains evidence of benzene and methane. Additionally, there is limited or no bedrock, which may limit structural construction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide ADA accessible trails to connect natural woods and water bodies</li> <li>Test and remedy poor water quality (bird dropping, erosion, lack of oxygen)</li> <li>Support bird-watching and wildlife tour programs by education programs and by habitat protection zones for charismatic mega fauna: lake heron, bald eagles, osprey, and beaver</li> <li>Replace existing surfaces with porous, stabilized paving</li> <li>Convert convoluted off-ramp to be reconfigured into a 4-way 'at-grade' intersection</li> <li>Provide bird blind at SW corner of the lake</li> <li>Provide all new facilities with night-sky friendly design</li> <li>Locate recycling containers throughout the park</li> <li>Use the natural themed model of the prairie meadow trail around the park</li> </ul>	<p>     </p> <p>    </p> <p>   </p> <p>  </p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p>
EASTWOOD LAKE IMPROVEMENTS	<p>The lake, fed by water from the Mad River, serves as an artificial recharge basin for the aquifer and for water recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrict contamination and pollution to protect drinking water supply</li> <li>Program activities around three distinct seasons: frozen, spring thaw, and summer (open season)</li> </ul> <p>This mile-long lake was historically a borrow pit for the construction of I-75 and has old dredge cable splintering in the bottom at sections of the lake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the lake's riparian edge treatment for erosion control</li> <li>Select and provide areas for ADA accessibility to the waterfront</li> <li>Continue the ongoing watercraft schedule: Kayaks and canoes are permitted on the lake everyday, while power boats, personal watercraft, sailboats, fishing boats are used in an alternating even/odd day schedule</li> <li>Permit 'boat-only' swimming along the NW corner of the lake</li> <li>Improve the personal watercraft launch area and vehicular circulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect inlets and outlets with drainage protective treatments</li> <li>Monitor mobile fuel stations and boat refueling</li> <li>Separate salt/fertilizer storage</li> <li>Design waterfront layout access to accommodate increased projected use: Paddle: 400-800/yr. Sail: +/- 800/yr. PWC: 1200-1700/yr. Motor boat: 2500/yr. (including fishing)</li> <li>Designate limited 12'-14' deep roped area for safe swimming; confirm that bottom areas are free from debris (NW corner)</li> <li>Monitor/ prohibit inoperable vehicles</li> </ul>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>II</p> <p>I</p>
BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute major and minor shelters at the water features and at anticipated outdoor venues</li> <li>Consider a boat house at Blue Lake and at the area where kayaks will be stored</li> <li>Plan for an easy manual transport to the Mad River Run</li> <li>Improve the parking, turn-around, lake access and launch area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create marina staging for deep water paddling/ instructional programs, rescue training and workshops: maintain min. 20' depth</li> <li>Prohibit use of motor water vehicles</li> <li>Upgrade water edge parking access</li> </ul>	<p>    </p> <p>II</p> <p>II</p>
MAD RIVER IMPROVEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and provide amenities for an average of 2-hour active recreational usage along the river</li> <li>Provide for paddling to bike, and terminating to car pick up</li> <li>The man-made Mad River Run, a prominent 'whitewater' feature for canoes, kayaks, and fishing stations, can serve as a model for erosion control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean off mud and provide rocky terrain for river access training</li> <li>Design around river eddies</li> <li>Use Stillwater River model for river, stream ecology and casting classes</li> <li>Locate ADA access to open areas for casting and boating classes</li> </ul>	<p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p>
LAGOON IMPROVEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide wetland for separation, education, recreation, habitat and overall improved water quality</li> <li>Provide greater depth for a better paddling experience</li> <li>Connect islands with a series of pedestrian only (and maintenance vehicles) bridges</li> <li>Use islands for low-impact use areas: picnic and overlook areas and potentially nature play or as a dog park.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dredge out silt to add depth and clean up for paddling</li> <li>Build up the lagoon sides on the two outflow ends to eliminate water level breaching.</li> <li>Build up fish population to help with water quality</li> <li>Review Louisville water company website for good storyline</li> <li>Relocate material from one end of the lagoon to benefit and construct the other end of the lagoon</li> <li>Do not design shelters at the lagoon area (island cannot be high enough to sustain building)</li> <li>Provide ramp and docks for varying degrees of paddling training</li> </ul>	<p>     </p> <p>II</p> <p>II</p> <p>II</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p> <p>I</p>



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<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>			
<b>GENERAL NOTES</b>	Eastwood Park offers year-round learning and recreational access throughout the site: children and adult educational programs, organized tour groups, active/passive trails for pedestrian, bicycles and water use. Lake side, heavily used for active recreation, can be designed for more related activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create native trails along the park and river corridors to link both north and south sections</li> <li>Provide ADA accessibility to major trails, docking, and access to all public facilities</li> </ul>		III
<b>CHILDREN'S PLAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace outdated traditional playgrounds, renovate and replace with nature-themed settings</li> <li>Provide recreational experiences for children to learn about water and land-use safety</li> <li>Theming of play components can help children enter the playscape as water drops that integrate to 'Dayton's water system', then exit out into nature again</li> <li>All play areas should be nature based</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design signature playground</li> <li>Restroom adjacent to playground is a necessity</li> <li>Nature play areas at the lagoon area</li> <li>Nature play areas at the lake side area</li> </ul>	III II II II
<b>LAND-BASED RECREATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the conservation principles followed by Five Rivers MetroParks, as outlined in the MetroParks Master Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add boot/water wash outdoor lean-to shelter stations with education interpretation</li> <li>Layout Appalachian trails without tents</li> <li>Develop looped 5K and 10 K distance trail for cross country runners, accommodating a width of 4-6 athletes running side-by-side</li> <li>Provide fitness stations along paths. Include self-contained workout circuits</li> <li>Develop multi-use trail to include winter cross country skiing</li> <li>Limit or disregard dog park and mountain biking</li> <li>Design for at least 4 stalls per each gender restroom facility for school designated venue</li> <li>Import soil for MoMBA trails</li> <li>Designate pollinator education areas – prairie garden or similar close to outdoor education area</li> <li>Renovate rugby field for an all-sport field</li> </ul>	IIIII III II II II II I I I
<b>CAMPING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a primitive campsite for hikers and cyclists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Yurt and primitive camping for hikers and cyclists: direct access off Buckeye trail and potentially near SW parking</li> </ul>	IIII
<b>AQUATIC RECREATION</b>	<p>Waterfront recreation is a critical component at the Eastwood Park, where water comprises over half of the park's total area. Motor boating and fishing are the most popular water sports, with motor boats limited only at Eastwood Lake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance amenities to expand educational user base</li> <li>Improve school programming and school use of RTA</li> </ul> <p>The Mad River is noted to be an important paddling destination, a spring-fed river which provides a 4-mile free flow paddling distance to the RiverScape MetroPark, Downtown Dayton.</p> <p>Avid rowers expressed interest to use the Eastwood lake to accommodate 2000 meter regatta races. The races may attract at least 2,000 spectators, but the lake's current configurations do not meet racing dimensional requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select lake and pond edge access</li> <li>NO PWC fueling in water</li> <li>Provide accessible and safe marina edge treatment for fishing, outdoor classroom, and water recreation</li> <li>Utilize EZ dock ADA systems</li> <li>Provide refilling station</li> <li>Design for at least 4 stalls per each gender restroom facility for school designated venue</li> <li>Design access to kayak areas for class exploration</li> <li>Design a paddling course in the lagoon (limited boating type)</li> <li>Designate permanently raised water level of lagoon or lower docks.</li> <li>Designate the starting course for kayaking at the white water section</li> <li>Model CanoeMobile for class exploration (<a href="https://www.wildernessinquiry.org">https://www.wildernessinquiry.org</a>)</li> </ul>	II II II II I I I I I I I



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## STEWARDSHIP & SITE MANAGEMENT

STEWARDSHIP  
AND  
PARTNERSHIP

The City of Dayton should be a vigilant steward of this public asset of natural green space and water bodies, while maintaining and pro-actively protecting the site and adjacent land

- Incorporate best storm water management practices while supporting balanced ecosystems
- Expand tour programs to educate the public about water and land management
- Promote conservation, restoration and recycling
- Strengthen partnerships for collaborative programs
- Expand the 'Take Back the Tap: UD River Steward Cohort' project to include children
- Coordinate with agencies and community for lagoon wetland clean up
- Always provide interpretive signage when appropriate or necessary

ACQUISITION  
AND LAND  
MANAGEMENT

- Due to the extreme change of grade at the NW bank of the Lake and the west property, it would not be cost-effective to provide similar water levels between adjoining bodies of water
- Encourage the City of Riverside to make environmental improvements to the property southeast of Eastwood Park along Springfield Street

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## ACTION CHECKLIST

- o Provide themed venues with WPAFB or install air force-themed monument
- o Create nutrient credits to the City
- o Select recycled materials in playground surfaces
- o Prioritize programs to eliminate invasives and re-mediate erosion
- o Coordinate with the Air Force Museum on 50-year master plan and new museum entry drive
- o Expand venues for WPAFB air force group picnics and 5K run
- o Provide a 20-mile back and forth organized run along south park / Downtown, modeled after Air Force training venue
- o Partner with WPAFB for public organized running routes
- o Reinforce pro-active collaborative programs linked by the Mad River Trail and the Kauffman Avenue Bikeway: WPARB, Huffman MetroPark and Huffman Prairie Trail, Creekside Trail, Wright State University and Fairborn.
- o Partner with local, county, and state-level agencies for trail connection enhancements: City of Dayton (Harshman Avenue/Mad River Bikeway), ODOT (SR 4), Ketterling and Beaver Creek (US 35), Green County (crossing Montgomery County line) and with Riverside (outside each of those jurisdictions). Springfield Street improvements include a new roadway section representative of a "Complete Streets" design. Long term projection of the "power of 10" for public places. Spread out the concentrated activities throughout the entire park
- o Provide themed venues for the community involvement
- o Prioritize phasing program for reforestation due to Emerald Ash Borer destruction and selection harvesting
- o Coordinate the use of water quality improvement equipment by Water Department
- o Coordinate and update City of Dayton for lagoon dredging plans
- o Coordinate with WSU on wetland modeling and monitoring
- o Secure topographic survey at the NW corner of the lake to confirm property and evaluate the acquisition of RR easement.
- o Coordinate the development with CXT (if allowed) of the SW parking lot area (port-o-potty, shelter, small playground/nature play)

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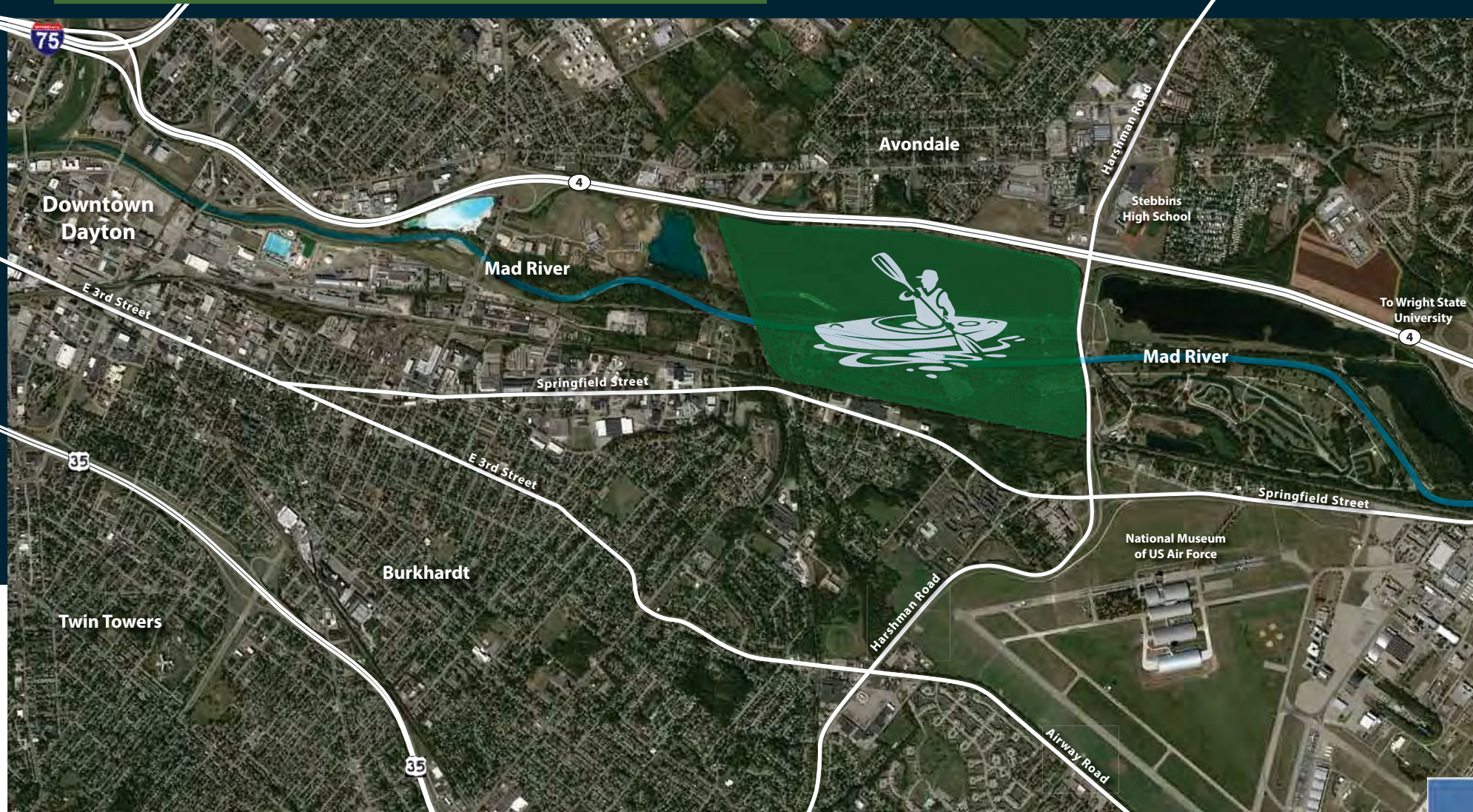
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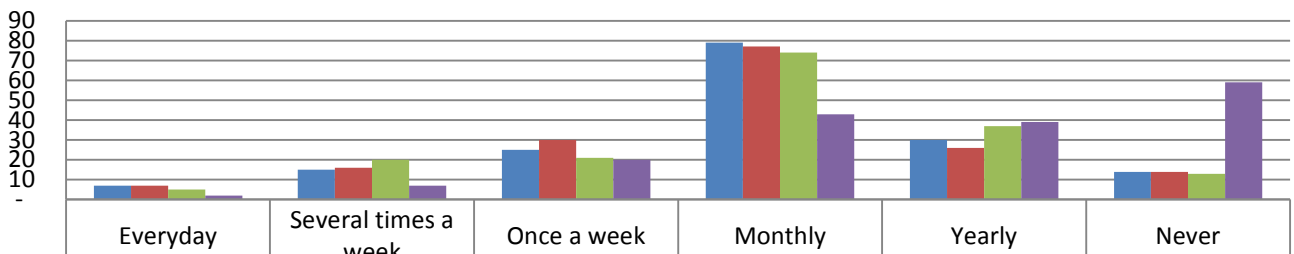
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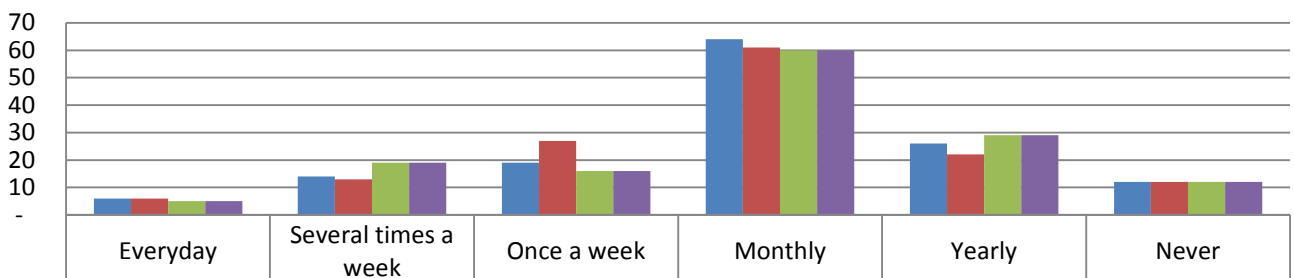


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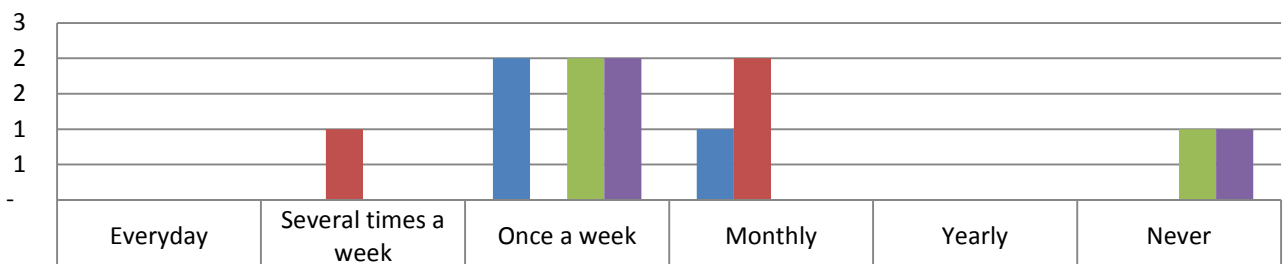
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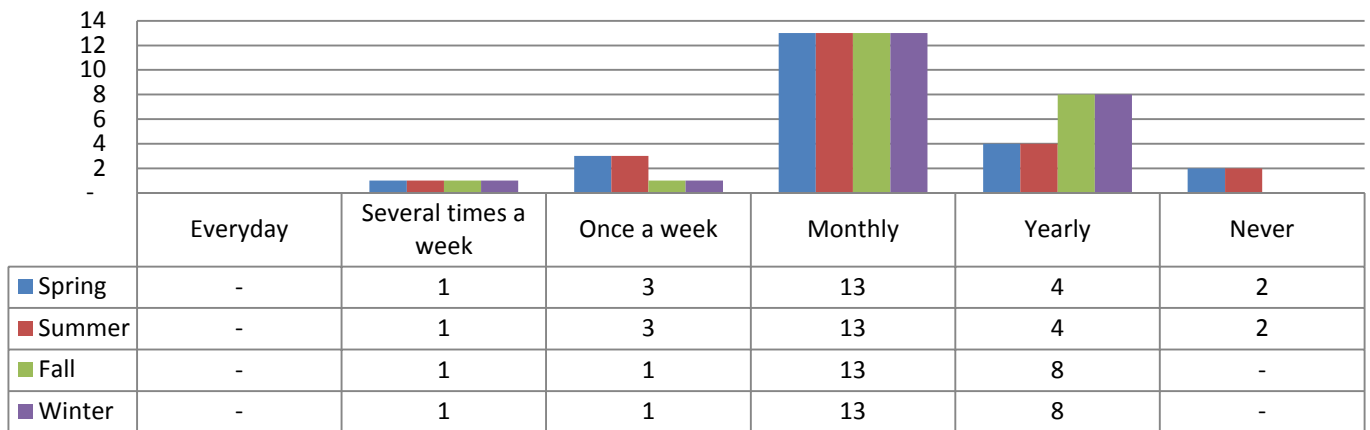
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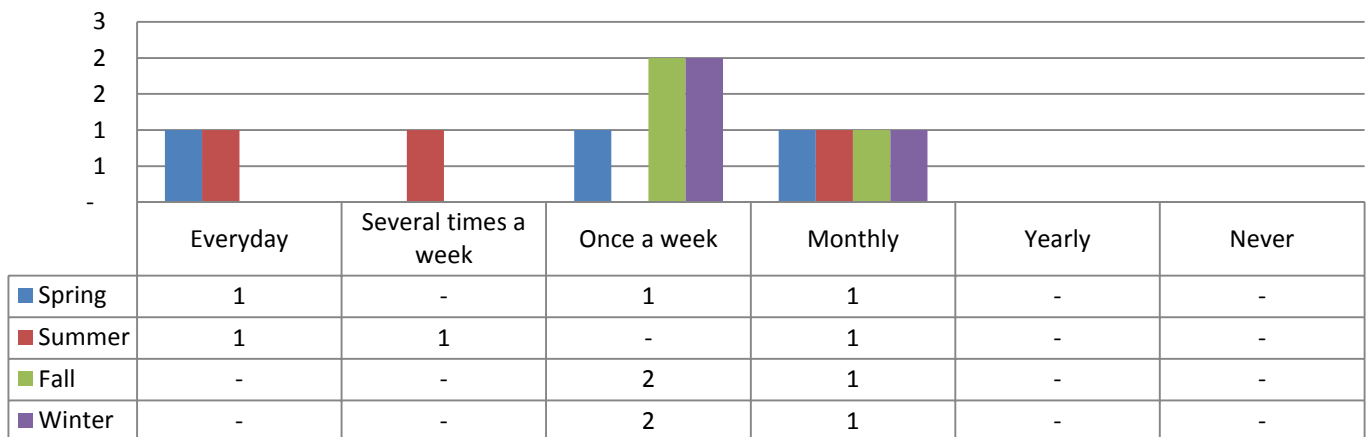


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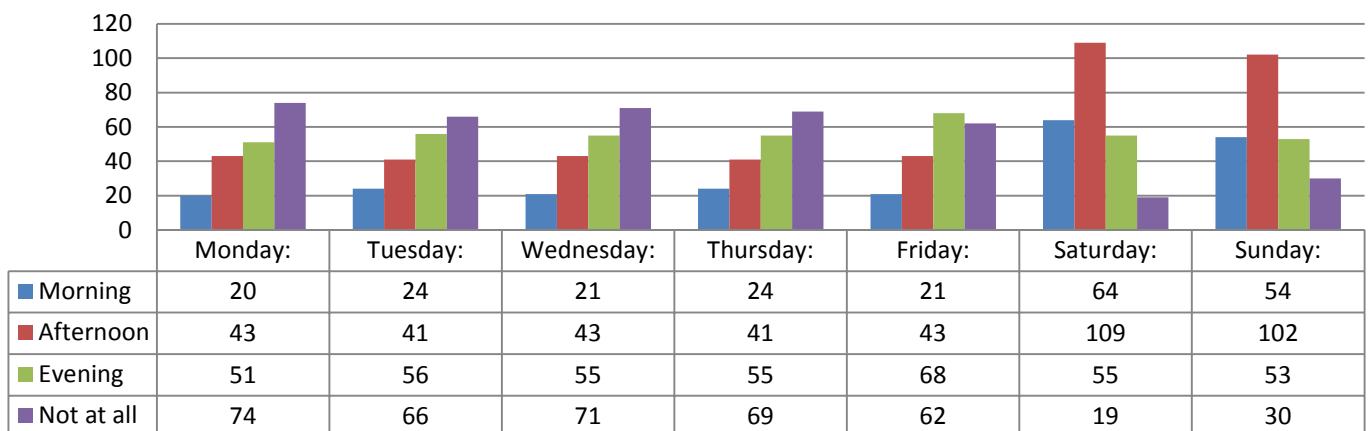
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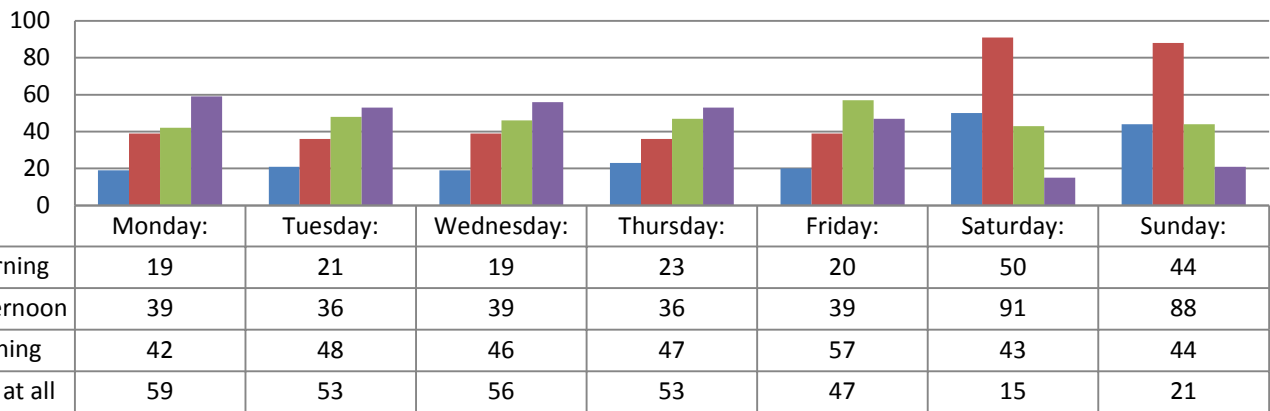
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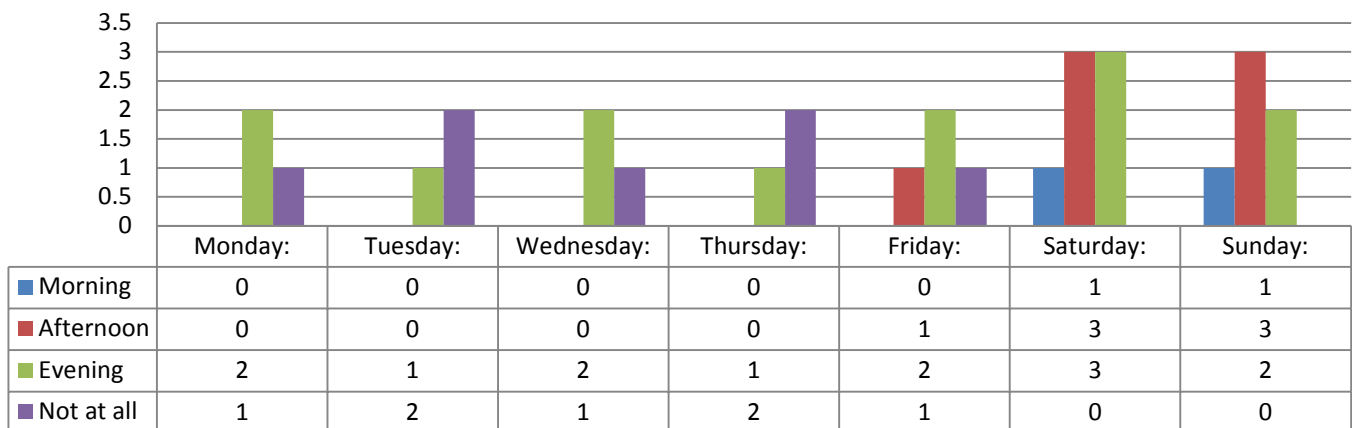
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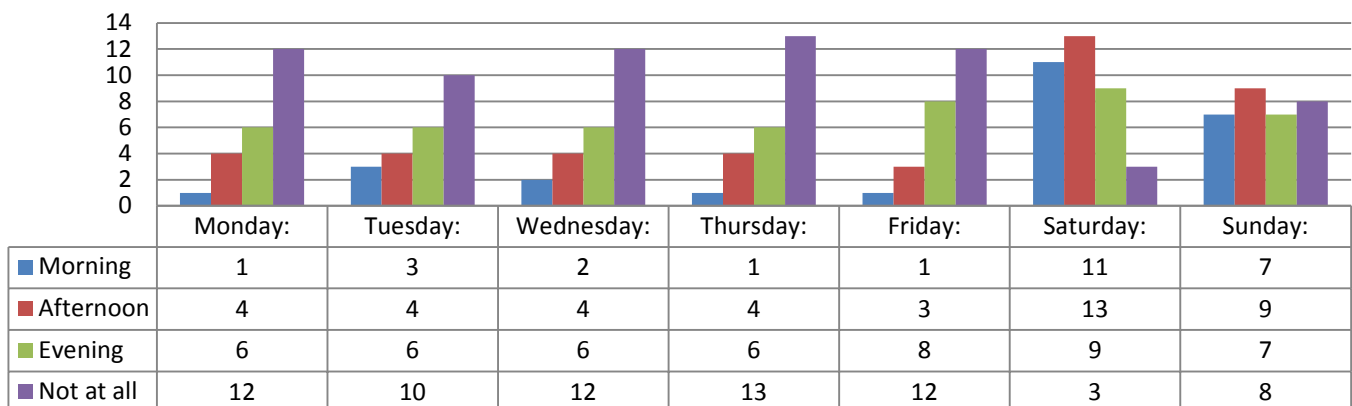
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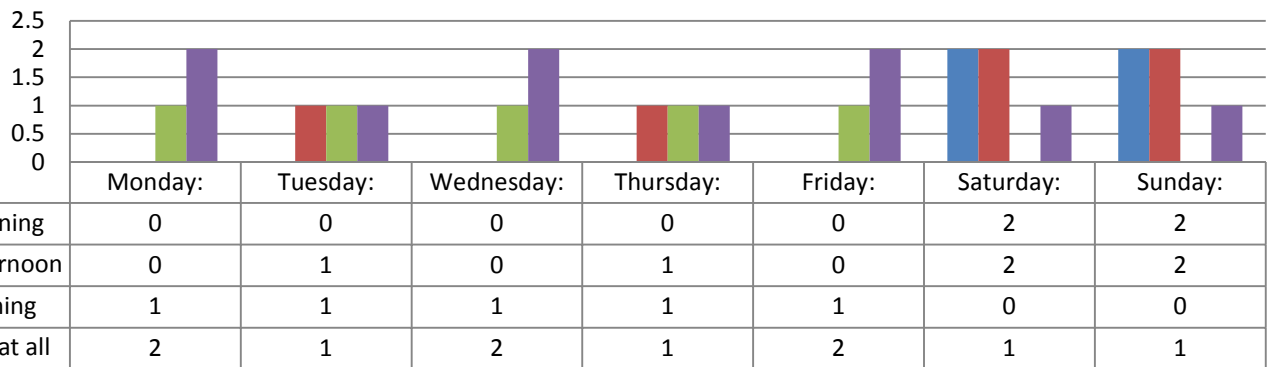


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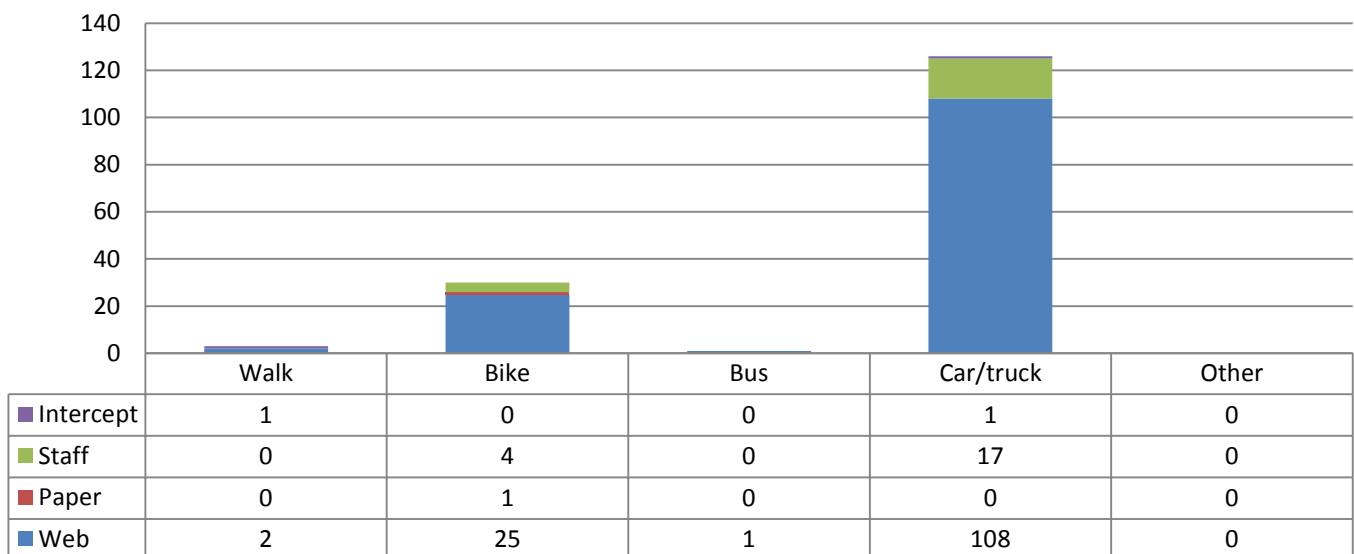




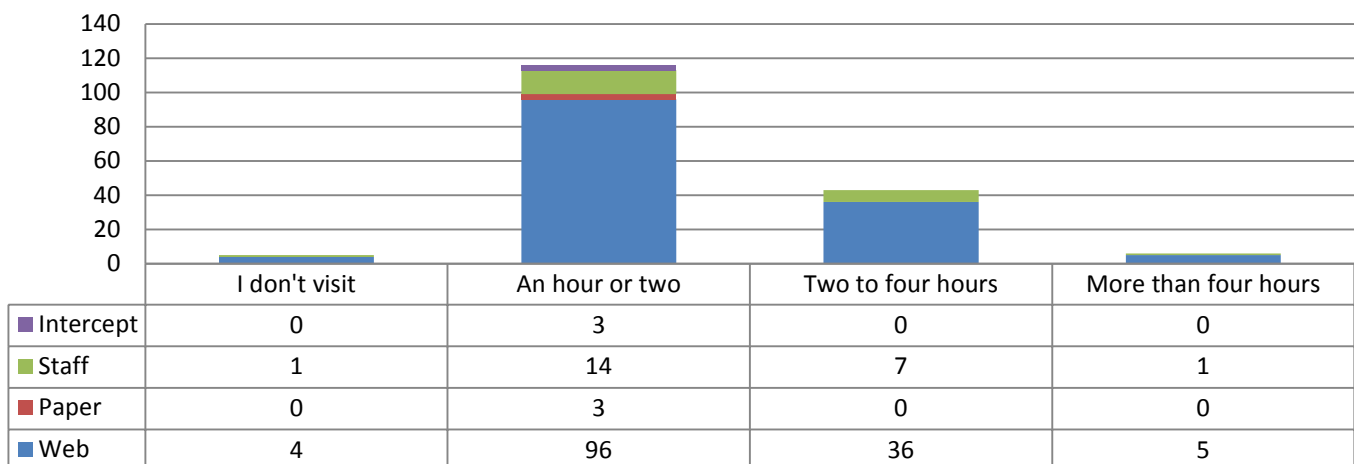
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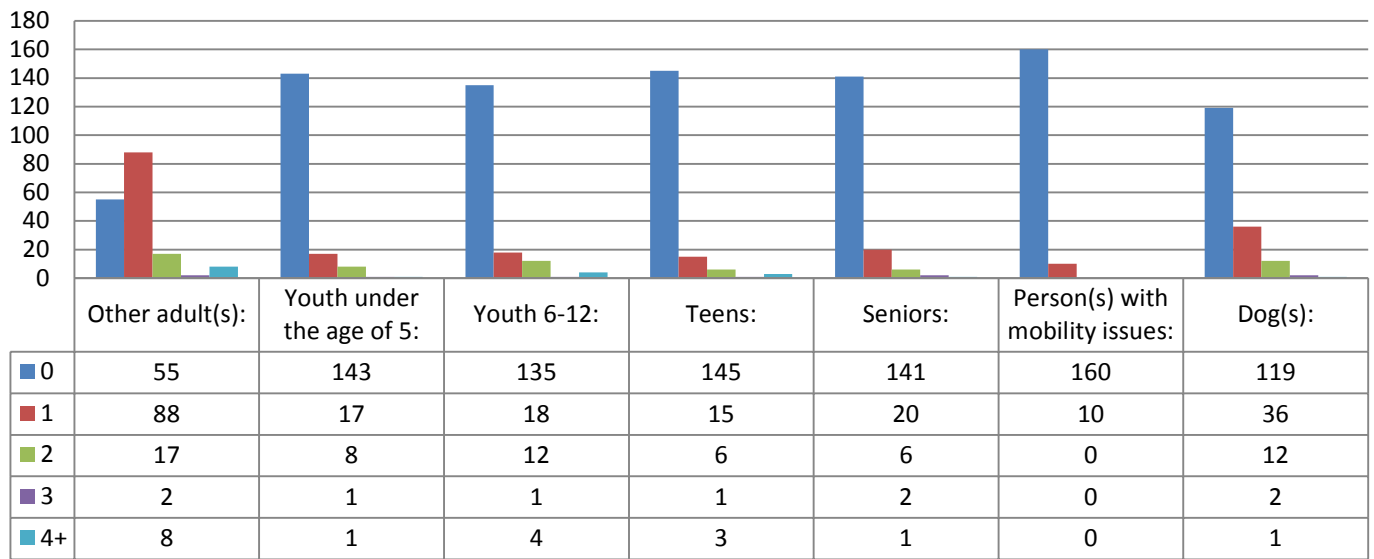
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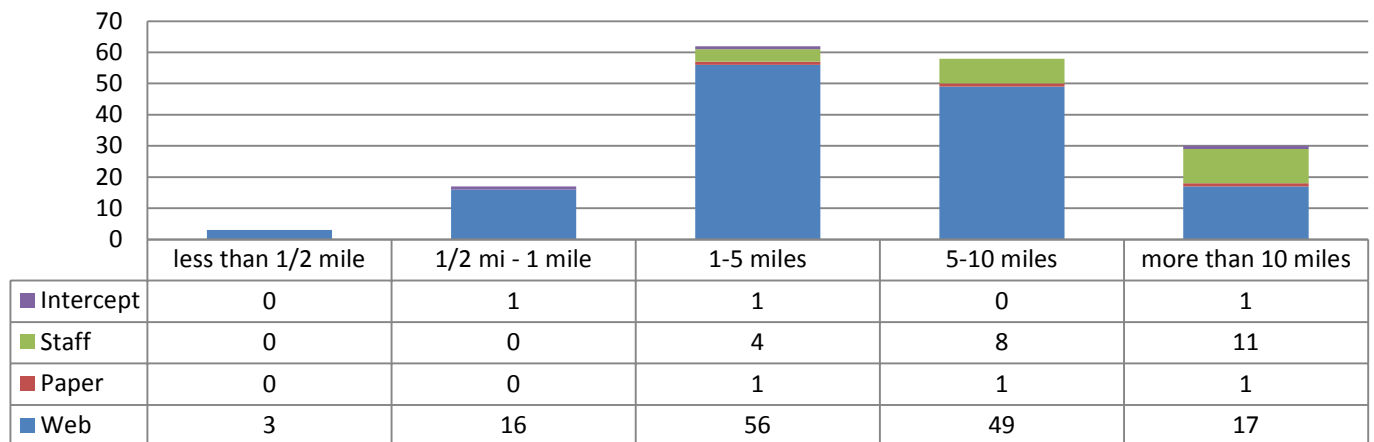
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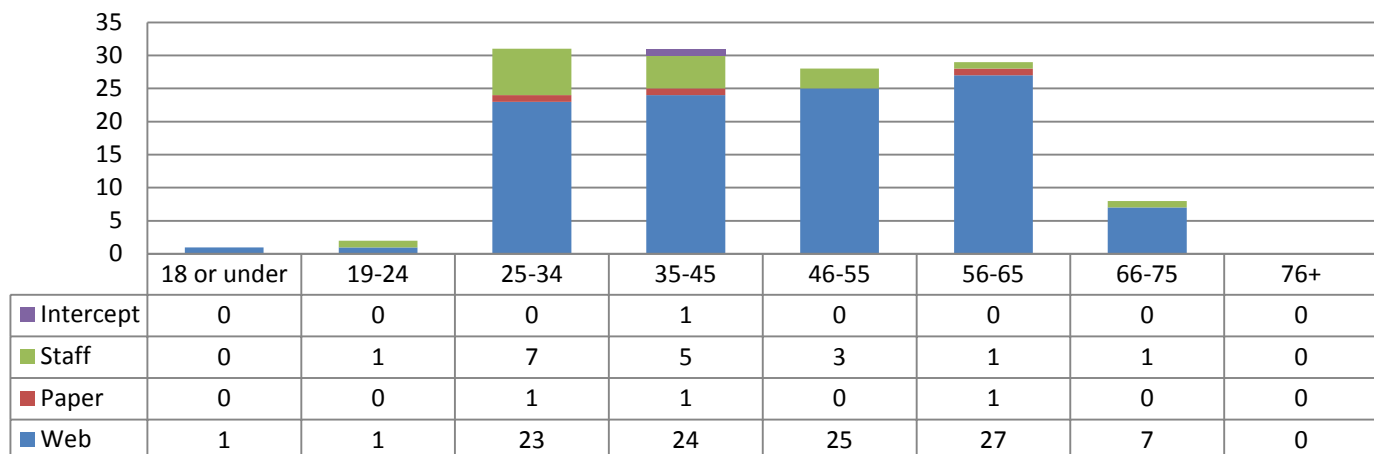
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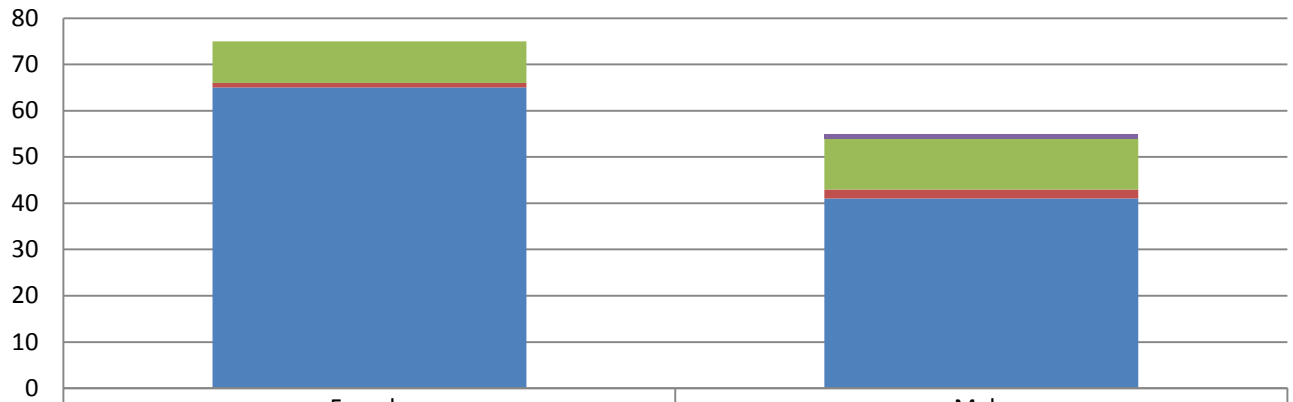
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## Age of Respondents

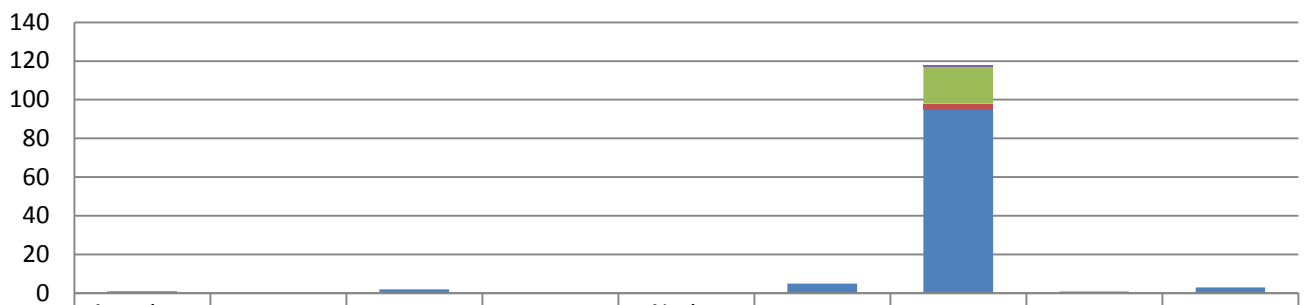


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	Female	Male
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Paper	1	2
Web	65	41

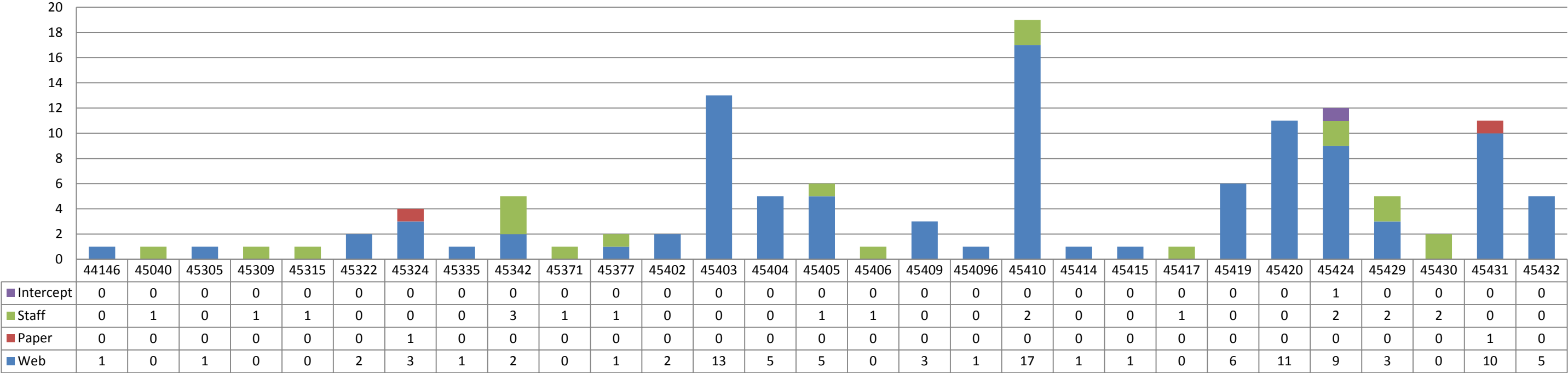
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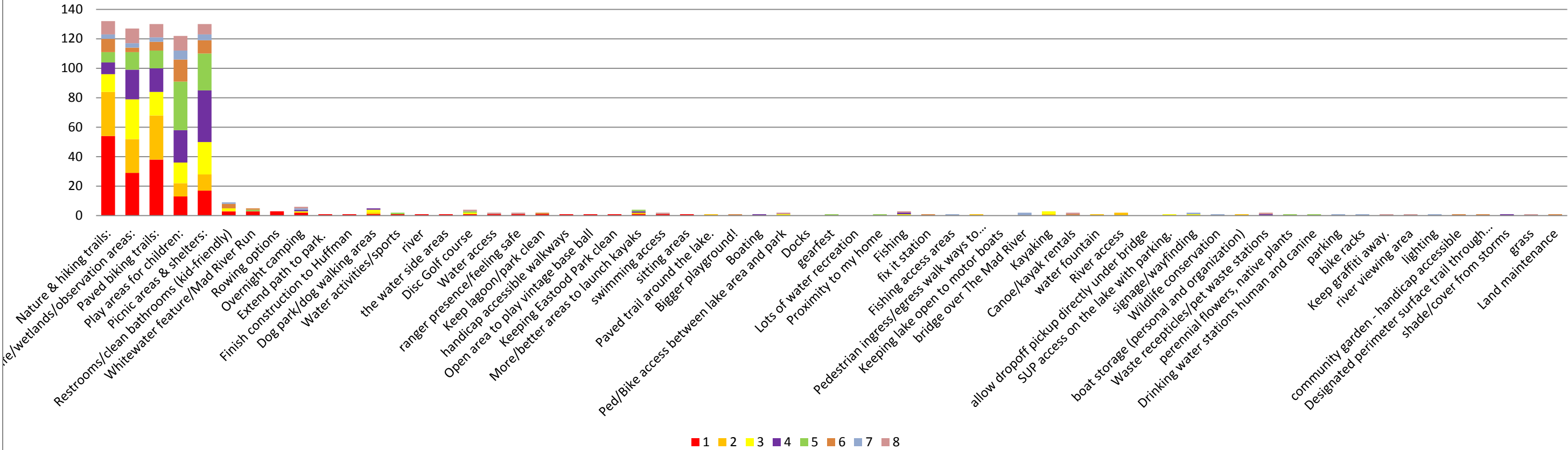
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Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1	0
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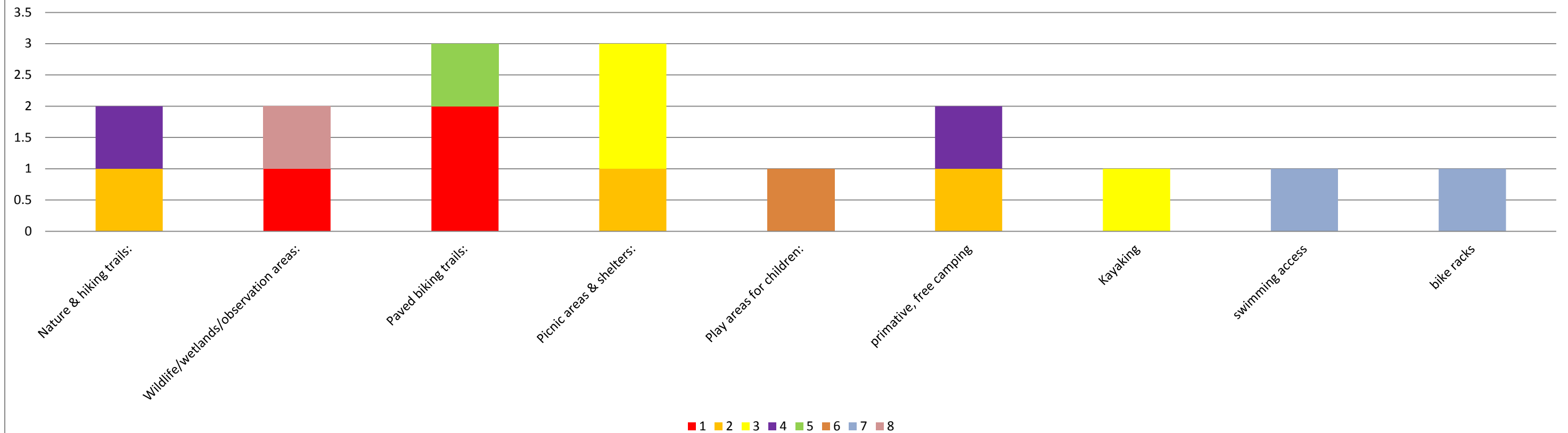
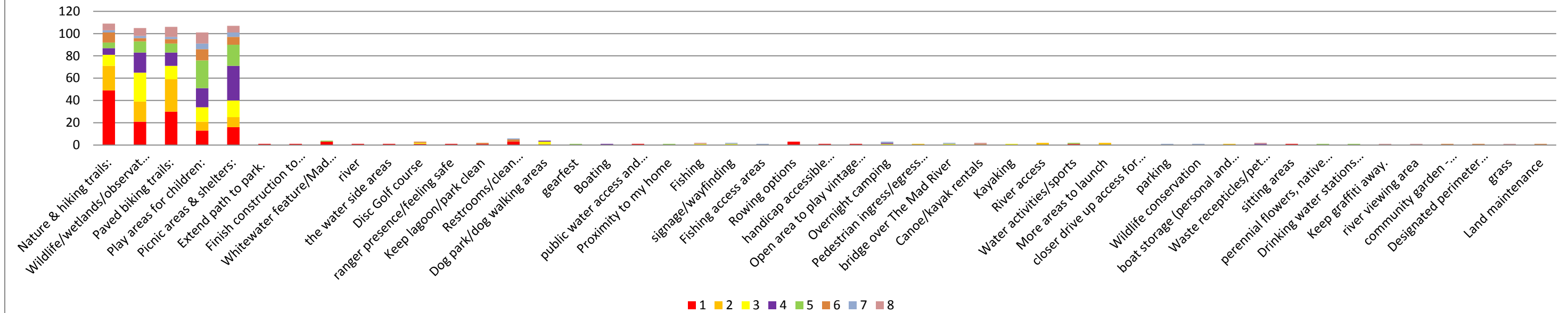


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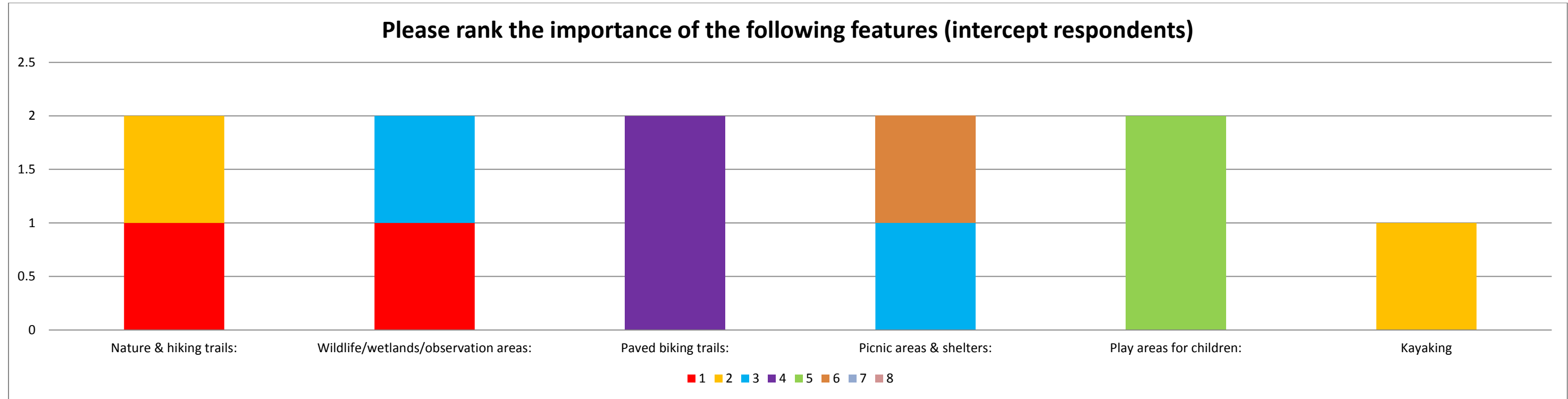
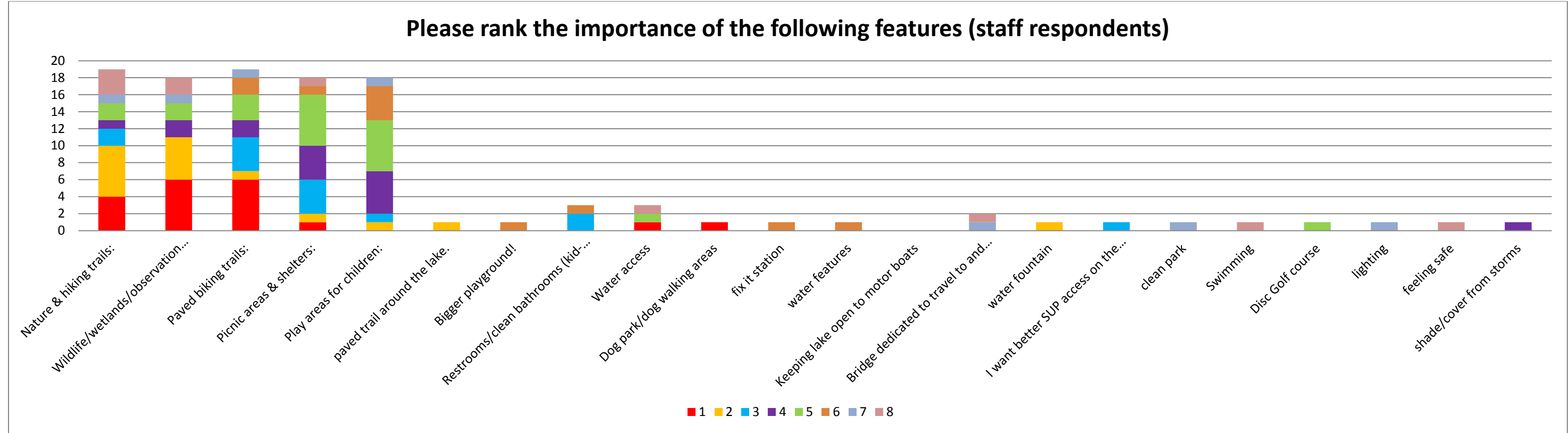


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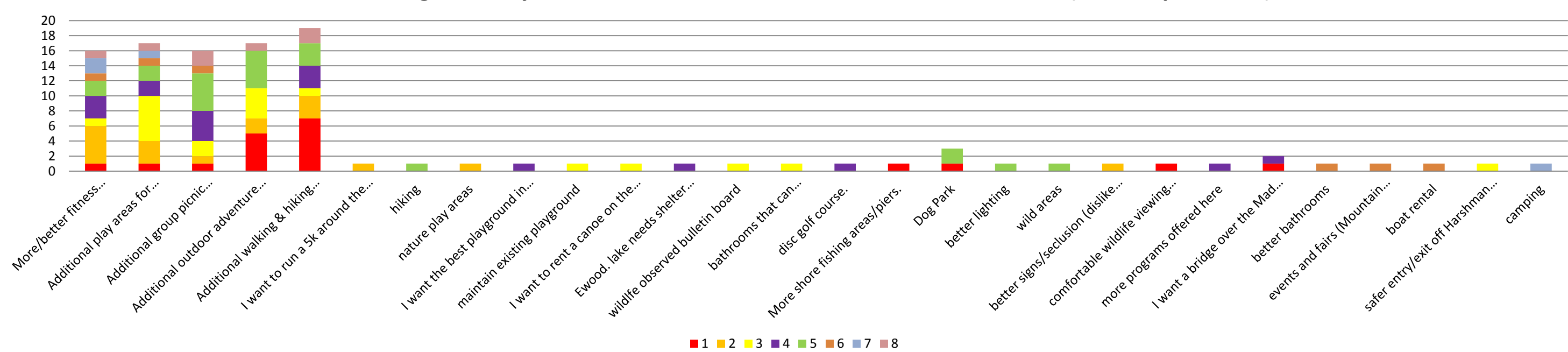








What things would you add to Eastwood MetroPark to make it better? (staff respondents)



What things would you add to Eastwood MetroPark to make it better? (intercept respondents)

