

4.0 Master Planning Process

1. Established a working core team
 1. Representatives from each functional area
 1. Bernadette Whitworth- Community Ecology Program Manager
 2. Brent Anslinger-Outdoor Recreation Program Manager
 3. Carrie Scarff-Chief of Planning and Projects
 4. Chris Pion- Director of Parks and Conservation
 5. Chris Romer- Executive Management Assistant
 6. Eric Sauer- Planning Manager
 7. Erik Dahlstrom- Outdoor Recreation Coordinator
 8. Joshua York- Education Coordinator
 9. Karen Hesser- Chief of Operations
 10. Katrina Arnold- Conservation and Nature Program Manager
 11. Laura Stevens- Interpretation Coordinator
 12. Lauren Stayer- Asquith- Education Specialist
 13. Lucy Beachdell- Education Coordinator
 14. Mary Klunk- Conservation Manager
 15. Michael Osborne- Park Manager (Now Regional Manager)
 16. Ron Bicknell- Regional Manager
 17. Trevor Hagedorn- Business Services Manager
 18. Trish Butler- Director of Marketing and Community Engagement
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. **Monday February 6th , 2017 – All meetings at Education Center**
 1. 8:00- 9:00 AM Kick Off Meeting- Meet with core team
 2. 9:00-11:00 AM- Drive and initial tour of the park
 3. 11:00-11:30- Quick Lunch/ travel to open house/ Open House Set Up

4. 11:30 AM till 1:30 PM-Public Open House
5. 2:00-3:00 Meet with FRMP Operations Staff
6. 3:30-4:30 Meet with interpretive staff
7. 4:30-5:30- Dinner
8. 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM- Public Open House

2. **Tuesday February 7th , 2017**

1. 8:00-9:00 Meet with key volunteers
2. 9:00-12:30 Walking and in depth tour of the park- Site analysis (includes public safety)
3. 12:30-1:00 Lunch and Team Discussions
4. 1:30-2:30 Meet with community stakeholders
5. 3:00-4:00 Meet with Program Staff
6. 4:00-5:00 Meet with core team for wrap up
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

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Park Position Description

Typology: Community Park

Brand Statement: Make Lasting Family Memories

Interpretive Themes/Storylines

Core -Themes:

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

Interpretive theme for site: Past farmland provides a safe place to try new activities for healthy happy lives.

Sub-themes:

- Explore outside to de-stress, get fit, and have a more active lifestyle.
- Outdoor adventures create lasting memories.
- At Possum Creek you can see the relationships we have with nature.
- Possum Creek is a place to go to feel connected to nature.

Storylines specific to site:

- Getting started with outdoor adventures is easy with many beginner friendly recreation activities - try an activity with the family/social group.
- Argonne Forest amusement park – changing uses through time.
- Community gardens provide nutritious, local food, and a social gathering space – improving health and well-being one seed at a time.
- Biodiversity is a critical part of the survival and health of our natural world and food systems.

Other opportunities to connect to agency-wide themes:

- Each park tells a story from the past
- We can all take part in conservation

Staff Survey Summary

1 PCMP **5**

Natural areas	2.6	Developed areas
High energy uses	3.4	Quiet uses
Facilitated education	2.2	Interpretive education
Typical uses	3.9	Unique uses
Nature-based recreation	2.6	Built recreation
Big groups / community atmosphere	3.4	Intimate groups / solitude
Serves broad interests	2.9	Serves niche interests
Draws regionally	2.9	Draws from close by
Facilitated use	3.7	Independent use
Many different users coming infrequently	3.8	Same users coming consistently
Similar to other parks	2.9	Distinctive, unlike other parks

Environment & Community
Sincerity (Tied)
Competence

Natural
Down-to-Earth
 Pleasant
 Appealing
 Family oriented
 Local
 Outdoorsy
Honest
 Community-based
 Genuine
 Likable
 Welcoming
 Laid back
 Cheerful
 Inclusive
 Sustainable
 Reliable
 Cheerful
 Real
 Fun
 Friendly
 Wholesome

- Local
- Natural
- Pleasant
- Appealing
- Green
- Accessible
- Family oriented
- Welcoming
- Fun
- Outdoorsy
- Community-based

Protected,
Managed/Stewarded,
Precious,
Open,
Wild,
Lasting,
Genuine,
Refreshing,
Complex Ecosystems.

Younger than average user base.

Slightly less educated user base.

Above average diversity.

Come from larger households.

Visit the park in larger groups.

Rely more heavily on activity or event to drive them there.

More likely to return many times for activities or events.

Lower tendency towards independent use.

Working-class	Honest
Small town	Reliable
Inclusive	Down-to-Earth
Philanthropic	Trustworthy
Sentimental	Hard working
Old-fashioned	Irreverent
Polite	Laid back
Intelligent	Serious
Young	Adventurous
Playful	

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He was approached recently by a land developer about some of the acres on the back 40 for a new sub-division. Daniel let the man give his speech and then kindly asked him to head on down the road. This land was going to be his son's one day, and he'll take care of until he's ready to take it on.

Daniel also likes to fish and camp with his buddies and their families. They have a favorite spot on a neighbor's farm right on the banks of the Twin Creek. The kids love to wade in and catch minnows with their bare hands. He loves to see their faces light up when he builds a camp fire.

Possum Creek MetroPark scored lowest among all MetroParks for the following questionable descriptors. This should be kept in mind, as these could be problematic:

Upper-Class	Feminine	Accessible
Classy	Glamorous	

1. Users were generous with their scores, one could assume that they are easier to please.
2. Users more likely to come to activities or events than use the park independently.

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MASTER PLAN: PRELIMINARY FOR REVIEW

August 11, 2017



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MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

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REFERENCES:

POD Design Conceptual Program Guideline Notes

Possum Creek Site-Plan Interpretive Prospectus, FRMP

Site Assessment Form Interpretive Visitor Experience Perspective, FRMP

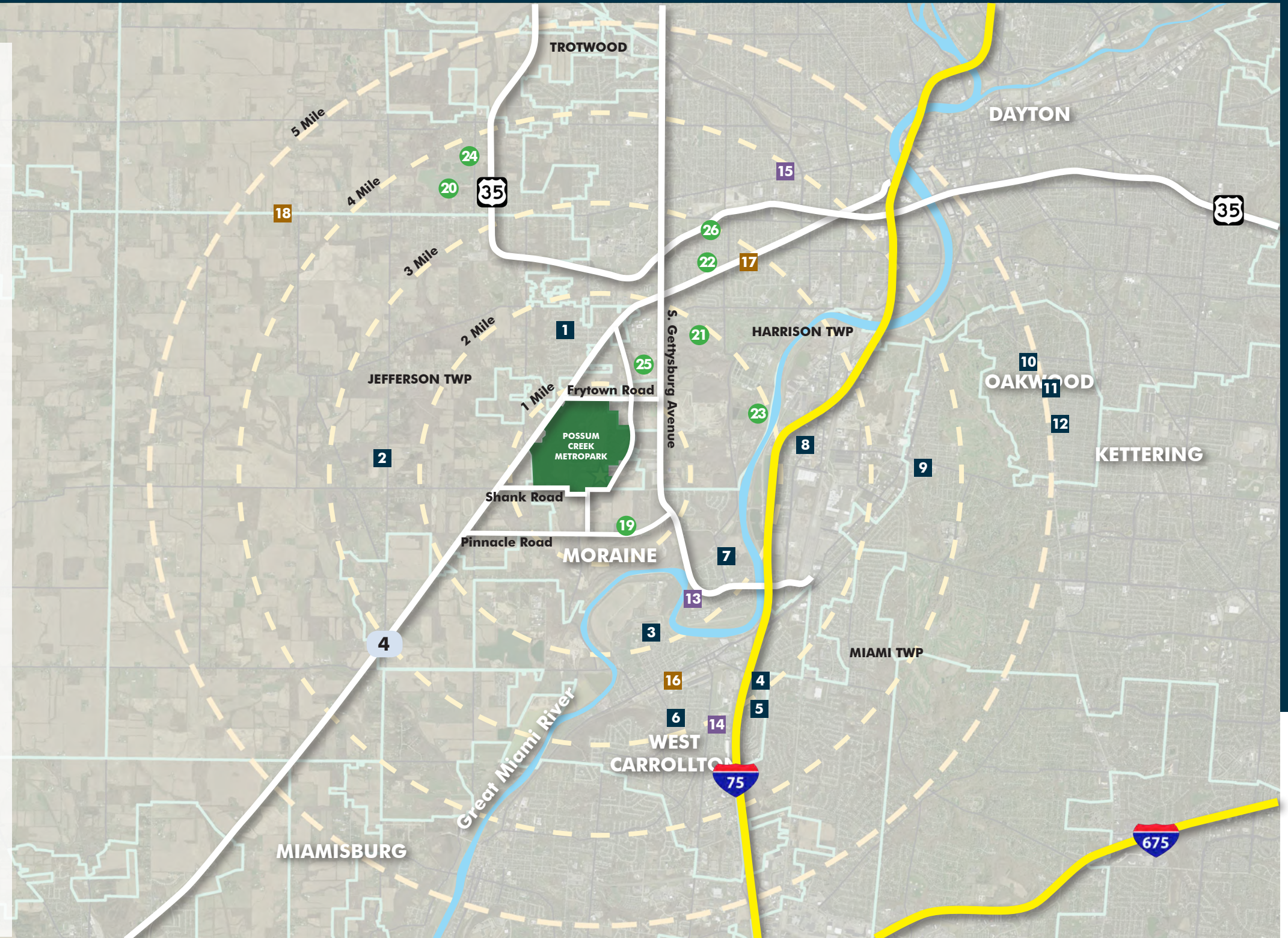


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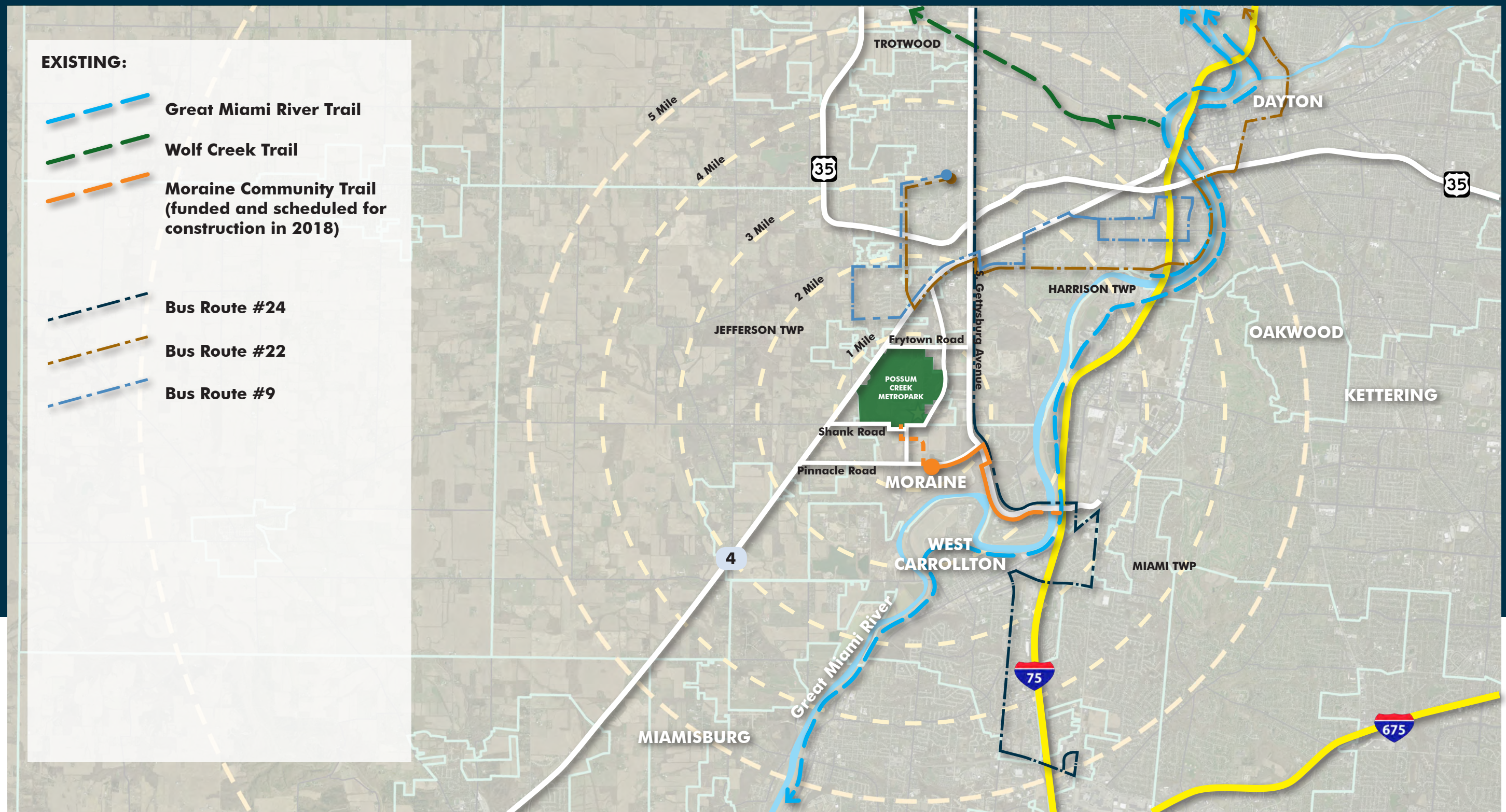


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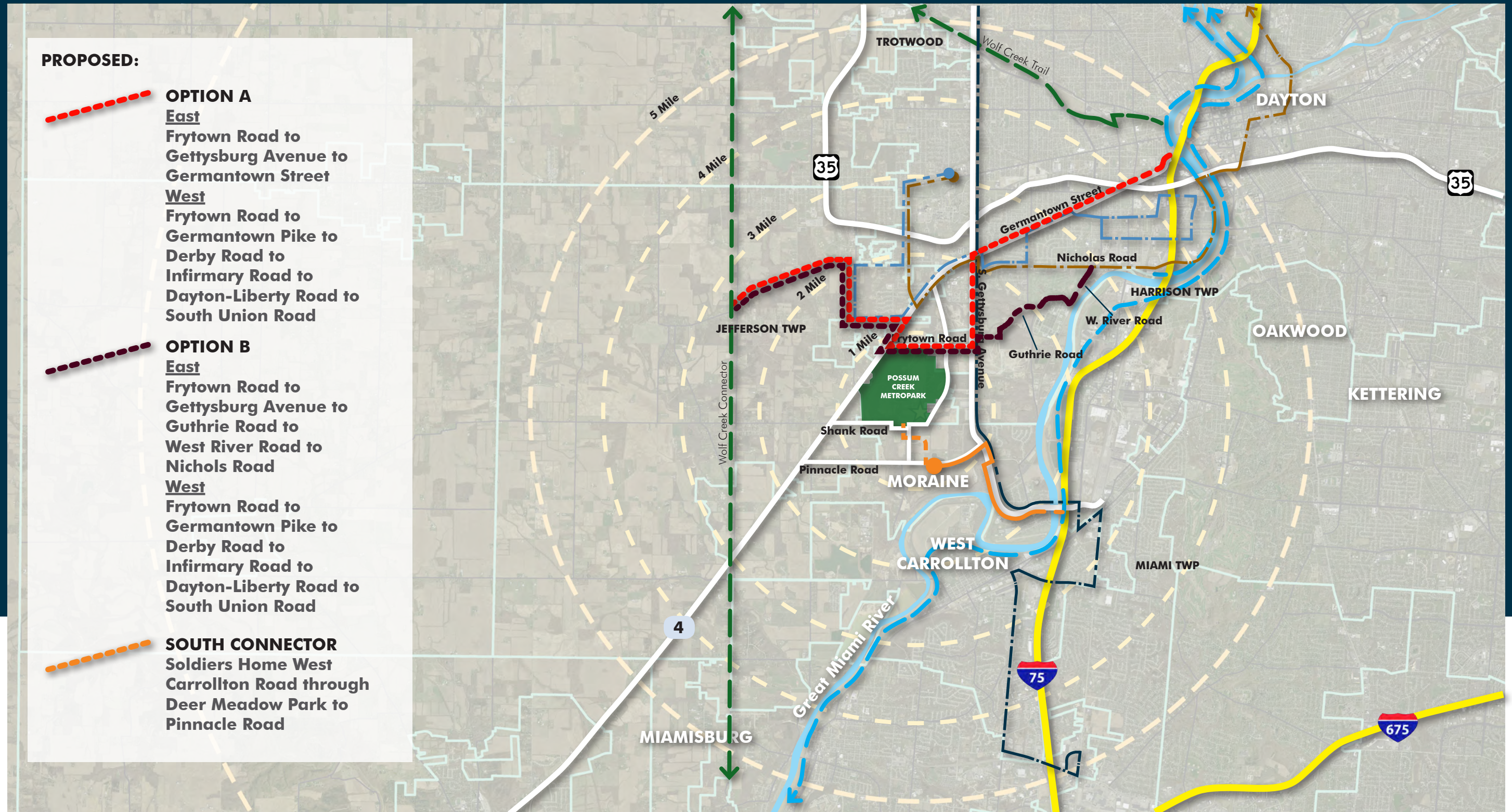
- 1** Blairwood Elementary
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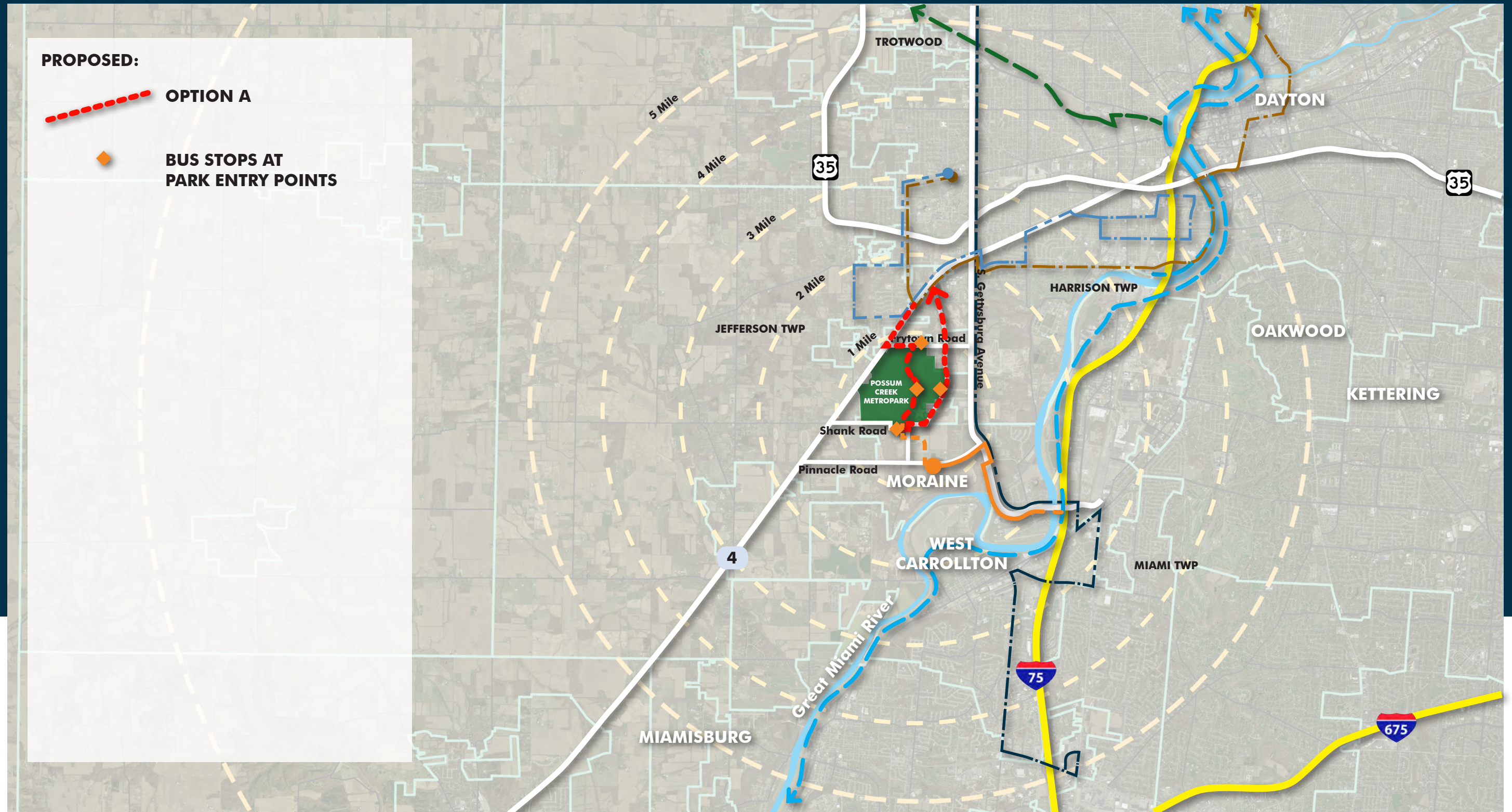
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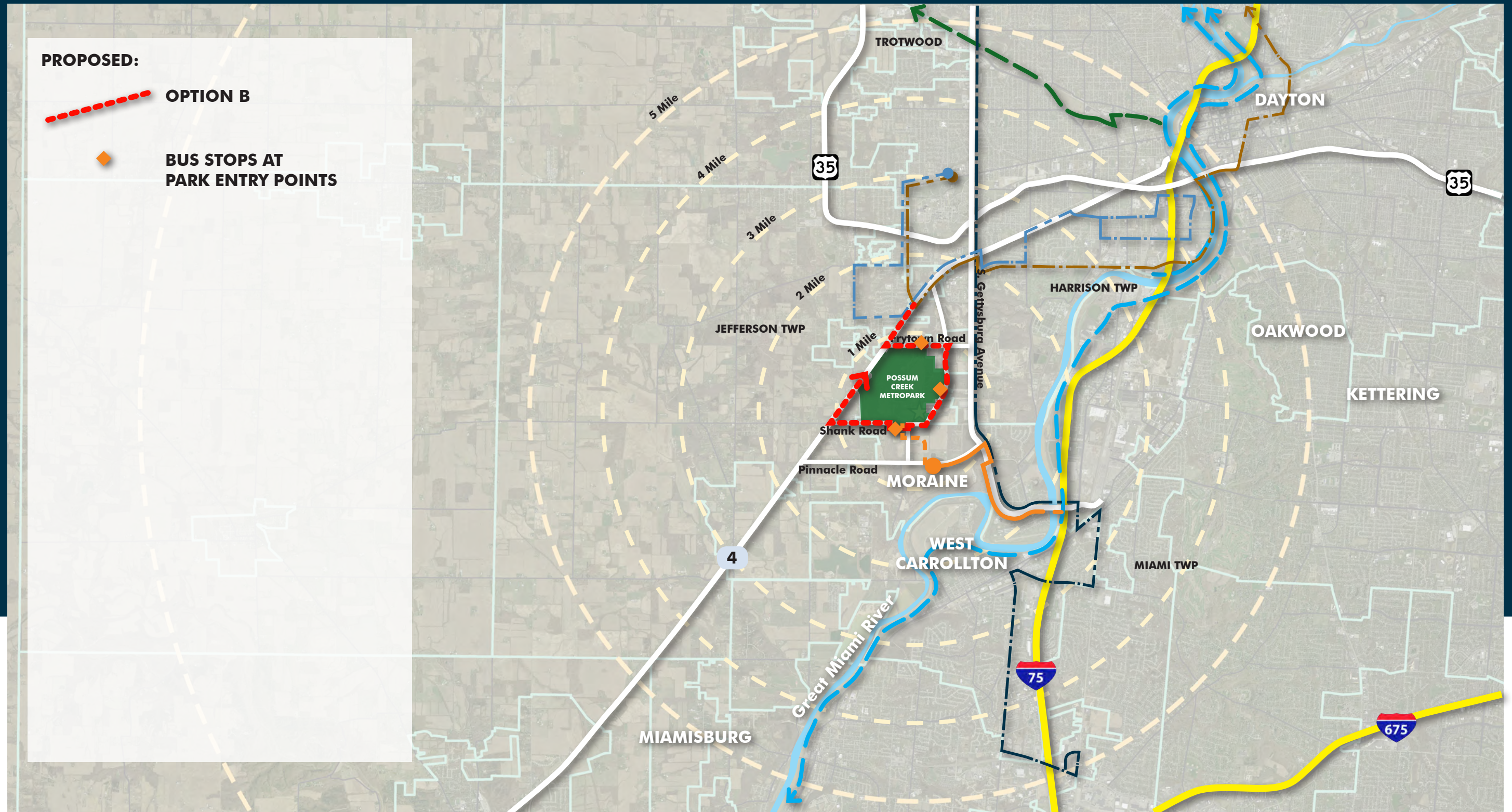


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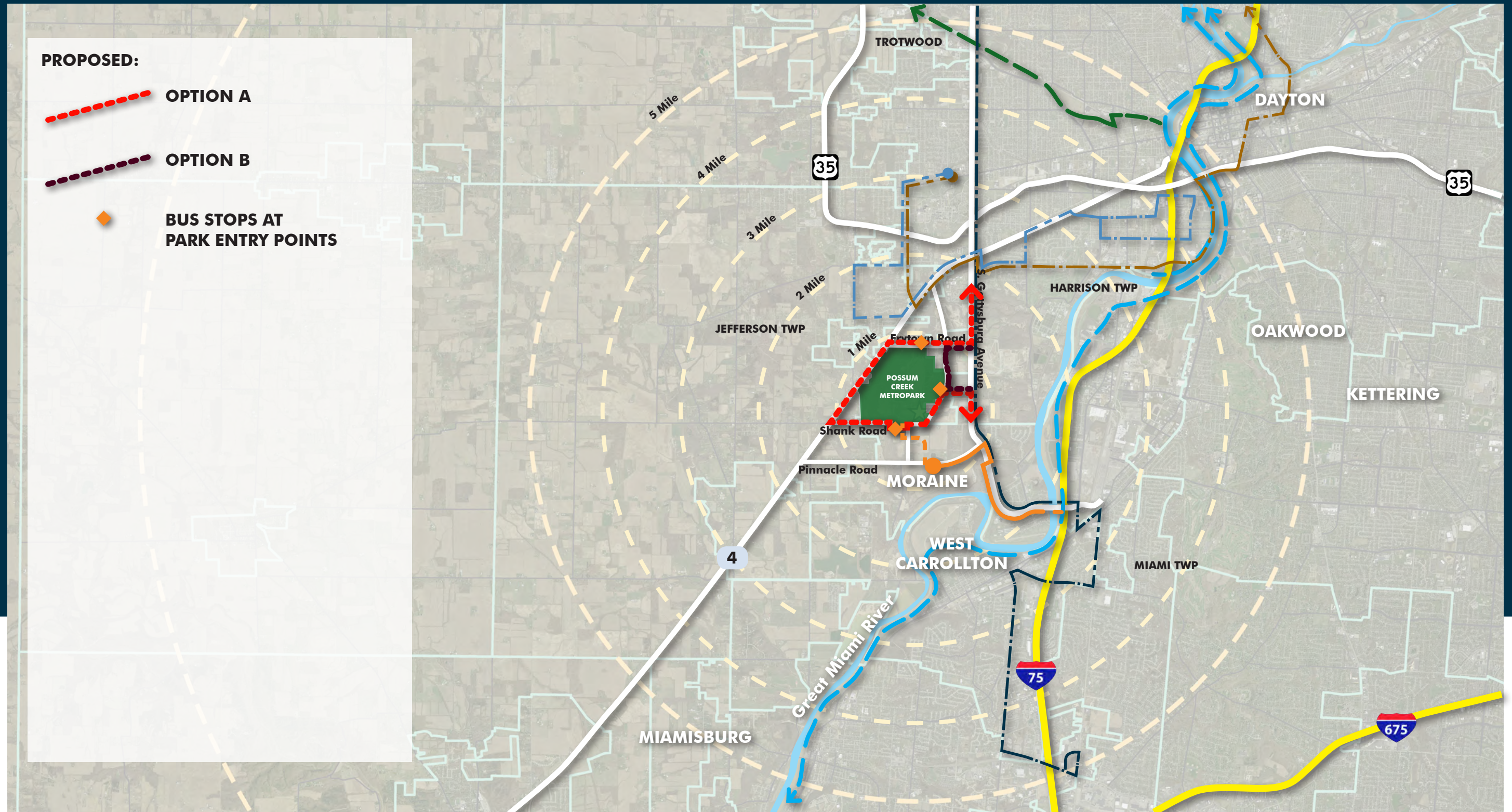
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EXPERIENCE
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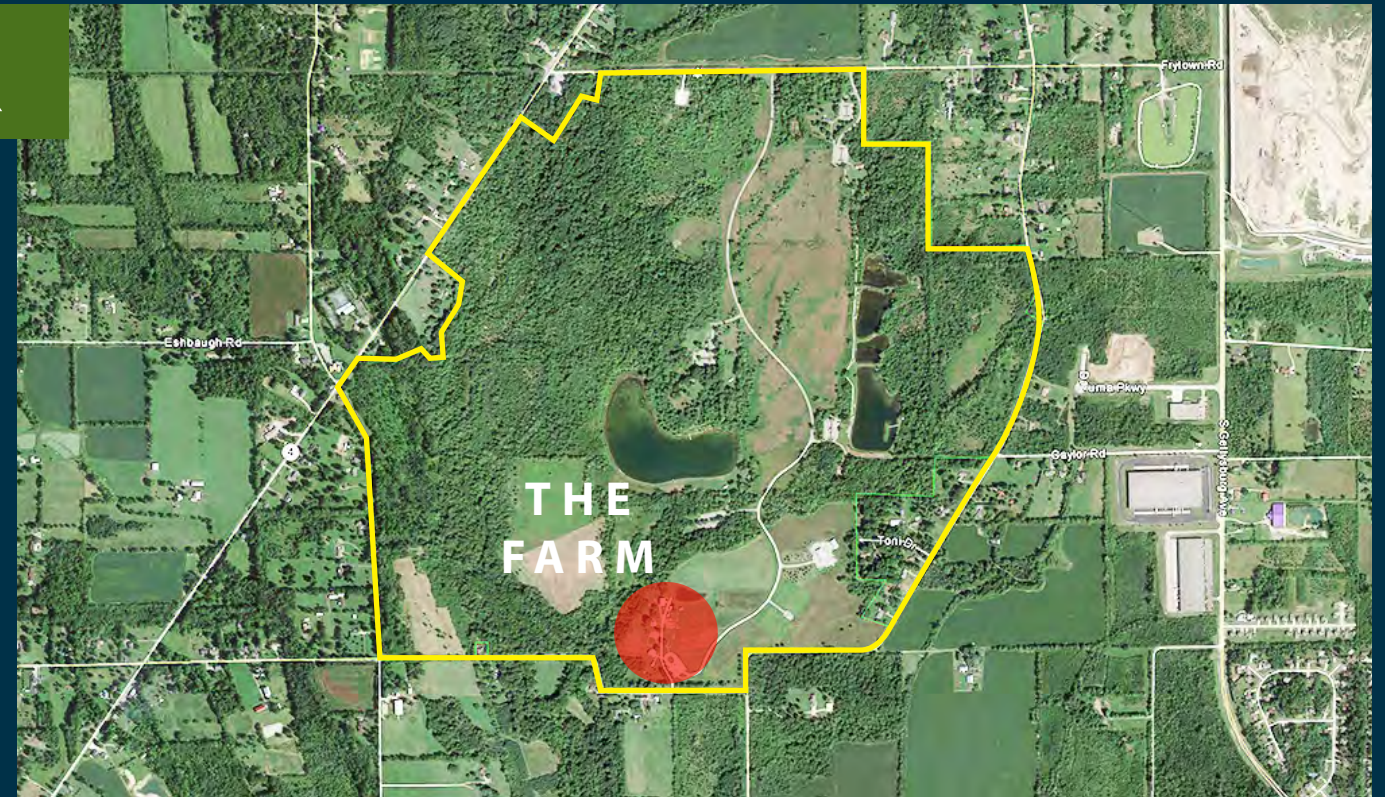
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VISITOR EXPERIENCE

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THE FARM

The original farmhouse of the Noffsinger family, was built in the 1830s and through a series of small farmland lots, was farmed through the 1960s. It serves as a good example of Federal and Georgian style architecture. It currently serves as the central location within the park for farm and farm animal interpretation, education and programming.



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o Popular with organized facilitated school groups
- o Popular with non-organized non-facilitated walk-ins
- o Has a 'timeless' quality of a day-to-day farm
- o Small scale garden and food production education occurs on site
- o Barnyard animals provide 'living interpretation'
- o Modern day complement to Carriage Hill MetroPark
- o The Kaylor (Holderman) Family Cemetery, while not directly adjacent, is a clear reminder of the site's ancestry
- o Farm includes the main farmhouse, barn, rabbit house, chicken coop, greenhouse, pond, open fields, fenced pasture, shelter, restrooms, education center and parking
- o A small nature play area currently exists
- o Pedestrian/vehicular conflict currently exists
- o Pond has very poor water quality
- o Kitchen has limited space and appliance usage
- o Poor site lighting hampers evening events

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THE FARM

DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Increase rental opportunities at the barn and education center
- o Increase social event rentals such as weddings and corporate outings in an iconic destination building
- o Add farm history interpretation and signage
- o Identify an area for a 1/4 acre demonstration farm that identifies:
 - Farm to table opportunities
 - Raised garden beds
 - Pollinator garden and benefits
 - Take home ideas
 - Take home produce
- o Utilize the second story of the barn for classroom space
- o Consider relocation of the community gardens to the farm
- o Created a centralized community garden 'hub' that includes:
 - Shade
 - Storage
 - Water
 - Bike racks
 - Accessible raised beds
- o Make greenhouse improvements to include:
 - Alternative energy sources
 - Water, electric and circulation to operate aquaponics
 - Shade for programming
- o Relocate existing wind mill to operate and improve the water quality of the pond



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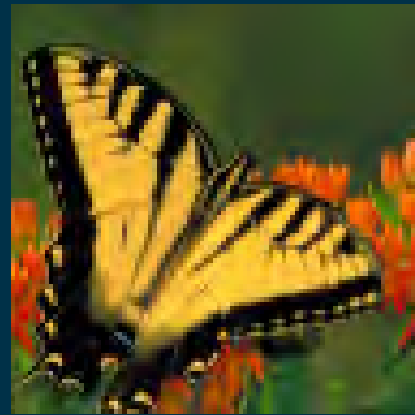
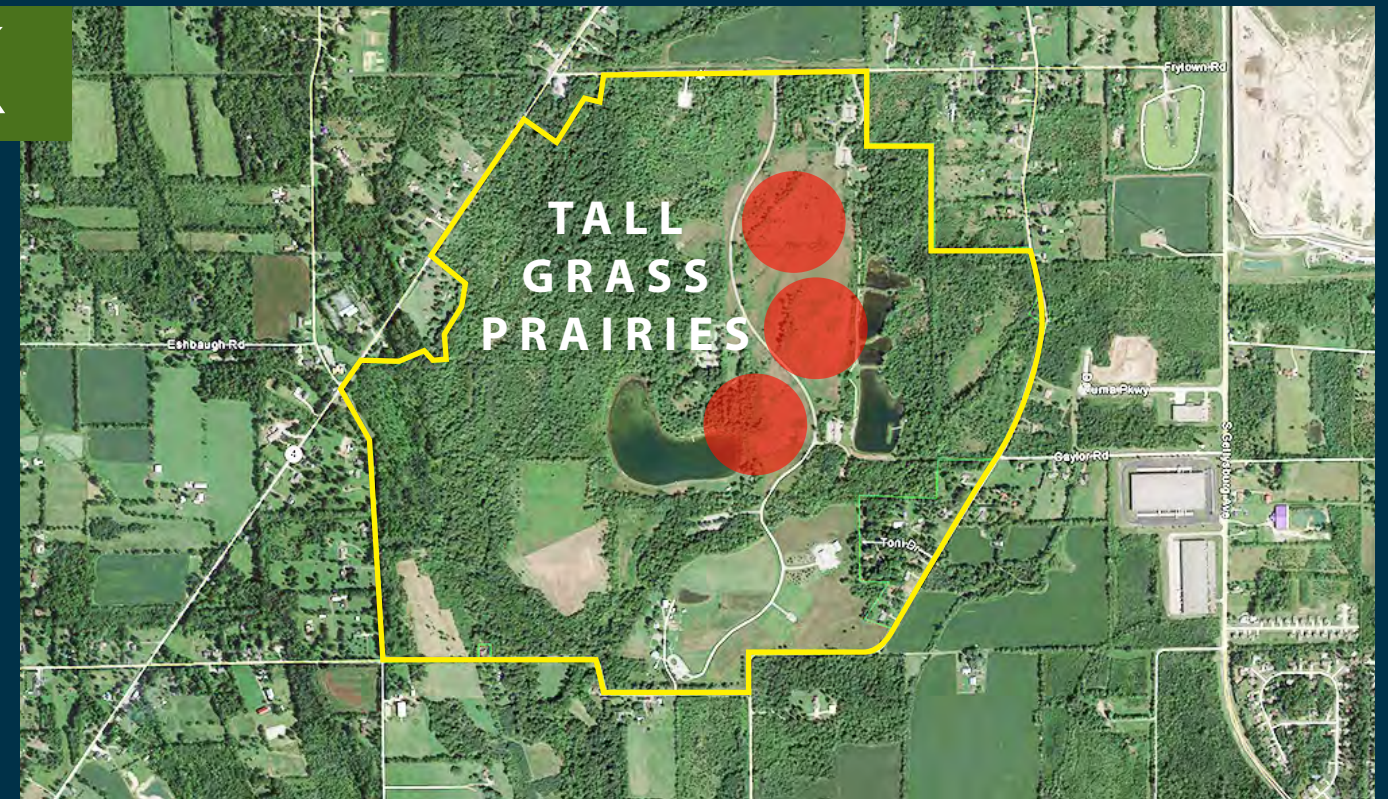
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- o Increase depth of the pond and include a safety shelf
- o Create a paved trail around the pond
- o Add a children's sledding hill behind the education center
- o Develop a signature Nature Playscape to include:
 - Farm elements
 - Water
 - Treehouse
 - Earth form
 - Plant material
 - Other natural materials
- o Plant fruit trees and improve orchard
- o Develop a 'Private Lake Meal' venue
- o Provide an iconic destination building for rental
- o Secure the Kaylor Family cemetery with historic fencing
- o Improve site lighting for evening events
- o Provide a traditional garden directly adjacent to the farmhouse
- o Create a 'Mobile Garden Food Truck' to reach out to local neighborhoods and farm markets

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TALL GRASS PRAIRIES

One of the most diverse planted prairies in the State of Ohio. Over 100 acres, it is composed of plant material not commonly found in other habitats.



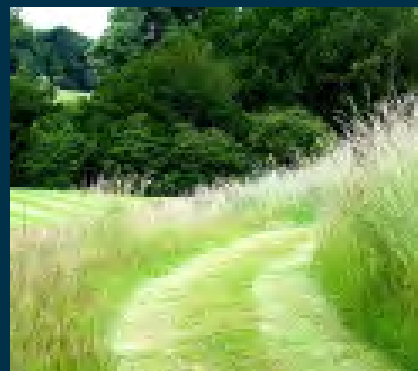
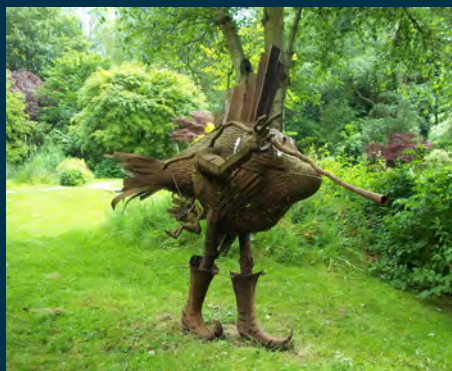
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o Great open vistas
- o Provides watershed views through the Miami Valley to other connected areas of the park
- o Plentiful and colorful wildflower areas
- o Migratory bird area
- o Existing mown paths provide direct and easy access to all of the prairies
- o The main entry drive provides a meandering vehicular path through the main prairie area
- o Several poorly drained areas provide difficult passage during wet times of the season



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TALL GRASS PRAIRIES



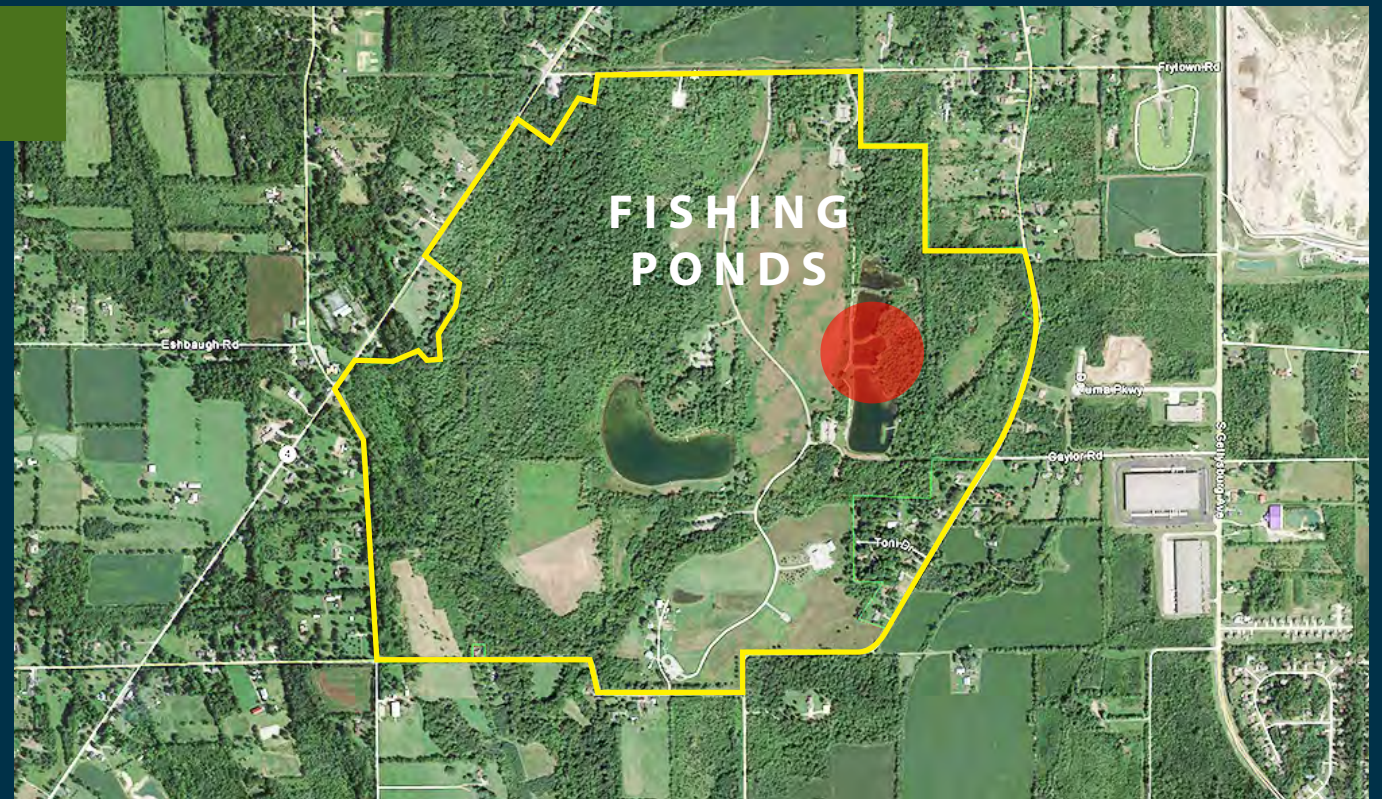
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- o Provide secure Bison pens to accommodate female Bison within a variety of viewable areas
 - Bison bull averages 2000 pounds: 8 acres range each
 - Bison cow averages 1000 pounds: 4 acres range each
- o Add overlooks within the prairies and lakes
- o Locate high points for long-range vistas from the prairies toward Argonne Lake
- o Locate high points for long-range vistas from the prairies toward the Bison pens
- o Integrate trails into the prairies and wetlands
- o Provide opportunities for additional sculptures and land art to complement the 'I Invite You' art display
- o Provide a 'signature' overlook tower for elevated viewing opportunities

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FISHING PONDS/WILDLIFE

Fish stocked ponds are a popular destination for non-licensed fishing. Ponds are enjoyed by people of all age groups and demographics. Currently, catfish, bass, and trout are stocked in the lower three multi-tiered water features. The northern most pond permits only catch and release activity.

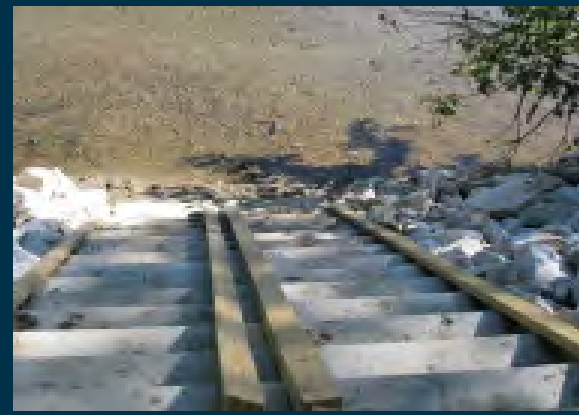
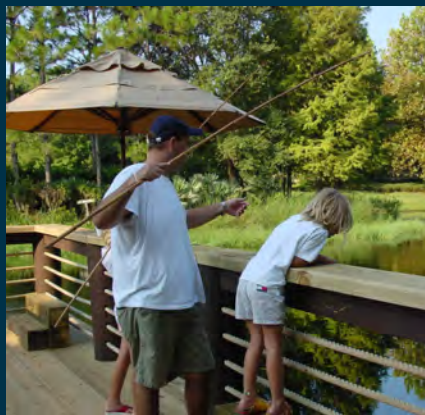
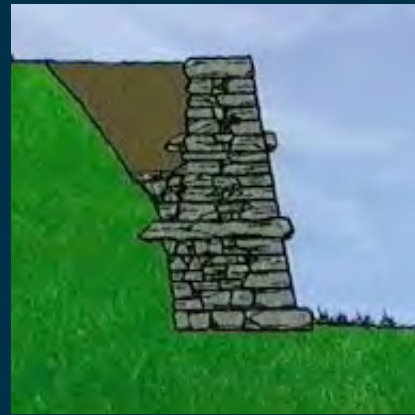


OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o Ideal for novice & experienced anglers
- o Ideal for anglers of all ages
- o Ponds 1 through 3 are stocked monthly on the first Friday of every month November through April
- o These ponds are popular to a specific/select user group
- o Seasonal night fishing is permitted
- o Several challenges regarding accessibility
- o Several elevation changes separate each of the individual ponds and provide challenges regarding their structural integrity
- o The current frequency of stocking is un-sustainable
- o Water access is challenging in several locations
- o Several areas of poor drainage along the east side of all ponds
- o The bird blind is no longer operational

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FISHING PONDS/WILDLIFE



DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Combine lakes #1 and #2 into a single lake
- o Construct wetlands along the east perimeter of all of the lakes to accommodate outflows and connect with existing marsh southeast of the wildlife pond
- o Discontinue stocking the ponds (on a regular basis) within a five year period
- o Encourage additional water recreation activities such as kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding
- o Provide accessible fishing piers and circulation
- o Provide a fishing preparation table
- o Naturalize all of the pond edges
- o Provide paved trails at all of the ponds
- o Develop 'Yurt' style camping between the tall grass prairie, wildlife pond and sycamore shelter
- o Provide access around the wildlife pond
- o Focus design elements to 'first-time' users
- o Accommodate bird watching stations along the trails
- o Develop a central building to contain:
 - Bait shop
 - Kayak/Canoe/Supplies rental
 - Classroom space (w/ garage door access)
 - Office
 - Restrooms

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ARGONNE LAKE

Currently monitored by ODNR, Argonne Lake is one of the cleanest bodies of water in Ohio. This 15 acre water feature was constructed for fishing, non-motorized water craft, ice skating, picnicking and experiencing the natural environment



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o Pond is very peaceful and beautiful
- o Good proximity to camping, restroom, shelter and parking
- o Open vistas toward fields and wooded areas
- o Currently paddle sports are permitted
- o Natural filtering by the adjacent prairies contributes to the high quality of the water
- o Ideal for novice & experienced anglers
- o Ideal for anglers of all ages
- o Popular lake to anglers and campers
- o Seasonal night fishing is permitted
- o **ODNR overflow may provide limitations regarding any pond modifications**
- o **Pond edge is not easily accessible**
- o **Currently the use of motorized watercraft is prohibited**
- o **Permitted swimming requires agency rule changes and significant regrading**
- o **Trail connections should be improved**

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ARGONNE LAKE



DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Permit swimming in the pond
- o Encourage additional water recreation activities such as kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding
- o Provide accessible fishing piers and improved circulation
- o Develop a launching area for non-motorized watercraft
- o Provide trailer parking to support the launching area
- o Provide a fishing prep. table
- o Naturalize all of the pond edges
- o Provide an accessible paved loop trail around lake
- o Focus design elements to 'first-time' users
- o Accommodate bird watching stations along the trails
- o Create an outdoor amphitheater/council grove
- o Create a 'Camporee' venue on the north side of the lake
- o Develop a central building (Camp Canteen) to contain:
 - Bait shop
 - Bait vending machines or vending trucks
 - Kayak/Canoe/Supplies rental
 - Classroom space
 - Office
 - Restrooms
 - Shower facilities

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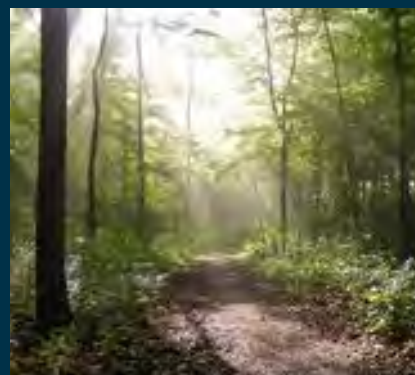
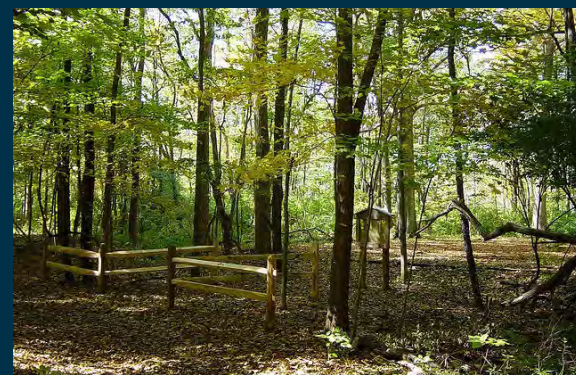
ARGONNE FOREST

A mature wooded area containing remnants from a historic Dayton amusement park and recreation destination developed by World War One veteran and Judge Null Hodapp that operated from 1925 through 1940.



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o The site contains numerous remnants from the original amusement park including a streetcar, stone bridges, stone walls and dance floor
- o Diverse topography includes steep slopes and elevation changes
- o Two mature beech tree forests/ravines exist
- o History dates back to the 1920s and 1930s
- o History of Hodapp's participation with the WWI 322nd military artillery
- o The site contains an existing looped trail
- o **Wayfinding and signage elements should be improved**



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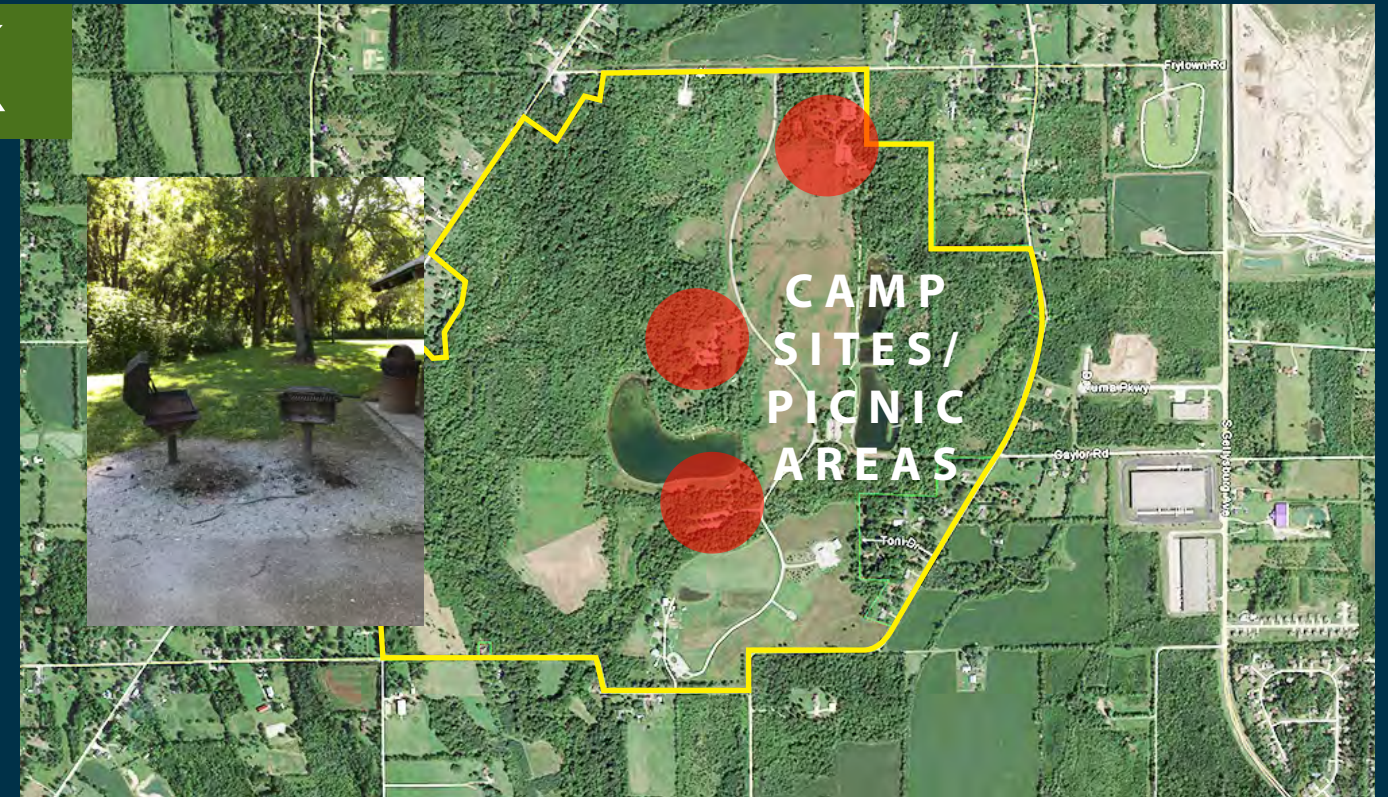
DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Create an wooded adventure play area for tweens, teens and adults to contain elements such as:
 - Toboggan Runs in the winter months
 - Alpine Runs in the summer months
 - Zip lines
 - Tree top ropes courses
 - Canopy walks
 - Tree houses
- o Repurpose the dance floor area as the adventure area 'hub' and incorporate program opportunities such as movies, dances, concessions, guided tours and/or training
- o Restore the grill at the dance floor
- o Develop a small nature play area
- o Clean out invasive plant material
- o Develop a warrior dash-like trail network
- o Utilize and improve the historic stone crossings/bridges
- o Incorporate the shooting gallery remnants
- o Replicate the streetcar for picnic uses or camping opportunities
- o Improve the interpretive and historic wayfinding elements and signage for:
 - The integrated war memorials
 - PCMP stationary exhibits
- o Discuss the Argonne history with the Core Team
- o Relocate the horse trail within the adventure area

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CAMP SITES/PICNIC AREAS

Camp sites currently exist north and south of Argonne Lake and are reservable all year. Picnic areas are found within the northeast reservable area of the park and south of Argonne Lake.



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o Camping all year around is permitted (and New Year's Day)
- o Camp sites are ideal for first timers
- o Camp sites are ideal for users of all ages
- o Only front country camping is permitted in the park, except for the Lakeview, Tulip Point camp sites
- o Four reservable available shelters, with two that allow alcohol consumption by permit only
 - Two pavilion style for large group activities
 - One medium shelter
 - One small shelter
- o There are currently no shower facilities



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CAMP SITE/PICNIC AREAS



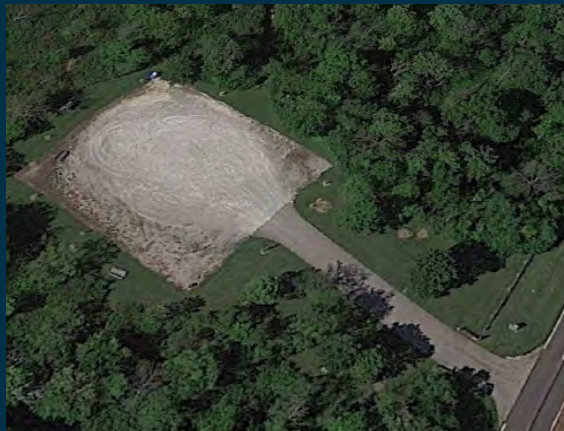
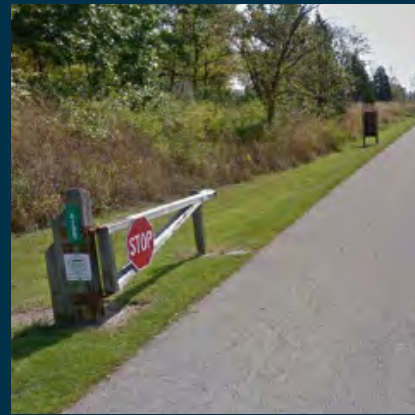
DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Provide flush toilets and running water at all campsites when feasible
- o Install CXT vault system restrooms when no running water is available
- o Provide additional camping at the north side of Argonne lake and within the southeastern portion of the Argonne Forest
- o Provide additional camping south of the sycamore shelter
 - Consider Yurt style camping in this location
 - Consider small cabins
- o Consider an outdoor classrom/council grove north of Argonne lake
- o Develop a 'Camporee' venue north of Argonne Lake
- o Clear additional areas for campsite use
- o Offer family rent camping packages that include:
 - Tent with cots under a cloth or wooden canopy
 - Fire ring and fire wood
 - Cooler, camp light and camp stove
 - Electricity when feasible
- o Provide horse tie-ups for campsites
- o Consider allowing small 'pop-up' campers for elderly and mobility challenged users
- o Provide additional reservable medium size picnic shelters

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FACILITIES

Facilities include restrooms, shelters, and other park site amenities that result in making park user's visits more pleasant.



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- o Provide water recreation activities rental opportunities
- o In the past, PCMP has accommodated large venues/events with 300 - 500 people
- o There are currently no bait shops or fishing rentals near
- o There are no concessions or vending available
- o The nearest rental destination is six miles away
- o Seasonal bow hunting may have a negative impact on park attendance

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FACILITIES



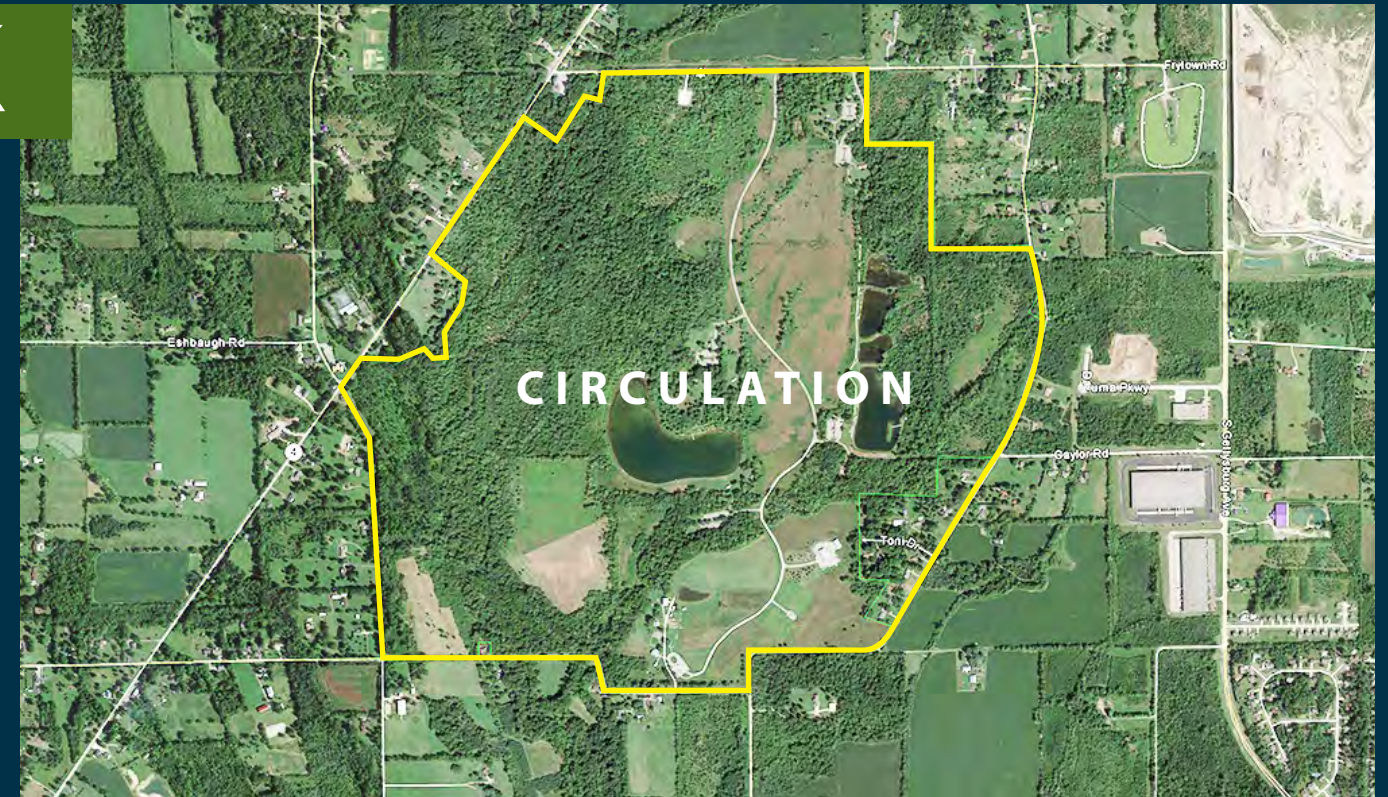
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- o Provide flush toilets and running water at all campsites when feasible
- o Install CXT vault system restrooms when no running water is available (the FRMP current prototype)
- o Provide code required number of stalls for all future restroom facilities
- o Eradicate aggressive invasive plant material
- o Provide screening of the maintenance facility and any other 'back-of-house' uses
- o Provide shelters with garage doors when possible for year-long programming opportunities at Argonne Lake and the fishing ponds
- o Add more benches throughout the park
- o Provide water bottle refill stations
- o Consider viewing towers/silos at prairie and Bison pen highpoints
- o Provide the venue and utilities for food truck parking at the farm, Argonne Lake and fishing ponds
- o Offer family camping packages as previously described
- o Provide secure lockers for bike, personal items and fishing gear
- o Reinforce overflow lawn parking at the farm
- o Acquire the K-9 Club and the property on the NE corner of the park where the horse trail leaves park property

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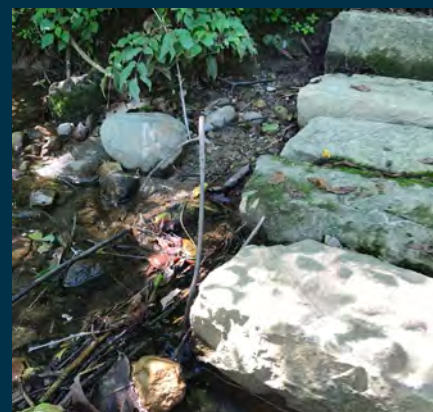
CIRCULATION

- Vehicular
- Pedestrian
- Equestrian
- Wayfinding



OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS - VEHICULAR

- o The entry drive experience is soothing and pastoral
- o Parking areas are currently properly dispersed and sufficiently sized
- o Overflow parking needs are accommodated by parking on grass areas
- o Pedestrian/vehicular conflict areas are very limited
- o A single point of entry/exit provides for greater security and controlled access
- o Three points of entry off of Frytown Road create confusion
- o The NE reservable shelters lack direct access to the park
- o There are currently no direct public transportation options
- o The maintenance building while neatly kept, should be screened from public view
- o A maintenance vehicle/pedestrian conflict exists at the farm drive



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OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS - PEDESTRIAN

- o Most trails are easily accessed and used by all age groups. None are too challenging
- o Many walkers and hikers tend to use the park 3 - 4 times per week
- o Current path materials in the park are mowed lawn, earth (dirt) and aggregate
- o Unimproved trails (while difficult in some locations) extend into all parts of the park
- o The southern link connection to the City of Moraine along Pinnacle Road is funded and will be constructed in 2018
- o Many trails are inundated during the spring and soggy throughout the year
- o Prairie plant growth encroaches on the trails and restricts access
- o There is no direct connection to any multi-use trail outside of the park
- o There currently are no bike racks in the park
- o No dogs (even on leash) are permitted in and around the farm area
- o The trail markings system should be more intuitive

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OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS - EQUESTRIAN

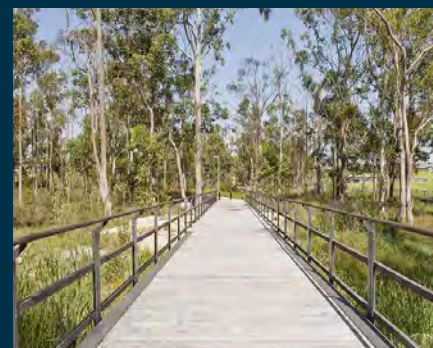
- o Riders use the park daily
- o Unimproved trails (while difficult in some locations) extend into the entire perimeter of the park
- o Many trails are inundated during the spring and soggy throughout the year
- o Wooded plant growth encroaches on the trails and restricts access
- o There is no formalized connection to any equestrian trails from outside of the park
- o There currently are no tie-ups in the park
- o Trail system markings should be more intuitive
- o Trails do not currently meet FRMP 8 -10 mile distance requirement
- o The trail segment near SR 4 is difficult to maintain

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS - WAYFINDING

- o There is no clear direction/information at parking lots
- o There is no 'obvious' visitor orientation landing spot
- o The park is easier to navigate after your first visit. Can be challenging for first time visitors

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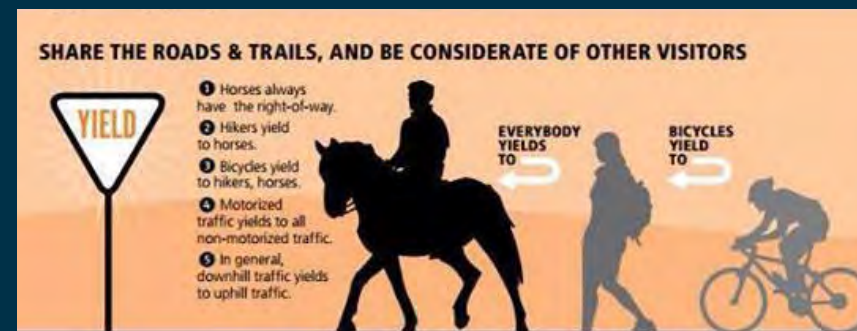


DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Provide a bicycle hub at the farm near the barn
- o Provide measured trails for cross country skiing
- o Provide measured trails for cross country track events with a minimum loop of 5k for events and training
- o Provide paved trail access at all ponds and water features
- o Provide paved loop trails throughout the entire park
- o Provide signage and/or markers along all trails with emergency numbers at select locations
- o Provide short paved loop trails for beginners
- o Connect the farm and campsite with a paved trail
- o Install bicycle 'fix-it' stations within the park
- o Complete the pedestrian connection south toward the City of Moraine through Deer Meadow Park
- o Remedy wet trail segments. Consider boardwalks in difficult or challenging areas
- o Provide controllable lighting at the farm parking lot
- o Provide non-motorized watercraft trailer drop-off, turn-around and parking to support new lake docks
- o Clearly identify existing and proposed trailheads
- o Develop a warrior dash-like trail
- o Extend natural surface trail, spurring off of main trails
- o Provide trail access to the creek within the Argonne Forest area or within the SW corner of the park

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DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Connect all water bodies, wetlands, prairies and wooded areas with accessible trails
- o Provide interpretive signage matching the FRMP brand for:
 - The Farm
 - Argonne Forest
 - The Kaylor Cemetery
 - Fishing Ponds
 - All prairies and wetlands
 - All bison areas and habitat zones
- o Coordinate new bus route extensions with RTA that include kayak racks on buses
- o Develop an overall park trail system that functions well for all users. Utilize a stacked system to allow for a variety of users of different skills and abilities.
- o Develop a standard for a shared horse/person trail for use in specifically designated areas
- o Develop a standard for a shared horse trail adjacent to roadways for use in specifically designated areas
- o Provide horse trails within the interior of the park. (Consider a figure 8 approach)
- o Conform to FRMP equestrian trail standards (may not be possible)
- o Avoid horse trail layout conflicts due to topography or potential safety considerations

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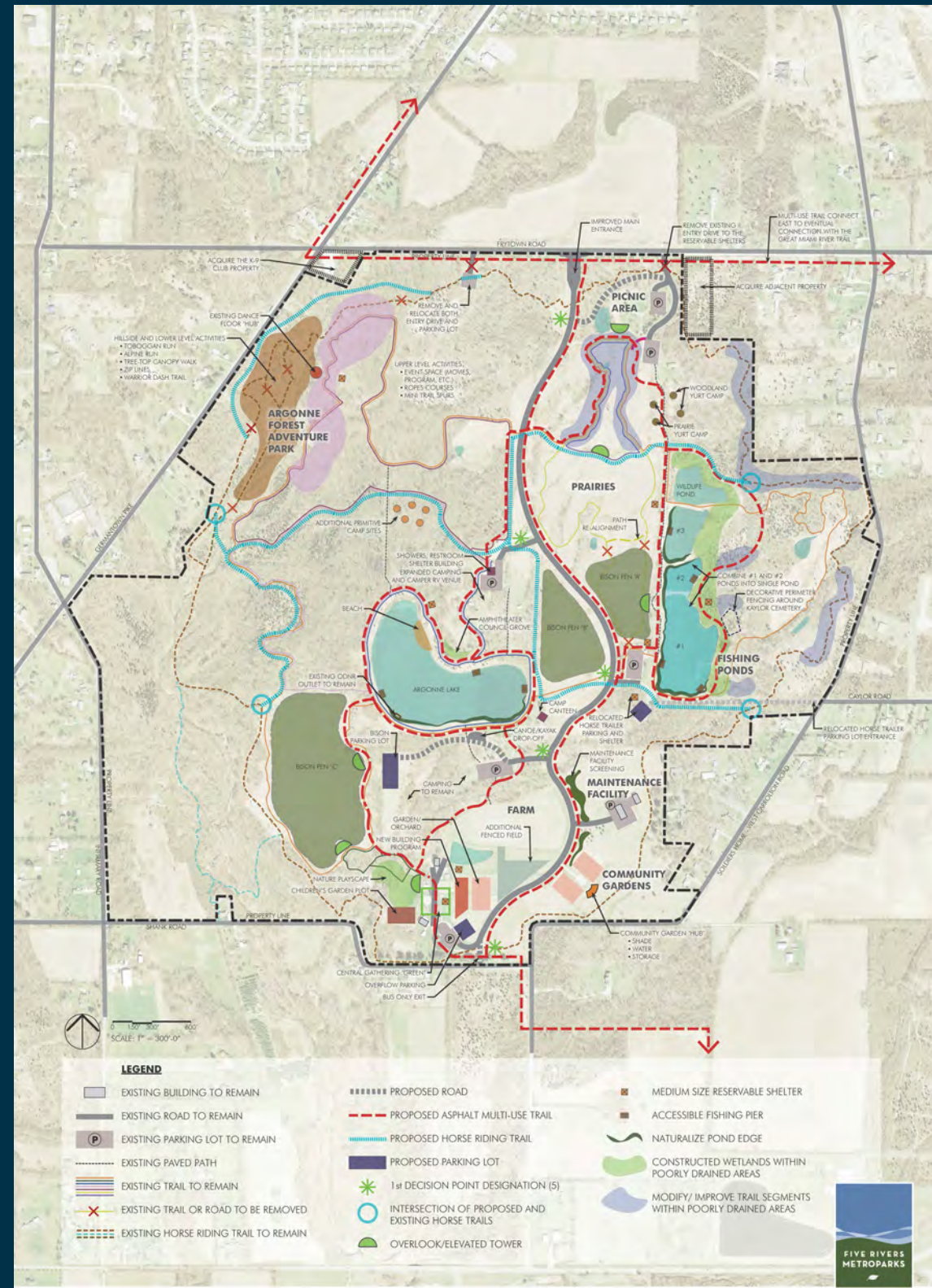


DESIGN GOALS AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- o Provide horse tie-ups at picnic areas
- o Provide a clearly defined hierarchy of signage
- o Develop formalized horse trail entrances with signage and amenities
- o Provide sharrows on all roads
- o Screen views to the maint. facility from the entry drive
- o Screen views to all 'back-of-house' uses
- o Clearly define a single main entrance
 - Relocate the north horse trailer parking lot to the new Caylor Road entry location, off of the main park entry drive near the fishing ponds, or off of the NE reservable shelter area
 - Reconfigure the entry drive to the NE reservable shelters
 - Make landscape beautification improvements
- o Provide a multi-use trail along Frytown Road east and west
- o Create safety precautions (speed tabsels/rumble strips) at all vehicular/pedestrian/horse crossings
- o Provide a gated entry/exit on Shank Road for large events and/or large vehicles such as busses on an as-needed basis
- o Provide a main landing/orientation area (kiosks) to serve as a 'First Decision Point'
- o Provide wayfinding indicators beyond parking lots to as a 'Second Decision Point'

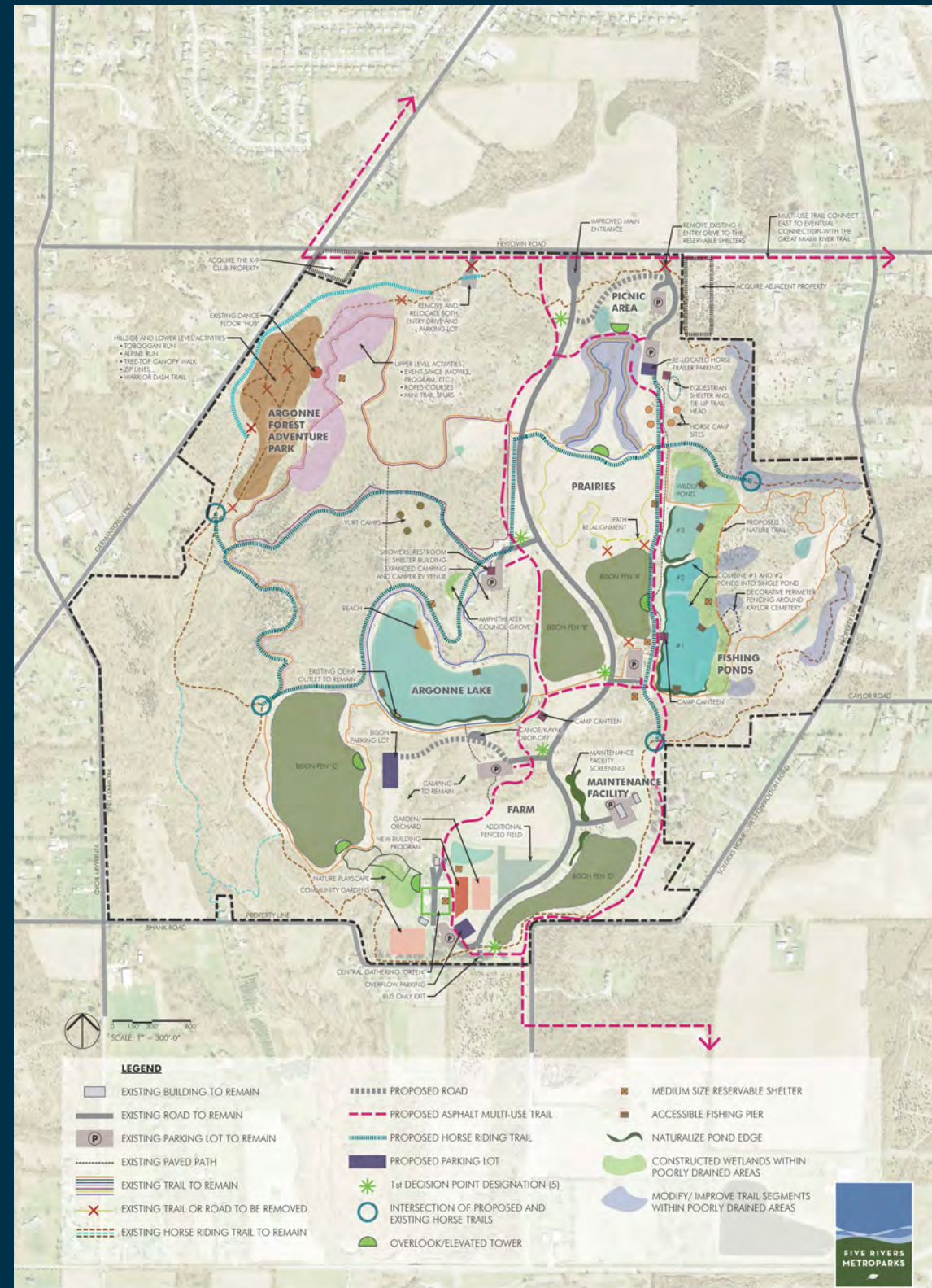
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MASTER PLAN - CONCEPT A



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MASTER PLAN - CONCEPT B



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CONCEPTUAL PROGRAM GUIDELINE NOTES

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd, Dayton, OH 45417

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SUMMARIZED MEETING COMMENTS

MEETING ACTION CHECKLIST

TALLIED NOTES

PARK IDENTITY AND UNIQUE QUALITIES

	GENERAL INFORMATION THEME	Possum Creek MetroPark is a "community park" that offers various types of outdoor and indoor experiences. Bounded by Moriane, Dayton and West Carrolton communities, it encompasses 556 total acres. Its ecological diversity is attributed to the existing prairies. Walking trails, relatively non-strenuous, can be completed from 1/4 - 5 mile activities. Exploration and visual experiences range from understory wildflower in the woods, to lakeside views, to beech tree ravine forests to open prairie fields. These trails are separated from the equestrian paths that loop around the park's perimeter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Market this "hidden gem" as a youth-friendly and family-oriented, inter-generational and family initiative parkAlign an ambitious marketing strategy to attract more people with "Come Learn How to Nature" themeStart design and programming with the "big picture"Afford ADA-valued access around the parkRemove the stigma about nature in Possum Creek as being a fearful placeSupport the natural beauty of the park through fun-filled interpretative venuesEmphasize theme: Healthy active wellness/ Lifestyle for beginners and families. Possum-bilities!!	
	HISTORIC CONTEXT	The site "feels living", rich with historic influence of degraded homestead farmlands that used to dominant the site (dairy, corn and wheat). Unlike Carriage Hills (past), Possum Creek has a natural 'timeless' quality of a day-to-day condition. Before it became a MetroPark, it was surrounded with individual homes with small farm homesteads. The original Noffsinger farmhouse, built in the 1830's, is currently being used for the FRMP staff. This structure is a good example of Federal and Georgian architectural style. An existing cemetery of the Kaylor family provides a clear reminder of the land's ancestry. In 1930, part of the site was designated as Argonne Forest Park a midway amusement park and veterans club. Subsequently, additions to the park included activities for swimming, baseball, shooting range, dancing, horseback riding, camping, and auto race track riding. Many of these remaining remnants in the Argonne Forest were attributed to the former Judge and WWI veteran, Null M. Hodapp. Argonne Lake's open vistas of woodlands and wildlife while the fishing ponds are big attractions for catfish, bass or trout fishing. The children at the farm enjoy the barnyard animals and learning about the food preparation and sourcing. Overnight camping is most ideal due to the peaceful and natural beauty of the setting. The Argonne Forest Trail affords exciting views to the natural woods while furnishing historical remnants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide consistent theme - What is this park's purpose?In the Argonne Forest, focus on history of the 20s, 30s, and WWI-related themes at the woodsNote history of the amusement parkClearly mark and protect the Kaylor family cemetery with a fenceProvide history of the Noffsinger family farm (1811 earned farm from military service)Provide consistent focus on sustainable farming; Edibles in the landscape; food produced in sustainability	
	DEMOGRAPHICS	According to the US Census data 2015, the 45417 zip code includes the following population: Dayton (37.93%), Trotwood (23.7%), Drexel (6.63%), and Moraine (.45%) Residents in the areas zip-code 45417 are predominantly African American (79,66%); female (56.4%) and with a median age of 36.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expand marketing at regional proximity to surrounding communities	
		The average household income in the zip-code is \$ 22,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Encourage physical connections to adjacent parks and other jurisdictions	
		Large percentage of the residents live in rental housing		
		Deer Meadow , Owned originally by Waste Management		
		Includes a lake, skate park, 3 shelters, disc golf (18 holes), stocked fishing.		
		City owns area beyond the perimeter		
	FRONTAGE/ IDENTITY AND CONNECTIONS	The Possum Creek MetroPark confronts challenges: 1) not being a well-known FRMP destination, 2) major physical and visual connections that link the major south park sections from the north entry. Three entries into Possum Park from Frytown Road cause confusion and a major gateway is not clearly defined. Accessing along Rt 4 is challenging. Although considered as a "hidden gem", the park lacks identity and does not seem to tie in to a community. It's 'remote' location creates a detached connection with nearby communities. It doesn't feel "like somebody's park". The areas to the north of the park (Gettysburg Road) are perceived as a negative part of town. People claim to not know the existence or location of the park. The major setting components feel segmented and unrelated. Target the use of the park beyond the kid-friendly farm theme. FRMP Staff distinguished difference between 'Ohio Friendly Farm' (more applicable to Possum Creek Park) and not a 'Petting Zoo'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhance main entries by clearly defining them with wayfinding signs and provide a clear hierarchy of entrances Promote communication with staff members, regarding scheduled events among other FRMP facilities (especially Cox Arboretum)	-
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Install trail head information	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hold new and annual events to help draw new users	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revisit option to open entrance from Shank Road	

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			o Bolster identity of the park	III
			o Address 'fake news' / "stigma "about the location of the park located in a frightful neighborhood o Promote African American community venues o Accommodate future bikeway connection o Study main entry relocation o Promote positive changes to the K-9 Club o Provide sharrows on all roads	II
	ASSETS	Park provides great places for camping (5 sites), hiking, and horse back riding, and dog walking. FRMP staff has observed little success in attracting new users and sustaining repeat park users. When all activities are combined, Possum Creek Park can become a great destination for respite, physical activity, and education about sustainable food systems, healthy living, history, and nature.	o Focus on healthy-related activities for the youth and older adults o Highlight access and programs at shelters for better usage o Maximize opportunity as great destination	IIII-I II II
		Over 100 acres of native Ohio prairie now thrive over what used to be degraded farmland. In addition to one of the largest and most diverse prairies in Ohio, Possum Creek MetroPark stretches out with natural resources of forest, marsh, stream beds, built ponds, installed pastures, and pristine lakes. The the natural elements include: planted prairie, two mature beech woodlots, wetlands, bottomland hardwoods, Possum Creek and its floodplain. At the area around the northern most fishing pond, a wildlife resting area is designated.	o Identify areas and provide access to these areas, so more people can learn about conservation, healty living, and enjoy their beauty	IIII
			o Offer venues for corporate retreats	II
		More school field trips are common then family-based visits. Potentially a destination place for repeat-users. The School groups make up the biggest visitor demographics	o Support and link outdoor spaces with the Education Center for wedding venues	II
		Children enjoy the types of sheep, lambs, rabbits and chickens. A donkey and a couple of turkeys entertain the staff and children. Children are accompanied by grandparents.	o Provide venues for food trucks, temporary and permanent concessions	II
		Ponds are stocked every 1st Friday of the month with catfish, bass and trout where license-free fishing activity occurs. Some FRMP staff members indicated that the stocking/fishing activity should no longer be continued.	o Repair fish ponds as they are not in best condition	I
			o Create an outdoor public space for venue events	
			o Offer a venue for a pumpkin festival	I
			o Provide three-season shelters to provide additional outdoor venues for FRMP programs	I
			o Set up organized blocks of time for park-specific programs	I
	INTERPRETIVE AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE	Define and layout a hierarchical system of signs/media to include entry, wayfinding, information/interpretive, interpretive information. Provide language and material consistency with Five Rivers system.	o Add interpretive media about site's history, especially at the Argonne Trail, which can help children imagine	III
	TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES		o Provide signage with emergency numbers at horse trails	I
			o Clearly define entries	I
			o Install more education/display on composting	I
			o If fishing is to be continued, provide more signage and advertising on fish stocking	I
			o Program more geocaches and Improve Facebook exposure	I
STRUCTURES AND AMENITIES				
	OPERATIONS, UTILITIES AND AMENITIES	The existing maintenance facility at the park provides a good layout prototype	o Provide visual barrier (berms/plants) to block off view to the existing maintenance facility	II
			o Replace restrooms to match new prototype; A different location for some structures may be necessary	II
			o Camp showers may be needed for children and jamboree event	II
			o Retrofit at least one existing shelter to accommodate inclement weather	I
			o Provide flush toilets and running water at camping area	I

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	EDUCATIONAL CENTER	The venue to host weddings and social gatherings at the educational center has great potential. The rental opportunity at this facility is not tapped enough. The existing kitchen is not ideal for such social venues and for more extensive food programming. Educational programs, relating to local food and the environment, are held in the facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take advantage of it rental opportunities 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add AC and A/V; provide heated restrooms Retain kitchen location but expand with commercial grade appliances and a teaching counter for programmed and educational events. See link example: https://www.chicagobotanic.org/education/cooking 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate for fishing programs, in a classroom setting; provide dividers and opportunity for flexible 'expandable' rooms 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide good lighting 	
	BRIDGES, ADA PAVED PATHS, STRUCTURES, PARKING	FRMP staff observed that park users utilize trails for passive (walking, hiking, bird watching) and active (jogging, running, biking) recreation. The use of the two rental shelters to the NE of the property is limited to the designated parking; there is no direct vehicular link into the park. The separate dedicated access points to shelters and equestrian parking lot create confusion with the main park entrance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect accessible active and passive trails around the lake Provide healthy trails signage/media, per CMP, along a looped paved trail around the entire park Connect bikeway connection from the south (Moraine) to the north 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install a toboggan run system at the Argonne Forest for a winter attraction 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a 5K paved fitness loop 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add trailer parking at camp ground area 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install fix-it station at bike trails 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide paved trail sections for beginner-users 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate bike trails with evergreen trees and berms 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide accessible trail from farm to camp site 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide vehicular drop off area at a proposed loading dock by Argonne Lake (north or south east location) 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve truck access to farm paths to eliminate existing awkward transition 	
	NON-PAVED PATHS	Because most of the land in the park is relatively flat, there are many trails that are inundated during the spring and soggy during the remaining part of the year. Trails in the prairie fields become narrow and mature stalks fall over the paths. Most trails are not challenging to use and easily utilized by children. Private citizens have expressed the desire to provide cross country paths for training. At the public meeting, horse riders indicated they use the park daily. Should a natural bike surface trail be appropriate to connect with the Wolf Creek Trail?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remedy the unusable trails due to wet or soggy areas. 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop multi-use trail to include winter cross country skiing 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark trail heads and intersections ; makers needed along the way 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include boardwalks on hiking trail at continued wet spots 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add interpretive signs/media, especially at the Argonne Trail Consider a path loop in the 'tree nursery' area (south of the Prairie Dock and Sycamore Shelters) Confirm if a natural bike surface trail be a appropriate connection with the Wold Creek Trail? 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design a 5K running path loop; include healthy trails signage per CMP 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design at least 10K for challenging running paths 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend mini natural surfaces trails beyond main paths 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide standard cross country trails 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide mile and kilometer markers around the lake for cross country training 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibility: allow horses access within other trails or convert horse trail for dual purpose use, only in areas that are not heavily used by pedestrians.. Provide horse trails to specific interior parts of the park. 	
	HORSE TRAIL	Users describe the horse trails (total 4.28 miles) to be underutilized. Would FRMP approve using existing trails for mixed-use?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain quality of horse trail at 1/2 acre minimum site 	
		Based on information provided by FRMP on 3-2-17, Sugar Creek Park does not currently meet the minimum 8-10 miles of trails needed for an adequately-designed equestrian trail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conform to FRMP equestrian trail requirements: 12' of vertical and 8' horizontal clearance, 6 foot trail tread, and a minimum of 8-10 miles of trails (approx. 7.75 acres of disturbance). 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trim back branches along horse trail; To avoid horses from panicking, avoid horse trail layout where areas are very steep or at potential conflict spots 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more horse tie ups for picnic areas 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend distance of the horse trail 	

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GREEN SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES				
	GENERAL NOTES	Possum Creek Park has one recreational lake, one wildlife pond, fishing ponds, and one small pond by the barn. We can enjoy the beauty of two mature beech woodlots and the natural quality of the marsh area, southeast of the wildlife pond. The park offers diverse wildlife habitats and resources due to one of the oldest planted prairies in FRMP inventory. It's tall grass prairies are noted to be one of Ohio's best.	o Eradicate aggressive invasive plants, including the honeysuckle and buckthorn	
		"	o Install ADA accessible ramps for kayaks/ canoes and passive recreation at lake banks	
		"	o Maintain a natural feel of any improved existing or proposed landscape design	
	ARGONNE LAKE IMPROVEMENTS	The lake, monitored by ODNR, is noted to be one of the cleanest lakes in Ohio. Popular rented shelters and camp sites surround the lake.	o Provide ADA accessible trails to connect natural woods and water bodies to prairies	
		Restrict contamination and pollution by prohibiting motorized boats.	o Protect inlets and outlets by avoiding construction in those areas	
		Swimming in the lake is an acceptable possibility	o Add shelter with bait shop, Kelly's office, kayak rental and classroom	
		Lake is very attractive, but not safely, easy accessible to the water. Providing ADA access to the water will expand paddling and fishing programming options	o "Limit use of Lake with non-motorized boats"	
			o Provide multi-use bridge, boat ramp docking, access to water (fishing and viewing)	
			o Provide swinging benches around lake	
	FARM POND	Although the pond used to be popular for instruction and access, it has serious water quality issues.	o Create paved trail around pond for easy accessibility from the farm hub	
			o If the pond shall be used for programming, it needs to be filled to a consistent water level	
			o Take measures to improve the water quality	
	FISHING PONDS	Fishing ponds are popular venues for adults and children due to the success in expedient-results. Fish stocking practice draws crowds, but it is not a program that FRMP would like to continue. Catfish, bass and trout are stocked once a month. Popularity and attendance can be based on the specific stocking schedule	o Repair fish ponds edges so they do not collapse	
			o Provide fishing equipment	
			o Keep fly fishing area cleared and accessible	
			o Build up the lagoon sides on the two outflow ends to eliminate water level overflow	
			o Consider reshaping and combining lakes	
			o Add wetland design at spill areas; overhaul to make more natural	
			o Add shelter with garage door style walls with bait shop, Kelly's office?, Kayak/Paddleboarding?	
	ARGONNE FOREST PARK	There is an opportunity to control the invasives so more area cleared area can be usable. The area offers possibilities for reenactments of the battle of Argonne.	o "Clean out invasives o Restore grille at dance floor area o Examine history of restored habitat practices o Improve interpretation of the site's history"	
	FARM HOUSE	Possum Creek Park can be the modern day complement to the Carriage Hill Park (farming history) by becoming a 'How to' Park.	o Add fruit trees (especially Apple trees) through the trails / paths	
			o Provide herb gardens around the back of the house	
			o Improve interpretation of the site's history	
	THE JEAN V. WOODHULL PRAIRIE	A tall grass prairie, honoring Jean V. Woodhull, prominently sprawls at the north section of the park. It is composed of plants that are seldom found in other habitats. Common wildflowers such as coneflower, dense blazingstar, sawtooth sunflower, prairie dock, spiderwort provide colorful greenway corridors for people using the trails and main drive. Prairies like the one at Possum Creek provide rare native habitat for birds, butterflies, insects, reptiles and other small wildlife.	o Take advantage of the high points in the area for spectacular views to the south and the lakes o Add overlooks at prairies/ meadows o Integrate trails into an overall park trail system network o Provide long range views and paths that can clearly define a visual or physical connection to the 'I Invite You' sculpture	

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STRATEGIES, ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES				
	GENERAL PARK NOTES	Possum Creek Park has the potential of offering year-round learning and recreational access throughout the site: children and adult educational programs, school field trips, active/passive trails for pedestrian, cyclists and horse riding. School tours are common throughout the year. Since most of the site is relatively flat, ADA compliance does not seem to be a challenging factor. However, it has been noted that events in the past have not attracted an increase number of repeat-users. FRMP staff noted that entry fees to the Park's special events should target a maximum fee of \$10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designate overall kid-friendly, family, and older adult initiatives woven with inter-related themes: farm, food, nature-play, fishing, lake recreation, Scouts, entry-level campingRevisit past events for possible future use: "egg-travaganza", "Barn yard babies", "Harvest Jamboree"Evaluate existing events: "Homestead", "Compost Kitchen", "Kitchen Garden", Chicken programsOffer an "entry-level sampler" with activities in various venuesOffer hiking programsInclude a pop-up park conceptEvaluate potential long-term ventured partners (City of Moraine, Waste Management Stony Hollow, School District) with FRMP for site programs	
	CHILDREN'S PLAY	Existing designated areas for playgrounds need updating. Integrate with nature-themed settings. A signature-nature playscape is desired with other minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design signature nature-based accessible playground, adjacent to the woods and creek bed	-
		Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate existing creek bed or water-related activities	-
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add a tree tunnel (Like Sugar Creek Farm, Osage, IA); Tree/club house	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider playground with farm theme	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue demonstration program: how small animals can be raised and utilized on small acreage (Avoid a "petting zoo" theme)	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add outdoor gazebo	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Incorporate water in the playscape	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add beginner's park elements and room for corn maze, hay maze	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Omit exposure to plastic	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a 'Brookville castle'	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Install bay swing (refer to Hills & Dales)	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Include slides and for multi-generational use, add swings	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Program areas where children can get dirty and collect eggs	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protect children from full sun exposure; provide shaded areas	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrating traditional playground features is acceptable	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a learning setting with a farm theme	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Farm play: hay bales, rope swing, obstacle course, tractor	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a corn maze	
	GENERAL LAND-BASED RECREATION &	What used to be a sustainable agricultural farm has been transitioned to a destination for food systems and conservation education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate in with Argonne Forest History (War Memorial) and PCMP-stationary exhibits	
	ARGONNE FOREST NOTES		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace street car; recreate rail-street cars	
		The Argonne Forest hosts a fascinating history with traces of the former Argonne Forest amusement park, remnants of the rail-street car, and stone walls that held pools and structures. A purple trail loops around the forest, which begins at the trail head at the Argonne Forest parking lot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fix the grill and dance floor	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utilize old stone crossings for water pools	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Highlight remnants: shooting gallery	
	SHELTERS	Currently, open-air shelters are popular for numerous functions. At the northeast corner of the park are the only two rent-able shelters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide shelters with garage doors that can be easily accessible and controlled	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use these flexible, sheltered spaces for educational and instructional venues for year round events and programs	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide larger shelter and year round events: iconic building by farm area for destination rental	

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	BARN	Portions can be converted for educational and social events	o Convert upper level of barn to classroom space (instead of storage)	II
			o Provide a bike hub in this area	I
			o Add Toboggan run	I
			o Convert upper level of barn for contra dancing	I
	FARM-RELATED	There is an opportunity to revive the farm-related festivals to help tie into the overall system and integrate different events (instead of competing). With a 1/4 acre, determine what can be done for a home-demonstration farm. Visitors are encouraged to engage in hands-on farming and gardening experiences. The Possum Creek Park, noted as an edible farm, promotes small-scale food raising for the local community.	o Provide outdoor venue for straw bale staging	II
			o Support "Pop-ups" or "Try-its"	I
			o Designate areas for sunflower fields @ vacant pasture	I
			o Design areas for digging gardens, wheel barrow use, and 'pretend' farm / farmstead use	I
			o Increase scale of working vegetable garden	I
			o Offer a venue for a pumpkin festival	I
	GREENHOUSE AND GARDEN PLOTS	Possum Creek Park offers at least 90 (800 SF) garden plots for rental. Although the garden plots are generally accessed by car, occasional gardeners arrive on bike. Currently, there is a lack of family gardening.	o Use solar power panels or wind power to green house and open to public	I
			o Add water line, electric and venting to greenhouse to operate aquaponics; produce sold at 2nd St. Market?	I
			o Provided ADA access to vegetable and therapeutic gardens, used as exhibits in the greenhouse and workable spaces at the garden plots	I
			o Use shade cloth over green house	I
	CAMPING	Overnight camping at at the Black Cherry and Sugar Maple campsites is ideal for families, newcomers and first timers.	o Provide more camping areas at Argonne Forest, by dance floor and by the north side of Lake	IIII
			o Clear area around campsites	III
			o Offer family camping packages	II
			o Consider adding a small amphitheater	II
			o Plan a Camp-o-ree/ Jamboree for Boy Scouts, 4-H, Girl Scouts, regional attraction	II
	AQUATIC RECREATION	Maintaining water quality is a critical component at the Possum Creek Park. Fishing is the most popular aquatic recreation, and there is a big potential of expanding the recreation at the Argonne Lake. FRMP indicated that recreation at the Argonne Lake should be non-motorized; swimming is a possible option. Shelters, tables are available for picnicking.	o Provide MOX-Z fishing festival	III
			o Keep successful program events for indoor and outdoor use: "Passport to Fishing", formerly Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs" (HOFNOD)	II
			o Provide accessible and safe water edge treatment for fishing, outdoor classroom, and water recreation	I
			o Provide Farm raised tilapia (aquaponics) to sell at the market	I
			o Provide lake venues for lunches/outdoor meals, couple dinners	I
			o Fit kid-play venues at lake edge	I
			o Design access to kayak/paddleboarding/canoe areas, with an emphasis on "first-timer" use	I

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	GENERAL NOTES: WAYS TO ATTRACT USERS TO PARK	Do not use the "farm" terminology to describe the park. At this time, the RTA route 9 stops at Derby Road and Germantown Pike intersection (3/4 mile or 15 min walk to the main entrance), and add 1/2 mile or so to the activity zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bring in buffalos/bison: engage FRMP and the wild as a resourceProvide inter-generation programs at \$ 10 maximum fees (grandparents, not parents, love spending)	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design programs with animal care and handling: beginning to consumption	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offer activities that can't be done at home; offer things for people to take home	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Connect people with food, such as City Beets (targeted ages 12-15 years old); sell food at 2nd Street Market	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contrast Carriage Hill Park with Possum Creek - determine the parks' purpose	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add benches around the park	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design venues for hands-on demonstrations	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design places for children to run with obstacle courses; tractor on wheelsUse Cedar Mound as a model	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Market to schools to organize joint-venturing park programs	
STEWARDSHIP & SITE MANAGEMENT				
	STEWARDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP	The City of Dayton should lead as a vigilant steward of marketing this beautiful and clean natural park. Attendance in the park may be boosted through supported efforts by neighboring communities. Improve internal volunteer relationships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reinforce pro-active collaborative healthy-themed programs with potential partnerships: City of Moraine, Jefferson Township, West Carrollton, the City of Dayton, OSU extension, 4-H, and the VA,Coordinate possible corporation booking partnerships with County Fairground and Madison LakesFoster relationships with DPS or school board members/ continue with bus services to transport children to parkIncrease staff training to educate the public about the benefits of working with farm animals	
		Land acquisition promotes more land use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with the VA and veterans (fishing)	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with churches to hold services in provided venues	
		Strengthen partnerships for collaborative programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work with RTA- perhaps a route to stop at the park	
		The group discussed the importance of long-term partnerships, not cost recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bike share with Main Street	
		Consider ways to retain quality volunteers: "cross promoting" from parks mentoring new volunteers, provide awards for services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fill remaining weekdays with group programs, CSA	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with community on organized running races	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with local, county, and state-level agencies for regional trail connection enhancements:	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide themed venues for the community involvement	
	ACQUISITION AND LAND MANAGEMENT		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-evaluate the possible property acquisition of the property to the northRe-evaluate past experiences and programs to boost attendance	

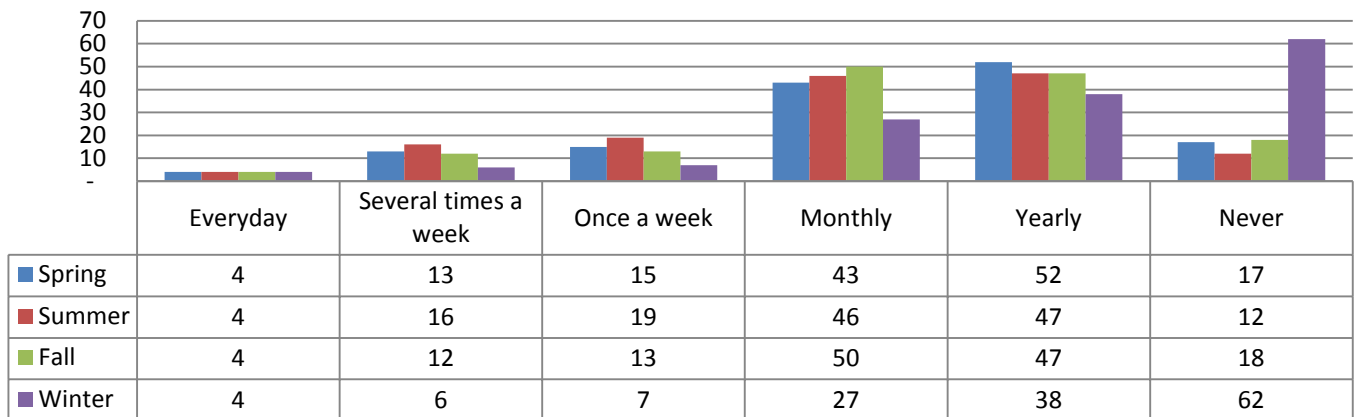
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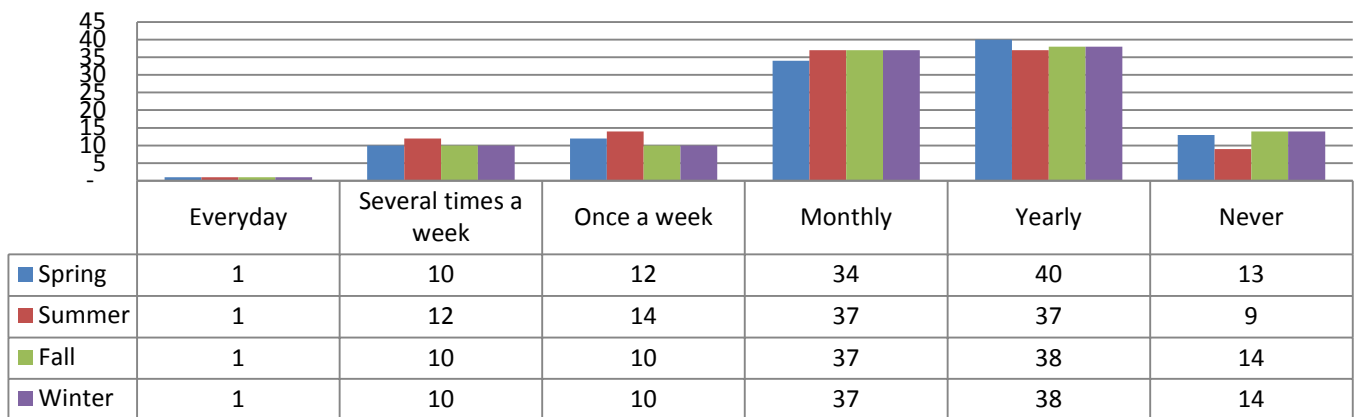
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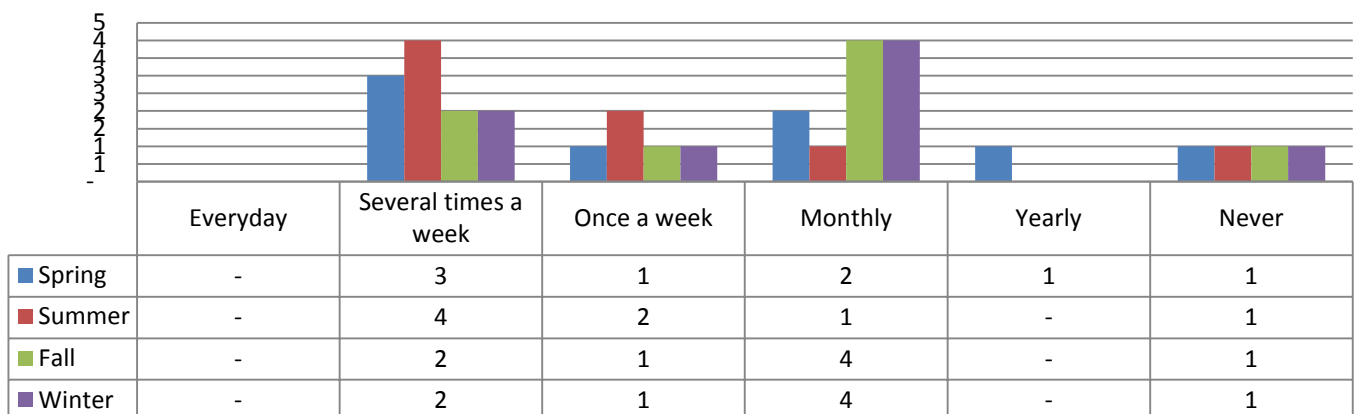
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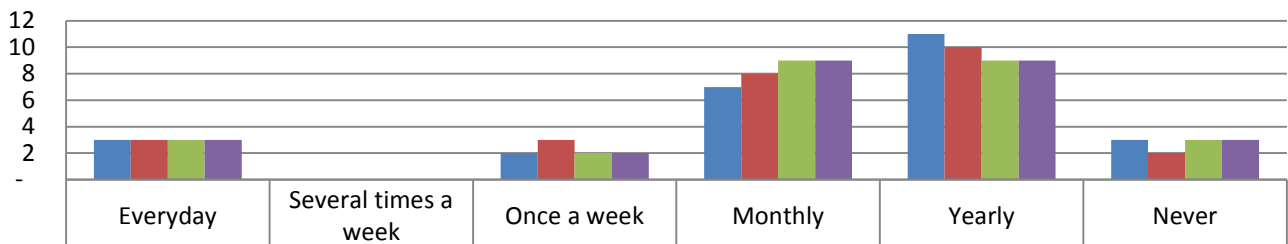
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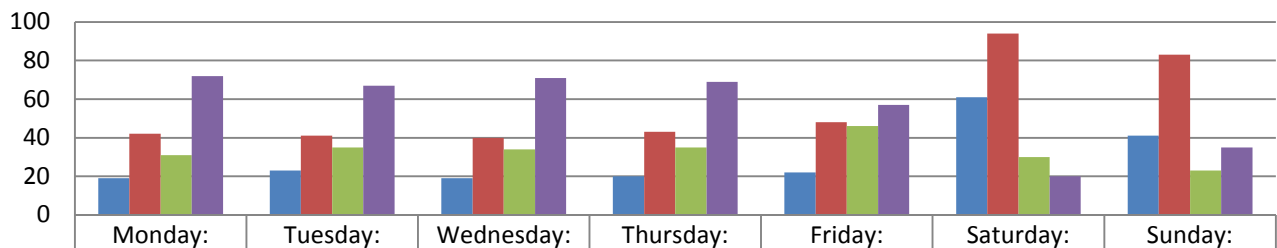


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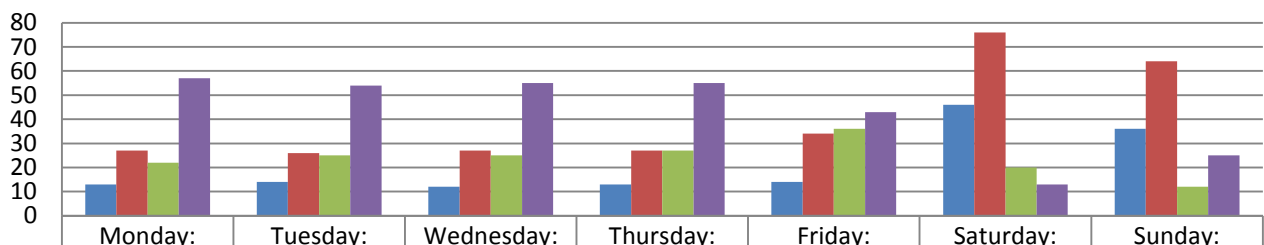
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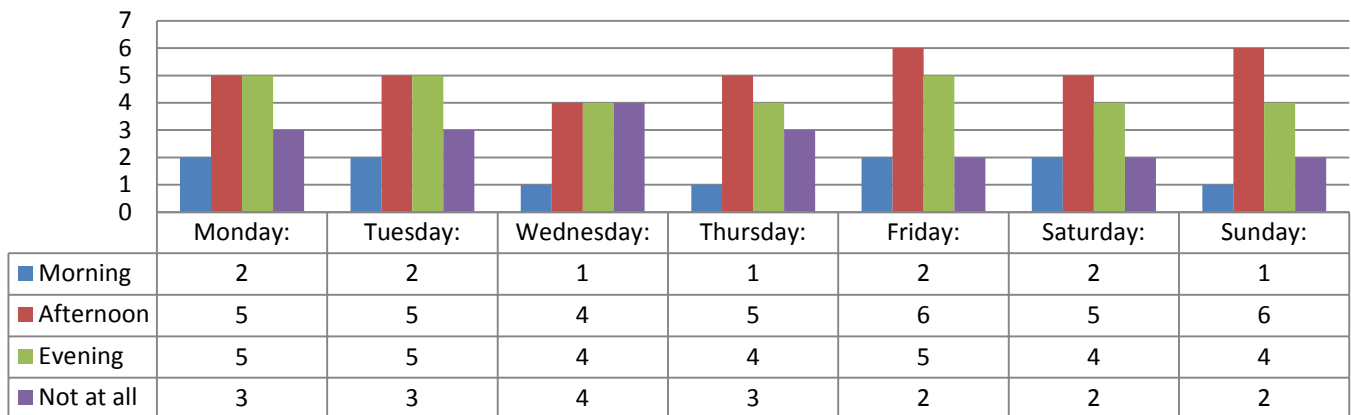
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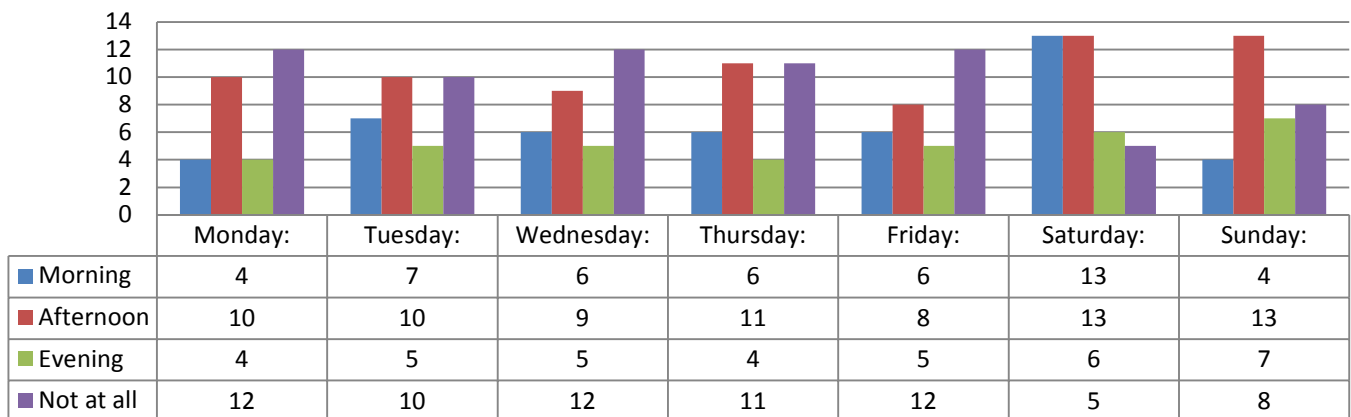


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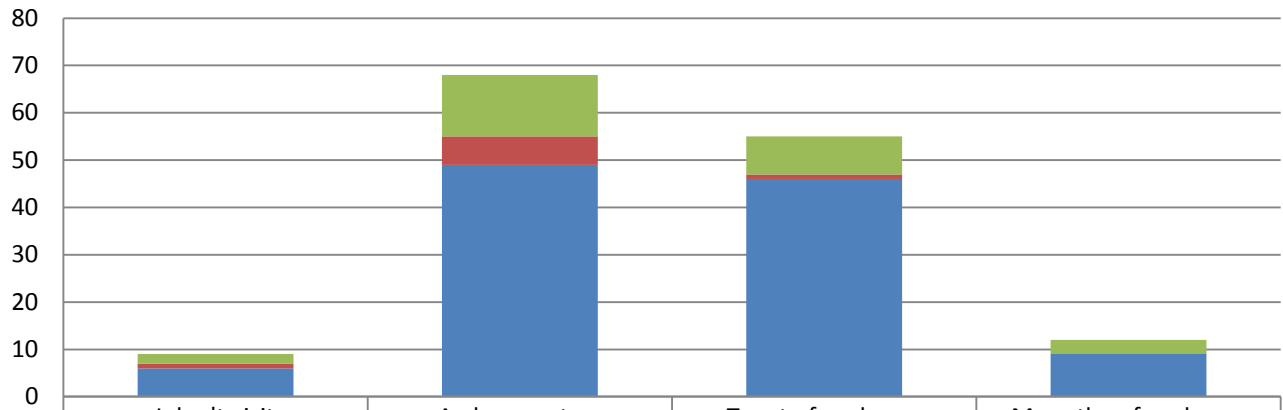
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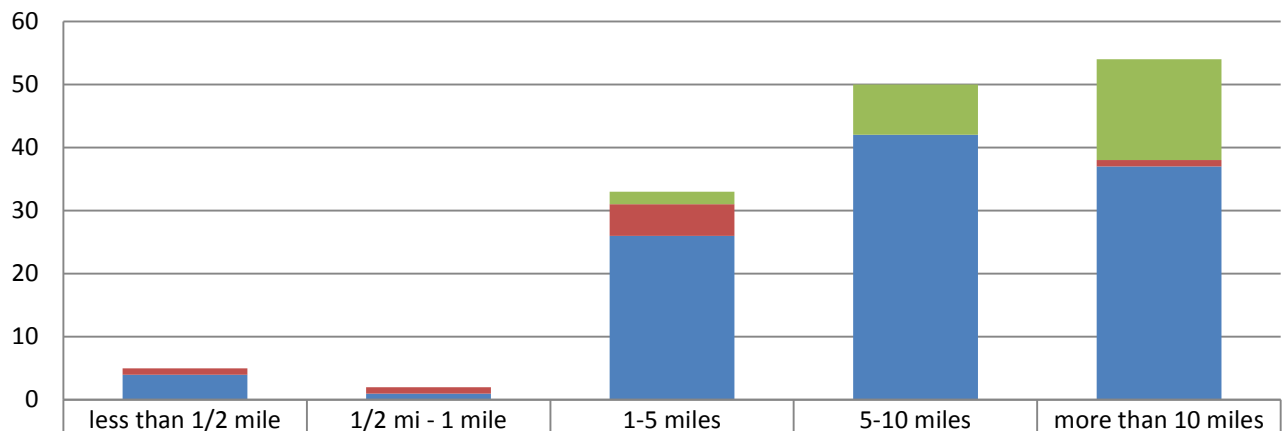


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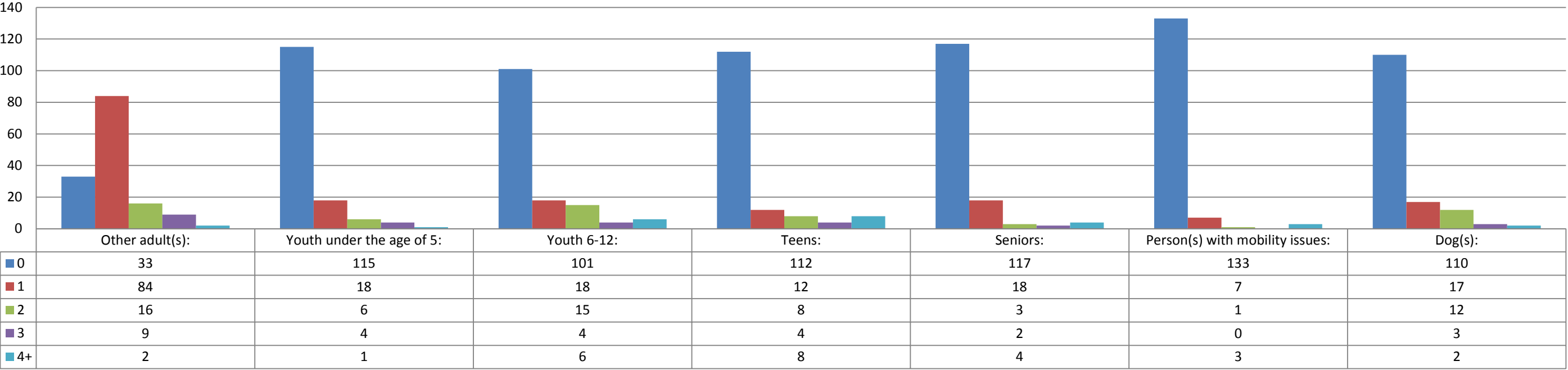
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Web	6	49	46	9

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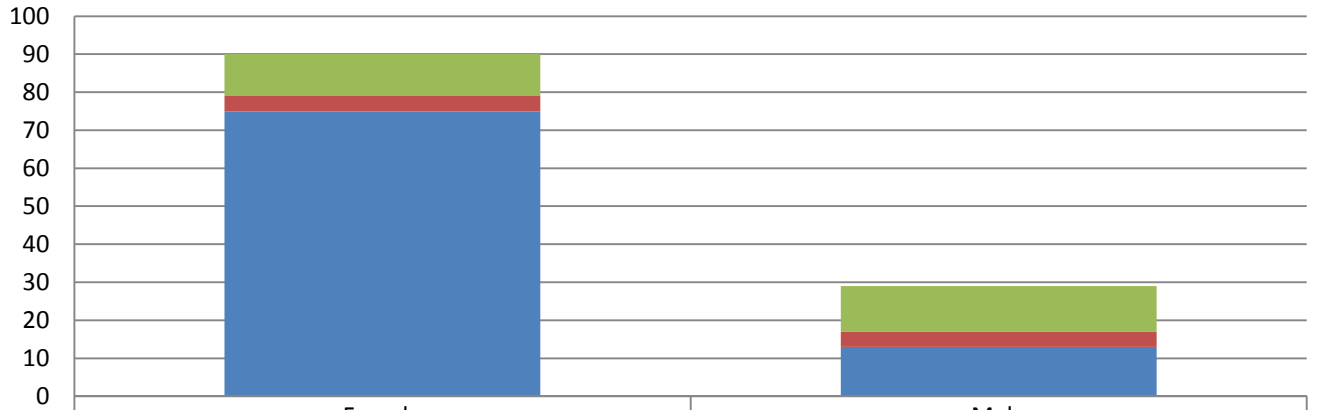


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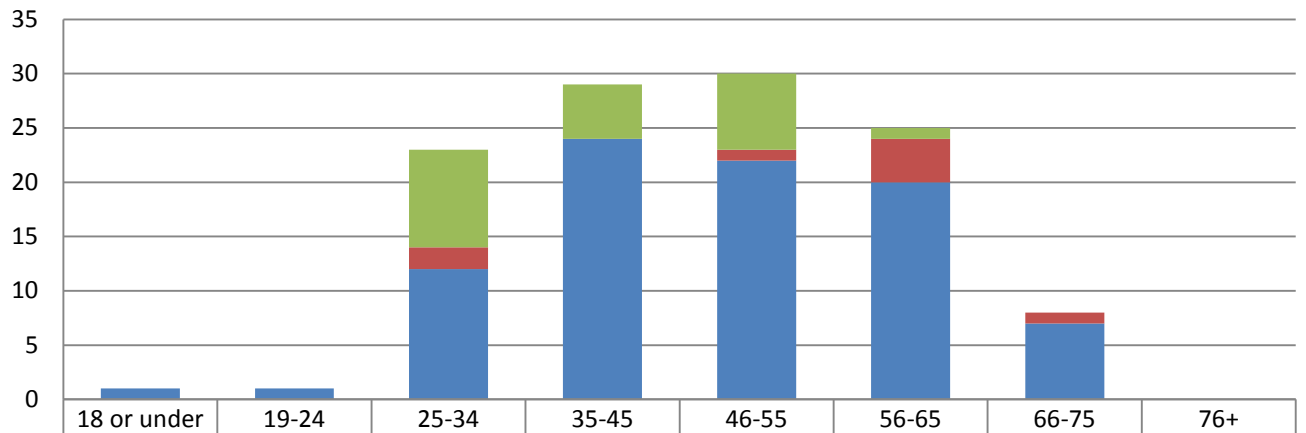


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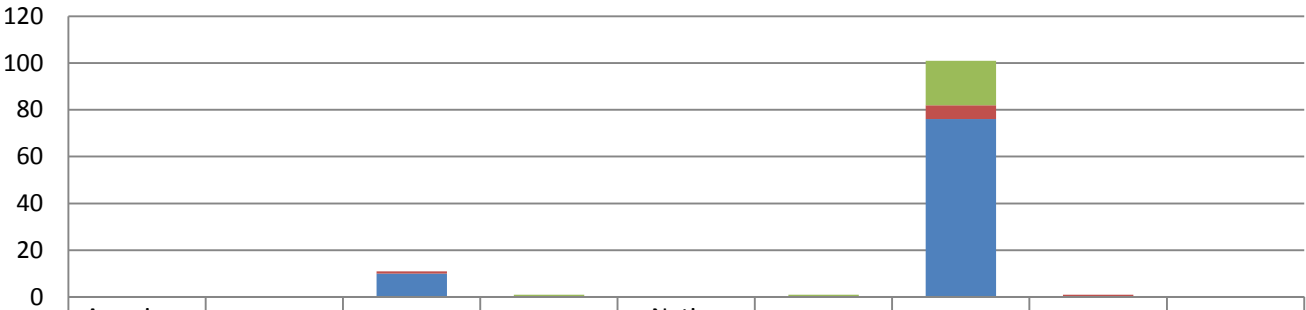
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Web	75	13

Age of Respondents



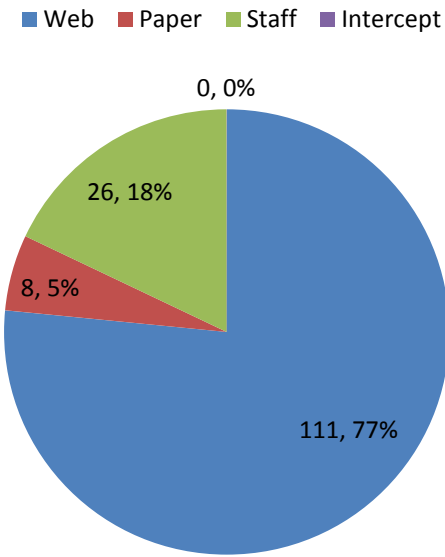
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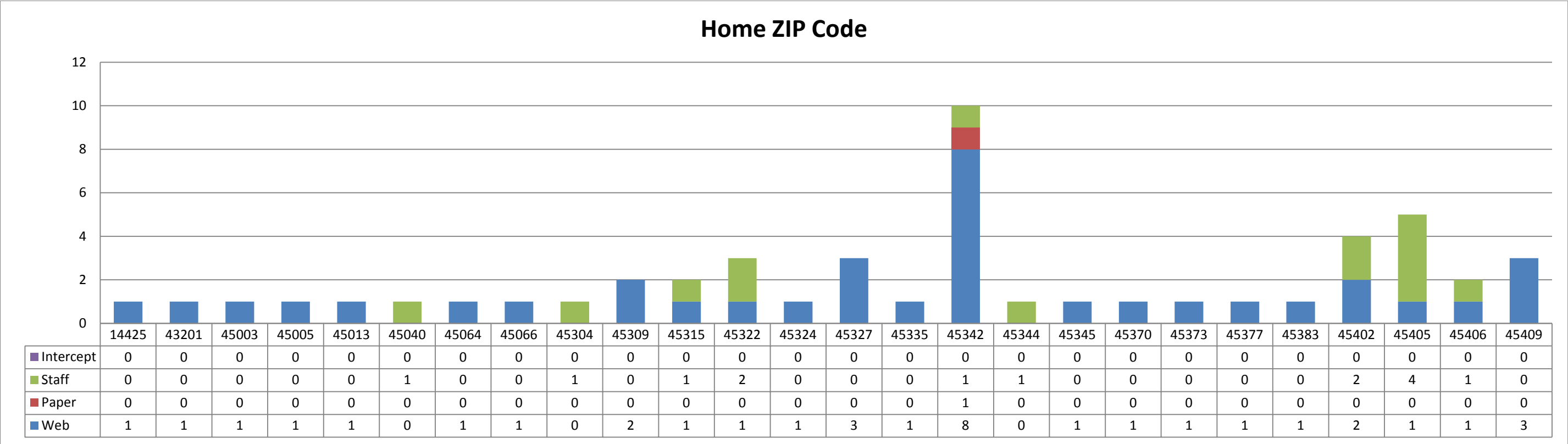
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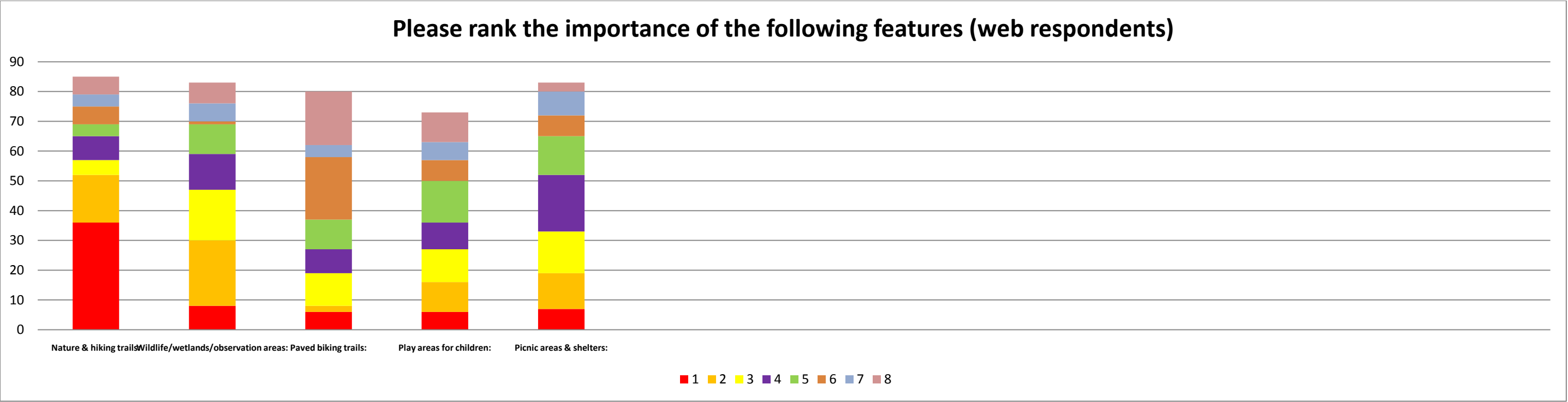
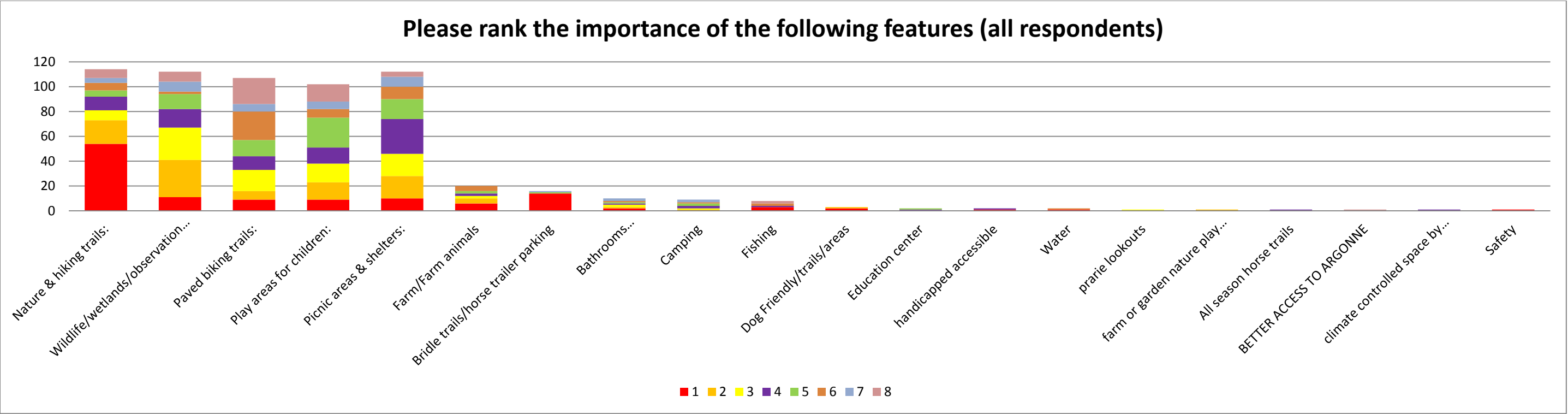


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Staff	0	0	0	1	0	1	19	0	0
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Web	0	0	10	0	0	0	76	0	0

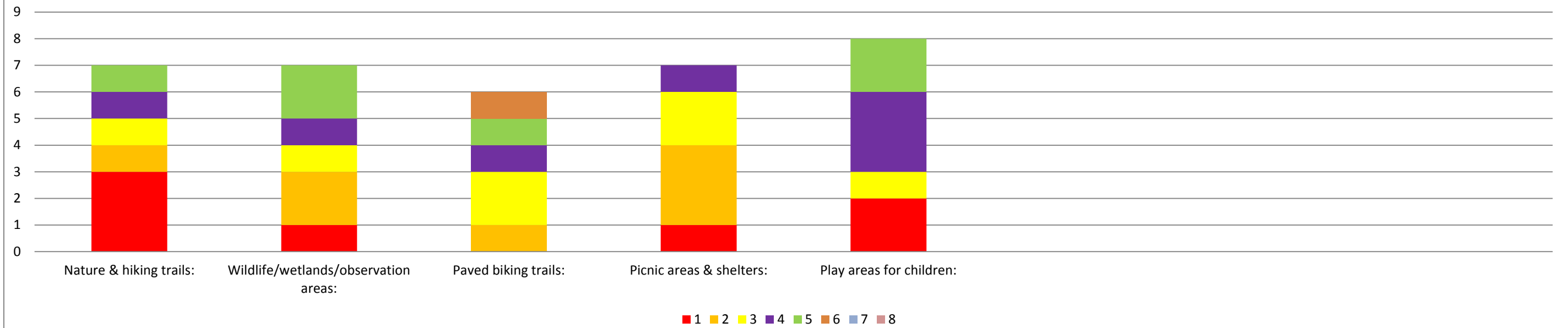
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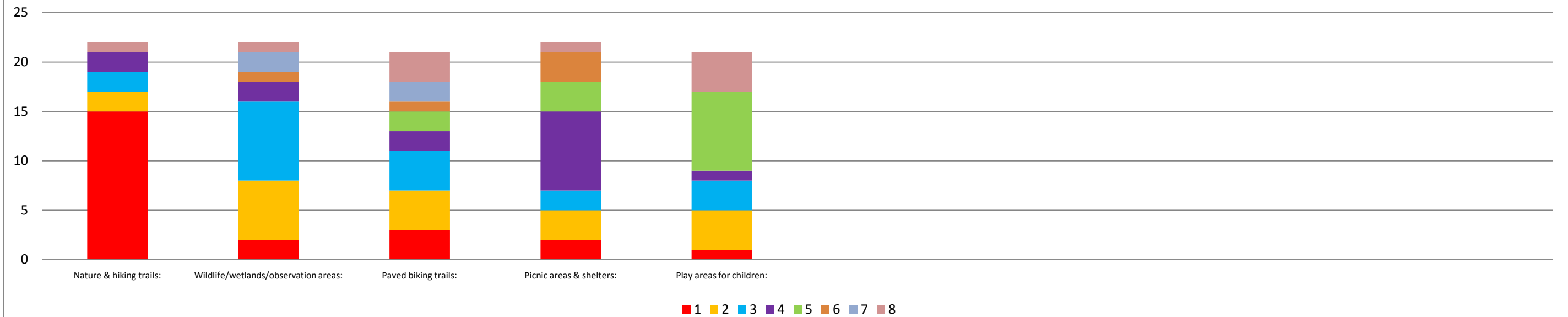




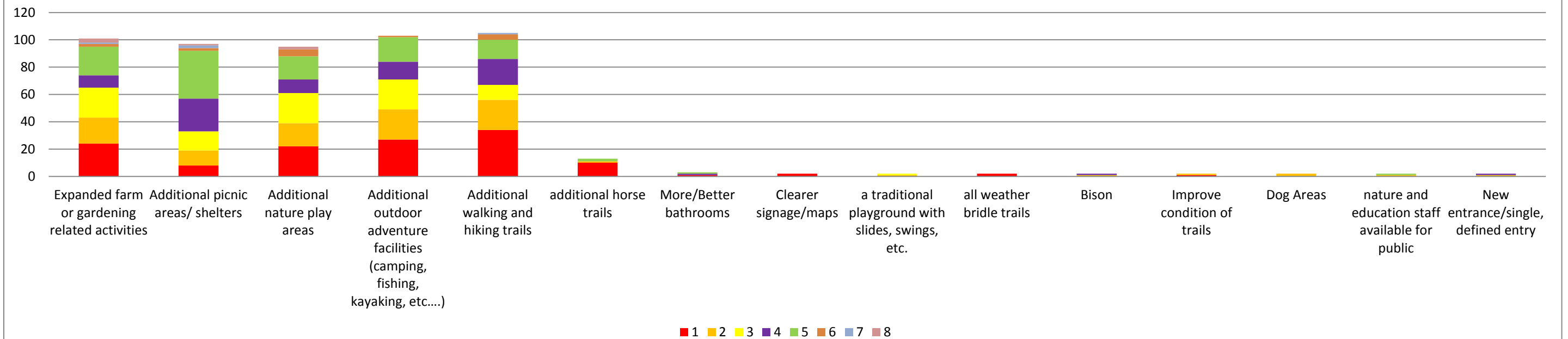
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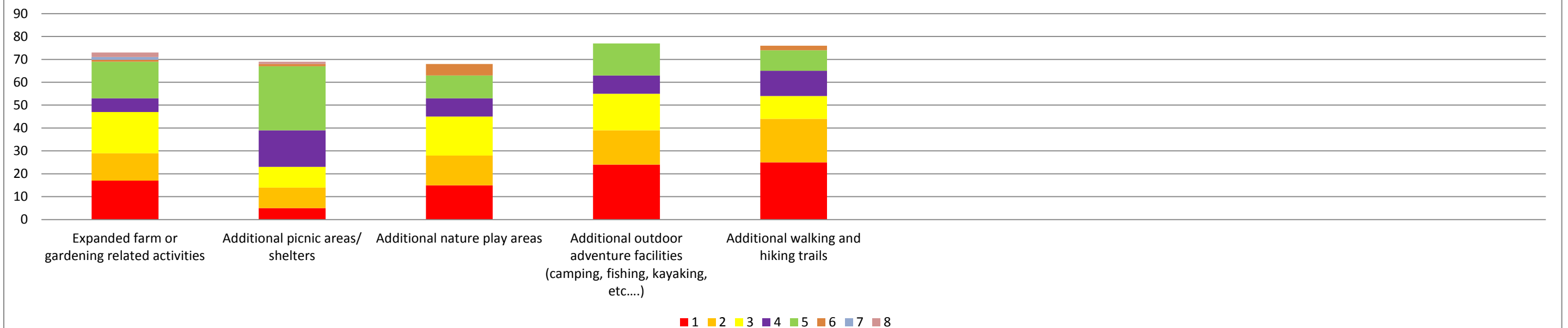
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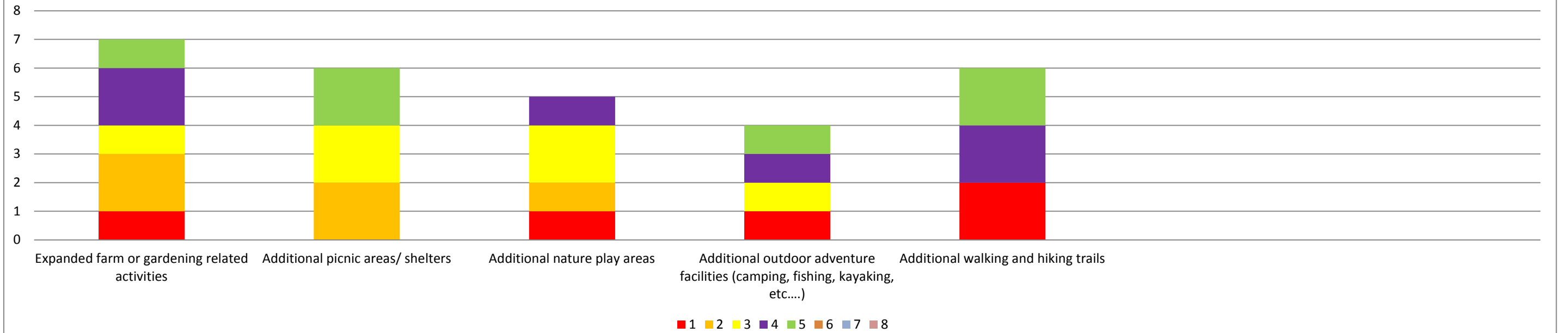
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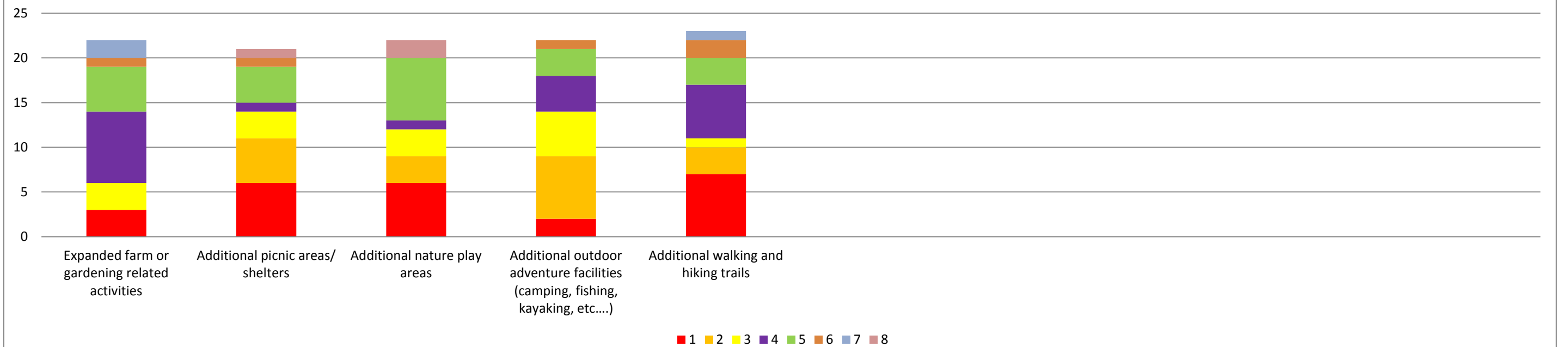
What things would you add to Possum Creek MetroPark? (web respondents)



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



7. What do you like most about Possum Creek?

Source	Comments
Web	all
Staff	All the things there are to do in such a close proximity.
Web	Animals.....farm..... nature
Web	Argonne Forest, the animals
Staff	Argonne Forest
Staff	Argonne Forest The Farm Orienteering event Education Building Skunk Cabbage Patch
Web	Argonne Trail, Farm, Hiking trails
Web	Being able to take my kids fishing.
Staff	Bird watching around the lake. Bringing my granddaughter to the farm. Hike the Argonne historical loop about once a week.
Web	birdwatching prairie plants lakes and ponds nature watching paved areas
Web	Bridle trails scenery
Web	Bridle trails, farm, convenience
Web	Camping and fishing
Web	camping with scouts, hiking, biking through
Web	Camping, fishing, hiking trails - variety of things to see.
Web	Camping, farm
Web	Classes
Web	Clean
Paper	clean, patrolled, friendly, use more picnic tables, close, nice part to take kids
Web	Extensive hiking trails, free fishing.
Staff	farm animals
Web	FISHING
Web	Fishing
Staff	Fishing
Staff	Fishing
Staff	Fishing opportunities, the farm
Web	Fishing!
Staff	hiking trails in varied habitats
Staff	Hiking trails, Lakes and Shelters.
Web	History of the park. Seeing the old remnants from the Homestead that was once there.
Web	History. Terrain.
Web	Horse trails
Web	horse trails
Web	Horse trails
Web	Horse trails
Web	Horse trails and nature.
Web	How open it is. My kids love the animals.
Staff	How quiet and the history and all the animals wild and farm
Web	I attended and enjoyed the Compost Kitchen class.
Web	I go for the horse trails. they're nice though I'd love to see more of them. I think you;d easily draw in more riders with more mileage.
Web	I love nature so this is the best park for me to take pictures!! I tend to spend hours there at a time just enjoying critters and the beauty!
Web	I love the equine trails. They are well marked and maintained. Possum Creek is the perfect place to ride when many of the other places in the Miami Valley are too wet or muddy to ride. I like the ease of the trails and the variety.
Staff	I love the farm and the community gardens! And the trails
Web	I wouldn't know as of right now there isn't much to draw me there.
Staff	It as a variety of amenities and offerings. The hiking trails are great.
Web	It is a great place to run and people are always fishing
Web	It is quiet, without a lot of people. I could walk for an hour or 2 without seeing others on the paths. Good variety of meadow paths and woods.
Web	Its a smaller park and quiet. Not as much human traffic
Web	It's beauty and peacefulness, it is a little gem, in an accessible location, well hidden with great possibilities!
Web	It's clean, close and not crowded.
Web	Its well marked and maintained. Beautiful facility!
Web	I've only visited once for a class. I enjoyed the facility, but it was too dark to visit the rest of the park. I did enjoy learning a little bit about the park and would like to visit again in the future.
Web	Location - Quiet
Web	love being in nature, wish there were bridle trails
Web	My family loves the farm activities. Love the horse trails
Web	My family's favorite part of Possum Creek is the farm (education center) and the animals - we used to love being able to get in the pen and pet the goats and donkey, seeing the sheep in the pen, and the horse in it's stall, and tromping around in the barn, seeing the turkeys and chickens in their pen and the pig in it's pen. We love the fishing ponds and the pond by the farm. We also love the little playground area. And we really miss the festival they used to have in the fall where we would decorate pumpkins, play some games, see the animals, and even get to see police horses and some fowl that were brought in cages and we were allowed to hold and pet. We also rent the Prairie Dock shelter each year for our annual family gathering - it has a great layout.
Staff	n/a
Paper	No comment
Staff	Not much. Its identity is weak, the location is far from desirable, and all of its physical characteristics (woods, tall grass, animals, etc.) are also available at other parks. The history of the park is not of interest to me. The trails are soggy.

Web	Not over crowded.
Web	OPEN SPACE AND THE PONDS
Web	Pretty trails and views
Web	Proximity to home. Quiet. Varied terrain
Staff	restrooms water fountain and the road trough the park
Paper	Running trails/hiking
Web	Scenic view, and quiet surroundings
	Seeing or helping kids learn about farm critters. Helping them fish. Riding my horse on the property. Appreciating the proximity for the city dwellers to have a beautiful taste of nature at their back door. (Not sure if a bus runs by the entrance.) People need the N (Nature) vitamin for their well-being.
Web	And, Connie and staff are most welcoming!
	Solitude - It feels like it is my park when I am there and the only one on the trails. My dog loves it too. I like the habitat variety on trail - prairie, woods, shrub, lake view, farm. History is cool too, although the story is more interesting that the remnants that you actually find in the woods. They are kind of a disappointment when you finally find them. Could anything be done to restore them a bit? Use art installations to better imagine the past use? The park location is sorta unfortunate - I have to choose to drive through the hood to get there, or drive by the prison and landfill. The K9 club scares me.
Staff	
Paper	The availability of ponds and hiking trails
Web	the bridle trail and ease of getting in and out of horse parking lot. I can meet my northern horse friends there.
Web	the bridle trails. I love the trails there. one of my favorite places to ride
Web	The children love looking at nature and learning how to respect the animals and bugs (not all the bugs).
Web	The different learning areas.
Staff	the diversity of having a farm as well as beautiful nature trails
Web	The equestrian trails!
Web	The farm
Web	the farm and fishing ponds
Web	The farm and the animals
Web	The farm animals and walking trails
Web	the farm animals, the garden and the trails
Web	The farm animals, the nature play area.and the prairie.
Web	The farms and the Argonne Forest trail
Web	The fishing
Web	The hiking paths.
Web	the hiking trails
Web	The hiking trails, the ponds, the prairie areas, and the mature trees
	the lake and ponds thre argonne forest
Staff	
Web	The lakes, availability, shelters and upkeep
	The large cabin space Away from civilization - secluded Clean bathrooms
Web	
Web	The nature and scenery! There are so many picture opportunities!
	The new campsites where you can fish and also visit the farm. I also love the group campsites. We have used this park both with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
Web	The open air layout, trails and safe place for small kids to see animals in a farm location rather than the zoo.
	The peace The fishing The kind park people
Paper	
Web	The prairie areas and forest trails
Staff	The prairies.
Staff	the programs held there, the farm, and Argonne Forest and its history
	The proximity to my home. I have been walking my dogs at Possum Creek for 27 years. I also appreciate the friendliness of the park employees.
Web	
	The scenic and well maintained walking trails. The historic landmarks regarding the history of the area. I also love the idea of the free group camp. The nice restrooms and shelter houses. I took my niece and nephew to the fishing pond and farm on one occasion. I'm not a regular fisher but what an awesome resource to have.
Web	The farm was not open when we went but we were able to walk around and see the animals.
Web	The trails
Paper	The trails
Web	The trails and ponds.
Staff	The trails and the animals
Web	The trails, the animals.
Staff	The variety in what is offered. I love the farm and the forest and the fishing!
	The variety of environment from fields to woods, make the ride interesting. Having creek crossings give opportunities to see wildlife as well as offer the horses a drink. I like that they have community farming opportunities. Its fun to talk to them and see their progress as we ride through.
Web	
Web	The walking trail system.
Paper	The water and the quiet
Web	Trail system, Ponds
Web	Trails
	Trails Special events
Web	
Web	Trails, fishing lake and farm

Paper	trails, lakes, historic forest
Staff	Variety of habitats, longer trails, variety of activities going on
Web	Very easy walking,, usually clean
Web	Very scenic and the nice trails. The kind can use their push scooters. And the fishing access is fun for the kids. We also saw some swans that was exciting. Bathroom access is important too.
Web	Visiting with animals, walking, taking classes.
Web	Walking Paths Trails
Web	We appreciate the sustainable farm example it sets.
Web	We like visiting the barn and seeing the animals.
Web	We miss the playground. We also enjoyed it when there were more farm animals. We still enjoy the hiking trails, fishing, and picnic shelters.
Web	Wide trails easy to follow.

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

Source	Comments
Web	A shelter in the horse trailer parking area, and an expanded parking area for horse trailers would be nice.
Web	All weather bridle trails with footing agreeable to barefoot horses, ie smaller rock like crushed limestone
Web	Animals stalls need to be cleaned out more regularly.
Web	Biking trails would be great!
Paper	Boy scouts & girl scouts Youth groups to come to camp
Staff	Community Gardening is vitally important to me and many of my peers. A focus on this will surely draw patrons.
Web	Connie is a gem and the heart of Possum Creek!
Paper	Document the history - have it written for all to see; Rent out the meeting room
Web	facilities and bridle trails are very much needed for the equine community which is very strong in our area
Web	Great park! I like the addition of interpretive signs and new rest room over the last several years. Few places on the trails are wet much of the years and could use gravel or board walk way.
Paper	Great park, just need to cut back when weeds grow across the trail
Web	horse trails are very important for me
Web	I am so pleased that Possum Creek is reducing the amount of honeysuckle and brush. Other than that, I love the park just as it is. I do enjoy seeing groups like the Boy Scouts camping at the park.
Web	I hope Possum Creek MetroPark continue to provide this area of Dayton with outdoor recreation and walking trails.
Web	I love your park!
Web	I think any of the parks excluding Carriage Hill would benefit from a outdoor climbing wall
Staff	I think Possum Creek has a lot to offer the public, but there is a perception that it is in a "bad" part of town, and is "far away." I think more could be done to promote the park and all it has to offer. It takes time, but having a presence at any Jefferson Twp. school events or community events could help make Possum Creek more inviting and accessible.
	I also think we should utilize new organizations interested in working with Five Rivers MetroParks like Fox 45 to showcase programs and self-guided activities in the park. Public perception takes time to impact, but it can be done.
	If there is any way to acquire the Canine Club at the corner, it would have a huge impact on the perception of the park. Not only would it allow for night hikes in Argonne Forest to not be impacted by music and noise from the club. I think it severely impacts someone's experience, before they even enter the park, in a negative way. Having a nice sign welcoming park visitors at the corner of Rt. 4 and Frytown would help people feel safe and welcome right from the start, and would help others realize that Possum Creek is right there.
Web	I would like paved walking paths. The Columbus Metro Parks have paved walking/running/bike paths. They are more comfortable to walk/run on.
Web	I would like to see designated cross country skiing trails groomed and signage about the sport and trail etiquette for other users. I would like to see a paved trail connection into the park supporting alternative transportation options and bike-touring users.
Web	I'm not sure if this is feasible, but a lot of programming opportunities that I am interested in are at Wegerzyn, which is quite a drive for me--not sure if there is opportunity to duplicate some of those here? I know each park has its own personality and the programming it matched up like that so not sure if there is any opportunity here.
Web	Keeping the equine trails at Possum Creek is not only good for the equestrians, but also the other visitors. So many people are removed from livestock today that it is nice to be able to have a place where people can interact with it. EVERY TIME I visit Possum Creek, a hiker or picnicher will go out of their way to come and pet my horse and talk about him. It is a great PR builder.
Web	More activities year round- Farmers Market - Food Truck Day ...,
Web	More structured/scheduled activities in the evening hours on weekdays. Better advertising of the amenities the park has to offer. Anything to get more people to frequent the park. There are a lot of great features to enjoy at this park. Even though I frequently see park rangers driving through the parking lots I seldom feel safe walking the trails. I only ever see one or two other people here. The other metroparks I frequent are much busier which makes me feel safe that if anything happened I could get help. My boyfriend and I love camping and have never camped here only because it feels so isolated.
Web	More tables at the farm area would be great. An observation area around the farm pond would be also. Our family visits for hiking, for the kids to explore, for fishing, picnics and occasionally grilling.
Web	OUr family really like to walk the trails. However, at sometimes it is very very muddy and it would be nice if in those areas there would be some gravel or a plank bridge. People also need to be fined if they let their dogs of the leash.. There have been several occassions when we had to battle with people letting their dogs off the leash. I believe they should be cited if possible. OUr dogs are rescues and not very friendly with other dogs and a couple of times they have been approached in an aggressive manner and I do not feel as though I should have to handle that. When I do have to handle it the owners do not like what i have to say. BUt thanks for the nice walking paths
Staff	PC is one of my favorite parks, but it feels like it has an identity crisis. It has a little of everything - which makes it feel sorta like nothing. I am really looking forward to this master plan process to help our little diamond in the rough
	Please do not add playgrounds or climbing walls! Some parkland needs justvto be green space. Urban kids need exposure to farm animals, trees and woods.
Web	Add programming for teens
Web	Please keep up the great work keeping our parks clean.
Web	Possum Creek does have a lot of variety - fishing which is very popular, the farm which also has some traffic, but one of the best parts is that it is not over utilized - sometimes it is nice to take a walk in solitude.

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About how often do you visit Possum Creek MetroPark?

All	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Total
Everyday	4	4	4	4	16
Several times a week	13	16	12	6	47
Once a week	15	19	13	7	54
Monthly	43	46	50	27	166
Yearly	52	47	47	38	184
Never	17	12	18	62	109

When do you typically visit Possum Creek MetroPark?

All	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Not at all	Total
Monday:	19	42	31	72	164
Tuesday:	23	41	35	67	166
Wednesday:	19	40	34	71	164
Thursday:	20	43	35	69	167
Friday:	22	48	46	57	173
Saturday:	61	94	30	20	205
Sunday:	41	83	23	35	162

How do you typically get to Possum Creek?

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
Walk	3	2	1	0	0
Bike	5	4	0	1	0
Bus	0	0	0	0	0
Car/truck	128	99	6	23	0
Other	6	4	1	1	0

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

All	0	1	2	3	4
Other adult(s):	33	84	16	9	2
Youth under the age of 5:	115	18	6	4	1
Youth 6-12:	101	18	15	4	6
Teens:	112	12	8	4	8
Seniors:	117	18	3	2	4
Person(s) with mobility issues:	133	7	1	0	3
Do(s):	110	17	12	3	2
	221	174	61	26	26
Total	103.00	24.66	8.71	3.71	3.71
Ave	%	59%	14%	5%	2%
				2%	2%

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

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
I don't visit	9	6	1	2	0
An hour or two	68	49	6	13	0
Two to four hours	55	46	1	8	0
More than four hours	12	9	0	3	0

How far do you live from Possum Creek MetroPark?

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
less than 1/2 mile	5	4	1	0	0
1/2 mi - 1 mile	2	1	1	0	0
1-5 miles	33	26	5	2	0
5-10 miles	50	42	0	8	0
more than 10 miles	54	37	1	16	0

Please rank the importance of the following features

All	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Nature & hiking trails:	54	19	8	11	5	6	4	7	114
Wildlife/wetlands/observation areas:	11	30	26	15	12	2	8	8	112
Paved biking trails:	9	17	17	11	13	23	6	21	107
Play areas for children:	9	14	15	13	24	7	6	14	102
Picnic areas & shelters:	10	18	18	28	16	10	8	4	112
Farm/ farm animals:	6	4	2	2	1				20
Bridle trails/horse trailer parking:	14						1		16
Bathrooms access/upgraded/clean:	2	1	2	1	1	1	2		10
Camping:	3	1	1	2	2	1	2		9
Fishing:	3			1		2		2	8
Dog Friendly/trails/areas:	2	1							3
Education center:				1	1				2
handicapped accessible:	1			1					2
Water:	1					1			2
prairie lookouts:			1						1
farm or garden nature play area preferred by farm:		1							1
All season horse trails:				1					1
BETTER ACCESS TO ARGONNE:								1	1
climate controlled space by Argonne Forest:					1				1
Safety:	1								1
fruits & berries:						1			1
Hand on learning for kids:	1								1
parking lots:							1		1
Playground:				1					1
caneceing:	1								1
bird watching - many warblers, Wood Thrush:	1								1
cabins:	1								1
Geocaching:					1				1
good rental-sized ed. building:								1	1
historical things:			1						1
Lake:					1				1
non-motorized boat access on lake:		1							1
picnic tables in horse trailer parking:		1							1
Programming for teens (particularly sat/sun pm):			1						1
Shaded Areas:								1	1
strong interpretation of Argonne Forest:					1				1
up to date maps:			1						1
nature programs:					1				1
Bike trail connectors:						1			1
	127	96	90	88	77	57	37	57	

What things would you add to Possum Creek to make it better?

All	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Expanded farm or gardening related activities:	24	19	22	9	21	2	1	3	101
Additional picnic areas/ shelters:	8	11	14	24	35	2	2	1	97
Additional nature play areas:	22	17	22	10	17	5	0	2	95
Additional outdoor adventure facilities (camping, canoeing):	27	22	22	13	18	1	0	0	103
Additional walking and hiking trails:	34	22	11	19	14	4	1	0	105
additional horse trails:	10	1			2				13

Web	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Total
Everyday:	1	1	1	1	4
Several tm:	10	12	10	10	42
Once a we:	12	14	10	10	46
Monthly:	34	37	37	37	145
Yearly:	40	37	38	38	153
Never:	13	9	14	14	50

Web	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Not at all	Total
Monday:	13	27	22	57	119
Tuesday:	14	26	25	54	119
Wednesda:	12	27	25	55	119
Thursday:	13	27	27	55	122
Friday:	14	34	36	43	127
Saturday:	46	76	20	13	155
Sunday:	36	64	12	25	137

Gender

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
Female:	90	75	4	11	0
Male:	29	13	4	12	0

Age

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
18 or unde:	1	1	0	0	0
19-24:	1	1	0	0	0
25-34:	23	12	2	9	0
35-45:	29	24	0	5	0
46-55:	30	22	1	7	0
56-65:	25	20	4	1	0
66-75:	8	7	1	0	0
76+:	0	0	0	0	0

Race

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
American:	0	0	0	0	0
Asian:	0	0	0	0	0
Black or Al:	11	10	1	0	0
Hispanic o:	1	0	0	1	0
Native Haw:	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Hispa:	1	0	0	1	0
White or C:	101	76	6	19	0
Two or Mo:	1	0	1	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0

Paper	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Total
Everyday:	-	-	-	-	-
Several tm:	3	4	2	2	11
Once a we:	1	2	1	1	5
Monthly:	2	1	4	4	11
Yearly:	1	-	-	-	1
Never:	1	1	1	1	4

Paper	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Not at all	Total
Monday:	2	5	5	3	15
Tuesday:	2	5	5	3	15
Wednesda:	1	4	4	4	13
Thursday:	1	5	4	3	13
Friday:	2	6	5	2	15
Saturday:	2	5	4	2	13
Sunday:	1	6	4	2	13

Home ZIP Code:

	All	Web	Paper	Staff	Intercept
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43201:	1	1	0	0	0
43033:	1	1	0	0	0
45005:	1	1	0	0	0
45013:	1	1	0	0	0
45040:	1	0	0	1	0
45064:	1	1	0	0	0
45066:	1	1	0	0	0
45304:	1	0	0	1	0
45309:	2	2	0	0	0
45315:	2	1	0	1	0
45322:	3	1	0	2	0
45324:	1	1	0	0	0
45327:	3	3	0	0	0
45335:	1	1	0	0	0
45342:	10	8	1	1	0
45344:	1	0	0	1	0
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45406:	2	1	0	1	0
45409:	3	3	0	0	0
45410:	4	3	0	1	0
45415:	2	2	0	0	0
45417:	12	6	5	1	0
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45434:	1	1	0	0	0
45439:	12	11	1	0	0
45440:	1	1	0	0	0
45449:	11	11	0	0	0
45458:	1	0	0	1	0
45459:	2	2	0	0	0

Paper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Nature & h:	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
Wildlife/w:	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	7
Paved biki:	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	6
Picnic area:	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	7
Play areas:	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	8

Staff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Nature & h:	15	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	22
Wildlife/w:	2	6	8	2	0	1	2	1	22
Paved biki:	3	4	4	2	2	1	2	3	21
Picnic area:	2	3	2	8	3	3	0	1	22
Play areas:	1	4	3	1	8	0	0	4	21

Intercept	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Nature & h:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife/w:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paved biki:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Picnic area:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Play areas:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

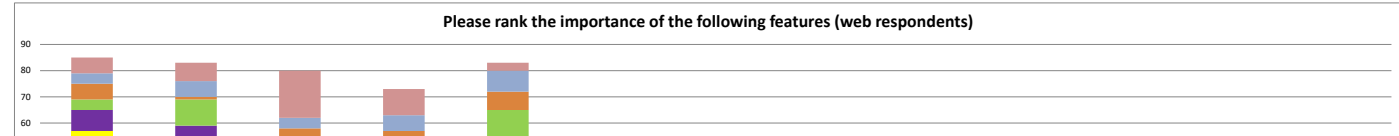
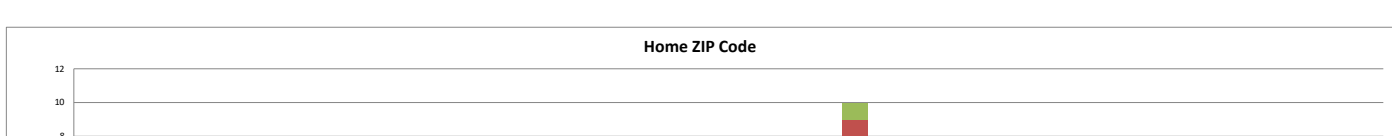
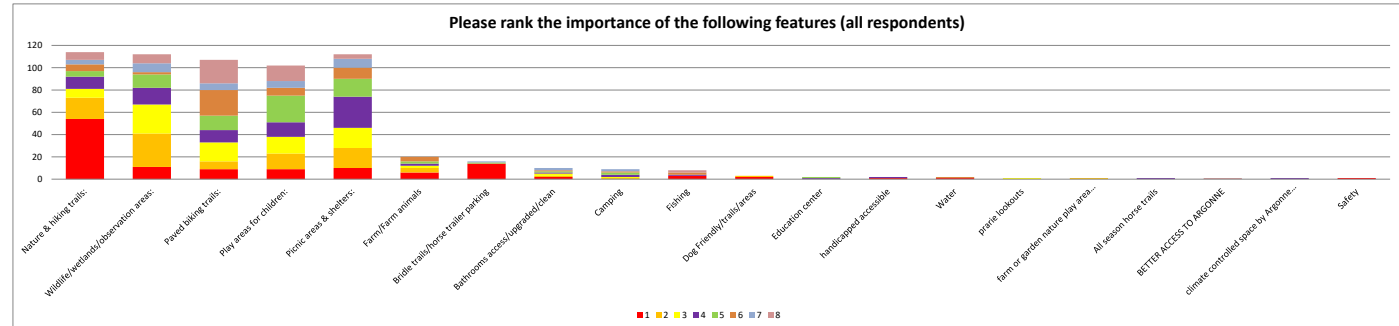
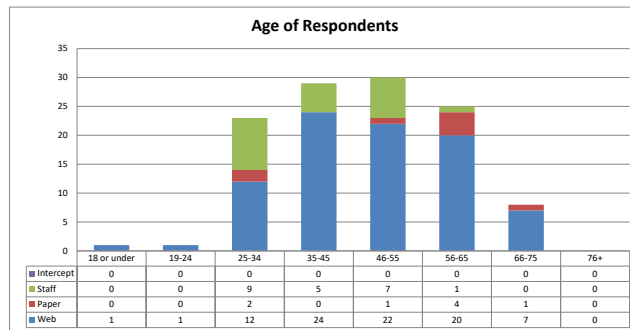
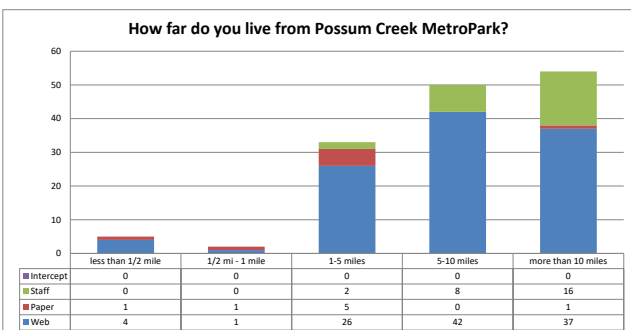
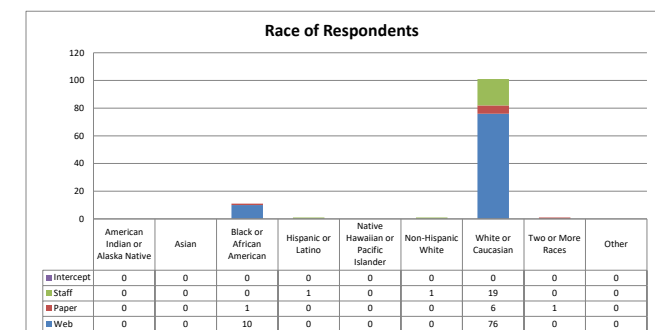
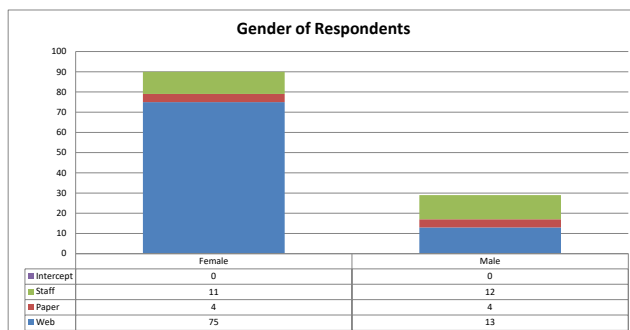
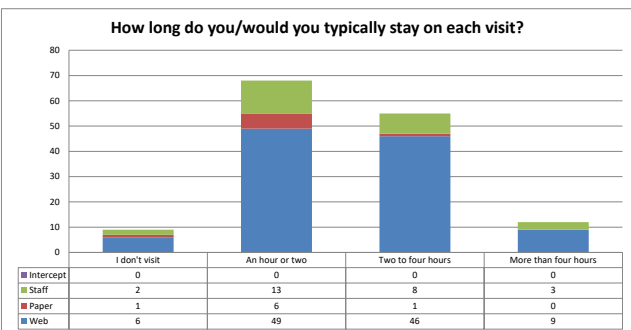
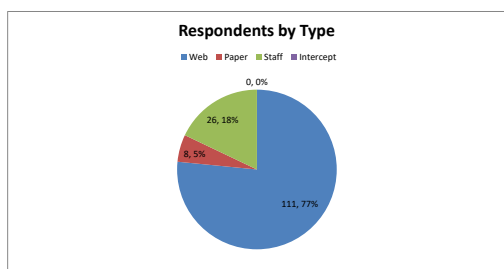
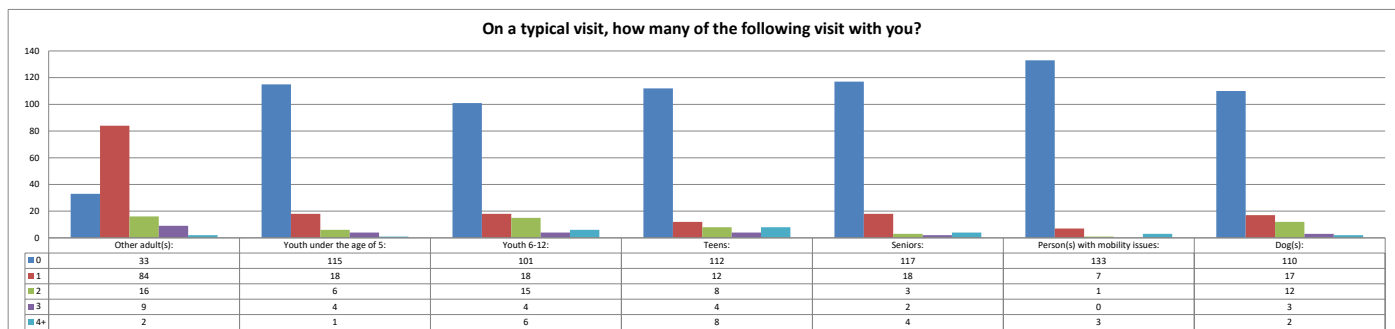
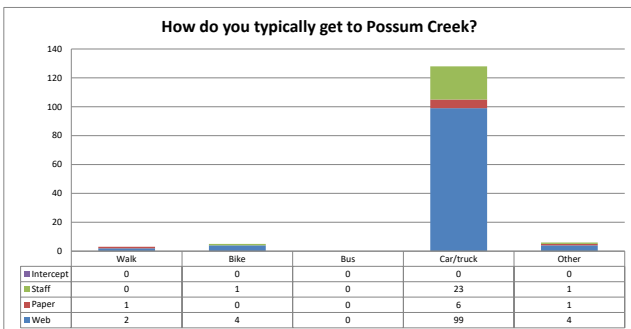
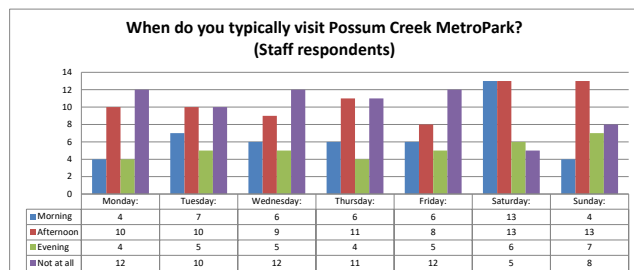
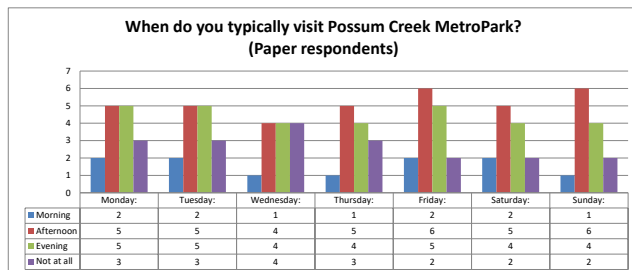
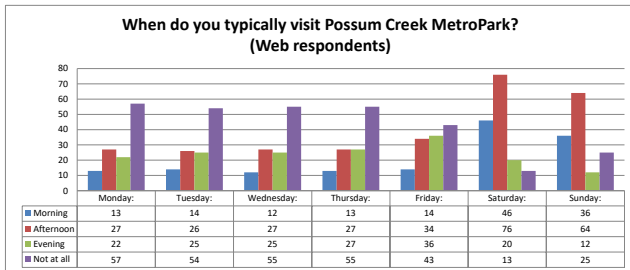
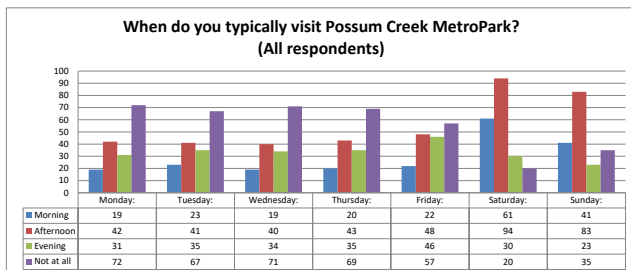
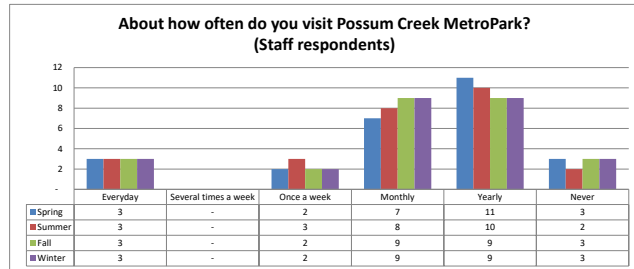
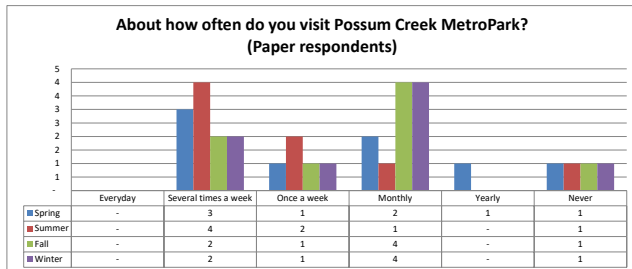
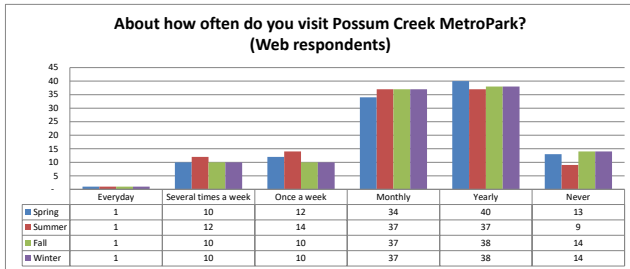
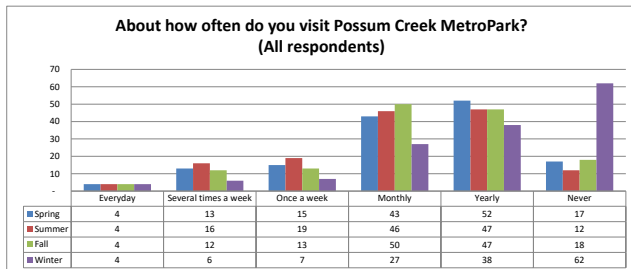
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Additional:	6	3	3	1	7	0	0	2	22
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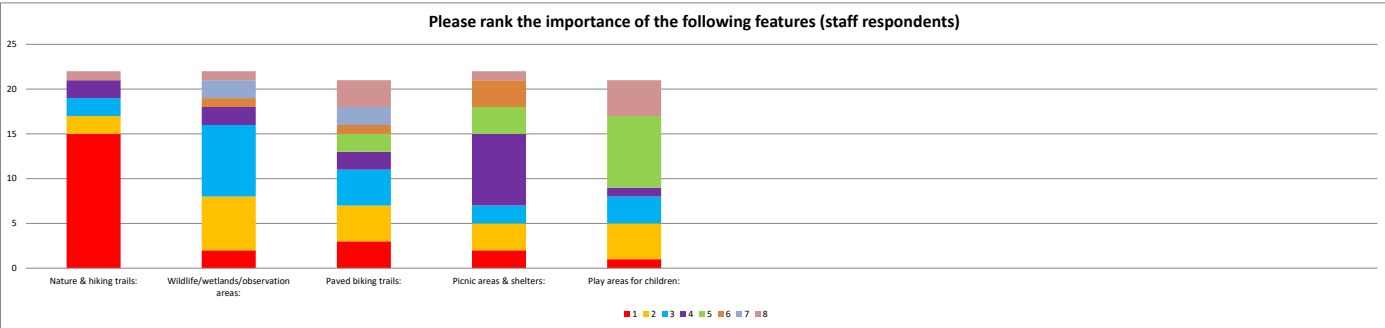
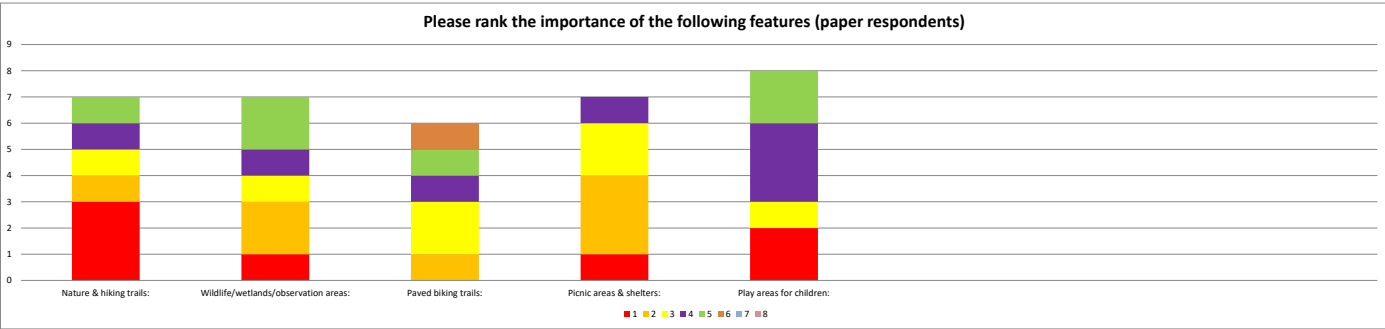
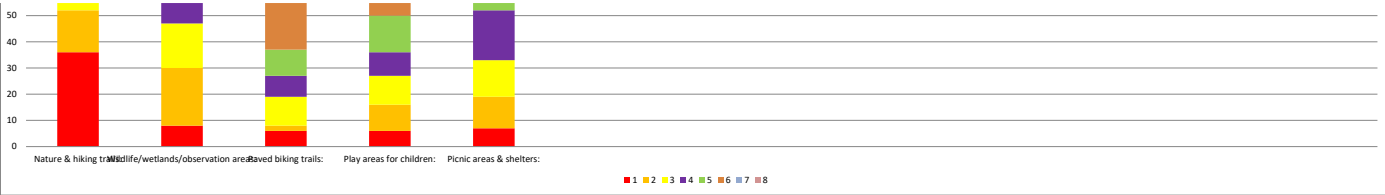
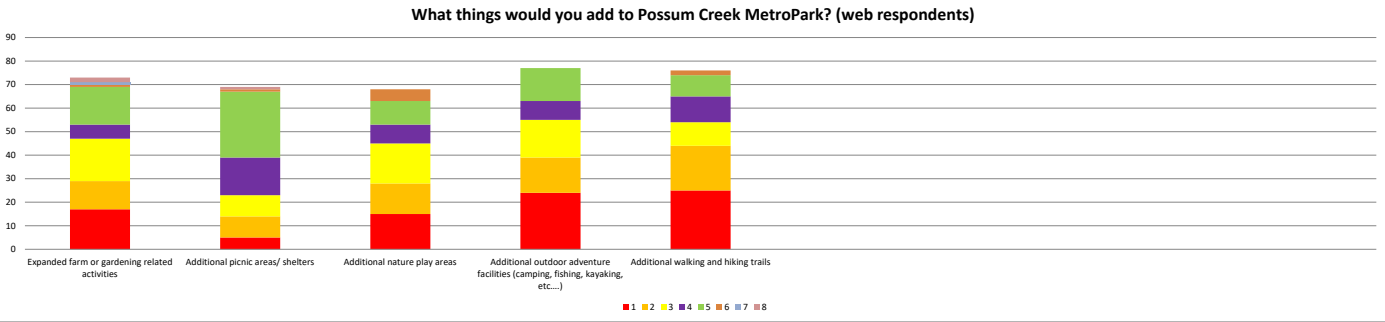
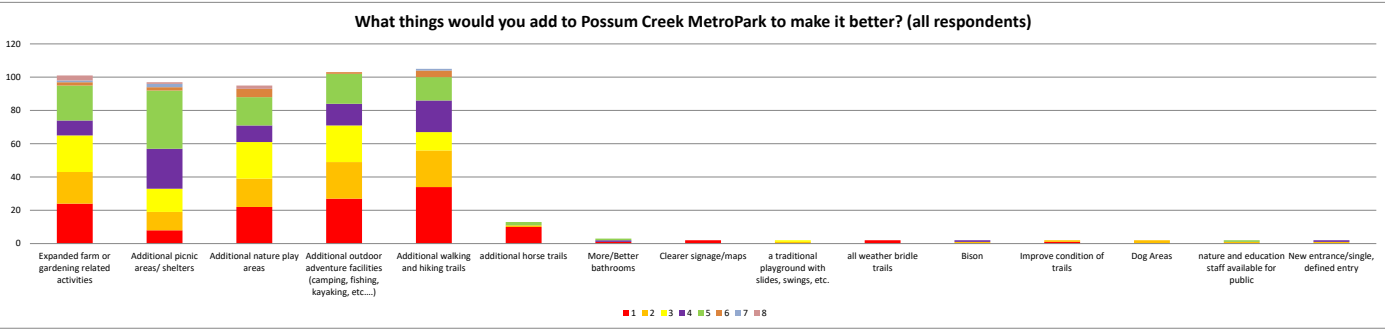
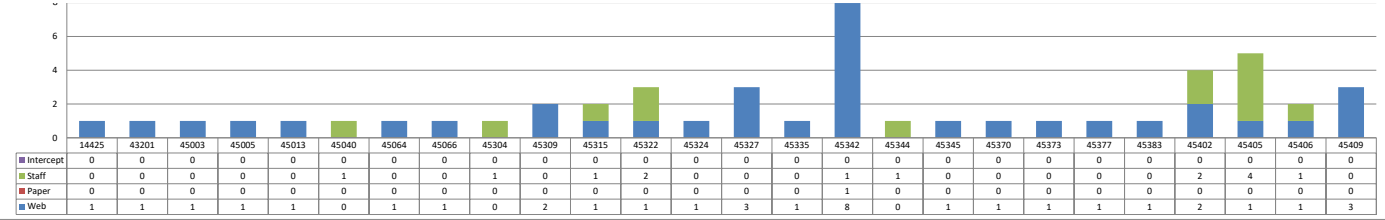
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Type

	Count	PCT
Web:	111	77%
Paper:	8	6%
Staff:	26	18%
Intercept:	0	0%
	145	

Staff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Nature & h	15	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	22
Wildlife/w	2	6	8	2	0	1	2	1	22
Paved biki	3	4	4	2	2	1	2	3	21
Picnic area	2	3	2	8	3	3	0	1	22
Play areas	1	4	3	1	8	0	0	4	21





7. What do you like most about Possum Creek?

Comments	Column1
Web all	all
Staff All the things there are to do in such a close proximity.	all the things there are to do in such a close proximity.
Web Animals.... farm.... nature	animals.... farm.... nature
Web Arbonne Forest, the animals	arbonne forest, the animals
Staff Arbonne Forest	arbonne forest
Arbonne Forest	
The Farm	
Orienteering event	
Education Building	
Stunk Cabbage Patch	arbonne forestthe farmOrienteering event @education buildingstunk cabbage patch
Web Arbonne Trail, Farm, Hiking trails	arbonne trail, farm, hiking trails
Web Being able to take my kids fishing.	being able to take my kids fishing.
Bird watching around the lake	
Bringing my granddaughter to the farm	
Hike the Arbonne historical loop about once a week.	bird watching around the lakeBringing my granddaughter to the farmlike the arbonne historical loop about once a week.
birdwatching	
prairie plants	
lakes and ponds	
nature watching	
Web paved areas	birdwatchingprairie plantslakes and pondsature watchingpaved areas
Web Bridle trails	bridle trails
Web scenery	scenery
Web Bridle trails, farm, convenience	bridle trailsfarm, convenience
Web Camping and fishing	camping and fishing
Web camping with scouts, hiking, biking through	camping with scouts, hiking, biking through
Web Camping, fishing, hiking trails - variety of things to see.	camping, fishing, hiking trails - variety of things to see.
Web Camping, farm	camping, farm
Web Classes	classes
Web Clean	clean
Paper clean, patrolled, friendly, use more picnic tables, close, nice part to take kids	clean, patrolled, friendly, use more picnic tables, close, nice part to take kids
Web Extensive hiking trails, free fishing.	extensive hiking trails, free fishing.
Staff farm animals	farm animals
Web FISHING	fishing
Web Fishing	fishing
Staff Fishing	fishing
Staff Fishing	fishing
Staff Fishing opportunities, the farm	fishing opportunities, the farm
Web Fishing!	fishing!
Staff hiking trails in varied habitats	hiking trails in varied habitats
Staff Hiking trails, Lakes and Shelters.	hiking trails, lakes and shelters.
Web History of the park. Seeing the old remnants from the Homestead that was once there.	history of the park. seeing the old remnants from the homestead that was once there.
Web History, Terrain.	history, terrain.
Web Horse trails	horse trails
Web horse trails	horse trails
Web Horse trails	horse trails
Web Horse trails	horse trails
Web Horse trails and nature.	horse trails and nature.
Web How open it is. My kids love the animals.	how open it is. my kids love the animals.
Staff How quiet and the history and all the animals wild and farm	how quiet and the history and all the animals wild and farm
Web I attended and enjoyed the Compost Kitchen class.	i attended and enjoyed the compost kitchen class.
Web I go for the horse trails, they're nice though I'd love to see more of them. I think you'd easily draw in more riders with more mileage.	i go for the horse trails. they're nice though i'd love to see more of them. i think you'd easily draw in more riders with more mileage.
Web I love nature so this is the best park for me to take pictures!! I tend to spend hours there at a time just enjoying critters and the beauty!	i love nature so this is the best park for me to take pictures!! i tend to spend hours there at a time just enjoying critters and the beauty!
Web I love the equine trails. They are well marked and maintained. Possum Creek is the perfect place to ride when many of the other places in the Miami Valley are too wet or muddy to ride. I like the ease of the trails and the variety.	i love the equine trails. they are well marked and maintained. possum creek is the perfect place to ride when many of the other places in the miami valley are too wet or muddy to ride. i like the ease of the trails and the variety.
Staff I love the farm and the community gardens! And the trails	i love the farm and the community gardens! and the trails
Web I wouldn't know as of right now there isn't much to draw me there.	i wouldn't know as of right now there isn't much to draw me there.
Staff It is a variety of amenities and offerings. The hiking trails are great.	it is a variety of amenities and offerings. the hiking trails are great.
Web It is a great place to run and people are always fishing	it is a great place to run and people are always fishing
Web It is quiet, without a lot of people. I could walk for an hour or 2 without seeing others on the paths. Good variety of meadow paths and woods.	it is quiet, without a lot of people. i could walk for an hour or 2 without seeing others on the paths. good variety of meadow paths and woods.
Web It's a smaller park and quiet. Not as much human traffic	it's a smaller park and quiet. not as much human traffic
Web It's beauty and peacefulness, it is a little gem, in an accessible location, well hidden with great possibilities!	it's beauty and peacefulness, it is a little gem, in an accessible location, well hidden with great possibilities!
Web It's clean, close and not crowded.	it's clean, close and not crowded.
Web It's well marked and maintained. Beautiful facility!	it's well marked and maintained. beautiful facility!
Web I've only visited once for a class. I enjoyed the facility, but it was too dark to visit the rest of the park.	i've only visited once for a class. i enjoyed the facility, but it was too dark to visit the rest of the park. i did enjoy learning a little bit about the park and would like to visit again in the future.
Web I did enjoy learning a little bit about the park and would like to visit again in the future.	
Web Location - Quiet	location - quiet
Web love being in nature, wish there were bridle trails	love being in nature, wish there were bridle trails
Web My family loves the farm activities. Love the horse trails	my family loves the farm activities. love the horse trails
My family's favorite part of Possum Creek is the farm (education center) and the animals - we used to love being able to get in the pen and pet the goats and donkey, seeing the sheep in the pen, and the horse in it's stall, and tromping around in the barn, seeing the turkeys and chickens in their pen and the pig in it's pen. We also love the fishing ponds and the pond by the farm. We also love the little playground area. And we really miss the festival they used to have in the fall where we would decorate pumpkins, play some games, see the animals, and even get to see police horses and some fowl that were brought in cages and we were allowed to hold and pet. We also rent the Prairie Dock shelter each year for our annual family gathering - it has a great layout.	my family's favorite part of possum creek is the farm (education center) and the animals - we used to love being able to get in the pen and pet the goats and donkey, seeing the sheep in the pen, and the horse in it's stall, and tromping around in the barn, seeing the turkeys and chickens in their pen and the pig in it's pen and we love the fishing ponds and the pond by the farm. we also love the little playground area. and we really miss the festival they used to have in the fall where we would decorate pumpkins, play some games, see the animals, and even get to see police horses and some fowl that were brought in cages and we were allowed to hold and pet. we also rent the prairie dock shelter each year for our annual family gathering - it has a great layout.
Web via	
Paper No comment	
Not much. Its identity is weak, the location is far from desirable, and all of its physical characteristics (woods, tall grass, animals, etc.) are also available at other parks. The history of the park is not of interest to me. The trails are soggy.	not much, its identity is weak, the location is far from desirable, and all of its physical characteristics (woods, tall grass, animals, etc.) are also available at other parks. the history of the park is not of interest to me. the trails are soggy.
Web Not over crowded.	not over crowded.
Web OPEN SPACE AND THE PONDS	open space and the ponds
Web Pretty trails and views	pretty trails and views
Web Proximity to home. Quiet. Varied terrain	proximity to home. quiet. varied terrain
Staff restrooms water fountain and the road trough the park	restrooms water fountain and the road trough the park
Paper Running trails/hiking	running trails/hiking
Web Scenic view, and quiet surroundings	scenic view, and quiet surroundings
Seeing or helping kids learn about farm critters. Helping them fish.	seeing or helping kids learn about farm critters. helping them fish.
Riding my horse on the property.	riding my horse on the property.
Appreciating the proximity for the city dwellers to have a beautiful taste of nature at their back door. (Not sure if a bus runs by the entrance.)	appreciating the proximity for the city dwellers to have a beautiful taste of nature at their back door. (not sure if a bus runs by the entrance.)
People need the N (Nature) vitamin for their well-being.	people need the n (nature) vitamin for their well-being.
Web And, Connie and staff are most welcoming!	and, connie and staff are most welcoming!
Solitude - it feels like it is my park when I am there and the only one on the trails. My dog loves it too. I like the habitat variety on trail - prairie, woods, shrub, lake view, farm. History is cool too, although the story is more interesting that the remnants that you actually find in the woods. They are kind of a disappointment when you finally find them. Could anything be done to restore them a bit? Use art installations to better imagine the past use?	solitude - it feels like it is my park when i am there and the only one on the trails. my dog loves it too. i like the habitat variety on trail - prairie, woods, shrub, lake view, farm. history is cool too, although the story is more interesting that the remnants that you actually find in the woods. they are kind of a disappointment when you finally find them. could anything be done to restore them a bit? use art installations to better imagine the past use?
The park location is sorta unfortunate - I have to choose to drive through the hood to get there, or drive by the prison and landfill. The K9 club scares me.	the park location is sorta unfortunate - i have to choose to drive through the hood to get there, or drive by the prison and landfill. the k9 club scares me.
Staff The availability of ponds and hiking trails	the availability of ponds and hiking trails
Web the bridle trail and ease of getting in and out of horse parking lot. I can meet my northern horse friends there.	the bridle trail and ease of getting in and out of horse parking lot. i can meet my northern horse friends there.
Web the bridle trails. I love the trails there, one of my favorite places to ride.	the bridle trails. i love the trails there, one of my favorite places to ride.
Web The children love looking at nature and learning how to respect the animals and bugs (not all the bugs).	the children love looking at nature and learning how to respect the animals and bugs (not all the bugs).
Web The different learning areas.	the different learning areas.
Staff the diversity of having a farm as well as beautiful nature trails	the diversity of having a farm as well as beautiful nature trails
Web The equestrian trails!	the equestrian trails!
Web The farm	the farm
Web the farm and fishing ponds	the farm and fishing ponds
Web The farm and the animals	the farm and the animals
Web The farm animals and walking trails	the farm animals and walking trails
Web the farm animals, the garden and the trails	the farm animals, the garden and the trails
Web The farm animals, the nature play area and the prairie.	the farm animals, the nature play area and the prairie.
Web The farms and the Arbonne Forest trail	the farms and the arbonne forest trail
Web The fishing	the fishing

Web	The trails and ponds.	the trails and ponds.
Staff	The trails and the animals.	the trails and the animals.
	The trails, the animals.□	
Web		the trails, the animals.□
Staff	The variety in what is offered. I love the farm and the forest and the fishing!	the variety in what is offered. i love the farm and the forest and the fishing!
Web	The variety of environment from fields to woods, make the ride interesting. Having creek crossings give opportunities to see wildlife as well as offer the horses a drink. I like that they have community farming opportunities. Its fun to talk to them and see their progress as we ride through.	the variety of environment from fields to woods, make the ride interesting. having creek crossings give opportunities to see wildlife as well as offer the horses a drink. I like that they have community farming opportunities. Its fun to talk to them and see their progress as we ride through.
Web	The walking trail system.	the walking trail system.
Paper	The water and the quiet	the water and the quiet
Web	Trail system, Ponds	trail system, ponds
Web	Trails.	trails
	Trails.□	
Web	Special events	trails&special events
Web	Trails, fishing lake and farm	trails, fishing lake and farm
Paper	trails, lakes, historic forest	trails, lakes, historic forest
Staff	Variety of habitats, longer trails, variety of activities going on	variety of habitats, longer trails, variety of activities going on
Web	Very easy walking, usually clean	very easy walking, usually clean
	Very scenic and the nice trails. The kind can use their push scooters. And the fishing access is fun for the kids. We also saw some swans that was exciting. Bathroom access is important too.	very scenic and the nice trails, the kind can use their push scooters. and the fishing access is fun for the kids. we also saw some swans that was exciting. bathroom access is important too.
Web	Visiting with animals, walking, taking classes.	visiting with animals, walking, taking classes.
Web	Walking Paths Trails	walking paths trails
Web	We appreciate the sustainable farm example it sets.	we appreciate the sustainable farm example it sets.
Web	We like visiting the barn and seeing the animals.	we like visiting the barn and seeing the animals.
	We miss the playground. We also enjoyed it when there were more farm animals. We still enjoy the hiking trails, fishing, and picnic shelters.	we miss the playground, we also enjoyed it when there were more farm animals. we still enjoy the hiking trails, fishing, and picnic shelters.
Web	Wide trails easy to follow.	wide trails easy to follow.

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

Source	Comments	Column1
Web	A shelter in the horse trailer parking area, and an expanded parking area for horse trailers would be nice.	
Web	All weather bridle trails with footing agreeable to barefoot horses, ie smaller rock like crushed limestone	
Web	Animals stalls need to be cleaned out more regularly.	
Web	Biking trails would be great!	
	Boy scouts & girl scouts.□	
Paper	Youth groups to come to camp	
Staff	Community Gardening is vitally important to me and many of my peers. A focus on this will surely draw patrons.	
Web	Connie is a gem and the heart of Possum Creek!	
Paper	Document the history - have it written for all to see. Rent out the meeting room	
Web	Facilities and bridle trails are very much needed for the equine community which is very strong in our area	
	Great park! I like the addition of interpretive signs and new rest room over the last several years. Few places on the trails are wet much of the years and could use gravel or board walk way.	
Web	Great park, just need to cut back when weeds grow across the trail	
Paper	horse trails are very important for me	
Web	I am so pleased that Possum Creek is reducing the amount of honeysuckle and brush. Other than that, I love the park just as it is. I do enjoy seeing	
Web	groups like the Boy Scouts camping at the park.	
Web	I hope Possum Creek MetroPark continue to provide this area of Dayton with outdoor recreation and walking trails.	
Web	I love your park!	
Web	I think any of the parks excluding Carriage Hill would benefit from a outdoor climbing wall	
	I think Possum Creek has a lot to offer the public, but there is a perception that it is in a "bad" part of town, and is "far away." I think more could be done to promote the park and all it has to offer. It takes time, but having a presence at any Jefferson Twp. school events or community events could help make Possum Creek more inviting and accessible. □	
	I also think we should utilize new organizations interested in working with Five Rivers MetroParks like Fox 45 to showcase programs and self-guided activities in the park. Public perception takes time to impact, but it can be done. □	
	If there is any way to acquire the Centre Club at the corner, it would have a huge impact on the perception of the park. Not only would it allow for night hikes in Argonne Forest to not be impacted by music and noise from the club. I think it severely impacts someone's experience, before they even enter the park, in a negative way. Having a nice sign welcoming park visitors at the corner of Rt. 4 and Frytown would help people feel safe and welcome right from the start, and would help others realize that Possum Creek is right there.	
Staff		
Web	I would like paved walking paths. The Columbus Metro Parks have paved walking/running/bike paths. They are more comfortable to walk/run on.	
	I would like to see designated cross country skiing trails groomed and signage about the sport and trail etiquette for other users. I would like to see a paved trail connection into the park supporting alternative transportation options and bike-touring users.	
Web	I'm not sure if this is feasible, but a lot of programming opportunities that I am interested in are at Wagerzyn, which is quite a drive for me--not sure if there is opportunity to duplicate some of those here? I know each park has its own personality and the programming it matched up like that so not sure if there is any opportunity here.	
	Keeping the equine trails at Possum Creek is not only good for the equestrians, but also the other visitors. So many people are removed from livestock today that it is nice to be able to have a place where people can interact with it. EVERY TIME I visit Possum Creek, a hiker or picnicher will go out of their way to come and pet my horse and talk about him. It is a great PR builder.	
Web	More activities year round-Farmers Market - Food Truck Day ...	
	More structured/scheduled activities in the evening hours on weekdays. Better advertising of the amenities the park has to offer. Anything to get more people to frequent the park. There are a lot of great features to enjoy at this park. Even though I frequently see park rangers driving through the parking lots I seldom feel safe walking the trails. I only ever see one or two other people here. The other metroparks I frequent are much busier which makes me feel safe that if anything happened I could get help. My boyfriend and I love camping and have never camped here only because it feels so isolated.	
Web	More tables at the farm area would be great. An observation area around the farm pond would be also. Our family visits for hiking, for the kids to explore, for fishing, picnics and occasionally onlling.	
Web	Our family really like to walk the trails. However, at sometimes it is very very muddy and it would be nice if in those areas there would be some gravel or a plank bridge. People also need to be fined if they let their dogs off the leash.. There have been several occasions when we had to battle with people letting their dogs off the leash. I believe they should be cited if possible. Our dogs are rescues and not very friendly with other dogs and a couple of times they have been approached in an aggressive manner and I do not feel as though I should have to handle that. When I do have to handle it the owners do not like what I have to say. But thanks for the nice walking paths.	
Web	PC is one of my favorite parks, but it feels like it has an identity crisis. It has a little of everything - which makes it feel sorta like nothing. I am really looking forward to this master plan process to help our little diamond in the rough	
Staff	Please do not add playgrounds or climbing walls! Some parkland needs justvto be green space. Urban kids need exposure to farm animals, trees and woods. □	
Web	Add programming for teens	
Web	Please keep up the great work keeping our parks clean.	
Web	Possum Creek does have a lot of variety - fishing which is very popular, the farm which also has some traffic, but one of the best parts is that it is not over utilized - sometimes it is nice to take a walk in solitude.	
Web	Possum Creek would be the ideal park to create an "All Weather" bridle trail. This would take the heat off of the other Metro Parks bridle trails, allowing them to rest in bad weather, and alleviate extra maintenance caused by usage, particularly in "muddy" weather. □	
	PC has a start on this type of trail because of the old roads bed already in place, the trail is short (4 1/2 - 5 miles), has several areas that are already graveled, great parking area and easy access. Would absolutely be an equestrian draw! □	
Web	If built properly it would require little maintenance and give easy access to emergency equipment.	
Web	Probably my favorite park to run in	
Web	SHARE SOME STOCKING LOVE IN ARGONNE	
Web	some work on some of the hiking trails where they tend to get so muddy... Maybe some extra gravel to raise those areas a little or possibly some better drainage.	
Web	thank you for providing a great place to enjoy my horse	
Staff	thanks for this hidden gem - hopefully more people find it and use it regularly!!!!	
Web	The farm needs to be run by a farmer. With the farm being educational, education staff should be maintaining the farm.	
	the horse trails are short and takes less than 1 1/2 hour to ride, to make it worth the trip there, bringing horse, pulling trailer, etc, please consider more horse trails as we, equestrians, can share the hiking trails to make it worth the trip there. Thank You ever so much!	
Web	The park would be improved by removal of the non-native invasive plants	
	The Women's room near the pond needs doors on the stall for safety and for privacy. Women NEED privacy in the restroom. We camped at the park on our wa across the country. The bathrooms at Oppossum Creek turned out to be the worst we encountered on our 5 week journey. The raccoons were also the most invasive and aagressive we encountered. All that said, we really did like the park a lot.	
Web	There's an opportunity for a top notch nature play area that people from the entire counrty would use.	
Staff	This is a lovely park. I plan on visiting more this year. Thank you for maintaining this place for all to enjoy	
Web	This park is a gem that many people don't know about. Have more large metro park events at this location to expose more people to its beauty, to my knowledge Metroparks lacks a state of the art playground. When I travel to other parks in other states I am blown away by the play areas for children.	
Web	Would love to see something impressive at Possum Creek.	
Web	Trails poorly groomed. Not very nice rest rooms.	
Web	Use the park for special events like Earth Day. Collaborate with other city groups: Native American Flute Circle, librarians, churches, artists...	
Web	With all the paving, it would be good to work on additional staff and more volunteer programs	
Web	Would be nice to have a horse trails that doesn't ever get too wet to ride in. Also maybe obstacles for horses to desensitize.	
Web	Would like to see an all-weather equestrian trail using some of the blacktop trails already there.	
Web	you need to protect wildlife areas, but make handicap access	
web	Feels unsafe due to lack of people in park	
web	More largemouth bass	
web	expand working produce farm	
web	paths tend to be very muddy.	
web	BETTER FISHING ACCESS/DISABLED, TOO TRECHEROUS NOW	