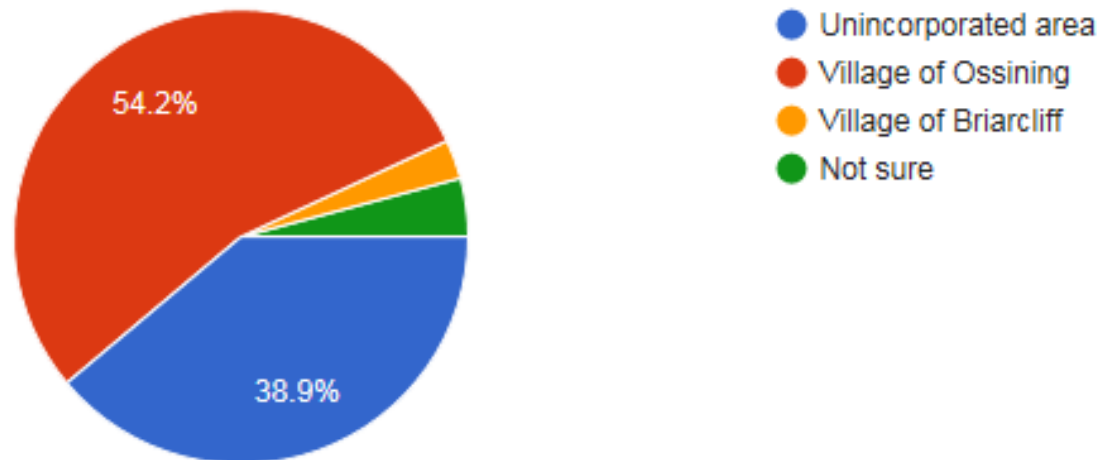


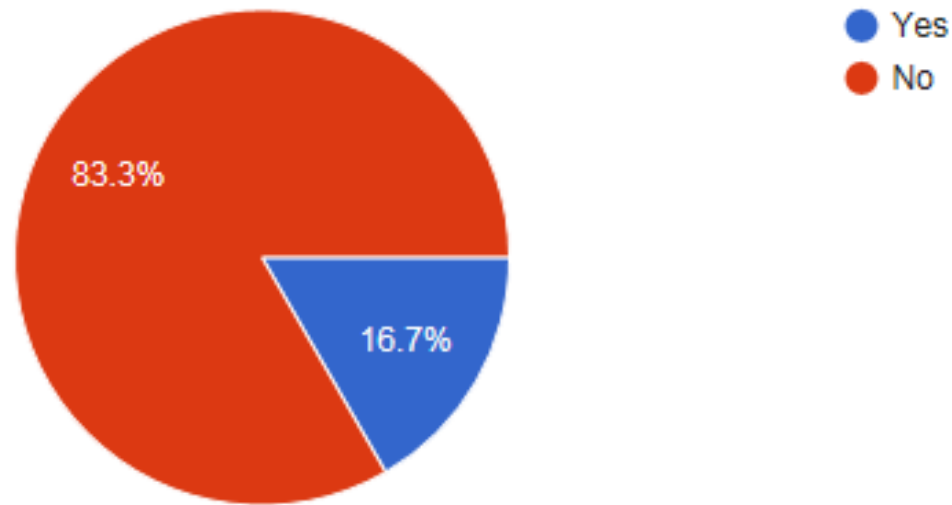
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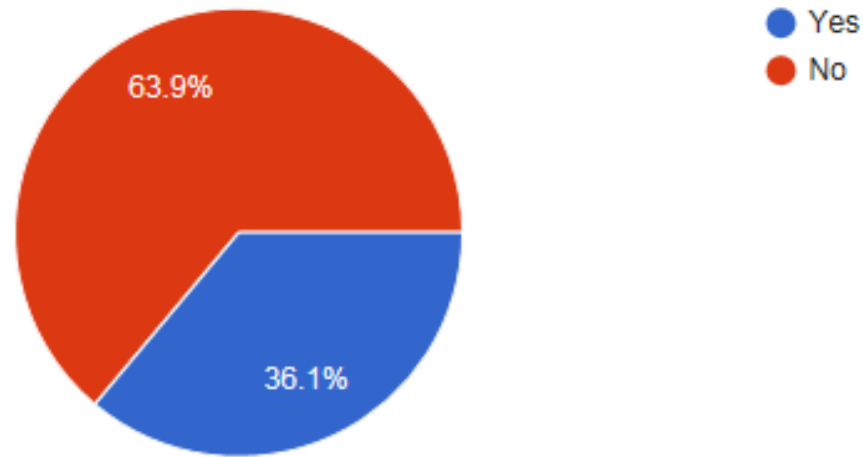
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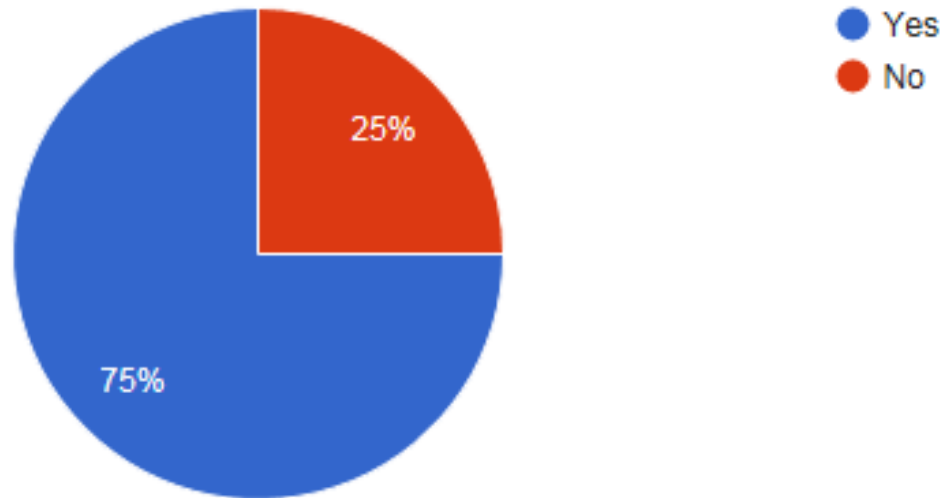
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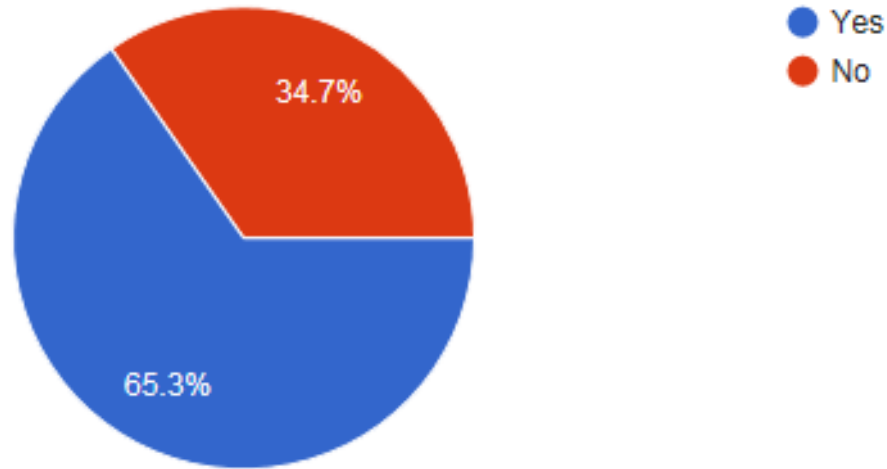
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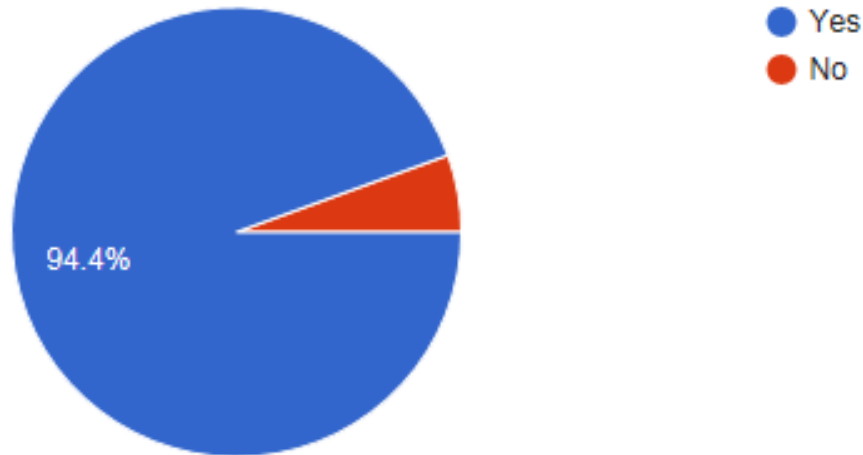
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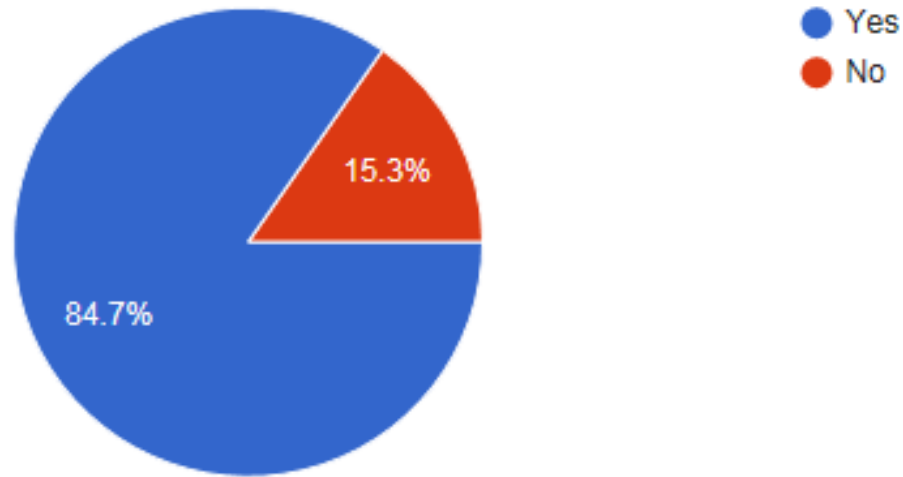
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# Are you familiar with Louis H. Engel Waterfront?



# Are you familiar with Ryder Memorial Park?





Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s).

Engel Park

Louis Engel- 3 times

Cedar lane many times

All parks indicated above

Several time a year for all of them marked yes, several times a week for Ryder park

Cedar Lane Park. About 100 times per year.

My son grew up playing on the playground equipment, playing intermural tennis, AYSO soccer, and Little League baseball in Ryder Park. He attended the summer camp in Ryder as both a camper and counselor. For the past 25 years I have walked dogs 1-2 times daily in Ryder. We used to enjoy the summer concerts in the pavilion, but those concerts are now at another park.

None once kids aged-out from rec sports 6 yrs ago

Ryder Park- 3/4 times a year, Louis Engel park- 2/3 times year

Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s). (continued...)

Louis Engle park over 20 times a year

Gerlach & Engel too many to count

We don't. We are recently here.

Cedar Lane Park 3 to 5 times a week. Gerlich And Ryder 6 to 10 a year.

Ryder Park 6-10 times a year. The Water Front 2-3 times a year.

Louis engle as often as possible, and the others whenever the opportunity exists

Ryder the most for baseball 15 + times/yr, gerlach some for baseball/soccer over the years, waterfront more when kids were younger 1-2/yr

Engel park - almost daily, cedar lane- 1x wk seasonally, Sally Swope 4x year, Ryder 4xyear

Veterans 40 times

Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s). (continued...)

GERLACH..20 times year  
Engle Park...25 times per year  
Ryder park. ...50 times per year

engel front park almost every day

Cedar Lane & Gerlach

Ryder Park - several times a year. Like the pavilion and tennis courts.

We are new town members (Croton Dam Rd) and have yet to fully explore all the parks. We have enjoyed sunset walks by the river and Cedar Lane Park thus far.

Gerlach Park about 15 times Engel park 2 times Ryder 1 or 2 times

none

Louis Engel Park to relax, see the summer concerts. Others sparingly to attend games from time to time.

Ryder

Senasqua in croton. Of those listed we go to the waterfront but is is so dirty whenever we go that I rarely want to stay very long or have people come visit and go there.

Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s). (continued...)

We go to Parks often. We launch kayaks from the beach as well.

Louis Engle, 40 times

none

Louis Engel 1-2

Louis Engel - 5-6x per year for summer concerts; Cedar Lane and Sally Swope parks for walking/hiking

Engel, 6 to 8 times a year for city events, spray park when our grandkids visit.

Not often

Gerlach Park 12, Engel 2, Ryder 3-4

Memorial Park, 4x a year

We use Nelson Sitting Park & Nelson Park. Louis Engel really just feels more like a green space near a parking lot than an actual "park" to me... Moreno with the loss of the large tree that used to be at the water's edge.

Cedar Lane- Once a Month Engel- Every weekend its nice out Ryder- 10 times a year

Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s). (continued...)

We no longer have time to utilize these facilities as my son is no longer in JCYS baseball. We do go to Engel on occasion, especially for fireworks.

Cedar Lane Dog Park.....almost daily

Engel's 10x a year, 1 or 2x a year for two others

- 1.Cedar lane park- every other day in the summer. I have a plot in the garden.
2. Ryder park-5 days a week last summer, my daughter had camp there. Otherwise monthly
3. Louis Engel waterfront- weekly year round and for evenys

Veteran's Park - 10x  
Louis Engel - 3x  
Reservoir Park - 20x

Gerlach 10

Louis engle waterfront park. 6 times a year for special events

Ryder Road 2 or times, Waterfront 1 or 2 times a year

Ryder 4 times a year

We use all the parks during the year however we are at Ryder Park at least 90 days during the year.

Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s). (continued...)

Louis Engel Park

sunday mornings

Cedar Lane, ~12 times per year

60+

Louis Engel at least 50 times yearly

Ryder maybe twice and to the resevor for exercise with the dog.

The Waterfront maybe 2 times a year

Nelson Park, Engel Park

We have gone to all of them. We usually go to the waterfront about 5 times per year.

Cedar Lane Park, Gerlach Park, Louis H Engel Waterfront

Ryder (camp during summer), Gerlach (soccer year round and trail entry), Engel Waterfront year-round - 50+/year, Cedar Lane (walking)

Please tell us which of the park(s) above your family goes to, and the approximate number of times per year you or a family member has used this park(s). (continued...)

Louis Engle Waterfront

Engel-multiple times, Cedar Lane-1 or 2 times per year

Daily

Ryder Park 20

Sally Swope Sitting Park several times a year.

Waterfront, once a week April-Nov/Dec; Ryder, daily

Waterfront Park 10 times during the Summer

Engel (4-6 times a year... spray park with grandkids, waterfront events)

Cedar Lane (3-5), Louis Engel (12+), also the park off Pleasantville Rd. for the track (6-10)

Ryder Park; lately, about once every two weeks

Ryder Memorial Park. My son and I, for a while, walked there about every two weeks.

Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks.

The playground (2)

Water front

Waterfront access

Cedar lane lake and trail

Trails

Access to hiking trails, pond, river.

Cedar lane Lake

Ryder is near my home. It is generally a quiet park and that makes it appealing.

Riverfront

Playground equipment- Louis Engel & Ryder. Gerlach- flag football practice

None I use vets park

Spraypark and playground



Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks. (continued...)

fields

public gardens

Community garden, hiking trails

The tennis courts are the main reason for going to Ryder.

The river, the peacefulness, the people

Baseball fields, playgrounds

Engel park for the river, cedar lane for dog park, Sally Swope, Ryder, Gerlach for variety

Bathroom

Engle park has great views and nice children's section.

Ryder park has sports fields and good place to walk.

river views, sand for my kids to play, spray area and the train

community garden, Shine House art programs, aqueduct trail

# Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks. (continued...)

Louis Engel - is nice on the waterfront.

We are avid runners, hikers and nature lovers. Any facilities that involve trails and woods attract us the most! Also the Cedar Lane community garden piqued our interest when we found out about it!

More Lights at Gerlach for night games, Mosquito control at Gerlach Public Kayaks at Engel Park

they are all in disrepair

Concerts during summer.

Ryder park

Waterfront, bike paths, tennis courts that are well kept, playgrounds that are safe and clean

Cannons. Real. Live. Cannons.

Kayak launch

playgrounds

Spray park/waterfront

Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks. (continued...)

Spray park/waterfront

Walking/hiking trails

Waterfront location of Engel.

Open

Playground equipment

out door space

Shade, trees and flowers, cleanliness, peacefulness attract me to parks.

Engel- We love the toddler activities and spray features at Engel. There is lots to do for busy toddlers, and the location near the river and tree cover makes it relaxing for adults. Ryder- Has great party facilities for bbqs and picnic. Cedar Lane- This dog park/run is always kept in great shape and its patrons are respectful of each other

Engel and the waterfront access

DOG PARK

Riverview, walking oath, playground, town events, and waterpark

Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks. (continued...)

Play areas for the kids, walking paths, water front, garden

Baseball fields

Summer concert series/river views

Walking track

Softball field

the view of the Hudson and the special events that happen there.

pavillion

Baseball facilities

Being able to sit by the water at Louis Engel Park (only one I know about)

quiet

Level walking path

The river, waterfront, Ossining Boat and Canoe Club

None

Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks. (continued...)

The river, waterfront, Ossining Boat and Canoe Club

None

The Hudson

walking/run trails

The river is so magnificent.

Cedar Lane Park, for the friendly dog park.

Views, fields, playgrounds, variety of fields, ice skating

Trails for walking my dog; benches

Engel park-the river, kayak is stored there, summer concert series, fireworks, Earth Day

Cedar Lane-in the past, the fishing derby, blueberry pond theater, organic community garden events

Walk around

Community Garden at Cedar Lane

Escape to the woods

Please identify any facilities or features which particularly attract you to one or more of the parks. (continued...)

nature

I love being by the water.

Waterfront, well-kept

nature, trails, track, quiet

I particularly like that Ryder Park is so natural, including:

- \* that there are lots of trees
- \* that there is that big hill on the south side of the park, including very big fallen tree trunks that add to the sense of naturalness and vastness
- \* that the picnic pavilion is roofed so it can be used for events even when it is rainy
- \* that the extensive grounds are at various levels, and there are various areas and activity areas
- \* that there is a natural pond there
- \* that people of various ages can enjoy the park
- \* that there are restrooms
- \* and even that the caretaker's house is on the premises

Trees, picnic areas, playground equipment, and rest rooms.

Please identify any features of the Town parks which prevent you from using, or making your desired use of, the park(s).

None (7)

none (3)

nothing (3)

Bathrooms (2)

Flying insects cedar lane / debris on fields

Dogs. In theory, must be leashed, but often run free. Dog parks are good for pet owners. Some dog-free parks would be nice, too. Leash rules are not enforced.

Flooding, Goose droppings, people not using leashes. Some people are afraid of dogs and we have dog parks for that purpose.

Ryder used to be a nicely manicured park, so it was fun to invite friends over for walks and picnics in the park. Unfortunately, there are many picnic benches and buildings in various states of disrepair, the walkways are loaded with grass clippings, the tennis court in front of the batting cage is an eyesore. We had hoped that tennis court could be turned into a community organic garden, but that did not happen. Anyway, I don't invite friends over for walks and picnics in Ryder anymore.

None they are fine

# Please identify any features of the Town parks which prevent you from using, or making your desired use of, the park(s). (continued...)

Gerlach- out of the way & playground equipment in bad condition for little ones, Louis Engel- no bathroom facilities that I have seen.

Sprinklers in only one park and not a good area of ossining

Nothing prevents me

public gardens

Too many sports fields

I would use the tennis courts at Ryder more often, but they are in pretty rough condition.

Not sure

Better bathrooms, sitting/reading space

No lights at dog park, no close parking at spray park especially weekdays

Basketball court veterans park

Engle park needs more trash cans.



Please identify any features of the Town parks which prevent you from using, or making your desired use of, the park(s). (continued...)

Shine House art classes still haven't started

When they are not clean and maintained

Nothing I can think of At the moment.

Restrooms

they are all in disrepair why not consolidate your resources and make two or three of them nice.

Gerlach park

Not clean, garbages over filled, paths not cleared to avoid poison ivy or ticks. Not shaded in the summer

Lack of cannons.

There is no playground at cedar lane park.

Require a car

Cost of dog park on top of tags and my kids sports cost and taxes we just don't go anymore

Please identify any features of the Town parks which prevent you from using, or making your desired use of, the park(s). (continued...)

parking at Louis Engel; ugly new apartment development obstructing the view ("eyesore on the Hudson")

Don't have children. Play equipment at Engel is odd, some seems unfriendly opportunity to get a kid dumped on the ground and injured.

Graffiti on / vandalism of playground equipment

Proximity to our home and unaware of the other parks.

Trash and lack of comfortable places to sit. Proximity to home, as well. Parking.

Dale Ave Park- You can't see the play features from the road way, and its isolation make me nervous

n/a

no electricity after dark, no fireplace for warmth during the winter cold

Lack of benches, flat walking paths, people smoking, parking

N/A

No alcohol

# Please identify any features of the Town parks which prevent you from using, or making your desired use of, the park(s). (continued...)

I'm not that familiar with where some of them are and what they offer.

The baseball diamonds are not keep up. Many times the grass is overgrown and the field is not properly lined. In addition, the wind barriers are not tied down properly. The chain link fences at Ryder are broken and curled up which present a danger to players potential retrieving baseball. In addition, one field at Ryder park is open and available only to Briarcliff baseball teams. This park resides in Ossining and with a population larger than Briarcliff the field usage is not allocated properly.

Don't know enough about the park to answer the question

Distance from home

.

I can't think of any

crowded, cleanliness, noise

Would prefer to walk to a location but it is not possible.

Cedar Lane Park, town residents had to pay for passes per dog. Rather pricey.

I visit parks no matter what.

# Please identify any features of the Town parks which prevent you from using, or making your desired use of, the park(s). (continued...)

would like more programming at Cedar Lane, and hiking

Tennis courts , debris of trees by a compromised partial demolished garage still standing, the water drain streams are more west Nile situation now more than ever , pavilion has been very noisy over summer. Amplified microphone used by summer camp , music. The town grounds building is an unsightly structure and always a mess.

?

unfamiliarity

The Pavilion at Ryder Park could be updated.

Not sure there are amenities for older adults (walking trails, etc.). LITTER :-{

New to the area, I'm only learning about some of these parks through this survey.

I REALLY would like to be able WALK safely and comfortably to Ryder Park, but at some places on Morningside Drive, there is little or no shoulder, let alone no sidewalk. Forget about safely pushing a baby stroller along Morningside Drive.

And it seems some car drivers like to speed along Morningside Drive.

Lack of sidewalks or even enough of a shoulder along the road to Ryder Park.

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement)

None (3)

none (2)

Bathrooms

Artificial golf putting green and golf chipping area garden with benches and walk in golf net along with sand traps. Could be used by seniors, high school team, and public.

More walking trails

For a river town, we should have more public space on the river.

Enforce dog leash laws.

Protecting the trees in the park is the most important improvement. Many of the trees are important to the health of the habitats in this area, and yet, vines are allowed to kill those trees. After that, clearing away all the old picnic benches stacked in the weeds around the park, cleaning up the piles of debris, and converting the dilapidated tennis court into an attractive space would greatly improve the looks of the park. The pond in the park used to attract blue herons, but since the sewer pipes were brought down that length of the park to N. State Road, the pond has died. It would need to be dredged to bring it back to life.

No additions needed

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

Play ground equipment

Sprinklers should be in more than one area of the town

Would love to see more spray parks or an outdoor pool in the summer (if not a full pool something for kids)

water fountains

general cleaning and maintenance

Clean up and beautify Cedar Lane Park. It looks abandoned and uninviting!

All the parks need to be maintained better. The tennis courts at Ryder are horrible.

Not sure

Bathrooms at vets but you didn't ask about vets. Little things at each park like better fencing around fields

Lights to dog park

Veterans park basketball court

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

All the parks, especially Ryder whose sport fields are heavily used, need water fountains for the public. Summer campers using the facilities must bring their own water even though the water fountains are there, but broken

I would love to see a biking path/area for kids

Begin ceramics & other art classes in Shine House

Clean, safe equipment for the children, improve the tennis courts

We cannot site any specific improvements for the town just yet, but the more parks that preserve the beautiful nature around us are especially important. We moved from Tarrytown and have still be frequenting Rockefeller State Park for our runs.

Lights at Gerlach, more soccer field access for non club members.

the spray park area is disgusting...to look at and be at...too many vagrants

Improve the rest rooms at Engel Park.

Rebuild all

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

Outdoor town pool, expansive field with picnic tables and playgrounds with shade and different activities like FDR park or Scarsdale mamaroneck ave pool playground

Less litter all around.

Please get rid of all 55gal. open topped garbage cans at Louis Engle and replace them with something that has a lid. When the wind blows, it takes what's inside and blows it all around the park and river, it's called the chimney effect.

More seating

No answer

Maintenance of Ossining Boat & Canoe Club -- this is an historic structure and deserves to be preserved; display maps of each park with trails and facilities

Would love to see Cedar further revived, with some play equipment, maybe an adult playground?

Bathrooms, better condition to walkways

Replace playground equipment at Gerlach



Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

More equipment for toddlers

MORE TREES, aesthetically pleasing choices when choosing benches, lights, trash receptacles (oil drums as trash cans - plastic or metal - are an eyesore and it is not much more expensive to invest in the beauty of our village by choosing more attractive options from the start.)

- 1.) Cleaner bathrooms with changing stations at Engel
- 2.) Access to the park from the south end of the parking lot at Engel
- 3.) Better dusk lighting at Cedar Lane
- 4.) Blue Light Boxes or something similar for emergency calls

??

electricity so park can be used when we get home from work

No smoking enforced

1. Cedar lane- improve the road around the lake and fix the dock. Add a play area for the kids
2. Ryder also fix the road

Walking/running paths

Safe playground for young children

River views/pretty landscapes

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

#### Field conditions

1. Nature trails with signs identifying plants and natural features.
2. Accessible walking trails.
3. Space for community gardens.
4. Fitness trails with equipment for adults, and senior citizens.
5. Places for contemplation
6. Places for picnics.

#### Ryder Park

need upgrade of restrooms at Gerlach

The fence and baseball diamonds need to be worked on. The scoreboard at Ryder Park is not working. There is a drainage brook between the 60/90 field and Finch field that needs to be piped. This will prevent children from falling into it, will be easier to maintain and prevent overgrowth, prevent loss of equipment, ie baseball landing in the brook when a foul ball is hit.

Don't know enough about the parks to answer the question. You should have provided a link to park information before asking people to take the survey

ryder road is a mess speed bumps too high

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

Walking path improvement, perhaps a cinder or wood-chip surface

Would love a Sand box at Ryder park. Also for Ryder please extend the fence line around the play ground area to prevent running into the road way

I like the cat park idea HA HA HA

cleanliness, too much garbage on the street

None at this time

All the parks are great and generally nice looking!

Cleanliness, basic maintenance

Bags and signs for dig poop

Please tell us your preference for facilities or improvements to any or all of the Town parks. (Please rank in order of importance if more than one recommended improvement) (continued...)

1-Make spray park recycled water, room for frisbee, fix smell during concerts/fireworks, fix up beach, connect to soon to be started sing sing museum with easy walking path, 2-Cedar Lane park-put in volleyball court, fix up path around pond and dock, stock pond for fishing, make hiking trails, fix up historic buildings for tours, make road wider or one way 3-Ryder, fix up tennis courts with softer-on-the knees surface, fix up pavilion to make more attractive for party rentals, 4-make more easily accesible from the village by public transportation,

Repair drainage areas correctly and make it appealing , safe from breaking leg.rid of deplorable garage and down trees , the park building is unsight7, old, a neighbor is planting for free just make it pretty aroun that horrible structure. The tennis courts are a mess. Pavilion noise heard block away .old dangerous obstacles courts from when 70s just waiting for child to receive injury.... The park seems to been spruced only because briar cliff manors baseball . Park needs attention and update for the local people here not just for briar cliff baseball.

Generally, the condition of the parks that I'm aware of can best be described as shoddy. Compare our parks to Gedney Park in Millwood. Much work goes into leaf blowing and mowing, but the condition of trash cans, bridges, curbs, landscaping (trees, shrubs, flowers) is poor.

publicity; maybe a flyer (e- or not) describing each park and where it is

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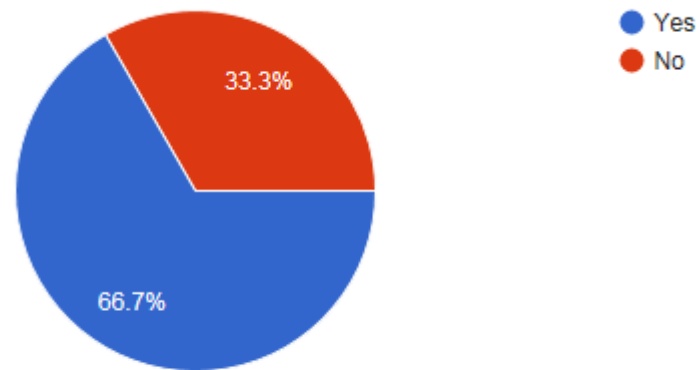
Waterfront...more benches

Cedar Lane is nearest to us... enjoying its slow transformation. Lots of potential

In any park, I like to have maintained rest rooms, and trees.

Better grooming of the lawns and paths.

Do you feel that your recreational needs are currently met by existing Town and/or Town recreation facilities?



# If you answered no above, what changes can be made to improve your experience?

Organized drop-in adult activities (not just sports) and also for teens.

Better equipment and fenced in areas for toddler areas

Too much attention to soccer fields. Need to fix tennis and basketball courts, the dock at Cedar Lane Park. Put in hiking paths in Ryder, Cedar Lane Parks like Gedney Park in Millwood.

Better maintained facilities.

Need more baseball fields, and the ability for coaches to do very light raking on them so games can be played after there is a little rain.

Gerlach park should replace basket ball court with tennis courts.

Begin using Shine House

Not a strong no" to the previous answer, but I would say there is a lack of nature preserves in Ossining.

Cleaner, well kept safer playgrounds. Tennis courts that are better kept. Bathrooms need to be cleaned more often. Once you are turned off by a park, it's hard to try it again

Cannons. Maybe an outdoor pool. Focus more on the river and water sports.

# If you answered no above, what changes can be made to improve your experience? (continued...)

I would absolutely love to see Ossining have an outdoor pool. The rec pool is closed to the community at the hottest times of the day for camp, and it leaves the rest of the citizens to "sweat it out" until camp is done.

More activities for adults UNDER age 65.

Would like to know more about parks and have more activities at the parks

Upkeep and cleanliness of sidewalks throughout the village would go a long way in making it appealing to walk places. Nobody wants to walk through trashy areas - doesn't make for much of an outing.

Safe, convenient, well lit and near a lot of foot traffic park for older kids

Outdoor pool

Exercise and fitness trails for adults, especially senior citizens and the disabled.

Parents need to be able to rake and work on baseball diamonds if the parks department cannot or will not work on them. I have had to cancel many baseball games due to the fact that we get 20 minutes of rain before a game and the parks department isn't working.



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As a senior, would like to see activities starting at 9 A.M. By 11:00 I have to leave to visit my mother in a LTC facility so none of the activities are at a time good for me.

Adult fitness exercise areas

clean the garbage

See my prior response

On previous page

There is no outdoor swimming facility. Ossining has never had a decent outdoor facility for swimming

Would like more activities for mid-life and young "elderly" folks (not swimming or team sports), after work hours. More Yoga, stretching, Pilates, ART or crafts (alliance with Westchester Arts Center in White Plains??)

# Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood.

None (2)

none (2)

Walking

Dog parks

Attractive hiking trail at cedar lane with general cleaning up of debris , use of landscaping enhancements flora, rock themes , dock, flowers and pavings

Sparta park is unkempt. Walkway to ossining

community gardner in Ryder park

Walking paths

There are enough recreational activities in my neighborhood. Pop Warner football and AYSO soccer used to be scheduled at Ryder, but the organizers got tired of trying to play on wet fields. The water table at Ryder is too high for additional recreation.

none. there are enough.

Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood.  
(continued...)

Toddler parks

Sprinklers

Spray park and/or pool

Public gardens

I'd like to see them fix the sidewalks and post speed signs!

Water fountains for drinking

There are no park in my neighborhood so not sure how to answer this

Tennis

Toddler break dance

Mabe a bike trail.

a playground in the cedar lane park which is the closest park to our house

Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood.  
(continued...)

affordable place to dock small boats on the Hudson

Boat rentals on the waterfront

Trails and quiet peaceful nature...

Basketball nets inplace. More public exercise ammenties

consolidate

Places to walk and see/meet other neighbors.

Skateboard park

Outdoor pool , more waterfront access

Cannons.

A few more pieces of playground equipment

sitting areas

Places for kids to safely ride bikes

# Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood. (continued...)

Bicycle lanes/bike racks to encourage more use of bicycles

See answers to Cedar Lane Park above.

Walking trails, classes

More access to swimming in natural water sources like lakes or ponds.

More trees in the sitting parks. More pleasant architectural details (sculptures &/or fountains) planters. Things that provide visual interest and suggest that the community cares about our village.

More toddler friendly classes at the recreation center.

Outdoor pool similar to Briarcliff

swimming facilities

Outdoor pool

Area for roller blading and biking for kids

Outdoor fitness for adults

# Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood. (continued...)

Pool

walking trails that accomodate the needs of older adult and the disabled.

More biking and hiking trails

walking paths

More dedicated baseball diamonds. We currently have one 50/70 field that we must share with soccer. This prevents us from having many home travel baseball games or practices on this field.

Some examples would have been nice here.

Improved directional signage on the Croton Aqueduct trail

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I like walking at length in nature. Do we have a three mile scenic path? Often I will go out of Ossining to Rockefeller Preserve or Croton Point Park for this.

Walking trails

# Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood. (continued...)

I can't think of anything

community service

Can't think of any at the moment.

Not sure

Any beautification or enhancements along the Hudson is always good. I wish Ossining had sporting goods or kayak rental company (such as Beacon, NY). The spray water park should be a priority.

Picnic tables

Hmm, go back a few questions. I would like pottery at shine house, and paint nights, and historic preservation on buildings, and Savannah-like walking or trolley tours of tem

Na

Ideally, Community Gardens should be located throughout the town and Village. There could be a major push to educate residents about the benefits of 'growing their own'. The garden at Cedar Lane is wonderful, but having to drive there is an inefficient use of time and gasoline.

more sidewalks

Please list the recreational amenities you would like to see more of in your neighborhood.  
(continued...)

info on walking trails

Can't think of any

We are walking people living in the North end of town. We'd like to see the Crossining cleaned of litter more regularly.

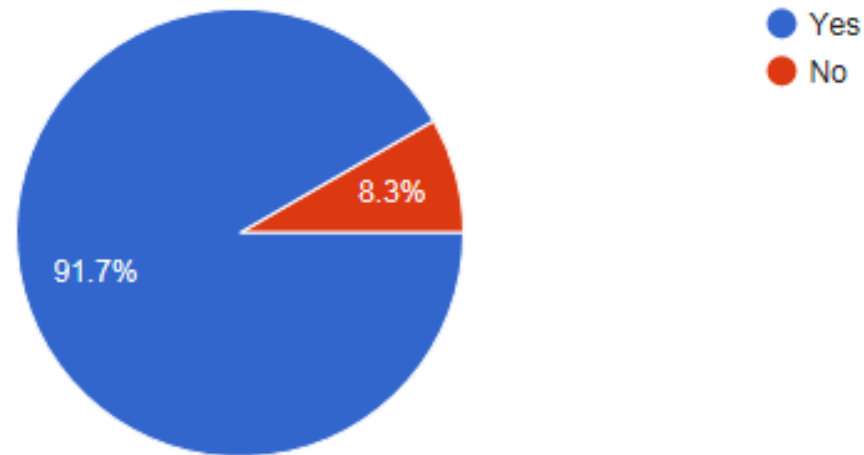
bike lanes

At Ryder Park, it might be nice to have picnic tables on the grass under trees.

Picnic tables.



# Would you support improved access to and use of the Hudson River for recreational activities?



# If you answered no above, please explain.

According to the Riverkeeper reports, the Hudson is not clean enough to support additional recreation.

Hard enough to park there as it is especially during the week.

I have no idea where along the Hufdon at this point. The area down by the train stTion is a jumble of stuff, d not treating to one another. What s mess!! Peekskill did an excellent job along their waterfront.

Not a huge priority for me but sounds good if feasible and affordable

Yes. I said it before I read it here. The river is a wonderful thing and should be taken advantage of!

I would have to know the specific ideas to accomplish this prior to saying that I would support it. Some ideas would be great & others would be terrible.

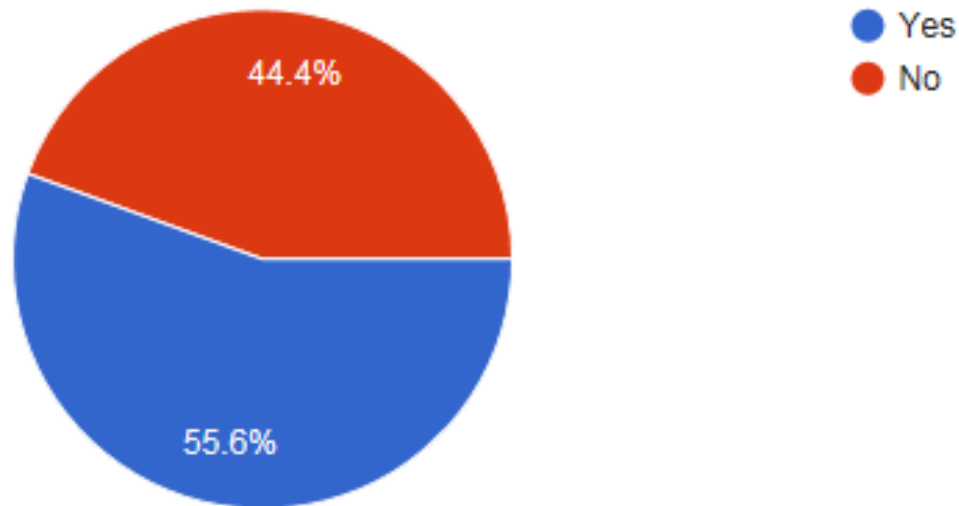
Only if it does not raise taxes and it is paid for by the individuals using the facilities.

If it meant an increase to my taxes, no. I'm living on SS and can pay my bills now.

I would like to answer "possibly". It depends on what type of improvements were being suggested.

seems ok now

Would you support the purchase or expansion of recreational facilities if it meant an increase in your taxes?



# If you answered no above, please explain.

Answered yes, but not really a yes/no question. Of course, it depends on what facilities, how much of an increase. In general, more open space and outdoor recreation is good. But, not if it is too specific -to be used for certain sports only, etc.

The taxes in Ossining are high enough as is.

We have plenty now. No need to spend more money.

Taxes are already high

I won't be able to afford to live here when I retire

Can't figure out where our tax dollars are going to now!

The current facilities need to be managed more efficiently.

Seems like we have a lot to work with, would need to understand what we don't have that would require purchasing but don't like I see the need.

Taxes are to high already

Taxes are high already.

# If you answered no above, please explain. (continued...)

Taxes are high already.

I pay enough taxes to the village .

There are many more issues in Ossining for our tax dollars to improve - paving roads!

Theoretically, yes I would, but our taxes just increased. With the ongoing addition of luxury apartment complexes we would hope the taxes don't continue to increase and town is negotiating deals with these developers to provide great things for all town residents.

Like I said close some and make some better...the area around the river is disgusting

We need more properties on tax roll

With the recent reassessment we are at or above our tax limit in this town

As long as it was worth it. And it had cannons. Otherwise I'll add my own. And I'll control the powder.

I truthfully cannot answer this question given the current reevaluation that's taking place but I can say I would not mind paying \$400-500 a summer for a family pass to use an outdoor pool.

I might support it if I knew how much the taxes would increase and for what improvements.

# If you answered no above, please explain. (continued...)

I might support it if I knew how much the taxes would increase and for what improvements.

The existing taxes are high and there are many things to improve before obtaining more. Let's make the current things great instead of obtaining more of "so-so". Quality over quantity!

Budget is salary top heavy. Take from there instead of increasing. Charge a recreation fee for the pool

Taxes are already too high

I have seen a waste especially via the employee work performance and ethic s regarding the upkeep of the parks and facilities.

One can only stretch a dollar so far and maybe your making \$200K a year with a two person income, but as a single senior living on SS alone, even this tax re-evaluation is going to cost me money I don't really have to spare.

tax is high already

Taxes are high enough; money should be shifted from other expenditures.

Our taxes are already ridiculous

I can't afford my taxes to go up any more. I don't even know how I can continue to vote yes on school and library budgets, even though I want to. Ossining needs to find other revenue sources besides the taxpayers.

# If you answered no above, please explain. (continued...)

its depends what is being expanded if it is useful

The parks are fine just the way they are, large overhauls may not be necessary. Smaller changes may suffice.

We pay high taxes already today. It is more than enough to support already lacking

we pay lots of tax already

Below are listed a number of recreational activities. Please check the box that best describes how important it is that the Town offer or increase opportunities for these activities.

0 = Undecided

1 = No need

2 = Slight Need

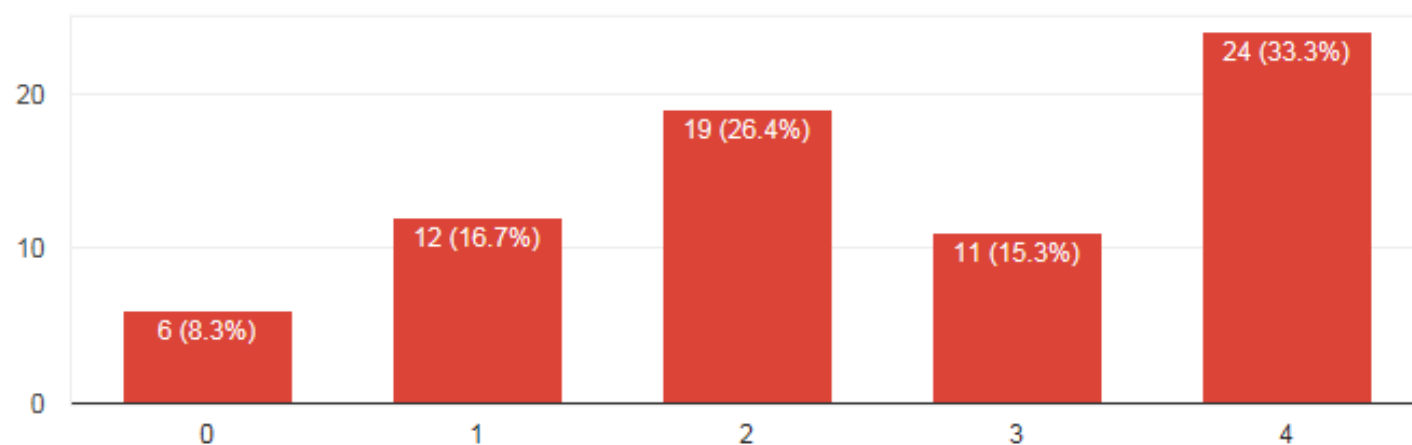
3 = Moderate Need

4 = Strong Need



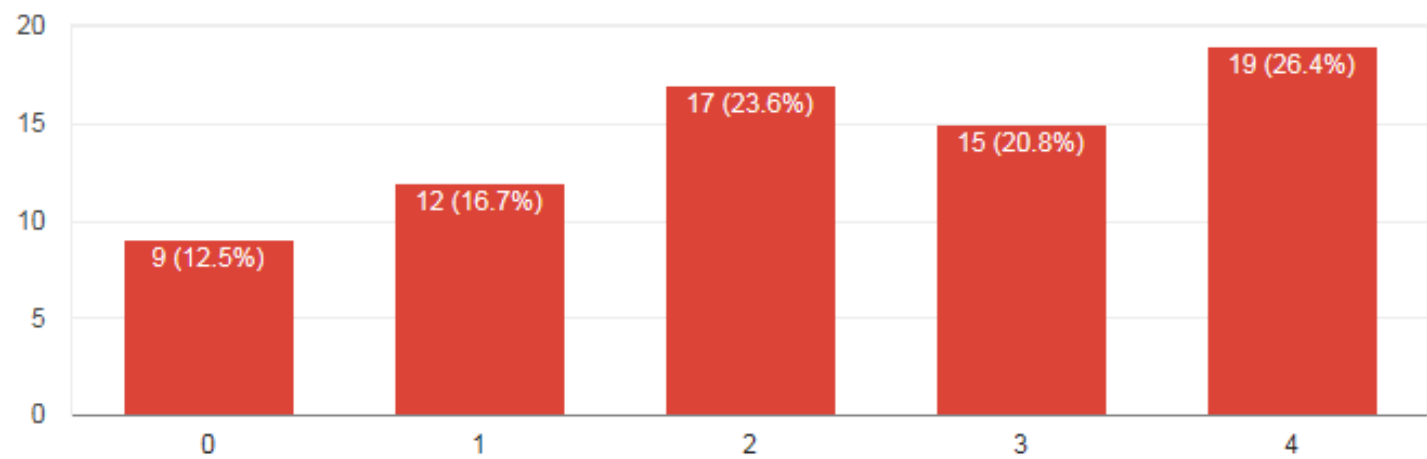
## Baseball/Softball

72 responses



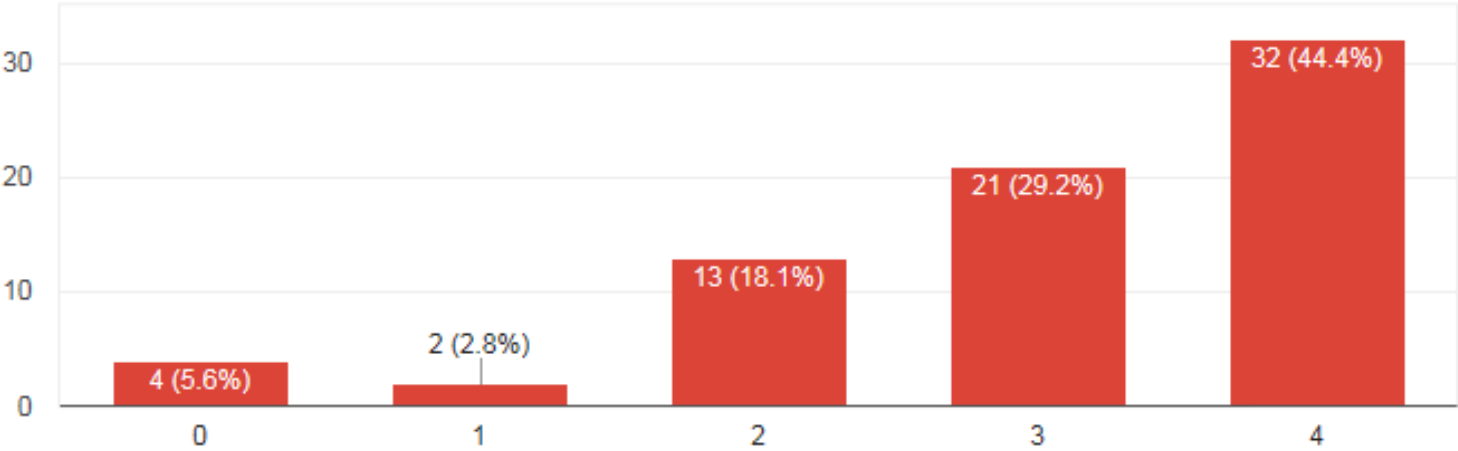
## Basketball

72 responses



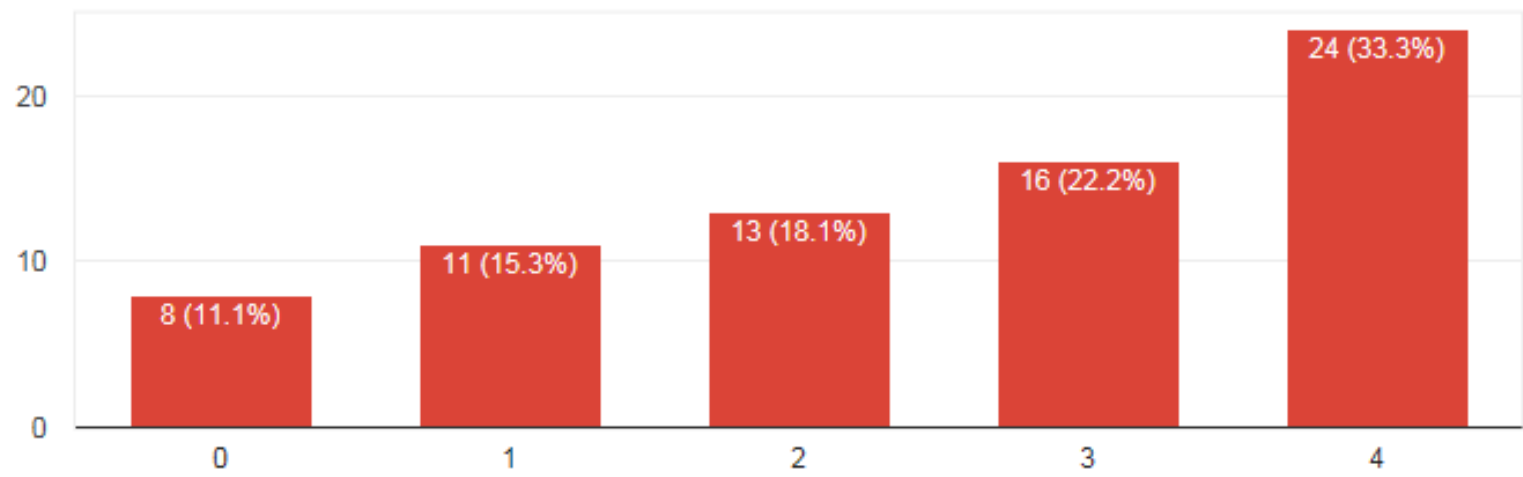
# Bicycle Trails

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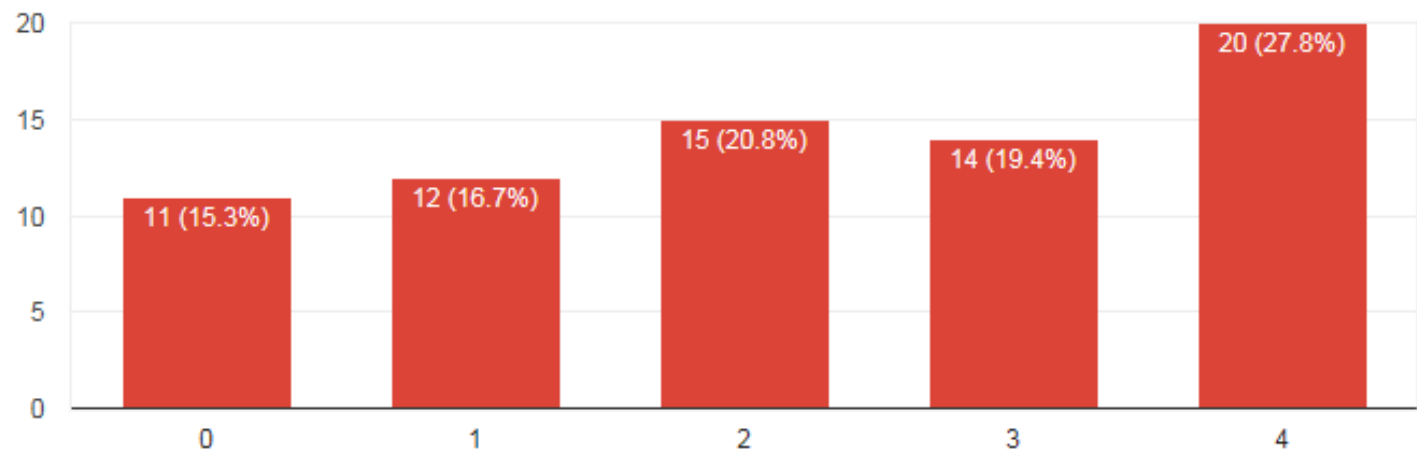
# Boat Launch

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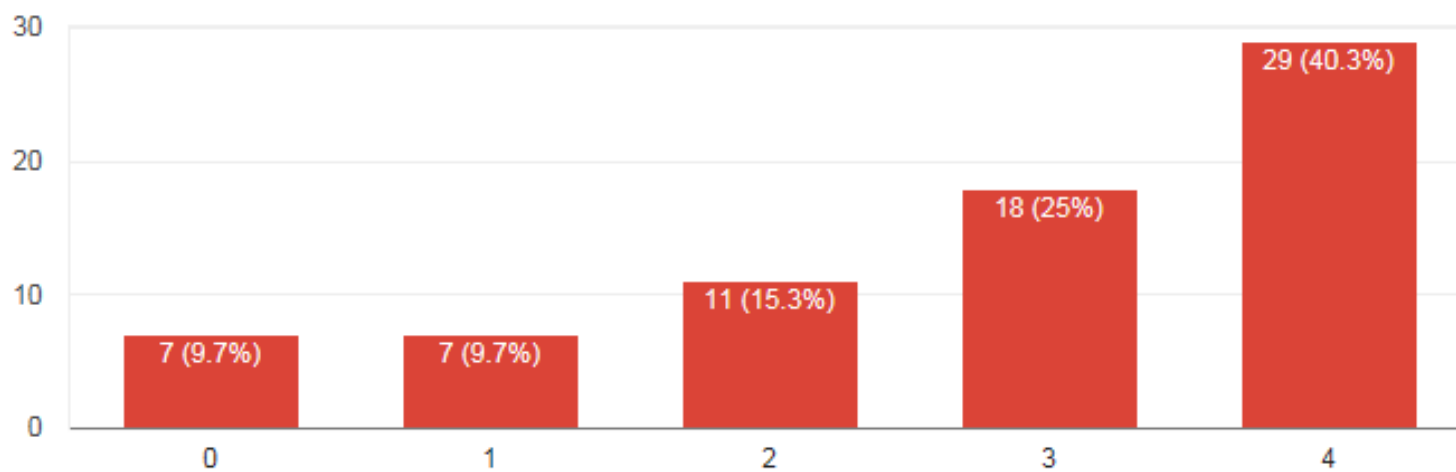
## Camping/Boating

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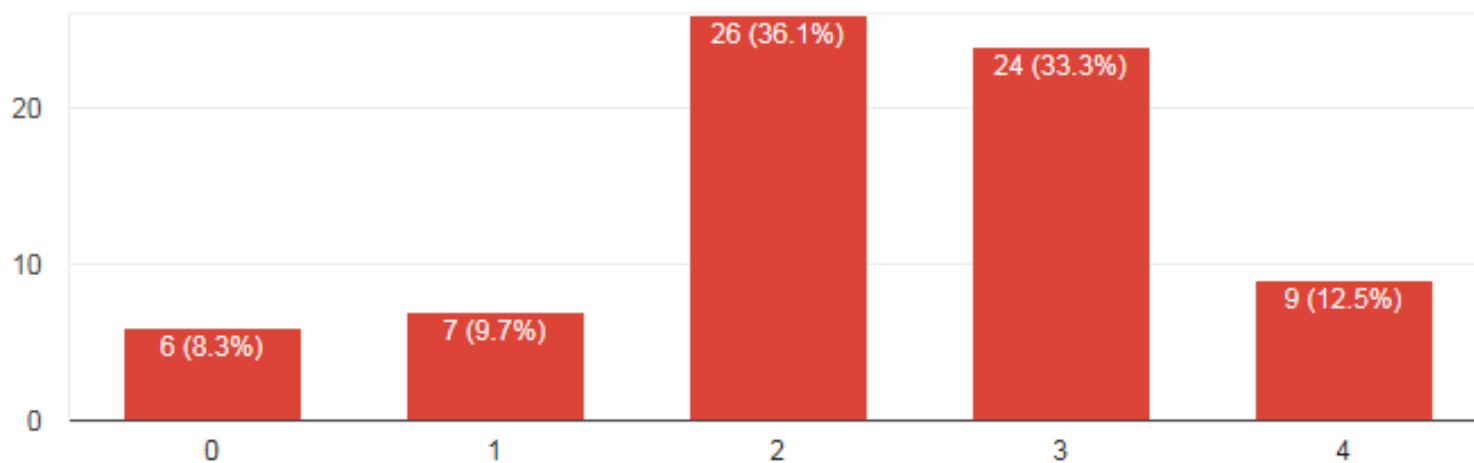
## Canoeing/Kayaking

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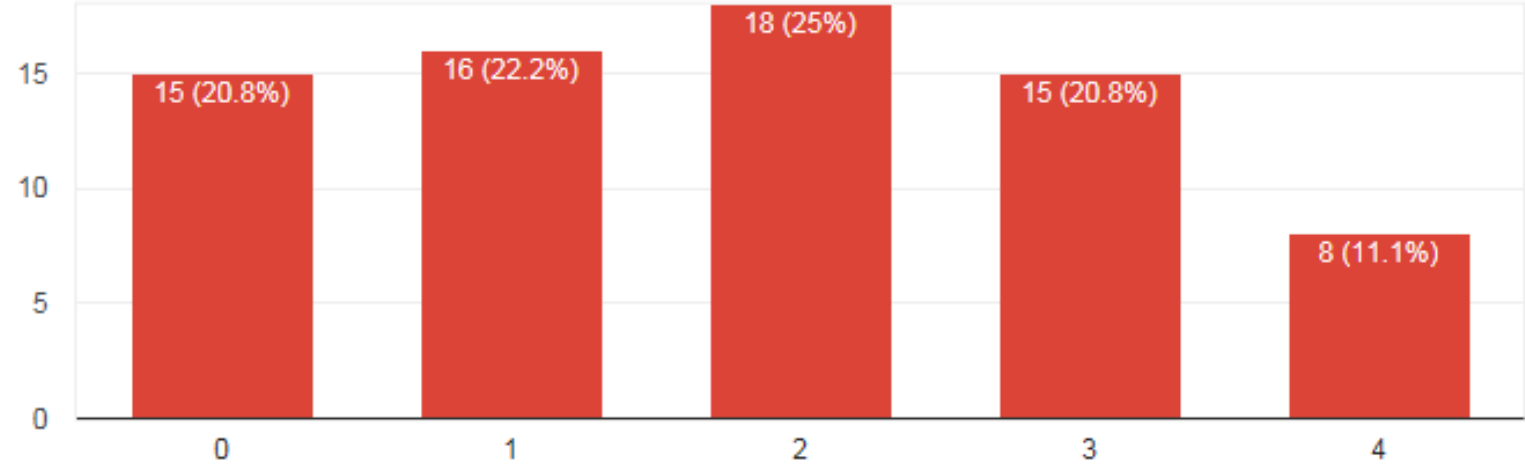
## Court Games

72 responses



# Cross-Country Skiing

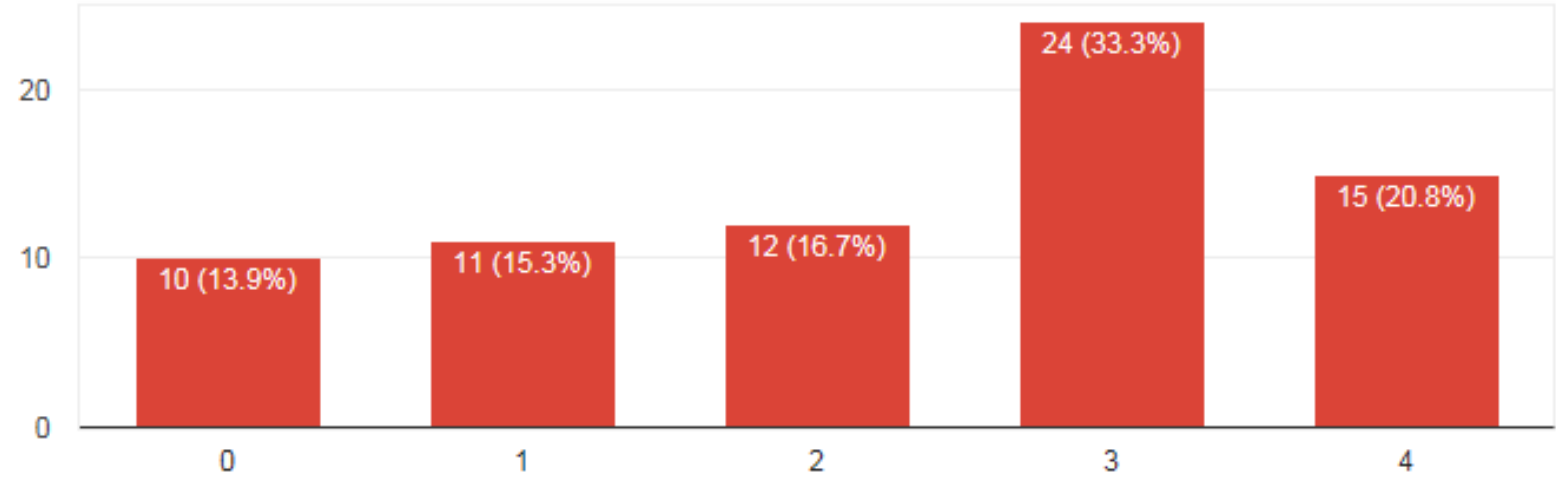
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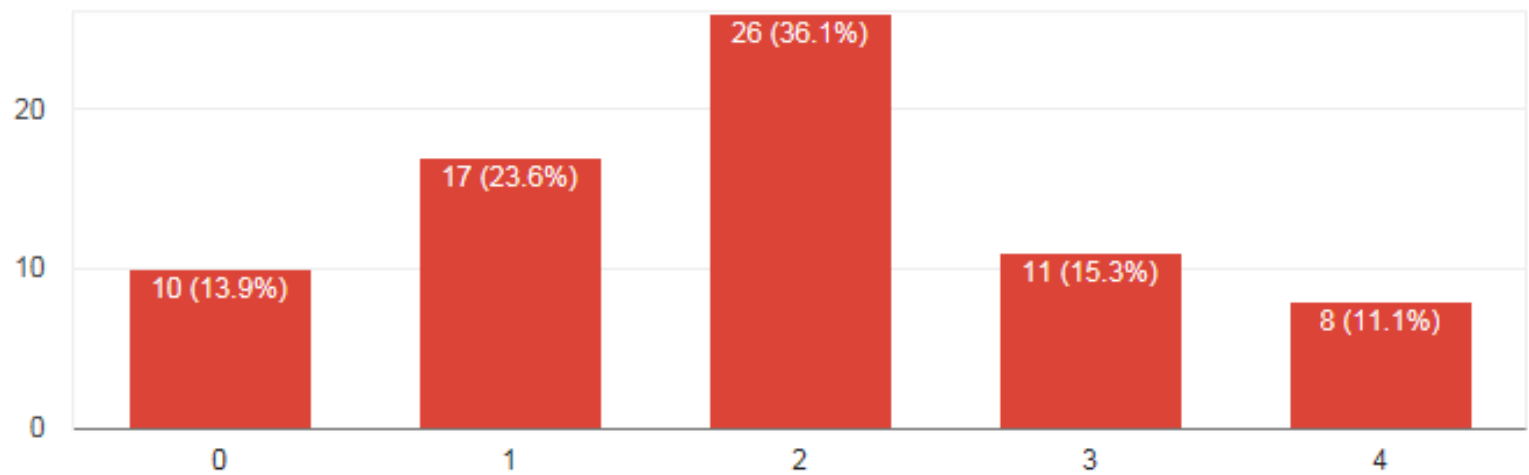
# Fishing Access

72 responses



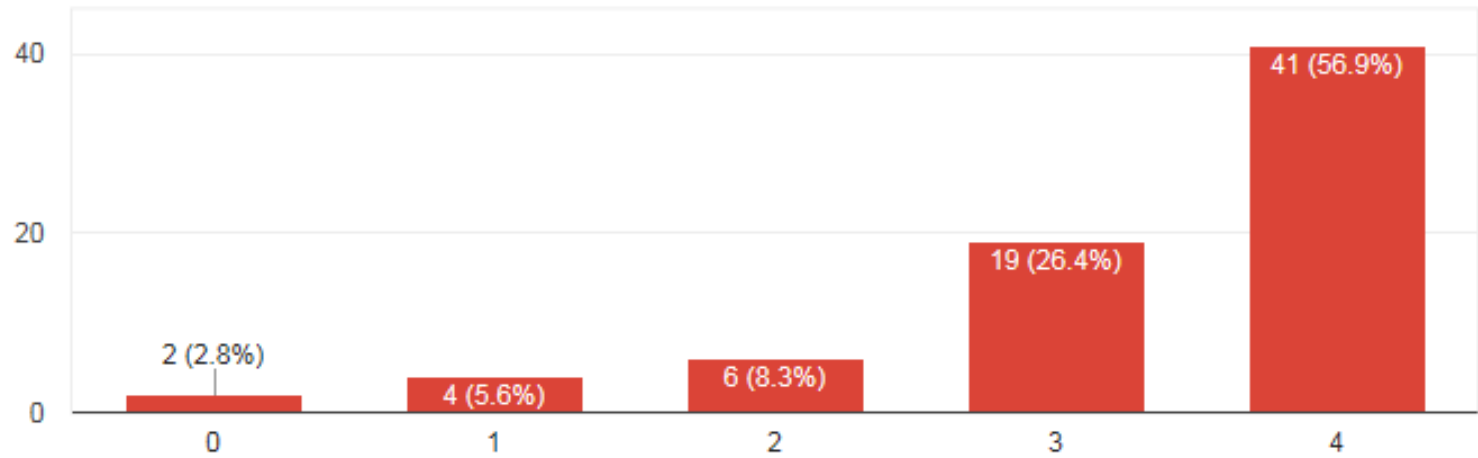
## Football

72 responses



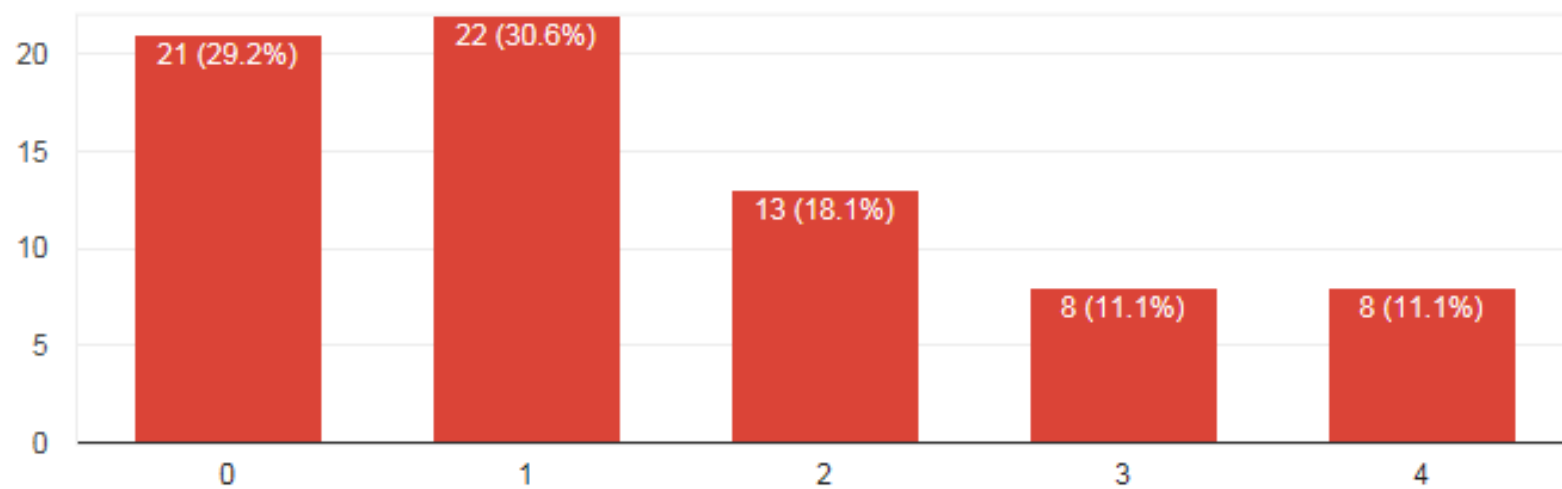
## Hiking

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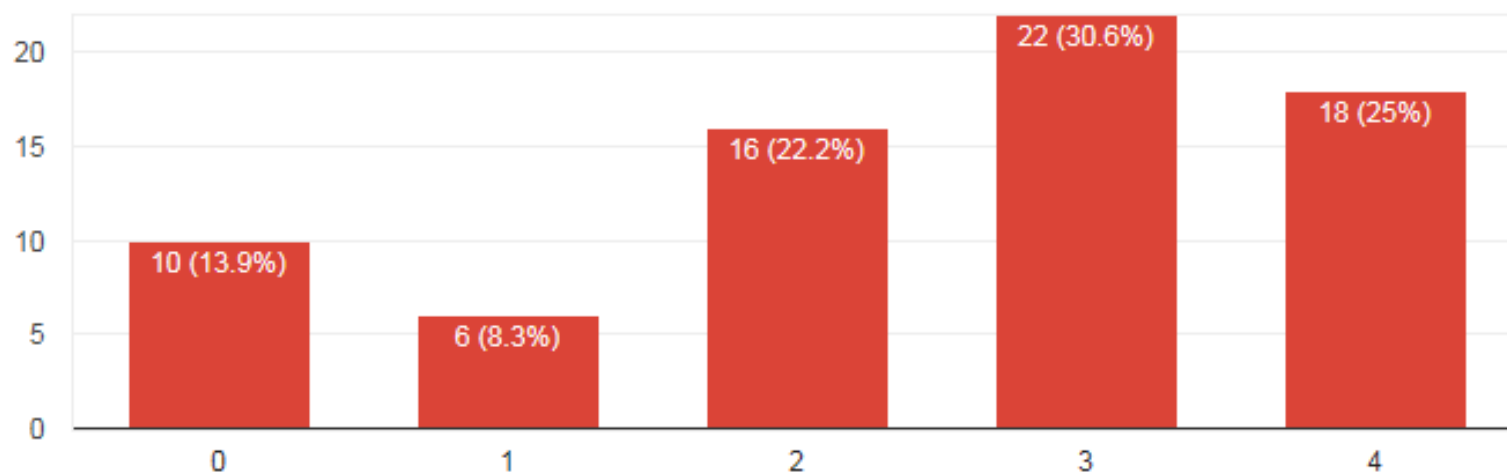
## Horseback Riding

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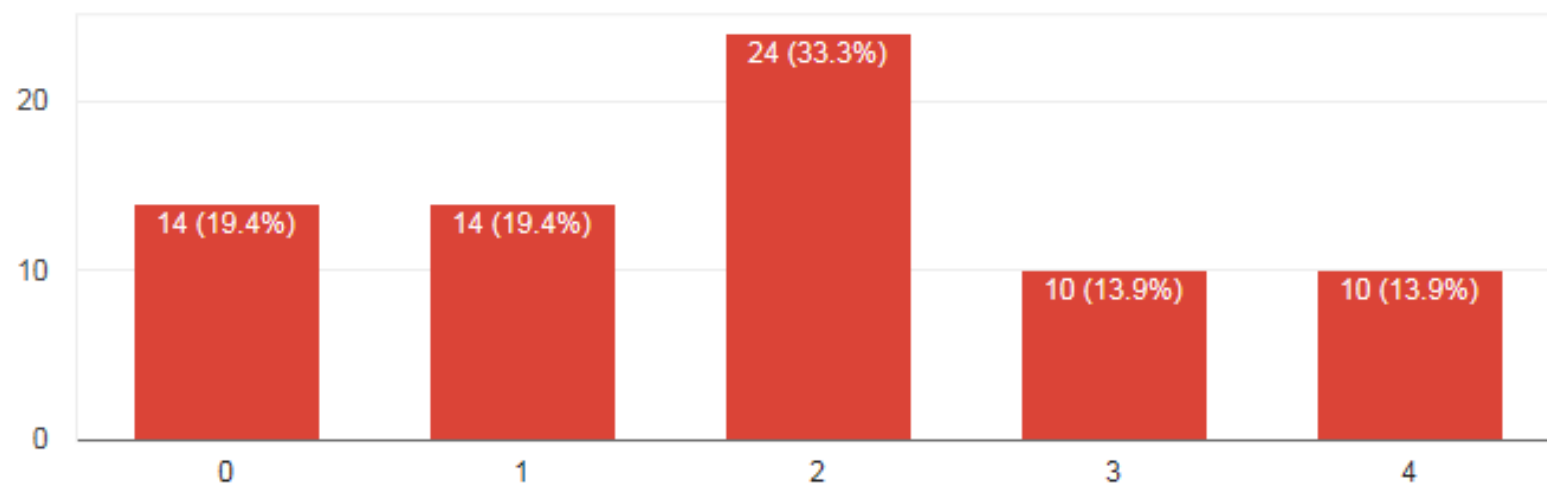
## Ice Skating

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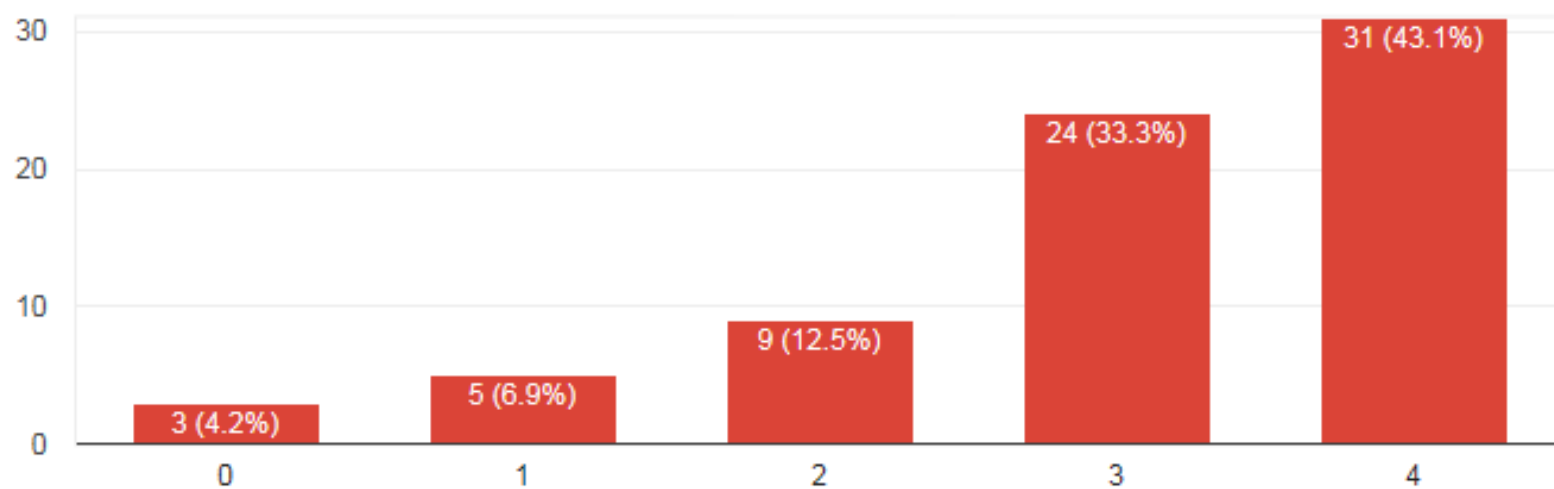
## In-Line Skating

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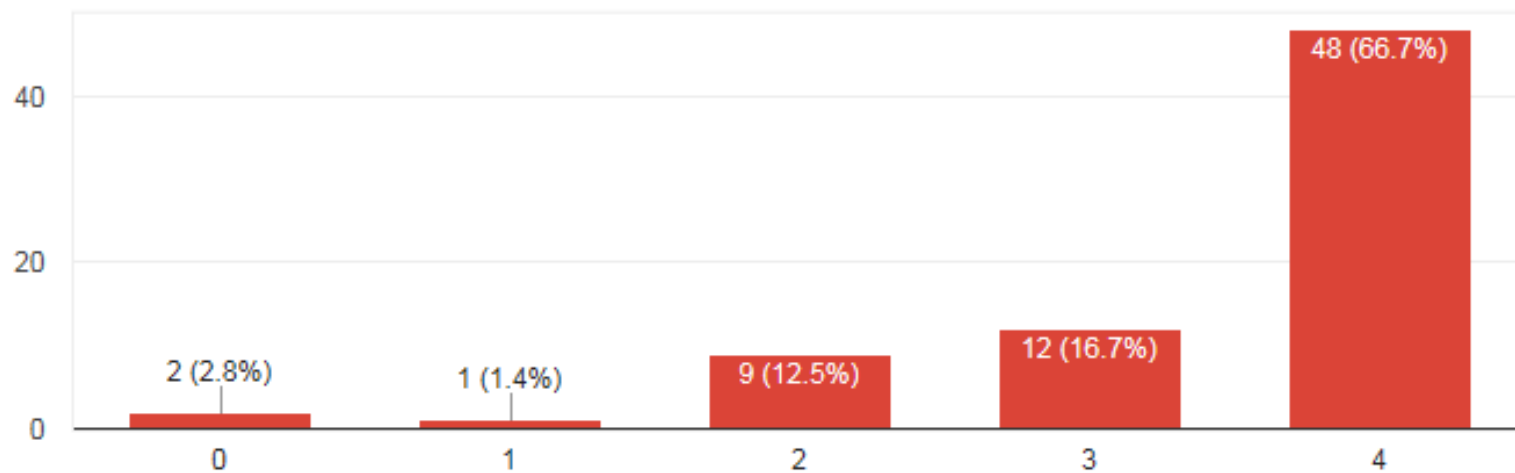
## Picnicking

72 responses



## Scenic Outlook

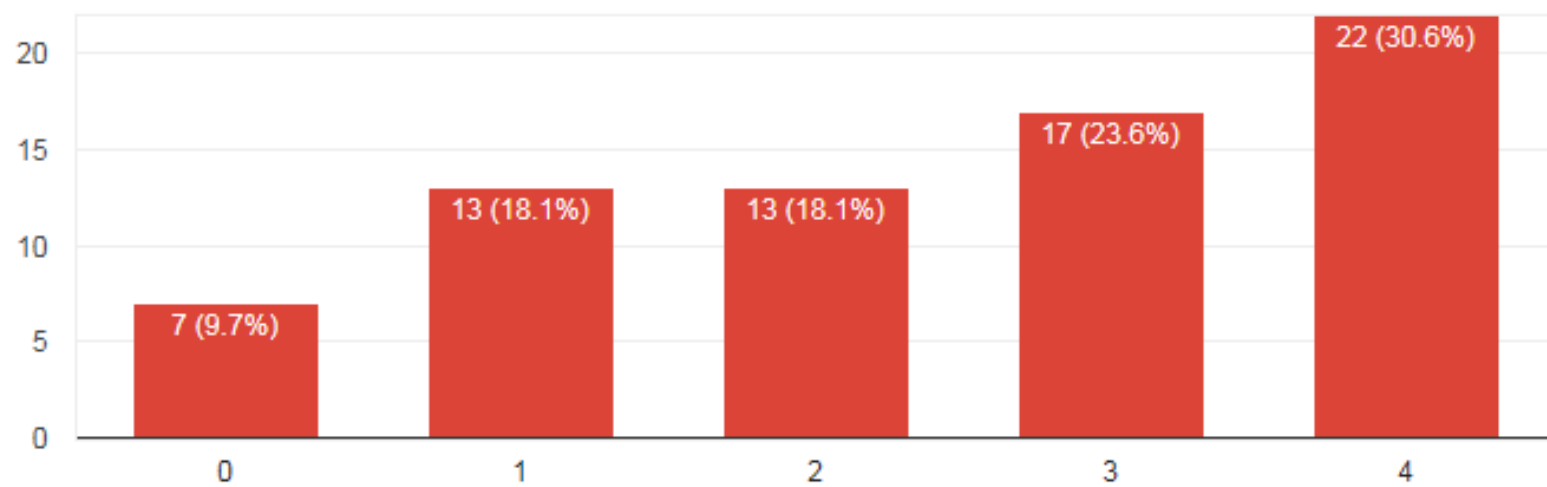
72 responses





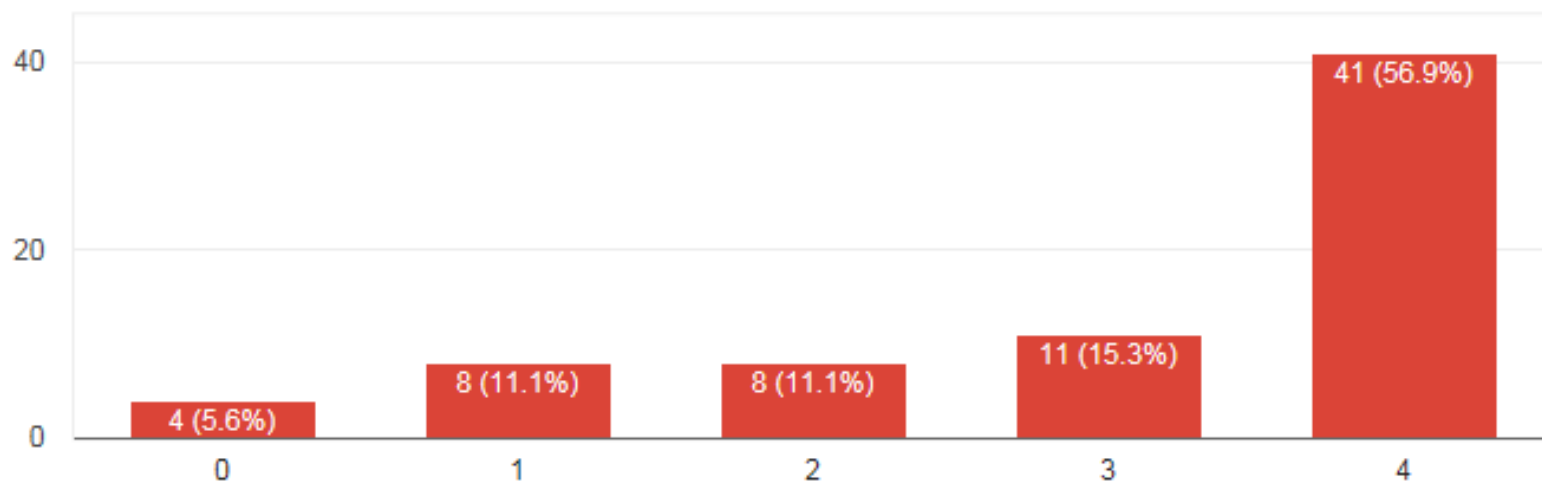
## Soccer

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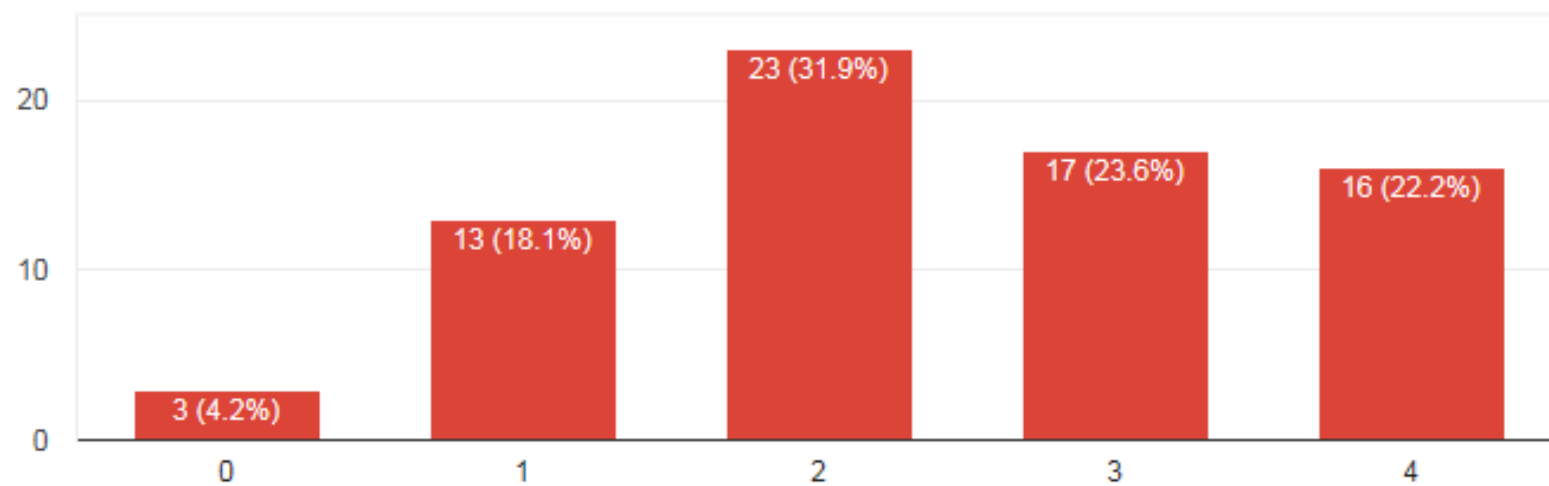
## Swimming

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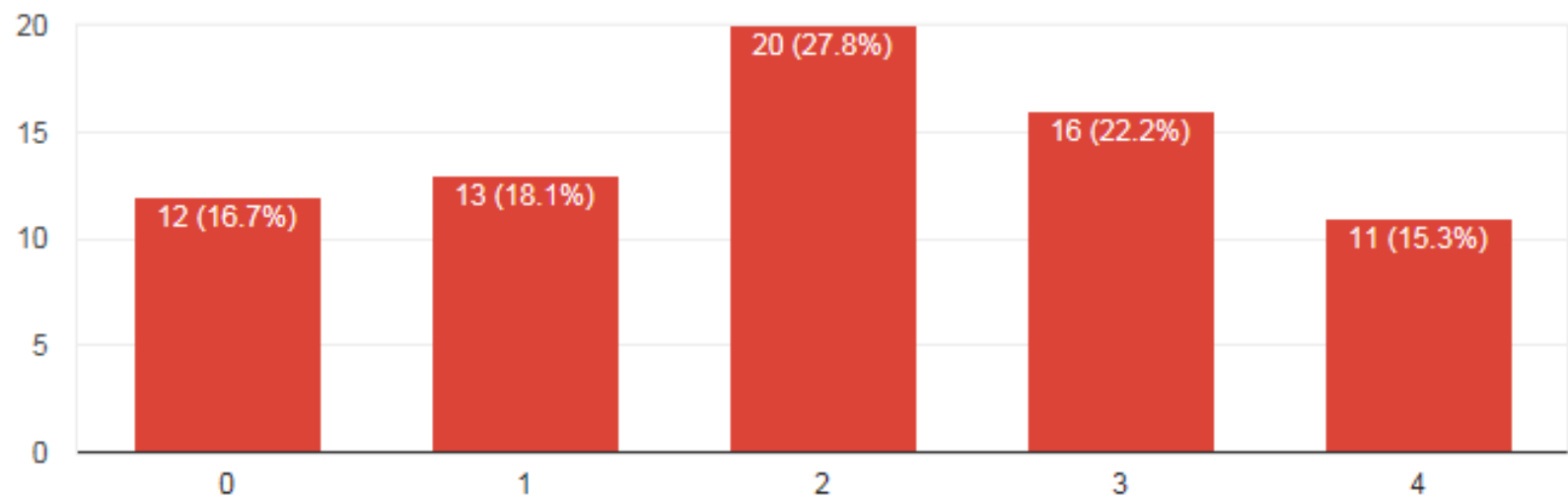
## Tennis

72 responses



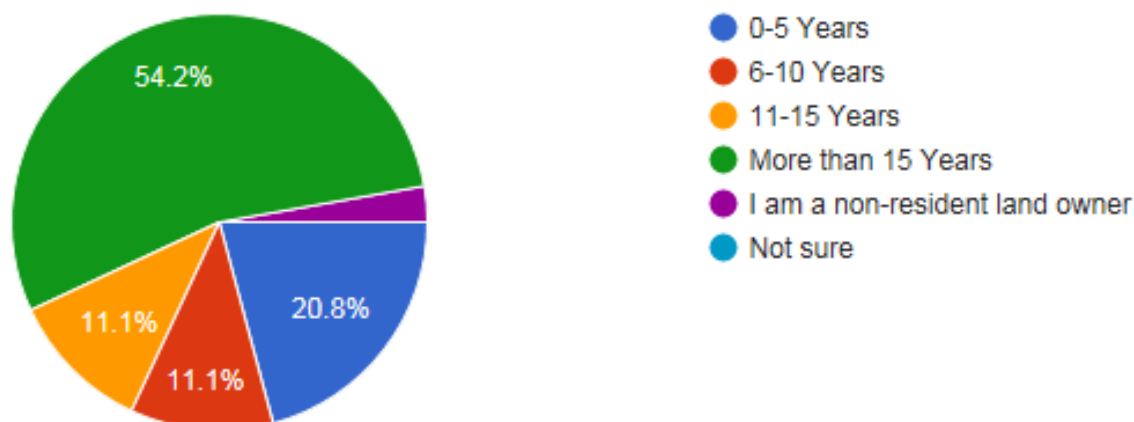
# Volleyball

72 responses



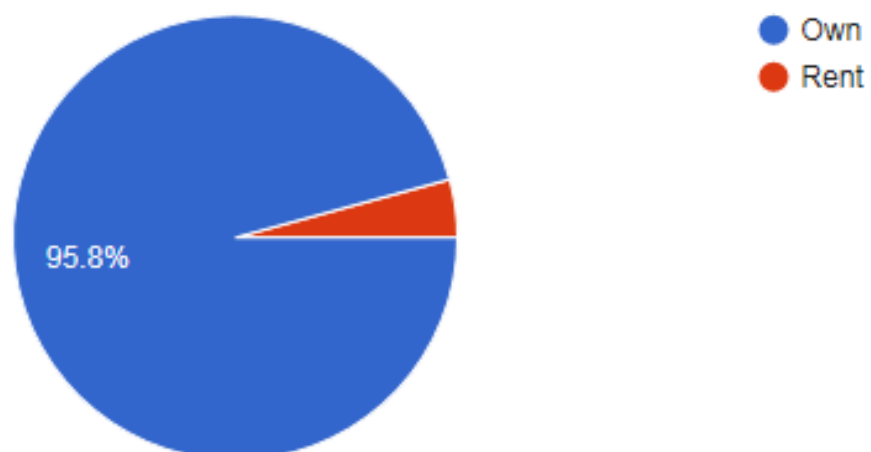
## For approximately how many years have you lived in the Town of Ossining?

72 responses



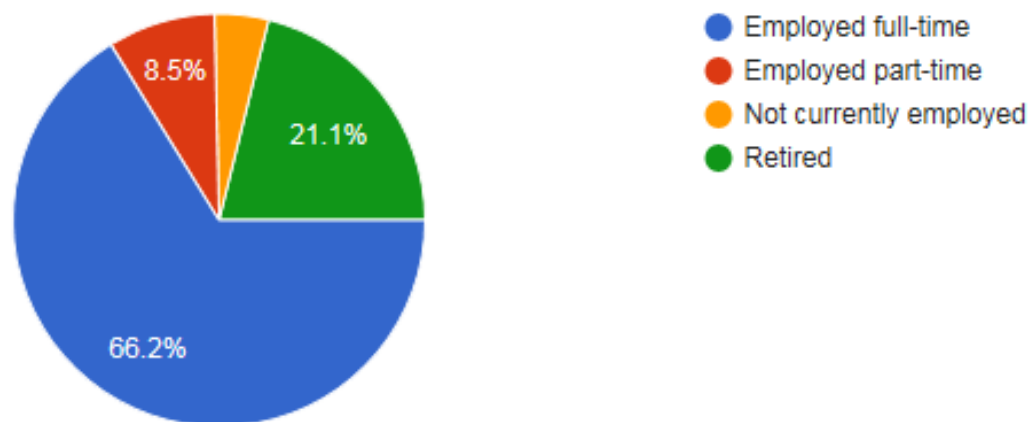
## Do you own your home or rent?

71 responses



## Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

71 responses



# Please write the number of children living in your household, and their ages.

0 (21)	22 and 19	14, 12, 9, 9, 5	
None (5)	2 24 and 19	1- 10 years old	
0	18 and 21	1 infant	
2 children, 6 and 2	2 kids 5&7	8 and 11	
3 kids ages 14, 8,2	13 year old, 9 year old and a 2 year old.	1. Age 2	Now, none.
2 kids 2 and 4	3 kids. 13, 9, 2	1, 18	None currently.
1	none	Two, 3 and 9.	
23,21,19,17,17	Two kids ages 7 and 13	one -18 yrs old	
2. 10 and 12	1 child, 3 years	0	
17,19	2 Children, 3 and 7 years old	2 15 &17	
2. 4 years and 7 month old	1- 14 months	one child 16 years old	
2 children, ages 2 and 4	1- 15	0 children	



# Please provide any comments or suggestions.

Thanks for the survey. A general sweeping of roadway ( loose stones and dirt ) picking up of debris on fields ( old net poles, tires , tree limbs, paper , etc.) , trimming of trees would be great.

Park space, open space and undeveloped land is wonderful. Please stop building housing

We would love a biking path or an outdoor pool facility

I understand the need for family activities in parks such as playgrounds and ball fields, however I would also say that there is nothing more important than fostering a love for nature amongst our youth.

basketball is a priority pocket courts need to be maintained, Hudson River is disgusting area

Cannons and kayaks. Ossining pirates unite!

Overall, Ossining does a good job of maintaining the parks. I do believe that having an outdoor pool is something that would greatly benefit the community.

Recreational and outdoor activities along with preserving our history and the environment are very important to me. I would be willing to pay more to preserve our beautiful waterfront, parks and historic properties while controlling development to prevent destruction of open spaces and historic buildings and to avoid unsightly construction.

2, ages 8 and 12

# Please provide any comments or suggestions. (continued...)

It seems like for the decade+ that we've lived here - there is lots of talk & little action - leading to the fatigue of those who were once interested. "Too many cooks" too little action. Again - here is where quality over quantity would be very good. Employ (empower & fund) a few highly qualified people to complete a project to a high standard - then move onto the next project. That would be highly preferable to trying to get everyone to keep putting in opinions until it is difficult to care because you are ready had the same discussion over 35 times. The projects never get off the ground and you lose those citizens that could've made a real difference - leaving the village in stagnation and ending with sub-par choices. With everything going for the village (location, some very smart and creative residents, some "good bones") it feels as though if any progress is made, it will be in spite of the status quo - not because of it.

Recreation Center is a great facility, however weekday reception service is dodgy at best. No one picks up the phone or if they do no one can help with the correct information. The classes are great, staff onsite is very helpful.

We moved back to Ossining as it support new and growing families. I would love to see more activities and parks that are specific to toddlers as that is our main focus.

There are so many natural opportunities for amazing places for recreation in our town. With some thought at development we could be a setting the standard for other communities.

I think that the Parks should be limited to residents (dog park)

# Please provide any comments or suggestions. (continued...)

Please stop trying to spend money on things that will raise taxes. My SS will only go so far and I'm looking at a good 20-30 years with longevity in my family. I don't want to be forced out of town out of a place I've lived at for 40+ years for things that no one needs. Sports are a wasted activity as far as I'm concerned.

Please preserve our historic places and spaces, and please do not give away resources like the Harbor Square space again. Thank you.

None

Thank you for all you do and are willing to do for this community to meet our recreational needs. Our senior population could use a place for them to walk without hills and level. But not just on tracks at the school but out in nature!

Thanks for allowing me to take the survey.

I think the Village/Town does an amazing job with recreation and parks. We're lucky to have such great spaces. Having more access to the river would be a nice step.

Some kind of monitoring to encourage people picking up after their dogs

# Please provide any comments or suggestions. (continued...)

Parks need care update and clean up . Downtown has too many low budget stores barbers , deli ever corner. Need to revamp make more productive business like tarrytown , white plains . Bring more classy restaurants pubs, shops. It is scary to walk round there . Beatification of the great architecture and new high end shops , restaurants, pubs will be attractive to patrons municipalities.

this survey is too long

Thank you for doing this survey.

I am glad you are taking this survey.

Keep supporting our parks.

# Spring 2016 Parks Public Opinion Survey