

Focused Workshop

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GREATER CORKTOWN FRAMEWORK PLAN

Feedback Summary on Greening Workshops and Survey



SEPTEMBER 2019

**FEEDBACK SUMMARY FROM WORKSHOPS
SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2019**

WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES



Greater Corktown Neighborhood Planning Framework



Landscape & Open Space Tools

PRODUCTIVE Landscapes

LARGE SCALE ← → SMALL SCALE



URBAN FARMS IN LARGE PARKS
Example: Battery Park Farms, New York City



CUT-AND-FILL FLOODABLE PARKS
Example: Welliu Wetland Park, China




COMMUNITY GARDENS
Example: 103 Street Community Garden, New York City




STORMWATER RAINGARDENS
Example: Street and sidewalk improvements, Seattle, WA

SOCIAL & LEARNING Spaces


PASSIVE ← → ACTIVE




URBAN PLAZAS
Example: Beekman Street Plaza, New York City



TERRACED AMPHITHEATER
Example: Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park, Omaha




NATURE PLAY POOLS
Example: Welles Nature Play Space, Chicago



HERITAGE TRAILS
Example: East Side Trail, Beltline, Atlanta

CONNECTIVE Public Realm


SHARED ← → SEPARATED




INTERSECTION CURB EXTENSIONS AND GRAPHICS
Example: Cultural Trail, Indianapolis



SHARED STREETS
Example: Bell Street Park, Seattle



PLACEMAKING ART ELEMENTS
Example: Western Avenue, Los Angeles



PROTECTED BIKE LANES
Example: Cultural Trail, Indianapolis

HEALTHY Living

HUMAN ACTIVITIES ← → ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY



ACTIVE TRAILS & FITNESS PODS
Example: Fit Trail, Charlotte



RESTING SEATING
Example: Midtown C, Washignt

Greater Corktown Neighborhood Planning Framework

Landscape & Open Space Tools

What Landscape & Open Space Tools would you like to see in Greater Corktown, and why?

From the list to the right, circle the two interventions you would like to see in Greater Corktown, and cross out the two you would not like to see.

Why have you selected these interventions?

Are there other types of parks, open spaces, streets and landscapes you would like to see?

PRODUCTIVE Landscapes	SOCIAL & LEARNING Spaces	CONNECTIVE Public Realm	HEALTHY Living	Suggest your own
<input type="radio"/> Urban Farms in Large Parks <input type="radio"/> Cut-and-Fill Floodable Parks <input type="radio"/> Community Gardens <input type="radio"/> Stormwater Rain Gardens	<input type="radio"/> Urban Plazas <input type="radio"/> Terraced Amphitheaters <input type="radio"/> Nature Play Pools <input type="radio"/> Heritage Trails	<input type="radio"/> Intersection Curb Extensions and Graphics <input type="radio"/> Shared Streets <input type="radio"/> Placemaking Art Elements <input type="radio"/> Protected Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/> Active Trails & Fitness Pods <input type="radio"/> Resting Seating Areas <input type="radio"/> Habitat Observation Areas <input type="radio"/> Urban Forest National Areas	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Greater Corktown Neighborhood Planning Framework



Landscape & Open Space Scenarios

The scenarios below describe various ways in which attention, investment, and design energy can be directed to improve parks, open spaces, streets, and landscapes. Based on your priorities, which of these scenarios would best serve the current and future needs of Greater Corktown?

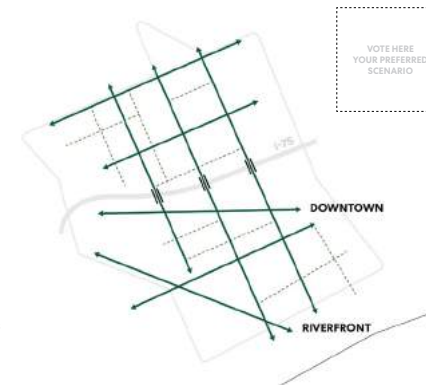
Neighborhood Connectivity Scenarios

1

A NETWORK OF WALKABLE STREETS AND ALLEYS!

Note: the diagram doesn't indicate 2-way or 1-way primary ROWs.

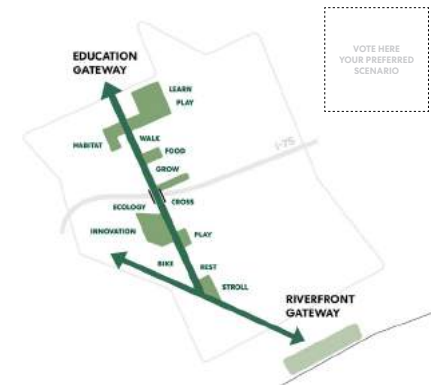
- ✓ Safer and better connected neighborhood
- ✓ Continuous bike network
- ✓ Investment in network improvements evenly distributed
- ✗ Concern of underutilization without desirable destinations



2

A MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIVE PATH THROUGH STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OPEN SPACES!

- ✓ Clear and strong North - South connectivity
- ✓ Diversity of activities and thematic interventions along the connective path
- ✗ Areas away from the connective path might feel disconnected
- ✗ Investment and density might be unevenly distributed in the neighborhood

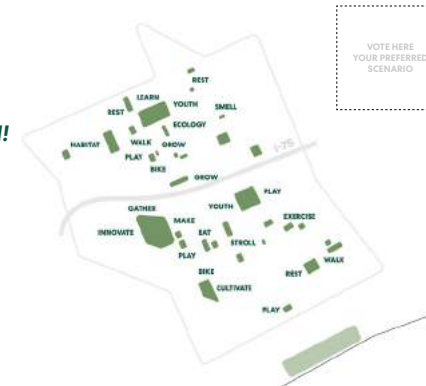


Neighborhood Destination Scenarios

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A PATCHWORK OF SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, EACH WITH ITS OWN IDENTITY AND PROGRAM!

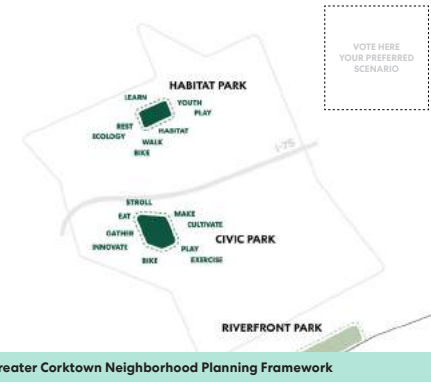
- ✓ Short walking distance to a park
- ✓ Diversity of program and potential stewards
- ✓ Investment in park improvements evenly distributed
- ✗ Concern of underutilization without catalytic projects



4

A FEW LARGE PARKS WITH MULTIPLE AMENITIES AND A DIVERSE PROGRAM!

- ✓ High profile interventions
- ✓ Clear focal points within the neighborhood
- ✗ Areas away from main parks might feel disconnected
- ✗ Concern of underutilization without addressing accessibility



How would the scenarios below help improve neighborhood walkability and safety and contribute to a stronger network of open spaces?

Greater Corktown Neighborhood Planning Framework

Landscape & Open Space Scenarios

How would you invest in parks, open spaces, streets, and landscapes, and why?

From the scenarios shown to the right, circle the one that represents your preferred way of investment in Greater Corktown, and cross out the one you would not like to see.

Why have you selected this scenario?

Are there other connectivity and destination scenarios you would like to see?

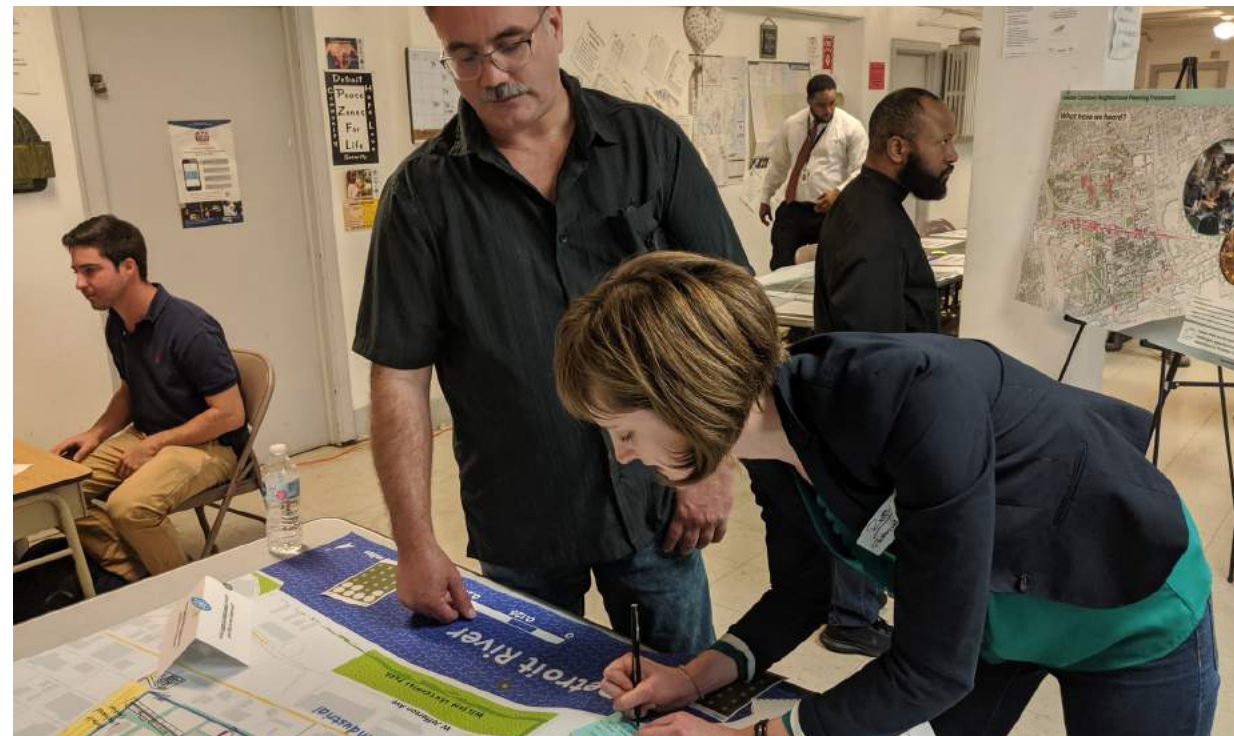
Are there specific locations you would like to see these investments? Please mark on the map at the back of this page.

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WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

North Corktown Greening Workshop (September 11, 2019): approximately 21 Participants at Spirit of Hope Church

Historic Corktown Greening Workshop (September 12, 2019): approximately 12 Participants at IBEW Hall

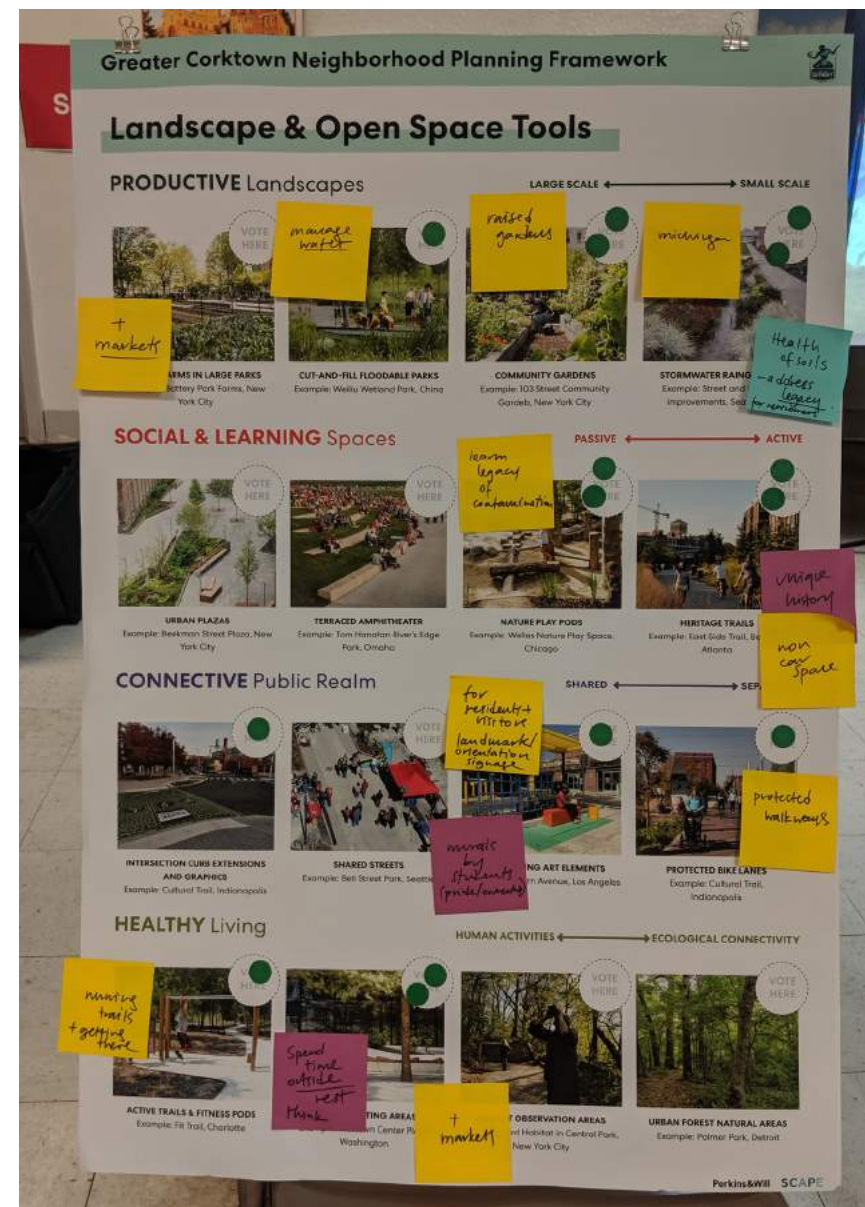


ACTIVITY #1

LANDSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE TOOLS



In this activity, participants were asked to express their preferences of tools in 4 categories: Productive Landscapes, Social & Learning Spaces, Connective Public Realm, and Healthy Living. The feedback was gathered through worksheets and discussion around a board.



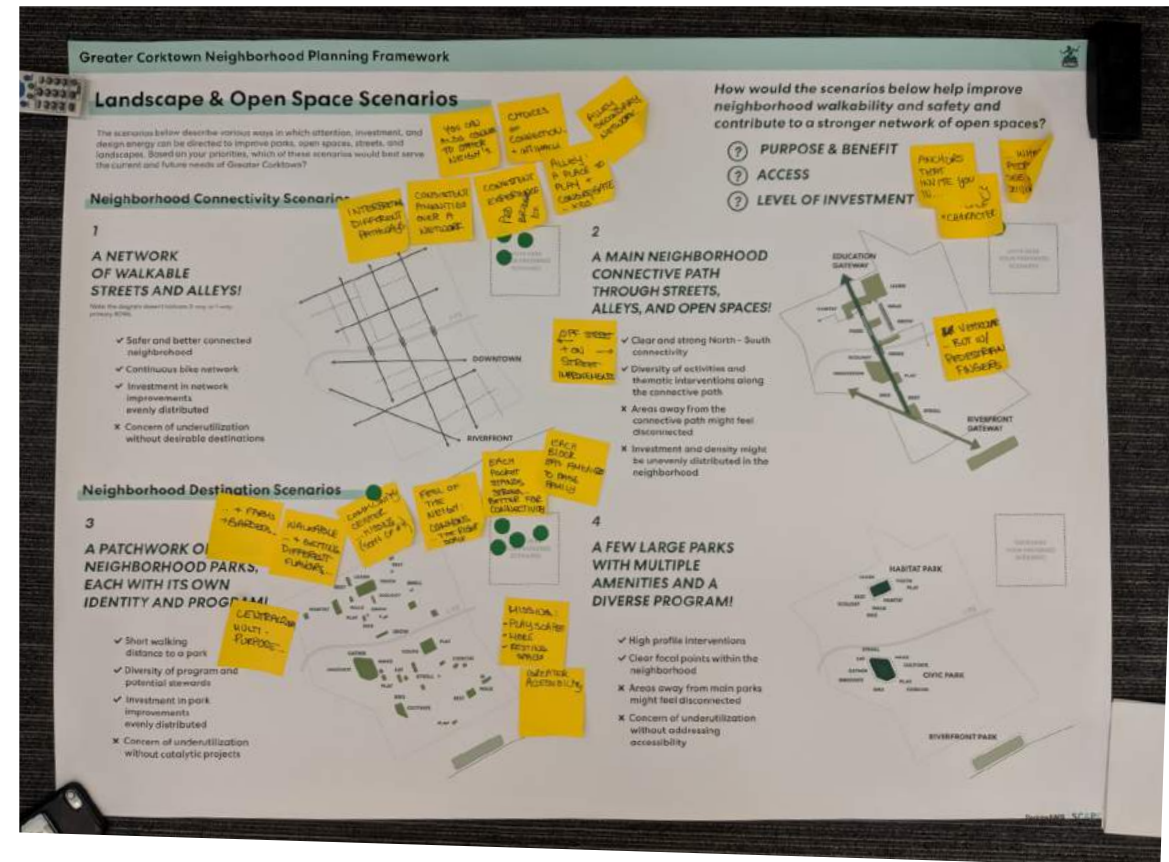
KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- In regards to Productive Landscapes, participants expressed the desire to maintain the neighborhood's legacy of small-scale productive spaces and community gardens while prioritizing soil health, remediation, and stormwater interventions.
- In regards to Social & Learning Spaces, participants preferred elements that introduce art, create active learning spaces that support kids and highlight the neighborhood's cultural history.
- Participants expressed the need for better connectivity of the public realm, through connective paths that prioritize pedestrians and bikers, which are protected from the road but integrated into the rest of the streetscape. Additionally, participants were in favor of Heritage trails, and interventions around intersections that can help with safety and walkability.
- The participants expressed the desire to create spaces for outdoor activities such as fitness areas, but also places to rest and reflect. Natural areas for explorations can be used both for human activities but also help enhance the local ecology.

ACTIVITY #2

LANDSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE SCENARIOS

In this activity, participants were prompted to discuss different scenarios of investments and interventions in the neighborhood. The scenarios were grouped in 2 categories: Neighborhood Connectivity Scenarios and Neighborhood Destination Scenarios. This activity prompted a discussion about trade-offs between different approaches in the way the plan can invest in the neighborhood. Feedback was collected through worksheets and discussion around the boards.



KEY TAKEAWAYS:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIVITY SCENARIOS:

- The majority of participant expressed the desire of a hybrid connectivity system that prioritizes accessibility through a network of walkable streets and alleys, and has a hierarchy of larger connectors and smaller wondering paths.
- Participants have expressed the concern that a single connective path might feel far away from certain areas of the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATION SCENARIOS:

- Participants have expressed preference for a patchwork of smaller spaces, which matches the existing neighborhood character and creates spaces that are intimate, accessible, equitably distributed, and different in character.
- While a patchwork is preferred, there is also need and desire for a larger scale park that can bring together people from different races and groups, and can offer a variety of activities. The lack of a larger key park such as this, might further separate different parts of the neighborhood, and groups might feel unwelcome in a smaller park further away from their immediate area.



FEEDBACK SUMMARY FROM ONLINE SURVEY

ONLINE SURVEYS

15 Participants



Greater Corktown Neighborhood Framework Plan Greening Survey

We are interested in hearing from you about the importance of neighborhood parks and spaces, connections across the neighborhood, improvements to the tree canopy, and the importance of managing stormwater.

Please take the time to complete the brief survey below.....

OK

1. Identify up to 3 neighborhood parks/recreational facilities that you currently use the most.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roosevelt Park | <input type="checkbox"/> 15th & Butternut Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nagel Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Savage Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mullett Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Murphy Playlot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macomb Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Roberto Clemente Rec. Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downey Park | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

2. How do you utilize the parks/recreational facilities in the community? (Check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple Relaxation | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking your dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoying Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise/Fitness | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

3. How often do you use these parks/recreational facilities and open spaces?

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|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Every day | <input type="radio"/> A few times a month |
| <input type="radio"/> A few times a week | <input type="radio"/> Once a month |
| <input type="radio"/> About once a week | <input type="radio"/> Less than once a month |

5. If members of your household seldom or do not use the neighborhood parks/recreational facilities, what are the reasons? (Please Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have park features I'm interested in | <input type="checkbox"/> Need transportation to get to parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't feel safe at parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks need more activities and amenities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability or age | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

6. Based on your priorities, which of these investments would best serve the current and future needs of Greater Corktown? (Choose up to 2)

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Parks Throughout Study Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Sized Parks in a Few Locations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-sized Parks in Fewer Locations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Mix of Open Spaces (Small to Large) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Network that Connects to Existing Parks (Uses Existing Alleys & Streets) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Centralized Green Corridor (Utilizing a Street Corridor) |

ONLINE SURVEY

USE OF CURRENT PARK/RECREATION SPACES

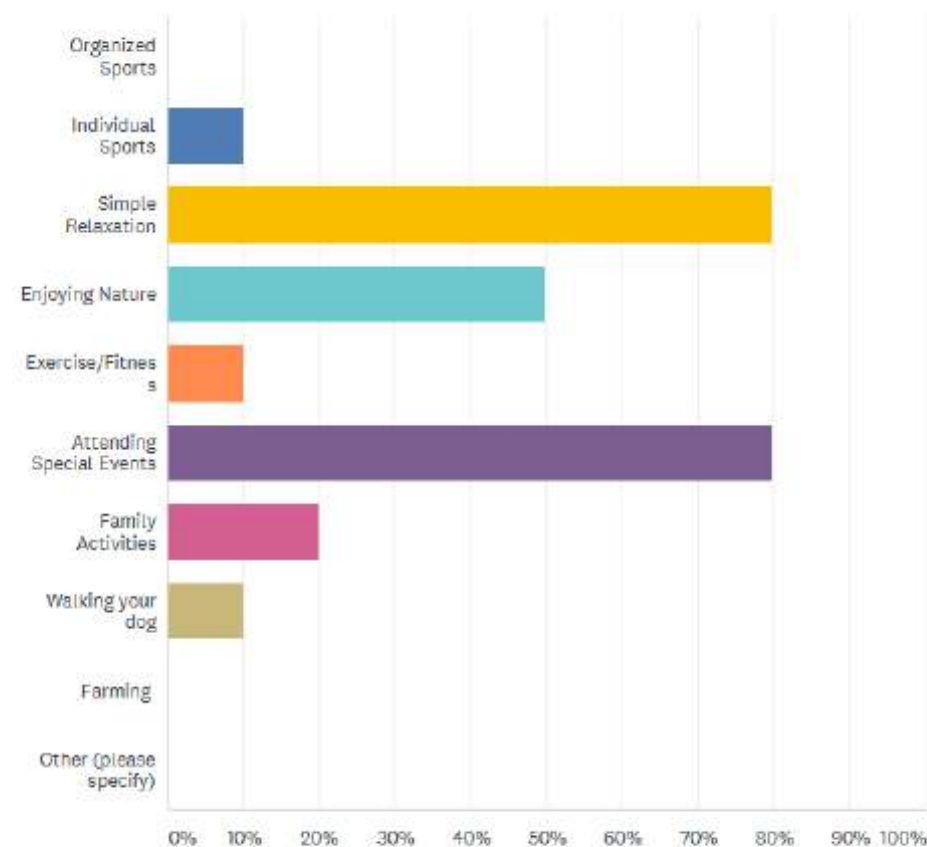


The online survey has been designed to compliment the workshops and allow residents that didn't have the chance to participate in the workshops to provide feedback on the same topics.

Q2

How do you utilize the parks/recreational facilities in the community? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 1



KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- The most used parks currently are Roosevelt Park, Dean Savage Park and Murphey Playlot
- In general, residents find value in both existing and future parks for simple reasons: easy access to nature, open space, and relaxation.
- Residents currently use the existing parks for simple relaxation, attending special events and enjoying nature
- Most residents tend to visit the park a few times a week, or a few times a month
- Residents would like to see more programming activities and amenities in their parks
- Residents have concerns around park safety which holds them back from visiting them more often
- Residents desire an open space network that connects to a mix of small and large parks throughout their neighborhood
- The community is interested in practical, quality interventions that are connected, easily accessible, and support active leisure, urban gardening, public art, and stormwater management.



ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY

15 Survey Respondents

Identify top 3 most used neighborhood park/recreational facility

1. Roosevelt Park (53%)
2. Dean Savage Park (33%)
3. Murphy Playlot (33%)
4. Nagel Park (20%)
5. Mullett Park (20%)

How do you currently utilize the parks/recreational facilities in the community? (include all that apply)

1. Simple Relaxation (73%)
2. Attending Special Events (68%)
3. Enjoying Nature (53%)
4. Exercise/Fitness (40%)
5. Family Activities (33%)

How often are these parks/recreational facilities and open spaces used?

1. A few times a week (31%)
2. A few times a month (25%)
3. Once a month (12%)
4. Less than once a month (12%)
5. Once a week (12%)

What do you like most about the parks/recreational facilities that you use?

- Proximity to home and easily accessible
- Connected via walkable neighborhood streets
- Maintained, convenient and close to home
- Sense of calm, relaxation and reconnection with nature

What reasons hold you back from currently using the neighborhood parks/recreational facilities?

1. Parks need more activities and amenities (73%)
2. Don't feel safe at parks (45%)
3. Don't have park features I'm interested in (28%)
4. Disability or age (18%)

Which of these investments would best serve current and future needs of Greater Corktown? (choose 2)

1. Open Space network that connects to existing parks (56%)
2. A mix of open spaces (small and large) (43%)
3. A centralized green corridor (utilizing street corridor) (31%)
4. Small Parks throughout the study area (25%)