

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT - DRAFT

The public engagement for the Parks and Trails Master Plan Update was designed to provide opportunities for everyone to share their thoughts on the park and trail system, providing meaningful feedback for the County to consider. The outreach efforts included coordination with the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), a Countywide online survey, key stakeholder focus groups, a series of public workshops, and the organization of a Master Plan Advisory Committee. These opportunities were each included in order to procure the opinions of all groups in order to fully-inform the final plan.

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Public Outreach Objectives

The goal of the public outreach efforts was to:

- Build community awareness about the Parks & Trails Master Plan,
- Develop a shared understanding of the project’s goals and constraints, and
- Obtain community input to help inform the plan.

Target Audience & Stakeholders

The public outreach effort was targeted to engage community members, business owners, and key community-based organizations. Specific stakeholder groups include:

1. Current & past trail/park users: Members of the general public who utilize the services covered by the Master Plan and can thus give informed input on its updates.
2. Business interests: Major employers, business leaders, and associations in the area who have a vested interest in improving area parks and trails for employees, customers and members.
3. County Leadership & Elected officials: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, El Dorado County Parks Commissioners, El Dorado County Board of Education Trustees, and relevant department heads.
4. Neighborhood associations: Nearby community and neighborhood associations in the areas of the parks and trails.
5. Community organizations: Including community groups, such as Kiwanis and Rotary; partner organizations, such as community services districts; faith-based organizations; and youth groups, such as sports associations and outdoor activity clubs.
6. Schools: Elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges located near the parks and trails who may have a vested interest in improving area parks and trails for their students and faculty; Relevant Parent-Teacher Organizations as well as the Placer County Office of Education.
7. Agency Partners: Key community agency partners including: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), Transportation Commission, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, and State Parks.

In addition to engaging key stakeholders, the Community Workshops, Survey, and broader outreach initiatives were meant to target interested members of the public, including:

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3. Neighborhood associations: Nearby community and neighborhood associations in the areas of the parks and trails.

Public Engagement Process

El Dorado County residents played an integral role in the development of this Master Plan by providing input on parks and trails facility priorities, recreation preferences, operational matters, and funding issues. A variety of mechanisms were used to generate input including a series of workshops, surveys, and one-on-one interviews. The staff and consultant project team engaged in traditional and nontraditional media outlets based within County boundaries to ensure the community was aware of the project and engagement process. Throughout the project a stakeholder database was utilized to target community partners, parks and recreation user groups, and the general public.

Noticing the community-wide outreach events such as the workshops included personal calls and emails to key stakeholders including community and environmental groups, business interests, community destinations, public health organizations, partner agencies, schools, and community-based organizations; news releases to local media digital and print outlets; e-newsletter and social media posts through community-led information channels; social media and website posts through existing communication channels; paid social media advertising; and e-mail blasts to the project database.

A Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) was also convened and met at several key points in the planning process to provide input and suggestions. The MPAC included representatives from numerous organizations and agencies with diverse interests related to parks and trails in El Dorado County.

Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholders in the process ranged from the appointed PRC to recreational user groups. Specific stakeholder groups included:

- County Leadership & Elected Officials: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, El Dorado County Parks Commissioners, El Dorado County Board of Education Trustees, and relevant department heads.
- Community Organizations: Including community groups, such as Kiwanis and Rotary; partner organizations, such as community services districts; faith-based organizations; and youth groups, such as sports associations and outdoor activity clubs.
- Schools: Elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges located near the parks and trails who may have a vested interest in improving area parks and trails for their students and faculty; Relevant Parent-Teacher Organizations as well as the Placer County Office of Education.
- Agency Partners: Key community agency partners including: SMUD, Transportation Commission, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, and California State Parks.

To engage the range of stakeholders, several efforts were included in the engagement process.

County Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings

Several meetings of the El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) were dedicated to gathering additional input on the Master Plan and providing updates on the process to the public. Throughout 2023 and 2024, the Commission deliberated on all aspects of the Master Plan, including the goals for the plan and the vision for parks in El Dorado County. Each draft chapter was provided to the Commission for feedback and changes were incorporated. The Commission also organized and provided an ad hoc committee made up of two Commissioners to the Master Plan Advisory Committee. Commissioners served as co-editors of the plan to review the Master Plan process, identify key issue areas, suggest ways to increase public participation, and review and refine specific recommendations for park and trail facilities, maintenance, and administration.

Key Stakeholder Focus Groups

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Two stakeholder focus group meetings with the local schools, neighborhood associations, business interest representatives, underrepresented community-based organizations, and other key stakeholder groups were planned to be held early on during the public engagement process. The purpose of the Key Stakeholder Focus Group meetings is to provide stakeholder groups with the opportunity to participate in project planning to help identify project needs. The initial meetings were meant to provide a forum to discuss potential key issues, challenges, and opportunities. The groups to be invited to participate in the Key Stakeholder Focus Group meetings were facilitated to discuss constraints and opportunities, and the needs of the groups and interests they represented.

The first stakeholder meeting was held on October 24, 2022, and the second occurred on December 14, 2022. Representatives in attendance included the Little League District, soccer clubs, El Dorado Hills Community Services District, the Marshal Foundation for Community Health, the Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee, the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, Motherlode Trail Stewardship, Friends of the El Dorado Trail, the American River Conservancy, Folsom Auburn Trails El Dorado Trail, Backcountry Horsemen, the Coloma Business Council, Bureau of Land Management, Ponderosa Little League, El Dorado High School District Facilities, and County Departments including Transportation, Sheriff's Office, and Public Health.

At each meeting, the discussion began with staff posing questions to the group, focusing on what is working with our parks and trail system, and what opportunities we have looking to the future. The discussions led to varied topics, but key issues became the focus.

Stakeholder Group Key Themes

1. Sports Teams Access: Several concerns focused on the high costs for sports teams, field availability, and lack of lighting.
2. Accessibility: Another concern was ADA accessible sports fields, and river access points, and the need to provide parks and recreation to the aging community.
3. Increase in Use: We also heard that there are more people going to the river, and a need for more restrooms and parking.
4. Safety: Safety concerns included pedestrian safety, especially at Henningsen Lotus Park, issues with homelessness, drug and tobacco use, and theft.
5. Trail Development: Due to different needs for walkers, bicyclists, and equestrians, several participants asked that the full El Dorado Trail be paved, but also have a parallel

off-pavement trail. Connectivity between jurisdictions was also a major theme, especially with regard to a regional trail system across northern California.

6. Economic Development: Connectivity between trails was discussed as an economic driver.
7. Partnerships: Participants cited the need for the County to work with federal land managers and other entities for coordination.

Master Plan Advisory Committee **DRAFT SECTION**

A Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) was also convened and met at key points in the process to provide input and suggestions. The MPAC included representatives from numerous organizations and agencies with diverse interests related to parks and trails in El Dorado County. Attendees included California State Parks, Bureau of Land Management, American River Conservancy, El Dorado Hills CSD, Georgetown Divide Recreation District, Cameron Park CSD, South Lake Tahoe Parks & Recreation, City of Placerville, Eldorado National Forest, El Dorado Irrigation District, EDC Office of Education, Facilities, Placer County Parks, and EDC Transportation Commission. The objective of the meeting was to provide information and ideas on ways in which each organization could potentially collaborate with El Dorado County in meeting the park, recreation, and trail needs of County residents and visitors, including ongoing information sharing on capital improvement planning efforts, the construction or operation of complementary or joint-use facilities and improvements, joint financial planning and partnerships, and mutual aid.

The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) met on two separate occasions to provide suggestions and review progress at key points in the process. The MPAC was led by Parks staff and two members of the PRC who were assigned as an ad hoc committee. The first MPAC meeting was held on February 5, 2024. Members reviewed the draft Existing Conditions Chapter of the plan, which provided input on the ways in which their organizations could potentially collaborate with El Dorado County in meeting the parks and trail needs of County residents and visitors.

The second meeting will be held once the draft has been developed to provide final recommendations.

Community Workshops

The project team hosted five community-wide workshops to inform the public about the Master Plan update process, provide interactive stations for gathering opinions on park needs, and listen to the public's ideas.

The workshop had three goals:

1. To build community awareness about the Master Plan.
2. To develop a shared understanding of the project's goals and constraints.
3. To obtain input on concerns and desires from various perspectives.



Workshop Flyer

These workshops were held in several different easy-to-access parts of the county to create more opportunities for participation, as follows:

- Coloma/Lotus: Public meeting at Henningsen Lotus Park, or another location in the area.
- Diamond Springs: Public meeting at Railroad Park, or another location in the area.
- Pollock Pines: Public meeting at Forebay Community Park, or another location in the area.
- Pioneer: Public meeting at Pioneer Community Park, or another location in the area.
- Remote: Public meetings held via Zoom.

Notice was given through notification flyers, personal calls and emails to key stakeholders including community and environmental groups, business interests, community destinations, public health organizations, partner agencies, schools, and community-based organizations; news releases, digital and print outlets; e-newsletter and social media posts through community-led information channels; social media and website posts through the County's existing communication channels; paid social media advertising; and e-mail blasts to the project

database. Additionally, all meeting notices and post-meeting summaries were posted to the Master Plan project website.

Workshop Format

At each of these workshops, participants learned why the Master Plan is being updated, and were placed into four smaller “breakout groups” to provide feedback on what should be prioritized in the plan.

The workshop was structured in three parts:

1. A short presentation about the Master Plan and its need for updating
2. Participants broke out into four smaller groups to discuss what ought to be included in the plan.
3. Participants used different colored stickers to walk the room and “vote” for which options they would support with their time and tax dollars.

**El Dorado County
Master Plan:
Parks and Trails**

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AT OUR SECOND
WORKSHOP IN SOMERSET AT PIONEER
PARK!**

Wednesday, March 22nd
6:00 - 7:00 pm
Pioneer Park
6740 FairPlay Road, Somerset CA

RSVP Today (Not Required)

STOP BY & LEARN AND GIVE INPUT ABOUT:

- Key Issues
- Challenges
- Opportunities

Participate in break out sessions to help mold the future of El Dorado County Parks and Trails.

This is the second of five community workshops located around El Dorado County in early 2023. Find us at the following meeting times and locations!

WORKSHOP #3 - MARCH 29th - Buckeye Elementary School
WORKSHOP #4 - APRIL 5th - Pollock Pines Community Center
WORKSHOP #5 - APRIL 19th- Via Zoom

Visit our Website

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: 916-442-1168 ldemaio@saimconsultingco.com

Workshop Flyer

In-Person Meetings

For each of the four in-person meetings, community members entered the room and were greeted by a project staff member asking them to sign in. Then participants were handed one of four cards to indicate which breakout group they would join: red, green, blue, or yellow. On the back of the card were directions for the sticker activity that would follow the breakout groups (detailed later in this summary). Community members were then encouraged to visit the map of El Dorado County, located next to the welcome table.

Next to the welcome table was a large map of El Dorado County. A project team member handed community members a small dot sticker and asked them to place it where they live in the County. This gave the project team better insight into who was in the room.

The map, pictured right, showed most attendees came from the Coloma area, or communities in the north part of the County.

Participants were then given a brief presentation about the Master Plan and why it needs updating.



County map with dots to indicate where attendees reside.



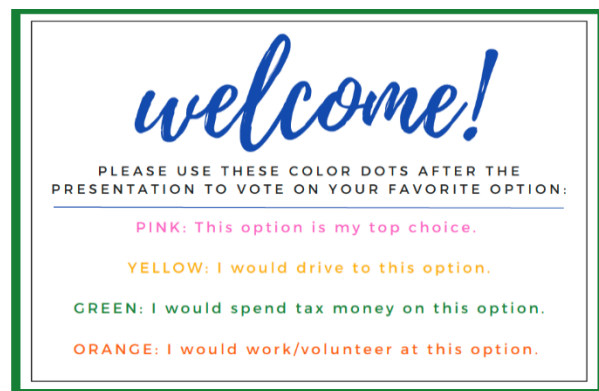
The timeline slide of the presentation.

Small Group Discussion

The bulk of the workshop was devoted to small-group discussion. Each group had 15-20 people in it, and a facilitator who took notes on easel paper. Approximately 45 minutes were spent on this activity. In these groups, a facilitator structured the discussion around three questions:

- What is your dream park experience in El Dorado County?
- Would you travel to get those amenities? If so, how far?
- If you had \$100 to spend on a Parks & Trails Master Plan opportunity, what would it be?

Following the breakout group session, community members were given four different colored dot stickers. Referencing the back of their breakout group card (image to the right), they were told to use the pink dot to indicate their top choice, the yellow for something they would drive to, the green for what they would spend tax dollars on, and orange for something they would work/volunteer at.



The card with instructions for the colored dots.

After using the stickers to “cast votes” on their own group’s list, participants were encouraged to visit other groups’ boards and use stickers to cast votes on those.

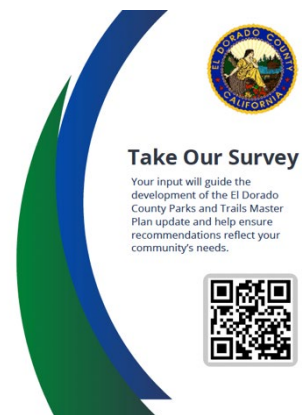
The workshop ended after the colored-dot voting activity. As community members left, a project team member handed them a card with the project website, project email address, and a QR code encouraging them to take an online community survey.

Thank You for Attending!

Visit our website to learn more and stay updated on the El Dorado County Parks and Trails Master Plan.

www.eldoradocountyparksandtrailsplanupdate.com/

Have a question? Contact us at: ParksUpdate@EDCGOV.US



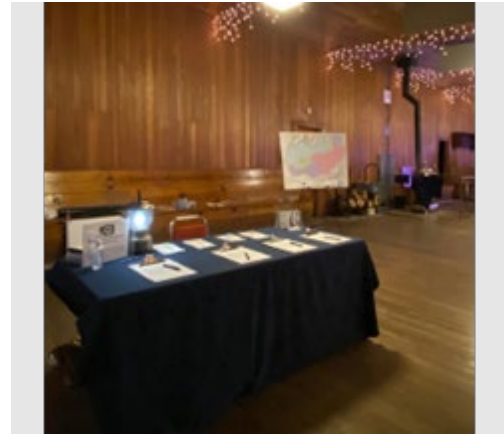
The takeaway card with the survey QR code.

Community Workshop #1

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023, El Dorado County hosted the first of five community workshops regarding the Parks & Trails Master Plan Update. A total of 70 community members attended the workshop, held at the Gold Trail Grange at 319 CA-49 in Coloma, CA.



The title slide of the presentation; Community members attending the workshop.



The welcome table with County map.

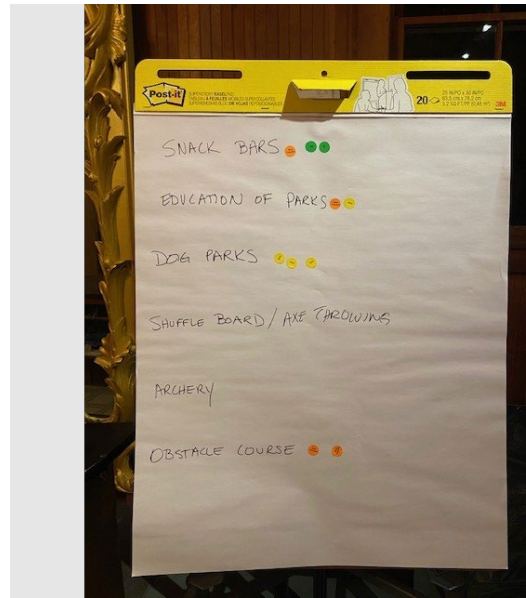
What follows is the data from each group's work:

Group 1

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 1's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Equestrian	3	1	3	1
Parking for horse trailers	10	3	2	2
Safe trails for cycling/horses	6	2	3	5
Baseball fields in fourplexes	15	6	12	13
Lighting			1	
Mixed-use fields	3	2	2	1
Snack bars			2	1
Education of parks		1		1
Dog parks		3		
Shuffleboard/axe throwing				
Archery				

Obstacle course				2
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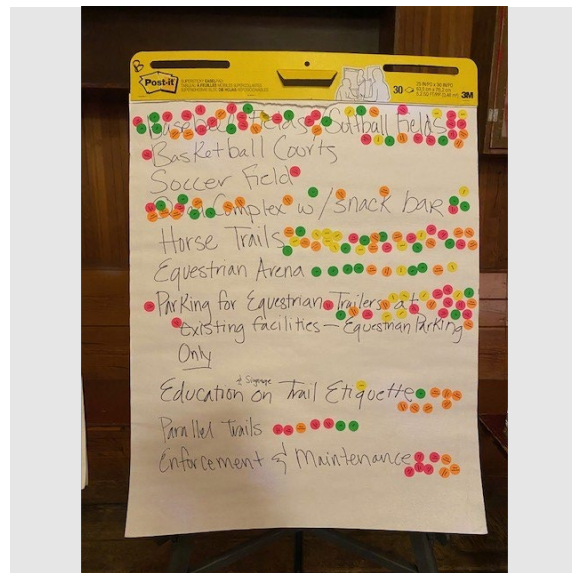
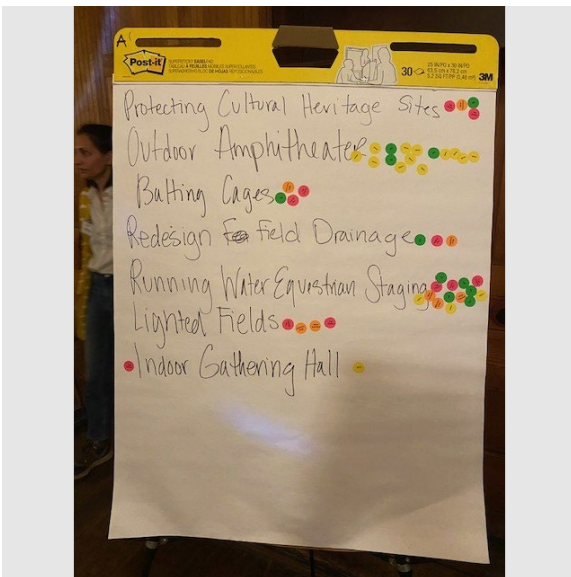
Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 1.

Group 2

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 2's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Protecting cultural heritage sites	2		1	1

Outdoor amphitheater		12	3	
Batting cages	2		1	1
Redesign for field drainage	1		1	1
Running water equestrian staging	3	3	5	3
Lighted fields	2			2
Indoor gathering hall	1	1		
Baseball/softball fields	20	5	9	9
Basketball courts	1			
Soccer field	1			
Quad complex with snack bar	3	1	7	9
Horse trails	6	9	7	10
Equestrian arena		2	6	3
Parking for equestrian trailers at existing facilities (equestrian parking ONLY)	11	6	3	5
Education on trail etiquette		1	1	7
Parallel trails	4		2	1
Enforcement & maintenance	5			3

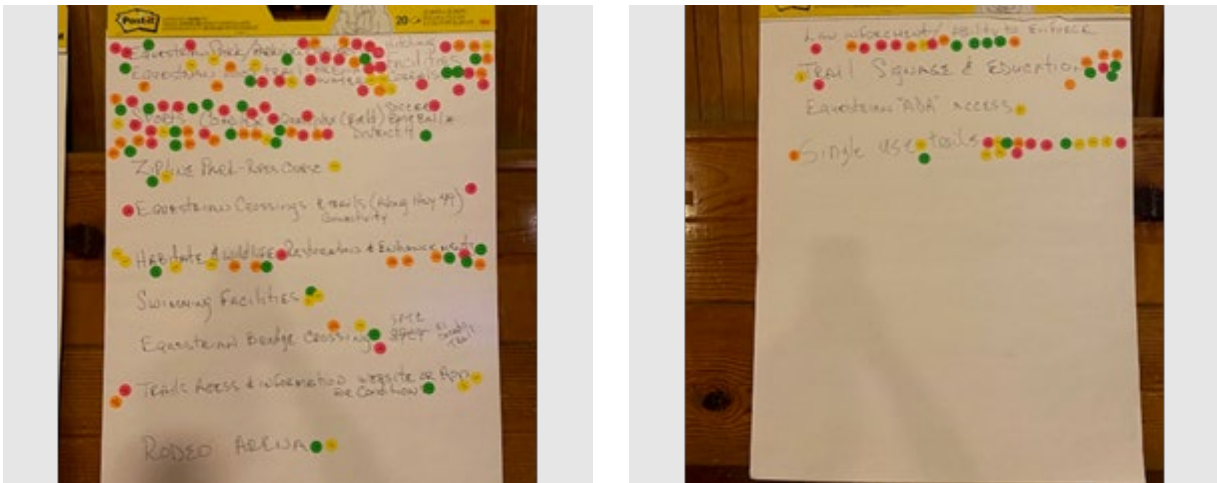


Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 2.

Group 3

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 3's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Equestrian park/parking (trailers), equestrian loop trail – arena, water, hitching facilities, corrals	12	4	4	6
Sports complex – quadplex (field), soccer, baseball district	13	10	11	11
Zipline park/ropes course		2	1	
Equestrian crossings and trails connectivity (along Hwy 49)	2			
Habitat & wildlife restoration and enhancements	2	4	5	6
Swimming facilities		2	1	
Equestrian bridge crossing (SPTC, El Dorado Trail)	1	1	1	1
Trails access & information website or app for conditions	1	2	1	1
Rodeo arena		1	1	
Law enforcement/ability to enforce	5	1	4	4
Trail signage & education	2	1	3	3
Equestrian ADA access		1		
Single-use trails	5	7	3	2



Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 3.

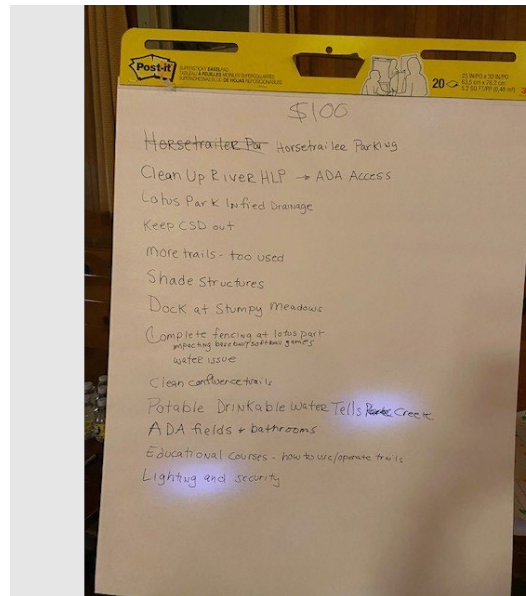
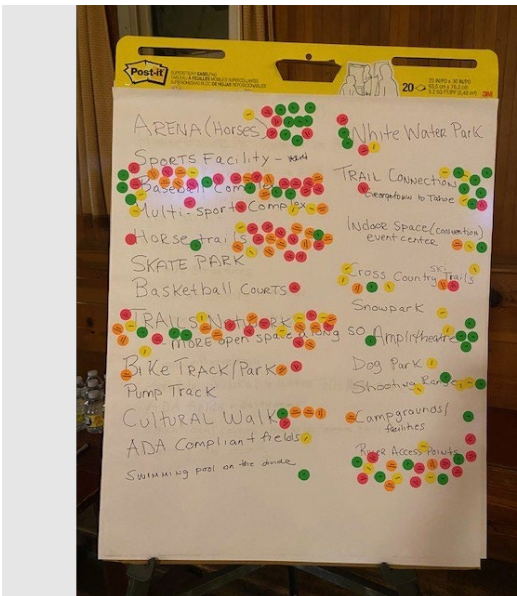
Group 4

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 4's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Arena (horses)	2		2	
Sports facility				
Baseball complex	11	2	6	8
Multi-sport complex	2	3	1	1
Horse trails	9	2	1	8
Skate park				
Basketball courts	1			
Trails network (more open space along 50)	8	5	3	9
Bike track/park	1			2
Pump track				
Cultural walk	1		1	3
ADA compliant fields		1		
Swimming pool on the divide			1	
White water park	1	1	1	
Trail connection between Georgetown and Tahoe	2	3	6	
Indoor space (convention) event center		1	1	1

Cross-country ski trails	1	4	1	2
Snowpark		1		
Amphitheater		1	5	
Dog park		1		
Shooting range		3	2	
Campgrounds/facilities			1	1
River access points	8	4	5	3

In response to “If you had \$100 to spend on a Parks & Trails Master Plan opportunity, what would it be?”: horse trailer parking, clean up river HLP à ADA access, Lotus park in-field drainage, keep CSD out, more trails (too used), shade structures, dock at Stumpy Meadows, complete fencing at Lotus Park (impacting baseball/softball games and water issue), clean confluence trails, potable drinkable water at Tells Creek, ADA fields and bathrooms, educational courses (how to use/operate trails), lighting and security.



Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 4 (data shared on previous page of this summary).

Community Input

In the middle of the room was a table with comment cards and pens to encourage the community to give input on the project. A total of 23 community members submitted feedback via comment cards during the workshop. The following comments were submitted:

- “I am an equestrian that believes in shared use. My biggest want is patrols that are on the trails and facilities and ticketing those that break the rules. With a large fine!”
- “I ride horses and my husband rides mountain bikes, including bikes. We both have encountered problems with other trail users not riding safely or considerately on shared trails. Education programs for all kinds of users are very much needed, especially as non-users are coming from EDC from less rural areas. Also, enforcement of rules on shared trails is softly needed – Most users are willing to comply with rules if they are aware of them (better signage needed) and understand their purpose: safety!”
- “Equestrian parking Cronan Ranch or enforce large parking lot. 5-year plan multi road, horses – hiker, bike only trails. 5-year plan areas, water for horses. It is only going to get worse, with outdoor people coming up the hill. Look at Placer County confluence horse people are run out of all our trail by the river and Forest Hill range.”
- “We would like to respectfully request a multi-sport facility on the Georgetown divide, with lights and a concession facility. Specifically, a baseball complex. The Georgetown divide community does not have a lot of opportunities for our youth, poverty levels are high, and sports have shown to have a tremendous positive impact on student grades, lower crime rates, and more well-rounded individuals. With one field, Lotus, we are not able to host games. We are severely limited in our ability to create a community for our youth.”
- “Better fields and additional fields in the County. Field needs for Little League: four fields in Cameron Park, three additional fields in Forebay, four-field complex in Eldorado Hills, four-field complex in Placerville, four-field complex in Divide/Cool.”
- “We need safe trails – not safe talking kids, horse, or hiking with bicycle speeding to Racum/Down trails. Water facilities – so hot – need availability to fresh water. Also need more parking for horse trailers.”
- “The equestrian community has been pushed out of traditional parking spaces by an influx of other trail users. Equestrians need dedicated parking for our rigs with access to major trailheads. Trails that connect are important along with new trail development that is safe for multi-use.”
- “Please build us baseball fields.”

- “I serve on the board for little league and we desperately need fields. We would love to collaborate about what would be most helpful. Thank you so much!”
- “My name is Colt. I want to see more baseball fields.”
- “My name is David I have played baseball for 6 years and I would like to see better fields.”
- “Our youth on the divide need a sports complex and baseball fields/soccer/skate/concessions.”
- “Divide little league would like to see a quad complex for baseball.” (*this comment appeared on two different comment cards*)
- “My brothers have been playing baseball for 7 years. I believe there should be more fields and the current fields should be better upkeep. In the future I would like to see more fields in order to expand the leagues and let the children play more baseball.”
- “Thank you for considering community input. I would like to see ample and designated parking for horse trails and safe trails for cyclists and horses. Community education about trails.”
- “I am a civil engineer with Lumos and Associates in El Dorado Hills and I am looking forward to hearing more about the parks and trails master plan. I would like to be involved in the upcoming design efforts.”
- “Please use tax dollars funds to acquire more open space for multiuse, especially along the hwy 50 corridor. Cronan Ranch is too impacted already if you build an equestrian facility or pump track for mt bikes you are not meeting the needs of all users. And it will draw more people from out of the area who are not County Tex.”
- “Katie – can we also mention drones? They are causing havoc and near or serious ridding accidents. Also – if you could post where and when 300 sheep will be at Olmstead and Cronin this would help. Basically, it is sports against equestrians. I hope we can find a hole in the middle.”
- “The youth in El Dorado County need an area they can do all sports and b with their friends that they feel safe and do not have to pay. Baseball fields are needed most – soccer, basketball and football fields would be amazing too.”
- “All in favor of parks and trails. However, the respect of private property rights is essential to the private property and landowners in respective areas. I appreciate the time and energy put into these gatherings. Thank you see you next meeting.”
- “Cool, Pilot Hill, Greenwood, Georgetown, Garden Valley Divide residents are very tired of traveling off the Divide. We have been doing it for years to the Placerville, El Dorado Hills area. THAT’S where the most money is spent by the County. Population,

tax dollars, number of residents??? We desperately need a (4) football/softball/baseball complex with snack bar area and restrooms.”

- “Please consider buying Sniber Ranch in Shingle Springs (or similar size parcel of open space for trail systems) to relieve the pressure on the existing trail system on the north side of the County.”
- “Wouldn’t call the attendees (can’t read handwriting) – more like two groups organized: horse people and ball players.”

Coloma Lotus Workshop Key Themes

1. Sports Fields: For each of the four groups, baseball and softball fields were the top area of discussion and garnered the highest number of votes. Specific concerns were related to access to fields, especially closer to home. Groups indicated that they already are driving to existing fields, and that they would spend tax dollars and volunteer in order to have more fields. Another related theme was the positive impact to youth as a result of sports team involvement.
2. Horse Trailer Parking: The second most common and popular need identified by each group was amenities for equestrians, specifically for horse trailer parking. Safety was a concern within this theme, and the need for horse trails and rule enforcement on trails was discussed as part of that concern. Another concern was ADA accessible sports fields, and river access points, and the need to provide parks and recreation to the aging community.
3. Trail Development: Another theme was the need for trails in open space, and especially connecting trails and providing sperate trails for biking to improve safety.

Community Workshop #2

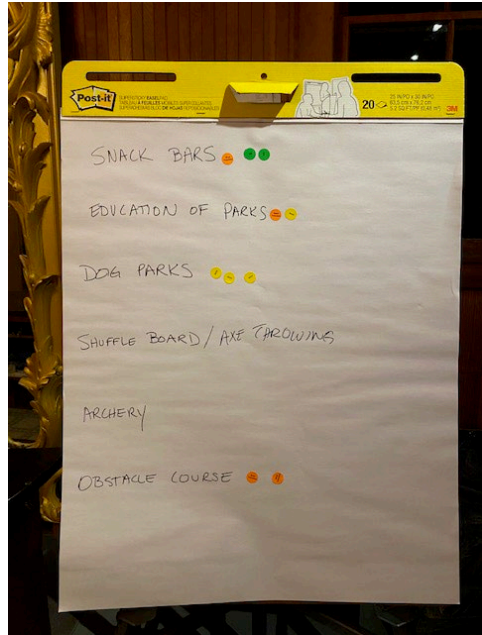
On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, El Dorado County hosted the second of five community workshops regarding the Parks & Trails Master Plan Update. A total of 20 community members attended the workshop, held at Pioneer Park at 6740 Fair Play Road, Somerset, CA 95684.

What follows is the data from each group’s work:

Group 1

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 1’s colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
More walking/bike trails	4	2	2	2
Connection to schools/parks	0	0	1	0
Extend rails to trails to South Lake	2	0	1	7
Pony express trail – More specific horse trails	0	0	1	0
More signage	0	0	1	0
Big trees – native trails to create a sense of nature	2	2	0	0
Designated dark sky	0	0	0	0
Bike pump tracks	0	1	0	1
Skate Park	0	0	1	0
Swimming hole/pool at Pioneer park	0	5	3	0
Educational services	0	0	0	1
More children playground activity areas	1	0	1	2
Parking	0	0	0	0
Pocket park	0	0	1	0
Rivers and lakes filled with fish	0	0	0	0
Senior sitting areas with exercise equipment	0	0	0	0
Outdoor gym	0	0	0	0
Pickle ball	1	1	0	0
Concert areas	0	3	1	0
Farmers market	0	1	0	1
Dog park	0	1	0	0
Rebuild from fire	6	1	3	3
More bathrooms	0	0	0	0
More little league areas	2	0	1	2
Spacious trail heads for horses	2	0	0	1
Community tents	0	0	0	0
Community pop-up events	0	0	0	0



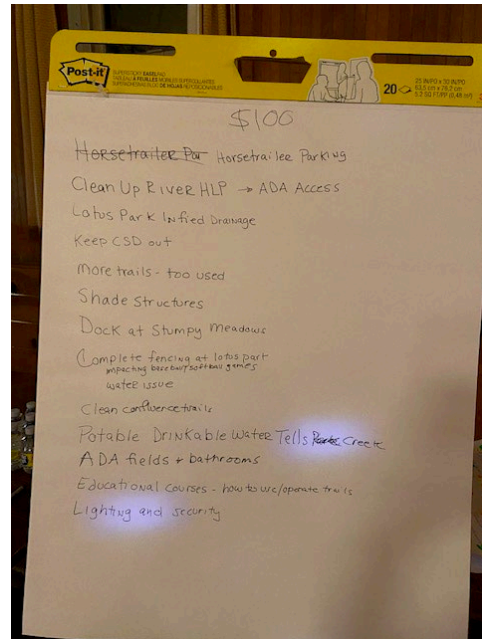
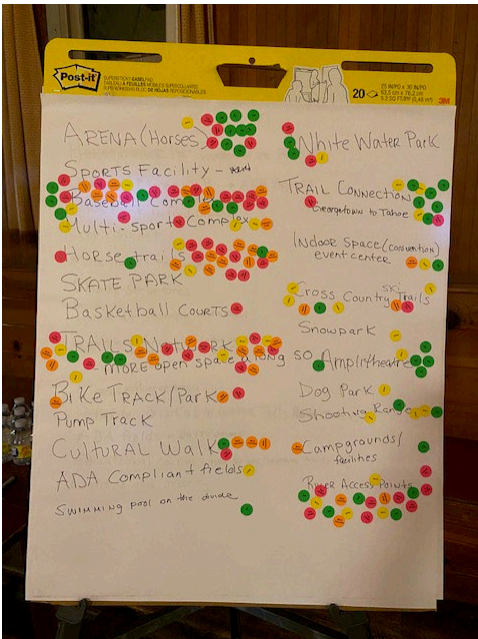
Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 1.

Group 2

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 2's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Indoor/outdoor pool	0	1	0	0
More hiking trails	2	6	1	1
More access to Rocky Bar	6	0	2	2
River access on Consumnes River	1	1	3	1
Sports facility	0	0	0	0
Dog parks	0	0	0	1
Bikes lanes adjacent to Pony express	4	0	0	0

Community center in Grizzly Flats	1	0	1	1
Park infrastructure for emergency relief centers	0	0	0	1
Trails connecting Rocky Bar to Tahoe for horse and biking	3	0	1	1
Youth sports facility for baseball	1	1	2	1
Zip lines	0	3	0	0
Splash pad parks for kids	0	0	0	0
Maps for all trails	0	0	0	0
Special needs/handicap accessible parking	0	0	1	0
Community and clubs tournaments	0	0	0	1
Music venues	0	0	0	4
Signage improvements	0	0	2	0
Shade for playgrounds	0	0	0	0
Potable water stations	0	0	0	0
Larger community rooms	1	0	0	0



Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 2 (data shared on previous page of this summary).

A total of 2 community members submitted feedback via comment cards during the workshop. The following comments were submitted:

- “Please do not put skateboard park through disc golf or near horse arena. Put it on the opposite side or not at all. More focus on equestrian/pedestrian-only trails for safety reasons. Bikes should be a separate trail when narrow and steep.”
- “Complete planning for natural and paved portions of the El Dorado trail along the SPTC corridor so that groups can work toward funding opportunities and complete plan. Then volunteer groups can work on and maintain at least the nature trail and not lose their work if the paved section cannot be put along train tracks.”

Somerset Workshop Key Themes

1. Bicycle Trails: A key theme from this workshop was providing bike trails. This included connections or expansion of the El Dorado Trail and connecting existing trails.
2. Water Access: Another theme was providing access to the Consumnes River, or providing a swimming pool. Although many listed this as something they would put tax dollars towards or volunteer for, it was not the highest priority on the list.

Community Workshop #3

On Wednesday, March 29, 2023, El Dorado County hosted the third of five community workshops regarding the Parks & Trails Master Plan Update. A total of 32 community members attended the workshop, held at Buckeye Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, 4651 Buckeye Road, Shingle Springs, CA.



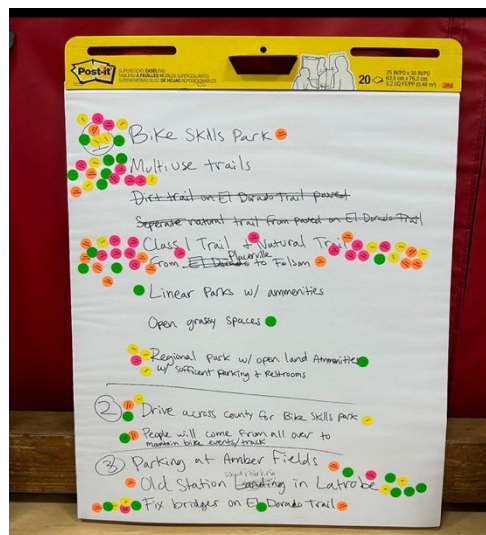
Participants showing their location on the map.

What follows is the data from each group's work:

Group 1

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 1's colored-dot vote casting:

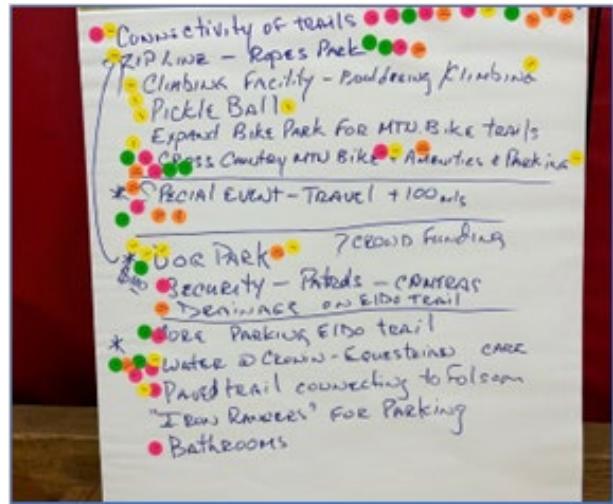
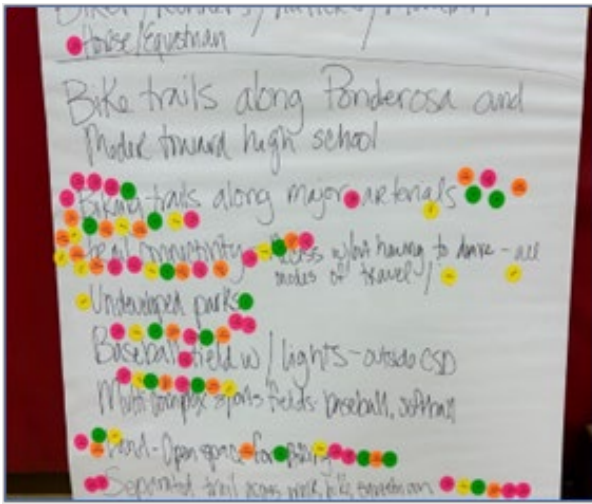
Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Bike Skills Park	2	4	2	2
Multiuse Trails	5	3	5	2
Class 1 Trail and Natural Trail	13	5	5	11
Linear Parks with Amenities			1	
Open Grassy Spaces			1	
Regional Park with Open Land Amenities with Sufficient Parking and Restrooms	1	3	1	
Drive Across County for Bike Skills Park		2	1	1
People Will Come From all Over to Mountain Bike Events/Track				1
Parking at Amber Fields	1	1	2	1
Old Station Landing in Latrobe		1	3	
Fix Bridges on El Dorado Trail	1	2	3	2



Group 2

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 2's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Connectivity of Trails	5	2	2	4
Zipline/Ropes Park	1	1	2	1
Climbing Facility		2		
Pickle Ball		2		
Expand Bike Park for Mountain Bike Trails		1		
Cross Country Mountain Bike and Amenities and Parking	3	3	3	2
Special Event	1		3	2
Dog Park		4	1	1
Security	1			1
Drainage on El Dorado Trail				1
More Parking on El Dorado Trail	1		1	
Water at Cronin Equestrian Care	2	1	2	1
Paved Trail Connecting to Folsom	1	1		
Bathrooms	1			
Biker/Runner/Rafters/Mountain Horse	1			
Biking Trails Along Major Arterials	6	3	5	5
Trail Connectivity – Access without Having to Drive	5	6	2	6
Undeveloped Parks		1	1	
Baseball Field with Lights Outside CSD	5	1	2	2
Multi-Complex Sports Fields	2	2	2	2
Land-Open Space for Bring	3	2	4	3
Separated Trails Access Walk, Bike, Horses	5	1	1	1
Natural Parks vs. Structured Parks		1	1	
Better Boat Access	1		1	
White Water Parks	1			



Boards & colored-dot breakdown from group 2 (data shared on previous page of this summary).

Group 3

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 3's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Bigger Parking Spaces – Trailers and Boats			2	
Overgrowth				3
Water Troughs	3			
Parking			2	
Clean Up Along Trails	1			2
ADA Access			1	3
Access to Creek Trails		1	1	
Signage		4	1	1
Mounting Platforms			1	
Overnight Parking		1	1	
Tie Post at Trailheads			1	2
Tourist Bike Management		1		

Safety at Parking Lots	1	1	2	
Partnership with Nature Agencies	2	2	2	1



Board & colored-dot breakdown from group 3 (data shared on previous page of this summary).

A total of two community members submitted feedback via comment cards during the workshop. The following comments were submitted:

- “Thanks for the open dialogue and idea session.”
- “I think young families would enjoy a splash park in the summer. It could be as simple as a few fountains that kids can run through to cool down on a hot day. We have the river, but it can be dangerous for young kids.”

Shingle Springs Workshop Key Themes

1. Multi-Use Trails: A key theme from this workshop was providing multi-use trails, including Class 1 bike trails, nature trails, and other multi-use trails. Trails were often selected as an amenity that participants would volunteer their time to work on.

2. Trail Connectivity: This workshop emphasized trail connectivity and bike trails along major arterials, in particular there is the interest in the ability to travel from Placerville to Folsom.
3. Lighting and field availability: This was a distant second priority for participants overall, however several participants discussed the need for more lighted fields outside the Cameron Park CSD.

Community Workshop #4

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., El Dorado County hosted the fourth of five community workshops regarding the Parks and Trails Master Plan Update.

A total of 34 community members attended the workshop, held at the Pollock Pines-Camino Community Center located at 2675 Sanders Drive.



Attendees listen to the opening presentation by the project team.

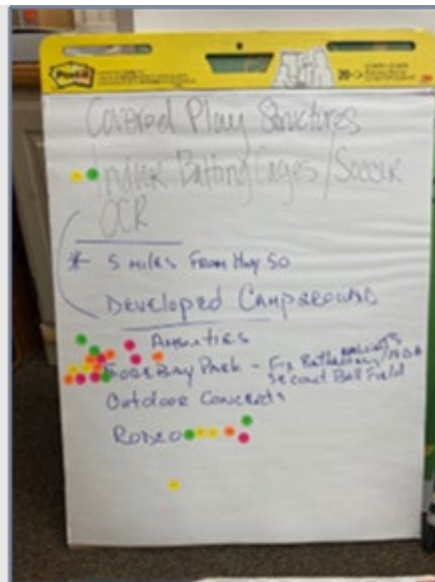
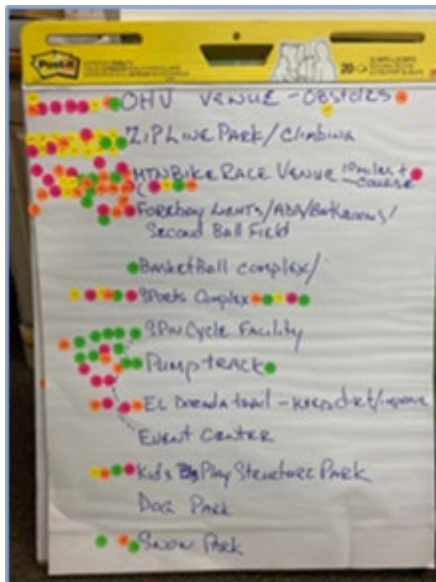
What follows is the data from each group’s work:

Group 1

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 1’s colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Off-highway vehicle (OHV) venue with obstacles	4	3	1	3
Zipline park/climbing	3	15	2	1
Mountain bike race venue (10 mile+ course)	9	4	6	10
Amenities at Forebay park (lights, ADA-accessible bathrooms etc.)	7	2	4	8
Basketball/sports complex			1	

Spin cycle facility			5	1
Pump track	4		6	2
El Dorado trail (keep the dirt and make improvements)	2			2
Event center				
Kids play structure park	1	1	1	1
Dog park				
Snow park			2	1
Covered play structures				
Indoor batting cages/soccer		1	1	
Developed campground				
Outdoor concerts				
Rodeo	1	3	2	1



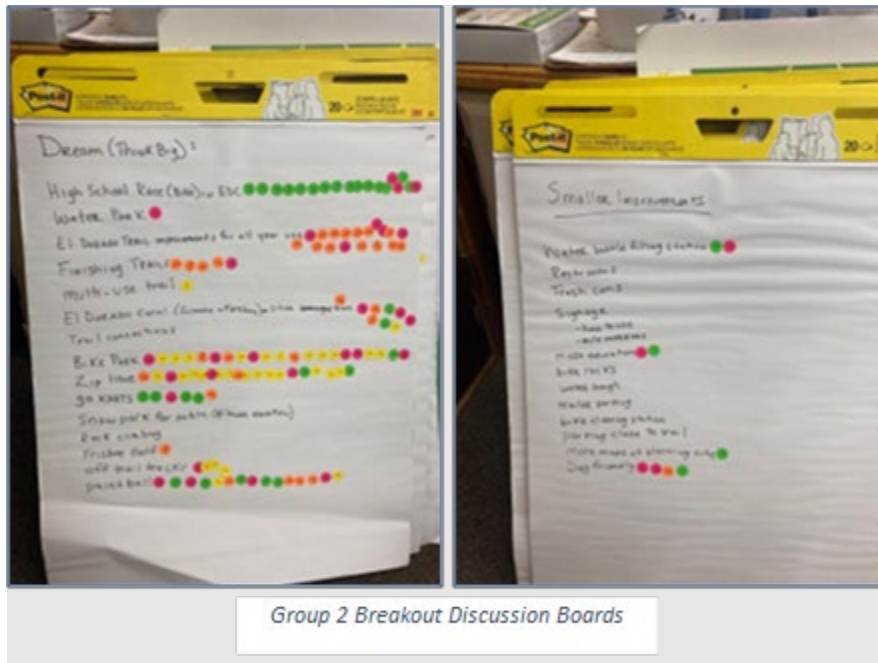
Group 1 Breakout Discussion Board

Group 2

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 2's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Water bottle filling station	1		1	
Restrooms				
Trash cans				

Signage (how to use; mile markers, etc.)				
More education	1		1	
Bike racks				
Water trough				
Trailer parking				
Bike cleaning station				
Parking close to trail				
More maps of planning site			1	
Dog-friendly	2		1	1
High school race (bike)	3		15	
Water park	1			
El Dorado Trail improvements for all-year use	5			13
Finishing trails	1			4
Multi-use trail		1		
El Dorado Canal (Gilmore > Forebay > Sliver Fork)	3	1	2	3
Trail connections				
Bike park	6	11	1	3
Zip line	3	13	2	2
Go carts	1		4	1
Public snow park at lower elevation				
Rock climbing				
Frisbee golf				1
Off trail tracks	1	3		
Paint ball	4	2	5	4



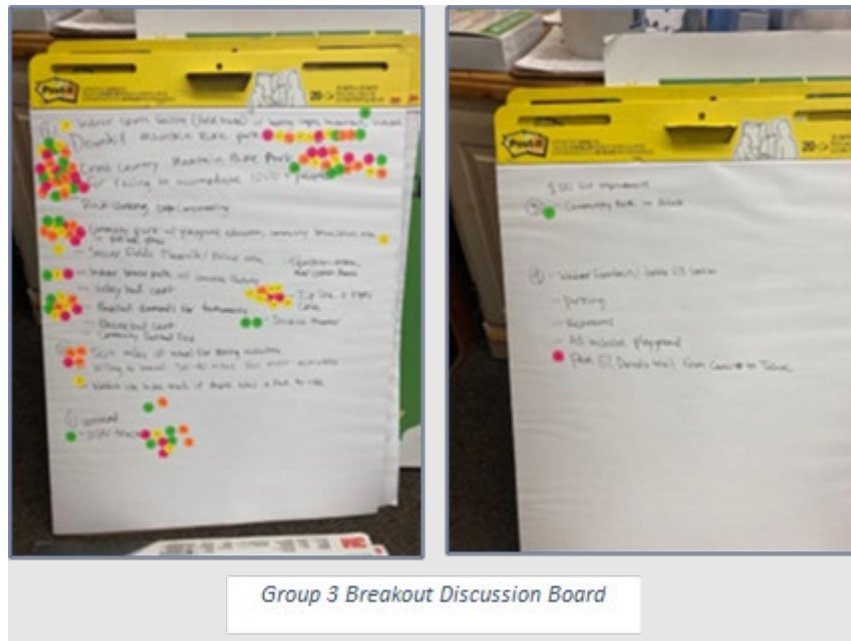
Group 2 Breakout Discussion Boards

Group 3

The table below displays the breakdown of Group 3's colored-dot vote casting:

Item	Top (Pink)	Drive (Yellow)	Pay (Green)	Work (Orange)
Indoor sports facility with batting cages, basketball, etc.		1	1	
Downhill mountain bike park	2	4	2	3
Cross country mountain bike park	11	7	12	14
Rock climbing/canyoneering				
Community park with playground, education, community space/picnic area	3	3	3	4
Soccer fields		1		
Indoor skate park with concrete	1	1	1	
Equestrian arena				
Zip line and ropes course	2	7		1
Drive-in theater			2	
Volleyball court				
Baseball diamonds for tournaments	2	3	2	2

Bocce ball court				
Community football field				
OHV track	3	2	5	3
Free, public biking activities	1	1		3
Water fountain/bottle filling station				
Parking				
Restrooms				
All-inclusive playground				
Pave El Dorado Trail from Camino to Tahoe	1			



A total of 4 community members submitted feedback via comment cards during the workshop. The following comments were submitted:

- “We see people driving to Tahoe to ride their mountain bikes because Tahoe has awesome bike trail. These people are spending their money there as well. If we had a better trail system for mountain biking here, they wouldn’t need to go all the way to Tahoe. More money spent here helps the community and we don’t have to drive as far

to ride great trails. Lots of potential if we had a venue to hold mountain biking races as well.”

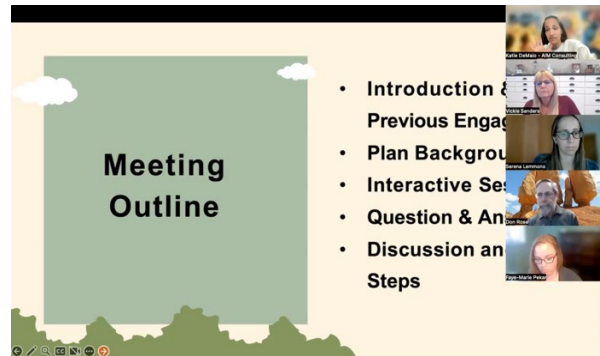
- “The Snowline Little League board has discussed Forebay Field at length as well as collected feedback from our snowline families. The following is a list of specific needs and desires for Forebay Park: Lights for the field, handicap accessibility for the ball field, a net to protect neighbors, paved parking, upgraded/renovated snack bar, bathrooms, a second field that accommodates both baseball and softball, a new LED scoreboard, a play structure that is visible from the bleachers, a carport or some kind of cover over our batting cage, a new door on the equipment shed (current one was vandalized), basketball courts, and (if there’s space), a dog park. Our water has a leak and the hot water is turned off with no access to turn it back on.”
- “I think that of all the topics discussed, one future is biking. With all ages able to do it now, with e-bikes being available. Having cross country and downhill park available would bring people from all over the world as well as build our local community. Which in the end would grow our economy in a number of ways. The sport is getting kids outside together, competitive or leisure. Please consider in investing in this opportunity.”
- “I would love to see our country invest in our mountain bike community (youth and adult). Currently, we have to travel to any venue and it would be a great investment to bring people into our county that will need lodging, places to eat, and shop. The high school mountain bike teams are only growing. Cross country racing and downhill racing would be appreciated. Another thing I would love to see is a cycling training center. Our kids are having a hard time finding a place to train inside.”

Pollock Pines Workshop Key Themes

1. Mountain Biking: For each of the three groups, mountain biking venues or amenities were the top area of discussion and garnered the highest number of votes for highest priorities. Specific requests were for a cross-country course, connected bike tails, a bike park, a race venue, or a bike park.
2. Zipline / Ropes Course Amenities: The second most common and popular need identified by each group were a zipline course and/or ropes course.
3. El Dorado Trail: The third theme was to extend the El Dorado Trail and provide trail connections for multi-use trails.

Community Workshop #5

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, El Dorado County hosted the last of five community workshops regarding the Parks & Trails Master Plan Update. A total of 25 community members attended the workshop, held virtually through Zoom.

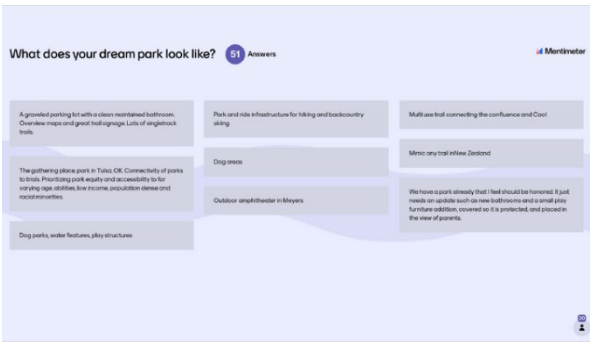


Meeting outline slide.

Workshop Format

At this workshop, participants learned about how and why the Master Plan is being updated through an online presentation. The workshop was structured in three parts: a short presentation about the Master Plan, background information, and a small group discussion/polling. Participants were then able to participate in “mentee meter” polling to provide their feedback on what they believe should be prioritized in the plan.

What follows are the polling results:



Poll Question #1

Question 1: What does your dream park look like in El Dorado County

Common themes included:

- Clean, open, and well-maintained trails
- Accessibility
- Free open space
- Picnic areas
- A dog park



Poll Question #2

Question 2: How far would you travel to get to that dream park?

This polling had the breakdown of the following answers. Out of 18 responses:

- 3 people said they would travel up to 15 minutes.
- 8 people said they would travel 15-30 minutes.
- 7 people said they would travel 30-60 minutes.
- 1 person said they would travel over an hour.

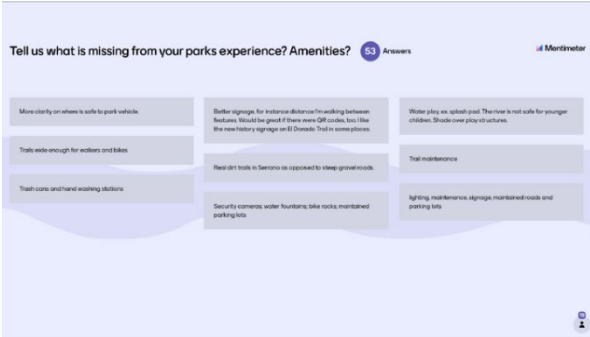


Poll Question #3

Question 3: Would you join a volunteer group to help bring a dream amenity to life?

This polling had the breakdown of the following answers:

- 19 people said yes.
- 2 people said no.

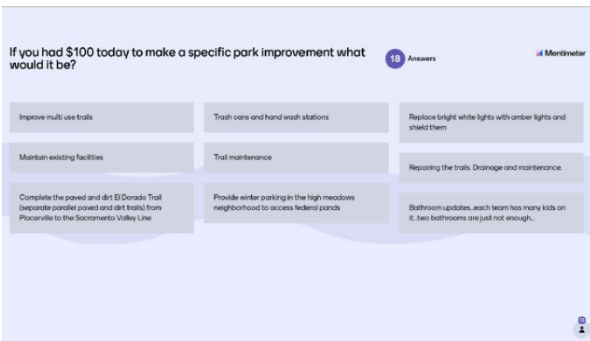


Poll Question #4

Question 4: What is missing from your parks experience?

Common themes included:

- Better Signage
- Restrooms and paved parking
- Trail accessibility and connectivity
- Trash, recycling, water fountains, and hand washing stations
- Security for trails and parking
- Maps and meeting spaces

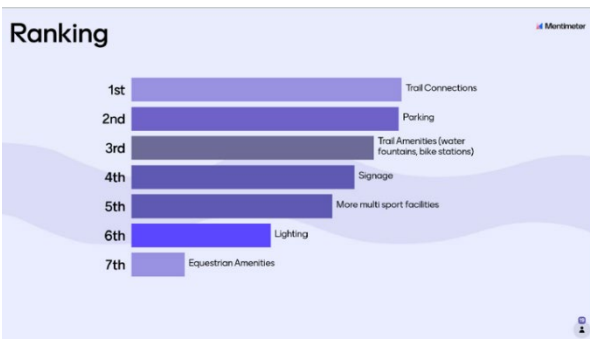


Poll Question #5

Question 5: If you had \$100 to spend on a Parks & Trails Master Plan opportunity, how would you spend the money?

Common themes included:

- Trail Maintenance
- Bathroom updates
- Improvement of multi-use trails
- Trash and Hand-Washing stations
- Lighting and Security
- Pet waste disposal stations



Poll Question #6

Question 6: Rank the top seven amenities in order.

The final ranking was:

1. Trail connections
2. Parking
3. Trail amenities (water fountains, bike stations)

4. Signage
5. More multi-sport facilities
6. Lighting
7. Parking
8. Equestrian amenities

Question & Answer

The project team facilitated the question-and-answer session. Parks Manager, Vickie Sanders, responded to the questions. The following questions and answers were recorded:

- Question 1: “What budget do we have for the parks within the next year?” Sanders responded with two answers. If it is regarding the park maintenance budget, that is its own budget and project. When speaking about new facilities, the Board of Supervisors has granted three million dollars to renovate Pollock Pines, four million towards Diamond Springs Community Park, and one point two million to improve Chili Bar Park. This is in addition to restroom upgrades and various improvements at parks in the area.
- Question 2: “Is it true the river patrol is down to one person this year?” Sanders explained that is not true. As of right now, there is a parks program coordinator and three patrol officers.
- Question 3: “Will there be paving in the back parking lot in Forebay Park?” Sanders chimed in that there will be paved parking and that is one of the main goals her team has to improve the park's infrastructure, including an inclusive playground, new restrooms, and a dog park.
- Question 4: “What percentage or dollar amount does the County invest in Lake Tahoe?” Sanders explained they do not have parks in Tahoe because it is mainly done by the City of Tahoe or Tahoe Paradise recreation district. The County does maintain trails, but Sanders does not have the dollar amount and notes that it does come through Measure R funding.
- Question 5: “Does this plan incorporate efforts from the Tahoe Trails Strategy?” Sanders confirmed that all those plans will be incorporated for the entire County, which is different from the 2012 plan that did not encompass Lake Tahoe.
- Question 6: “Do we ask organizations that utilize the park to help with the cost or the maintenance?” Sanders responded that they do not operate programs, however, if an organization like a soccer club wants to use the fields, they do pay a use fee.

Several Open-ended questions were asked of the group, as follows:

Q2: What activity do you do most in El Dorado County?

Open-Ended answers:

Q3: Describe El Dorado in three words.

Open-Ended answers:

- Natural Adventures Fun
- Beautiful Important Natural
- Needed Underfunded Lacking
- Beautiful Serene Clean
- Wild Scenic Uncrowded
- Beautiful unconnected lacking amenities
- Limited Hikable Underfunded
- Openspace Trails Natural
- Natural Minimal Open
- Older Remote Rustic
- Underfunded Natural
- Green Refreshing Home
- Natural Relaxing Nearby
- Green Spacious Not-many
- obscure positive unpublicized
- restorative shade relaxing
- Nothing-in-Pollock Natural All-inclusive
- outside sportsmanship family
- Natural Woodsy Rustic
- Peaceful Open Playful

Q4: What does your dream park look like?

Open-Ended answers:

- Splash pads/fountains at parks for little kids
- Mountain biking, camping, hiking wonderland. Well-maintained and well-marked trails. Sanctioned trails.
- Updated infrastructure that promotes outdoor biking, hiking, skiing, and water activities
- A graveled parking lot with a clean maintained bathroom. Overview maps and great trail signage. Lots of singletrack trails.

- Trails that offer diverse levels of challenge, and that interconnect. Erosion control that is properly designed and maintained.
- natural surface dirt trail and paved trail from the Sacramento County Line to South Lake Tahoe in the SPTC Corridor with frequent parking and signage
- "Having trails accessible for all and access to water for paddleboarding and kayaking.
- Safe with patrol by the user groups. Equal access not just horse people"
- The gathering place, park in Tulsa, OK. Connectivity of parks to trails. Prioritizing park equity and accessibility for varying ages, abilities, low income, population density and racial minorities.
- Clean, open space, well maintained, amenities, not too cramped so it doesn't feel overcrowded, conveniently located, open to all.
- Hiking trails, open fields, gazebos
- Natural quiet clean trails multiuse
- COVERED playground, swings, slides, multiple climbing structures, bathrooms, water/splash pad, better parking at trailheads, stroller/assistive chair accessible trails that AREN'T in a subdivision
- I would like a park to have long hikes and mountain bike trails.
- Hiking, off-road biking, pickle ball, open fields, frisbee golf,
- Good routes to get there, including via walking safely. Restrooms and trash receptacles. Open every day. Open to sunset. Well-publicized. Kept clean.
- Forest setting; box pump track; all-inclusive playground; picnic tables; pickleball; interpretive walking trail
- We have a park already that I feel should be honored. It just needs an update such as new bathrooms and a small play furniture addition, covered so it is protected, and placed in the view of parents.
- Accessible, interesting fun for all ages and abilities varied experiences to offer challenges and learnings for diverse groups
- Plenty of maintained mountain bike and hiking trails
- Well-marked trails with wooden features for all levels of mountain biking or hiking
- Neighborhood pocket parks that provide play infrastructure for elementary school kids
- Interconnected network of paved and dirt trails connecting to trails in other jurisdictions
- Managed forest with fire resilience
- Prioritizing park equity
- Free access
- Mimic any trail in New Zealand
- Covered picnic/seating
- Barbecue, tables or gatherings
- Sound barriers would be great (from the freeway, for instance.)

- Well maintained restrooms
- Art
- Park and ride infrastructure for hiking and backcountry skiing
- Open space in Serrano administered by county with networks of dirt trails, plus a future network in Marble Valley.
- Parks wear where I live
- More lake and river access
- Dog parks, water features, play structures
- “Themed” parks: dinosaurs, ladybugs/insects, etc.
- Dog areas
- If water is available for kayaking or other boating, a way to rent those items on site. Even those foot paddle things.
- Security cameras
- Outdoor amphitheater in Meyers
- Trail from Magnolia Ranch to Coloma creating a Sutter’s Fort to Sutter’s Mill trail.
- More parking
- Water bottle filling station
- Restrooms
- Amphitheater overlooking Forebay Lake
- Multi-use trail connecting the confluence and Cool
- Fenced in dog park
- Enough parking and other amenities at Cool to hold mountain bike races or other locations.
- Detailed plan showing where the paved trail and dirt trail will be located in the SPTC
- Use other linear land configurations such as utility easements and the El Dorado Ditch for trails

Q7: Tell us what is missing from your park’s experience.

Open-Ended answers:

- Water play, ex. splash pad. The river is not safe for younger children. Shade over play structures.
- Better trail signage.
- Trailhead access from county roads into forest service lands for backcountry skiing
- Good river boating to access. Put in and take out with boat ramps.
- Gathering places at trailheads
- Restrooms, parking, and signage along the El Dorado Trail

- Trail access for all users. Trails near water. Options for short and long rides. Short carry of personal watercraft to water. Safe and maintained toilets
- Maintenance and upkeep
- Lighting, maintenance, signage, maintained roads and parking lots
- Restrooms
- Signage
- Lighting, parking, trash cans
- Recycling bins
- Cell phone charger
- Better signage, for instance, distance I'm walking between features. Would be great if there were QR codes, too. I like the new history signage on El Dorado Trail in some places.
- Security cameras; water fountains; bike racks; maintained parking lots
- Updated bathrooms. Small play area for the little kids, where the parents can watch the little ones as they watch a baseball game.
- Trails wide enough for walkers and bikes
- Repair station for bikes
- Trash cans on trails for doggy bags
- More clarity on where is safe to park vehicle.
- Bathrooms
- Blue bags for pets
- Real dirt trails in Serrano as opposed to steep gravel roads.
- Accessibility
- Trail maintenance
- Lighting, crosswalk flashing lights
- Greenbelts connecting parks
- Bathroom
- Bathrooms
- Resting spots
- Trash cans and hand washing stations
- More parking for the El Dorado Trail trailheads
- EV chargers
- Available parking from the county in Rubicon Peak for access to skiing
- Trail connectivity. The potential exists for a cross-state trail from the Bay Area to Tahoe incorporating the El Dorado Trail.
- Paved parking
- Better maps and kiosks
- Signs
- Trash cans

- Removal of the railroad track in the SPTC corridor so construction of trails will be easier and cost less.
- Rinse off station from river
- Better parking management
- Better signage
- Correction of drainage problems on the dirt section of the El Dorado Trail.
- Invasive species informational signage
- Message boards
- Decking the railroad bridges on the dirt section of the El Dorado Trail so horses can cross, and bikers and hikers don't have to step from tie to tie.
- More parking for Salmon Falls Bridge river take out
- A trail from Salmon Fall Bridge to Kanaka Valley
- Trails for different physical abilities
- More parking
- Security patrol

Q8: If you had \$100 today to make a specific park improvement, what would it be?

Open-Ended answers:

- Provide winter parking in the high meadows neighborhood to access federal lands
- Garbage cans and maintenance for pet poop bags
- Maintain existing facilities
- Complete the paved and dirt El Dorado Trail (separate parallel paved and dirt trails) from Placerville to the Sacramento Valley Line
- Access to rivers and lakes for various water activities at varied locals.
- Improve multi-use trails
- Repairing the trails. Drainage and maintenance.
- Security cameras
- Bathroom updates...each team has many kids on it...two bathrooms are just not enough...
- Trail maintenance
- Trash cans and hand wash stations
- Replace bright white lights with amber lights and shield them
- Bike racks
- Tools tied by wires to poles for bikes or hikers
- Un-fragranced pet poop bags
- Electric bike charging stations

Survey

A Parks and Trails Master Plan survey was made available to the public for input from June 2022 through May 2023, with major promotional engagement during the 2022 El Dorado County Fair, the Fall 2022 stakeholder meetings, and throughout the winter and Spring of 2023, when public workshops were held. The participation in survey responses reflects this engagement. There were 1,000 total responses.

The survey asked 12 questions, plus 12 demographic information questions.

Survey Question #1

The first question referred respondents to a map of the County and asked them to choose their primary residence location from one of seven areas in the County (West County (El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Shingle Springs), Northwest County (Auburn Lake Trails, Coloma/Lotus, Pilot Hill), Mid-County (Cold Springs, Placerville, El Dorado, Diamond Springs, Smithflat, Camino, Pollock Pines), North County (Georgetown, Garden Valley, Cool), South County (Grizzly Flats, Somerset, Pleasant Valley), East County (Crystal Basin, Phillips, Kyburz), and Northeast County (Tahoma, Meeks Bay, Paradise Flat), plus an option for outside the County.

PRIMARY RESIDENCE LOCATION
Referring to the map above, please indicate in what area of El Dorado County your PRIMARY residence is located.

West County (El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Shingle Springs)

Northwest County (Auburn Lake Trails, Coloma/Lotus, Pilot Hill)

Mid-County (Cold Springs, Placerville, El Dorado, Diamond Springs, Smithflat, Camino, Pollock Pines)

North County (Georgetown, Garden Valley, Cool)

South County (Grizzly Flats, Somerset, Pleasant Valley)

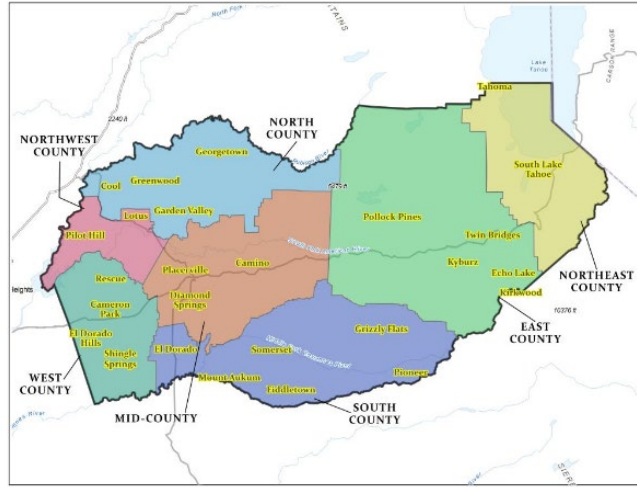
East County (Crystal Basin, Phillips, Kyburz)

Northeast County (Tahoma, Meeks Bay, Paradise Flat)

Outside the County

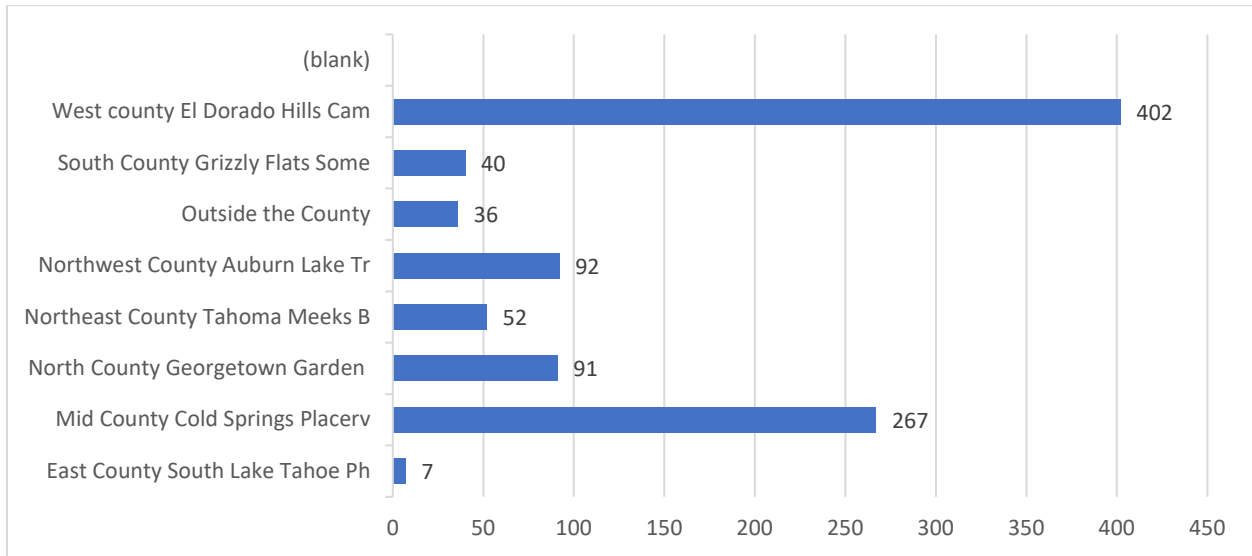
Survey question #1: Primary residence location.

Most responses were from those living in West County (38%) and Mid-County (28%). 4.2% reported that they live outside the County.



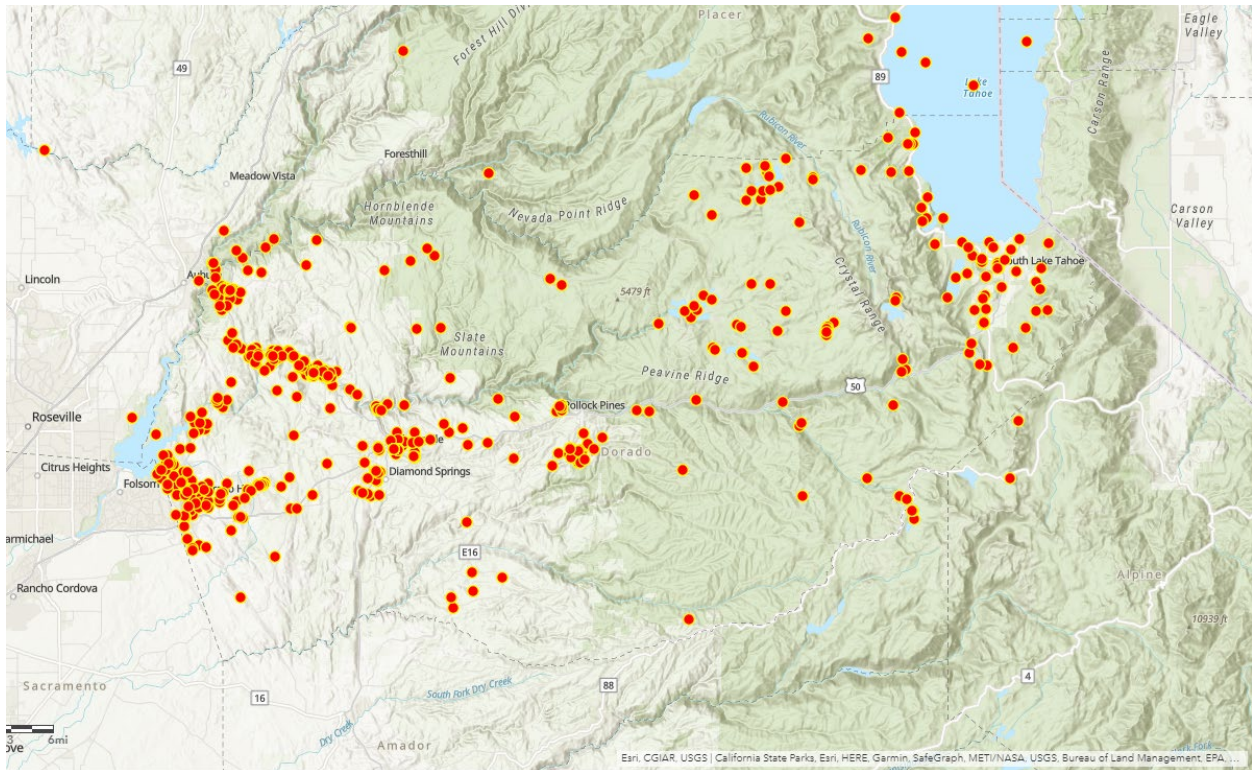
Map of El Dorado County's seven areas.

Figure 1: Primary Residence Location – Survey Question #1



The map below was generated using location-based information.

Figure 2: Primary Residence Location – Survey Question #1



Survey Question #2

Question two asked respondents to rate the recreation areas including parks, trails, and open recreation areas from poor to excellent. For each, the most chosen answer was “good” at 45% of all responses for parks, 46% for trails, and 42% for open recreation areas.

HOW DO YOU RATE THE RECREATION AREAS YOU VISIT?
Please rate the overall quality of El Dorado County's Parks, Trails, and recreation areas

	N/A or Do not use	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PARKS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TRAILS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
OPEN RECREATION AREAS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Figure 3: Park Rating – Survey Question #2

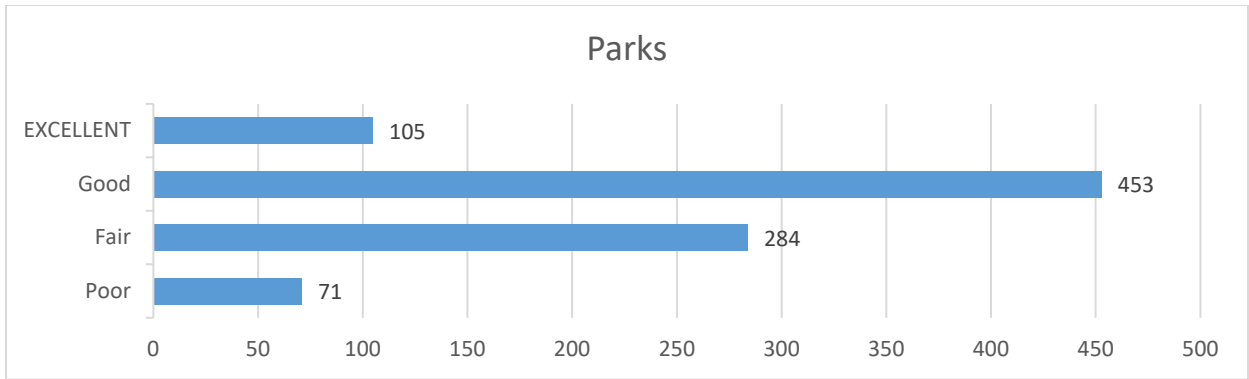


Figure 4: Trails Rating – Survey Question #2

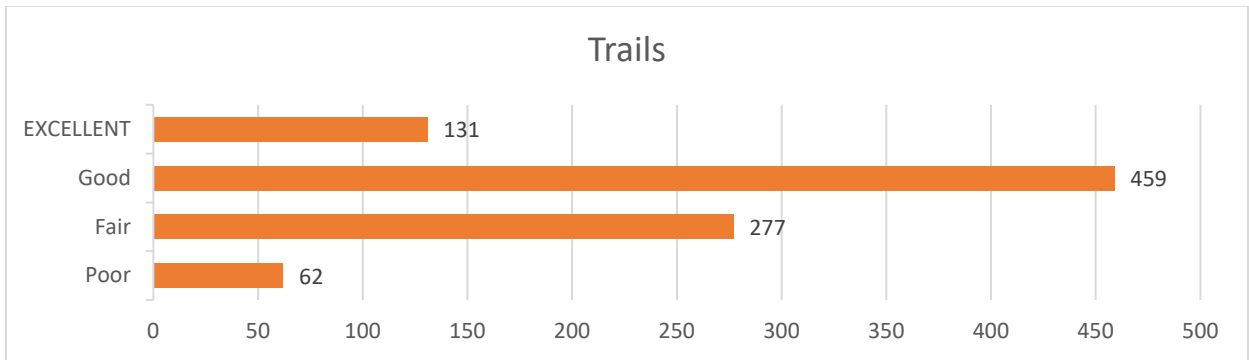
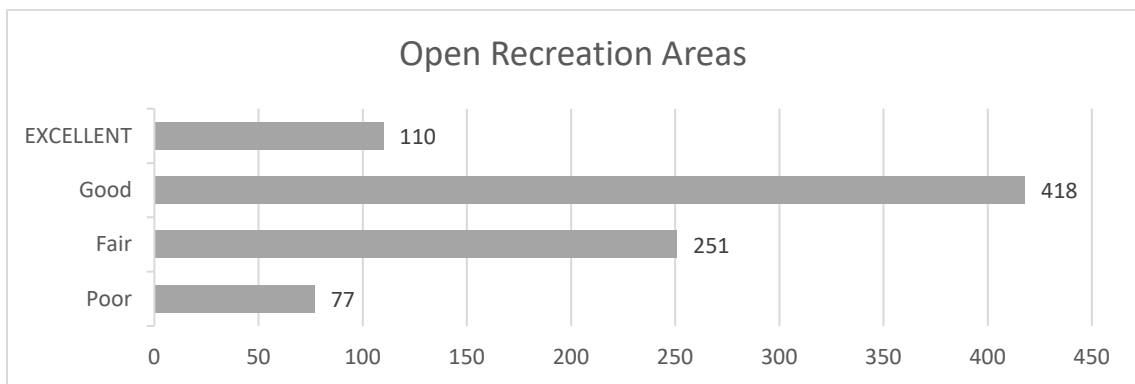


Figure 5: Open Recreation Rating – Survey Question #2

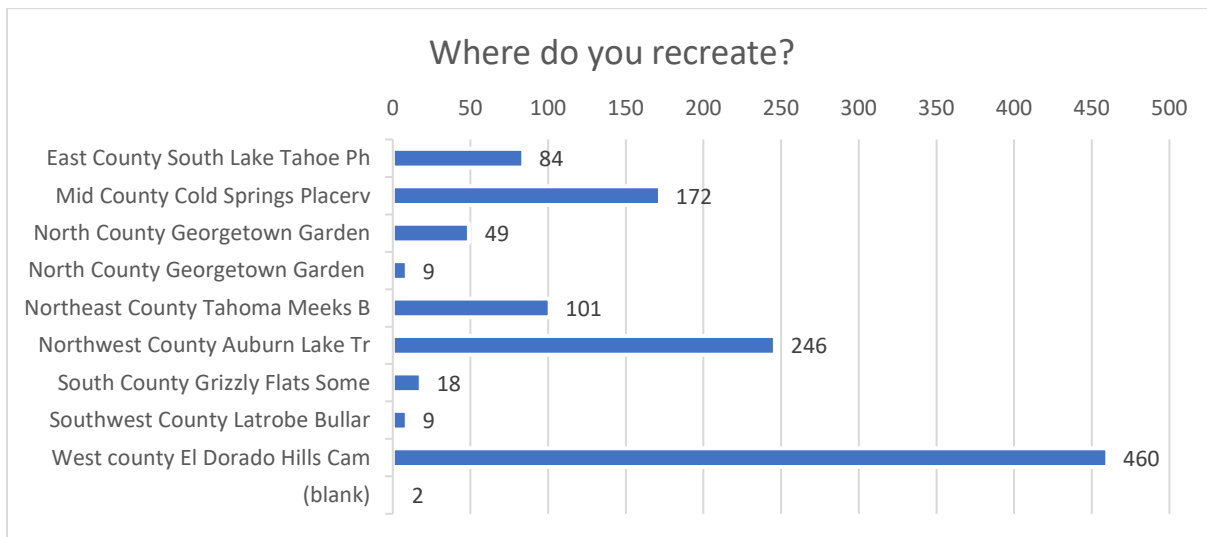


The next section of the survey asked for activity information.

Survey Question #3

The survey asked “Where do you recreate?” and asked for respondents to choose up to three, using the same seven areas as in the first question. The top choice was mid-County (Cold Springs, Placerville, El Dorado, Diamond Springs, Smithflat, Camino, Pollock Pines) with 498 responses, followed by West County (El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Shingle Springs) and northwest County (Auburn Lake Trails, Coloma/Lotus, Pilot Hill) at 462 and 414, respectively.

Figure 6: Where do you recreate – Survey Question #3



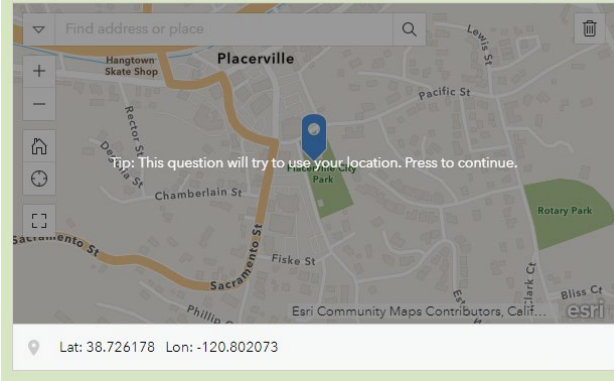
Survey Question #4

Respondents were asked to drop a pin on a map to identify their favorite park or recreation place.

If possible, please identify your favorite place for recreation on the map below:

You may use the address search bar in the upper left corner to search for places like park or street names or water areas, then pan around the map.

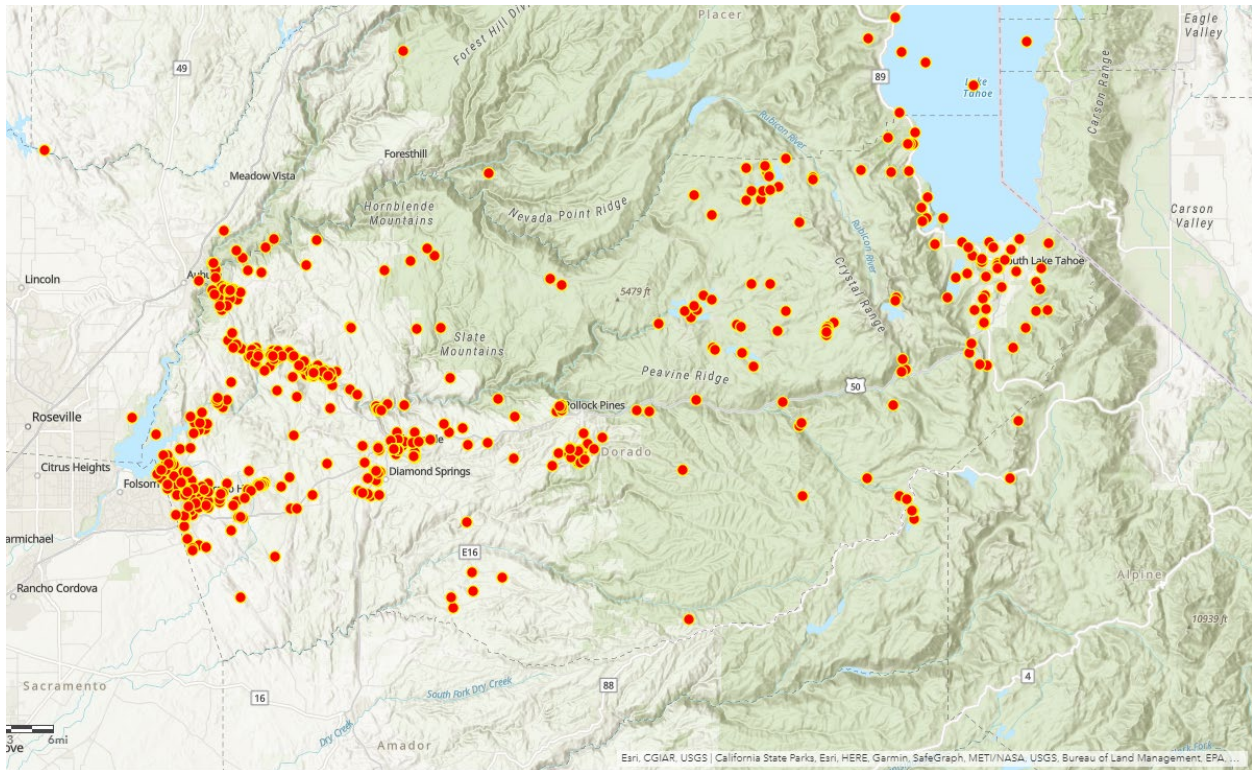
Drop the pin closest to the middle of your favorite recreation area, trailhead, open space, or park.



Survey question

The results for all dropped pins are shown on the map below.

Figure 6: Map of favorite park or place for recreation – Survey Question #4

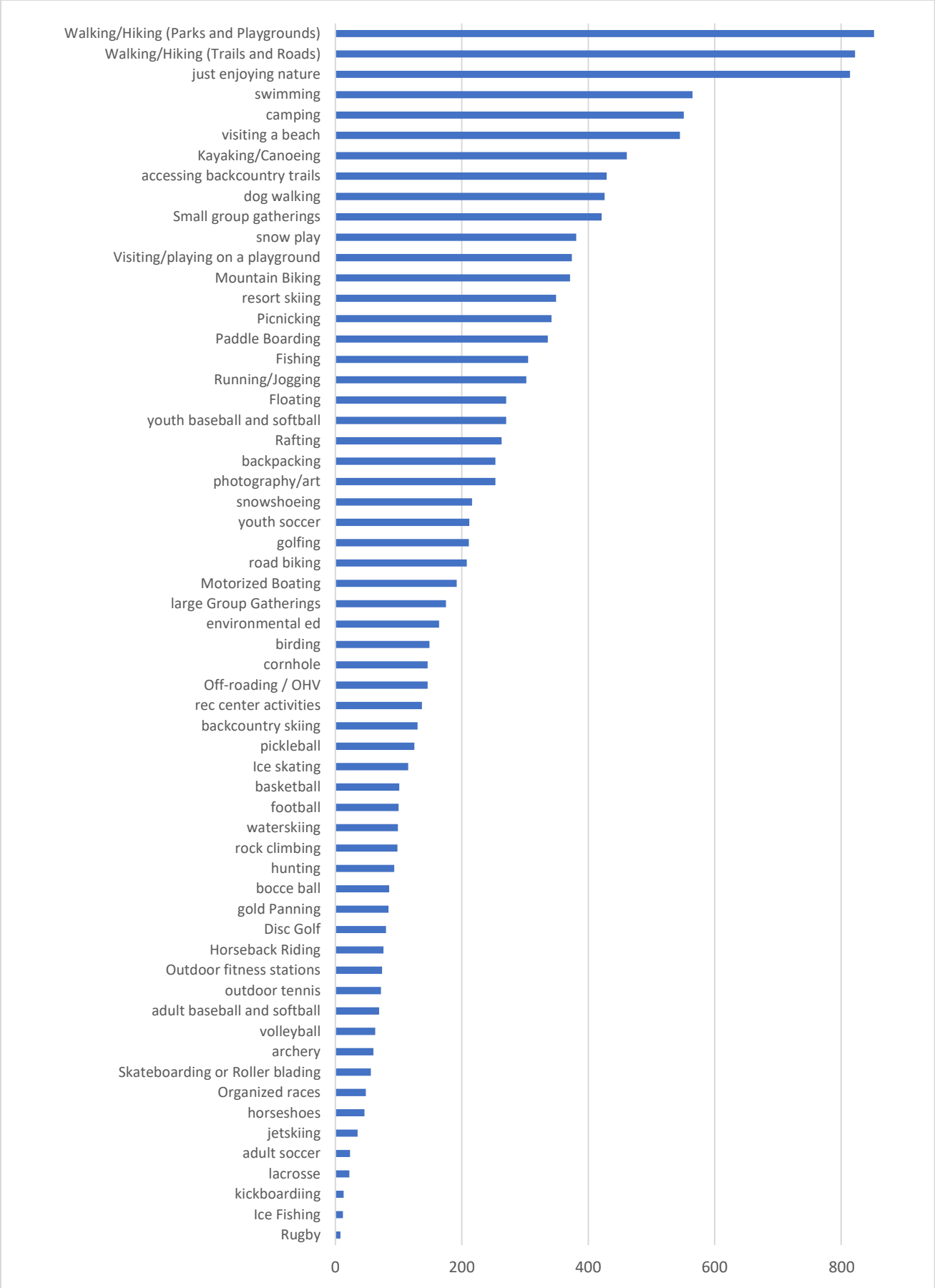


Survey Question #5

The next question asked which activities the respondent participated in the the past year. This question provides information on what activies respondents in El Dorado County are already doing. Respondents were asked to choose from a list of 1) Parks and Playgrounds, 2) Trails and Roads, 3) Recreation and Sports Activities, 3) Beaches, Lakes, and Rivers, 4) Winter Recreation, 5) Open Space and Backcountry, and 6) Other recreation. “Walking and hiking” was the most selected choice in both the parks and playgrounds and trails and Roads categories.

In Recreation and Sports Activities, Youth Baseball and Softball had the highest number, followed by Youth Soccer. Under Beaches, Lakes, and Rivers, several selections had high numbers, with swimming and visiting a beach coming in highest. In Winter Recreation, resort skiing and snow play were the most popular. “Just enjoying nature” was the most popular selection under Open Space and Backcountry, and golfing had the highest number under the Other Recreation category. Below is the full breakdown for each activity.

Figure 7: Activities the respondent participated in the the past year – Survey Question #5



Survey Question #6

This question asked respondents to indicate whether they would be willing to pay a fee, support a bond measure, or join a work event in order to achieve added or improved parks.

PARKS & TRAILS FUNDING

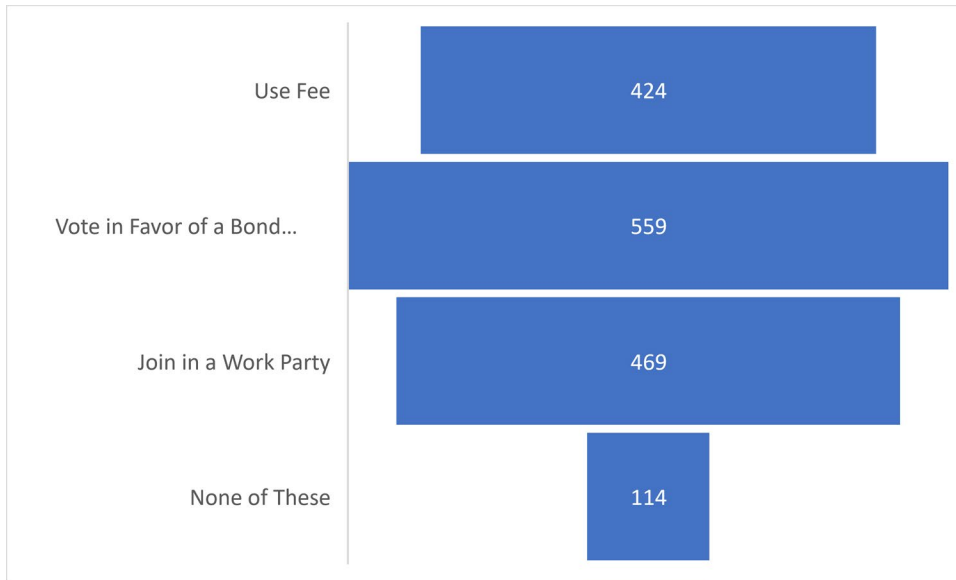
For added or improved parks, trails, or other recreation, would you be willing to:

<input type="checkbox"/> Pay a use fee (or a higher use fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vote in favor of a bond measure
<input type="checkbox"/> Join a volunteer work event	<input type="checkbox"/> None of these

Please select 1 - 3 items

Parks & Trails Funding survey question.

The majority of respondents (56%) indicated that they would vote in favor of a bond measure. One-hundred-fourteen said they would be willing to do none of the options.



Survey Question #7

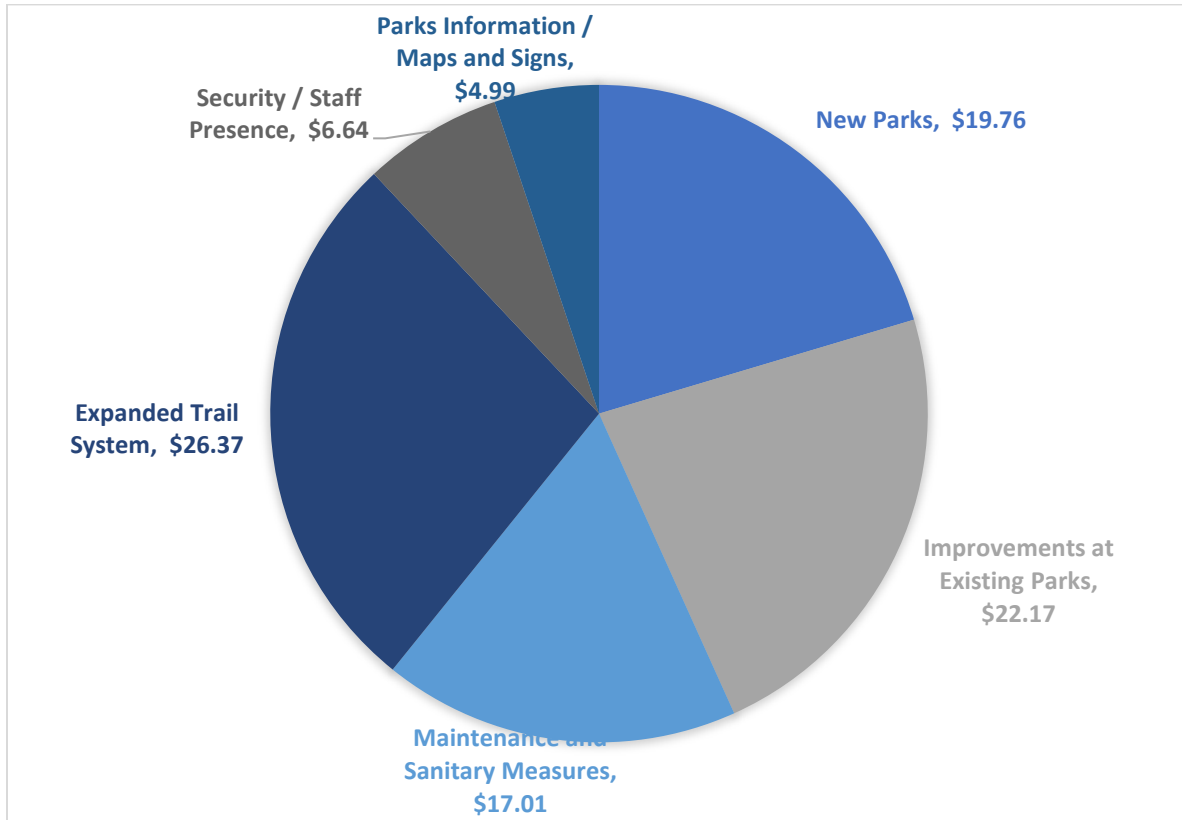
The next question was included to gauge the value placed on park and trails improvements. The survey asked that respondents allocate \$100 to six different categories.

If you had \$100 to spend on Parks and Trails improvements, how would you spend that money?

Please use the boxes below to allocate funding to the following areas:

- New Parks
- Improvements at Existing Parks
- Maintenance and Sanitary Measures
- Expanded Trail System
- Security / Staff Presence
- Parks Information / Maps and Signs

As an average of all responses, \$19.76 was allocated to New Parks, \$22.17 was allocated to Improvements at existing parks, \$17.01 was allocated to Maintenance and Sanitary Measures, \$26.37 for an expanded trail system, \$6.64 for Security and Staff presence, and \$4.99 for Parks Information / Maps and Signs.

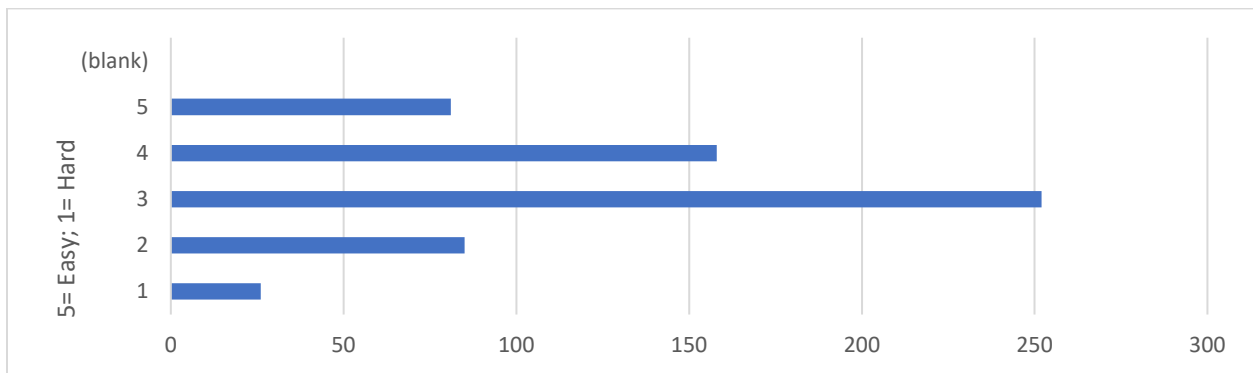


Survey Question #8

Next, we asked about information availability for parks.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY

On a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being very easy and 1 being very difficult, please indicate how easy or difficult it is to find information about El Dorado County's parks, trails, beaches and open space offerings.



Respondents rated information availability as somewhere in the middle, with most respondents indicating three out of five thumbs up. The average answer was 3.3/5.

Survey Question #9

The next section focused on destination information. We asked which nine were the top three ways of finding information about County parks.

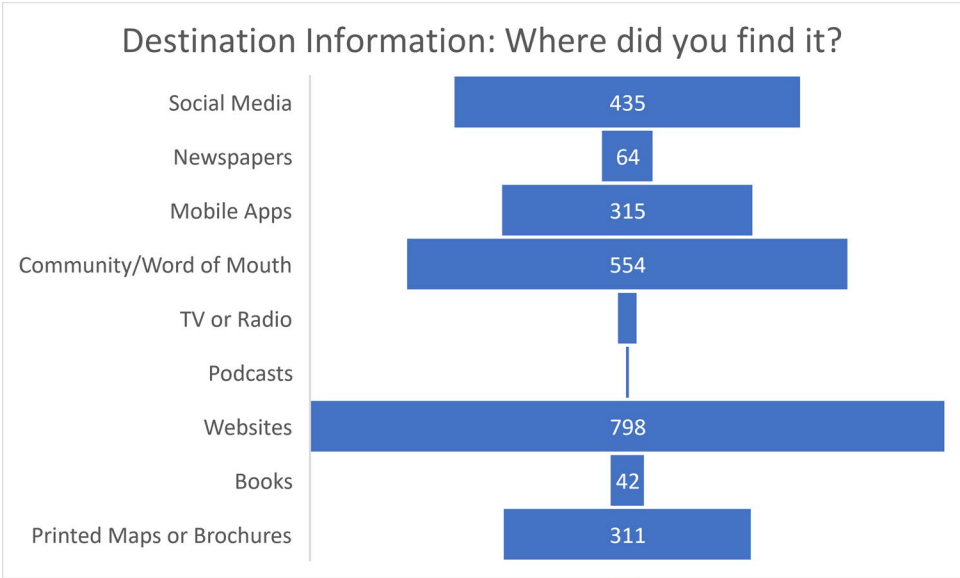
DESTINATION INFORMATION

What are your top 3 ways of finding information regarding parks, trails, beaches and open spaces in El Dorado County?

Please select only THREE.

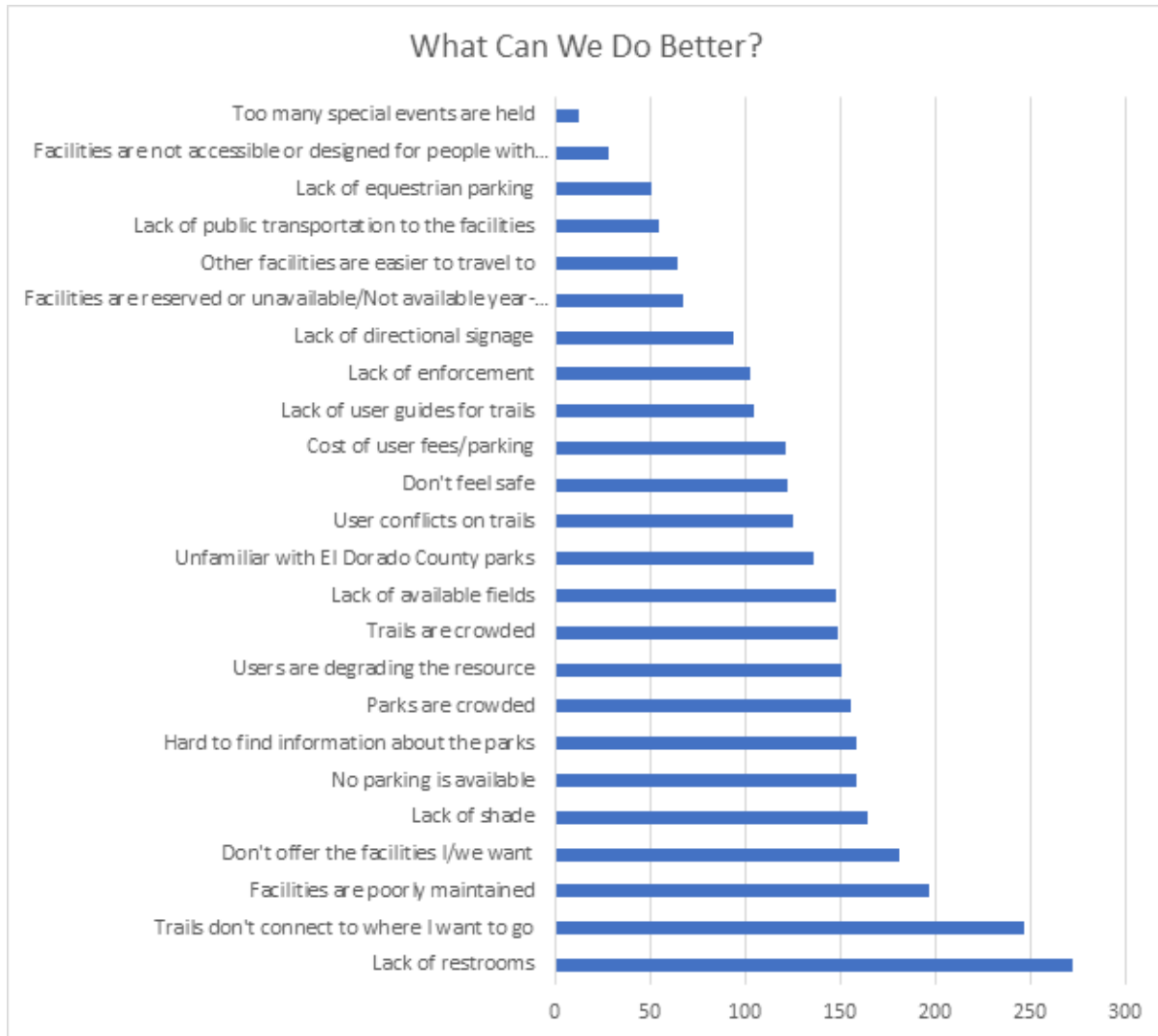
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile applications
<input type="checkbox"/> Community / Word-of-mouth	<input type="checkbox"/> TV or Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Podcasts
<input type="checkbox"/> Websites	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Printed maps and brochures

Most respondents find information about recreation in El Dorado County using websites. Community/Word of Mouth and Social Media were also high-ranking sources of information.



Survey Question #10

Next we asked for all reasons that prevent the use of parks, trails, beaches, and open space more often. Lack of restrooms were the top issue for respondents.



Survey Question #11

We then asked about priorities. We had respondents select from a long list of potential priorities.

A. RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES

1. Build baseball/softball fields
2. Build multi-purpose fields (soccer, football and lacrosse fields)
3. Add lighting to existing fields for extended hours of use
4. Build more sports courts (e.g., tennis, pickleball, basketball)
5. Build more bocce ball or horseshoe pits
6. Build more disc golf courses
7. Develop a BMX/mountain bike park/pump track
8. Develop a mountain bike skills course
9. Provide additional outdoor fitness equipment
10. Build skate parks
11. Build a recreation center (including indoor pools, fitness equipment and exercise facilities, sports courts)
12. Install a climbing wall

B. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

1. Add smaller neighborhood-based parks
2. Add larger multi-purpose parks that serve the different regions
3. Provide off-leash dog parks
4. Add/expand park shelters/small group gathering areas
5. Add more opportunities for water activities
6. Redevelop existing parks (update facilities, better use of space and circulation)

C. BEACHES, LAKES AND RIVERS

1. Acquire more beach/waterfront areas
2. Provide more designated parking
3. Provide transit and trail connectivity
4. Provide more boating put-in and take-out areas
5. Build a white water play park

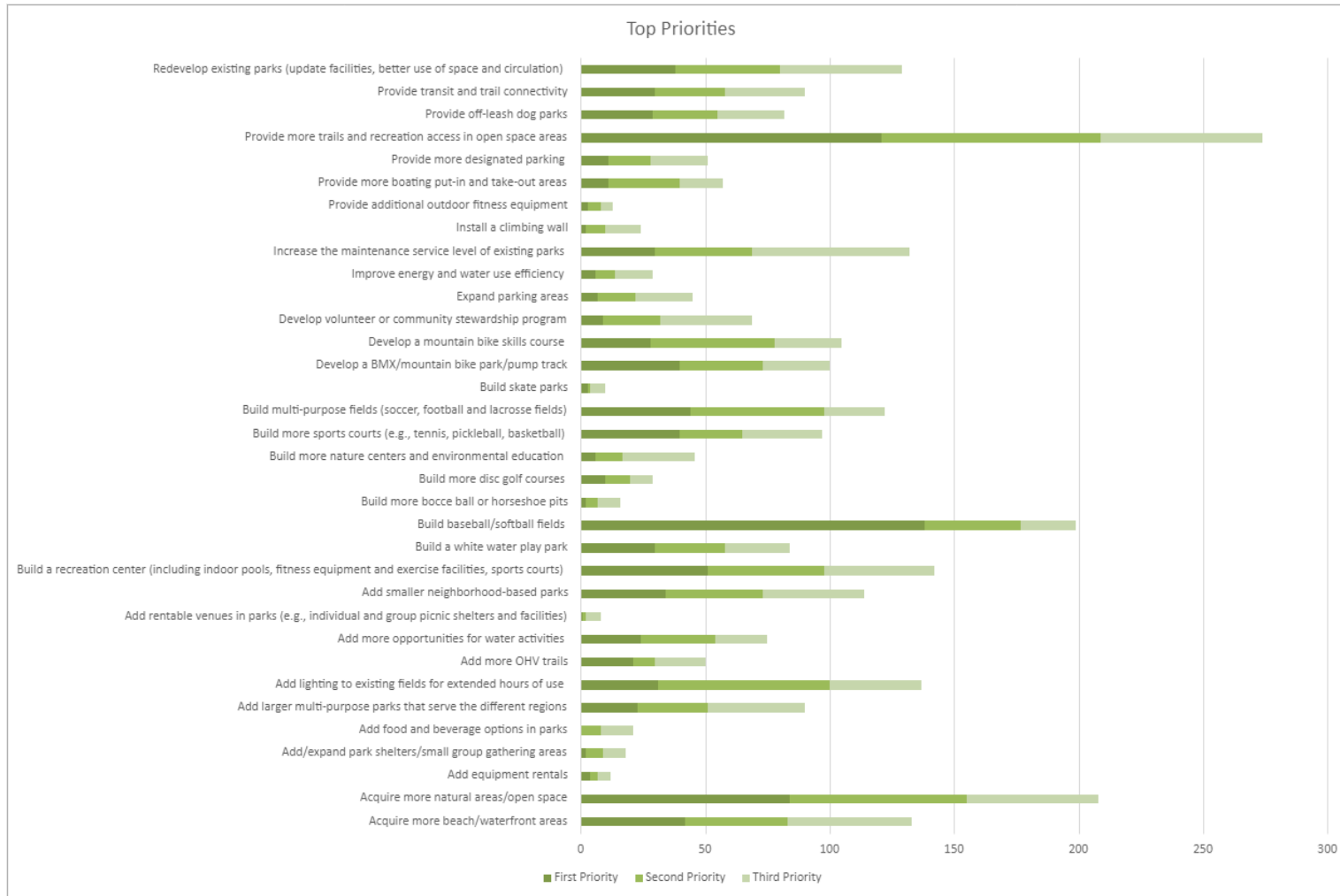
D. OPEN SPACE AND BACKCOUNTRY

1. Acquire more natural areas/open space
2. Provide more trails and recreation access in open space areas
3. Add more OHV trails
4. Build more nature centers and environmental education
5. Expand parking areas

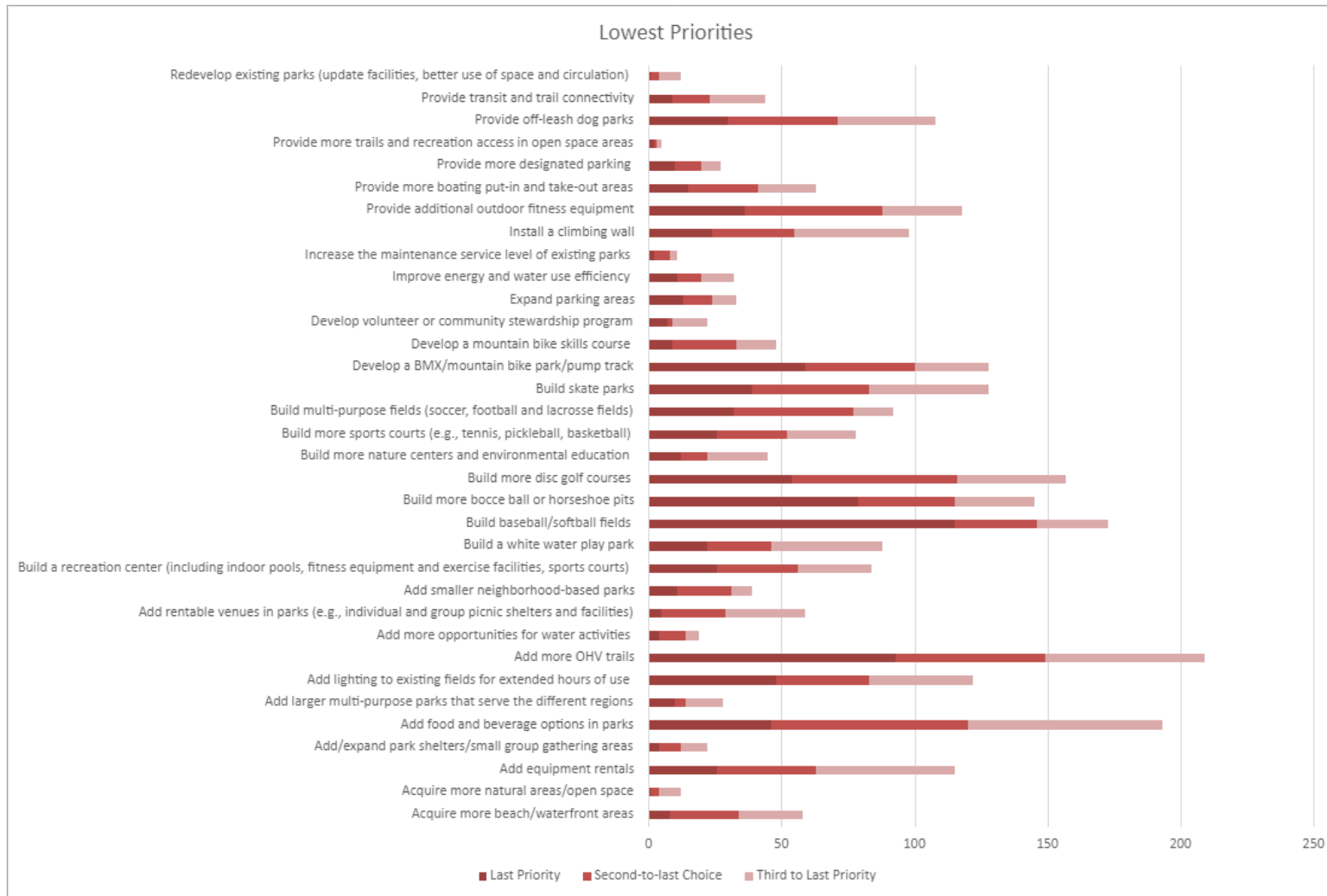
E. SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES/POLICIES

1. Improve energy and water use efficiency
2. Add food and beverage options in parks
3. Add rentable venues in parks (e.g., individual and group picnic shelters and facilities)
4. Add equipment rentals
5. Increase the maintenance service level of existing parks
6. Develop volunteer or community stewardship program

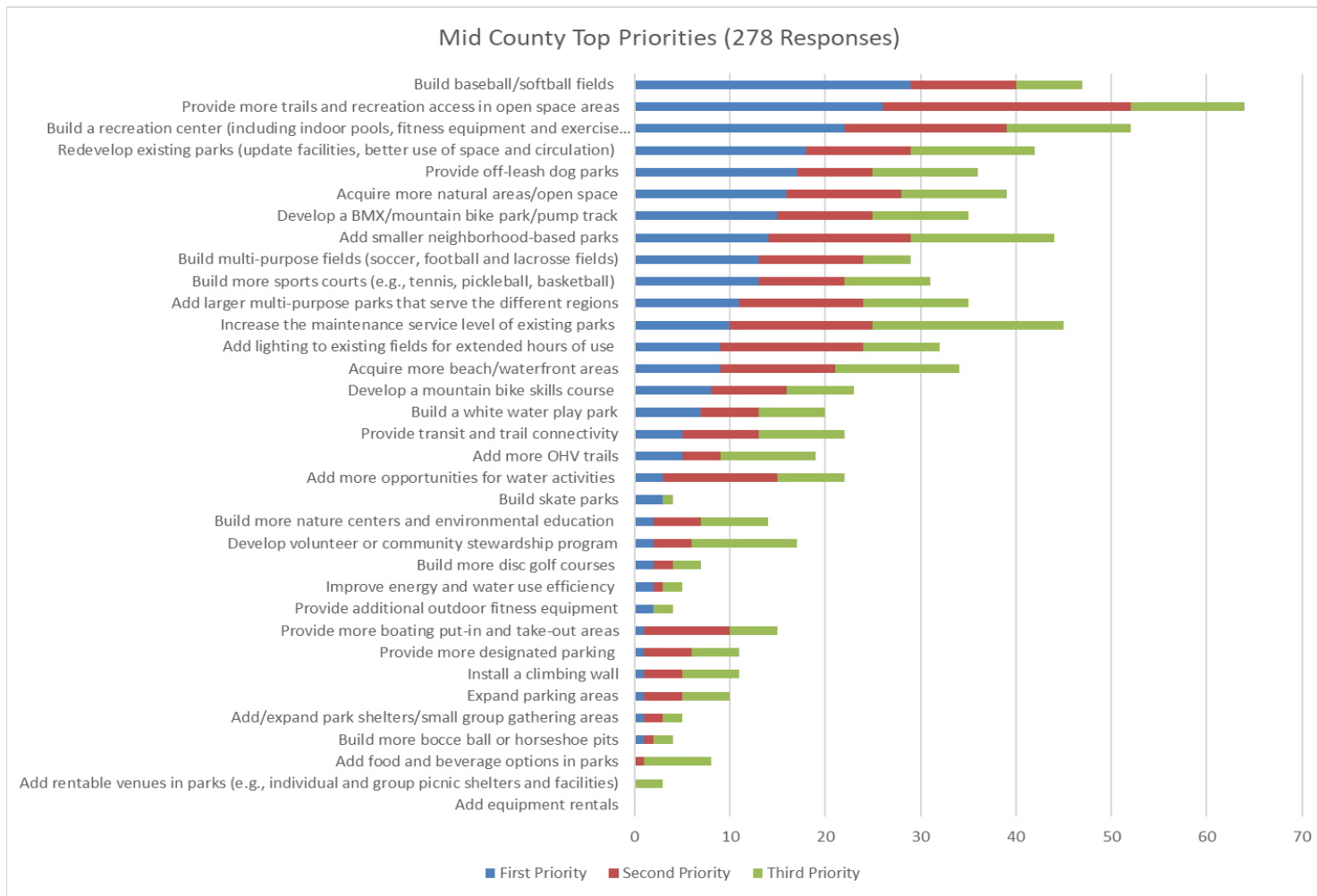
The top three priorities were as follows:



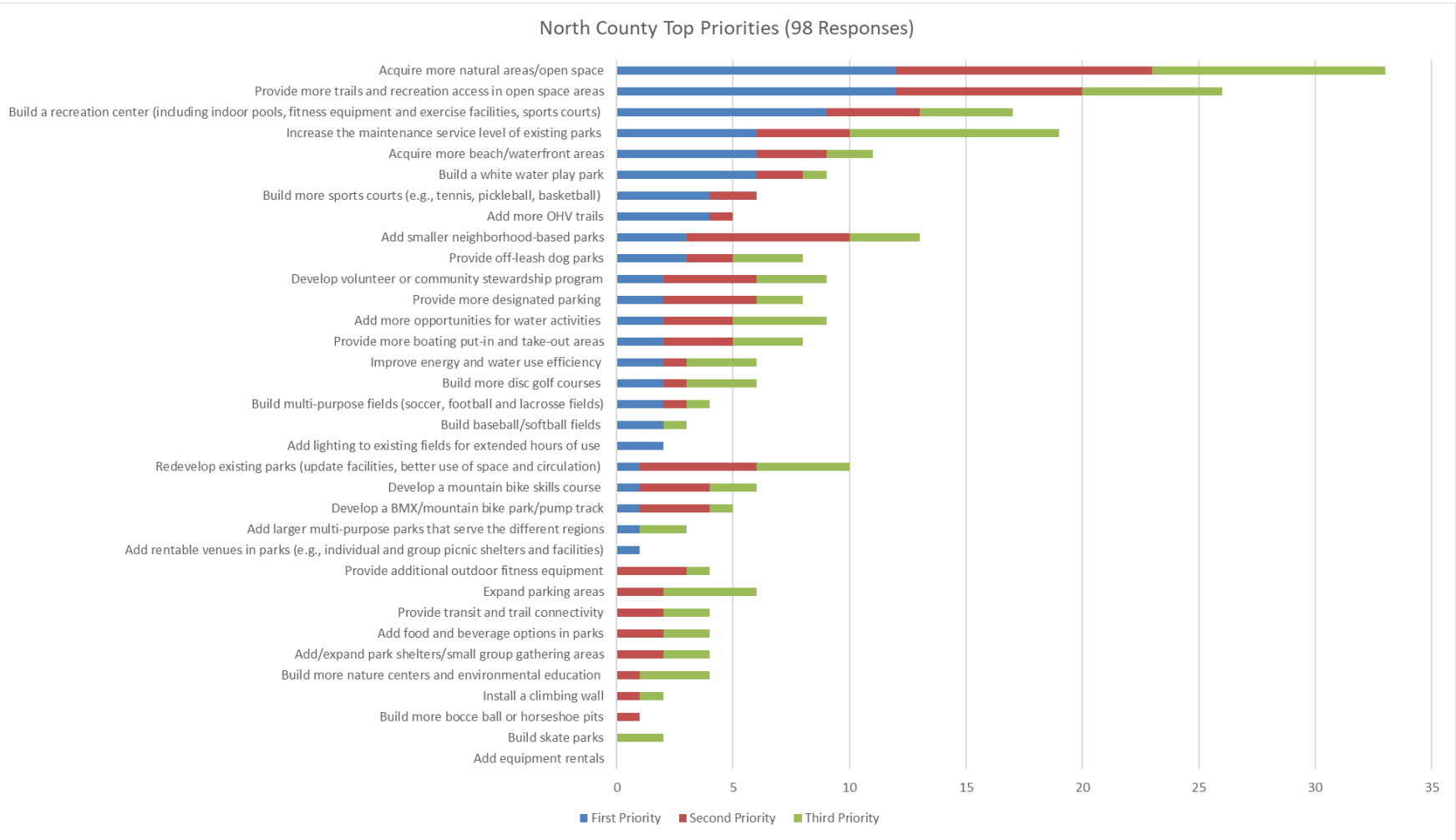
The last three priorities (i.e. those that respondents are least likely to support) were as follows:

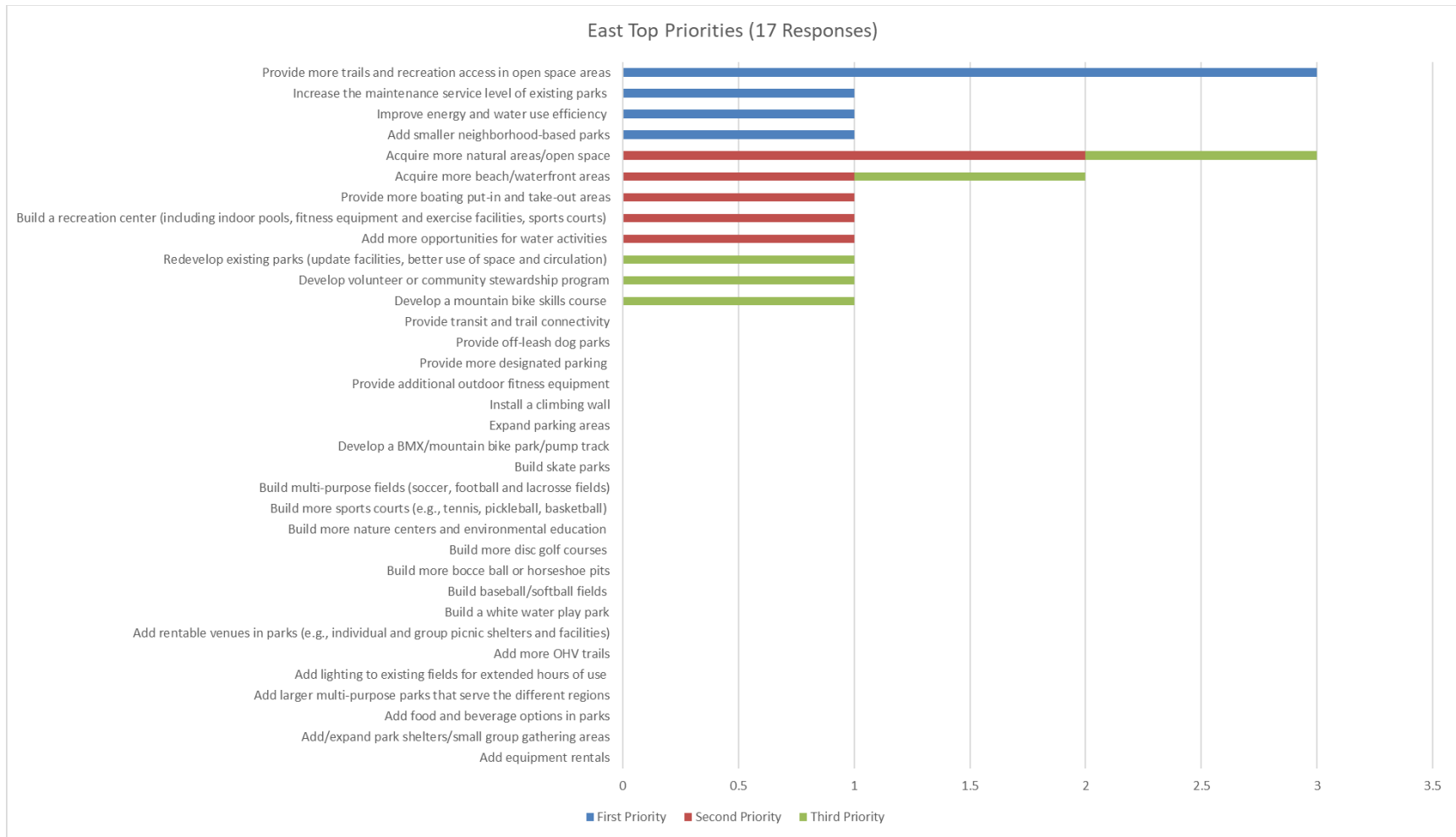


The following is a combination of information from Questions 1 and 11, which shows the priorities for each of the seven areas of the County.

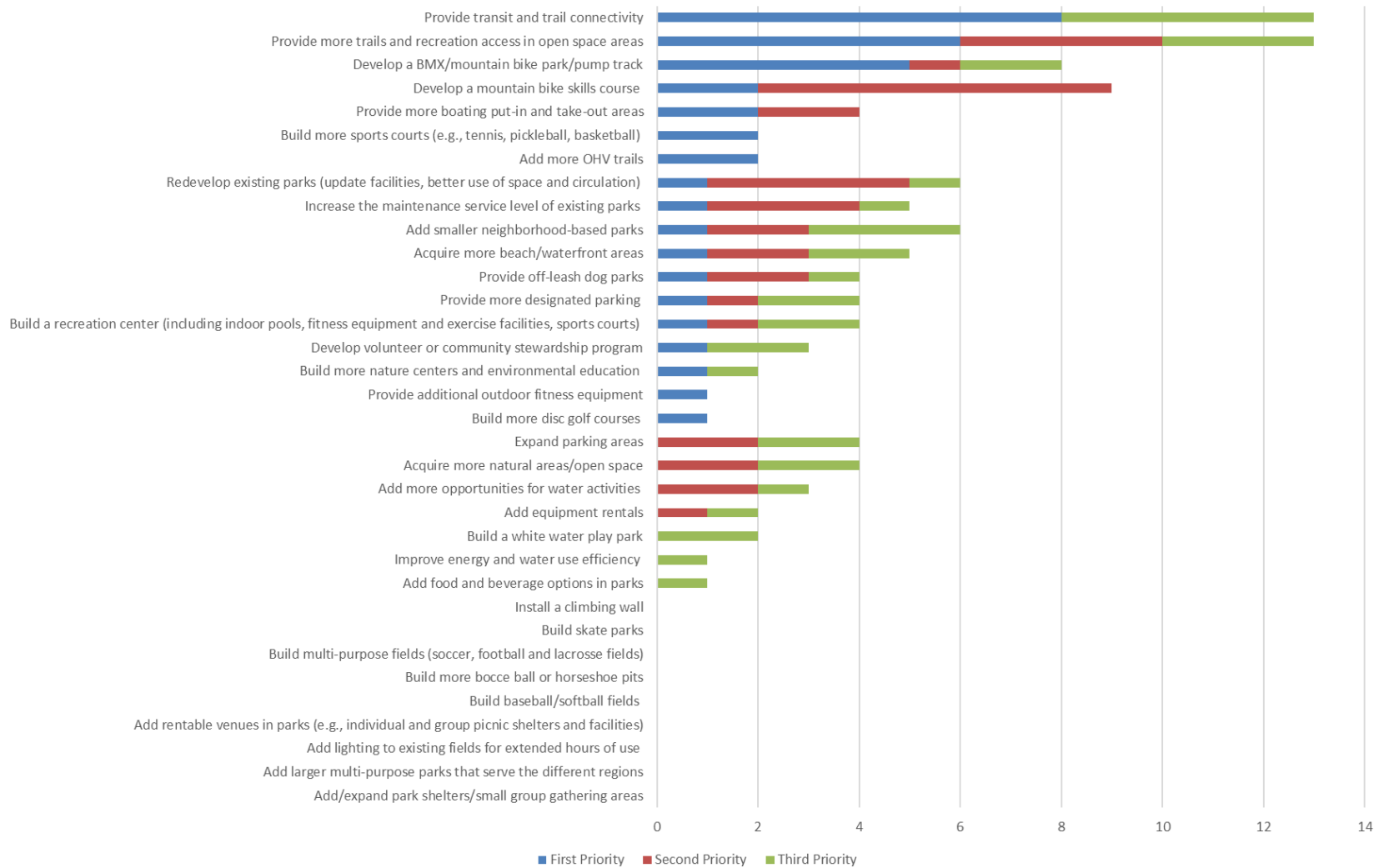


North County Top Priorities (98 Responses)

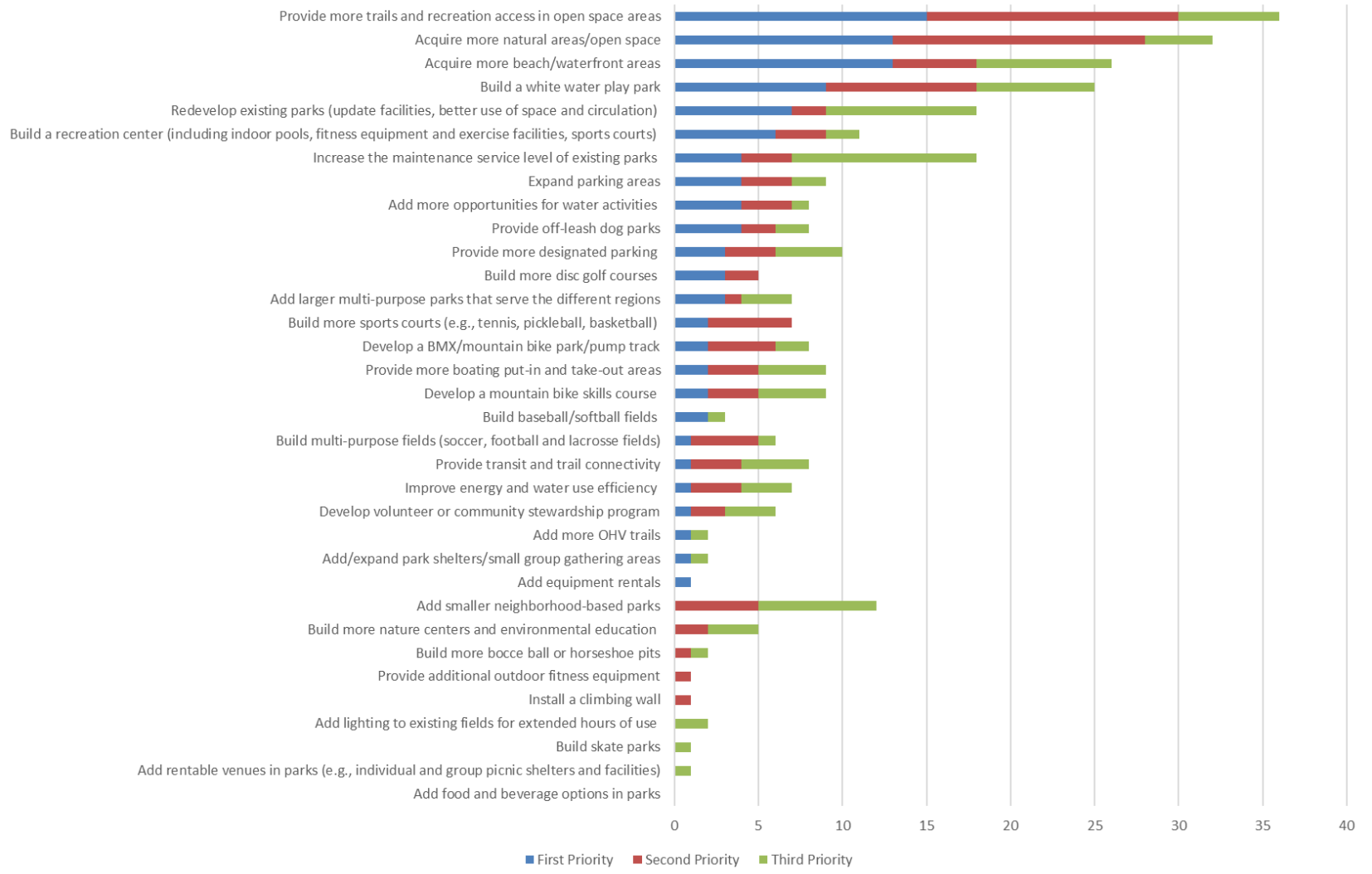




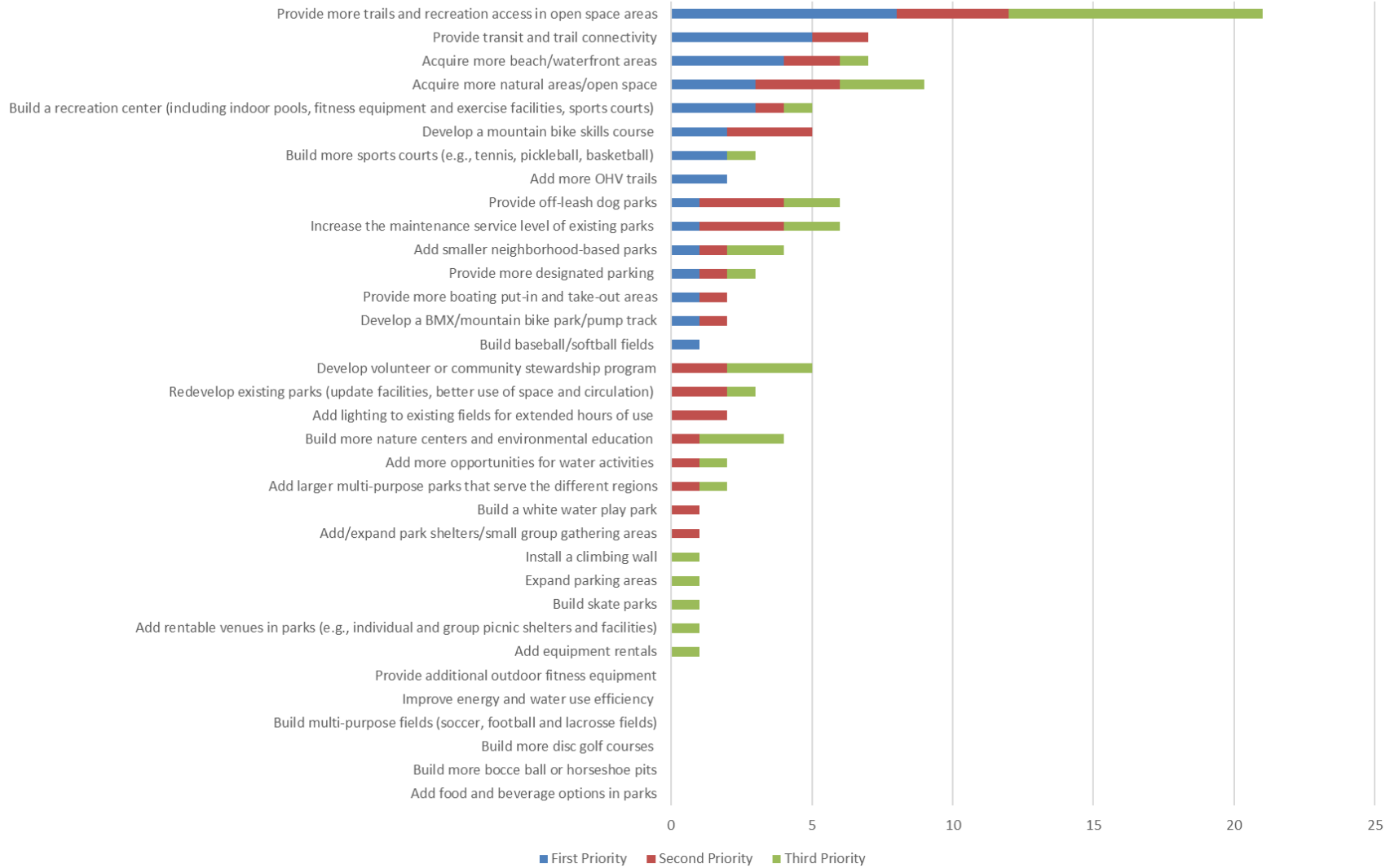
North East County Top Priorities (40 Responses)



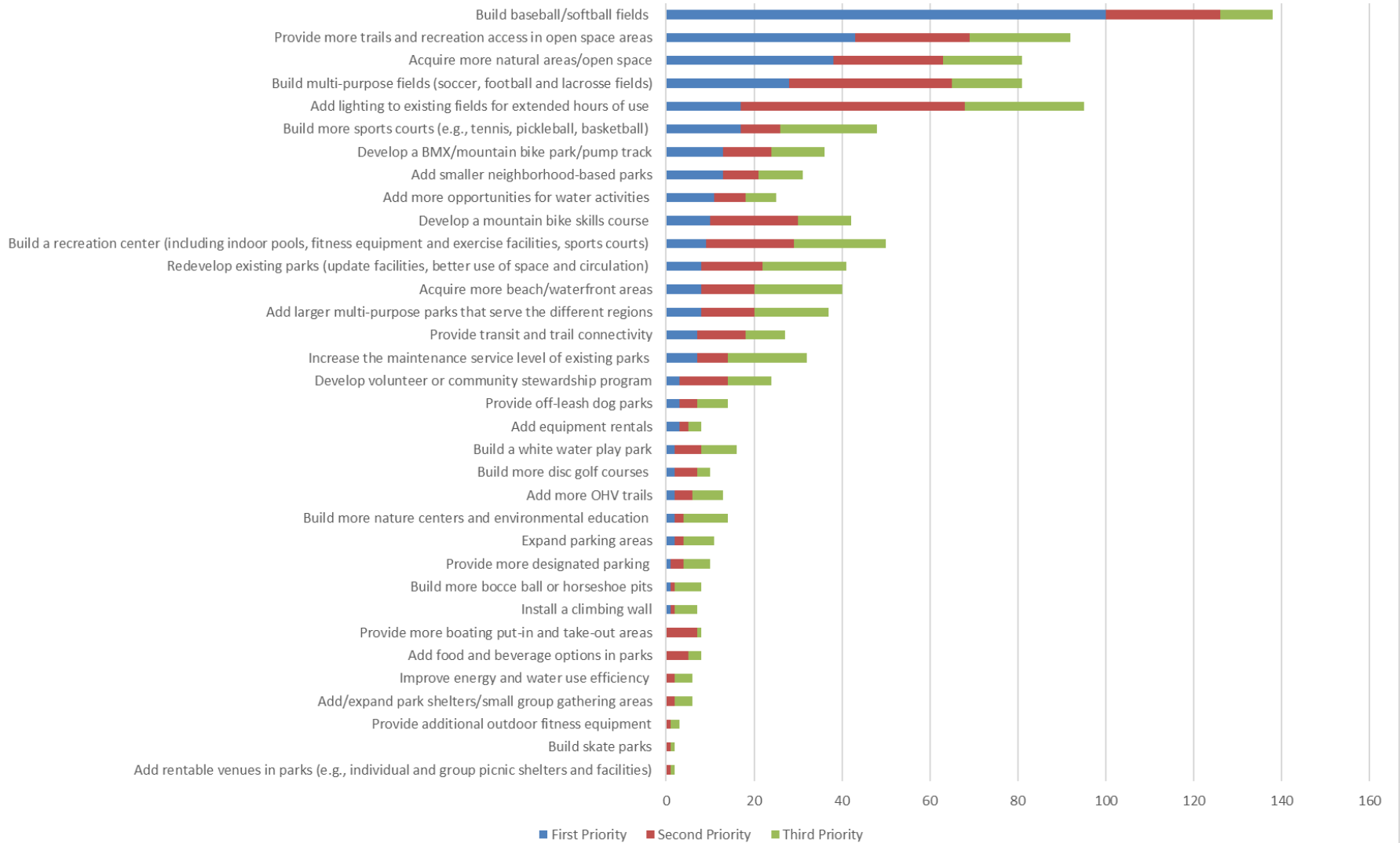
North West County Top Priorities (110 Responses)



South County Top Priorities (40 Responses)



West County Top Priorities (371 Responses)



Survey Question #12

The final question in the survey was open-ended. More than 400 responders submitted comments; some submitted multiple comments, meaning the comment total approached 500. To make sense of these comments, a Parks Commissioner reviewed all the comments and categorized and tallied them. Below are the categorized comments arranged the categories by the number of comments in that category, in descending order. The last category tallies comments determined to be irrelevant to the County’s master planning project.

#	<u>Comment Category</u>
40	More/improved (condition, all-weather, lighted) playing fields; build a sports complex
39	More security/law enforcement for parks, parking lots, trails; concerns about trash, presence of homeless people deterring use
39	More trail opportunities; (about half mention El Dorado Trail completion/enhancements/ single-track)
36	Facility maintenance/signage (most maintenance comments were favorable given staffing limits; many sought improvements to playing field conditions and increased signage)
20	Improved trail connectivity generally
18	More bike lanes, routes, trails; improved connectivity for bike recreation
15	More clean, available restrooms
15	Park at Rasmussen Pond
15	More preserved open space
15	Overuse of existing facilities (esp. Henningsen/Lotus Park, Confluence)
14	Trail users should be separated (esp. horses and bikes)
11	More equestrian parking/facilities/trails
11	More playground and facility shade, better playground surfaces, playground fencing
9	Skunk Hollow boater takeout improvements
9	Pollock Pines park
8	Less emphasis on motorized recreation
8	More pools, splash pads
8	More courts for pickleball, tennis, volleyball (about half pickleball)
7	More park and recreation information (mostly requests for online info)
7	More/better parking at existing facilities
7	More dog parks and dog-friendly recreation
6	Organizational/funding/staffing improvements
6	More senior/multi-generational/inclusive recreation facilities
5	Allow e-bikes on more trails; allow bikes on more equestrian trails
4	More OHV recreation

- 3 Parks in Diamond Springs area
- 3 More small/neighborhood parks
- 3 Master plan/development of County parcel at Cronan Ranch
- 3 Joint-use facilities with schools
- 3 More/better parks in North County
- 2 No more campgrounds
- 2 More cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snow play
- 2 More recreational shuttle services
- 2 More BBQ/firepits
- 2 Develop Chili Bar property
- 2 Fitness/recreation center
- 1 More Placerville-area facilities
- 1 Discounts or free use for locals
- 1 More seating on trails
- 1 More on-water recreation
- 1 More resources for long-distance/endurance riding and running
- 1 Bridge water crossings on trails
- 1 More put-ins and take-outs for kayaks and rafts
- 1 Separate soccer and baseball/softball fields
- 1 More disc golf
- 1 Make hours of facility usage more consistent
- 52 General comments, survey complaints, non-jurisdictional comments (many re: CSD fees, Cameron Park Lake)

Key Findings

Through the public engagement process, several needs related to neighborhood, community and regional parks were consistently identified throughout the process of gathering public input. As seen from the community input, the parks needs expressed by County residents vary significantly depending on where they live and the types of recreational activities they prefer. However, overall several themes emerged from these efforts.

1. Open Space Trails. The communitywide survey, especially, showed the importance placed upon open space accessible for walking and enjoying nature, hiking, and unimproved, natural trails.

2. Volunteerism. Consistently throughout all forms of outreach, the community conveyed a willingness to volunteer to improve parks, maintain them, and organize themselves in support.
3. Sports Team Fields. Several concerns focused on the high costs for sports teams, field availability, travel time and lack of lighting at available fields, with a focus on the positive impact to youth as a result of sports team involvement. Youth Baseball and Softball were the highest priority.
4. Special-use Trails. Outreach effort results confirmed what Parks staff are already aware of: that there are several groups in the County with the need for different types of trails, specifically for walking, biking, equestrians.
5. Accessibility. Common themes were ADA accessible spaces, including sports fields, water access points, and trails.
6. Trail Connectivity. Connectivity between existing trails, especially connections or expansion of the El Dorado Trail, and including trails in other Counties or under other park providers, with an emphasis on open, maintained multi-use trails.
7. Water Recreation Access: Another theme was providing access to water, especially natural water resources including the Cosumnes and American River, for swimming, fishing, and other watersports.
8. Facility Amenities Many survey results and outcomes from conversations concerned lighting, parking, drinking water, and access to restrooms.