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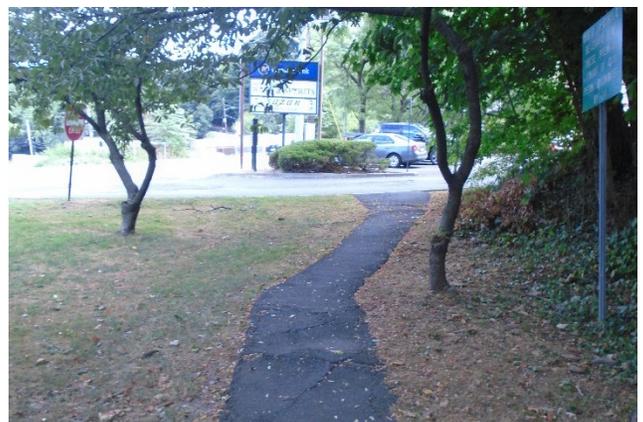


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Weston & Sampson team, on behalf of the Village of Ardsley, has prepared this Parks & Recreation Master Plan to assist the Village in future development and improvements to park and recreation facilities within the Ardsley.

Located in Westchester County within the Town of Greenburgh, the Village of Ardsley is nestled between the upper limits of New York City and White Plains. At only 1.3 square miles in size, the Village contains a mixture of commercial, suburban residential, and recreation areas with easy access to the New York I-87, connecting it to New York City to the south and Upstate New York to the north. The Sprain Brook and Saw Mill River Parkways border the Village on the east and west, respectively, with the Hudson River only a short drive to the west.

In 2017, the Village of Ardsley began the process of developing a Comprehensive Plan to guide development and make recommendations for future improvements in the Village. The Plan establishes a vision for the future and establishes goals for implementation of the plan. The plan was formally adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on February 1st, 2021. Several recommendations or goals were identified within the Comprehensive Plan related to improvements to park and recreation facilities, including:

- Developing additional public gathering spaces (such as Addyman Square) to create social cohesion and benefit mental health within the community.
- Create a downtown park web that interconnects Addyman Square with Bicentennial Park and the five other pocket parks.
- Upgrade, renovate, or replace the Thelma Simmer – William Van Dorn Youth & Community Center.
- Build recreational programming around new trail loops.
- Ensure a sufficient annual capital budget for all recreational facilities, amenities, and assets.
- Maintain or restore all parks to a level that is purposely functional and aesthetically pleasing.
- Encourage and support sports/fitness events at existing parks, trails, and facilities.
- Develop an “Ardsley Recreational Trailway” to integrate the Village’s recreational facilities, parks, and trail with the regional recreation system.
- Transform existing parks and public spaces into activity nodes that accommodate community-based events, celebrations, memorials, markets, and other public attractions.
- Incorporate revenue raising opportunities into public spaces where appropriate.
- Undertake a redesign of public spaces to accommodate elements such as circulation, seating, landscaping, lighting, wayfinding, and art to promote community responsibility.

To support these goals and the Comprehensive Plan, the Village of Ardsley has sought to develop this Parks & Recreation Master Plan to assess the current recreation opportunities within the Village and recommend a strategy to achieve these goals over the next several years. The plan establishes a clear direction for policy development, support of Village services, and the prioritization of demands and

opportunities. The plan positions Ardsley to build on the community's unique assets while identifying new strategic initiatives to improve offerings. This effort has been rooted in an inclusive public engagement process and will seek to incorporate accessibility, cost effective improvements and maintenance, and opportunities to reuse municipal and/or non-municipal sites for recreation.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 History of Ardsley

Ardsley is one of six incorporated villages within the Town of Greenburgh, along with the villages of Dobbs Ferry, Elmsford, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington and Tarrytown. The approximately 1.3 square mile Village of Ardsley was originally inhabited by the Weckqueskecks, a branch of the Mohican tribe of the Algonquin Nation. Ashford Avenue, the main road, was once a trail used by Native Americans to travel from the Hudson River to Long Island Sound. By the late 1600's, after the Native Americans had been pushed out of the area by the English and the Dutch, the land became part of the vast Frederick Philipse Manor. During the American Revolution, Philipse remained loyal to the King, and was forced to flee. The land, confiscated by the State, was sold mostly to former tenants who had supported the patriot cause.¹

The re-allocated village, then affectionately known as Ashford, grew slowly. There was a sawmill and grist mill on the Sawmill River, a blacksmith shop, and by the time of the Civil War, three pickle factories. In the early 1880's the Putnam Railroad was built, and the New Croton Aqueduct was constructed, resulting in a development "boom". Parcels of land were sold and developed, electric lights were installed, and roads were improved during this time. In 1883, since an Ashford Post Office already existing in the State, the Village name was changed to Ardsley and on March 2, 1883 the first Postmaster was appointed. The Village was incorporated in 1896. By 1898 the population had grown to 372.¹

On December 6, 1914, a large fire devastated the center of the Village. As a result, the original schoolhouse on Ashford Avenue was taken over for Village offices and the fire department - now the Municipal Building.¹

After World War I, and until the depression, there was another "boom" including Ardsley Acres and Beacon Hill. After World War II, with the rise of the Baby Boom Generation, the growing population resulted in the construction of the Concord Road Elementary School in 1952, the High School in 1958, and the Middle School in 1967.¹

From a Native American hunting ground to a community of scattered farms, to "Ashford" and a country village, Ardsley has become a thriving suburban community.¹

1.2 Ardsley Planning and Recreation Commission Overview

The Village of Ardsley Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2022, is a dynamic document that revisits and cements Ardsley's 5 tenets which reflects the hopes and expectations of the people of Ardsley, with specific objectives and recommendations about how to guide growth so as to preserve important environmental and historic resources and improve the quality of life of the residents, workers, and visitors in the community. "The plan reflects best practices from the American Planning Association, as well as

¹ <http://www.ardsleyvillage.com/about-ardsley/pages/history> - Extracted from "A Short, Informal HISTORY OF ARDSLEY" by A.W.Silliman by Daniel Kaufman, 8/15/94

goals, objectives, and actions proposed in two ancillary Village studies, the Saw Mill River Revitalization Plan and the Market Analysis & Development Strategy.”¹

1.3 Mission and Goals

The missions of the Planning Board and Recreation Committee is described below:

“The Planning board shall ensure there is compatible land use within the village of Ardsley. The board reviews and analyzes proposed development and site plan of property. Among other items, the board grants approvals to build, excavate, and connect into the sewer lines. Fundamentally the Planning board informs the Zoning Board and the Board of Trustees about future and past municipal happenings and procedures.”¹

“The Recreation Commission advises the Board of Trustees on matters related to the regulation and control of Village parks and recreational facilities (including the community center) and assists with developing recreational programming and activities.”¹

“The Village of Ardsley’s Plan sets out a vision and framework to enhance the Village’s residential character by improving connectivity, continuing the delivery of excellent municipal services, and positioning the Village’s Central Business District as an active and economically vibrant hub of Village life, while protecting and prudently managing the Village’s natural resources in a resilient and sustainable manner.”¹

The Vision hinges on 5 main tenets:

1. Provide
2. Strengthen
3. Connect
4. Build
5. Protect

1.4 Related Planning Efforts and Integration

The Village of Ardsley has undertaken several planning efforts in recent years that have helped direct the planning process for this plan. These documents include:

- The Saw Mill River Revitalization Plan (SMRRP) (2019)
- Village of Ardsley Comprehensive Plan (1964, Rev. 2022)

1.5 Methodology of this Planning Process

The Project team, including Village staff, and Recreation commission guided this project by providing input to a consulting team throughout the planning process. This collaborative effort creates a plan that fully utilizes the consultant’s expertise and incorporates local knowledge and institutional history only the Village staff and community members can provide. The project consisted of the following tasks:

Document existing conditions of facilities & programs in the Village.

- Prepare a Community Recreation Needs Assessment.
- Prepare a Community Facilities and Program Report.

1.5.1 Existing Conditions of Community Facilities & Programs

- Identification of all current recreation programs, activities, and community services provided through the Recreation Department.
- Identification and assessment of existing parks and recreation facilities operated by the Village of Ardsley.

1.5.2 Community Recreation Needs Assessment

- Research and document current gaps and future needs about recreational and community facilities, activities, and recreational programs.
- Solicit quality public input from stakeholder groups, community organizations, residents, businesses, and other interested agencies, such as the Ardsley School District.
- Assess feedback received from the Village and public to determine and practice needs.

1.5.3 Community Facilities and Programs Report

- Prioritize inventory of improved or new facilities, programs, and services as identified through the assessment process.
- Detailed opportunities for matching identified facility, program, and service needs with existing/available resources.
- Assess staffing levels required to implement inventoried needs.
- Recommend strategies for implementing identified priorities in the short-term and longer-term with consideration of affordability and sustainability, including the potential use of piloting for new programs/ services to gauge public use or testing use of other publicly available facilities.

2.0 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF ARDSLEY

2.1 Village of Ardsley Recreation and Park Demographic Profile

The Village of Ardsley demographic profile was developed to provide an analysis of household and economic data in the area, helping to understand the historical and projected changes that may impact the community. The demographics analysis provides insight into the potential market for the community’s parks, trails, and recreation programs and services by highlighting where and how the community will change.

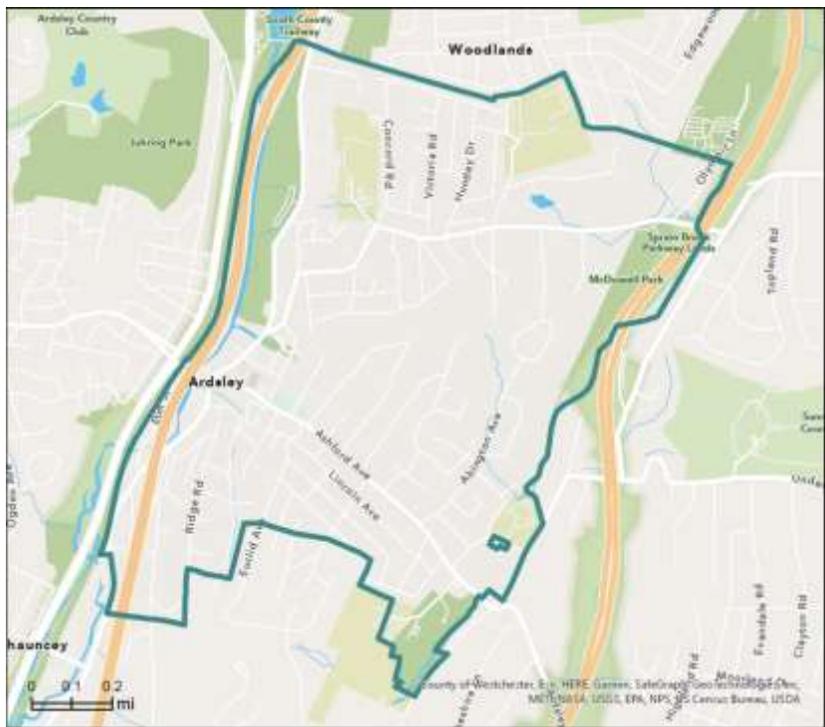
Data referenced throughout this report was primarily sourced from Esri Business Analyst as of October 2022. According to their website, Esri Business Analyst is “a solution that applies Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to extensive demographic, consumer spending, and business data to deliver on-demand analysis.” At the time of this report, Esri’s primary source for demographic information is the 2020 Census with 2022 estimates.

Finally, information about health, wellness, and disability status were sourced from the American Community Survey and the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Foundation.

The Village provided their geographic boundaries for this study which can be seen in Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1: Village of Ardsley Geographic Boundaries

Source: BingMaps, 2022

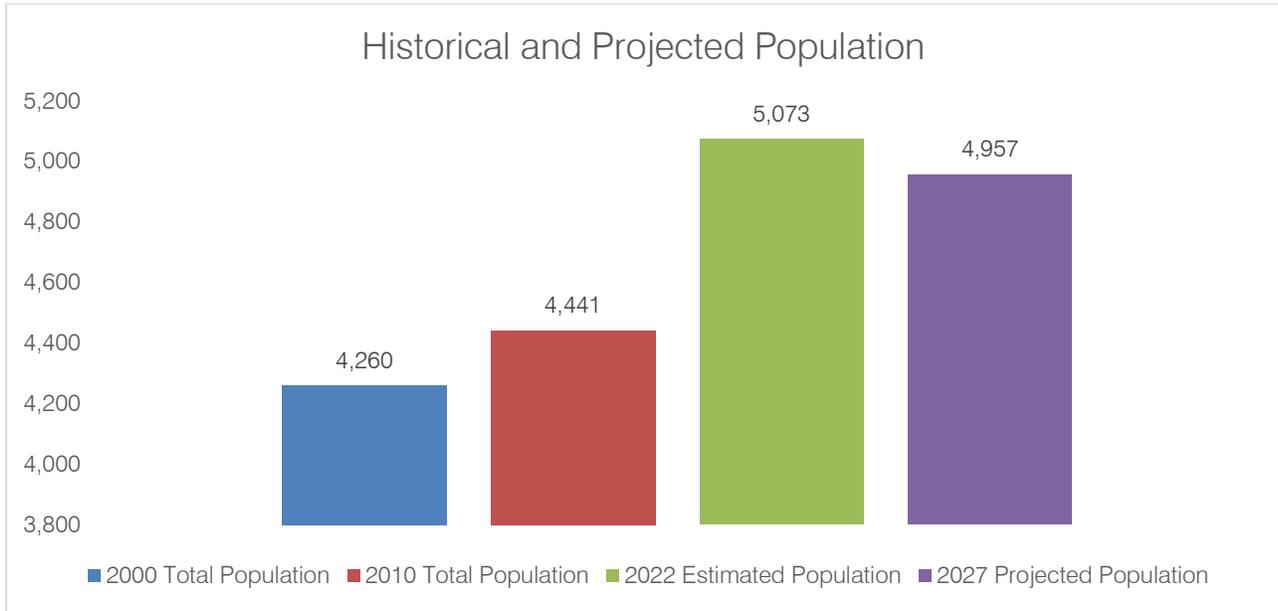


2.2 Population

From a population of 4,260 in 2000, the Village has continued to grow steadily over the past two decades. In 2022, the population in the Village was estimated at 5,073. Esri projected that the Village would decrease to over 4,957 in 2027.

Population was estimated at 5,073 in 2022.

Figure 2.2: Projected Population Growth in Village of Ardsley, 2000 - 2027



2.3 Household Information

Analyzing the household characteristics within the Village of Ardsley indicates that the area has a higher median income and a higher average home value than the State of New York. The following information demonstrate the key highlights regarding household information compared to the state:

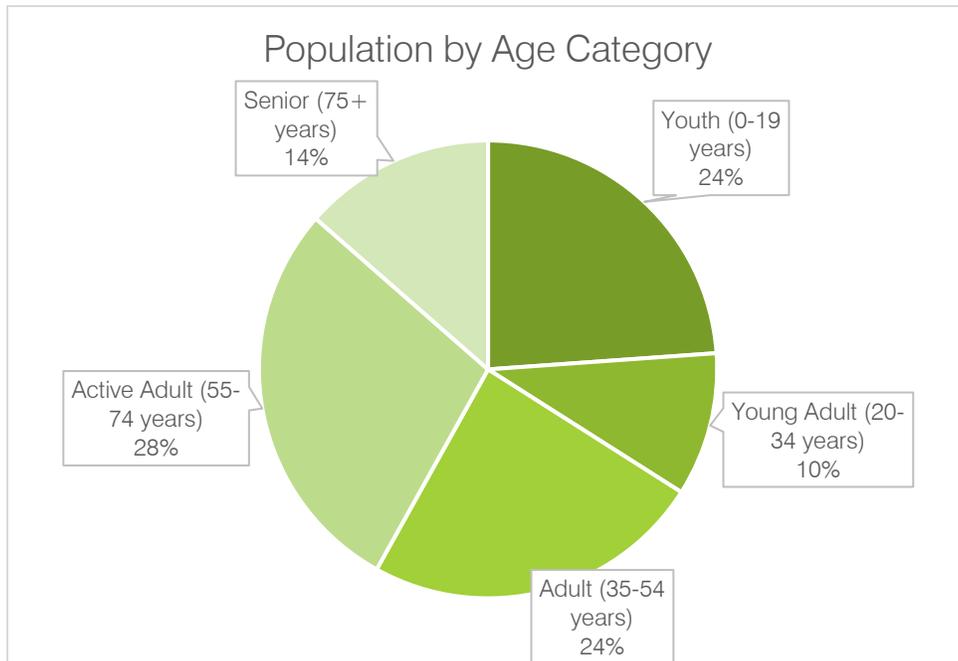
- The median household income was \$196,677, \$100,000 more than the State of New York \$79,320 (Esri, 2022).
- The average home value was \$767,223, more than the average home value in the State of New York (\$536,142) (Esri, 2022).
- Over 1.79% in the Village of Ardsley were below the poverty level in 2020, compared to 13.54% in the State of New York (Esri, 2020)
- The average household size in the Village of Ardsley (3.05) was very similar to the State of New York (2.53).

2.4 Age

The median age in the Village of Ardsley was 49 years old in 2022, reflective of the age distribution in the area. Over 50% of the population is identified as an adult or active adult in the Village of Ardsley. Almost 25% of the population is considered youth. Significantly older than the State of New York (39.6)

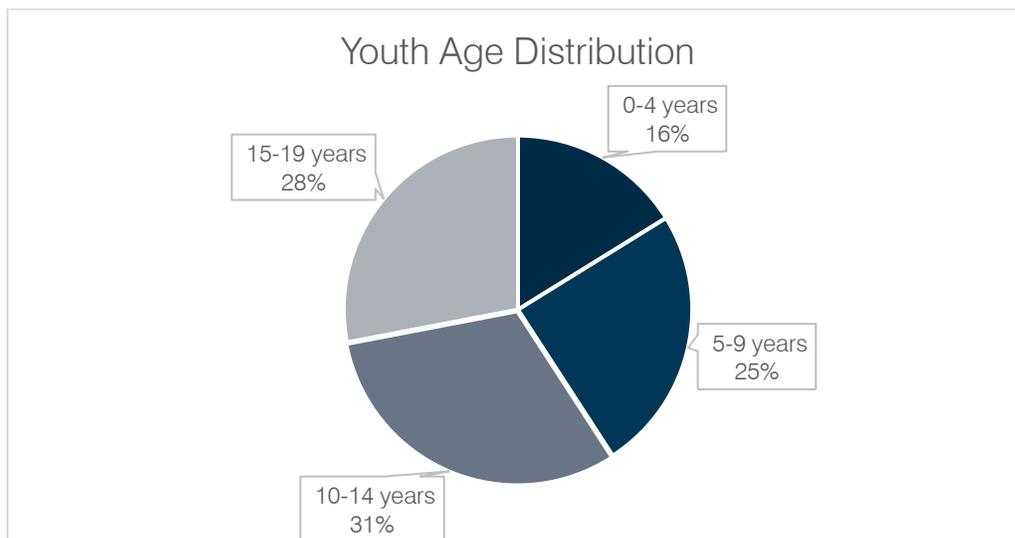
and the United States (38.9) (Esri, 2021), the median age has been increasing overtime, from 45.2 in 2010 to an anticipated 48.5 in 2027.

Figure 2.3: Age Distribution Characteristics in Village of Ardsley



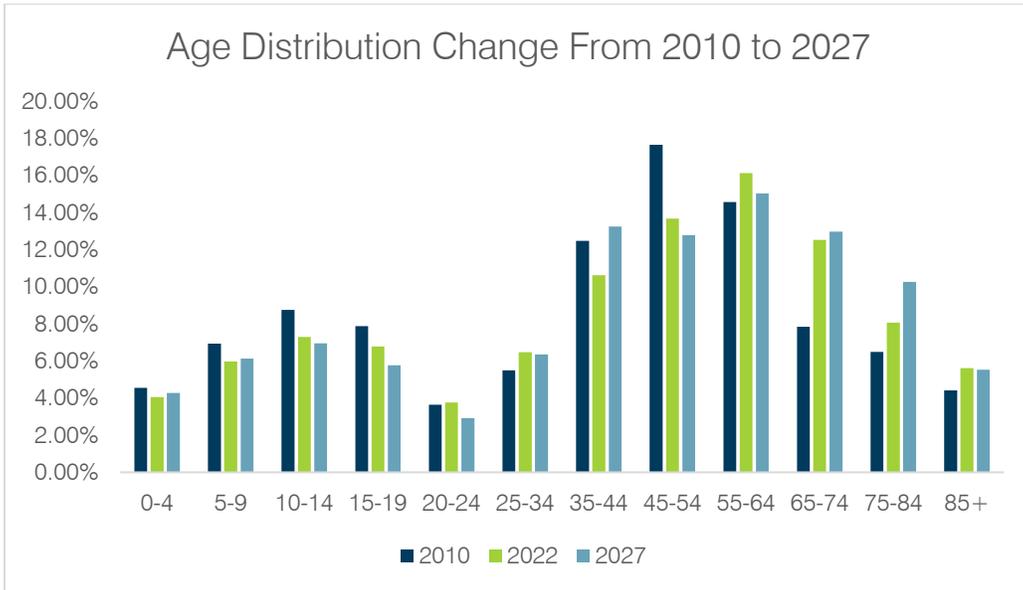
Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst

Figure 2.4: Age Distribution Characteristics in Village of Ardsley



Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst

Figure 2.5: Age Distribution Characteristics in Village of Ardsley (2010 to 2027)

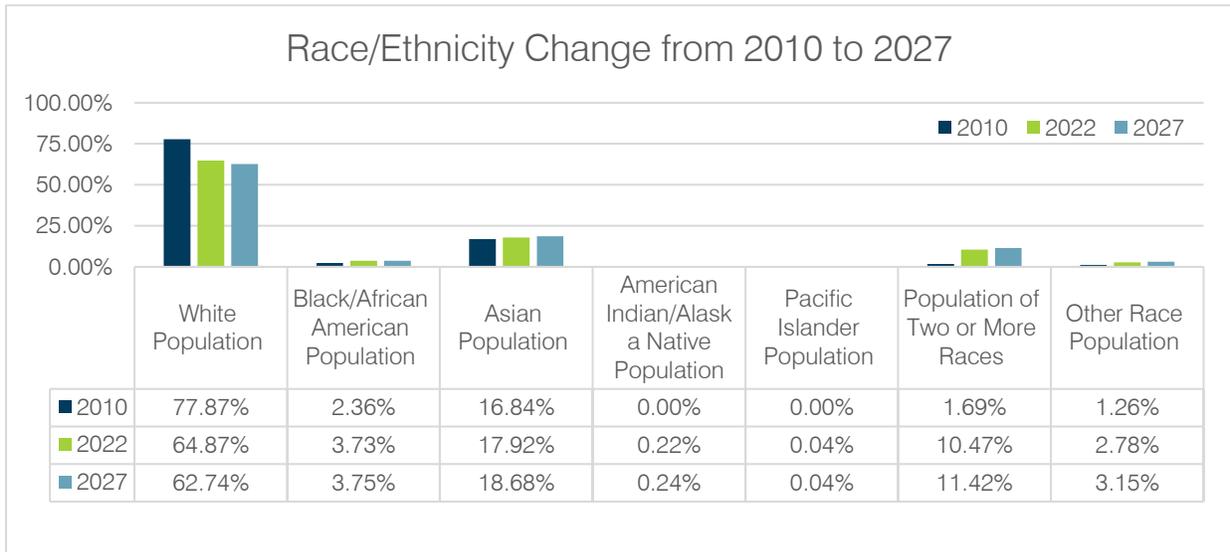


Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst

2.5 Race & Diversity

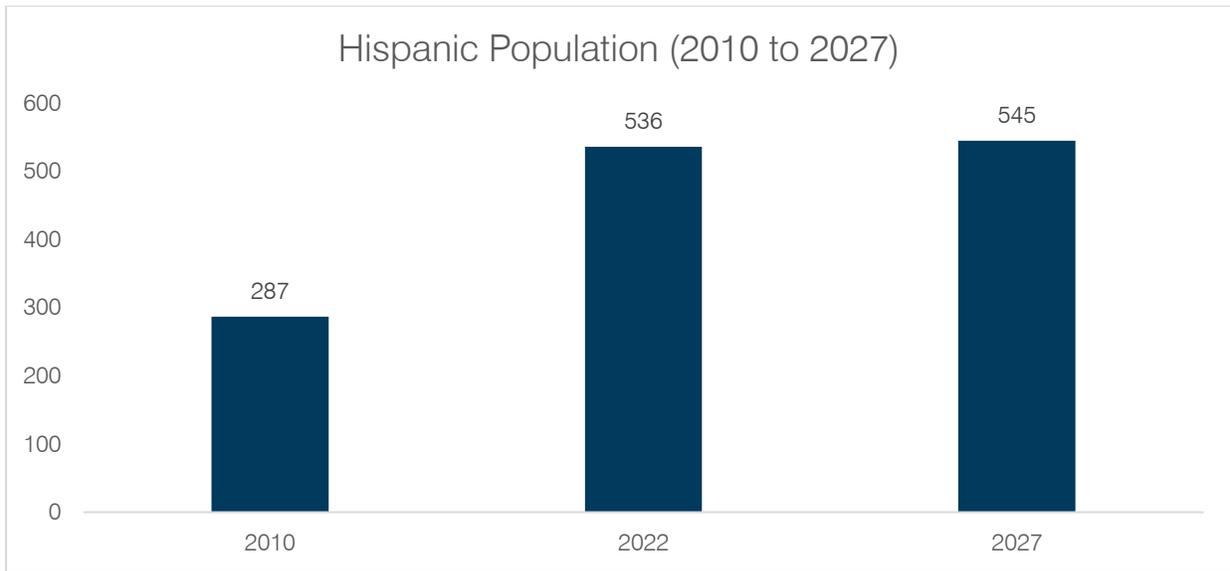
The Village is increasingly becoming more diverse over time. While still majority White/Caucasian, those of Hispanic origin (irrespective of race) increased from 11.32% of Hispanic origin in 2010 to 16.95% anticipated in 2027.

Figure 2.6: Race and Ethnicity in the Village of Ardsley



Source: 2022 Esri Business Analyst

Figure 2.7: Hispanic Origin Change in the Village of Ardsley



Source: 2022 Esri Business Analyst

2.6 People with Disabilities

According to the American Community Survey, 21.87% of Village of Ardsley’s population experienced living with some sort of hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, and/or independent living difficulty. This is lower than the State of New York at 23.95% but still reaffirms the importance of inclusive programming and ADA transition plans for parks and facilities.

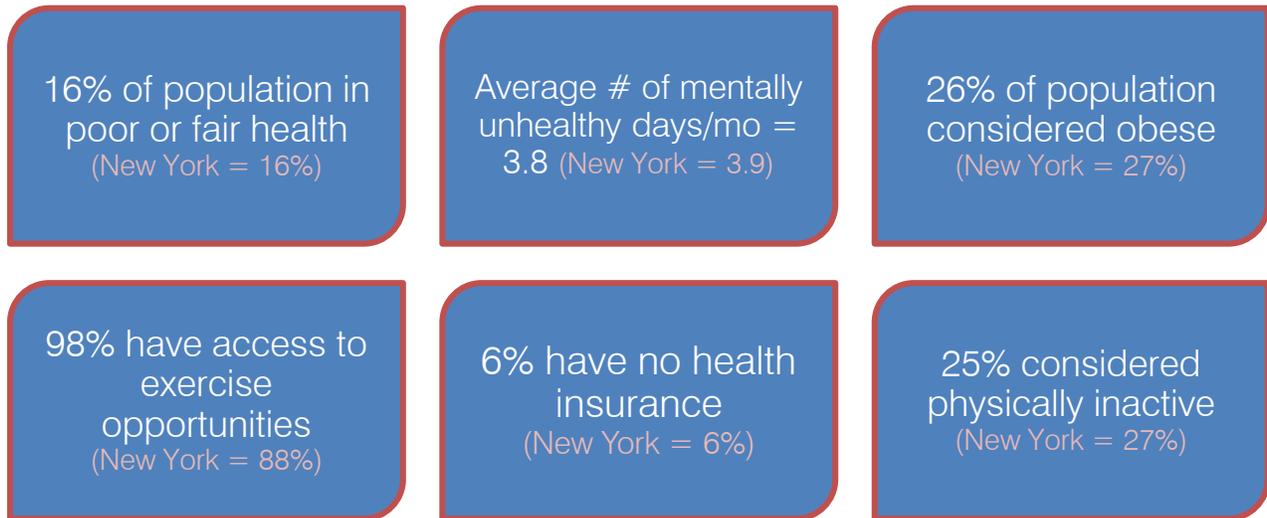
Figure 2.8: Type of Disabilities for Individuals Living in Village of Ardsley

Type of Difficulty	Percent
Hearing difficulty	4.5%
Vision difficulty	3.2%
Cognitive difficulty	4.2%
Ambulatory difficulty	6.0%
Self-care difficulty	4.2%
Independent living difficulty	7.0%

2.7 Health and Wellness

Understanding the status of a community’s health can help inform policies related to recreation and fitness. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s County Health Rankings and Roadmaps provided annual insight on the general health of national, state, and county populations. Westchester County, home to the Village of Ardsley, ranked in the highest range of counties in New York (Highest 75-100%). Figure 2.9 below provides additional information regarding the County’s health data as it may relate to parks, recreation, and community services (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2022).

Figure 2.9: Westchester County Health Rankings Overview



Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

3.0 EXISTING PROGRAM INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

The recreation programs analysis reviews the Village of Ardsley Parks and Recreation programs and services offerings through a series of individual analyses. The Weston & Sampson team reviewed the results of these analyses from a global perspective. This recreation analysis report aims to do the following:

- Offers detailed insight into the Village's recreation program offerings
- Helps to identify the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for future program direction
- Assist with identifying program categories, programming gaps, and future program considerations.

The report and data that informed the recreation programs analysis process included the Village's participation data, revenue and expenses, and program metric worksheets completed by staff. An internal interview took place that provided information and provided insight. A trends analysis was prepared to inform and drive program services recommendations. The full Trends Analysis Report can be found in Appendix A.

3.1 Program Menu

The program menu consists of recreational activities offered for a specific time frame. The fiscal year (FY) 2021 and 2022 program menu contains full data sets for one year of programs not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and was, therefore, used for the program menu analysis. This section will review the menu's core program areas, service format, program inventory, program distribution, and age segmentation.

3.1.1 Core Program Areas

Youth recreation programs serving participants ages 5-17 and include arts and crafts, sports, fitness/wellness, robotics, and outdoor recreation opportunities. The Village's goals are to engage the community by providing low-fee programs/activities and provide experiences that create lasting memories.

Special events are typically one-day opportunities to recreate-frequently due to a holiday, a specific celebration, a competition, and/or a themed activity. Examples of special events include Food Truck Friday, 5k Races, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, and Ice Cream Socials. The Village's goals are to increase event offerings while achieving full cost recovery.

Senior programs encompass all programs that serve participants ages 55+ and include arts and crafts, field trips, health/wellness, and special events. Seniors enjoy bingo, flower making, Christmas parties and jewelry making, as well as participate in onsite flu and COVID shots. The Villages goals are to provide senior adults with social opportunities to engage with peers that will enhance quality of life and physical, mental, and social wellness.

Adult recreation programs serve participants ages 18 – 54 and include sports leagues, fitness/wellness, and outdoor recreation opportunities. The Village’s goals are to engage the community by providing low-fee programs/activities and provide experiences that create lasting memories.

In regard to fitness activities, walking for exercise was the most popular, with 40% adult participation – higher than the state and national averages. Swimming followed next, with over 20% of adult participation. Finally, jogging and running, followed by weight-lifting, were also popular activities.

3.1.2 Other Services

The Village offers recreation services primarily through drop-in activities, enrollment-based programs and self-service leisure pursuits including facility rentals. Enrollment based activities (activities held on scheduled days and times that require pre-registration) are offered in a seasonal program menu. Programs are offered as both one-time and recurring formats (adult softball and coding/video game design). The Village offers a great balance of free and fee-based programs and special events, but the village does not have an active scholarship program for participants who may have financial hardships.

3.1.3 Program Inventory

The following table is a summary of major program categories that park and recreation agencies throughout the country commonly provide. This list helps identify common program areas not offered by an agency. In matching the Village’s inventory of programs against this list, which includes most of the program areas, 43% of these items are represented.

Figure 3.1: Program Offering Table

Offered by the Village of Ardsley		Other Major Program Categories	
Active Adult Programs	Trips	Aquatics	Summer Camps (Day Long)
Arts	Wellness	Music	Sustainability / Green
Birthday Party Services	Sports	Biking	Preschool
General Interest	STEM / STEAM	Child Care	Theatre / Acting
Lifelong Learning	Teen Programs	Disc Golf	Therapeutic Recreation
Seniors	Fitness	Dance	Early Childhood
Special Community Events	Open Gym	Day / School Break Camps	Environmental Nature
Pickleball	Specialty Camps	Golf	Pets
Tennis	Historical Programs	Gymnastics / Tumbling	Outdoor Adventure
Language Arts		Horseback Riding	Martial Arts
		Ice Skating / Hockey	
Offered by Alternative Service Providers			
Before / After School		Cooking	
Chess		Extreme Sports	

For comparison purposes, the consulting team reviewed the program category percentages against its database of park and recreation agencies nationwide. The comparison agencies' average percentage of program categories was 64.5%, which is higher than the Village's 43% ($\pm 52\%$ including alternative providers).

3.1.4 Program Distribution

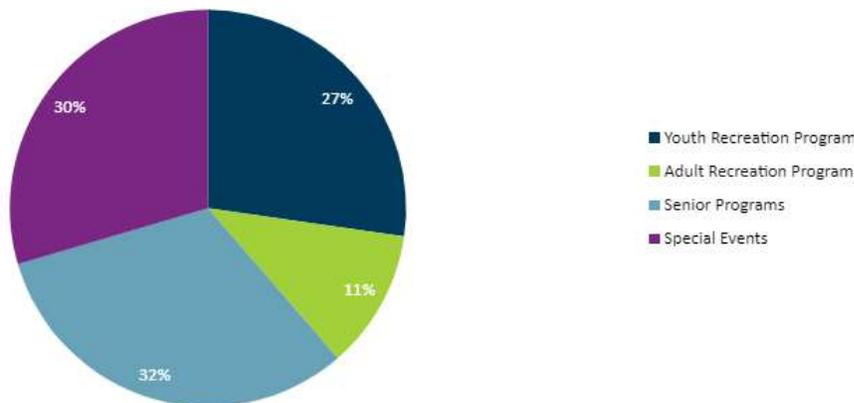
Understanding how the Village's enrollment-based program menu is distributed across the core program areas helps identify the extent of programming within each program area in relation to the whole. Figure 3.2 depicts the total of programs offered in FY2021 and FY2022 by program area and season.

Figure 3.2: Total Programs Offered in FY 2021 and FY2022



Senior programs scheduled the largest quantity of programs (28) between 2020 – 2021 and 2021 – 2022. Special events (26) followed by youth recreation programs (24) were the second and third largest quantity of programs scheduled during that same time frame. Adult recreation programs (10) provided the least number of programs scheduled during that time. The distribution of the core program area percentages in relation to Figure 3.2 is depicted in Figure 3.3.

Figure 3.3: FY2021 and FY2022 Total Programs Offered Distribution



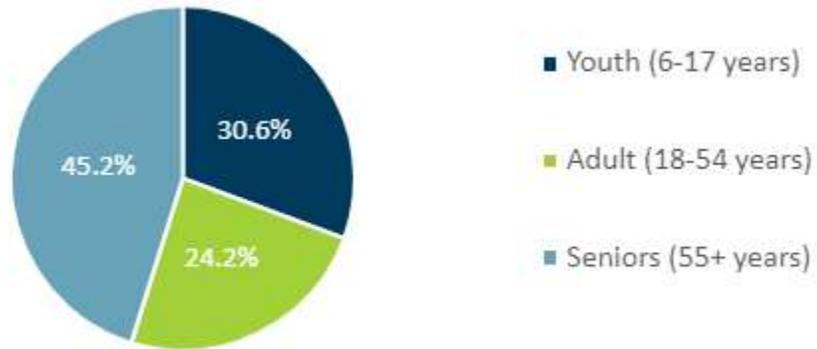
3.1.5 Age Segmentation

The age segment analysis reviews the distribution of program offerings by age segment serviced. For this assessment, age categories were delineated according to the following age structure:

- Youth: ages 6 –17
- Adults: ages 18 – 54
- Seniors: ages 55+

The number of registration-based program opportunities geared toward age groups were tallied for two fiscal years. If a program section spanned clearly across two age categories (e.g., movie night), it was counted in both categories. Figure 3.4 displays the Village’s FY2021, and FY2022 program menus percentage of registration-based programs offered according to each age segment.

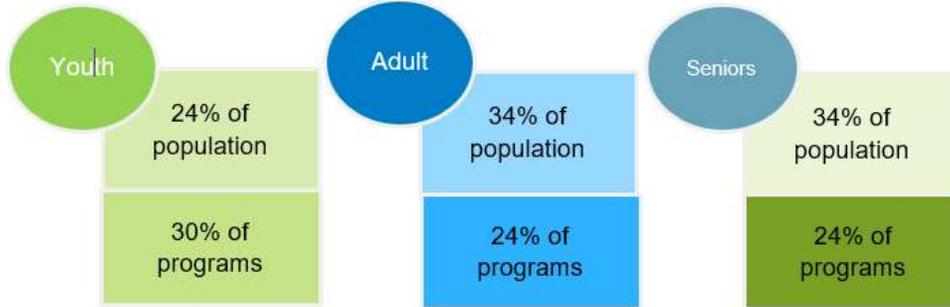
Figure 3.4: Age Segmentation of Enrollment-Based Programs Offered, FY2021 and FY2022



The Village offered 176 programs in FY2021 and FY2022, with a large portion (45.2%) designed for senior’s participants 55+ years of age. Seniors were followed by youth (30.6%) and adults (24.2%) respectively, it is recommended that the Village began tracking teenagers (ages 13-17) separately from youth (ages 6 – 12). Nationally, parks and recreation agencies separate these age groups as general interest and program designing requires different objectives.

The age segmentation analysis is one helpful method to review the Village’s programming-related community demographics. Demographic data can be helpful to consider how programming efforts are aligned with the makeup of the community. The adjacent comparison of the community’s population and enrollment-based program offerings in Figure 3.5 demonstrates two key age segments’ relationship between the population percentage and percentage of programs offered.

Figure 3.5: Population vs. Program Menu



The program menu’s age segmentation does not need to exactly mirror the community’s age demographics segmentation and the Village has great balance within this menu and reflects the demographic makeup of its community.

3.1.6 Current Services

It is important to mention that the Village’s current program offerings has maintained its volume through the COVID-19 pandemic which is unusual around the country. The Village has a very impressive program portfolio of programs and activities with one full time employee on staff.

3.2 Program Preference

In addition to assessing the menu of programs offered, it is helpful to assess program performance. The extent of program performance can be measured by participation, financial performance, and the life cycle analysis.

3.2.1 Enrollment

Total enrollment into the Village’s programs was 6908 duplicated participants in FY2021 and FY2022. Special events garnered the highest enrollment with 5432 participants followed by youth recreation programs with 704 duplicated participants, senior and adult programs followed 560 and 212 duplicated participants respectively. Figure 3.6 provides a chart of enrollment by core program areas.

Figure 3.6: FY2021 and FY2022 Enrollment by Core Program Area

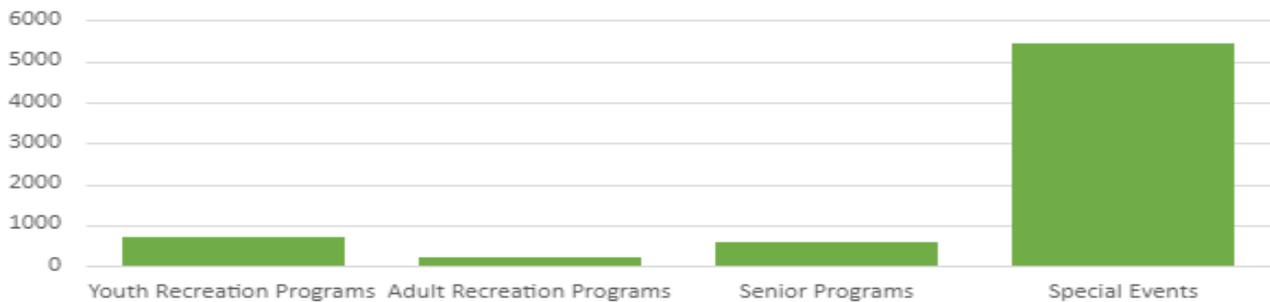
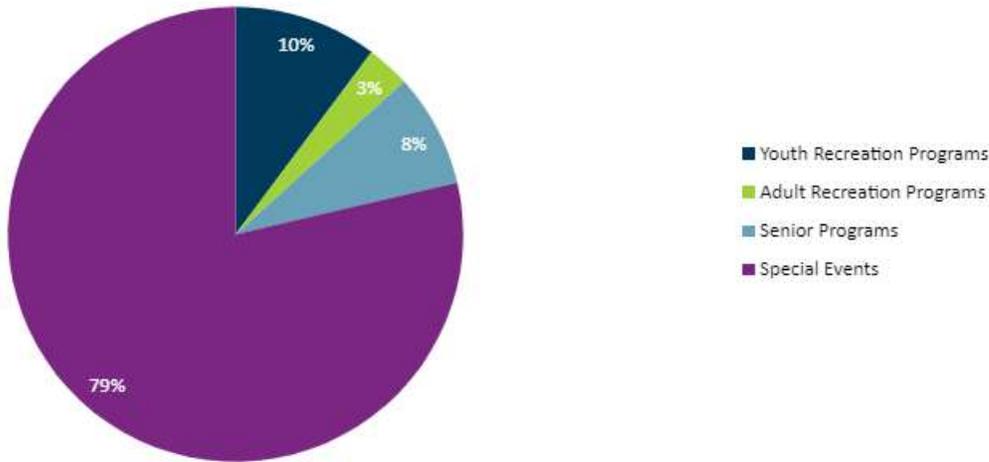


Figure 3.7: FY2021 and FY2022 Enrollment



Special events accounted for 79% of enrollment-based participation in FY2021 and FY2022. Compared to most park and recreation agencies nationwide, it is not rare to have high participation in special events programming.

3.2.2 Cancellation Rates

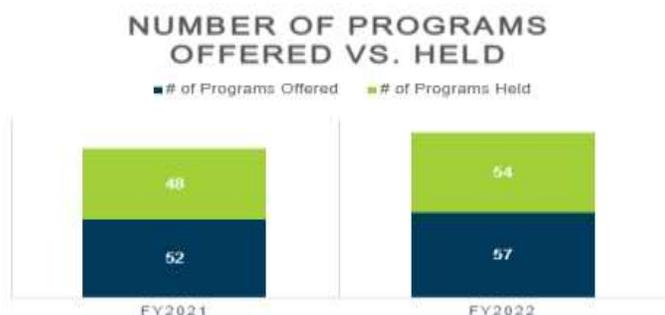
The difference between the number of courses offered and the number of courses held results in the cancellation rate. A higher rate will generally indicate one of two things:

- The programming team has been charged with trying new programs that have not been successful yet.
- The programs being offered simply are not meeting the needs of the community.

The first scenario requires patience and perseverance to allow time for exploration and to push communication efforts. The second scenario requires research to understand what factors contributed to program cancellations (e.g., instructor performance, inconsistent instructors, child aged out, or other barriers such as time, day, or transportation). Typically, the target range of a desirable cancellation rate is between 10% and 20%, with 12% – 15% being most ideal. Anything higher than 20% indicates staff are doing significant work preparing for and marketing courses that do not run.

The Village’s cancellation rate was significantly lower than the national average for fiscal years FY2021 and FY2022. Cancellation rate percentages of programs offered vs. held was 8% in FY2021 and 6% in FY2022, the Department’s staff has displayed remarkable vision in its ability to continue offering programs that are intriguing to the community. This also raises the question of a desired need for expanding programs and offerings to the community. Figure 3.8 depicts the number of programs offered compared to the number of programs held (cancellation rate) between FY2021 and FY2022.

Figure 3.8: Number of Programs Offered vs. Held



3.2.3 Scholarship Program

The Village has not implemented a scholarship program that provides financial aid for eligible youth and adult participants to ensure that equitable participation is available. This is not a concern as less than 2% of the Village’s 5000 population are below the poverty level. Also less than half of Village programs and services require fees.

3.2.4 Life Cycle Analysis

The recreation program assessment includes a life cycle analysis of programs selected for review. This type of assessment helps determine if Village staff need to develop new or more creative programs, reposition declining programs, or continue with the current balance of life cycle stages. This assessment is based on staff members’ opinions of how their core programs were categorized according to four life cycle stages:

1. Introduction
2. Growth
3. Mature
4. Decline

Figure 3.9 outlines the description of those life cycle stages and the Village’s percentage of programs within each stage.

Figure 3.9: Life Cycle Stages

Life Cycle Stage	Description	Village Percentage
Introduction	Getting a program off the ground; heavy marketing	6%
Growth	Moderate and interested customer base; high demand; not as intense marketing	6%
Mature	Steady and reliable performer but increased competition	80%
Decline	Decreased registration	8%

A healthy balance between life cycle stages is optimal, with most programs in the growth and mature stages. That is the case for the Village: 86% of its programs are in the growth and mature stages. Although the Village does not have issues with success in program offerings, it does experience challenges with capacity and staffing levels, as the demand is higher than the current portfolio. Due to a lack of workforce, the Village struggles with adding and introducing new programs to the public.

As a normal part of the planning cycle, there should be programs in the introduction stage that bring new programs to the menu. There will typically also be programs in the decline stage; those programs should be either repositioned or decommissioned. The Village's percentage of programs in the decline stage (8%) is modest in comparison to national averages. Additionally, efforts to encourage the introduction of new programs - and shift the introduction programs into growth status - would create a more balanced menu. The only way to accomplish this is to increase staffing and resources.

3.3 Trends

The following information details park and recreation industry trends, grouped according to the following categories:

- Adult sports and youth sports
- Age group

These trend categories were selected due to alignment with program desires to the community and Village's offerings. An awareness of current trends helps recreation agencies stay abreast of possible ways to refresh, expand, and/or shift their program menus to stay relevant and interesting.

The following seven trend areas are specific to youth sports because they encompass participation patterns, desires of participants, and strategic direction.

3.3.1 *Traditional Sport Programming*

Participation in more traditional sports (e.g., basketball, football, and soccer) has been trending downward across the country over the past several years. Baseball participation has also experienced a decline, but there is currently slight upward movement. However, travel teams for these sports were strong prior to COVID-19. It is estimated that many private travel sports clubs will fold following the pandemic, putting pressure on municipal recreation programs to fill the gaps. Additionally, the National Recreation and Parks Association offers a free toolkit to raise awareness about the benefits of youth sports and to encourage youth sports participation.

3.3.2 *Life Sports*

According to the Learning Resource Network's "Top Trends in Recreation Programming, Marketing and Management" article, life sports are a new priority in the recreation world. Here, the focus is on developing youth interests in activities they can enjoy for a lifetime, such as biking, kayaking, tennis, golf, swimming, and jogging/walking.

3.3.3 *Project Play*

The *Aspen Institute* is the coordinating body for an initiative designed to increase youth sport participation rates. Member organizations started developing goals in 2017 that would strategically tackle the problem of getting and keeping kids active. The *Aspen Institute* tools are typically free, and as more tools continue to develop, they will be a tremendous resource to youth sport providers nationwide.

3.3.4 *Parkour*

Parkour is a physical training discipline that challenges the participant to move their body through obstacle courses - very much like military training. Using movements such as running, jumping, and swinging, the participant moves through static indoor courses or outdoor urban environments. Some agencies are adding parkour-type playgrounds in parks to attract teens.

3.3.5 *Disc Golf*

Since 2020, disc golf participation has increased with the addition of courses around the country. For decades, disc golf was regarded as a hobby for college kids and young adults. It has matured over time, and its growth over the last five years proves it. This is likely due to its ability to be played outdoors, socially distanced if necessary, and promote multigenerational competition. Parks and recreation agencies around the country are prioritizing the addition of courses.

3.3.6 *Outdoor Active Recreation*

Outdoor active recreation includes activities such as kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, mountain biking, and climbing. Rentals for those who want to “try before they buy” are popular in many areas. All these types of activities have experienced an increase since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.3.7 *Specialty Audiences*

Decades ago, recreation agencies focused on offering an entire set of programs for a general audience. Since that time, market segments have been developed, such as programming specifically for seniors. Recently, more market segments have been developed for specialty audiences, such as the LGBTQ+ community, retirees, military veterans, cancer patients, people needing mental health support, and individuals with visible and invisible disabilities. Sports opportunities specific to these groups’ needs can provide comfort and increased camaraderie.

3.3.8 Programming Trends by Age Group

Trends for Youth 13 and Under

- STEM and STEAM Programs, which include arts programming, is another area of growing popularity. Some examples include learning to code, designing video games, Minecraft, creating with Roblox, engineering robots, printing 3D characters, and building laptops.
- There is an international movement to connect children, families, and communities to the natural world. The New Nature Movement is having an impact on organic interactions with nature and providing health benefits. Examples of physical amenities designed to connect with nature include installing fitness playgrounds such as *Seaside Wildlife Nature Park* in Staten Island, NY.
- The organization *Reimagine Play* developed a list of the top trends for youth fitness. The sources for its trend information comes from the American College of Sports Medicine's (ACSM's) Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends, ACE Fitness, and SHAPE America. The top trends include:
 - Physical education classes moving from sports activities to physical literacy curriculums that include teaching fundamentals in movement skills and healthy eating.
 - High-intensity interval training classes
 - Wearable technology and digital fitness media
 - Ninja Warrior training and gyms
 - Outdoor recreational activities
 - Family fitness classes
 - Children's obstacle course races
 - Youth running clubs

Trends for Teens/Younger Adults Ages 13-24 Years

- Esports is a form of competition using video games. Forbes reported in December 2021 that esports audiences exceed 443 million people across the world, and the International Olympic Committee is considering it as a new Olympic sport. Local recreation offerings can include training classes, open play, tournaments, and major competition viewing. A new recreation center in Westville, Ohio, includes a dedicated esports room, and college campuses across the country are launching esports programs. SUNY Canton is the first Division 1 school in New York to launch a varsity esports program.
- Park and recreation's role in maintaining a holistic lifestyle will continue to grow. Opportunities to practice mindfulness, authentic living, and disconnection from electronic media are being sought out. Programs to support mental health, including those that help to combat anxiety, perfectionism, and substance abuse in youth and young adults are increasingly needed.

- Fun fitness is a current trend. Exercises like P90X, the Insanity workout, or CrossFit have proven that a lot of equipment is not required to get fit. Because these programs have become popular, newer versions have become available, with some cutting the time in half to look and feel fit. These types of classes have and will continue to grow in popularity at recreation Villages and fitness centers.
- Futsal is a fast-paced small-sided soccer game that is played across the world and is officially recognized by both FIFA and UEFA. Futsal earned the status of FIFA's official form of indoor soccer in the 1980s, it is a 5 v 5 scaled down version of outdoor soccer played on a hard surfaced, basketball sized court with a small low bounced ball. It is incredibly popular in the United States with youth and adults and traditionally a great asset for the Hispanic/Latino communities, it can be a great contributor to equitable distribution of services (DEI).
- Group cycling continues in popularity as younger fitness enthusiasts embrace this high-performance group exercise activity. It also has program variations to attract the beginner participant for development. Despite its continued popularity, group cycling is not projected to grow much beyond current participation numbers.
- Yoga across all forms and participants has grown in popularity. Yoga allows a variety of audiences to participate (e.g., babies, goats, and even dogs) and helps alleviate ailment (e.g., stress and arthritis), which has positioned this activity into a significant growth opportunity.
- Many agencies around the country have added fitness equipment in parks. In Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, outdoor exercise sites are called "Fit Zones." To place the equipment in the most ideal locations, researchers looked at neighborhood health disparities. Utilizing numerous data points (e.g., obesity rates in surrounding area, income, population density around the park, diabetes rates, mortality rates) and geographic information system (GIS) mapping, this data was overlaid with parks.
- Cornhole (also known as bag toss, bag-o, or bags) is a low-impact, low-cost activity that can be played by people of all ages. Young adults are signing up for leagues that can be held indoors or outdoors and offered all year long. It is a social activity that does not take much skill to participate. Although it can be offered recreationally, competitive leagues are offered as well and are growing in parks and recreation settings.

Trends for Adults Ages 55 and Over

- A Pew Research Center survey found 73% of adults consider themselves lifelong learners. Do-it-yourself project classes and programs that focus on becoming a more well-rounded person are popular. Phrases like "how to" can be added to the agency website's search engine optimization as consumers now turn to the internet as their first source of information for how-to projects.
- Programs such as yoga, Pilates, tai chi, balance training, chair exercises, water fitness, and others continue to be popular with older generations.

- Participants are looking for more day trips that highlight unique local experiences or historical themes. For example, a focus on authentic food, guided night walks, bike tours, concentration on a specific artist's work.
- Improv classes are specifically targeting the active adult group with classes such as "Humor Doesn't Retire." Workshops and groups help seniors play, laugh, and let loose while practicing mental stimulation, memory development, and flexibility.
- Pickleball is a recreational trend that stands alone. What seemed to be a niche activity for active older adults has exploded over the past five years. Nationally, agencies are prioritizing the addition of courts due to public demands, and this has led to nuisance complaints from nearby neighbors about the sound of the ball hitting the paddle. After public meetings around the country of how to resolve this issue, it is not recommended to build soundproof walls around courts and restrict early morning and late evening play.

3.4 Program Implementation Support

Two factors that contribute to successful program implementation are access to physical spaces to hold programs and the existence of a solid internal operational support structure. Physical spaces include those that the Village owns and manages, such as recreation facilities, partner facilities, and school buildings. Internal operational support structures include a variety of staff functions (e.g., administrative, recreation programming, HR, marketing, IT), equipment and tools, and policies and procedures. Currently, the Village only has the Thelma Zimmer-William Van Dorn Youth & Community Center to offer indoor recreation opportunities. This heavily restricts accessibility and program offerings by approximately 60% coupled with staffing constraints and program catalog.

3.4.1 Business Functions

Engagement of staff identified a lack of resources as a significant barrier to participation and offerings. The Village has one full time staff managing all parks and recreation operations and programming, this is not suitable for its population and facility portfolio. The current website could use upgrading and the Village has minimal presence on social media. Additional support staff could provide more robust programs, customer service, engagement, and participation.

3.4.2 Program Menu Direction

One way to help with the Village's ability to make informed decisions about its program menu is to maintain a database of its program offerings outside of registration software. The database should contain information such as:

- Core program area
- Roles
- Delivery model
- Pricing model
- Age segment
- Skill level
- Location

The first step is to maintain the database with accurate information. This can be done on a quarterly or annually. A matrix format can be used, with each program listed in the left column and each information category listed in the first row. A template matrix has been provided to the Village staff for future use. Once filled in, staff can run a series of analyses that will help inform the next program menu's decision-making. It can also help the Village establish annual goals and report out successes. For example, suppose hypothetically that the data shows 60% of programs were offered at the intermediate skill level. Staff might look at that percentage, realize their menu should be better aligned to their mission, and like to shift to providing most of the programming at the beginner skill level. The resulting goal could be to increase the number of beginner-level programs. Similarly, if the data demonstrates geographic inequities, staff can adjust program locations in future program offerings. With the planning matrix data, staff can make more informed, defensible decisions intentionally rooted in equity.

The Weston & Sampson team started exploring some of the information categories with Village staff, encouraging them to first determine what their current roles, delivery model, and pricing models are, and then determine where they want them to be. The current Village roles (for each type of program) could be partner, provider, facilitator, or resource. The delivery model could be self-directed, or leader directed. The pricing model could be free, recover costs, or "pay as able." These three information categories will take time for staff to consider; the others, age segment, skill level, and location, are less philosophical. As a part of the analysis, Village staff started to seriously consider the notion of offering more "pay as able" leisure opportunities. The next steps will be to continue these conversations throughout the next several years of program menu planning sessions—using the data to guide future menu development.

4.0 EXISTING FACILITY INVENTORY

The Village of Ardsley operates nine park and recreation facilities within the Village. In addition, there are over a several other facilities owned and operated by a variety of public and private groups, such as Westchester County, House of Sports, and non-profit organizations. The park system serves approximately 5,000 Village residents and visitors.

The Village of Ardsley park system consists two large regional parks (larger park areas with multiple recreation facilities; Louis Pascone Memorial Park (Pascone Park) and McDowell Park, six pocket parks (small park areas with limited recreation facilities); American Legion Park, Bicentennial Park, Firefighter's Park, Floyd Lichtenberg Park, Pocost Park, and Silliman Park, and the Thelma Zimmer – William Van Dorn Youth & Community Center (housing recreation programs and facilities).

The following is a brief description of each park and recreation facility operated by the Village. Parks and trails are listed alphabetically. The Full inventory analysis can be found in Appendix C.

4.1 American Legion Park

American Legion Park is a small pocket park located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Route 9A and Ashford Avenue. The park does not contain any recreational facilities, but rather supports the bus stop located on Route 9A just north of the intersection.

- Signage – Parking signage is installed; however the park sign is small and appears to be fading.
- Parking – Metered parking stalls are located near the bus shelter. Stalls are clearly marked & painted.
- Walkways – A concrete sidewalk abuts the parking stalls and is in good condition.
- Bus Shelter – The bus shelter is in fair condition, with some chipping & faded paint. The sign on the shelter indicated that is operated and maintained by the Rivertown's Lions Club of Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, and Tarrytown. The timber screen for the electrical meter on the side of the shelter is splitting.
- Retaining Wall – A stacked stone wall is located at one corner of the park and is in good condition.
- Garden – The plantings are in fair condition, however there was no observable mulch, and the edge is poorly defined.
- Trees & Vegetation – Trees in the surrounding area appeared to be in good condition, and the lawn areas were in fair condition, with some yellowing / dieback observed.



4.2 Bicentennial Park

Bicentennial Park is one of the larger pocket parks located within the Village. The park contains a small walking trail connecting Route 9A to Village Green/American Legion Drive, with some site furnishings such as benches and trash receptacles located along the trail. Some informational signage, a flagpole, and garden spaces are also located within this park.



- Flagpole – The flagpole was in good condition and appeared functional.
- Benches – Benches were in fair condition with variable seat heights – not all benches were ADA accessible.
- Tables – Tables appeared to be in good condition, however were not ADA accessible.
- Trash Receptacles – Trash receptacles appeared to be in good condition and not overflowing. “Trash” and “Recycle” labels were clean and clearly visible.
- Information Kiosks – Signage was in good condition and legible. They are located in the lower portion of the site along Route 9A and are not readily visible from the upper portion of the park.
- Walkways – Asphalt walkways were in poor condition with extensive cracking and heaving. Slopes do not appear to be ADA compliant in all areas.
- Garden – Garden areas were in good condition with well-maintained borders.
- Retaining Wall – Retaining wall was in good condition and appeared structurally intact.
- Signage – Park signage was present, however was very small and not readily visible.
- Lighting – Some lighting was present in the park and appeared to be in good condition. Park was not observed at night so it is unclear if adequate lighting is provided.
- Lawn / Turf – Turf was in fair condition, with some yellowing / dieback observed. Bare patches are present in the high-traffic areas at the upper portion of the park.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in good condition, some graffiti observed on rock outcroppings.

4.3 Firefighters Park

Firefighters Park is located in the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 9A and Ashford Avenue, directly across from American Legion Park. The park contains numerous garden spaces interspersed within paver walkways and a memorial honoring the Ardsley Fire Department. A flagpole is located on site dedicated to William H. Pohlmann, former president of the Ardsley Engine Company No. 1 who passed away from the September 11th World Trade Center attack.



- Benches – Several benches are located in the plaza space and are in good condition. They are typically located in areas that receive a fair amount of shade. The concrete benches near the memorial had signs of staining from water / elements.
- Memorial – The memorial was in good condition and clearly visible from the road. The sculpture, plaque, and text are all clean and legible.
- Flagpole – The flagpole is in good condition and appeared functional.
- Dedication Plaque – The dedication plaque at the base of the flagpole was in good condition, visible from the road, clean and legible.
- Signage – The park sign is adequately sized and visible from the road. The sign is in good condition and appeared clean and legible.
- Garden – Garden areas were in good condition with mulch, well maintained borders, and the plants appeared to be well maintained and healthy.
- Walkways – Concrete sidewalks and paver plaza areas appeared to be in good condition, well maintained, and ADA compliant.
- Retaining Wall – The retaining walls appeared to be in good condition.
- Lighting – The bollard lights and up lighting appeared to be in good condition.

4.4 Floyd Lichtenberg Park

Floyd Lichtenberg Park is a large pocket park located adjacent to the Ardsley Public Library and contains numerous planting beds, dedication plaques, and site furnishings. A parking area is located on the other side of a drainage creek, connected to the main park area by a footbridge. The library uses the trails and walkways to support a variety of programs such as story walks.



- Pedestrian Bridge – The bridge connecting the park to the adjacent parking lot is in fair condition. Some paint was observed to be faded or chipping, and several boards & rails were beginning to show signs of rot.
- Parking Lots – The parking lot appeared to be adequate in size. Asphalt was in good condition and the pavement markings and striping were clearly defined and visible.
- Benches – Benches all appeared to be of a similar style and in good condition.
- Paver Plaza – Pavers are in fair condition, with several appearing to be cracked. There were uneven areas that are unlikely to be ADA compliant, and moss/vegetation was observed growing through some of the cracks.
- Lighting – Light posts were evident in the park and appeared to be in good condition.
- Trash Receptacles – Trash receptacles were in generally fair condition, with several different styles throughout the park.
- Tables – Tables all appeared to match and were in good condition.

- Steps – Timber steps were found to be in fair condition, with several treads beginning to show signs of wear and cracking.
- Signage – Signs were in good condition. The main park sign was an engraved rock which was difficult to locate and not readily visible from the road.
- Retaining Wall – The timber retaining walls were in good condition and appeared to be structurally stable.
- Garden – Garden areas were in good condition and appeared to be very well maintained.
- Fencing – Fencing and guard rails around the lower parking lot were in good condition and did not appear to be damaged.
- Storm Culvert – A storm sewer culvert is located within the park area and appears to be operational and in good condition. Fencing / grates prevent access into the culvert and are also in good condition.
- Bike Racks – Bike racks were in fair condition. They did not appear to be level and were installed in the lawn area.
- Walkways – Walkways were in fair condition, however were generally narrower than a standard sidewalk width.
- Lawn / Turf – Turf was in good condition with few bare spots observed. An HDPE storm sewer drain line was exposed in one section of the park.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in good condition.

4.5 McDowell Park

McDowell Park is one of the two larger parks located within the Village. The park contains several baseball fields used by the Ardsley Little League, as well as basketball courts and a playground. McDowell Park is one of the heaviest utilized parks within the Village of Ardsley due to the amount of athletic fields and courts, and was reported as one of the most visited parks by respondents of the public survey.

- Baseball Fields – The baseball fields are all in generally fair condition, with the exception being Field No. 1 located in the northeast corner of the park, which appears to be the “premier” field within the park. Field No. 1 contained a backstop, fencing, dugouts with benches, scoreboard, windscreen, lighting, and turf that were all in good to excellent condition. The other baseball fields contain similar amenities in varying conditions, with some having turf that was showing evidence of stress and yellowing and others with evidence of drainage issues or missing an ADA accessible route to access the field. None of the baseball fields within the park had a warning track along the perimeter of the field.



- Batting Cage – The batting cage was in fair condition, with the fencing and netting being in generally good condition while the artificial turf mats were beginning to show signs of wear and several of the posts having exposed concrete footings above grade.
- Basketball Courts – The basketball courts are located adjacent to the parking area and consist of 2 half-size court markings on an irregularly shaped asphalt area. The pavement striping and backboards appeared to be in good condition, however did not appear to be a standard regulation size.
- T-Ball Field – The T-Ball field was in fair condition, with dugouts and bleachers showing signs of wear and several bare patches of grass in the field area.
- Parking Area – The parking area was in fair condition, with some evidence of cracking and heaving throughout the pavement. The parking stall striping was faded and difficult to see in some areas.
- Trash Receptacles – Trash receptacles were in good condition with the same style being utilized throughout the park. “Trash” and “Recycle” labels were clean and clearly visible, with some minor graffiti observed.
- Snack Stand – The snack / concessions structure appeared to be in fair condition. The building was locked preventing an interior assessment; however, the exterior paint was found to be chipping in several areas.
- Playground – The playground was found to be in good condition with safety surfacing installed beneath the structure and no graffiti visible.
- Bleachers – Bleachers throughout the park were found to be in fair condition. Each baseball field had bleachers for viewing the game, however some were not ADA accessible.
- Bathroom Building – The bathroom facility was found to be in good condition. The interior fixtures and plumbing appeared functional and to be in good condition as well.
- Storage Shed – The storage shed was in generally good condition, with some paint observed to be chipping on the exterior.
- Pavilion – The pavilion structure was found to be in fair condition. The concrete pad beneath the pavilion was in good condition, however the fire pit appeared to missing some sections and the vent above was degrading and rusted.
- Fencing – The perimeter fence around the park was in poor condition. Much of the fence was rusted and warping, with multiple gaps in the fence and vegetation overgrowing some areas.
- Stairs – The timber stairs leading to the baseball field at the back of the park were in poor condition, with uneven spacing between the treads, which also were not level. The handrails were in fair condition.
- Garden – The garden spaces appeared to be well maintained, with mulch and a defined border.
- Monuments – The park contains numerous dedication and memorial plaques, all of which were found to be in good condition, clean, and legible.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in generally good condition.

4.6 Pascone Park

Pascone Park is the second large park operated by the Village, and contains several playground areas, multi-purpose fields, tennis courts, a softball field, and a skate park, among other amenities. It was listed as one of the more frequently visited parks within the Village by respondents of the Public Survey.



- **Playgrounds** – The playground areas in Pascone Park were found to be in generally poor to fair condition. There was inadequate safety surfacing beneath the northern play area, with weeds and grass growing through all locations. There appeared to be appropriate signage located on site, and the equipment was found to be in fair condition with the exception of the northern swing set and seesaw, which were rusted and did not have signage present.
- **Skate Park** – The skate park was found to be in good condition. The fencing was beginning to show signs of wear and the pavement appeared warped in some areas.
- **Basketball Court** – The basketball court was in fair condition, with some pavement failure along the edges of the court and minor ponding observed. The backboards were beginning to show signs of wear, and pavement markings were in good condition.
- **Softball Field** – The softball field was in fair condition, with some weeds observed in the infield and no safety guard on the top rail of the perimeter fencing. Dugout benches were installed however did not have shade cover.
- **Gazebo** – The gazebo was in fair condition, with minor graffiti observed and some loose rails. The access ramp to the gazebo is not ADA compliant.
- **Restroom Facility** – The restrooms were found to be in fair condition, with moss evident on the roof and graffiti present on the exterior walls. The interior fixtures and plumbing appeared to be in good condition.
- **Tennis Courts** – The tennis courts were in good condition, with no ponding evident and the athletic appurtenances such as netting appearing to be relatively new. Pavement color sealcoat and striping were in good condition.
- **Parking Lot** – The parking area was in good condition, with striping clear and visible and minimal cracking of asphalt. The ADA parking areas were marked with outdated symbols and based on a count of stalls, it appears that the park is short 2 ADA stalls.
- **Picnic Tables** – The picnic tables within the park were found to be in good condition.
- **Trash Receptacles** - Trash receptacles were in good condition with the same style being utilized throughout the park. “Trash” and “Recycle” labels were clean and clearly visible.
- **Signage** – The main park sign located near the roundabout and park entrance was in good condition and appeared well maintained. The smaller park sign near the parking lot was in good condition, however not very eye catching when entering.

- Flagpole – The flagpole was found to be in good condition and appeared functional.
- Walkways – Walkways were comprised of asphalt and in generally fair condition, with some section on Veteran’s Way appearing cracked and uneven.
- Historic Buildings – The buildings and associated informational signage were in good condition.
- Monuments - The park contains numerous dedication and memorial plaques, all of which were found to be in good condition, clean, and legible.
- Multi-Use Field – The multi-use athletic field was in fair condition, with some bare spots evident and an uneven surface not suitable for league or game use.
- Garden – Garden spaces were in good condition with mulch and well maintained borders.
- Lawn / Turf – Turf was in good condition with few bare spots observed.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in good condition.



4.7 Pocost Park

Pocost Park is a small pocket park located at the corner of Ashford Avenue and American Legion Drive. There are no formal recreation facilities supported by this area. A paver walkways with memorial bricks and a dedication plaque to former Mayor Michael Pocost are located within the pocket park.

- Benches – The benches along the walkway were in good condition, however were located within the stone mulch area and not ADA accessible.
- Trash Receptacles – The trash receptacles located along the walkway were in good condition, however not easy to access.
- Planters – The planters themselves were found to be in fair condition, however they did not appear to be watered and the plants were beginning to show signs of heat stress. They appeared to be too small for the area.
- Signage – Signage for the park was in good condition – a plaque with the park name and dedication information was embedded into a rock, however was small and not visible from the road.
- Walkway – The paver pathway was in good condition, with minor settlement observed at both ends where the pavers interfaced with concrete. The concrete sidewalk was in fair condition and shows signs of cracking in several areas.
- Fence – The timber guardrail appeared to be in good condition and freshly painted.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in good condition.

4.8 Silliman Park

Silliman Park is a small pocket park located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 9A and Ashford Avenue, extending east along Ashford Avenue for a short distance. The park primarily contains planting areas and a stone dust walking trail.

- Benches – Benches at either end of the walking trail were found to be in good condition, however were different styles & colors.
- Trash Receptacles – The trash receptacle within the park was found to be in good condition.
- Monuments - The park contains a small stone monument dedicated to William P. Van Dorn. The monument is in fair condition, showing some signs of wear, and is small and difficult to see from the road.
- Flagpole – The flagpole is in good condition and appears functional.
- Walkway – The walkway is comprised of stone dust and appeared to be in good condition, however, was not ADA compliant in some areas. Loose fill walkways are difficult to keep ADA compliant and require extensive maintenance to ensure the walking surface is level.
- Garden – The garden spaces were well maintained and in good condition, and mulched. No border was present to keep mulch contained, and some areas were spilling into the walkway.
- Peace Pole – The peace pole was in good condition and appeared well maintained.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees appeared to be in good condition, located throughout the park area.



4.9 Thelma Zimmer – William Van Dorn Youth & Community Center

The Youth & Community Center is a small building located at 18 Center Street across from the shopping center. There is limited on-street parking nearby, and the shopping center parking lot is restricted to patrons of the shops only.

- Gathering Room – The main gathering area is well lit, open, and clean. The walls were recently repainted and appeared to be in good condition.
- Kitchen – The kitchen area appeared to be in good condition, with appliances installed for food preparation and clean surfaces. No evidence of food stains or debris were found.
- Game Room – The game room appeared to be clean and well-lit with two windows, containing a pool table, foosball table, and general purpose folding table. Staff indicated that the room was underutilized.
- Television – The television in the front window was in good condition and newly installed. It was operational and displays messages and information about the community center.



- Storage Area – The storage areas were well lit, clean, and organized.
- Bathrooms – The bathrooms were clean and appeared to be functional and in good condition.
- Office – The office space was in good condition.
- Trash Receptacles – The trash receptacles appeared to be in good condition and not overflowing.
- Parking – Parking for the community center is very limited, and is primarily served by on street parking. There are not enough on-street parking stalls to service the building with its current use and would be severely inadequate if services at the center were to expand. Some residents use the parking lot at the shopping center across the street even though the operator of the shopping center has placed signs indicating the lot is for patrons only.
- Bench – The bench outside the community center is in good condition.

5.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement is fundamental to the master planning process. This input, whether received during a public forum, in a survey, or face-to-face, helps the team form a well-rounded, multi-faceted comprehension of the unique challenges and needs of the community.

The Weston & Sampson team facilitated several stakeholder meetings with key representatives of community groups and Village departments and a public meeting open to the entire Village to solicit thoughts and feedback on the importance of park facilities within Ardsley. Village staff also attended the Senior Picnic and Ardsley Day to distribute questionnaires and gather additional public input.

Four focus group meetings were held in late September 2022, with each meeting lasting approximately 1 hour. The responses from each meeting were generally similar, with attendees praising the Village's recreation commission for always being open to new ideas and responsive to community needs and praise for the baseball fields and general maintenance of the park facilities. Weaknesses were generally focused on the lack of non-baseball field facilities, the underutilization of the community center, the disjointed nature in which improvements are planned and implemented, and lack of shade within some of the major parks. A wide array of suggestions for improvements were brought up, including property acquisition for new facilities such as multi-sport or cricket fields, increasing community connections through trails & complete streets, improvements to branding & communication, partnering with the local schools or other community groups, and increased non-sport-oriented programming.

At the Senior Picnic / BBQ, approximately 30 people attended and participated in the public engagement process. Attendees shared their thoughts on improvements to the senior-oriented events, including more bus trips to nearby attractions such as apple picking, improving communication methods to reach the senior population, development of a dedicated senior space, and the development of connective walking trails within the community and parks. At Ardsley Day, attendees could share their thoughts in a comment box set up at the event. Suggestions for improvements included development of a splash pad, pool, or water park, creating playgrounds and play areas that are more challenging for older kids, creating a dedicated cricket field, and construction of dedicated pickleball courts.

On November 3rd, a public meeting was held at the Community Center to solicit feedback from any resident who wanted to share their thoughts on the master plan and parks and recreation facilities. One recurring theme of the night was the suggestion that the Village was considering removing some of the existing sports fields to make room for other improvements, which the Village clarified had not been discussed or considered as part of this process. Residents asked questions regarding how specific improvements may be funded, adding additional lighting to sports fields at McDowell Park, construction of a previously considered removable bubble/dome over the tennis courts to extend the playing season, and expansion of cricket facilities to support the growing interest in the sport within Ardsley. Attendees generally expressed their satisfaction with the conditions of McDowell Park and the associated baseball fields, and suggested that improvements should focus on Pascone Park, which was described as

having outdated and uninteresting playground equipment, not having enough shaded areas, and generally as being underutilized. Opinions were mixed on the inclusion of a spray park or pool, with some residents stating that such facilities would be beneficial for smaller children while other believed such improvements were not needed and that an agreement should be worked out with Greenburgh to allow access to the Greenburgh pool.

In addition to public meetings and face-to-face interaction, an online public survey was created and made open to all residents of Ardsley to provide more detailed feedback on specific park and recreation facilities and programs that they would like to see expanded within the Village. The survey asked respondents to rate how satisfied they were with the existing facilities within Ardsley, how often they visited parks or enrolled in programs offered, describe how they would best get information related to park & recreation offerings, among other questions to help gauge public opinion and aid in establishing priorities for improvements.

The project team received 533 survey responses and extensive conversational comments. Respondents relayed that they were generally satisfied with the quality of Village of Ardsley parks and recreation facilities, that respondents overwhelmingly utilized a Village recreational facility at least once a week, that playgrounds and athletic courts/fields are top priorities in meeting the needs of residents, and that a new community center would be beneficial for the community, specifically for young children and teenagers. Respondents were generally not in favor of installation of new splash pads, ice rinks, parklets, or picnic areas. The Farmers Market was also identified as an area for potential expansion and improvement, followed by music and arts in the park and programs for youth and teenagers. Respondents indicated that continued and improved maintenance of facilities, increased lighting, and the addition of community facilities and programs would increase respondents use of Village park and recreation facilities. Respondents were generally mixed on how effective the Village was at communicating with the public, and indicated that updates to the village website, social media, and email blasts would be the best way to get information out.

5.1 Public Survey Results

5.1.1 Survey Demographics

- Respondents had on average lived in Ardsley for 11 years.
- Approximately 53 percent of respondents identified as female.
- Approximately 82 percent of respondents identified their household condition as a couple with children in the home; the average household size was 4.
- Approximately 61 percent of respondents identified as white/Caucasian.

5.1.2 Summary of Park & Recreation Facilities

- Approximately 66% of respondents rated the overall quality of park and recreation facilities as either “satisfactory” or “outstanding.”
- Approximately 53% of respondents stated they visited a Village of Ardsley Park or recreation facility at least once per week.

- The 3 facilities that received the highest importance rating were:
 1. Athletic Fields.
 2. Playgrounds.
 3. Community & Neighborhood Parks.
- Approximately 58% of respondents stated that they believed the pocket parks in the Village provided an adequate benefit to the community.
- Approximately 61% of respondents stated that they believed there were enough parks & recreation facilities within the Village.

5.1.3 *Summary of Park & Recreation Programs*

- Approximately 77% of respondents rated the overall quality of park and recreation programs as either “satisfactory” or “outstanding.”
- A majority (approximately 54%) of respondents stated that they attended a Village of Ardsley event once every few months.
- A majority (approximately 51%) of respondents stated that they had never participated in a Village of Ardsley community program, such as a class.
- Respondents were generally split between participating in a Village of Ardsley recreation program, such as a sports league, at least once a week (approximately 32%) or never (approximately 35%).

5.1.4 *Summary of Community Center*

- Approximately 42% of respondents stated that a new community center was needed in the Village; approximately 36% of respondents stated they were unsure of had no opinion on the community center.
- Children and Teenagers were the two groups respondents were most likely to state would be best served by a new community center.

5.1.5 *Summary of Overall Goals & Desires*

- The top three items that received the highest importance rating for the Village to address over the next five to ten years were:
 1. Improvements or Renovation of Existing Playgrounds.
 2. Improvements or Renovation of Existing Park Facilities
 3. Preservation of Open Space and/or Acquisition of Land
- The top three facility goals that received the highest importance rating for the Village to address were:
 1. Additional Playground Equipment or Improvements to Existing Playgrounds.
 2. Additional Athletic Fields or Improvements to Existing Athletic Fields.
 3. Water Features, Splash Pads, or Spray Parks.
- The top three program goals that received the highest importance rating for the Village to address were:
 1. Farmers Market.
 2. Music & Art in the Park.
 3. Programs for Teenagers.
- The top three programs that received the highest rating as to what would increase respondent’s engagement and utilization with Village facilities were:

1. Improving the Condition & Maintenance of Parks & Community Facilities
 2. Improved Communication about Offerings
 3. More Community Programs & Events.
- The top three items that respondents stated would increase their utilization of Village Park and recreation facilities were:
 1. Improving the Condition & Maintenance of Park & Community Facilities.
 2. Adding Lighting to Facilities.
 3. Additional Community Facilities & Amenities.
 - The top three methods of communication that respondents stated would be the best ways to get information about park and recreation facilities in the Village were:
 1. The Village of Ardsley Website.
 2. Emails from the Village of Ardsley.
 3. Social Media.

5.1.6 Conclusion

The survey responses listed above are not an exhaustive representation of each question asked or more nuanced responses; rather, these responses are a sampling of the types of questions asked and an overview of responses. A complete summary of the survey can be found in Appendix B.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

This section describes recommendations to enhance the level of service and quality of facilities offered in the Village of Ardsley through improvement of existing sites, development of new facilities, organizational enhancements, financial improvements, increased programming, improved safety, and potential partnerships. The Village of Ardsley operates nine parks and recreation facilities within the Village. While the Village of Ardsley has great facilities that are dutifully maintained, there are several general recommendations to further improve the parks & recreation facilities and programs. In addition, there are site-specific recommendations that have been developed for each Village-operated facility.

To support the goals of the Village and help meet the needs and desires of the community expressed during the public engagement process, it is recommended that the Village coordinate and explore partnerships with other public and private entities. Examples include the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, House of Sports, and the Ardsley Union Free School District. Partnerships with these entities would allow the Village to utilize new or existing facilities not directly operated by the Village that would be capable of supporting a wide range of program opportunities, such as the Ardsley High School athletic field, training facilities at House of Sports, or passive recreation facilities such as pavilions at VE Macy Park. While maintaining and improving upon the Village's owned and operated facilities is an important step in achieving recreation goals, the Village would be well served by exploring how best to utilize other facilities and spaces within the Village.

Recommendations are divided into near-term (0-2 years), mid-term (3-5 years), long term (5-10 years), or on-going (continued maintenance). Recommendations are further classified as follows:

- Compliance: Improvements include audits or assessments necessary to identify and renovate areas within the facility to comply with the latest codes and standards.
- Maintenance: Improvements include repairs necessary to maintain and operate facilities to meet the current goals and objectives of the Village.
- Upgrades: Improvements include modifications or rehabilitations necessary to improve efficiencies, expand program offerings, comply with the latest codes and standards, or introduce new facilities without the need for a comprehensive reconstruction.
- Comprehensive: Improvements include reconstruction or replacement of current park facilities to improve efficiencies, reduce financial burdens, or introduce new programs and facilities.

6.1 General Programming Recommendations

As a result of meeting with staff, program data review and analysis, the following general program recommendations were developed for the Village:

- Near-Term
 - Expand staffing levels to address the need to balance and address concerns with program catalog and life cycle. This will provide the opportunity to add new and trending programs without deleting current successful programs (*Upgrades*)
 - Analyze the feasibility of continued offering of adult softball (*Maintenance*)

- Increase marketing and promotion of programs and special events (*Maintenance*)
- Consider targeting geographic areas with low participant outreach (*Maintenance*)
- Set up registration software to allow collection of class cancellations and demographic self-reporting (*Upgrades*)
- Mid-Term
 - Increase partnerships with other service providers to increase programming by providing spaces to recreate with reduced barriers to access (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Review the programming life cycle to establish decommissioning or rejuvenation plans for the program portfolio (*Maintenance*)
 - Become students of Village program data by developing, maintaining, and regularly analyzing program database (*Maintenance*)

6.2 General Facility Recommendations

As a result of meeting with staff, program data review and analysis, the following general facility recommendations were developed for the Village:

- Near-Term
 - Install ADA compliant routes to parks & recreation facilities where necessary (*Compliance / Upgrades*)
 - Develop maintenance standards of level of service (*Maintenance*)
 - Increase special event programming (*Upgrades*)
- Mid-Term
 - Improve/ upgrade signage (wayfinding, main park signs, parking, etc.) (*Upgrades*)
 - Conduct feasibility study for expansion of existing or construction of a new community center (*Comprehensive*)
 - Explore feasibility of land acquisition within the Village for creation of new parks and recreation facilities, specifically for tennis, pickleball, and cricket facilities (*Upgrades/ Comprehensive*)
- Long-Term
 - Improve/ upgrade existing facilities and outdated amenities that do not function well (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
 - Expand walking pathways and trail connectivity to and within parks (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
 - Improve access to athletic fields for existing and new/ growing user groups (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
- On-Going
 - Improve communication and event/facility marketing (*Maintenance*)
 - Increase funding for parks and facility maintenance (*Maintenance*)
 - Update parks/trail maps (*Maintenance*)
 - Preserve and expand open space (*Maintenance*)
 - Review recreational program offering and adjust annually (*Maintenance*)

6.3 Specific Facility Recommendations

As a result of meeting with staff, program data review and analysis, the following specific facility recommendations were developed for the Village. Concept Plans for each park facility are included in Appendix D, and a table summarizing recommendations is included in Appendix E:

6.3.1 American Legion Park

- Mid-Term
 - Coordinate with the community to repaint/refurbish the bus shelter (*Maintenance*)
 - Reconstruct garden spaces with new plantings, mulch, and borders (*Upgrades*)
 - Install larger park sign (*Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Construct a plaza space with seating, informational/historical signage, etc. near the bus shelter to create a greater sense of place and give the park a purpose (*Upgrades/ Comprehensive*)

6.3.2 Bicentennial Park

- Near-Term
 - Reconstruct walkways to be ADA accessible (*Compliance*)
 - Construct ADA accessible routes to benches & tables or relocate furnishings along ADA accessible route (*Compliance*)
 - Prune existing trees to improve visibility (*Maintenance*)
- Mid-Term
 - Create new paver plaza area with gardens (*Upgrades*)
 - Relocate historic/ informational signage at upper portion of park to Pascone Park (*Upgrades*)
 - Install larger park signs at the top and bottom of park (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Remove graffiti from rock outcroppings, clean trash/litter from wooded areas (*Maintenance*)

6.3.3 Firefighters Park

- On-Going
 - Power wash / clean concrete bench surfaces (*Maintenance*)

6.3.4 Floyd Lichtenberg Park

- Near-Term
 - Repair damaged boards & repaint pedestrian bridge (*Maintenance*)
 - Relocate bike rack over level area, preferably paved (*Compliance*)
 - Trim hedges adjacent to walkways and/or reconstruct walkways with a minimum of 5' width (*Compliance / Maintenance*)
- Mid-Term
 - Covert lawn area to riparian planting areas (*Upgrades*)
 - Place additional loam & seed over exposed storm pipe areas (*Maintenance*)
 - Reconstruct paver plaza (*Compliance / Upgrades*)
 - Install larger park signs that are more clearly (*Upgrades*)

- Reconstruct timber steps and utilize concrete block steps (*Compliance / Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Create outdoor art area on existing concrete pad (*Upgrades*)

6.3.5 McDowell Park

- Near-Term
 - Construct ADA accessible routes to all baseball fields, dugouts, and bleachers (*Compliance*)
 - Regrade the northwest baseball field to eliminate ponding (*Upgrades*)
 - Reconstruction & Expand Field 2 Outfield Fence line (*Upgrades*)
 - Reconstruct & Reorient Tee Ball Field (*Upgrades*)
 - Reorient existing front parking area (*Upgrades*)
- Mid-Term
 - Repair/ reset posts at batting cage, install new artificial turf mats (*Maintenance / Upgrades*)
 - Reconstruct basketball court in rear parking area (*Upgrades*)
 - Repave / widen access driveway and parking areas through park (*Upgrades*)
 - Repaint exterior of structures (*Maintenance / Upgrades*)
 - Reconstruct concession, bathroom and storage facility (*Upgrades*)
 - Reconstruct stairs leading to southwest baseball field, consider installation of unit block or concrete steps in lieu of timber (*Upgrades / Compliance*)
- Long-Term
 - Consider the installation of warning tracks at the baseball fields (*Upgrades*)
 - Consider installation of a subsurface irrigation system (*Upgrades*)
 - Convert Field 3 to artificial turf (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
 - Install athletic lighting on Field 2 (*Upgrades*)
 - Construct a walking path around the entire park area (*Upgrades*)
 - Reconstruct playground with new & more challenging equipment (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Reseed & irrigate outfield turf at all fields (*Maintenance*)
 - Remove graffiti from park amenities as necessary (*Maintenance*)

6.3.6 Pascone Park

- Near-Term
 - Construct an ADA compliant walkway to skate park (*Compliance*)
 - Reconstruct gazebo ramp to be ADA compliant (*Compliance*)
 - Reconstruct & expand front parking area (*Upgrades*)
 - Relocate Park signage and supplement existing school sign (*Upgrades*)
- Mid-Term
 - Create new gazebo/ performance stage (*Upgrades*)
 - Remove old playground equipment and construct new playground with 2–5 year-old and 5–12 year-old areas (*Upgrades*)
 - Provide lighting for basketball and tennis courts (*Upgrades*)
 - Install a safety guard along fencing at softball field, construct covered dugout shelters (*Upgrades*)
 - Create pathway network (asphalt and natural surface) throughout park area with lighting for primary pathways (*Upgrades*)

- Constructed bathroom facility (prefabricated) (*Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Construct new Community Center & Outdoor Recreation Courts (*Upgrades*)
 - Reorient Youth Soccer Fields (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Remove graffiti and repair loose/rotting boards & posts as needed (*Maintenance*)

6.3.7 Pocost Park

- Near-Term
 - Relocate benches along paver walkway to allow ADA access (*Compliance*)
 - Relocate trash receptacles along walkway for easier access (*Upgrades*)
 - Replace cracked pavers and reset pavers to create flush transition between paver and adjacent sidewalk (*Upgrades / Compliance*)
 - Select removal of vegetation on existing hillside (*Maintenance*)
- Mid-Term
 - Install new planting area and ornamental trees (*Upgrades*)
 - Install larger sign visible from the road (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Replenish stone mulch area to cover exposed weed fabric (*Maintenance*)

6.3.8 Silliman Park

- Near-Term
 - Reconstruct stone dust pathway to create ADA compliant surface - install a geogrid or border edge to contain stone dust to path area and keep adjacent landscape mulch from washing onto the path (*Upgrades / Compliance*)
 - Provide benches along pathways, and expand lower existing seating area with fence (*Upgrades*)
- Mid-Term
 - Rehabilitate meadow planting area and provide water service for watering (*Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Construct bridge to future development on adjacent parcel (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Maintain meadow and planting bed areas (*Maintenance*)

6.3.9 Thelma Zimmer – William Van Dorn Youth & Community Center

- Near-Term
 - Develop additional youth & teen programming to better utilize space (*Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Consider acquisition of a larger building or develop new community space with dedicated parking lot (*Comprehensive*)
- On-Going
 - Coordinate with adjacent businesses to expand parking options (*Upgrades*)

6.3.10 Bridge Street Park

- Long-Term
 - Construct new park per plan (*Comprehensive*)

Project Vision:

Bridge Street Park on Saw Mill River

CONCEPTUAL PLAN



VILLAGE PICNIC PARK



FLEXIBLE USE PARKING/EVENT PAVILION



The Village commissioned a real estate market analysis and development strategy and is encouraging redevelopment of priority commercial sites in partnership with willing property owners to capitalize on identified opportunities and help achieve the vision for a vibrant downtown area and commercial corridors.



6.4 Conclusion

Parks across the Village of Ardsley overall are very well maintained, with the greatest limiting factor being the amount of real estate available for recreation. Areas for improvement are typically related to minor adjustments to ensure ADA compliance, upkeep on general maintenance items, and installation of larger or additional signage to better denote park spaces. In some cases, complete removal or reconstruction of unsafe or substandard facilities is recommended, while in others, repair or upgrades to these features may be considered. Longer term recommendations typically involve the relocation or expansion of large-scale recreation facilities such as entire ball fields to better utilize the available space and make room for new opportunities within the park spaces. In all parks, accessibility and improved wayfinding signage is recommended to increase usership and provide a safe community environment.

Like many communities, the Village of Ardsley strives to keep up with the demand for programming and facilities within its park system. It operates a wide range of programs through the Village Recreation Department, while also partnering with local organizations to support little leagues and other sporting clubs.

7.0 FUNDING & “FRIENDS GROUP”

In addition to the Village contributing funds for the planning, design and construction of park facility improvements, funding may potentially be secured from a variety of other sources.

The creation of a “Friends of Ardsley Parks and Recreation”, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, that works with the Parks and Recreation Department of the Village of Ardsley, would contribute to improving Ardsley’s parks, recreational programming and their usership - by raising funds, organizing volunteers and increasing awareness.

A “Friends Group” would consist of a steering committee and organized under the New York State Not-for-profit Corporation Law with an eight-member board of directors. In addition, The Friends group could register as an Internal Revenue Service public charity with tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, as well as register with the Charities Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York.

Since then, the Friends group has participated in various activities and events, including:

- Organizing an annual “I Love My Park Day”
- Creating and managing the Commemorative Tree & Bench Program
- Maintaining a Scholarship Fund to help residents in need participate in Parks and Recreation activities.
- Assisting the Parks and Recreation Department by ...
 - Raising funds for park improvements and programs
 - Enlisting volunteers for Parks and Recreation projects
 - Researching policy options
 - Sharing information about Parks and Recreation events and programs

Funding Sources:

Below is a list of various funding sources that could be used to help with the implementation of the recommendations.

A new online tool developed by a partnership between the Alliance for Biking and Walking and the League of American Bicyclists helps find potential federal funding sources for alternative transportation projects. The site can be reached at www.advocacyadvance.org

General

Cooperating Collections - <http://grantspace.org>

- Free funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that provide a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grant seekers. Information includes grant searches, blanket applications and a wealth of other valuable information to help you find the right grant, then target your proposal to it.

New York State Funding:

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

<http://nysparks.com/grants/>

- State Parks provides a number of grant programs. From playgrounds to trail development, they provide grants to a variety of projects that promote recreation and can improve the quality of life in communities throughout the state.
- Applications accepted through Regional Economic Development Councils online application process of the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).
- Amount: \$5,000 to \$500,000

Federal Funding:

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants: US Department of Transportation (US DOT) - Office of the Secretary (OST) program available for capital improvement and planning projects.
- Infrastructure for Rebuilding American Discretionary Grant Program (INFRA): OST program for projects that improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and improve critical freight movements.
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP): OST program related to a transportation facility that improves community connectivity.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): OST discretionary program that funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA): TA funds can be used to increase bicycle and pedestrian mobility. These funds will cover a maximum of 80 percent of the project with the remaining portions most likely coming from the project sponsoring organization.

A full list of funding opportunities is listed below from various sources, as well as from the US Department of Transportation Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds is included in Appendix F.

ACHIEVE Healthy Communities

<http://www.achievecommunities.org/>

- ACHIEVE (Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental change) is sponsored by the (CDC). Selected national organizations collaborate with CDC to enhance local communities' abilities to help prevent or manage health-risk factors for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, obesity, and arthritis. Specific activities are directed toward promoting physical activity and healthy eating, improving access to quality preventive healthcare services, and eliminating health disparities. Some examples of community-based improvements include, but are not limited to, increased access to and use of attractive and safe locations for engaging in physical activity.

American Rescue Plan Funds

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

- The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.

CDC Grants

<https://www.cdc.gov/grants/index.html>

- The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC) uses grants and cooperative agreements to fund research and non-research public health programs that advance the agency's public health mission domestically and abroad to keep Americans safe and healthy where they work, live and play.

Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Education Grants

<https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

- The Grants Program sponsored by EPA's Environmental Education Division (EED), Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. EPA awards grants each year based on funding appropriated by Congress.

Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Program

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/

- This program was created to fund construction and rehabilitation of trails for both motor and non-motorized usage. There is a matching fund component to the grant, which can vary by state.
- Amount: \$84M Nationwide

Federal-aid Highway Program

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/

- National Highway System funds may be used to construct bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways on land adjacent to any highway on the National Highway System, including Interstate highways.
- Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds may be used for either the construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways, or non-construction projects (such as maps, brochures, and public service announcements) related to safe bicycle use and walking. Ten percent of each State's annual STP funds are set-aside for Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEAs). The law provides a specific list of activities that are eligible TEAs and this includes "provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists". Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds may be used for either the construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways, or non-construction projects (such as maps, brochures, and public service announcements) related to safe bicycle use.

Great American Outdoors Act

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/doi-fy21-gaoa-dm-projects.pdf>

Land and Water Conservation Fund

<http://www.nps.gov/lwcf>

- The LWCF program gives matching grants to States and local governments to acquire and develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program's intent is to create and maintain a legacy of high-quality recreational areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments to protect and maintain recreational resources across the United States.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/

- The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act authorized the Transportation Alternatives Program to fund programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives. This would include on and off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, community improvement activities, and recreational trails programs.
- Amount: \$835M

Funding through Non-Profit Organizations:Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/>

- This Foundation awards the majority of its grants to U.S. 501 (c) (3) organizations and other tax-exempt organizations. In deciding how to invest their resources, they look for projects that help reduce inequities in neglected areas, produce measurable results, catalyze increased momentum, collaborate with government, philanthropic, private-sector, and not-for-profit partners, favor preventative approaches, leverage support from other sources, advance their current strategies, accelerating the work they are already supporting.

The Henry E. Niles Foundation

<http://www.heniles.org/application-process.html>

- The Foundation is interested in organizations that promote partnerships and collaborative efforts among multiple groups and organizations. The organization must be tax-exempt. The Foundation mainly focuses on the northeastern United States.
- Applications are accepted year round.
- Amount: \$3,000-\$100,000

Cliff Family Foundation

<https://clifffamilyfoundation.org/grantees>

- Cliff Family Foundation (Cliff Bar) supports hundreds of organizations that are working tirelessly to strengthen our food system, advance equitable community health outcomes, and protect the places we play by being stewards of our environment and natural resources.

Dog Park Fund – My Darling Theo

<http://www.mydarlingtheo.org/dpfhowitworks>

- Grants will be awarded to US based, organized non-profit dog park groups. Funds are generously supported by monetary donations from the general public. Twice a year there is a call for submissions. The grant is awarded and distributed to the winning organized non-profit dog park community group.

Doris Day Animal Foundation

<http://www.dorisdayanimalfoundation.org/grants>

- The Doris Day Animal Foundation funds nonprofit 501c3 organizations that need assistance in their work of caring for and protecting animals. DDAF evaluates prospective grantees and makes grants throughout the year, considering applications quarterly. Submissions are accepted during January, April, July and October.

Home Depot – Building Healthy Communities Grant Program

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

- The Home Depot Foundation offers grants available to IRS-registered 501c designated organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.
- Deadline: Varies
- Amount: Up to \$5,000

Hydroflask Parks for All

<https://www.hydroflask.com/parks-for-all>

- Parks For All program supports non-profit organizations focused on building, maintaining, restoring, and providing better access to parks.
- Amount: \$1,500,000

LL Bean Charitable Giving Fund

http://www.llbean.com/customerService/aboutLLBean/charitable_giving.html

- LL Bean supports non-profits in the areas of outdoor recreation and health & human services through their program. Grants are made only to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Amount: Varies
- Deadline: Rolling

Lockheed Martin

<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy.html>

- Lockheed Martin is committed to a program of philanthropy that supports the Corporation's strategic business goals and invests in the quality of life in the community.
- Deadline: Applications are accepted year round and evaluations are performed quarterly.

People for Bikes

<http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/grant-guidelines>

- The People For Bikes Community Grant Program assists in supporting bicycle infrastructure projects and advocacy initiatives that will make it easier and safer for people to ride. Grant applications for People For Bikes are accepted from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development. People For Bikes only funds US projects. People For Bikes focuses most grant funds on projects such as: Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges, Mountain bike facilities, Bike parks and pump tracks, BMX facilities, End-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, and bike storage, We also fund some advocacy projects, such as: Programs that transform city streets, such as Ciclovías or Open Streets Days, Initiatives designed to increase ridership or the investment in bicycle infrastructure.
- Amount: Up to \$10,000.
- Deadline: Spring

The Nutro Company ROOM TO RUN Dog Park Appreciation Project

<http://www.nutro.com/about-us/nutro-community-initiatives.aspx>

- Supporting public, non-profit dog parks and off-leash areas.

Organizations/Foundations:John and Catherine MacArthur Foundation

http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.913959/k.E1BE/Applying_for_Grants.htm

- Intent: To help develop successful individuals and strong communities, the Program on Human and Community Development focuses on the relationships among people, place, and systems.
- Amount: Award amounts vary
- Deadline: Rolling

AARP FitLot

<https://fitlot.org/>

- FitLot is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization committed to helping communities find the resources they need to plan, build and program outdoor fitness parks.
- Amount: \$150,000

AARP Community Challenge Grants

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2021/2021-grantees.html>

- Grants will help improve public spaces, transportation, housing and civic engagement with an emphasis on the needs of people 50 or older.
- Amount: \$3,200,000

AETNA Foundation

<https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants.html>

- Philanthropic arm of AETNA which provides grants to communities improving overall health and factors.

Aetna Foundation Obesity Prevention Grant Program

<http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/index.html>

- The Aetna Foundation want to learn more about the underlying causes of obesity so they can inform and shape effective health and wellness programs. They want to understand the causes that contribute to obesity, particularly among minority populations, and how to support and sustain better choices in order to prevent overeating and reduce inactivity.
- Amount: Regional: \$25,000 - \$40,000 / National: \$50,000 - \$150,000
- Deadline: Rolling on a quarterly basis: February 15, March 15, August 15, November 15

American Dermatology Shade Structure Grants

<https://assets.ctfassets.net/1ny4yoiyrqia/7fj8fA7fcU1KT6lyWyt7aJ/a2d9fc6ea2423d96a253697378b62465/shade-structure-program-guideline-booklet.pdf#page=5>

- Grants to USA daycares, schools, parks, and nonprofit organizations serving children and youth for projects that increase the safety of outdoor play spaces. Funding may be used for the cost of materials and installation of shade structures.
- Amount: \$8,000

American Express

http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/comm_serv.aspx

- American Express grant program includes community service which could be a good fit for playground installations. Check out their website to learn more about projects that have been funded, initiatives and how to apply.
- Amount: Varies
- Deadline: Rolling

American Trails

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/index.html>

- American Trails is the only national, nonprofit organization working on behalf of all trail interests. American Trails support local, regional, and long-distance trails and greenways.

Bank of America

<http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation>

- Working in partnership with community leaders, Bank of America's local market leadership directs the majority of our giving through local grants that address pressing social, economic, and cultural needs of communities across their global footprint. In addition, they partner with national organizations such as the United Way of America and Habitat for Humanity International to direct resources to local communities.
- Amount: Award amounts vary
- Deadline: Varies

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation - Quality of Life Grants

http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4435149/k.A6F7/Program_Overview.htm

- The Reeve Foundation awards Quality of Life grants up to \$25,000 to organizations that provide services to individuals with paralysis. Applications are welcome from non-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status, municipal and state governments, school districts, recognized tribal entities and other institutions such as community or veteran's hospitals. Grants are awarded to organizations that address the needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases or birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Twice a year, funding is awarded to nonprofit organizations that provide critical life-enhancing and life-changing programs and services that improve physical and emotional health. Quality of Life grants is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Award #1U59DD000383). These grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations that address that needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases and birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).
- Amount: Varies Deadline: TBD

Finish Line Foundation

<https://www.finishline.com/store/corporate/gadgets/about.jsp>

- The Youth Foundation is a philanthropic outlet for Finish Line to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities it serves.
- Amount: \$19,000,000

Kaiser Permanente

<http://share.kaiserpermanente.org/group/grants/>

- We support innovative efforts to bring safe, physical activity to local schools, workplaces and neighborhoods. A healthy community is an environment that supports the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of those who live, work, and play there. It could be a safe route for kids to walk or bicycle to school, a neighborhood grocery store stocked with fresh produce, or parks and playgrounds that welcome families.

Partners for Places

<https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/>

- The Funders' Network is a membership organization that helps grantmakers across North America advance strategies to create fair, prosperous, and sustainable regions and communities that offer everyone the chance for a good life. We believe that the suite of tools available to funders—investing, grantmaking, collaborating, convening, facilitating, and more—uniquely position them to lead the movement for smarter growth policies and practices that benefit both places and people.

PetSafe Bark for your Pet

<https://barkforyourpark.petsafe.com/>

- The PetSafe® Bark for Your Park™ grant program is committed to creating safe, off-leash areas for pets and their owners to enjoy for years to come. Bark for Your Park awards communities each year with funding to not only break ground on new parks, but to also help maintain and upgrade existing parks.
- Amount: \$150,000 to 200,000

PNC Trust

<https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/charitable-trusts.html>

- PNC's Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee funds grant requests that demonstrate a capacity and commitment to charitable service and enhance the quality of life for the people and their communities.
- Amount: \$65,000,000

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/what-we-fund.html>

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides grants for US projects that advance their mission to improve the health and health care of all Americans. In order for a project to be considered for funding, they must address one of their areas of focus. RWJF awards most grants through calls for proposals (CFPs). They also accept unsolicited proposals for projects that suggest new and creative approaches to solving health and health care problems.
- Amount: Varies

State Farm Neighborhood Assist

<https://www.neighborhoodassist.com/>

- \$25,000 grants to 40 projects enhancing communities across the country.
- Amount: \$1,000,000

Surdna Foundation

<http://www.surdna.org/grants/how-to-apply.html>

- The Surdna Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of sustainable environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures.
- Amount: Varies
- Deadline: April, July and December

T-Mobile Hometown Grants

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>

- We've partnered with Smart Growth America and Main Street America, two consulting partners with a combined experience of over 60 years working to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. With our Hometown Grant program, we're investing big in small towns by awarding up to 100 towns a year with project funding—up to \$50,000 each.
- Amount: \$50k

The Coca-Cola Foundation

<http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/community-requests-guidelines-application>

- The Coca-Cola Company seeks to give grants to communities where they conduct business that can make a difference in water stewardship, active healthy living, community recycling, and education. Coca-Cola does not support individual school systems.
- Amount: Varies
- Deadline: Rolling

The Finish Line Youth Foundation

<http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>

- This Foundation strives to positively affect the lives of youth in the communities where employees and customers live, work, and play. They accomplish this by being good stewards of the funds they receive and by supporting youth programs that are effective and inclusive. The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle.
- Amount: Up to \$75,000
- Deadline: Rolling on a quarterly basis

The McCormick Communities Program

<https://donate.mccormickfoundation.org/communities>

The McCormick Foundation works to strengthen the components of civic health that make our communities strong. Their investments are focused on programs that improve basic human needs, provide disaster relief, inspire civic responsibility, and stimulate local philanthropy.

The Rite Aid Foundation

<https://www.riteaid.com/about-us/rite-aid-foundation>

- The Rite Aid Foundation focuses on three areas for charitable giving: - Children's health and well-being - Special community health and wellness needs, including during times of emergency or natural disasters - Rite Aid's own community of associates during times of special need.

APPENDIX A

Public Presentations

Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Village of
Ardsey
New York

June 5, 2023

Final Presentation



Daniel Biggs, RLA, ISA, CERP
Principal-in-Charge

Agenda + Purpose

- Introductions
- Master Planning Process
- Program Inventory/Assessment
- Public Survey Result Summary
- Recommendations
- Questions & Comments

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:

- Draft Master Plan and Recommendations

Who We Are

Established in 1899, **Weston & Sampson** is a full-service **planning and design** consulting firm.

Our staff of more than **750 professionals** serves public and private sector clients throughout the **Northeast** and along the **East Coast**.

Our Services:

- Master Planning
- Parks & Recreation Planning
- Landscape Architecture
- Ecological / Environmental Services
- Civil / Structural Engineering
- Aquatic Facility Planning + Design
- Permitting & Compliance



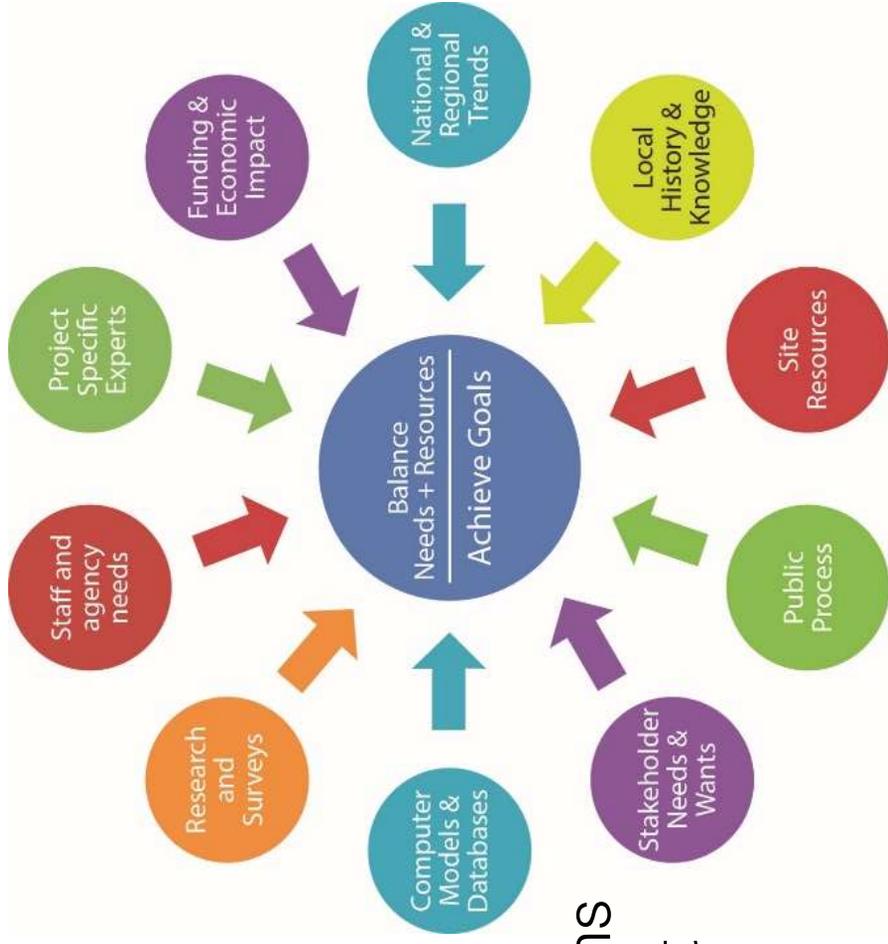
Components of a Master Plan

- What did the community have to say?
(Community Engagement)
- Where are our gaps in service?
(Inventory and LOS)
- What do we need to fill the gaps?
(Recommendations)
- How will our role as leaders in parks and recreation be maximized?
(Partnerships and other providers)
- What are our priorities and what if circumstances change?
(Action Plan, Timeframe, Strategic Approach)
- How will we measure success?
(Performance Measures)



Project Tasks

- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Community Recreation Needs Assessment
 - Demographics & Trend Analysis
 - Facility Inventory & Analysis
 - Program Inventory & Analysis
- Public Outreach
- Improvement Recommendations
- Draft & Final Plan Development



Regional + National Programming Trends

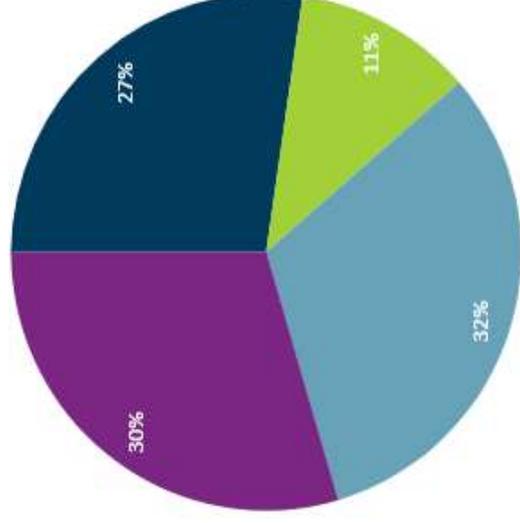
- **Traditional Sport Programming**
 - Continued interest in traditional sports (e.g., basketball, football, and soccer)
- **Life Sports**
 - Developing youth interests in activities they can enjoy for a lifetime, such as biking, kayaking, tennis, golf, swimming, and jogging/walking
- **Project Play**
 - Coordinating body for an initiative designed to increase youth sport participation rates
- **Parkour**
 - Challenges the participant to move their body through obstacle courses
- **Disc Golf**
 - Golf with a frisbee and using a netted basket as a golf hole
- **Outdoor Active Recreation**
 - Kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, mountain biking, and climbing
- **Specialty Audiences**
 - The LGBTQ+ community, retirees, military veterans, cancer patients, elderly individuals, people needing mental health support, and individuals with visible and invisible disabilities.

Existing Programs in Ardsley

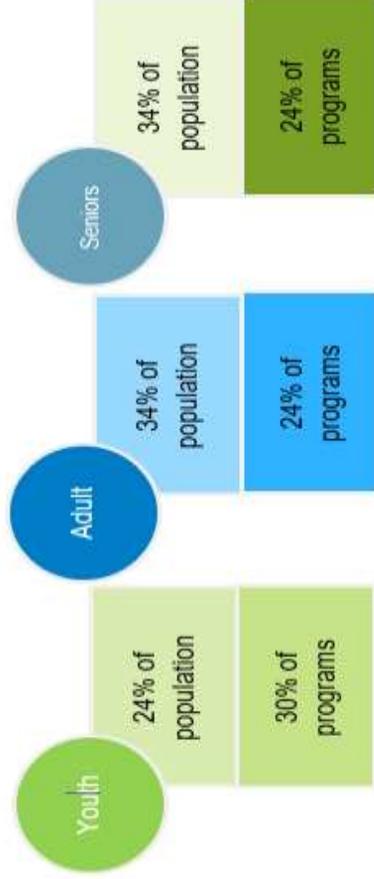
- Youth Recreation Programs
 - Ages 5 - 17
- Adult Recreation Programs
 - Ages 18 - 54
- Senior Programs
 - Ages 55+
- Special Events
 - One Day Events (Holidays, Marathons, etc.)

FY2021 and FY2022

Total Program Offered Distribution



- Youth Recreation Program
- Adult Recreation Program
- Senior Programs
- Special Events



Existing Programs in Ardsley

Village Program Life Cycle Stage Breakdown

Life Cycle Stage	Description	Percentage of Village Programs
Introduction	Getting a program off the ground; heavy marketing	6%
Growth	Moderate and interested customer base; high demand; not as intense marketing	6%
Mature	Steady and reliable performer but increased competition	80%
Decline	Decreased registration	8%

Existing Program Inventory

Major Common Program Categories (Nationally)

- Ardsley Provides $\pm 43\%$ of Common Offerings ($\pm 52\%$ Including Alternative Providers)
- National Average is $\pm 64.5\%$ of Common Offerings

Offered By Village of Ardsley		Not Offered by Village of Ardsley	
Active Adult Programs	Trips	Aquatics	Summer Camps (Daylong)
Arts	Wellness	Music	Sustainability / Green
Birthday Party Services	Sports	Biking	Preschool
General Interest	STEM / STEAM	Child Care	Theatre / Acting
Lifelong Learning	Teen Programs	Disc Golf	Therapeutic Recreation
Seniors	Fitness	Dance	Early Childhood
Special / Community Events	Open Gym	Day / School Break Camps	Environmental Nature
Pickleball	Specialty Camps	Golf	Pets
Tennis	Historical Programs	Gymnastics / Tumbling	Outdoor Adventure
Language Arts		Horseback Riding	Martial Arts
Offered By Alternative Service Providers			
Before / After School	Cooking	Ice Skating / Hockey	
Chess	Extreme Sports		

Public Engagement Overview

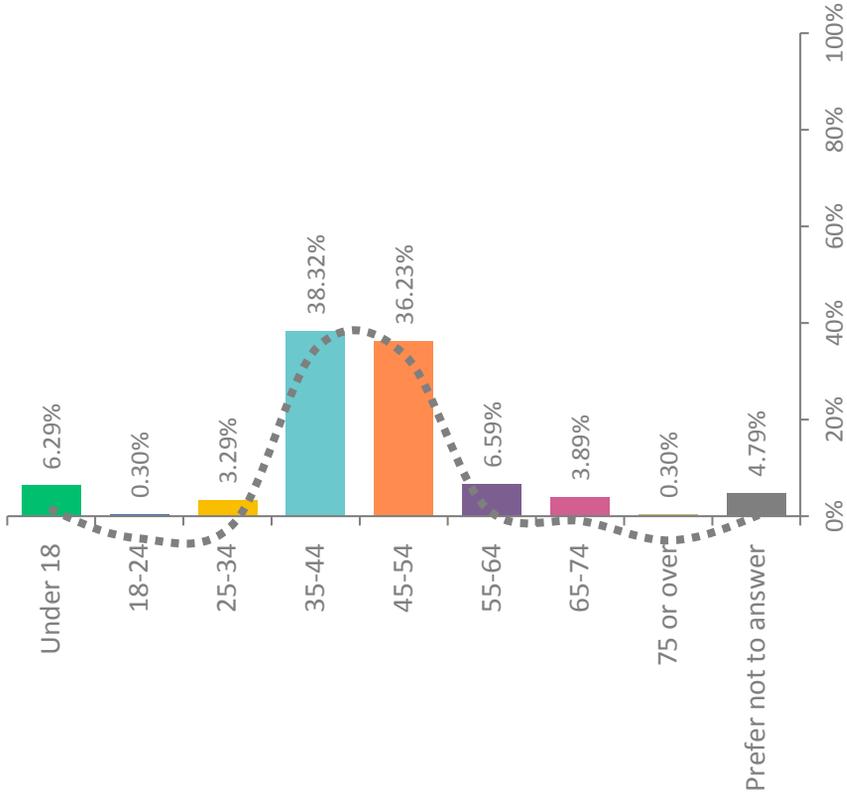
- Focus Group Meetings [September]
 - 4 Groups - +/-24 Participants
- Public Meeting #1 (Community Input) [November]
- Online Survey [October-December]
 - 533 Participants (~12% of Village Population)
- Board of Trustees Review Meeting
- Public Meeting #2 & Draft Recommendations [March]
- Final Presentation [Tonight]



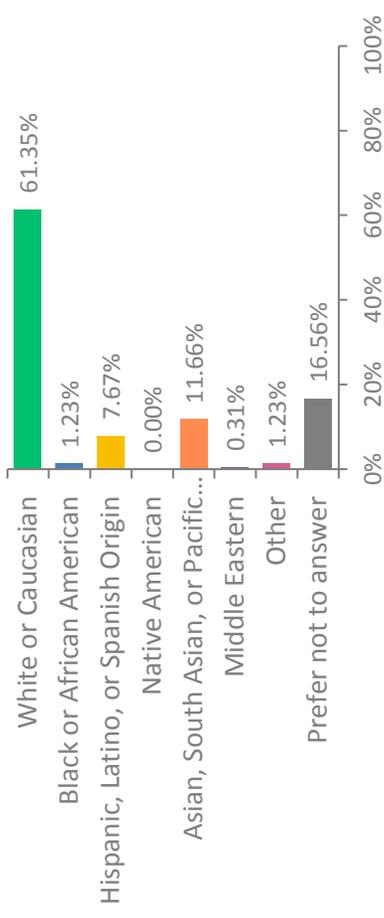
Online Survey Summary - Demographics

Average Ardsley Residency: 11 Years

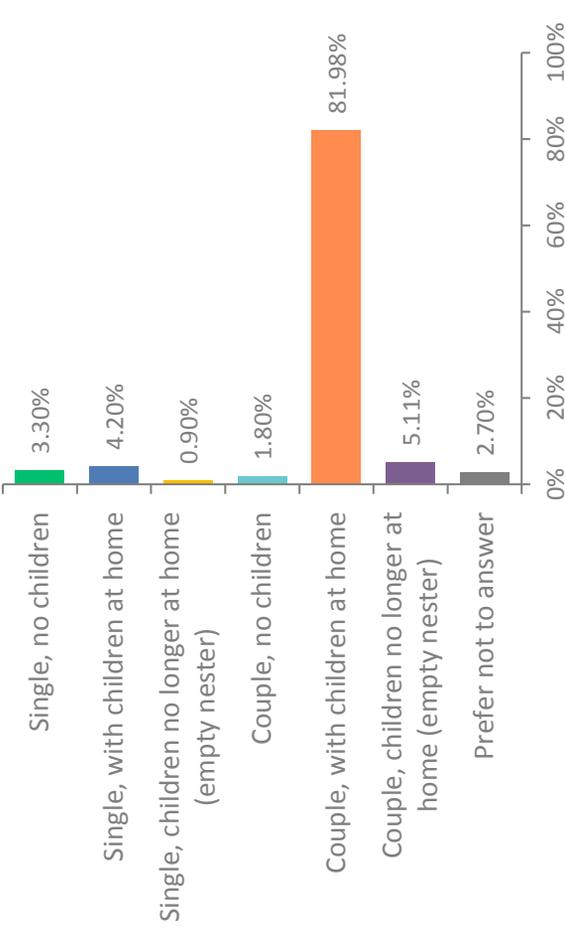
Respondent Age



Respondent Race/Ethnicity

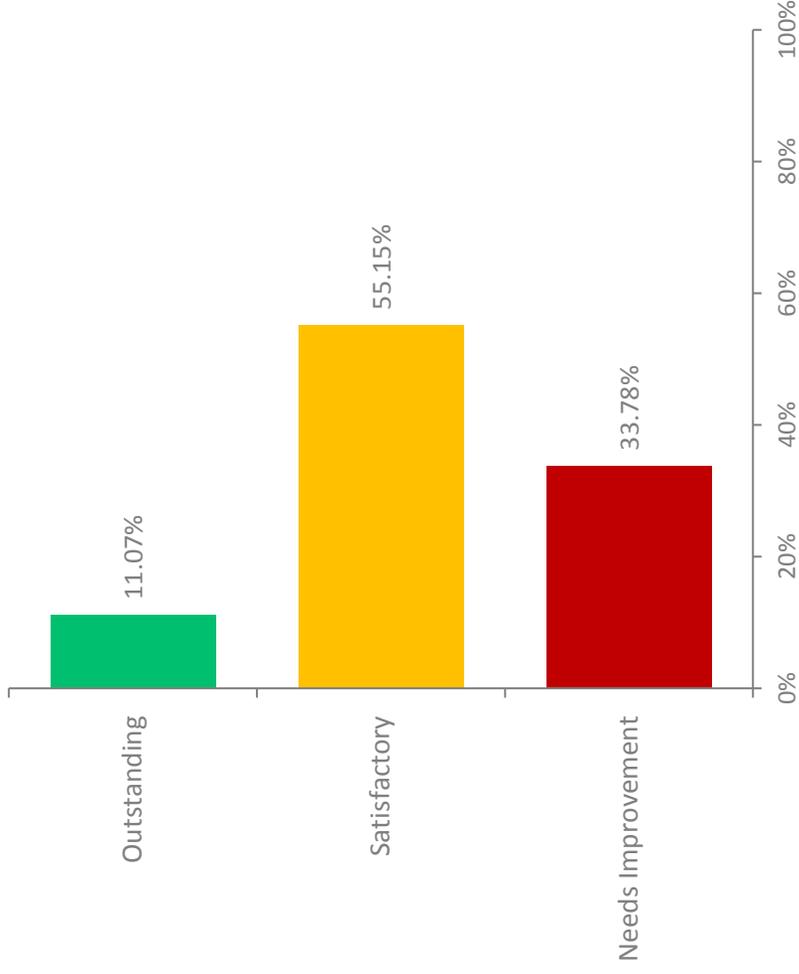


Respondent Household

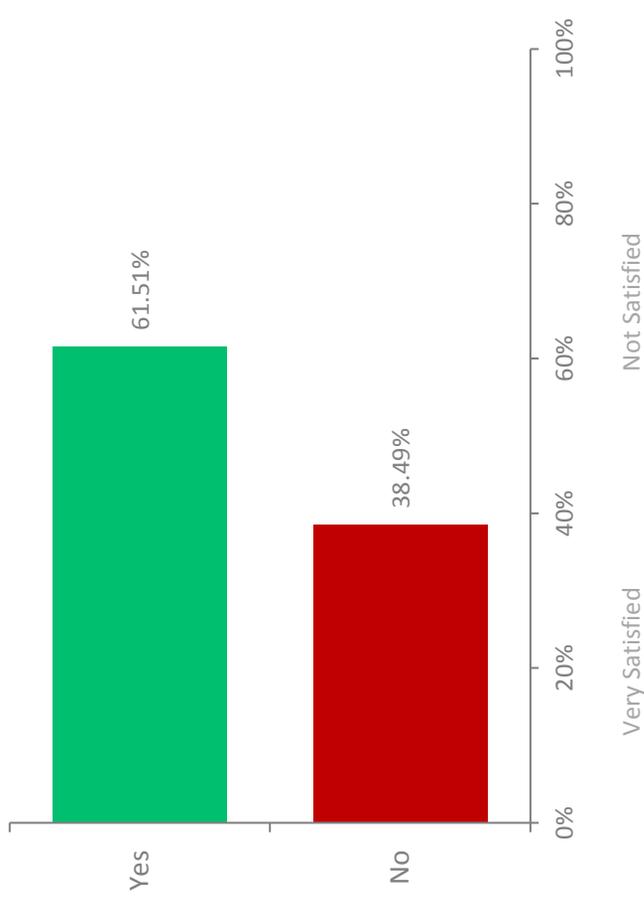


Online Survey Summary - Facilities

How would you describe the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities in the Village of Ardsley?

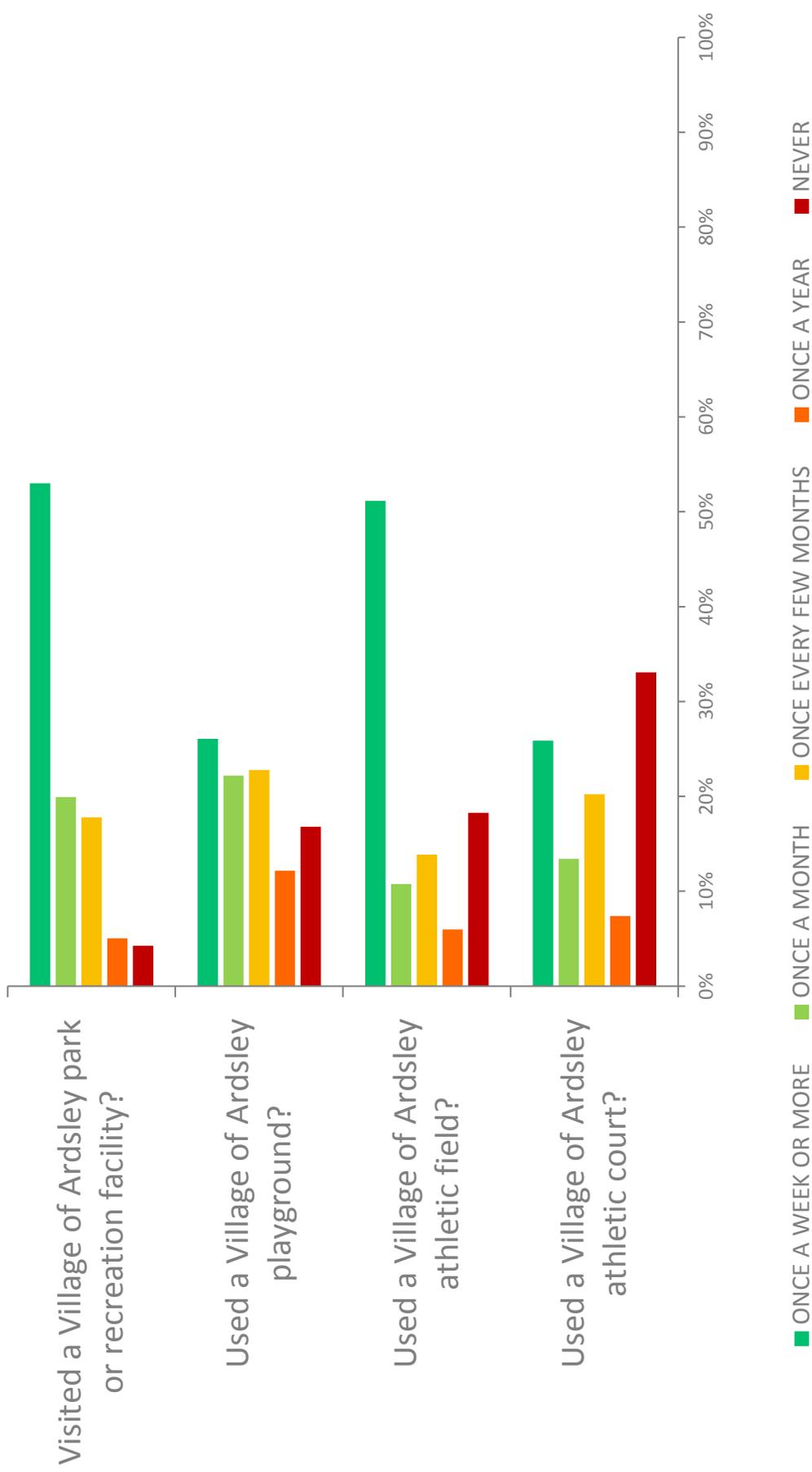


Do you believe there are enough parks & recreation facilities in the Village of Ardsley?



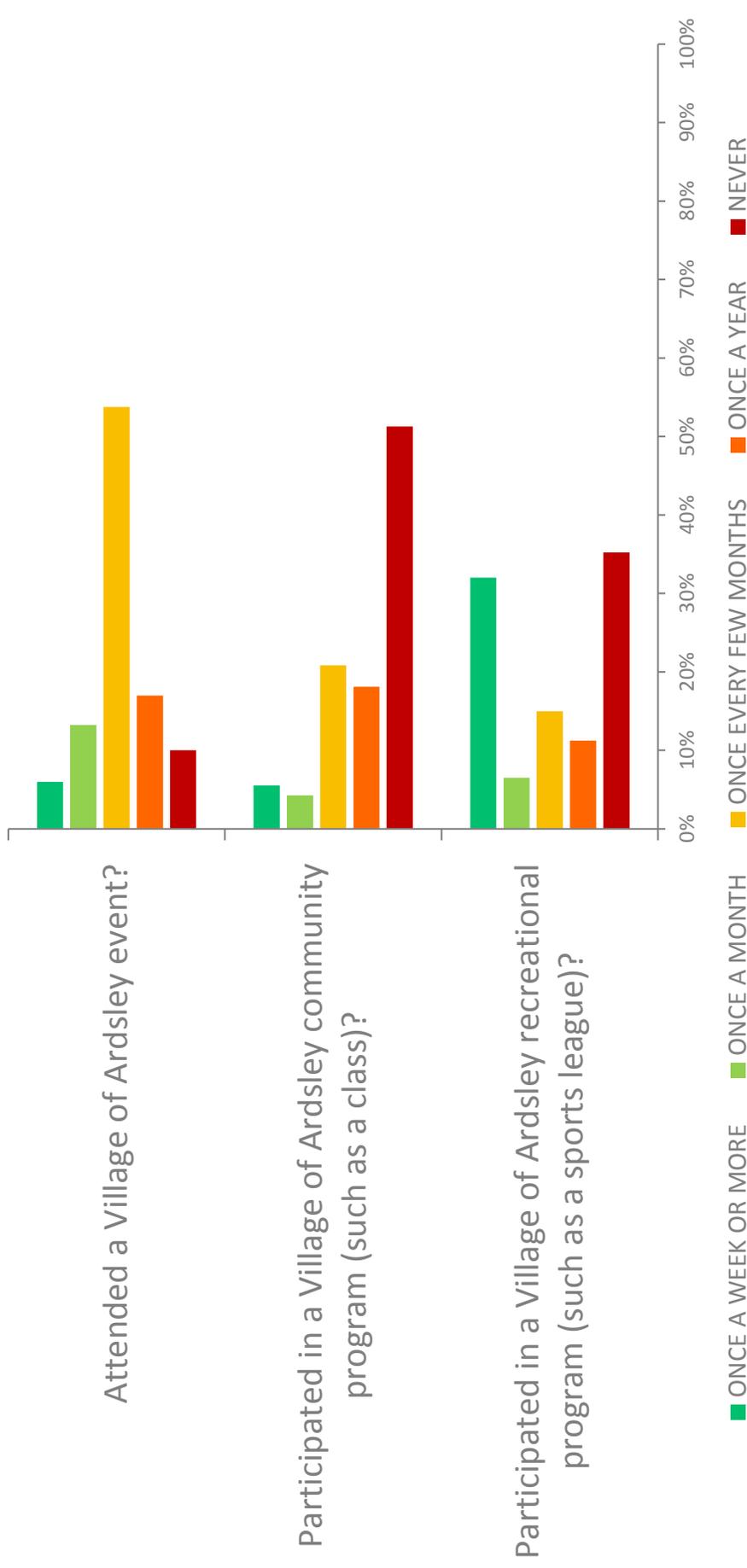
Online Survey Summary - Facilities

In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household...



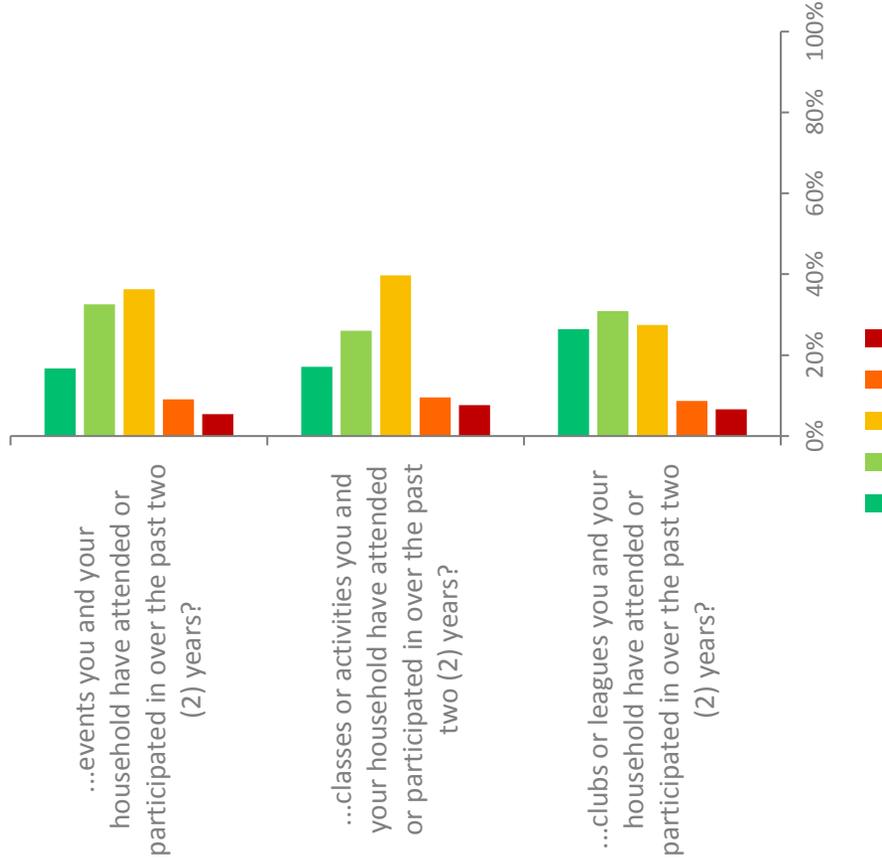
Online Survey Summary - Programs

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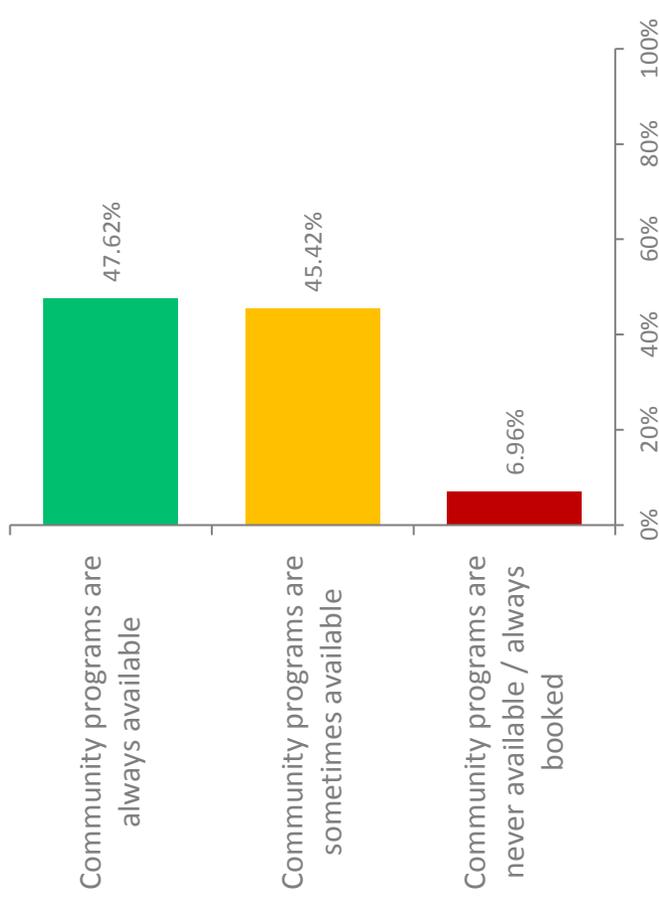
Online Survey Summary - Programs

How satisfied have you and your household been with the quality of the Village of Ardsley...



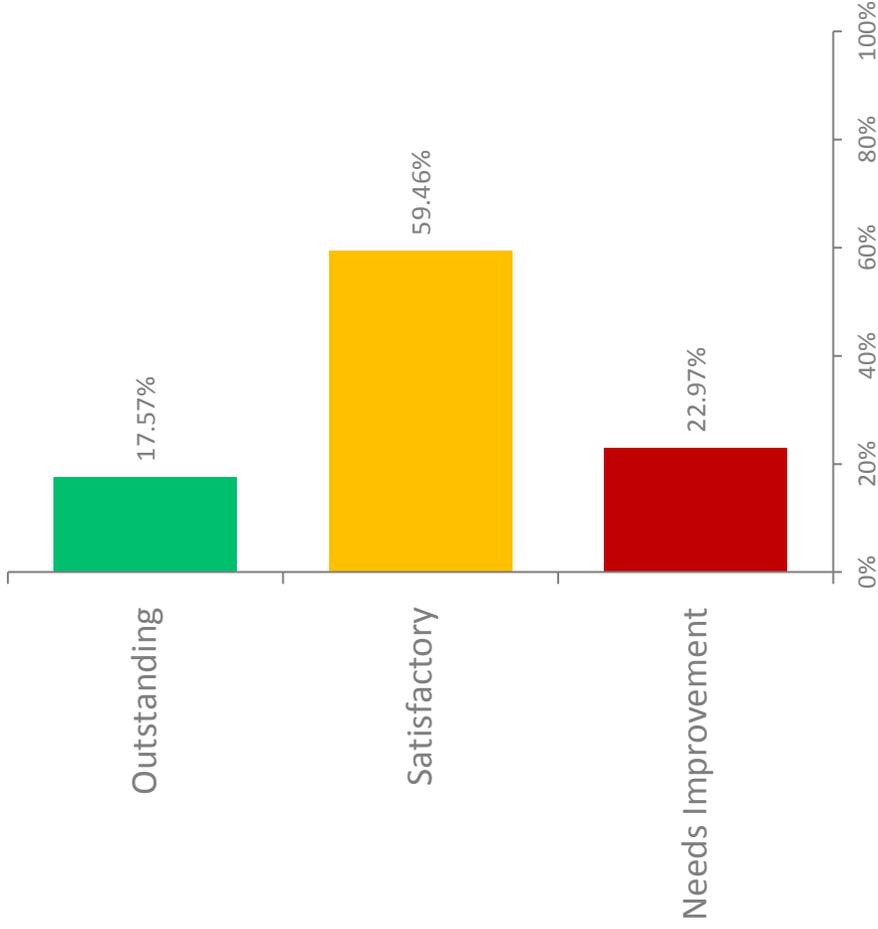
Are there existing community programs offered within the Village of Ardsley available when requested?

For example, if you sign up for a class, is there an opening?

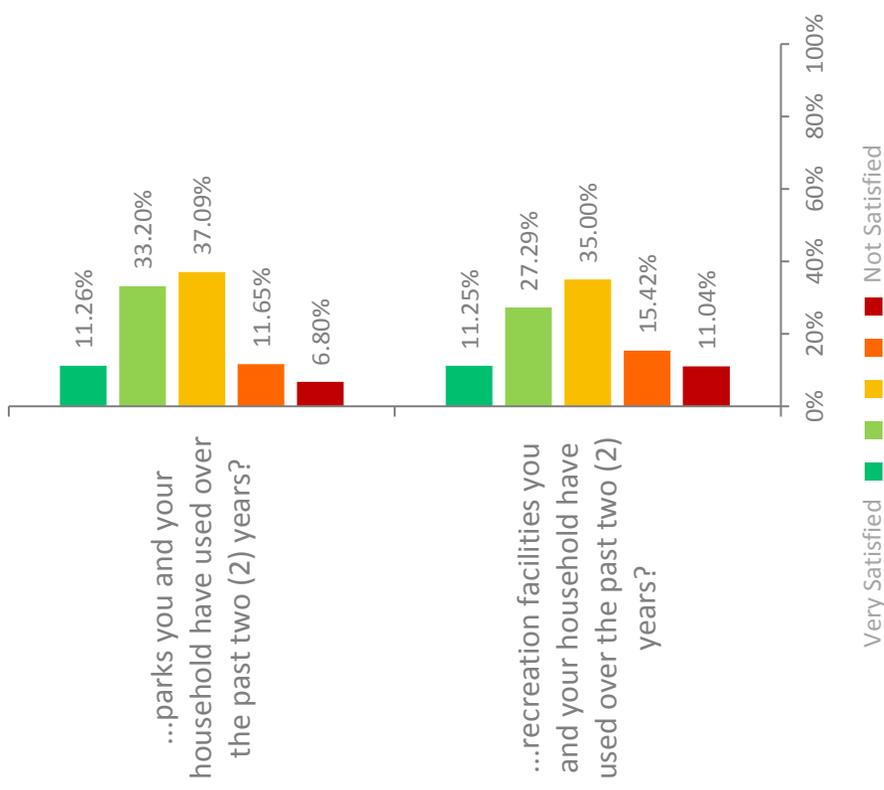


Online Survey Summary - Programs

How would you describe the overall quality of the recreation programs in the Village of Ardsley?

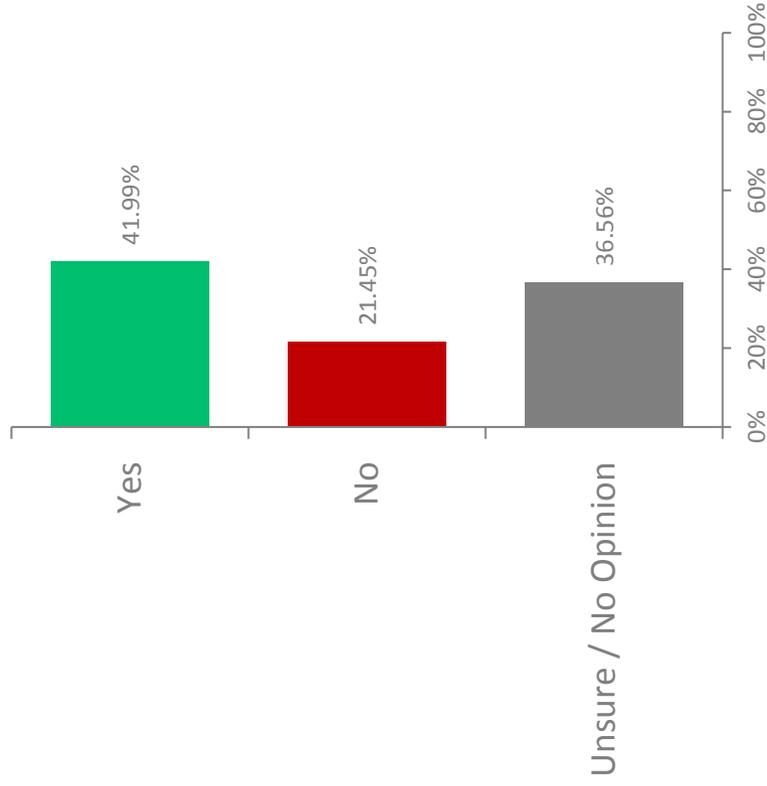


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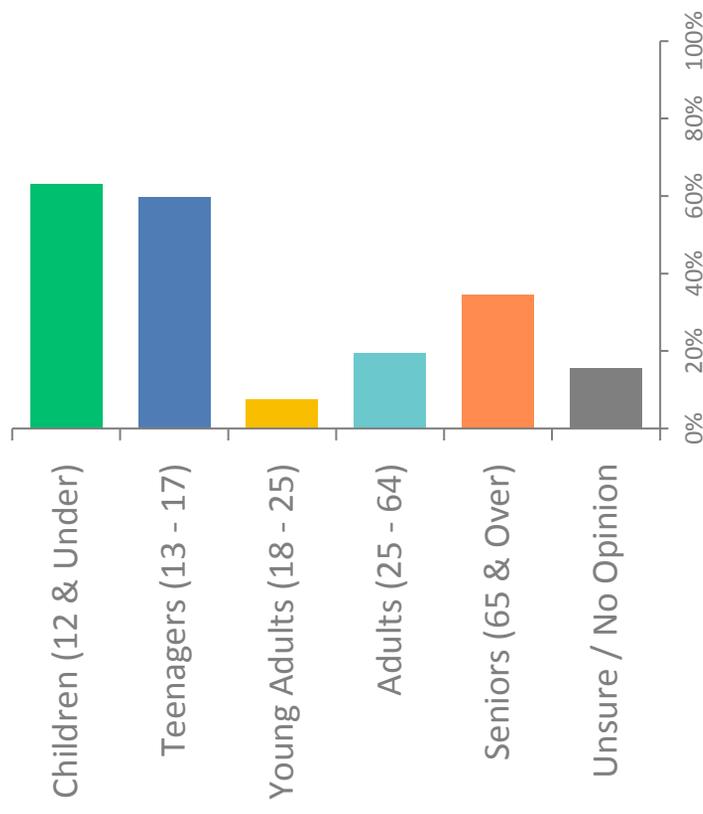


Online Survey Summary – Community Center

Is a new community center needed?

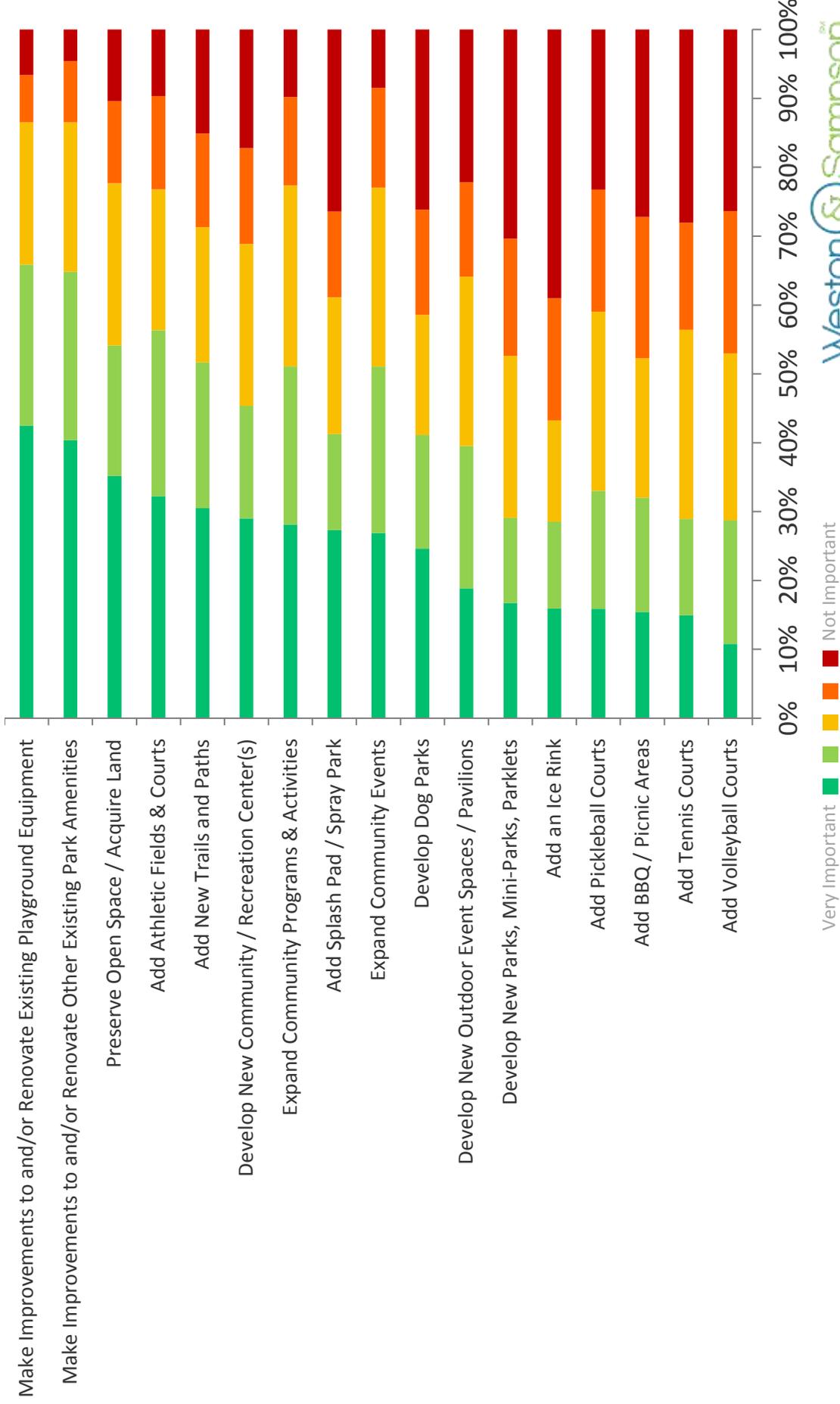


What age groups would best be served by a new community center? PICK TWO (2)



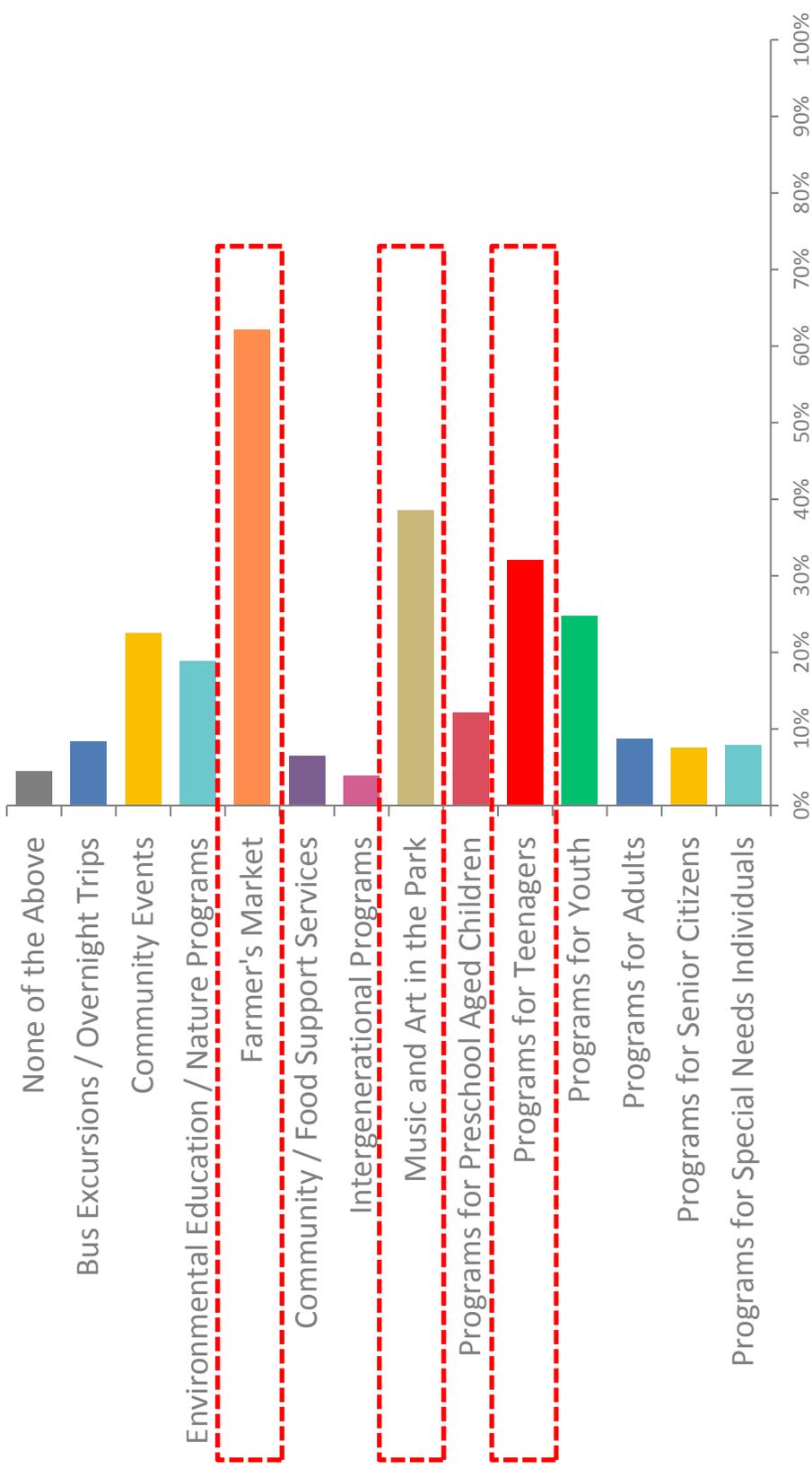
Online Survey Summary – Priorities

In your opinion, how important are the following items for the Village of Ardsley to address over the next 5 -10 years?



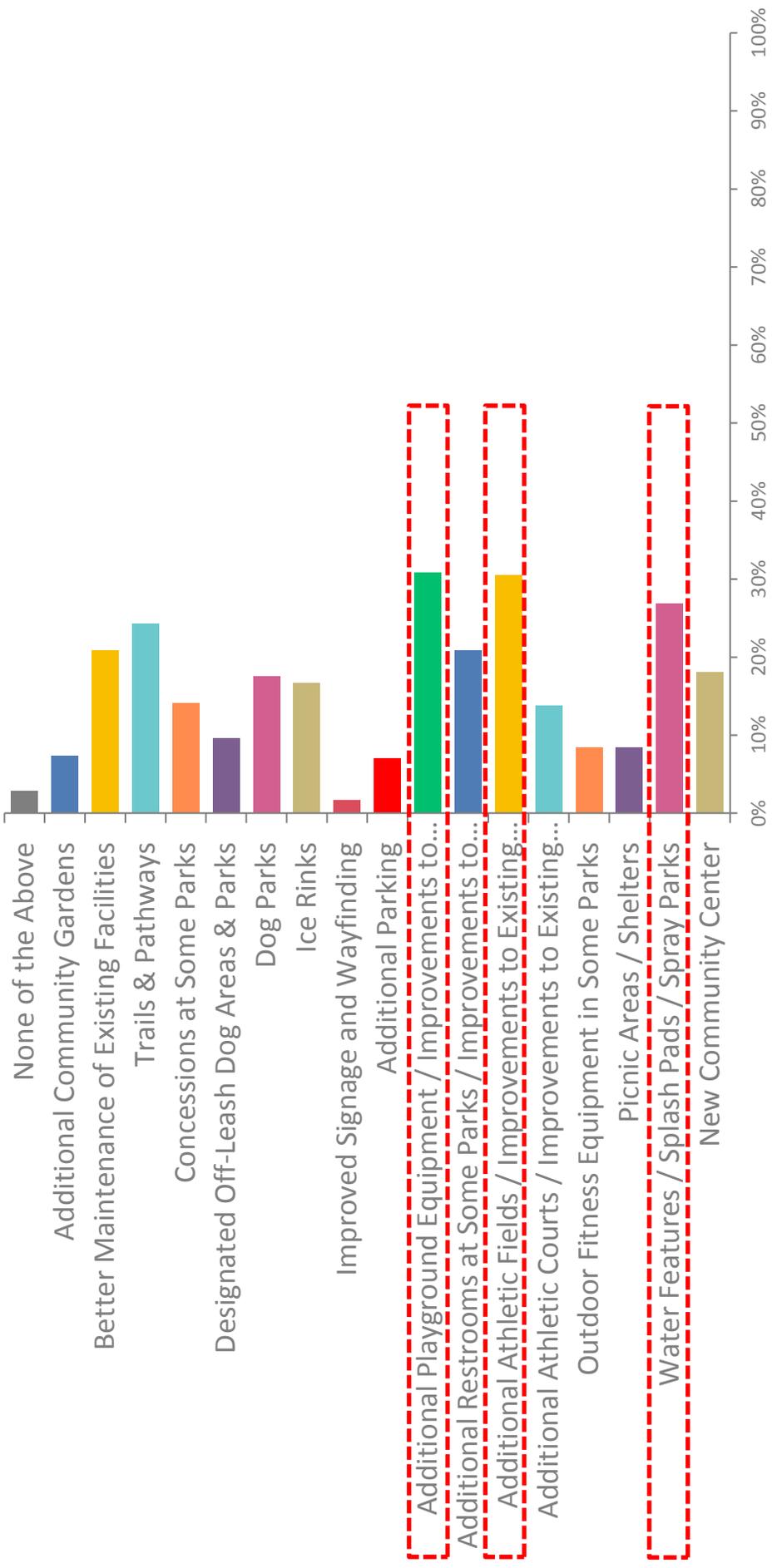
Online Survey Summary – Priorities

Please indicate the additions or expansion of the following RECREATION / COMMUNITY PROGRAMS that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)



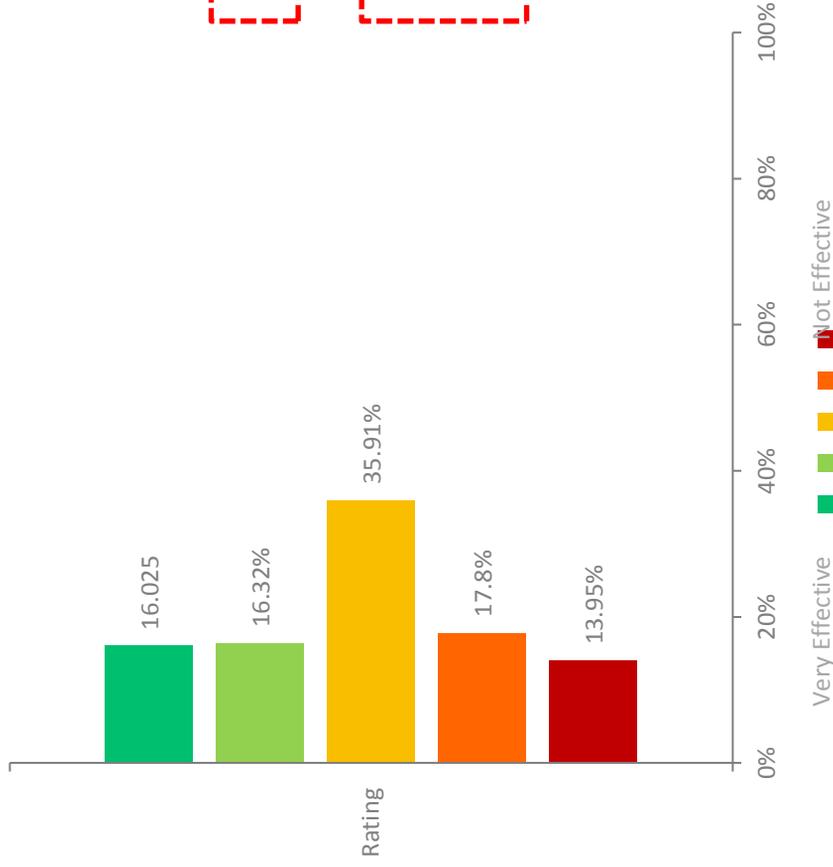
Online Survey Summary – Priorities

Please indicate the additions or expansion of the following RECREATION / COMMUNITY FACILITIES that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

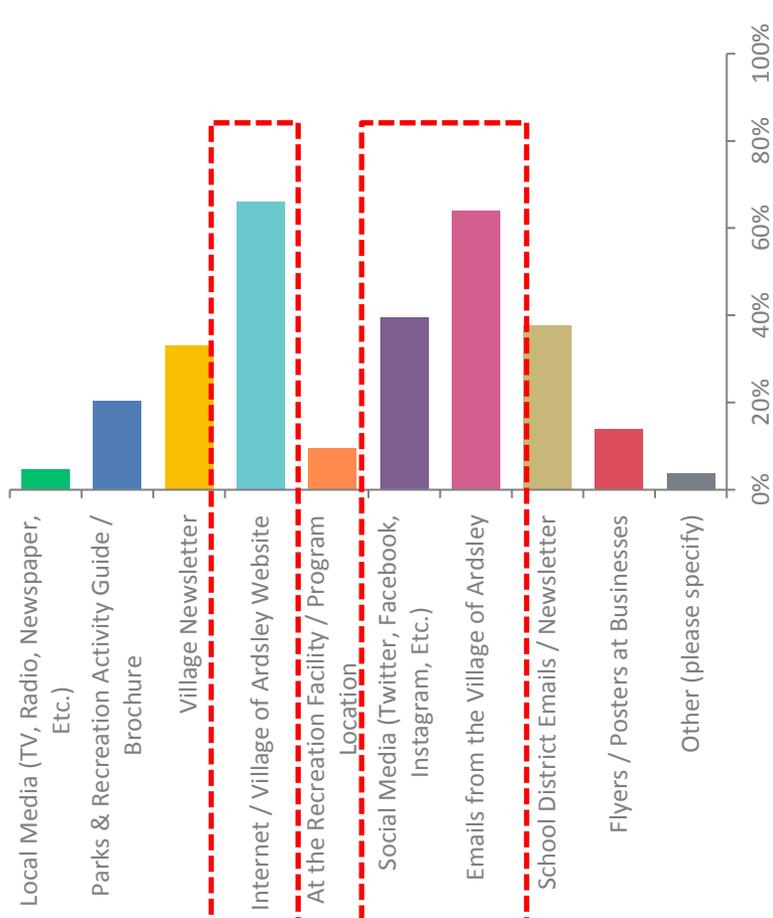


Online Survey Summary – Communications

How effective is the Village of Ardsley at reaching you with information on community facilities and programs?



In your opinion, what is the best way to get information about parks & recreation facilities and programs?

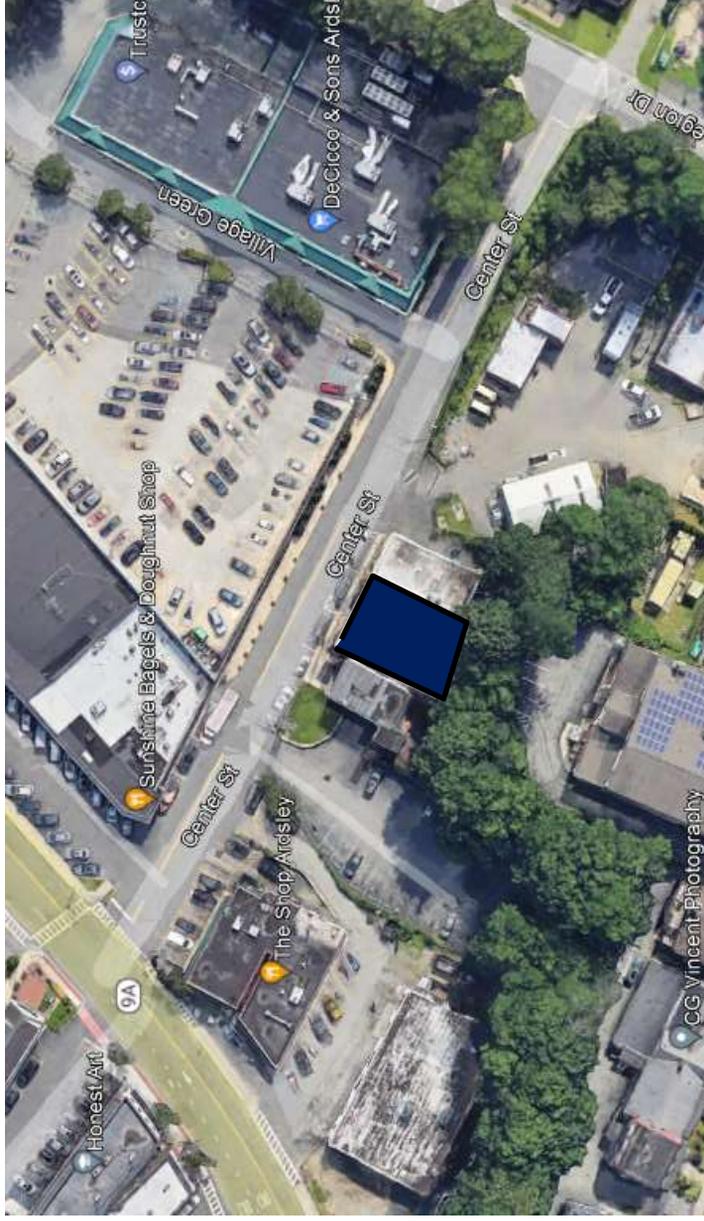


Preliminary Recommendations – General

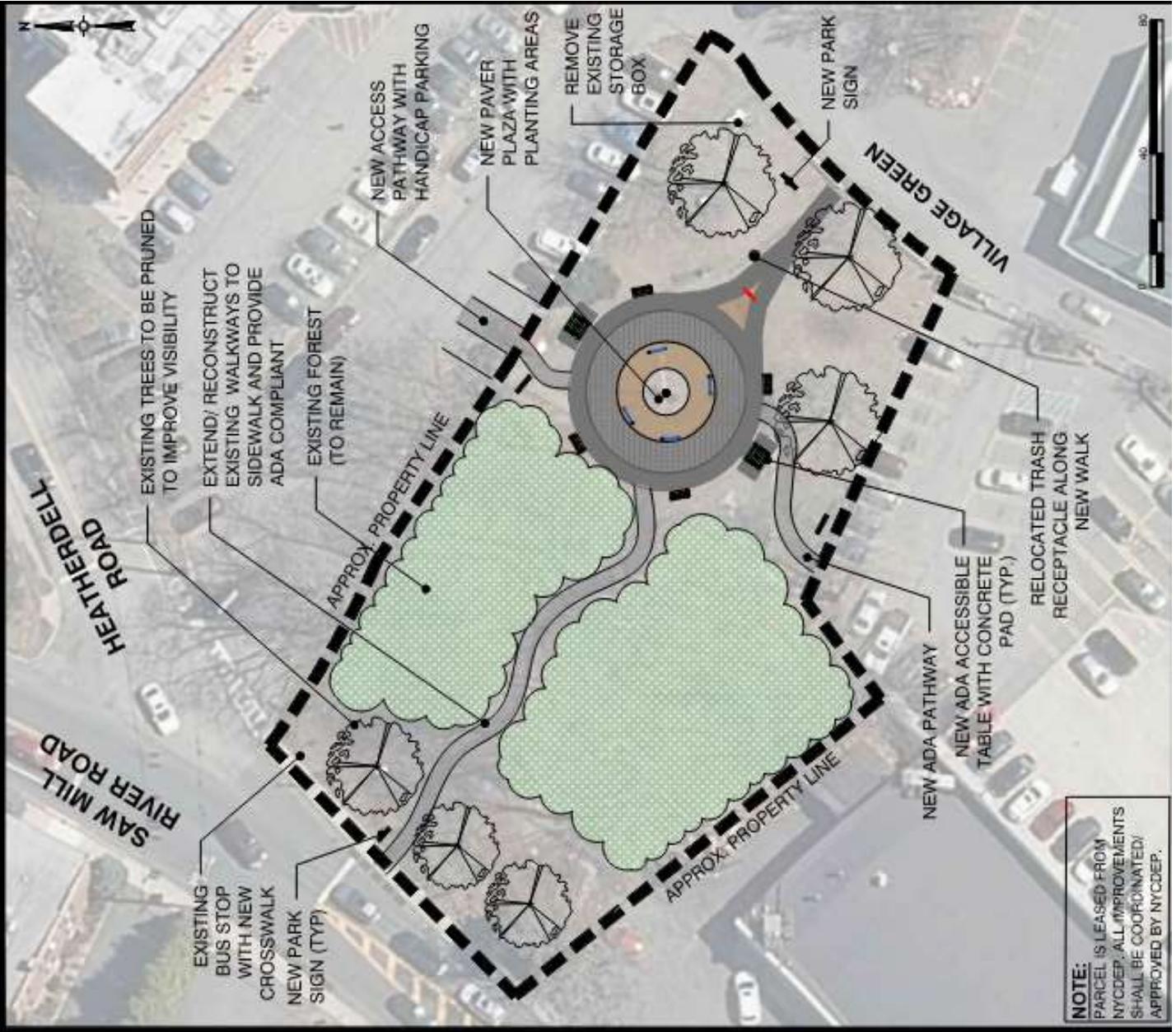
- **Programming | Administration**
 - Increase special event programming
 - Review recreational program offerings and adjust annually
 - Improve access to athletic fields for existing and new/ growing groups
 - Improve communication and event/ facility marketing
 - Update parks/ trail maps
 - Develop maintenance standards & level of service
 - Increase funding for parks and facility maintenance
- **Expansion | Development**
 - Explore feasibility of land acquisition within the Village for creation of new parks and recreation facilities, specifically for tennis, pickleball, and cricket facilities
 - Expand walking pathways and trail connectivity to and within parks
 - Focus on conservation and sustainability (Preserve and expand open space)
- **Maintenance | Compliance**
 - Install ADA compliant routes to parks & recreation facilities where necessary
 - Improve/ upgrade signage (wayfinding, park signs, parking, etc.)
 - Upgrade existing facilities and outdated amenities that do not function well

Preliminary Recommendations – Community Center

- **Programming**
 - Develop additional youth & teen programming to better utilize space
 - Coordinate with adjacent businesses to expand parking options
- **Expansion | Development**
 - Conduct feasibility study for expansion of existing, acquisition of a larger building or construction of a new community center with dedicated parking



Preliminary Recommendations – Bicentennial Park



Preliminary Recommendations – Floyd Lichtenberg Park



Preliminary Recommendations – Pocost Park



Preliminary Recommendations – Pascone Park



Preliminary Recommendations – McDowell Park



Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Thank you

Questions?

<https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/comprehensive-plan/implementation/webforms/parks-and-recreation-master-plan>

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APPENDIX B

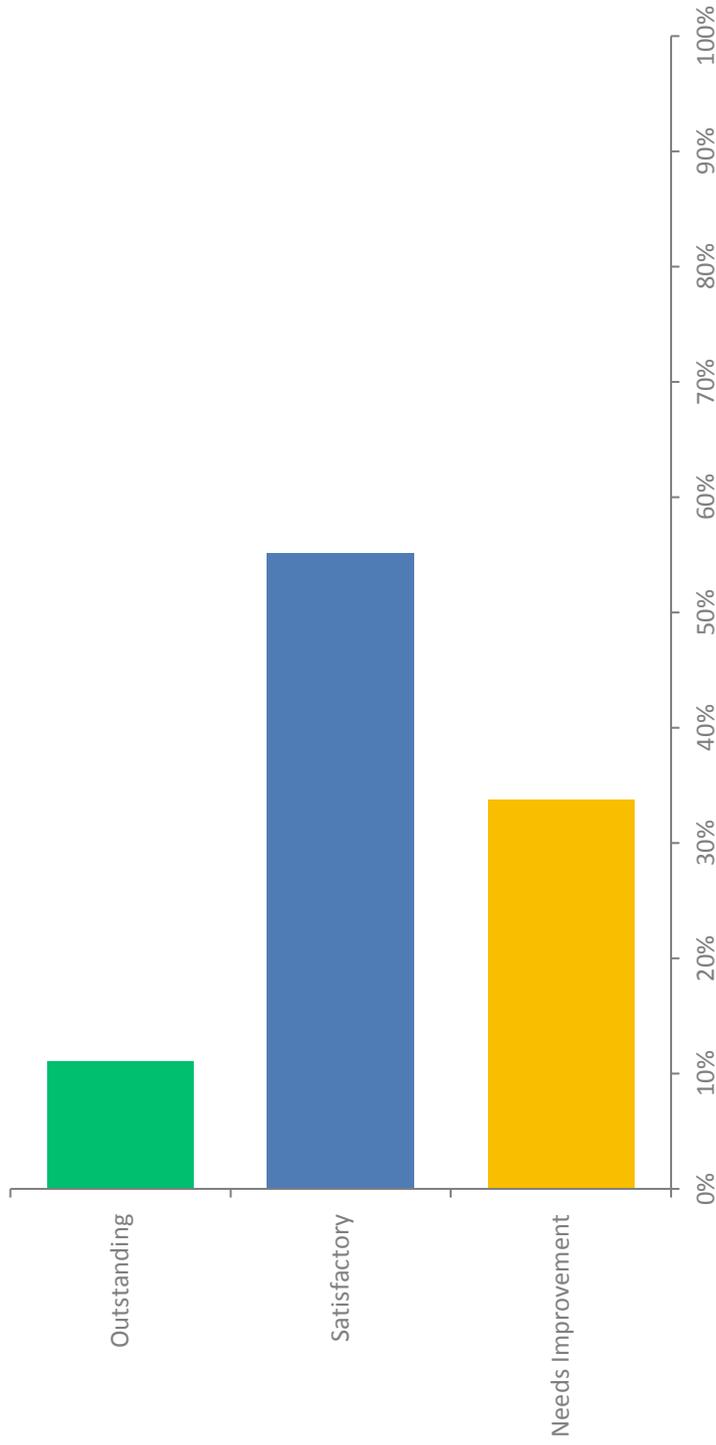
Public Survey Summary

Village of Ardsley - Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Thursday, January 05, 2023

Q3: How would you describe the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 524 Skipped: 9



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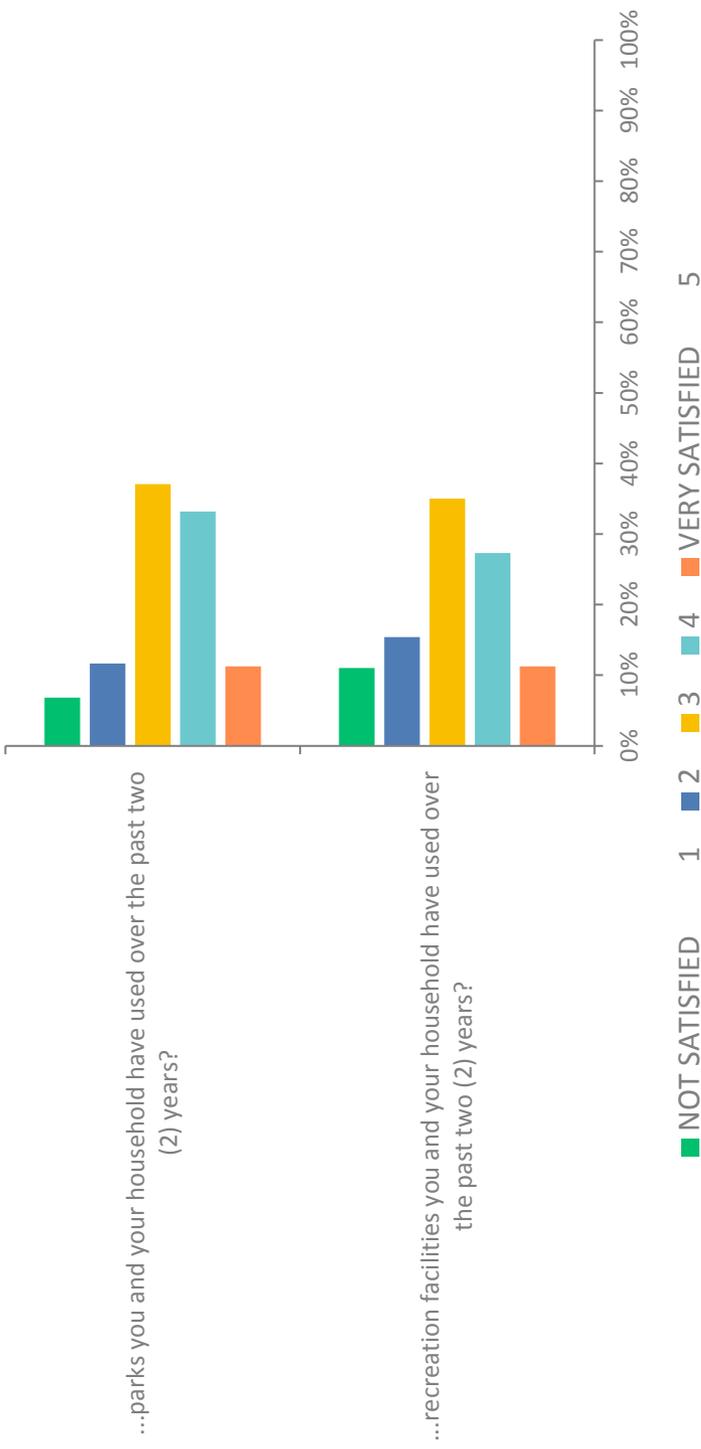
Answered: 524 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Outstanding	11.07% 58
Satisfactory	55.15% 289
Needs Improvement	33.78% 177
TOTAL	524

Q4: How satisfied have you and your household been with the quality of Village of Ardsley...

Answered: 516

Skipped: 17



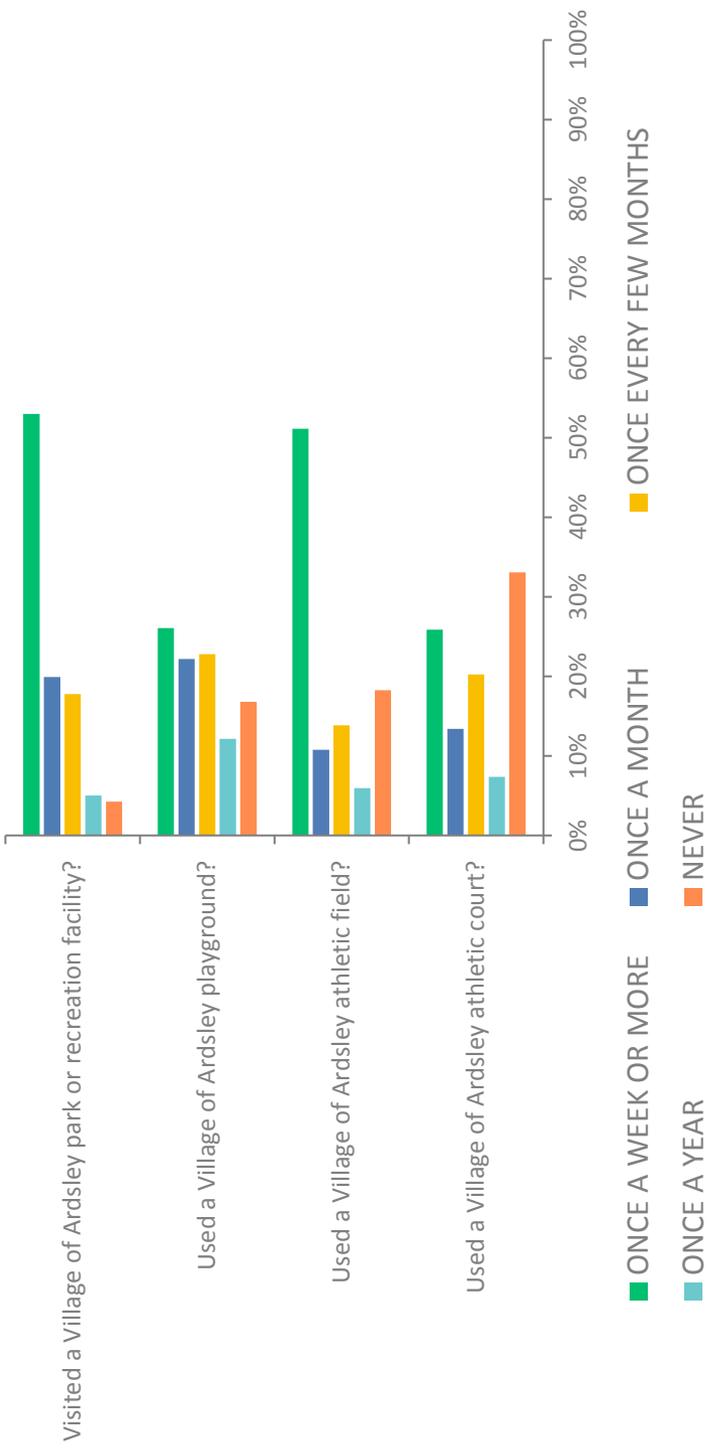
Q4: How satisfied have you and your household been with the quality of Village of Ardsley...

Answered: 516 Skipped: 17

	NOT SATISFIED	1	2	3	4	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
...parks you and your household have used over the past two (2) years?	6.80%	35	11.65%	60	37.09%	191	33.20%	171	11.26%	58	515	1
...recreation facilities you and your household have used over the past two (2) years?	11.04%	53	15.42%	74	35.00%	168	27.29%	131	11.25%	54	480	1

Q5: In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household...

Answered: 522 Skipped: 11



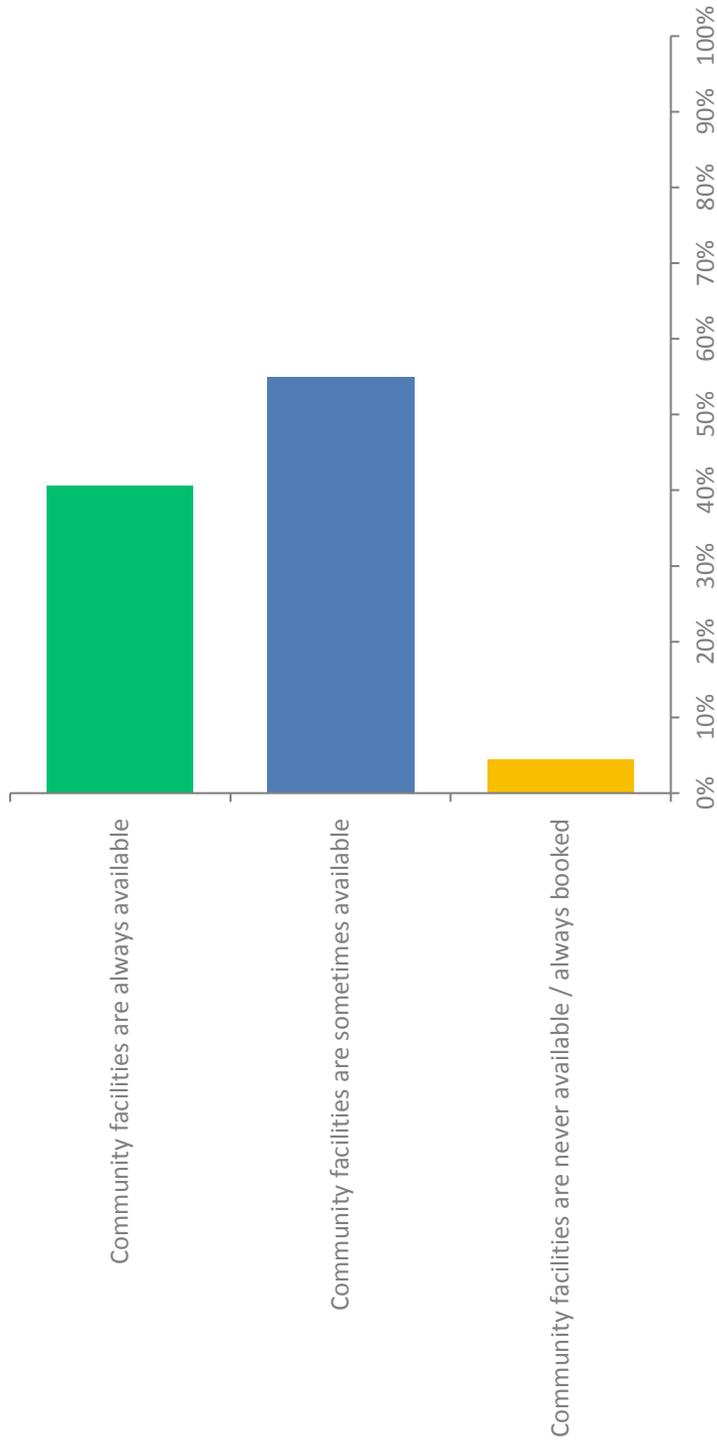
Q5: In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household...

Answered: 522 Skipped: 11

	ONCE A WEEK OR MORE	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE EVERY FEW MONTHS	ONCE A YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Visited a Village of Ardsley park or recreation facility?	53.00% 274	19.92% 103	17.79% 92	5.03% 26	4.26% 22	517	1
Used a Village of Ardsley playground?	26.06% 135	22.20% 115	22.78% 118	12.16% 63	16.80% 87	518	1
Used a Village of Ardsley athletic field?	51.15% 266	10.77% 56	13.85% 72	5.96% 31	18.27% 95	520	1
Used a Village of Ardsley athletic court?	25.88% 133	13.42% 69	20.23% 104	7.39% 38	33.07% 170	514	1

Q6: In your experience, are existing parks & recreation facilities within the Village of Ardsley available when requested? For example, if you try to reserve a court or field, are any available?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196



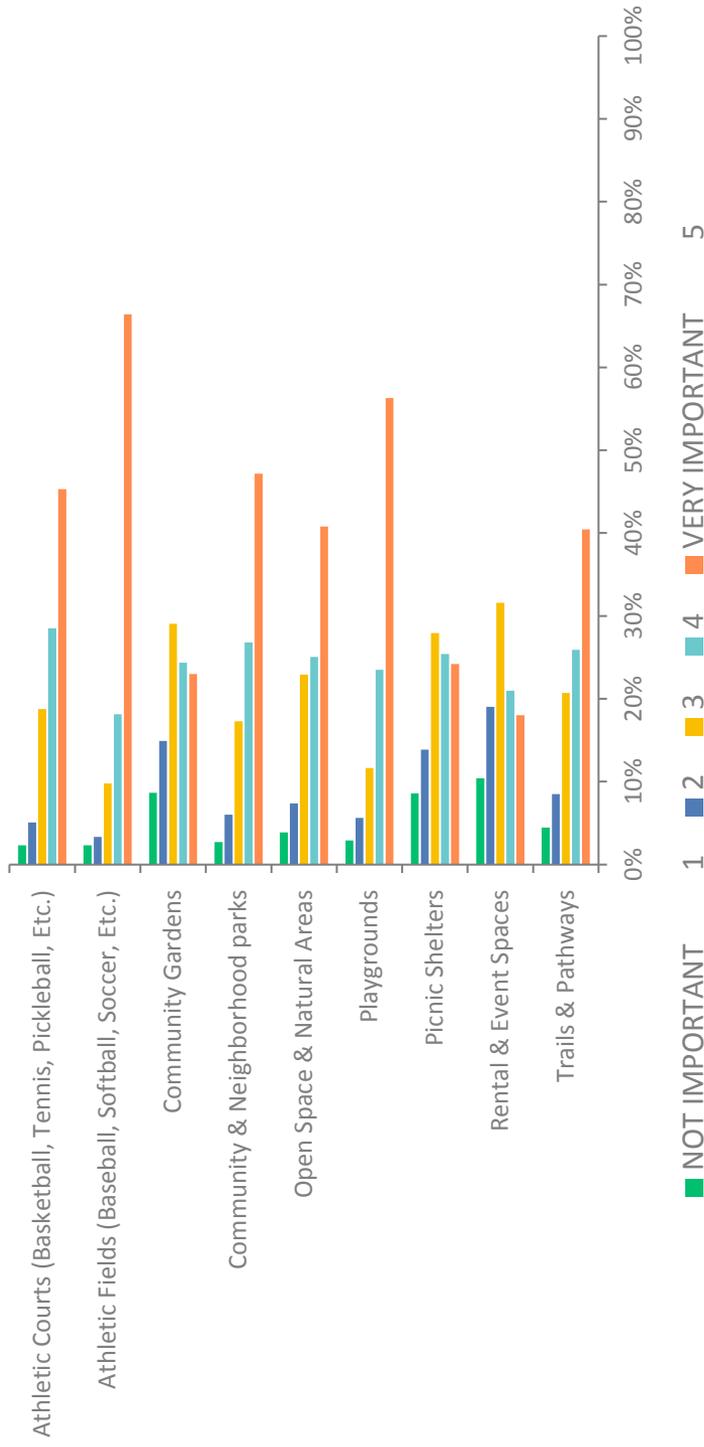
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Answered: 337 Skipped: 196

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Community facilities are always available	40.65% 137
Community facilities are sometimes available	54.90% 185
Community facilities are never available / always booked	4.45% 15
TOTAL	337

Q7: Please rate how important the following existing recreation facilities are in meeting the needs of the Village of Ardsley.

Answered: 521 Skipped: 12



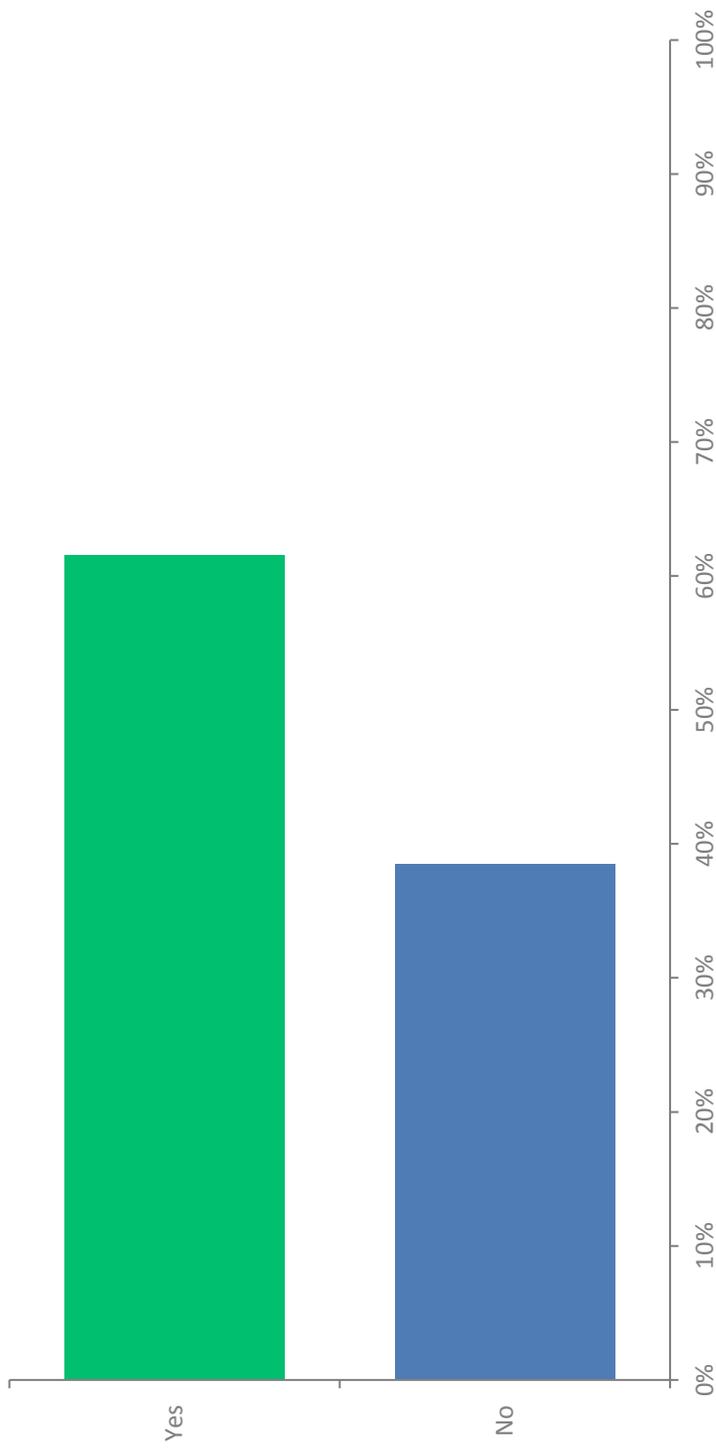
Q7: Please rate how important the following existing recreation facilities are in meeting the needs of the Village of Ardsley.

Answered: 521 Skipped: 12

	IMPORTANT					TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
	1	2	3	4	5		
Athletic Courts (Basketball, Tennis, Pickleball, Etc.)	2.34% 12	5.08% 26	18.75% 96	28.52% 146	45.31% 232	512	1
Athletic Fields (Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Etc.)	2.34% 12	3.32% 17	9.77% 50	18.16% 93	66.41% 340	512	1
Community Gardens	8.64% 44	14.93% 76	29.08% 148	24.36% 124	22.99% 117	509	1
Community & Neighborhood parks	2.72% 14	6.02% 31	17.28% 89	26.80% 138	47.18% 243	515	1
Open Space & Natural Areas	3.88% 20	7.38% 38	22.91% 118	25.05% 129	40.78% 210	515	1
Playgrounds	2.91% 15	5.63% 29	11.65% 60	23.50% 121	56.31% 290	515	1
Picnic Shelters	8.59% 44	13.87% 71	27.93% 143	25.39% 130	24.22% 124	512	1
Rental & Event Spaces	10.39% 53	19.02% 97	31.57% 161	20.98% 107	18.04% 92	510	1
Trails & Pathways	4.45% 23	8.51% 44	20.70% 107	25.92% 134	40.43% 209	517	1

Q8: Do you believe there are enough parks & recreation facilities in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 504 Skipped: 29



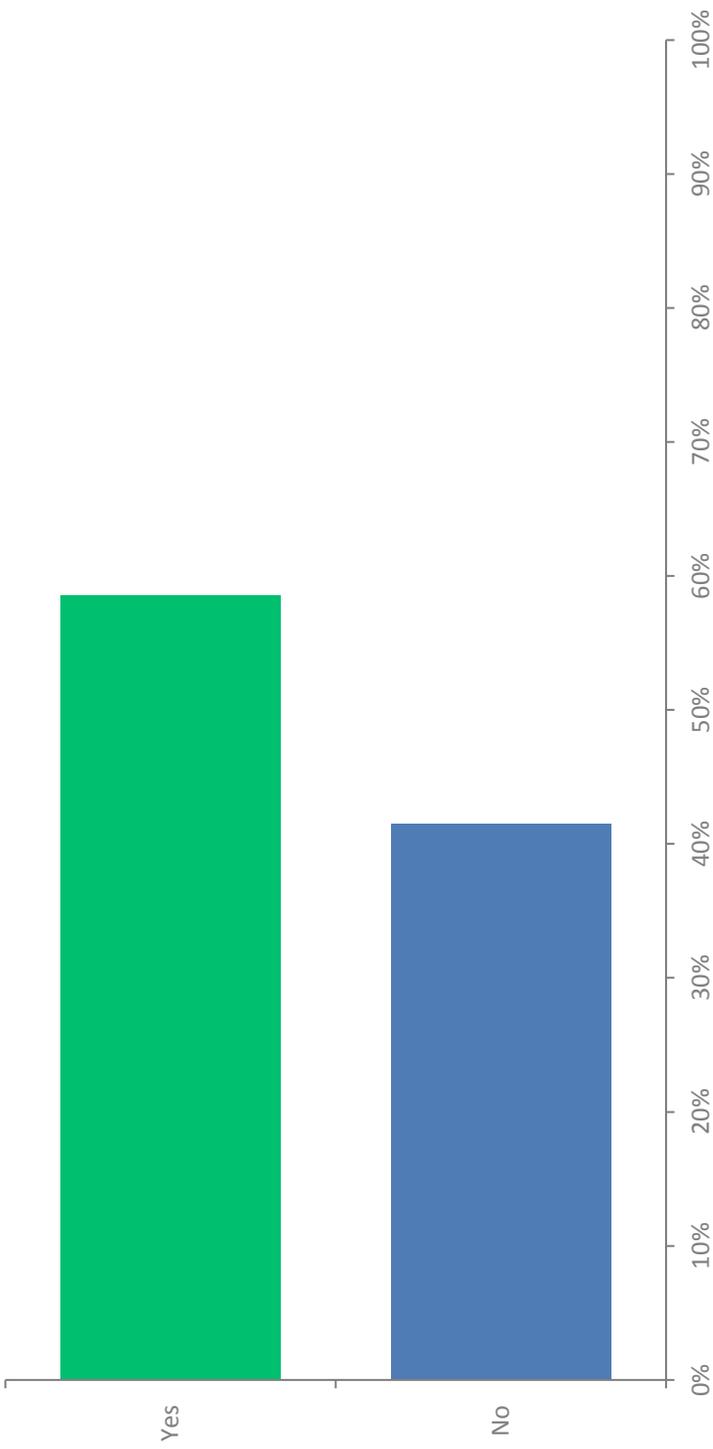
Q8: Do you believe there are enough parks & recreation facilities in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 504 Skipped: 29

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	61.51% 310
No	38.49% 194
TOTAL	504

Q9: Do you believe that the pocket parks located in the Village of Ardsley provide adequate benefits for the community?

Answered: 475 Skipped: 58



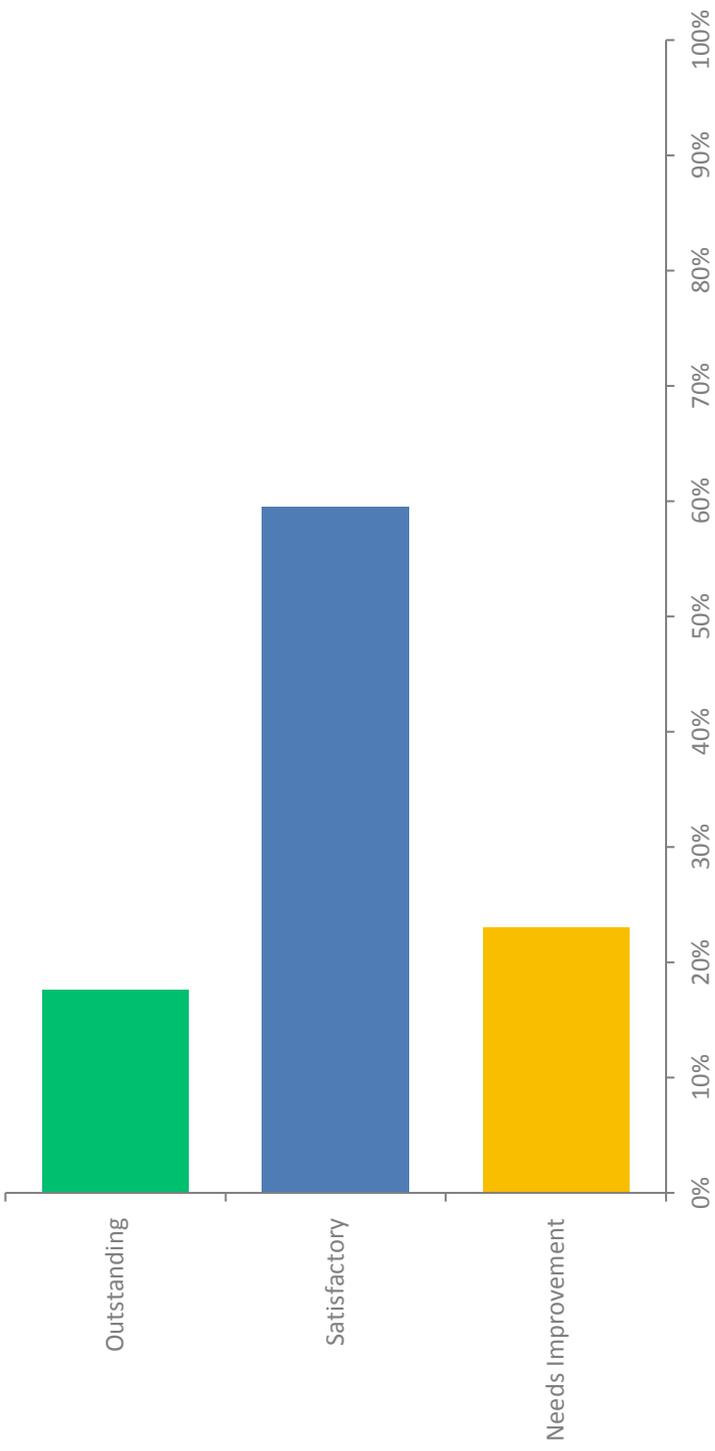
Q9: Do you believe that the pocket parks located in the Village of Ardsley provide adequate benefits for the community?

Answered: 475 Skipped: 58

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	58.53% 278
No	41.47% 197
TOTAL	475

Q12: How would you describe the overall quality of the recreation programs in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 370 Skipped: 163



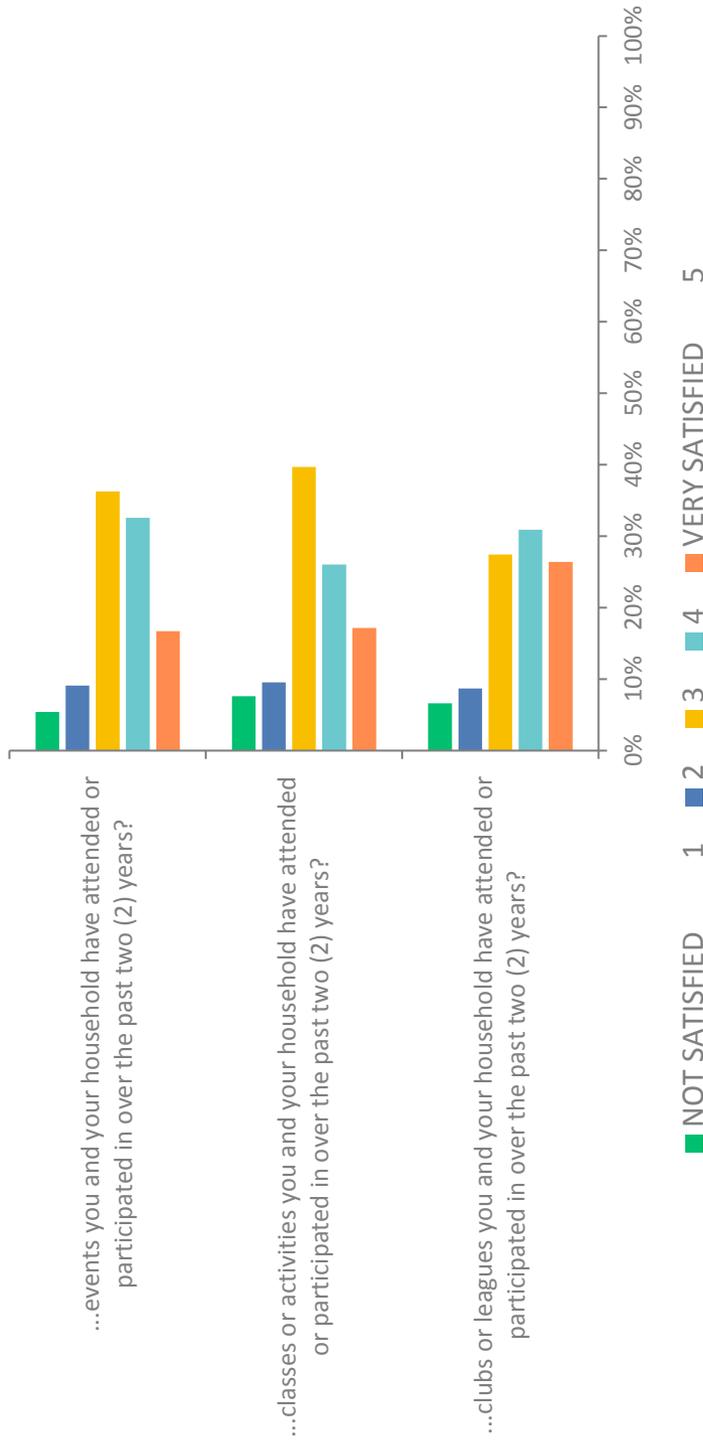
Q12: How would you describe the overall quality of the recreation programs in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 370 Skipped: 163

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Outstanding	17.57% 65
Satisfactory	59.46% 220
Needs Improvement	22.97% 85
TOTAL	370

Q13: How satisfactory have you and your household been with the quality of Village of Ardsley...

Answered: 364 Skipped: 169



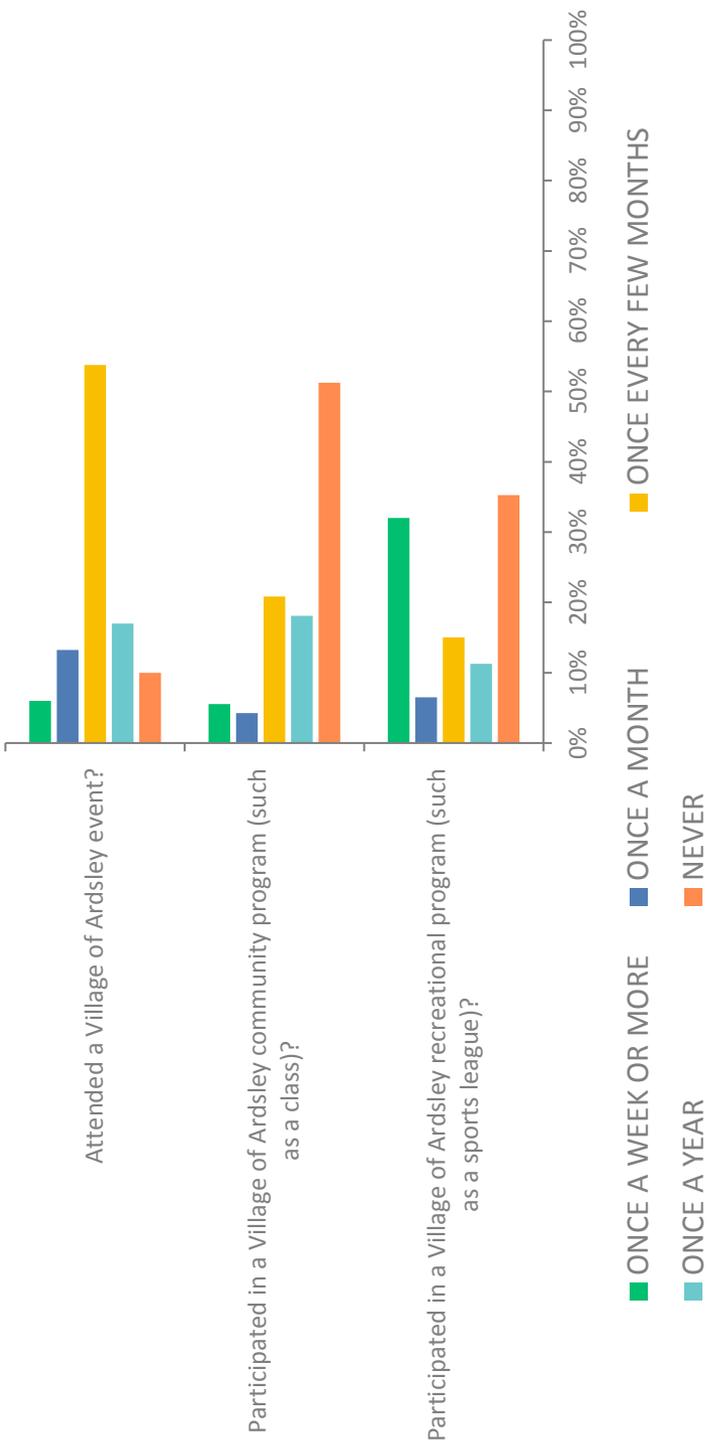
Q13: How satisfactory have you and your household been with the quality of Village of Ardsley...

Answered: 364 Skipped: 169

	NOT SATISFIED	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
...events you and your household have attended or participated in over the past two (2) years?	5.38%	19	9.07%	32	36.26%	128	32.58%	115	16.71%	59	353	1
...classes or activities you and your household have attended or participated in over the past two (2) years?	7.62%	24	9.52%	30	39.68%	125	26.03%	82	17.14%	54	315	1
...clubs or leagues you and your household have attended or participated in over the past two (2) years?	6.60%	19	8.68%	25	27.43%	79	30.90%	89	26.39%	76	288	1

Q14: In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household...

Answered: 404 Skipped: 129



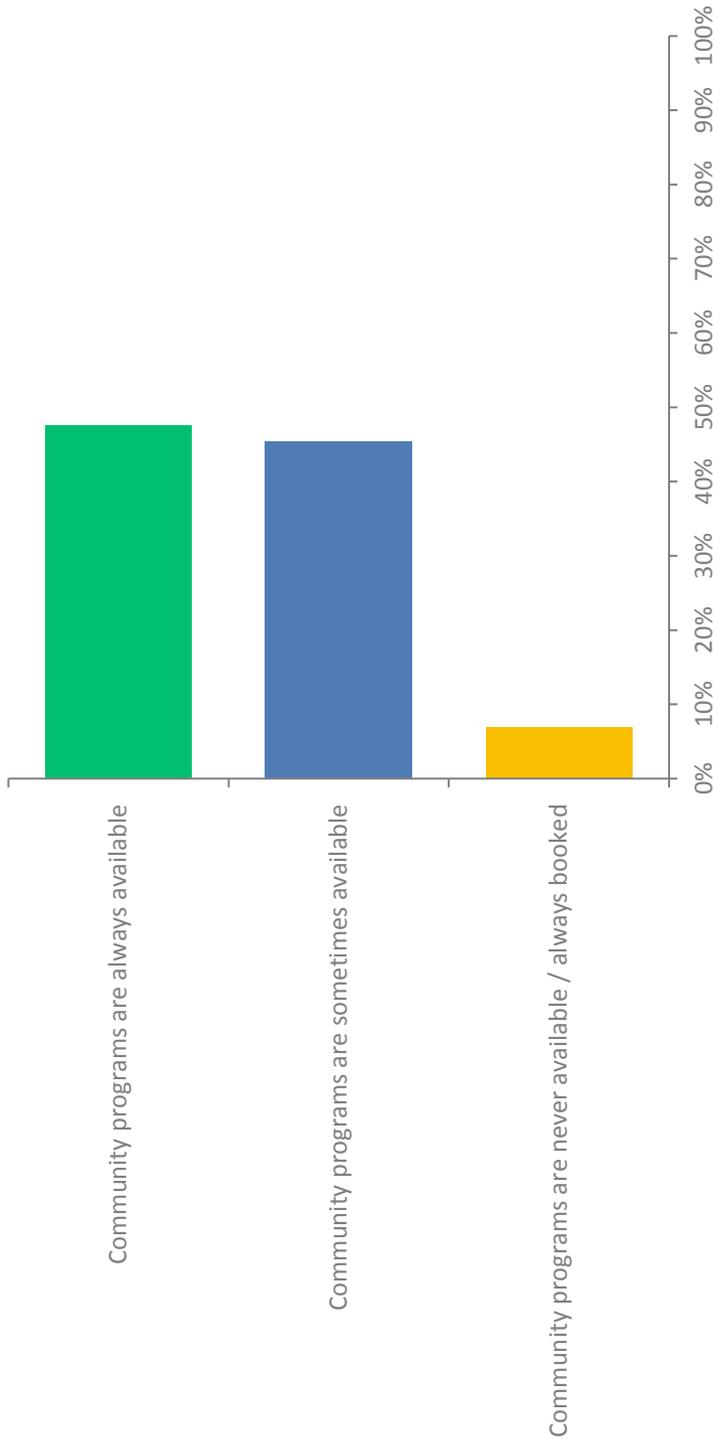
Q14: In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household...

Answered: 404 Skipped: 129

	ONCE A WEEK OR MORE	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE EVERY FEW MONTHS	ONCE A YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Attended a Village of Ardsley event?	6.00% 24	13.25% 53	53.75% 215	17.00% 68	10.0% 40	400	1
Participated in a Village of Ardsley community program (such as a class)?	5.53% 22	4.27% 17	20.85% 83	18.09% 72	51.26% 204	398	1
Participated in a Village of Ardsley recreational program (such as a sports league)?	32.00% 128	6.50% 26	15.00% 60	11.25% 45	35.25% 141	400	1

Q15: In your experience, are existing community programs offered within the Village of Ardsley available when requested? For example, if you sign up for a class, is there an opening?

Answered: 273 Skipped: 260



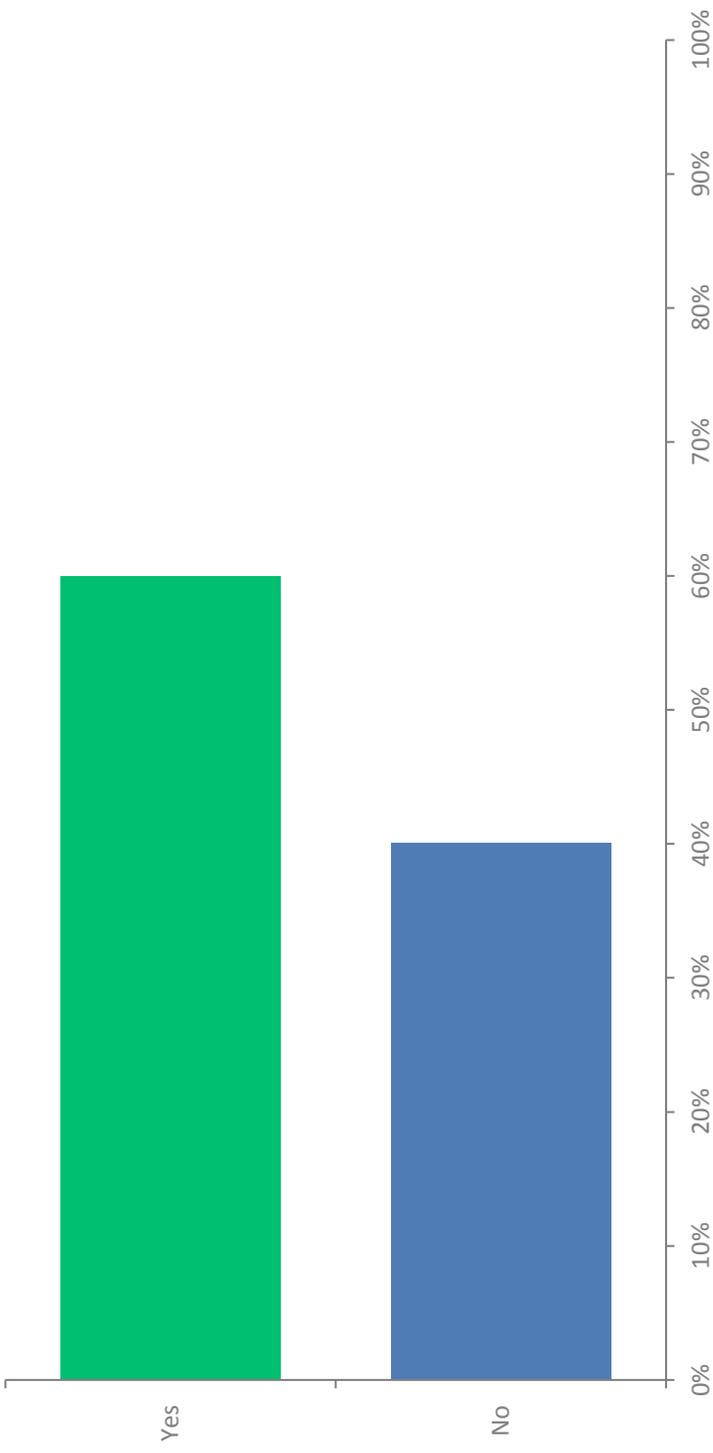
Q15: In your experience, are existing community programs offered within the Village of Ardsley available when requested? For example, if you sign up for a class, is there an opening?

Answered: 273 Skipped: 260

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Community programs are always available	47.62% 130
Community programs are sometimes available	45.42% 124
Community programs are never available / always booked	6.96% 19
TOTAL	273

Q16: Do you believe there are enough recreation program offerings in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196



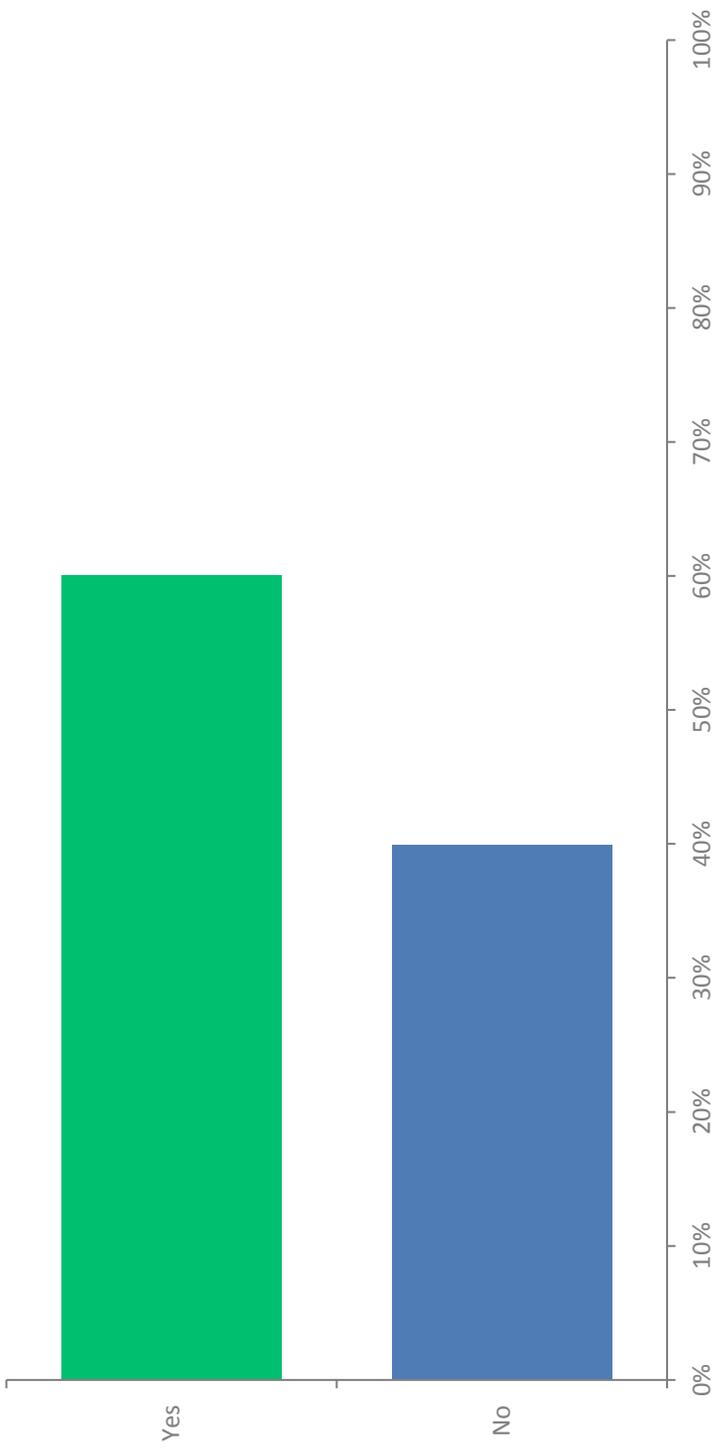
Q16: Do you believe there are enough recreation program offerings in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.94% 202
No	40.06% 135
TOTAL	337

Q17: Do you believe there is enough variety of recreation program offerings in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 333 Skipped: 200



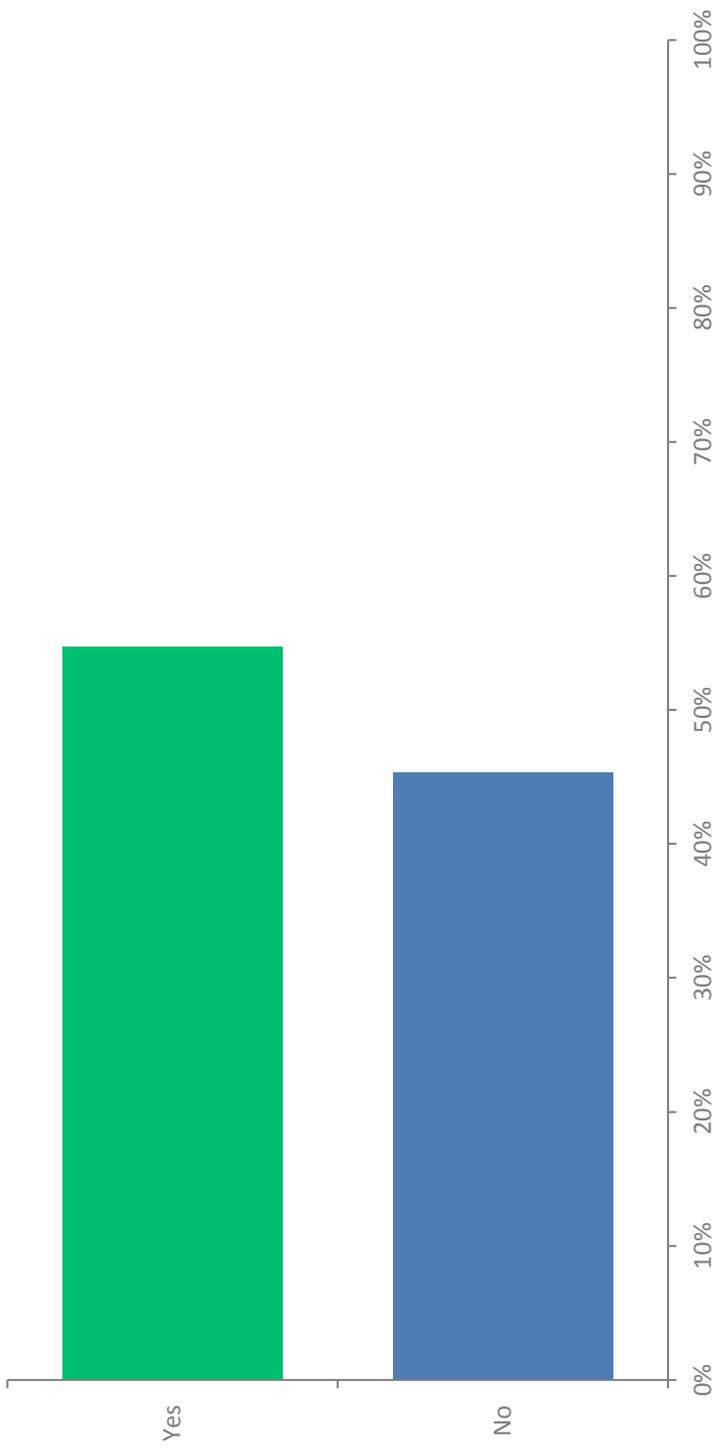
Q17: Do you believe there is enough variety of recreation program offerings in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 333 Skipped: 200

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	60.06% 200
No	39.94% 133
TOTAL	333

Q18: Do you believe there is sufficient recreation programming for all ages in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 193



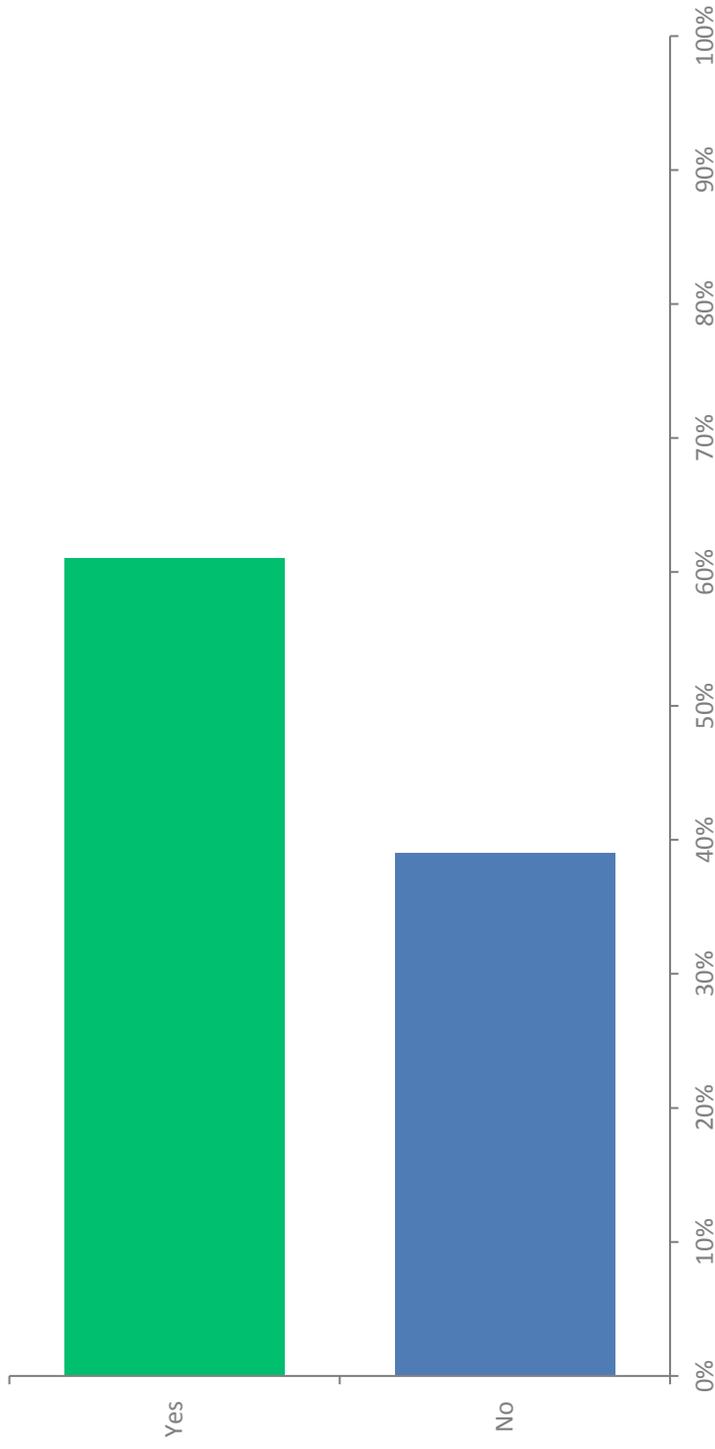
Q18: Do you believe there is sufficient recreation programming for all ages in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 193

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	54.71% 186
No	45.29% 154
TOTAL	340

Q19: Do you believe there are enough recreation / community facilities in the Village of Ardsley for events, gatherings, or services?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 220



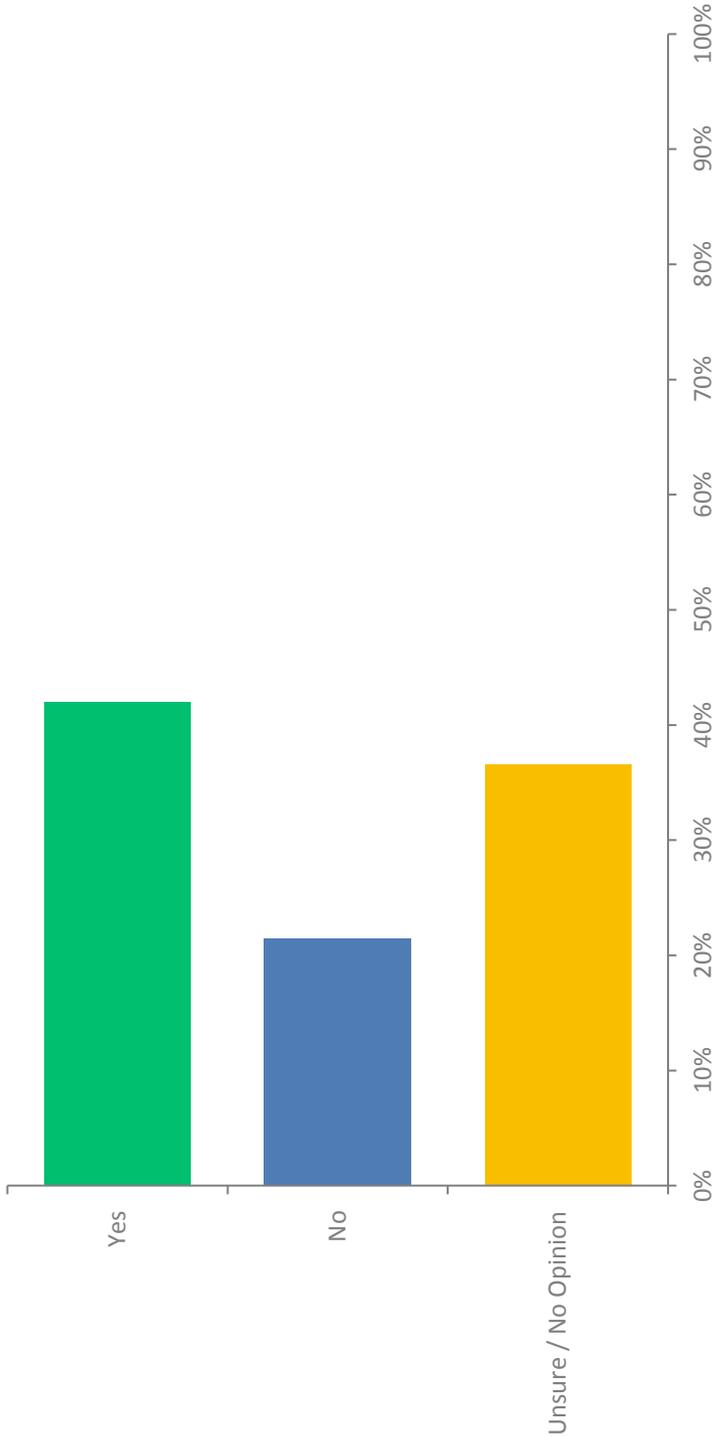
Q19: Do you believe there are enough recreation / community facilities in the Village of Ardsley for events, gatherings, or services?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 220

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	61.02% 191
No	38.98% 122
TOTAL	313

Q21: Is a new community center needed?

Answered: 331 Skipped: 202



Q21: Is a new community center needed?

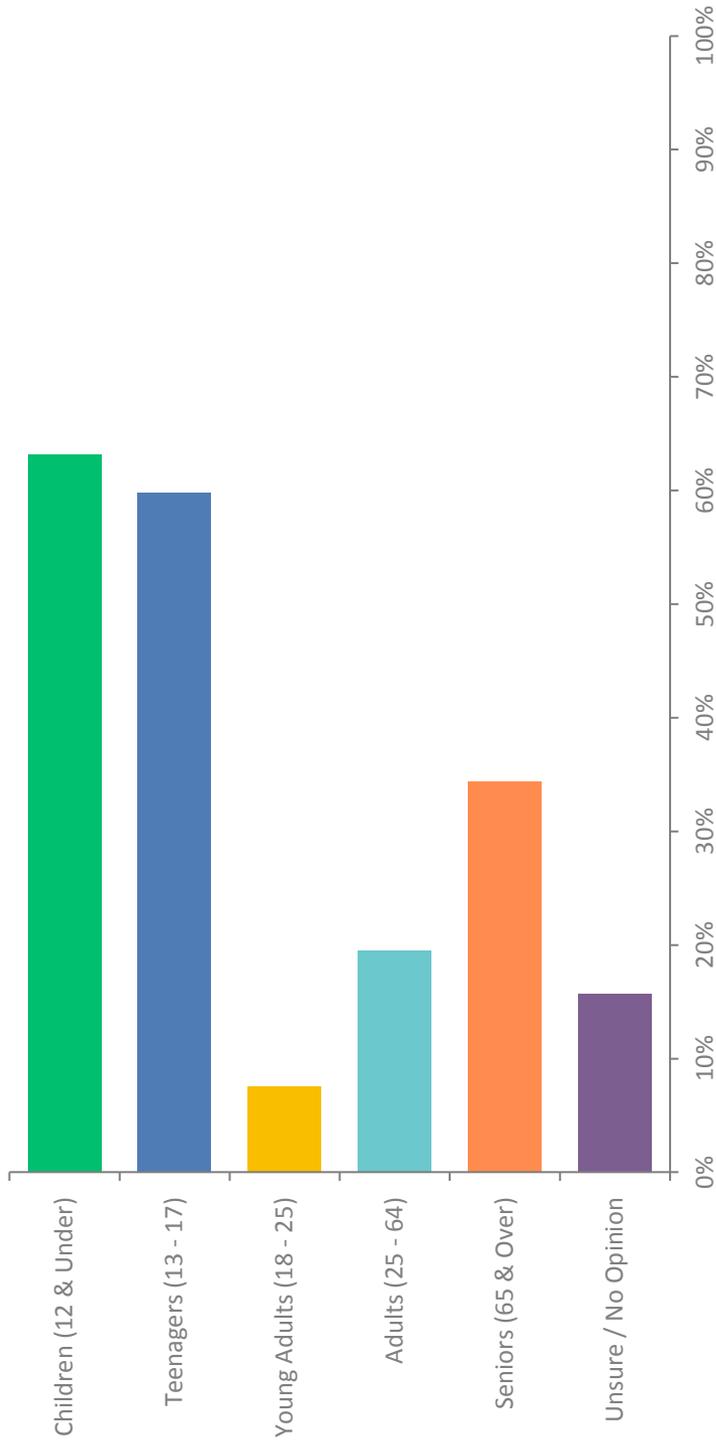
Answered: 331 Skipped: 202

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	41.99% 139
No	21.45% 71
Unsure / No Opinion	36.56% 121
TOTAL	331

Q22: What age groups would best be served by a new community center? PICK TWO (2)

Answered: 358

Skipped: 175



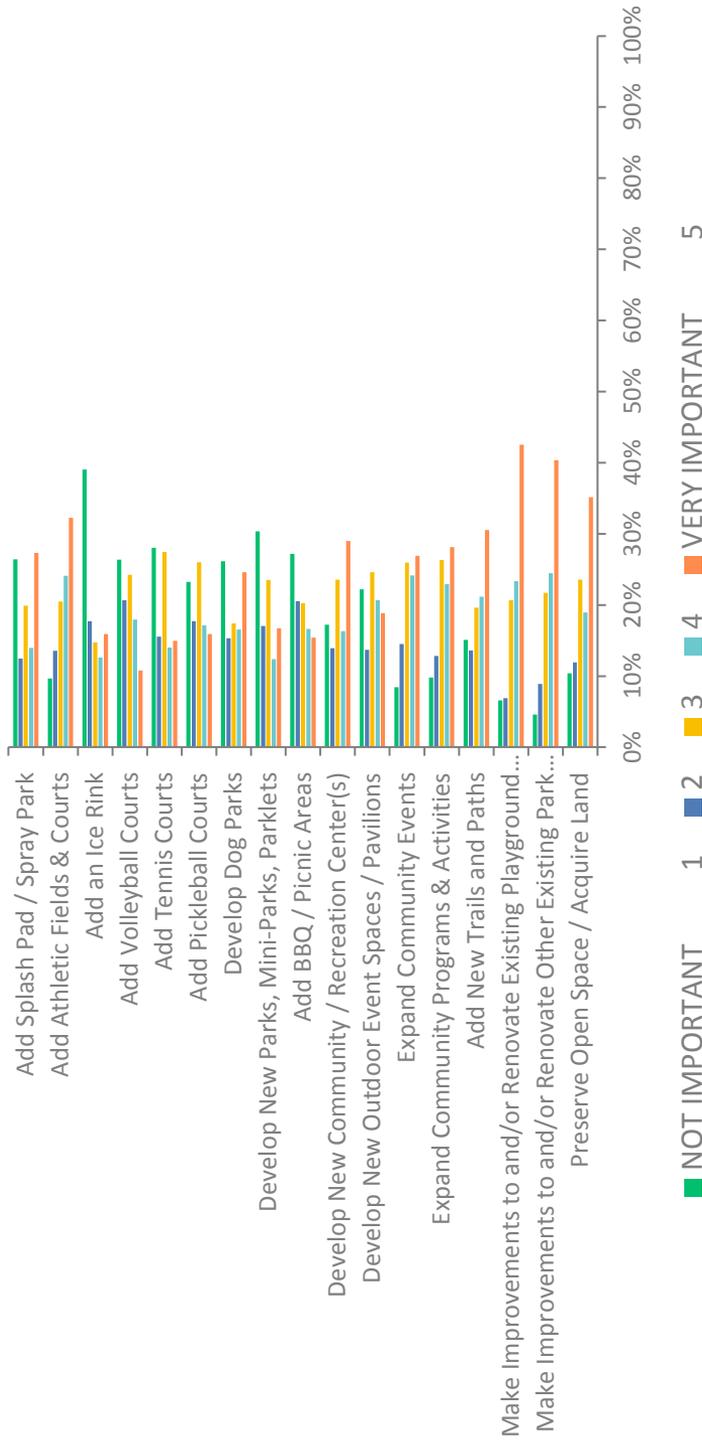
Q22: What age groups would best be served by a new community center? PICK TWO (2)

Answered: 358 Skipped: 175

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Children (12 & Under)	63.13% 226
Teenagers (13 - 17)	59.78% 214
Young Adults (18 - 25)	7.54% 27
Adults (25 - 64)	19.55% 70
Seniors (65 & Over)	34.36% 123
Unsure / No Opinion	15.64% 56
TOTAL	716

Q25: In your opinion, how important are the following items for the Village of Ardsley to address over the next 5 to 10 years?

Answered: 345 Skipped: 188



Q25: In your opinion, how important are the following items for the Village of Ardsley to address over the next 5 to 10 years?

Answered: 345 Skipped: 188

	NOT IMPORTANT	1	2	3	4	5	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE		
Add Splash Pad / Spray Park	26.41%	89	12.46%	42	19.88%	67	13.95%	47	27.30%	337	1
Add Athletic Fields & Courts	9.64%	32	13.55%	45	20.48%	68	24.10%	80	32.23%	107	1
Add an Ice Rink	39.04%	130	17.72%	59	14.71%	49	12.61%	42	15.92%	53	1
Add Volleyball Courts	26.35%	88	20.66%	69	24.25%	81	17.96%	60	10.78%	36	1
Add Tennis Courts	28.05%	92	15.55%	51	27.44%	90	14.02%	46	14.94%	49	1
Add Pickleball Courts	23.24%	76	17.74%	58	25.99%	85	17.13%	56	15.90%	52	1
Develop Dog Parks	26.13%	87	15.32%	51	17.42%	58	16.52%	55	24.62%	82	1
Develop New Parks, Mini-Parks, Parklets	30.34%	98	17.03%	55	23.53%	76	12.38%	40	16.72%	54	1
Add BBQ / Picnic Areas	27.19%	90	20.54%	68	20.24%	67	16.62%	55	15.41%	51	1
Develop New Community / Recreation Center(s)	17.22%	57	13.90%	46	23.56%	78	16.31%	54	29.00%	96	1

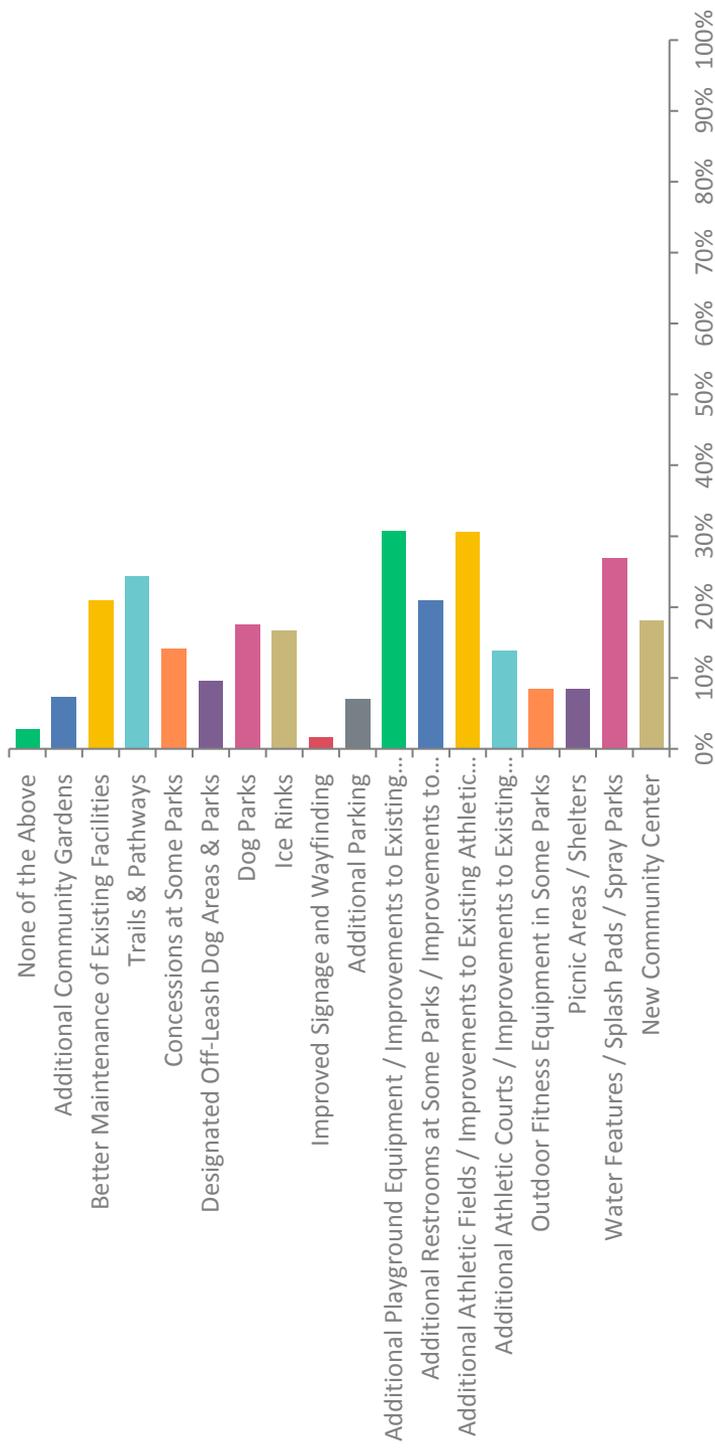
Q25: In your opinion, how important are the following items for the Village of Ardsley to address over the next 5 to 10 years?

Answered: 345 Skipped: 188

	NOT IMPORTANT	1	2	3	4	IMPORTANT	5	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE		
Develop New Outdoor Event Spaces / Pavilions	22.19%	73	13.68%	45	24.62%	81	20.67%	68	18.84%	62	329	1
Expand Community Events	8.46%	28	14.50%	48	25.98%	86	24.17%	80	26.89%	89	331	1
Expand Community Programs & Activities	9.79%	32	12.84%	42	26.30%	86	22.94%	75	28.13%	92	327	1
Add New Trails and Paths	15.11%	50	13.60%	45	19.64%	65	21.15%	70	30.51%	101	331	1
Make Improvements to and/or Renovate Existing Playground Equipment	6.59%	22	6.89%	23	20.66%	69	23.35%	78	42.51%	142	334	1
Make Improvements to and/or Renovate Other Existing Park Amenities	4.59%	15	8.87%	29	21.71%	71	24.46%	80	40.37%	132	327	1
Preserve Open Space / Acquire Land	10.40%	34	11.93%	39	23.55%	77	18.96%	62	35.17%	115	327	1

Q26: Please indicate the additions or expansion of the following RECREATION / COMMUNITY FACILITIES that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

Answered: 354 Skipped: 179



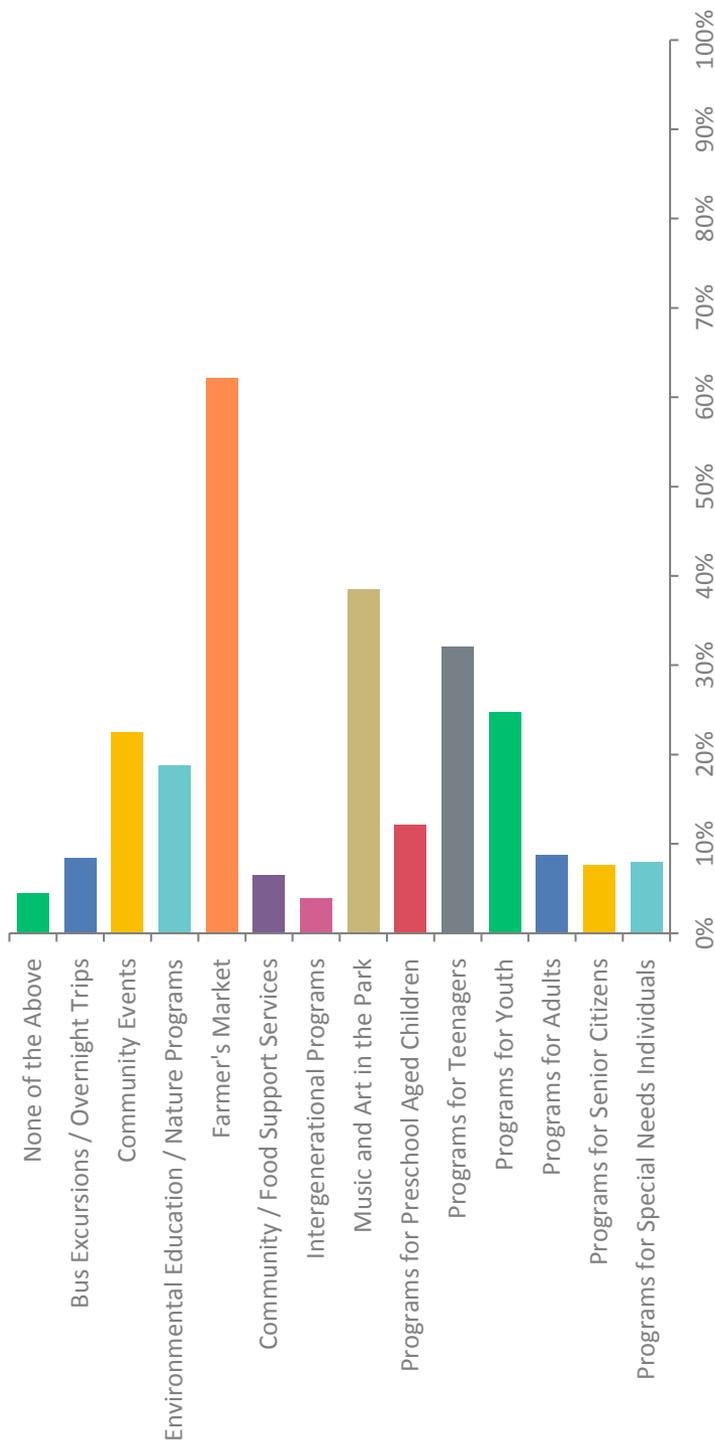
Q26: Please indicate the additions or expansion of the following RECREATION / COMMUNITY FACILITIES that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

Answered: 354 Skipped: 179

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the Above	2.82%	10
Additional Community Gardens	7.34%	26
Better Maintenance of Existing Facilities	20.90%	74
Trails & Pathways	24.29%	86
Concessions at Some Parks	14.12%	50
Designated Off-Leash Dog Areas & Parks	9.60%	34
Dog Parks	17.51%	62
Ice Rinks	16.67%	59
Improved Signage and Wayfinding	1.69%	6
Additional Parking	7.06%	25
Additional Playground Equipment / Improvements to Existing Equipment	30.79%	109
Additional Restrooms at Some Parks / Improvements to Existing Restrooms	20.90%	74
Additional Athletic Fields / Improvements to Existing Athletic Fields	30.51%	108
Additional Athletic Courts / Improvements to Existing Athletic Courts	13.84%	49
Outdoor Fitness Equipment in Some Parks	8.47%	30
Picnic Areas / Shelters	8.47%	30
Water Features / Splash Pads / Spray Parks	26.84%	95
New Community Center	18.08%	64
TOTAL		991

Q27: Please indicate the additions or expansion of the following RECREATION / COMMUNITY PROGRAMS that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

Answered: 356 Skipped: 177



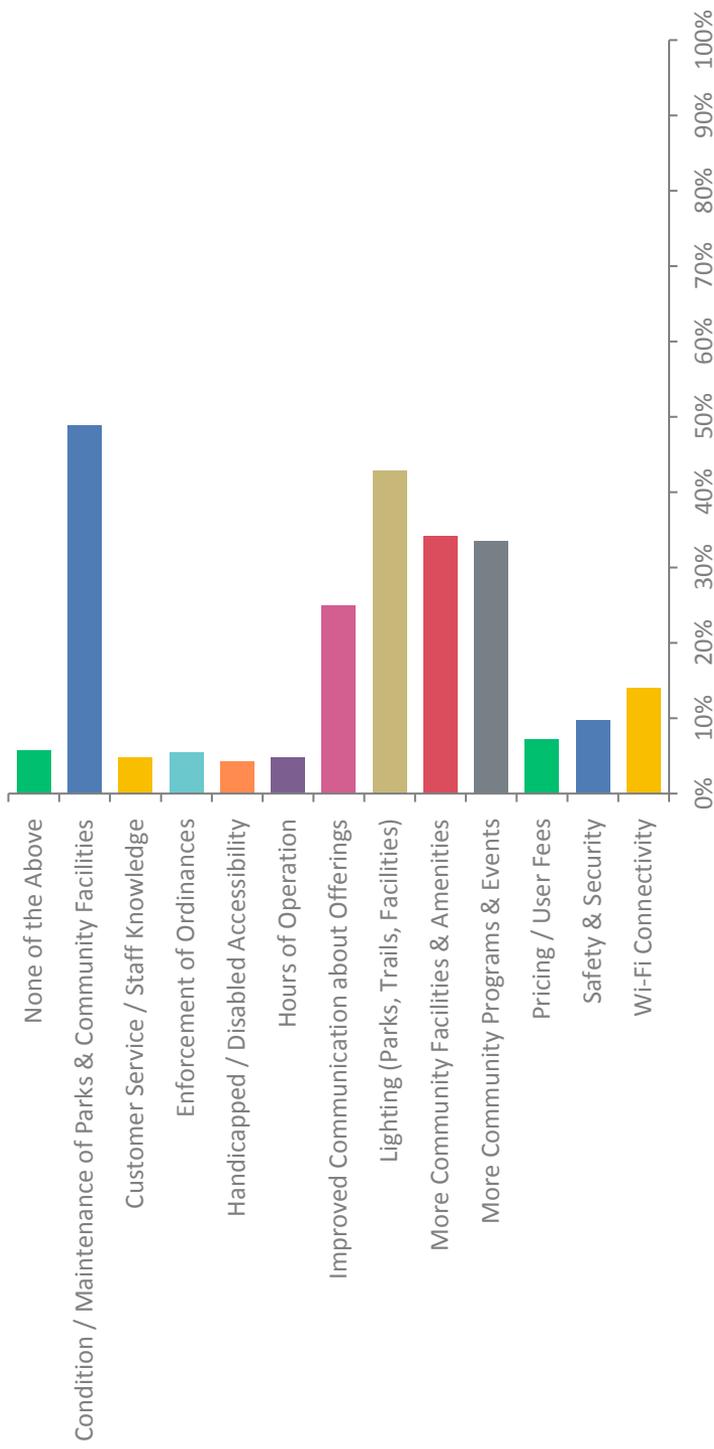
Q27: Please indicate the additions or expansion of the following RECREATION / COMMUNITY PROGRAMS that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

Answered: 356 Skipped: 177

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the Above	4.49%
Bus Excursions / Overnight Trips	8.43%
Community Events	22.47%
Environmental Education / Nature Programs	18.82%
Farmer's Market	62.08%
Community / Food Support Services	6.46%
Intergenerational Programs	3.93%
Music and Art in the Park	38.48%
Programs for Preschool Aged Children	12.08%
Programs for Teenagers	32.02%
Programs for Youth	24.72%
Programs for Adults	8.71%
Programs for Senior Citizens	7.58%
Programs for Special Needs Individuals	7.87%
TOTAL	919

Q28: What are the areas that, if addressed by the Village of Ardsley, would increase your or your household's utilization of Village of Ardsley parks & recreation facilities? SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

Answered: 352 Skipped: 181



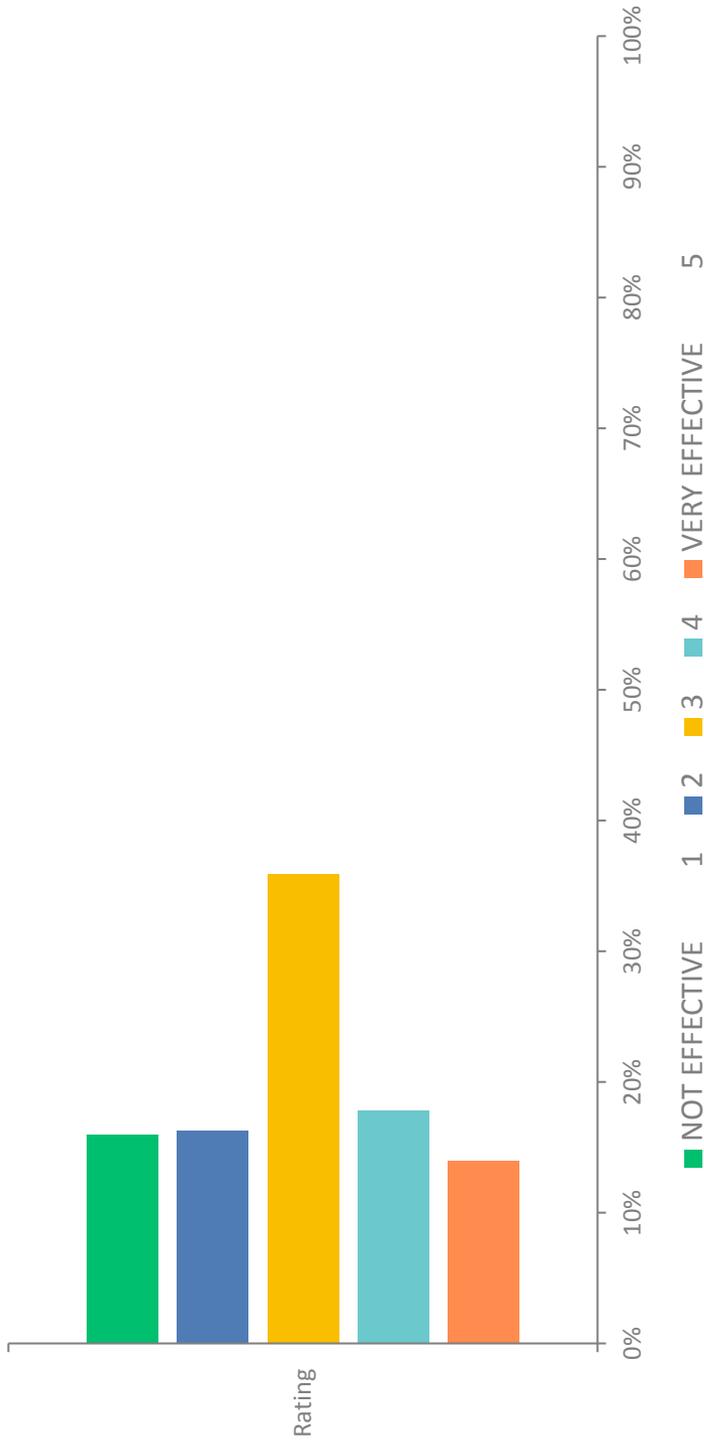
Q28: What are the areas that, if addressed by the Village of Ardsley, would increase your or your household's utilization of Village of Ardsley parks & recreation facilities? SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

Answered: 352 Skipped: 181

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the Above	5.68%
Condition / Maintenance of Parks & Community Facilities	48.86%
Customer Service / Staff Knowledge	4.83%
Enforcement of Ordinances	5.40%
Handicapped / Disabled Accessibility	4.26%
Hours of Operation	4.83%
Improved Communication about Offerings	25.00%
Lighting (Parks, Trails, Facilities)	42.90%
More Community Facilities & Amenities	34.09%
More Community Programs & Events	33.52%
Pricing / User Fees	7.10%
Safety & Security	9.66%
Wi-Fi Connectivity	13.92%
TOTAL	845

Q29: How effective is the Village of Ardsley at reaching you with information on community facilities and programs?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196



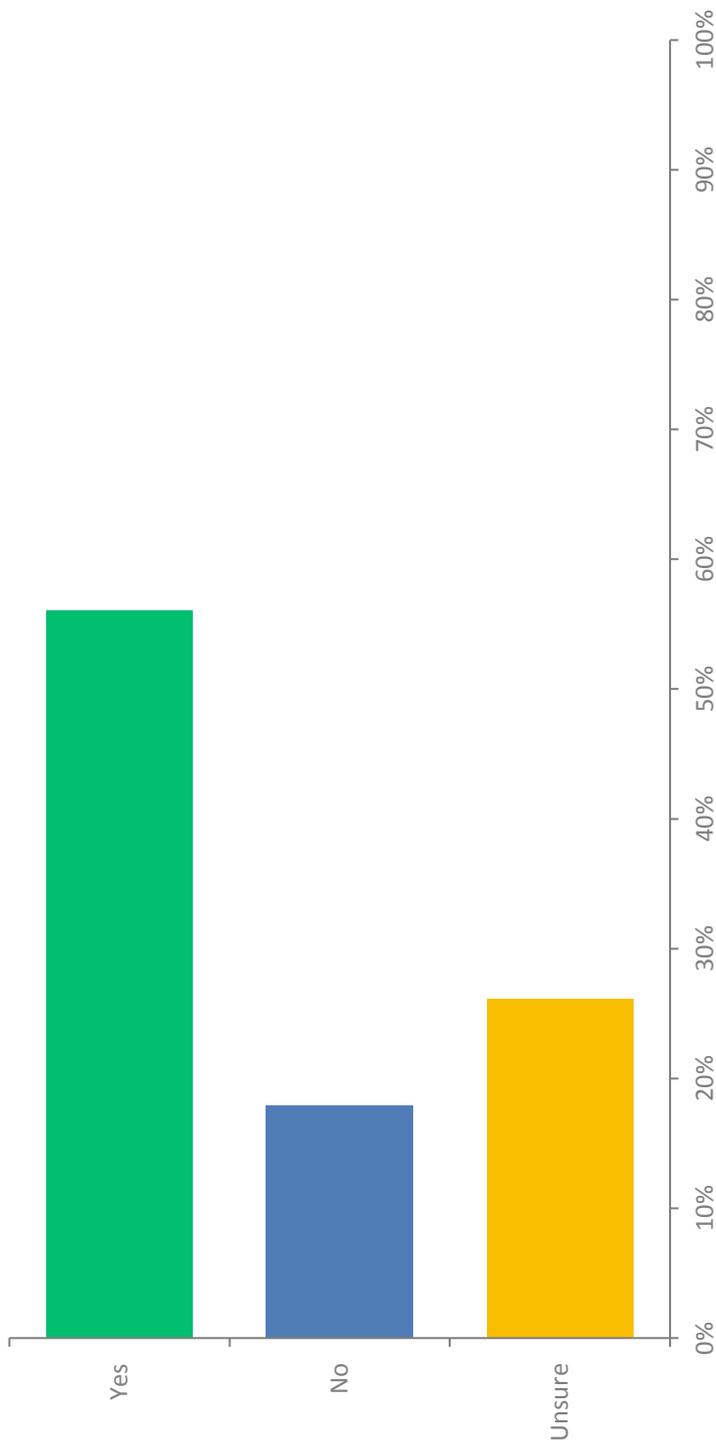
Q29: How effective is the Village of Ardsley at reaching you with information on community facilities and programs?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196

	NOT EFFECTIVE	1	2	3	4	5	VERY EFFECTIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Rating	16.02%	54	16.32%	35.91%	17.80%	13.95%	13.95%	337	1
			55	121	60	47			

Q30: Do you know where to go to find information about Village Parks & Recreation programs, events and facilities?

Answered: 341 Skipped: 192



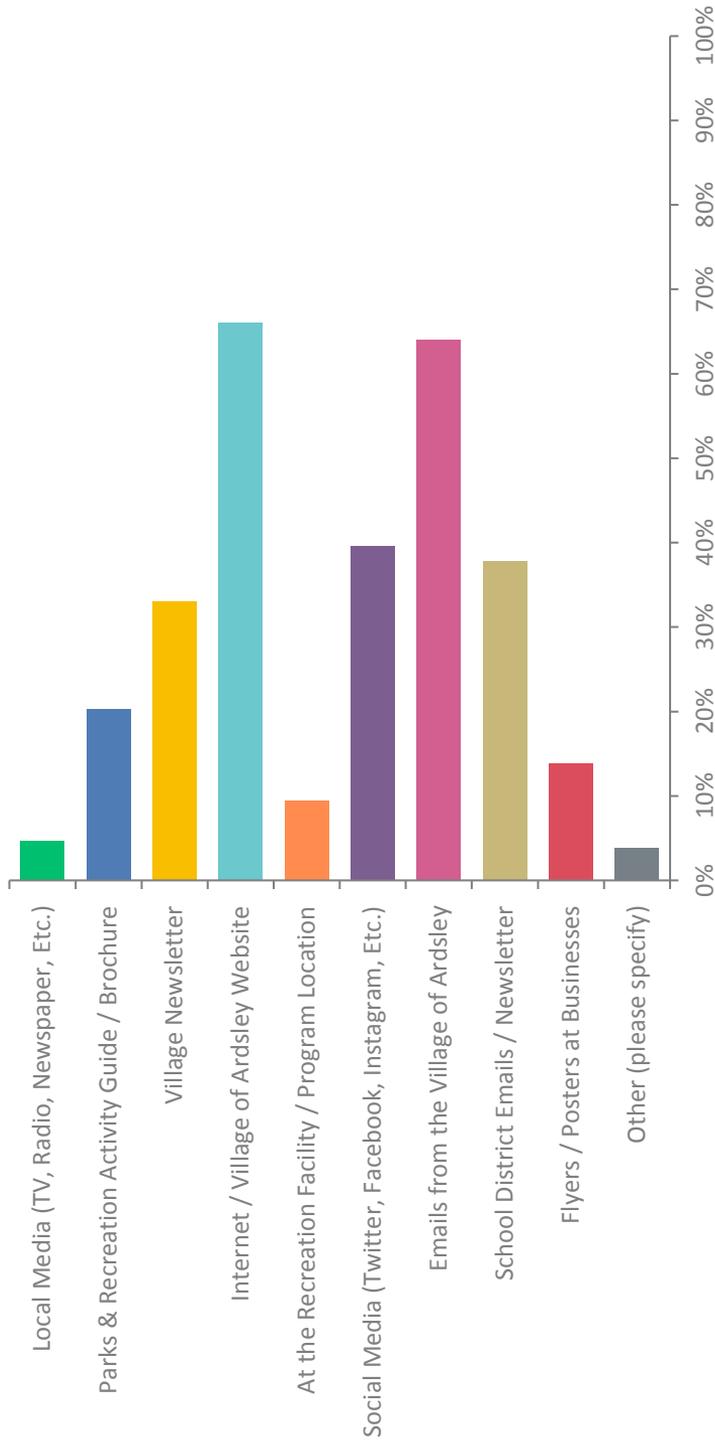
Q30: Do you know where to go to find information about Village Parks & Recreation programs, events and facilities?

Answered: 341 Skipped: 192

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	56.01% 191
No	17.89% 61
Unsure	26.10% 89
TOTAL	341

Q31: In your opinion, what is the best way to get information about parks & recreation facilities and programs? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Answered: 339 Skipped: 194



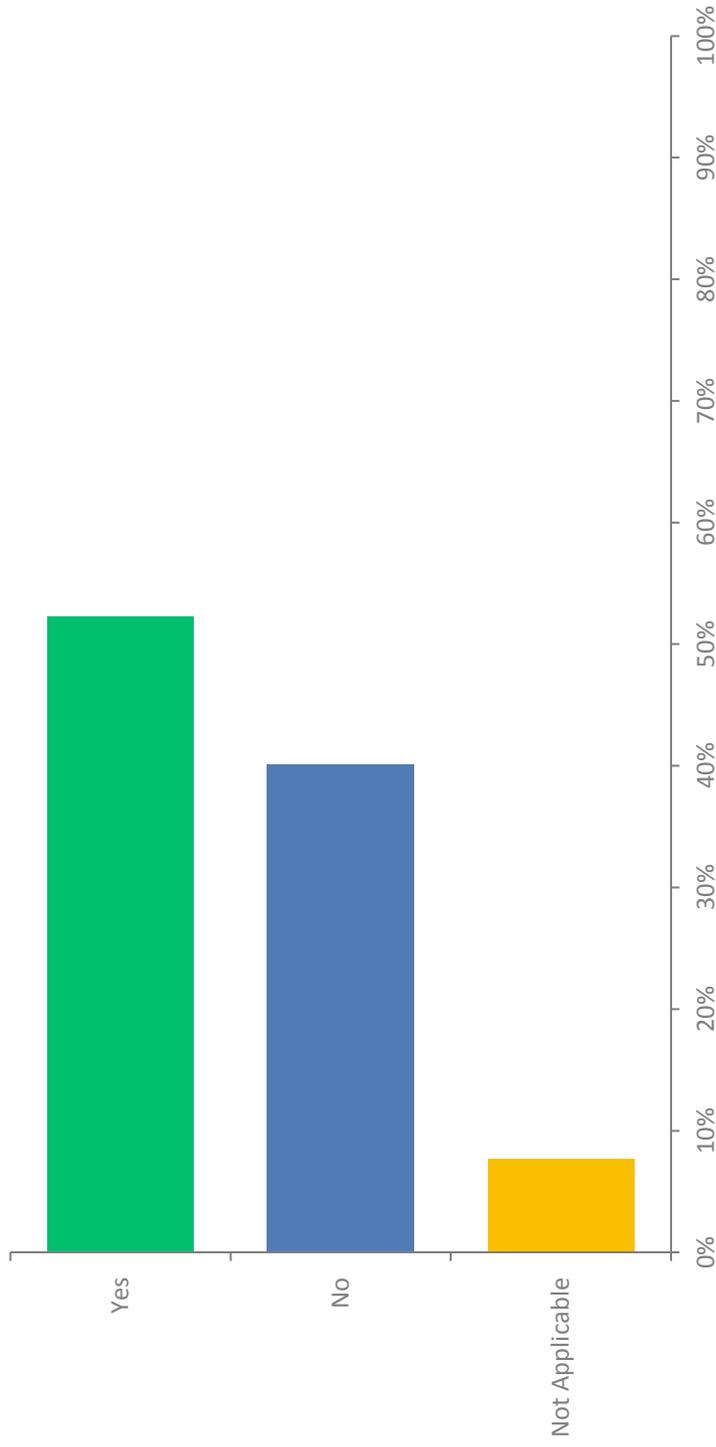
Q31: In your opinion, what is the best way to get information about parks & recreation facilities and programs? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Answered: 339 Skipped: 194

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Local Media (TV, Radio, Newspaper, Etc.)	4.72% 16
Parks & Recreation Activity Guide / Brochure	20.35% 69
Village Newsletter	33.04% 112
Internet / Village of Ardsley Website	66.08% 224
At the Recreation Facility / Program Location	9.44% 32
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Etc.)	39.53% 134
Emails from the Village of Ardsley	64.01% 217
School District Emails / Newsletter	37.76% 128
Flyers / Posters at Businesses	13.86% 47
Other (please specify)	3.83% 13
TOTAL	992

Q32: Do you believe you are receiving information regarding events & programming in a timely and clear fashion?

Answered: 339 Skipped: 194



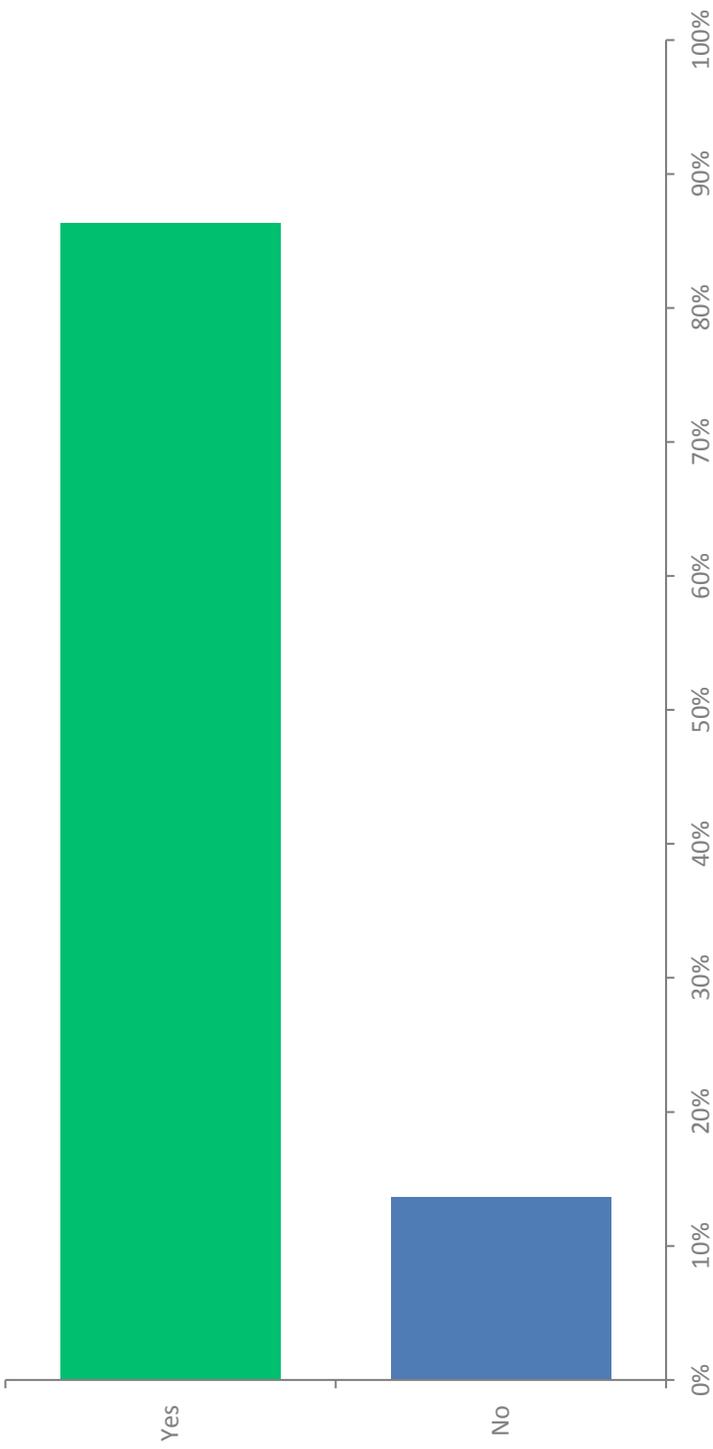
Q32: Do you believe you are receiving information regarding events & programming in a timely and clear fashion?

Answered: 339 Skipped: 194

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	177 52.21%
No	136 40.12%
Not Applicable	26 7.67%
TOTAL	339

Q33: Are you a resident of the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196



Q33: Are you a resident of the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 196

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	86.35% 291
No	13.65% 46
TOTAL	337

Q34: How long have you lived in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 315 Skipped: 218



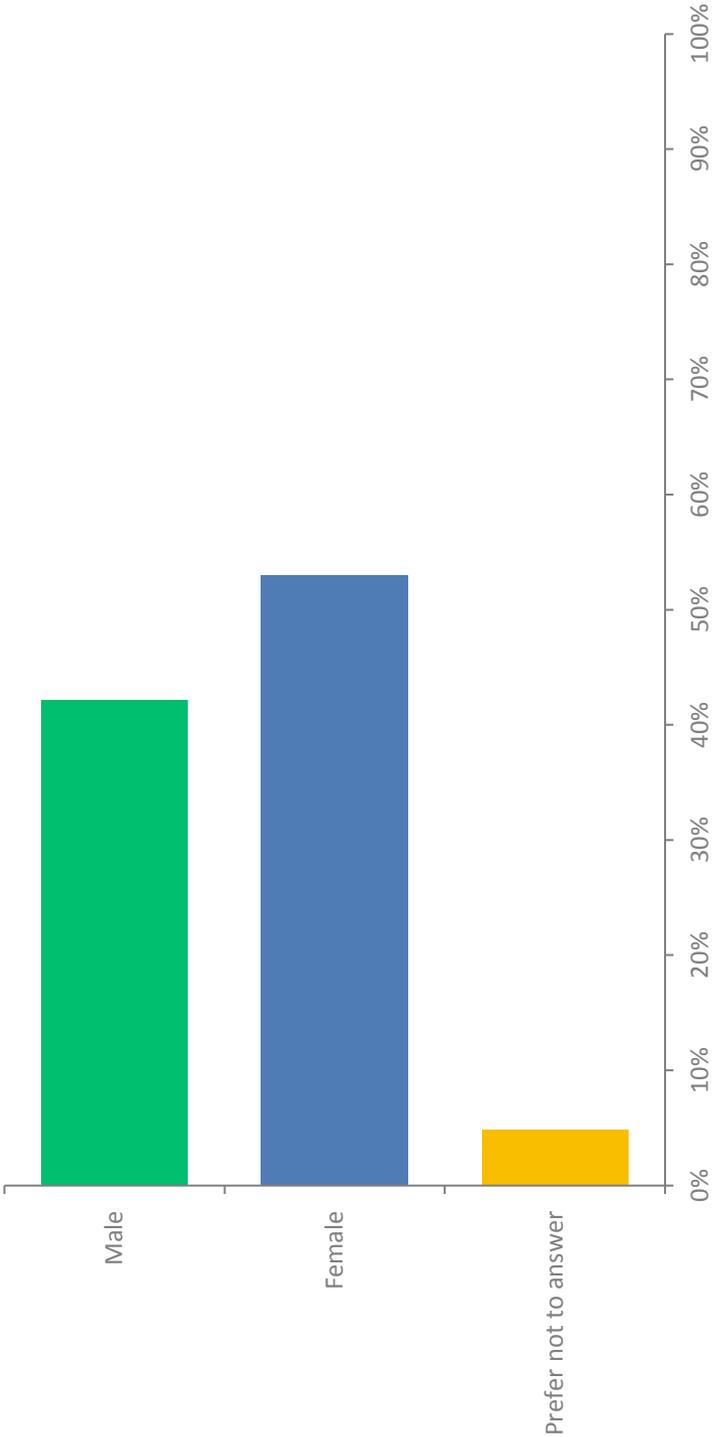
Q34: How long have you lived in the Village of Ardsley?

Answered: 315 Skipped: 218

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	11	3,521	315

Q35: Please indicate your gender:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 201



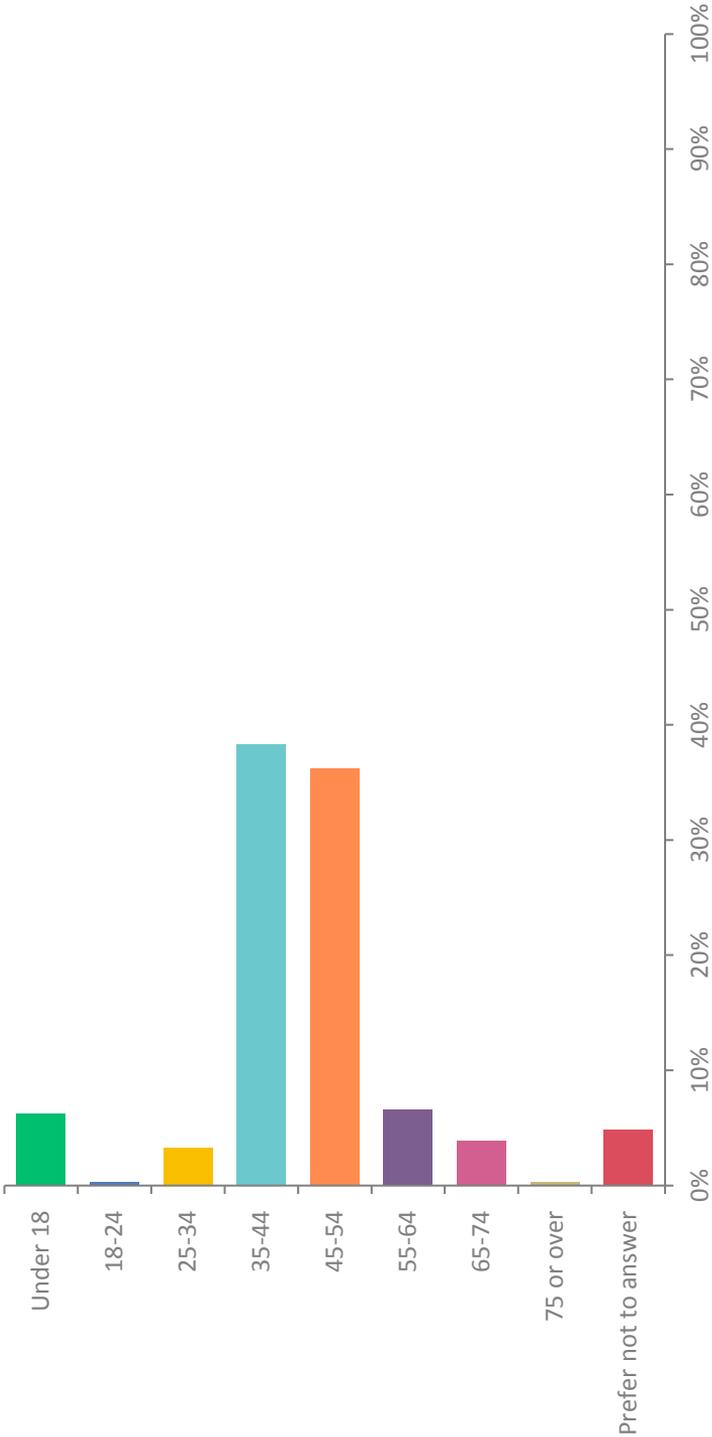
Q35: Please indicate your gender:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 201

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	42.17% 140
Female	53.01% 176
Prefer not to answer	4.82% 16
TOTAL	332

Q36: What is your age?

Answered: 334 Skipped: 199



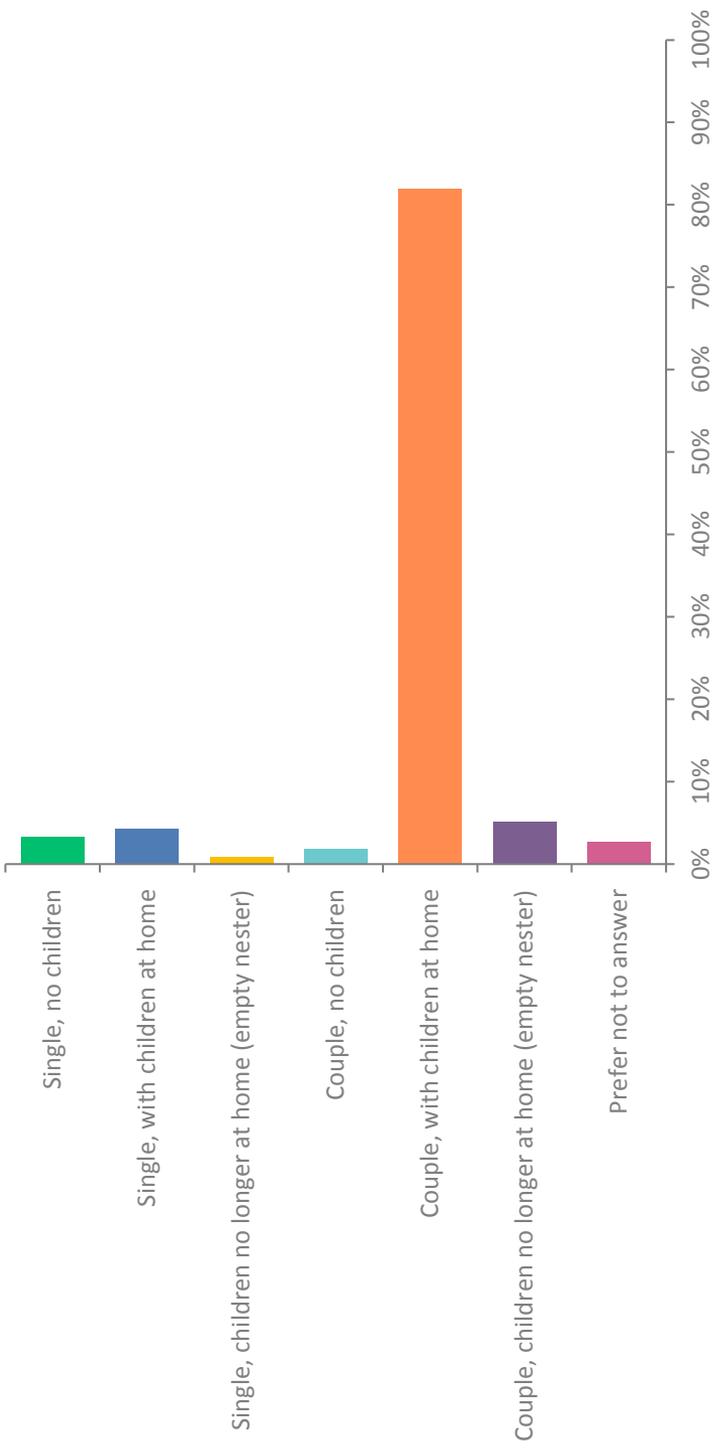
Q36: What is your age?

Answered: 334 Skipped: 199

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	6.29% 21
18-24	0.30% 1
25-34	3.29% 11
35-44	38.32% 128
45-54	36.23% 121
55-64	6.59% 22
65-74	3.89% 13
75 or over	0.30% 1
Prefer not to answer	4.79% 16
TOTAL	334

Q37: Which of these categories best applies to your household?

Answered: 333 Skipped: 200



Q37: Which of these categories best applies to your household?

Answered: 333 Skipped: 200

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Single, no children	11 3.30%
Single, with children at home	14 4.20%
Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)	3 0.90%
Couple, no children	6 1.80%
Couple, with children at home	273 81.98%
Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)	17 5.11%
Prefer not to answer	9 2.70%
TOTAL	333

**Q38: Including yourself, how many people total typically reside in your household?
Please enter a number.**

Answered: 320 Skipped: 213



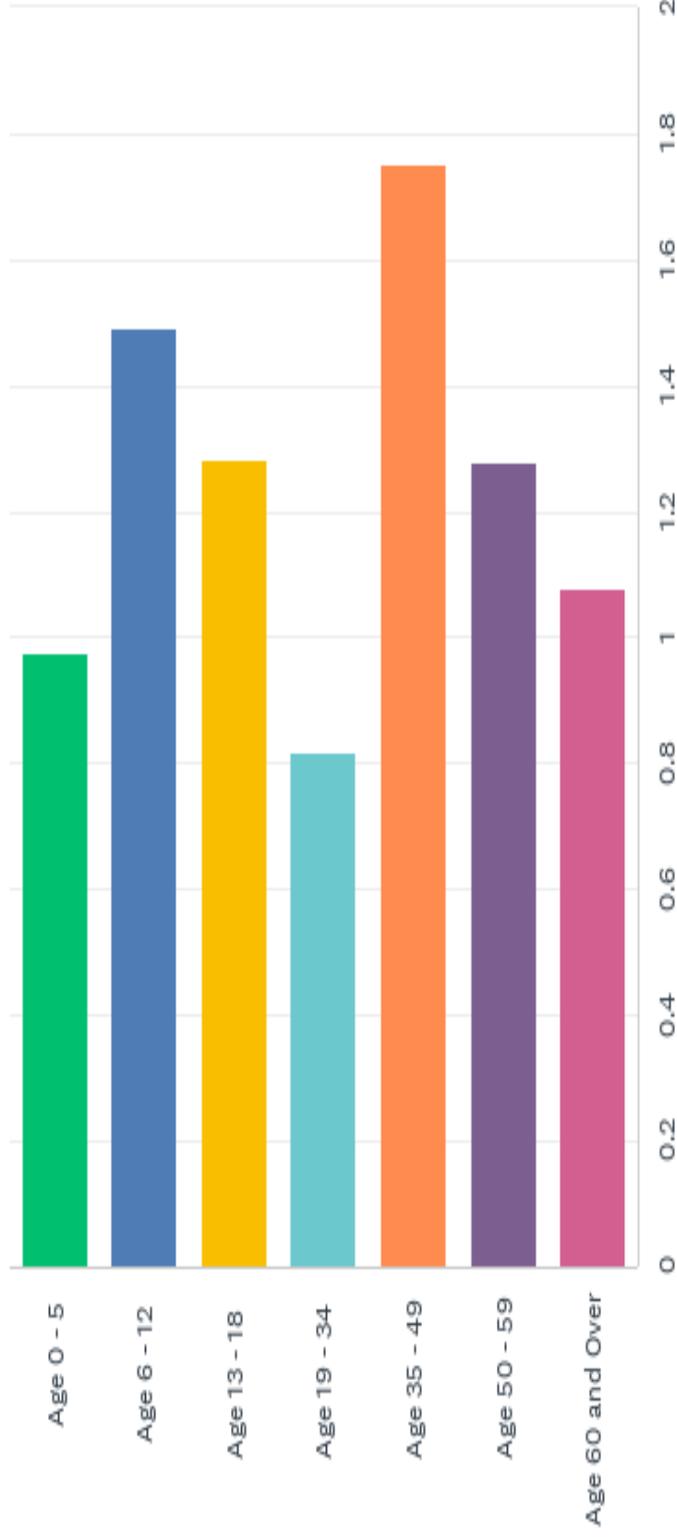
**Q38: Including yourself, how many people total typically reside in your household?
Please enter a number.**

Answered: 320 Skipped: 213

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Household Residents	4	1,335	320
Total Respondents: 320			

Q39: How many people in your household are in the following age ranges? Please enter a number.

Answered: 316 Skipped: 217



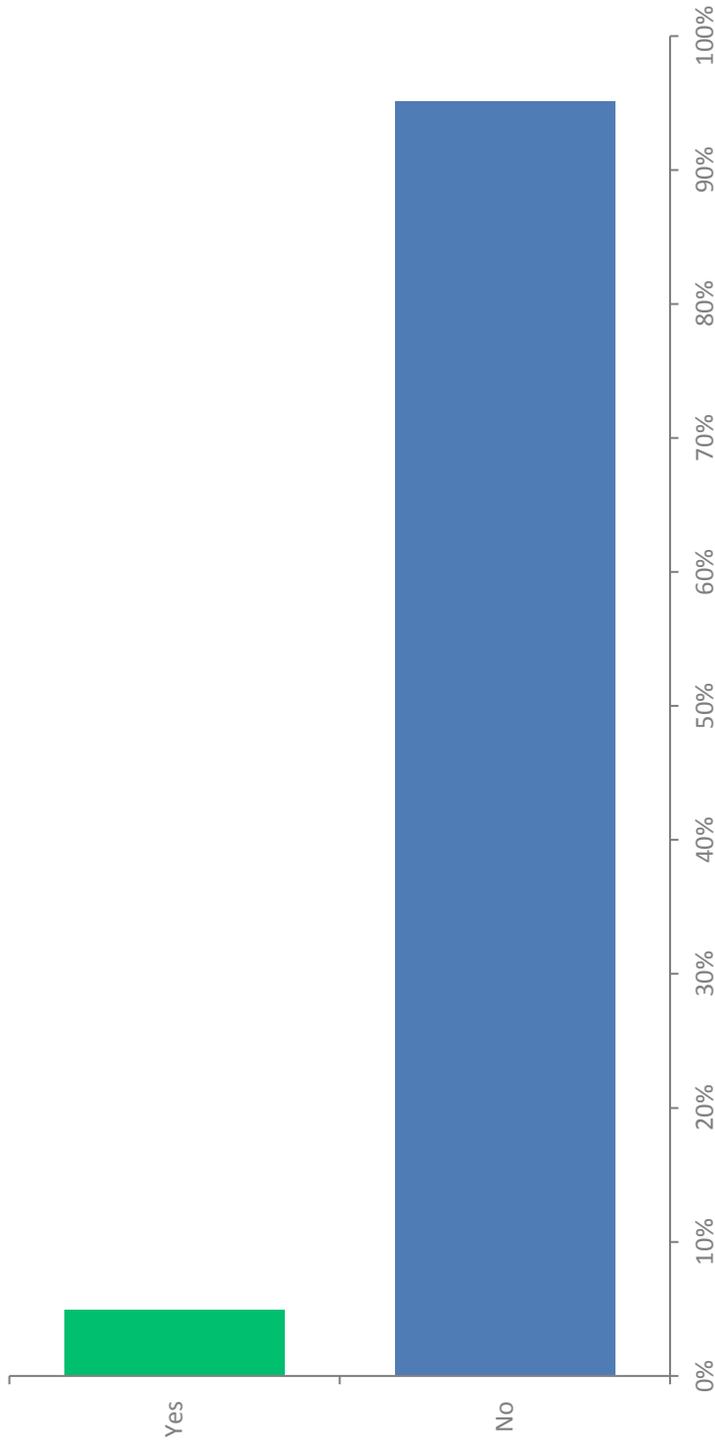
Q39: How many people in your household are in the following age ranges? Please enter a number.

Answered: 316 Skipped: 217

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Age 0 - 5	1	119	122
Age 6 - 12	1	303	203
Age 13 - 18	1	189	147
Age 19 - 34	1	49	60
Age 35 - 49	2	414	236
Age 50 - 59	1	124	97
Age 60 and Over	1	68	63
Total Respondents: 316			

Q40: Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (Americans with Disabilities) facilities and services?

Answered: 326 Skipped: 207



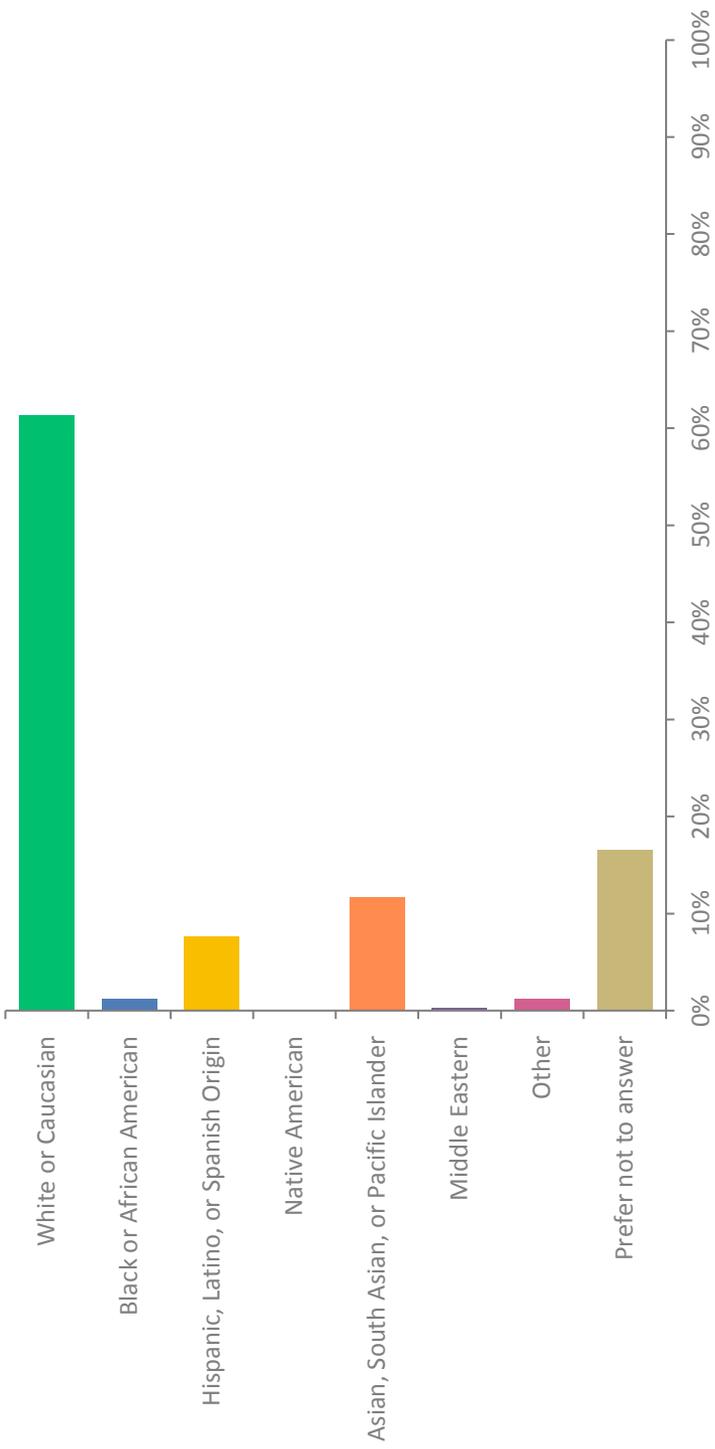
Q40: Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (Americans with Disabilities) facilities and services?

Answered: 326 Skipped: 207

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	4.91% 16
No	95.09% 310
TOTAL	326

Q41: What race / ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

Answered: 326 Skipped: 207



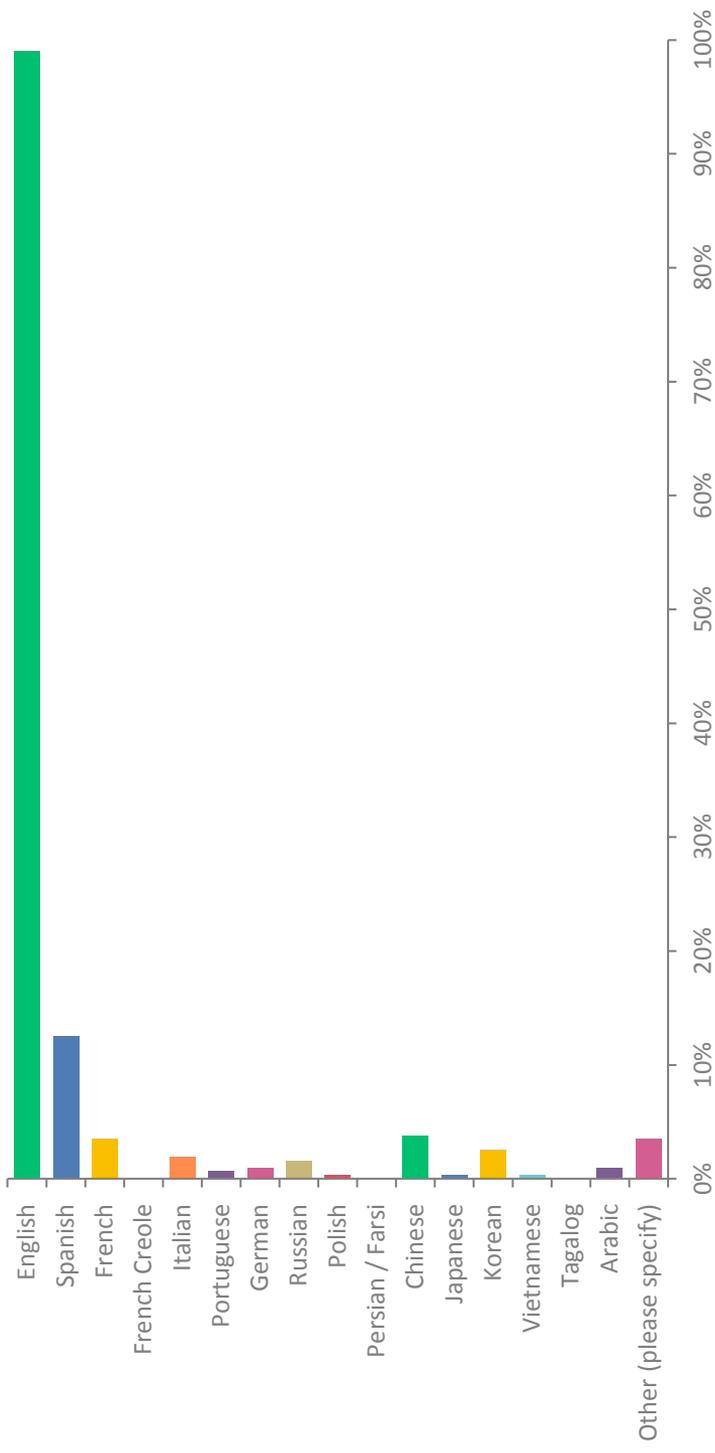
Q41: What race / ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

Answered: 326 Skipped: 207

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
White or Caucasian	61.35% 200
Black or African American	1.23% 4
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin	7.67% 25
Native American	0% 0
Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander	11.66% 38
Middle Eastern	0.31% 1
Other	1.23% 4
Prefer not to answer	16.56% 54
TOTAL	326

Q42: What languages are spoken in your household? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Answered: 319 Skipped: 214



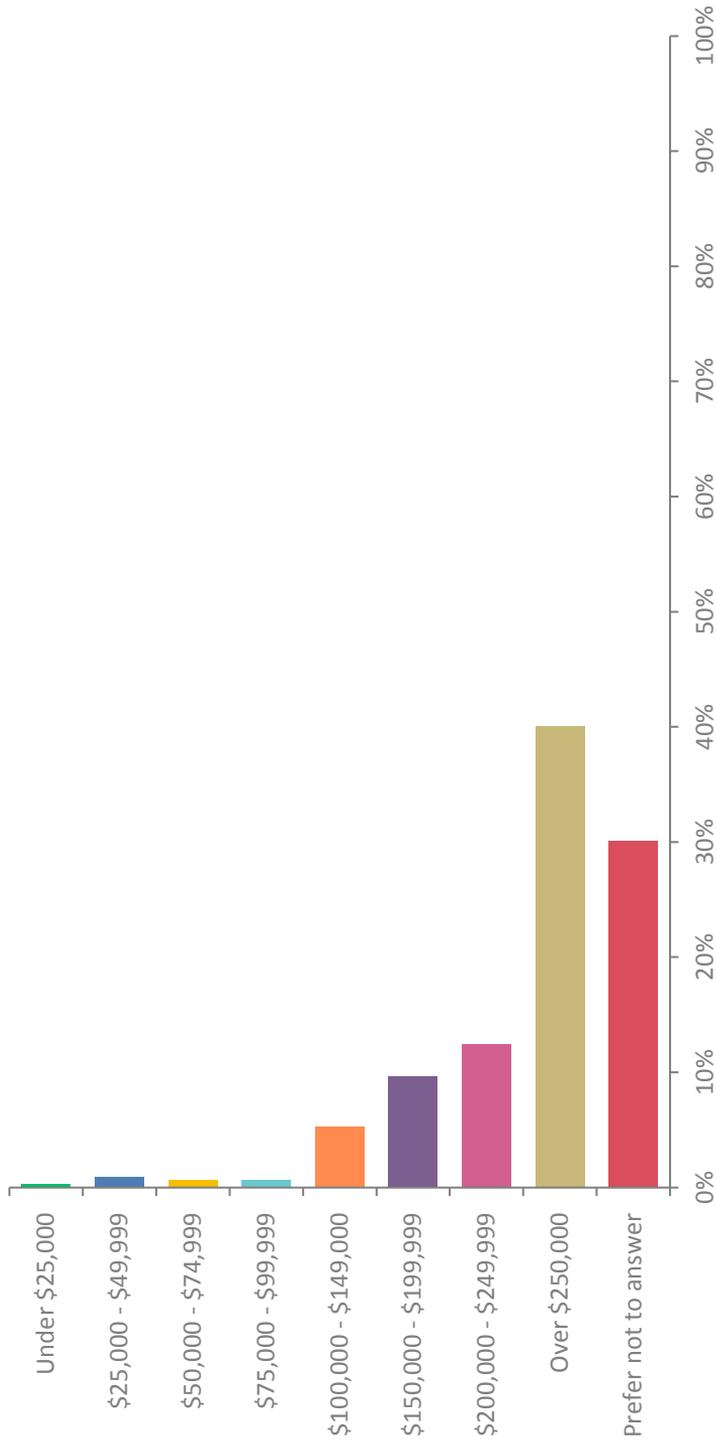
Q42: What languages are spoken in your household? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Answered: 319 Skipped: 214

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	99.06%	316
Spanish	12.54%	40
French	3.45%	11
French Creole	0%	0
Italian	1.88%	6
Portuguese	0.63%	2
German	0.94%	3
Russian	1.57%	5
Polish	0.31%	1
Persian / Farsi	0%	0
Chinese	3.76%	12
Japanese	0.31%	1
Korean	2.51%	8
Vietnamese	0.31%	1
Tagalog	0%	0
Arabic	0.94%	3
Other (please specify)	3.45%	11
TOTAL		420

Q43: Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your household (before taxes)?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 211



Q43: Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your household (before taxes)?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 211

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under \$25,000	0.31% 1
\$25,000 - \$49,999	0.93% 3
\$50,000 - \$74,999	0.62% 2
\$75,000 - \$99,999	0.62% 2
\$100,000 - \$149,000	5.28% 17
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Over \$250,000	40.06% 129
Prefer not to answer	30.12% 97
TOTAL	322

Appendix B: Public Feedback – Preliminary Recommendations Meeting 3/16/23:

Citizen 1 - Love the plan for Pascone, some notes:

- Nature trail - great idea, would this be paved and able to be used with a stroller?
- I'm not a fan of the football field option, especially it being synthetic. A grass lawn and amphitheater seems like a better use of the space and more flexible for events (which are so well attended in the summer months!).
- would the existing skate park get an update? It's pretty run down
- I would prefer the pump track to be on the playground side, i worry families with small kids would overlook it and it wouldn't get a lot of use being hidden behind the skatepark.
- love the splash pad, love the picnic area, and larger parking lot too - more space for food trucks!
- having the community center there opens up the possibilities for so much more year round.

For Centennial Park:

- Glad to see this getting an upgrade, I've often wanted to eat lunch there but havent because it's so run down.
- if you want people to access Centennial Park from Saw Mill River Road there needs to be a cross walk there. That would also link VE Macy pedestrian traffic to the shops. Otherwise, Peds from VE Macy need to cross by Sunshine Bagels and then walk back, which isn't likely.

Great progress so far! I'm thrilled for the possibilities and look forward to seeing how it progresses.

Facebook Comments on Second Parks Plan Public Presentation

Ardsley Moms and Dads

Citizen 1: So you plan to get rid of the historical building?

Citizen 2: Three things that I took away having attended the meeting in person:

1. It's a plan and just that. It's not a final proposal or an exact architectural diagram of what is going in. It simply gives options and proposes novel ways to utilize the land.
2. It will contain funding models so that the parks department can apply for grants but is in no way funded or approved yet. In order to do any of this we need a plan then we need to figure out how to pay for the improvements as a village. In partnership with the village if we are serious about expediting these kind of projects we should also consider a "friends of the park" 501c to help solicit benefactors to make our dreams a reality.
3. Lastly, in terms of implementation, even the most aggressive of timelines would have the past one project completed in 2yrs. The planners are taking lessons

learned from neighboring villages to help speed up our own redevelopment plan but this park isn't happening tomorrow.

Thanks Steve and team for coming up with this and taking our feedback.

Citizen 3: I hope they make use of public tennis courts free. With such a hefty budget for large-scale changes it seems that's the least we could do!

Citizen 4: I am disappointed to see a recommendation for turf. Turf is plastic and has tiny beads. In addition to the fact that replacing grass with plastic is unsettling, those small beads are dangerous for children and animals.

Is the Parks Board taking official public comment on this, or not until the plan next month?

Citizen 5: Thanks Steve - lots of great ideas! Is a swimming pool a possibility? Would add a lot of value to the quality of life for families especially for those with young children! And if this is not a viable option, can the village negotiate with the village of greenburgh for rights to join the af veteran pool (perhaps by paying a supplemental fee?) is this a possibility?

Ardsley Uncensored

Citizen 6: Looks great! Will we be closing the Center Street Community Center?

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Citizen 7: Which park is that?

- Response: That is a rendering for Pascone Park. One of two preliminary designs shown at the meeting.
- Citizen Response: ok. I figured that. I'm new to the area. Just wanted to make sure. Is that where the recreation area is as well??

Direct Message

Citizen Direct Message to Steve:

Hi Steve. I was interested to review the parks and rec plan. So many great ideas. And so exciting. But among the many great ideas is the recurring folly of a splash pad. This is a time where leadership would be valuable in steering the village away from this mistake despite 30% support among survey respondents. To waste money and space on a resource that only a small group of our youngest children can use for 4 or max 5 months out of the year is just not a great use of resources.

Citizen Direct Message to Steve:

My name is Joe Sablow I am representing the Ardsley Curling Club . At the present time the club is located on the grounds of the Ardsley Country Club in Dobbs Ferry. We have been exploring options to relocate to a new location.

I am a long time Ardsley resident . I saw on Facebook the the Village is exploring projects for upgrading our parks. I would very much like to discuss the possibility of working with the Village.

If you are not familiar with it, curling is the winter Olympic sport played on ice. Our club has been in existence since 1932 and in the current location since 1966. The idea would be to share the facility with the village. Our season only runs from late September to mid April. The remaining spring and summer months the village would have total access. Please let me know if this is something that the village might wish to explore further.

Thank you for your time

Response:

Hi Craig,

Thank for your email. I agree it is exciting.

My understanding is that that the consultants are preparing recommendations for all the parks. They have not completed renderings for all the Parks. I believe they started with Pascone since it wasn't a one of our main parks and needs the most extensive overhauling. I agree there is an opportunity for more seating in the lower portion of Silliman. Our original restoration plan envisioned that.

It is a little challenging to make an inviting space while it looks across at the empty gas station parcel. Given the topography I have thought that having a pedestrian bridge across the Brook exiting at the gas station lot would provide better access to the lower space from the sidewalk on Saw Mill River Road.

In our conversations with the consultants that we are looking for McDowell to become a more well-balance park with attraction and use to the community beyond baseball. They understand the hat charge and I look forward to their recommendations to accomplish that. The addition of the fill to the back section should provide us with additional space to diversify uses.

I will share your email with the consultants. Thanks for your thoughtful feedback.

Direct Email:

Steve and Charles - Wanted to ask a few questions as I review the link posted on Park plan.

1. Why does the plan not include updates changes to Silliman Park, certainly has space that can be utilized for picnic area, table etc on the lower bowl section of the park without disrupting the upper planting area and would accommodate maybe resident to use on a day like today and kids to have a place safer to eat ice cream or snack then the plastic table in front of Carvel and an area to take items from Ardsley Market and Riviera to sit and enjoy. I would ask that this be re-visited by the consultants.

1. I McDowell field 3 were to be changed to multi purpose turf consideration should be give to add some other park feature than baseball field to space currently occupied by field 4. It would be nice to have a balance of a little more park on both sides of the village for resident like myself which live on Heatherdell side and not Ashford. A track could be installed or some other feature. I would ask you please suggest that to the consultants.

Otherwise they presentation looks exciting.

Direct Email:

Since you are still accepting suggestions, I have prepared a few comments listed below:

Survey

Weston & Sampson did an excellent job of outreach and compilation of surveys. Analyses were extremely informative.

Bicentennial Park

Bicentennial Park is a 0.7 acre parcel leased from NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It sits atop a cavernous 60 inch pipe. This pipe runs east to west, perpendicular to the NYCDEP aqueduct. The aqueduct runs north to south below the Ardsley Library parcel. The pipe serves as the emergency “blowoff” for the aqueduct.

In 1976, Ardsley Kiwanis Club planted 13 cherry trees in Lower Bicentennial Park (west side of Park, along Route 9A), in honor of America’s Bicentennial. Many of these survive today and still provide a breath taking display of pink blooms every spring, a scene truly iconic of the Village. In 1980, John Arnold ASLA designed additional elements of the Park, including the existing Upper (east side) paths, benches and plantings. Bicentennial Park is an official site along the Revolutionary War Washington Rochambeau Heritage Trail. In 2003, two commemorative signs were placed in the Lower Park as part of Heritage NY CRISP – Collaborative Regional Interpretive Sign Project (there are also signs at Concord Road, McDowell Park and Odell House in the Town of Greenburgh). The Village of Ardsley received a grant from Empire State Development Corporation (Project G543 CEFAP – Community Enhancement Facilities Assistance Program) for improvements to downtown, including installation of a pathway connecting Upper and Lower Bicentennial. This connecting pathway was completed in 2003 using those grant funds. In 2015, the pathway was paved as a concrete sidewalk using funds from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Grant PKS-14-TA-020, sponsored by Representative Abinanti.

Observation of the Park shows usage of the Upper area as a sitting and eating area at all daylight times and as a play area after school, especially for Middle Schoolers. They have impromptu soccer, football, softball and games of tag in the space. The Lower area is among the very few shaded parklets in the Village. People are always seen sitting on the pathway wall enjoying a respite from the heat in warm months.

It is suggested that the proposed paver plaza be eliminated. Additional hard surface will eliminate the nice grassy play space for the students. Additional impervious surface is not desirable either. Moreover, negotiations with NYCDEP are quite complicated for any proposal and they may not favor this hardscape element.

The trees in the Park are regularly pruned. More ambitious pruning to eliminate shading is not desirable. Upper Park already has areas of intense sunlight. Garden beds, regularly tended by the Village, already exist around the Heritage Trail signs, along the pathway and around the flagpole. If additional garden beds are added, they should be native perennial and as self-sustaining as possible. Community gardens seem like a lovely idea, but they quickly become overgrown and full of weeds. The Village is already struggling with gardens in other locations around the Village. Our Department of Public Works should be carefully consulted about any additional garden installations as it always falls to our small Public Works staff to maintain them.

Pascone Park

The Pump Track seems like a whim, not a responsible choice. A Pump Track is a non-stop race track, not just flat, but with moguls! An open, unregulated facility for all types of wheeled items, skates and bikes, all racing along on a narrow track, a sure recipe for collisions. Dirt tracks quickly degrade and need tremendous maintenance, asphalt similarly needs upkeep for safety, and concrete costs in the six-figure range. Besides the liability aspect, if children tire of it, you will be stuck with a permanent installation that has no alternate use. Moreover, it seems a shame to convert that green space to impervious surface. A Fitness Trail would be a nice element for that space, like the one at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla NY. <https://original.newsbreak.com/@basseby-by-1587918/2325949641126-the-kensico-dam-plaza-valhalla-ny-gym-hiking-trail-nature-for-your-memorial-day-adventure>

If an impervious installation must be considered, that might be a place to put the Pickle Ball Court.

Sacrificing the small Soccer Field for a parking lot does not seem reasonable. This is the only field that has acceptable drainage. Please consider locating the Recreation Building to the northeast corner of the Park, fronting on Ashford Avenue. Place the parking lot there, too, with entry from Ashford Avenue. Drainage is poor there, but can certainly be improved during construction of the building.

McDowell Park

McDowell Park is a jewel, the premier Little League facility in the County.

The new space that has opened at the southwest corner, west of Field #4, could be used for a new playground area. If the area is plumbed, a really nice Splash Pad facility could be located there, and there would be excellent drainage. A well-drained water park facility will be easier to maintain in sanitary condition than one located at Pascone Park in a wet area.

Bridge Street Park/Picnic Area

There is a 0.2 acre parcel at the southwest corner of Bridge Street Plaza (Bridge Street Plaza is southwest from the corner of Ashford Avenue & Route 9A). Riviera Bakehouse, Carvel, Stagioni Restaurant and Ardsley Market Fresh Deli are located within one block of this parcel. The parcel could be a wonderful Saw Mill Riverfront sitting and picnic area. Moreover, the parcel would serve as a key element in our commitment to our LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan). Please include a proposal for this important site.

Thank you again for a great report and the opportunity to provide further comments.

#1

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Q1

Thoughts? Comments? Concerns? Share them below!

Looks great, but there doesn't appear to be any plan or even a mention of Parcel Q and the potential path connecting Pascone and McDowell parks. Has the idea been re-discussed at all? Apologies if I missed it.

Q2

Contact Information:

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Q1

Thoughts? Comments? Concerns? Share them below!

Please bring more trees to pascone park!

Q2

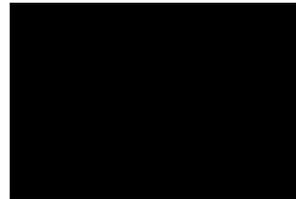
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APPENDIX C

Field Inventory

Village of Ardsley PRMP Inventory

Facility Name
Address

Louis Pascone Memorial Park
Francis J McCormack Drive, Ardsley NY

Inventory Date:

08/11/22

Ownership (circle one):

GIS point

Client

Area

Other:

Ambiance Score

3

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan: N/A

Action Plan Completed?

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
1	Playground 1 (North)	1	1	Safety surfacing is inadequate, swing set & seesaw appear rusted & worn, no signage
2	Playground 2 (Center)	2	1	Safety surfacing is installed, minor grass/weeds growing through, edge in place, signage in place, equipment in fair condition
3	Playground 3	2	1	Safety surfacing is installed, minor grass/weeds growing through, edge in place, signage in place, equipment in fair condition
4	Skate Park	3	1	Surface & equipment in good condition, fencing is in fair condition, warped in places, gates are uneven, no ADA path
5	Basketball Court	2	1	Minor pavement degradation on court edges, minor ponding at east end of court, backboards in fair condition, striping in good condition
6	Softball Field	2	1	Backstop in good condition, infield in fair condition (minor weeds), fencing in fair condition (no safety guard), outfield in good condition
7	Gazebo	2	1	Structure is in fair condition, some rails are loose/worn, minor graffiti, ramp access is not ADA compliant
8	Restroom Facility	2	1	Minor graffiti on exterior, interior in good condition, roof appears to be worn, extensive moss coverage
9	Tennis Courts	3	4	Fencing is in good condition, striping & pavement in good condition, no ponding observed, nets are in good condition
10	Parking lot	3	2	Pavement is in good condition, striping in good condition, handicap signage has old symbol, not enough handicap parking (short 2)
11	Picnic tables	3	2	Tables are in good condition
12	Trash receptacles	3		Receptacles are uniform throughout park, numerous, in good condition
13	Park signage	3	2	Large sign at roundabout in good condition, well maintained, small sign at parking lot in good condition
15	Flag Pole	3	1	Flagpole is in good condition
16	Lawn & Turf	3		Lawn is generally well maintained and in good condition
17	Walkways	2		Walkway is in fair condition, some sections on Veterans Way in poor condition, cracking & uneven
18	Historic Building & Monuments	3		Building & associated signage is in good condition, numerous memorial plaques throughout park in good condition
19	Multi use field	2	1	Turf is in good condition, some bare spots, field is not well graded for athletic use
20	Gardens	3	2	Plants appeared to be well maintained, border & mulch in good condition
21	Trees & Vegetation	3		Trees & surrounding vegetated areas around park are in good condition, few dead trees observed, prune/remove as needed

Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

Village of Ardsley PRMP Inventory

Facility Name: McDowell Park
 Address: Heatherdell Road, Ardsley NY

Inventory Date: 08/11/22

Ownership (circle one):

GIS point: Client Area

Other:

Ambiance Score

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan: N/A

Action Plan Completed?

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
1	Batting Cage	2	2	Fencing and netting is in good condition, artificial turf mats are in fair condition, some footings are exposed
2	Baseball field 1 (northeast)	3	1	Backstop, fence, dugouts & benches, turf, infield in good condition, scoreboard, windscreen & lighting installed, no warning track
3	Baseball field 2 (southeast)	2	1	Backstop, fence, dugouts & benches, infield in good condition, turf in fair condition, no warning track, lighting, scoreboard, fence guard
4	Baseball field 3 (southwest)	2	1	Backstop, fence, dugouts & benches, turf, infield in good condition, no warning track, lighting, scoreboard, fence guard, no ADA access
5	Baseball Field 4 (northwest)	2	1	Backstop, fence, scoreboard, infield in good condition, turf in fair condition, no warning track, lighting, fence guard, ponding near dugout
6	Basketball Courts	2	2	1/2 courts, not regulation size, pavement and striping are in fair condition, backboards are in good condition
7	T-ball field	2	1	Dugouts in fair condition, infield & turf in fair condition, bleachers in fair condition
8	Parking lot	2	1	Pavement is in fair condition, cracking observed, parking striping is faded
9	Trash receptacles	3	16	Receptacles are in good condition, match throughout park, minor graffiti observed
10	Snack stand	2	1	Structure is in good condition, paint is chipping on exterior
11	Playground	3	1	Safety surface installed, no graffiti, conduct audits/inspections as needed
12	Bleachers	2		Bleachers are in fair condition, located at all baseball fields, some are not ADA accessible
13	Bathroom building	3	1	Structure is in good condition, interior is in good condition
14	Storage shed	2	1	Structure is in good condition, paint is chipping on exterior
15	Pavilion	2	1	Structure is in fair condition, concrete pad is in good condition, fire pit is in fair condition, vent is in poor condition, lighting installed
16	Perimeter fence	1		Fence is rusted and warped in places, some gaps, overgrown with vegetation
17	Stairs	1	1	Lead to Baseball field 3, timber steps, treads are not level nor evenly spaced, hand rails in fair condition
18	Trees & Vegetation	3		Trees & surrounding vegetated areas around park are in good condition, few dead trees observed, prune/remove as needed
19	Gardens	3		Plants appeared to be well maintained, border & mulch in good condition
20	Monuments	3		Numerous memorial plaques throughout park in good condition
Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:				

Village of Ardsley PRMP Inventory

Facility Name

Floyd Lichtenberg Park
9 American Legion Drive, Ardsley NY

Address

Inventory Date:

08/11/22

Ownership (circle one):

GIS point

Client

Area

Other:

Ambiance Score

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Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

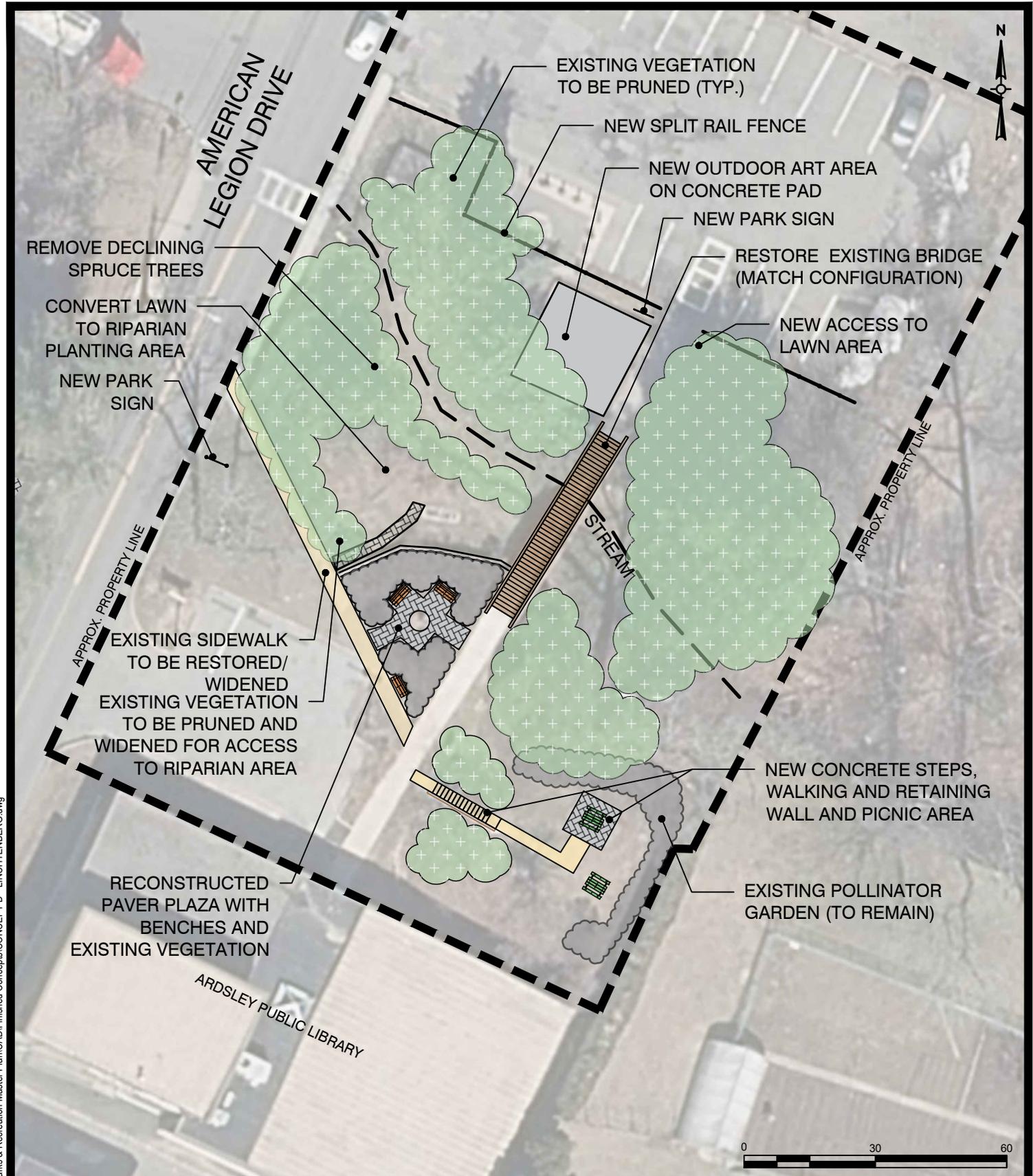
Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
1	Pedestrian Bridge	2	1	Bridge is in fair condition, paint is chipping, some boards & rails beginning to rot through
2	Parking Lots	3	2	Adequate parking, pavement in good condition, striping is well maintained
3	Lawn + Turf	2		Turf is in good condition, storm pipe exposed in one area
4	Trees & Vegetation	3		Trees & surrounding vegetated areas around park are in good condition, few dead trees observed, prune/remove as needed
5	Benches	3	3	Benches are in good condition, similar style
6	Paver Plaza	2	1	Pavers are in fair condition, some cracking evident in pavers, weeds popping through, uneven areas
7	Lights	3	4	Park was lit, appeared to be in good condition
8	Trash receptacles	3	2	Trash receptacles are in good condition, different styles throughout park
9	Steps	2		Steps are timber and in fair condition, some treads are beginning to crack
10	Picnic tables	3	2	Tables are in good condition
11	Signage	3		Signs are in good condition, park sign is engraved rock, difficult to locate
12	Retaining wall	3	1	Timber retaining wall is in good condition
13	Gardens	3		Gardens are in good condition, plants well maintained by library staff
14	Fencing	3		Fencing around lower parking lot is in good condition
15	Storm Culvert	3	1	Storm culvert is in good condition, fenced/cages to prevent access
16	Bike rack	2	1	Bike rack is in fair condition, not installed on pad and not level
17	Walkways	2		Walkways are in fair condition, generally more narrow than standard sidewalk width

Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

APPENDIX D

Concept Plans



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		<p>FLOYD LINCHTENBERG PARK</p>



ARDSLEY VILLAGE
HALL / JUSTICE COURT

EXISTING PAVER PATHWAY
NEW / EXPANDED PAVER
PLAZA WITH BENCHES,
TRASH RECEPTACLES,
AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE
EXISTING FENCE
TO REMAIN

SELECTIVE REMOVAL
OF VEGETATION ON
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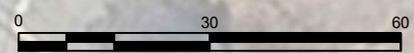
AMERICAN LEGION DRIVE

ASHFORD AVE

NEW ORNAMENTAL TREES WITH
GROUND COVER & SHRUBS

NEW PARK SIGN

REMOVE EXISTING DECLINING
NORWAY MAPLES AND PROVIDE
NEW CANOPY TREES (TYP.)



PARKS & RECREATION
MASTER PLAN

VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY, NEW YORK
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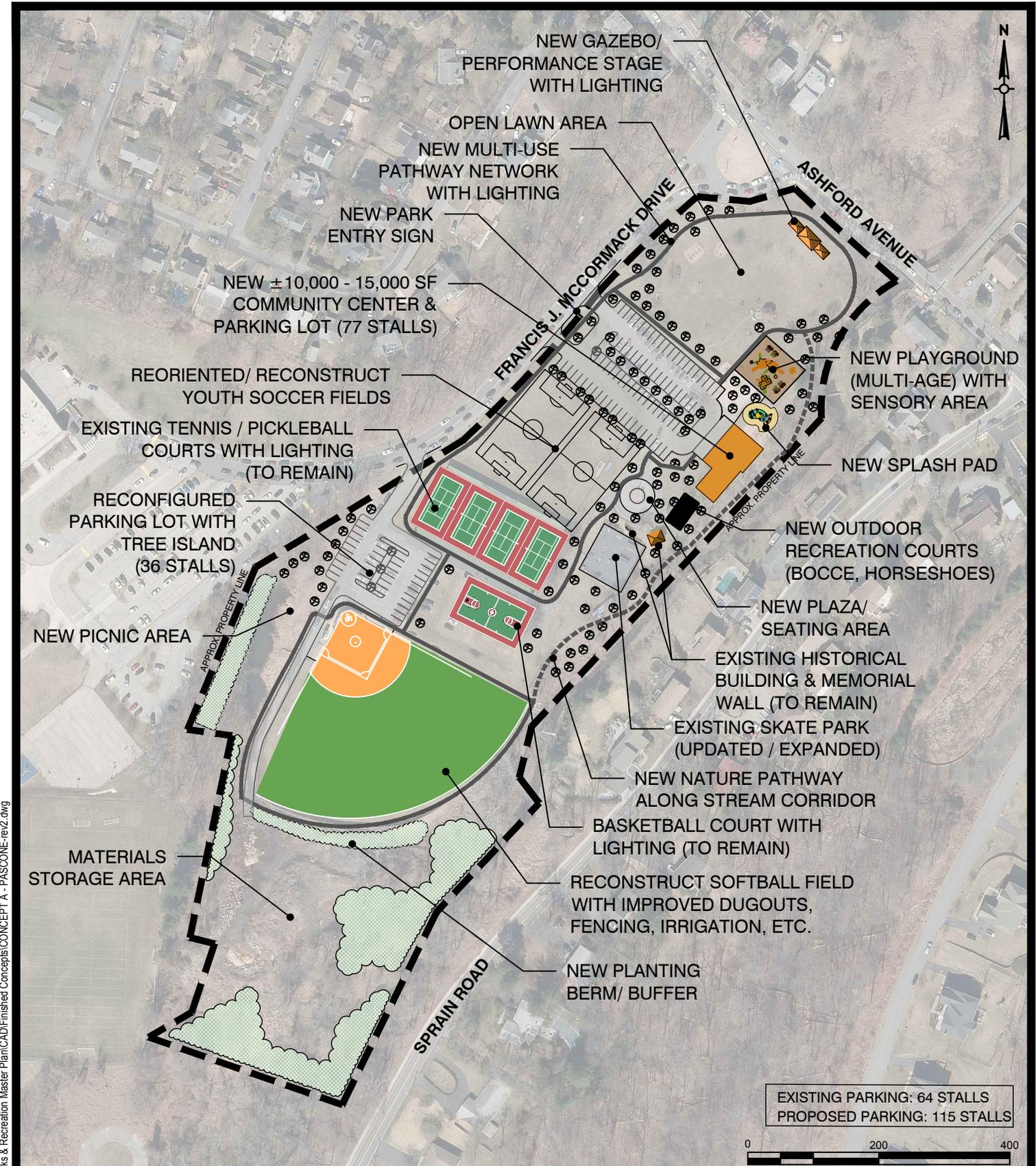
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**McDOWELL
PARK**

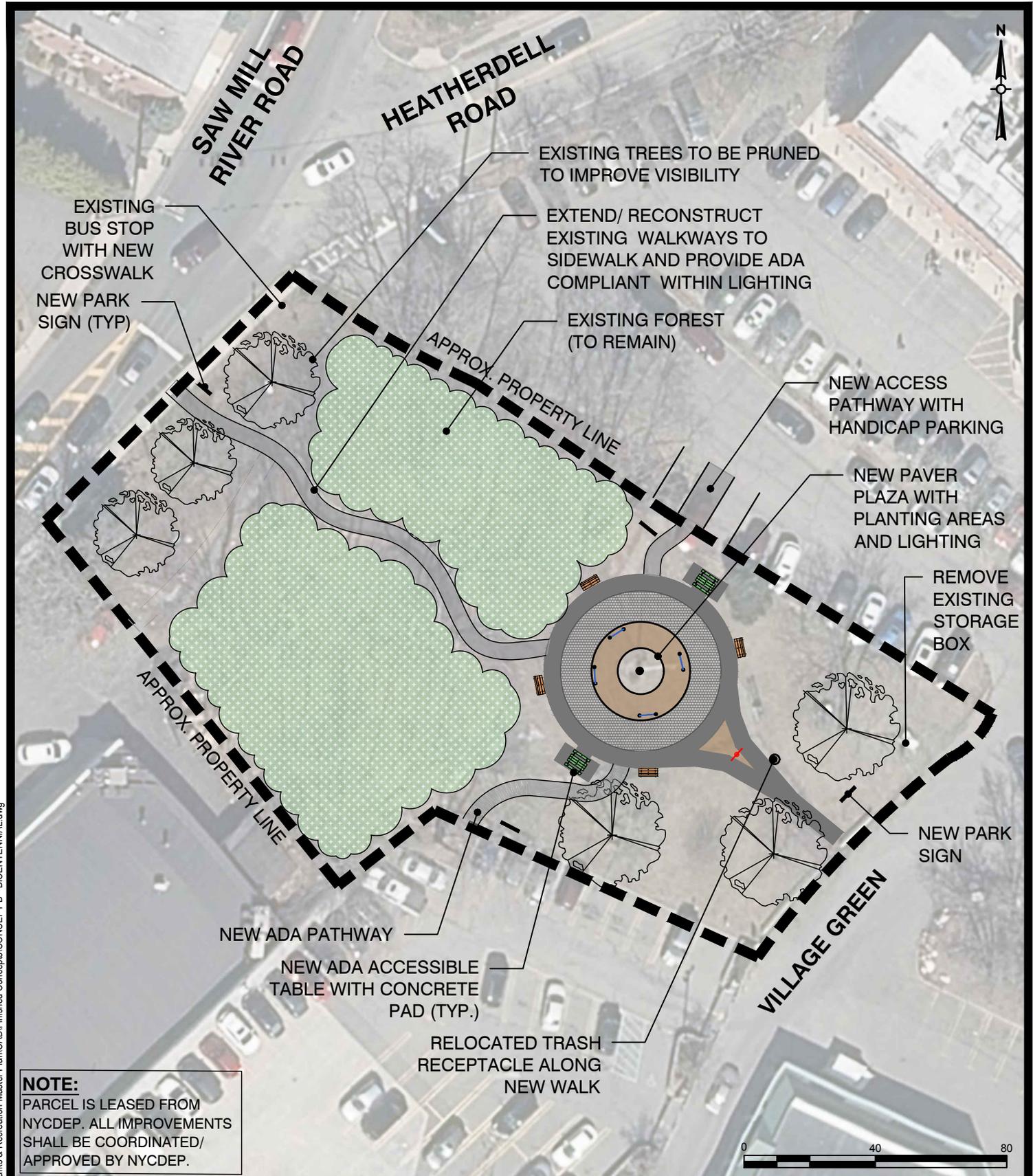


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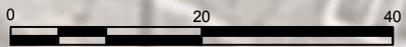
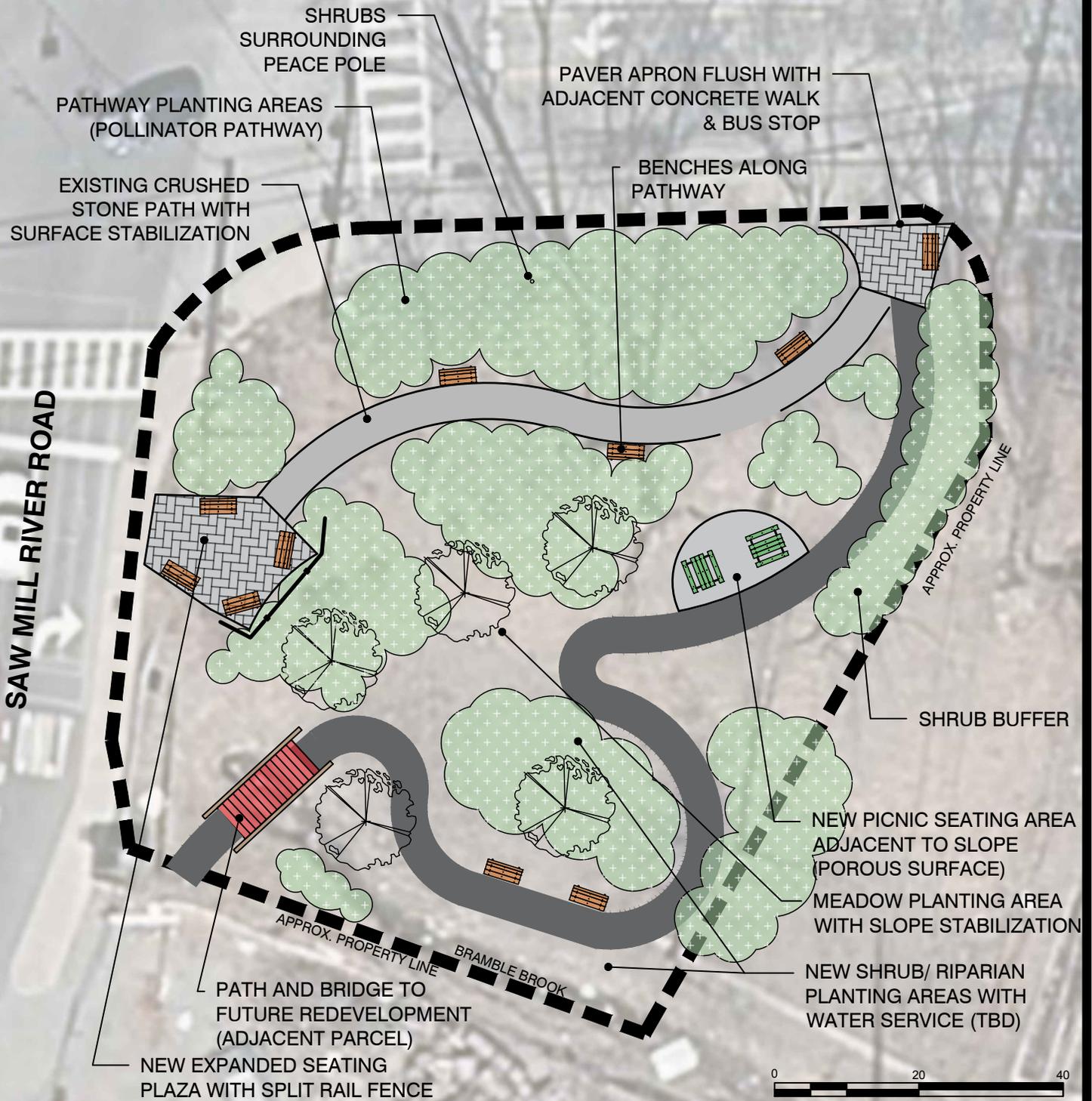


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ASHFORD AVENUE



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		<p>SILLIMAN PARK</p>

APPENDIX E

Recommendations Table

Appendix E: Specific Facility Recommendations			
Recommend #	Recommendation	Recommendation Classification	Timeframe
American Legion Park			
AL-01	Coordinate with community to repaint/ refurbish bus shelter	Maintenance	Mid-Term
AL-02	Reconstruct garden spaces with new plating's, mulch, and borders	Upgrades	Mid-Term
AL-03	Install larger park sign	Upgrades	Mid-Term
AL-04	Construct plaza space with seating, information/historical signage, etc.	Upgrades/ Compliance	Long-Term
Bicentennial Park			
BP-01	Reconstruct walkways to be ADA accessible	Compliance	Near-Term
BP-02	Prune existing trees	Maintenance	Near-Term
BP-03	Paint crosswalk for existing bus station	Upgrades	Near-Term
BP-05	Two new ADA accessible tables	Compliance	Near-Term
BP-04	Install two new larger park signs	Upgrades	Mid-Term
BP-06	Construct paver plaza with planting area and lighting	Upgrade	Mid-Term
BP-08	Construct new ADA accessible routes to benches & tables or relocate along ADA route	Upgrades/ Compliance	Mid-Term
BP-09	relocate historic/ information signage at upper portion of park to pascone park	Upgrades	Mid-Term
BP-07	Remove graffiti from rock outcroppings, clean trash/litter from wooded areas	Maintenance	On-Going
Floyd Linchtenberg Park			
FL-04	Trim hedges adjacent to walkways and/or reconstruct walkways with a minimum of 5-ft	Upgrades/ Maintenance	Near-Term
FL-06	Remove existing declining spruce trees	Maintenance	Near-Term
FL-09	Repair damaged boards & repaint pedestrian bridge	Maintenance	Near-Term
FL-10	Relocate bike rack over level area, preferably paved	Compliance	Near-Term
FL-01	Reconstruct timber steps to avoid cracking and heaving. Consider using unit block steps	Upgrades	Mid-Term
FL-05	Install two new larger park signs that are more clearly visible from road	Upgrades	Mid-Term
FL-07	Install split rain fence around park extents	Upgrades	Mid-Term
FL-03	Restore existing sidewalk	Maintenance	Long-Term
FL-08	create outdoor art area on existing concrete path	Upgrades	Long-Term
FL-11	Convert lawn area to riparian planting areas	Upgrade	Mid-Term
FL-12	Place additional loam and seed over exposed storm pipe areas	Upgrade	Mid-Term
FL-02	Reconstruct paver plaza with new benches	Upgrades	Mid-Term
Fire Fighters Park			
FF-01	Power Wash / Clean concrete Bench Surfaces	Maintenance	On-Going
McDowell Park			
MC-02	Construct ADA accessible routes to all baseball fields, dugouts, and bleachers	Compliance	Near-term
MC-03	Regrade the northwest baseball field to eliminate ponding	Upgrades	Near-term
MC-04	Reconstruction & Expand Field 2 Outfield Fence line	Upgrades	Near-term
MC-05	Reconstruct & Reorient Tee Ball Field	Upgrades	Near-term
MC-06	Reorient existing front parking area	Upgrades	Near-term
MC-07	Repair/ reset posts at batting cage, install new artificial turf mats	Maintenance	Mid-Term
MC-08	Reconstruct basketball court in rear parking area	Maintenance	Mid-Term
MC-09	Repave / widen access driveway and parking areas through park	Maintenance	Mid-Term
MC-10	Repaint exterior of structures	Maintenance	Mid-Term
MC-11	Reconstruct concession, bathroom and storage facility	Maintenance	Mid-Term
MC-12	Reconstruct stairs leading to southwest baseball field, consider installation of unit block or concrete steps in lieu of timber	Upgrades/ Maintenance	Mid-Term
MC-13	Consider the installation of warning tracks at the baseball fields	Upgrades	Long-Term
MC-14	Consider installation of a subsurface irrigation system	Upgrades	Long-Term
MC-15	Convert Field 3 to artificial turf	Upgrades/ Comprehensive	Long-Term
MC-16	Install athletic lighting on Field 2	Upgrades	Long-Term
MC-17	Construct a walking path around the entire park area	Upgrades	Long-Term
MC-18	Reconstruct playground with new & more challenging equipment	Upgrades	Long-Term
MC-19	Reseed & irrigate outfield turf at all fields	Maintenance	On-Going
MC-20	Remove graffiti from park amenities as necessary	Maintenance	On-Going

Pascone Park			
PA-01	Construct an ADA compliant walkway to skate park	Compliance	Near-term
PA-02	Reconstruct gazebo ramp to be ADA compliant	Compliance	Near-term
PA-03	Reconstruct & expand front parking area	Upgrades	Near-Term
PA-04	Relocate Park signage and supplement existing school sign	Upgrades	Near-Term
PA-05	Create new gazebo/ performance stage	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PA-06	Remove old playground equipment and construct new playground with 2-5 year-old and 5-12 year-old areas	Upgrades	Long-Term
PA-07	Provide lighting for basketball and tennis courts	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PA-08	Install a safety guard along fencing at softball field, construct covered dugout shelters	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PA-09	Create pathway network (asphalt and natural surface) throughout park area with lighting for primary pathways	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PA-10	Constructed bathroom facility (prefabricated)	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PA-11	Construct new Community Center & Outdoor Recreation Courts	Upgrades	Long-Term
PA-12	Reorient and reconstruct youth soccer fields	Upgrades	Long-Term
PA-13	Remove graffiti and repair loose/rotting boards & posts as needed	Maintenance	On-Going
Pocost Park			
PO-01	Relocate benches along paver walkway to allow ADA access	Compliance	Near-Term
PO-02	Relocate trash receptacles along walkway for easier access	Upgrades	Near-Term
PO-03	Replace cracked pavers and reset pavers to create flush transition between paver and adjacent sidewalk	Upgrades	Near-Term
PO-04	Select removal of vegetation on existing hillside	Maintenance	Near-Term
PO-05	Install new planting area and ornamental trees	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PO-06	Install larger sign visible from the road	Upgrades	Mid-Term
PO-07	Replenish stone mulch area to cover exposed weed fabric	Maintenance	On-Going
Silliman Park			
SP-01	Construct bridge to future development on adjacent parcel	Upgrades/ Compliance	Near-Term
SP-02	Maintain meadow and planting bed areas	Upgrades	Near-Term
SP-03	Provide benches along pathways, and expand lower existing seating area with fence	Upgrades	Mid-Term
SP-04	Reconstruct stone dust pathway to create ADA compliant surface - install a geogrid or border edge to contain stone dust to path area and keep adjacent landscape mulch from washing onto the path	Upgrades	Long-Term
SP-05	Rehabilitate meadow planting area and provide water service for watering	Maintenance	On-Going

APPENDIX F

Funding Opportunities

Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities: U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds

September 9, 2022

This table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. Activities and projects need to meet program eligibility requirements. See notes and basic program requirements below, with links to program information. Project sponsors should integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities: U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds

Key: \$ = Activity may be eligible. Restrictions may apply, see program notes and guidance. ~\$ = Eligible, but not competitive unless part of a larger project.

Activity or Project Type	OST Programs										Federal Transit Administration										Federal Highway Administration													
	RAISE	INFRA	RCP	SS4A	Thrive	RRIF	TIFIA	FTA	ATI	TOD	AoPP	402	405	BPP	BIP	BRR	CRP	CMAQ	HSIP	RHCP	NHPP	PRO	STBG	TA	RTP	SRTS	PLAN	NSBP	FLTTP	TTP	ITPSPF			
Access enhancements to public transportation (benches, bus pads)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$							\$	\$	\$	
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/504 Self Evaluation / Transition Plan				\$	TA				\$	\$							\$						\$	\$	\$							\$	\$	\$
Barrier removal for ADA compliance	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	~\$	~\$	~\$			\$			\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$					\$	\$	\$	\$
Bicycle plans				~\$																			\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$
Bicycle helmets (project or training related)												\$											\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$
Bicycle helmets (safety promotion)																							\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$
Bicycle lanes on road	~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bicycle parking (see Bicycle Parking Solutions)	~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bike racks on transit	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bicycle repair station (air pump, simple tools)	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bicycle share (capital and equipment; not operations)	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bicycle storage or service centers (example: at transit hubs)	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bridges / overcrossings for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Bus shelters and benches	\$	\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Coordinator positions (State or local) (limits on CMAQ and STBG)				\$	TA				\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Community Capacity Building (develop organizational skills/processes)				\$					\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Crosswalks for pedestrians, pedestrian refuge islands (new or retrofit)	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						~\$	~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Curb ramps	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						~\$	~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Counting equipment				\$					\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Data collection and monitoring for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Emergency and evacuation routes for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Emergency and evacuation routes for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Historic preservation (pedestrian and bicycle and transit facilities)	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Landscaping, streetscaping (pedestrian/bicycle route; transit access); related amenities (benches, water fountains); usually part of larger project	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Lighting (pedestrian and bicyclist scale associated with pedestrian/bicyclist project)	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Maps (for pedestrians and/or bicyclists)				\$				\$	\$	~\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Micromobility projects (including scooter share)	\$		\$	~\$		~\$	~\$				~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Paved shoulders for pedestrian and/or bicyclist use	\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$				~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Pedestrian plans	\$	~\$	\$	~\$				\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Rail at-grade crossings	\$	\$	\$	~\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Recreational trails	\$		\$	~\$		~\$	~\$				~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Resilience Improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$		\$	\$	~\$						~\$	~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$
Road Diets (pedestrian and bicycle portions)	\$	\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$		\$	\$	~\$						\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$	\$	\$

Cross-cutting notes

This table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. Activities and projects must meet program eligibility requirements. See notes and links to program information below. Although the primary focus of this table is stand-alone activities and projects, programs also fund pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of larger projects. Project sponsors are encouraged to consider [Complete Streets](#) and Networks that routinely integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects. In these instances, the Federal-aid eligibility of the pedestrian and bicycle elements are considered under the eligibility criteria applicable to the larger highway project. Pedestrian and bicycle activities also may be characterized as environmental mitigation for larger highway projects, especially in response to impacts to a Section 4(f) property or work zone safety, mobility, and accessibility impacts on bicyclists and pedestrians.

- See [FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Program, and Project Development](#) (Guidance)
- Bicycle Project Purpose: 23 U.S.C. 217(i) requires that bicycle facilities “be principally for transportation, rather than recreation, purposes”. However, 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(7) and 133(h) authorize recreational trails under [STBG](#) and the [TA Set-Aside](#), therefore, 23 U.S.C. 217(i) does not apply to trail projects (including for bicycle use) using [STBG](#) or [TA Set-Aside](#) funds. Section 217(i) applies to bicycle facilities other than trail-related projects, and section 217(i) applies to bicycle facilities using other programs ([NHPP](#), [HSIP](#), [CMAQ](#)). The transportation requirement under section 217(i) only applies to bicycle projects, not to any other trail use or transportation mode.
- Signs, signals, signal improvements includes ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities. See [Accessible Pedestrian Signals](#). See also [Proven Safety Countermeasures](#), such as [Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements](#), [Leading Pedestrian Interval](#) signals, [Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons](#), and [Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons](#).
- Occasional DOT or agency incentive grants may be available for specific research or technical assistance purposes.
- Aspects of DOT initiatives may be eligible as individual projects. Activities above may benefit safe, comfortable, multimodal networks; environmental justice; and equity.
- The [DOT Navigator](#) is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.
- FHWA’s [Policy on Using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America](#).
- FHWA Links to [Technical Assistance and Local Support](#).

Program-specific notes

Federal-aid and other DOT funding programs have specific requirements that projects must meet, and eligibility must be determined on a case-by-case basis. See links to program guidance for more information.

- [RAISE](#) (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), § 21202): Funds capital and planning grants.
- [INFRA](#) (IIJA § 11110): For projects that improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and hold the greatest promise to eliminate freight bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements.
- [RCP](#) (IIJA § 11509 and div. J, title VIII, Highway Infrastructure Programs, para. (7)): See [RCP Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for full details. Planning grants and Capital Construction Grants must relate to a transportation facility that creates a barrier to community connectivity.
- [SS4A](#) (IIJA § 24112): Discretionary program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Projects must be identified in a comprehensive safety action plan (§ 24112(a)(3)).
- [Thrive](#) (Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, div. L, title I): Technical assistance, planning, and capacity-building support in selected communities.
- [RRIF](#) (Chapter 224 of title 49 U.S.C.): Program offers direct loans and loan guarantees for capital projects related to rail facilities, stations, or crossings. Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure components of “economic development” projects located within ½-mile of qualifying rail stations may be eligible. May be combined with other grant sources.
- [TIFIA](#) (Chapter 6 of title 23 U.S.C.): Program offers secured loans, loan guarantees, or standby lines of credit for capital projects. Minimum total project size is \$10 million; multiple surface transportation projects may be bundled to meet cost threshold, under the condition that all projects have a common repayment pledge. May be combined with other grant sources.
- [FTA / ATI](#) (49 U.S.C. 5307): Multimodal projects funded with FTA transit funds must provide access to transit. See [Bicycles and Transit](#), [Flex Funding for Transit Access](#), the [FTA Final Policy Statement on the Eligibility of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Under Federal Transit Law](#), and [FTA Program & Bicycle Related Funding Opportunities](#).
 - Bicycle infrastructure plans and projects must be within a 3-mile radius of a transit stop or station. If more than 3 miles, within a distance that people could be expected to safely and conveniently bike to the particular stop or station.
 - Pedestrian infrastructure plans and projects must be within a ½ mile radius of a transit stop or station. If more than ½ mile, within a distance that people could be expected to safely and conveniently walk to the particular stop or station.
 - FTA funds cannot be used to purchase bicycles for bike share systems.
- [FTA TOD](#): Provides planning grants to support community efforts to improve safe access to public transportation for pedestrians and cyclists. The grants help organizations plan for transportation projects that connect communities and improve access to transit and affordable housing, not for capital purchases.
- [FTA AoPP](#) (Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260)): Promotes multimodal planning, engineering, and technical studies, or financial planning to improve transit services in areas experiencing long-term economic distress, not for capital purchases.
- [NHTSA 402](#) (23 U.S.C. 402): Project activity must be included in the State’s Highway Safety Plan. Contact the [State Highway Safety Office](#) for details.
- [NHTSA 405](#) (23 U.S.C. 405): Funds are subject to eligibility, application, and award. Project activity must be included in the State’s Highway Safety Plan. Contact the [State Highway Safety Office](#) for details. The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) expanded the eligible use of funds for a Section 405 Nonmotorized Safety grant beginning in FY 2024; however, for FY 2023 grants, FAST Act eligible uses remain in place.
- [BFP](#) (IIJA, Div. J, title VIII, para. (1)), [BIP](#) (23 U.S.C. 124), [BRR](#) (Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2022): For specific highway bridge projects and highway bridge projects that will replace or rehabilitate a bridge must consider pedestrian and bicycle access as part of the project and costs related to their inclusion are eligible under these programs.
- [CRP](#) (23 U.S.C. 175): Projects should support the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources.

- [CMAQ](#) (23 U.S.C. 149): Projects must demonstrate emissions reduction and benefit air quality. See the CMAQ guidance at www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/ for a list of projects that may be eligible for CMAQ funds. CMAQ funds may be used for shared use paths, but not for trails that are primarily for recreational use.
- [HSIP](#) (23 U.S.C. 148): Projects must be consistent with a State's [Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) and (1) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (2) address a highway safety problem. Certain non-infrastructure safety projects can also be funded using HSIP funds as specified safety projects.
- [RHCP](#) (23 U.S.C. 130): Projects at all public railroad crossings including roadways, bike trails, and pedestrian paths.
- [NHPP](#) (23 U.S.C. 119): Projects must benefit National Highway System (NHS) corridors and must be located on land adjacent to any highway on the National Highway System (23 U.S.C. 217(b)).
- [PROTECT](#) (23 U.S.C. 176): Funds can only be used for activities that are primarily for the purpose of resilience or inherently resilience related. With certain exceptions, the focus must be on supporting the incremental cost of making assets more resilient.
- [STBG](#) (23 U.S.C. 133) and [TA Set-Aside](#) (23 U.S.C. 133(h)): Activities marked “\$SRTS” means eligible only as an SRTS project benefiting schools for kindergarten through 12th grade. Bicycle transportation nonconstruction projects related to safe bicycle use are eligible under STBG, but not under TA (23 U.S.C. 217(a)). There is broad eligibility for projects under 23 U.S.C. 206, 208, and 217.
- [RTP](#) (23 U.S.C. 206): Projects for trails and trailside and trailhead facilities for any recreational trail use. RTP projects are eligible under TA Set-Aside and STBG.
- [SRTS](#) (23 U.S.C. 208): Projects for any SRTS activity. FY 2012 was the last year for dedicated - funds, but funds are available until expended. SRTS projects are eligible under TA Set-Aside and STBG.
- [PLAN](#) (23 U.S.C. 134 and 135): Funds must be used for planning purposes, for example: Maps; System maps and GIS; Safety education and awareness; for transportation safety planning; Safety program technical assessment; for transportation safety planning; Training; bicycle and pedestrian system planning training.
- [NSBP](#) (23 U.S.C. 162): Discretionary program subject to annual appropriations. Projects must directly benefit and be close to a designated scenic byway.
- [FLTTP](#) (23 U.S.C. 201-204): Projects must provide access to or within Federal or tribal lands. Programs include: Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs ([Federal Lands Access Program](#), [Federal Lands Transportation Program](#), [Federal Lands Planning Program](#)) and related programs for Federal and Tribal lands such as the [Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects](#) (NSFLTTP) program.
 - o [Federal Lands Transportation Program](#) (23 U.S.C. 203): For Federal agencies for projects that provide access within Federal lands.
 - o [Federal Lands Access Program](#) (FLAP) (23 U.S.C. 204): For State and local entities for projects that provide access to or within Federal or tribal lands.
- [TTP](#) (23 U.S.C. 202): For federally-recognized tribal governments for projects within tribal boundaries and public roads that access tribal lands.
- [TTPSF](#) (23 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) and 23 U.S.C. 148(a)(4)): Grants available to [federally recognized Indian tribes](#) through a competitive, discretionary program to plan and implement transportation safety projects.

