HILLSBORO PARKS & **RECREATION** SYSTEM PLAN















Land Acknowledgment

We want to acknowledge the people on whose land we live-the Atfalati-Kalapuyans also known as the Tualatin Band of Kalapuyans. —the first inhabitants of Washington County. We are grateful for the land we are on, Kalapuyan land.

Signers of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 were removed from their homelands to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. Today their descendants are tribal members of Grand Ronde and Siletz tribes, carrying on the traditions and cultures of their ancestors.

We acknowledge and express gratitude for the ancestors of this place and recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their continuation in our community. Please reflect on the role government has played in the painful, colonial history and reflect as well on the resilience and healing of the Indigenous land and communities.

We would like to invite everyone to collaborate and work together with the tribes to take care of the land and water and the people who inhabit these spaces.

Group Agreements

- Be present and actively participate
- Turn your video on (as much as you're able)
- Mute yourself until you want to say something.
- Use the chat to add your comments and opinions (please keep on topic)
- Remember there are no right or wrong answers. We want to hear from all of you, so if you haven't said anything in a while, I might call on you.
- No representatives (don't expect a person to represent all of their group)

Any questions or disagreements about these? Any others you'd like to add? Can we all agree to these expectations?

AGENDA – Visioning

- Presentation (5 minutes): Reminder summary of what parks provides
- Presentation (10 minutes): Some results of survey, focus groups
- Discussion (15 minutes)
 - Do these results match your experience? What is surprising? What is not surprising?
- Break (5 minutes)
- Group visioning session (1 hr 15 mins minutes)
 - What do you think parks should do based on what we've heard? 15 years and 50+ years?

REFRESHER: THE HILLSBORO PARKS & RECREATION SYSTEM

Includes:

- More than 30 parks
- More than 1,500 acres of designated green spaces
- 18 miles of trails
- A professional baseball stadium and multisport complex
- Community centers
- An aquatic center
- cultural arts venues

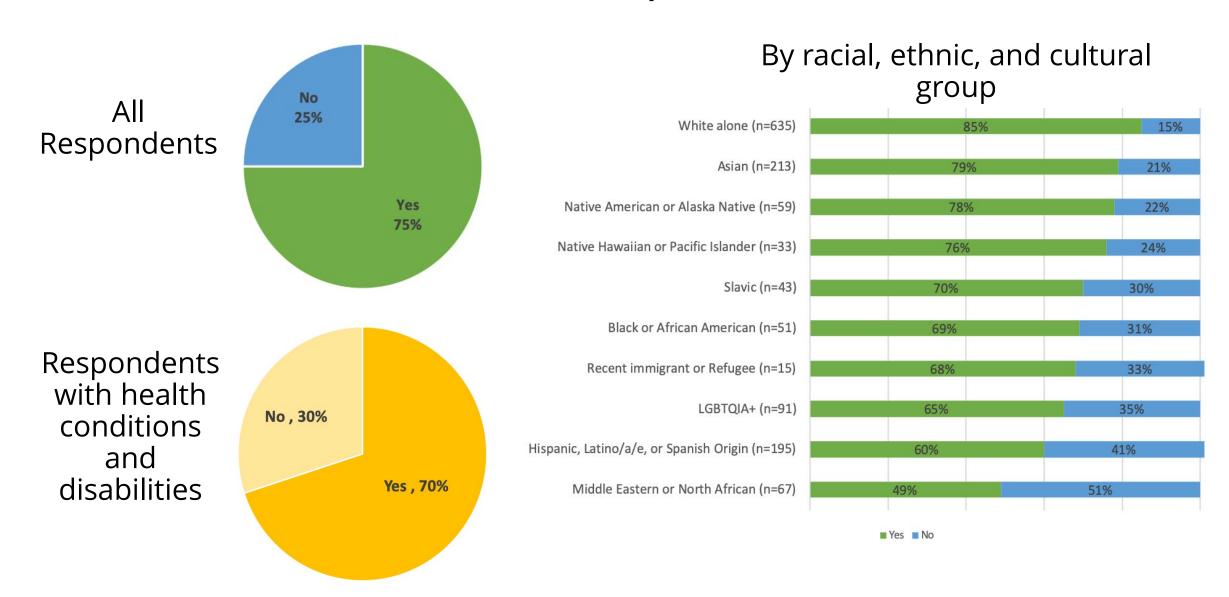




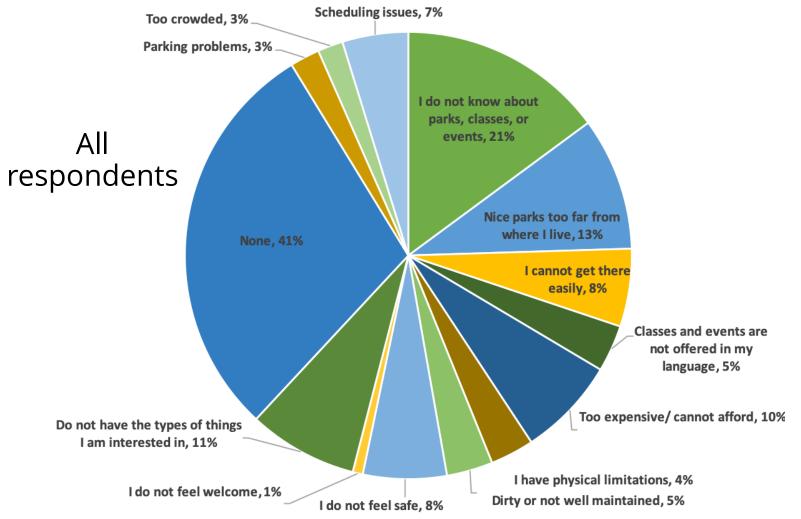
Survey responses – 1,607 total responses

Race, Ethnicity, Cultural Identity	Percent of Total	Count
Native American or Alaska Native	4.46%	59
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2.50%	33
Black or African American	3.86%	51
Hispanic, Latino/a/e, or Spanish Origin	14.75%	195
Asian	16.26%	215
Middle Eastern or North African	5.07%	67
Slavic	3.25%	43
White alone	52.19%	690
Recent immigrant or Refugee	1.13%	15
LGBTQIA+	6.88%	91
Other racial, ethnic, or cultural identity	2.19%	29
Total respondents answering race, ethnicity question		1322
Total indicating disability or chronic health condition		406

Access to outdoor space at home



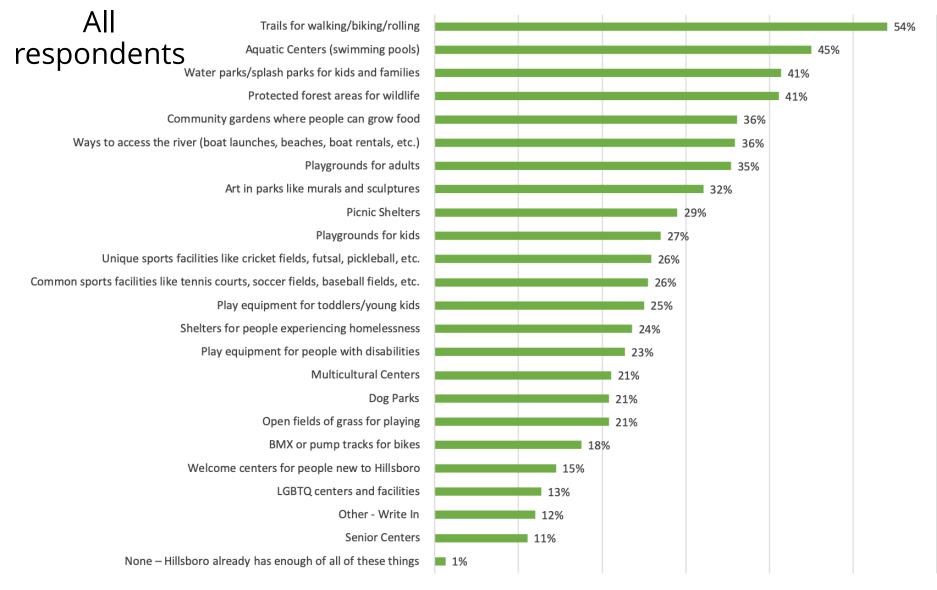
Barriers to accessing parks and recreation



"Other" 314 (20%)

- access issues for people with disabilities
- lack of safe way to get to parks and recreation
- homelessness concerns
- parking difficulties
- not being able to attend parks and recreation programs at times they are offered
- parks and facilities are too crowded

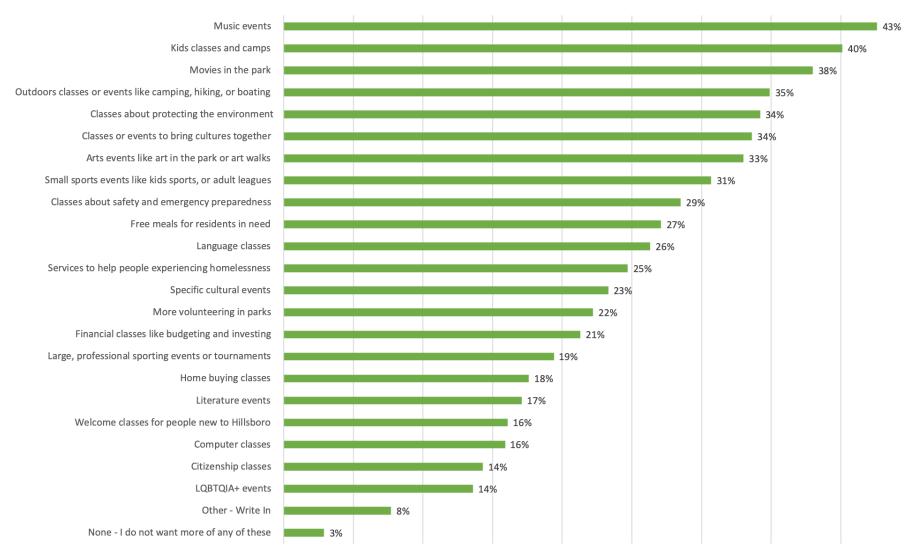
Requests for future facilities



"Other" responses:

- Pools and aquatic centers
- Covered areas for shade and rain
- Accessible facilities for disabilities, young kids and seniors
- Access to clean restrooms
- Connected paths and trails, more bike paths
- Dog-friendly areas
- Roller rink, tennis, disc golf, skateparks, pickleball, cricket and chess.

Requests for future classes, events

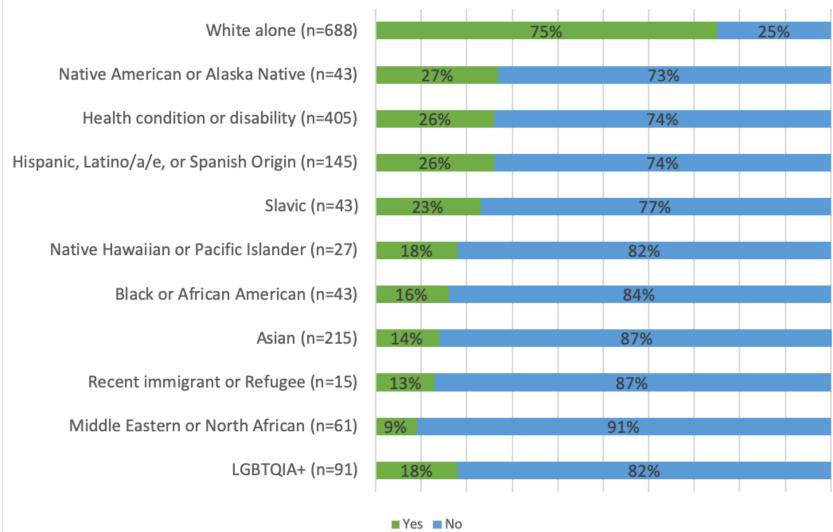


"Other" responses:

- problems with class/event availability and cost
- many requests for more swimming classes
- requests for more classes for young kids, teens, and seniors
- Most requested language classes were English and Spanish
- Events too crowded
- Cultural events popular, Native American events requested most

All respondents

Previous involvement by race, ethnicity, cultural aroun



Focus groups with racial, ethnic communities

Community or group	Number of attendees	Language of group
Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC)	11	English
Latino/a/e or Spanish-speaking	7	Spanish
Middle Eastern/ North African or Arabic-speaking	10	Arabic
Vietnamese	10	Vietnamese
Indian	9	Hindi
Russian	13	Russian
Total participants:	60	

Top-level themes across groups

- **Safety concerns** was the only concern mentioned by all groups, mostly discomfort related to homelessness (all groups)
- Request for more community-specific advertising in their languages, many did not know about parks and rec programs or events (5 of 6 groups)
- Request for covered or indoor spaces for shade and cover from rain (5 of 6 groups)
- Happy to be included, appreciate this type of community engagement, hope to see more (5 of 6 groups)
- Cost and affordability of parks programming and events too high, offer lower cost or free (4 of 6 groups)
- Request for more pools and water parks (4 of 6 groups)

Second-level themes, half of groups

- Requests for culturally specific staff that understand, needs and speak languages
- Parks and recreation classes, events, materials in their languages
- Request for more cultural events
- Problems using parks and recreation website, difficulty reserving, requests to improve website
- Continued connection expressed wanting to continue being involved in the future
- Parks and recreation facilities are too crowded
- Increased cleanliness is needed
- More kids' classes are needed
- Cleaner and more access to restrooms requested
- Additional outdoor seating needed
- Requests for more classes, activities, playgrounds for younger kids



Visioning Exercise

Over the rest of the meeting, we'd like to ask each of you to create two vision statements for Hillsboro Parks and Recreation (we'll give examples):

- 1. A short-term vision statement (15 years/our generation)
- 2. A long term vision statement (50+ years/future generations).
- Individual work for 10 minutes
- In pairs to discuss for 10 minutes (break out rooms)
- Individual work for another 10 minutes
- Share with group, Deb will add to a white board and sort (30 minutes)

Visioning Questions

As you work on your vision statements, please consider these questions:

- 1. What services and amenities will parks and recreation provide?
 - Parks, Trails, Natural Areas
 - Events
 - Recreation and Programs
 - Land Management
 - Community Facilities
- 2. What role will parks and recreation (and the parks department) play in the community?
- 3. What is the vision for equity in parks and recreation in Hillsboro?

Vision Statement Examples

- SHORT TERM (15 years): Hillsboro will have two new indoor public pools and parks will feel safe and welcoming. All of the homeless will be housed in Hillsboro.
- SHORT TERM (15 years): Everyone who wants to will be able to easily enroll in swim classes in Hillsboro, and Hillsboro will have both a roller rink and an ice-skating rink.
- LONG TERM (50+ years): All people in Hillsboro will have a park they can walk or roll to within five minutes of where they live.
- LONG TERM (50+ years): Hillsboro's parks system will bring residents of all cultures together through programs and events for each culture, art work and parks staff that represent each culture, and a single connected biking and walking trail that connects all of Hillsboro's parks together.
- LONG TERM (50+ years): The Hillsboro Parks and Recreation department will provide many social services as well as parks services, including free meals to those in need, programs and classes to teach important skills to young people, and programs to bring the different cultures and age groups together.



