



# **NORTH COMMONS PARK**

## PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS

**Open House No. 2**  
(Virtual)  
May 23rd, 2022

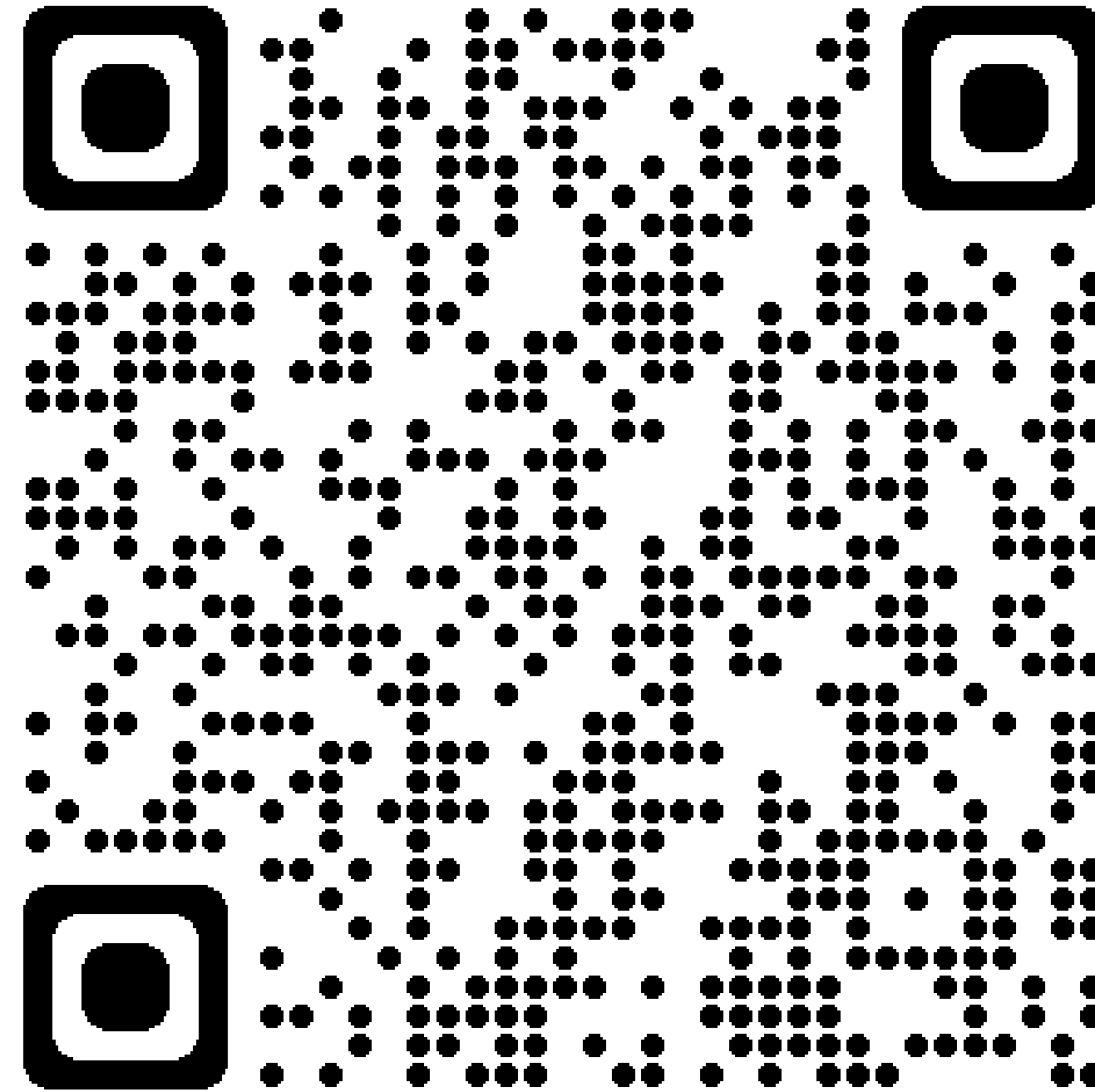


# AGENDA

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- Introductory Q/A
- Survey
- Project Location
- Project Schedule
- Project Understanding
- Project Context
- Existing Conditions
- Preliminary Programming
- Community Engagement
- Survey
- Questions/Answers



# SURVEY



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PROJECT LOCATION





# PROJECT SCHEDULE





# MASTER PLAN

## EXISTING SITE



## MASTER PLAN





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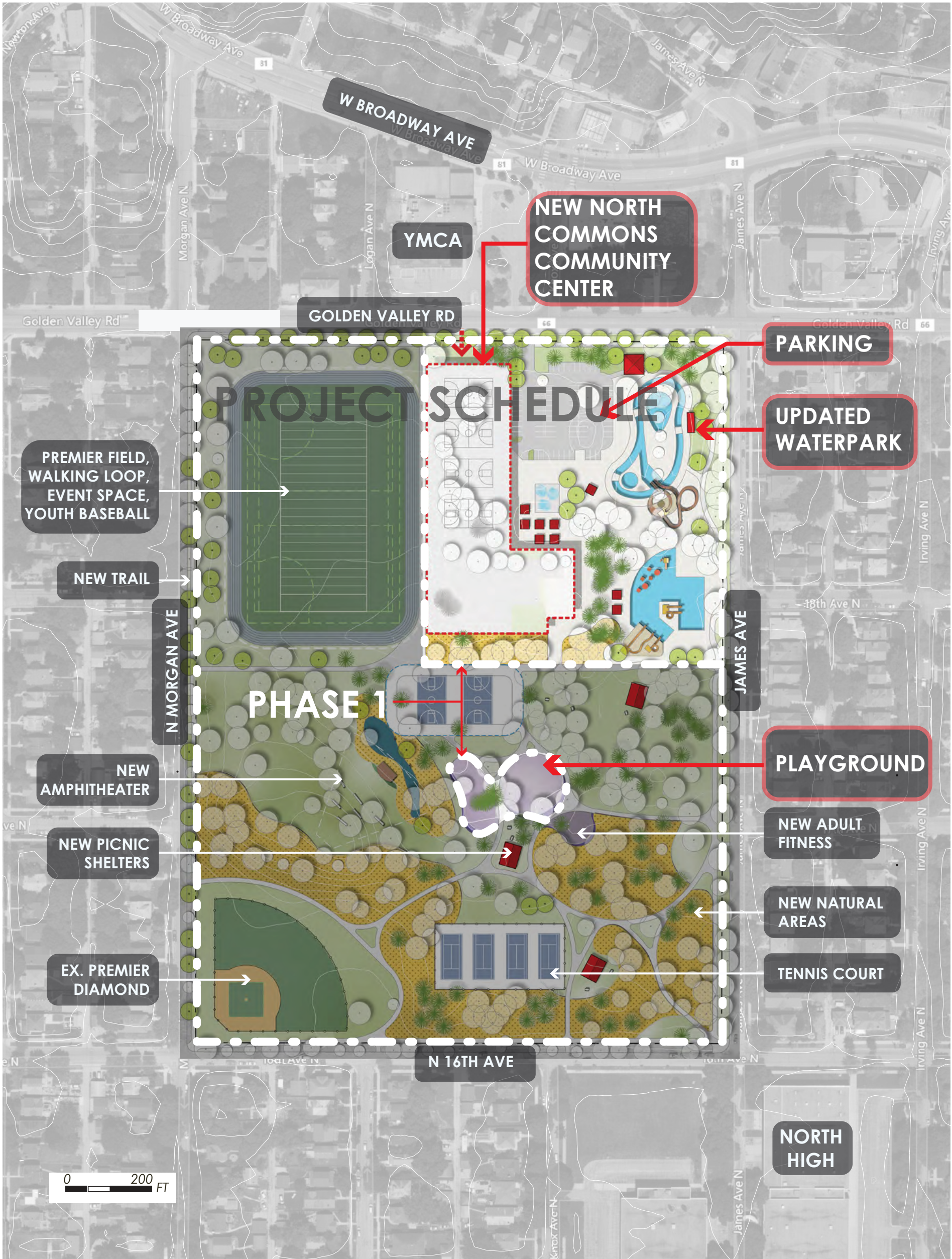
## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION

1. Seek partnerships in all aspects of implementation, including funding, operations, and programming.
2. Ensure that agreements with partners do not unduly limit community access to the facility.
3. Coordinate with City of Minneapolis on redevelopment of the block east of the YMCA as a mixed-use development that could include district parking available to park users.

### DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

4. Design of all facilities should be welcoming to the north side community and create the feeling that local neighbors are welcome in these spaces. Local artists, designers, and craftspeople could contribute to making the design welcoming.
5. Minimize tree removal, especially of significant overstory trees, through careful design and detailing.
6. Protect trees during construction, to ensure they are not negatively impacted by construction activities, in consultation with MPRB's Forestry Department.
7. Replace any trees removed as a result of construction with an equivalent or greater caliper inch total of trees, in coordination with MPRB's Forestry Department.
8. Consult with the north side community and residents around the park on schematic and detailed design of park elements.
9. Seek to minimize visual impact of facilities on nearby homes through vegetation, depressing facilities down into the earth, and/or high quality façade design.



10. Reduce or eliminate community impact by constructing replacement facilities prior to decommissioning older facilities, or by creating partnerships to provide space for these activities. This is especially true for baseball and for the recreation center itself.

### PROGRAMMING AND ACCESS

11. Facilities should prioritize access by the north side community.
12. Access to facilities should be affordable to north side residents.
13. Decisions around access, hours, and fees should be made through a community-engaged process, in consultation with park users and potential park users.
14. Programming should be tailored to what people want to do in the park.

### OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

15. Maintenance and program staffing should be adequate to operate this larger facility and the site around it, and should be determined through careful analysis of real staffing needs.
16. Repairs should be undertaken quickly, to ensure the park does not enter the "vicious cycle" of neglect, which can then invite further damage and vandalism.
17. Facility leadership and staff should reflect the north side community, in all its racial and cultural diversity.



# PROJECT FUNDING

State of Minnesota Grant 2020	\$5.15M
Federal Community Grant	\$2M
MPRB 2020 NPP20	\$525K
MPRB 2021 NPP20	\$800k
MPRB 2021 Capital Levy	\$200k
Philanthropy	(in process)
State of Minneosta Bond Application 2022	(\$6M request)
American Rescue Plan	(\$3M request)

Total Money in hand **\$8.67M**

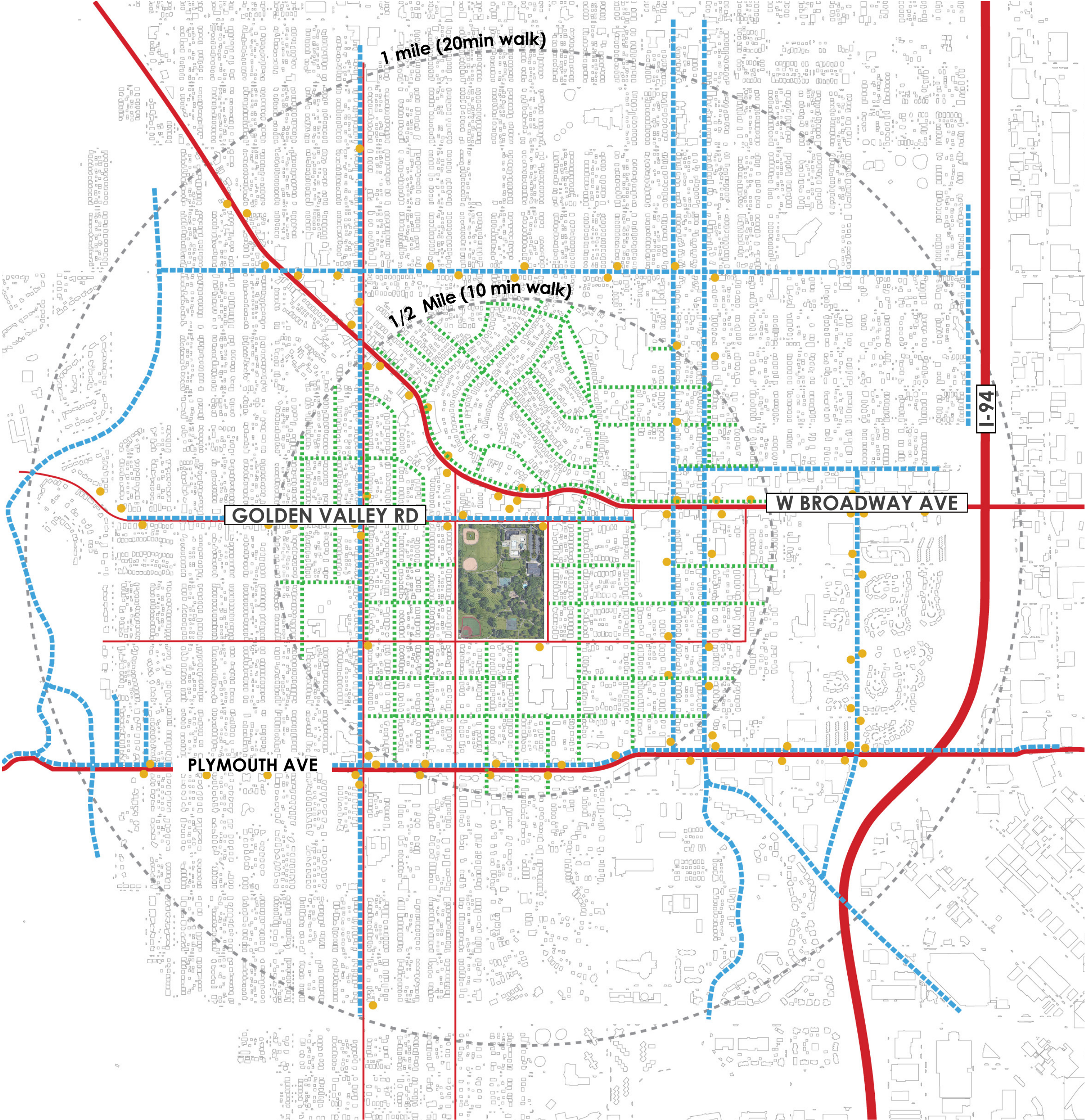
## Philanthropy Partners

- Minneapolis Parks Foundation
- Seeds to Harvest



# PROJECT CONTEXT

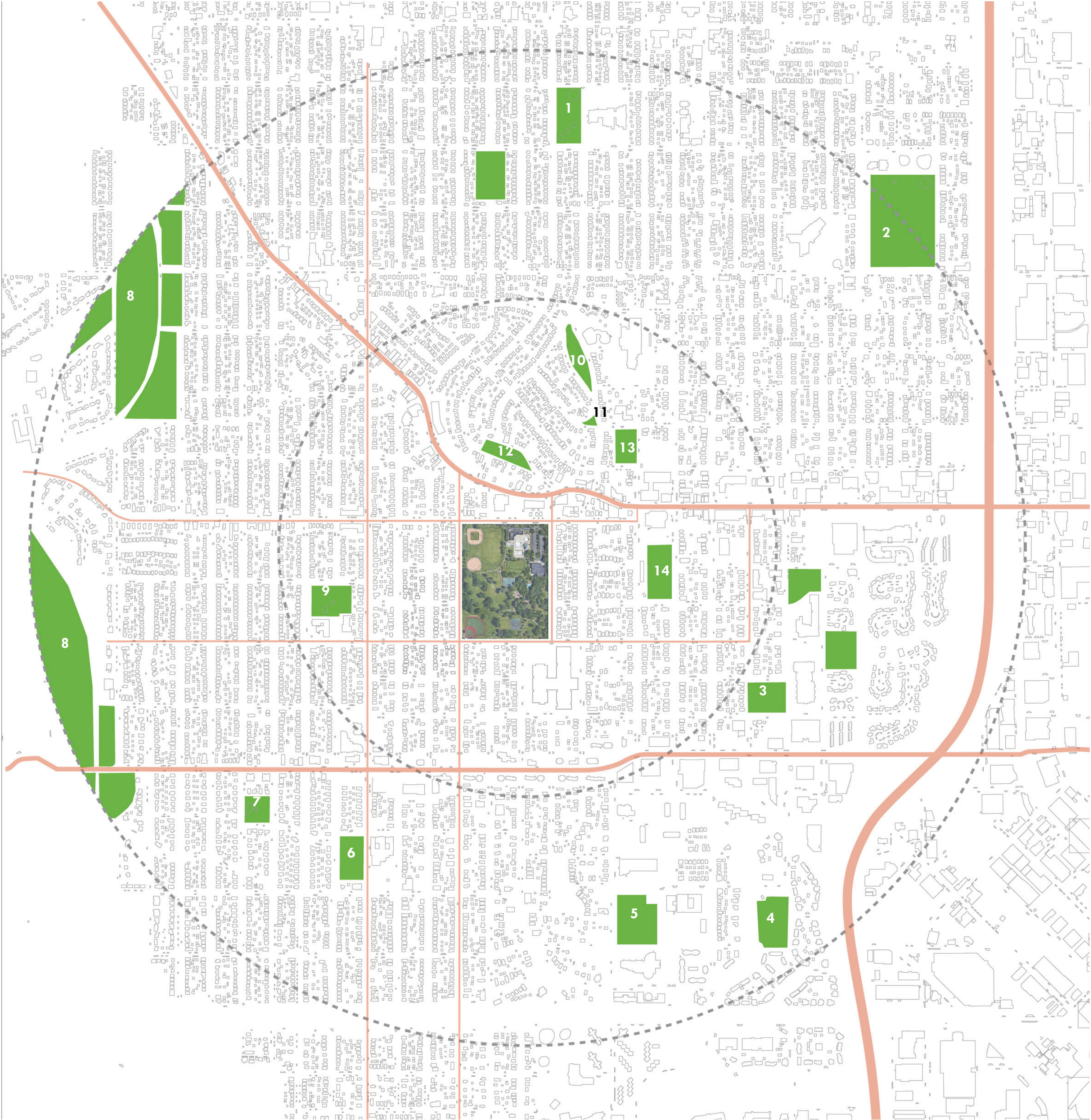
## Circulation





# PROJECT CONTEXT

## PARKS/OPEN SPACES



### LEGEND

1. Jordon Park
2. Fairview Park
3. NR
4. Summer Field Park
5. Bethune Park
6. Murra soccer field
7. Farewell Park
8. Theodore Wirth Park
9. Willard Park
10. Glen Gale Park
11. Irving Triangle
12. Cottage Park
13. MPS Playground
14. N High Football Field



# PROJECT CONTEXT

## Usage



- Landmarks
- A. North Community High School
  - B. Harold Mezile North Community YMCA
  - C. Capri Theater
  - D. Sumner Library
  - E. V3 sports fitness center
  - F. JXTA Skate Park

- Legend
- Retail
  - Schools
  - Restaurants
  - Religious spaces
  - Community Organizations
  - Entertainment Venues
  - Recreational/Aquatic Facilities
  - Residential/Others



EXISTING CONDITIONS

SITE





# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## WATER PARK

- Bathhouse entry is unwelcoming and tight
- Pool deck is tight and uncomfortable when close to capacity.
- Pool deck does not allow for sufficient interaction and monitoring by parents
- Unsafe and insufficient space between waterslide pool area and leisure pool area
- Inadequate fencing and security around pool
- Inadequate storage, maintenance, and maintenance access spaces.
- High ground water provides maintenance challenges for pool

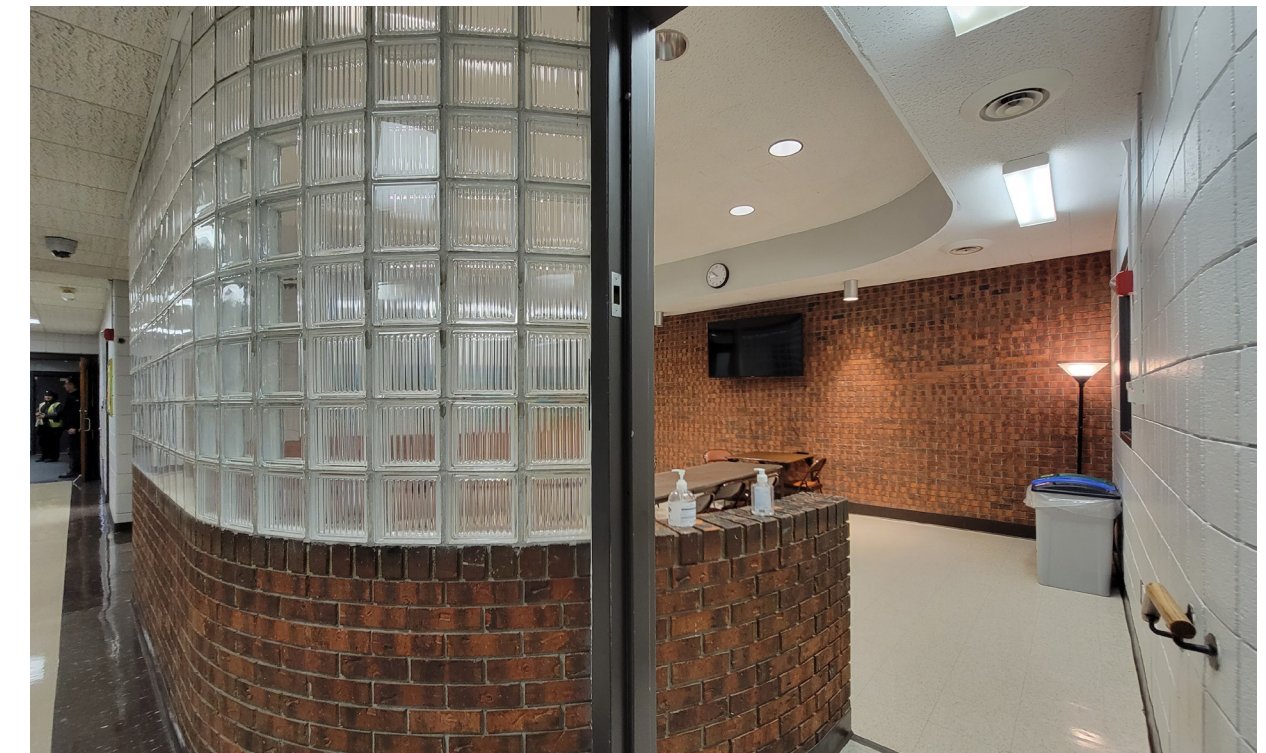
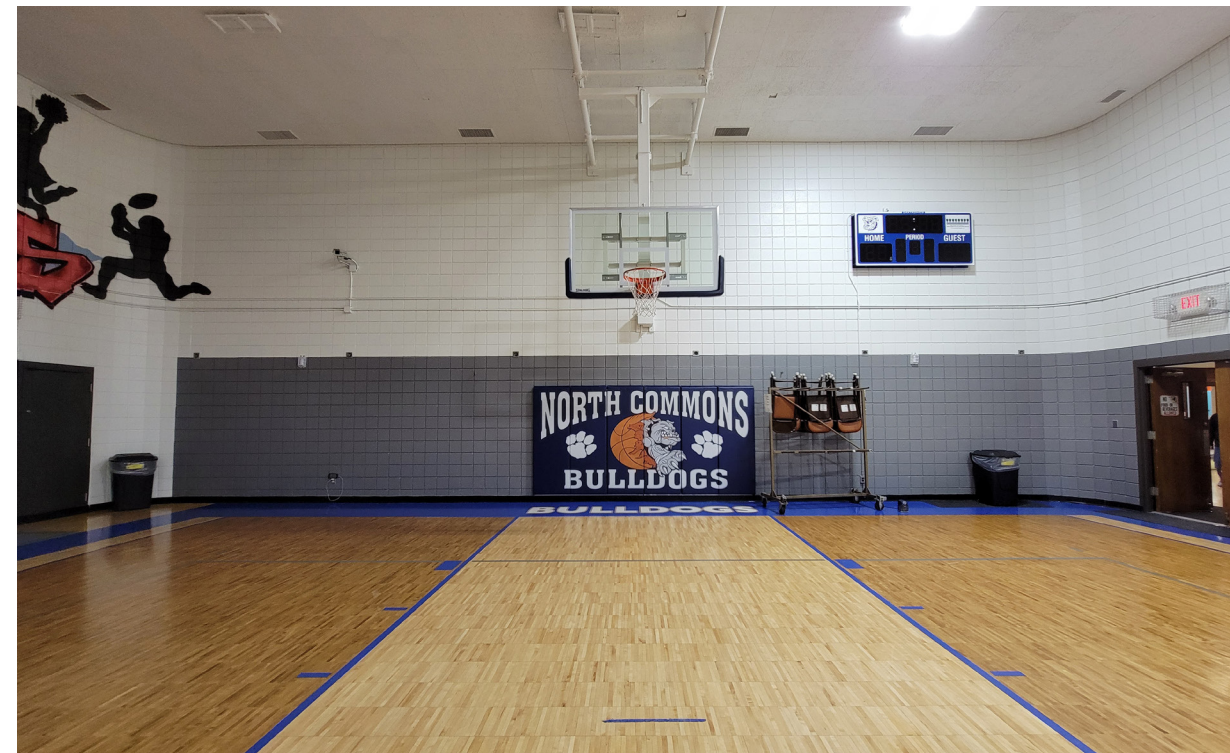




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## RECREATION CENTER

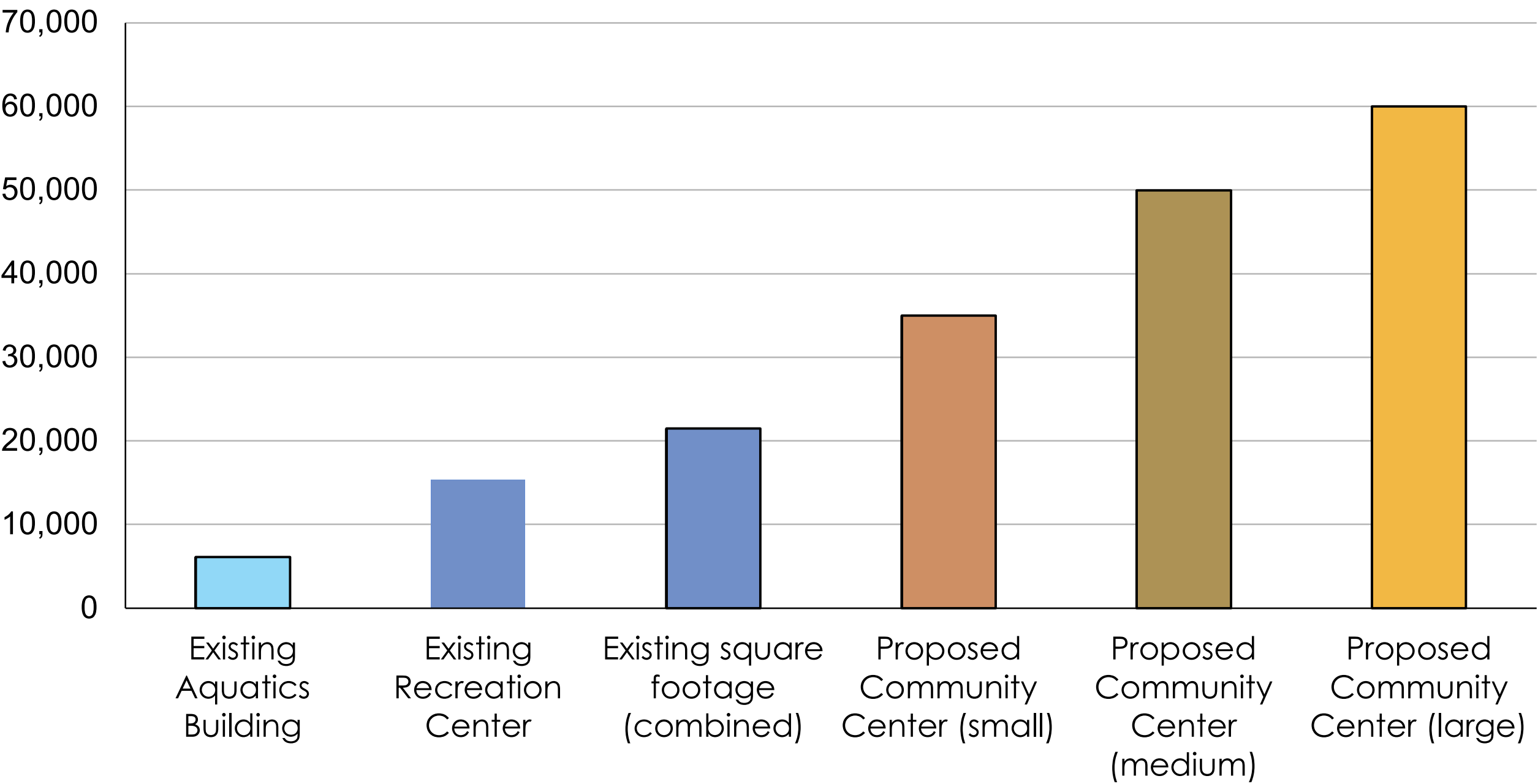
- Rec Center entry is small and could be more welcoming
- Mural wall provides a good integration of relevant art
- Rec Center building has very few windows and consequently not a lot of daylight in the interiors
- The building has very little interaction with the exterior





PRELIMINARY PROGRAMMING

Function	Square footage
Existing Aquatics Building	6,153
Existing Recreation Center	15,371
Existing square footage (combined)	21,524
Proposed Community Center (small)	35,000
Proposed Community Center (medium)	50,000
Proposed Community Center (large)	60,000





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## WATER PARK

To date

566

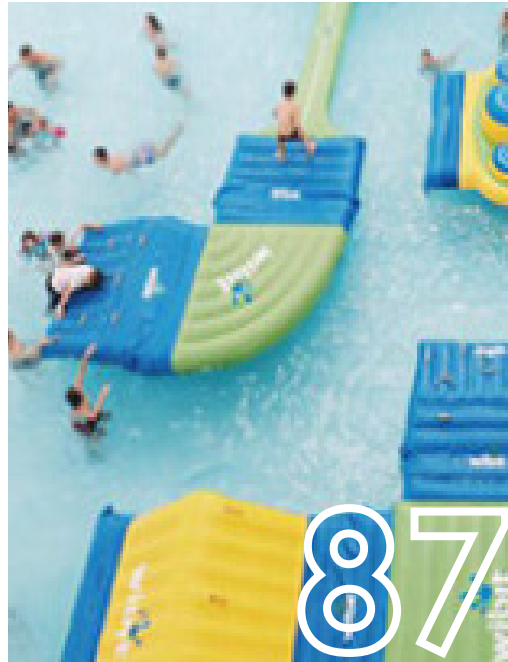
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Large Water Slides



Lazy River



Obstacle Course\*



Deep Diving Area



Kids Area with Smaller Slides



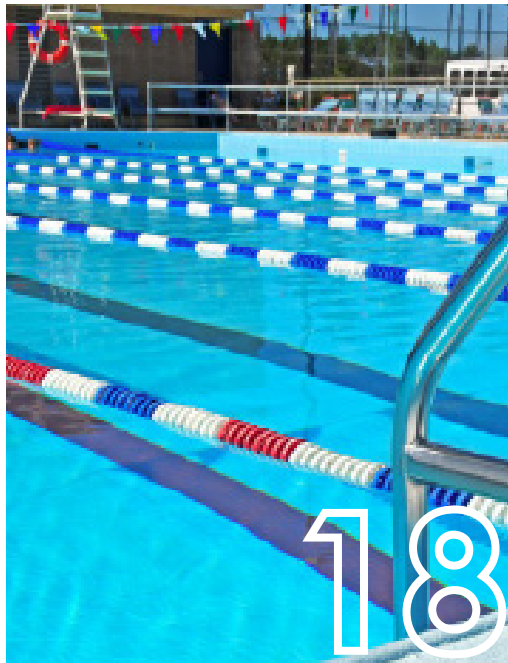
In-Water Sports

### NOTES

1. Numbers relate to the number of respondents indicating on a bulletin boards at various community events held at North Commons Park their preference for these ammenities.
2. Data taken at 4 events at North Commons:
  - Festival of Fathers
  - 8/18/2021
  - Summer Olympics
  - 7/24/2021
  - 8/8/2021
  - Broadway Open Streets
  - 9/11/2021



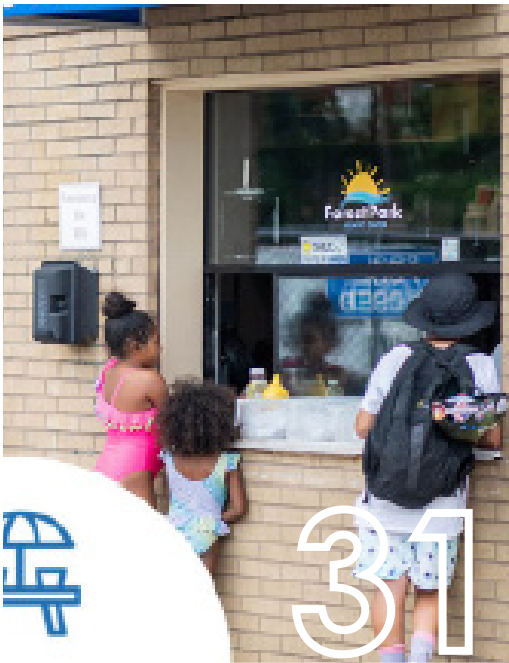
Climbing Wall\*



Lap Swim



Splash Pad



Concessions



Gradual Depth Entry

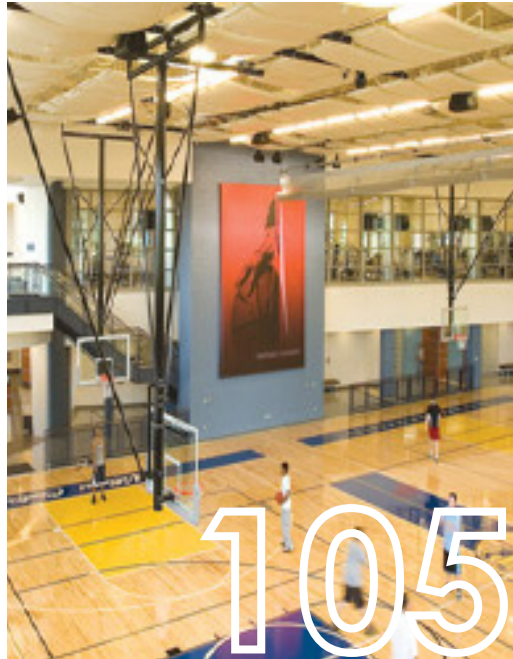


Seating and Shade\*



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
COMMUNITY CENTER

490  
Total number of reactions



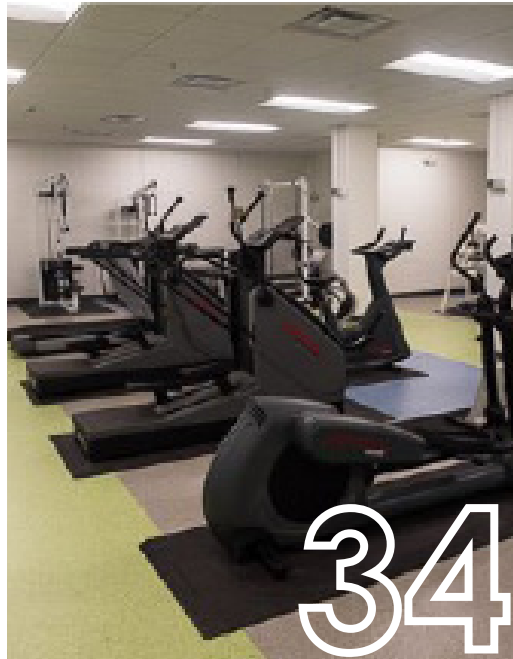
Multi-Sport Gym



Walking Track with View of Gym



Art Studios



Fitness Room



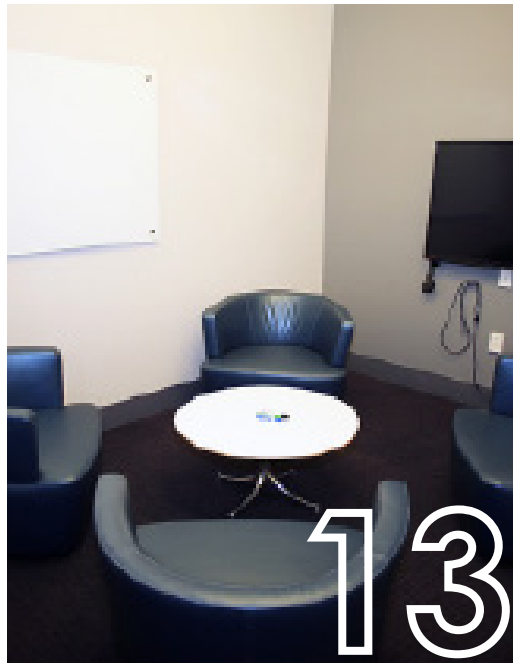
Community Kitchen



Computer Lab

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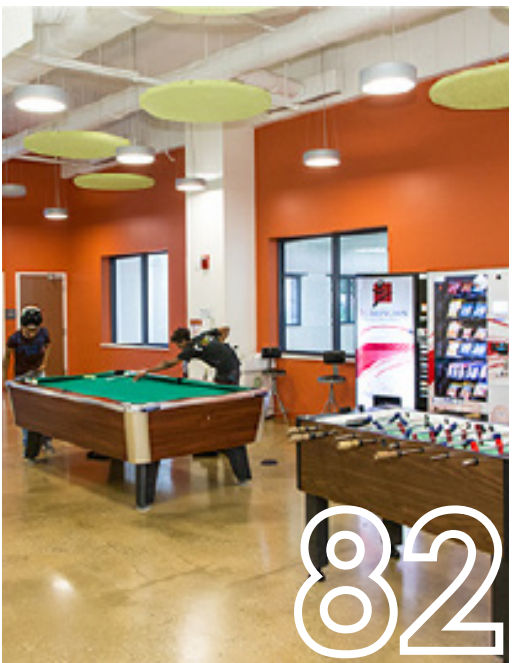
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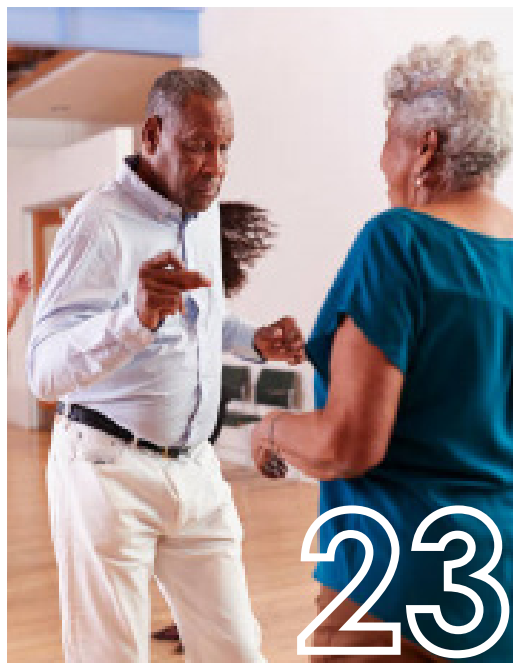
Small Hangout Spaces



Community Gathering Spaces



Game Room



Senior Spaces



Quiet Study Spaces



Performance Spaces



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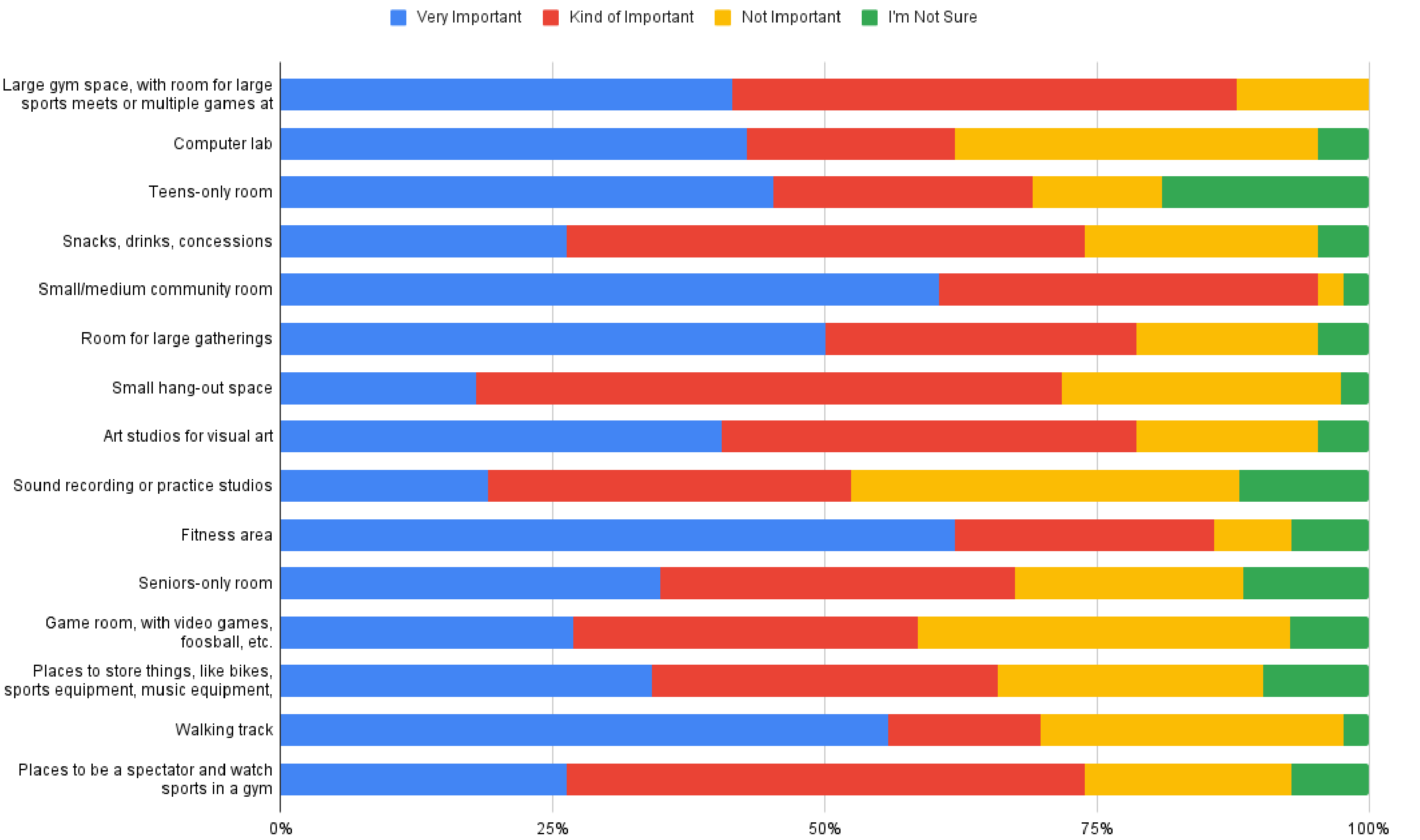
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NOTES

Data from Online Survey as of:

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2. When you think about a new community and recreation center, what types of spaces are most important to you?  
Please choose the importance of each item.





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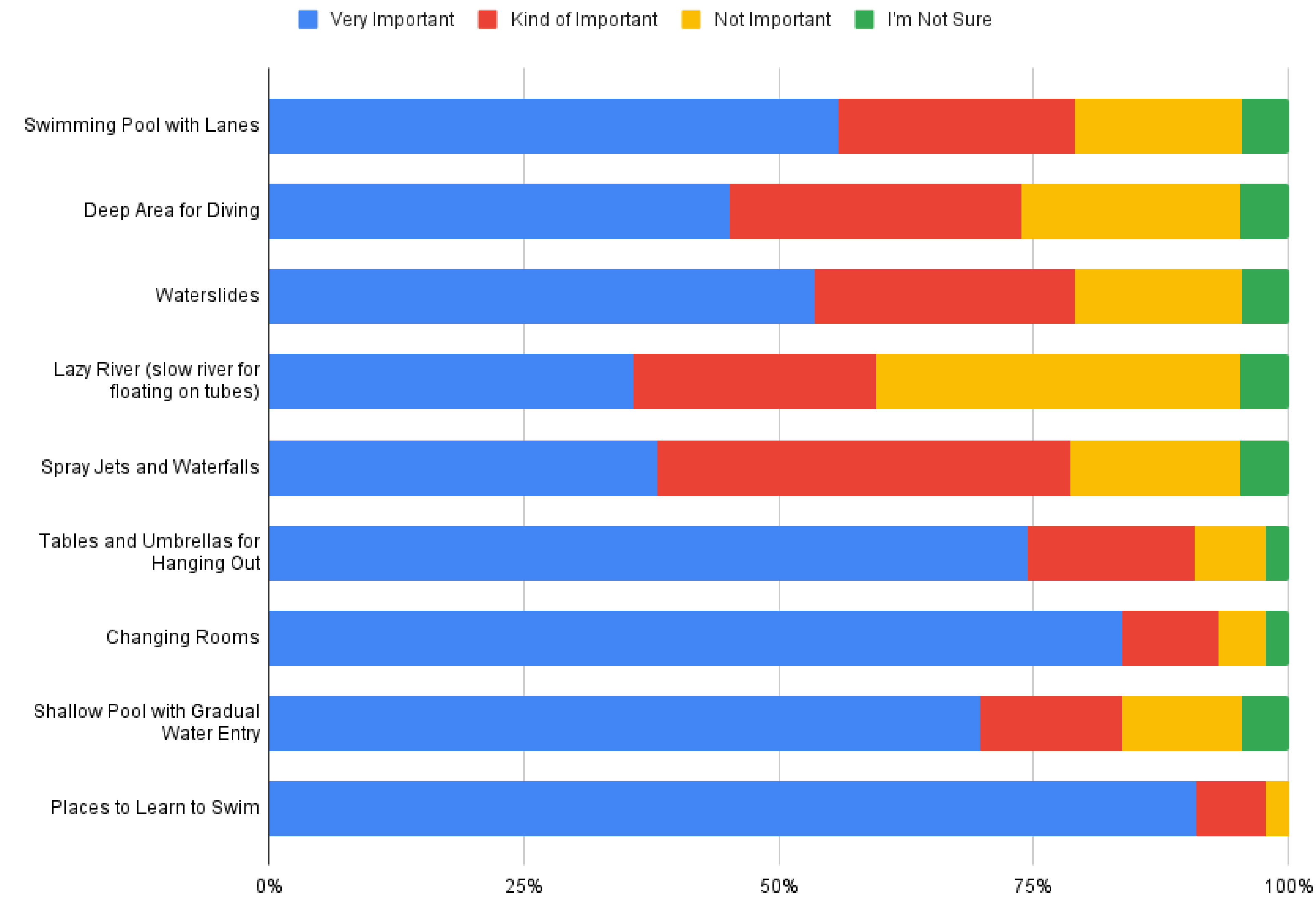
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3. When you think about a new water park, what things are most important to you? Please choose the importance of each item.





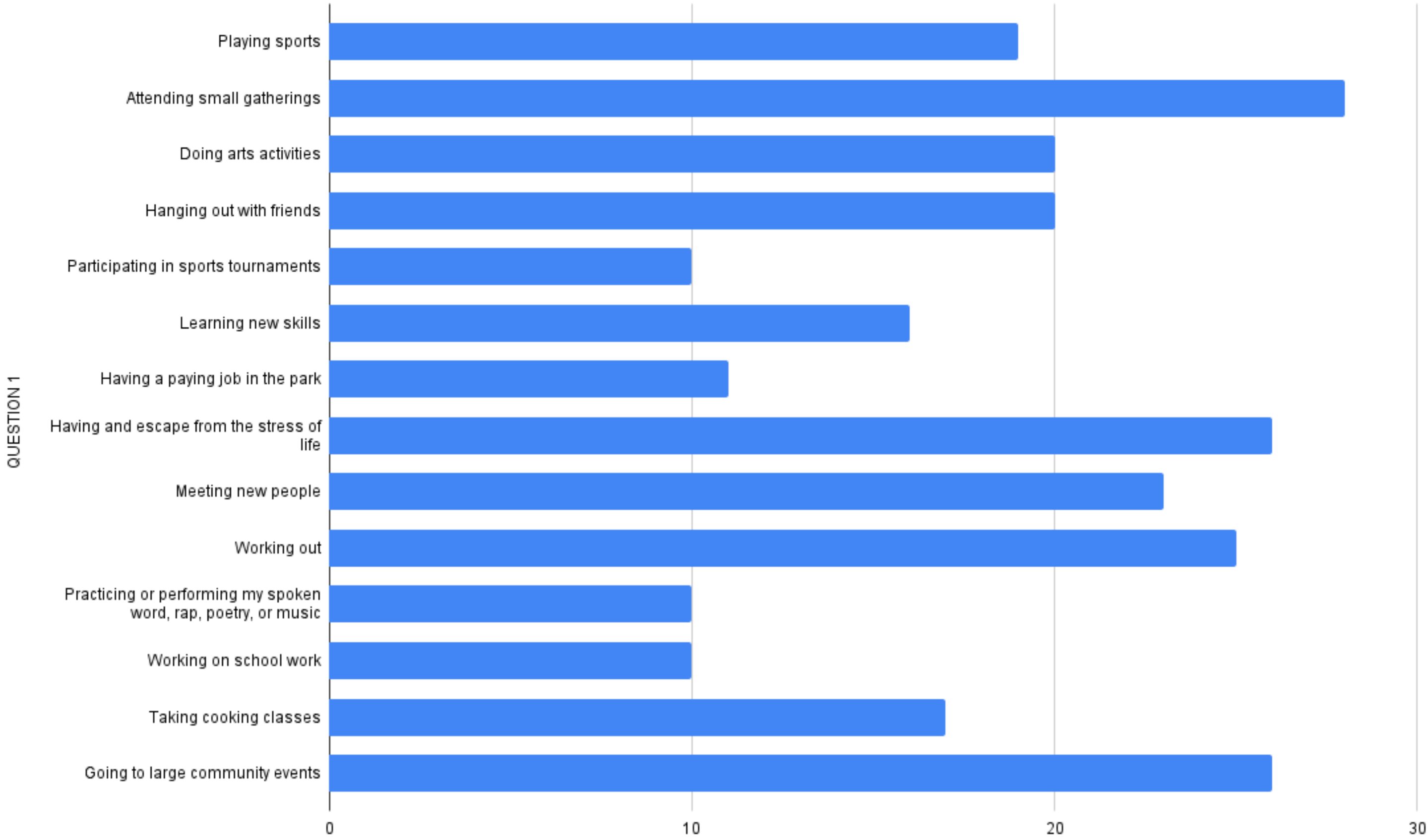
# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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1. When you think about a new community and recreation center, what types of activities do you see yourself and your family and friends doing there? Please check as many as you want.





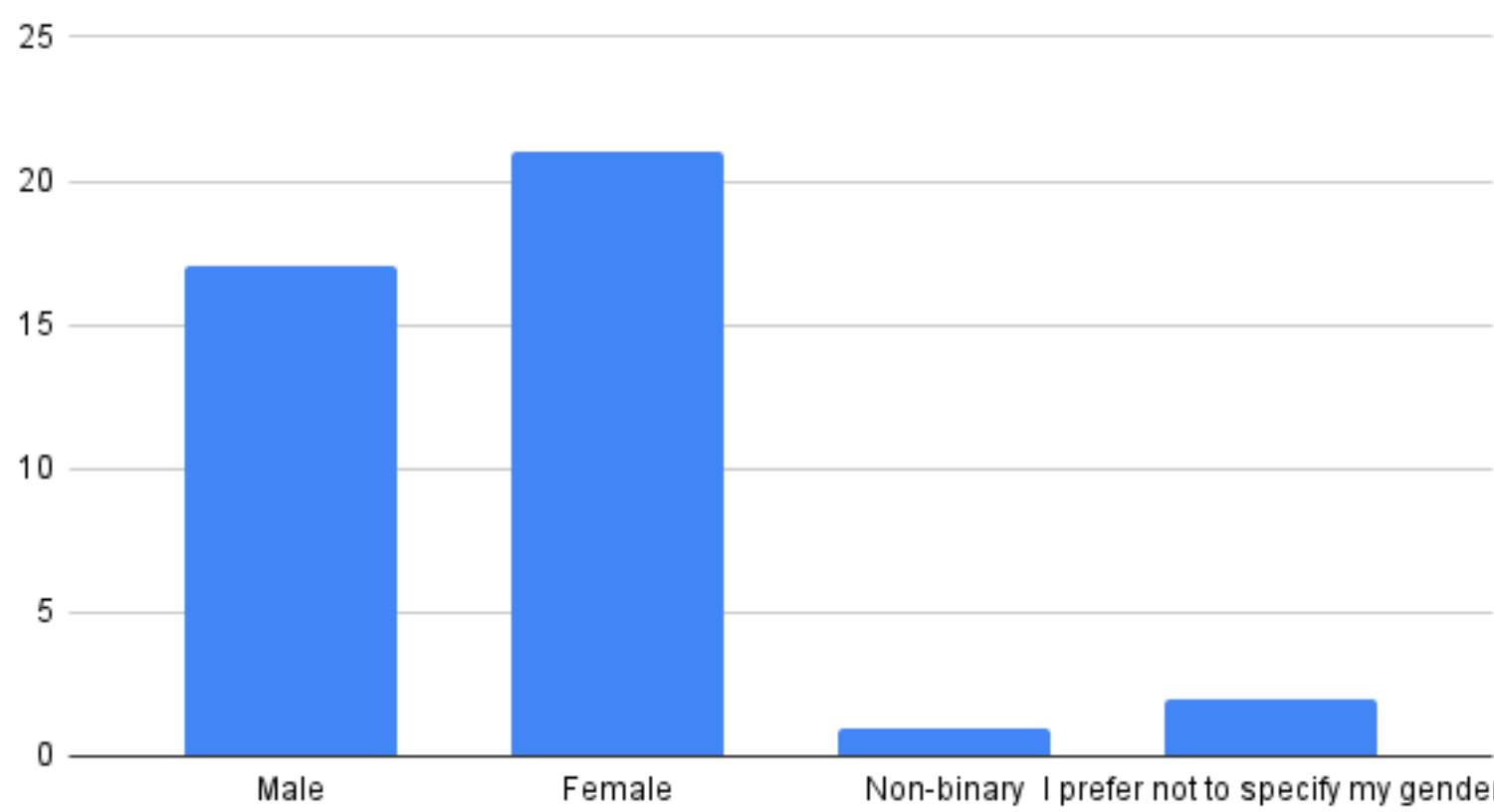
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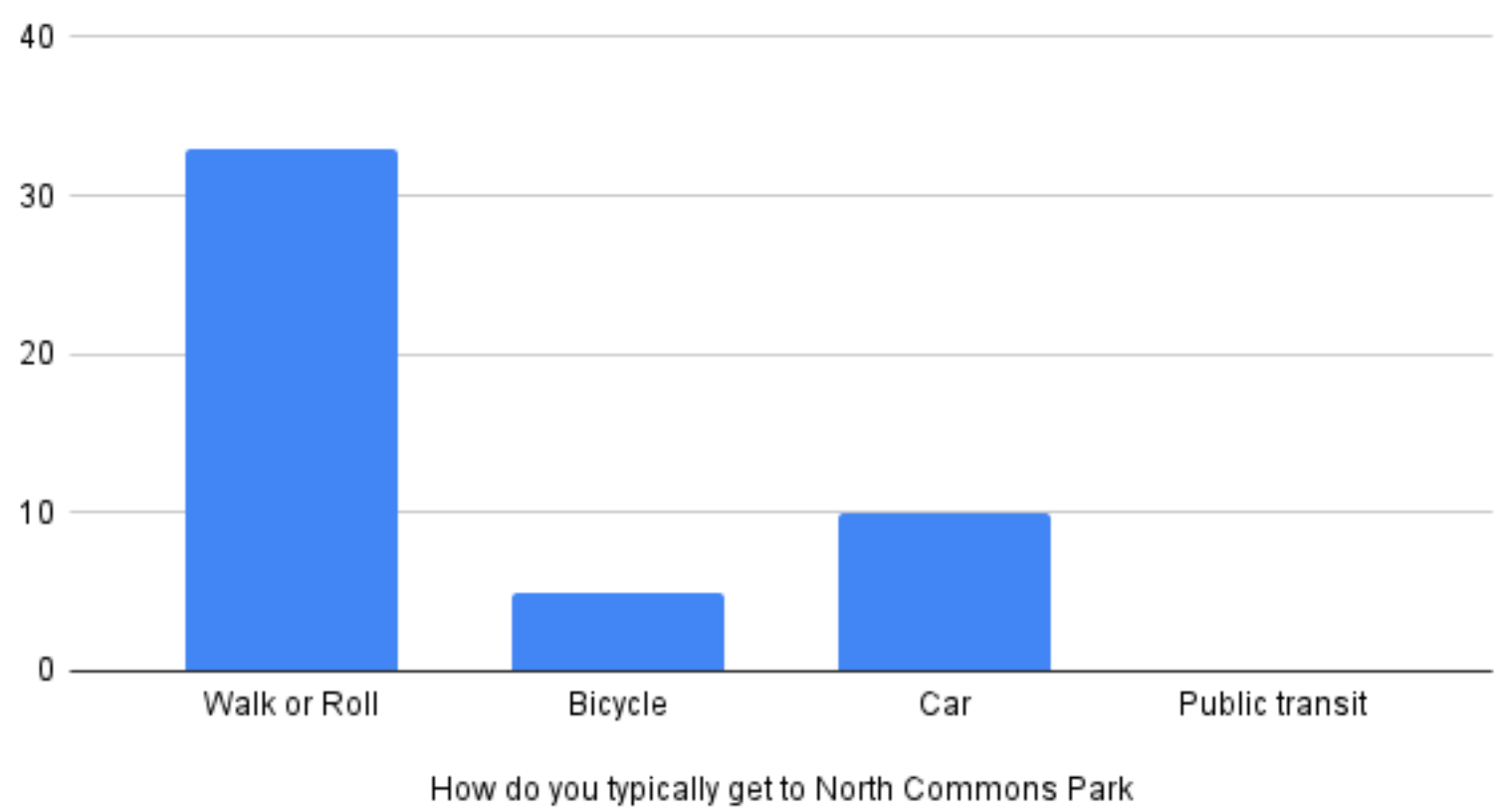
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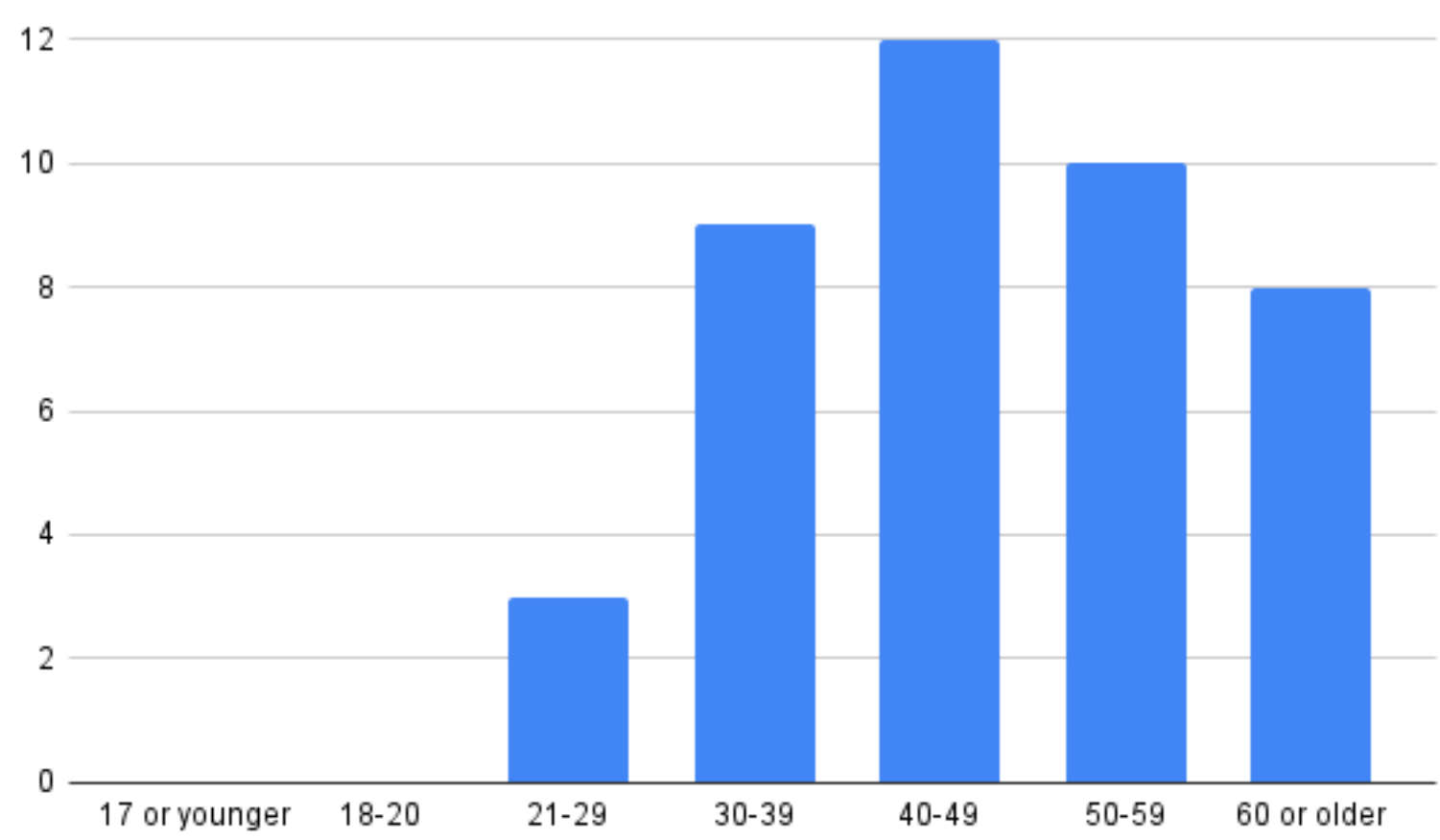
11. How do self identify your gender?



14. How do you typically get to North Commons Park



12. What is your age?





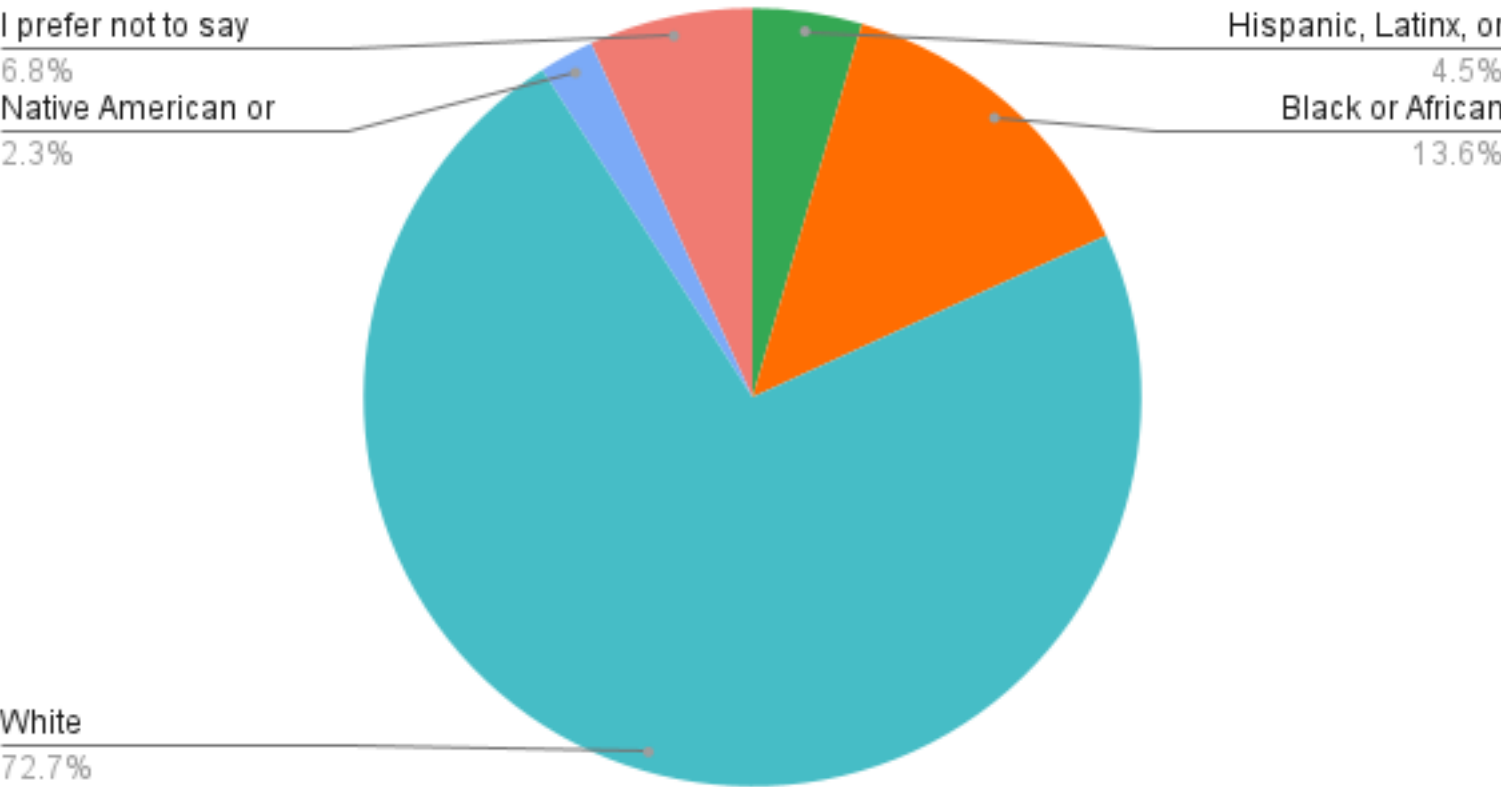
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### NOTES

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4-11-2022

10. How do you identify your ethnicity? (select all that apply)





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT

### COMMUNITY CONNECTORS APPLICATIONS

Contact [delias@minneapolisiparks.org](mailto:delias@minneapolisiparks.org)

### IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSES

Open House 1 - Completed  
Open House 3 - June 2nd, 2022

### VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Today

### DESIGN CHARETTE WEEK

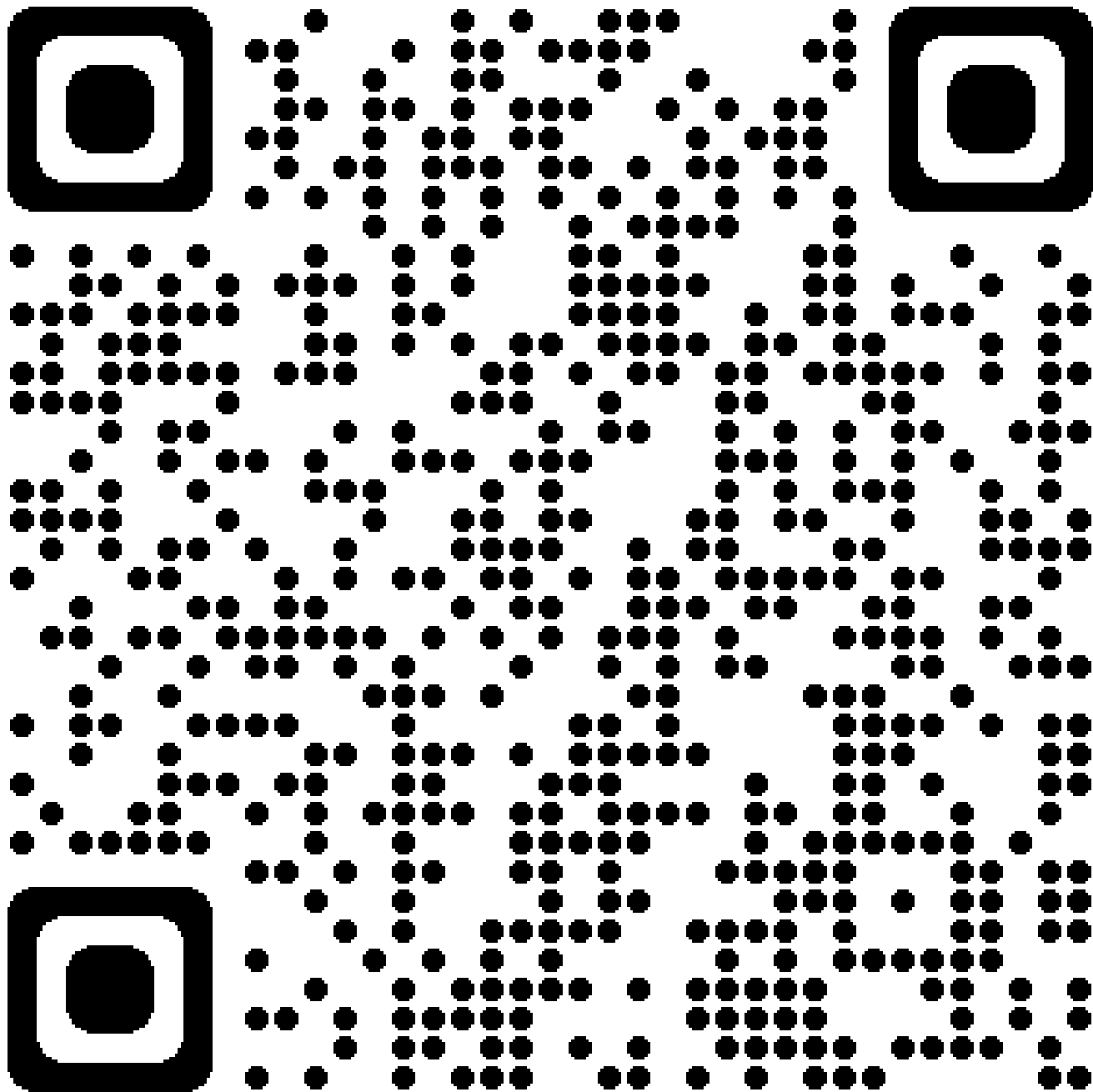
June 27-30

### ONLINE SURVEY

Ongoing

### ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

*\*Let us know if there are events we should attend*



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**Q/A**