



SURVEY SUMMARY

Buddy Attick Park

ABSTRACT

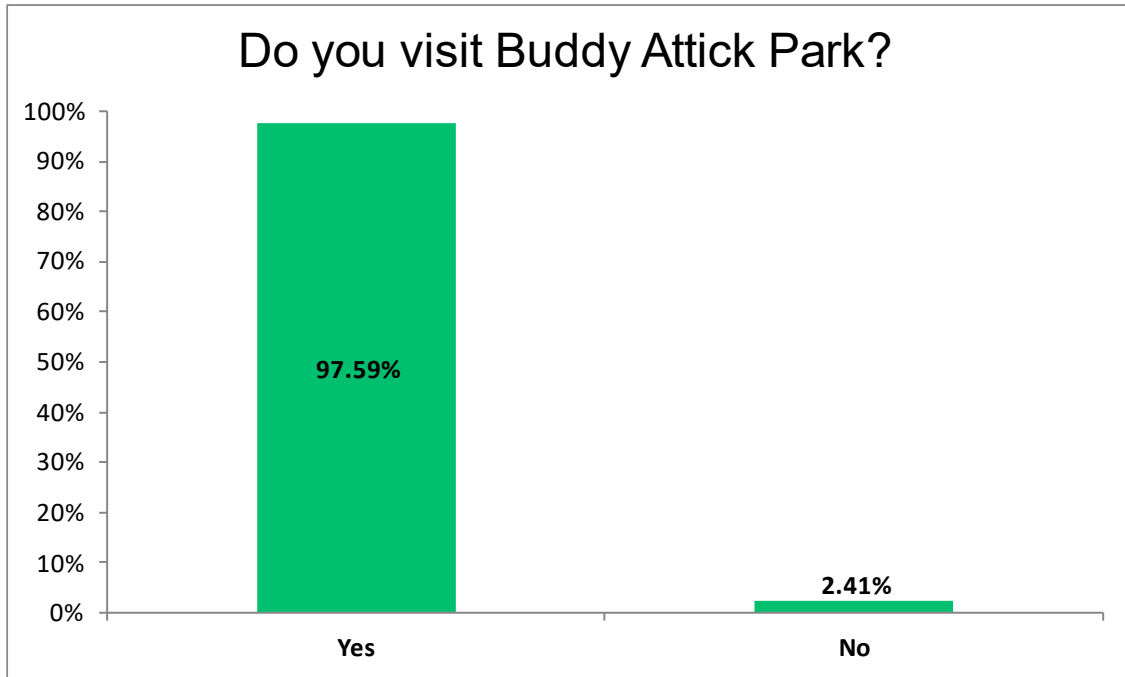
The results from the Buddy Attick Park Survey are summarized in this report. This is a summary report prepared for the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan. The survey was available in both Spanish and English from August 23 through October 1, 2023.



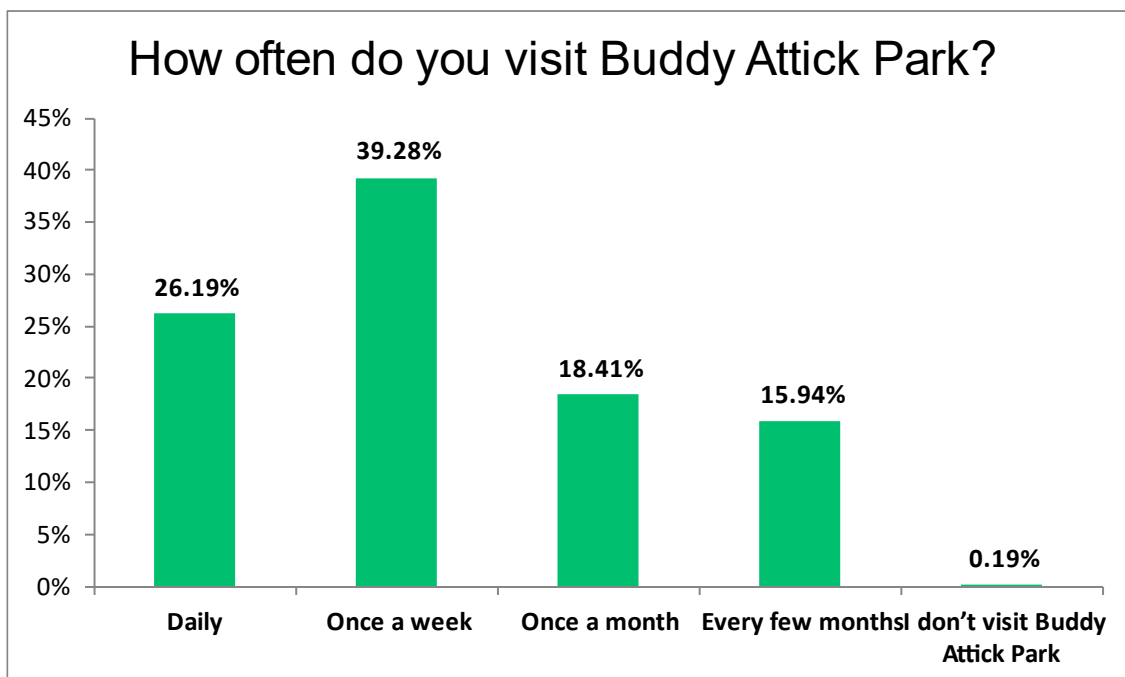
1.1 FINDINGS

1.1.1 BUDDY ATTICK PARK USAGE AND VISITATION

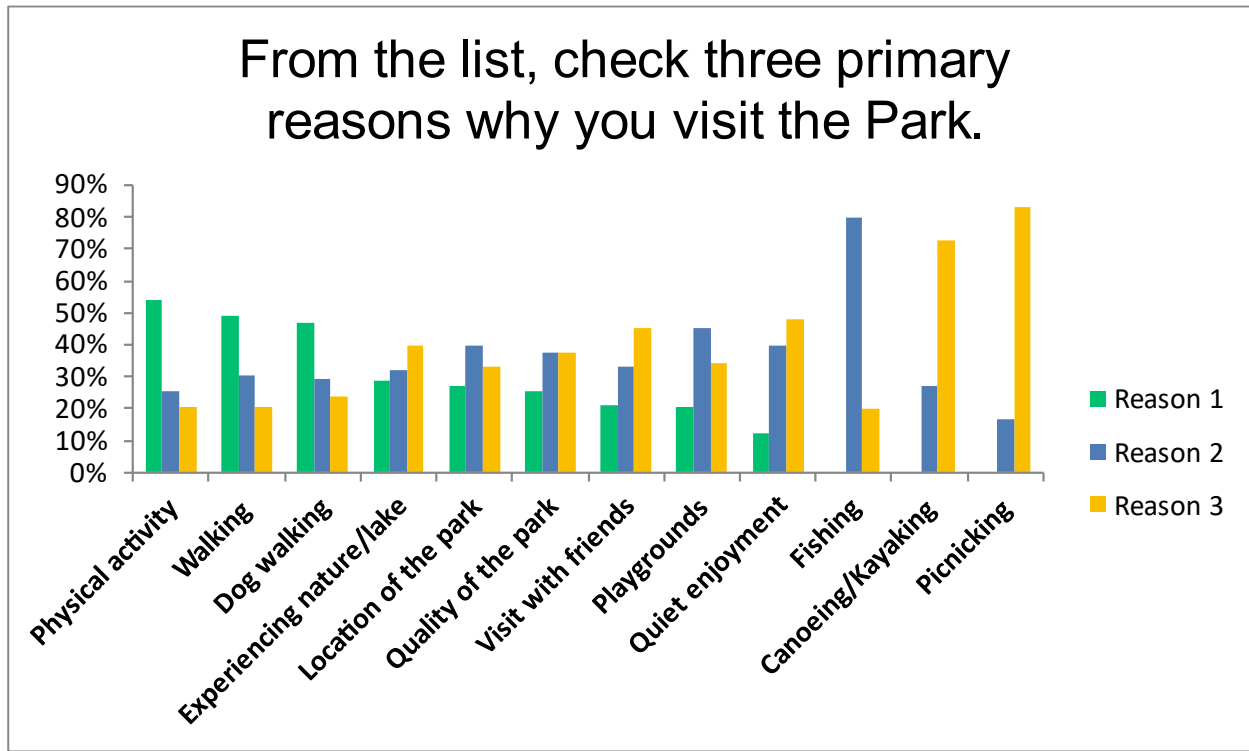
To begin the survey, 97.59% of respondents (567 of the survey's 581 respondents) said that **they visit Buddy Attick Park**. Only 2.41% (14 respondents) said that they **do not** visit Buddy Attick Park.



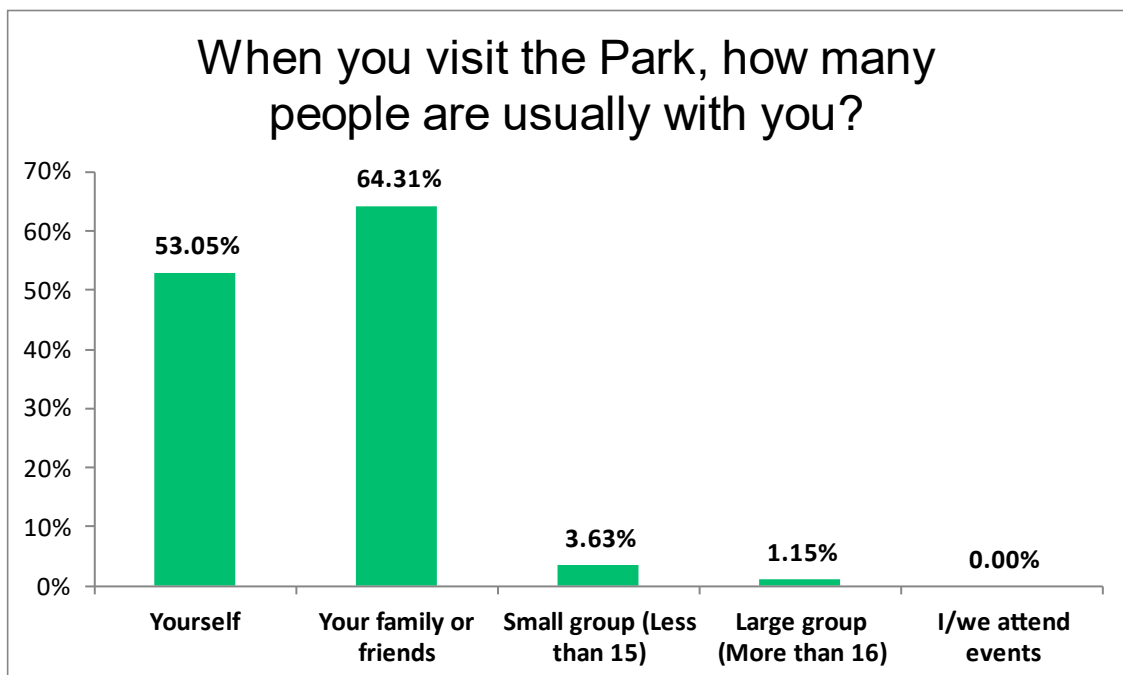
Respondents were also asked how often they visit Buddy Attick Park. 26.19% of respondents said they **visit daily**, while 39.28% said they **visit once a week**. 18.41% said they **visit only once a month**, while 15.94% **visit every few months**. Only one total respondent said that they **don't visit** Buddy Attick Park.



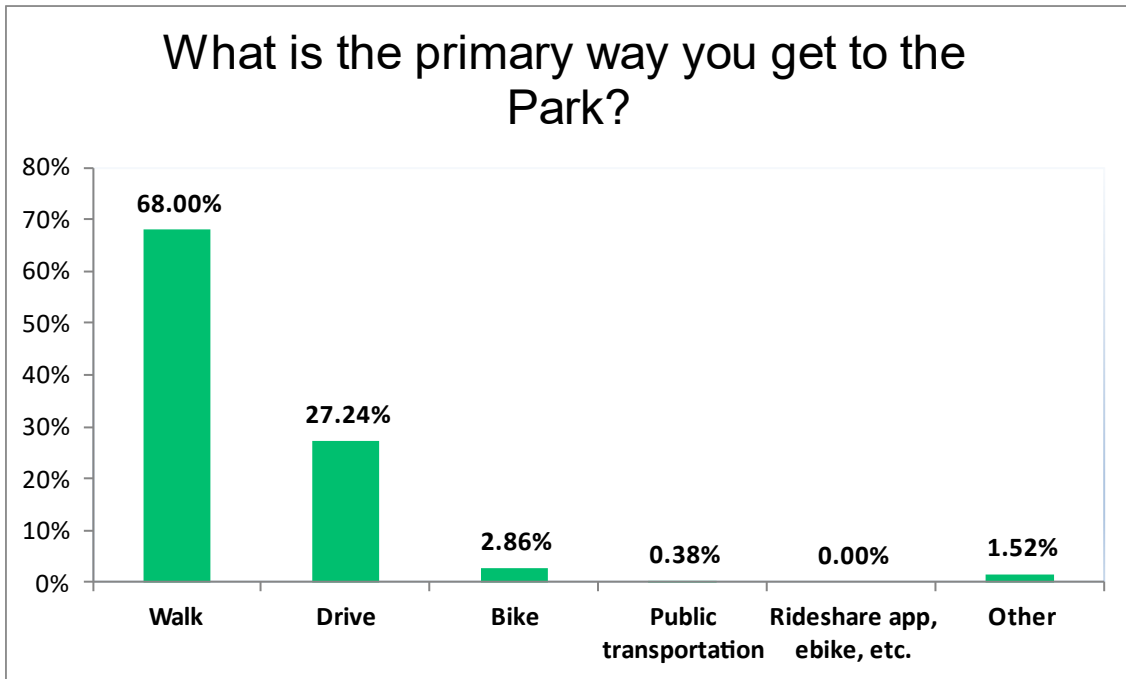
Survey respondents were then asked to list the three primary reasons that they (or their household) visit Buddy Attick Park. **Physical activity, Walking, and Dog walking** all had the highest number of 'Reason 1' responses, while **Experiencing nature/lake** had the highest number of total responses.



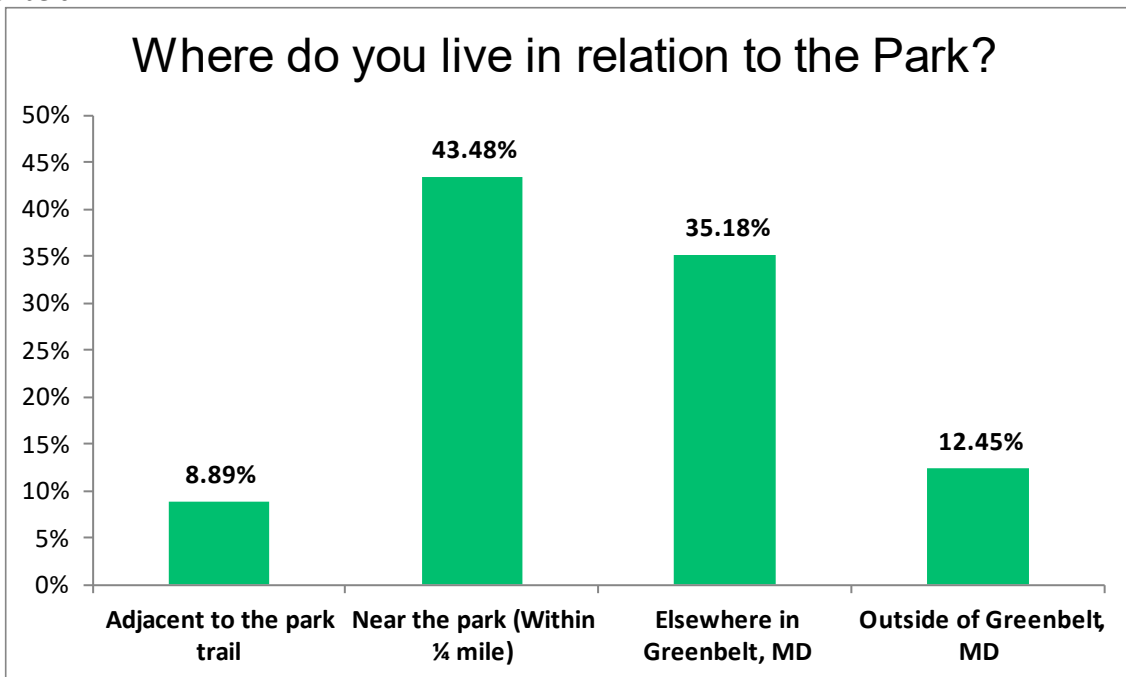
When asked how many people are with them when visiting the park, over half of respondents said that they are **usually alone**. However, 64.31% said that **they typically bring family or friends**. Only 3.63% said they **come in small groups** (of less than 15 people), while an even smaller number of respondents (1.15%) said they **come in large groups** (of 16 people or more).



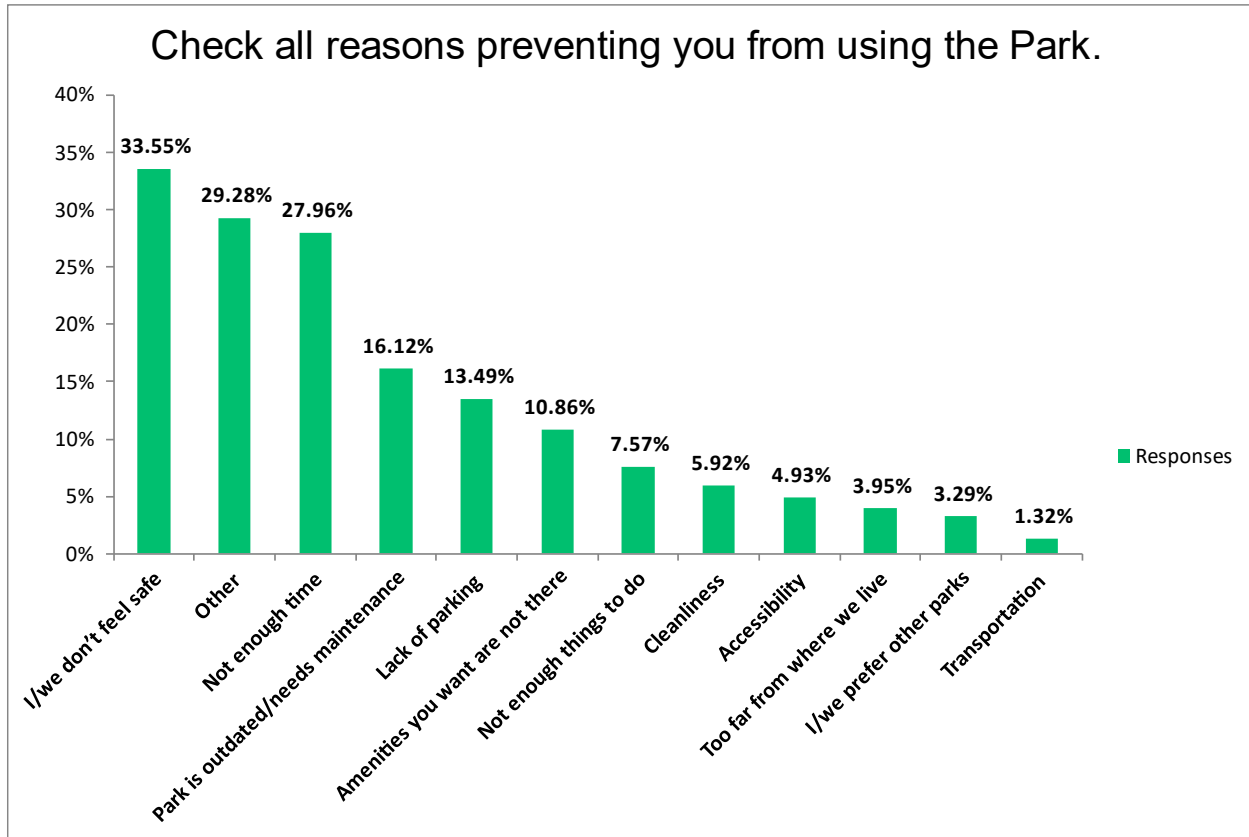
In terms of transportation, 68% of respondents said that they **primarily walk to Buddy Attick Park**. 27.24% of respondents **drive**, while just 2.86% use their **bike** to get there. 1.52% chose the **Other** option, with some of those methods being scooters, running, or some combination of the other options.



Respondents were also asked about where they live in relation to Buddy Attick Park. Only 8.89% said they lived **'adjacent to the park trail'**, but 43.48% said they lived **'within a quarter mile of the park'**. 35.18% said they lived **'elsewhere within the City of Greenbelt'**, while just 12.45% said they lived **'outside of Greenbelt'**.

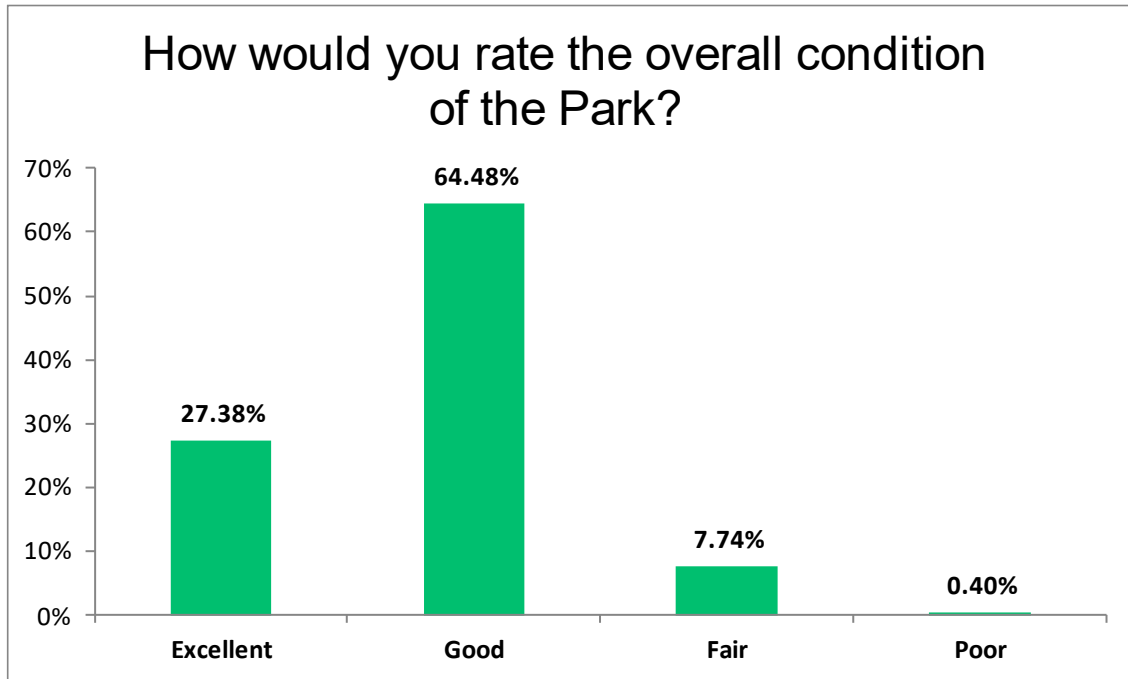


When asked why they may not use the Park, 33.55% said they **do not 'feel safe at the Park'**. 27.96% said they simply **'do not have enough time' to go to the Park**, while 16.12% said that the Park is **'outdated and needs maintenance'**. Some of the reasons listed for the **'Other'** responses included complaints about trash, highway noise, and insufficient lighting.



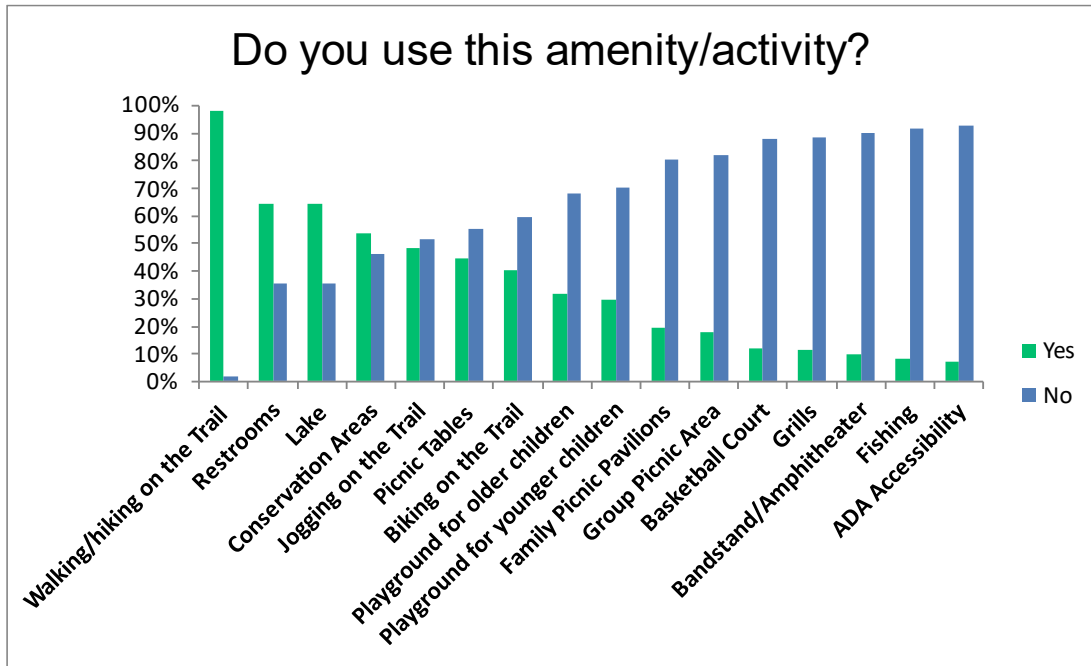
1.1.2 PARK CONDITION

The condition of Buddy Attick Park was the topic of the 8th survey question, with 27.38% of respondents answering that the park's condition is 'excellent'. Alternatively, 64.48% said that the park condition is 'good', while only 7.74% of respondents said that the park condition is 'fair'. Only 2 respondents answered that the park condition is 'poor'.

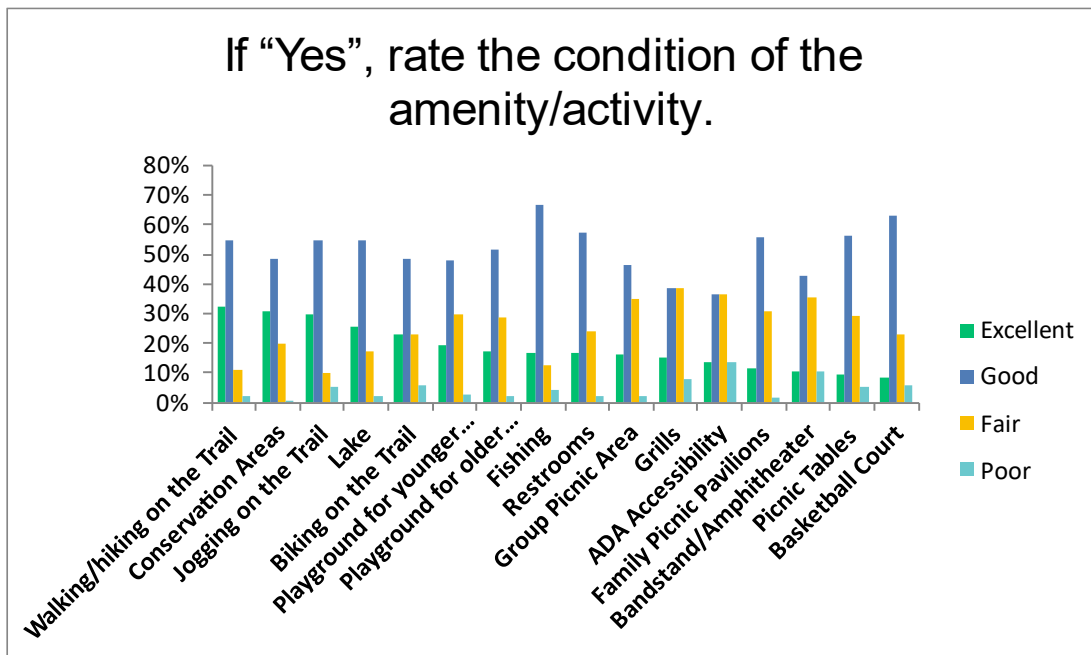


1.1.3 PARK AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES

When asked about certain amenities and activities within the park, **‘Walking/hiking on the trail’** had an overwhelming amount of yes responses (98.25%). The next highest amount of yes responses came from **‘Restrooms’** (64.52%), **‘Lake’** (64.31%), and **‘Conservation Areas’** (53.77%). Alternatively, **‘ADA Accessibility’** (7.33%), **‘Fishing’** (8.11%), and **‘Bandstand/Amphitheater’** (9.93%) each had the lowest amount of yes responses.



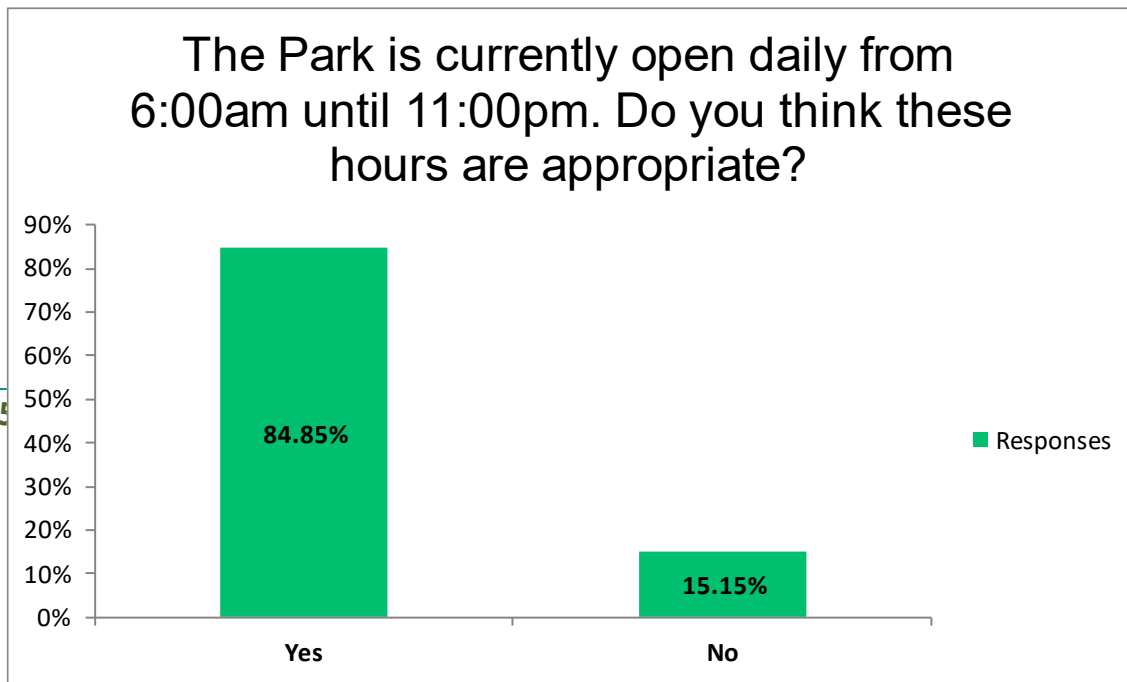
Respondents were then asked about the condition of each specific amenity/activity. The amenities that fared the best were **‘Walking/hiking on the Trail’**, **‘Conservation Areas’**, and **‘Jogging on the Trail’**, as they all received the highest number of **‘Excellent’** responses. The amenities with the least favorable responses were **‘Basketball Court’**, **‘Picnic Tables’**, and **‘Bandstand/Amphitheater’**.



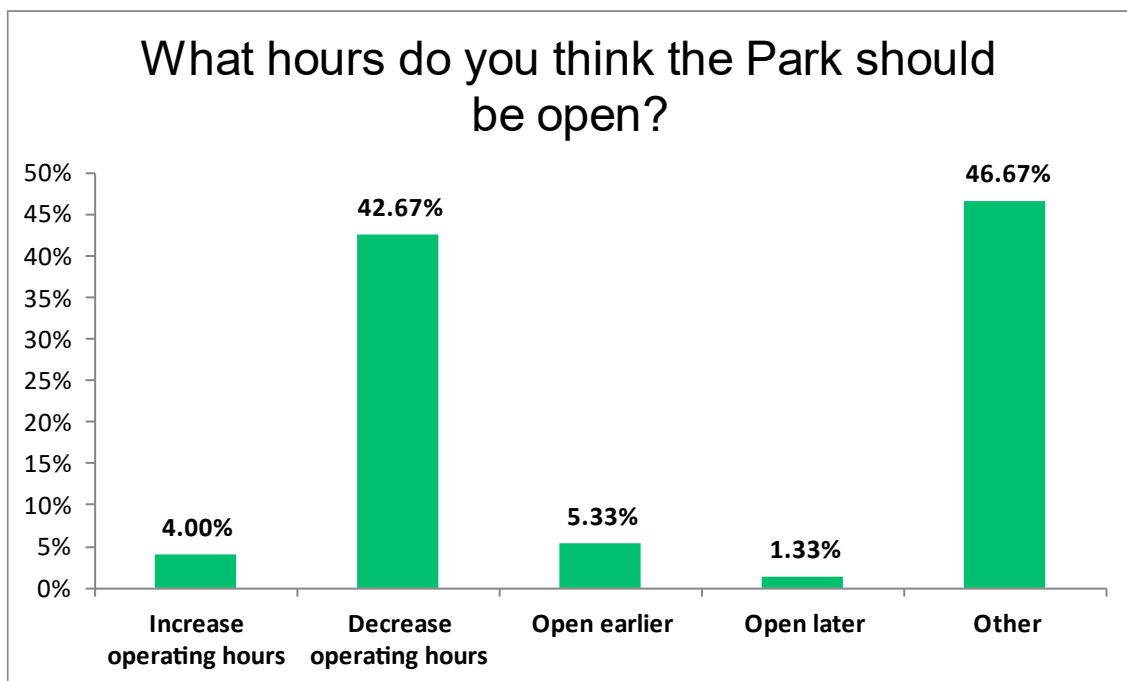
1.1.4 PARK HOURS

The survey asked respondents if the current Park hours (from 6 A.M. to 11 P.M.) are appropriate; 84.85% said **yes**, while 15.15% said **no**.

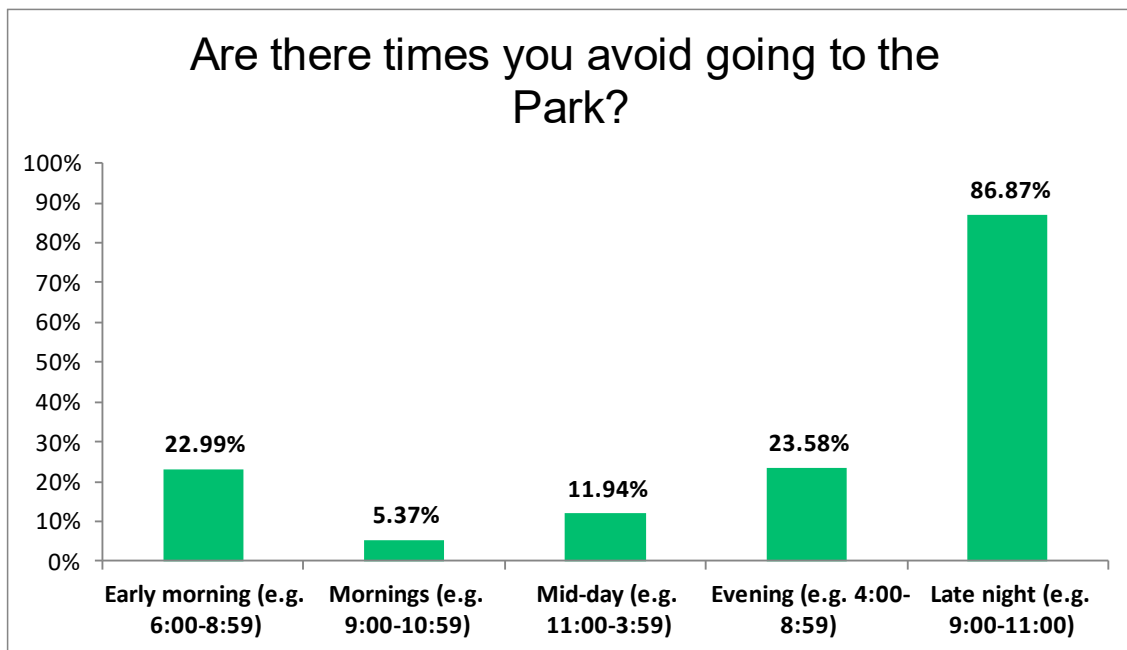
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The survey then asked what hours that respondents think the Park should be open. Just 4% of respondents said that **operating hours should be increased**, while 42.67% said that **Park hours should be decreased**. Just 5.33% said that the Park should **open earlier**, while 1.33% said that it should **open later**. 46.67% of respondents answered '**Other**', with those responses typically including more specific descriptions of their vision for Park hours, like closing earlier or operating based on sunlight.

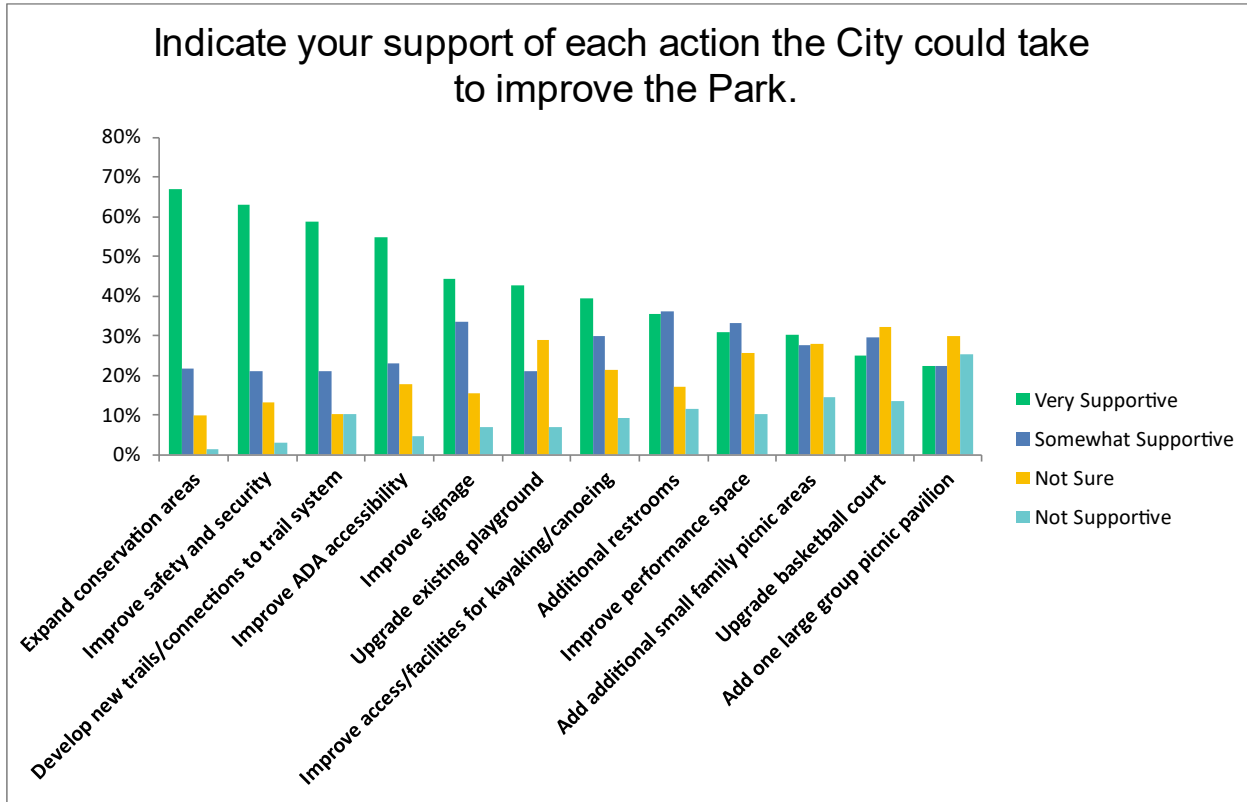


The survey also asked about specific times that respondents may avoid going to the park. There was a variety of answers, however, the overwhelming response was that people typically **avoid the park late at night (after 9 P.M.)**.

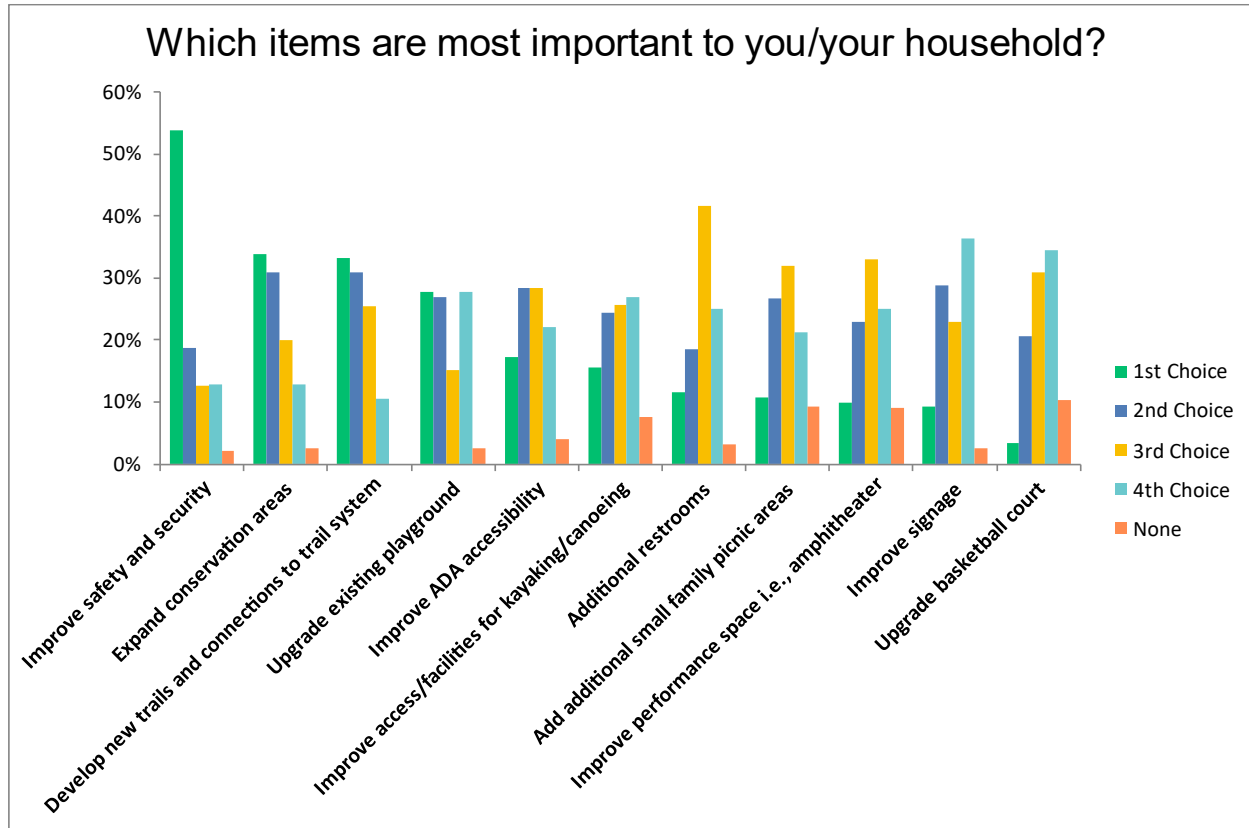


1.1.6 OTHER QUESTIONS

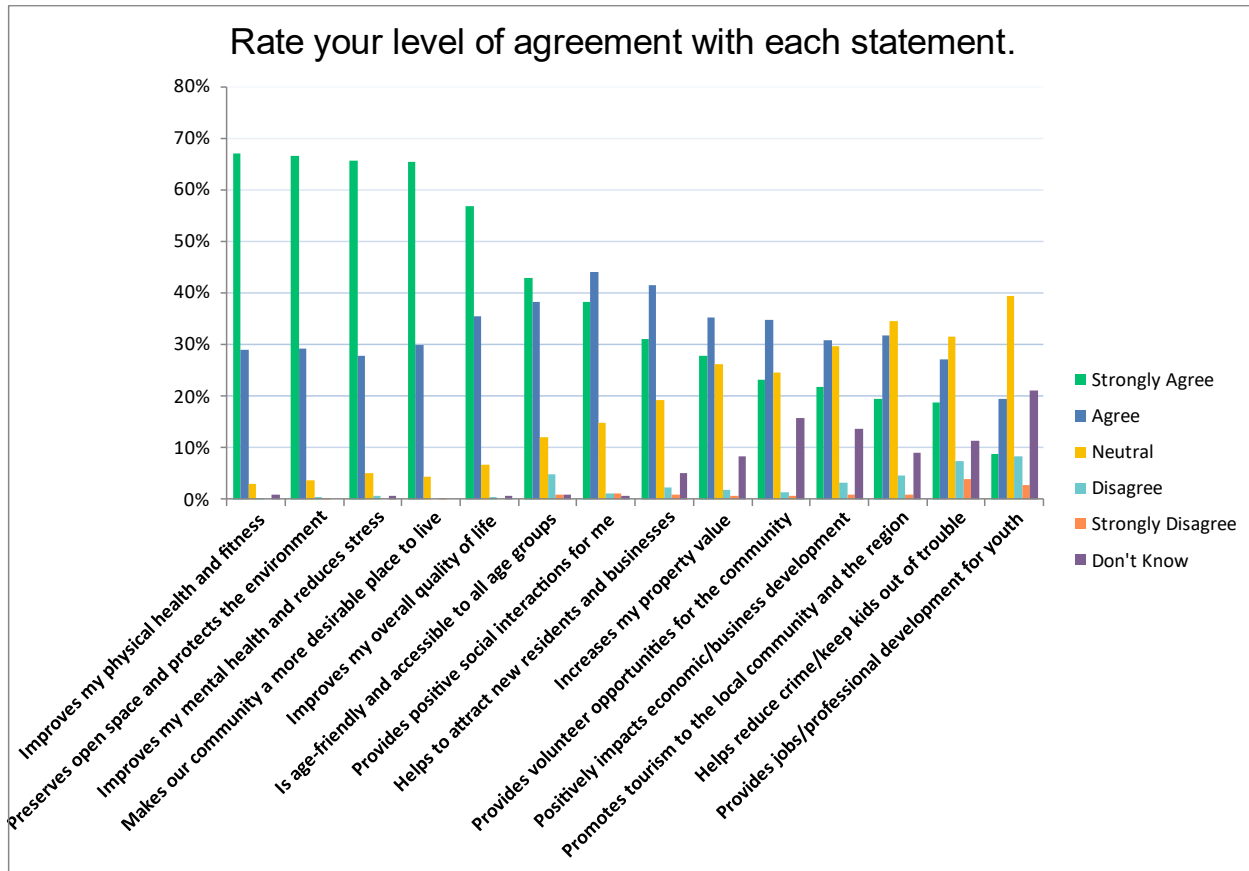
Respondents were asked to indicate their support level for potential actions that the City of Greenbelt could take to improve Buddy Attick Park. The four overwhelming favorites were ‘**Expand Conservation Areas**’, ‘**Improve safety and security**’, ‘**Develop new trails and connections to the existing trail system**’, and ‘**Improve ADA accessibility**’. Some of the actions with less support included ‘**Add one large group picnic pavilion**’, ‘**Upgrade basketball court**’, and ‘**Add additional small family picnic areas**’.



When asked which items are most important to them and their household, most respondents agreed that **'Improve safety and security'** was a top priority. Other items with favorable responses included **'Expand conservation areas'**, **'Develop new trails and connections to existing trail system'**, and **'Upgrade existing playground'**. Once again, **'Upgrade basketball court'** saw some of the least favorable responses, along with **'Improve signage'** and **'Improve performance space'**.



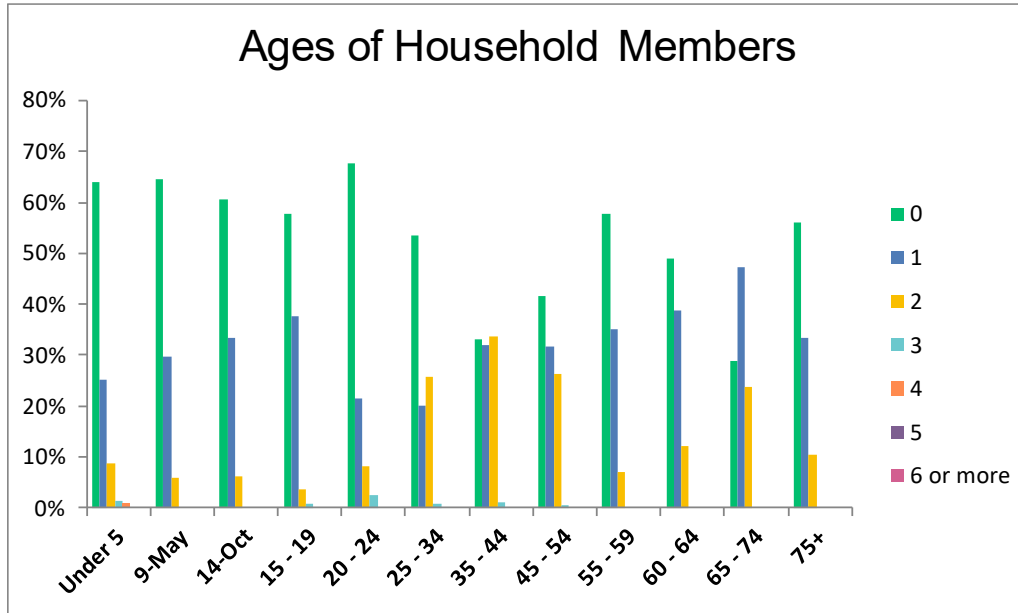
Finally, respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with specific statements about Buddy Attick Park. Four statements had comparatively higher scores: **‘Improves my physical health and fitness’, ‘Preserves open space and protects the environment’, ‘Improves my mental health and reduces stress’, and ‘Makes our community a more desirable place to live.’** Some of the responses with lower amount of ‘Strongly Agree’ responses or higher amounts of ‘Disagree’ responses included **‘Provides jobs and professional development for youth’, ‘Helps reduce crime and keep kids out of trouble’, and ‘Promotes tourism to the local community and the region.’**



1.2 DEMOGRAPHICS

1.2.1 AGE DEMOGRAPHICS OF RESPONDENTS

In regard to demographics, only two questions were asked; one of which was the ages of household members for each respondents' households.



1.2.2 RACE/ETHNICITY DEMOGRAPHICS OF RESPONDENTS

The second demographics question simply asked how the respondent would best describe their race. 77.16% identified themselves as **White/Caucasian**, while 10.20% described themselves as **African American/Black**. 7.10% described themselves as **Hispanic/Latino**, while 4.88% said they were **Asian**.

