



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN

Town Hall Meeting July 29th 2021



Meeting Agenda

- I. PROS Plan Presentation
- II. Polling Questions
- III. Questions and Comments
- IV. Next Steps



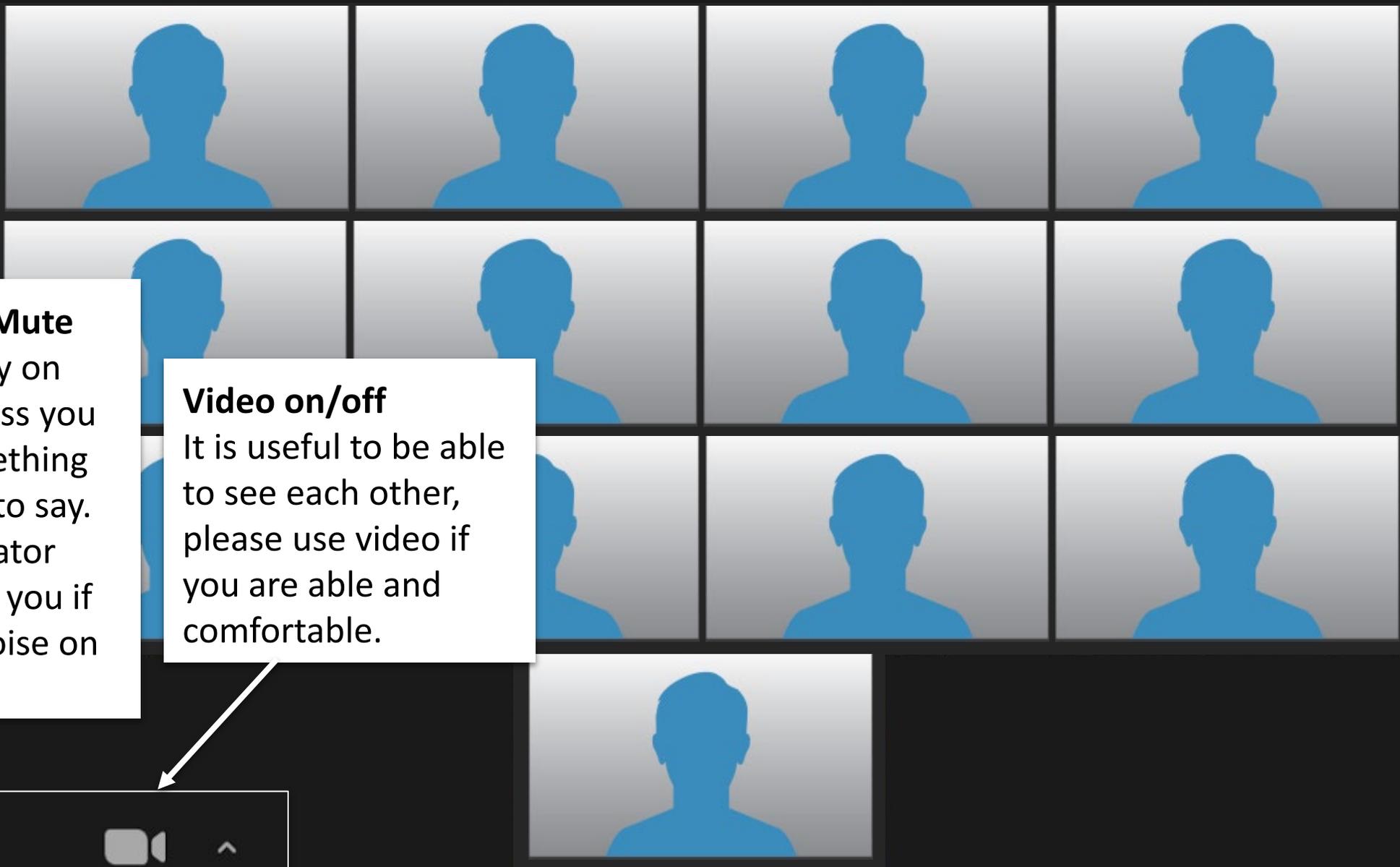
HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARKS

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PARKS TOWN HALL

WHAT PARK IMPROVEMENTS ARE MOST IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

THURSDAY JULY 29TH, 6PM



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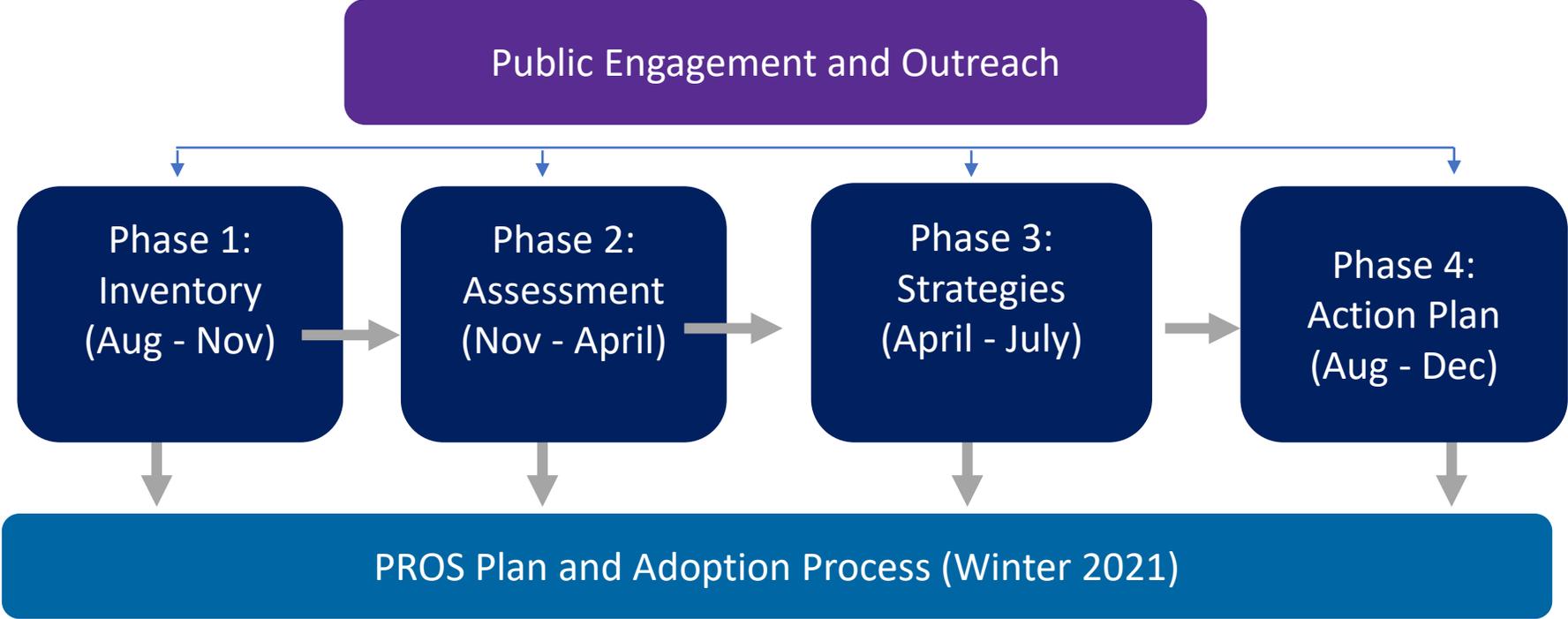
Why We Plan

Purpose of the PROS Plan

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan will identify community priorities and recommend ways to improve and enhance parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, events and related services.



PROS Planning Process









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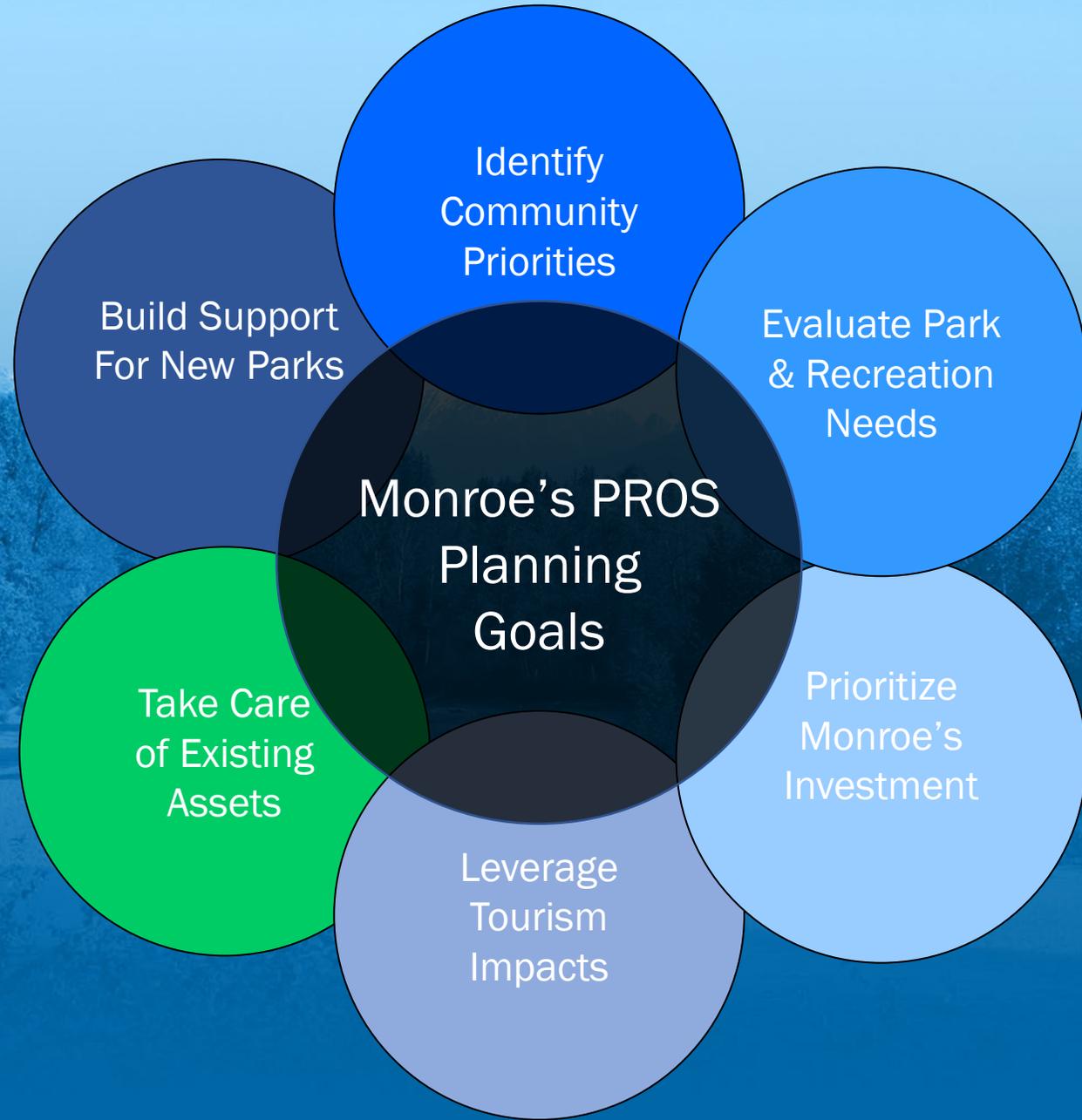


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Identify
Community
Priorities

Evaluate Park
& Recreation
Needs

Monroe's PROS
Planning
Goals

Prioritize
Monroe's
Investment

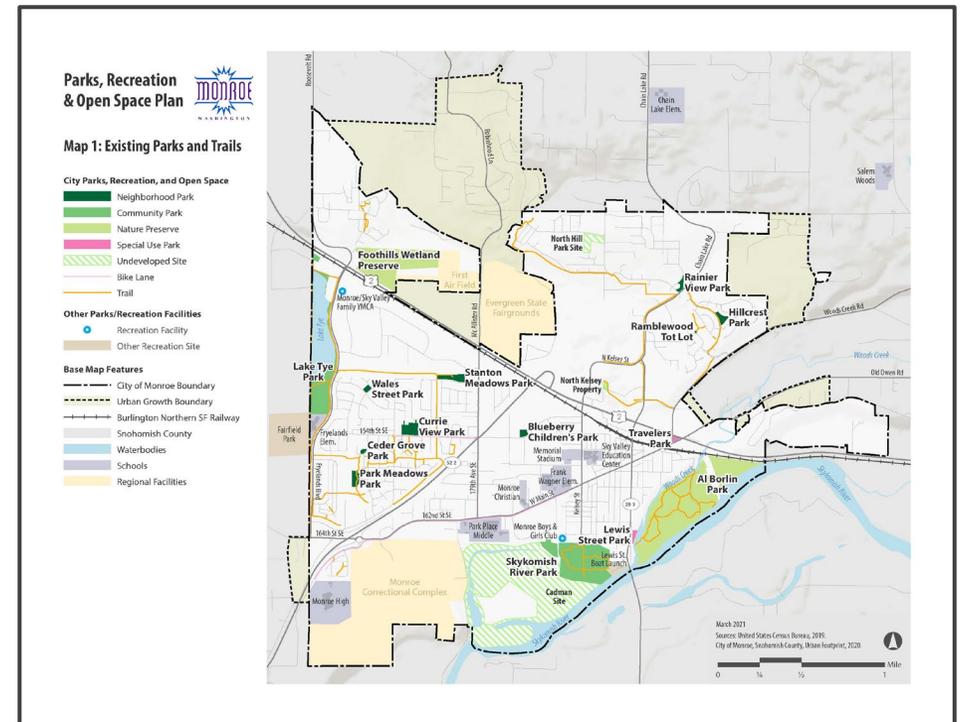
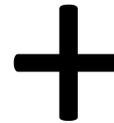
Leverage
Tourism
Impacts

Take Care
of Existing
Assets

Build Support
For New Parks

Strategies for the Future

- Community Outreach
- Technical Analysis





What We Have Heard

Outreach Findings

- Stakeholder and Key Leader Interviews
- Social Media Posts
- Online Questionnaire (English and Spanish)
- December/January 2021
- 996 responses
- 22 pages of open-ended comments



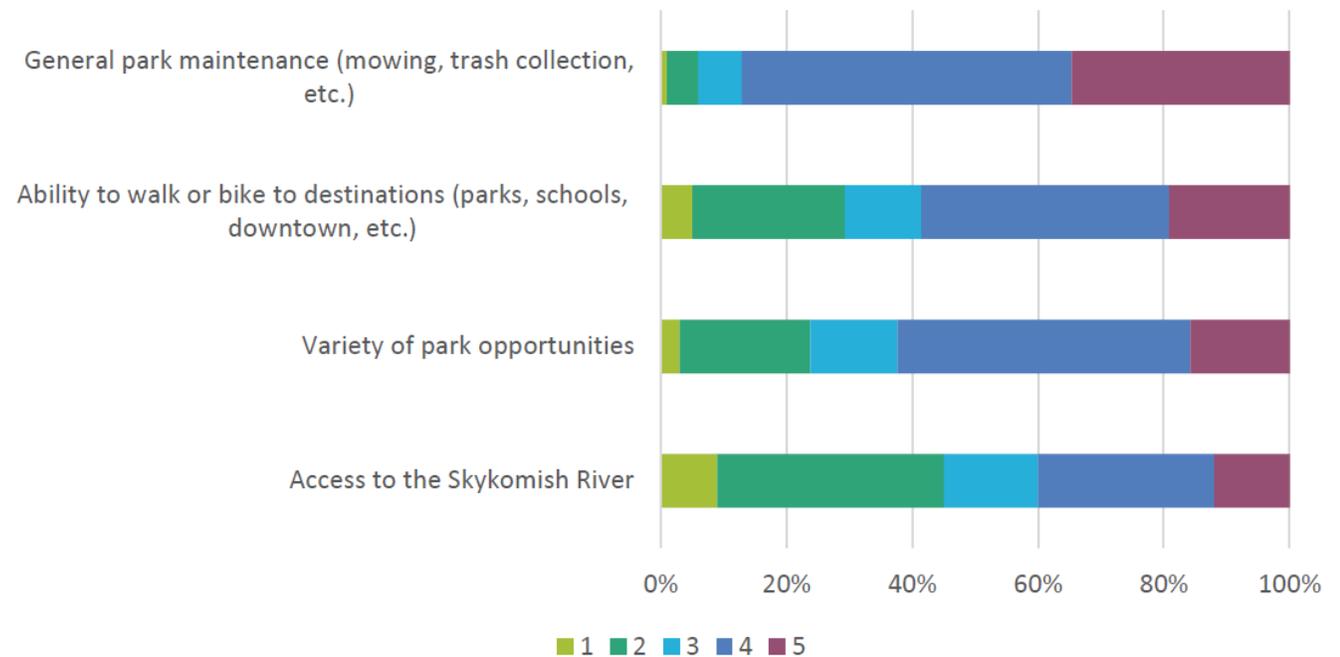
Park & Recreation Questionnaire

Satisfaction

- Most satisfied with maintenance
- Least satisfied with river access
- Opportunity to enhance the variety of recreation options in Monroe and create a more walkable/bikeable city

Figure 3: System Satisfaction

How would you rate Monroe in the following categories?

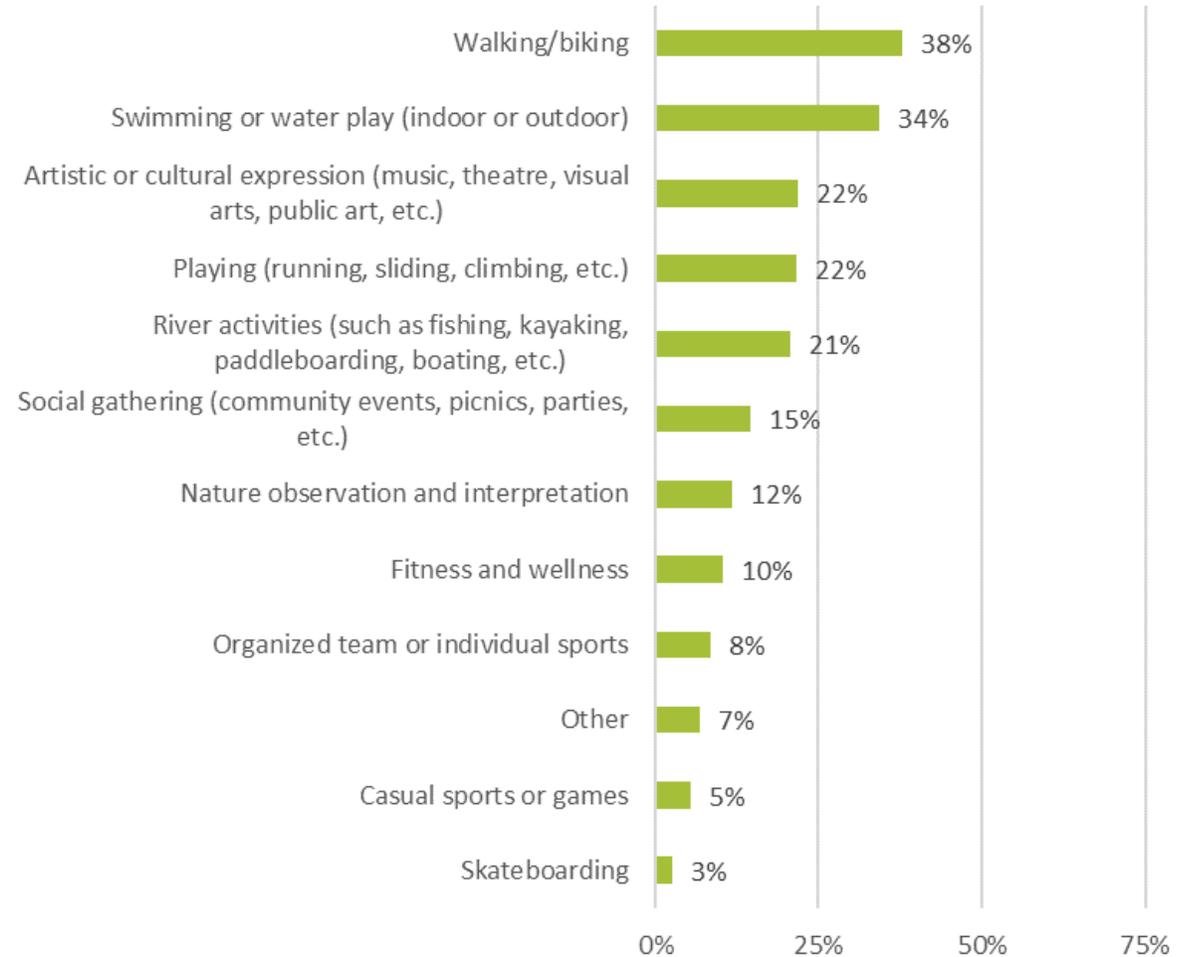


Park & Recreation Questionnaire

Top Activities Desired

- Walking/biking
- Swimming
- Arts & culture activities
- Playing
- River activities

What activities would you most like to see more of in Monroe's park system?

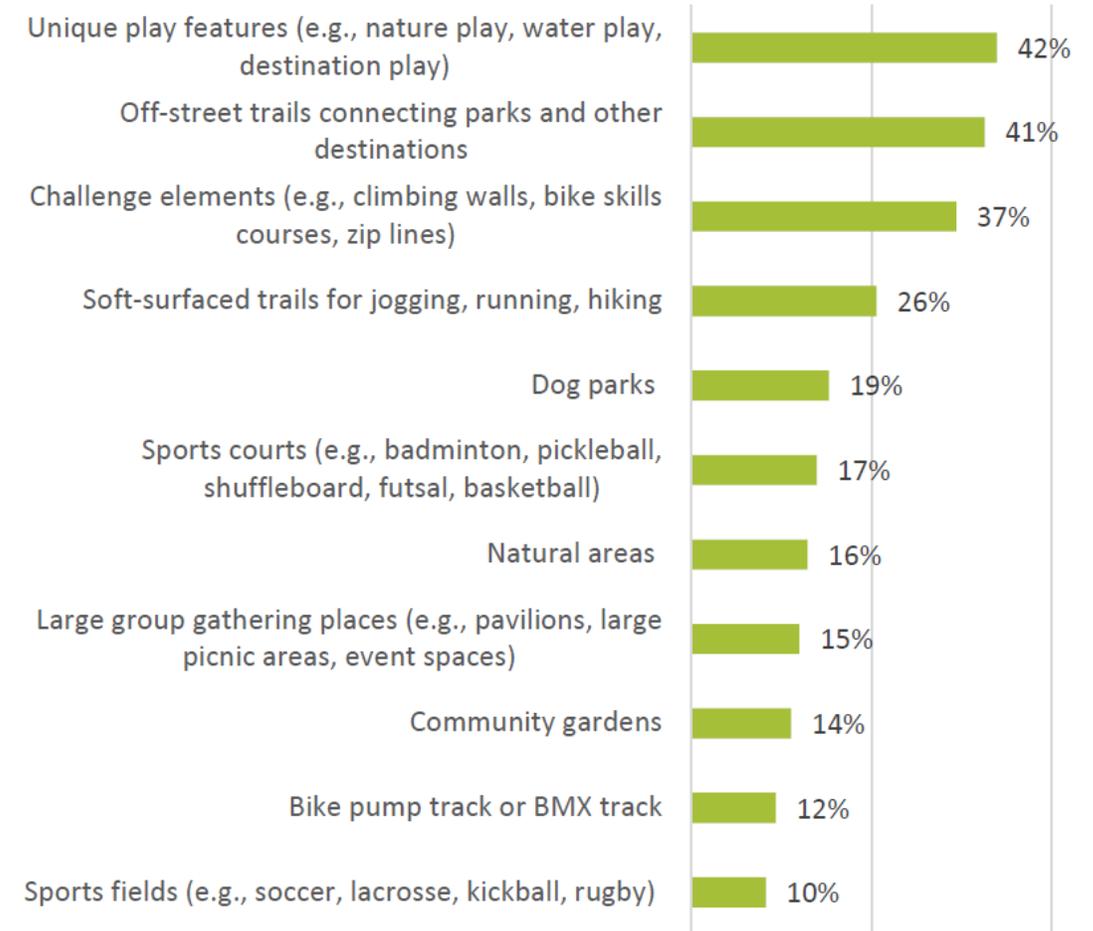


Park & Recreation Questionnaire

New Facilities/Features Desired

- Play features
- Multi-use trails
- Challenge elements
- Soft-surfaced trails
- Dog parks
- Sports courts

Figure 2: New Features or Facilities Desired in Monroe's Parks

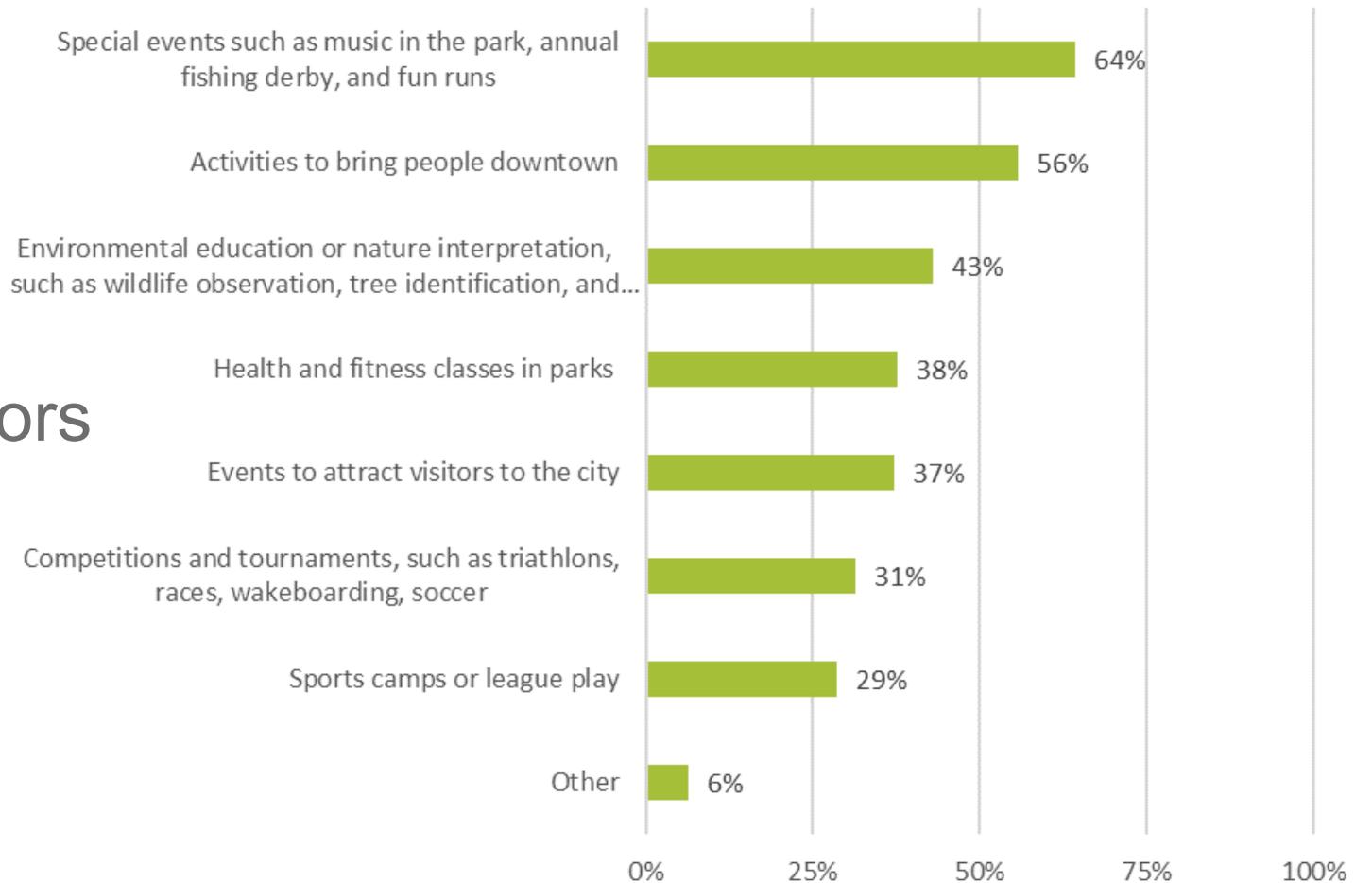


Park & Recreation Questionnaire

Desired Programs and Events

- Special events
- Downtown activities
- Nature programs
- Health and fitness
- Events that attract visitors

What types of programs and events should be added or expanded in Monroe?
Check all that apply.



Park & Recreation Questionnaire

Increasing Value of Parks

Figure 16: Perception of Park Value

How has your perception of the value of parks changed over the last year?

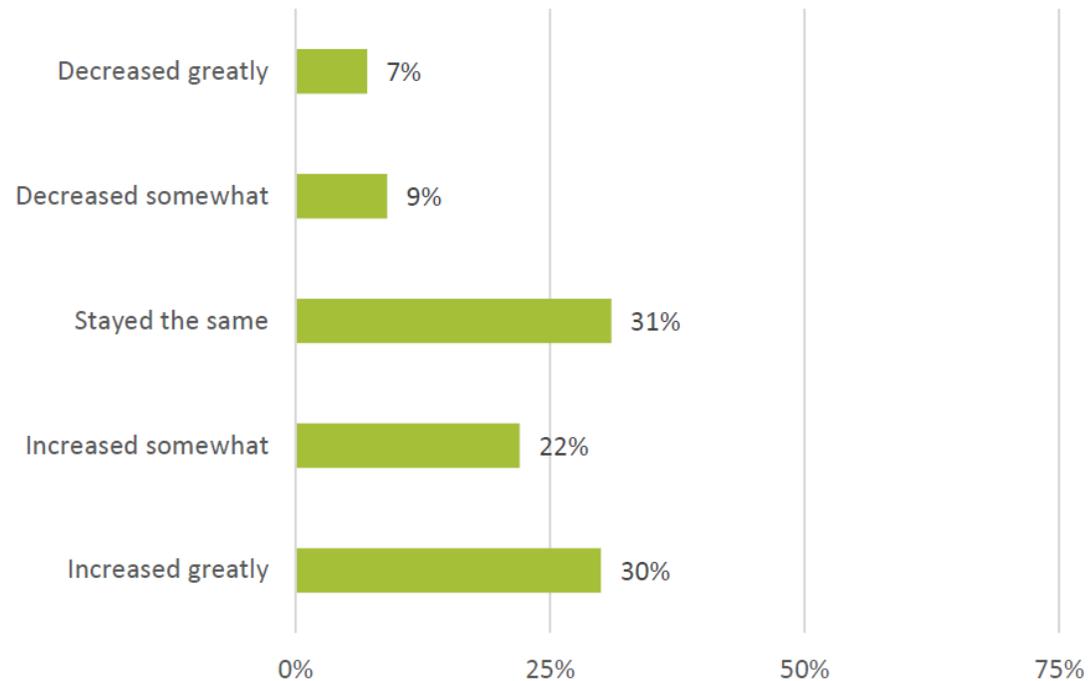
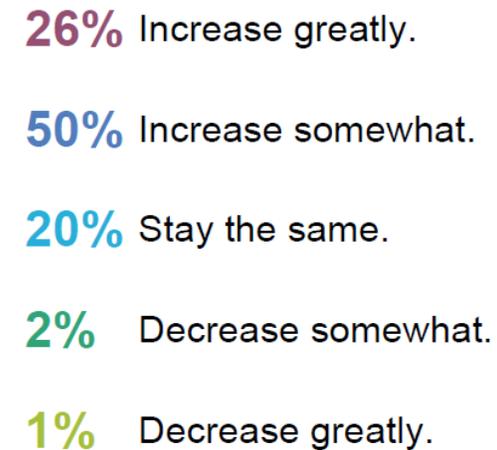


Figure 17: Should parks funding change to reflect your value of parks?



Park & Recreation Questionnaire

Top Funding Priorities

If the City had more money to invest in parks and recreation, which of the following should be our top priorities? Check your top 3.





Vision, Goals and Recommendations

Vision

Great parks, natural areas, and trails foster outdoor recreation and protect our riverfront to create an active, beautiful and livable city.



5 Goals for the Future

Well-Stewarded Parks

Manage, maintain, and revitalize parks, facilities, and natural resources to support safe, attractive and engaging recreation space and green space.



Vibrant Riverfront

Enhance parks, recreation amenities, and trails along the Skykomish River to create a riverfront system that supports local use and recreation tourism.



5 Goals for the Future

Outdoor Recreation Hub

Provide unique recreational amenities that attract residents and visitors to Monroe's outdoor activities, programs and events.

Park Access

Develop parks and minimize barriers to ensure residents have equitable access to recreation opportunities within walking or biking distance from home.

Connectivity

Provide an interconnected network of multi-use trails, walkways and bikeways connecting city and regional destinations.



Map 2: Park Access

Walking Distance to Park Access

- Within 1/2-Mile of Developed Park
- Within 1/2-mile of Nature Preserve
- Within 1/2-Mile of Undeveloped Site

City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

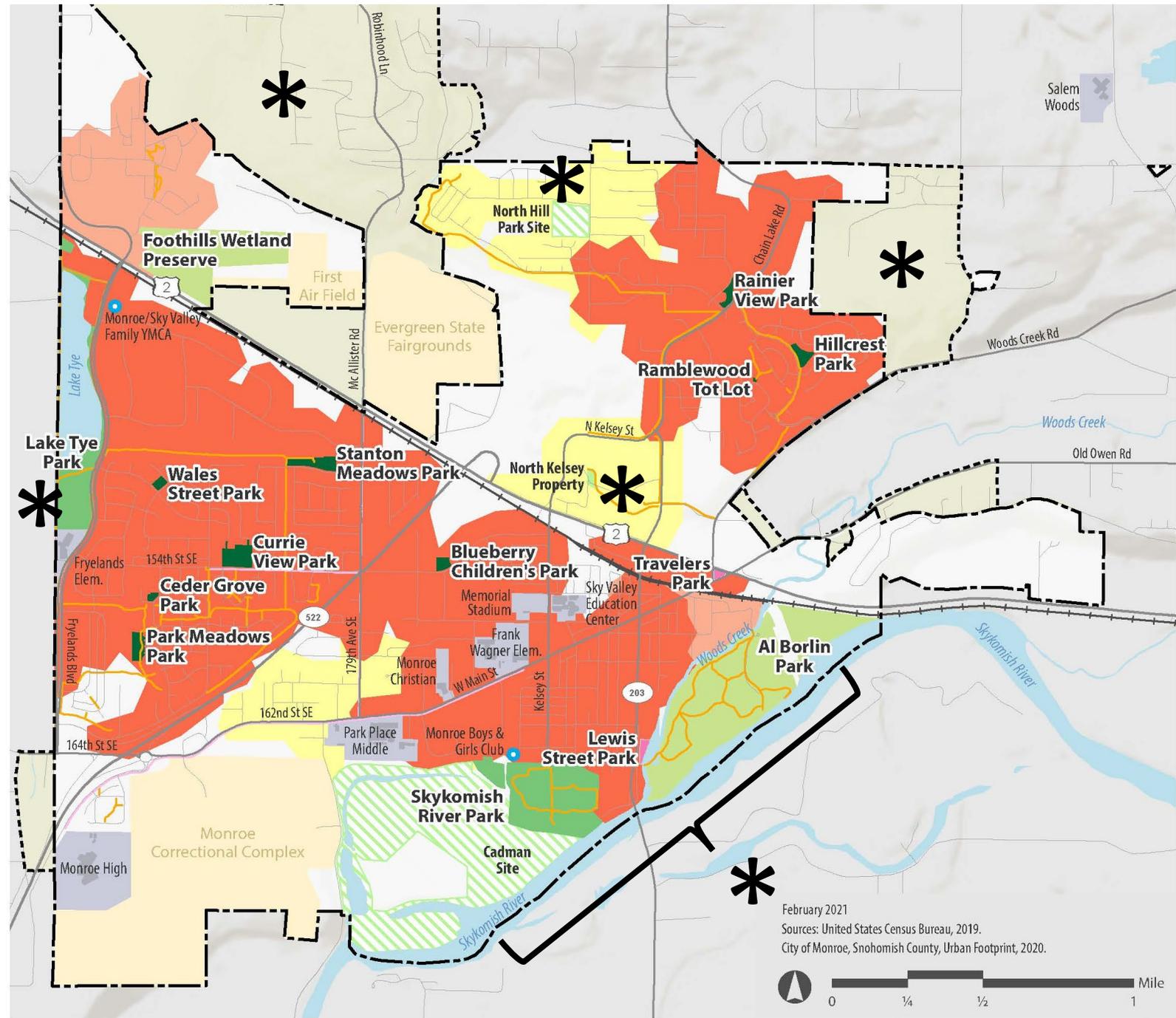
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Nature Preserve
- Special Use Park
- Undeveloped Site
- Bike Lane
- Trail

Other Parks/Recreation Facilities

- Recreation Facility

Base Map Features

- City of Monroe Boundary
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Burlington Northern SF Railway
- Snohomish County
- Waterbodies
- Schools
- Regional Facilities

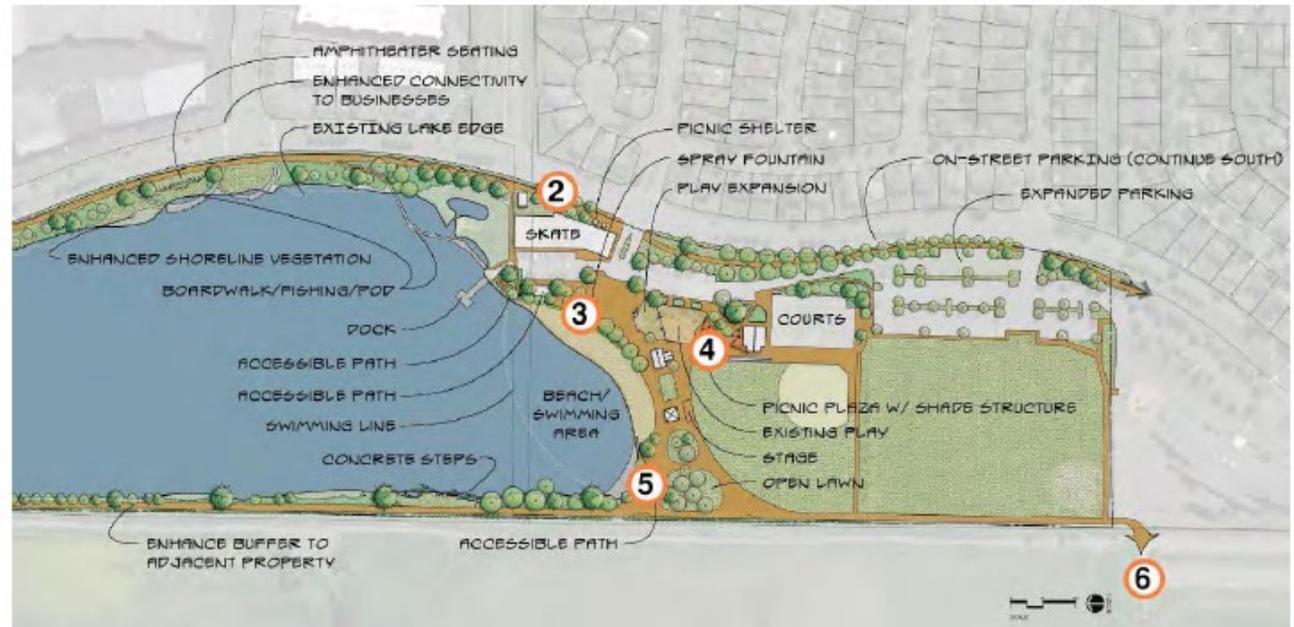
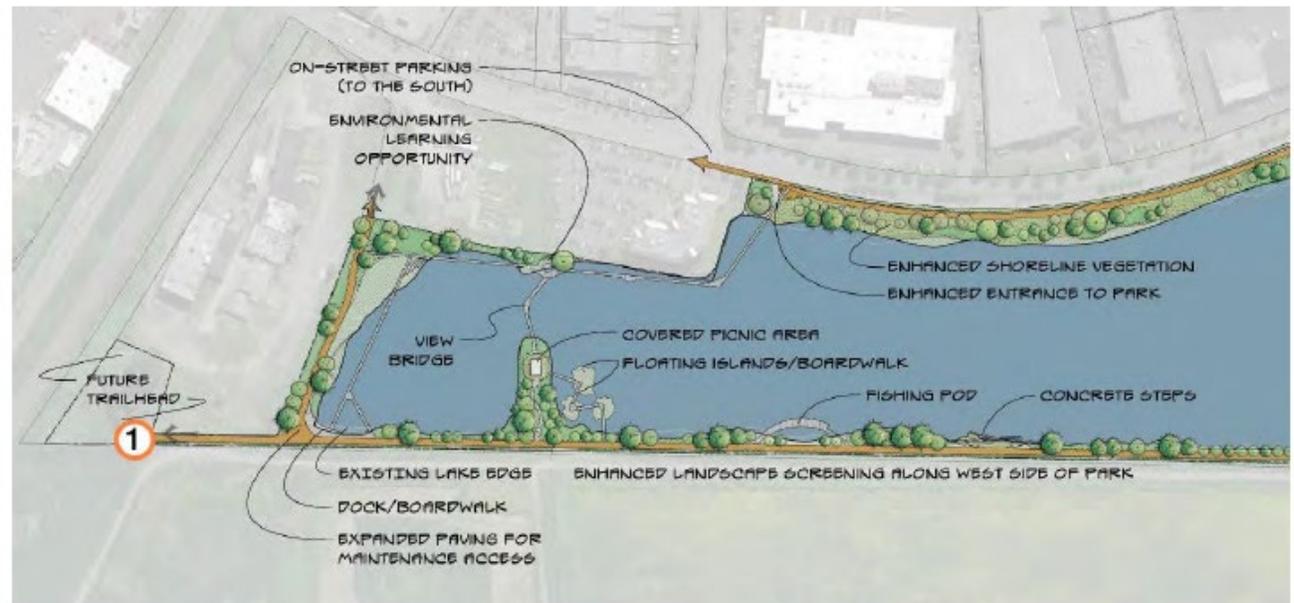


February 2021
 Sources: United States Census Bureau, 2019.
 City of Monroe, Snohomish County, Urban Footprint, 2020.

0 1/4 1/2 1 Mile

Lake Tye Enhancements

- Trailhead
- Swimming
- Kayak/canoe rentals
- Food plaza
- Event venue improvements
- Connections to Fairfield Park



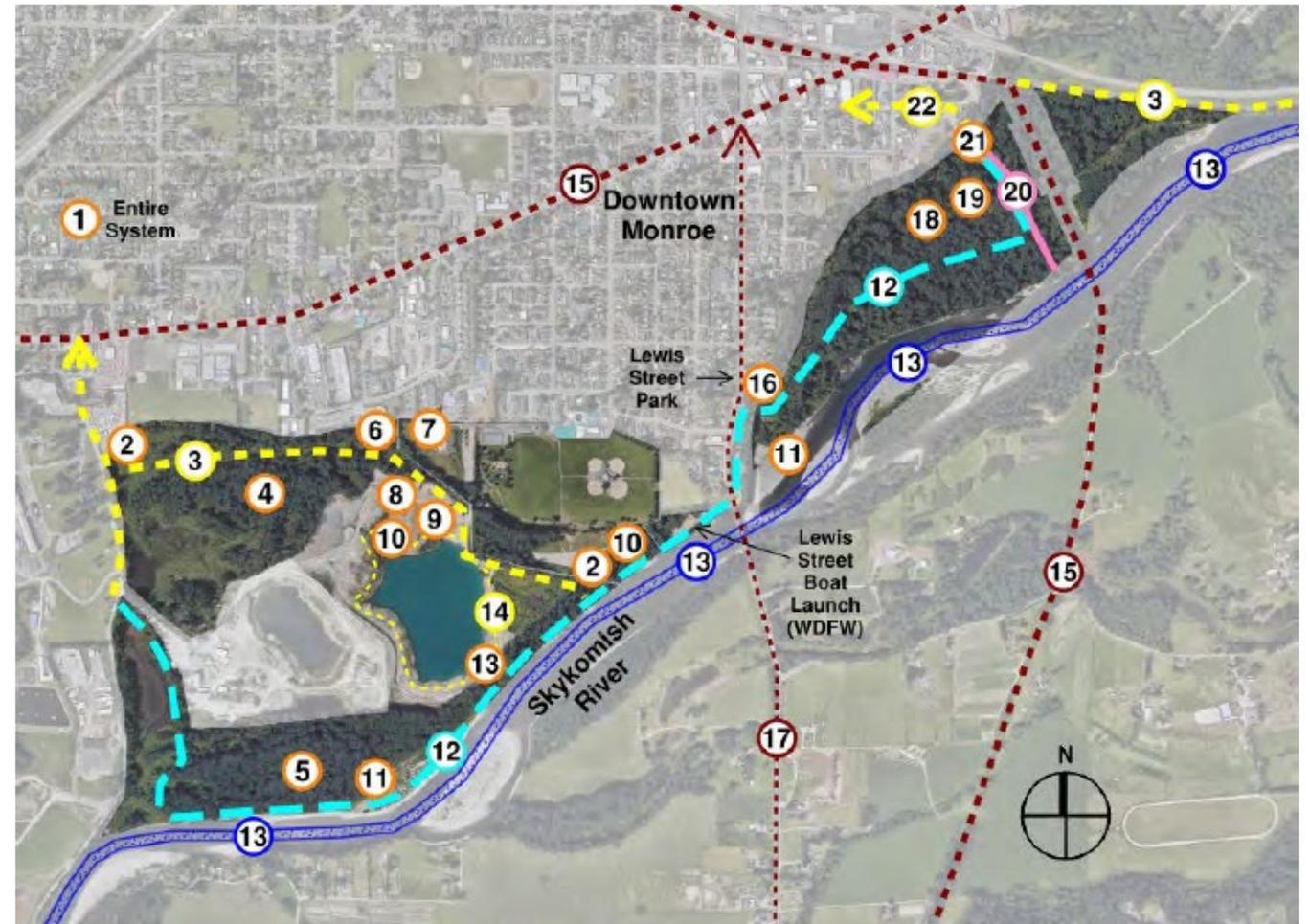
Riverfront Development

- 3 existing parks
- 1 existing WDFW Park
- 1 new site
- Riverwalk trail
- Regional trail
- Connections to downtown



Riverfront Development

- Trails/wayfinding
- Water access
- Boat launch
- Camping
- Challenge features
- Nature interpretation
- Bike pump track / mountain biking



New Urban Plaza

- Plaza along Tjerne Place
- Small multi-use event space
- Seating and tables
- Art
- Food truck pads
- Playable fountain



Trails

- Regional Trails
- Riverwalk
- Local loops
- Nature / soft-surfaced trails
- Water trail with water access points

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan



Map 3b: Trail Connectivity Opportunities

Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

- Local Class I Multi-Use Trail
- Bike Lane
- Shared Bikeway
- Riverfront Walk
- Regional Bicycle Path
- Regional Bicycle Path (Alternate)

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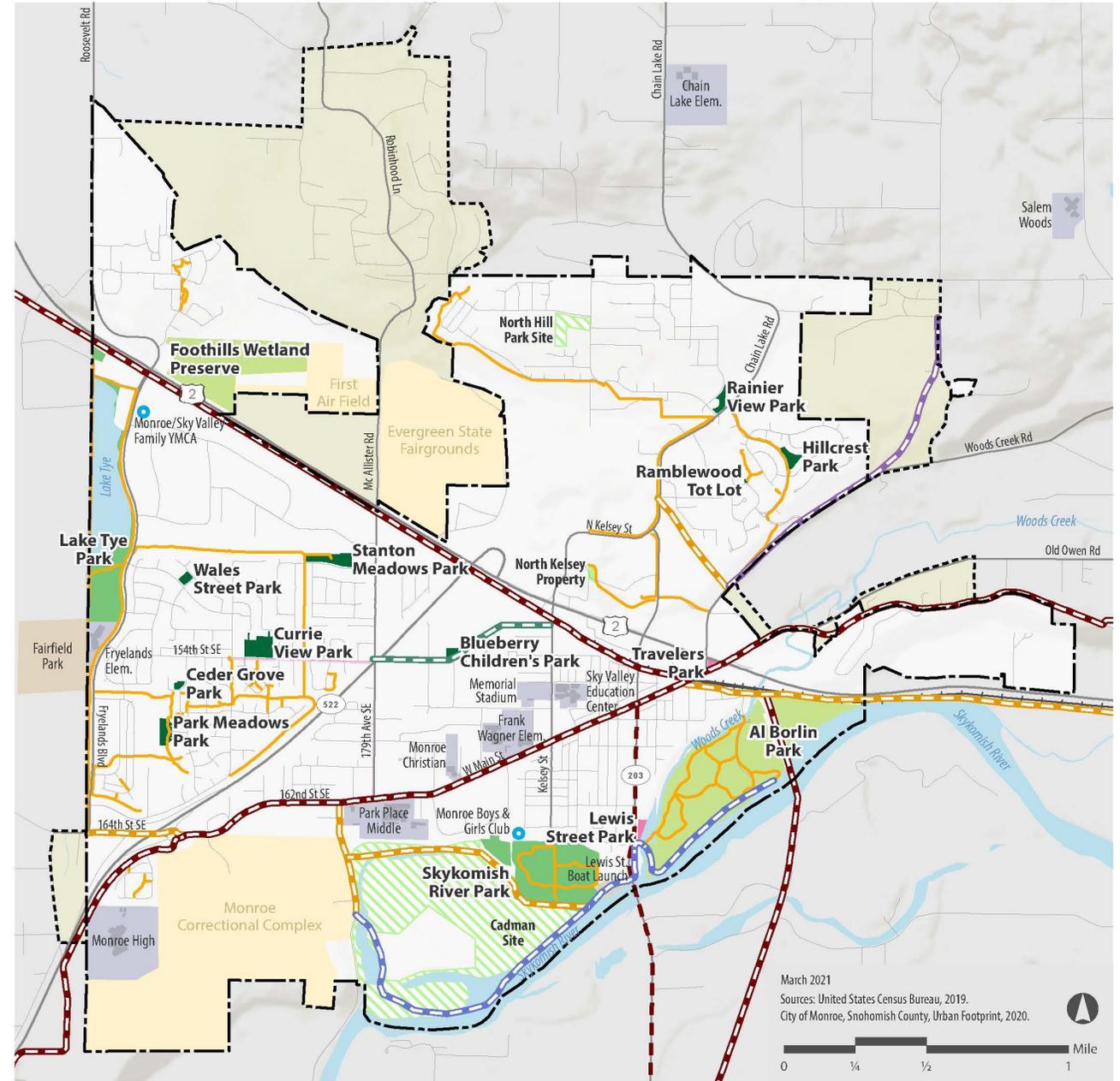
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Park Maintenance Needs



7 MAINTENANCE
STAFF FOR 452
ACRES OF LAND



40% WORKLOAD
INCREASE FROM
2008

Maintenance Staffing Snapshot

	2008	2020
Maintenance Supervisor	1	1
Park Operations Lead	0	1
Full-Time Maintenance Workers	9	5
Total	10	7

Source: 2008 and 2020 Organization Charts, City of Monroe. 1 = one 40-hour position.

Events and Programs



CONCESSIONAIRE
MANAGEMENT



LOCAL EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES
(PARTNERSHIP)



NATURE /
OUTDOOR
PROGRAMS
(FACILITATOR)



FITNESS ACTIVITIES
EVENTS, AND
COMPETITIONS
(FACILITATOR)

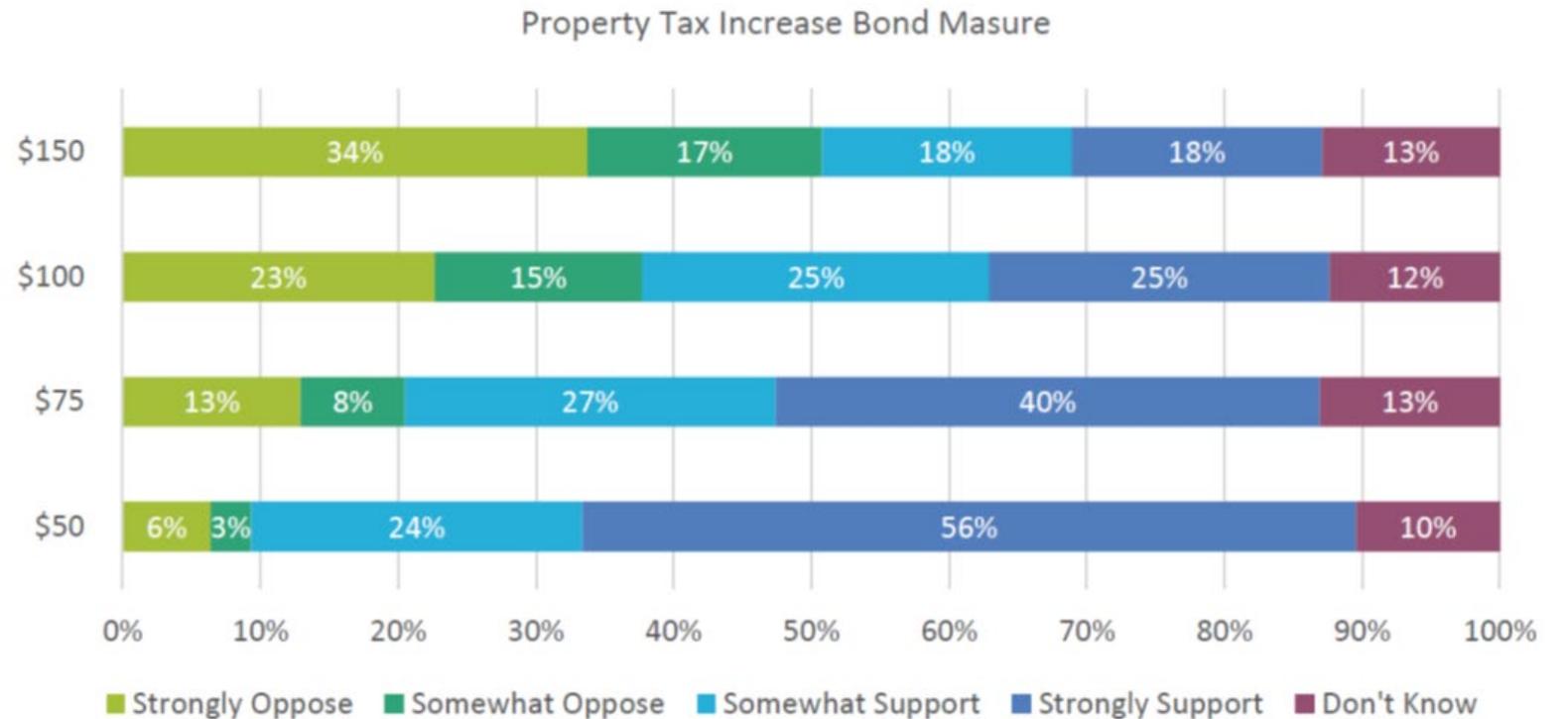


FACILITY RENTALS
AND
RESERVATIONS
(MONROE STAFF)



Prioritize the Investment

- Strong support for bond measure
- Creation of a realistic 6-year action plan





Questions

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