

Haverhill's Open Space & Recreation Plan

Conservation Department: Mckayla Arsenault,
Rob Moore

Pat Lavigne, Christine Kwitchoff, Lisa Marzilli,
Larry Olasky, Erin Thompson-Bertrand



What is Open Space?

Land valued for:

- Nature and wildlife
- Agricultural and forest production
- Beauty
- Active and passive recreation

Such lands include:

- Forests and grasslands
- Farms
- Parks
- Stream and river corridors

Open space may be protected or unprotected, public or private.





Open Space Benefits

- Clean Air & Water
- Water Supplies
- Natural Flood Control
- Food
- Timber, Forage, & Other Products
- Wildlife Habitat & Corridors
- Endangered Species Recovery
- Climate Regulation & Resiliency
- Scenic Beauty
- Recreation Opportunities & Access
- Community Revitalization
- Improved Human Health
- Opportunities To Connect Youth With Nature
- Increased Property Values

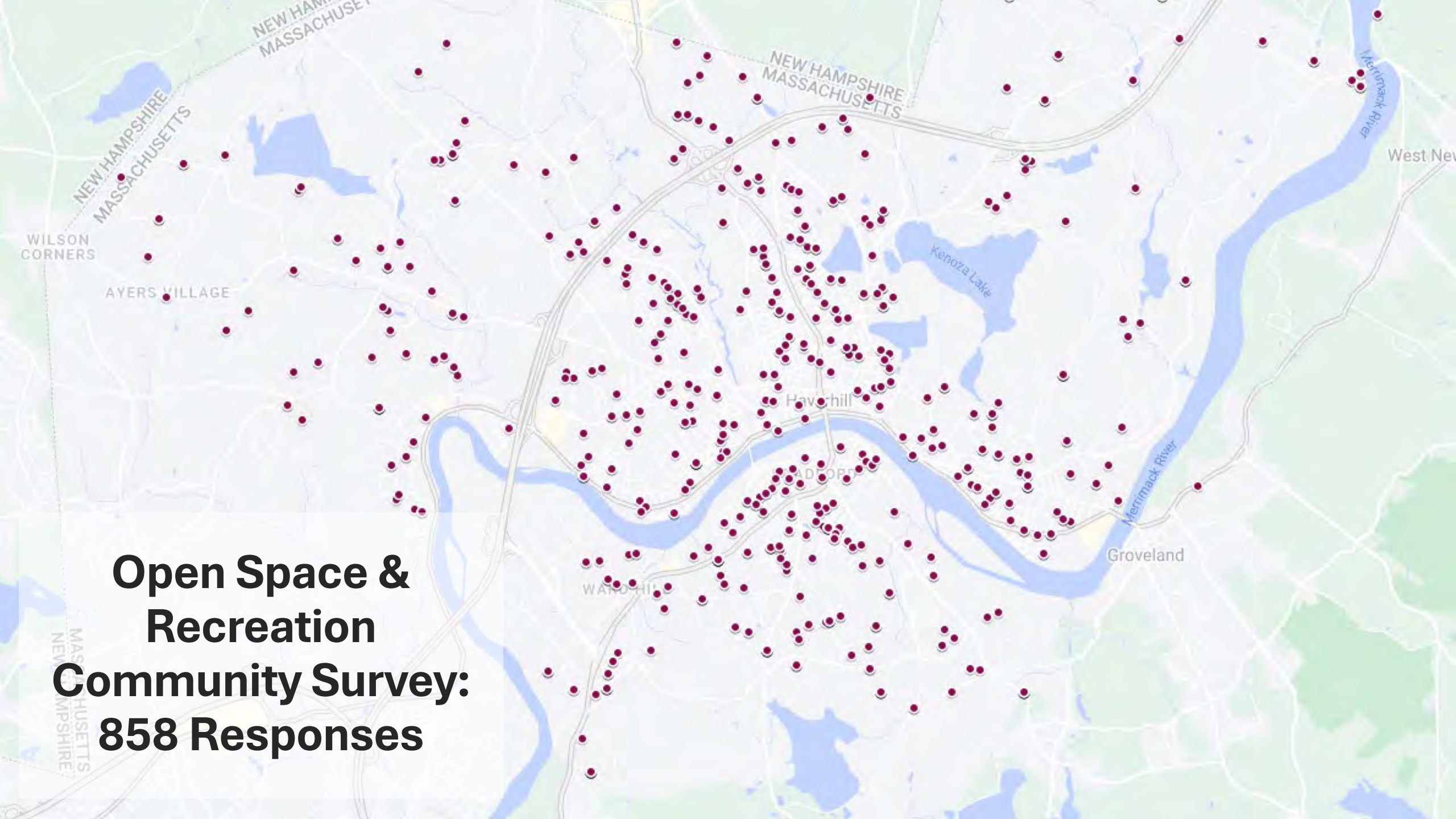


Open Space & Recreation Plan

- Tool through which a community plans for the future of its conservation and recreation resources
- Eligible for PARC, LAND, and other DCS grant programs

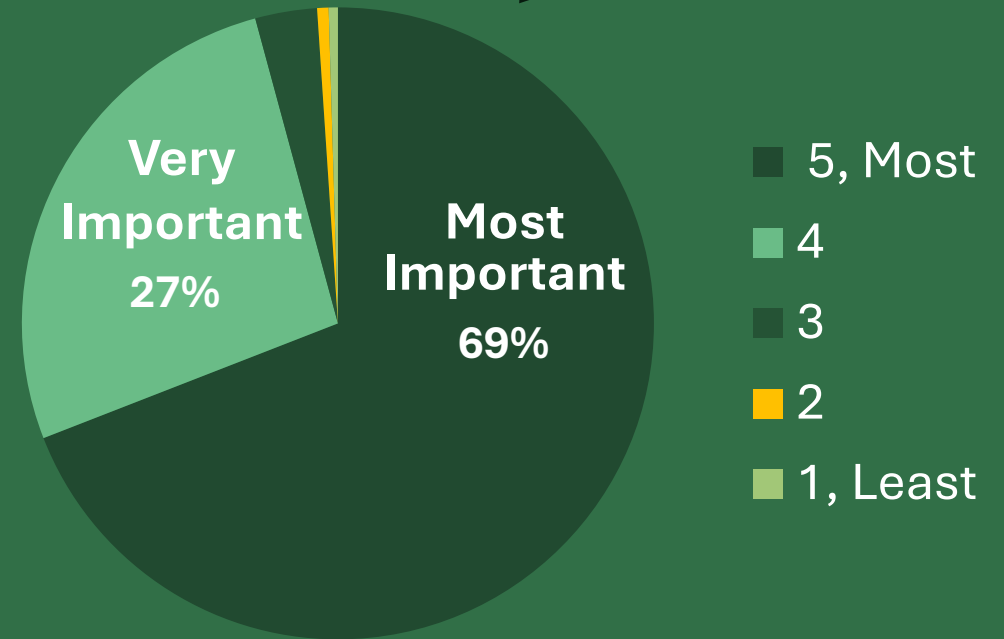
The Open Space & Recreation Plan



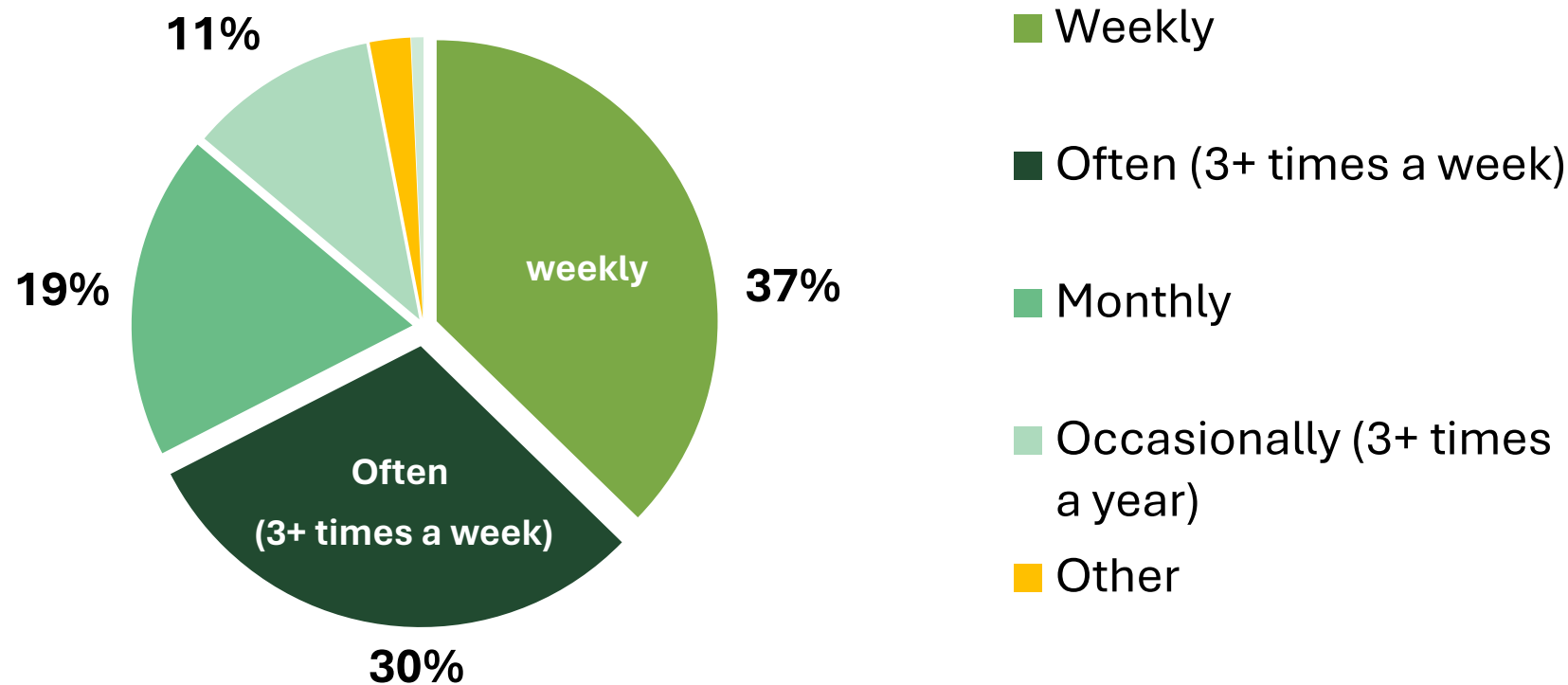


**Open Space &
Recreation
Community Survey:
858 Responses**

How important are parks, recreation, and open space issues to you?



How frequently do you visit Haverhill's parks, recreation, and open space areas?

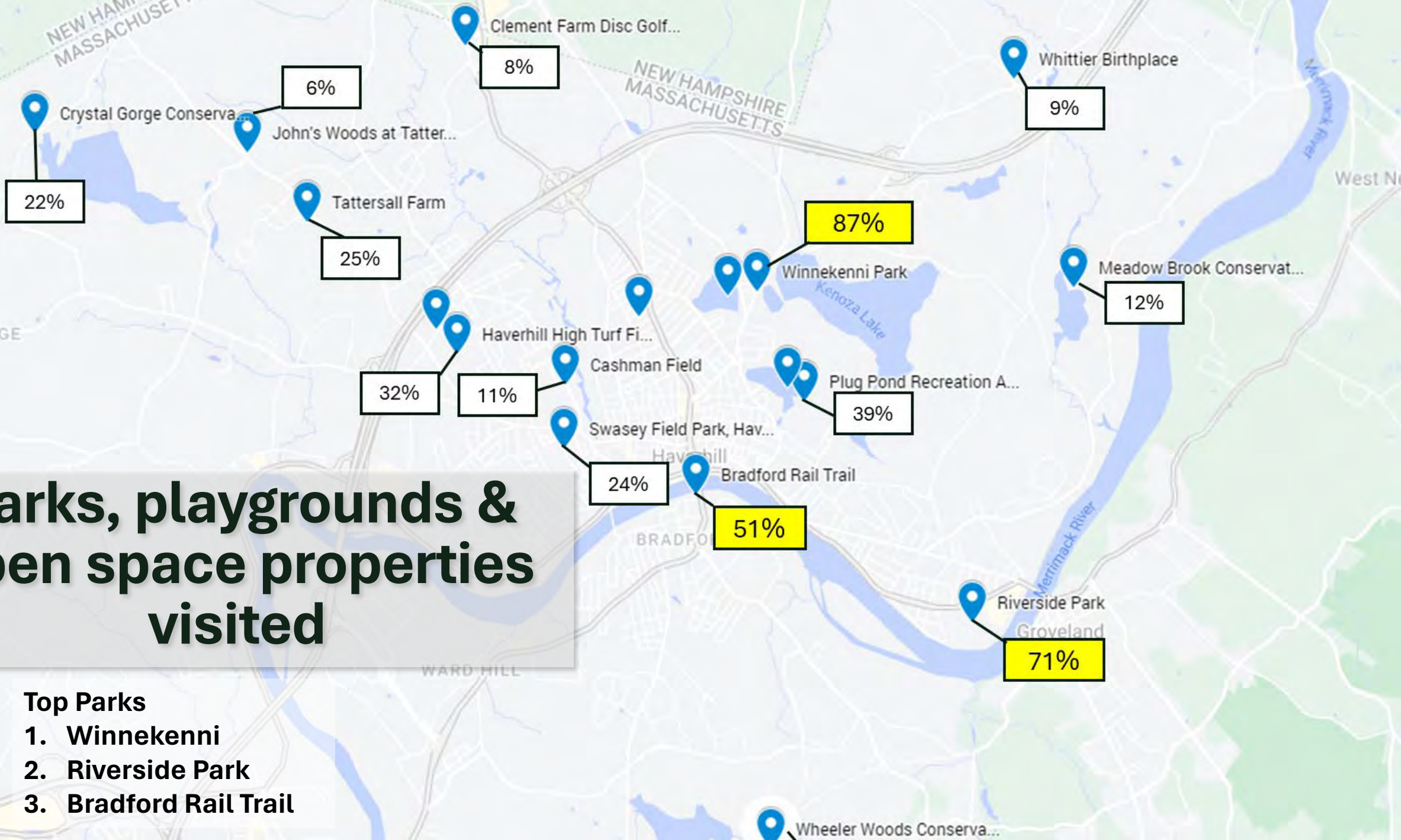


67% of respondents visit at least weekly

Parks, playgrounds & open space properties visited

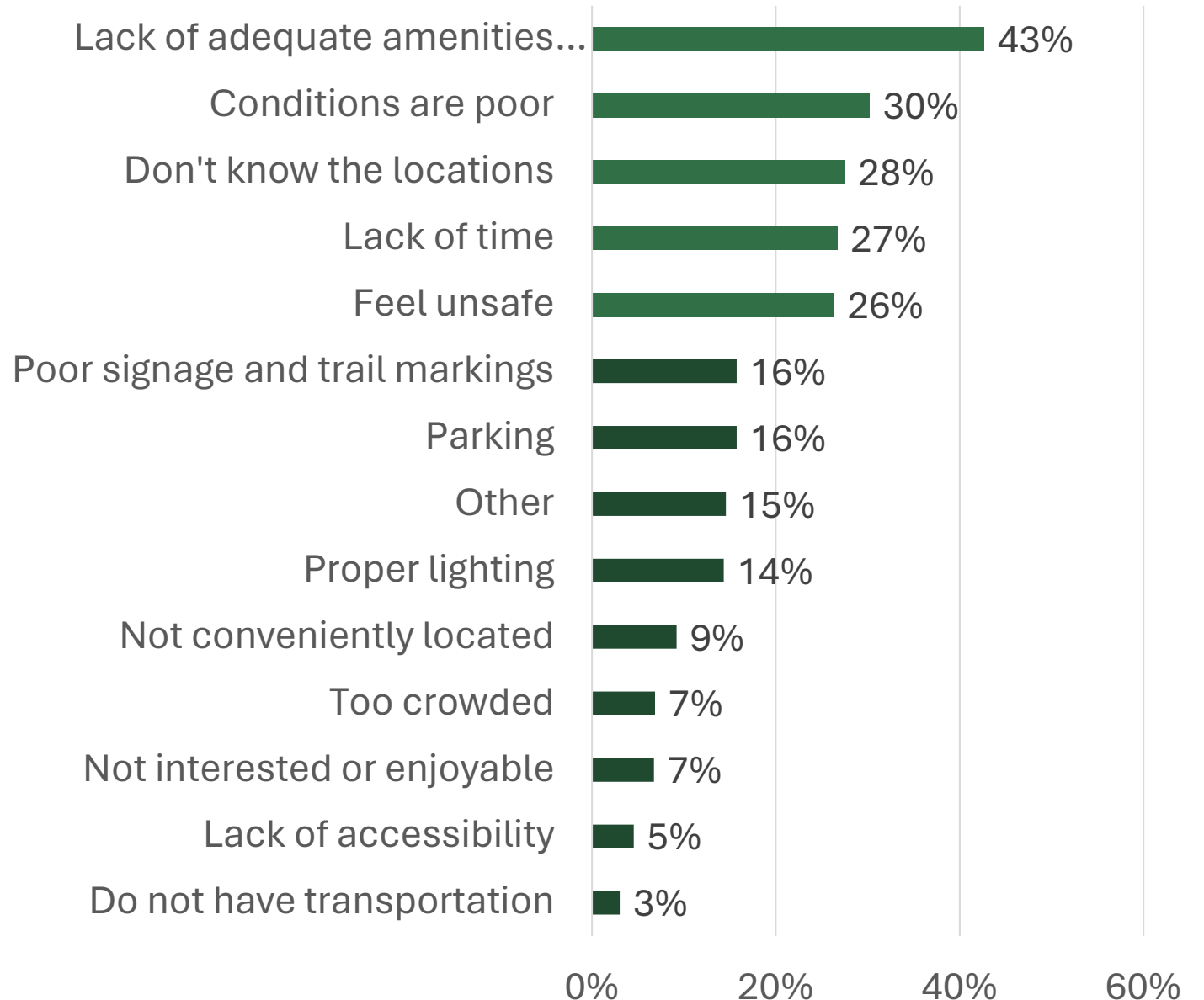
Top Parks

1. Winnekenni
2. Riverside Park
3. Bradford Rail Trail



Reasons that limit your usage of parks, recreation, and open spaces?

- Amenities include bathrooms (especially in winter), trash barrels, seating/shelter
- Safety, litter and regular maintenance of parks, fields, and open space are concerns





Greenbelt
Essex County's Land Trust

Trails & Conservation Areas

- Trail markings
- Parking
- Trail improvements
- Awareness of location
- Preserve open space





Parks & Playgrounds

- ADA accessibility
- Bathrooms, seating, lighting
- Maintenance, litter
- Safety
- Age-appropriate play sets
- Transportation, sidewalks

Sports Fields

- Maintenance
- Amenities: Bathrooms
- Aesthetic improvements

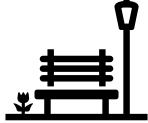






Recreation

- Water access & boathouse
- Community events
- Youth centered activities
- Skatepark



Survey Comments

Amenities		Seating, bathrooms, lighting, signage
Conditions		Maintenance, litter
Safety		Security, accessibility, transportation
Awareness		Signage, trail maps, advertising, education
Recreation		Youth, senior, disabled, year-long

Requested Recreation Improvements

**Pickleball
court**

Tennis court

**Skateboard
park**

**Basketball
court**

Disk golf

Dog park

Sports fields

**Handicap
accessible
playgrounds**

**Age-
appropriate
playgrounds**

**Water
access**

Boat house

**Community
events**

Bike racks

Rail Trail

Pump Track

How to Participate

- **Provide your feedback**
 - On the sheets around room
 - Discuss with survey committee
- **Keep updated**
 - Provide email- completed open space plan, news and updates from Conservation Dept.
 - Indicate your interests





Robert Moore, Haverhill
Conservation

Tracy Fuller, YMCA

Vanessa Johnson-Hall,
Greenbelt Association

Justine & Elaine, Brightside

Marie Caprio, Make IT Haverhill
(Spanish Translation)

Last Open Space & Recreation
Plan

Haverhill Trails

Haverhill Recreation

How to reach us?



Conservation Department Website

- [Welcome to Haverhill, MA \(cityofhaverhill.com\)](http://cityofhaverhill.com)



Follow us on Facebook

City of Haverhill MA Conservation Department

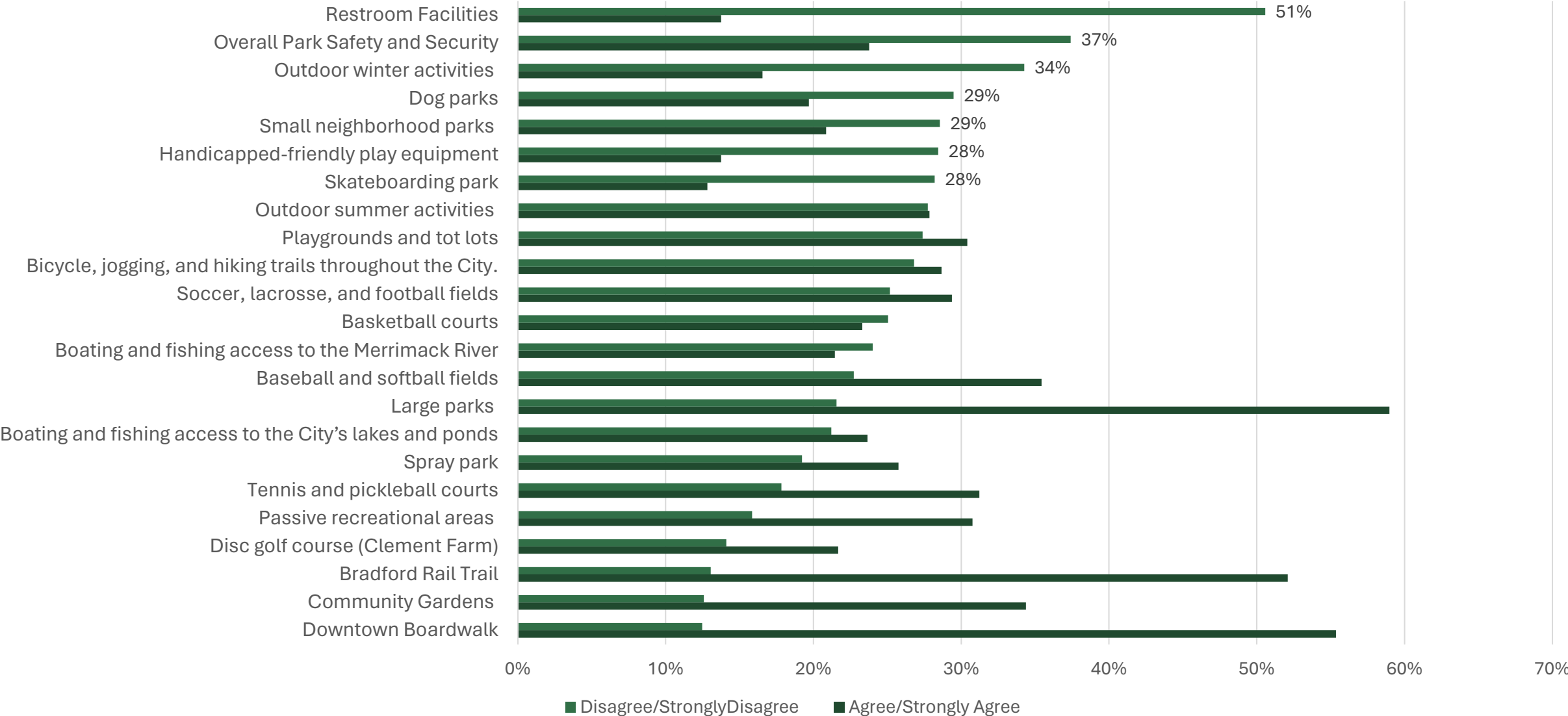


Email Conservation Department

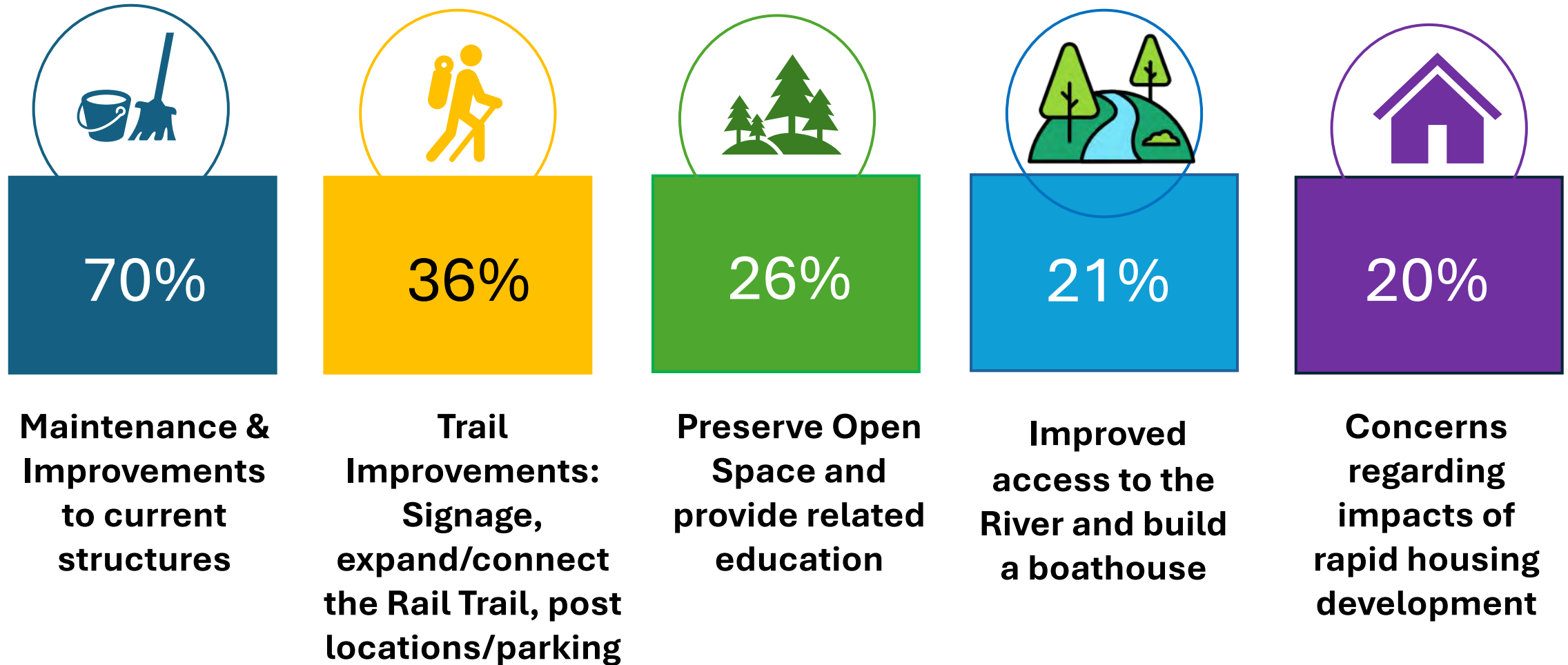
- Rob Moore (rmoore@haverhillma.gov)
- Mckayla Arsenault (marsenault@haverhillma.gov)

Back up slides

The City meets my expectations providing and maintaining the following:



What facilities/activities would you like to see more of in Haverhill?



What Would Enhance Our Community?

