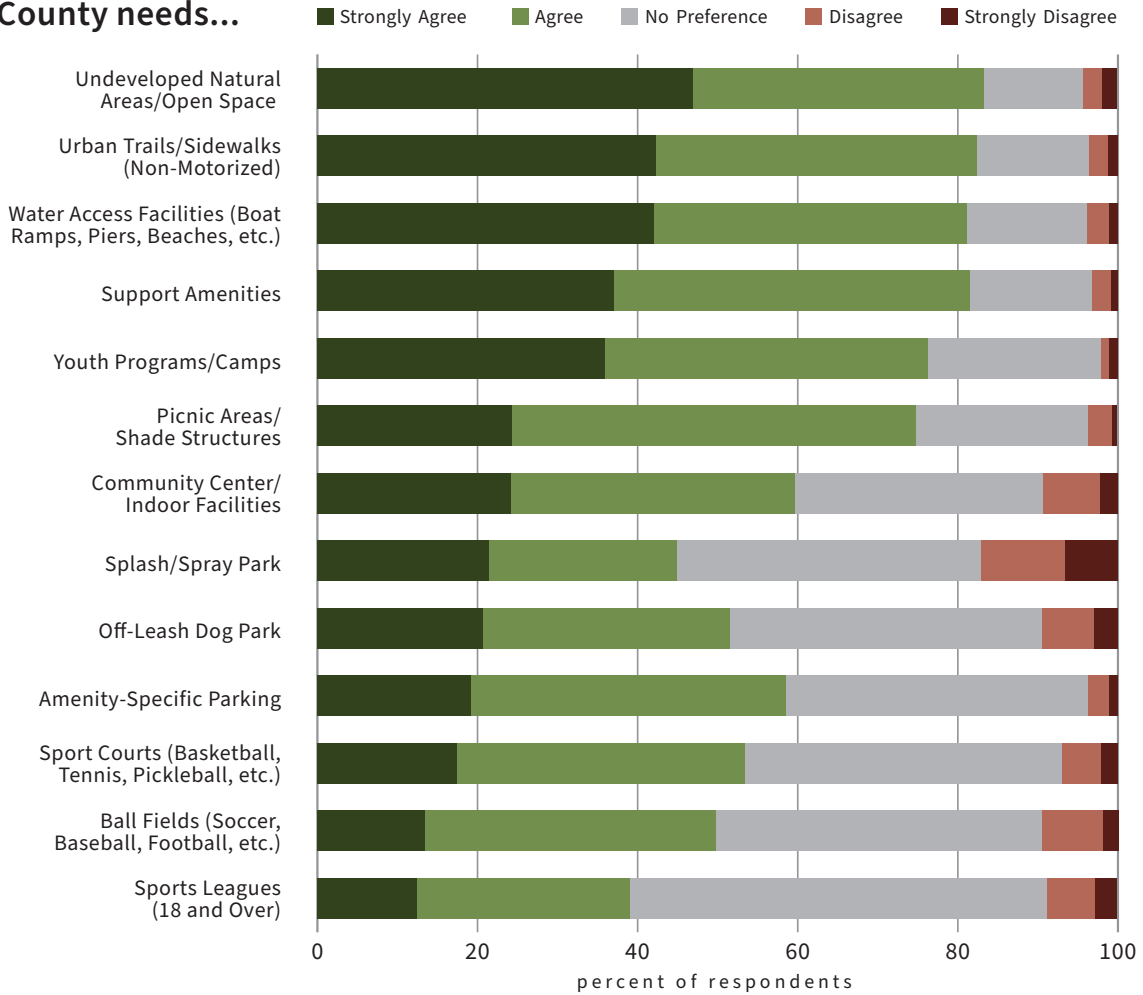


County Parks and Recreation Needs

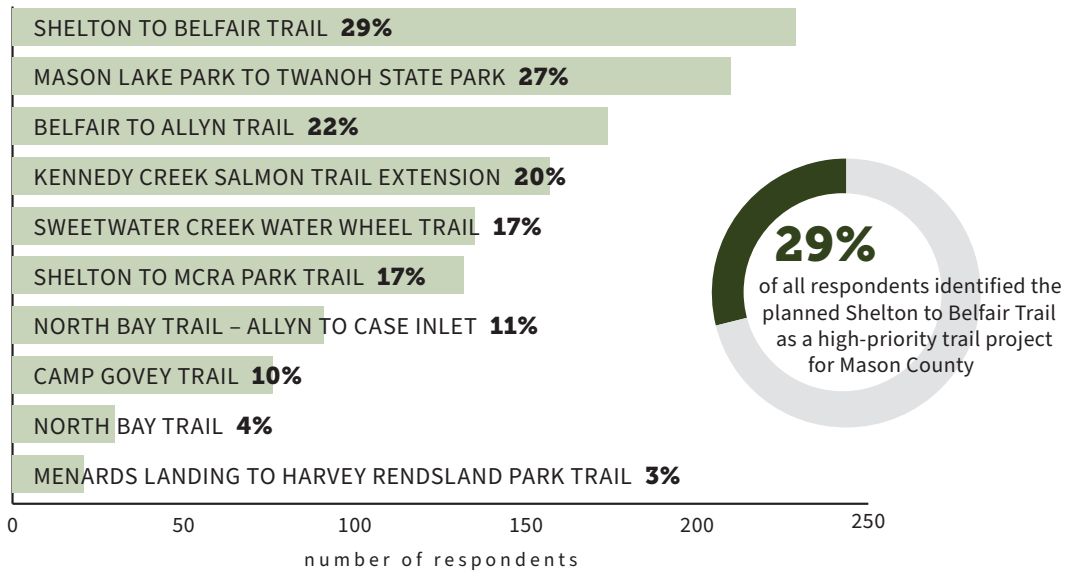
HOW STRONGLY DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

The County needs...

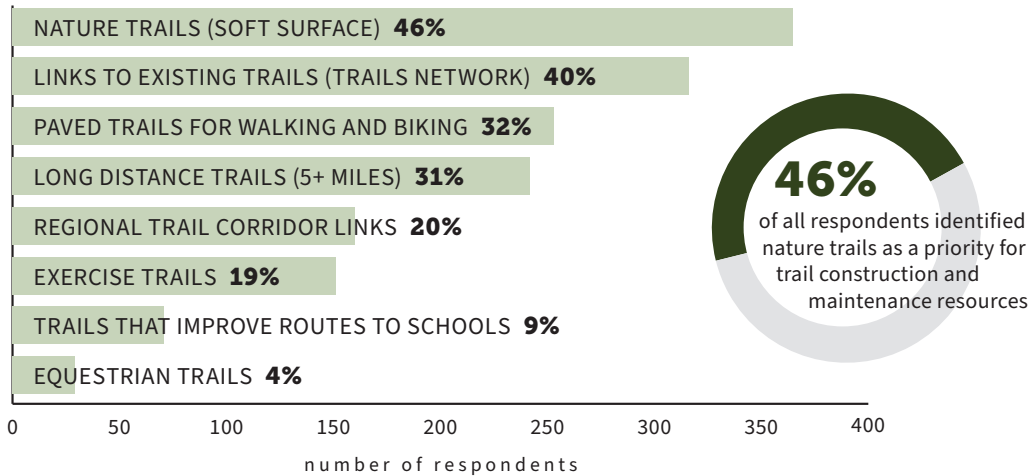


Trail Project Prioritization

WHICH OF THESE PLANNED/PROPOSED TRAIL PROJECTS SHOULD THE COUNTY PRIORITIZE?

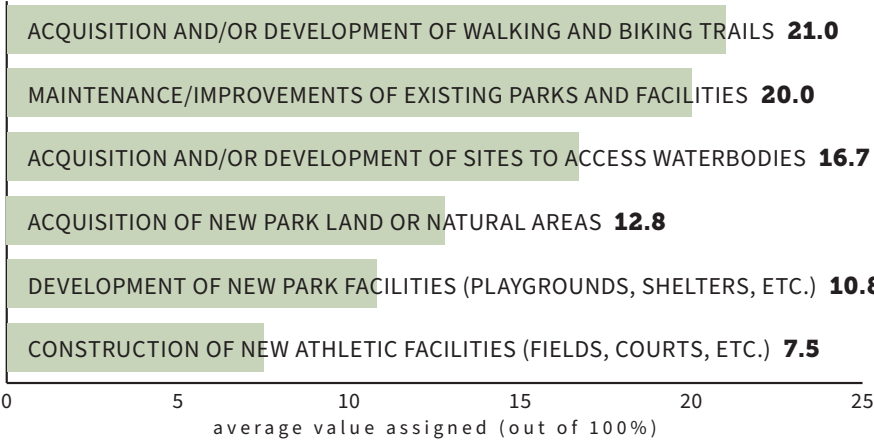


WHERE SHOULD THE COUNTY FOCUS ITS RESOURCES FOR MAINTAINING AND CONSTRUCTING TRAILS?



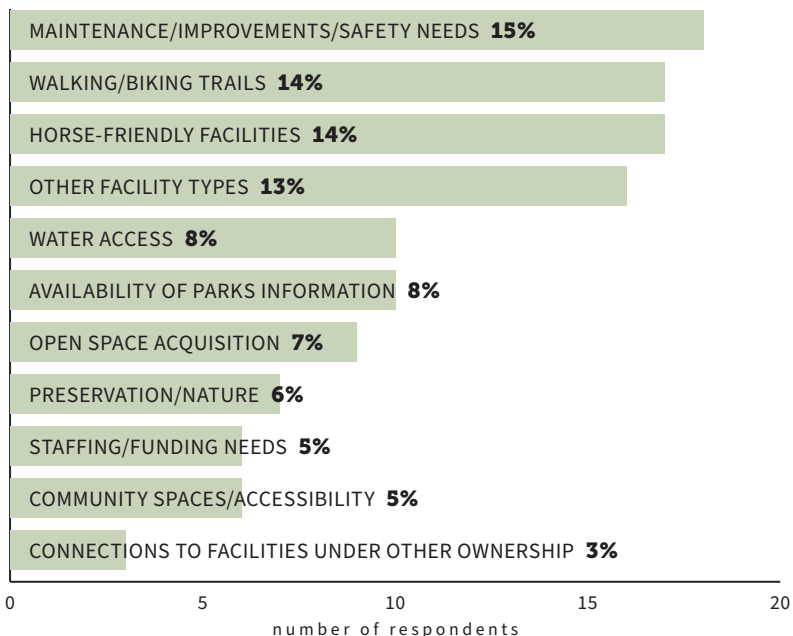
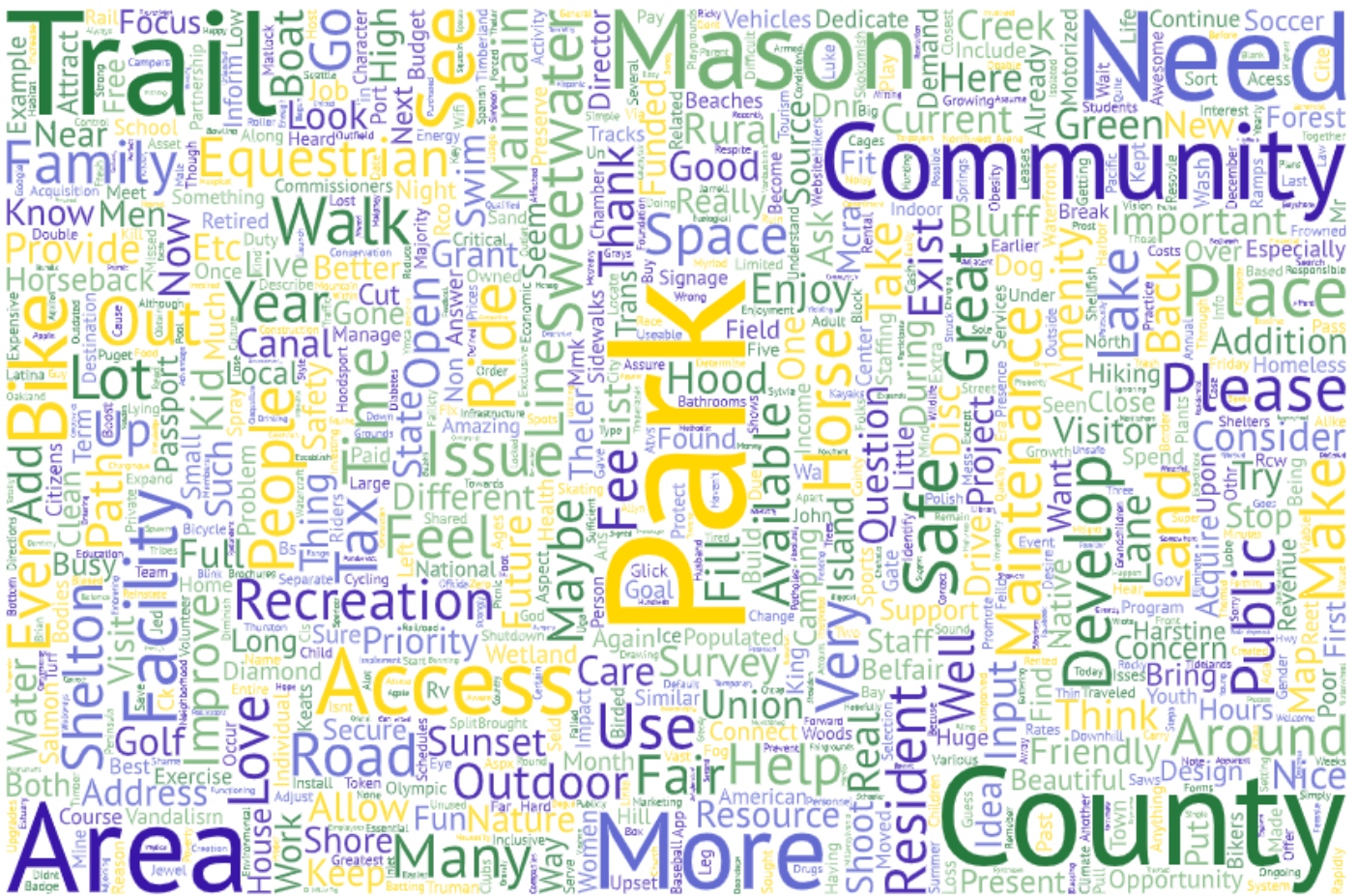
Resource Distribution

OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, HOW SHOULD THE COUNTY DISTRIBUTE ITS PARKS & RECREATION RESOURCES?



Open-Ended Comments

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?



Open-Ended Comments

MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENTS/SAFETY NEEDS

"I think better utilizing the parks we already have could be helpful as well... Public WiFi would likely help attract visitors as well."

"Take care of what we have already paid for."

"Safety is my biggest concern when going to parks!"

"Security of parks during evening hours via locked gates to prevent vehicles entering parks. Maybe it would cut down on vandalism, drinking, drugs and traffic in parks and the neighborhoods adjacent to parks."

WALKING/BIKING TRAILS

"I would love to see more biking trails. Many parks have walking trails that could double as biking trails but it seems frowned upon. I think some simple signage would make these trails more inclusive to biking."

"Sidewalks and/or trails along highways especially northshore into town – a lot of people walk and it is dangerous."

"Need more cycling trails, please! The roads as they exist are not safe riding places. Would love to see a Belfair to Shelton trail that allows cycling."

HORSE-FRIENDLY FACILITIES

"Thank you for allowing for input. Please consider equestrian trails/facilities a necessity for Mason County."

"Consider horseback riding and establish more areas (or develop a partnership with those who own areas, like Green Diamond and DNR) to offer safe, maintained trails for the equestrians in your community."

OTHER FACILITY TYPES

"Consider additional development of disc golf in Mason County. It's a rapidly growing support that has a strong foundation in the community thanks to the Shelton Springs course. Disc golf fits in with Pacific Northwest culture and brings in visitors."

"RV camping and long term rental spots is at an all time high demand. Mason County should be taking advantage of its natural attractions to attract these campers."

"Unleashed dog park."

"A shooting sports facility would promote safe recreational shooting across the entire county as well as provide Parks a revenue source from fee based access and event leases."

Open-Ended Comments

WATER ACCESS

"We have beautiful lakes but there is no swimming or family friendly access to the lakes."

"During the summer months people are in search of a place to swim and picnic with their family. We have so many lakes but none with a public swimming area."

"We really need more water access around here. It is a real shame we have no trail from the Salmon Center to Belfair Park."

AVAILABILITY OF PARKS INFORMATION

"I don't visit a lot of these parks because I don't know where they are or how to access them. A map with all of these areas and where to park/how to get to them would be great!"

"These parks and recreation areas needs to have better marketing to inform the public."

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

"I understand how some might feel we need to spend our resources on construction of facilities, but it seems to me the bottom line is limited by land being available for parks. If it is not acquired now, if we wait too long, the land will simply not be available. Growing the inventory of publicly owned land is essential."

"I gave acquisition priority over development because in the future opportunities to acquire land will diminish."

PRESERVATION/NATURE

"I like the conversation of funding and building parks and estuary type wetlands as I feel nature to this area is super important."

"Mason County is under-birded. It would be nice to have some good pull outs or parking around Hood Canal and different birding areas also."

STAFFING/FUNDING NEEDS

"It would be nice if staff was available, present and seen during busy nights at MCRA. More often then not, no one is around to address issues. Maybe adjust staffing schedules to be present at the facility when people are there with the most need."

"We need to again have an exclusive Parks & Trails Director, not a shared duty individual. John Keats was the greatest thing we ever had! Things have gone downhill ever since he left."

"More Staff presence would help the homeless issues."

Open-Ended Comments

COMMUNITY SPACES/ACCESSIBILITY

"We need to bring back the Mason County Fair. It is such a great community gathering, and supports the kids 4H program."

"I would love to see a fairgrounds brought back to Mason County."

"Access by all citizens is a concern."

CONNECTIONS TO FACILITIES UNDER OTHER OWNERSHIP

"One area of the survey areas missed is "access" to National Forests and the Olympic National Park. Improvements can be made to connect to these areas. More partnership with Green Diamond on temporary land use for recreation... We have such an opportunity to be a destination area for enjoyment of our natural resources (beautiful outdoors, salmon, shellfish, hiking, etc.)."