

# Media Borough Open Space, Parks, Recreation, and Bike Routes Plan Public Opinion Survey Report

The online Public Opinion Survey for the Media Borough Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Bike Routes Plan was undertaken in fall/winter of 2019 and 2020. The Borough and their marketing partner DandeLions Digital made an exceptional effort in promoting the survey to the public. The Plan Advisory Committee participated in the development of the information desired from the public that is being used to inform the planning process.

## Purpose

The purpose of the survey was to determine the opinions, ideas, and concerns of the residents regarding parks, recreation facilities, open space, trails, and level of support.

## Content

The survey included questions on open space, park use, blocks to park use, facilities used, facilities preferred, ratings of facilities and programs, importance of parks, improvements desired, level of support, the Third Street Dam and road, and how respondents would spend \$100 on parks, recreation, trails, and open space. They also had the opportunity to provide open ended comments.

## Response

The survey generated responses from 796 people with about 32 points of information per respondent for a total 25,345 data points. Residents were the major responders at 72%.

Table 1. Response by Age Compared with Population Composition		
Age Group	Response Rate	Population Composition*
18-24	2%	8%
25-45	41%	42%
46-65	41%	25%
66+	16%	19%

\*Not 100% due to rounding

The response rate for people in the age groups of 25-45 and 66 years and older is close to their ratio in the community. Respondents 46 – 65 are over-represented by 60%.

## Findings

Summary findings include:

### 1. Open Space, Parks and Recreation Priorities - Top Three Priorities:

- Open Space Conservation
- Safe places to walk and bicycle
- Improvements to the Youth Center

2. **Most Used Parks** - The three parks most used were Glen Providence Park, the Elementary School playground, and Barrall Field. Respondents generate township parks and facilities as good to excellent.
3. **Park Use** - 95% of the respondents reported using borough parks. About 35 respondents reported that they liked having parks in the community even though they did not use them.
4. **Reasons to Use Parks** - The top three park uses reported by the respondents were:
  - Enjoy nature
  - Walk or run
  - Relax or get away from it all
5. **Importance of Open Space, Parks, and Recreation** - 98% of the respondents indicated that open space, parks and recreation are important to the quality of life here with 85% responding that they are very important or critically important to the quality of life here.
6. **Blocks to Park Use** - About 42% of respondents reported that nothing prevents them from using Borough parks. This is an unusual finding. Typically business emerges as the top reason. Using parks elsewhere or not knowing about Borough parks were next in line as chief reasons that blocked use. Worth considering is that poor quality facilities and lack of programs were listed by 15% as blocks.
7. **Preferred Improvements** - The top three improvements that respondents would most like were:
  - Restore and protect our environment
  - More safe places to walk and bicycle
  - More art in the parks including performances, exhibits, and programs
8. **Open Space, Parks and Recreation Rating** - About 42% of respondents thought that parks, recreation programs and open space were good with 40% rating them as average overall in Media. About five percent thought they were excellent and only 2% rating them as poor. The goal with implementation of the plan would be to get the overall ratings up to 80% good to excellent.
9. **Third Street** - When asked what they would prefer to see at Third Street, three out of every four respondents prefer to see a bridge instead of a dam. While 16% of respondents had no opinion about Third Street, 88% of those that did have an opinion prefer the bridge instead of a dam. Regarding traffic at Third Street, 64% of those who expressed an opinion about favored pedestrian and bicycle traffic only; about 36% preferred auto traffic with pedestrian, bicycle, and emergency vehicle access. About 9% of respondents had no opinion about traffic.
10. **Program Priorities** – The top three programs that respondents would like to participate in within the next year include:
  - Physical and mental fitness improvement programs
  - Special events and family programs
  - Environmental Education
11. **Level of Financial Support** – When asked what they would be willing to support financially with respect to Media's annual \$25 per capita investment on open space, parks, and recreation, 92%

of the respondents would be willing to pay more. Of these 46% would be willing to pay \$30 more annually, 27% \$20 more, 28% \$10 more (not 100% due to rounding). When asked how they would spend \$100, open space captured the most money at about \$25 with the next highest allocation coming in 1t \$15 for improving our parks and recreation facilities. Surprisingly, maintenance came in with the third highest allocation at \$13. This is an important finding.

12. **improvements.** User fees and existing Township taxes were the most favored ways to support operating and maintaining the park.
13. **Information** – Respondents prefer a mix of sources of information about open space parks and recreation including email, website and newsletter.

## Interpretation and Implications

**Responses.** The survey response of 796 was high in this Borough of 5,487. The work of DandeLion Media was instrumental in getting the word out and motivating residents to respond. The respondents closely mirrored the population age groups except for the 46-65 age group which is underrepresented. Further outreach to this age group would be informative. More targeted outreach to these groups for planning facilities and services that would serve them well. Given the high response in the 25-45 age group, no doubt that families and presence of children influenced the responses. The questionnaire did not request the ethnic or racial group of the respondents.

**Open space is clearly a priority in this community.** Combined with the large response and the respondents' willingness to pay more annually is indicative of community support that will be helpful in supporting the decision-making process. Urgency mandates an immediate focus as there is limited time remaining when any open spaces would be available. It is important to note that not's not only about getting the open spaces but also about taking care of them such as the streams on either side of Broomall's Lake CC and Glen Providence Park. Environmental concerns also translate into expanded Borough planning such as for the street tree canopy and streetscapes. The care of public spaces alone is fine but that impact could be expanded exponentially if every property owner thought of themselves as a land steward. Combined with the high interest in environmental programs, consideration could be given to developing targeted outreach and programs to homeowners that would foster stewardship on private lands which would furth resiliency and positive repose to climate change in Media borough.

**Safe Places to Walk and Bicycle.** Since the Borough has a walkability score of 94 but a bikeability score of only 45, clearly the emphasis on connections should be on bicycle routes. With Delaware County's focus on bicycle routes and their work on the Media Smedley Connector Trail, forming an alliance with the County Trails Coordinator and considering having the Borough represented on the future Delco Trail Alliance might be a worthwhile effort in cultivating support for the bicycle route work.

**Park Quality** – The residents are very interested in increasing the quality of the parks. Other outreach found the importance of art, diversity and addition of facilities, and relating design to ethnic groups. Elevating the quality of design and materials is key. The new playground at the Elementary School has top-notch equipment but needs more design. Elevating the design of facilities is a key in the plan now. Focusing on the heritage of the area such as the African American population and the ties through Jaisohn Park would be important and very interesting for this community.

**Youth Center.** The Youth Center emerged as a keen public interest. Comments and other outreach found that the grounds, access, and limited parking deter use. .

**Other Facilities.** The two playgrounds are fine examples of excellent public facilities. The Borough Hall tot lot is exceptionally well designed. Both playgrounds are jammed packed at peak hours. Additional places to play such as nature play areas in line with the respondents' interest in nature should be considered.

**Program Directions and Facilities.** Continue to deliver programs and special events as volunteer efforts of community based organizations for the foreseeable future with an emphasis on quality is important to respond to the public's interest in special events and family programs. Move into other areas such as nature based upon resources including partnerships. Bring underserved groups into discussions, perhaps through the Parks and Recreation Board, including teens, seniors and formulate how to move forward with programs and services with them. Many of the interests are related to facilities such as pickle ball, trails, indoor recreation, fitness and so on and can be provided for use by residents on a self-directed basis..

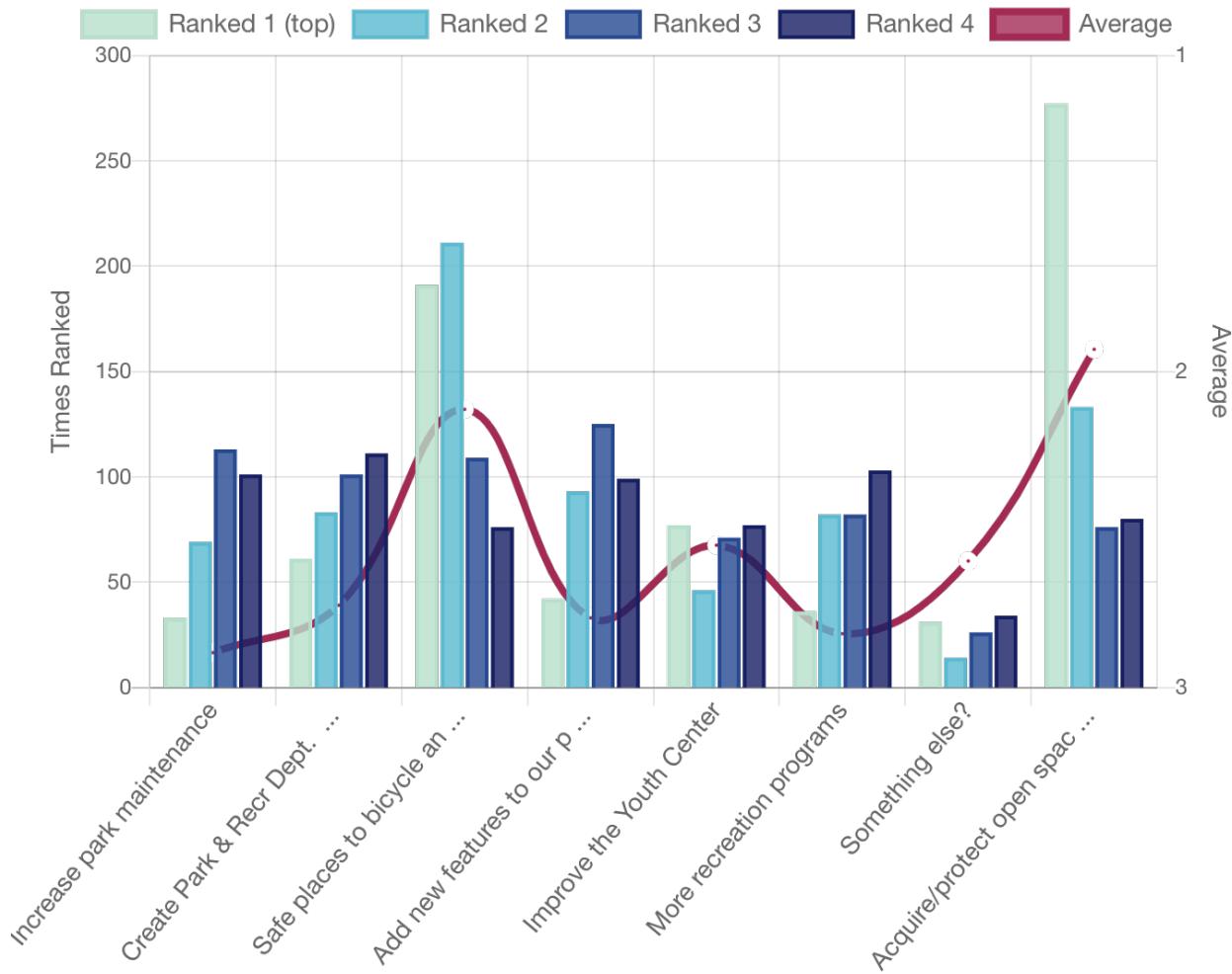
**Management and Staffing Considerations.** The findings of this survey serve to enlighten Borough parks and recreation planners and management about public opinion preferences. Responding to community needs and interests must be done with consideration of Borough resources such as staff and budget along with creative alternatives via partnerships, contracting, pricing policies and others to be determined. Maintenance emerged as the third top choice in how respondents would spend \$100 on open space, parks and recreation. This is a very positive and unusual finding as typically respondents think that maintenance is merely an expected governmental function. This is important supportive information for decision-makers regarding staffing and allocation of resources. This could also translate into pricing policies for facility rentals and programs.

**Financial Support** – As described above, the respondents indicated support for open space, parks and recreation to the extent that the majority expressed willingness to pay more to support them. While clearly not a blank check, having this response is a sound starting point for moving forward with open space, parks and recreation initiatives.

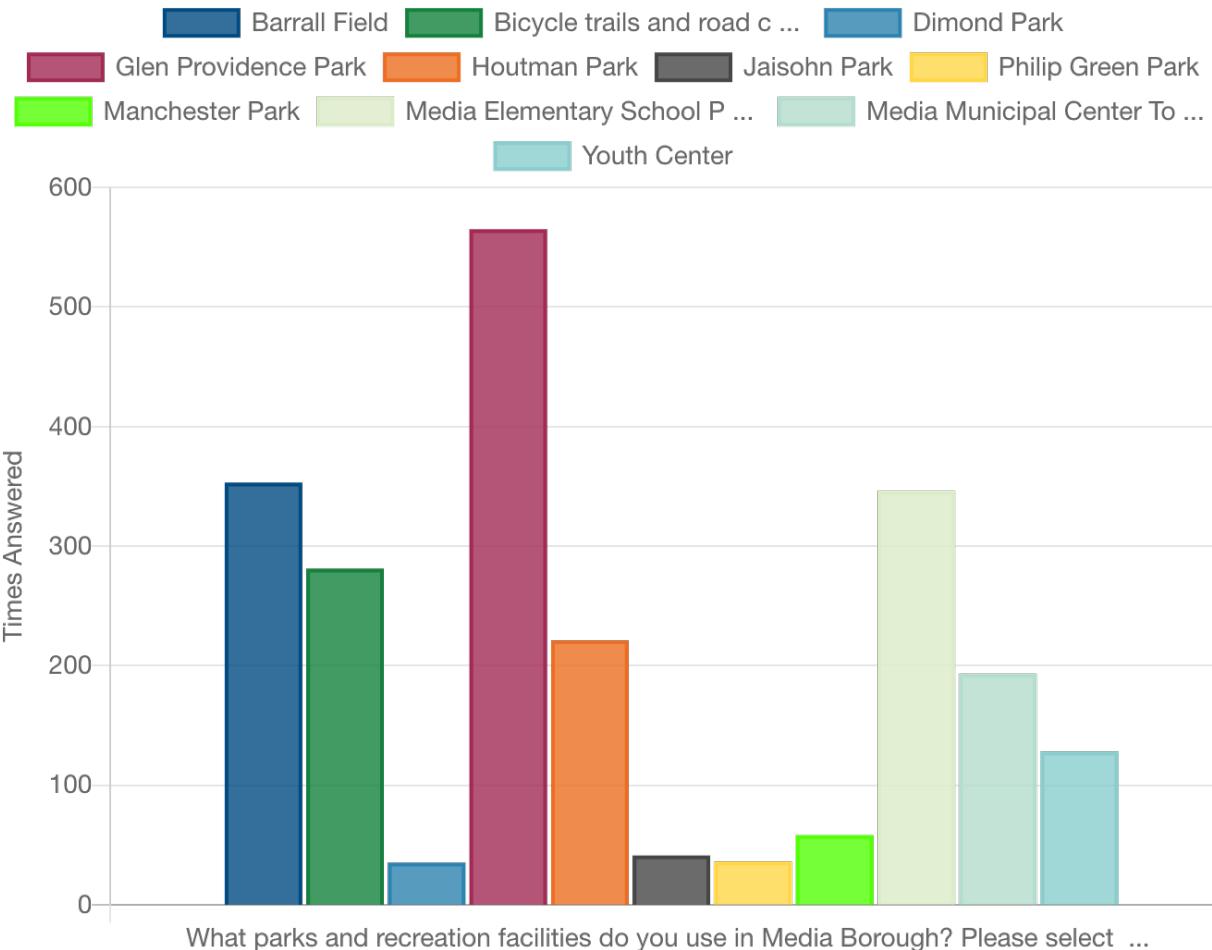
**Providing Information** – The Borough has an excellent system of providing information to the public through a mix of resources including the newsletter, website, and email. This should continue for the foreseeable future. Monitoring this would be important in order to keep pace with the transition of generations, changes in social media and public preferences.

**Questions.** Response to the questions are shown in detail as follows.

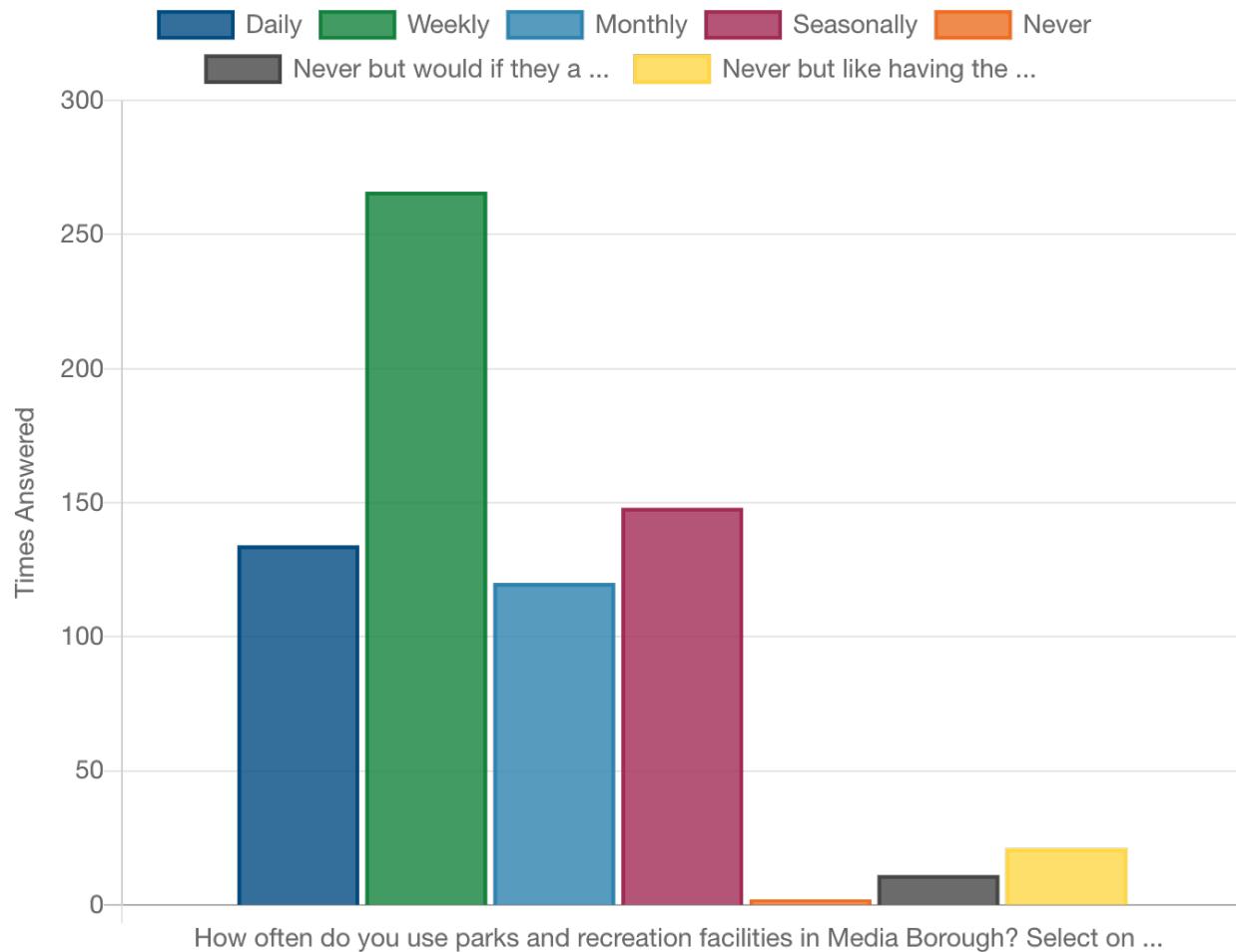
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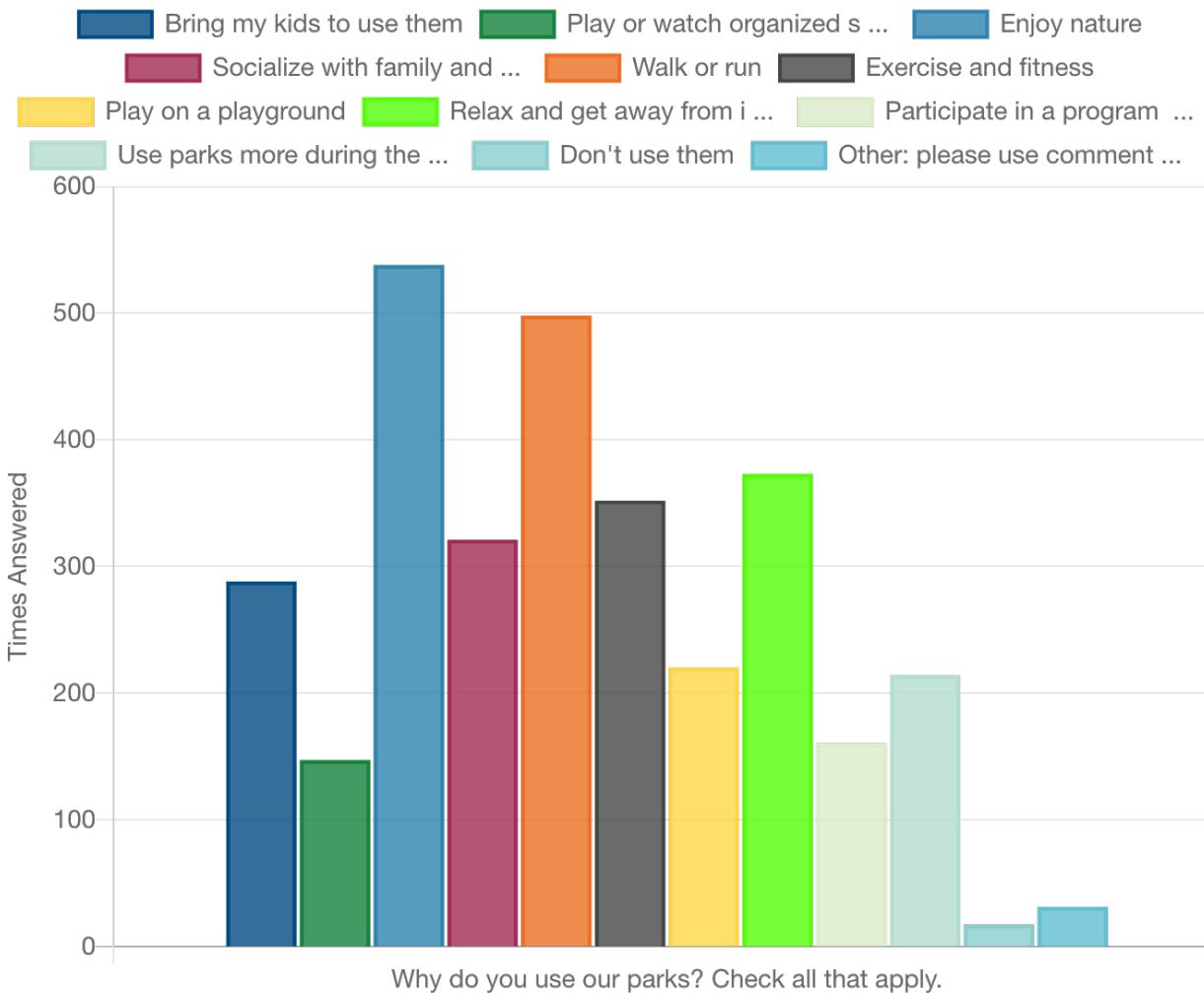
## What parks and recreation facilities do you use in Media Borough? Please select all that apply.



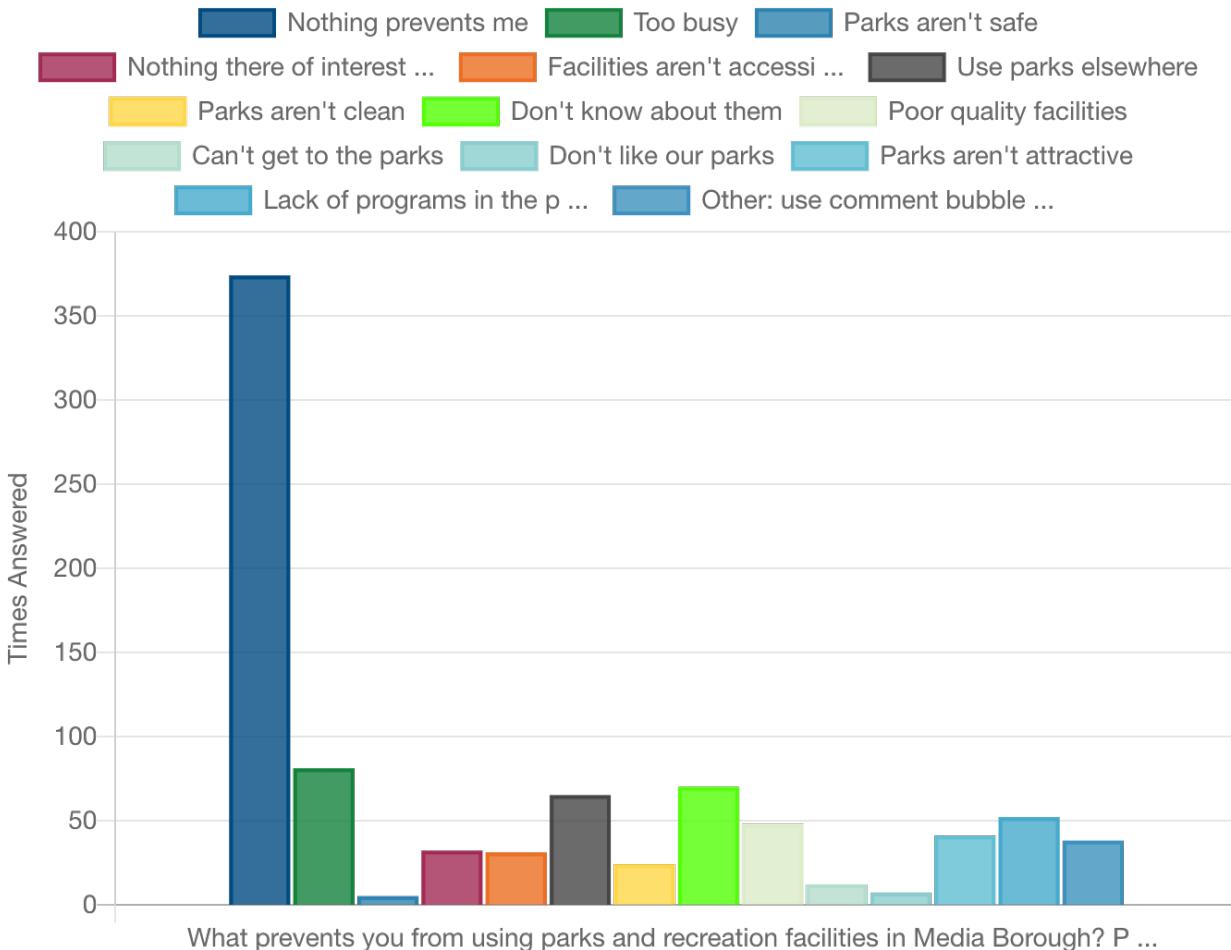
## How often do you use parks and recreation facilities in Media Borough? Select one response.



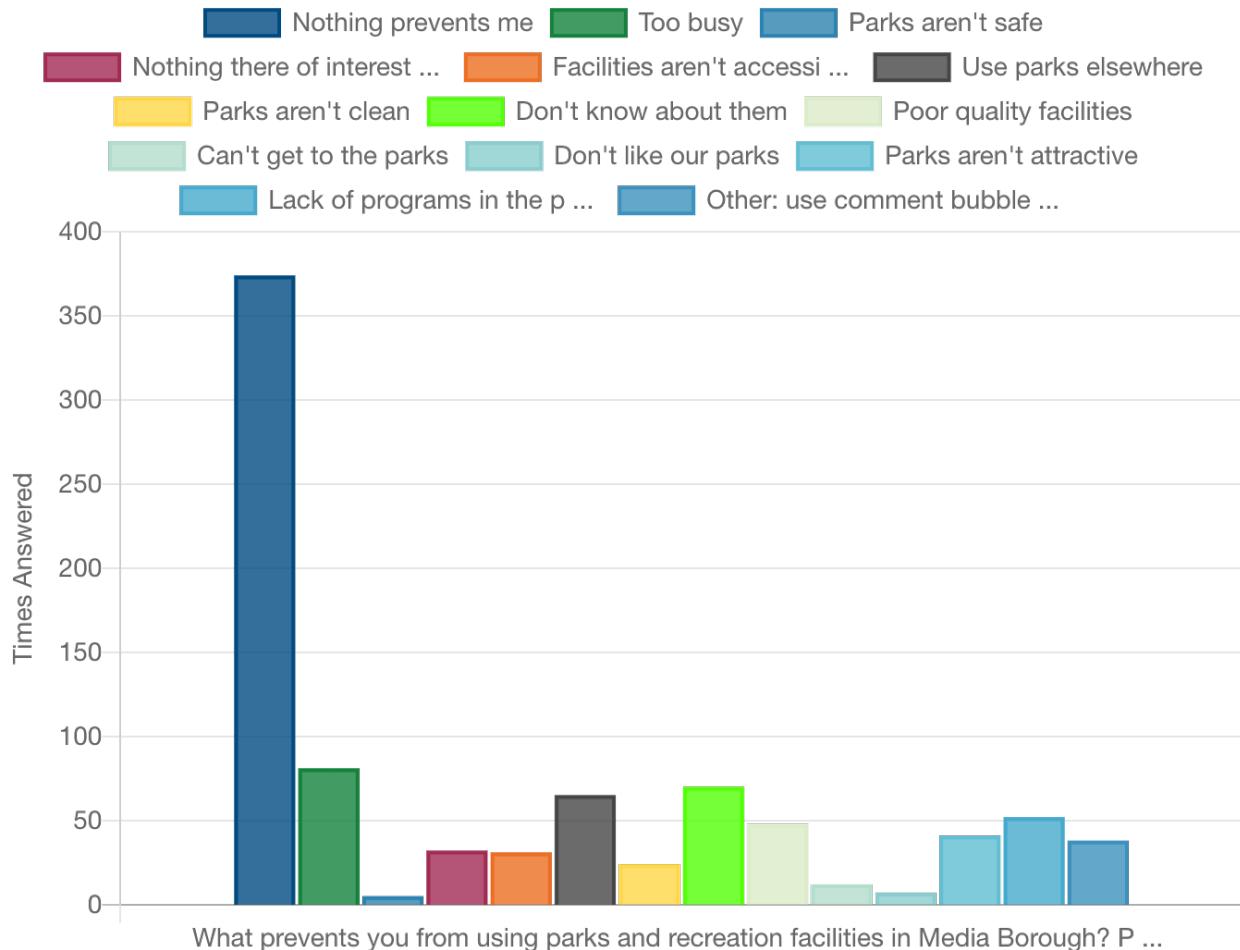
## Why do you use our parks? Check all that apply.



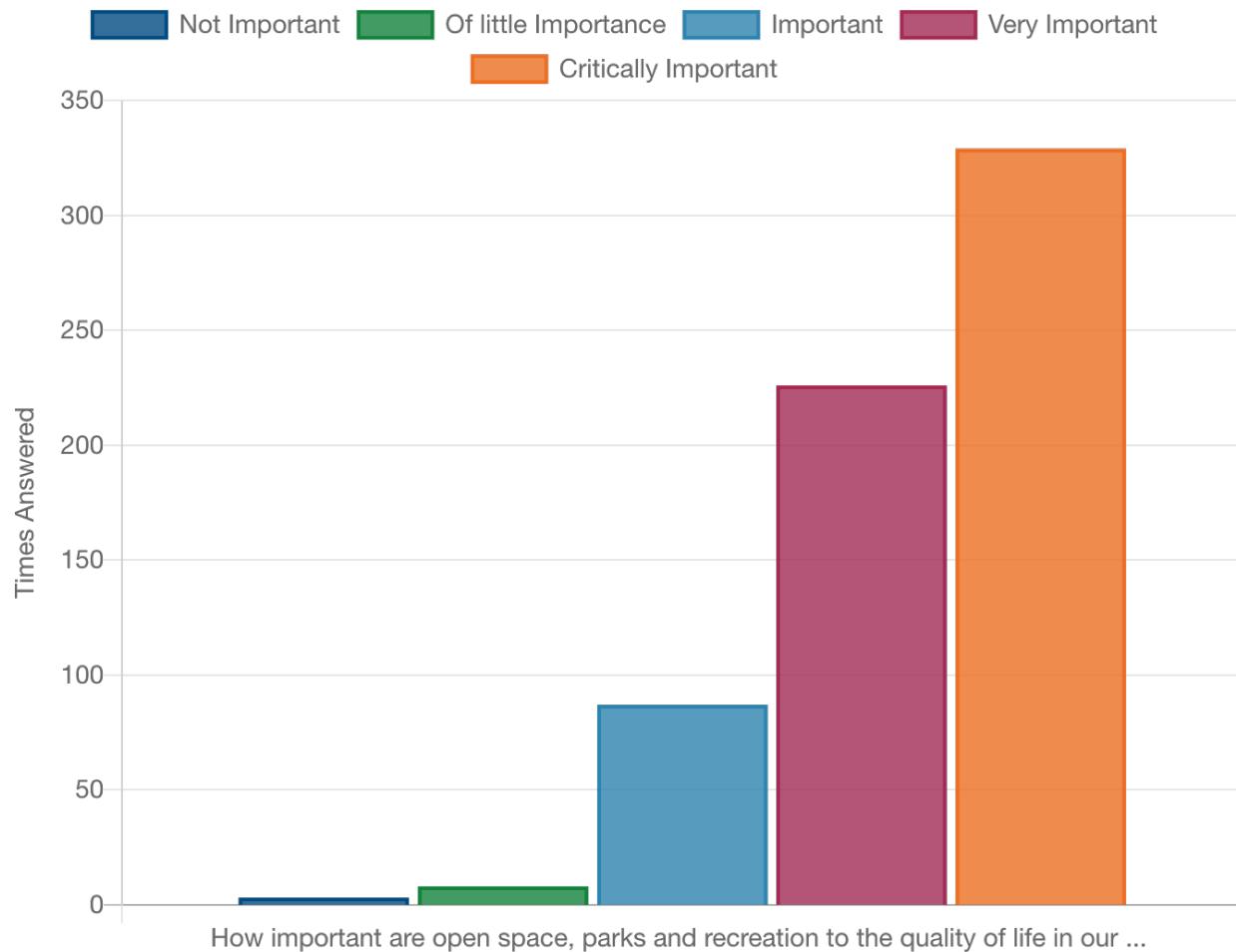
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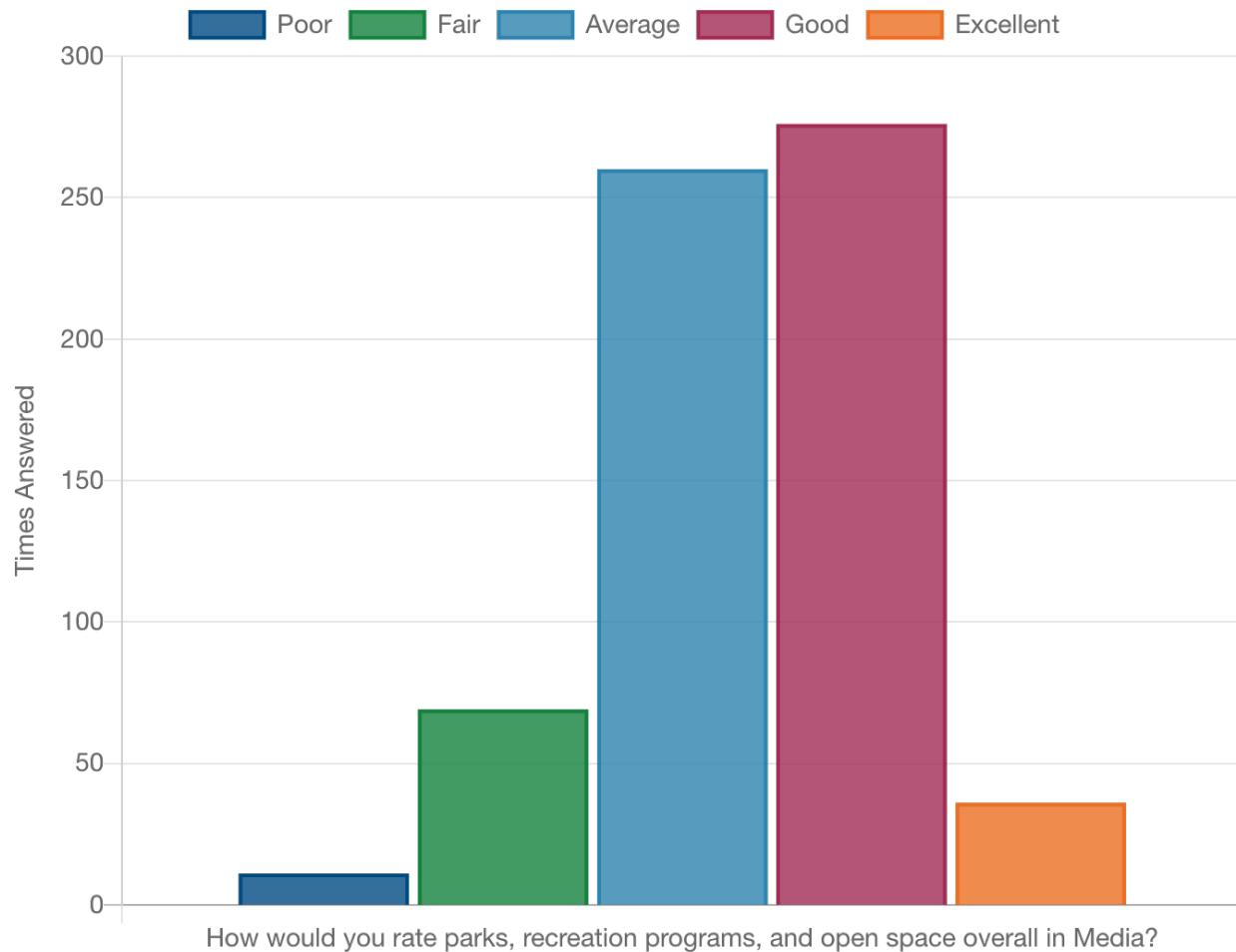
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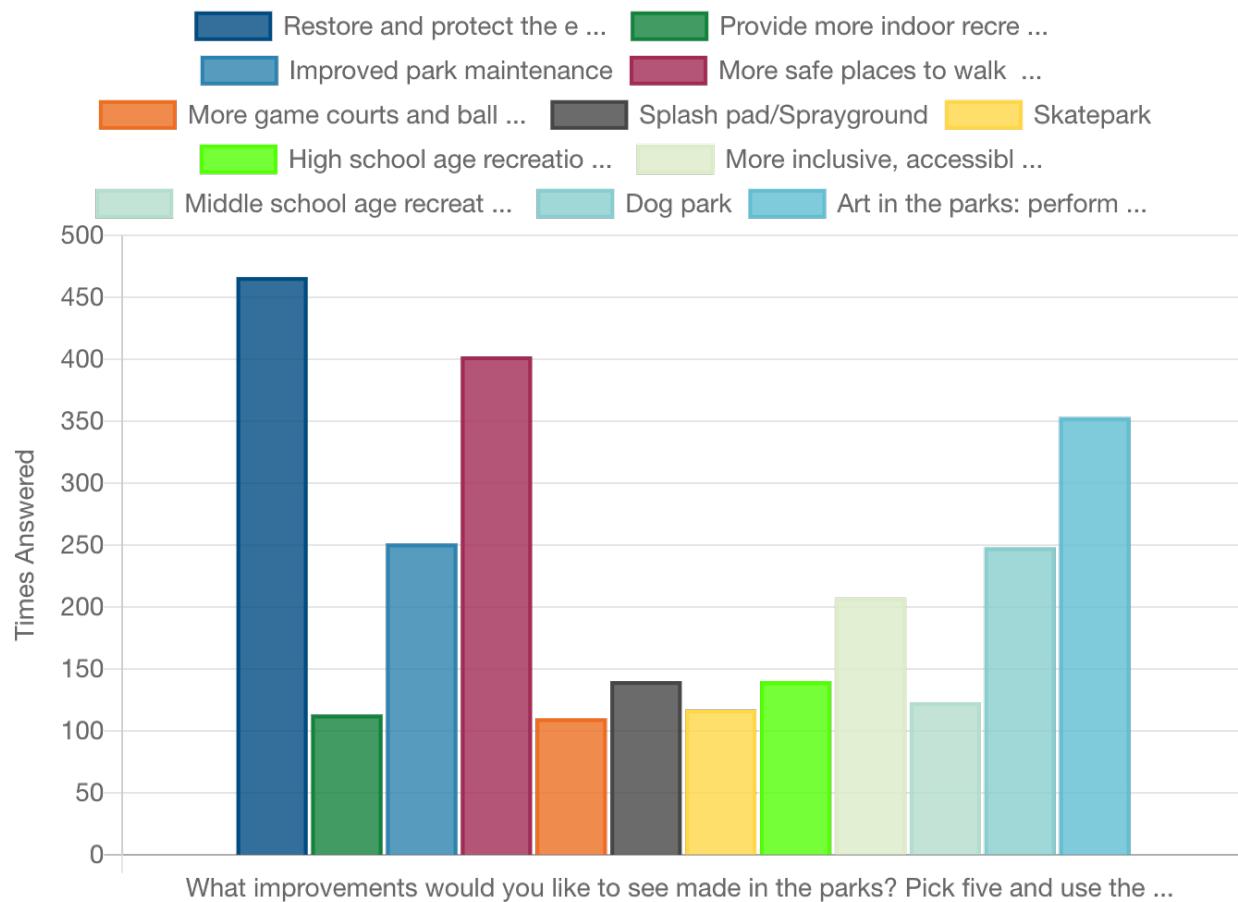
## How important are open space, parks and recreation to the quality of life in our community?



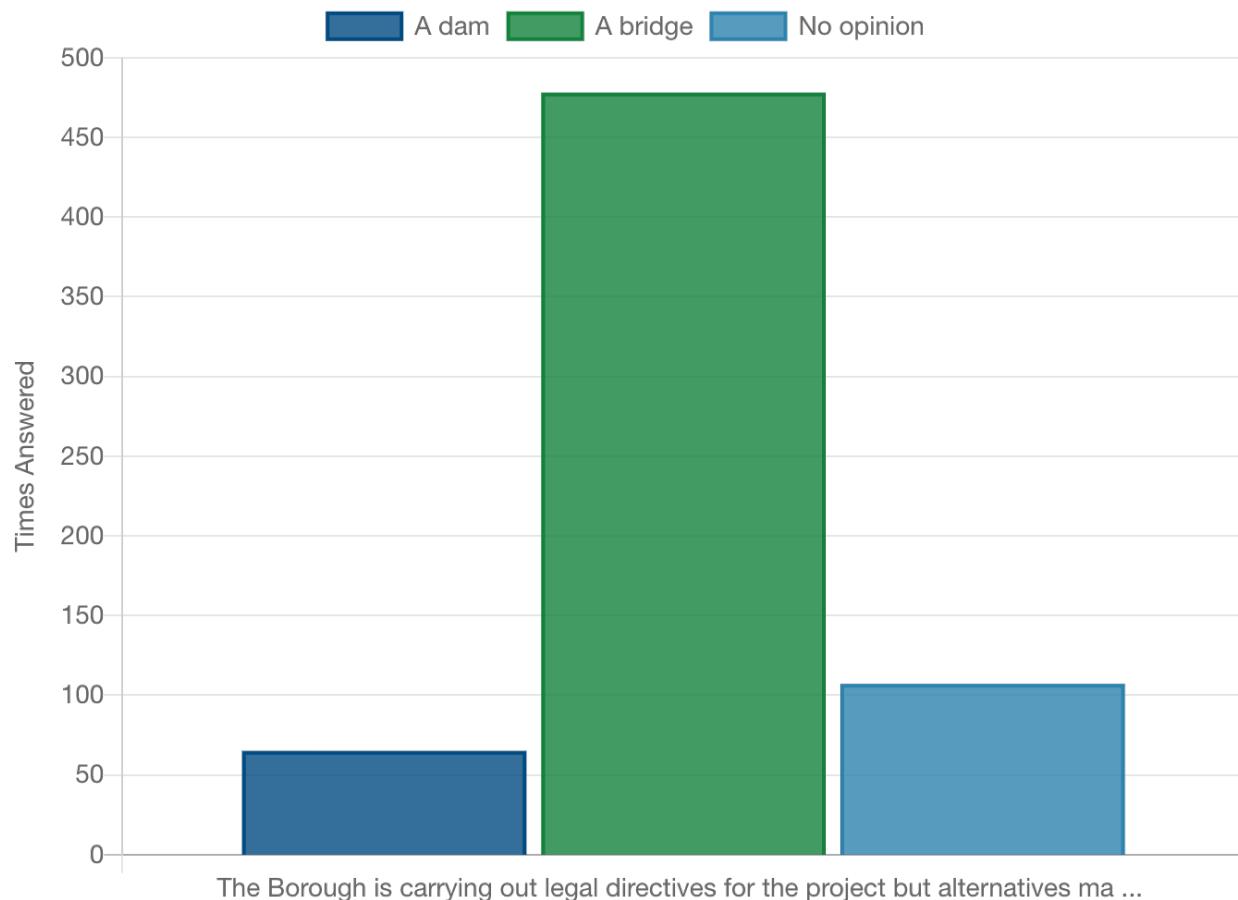
## How would you rate parks, recreation programs, and open space overall in Media?



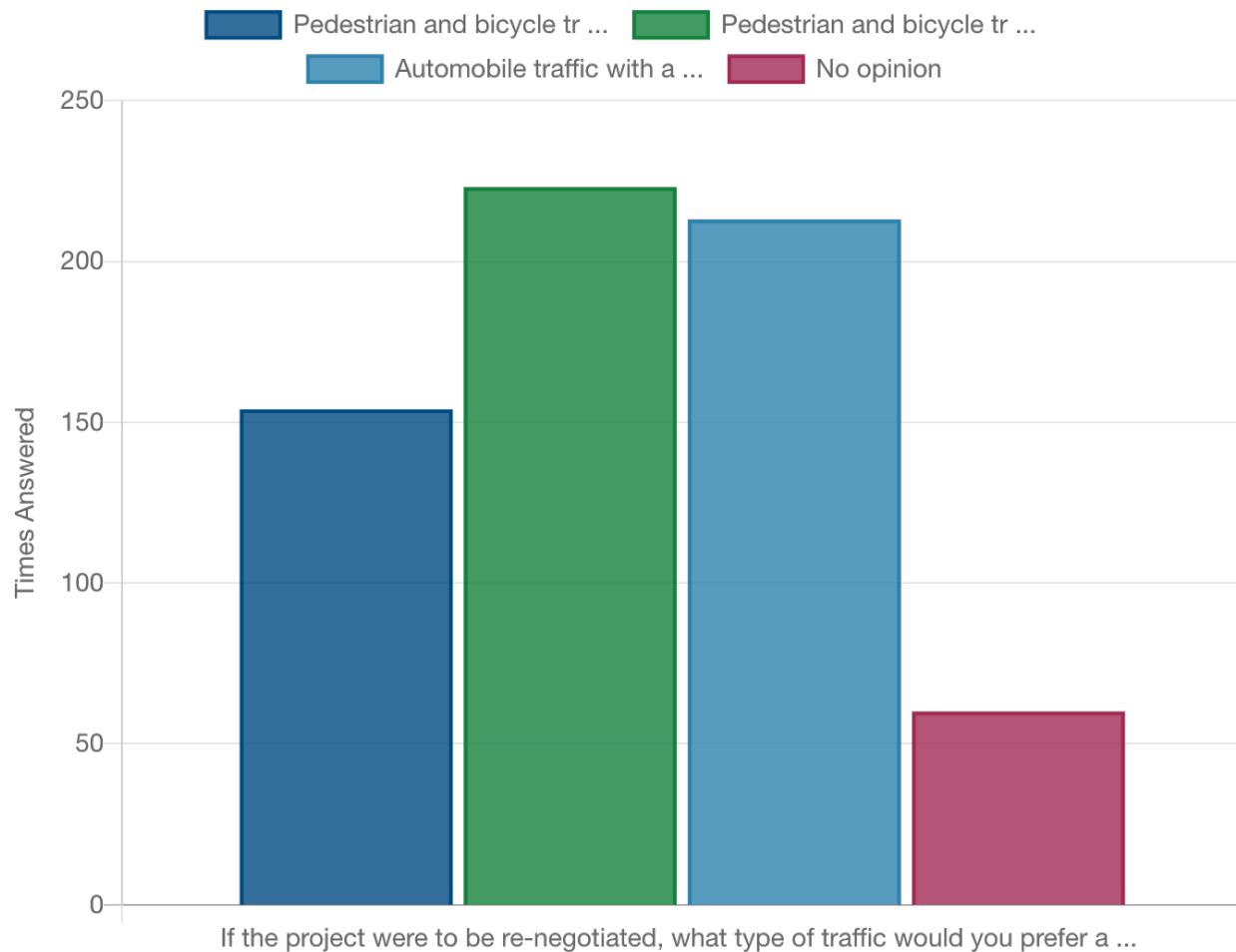
**What improvements would you like to see made in the parks? Pick five and use the comment bubble if you want to add anything else.**



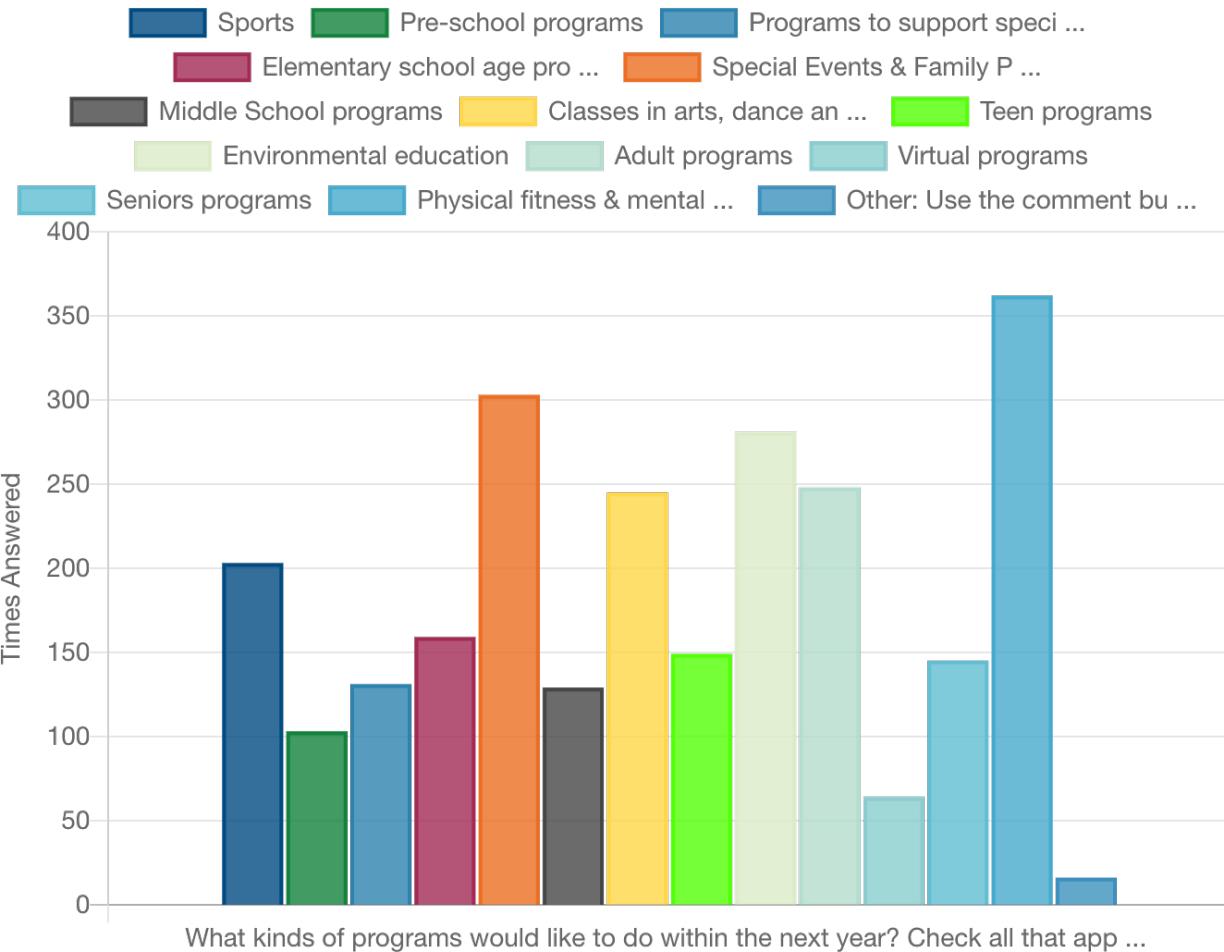
**The Borough is carrying out legal directives for the project but alternatives may be possible. If so, what would you like to see at Third Street?**



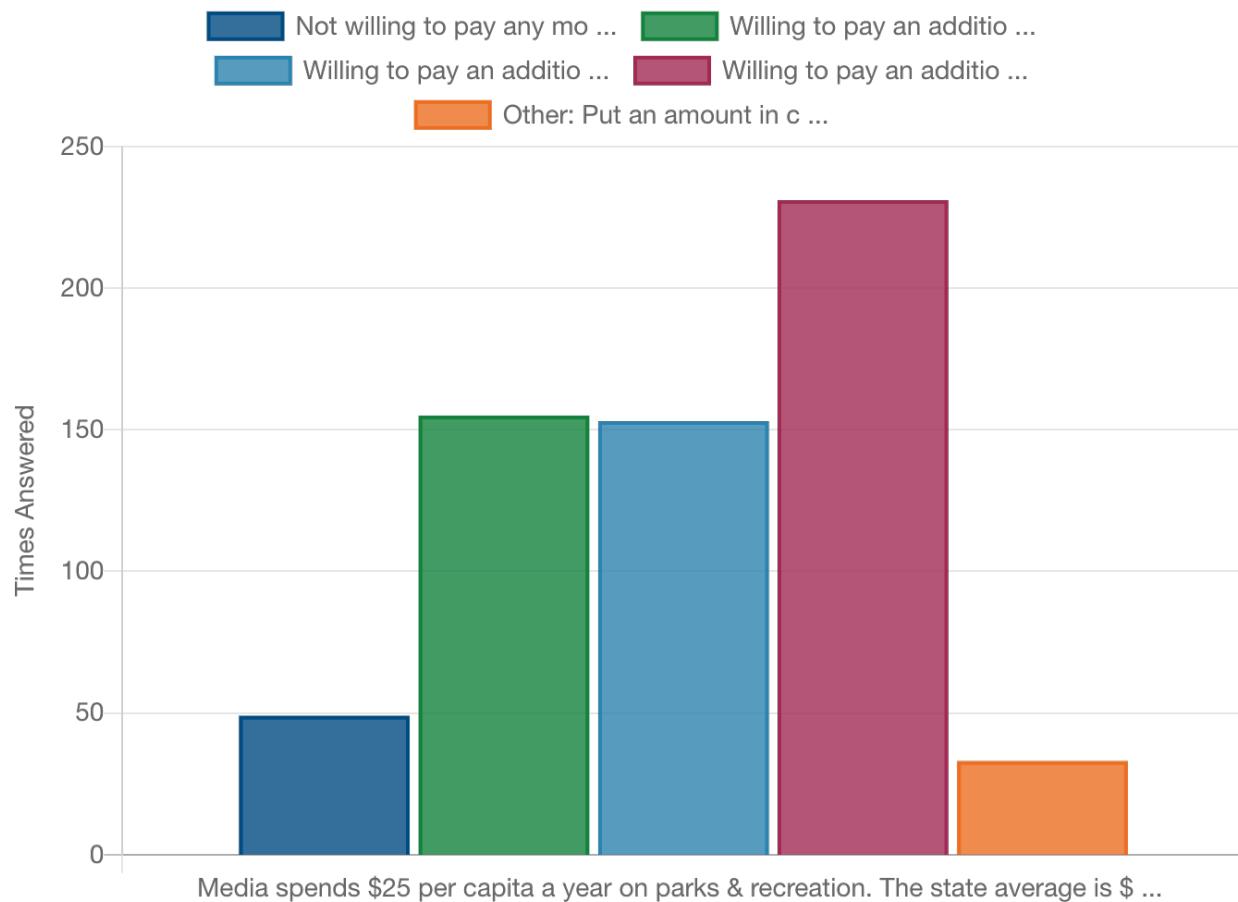
## If the project were to be re-negotiated, what type of traffic would you prefer at Third Street?



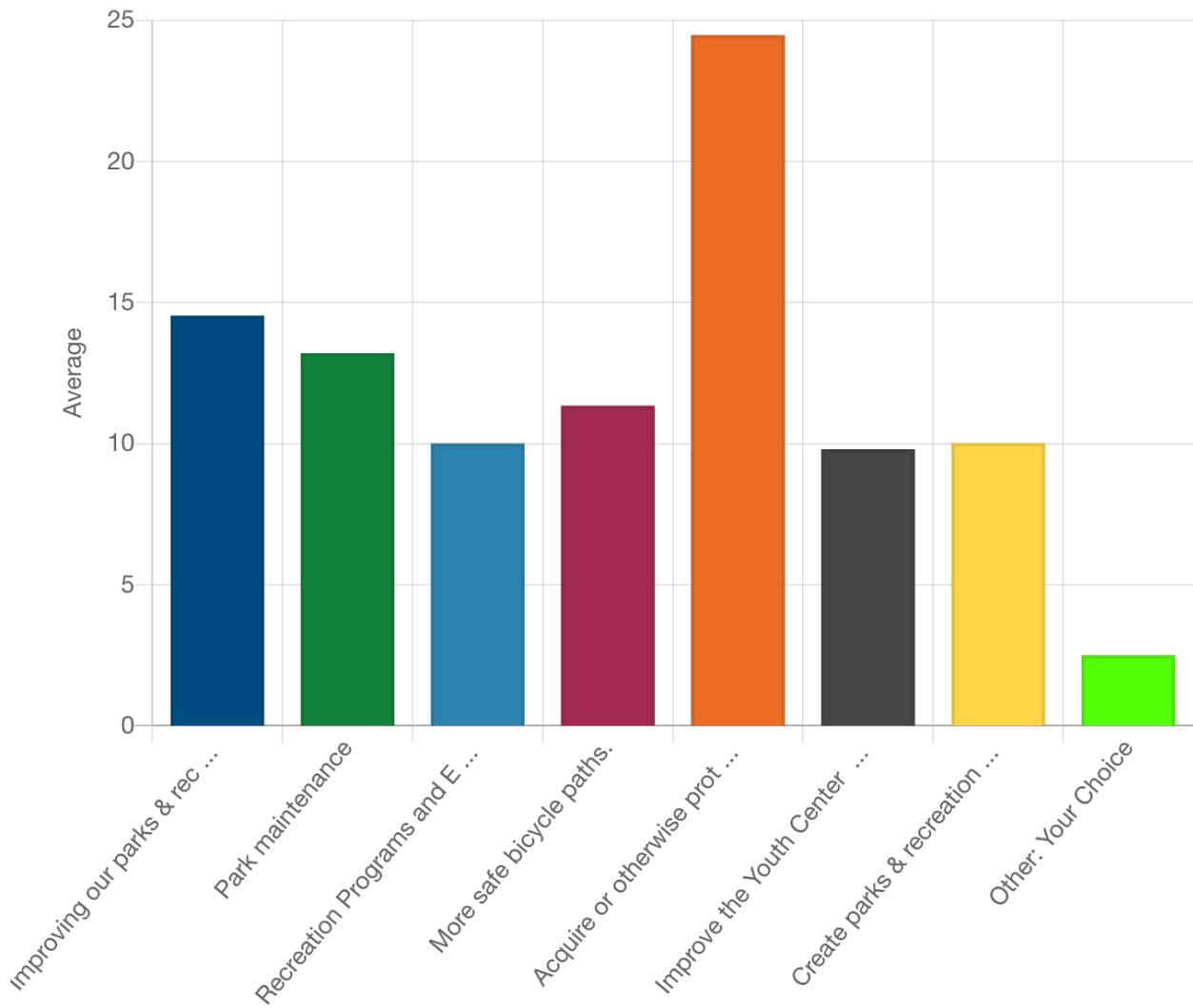
## What kinds of programs would like to do within the next year? Check all that apply.



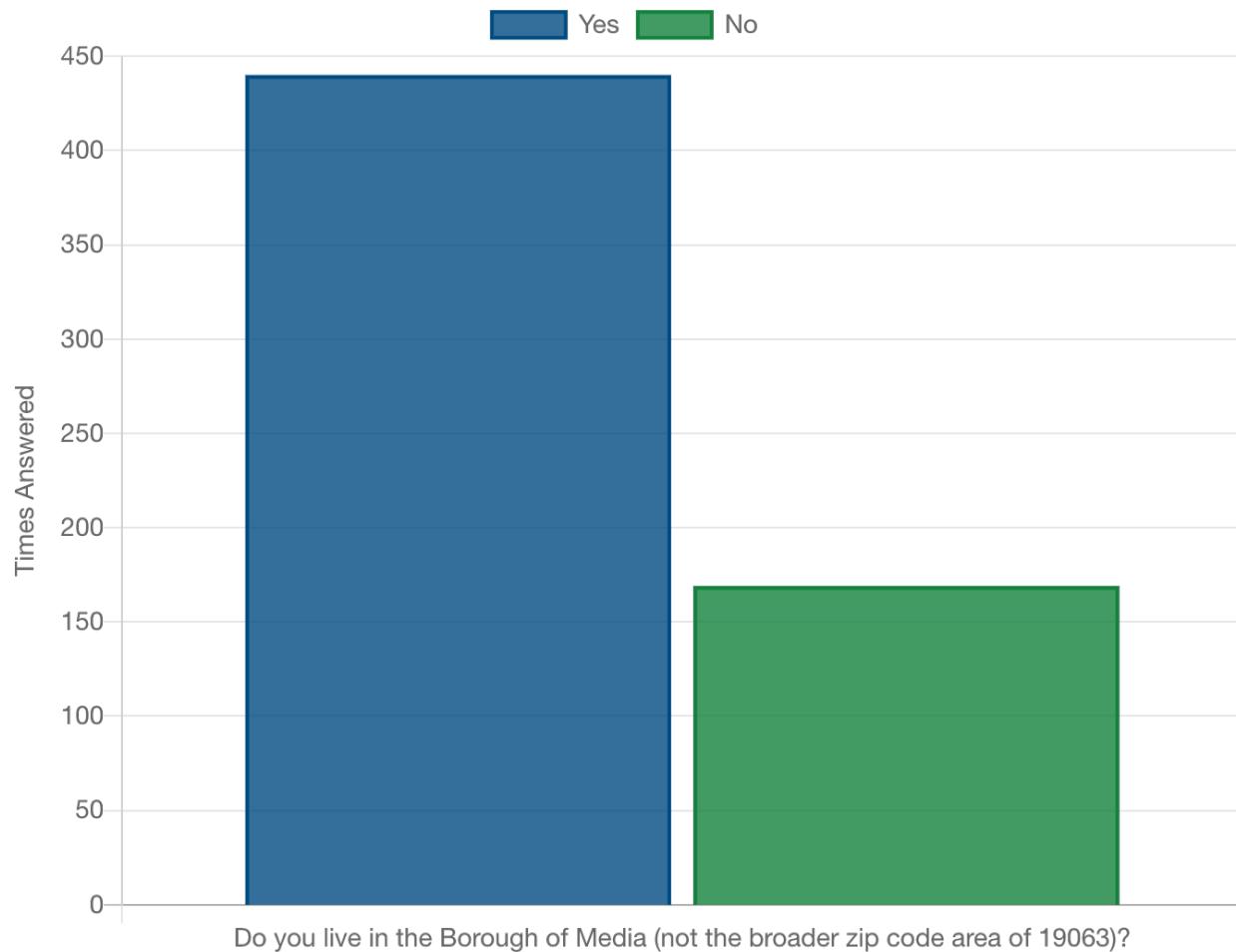
**Media spends \$25 per capita a year on parks & recreation.  
The state average is \$38. Nationally, \$81. How would  
you support open space, parks and recreation?**



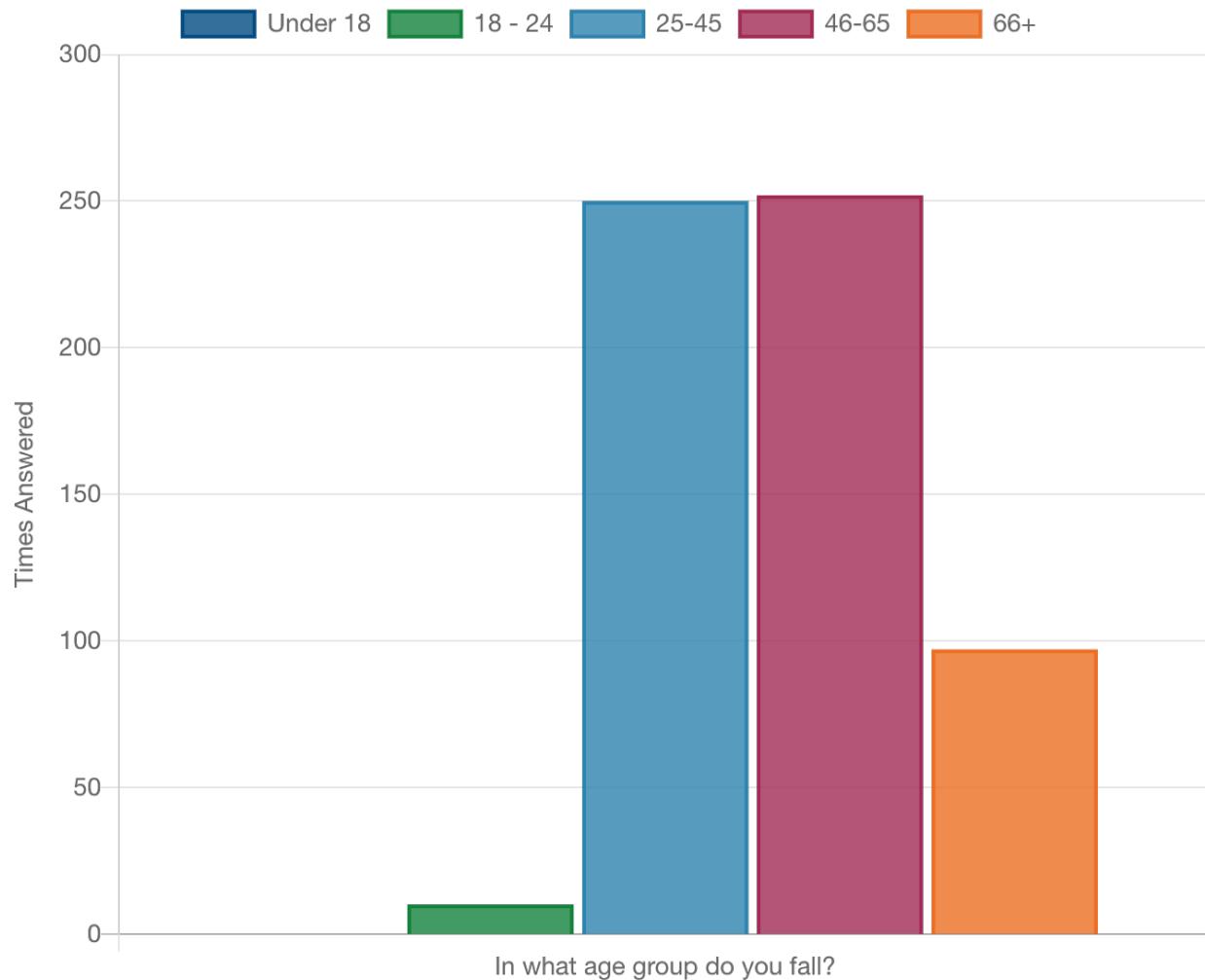
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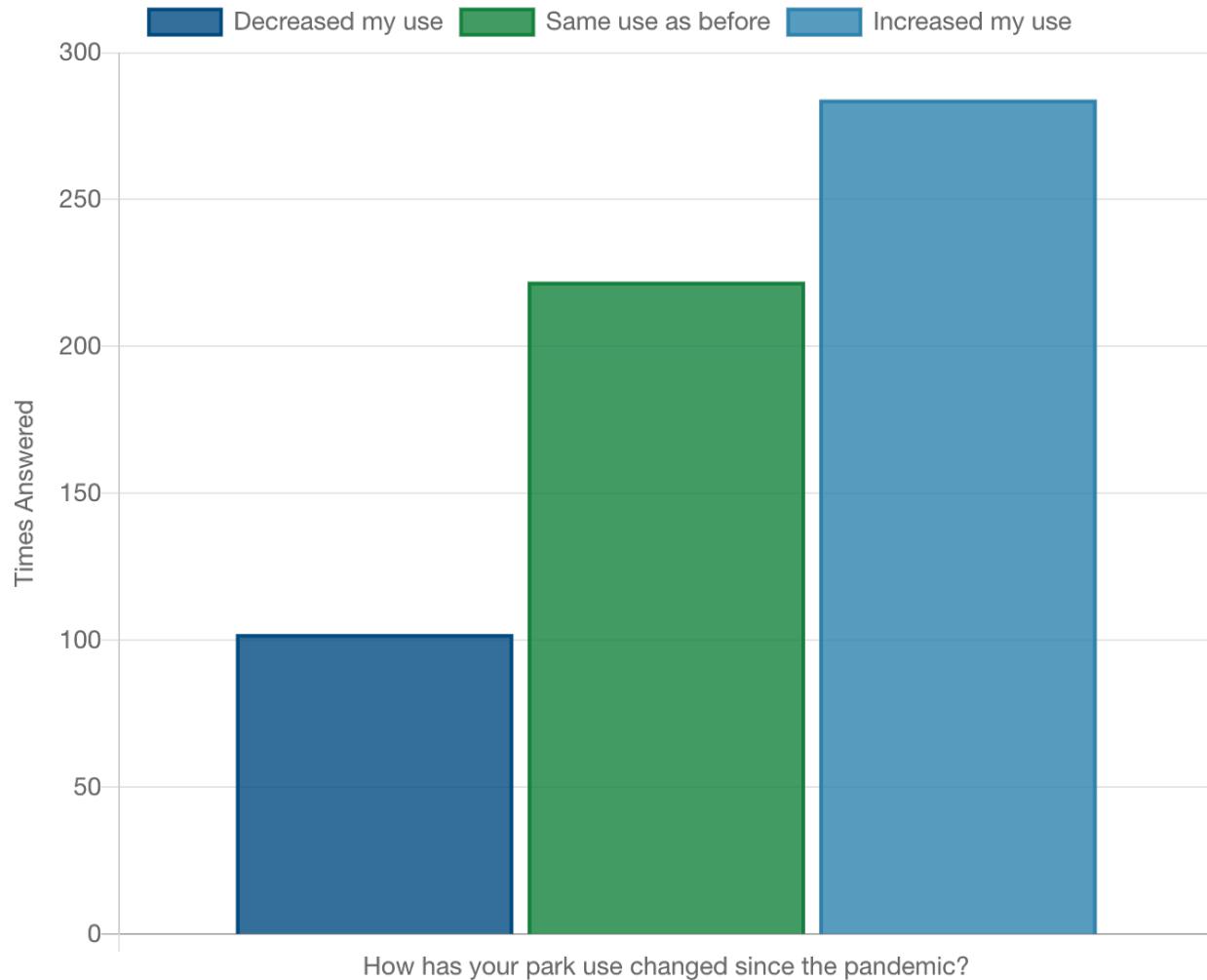
## Do you live in the Borough of Media (not the broader zip code area of 19063)?



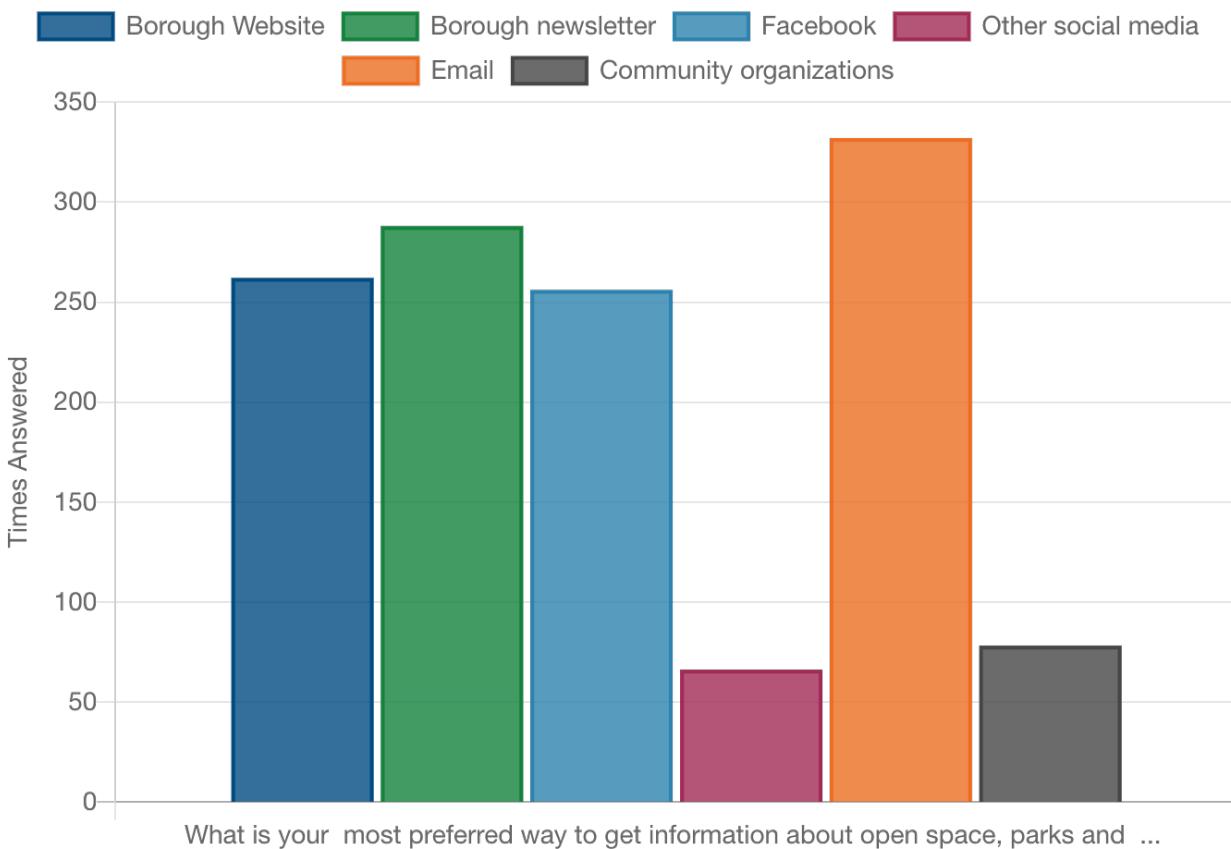
## In what age group do you fall?



## How has your park use changed since the pandemic?



**What is your most preferred way to get information about open space, parks and recreation? Select all that apply. Use the comment bubble if you have another preference.**



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Focus on wildlife habitat and native plants. (i.e. pollinator garden, plants that produce food for birds in all seasons, etc.)
More trees all over town!
Dog park
Plant native species to enhance biodiversity in our existing parks.
Adult outdoor exercise equipment like I saw in Tel Aviv. Very cool.
Tree cover, rain gardens, meadow space, trails
Park closed after sunset. Friday Saturday only, extended hours to Midnight. A Sign In Sheet like Registry recommended. Policing after hours safety. Hours should be random and listed in the Friends of Glen Providence newsletter something like that. Stargazing is not done in Delco Parks.
Green Areas

Media has always been a safe walking and bike friendly community. Some improvements better signage for bikes, possibly a community standard for sidewalk decay or damaged walkways. Extend walk and bike path to the periphery of our boundaries and possibly coordinate transition with neighboring townships

Parks and rec department would be nice. I believe there's a lot that goes on at the borough hall and other venues. Formalizing a structure may help consolidate these functions and other outside interest into one handy resource for quick reference of what's going on on a day month week basis. Your webpage is extremely helpful and displaying this, and I'm thankful for it, but it might help to Streamline, refine and delineate activities

Pickle ball has become one of the hardest items in communities that I've seen. Other items for youth could possibly be a street hockey rink. Or better access to Glen Providence Park. Possibly coordinating a path between surrounding parks so one can travel from one park to the next without needing a vehicle

Kudos to the maintenance department. They have done extraordinary job maintaining the parks. I do fully support additional funding to make them work more expensive without adding additional effort.

I understand the need to protect open space. That being said it is a huge expense and perpetual costs that continue on into the future.

I think a reason to plan about strategically protecting open space through minimal Acquisition might be a reasonable approach. I have family down in Maitland FL. A small community that has not been consumed by Orlando. Twp. is running out of open space and then trying to become more creative with their land use. Maybe something to look into

Dog parks

We need a dog park!

More things/places for the children to go to

Basketball courts, dog parks, and playgrounds for the children

Dog park

More funding from the borough

A fenced dog park with room for little dogs and separated big dogs.

Outdoor courts

Dog park

A fenced in dog park.

Tear down vacant old buildings that sit empty and not worth occupying and create green space at these locations

Borough should take upon itself to fix up sidewalks instead of owners so that the borough is safe for seniors and disabled and our children can bike safely.

Pickle ball court, Dog park or skate park would be great! Those are the top 3 that are lacking here.

Pickle ball court, skate park or dog park are what is needed in Media!

More everything!

Splash pads

Dog parks

Playgrounds

Activities for tweens and teens where they can safely get together. Sixth grade is a pivotal year and we should offer a place for them to hang out.

Middle school to high school kids need a space-skatepark

Add items for older kids

Building needs work, Bleachers, air conditioning.
Create Borough Sports Assoc,
Media Little League, Media Girls Softball
Rose Tree Soccer, Media Lacrosse and
MYC Basketball
Dog Park, More Picnic Area, Public Pool!!
Enough housing, expand open space
Dog park would be a great addition
What about just green space to sit and enjoy and a dog park? That would be nice! Thank you!!
We need a lit, flat basketball court
Trash cans and maintenance
Open 3rd street
Work with BLCC to make pool and facility available year round to more of Media's population. It could serve as an outdoor education facility.
Balance protecting open space with creating affordable housing
Combine open space with affordable housing projects. Open space can be a way to exclude affordable housing. Media has become so expensive. We have lost what brought us here, diversity. That diversity included race, economic, gender, age
have a dedicated off leash dog park
I would like to see a fenced in dog park in Media.
Vital for environmental health of community.
The title of this one is obvious
A means of communicating the needs and wishes regarding the use of parks
Any improvement in youth center would be helpful
Don't know what a new Park & Recr Dept would do that isn't already being done. Need more info on that.
Oversee & require safe sidewalks.
I realize your focus is on parks, but please remember we have an affordable housing crisis in Media.
LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON GRADYVILLE ROAD BETWEEN MEDIA LINE RD AND 252. PUT SPEED BUMPS OR STOP SIGN AT SWIM CLUB ENTRANCE OR ENTRANCE TO SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING TO SLOW THE SPEEDING CARS.
This would allow all the other priorities to be established
make better use of the ball field
Running lanes
Create a dog park
Water features, splash park for kids
Pickle ball court
I would love to see a food truck/beer garden feature at Glen Providence in the Summer. I also think a dog park would be fun. We should allow local artists to showcase sculptures at the parks.
Playgrounds for kids!
skate parks are desperately needed.
Make sure that the dam on Third Street is not rebuilt. Ideally I would like to see a pedestrian/bike bridge there. People have gone so long without auto traffic that I don't think an auto bridge is necessary, Also it would be unsafe, with the steep hills on either side, I would hate to see any trees in

Glen Providence Park impacted by any dam or auto bridge construction. And I do not want to see public \$ spent to restore a lake for a private club that won't take responsibility for any dam built.
Relaxing area to chill. Maybe area to lay out in. Sit on a bench to read. Have internet access.
Adhere to prior and existing green barrier zoning laws in business residential area.
Secure space and keep it as natural, maybe add trees or plants
Bench, wooden adult swings like center city has at 30th street station, internet
Walking path. Places to bike and space to lockup bike
Especially biking! Need more bike racks. I would bike to Trader Joe's, which creates a traffic nightmare but there's no bike rack. No bike rack in Acme Plaza either.
There are plenty of parks. We need different types of entertainment in the borough
Add things like vendors, beer gardens like Linvilla did, etc
Please expand the tot lot and if new space is created, add a dog park.
Support the Media Smedley connector trail
re-litigate Broomall dam stipulation in light of unwillingness of parties to sign off
Could swim club be taken under eminent domain? Strine tract?
more trash receptacles when walking and using parks
Create a space with lots of little tables and chairs for people to sit in the sun and enjoy a cold or hot drink and bread, ice cream, pastries. These areas are all over Europe in
People drive too fast on State St. And Baltimore Pike. Walking time to cross streets seems too short. Enforce slower driving!
It would be great to have safe walking paths, if possible.
A skateboard park or ice skating rink on courthouse grounds, like City Hall in Philadelphia. Have a menorah and tree lighting
Increase economic and racial diversity by increasing affordable housing in Media, in balance with nurturing our green spaces
I would love to see some open space that allows for the use of off-road vehicles. I moved here from California recently and was shocked to find very few public lands where off-road vehicles are permitted. Activities such as 4X4 are inclusive and allow people with disabilities to participate in exciting and unique adventures. I realize this is probably an unexpected response but I urge you to please consider this idea as a serious option.
Protect Glen Providence Park - do not destroy its acreage to rebuild a useless, costly dam.
Love the plans in works for expanded trails/connectors. Except "Sharrows" - those are not safe and do not work on Jefferson St, Orange St etc.
Improve parking!
It would be great to see some infrastructure improvements as well, such as re-surfacing the tennis courts on Front Street and perhaps the addition of more seating in existing open green spaces.
Glen Providence park walking trails are not well maintained. The pond is not well maintained. The proposed 5th and Broomall St dog park is taking very long to become a reality. The space on Veteran's Square - not well thought out - metal benches? Cold in winter, hot in summer, not conducive to sitting.
Fenced in Dog park
-Level the sidewalks
-Put in sidewalks connecting all open spaces
-Put sidewalks and bike trails from outskirts into downtown
Sidewalk repair

Maybe a space where people could grow vegetables for themselves & to donate. If there is a local gardening lot, I'm not aware of it. We moved from a large house w/ yard to an apt. & I badly miss the space. We had blueberry bushes, wild strawberries, cucumbers, peppers, squash -- all kinds of easy to grow fruit & veggies. Any extra could go to a local food bank. (Is there a local food bank?) I'd vote for a small lot for gardening. They have hundreds in Philly. Why not just 1 here?

Dog park

Maintaining the sidewalks would make walking thru the borough safer.

A dog park would be swell!

This is very important to me as our area is known for its walkability for all ages. This quality adds to the appeal of our area. However, there are some areas which are not safe and less than ideal.

Folks have taken to the streets for mental and physical fitness.

Community garden or compost center

Skateparks

Why doesn't the county parks and rec department include support for the individual borough parks? Is there a way for the county department to absorb/take over responsibility for these parks rather than creating another, new department?

I'd like to see adult league programs made available to borough residents. Like non competitive adult soccer and lacrosse leagues, for example

Why does the county parks and rec. department not include borough parks? Could that department better support our borough parks?

Fenced-in dog park

With respect to other people's opinions...I don't think we need "more" open space in the Borough...it's a Borough, that is already primarily built out. To me acquiring expensive new open space is not the most effective use of money, let's get the most out of what we have and maintain it properly/adequately. Adding or updating features with respect to what people want seems more important than more open space.

Please save the Centennial Woods lot at 115 W 6th St.

We really need a dog run/dog park. And, a lot of the dog waste bins that were removed in the fall were never replaced.

Reopen the 3rd street bridge by Broomalls Lake

Wildlife habitat

Can be done through volunteer organization; coordination may need to be through staff person

Once it's gone, it's hard to get back. I live near the Broomall tract and wildlife has significantly increased over the last few years; Owls, hawks, eagles, chipmunks, lightning bugs, smaller birds, small snakes, toads/frogs, fox have all increased, and I'm sure this is because smaller creatures have increased too.

It is quite challenging to bicycle on roads around here if you want to ride more than a mile or two.

Roads with no shoulders or bike lanes, etc

Closed in dog park

A dog park would be nice.

1) Create a dog park between Front and Baker and Manchester and Radnor where Strine bulldozed that last two MultiChroma Brick Victorians all those years ago. 2) link a series of open space- parks with safe walking paths that utilize vacant and little used areas.

Dog park

Media should look into acquiring BroomallsTract

Better use of current parks as suggested in this section.

We moved to Media in Nov 2019 and we love walking, the lack of sidewalks on some streets is sometimes a problem. Example Manchester Ave on the south side going toward Rose Valley.

I love all the wooded areas and greenery. It is so sad when every open space is used for development.

We would love some Free Tai Chi in a park for adults or other active adult classes

Maybe add a Holiday Open house tour or a Spring garden tour or a guided walking history tour of Media.

This would allow Media to be more proactive and organized in its efforts

As our local park, there should be efforts made to make Glen Providence more accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. There should be accessible paths in the park.

Programs should be added that are inclusive, including for children and adults with disabilities.

Preserving what little green space there is left in the Borough.

Stop letting developers cut down trees

Add splash park and skate park

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Dog park
Plant native species to enhance biodiversity in our existing parks.
Adult outdoor exercise equipment like I saw in Tel Aviv. Very cool.
Tree cover, rain gardens, meadow space, trails
Park closed after sunset. Friday Saturday only, extended hours to Midnight. A Sign In Sheet like Registry recommended. Policing after hours safety. Hours should be random and listed in the Friends of Glen Providence newsletter something like that. Stargazing is not done in Delco Parks.
Green Areas

Media has always been a safe walking and bike friendly community. Some improvements better signage for bikes, possibly a community standard for sidewalk decay or damaged walkways. Extend walk and bike path to the periphery of our boundaries and possibly coordinate transition with neighboring townships

Parks and rec department would be nice. I believe there's a lot that goes on at the borough hall and other venues. Formalizing a structure may help consolidate these functions and other outside interest into one handy resource for quick reference of what's going on on a day month week basis. Your webpage is extremely helpful and displaying this, and I'm thankful for it, but it might help to Streamline, refine and delineate activities

Pickle ball has become one of the hardest items in communities that I've seen. Other items for youth could possibly be a street hockey rink. Or better access to Glen Providence Park. Possibly coordinating a path between surrounding parks so one can travel from one park to the next without needing a vehicle

Kudos to the maintenance department. They have done extraordinary job maintaining the parks. I do fully support additional funding to make them work more expensive without adding additional effort.

I understand the need to protect open space. That being said it is a huge expense and perpetual costs that continue on into the future.

I think a reason to plan about strategically protecting open space through minimal Acquisition might be a reasonable approach. I have family down in Maitland FL. A small community that has not been consumed by Orlando. Twp. is running out of open space and then trying to become more creative with their land use. Maybe something to look into

Dog parks

We need a dog park!

More things/places for the children to go to

Basketball courts, dog parks, and playgrounds for the children

Dog park

More funding from the borough

A fenced dog park with room for little dogs and separated big dogs.

Outdoor courts

Dog park

A fenced in dog park.

Tear down vacant old buildings that sit empty and not worth occupying and create green space at these locations

Borough should take upon itself to fix up sidewalks instead of owners so that the borough is safe for seniors and disabled and our children can bike safely.

Pickle ball court, Dog park or skate park would be great! Those are the top 3 that are lacking here.

Pickle ball court, skate park or dog park are what is needed in Media!

More everything!

Splash pads

Dog parks

Playgrounds

Activities for tweens and teens where they can safely get together. Sixth grade is a pivotal year and we should offer a place for them to hang out.

Middle school to high school kids need a space-skatepark

Add items for older kids

Building needs work, Bleachers, air conditioning.
Create Borough Sports Assoc,
Media Little League, Media Girls Softball
Rose Tree Soccer, Media Lacrosse and
MYC Basketball
Dog Park, More Picnic Area, Public Pool!!
Enough housing, expand open space
Dog park would be a great addition
What about just green space to sit and enjoy and a dog park? That would be nice! Thank you!!
We need a lit, flat basketball court
Trash cans and maintenance
Open 3rd street
Work with BLCC to make pool and facility available year round to more of Media's population. It could serve as an outdoor education facility.
Balance protecting open space with creating affordable housing
Combine open space with affordable housing projects. Open space can be a way to exclude affordable housing. Media has become so expensive. We have lost what brought us here, diversity. That diversity included race, economic, gender, age
have a dedicated off leash dog park
I would like to see a fenced in dog park in Media.
Vital for environmental health of community.
The title of this one is obvious
A means of communicating the needs and wishes regarding the use of parks
Any improvement in youth center would be helpful
Don't know what a new Park & Recr Dept would do that isn't already being done. Need more info on that.
Oversee & require safe sidewalks.
I realize your focus is on parks, but please remember we have an affordable housing crisis in Media.
LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON GRADYVILLE ROAD BETWEEN MEDIA LINE RD AND 252. PUT SPEED BUMPS OR STOP SIGN AT SWIM CLUB ENTRANCE OR ENTRANCE TO SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING TO SLOW THE SPEEDING CARS.
This would allow all the other priorities to be established
make better use of the ball field
Running lanes
Create a dog park
Water features, splash park for kids
Pickle ball court
I would love to see a food truck/beer garden feature at Glen Providence in the Summer. I also think a dog park would be fun. We should allow local artists to showcase sculptures at the parks.
Playgrounds for kids!
skate parks are desperately needed.
Make sure that the dam on Third Street is not rebuilt. Ideally I would like to see a pedestrian/bike bridge there. People have gone so long without auto traffic that I don't think an auto bridge is necessary, Also it would be unsafe, with the steep hills on either side, I would hate to see any trees in

Glen Providence Park impacted by any dam or auto bridge construction. And I do not want to see public \$ spent to restore a lake for a private club that won't take responsibility for any dam built.
Relaxing area to chill. Maybe area to lay out in. Sit on a bench to read. Have internet access.
Adhere to prior and existing green barrier zoning laws in business residential area.
Secure space and keep it as natural, maybe add trees or plants
Bench, wooden adult swings like center city has at 30th street station, internet
Walking path. Places to bike and space to lockup bike
Especially biking! Need more bike racks. I would bike to Trader Joe's, which creates a traffic nightmare but there's no bike rack. No bike rack in Acme Plaza either.
There are plenty of parks. We need different types of entertainment in the borough
Add things like vendors, beer gardens like Linvilla did, etc
Please expand the tot lot and if new space is created, add a dog park.
Support the Media Smedley connector trail
re-litigate Broomall dam stipulation in light of unwillingness of parties to sign off
Could swim club be taken under eminent domain? Strine tract?
more trash receptacles when walking and using parks
Create a space with lots of little tables and chairs for people to sit in the sun and enjoy a cold or hot drink and bread, ice cream, pastries. These areas are all over Europe in
People drive too fast on State St. And Baltimore Pike. Walking time to cross streets seems too short. Enforce slower driving!
It would be great to have safe walking paths, if possible.
A skateboard park or ice skating rink on courthouse grounds, like City Hall in Philadelphia. Have a menorah and tree lighting
Increase economic and racial diversity by increasing affordable housing in Media, in balance with nurturing our green spaces
I would love to see some open space that allows for the use of off-road vehicles. I moved here from California recently and was shocked to find very few public lands where off-road vehicles are permitted. Activities such as 4X4 are inclusive and allow people with disabilities to participate in exciting and unique adventures. I realize this is probably an unexpected response but I urge you to please consider this idea as a serious option.
Protect Glen Providence Park - do not destroy its acreage to rebuild a useless, costly dam.
Love the plans in works for expanded trails/connectors. Except "Sharrows" - those are not safe and do not work on Jefferson St, Orange St etc.
Improve parking!
It would be great to see some infrastructure improvements as well, such as re-surfacing the tennis courts on Front Street and perhaps the addition of more seating in existing open green spaces.
Glen Providence park walking trails are not well maintained. The pond is not well maintained. The proposed 5th and Broomall St dog park is taking very long to become a reality. The space on Veteran's Square - not well thought out - metal benches? Cold in winter, hot in summer, not conducive to sitting.
Fenced in Dog park
-Level the sidewalks
-Put in sidewalks connecting all open spaces
-Put sidewalks and bike trails from outskirts into downtown
Sidewalk repair

Maybe a space where people could grow vegetables for themselves & to donate. If there is a local gardening lot, I'm not aware of it. We moved from a large house w/ yard to an apt. & I badly miss the space. We had blueberry bushes, wild strawberries, cucumbers, peppers, squash -- all kinds of easy to grow fruit & veggies. Any extra could go to a local food bank. (Is there a local food bank?) I'd vote for a small lot for gardening. They have hundreds in Philly. Why not just 1 here?

Dog park

Maintaining the sidewalks would make walking thru the borough safer.

A dog park would be swell!

This is very important to me as our area is known for its walkability for all ages. This quality adds to the appeal of our area. However, there are some areas which are not safe and less than ideal.

Folks have taken to the streets for mental and physical fitness.

Community garden or compost center

Skateparks

Why doesn't the county parks and rec department include support for the individual borough parks? Is there a way for the county department to absorb/take over responsibility for these parks rather than creating another, new department?

I'd like to see adult league programs made available to borough residents. Like non competitive adult soccer and lacrosse leagues, for example

Why does the county parks and rec. department not include borough parks? Could that department better support our borough parks?

Fenced-in dog park

With respect to other people's opinions...I don't think we need "more" open space in the Borough...it's a Borough, that is already primarily built out. To me acquiring expensive new open space is not the most effective use of money, let's get the most out of what we have and maintain it properly/adequately. Adding or updating features with respect to what people want seems more important than more open space.

Please save the Centennial Woods lot at 115 W 6th St.

We really need a dog run/dog park. And, a lot of the dog waste bins that were removed in the fall were never replaced.

Reopen the 3rd street bridge by Broomalls Lake

Wildlife habitat

Can be done through volunteer organization; coordination may need to be through staff person

Once it's gone, it's hard to get back. I live near the Broomall tract and wildlife has significantly increased over the last few years; Owls, hawks, eagles, chipmunks, lightning bugs, smaller birds, small snakes, toads/frogs, fox have all increased, and I'm sure this is because smaller creatures have increased too.

It is quite challenging to bicycle on roads around here if you want to ride more than a mile or two.

Roads with no shoulders or bike lanes, etc

Closed in dog park

A dog park would be nice.

1) Create a dog park between Front and Baker and Manchester and Radnor where Strine bulldozed that last two MultiChroma Brick Victorians all those years ago. 2) link a series of open space- parks with safe walking paths that utilize vacant and little used areas.

Dog park

Media should look into acquiring BroomallsTract

Better use of current parks as suggested in this section.

We moved to Media in Nov 2019 and we love walking, the lack of sidewalks on some streets is sometimes a problem. Example Manchester Ave on the south side going toward Rose Valley.

I love all the wooded areas and greenery. It is so sad when every open space is used for development.

We would love some Free Tai Chi in a park for adults or other active adult classes

Maybe add a Holiday Open house tour or a Spring garden tour or a guided walking history tour of Media.

This would allow Media to be more proactive and organized in its efforts

As our local park, there should be efforts made to make Glen Providence more accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. There should be accessible paths in the park.

Programs should be added that are inclusive, including for children and adults with disabilities.

Preserving what little green space there is left in the Borough.

Stop letting developers cut down trees

Add splash park and skate park

## Comments on Spending \$100

We don't want Broomall's Lake private company to profit from taxpayer's dollars.

For me, "park maintenance" means a consistent program to remove invasive plants and restore native vegetation. Also, deer control in Glen Prov, done by bow hunters, with an annual random lottery as to who gets to hunt.

Media needs a skatepark. I'm not saying this just because my kids skate. If you go to any skatepark in the area, you'll see they are packed with teens, adults, dads teaching their kids how to skate, girls skate clubs...this would be a serious win for the community so 90% of my money would go there. The remaining 10% goes to skate programming.

Would like a pickle ball program

A dog park. And more opportunities and better communication regarding events and programs for singles/couples without children.

Removal of the railroad ties at edges of some of the trails Glen Prov. Park, this causes muddy trails and bad drainage. Also, those have metal spikes that could injure someone if they fall on them.

Improve accessibility throughout the district.

Although I think a safe place for a bicycle path is needed in the area, I don't think Media borough is the place--too much traffic and the streets are tight as it is. If the Youth Center is improved, I would say add more adequate parking so they aren't clogging up 6th and/or Monroe. Thank you.

We'd love to see clean, accessible bathroom facilities, please! More playgrounds and paths, too.

Thank you!

This is the toughest question.

I must state that acquiring open space to the detriment of leaving space for affordable housing is a moral dilemma. We must really be "Everybody's Hometown."

I'd use \$65 of it to create and preserve natural habitat for local wildlife (including more trees and chemical-free pollinator gardens) so they have a safe place to go. The other \$15 would go towards education for residents - children could have "what's outside your own back door" classes and adults could have classes on creating rain gardens and pollinator gardens and reasons to plant trees and reasons to use chemical alternative.

Borough support for SAFE SIDEWALKS & Regular street litter cleanup. Completion of 5 & Broomall park in timely manner. Protect historic storefronts... ie nail saloon, Jackson & State is eyesore. Was a beautiful building. Need regs. Defunct ice cream parlor, O'Malleys(?) is disgrace.

Environmental preservation and education

Create running paths/paved trail system.

half the allocation should go to a bridge. the cultural and financial gain from including the population on the other side would be enormous

Third Street dam and the Broomall Lake should be restored. The stormwater masterplan does not mention the dam. We could spend million, per the report, to clean water runoff before it goes into Ridley Creek and our water treatment plant. Broomall Lake has performed well removing solid waste from stormwater runoff for decades, as evidenced by the silting in of the lake. Dredging the lake and restoring the dam would clean our drinking water more efficiently than other alternatives.

Rather than creating an entire department for parks and rec, I'd advocate for hiring one or two programming staff members to facilitate coordinate programming by partnering with local non-profits and other groups and running live music and other events. Additionally I would recommend partnering with Natural Lands to improve amount of protected open space.

Other: Safety for pedestrians throughout the borough, including on residential streets. Many streets are cut throughs from town to Providence Rd with constant speeding and stop sign blowing.

My choice: A good walking path in the borough. Example: Marple's Veterans park on Lawrence Road. There are always people of all ages there, safe, all levels of fitness, etc.
Majority of resources to be dedicated to new splash pad or pool, maintaining that pool over time, and improving current park infrastructure.
Other: Playground or Splashpad.
I would love for there to be a dog park.
I don't feel qualified to answer this question without knowing much more; as such, I have left my coins 'on the table'. That said, land once purchased is permanent (while still liquid in value) and a P&R department would establish and maintain this as an actionable priority. Bear in mind also that people who WORK in Media pay a wage tax; only fair that they be taken into consideration too, as well as their employers (often spelled c-o-u-n-t-y) who might promote O/S options this as a 'perk'.
My choice is more seating for sitting in the sun in Media.
Media is not going to be everybody's hometown until we have affordable housing. There needs to be planning that integrates affordable housing with green and open space.
Dog park
please make a skatepark - it would create a new skate community in media which we desperately need.
Bicycle pump track please! This is good for kids and adults, is active, does not have to be expensive and typically attracts a group interested in maintenance etc. See the Philly Pumptrack and White Clay Creek.
For other: build a dog run.
A dog park is needed. More green space and less building in every open spot.
If the Youth Center activities are expanded, parking must be added. The 6th Street residents have endured the noise and people cutting through our yards long enough. Thank you.
Music and performing arts options at our parks
For other, we should make parks, nature and recreation accessible to all, including people with disabilities. More paved paths would be a start.
splash park, dog park, skate park

**General Final Comments**

your newsletter is fantastic. Love the historic articles, etc. Thanks for keeping Media awesome.

More dog friendly spaces and poop stations. Even if you don't necessarily have the bags, trash cans are key to ensuring that trash gets disposed of.

We need 3rd St bridge to be open to general traffic because there are scarily few access roads that go in and out of Media. We need traffic access on that side of town for safety and general quality of life. I'm sorry that the people living near Broomall's Lake have gotten used to no through-traffic but the road did exist there and we really need an escape route and free traffic flow over the bridge.

One more. Am delighted w traffic remediation project proposals

I miss the music programs in the park which have been on hold since the pandemic.

My use of the park has also decreased because family get togethers are on hold because of the pandemic. The grandchildren do not visit Media as often.

I would love to have a dog park. Media has so many apartments that allow pets but there are limited places to walk them, and a large part of Media has streets with no sidewalks, which are dangerous, so I think the dog park would be an awesome idea. You can even charge people to join. Look into how Kent Dog Park is run in Upper Darby. Thanks!