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MAY MEETING NOTICE

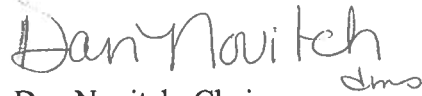
The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission will have a meeting on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall**. Phone info: Phone: 484-466-9920
PIN: 680 262 039 #

Voting members of Commission: Jean Ravn, Brian Artac, Kyle Gulke, Joan Tabor, Mark Weix, Chad Krueger and Dan Novitch

The following items will be included on the agenda:

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting.
2. Approve claims.
3. Public Comment
4. Continued discussion and review of Outdoor Recreation Plan and survey results.
5. Discuss potential August 2022 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application period.
6. Discuss potential concessions building near the north fields at the MARC.
7. Update on Bierman Family Aquatic Center lifeguard situation and Aquatic Center hours.
8. Discuss Legion Building – in light of recent media coverage and other city committee information.
9. Elect representative to the City Plan Commission.
10. Monthly reports.
11. Set date for next meeting.
12. Public comment
13. Adjournment

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Novitch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "dms" monogram at the end.

Dan Novitch, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 6, 2022

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 4:15 p.m., at Merrill City Hall.

Members Present: Kyle Gulke, Joan Tabor, Brian Artac, Chad Krueger, John VanLieshout, Jean Ravn, and Dan Novitch

Members Excused Absent:

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf and Dawn Smith

***Motion by Artac, seconded by VanLieshout to approve the minutes from the March meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

***Motion by VanLieshout, seconded by Artac, to approve the claims from March.

Artac questioned the bill from Nevco for the score board controller. Wendorf stated that the score board controller that was in there no longer worked so this was a replacement. Wendorf also stated that Baseball is paying for the controller.

***Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

The next item on the agenda was an update on Outdoor Recreation Plan & Survey. Wendorf stated that all questions were finalized and the survey was out for the public. Wendorf stated that the survey has been out for a month and about 266 have taken the survey. Wendorf stated that the survey would be available for another week. Ravn questioned if the Park and Recreation Commission will be able to see the answers from the survey. Wendorf stated that he will put them in next month's packets.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss Bierman Family Aquatic Center staffing and operations. Wendorf stated that it has been very difficult finding lifeguards. Wendorf stated that at this time we will have enough to open but unless we get more guards the aquatic center will not be open full time this summer. Alderman Steve Sabatke requested to speak. Sabatke stated that the community is going to be upset if the aquatic center does not open. Sabatke stated that the Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$1,000.00 to help with lifeguards. Wendorf stated that the money that was donated is in a non-lapsing account and will be used to help train and reimburse guards for getting certified. Wendorf stated that they will hopefully get a few more guards before summer. He will report back at next month's meeting.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf asked if anyone had any questions. Wendorf stated that the weather has not been favorable to get our spring sports up and going. Wendorf stated that the summer rec guide was out and have been getting some good feedback from it. Wendorf stated that it has been a busy turnaround from getting the ice out, having a Mennonite Pastoral conference with around 1,000 people in attendance Monday through Friday last week, followed up by the Children's Festival.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. at the Merrill City Hall.

***Motion by Ravn, seconded by VanLieshout to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dawn Smith
Recording Secretary

		APRIL			
WALMART	CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL	3/30/2022		\$106.64	55300-03-41500
EVEREST PARTY RENTALS	CURTAINS	4/1/2022		\$368.12	55300-03-41500
RTL ELECTRIC	SKATE PARK	3/30/2022	65089	\$1,986.98	PARK ENDOWMENT NON-LASPE
RENEE KOLEHOUSE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	4/1/2022	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7200
NASSCO	HARD TOWEL ROLL	4/4/2022	6142910	\$405.42	55200-03-40000
NASSCO	ENMOTION ROLL TOWEL	4/4/2022	6142783	\$160.43	55400-03-50000
NASSCO	NIFTYNABBER	4/12/2022	6146325	\$97.78	55200-03-40000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-3	3/24/2022	18201	\$45.68	55200-03-50000
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISING	4/1/2022		\$249.00	55400-03-41000
MENARDS	EQUIPMENT FOR AT SHOP	3/29/2022	30460496	\$149.84	55200-03-40000
PETERSON SAND AND GRAVEL	DUMPING AT PINE AVE PIT	4/4/2022	17849	\$165.00	55200-02-15000
ETCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY	PARTS	3/30/2022	3392692	\$45.10	55400-08-82000
ENOS MARTIN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	4/10/2022	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7200
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	HIGH BACK CHAIRS	4/8/2022	19274228124	\$519.80	26-31-5390
CINTAS	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE/Ryan	3/31/2022	4115051430	\$93.21	55200-03-46000
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	URINAL BLOCKS	4/7/2022	1608274	\$147.47	55200-03-40000
AA LOCK SERVICE	ENTRY DOOR LOCKS	3/29/2022		\$392.00	55400-08-82000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	MOTION LIGHT/CONCRT SEALER/BATTERY	3/30/2022	214252	\$54.45	55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	TRASH CANS	4/5/2022	214408	\$115.96	55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	FASTENERS	4/5/2022	214421	\$25.99	55200-03-40000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	MICE BAIT/TRASH CAN	4/6/2022	2144691	\$55.97	55200-03-40000
SHIELA POLAK	CANCELLED PARK RESERVATION	4/11/2022	VOUCHER	\$80.00	10-45200-46722
SHIELA POLAK	CANCELLED SECURITY DEPOSIT	4/11/2022	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7200
APPLIED	EAR PLUGS/CARRIAGE BOLTS/NUTS/FIELD PAINT	4/7/2022	7023969253	\$739.32	55200-03-40000
RH NEESE MEDIA	ADVERTISING AT GOLF COURSE	4/12/2021	1191	\$298.00	55400-03-41000
MERRILL ACE HARDWARE	BATTERY	4/12/2022	214645	\$15.99	55200-03-40000
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CINTAS	UNIFORMS JIM/JOE/Ryan	4/14/2022	4116436868	\$93.21	55200-03-46000
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	WASTE HAULING/ CARDBOARD PICK UP	4/1/2022		\$148.00	55400-02-23600

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MEMORANDUM:

To: Merrill Park & Recreation Commission
From: Fred Heider, AICP
Re: Merrill Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) – Survey Results
Date: For May 2022

Please review the enclosed documents. I will be at the May meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission to:

- Review the survey results; and
- Discuss revised Goals & Objectives.

Enclosed are some documents for your review:

1. Merrill ORP—2022 Survey Results Summary (14 pages);
2. DRAFT Goals & Objectives; and
3. Att D – Merrill Survey Results with Comments2022.

Merrill ORP website is available here:

<https://www.ncwrpc.org/lincoln/merrill/orp/>

2022 Merrill Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) Survey Results Summary

In the winter/spring of 2022, this survey was sent out for customer feedback. Merrill Parks & Recreation Department emailed survey notices to all recreation groups that do business with the City, along with posting the survey link on the City's Facebook page multiple times and the City's homepage. The survey was open for 1-month. The survey was also available via a link on both NCWRPC's website for this ORP and the Merrill Parks Department website.

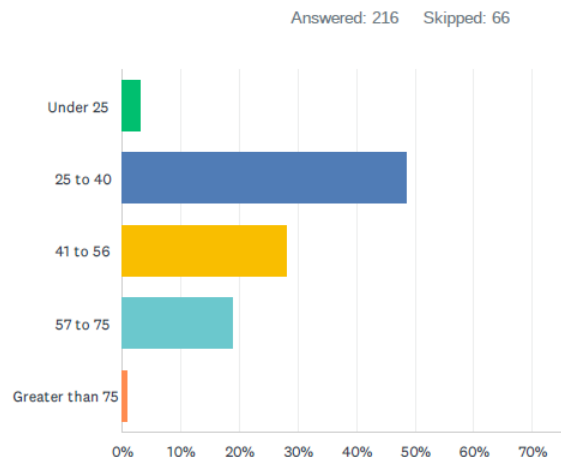
We received **282 responses** to the survey. Although not statistically significant of the whole population, this survey does provide a much deeper understanding of the wants and needs for outdoor recreation than a public hearing, so the results are still very valuable. Respondents were allowed to skip questions, so several questions had smaller response groups.

Due to an error when creating the survey, the first 107 respondents did not have the ability to mark if they lived in Zones 6, 7, or 8, so those areas of Merrill may be under-represented—only 18 respondents skipped the map question after stating that they lived in Merrill. About 58% of respondents live in the City of Merrill. All areas of the City were represented with about 86% of those who live in Merrill marking what area they live in (see **Figure 2** below).

Through an IP address analysis of who took the survey it appears that 26 IP addresses are at least duplicated, which could mean that a husband and wife both took the survey. Twenty-two IP addresses repeated twice, three IP addresses repeated 3 times, and the other IP address repeated 9 times. All of those duplicate IP addresses did not have the same answers, but a few duplicates were of people starting the survey and not finishing or realizing that they already completed the survey and then did not complete it. Either way, it appears that nobody “stuffed the ballot box.”

A majority of the respondents were female (58% female, 42% male). Respondents came from all age groups, with a strong showing of almost 50% in the 25 to 40 age group.

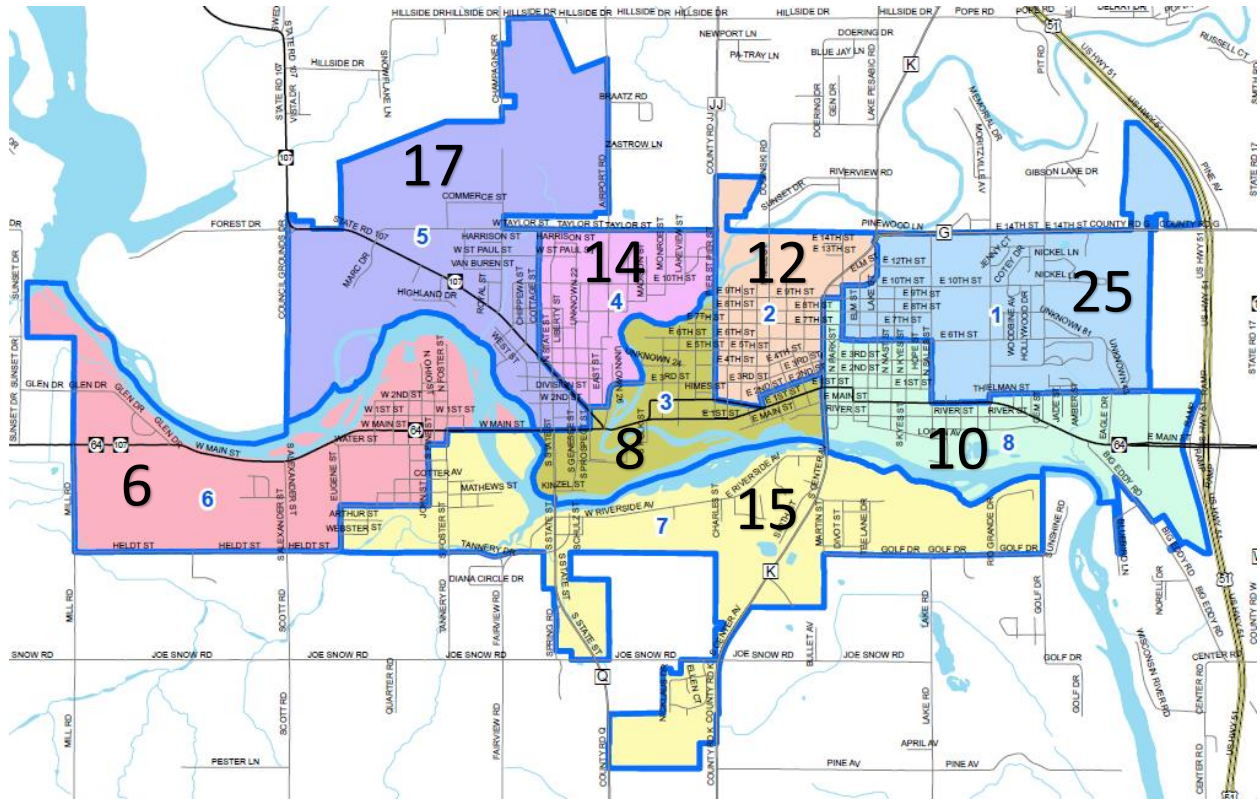
Figure 1 Q26 What is your age?



Where do you live?

- 90 respondents (41.7%) do not live in Merrill.
- 108 respondents (58.3%) noted where they live per Figure 2:

Figure 2



For the full survey results (65 pages) go to Attachment D.

Key Findings of the ORP Survey:

Answered: 282 Skipped: 0

- The most frequent outdoor recreational activities respondents participated in:
 1. Walking / Hiking 79% of responses
 2. Events / Festivals / Fairs 72% of responses
 3. Swimming 61% of responses
 4. Fishing 51% of responses
 5. Playground Usage 48% of responses
 6. Boating 45% of responses
 7. Dog walking / Dog park 42% of responses

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| 8. Canoeing / Kayaking | 41% of responses |
| 9. Bicycling | 41% of responses |
| 10. Gardening | 40% of responses |

Q2. What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in Merrill?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 149

1. More bike trails **20** responses
2. More events/festivals/fairs **18** responses
Christmas market, Crazy Daze, battle of the bands,
Maxwell Street Days, Chili/Soup Feeds, Ice sculpting, Riverfest,
Oktoberfest, Food truck night
3. Improve skate park **16** responses
4. Pickleball **14** responses
5. Better park/playground equipment **12** responses
6. More activities for kids (in summer) **12** responses
 - Camps for middle schoolers
 - Summer swim team for younger swimmers
 - Fishing club for kids
7. Specific MARC improvements **12** responses
8. Places to launch kayaks/paddle boards **9** responses
9. Splash pad **9** responses

Q3. How often do you use the following parks or trails?*Answered: 242 Skipped: 40*

	I DON'T USE THIS PARK/TRAIL	OCCASIONALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	TOTAL
Normal Park	20.17% 48	52.52% 125	13.03% 31	14.29% 34	238
Ott's Park	36.97% 88	49.16% 117	8.40% 20	5.46% 13	238
Riverside Park	20.25% 48	55.27% 131	15.61% 37	8.86% 21	237
Streeter Square Park	66.95% 156	25.75% 60	4.72% 11	2.58% 6	233
Lion's Park	44.26% 104	41.70% 98	7.66% 18	6.38% 15	235
Stange Park	22.36% 53	58.23% 138	13.50% 32	5.91% 14	237
Kitchenette Park	29.36% 69	58.30% 137	8.94% 21	3.40% 8	235
MARC ballfields	44.87% 105	25.21% 59	6.84% 16	23.08% 54	234
MARC dog park	66.53% 157	21.61% 51	7.20% 17	4.66% 11	236
MARC trails	35.74% 84	40.43% 95	14.04% 33	9.79% 23	235
Bierman Family Aquatic Center	33.33% 80	33.33% 80	19.58% 47	13.75% 33	240
Cenotaph Park	94.44% 221	5.13% 12	0.43% 1	0.00% 0	234
Athletic Park	73.62% 173	19.57% 46	2.55% 6	4.26% 10	235
Gerbert Park	91.91% 216	5.53% 13	1.28% 3	1.28% 3	235
Prairie Trails	40.93% 97	39.24% 93	11.81% 28	8.02% 19	237
River Bend Trail	8.75% 21	28.33% 68	24.58% 59	38.33% 92	240
Jack Pine County Park (next to Annex building)	73.62% 173	22.13% 52	1.70% 4	2.55% 6	235
Merrill Festival Grounds	15.42% 37	72.92% 175	8.75% 21	2.92% 7	240
Merrill Memorial Forest (on CTH R northeast of Merrill)	82.91% 194	14.53% 34	2.14% 5	0.43% 1	234
Council Grounds State Park	7.02% 17	49.17% 119	27.27% 66	16.53% 40	242

Q4. Rate your satisfaction with the following parks or trails?

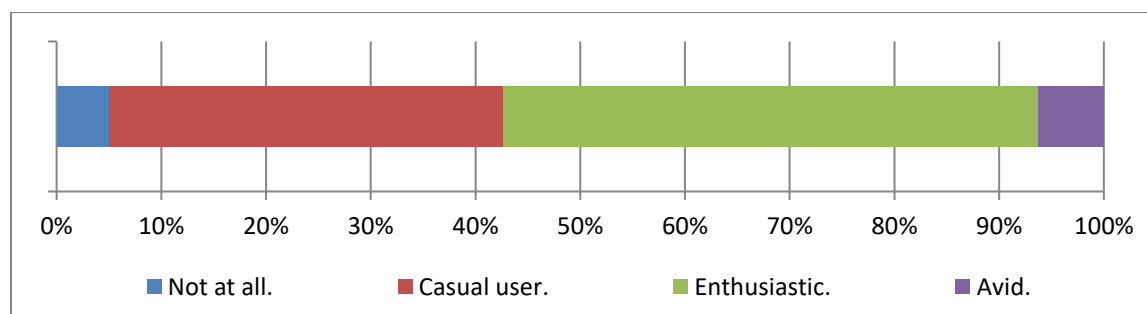
Answered: 242 Skipped: 40

	I DON'T USE THIS PARK/TRAIL	VERY SATISFIED	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL
Normal Park	20.50% 49	42.26% 101	31.80% 76	5.44% 13	0.00% 0	239
Ott's Park	29.11% 69	10.13% 24	35.02% 83	20.25% 48	5.49% 13	237
Riverside Park	19.33% 46	26.89% 64	43.70% 104	9.24% 22	0.84% 2	238
Streeter Square Park	56.30% 134	6.30% 15	17.23% 41	10.50% 25	9.66% 23	238
Lion's Park	41.60% 99	11.76% 28	32.77% 78	13.45% 32	0.42% 1	238
Stange Park	18.49% 44	22.69% 54	42.02% 100	13.03% 31	3.78% 9	238
Kitchenette Park	24.89% 59	27.85% 66	38.82% 92	8.02% 19	0.42% 1	237
MARC ballfields	45.80% 109	28.57% 68	21.85% 52	2.94% 7	0.84% 2	238
MARC dog park	61.86% 146	12.71% 30	19.92% 47	5.51% 13	0.00% 0	236
MARC trails	35.86% 85	23.63% 56	35.44% 84	5.06% 12	0.00% 0	237
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Q5. Read 64 comments about the parks in Attachment D.

Q6. What type of water enthusiast are you?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 43



Not at all. (I'm not interested in water recreation at all, not even with friends.)

Casual user. (I like to use the water, but only do so occasionally.)

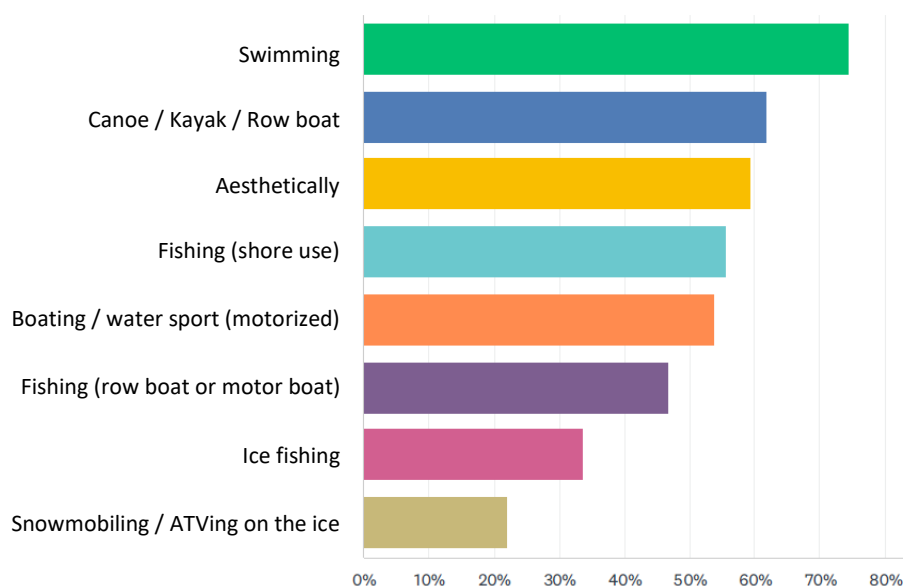
Enthusiastic. (I access or go on the water regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)

Avid. (I am always on the water or ice every chance I get.)

Q7. How do you use the water?

(Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 223 Skipped: 59



Q8. List which water body you use most often. Answered: 189 Skipped: 93

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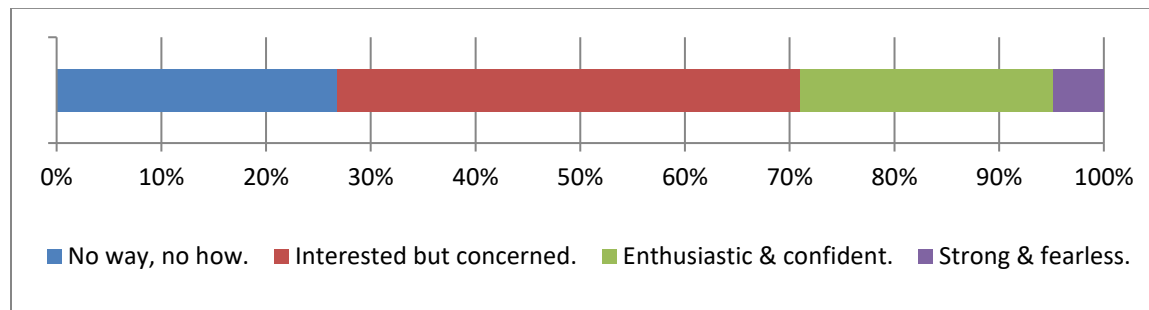
Tug Lake Prairie River Wisconsin Lake Pesobic Alexander
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Q9. What public boat landings or water access improvements are needed in the City of Merrill. Answered: 83 Skipped: 199

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use canoe kayak Ott s put Unknown Riverside Park lot
council grounds kayak launch Better Otts Park
Riverside Merrill dock need boat landing
Boat Landing needs Park Lake Pesobic access Ott dam areas
river Lake Alexander take prairie river kayaks lights portage Otts

Q10. What type of bicyclist are you? Answered: 231 Skipped: 51



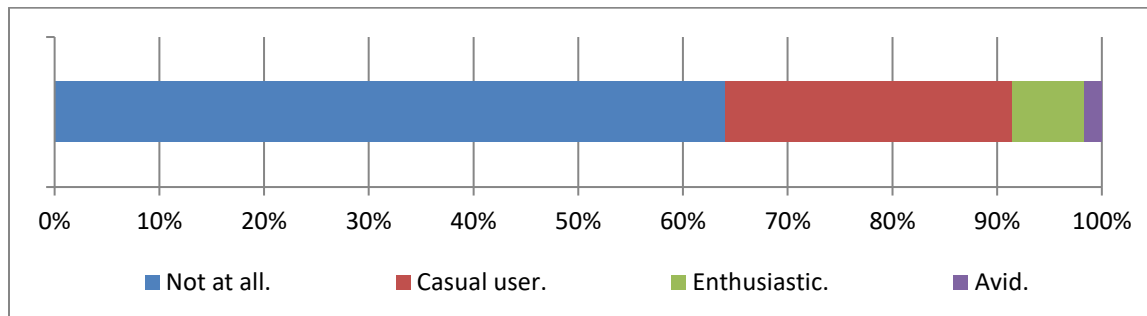
No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)

Interested but concerned. (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)

Enthusiastic and confident. (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)

Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)

Q11. What type of snowmobile enthusiast are you? Answered: 231 Skipped: 51



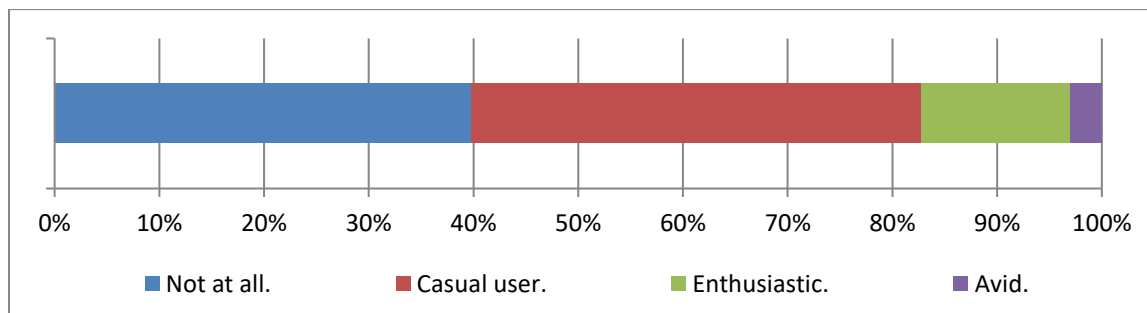
Not at all. (I'm not interested in snowmobiling at all, not even with friends.)

Casual user. (I like snowmobiling for fun, but only do so occasionally, **OR only** on my own land.)

Enthusiastic. (I access or go on snowmobile routes and trails regularly.)

Avid. (I am always on a snowmobile every chance I get – all season long.)

Q12. What type of motorized vehicle (ATV/UTV/ Off-Highway Motorcycle) enthusiast are you? Answered: 231 Skipped: 51



Not at all. (I'm not interested in motorized recreation at all, not even for recreation.)

Casual user. (I like using motorized vehicles for fun, but only do so occasionally, **OR only** on my own land.)

Enthusiastic. (I access or go on motorized routes and trails regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)

Avid. (I am always on a motorized vehicle every chance I get – all year long.)

Q13. Rate the following statement:

“Promote the Prairie River water trail (see picture) among citizens and visitors, after a canoe take-out is installed somewhere in Kitchenette Park.”

Answered: 224 Skipped: 58

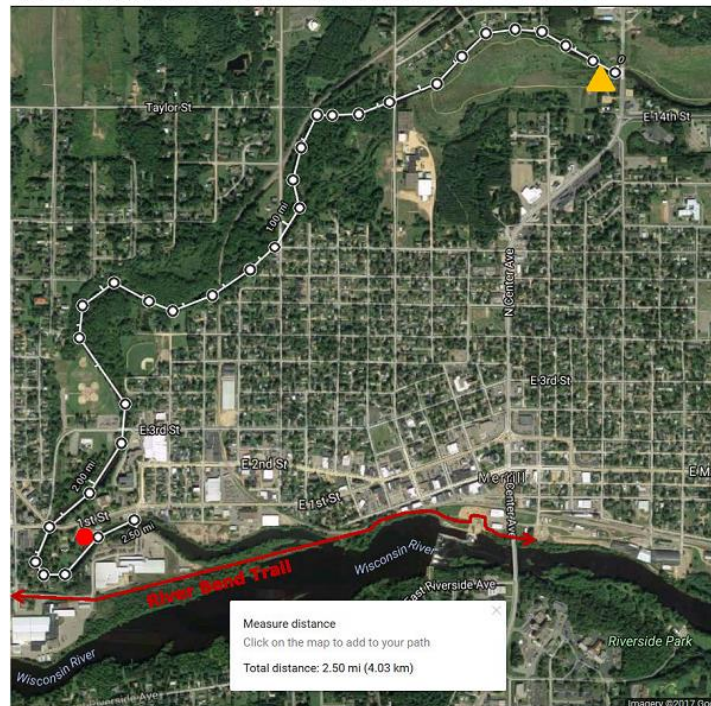
4.3★
average rating



▲ Launch – Prairie Trails Park

● **Potential** canoe take out – Stange Kitchenette Park (or in the nearby vicinity)

Note: This potential trail would connect to the **River Bend Trail**.



Q14. Rate the following statement:

“Develop pedestrian bridge from an E. Main Street property south (over rail line) onto land adjacent to the Wisconsin River.”

Answered: 219 Skipped: 63

3.7★

average rating



Potential pedestrian bridge over railroad tracks



Pedestrian Bridge

From: Merrill Downtown Vision Plan



-  = Potential pedestrian bridge over railroad tracks
-  = Potential ramp connecting bridge to River Bend Trail

Q15. Rate the following statement:

“Continue disc golf initiative.”

Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q16. Rate the following statement:

“Complete new fence and replace lights at Otts Park’s ball field.”

Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q17. Rate the following statement:

“Extend potable water, and install amenities in dog park at the MARC.”

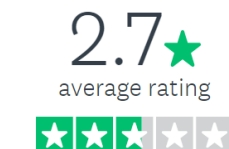
Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q18. Rate the following statement:

“Explore having curling at the MARC (possibly in a building addition).”

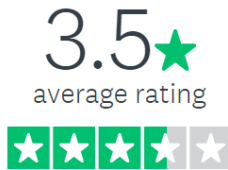
Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q19. Rate the following statement:

“Install toilets near MARC baseball field.”

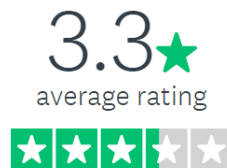
Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q20. Rate the following statement:

“Add lights to varsity softball field at the MARC.”

Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q21. Rate the following statement:

“Explore installing sculptures, carvings, or murals throughout City.”

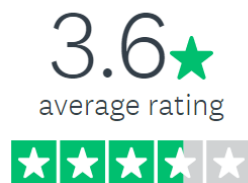
Answered: 218 Skipped: 64



Q22. Rate the following statement:

“Work on establishing River Bend Trail as a state trail.”

Answered: 218 Skipped: 64

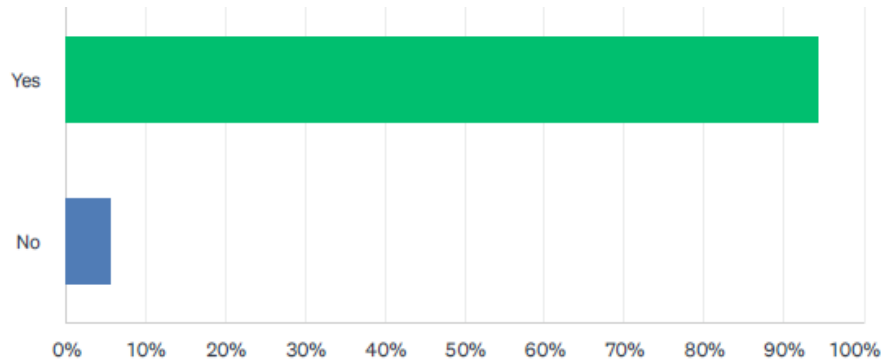


Q23. Is this vision still relevant for the next 5 years?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 66

Vision:

“Merrill, City of Parks, is committed to celebrating its heritage through diversified outdoor opportunities along the Wisconsin and Prairie Rivers which enhances quality of life for all generations.”



Note: 24 respondents also commented on the vision statement.

Q25. Any other concerns?

Answered: 49 Skipped: 233

(Word Cloud – The larger the word the more mentions)

nice work city think community Also see skating better addition
River Bend Trail kayaking parks outdoor Merrill
open trails Riverbend Trail needs available ice access town especially
use activities

Chapter 5: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The development of an efficient outdoor recreation plan depends upon establishing specific recreation and open-space goals and objectives from public participation and Park Commission revision and refinement. These goals and objectives are meant to guide City officials as they work towards providing a recreation system to meet the needs of the City of Merrill's residents and visitors over the next 5 years.

2022 Outdoor Recreation Survey respondents approve of the following recreation vision:

Vision:

“Merrill, City of Parks, is committed to celebrating its heritage through diversified outdoor opportunities along the Wisconsin and Prairie Rivers which enhances quality of life for all generations.”

Goal 1 – Continue developing Merrill as a walking and bicycling friendly community and destination.

Objectives

1. Continue implementing the Merrill Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
2. Continue to encourage development of the River Bend Trail.
3. Work on establishing River Bend Trail as a state trail.
4. Continue implementing the Merrill Safe Routes to School Plan.
5. Work on becoming an Ice Age Trail Community.
6. Encourage completion of the Ice Age Trail within Lincoln County.

Goal 2 – Improve water access within Merrill.

Objectives

1. Increase boat, shore, and canoe/kayak access to the Prairie and Wisconsin Rivers.
2. Promote water touring routes.

Goal 3 – Continue improving Merrill's outdoor recreation facilities.

Objectives

1. Maintain and improve existing recreational facilities as outlined in the Chapter 6 Capital Improvement lists.
2. Continue planning and upgrading recreational facilities to accommodate the elderly and handicapped.

ATTACHMENT D

Merrill's 2022 Outdoor Recreation Online Survey Results

Compiled by: NCWRPC

City of Merrill, 2022 ORP Survey

Response Summary

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Insights

TOTAL RESPONSES

282

COMPLETION RATE

70%



TYPICAL TIME SPENT

9m:9s



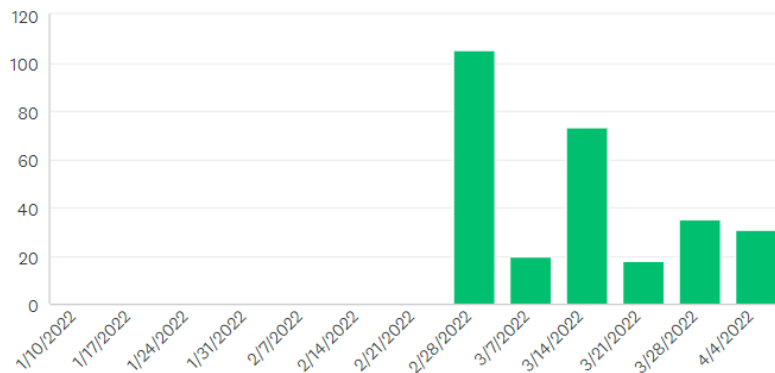
Trends

Responses (by week)

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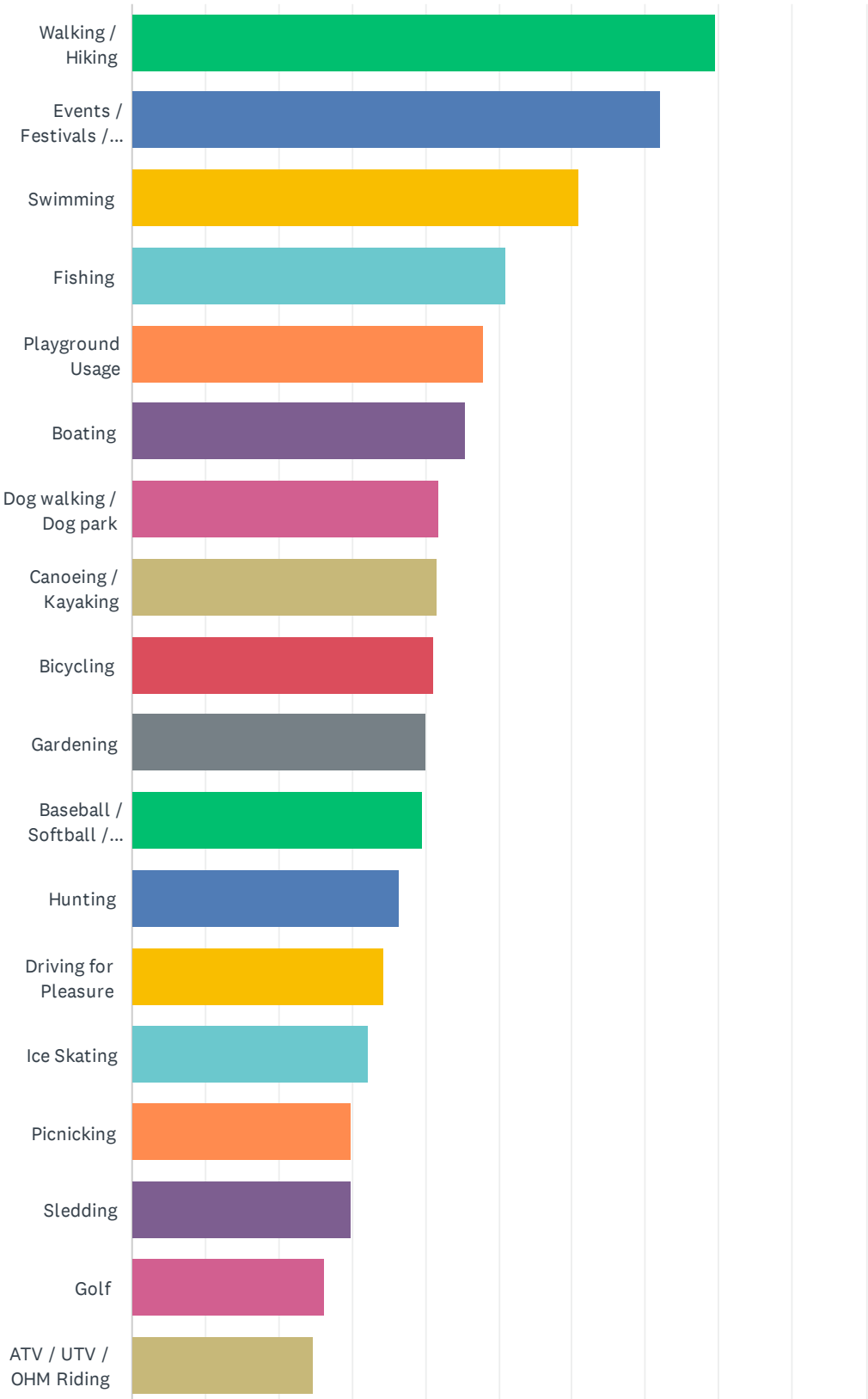
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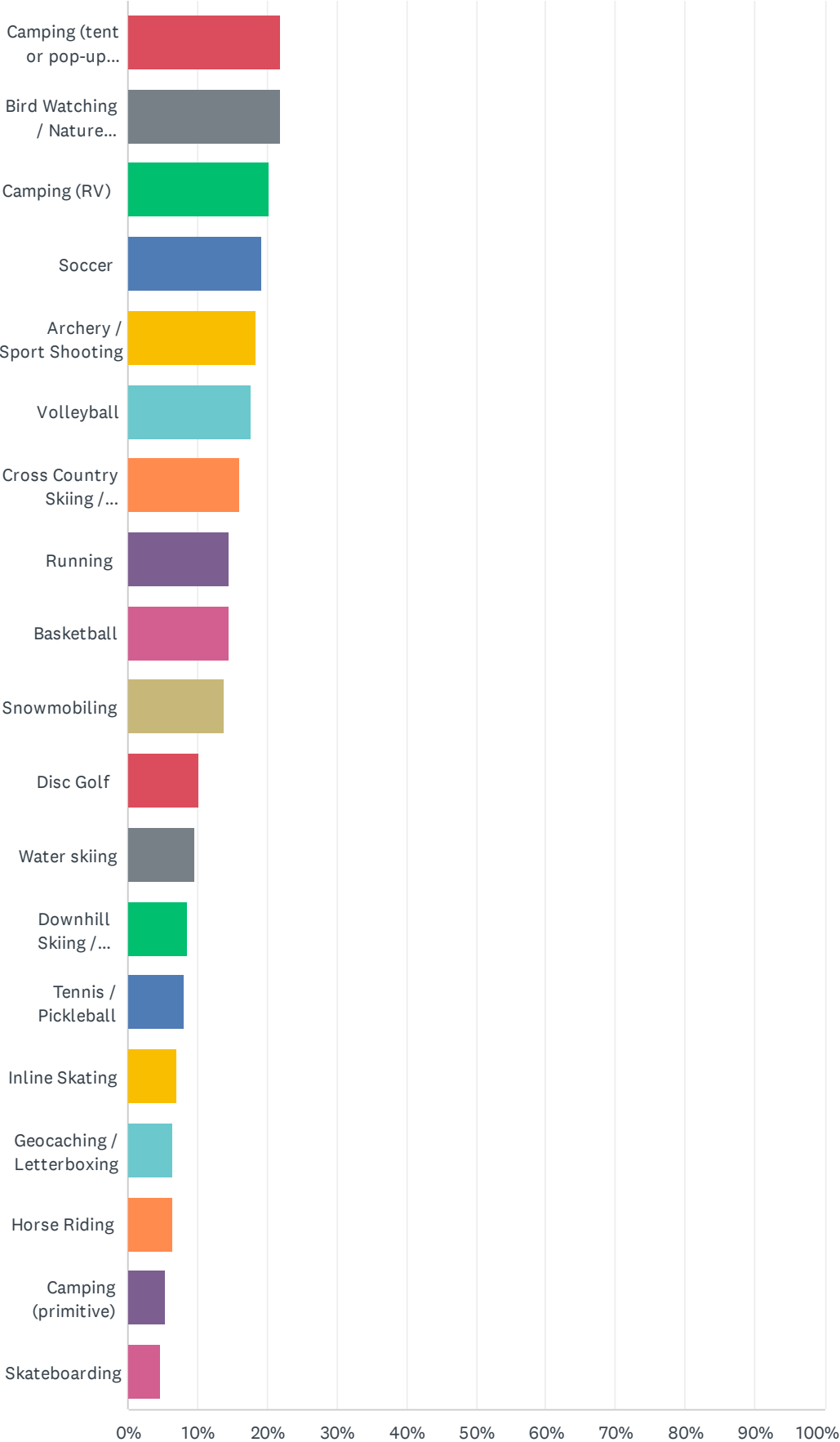
Weekly (Starting on the date)

Q1 Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2021?
(Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 282 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking / Hiking	79.43%	224
Events / Festivals / Fairs	71.99%	203
Swimming	60.99%	172
Fishing	51.06%	144
Playground Usage	47.87%	135
Boating	45.39%	128
Dog walking / Dog park	41.84%	118
Canoeing / Kayaking	41.49%	117
Bicycling	41.13%	116
Gardening	40.07%	113
Baseball / Softball / T-ball	39.72%	112
Hunting	36.52%	103
Driving for Pleasure	34.40%	97
Ice Skating	32.27%	91
Picnicking	29.79%	84
Sledding	29.79%	84
Golf	26.24%	74
ATV / UTV / OHM Riding	24.82%	70
Camping (tent or pop-up camper)	21.99%	62
Bird Watching / Nature Viewing	21.99%	62
Camping (RV)	20.21%	57
Soccer	19.15%	54
Archery / Sport Shooting	18.44%	52
Volleyball	17.73%	50
Cross Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	15.96%	45
Running	14.54%	41
Basketball	14.54%	41
Snowmobiling	13.83%	39
Disc Golf	10.28%	29
Water skiing	9.57%	27
Downhill Skiing / Snowboarding	8.51%	24
Tennis / Pickleball	8.16%	23
Inline Skating	7.09%	20

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Geocaching / Letterboxing	6.38%	18
Horse Riding	6.38%	18
Camping (primitive)	5.32%	15
Skateboarding	4.61%	13
Total Respondents: 282		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ice Hockey	4/5/2022 8:59 PM
2	Tubing	3/31/2022 11:29 PM
3	Ice Hockey	3/30/2022 11:59 AM
4	I also got into league trap shooting 3 years ago. I think more hunting/fishing type events would be popular in the Merrill area.	3/7/2022 7:24 PM
5	Aquatic Center, Mini Golf, Adventure tours visiting sites, sports training camps, swim lessons, beach time.	3/4/2022 4:29 PM
6	Ice Hockey	3/3/2022 10:29 PM
7	Scuba diving	3/3/2022 9:53 PM
8	Hockey	3/3/2022 7:34 PM

Q2 What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in the City of Merrill?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 149

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1.	100.00% 133
2.	65.41% 87
3.	35.34% 47

#	1.	DATE
1	Pickleball	4/9/2022 8:51 AM
2	Splash pad	4/8/2022 9:07 AM
3	Areas to launch kayaks and paddle boards in town like at the Parks (easier river access)	4/7/2022 9:06 PM
4	Some Non-sand Volleyball courts	4/7/2022 3:39 PM
5	Rope tow Wilson Hill sledding	4/7/2022 3:31 PM
6	Better skateboard park near downtown	4/7/2022 2:08 PM
7	A small playground near the Agra building for kids	4/7/2022 10:07 AM
8	tai chi	4/6/2022 6:55 PM
9	Return of the warming house at Lions Park for fun winter filled days.	4/6/2022 7:24 AM
10	Camps for middle schoolers	4/5/2022 8:59 PM
11	Pickleball	4/4/2022 10:31 PM
12	Tennis	4/4/2022 9:19 PM
13	More central activities for kids in the summer	4/4/2022 8:41 PM
14	More Atv Routes through the city	4/4/2022 4:19 PM
15	Pump track	4/3/2022 7:20 AM
16	Pump track	4/3/2022 7:17 AM
17	Sledding hill like sylvan hill	4/2/2022 7:56 AM
18	Football	3/31/2022 11:54 PM
19	Use existing parks, gardens and trails for outdoor activities such as trail hikes, walking clubs, guided nature walks led by a naturalist, outdoor boot camps, hiking groups, stretching classes, running groups, beach volleyball, swimming at a local lake and summer camps at a nature playground or local park	3/31/2022 11:29 PM
20	Events, festivals and fairs	3/31/2022 8:06 AM
21	More trails fot walking/ biking	3/31/2022 5:33 AM
22	More tennis courts	3/30/2022 8:37 PM
23	Outdoor exercise equipment	3/30/2022 7:15 PM
24	A Christmas market	3/30/2022 7:13 PM
25	Expansion of the river trail (and easier/better parking for access)	3/30/2022 6:59 PM

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26	Cross country skiing trails	3/30/2022 3:05 PM
27	Street Fairs/Crazy Daze/Community Appreciation eventsetc	3/30/2022 1:18 PM
28	Splash pad/free water feature at parks	3/30/2022 12:10 PM
29	Summer inline skate hockey league	3/30/2022 11:59 AM
30	ATV/UTV trails besides harrison hills	3/30/2022 11:43 AM
31	Update some of our park equipment.	3/30/2022 9:19 AM
32	Larger skate park	3/29/2022 6:30 AM
33	A splash pad area for toddlers at the Aquatic Center	3/28/2022 10:04 PM
34	A nice park and parking space in the open lot by river street and Tyler's park. There's no parks on that part of town.	3/28/2022 8:46 PM
35	Festivals geared towards children	3/28/2022 8:07 PM
36	Geocaching	3/28/2022 7:18 PM
37	Splash Pad	3/28/2022 10:56 AM
38	Shooting range	3/27/2022 11:14 AM
39	Family events	3/24/2022 3:28 PM
40	Pickleball	3/23/2022 7:14 PM
41	Archery	3/21/2022 9:18 PM
42	Bike paths	3/21/2022 8:38 PM
43	Gardening	3/21/2022 6:03 PM
44	Pickle ball courts	3/21/2022 4:34 PM
45	Outdoor hockey rink	3/21/2022 3:54 PM
46	Skate Park	3/21/2022 3:54 PM
47	disc golf	3/20/2022 10:39 AM
48	Outdoor climbing structure for kids	3/18/2022 8:46 PM
49	Snowshoeing	3/15/2022 8:38 PM
50	A meeting place for young teenagers with an Arcade	3/15/2022 6:18 PM
51	skateboarding	3/15/2022 5:44 PM
52	Canoe/kayak launch and landing spots with ease of use	3/15/2022 5:43 PM
53	Canoe/kayak landings made for ease of use	3/15/2022 5:36 PM
54	Outdoor pickleball courts	3/15/2022 11:03 AM
55	bigger playground areas	3/15/2022 10:29 AM
56	Tennis courts	3/14/2022 7:37 PM
57	Indoor sports facilities for winter	3/14/2022 7:07 PM
58	Bathrooms by the last softball diamonds at MARC	3/14/2022 6:14 PM
59	Skateboarding	3/14/2022 4:52 PM
60	Outdoor archery range	3/14/2022 4:07 PM
61	In line skating	3/14/2022 3:20 PM
62	More walking trails	3/14/2022 2:22 PM
63	Sports camp	3/14/2022 12:19 PM

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64	lights at MARC on the softball diamonds	3/14/2022 12:07 PM
65	Outdoor inline skating rink and/or trials	3/14/2022 12:06 PM
66	Softball fields	3/14/2022 11:38 AM
67	Lights at the Marc	3/14/2022 8:45 AM
68	Lights on the softball fields at the MARC	3/14/2022 8:30 AM
69	Splash Pad	3/10/2022 3:51 PM
70	Pickleball courts	3/9/2022 8:18 PM
71	Mountain Biking Trails	3/9/2022 11:44 AM
72	Maintain and repair the boat landings	3/8/2022 7:43 AM
73	ATV/UTV oriented events and trail access.	3/7/2022 7:24 PM
74	Improve the boat landings	3/7/2022 3:16 PM
75	Weekly Music Venue to include battle of bands	3/7/2022 8:45 AM
76	Better use of the festival grounds. More events	3/6/2022 6:34 PM
77	Pickle ball courts	3/6/2022 5:09 PM
78	Bow shooting range	3/6/2022 5:01 PM
79	City Campground	3/4/2022 11:09 PM
80	Bike, canoe and kayak rentals available	3/4/2022 9:59 PM
81	A nice skateboard park for the kids	3/4/2022 9:07 PM
82	Lights at the MARC	3/4/2022 7:24 PM
83	Splash pad for really little kids	3/4/2022 7:11 PM
84	More paved trails for biking/walking with kids (away from traffic)	3/4/2022 6:49 PM
85	Beaches	3/4/2022 5:51 PM
86	Swimming beaches	3/4/2022 5:31 PM
87	Open more streets to UTV	3/4/2022 5:08 PM
88	Rollerskating rink would be nice! (Use the MARC center when ice is not in.)	3/4/2022 5:01 PM
89	Improve walking trail with concessions	3/4/2022 5:01 PM
90	Snow shoeing	3/4/2022 4:57 PM
91	Additional splash pad in one of inner parks	3/4/2022 4:56 PM
92	Water recreation	3/4/2022 4:53 PM
93	Rentals of canoe's/Kayaks	3/4/2022 4:52 PM
94	More ski trails	3/4/2022 4:51 PM
95	Ice skating during Spring, Summer and Fall(year round ice at MARC)	3/4/2022 4:29 PM
96	Pickleball	3/4/2022 1:08 PM
97	Outdoor exercise kiosk for adults	3/4/2022 12:31 PM
98	horse shows (beyone gymkhanas)	3/4/2022 12:14 PM
99	pickle ball	3/4/2022 11:29 AM
100	Add amenities to Pocket Park to give reason for people to go there	3/4/2022 10:22 AM
101	More benches in the parks not the picnic tables like by the water in the park by the library we like to sit and watch the water.	3/4/2022 8:58 AM

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102	Dog Park	3/4/2022 7:41 AM
103	Hiking Trails	3/4/2022 7:14 AM
104	Maxwell Street Days	3/4/2022 6:39 AM
105	A very nice mini golf course	3/3/2022 11:05 PM
106	Mountain Bike Trails	3/3/2022 10:29 PM
107	Fat tire bike path	3/3/2022 10:17 PM
108	Competitive sport events for adults	3/3/2022 8:47 PM
109	Bicycle trails	3/3/2022 8:34 PM
110	Expand Riverbend Trail	3/3/2022 8:27 PM
111	Hiking	3/3/2022 8:06 PM
112	Paved bike trails	3/3/2022 8:01 PM
113	Summer festivals	3/3/2022 7:52 PM
114	A	3/3/2022 7:44 PM
115	Water source at or near dog park	3/3/2022 7:42 PM
116	Fishing Club for Kids	3/3/2022 7:28 PM
117	Tennis	3/3/2022 7:01 PM
118	Youth sports	3/3/2022 6:43 PM
119	Biking paths	3/3/2022 6:19 PM
120	Skate board park	3/3/2022 5:45 PM
121	Organize activities for kids	3/3/2022 5:40 PM
122	2nd dog park at the Prairie Trail	3/3/2022 5:34 PM
123	More up dated playground equipment	3/3/2022 5:26 PM
124	Better skate park	3/3/2022 5:16 PM
125	Yoga	3/3/2022 5:06 PM
126	I wish some of the out door rinks had lights during the winter.	3/3/2022 4:53 PM
127	Maxwell Street Days	3/3/2022 4:46 PM
128	Outdoor street hockey rink (like get boards from Sport Resource Group)	3/3/2022 4:25 PM
129	Areas to fish	3/3/2022 4:05 PM
130	Pickle ball	3/3/2022 3:58 PM
131	Kayak routes/maps posted with put in/take out points	3/3/2022 3:38 PM
132	Pickle ball court	3/3/2022 3:34 PM
133	Pickleball	3/3/2022 3:18 PM
#	2.	DATE
1	Skateboard	4/9/2022 8:51 AM
2	Skate park	4/8/2022 9:07 AM
3	Larger skatepark for kids	4/7/2022 9:06 PM
4	More basketball courts	4/7/2022 3:39 PM
5	More bike trails	4/7/2022 3:31 PM

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6	More bike trails	4/7/2022 2:08 PM
7	Connecting to other trails, kayak and canoe launches with a destination in mind and promote	4/7/2022 10:07 AM
8	Activities that happen in town not just at the MARC	4/6/2022 7:24 AM
9	Ropes course	4/5/2022 8:59 PM
10	Lacrosse	4/4/2022 9:19 PM
11	More hands on activities	4/4/2022 8:41 PM
12	Selling the city forest to use for in city projects	4/4/2022 4:19 PM
13	Evening swim lessons	4/2/2022 7:56 AM
14	Splash pad for families to cool off, run through sprinklers	3/31/2022 11:29 PM
15	Enhance playgrounds	3/31/2022 5:33 AM
16	Farmer's market	3/30/2022 7:15 PM
17	Pickle ball courts	3/30/2022 7:13 PM
18	Summer swim team for younger swimmers	3/30/2022 3:05 PM
19	Downtown Fall/Winter activities Chili/Soup Feeds/Ice sculpting	3/30/2022 1:18 PM
20	Dino dig/large sandbox	3/30/2022 12:10 PM
21	Developmental sport camps	3/30/2022 11:59 AM
22	More RV camping	3/30/2022 11:43 AM
23	Update skate park. I see a good amount of kids there when weather permitting. Good place to keep older kids busy.	3/30/2022 9:19 AM
24	Better park/playground equipment	3/29/2022 6:30 AM
25	Dock for fishing	3/28/2022 10:04 PM
26	Improve Tyler's park	3/28/2022 8:46 PM
27	Inner city swimming pool	3/28/2022 8:07 PM
28	Update parks	3/28/2022 7:18 PM
29	More hiking trails	3/27/2022 11:14 AM
30	Ski trails	3/24/2022 3:28 PM
31	Snowmobile	3/21/2022 9:18 PM
32	Out door playgrounds	3/21/2022 8:38 PM
33	Skate park	3/21/2022 3:54 PM
34	Dog park on east side of town	3/21/2022 3:54 PM
35	fishing	3/20/2022 10:39 AM
36	Trampoline park	3/18/2022 8:46 PM
37	Kayaking	3/15/2022 8:38 PM
38	Birdwatching	3/15/2022 5:44 PM
39	more fishing access off the River end trail	3/15/2022 5:36 PM
40	or another playground area	3/15/2022 10:29 AM
41	Pavilion by the last softball diamonds at the MARC	3/14/2022 6:14 PM
42	Outdoor festivals	3/14/2022 3:20 PM
43	Nature arts activities	3/14/2022 12:19 PM

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44	New concession stands at the MARC	3/14/2022 12:07 PM
45	Lights for the ball fields	3/14/2022 12:06 PM
46	Water ways in and Pull outs	3/14/2022 8:45 AM
47	Lions sledding hill	3/14/2022 8:30 AM
48	Skydiving	3/9/2022 11:44 AM
49	Fishing opportunities, docks/water access along river.	3/7/2022 7:24 PM
50	Trim brush around banks of parks	3/7/2022 3:16 PM
51	Water park	3/7/2022 8:45 AM
52	Small festivals, like Riverfest.	3/6/2022 6:34 PM
53	More hiking and biking in less populated areas	3/6/2022 5:01 PM
54	Disc Golf	3/4/2022 11:09 PM
55	River Tubing with drop off/pick up	3/4/2022 9:59 PM
56	More fishing places on the rivers in town	3/4/2022 9:07 PM
57	Additional concessions near fields 5, 6, & 7	3/4/2022 7:24 PM
58	Updated playground equipment.	3/4/2022 6:49 PM
59	Year round ice at the MARC	3/4/2022 5:08 PM
60	Cross country skiing	3/4/2022 4:57 PM
61	Efficient sporting/practice facility	3/4/2022 4:56 PM
62	Biking	3/4/2022 4:53 PM
63	Rentals of Bikes	3/4/2022 4:52 PM
64	More outdoor activities for kids	3/4/2022 4:51 PM
65	Adventure Mini Golfing with water features and fun theme	3/4/2022 4:29 PM
66	Organized family-oriented activities at various parks	3/4/2022 12:31 PM
67	More disc golf	3/4/2022 10:22 AM
68	Better access to river for fishing - 1 pier is not enough	3/4/2022 7:41 AM
69	Candlelight Walks	3/4/2022 7:14 AM
70	Community night out	3/4/2022 6:39 AM
71	Swimming beach at Ott's park again	3/3/2022 11:05 PM
72	Bike trails	3/3/2022 10:29 PM
73	Add dog agility equipment to dog park	3/3/2022 10:17 PM
74	Pickle Ball Courts	3/3/2022 8:34 PM
75	Disc Golf	3/3/2022 8:06 PM
76	Mountain bike trails	3/3/2022 8:01 PM
77	Oktoberfest	3/3/2022 7:52 PM
78	Fitness Camp for Kids	3/3/2022 7:28 PM
79	Snow shoeing	3/3/2022 7:01 PM
80	Youth sports	3/3/2022 6:43 PM
81	Family driven events	3/3/2022 5:40 PM

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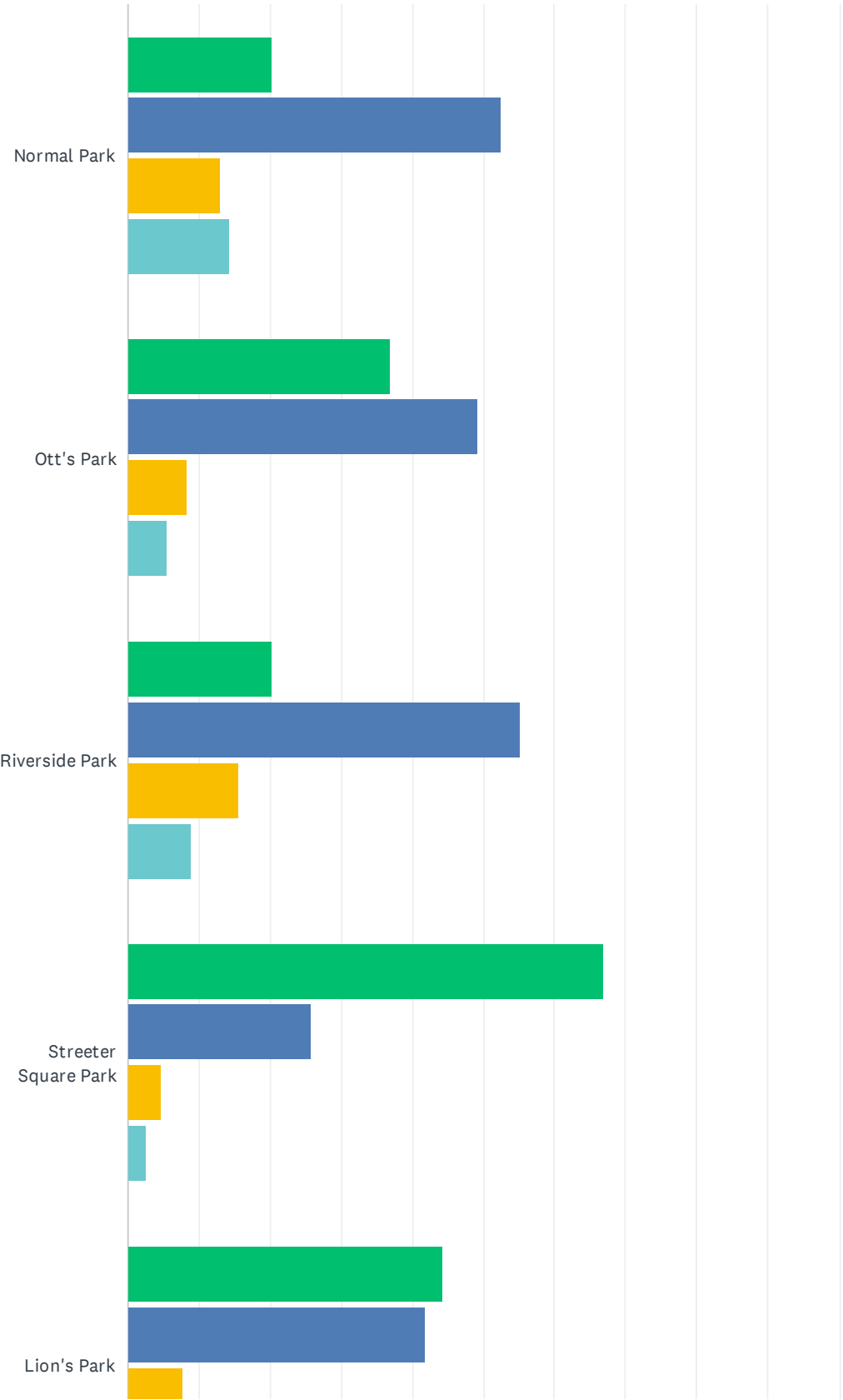
82	Move skate park	3/3/2022 5:26 PM
83	Zumba	3/3/2022 5:06 PM
84	It would be nice to see a park develop by the agra pavilion with playground equipment and a possible volleyball court	3/3/2022 4:53 PM
85	Food trucks nights	3/3/2022 4:46 PM
86	Easy in/out kayak launch dock	3/3/2022 4:25 PM
87	Further enhancement of the river bend trail, including a park attached.	3/3/2022 3:38 PM
#	3.	DATE
1	Anything kid focused- we need more activities for kiddos we go out of town a lot, but would love to stay here	4/8/2022 9:07 AM
2	Splash pad for toddlers	4/7/2022 9:06 PM
3	Adolescent playground	4/7/2022 3:31 PM
4	Outdoor fitness stations someplace	4/7/2022 10:07 AM
5	Swimming beach off the river	4/6/2022 7:24 AM
6	Rent a bike.	4/4/2022 9:19 PM
7	Adult volleyball league not at bar	4/2/2022 7:56 AM
8	Start community tree planting program	3/31/2022 11:29 PM
9	Use bankers square for events	3/30/2022 7:13 PM
10	Walking or running clubs	3/30/2022 3:05 PM
11	Community night that highlight local business	3/30/2022 11:59 AM
12	Wausau has the sawmill jump park something like that would be nice .	3/30/2022 9:19 AM
13	Kids activities like painting in the park	3/28/2022 8:07 PM
14	Disk golf	3/28/2022 7:18 PM
15	Skiing	3/21/2022 9:18 PM
16	Out door entertainment	3/21/2022 8:38 PM
17	More camping sites	3/21/2022 3:54 PM
18	skateboarding park for kids	3/20/2022 10:39 AM
19	Shooting Sports	3/15/2022 8:38 PM
20	Gardening	3/15/2022 5:44 PM
21	Stuff to do in winter for kids, free	3/15/2022 10:29 AM
22	Swimming events	3/14/2022 3:20 PM
23	Day camp	3/14/2022 12:19 PM
24	More Softball fields in general at the MARC	3/14/2022 12:07 PM
25	Otts park lights need updating	3/14/2022 12:06 PM
26	Kayaking	3/14/2022 8:30 AM
27	Indoor Soccer	3/9/2022 11:44 AM
28	Biking opportunities/events	3/7/2022 7:24 PM
29	Block parties	3/6/2022 6:34 PM
30	Indoor golf range	3/6/2022 5:01 PM

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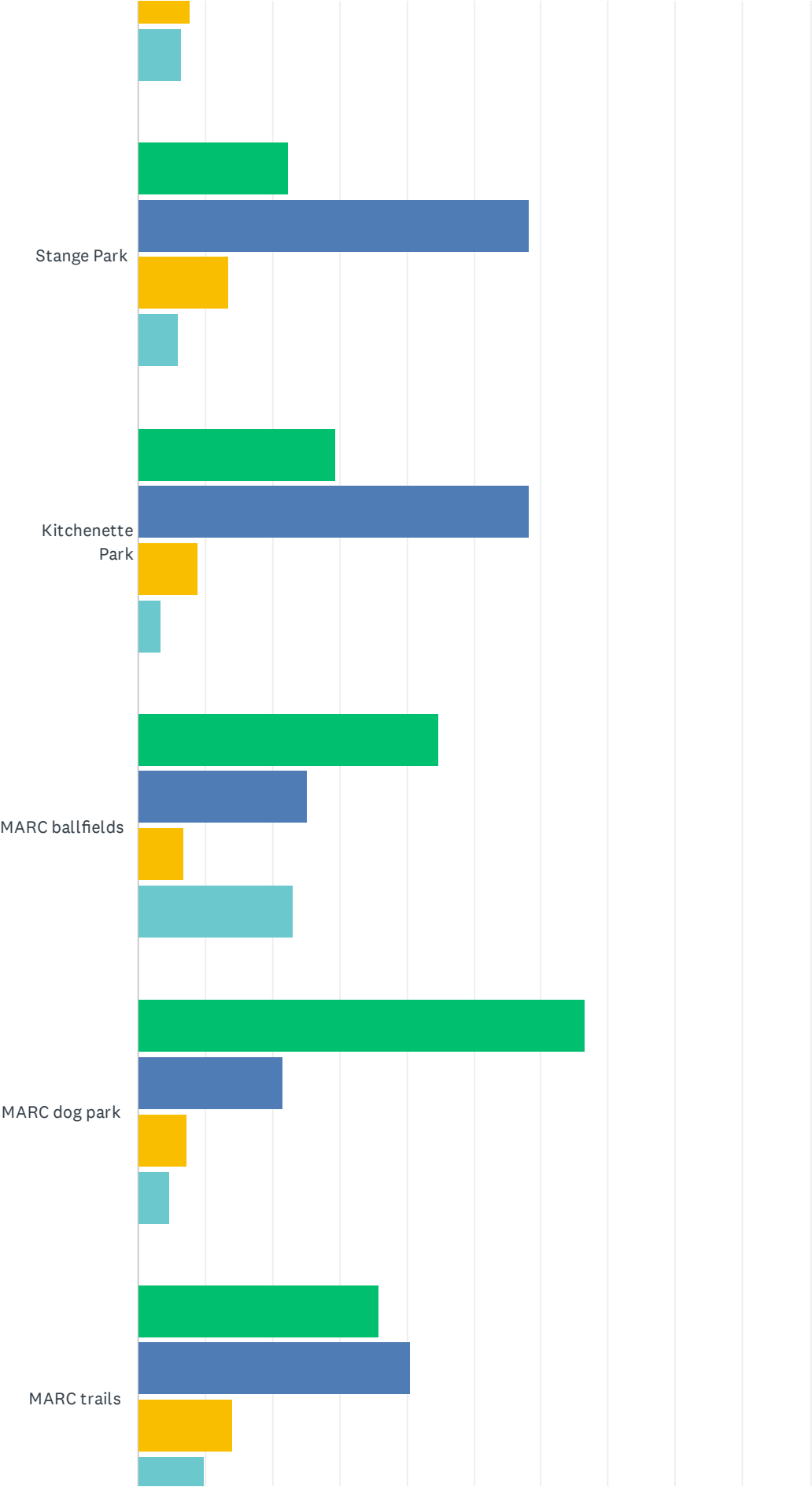
31	Skate Park	3/4/2022 11:09 PM
32	Kayak/canoe rentals along our river district	3/4/2022 4:56 PM
33	Rentals of snowshoeing equipment	3/4/2022 4:52 PM
34	Outdoor movie nights for familys	3/4/2022 4:51 PM
35	Waterfront eateries and organized tube launching to use river areas	3/4/2022 4:29 PM
36	Picnic tables along the River Bend Trail	3/4/2022 12:31 PM
37	Add amenities to Festival Grounds so it is used year-round	3/4/2022 10:22 AM
38	Food truck nights	3/4/2022 6:39 AM
39	Bicycling	3/3/2022 8:06 PM
40	Walking Challenge	3/3/2022 7:28 PM
41	Outdoor recreation	3/3/2022 6:43 PM
42	Indoor activists for winter time	3/3/2022 5:40 PM
43	More children based activities	3/3/2022 5:26 PM
44	Kickball	3/3/2022 5:06 PM
45	An upgraded state park would be nice. Additional length to bike trail.	3/3/2022 4:53 PM
46	Community picnic days	3/3/2022 4:46 PM
47	Treating local parks for mosquitos so people can enjoy them more.	3/3/2022 3:38 PM

Q3 How often do you use the following parks or trails?

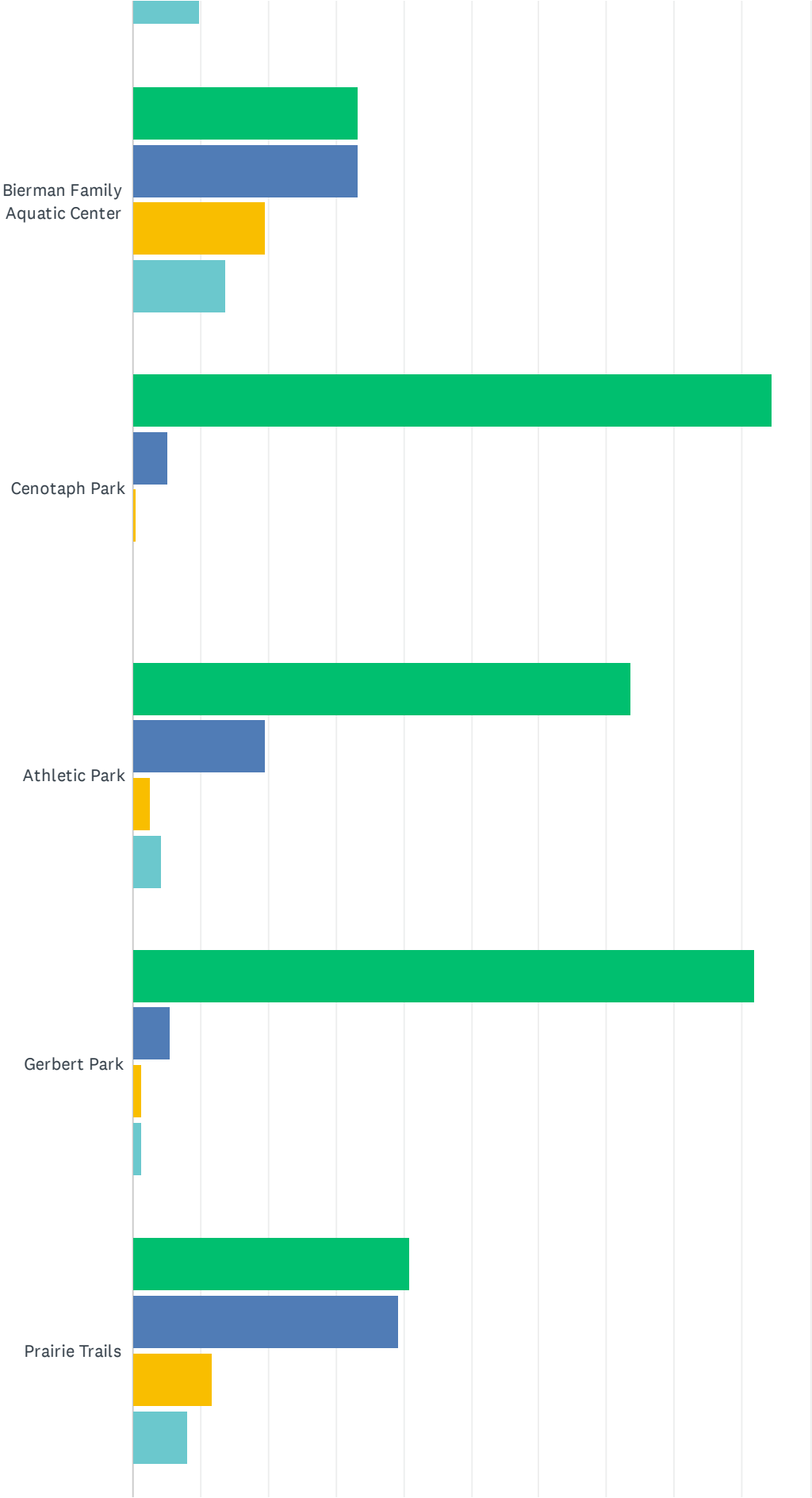
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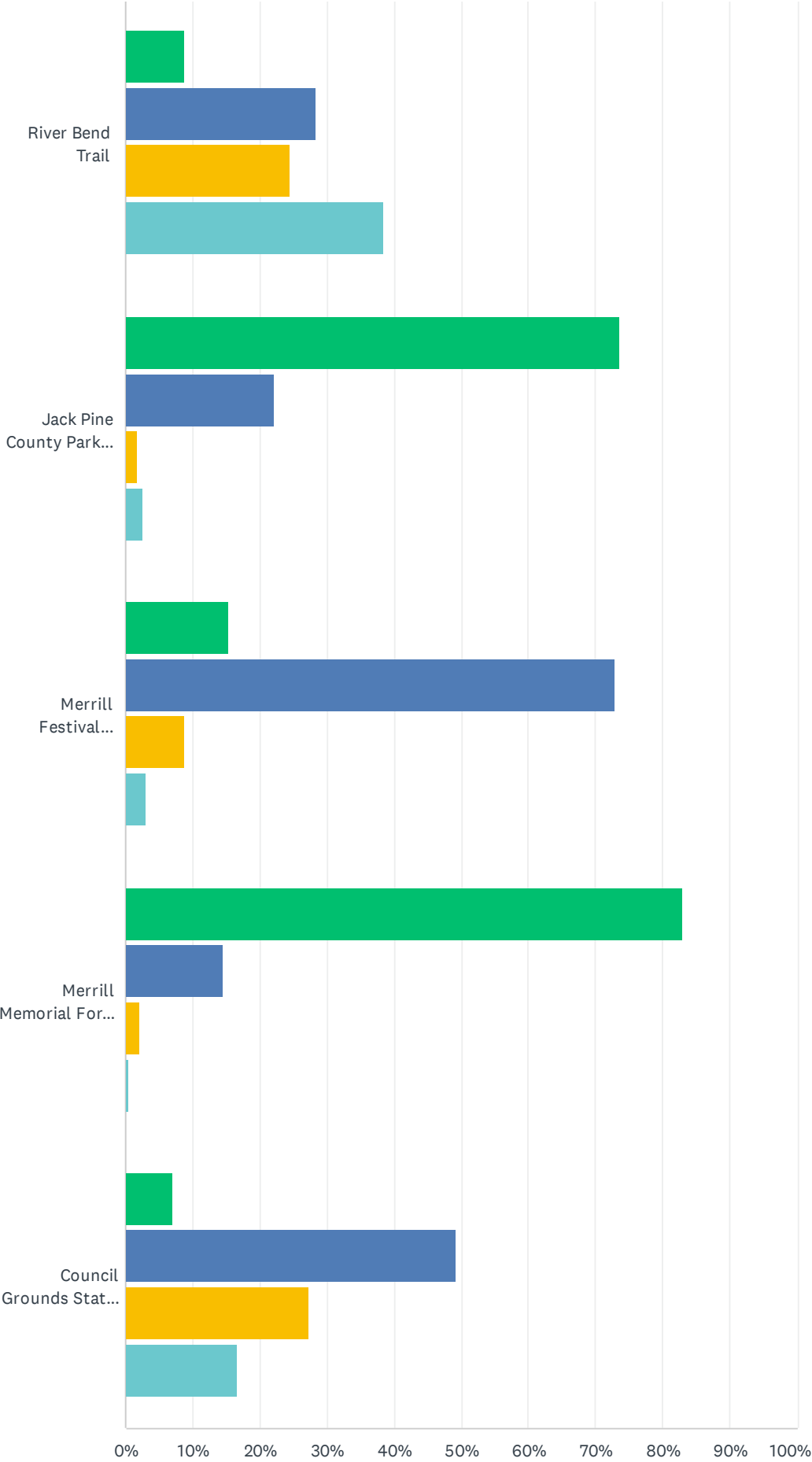
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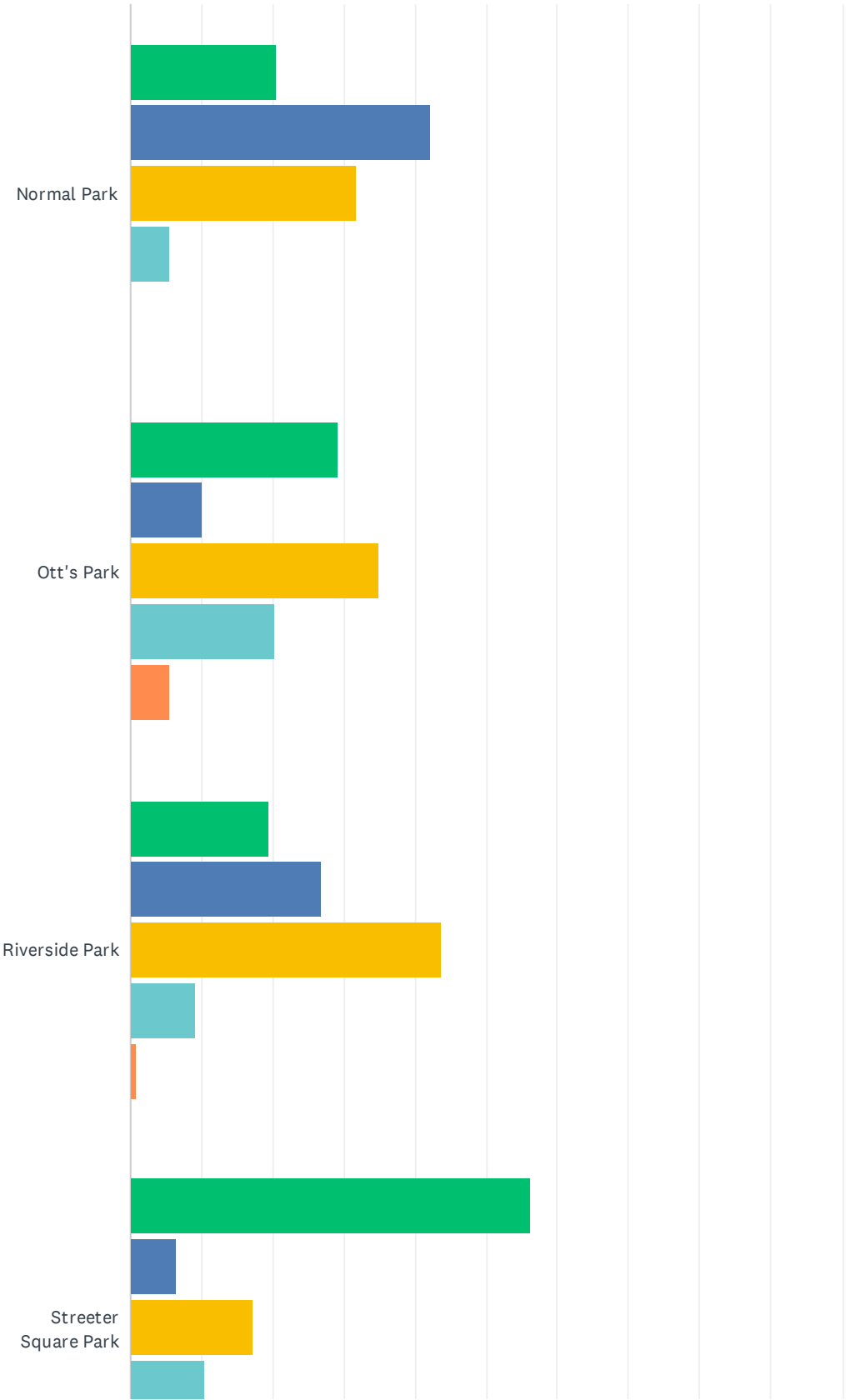
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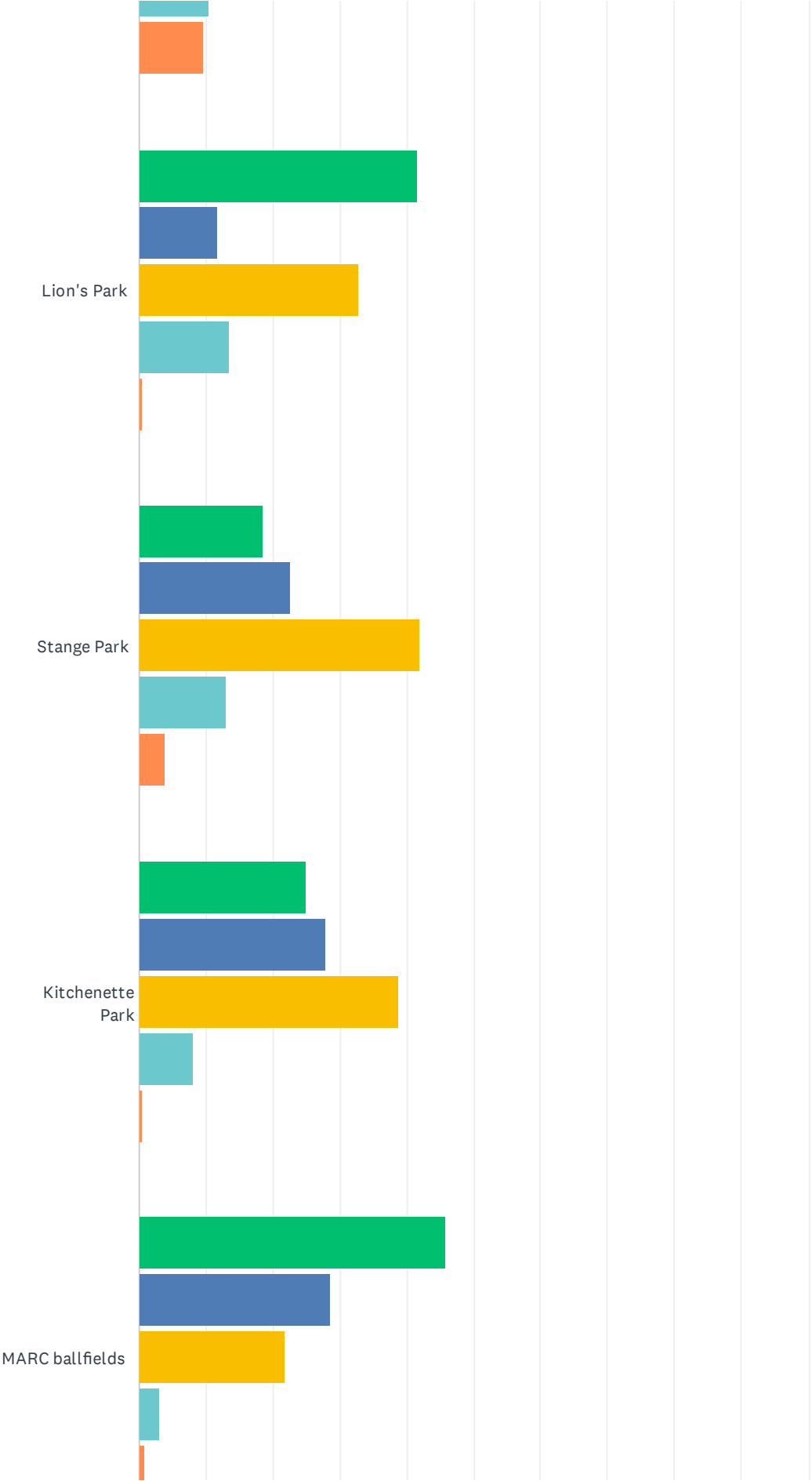
	I DON'T USE THIS PARK/TRAIL	OCCASIONALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	TOTAL
Normal Park	20.17% 48	52.52% 125	13.03% 31	14.29% 34	238
Ott's Park	36.97% 88	49.16% 117	8.40% 20	5.46% 13	238
Riverside Park	20.25% 48	55.27% 131	15.61% 37	8.86% 21	237
Streeter Square Park	66.95% 156	25.75% 60	4.72% 11	2.58% 6	233
Lion's Park	44.26% 104	41.70% 98	7.66% 18	6.38% 15	235
Stange Park	22.36% 53	58.23% 138	13.50% 32	5.91% 14	237
Kitchenette Park	29.36% 69	58.30% 137	8.94% 21	3.40% 8	235
MARC ballfields	44.87% 105	25.21% 59	6.84% 16	23.08% 54	234
MARC dog park	66.53% 157	21.61% 51	7.20% 17	4.66% 11	236
MARC trails	35.74% 84	40.43% 95	14.04% 33	9.79% 23	235
Bierman Family Aquatic Center	33.33% 80	33.33% 80	19.58% 47	13.75% 33	240
Cenotaph Park	94.44% 221	5.13% 12	0.43% 1	0.00% 0	234
Athletic Park	73.62% 173	19.57% 46	2.55% 6	4.26% 10	235
Gerbert Park	91.91% 216	5.53% 13	1.28% 3	1.28% 3	235
Prairie Trails	40.93% 97	39.24% 93	11.81% 28	8.02% 19	237
River Bend Trail	8.75% 21	28.33% 68	24.58% 59	38.33% 92	240
Jack Pine County Park (next to Annex building)	73.62% 173	22.13% 52	1.70% 4	2.55% 6	235
Merrill Festival Grounds	15.42% 37	72.92% 175	8.75% 21	2.92% 7	240
Merrill Memorial Forest (on CTH R northeast of Merrill)	82.91% 194	14.53% 34	2.14% 5	0.43% 1	234
Council Grounds State Park	7.02% 17	49.17% 119	27.27% 66	16.53% 40	242

Q4 Please rate your satisfaction with the following parks or trails:

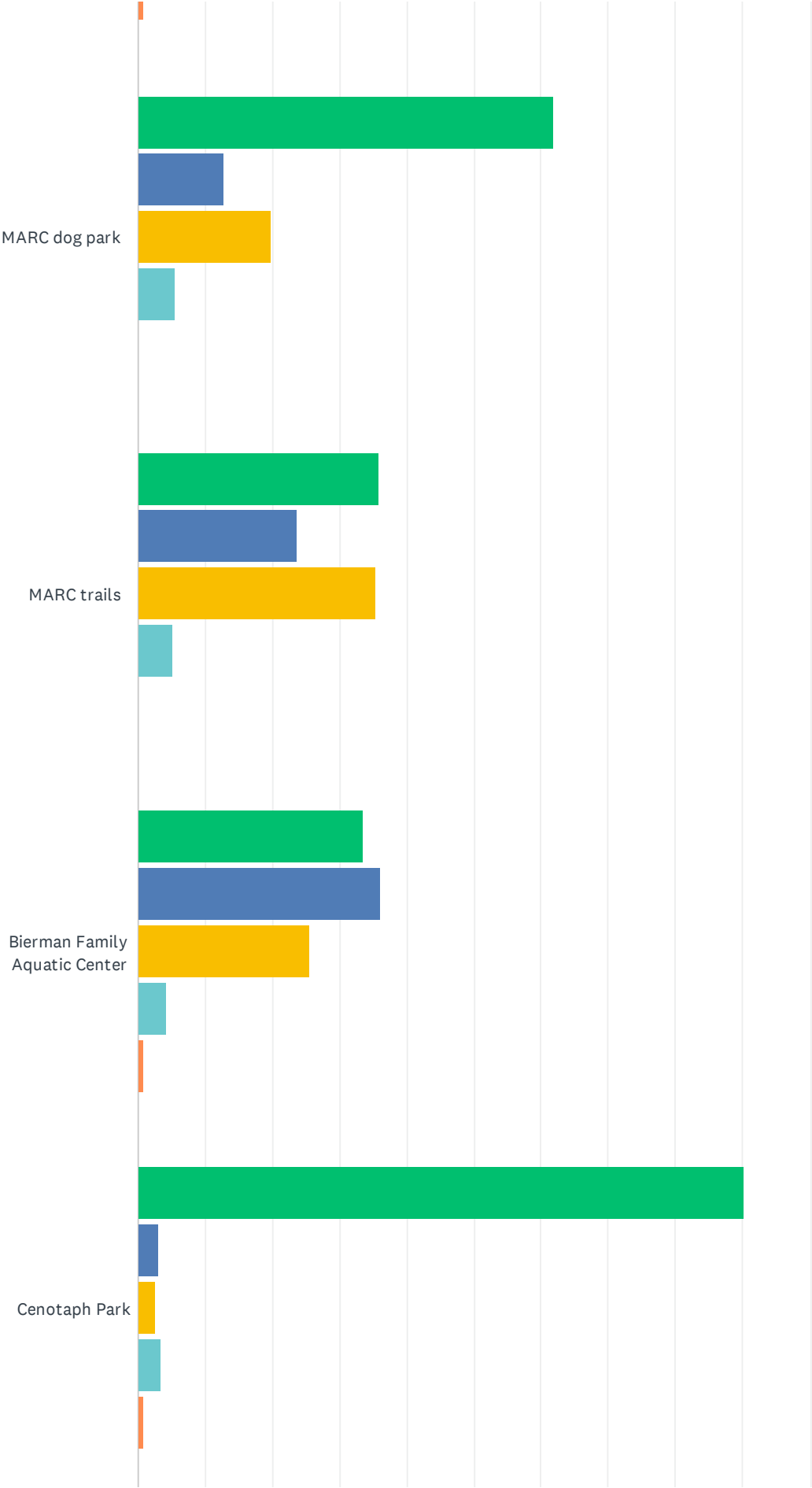
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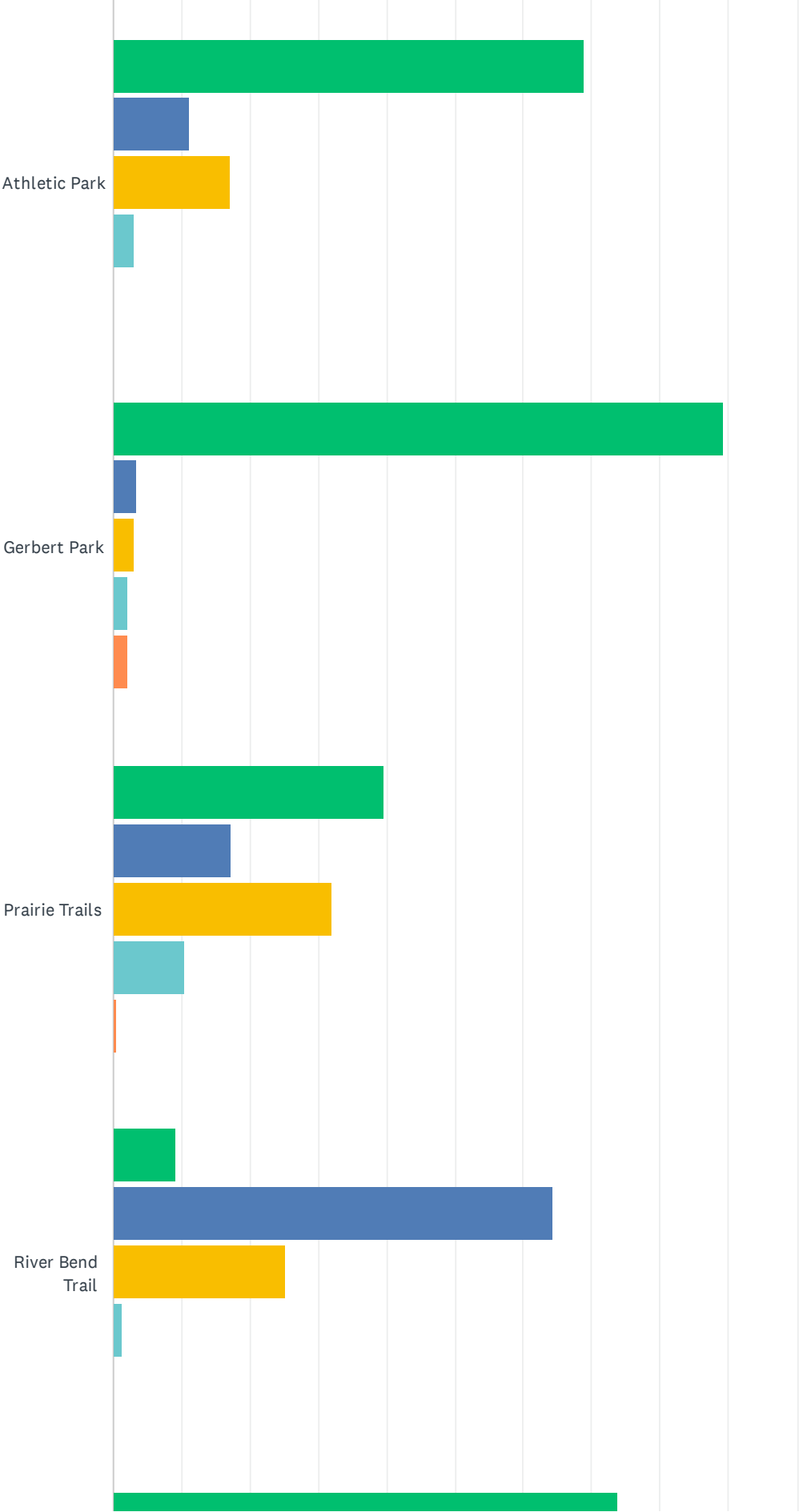
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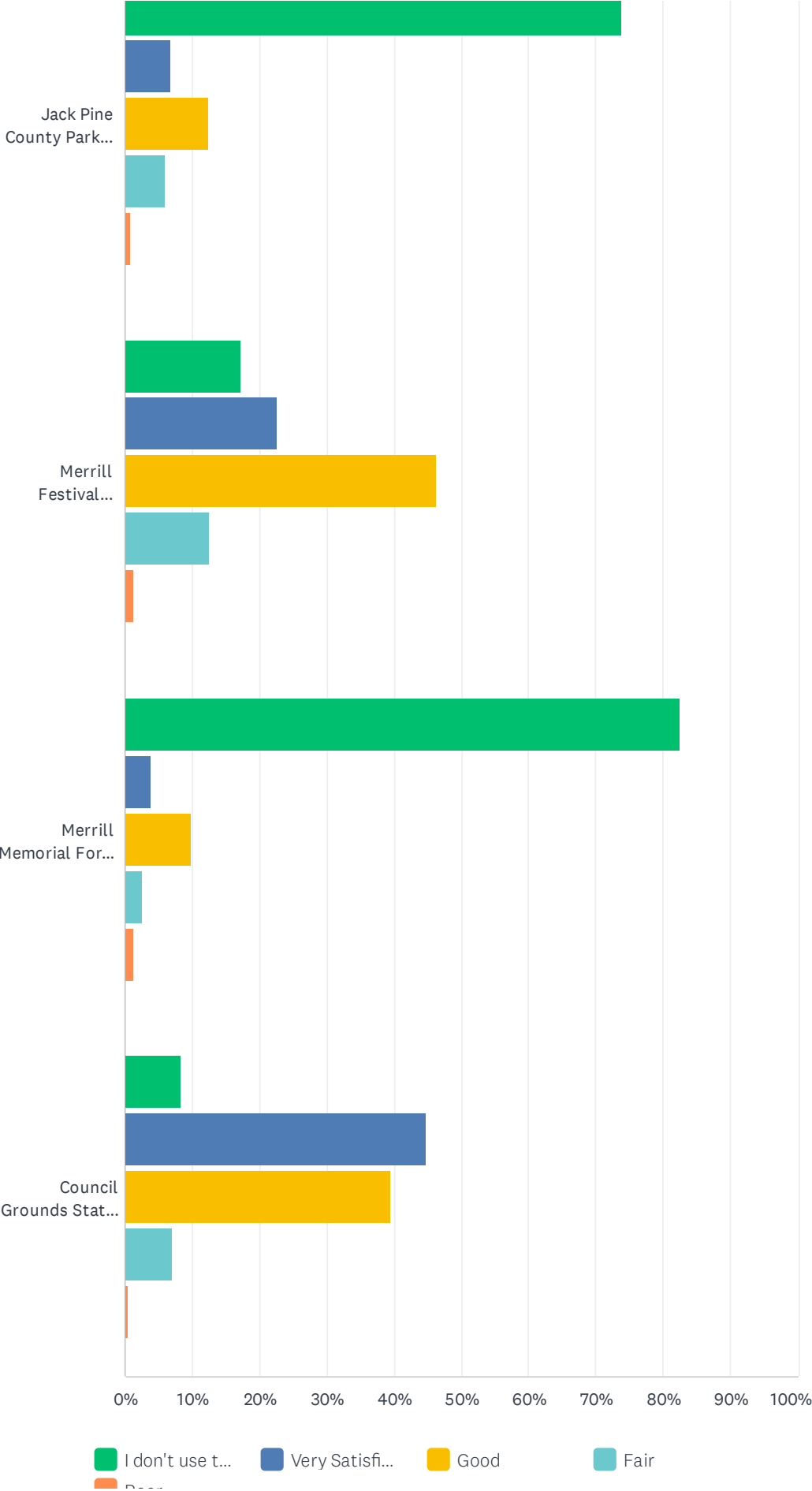
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 POOR

	I DON'T USE THIS PARK/TRAIL	VERY SATISFIED	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL
Normal Park	20.50% 49	42.26% 101	31.80% 76	5.44% 13	0.00% 0	239
Ott's Park	29.11% 69	10.13% 24	35.02% 83	20.25% 48	5.49% 13	237
Riverside Park	19.33% 46	26.89% 64	43.70% 104	9.24% 22	0.84% 2	238
Streeter Square Park	56.30% 134	6.30% 15	17.23% 41	10.50% 25	9.66% 23	238
Lion's Park	41.60% 99	11.76% 28	32.77% 78	13.45% 32	0.42% 1	238
Stange Park	18.49% 44	22.69% 54	42.02% 100	13.03% 31	3.78% 9	238
Kitchenette Park	24.89% 59	27.85% 66	38.82% 92	8.02% 19	0.42% 1	237
MARC ballfields	45.80% 109	28.57% 68	21.85% 52	2.94% 7	0.84% 2	238
MARC dog park	61.86% 146	12.71% 30	19.92% 47	5.51% 13	0.00% 0	236
MARC trails	35.86% 85	23.63% 56	35.44% 84	5.06% 12	0.00% 0	237
Bierman Family Aquatic Center	33.47% 80	35.98% 86	25.52% 61	4.18% 10	0.84% 2	239
Cenotaph Park	90.21% 212	2.98% 7	2.55% 6	3.40% 8	0.85% 2	235
Athletic Park	68.94% 162	11.06% 26	17.02% 40	2.98% 7	0.00% 0	235
Gerbert Park	89.36% 210	3.40% 8	2.98% 7	2.13% 5	2.13% 5	235
Prairie Trails	39.66% 94	17.30% 41	32.07% 76	10.55% 25	0.42% 1	237
River Bend Trail	9.21% 22	64.44% 154	25.10% 60	1.26% 3	0.00% 0	239
Jack Pine County Park (next to Annex building)	73.82% 172	6.87% 16	12.45% 29	6.01% 14	0.86% 2	233
Merrill Festival Grounds	17.23% 41	22.69% 54	46.22% 110	12.61% 30	1.26% 3	238
Merrill Memorial Forest (on CTH R northeast of Merrill)	82.55% 194	3.83% 9	9.79% 23	2.55% 6	1.28% 3	235
Council Grounds State Park	8.30% 20	44.81% 108	39.42% 95	7.05% 17	0.41% 1	241

Q5 (Optional) Any comments about the above parks or trails?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 218

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	mosquitos are bad at some parks, so we do not go often to those. Some are not safe with no fence line or just under developed does not keep kids interest	4/8/2022 9:12 AM
2	Clean up the river and bridges in Stange park, bring back old splash pad at stange park Love all our parks	4/7/2022 9:09 PM
3	Recommend open restrooms at all parks that are used a lot.	4/7/2022 4:23 PM
4	The gravel used at MARC Trails is too coarse to bike on and painful to walk and run on. A finer crushed granite or limestone would be much better.	4/7/2022 2:12 PM
5	Gravel trail by Marc could be a harder surface for bikes.	4/7/2022 10:11 AM
6	Jack Pine is excellent in winter. Lions Hill was always amazing but now there is simply no care so it's barely usable in winter. Street square is a nice little kid park. Stanges was in need of yard work last year but this has always been a great park.	4/6/2022 7:29 AM
7	Cover on the grand stands at Fair Grounds.	4/5/2022 9:03 PM
8	People need to clean up after their animals	4/5/2022 1:21 PM
9	♥♥♥♥	4/4/2022 7:57 PM
10	SELL CITY FOREST	4/4/2022 4:21 PM
11	No dock at otts?	4/3/2022 7:26 AM
12	Graffiti and destruction to playgrounds deters us from going. Maintenance to parks also makes us rethink where we go.	4/2/2022 6:30 PM
13	None	3/31/2022 11:31 PM
14	None	3/31/2022 10:55 PM
15	Riverside floods so often. Some parks are overrun with misquote we don't want to use like Rivverside, kitchenette, council grounds. Square Park is too close to road- my kids are runners.	3/31/2022 5:41 AM
16	I have tried to use Gerbert Park. I know where it is on a map, but I have circled the area and never figured out where to park or how to enter.	3/30/2022 7:03 PM
17	We have used the Biermann Aquatic Center very infrequently because the small children swimming area is hard to use. The water is turned up so high that our kids don't like to use the splash pad/playground area.	3/30/2022 3:09 PM
18	Consider making prairie trails more stroller friendly. Hard to push through the rocks	3/30/2022 12:13 PM
19	Streeter square has unsafe metal things sticking out of ground from toys that were removed. Also the playground could use up dating exposed metal on playground. Stages park broken equipment should be updated. Maybe put a fence around playground to keep ducks out. Lot of bird poop around there. Marc playground could use updating as well. Very out of date. With soccer and baseball fields there would be nice to have bigger playground. A playground beside Tyler's playground would be nice on the Riverbend trail. Counsel ground playground could use an update as well. Marathon park in wausau just update its playground. Something like that would be awesome. It can be for older and younger kids to play. Some of wausau parks have water sand play areas and kids love to get messy. If you have been to Jo Jo's jungle something like that would be nice for all ages of kids. I know this is all funding permit but we frequent parks alot merrill and wausau area so updated equipment would be great all around. One thing I will say isn't safe with Normal park is the blue ramp thing that connects the lower	3/30/2022 9:39 AM

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slide part from the higher slides part. Little kids have a hard time climbing it. I fear child will fall off it or an older child with broke something jumping off it.

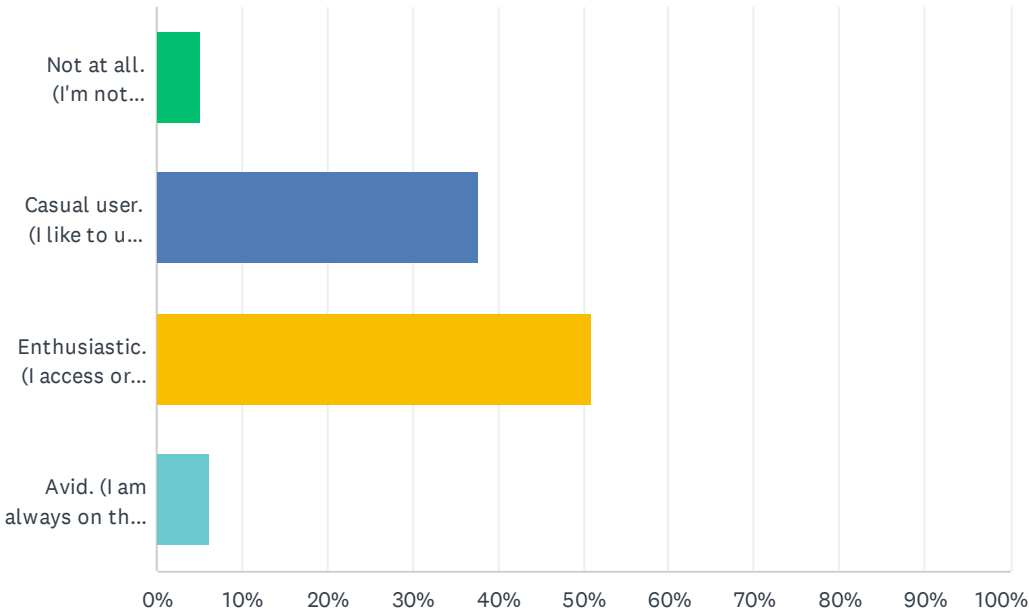
20	Keep weeds/ vines more cleaned by Tyler's park (yellow building & rock wall)	3/28/2022 8:54 PM
21	Please remove the metal pipe sticking out of the ground at streeter square. Please fix the bridge so children don't fall off of it at riverside park.	3/28/2022 7:21 PM
22	Open up parks when river opens up and put docks in	3/23/2022 12:52 PM
23	We need dog parks at other parks also	3/21/2022 8:41 PM
24	Please put the dock in at riverside park.	3/21/2022 4:42 PM
25	More support for long hockey season even by a month or two, summer programs, Skate board park for the kids	3/21/2022 3:57 PM
26	more fishing docks with more then 2 inches of water in front of dock	3/20/2022 10:44 AM
27	I have never been able to find Gerbert Park or even a map of it to be able to know where to park or where the trails are.	3/15/2022 5:46 PM
28	How do you find Gender Park? I have never been able to find it or even a good map to show where it is and where the trails arse	3/15/2022 5:39 PM
29	It would be nice to see something at Gebert Park. Even a very small play area for those who live in that area. I don't believe there is so much as a picnic table or anything at all therep	3/14/2022 4:13 PM
30	The softball fields could use some major attention.	3/14/2022 12:22 PM
31	continue to improve Athletic Park , the MARC, and Otts.....all bring many people and a lot of \$\$\$ to the City of Merrill	3/14/2022 12:05 PM
32	I think the fields at the MARC could be better taken care of as much as they are used. I also think there should be another concession stand and bathroom by fields 5, 6 and the baseball field.	3/14/2022 11:42 AM
33	More Picnic tables at Normal Park needed.	3/14/2022 2:42 AM
34	Council Grounds beach area needs the retaining replaced, I would consider it dangerous. Normal Park could benefit from equipment or sandbox geared towards smaller children. More seating would be nice.	3/10/2022 3:58 PM
35	Some of the parks could use a cleaning/pressure wash.	3/8/2022 12:19 PM
36	I think most parks in Merrill are in fairly decent condition. I think updates and improvements, things like trees, benches, small shelters, little things to make them more attractive are always welcome. The trail systems work, but improvements like more scenic spots, photo opportunity locations, things that attract people to town are also always a good thing.	3/7/2022 7:36 PM
37	Council grounds needs to increase their camping capacity so that more sites are available	3/7/2022 6:50 PM
38	So many parks with the same set up and opportunities.	3/7/2022 8:46 AM
39	Disc golf course at stanges and kitchenette needs concrete to secure the baskets and some landscaping done.	3/4/2022 11:17 PM
40	Lion's-ball field in fair condition, could improve this. MARC ball fields-would benefit for lights.	3/4/2022 7:27 PM
41	Really need a swimming/play area at the aquatic center for 1-4 year olds. The current area with the buckets and spraying water playground area was way too violent/rough for my 3 yr old son. He was so upset we left right away. I've gone back to swim, but he's too afraid.	3/4/2022 7:17 PM
42	I would use the various parks more often if they had updated play equipment.	3/4/2022 6:53 PM
43	I think some of the parks should be better policed. I don't necessarily always feel safe visiting some parks on my own with kids; particularly the more remote ones such as Riverside or Ott's.	3/4/2022 5:06 PM
44	Streeter's Square and Stange's Park need updated playground equipment—very poor condition.	3/4/2022 4:33 PM

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45	How in the devil does one get to access Gebert Park and what is there? It seems like a park that is not very welcoming being in an upscale neighborhood and it seems as though people living there may not like people using it. Just a guess .	3/4/2022 1:15 PM
46	MARC Trails need to be made usable with either a more packable gravel or paved. Same goes for the trails at Prairie Trails. Don't feel money invested at Merrill Memorial Forest benefits Merrill citizens.	3/4/2022 12:38 PM
47	need more maintenance in Gebert Park, trails are so untended it is hard to find them to stay on them	3/4/2022 12:18 PM
48	None	3/4/2022 9:01 AM
49	MARC soccer fields aren't even mentioned. These are in poor condition and need to be maintained just like the MARC ball diamonds.	3/3/2022 10:31 PM
50	Great mountain bike trails	3/3/2022 8:03 PM
51	I would like to see more done with the ice rink at the MARC. It is underutilized for its purpose which is hockey and ice skating.	3/3/2022 7:38 PM
52	Merrill parks needs to replace the tennis courts they removed from the Stange/Kitchenette area. Ott's is black top and not a good alternative.	3/3/2022 7:06 PM
53	There should be lights at Marc. This would bring more out of town tens in and bring revenue into the city	3/3/2022 6:46 PM
54	Many areas could use updating.	3/3/2022 6:27 PM
55	Every time i have ever found a discarded syringe has been at otts park. It is so dumpy and run down and the location is terrible.	3/3/2022 6:25 PM
56	A better playground would be nice at Streeter square. I appreciate the plowed area for walking dogs in the winter at the MARC. I wish we could add garbage areas for dog owners to pick up their dogs mess.	3/3/2022 6:23 PM
57	2nd dog park at Prairie trail enclose east loop from hwy and private property yet open to river	3/3/2022 5:39 PM
58	To many benches at normal, make stangd more family friendly (updated playground), fix dog park fence, fence in streeter square and update play equipment or get rid of it.	3/3/2022 5:34 PM
59	I think the MARC should have another concession stand along with actual bathrooms by fields 5,6 and the boys baseball field.	3/3/2022 4:47 PM
60	Council Grounds is not well kept. I've been there to picnic on multiple occasions and the grass is not cut. It needs a lot of TLC and it's disappointing it's not we'll maintained.	3/3/2022 4:08 PM
61	Would like paved walking trails at Prairie & Marc	3/3/2022 3:55 PM
62	Paved trails at Prairie Trails and the MARC would me more accessible. The bathrooms at council grounds need serious updating.	3/3/2022 3:42 PM
63	Parking at Marc doesn't work Well for soccer games	3/3/2022 3:30 PM
64	City Forest needs more development.	3/3/2022 3:22 PM

Q6 What type of water enthusiast are you?(Choose one.)

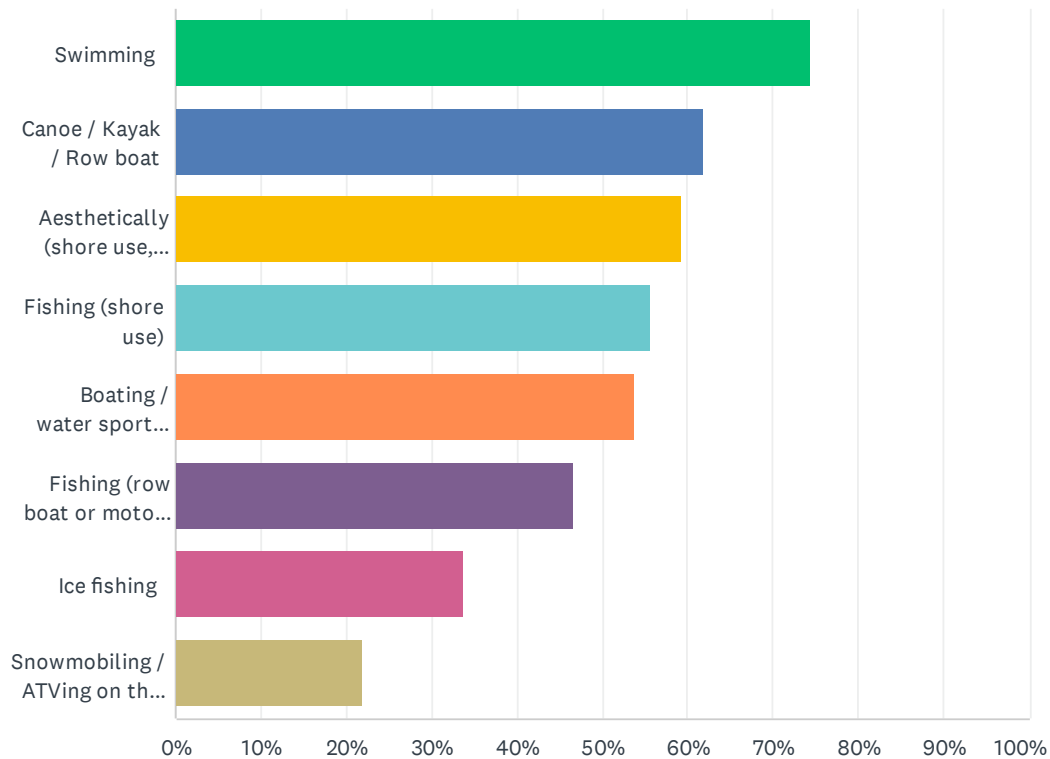
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all. (I'm not interested in water recreation at all, not even with friends.) [SKIP to non-water questions.]	5.02%	12
Casual user. (I like to use the water, but only do so occasionally.)	37.66%	90
Enthusiastic. (I access or go on the water regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)	51.05%	122
Avid. (I am always on the water or ice every chance I get.)	6.28%	15
TOTAL		239

Q7 How do you use the water? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 223 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming	74.44%	166
Canoe / Kayak / Row boat	61.88%	138
Aesthetically (shore use, walking or sitting along the water)	59.19%	132
Fishing (shore use)	55.61%	124
Boating / water sport (motorized)	53.81%	120
Fishing (row boat or motor boat)	46.64%	104
Ice fishing	33.63%	75
Snowmobiling / ATVing on the ice	21.97%	49
Total Respondents: 223		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Paddle boarding	4/7/2022 3:36 PM
2	Merrill Ice Drags	3/14/2022 4:55 PM
3	River Floating	3/6/2022 5:04 PM
4	River floating	3/4/2022 6:43 AM

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5	Scuba	3/3/2022 9:58 PM
6	Trapping	3/3/2022 6:24 PM

Q8 Please list which water body you use most often.(e.g., Prairie River, Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander, Tug Lake, Lake Pesobic, etc.)

Answered: 189 Skipped: 93

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lake Pesobic and Lake Alexander	4/8/2022 1:12 PM
2	Council grounds, prairie river trails, stange park	4/8/2022 9:13 AM
3	Wisconsin river and lake Alexander	4/7/2022 9:09 PM
4	Prairie River, Wisconsin, Lake Alexander	4/7/2022 4:24 PM
5	Pickerel Lake in Harrison, Prairie River, Wisconsin River	4/7/2022 3:36 PM
6	WI river	4/7/2022 2:13 PM
7	Lake Pesobic or the WI River	4/7/2022 11:04 AM
8	Wi river	4/7/2022 10:14 AM
9	Lake Alexander	4/6/2022 8:34 PM
10	WI River	4/6/2022 6:57 PM
11	Prairie River, Lake Pesobic, WI River	4/6/2022 7:30 AM
12	Wisconsin River	4/5/2022 9:04 PM
13	Lake Alexander	4/4/2022 11:25 PM
14	Alexander	4/4/2022 10:34 PM
15	Aquatic center	4/4/2022 9:24 PM
16	Wisconsin River	4/4/2022 9:11 PM
17	Pine river	4/4/2022 8:46 PM
18	Lake Alexander and Wisconsin River	4/4/2022 8:19 PM
19	Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander	4/4/2022 8:13 PM
20	Wisconsin River	4/4/2022 7:58 PM
21	River	4/4/2022 7:52 PM
22	Wisconsin River	4/4/2022 7:29 PM
23	Lake pesobic	4/4/2022 4:22 PM
24	Wi river	4/3/2022 7:27 AM
25	Lake alexander	4/2/2022 6:31 PM
26	Alexander	3/31/2022 11:56 PM
27	Prairie river Lake Alexander	3/31/2022 11:33 PM
28	Lake Alexander, Wisconsin River	3/31/2022 10:56 PM
29	Lake Alexander in Merrill, more often go to tomahawk cabin	3/31/2022 10:02 PM
30	Lake Alexander	3/31/2022 7:18 PM
31	Wisconsin River	3/31/2022 8:09 AM

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32	Council grounds, grandmother falls Ice age trails	3/31/2022 5:44 AM
33	Lake pesobic. Lake alexander	3/30/2022 8:39 PM
34	Wisconsin River along the river trail and in Council Grounds.	3/30/2022 7:04 PM
35	Lake Alexander	3/30/2022 3:09 PM
36	Wisconsin River	3/30/2022 1:23 PM
37	Wisconsin River	3/30/2022 12:14 PM
38	Post Lake	3/30/2022 12:08 PM
39	Wisconsin River	3/30/2022 11:47 AM
40	Wisconsin river, lake Alexander, lake posibic.	3/30/2022 11:34 AM
41	Counsel grounds. Tug lake	3/30/2022 9:40 AM
42	Wisconsin river	3/29/2022 5:58 PM
43	All of them equally	3/29/2022 6:32 AM
44	Alexander	3/28/2022 10:07 PM
45	Wisconsin River	3/28/2022 8:58 PM
46	Wisconsin river	3/28/2022 8:55 PM
47	Wi river, lake pesobic	3/28/2022 8:12 PM
48	Wisconsin River	3/28/2022 8:00 PM
49	Wisconsin river tug lake	3/28/2022 7:22 PM
50	Wisconsin River	3/28/2022 11:00 AM
51	Wisconsin river	3/27/2022 11:18 AM
52	Tug lake	3/27/2022 7:43 AM
53	All of the ones listed	3/26/2022 7:52 PM
54	Lake Alexander and other neighboring lakes	3/23/2022 10:17 PM
55	Wisconsin River, Lake Pesobic, Lake Alexander	3/23/2022 7:18 PM
56	Wi river	3/23/2022 12:53 PM
57	Wisconsin river	3/22/2022 12:01 PM
58	Lake Alexander	3/21/2022 9:21 PM
59	Lake Alexander	3/21/2022 8:43 PM
60	Lake Alexander	3/21/2022 8:19 PM
61	Wisconsin river	3/21/2022 6:08 PM
62	Wisconsin river, lake Alexander	3/21/2022 4:45 PM
63	Tug lake	3/21/2022 4:38 PM
64	Lake Alexander, Wisconsin river for fishing	3/21/2022 3:58 PM
65	Lake Alexander and echo lake	3/21/2022 3:56 PM
66	wisconsin river	3/20/2022 10:46 AM
67	Lake pesobic	3/17/2022 8:17 PM
68	Lake Alexander	3/17/2022 3:24 PM
69	Wisconsin River and Prairie River	3/17/2022 7:26 AM

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70	Wisconsin river	3/16/2022 12:45 PM
71	Prairie River.	3/15/2022 8:45 PM
72	Wisconsin River, Lake Pesobic	3/15/2022 8:25 PM
73	WI River	3/15/2022 6:27 PM
74	Lake Alexander	3/15/2022 5:53 PM
75	Wisconsin River and Harrison Hills Lakes	3/15/2022 5:48 PM
76	Wisconsin River	3/15/2022 5:04 PM
77	Wisconsin	3/15/2022 2:56 PM
78	Tug Lake	3/15/2022 11:05 AM
79	Wisconsin River no	3/14/2022 7:45 PM
80	Wisconsin River and Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 7:12 PM
81	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 6:17 PM
82	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 6:01 PM
83	Lake Alexander, Wisconsin River	3/14/2022 4:55 PM
84	Wisconsin River	3/14/2022 4:14 PM
85	Wi river. Pesobic, Alexander	3/14/2022 3:24 PM
86	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 2:48 PM
87	Wisconsin River	3/14/2022 2:26 PM
88	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 1:22 PM
89	Lake Alexander, lake Pesabic	3/14/2022 1:16 PM
90	Wisconsin river	3/14/2022 12:38 PM
91	Wisconsin River	3/14/2022 12:33 PM
92	Variety.	3/14/2022 12:22 PM
93	Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 12:12 PM
94	Council Grounds	3/14/2022 12:08 PM
95	Lake Alexander lake pesobic	3/14/2022 12:08 PM
96	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 11:54 AM
97	Prairie river and Wisconsin river	3/14/2022 11:46 AM
98	All	3/14/2022 11:44 AM
99	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 11:42 AM
100	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 11:39 AM
101	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 11:38 AM
102	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 11:37 AM
103	Lake Alexander, Wisconsin River	3/14/2022 10:50 AM
104	Lake Alexander and Wisconsin river	3/14/2022 8:35 AM
105	Wisconsin River, Prairie River	3/11/2022 11:01 AM
106	Prairie River	3/11/2022 8:50 AM
107	Lake Alexander	3/10/2022 7:56 PM

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108	Council Grounds Beach	3/10/2022 7:01 PM
109	Wisconsin River	3/9/2022 8:22 PM
110	Wisconsin River	3/9/2022 11:52 AM
111	Wisconsin River Prairie River	3/8/2022 2:45 PM
112	Wisconsin river	3/7/2022 6:51 PM
113	Wisconsin River and prairie River	3/7/2022 3:23 PM
114	Lake George Rhinelander. Lake Alexander	3/7/2022 1:51 PM
115	Lake Tomahawk, Minocqua, Wis River	3/7/2022 8:47 AM
116	Alexander	3/6/2022 6:36 PM
117	Lake Alexander/Wisconsin River	3/6/2022 5:04 PM
118	Lake Alexander	3/5/2022 12:51 PM
119	Wisconsin River and Prairie River	3/4/2022 11:22 PM
120	Lake Alexander, Lake Pesobic, Tug Lake	3/4/2022 10:09 PM
121	Lake Alexander, Tug lake	3/4/2022 9:42 PM
122	None in Lincoln County.	3/4/2022 7:28 PM
123	Lake Alexander.	3/4/2022 7:19 PM
124	Wisconsin River and Lake Alexander	3/4/2022 6:54 PM
125	Prairie River, WI River, Lake Pesobic.	3/4/2022 5:59 PM
126	Lake Pesobic	3/4/2022 5:56 PM
127	Pesobic	3/4/2022 5:36 PM
128	Lake alexander	3/4/2022 5:09 PM
129	Wisconsin River	3/4/2022 5:07 PM
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131	Alexander	3/4/2022 5:00 PM
132	Lake Alexander	3/4/2022 4:56 PM
133	Wisconsin River	3/4/2022 4:55 PM
134	Lake Pesobic	3/4/2022 4:55 PM
135	Tug Lake	3/4/2022 4:34 PM
136	Wisconsin River	3/4/2022 1:18 PM
137	Wisconsin River	3/4/2022 12:39 PM
138	Tug Lake (have a cottage on the lake) and Council Grounds beachfront daily in summer	3/4/2022 12:20 PM
139	Wisconsin river	3/4/2022 11:31 AM
140	Wisconsin River	3/4/2022 10:27 AM
141	Council grounds	3/4/2022 9:02 AM
142	Alexander and pesobic	3/4/2022 8:02 AM
143	Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander	3/4/2022 7:45 AM
144	Alexander pesobic	3/4/2022 7:35 AM
145	Clear Lake - Tomahawk Prairie River - Merrill	3/4/2022 7:18 AM

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146	Lake Alexander	3/4/2022 7:16 AM
147	Wisconsin River	3/4/2022 6:43 AM
148	Tug Lake	3/3/2022 11:23 PM
149	Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 11:10 PM
150	Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 10:54 PM
151	Lake Alexander, Prairie River	3/3/2022 10:32 PM
152	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 10:23 PM
153	Lake Alexander,	3/3/2022 9:58 PM
154	Wisconsin river	3/3/2022 9:02 PM
155	Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 8:40 PM
156	Wis. River	3/3/2022 8:15 PM
157	Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 8:12 PM
158	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 8:03 PM
159	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 7:55 PM
160	Wisconsin River, Tug Lake	3/3/2022 7:55 PM
161	Lake pesobic, Harrison area, Otter Lake	3/3/2022 7:39 PM
162	All	3/3/2022 7:31 PM
163	Wisconsin and Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 7:09 PM
164	Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander, Prairie River	3/3/2022 6:51 PM
165	Several all over depending on season	3/3/2022 6:47 PM
166	Wisconsin River, Lake Alexander, Tug Lake	3/3/2022 6:29 PM
167	Lake alexander	3/3/2022 6:26 PM
168	Alexander	3/3/2022 6:24 PM
169	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 6:23 PM
170	Lake Alexander, WI river	3/3/2022 6:03 PM
171	WI River-Council grounds	3/3/2022 5:50 PM
172	Lake alexander	3/3/2022 5:44 PM
173	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 5:35 PM
174	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 5:34 PM
175	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 5:26 PM
176	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 5:20 PM
177	Wi river	3/3/2022 5:10 PM
178	Wis River	3/3/2022 5:03 PM
179	Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 4:57 PM
180	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 4:48 PM
181	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 4:10 PM
182	Lake Alexander, Tug Lake, and the Wisconsin river.	3/3/2022 4:09 PM
183	Wisconsin River and Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 4:05 PM

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184	Eagle River lakes	3/3/2022 4:01 PM
185	Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 3:56 PM
186	Lake Alexander	3/3/2022 3:45 PM
187	Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 3:38 PM
188	Wisconsin river	3/3/2022 3:32 PM
189	Lake Alexander, Prairie River, Wisconsin River	3/3/2022 3:24 PM

Q9 What public boat landings or water access improvements are needed in the City of Merrill?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 199

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	unknown	4/8/2022 9:13 AM
2	Not sure	4/7/2022 3:36 PM
3	Something along RBT	4/7/2022 2:13 PM
4	Just kayak launch maybe right near Agra and promote a place or trip to pick up down river so there is a designated place to go. Maybe from up river to Merrill also. Promote it. Don't need a boat landing as one at Riverside is fine. Maybe one from upstream on prairie river also	4/7/2022 10:14 AM
5	Better lights at Lake Pesobic boat landing	4/4/2022 9:24 PM
6	Otts and Riverside boat landings	4/4/2022 9:11 PM
7	lights at the boat landings	4/4/2022 7:58 PM
8	Lighting at the boat landings	4/4/2022 7:29 PM
9	Many need new concrete	4/4/2022 4:22 PM
10	Docks put in	4/3/2022 7:27 AM
11	Docking spaces and parking	4/2/2022 6:31 PM
12	More drop in / take out areas for tubing, kayaking - and information on where they are and how to use them	3/31/2022 11:33 PM
13	Tug lake	3/31/2022 10:56 PM
14	Not sure where would use much in merrill	3/31/2022 10:02 PM
15	Enhance beach kids play access (Otts, council, riverside, etc)	3/31/2022 5:44 AM
16	Lake pesobic. Has vacant lot by it could it be bought to make a parking lot? Have garbage can at boat landing.	3/30/2022 8:39 PM
17	N/A	3/30/2022 1:23 PM
18	More public docks	3/30/2022 12:14 PM
19	Better access for Prairie River North of town	3/30/2022 11:47 AM
20	Lake Pesobic	3/28/2022 8:58 PM
21	Otts Park boat landing	3/26/2022 7:52 PM
22	Docks	3/23/2022 12:53 PM
23	Dock and riverside and otts	3/22/2022 12:01 PM
24	Portages and marked systems need better sign - the river is very dangerous- with the dam	3/21/2022 8:43 PM
25	Riverside	3/21/2022 6:08 PM
26	It would be nice if you guys put the dock back in at riverside.	3/21/2022 4:45 PM
27	Otts park, riverside park with fishing piers,	3/21/2022 3:58 PM
28	the more access the better then council grounds wouldnt be filled all the tme around any holiday	3/20/2022 10:46 AM
29	Ott's Park Boat Landing needs the most work, the access is very poor, the concrete pads are	3/17/2022 7:26 AM

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eroded away, and no dock. Riverside Park launch pads are nice but could use a dock.

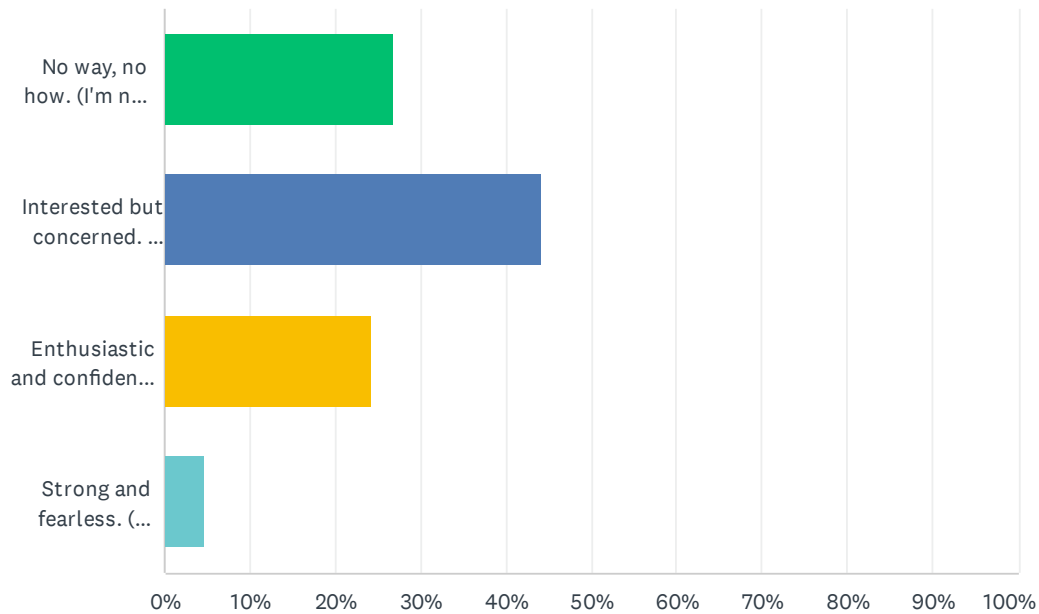
30	Maps	3/16/2022 12:45 PM
31	Riverside Park, Prairie Trails Park.	3/15/2022 8:45 PM
32	I mostly fish smaller lakes in the area or WI river	3/15/2022 6:27 PM
33	More access for kayaks in town	3/15/2022 5:53 PM
34	canoe /kayak takeout by Merrill Dam is greatly in need of improvement.	3/15/2022 5:48 PM
35	More kayak access	3/14/2022 7:12 PM
36	Riverside Park	3/14/2022 6:17 PM
37	Riverside, council grounds	3/14/2022 4:55 PM
38	Ott's	3/14/2022 2:48 PM
39	Docks at Ott's and Riverside	3/14/2022 1:22 PM
40	Na	3/14/2022 12:33 PM
41	Lake Alexander	3/14/2022 11:42 AM
42	Boat landings need an overhaul so they are more even	3/14/2022 11:39 AM
43	Praire River in/take outs and by the city dam	3/14/2022 8:35 AM
44	Ott's park boat landing	3/11/2022 11:01 AM
45	Otts, council grounds	3/11/2022 8:50 AM
46	Tug lake needs more boat/trailer parking	3/10/2022 7:56 PM
47	Ott's Park is in terrible shape, the boat landing needs a lot of work and it gets used a lot. Riverside needs work too but not nearly as bad.	3/7/2022 3:23 PM
48	Unknown	3/7/2022 8:47 AM
49	Otts park boat landing, Wisconsin River canoe/kayak take out and put in near Merrill Dam	3/4/2022 11:22 PM
50	N/a	3/4/2022 7:28 PM
51	More	3/4/2022 5:36 PM
52	Public service boat landing	3/4/2022 5:09 PM
53	Council grounds	3/4/2022 5:01 PM
54	N/a	3/4/2022 5:00 PM
55	Canoe/kayak/SUP ACCESS TO WI AND PRAIRIE RIVERS	3/4/2022 4:55 PM
56	Ott's Park	3/4/2022 4:55 PM
57	Unknown	3/4/2022 4:34 PM
58	Portages on the west and east side of the dam in Merrill are in poor shape especially the west end portage. Very steep and not at all user friendly.	3/4/2022 1:18 PM
59	Ott's Park	3/4/2022 12:20 PM
60	Make a better portage around the dam. Something similar to what is outside of Wausau on the Water	3/4/2022 10:27 AM
61	None	3/4/2022 9:02 AM
62	Having a dock at riverside would be great	3/4/2022 8:02 AM
63	all, they need a clean up besides the Council Grounds access to Lake Alexander	3/4/2022 7:45 AM
64	Otts.	3/4/2022 7:35 AM
65	Better access at Riverside Park. The place behind the City garage is not good for taking	3/3/2022 11:10 PM

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	kayaks out of the water.	
66	More areas for boat landings	3/3/2022 10:54 PM
67	Better kayak launch spot at Council Grounds.	3/3/2022 10:23 PM
68	Uncertain	3/3/2022 9:58 PM
69	Kayak access	3/3/2022 8:40 PM
70	Improvements could be made to the canoe portage by the dam.	3/3/2022 8:12 PM
71	None	3/3/2022 8:03 PM
72	A safer take out for canoe / kayak area by the dam down town.	3/3/2022 7:09 PM
73	Otts Park Lake Alexander Lake Pesobic	3/3/2022 6:29 PM
74	Kayak take out behind downtown by the dam	3/3/2022 6:03 PM
75	Better parking layout at Riverside.	3/3/2022 5:34 PM
76	Unknown	3/3/2022 5:10 PM
77	More Kayak Launches.	3/3/2022 4:57 PM
78	It would be nice to have more public piers along the river.	3/3/2022 4:09 PM
79	Riverside Park. Would be great to update the boat landing and install a dock for canoes and such.	3/3/2022 4:05 PM
80	Riverbed trail	3/3/2022 3:56 PM
81	All boat landings need a dock put in, some years there are parks that don't have them put in. A Kayak launch would be great at Riverside and Council grounds. Adding fishing piers at the parks would be beneficial also, because docks at the landings are often too busy to fish from, if they are put in at all.	3/3/2022 3:45 PM
82	Lokmoen boat landing could use a repave. The holes are getting bad.	3/3/2022 3:38 PM
83	Better and more canoe/kayak access points	3/3/2022 3:24 PM

Q10 What type of bicyclist are you? (Choose one.)

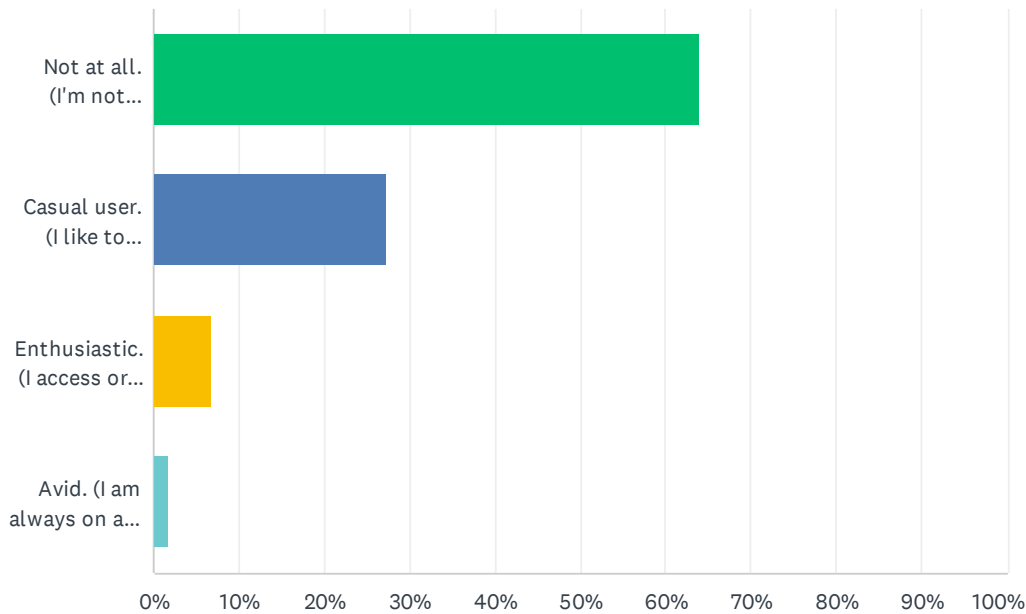
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)	26.84%	62
Interested but concerned. (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)	44.16%	102
Enthusiastic and confident. (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)	24.24%	56
Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)	4.76%	11
TOTAL		231

Q11 What type of snowmobile enthusiast are you? (Choose one.)

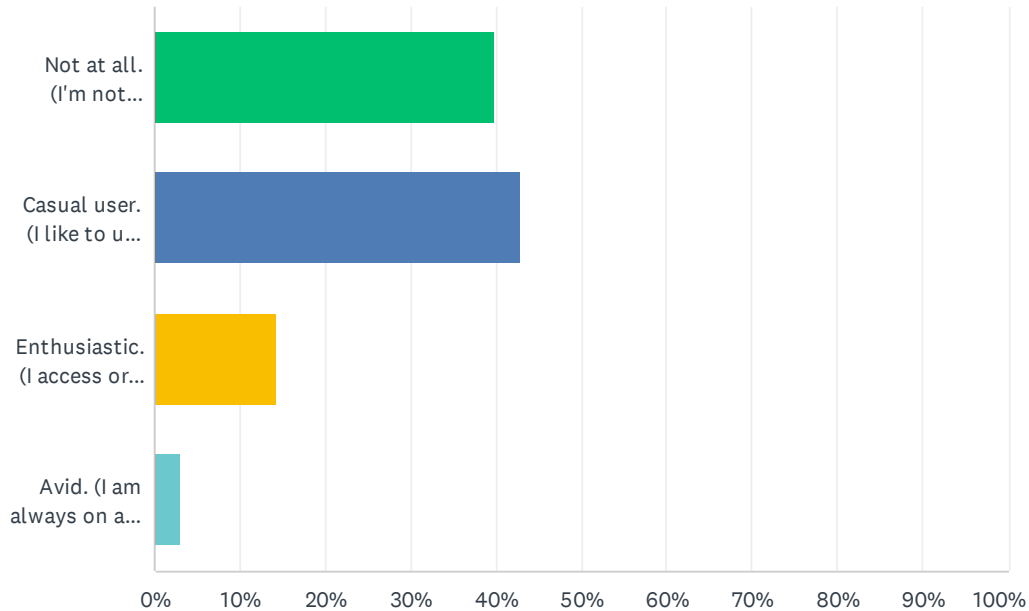
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all. (I'm not interested in snowmobiling at all, not even with friends.)	64.07%	148
Casual user. (I like to snowmobile for fun, but only do so occasionally, OR only on my own land.)	27.27%	63
Enthusiastic. (I access or go on snowmobile routes regularly.)	6.93%	16
Avid. (I am always on a snowmobile every chance I get - all winter long.)	1.73%	4
TOTAL		231

Q12 What type of motorized vehicle (ATV / UTV / Off-Highway Motorcycle) enthusiast are you? (Choose one.)

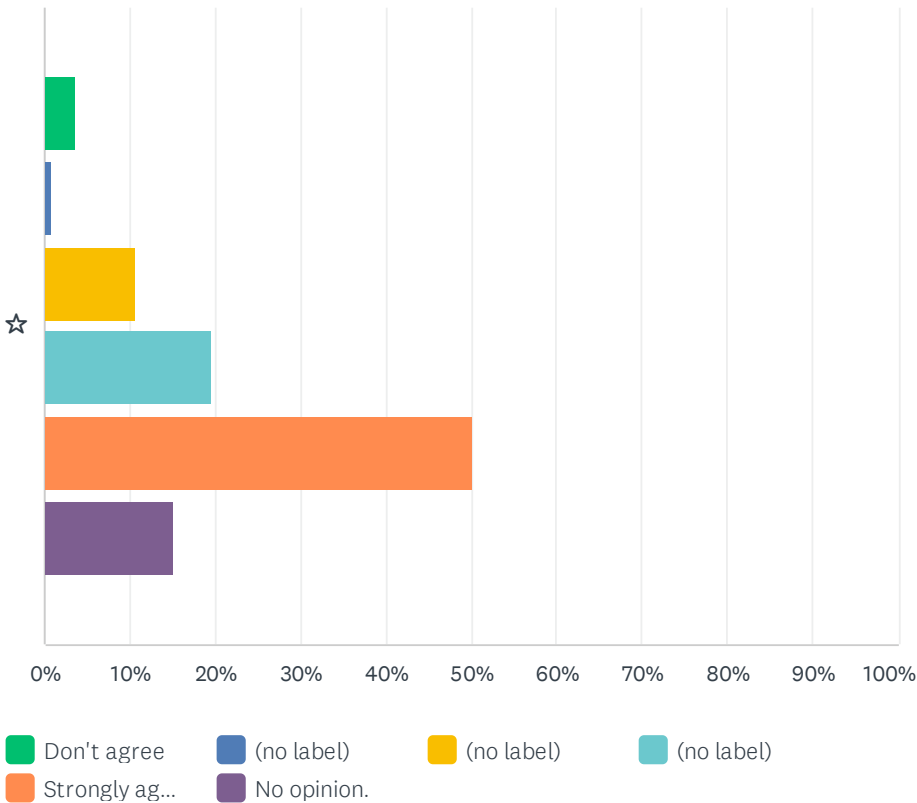
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all. (I'm not interested in motorized recreation at all, not even with friends.)	39.83%	92
Casual user. (I like to use motorized vehicles for fun, but only do so occasionally, OR only on my own land.)	42.86%	99
Enthusiastic. (I access or go on motorized routes and trails regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)	14.29%	33
Avid. (I am always on a motorized vehicle every chance I get - all year long.)	3.03%	7
TOTAL		231

Q13 Rate the following statement:"Promote the Prairie River water trail (see picture) among citizens and visitors, after a canoe take-out is installed somewhere in Kitchenette Park."

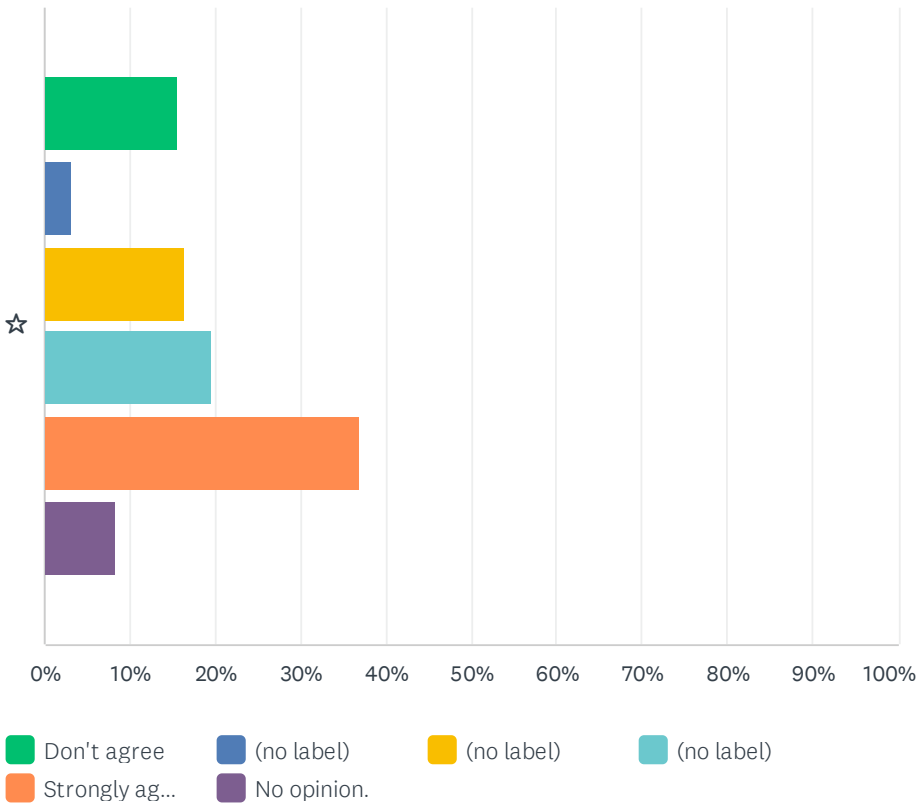
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	DON'T AGREE	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY AGREE	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	3.57% 8	0.89% 2	10.71% 24	19.64% 44	50.00% 112	15.18% 34	224	4.32

Q14 Rate the following statement:(see above picture for reference)"Develop a pedestrian bridge from an E. Main Streetproperty south (over the rail line) onto land adjacent to the Wisconsin River."

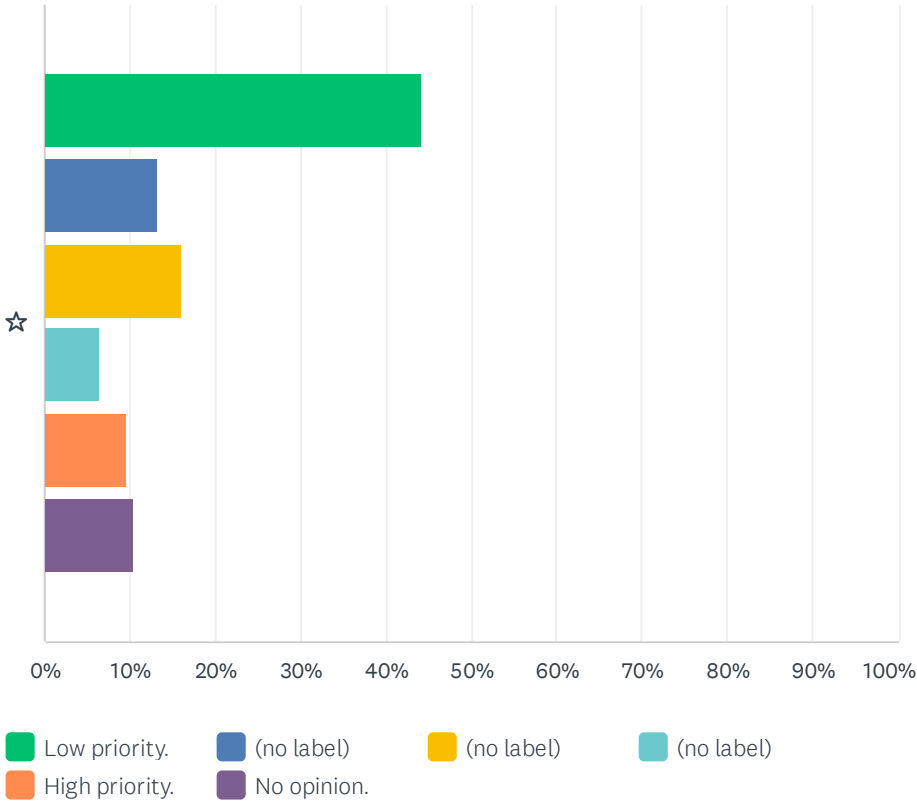
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	DON'T AGREE	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY AGREE	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	15.53% 34	3.20% 7	16.44% 36	19.63% 43	36.99% 81	8.22% 18	219	3.65

Q15 Continue disc golf initiative.

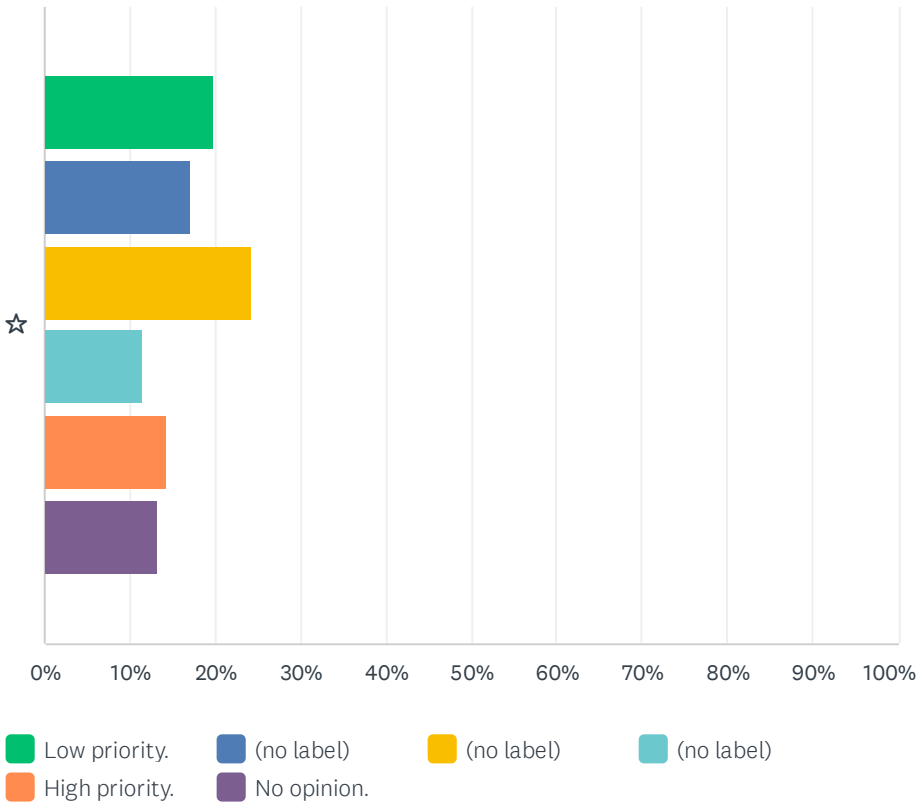
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	44.04% 96	13.30% 29	16.06% 35	6.42% 14	9.63% 21	10.55% 23	218	2.15

Q16 Complete new fence and replace lights at Otts Park's ball field.

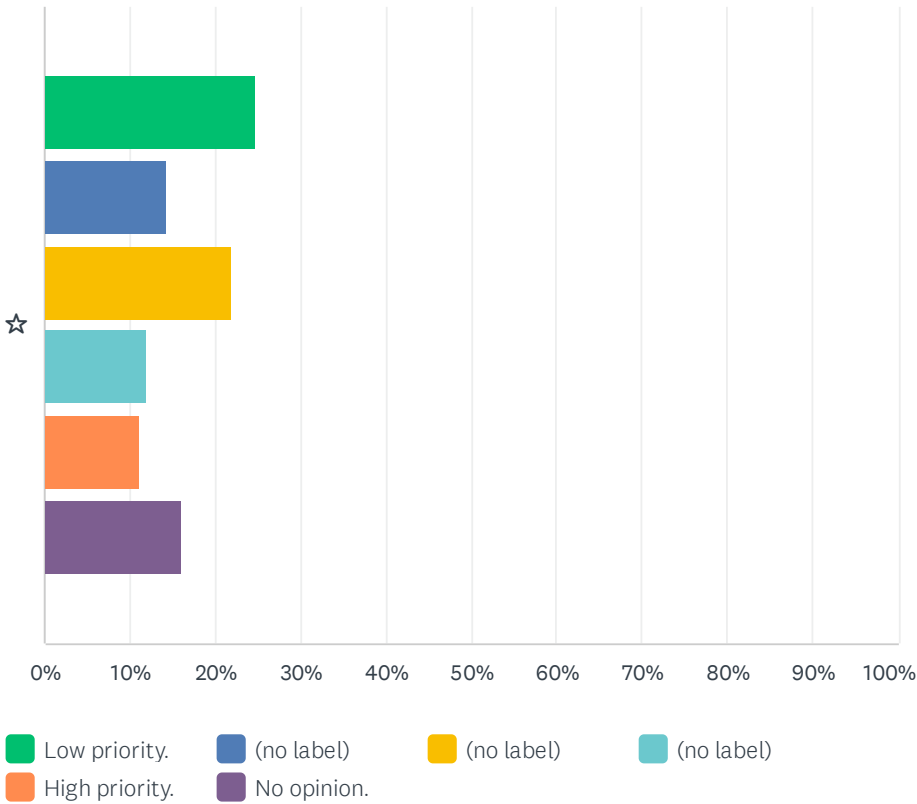
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	19.72% 43	16.97% 37	24.31% 53	11.47% 25	14.22% 31	13.30% 29	218	2.81

Q17 Extend potable water, and install amenities in dog park at the MARC.

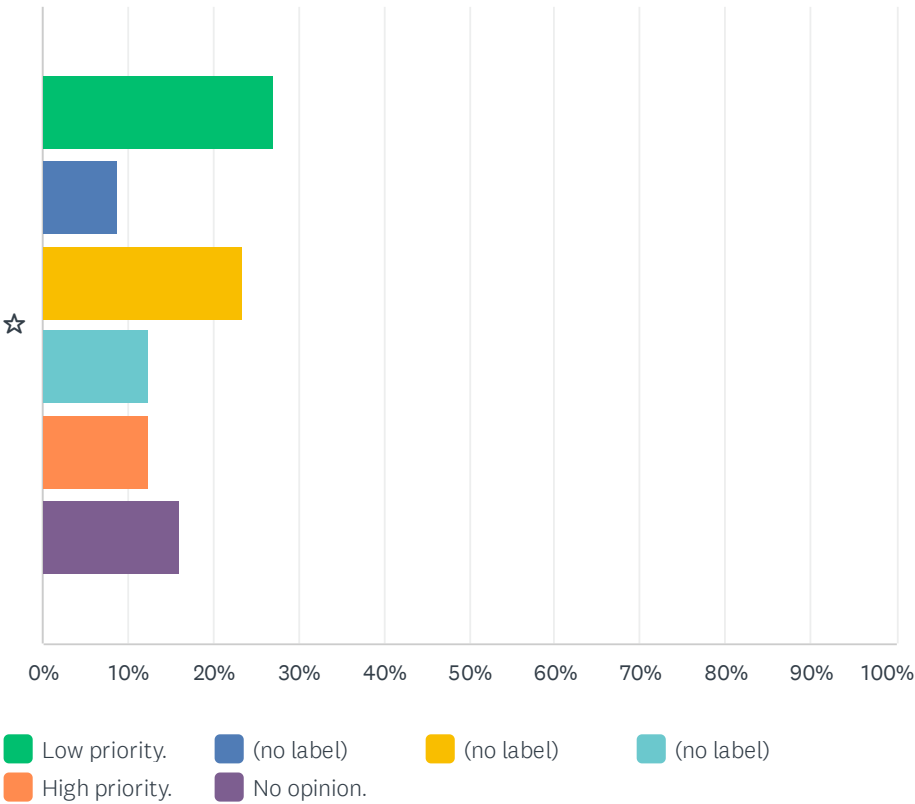
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	24.77% 54	14.22% 31	22.02% 48	11.93% 26	11.01% 24	16.06% 35	218	2.64

Q18 Explore having curling at the MARC (possibly in a building addition).

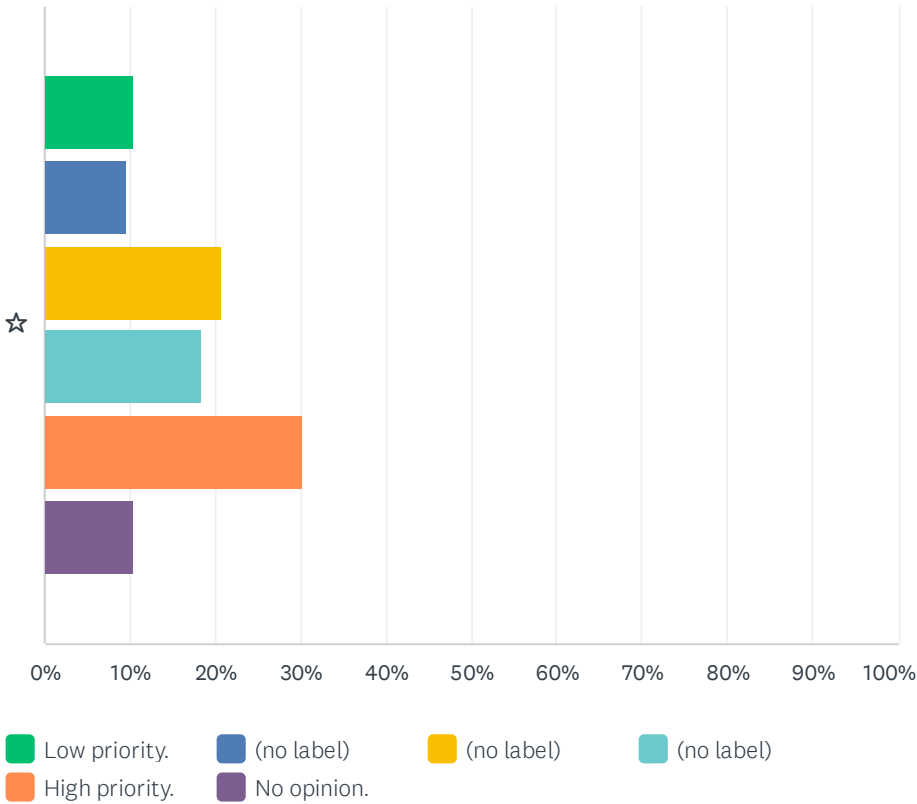
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	27.06% 59	8.72% 19	23.39% 51	12.39% 27	12.39% 27	16.06% 35	218	2.69

Q19 Install toilets near MARC baseball field.

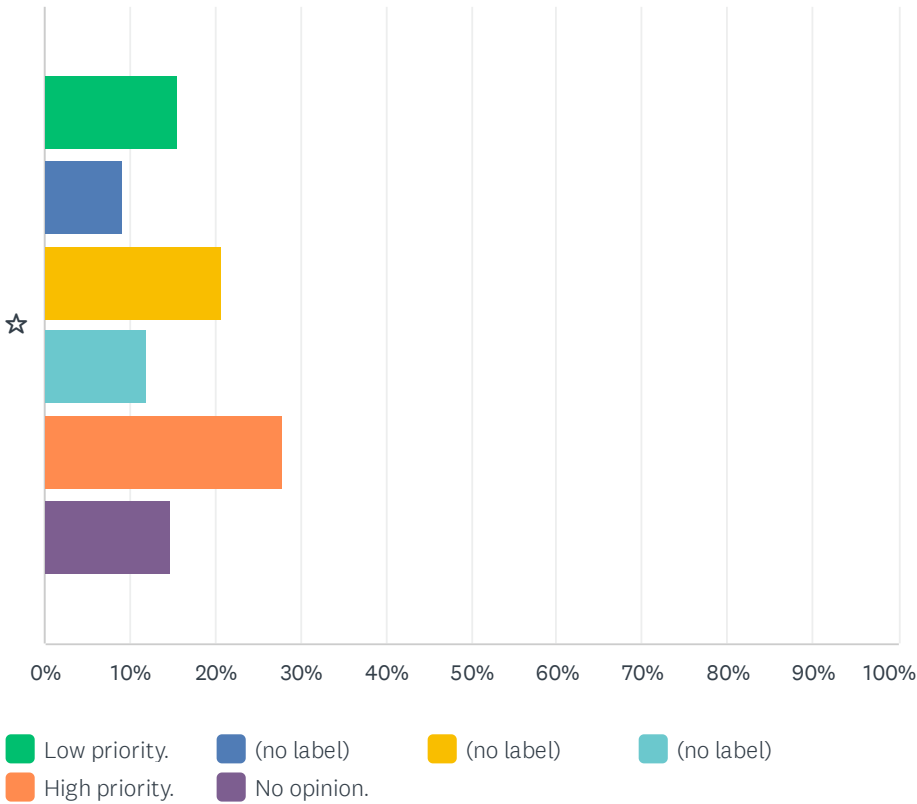
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	10.55% 23	9.63% 21	20.64% 45	18.35% 40	30.28% 66	10.55% 23	218	3.54

Q20 Add lights to varsity softball field at the MARC.

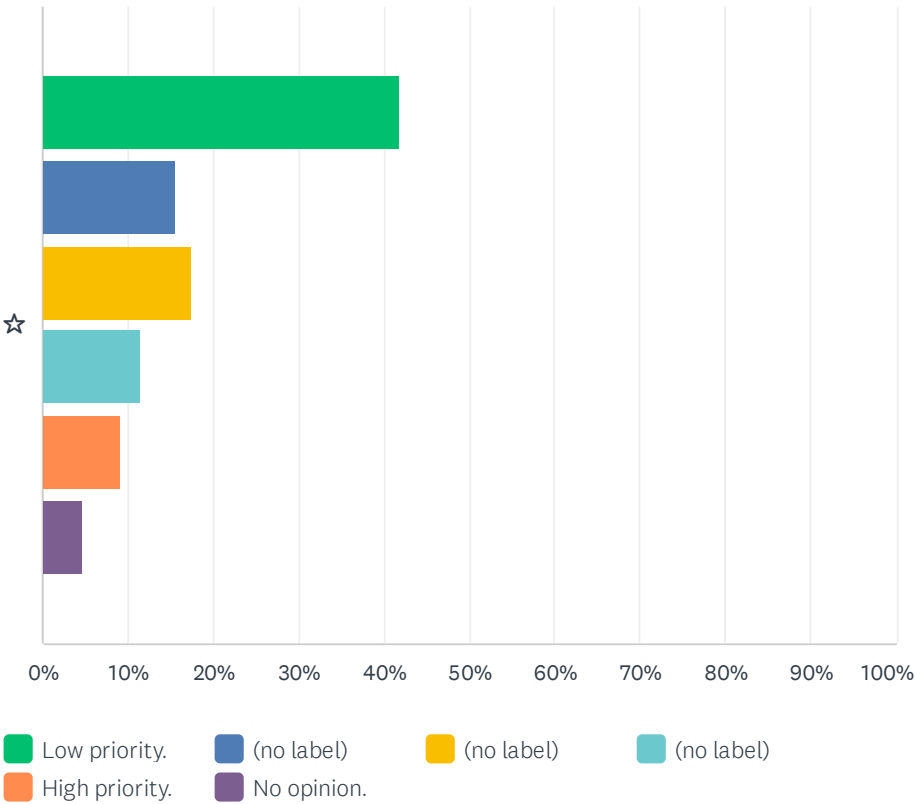
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	15.60% 34	9.17% 20	20.64% 45	11.93% 26	27.98% 61	14.68% 32	218	3.32

Q21 Explore installing sculptures, carvings, or murals throughout City.

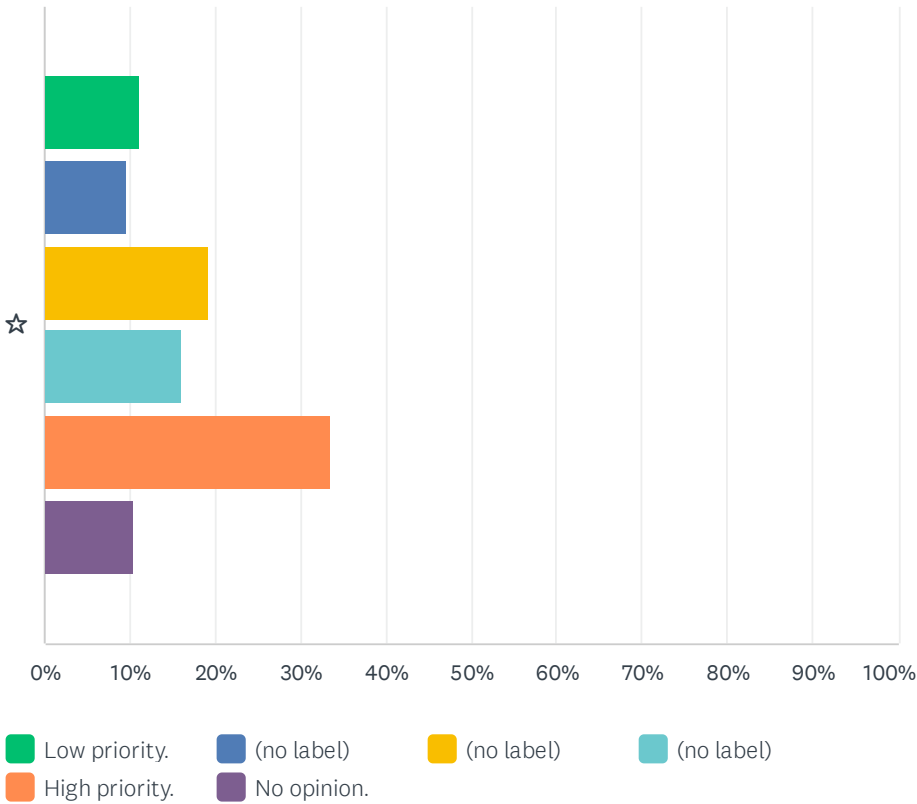
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	41.74% 91	15.60% 34	17.43% 38	11.47% 25	9.17% 20	4.59% 10	218	2.27

Q22 Work on establishing River Bend Trail as a state trail.

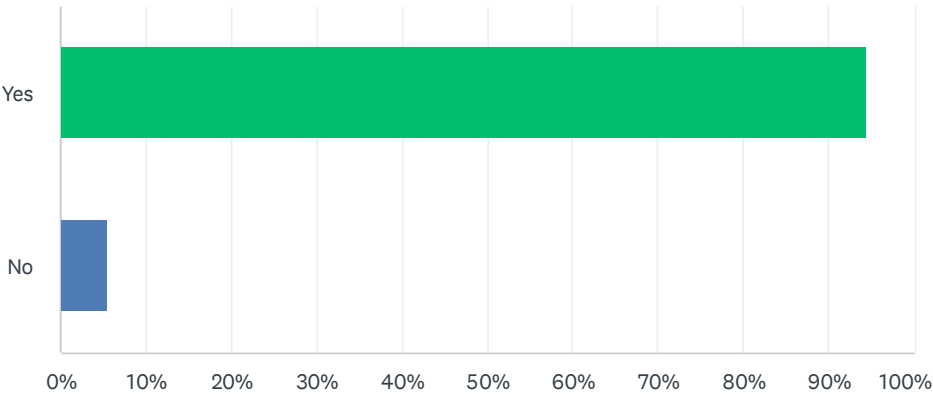
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	LOW PRIORITY.	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	HIGH PRIORITY.	NO OPINION.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	11.01% 24	9.63% 21	19.27% 42	16.06% 35	33.49% 73	10.55% 23	218	3.57

Q23 Is this vision still relevant for the next 5 years? (Choose one.)

Answered: 216 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.44%	204
No	5.56%	12
TOTAL		216

Q24 (Optional) Comment on the above vision statement:

Answered: 24 Skipped: 258

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Could be worded more simply.	4/7/2022 2:16 PM
2	Pedestrian bridge would be great maybe Bierman? There has been a bike death crossing the tracks there.	4/7/2022 10:19 AM
3	I think it's great	4/3/2022 7:31 AM
4	Sounds fine, but I'm not sure what is meant by celebrating heritage? I guess I just don't see that when I'm out and about.	4/2/2022 2:02 PM
5	We have so many opportunities to use our parks and rivers for recreation- we need to keep maintaining as well as growing. Activities that involve all generations	3/31/2022 11:36 PM
6	Vision doesn't say how they will accomplish this goal	3/30/2022 7:19 PM
7	Need to develop and build to attract employers and residents as well	3/30/2022 12:14 PM
8	To bad it's a place where kids and drug dealing go on afraid to have my kids go on the trail alone It's	3/21/2022 8:47 PM
9	in last 29 years havnt seen alot of development or growth in this city beside riverbend trail which is wonderful and well used so i be shocked if you would get one done in five years covering up the mistake of not saving ward paper mill dam doesnt count you had to build something so the city didnt change the name to merrill mudflats so any pronect or development would be nice to see	3/20/2022 11:02 AM
10	More inclusivity to different recreational opportunity not just outdoor/on specific bodies of water.	3/17/2022 3:29 PM
11	Yes it is still relevant I just think it needs to actually happen.	3/17/2022 7:29 AM
12	There are enough parks, city needs to focus on bringing businesses to the city	3/11/2022 8:53 AM
13	Go all out. It will take time but all will be appreciated over time. Developing our River fronts are very important in my opinion	3/4/2022 9:14 PM
14	Stop spending money on things that don't bring in revenue.	3/4/2022 5:13 PM
15	Good vision, now do something about it!	3/4/2022 1:22 PM
16	The nature opportunities are one of, if not THE FORE MOST, attraction(s) in Merrill	3/4/2022 12:23 PM
17	Remove the "celebrating its heritage" and add words like "inclusive," "health," "wellness," and maybe even "economy." Something like: "Merrill, City of Parks, recognizes all Americans relationship to land and aims to provide inclusive and engaging opportunities for citizens to interact with our shared living space in pursuit of health, wellness, and recreation, ultimately, for our shared economic prosperity."	3/4/2022 10:40 AM
18	People need more outdoor spaces that are local and have access to drinking water and restrooms. We have a great environmental education potential for future generations to learn and appreciate what this state has to offer.	3/4/2022 7:50 AM
19	Yes, Merrill needs to update the City and draw more visitors, travelers, and businesses to make our city grow and prosper.	3/3/2022 11:15 PM
20	I feel focusing on promoting the outdoor attributes Merrill has to offer more than just spirts would benefit a broader demographic of the community and in turn promote support.	3/3/2022 7:35 PM
21	Need lights and water to ball fields at Marc. This will bring in money to the community	3/3/2022 6:50 PM
22	I think maybe specifying or elaborate a little on the opportunities could be beneficial in taking	3/3/2022 3:41 PM

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the statement up a notch

23	Parks are not being maintained as far as tree conservation	3/3/2022 3:35 PM
24	Most people like to live near and recreate on water so river access is impotant.	3/3/2022 3:28 PM

Q25 (Optional) Do you have any other concerns or comments?

Answered: 49 Skipped: 233

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Looking for more adventures for kids in all weather, indoor and outdoor, that are working families friendly. Many activities offered at parks n rec during summer happen during working times, my littles cannot attend. We often find ourselves going to other cities to entertain our children, but would love to stay here if there were more opportunities. What's here we use, but need more variety. Having children input is a good idea- child centered thoughts. Families are in this community, and I believe that is the town we are focused of supporting. Support parents and their children needs.	4/8/2022 9:19 AM
2	It would be really nice to have some non sand volleyball courts and more basketball courts. (Outdoors)	4/7/2022 3:45 PM
3	We come from Wausau because we enjoy the recreation opportunities in Merrill and like the change in pace from Wausau's opportunities - our kids especially like the aquatic center	4/6/2022 7:00 PM
4	It would be wonderful to see Merrill's pocket parks get the addition of trees and flowers. Perhaps even fruit baring forestation since our community does struggle with poverty. Perhaps the addition of pollinator gardens in the vacate yards owned by the city. In my opinion there is a lot we can do to enhance the community by the simple addition of true green spaces. Not just another patch of grass and a bench. Perhaps work with eager youth groups for some of the planting initiative. Love the idea of adding art and sculptures to the downtown. But I think instead of spending a lot of money on the purchase of this art. Why don't we have reach out to the community and see if any local artist or the school would donate or create projects? We could incorporate it into the chalk festival or the return of crazy days. And really celebrate Merrill Artist.	4/6/2022 7:40 AM
5	I think you all do a great job:)	4/3/2022 7:31 AM
6	Merrill parks and trails have a lot to offer - regular maintenance is important and time consuming- doing a great job!	3/31/2022 11:00 PM
7	More community activities are needed. And better advertising of those events. Street Fairs, Food Truck Fest, Sip and Crawl, Live Music, Heritage/Community Walks, Ice Fest, River Walk, Bird/Flower walk	3/31/2022 8:24 AM
8	Make use of the ice arena by leaving ice in all year and hosting ice related camps, sports tournaments and other activities. Activities held there currently that do not need ice can make use of the new buildings at the fairgrounds creating additional uses for all.	3/30/2022 12:18 PM
9	It seems like a lot of the outdoor initiative revolves around the MARC and the River Bend trail. Why not spread the love throughout the community, like into the country, like better access to Prairie River, more UTV/ATV trails as it is becoming increasingly popular, more nature trails in the country.	3/30/2022 11:53 AM
10	I think trying to have the buildings open year round for renting space other than the Agra pavilion, would be great. Also adding a "toddler area" splash pad type thing at the aquatic center. My 2 year old could barely do anything last summer there.	3/28/2022 10:12 PM
11	All of the work that is being done to the cities parks and river bend trail is greatly appreciated and noticed. Thanks for all of your efforts into helping our city.	3/28/2022 9:01 PM
12	I would like to see a granite path to the dog park	3/26/2022 7:57 PM
13	The River Bend Trail is my preferred route when walking to get from one side of town to the other. Although the option of a pedestrian bridge to connect downtown to the River Bend Trail is nice, a simple path over the tracks near the Cosmo (one of three locations that I usually enter/exit the trail) would be acceptable. An additional access point to the trail would be nice at the west end of Main Street. The far west side of Merrill (the area around Jefferson Elementary) is not well connected to the River Bend Trail; the addition of a bridge over the	3/26/2022 6:21 PM

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Wisconsin River would help immensely, and I would prefer this over the pedestrian bridge near the Cosmo.

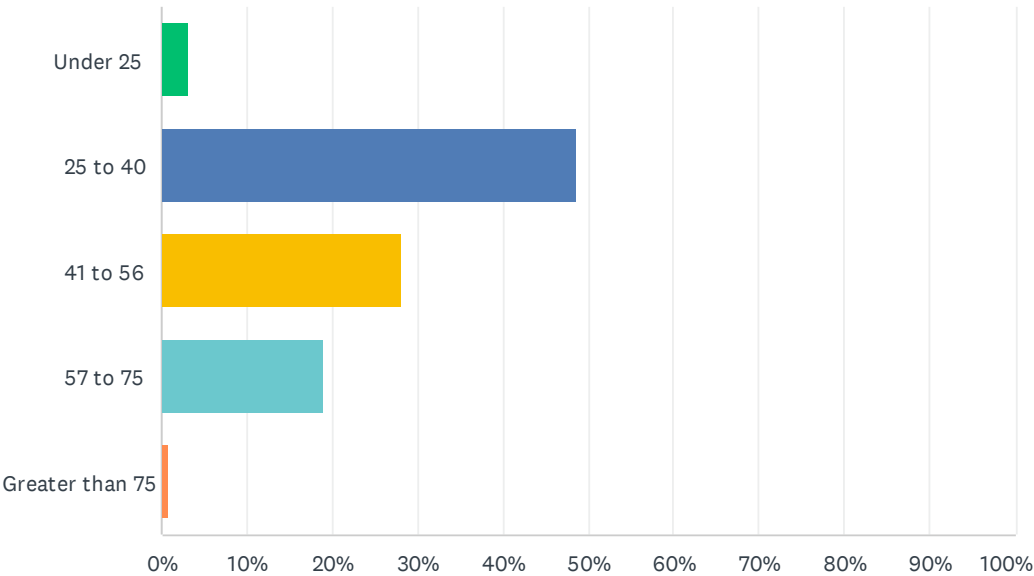
14	Public Food stands along the river bend trail, maybe for fundraising groups to sell things ?	3/21/2022 8:48 PM
15	There are many roads that are significantly deteriorating that should be fixed	3/21/2022 4:02 PM
16	really dont think you need canoe portage in kitchenette when there a boat access where you can take lawn clippings and leaves	3/20/2022 11:04 AM
17	Try to clean up the lakes. A lot of weeds seem to be growing more rampant the past few years, and its choking out the fish.	3/17/2022 8:21 PM
18	It would be neat if there could be more adult team sport recreational opportunity like indoor volleyball leagues, etc.	3/17/2022 3:30 PM
19	I am a lifelong resident and as a kid I remember the shore lines of Stanges Park and Kitchenette park where cleared so we could explore by the water. Kayaking last year there was some brush cut and purposely left a long the shore in the water. There isn't much of an opening to kayak under the River Bend Trail bridge the way it is and to leave brush there on purpose to wash down is negligent. Cleaning out brush under the bridges for kayaking would be nice too, especially if there is a portage added like in the plan previously shown.	3/17/2022 7:32 AM
20	Please build some pickleball courts in Merrill	3/15/2022 11:07 AM
21	I think our parks are top-notch! I am extremely impressed with the Riverbend Trail development	3/14/2022 4:31 PM
22	I would like to see water for field use at the MARC.	3/14/2022 11:46 AM
23	Merrill has a lot of great things that could attract people from out of town to enjoy. I feel strongly that Merrill could use some better marketing for those who wish to know about the opportunities available in town for locals and travelers.	3/10/2022 7:09 PM
24	We can put work towards the initiative but I encourage the team to map out the advertising of the options available in the city, and grow the head count in the city through viable initiatives, such as affordable before and after school child care. This will bring in more business and with that more employable people.	3/7/2022 8:52 AM
25	Priority needs to be given to bringing business and industry to Merrill to help pay for all the things mentioned above!	3/5/2022 1:12 PM
26	Disc golf at city forest, planting more native trees, a grove of wild plum trees	3/4/2022 11:37 PM
27	Please continue to take excellent care of the parks, etc that we have. Should the umbrella covers at the MARC be removed for the winter?	3/4/2022 9:19 PM
28	It would be nice if the Riverbend trail extended into town to connect more areas. Maybe run it along the prairie river where there is less traffic?	3/4/2022 7:22 PM
29	Suggest creating a paved trail that runs along the prairie river, connecting to the riverbend trail.	3/4/2022 7:00 PM
30	Focus efforts on projects that offer better financial returns.	3/4/2022 5:14 PM
31	Merrill needs to make more enhancements and add amenities to our current attractions such as our water access. We need to make Merrill a tourist designation by adding more family friendly attractions such as new Adventure Mini Golf Course, Go Carts, organized/rental for tubes and or kayaks with launch locations and pick up accommodations, waterfront outdoor access eateries(farm to table similar to what Wausau has: ie: Thrive, Red Eye Brewery and Tine & Cellar)	3/4/2022 4:46 PM
32	If the Prairie River is to be used more, a channel should be formed through the rapids at the pedestrian bridge in Stanges park. It can be a little traitorous kayaking or canoeing through the large rocks in that rapids. maybe a channel could be negotiated on one side or the other.	3/4/2022 1:27 PM
33	Forgot to suggest that pickle ball courts would be a very nice addition to activities available in Merrill. Also, especially with the new apartment complex on the Foxpoint site, the East side of Merrill needs an accessible park on the East side of Center Avenue. The most densely populated part of town has NO park.	3/4/2022 12:46 PM
34	We're doing good. We can do BETTER!! (at upkeep and improvement) Kyle Gulke is the right	3/4/2022 12:24 PM

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	person to head these efforts	
35	the number for where I live doesn't work... I live in 7	3/4/2022 11:35 AM
36	Please commit to a solid 18 hole disc golf course. This can be done cheaply and easily and will have outsized impact versus other investments. Either Memorial Forest, Jack Pines County Park, or Prairie Trails due to their position nearer to the interstate. Also, Festival Grounds is very underutilized and the RV parking proposal should be seriously considered for a new income stream. An anchor activity in the downtown is crucial to Merrill's identity and future prosperity and it is so important to figure out how to leverage the Pocket Park to get people out into public spaces together again.	3/4/2022 10:46 AM
37	Year round ice at the MARC would open opportunities for more open skating, figure skating and hockey camps. Great activity for the public when it's too hot outside.	3/4/2022 8:08 AM
38	Merrill is a beautiful safe community. We have beautiful trails to walk awesome boating fishing canoe kayaking.	3/4/2022 7:41 AM
39	I am very impressed with the current management of Merrill's Park and Rec Department. We are fortunate to have Dan's leadership!	3/3/2022 11:27 PM
40	Outdoor eating facilities or food trucks should be on the River Bend Trail.	3/3/2022 11:18 PM
41	The Varsity soccer team would start playing games at the MARC again with the addition of lights. This should be considered along with the softball diamonds as the football turf is constantly busy/over crowded.	3/3/2022 10:36 PM
42	Potential for outdoor rink to have boards put up at Normal park for hockey/ broom ball rink. Split the ice and leave half of the space for just skating. Or use a different outdoor rink.	3/3/2022 8:20 PM
43	Consider expanding trails and more lighting on trails for winter use, like the solar posts in Stanges.	3/3/2022 7:13 PM
44	Stop spending money where it will not generate money.	3/3/2022 6:51 PM
45	More restroom availability! This is needed in most parks & trails.	3/3/2022 5:39 PM
46	This is a good outdoor plan, but more needs to be done to promote our indoor hockey facility and a permanent soccer set up	3/3/2022 5:01 PM
47	Would like to see paved trail at Marc to Council Grounds before going onto another project	3/3/2022 4:03 PM
48	I would love to see fundraiser or donations to be collected to add sculptures/murals around the area. There is so much talent hidden in the walls of the high-school that visitors/passers by's do not get to see.	3/3/2022 4:02 PM
49	Additional trails in this town would be wonderful. Also, a pedestrian bridge connecting the river bend trail to riverside would be ideal for truly making our parks Accessible.	3/3/2022 3:49 PM

Q26 What is your age?

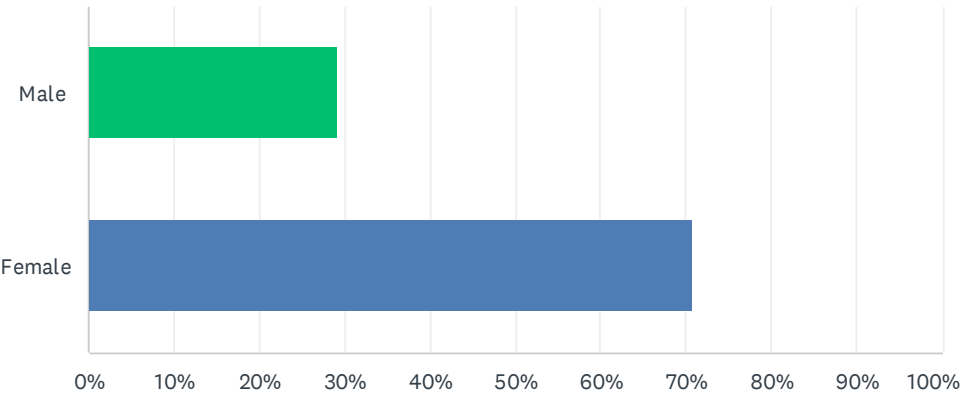
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 25	3.24%	7
25 to 40	48.61%	105
41 to 56	28.24%	61
57 to 75	18.98%	41
Greater than 75	0.93%	2
TOTAL		216

Q27 What is your gender?

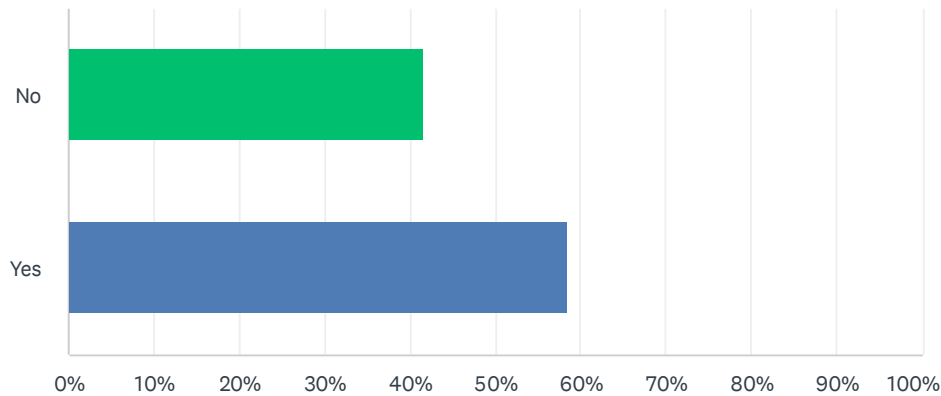
Answered: 212 Skipped: 70



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	29.25%	62
Female	70.75%	150
TOTAL		212

Q28 Do you live in the City of Merrill?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	41.67%	90
Yes	58.33%	126
TOTAL		216

Q29 Please list the number from the map below in the zone where you live:

Answered: 108 Skipped: 174

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	6	4/9/2022 11:15 PM
2	1	4/9/2022 8:57 AM
3	4	4/8/2022 1:15 PM
4	8	4/8/2022 9:20 AM
5	8	4/7/2022 9:13 PM
6	7	4/7/2022 3:45 PM
7	Zone 1	4/7/2022 3:40 PM
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10	7	4/6/2022 8:40 PM
11	3	4/6/2022 7:41 AM
12	5	4/4/2022 9:27 PM
13	5	4/4/2022 9:14 PM
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15	G	4/3/2022 7:32 AM
16	7	4/2/2022 6:33 PM
17	2	4/1/2022 12:00 AM
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26	2	3/30/2022 11:38 AM
27	8	3/30/2022 9:46 AM
28	4	3/29/2022 6:01 PM
29	6	3/29/2022 6:34 AM
30	Between 1 & 8. North side of river street.	3/28/2022 9:02 PM
31	8	3/28/2022 8:18 PM

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May 2022 Parks & Recreation Director's Report

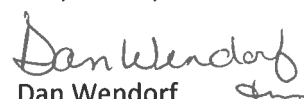
Parks: It is truly amazing to still be talking about weather having an impact on our spring preparation plans for our parks and open spaces, but it certainly is! Between consistent sub-freezing temperatures, rain/snow mix, flooded parks, and high winds we've seen just about everything so far this spring. Despite all of that, we were able to get shelters and restrooms ready and opened in time for the May 1st park opening. We were also able to get all of our athletic fields operational and have already hosted a good number of High School spring sports for boys and girls baseball and softball. Boys and girls city league baseball and softball is slated to begin this week and the proceeding weeks. It will be great to see everyone out and about playing in the parks again for another season. Like every spring, our crew is still dealing with a tremendous amount of garbage in and around our parks. Our crew spends a remarkable amount of time picking up after people. Even in areas where there are ample waste receptacles, we find garbage laying near or next to it but not in it. The same can be said for pet waste. I do feel that that is our biggest problem in our parks currently – people not picking up after their pets. There are certain areas in certain parks where you can't even walk around and enjoy yourself without having to navigate through waste. Our pit toilet that we ordered and had an install date of mid/late September is now going to arrive in July I was informed. That is great news and will really help the functionality of that park. A few Friday's ago, we were able to get almost half of our pile of white pine logs wood mized by our park shop. These were the large white pine logs we saved from the windstorm that felled them in the whispering pines area. We stacked what we cut and have them stored in one of our garage areas where we can have them air dry over the upcoming winter to be able to use next season for park projects, tables, benches, etc. All other capital projects and equipment have either been ordered and received, or we are waiting on their arrival. On 4/20 I attended a Victory Janitorial seminar at our Expo Center bringing people in our line of work directly into contact with many of the vendors we purchase items from. It was very informative to talk with company representatives as well as sample some of the supplies and equipment. On 4/12 I met with Wausau and Merrill School District Buildings & Grounds leaders to discuss the possibility of us hosting a Wisconsin Turf Managers Association "Field Day" at the MARC this July. It would be a regional event, bringing people into our community for at least a full day of athletic field education. I also attended a River Bend Trail Construction Committee meeting on 4/13 at the Agra Pavilion to discuss things that need to be accomplished this year. On 4/20 Dawn and I met with MAPS to discuss our current lifeguarding situation(s) and to continue to strengthen our joint initiative to help each other not only just this year but strengthen our partnership to stay on this for the future. We both realize that this issue is not going away and we are both committed to working together to address this year round moving forward in creative ways. There were some really good ideas that came from this discussion and we look forward to continuing to work with MAPS on this initiative.

Forestry: The Street Department has caught up to my list of removals and pruning's to date. I now need to get back out and get caught up with my list of requests and general observations. I have been hoping for the weather to dry out enough so that when I put marks on trees, they stick and not wash off on a wet tree trunk. I recently met with a local wood artisan here in Merrill to see his operation and discuss a potential mutually beneficial relationship with some of our urban wood. As part of our Urban Wood Reutilization efforts, this could be a good partnership for us to find better uses for some of our timber to be recycled back into the community in the form of creative furniture, benches, tables, etc. Many other communities have public/private urban wood reutilization efforts that have worked very successfully for years and it could be a good time for us to use what we need, help a local business, and recycle our trees. I am going to be keeping a keen eye on a lot of our younger trees this summer to see how they do. The last 6 weeks our weather has been so erratic that some of our newly planted trees may have a tougher time than usual as it is difficult enough with transplant shock, and then add in all four seasons in a 4-6 week time period. They are very resilient and I am sure they will bounce back just fine – at least this wasn't after leaf out.

Recreation: Our 2022 Recreation Programs have been out now for a little while and our registrations have been picking up. This is our first time using our online registration system for programs and it seems to be working well. There are still going to be quite a few people that have been and will be registering in person in our office and that is perfectly alright. We hope that as time goes on this convenience will catch on and people will just naturally go to our CivicRec site and sign up for everything. Those who have been using it have been very appreciative of it. A really good trend to see is our Summer Playground registration numbers rising. We have already exceeded our numbers from last year and will hopefully fill up for the summer. We are hoping the same for all of our programs as well. We are fortunate to have just enough seasonal staff to fill all of the positions that we need for our recreation programs.

Smith Center: We have had a small break in the action with Arena rentals but we do have some smaller Community Room rentals scattered throughout the next several weeks. This is a good opportunity for us to do some maintenance in and around the building that is always greatly needed after a busy ice in season and busy start to the dry floor season. Merrill Youth Hockey has requested summer ice this year and we are working with them to finalize plans to accomplish that. We used to do it every summer and it was very successful for them. There are several differences for both of us for summer ice. We work with them to get the ice installed and operational (we do not paint the ice white for summer ice). Once the ice is in, we allow them to rent the ice out to whoever they would like in exchange for them paying us for the overall costs for having the ice in for the two plus weeks they would like it. This includes start-up costs, utilities, staffing, removal, etc. It is a model that has worked very well in the past. In the summer, we don't have enough staffing to focus solely on ice inside the Smith Center so we shift as many responsibilities as possible onto Youth Hockey to run their own ice for a smaller period of time. Before and after they are planning on doing the ice (early/mid July) we have a good number of arena rentals inside the Smith Center so it is shaping up to be another very good year for us once again.

Respectfully Submitted,



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City of Merrill