

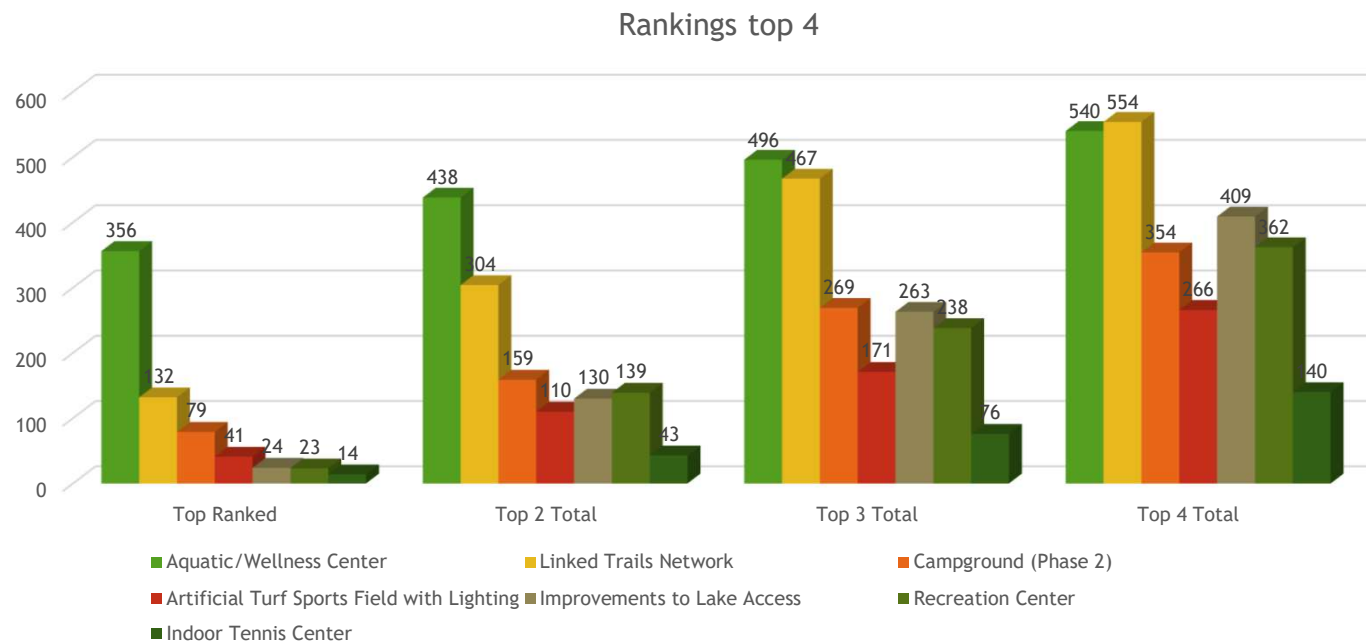


# SWPRD Capital Projects

## Survey Results

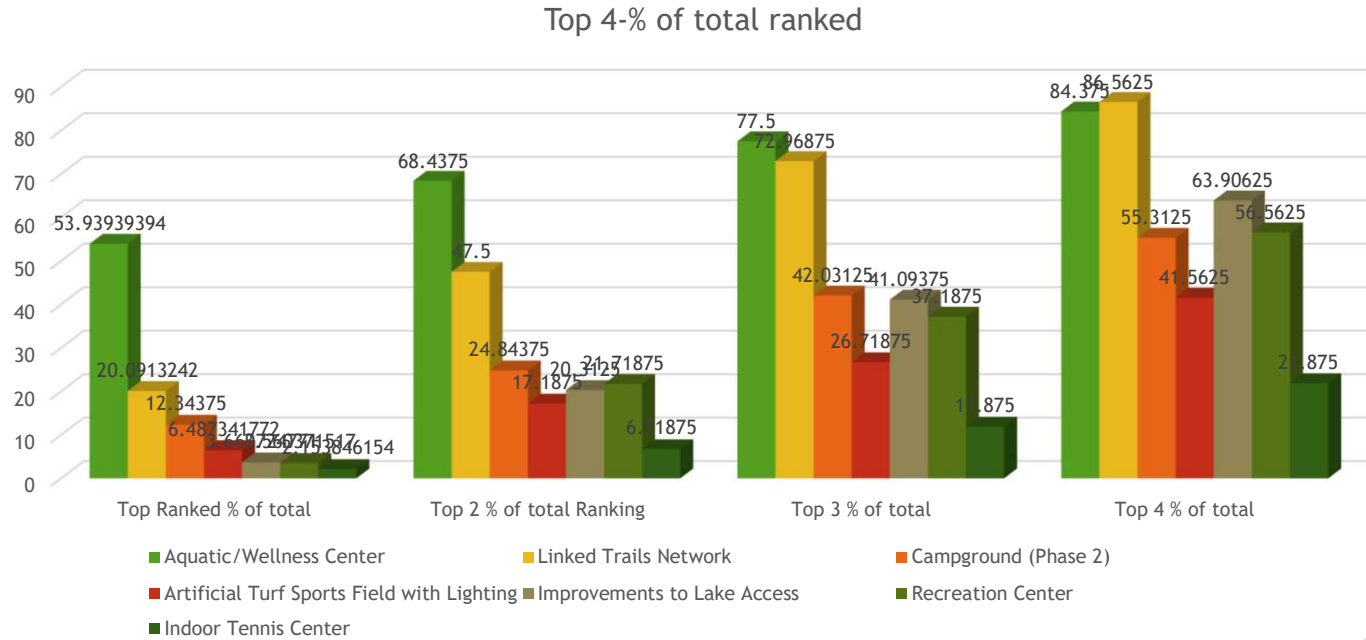
# Question 1-Ranking

## Rank the projects listed from 1-7

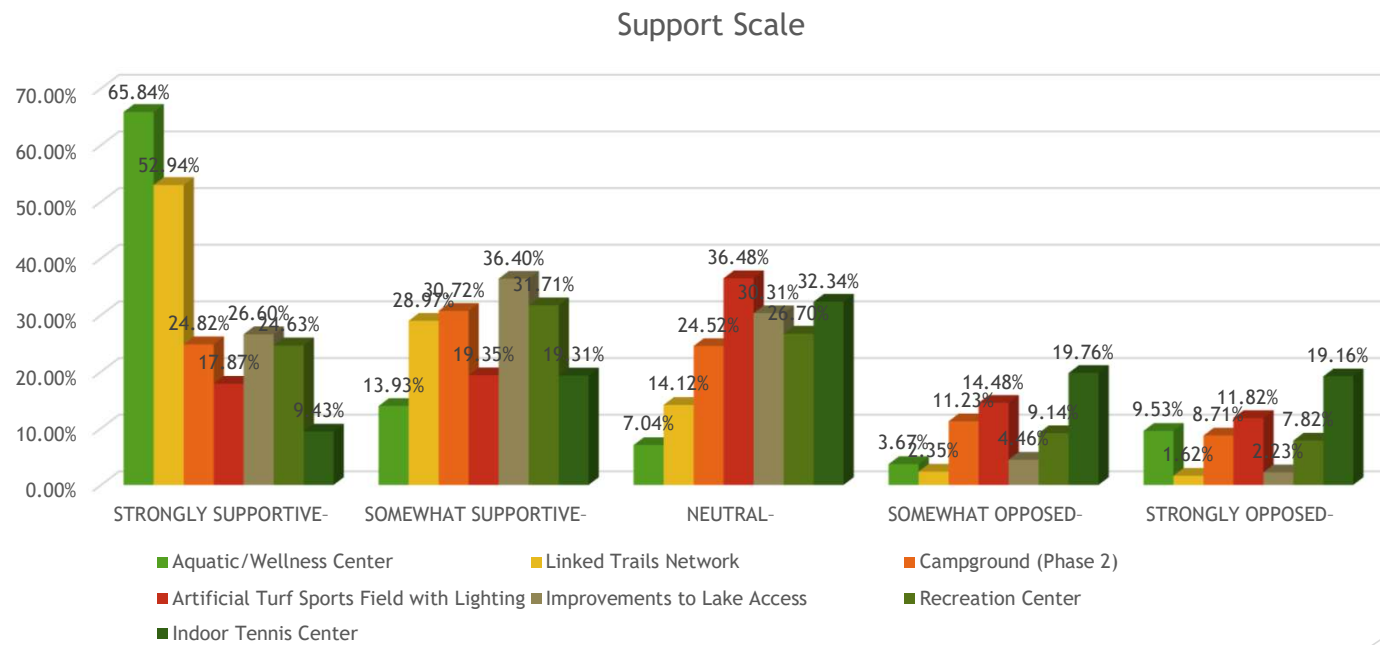


# Question 1-Percent of Rankings

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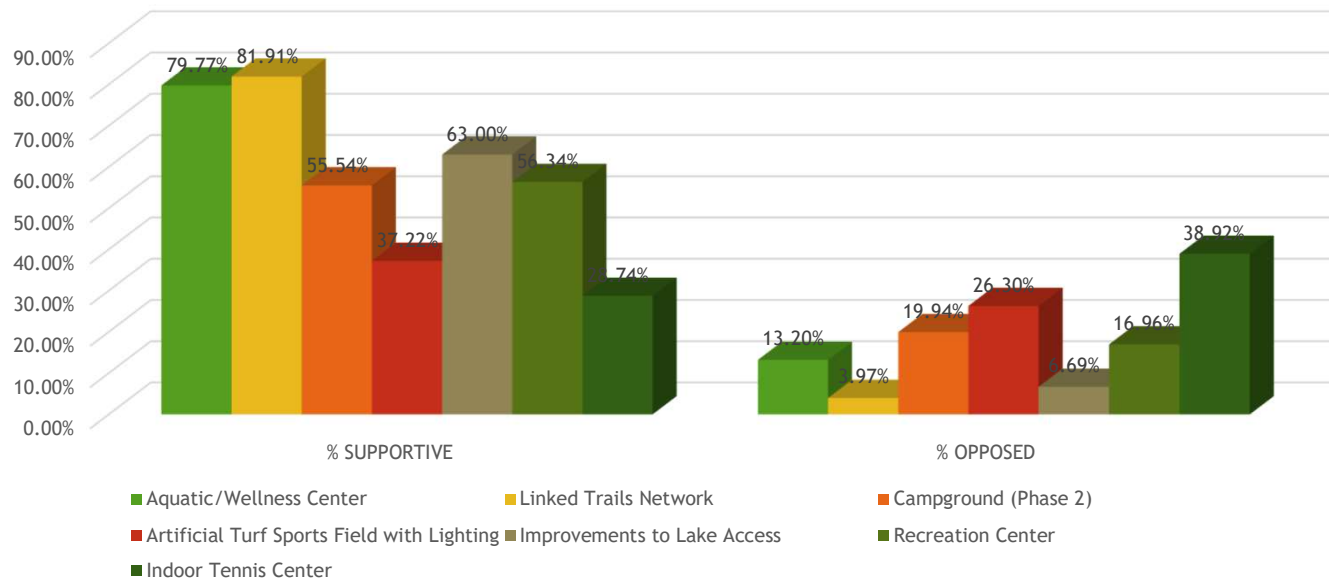


# Question 2-How Supportive



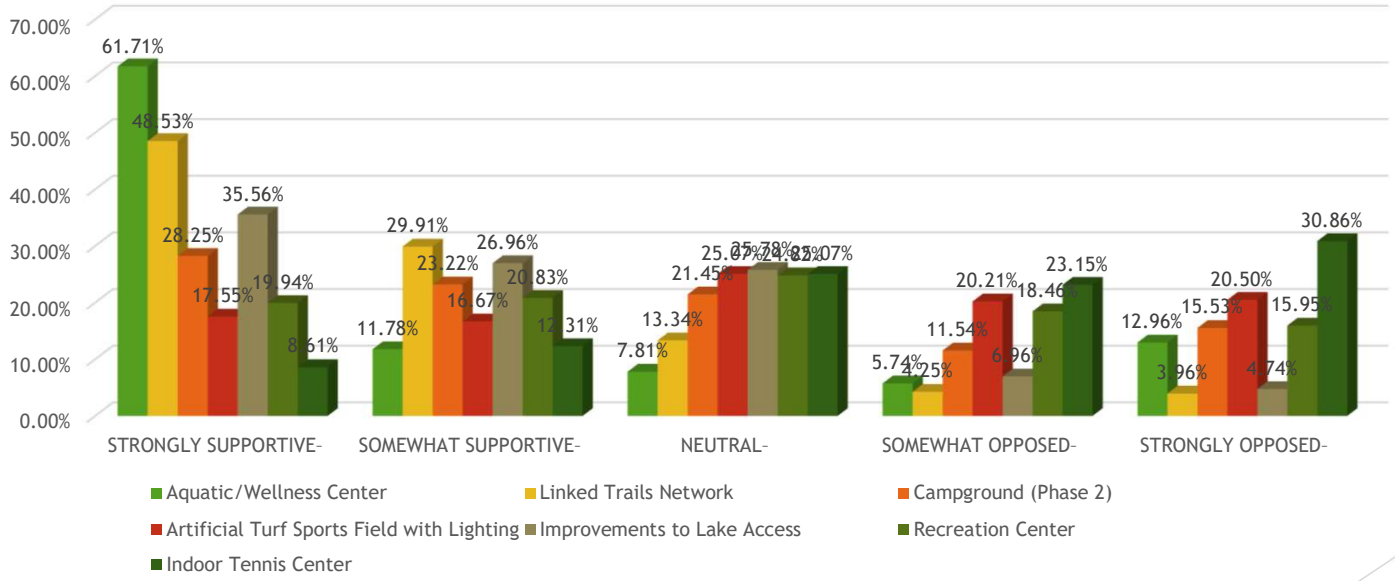
# Question 2- % Supportive/% Opposed

% Supportive vs. % Opposed



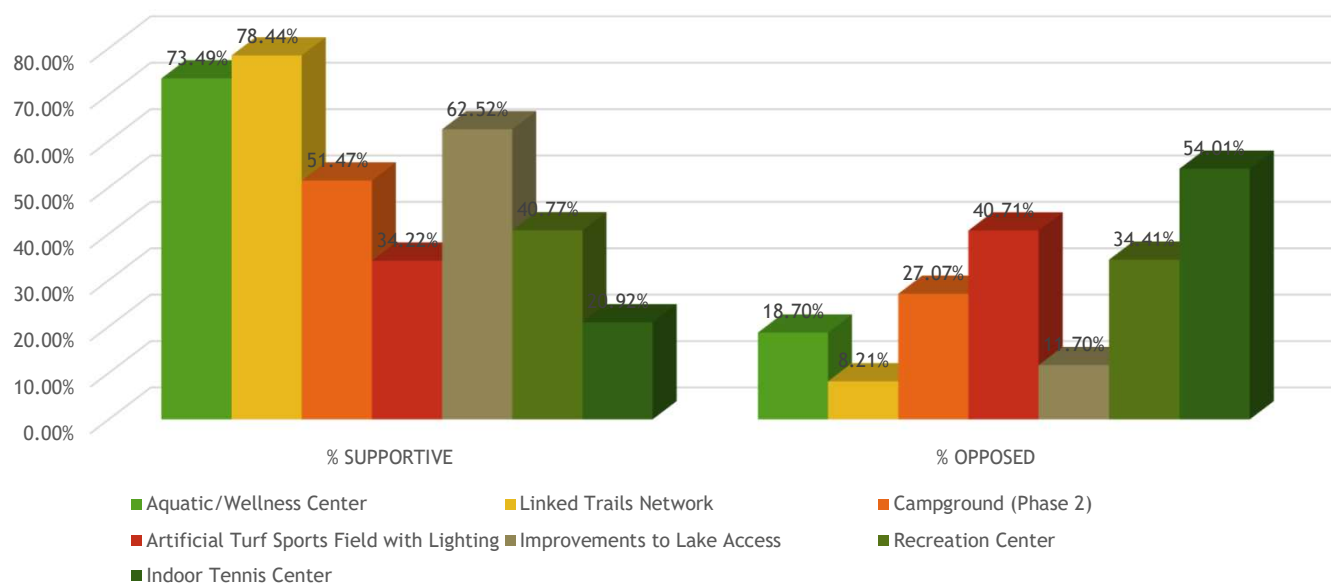
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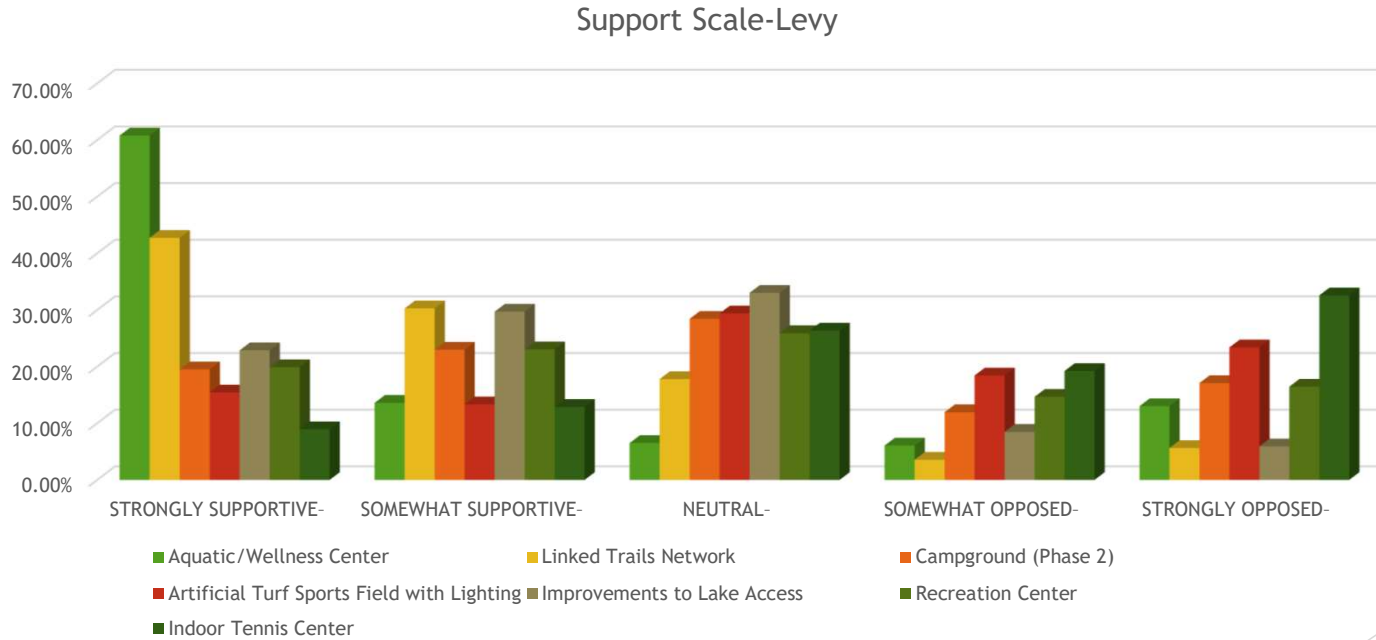


# Question 3- % Supportive/% Opposed-Bond Issue

% Supportive vs. % Opposed-Bond



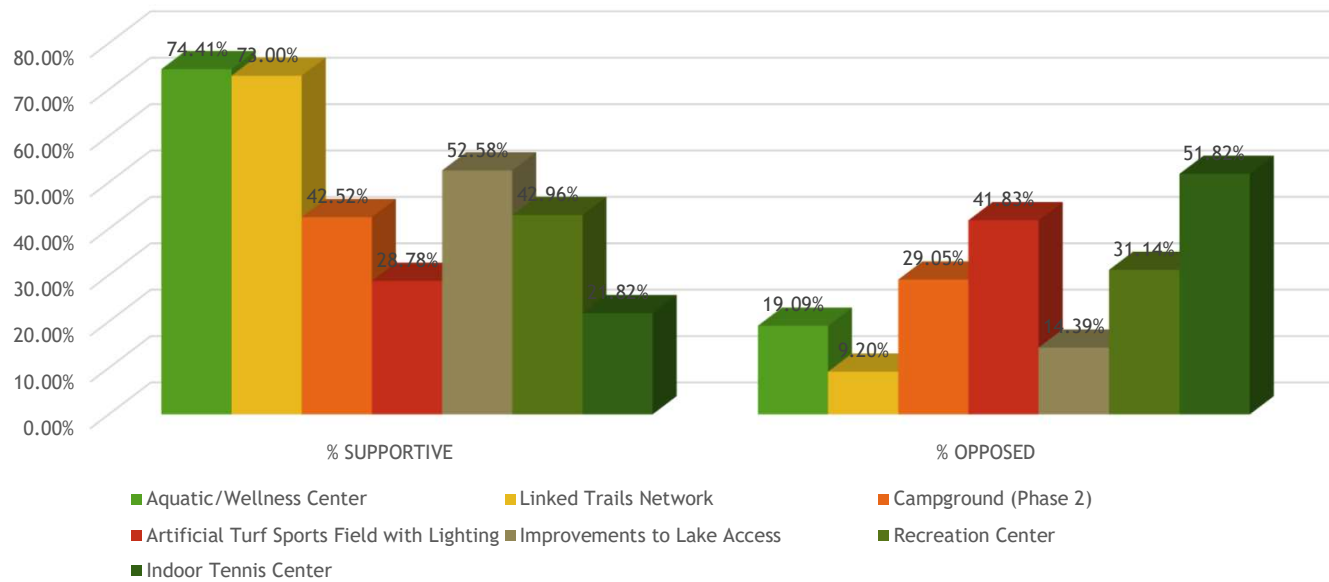
# Question 4-Support Scale-M&O Levy





# Question 4- % Supportive/% Opposed- M&O Levy

% Supportive vs. % Opposed-Levy



## Question 5-Other Project Ideas

- ▶ Its corrupt not have public options for swimming pools. I have lived here over 20 years and am ashamed when I visit other small areas and see their wonderful public Rec center and swimming pool with low cost entry. Sorry Island athletic doesn't work for single parents like me, no matter what "deal" they offer. They have lobbied against a public pool and it's criminal. I was on a college swim team, boulder high school swim team, and it helped me grow. No public South Whidbey Rec center and swimming pool is truly pathetic, especially when driving by the huge new fire station being built. Public health mandates EXERCISE, it rains a lot here, my daughter's play basketball in the rain and want to go swimming not only on the hottest days of the year! Thank you for the survey, this is important!
- ▶ I am strongly opposed to a campground being located right next to a school. Campgrounds can attract people that are drinking alcohol, and oftentimes people who have drug abuse problems. Some type of barrier between the school and the campgrounds would be a good project to include, as high school kids will undoubtedly try to sneak over to the campgrounds where they may get into unsafe situations. I'm not saying "build a wall" around the school. But leaving some kind of natural barrier in place just makes sense from a security perspective. Having grown up here, I just know how high school kids behave on that campus. The baseball field was always a blind-spot to the authorities in charge of the school, and now instead of having a natural barrier of woodlands beyond that, there will be easy access to campgrounds. The very nature of campgrounds is that people from far and wide will come and go, which is a perfect recipe for disaster if a predatory adult came and took advantage of the easy access to the school grounds.
- ▶ Why not remove dangerous trees from South Whidbey campgrounds, remodel & replant trees, instead of building a new park?
- ▶ public beach access, please!
- ▶ Too many years for tax payers to fund a POOL and other facilities that most seniors cannot afford after we pay for our drugs...let the younger generation come up with a plan
- ▶ Disk golf course in currently maintained Maxwellton Park, trails and soccer field areas.
- ▶ I feel the former middle and primary schools should be used to their fullest extent before constructing any new structures. Perhaps there are other unused or underused facilities as well.
- ▶ Litter patrol and security patrol and electronic security for all Parks and Rec. projects.
- ▶ music amphitheater at comm Park
- ▶ Building additional sound proofing at Holmes Harbor Gun Range to lessen sound of gunfire.
- ▶ Open the beach at South Whidbey State Park.
- ▶ Please emphasize how these projects create community jobs for teens and gives them additional safe places to be. Thanks!!
- ▶ hostals for summer workers and visitors
- ▶ Your pool project is too grandiose and would cost too much to maintain. I'd prefer an L shape pool, competition length both ways. Dive tank at one end, 3 feet at the other. At least 6 lanes. Easy to keep busy, provides 3 use zones, less equipment to maintain. Watch the acoustics. Indoor pools can chase away business if they get too loud.
- ▶ The ambition of the South Whidbey Parks Board far exceeds its judgment. Our property taxes are already far too high and we can ill afford more for things we don't need. This is an island, with beaches on all side, so why in the world do we need a swimming pool? The parks systems should concentrate on maintaining the amenities it has already.
- ▶ A par 72 public access golf course on the south end of the island.
- ▶ Add a legitimate pump track, like Leavenworth and Bellingham. Velosolution makes amazing pump tracks and attracts all ages and skill sets. Bike, skate, scooter. Etc! It would also support local business and be an assets to camp ground. Cheers
- ▶ Accessible playgrounds. A wheelchair is hard to use at playgrounds. Wood tracks at castle park do not connect and ground surface mires down.
- ▶ I would be strongly opposed if the artificial turf project employed the shredded rubber that has been linked to cancer.

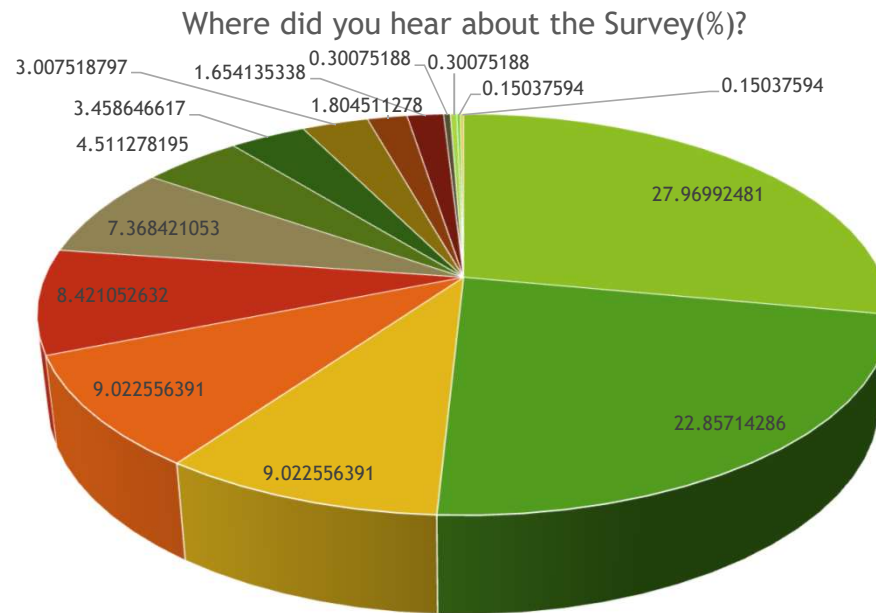
## Question 5-Other Project Ideas-Examples

- ▶ A bowling alley would be awesome and more family and group friendly than tennis.
- ▶ I can't think of any, but please do additional research litigation and issues that have already surfaced with artificial turf sports fields in other places in US. We don't want to have to pay for this. I can be a real mess. Whidbey Island County could do better.
- ▶ Just maintain what we have
- ▶ Would like to have pickle ball courts as well as indoor tennis courts
- ▶ I would like to see an overall environmental management plan for all parks sites and a rating of sites from "keep it natural" to "hardscape development." We had expected Trustland Trails to remain in the "keep it natural" column and are increasingly disturbed by the ever bigger better intrusions there. We would like to see a clearly written policy concerning width of trails and surface treatments. We very much want to see a native plant salvage program when vegetation is disturbed. We are happy to help institute such a program and have done so successfully on both the large and small scale. We want to see a clear statement by Parks & Rec that a part of its mandate is protecting the land which constitutes the parks in which people recreate.
- ▶ Stop taxing seniors who can least afford or are able to use ANY of the above
- ▶ Please consider including a boulder/climbing wall in the rec center plan. I would happily buy a membership to use the facility. Thank you.
- ▶ Improvements to Seawall Park in Langley
- ▶ Stop maintaining the little used soccer fields.
- ▶ Improved high school soccer/ football field
- ▶ Anything for Seniors. Reopen South Whidbey State Park for Camping!
- ▶ mini golf!
- ▶ Move vagrants and drug users in Oak Harbor to a vacant land parcel or the abandoned South Whidbey State Parks. Leave the facility as austere and difficult to live in. Stop ENABLING drug addiction. You aren't helping them, just prolonging it and putting the greater public and our children at risk.
- ▶ Sometime Music Camps for different levels and instruments.
- ▶ I am sad to hear that the south Whidbey state park has no plans of ever reopening. I think I would have demonstrated considerably more support for the campground, had it been located with Puget Sound water access such as the former S, Whidbey State park campground had.
- ▶ public dump stations for RVs
- ▶ paved biking trails
- ▶ Fairgrounds improvement
- ▶ I was surprised to not see any mention of overnight parking at the Mukilteo ferry terminal...? I would support that.
- ▶ provide more public buses, schedule to run from dawn to dusk to bring visitors on island such as camping, tour spots, etc.. Buses could transport visitors to campground without having vehicle on island.
- ▶ From my observation, the Goss Lake boat ramp is used as much, if not more, by swimmers than boaters. I'm sure the swimmers would appreciate it if you could dump a load of sand near the top of the hill, NW of the boat ramp. There is room for a sandy area that would not interfere with the ramp. You might be able to get the sand free from the Langley boat ramp: they have to clear the sand off weekly. Thanks!
- ▶ Sidewalks in Freeland
- ▶ I strongly oppose any park project that includes outdoor lighting.

## Question 5-Other Project Ideas

- ▶ What about some projects that would benefit the residents of Camano Island? Hopefully this will not impact OUR property taxes.
- ▶ vehicle charging stations at parks and facilities. partnership with charging vendor may provide income?
- ▶ Cover two south tennis courts at SWHS.
- ▶ Bathroom maintenance & Repairs at Dan Porter park.
- ▶ Take over Dan Porter Park in Clinton
- ▶ RC Model Aircraft Flying Field
- ▶ Splash park
- ▶ Maintenance, conservation, & education about wetlands (other than lakes).
- ▶ Consolidate control of all developed park facilities in unincorporated South Whidbey
- ▶ After school activity center for kids. Boys and Girls club?
- ▶ Strengthen the school system.
- ▶ A boat launch/recovery ramp with sufficient slope to permit use at all tide levels.
- ▶ Combine Aquatic Center and Recreation Center IN PHASES. Saves on both construction and M&O costs. Isn't there a vacant school property that can be used for something?
- ▶ If the Tennis Center included Pickleball courts for all ages, I would be more supportive. I would like to see a collaborative facilities plan with the SWSD, and not duplicate facilities taxpayers already pay for.
- ▶ Improved senior center
- ▶ Add more picnic tables that have views of the park. Thanks
- ▶ Provide funding and Take better care of trails at South Whidbey State Park. I'm opposed to building expensive new facilities when care is not given to what we already have
- ▶ there is a shocking absence of clarity as to funding sources, especially regarding the extent to which user fees might support ongoing operational expense. You might consider reviewing that, as there would likely be more support for construction if there is more assurance that these projects will 1) have adequate funding for ongoing operations and maintenance and 2) that these projects won't become financial "rat holes" riding on the backs of Island County taxpayers. Just my own humble opinion.
- ▶ Environmental education center. Topics: Orcas, marine wildlife, conservation, shoreline protection, recycling, water quality....
- ▶ Indoor soccer arena
- ▶ Youth Football program
- ▶ Handicap ramps on public beaches
- ▶ Expand within your means. Do a simple pool with changing rooms and a snack bar catering to our kids. Forget a grandiose aquatic center. We are a small community.
- ▶ Permanently installed stretching bars, platforms, etc for walkers/runners at the entrances to some of the trails
- ▶ Playground maintenance
- ▶ I support these ideas on one condition. When building you will respect the animals living in these areas by following all wildlife laws. No habitat destruction!!! Including deforestation and no destruction of natural creeks
- ▶ more toddler enhancement, indoor play, organized outings, etc.

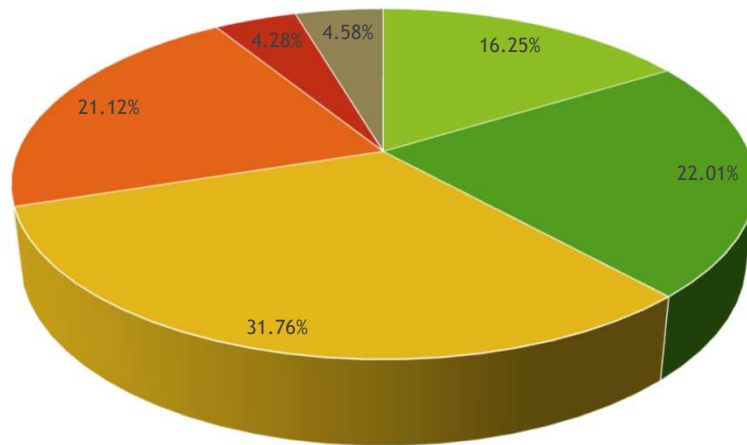
# Question 6-Where did you hear about our Survey?



- Park District email list
- Friend/Family Member
- Island County Commissioner email
- Can't Remember
- South Whidbey Record
- Member of a stakeholder group
- School District e-flyer
- Park Commissioner
- Park District facebook Page
- Next Door Weekly
- Park District website
- Freeland Chamber
- Drew's List
- Other Facebook
- SWPAF

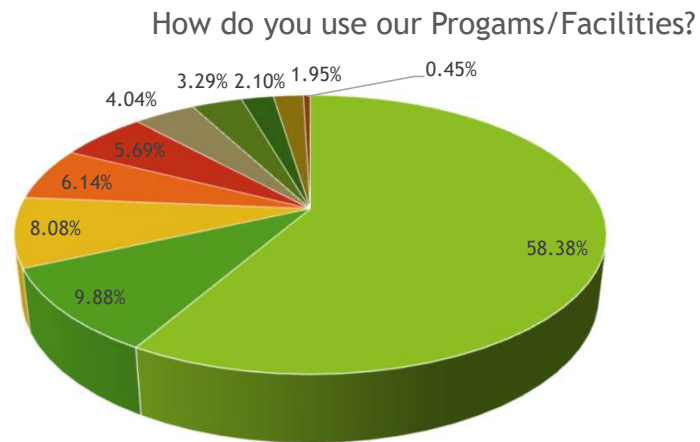
# Question 7- District Program and Facility Usage-Frequency

How often do you use Park Facilities/Programs



■ 3-7 times a week ■ 1-3 times a week ■ 1-3 times a month ■ 1-3 times a year ■ Never ■ Other (please specify)

# Question 8-Primary Usage-type



- Walking/Hiking/Running in parks
- At a Special Event in the park
- Adult sports
- Equestrian/Horse riding
- Youth Sports Groups
- Birdwatching/natural appreciation
- As a spectator at a Sporting event in the park
- Other (please specify)
- Participate in District-run programs
- Bicycling