

Town of Milton, Vermont

Recreation Master Plan Update

A graphic illustration of a basketball hoop and a player. The player is shown in silhouette, jumping towards the hoop. The basketball hoop and backboard are depicted with a grid pattern. The entire graphic is rendered in a light blue color.

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Milton Recreation Master Plan 2019

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Chapter 1

Executive Summary

Planning for diverse park and recreation offerings is just as critical for a community's future as planning for its downtown, roads, and other infrastructure. Parks, trails, and recreation programs enhance the health, wellbeing, and livability of a community. They can also increase the quality of life in the town—attracting and retaining residents and ultimately supporting businesses and economic development.

While the Town of Milton has long embraced the importance of parks and recreation, the community has grown and evolved significantly since the last Recreation Master Plan was completed in 2007. An update to the plan was necessary in 2019 to ensure the Town's parks and recreation system continues to serve the community's needs well into the future.

The Recreation Master Plan is intended to serve as a companion document to a town's Comprehensive Plan. The Recreation Master Plan is a planning guide that describes in very specific terms, existing community resources, the community's recreation program and facility needs, and strategies and action steps for prioritizing Milton's investments in recreation and park facilities and programs.

The following objectives shaped the update of the Milton Recreation Master Plan: gather meaningful community input through various outreach methods, assess the current and future needs of the citizens of Milton, inventory physical and programmatic recreation resources, identify existing levels of service in Milton, compare Milton's service levels with similar-sized communities, identify service gaps, and develop a feasible action plan.

Public participation played a major role in the planning and update of the Milton Recreation Master Plan. Several different methods were used to gather citizen input and help identify community needs. An Open House was held at the Bombardier Park Fieldhouse where participants expressed their ideas about facilities and programs they would like to see added, how best to communicate recreation information, and Recreation Department spending priorities. In addition, two surveys were created that asked many of the same questions as the Open House, to expand participation beyond those who were able to attend. The surveys yielded around 1,000 responses in total, accounting for approximately 10% of the Milton community. This response rate is very high relative to other communities of similar size. Lastly, four stakeholder meetings designed to intersect various user groups throughout Milton were held. Around 30 individuals participated in the stakeholder meetings. The public engagement opportunities were primarily focused on understanding how the community interacts with the Recreation Department, how programs and recreational spaces are currently utilized, and what new facilities and programs should be added.



Participants at the Open House held at the Bombardier Park Fieldhouse

Copies of the survey questionnaires are included in the appendix of the report. The major findings of the survey include:

- * 89% of respondents rated the availability of local parks and recreation opportunities in Milton as important or very important.
- * 45% of respondent households contacted the Milton Recreation Department (MRD) in the last year and 90% of respondents who had contacted the MRD found the service to be good or excellent.
- * 80% of respondents felt that the MRD is doing a good (41%) or excellent (39%) job.
- * 73% of respondents had participated in at least one MRD program in the last year. 10% of respondents had participated in 5 or more.
- * Respondents felt that teens and adults need more recreation programming.
- * The program areas that respondents would most like to see added are fitness and wellness, nature and outdoor, and adventure.
- * New recreation facilities that respondents would most like to see are more bicycle and pedestrian paths, an indoor or outdoor swimming pool, and indoor recreation space.

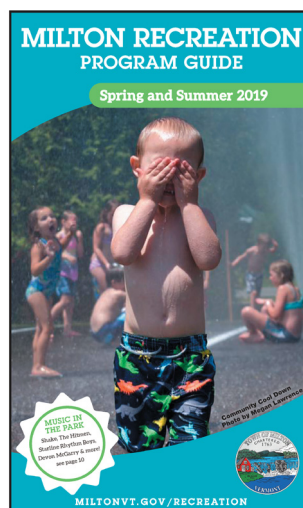
The recommendations made in the Milton Recreation Master Plan are organized into separate chapters for recreation administration, recreation programs, and recreation facilities or lands. Each chapter includes an inventory of existing conditions, a needs assessment, and a list of specific recommendations.

The needs assessment is based on quantitative information provided by the survey results, qualitative information from the focus group meetings and stakeholder interviews, comparison to service levels in other Vermont communities, and the professional experience of the consultants. Information on service levels from four Vermont communities, three within Chittenden County and one elsewhere in the state, all with populations similar to Milton's, is included for comparison purposes. The communities selected for comparison were Williston, Colchester, and the Town of Essex from Chittenden County as well as Hartford from Windsor County. Throughout the report they are identified as the "comparable communities."

Every effort was given to making recommendations that would (1) address the Town's recreation needs, (2) place a high priority on adequately maintaining the existing facilities before adding new ones, and (3) be realistic and achievable. The implementation table and preliminary cost estimates for each recommendation are included in the last chapter of the report.

In the Recreation Administration chapter, a detailed inventory of the existing conditions of the office, staff, citizen commission, and budget are provided. The administration recommendations include:

1. Increase the Recreation and Buildings and Grounds Department budgets to better serve town residents
2. Develop a Ten-Year Capital Recreation Plan
3. Respond to community priorities by investing in department staffing
 - * Ensure talented staff is attracted and retained by offering competitive compensation packages by periodically benchmarking compensation with the National Recreation and Parks Association and Vermont Recreation and Parks Association Salary Surveys.
 - * Consider creation of a new full or part-time staff position, the position could be an Events & Partnerships Coordinator, a Communications & Administrative Services Coordinator, or possibly a Recreation Coordinator who might contribute in all areas.
4. Support Professional Development for staff through conferences and membership in professional organizations
5. Ensure Buildings and Grounds staff and resources increase commensurate with new facility and maintenance requirements
6. Evaluate the benefits of combining the Recreation Department and Buildings and Grounds Department into a Parks and Recreation Department
7. Fill all seven positions on the Recreation Commission
8. Continue to improve communication between the Recreation Commission and other Milton Boards and Commissions
9. Explore more diverse funding opportunities including grants, private fundraising with a Milton Parks Foundation or Friends Group, or a Dedicated Recreation Impact Fee for new development. Also consider reinstating the 1/2 Penny for Parks Fund.





Bombardier Park Fieldhouse Pavilion



Milton Outdoor Performance Center

10. Work with Surrounding towns, the Family Center, and the Senior Center to develop Joint Facility Use Agreements
11. Compile an updated Administrative Handbook
 - * Develop written goals and objectives for the Milton Recreation Department
 - * Develop annual workplans for the department
 - * Develop a process for on-going evaluation of community needs
12. Consider relocating Recreation Department office to new indoor recreation facility, larger municipal office space, or possible 4 season enhancement to the Bombardier Park Fieldhouse.
13. Make decisions with consideration of the varied needs of the community, with an emphasis on facilities and amenities that serve multiple uses.
14. Encourage volunteerism and provide clear avenues of participation for community members, including financial, volunteer labor and other areas of support.
15. Partner with the Artists Guild, Historical Society and other groups to incorporate art, history and cultural resources into recreation programs and facility designs to celebrate the unique qualities of Milton.
16. Pursue public/private partnerships that leverage Town park facilities and equipment for the greatest benefit to the community.



Zumba Fitness Program



Pickleball Program

In the Recreation Program chapter, a summary of the programs offered by the Milton Recreation Department during the twelve-month period from January 2019-December 2019 is included. The program recommendations include:

1. Increase partnerships with existing organizations and businesses in Milton and conduct regular check-ins with partner organizations to ensure program opportunities are realized.
2. Expand the use of social media and online forums to distribute recreation program information
3. Develop a cost recovery program for recreation programs
4. Consider the use of an Enterprise Fund to account for all recreation program revenues and expenditures
5. Explore mailing of seasonal recreation brochures to every postal address and leverage the Milton Independent for additional program communications
6. Develop a Program Design Handbook with a documented framework for evaluating current programs and designing new programs to ensure offerings respond to market demand, current industry trends, and community engagement input
7. Explore new program offerings around fitness and wellness programs, nature and outdoor programs, adventure programs, cooking classes, family programs, after school programs, and arts and crafts programs.
8. Offer more programs targeted at specific age groups: teens, adults, and seniors.
9. Explore programs that offer opportunities for learning through play, introductory experiences of activities, and skills development.
10. Continue to explore how to reduce barriers to program participation. Start by testing various scheduling schemes as time commitments and scheduling were the highest-ranking barrier as perceived by residents.

Detailed descriptions of the recreation lands and facilities located within the town of Milton, including all town, school, state, and private, are included. While each specific site has recommendations associated with it, only Overall Recreation Facility and Lands Recommendations, Overall Trails and Connectivity Recommendations are provided in the executive summary. They are:

1. Conduct a feasibility study for an Indoor Recreation Center
2. Conduct a feasibility study for an Indoor/Outdoor Pool
3. Update town regulations to ensure new developments include adequate publicly accessible parkland and greenspaces, particularly for multi-family developments
4. Explore partnerships with faith-based organizations and other non-profits that would provide an attractive space for teen night programming or that might be leveraged as a 'pop-up' teen center.
5. Evaluate all recreation facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
6. Utilize non-irrigated landscapes, native species, and low maintenance plant materials when feasible and appropriate for the designated use

7. Support a trail maintenance and development program that leverages both town and volunteer resources and ensure adequate support for both. Ensure trail signage at all town parks and properties is clear and consistent
8. Establish new trails in a variety of settings and provide a range of trail experiences and types to accommodate all user groups, ages and ability levels. Strive for a variety of trail lengths that encourage exploration of recreational activities in Milton and provide a range of recreational experiences from short to day-long outings.
9. Design the trail system in response to type and volume of use, to avoid user conflict and overcrowding.
10. Establish a Bikepath Task Force to identify and build key corridors for bicycle and pedestrian paths
11. Develop an 'Active Transportation Plan' that comprehensively considers walking, biking and trail connectivity in Milton
12. Prioritize the development of new trails and pathways that improve the connectivity of parks and other recreational assets.

It is advisable that the Town of Milton incorporates the recommendations of the Milton Recreation Master Plan into all its planning efforts.



Bombardier Park - July 4th Celebration

Chapter 2

The Project

The Milton Recreation Master Plan is a long-range planning and implementation document that can guide the future development and redevelopment of the Town's parks, open spaces, recreation programming, staffing, trails, and facilities. The Plan articulates the community's priorities for:

1. Preserving and improving existing parks and recreation lands and facilities
2. Creating new parks and recreation lands and facilities
3. Administering recreation programs and events

The Milton Recreation Master Plan (RMP) is intended to serve as a companion document to the Milton Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan discusses the Town's present recreation services in a general way, in the context of all public facilities and services. The Milton RMP is a planning guide that describes in very specific terms, existing community resources, the community's recreation program and facility needs, and strategies and action steps for prioritizing Milton's investments in recreation and park facilities and programs. This Milton RMP utilizes information from previous studies and planning efforts and involved conducting an in-depth analysis of existing and changing conditions.

The following objectives shaped the development of the Milton RMP:

- * Gather meaningful community input through various outreach methods
- * Assess the current and future needs of the citizens of Milton
- * Inventory the physical as well as programmatic recreation resources
- * Compare Milton's service levels with neighbors and comparable communities
- * Identify existing levels of service in Milton
- * Identify service gaps
- * Develop a feasible action plan

The Milton RMP should be reviewed annually and updated based on implementation accomplishments, and additional information gathered through surveys, community meetings, planning studies and data analysis. Furthermore, the Milton RMP is intended to serve as a guide for the provision of recreation and park services rather than as a set of inflexible recommendations

About the Update Process:

The community's 2019 Recreation Master Plan was updated through an approximately 6-month long community and recreation planning process. At the beginning of the process, background research was conducted on community demographics, current recreation patterns and opportunities, recreation industry trends, and market intelligence for the region. This provided an understanding of the demographic characteristics of both residents and potential visitors to parks, programs, and events in Milton. An inventory of all existing parks, recreation facilities, recreation programs, special events, and camps in the Town was also completed.

The town and consultants also embarked on a robust public engagement process which included a community-wide recreational needs assessment survey, a youth and family needs assessment survey, four focus groups meetings, and a public workshop. The engagement process probed respondents about all aspects of the recreation system in Milton, touching on vision, needs, desires, use patterns, and priorities.

Following the public engagement process, the consultants developed recommendations for 1) Administration, 2) Programs, and 3) Lands and Facilities. An implementation matrix was also developed to help facilitate completion of the recommendations.

Progress:

The Milton Recreation Department, and the Milton Community more broadly, has made significant progress since the development of the 2007 Recreation Master Plan. This success—and resulting completion of many of the 2007 recommendations and opportunities—is part of the need for updating the 2007 plan.

Since 2007, the Milton Recreation Department has grown from one part-time staff person to two full-time staff people, expanding both the quality of the customer experience the department provides and the diversity of experiences and opportunities that are provided. The Recreation Department is one of the primary touch points between the Milton town government and residents, and survey results and workshop responses demonstrate that people are placing a high value on these positive interactions. Participant satisfaction with recreation programs has increased, as have the total number of programs offered. More people are receiving information from the MRD than ever before. The availability of information has increased through expanded office hours and more diverse communication channels.

However, some recreation needs discussed in the 2007 Recreation Master Plan still remain relevant today. There is still a need to expand age-specific recreation programming. Bike paths, connectivity, and “unstructured recreation” remain high priorities. There is also still a desire within the community for more indoor recreation spaces and a swimming pool. Notably, these are many of the same on-going needs that many Vermont communities face, as they tend to be on-going or take the most time and are often the most difficult and costly to meet.

Chapter 3

Context

The Community

The Town of Milton is situated on the eastern shores of Lake Champlain in the northwestern corner of Chittenden County. Milton covers approximately 33,336 acres, 60 square miles, and sits at an altitude of 320 feet. The Town was Chartered on June 8, 1763 and currently functions under a Selectboard -Town Manager form of government.



Bombardier Park Ice Skating Rink



Community Mural Project



Arrowhead Lake



Bridge to Bombardier Park West

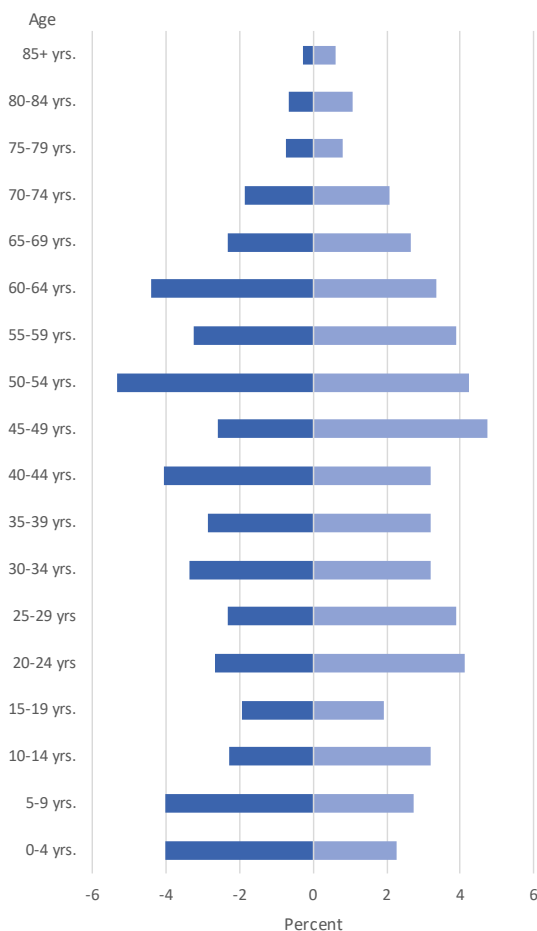
Milton Demographics

As estimated by the American Community Survey, the population of Milton in 2017 was 10,940 people, representing a 15.4% growth from the population in 2000. This growth rate exceeds both the Chittenden County and Vermont growth rates over the same time period, at 10.78% and 4.45% respectively. The median age in Milton is 41.2, slightly younger than Vermont's median age of 42.8. Of the 10,940 residents, 1,597 of them are considered school age (ages 5-17), representing about 15% of the total population. Milton's population follows national and statewide trends in that it skews slightly more female; with women representing 51.1% of the population and males the remaining 48.9%.

The 2010-2030 Vermont Population Projections calculated by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development indicate a growing population in Milton. The projections use two different migration assumptions to calculate two population scenarios. Scenario A uses the Vermont 1990-2000 in-migration rate and Scenario B uses the 2000-2010 in-migration rate. Because the Vermont economy was generally healthier in the 1990's, the in-migration rate is higher than in the 2000's. These discrepancies are evident in the overall growth rate calculations. In Scenario A, Milton's population grows 11.4% from the 2010 population of 10,352. In Scenario B, Milton's population grows 5.7% from the 2010 population. Scenario A is depicted by the blue dotted line and Scenario B by the orange dashed line.

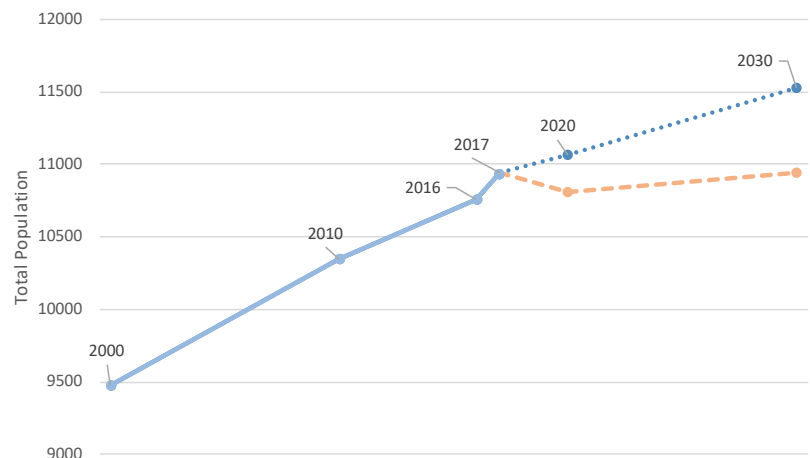
Milton, VT Population Pyramid 2017

Data: Census.gov



Milton, VT Population and Population Projection

Data: Census.gov, Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development



The statewide projections shown in the Vermont Population Projection chart indicate that the Town of Milton is likely to experience an increase in young children, a decline in teenage children and young adults, and a sharp increase in older adults.

Vermont Population Projection

Data: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Age	2010 Census	Projections 2020	Projections 2025	Projections 2030	% Change 2010-2020	% Change 2010-2025	% Change 2010-2030
0-4 yrs.	31,952	36,982	35,602	34,667	+15.7	+11.4	+8.5
5-14 yrs.	72,291	76,469	79,401	78,223	+5.8	+9.8	+8.2
15-19 yrs.	46,012	37,934	40,317	43,275	-17.6	-12.4	-5.9
20-24 yrs.	43,851	37,949	35,506	37,775	-13.5	-19.0	-13.9
25-44 yrs.	147,981	184,482	182,971	172,734	+24.7	+23.6	+16.7
45-64 yrs.	192,576	180,421	171,332	171,253	-6.3	-11.0	-11.1
65+ yrs.	91,078	136,449	158,159	173,940	+49.8	+73.7	+91.0

Housing and Economy

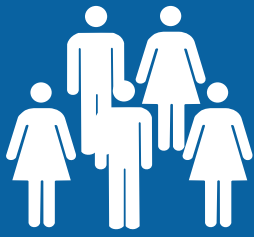
The median household income in Milton is \$57,652, just under Vermont's median household income of \$57,808 but well under Chittenden County's median household income of \$66,906. The percentage of residents below poverty level is 14.6%, higher than both Chittenden County and Vermont at 11.3% and 11.4% respectively.

Tourism and Seasonal Visitation

While all of Vermont experiences some degree of tourism and seasonal visitation, tourism influences in Milton are less pronounced than in many areas of the state. Milton's current tourism is primarily associated with visitation to Lake Champlain and Chittenden County more broadly. As recreation amenities continue to be developed and enhanced in Milton, there may be an opportunity to draw in more visitors and second homeowners to spend money in Milton.



Music in the Park Series



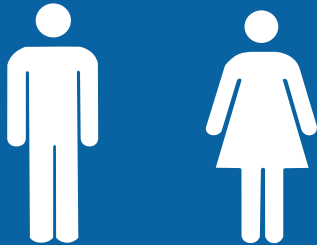
Population: 10,940



Median Age: 41.2



**# of School Age
Children: 2,273**



**48.9% Male
51.1% Female**



**Median Household
Income: \$57,652**



**Residents Below
Poverty Level: 14.6%**



**3.4 % Residential Units in
Seasonal/ Recreational Use**



**16.1% County Employment
in Travel & Tourism**



Miles of Multi-Use Trails: 13.5



of Playgrounds: 4



Miles of Biking Trails: 3.5



**Acres of Parkland per
1,000 Residents: 0.087**

Data Sources: 2017 American Community Survey 5-year estimate, Milton Recreation Department, Headwaters Economics

Chapter 4

Public Participation

Public Participation

There were seven total opportunities for public input regarding the parks and recreation system in Milton. In early June, an Open House was held at the Bombardier Park Fieldhouse, and approximately 40 people attended. In addition, two surveys were created that asked many of the same questions as were asked at the open house to expand participation beyond those who were able to attend. Lastly, four stakeholder meetings were held, designed to intersect various user groups throughout Milton. Overall, approximately 30 individuals took part throughout the stakeholder meeting process. The public engagement opportunities were primarily focused on understanding how the community interacts with the Recreation Department, how programs and recreational spaces are currently utilized, and what new facilities and programs should be added.

Open House

An Open House for the Milton Recreation Department was held at the Bombardier Park Fieldhouse on June 19th, 2019. The meeting was a drop-in anytime, open house format with questions about an overall vision for the recreation program, facility usage, activity preferences, and future plans for two newly acquired properties (Bombardier property parcel and Hourglass/Town Green Parcel). Attendees wrote responses on boards, completed dot exercises, and drew their ideas and knowledge on maps. Members of the project team were available for one-on-one chats with attendees, and a general comment box was provided for open-ended feedback. Background/baseline information about the project, the community, and the Recreation Department, was also provided.

Survey

An on-line survey was launched at the Open House on June 19, 2019 and remained open through August 13, 2019. The community was made aware of the survey through a variety of methods including flyers distributed around town, social media posts, and email blasts. The survey received about 700 responses. While not all survey respondents answered all of the questions, the data that was provided in these partial responses is included in the results and analysis.

Youth and Family Survey

A second survey was launched on September 3, 2019 and remained open through September 23, 2019. This survey was primarily advertised to youth and their families. An abridged version of the first survey, the youth and family survey was designed to capture general ideas around recreation programs and facilities from the perspective of youth and families. The survey received 120 responses.

Results

Overall Vision

Open House attendees were asked: “What word or phrase best describes your existing experience with the Milton Recreation Department?” and “What word or phrase best describes your desired future experience with the Milton Recreation Department?”.

Existing



Future

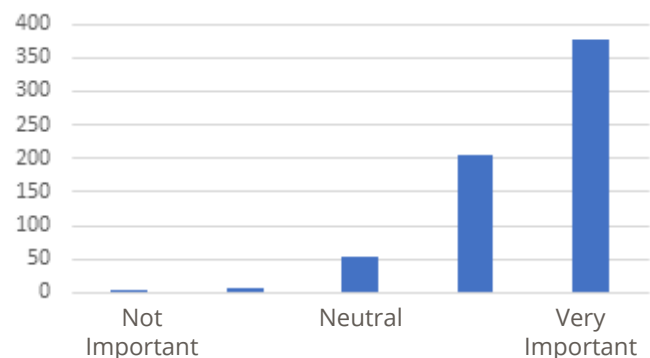


Open House attendees focused on fun, great, and relaxing community spaces as their primary existing experience with the Milton Recreation Department. People also spoke to the presence of well-organized and diverse events the Recreation Department supports. The desired future experience of the attendees focused mainly on general facility improvements such as adding more trashcans, creating mountain bike trails, and implementing smoke-free policies.

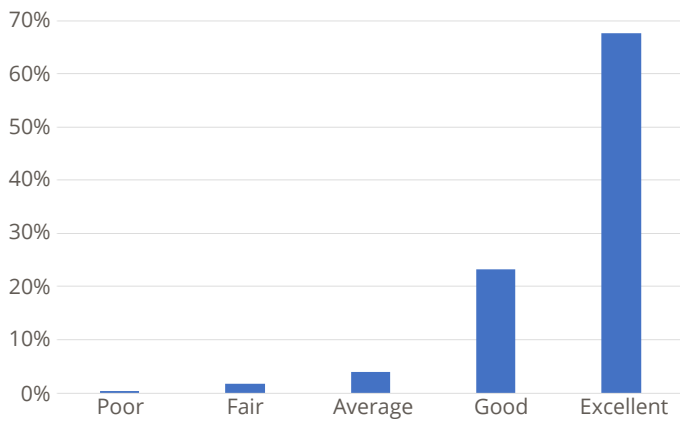
Recreation Department Importance and Satisfaction

Survey respondents were asked questions about the importance of recreation opportunities and their satisfaction with the Recreation Department. Overall, most people expressed that recreation facilities and opportunities were very important and that the Milton Recreation Department is doing a good to very good job for residents. Of the respondents, 45% stated they had contacted the Milton Recreation Department in the last 12 months, and most rated the service they received as good or excellent. When asked what respondents particularly liked or disliked about the department, they stated only positive things such as “everyone follows through and is helpful”, the department is “friendly and knowledgeable”, and they demonstrate a “willingness to help”.

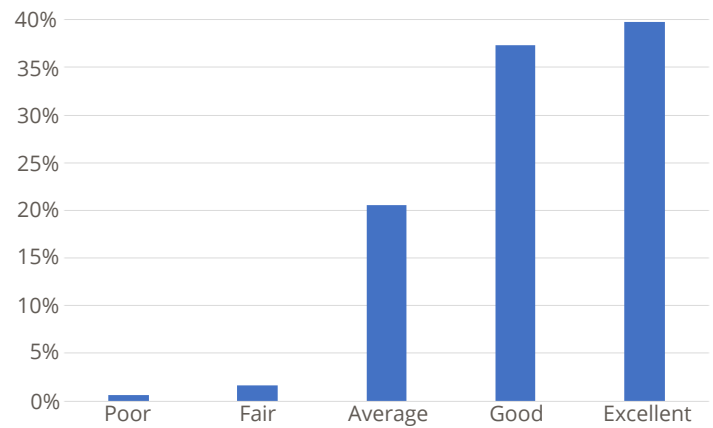
How important is the availability of local parks and recreation opportunities?



How would you rate the service you received?



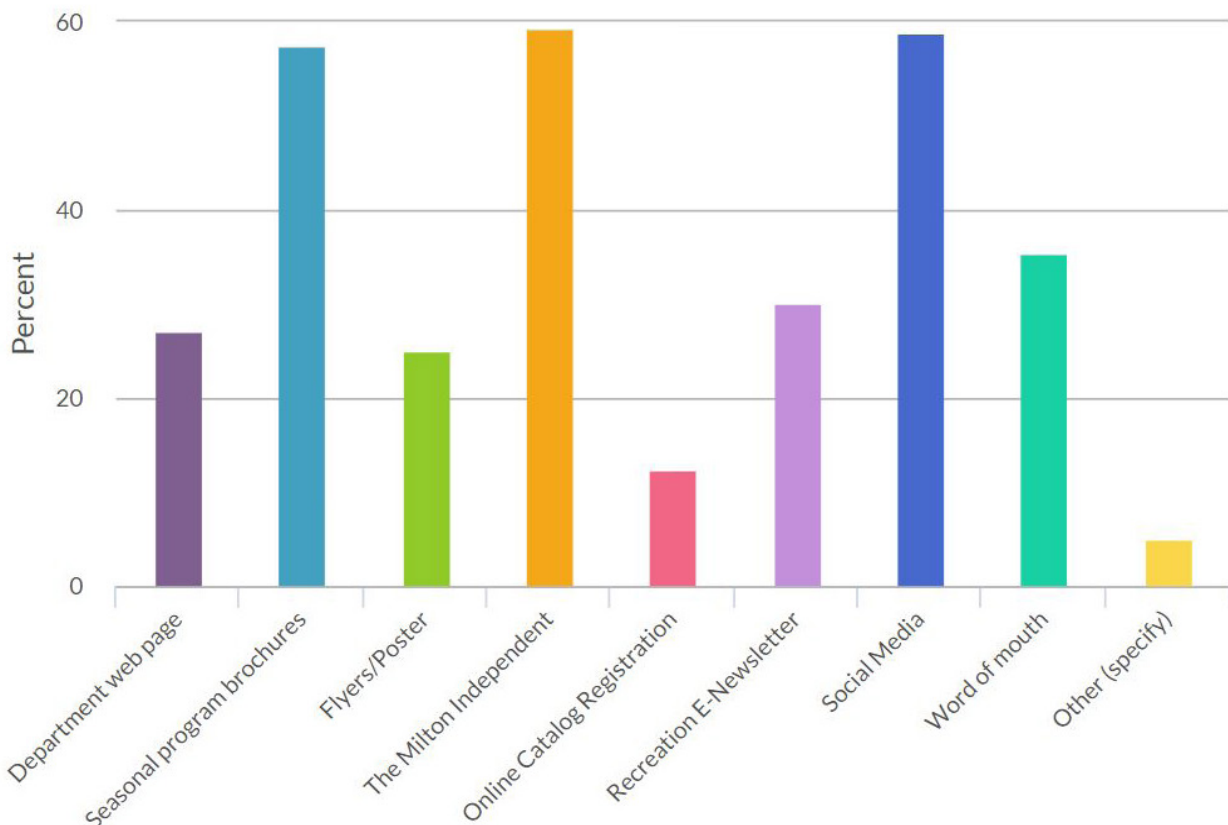
How would you describe the job the Milton Recreation Department is doing for residents?



Recreation Department Outreach and Participation

Survey respondents and open house attendees were asked how they currently receive information about parks and recreation programs and how they would like to receive information in the future. Most survey respondents stated they receive information from the seasonal program brochures, the Milton Independent, and on various social media channels. Open house attendees gave similar answers, stating they like to receive information through social media, the Milton Independent, seasonal program brochures, and the registration portal. All participants were asked if there were any other ways they typically hear about recreation programs. Answers included Front Porch Forum, lawn signs, the library, and through personal involvement with programs.

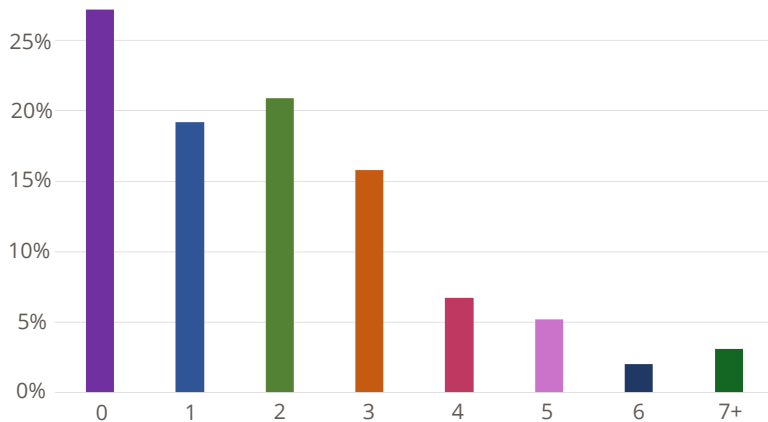
How do you hear about programs sponsored by the Milton Recreation Department?



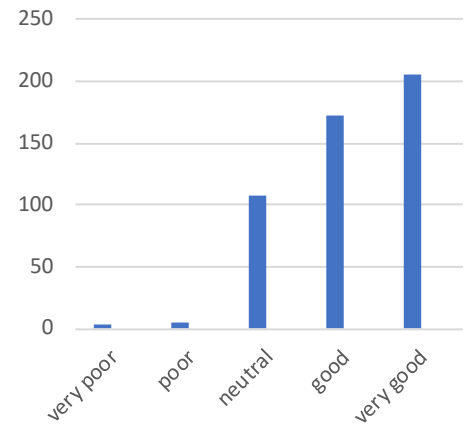
Recreation Department Programs

Survey respondents and open house attendees were asked about Recreation Department programming to identify how people feel about the current programs, what new programs should be offered, and what age groups may benefit from more programming. While around half of respondents stated they participated in 0-1 programs within the last year, recreation program satisfaction was very high among those who had participated.

How many Milton Recreation Department programs, classes, or events did you and/or another member of your household participate in during the last twelve months?

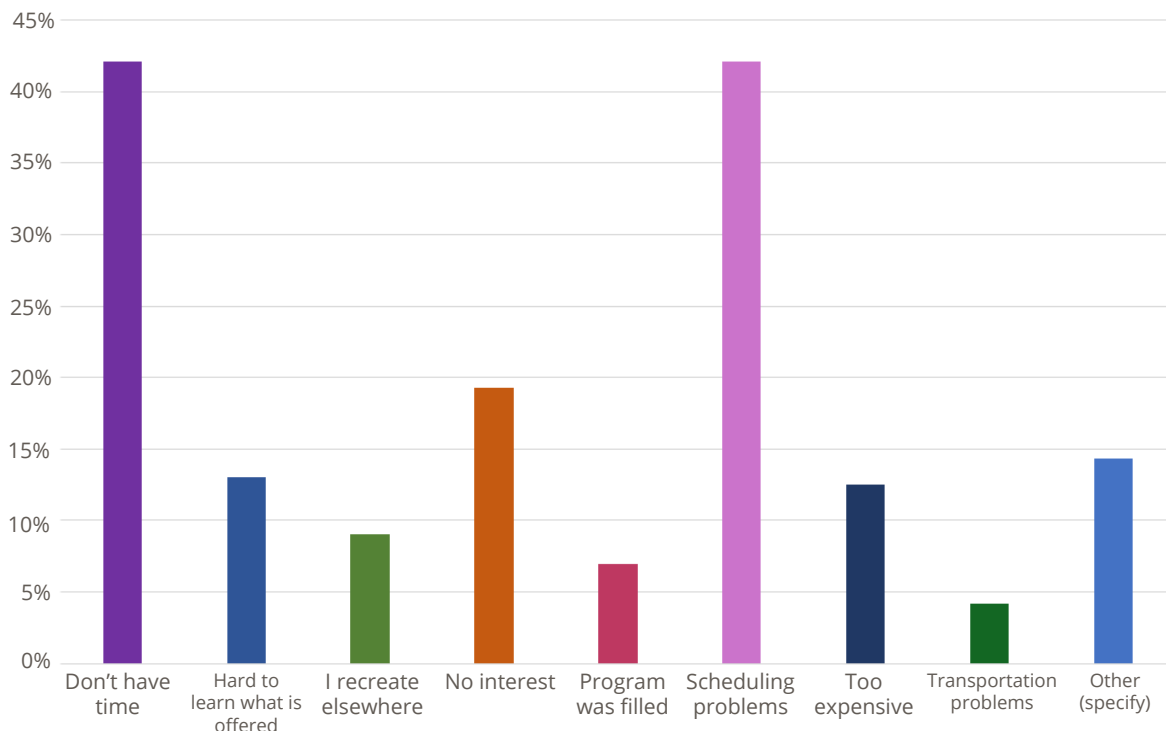


How was the overall quality of the programs that you participated in?



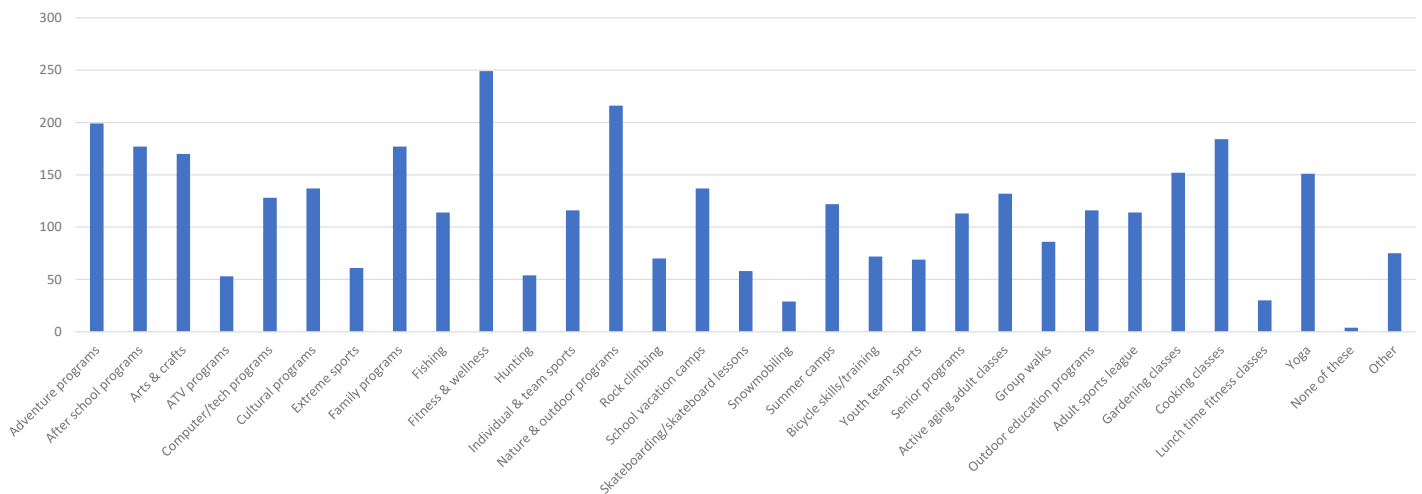
Over 70% of respondents stated the quality of the programs they participated in was good or very good. Many respondents stated that they don't currently participate in activities because they don't have time or that they are faced with scheduling conflicts. Other commonly cited reasons were the lack of age appropriate activities, other activities are more of interest, and program times aren't convenient. Respondents believed that more programs should be geared towards teens (ages 11-19) and older adults (ages 31-65).

What prevents you or other household members from using more recreation programs?

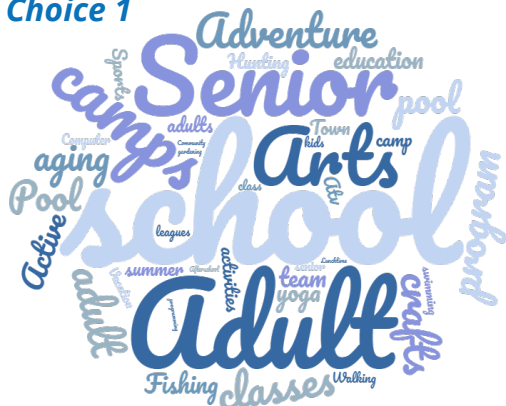


Next, we asked participants what programs they like or would like to see added. Top choices included fitness and wellness programs as well as nature and outdoor programs. Other highly rated activities included adventure programs, cooking classes, family programs, after school programs, and arts and crafts programs. Activities that received low ratings included snowmobiling, lunch time fitness classes, ATV programs, and hunting. In the write-in section, common responses included swimming, running opportunities, adult music groups, photography, and meditation.

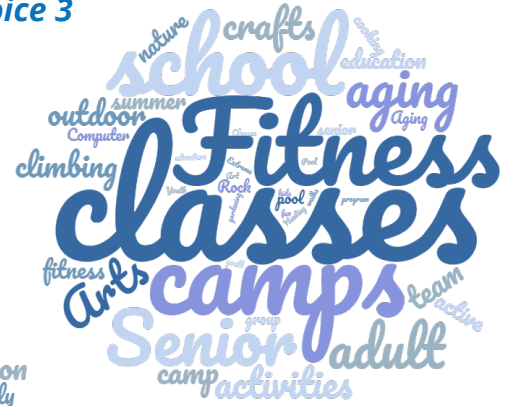
What types of programs should be added?



Survey respondents were asked to assign a rank to their top three choices for new programs. Top choices included after school programs, adult classes, active aging programs, and arts and crafts. Second choices included yoga, nature and outdoor programs, school vacation camps, adult classes, and active aging activities. Third choices included active aging adult classes, fitness and wellness programs, senior programs, and school vacation camps.



Choice 3

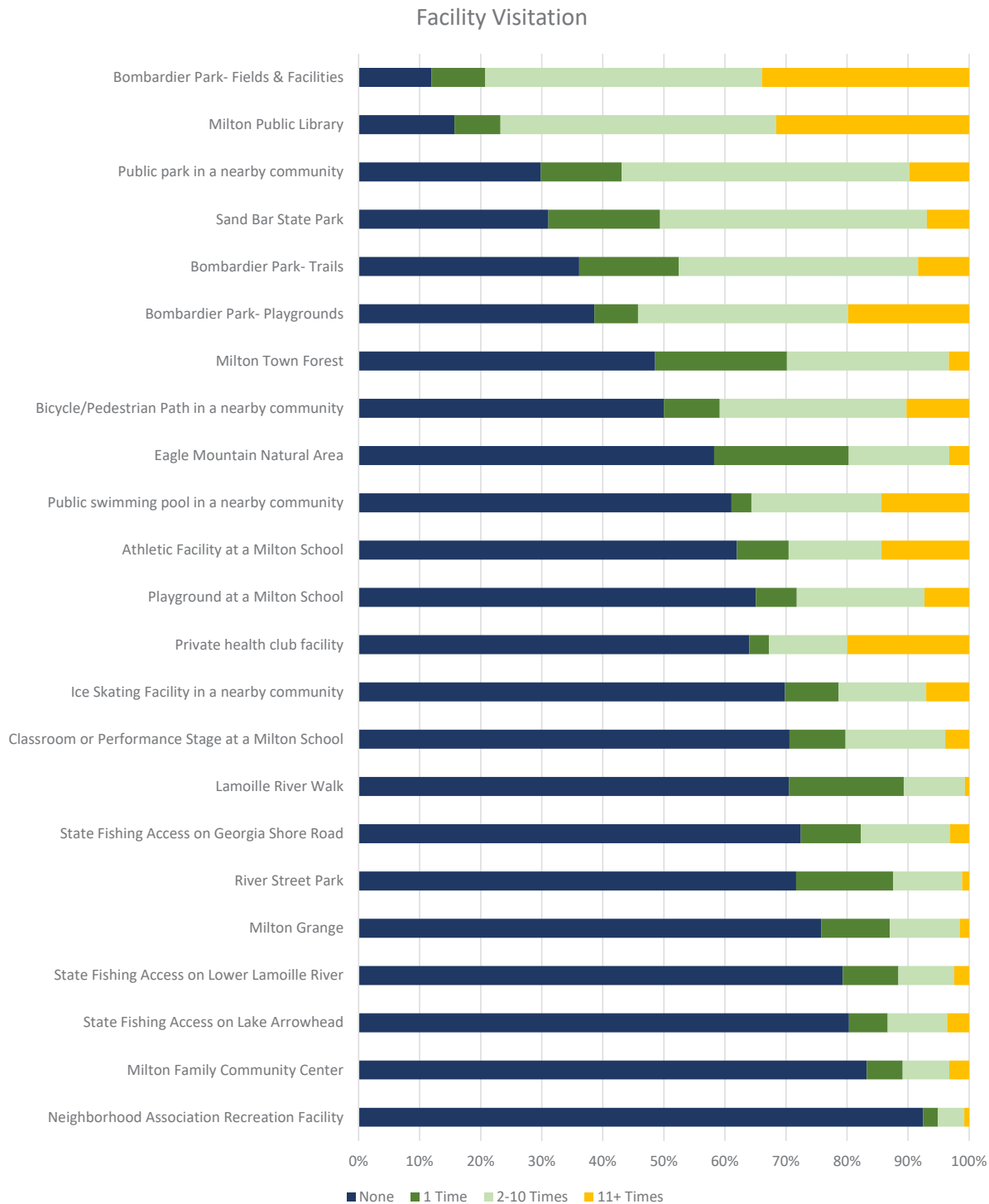


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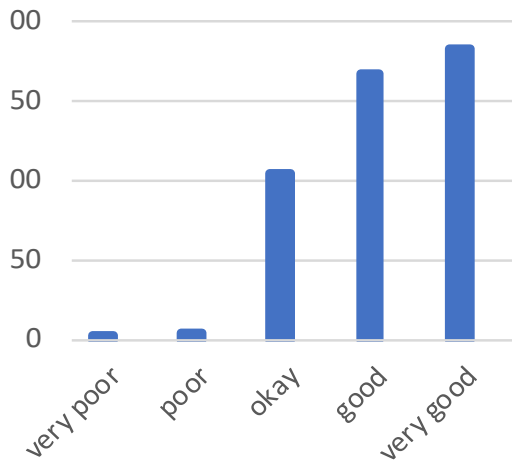
Recreation Facilities

The survey asked respondents about facility usage, maintenance, other facilities they use often, and new facilities they may like to see in Milton. The chart below depicts how frequently the existing facilities in Milton were used by survey respondents. Facilities with more yellow were used more often whereas facilities with more dark blue were used less often. The most commonly used facilities include the Bombardier Park fields & facilities and the Milton Public Library. The least commonly used recreation facilities include the neighborhood association recreation facility, the Milton Family Community Center, and the state fishing access points.



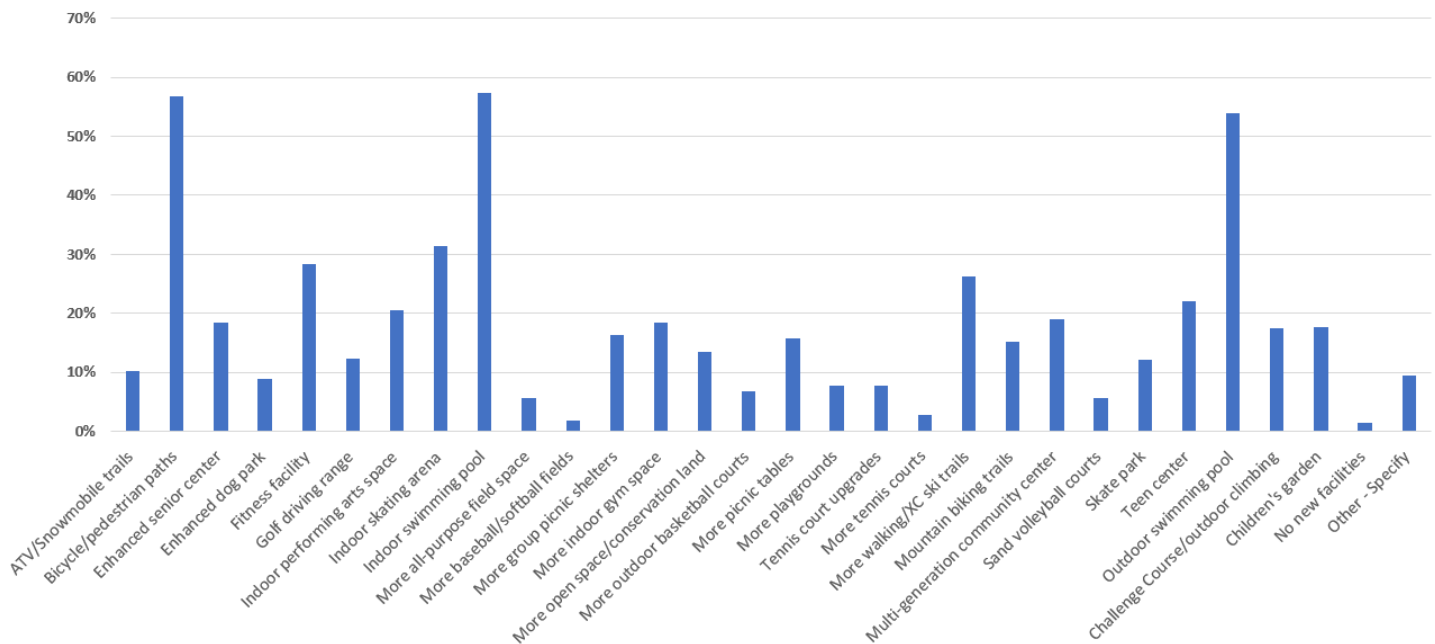
Around 75% of respondents indicated the facilities are being maintained well to very well. Other commonly used facilities in the general area included the Burlington bike path, Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, state parks, tennis courts, Colchester bike path, Maple Street park and pool, and the dog park.

How would you rate the overall maintenance of the facilities maintained by the Town of Milton?



Respondents were asked what new facilities they would like to see in Milton. The three top choices were bicycle/pedestrian paths, an indoor swimming pool, and an outdoor swimming pool. Other facilities that received many responses included a fitness facility, an indoor skating arena, walking/XC skiing trails, and a teen center. In the write-in section, common responses include a splash pad, dedicated pickleball courts, disc golf, indoor facilities, and a recreation center.

What new or improved public recreation facilities would you like to see in Milton?

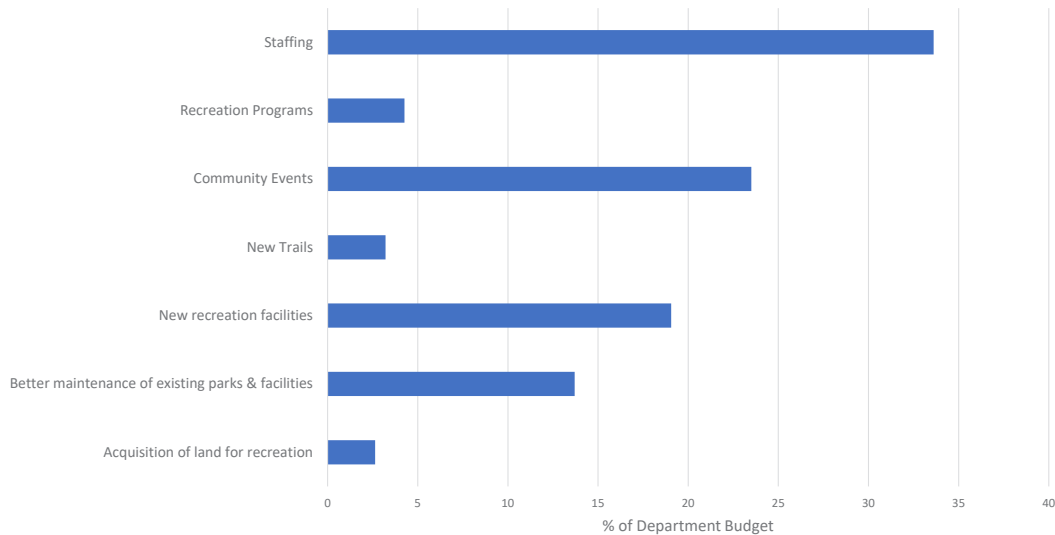


Recreation Funding

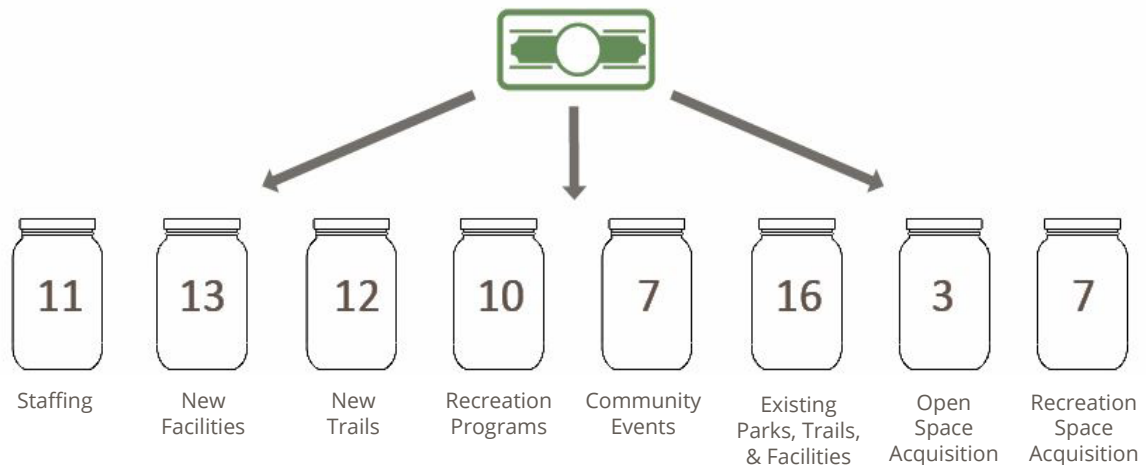
Survey respondents and open house attendees were asked about recreation budget priorities and funding sources. In the first exercise, we gave participants a budget (\$100 for survey respondents and \$5 for open house attendees) and asked them to spend their money throughout seven different categories. Survey respondents prioritized staffing, community events, and new recreation facilities. Open house attendees prioritized new facilities and the maintenance of existing parks, trails, and facilities. Both groups indicated that the acquisition of new land for open space or recreation was low priority.

Survey respondents were additionally tasked with ranking potential funding sources. Funding source options included grants, private fundraising and donations, use fees, and taxes and bonds. The highest-ranking funding sources were grants while the lowest were taxes and bonds.

How would you spend Milton recreation dollars?



How would you spend Milton recreation dollars?



How would you rank the following funding pathways?

Item	Overall Rank	Rank Distribution	Score	No. of Rankings
Federal, state and private organization grants (Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Trail Program, Vermont Community Foundation, etc.)	1		1,188	366
Private fundraising and donations (private donation campaigns, conservation/recreation easement donations, etc.)	2		886	358
Program and facility use fees (pay-per-use fees)	3		866	355
Taxes, bonds and other local funding sources (penny for parks program, bond measures for specific projects, etc.)	4		726	349

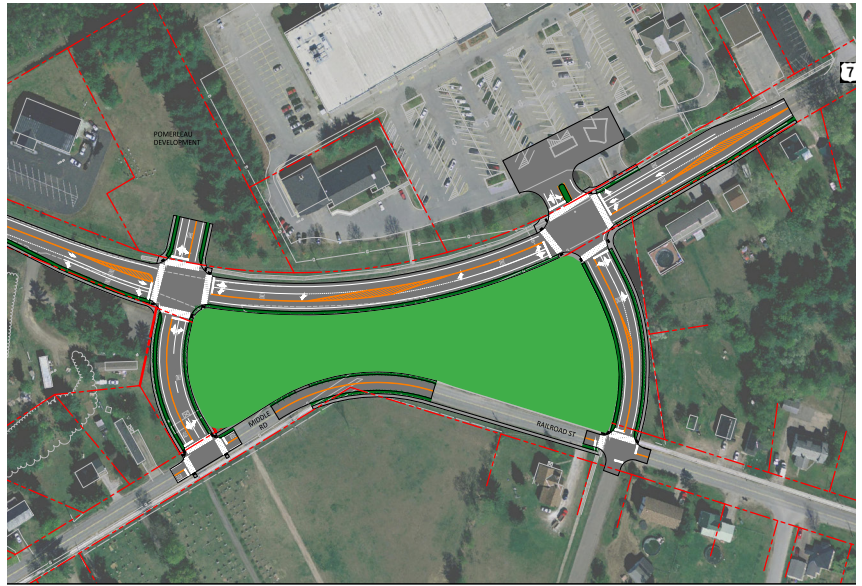
Lowest Rank Highest Rank

New Properties

The Town of Milton is starting to explore concepts for the new Hourglass/Town Green property in advance of a full design process. Respondents answered an open-ended question about what recreational activities or facilities might they like to see there. Additionally, they were asked to provide a word or phrase that describes their future desired experience for the new space. The same questions were asked for the newly acquired Bombardier property parcel.

Many respondents indicated that they see the town green space as more of a passive recreation area, as opposed to playing fields or playgrounds. Most respondents hoped to see a public green space that incorporated a mix of resting areas and gathering spaces. Words and phrases respondents used to describe how they saw the space included community space, family friendly, open space, and nature.

The newly acquired Bombardier property parcel lies north east of the existing park area on the corner of Middle and Bombardier Roads. Most respondents hoped to see a recreational use for the property due to its proximity to existing recreational spaces. Many respondents stated that this parcel would be ideal for some sort of indoor recreation and community space. Specific answers included an indoor pool, community center, and multi-generational space. Words and phrases used to describe their intentions for the parcel included fun, pool, community, recreation, and family friendly.



Hourglass/Town Green Property



Bombardier Property Parcel



What word or phrase describes your future desired experience for the proposed Hourglass/Town Green property?



The Town of Milton is undergoing a concept design process for the newly acquired Bombardier property parcel. What sort of future uses or amenities do you imagine at this property?



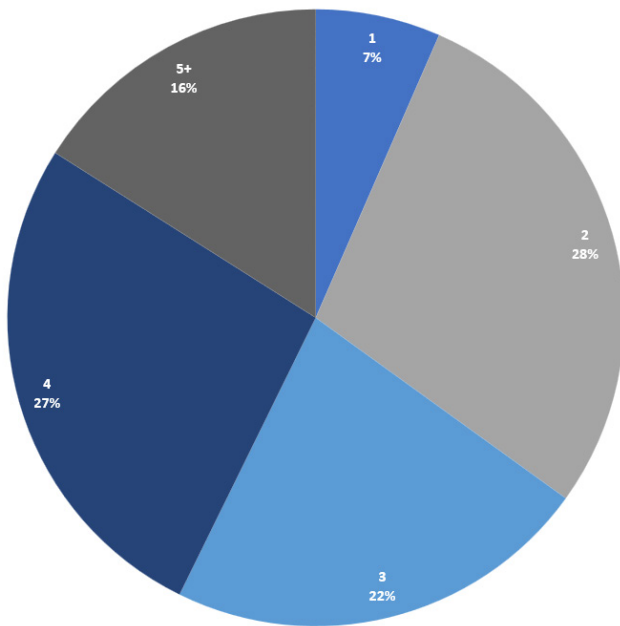
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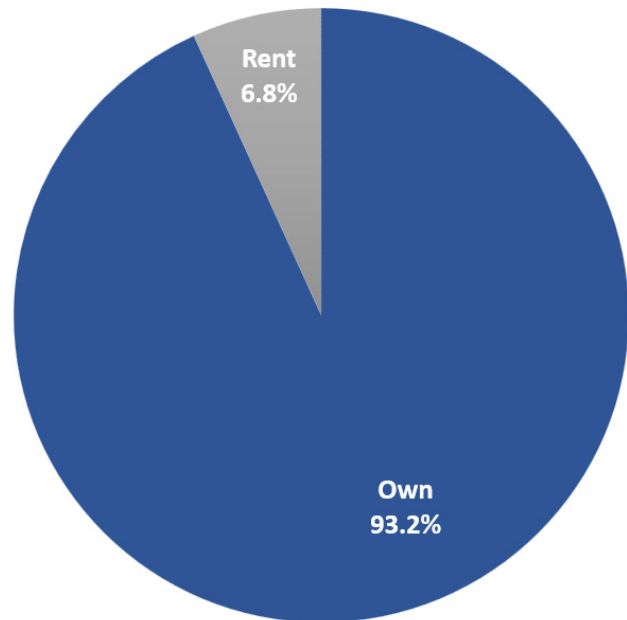
Survey Respondents' Demographics

Survey responses were received from both new and long-time Milton residents. Approximately 17 percent had lived in Milton for 5 years or less and approximately 41 percent had lived in Milton for 20 or more years. Approximately 55 percent had children under the age of 18 in their household. The vast majority (93.2 percent) own the apartment or house in which they were living. Almost half (48.6 percent) of adults were 44 or below and 51.4 percent were 45+. Survey respondents skewed towards higher income residents in Milton, with almost 40 percent of respondents with a household income over \$100,000 and over 80 percent of respondents with a household income over \$50,000.

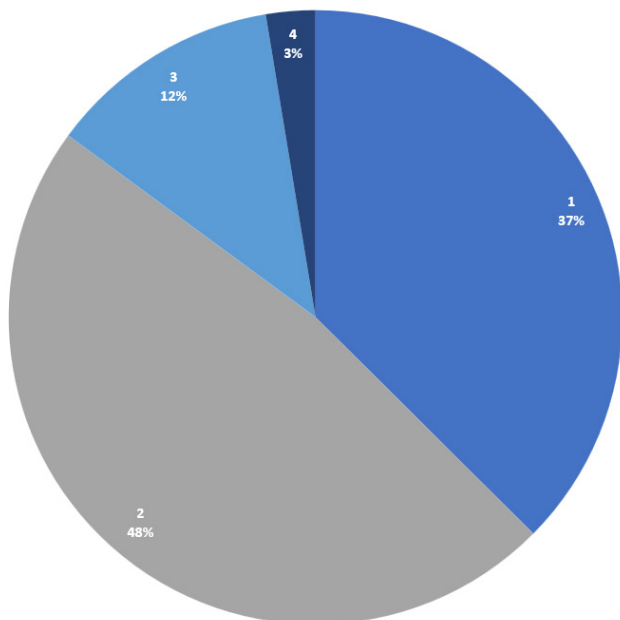
How many people live in your household?



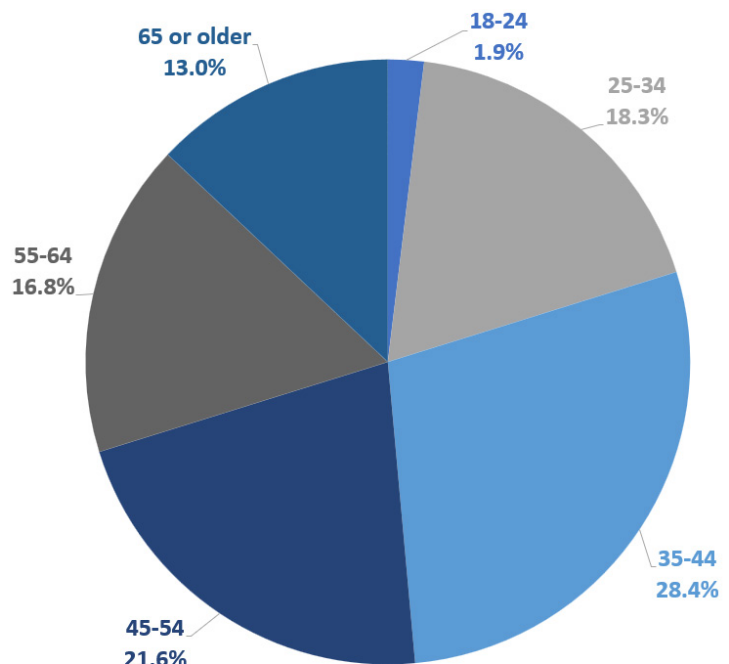
Do you own or rent the apartment or house in which you are currently living?



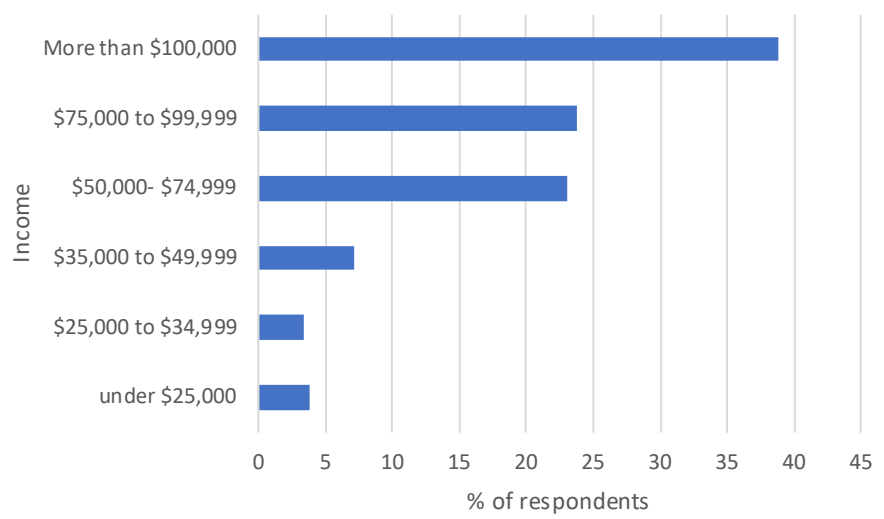
How many children under 18 live in your household?



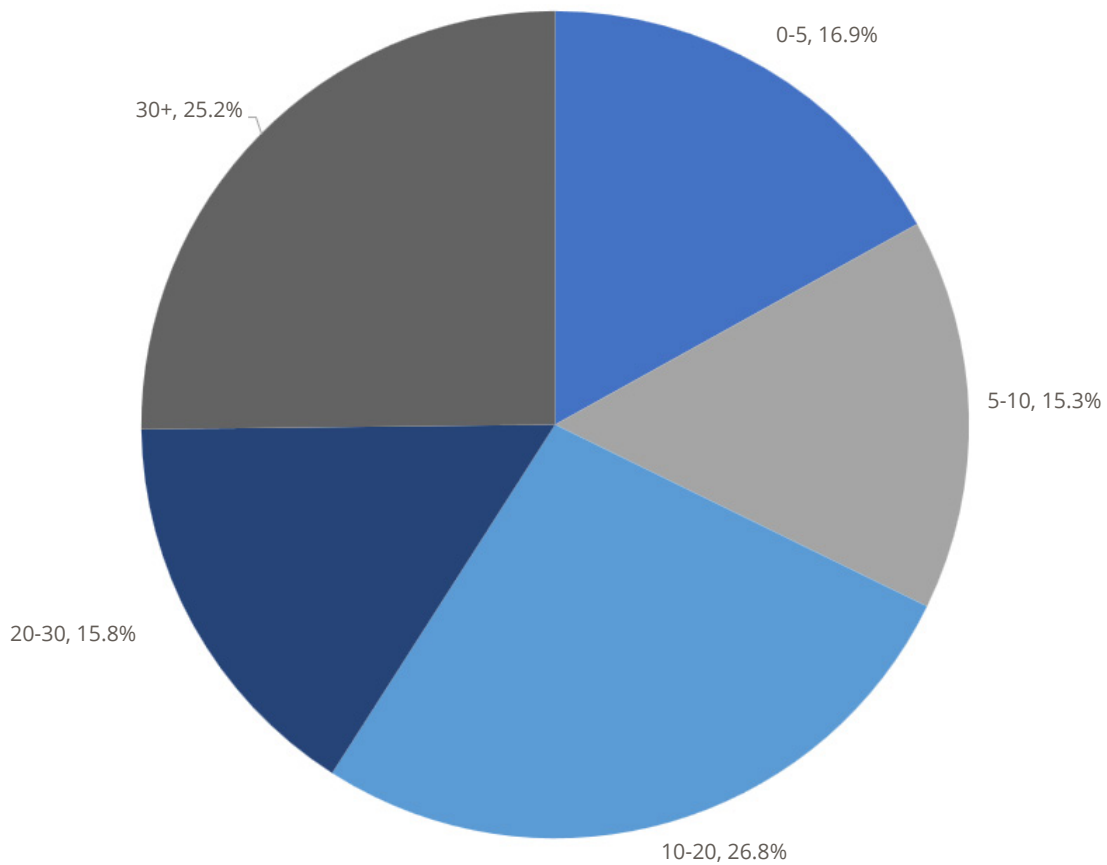
What is your age?



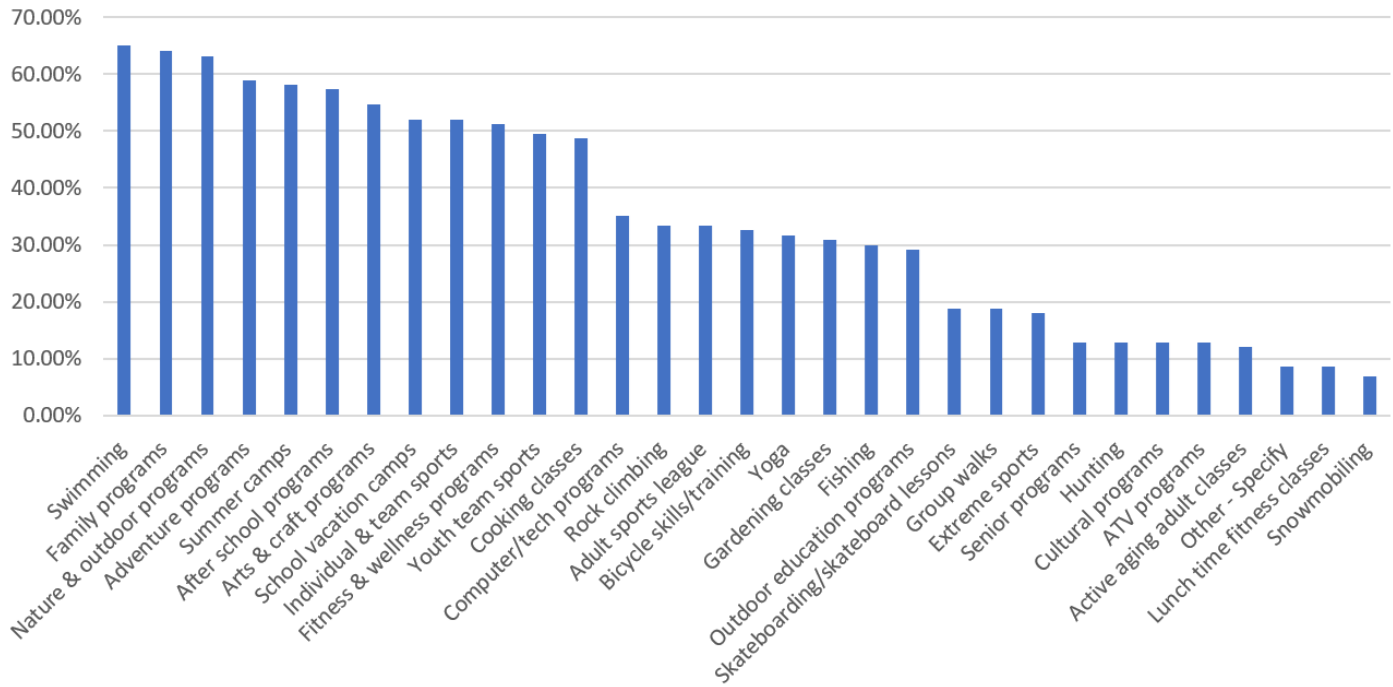
Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?



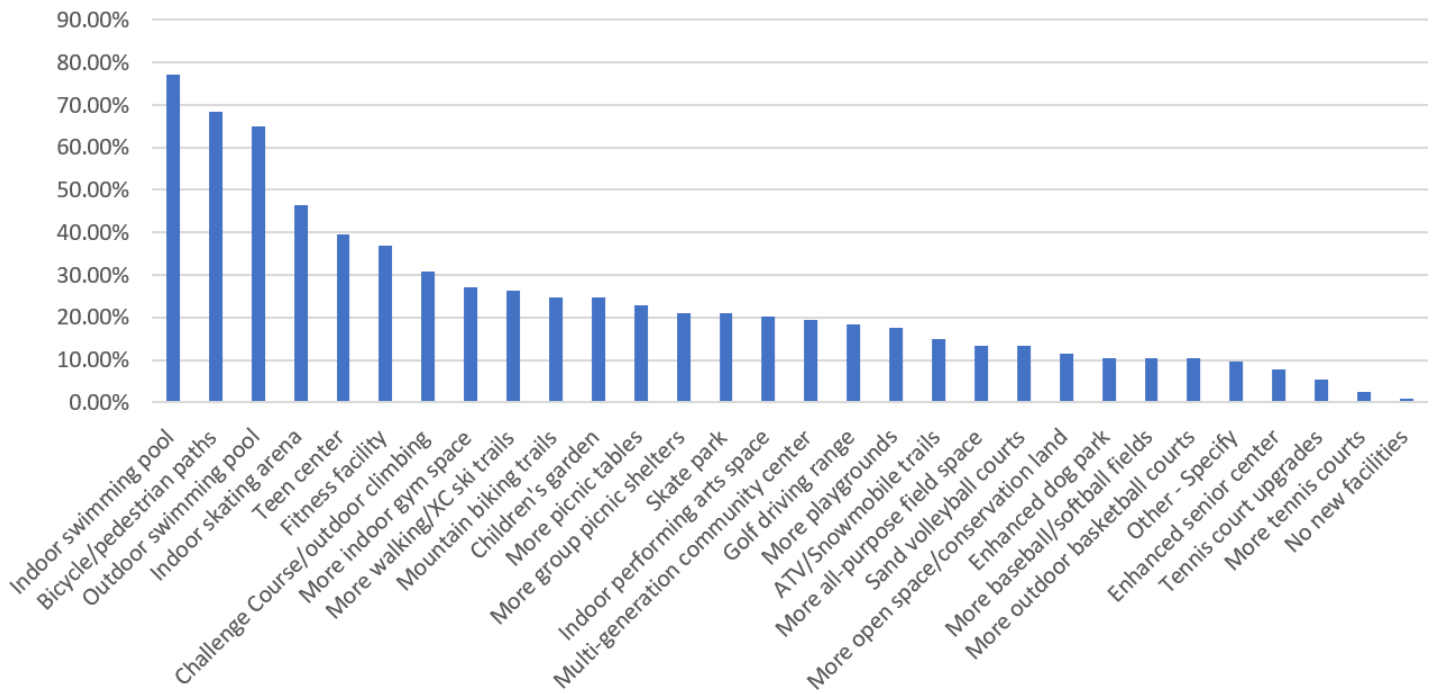
How many years have you lived in Milton?



What recreation programs would you like to see offered in Milton?



What new or improved public recreation facilities would you like to see in Milton?



Stakeholder Meetings

Stakeholder meetings were held in the Community Room in the Milton Municipal Building in a discussion-style format. Participants were asked to introduce themselves and share how they typically interface with the Recreation Department and recreation programs. Throughout the meetings there were discussions with a diverse group of stakeholders which included librarians, parents, coaches, artists, conservationists, teachers, caretakers, and historians. The meetings were guided by a series of questions although conversation typically flowed organically following introductions. The guiding questions loosely followed the survey questions and are reproduced here:

1. What do you particularly like about the current facilities and amenities provided by the Milton Recreation Department?
2. How do you currently utilize Milton Recreation facilities, programs, and amenities?
3. What facilities, programs, or amenities would you like to see in the future?
4. How could Milton's current facilities, programs and amenities better suit your needs?
5. What issues, concerns, or ideas do you have relative to the current uses and existing conditions of the recreation facilities and amenities?

The following meetings were held:

1. 7/10/2019 Representatives from: Milton Public Library, Milton Ski & Ride, Recreation Commission, Milton Artists Guild, Milton High School Athletics
2. 7/10/2019 Representatives from: ABC Academy, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Milton Family Community Center
3. 7/17/2019 Representatives from: Milton Historical Society, Scouts, General Stannard Committee, Age Well
4. 7/17/2019 Representatives from: Sharp Park, Dance Works, Milton Economic Development Commission, Arrowhead Golf Course

The meetings covered similar material and in many instances stakeholder responses were generally aligned, even across stakeholder groups.

Stakeholder meeting participants stated they enjoyed the new fieldhouse and thought that it was a vast improvement over the previous space. The renovated fieldhouse now has a small kitchen space and is a much more usable and welcoming space. Participants also particularly enjoyed the dog park, story walk, winter carnival, and tai-chi classes. Most participants agreed that information about recreation programs was well distributed and easily available through a variety of outlets.

For the most part, stakeholder responses tended to mirror survey trends: participants wanted a pool, an indoor recreation facility, age-appropriate programming, connectivity and bike paths, and many of the other common needs and desires expressed by the community. Ideas to improve existing facilities such as parking and accessibility improvements at the Grange building and enhancing the disc golf course were also raised, as was the idea of a family camping event at Bombardier Park.

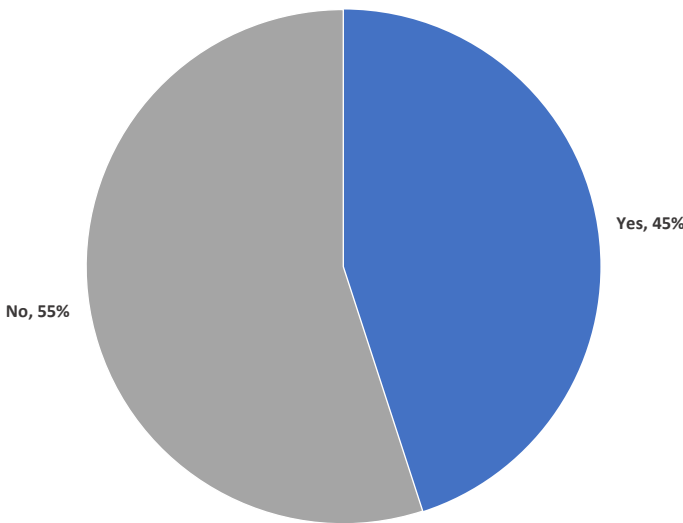
Chapter 5

Recreation Administration

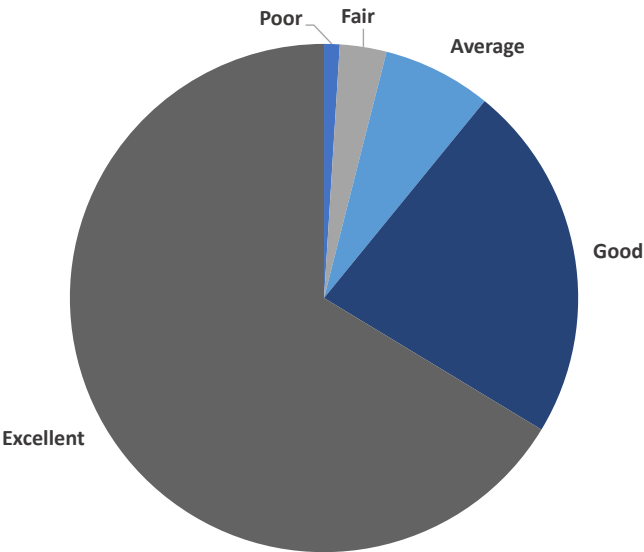
Administration

The municipal recreation programs in Milton are coordinated by the Recreation Department and the Town’s parks and recreation facilities are maintained by the Buildings and Grounds Department. Both departments are part of the town government that operates under the direct supervision of the Town Manager.

Have you contacted the Milton Recreation Department office in the last twelve months?



How would you rate the service you received?



About half of all respondents (45%) had contacted the Milton Recreation Department in the last year. Of the participants who had contacted the MRD, 90% rated the service they received as good (23%) or excellent (67%).

This chapter includes an inventory, needs assessment, and recommendations in four areas of the Town’s recreation and park administration: the office, staff, citizen commissions, and budget.

Office & Staff

The administrative office of the Milton Recreation Department is housed in the Milton Municipal Building. The office is open weekdays from 9am-4pm. In addition, Recreation staff attends meetings and works at programs and events outside of regular office hours. The Town of Milton currently has a full-time Recreation Director and a full-time Assistant Recreation Director. Recreation Department staff are responsible for the development and leadership of the Town's leisure-time program opportunities, management of certain recreation facilities, being the staff liaison with the citizen Recreation Commission, and extensive outreach to the community at-large. Instructors are contracted throughout the year to teach, lead, and facilitate programs. Program fees are based on a per-person fee established by the Town of Milton with 80% being paid to the instructor and 20% retained by the Town of Milton Recreation Department. In the summer, one Senior Camp Counselor and two Camp Counselors are hired to run the Milton Recreation Summer Day Camps. These temporary hires are typically hired in the spring and work from mid-June through mid-August.

Milton's parks, recreation facilities and sports fields are maintained by Buildings and Grounds staff. A full-time Facilities Director oversees one full-time Maintenance Tech and a part-time (20 hours per week) Laborer who are responsible for all year-round upkeep of those areas as well care and maintenance of all Town-owned buildings and properties. During the summer months this staff is supplemented by two or three seasonal (part-time, 20-25 hours per week each) grounds laborers.

Recreation Commission

The Milton Recreation Commission is a maximum seven-member volunteer citizen board appointed by the Selectboard. The Commission is an advisory board and meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. Three of the seven positions remain vacant and two of the terms expire at the end of June 2020.

Budget

Recreation programs and facilities are funded through recreation program fees as well as two different parts of the Town budget: the Recreation Budget and portions of the Buildings and Grounds Budget. The recreation budget has increased significantly over the last decade from a budget of \$85,121 (\$101,431 in 2019 dollars) in 2008 to an approved budget of \$225,373 in 2019.

4- Year Recreation Budget

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Budget	\$169,454	\$192,135	\$225,373	\$240,437
Revenue	\$74,000	\$77,120	\$79,120	\$75,000 (estimated)

4-Year Buildings and Grounds Budget

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Budget	\$340,807	\$347,210	\$374,180	\$376,863

The Buildings and Grounds budget includes expenses related to the Town cemeteries, municipal buildings, street lights, etc. as well as park and recreation facilities. It is estimated that 15-20% of this budget is designated for park and recreation expenses.

In addition to the operating budgets, capital recreation projects are funded from the Town's Capital Fund. Commitment of funds for capital recreation projects varies from year to year. The Town's Capital Improvement Plan includes several capital recreation projects during the next five years. Some Planning projects, such as multi-use trails and trail improvements, have been included as they are recreation related projects.

Recreation Projects in Town Capital Improvement Plan (2020-2024)

	Dept	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Recreation Master Plan	REC	\$9,000				
Restrooms - East	REC			\$150,000		
Construction of Skatepark	REC			\$120,115		
Splash Pad	REC			\$150,000		
Improve Athletic Fields	REC				\$500,000	
Bombardier Park Trails Improvement/ Gravel Path	REC		\$10,000			
Tennis Court Resurfacing	REC			\$25,000		
Outdoor Swimming Pool	REC					\$2,283,300
Fieldhouse Heating System	REC					\$15,000
Multi-Use Pathway - Haydenberry Drive	PLAN					
Town Forest Improvements	PLAN		\$60,000		TBD	
TOTAL		\$9,000	\$70,000	\$445,115	500,000	\$2,98,300

Needs Assessment and Recommendations

This needs assessment is based on quantitative information provided by the survey results, qualitative information gathered in stakeholder meetings, comparison to service levels in other Vermont communities, and experience of the consultants.

Throughout this report, information on service levels from four Vermont communities— three within Chittenden County and one elsewhere in the state— is included for comparison purposes. The population data was extracted from the 2010 Census and department information was provided by Parks and Recreation staff in all of the communities. Communities selected for comparison were Hartford, Colchester, Williston, and the Town of Essex.

Comparable Communities

Data: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Community	County	Population
Milton	Chittenden	10,761
Colchester	Chittenden	17,309
Hartford	Windsor	9,680
Essex	Chittenden	21,159
Williston	Chittenden	9,637

The Office

The Milton Recreation Department has slightly fewer hours in comparison with the comparable communities. However, staff also attend meetings, programs, events, etc. outside of stated office hours and are also available by appointment. Residents have indicated that department staff are easy to access and rate the service highly. This availability and service is an improvement from previous years when the office was only open 18.5 hours a week. Since 2007, the Milton Recreation Department has added two full-time staff members and almost doubled their weekly office hours.

Comparable Communities Office Hours

Department	Office Hours	Total Hours/Week
Town of Milton Recreation Department	Mon-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	35
Colchester Parks and Recreation	Mon-Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm	45
Hartford Parks & Recreation	Mon-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	45
Essex Parks and Recreation	Mon-Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm	42.5
Williston Recreation & Parks	Mon-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	42.5

The Staff

The Milton Recreation Department consists of two full-time staff: a Recreation Director and an Assistant Recreation Director. The comparable communities have on average 7.5 full-time staff. However, the comparable communities all have joint parks and recreation departments. A more in-depth analysis is recommended to assess the level of service provided in relation to the number of staff.

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission acts as an advisory committee and assists in recreation program planning and department budgeting. The Recreation Commission currently has three vacant seats and two terms set to expire at the end of June 2020. As Milton's Recreation Department only has two full-time staff members, there is opportunity for Commission members to have a larger role in recreation programs.

The Budget

In comparison to the comparable communities, Milton contributes the smallest percentage of the overall operating budget to recreation.

Comparable Communities FY 2019 Operating Budget

Community	Parks and Recreation Total Budget	Total Town Budget	Rec % of Town Budget
Milton	\$225,373	\$7,669,514	2.94%
Colchester	\$663,916	\$12,816,320	5.18%
Hartford	N/A	N/A	N/A
Town of Essex	\$1,331,901	\$14,359,932	9.28%
Williston	\$521,160	\$11,111,035	4.69%

Administration Recommendations

1. Increase the Recreation and Buildings and Grounds Department budgets to better serve town residents
2. Develop a Ten-Year Capital Recreation Plan
3. Respond to community priorities by investing in department staffing
 - * Ensure talented staff is attracted and retained by offering competitive compensation packages by periodically benchmarking compensation with the National Recreation and Parks Association and Vermont Recreation and Parks Association Salary Surveys.
 - * Consider creation of a new full or part-time staff position, the position could be an Events & Partnerships Coordinator, a Communications & Administrative Services Coordinator, or possibly a Recreation Coordinator who might contribute in all areas.
4. Support Professional Development for staff through conferences and membership in professional organizations
5. Ensure Buildings and Grounds staff and resources increase commensurate with new facility and maintenance requirements
6. Evaluate the benefits of combining the Recreation Department and Buildings and Grounds Department into a Parks and Recreation Department
7. Fill all seven positions on the Recreation Commission
8. Continue to improve communication between the Recreation Commission and other Milton Boards and Commissions
9. Explore more diverse funding opportunities including grants, private fundraising with a Milton Parks Foundation or Friends Group, a Dedicated Recreation Impact Fee for new development. Also consider reinstating the 1/2 Penny for Parks Fund.
10. Work with the School District/Surrounding Towns/Family Center/Senior Center to develop a Joint Facility Use Agreement
11. Compile an updated Administrative Handbook
 - * Develop written goals and objectives for the Recreation Department
 - * Develop annual workplans for the department
 - * Develop a process for on-going evaluation of community needs
12. Consider relocating Recreation Department office to new indoor recreation facility, larger municipal office space, or possible four season enhancement to the Bombardier Park Fieldhouse
13. Make decisions with consideration of the varied needs of the community, with an emphasis on facilities and amenities that serve multiple uses.
14. Encourage volunteerism and provide clear avenues of participation for community members, including financial, volunteer labor and other areas of support.
15. Partner with the Artists Guild, Historical Society and other groups to incorporate art, history and cultural resources into recreation programs and facility designs to celebrate the unique qualities of Milton.
16. Pursue public/private partnerships that leverage Town park facilities and equipment for the greatest benefit to the community.

Chapter 6

Programs

Programs

Programs are among the most direct way for park and recreation agencies to connect with people and to deliver information, activities, and other services. They are the life blood of community activity and engagement, and quality recreation programs contribute significantly to the overall quality of life in a community.

A well-rounded line-up of recreation programs should meet the following criteria:

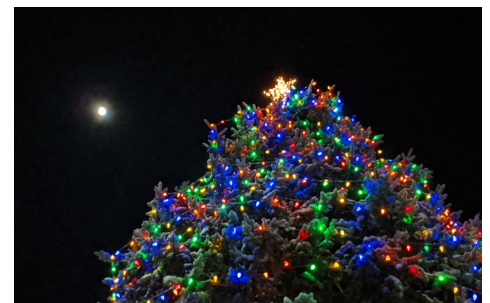
- * Include programs for all ages and abilities, and for all skill levels.
- * Include programs for physical, intellectual, social, and creative growth.
- * Include active and passive, indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities.
- * Give consideration to activities that emphasize appreciation and understanding, as well as skill development.
- * Provide opportunity for non-resident participation on a space-available basis.
- * Provide for the leisure needs of special populations including senior citizens, single parents, physically and mentally handicapped, financially challenged, etc.
- * Provide for varying degrees of personal involvement including opportunities for spectating, participating, and teaching/coaching.
- * Capitalize upon local resources and cultural characteristics.
- * Be as inclusive as possible. Involve participants in planning, administration (volunteers, judges, paid staff, etc.), and sponsorships.
- * Be complementary to other recreational opportunities available in the community.
- * Be in compliance with state and federal legislation relevant to participation in programs and services.
- * Be flexible enough to adjust to ever-changing constituent needs.



Tai-Chi for Seniors



Watercolor Class



Holiday Tree Lighting

Partnership Inventory

Community Organizations

Milton Recreation collaborates with many Community Partner organizations on programs, events, grant opportunities, brainstorming and more throughout each year. Below please find a list of many these organizations:

- * Adult Sports
- * Age Well & SASH
- * Arrowhead Senior Center
- * Community Band
- * Community Choir
- * Senior Housing Communities
- * Faith organizations
- * Fraternal organizations
- * Garden Club
- * Historical Society
- * Horseshoe Club
- * Milton Artists Guild
- * Milton Community Youth Coalition
- * Milton Elementary School PTA
- * Milton Public Library
- * Colchester Milton Lions Club
- * Colchester Milton Rotary
- * Milton Promise Community
- * Milton Family Community Center
- * Milton Inclusion & Diversity Initiative
- * Milton Town Departments
- * Milton Town School District
- * Milton Town School District Food Service
- * Milton Youth Sports (Little League, Hockey, Soccer, Wrestling, Football, Lacrosse)
- * Milton Business Association
- * National Honor Society
- * RiseVT
- * Scouts (Boy & Girl)

Community Businesses

Milton Recreation collaborates with many Community Partner businesses on programs, events, and other opportunities throughout each year. Some of the ways businesses collaborate with Milton Recreation include in-kind or monetary donations/sponsorships, participating in community events, brainstorming, making recommendations, providing a space for community outreach/advertising and more. Below please find a sample list of many these businesses:

- * ACE Hardware
- * Aubuchon Hardware
- * Bove's of Vermont
- * Burlington Drug Co
- * Businesses within the transportation industry (Touch a Truck)
- * Childcare centers
- * Four Seasons Real Estate
- * Hannaford
- * Husky Injection Molding Co.
- * IT Services
- * Local Financial Institutions
- * Kinney Drugs
- * Lake Champlain Access TV (LCATV)
- * Madeleine's Bakery
- * Miniature Animal Farm
- * McDonald's
- * Milton Rental & Sales
- * Milton Veterinary Hospital
- * Mountain Transit
- * Old Dominion
- * Rite Aid
- * Subway
- * Milton Independent
- * Tool Wizard & More
- * Ye Olde Sign Shoppe

Program Inventory

The Milton Recreation Department currently offers an assortment of recreation classes, activities and special events for youth, families and adults. The programs are advertised in seasonal program brochures distributed in the Milton Independent and made available in a variety of locations throughout town. Programs are also advertised on social media outlets, through email blasts, and flyers around schools, civic buildings, and local businesses. In spring 2018, the Milton Recreation Department rolled out an online registration portal that provides a full listing of programs sorted by age group. The portal also provides program descriptions, costs, and location information.

A complete listing of programs offered by the Milton Recreation Department during the twelve-month period from January-December 2019 is summarized on the following pages. The programs are listed by program type: summer camps, specialty summer camps, itty bitty, youth, teen, family, adult, senior programs, and special events. Details about the enrollment and program fees are provided.

Itty Bitty					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Zumbini Afternoons	Fall	\$36-\$78	2	15	Milton Municipal Building

Milton Recreation Summer Day Camp					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Hello Summer!	Summer	\$145	20	20	Bombardier Park West
Gettin' Dirty	Summer	\$145	20	20	Bombardier Park West
Girls On The Go	Summer	\$145	11	20	Bombardier Park West
Boys of Summer	Summer	\$145	20	20	Bombardier Park West
Super Soakin'	Summer	\$145	19	20	Bombardier Park West
Super Soakin' Take Two	Summer	\$145	19	20	Bombardier Park West
Fantabulous Flashback	Summer	\$145	16	20	Bombardier Park West



Ultimate Frisbee Camp

Specialty Summer Camps					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
All About Art	Summer	\$99	0	12	Milton Artists' Guild
Arrowhead Junior Golf	Summer	\$109	14	20	Arrowhead Golf Course
Athlete Training Sessions	Summer	\$199	12	Unl.	Milton High School
Backyard Swim Lessons	Summer	Varies	0	Unl.	Milton
Boys & Girls of Summer Baseball	Summer	\$109	23	50	Bombardier Park West
Fabulous Fairies and Elves	Summer	\$99	5	10	Milton Grange
Field Hockey Fun	Summer	\$29	11	25	Bombardier Park West
From Garden to Kitchen Cooking	Summer	\$65	20	20	Milton Middle School
Girl Spirit Creative Yoga & Dance	Summer	\$119	11	12	Milton Middle School
Junior Tennis	Summer	\$79	3	8	Bombardier Park East
Lacrosse	Summer	\$99	27	50	Milton High School
Girls Lacrosse Camp	Summer	\$99	7	20	Milton High School
Lights Camera Action	Summer	\$59	4	10	Cornerstone Church
Little Racquets Tennis	Summer	\$129	4	8	Bombardier Park East
Pen Pals Handwriting	Summer	\$175	0	8	Milton Middle School
Sandhill Swim Lessons	Summer	\$47	12	Unl.	Sandhill Pool Essex
Summer Fun Trips	Summer	\$19	3	Various	Bombardier Park West
Ultimate Frisbee	Summer	\$139	0	25	Bombardier Park West
Wicked Cool Rocket Science	Summer	\$195	4	15	Milton Middle School
Woodworking	Summer	\$119	14	14	Milton Middle School
Woodworking	Spring	\$63	14	14	Milton Middle School



Discovery Kids Camp



Junior Golf Camp

Youth

Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Afterschool STEM Exploration	Spring	\$59	14	25	Milton Elementary School
Afterschool Tech Time	Winter/ Spring	\$89	1	12	Milton Middle School
Anatomy Academy Camp	Feb Break	\$189	0	20	Milton Middle School
Come Explore Drama Camp	Spring	\$199	0	48	Milton High School
Exploring Video Media Camp	Feb Break	\$65	8	1	LCATV Colchester
Handmade Halloween	Fall	\$25	0	10	Milton Municipal Building
Holiday Hygge	Winter	\$25	5	12	Milton Municipal Building
In Step Dance Camp	Spring	\$55	9	20	FootWorks Studio of Dance
Intro to Video Production	Winter	\$55	5	8	Milton Middle School
Mini Scrapbooks	Winter	\$59	1	8	Milton Middle School
Rhythm Gone Wild	Fall	\$59	0	12	Milton Middle School
Snowman Tumble Camp	Feb Break	\$55	6	20	FootWorks Studio of Dance
Thanksgiving Break Woodworking	Fall	\$63	12	14	Milton Middle School
Winter Break Art Camp	Feb Break	\$149	1	12	Milton Artists' Guild
Young Yogis & Yoginis	Year round	\$75	3	10	Milton Middle School

Teen

Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Softball Pitching Clinic	Fall	\$29	2	10	Bombardier Park West



Egg Hunt Event

Adult					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Action Origami	Fall	\$15	0	16	Milton Municipal Building
Advanced Pickleball	Spring	\$59	0	12	Bombardier Park East
Comfortable with Snakes and Reptiles	Winter	\$35	0	12	Milton Municipal Building
Edible, Medicinal & Useful Plants	Spring	\$39	7	50	Milton Municipal Building
Fall Foraging	Fall	\$10	8	50	Milton Grange
First Time Home Buyers	Winter	Free	4	25	Milton Municipal Building
Flowers In Watercolor	Spring	\$35	10	10	Milton Municipal Building
Form Folded Leaf Earrings	Winter	\$69	3	10	Milton Artists' Guild
Hair 101: Crash Course for Caregivers	Fall	\$57	0	12	Milton Middle School
Intermediate Pickleball	Spring	\$59	2	12	Bombardier Park East
Jumpstart Your Job Search	Winter	Free	2	20	Milton Municipal Building
Ladies Learn to Golf I, II & III	Summer	\$109	44	60	Arrowhead Golf Course
Mah Jongg for Fun & Flexibility	Fall	\$28	3	16	Milton Grange
Mixed Learn to Golf	Summer	\$109	0	20	Arrowhead Golf Course
Painting With Alcohol Ink	Winter	\$49	6	12	Milton Artists' Guild
Voice Overs...Now is Your Time	Spring	\$29	1	N/A	South Burlington City Hall
Watercolor: Birch Trees and Snow	Winter	\$35	7	10	Milton Municipal Building

Active 55+					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Tai Chi in the Park	Summer	Free	32	35	Bombardier Park West
Fall Prevention Tai Chi	Winter	Free	37	50	Milton Grange
Healthy Cooking for One or Two (Age Well)	Fall	Free	6	8	Milton Municipal Building

Health, Wellness & Fitness					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Chakras & Gemstones	Winter	\$39	5	10	Milton Municipal Building
Cooking with Beans: Hummus to Tofu	Winter	Free	7	10	Milton Hannaford
Walking with the Town Manager	Various	Free	10	25	Various
Experience Yoga in the Park	Summer	\$36	2	25	Bombardier Park West
Power Yin Yasta Yoga	Spring	N/A	4	20	Milton Grange
Healthy Lifestyle Makeover	Winter	\$29	0	25	Milton Municipal Building
Keto? Low Carb? Insulin Levels?	Spring	Free	9	50	Milton Municipal Building
Indoor Rowing for Fitness & Fun	Winter	\$20	3	16	Milton Municipal Building
Oncology Massage for Care Givers	Fall	Free	3	16	Milton Municipal Building
Zumba I, II, III, IV & V	Fall-Spring	\$39	32	100	Milton High School
Meal Ideas for Busy Weeknights	Fall	Free	9	10	Hannaford
Sound Bath Immersion	Fall	\$25	6	8	Milton Municipal Building
Yoga for Beginners	Fall	\$10-\$59	60	Various	Milton High School

Safety					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Community CPR & AED	Fall	\$25	4	40	Milton Fire Station
Boater Safety	Spring	\$19	14	24	Milton High School
Child & Babysitting Safety	Spring	\$50	21	20	Milton Fire Station
CPR, AED, & First Aid	Summer	\$25	12	40	Milton Fire Station
Hunter Education	Spring	Free	35	35	Milton Fire Station
Hunter Education	Fall	Free	35	35	Milton Fire Station
Safety Kids	Fall	Free	12	30	Arrowhead Martial Arts
Snowmobile Safety	Winter	\$15	2	6	Williston Central School
Women's Self Defense I & II	Fall	\$47	14	25	Milton Grange

Other					
Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Maximum Enrollment	Location
Chalk Paint Workshop	Winter	\$25	2	10	Milton Municipal Building
Fascinating Fungi & Their Allies	Winter	\$15	2	25	Milton Municipal Building
Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest Plus	Fall	Free	35	35	Milton Farmers Market
Holiday Home Decorating Contest	Winter	\$5	15	12	Various
Holiday Business Decorating Contest	Winter	\$20	4	12	Various
Intro to Sourdough	Winter	\$15	17	16	Milton Grange
Keeping Food Scraps Out of the Landfill	Winter	\$5	0	20	Milton Municipal Building
Let's Make Cream Cheese	Winter	\$9	6	12	Milton Municipal Building
Milton Night at the Lake Monsters	Summer	\$17	6	50	Centennial Field, Burlington
Needlefelt a Bunny	Spring	\$35	0	4	Milton Municipal Building
Online Smarts and Safety	Winter	\$9	0	25	Milton Municipal Building
Recycling Right	Winter	\$5	0	20	Milton Municipal Building
Vermont's Bats	Winter	\$5	54	50	Milton Municipal Building
Woof! Dog Communication in the Human World	Winter	\$15	0	20	Milton Municipal Building
Where's the Bears?	Year round	Free	N/A	5	Various



November Break Woodworking Workshop

Milton Recreation Events

Program	Season	Fee	Average Enrollment	Number of Attendees	Location
Egg Hunt	Spring	Free	N/A	400	Bombardier Park West
Letters to Santa	Winter	Free	N/A	150	Various
Community Cool Down	Summer	Free	N/A	200	Milton Fire Station
Dog Park Grand Opening	Spring	Free	N/A	100	Milton Dog Park
Holiday Concert & Sing Along	Winter	Free	N/A	250	Milton High School
Holiday Open House	Winter	Free	N/A	75	Milton Public Library
Holiday Tree Lighting	Winter	Free	N/A	250	Milton Municipal Lawn
Milton Activities Fair	Fall	Free	N/A	600	Milton Middle School
Milton Winter Festival	Winter	Free	N/A	1164	Various
Movie Screening: Made in Vermont	Fall	Free	N/A	35	Milton Municipal Building
Music in the Park Series	Summer	Free	N/A	3725	Milton Outdoor Performance Center
National Night Out	Summer	Free	N/A	1200	Bombardier Park West
Park Spruce-Up Day	Spring	Free	N/A	100	Bombardier Park
Touch a Truck	Fall	Free	N/A	900	Bombardier Park West
Trunk or Treat	Fall	\$0-\$10	N/A	1600	Bombardier Park West



Where's the Bears



Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest

Other Recreation Offerings (Not organized by Milton Recreation)			
Program	Season	Fee	Location
Challenger British Soccer Camp	Summer	Varies	Bombardier Park West
Vermont Voltage Soccer Camp	Summer	\$115	Bombardier Park West
Milton Broncos Football	Fall		Bombardier Park West
Milton Little League	Spring		Bombardier Park West
Milton Youth Hockey	Winter		Various
Milton Youth Lacrosse	Spring		Bombardier Park West
Milton Youth Soccer	Fall & Spring		Bombardier Park West
Breakfast with Santa	Winter	Varies	Milton Family Community Center
Milton Family Community Center Playgroup	Year round	Free	Milton Public Library
Paint & Sippy Cup	Spring	Free	Milton Public Library
Saturday Winter Playgroup	Winter	Free	Milton Family Community Center
Junior Iron Chef	Winter		Milton Middle School
Milton Community Youth Coalition	Year round		Various
Teen Center	Sep-May	Free	Cornerstone Community Church
Champlain Valley Horseshoe Club	May-Sep	Free	Bombardier Park East
Pick-Up Sports for Adults	Summer	Free	Varies
Red Cross Blood Drive	Fall	Free	Milton Fire Station
Sash Workshops and Events	Year round	Free	Elm Place
Vermont Senior Games Association	Year round		Various
Arrowhead Trail Running Series Kick-Off	Summer	\$5	Arrowhead Golf Course
Health & Safety Fair	Spring	Free	Milton Rescue Station
Milton Freedom 5k	Summer	\$20	Arrowhead Golf Course
Green-Up Day	Spring	Free	Bombardier Park East
Holiday Artfest	Winter	Free	Milton Art Center & Gallery
Little League Opening Day Celebration	Spring	Free	Bombardier Park West
Milton Area Car Show	Summer	Free	Route 7 Field
Milton Community Choir Spring Concert	Spring	Donation	Milton Grange
Milton Community Dinner Series	Year round	Donation	Hannaford Plaza/Milton Middle School
Milton Community Fun Run in Color	Spring	\$15	Bombardier Park West

Other Recreation Offerings (Not organized by Milton Recreation)			
Program	Season	Fee	Location
Milton Fire Station Open House	Fall	Free	Milton Fire Station
Milton Memorial Day Service	Spring	Free	Municipal Building
Milton Water & Wastewater Facility Open House	Summer	Free	Milton Water/Wastewater Facility
Milton Yard Sale Day	Summer	Varies	Various
New Year's Eve "Murder at the Mag"	Winter	TBD	Milton Artists Guild Center & Gallery
Pre-Christmas Craft Show	Winter	Free	Milton High School
Red Cross Blood Drive	Fall/Spring	Free	Milton Fire Station
Social Sundays Drop-In Art Fun	Winter	Free	Milton Artists' Guild Art Center
Spring Fest & Craft Fair	Spring	Free	Milton Grange
Milton Farmers Market	Summer/ Fall	Free	Hannaford Green
Pick-Up Sports	Year round	Free	Bombardier Park

Needs Assessment

The Milton Recreation Department advertises its program offerings in a variety of ways. The survey results suggest that the seasonal program guide is the most effective marketing tool. This guide, published three times a year, is mailed to every home that receives a Milton Independent newspaper and has a map of Milton's recreation areas as well as information concerning recreation, library, and community programming. Throughout the stakeholder and survey process this program guide was mentioned as a valuable tool that community members enjoyed receiving. Respondents also commonly receive information through the Milton Independent and on various social media channels. Discussions surrounding other methods of disseminating information included suggestions to utilize Front Porch Forum and to ensure that specific communities, such as special needs and homeschooled children were receiving information through social media.

Recreation program participation varied. Although survey results indicate that residents enjoy the programs they do participate in, overall participation for many of the programs did not meet the minimum participation threshold. There could be several reasons for this phenomenon. Survey results indicate the most-likely reasons residents are not participating in more recreation programs are scheduling problems and time constraints. However, nearly 20% of responses to the question "What prevents you or other household members from using more recreation programs?" was "no interest." Other commonly cited reasons were the "lack of age appropriate activities" and "other activities are more of interest." When programs don't reach the minimum registration thresholds (or when the maximum is exceeded), instructors are informed and encouraged to cancel, postpone, or run the program as they see fit.

To avoid utilizing time and resources to schedule, plan, and advertise programs that receive little to no attendance, programs should be age-appropriate, relevant, interesting, and conveniently scheduled.

Comparable Communities Program Offerings

Community	Estimate of Recreation Program Offerings	Population
Milton	125	10,761
Colchester	324	17,309
Hartford	120	9,680
Town of Essex	180	21,159
Williston	97	9,637

The number of programs that the Milton Recreation Department offers generally aligns with communities of a similar size. At this point, the Milton Recreation Department doesn't necessarily need to expand the number of programs offered, but to ensure the programs that are offered are more age appropriate and relevant to community desires. In the general community survey, respondents indicated that more programs should be geared towards teens (ages 11-19) and older adults (ages 31-65). The programs that respondents most wanted to see added were fitness and wellness programs, nature and outdoor programs, and adventure programs. Youth survey respondents also wanted more nature and outdoor programs as well as swim and family programs.

Recommendations

1. Increase partnerships with existing organizations and businesses in Milton and conduct regular check-ins with partner organizations to ensure program opportunities are realized.
2. Expand the use of social media and online forums to distribute recreation program information
3. Develop a cost recovery program for recreation programs
4. Consider the use of an Enterprise Fund to account for all recreation program revenues and expenditures
5. Explore mailing of seasonal recreation brochures to every postal address and leverage the Milton Independent for additional program communications
6. Develop a Program Design Handbook with a documented framework for evaluating current programs and designing new programs to ensure offerings respond to market demand, current industry trends, and community engagement input
7. Explore new program offerings around fitness and wellness programs, nature and outdoor programs, adventure programs, cooking classes, family programs, after school programs, and arts and crafts programs.
8. Offer more programs targeted at specific age groups: teens, adults, and seniors.
9. Explore programs that offer opportunities for learning through play, introductory experiences of activities, and skills development.
10. Continue to explore how to reduce barriers to program participation. Start by testing various scheduling schemes as time commitments and scheduling were the highest-ranking barrier as perceived by residents.

Chapter 7

Recreation Lands and Facilities

Inventory

The facilities managed by a community's recreation and parks department are just a portion of the recreation and leisure facilities available to its residents. The recreation lands and facilities associated with the Milton schools are included in the inventory of indoor and outdoor recreation because resident children and adults enjoy use of them during and after school hours, making them valuable community recreation assets. Other public and privately-owned recreation facilities have also been included to provide a full picture of the recreational amenities readily accessible to Milton residents; these facilities often have a user fee connected with their use and may require a reservation or membership.

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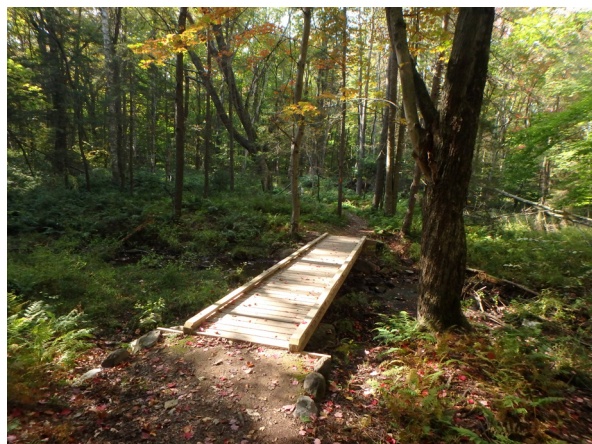
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- * Lamoille River Walk
- * Milton Town Forest
- * River Street Park
- * Milton Historical Museum

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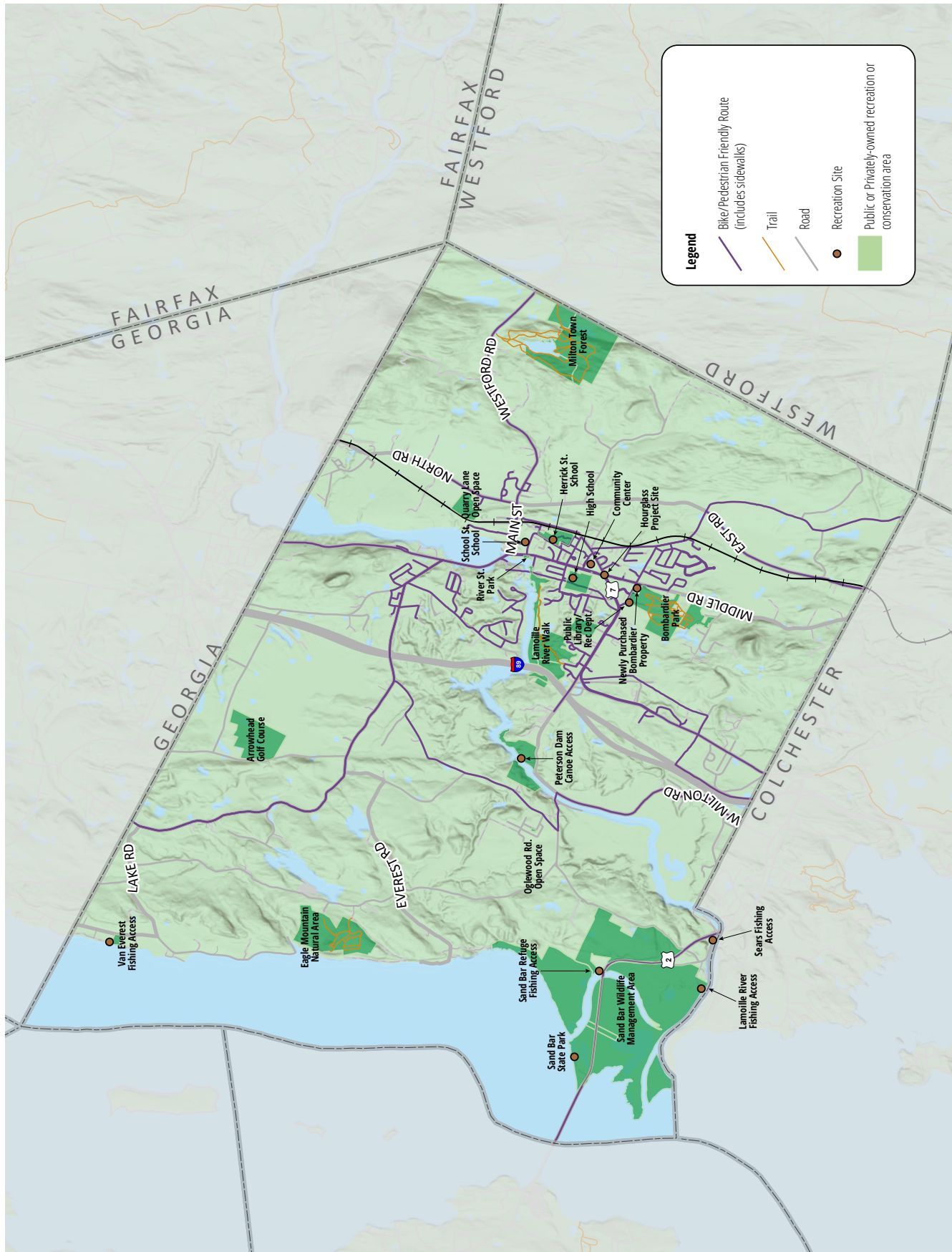
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Milton Dog Park



Milton Town Forest



Bombardier Park

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
43 Bombardier Road, within the Town Core	185 acres, approximately 175 acres in recreation use	Community Park	Town of Milton

Description

Bombardier Park is the centerpiece of organized and leisure recreation activities in Milton. The park has both large open fields with developed athletic fields and recreation facilities, as well as wooded areas with a 3+ mile trail system. The area surrounding the park includes single-family homes along portions of the eastern and southern boundaries; undeveloped, forested lands to the west; and the Town Office, Police, Fire, and Rescue Buildings along the northern part of the park. Federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was granted in 1984 and 1991 to help develop some of the existing facilities. In accepting these LWCF funds, the town committed to maintain the eastern “Middle Road” portion of Bombardier Park as public recreation land in perpetuity, and the land is encumbered with a designated federal 6(f) boundary. On Town Meeting Day 2016, Milton voters approved the Town’s purchase of a 4.84-acre parcel of adjoining land on the corner of Bombardier and Middle Roads. There are ongoing discussions about how the property should be utilized to best serve the town’s needs.

Amenities

- 2 baseball fields
- 1 band shell
- 3 softball fields
- 1 sand volleyball court
- 1 youth ballfield
- 17 horseshoe pits
- 3+ mi. trail system
- 2 playgrounds
- 8 multi-use fields
- 4 tennis/pickleball courts
- 3 picnic pavilions
- 1 restroom
- 1 GaGa Ball pit
- 1 indoor meeting space
- 1 dog park
- 1 portolet enclosure
- 1 commuter bus shelter
- 1 outdoor ice rink
/basketball court

Recommendations

1. Update the Master Plan for Bombardier Park that considers the improvements below and includes a comprehensive facilities and grounds maintenance plan. If the newly acquired Bombardier parcel is to be park and recreation land, also include it in the master plan.
2. Make electrical and lighting enhancements to Bombardier Park and its amenities
3. Further develop the east side of Bombardier Park to include restrooms, splash pad, and lighted features
4. Continue working with the General Stannard House Committee in possibly erecting the historical house on the newly acquired Bombardier parcel.
5. Survey & clearly mark the park boundaries of Bombardier Park
6. Improve athletic fields to enhance both field quality and playing capacity
7. Improve trails at Bombardier Park
8. Resurface tennis courts
9. Construct Skate Park
10. Explore heating system and four-season improvements to Bombardier Park Fieldhouse
11. Establish an unmowed buffer zone around the pond and wetlands (2 yards from woods or water) to support wildflower and wildlife habitat. Maintain buffer to prevent trees and woody shrubs from establishing

Milton Town Forest

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
599 Westford Road	492 acres	Natural Area/Regional Park Preserve	Town of Milton

Description

The Milton Town Forest (MTF) is located in the eastern portion of Milton on 492-acres. The forest surrounds Milton Pond, the 24 acre centerpiece of the property. Visitors can explore trails with scenic viewpoints and elevations ranging from 840 to 1200 feet. In 2006, the Town purchased the adjacent Bove property, adding 135 acres to the forest, a portion of which is located in the Town of Westford. The pond, forests, and beaver wetland supports an estimated 25 species of amphibians and reptiles, 87 species of birds, and 39 species of mammals. Current uses of the forest include hiking, dog walking, bird watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, and fishing.

Amenities

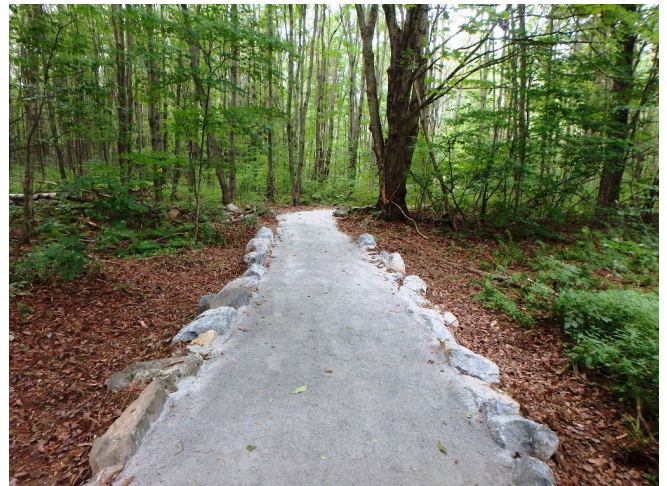
- Trail system, including a trail around the pond
- Views of Mount Mansfield and the Green Mountains
- A "low hazard" earth dam approximately 300' long and 10' wide with a concrete spillway.
- Signed pedestrian access to the Town Forest and Milton Pond

Recommendations

1. Continue to improve and maintain the trails at the town forest
2. Clearly mark the boundaries of this property
3. Promote use of this site for interpretive programs and educational experiences



Milton Outdoor Performance Center



Milton Town Forest

Eagle Mountain Natural Area

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
Cold Spring Road	226 acres	Natural Area/Regional Park Preserve	Town of Milton

Description

The Eagle Mountain property was donated to the Lake Champlain Land Trust by the Hoyt Family (115 acres) and the Vermont Electric Cooperative (111 acres.) In 1998 the Lake Champlain Land Trust donated the 226 acre parcel to the Town of Milton with a conservation easement held by the Land Trust. This natural area contains a network of marked trails. Its 500-foot high cliffs are the highest elevation on Lake Champlain. In addition to stunning views, the property supports diverse plant and animal life. The land contains an extensive sugar maple and ironwood community and upland Northern cedars in the higher elevations. A rare plant, golden corydalis, is found on the enriched rocky ledges of the property. Uncommon animal species such as coyotes, barred owls, silver-haired bats, purple finches and red foxes make this land home. For more than forty years, residents have enjoyed hiking, skiing and snowshoeing on this property. There is evidence of existing horseback riding also, although this is not an allowed use at this time. Parking is available at Henry Road and a small, four car pull-off lot along the side of Cold Spring Road.

Amenities

- A series of short connecting loop trails
- Views of Lake Champlain, Mount Mansfield, and the Green Mountains

Recommendations

1. Continue to improve and maintain the trails at Eagle Mountain
2. Update the Management Plan for Eagle Mountain
3. Clearly mark the boundaries of this property
4. Promote use of this site for interpretive programs and educational experiences
5. Investigate obtaining conservation easements on adjacent properties, if opportunities arise
6. Remove invasive species such as Buckthorn and others



Eagle Mountain - Hoyt's Outlook

Lamoille River Walk

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
Ritchie Avenue	107.67 acres in two contiguous parcels	Natural Area/Regional Park Preserve	Town of Milton

Description

The Lamoille River Walk, a semi-rugged trail across varied topography, runs through woods and fields and includes several overlooks above the Lamoille River. The Milton Conservation Commission flagged the original path. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) and the “Green Team” of Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS), currently Green Mountain Power (GMP), and members of the Milton Conservation Commission and Town Staff provided much of the labor to clear trees and underbrush, build bridges, and install step stones and trail markers. The trail work by the VYCC was funded through a grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation and from grants from the State of Vermont Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Parking is available at River Street Park, the end of Ritchie Avenue, and in an unmarked pull-off at the end of Checkerberry Square. This little natural area is a unique, peaceful place right in the middle of a densely populated neighborhood. The lower Lamoille River is the last stretch of an 85 mile waterway that flows west into Lake Champlain. At the east end of the trail you can see the first dam that was built on the lower Lamoille. Cross the little bridge into the woods and experience a wonderland of ferns, wildflowers and wildlife as you follow the 1.5 mile trail along the Lamoille River.

Amenities

- Marked trail system

Recommendations

1. Make improvements to the Lamoille River Walk with trail surface enhancements, additional benches, and “pause places” or mini parklets along the trail
2. Repair the footbridges at the Ritchie Ave. end of the Lamoille River Walk and assess for other damage in the flooding of October, 2019
3. Promote use of this site for interpretive programs and educational experiences
4. Improve access up steep slope near Ritchie Ave. trail head.
5. Remove invasive species such as Russian Olive and others



Lamoille River Walk



Lamoille River Walk



Lamoille River Walk Trailhead

Oglewood Drive Parcel

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
Oglewood Road	.80 acres	Undeveloped Open Space	Town of Milton

Description

This is a classic neighborhood park parcel, located in the midst of a developed neighborhood, and bordered by homes on three sides. The land is relatively flat and wooded.

Amenities

- None at this time

Recommendations

1. Work with the neighbors to develop a neighborhood park on this parcel of land

Quarry Lane Parcel

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
Quarry Lane neighborhood	39.78 acres	Undeveloped Open Space	Town of Milton

Description

This relatively large parcel of town-owned land is wedged between the backyards of ten homes located in the Quarry Lane neighborhood and along North Road, and the railroad tracks. Existing access is along an informal grassy road located between two homes on Quarry Lane. The land is relatively flat with a stream running through it. It sits on the top of a hill overlooking the neighborhood. There is evidence of existing trail use. The land is partly open and partly wooded, with a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees. This land has the potential to be developed into a neighborhood park however it is located up a hill behind several homes, with limited access off Quarry Lane, making it less than an ideal site for public park land. It is unlikely that the neighbors would be supportive of building a public park here, but this option could be explored in the future if the desire grows for additional neighborhood parks.

Amenities

- None at this time.

Recommendations

1. Explore development of a neighborhood serving trail system

Milton Public Library

Location

39 Bombardier Road

Ownership

Town of Milton

Description

Milton Public Library serves the community by providing resources and programs for information, education, and entertainment. Founded in 1898 with 105 books, the library moved in 1995 from Main Street to the new town office complex on Bombardier Road. The library's floor space was doubled in 2011. Milton Recreation often collaborates with the library on special events. Library programs are included in the Rec program guide.

Amenities

- Attraction Passes
- Books, Books on CD, & Playaways
- Book Sale
- Computers & Wi-Fi Access
- Computer Classes
- Databases & Online Classes
- DVDs
- Ebooks, Eaudiobooks, & Digital Magazines
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Meeting Room Use
- Printing, Copying, Scanning, & Faxing
- Programs for All Ages
- Telescope

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities
2. Continue to include listings of the youth and adult programs offered by the public library in the MRD seasonal program brochures

Milton Municipal Building

Location

43 Bombardier Road

Ownership

Town of Milton

Description

In 1995, a new Municipal Building was built at the front of Bombardier Park. This building houses the offices of the Town Manager, the Recreation Department, and most other municipal departments. The Community Room, Town Manager's Conference Room, and Fire Station Training Room are available for community meetings and/or events, by reservation.

Amenities

- Library
- Community Meeting Room
- Small Conference Room

Recommendations

1. None at this time

Milton Historical Museum

Location

13 School Street

Ownership

Town of Milton

Description

The Milton Historical Museum is a volunteer-run Museum located in the former Trinity Episcopal Church. The Museum hosts events, meetings, and exhibitions and provides educational programming at schools around Milton. Monthly events hosted at the Museum aim to bring the community together around relevant and engaging historical events.

Amenities

- Museum

Recommendations

1. Continue to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Milton Grange

Location

135 River Street

Ownership

The Grange (leased by Town of Milton)

Description

The Milton Grange is a rentable event space that the Town of Milton currently leases. The Grange has two floors totaling approximately 4,500 square feet of usable space, including a coat room, bathrooms and a stage. It comes fully equipped with padded banquet chairs & folding tables. While meals may not be prepared onsite, there is a large kitchen with refrigerator and sink so that meals may be served, whether the event is catered or renters bring their own food & drink. Rental fees are very reasonable for a space of this size and are determined by the type and length of rental.

Amenities

- Chairs and tables
- Event hall
- Meeting rooms
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Stage

Recommendations

1. Explore accessibility improvements for the building and parking lot
2. Examine the need for building renovations and improvements to better serve existing and potential user groups

Town Green/Hourglass Parcel

Location

Route 7

Ownership

Town of Milton

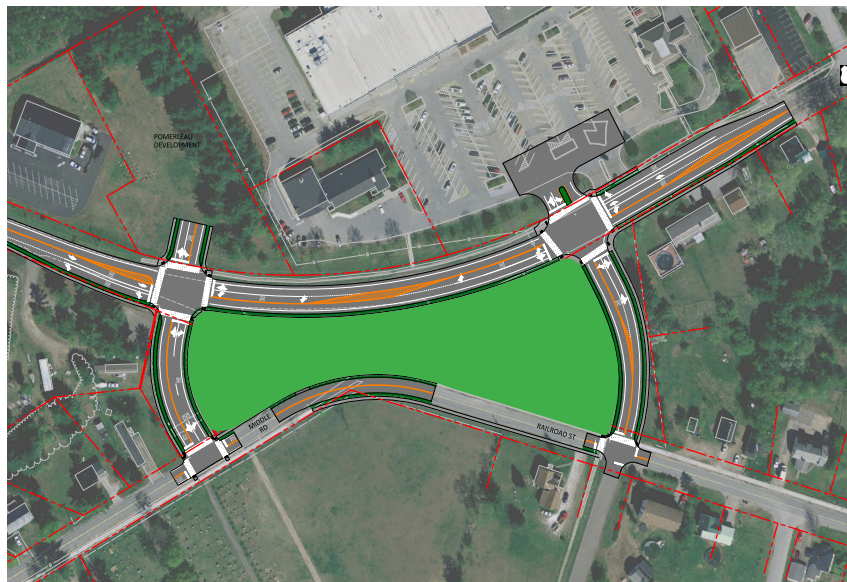
Description

In 2021 construction is estimated to begin at the Route 7-Middle Road-Railroad Street intersection. The so-called “hourglass” design will construct two new roads that connect to Route 7, easing traffic congestion and enhancing safety. It will also create a new town-owned recreation parcel.

Throughout the planning process there was an acknowledgment of the immense importance of this site for the community. The placement of the site along Route 7 will make the site prominently visible for residents and visitors entering and leaving Milton. Residents and community leaders expressed that whatever is placed there will have a large impact on the identity of the community. While there are some issues to address in the future design process for the site—such as parking and access—there was general consensus that the overarching direction of the site should be oriented towards memorial park purposes—including elements such as art sculpture, open space/plaza, and seating—rather than active recreation or other park purposes which might include elements such as recreation fields, playgrounds, or splash pads. At the time of Plan writing, a Town committee was formed to explore the design concept for the site.

Recommendations

1. Complete a Master Plan for the site based on the input of the Hourglass/ Town Green Advisory Committee



Hourglass/Town Green Property

Facilities Owned by the Milton Town School District

Milton Elementary & Middle School

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
42 Herrick Avenue, within the Town Core	12.5 acres in outdoor recreation space	School Park	Milton Town School District

Description

Milton Elementary/Middle School houses grades Pre-K through 8. Approximately 1156 students are enrolled at the school and at Pre-K partner sites. Overall enrollment in the Milton School District has mildly fluctuated since 2015, but has remained relatively constant at approximately 1,700 students. The original school building was constructed in 1957. In addition to a wide variety of physical education and recreational activities being offered to students during and after school, many community activities are also held at the school's indoor and outdoor facilities. The School District and Recreation Department staffs work closely together to coordinate scheduling of meeting spaces, gymnasiums, and outdoor fields.

Amenities

- 2 playgrounds
- Multiple classrooms/meeting spaces
- 2 cafeterias
- 1 library
- 1 track
- 2 gymnasiums
- youth ballfields
- multi-purpose fields
- 2 indoor basketball courts

Recommendations

1. If lands adjacent to the school become available, work together with the School District to do a cost/benefit analysis for shared use of the land



Milton Elementary & Middle School



Milton Grange

Milton High School

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
17 Rebecca Lander Drive, within the Town Core	Approximately 22.5 acres of recreation space	School Park	Milton Town School District

Description

Approximately 483 students attend Milton High School. Similar to the Elementary/Middle school, this public school site is frequently used by various community groups for meetings, plays, fund-raisers, and social gatherings. The athletic facilities are used predominantly for school-related activities but are occasionally used for non-school recreational purposes.

Amenities

- baseball fields
- softball field
- 1 running track
- multi-use fields
- 1 library
- multiple classrooms/meeting spaces
- gymnasium
- fitness equipment
- 2 cafeterias
- 1 basketball court
- 1 auditorium
- 1 football field

Recommendations

1. If lands adjacent to the school become available, work together with the School District to do a cost/benefit analysis for shared use of the land



Milton High School

Other Publicly-Owned Recreation Lands

Sand Bar State Park

Location

Route 2

Size

15 acres

Classification

Regional Park

Ownership

State of Vermont

Description

Sand Bar State Park opened in 1933 and was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a nationwide public works program created during the great economic depression of the 1930s. The original 10-acre park included a small campground on the south side of the highway. As U.S. 2 became a busier and faster road, camping that close to it, and crossing back and forth, was neither desirable nor particularly safe. In 1970, a land swap gave the former campground, now a fishing access area, to the Fish and Wildlife Department and brought the park to its present 15-acre size. The usable length of the beach was doubled and the picnic area, newer bathhouse, and long parking lot were built as the park expanded east onto land acquired from the refuge. Today at Sand Bar, the smooth, sandy lake bottom remains shallow well out from shore, making this an ideal swimming spot for children. The uninterrupted length of sandy beach, good water quality in this section of Lake Champlain, and well-kept facilities in an attractive setting combine to make Sand Bar the most-visited day park in Vermont.

Amenities

- Sandy beach
- Playground area
- 1 group picnic shelter
- Numerous picnic tables and BBQ grills
- Food concession
- 2 volleyball courts
- Boat rentals and access

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities



Sand Bar State Park

vtstateparks.com

Sand Bar Wildlife Management Area

Location	Size	Classification	Ownership
Route 2	1,560 acres	Natural Area/ Regional Park Preserve	State of Vermont

Description

Sandbar Wildlife Management Area (WMA) borders Lake Champlain on either side of Route 2. Most of its 1,560 acres are a refuge with no public access. However, the upland portion of the WMA northeast of Route 2 is open for public use, as is Delta Island. One may also boat along the Lamoille River and in nearby Lake Champlain, or drive along Route 2 and stop at pull-offs there. Sandbar State Park and the Sandbar Causeway to South Hero are other areas from which one may observe wildlife in the refuge. The WMA is owned by the State of Vermont and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The Town of Milton owns a 15-acre parcel of land, called the Beeman Preserve, in the middle of the Sand Bar WMA.

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

State Fishing Access Areas

Location	Classification	Ownership
Various	Regional Park	State of Vermont

Description

The State of Vermont owns and operates three public fishing access areas in the Town of Milton: the Van Everest site on the Georgia Shore Road, the Lamoille River site and the Sears (Lamoille River) sites about a mile from the mouth of the river, and two sites in the Sand Bar Wildlife management Area. These sites provide public access to waters for shore fishing and launching of water craft, and some are equipped with universal shore fishing platforms that provide improved access for anglers with disabilities and of all ages.

Amenities

- Lamoille River – concrete ramp and parking for 40 cars.
- Sears (Lamoille River) – universal access fishing platform and parking for 15 cars.
- Van Everest – gravel/concrete ramp and parking for 25 cars.
- Sand Bar – parking for 35 cars at the site across from Sand Bar State Park and parking for 10 cars at the small site just east.

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Green Mountain Power Recreation Sites

Location

Various

Classification

Natural Area/ Regional
Park Preserve

Ownership

GMP

Description

GMP (formerly Central Vermont Public Service) owns three different properties with public recreation amenities in Milton. They are located at the Peterson Dam, Milton Station, and on Route 7 between Arrowhead Dam and Milton Station. As part of the dam licensing process, GMP has developed and maintained several recreation sites along the Lamoille River, three of these sites are located in Milton. These sites provide for public access to the river and include parking, picnic tables, and shoreline access.

Amenities

- River Street Park (owned by GMP and maintained by the Town of Milton) - Marquee, 4 picnic tables and 10 parking spaces.
- Milton Station – trailhead for Lamoille River Walk: 1 picnic table, boat ramp, 10 parking spaces.
- Peterson Dam – walkway to shoreline fishing and canoe access, 3 parking spots.

Recommendations

1. Continue to work with GMP to ensure the long-term availability of these recreation facilities



Green Mountain Power Mural

Privately Owned Facilities

Milton Artists' Guild Art Center & Gallery

Location	Ownership
199 US Route 7 South	Private

Description

The Milton Artists' Guild (MAG) was established in 1988 and creates opportunities for artists to learn, display and sell their artworks. The MAG art center and gallery features exhibits, a frame shop, gift shop, and rental space for artists and community groups. Visitors can visit the art center and gallery to see "artists in action", participate in ongoing art workshops, and attend information sessions and community activities.

Amenities

- Frame shop
- Gift shop
- Rental space for artists and community groups

Recommendations

1. Continue to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Milton Family Community Center

Location	Classification	Ownership
23 Villemare Lane	Private	501(c)(3) Non-profit

Description

The Milton Family Community Center (MFCC) was established after the receipt of a federal grant under the umbrella of Head Start in 1985. The MFCC developed around the concept of a community center which would emphasize and encourage positive relationships between young children and parents through education and family support. Over the years, the MFCC has continued to grow and expand its programs to include a variety of programs including parent/child playgroups, a pre-school, Healthy Babies and Welcome Baby services, a welfare to work program for young mothers including full time licensed childcare, MASK (Milton After-School Kids), and a support group called Grandparents as Parents. The MFCC has recently added early head-start services for infants and toddlers ages 1-3.

Amenities

- Classrooms and meeting spaces
- Kitchen
- Childcare center

Recommendations

1. Continue to provide listings of MFCC programs in the seasonal brochures

Arrowhead Senior Center

Location

46 Middle road

Ownership

Private, 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation

Description

The Arrowhead Senior Center currently has over 145 active members and is proud to host regularly scheduled activities as well as many special events throughout the year such as 50/50 Raffles, Fall Flea Market, Holiday Bazaar, Christmas Dinner, Guest Speakers, and more. Every Monday at 6pm, Country Jam Sessions are held and free to attendees. The popular Groovy Lunch Bunch is a nutritious lunch sponsored by Age Well and takes place each Wednesday at noon. The Senior Center is also available as a community meeting space and is used regularly by several community groups on a reservation and donation basis.

Amenities

- Approximately 1500 sq. ft. meeting space
- Many 8-foot tables and chairs
- Kitchen
- 1 outdoor shuffleboard court

Recommendations

1. Develop a memorandum-of-understanding (MOU) with the Senior Center to use this facility for Recreation Department programs, as program offerings are expanded

Arrowhead Golf Course

Location

350 Murray Avenue

Size

160 acres

Classification

Private Recreation Site
with Public Access

Ownership

Private

Description

Arrowhead Golf Course consists of a 9-hole, par 3 golf course. The Arrowhead Golf Course also hosts a summer 5k trail running series, Friday night live music events, weddings, family events, and banquets. The Milton Recreation Department hosts a summer camp and learn-to-golf programs here.

Amenities

- Driving Range
- Clubhouse and Lounge
- Putting Green
- Practice Chipping Area
- Food concession

Recommendations

1. Continue to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Arrowhead Martial Arts & Fitness

Location

49 Middle Road

Ownership

Private

Description

Arrowhead Martial Arts and Fitness is a family-friendly Taekwondo school specializing in classes for adults, children, and families.

Amenities

- Studio space for fitness and Taekwondo classes

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Dance Works Academy

Location

210 Route 7 South

Classification

Private Dance Studio

Description

Dance Works Academy is a dance studio that provides ballet, tap, jazz, theatre, modern, hip hop, contemporary, and musical theatre classes.

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

FootWorks Studio of Dance

Location

7 Southerberry Drive
Milton VT

Classification

Private Dance Studio

Description

FootWorks Studio of Dance is a dance studio that teaches ballet, gymnastics, hip hop, jazz, tap, contemporary, and competition technique classes. Most classes offered cater to ages 6-16 although pre-k and adult classes are offered as well. FootWorks studios share a building with a restaurant, bakery, and shops.

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities



The Park at Milton Square



Sharp Park

Location

Cobble Hill Road

Classification

Private Park

Description

Sharp Park is a 101 acre recreation park surrounding Cobble Hill located in southern Milton. They offer paragliding lessons and off-road Segway tours in the spring, summer and fall. Snow tubes are offered for rent in the winter when conditions allow. Associated Sharp Farm is also a wedding venue during the warmer months. Trails and lands are free to access for Milton residents. A heated post and beam barn with bathroom facilities and a large outdoor deck is available for activities.

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Snap Fitness

Location

384 Route 7 S

Classification

Private

Ownership

Private

Description

Snap Fitness in Milton is a community gym that offers so many things such as state of the art cardio and strength equipment including free weights and dumbbells up to 100lbs, members have 24 hour access to not only the Milton club location but to all Snap Fitness clubs nationwide. Group fitness classes are included with everyones membership. The facility also offers personal training and trainers are experienced, certified with an accredited agency and professional.

Amenities

- Weight room
- Cardiovascular equipment
- Exercise/dance studio

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities

Ultimate Fitness

Location

36 Bombardier Road

Classification

Private

Ownership

Private

Description

This private health club facility is open seven days-a-week and offers traditional weight training equipment, cardio-fitness equipment, fitness classes, spa services, and child care.

Amenities

- Weight room
- Cardiovascular equipment
- Exercise/dance studio
- Spa
- Childcare

Recommendations

1. Explore opportunities to partner and cross-promote programs and facilities



Monarch Mural



Gardener's Supply Mural



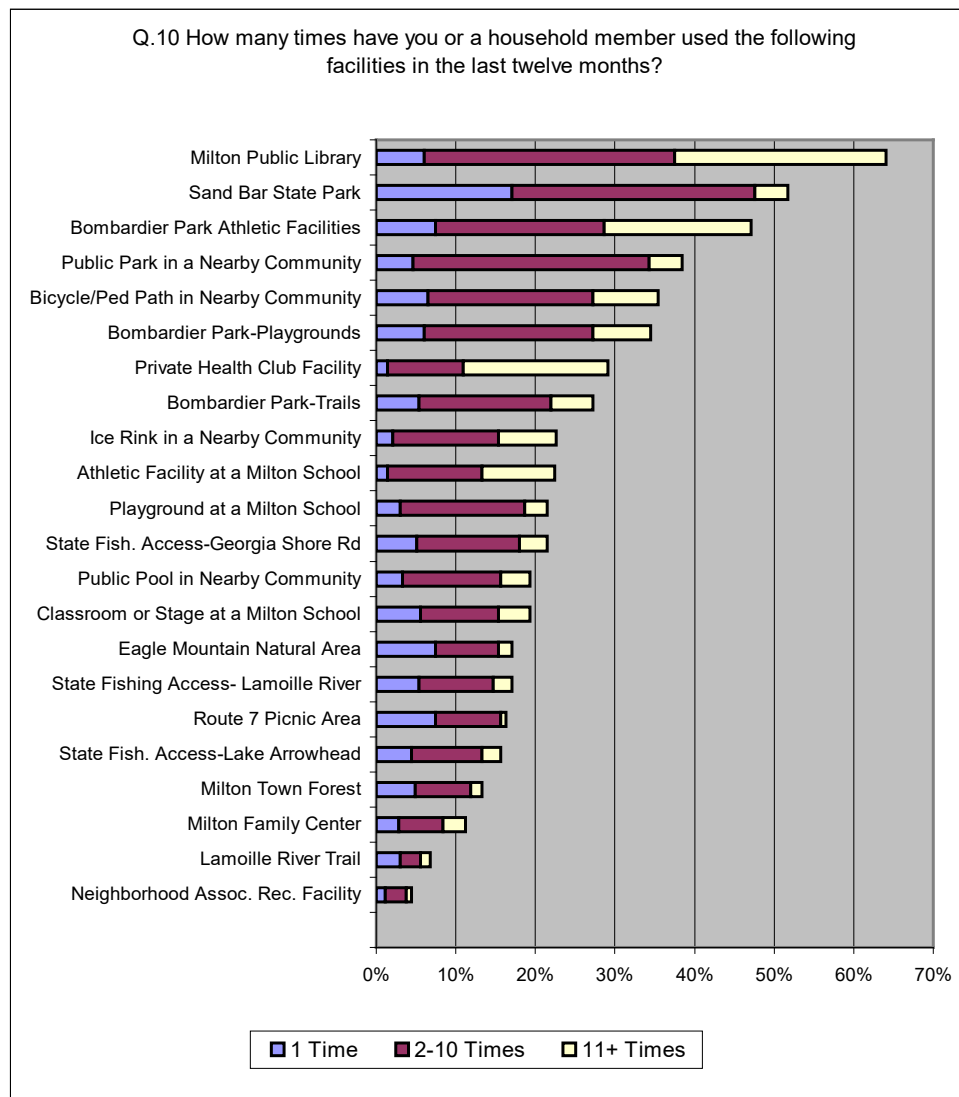
Milton Historical Museum

Needs Assessment

This lands and facility needs assessment is based on qualitative and quantitative input from the public and stakeholder groups as well as consideration of local, state, and national trends.

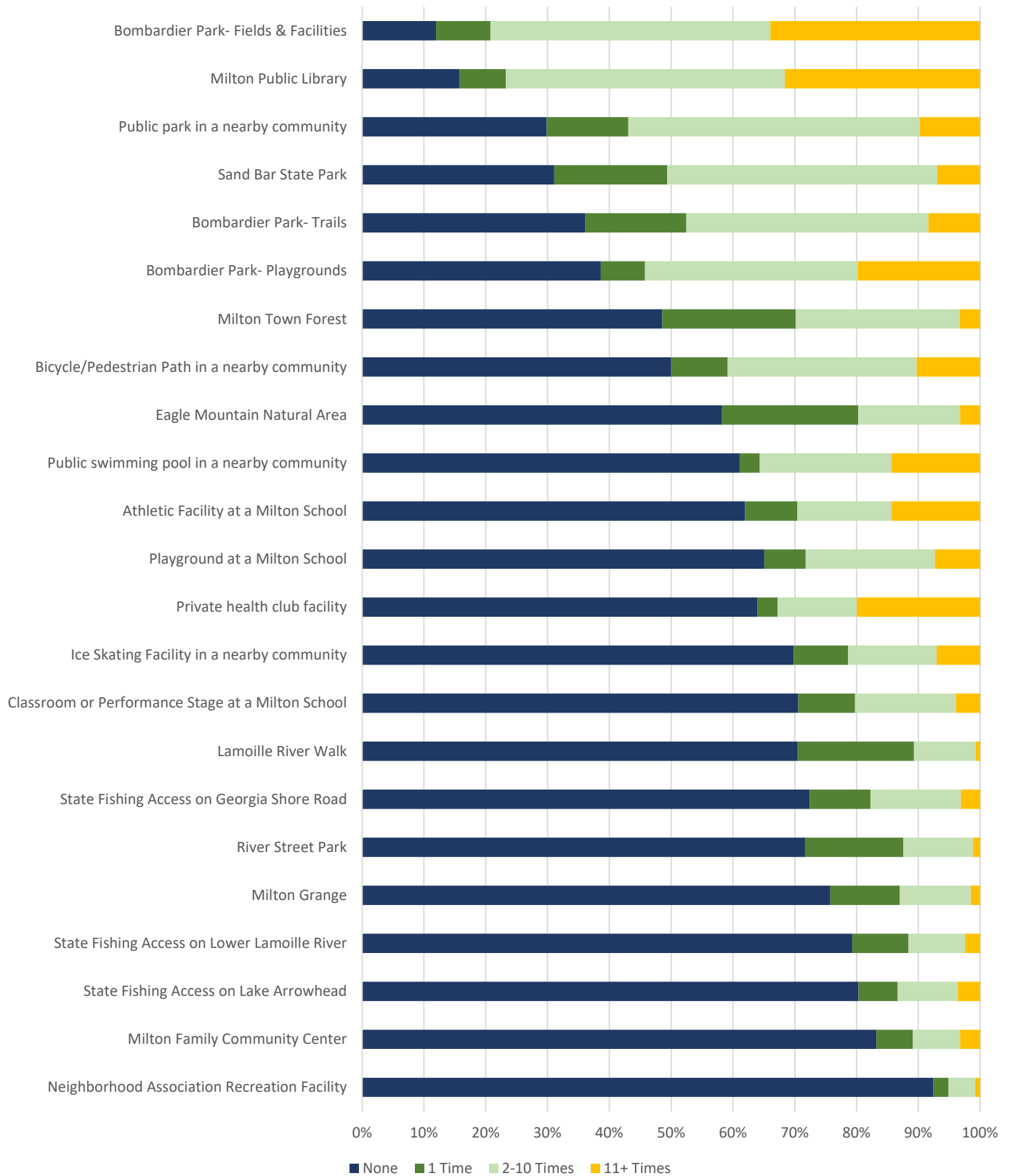
Community feedback indicated that staffing, community events, and new recreation facilities should be the top spending priorities. The specific recreation facilities that respondents wanted to see added in Milton were bicycle pedestrian paths and an indoor or outdoor pool. In general, respondents indicated a need for more indoor recreation space, and suggested that the new Bombardier property parcel may be an ideal location for an indoor recreation facility.

Since the 2007 Recreation Master Plan, facility use has changed slightly. The 2007 RMP identified the Milton Public Library and Sand Bar State Park as the most visited recreation facilities. The recent survey indicates the Bombardier Park is now the most used facility. This shift is likely a result of facility improvements and investments including the renovated fieldhouse and the dog park. Both facility use surveys indicate that residents often visit bicycle and pedestrian paths in nearby communities. This presents an opportunity and indicates a need to create more bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Milton.



2007 Facility Use Survey

Facility Visitation



2019 Facility Use Survey

Recommendations

The Town of Milton is fortunate to own Bombardier Park and its other recreation and open space lands. Throughout this process, Milton residents were clear that they value these assets very highly. The Town has also made significant improvements in the maintenance of its current assets. In 2007, residents put the highest priority on “better maintenance and improvements to existing facilities.” Today, Recreation Department staffing, new community events, and new recreation facilities top the list for resident spending priorities.

For facility recommendations, the consultants attempted to balance the extensive recreation wish-list of residents with the community’s spending history, in an effort to develop a list of recommendations that would be aspirational, but also realistic and achievable. In this section of the report, the facility recommendations are listed by site. For example, all the recommendations for Bombardier Park are listed together regardless of the timetable for completing the work. The timetable for completing the recommendations, along with cost estimates, and a description of the project type are included in the implementation matrix.

Overall Recreation Facility and Lands Recommendations

1. Conduct a feasibility study for an Indoor Recreation Center
2. Conduct a feasibility study for an Indoor/Outdoor Pool
3. Update town regulations to ensure new developments include adequate publicly accessible parkland and greenspaces, particularly for multi-family developments
4. Explore partnerships with faith-based organizations and other non-profits that would provide an attractive space for teen night programming or that might be leveraged as a ‘pop-up’ teen center.
5. Evaluate all recreation facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
6. Utilize non-irrigated landscapes, native species, and low maintenance plant materials when feasible and appropriate for the designated use

Overall Trails and Connectivity Recommendations

1. Support a trail maintenance and development program that leverages both town and volunteer resources and ensure adequate support for both. Ensure trail signage at all town parks and properties is clear and consistent
2. Establish new trails in a variety of settings and provide a range of trail experiences and types to accommodate all user groups, ages and ability levels. Strive for a variety of trail lengths that encourage exploration of recreational activities in Milton and provide a range of recreational experiences from short to day-long outings.
3. Design the trail system in response to type and volume of use, to avoid user conflict and overcrowding.
4. Establish a Bikepath Task Force to identify and build key corridors for bicycle and pedestrian paths.
5. Develop an ‘Active Transportation Plan’ that comprehensively considers walking, biking and trail connectivity in Milton.
6. Prioritize the development of new trails and pathways that improve the connectivity of parks and other recreational assets.

Chapter 8

Implementation

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
Administration			
1. Increase the Recreation and Buildings and Grounds Department budgets to better serve town residents	Short	Milton Selectboard	\$
2. Develop a Ten-Year Capital Recreation Plan	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
3. Ensure talented staff is attracted and retained by offering competitive compensation packages by periodically benchmarking compensation with the National Recreation and Parks Association and Vermont Recreation and Parks Association Salary Surveys.	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
4. Consider creation of a new full or part-time staff position, the position could be an Events & Partnerships Coordinator, a Communications & Administrative Services Coordinator, or possibly a new Assistant Recreation Coordinator who might contribute in all areas.	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
5. Respond to community priorities by investing in department staffing	Medium	Milton Selectboard	\$\$
6. Support Professional Development for staff through conferences and membership in professional organizations	Ongoing	Milton Selectboard	\$
7. Ensure Buildings and Grounds staff and resources increase commensurate with new facility and maintenance requirements	Medium	Buildings and Grounds, Milton Selectboard	\$-\$\$\$
8. Evaluate the benefits of combining the Recreation Department and Buildings and Grounds Department into a Parks and Recreation Department	Medium	Milton Selectboard	\$
9. Fill all seven positions on the Recreation Commission	Short	Milton Selectboard, Recreation Department	\$

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
10. Continue to improve communication between the Recreation Commission and other Milton Boards and Commissions	Ongoing	Recreation Commission, Milton Selectboard	\$
11. Explore more diverse funding opportunities including grants, private fundraising with a Milton Parks Foundation or Friends Group, or a Dedicated Recreation Impact Fee for new development. Also consider reinstating the 1/2 Penny for Parks Fund.	Short	Recreation Department, Milton Selectboard	\$
12. Work with surrounding towns, the Family Center, and the Senior Center to develop Joint Facility Use Agreements	Medium	Recreation Department, Family Center, Senior Center	\$
13. Compile an updated Administrative Handbook a. Develop written goals and objectives for the recreation department b. Develop annual workplans for the department c. Develop a process for on-going evaluation of community needs	Medium	Recreation Department, Milton Selectboard	\$
14. Consider relocating recreation department office to new indoor recreation facility, larger municipal office space, or possible 4 season enhancement to the Bombardier Fieldhouse	Long	Recreation Department, Milton Selectboard	\$\$
15. Make decisions with consideration of the varied needs of the community, with an emphasis on facilities and amenities that serve multiple uses.	Ongoing	Recreation Department, Milton Selectboard	\$
16. Encourage volunteerism and provide clear avenues of participation for community members, including financial, volunteer labor and other areas of support.	Ongoing	Recreation Department, Recreation Commission	\$

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
17. Partner with the Artists Guild, Historical Society and other groups to incorporate art, history and cultural resources into recreation programs and facility designs to celebrate the unique qualities of Milton.	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
18. Pursue public/private partnerships that leverage Town park facilities and equipment for the greatest benefit to the community.	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
Programs			
1. Increase partnerships with existing organizations and businesses in Milton and conduct regular check-ins with partner organizations to ensure program opportunities are realized.	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
2. Expand the use of social media and online forums to distribute recreation program information	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
3. Develop a cost recovery program for recreation programs	Short	Recreation Department	\$
4. Consider the use of an Enterprise Fund to account for all recreation program revenues and expenditures	Medium	Recreation Department, Milton Selectboard	\$
5. Explore mailing of seasonal recreation brochures to every postal address and leverage the Milton Independent for additional program communications	Short	Recreation Department	\$
6. Develop a Program Design Handbook with a documented framework for evaluating current programs and designing new programs to ensure offerings respond to market demand, current industry trends, and community engagement input	Short	Recreation Department	\$

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
7. Explore new program offerings around fitness and wellness programs, nature and outdoor programs, adventure programs, cooking classes, family programs, after school programs, and arts and crafts programs.	Medium	Recreation Department	\$
8. Offer more programs targeted at specific age groups: teens, adults, and seniors.	Medium	Recreation Department	\$
9. Explore programs that offer opportunities for learning through play, introductory experiences of activities, and skills development.	Medium	Recreation Department	\$
10. Continue to explore how to reduce barriers to program participation. Start by testing various scheduling schemes as time commitments and scheduling were the highest-ranking barrier as perceived by residents.	Ongoing	Recreation Department	\$
Recreation Facilities and Lands			
Bombardier Park			
1. Update the Master Plan for Bombardier Park that considers the improvements below and includes a comprehensive facilities and grounds maintenance plan. If the newly acquired Bombardier parcel is to be park and recreation land, also include it in the master plan	Short	Recreation Department, Bombardier Park Design Committee	\$\$
2. Make electrical enhancements at Bombardier Park	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$-\$\$\$
3. Construct a splash pad on the east side of Bombardier Park*	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$\$\$
4. Construct restrooms on the east side of Bombardier Park*	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$\$\$
5. Construct lighted features on the east side of Bombardier Park	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$
6. Survey & clearly mark the park boundaries of Bombardier Park	Short	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$
7. Improve athletic fields to enhance both field quality and playing capacity*	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$\$\$\$
8. Improve trails at Bombardier Park*	Short	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
9. Resurface tennis courts*	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$
10. Construct Skate Park*	Medium	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$\$\$
11. Explore heating system and four-season improvements to Bombardier Park Fieldhouse*	Short	Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$
12. Establish an unmowed buffer zone around the pond and wetlands (2 yards from woods or water) to support wildflower and wildlife habitat. Maintain buffer to prevent trees and woody shrubs from establishing.	Short	Conservation Commission, Buildings and Grounds	\$
Town Forest			
1. Continue to improve and maintain the trails at the Town Forest*	Short	Buildings and Grounds, Recreation Department, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission	\$\$\$
2. Clearly mark the boundaries of this property	Short	Conservation Commission	\$
3. Promote use of this site for interpretive programs and educational experiences	Short	Conservation Commission	\$
Eagle Mountain Natural Area			
1. Continue to improve and maintain the trails at Eagle Mountain	Ongoing	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission	\$
2. Update the Management Plan for Eagle Mountain	Medium	Conservation Commission	\$
3. Clearly mark the boundaries of this property	Short	Conservation Commission	\$
4. Promote use this site for interpretive programs and educational experiences	Short	Conservation Commission	\$
5. Investigate obtaining conservation easements on adjacent properties, if opportunities arise	Medium	Conservation Commission	\$
6. Remove invasive species such as Buckthorn and others.	Ongoing	Building and Grounds, Conservation Commission	\$

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
Lamoille River Walk			
1. Make improvements to the Lamoille River Walk with trail surface enhancements, additional benches, and “pause places” or mini parklets along the trail	Medium	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Buildings and Grounds, Recreation Department	\$\$-\$\$\$
2. Repair the footbridges at the Ritchie Ave. end of the Lamoille River Walk and asses for other damage in the flooding of October, 2019.	Short	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Buildings and Grounds	\$\$
3. Promote use of this site for interpretive programs and educational experiences.	Medium	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Recreation Department	\$
4. Improve access up steep slope near Ritchie Ave. trail head.	Medium	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Recreation Department	\$\$
5. Remove invasive species such as Russian Olive and others.	Ongoing	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Recreation Department	\$\$
Milton Grange			
1. Explore accessibility improvements for the building and parking lot	Short	Buildings and Grounds	\$
2. Examine the need for building renovations and improvements to better serve existing and potential user groups	Short	Buildings and Grounds, Recreation Department	\$
Oglewood Drive Parcel			
1. Work with the neighbors to develop a neighborhood park on this parcel of land	Long	Recreation Department, Recreation Commission	\$
Quarry Lane Parcel			
1. Explore development of a neighborhood serving trail system	Long	Recreation Department, Recreation Commission	\$
Town Green/Hourglass Parcel			
1. Complete a Master Plan for the site based on the input of the Hourglass Design Committee	Short	Milton Selectboard, Recreation Department, Hourglass Design Committee	\$-\$\$
Overall Recreation Facility and Lands Recommendations			
1. Conduct a feasibility study for an Indoor Recreation Center	Short	Recreation Department	\$\$
2. Conduct a feasibility study for an Indoor/Outdoor Pool	Short	Recreation Department	\$\$

Recommendation	Timing (Ongoing, Short, Medium, Long-Term)	Responsibility	Cost Estimate
6. Prioritize the development of new trails and pathways that improve the connectivity of parks and other recreational assets.	Ongoing	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Recreation Department	\$

Key

Cost	Description
\$	\$0-10,000, leverages existing resources, staff time, volunteer hours
\$\$	\$10,000-\$50,000
\$\$\$	\$50,000-\$100,000
\$\$\$\$	\$100,000-500,000
\$\$\$\$\$	\$500,000+
*	Cost Estimate from Milton CIP

Key

Timing	Description
Short	0-2 years
Medium	2-5 years
Long	5+

Appendix A Survey

Milton Recreation Master Plan Survey Final

Milton Recreation Department Survey

The Milton Recreation Department wants **YOUR** opinions about several park and recreation issues. You can help us be more responsive to the needs of our community and plan for the next twenty years. Even if you do not use our programs, your opinions are important to us. Your responses are strictly confidential.

Parks and Recreation Department

1) On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being not at all important and 5 being extremely important, how important is the availability of local parks and recreation opportunities in Milton to you and your family?

1 _____ [] _____ 5

2) Have you contacted the Milton Recreation Department office in the last twelve months?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3) How would you rate the service you received?

☐ 1 (Poor)

☐ 2 (Fair)

☐ 3 (Average)

☐ 4 (Good)

☐ 5 (Excellent)

☐ Please describe any things you noticed in the office that you especially liked or disliked.:

4) On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very poor and 5 very good, how would you describe the job the Milton Recreation Department is doing for residents?

1 _____ [] _____ 5

Recreation Programs

The next seven questions refer specifically to recreation programs.

5) How do you hear about programs sponsored by the Milton Recreation Department? (Check all that apply)

☐ Department web page

☐ Social Media

☐ Seasonal program brochures

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Flyers/Poster

☐ Other (specify):

☐ The Milton Independent

_____*

☐ Online Catalog Registration

☐ Recreation E-Newsletter

6) How many Milton Recreation Department programs, classes, or events (for example: Tai Chi, Summer Camp, Hunter Education, Winter Festival, etc.) did you and/or another member of your household participate in during the last twelve months?

☐ 0

☐ 4

☐ 1

☐ 5

☐ 2

☐ 6

☐ 3

☐ 7+

7) On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very poor and 5 very good, how was the overall quality of the programs that you participated in?

1 _____ ☐ _____ 5

8) What prevents you or other household members from using more recreation programs? (check all that apply)

☐ Don't have time

☐ Too expensive

☐ Hard to learn what is offered

☐ Transportation problems

☐ I recreate elsewhere

☐ Other (specify):

☐ No interest

_____*

☐ Program was filled

☐ Scheduling problems

9) Which age groups need more recreation programs in Milton? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ 0-3 years | ☐ 20-30 years |
| ☐ 4-6 years | ☐ 31-50 years |
| ☐ 7-10 years | ☐ 51-65 years |
| ☐ 11-14 years | ☐ 66 years & older |
| ☐ 15-19 years | |

10) What types of programs should be added? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Adventure programs | ☐ Summer camps |
| ☐ After school programs | ☐ Bicycle skills/training |
| ☐ Arts & craft programs | ☐ Youth team sports |
| ☐ ATV programs | ☐ Senior programs |
| ☐ Computer/tech programs | ☐ Active aging adult classes |
| ☐ Cultural programs | ☐ Group walks |
| ☐ Extreme sports | ☐ Outdoor education programs |
| ☐ Family programs | ☐ Adult sports league |
| ☐ Fishing | ☐ Gardening classes |
| ☐ Fitness & wellness programs | ☐ Cooking classes |
| ☐ Hunting | ☐ Lunch time fitness classes |
| ☐ Individual & team sports | ☐ Yoga |
| ☐ Nature & outdoor programs | ☐ none of these |
| ☐ Rock climbing | ☐ Other - Specify: |
| ☐ School vacation camps | _____ |
| ☐ Skateboarding/skateboard lessons | _____* |
| ☐ Snowmobiling | |

11) Of the programs you selected in the previous question, which three are your top choices? (Write the name of the program)

#1 Choice: _____

#2 Choice: _____

#3 Choice: _____

Recreation Facilities

The next questions refer specifically to recreation facilities.

How many times did you or a member of your household use the following facilities in the last twelve months for recreation purposes?

12) Bombardier Park- Fields & Facilities

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

13) Bombardier Park- Playgrounds

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

14) Bombardier Park- Trails

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

15) Eagle Mountain Natural Area

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

16) Lamoille River Walk

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

17) Milton Town Forest

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

18) River Street Park

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

19) Bicycle/Pedestrian Path in a nearby community

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

20) Ice Skating Facility in a nearby community

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

21) Milton Family Community Center

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

22) Milton Public Library

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

23) Milton Grange

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

24) Neighborhood Association Recreation Facility

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

25) Private health club facility

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

26) Public park in a nearby community

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

27) Public swimming pool in a nearby community

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

28) Sand Bar State Park

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

29) State Fishing Access on Georgia Shore Road

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

30) State Fishing Access on Lake Arrowhead

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

31) State Fishing Access on Lower Lamoille River

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

The following refer to school facilities, please indicate use outside of normal school hours.

32) Athletic Facility at a Milton School

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

33) Classroom or Performance Stage at a Milton School

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

34) Playground at a Milton School

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2-10 Times
- ☐ 11+ Times
- ☐ Don't know this facility

35) On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very poor and 5 being very good, how would you rate the overall maintenance of the facilities maintained by the Milton Recreation Department (Bombardier Park, Eagle Mountain Natural Area, Lamoille River Walk, Milton Town Forest, River Street Park)?

1 _____ [] _____ 5

36) Are there any other recreation facilities you or a household member used at least ten times in the last twelve months? (please list them)

37) What new or improved public recreation facilities would you like to see in Milton? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ ATV/Snowmobile trails | ☐ More playgrounds |
| ☐ Bicycle/pedestrian paths | ☐ Tennis court upgrades |
| ☐ Enhanced senior center | ☐ More tennis courts |
| ☐ Enhanced dog park | ☐ More walking/XC ski trails |
| ☐ Fitness facility | ☐ Mountain biking trails |
| ☐ Golf driving range | ☐ Multi-generation community center |
| ☐ Indoor performing arts space | ☐ Sand volleyball courts |
| ☐ Indoor skating arena | ☐ Skate park |
| ☐ Indoor swimming pool | ☐ Teen center |
| ☐ More all-purpose field space | ☐ Outdoor swimming pool |
| ☐ More baseball/softball fields | ☐ Challenge Course/outdoor climbing |
| ☐ More group picnic shelters | ☐ Children's garden |
| ☐ More indoor gym space | ☐ No new facilities |
| ☐ More open space/conservation land | ☐ Other - Specify: |
| ☐ More outdoor basketball courts | _____ |
| ☐ More picnic tables | _____ |

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38) Of the facilities you selected in the previous question, which three are your top choices? (Write the name of the program)

#1 Choice: _____

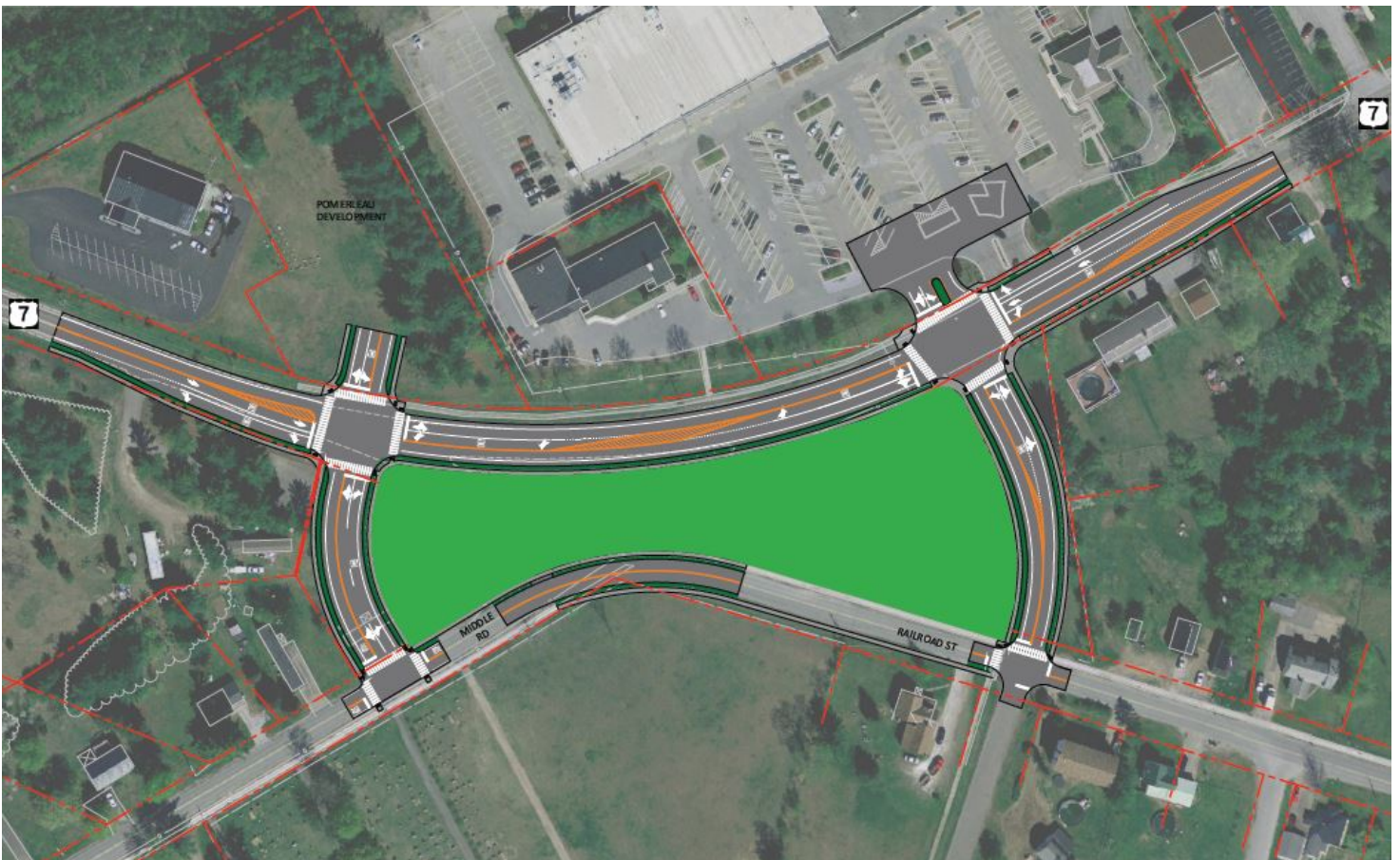
#2 Choice: _____

#3 Choice: _____

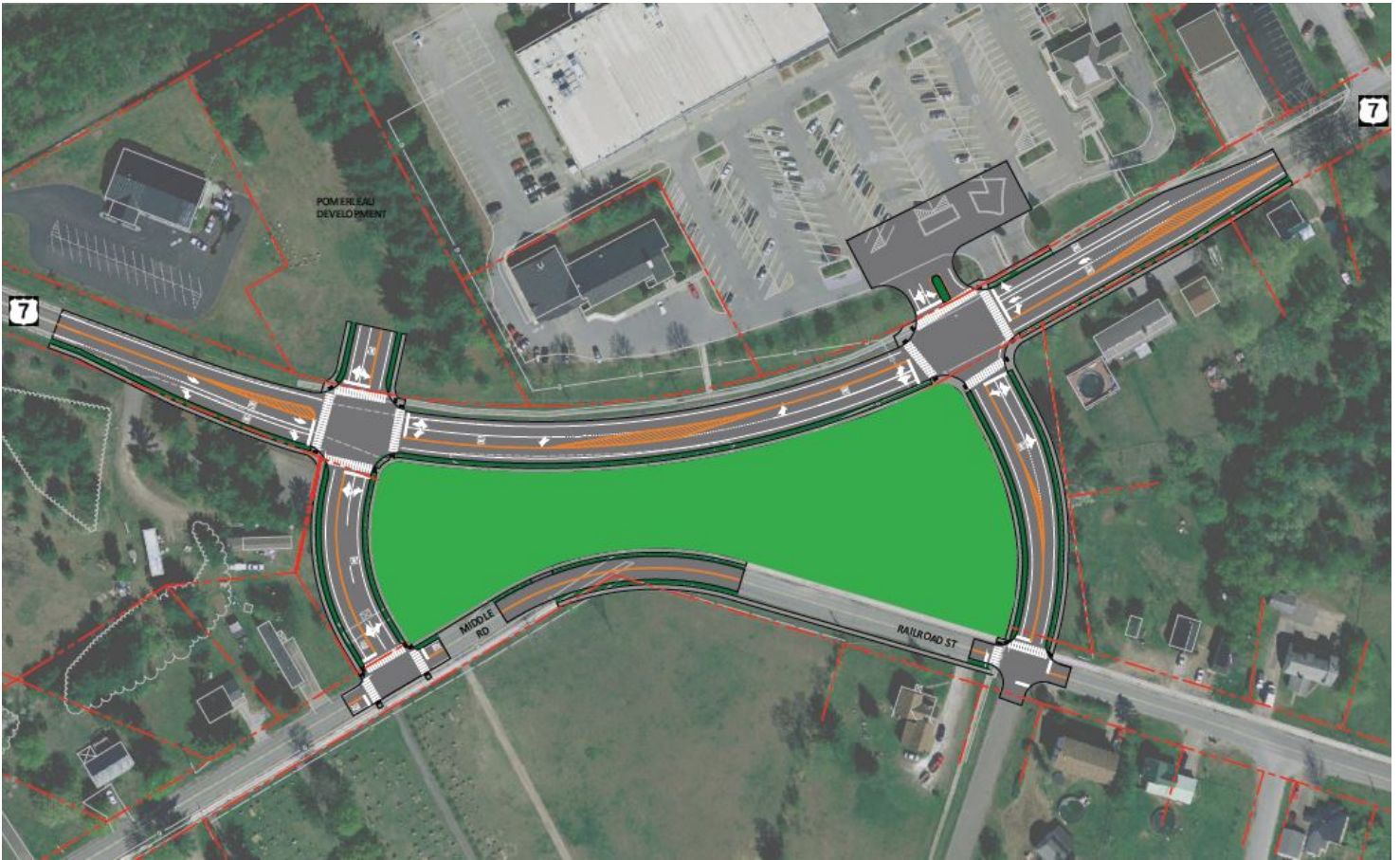
Envisioning the Future of New Municipal Properties

The following questions ask you about the future uses and amenities at two new Milton properties.

39) The Town of Milton is undergoing a concept design process for the proposed Hourglass property. What new recreational activities and/or facilities might you like to see?



40) What word or phrase describes your future desired experience for the proposed Hourglass property?



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42) What word or phrase describes your future desired experience for the newly acquired Bombardier Park property?



Funding Priorities

43) Quality recreation facilities and programs cost money to provide and maintain. How would you rank the following funding pathways? Please "drag and drop" the funding pathway into your preferred rank.

_____ Program and facility use fees (pay-per-use fees)

_____ Taxes, bonds and other local funding sources (penny for parks program, bond measures for specific projects, etc.)

_____ Federal, state and private organization grants (Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Trail Program, Vermont Community Foundation, etc.)

_____ Private fundraising and donations (private donation campaigns, conservation/recreation easement donations, etc.)

44) If you had \$100 to allocate among various park and recreation categories, how would you spend it? (Write a \$ amount for each. For example, write \$25 if you would allocate \$25 out of the \$100 to better maintain existing parks and facilities.)

Acquisition of land for conservation/open space: _____

Acquisition of land for recreation: _____

Better maintenance of existing parks & facilities: _____

New recreation facilities: _____

New Trails: _____

Community Events: _____

Recreation Programs: _____

Staffing: _____

Demographic Questions

Last we would like to ask some questions about yourself. These questions help us know how well the group of people who respond to this survey represent the entire Milton population. No names are requested, and responses are strictly confidential.

45) How long have you lived in the Town of Milton? (fill in the total number of years or months)

years: _____

months: _____

46) How many people live in your household?

47) How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

48) Do you own or rent the apartment or house in which you are currently living?

☐ Own

☐ Rent

49) What is your age?

☐ 18-24

☐ 45-54

☐ 25-34

☐ 55-64

☐ 35-44

☐ 65 or older

50) Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

☐ under \$25,000

☐ \$50,000- \$74,999

☐ \$25,000 to \$34,999

☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999

☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999

☐ More than \$100,000

Thank You!

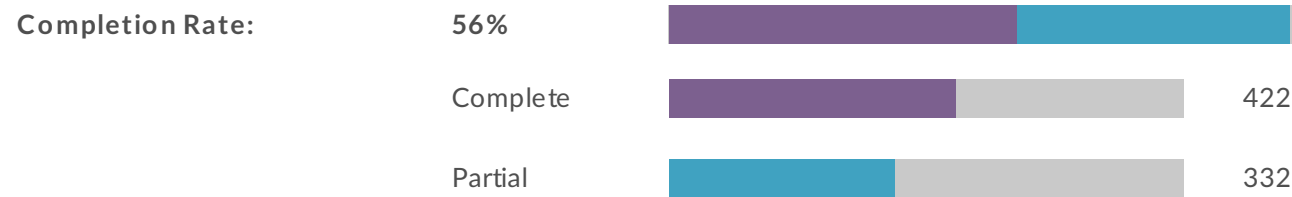
This concludes the survey. We greatly appreciate your help. Thank you very much!

Appendix B

Survey Results

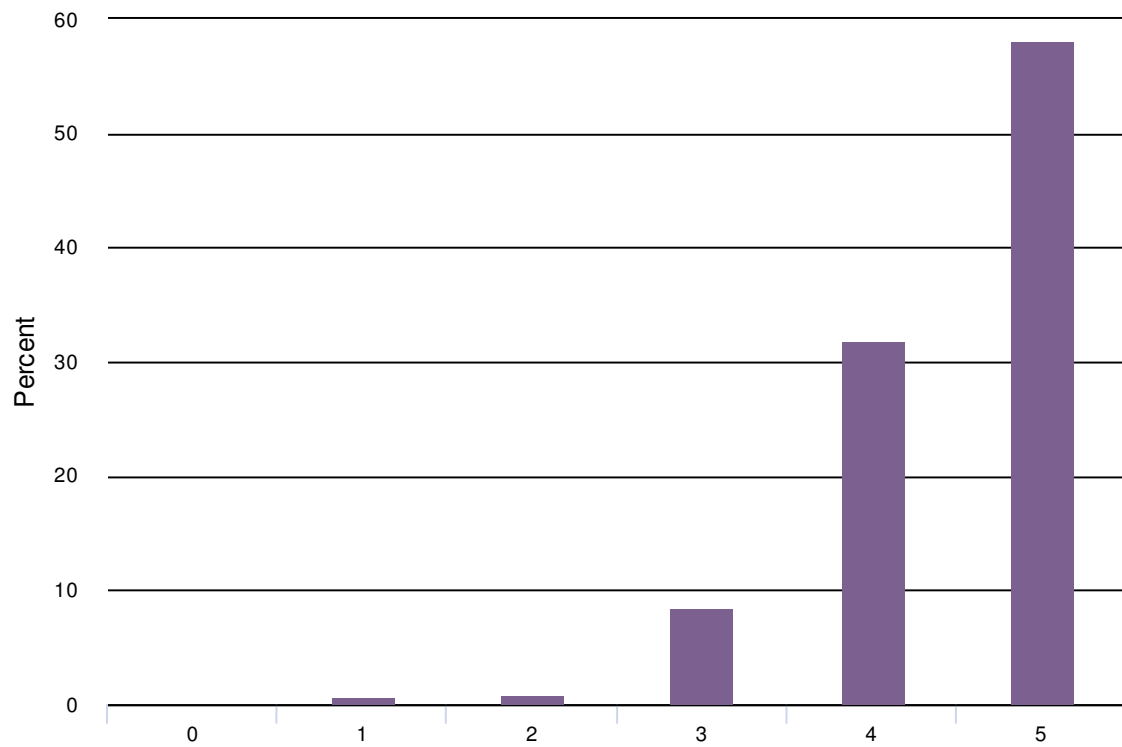
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Response Counts

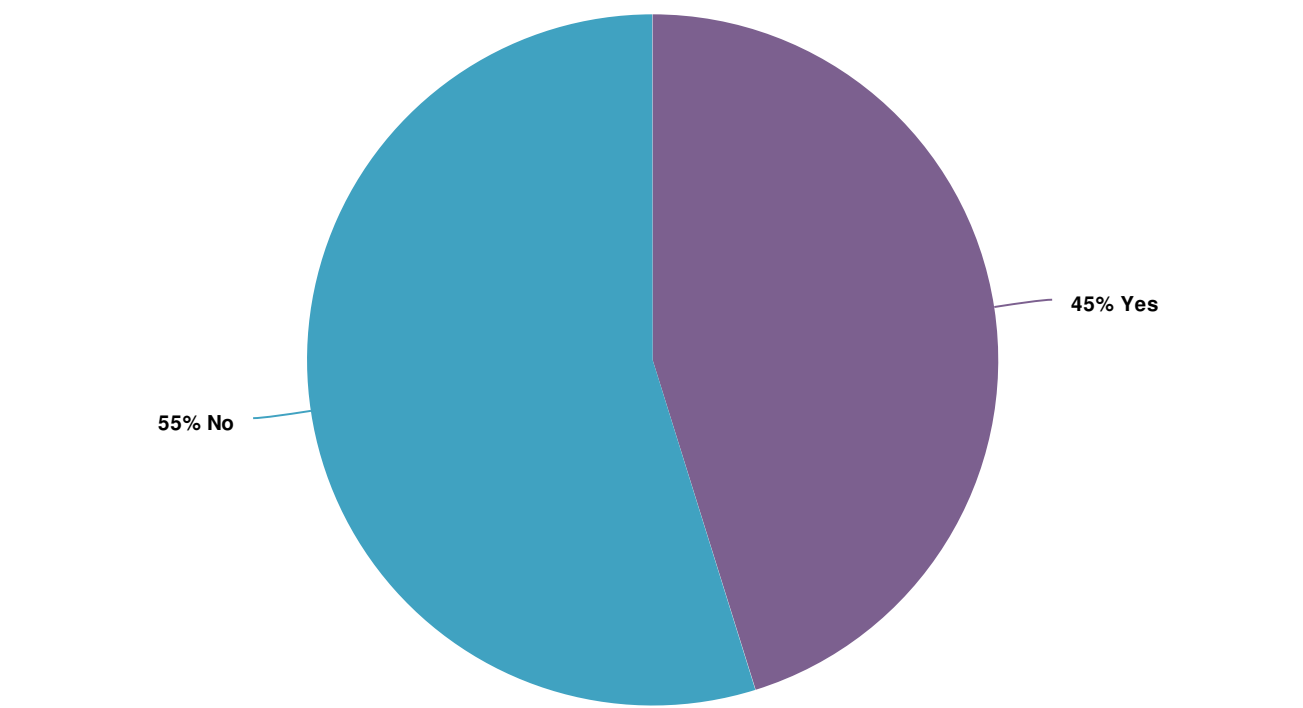


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1. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being not at all important and 5 being extremely important, how important is the availability of local parks and recreation opportunities in Milton to you and your family?



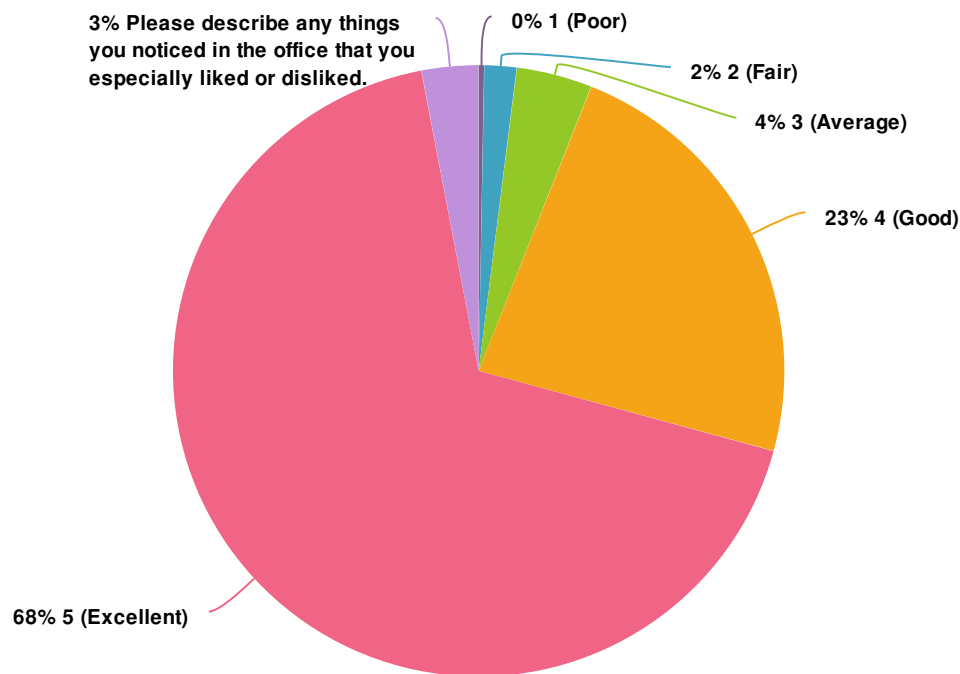
2. Have you contacted the Milton Recreation Department office in the last twelve months?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		45.2%	299
No		54.8%	362

Totals: 661

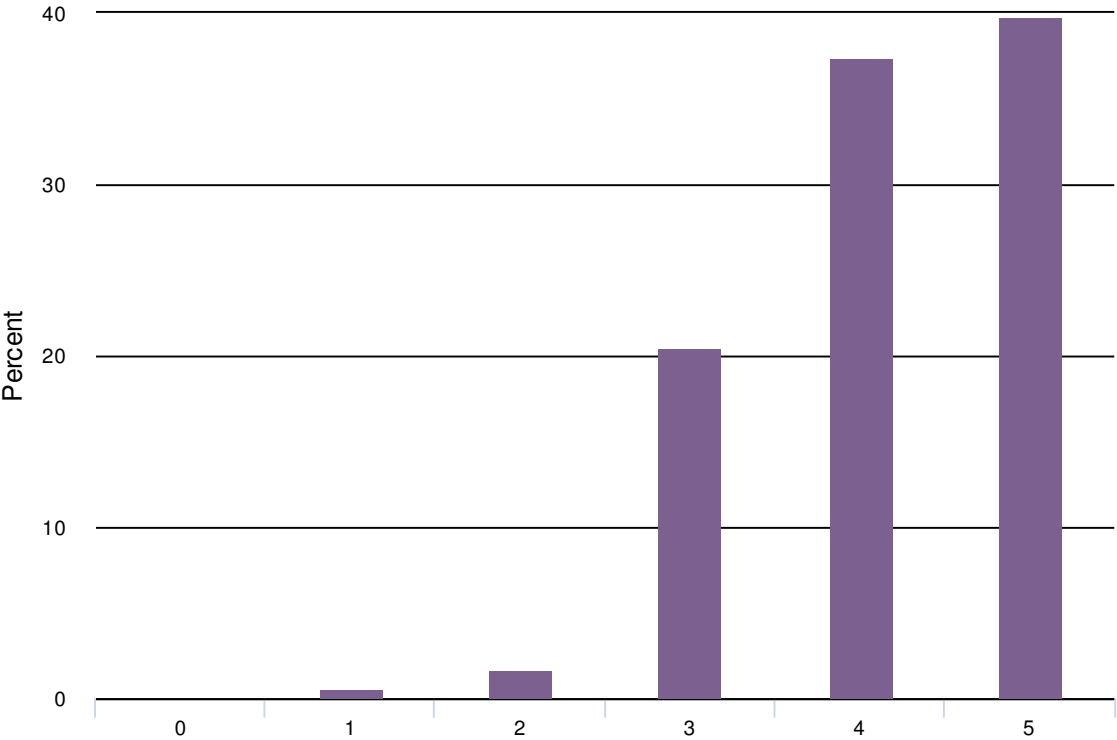
3. How would you rate the service you received?



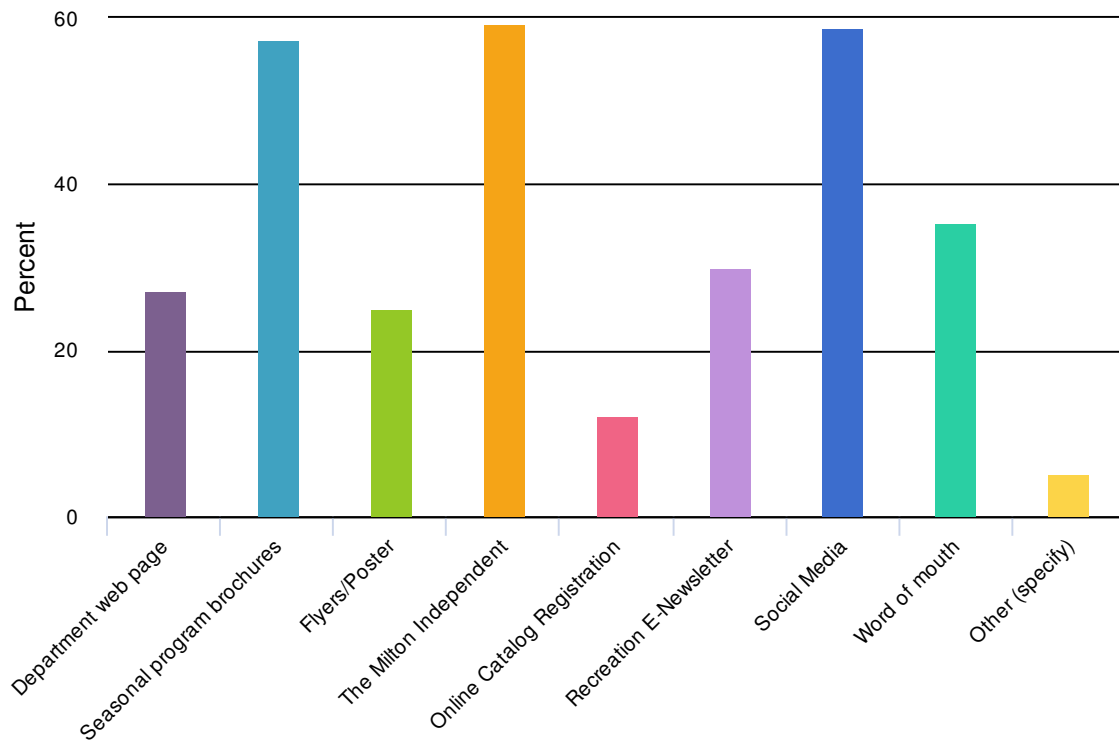
Value		Percent	Responses
1 (Poor)		0.3%	1
2 (Fair)		1.7%	5
3 (Average)		4.0%	12
4 (Good)		23.2%	69
5 (Excellent)		67.7%	201
Please describe any things you noticed in the office that you especially liked or disliked.		3.0%	9

Totals: 297

4. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very poor and 5 very good, how would you describe the job the Milton Recreation Department is doing for residents?

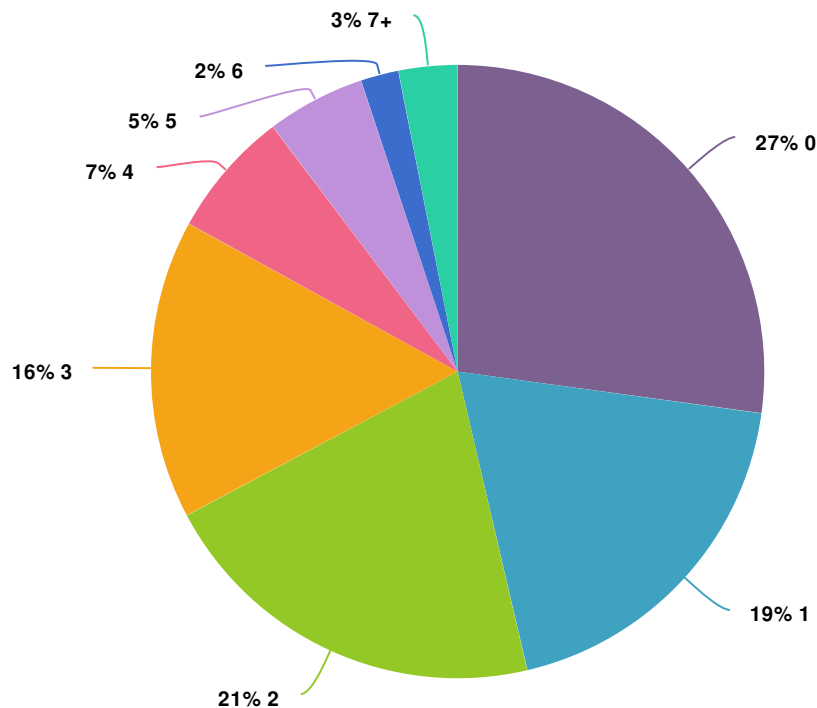


5. How do you hear about programs sponsored by the Milton Recreation Department? (Check all that apply)



Value		Percent	Responses
Department web page		27.1%	150
Seasonal program brochures		57.4%	318
Flyers/Poster		25.1%	139
The Milton Independent		59.2%	328
Online Catalog Registration		12.3%	68
Recreation E-Newsletter		30.1%	167
Social Media		58.8%	326
Word of mouth		35.4%	196
Other (specify)		5.1%	28

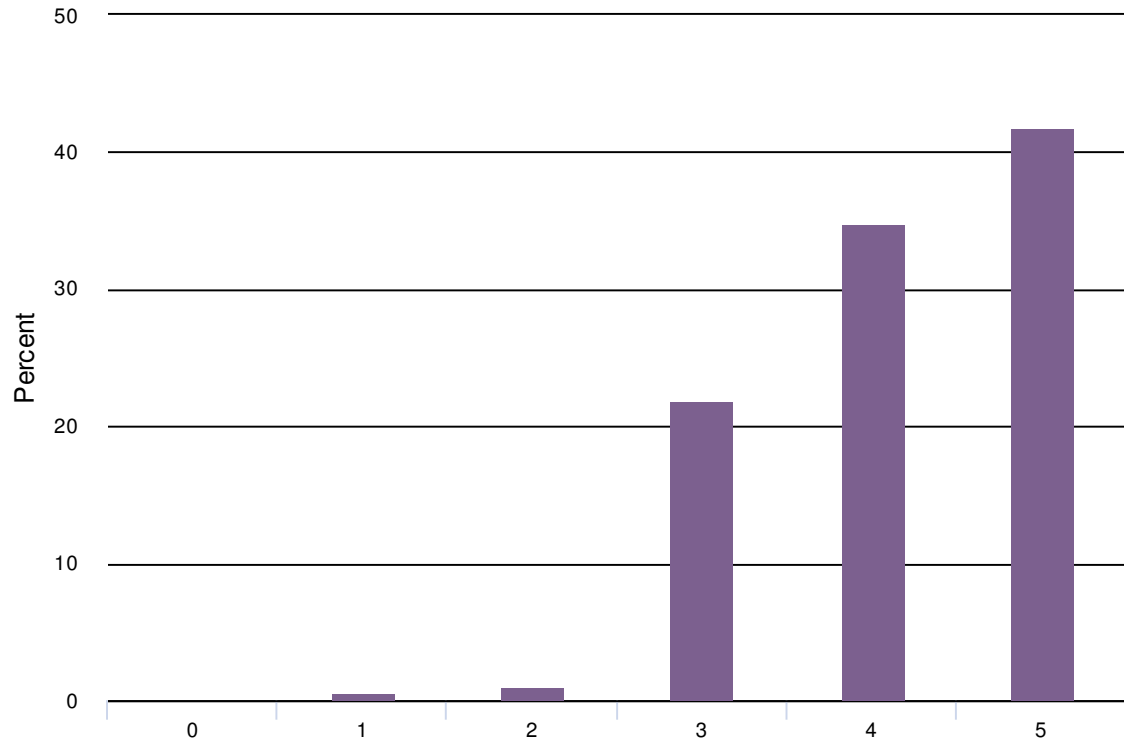
6. How many Milton Recreation Department programs, classes, or events (for example: Tai Chi, Summer Camp, Hunter Education, Winter Festival, etc.) did you and/or another member of your household participate in during the last twelve months?



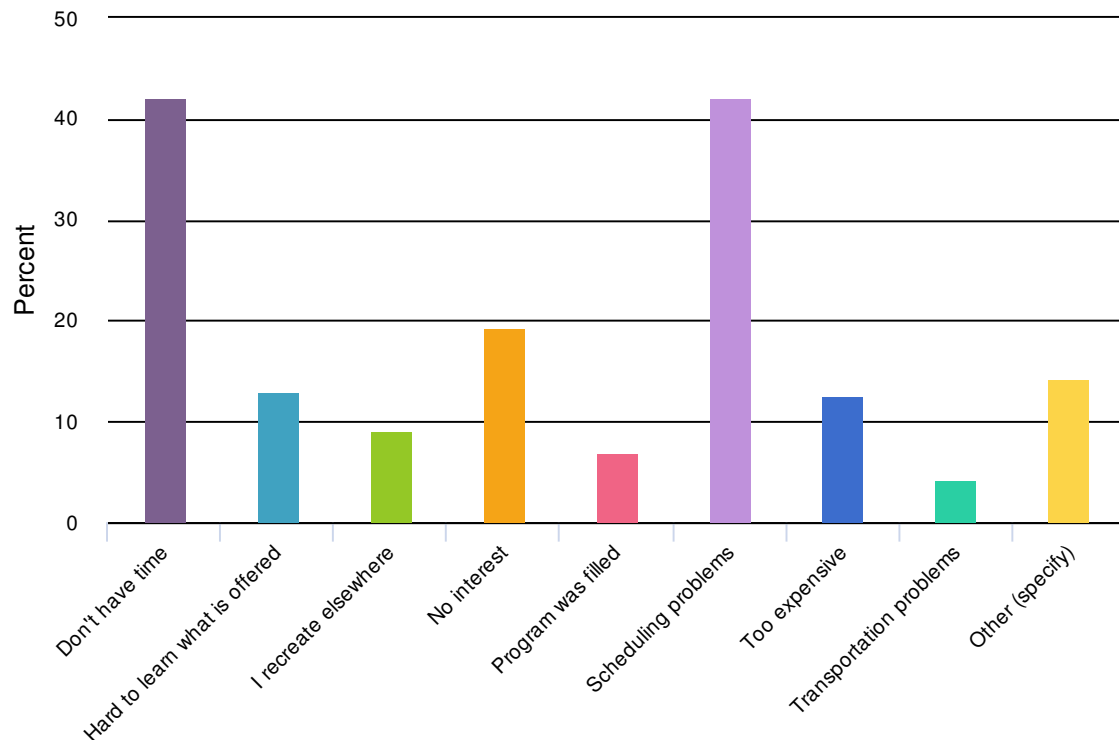
Value		Percent	Responses
0		27.2%	151
1		19.2%	107
2		20.9%	116
3		15.8%	88
4		6.7%	37
5		5.2%	29
6		2.0%	11
7+		3.1%	17

Totals: 556

7. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very poor and 5 very good, how was the overall quality of the programs that you participated in?

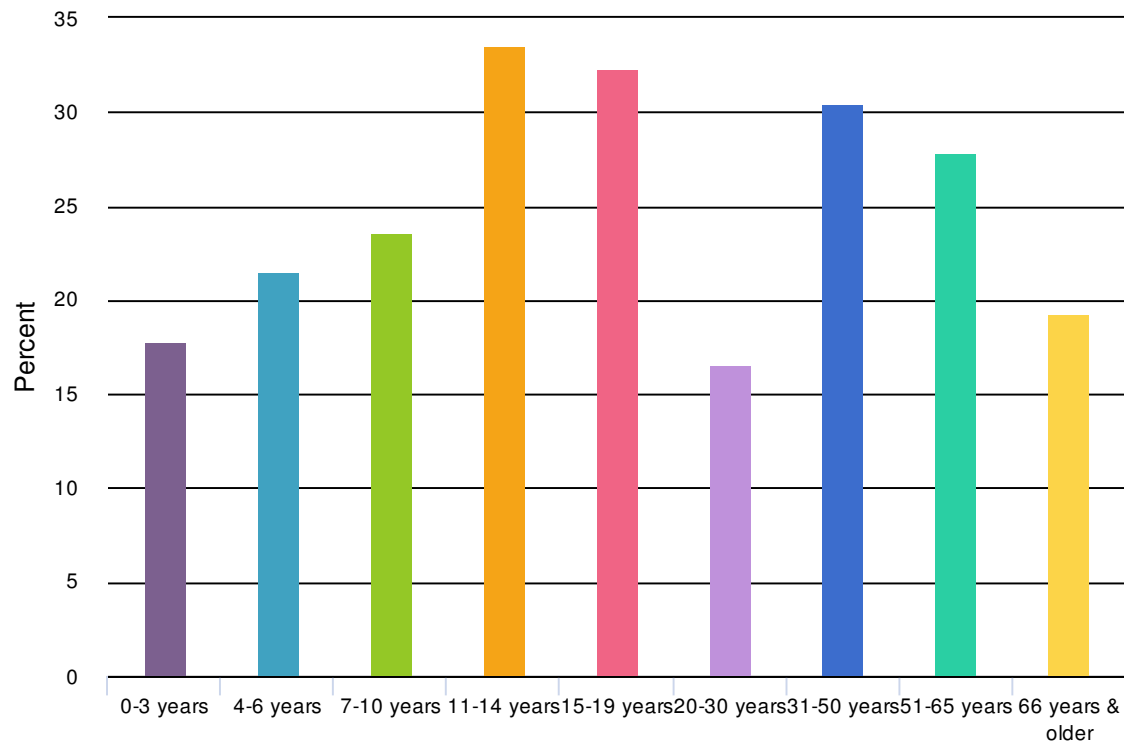


8. What prevents you or other household members from using more recreation programs? (check all that apply)



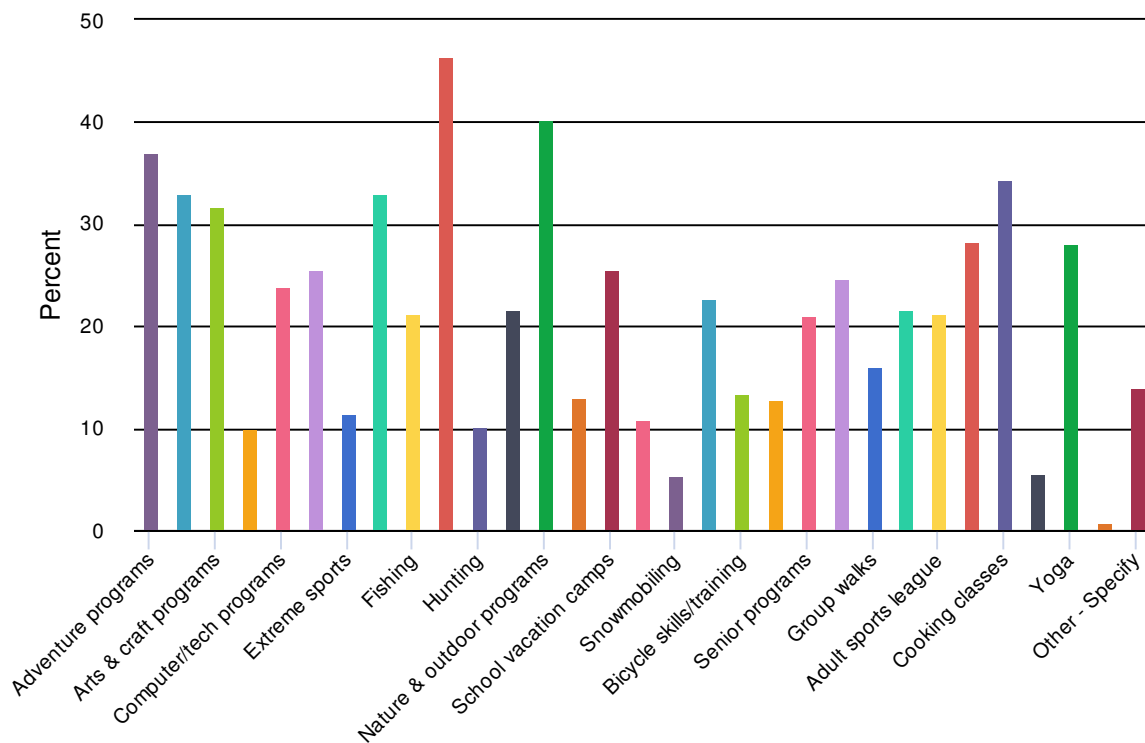
Value		Percent	Responses
Don't have time		42.1%	233
Hard to learn what is offered		13.0%	72
I recreate elsewhere		9.0%	50
No interest		19.3%	107
Program was filled		7.0%	39
Scheduling problems		42.1%	233
Too expensive		12.5%	69
Transportation problems		4.2%	23
Other (specify)		14.3%	79

9. Which age groups need more recreation programs in Milton? (check all that apply)



Value		Percent	Responses
0-3 years		17.8%	92
4-6 years		21.5%	111
7-10 years		23.6%	122
11-14 years		33.5%	173
15-19 years		32.3%	167
20-30 years		16.6%	86
31-50 years		30.4%	157
51-65 years		27.9%	144
66 years & older		19.3%	100

10. What types of programs should be added? (check all that apply)



Value		Percent	Responses
Adventure programs		37.1%	199
After school programs		33.0%	177
Arts & craft programs		31.7%	170
ATV programs		9.9%	53
Computer/tech programs		23.8%	128
Cultural programs		25.5%	137
Extreme sports		11.4%	61
Family programs		33.0%	177
Fishing		21.2%	114
Fitness & wellness programs		46.4%	249
Hunting		10.1%	54
Individual & team sports		21.6%	116
Nature & outdoor programs		40.2%	216

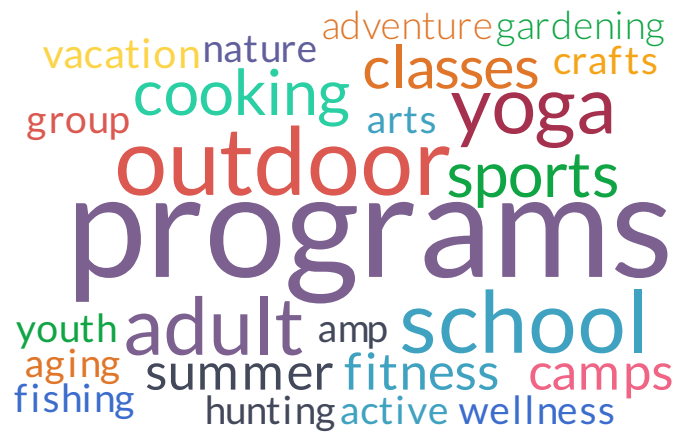
Value		Percent	Responses
Rock climbing		13.0%	70
School vacation camps		25.5%	137
Skateboarding/skateboard lessons		10.8%	58
Snowmobiling		5.4%	29
Summer camps		22.7%	122
Bicycle skills/training		13.4%	72
Youth team sports		12.8%	69
Senior programs		21.0%	113
Active aging adult classes		24.6%	132
Group walks		16.0%	86
Outdoor education programs		21.6%	116
Adult sports league		21.2%	114
Gardening classes		28.3%	152
Cooking classes		34.3%	184
Lunch time fitness classes		5.6%	30
Yoga		28.1%	151
Other - Specify		14.0%	75
none of these		0.7%	4

11. Of the programs you selected in the previous question, which three are your top choices? (Write the name of the program)

#1 Choice



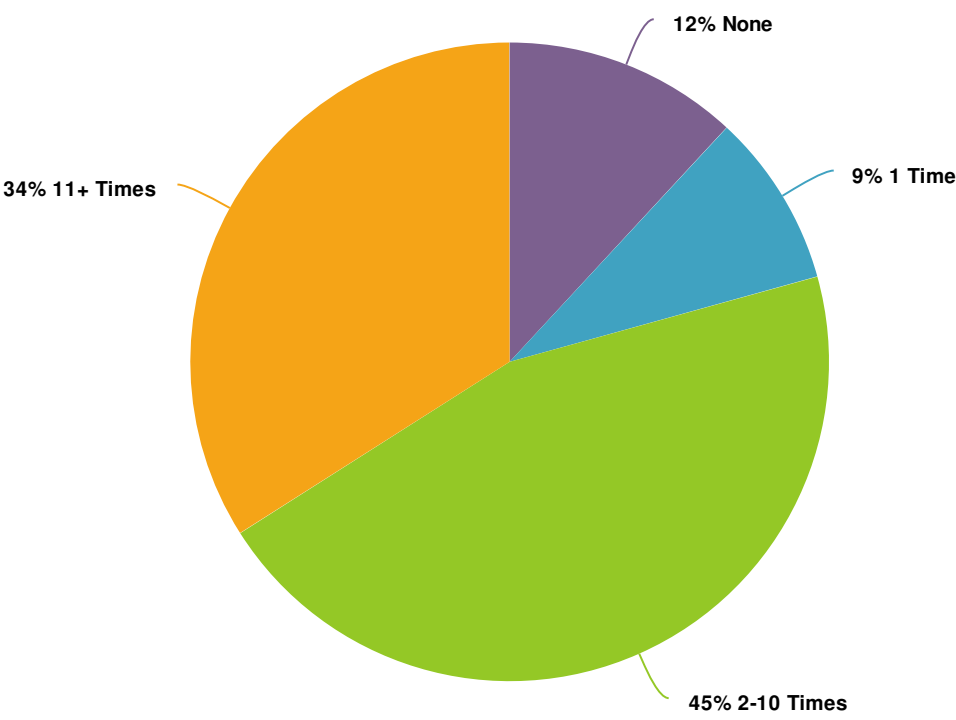
#2 Choice



#3 Choice

adventure wellness activities amp
nature aging family gardening
active cooking adult yoga
senior classes fitness
programs
sports summer
team school outdoor camps
arts cultural fishing

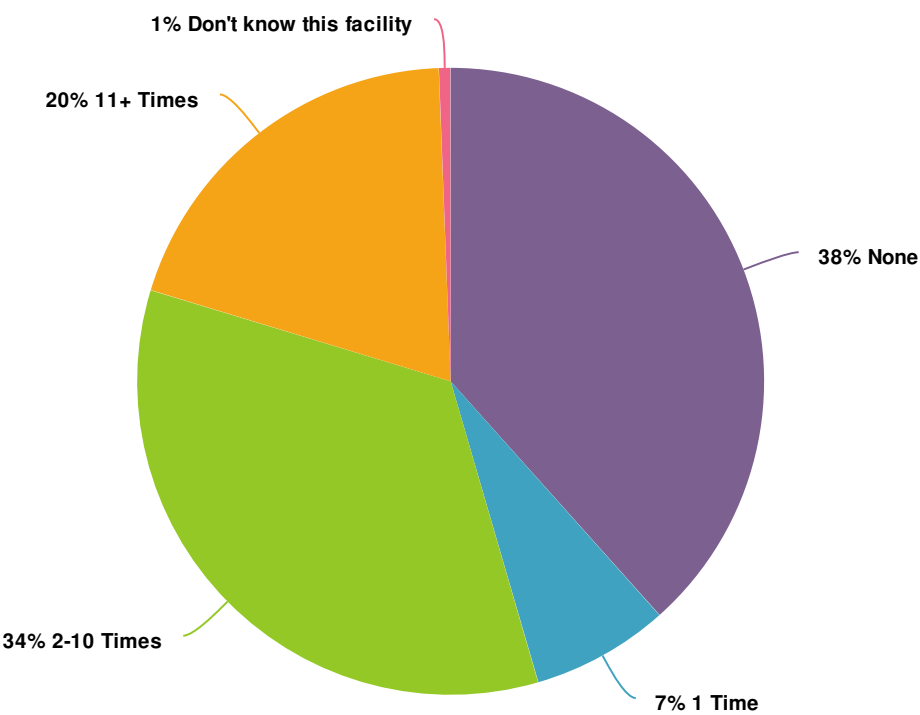
12. Bombardier Park- Fields & Facilities



Value		Percent	Responses
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1 Time		8.8%	42
2-10 Times		45.3%	216
11+ Times		34.0%	162

Totals:477

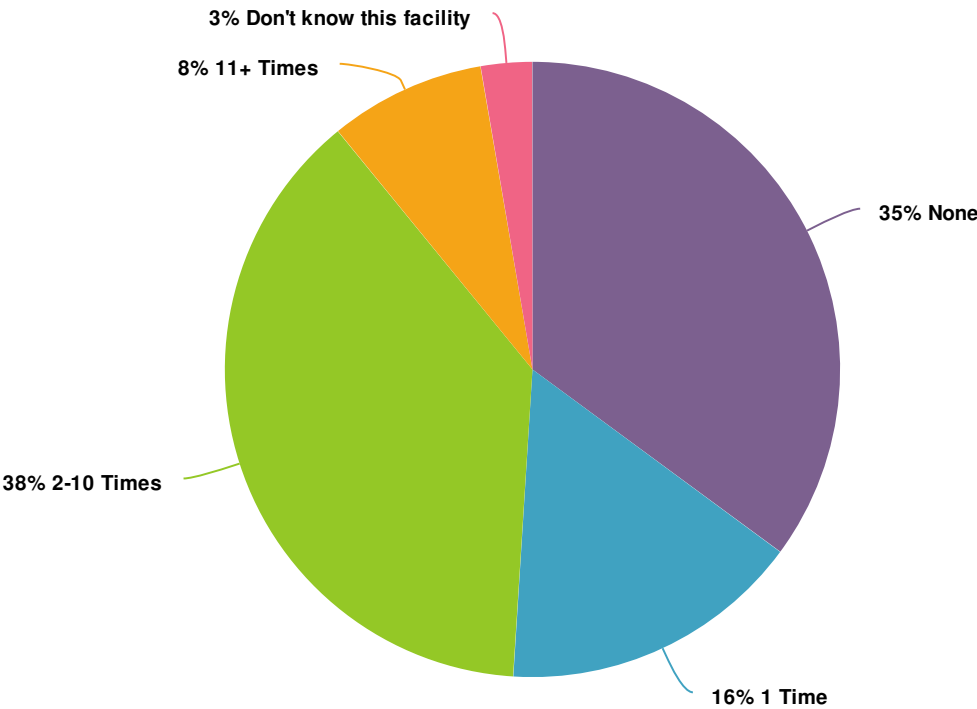
13. Bombardier Park- Playgrounds



Value		Percent	Responses
None		38.4%	183
1 Time		7.1%	34
2-10 Times		34.2%	163
11+ Times		19.7%	94
Don't know this facility		0.6%	3

Totals: 477

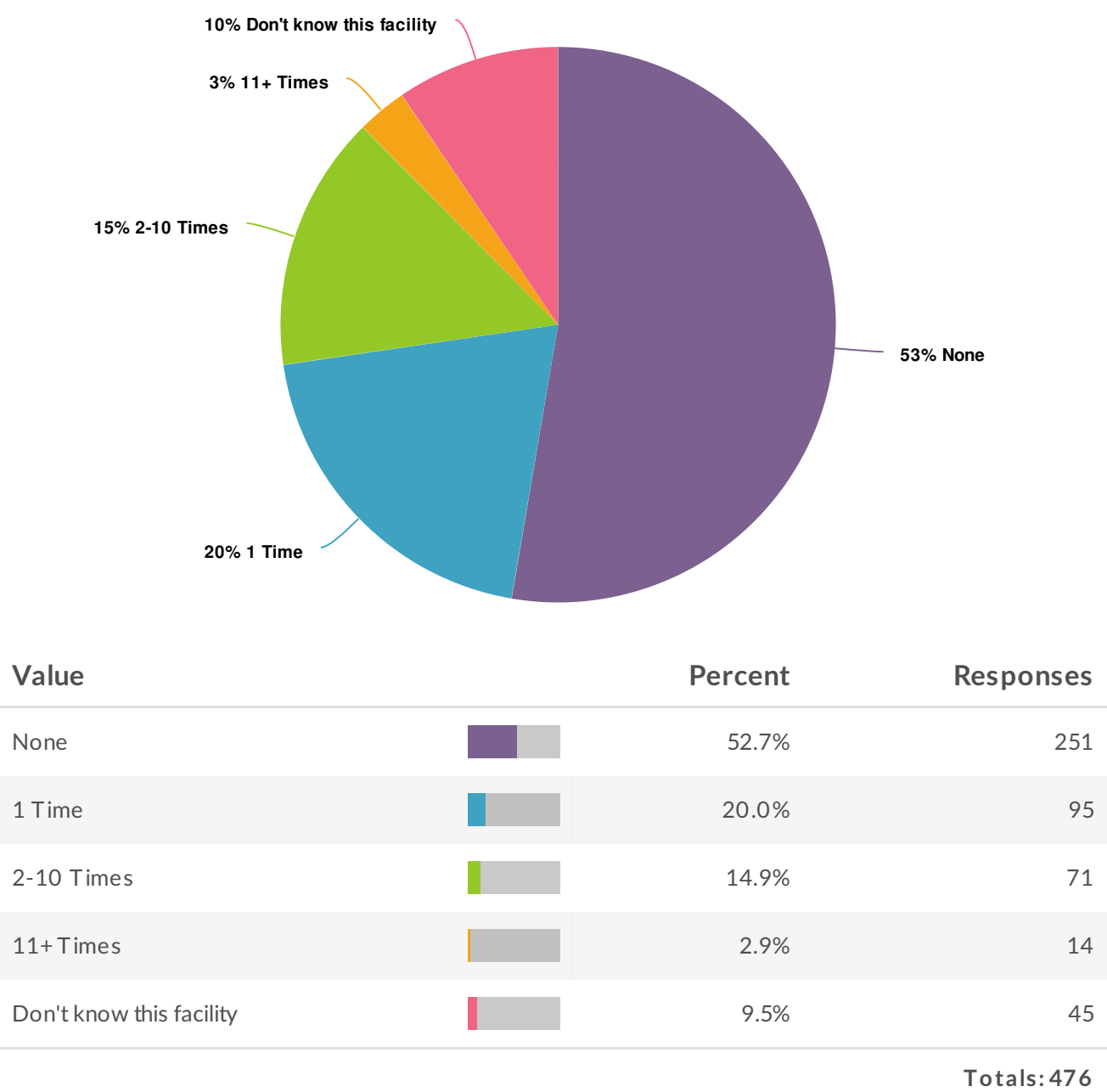
14. Bombardier Park- Trails



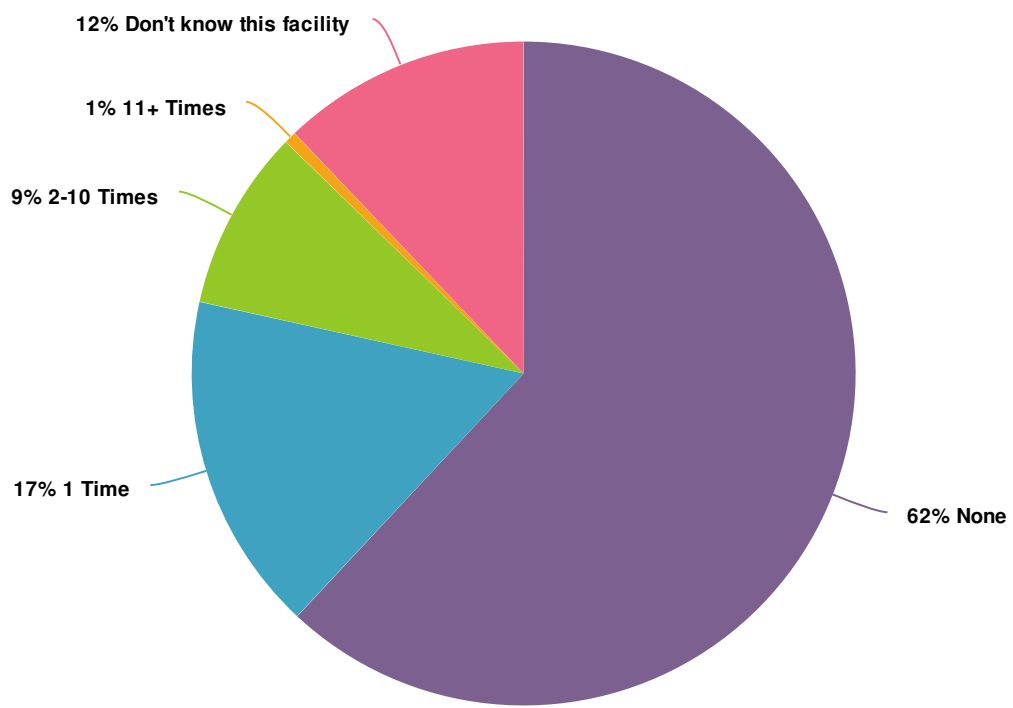
Value		Percent	Responses
None		35.1%	168
1 Time		15.9%	76
2-10 Times		38.1%	182
11+ Times		8.2%	39
Don't know this facility		2.7%	13

Totals: 478

15. Eagle Mountain Natural Area



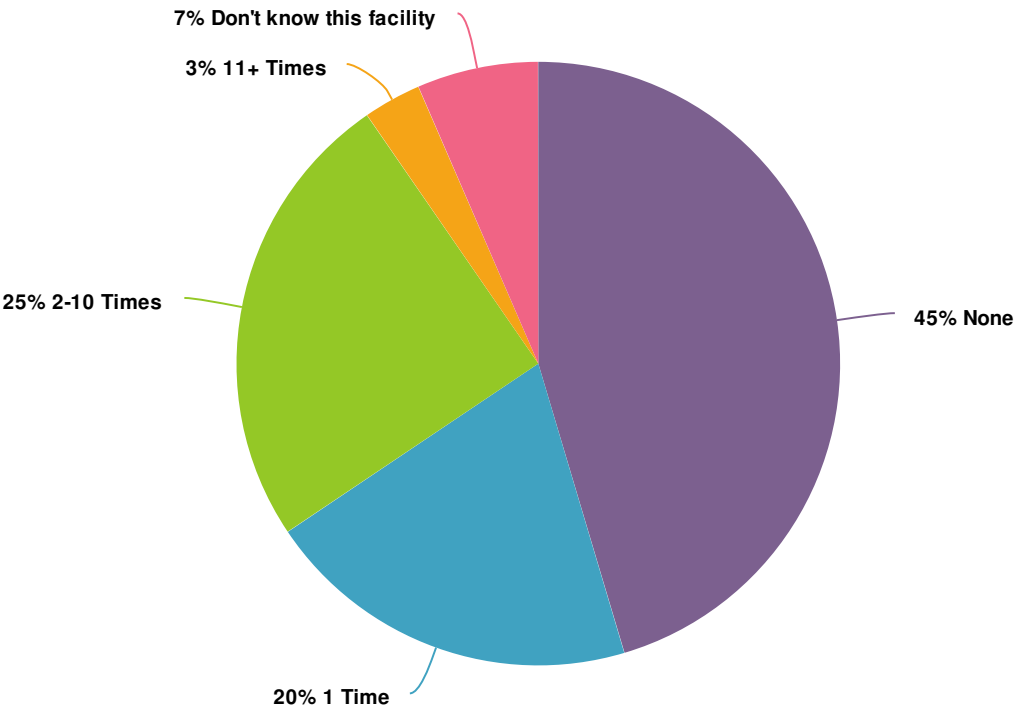
16. Lamoille River Walk



Value		Percent	Responses
None		61.9%	296
1 Time		16.5%	79
2-10 Times		8.8%	42
11+ Times		0.6%	3
Don't know this facility		12.1%	58

Totals: 478

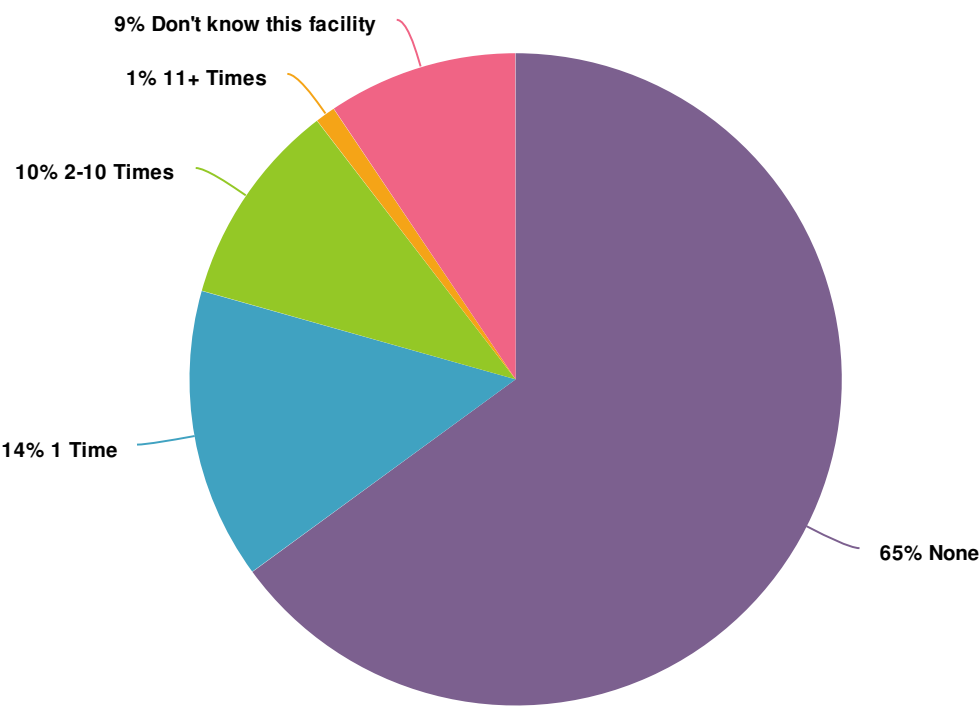
17. Milton Town Forest



Value		Percent	Responses
None		45.4%	218
1 Time		20.2%	97
2-10 Times		24.8%	119
11+ Times		3.1%	15
Don't know this facility		6.5%	31

Totals: 480

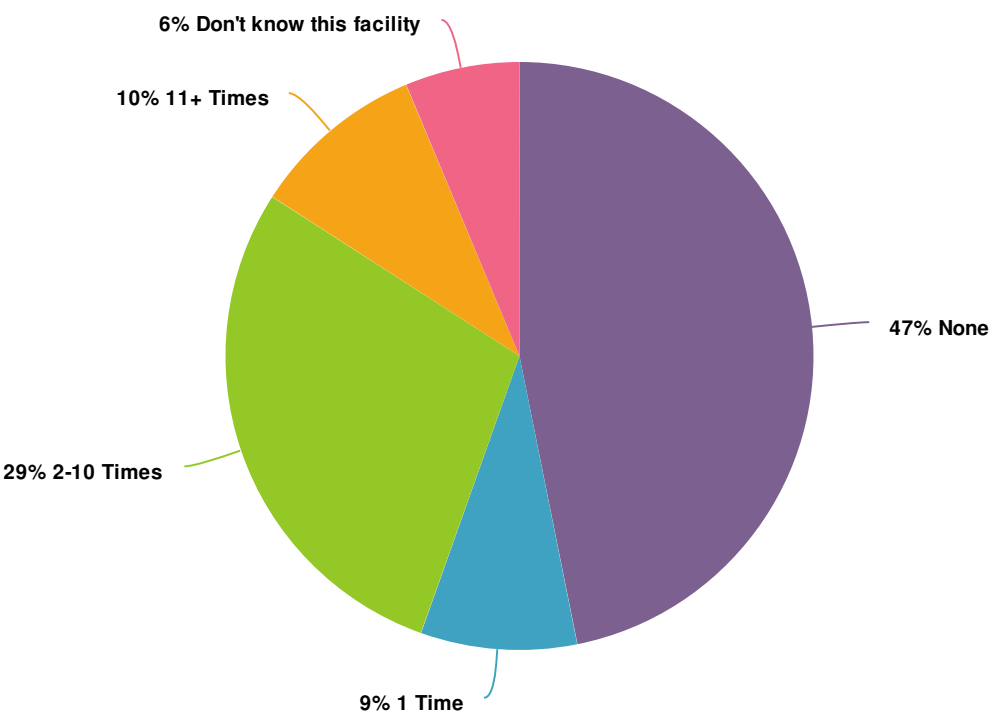
18. River Street Park



Value		Percent	Responses
None		64.9%	311
1 Time		14.4%	69
2-10 Times		10.2%	49
11+ Times		1.0%	5
Don't know this facility		9.4%	45

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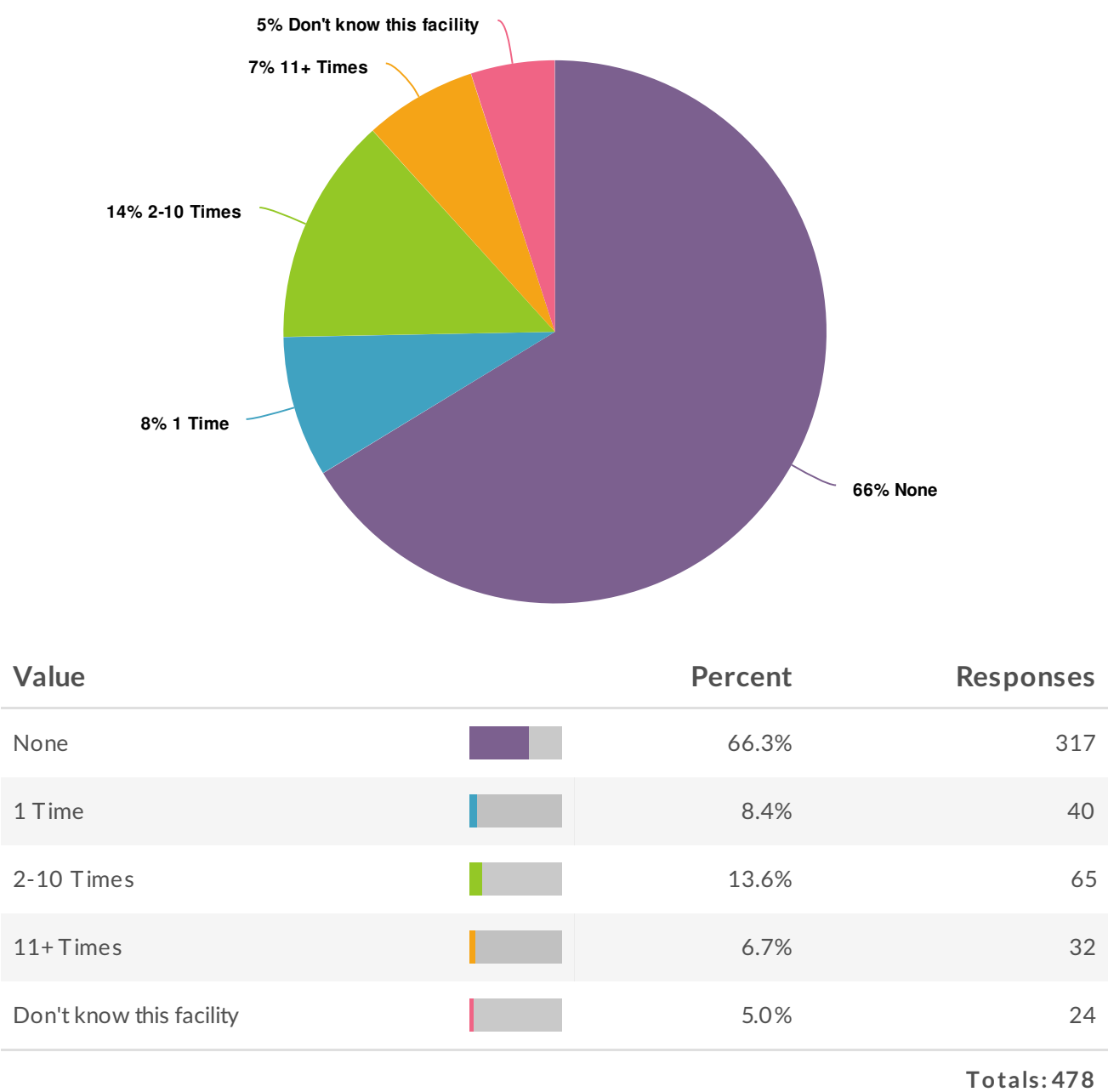
19. Bicycle/Pedestrian Path in a nearby community



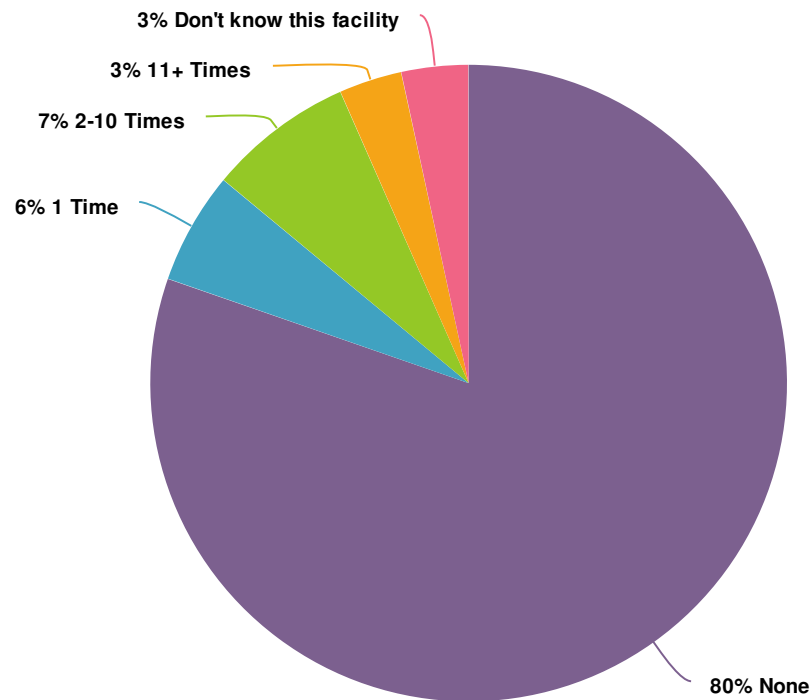
Value		Percent	Responses
None		46.9%	224
1 Time		8.6%	41
2-10 Times		28.7%	137
11+ Times		9.6%	46
Don't know this facility		6.3%	30

Totals: 478

20. Ice Skating Facility in a nearby community



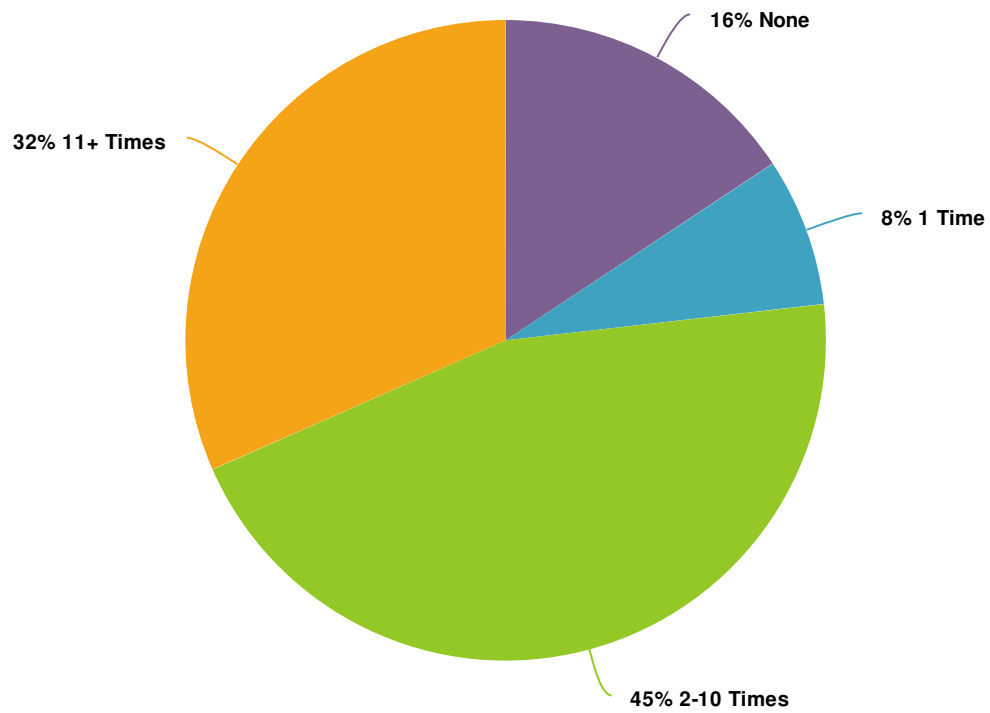
21. Milton Family Community Center



Value		Percent	Responses
None		80.4%	382
1 Time		5.7%	27
2-10 Times		7.4%	35
11+ Times		3.2%	15
Don't know this facility		3.4%	16

Totals: 475

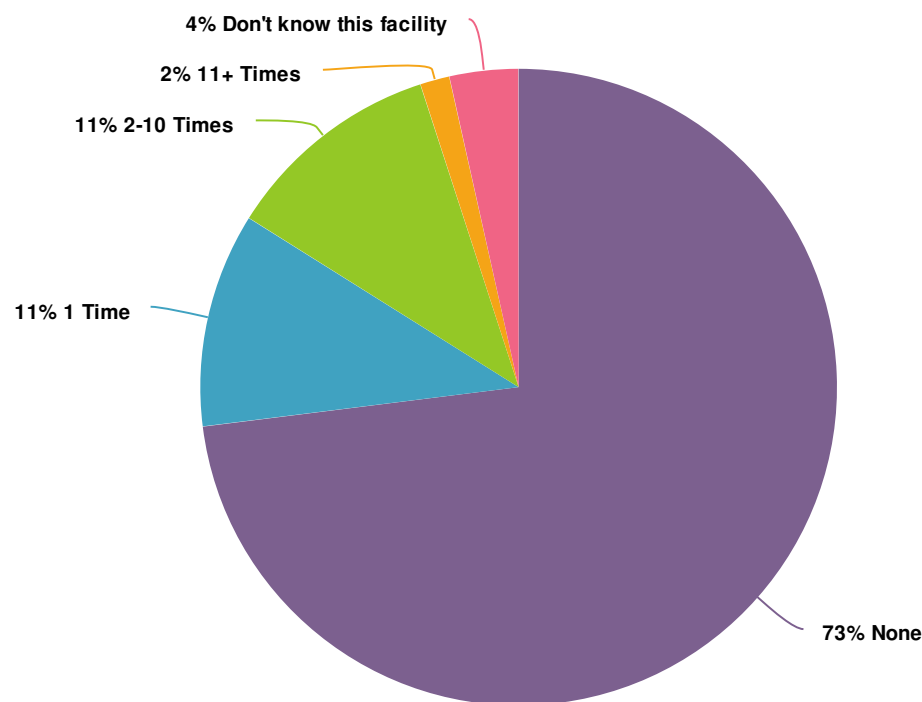
22. Milton Public Library



Value		Percent	Responses
None		15.7%	75
1 Time		7.5%	36
2-10 Times		45.2%	216
11+ Times		31.6%	151

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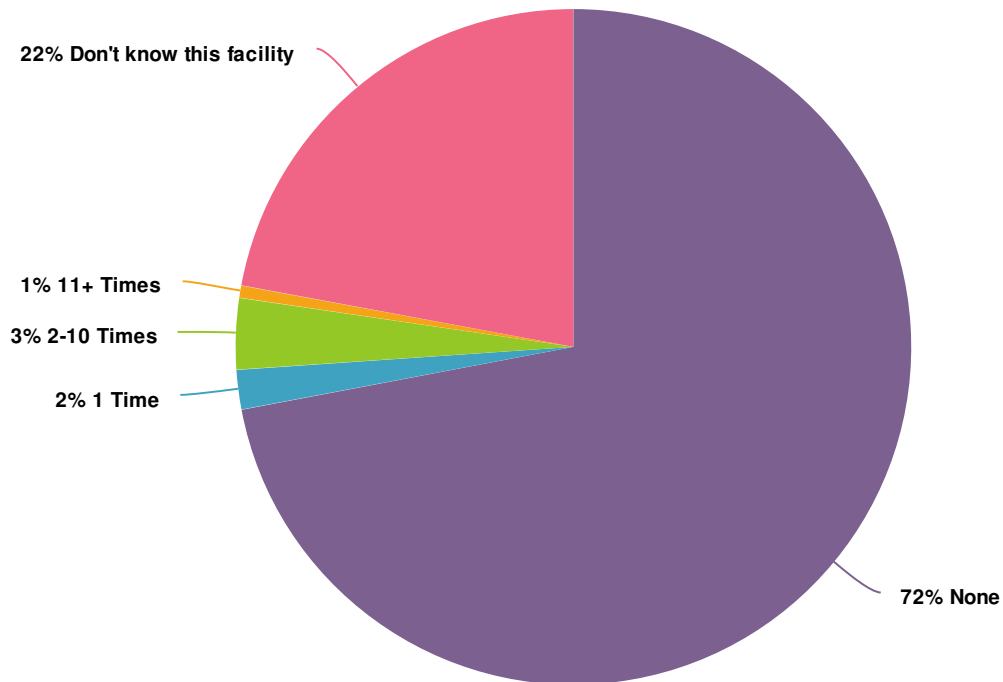
23. Milton Grange



Value		Percent	Responses
None		73.1%	350
1 Time		10.9%	52
2-10 Times		11.1%	53
11+ Times		1.5%	7
Don't know this facility		3.5%	17

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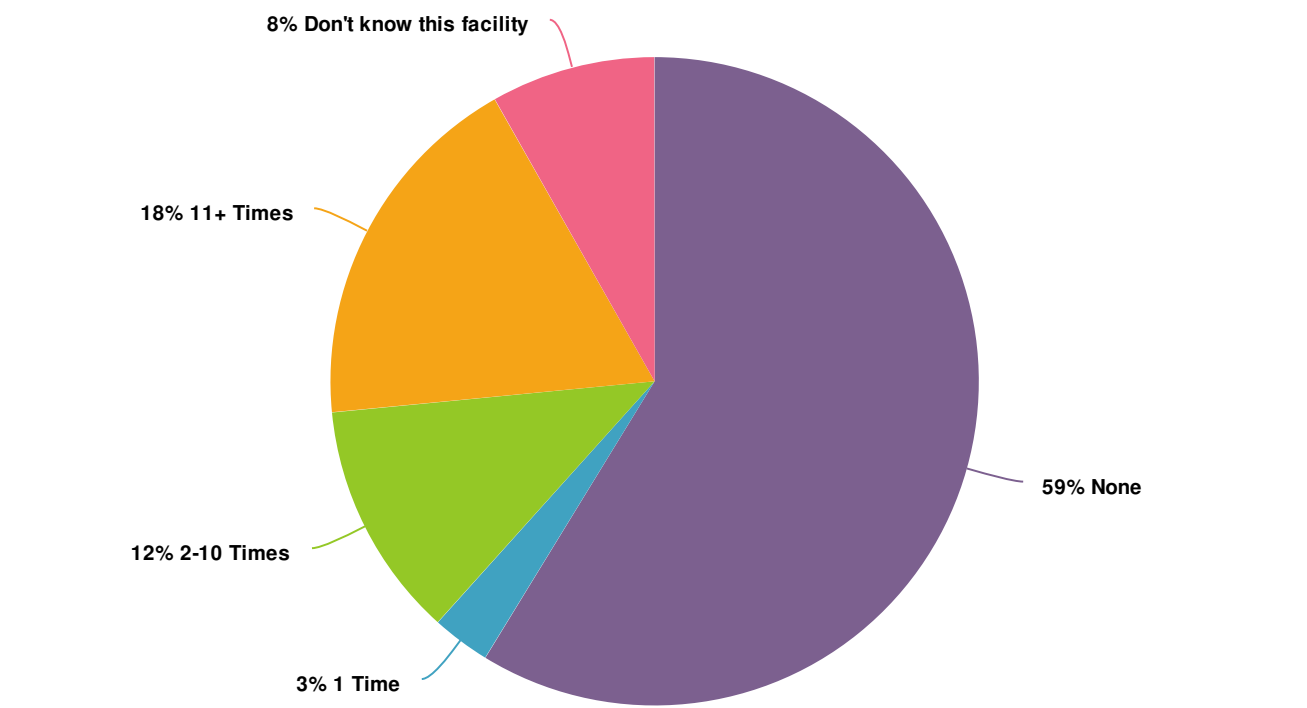
24. Neighborhood Association Recreation Facility



Value		Percent	Responses
None		72.1%	343
1 Time		1.9%	9
2-10 Times		3.4%	16
11+ Times		0.6%	3
Don't know this facility		22.1%	105

Totals: 476

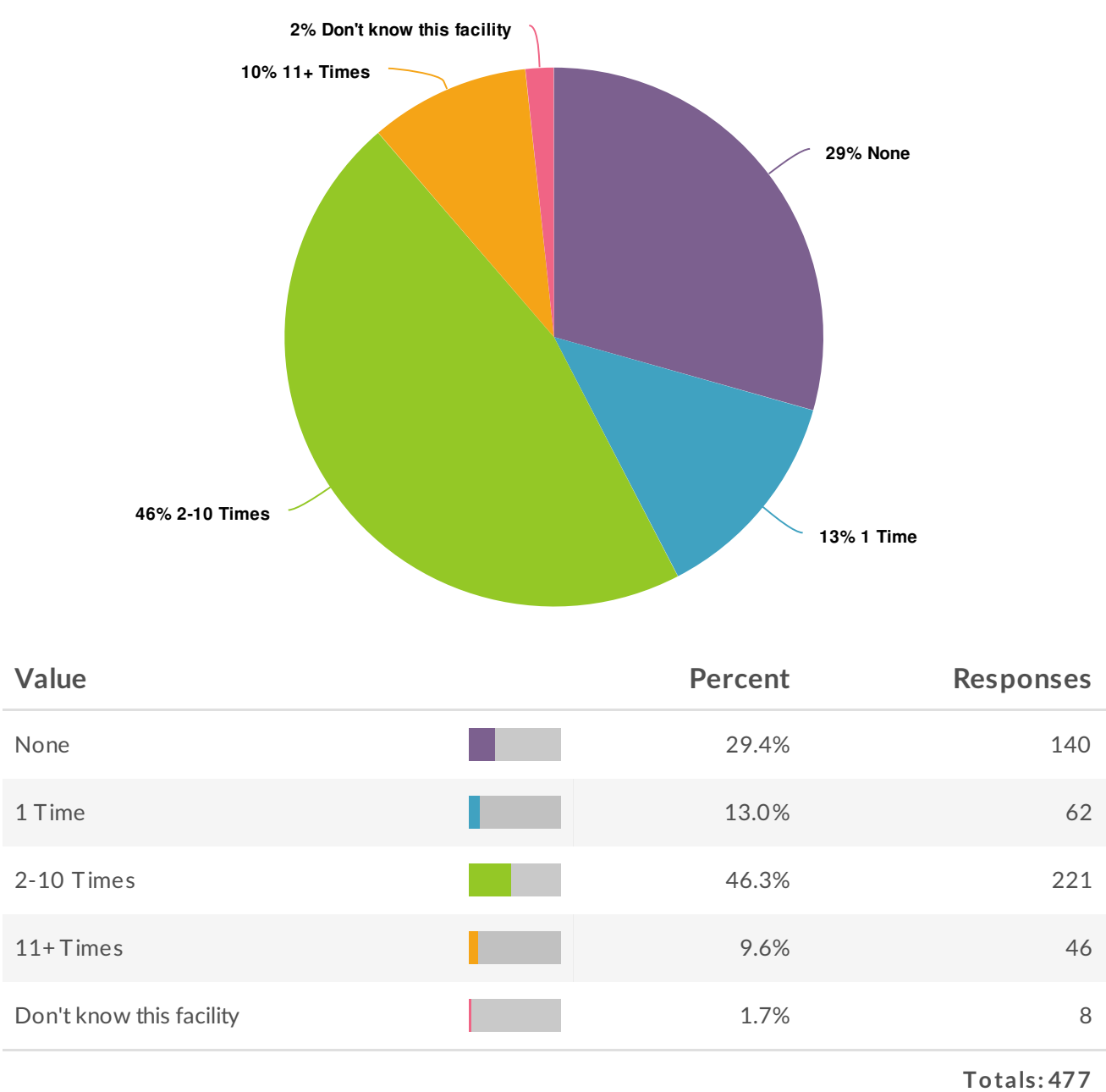
25. Private health club facility



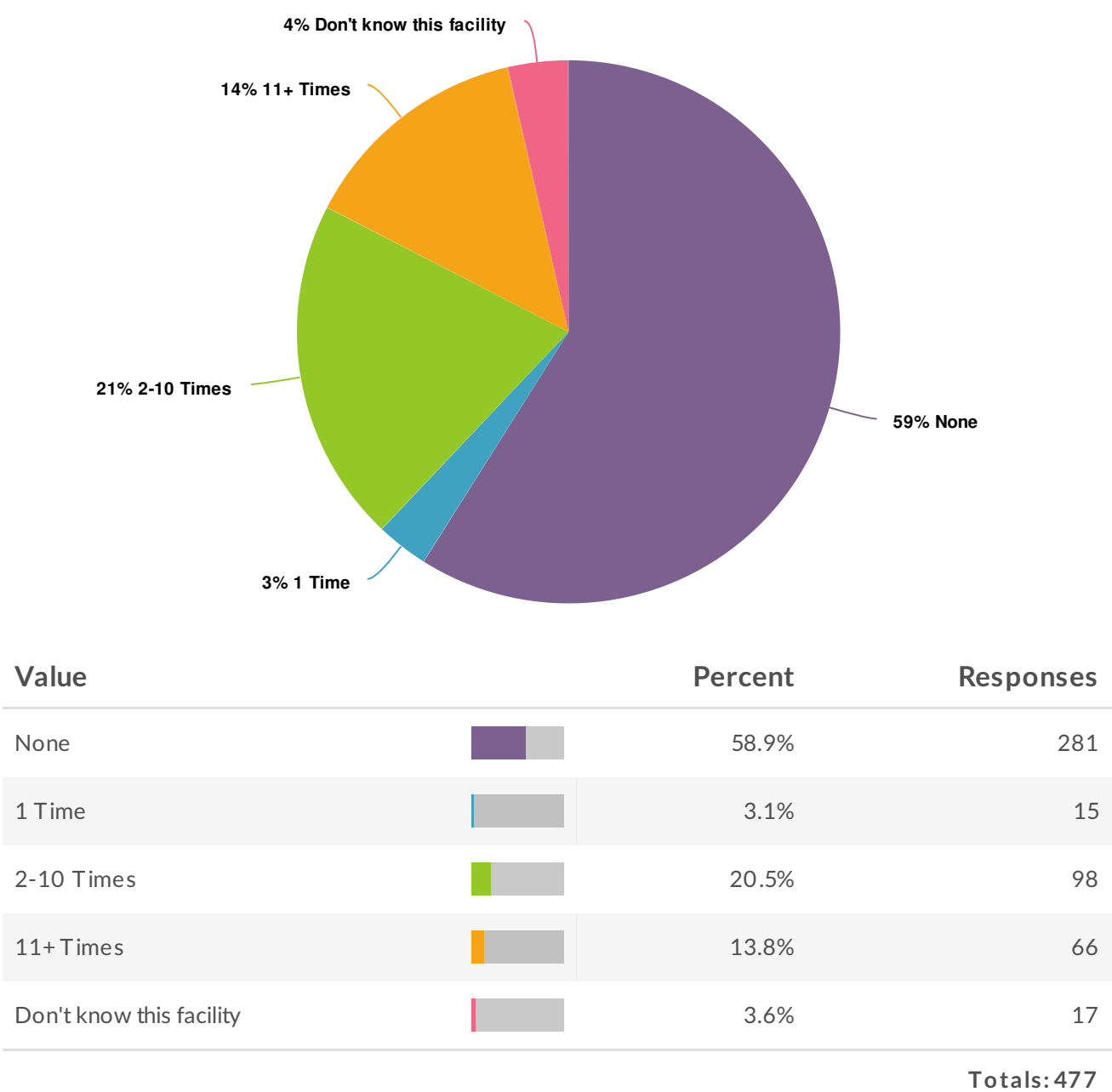
Value		Percent	Responses
None		58.7%	279
1 Time		2.9%	14
2-10 Times		11.8%	56
11+ Times		18.3%	87
Don't know this facility		8.2%	39

Totals:475

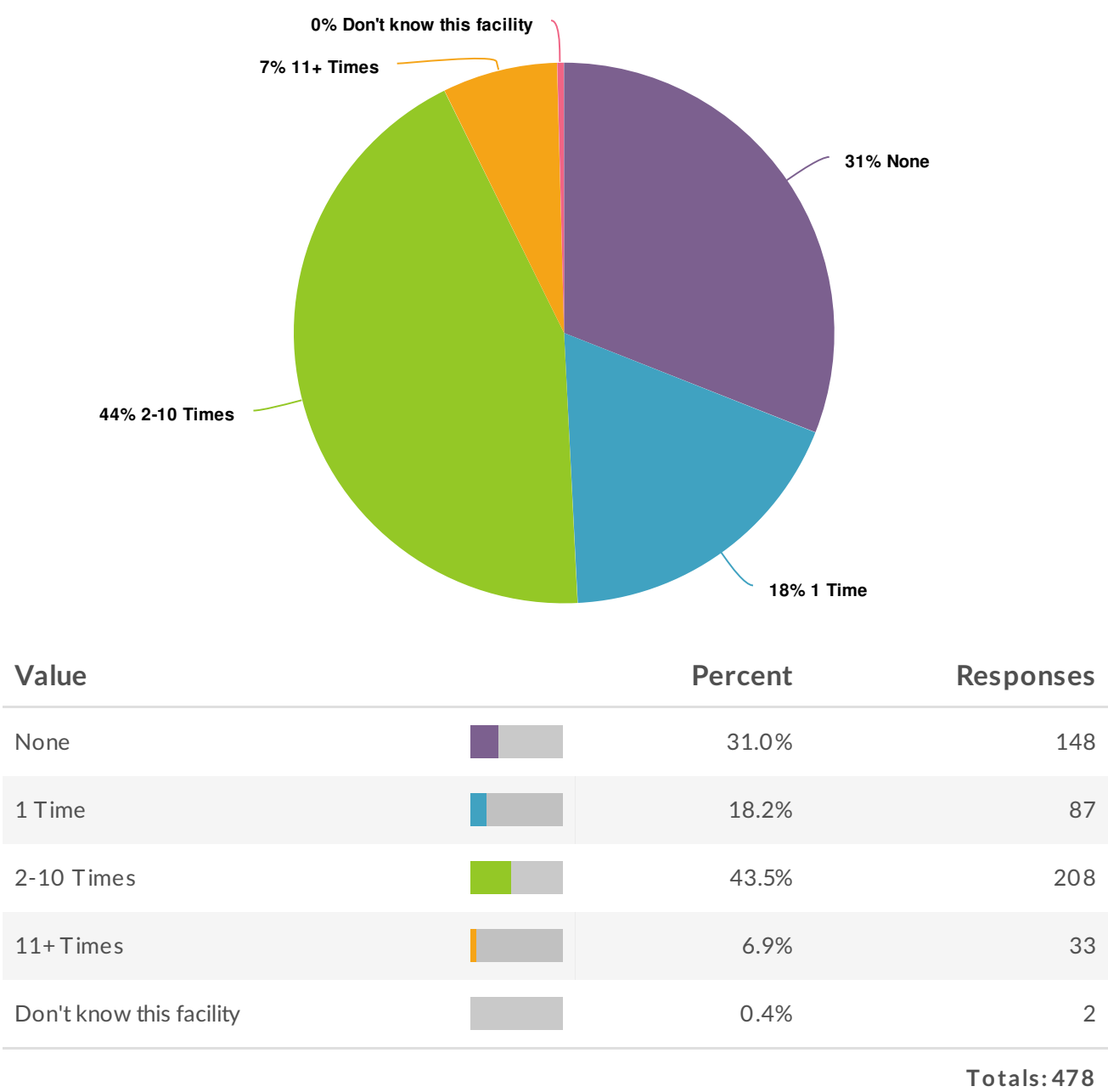
26. Public park in a nearby community



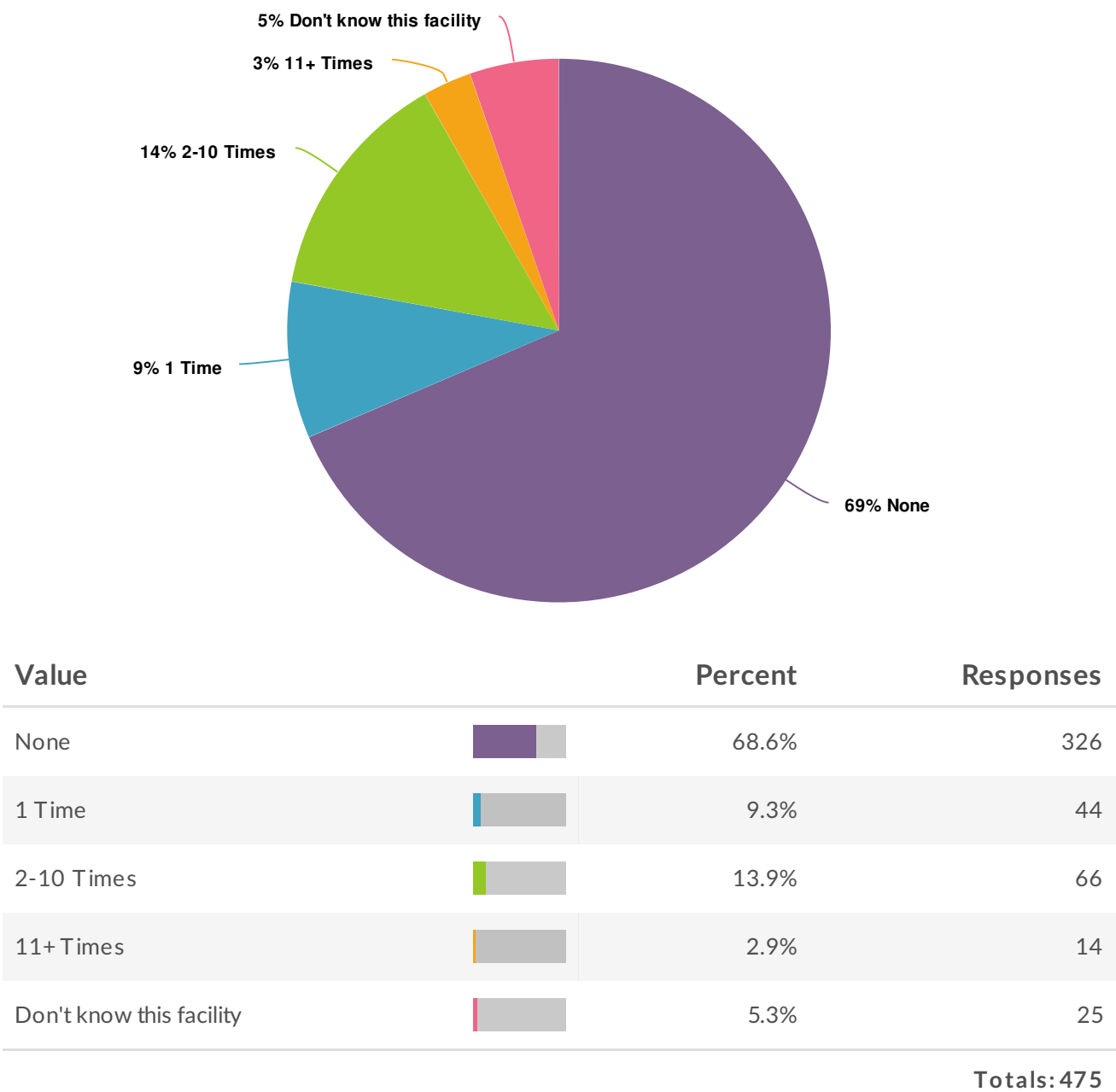
27. Public swimming pool in a nearby community



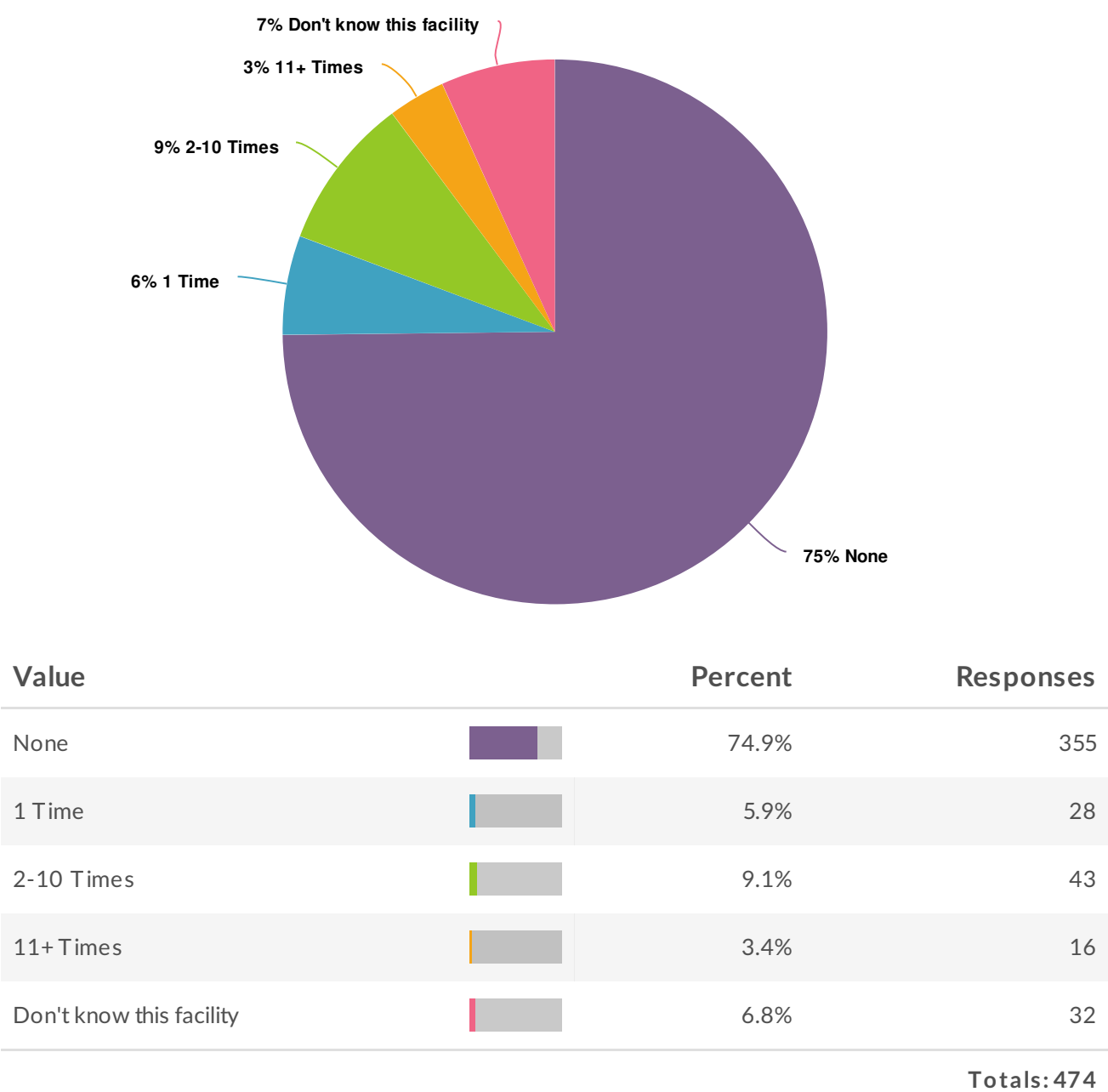
28. Sand Bar State Park



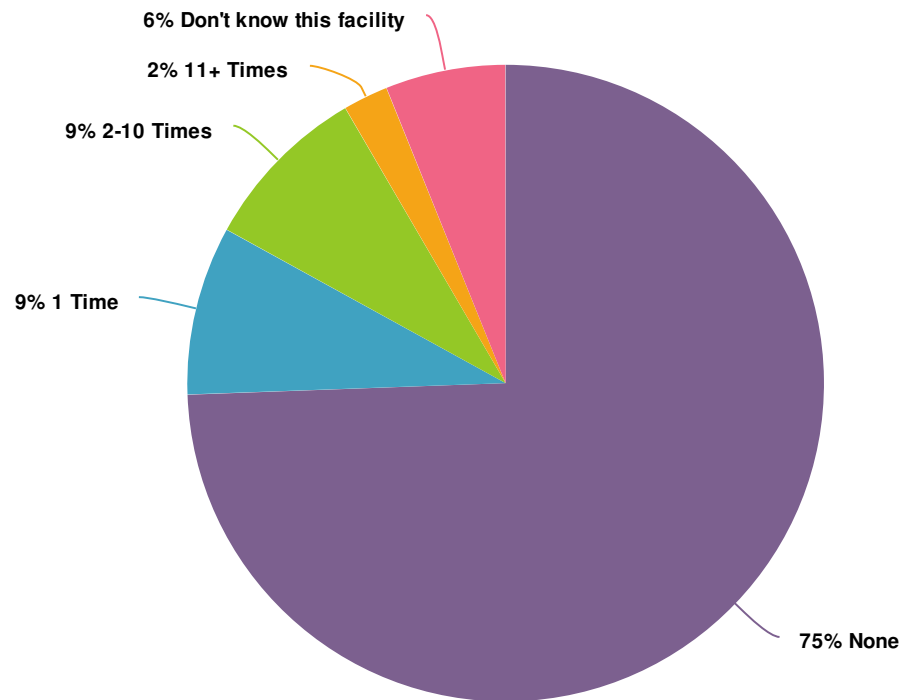
29. State Fishing Access on Georgia Shore Road



30. State Fishing Access on Lake Arrowhead



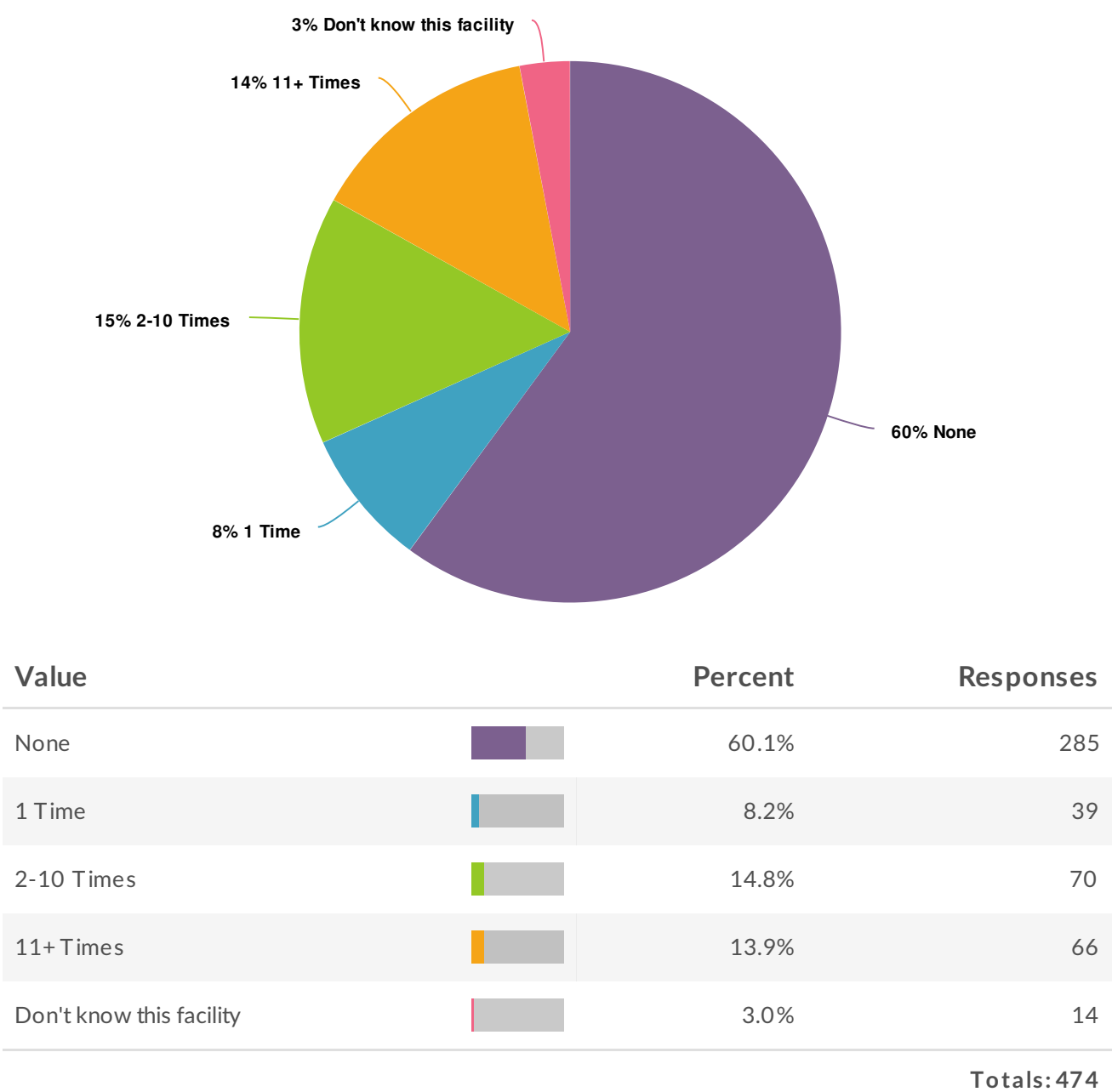
31. State Fishing Access on Lower Lamoille River



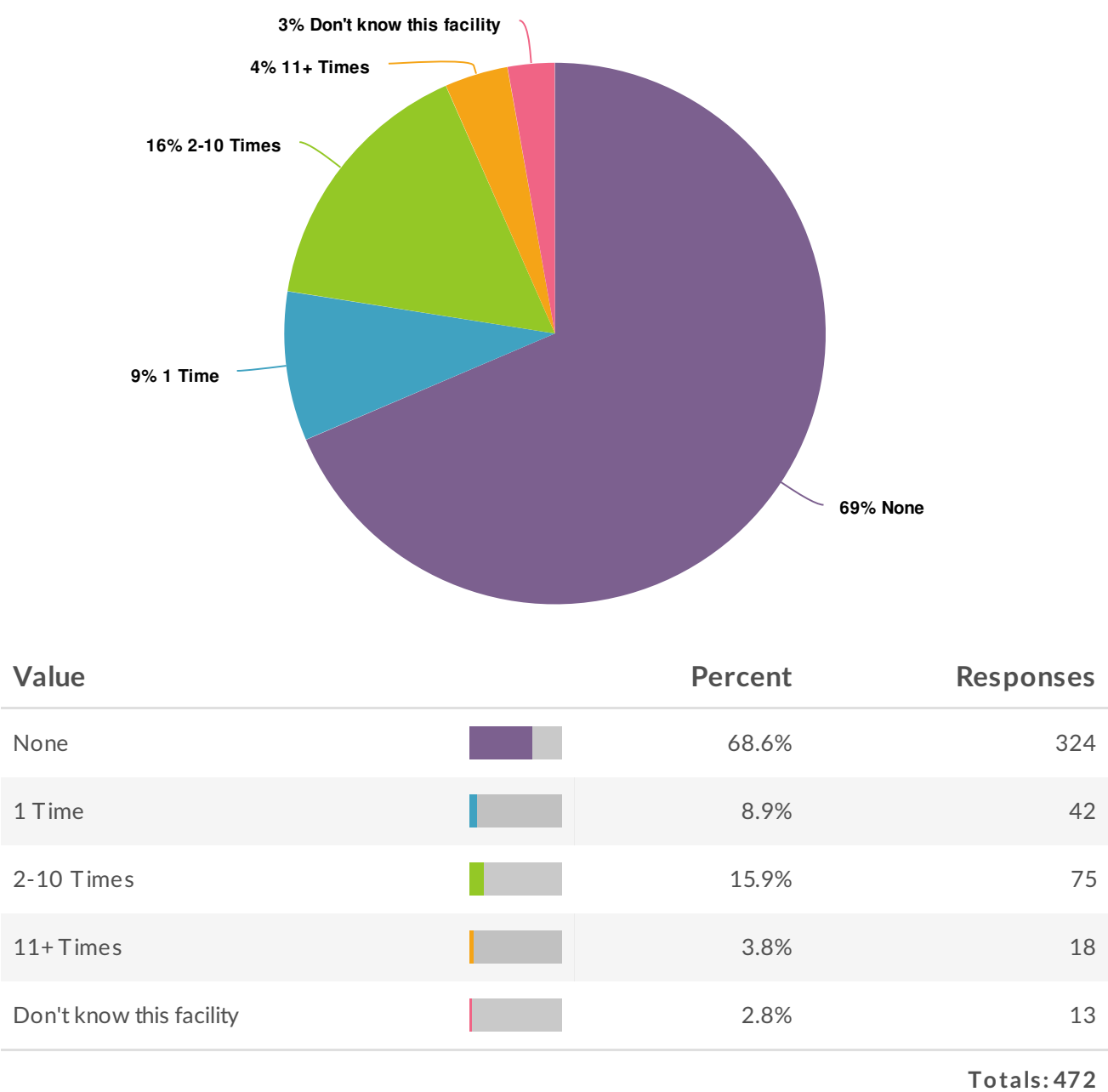
Value		Percent	Responses
None		74.5%	356
1 Time		8.6%	41
2-10 Times		8.6%	41
11+ Times		2.3%	11
Don't know this facility		6.1%	29

Totals: 478

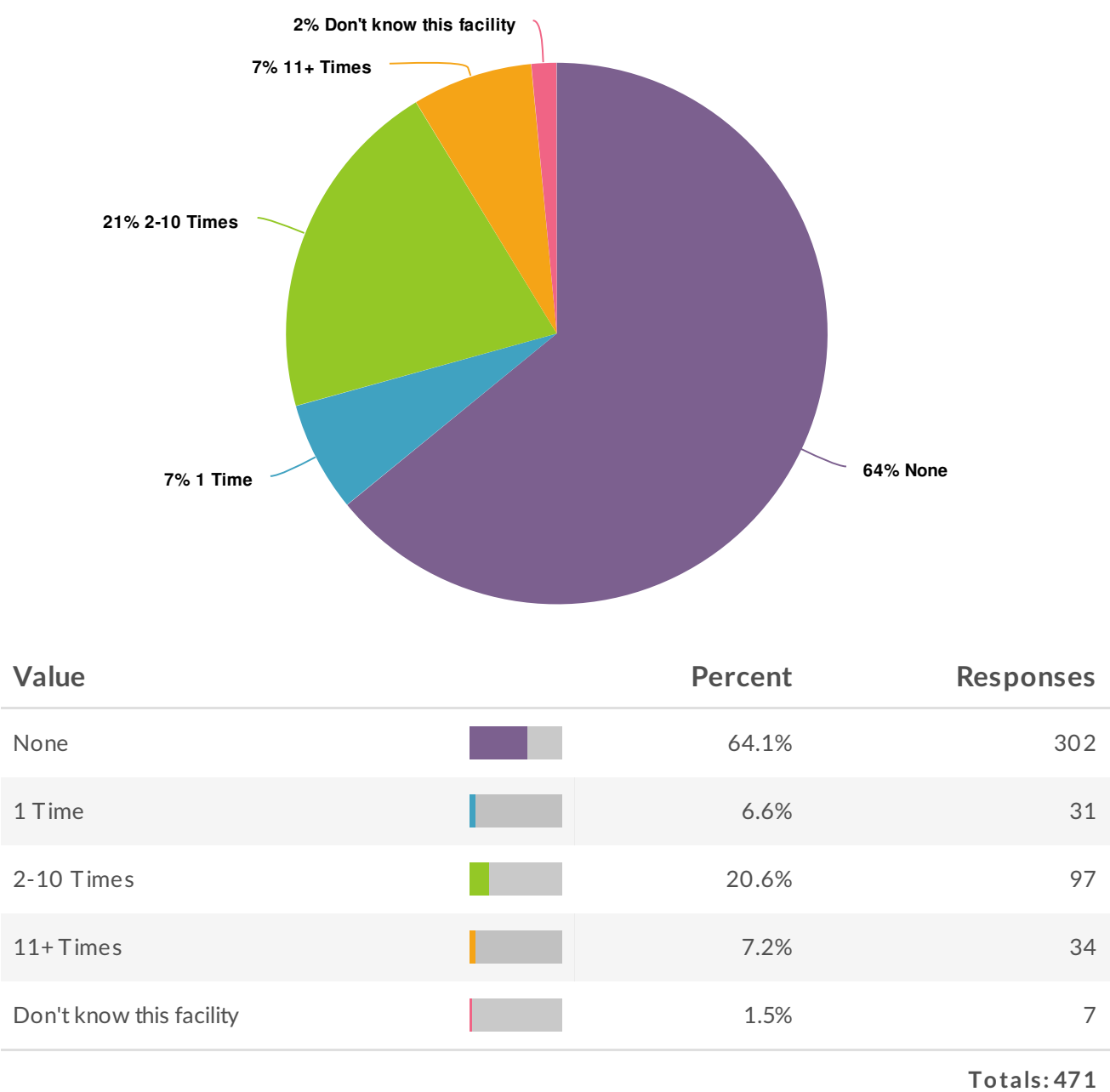
32. Athletic Facility at a Milton School



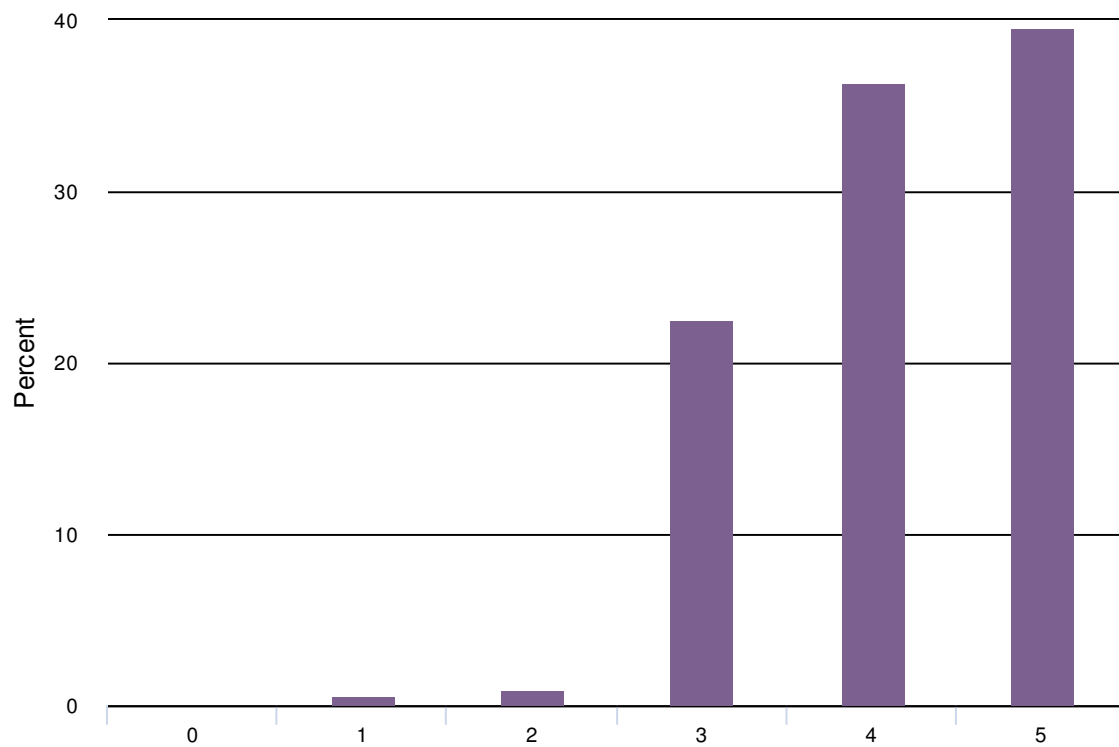
33. Classroom or Performance Stage at a Milton School



34. Playground at a Milton School



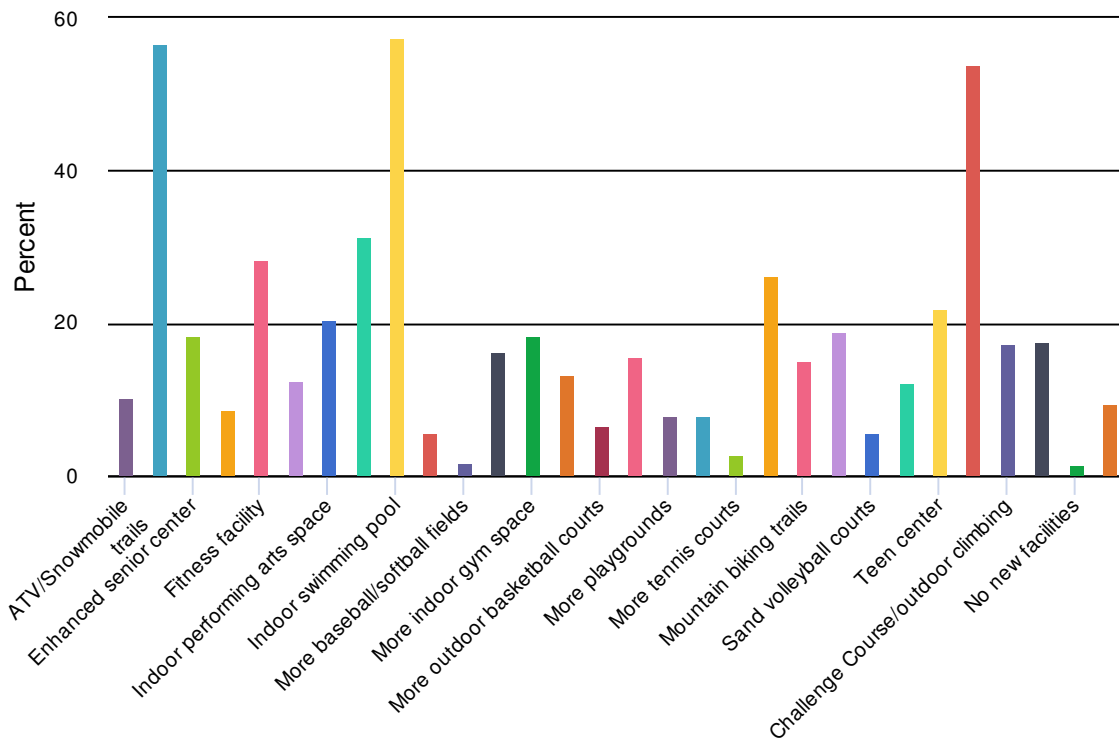
35. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very poor and 5 being very good, how would you rate the overall maintenance of the facilities maintained by the Milton Recreation Department (Bombardier Park, Eagle Mountain Natural Area, Lamoille River Walk, Milton Town Forest, River Street Park)?



36. Are there any other recreation facilities you or a household member used at least ten times in the last twelve months? (please list them)



37. What new or improved public recreation facilities would you like to see in Milton?
(check all that apply)



Value		Percent	Responses
ATV/Snowmobile trails		10.3%	49
Bicycle/pedestrian paths		56.8%	271
Enhanced senior center		18.4%	88
Enhanced dog park		8.8%	42
Fitness facility		28.3%	135
Golf driving range		12.4%	59
Indoor performing arts space		20.5%	98
Indoor skating arena		31.4%	150
Indoor swimming pool		57.4%	274
More all-purpose field space		5.7%	27
More group picnic shelters		16.4%	78
More indoor gym space		18.4%	88

Value		Percent	Responses
More open space/conservation land		13.4%	64
More outdoor basketball courts		6.7%	32
More picnic tables		15.7%	75
More playgrounds		7.8%	37
Tennis court upgrades		7.8%	37
More walking/XC ski trails		26.2%	125
Mountain biking trails		15.1%	72
Multi-generation community center		18.9%	90
Sand volleyball courts		5.7%	27
Skate park		12.2%	58
Teen center		22.0%	105
Outdoor swimming pool		53.9%	257
Challenge Course/outdoor climbing		17.4%	83
Children's garden		17.6%	84
Other - Specify		9.4%	45
More baseball/softball fields		1.9%	9
More tennis courts		2.7%	13
No new facilities		1.5%	7

38. Of the facilities you selected in the previous question, which three are your top choices? (Write the name of the program)

#1 Choice



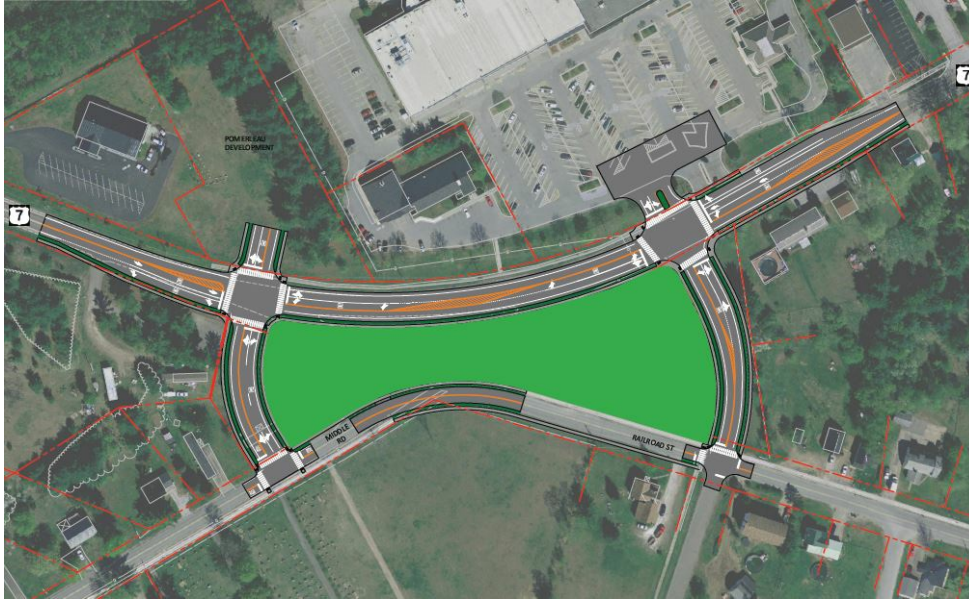
#2 Choice



#3 Choice

skate senior teen facility picnic
park space swimming
indoor bike ice
gym outdoor
skating pool walking
fitness paths
trailscenter
biking pedestrian enhanced arts community

39. The Town of Milton is undergoing a concept design process for the proposed Hourglass property. What new recreational activities and/or facilities might you like to see?



activities outdoor town gardens indoor milton
area green community
rink benches art
trees picnic or park center
garden pool space
skating nice people fountain

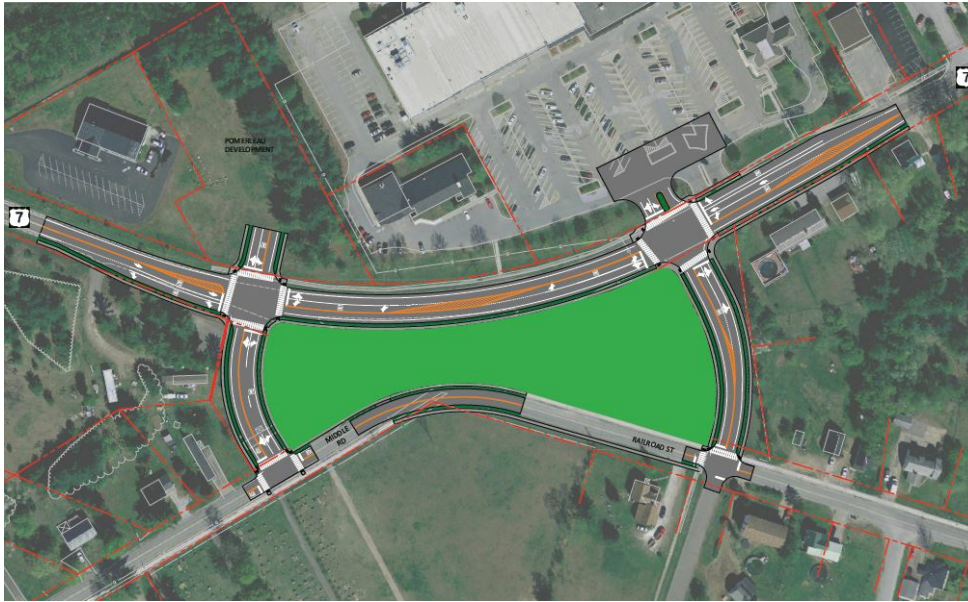
40. The Town of Milton is undergoing a concept design process for the proposed Hourglass property. What new recreational activities and/or facilities might you like to see? - Text Analysis

Percent

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41. What word or phrase describes your future desired experience for the proposed Hourglass property?



open center peaceful
fun safe park clean
town traffic
area community activities
milton safer
space family efficient
money green place
friendly waste gathering
inviting fitness

42. The Town of Milton is undergoing a concept design process for the newly acquired Bombardier Park property. What sort of future uses or amenities do you imagine at this property?



milton skate public
community rink outdoor
sports space town
field indoor or house
kids pool park
gym area
ice center swimming
facility nice fitness skating

43. What word or phrase describes your future desired experience for the newly acquired Bombardier Park property?



hopeful
history friendly town great activity nature healthy facility
swimming family community pool fun area facility
park amp recreation indoor center place active space
milton exciting

44. Quality recreation facilities and programs cost money to provide and maintain. How would you rank the following funding pathways? Please "drag and drop" the funding pathway into your preferred rank.

Item	Overall Rank	Rank Distribution	Score	No. of Rankings
Federal, state and private organization grants (Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Trail Program, Vermont Community Foundation, etc.)	1		1,188	366
Private fundraising and donations (private donation campaigns, conservation/recreation easement donations, etc.)	2		886	358
Program and facility use fees (pay-per-use fees)	3		866	355
Taxes, bonds and other local funding sources (penny for parks program, bond measures for specific projects, etc.)	4		726	349

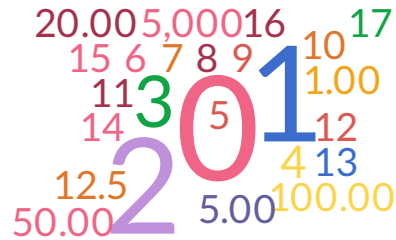


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Rank

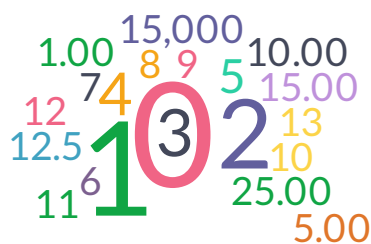
High
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Rank

45. If you had \$100 to allocate among various park and recreation categories, how would you spend it? (Write a \$ amount for each. For example, write \$25 if you would allocate \$25 out of the \$100 to better maintain existing parks and facilities.)

Acquisition of land for conservation/open space



Acquisition of land for recreation



Better maintenance of existing parks & facilities



New recreation facilities



New Trails



Community Events



Recreation Programs

12,000
11 6 25.00 7 10
8 4 15.00
9 2 3 5 10.00
7.50 12 50.00

Staffing

40.00 37.50 50.00
25.00 10.00
13 9 7 4 5.00 6 2t
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12 8 3 10
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46. How long have you lived in the Town of Milton? (fill in the total number of years or months)

years



months



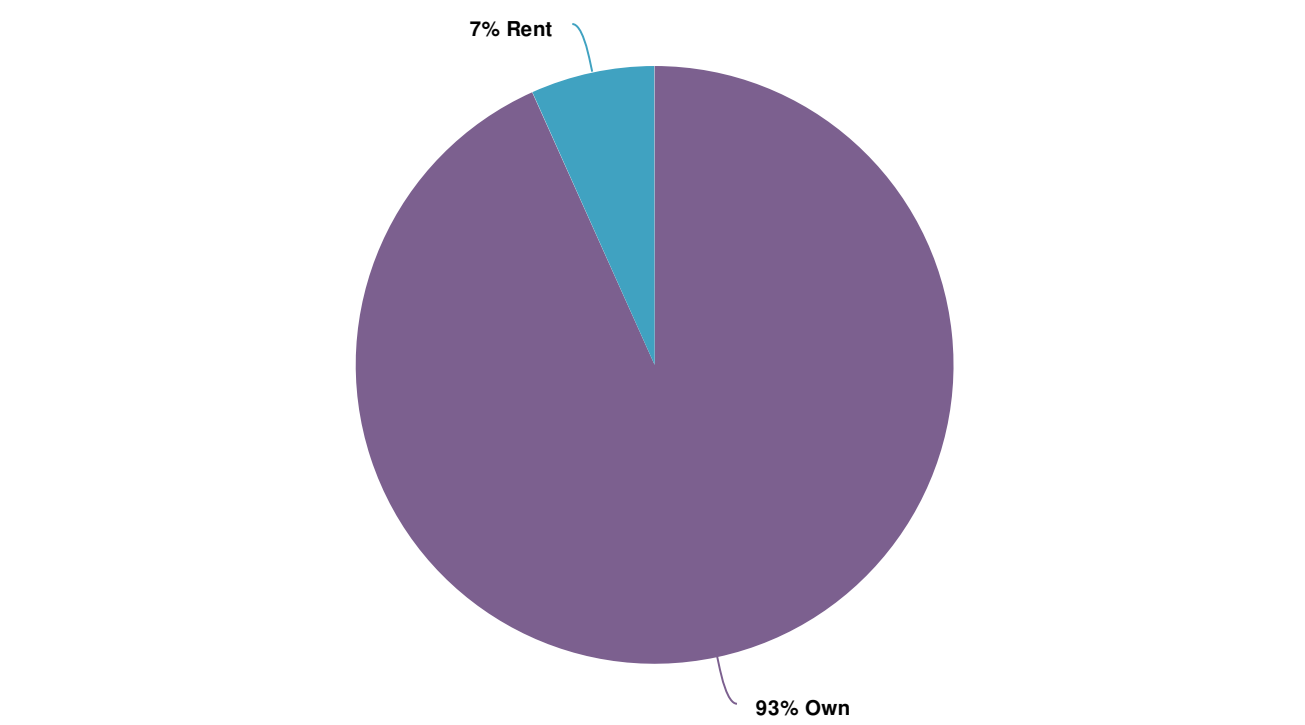
47. How many people live in your household?

102
time 6 4 7 3 part total
5 full

48. How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

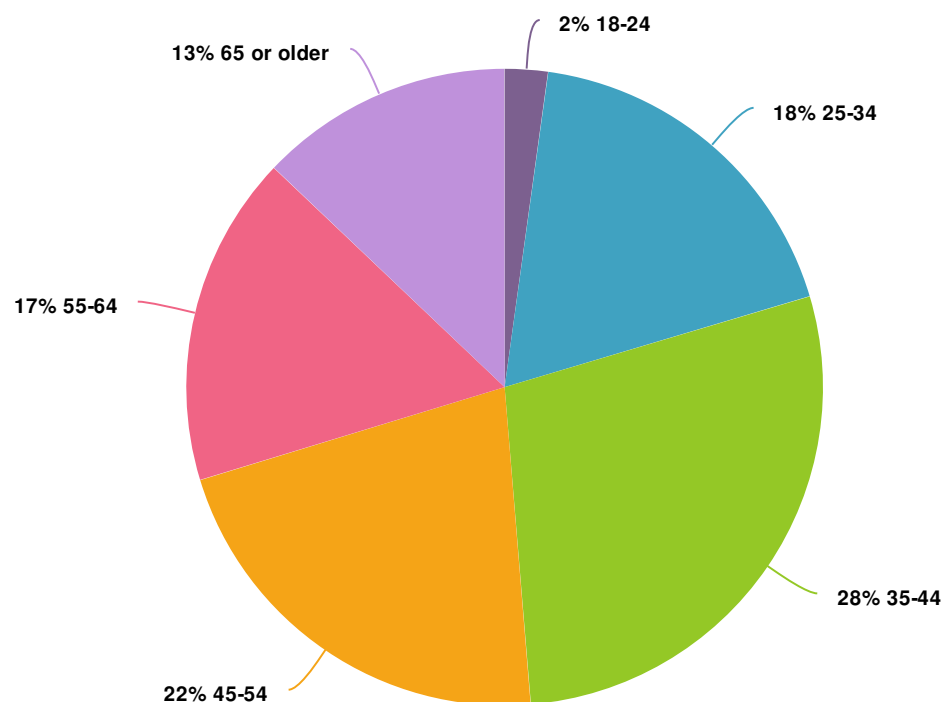
children
201
3
4

49. Do you own or rent the apartment or house in which you are currently living?



Value		Percent	Responses
Own		93.3%	388
Rent		6.7%	28
Totals: 416			

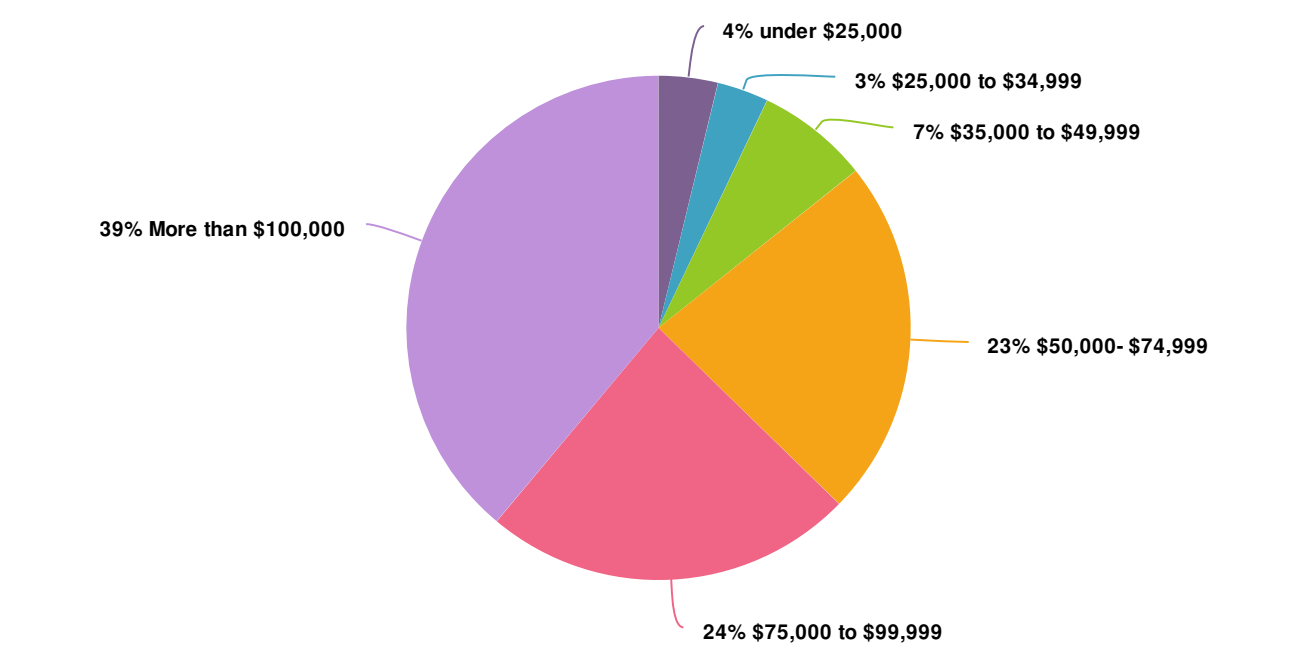
50. What is your age?



Value		Percent	Responses
18-24		2.2%	9
25-34		18.2%	76
35-44		28.3%	118
45-54		21.6%	90
55-64		16.8%	70
65 or older		12.9%	54

Totals:417

51. Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?



Value		Percent	Responses
under \$25,000		3.8%	15
\$25,000 to \$34,999		3.3%	13
\$35,000 to \$49,999		7.2%	28
\$50,000- \$74,999		23.0%	90
\$75,000 to \$99,999		23.8%	93
More than \$100,000		38.9%	152
Totals: 391			

Appendix C

Hourglass Community Leadership Meeting Summary

TO: Don Turner, Town Manager, Town of Milton
FROM: Drew Pollak-Bruce, Associate Planner, SE Group
CC: Jason Hoover, Senior Landscape Architect, SE Group
DATE: 5/24/19
RE: Community Leaders Summit Summary

A Community Leaders Summit was held at the Milton Town Offices on Monday April 29, 2019. The meeting brought together members of the Selectboard, the Conservation Commission, the Development Review Board, the Economic Development Commission, the Library Trustees, the Planning Commission and the Recreation Commission, as well as other members of community. The meeting was intended to bring together community leaders to help establish a framework and climate of collaboration and communication across the various boards and commissions and to probe participants about their vision for the new “Hourglass/Town Green” parcel.

At the beginning of the summit, opportunities and ideas for collaboration were discussed and residents and community leaders received an update on a number of transportation and community development projects currently underway in the Town. The meeting transitioned to an open house where attendees provided input on their vision for the “Hourglass/Town Green” site. Participants wrote in their vision for the site, indicated their preferences for future activities and events on boards, drew on a large “floor map”, and had the opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with planning and design consultants from SE Group.

There was an acknowledgement of the immense importance of this site for the community. The placement of the site along Route 7 will make the site prominently visible for residents and visitors entering and leaving Milton. Residents and community leaders expressed that whatever is placed there will have a large impact on the identity of the community. While there are some issues to address in the future design process for the site—such as parking and access—there was general consensus that the overarching direction of the site should be oriented towards memorial park purposes—including elements such as art sculpture, open space/plaza, and seating—rather than active recreation or other park purposes which might include elements such as recreation fields, playgrounds, or splash pads.

FUTURE ELEMENTS

What would you like to see at this site? Place a dot to rank your interest.



Recreation Fields

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Playground

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Open Space

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Village Green

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Plaza

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Gazebo/Shade Structure

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!

Not Prevent large gathering

FUTURE ELEMENTS

What would you like to see at this site? Place a dot to rank your interest.



Fountains

→ they'll be fountains a lot

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Splash Pad/Water Play

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Outdoor Classroom

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Stage/Bandstand

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Seating

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!



Parking

Don't need it

Nice to include

Gotta have it!

Food Carts

Not in the park

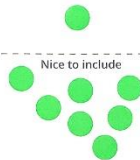
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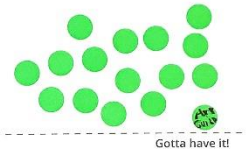


Art/Sculpture

Don't need it



Nice to include



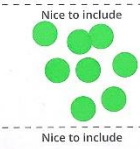
Gotta have it!



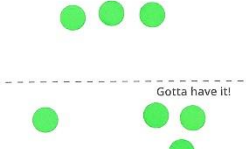
Historic Interpretation

Don't need it

Not Civil War Monument



Nice to include



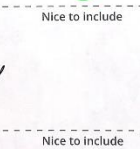
Gotta have it!



Monuments

Don't need it

Too small, paths, waste of space



Nice to include

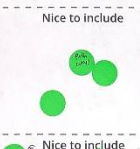


Gotta have it!



Bike Lane

Don't need it



Nice to include



Gotta have it!

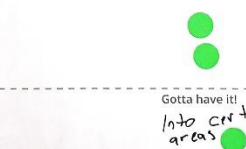


Sidewalks

Don't need it



Nice to include



Gotta have it!

VISION

What word or phrase describes your desired future experience on the site?

Center focus of town Identity and Communication

Visible for travelers to see. A destination

How does This Space Relate to other Public Spaces in Bonaventure Park? Access/Duplication

A beautiful space families can enjoy together for picnics, strolls, farmers markets etc.

A showcase for local artists / MAG sculptures + open air markets/exhibits

Local gatherings w/ music + food trucks

An accessible space which serves as a hub or component of a hub (eg to other space on other side of Rt 7) for family + community gatherings + events, + for general recreation. Could be part of a corridor of linked, similar spaces.

A Place to CHILL OUT.

Place to host garden club meetings/kids' gardening education / seedling swaps

Have families/groups help with planting etc to encourage ownership + connection "our family planted that tree"

Rotating out from community/groups

A place for friends to meet on a sunny day, space for local small businesses (coffee carts), Encouraging art + identity through sculptures + design. Somewhere that draws in folks from out of town (destination)

GRILLS/PICNIC TABLES

It could be messy? we have at Bonaventure already?

Places to buy food! Cakes, coffee shops, pates, bakeries that brings people together, draws people to places



Little Free Libraries - maybe at each endpoint
 Edible/educational plantings
 Food/coffee cart + picnic areas ~~Yes~~ yes!!
 Bike racks / bike path & cars
 Monorail? if not tested + lite
 Farmers market & yes!

Big Site - Concert Venue (music shelf) - multi use
Small Site - ~~Art~~ Public Art Space - rotating Artists
middle - monuments / Fountain ↑ yes!
Tree for holiday tree lighting
Passive Rec - Benches - access for
edible plants: all not over wine bring
Elegant picnic tables

~~2~~ Walkway crossing in the middle
(lighted)

Electricity & water access throughout