

COMMUNITY TRAILS SURVEY REPORT

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Executive Summary

The Community Trails Survey conducted within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD) has provided valuable insights into the community's use, perceptions, and aspirations regarding the local trails. The survey, with a response rate of 12.8%, has highlighted the diverse ways residents interact with these natural resources, shedding light on the strengths of the current trail system and areas needing improvement.

The Community Uses, Values, and Supports Trails

The data reveals the trails' significant role in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, family togetherness, connection to nature, livability, and economic vitality. The community's firm valuation of trails for personal and community benefits is a testament to the integral role these spaces play in enhancing quality of life. It's clear from the data collected that the community uses, values, and supports our trails. To summarize:

- 79% of people use CPRD trails.
- 87% say trails are important to the community.
- 80% say the benefits of trails outweigh any potential negative impacts
- 81% support the addition of more trails
- 51% are willing to pay \$50 per year for trail development and maintenance.

The survey indicates widespread support for trails within CPRD; the question is: what's next? Our community is eager to move forward and grow its trail system. Every step of the path may not be clear at this point. However, the survey points us toward the first steps and several potential areas to explore further.

Strategies for Trail Enhancement and Development

Moving forward, it is recommended that CPRD adopt a multifaceted approach in addressing the findings of this survey. Overall, the survey indicates that the community supports five general strategies when it comes to trails:

- 1. Build more trail mileage, variety, accessibility, and amenities.
- 2. Increase outreach and communication about existing and planned trails.
- 3. Collaborate with law enforcement, local government, and nonprofits to address homelessness and personal safety concerns.
- 4. Prioritize pursuing grants and donations from government and private sources.
- 5. Follow a transparent, inclusive, and fair process when developing or making changes to trails.

These general strategies, grounded in natural and recreation resource management best practices, aim not only to address the immediate needs identified but also to ensure the long-term sustainability and relevance of the trail system.

Specific Projects on the Horizon

That being said, these five projects and initiatives are within easy reach or close on the horizon:

- 1. Complete the Ewing Young Park Expansion and Improvements
- 2. Move forward the Newberg-Dundee Connector that parallels the bypass
- 3. Open Mountain Bike Trails
- 4. Increase safe walking and bike routes throughout the community
- 5. Revisit and update the Chehalem Heritage Trail Plan

Completing these projects will move CPRD toward building an outstanding 50+ mile trail system that will benefit the community through increased health, positive economic contribution, and improved livability for generations to come.

In conclusion, the Community Trails Survey has opened avenues for meaningful dialogue and action, paving the way for a trail system that truly reflects and serves the needs of the Newberg-Dundee community. Hopefully, the findings and recommendations from this survey will guide effective decision-making and foster a deeper connection between the residents and their natural surroundings. The future of CPRD's trails looks promising, with opportunities for enhancement, greater community engagement, and a shared vision of health, connectivity, and environmental stewardship.

Introduction

In early 2010, CPRD engaged multiple stakeholders, professional consultants, and the larger community through multiple public meetings. The result was a comprehensive Chehalem Heritage Trail Strategic Plan. As envisioned in the strategic trail plan: "the Chehalem Heritage Trail will create an outstanding 50 plus mile trail system that links the greater Newberg-Dundee area through parks, historic preservation, habitat restoration, multi-modal transportation, education, and tourism" (Chehalem Park and Recreation District, 2010).

In August of 2021, the CPRD Board of Directors formed the Chehalem Heritage Trail Advisory Committee for "the purpose of the Trails Committee is to provide recommendations to the CPRD Board of Directors regarding new and developing trails and pathways within the Chehalem Heritage Trails network of pedestrian, bicyclist, equestrian, water, and any other modality of trails, and work to create a volunteer base and network for trail maintenance."

Within the trail strategic plan and the trail committee charter, the CPRD Board of Directors recognized that the definition and usage of trails is quite broad. This definition goes beyond paths within our parks. It spans safe paved walking and biking routes throughout the community, as well as mountain biking and nature hiking trails. Moreover, it includes lesser-used modes of transportation, such as kayaking on the Willamette River and horseback riding. All modes of non-motorized movement are addressed within the scope of the strategic plan and the trail committee charter. This broad scope highlights that effective development of our trail system requires a holistic approach rather than piecemeal. By including all modes of trail use, the CPRD board honored the principle that our trail network is a shared benefit to our entire community and used in a wide variety of ways.

The CPRD Board of Directors also recognized that community trails are increasingly recognized as vital components of urban and suburban landscapes, offering numerous benefits that extend beyond simple recreation. According to research by the American Trails Organization (2021), community trails are crucial in promoting physical health, mental well-being, and social cohesion. They provide accessible spaces for exercise and leisure, which is particularly significant given the growing concerns over sedentary lifestyles (Smith & Potts, 2019). Moreover, trails contribute to environmental sustainability by offering greener, non-motorized transportation options and promoting ecological awareness (Greenway Conservancy, 2020).

To better gauge the community's needs, preferences, and perception of trails, the CPRD Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee to conduct a Community Trails Survey in late 2023.

The survey was designed as a comprehensive tool to gather data on various aspects of trail use, including demographic profiles of users, usage behavior, attitudes towards trails, and the current conditions of these trails.

The methodology for this survey involved a carefully structured approach using a combination of digital and traditional survey distribution methods. A simple random sample of registered voters within CPRD was targeted using physical mailers, ensuring a representative cross-section of the community. The survey was constructed using Qualtrics, a professional online survey tool, and included a variety of question types to capture diverse responses. This approach was complemented by rigorous data analysis techniques, including both descriptive and inferential statistics, to derive meaningful insights from the collected data.

The anticipated benefits of the Community Trails Survey were multifold. Primarily, it aimed to guide future trail development and maintenance efforts in alignment with community needs and expectations. The data gathered promises to inform policy decisions and resource allocation, ensuring that the trails continue to serve the evolving needs of CPRD residents. Additionally, the survey data is a valuable asset for grant writing, fundraising efforts, and advocating for policy changes that support the growth and sustainability of community trails.

Through the Community Trails Survey, CPRD demonstrates its commitment to enhancing the quality and utility of its trails, reinforcing its dedication to promoting a healthy, connected, and environmentally conscious community.

Key Findings

Recreation Attitudes and Behavior

Twenty-eight percent (28.5%) of respondents visit trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District at least once a week. However, twenty-one percent (21.0%) of respondents have not visited trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District in the past 12 months. There is a statistically significant relationship between how often respondents visit trails and their age, which indicates that respondents 65 years old or older visit trails far less than other age brackets, and respondents 25-34 years old visit trails far more than other age brackets.

Of the respondents who visited trails in the past 12 months, most (62.1%) visited the Chehalem Glenn Golf Course trails. Forty-eight (48.6%) visited the walking paths at Jaquith Park, forty-four (44.7%) percent visited urban sidewalk paths in Newberg or Dundee, and thirty-six percent (36.9%) visited the trails at Ewing Young Park. Respondents also mentioned visiting trails at Champoeg State Park, Chehalem Ridge, Dundee Billick, and North Valley Friends Church.

When looking at this same data subset, ninety-two percent (92.8%) of respondents have walked trails in the past 12 months. Likewise, twenty percent (20.2%) indicated that they rode a bicycle, and three percent (3.3%) indicated they rode a horse during the same timeframe. These findings are consistent with statewide data gathered for OPRD's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, of which eighty-three percent (83.2%) of the population uses trails for walking, fourteen percent (14.9%) for cycling on unpaved trails, and three percent (3.9%) for horseback riding (Bergerson, 2018).

It was also found that ninety-one percent (91.4%) of respondents are motivated to visit trails to enjoy nature, while eighty-six percent (86.3%) are motivated by physical fitness, and sixty-one percent (61.7%) are motivated by releasing energy/exploring. Only eight percent (8.6%) are motivated by meeting new people.

Of the respondents who did not visit trails in the past 12 months, thirty-two percent (32.3%) indicated a lack of time as the reason, while fifty-six percent (56.2%) provided their own reason. Of these respondent-provided reasons, forty-three were related to a lack of knowledge of trails—representing thirty-three percent (33.1%) of respondents who did not visit trails in the past 12 months. Other respondent-provided reasons for not visiting trails included health issues, safety concerns, and trail accessibility.

Benefits and Concerns

Eighty-seven percent (87.2%) of respondents believe local trails are either moderately or extremely important to the community. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents not important and 5 represents extremely important, the average response for this question was 4.5.

In conducting a similar analysis of respondents' perceived importance of trails to their family, seventy-nine percent (79.8%) responded with either moderately or extremely

important. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents not important at all and 5 represents extremely important, the average response for this question was 4.2.

In looking at the benefits of trails, a majority of respondents agreed that all of the listed benefits were indeed positive attributes of trails.

- Ninety-one percent (91.1%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that improving physical health is a benefit of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +1.5.
- Eighty-nine percent (89.3%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that enhancing mental health is a benefit of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +1.5.
- Sixty-two percent (62.4%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that
 providing opportunities for social interaction is a benefit of trails. On a scale from 2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly
 agrees, the average response for this question was +0.7.
- Fifty-nine percent (59.4%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that enhancing local tourism is a benefit of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.6.
- Sixty-seven percent (67.2%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that improving community connectedness is a benefit of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.8.
- Sixty-four percent (64.4%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that improving property values is a benefit of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.7.

Twenty respondents also indicated they believe connectedness to nature is a benefit of trails.

In looking at the concerns of trails, respondents illustrated mixed agreeableness with the listed concerns of trails.

- Fifty-nine percent (59.4%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that safety (personal security) is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.6.
- Forty-six percent (46.9%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that environmental impact is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.3.

- Thirty-two percent (32.2%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that overcrowding is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was -0.1.
- Thirty-seven percent (37.3%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that infringement of private property rights is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +/- 0.
- Sixty percent (60.7%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that homelessness is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.5.
- Fifty-four percent (54.0%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that development and maintenance costs is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.4.
- Thirty-nine percent (39.5%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that conflict between different user groups (e.g., bikers and walkers) is a concern of trails. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +/- 0.

Across quality of life, economic viability, and environmental conservation, the majority of respondents indicated that trails positively contribute to these aspects.

- Ninety percent (90.4%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that trails
 contribute to a positive quality of life. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2
 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average
 response for this question was +1.6.
- Sixty-three percent (63.6%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that trails contribute to economic viability. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.8.
- Seventy-three percent (73.62%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that trails contribute to environmental conservation. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +1.0.

Eighty percent (80.2%) of respondents indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that the benefits of trail development outweigh the potential negative impacts. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +1.2.

Current State

Most respondents (55.3%) rated the current state of trail maintenance within CPRD as either good or excellent. On a scale from 1 to 4, where 1 represents poor and 4 represents excellent, the average response for this question was +2.8. Nineteen percent (19.0%) of respondents indicated they don't know the current state of trail maintenance.

Seventy-five percent (75.3%) of respondents indicated they are unfamiliar with the Chehalem Heritage Trails Master Plan.

Twenty-one percent (21.0%) of respondents indicated they have encountered problems or conflicts while using trails. Eleven percent (11.0%) indicated they didn't know if they have encountered problems or conflicts. Of the respondents who have encountered problems or conflicts, fifty percent (50.0%) of respondents self-reported that they have encountered drug/alcohol use, inappropriate behavior, or other threats to personal safety while using trails. Twenty-seven percent (27.7%) self-reported they encountered unauthorized camping, twenty-five percent (25.4%) self-reported they encountered littering, and twenty-five percent (25.4%) self-reported they encountered conflicts with other trail users.

Thirty-two percent (32.4%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that the amount (total mileage) of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was -0.1.

Thirty-four percent (34.3%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that the variety of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails (user type) within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +/- 0. While all respondents are roughly neutral when it comes to the adequacy of the variety of trails, a majority (54.1%) of cyclists strongly or somewhat disagree that the variety of trails is adequate. Inversely, only thirty-seven percent (37.5%) of equestrians strongly or somewhat disagree that the variety of trails is adequate.

Forty-six percent (46.0%) indicated they somewhat or strongly agree that the accessibility of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly disagrees and +2 represents strongly agrees, the average response for this question was +0.3. However, it is essential to note that fewer respondents (38.6%) 65 years or older believe that trails within Chehalem Park and Recreation District are accessible, which was evident in the qualitative feedback provided by this subset of respondents.

Forty-three percent (43.7%) of respondents indicated they are extremely concerned or mostly concerned about the future state of trails within CPRD. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents not concerned at all and 5 represents extremely concerned, the average response for this question was 3.1.

Path Forward

Eighty percent (80.8%) of respondents somewhat or strongly support the addition of trails within CPRD. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents strongly opposed and +2 represents strongly supports, the average response for this question was +1.3.

Respondents shared mixed preferences when looking at potential funding sources for trail development and maintenance.

- Forty-two percent (42.2%) indicated they are somewhat or extremely likely to support property taxes as a potential funding source for trail development and maintenance. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents extremely opposes and +2 represents extreme supports, the average response for this question was -0.1.
- Fifty-two percent (52.0%) indicated they are somewhat or extremely likely to support system development fees as a potential funding source for trail development and maintenance. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents extremely unlikely and +2 represents extremely likely, the average response for this question was +0.2.
- Forty-three percent (43.0%) indicated they are somewhat or extremely likely to support a temporary tax levy as a potential funding source for trail development and maintenance. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents extremely unlikely and +2 represents extremely likely, the average response for this question was -0.1.
- Thirty-nine percent (339.6%) indicated they are somewhat or extremely likely to support user fees as a potential funding source for trail development and maintenance. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents extremely unlikely and +2 represents extremely likely, the average response for this question was -0.3.
- Seventy-eight percent (78.9%) indicated they are somewhat or extremely likely to support state or federal grants as a potential funding source for trail development and maintenance. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents extremely unlikely and +2 represents extremely likely, the average response for this question was +1.2.
- Sixty-six percent (66.1%) indicated they are somewhat or extremely likely to support in-kind donations as a potential funding source for trail development and maintenance. On a scale from -2 to +2, where -2 represents extremely unlikely and +2 represents extremely likely, the average response for this question was +0.8.

Fifty-one percent (51.1%) of respondents indicated they would be willing to pay at least \$50/year for trail development and maintenance. Eighteen percent (18.8%), on the other hand, are not willing to pay for trail development and maintenance. Statistically, respondents with a household income of \$100,000 or more indicated they are willing to pay more for trail development and maintenance than other income brackets.

Twenty-six percent (26.0%) of respondents are moderately or extremely interested in participating in on-the-ground, staff-guided volunteer maintenance events. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents not interested at all and 5 represents extremely interested, the average response for this question was 2.6.

Twenty-six percent (26.5%) of respondents are moderately or extremely interested in participating in on-the-ground, staff-guided hikes and educational events. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents not interested at all and 5 represents extremely interested, the average response for this question was 2.5. Hispanic or Latino respondents were more interested in participating in guided hikes and educational events than other ethnicity/race brackets.

Twenty-five percent (25.1%) of respondents are moderately or extremely interested in participating in public forums and community meetings related to trail maintenance and development led by a neutral facilitator. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents not interested at all and 5 represents extremely interested, the average response for this question was 2.5.

Sixty-six percent (66.8%) of respondents indicated that they would support the use of surveys to engage with the community regarding trails. Fifty-five percent (55.4%) would support community meetings, fifty-four percent (54.7%) would support volunteer events, and fifty-two percent (52.2%) would support recreation events.

Methodology

The methodology of the Community Trails Survey was designed to ensure scientific validity by adhering to robust statistical principles. This process began with selecting a simple random sample of 5,000 CPRD registered voters from the Oregon Secretary of State's voter registration database. This random sampling method is the foundation of statistical validity, as it reduces selection bias and ensures that every individual in the population has an equal chance of being selected.

This initial sample was refined to 4,810 recipients by removing entries with change of address notifications and those with out-of-district mailing addresses. This step was crucial in maintaining the survey's integrity, ensuring that only current residents within the district were included. This not only bolstered the relevance of the data to CPRD but also upheld the principles of geographic specificity in survey research.

Despite initial plans to send follow-up mailers only to non-respondents, CPRD staff decided to extend the follow-up process to all original recipients. This decision was driven to maximize response rates and ensure comprehensive community feedback. A follow-up postcard reminder was sent to all 4,810 individuals, reinforcing the importance of their participation and reminding them of the survey's significance to future community trail planning and maintenance.

The survey was constructed using Qualtrics, an advanced online survey tool known for its reliability and wide range of functionalities. This platform enabled the creation of a survey that was not only user-friendly but also capable of capturing diverse responses through various question types, including multiple-choice, Likert scale, and open-ended questions. Additionally, the survey was designed using universal design (accessibility) principles and was provided in English, Spanish, French, Russian, and Chinese. The survey was designed to take no more than 15 minutes to complete, respecting the respondents' time while ensuring comprehensive coverage of the research areas.

To further guarantee the validity of the data, unique identification numbers or survey codes were assigned to each mailer. This measure was instrumental in preventing multiple submissions from a single address and ensuring that responses were only received from the selected sample. Qualtrics' IP duplication check, bot detection, ballot-stuffing prevention, and straightening identification features were also enabled to minimize the risk of survey tampering.

Survey Design

The survey design for the Community Trails Survey was meticulously crafted to ensure a comprehensive and methodical approach to gathering data. The survey was segmented into six distinct sections: Recreation Attitudes and Behaviors, Benefits and Concerns, Current State, Path Forward, Additional Comments, and Demographic Information. This structure was thoughtfully developed to guide respondents through a logical progression, beginning with their personal interactions and experiences on the trails and gradually moving toward their broader perceptions and aspirations for the trail system.

The Recreation Attitudes and Behaviors section focused on understanding the specific activities that residents engage in while using trails and their motivations for doing so. Respondents were also asked to identify which parks they visited to engage with trails. This was achieved through a combination of multiple-selection questions that offered a range of common choices and a free response choice.

Similarly, the Benefits and Concerns section utilized Likert scales to measure respondents' attitudes towards trails, particularly in regard to their benefits and drawbacks. This scale was instrumental in quantifying the subjective perceptions and sentiments of the respondents.

The Current State section aimed to gather residents' assessments of the trails' conditions. Here, multiple-choice and open-ended questions were employed, with the former addressing general conditions and the latter inviting detailed feedback on specific issues or areas needing attention.

The Path Forward section was designed to gather forward-looking insights, such as suggestions for improvements and developments in the trail system and funding sources for such suggestions. Likert-scale, multiple-choice, and open-ended questions were utilized in this section.

The Additional Comments section served as a free-form space for respondents to share any thoughts or feedback not covered in the previous sections, ensuring we captured a wide range of perspectives.

Finally, the Demographic Information section comprised standard multiple-choice questions to collect essential demographic data, such as age, gender, income level, and educational background. This information was critical for segmenting and analyzing the survey results, allowing a deeper understanding of the relationships between different demographic groups and their trail use patterns.

Throughout the survey, special attention was paid to the wording of the questions. The language used was deliberate, aiming to be clear, neutral, and free from bias. The combination of different question types and careful wording was critical to the survey's goal of gathering detailed, accurate, and meaningful data, which would be instrumental in shaping the future of the community trails within the CPRD.

Data Collection

As mentioned earlier, physical mailers were distributed to a simple random sample of 4,810 registered voters within CPRD on September 25, 2023. These mailers included detailed instructions and a unique survey code for accessing the online survey. From these original mailers, 652 responses were collected between September 28 and October 24, 2023. A follow-up mailer was sent to all 4,810 sampled recipients to enhance response rates and mitigate non-response bias. These follow-up mailers mirrored the original mailers in content and instruction, garnering an additional 131 responses between October 25 and October 31, 2023.

Of these 783 total responses, 618 were deemed acceptable given the following criteria:

- Passing Qualtrics' "Ballot Box Stuffing" test, which utilizes browser cookies to identify duplicate responses. Responses with matching mailing addresses in the sample were ignored in this test. Otherwise, all responses with duplicate browser cookies were removed from the analysis.
- Passing Qualtrics' "Straightlining" test, which identifies responses with 75% or less of questions answered with the same response option. All responses exceeding 75% of questions answered with the same response option were removed from the analysis.
- Passing the "Unanswered Questions" test, which identifies responses with 25% or less of questions left unanswered. All responses exceeding 25% of questions left unanswered were removed from the analysis.
- Passing the "Duration" test, which identifies responses submitted in 60 seconds or more. All responses submitted in less than 60 seconds were removed from the analysis.
- Passing the "Finished" test, which identifies responses that are submitted after viewing the last question. All responses in which the respondent failed to view every question before submitting the survey were removed from the analysis.
- Passing the "Unique Identifier Match" test, which identifies responses with the
 correct Voter ID and Survey Code combination in the response metadata. All
 responses submitted with a mismatched Voter ID and Survey Code in the
 metadata were removed from the analysis. It is also important to note that
 incomplete responses do not record metadata, but these responses have already
 been removed from analysis under the "Finished" test.

After removing incomplete, fraudulent, and otherwise uncertifiable responses from the analysis, the Community Trails Survey posted a 12.8% sample response rate. This response rate exceeds the minimum 10% sample response rate for high-confidence statistical significance. Although not used to evaluate the statistical significance of the results, the 618 responses received represent approximately 2.5% of the survey population.

Data Analytics

Upon collecting and certifying the survey responses, a detailed data analysis was conducted to convert the gathered information into meaningful insights about CPRD residents' interactions with and attitudes toward their local trails. The initial step in this phase was to aggregate and systematically arrange the data collected into an intuitive spreadsheet.

Then, descriptive statistics were employed for most quantitative questions to determine response option proportions and means. In some cases, inferential statistics, such as chi-squared tests and cross-tabulation, were utilized to reveal differences among demographic segments and relationships between variables.

The qualitative data from open-ended responses underwent thematic analysis. Responses were meticulously read to identify common themes and patterns, adding depth and detail to our understanding of specific user experiences and suggestions. This qualitative insight was invaluable in providing context to the numerical data.

Before diving into the analysis of the thematic survey questions, it is essential to identify the demographic profile of the survey respondents. This includes their age, gender/sex, ethnicity/race, education, household income, and youth in the household.

Of the 618 certified responses:

- 585 chose to disclose their age. Most of them (28.4%) self-identified as "65 years or older."
- 556 chose to disclose their gender/sex. Most of them (54.0%) self-identified as "Woman."
- 530 chose to disclose their ethnicity/race. Most of these respondents (85.5%) self-identified as "White."
- 573 chose to disclose their highest education. Most of them (35.8%) selfidentified as having a "4-year degree."
- 441 chose to disclose their household income. Most of them (28.1%) selfidentified as earning an annual household income of "More than \$150,000."
- 450 chose to disclose the number of youth in their household. Most of them (56.2%) self-identified as having "One or More" youth living in their household.

A comprehensive visual analysis of the demographic profile of the survey respondents is located in the "Appendices" section of this report. It is also important to note that the gender/sex demographic is the only demographic from the survey respondent profile that has passed the chi-squared goodness-of-fit test against U.S. Census data of CPRD and is, therefore, the only demographic of the sample that is statistically representative of the population. This does not indicate, however, that the survey results are not practically representative of the population, given the total number of responses.

Discussion

The design and execution of the Community Trails Survey was underpinned by a commitment to scientific rigor and representativeness, yet, like any survey, it was not without potential limitations. Those limitations are addressed in the following discussion.

Overall Design

The survey was structured to encompass a comprehensive range of topics relevant to trail use within the CPRD, including attitudes and behaviors, benefits and concerns, the current state of trails, and future paths for development. Employing a variety of question types (multiple-choice, Likert scale, open-ended) allowed for a rich collection of data, capturing both quantitative and qualitative insights. Overall, the Community Trails Survey findings offer a nuanced understanding of the attitudes, behaviors, and perceptions of CPRD residents toward their local trails.

Data Collection

Regarding data collection, the use of an online platform for survey completion, while efficient, might inadvertently exclude segments of the population less comfortable or less able with technology, such as some older adults. Future surveys could consider offering alternative formats, like telephone or face-to-face interviews, to ensure inclusivity.

Distribution

A vital strength of the survey was its method of distribution, which involved sending physical mailers to a simple random sample of 4,810 registered voters, followed by a universal follow-up postcard. This approach was instrumental in mitigating non-response bias, a common issue in survey research, as it ensured repeated engagement with the entire sampled population. However, relying solely on registered voters might have introduced some selection bias, potentially excluding segments of the community who are not registered voters but are trail users. Future surveys might consider expanding the sampling frame to include non-voter residents to capture a more diverse range of perspectives.

Response Rate

The response rate for the Community Trails Survey was 12.8%, a critical factor in assessing the representativeness of the findings. While this rate provides valuable insights from a segment of the community, its relatively low level could limit the generalizability of some of the results to the broader CPRD population. Such a response rate necessitates a cautious interpretation of the data, acknowledging that it may not fully encapsulate the diversity of views and experiences within the entire community.

Technical Difficulties

It is important to note that there were some technical difficulties identified by survey invitation recipients that, after investigation, appeared to be the result of end-user error

or Qualtrics malfunctions. Most of these technical difficulties were resolved by CPRD staff; however, it can be assumed that some survey invitation recipients failed to submit a response to the survey due to technical or end-user errors. It does not appear that the number of these errors was significant enough to skew the data.

Reliance on Self-Reported Data

The survey's reliance on self-reported data introduces the potential for response bias. This can occur as participants might lean towards providing socially desirable answers, or their perceptions and reported behaviors might not fully align with actual practices. These factors underscore the importance of considering the inherent limitations of the data while drawing conclusions and making decisions based on the survey results.

Additional Demographic Data

The survey's design to capture demographic data, while comprehensive, may have missed out on other relevant socio-economic factors that influence trail usage, such as disability status or access to transportation. These factors could provide deeper insights into barriers different community members face in accessing trails.

Trail Usage, Access, and Awareness

One of the most striking revelations is the frequency of trail usage. While seventy-nine percent (79%) of respondents visited trails at least once over the last 12 months and a significant portion (28.5%) visited trails at least once a week, underscoring their importance in daily life, there is a notable segment (21.0%) that has not used the trails in the past year. This dichotomy points to potential disparities in trail access or awareness. It suggests that while trails are integral to many, a substantial portion of the community remains disconnected from these resources.

Relationship between Trail Usage and Age

The correlation between trail usage frequency and age is particularly noteworthy, with older adults (65 years and above) visiting trails less frequently than younger age groups and the 25-34 age bracket showing the highest usage. This finding raises important questions about the accessibility and appeal of trails to older adults and suggests a need for targeted outreach and possibly infrastructural modifications to accommodate their needs.

Trail Activities

The preference for specific trails and activities also provides valuable insights. The popularity of specific trails, like the Chehalem Glenn Golf Course and Jaquith Park, could be attributed to various factors such as location, maintenance, or available facilities. The overwhelming preference for walking (92.8% of trail users) over other activities like cycling and horseback riding suggests that walking trails should be a priority in maintenance and development efforts. However, the significant interest in cycling and the relatively low but present interest in horseback riding should not be overlooked in planning a diverse trail system. In hindsight, the list of trail activities could

have been presented differently to more closely match the list of activities used in the Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Survey. This change would better compare CPRD trail usage and average usage statewide.

Trail Usage Motivations

Motivations for visiting trails, with nature enjoyment and physical fitness being the primary drivers, align with broader trends in outdoor recreation. These motivations underscore the importance of maintaining the natural beauty and tranquility of the trails, as well as ensuring they are conducive to physical activities. The finding that a lack of time and knowledge about trails are significant barriers to usage highlights the need for awareness campaigns and possibly the development of trails that are more accessible for short, spontaneous visits. In hindsight, some listed options could have been written more clearly. For example, "Release of Energy/Exploring" could be split into two or more clearly defined options.

The Importance of Trails

The community's perception of the importance of trails is overwhelmingly positive, with a majority finding them moderately or extremely important for the community and their families. This perception varies with gender, income, and education, offering a deeper understanding of how different demographic groups value trails. Women and lower-income households, for instance, perceive trails as more critical, which could inform more inclusive and targeted community engagement strategies.

Benefits and Concerns of Trails

Regarding benefits, the survey results indicate a strong agreement among residents that trails contribute positively to physical and mental health, community connectedness, local tourism, and property values. These benefits are perceived differently across various demographic groups, suggesting that trails hold multifaceted values that cater to diverse community needs. The concerns about trails, ranging from safety and environmental impact to homelessness, call for a balanced approach in trail management that addresses these issues while capitalizing on their benefits.

Support for Trail Additions and Funding

Lastly, the findings regarding the future of trails—with a majority supporting the addition of trails and varied opinions on funding sources—reflect a community generally supportive of trail development but cautious about the methods of doing so. The willingness to pay for trail development and the interest in participating in volunteer activities are higher among certain income and education groups, indicating that community engagement and funding strategies must be tailored to cater to a broad range of stakeholders. Generally, if you take the number of households within CPRD (approximately 14,000) and assume CPRD collects \$50 from each household (as the favorable willingness to pay), CPRD would generate roughly \$700,000 annually for trail maintenance and development.

Areas for Future Research

Potential areas for future research, as suggested by the current survey's findings, include a deeper investigation into the reasons behind the underutilization of trails by older adults and those who have not visited the trails in the past year. Additionally, exploring frequent trail users' specific needs and preferences could inform targeted improvements and marketing strategies. Understanding the barriers to familiarity with the Chehalem Heritage Trails Master Plan could also be valuable, guiding more effective communication and community engagement strategies.

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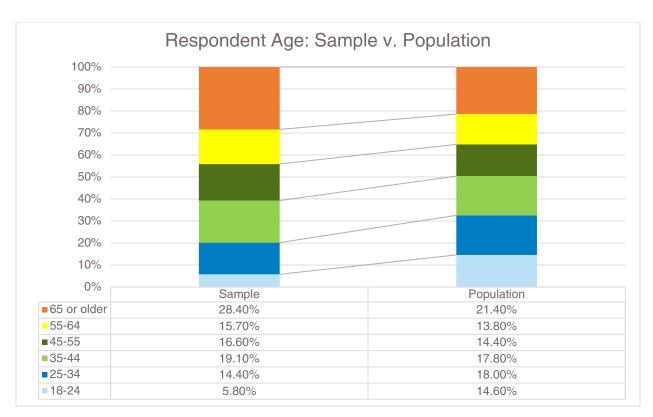
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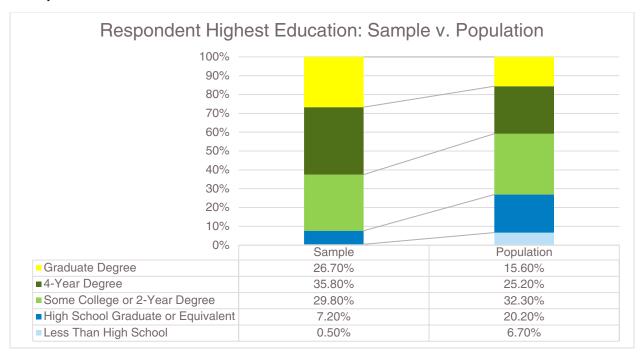
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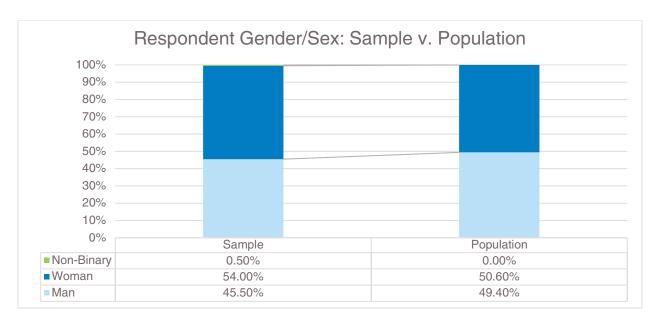
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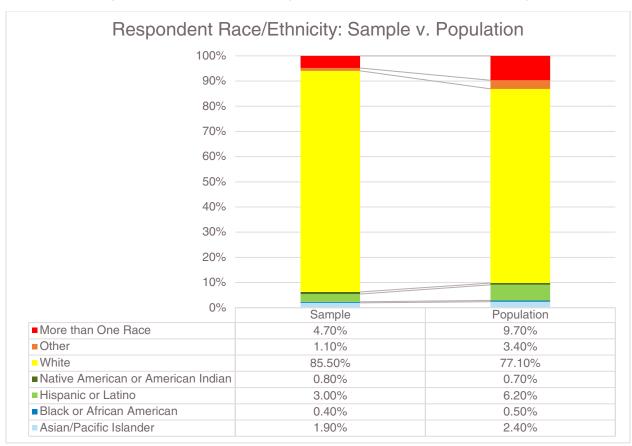
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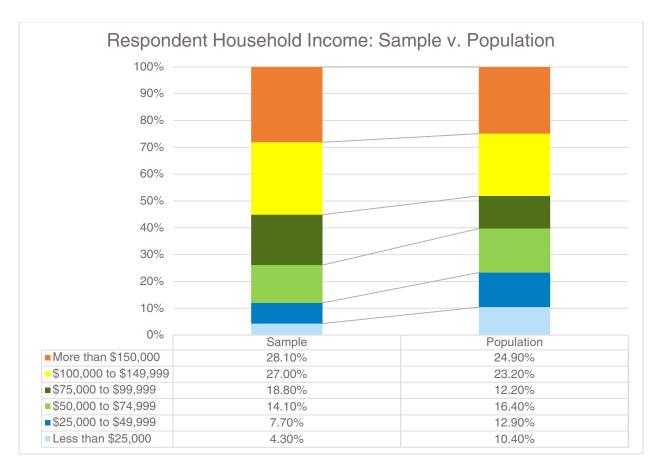
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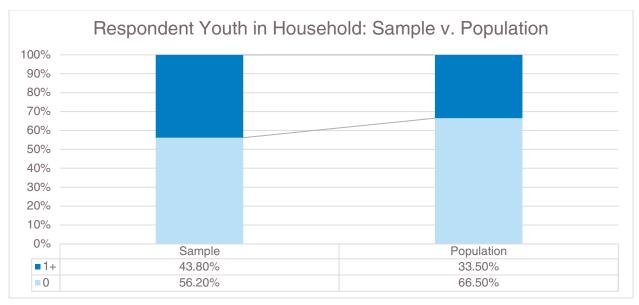
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CPRD Community Trails Survey

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This survey is an opportunity for you to provide valuable feedback on the future development and maintenance of our Chehalem Heritage Trails network. Your responses will help us better understand the community's values, usage habits, and preferences—ensuring that our trails continue to meet the expectations of our residents. Plus, you can choose to be entered into a random prize drawing for a Chehalem Aquatic and Fitness Center 3-month Family Membership (\$235 value).

Your participation is entirely voluntary, and all responses will be kept confidential. The survey is conducted securely online to provide you with the flexibility to complete it in one sitting or multiple sessions. We encourage you to share your thoughts openly and candidly. Please complete and submit your survey before Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please do not hesitate to contact Kat Ricker at kricker@cprdnewberg.org or 971-832-4222.

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Recreation Attitudes and Behaviors

Q1 How often did you visit trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District in the last 12 months?
Opaily (1)
○ Weekly (2)
O Monthly (3)
O Less than Once a Month (4)
O Did Not Visit Trails in Past 12 Months (5)
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Q3 What recre	eational activities do you participate in when you use trails? (select all that apply)
	Biking (1)
	Birdwatching/Nature Observation (2)
	Dog Walking (3)
	Horseback Riding (4)
	Picnicking (5)
	Running/Jogging (6)
	Walking (7)
	Other (please specify) (8)
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Q4 What are	your motivations to use trails? (select all that apply)
	Develop Community (1)
	Enjoy Nature (2)
	Escape Personal/Social Pressures (3)
	Family Togetherness (4)
	Learn New Things (5)
	Meet New People (6)
	Physical Fitness (7)
	Release Energy/Explore (8)
	Other (please specify) (9)
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Q5 What are	your reason(s) for not using trails? (select all that apply)			
	Health Issues (1)			
	Lack of Accessibility (2)			
	Lack of Internet (3)			
	Lack of Time (4)			
	Safety Concerns (5)			
	Other (please specify) (6)			
End of Block	: Recreation Attitudes and Behaviors			
Start of Bloc	k: Benefits and Concerns			
Q6 How impo	rtant do you think local trails are to the community?			
O Not Im	portant at All (1)			
O Slightl	○ Slightly Important (2)			
O Somewhat Important (3)				
O Moder	rately Important (4)			
C Extremely Important (5)				
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Q38 How important are local trails to yo	ou and your family?
O Not Important at All (1)	
○ Slightly Important (2)	
O Somewhat Important (3)	
O Moderately Important (4)	
Extremely Important (5)	
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Q7 What do you believe are the benefits of local trails? *Indicate how much you personally agree with the following statements.*

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Somewhat disagree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat agree (4)	Strongly agree (5)
Improving physical health is a benefit of trails. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Enhancing mental health is a benefit of trails. (2)	0	0	0	0	\circ
Providing opportunities for social interaction is a benefit of trails. (3)	0	0	0	\circ	0
Enhancing local tourism is a benefit of trails. (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Improving community connectedness is a benefit of trails. (5)	0	0	0	0	0
Improving property values is a benefit of trails. (6)	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify) (7)	0	0	0	\circ	\circ
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Q8 What do you believe are the concerns of local trails? *Indicate how much you personally agree with the following statements.*

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Somewhat disagree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat agree (4)	Strongly agree (5)
Safety (personal security) is a concern of trails. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Environmental impact is a concern of trails. (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding is a concern of trails. (3)	0	0	\circ	0	\circ
Infringement of private property rights is a concern of trails. (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Homelessness is a concern of trails. (5)	0	\circ	\circ	0	0
Development and maintenance costs is a concern of trails. (6)	0	0	0	0	0
Conflict between different user groups (e.g. bikers and walkers) is a concern of trails. (7)	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify) (8)	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ

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Q9 Do you believe trails contribute to the following aspects? Indicate how much you personally agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Somewhat disagree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Somewhat agree (4)	Strongly agree (5)
Trails contribute to a positive quality of life.	0	0	0	0	0
Trails contribute to economic viability. (2)	0	0	0	\circ	0
Trails contribute to environmental conservation.	0	0	0	0	0
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Q10 Do you believe the benefits of trail development outweigh the potential negative impacts? Indicate how much you personally agree with the following statement. Generally, the benefits of trail development outweigh the potential negative impacts.
O Strongly Disagree (1)
O Somewhat Disagree (2)
O Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
O Somewhat Agree (4)
O Strongly Agree (5)
End of Block: Benefits and Concerns
Start of Block: Current State X+
Q11 How would you rate the current state of <u>trail maintenance</u> within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District?
O Excellent (1)
○ Good (2)
○ Fair (3)
O Poor (4)
O Don't know (0)
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Q12 Are you familia	r with the Chehalem Her	itage Trails Master P	lan?	
O Yes (1)				
O No (2)				
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Q13 Have you ever encountered any problems or conflicts while using local trails? (e.g., overcrowding, irresponsible behavior, inadequate facilities)
○ Yes (1)
O No (2)
O Don't Know (3)
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Q14 If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please briefly describe the probler conflict you encountered.	m or

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Q15 Do you believe the amount, variety, and accessibility of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District are adequate?

Indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Somewhat Disagree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Somewhat Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
The amount (total mileage) of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
The variety of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails (user type) within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. (2)		0		0	0
The accessibility of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. (3)	0	0		0	0
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Q16 How concerned are you about the future state of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District?
O Extremely Concerned (1)
O Moderately Concerned (2)
○ Somewhat Concerned (3)
○ Slightly Concerned (4)
O Not Concerned At All (5)
End of Block: Current State
Start of Block: Path Forward
Q17 Do you support the addition of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District?
O Strongly Oppose (1)
O Somewhat Oppose (2)
O Neither Oppose nor Support (3)
○ Somewhat Support (4)
O Strongly Support (5)
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Q18 How likely are you to support funding sources for trail development and maintenance?

	Extremely Unlikely (1)	Somewhat Unlikely (2)	Neither Unlikely nor Likely (3)	Somewhat Likely (4)	Extremely Likely (5)
Property Taxes on Real Property (1)	0	0	0	0	0
System Development Fees on New Construction (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Tax Levy on Real Property (3)	0	0	0	0	0
User Fees (e.g. Parking Fees) at Trailheads (4)	0	0	0	0	0
State or Federal Grants (5)	\circ	0	\circ	0	\circ
In-Kind Donations (6)	\circ	0	0	0	0
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taxes, through a temporary tax levy, or by parking fees)
○ \$250/year (1)
○ \$100/year (2)
○ \$50/year (3)
○ \$25/year (4)
O Less than \$25/year (5)
I would not be willing to pay for trail development and maintenance. (6)
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Q19 How much are you willing to pay for trail development and maintenance? (e.g. in property

maintenance events?
O Not Interested at All (1)
○ Slightly Interested (2)
O Somewhat Interested (3)
O Moderately Interested (4)
Extremely Interested (5)
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Q39 How interested are you in participating in on-the-ground, staff-guided hikes and educational events?
O Not Interested at All (1)
O Slightly Interested (2)
O Somewhat Interested (3)
O Moderately Interested (4)
O Extremely Interested (5)
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Q21 How interested are you in participating in public forums and community meetings related to trail maintenance and development led by a neutral facilitator?
O Not Interested at All (1)
○ Slightly Interested (2)
O Somewhat Interested (3)
O Moderately Interested (4)
Extremely Interested (5)
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	at forms of community engagement in trail development and maintenance decision-would you support?
	Community Meetings (1)
	Focus groups, led by neutral facilitators (2)
	Public Forums, led by neutral facilitators (3)
	Surveys, designed to avoid biases and survey errors (4)
	Recreation Events (5)
	Volunteer Events (6)
	Other (please specify) (7)
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-	ou have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trails in the em Park and Recreation District, please share them here.
End of	Block: Additional Comments
Start of	Block: Demographic Information

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Q27 What is your age?		
O 18-24 (1)		
O 25-34 (2)		
O 35-44 (3)		
O 45-54 (4)		
O 55-64 (5)		
○ 65 or older (6)		
O Prefer Not to Say (7)		
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Q28 What is your gender?	
O Man (1)	
O Woman (2)	
O Non-binary (3)	
O Prefer Not to Say (4)	
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Q29 What is	your ethnicity? (You may select multiple options)
	White (1)
	Hispanic or Latino (2)
	Black or African American (3)
	Native American or American Indian (4)
	Asian/Pacific Islander (5)
	Prefer Not to Say (6)
	Other (please specify) (7)
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Q30 What is your highest level of education?
O Less Than High School (1)
O High School Graduate or Equivalent (2)
O Some College or 2-Year Degree (3)
O 4-Year Degree (4)
○ Graduate Degree (5)
O Prefer Not to Say (6)
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Q31 What is your annual household income?	
O Less than \$25,000 (1)	
\$25,000 to \$49,999 (2)	
\$50,000 to \$74,999 (3)	
\$75,000 to \$99,999 (4)	
\$100,000 to \$149,999 (5)	
O More than \$150,000 (6)	
O Prefer Not to Say (7)	
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Q40 How many of your household members are people under the age of 18?
O 0 (0)
O 1 (1)
O 2 (2)
O 3 (3)
○ 4 or more (4)
O Prefer Not to Say (5)
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Q32 Would you like to stay informed about trail development and maintenance (news) within Chehalem Park and Recreation District?
○ Yes (1)
O No (2)
Q33 Would you like to stay informed about trail maintenance volunteering opportunities within Chehalem Park and Recreation District?
○ Yes (1)
O No (2)
Q34 Would you like to be entered into the prize drawing for a one (1) quarter Chehalem Aquatic and Fitness Center Family Membership?
○ Yes (1)
O No (2)
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September 15, 2023

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Survey Access Information

Use the Survey Link below to access the survey, then enter your Last Name and Survey Code below into the survey when prompted. This invitation is valid for only one survey submission.

Survey Link: CPRDTRAILSURVEY.ORG

Last Name: [LAST NAME]

Survey Code: [SURVEY CODE]

Scan this QR Code to access the survey.



We appreciate your time and consideration in taking part in the Community Trails Survey. The survey results will be posted on the CPRD website (<u>cprdnewberg.org</u>) in November 2023.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues, please do not hesitate to contact Kat Ricker at kricker@cprdnewberg.org or 971-832-4222.

Warm regards,

Quentin Comus

Chair, CPRD Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee



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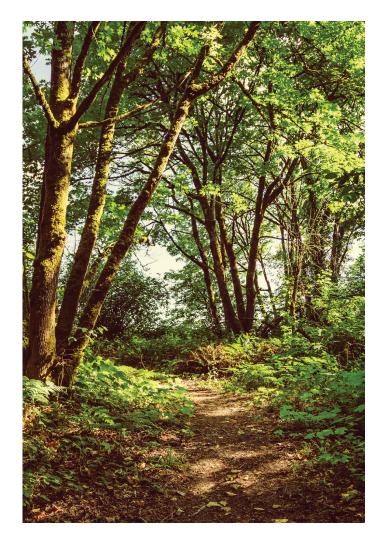
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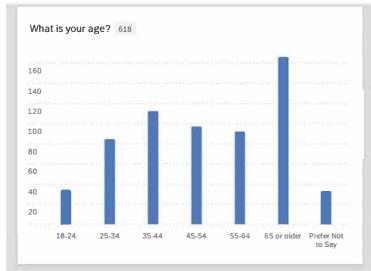
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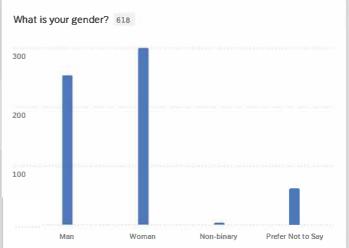
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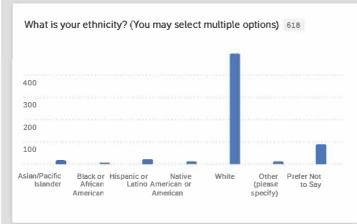
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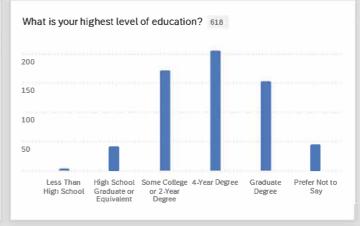
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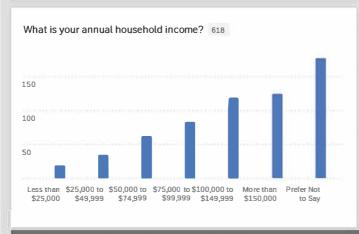
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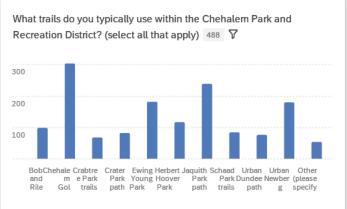












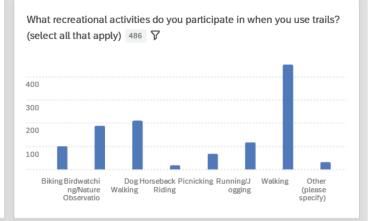
Other (please specify): What trails do you typically use within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District? 50

Topics	Count
Ewing Young Park	3
Harvey Creek	18
Friends Park	7
Falcon Crest Park	2
Dundee Billick Park	3
Champoeg State Park	2
Tom Gail Park	4



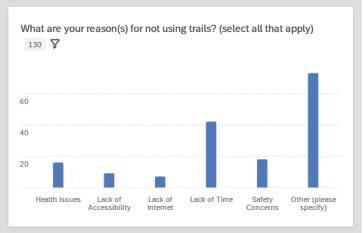
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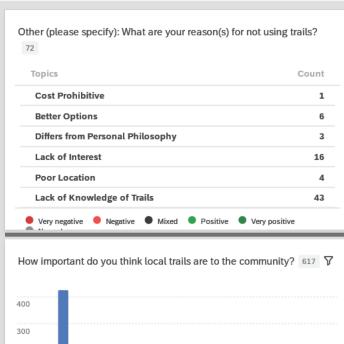
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Stargazing	1
Skateboarding	3
Foraging	1
BMX	1
Geocaching	2
Disc Golf	7

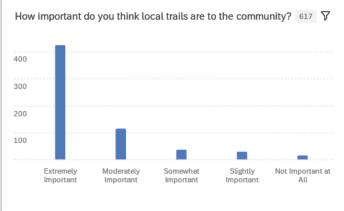


Other (please specify): What recreational activities do you participate in when you use trails? $\ ^{31}$

Topics	Count
Physical Fitness	2
Enjoy Nature	6
Photography	2
Spiritual Connection	1
Develop Community	8
Dog Walking	8
Disc Golf	1

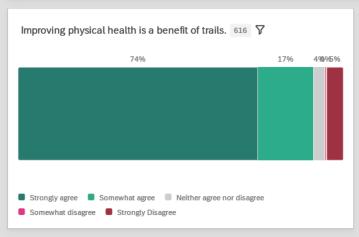


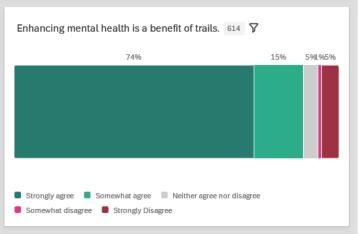


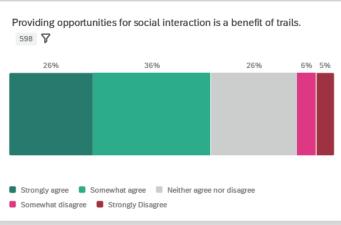


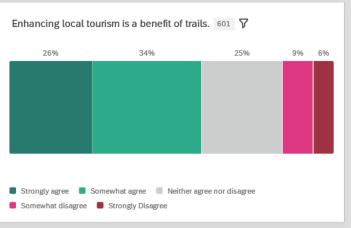


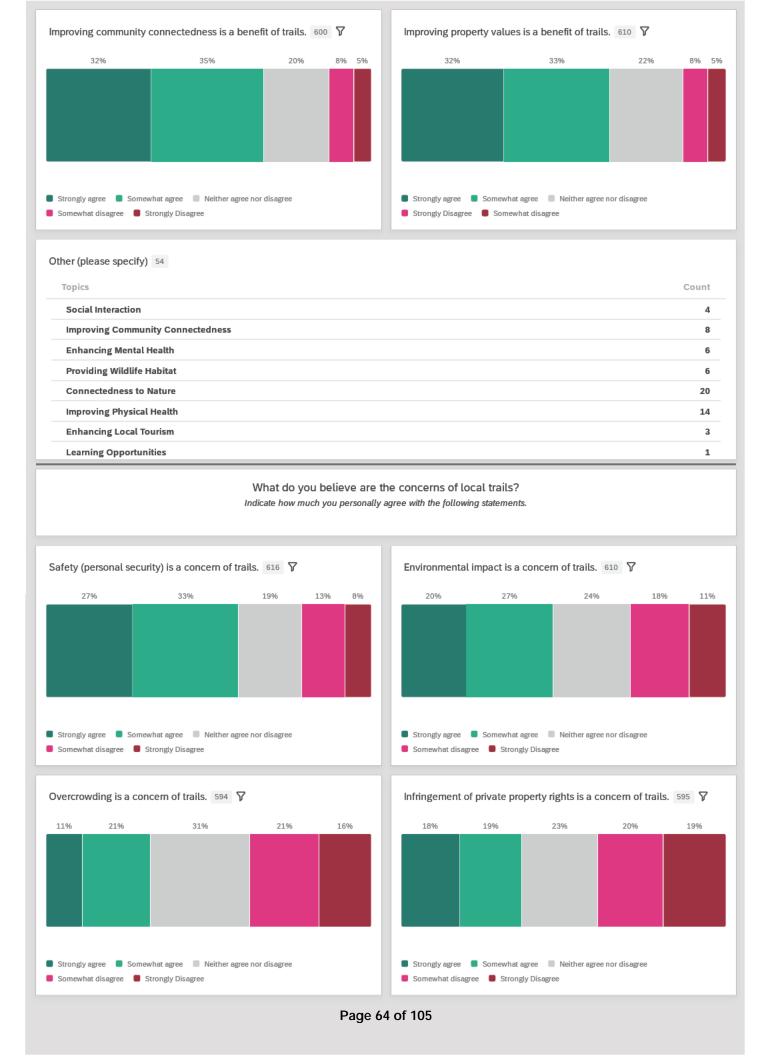
What do you believe are the benefits of local trails? Indicate how much you personally agree with the following statements.



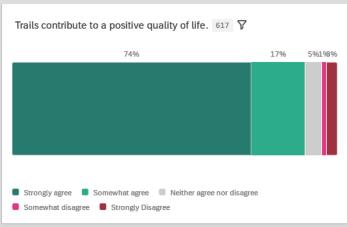


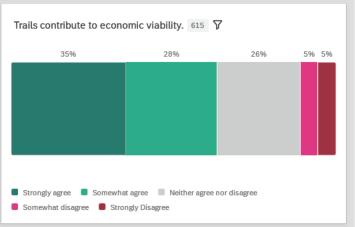


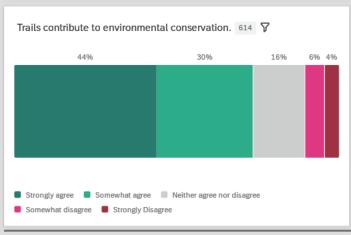


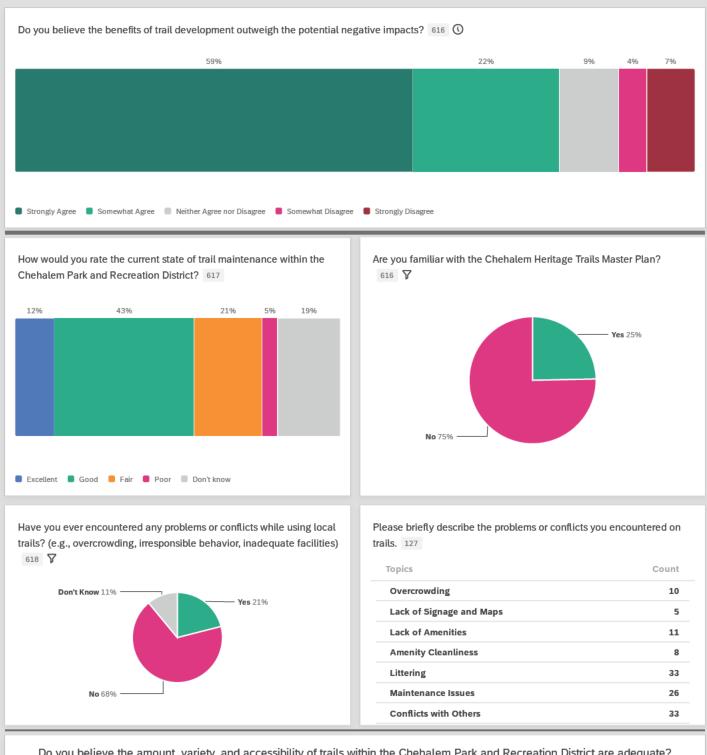






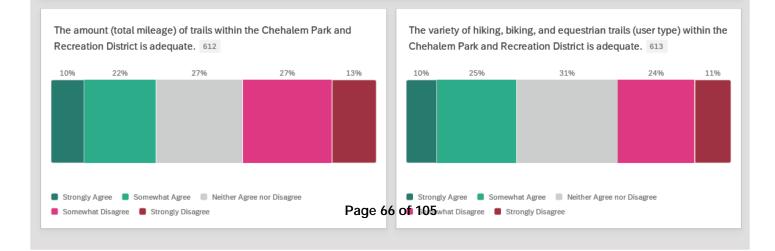


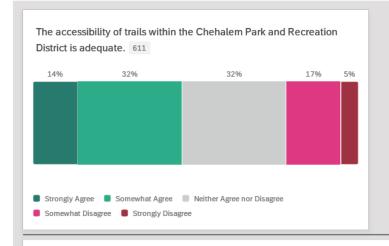


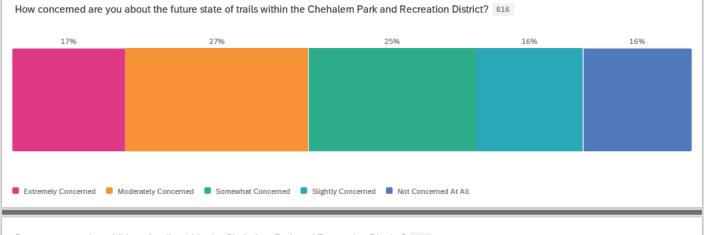


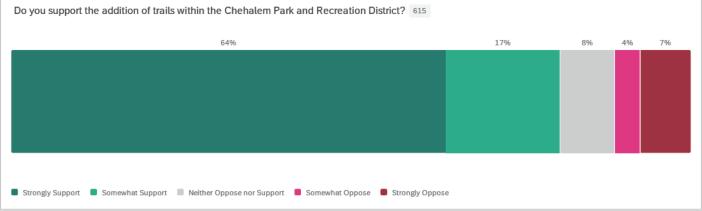
Do you believe the amount, variety, and accessibility of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District are adequate?

Indicate how much you agree with the following statements.



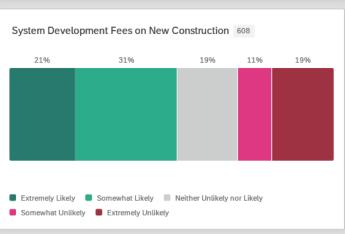






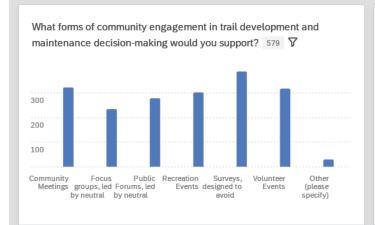
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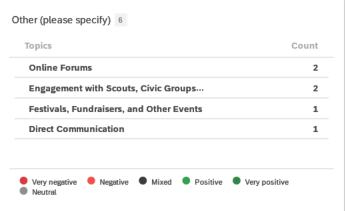




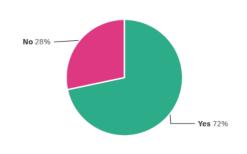
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Would you like to stay informed about trail development and maintenance (news) within Chehalem Park and Recreation District?



Would you like to stay informed about trail maintenance volunteering opportunities within Chehalem Park and Recreation District?

No 41%

Yes 59%

If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trails in the Chehalem Park and Recreation District, please share them here. 618

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai...

n/a

N/A

I would love to see longer paths and trails that link more of our parks and schools...to make longer, continuous safe routes for exercise and for children and families to and from school. Like an entire loop of continuous sidewalk/path from Jaquith to CVMS/Crater to Joan Austin along Mountainview Dr to MVMS/NHS/Mabel Rush to PCC/Chehalem Glen to Hoover Park to Edwards/Memorial Park back to Jaquith. Add some guiding signs & benches and mile/kilometer markings and more painted & lighted pedestrian crosswalks....and it would be a huge boost to community physical/mental/social health AND provide much needed much safer paths for our children to and from school.

I would love more equestrian and hiking trails! There's not enough around for someone who likes to utilize both.

N/A

N/A

Need more wildlife corridors. Need food/shelter and ecological enhancements for wildlife including more acreage. A comprehensive map of the trail system sent via mail to Newberg residents would be a positive.

N/A

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No data found - your filters may be too exclusive!

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai
N/A
N/A
N/A
Walk with me the best is yet to be.
N/A
Data shows accidents are greatly reduced when each mode of transportation, has its own lane, i.e., cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. Each mode also has it's own road markings and lights. Countries like The Netherlands and Denmark are good examples of this approach.
N/A
Surveying everyone is the most important. Things like development fees could be a good idea if that is what the developer wants, but would need to not just be something automatic but something that gets voted on by everyone involved. More input and voting and less non-informed decision making by government who aren't affected by these decisions
More awareness about existing trails to community needed
We have a large group of homescool families in town. It would be a great way for families to get together and kiddos to meet for park clean ups ect. Homeschool families have alot of flexibility Monday thru Friday unlike public school. Please feel free to email me on this. I have been working with Wendy at the Aquatic Center to get a once a month homeschool swim time that will be starting in November. Which sparked alot of interest. It would be great to get local hs families together to help make our little town even better. Clean ups are such a great way to teach children respect for public places and things.
N/A
hard to trust anyone with our tax dollars. Too many increases. not enough to show for it. Too many issues. None of your business what my male or female gender is.
N/A
My family would like to see more trails available to bikes/e-bikes. We are heavy users of the Ewing Young trails and support the expansion of that trail system. I would like to see the downtown/urban "trails" have better signage and access (sidewalk maintenance, etc).
More bird, snake and pollinator habitat please. Public education on native planting and bird strike prevention.
N/A

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai
N/A
No Yurts, no tiny homes otherwise you guys rock.
We use a nearby trail nearly every day. Our dog loves it!
More opportunities for skateboarding IE paved paths
No more tax money spent on trails!
N/A
N/A
Having a continuous sidewalk on at least one entire side of a street leading from all neighborhoods to the trails/parks. I do not like the risk of crossing back and forth across streets to stay on a sidewalk when walking to park.
N/A
N/A
We need more trails to connect our communities. Newberg and Dundee need a trail connection, the highway is too dangerous. Dundee needs more trail options, CPRDs focus seems to be skewed towards in Newberg. I'd like to see a breakout of funding (taxes, etc) versus amenities in Dundee vs Newberg.
N/A
Look at other communities to see how they are finding trails: Corvallis, Bend, Anchorage, Boise, Vancouver BC, etc
N/A
N/A
Regular surveying of trails is important to maintain safety of trail users and to discourage illegal camping and other activities. Security is a concern that needs to be addressed, if it cannot be patrolled, we have no business expanding trails. Property owners should not be expected to pay for these trails or the maintenance of them. Patrons of the trails can help maintain them by paying usage fee, this would also help to keep people who are not using the space lawfully to face consequences. Money can be raised by offering guided tours and foraging walks through CPRD. Buisnesses around the area could help support by keeping information about signing up for classes. Also putting QR codes at the trails, where fees can be paid, could let people know about guided tours and volunteer events for maintaining the trails.
Maintain our parks and stop creating new projects that will have ongoing costs. Sell excess land held by CPRD , perhaps?
N/A
I have never used any of the trails and I am not interested at all.
N/A
N/A

26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai
/A
PRD has made it a habit to build and develop parks and trails and do a poor b of maintaining them. Until you can get a plan together and restore the kisting parks and trails, and prove you can maintain them, you have no usiness building new ones.
/A
rails in Yamhill county will only lead to problems. Plus there is no reason to ave them, nothing to see and too close to metro areas where homelessness and drug issues occur and already are
/A
/A
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/A
re continue to hear about the surplus of funds within CPRD. If that is true, hy would we need to pay anything?
The need to create bike/pedestrian corridors with nearby towns and communities. We need to convert delinquent railroads to trails. We need to didress Memorial park homelessness/drugs issue. Kids are afraid to use this ark or go by. Renee Fields was supposed to have gotten an artificial turf and ack. The south side of town looks neglected.
/A
would be helpful to have sitting/benches around walking trails for seniors at want to get into/or stay in shape.
Il trails should be for all users. Preference should always be towards taking CPRD facilities more accessible to more people, not more exclusive or a small vocal minority of wealthy elitists who can afford certain activities.
/A
egarding fees, I think in district residents should NOT pay fees but out of strict folks should.
/A
here are few places we can take a good hike around newberg and safely go fore than a mile on a trail. Portland, Hillsboro, Beaverton, etc all have multi- ile trails. I don't know how to get this access but if the trails start or end with a ice-cream shop and allow for at least 5 miles of walking they will be used egularly.

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai... Love trails, however pushing through trail systems that are too diverse (pedestrians with dogs vs bikes, horses vs bikes, etc); or that do not provide adequate toilet facilities and proper safety monitoring is ridiculous Needs complete transparency with the community in whole We only use Dundee trails. Need a map to show where other trails are. If Yamhill County commissioners don't reverse their rejection of bridge construction across Chehalem Creek, re-submit appeal to LUBA. Would be interested to see a printed copy of the plans of CPRD in regard to future development and maintenance of trails. N/A you are doing a fine job keep on with the work you maintain for the community We use the trails at least every two weeks - not the once/week or once/month choices. The Gettman trail at the golf course is well marked - the second trail there is not. The gravel at Getman should be replaced with bark dust. Trail maintenance is not adequate. CPRD has property usable for trails but not open to the public. Sander Park is used only for marathon parking but could provide a pleasant addition to the Billick Park trail. This park is not maintained in a usable condition. Age, gender, household income and ethnicity are not relevant to a trail survey. We have sufficient trails. Maintain what you have with no user fees. CPRD should appreciate the bloated tax funding they already enjoy, live within their budget and stop exploring new increases to our property taxes. People are already hurting financially in the community. N/A The land off hwy99 would be so dangers to develop, there is accidents every weekend. And in my position all it will bring is homeless people to camp, trash and disruption / trespassing for the people living near the land. Overall I think it would bring the property value down. And that is not good for anyone. N/A Trails in a community are highly needed for people to get out and have an opportunity to relieve the stressors in their lives. More trails and the availability to them encourage a more diverse community by providing incentive for people to move to Newberg. I have been highly impressed how European countries have developed green spaces for their citizens. I was just in Spain and was lucky to rent an apartment within a block of a trail that went for miles in the city of Madrid.

I believe we should expand the trail system as much as possible. It only enhances the living experience of Newberg.

Maintenance and expansion of the existing CPRD trail system is vital to the long-term heath an dviability of our greater community.

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai
I believe trails are important to have and maintain whether I use them or not.
N/A
N/A
N/A
Please be sure the board sees the comments on the years of issues and our lack of faith in the organization as it is managed. There is a very large percentage of people that live near parks, trails, and facilities that continue to experience the ever increasing problems. Unfortunately the larger voice of people that only briefly visit and use the facilities and as such don't experience or even see as many problems, are the voices used to make it seem everything is good.
I have been a hiker/walker-for-exercise all my life, but since moving to Chehalem Mtn., have mainly walked the roads around our home, as well as the trails at Champoeg and Veritas School. At 64, my joints are not as happy with these hilly roads up here, so I would love to know about other walking-trail options around our community! I also grew up riding/showing horses and know that having somewhat-dedicated equine trails is also a HUGE blessing! Thank you for your efforts with this survey/project!!
The majority of funding MUST go to revenue producing features for Park & Rec like the pool and Chehalem Glen. There MUST be a way to monetize the use of trails. CPRD must also find a way to ensure tertiary features of the golf course are paid for use i.e. south east pitch and putt and the south putting green
N/A
Its sad that I cannot send my kids alone to Newberg's parks and the library because they are homeless hang outs.
We are senior citizens who moved here 8 years ago. We were looking for places to walk here, and were disappointed that there was no trail down by the river. Now we are in our late 70's so walking is becoming more difficult, and volunteering is also difficult. Safety is a big concern for us at this age. But we believe in the value of trails and the out of doors. We were Boy Scout leaders in our younger years. Trails in the woods are so beneficial. I wish we didn't have to drive to Champoeg to enjoy one.
N/A
N/A
We need more trail. It is part of a healthy community.
The recent action by the CPRD board has created a need for additional mountain biking trails within the network. I appreciate the work CPRD has put into the Bob and Crystal Rilee Park trails and overall trail maintenance. I would like to see this continue. Thank you!
As far as I know there are no trails near us. One of us is in a wheelchair so highly unlikely to go on a wooded trail. The other of us walks in our neighborhood
N/A
No more trails! Properly maintain what we have and stop spending more money on additional trails and parks that we don't need.

I am not willing to financially support this program as I believe it serves a small group of individuals. Our ball fields are known throughout the NW region and bring in huge tournaments all year round to paying baseball and softball clubs. Try booking a field for soccer practice and when you get a piece of dirt for the kids to practice on take a walk around it to find how uneven or full of gopher holes it is. Drive by Jaquith or Crater on any spring, summer or fall weekend and see the crowds they draw. Lately participating ball clubs have been talking about how bad the fields have been getting, How gross the facilities are and how CPRD has failed to install covers on the dugouts to protect the kids from weather and foul balls. Talk to the volunteer soccer coaches having to arrive hours early at the soccer fields in order to get a 1 hour slot for the kids to practice only to find the field hasn't been maintained let alone mowed. We pay crazy amounts in taxes and fees already and yet see little maintenance or upkeep of the facilities that bring in the most out of town traffic and probably user fees. These visitors are also bringing in revenue for the restaurants and other businesses in town. The expansion of a trail system that serves a small group that does not pay to use the facilities seems unreasonable and as a tax payer really grinds my gears. Lets figure out how to maintain what we have before we expand.
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
I love trails and access to natural spaces but don't want them over engendered to the detriment of the natural lands.
N/A
N/A
My concern is about how new trails are determined and how property owners are affected.
N/A
New Disc Golf Course!
We do not support any additional funding of CPRD trails or other projects. Family budgets cannot afford any more taxes or fees with living costs skyrocketing. Please take that into consideration.
N/A
N/A
N/A

Totally unaware of the existence of these trails.

425 - If you have any additional comments of Suppositions about the ratale of this.
Anonymous survey? The first thing asked to log in is my last name! Yea that's the ticket, its anonymous, yea You are wasting time and money for something that a VERY small amount of people uses. In the meantime, you don't mow the existing parks. There is some dumb Plack saying some day there is something going in on 5th street in Dundee. The golf course doesn't even have enough staff to mow the ruff in the fairways. The locker room at your pool has homeless trash hanging out of the lockers! Whose family member or best friend is going to get paid to do more trails that no one wants to use?
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
I feel CPRD need to adequately take care of what is available before adding trails. Trails brings to my mind the homeless taking over the areas making use of trails impossible.
N/A
N/A
Additional trails will benefit our residences and build community in our local area
N/A
Let's take care of existing parks before spending anything on future trails.
N/A
N/A
Better maintenance
Please try to avoid user & parking fees. That only keeps honest people honest and prohibits a lot of people who need to be outside from using them due to cost. I know trails are politically sensitive for some reason right now but think of the obesity rate of our society - anything we can do to help that would certainly be a good thing! There are many people who would take a walk but not play basketball or some other sport.
Please redirect public funds to improve current trails and side walks before adding more trails.
N/A
I can't fault those individuals who want to help people better their life.The Park and Rec needs to (all of us) look at the constitution regarding homeless people. Our city needs affordable housing instead of new trail-

I use sidewalks EVERYDAY, sometimes walking 4-5 miles on them. Some roads (Main Street) have no sidewalk at all making pedestrian use of this trail truly hazardous. compound that sidewalks are not developed, poorly maintained or obstructed undermines public use of this trail network within the bounds of CRPD. We don't always want, nor can, drive to a trailhead. The trail begins at my front door. Suggestion for future trails, collaborate with Newberg and Yamhill County Roads to develop urban trails to include sidewalks systems.
N/A
N/A
We are currently retired on fixed income and find it rather expensive to live in Newberg area. I would not want to see our disabled and elderly population, or other compromised groups unable to utilize trails locally due to additional costs to park, maintain, and limit availability of trails to select groups. I realize it is quite expensive to maintain and build trail and difficult to have enough funding and assistance in ongoing maintenance. However, I feel there are some volunteer opportunities within our community, such as scouts, students from GFU and our public schools, to name a few, that could potentially be part of maintenance. Perhaps organizing a monthly trail hike to the public that gives people a chance to know better what is available in the area and then also organizing some maintenance work groups once people are more invested in what they can access close to home. Obviously I don't know what liability concerns this would mean. Also, maybe there are ways to fund match for needed supplies, as is done by school communities and zoos and other organizations with need for equipment and supply like bark mulch. I do wonder if some low lighting on some paths would allow better visibility and safety for people and perhaps draw more people out to utilize some trails, like the golf course trail. We also like to have the benefit of accessible bathrooms as we age. But again, also a maintenance issue.
N/A
I am extremely disappointed that CPRD has ended mountain biking at Bob and Crystal Rilee. It seemed like a partnership had been formed there and the time taken to designate an area, put up signage, and update the maps. The MTB community is a very involved one and CPRD had a motivated volunteer group who was organizing trail maintenance and taking care of the MTB designated area. You should be encouraging more of that type of community involvement instead of ending it, for what appears to be no good reason at all (my view and opinion).
The only trail I've used is the one around the golf course south of Ferndale Rd. It is well-maintained and I like it but, since I walk so often for my health, I've chosen to walk sidewalks. However, trails are a great way to get families and individuals out into nature.
N/A
N/A
N/A

N/A
I have just moved here and do not wish to continue receiving information from you until I have had a chance to explore the community and trails.
While adding new trails or other facilities, do not lose focus on maintaining existing.
N/A
N/A
N/A
Would encourage longer trails (4-10 miles) and more dog-friendly options
Trails should not infringe on private property.
I am no longer a resident of Oregon, however I am a trustee of my family trust on Rexhill. I hike trails all over the USA and support the outdoors. However being outdoors comes with responsibilities. My personal feeling is that Chehalem Park And Rec. Dist. has not addressed all of the Public Safety, Environmental, Wildlife, issues at this point and should include more public debate on this idea. Best Regards
N/A
N/A
We need mountain bike trails or mtn bike parks! These are a huge benefit to communities like ours and bring in both local and national tourism, monetary support through bike groups and boost interest in outdoor activities for our own community members. Consider looking at similar ideas around WA for inspiration.
We really need mountain bike trails. The removal of mountain bike trails was a significant blow to youth in our community. More dirt/gravel multi use trails through town would be fantastic. Less pavement will keep skateboarding and electric skateboard traffic off of the trails.
Spend money on parks and kids, not on useless trails. We live in Oregon go to real trails
The banning of bicycles at Bob and Crystal Rilee Park is unacceptable. To cater to less than one percent of the area's population is outrageous there are no opportunities in the area for off-road cycling. The horses have many parks and trails already. I am disappointed in your decision to make that change.
N/A
I have lived in Newberg since 1978. I walk about 15-20 miles per week on Newberg streets. I have never heard about CPRD walking trails but I sure heard a lot about the pool when CPRD wanted a new facility. I have never used it, yet I heard plenty about the pool. I do a lot of walking yet never heard anything about the trails. One priority isn't for everyone.
The question about how much we are willing to pay is unclear. I answered with how much MORE I'm willing to pay, beyond what I'm already paying.
N/A

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai
N/A
N/A
I do not support more trails. They encroach on property rights, provide tent sites for homeless, and will raise taxes either now or in the future.
its not anonymous if i have to put my last name as a password to enter this survey. just saying,
N/A
Would very much like to see a trail on the Willamette waterfront between the cities.
I'm worried that development will encroach on the trail system.
The addition of mountain biking trails within Yamhill County would be great!
N/A
Catering to Mountain Bikers specifically is an extremely overlooked resource. With all of the downhill riding possibilities within the red hill vineyard country, Mountain Biking is an extremely overlooked resource. Folks could pay and ride amongst the grapes with zero negative impact on the ground or operation. It would be a wonderful addition to the wine tasting scene and would bring in tons of toursit dollars. I would love to help.
N/A
N/A
N/A
infringement on property is biggest concern. property values, noise
As the population and development grows, I believe developers should be the ones contributing funds to these trails to increase the well-being of residents and protect wildlife and habitat corridors. The increase in population has made it so I can no longer walk on our road (has become like a HWy). I now drive to CPRD trails or Champoeg to walk. I don't think property taxes should pay for increased development. People need space to be psychologically well. Thank you. The trails run by CPRD have been and are important to my life. I always feel safe on them.

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I've lived in north Newberg for 20+ years. It's never been a viable option to safely walk or bike into town due to lack of sidewalks and lack of signage or shoulders. We need something similar to Medford, Bend or Sherwood with trail systems that connect to town and beyond for recreational use. It will have a positive impact on locals and be a draw for tourism as well.
I would love to check out the trails before I give a firm opinion on the matter!
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
Do better.
N/A
Never mix equestrian riders and bikes on trails. That is dangerous.
Community trails are a fabulous resource for families and individuals seeking the outdoors and nature. The effects of trail use is multi-faceted and truly provides a wonderful benefit to communities.
N/A
love the ewing yung trail. Thanks for creating it. I hope more paths will go in thru wooded areas like Hess Creek. Thanks again.
N/A
Would really like to see bike trails be added. I road, gravel, and mountain bike and there are very few options within an hour drive
N/A
All tax payers should have a say over what trails can be used for, not just those with money to support their side or view.
N/A

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N/A	
I'm so grateful for the incredible care and beauty and functionality of the trails. Thank you park and rec, these trails are life saving for mental and physical health.	
To whom it may concern, Trails and "third spaces" are vitally important to many people in this community. Please keep them up, Oregon is so much better with them.	
N/A	
N/A	
I like the idea of trails.	
N/A	
Horse trails and hikers can share trail systems. Before cprd decides to have mixed use trails, some research should be conducted. Safety should never be compromised	
SPEND YOUR 80M IN A MORE PRODUCTIVE MANNER. MANY MORE URGENT AND PRESSING MATTERS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.	
N/A	
N/A	
I am incredibly grateful for the trails that are available. My dog is too! A big thanks to all of those who participate in making them safe and available.	
N/A	
N/A	

We should be directing our efforts and feed in to preserving and maintaining the facilities we currently have in operation. We should be investing our funds in to our youth activities to give them a positive outcome through physical activities. Our parks and sports fields are not properly maintained. In comparison to other cities and park districts CPRD is failing its residents especially its youth with the amount of fees residents currently pay. Before we start building more trails let's work on projects the majority of citizens would value. Here are some easy fixes. 1. Public restrooms 2. Water fountains that work 3. Sports fields 4. Playground equipment 5. Invasive and poxious weed abatement 1.

Until I received this survey I was unaware of the existence of Chehalem Park

People are trying to figure out how to put food on the table and afford gas. Housing costs is one of our community's greatest challenges. Do not add to those costs with MORE taxes and fees. A good example is the pool. You jacked up our property taxes to pay for it and simultaneously jacked up the cost of using the pool, making it an affordable for many families. We get to pay hundreds of dollars each year for a pool we can't afford to use. It's disgusting. CPRD needs to respect people's property rights and use the abundance of land they already own. We do not need to infringe on farmer's rights with bike trails that will attract more homeless transients. CPRD also needs to be concerned with, the recreational needs of ALL citizens and not just a small demographic of them. For example, giving full use of one of our parks to horse riders and nothing to the hundreds of kids who enjoy mountain biking. That was a huge slap in the face to our community and I am very disappointed in those I elected and helped campaign for.

N/A

How about finding a new Dump for newbergs Landscape debris and or start composting it and stopping the dumping of it along Chehalem creek behind the BMX track.

There needs to be more bicycle access to trails in Newberg

N/A

Most "engagements" happen on weekends. Great for most of community and parks. I work so I don't participate.

N/A

N/A

Our voting will always be against the trails

N/A

N/A

N/A

North Valley Church has a beautiful asphalted walking trail they allow the public to use. It is in dire need of repair. I would like to see CPRC reach out to entities like this to form community bonds and save money by utilizing existing access to trails, same with some of the beautiful vineyards in our area that would be willing to collaborate.

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Parking fees would be ideal as if we get better trails we also increase tourism- people come from portland to hike the Abbey, etc. property taxes to pay for trails is a lazy solution.
N/A
send out fliers with the proposed trail info. this is the first we have heard of it and we are members of the aquatic fitness center
N/A
N/A
Current web page lacks sufficient information to facilitate easy use of trails. Lacks directions, parking, services (latrines & water), restrictions or disability barriers.
N/A
Be careful to avoid extending the District obligations beyond its capabilities to deliver consistent important mission functions to its taxpaying population.
N/A
N/A
N/A
The Gettman Loop and Ewing Young Park Loop trails are excellently maintained and are great resources to the community. I'm not sure of the viability of this request, but converting the old railroad tracks into a Rail to Trail system would be awesome. My key complaint is that the length of the trails available in town. A trail greater than or equal to 3 miles in length would be amazing addition.
N/A
N/A
N/A
When our family wants to go hiking, we usually have to drive over an hour to get to a trail, all the while seeing the beauty of our own area wishing there were more opportunities to hike right here.
N/A

N/A	
N/A	
Solar lighting,priva	acy,benches.
N/A	
trees already on it school and colleg they leave the tre	down trees to make way for houses. There's land without t. Don't cut down the trees on land between joan Austin te street. When they build those houses planned make sure es that are on the corner of college and mountainview!!!! tired of trees being cut down for projects
Keep up the good	l work.
N/A	
work with the land even Bend who ha functionality (envi	genous land conservation to make sure what you create will d for a long time to come. Looking to cities like Sherwood or ave absolutely fantastic trails. Thinking of both the ironmental impact, ADA, multi-use) with beauty - there is a ghtful, beautiful design in our trails, parks, and city.
N/A	
The boat launch a	area for kayaks and paddle boards need to be improved,

126 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trail
I/A
vish bikers wouldn't have been banned from Rilee Park
I/A
the bridge from Ewing Young park to additional park and rec land to expand rails should absolutely happen. It is what I voted for in the representatives nat won the last election. Overall, we need a lot more hiking trails.
eep homeless out
l/A
hope trails are included in the new development around the newer onstruction. Every person should be able to walk in nature without having to et into a car to get to a trail.
N/A
I/A
rioritize maintaining before expanding
We desperately need some paved trails so that little kids can bike safely. This sextremely important to my family. It contributes to togetherness, releasing nergy, being part of the community and improved mental/emotional vellbeing.
l/A
have lost confidence in the City of Newberg AND Park and Rec. I see the ool sit mostly empty with much of the community mad about the prices. I nink park and rec needs to find the money within their existing budget AND ave respect for local farmland. Also think walking trails should be the riority since we can't all afford horses. The equestrian people have a lot of noney and too much influence already.
lew board needs to support the continiing goals of the district
think the primary focus should be to connect our city through walkable aths. The short walking path under the bypass has increased walkability for my neighborhood to the river. I see others forging a path under the remaining ypass and think that would be an easy next connection for Chehalem Park and Rec: to make a temporary path under the bypass and connect to Ewing oung.
rail right of way and development is very important now and much more nportant to have for future generations!
I/A
/A
I/A
/A
lease repair and maintain Jaquith Park walking path/trail. Re: survey - Thank ou for listening

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N/A
Not interested in trails and not interested in paying for it out of my money in any way shape or form
N/A
CPRD fees and taxes are already very very high. Future projects need to be very modest to avoid continued high tax and SDC fees.
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
I regret not adding my voice earlier to the fact that bikes are no longer allowed at the Bob and Crystal Rilee park. I know there are irresponsible users, but completely blocking bikes isn't the answer. There aren't any close options for mtn biking for Newberg residents, and many many other parks are able to manage having multi use trails. I'd love to help figure out another management plan for that park.
N/A
N/A
N/A

N/A
I believe trails in our community is a win for all. It allows people to visit our community and the economic benefits would increase. People come for the wineries, which is great, but bring people who enjoy the beauty of the area. I would also suggest having kid friendly structures at locations that would support it. I personally would be interested in giving a donation to support this cause. I don't feel it's wise to have a parking fee or admission fee. However, I understand the cost will be an issue as well as possible homeless concerns and or unpleasant activities. Thank you for reaching out and I look forward to supporting this cause.
We need a trail along the river and safer access to public swimming and waterways. Leisure swimmers need a right of way at Roger's landing. More families are congregating and need to have safe boundaries to swim. I'm a daily swimmer at the Willamette River which is my "trail". We need erosion control, a paddle/swim deck and bouyies
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
I love the trails in Newberg and run them every week. It's a great, calming way to get out into nature and helps my mental health exponentially.
a bike path from here to dundee and points leading west (to the coast), north and south would be great. Biking and walking on public roads are always a safety issue for me and my spouse.
We need more trails! Our kids don't have enough places to run, play, and bike. Can't wait for the paved trail that connects Dundee and Newberg.
N/A
I am not interested in any "trails", and absolutely have no interest in PAYING for them in ANY WAY!
N/A
Add the potential exploration of conservation easements to the discussion.
N/A
I paid to have tranquility on my farm. The master plan affects that.
N/A

Newberg has not one foot of dedicated bike trails. We have to drive in to areas around Portland if we want to ride our bikes on paved trails that are not on a road and we do that a lot. We would LOVE to be able to access trails by riding from our house in Newberg
N/A
Please fix the cracks in the trail that runs behind Crater. Please add more mileage of nature trails to the CPRD area.
N/A
It would be helpful to know which trails have year round restrooms, and pavement for accessibility issues
I would love to see the bike path happen. I sometimes do not feel comfortable going on a long ride on our roads in Newberg. It would be amazing to have a bike path to ride. Also, Ewing Young parks needs major upgrades. We are there three days a week if not more to use the BMX track and skatepark. It is by far the most used park in Newberg and it is in need of major work. Parking lot, restrooms, improved seating and covered areas. CVBMX and the skaters do maintenance to the track and the skatepark. It would be nice to get some improvements from CPRD as well.
N/A
Our parks system has the potential to increase the overall health and well being of our neighbors. Families, fitness enthusiasts, group classes, and others would all greatly benefit from expansion of the locally available park system. Community events emphasizing local business would also be a large bonus (wine tasting and star gazing, etc)
N/A
As much connection between trails as possible, including CPRD trails and other trail networks nearby. Access to both urban and rural trails spread out within Newberg-Dundee to make access equitable across neighborhoods. Due to the abudance of privatized, agricultural properties surrounding Newberg-Dundee, CPRD could best serve residents by being a strong advocate and provider of trails.
N/A
N/A
Do the bridge over Chehalem Creek to expand Ewing Young Park. If use fees are done they should be at the same price or below that of the yearly day use pass for State Parks.
N/A
N/A
N/A
We would love to see more bike riding opportunities in trails for beginners and advanced bike riders trails. In the Ewing Young park plan it says they plan to put in a pump track for bike riders we would love a Velosolutions pump track like they have in bend (big sky park) and in Redmond. We would also love to see some dirt jump lines. And downhill trails an Bob and crystal Riley park

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N/A	
Involve service organizations (i.e. Boy Scouts, highway clean up groups, etc.) in Park development and maintenance.	
When seen as a whole, the evidence about the far-reaching benefits of a community trail are compelling, especially given the minimal public investment involved compared to other undertakings with the same community goals. A community trail creates healthy recreation and transportation opportunities by providing people of all ages with attractive, safe, accessible and low- or no-cost places to cycle, walk, hike, jog or skate. Trails help people of all ages incorporate exercise into their daily routines by connecting them with places they want or need to go. There is data to support the knowledge that communities that encourage physical activity by making use of the linear corridors can see a significant effect on public health and wellness. As tools for ecology and conservation, community trails help preserve important natural landscapes, provide needed links between fragmented habitats and offer tremendous opportunities for protecting plant and animal species. They also can be useful tools for wetland preservation and the improvement of air and water quality. In addition, they can allow humans to experience nature with minimal environmental impact. Many community leaders have been surprised at how trails have become sources of community identity and pride. A community trail adds to the pride in and livability of our area.	
N/A	
I am very disappointed with the decision to ban bicycles from the Bob and Crystal trails. Now there are absolutely no aggressive Mt. Bike trails in Newberg.	
N/A	
Very concerned about recently elected board members as have had previous experience with at least one in another setting. Not a team player, not law abiding citizen.	
N/A	
N/A	
I would love to see trail improvement / expansion at Ewing Young Park. This park is easily accessible for Newberg citizens living downtown. The people in this area need more safe, accessible, and maintained recreation.	
N/A	
N/A	

I believe that trails are essential to the quality of life in our communities. They provide lifeblood and support to people, while allowing us to regularly interact with our natural environment to find restoration, connection, and peace. I think there are few investments that are more important than trail development in our local community. Trails have an ongoing, lasting impact, and provide a great cost-to-benefit ratio for our resources invested. They also have many researched and proven benefits, from attracting new citizens to our community, to providing enhanced support for city and local government. There are so many ways in which trails are important and helpful. Thank you for considering my responses and the results of this survey!
N/A
CPRD maintenance has been horrible. Most of the funding questions in this survey bundled maintenance and build. I wouldn't support any funding for additional trails because CPRD can't maintain what it has. I would support funding to actually maintain the existing trails appropriately. The survey failed to differentiate between these.
N/A
N/A
I am in favor of supporting development and maintenance of a community trail system. I believe it is important for community health to have opportunities to exercise and enjoy nature in this way. I also believe our sdc's in Newberg are too high and are a factor in housing affordability.
N/A
On top of access to trails, the community needs clearer and better access to information ABOUT trails. The website is a great start, but doesn't provide much information about parking, scenery (images), or access.
I think a small number of people may try to stoke fear about crime and homeless people, using lies and wild accusations. I hope we can make decisions based on factual information for the benefit of our whole community. I think that communities who are outside and exercising and making connections are more likely to be happy and attractive to new members. I welcome an increase in nature trails and community work opportunities.

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N/A
N/A
N/A
This has been an absolute waste of our money and time. New trails only benefit the rich and we can't afford more taxes for more surveys that do nothing. Ground hasn't even been broken. This is ridiculous
N/A
I love newberg and would love for our family to enjoy its trails and nature more!
N/A
I have traveled extensively throughout the USA during my career. I often look for trails for relaxation after my work day. Many cities have wonderful rails-to-trails systems. I've used many, they are safe, used by people of all ages, and I see them as enhancing a community.
N/A
N/A
A lot of CPRD funds are spent on the golf course that is only available for use by golfers. I would like to see trails given more priority because they can be used by more people.
N/A
N/A
N/A
Please add a mountain biking trail network. Mountian biking is very popular and is a great way to experience the outdoors in a thrilling way.
N/A
N/A

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Why does CPRD continue to acquire property and propose new projects, such as trails, when it can't maintain and provide security for the projects already in place. I would oppose anything new for development by CPRD, until they can resolve all the issues that already exist with the District's properties and policies.
N/A
N/A
Senior accessible
N/A
N/A
Sherwood has an amazing trail system that connects neighborhoods with all areas of town. We would love to see something similar here. They did a great job of incorporating natural areas into neighborhoods. It's a great model. The newer sidewalks near the roundabout on Crestview Drive are not being cleared of debris. The new trees are not being watered and are looking sad. More plants should be added to this area for visual interest and pollution control. It's discouraging to see tax dollars put into landscaping that isn't cared for properly and will need to be repeatedly replaced.
I haven't used the Chehalem Heritage Trails. When I tried to look the up, I don't see many maps of the routes.
N/A
expand bike trail options?
Please do not spend any tax payer money for this. Thank you.
N/A

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