CPRD Trails Advisory Committee

AGENDA

February 14, 2024 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Attend either in person on-site at CPRD Admin Office or remotely via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157263898
Meeting ID: 891 5726 3898

Committee Members:
Michelle Colvin
Quentin Comus (Chair)
Matt Dolphin
Allen Holstein
Kimberly Lanier

Committee Members (Continued):

Bob Oleson

Martin Peters

Cindy Riggs

Erin Robinson (Secretary)

Jim McMaster

CPRD Staff:
Casey Creighton
Kat Ricker

Bryan Stewart

Board Liaisons: Jason Fields

- Call to Order
- II. Attendance Roll Call
- III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes (Quentin)
 - See Appendix A
- IV. Public Comment Period

Public participation in Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee meetings is encouraged. Those interested may submit written comments to kricker@cprdnewberg.org or provide oral comments at a public committee meeting. Those wishing to provide oral comments will be provided a set amount of time determined by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting during the designated public comment period. This public comment period may last up to a maximum of 10 minutes.

- V. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Quentin)
- VI. Committee Member Comments/Updates (Quentin)
- VII. Community Trails Survey Report Second Reading and Discussion (Quentin)
 - <u>Potential Motion:</u> Approve the CHTAC Community Trails Survey Report for presentation to the
 CPRD Board of Directors and distribution to the general public.
 - See Appendices B and C
- VIII. Cycling Trails Discussion (Matt)
- IX. New Committee Rules and CHTAC Bylaws Discussion (Matt)
 - See Appendices D, E, and F
- X. Adjourn

Important Reminders/Notes:

- Thursday, February 22, 2024: CPRD Board of Directors Meeting at the CPRD Administrative Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024: CHTAC Regular Meeting at the CPRD Administrative Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m.

Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 10, 2024 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Attend either in person on-site at CPRD Admin Office or remotely via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157263898
Meeting ID: 891 5726 3898

Green attended in person – Blue attended via Zoom – Black not in attendance

Committee Members:

Michelle Colvin
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Matt Dolphin
Allen Holstein
Kimberly Lanier

Committee Members (Continued):

Bob Oleson Martin Peters Cindy Riggs Erin Robinson (Secretary) Peter Siderius

> Board Liaisons: Jason Fields

Jim McMaster

CPRD Staff: Casey Creighton

Kat Ricker Bryan Stewart <u>Others:</u>

Brian Bowman

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance Roll Call
- III. Approval of September and October Meeting Minutes (Quentin) moved seconded and approved unanimously
 - See Appendices A and B
- IV. Public Comment Period

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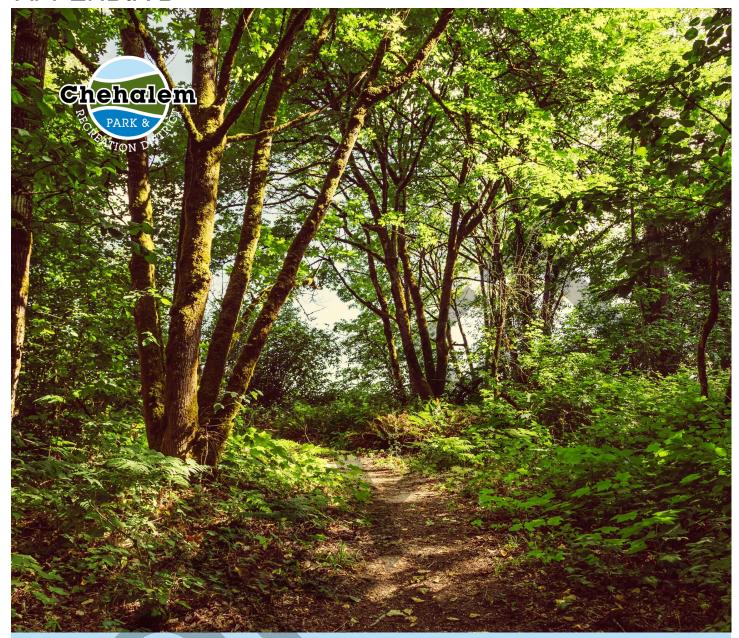
- o Ryan Geser not in attendance statement is in the record
- See Appendix C
- Brian Bowman would love somewhere to bike as weather changes.
- V. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Quentin)
 - 1. Will create a set of by-laws for committees will not change much of how our committee will function there was a discussion about reapplication
 - Continued discussions around projects including pickleball, land acquisition, etc.
 a potential Bob and Crystal Rilee Park Committee
- VI. Committee Member Comments/Updates (Quentin)
 - 1. Bark application is much appreciated by Michelle & Erin
 - 2. Matt Dolphin -
 - 1. Feb 1st virtual meeting for Oregon Ethics Commission Public Meetings Training Oregon.gov/ogec/training
 - 2. OPRD Local government grant workshop Oregon.gov/oprd/gra on February 6th 9am to 10:30am CPRD has obtained grants here before Jim McMaster is on the committee for the State next year it will be \$30million for the state of Oregon \$1 million or less per application \$100k and \$50k grants may also be available April the grant requests are due there is also a match on the grants depending on the population of the district
 - 3. OTC lunch & learn webinar recreational immunity January 30 12pm-1pm
 - 4. National Park Service has a program open to help with planning, etc. conservation and outdoor recreation technical assistance nps.gov/rtca
 - 3. Casey & Jim Recreational immunity case coming out of the coast
- VII. Community Trails Survey Report First Reading and Discussion (Quentin)
 - See Appendix D
 - 2 page executive summary
 - o This is a first draft Quentin discusses the difficulties in analyzing the data.
 - Specific concerns and desires in the district should be further discussed and analyzed
 - Any Questions or Concerns will be addressed as we move forward potential recommendations provided at February meeting so that we can present the list to CPRD during that meeting
 - Matt Dolphin thank you to Quentin for pulling this together
 - A. We need to synthesize the information to a shorter presentation so the board does not have to read the entire long 100 plus pages
 - B. Quentin also important to synthesize for the general public statistically significant study was performed and errors could be mitigated. Was great to have so much engagement with the survey. Presenting the results in a short way.
 - Marty list of recommendations to present to the board? Yes included with the survey report – that takes the data and translates it into a
 - Matt 5 take aways and 5 recommendations from the survey Quentin thinks a number like 5 sounds reasonable
 - Cindy agrees with what was stated and so does Michelle

- Cindy community engagement the number of people who don't know about the trails
- Community connectiveness, getting from point A to point B ADA compliant and paved (Dundee-Bypass Trail)
- Taxes or SDC for trails? State and federal grants and donations were the top two supported funding sources
- We do have emails from those who shared with us for advocacy efforts
- Matt read through the comments a couple of themes emerged
 - A. lack of awareness about trails broadcasting information about trails potential flyers
 - B. Maintenance of existing facilities and trails addition of trails and a concern of lack of maintenance Quentin a focus group may help regarding perceptions of maintenance
 - C. Homelessness/houselessness, personal safety and property owners what is the plan for safety? CPRD relies on the police to assist in making parks safe Quentin main concerns or why the trails weren't used also some confusion about whether someone is homeless or they perceive that they are due the way the person looks
 - D. Matt also found 5 things that the community wanted. Quentin suggests that we take that discussion to email for a vote on our next meeting – committee of less than a quorum to get started on this
 - Volunteered to start the process over email: Kim Lanier, Matt Dolphin, Cindy Riggs, Alan Holstein and Marty Peters
 - 2. Matt requests families with kids and senior group pulled out of the group Newberg and Dundee respondents can also be separated
 - E. More trails, longer trails and more amenities bikes were also an issue including bikes for transportation
- Board presentation the committee will come up with presentation plans next month
- Jim the survey was 100% random
- VIII. Recreation Immunity Letter Discussion (Matt) as mentioned case in Newport Oregon woman was walking a dog and slipped and broke her leg on a bridge weakens the protections that cities and districts have if you can claim that you are not using the park/facility for recreational purposes it opens up additional liability. Letters that cities and districts are sending -
 - 1. <u>Potential Motion:</u> Recommend the CPRD Board of Directors approve and send the CHTAC Recreational Immunity Letter to a list of suggested contacts. <u>Motioned, seconded and unanimously approved</u>
 - 2. See Appendices E and F
- IX. Cycling Trails Discussion (Matt) motioned to table and seconded unanimously approved
- X. Spring/Summer 2024 Trail Work Party Discussion (Matt) **Saturday June 1**st (national trail day) and around March 9th seeking CPRD approval Kim says it would also be great to have one national public lands day in September add to list to consider.
- XI. Adjourn 7:30pm

Important Reminders/Notes:

- Thursday, January 25, 2024: CPRD Board of Directors Meeting at the CPRD Administrative Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2024: CHTAC Regular Meeting at the CPRD Administrative
- Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m.





COMMUNITY TRAILS SURVEY REPORT

February 2024

Community Trails Survey Report

February 2024

Prepared by Quentin Comus on behalf of the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee for Chehalem Park and Recreation District

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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.
- 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%) self-identified 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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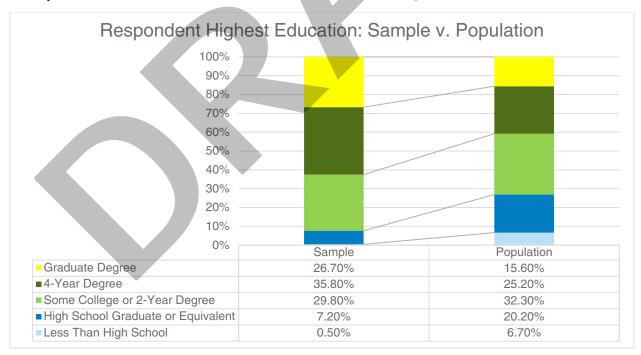
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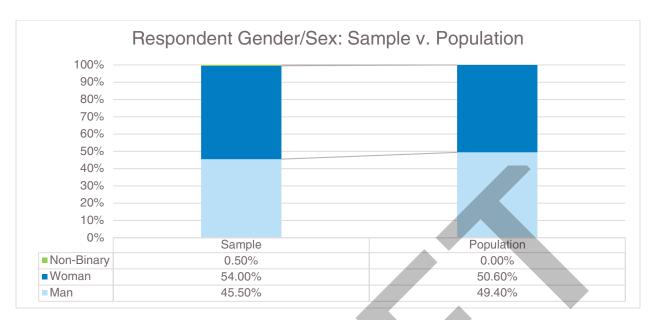




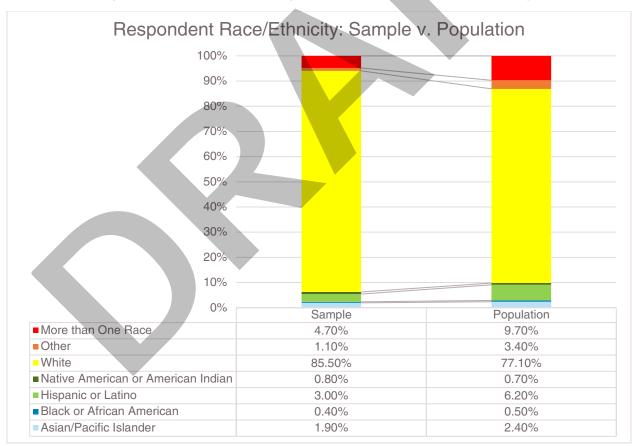
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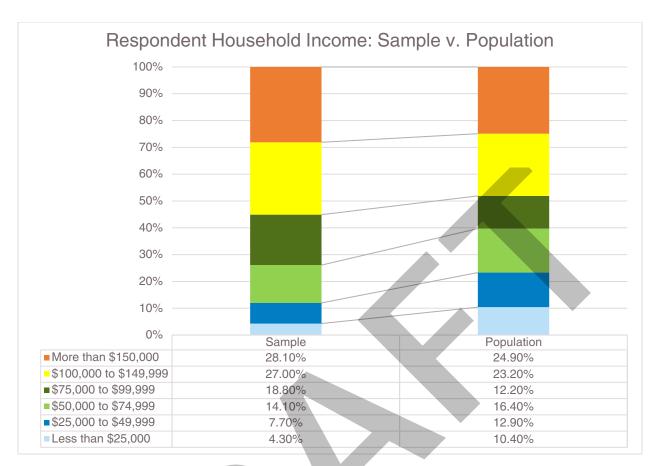
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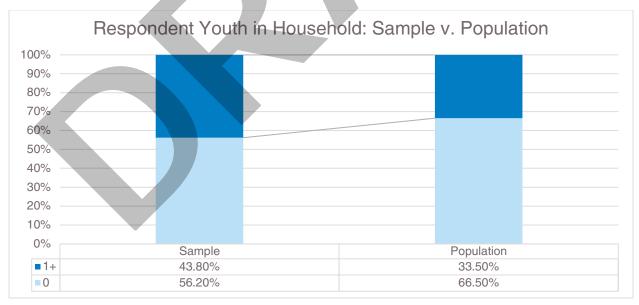
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CPRD Community Trails Survey

Start of Block: Introduction

Q1 As a resident of the Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD), you have been randomly selected to participate in the Community Trails Survey, administered in collaboration with the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee.

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

months?

Daily (1)

Weekly (2)

Monthly (3)

Less than Once a Month (4)

Did Not Visit Trails in Past 12 Months (5)

Q1 How often did you visit trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District in the last 12



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Q2 What trails that apply)	do you typically use within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District? (select all
	Bob and Crystal Rilee Park trails (1)
	Chehalem Glenn Golf Course trails (2)
	Crabtree Park trails (3)
	Crater Park walking paths (4)
	Ewing Young Park trails (5)
	Herbert Hoover Park walking paths (6)
	Jaquith Park walking paths (7)
	Schaad Park trails (8)
	Urban Newberg walking paths (9)
	Urban Dundee walking paths (10)
Q	Other (please specify) (11)
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Display This Question:

If How often did you visit trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District in the last 12 mo... != Did Not Visit Trails in Past 12 Months

Q3 What recre	Q3 What recreational 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 Block	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	y Important (2)
Some	what Important (3)
Moder	ately Important (4)
O Extren	nely Important (5)
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Q38 How important are local trails to you and your family?

Not Important at All (1)

Slightly Important (2)

Somewhat Important (3)

Moderately Important (4)

Extremely Important (5)

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
Enhancing mental health is a benefit of trails. (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Providing opportunities for social interaction is a benefit of trails. (3)	0	0		0	0
Enhancing local tourism is a benefit of trails. (4)	0	0	0		0
Improving community connectedness is a benefit of trails. (5)		20		0	0
Improving property values is a benefit of trails. (6)	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify) (7)	6	0	0	0	0
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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
Environmental impact is a concern of trails. (2)	0	0			0
Overcrowding is a concern of trails. (3)	0	0		0	\circ
Infringement of private property rights is a concern of trails. (4)	0			. 0	0
Homelessness is a concern of trails. (5)	0		0	0	0
Development and maintenance costs is a concern of trails. (6)		0	0	0	0
Conflict between different user groups (e.g. bikers and walkers) is a concern of trails. (7)		0		0	0
Other (please specify) (8)	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ





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
Trails contribute to economic viability. (2)	0	0			0
Trails contribute to environmental conservation.	0			0	0
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Indicate how much you personally agree with Generally, the benefits of trail development of	
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 Recreation District? © Excellent (1) © Good (2)	t <u>rail maintenance</u> within the Chehalem Park and
O Fair (3)	
Poor (4)	
Opon't know (0)	
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Q12 Are you familia	ar with the Chehalem He	eritage Trails Master	Plan?	
O Yes (1)				
O No (2)				
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Q13 Have you ever encountered any problems or conflict overcrowding, irresponsible behavior, inadequate facilities	
○ Yes (1)	
O No (2)	
O Don't Know (3)	
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever encountered any problems or conflicts while using local trails? (e.g., overcrowding... = Yes

	es" to the previous question, please briefly describe the problem or
conflict you encountered	d.
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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
The variety of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails (user type) within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. (2)			0		0
The accessibility of trails within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District is adequate. (3)				0	0

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)
O 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)
O 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
System Development Fees on New Construction (2)	0	0			0
Temporary Tax Levy on Real Property (3)	0		0	0	0
User Fees (e.g. Parking Fees) at Trailheads (4)	0	0	0	0	0
State or Federal Grants (5)			0	0	0
In-Kind Donations (6)		0	\circ	\circ	\circ

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Q19 How much are you willing to pay for trail development and maintenance? (e.g. in property 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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Q20 How interested are you in participating in on-the-ground, staff-guided, volunteer maintenance events?

- O Not Interested at All (1)
- O Slightly Interested (2)
- O Somewhat Interested (3)
- O Moderately Interested (4)
- O Extremely Interested (5)

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)

trail maintenance and development led by a neutral facilitator?

Not Interested at All (1)

Slightly Interested (2)

Somewhat Interested (3)

Moderately Interested (4)

Extremely Interested (5)

Q21 How interested are you in participating in public forums and community meetings related to

making would	ms of community engagement in trail development and maintenance decision-
	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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Q27 What is your age? 18-24 (1) 25-34 (2) 35-44 (3) 45-54 (4) 55-64 (5) 65 or older (6) Prefer Not to Say (7)

Q28 What is your gender? Man (1) Woman (2) Non-binary (3) Prefer Not to Say (4)

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?

Less Than High School (1)

High School Graduate or Equivalent (2)

Some College or 2-Year Degree (3)

4-Year Degree (4)

Graduate Degree (5)

Prefer Not to Say (6)



Q31 What is your annual household income? 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) More than \$150,000 (6) Prefer Not to Say (7)



Q40 How many of your household members are people under the age of 18?

- O (0)
- O 1 (1)
- O 2 (2)
- O 3 (3)
- 4 or more (4)
- O Prefer Not to Say (5)

Q32 Would you like to stay informed about trail development and maintenance (news) within Chehalem Park and Recreation District?
O 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) No (2)
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Q35 If you answered "Yes" to any of the previous questions, please provide your email address.
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September 15, 2023

[ADDRESS BLOCK]

Dear [FIRST NAME],

As a resident of the Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD), you have been randomly selected to participate in the **Community Trails Survey**, administered in collaboration with the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee.

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.

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



Complete the

Community Trails Survey

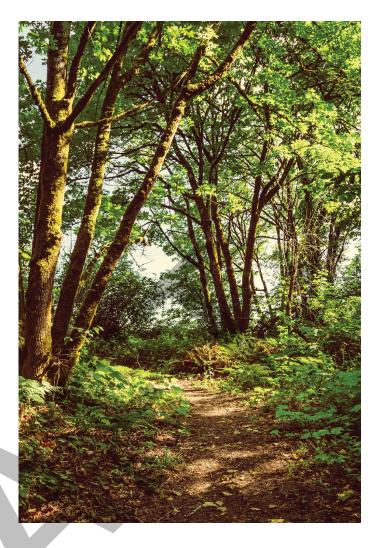
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for a chance to win a
Chehalem Aquatic and Fitness Center
3-Month Family Membership!

That's a

\$235

See reverse side for details...



CPRD Community Trails Survey

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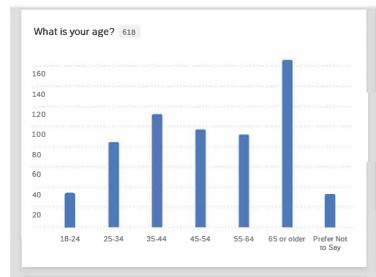
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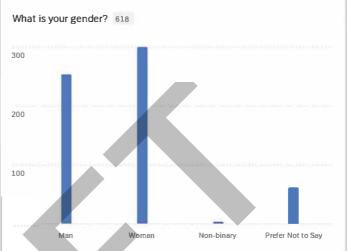
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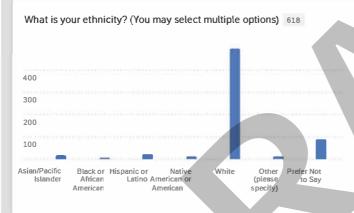
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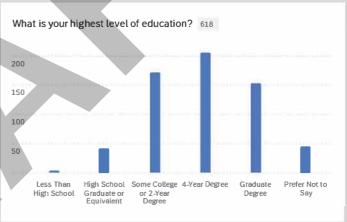
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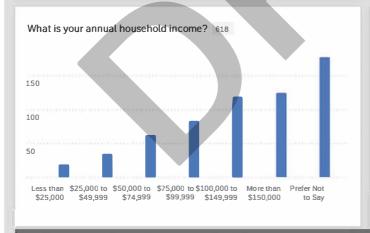
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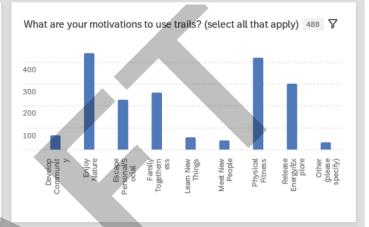






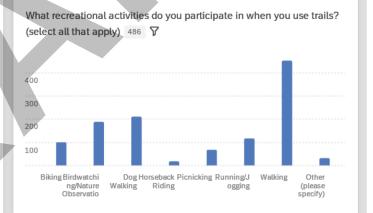
Other (please specify): What trails do you typically use within the Chehalem Park and Recreation District? 50

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



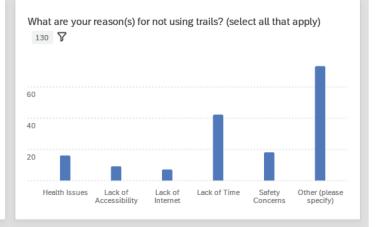
Other (please specify): What are your motivations to use trails? 29

Topics	Count
Swimming	1
Photography	3
Stargazing	1
Skateboarding	3
Foraging	1
ВМХ	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

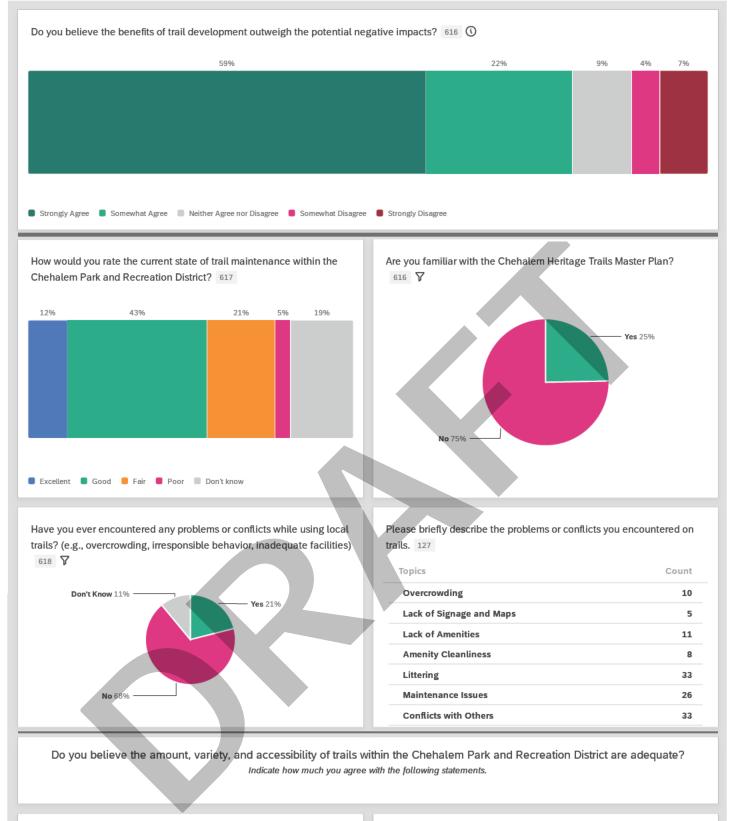


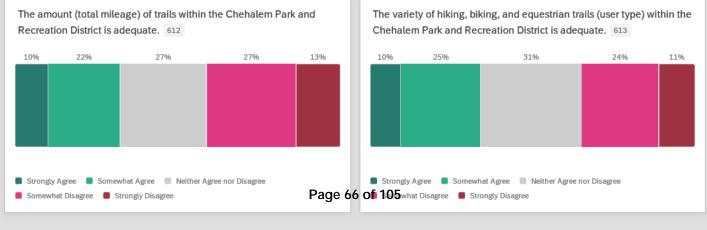


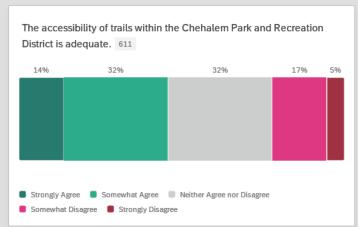
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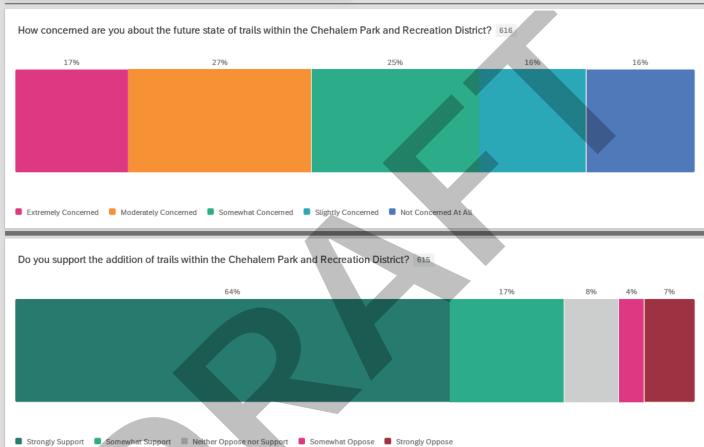




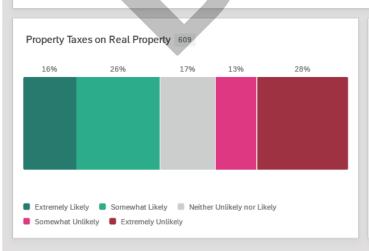


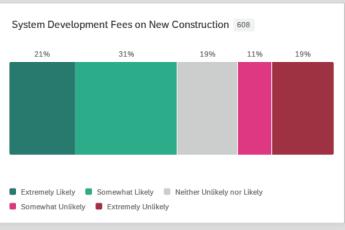






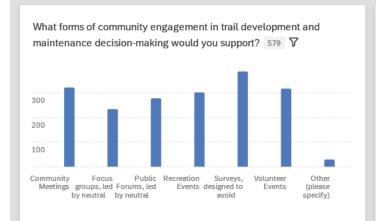


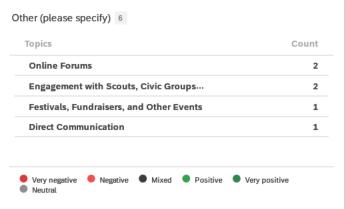




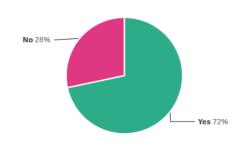
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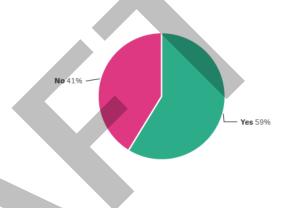




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If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trails in the Chehalem Park and Recreation District, please share them here. 618

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 Or 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!

N/A	
N/A	
Walk with	me the best is yet to be.
N/A	
has its owr own road r	s accidents are greatly reduced when each mode of transportation, lane, i.e., cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. Each mode also has it's markings and lights. Countries like The Netherlands and Denmark xamples of this approach.
N/A	
could be a not just be everyone i	everyone is the most important. Things like development fees good idea if that is what the developer wants, but would need to something automatic but something that gets voted on by nvolved. More input and voting and less non-informed decision government who aren't affected by these decisions
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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
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N/A
CPRD has made it a habit to build and develop parks and trails and do a poor job of maintaining them. Until you can get a plan together and restore the existing parks and trails, and prove you can maintain them, you have no business building new ones.
N/A
Trails in Yamhill county will only lead to problems. Plus there is no reason to have them, nothing to see and too close to metro areas where homelessness and drug issues occur and already are
N/A
N/A
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N/A
We continue to hear about the surplus of funds within CPRD. If that is true, why would we need to pay anything?
We need to create bike/pedestrian corridors with nearby towns and communities. We need to convert delinquent railroads to trails. We need to address Memorial park homelessness/drugs issue. Kids are afraid to use this park or go by. Renee Fields was supposed to have gotten an artificial turf and track. The south side of town looks neglected.
N/A
It would be helpful to have sitting/benches around walking trails for seniors that want to get into/or stay in shape.
All trails should be for all users. Preference should always be towards making CPRD facilities more accessible to more people, not more exclusive for a small vocal minority of wealthy elitists who can afford certain activities.
N/A
Regarding fees, I think in district residents should NOT pay fees but out of district folks should.
N/A
There are few places we can take a good hike around newberg and safely go more than a mile on a trail. Portland, Hillsboro, Beaverton, etc all have multimile trails. I don't know how to get this access but if the trails start or end with an ice-cream shop and allow for at least 5 miles of walking they will be used

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

N/A

We only use Dundee trails. Need a map to show where other trails are.

N/A

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

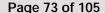
The land off hwy99 would be so dangers to develop, there is accidents every weekend. And in my position all it will bring is homeless people to camp, trash and disruption / trespassing for the people living near the land. Overall I think it would bring the property value down. And that is not good for 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 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 walkingtrail 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. Lappreciate 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.

Totally unaware of the existence of these trails. 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 I love trails and access to natural spaces but don't want them over engendered to the detriment of the natural lands. 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

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

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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.

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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.

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai... We need many more walking trails, especially longer walks and trails linking Newberg and Dundee. Currently we have to drive to Champoeg or the Trappist Abbey to have a good walk. I wish there were more trails closer to Newberg/Dundee. Can we modify the old railway line to create longer trails and connect with community facilities? For example, it's nice to walk the Champoeg trail and finish with coffee or lunch at Butteville Store/Cafe. Trails would also be a tourist attraction. It's disappointing that the board didn't consider the social class impact of their decision to change the use of Bob and Crystal Rilee Park from a place where people of all social classes could enjoy to one where just a few elite members of the district have the resources to utilize. And use all taxpayers' dollars for such a purpose. N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Trails are important to the quality of life experience in our community. I appreciate the CPRD's work and their efforts to implement an extensive trail system in our area. More bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly areas (better sidewalks and lighting) downtown will also be helpful. N/A N/A N/A Stay in Newberg. Do what you know. Take care of the recreational programs and spend some time in the parks HERE on maintenance. Easy. The more trails of the better Please increase trail availability. I didn't know there were any. Larger social media presence would be great Not just the hiking trails, but I and sooooo many others, would like to see a pickle ball facility! N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A I don't think that in district residents should pay a fee for trails or parking

Q26 - If you have any additional comments or suggestions about the future of trai
N/A
N/A
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.
ts 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.
'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 ide 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.
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WA
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I've lived in north Newberg for 20+ years safely walk or bike into town due to lack shoulders. We need something similar to trail systems that connect to town and be have a positive impact on locals and be a	of sidewalks and lack of signage or Medford, Bend or Sherwood with Lyond for recreational use. It will
I would love to check out the trails befor	e 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 or	n trails. That is dangerous.
Community trails are a fabulous resource the outdoors and nature. The effects of t provides a wonderful benefit to commun	rail use is multi-faceted and truly
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love the ewing yung trail. Thanks for creathru wooded areas like Hess Creek. Than	
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Would really like to see bike trails be add bike and there are very few options within	
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All tax payers should have a say over wh those with money to support their side or	•

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N/A	
'm so grateful for the incredible care and beauty and functionality of the rails. 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	
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	
am incredibly grateful for the trails that are available. My dog is too! A big hanks 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 noxious 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

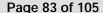
Our voting will always be against the trails

N/A

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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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Keep up the good work.	
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work with the land for a long time even Bend who have absolutely functionality (environmental impa	nservation to make sure what you create will to come. Looking to cities like Sherwood or fantastic trails. Thinking of both the act, ADA, multi-use) with beauty - there is a l design in our trails, parks, and city.
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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
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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!
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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.
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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)

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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.

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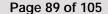
Do the bridge over Chehalem Creek to expand Ewing Young Park. If use fees are done they should be at the same price or below that of the yearly day use pass for State Parks.

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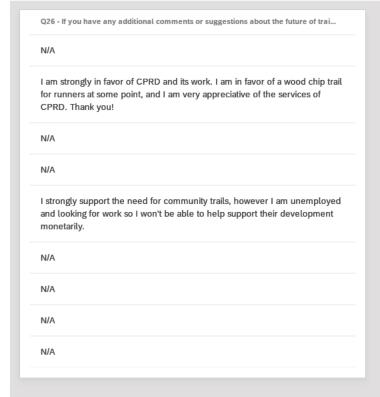
We would love to see more bike riding opportunities in trails for beginners and advanced bike riders trails. In the Ewing Young park plan it says they plan to put in a pump track for bike riders we would love a Velosolutions pump track like they have in bend (big sky park) and in Redmond. We would also love to see some dirt jump lines. And downhill trails an Bob and crystal Riley park



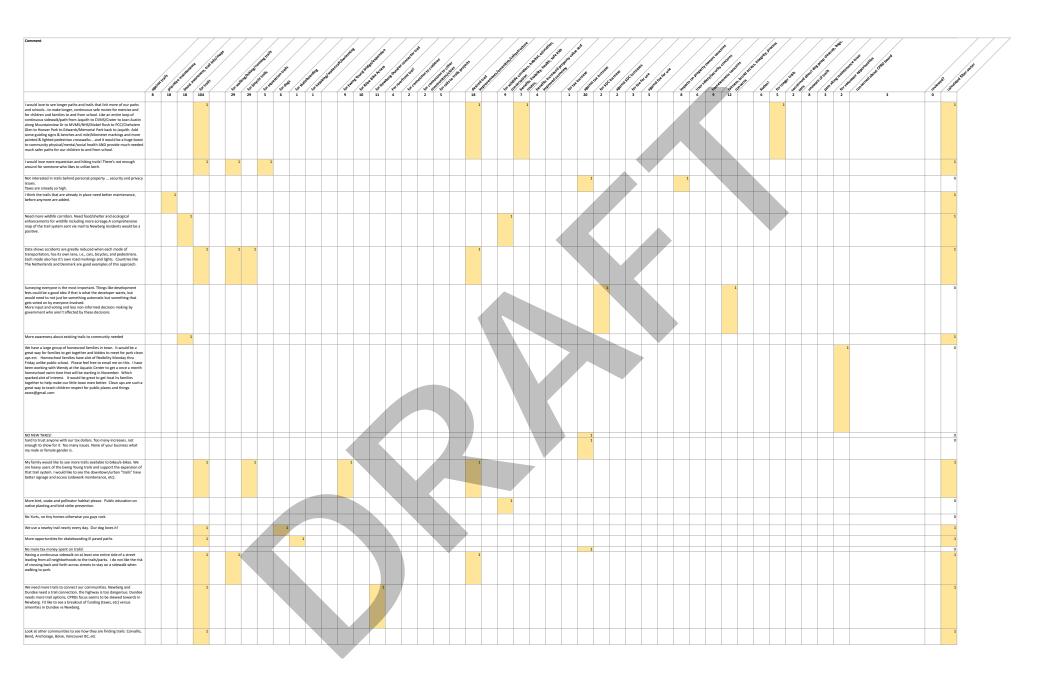
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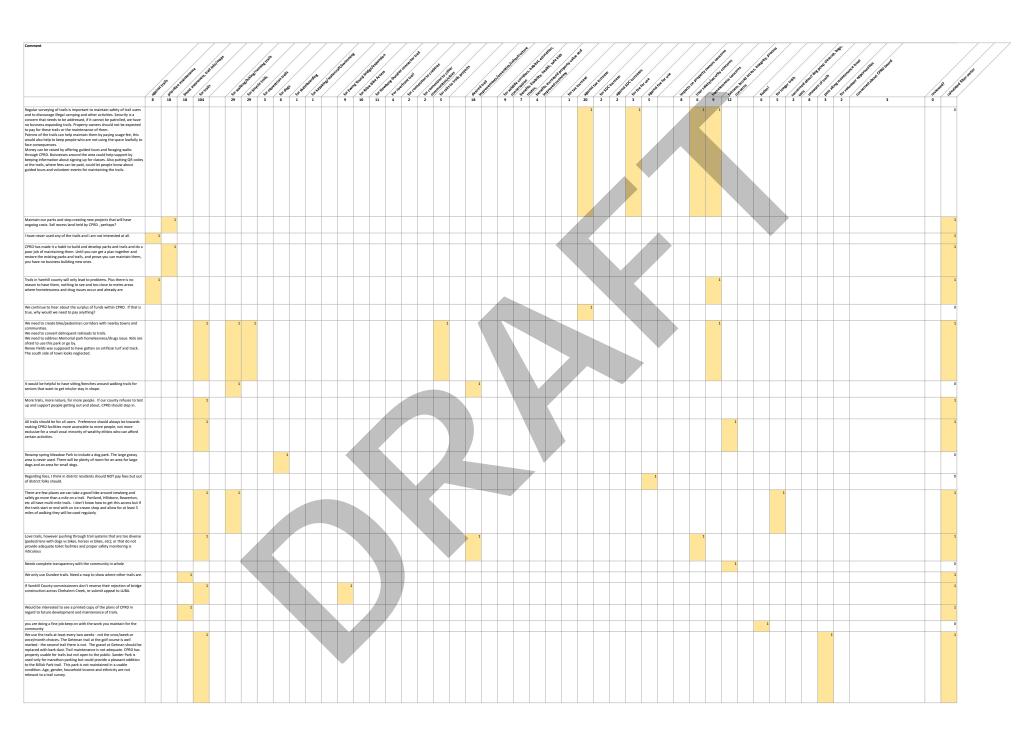
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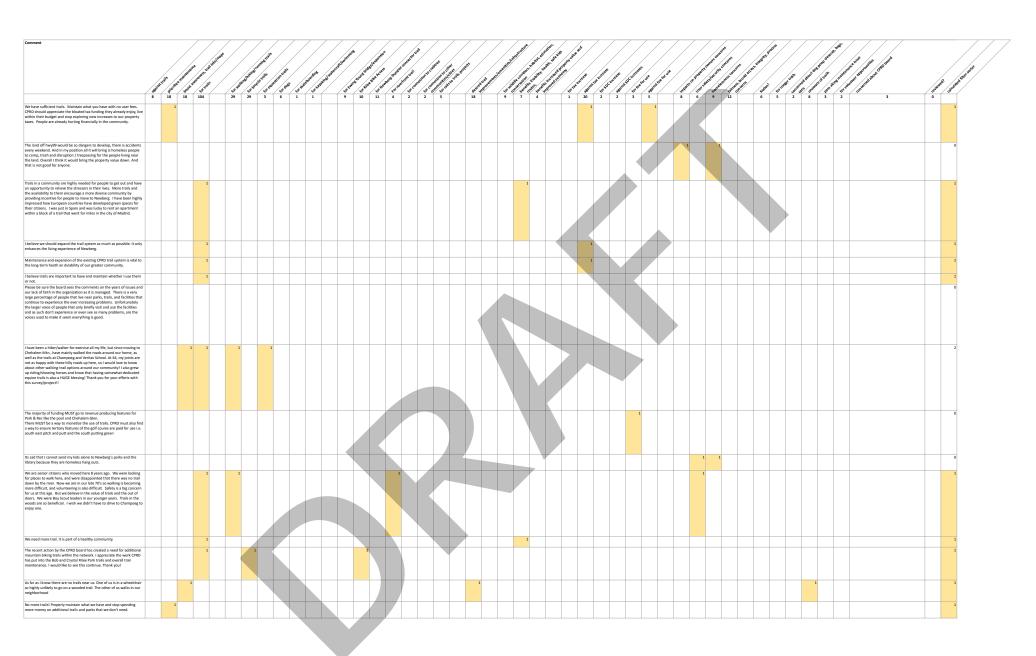
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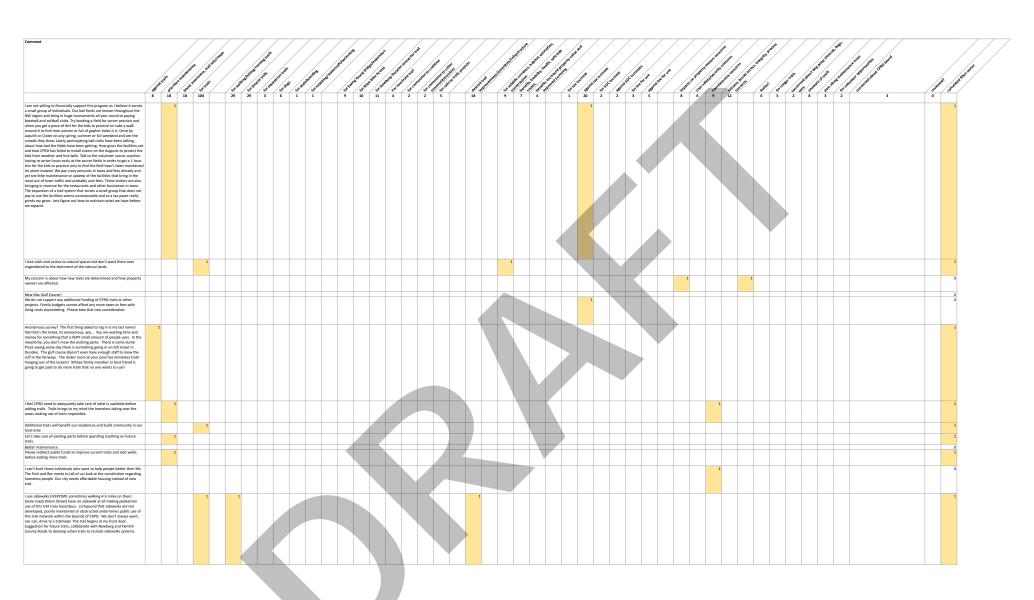


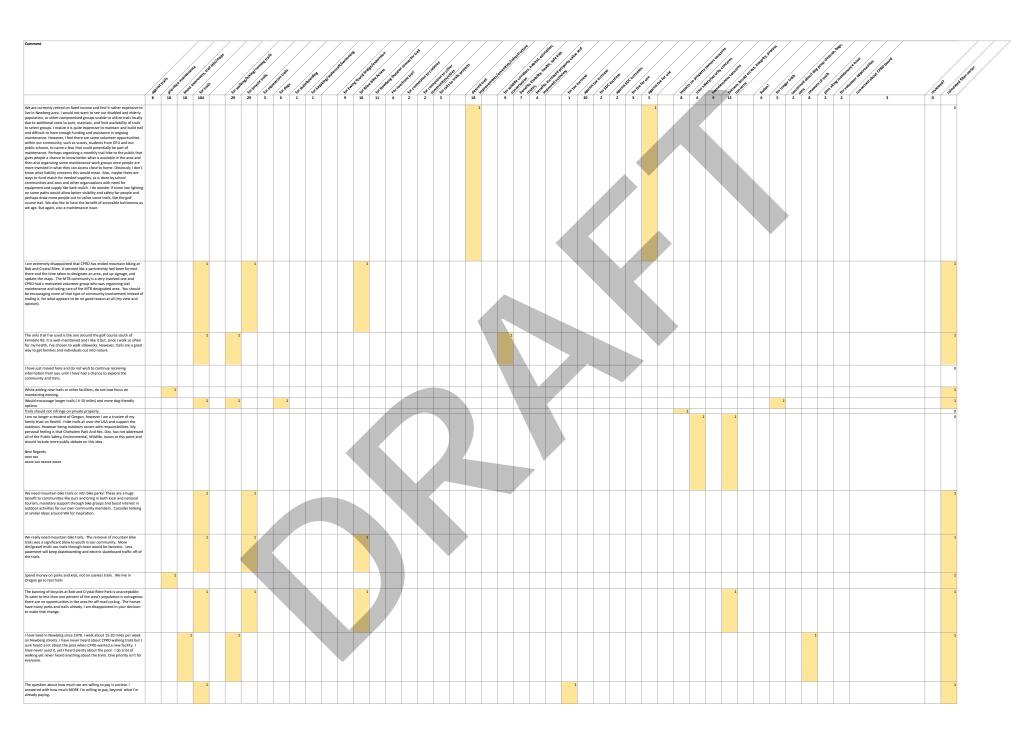


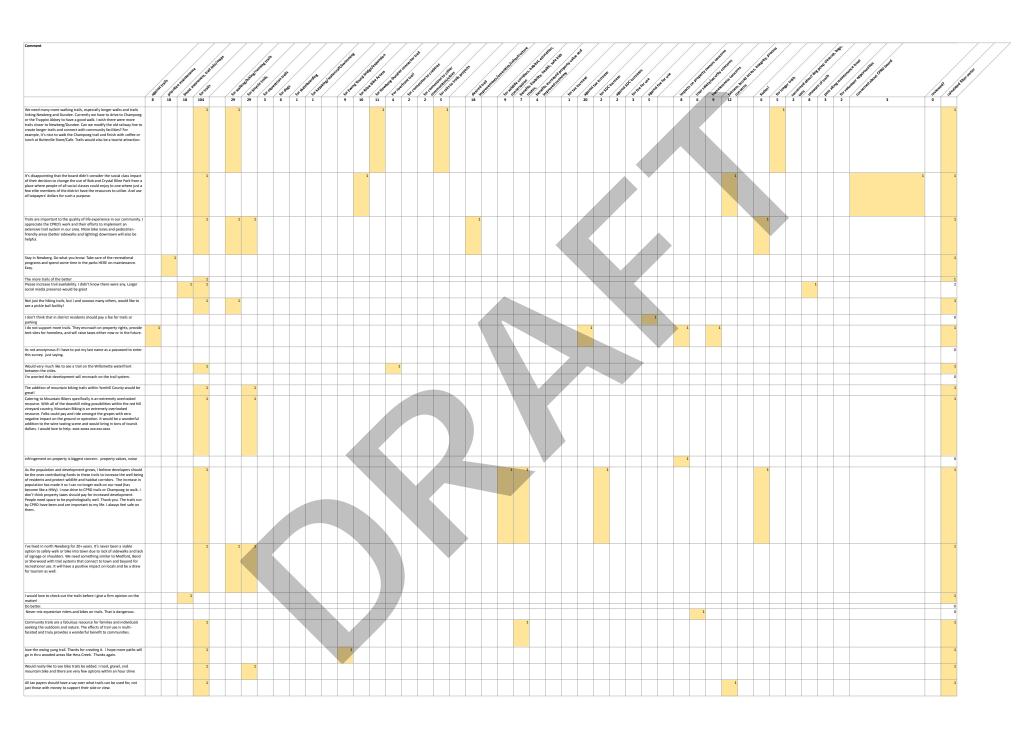


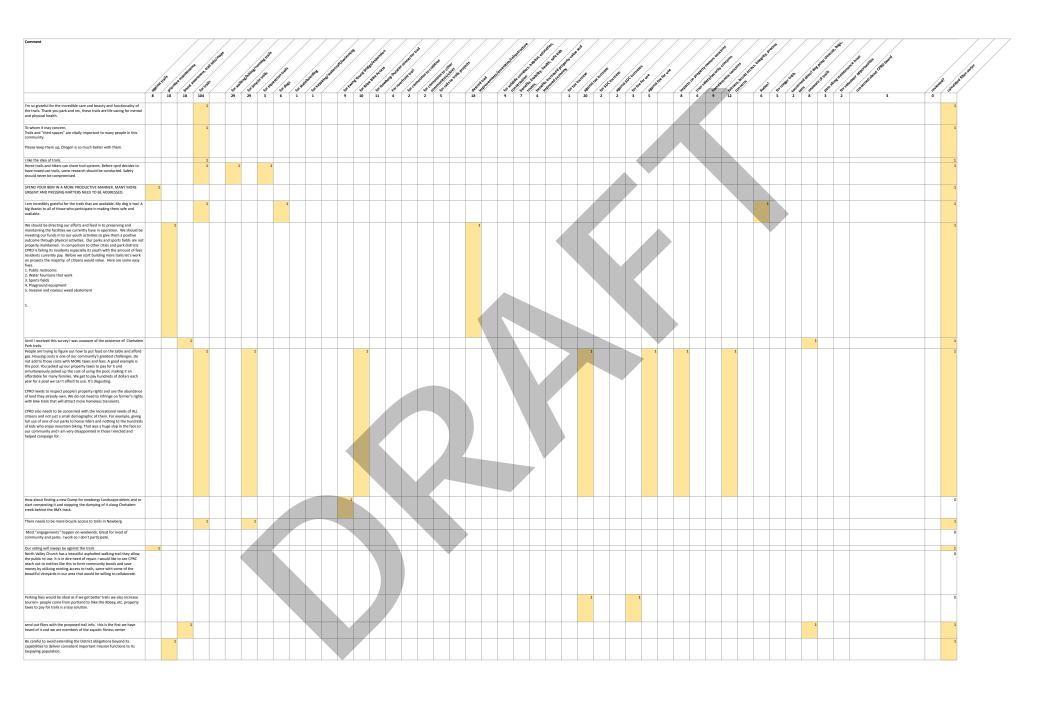


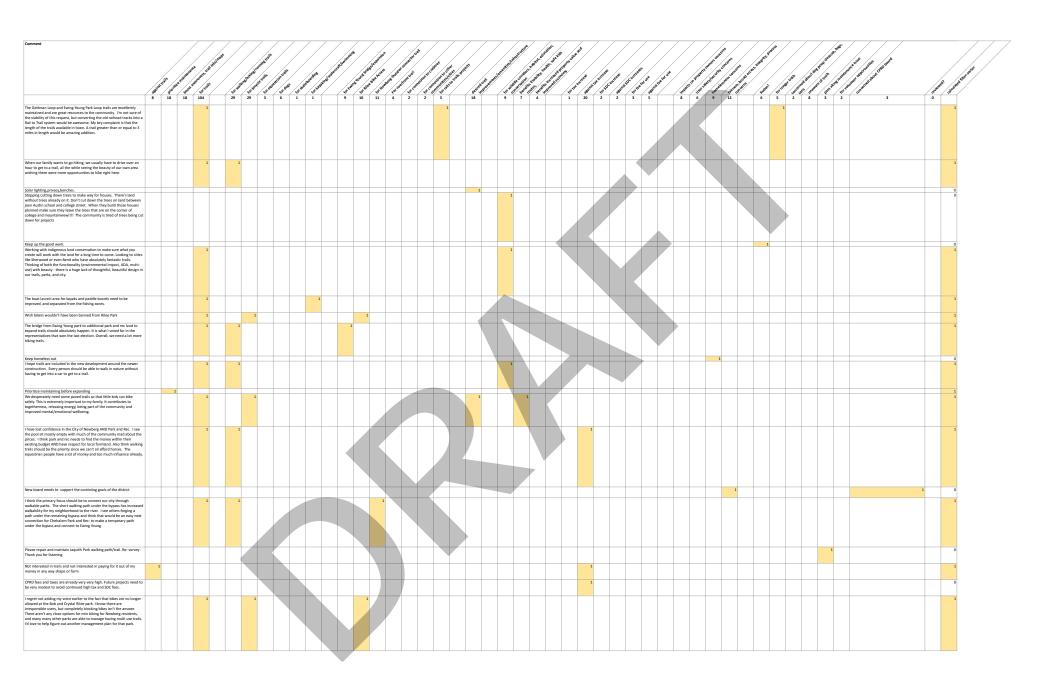


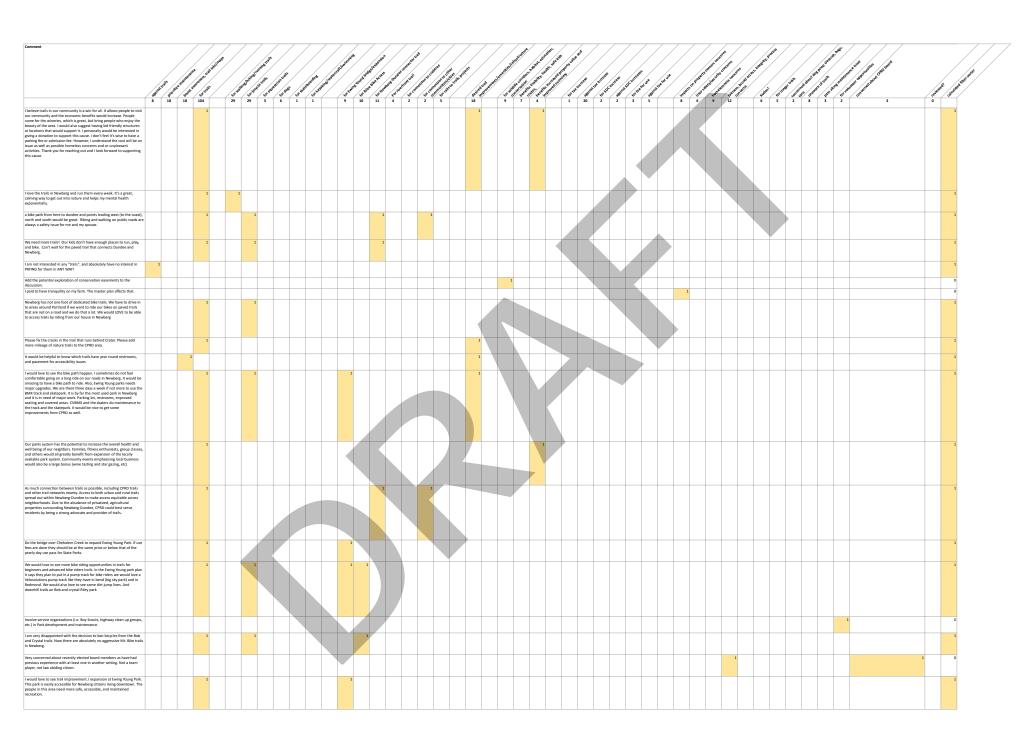


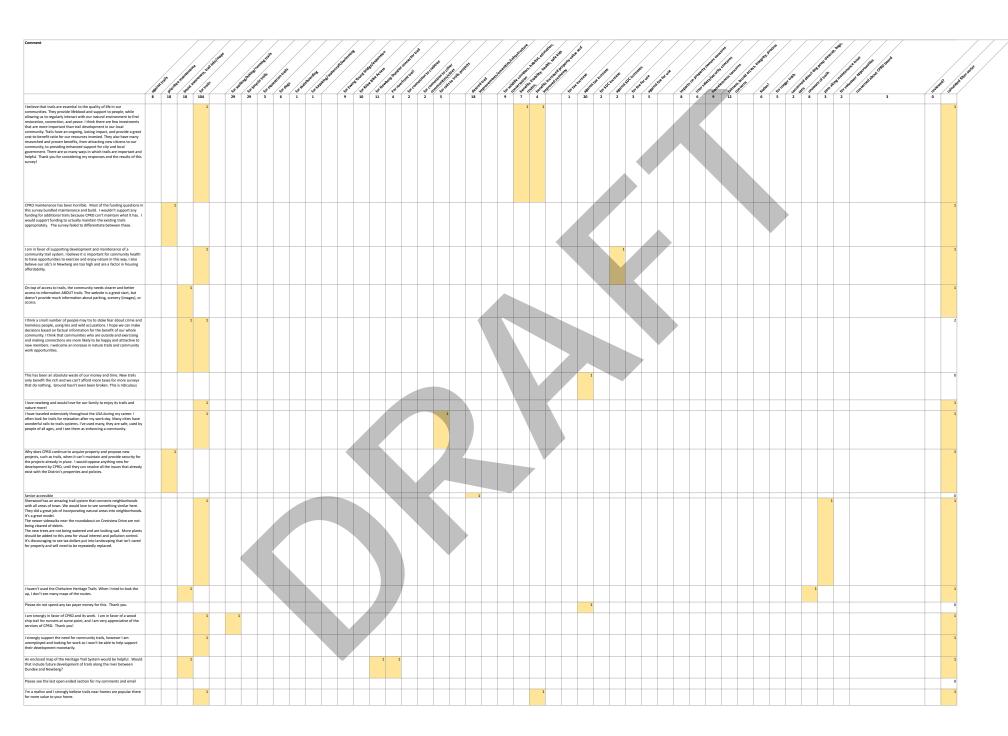


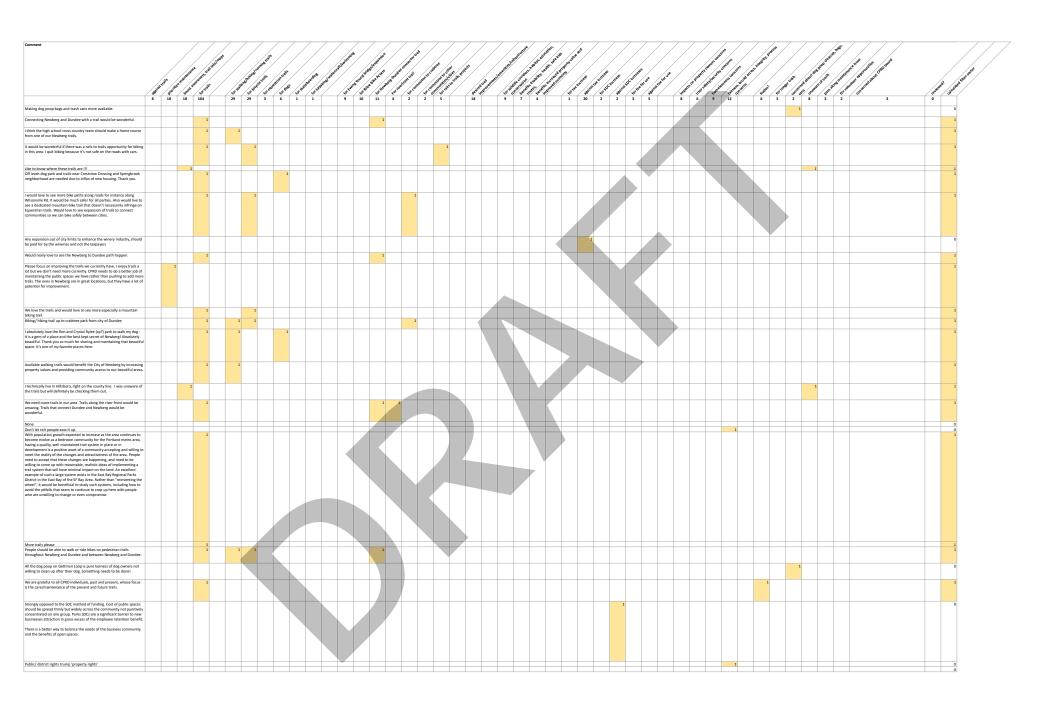














This video presents a summary of the results from the 2023 Community Trails Survey for the Chehalem Park and Recreation District.

In this presentation...

- 1. Introduction & Background to Chehalem Heritage Trail System
- 2. 2023 Trail Survey Results:
 - ·Level of support
 - Trail usage across the district
 - Current state of CPRD trails
 - Perceived benefits and concerns
 - Funding preference for trails
- 3. Recommended actions and areas for further exploration by CPRD

We'll start with a brief introduction to the to Chehalem Heritage Trail System

From there we'll dive into the 2023 Trail Survey Results and look at five areas the survey covered, including:

What level of support is there within the community for trails?

Trail usage across the district and how people use our trails

The current state of CPRD trails as seen through the eyes of its citizens

The perceived benefits and concerns of trails

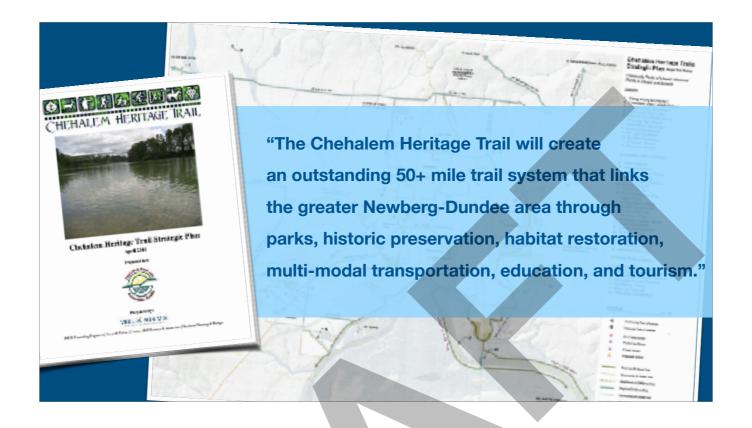
And funding preference for trails

Finally, we'll conclude with recommended actions and areas for further exploration by CPRD



First, a bit of context and background about the Chehalem Heritage Trail System.

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.



In August of 2021, the CPRD Board of Directors formed the Chehalem Heritage Trail Advisory Committee.



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.

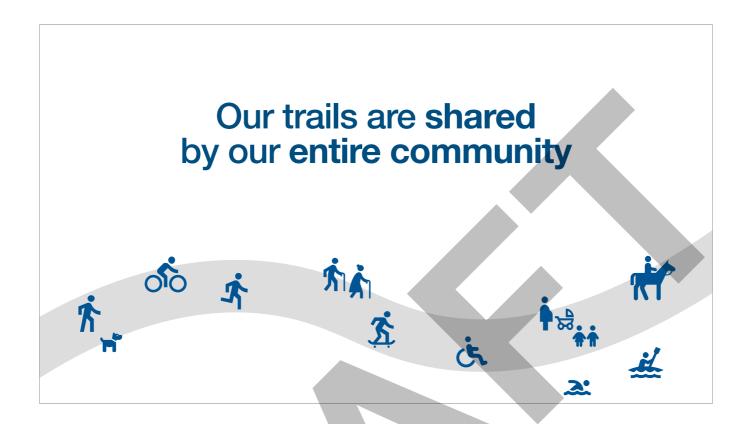


Within the trail strategic plan and the trail committee charter, the CPRD board recognized that the definition and usage of trails is quite broad.

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. And 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 trails system requires a wholistic 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.



In late 2023 the CPRD Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee to conduct a Community Trails Survey.

Community Trails Survey

Process and Methodology

- Purpose: Assess community's needs, perceptions, and usage of local trails
- Survey designed to be neutral and unbiased
- Constructed with professional online survey tool: Qualtrics
- Multiple security and error-mitigation measures
- 4810 randomly selected registered voters
- 12.8% response rate is statically valid



The survey was designed to be neutral and free from bias. The development of the survey relied on the experience of multiple trail committee members as well as consultation with experts in data sciences at OSU, public input, and the review and approval by CPRD staff and the Board of Directors.

The survey was constructed using Qualtrics, a professional online survey tool.

Multiple security and error-mitigation measures were used to prevent ballot stuffing and fraud.

4810 randomly selected registered voters were sent physical mailers inviting them to participate in the online survey.

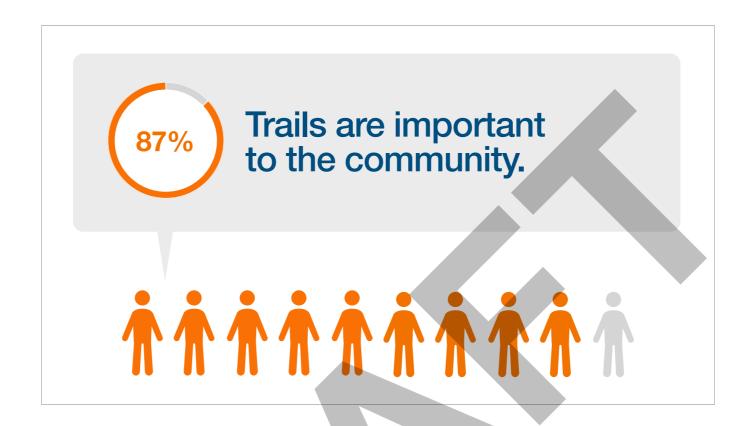
The response rate was 12.8% and exceeds the threshold to be a statistically valid representation of the community as a whole.



Now let's look at the results of the Community Trails Survey and explore what it reveals about the community's needs, perceptions, and usage of local trails. What follows is a summary of the key findings of the survey. Further details can be found in the written Community Trails Survey Report online at CPRDTrails.org.

The community values and supports trails.

The greatest finding from the Trails Survey is that the the community values and supports trails. Several results from the survey support this.



Most notably, 87.2% of respondents answered that trails are moderately to extremely important to the community. 10.4% said that trails were only slightly to somewhat important.

And just 2.4% responded that trails are not important at all to the community.



A second data point that shows the community values and supports trails is that 80.8% of respondents said they support the addition of trails within CPRD.

8% Are neutral and neither support or oppose the addition of trails within CPRD. The remaining 11% oppose the addition of trails within CPRD.

While the opposition to trail projects has occasionally been very vocal, it is important to recognize that it, in fact, represents a small part of our community. The vast majority, 8 out of 10 people, support the addition of trails within CPRD.

Our trails are widely used and enjoyed.

Another key finding of the survey is that our trails are widely used and enjoyed by the people in our community. The survey asked individuals to report their usage of our existing trails.



Over a quarter of survey respondents, 28.5%, are frequent trail users that visit at least once a week.



52.1% visited at least once a month.





And 79%, 8 out of 10 people, used CPRD trails throughout the year.



That leaves 21.0% that did not use our trails in the past year.





And the survey asked these 21% why they didn't use our trails.

One third indicated that lack of awareness or knowledge about CPRD trails was a barrier to using trails. Proactively building awareness about our trails is a recommended area for further exploration.

Roughly one third indicated that lack of time was their reason for not using CPRD trails. On the surface, it may seem that not much can be done by CPRD to reduce this barrier. And it's an unrealistic expectation that 100% of our citizens will use our trials. However, written survey responses indicate, that improving proximity to trails can allow more citizens to use our trails within the limited time they have for outdoor recreation. It's logical that people will be more likely to use trails when those trails are closer to their front door. Addressing proximity of trails is another recommended area for further exploration.

The remaining third indicated a variety of other reasons, including safety concerns, personal health issues, and accessibility. Highlighting the importance of improved accessibility: There is a statistically significant relationship between how often respondents visit trails and their age. Respondents 65 years old or older visit trails far less than other age brackets.

Improving accessibility of trails and working with local law enforcement to address safety concerns are two more recommended areas for further exploration that may lead to increased trail usage and enjoyment.





Let's turn our attention back to the majority of people that used our trails last year. What else does the trail survey reveal about trail usage? The survey asked several follow up questions to determine why and how people use our trails.



79% use CPRD trails. Here's why:

Enjoy nature - 91.4%

Physical Fitness - 86.3%

Release of Energy/Exploring - 61.7%

Family togetherness - 52.9%

Escape personal or social pressures - 47.3%

Develop community - 14.8%

Learn new things - 11.5%

Meet new people - 8.6%

Trail users were asked what their motivations were for using trails.

Top responses included: Enjoy nature with 91.4%, Physical Fitness with 86.3%, Release of Energy/Exploring with 61.7%, and Family Togetherness with 52.9%.

Location

79% use CPRD trails. Here's where they go:

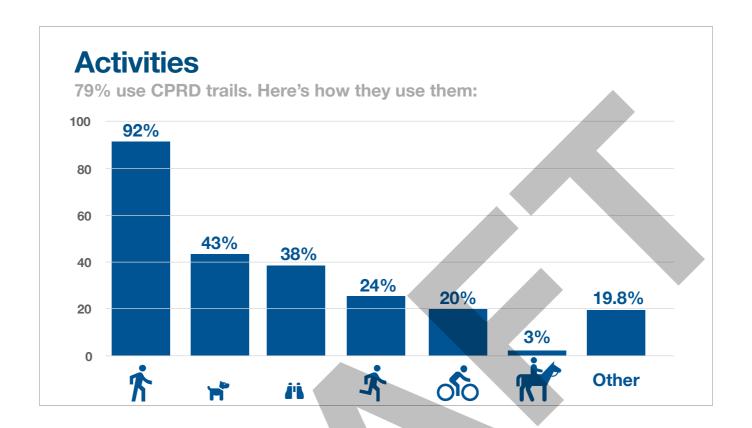
- Chehalem Glen Golf Course 62.1%
- Jaquith Park 48.6%
- Urban Sidewalks 44.7%
- Ewing Young Park- 36.9%
- Herbert Hoover Park- 23.6%

- Rilee Park 19.9%
- Schaad Park 17.2%
- Crater Park 16.8%
- Crabtree Park 13.7%
- Other 10.7%

Trail users were asked which trails they have used within the past year.

Chehalem Glen Golf Course, one of our longest trails, was visited by 62.1% of trail users.

10.7% selected other and provided additional trails beyond the list provided in the survey. These include: Harvey Creek, Dundee Billick, Friends Park, North Valley Friends Peace Trail, Champoeg State Park, Chehalem Ridge near Gaston, and many more.



Trail users were asked what activities they participate in when using trails.

92% reported that they use the trails for walking.

43% reported dog walking.

38% used our trails for bird watching or nature observation.

24% jog or run on our trails.

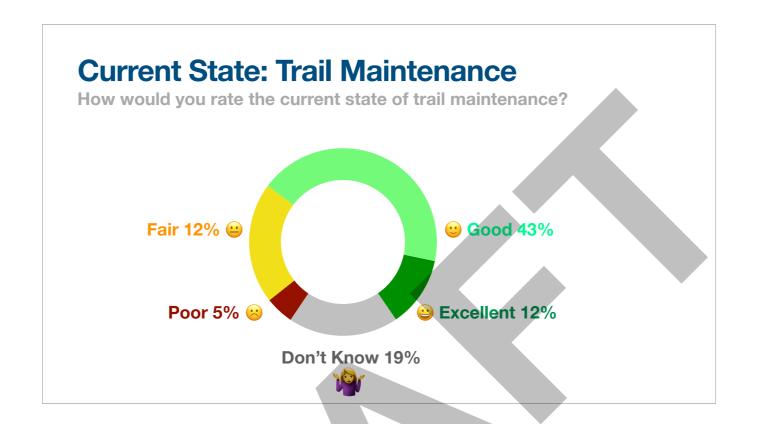
20% bicycle on our trails.

And 3% of trail users ride a horse on CPRD trails.

Highlighting the wide variety of ways people use our trails are the 19.8% that participate in other activities such as picnicking, recreating with children, disc golf, skateboarding, geocaching, kayaking, swimming, foraging, and star gazing.

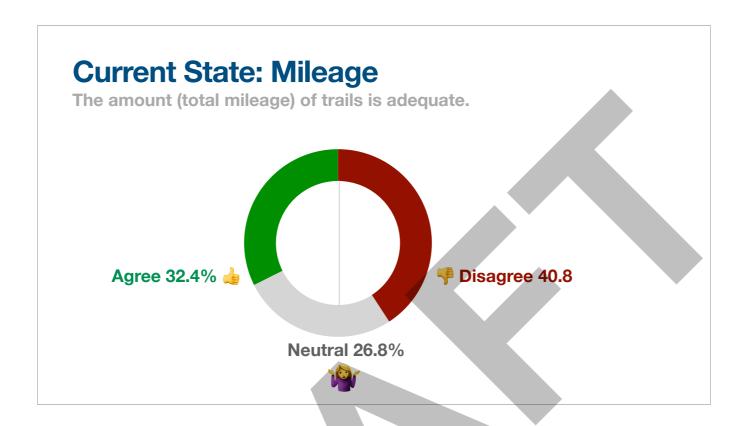


What about the trails themselves? How does the community view the state of trails within CPRD?



A majority of respondents, 55.3%, rated the current state of trail maintenance as either good or excellent. That percentage includes 12% that say it's excellent and 43% that rate trail maintenance as good. 21% rate current trail maintenance at fair

And 5% say the current state of trail maintenance is poor.

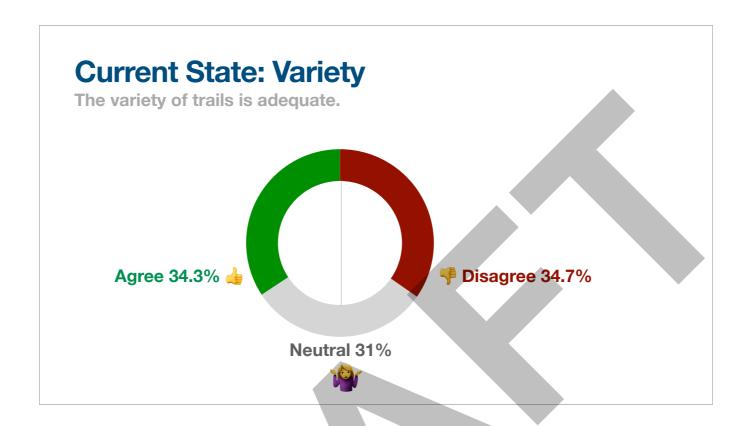


The survey asked respondents if they agreed or disagreed with a number of statements about the current state of trails.

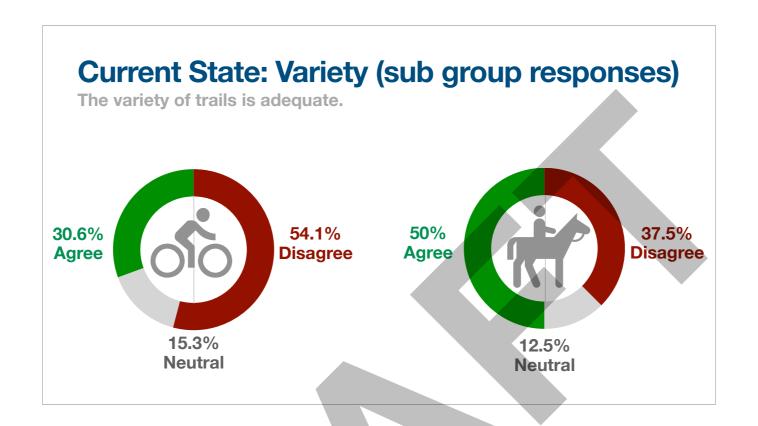
Here, the 32.4% in the green agree the total mileage of CPRD trails is adequate.

On the other hand, 40.8% in red disagree and think the total amount of current trail miles is inadequate.

CPRD may want to explore ways to increase the amount of total mileage of trails to bring it to an adequate level for a larger portion of the community.



The community as a whole is evenly split on whether the variety of trails is adequate. Still a third of the population say the variety of trails available is inadequate. If it is CPRD's goal to ensure that the community has adequate recreational facilities, increasing both the amount and variety of trails may be in order.



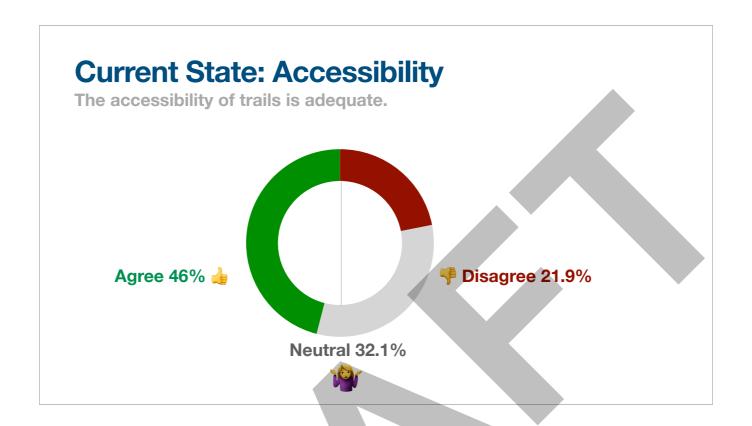
Looking at subsets of the responses based on trail activity reveals an interesting pattern.

You can see that these two sub groups are almost mirror images of each other when it comes to their satisfaction with the variety of trails within our district.

A much larger percentage of bicyclists responded that the variety of trails is inadequate.

By comparison more equestrians responded that the variety of trails was adequate.

CPRD may want to explore why the responses from these two user groups vary so widely from the population as a whole and each other. It may indicate a disparity between the amount and variety of trails open to bicyclists, equestrians, and other user groups. And it may indicate a larger or more urgent need to increase the amount of total mileage of trails open to bicycles.

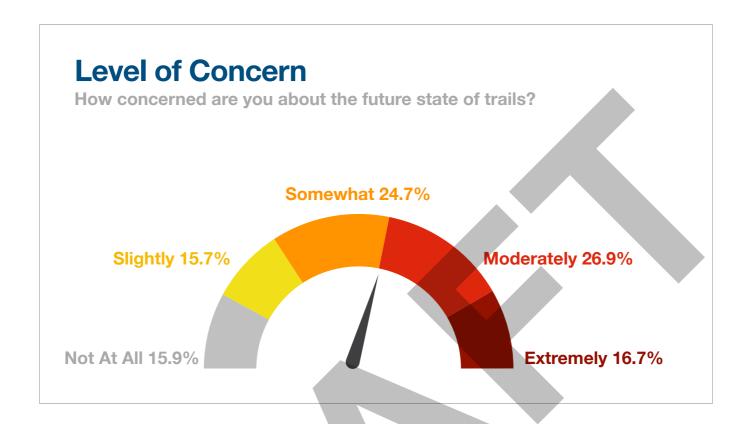


When asked if the accessibility of trails is adequate, 46% agreed and 21.9% disagreed. Respondents 65 years or older responded with stronger disagreement compared to other age brackets.

The survey also revealed a correlation between trail usage frequency and age, with older adults (65 years and above) visiting trails less frequently than younger age groups. These findings raise important questions about the accessibility and appeal of trails to older adults and people with disabilities and suggests a need for targeted outreach and possibly infrastructural modifications to accommodate their needs.



75.3% of respondents said they were not familiar with the Chehalem Heritage Trails Master Plan. The survey also found that respondents wanted more proactive communication about trails. CPRD may want to explore increasing its communication with the community about existing and planned trails.



The survey asked respondents how concerned are you about the future state of trails. 43.6% said they were Moderately or Extremely concerned.



The survey asked a series of questions to determine citizens' perceptions about the benefits and potential negative impacts of trails. The majority of respondents agreed that trails bring numerous benefits to the community and individuals.

How do trails contribute to our community?

The community agrees that trails...

- Contribute to Positive Quality of Life 90.4%
- Contribute to Economic Viability 63.6%
- Contribute to Environmental Conservation 73.6%

How do trails contribute to our community?

90.4% of respondents agreed trails contribute to to a positive quality of life. Just 4.6% disagreed. The remaining 5% were neutral.

63.6% agree that trails contribute to Economic Viability. 10.8% disagree, with 25.7% remaining neutral.

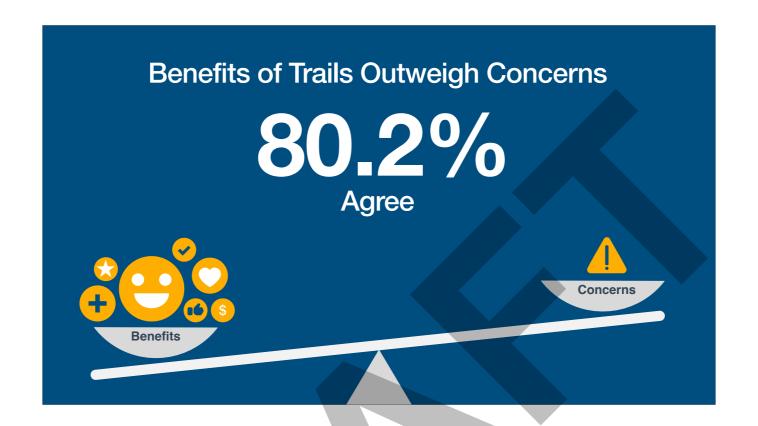
73.6% agree that trails contribute to Environmental Conservation. 10.3% disagree with 16.1% remaining neutral.

Benefits of Trails

The community agrees that trails provide a wide variety of benefits:

- Physical Health 91.1%
- Mental Health 89.3%
- Enhancing Community Connectedness 67.2%
- Improving Property Values 64.4%
- Social Interaction 62.4%
- Enhancing tourism 59.4%
- Connection to Nature +20 write-in responses

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement or disagreement with a list of common trail benefits. The majority of respondents agreed that the following are benefits of trails. Physical health, mental health, community connectedness were the top benefits.



Over 80 percent of respondents agreed that "Generally, the benefits of trail development outweigh the potential negative impacts" 11% disagreed. The remaining 9% were neutral.

Even though an overwhelming majority of the community believes the benefits of trails outweigh any potential negative impacts, individual concerns should be explored and addressed as CPRD develops its trails.

The survey asked a series of questions to gain a clearer understanding of the concerns and perceptions about potential negative impacts of trails.

Concerns of Trails

What do you believe are the concerns of local trails?

- Homelessness 60.7%
- Personal Safety 59.4%
- Development and Maintenance Costs 54%
- Environmental Impact 46.2%
- Conflicts between different user groups 39.5%
- Infringement of Private Property Rights 37.3%
- Overcrowding 32.2%

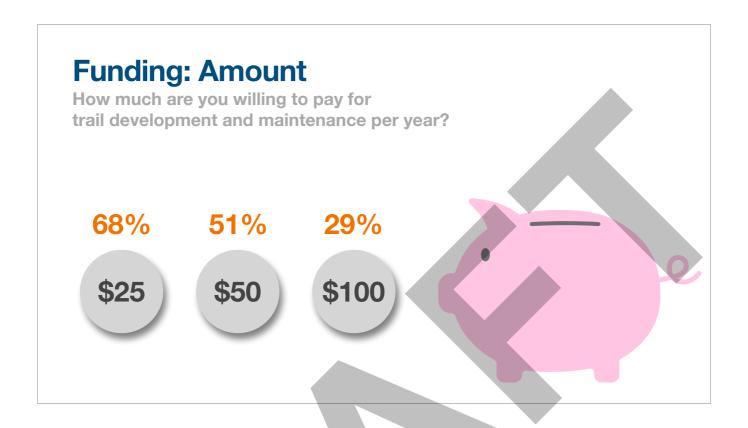
Respondents were mixed in their agreement with the listed concerns for trails. Homelessness, personal safety, and development and maintenance costs were the highest concerns.

CPRD should investigate the community's concerns further and work to address them through community outreach and a transparent, fair, and inclusive planning process.

It's also important to note that CPRD isn't the only stakeholder grappling with some of these systemic issues. A collaborative effort with local government and nonprofits will likely be needed to address or mitigate some concerns.

The community supports trail funding.

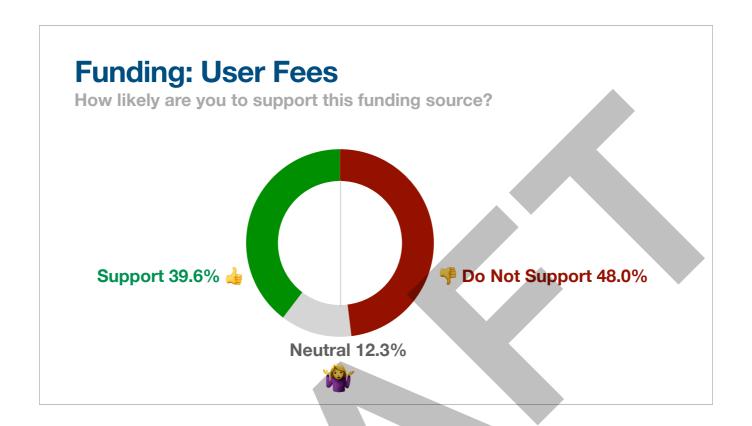
The survey found wide support within the community for funding trail maintenance and development.



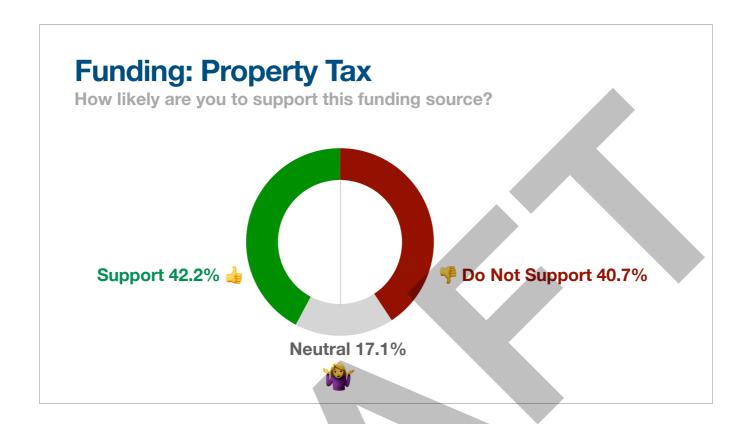
The survey attempted to gain insight into the financial value of trails to respondents. To do this, it asked: "How much are you willing to pay for trail development and maintenance per year?"

67.6% (over two thirds) are willing to pay \$25 or more.

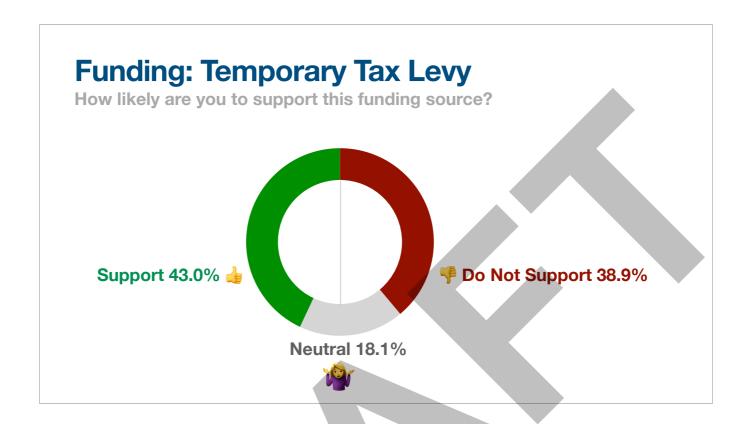
51.1% of respondents indicated they are willing to pay at least \$50/year for trail development and maintenance. And on the higher end, 28.9% said that they would be willing to pay \$100/year or more.



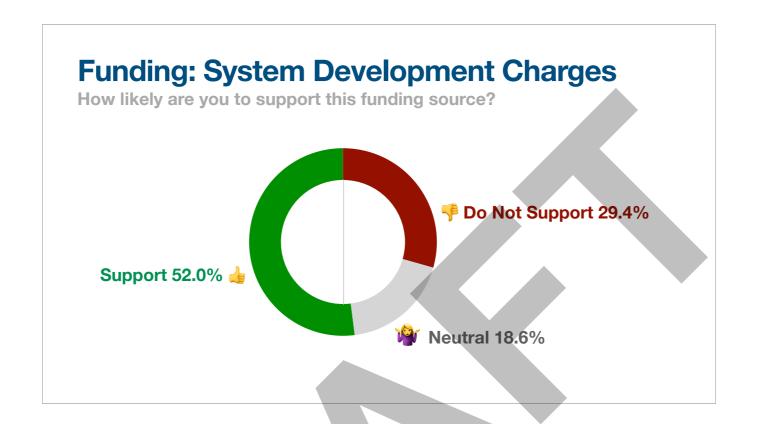
Respondents were asked to rate their support for a variety of funding sources.
48% do not support user or parking fees for trails as a funding source compared to the 40% that do.



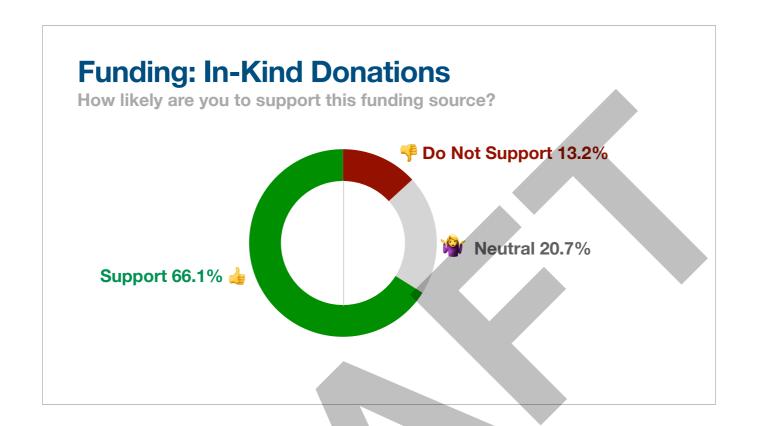
Support for a property tax as a funding source for trail maintenance and development barely edges out the opposition.



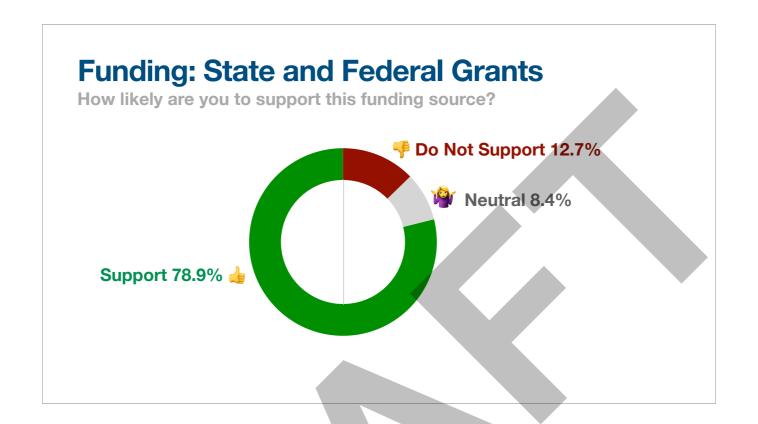
Slightly more people support than oppose a temporary tax levy as a funding source for trail maintenance and development.



The majority of respondents 52% support System Development Charges as a funding source.



Support for in-kind donations as a funding source is greater still at 66% CPRD may want to explore if additional staff and resources will be needed to identify, pursue, and manage donor relationships.



Finally, the vast majority of respondents support funding through state and federal grants.

CPRD may want to explore what staff and resources will be needed to find, pursue, and manage grants so that it can prioritize this funding source.

Conclusion and Recommendations

As we've seen, the 2023 trail survey revealed a great deal of information about how the community views trails.



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

And 51% are willing to pay \$50 per year for trail development and maintenance.



With such 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. But the survey points us in the direction of the first steps and several potential areas to explore further.

Strategies for Trail Development

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

Overall, the survey indicates that the community supports 5 strategies for developing, enhancing, and managing trails. pieces of general guidance when it comes to trails.

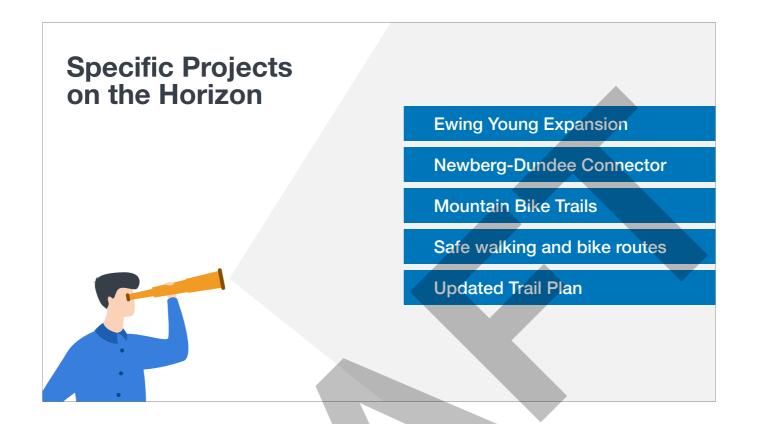
First there is overwhelming support for building more trail mileage, variety, accessibility, and amenities.

The community wants increased outreach and communication about existing and planned trails.

CPRD is encouraged to collaborate with law enforcement, local government, and nonprofits to address concerns about homelessness and personal safety.

Prioritize pursuing grants and donations from government and private sources.

Follow a transparent, inclusive, and fair process when developing or making changes to trails.



5 specific projects and initiative are within easy reach or close on the horizon. They include: Completing the Ewing Young Park Expansion and Improvements

Moving forward this the Newberg-Dundee Connector that parallels the bypass

Opening Mountain Bike Trails

Increasing safe walking and bike routes throughout the community

Revisiting and updating the Chehalem Heritage Trail Plan

Completing these projects will move CPRD in the right direction to 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.



For more information about trails and to read the full Trail Survey Report, go to CPRDTrails.org



APPENDIX D

Authorization to coordinate volunteer trail maintenance events

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Fri 1/26/2024 10:18 AM

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Hi Quentin-

At our last CHTAC meeting we discussed upcoming volunteer trail maintenance events for March and June. I've reached out to Bryan Stewart about possible locations where our efforts could be put to best use. We also discussed holding the event at multiple locations given the huge turn out in the past.

The committee rules passed by the board last night seem to prevent me from moving forward with coordinating a volunteer trail maintenance event without first receiving written authorization from the board.

If the board asks me to help in this capacity at their February meeting, it won't give us enough time to coordinate the March event as we were hoping.

I wanted you to be aware so that we can discuss as a committee how to proceed for June. I've also copied staff and our board liaisons so that they're aware of the situation.

Thanks,

-Matt

CHEHALEM PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Committees Roles and Rules

- A. The Board will appoint members to District committees during a regular or called Board Meeting. All District committee members are requested to reside in the District. The Board may appoint members to committees who reside outside the District on citizen advisory, ad hoc and task force committees. The Board may, in the exercise of its discretion, remove a member of the public from a District committee prior to the expiration of the term of office by resolution. Committees will be a citizen advisory committee, ad hoc committee, task force or budget committee. Committees must select a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary; determine their meeting schedule, and rules for operation. Minutes of all meetings must be taken and retained by each committee Secretary and be distributed to each committee member, the Board and Superintendent. All committee meetings are "public meetings" under state law and subject to the requirements thereof. Committees and their members have no authority to represent the District's official position on any matter absent express and explicit Board approval.
- B. The Board may create ad hoc advisory committees to assess the needs of the District and recommend long-range goals, practices or priorities, the evaluation of existing program areas or facilities as well as other areas deemed necessary by the Board for such time as needed to accomplish an assigned purpose.
- C. The Budget Committee will consist of the Board and five members of the public appointed by the Board, each of whom will serve a three-year term. The Budget Committee will meet at least once a year to consider and approve the District's annual budget. The Budget Committee will provide public oversight of budget preparation, recommend changes to the proposed budget and provide information to the public about District business and operations.

Chehalem Park and Recreation District Committee Rules

ARTICLE 1 – Name and Authorization

1. Name

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The name of the District Committees, shall be known as the Chehalem Park and Recreation District Committee, herein after referred to as the "Chehalem Park and Recreation Budget Committee, Chehalem Park and Recreation Trails Committee, Chehalem Park and Recreation Pickle Ball Committee".

2. Authorization

The Board exists by the authority of the State of Oregon and may be modified or abolished by the enabling Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 198 and the enabling Oregon Statue 266. The District Committees are appointed by the Board of Directors and may be modified or abolished by the Board of Directors as prescribed by the State Statues.

ARTICLE II - Purpose and Function

1. Purpose

The Committees shall serve as specified in Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 255 and Oregon Revised Statute 266 and the Chehalem Park and Recreation District Board of Directors directions.

2. Function

The function of the Committees shall be as defined by the Board of Directors or state statues. It is the policy of the Board to exercise those powers granted to it, and to carry out those duties assigned to it by law, in such a way as to best meet the needs of the District. The committees are to do the same.

ARTICLE III - Membership

1. Members

The Committees shall be composed of members approved by the Board of Directos and serve at the discretion of the Board. Statues define the Chehalem Park and Recreation Budget Committee.

2. Eligibility

Members of the Board must live and reside in the boundaries of the Chehalem Park and Recreation District. The Board may appoint members outside of the District except on the Chehalem Park and Recreation Budget Committee.

3. Vacancies

A Member's position shall become vacant when:

- 1. A member resigns
- 2. Board removes a member.

ARTICLE IV - Organization

1. Officers

The Committee shall elect from its member a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and a Secretary.

Officer shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the formation date meeting and take office immediately or the following meeting being elected.

The officers shall perform the duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors or state statues.

2. Quorum

A majority of the Committee constitutes a quorum of the Committee to hold a meeting or take any action.

3. Voting Rights

Each member will be entitled to one (1) vote. Members shall abstain from a vote when there is a valid conflict of interest addressed to the Committee as outlined in the Oregon Revised Statutes.

ARTICLE V – Officer and Duties

1. Chairman.

The Chairman shall appoint all sub committees, standing and special. The Chairman may appoint the chair of these committees. The Chehalem Park and Recreation District Board of Directors must approve all Sub Committees.

It is the Chairman's responsibility to ensure compliance with the rules.

The Chairman shall immediately, upon receipt of a resignation or when advised of a vacancy, notify the Board.

2. Vice Chairman

The Vice – Chairman shall perform the duties in the absence of the Chairman.

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall take all minutes and agenda and submit the minutes and agenda to the District's Public Information Director, which will be in Board regular meeting material.

ARTICLE VI – Committee Operations

- 1. The Committee shall have no authority other than as stipulated by the Board of Directors or state statues.
- The Committee will meet routinely based upon an adopted meeting schedule at the Administrative office of the Chehalem Park and Recreation District. The meeting will be on remote access.
- 3. The Committee may hold meetings at various sites but must be announced at routinely scheduled meeting and listed in the meeting minutes.

CHEHALEM PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE POLICIES

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Committee Rules

Article VII

Committee Membership

- A. Ad-hoc committee membership shall last a period of no more than 2 years from Board appointment.
 - a. This term does not apply to the term of the Budget Committee.
- B. All applications should include fully adopted Committee Rules, and signed agreement to the rules shall be part of the committee member application.

Committee Member Conduct

A. If a Committee member is representing the District and appears before another governmental agency or organization to give a statement on an issue relevant to the District, that member must state:

(1) Whether the statement reflects personal opinion or is the official position of the District; and whether the statement is supported by the Board.

If the Committee member is representing the District, he or she must support and advocate for the official District position on the issue.

B. Without prior approval of the Board, no member may interfere or engage in District operations. This includes District programs, maintenance, administration, enforcement of facility and park rules, planning, training or other day-to-day operations and responsibilities of the Superintendent.

Should the Board ask a committee member to become involved in District operations, the Board must clearly state in writing that Committee member's operational duties/functions. Said duties/functions must be agreed to by the President and Superintendent prior to the Committee member beginning the assignment.

Censure or Removal

A. The Board may make and enforce its own rules relative to the conduct of both its meetings and that of Committee members.

B. If a Committee member violates a substantive provision of the District's Compiled Policies or state law, the Board may take action against the Committee member in order to protect Board and District integrity by issuance of a public censure to the committee member and/or remove them from the committee per Article III.

Committee Member Discussions and Decorum

- A. Committee members will conduct themselves in ways that do not bring discredit to the District, that promote nondiscriminatory delivery of District provided services to the public, in addition to keeping informed about matters coming before the Board and abiding by Board decisions, regardless of the member's vote on the particular matter.
- B. Committee members will assist the Committee Chairman in preserving order and decorum during Committee meetings and should not delay or interrupt the proceedings or fail to comply with a ruling of the Committee Chairman or a Board rule. When addressing staff or members of the public, members should confine themselves to questions on issues under discussion and not engage in personal attacks or impugn the motives of any speaker, or of a decision of the District or the Board of Directors.
- C. The following "Ground Rules" will be observed in order to maintain order and decorum during committee discussions:
- 1. Committee members will gather necessary information and ask questions of District staff before meetings.
- 2. Committee members will be given an opportunity to speak at least once on any pending motion or agenda item, and will speak for themselves, not for other Committee or Board members.
- 3. Committee members will not speak on behalf of the Board or District unless authorized by a vote of the Board to do so.
- 4. During public meetings, Committee members should generally not attempt to edit or revise prepared documents. Amendments to proposed resolutions or other documents may be appropriate.
- 5. Committee members will be open, direct and candid in the Committee forum. Members should be succinct in stating their views and focus on a single issue or topic at any one time.
- 6. Committee members should focus on District issues and avoid becoming involved with non-District issues not relevant to the topic of discussion.

- 7. The Committee Chair will recognize members wishing to speak in the order of their request(s). The Committee Chair will provide the first member with an opportunity to speak before recognizing another member. Board members will not interrupt another member who has the floor.
- 8. Committee members should keep discussions moving and call for a "process check" if the Committee becomes bogged down in discussions.
- 9. The Committee Chair may establish time limits on discussions and members will adhere to established time limits.
- 10. Committee members will refrain from criticizing or berating each other, staff or other persons.
- 11. If a Committee member wishes to discuss a major policy issue, it should be scheduled for a future agenda rather than being discussed or considered at the current meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order Revised

A. Robert's Rules of Order Revised will be used as the guideline for conduct of Board meetings except where these rules provide otherwise. Rules may be adopted or amended at any meeting. The order of business may be suspended at any meeting by Committee vote.

Motions

A. All Committee members have the right to make motions, discuss questions and vote on any issue before the Committee. Committee members' motions will be clearly and concisely stated. The Committee Chair will state the names of the members making the motion and the second. The motion maker, Chair or Clerk should repeat the motion prior to a Board vote. Most motions die without a second. Motions for nomination, withdrawal of a motion, agenda order, roll call vote or point of order do not require a second. A motion on which a second is not made but where discussion begins is deemed seconded by the members beginning the discussion.

Discussion of a motion is open to all Committee members wishing to address it. A member must be recognized by the Committee Chair prior to speaking on the motion.

The Committee Chair may ask for a voice vote on all final decisions although the preferred approach is a roll call vote on all final decisions. All members are expected to vote on each motion unless legally disqualified. A member unable to vote must state the basis for any conflict of interest or other disqualification. The

Clerk will maintain a record of the vote. At the conclusion of any vote, the Committee Chair will announce the results. Board member wishing to explain their votes should do so succinctly.

- B. A motion may be withdrawn by the motion maker at any time without the consent of the Committee.
- C. A motion receiving a tie vote fails.
- D. A motion to table is not debatable and precludes any amendment or further debate. If the motion prevails, the item may be taken from the table only by adding it to a future agenda for continued discussion.
- E. A motion to postpone to a date certain is debatable and amendable. A motion to postpone indefinitely is a motion to reject without a direct vote and is debatable and not amendable.
- F. A motion calling for the question ends debate on the item and is not debatable. A second is required for this motion. Before a Committee member calls for the question, each member wishing to speak on the item should have one opportunity to speak. When the question is call, the Committee Chair will inquire whether any member objects; if objection is raised, the matter will be put to a vote and if it does not receive a majority vote, it fails. Debate may continue if the motion fails.
- G. A motion to amend may be made to a prior motion that has been seconded but not voted on. Amendments will be voted on first before the main motion is amended (or not amended). Motions to adjourn, agenda order, table, point of order, take from table, and reconsider may not be amended.
- H. When a motion has been decided, any Committee member who voted with the majority may move for reconsideration. A motion for reconsideration may only be made at the meeting at which the motion on the ordinance, resolution, order or other decision was approved.

Adjournment

- A. Upon motion and majority vote of the Committee members present, any meeting of the Committee may be continued or adjourned from day to day or for more than one day. No adjournment may be for a period longer than until the next regular meeting.
- B. Upon the request of a Committee member, a short recess may be taken during a Committee meeting.
- C. A motion to adjourn will be in order at any time except as follow: When made as an interruption of a member while speaking; or while a vote is being taken.

B. Before adjourning a Committee meeting, the Committee Chair will address the Committee members to inquire as to whether there is further business to come before the Committee. After the responses, if any, the Committee Chair will ask for amotion to adjourn

Communication with Staff

A. The Committee will respect the separation between policymaking (Board function) and administration (Superintendents function) by: 1. Working with the staff as a team in the spirit of mutual respect and support, 2. Except in a Board meeting, not attempting to influence a District employee or the Superintendent concerning personnel matters, purchasing issues, the award of contracts or the selection of consultants, the process of permit applications or granting of licenses or permits.

However, the sharing of ideas on these matters is appropriate, 3. Limiting individual contact with District staff to the Superintendent so as not to influence staff decisions or recommendations, interfere with their work performance, undermine Superintendents authority or prevent the full Board from having the benefit of any information received. The Superintendent has the responsibility to determine the most effective way of responding to these requests, 4. Respecting roles and responsibilities of staff when if expressing criticism in a public meeting or through public electronic (e-mail) messages.

B. All written informational material requested by Committee members will be submitted by staff to the entire Committee with a notation stating who requested the information.

Organizations and Media

A. If a Committee member represents the District before another governmental agency, community organization or the media, the Committee member should first state the Board position.

B. Committee members should obtain permission before representing another members view or position with the media.

Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee

BYLAWS

Accepted by the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee on 01/18/2023

Adopted by the CPRD Board of Directors on 01/26/2023

Creation

The Chehalem Parks and Recreation District (CPRD) Board of Directors established the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee (CHTAC) at their August 26, 2021, meeting by appointing all seventeen (17) applicants. They also appointed board liaisons Bart Rierson and Jim McMaster to the committee.

Name

The name of this organization is the Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the CHTAC, or Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of the 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. The responsibilities of the Committee include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Maintain active communication with the CPRD Board of Directors.
- 2. Provide recommendations about the future of trails of any modality.
- 3. Solicit citizen feedback regarding current and future trails.
- 4. Request information from and consult with: service organizations, special interest groups, neighborhoods, and other professionals as appropriate.

Organization

1. There shall be at least seven (7) members-at-large. Members shall represent a broad range of interests and experiences necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Committee.

- 2. There shall be a Chair and Secretary position on the CHTAC. Each position shall be elected with a nomination and voice vote by the Committee member. Regular Committee elections shall occur during the September meeting.
- 3. The Committee may establish focus groups, composed of Committee members, at any time to work on individual initiatives or projects. A chair will be appointed for each active focus group.
- 4. The CHTAC encourages citizen participation and will, on occasion, solicit input/feedback from citizens, groups, and/or experts.

Member Eligibility

- 1. If Committee membership falls below seven (7) members, the CPRD Board of Directors shall solicit applications for and appoint new members, so that Committee membership remains above seven (7) members at all times. The CPRD Board of Directors shall always maintain the discretion to solicit applications for and appoint new members to the Committee.
- 2. Member-at-large term lengths shall be determined by the CPRD Board of Directors, with a standard term length being three (3) years.
- 3. Member-at-large resignations shall be filed with the Chair.
- 4. Absences without prior notification to the chair shall be deemed "unexcused absences." Members-at-large with two (2) unexcused absences within one calendar year shall be removed from the Committee.

Meetings

- Regular meetings shall be scheduled annually, at a time and place agreed upon by the committee. The Committee shall meet at least nine (9) times each calendar year. Public announcement of the meetings shall be provided by CPRD staff in accordance with Oregon Public Meeting Law.
- 2. All proposed actions, including recommendations to the CPRD Board of Directors, shall be motioned and seconded before a voice vote is taken. A simple majority of present members are needed to approve proposed actions.
- 3. A quorum is not necessary for voting, and there shall be no voting by proxy.
- 4. Formal agenda items must be submitted to the Chair five (5) business days prior to the meeting date. The Chair shall produce a meeting agenda and provide it CPRD staff at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. When possible, anticipated motions and referenced documents shall be included with the agenda.
- 5. Regular meetings shall be structured to allow for public participation at the beginning of the meeting. Written public comment may be accepted via electronic mail or postal

service, and shall be distributed to the Committee ahead of each meeting. Additionally, verbal public comments shall be accommodated at the beginning of each meeting, as listed on the meeting agenda. The Chair shall maintain the discretion to determine the per-person time limit for verbal public comments, with a total time limit of ten (10) minutes per meeting.

Amendments

1. Modifications of these bylaws must be approved by the CPRD Board of Directors before they become effective.

Thanks to the Bob & Crystal Rilee Advisory Committee, on whose bylaws these were heavily modeled.