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Appendix A: Agenda and Sign In Sheet

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Community Visioning Workshop

Date **3/29/11**
Time **6:00 – 8:00 PM**
Location **Renton Community Center**
1715 SE Maple Valley Highway

AGENDA

6:00 pm – 6:10 pm

Welcome

- Introductions
- The Planning Process

6:10 pm – 6:50 pm

Visual Preference Survey

- Presentation (MIG)
- Please record your preferences using your "Visual Preferences" comment card!

6:50 pm – 7:30 pm

Breakout Group Exercise

- See "Breakout Group Exercise" instructions.

7:30 pm – 7:55 pm

Refining Our Vision

7:55 pm – 8:00 pm

Conclusion and Next Steps

Please leave your comment cards and notes on the table or with the facilitators or City staff!



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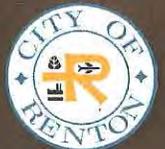
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Appendix B: Visual Preference Score Card

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Visual Preferences

For the following section, a presentation will be made showing ideas and concepts regarding park character and design, to help us plan for the future of the park system. Please indicate your level of preference by checking the appropriate box next to each idea. In addition, please check the location you think is most appropriate for each.

| | Personal Preference (choose one) | | | | Preferred Location (choose all that apply) | | |
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What additional ideas and concepts should be explored as part of planning process? Please provide an example and location(s) if known.

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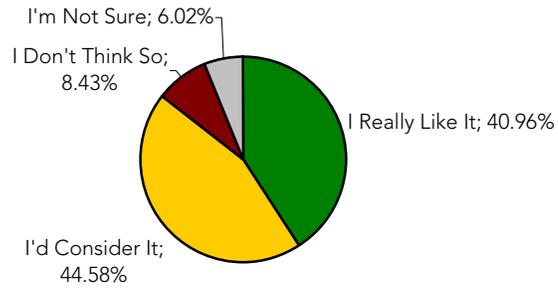
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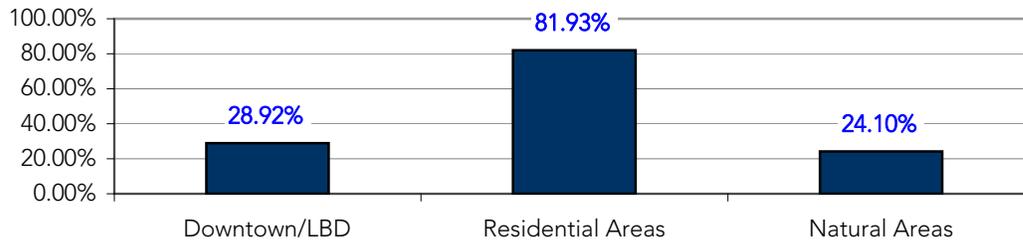
Appendix C: Visual Preference Survey Results



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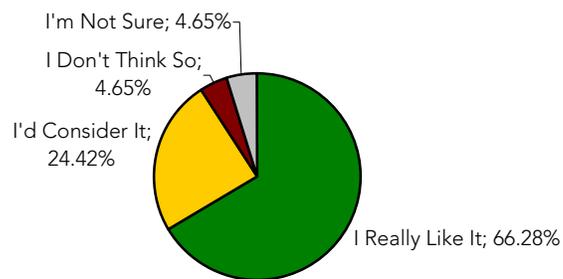


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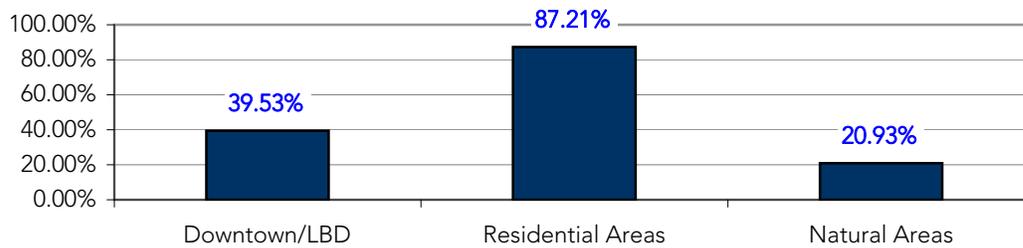




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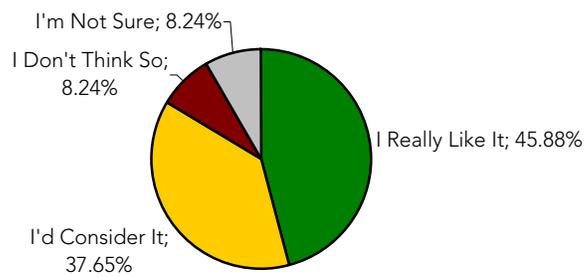


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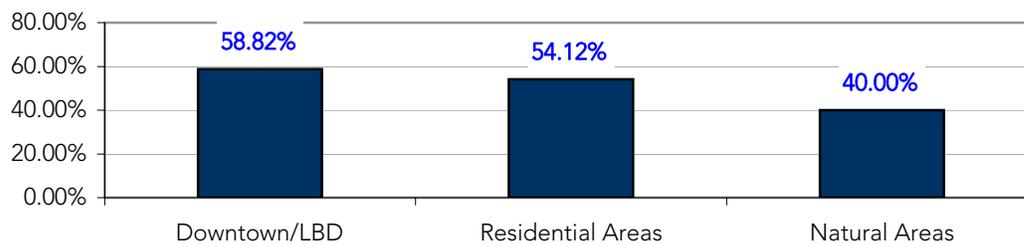




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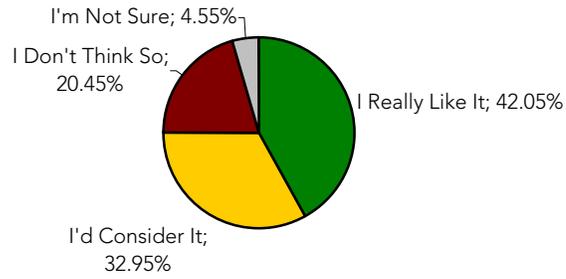


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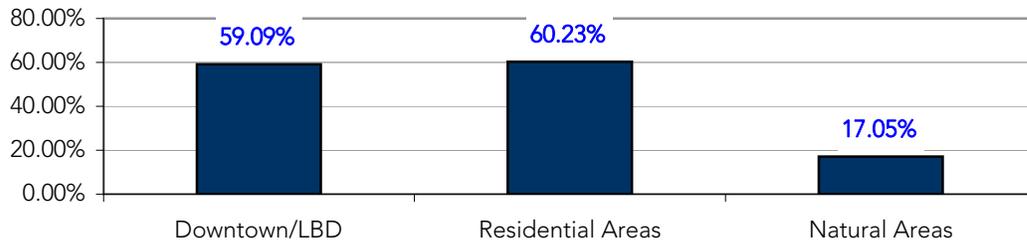




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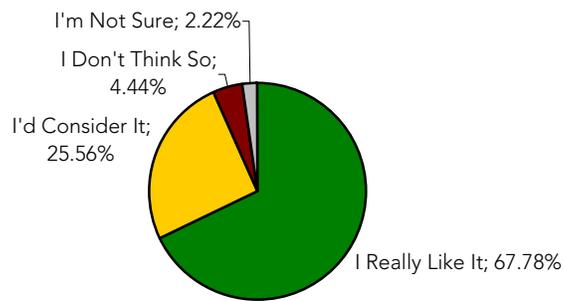


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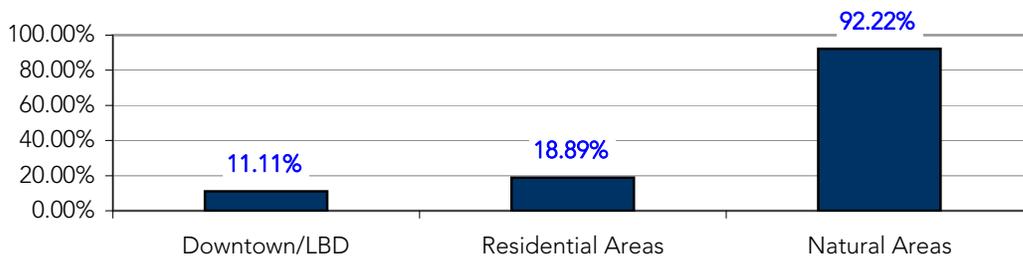




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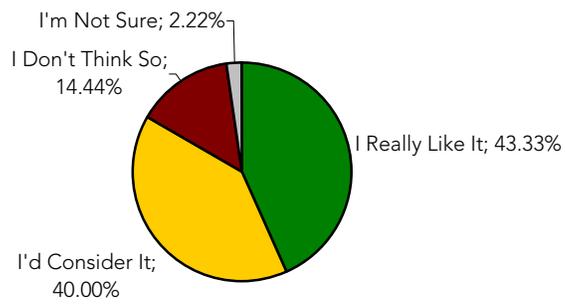


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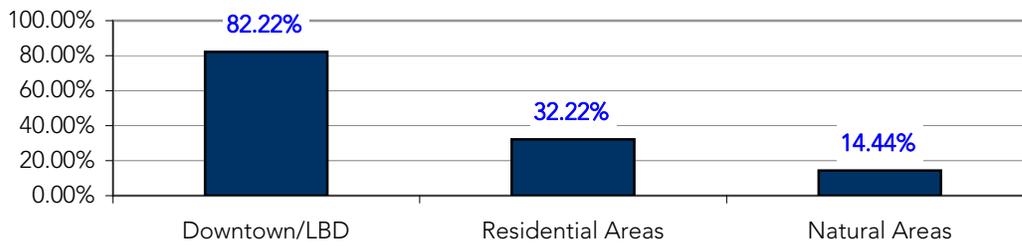




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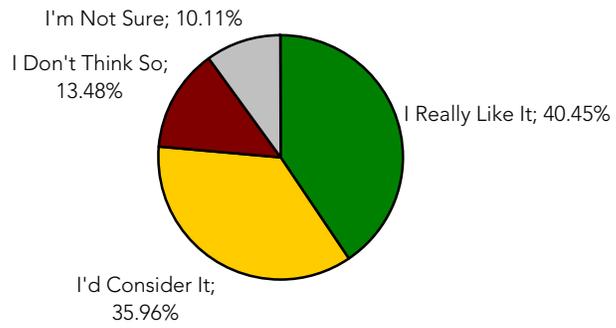


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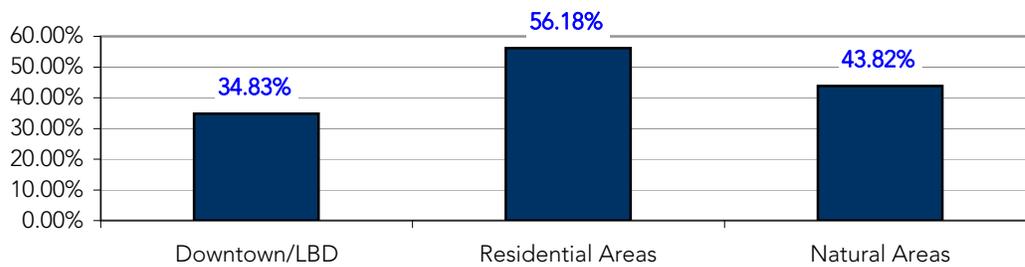




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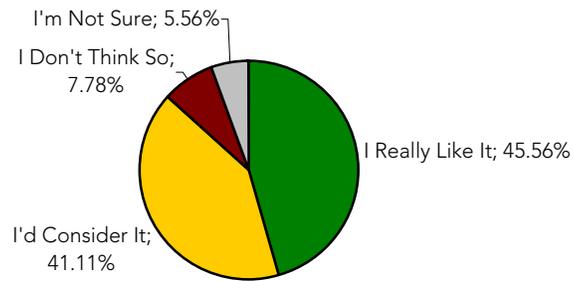


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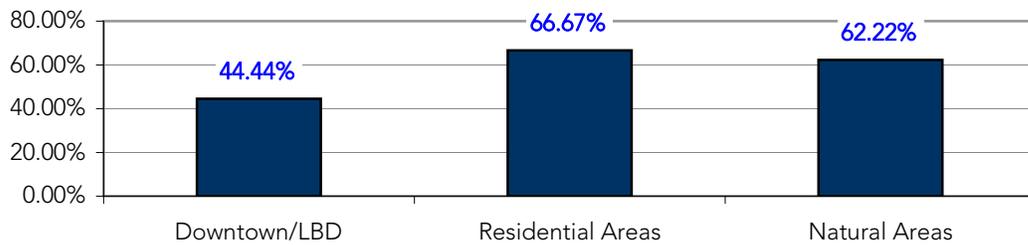




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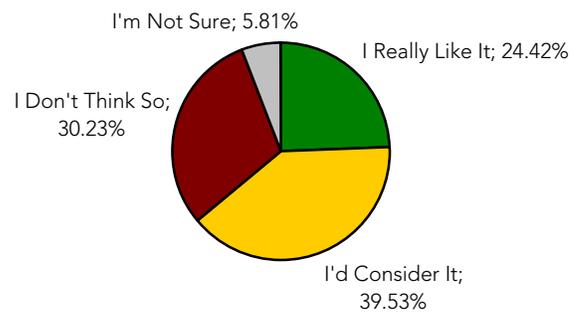


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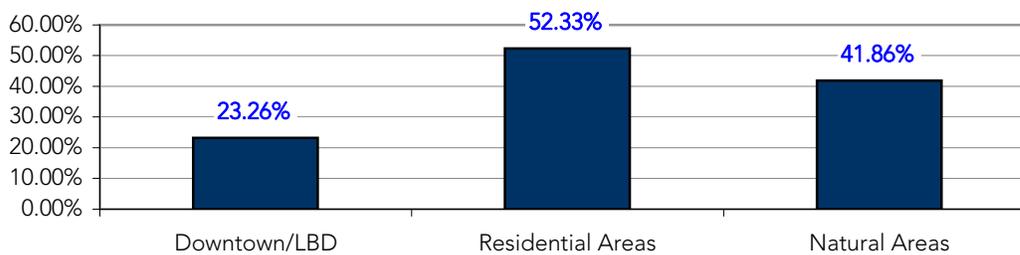




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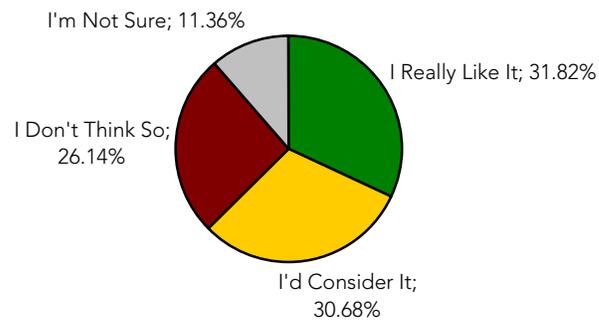


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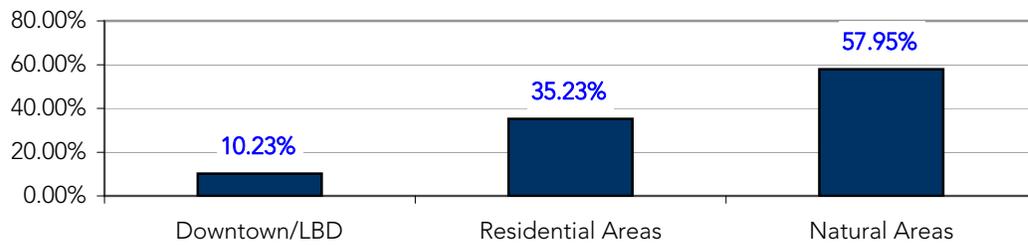




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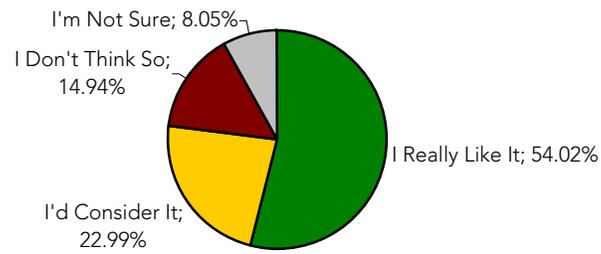


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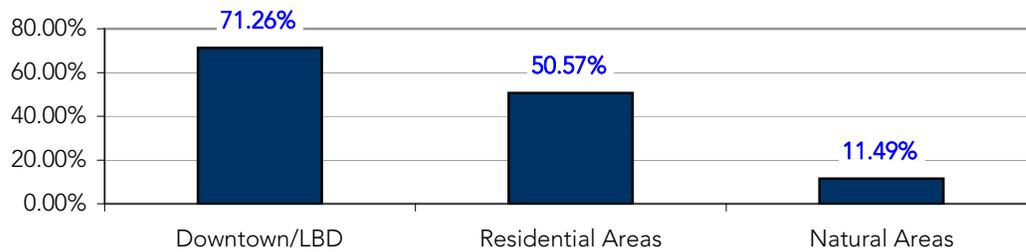




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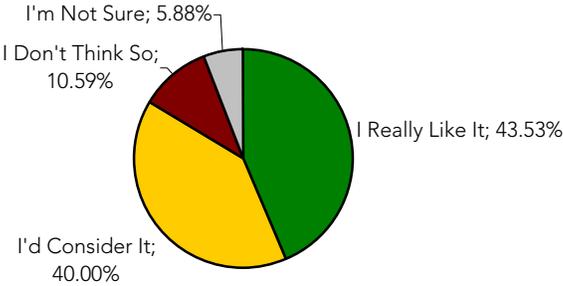


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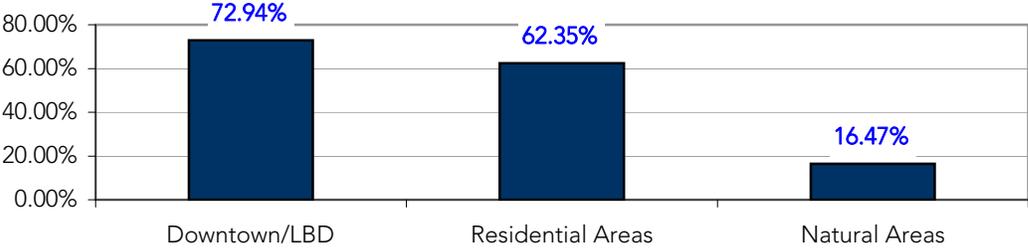




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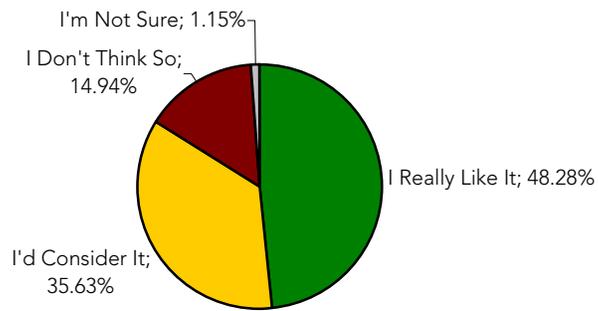


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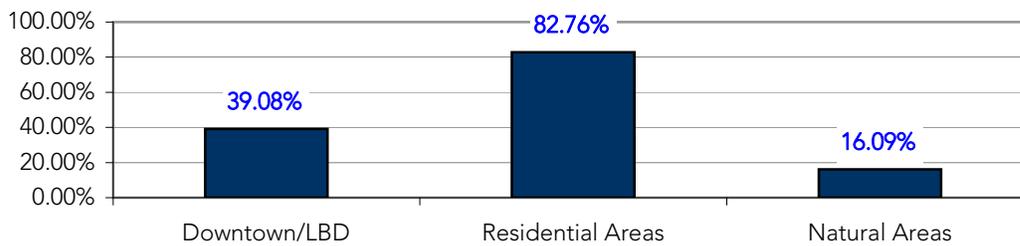




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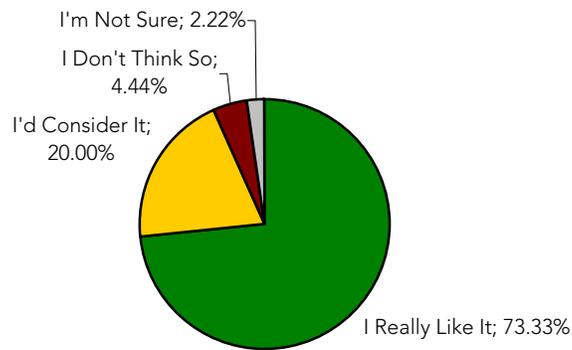


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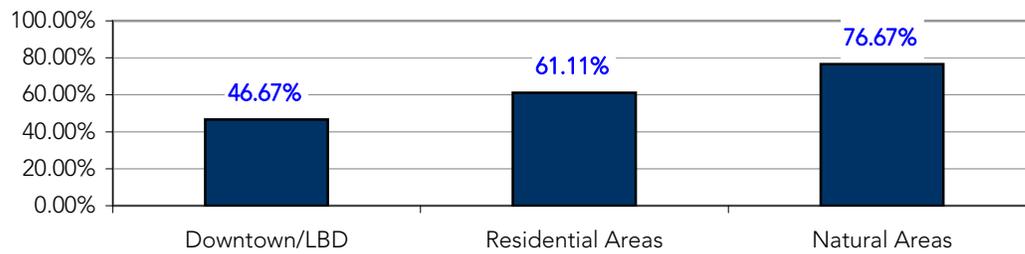




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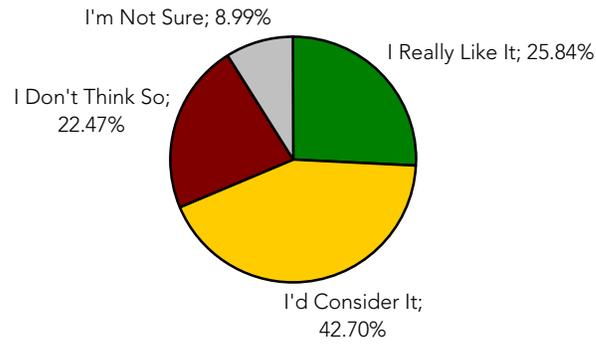


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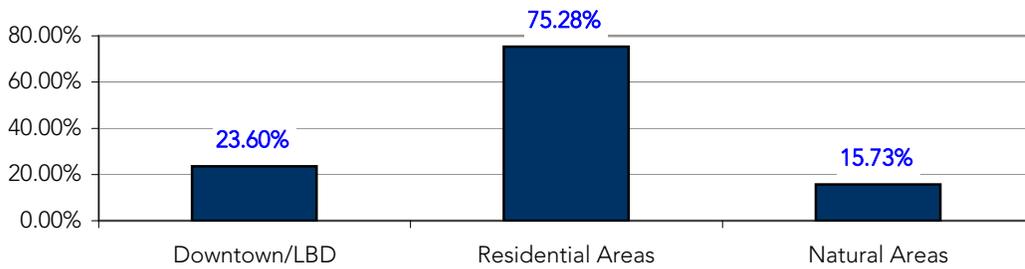




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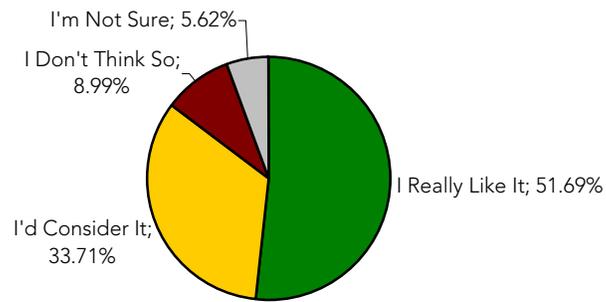


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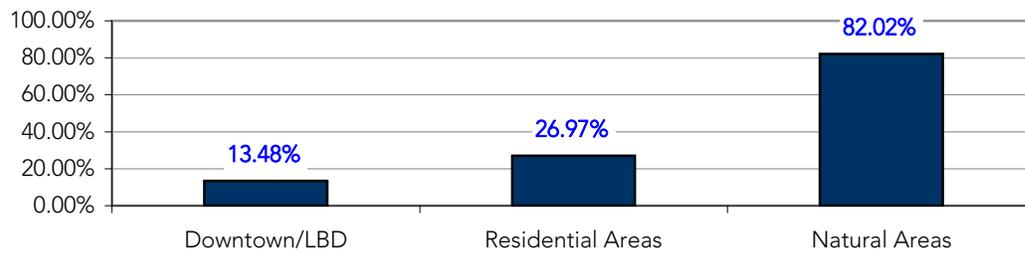




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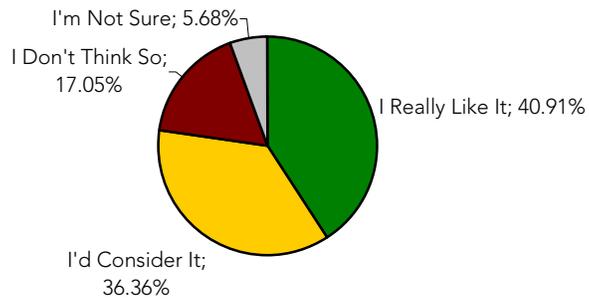


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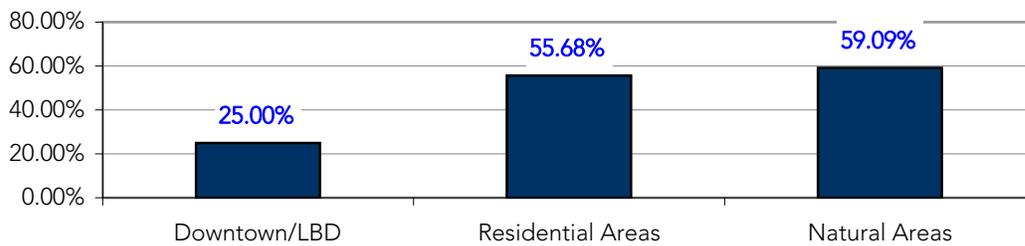




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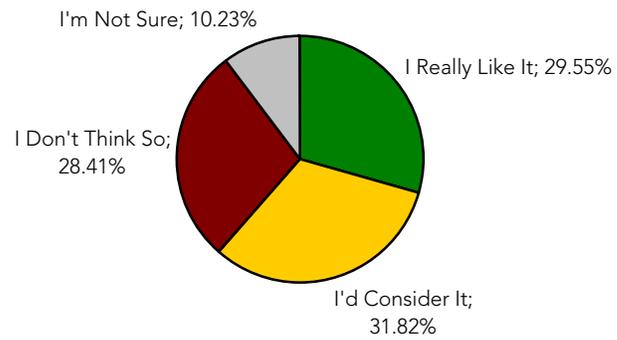


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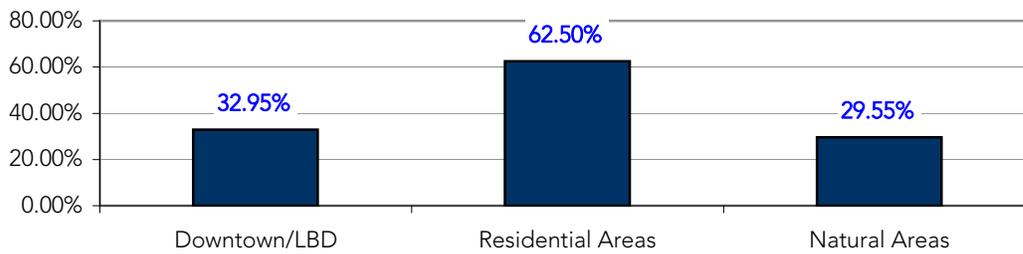




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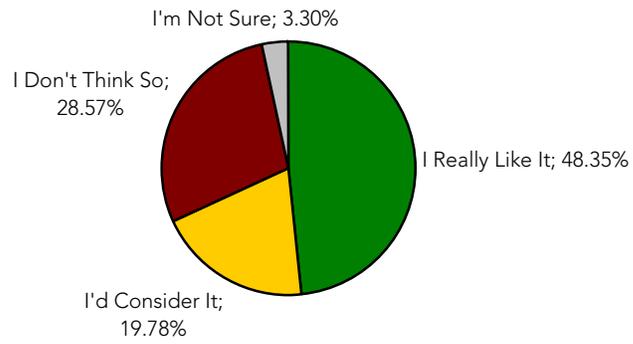


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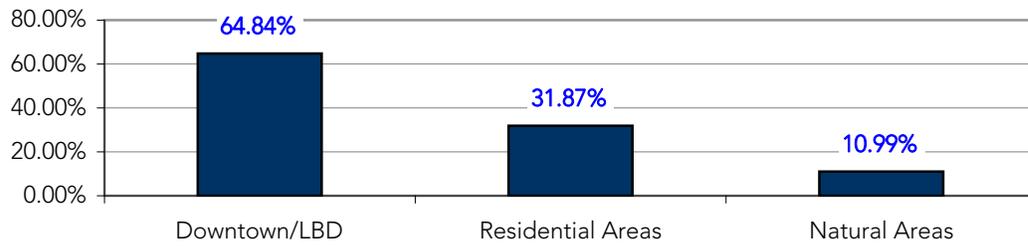




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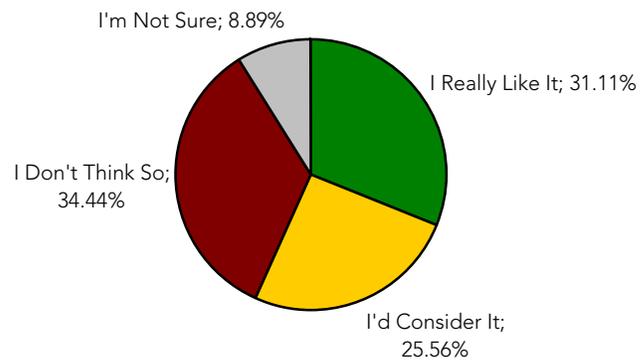


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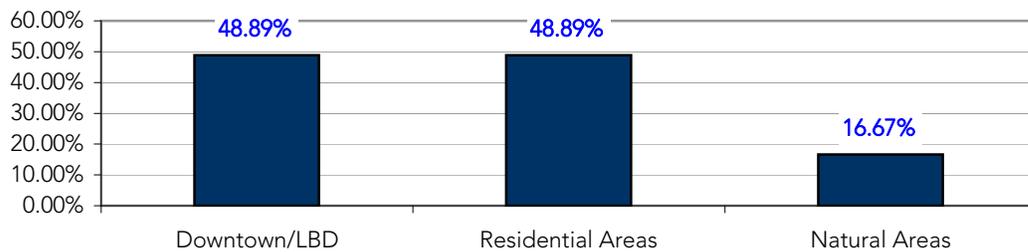




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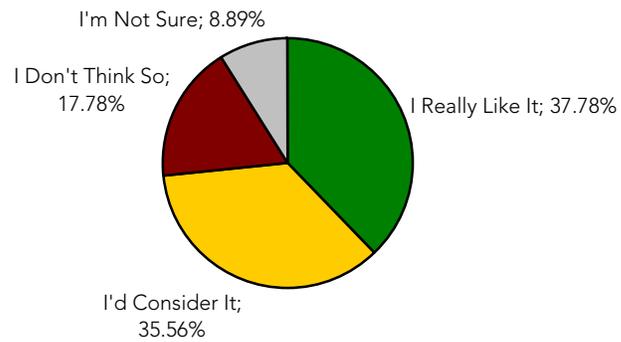


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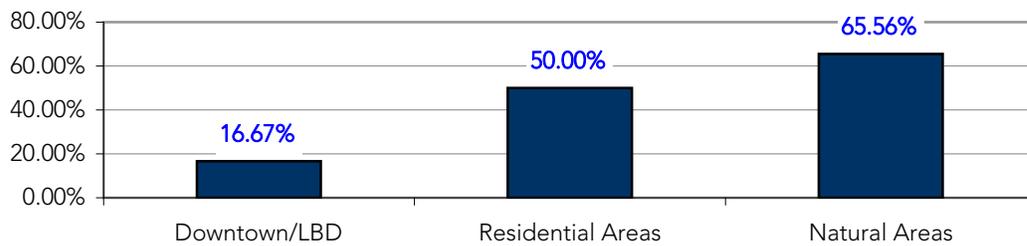




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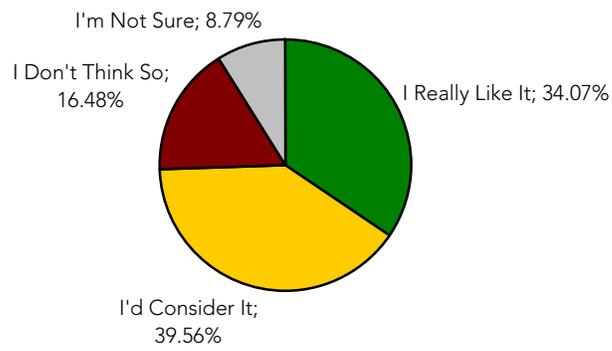


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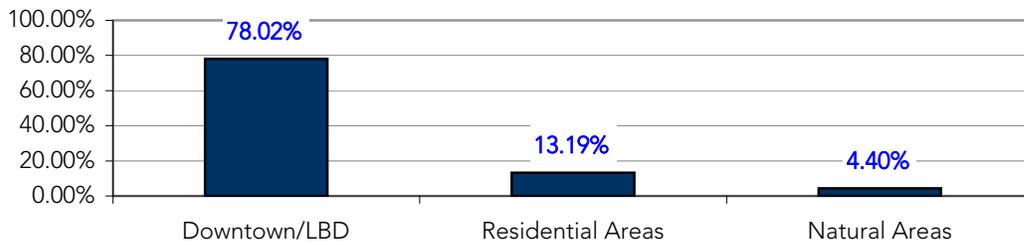




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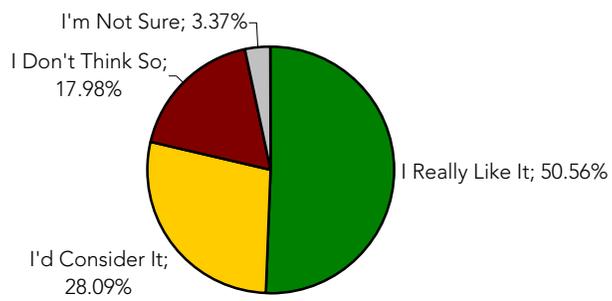


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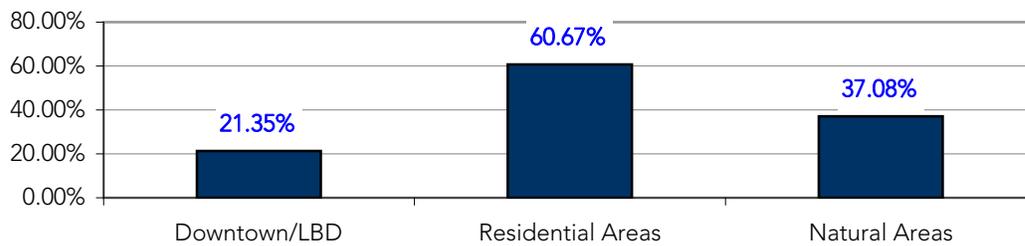




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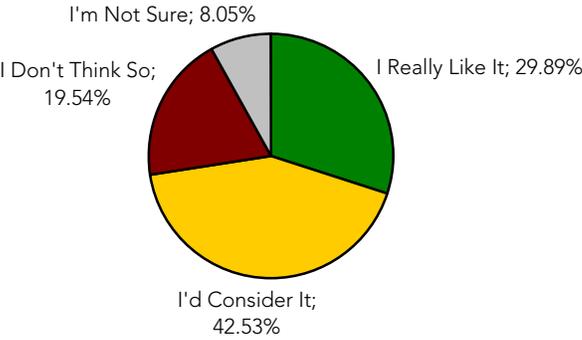


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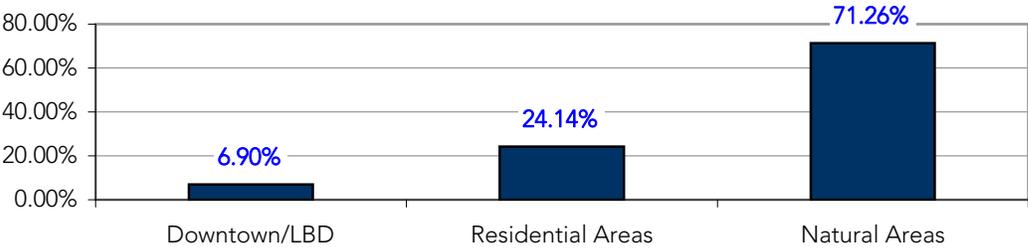




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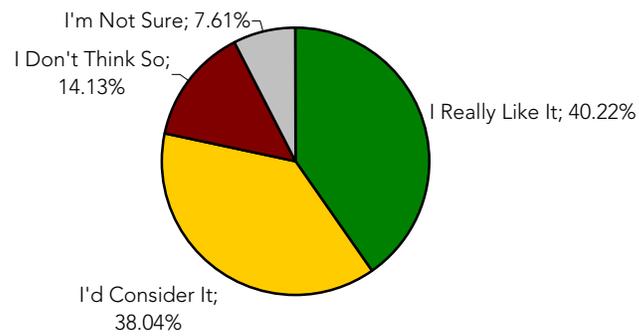


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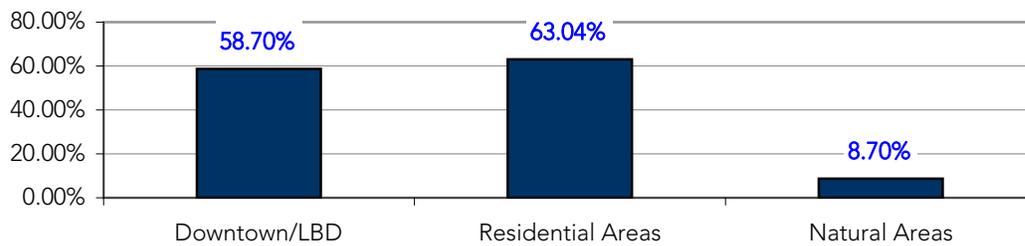




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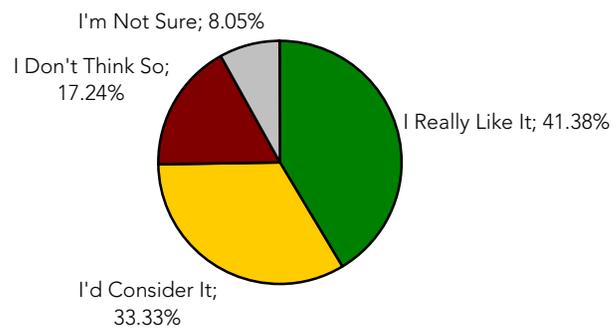


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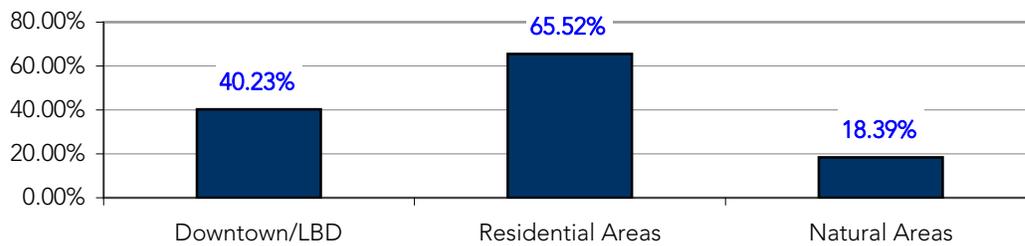




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Appendix D: Break Out Group Exercise

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Break Out Group Exercise Purpose

Your task is to develop a vision for Renton's parks, recreation, open space and natural resources system that maximizes benefits for your focus area.

Break Out Group Focus Areas

To date, the following focus areas have emerged through the planning process as areas of importance for Renton's future. Each group will focus on one topic area during the break out group exercise. Our concluding large group discussion will bring all of these topics together in a discussion of the overall system vision.

Fitness and Health

How can our parks, recreation, open space and natural areas system support individual health and wellness and foster active living and healthy lifestyles?

Building Community

How can our facilities and programs bring people together while meeting the needs of different ages, incomes, abilities, cultures and ethnicities? What role should volunteerism, inter-generational programming and partnerships play?

Natural Resources and the Environment

How can our public lands best protect and use open spaces and natural resources in the city? What opportunities should be available to learn about and enjoy these areas that can refresh mind, body and soul? Should we explore ways to use the natural systems in park lands to improve our water management, air quality and other infrastructure needs?

Neighborhood Identity

How can our park facilities and recreation services enhance neighborhood identity and help build stronger neighborhoods? How do art, culture and local history contribute?

Youth

What is needed to provide a system with a full range of services (recreation, health, enrichment, etc.) that "wraps around" youth of all ages? What park features, partnerships, individual and organized recreation would build the best future citizens?

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Break Out Group Exercise Description

Step 1 (5 minutes): Introductions

Introduce yourselves, going around the table. Tell your tablemates your name and why you picked this topic.

Step 2 (10 minutes): Brainstorming

Choose one member of your group to record the list for the group.

As a group, discuss what is working and what is missing for your focus area. Brainstorm the parks, facilities, programs and other elements that should be kept or enhanced, as well as those that would be needed in Renton to fully advance your focus area.

Step 3 (20 minutes): Creating the System

Based on the previous discussion, work together as a group to quickly translate your ideas onto the map, using the materials at your table (markers, dots, icon stickers, paper):

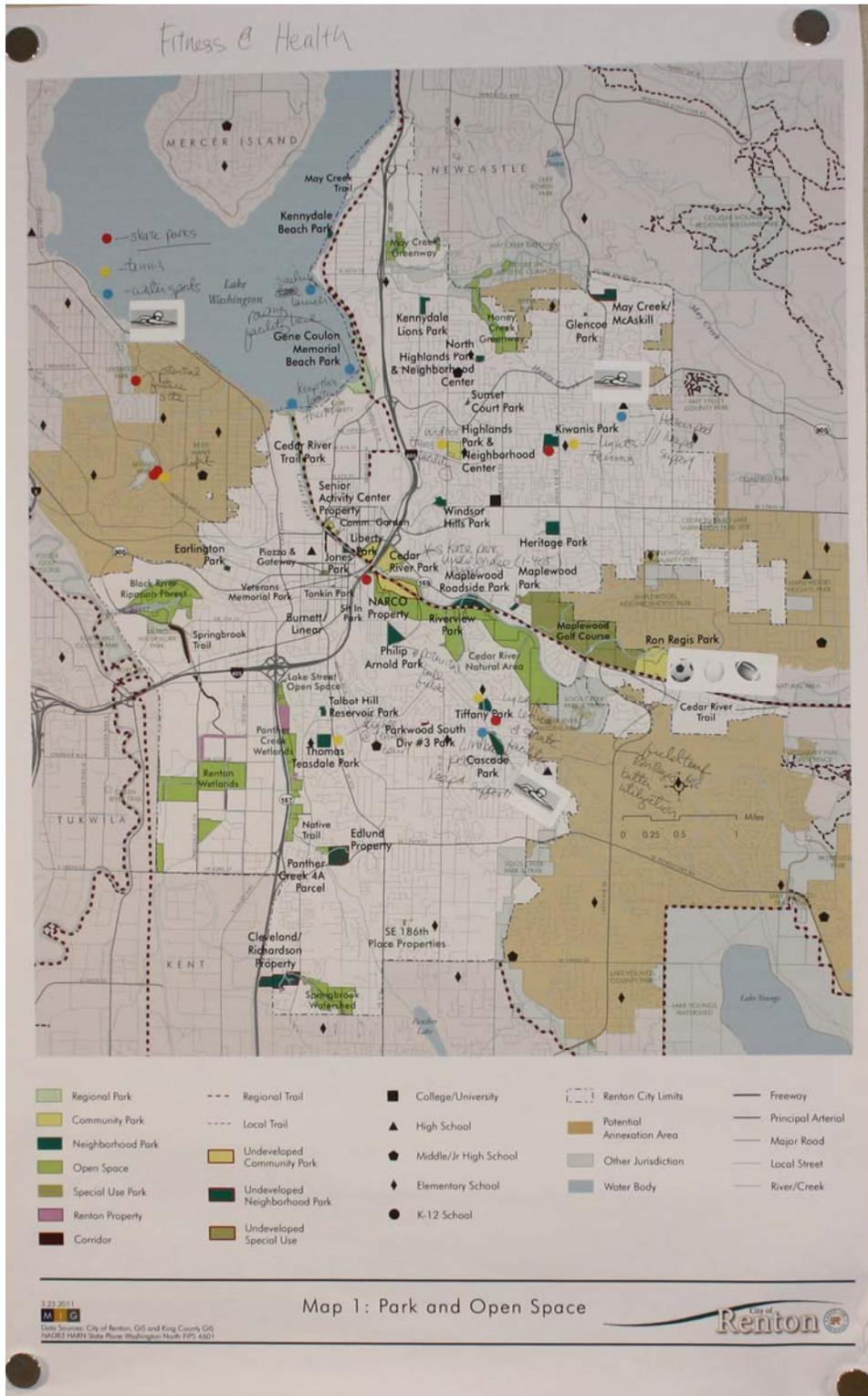
Here are some questions to help you:

1. Which elements of the existing system should be emphasized for your focus areas? Are there existing facilities that can be modified to enhance their usefulness? *Highlight these.*
2. Are new lands or connections needed? For example, are there service gaps? If so, where and for what purpose should land or connections be added? *Mark these on the map.*
3. What kinds of programs and activities should be provided? Where should these be located for the greatest benefit? *Write the programs on the map and draw or use stickers to show locations.*
4. Are there any key partners with whom Renton should collaborate? *List them on the map.*

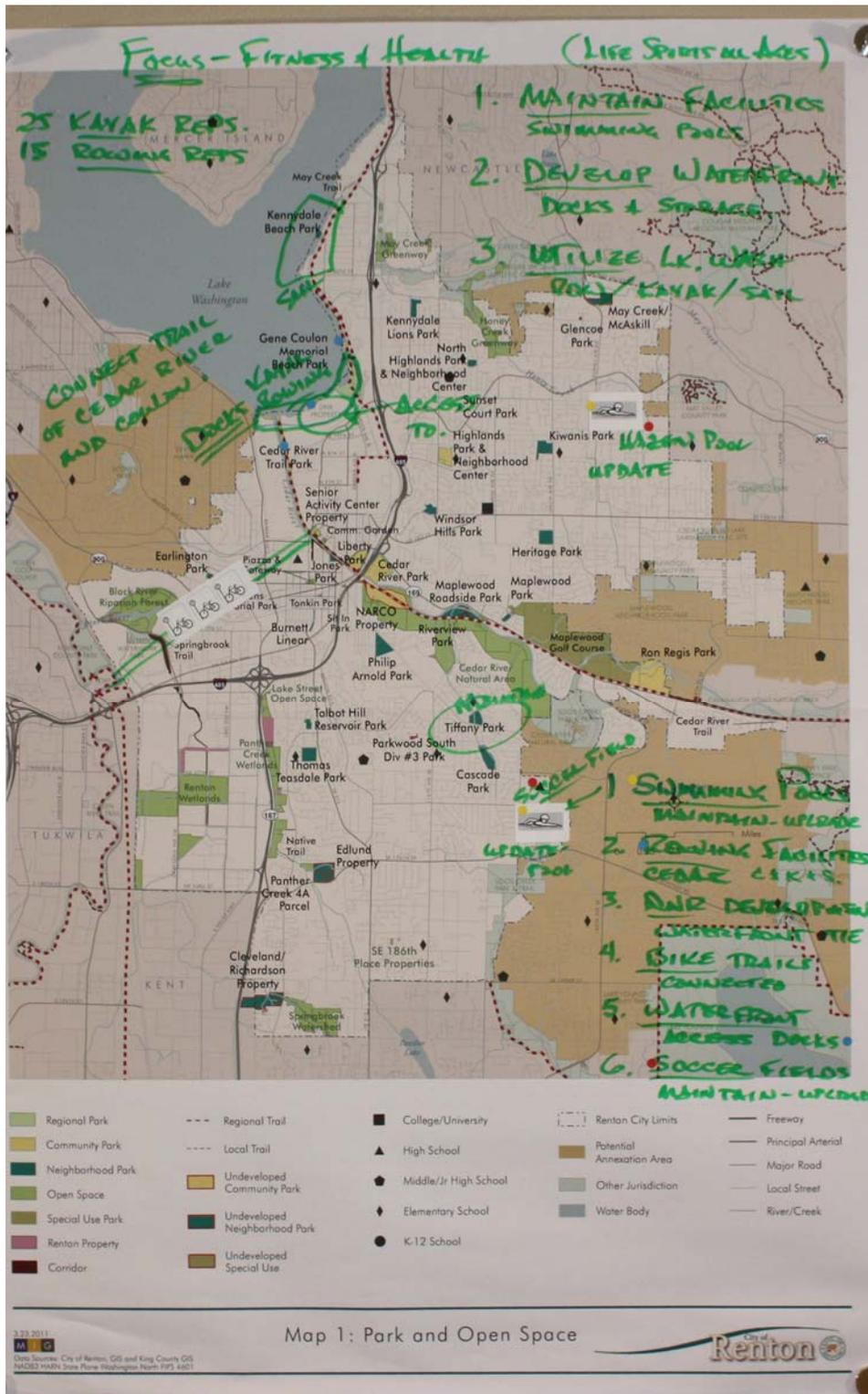
Step 4 (5 minutes): Wrap-Up and Transition

Finish up your map. As a group, prepare for the final large group discussion by identifying no more than THREE key elements that should be reflected in the citywide vision for the park system.

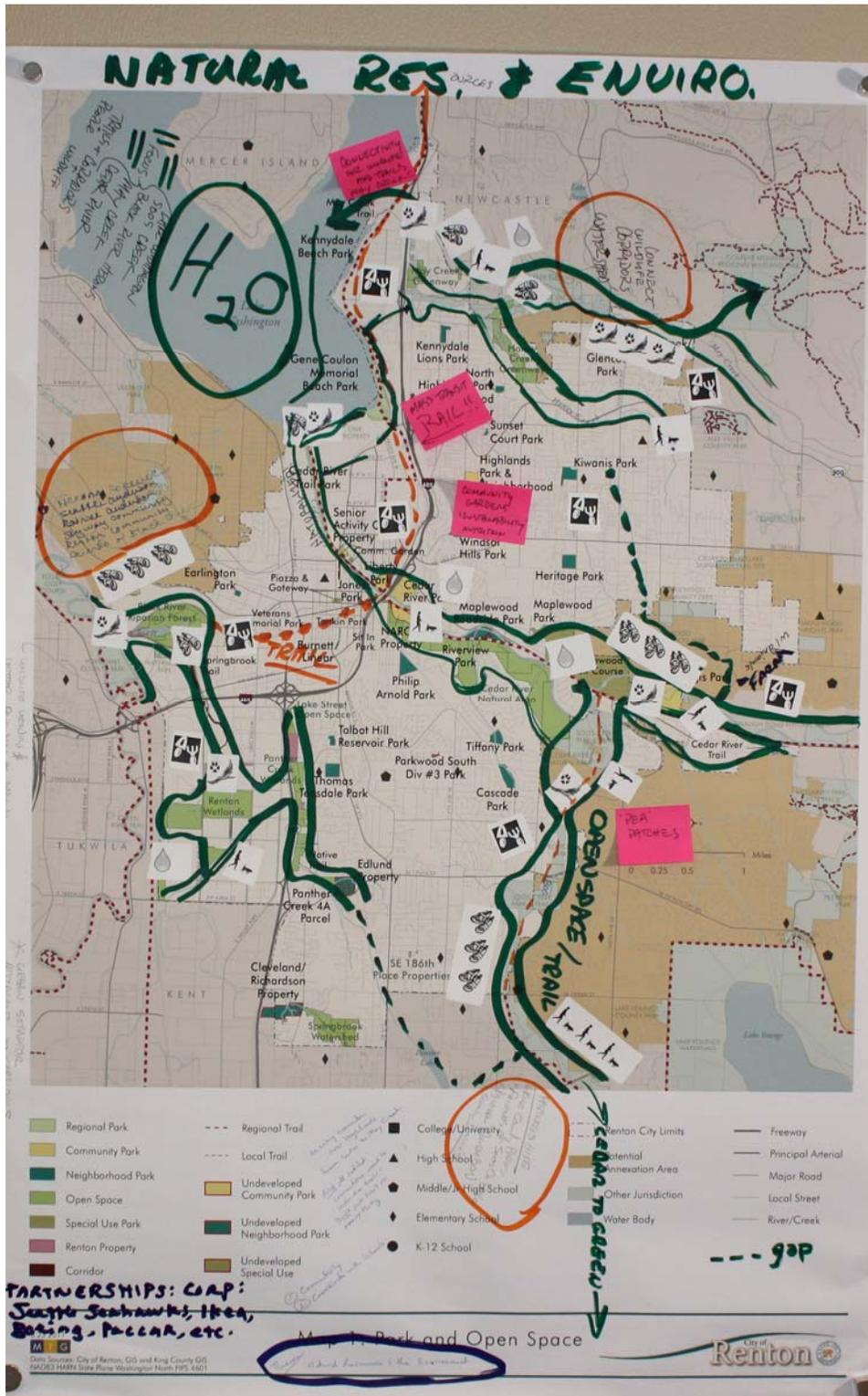
Fitness and Health Map 2



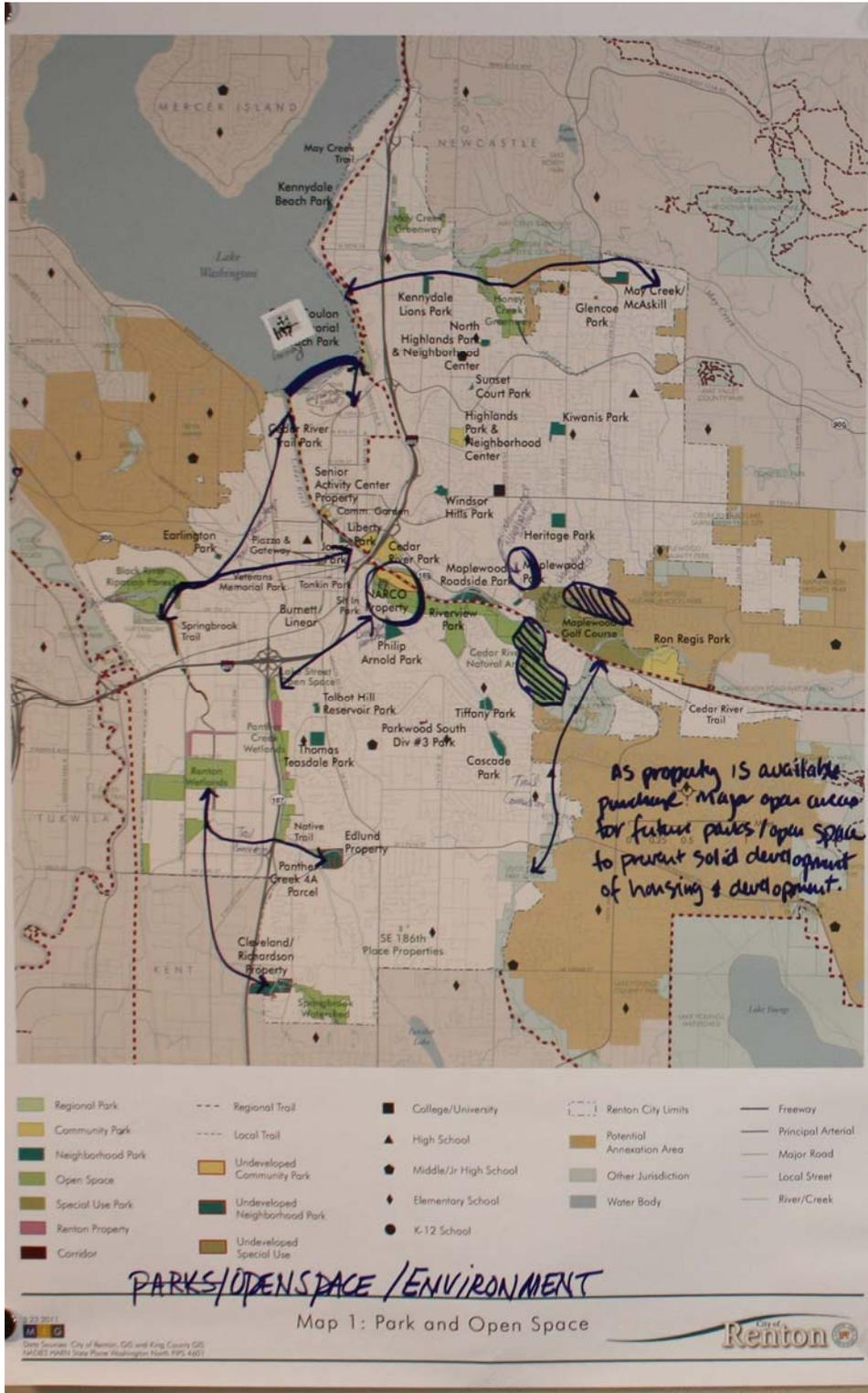
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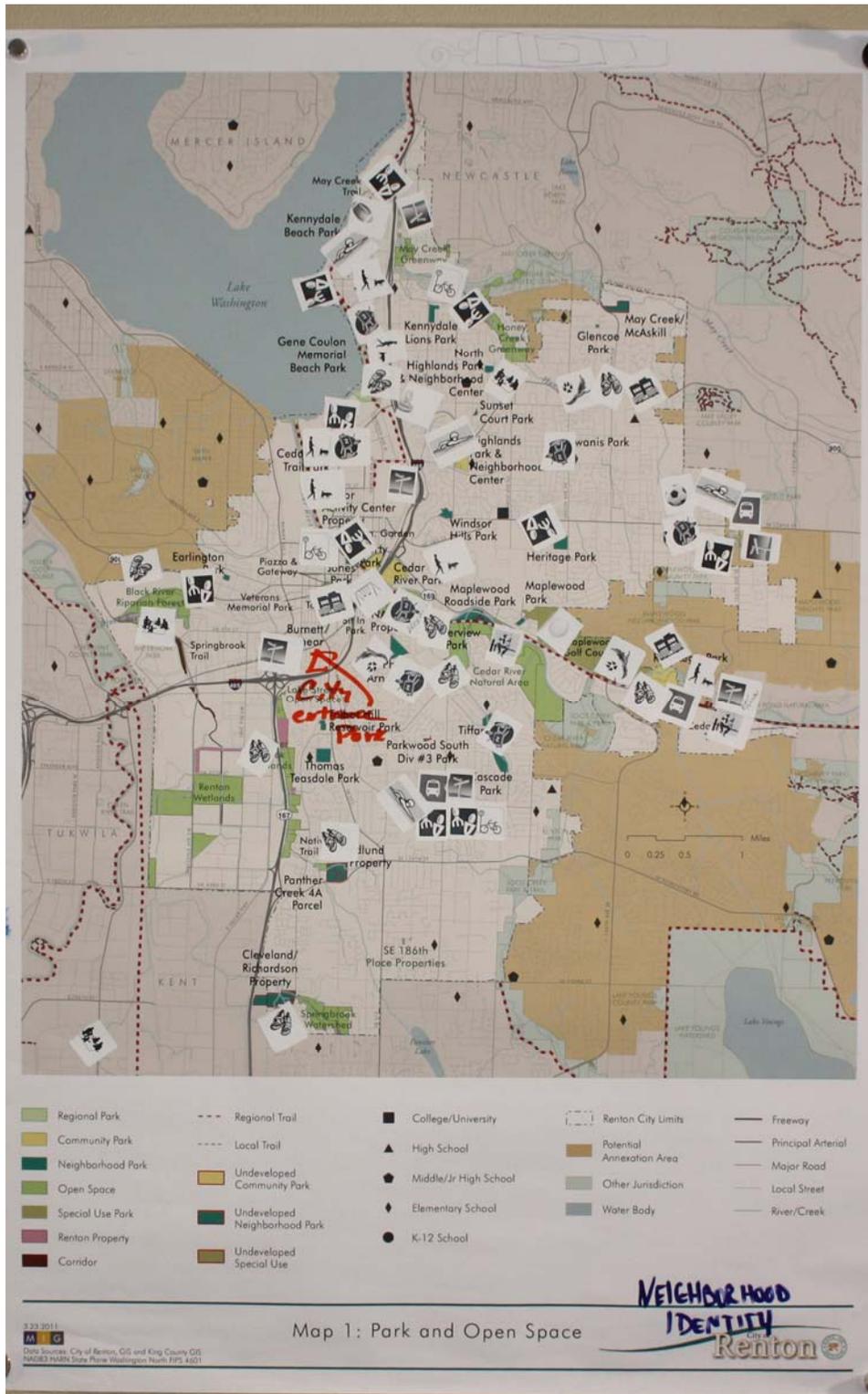
Natural Resources and the Environment Map 1



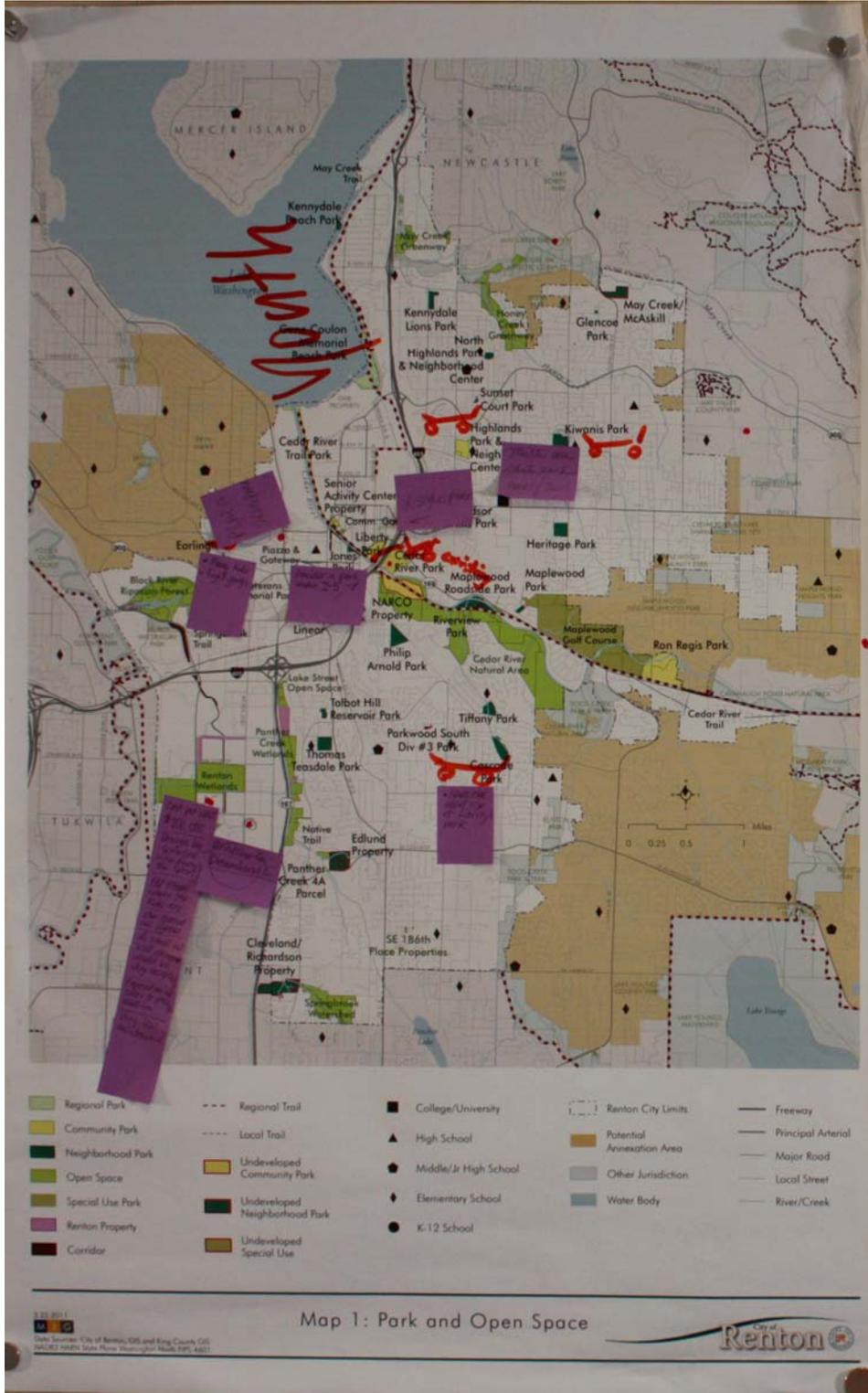
Natural Resources and the Environment Map 2



Neighborhood Identity Map 1



Youth Map 1



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Appendix E: Comments

Appendix E: Public Comments

The following are comments received for the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Plan from emails and posts to the project website as of April 22, 2011.

Comment 1

Just wanted to pass on an enthusiastic voice of approval for the outstanding programs you continue to operate, and encourage you to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure they continue. My family and I have owned a home and lived in Renton for nearly 20 years and are very proud of the excellent programs we have had the privilege to participate in over the years. The mens softball team I manage (ERI Groundhogs) is entering its 11th (or is it 12th!) consecutive season, and I can't begin to express the value the experience brings to our players, and the importance of continuing and expanding the program. Let's not let these temporary difficult financial times distract us from the value that has been created and instead continue to invest in our people and community to continue to provide these high quality programs.

Comment 2

I hope you will support Renton Rowing Club in their plans to build a rowing facility on South Lake Washington. A rowing club is a fantastic community resource. It is a great sport for people of all ages providing mental and physical challenges. It is a low impact safe sport that provides safe whole body exercise while providing mental and philosophical challenges for a lifetime.

I am the president of a small rowing club up here on Orcas Island. We cooperated with the WA state park service and built a boathouse on Cascade Lake in Moran state park using 100% volunteer labor and have been running a club that supports juniors and adults for over 14 years. Rowing clubs are typically very self sufficient and efficient. It is in the nature of the sport: self sufficiency, efficiency of motion and team cooperation. So with a little cooperation I am sure Renton Rowing will be a great community asset. They have already created and maintained a healthy club from scratch.

I love rowing and whenever I travel I look up the local rowing club and get in touch. They always welcome me with open arms to join them for a practice session anywhere in the world. So a rowing club becomes a magnet for visitors and elevates the community's status. Typically a rowing club hosts regattas (races) for juniors and adults which is another draw for visitors who will spend money in the community and take home a positive impression of Renton.

Rowing is a particularly valuable sport for juniors in middle school through high school. It provides a great opportunity for personal growth both in mind and body. It is also a hell of a lot of fun for the kids. Although each race may be for boys or girls the crew team is co-ed so the kids learn to work effectively with and have respect for the adults they work with and their team mates and opponents of the both sexes. Rowing is a fantastic opportunity especially for girls going to college. It's good for boys too, but since 'title 9' rowing has become a well funded sport for girls in college.

I hope you will support Renton in their plans to build a facility on South Lake Washington.

Comment 3

I cannot believe how the city of Renton has deserted these 2 jewels that are right in the City of Rentons backyard. You have turned your back on these 2 community pools. They are an important part of Renton, aside from the obvious of teaching kids and adults to swim, they also teach safety in both swimming and boating and teach water exercise for so many adults and seniors who can't walk outside, but can when they come to the pool. they offer a safe place for kids and adults to come and have fun. They aren't asking the City of Renton to foot the whole bill they have to raise just help contribute some monies, and help them to find permanent financing to keep these precious pools from closing. They need your support why can't you be there for the community, they are a part of this Renton community you know.

Comment 4

I've been playing Rec Softball in Renton for 6 years now. As of this year I've joined a dodge ball team with my wife. I absolutely love the programs and they continue considering the condition of the economy. My whole family goes to the games and as soon as my son is old enough, he will participate on our softball team.

I'm available to help with programs if needed. I'm a senior network administrator so I can offer up computer/network related skills if needed. Likewise, I'm good for manual labor. :-)

Thank you for your time and have a great day.

Comment 5

I help run the tennis programs for the City of Renton through Aces Tennis. This is our fifth year partnering with the City and I have been amazed by the enthusiasm that Renton has for their tennis programs.

I also coach the Lindbergh High School Tennis team and have a good grasp for what our community would like to see in regards to more tennis opportunities.

The Renton Tennis Community is asking by the hundreds for a public indoor tennis facility. They are also in favor of more lit courts in the city.

I have about 500 participants each summer and could easily see those numbers double for the city or non-profit organization that could run programs year-round at an indoor facility.

Currently, I have 20 adult USTA teams (over 200 adults playing year round) that have to compete in Bellevue because there are no indoor courts in the Renton area. I have to turn away even more players because there is no space to have more participants at this time.

In total, including annual tournaments that are run, I have over 2000 people participating in tennis programs that come through Renton, but only in the summer. An indoor facility could not only maintain that throughout the year but increase the participation by being able to establish continuous programs and consistency that the weather will not allow on the outdoor courts.

I would love to have the opportunity to discuss more of the tennis communities' vision and look forward to seeing you tomorrow night.

Comment 6

I write to support inclusion of a rowing center in shoreline parks under Renton's Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Plan.

I have now taught more than 50 people to row for Renton Rowing, from 14-year-old high school students to 70-plus year-old grandmothers, but only one at a time. It's great, because sculling opens Lake Washington to people who would not otherwise be on the lake. And it's just plain fun.

But we're just scratching the surface of what could be done.

Our community and our children would benefit greatly from junior crew: Teenagers racing boats of four and eight rowers. Crew is a unique sport perfect for teenagers. I teach at Lindbergh High School and daily I see students who would benefit from the self-discipline, self-respect, teamwork and lifetime fitness skills rowing teaches. I know rowing has helped me, from college up to this morning's row.

Students in Renton high schools do row; a rower at Lindbergh takes the bus all the way to Mt. Baker center just to row. He gets home at 8:30 p.m., but stays with it because rowing is such a valuable experience. We need to bring this resource to our students.

The Renton waterfront has ample space for rowing. Our end of Lake Washington or the Cedar River is open in most any weather. Give us space for a dock and permanent facility to store shells, and we'll get the kids on the water.

We're blessed as Renton residents to have access to such a great natural resource as Lake Washington. Let's use it for the benefit of our children. The conduit for our rowing and use of this underutilized resource is, of course, Renton Parks. It required vision for the city to save those precious waterside spaces, and an expansive, inclusive vision of the future is what this new parks plan should offer.

Comment 7

Public Access for Renton residents to Lake Washington waterfront for non-motorized boats is very limited. Docks are needed to safely launch canoes, kayaks, and rowing shells. Four sites that require improvement include Cedar River, Renton Airport park, DNR property at Boeing, and an expanded dock at Coulon canoe launch facility by Renton Sailing. With the tremendous waterfront legacy of Lake Washington, Renton has the greatest opportunity to develop dock access for water-sports of any community in the State.

Comment 8

I'm part of the Renton softball REC league and very much appreciate having these fields in the area to play our softball games. They really promote a healthy community and an enjoyable place to live. Let's keep improving our fields and making Renton a better place for all of us.

Comment 9

It is my opinion that important community assets must be maintained by the City of Renton. I know that the Lindbergh Pool was given to the school district, but the pool is a tremendous asset as a community activity center for the both the city and the region so it makes complete sense for the city to maintain and fund this wonderful community asset. My wife and I have used it for the period of time we have have lived in the Benson Hill area (24 years), our children used it on a year round basis well before they started school in the Renton School District and throughout the time that they lived here at home, many of our friends and their families have used it on a regular basis, and so it has been an important part of our lives for many years. It is a regional asset like Coulon Park because it is one of the few year round public pools in the entire metropolitan area that complies with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is important for the reputation of the City of Renton to maintain and fund this pool which serves so many both inside and outside of the community. Not funding it would certainly establish that Renton is no longer "ahead of the curve." On a personal level, this has been the most important community center to me and my family since we have lived in the Renton area, and the one I would least like to see closed. So the City of Renton needs to do whatever it takes to maintain and fund the Lindbergh Pool which provides so much to its residents as a community activity center. I know that the community would support a reasonable bond levy proposal to help meet that goal.

Comment 10

1. Change policy to encourage gifts (trees, benches, picnic tables, etc.) and to acknowledge same with plaques, central register or maps of givers as appropriate. Park crafts and maintenance persons could create these during the winter. Perhaps a donor could even be found for this aspect of a proactive park memorial program. Not clear why the policy was changed, but the older signs still at Gene Coulon Park were a good idea then and they still are. This will save money in these difficult budgetary times.

2. I believe managers and staff at all levels should receive

training to guard against an attitude of proprietorship with respect to the public resources they're working with. We're all vulnerable to this. I feel like, with 65 years here, Lower Kenndale is MINE, and a few other's. Anyone else is just a visitor or interloper. This attitude is harmless in my case, but a detriment to those who forget the parks and trees are to be managed for the people and not a personal or professional agenda.

Comment 11

The goal of Renton Rowing is to develop community access for people of all ages and levels of ability in the sport of rowing. Our greatest limitation at present is suitable dock access to Lake Washington. Permanent floating docks at Cedar River, Airport Park, Coulon Sailing and Canoe launch site and the development of the DNR property would greatly enhance our possibility of developing rowing programs for youth and others in the City of Renton.

Comment 12

I understand you will be holding a meeting tomorrow evening for feedback on community priorities for the Renton Parks plan.

Maintenance of current parks should be a priority. The newly established Heritage Park has been highly used by residents since it's opening. However, the grass in the park has not been maintained well and in the past was being overtaken by cloverleaf which I would think would cost the city more in the long run to remove and replace with grass.

I am not sure if the swimming pools at Hazen and Lingbergh High schools would fall under this category. If so, I would like to support funding to continue the operation of the pools. The pools are a valuable community resource. My son took swimming lessons at Hazen High School pool for about 4 years and I thought the program was excellent. I would support an increase in fees for both residents and non-residents to help offset the costs .

I would also like to support the establishment of a community rowing center. I understand it would immediately help 3 rowing clubs and believe it would be an additional attraction for the community.

Comment 13

I think the old Sound Ford property would be a GREAT place for a city entry park that would have a sport complex (multi fields 4, 5, 6) This is one venue that Renton needs to compete with other cities in the area, which brings would bring in revenue through the year

Comment 14

Comments on how the City of Renton should be developed should be limited to those who live in Renton. Those people who work for the city but don't live here should not be deciding the direction of Rentons development.

Comment 15

Renton is the south link to our residents' enjoyment of what we are known for here in the northwest ... water! We need facilities to fully enjoy our natural environment here in Renton and that includes more dock space and improved facilities. In order for Renton to become more well known as a recreational force in the Seattle area, we need improved provisions to accommodate our water sports - especially those that don't cost a lot to do. With rowing, you don't need to buy an expensive motor boat to get out on the water ... you don't have expensive moorage fees and gasoline costs. This sport is open for all ages to enjoy and with proper facilities, the word can get out and enhance Renton's reputation as a premier recreation center in Seattle.