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# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE MASTER PLAN

Hilfiker Park, consisting of 5 acres, is an undeveloped park located in the southwestern portion of the Morningside Neighborhood (Figure 1-1). Hilfiker is identified as a neighborhood park in the Salem Park System. As a neighborhood park, it is intended to fulfill the basic recreation needs of residents located within a half-mile service area.

The purpose of this Master Plan is to describe appropriate recreation amenities and uses for the undeveloped park that reflect local community preferences, unique aspects of the park location, and its natural resources. This document describes a conceptual plan and provides guidelines for future development of the park.

## 1.2 SITE HISTORY

The Comprehensive Park System Master Plan (CPSMP), as adopted in 1999, identified a deficit-related need for a neighborhood park within the Hilfiker Road/Battle Creek Road Area. In May 2001, the City Council elected to delay the acquisition of parkland elsewhere in the City in order to redirect the available funding to purchase higher priority neighborhood park sites. Shortly afterwards, the City Council authorized staff to negotiate with owners of two separate properties in the Hilfiker Road/Battle Creek Road Area in order to purchase land for a new park.

One of these sites included a Christmas tree farm owned by the Hilfiker family. Negotiations began in late 2001. The City acquired the property from Hollis and Jaqueline Hilfiker on February 6, 2003. Remnants of the tree farm can be seen in the rows of trees located within and just off-site from the present day property.

Included in the terms of the purchase agreement for the park was a contractual promise from the City to donate the southerly 30 feet of the property for public right-of-way purposes upon the extension of a street along the easterly property line (from the current terminus of Sunland Street SE). The City further agreed to pay  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the associated street improvement costs.

In 2010, the City staff began working with the Morningside Neighborhood Association to initiate early park development. These early improvements are considered “predevelopment” or interim use, in advance of a master plan and future park development, and are intended to provide opportunities for public enjoyment of the undeveloped site. An initial project was completed in August of 2011 with construction of a soft trail system, and the installation of an ADA-accessible picnic table, trash receptacle, and pet waste station. A second project, completed in 2013, added a 15,000 square foot irrigated turf field. These improvements were funded in part by the Salem Park Improvement Fund and Salem Parks Foundation.



Figure 1-1: Vicinity Map

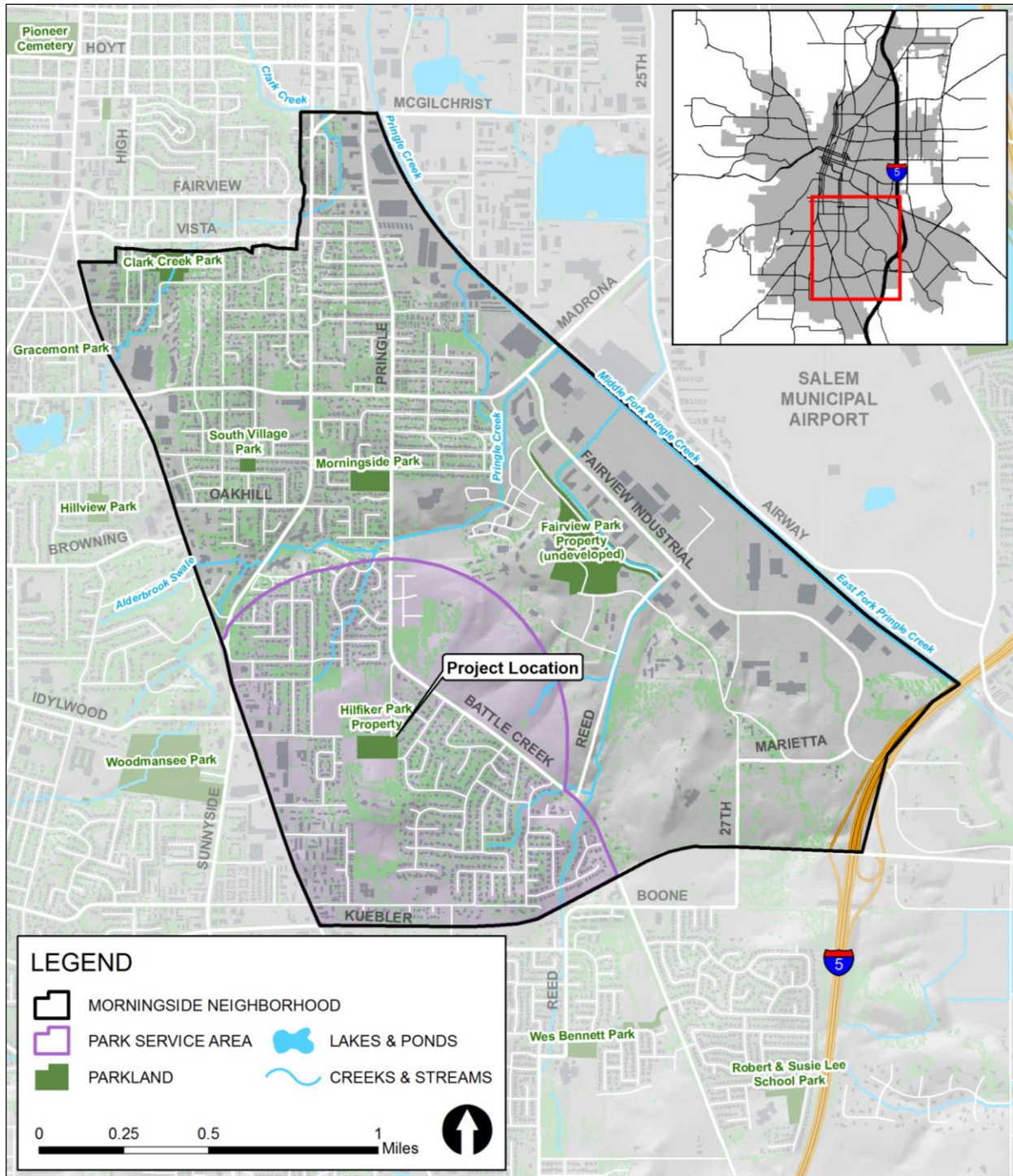




Figure 1-2: Overview Map



## 1.3 RELATED PLANS

### Morningside Neighborhood Plan

The Morningside Neighborhood Plan provides guidance for land use and development decisions affecting the Morningside Neighborhood, and is the product of collaboration and input from property owners, residents, business operators, and community stakeholders. An update to the plan was most recently completed in 2013. In April 2014, its goals, policies, and generalized land use map were adopted by the City Council as a legislative amendment to the Salem Comprehensive Plan. As related to the development of Hilfiker Park, its goals and policies include:

*Goal 11:* Strive to increase the number and acreage of parks and recreational facilities within the Morningside Neighborhood to meet the service level needs of its residents, and maximize the benefits that parks and open space offer to the community.

*Policy 11.2:* Support and encourage the development of the currently unimproved Hilfiker Lane SE park site.

*Goal 13:* Distinguish Morningside's parks and open spaces as community destinations with intrinsic recreational and cultural value.

*Policy 13.1:* In addition to level of service, park design should showcase the unique attributes of a particular location to distinguish individual parks as community destinations.

*Policy 13.2:* New and retrofitted parks shall incorporate amenities and facility attributes as identified for each park-type in the Parks Master Plan.

*Policy 13.5:* Parks design should enhance visibility into the park space from adjacent local streets and residences and provide effective buffering from adjacent arterial streets.

*Goal 15:* Enhance the quality of life for current and future generations of residents by planning places that are resilient and provide multiple and equitable economic, environmental and social benefits.

*Goal 16:* Support development practices, business practices and infrastructure technology that minimize negative environmental impacts and resource needs, and improve water quality in Pringle and Clark Creeks.

*Policy 16.4:* The creation of new impervious surfaces should be minimized through the installation of permeable paving materials, green roofs, tree canopy, or other methods.

*Goal 17:* Promote tree planting activities to increase the urban tree canopy of the Morningside Neighborhood to 25 percent.



## Comprehensive Park System Master Plan

The Comprehensive Park System Master Plan (CPSMP) is a system-wide plan that describes specific goals and policies for the City’s park system as adopted by City Council. An update to CPSMP was last adopted in 2013. This policy document defines park classifications and provides guidelines for park development.

The classification of *neighborhood park* is given to sites that are intended to provide access to basic recreation resources for nearby residents located within a half-mile service area. Neighborhood parks may also include natural areas. As described within CPSMP, the following list of common facilities are identified as either standard, optional, or not appropriate for neighborhood parks.

### STANDARD FACILITIES

- Picnic Area
- Site furnishings (trash receptacles, bike racks, pet waste stations, etc.)
- Playground or play features
- Internal pedestrian trails, a portion of which must be Americans with Disability Act-compliant perimeter paths or sidewalks
- Open turf area (minimum 50 feet x 50 feet)
- Trees
- On-street parking
- Park identification sign
- Security lighting
- At least one active recreation resource (see “Optional Facilities”)

### OPTIONAL FACILITIES

- Practice sports fields (baseball, soccer, softball, or other athletic field)
- Sports courts (basketball, tennis, multi-use court, etc.)
- Other small-scale active recreation resources (skate spot, horseshoe pits, bocce court, shuffleboard lane, disc golf hole, etc.)
- Community garden
- Multi-use trails/paths
- Soft trails/paths
- Shelter, shade structure, or gazebo
- Lighting
- Seasonal chemical toilet

### NOT APPROPRIATE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- Dog parks
- Parking
- BMX/mountain bike trails

- Aquatic facilities (splash fountains or pools)
- Destination facilities or resources with community-wide draw
- Memorials (except for memorial trees or benches)
- Floral plantings (display gardens)
- Reservable facilities

## Transportation System Plan

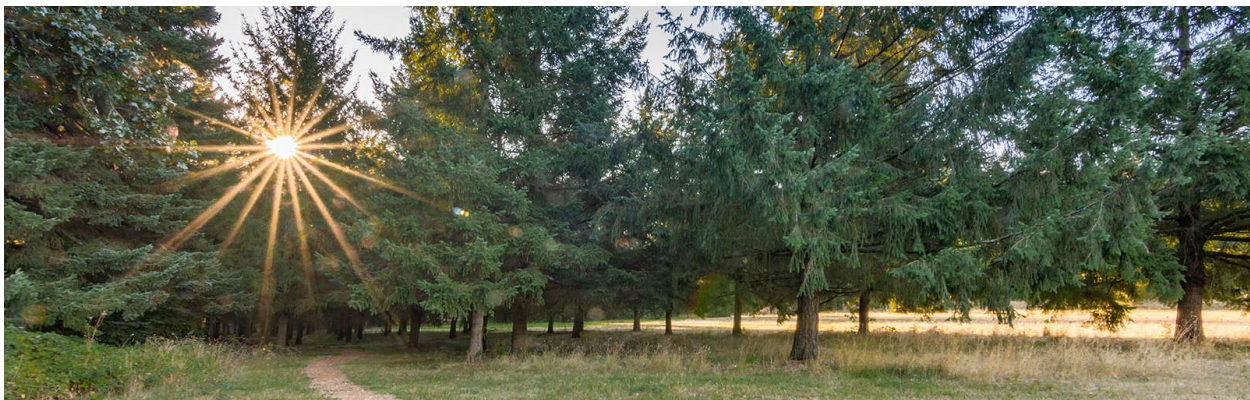
The Salem Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a policy document and master plan for mobility improvements and transportation investments envisioned to occur in the City over the next 20 years. Within the list of TSP projects, the extension of Hilfiker Lane SE is a high priority street project that is expected to occur directly north of Hilfiker Park. This project will affect park access and may cause a portion of the park property to be dedicated for public street right-of-way.

As visualized in Figure 1-2, the project would create a new connection between Commercial Street SE and Pringle Road SE by constructing an extension between Hilfiker Lane SE and Hillrose Street SE as an urban collector. As a high-priority project, it is anticipated to be developed within 10 years. A related TSP project would add bike lanes along this connection.

As also shown in Figure 1-2, construction of a street extension along the southern park boundary is not an identified TSP project, and would likely only occur as a development condition when the abutting property is developed.

## Sensitive Area Management Handbook

The Sensitive Area Management Handbook is used by the City of Salem Parks Operations Division to identify sensitive areas within parks, and to determine best management practices for maintenance activities. Sensitive features within Hilfiker Park include a stand of Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) and a natural area with Douglas fir and Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*). This planning process considered likely impacts to these features, and opportunities to avoid and minimize effects through the placement of park facilities.



## CHAPTER 2: EXISTING CONDITIONS

### 2.1 LANDSCAPE CONTEXT

The vicinity map, Figure 1-1, and the overview map, Figure 1-2, provide landscape context for Hilfiker Park. The park is located in the South Salem hills, approximately 2 miles within the Salem Urban Growth Boundary. Directly east of the park is single-family housing. To the immediate north, west, and south, residential agriculture use exists. Additional single-family housing is located beyond the residential agriculture. Park access is provided by two pedestrian and bicyclist entrances located on Hillrose and Sunland Streets.

Bounding the Morningside Neighborhood to the west is the Commercial Street SE business corridor, located approximately 1,000 feet from the western park boundary. Access to the park from this side is blocked by private property. Circumnavigating this access barrier through existing public streets represents a distance of 1.2 mile. As such, this barrier limits walking and bicycle access, and circulation through the park.

Over time, the area surrounding the park may be subject to increased urbanization by in-fill development. For instance, land zoned as residential agriculture is often re-zoned to allow for higher density residential uses. Together with the planned development of the nearby Sustainable Fairview, this urbanization will likely increase demand for local parks and open space.

Hilfiker Park is in close proximity to a number of other parks. Within a mile is Woodmansee, Morningside, South Village, and the undeveloped Fairview Park.

### 2.2 NATURAL RESOURCES

Hilfiker Park is located on low foothill terrain that is typical for South Salem. It is characterized by Douglas fir, Oregon white oaks, and annual grasses. The average slope is approximately 5.5%, descending from the southwest toward the northeast. The most gradual slopes occur to the western side of the park, at approximately 2.4%. Site elevation ranges from 364 to 398 feet above mean sea level (msl). Further details about natural resources present at the site are provided as follows, including soils, hydrology, vegetation, and wildlife.

#### **Soils**

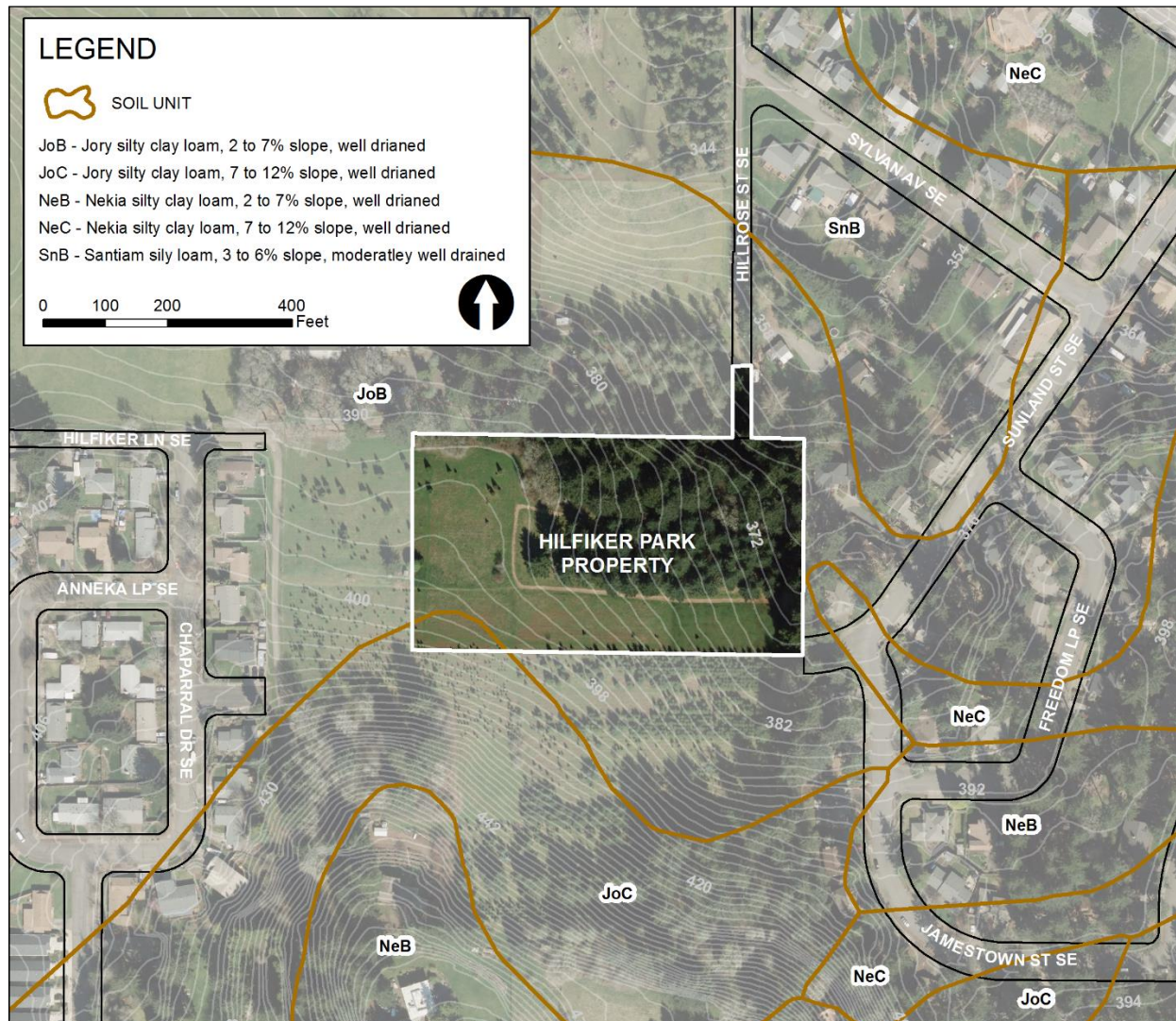
Soil types are shown in Figure 2-1. The area is underlain by Jory silty clay loam soil (mapping unit JoB and JoC), which occurs in low foothills to the south and east of Central Salem. This is a well-drained soil type. Erosion and landslide susceptibility are low-to-moderate hazards.

A typical soil profile includes an approximately 8-inch surface layer of dark reddish-brown silty clay loam, an approximately 7-inch subsurface layer that is also dark reddish-brown silty clay



loam, and an upper subsoil of dark reddish-brown silty clay that is about 21 inches thick. The lower portions of the subsoil are dark reddish-brown clay. Basalt occurs at depths of more than 5 feet. As evident by visual inspection of developed properties surrounding the parkland, large boulders may be encountered within this soil profile.

Figure 2-1: Soils



## Hydrology

Site contours indicate that all surface runoff from Hilfiaker Park discharges to the northeast before eventually entering the City stormwater system and emptying into Pringle Creek. The Pringle Creek watershed is one of thirteen urban drainage basins in Salem, covering an area of 13.3 square miles that is almost entirely within the City’s urban growth boundary.

Hilfiker Park receives off-site runoff from a very small drainage area southwest of the site. The tributary watershed drains predominantly vegetated foothill slopes spanning an estimated 8.5 acres. Anthropogenic contributions to runoff in this upper watershed are low. Runoff originates from a mix of planted Douglas fir stands, landscaped areas, roofs, and paved surfaces. There are no features on the site that are suggestive of active water quality management, however, inlets to the municipal stormwater system are found just offsite to the east and northeast.

The site is judged to have slow infiltration capacity. Surface runoff would be expected from typical winter storm events, and would generally move from southwest to northeast by sheetflow. There is no evidence of wetlands on the site and there are no nearby features identified within the Local Wetland Inventory.

## Vegetation

A vegetation map is located on the following page as Figure 2-2. The northeastern half of the park property is forested with Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) as the dominant tree species. Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) is interspersed within portions of the tree cover. While not threatened, both of these tree species are considered to hold special aesthetic and intrinsic value to the citizens of Salem. Oregon white oak with a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 24 inches or greater are protected under *Salem Revised Code Chapter 808*.

One of the on-site Oregon white oaks, with a DBH of 41 inches, functions as a focal specimen tree. Understory vegetation includes red alder (*Alnus rubra*) and hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*), Pacific poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), and sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*). The remainder of the site is occupied by native and non-native grasses with scattered trees, typically being Douglas fir but also including remnant fruit trees. Dense annual grasses are found to the west and southwest, while an irrigated turf field is found to the southeast.

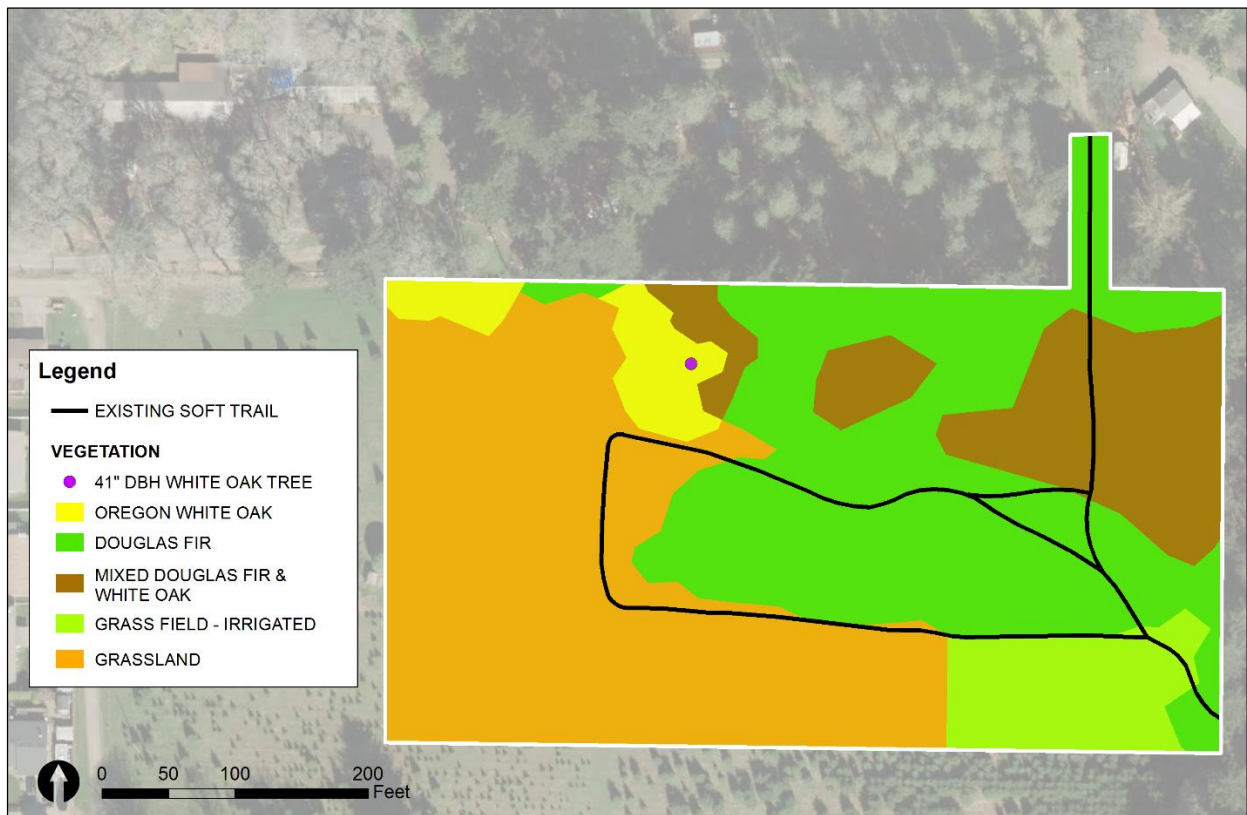
Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) is an invasive plant found throughout the park property, but particularly along the edge of tree canopies where mowing access is limited. English ivy (*Hedera helix*) is also present. It can be found throughout the wooded understory, although ongoing eradication efforts are visible in the northeastern corner of the site.



Large Oregon white oak within the park



Figure 2-2: Vegetation



### Wildlife

A thorough wildlife inventory has not been conducted at Hilfiker Park. The presence of wildlife may be reduced by park development and associated increase in park use. Wildlife within the park is expected to be limited to common urban and suburban species, including black-tail deer, raccoons, turkeys, squirrels, song birds, raptors, and possibly coyotes.



## 2.3 EXISTING FEATURES

### Park Facilities and Amenities

While described as undeveloped, several community-driven park improvements have been completed at the site. These include an approximately 15,000 square foot irrigated field, a 1,750 foot-long soft pedestrian trail system, an accessible picnic table, a dog waste station, and a trash receptacle.

Figure 2-3: Existing Park Amenities



### Utilities

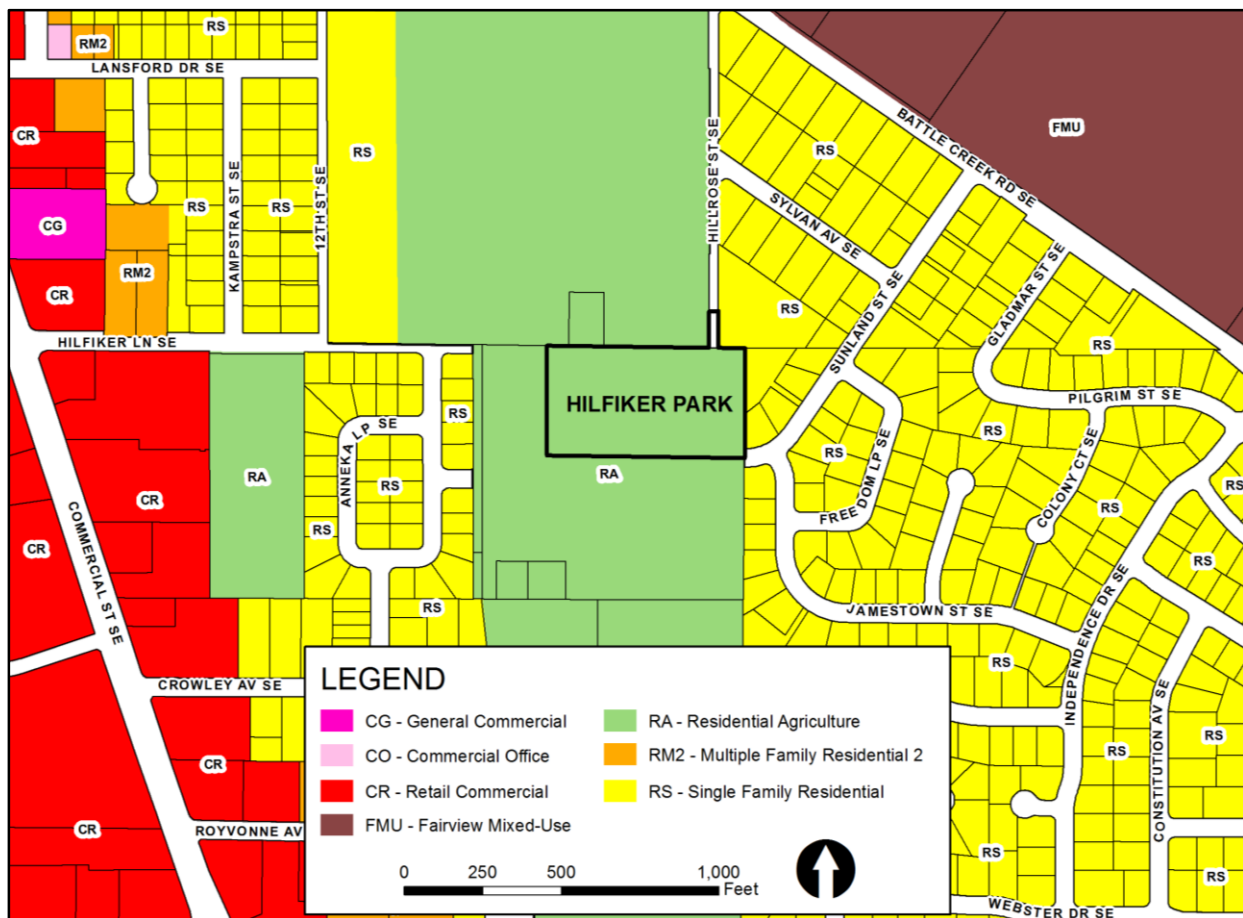
Utility systems present at the site include an irrigation system, a potable water line, and a fire hydrant. Located near the current south end of Sunland Street SE, a 2-inch water meter serves two separate water lines: a 1½-inch potable line and a 2½-inch PVC irrigation line. The irrigation system includes a 4-station controller currently running two valves, each feeding rotor sprinklers within the irrigated field. There are no potable water fixtures currently at the site. A fire hydrant is located on Hillrose Street SE near the park entrance.

## 2.4 OTHER ASPECTS

### Zoning

As shown in Figure 2-4, the area surrounding Hilfiker Park includes a mix of zoning types. Most of the land in close proximity to the park is zoned residential agriculture (RA) or single-family residential (RS). Further to the northeast is the Fairview mixed use (FMU) zone, which will support a mix of single- and multi-family residential, commercial, and parkland when fully developed. Located along Commercial Street SE to the southwest is a corridor of retail commercial (CR), general commercial (GC), and multi-family residential (RM2) zones.

Figure 2-4: Zoning



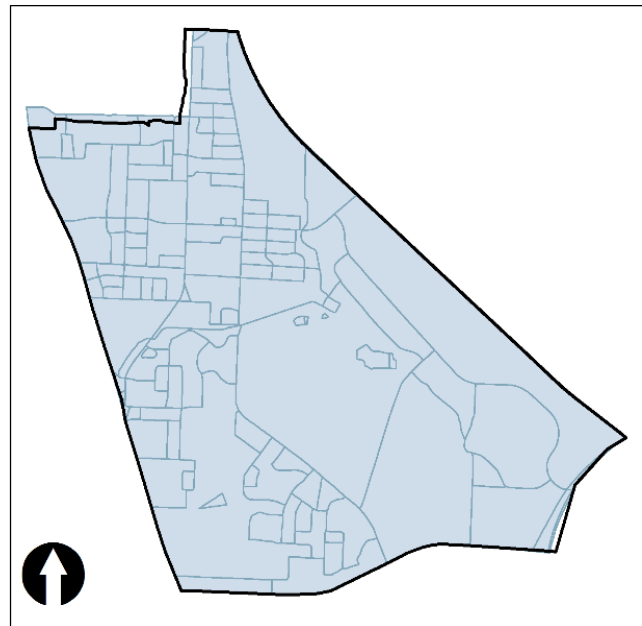
### Morningside Neighborhood Demographics

A census block is the smallest geographic unit used by the U.S. Census Bureau for reporting the United States Census. For the Morningside Neighborhood, 121 census blocks have a center point (i.e. centroid) inside the neighborhood boundary. This selection was used to obtain neighborhood demographic information from the 2010 Census, as reported in the 2010 Demographic Profile.

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder website](#), the total population was 8,776 with a density of roughly 2,666 people per square mile.

The racial makeup was: 7,411 White (84.4%); 189 African American (2.2%); 113 Native American (1.3%); 164 Asian (1.9%); 77 Pacific Islander (0.9%); 448 Other Races (5.1%); 374 two or more races (4.3%). The Hispanic and Latino population (of any race) was reported at 982 (11.2%).

The age distribution had a spread of 2,419 people (27.6%) under the age of 20, 577 people (6.6%) aged 20 to 24, 2,191 people (25.0%) aged 25 to 44, 2,320 people (26.4%) aged 45 to 64, and 1,269 people (14.5%) who were 65 years of age or older.



Census block selection for Morningside Neighborhood

Figure 2-6: Ethnic Background

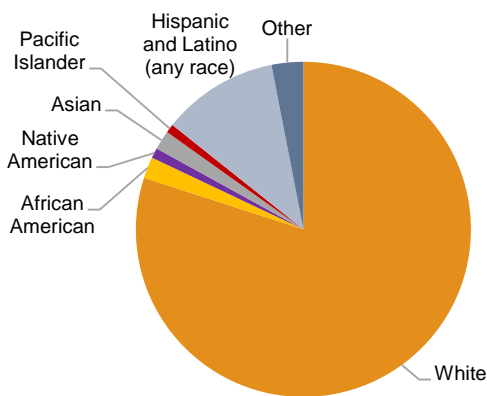
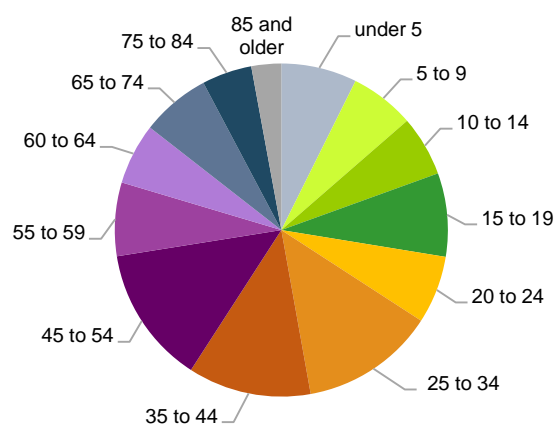


Figure 2-5: Age Distribution





The American Community Survey is another source of detailed demographic information. The smallest geographic unit used for reporting the American Community Survey is the census block group. Eight census block groups were examined within and surrounding the Morningside Neighborhood.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder, the 2011-2015 American Community Survey estimates 74 limited English-speaking households out of a total of 5,952, representing roughly 1%. Of those, 58 households are estimated to speak Spanish

Twelve-month median household income ranged between \$19,526 and \$76,051. This can be compared to the city-wide estimate of \$47,191 and \$51,243 state-wide.

Due to the U.S. Census Bureau's representative sampling methods, the American Community Survey estimates for census blocks are subject to high margins of error. Therefore, exact values presented here are unreliable and should be considered as a rough snapshot.

## CHAPTER 3: SITE ANALYSIS

### 3.1 OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

Opportunities and constraints to park development were evaluated based on the existing conditions analysis and the requirements of potential recreational facilities. Hilfiker Park lacks the flat topography that is necessary for many common recreation facilities, such as practice sports fields. Expansion of infrastructure, such as hard surface trails, play areas, and the addition of lighting may be needed to support basic recreational activities. The potential for future street extensions limits development in portions of the site. Currently, the site is isolated with limited visibility from public streets. These factors provide the context for weighing the types of activities that could be located and/or designed to best fit into the site. Key opportunities and constraints are summarized below.

#### Opportunities

The following are key opportunities identified to guide concept and master plan development:

- Engaging local residents and park users in this park master planning process will help ensure the park design provides a range of facilities that serve diverse needs and appeals to a wide range of potential and existing users.
- Adding amenities and improving trails within the park will increase the availability of close-to-home recreational resources available to residents within the half-mile park service area.
- Existing forest area provides shade in the park, and the opportunity for local residents to access a close-to-home natural area.
- Enhancing the existing forest area with additional native plantings and removal of invasive plants will improve habitat and provide opportunities for environmental education and interpretation.
- Moderate slopes in the western portion of the site provide the best opportunity for locating park facilities.
- Enhancing the park entrance from Hillrose through signage and trail improvements will improve accessibility and safety.

#### Constraints

There are several elements that constrain future development within the park:

- The park is isolated with no direct pedestrian connections to the west or southwest.

- Existing trees and slopes limit options for park uses and circulation. The site has limited flat areas suitable for active use facilities, such as sports fields.
- Proximity of adjacent residents to the east may limit the type and intensity of uses.
- The lack of street frontages limits access, parking, and visibility into the site.
- Potential for future street extensions and expanded street frontage affects the placement of park facilities along the north and south park boundaries.

## 3.2 USE ANALYSIS

A use analysis was conducted by evaluating information from a variety of sources. The term ‘use analysis’ describes a process of identifying amenities, facilities, and activities that could be planned for the park. As described in Chapter 1, the Comprehensive Park System Master Plan (CPSMP) establishes a list of standard and optional facilities and amenities that may be included in neighborhood parks. Standard facilities serve basic needs and should be included in all neighborhood parks. There are many optional facilities, which usually cannot all be accommodated within a single site. These optional facilities were evaluated against site-specific opportunities and constraints. Additionally, opportunities for ecological enhancements and educational amenities were considered. This analysis resulted in a list of possible standard and optional facilities and uses that guided initial public input and preparation of design concepts.

### RECREATIONAL

- Picnic area
- Play features
  - Playground
  - Swings
  - Nature play
- Pedestrian paths
- Open turf area
- Multi-purpose court
- Adult fitness area
- Outdoor meeting area / social area

### EDUCATIONAL

- Interpretive walks
  - Oregon white oak conservation
  - Land conservation strategies
  - Watershed awareness
- Demonstration sites
  - Native shade garden
  - Low water-use
  - Bioswale/rain garden
  - Native pollinator habitat

### ECOLOGICAL

- Ecological enhancements
  - Removal of non-native plants, particularly noxious weeds
  - Planting of native plant species
  - Oak tree habitat restoration/oak canopy release\*

\*An oak canopy release at Hilfiker Park would involve the removal of Douglas fir trees in order to reduce sunlight competition and promote oak tree growth

## CHAPTER 4: PLANNING PROCESS

Engaging the public in this planning process ensures that the needs, interests, and desires of the surrounding neighborhood are reflected in the development of Hilfiker Park. The general approach to the planning process included the following steps:

(1) Site Analysis and Existing Conditions, Opportunities and Constraints

- Technical information was gathered and translated into an analysis of site opportunities and constraints, and a listing of potential park uses.

(2) Park Visioning

- Local community input on desired facilities and activities, and other user preferences, was gathered through a public workshop and online survey.

(3) Conceptual Design Alternatives

- Site plans for several conceptual design alternatives were developed based on feedback received through the park visioning process.
- These conceptual design alternatives were presented to local community members and park users, and feedback was gathered at a second workshop and through a second online survey.

(4) Preferred Design Alternative

- A site plan for the Preferred Design Alternative was developed based on comments and preferences received from the second round of community input.
- The Preferred Design Alternative was presented to the local community through a third community workshop and at a regular meeting of the Morningside Neighborhood Association.
- Community members' feedback on the Preferred Design Alternative was gathered, and the Preferred Design Alternative was refined accordingly.

(5) Draft Master Plan

- The Draft Master Plan was presented to the Salem Park and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) on May 10, 2018, and a Board recommendation was made to City Council.
- Feedback on the draft park master plan was gathered at the SPRAB meeting.

(6) City Council Review/Public Hearing

- A final draft Master Plan was presented to City Council at a public hearing on June, 25, 2018.
- Final Master Plan documents prepared and published.



## 4.1 OUTREACH METHODS

An outreach campaign was used to engage local community members and park users in the planning process. Postcards, fliers, and direct communications to the Morningside Neighborhood Association were used to notify local residents about the various opportunities to participate in the master planning process. Additional outreach tools included use of a webpage on the City website and social media noticing. These electronic forums were used to disseminate information about participation opportunities and to provide web links to online surveys, project materials and staff contact information. Both print and online communications encouraged stakeholders to subscribe to an email-based newsletter, used to provide project updates and notices through the planning process. Outreach materials are included as Appendix A.

Public notification strategies included:

- Announcements and presentations at Morningside Neighborhood Association meetings;
- Direct mailing of postcards to residents within the ½ mile park service area;
- Posting of fliers at targeted locations, including the Hilfiker Park property;
- Creation of a City webpage with project information and a document library;
- Distribution of notices through:
  - Email-based newsletters,
  - Morningside Neighborhood Association.

## 4.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### Surveys

Two neighborhood-focused community surveys were used to solicit input from park users and local residents during the master planning process. These surveys garnered a great deal of feedback and thoughtful comments. Both were administered online, and scheduled to correlate with community workshops. The first survey was also administered in a hard copy format to attendees at the first community workshop. The results were used to identify planning issues, develop conceptual alternative designs, and to gather input on the park design concepts. Responses to the first survey totaled 64 responses, while the second survey totaled 71. The survey results are included in Appendix B.

### ***Survey #1 – Visioning***

The first survey ran from November 2 to November 17, 2017. It focused on engaging the surrounding community members and park users in the planning process, and collecting their input on preferences for potential park uses, recreational features and activities. The survey was

also used to capture upfront interest and concerns. Top ideas, concerns, and desired features identified through Survey #1 are listed as follows.

#### TOP 5 IDEAS

- Park should be kept as it is today
- Changes to the park should be minimal
- Site should maintain a “natural” character
- A playground, if added, should have a natural look
- Douglas fir trees should be selectively thinned

#### TOP 5 CONCERNS

- Overdevelopment and loss of natural character
- Increased traffic from street development
- Increased noise, parking congestion, crowding, traffic, and other impacts
- Nuisances to, and encroachment into, adjacent private property
- Significant use of the park from residents outside the area

#### TOP DESIRED FEATURES

- Improved pedestrian and bicycle access
- Ecological enhancements in natural area
- Nature-based play equipment for small children
- Open meadow
- More walking paths
- Serve as a place for quiet respite and relaxation
- Serve as a close-to-home natural area

### ***Survey #2 – Design Alternatives***

The second survey was conducted from January 24 to February 8, 2018. It supported an evaluation of the preliminary concepts by local community members. They were asked to identify which conceptual design alternatives best met their vision for Hilfiker Park. They were also asked to describe their specific preferences (i.e. likes and dislikes) for the facilities and layout within each concept. Feedback from the survey was used to guide the preparation of a preliminary Preferred Design Alternative.

As shown in Figure 4-1, roughly 35% of respondents preferred Design Alternative B while an equal number preferred Design Alternative C. As shown in Figure 4-2, most participants supported expanded walking paths, the pollinator habitat, the nature play area, and native forest enhancement shown in Design Alternative B. The standard playground shown in Alternative C

was also popular. Support for the oak woodland interpretive area, a social plaza, and security lighting was mixed. A majority of people did not support the addition of a sports court.

Figure 4-1: Alternatives Evaluation from Survey #2

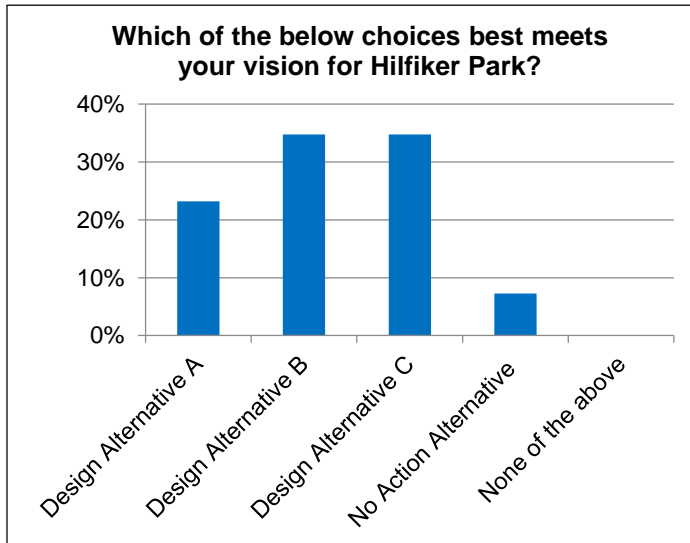
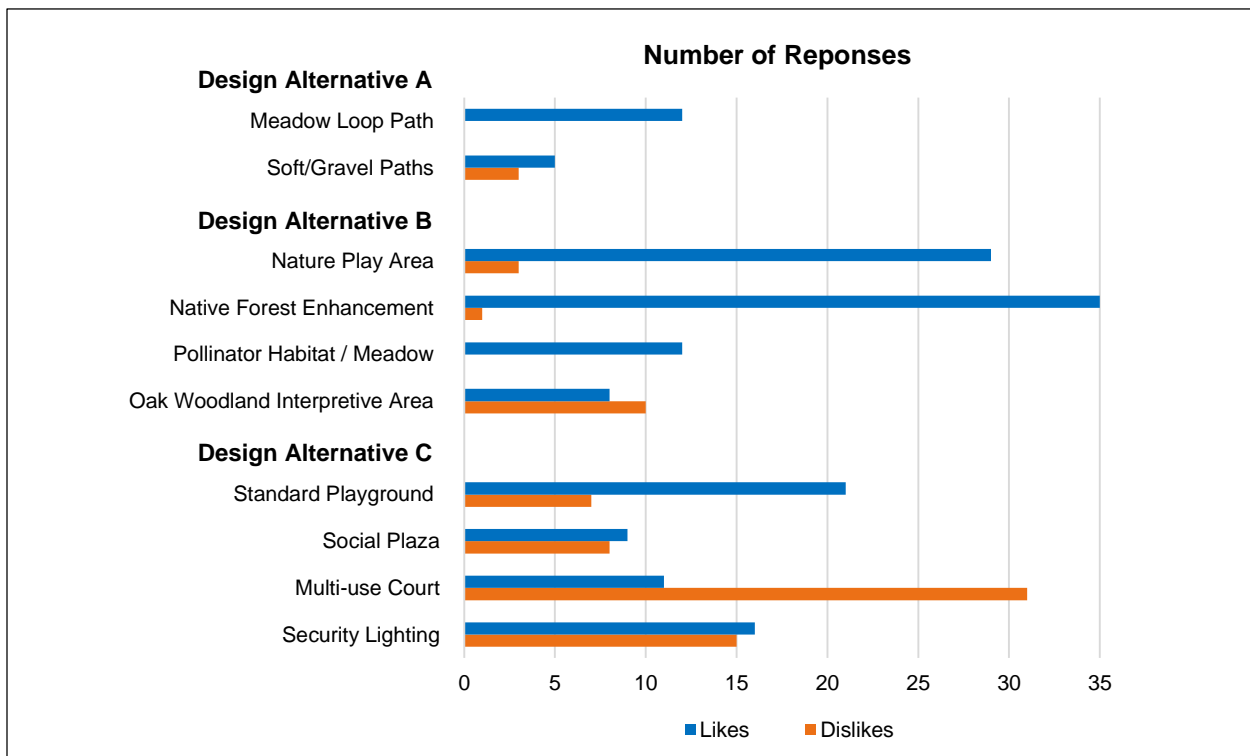


Figure 4-2: Preferences tally from Survey #2



## Community Workshops

The City held three public workshops at the Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall to gather input that guided the master planning process. Workshop attendance was between 31 to 15 individuals at each meeting.

### Workshop #1 – Visioning

At the first workshop, an overview of the project was presented. It set the stage for the master plan by providing background information on the site, including the park classification and potential park facilities and design elements. To conclude the workshop, attendees were invited to participate in an interactive *yard sale* activity. Each participant received an equal amount of ‘money stickers’, and were asked to place them on posters featuring 16 different amenities and site uses identified in the park use analysis. Participants also had the opportunity to write in and vote for additional elements. The exercise allowed participants to engage with the project team, learn, ask questions, and identify their priorities for the master plan via the spending exercise. Figure 4-3 shows workshop #1 participants and preferences.

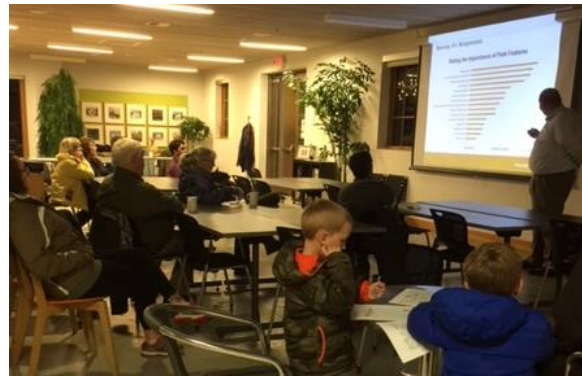
Figure 4-3: Workshop #1 and Yard Sale Activity Results





### **Workshop #2 – Design Alternatives**

The second workshop provided a summary of the results from Survey #1 and the yard sale activity. Three Conceptual Design Alternatives were then presented that reflected public input from the previous community workshop and survey. These conceptual designs are discussed in more detail in Section 4.3. Public comment on these alternatives was then solicited. Attendees were also encouraged to participate in Survey #2 as a means of further capturing their specific preferences within each design alternative.



City staff presentation at Workshop #2

#### **SUMMARY OF GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Preference for low-cost development and maintenance
- Would like a pedestrian connection to the park from Hilfiker Lane
- Opposed to street development
- Keep natural feel through design of playground and selection of furnishings
- Would like low path lighting, not security lighting
- Plan should address drainage of a seasonal seep in the southeastern corner of the park
- Would like more information about nature-based play areas
- A traditional playground should be combined with nature play features
- Keep natural feel but add some things for kids

### **Workshop #3 – Preferred Design Alternative**

A preliminary draft Preferred Design Alternative was presented at the third workshop. The design reflected public input on the initial Conceptual Design Alternatives. A summary of public feedback from online Survey #2 was also presented at this meeting. Feedback was solicited and used to refine the proposed park design.

### **Other Public Meetings**

Following Community Workshop #3, the Preferred Design Alternative was presented to the Morningside Neighborhood Association. A schedule of public presentations to key stakeholders, the public, and the Salem Park and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) is listed below.

Community Workshop #1	November 2, 2017
Community Workshop #2	January 24, 2018
Community Workshop #3	February 28, 2018
Morningside Neighborhood Association	April 11, 2018
SPRAB Presentation and Recommendation	May 10, 2018

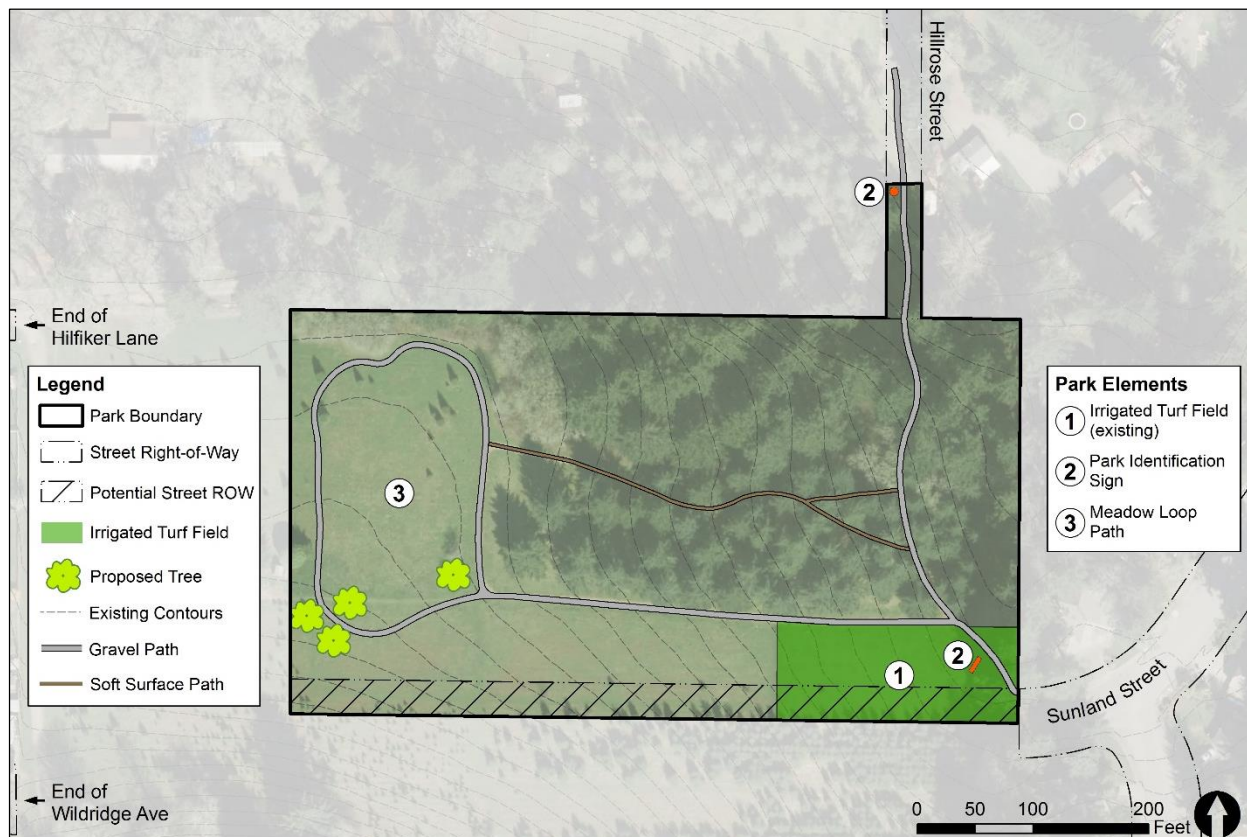
### 4.3 Conceptual Design Alternatives

Three Conceptual Design Alternatives were developed to explore the placement and layout of a variety of potential features within the park. These concepts were influenced by the use analysis, the standard and optional amenities identified in the Comprehensive Park System Master Plan, and public input on preferred amenities. These alternatives were presented at Workshop #2 to gather input. All of the concepts included pedestrian access improvements from Hillrose Street SE, the addition of park identification and operational signage, and the retention of an existing irrigated turf field. The Conceptual Design Alternatives are summarized below. Elements from all three plans were used to develop the Preferred Design Alternative and Draft Master Plan.

#### ***Conceptual Design Alternative A – Minimal Option***

Conceptual Design Alternative A (see Figure 4-4) proposes minimal improvements to Hilfiker Park. A looped gravel path would be added in the western portion of the park. To improve accessibility and circulation, portions of the existing soft-surface path system would be resurfaced with small-diameter gravel. Accompanying the design are the following proposed site furnishings: accessible picnic tables (2), benches (1-2), a trash receptacle, and a pet waste station/Mutt-Mitt.

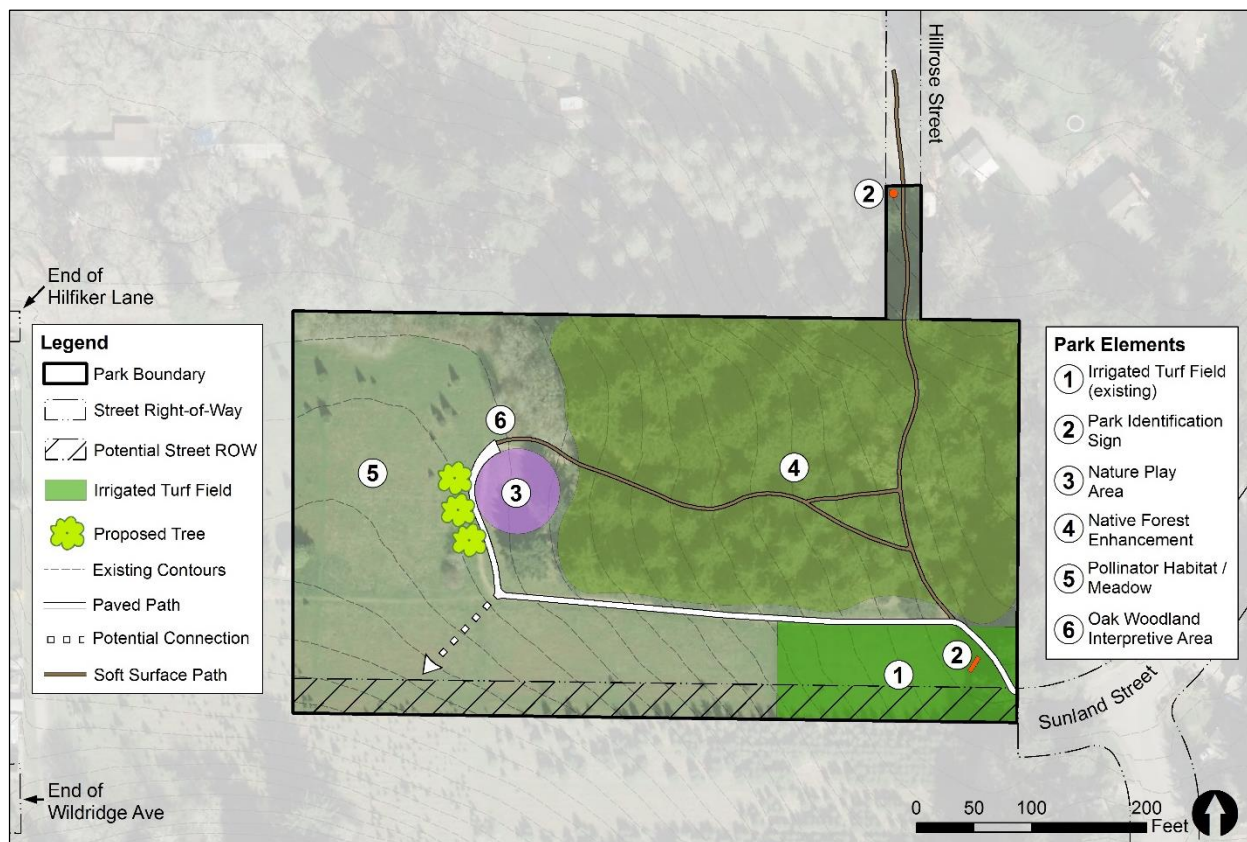
Figure 4-4: Design Alternative A



### Conceptual Design Alternative B – Nature Park Option

Conceptual Design Alternative B (see Figure 4-5) celebrates the natural character of Hilfiker Park. It features a nature play area positioned next to an oak woodland interpretive space. Establishment of a pollinator habitat is envisioned within the western portion of the park. This option prioritizes ecological enhancements to the forested area, which is proposed to include tree thinning and the planting of native understory species. Existing paths are retained, however, a segment is proposed to be realigned, widened and paved to provide an ADA-compliant path. In response to the potential future street frontage development along the southern property boundary, a potential connection path is shown. Proposed site furnishings include accessible picnic tables (1-2), benches (2-3), trash receptacles (2), and pet waste stations/Mutt-Mitts (2).

Figure 4-5: Design Alternative B

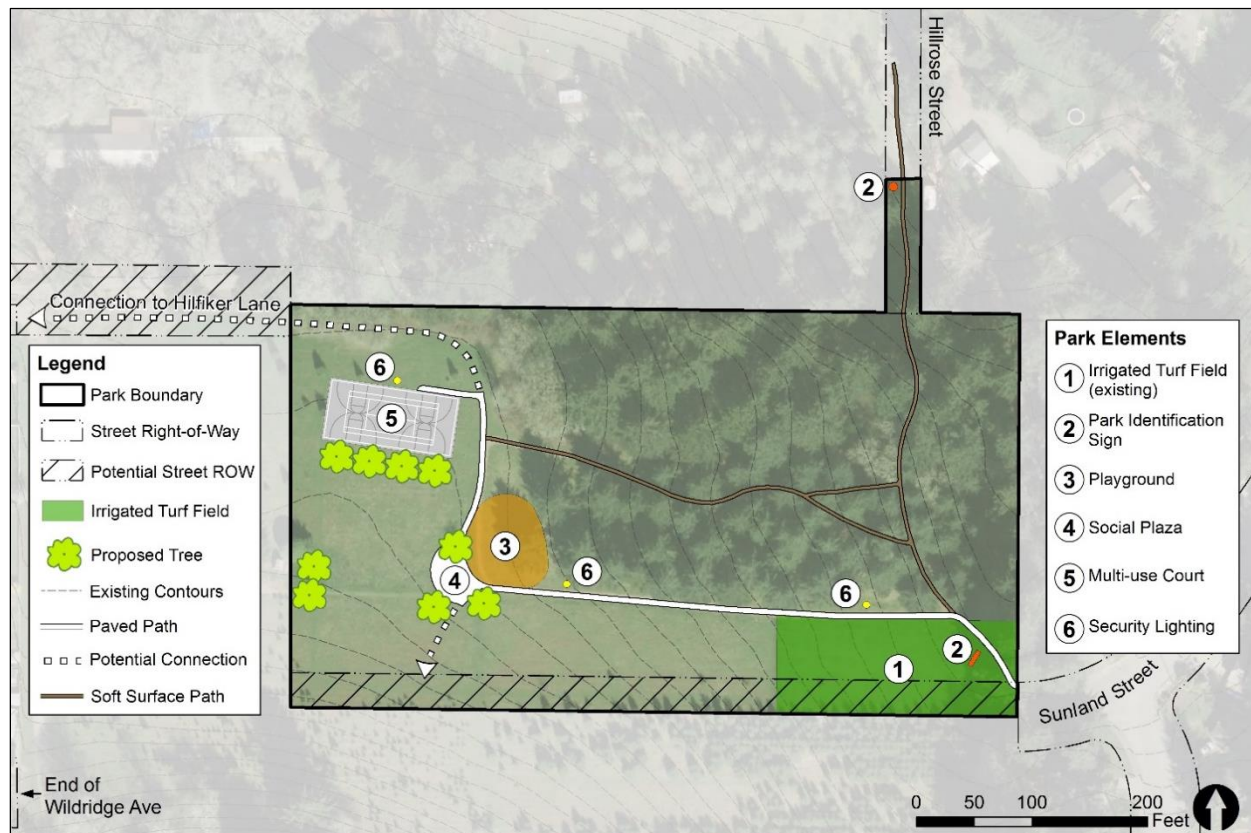




**Conceptual Design Alternative C – Standard Facilities Option**

Conceptual Design Alternative C (see Figure 4-6) includes a playground, social area, multi-use sports court, and security lighting. The social area is envisioned as a small neighborhood gathering space situated to allow for close observation of the playground. A multi-use court located in the northwest portion of the park would support tennis and basketball. Similar to Alternative B, portions of the existing trail system would be realigned, widened and paved to provide ADA-compliant access to park facilities. A multi-use path (for pedestrians and bicyclists) to Hilfiker Lane SE is also proposed. This new connection would provide access to residents located west and northwest of the park while providing a non-motorized transit corridor through the park. Proposed site furnishings include accessible picnic tables (3-2), benches (4-3), a drinking fountain with pet bowl, a bike rack, trash receptacles (3), and pet waste stations/Mutt-Mitts (2).

Figure 4-6: Design Alternative C





### **Other Alternatives Considered**

A significant portion of the community feedback received at Workshop #1 and through Survey #1 indicated an interest in maintaining Hilfiker Park in its current state. Several neighborhood residents suggested that developing a park master plan was unnecessary.

In response, City staff presented and invited consideration of a “no action” alternative alongside the evaluation of the Conceptual Design Alternatives. Under this scenario, the current master planning effort for Hilfiker Park would have been terminated, resulting in an implied prohibition on future park improvements. While not recommended, the Salem Public Works Director would have considered this alternative if endorsed by a motion from the Morningside Neighborhood Association. However, subsequent feedback indicated greater support among the local community to advance a park master plan. For instance, a question asked within Survey #2 indicated that only 7% of respondents (5 out of 69) preferred the no action alternative over one of the proposed design concepts.

## CHAPTER 5: MASTER PLAN

### 5.1 PROJECT GOALS

The project goal was to gather local community input and develop a park master plan that adds basic recreation resources to serve nearby residents. The Hilfiker Park Master Plan is a conceptual document that may be modified in the future. Elements in the park design and layout may vary from the master plan depending on available funding, changing community needs, and unforeseen constraints. The public involvement process was designed to develop an overall concept for the future of the park that was broadly supported by the local community.

The broad concepts below were identified through the master planning process and are well-supported by community input. These goals have been incorporated into the Draft Master Plan.

- Plan for the development of a neighborhood park that helps fulfill recreation deficiencies within the park system as identified in the Comprehensive Park System Master Plan (CPSMP)
- Incorporate access improvements for residents within the western and northwestern portions of the park service area
- Preserve and enhance natural features within the park
- Distinguish the park as a neighborhood destination by showcasing unique attributes

### 5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Draft Master Plan was developed with special consideration of input gathered from the public, the goals set forth in the Morningside Neighborhood Plan, and community needs as identified in the CPSMP. The Draft Master Plan is shown in Figure 5-1. Recommended guidelines for park development are provided as follows.

#### **Park Entries and Access**

Two existing entry points into the park will be maintained, and an additional access will be developed from Hilfiker Lane SE through the acquisition of right-of-way or a future park expansion. All entrances will provide access for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The two primary entrances will be from Hilfiker Lane SE and Sunland Street SE. These access points will be connected by a paved path, a portion of which will provide an ADA-accessible route into the park that connects to the proposed recreational facilities.

Hillrose Street SE will continue to serve as a secondary entry point. A vegetation-removal strategy will be used to enhance visibility. All entries will also be enhanced as 'gateways' with the addition of park identification and rule signage, and removable bollards that allow pedestrian access but prevent unauthorized vehicular entry.

The entry from Hilfiker Lane SE is a preferred ADA-accessible route in to the park. However, its development is dependent on successful negotiations with private property owner(s) to acquire public right-of-way. If this access cannot be developed in conjunction with other park improvements, the entry point from Sunland Street SE will be designed and constructed to provide ADA access. Due to the topography of the site, this will likely require realignment of the paved path to provide a more gradually-sloped meander, likely impacting the size and functionality of the existing turf field.

## Paths

Existing paths within the park consist of a wood chip trail system that does not provide ADA accessibility. Changes to the existing trail system are focused on improving access throughout the park, and expanding the availability of soft-surface options. A paved path will connect the two primary park entrances to recreational facilities and other park elements. Soft paths within the forested portion of the park will be expanded to provide a greater variety of experiences to park users. A soft path will also be added along the western perimeter of the park to provide a more accessible alternative to wood chips for users that prefer a soft surface. These path types are described in greater detail in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1: Path Types

	Path Types		
	Paved	Accessible Soft Path	Soft Path
Users	Pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchairs, strollers	Pedestrians, wheelchairs, strollers	Pedestrians
Width	8' with 1' gravel shoulder	4' width	3' width
Surface	Paved: Asphalt or concrete	Crushed gravel	Wood chips
Level of Use	High	Moderate to low	Moderate to low
Location	Through park connecting facilities	Complete loop around open field	Forested area and at access from Hillrose St.

Figure 5-1: Hilfiker Park Master Plan





## Path Lighting

Lighting will be included along the paved path to enhance security. This lighting is recommended to be night sky downlight LED bollards or stands, with the latter option not to exceed a height of 15 feet. The duration of the lighting will be determined based on demand and community feedback. Lighting of other features is not recommended, so that after-hours use will not be encouraged.

## Playground

A playground will be included in the western portion of the park. This playground is envisioned as a combination of innovative nature play features and traditional play, such as slides and swings. Nature play features are often created from natural materials and may include children's hiding places, seating areas, and loose items such as sticks, rocks, and sand for kids to manipulate. Activities could include: climbing, balancing, creative and imaginative play, building, and digging. Design considerations should seek to provide an engaging and educational play area. Earth and leaf tones should be used to reduce visual impacts within the landscape.



Nature play hybrid playground at Ebner Park, Mt Angel, OR

## Social Area

The social area will be only large enough to accommodate gatherings of small groups. It will be sited to allow for close observation of the playground. Rock seating walls may be used to provide a rustic aesthetic, and to create a sense of enclosure. Trees and other landscaping will be used to improve visual attraction and seasonal interest, and to provide shade in summer.

## Site Furnishings

Site furnishings include picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, pet waste stations, a bicycle rack, a park kiosk, and a drinking fountain. These amenities are small but critical elements for the enjoyment of park users. Many of these items will be centrally located in the social area, including benches, a trash receptacle, a bike rack, and a freestanding accessible drinking fountain with dog waterer. Additional picnic tables and benches will be scattered throughout the park to provide a range of settings for picnicking, socializing, or resting. The park may also provide a limited number of opportunities to establish memorial benches. Trash receptacles and pet waste stations will be located near park access points. Recommended quantities of site furnishings are detailed in Table 5-2.

Table 5-2: Site Furnishing Totals

Site Furnishings	
Accessible Drinking Fountain with Pet Waterer	1
Accessible Picnic Table	2
Bench	4
Bike Rack	1
Park Kiosk	1
Pet Waste Station (Mutt Mitt)	2
Trash Receptacle	2

**Landscape Enhancements**

The main goal of the landscape enhancements is to preserve and enrich the natural features within the park. A limited amount of landscaping is proposed around the social area and playground. In this area, the planting design will provide for visual attraction as well as microclimate stabilization during hot summer months through deciduous shade trees. Other landscape strategies are described as follows.

**Tree Thinning**

It is recommended that the City’s urban forester develop a program to thin the Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) stand located within the forested portion of the park. This thinning is intended to provide environmental benefits while also contributing to improved visibility and fire prevention, and opening up areas around significant Oregon white oak trees (i.e. canopy release).



Douglas fir stand within the Hilfiker Park

**Invasive Plant Eradication**

A key habitat-enhancement strategy is the removal and long-term suppression of nonnative invasive vegetation, most notably Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and English ivy (*Hedera helix*). It is recommended that Hilfiker Park be added to the City’s *Sensitive Area*

*Management Handbook* prior to implementing this master plan to identify specific best management practices to guide eradication efforts.

### ***Plantings for Pollinator Habitat***

Supporting bees, butterflies, and other pollinators is another strategy for improving the ecological conditions within and surrounding the park. This will be accomplished by selecting native plants that provide homes and food for pollinators. The master plan identifies two areas for the establishment of pollinator habitat: the western meadow and forest understory. Plant selection and landscaping within these areas will provide a selection of native species that offer nectar and pollen, as well as hostplants for caterpillars. Within the meadow pollinator habitat, additional landscaping elements are also proposed. This may include interpretive signage, accent paving, and decorative rocks placed in a graphic pattern.

### **Other Recommendations**

The CPSMP identifies the size of neighborhood parks as generally ranging from two to ten acres. While Hilfiker Park fits this standard, it lacks the flat topography necessary for many common recreation facilities, including informal practice sports fields. Over half of the park is also encumbered by a forested area, which further limits opportunities for active spaces. In light of these limitations, an expansion of the park to an abutting 2-acre area may be considered. As identified in Figure 5-1, this area is located west of the existing park boundary.

In addition, the street extension planned from Hilfiker Lane SE to Hillrose Street SE may create an opportunity for park expansion. While the street alignment has not yet been determined, it is conceivable that the project may produce one or more fragments of 'orphaned land' between the existing park and proposed roadway. These fragments could be suitable for park use or open space conservation, and may offset any direct and/or indirect impacts associated with the street extension. Therefore, it is recommended that City staff evaluate this opportunity when planning the street project, and provide any relevant recommendations to the Salem Park and Recreational Advisory Board and City Council.

## **CHAPTER 6: IMPLEMENTATION**

### **6.1 PRIORITIES AND PHASING**

The City of Salem does not have the financial resources to complete development of Hilfiker Park at once. Design and construction of park features will be phased. An initial phase could proceed within 1 to 2 years, and is likely to include the playground, social area, and paved and expanded soft-surface paths. It may also include development of the proposed connection to Hilfiker Lane if right-of-way is acquired. A later phase could include path lighting and other elements not included within Phase 1.

Some proposed park elements may proceed outside of phasing through volunteer efforts and operational changes. This may include the eradication of invasive plants, tree plantings, development of additional soft trails, tree thinning within the forested areas, and establishment of pollinator habitat.

### **6.2 FUNDING SOURCES**

Funding for the development of the park will be compiled from multiple sources, including Park Systems Development Charges (SDCs). The proposed Salem Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023 has allocated \$84,000 in Parks SDCs for Phase 1 design and construction. Additional funding may be provided through a combination of local government grants from the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, individual and corporate donations, and volunteer services. The Morningside Neighborhood Association, non-profit groups, and volunteers may be willing to volunteer time to help construct or install less technical elements of the park, including soft trails and playground equipment assembly and installation.

A cost estimate for the proposed Phase 1 elements will be developed following the adoption of the Hilfiker Park Master Plan. This estimate will be used to aid in project planning and potential grant applications.



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# APPENDIX A

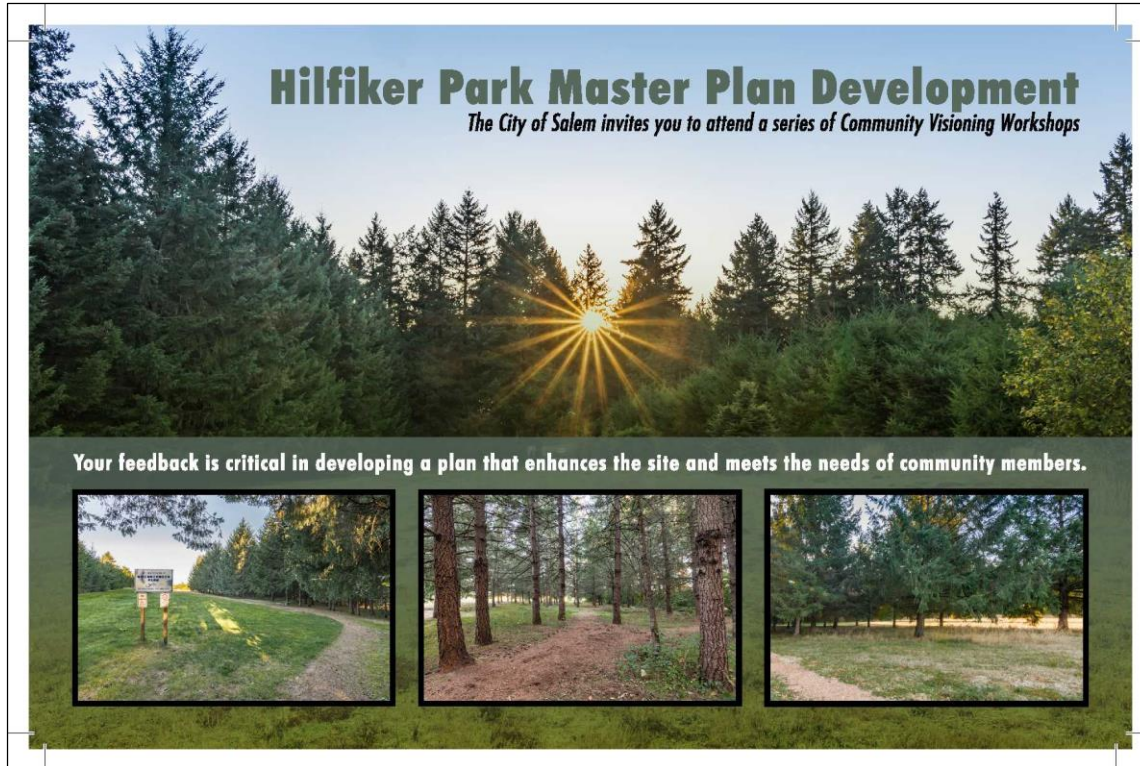
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Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
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# MEETING DATES HAVE CHANGED

## Hilfiker Park Master Plan

*The City of Salem invited you to two Community Workshops*

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## E-MAIL BASED NEWSLETTERS

**November 7, 2017**

To Hilfiker Input

Greetings,

For those who did not attend the first public workshop for the Hilfiker Park Master Plan, [an online version of the workshop survey](#) has been made available. This online version will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on November 17th.

Please consider passing along the survey link to any neighbors, friends, family, and other acquaintances vested in the future of Hilfiker Park. They can also [sign-up to be added to this email notification list through this link](#), and view the workshop presentation slides on the [Hilfiker Park webpage](#). The presentation can be found under 'Project documents'.

The next workshop is scheduled for January 2018. A summary of the survey results will be provided at this meeting.

Regards,

**Rob Romanek**  
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**January 18, 2018**

To Hilfiker Input

Greetings,

Join us next Wednesday, January 24 at Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall at 6:30 p.m. for Hilfiker Park Master Plan Workshop #2. Come learn about three different design alternative concepts. This is also an opportunity to provide feedback that will help inform the preparation of a "Preferred Alternative" for the park master plan.

**Workshop Location**

Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall  
 3911 Village Center DR SE in Salem  
 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.


Can't make it? The design alternatives, presentation slides, and a second online survey will be posted to the Hilfiker Park webpage ([www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/hilfiker-park.aspx](http://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/hilfiker-park.aspx)) following the workshop. This second online survey will provide another opportunity to submit comments on the design alternatives. We will send an email notice when these items are available.

Best regards,

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February 23, 2018

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**Please Come to the Third Community Workshop for the Hilfiker Park Master Plan on Wednesday, February 28!**

Join the City of Salem park planning staff next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for the third Hilfiker Park Master Plan Workshop.


We will be presenting the preferred design alternative for the park master plan and discussing how it responds to community feedback. This is also an opportunity for you to speak with the project team one-on-one, ask questions, and provide comments before the draft park master plan advances through a City adoption process.

**Where is the Workshop Located?**  
Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall  
3911 Village Center DR SE in Salem  
6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Light refreshment will be provided.

Can't make the meeting? The preferred alternative will be posted to the [Hilfiker Park webpage](#) following the workshop. Comments and questions can be sent to:

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**Upcoming Date for the Hilfiker Park Master Plan**






On Wednesday, April 11, the Morningside Neighborhood Association will be provided the opportunity to review the preferred design for Hilfiker Park master plan and make a recommendation to advance it to the [Salem Park and Recreation Advisory Board](#). This is an open meeting. The public is invited.

**Morningside Neighborhood Association meeting**  
 Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall  
 3911 Village Center Drive SE

For more information about the preferred design, visit the [Hilfiker Park webpage](#). This webpage also includes all of the initial design concepts, community survey results, and workshop presentation slides.

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# PARK WEBPAGE SCREEN CAPTURE

## Master Plan Information from [www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/hilfiker-park.aspx](http://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/hilfiker-park.aspx)

### Hilfiker Park Master Plan Project

Salem is developing a master plan for Hilfiker Park. Master planning organizes the use and development of park land, and it is the first step toward significant park improvements.

#### Feedback received

Through a series of public workshops and two community surveys, the City has heard that park users and local residents are interested in keeping the natural character of the park while providing a space for children to play. There is addition interest in pedestrian and bicycle access to the park from Hilfiker Lane.

#### Design concepts

Based on initial [community input](#), City staff prepared three design concepts that focused on the type and intensity of the park amenities to be added and different strategies to improve access.

- [Minimal Option - Design A](#)
- [Nature Park Option - Design B](#)
- [Standard Facilities Option - Design C](#)

#### Preferred design


[Feedback](#) on these concepts has guided the preparation of a [preferred design](#). This preferred design envisions future public access from Hilfiker Lane, potential park expansion, and a playground with innovative nature play features. Other aspects of the design seek to provide a neighborhood gathering area, expand trails, and habitat enhancements.

#### Next steps


A process is now underway to adopt the preferred design as a master plan for Hilfiker Park. As a next step, the draft master plan will be presented to the [Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board](#) on May 10, 2018. A public hearing by the City Council will then be scheduled. To get the latest news, sign up for the [project email list](#).

Once adopted by the City Council, the park master plan will provide a comprehensive vision for the Hilfiker Park within context of its location, resources, and community preferences. This vision will guide future park improvements and enhancements.


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# APPENDIX B

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## SURVEY SUMMARIES



# COMMUNITY SURVEY #1

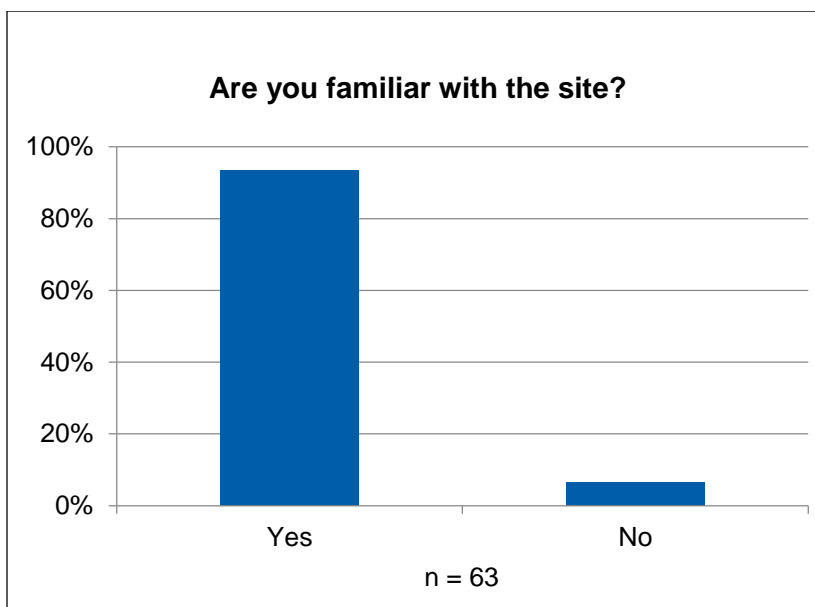
## Survey Overview

The City of Salem Public Works Department administered a neighborhood-focused community survey from November 2, 2017 through November 17, 2017 to inform the development of design alternatives for Hilfiker Park. This survey focused on the interest, views, concerns, and preferences of local residents and park users. It was also used to gauge reactions to potential park features and uses, and to solicit additional suggestions for the park.

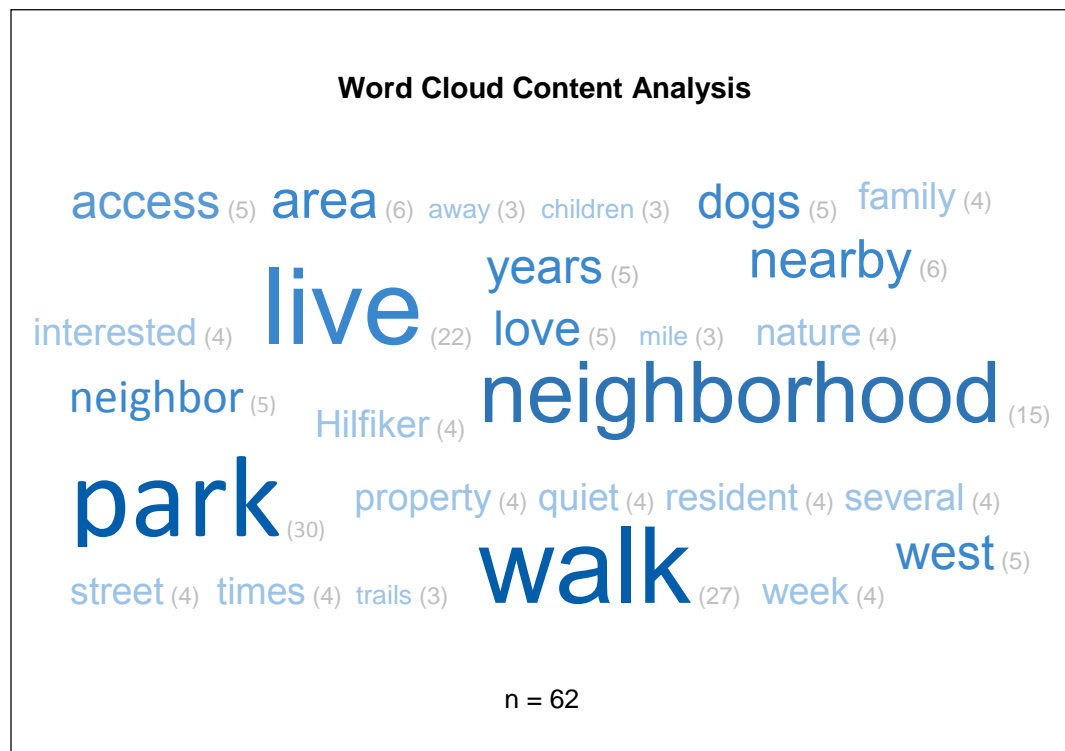
The survey was administered in two formats, hard-copy and online. On November 2, 2017, the hard copies were distributed to participants of Community Workshop #1. The online version was published the following day and advertised to the neighborhood at-large through the Morningside Neighborhood Association, social media, and the City website. A total of 64 survey responses were received, including 26 hard-copies and 38 online responses.

## Survey Results

<b>1. Hilfiker Park is an undeveloped neighborhood park located in the southern portion of the Morningside Neighborhood. Are you familiar with this site?</b>		
<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	93.6%	59
No	6.4%	4
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>63</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



<b>2. What is your interest in or relationship with the site?</b>	
<b>Response Count</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Answered question</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>	<b>2</b>



Number	Response Text
1	It's a nice, quiet location within easy walking/biking distance, although I love about a mile away.
2	We live on Jamestown
3	I love a block from the park
4	We walk up Sunland to the park and walk to the stores. We would like to leave the park as a nature park.
5	I live on Jamestown St., which borders the park.
6	Neighbor & user, neighborhood land use chair, interested in enhancing a natural area
7	live within 1/2 mi.
8	Century farmland property
9	family property
10	I walk in the park 2-3 times a week all year round. It is a little oasis of peace in the neighborhood. However, I live to the west of the park and get my access from the unofficial entry off the driveway
11	East path to park from Hilfiker



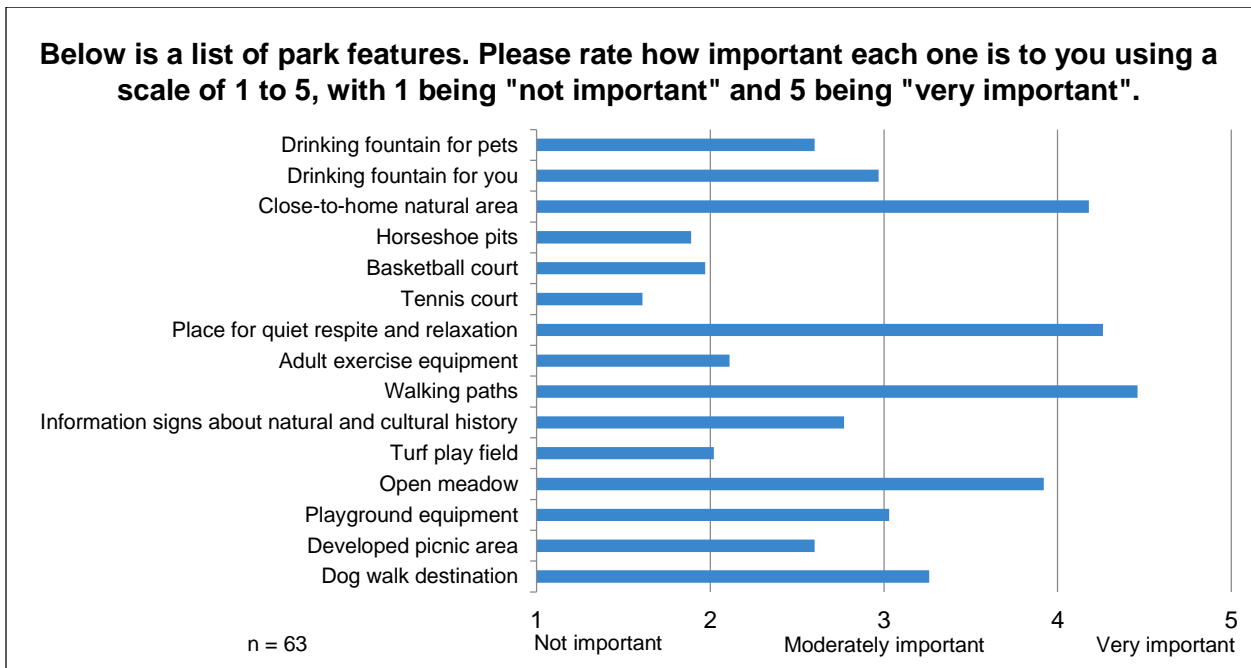
12	Community resident
13	Property owner that borders park
14	I walk there several times a week
15	Walking through, exercise, near my home
16	I am a close neighborhood resident on Sunland. I would like minimal development of the park. I would like better access through the park for walking- gopher control.
17	I live 100 yards away and walk the dogs in the park many times a week.
18	Neighbor
19	Lived in the neighborhood for 22+ years. Have walked the current park on several occasions.
20	The park is at the end of the street I live on. I use the park to do research for my IB environmental studies class. I also walk the trail at the park.
21	I use the park to walk through for longer walks in the neighborhood. I also walk dogs and use the paths.
22	I like to walk through it when on my walks.
23	Grown up in neighborhood. Still love nearby. Have family that owns adjacent property (RA). Want it to be an amenity to the area that is safe.
24	I live very close to the park.
25	Resident of Fray Wright Neighborhood interested in being able to access Hilfiker Pk from the west, through Woodmansee Pk, on a pedestrian basis for additional quiet urban greenspace.
26	We like to play there. We walk out dogs there.
27	Waking around park- live in neighborhood
28	well, basically another place to walk the dog, or go for a walk or spend a quiet few moments with a friend or loved one.
29	I live in the neighborhood with my family (approximately 1/2 mile from the site)
30	No relationship. Always looking for a new park
31	I'm a Morningside neighbor and interested in improvements to my area.
32	It is a source of quiet walks and experiencing urban nature. I have volunteered to remove English ivy.
33	I live nearby and regularly visit with my son.
34	It is in my neighborhood.
35	I own a house to the west of the park and the back of my house and backyard looks out st the park.
36	I work at Bethany Baptist Church on Hilfiker and we can see the potential of having a park nearby.
37	We live in the Cambridge neighborhood and often walk in the park.
38	We love in the morningside area and are very interested in parks, especially ones with trails and mature trees. We didn't even know this existed until we saw the posting on fb.
39	My family and I walk through it several times a year.

40	We frequently walk there from our home in the neighborhood and enjoy the natural beauty.
41	We live nearby
42	I live about a mile away; within walking distance without crossing busy streets.
43	I have since move to West Salem. But I visited the Hilfiker Park with my children when I resided out South.
44	Recreation for children.
45	Its native plants
46	A better place for my kids to be active
47	It is just down the street
48	I frequently walk thru the park as part of my "neighborhood" walking regimen
49	Picnic tables not just one, Play ground for children.
50	It is connected to my neighborhood.
51	neighbor to the west, but with NO legal access
52	We live close to the park.
53	live nearby
54	I live near the park
55	I have worked to remove invasive ivy and holly to restore native habitat.
56	I have walked this open area to access commercial street for 25 years. I live 4 blocks from the site.
57	neighbor
58	It is in close proximity to several sub-neighborhoods (Cambridge, Royvonne, Copper Glen, etc.) which will need such openspace in the future as the area continues to develop.
59	Live very near to it.
60	In the neighborhood.
61	I live very close and have spent years walking there.
62	I live nearby (Stefon ct, just off of south Hampton), I take my dog running on the trails 2-3x per week currently.

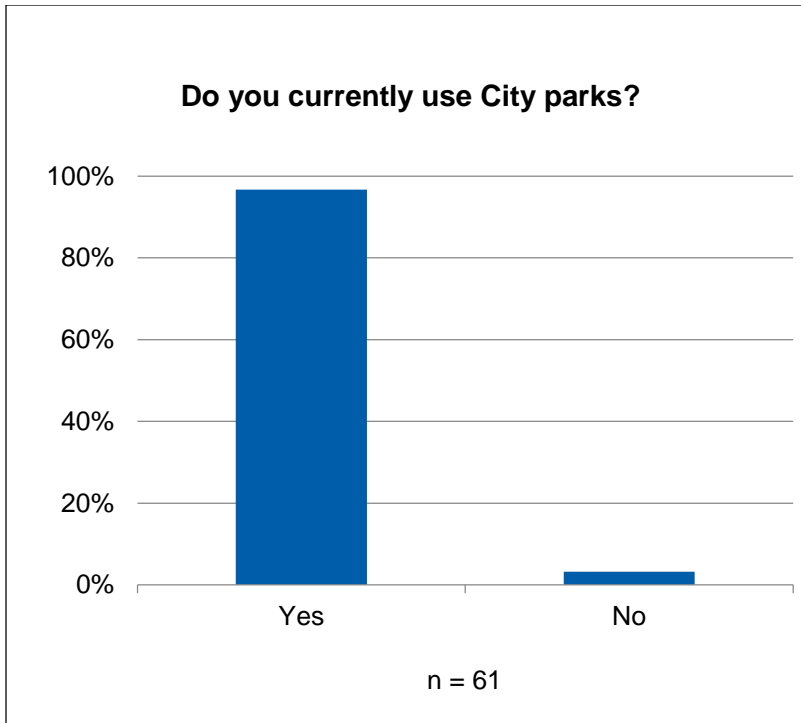
**3. Below is a list of park features. Please rate how important each one is to you using a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not important" and 5 being "very important".**

Park Features	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Average	Response Count
Dog walk destination	13	8	11	8	21	3.26	61
Developed picnic area	15	13	20	10	4	2.6	62
Playground equipment	14	10	17	4	18	3.03	63
Open meadow	2	3	14	21	21	3.92	61
Turf play field	33	10	7	6	5	2.02	61
Information signs about natural and cultural history	14	8	23	10	6	2.77	61
Walking paths	1	0	7	16	39	4.46	63
Adult exercise equipment	27	17	7	6	5	2.11	62
Place for quiet respite and relaxation	1	2	10	16	33	4.26	62
Tennis court	43	7	7	3	2	1.61	62
Basketball court	39	4	7	6	6	1.97	62
Horseshoe pits	35	6	14	4	2	1.89	61
Close-to-home natural area	2	4	10	11	35	4.18	62
Drinking fountain for you	16	9	15	7	16	2.97	63
Drinking fountain for pets	19	14	11	9	9	2.6	62

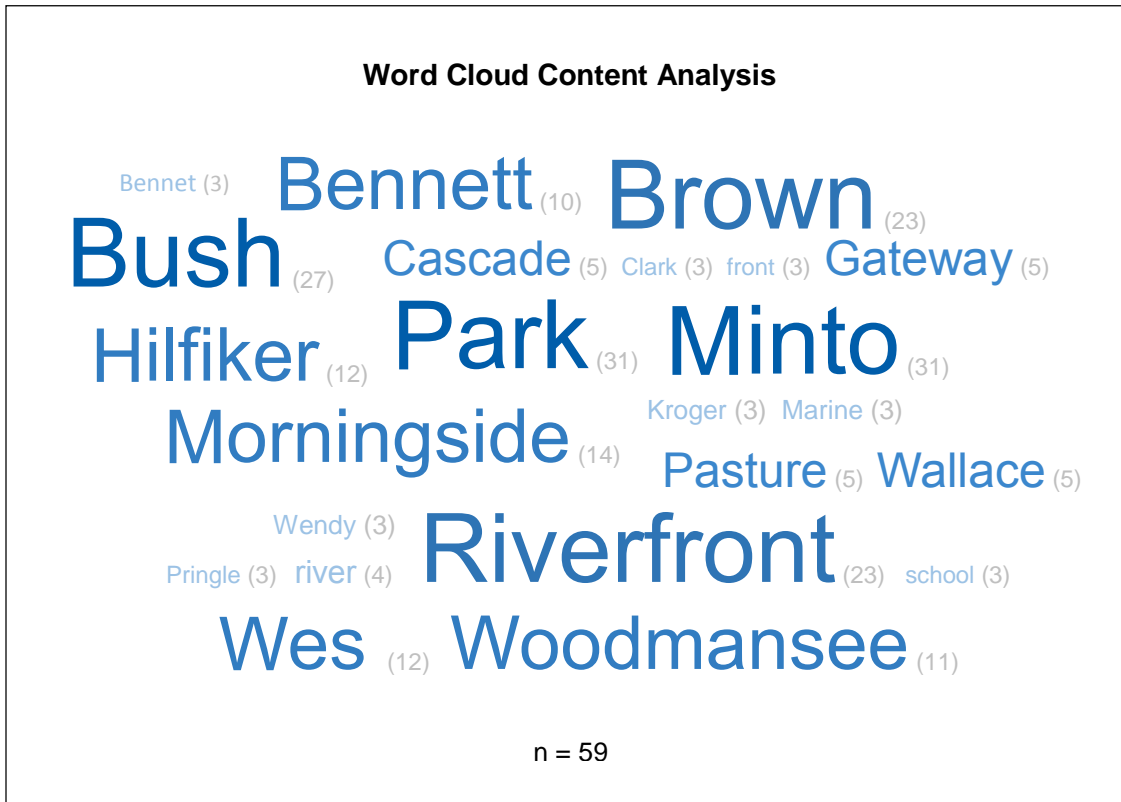
**Answered question 63**  
**Skipped question 1**



4. Do you currently use City parks?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	96.72%	59
No	3.28%	2
Answered question		61
Skipped question		3



<b>5. (Continues from Question 4) If yes, which park(s)?</b>	
<b>Response Count</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Answered question</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>	<b>5</b>



Number	Response Text
1	Brian Johnston, Minto Brown, Riverfront, Wallace
2	Sometimes walk to Woodmansee
3	Minto
4	Hilfiker
5	Bush Park, the park next to Pringle Elementary School
6	Hilfiker, Bush, Morningside, Minto
7	Hilfiker - walk dog
8	Orchard Heights, Bush's Pasture, Riverfront
9	Bush
10	Many
11	Hilfiker and Bush - I am a volunteer gardener at Bush
12	This park for the most part, Bush Park, Minto



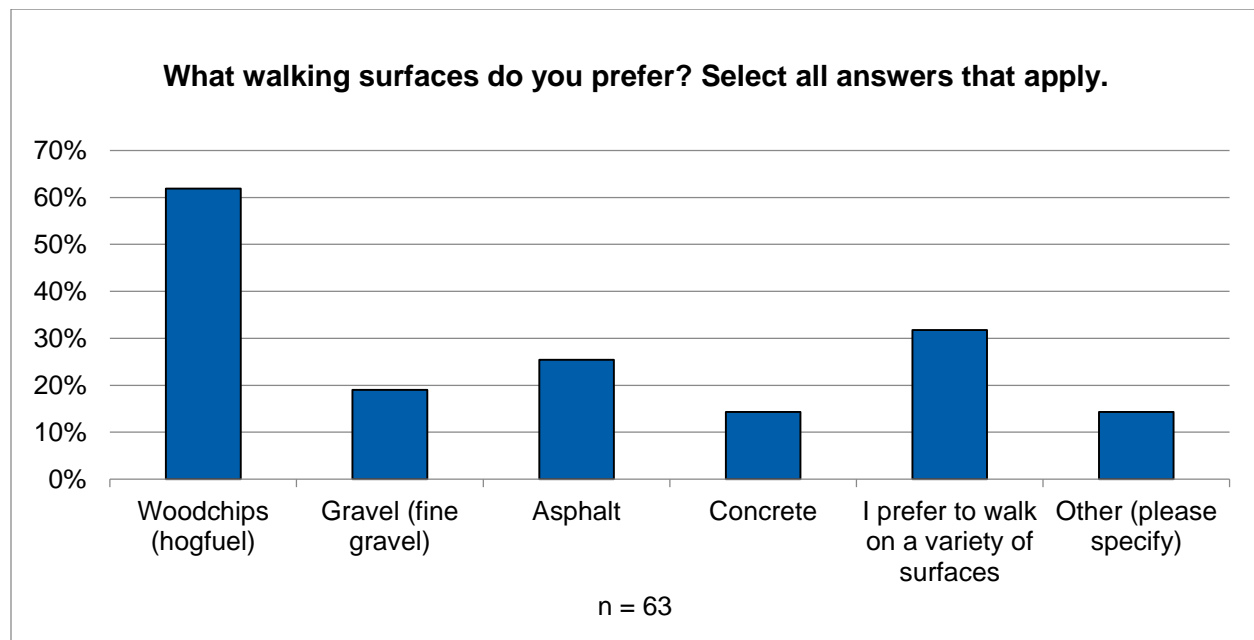
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13	Hilfiker
14	Woodmansee, Clark, Basxter (?) next to Pringle School
15	Riverfront, Minto, River Road, Englewood, Bush, Woomansee, Cascade Gateway, etc.
16	Wes Bennett / Morningside / Riverfront
17	Park by Leslie School and Wes Bennett
18	Woodmansee, Bush Park, Minto Brown, River Front, Bryan Johnson
19	Minto, Hilfiker, Morningside, Woodmansee, Clark Creek, Cascade Gateway
20	Hilfiker, Morningside, Riverfront, Minto
21	Park by Leslie, Woodmansee, Bush Park
22	Wendy Kroger (former Cannery Pk) and Woodmansee Pk most often - others, including Riverfront Pk. occasionally
23	All the parks
24	Bush, riverfront, Hilfiker, minto Brown, and the park next to pringle elementary
25	morningside, bush, geer, riverfront, wallace marine, hillview, woodmansee, bennett, and clark creek
26	Minto Brown, riverfront, Bush, Morningside, South Village, Wendy Kroger, Woodmansee,
27	Minto brown, bush, morningside
28	Morningside, Minto Brown, Riverfront
29	Bush, Riverfront, Minto Brown, Hilfiker, Wes Bennett...
30	Woodmansee Park, Wes Bennett Park, Hillview Park, Minto Brown
31	Minton Brown, River Front, Bush park to me a few.
32	Wes Bennett
33	Wes Bennett, Rees Hill
34	Wes Bennett, Riverfront, Woodmansee, Minto Brown, Sumpter, Wendy Kroger, Bryan Johnston
35	Riverfront, Minto Brown, Bush
36	Bush park, Hillside park, Minto Brown and Riverfront park.
37	Riverfront, Wes Bennett, Morningside, Woodmansee
38	Bush's Pasture, Morningside, Woodmansee, Wes Bennet, Riverfront to name a few
39	Morningside, Wes Bennett, Fairview plus many others
40	Riverfront, Bush, Minto Brown, and Wes Bennet are my main parks
41	Peter Courtney Minto Island, Minto-Brown, Riverfront Park and Wallace Marine Park
42	Bush's Pasture Park, Riverfront Park.
43	Minto Brown, Bush, Fairmount
44	As many as I can
45	River front. Minto brown. Wallace marine.
46	Hilfiker, Minto Brown, Riverfront, Morningside, Cascade Gateway,

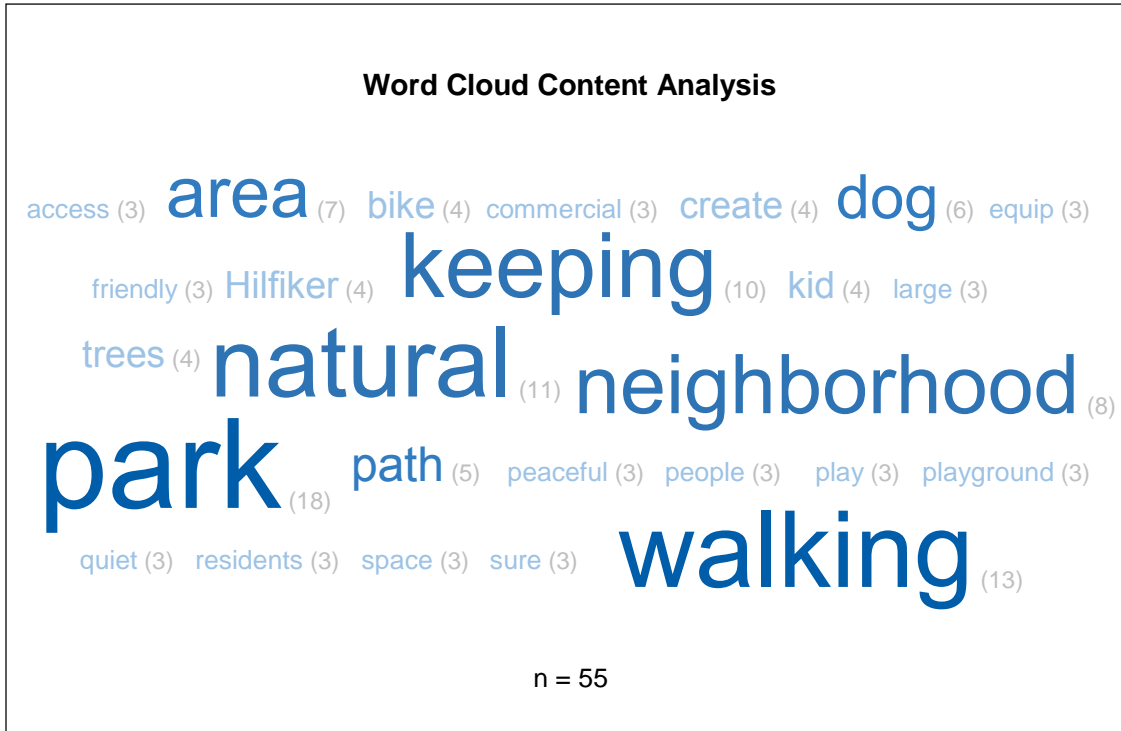
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47	Minto Brown, Ewald Park
48	Minto Brown Park
49	Minto, Hilfiker, Bush
50	Wes Bennet, Riverfront
51	Bush Park, Minto Brown & Hilfiker
52	Riverfront, cascade gateway
53	Minto, Bush, Wallace
54	Morningside, waterfront park and Minto brown
55	Minto brown
56	Morningside, Bush's Pasture, Minto-Brown, Riverfront
57	Minto brown
58	All City Parks
59	Minto Brown, cascade gateway, Bush's pasture park, Geer community park.

<b>6. What walking surfaces do you prefer? Select all answers that apply.</b>		
<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Woodchips (hogfuel)	61.90%	39
Gravel (fine gravel)	19.05%	12
Asphalt	25.40%	16
Concrete	14.29%	9
I prefer to walk on a variety of surfaces	31.75%	20
Other (please specify)	14.29%	9
<b>Responses for Other</b>		
Grasscrete		
dirt is fine		
Various		
Anything natural		
grass		
rubber		
Rubberized track		
Whatever is naturally there.		
dirt, grass		
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>63</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



<b>7. What are you looking forward to most about designing a plan for the park?</b>	
<b>Response Count</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Answered question</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>	<b>9</b>



Number	Response Text
1	Ability to provide input
2	Keeping it natural
3	A balance if nature and education, plus some play equipment for children.
4	Keeping it undeveloped but with curved trails.
5	Walking access to Commercial area
6	Keeping it simple for neighbors- Not drawing a large amount of people
7	to help ensure it meets needs of the users without creating a hazard for those that own or live nearby
8	Giving input. Tailoring it to the neighborhood
9	paths for walking, picnic tables, shade, natural highlights
10	Abandon it!
11	Keeping it natural and basic; no roads; pedestrian/bike path park to Hilfiker
12	Being a voice for maintaining the park just as it now is!

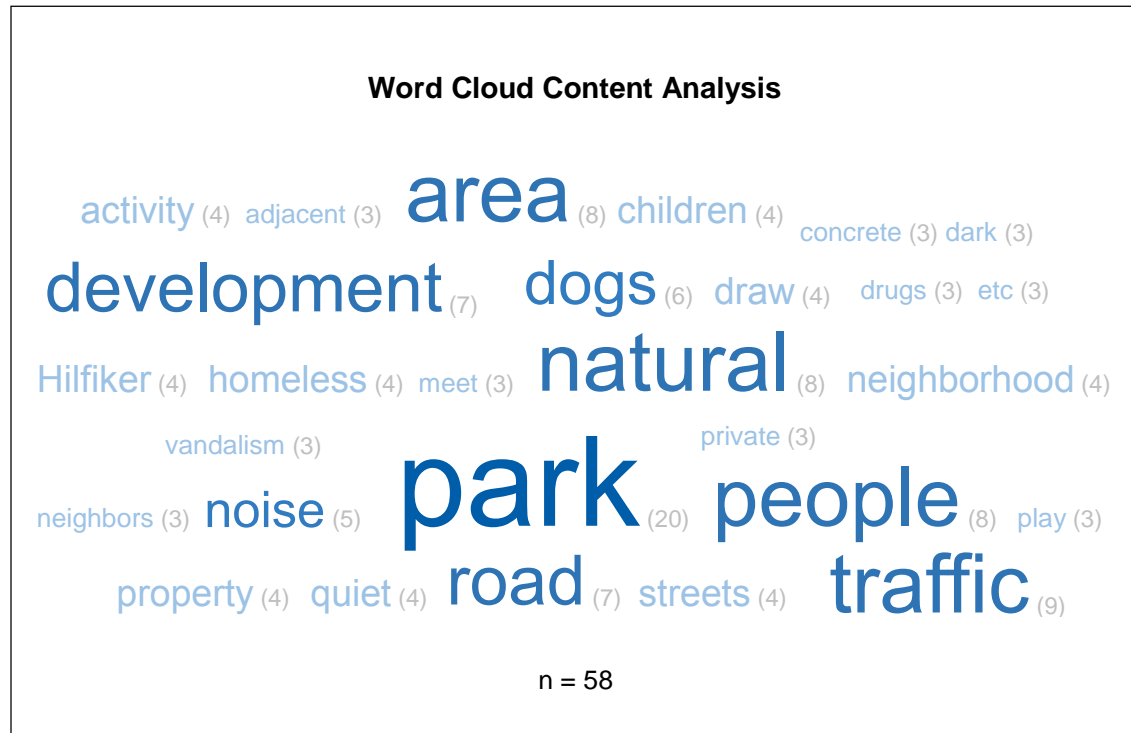
13	Keeping it natural and neighborhood friendly and deer friendly. Wildlife use the trees as home.
14	Full access through the park
15	- Keeping in natural - Path to access Trader Joe's from park
16	Securing/protecting greenspace for walking, dog walking, peace, quiet
17	Reflects the neighborhood / quiet / well managed / cared for
18	I want to create a safer park. I feel the darkness of the park and the lack of things to do create an environment that bad activities can happen.
19	A walking path from park to Hilfiker, not on private property. Keeping the integrity of the park and its quietness/refuge feel. The trees help reduce sound.
20	1) thin out evergreen trees. Its a little too spooky on the trail and entrance off Hillrose. Could you leave snags for cavity nesting birds, insects, etc. instead of removing the entire tree.
21	knowing what its future will be
22	I'm not sure, I truly have mixed emotions.
23	Seeing neighborhood residents move through the process toward, hopefully, some kind of consensus and ownership of the final product.
24	Unique kids playground equip. Outdoor themed playground equip.
25	More welcoming and open for families
26	making sure that many neighbors input and wishes are considered, and used.
27	Planning for my son's future recreational need
28	Public involvement. Proper management (example: remove poison oak and invasives, thin doug fir)
29	Hoping we'll end up with a kid/dog friendly park that can satisfy a multitude of interests in one area.
30	Community park space.
31	I'm not sure.. maybe since it's not a very large area making it more of a nature park where people can walk dogs or picnic.
32	Having a multiuse park nearby our church that different ministries can use. Would love for Hilfiker to become a through street to give increased visibility to our church.
33	Permission to walk through the park to Hilfiker, ongoing maintenance, peaceful addition to the neighborhood.
34	Going there with my family knowing we had a say in how it was developed.
35	advocating for the value of natural, public spaces and creating a neighborhood resource for my community
36	A large peaceful area to walk with my kids that's close by
37	Basketball court and kid's play structures
38	playground, and walking trails.
39	Preservation of natural areas/plants
40	Being able to walk through to commercial
41	Keeping it simple, affordable, low maintenance, and serene.



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42	Park made for all people interests.
43	A designated and safe space for residents to use. I also want plenty of lighting at the park.
44	Keeping a natural area
45	Hidden gem park just for the neighborhood
46	it's a nice local park
47	Restoring natural habitat.
48	A gated dog park
49	I love the connection to walk and bike thru to commercial street businesses. I would live for Pringle rd./ Battle Creek road to have walking and bike paths thru to down town.
50	Walking or biking to Trader Joe's
51	Fulfill visions for our neighborhood's appeal and livability.
52	Somewhere near I can take my dogs.
53	Keeping the private residences property intact.
54	I want it kept natural. It'd be nice if poison oak was eradicated.
55	I'd really like to see this develop into a play area for my dog and son. Some sort of sport court would be great as well.

<b>8. What is your biggest concern about developing the park?</b>	
<b>Response Count</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Answered question</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>	<b>6</b>

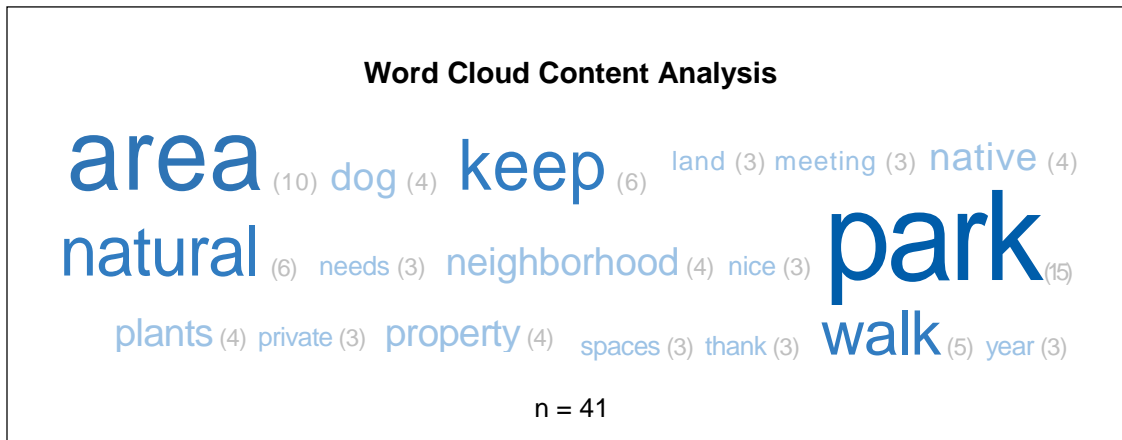


Number	Response Text
1	Don't want through streets for automobiles. Bike, pedestrian traffic only.
2	Too much traffic, trash, etc
3	Crowds and transients. Traffic
4	roads that link Sunland with Hilfiker giving people a cut through to Battlecreek. This Will increase traffic in the neighborhood
5	Development of streets that might increase traffic through the neighborhood. extending the existing path so that I can walk to Trader Joe's
6	Concrete over. Plastic equipment. Traffic & parking encroachment
7	Road going through
8	Encroaching on to the private properties that are adjacent to the park- damage, etc.
9	Drawing in public not familiar w/ area or not living in area. It already happens today - drawing more attention to adding facilities will always draw more. There have been people shooting fireworks, burning down buildings on private property, etc.
10	That is gets too developed. Would like to see as little intrusion into the natural aspects of the park as possible.

11	Too many people, noise
12	Uncontrollable influx of people not associated with the adjacent residential properties and security for adjacent residential children playing in their own yards.
13	Vandalism; road; noise; homeless
14	I hate the word "develop" - its a great natural space, please no development!
15	Things will be added- at a cost- and not used or a meeting place for teens after dark. Keeping the park quiet. City taking land from neighbors for the roads, streets.
16	Noise - peripheral damage to neighborhoods
17	No off-leash dogs
18	Roads into neighborhood; traffic; parking; crime attraction
19	Potential road cutting through
20	My biggest concern would be the parking issue on the street. Also, if news spreads about the park, people could also use it for bad purposes.
21	A busy cut-through road from Hilfiker to Hillrose.
22	None.
23	Access and use
24	Traffic, cars for parking. Once its advertised "new park" developed, I think it will draw in negative activities. The park is dark and isolated. I think those of use that live there are comfortable as it is.
25	Development! Quiet urban greenspace is needed in the high density urban areas. A very limited amount of play equipment for very young children would be acceptable. Noisy tennis and even noisier basketball courts would be detrimental
26	The design might be dominated by a minority group that had the time in their schedule to show up for these meetings, but that doesn't truly represent the community.
27	Parking
28	the potential for misuse by vagrants and the homeless, making it problematic for the people who pay for it to enjoy it
29	Being able to meet everyone's needs
30	Loosing the quiet natural setting currently at Hilfiker and loosing a great place to walk my dog and for neighbors to get to know one another.
31	That it will be exactly the same as every other park around Salem. Parks like Minto Brown and the Waterfront are the only "different" parks it seems like; it would be nice for this one to also have a niche of some sort.
32	Lack of funding for long term care of the park.
33	Homeless camping, drug activity, vandalizing, people hanging out there after dark.
34	None
35	That it not be overdeveloped. That it become a magnet for problems. That dogs will be let off leash.
36	Keeping it somewhat natural.
37	Overdevelopment of the space, lack of ongoing maintenance

38	Attracting negative activity from people up to no good.
39	Ruining the natural feel of the park
40	Safety of our children.
41	Not having enough play area for children.
42	Will have too much pavement. Loss of natural area/plants and habitat for wildlife/birds.
43	A skate plaza or open area for use with roller skates, rollerblades, scooters would be awesome
44	Noise
45	Focused input from special interests upsetting a good overall plan. Pet owners, organized sports activities groups, anything involving flat, concrete or asphalt surfaces.
46	Not doing anything
47	The owner of Hilfiker Park allows her grandson & his friends to shoot bow and arrows at deer targets where tree farm is located.
48	Concrete, plastic, paving, noise, vandalism
49	Homeless issue, traffic drives to the park
50	No off leash dogs (ours have been attacked there)
51	Degrading a natural area.
52	Too much development and not enough areas being kept natural.
53	NOSIE & DRUGS
54	Safety and compatibility for users and neighbors.
55	It not a hang out for drugs or kids.
56	The city coming in and designing private property, under the cloak of the greater good.
57	It will no longer be a quiet place to retreat
58	My dog really enjoys the park currently, as do other dogs i've seen in the park. I'd hate for him to lose his spot to run off energy.

<b>9. Do you have any other comments or ideas?</b>	
<b>Response Count</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Answered question</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>	<b>23</b>

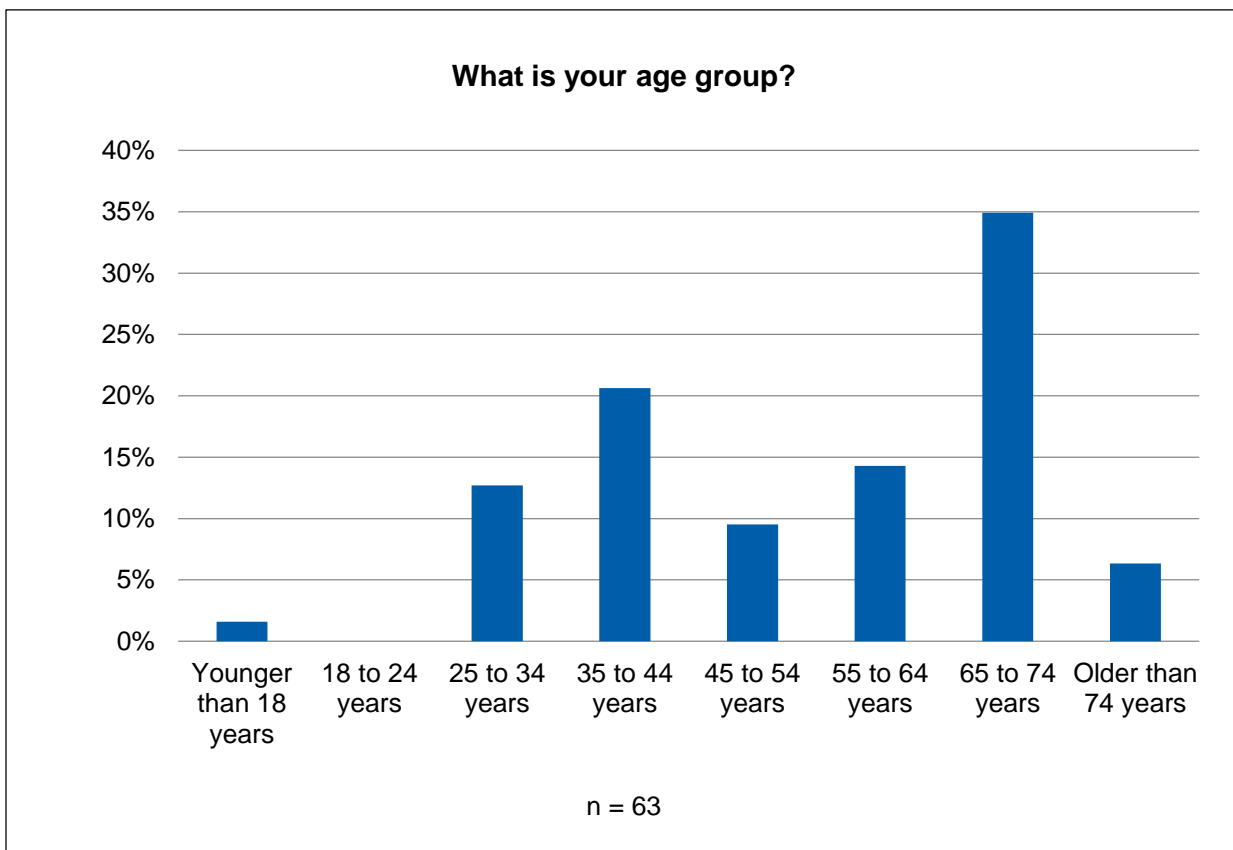


Number	Response Text
1	Please keep it as is; perhaps enlarging the area and also keeping it natural, if owners are willing to sell some of the adjacent property
2	Expansion of easement to connect the commercial area
3	We have lots of children and grandchildren in the neighborhood. They would benefit from a place to play. Include security cameras!
4	Natural Area
5	I like to explore having community garden area available - managed by CASA
6	Interpretive nature trail; removal of invasives, planting of native plants
7	Minimal development please
8	Abandon the effort!
9	If money is an issue - do less rather than more
10	(a) - At the entrance to park (from Sunland), there is a rain-season spring that floods the park 2-3 weeks a year; drainage is required; (b) fir trees need to be selectively thinned
11	Thank you
12	I understand people want to keep the park a quiet place, but parks are used for a variety of age groups, so I believe there needs to be activities for every age group.
13	It would be good to know history of why the park was created in the first place. Is there something were not considering in developing? How much money dose it take to maintain a park of this size (least amount of effort?)
14	I would like demonstration gardens, native plants for full sub; native plants for pollinators, etc.
15	If a playground is added it should be natural to enhance the existing feel of the park.

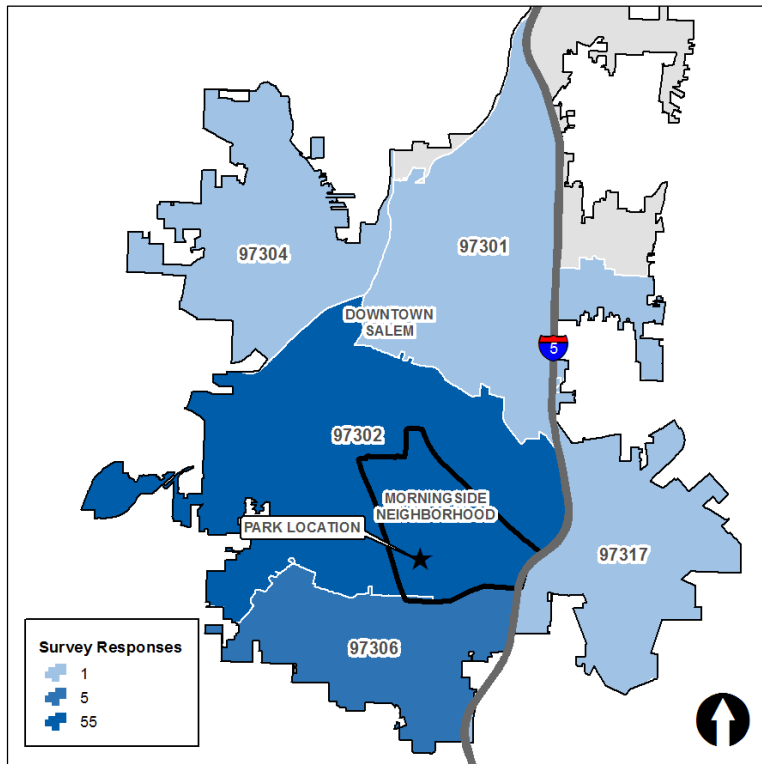


16	Highest priority, as this stage, is to enter into discussion to peruse a dedicated pedestrian easement to providing access from the west. Recommendation: A 6' wide trail extension from the east end of Hilfiker Land
17	Good luck and thank you for your time.
18	lots of publicity for the nest two meetings to insure public comment
19	Not at this time
20	I am supportive of the Hillfiker collector with emphasis on peaceful walking and biking. I would love to see the city purchase adjacent property through a bond.
21	off leash dog area would be amazing (fenced would probably work best). That would also be nice not having my toddler walk where someone's dog just went potty....
22	No
23	Would love a covered area that can be used year round.
24	n/a
25	I know there are usually no parking spaces for neighborhood parks, but it would be nice to have 3-5 spaces since there are no neighborhood parks in the area. That's why Wes Bennet is so busy.
26	Set up cameras, maybe.. for safety. Thank you!
27	A sheltered picnic area is very important to many families.
28	Find way to remind people that we are on Native American Land, specifically Kalapuya. What was here before white settlers?
29	Something like this : <a href="http://californiaskateparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/westchest2.jpg">http://californiaskateparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/westchest2.jpg</a>
30	Needs to be able for police to enforce
31	Not at this time
32	Park has been there for quit a few years with no upgrades
33	I wouldn't want anyone to feel unsafe in the park due to the private owners use of the property next to the park.
34	Leave it natural, like central park
35	It is hard to come to the meeting, but if you guys keep sending us online format of meeting summary that would be great.
36	would like to keep this as an area for humans and dogs to walk. Enforcement of leash laws is really important to me
37	Do not disrupt local neighborhoods with more road access. We need to encourage walking and biking.
38	Needs to have a bathroom.
39	Keep the private land private. Do not involve the city in planning for property that is not theirs. Leave it as is.
40	Hate to see the natural space ruined with more construction.
41	Bathrooms would be great, its close but still a ~10 minute walk. A dog off-leash area (perhaps in the back of the park?) would be nice.

<b>10. What is your age group?</b>		
<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Younger than 18 years	1.6%	1
18 to 24 years	0.0%	0
25 to 34 years	12.7%	8
35 to 44 years	20.6%	13
45 to 54 years	9.5%	6
55 to 64 years	14.3%	9
65 to 74 years	34.9%	22
Older than 74 years	6.4%	4
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>63</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



11. What is your zip code?		
Answers	Response Percent	Response Count
97301	1.5%	1
97302	95.5%	64
97306	1.5%	1
97317	1.5%	1
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>67</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>



## COMMUNITY SURVEY #2

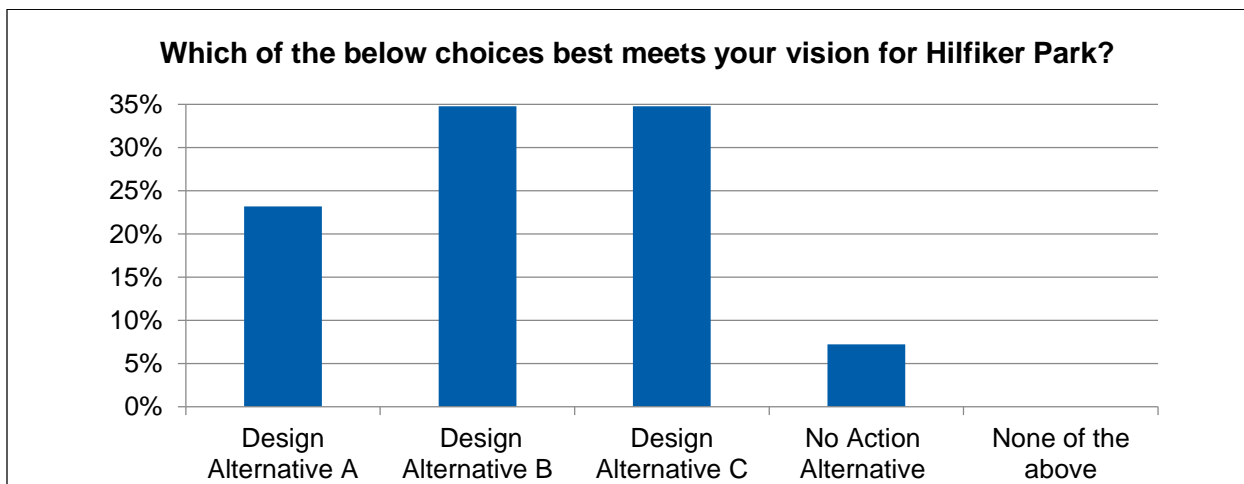
### Survey Overview

The City of Salem Public Works Department administered an online survey from January 24 through February 8, 2018 to provide an opportunity for community members to review design alternative concepts for Hilfiker Park and identify their preferences. It was also used to solicit additional suggestions for the park design and future programming. This feedback was used to guide the preparation of a preliminary Preferred Design Alternative for the park.

The survey was advertised at the Community Workshop #2, held on January 24, 2017, and to the project email notification list. The survey was also advertised to the neighborhood at-large through the Morningside Neighborhood Association, social media, and the City website. A total of 71 survey responses were received.

### Survey Results

12. Which of the below choices best meets your vision for Hilfiker Park?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
Minimal Option – Design Alternative A	23.2%	16
Nature Park Option – Design Alternative B	34.8%	24
Standard Facilities Option – Design Alternative C	34.8%	24
No Action Alternative - No master plan	7.3%	5
None of the above	0.0%	0
Expand on your answer (optional)		35
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>69</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>



Number	Response for "Expand on your answer"
1	With lighting and a path connecting to the west.
2	I like that it won't change that much...a loop of gravel will be added. You know gravel eventually gets ground into the dirt. I like the softer recycled "Bark Chips" to walk on. If they mow...the gravel will get caught up in the blades of the mower.
3	Lots of street lights needed
4	It doesn't have to be fancy to be useful to the neighborhood.
5	longer path(gravel) than alternative B or C
6	I would appreciate having a covered picnic table(s)
7	It's important to maintain as much natural area within the city as possible. I'd hate to see a somewhat "wild" area become too civilized.
8	Basketball court is important
9	Leave it alone. We have wildlife and people using the park. The only two things that need attention is the mud area connecting to Sunland and the poison oak within the trees. Leave the green areas open for all to enjoy.
10	The lack of parking would limit the type of functions.
11	Mix the standard facilities with the "natural looking" playground
12	keep it natural and open feeling, but have some designated areas for kids and families
13	I like this plan, because it is designed for all ages.
14	We must keep as many open spaces as possible not only for humans but out of respect for the natural environment in Salem.
15	I like elements of both A and B. I like the pollinator meadow with a trail around it (A), thinning out forest trees (B), and a play area (B), although I don't think kids would use the type of nature play structures shown at the presentation as much as traditional play equipment.
16	I would love to combine 2 and 3 to make it a natural looking look and feel with good lighting and paths for safety but also a good place for the kids to play for many years. There are 11 children on our culdesac ranging in age from newborn to 16 and I know they would all like to use a park that is within a short minute walk from our house.
17	I like the habitat garden area.
18	Like the current level of development. Would like to see some thinning of the tree grove and planting of native oak tree or two, and native shrubs. Me and my family use the park for walking our dog, running or walking. Access it on foot, live 3 blocks away.
19	A dog park should be added. At present time, the park is mainly used for dog walking.
20	B second place. Needs to have kids playground.
21	With additional easement to Hilfiker Lane
22	I really like the access to Hilfiker Road.
23	Given the small size of the park, any actions to 'improve' the natural features will tend to detract from the natural features. Here, I think that 'less is more.'
24	Would like to see invasive ivy completely removed
25	I liked design A with a potential connection path that is in design B. I really like the meadow loop path in A because it expands the walking area and I think that is important.

Number	Response for "Expand on your answer"
26	I do not want option 3. And I think any option chosen needs an easement to hilficker st.
27	I am against putting up signs identifying the park; it will only bring curiosity seekers from afar, eliminating this as strictly a community park
28	like potential connection to Hilfiker Lane
29	I would exchange the hard surface court for a smaller half court to encourage smaller groups. Thin the forested area and allow for native plantings and educational trails/signage.
30	This option is a great opportunity for awareness of native ecosystems.
31	The park is fine the way it is, no street development. How does the street extension enhance the experience of park users.
32	I think it is important to have some play equipment for kids.
33	There are so many kids in the neighborhood who could really benefit from having a park with a play structure. This would add so much to our community in terms of value and enjoyment.
34	Like the idea of playground with seating. Not crazy about the court.
35	I prefer the standard playground and plaza, with security lighting, but am uninterested personally in the multi use court

### 13. What do you like and/or dislike most about Design Alternative A?

<b>Response Count</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Answered question</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>	<b>12</b>

Number	Response Text
1	I would like some traditional park features.
2	I would prefer the "Soft Surface Path" throughout the park. it's nicer to walk on and doesn't hurt the dogs paws to run on it. Recycle those bark chips...don't go with gravel.
3	I enjoy the minimalist take on it. I dislike the options. If the city is planning a park, then it makes sense to add options for everyone.
4	Too minimal
5	I mainly like it as a walking destination and a place to reflect.
6	Minimal development; prefer none.
7	too simple.
8	no walkway to Hilfiker lane
9	No connection to Hilfiker, no multiuse court, no playground
10	Small disruption to area.



Number	Response Text
11	Too bad there is not an access to Hilfiker, we would use the park as a walk to the stores above. It is used that way now. I understand security problems - but those really are social problems: homeless camping in the park and out-of-area visitors.
12	Like picnic tables, benches, loop path.
13	Not enough added features. No bathroom.
14	I like the path. It's a good length which would attract pedestrians and runners.
15	I don't believe we should have any areas that require irrigation to maintain. Water will only become more precious and scarce (and likely expensive) as the years go by.
16	No lighting. More trash receptacles. Would like a picnic benches not in grass but a gravel or paved area. I do really like keeping it just a nature walk but lighting would be important for safety.
17	The "natural"ness of the park is a positive. Not a whole lot for neighborhood children to do or play.
18	It's fine to gravel the paths, but it takes money to maintain. How will you do this without taxing us to death?
19	LIKE: A) Simple to maintain. It's swell to create new things, but not if they cannot be maintained. B) Few attractions for vagrancy or malicious activity. C) More natural equals better drainage...and this is part of the greater 'wet zone'. DISLIKE: Maybe a little more sunlight would help. Currently, it seems dark and unsafe, to me.
20	Not enough change to bring community recreation to the park like a basketball hoop and play toys might
21	I like that it's a large natural area, but feel that it lacks draw for families.
22	It has no playground for children.
23	I like that it remains a natural park for all ages to enjoy.
24	It's minimal use type of park. There needs to be adequate available use for all people, not just a few.
25	It preserves the naturalness of the site.
26	Walking path
27	Like: pollinator meadow with path. Dislike: no playground area. no legal access from the west. don't need any more trees planted. doesn't thin out fir trees. Replace gravel path with concrete. "
28	Not much of a change. Might as well just leave things how it is and not spend the money if we are doing this. This park plan only appeals to people walking through and doesn't really make it a destination.
29	Not much there to do and see.
30	I do not like the idea of a street going through the area. I like the idea of a natural area where people can walk through and enjoy the beauty and quiet. I would prefer a "walk to" park where we do not have to see cars going by.
31	I hope the street right-of -way on the south boundary does not happen...would really compromise quiet and solitude.
32	Would like to see a little more development of the site.
33	I like that it is minimal changes.
34	Strongly dislike lack of activities or childrens play equipment.
35	Not enough improvements, would like it to be cleaner looking in appearance.

Number	Response Text
36	I most like the meadow trail and addition of a few more trees. I most dislike: lack of connection to Hilfiker Road, and lack of maintenance in what is now the Doug fir tree lot (which is in dire need of thinning, removal of invasives, removal of poison oak, and seeding with native understory).
37	Trail system.
38	It doesn't address the Forrest health, invasive ivy removal, oak woodland enhancement, or the need for replanting of a native plant understory.
39	Too few trash and pet cans. Gravel path vs paved.
40	It won't cost the city much and will allow neighbors access to a green space.
41	want a quiet space for walking, and dog walking
42	This is a fine design. It would be my second choice.
43	As I said before I like the Meadow loop path. I also think the number of picnic tables/benches is right if a seating area is placed at each entrance area or so. I liked the soft/natural path as it keeps the feeling of the park country-like.
44	The loop and simplicity of design
45	Not developed enough. I like the natural play area.
46	1 or 2 benches amongst the proposed new tree plantings would be alright, okay, even an expanded trail, just no signs. I really appreciate the dog waste station; 1 garbage can there should be enough.
47	Pretty much leaving the area "as-is" with a few minor improvements.
48	I like it the best, except no connection to Hilfiker Lane
49	Not much to like, but it has low cost. I don't like the lack of access to the neighborhood to the west
50	I'd like to see more facilities for the neighborhood service area, not just create a space for dog walkers.
51	It does not seem to make much mprvement.
52	Does not address native plants that are being taken over by invasives.
53	.
54	I like the woodsy tree area, but I don't like the absence of a playground or picnic tables.
55	n/a
56	Is four trees and a sign really an enhancement? Is that the best use of tax dollars? Minimal design is good with the trail at the top a good addition.
57	Dislike that there is No play equipment for children. Like that there is a walking path.
58	This design basically leaves the park as it. Is it wasting a wonderful community-building opportunity in my mind.
59	I strongly dislike that it does not have a playground. This would be very unfair to a significant neighborhood demographic. We go to other parks because there isn't one there now.

<b>14. Do you have any other comments regarding Design Alternative A?</b>		
<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
No / Not at this time	72.6%	45
Yes (please specify)	27.4%	17
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>62</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

<b>Number</b>	<b>Response Text for "Yes (please specify)"</b>
1	The tree farm that is there... may have to be thinned.
2	I live right next to Hilfiker's tree farm and use the park area everyday. The minimal development to date is sufficient.
3	marked car parking spots on Hillrose St
4	The lower area is naturally irrigated most of the year. Drainage may be more important.
5	Leave nature alone.
6	Access should be from Hilfiker. Trying to exit from Hillrose or Sunland onto Battlecreek is risky. Also, Access via Hilfiker may provide needed parking if allowed on Church property at West end of Hilfiker.
7	It is nearly what it is today.
8	We need to handle the water flow at the entrance of the park off of Sunland. There are no plans to change that problem in design A. We need to NOT plan a street next to a natural park. What are people thinking?
9	No adequate ADA specifics to the plan.
10	move the portion of the trail that goes through the trees farther towards the northern border.
11	I understand the idea of a sign on Hillrose, but hoping there will not be signs on Pringle to advertise the park.
12	I like that it is low maintenance for the city.
13	I would like to see a fenced off-leash area for dogs. Mr. Hilfiker gave permission to neighbors allowing dogs off leash. It is very important to my family. However man pet owners do not have verbal control of their dogs and do not clean up their poop. A fenced area for pets could then allow safe use of the park for toddlers, children and adults
14	Add the connection (walking) to Hilfiker Lane
15	Add access to the west
16	With parking being a noted problem, why is there no discussion of a bike rack. If we want people to use the park, we should encourage them to ride or walk to the park.
17	Gravel trails don't seem like they would work well with the high water table on the east side.

<b>15. What do you like and/or dislike most about Design Alternative B?</b>
<b>Response Count</b> 57
<b>Answered question</b> 57
<b>Skipped question</b> 14

Number	Response Text
1	The play area.
2	I like this plan except...for the paved path... let's go natural in the lovely natural setting. Kids ride their bikes on the Soft Surface Path now... Why do you need to place something like concrete ... that's not really necessary and hard...if you fall on it? ouch
3	I enjoy the minimalist design, while still incorporating areas of enjoyment for others. I dislike the lack of options.
4	I'd like to see a bigger park and paved trail to "trader joes" Street lights please!
5	It's nice to have pavement for the rainy months and for wheelchair access.
6	More development for a play area will drive more use than the area currently receives.
7	it's ok,,,,,but maybe we need a little more play structures or something more interesting.
8	I like the native forest enhancement. that area needs the tree thinning
9	"Like: Pollinator area, Nature play area, forest enhancement Dislike:No connection to Hilfiker, no multiuse court"
10	I envision a natural play area as dirty bark dust. The existing layout serves the same purpose. I don't think the paved path is needed unless it is a through walkway to the above businesses. The current path is usually no problem.
11	Like pollinator habitat, picnic tables, benches, trash cans
12	Pollinator Habitat
13	I like the idea of a nature play area, but I don't have a clear vision of what that means.
14	I like that there would be a variety of more natural areas, where children could learn about native plants, insects, birds, butterflies, and so on.
15	I like the idea of the Nature Play Area.
16	Again, money. We have so many city parks that are in dire need of repairs. Start with them and get our city parks in shape first before starting new projects.
17	I'm not sure what 'pollinator habitat' implies. If it is for bees (which I'm fond of) it may not be good to place a play ground in that area-for both the bees and for children. Interpretive Area? I can't imagine what there is to say about the area? I suspect most visitors will be very local and the sign will be read once and then ignored.
18	Not enough community recreation facility
19	I like the idea of play equipment that blends into the surroundings. We don't have parks like that nearby, so it would be a unique feature. You could probably add in another table or two.
20	I like that maybe more native plants will be in this area. The drainage for the park to Sunland should be contained due to paving that part of the path. This provides a nature play area, but what does that really mean? If it is structures made of steel and plastic, forget it. That is not natural. It supports tree thinning which is needed.
21	This is y number two choice, but is still lacking in other facilities.

Number	Response Text
22	It's limited access, no plans for ADA specifics. Needs to be neighborhood friendly.
23	I like the idea of the pollinator meadow area very much. There are young families in the neighborhood so a nature play area would be nice for them while keeping the feeling of a more natural landscape in the park itself.
24	No walking path
25	Like: play area for kids, although didn't like any of the native play structures you showed at the meeting. improving forested area with thinning and understory plants. . pollinator habitat. paved path. Dislike: no access from the west. location of play area. Move it to open field at South end of park, so that kids aren't tempted to run through pollinator field. Parents could watch kids better from that location too. there should be something for older kids, like a small area with basketball hoop, at 2 different heights for various ages. Add a couple disc golf baskets for low impact exercise in south portion.. There should be a path around the pollinator habitat. Otherwise, people may trample through it. Don't add any more big trees.
26	I like the nature playground and the paved path. Additional benches and seating would be a nice improvement. Least like the fact that it does not include lights or an easement onto Hilfiker dr. It would be nice to have connection to Hilfiker.
27	I like the pollinators habitat and nature play area.
28	I think tree thinning is important to maintain the area and not make it look "spooky". I think paved paths take away from the natural look, would prefer soft surface paths.
29	I like features 4, 5 and 6 and think they could be incorporated into Alternative A. Especially think native forest enhancement should definitely be component of ALL alternatives. Nature play area would expand use and fit with character...but otherwise prefer less development.
30	I like the natural play area and the interpretative areas. I feel that Alternative B is in keeping with the character of the park, but adds some nice amenities that will make the park enjoyable for different generations.
31	I like that all the changes are nature-related.
32	I like that it has a designated area for gatherings, education of trees in park and a level walking area along with a natural walking path. I'd like to see some low lighting added just on the walking path so that you could stil walkyour dog at night and have path lit up. I would not like standard tall lights for it would be too much and encourage unwanted foot traffic.
33	Like the playground area.
34	Most like: Native forest enhancement, pollinator habitat/meadow and oak woodland interpretive area. Most dislike: connector to Hilfiker Lane, fenced area for dogs to be off leash, circular/meandering walking path.
35	I like the nature play area and the forest management. I like the emphasis on keeping this simple.
36	Natural focus, Natural playground, proposed/possible West site access location on the south side of the property.
37	Native plants, Forrest enhancement, pollinator habitat, oak woodland stuff
38	Like that it's paved. I like the play area I like the additional trash cans pet receptacles. I would like to see more trees.
39	Slides at the meeting of nature playgrounds show those to be pleasant if a playground has to go in. Why not just let children learn to play w/o STUFF? Does the city have on staff one or more experienced arborists to decide which trees and undergrowth should go,

Number	Response Text
	and what new native plantings might be put in. Also, very important, drawing attention to the oak may be good, but then people will go near it, compacting the earth, vandals will feel obligated to initial it. Please don't put an educational sign very near to it if one goes up.
40	do not like all the play area etc
41	I like the nature play area. I also like the accessible picnic tables.
42	I like the second station for a pet waste area as I think it's very practical and makes sense if you're walking the dog in a loop. The natural play area is in a good location if there is going to be one
43	Doesn't look attractive
44	Like the paths, tree thinning, basic tree identification for significant oak tree and natural play area. Need easement.
45	What is a "nature play area?" Mutt mitts is a good idea; currently dog feces is a problem in this park.
46	Dislike idea of "interpretive center." Usually becomes a magnet for vandalism. Like Native Forest enhancement.
47	I think the park needs a play ground for kids so I like that feature. I dislike that there is no access to the west
48	I like that it supports pollinators and a natural Forrest area.
49	Hoping that the path through the woods will be gravel to provide access for wheelchair-bound to experience the forest habitat.
50	Focus on enhancing native plants area and providing education about the same.
51	.
52	I like the woodsy trail areas. Not sure what nature play area is?
53	There does not need to have native forest enhancements as the area in its nature setting is fine the way it is. I am opposed to any street extension as it will erode the nature setting of the area.
54	Dislike that there is no play equipment for kids. Like the forest area.
55	I like how this design makes the most of the natural habitat. I'm not sure what a natural play area looks like though so I'm not sure if it will really fit the needs of my children or those in the community.
56	Like the paths. I don't think an interpretative area is necessary for a park this small. A wilderness play area might lose childrens' interest if not complex enough.
57	I like that this option has a playground, but small nature-base structures would not hold much interest over time for my children. The interpretive area seems out of place in a neighborhood park, and would invite vandalism.



<b>16. Do you have any other comments regarding Design Alternative B?</b>		
<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
No / Not at this time	63.6%	35
Yes (please specify)	36.4%	20
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>55</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>Number</b>	<b>Response Text for "Yes (please specify)"</b>
1	Use the "Soft Surface Path" throughout the park
2	Please cut trees out so the bees can have some flowers.
3	Would like bathrooms
4	If I remember Alternative A correctly, this Alternative B has nearly as much walking path length, but it would encompass much more variety.
5	Too much concrete.
6	Access should be from Hilfiker. Trying to exit from Hillrose or Sunland onto Battlecreek is risky. Also, Access via Hilfiker may provide needed parking if allowed on Church property at West end of Hilfiker.
7	Best option!
8	Take the water problem at the entrance at Sunland and create some sort of natural water feature. This plan would support both the natural world for humans and wildlife. NO roads. We are suffering with too much traffic with the changes in the Fairview area. The Cambridge area cannot support yet another thoroughfare especially by our park.
9	Please make it ADA accessible.
10	Move the trail through the trees farther north, so the trails are farther apart.
11	If most people are asking for play equipment, I would then encourage this design would leaves open spaces.
12	Please add a dog park.
13	Being that the land has a history tied to a family who has been in the area since 1905. I would like some signage that maybe gives a brief history and acknowledgment of the Hilfiker family.
14	I would add the connection to Hilfiker Lane. The Nature Play area could be a combination of traditional playground and nature playground. I would like to see an additional soft path through the trees toward the north. I would like a bench or 2 added.
15	Would like to see the completion of the ivy herbicide spraying
16	I don't care for the paved path.
17	Would benefit from a walking path connecting to Hilfiker Lane.
18	Add access to the west
19	I would like more information on what the play area could be.
20	Security lighting should be considered.

17. What do you like and/or dislike most about Design Alternative C?	
Response Count	60
Answered question	60
Skipped question	11

Number	Response Text
1	The path connection and lighting.
2	I don't like much about this plan...#3-#6...are so not needed. Security lighting...maybe Solar foot path lights, but a #3 big Security lights, in three areas would ridiculous. No one uses that park at night. The bright lights would ruin the "Dark of night" atmosphere, I thought Salem was trying to preserve. NO.NO.NO on the security lights. Keep it simple...and they will come... and use the park. Yes a bench or two...I've never seen anyone use the picnic table...bike racks...why... Water fountain... from the natural springs in the park? Maybe for the dogs... a natural "lap spot" for dogs...from the springs...
3	I like the design. I feel it incorporates each age group.
4	I like to have the activities that make it more of a neighborhood destination for others. Also, it would cost the taxpayers more. Again, it is not my priority, but I want others to be happy, too.
5	This is a truly pointless design and doesn't align with the current use. It would add noise and traffic to the area.
6	Love it! I think this is the best option. play area, social area, lots of nature, a path to go to Trader Joe's.
7	the design is too elaborate. keep it simple
8	Like: connection to Hilfiker, multiuse court, playground Dislike: no forest enhancement
9	Most expensive and least conservative of the existing layout, which works well now.
10	lighting, picnic tables, benches, fountain, trash cans
11	Don't like the multi-use court; would like to see this area stay more natural with little traffic and more neighborhood walking area. Quiet and peaceful.
12	A playground and multiuse court has the greatest potential to draw people to the park.
13	Too much development. I vastly prefer the natural aspects of Alternative B. This (C) would require more maintenance work and money, too, I believe.
14	I like the court
15	Concerned about upkeep and cost. Also increase in traffic.
16	This design looks like a park to me. It's got a gathering area for socializing, a sports court of sorts and a playground. There's still "green space" in this park design for all to enjoy.
17	Again, a waste of money when so many other parks are falling apart. How do you explain this to the public?
18	I cannot imagine that the multipurpose court will be maintained. This is 'moss city'. Between tree debris and moss (and possible doggy do), it will become a concrete mess. Social Area (#4)? Is this actually part of the playground?
19	Seems kind of boring/run of the mill, and the bigger park features may take away from the natural beauty and simplicity.

Number	Response Text
20	Great expansion to have a real community park.
21	This design does not support sustainability nor the focus of our natural world. I do not support play structures, large cement areas, extra lighting, etc. Keep the area natural. It is costly to develop a park like this and to maintain it. You must use common sense. Look at Morningside Park. How sad that place has become with paths that are in dire need of repair and equipment that no person wants to use. The multi-use court is shameful. If this is what the Hilfiker Park will turn out to be in a few years, I believe Hollis Hilfiker would be very disappointed to know that this is how is generous gift ended up.
22	I said this previously, but this plan seems like it includes all age groups.
23	I like it there is an option for the neighborhood to have some sort of activity in the plans, possibly "Music in the park, types of plans.
24	Do not care for the multi use court area, I believe it would spoil the feeling of peace in the park and its natural beauty. Do not like the thought of lighting in the park either or bike racks. I consider this to be a peaceful walking park, or a place to sit and enjoy the quiet of nature within the city.
25	Like Playground
26	It seems to offer more options and features
27	Like: concrete area with benches. playground. Access from the west. paved path. has several benches and tables. Dislike: lighting - not necessary. people won't be using the park when dark out. Also, night lighting could be disruptive to birds and wildlife. Multi-use court is too big for the size of park. Also, unless it is fully fenced, people don't like to use them - they get sick of chasing balls. location of playground - move to south side of paved trail. Don't plant any more tall trees. don't need drinking fountain, bike rack, or extra trash or pet waste stations.
28	I really like all the elements of this plan. Playground is a must. I like the idea of a sports court but I feel like the current location on the plan is in one of the more secluded areas and since older kids will be using it and may need some visibility so it will not encourage loitering or suspicious behavior. Love the fact it includes access to Hilfiker. Like the lights and gathering place. Would like to maintain natural feel in this park so design of playground and furnishing will be important.
29	I don't care for the multi-use court and social plaza.
30	I would not like to see a sports court in this smaller park, especially since they will be included in the new park being planned near Fairview. I feel tall lighting will encourage nighttime activity in the park.
31	More development than I would like. Light should be low path lights only. I think a playground and court is more than is needed.
32	It's fine, but not my favorite. Pretty standard and I feel like we can get those amenities at other nearby parks.
33	A multi-use court is not needed. The nearby basketball and tennis courts at Ewald and Pringle are almost always empty.
34	I dislike like the idea of any kind of sports court, does not fit into this neighborhood. This neighborhood still has the feel of being in the country even though we're in city limits and I think that needs to be preserved for now.
35	Like the playground, sports court, plaza, and security lighting. Also really like the connection to hilfiker In
36	Most like: connector to Hilfiker Lane, Security Lighting. Most dislike: multiuse court, prefer to have native forest enhancement and pollinator habitat/meadow, would really like to add fenced area for off-leash dogs, and add a circular/meandering walking/jogging path.

Number	Response Text
37	I dislike the multi-use court. I dislike a BRIGHTLY colored playground. I don't think lights are necessary.
38	Design is not right for the space and natura area. Park should provide elements that are not currently in other parks nearby like a Natural playground.
39	Dislike the court and lighting
40	It's too busy and takes away from being out in nature even though there are more trees.
41	I most dislike the courts, that would totally change the feeling of the park. Were this plan to be implemented, I'd quit bothering to walk this way at all. Too much of everything.
42	hate it don't want playground, plaza, multi-use court
43	Too busy for this park location.
44	i don't care for the court or plaza. I think they are too much for the natural feeling that I would like the park to have. The lights I would not necessarily mind, but I wouldn't want them to look so urban- if perhaps they could be made to look very natural or classic or country, I might consider it.
45	Don't like social,plaza idea
46	Too developed for such a small enclosed park area.
47	Sport court requires quite a bit of \$\$\$ and \$\$\$ for maintenance, not in favor of this. Playground is too far from access point.
48	Dislike so much development. Leave it open and natural. Like the walking path connecting to Hilfiker Lane.
49	I like access to the west. I think this could work fine and have no issues with it.
50	I don't think the added expense is needed and I prefer supporting a more natural space.
51	Change the hard surface court to a half court to encourage smaller groups.
52	Does not focus on native plants and environmental education. There are enough human social activity areas in other Salem's parks. Security lighting is not needed here.
53	I dislike the multi-use court. There are enough of those not being used in other parks, it seems a waste of nature to build another one.
54	I like everything about this design except the absence of a restroom.
55	most useful to te neighborhood
56	Like most parks in Salem, there is little attention paid to the long term care of the park. Morningside is a great example, basketball courts are rarely used given there poor condition along with the tennis court. Too much development is this alternative.
57	Like playground and court if it is kept up. Not sure we need a social plaza.
58	I love this plan! I think it has the best of everything: the beautiful natural land, the playground for kids, and clean safe spaces for community members to socialize and play with each other. I think this option fits the needs of the most people and would really add a lot to our beautiful neighborhood. This could be so beautiful! It's a place I would happily take my kids on a daily basis!
59	I like the playground and social area. The court seems a bit excessive, since it seems most people just want a place to walk their dog and to let their kids play.
60	I like the standard playground and plaza. I'm not personally interested in the multi use court, but I'm not opposed to it.

<b>18. Do you have any other comments regarding Design Alternative C?</b>		
<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
No / Not at this time	67.3%	37
Yes (please specify)	32.7%	18
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>55</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>Number</b>	<b>Response Text for "Yes (please specify)"</b>
1	This is a good idea.
2	I like the security lighting idea. That feature should be included all three park design alternatives.
3	Too much going on in this small area. Would like to see this area stay more natural with little traffic and more of neighborhood walking area. Quiet and peaceful and natural!
4	We do not need another place of concrete. Leave it natural.
5	Access should be from Hilfiker. Trying to exit from Hillrose or Sunland onto Battlecreek is risky. Also, Access via Hilfiker may provide needed parking if allowed on Church property at West end of Hilfiker.
6	In Hollis's behalf, please make sure that his family has input on how the land should be used. I spent many hours with Hollis as he trimmed his trees for the season. He loved nature. Take the time to follow his wishes as well as ours, the people that live close to this area. Again, NO more roads. No more cement.
7	Please make sure there are ADA specifics, including playground equipment!!!
8	Alternative C might be a good choice for certain areas and park areas with a flatter topography and with fewer trees, I do not consider it a good option for this property or neighborhood.
9	Not sure we need a drinking fountain. There is a fountain in Morningside park with a pet bowl and I don't see it being used much.
10	The only purpose I see for lights are if this area is used as a pedestrian cut through between the neighborhoods. So unless the connection to Hilfiker is obtained, lights are really unnecessary. Although, I do think that even with that connection, lights are an overkill, and I'd rather spend that money on a waterfountain instead. Lights would promote nighttime use, and as it stands this park is not used in the night. I'd like to discourage night use.
11	This seems to be the best overall alternative. Still retains the natural aspects of the park, but offers a play area and a spot for the neighborhood kids to play basketball and tennis. I could live with this easily even though I live right next to the park.
12	Remember the old "if it ain't broke, don't fix it"? I love the space as it is and hope any changes can be minimal.
13	hate it
14	I think it's important to consider the neighbors in regards to whether or not there is lighting and more social areas. It. Hold bother them.
15	Strongly disagree with this option.

Number	Response Text for “Yes (please specify)”
16	Thin the forested area and allow for native plantings and educational, interpretive signs.
17	Would it be possible to add a small water feature for summer days? :)
18	This seems the most like a city park. That's what the neighborhood lacks. The Reed park concepts provide a better option for natural areas.

19. Do you have any other comments or ideas at this time?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
No / Not at this time	52.5%	32
Yes (please specify)	47.5%	29
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>61</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>10</b>

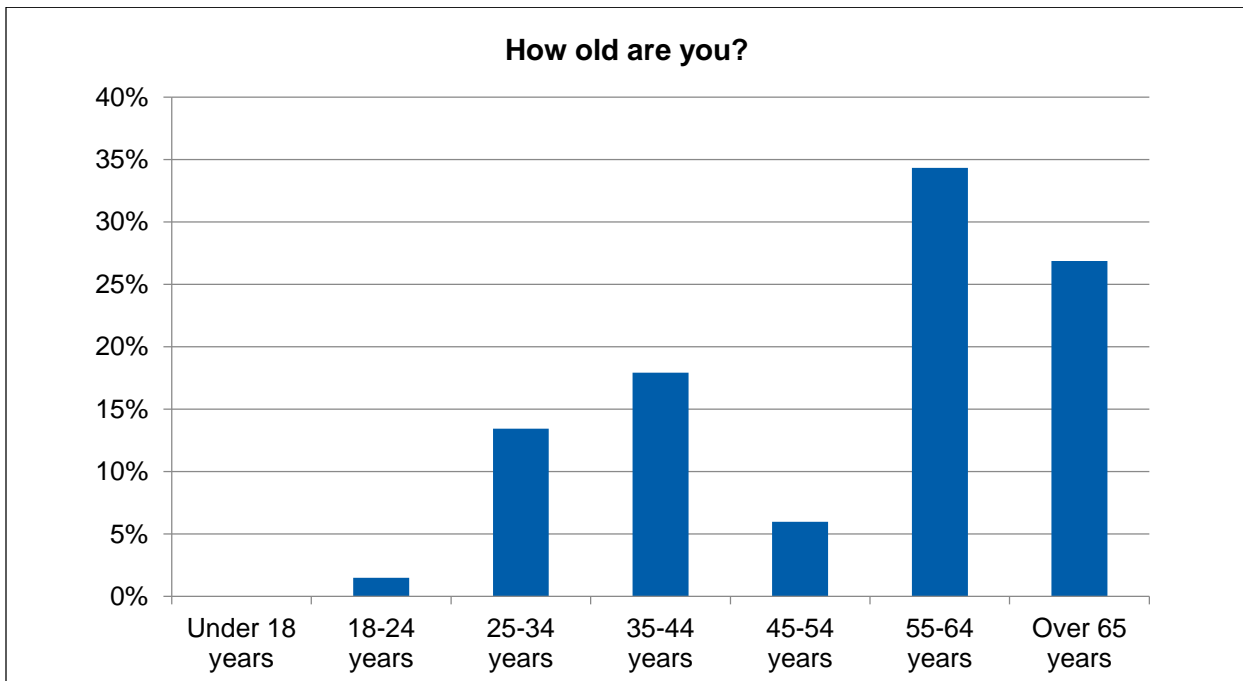
Number	Response Text for “Yes (please specify)”
1	Like I mentioned... Soft/Solar Footpath lights may be OK... but I still think unnecessary. If you are going to install lighting... Let's use Solar...the Sun... when there is no sun... the park is darkened at night...like it is...now... When the days are longer and the sun shines...more folks will walk outdoors ... possibly... solar lights would be perfect...
2	I live over on Lansford/Kampstra so it is a huge priority for me to have access to the park across the Christmas tree land. Is there any way that a permanent access could be granted? Is there any way the City could purchase more of this land for future development? At this point, the 'park' is quite tiny.
3	The survey results so far have clearly told the city that minimal development, or none, is preferred by the surrounding residences. However, I note the city has decided no development is not an option. If the city must go forward with this, keep the development to a minimum.
4	What about a marked/designated parking area or spaces either on Sunland Dr, Hillrose St and/or Hilfiker Lane?
5	Please keep this area as natural and quiet as possible.
6	Please make sure sidewalk or walkways to the park are included from near by neighborhoods. Nottingham woods for example
7	I live in the Cambridge area, which is within walking distance of this proposed park site. We frequent it on walks often, even now. We look forward to the end result, whatever that may be.
8	I did notice another road. What the heck? Do we not have enough trouble with Fairview traffic and now you want to add a road next to a park. Really?
9	My biggest concerns are: access and parking (by car), malicious behavior, increasing rodent activity via lack of cleanup of food items, littering.
10	Police patrolling does need to be added to this plan. There have been homeless people living off and on in the park area for last 5 years.
11	Please light the park well, for safety. Especially since there are so many large trees.

Number	Response Text for “Yes (please specify)”
12	It is very difficult to attend meetings after a long day. We need to give input and to be heard. Please keep the communication lines open about the development of the park on our Cambridge, Nextdoor. Is this survey available as a hard copy?
13	If there is any way to involve it being inclusive of all people, specifically ADA specifications, especially any playground equipment.
14	I appreciate the City's willingness and efforts to consult with the neighborhood and the neighbors who use this park and their coming up with options based on initial feedback. I use this park regularly, walking through it several times a week and sometimes sitting at the picnic table midwalk to rest and enjoy the quiet and natural beauty of the place.
15	Would like it to be kept as “natural” as possible and would love walking paths!
16	Please include native plantings in the design, especially shrubs that provide nectar, fruit for birds, etc. I think the children's play area should be in an open area, so that parents can keep better track of them. Many of the people at the meetings seem to be retired, so a playground didn't get many comments. I hope the needs of kids don't get left out because of that. If we want them to get outside, enjoy the outdoors and nature, lets create a park that is inviting to them.
17	Just make sure it doesn't get half done. There are several sad neighborhood parks that either don't have enough things to do on the playground or just look neglected. If we are doing this park let's do it so that it can be enjoyed instead of ignored.
18	I would encourage keeping this site as natural as possible. If playground equipment is installed is it possible to put it on the green turf, keeping it closer to the Sunland entrance?
19	I'd would like to reemphasize the desire for a connection to Hilfiker. Also, I really like the idea of the forest management plan for any design selected. My kids would like a play area, and the older people would like a bench or two.
20	I understand the need for providing access from the West is a big concern and there is a strong desire for this to happen. But feel the neighborhood needs to wait until Development happens that provides this naturally. Property owners should not be forced to provide easements to make this access possible. It might make it more convenient for the park users, but I doubt those users would like it if they had to give up some of their own property to make the park easement possible. Yes, the park should be an asset to the neighborhood and accessible. However, one park cannot do it all, at least right away. Things have to happen gradually. I think the interest in an easement should be noted, but not included in the master plan. Should an opportunity be presented, then it should be considered and completed if all impacted property owners agree.
21	I live on 12th St SE so it's really important to me to be able to access the park from Hilficker.
22	City, go away and leave Hilfiker Park as it is!
23	I am still concerned about the tree lot owner next to the planned park. How will the City of Salem ensure this is a safe area for the public when the owners of the tree lot next door allow archery practice on their property next to the proposed park?
24	My thought is if there will be connections to other entrances, to plan for that now rather than later.
25	I think additional woodchip paths could be good.
26	I've lived in this neighborhood for almost 40 years and it is about time we had a good park. My kids are grown but my grand-kids come visit and it would be nice to have somewhere to take them for outdoor fun and exercise.



Number	Response Text for “Yes (please specify)”
27	I don't mean to sound corny, but “think of the children!” :) I want a place where my kids can run around, explore nature and play on developmentally appropriate and safe play equipment. Thank you so much for your time.
28	Like the idea of keeping some of the park wild...maybe have some native plants, shrubs, and flowers along trails, similar to that of Deepwood.
29	Please do not let the master plan die.

20. How old are you?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18 years	0.0%	0
18-24 years	1.5%	1
25-34 years	13.4%	9
35-44 years	17.9%	12
45-54 years	6.0%	4
55-64 years	34.3%	23
Over 65 years	26.9%	18
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>67</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>



21. What is your zip code?		
Answers	Response Percent	Response Count
97301	1.5%	1
97302	95.5%	64
97306	1.5%	1
97317	1.5%	1
<b>Answered question</b>		<b>67</b>
<b>Skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

