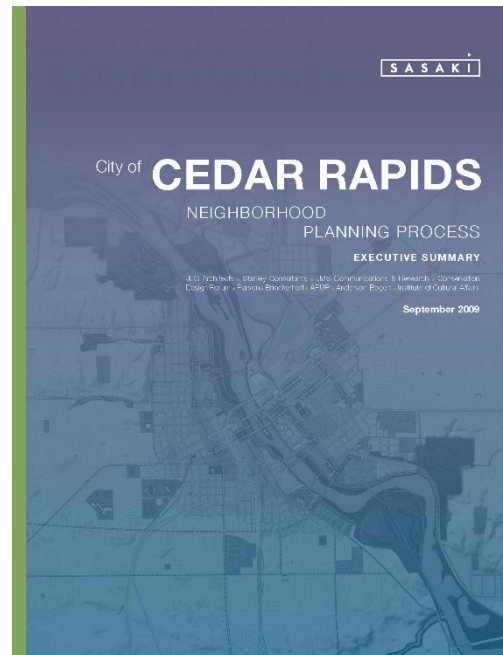
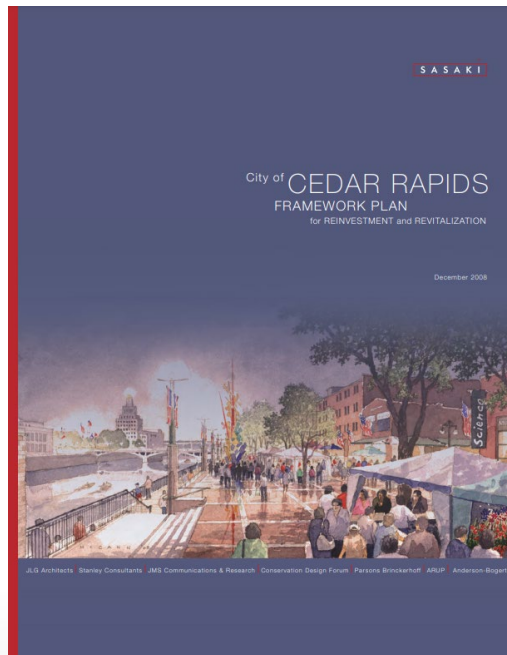




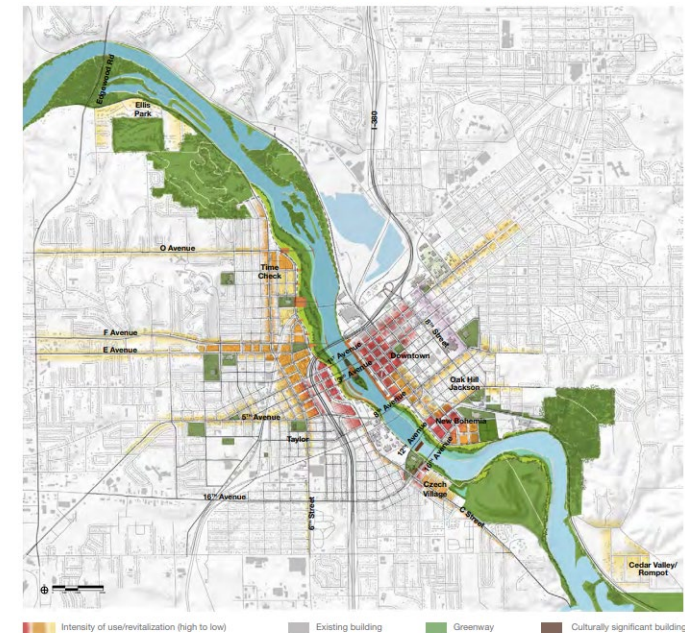
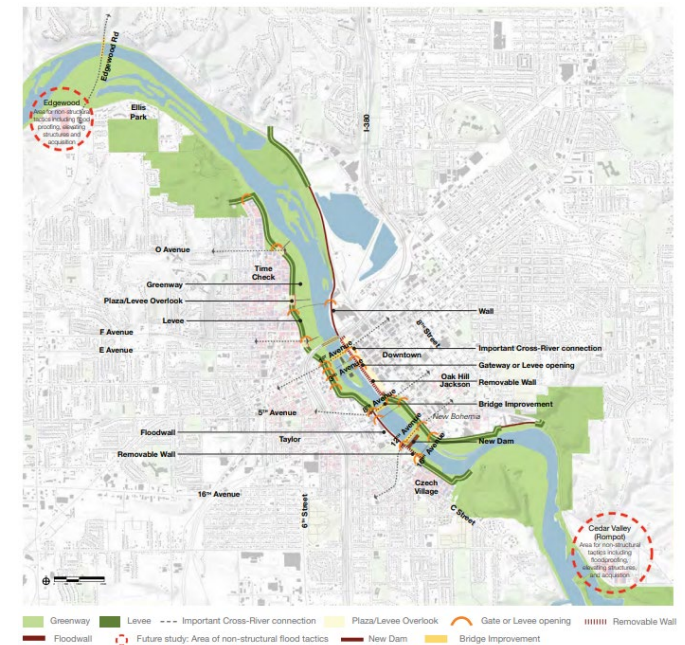
Development Committee Greenway Parks Plan Update

Background

- Recreation area created on the West side by the Flood Control System



River Corridor Redevelopment Plan (2008-2009)



Background

- Cedar Rapids Greenway Parks Plan (2014)
 - Over 300 participants from the general public
 - Outreach with a variety of user groups
- Over 100 acres of park/recreation area



Why - Greenway Plan Update

- Updated West side Flood Control System alignment
- Established feasibility of whitewater park
- 1st and 1st West Project



Purpose - Greenway Plan Update

- Engagement with the community to build momentum
- Collaboration to enhance amenities through other City projects
- Positions City to be competitive for federal funding



Greenway Plan Update

- Joint project led by Parks and Recreation and Community Development
- City awarded contract to Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. (MVVA)
 - With subcontractors:
 - Anderson Bogert (local civil engineering)
 - Seelman Landscape Architecture (local landscape architect)
 - Limnotech (environmental and water resources engineering)
 - Landwise (economic advisor)



Community Engagement

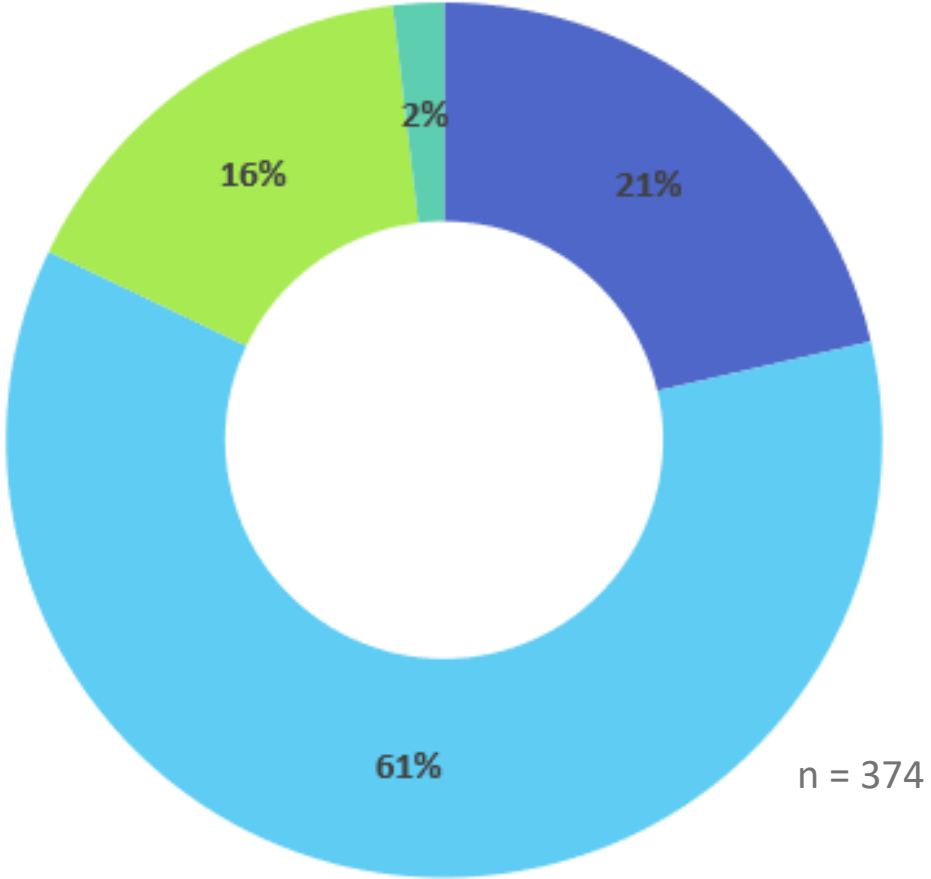
Draft Concepts

- Steering Committee
- Neighborhood Associations
- Open House
 - Held Thursday, February 22 at NewBo City Market
 - Approximately 65 attendees
- Online Survey
 - Interactive review of concepts and opportunity to provide feedback
 - 451 responses



Community Feedback

- **82% of respondents** say the Greenway Park concepts address/align with **many or all of the community's needs**



- Addresses all of the community's needs
- Aligns with many of the community's needs
- Meets some of the community's needs
- Does not reflect the community's needs

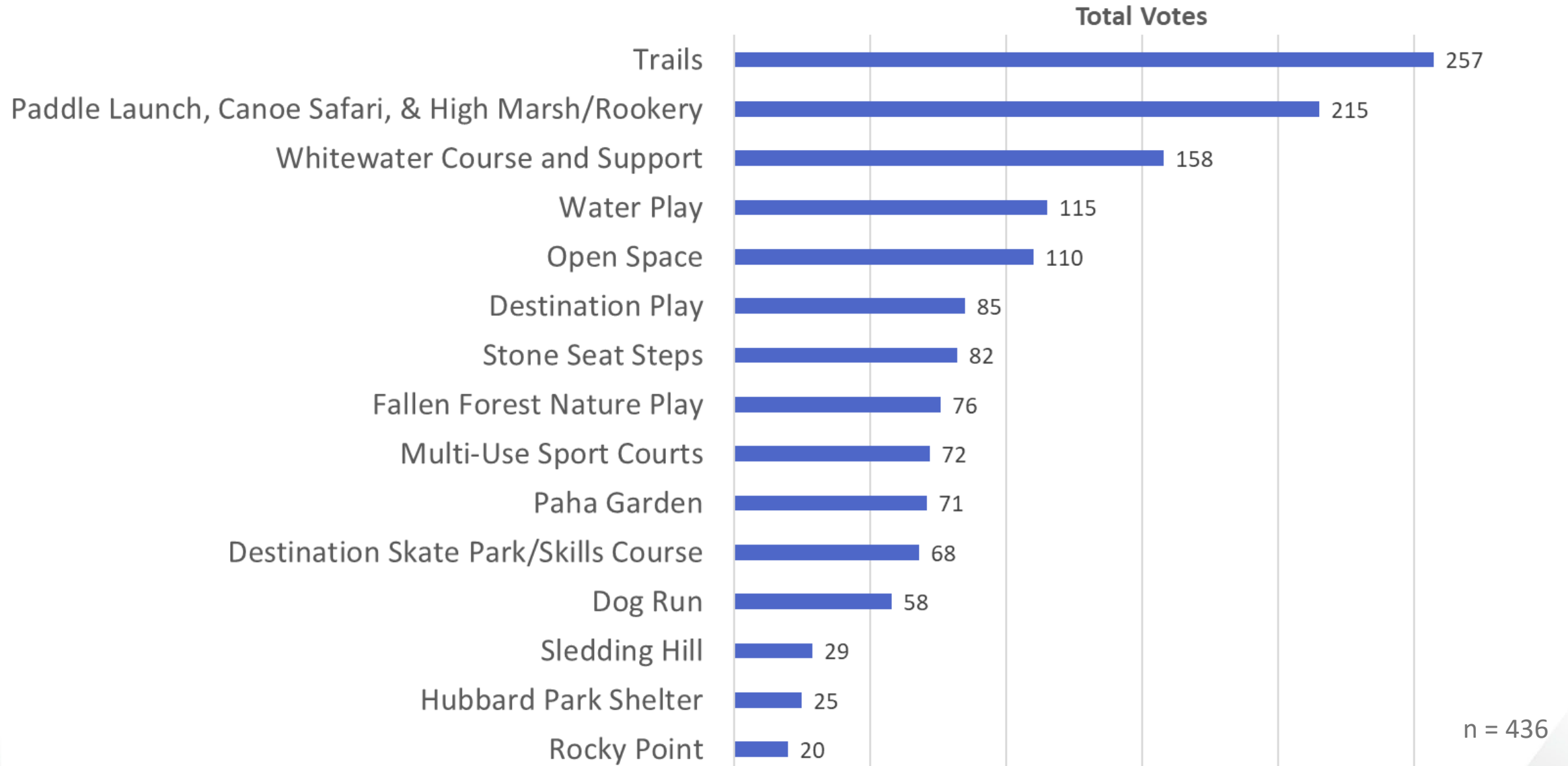


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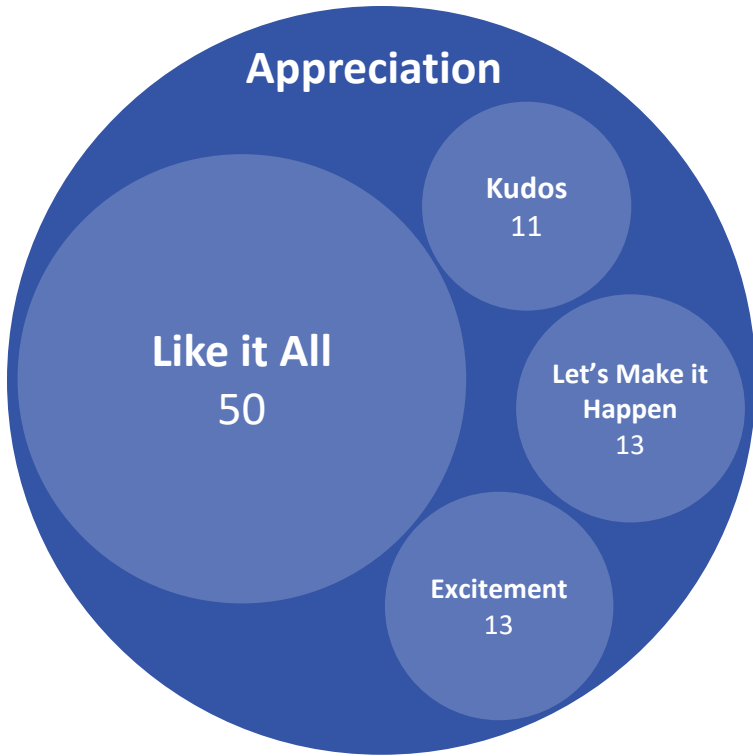
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 1. **Trails** (Valley Promenade, Riverfront Walk, etc.)
 2. **Canoe Safari, Paddle Launch, & High Marsh/Rookery**
 3. **Whitewater Course and Support**
 4. **Water Play**
 5. **Open Space** (Picnic Grove, Valley Lawn, Levee Overlook, etc.)



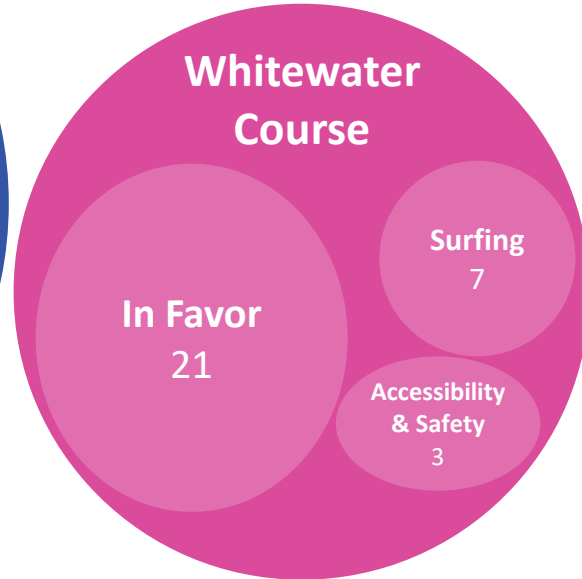
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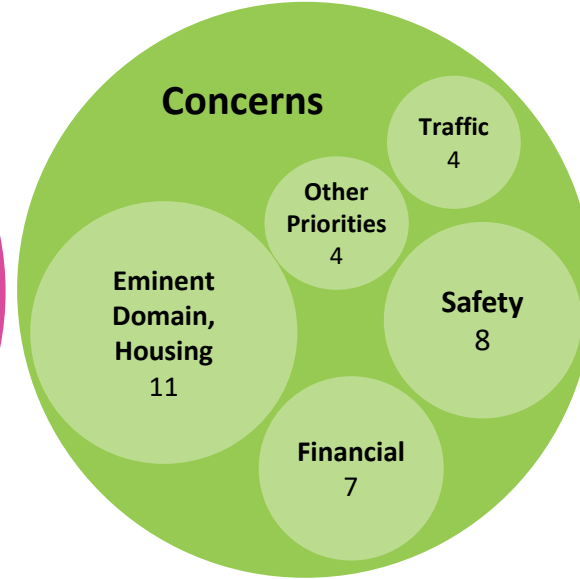
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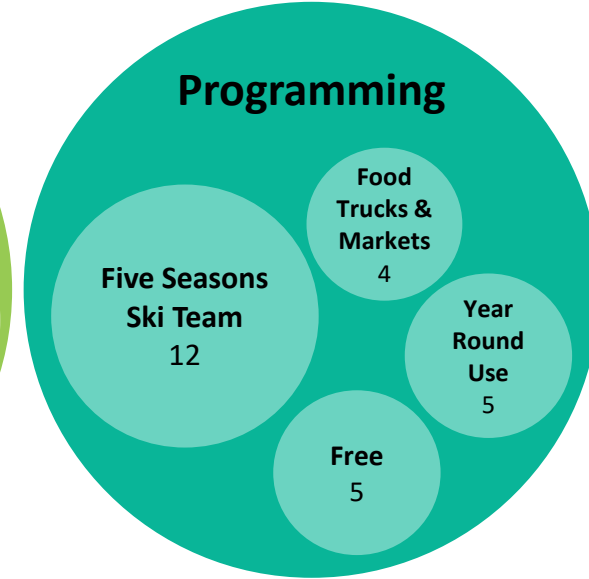
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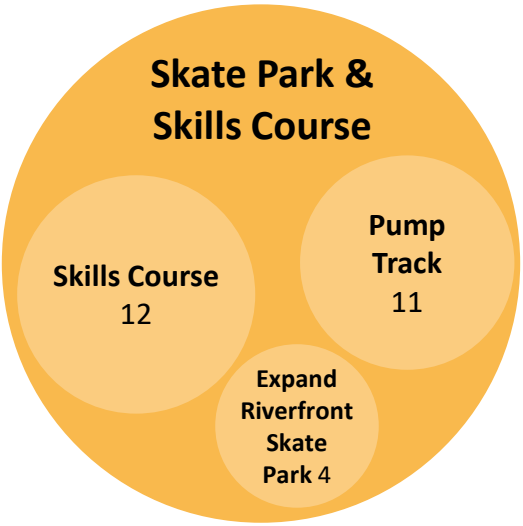


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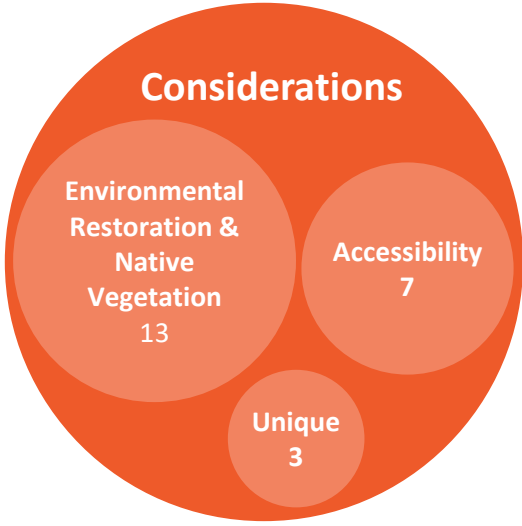
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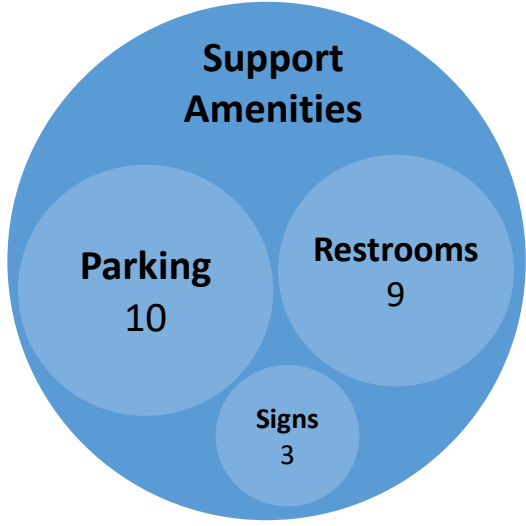
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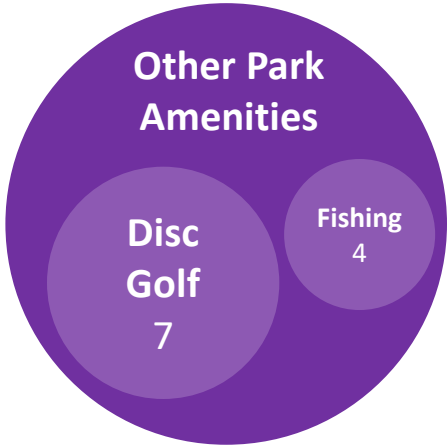
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Next Steps

- Final Greenway Parks Plan
 - Introduction and project background
 - Park concepts and renderings
 - Economic impact analysis
 - Funding opportunities
- City Council Plan Adoption

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