

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Council of Cities Meeting

May 28, 2021



BELMONT'S PARKS AT A GLANCE

- 16 developed parks
- 11 athletic fields
- 300+ acres of open space
- Recent improvements:



PURPOSE



Set the **framework** for decision makers in the planning, maintenance, development, and/or rehabilitation of Belmont's parks and open space system and related recreational programming for a **15 year horizon**.

MASTER PLAN GOALS & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

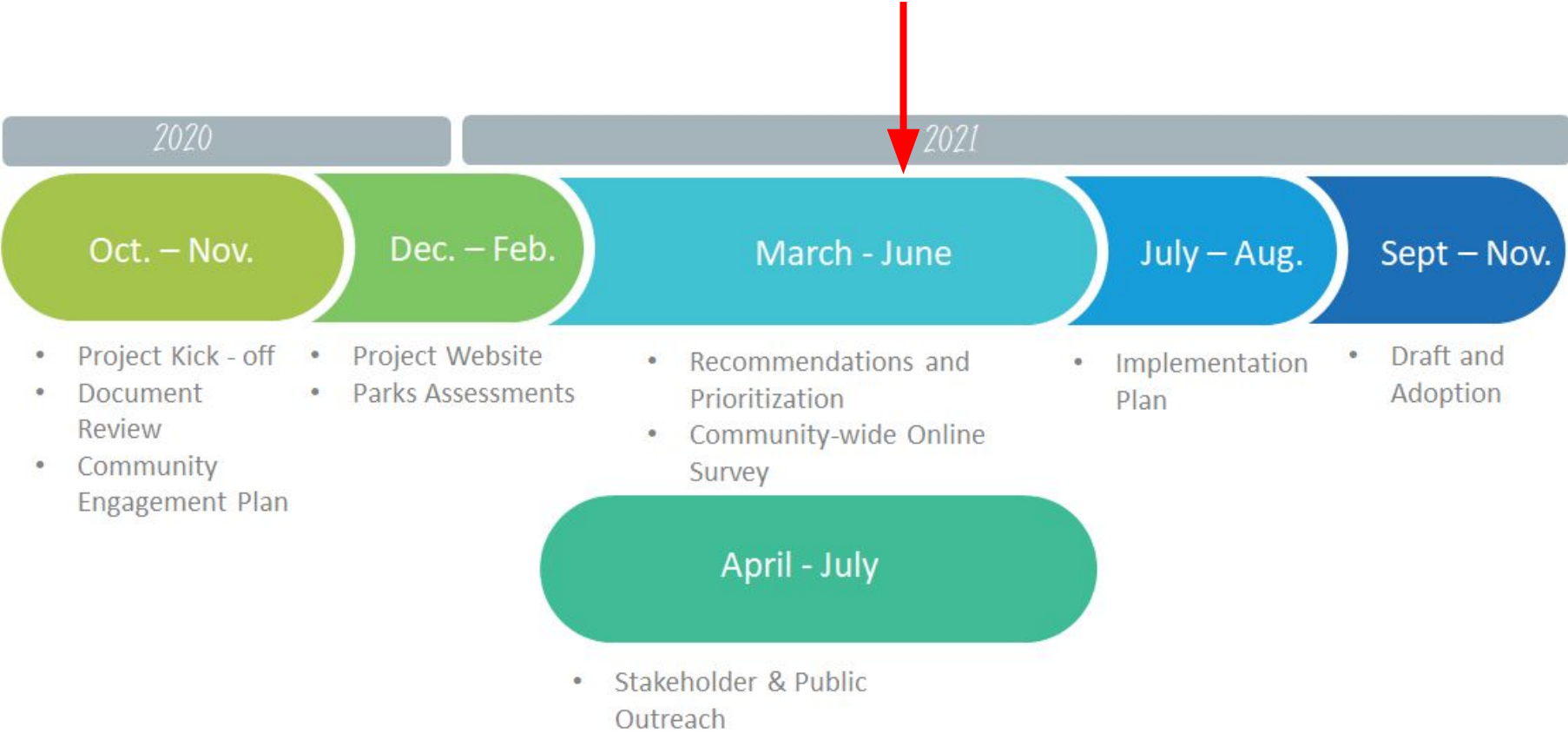
- Provide **equitable access** to resources and activities across the entire city
- Promote **inclusion** to people of all backgrounds, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic position or physical/cognitive ability
- Offer services and activities across a range of **interests, abilities, and ages**
- Reflect our commitment to **environmental resilience** and sustainability
- Respect the beauty and importance of our **natural resources**
- Advances **community health and well-being**
- Foster a sense of **community** and encourage **social interaction**
- Are **well maintained** and actively managed over time
- Can **adapt** to changing conditions and needs
- Utilize **transparent community process** to inform decisions

PROS TEAM ROLES

- **Consultant: Gates & Associates**
- **Staff: Belmont Parks & Recreation**
- **Advisory Committee:**
 - **Insights:** represent a diverse perspective of interests and ideas
 - **Outreach:** gather feedback and serve as community liaison to Master Plan team
 - **Advise:** review and provide input on the Master Plan process



TIMELINE



PROGRESS

Work to date:

Brand & Project Website

Site Assessments at all Parks, Fields, & Open Space

Identified Channels/ Community Enhancers

Established Advisory Committee

Held 2 Advisory Committee Meetings

Updated Parks & Recreation Commission Regularly

Completed of Round #1 Survey

Analyzed Survey Results

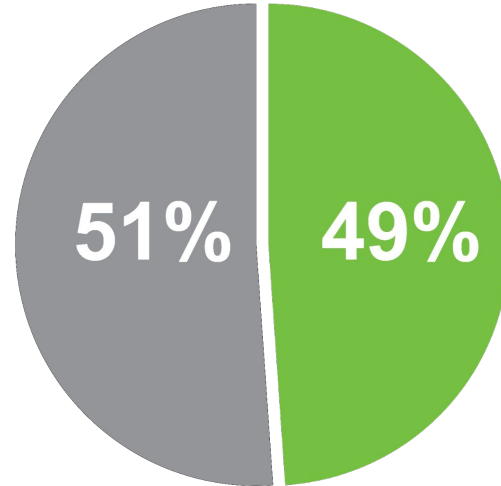
PROCESS: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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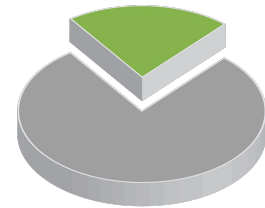


SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

2800+ Responses

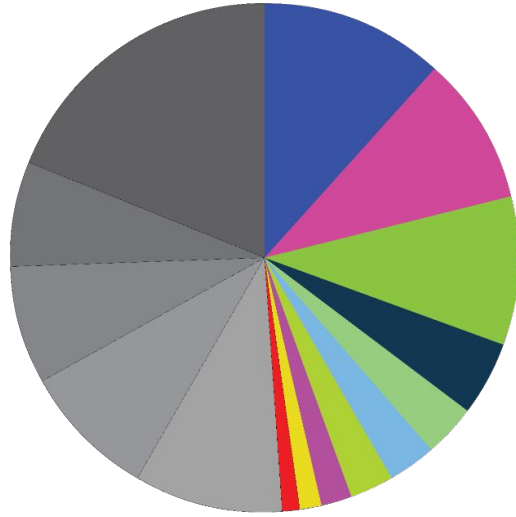


27% of Residents Use Facilities Outside of Belmont



Question #11

In which neighborhood do you live ?



- Belmont Heights
- Central Belmont
- Cipriani
- Western Hills
- Downtown
- McDougal Park
- Sterling Downs
- Plateau - Skymont
- Bayshore
- Homeview
- San Mateo
- Redwood City / Redwood Shores
- San Carlos
- Unincorporated San Mateo County
- Other

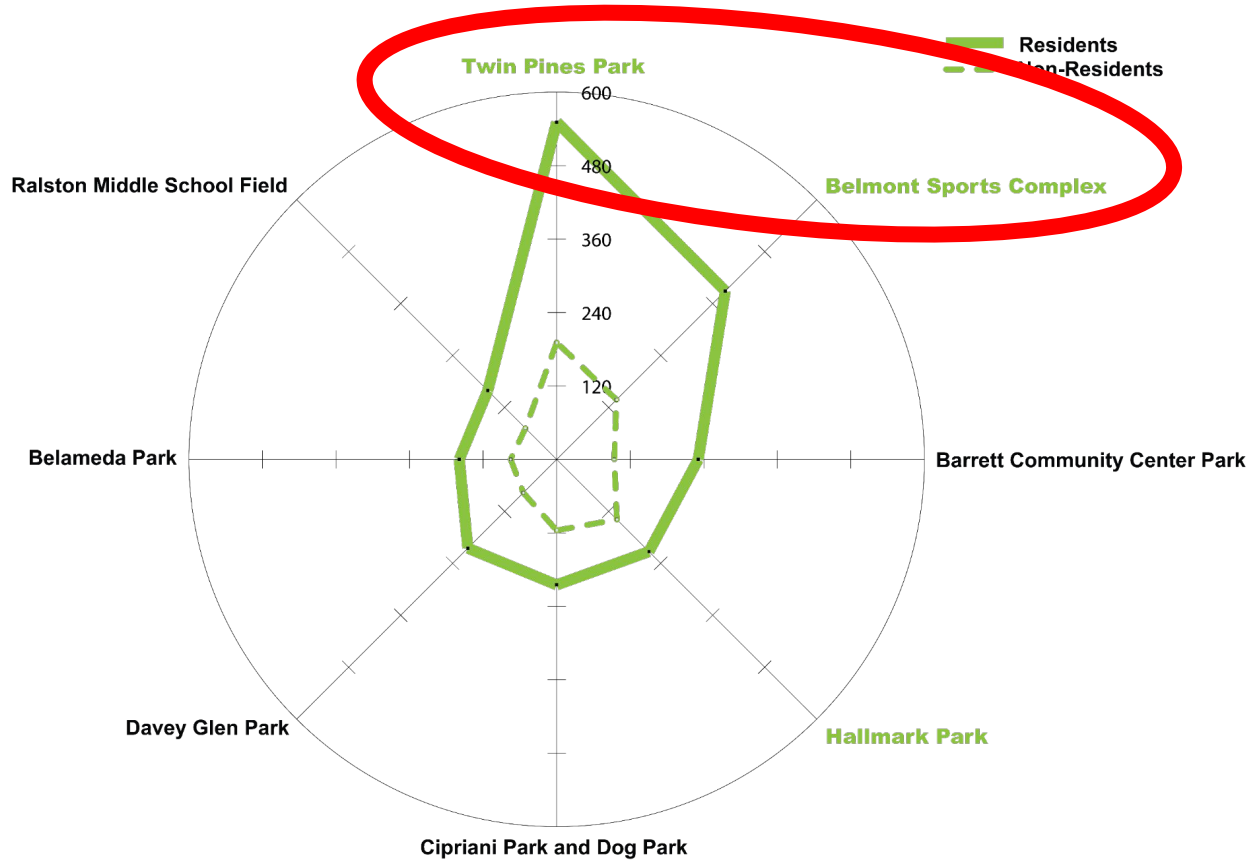
Question #3

Use of Parks, Athletic Facilities, and Open Space



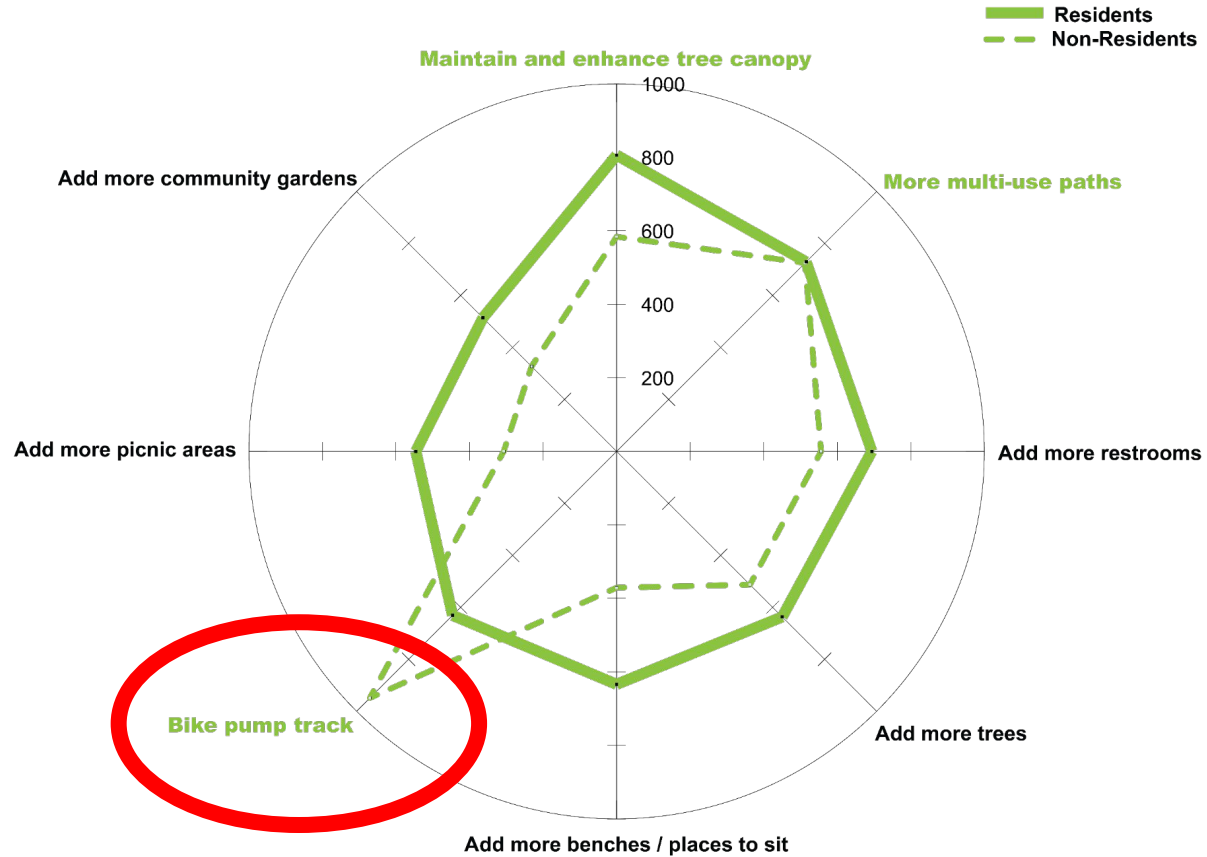
Question #5

Ratings of Parks, Athletic Facilities (Excellent/Very Good)



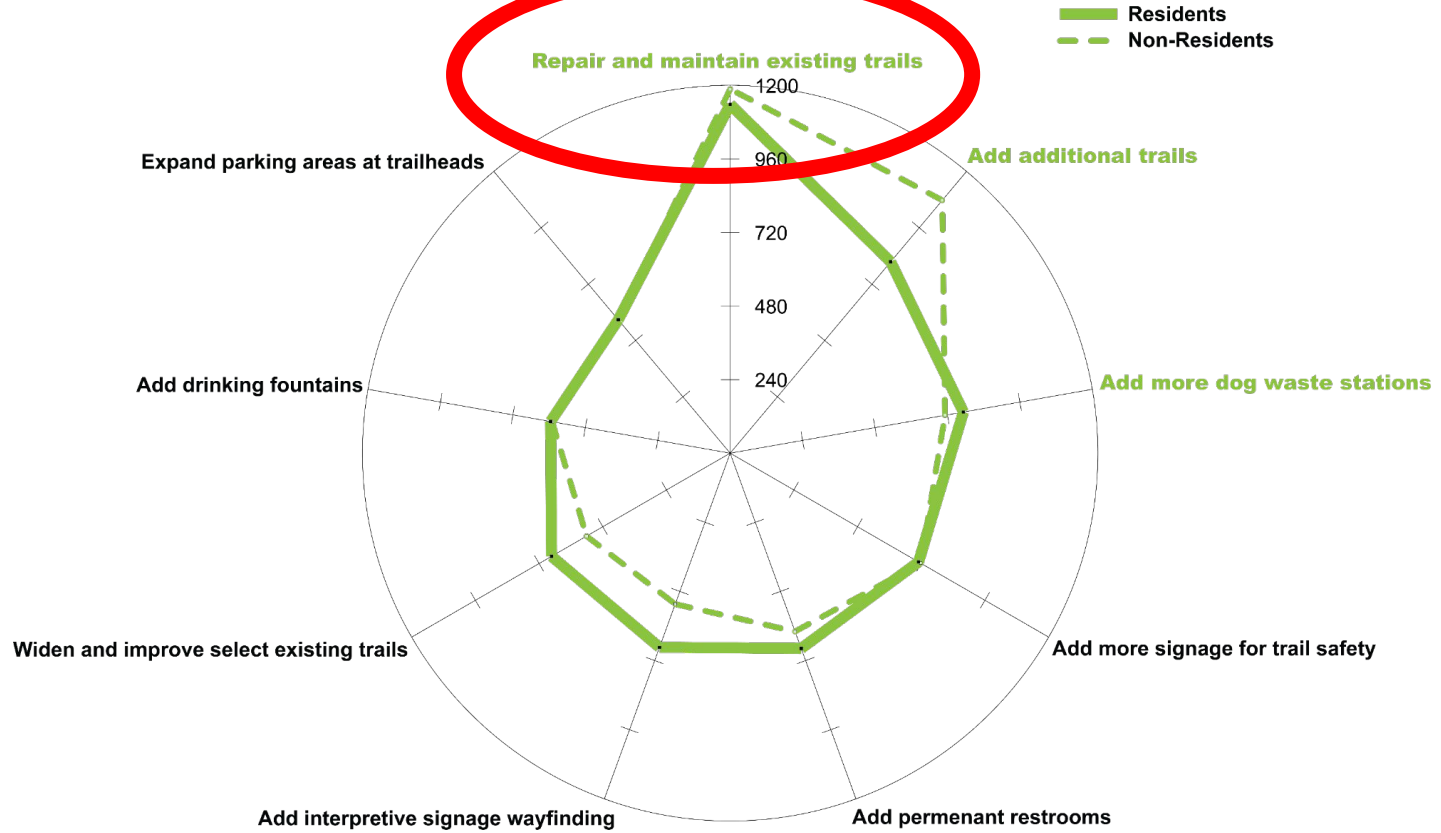
Question #7

Amenities that Would Enhance Experience within Parks (Strongly Agree / Agree)



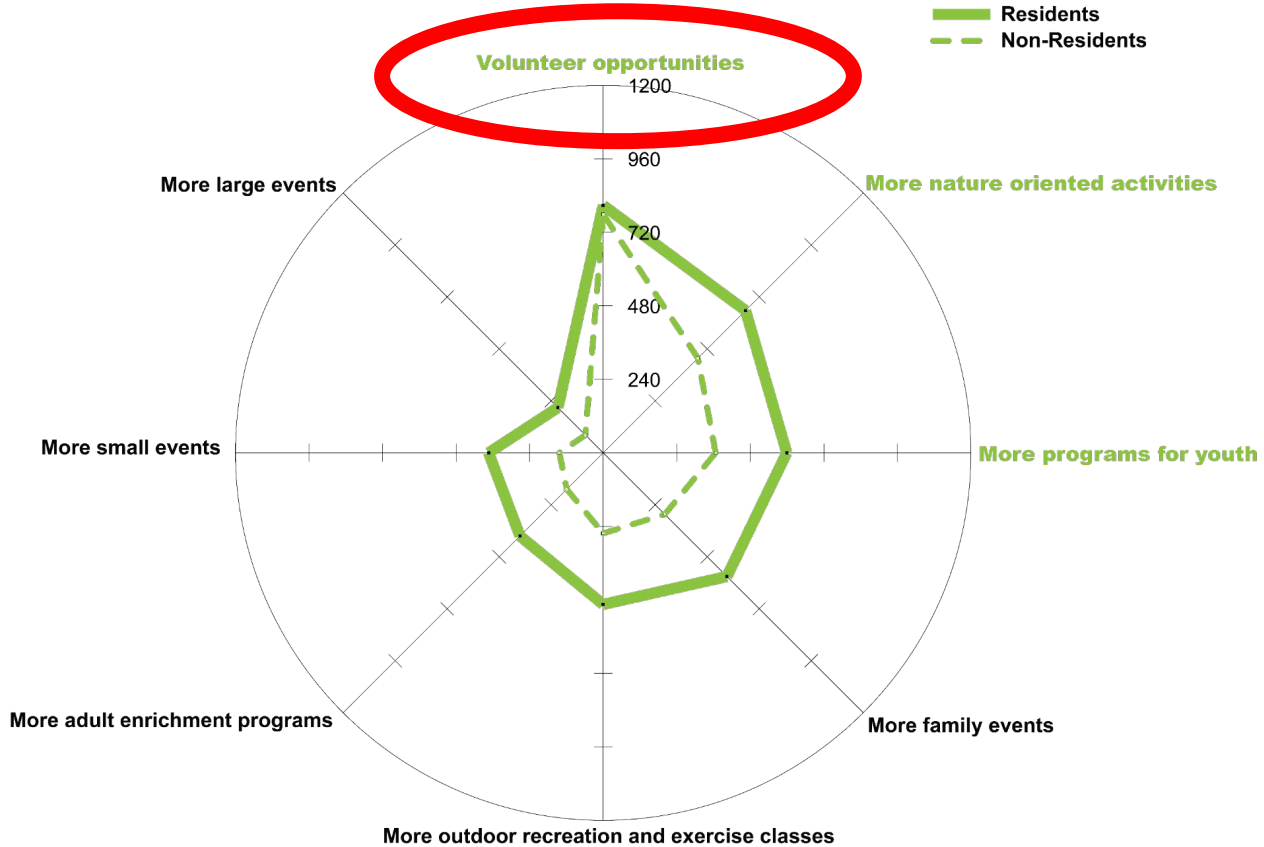
Question #8

Amenities that Would Enhance Experience within Open Space (Strongly Agree / Agree)



Question #9

Programs or Activities that Would Enhance Experience with Outdoor Recreation Programs (Strongly Agree / Agree)





NEXT STEPS

- **Stakeholder Interviews, Focus groups**
 - Schools - BRSSD & private schools
 - Seniors
 - Open Space Park Users
 - Dog Owners
 - Youth
 - Inclusivity Improvements
- **Open Space Management Plan**
 - Recreational uses
 - Sustainability
 - Wildfire Risk Mitigation

THANK YOU

**OPEN SPACE WALK
WATERDOG LAKE TRAILHEAD
LYALL WAY @ LAKE ROAD**

