



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Board regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 2/12/20 Meeting**

IV. MEMBER REPORT

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Parks & Trails Tour Date, Bryan Kast**
- 2. Trail Map & Signage; Naming, Bryan Kast**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Outreach, Kimberly Stenbak**
- 2. Trail Connections and Priority, Bryan Kast**
- 3. Community Survey, Bryan Kast**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Public Works Update**

IX. FROM THE BOARD

- 1. Board Member Updates**
- 2. Council Update**
- 3. Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings**

X. ADJOURN

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<http://ridgefieldwa.iqm2.com/Citizens/>**



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020

Regular Meeting - 12:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Christopher Gudger-Raines	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Present	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Chair	Present	
Rachel Coker	Board Member	Present	
John Rose	Board Member	Present	
Marie Bouvier	Board Member	Present	

FLAG SALUTE

Late changes to the agenda - [6:31 PM](#)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:32 PM](#)

Jocelyn Lawrence, Ruby Costa and Larkin Costa, Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop 12306, shared a quick presentation on the benefits of bat houses and asked for permission to place one at Abrams, Overlook and Davis Parks. Bats play a vital role in the ecosystem by eating numerous bugs, insects and mosquitoes. Completing this project qualifies them for a Girl Scouts Silver Award. This award requires you to make or do something in the community that makes a difference and can be observed for years after completion.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:40 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rachel Coker, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rian Davis, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Gudger-Raines, Bicknell, Stenbak, Coker, Rose, Bouvier

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 1/8/20 Meeting

MEMBER REPORT - [6:45 PM](#)

1. Harper's Playground Update, Marie Bouvier - [6:40 PM](#)

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Feb 12, 2020 12:00 AM (CONSENT AGENDA)

Last November, Board Member Marie Bouvier attended a workshop on Harpers Playground and presented information on it. As we move forward with planning, we need to reach out to key stakeholders for input, work with a landscape architect on a design concept, compile a donor list of park amenities and discuss the budgeting process in funding this project.

OLD BUSINESS - [7:28 PM](#)

1. Park Naming Update, Bryan Kast

Bryan shared feedback from Council on naming the future park. While Council was interested in recognizing the Gretsche family they also expressed interest in recognizing the Horns family who originally homesteaded that area back in the 1920s where it was called Horns Corner. As a result, Council chose the name of Horns Corner Park. Within the park is a plaza in a commercial area that surrounds a historic pear tree. The plaza would be named Gretsche Plaza.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:30 PM](#)

1. Parks & Trails Volunteer Program, Bryan Kast

With spring around the corner it was decided to schedule the first quarterly parks and trails volunteer cleanup event on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Abram's Park.

2. 2020 Comprehensive Parks Plan/CFP Update, Steve Duh

Steve Duh, with Conservation Technix, provided an update of his work on the 2020 Parks Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed what the master plan is, the planning process and key recommendations. The plan includes goals and objects, a capital projects list and communications on where Ridgefield is today, the challenges and key projects going forward. This plan focuses on three core questions; what are our strengths, how should we serve our local community and where should we focus our efforts within the next six years given our rate of growth? The six year window is related to the states granting requirements. He shared highlights from the city wide survey completed in 2019. There was a strong demand for more walking and biking trails as well as more picnic areas, shelters and playgrounds. This is consistent with what we heard during the community outreach events. In summary, he offered two core themes; take care of existing parks and facilities and expand opportunities to include facilities that offer other experiences such as pickleball, volleyball, splash pad, etc. He opened it up for Board discussion which was followed by a motion to present this plan at the city council study session on March 12th.

MOTION TO FORWARD THE 2020 PARKS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNSEL FOR THEIR REVIEW.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rachel Coker, Board Member
SECONDER:	John Rose, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Gudger-Raines, Bicknell, Stenbak, Coker, Rose, Bouvier

3. Horns Corner Debrief, Bryan Kast

As a follow up to the Board's site visit on Saturday, February 8, of the future park next to the new apartments on Pioneer street, Board Members suggested there be good signage for dogs and waste containers. They talked about an amphitheater, trail connections to Heron Woods and Cedar Ridge developments. Also ensure there's adequate drainage under the trail, have art in the park and re-planting in the wet development areas. They liked the idea of lighted trails, covered picnic shelters and signage on the history of that area. An observation made was that the entrance to the city park be off Settlers Drive and not the entrance to the apartment complex. Overall parking is a main consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [8:35 PM](#)

Sandy Schill, Ridgefield resident. The Nature play area at Abrams is very dear to Ron Onslow and herself. They have arranged for the 4-H girls to be involved by creating signs. Sandy asked to include Ron in the planning of the first volunteer day, March 21, and his volunteers will show up.

STAFF REPORTS - [8:42 PM](#)**Public Works Update**

We have new picnic tables at Abrams. There is a Commission on Aging Event hosted by Clark County Public Health on April 9th. If interested in attending let staff know. Bryan will provide an update on PIF fees at next month's meeting.

FROM THE BOARD - [8:45 PM](#)**Board Member Updates**

Board Member Davis talked about how popular pickleball is in a 55 and older community.

Board Member Bouvier created a presentation on covered skate parks and will present it at a future meeting.

Board Member Rose is a member of neighborhood watch and they have been talking about neighborhoods overseeing and keeping track of the trails in their community and reporting if there are any issues.

Chair Kimberly Stenbak presented the Parks Board 2020 Work Plan at a City Council meeting. She spoke with a member of the Cemetery Board interested in partnering with the Parks Board. She met the architect landscape designer with SGA Engineering who may be able to provide some guidance on park planning. She spoke with officer Ferris who provided an interesting perspective on trails and need for signage in case of an emergency.

Council Update

This was already mentioned in Board Member Updates

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

Keep working on planning the Parks and Trails Tour for 2020. Staff will provide the Board with details as more information is available.

ADJOURN - [8:56 PM](#)

Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Stenback, Chair



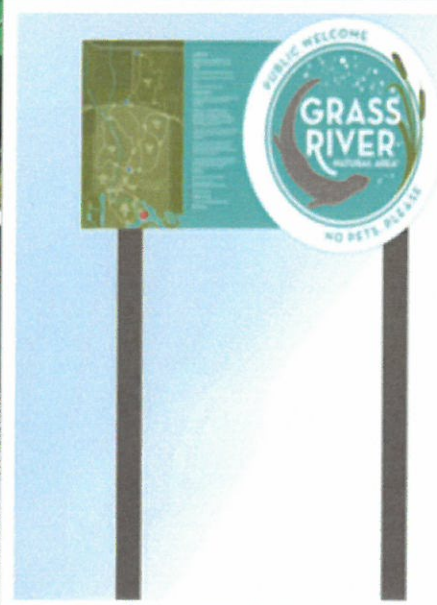
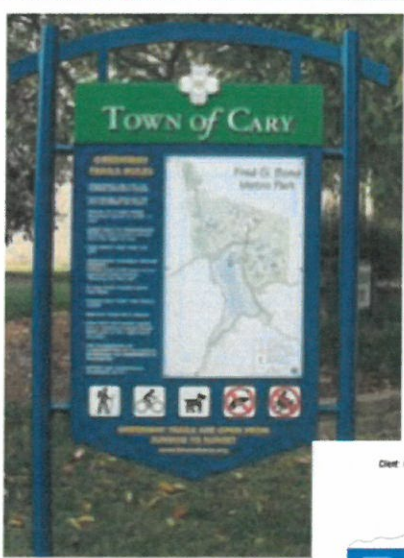
Plexi glass doors
with locks

This one starts at \$1,400 for
one unit, but price decreases
as the more units are
bought together

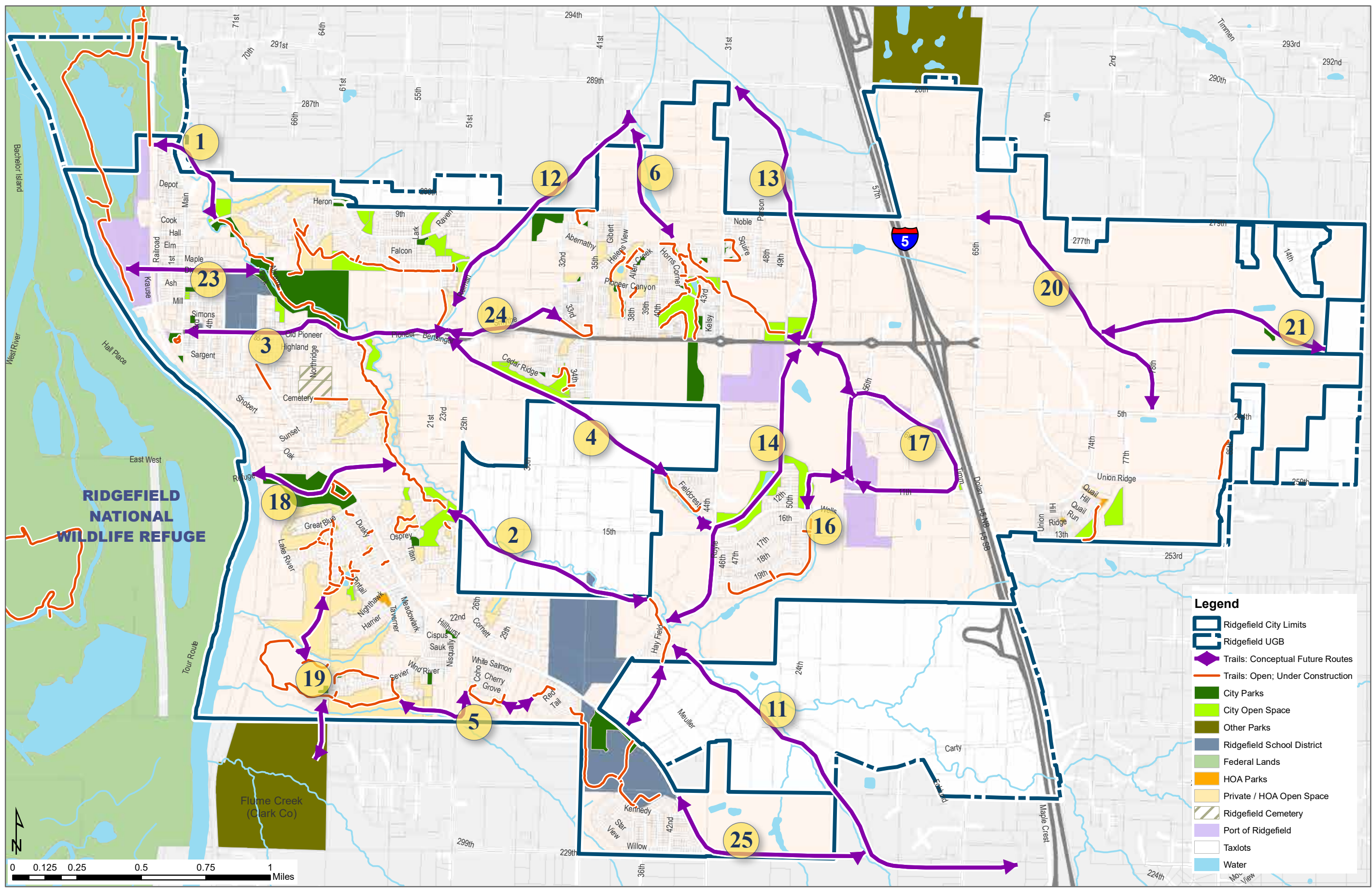


Maps could be paper,
which are easy to re-
place for new trail up-
dates

TRAIL HEAD SIGNS



Attachment: Trail Signage (Trail Map & Signage; Naming; Bryan Kast)



Map 7: Potential Recreational Trails

Attachment: Trail Signage (Trail Map & Signage; Naming, Bryan Kast)

City of Ridgefield Engagement and Priority Assessment

December 2, 2019





Background on Cobalt Community Research

- § 501c3 not for profit research coalition
- § Mission to provide research and education
- § Developed to meet the research needs of schools, local governments and nonprofit organizations



Measuring Where You Are: Why Research Matters

- § Understanding community values and priorities helps you plan and communicate more effectively about City decisions
- § Perception impacts behaviors you care about
- § Understanding community perception helps you improve and promote the City
- § Community engagement improves support for difficult decisions
- § Reliable data on community priorities aids in balancing demands of vocal groups with the reality of limited resources
- § Bottom line outcome measurement of service and trust: Good administration requires quality measurement and reporting



Study Goals

- § Support budget and strategic planning decisions
- § Explore service assumptions to ensure baseline service measures are understood
- § Identify which aspects of community provide the greatest leverage on citizens' overall satisfaction – and how satisfaction, in turn, influences the community's image and citizen behaviors such as volunteering, remaining in the community, recommending it to others and encouraging businesses to start up in the community
- § Benchmark performance against a standardized performance index regionally and nationally
- § Compare performance to 2015 Citizen survey



Bottom Line

- § City is outperforming benchmarks in most areas, but scores softened from 2015
- § 2019 ACSI Score = 65 (70 in 2015)
 - § Washington (5,001-10,000 residents) = 65
 - § Washington Overall = 59
 - § West = 57
 - § National (5,001-10,000 residents) = 58
 - § National Overall = 61
- § 2019 Local Government Management Score = 68 (69 in 2015)
 - § Washington (5,001-10,000 residents) = 53
 - § Washington Overall = 51
 - § West = 50
 - § National (5,001-10,000 residents) = 55
 - § National Overall = 56



Bottom Line

§ There are several areas where improvement can have the most significant impact on engagement (in green):

	Ridgefield 2015	Ridgefield 2019	WA 5,001- 10,000	WA Overall	West Overall	US 5,001- 10,000	US Overall	Change
Transportation Overall	63	56	60	55	53	52	56	↓ -7
Utility Services Overall	74	73	82	79	71	68	73	→ -1
Police Department Overall	83	84	80	74	72	74	75	→ 1
Property Taxes Overall	64	60	62	54	52	53	58	↓ -4
Shopping Opportunities Overall	29	27	65	70	70	64	70	→ -2
Local Government Overall	69	68	53	51	50	55	56	→ -1
Community Events Overall	71	74	67	61	60	52	59	↑ 3
Economic Health Overall	60	57	51	52	49	53	55	↓ -3
Parks and Recreation Overall	74	74	72	72	67	61	68	→ 0
Community Satisfaction Overall	70	65	65	59	57	58	61	↓ -5

2019 Drivers	2015 Drivers
City Government Management	City Government Management
Economic Health	Economic Health
Community Events	Community Events
Police	Parks and Recreation



Bottom Line

- § Not enough walking and biking trails
 - § Integrate with downtown access
- § Parks remain very important, but role as a driver of outcomes has diminished
 - § Themes include more walking, biking trails; more river access
- § Downtown is a major element in the quality of life for residents
 - § Would like more restaurants, such as quality casual, Chinese, and seafood
 - § Would like more stores/shops, including grocery, a bakery, deli, and coffee shops
 - § Parking and curb appeal are significant concerns
- § Residents interested in more communication on future development, new amenities, and the City's plan to manage growth and infrastructure (especially traffic)
 - § Email, US post, social media (Facebook), and a newsletters are the most preferred mechanisms



Methodology

- § Random sample of 1500 residents drawn from utility billing records and consumer records
- § Utilized www.random.org, a well-respected utility used internationally by many universities and researchers to generate true random numbers
- § Conducted using two mailings in October-November 2019
- § Valid response from 393 residents, providing a solid response rate of 26 percent, and a conventional margin of error of +/- 5 percent in the raw data and an ACSI margin of error of +/- 2 percent. In addition, 106 residents participated who were not part of the sample (and who were analyzed separately). **Total response 499.**
 - § Note: National surveys with a margin of error +/- 5% require a sample of 384 responses to reflect a population of 330,000,000
- § Respondent pattern consistent with 2015.



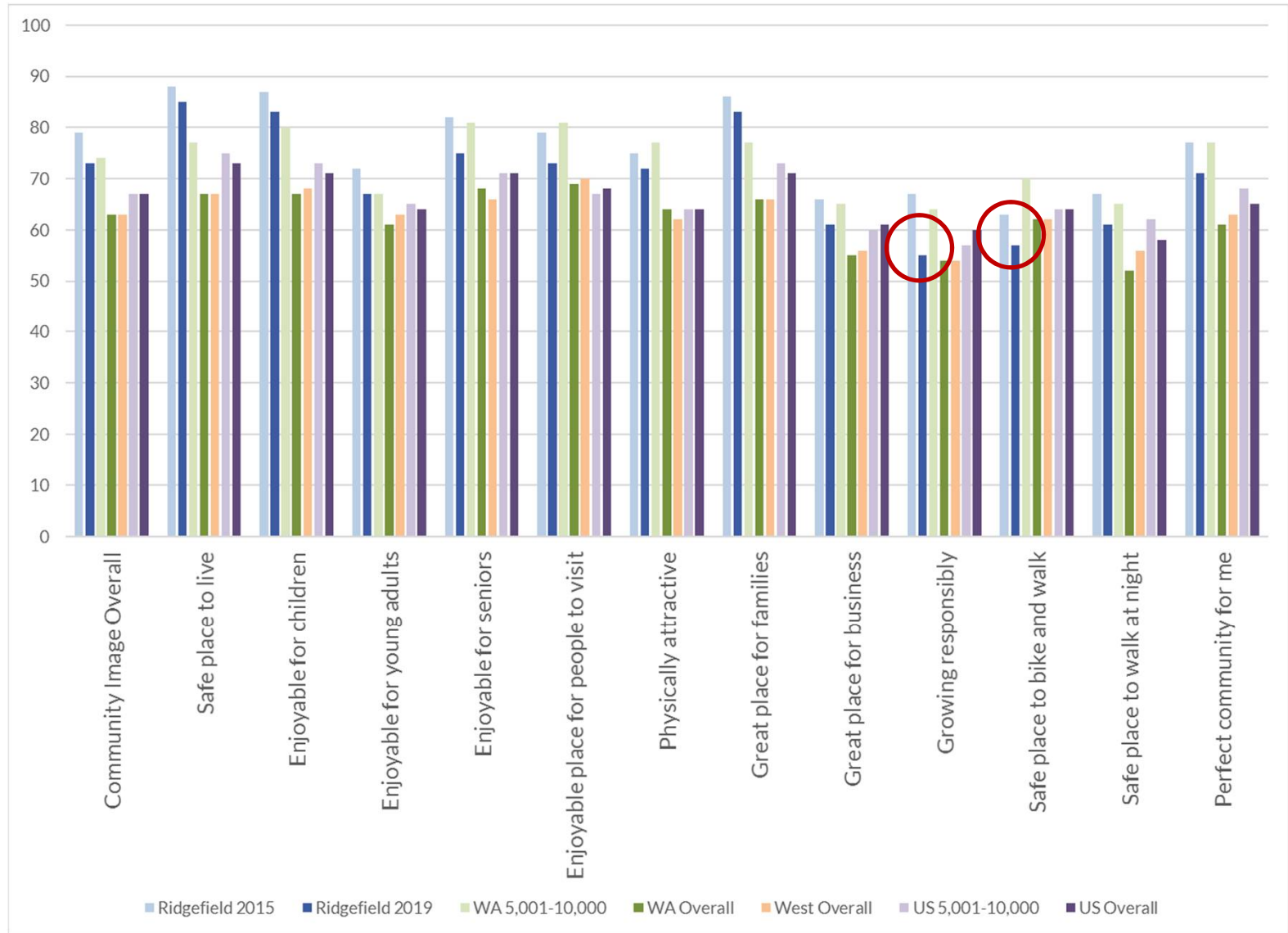
Results





Community Image to Benchmarks

(High score = 100)

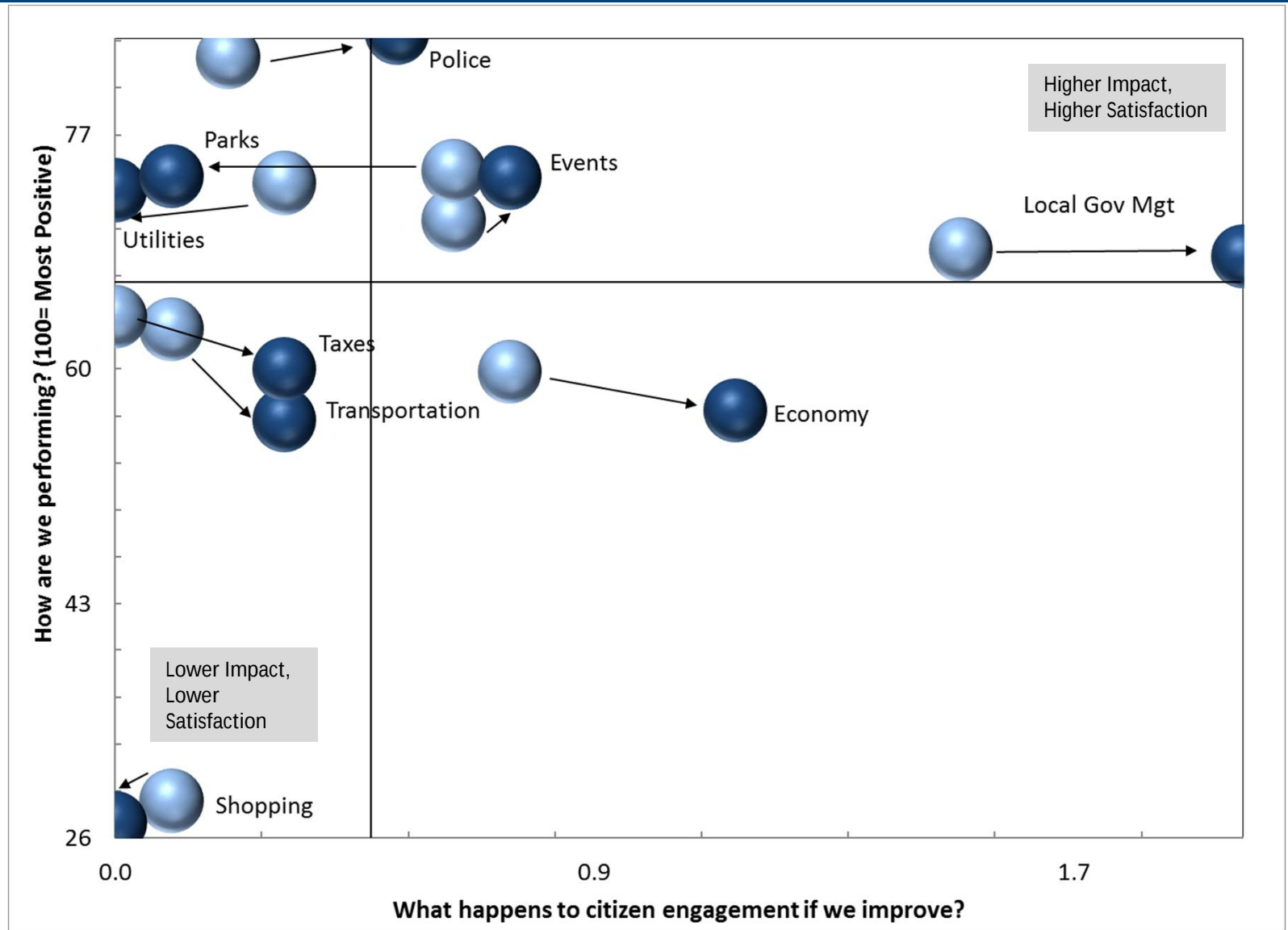


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Drivers of Satisfaction and Behavior: Strategic Priorities Compared to 2015



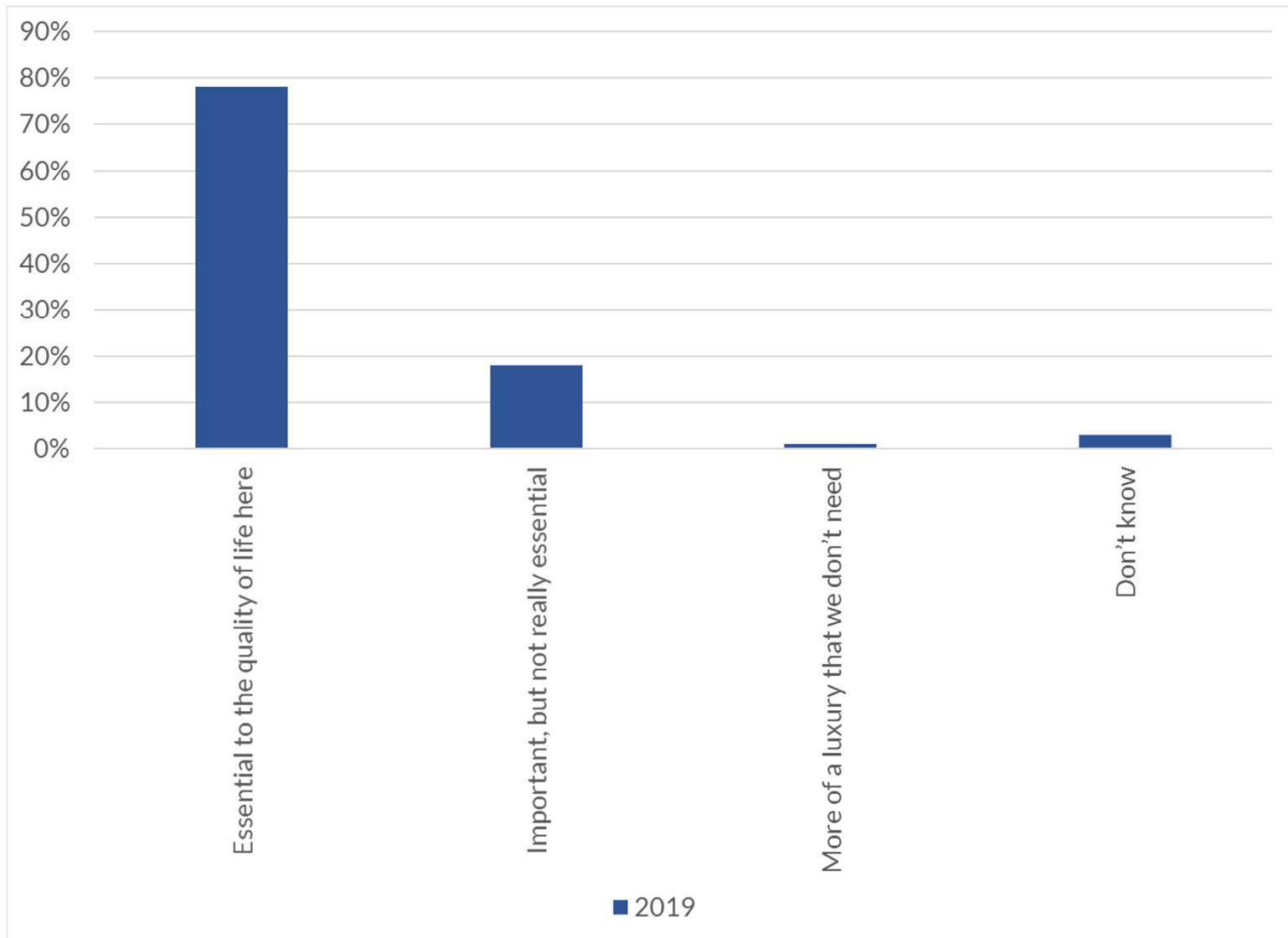


Parks Planning



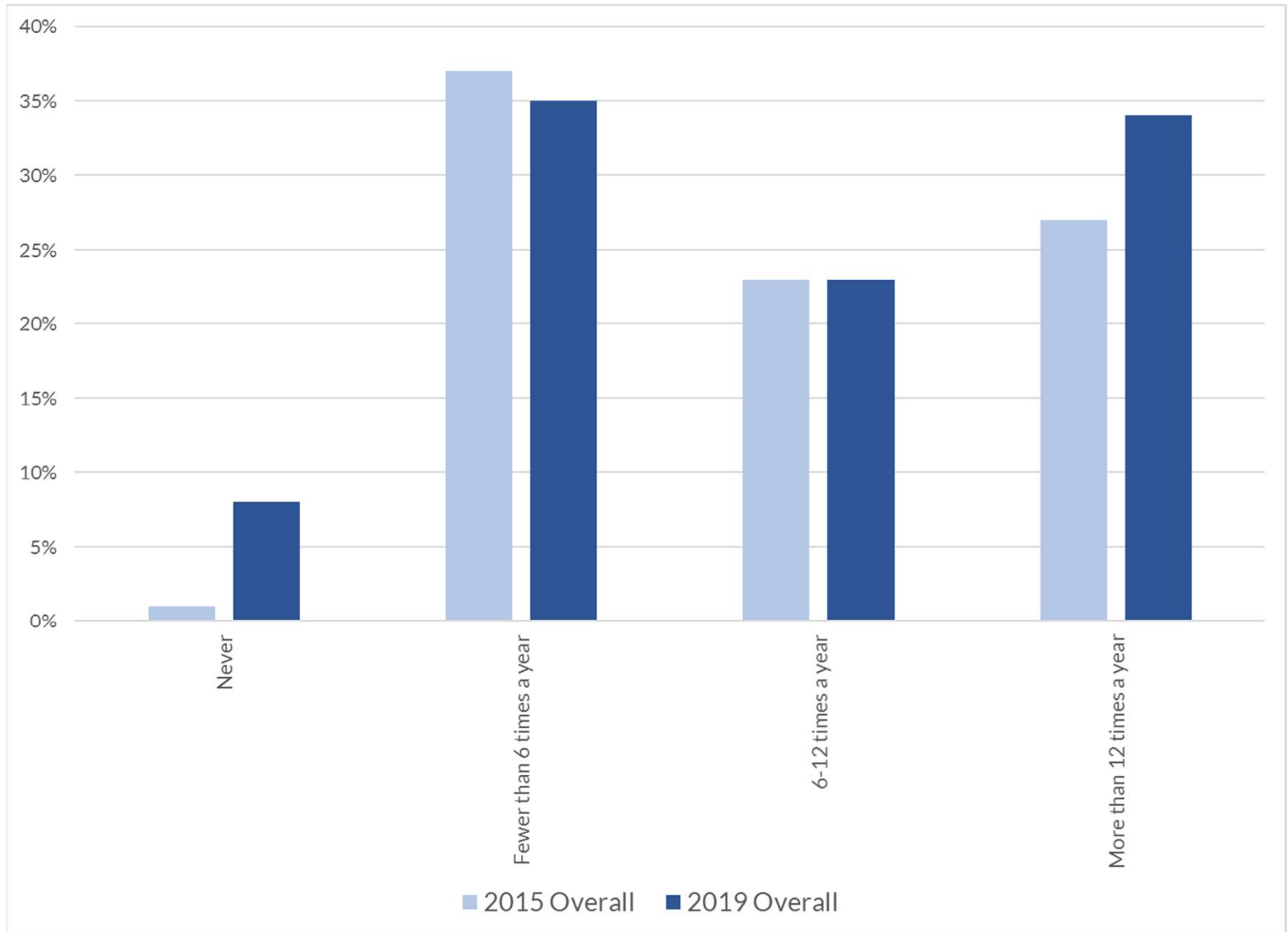
Parks

Importance of Parks for Quality of Life



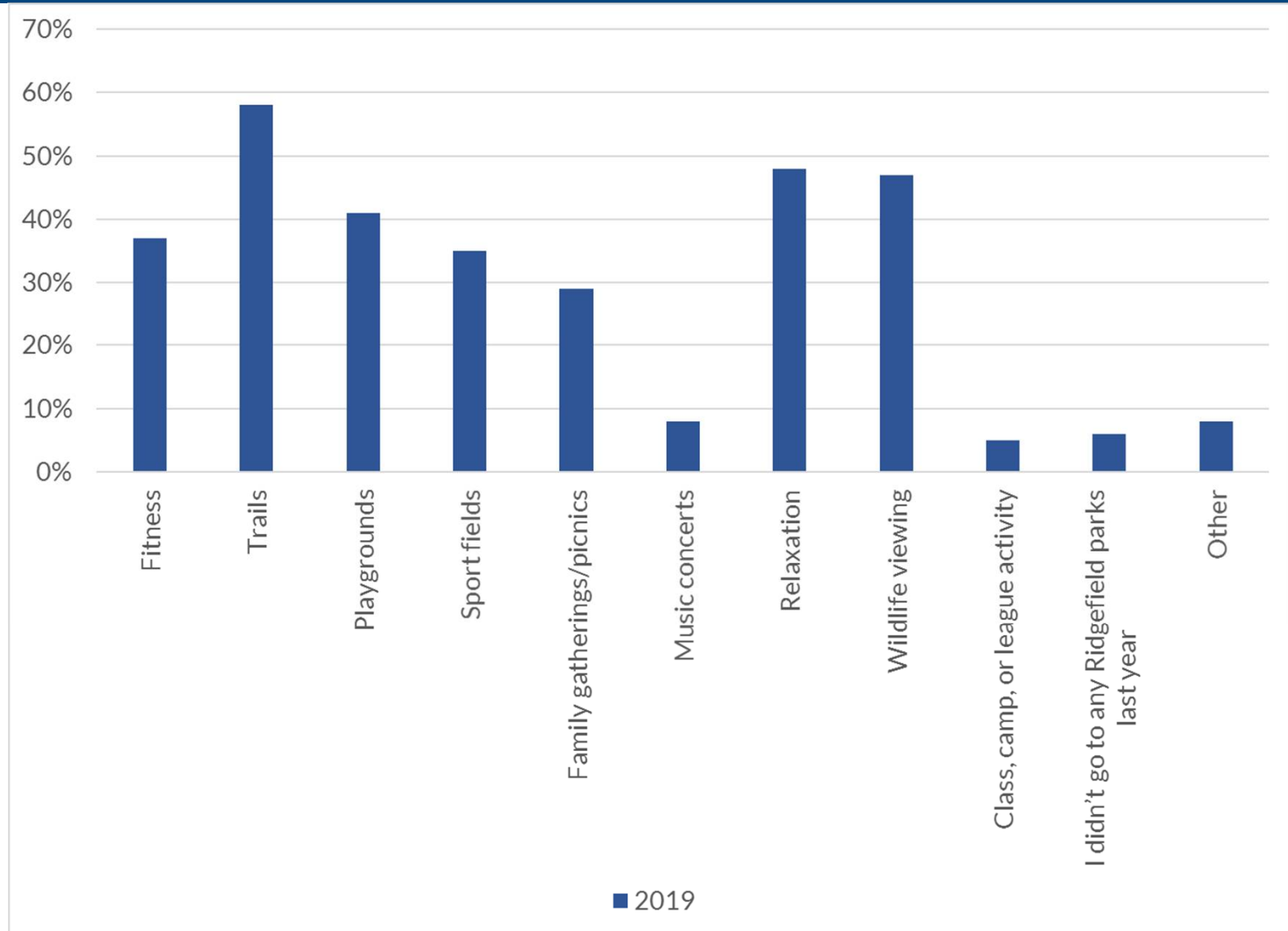


Parks Use of Parks





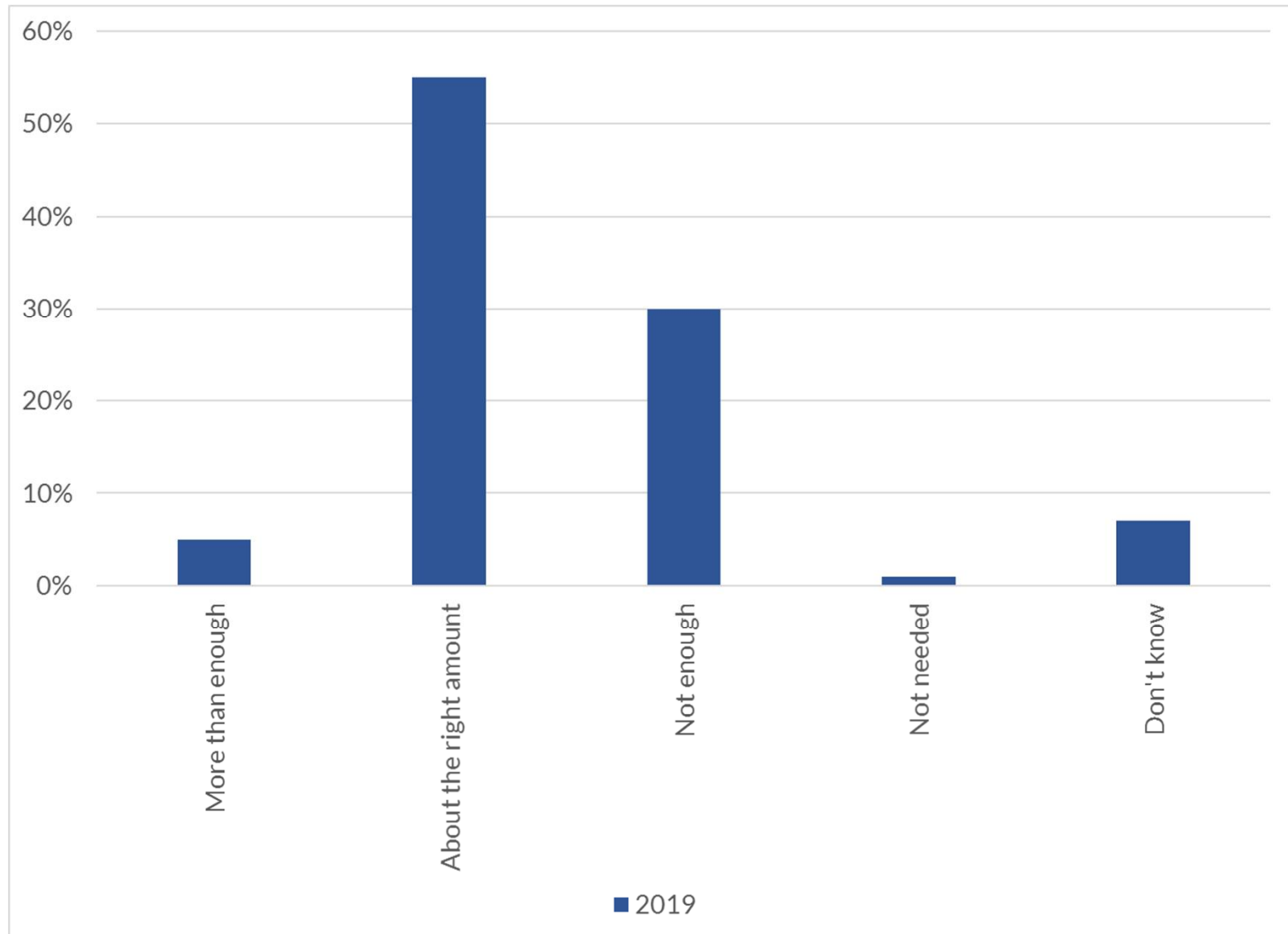
Parks Main Reasons for Visiting





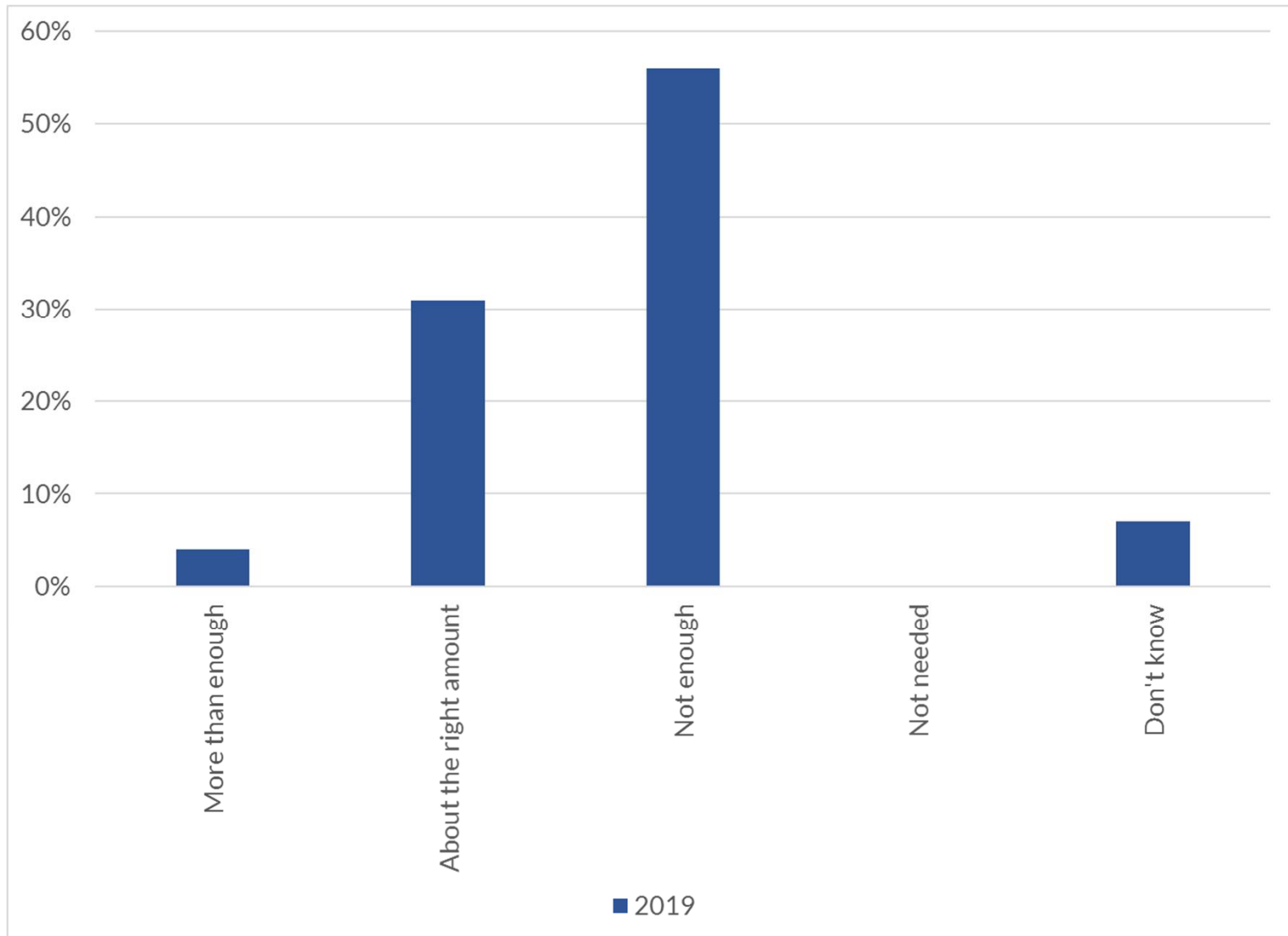
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Playgrounds, lawn areas, restrooms



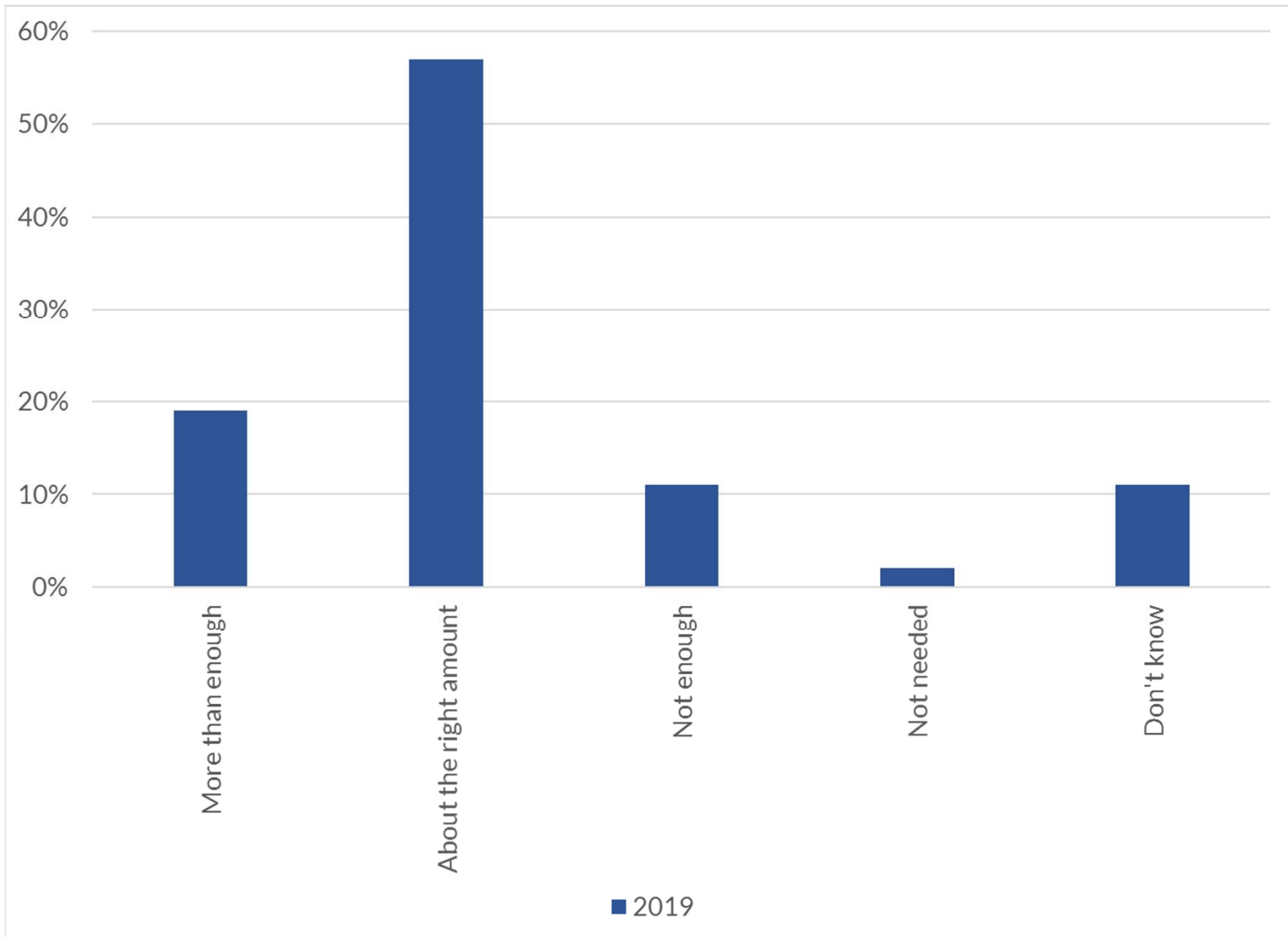


Parks Walking/hiking trails



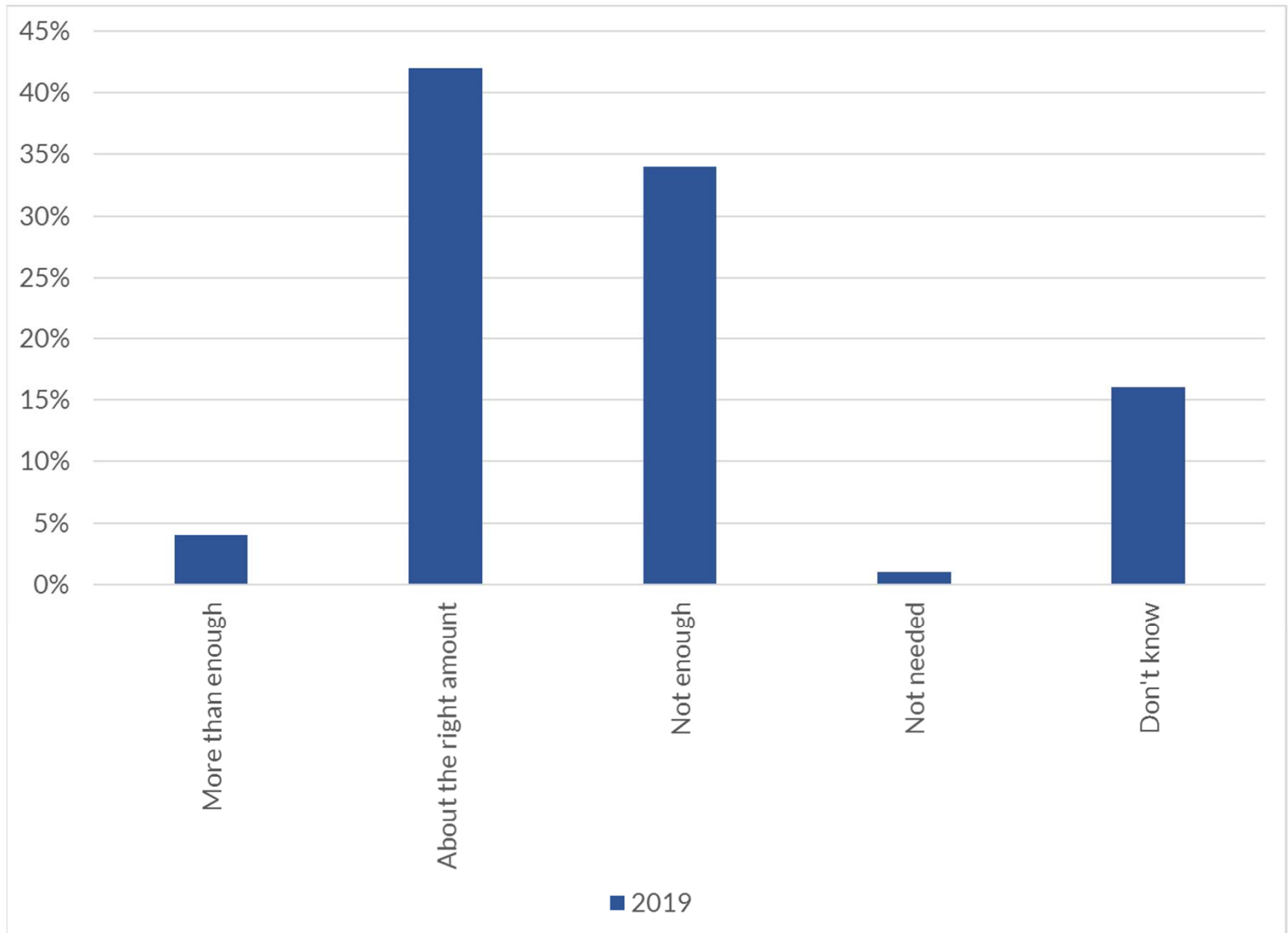


Parks Sport fields and sport courts



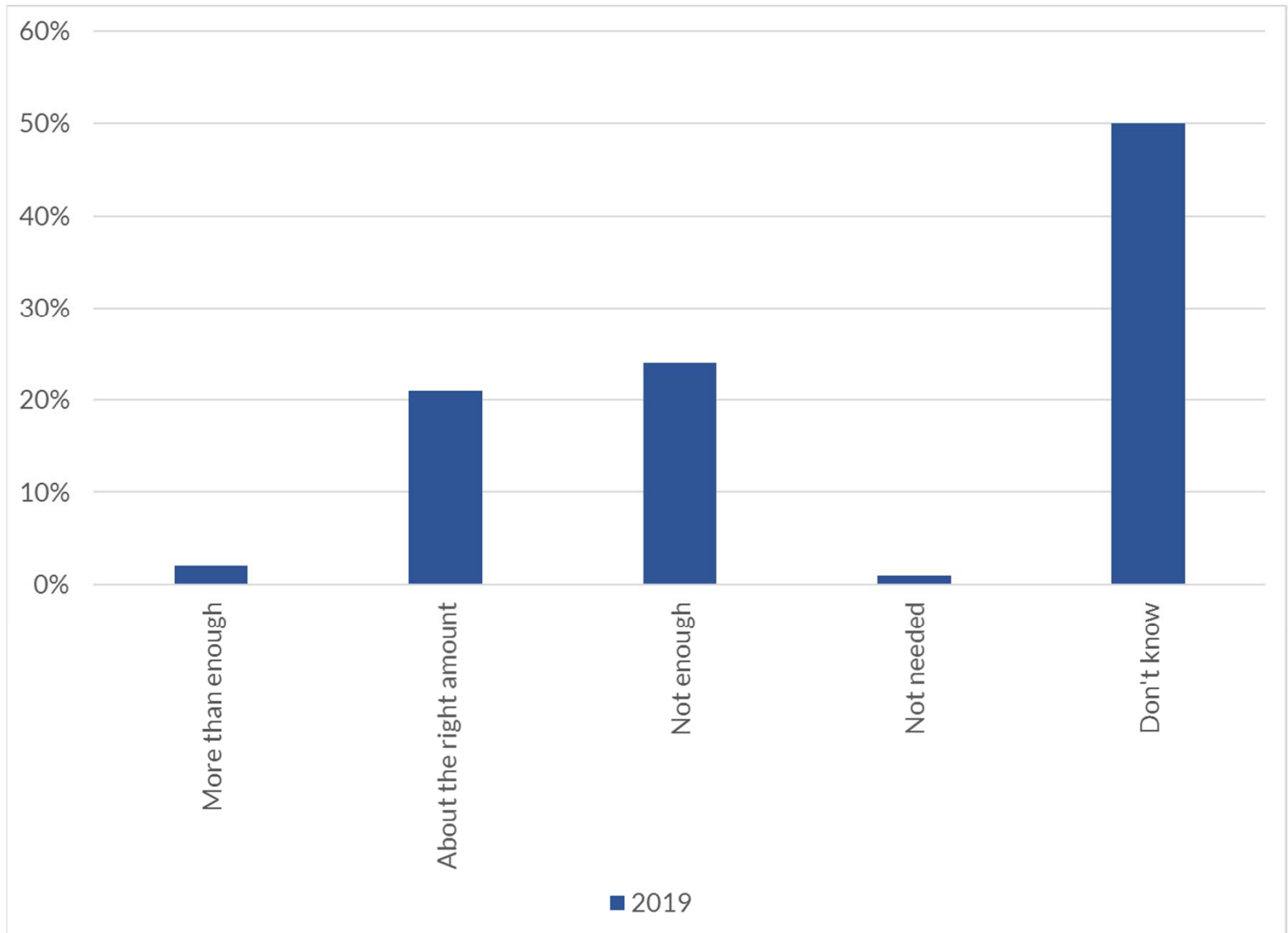


Parks Picnic areas and shelters



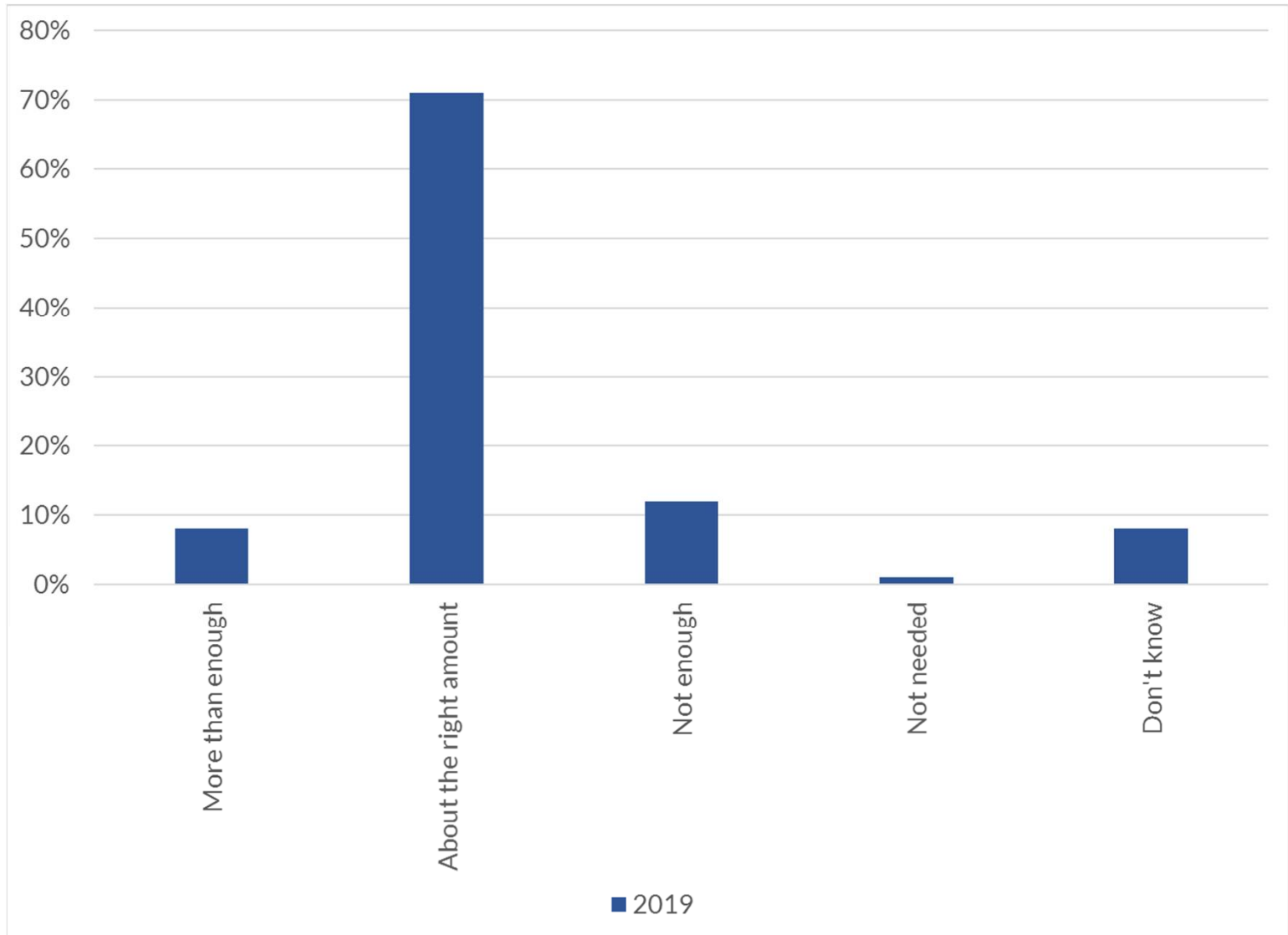


Parks Children's activities



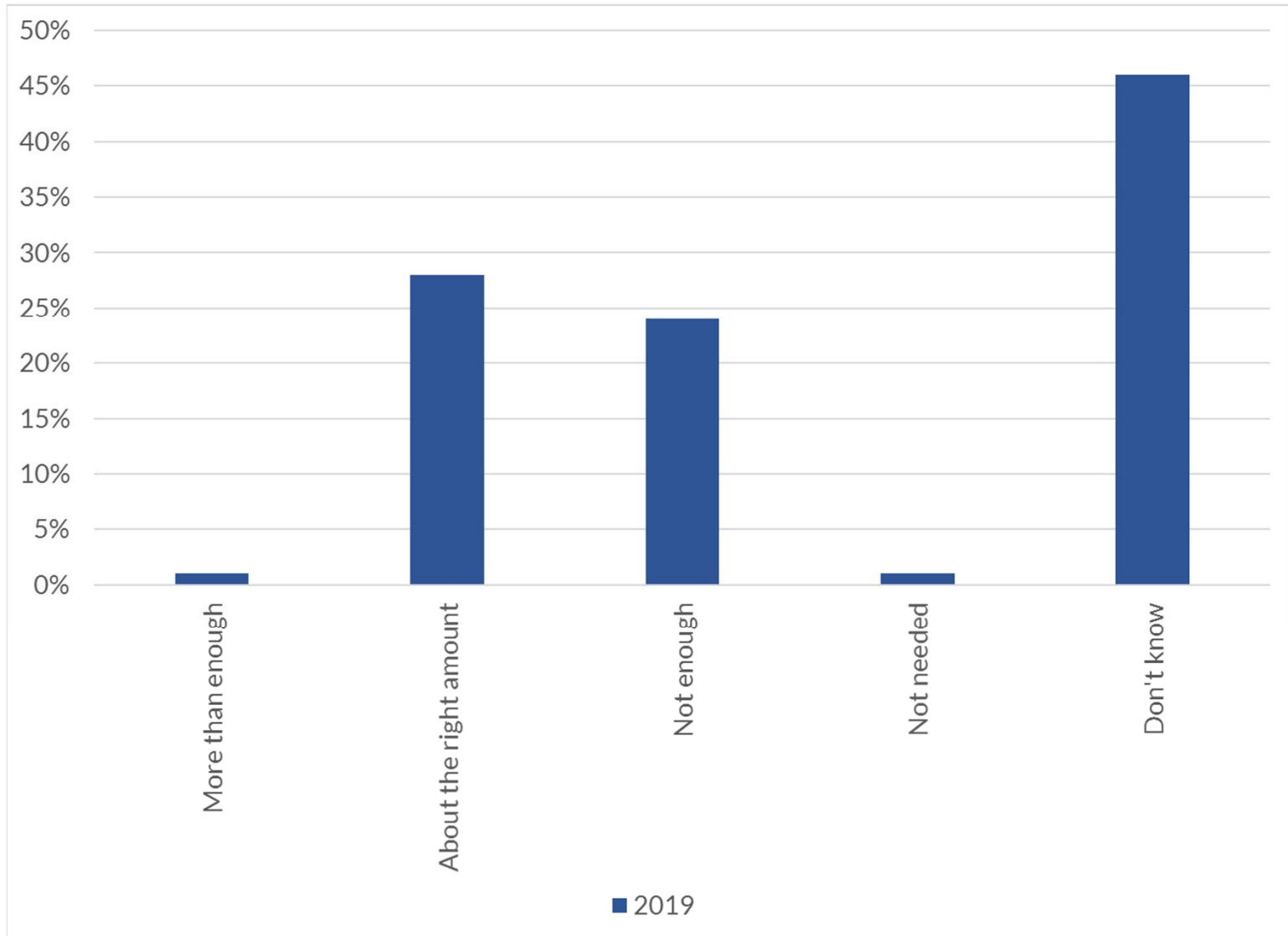


Parks Community events





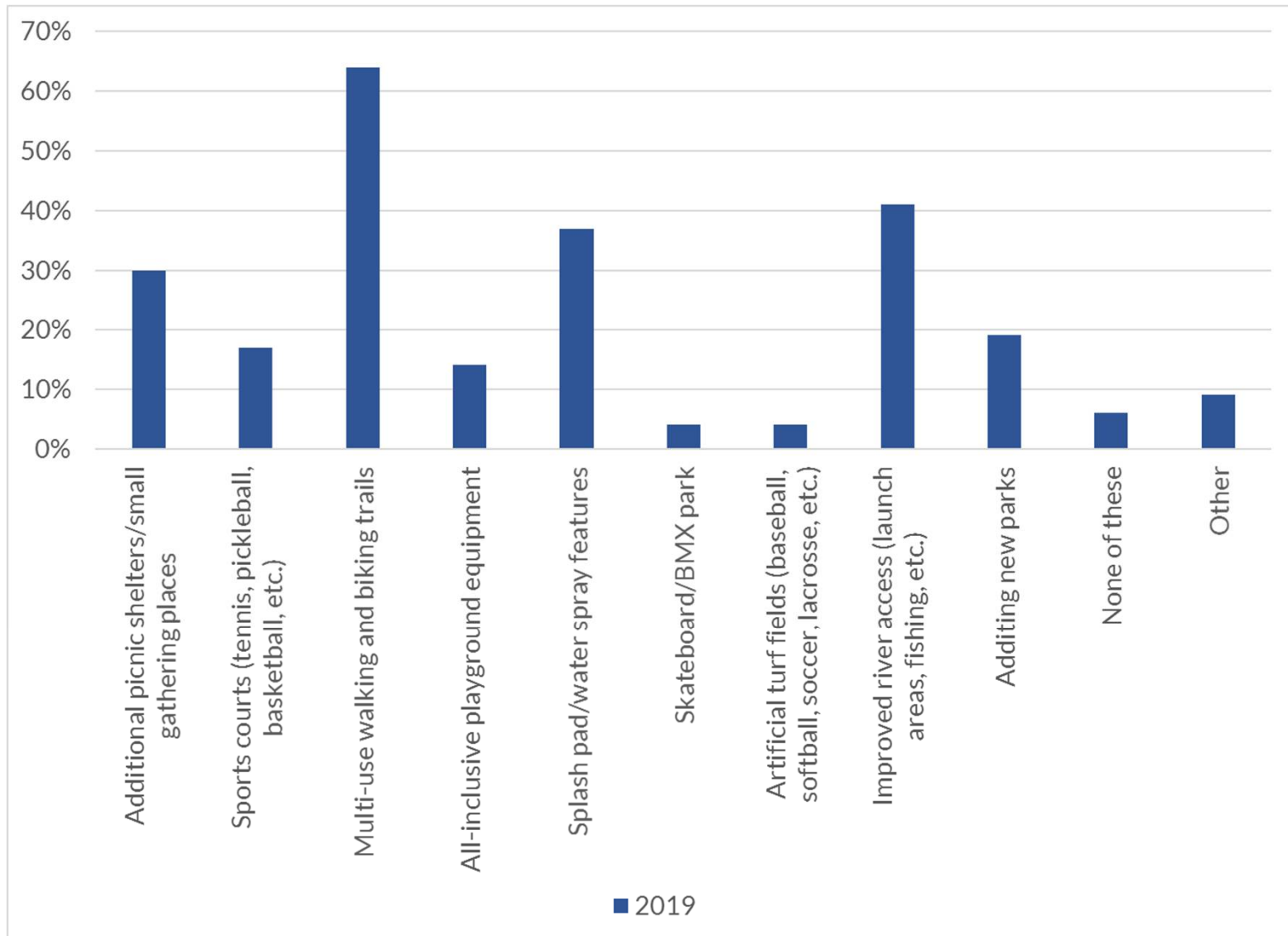
Parks Youth activities





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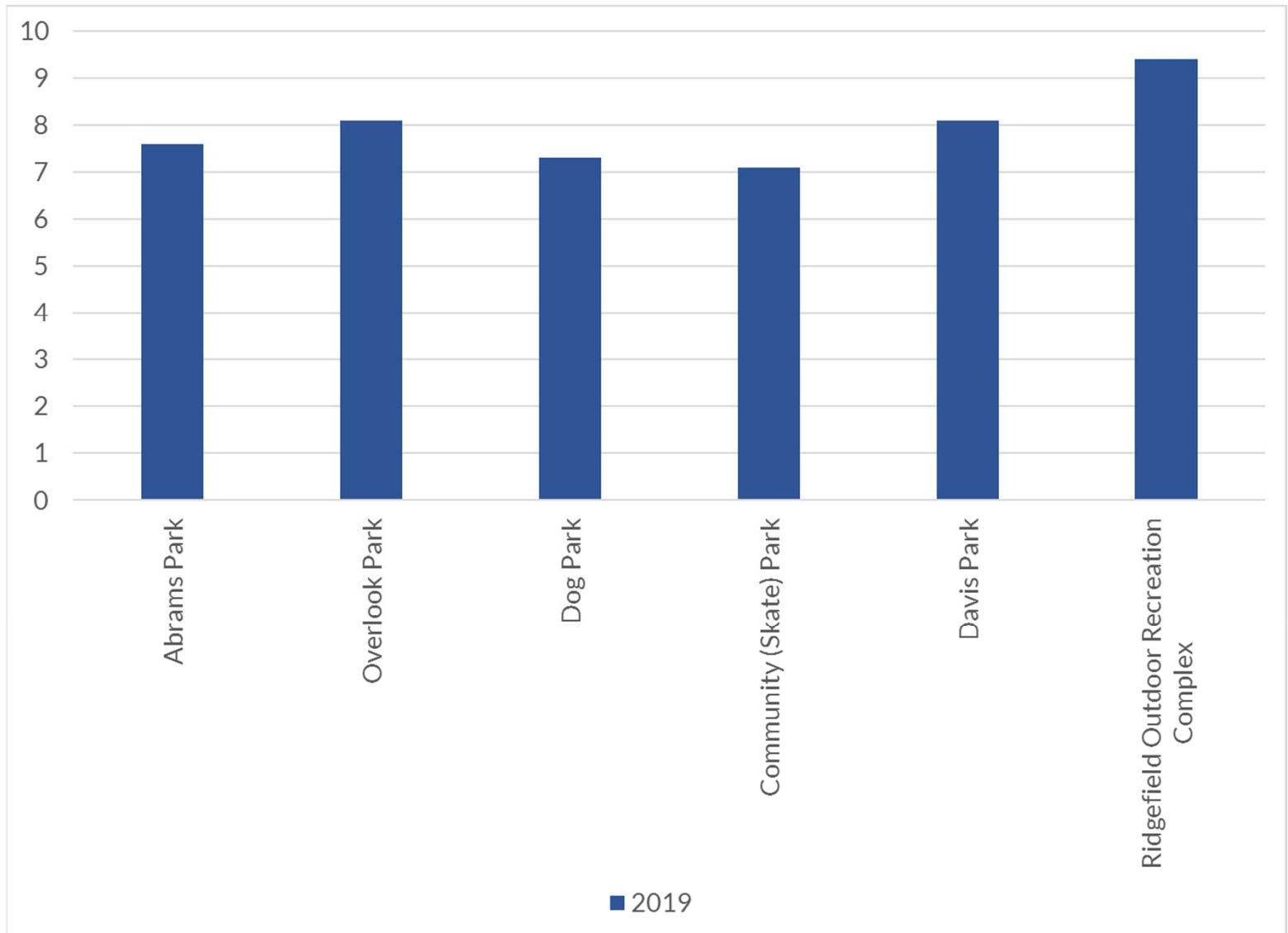
Potential future park amenities





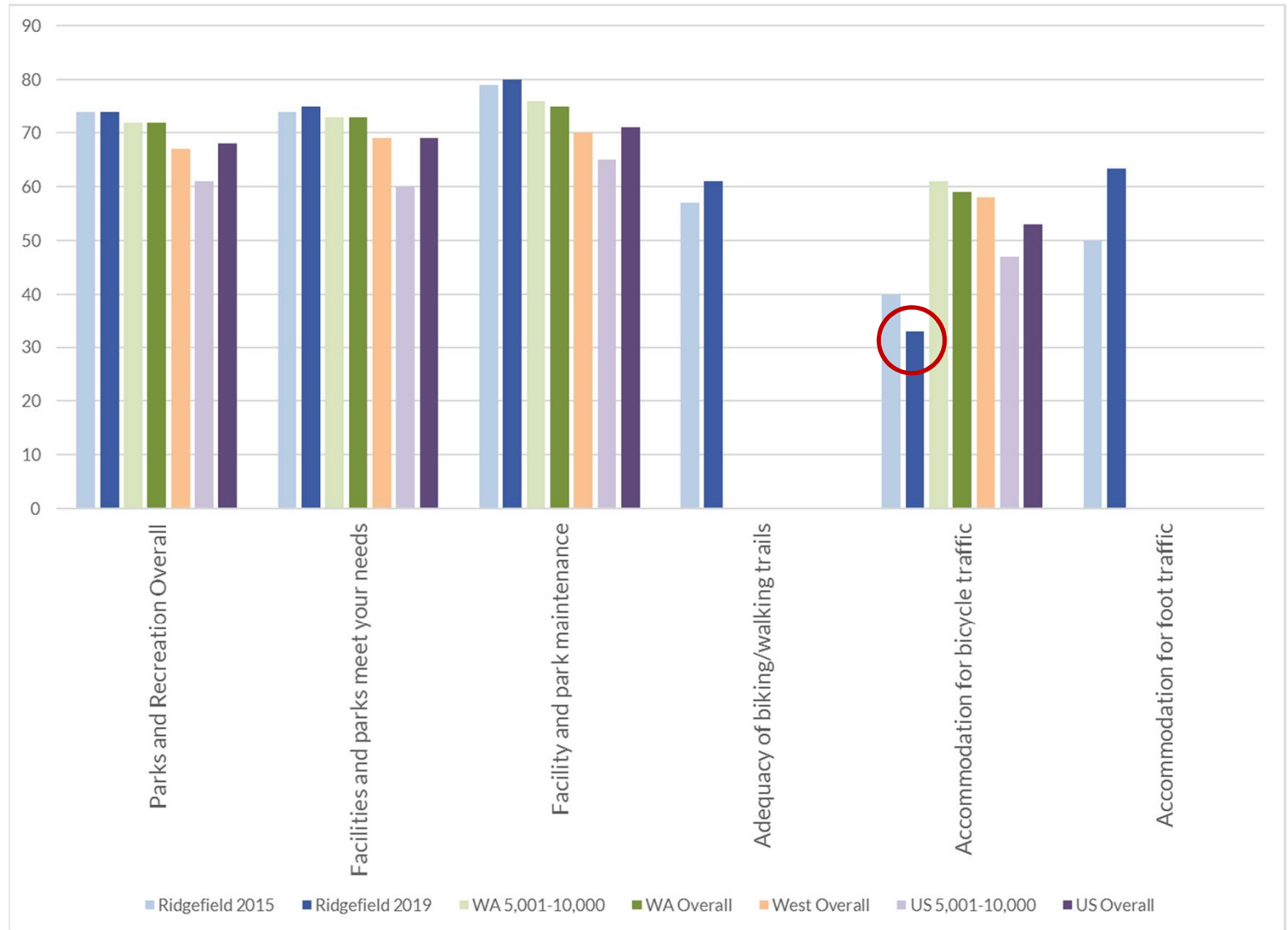
Parks

Condition of park facilities (10=excellent)





Parks





Questions