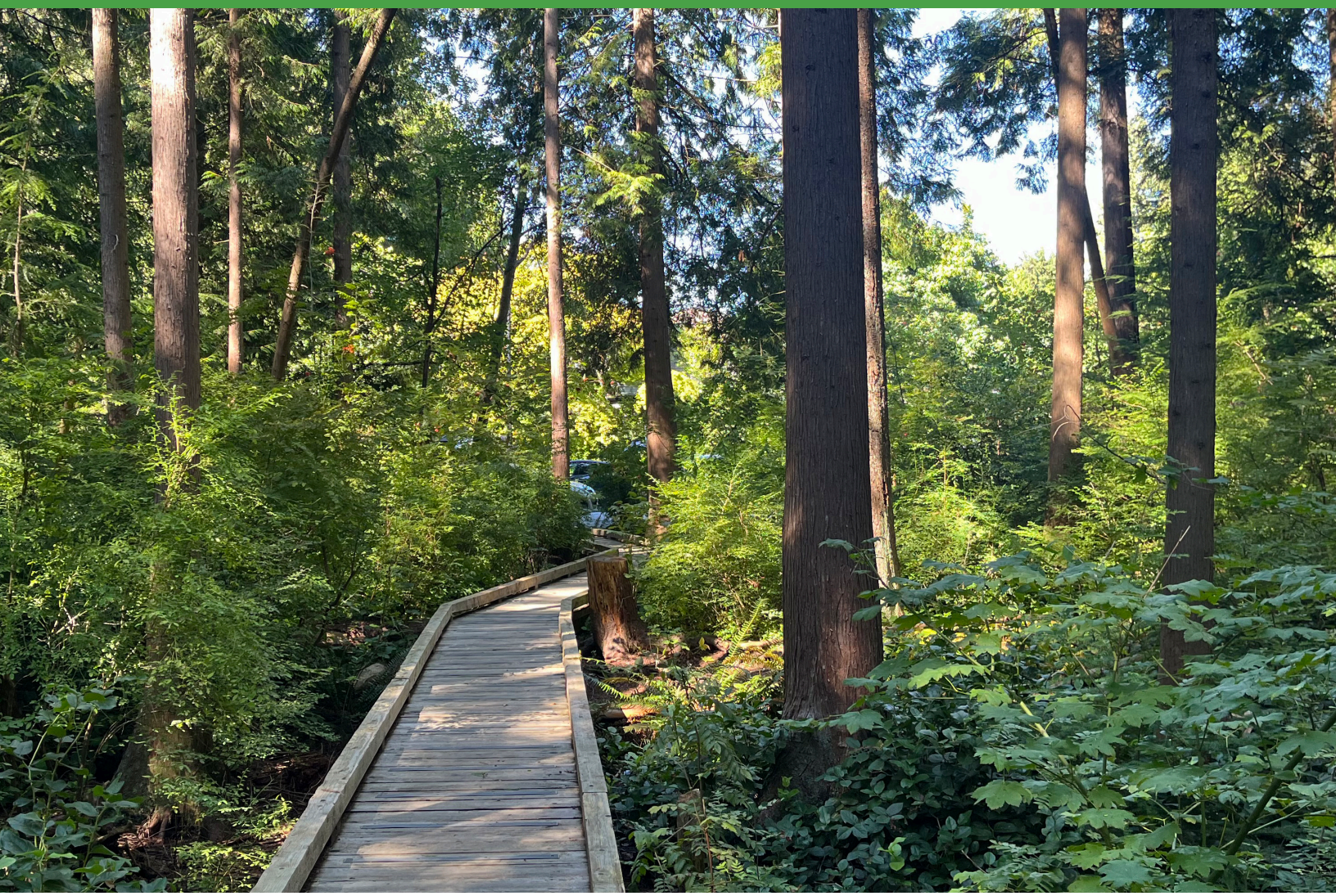
# EASTVIEW PARK

## PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT
## **WHAT WE HEARD**



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# About Eastview Park

Eastview Park is located on the eastern boundary of the City of North Vancouver between Rufus Drive and Mountain Highway. This 2.8-hectare (6.9 acres) neighbourhood park is enjoyed for its walking trails, informal nature play, urban forest, and disc golf course.

In February 2023, Council directed City Staff to explore options to address concerns related to forest health, safety, and conflicts between park uses. These efforts included a temporary reconfiguration of the disc golf course, exploring a test fit analysis for the relocation of disc golf, and community engagement.

In March 2024, staff reported back to Council with the findings of these efforts. Council then directed staff to work with an experienced disc golf course designer to develop an option that makes disc golf the primary focus of Eastview Park, while minimizing impacts and ensuring safety for all users. Guided by this direction and past engagement outcomes, staff developed the following design principles to inform future park improvements:

- **Ensure Safety and Comfort for All Visitors**
- **Enhance Trails & Circulation**
- **Support a Healthy Forest Ecology**
- **Create a Thoughtful Disc Golf Experience**

This report outlines the findings from Phase 2 engagement activities, which have helped to inform the final preferred concept.

# How We Engaged

## Phase 1

Phase 1 engagement began in June 2023 to help the City understand what is working well in Eastview Park, what could be improved, and what the community envisions for its future. Engagement activities included two in-person workshops, two park pop-ups and an online survey. A Phase 1 What We Heard summary report is available on the City's engagement platform, Let's Talk.

## Phase 2

Phase 2 engagement focused on meeting two main needs:

1. **To understand current uses of the park by specific interest holders:** Interest holder workshops were facilitated between City staff, a consultant and interest holders to understand how Eastview Park is currently used by these groups. They represent important equity-deserving members in the community, who regularly use Eastview Park for specialized activities.

2. **Gathering feedback on two concept designs:** The project team developed two concept designs that were shaped by Phase 1 engagement, interest holder workshops and site analysis. These designs were then presented to the public to gather input and better understand how effectively each concept aligned with the project's design principles and addressed community needs.



# How We Engaged

## What did we do?

| EVENT | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|
| **Part 1: Understanding the current use of the park with key interest holders** | |
| **Interest Holder Workshops**<br><br>May to June, 2025 | Three (3) targeted workshops were held with staff and leadership from Eastview Elementary, Margaret Heights Daycare, and Cedarview Lodge. City staff also conducted informational interviews with Cedar Gardens and Cycling Without Age. These sessions aimed to gather input on how participants use the park, what matters most to them, and how different park activities could be balanced. |
| **Part 2: Gathering feedback on concept designs** | |
| **Community Open Houses**<br><br>• Eastview Park, June 25<br><br>• Karen Magnussen Community Center, June 26 | Two (2) in-person events were held in June 2025, with City staff and the project team (Lees and Associates Landscape Architects and InDesign disc golf designers) on hand to answer public questions. Two concept options were presented, and participants shared their comments. Attendees were also encouraged to complete the online survey. |
| **Public Online Survey** | An online survey was available through the City's Let's Talk engagement platform. The survey collected information about who visits the park, their reasons for visiting, and what they liked or disliked about each concept, as well as suggestions for further improvements. The goal was to identify which elements of each concept were most important to carry forward into the final design. |
| **Digital Media Campaign** | In addition to direct engagement, the project's online presence helped raise awareness and encourage participation. The project page received over 70 visits, while social media activity generated 39931 impressions across Facebook, Instagram, and X. |



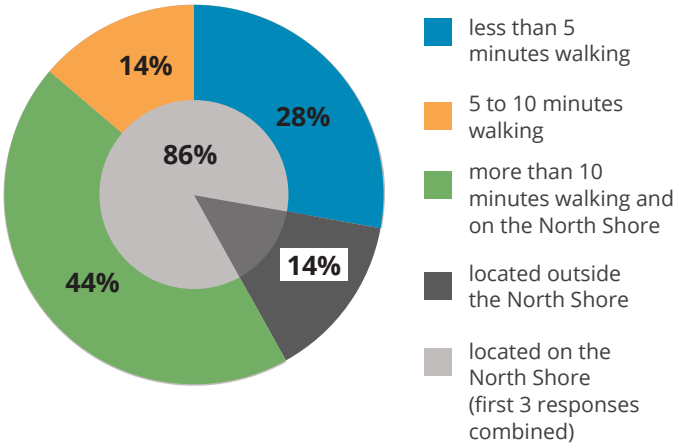
# Who Participated

In total, there were 360 touchpoints with the public during Phase 2 engagement activities. These activities included a combination of in-person interest-holder workshops, community open houses, and a public online survey.

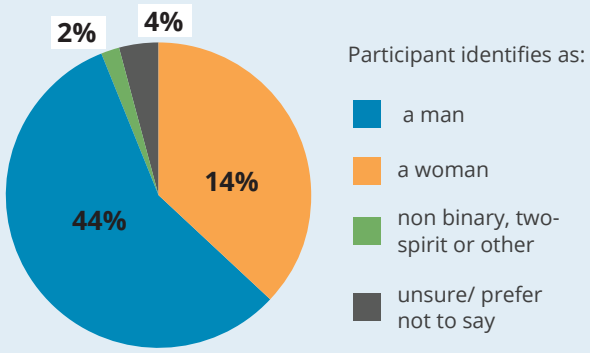
| Interest Holder Workshops | Open Houses | Public Online Survey |
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| 10 participants | 50 participants | 298 participants |

## In Detail: Online Survey Participants (298 Participants)

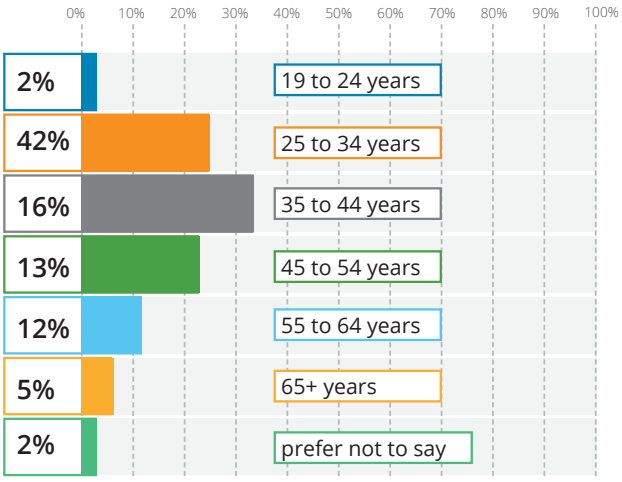
### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?




### GENDER AND IDENTITY




### AGE




There was one respondent younger than 19 years (0.03%).

Additionally, participants either identified as or live with someone who:

| | |
|---|---|
| **38%** | have children or teens (under 18) in the household |
| **17%** | is a person with a mental, intellectual or physical disability or a person who is neurodivergent |
| **11%** | are from a racialized community |
| **11%** | are from the 2SLGBTQI+ community |



# What We Heard: Interest Holder Workshops

The following results were gathered from a series of interest holder workshops with members of the Eastview Elementary staff and leadership, Margaret Heights Daycare staff, and staff at Cedarview Lodge Seniors' Centre.

Participants were asked to share their experiences and activities in the park to help City staff better understand the needs of the community and the value the park currently provides. The following themes reflect information provided by participants.

## Frequent Park Use

All groups reported regular park use. Seniors from Cedarview Lodge take part in Cycling Without Age, enjoying scenic rides through the park on volunteer-operated electric bikes. A recreational therapist also uses the park for assessments, exercise, and outdoor activities. Children from the daycare and the school play in the forest, use the trails, and use the lawn for games. Many parents and students use the park trails to access the elementary school and daycare.

## Value of Green Space

Participants reported that the park is an essential community asset for connection to nature. Cedarview Lodge interviewees highlighted that it is a valued wellness space, although insufficient opportunities for seating and outdoor social spaces limit the ways in which seniors can use the park. For children from the elementary school and daycare, the park is well-used for daily outdoor play, building forts and learning about ecology. Elementary students even do a weekly "forest math" program, in which students learn educational material while in the park.



# What We Heard: Interest Holder Workshops

## Park Accessibility and Features

Cedarview Lodge staff emphasized that existing paths are often narrow and/or uneven, reducing accessibility for walkers with lower mobility as well as bicycles moving through the park with Cycling Without Age. Participants indicated improved surfaces are relevant both within park boundaries as well as for sidewalks around and entering the park, where sidewalk widths and lack of curb cuts can also present accessibility barriers. Additionally, Cedarview Lodge participants highlighted the lack of seating that would provide places to sit, rest, and enjoy the park, especially for individuals with limited mobility.

## Interactions with Disc Golf

Eastview Elementary staff expressed that conflicts with those playing disc golf are infrequent. Most of the overlap in use occurs along the east side of the park near the school, from mid-April to June when the warmer months bring more disc golf players to the space and school is still in session. Margaret Heights Daycare and Eastview Elementary participants expressed concern that some disc golf baskets are too close to children's play areas, creating a potential risk of stray discs entering these spaces. Participants from Cedarview Lodge indicated that some residents and family members feel discomfort due to the unclear demarcation of the disc golf area, causing some park users to feel that they are "in the way". Elementary school representatives noted that students sometimes try to climb the baskets.




# What We Heard: Survey and Open Houses

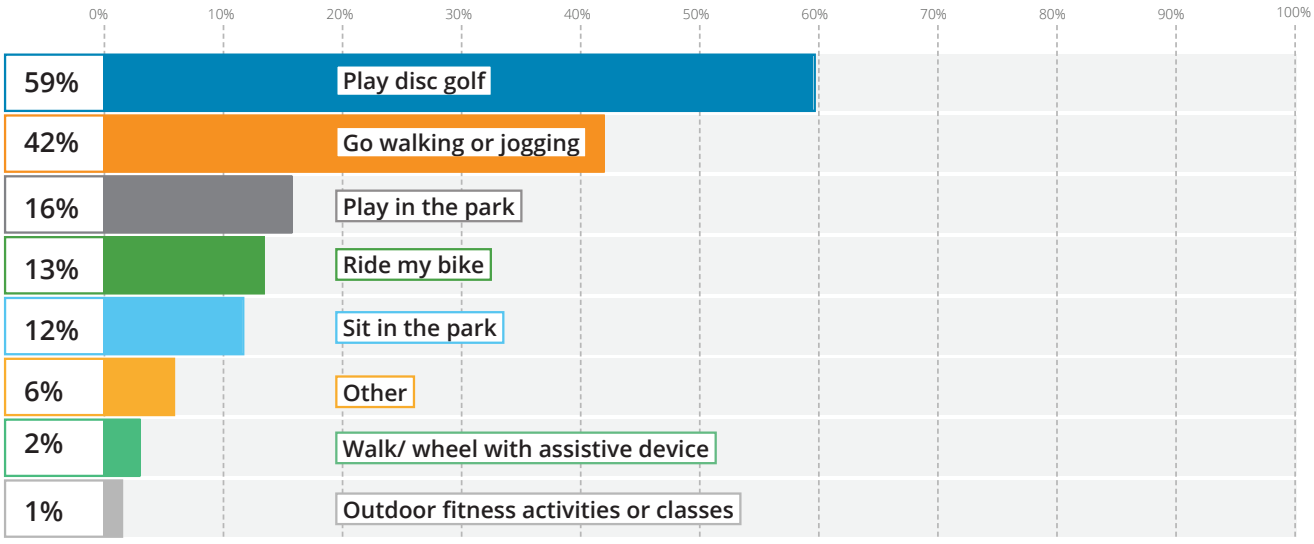
## Current Park Use

Survey participants were invited to share information about their current park activities and experiences to help City staff understand how Eastview Park is being used and by whom. The following section reflects results from survey responses (298 responses total).

### Who visits the park and why?

Survey participants were asked to indicate the top three activities they or their families participate in at Eastview Park. The most commonly reported activity among participants was disc golf, with 59% of survey participants indicating that they play. Walking or jogging was the second most common activity (42%), followed by playing in the park (16%).

#### WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY DO IN EASTVIEW PARK?



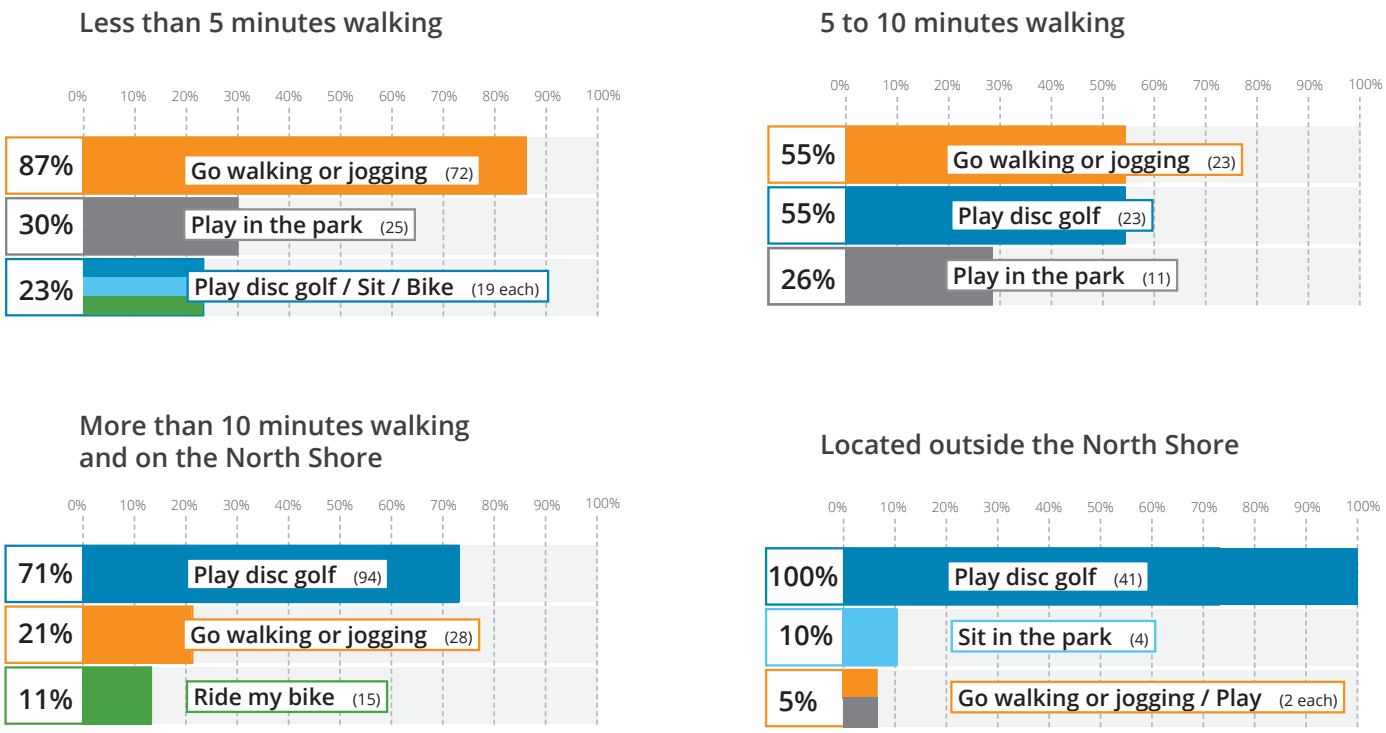

% of participants that selected this option as one of their top three activities

Differences exist in participants' activities when separated by gender and age. Of the 168 men who responded to the survey, 74% indicated that they or the people they accompanied played disc golf in Eastview Park, followed by walking or jogging (29%) and biking (15%). Of 110 women who responded, the most frequently recorded activities were walking or jogging (65%), disc golf (34%) and playing in the park (33%).

Of the 298 survey participants, the majority (86%) live on the North Shore, while 14% live outside the area. Forty-four percent (44%) live more than a ten-minute walk from Eastview Park, 28% live within a five-minute walk, and 14% live between a five- and ten-minute walk from the park.

For participants who live within a 5-minute walk from the park, the two most commonly reported activities were walking or jogging (87%) and playing in the park (30%). People living 5 to 10 minutes walking from the park reported that they use the park most often for walking or jogging (55%) and playing disc golf (55%). Further away, participants who live outside the North Shore visit the park primarily to play disc golf (100%). The following graphs outline the most commonly selected activities conducted in the park by the distance that participants live from Eastview Park.

## WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY DO IN EASTVIEW PARK? (BY LOCATION)




% and number of participants that selected this option as one of their top three activities

## Which survey participants play disc golf?

Of survey participants who play disc golf, participants are primarily men (71%) between 24-55 years of age (84%). Approximately one quarter (24%) of people who play disc golf live within a 10-minute walking distance to Eastview Park, while a total of 77% disc golfers who responded to the survey live on the North Shore. Most disc golf players reported visiting Eastview Park a few times per month (29%) or a few times per week (25%). In total, 76% of disc golf users said they visit the park at least once a month. A small portion of people who play disc golf indicated they were there every day (6%), though not necessarily to play disc golf.

## Which participants use the park most frequently?

Of people who reported playing in the park, 44% say they visit the park every day, followed by 40% of people who walk or jog, and 35% of people who bike. Proximity to the park was also strongly associated with how often people use the park. 58% of people who live within 5 minutes walking distance from the park say they visit the park daily. Those who live slightly farther away—within a five- to ten-minute walk—are more likely to visit a few times per week (41%) or a few times per month (29%).






## Shared Priorities and Concerns

Survey and open house participants also shared thoughts on their key priorities and concerns for Eastview Park's future, many of which reflected concepts that emerged in prior interest holder workshops. In particular, **participants highlighted their desire to feel safe and comfortable while spending time in a highly-valued natural space**. The following section explores key themes in more detail.

### Safety through the separation of activities

Many park users shared their vision for the park where all users could experience an enhanced sense of safety. In most instances, participants expressed that the cause of their discomfort was tied to conflicts between different activities within the park, citing negative or aggressive interpersonal interactions with other users, a sense of being unwelcome in the park, the consumption of alcohol within the park, stray disc golf throws presenting a danger, and on-going issues with off-leash dogs.

To achieve an improved sense of safety, most participants expressed that any park improvements should seek to **reduce conflict between users through greater separation of activities**. Notably, this priority was shared by both participants who do and do not practice disc golf. Participants suggested that improved signage and/or the use of fencing could help clearly delineate which areas of the park are devoted to each activity, therefore making all park visitors more comfortable. Some participants also expressed interest in limiting the hours during which disc golf could be practiced in the park or reducing golf holes so as to minimize the space and/or time devoted to that activity.

## Value of natural space

A wide variety of park users spoke to the **deep value of the park as a natural space** in the middle of an otherwise urban area. Participants especially highlighted the value of natural space as an area for children to play and learn, pointing to activities like berry picking as ways that young people interact with the natural space, and articulated that they appreciate the intimate trail experience through the forest. Strong support existed for preserving and enhancing green space and the natural character of the park through planting and restoration of green areas. Some participants who attended the open houses expressed concerns about tree health and potential tree removal related to the concept designs.



# Feedback by Park Concept

In both the online survey and in-person open houses, participants were asked to provide feedback on two proposed park design concepts. These concepts were developed by the project team, which included disc golf course designers who visited the park to determine the placement of pads and baskets, also taking into account improved safety. The design process was done in collaboration with City staff and took into account direction from Council, phase 1 engagement, and interest holder workshops.

### CONCEPT 1: THE HUB



The Hub features a central gathering space at the heart of the park. A 9-hole disc golf course is divided by a main north–south pathway and additional east–west paths, with fencing providing a buffer from other activities.

### CONCEPT 2: THE LOOP



The Loop features a small gathering area at the park's north entrance and a forested loop trail around its perimeter. A 9-hole disc golf course occupies the center, with clearly defined entrances to the playing area.

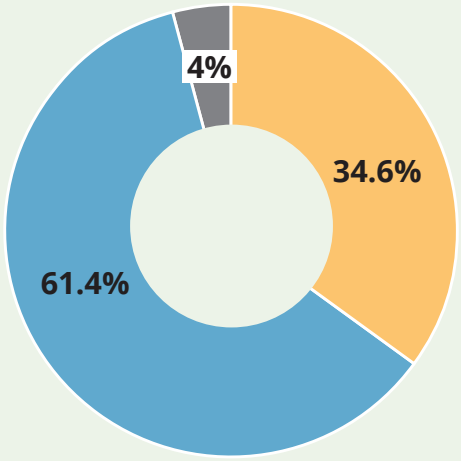
**LEGEND**

- Split rail Fence
- Trails
- Disc golf pad and basket
- Existing boardwalk
- Area with existing nature play elements
- Small gathering area
- Park boundary

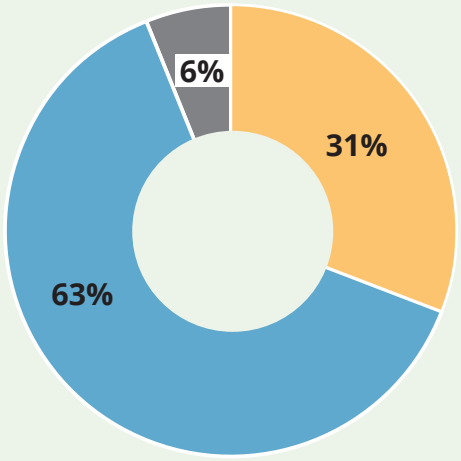
# Preference for Different Concepts

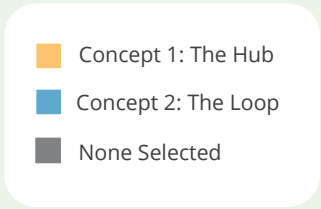
Overall, 61.4% of survey participants indicated their preference for Concept 2 - The Loop. People who play disc golf demonstrated a strong preference for Concept 2 – The Loop (85% of people who play disc golf selected this option), while people who do not play disc golf showed a less pronounced preference for Concept 1 – The Hub (63% of non-disc golfers selected this option). Some respondents expressed that they were not supportive of either concept, indicating their opinion that the park is too small to accommodate a disc golf course without compromising environmental values or conflicting with other park uses (4%).

## OVERALL PREFERRED CONCEPT



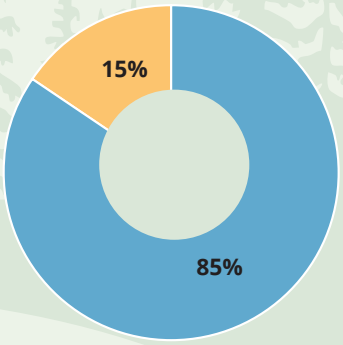

## WHICH OPTION WOULD PROVIDE BETTER SAFETY AND COMFORT?



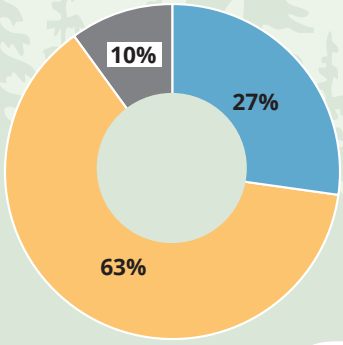




## PREFERRED CONCEPT BY ACTIVITY

Among people who play disc golf




Among people who **do not** play disc golf



# Feedback on Design Concept 1 - "The Hub"

## STRENGTHS

- The Hub concept was viewed as offering a better balance between other uses and disc golf, maintaining access for walkers and cyclists to move through and around the park. This creates more variety in walking routes, which is especially important for young people who use the park to travel to and from school.
- Many of the existing trails are preserved, and the north–south path provides clear sightlines that contribute to a stronger sense of safety.
- Some participants preferred the meeting space near the centre of the forested area.

## CONCERNS

- There is a possibility of increased interactions between park users, which could lead to ongoing conflicts. Participants suggested exploring options to reduce or realign disc golf holes to minimize the risk of stray discs and potential conflicts.
- The project team should explore different types of fencing or separation methods that help maintain the natural character of the space.

## QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS WHO PREFERRED THE HUB CONCEPT:



*"Better trails for me to walk through the park (as a non disc golf player)."*

*"Creates more space for kids to run and play, engages community more and creates a centre space for people to gather."*

*"Concept 1 allows walking farther into the depths of the park. "*

*"More options to cross the park to daycare on Rufus."*

*"You feel the park more when you are in the middle of it."*

# Feedback on Design Concept 2 - "The Loop"

### STRENGTHS

- Greater separation of uses, with lower potential for interaction between park visitors.
- Some participants enjoyed a meeting space located near the first disc golf hole, feeling that it was a natural place to gather and wait for others.
- Higher quality of disc golf experience, with a more clear designation of disc golf areas and better game "flow".
- The trail is longer and provides a more continuous route around the perimeter of the park.

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- Participants expressed concern that the amount of proposed fencing could detract from the park's natural character and make it difficult for disc golfers to retrieve discs or for walkers to cut through the park during off-seasons.
- The 7th disc golf hole's proximity to the school reduces opportunities for children's nature play in this area.
- The inability for walkers to cut through the center of the park may conflict with existing uses of the park.

### QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS WHO PREFERRED THE LOOP CONCEPT:



*"Walking loop is more enjoyable and longer."*

*"There is much better separation of non-playing park users, and playing park users. This means added safety."*

*"Longer holes for the disc golf course. Less likely a disc will accidentally cross a walking path since they all go around the outside rather than through the middle. Creates a nice loop for walking through the park, better for a dog walk."*

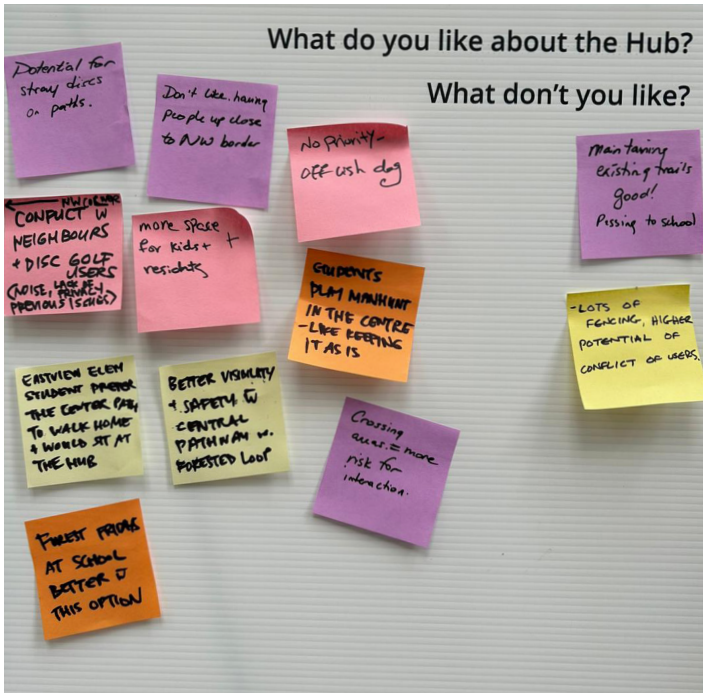
## No Preferred Concept

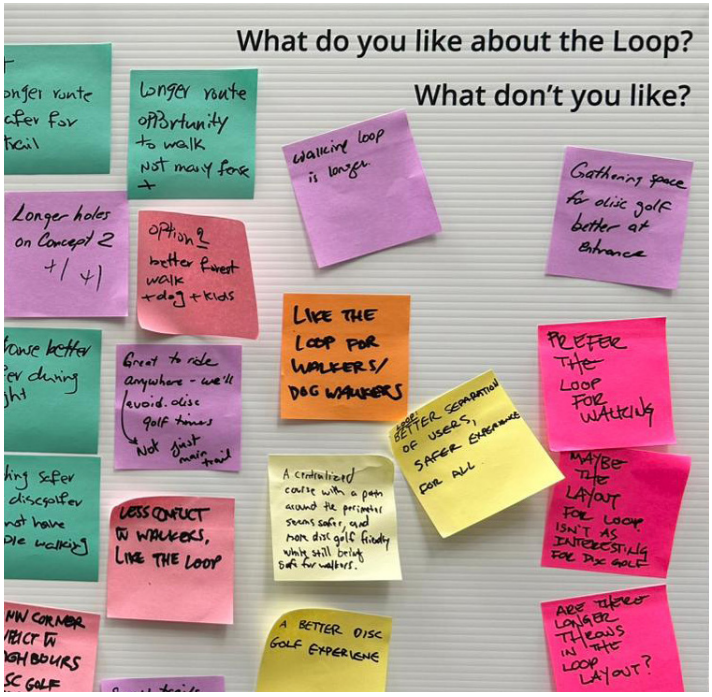
It is also important to note that some participants did not support either concept expressing, that the park should not include a disc golf facility or be altered.

### QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS WHO DID NOT SUPPORT EITHER OPTION:

*"I don't agree with these concepts, I would like to leave the forest natural. I prefer to see the forest as it is now. Frisbee lovers can play. And there is a place where you can take a walk. I don't like the idea of covering the forest with fences and metal."*

*"I don't like any concept, because this park lies between family neighborhood, and daycare, and school. It's a place where many families with kids go to school, or to the playground, or kids from school and daycare go around and enjoy nature exploration. Disc golfers are not safe neighbours for these activities."*

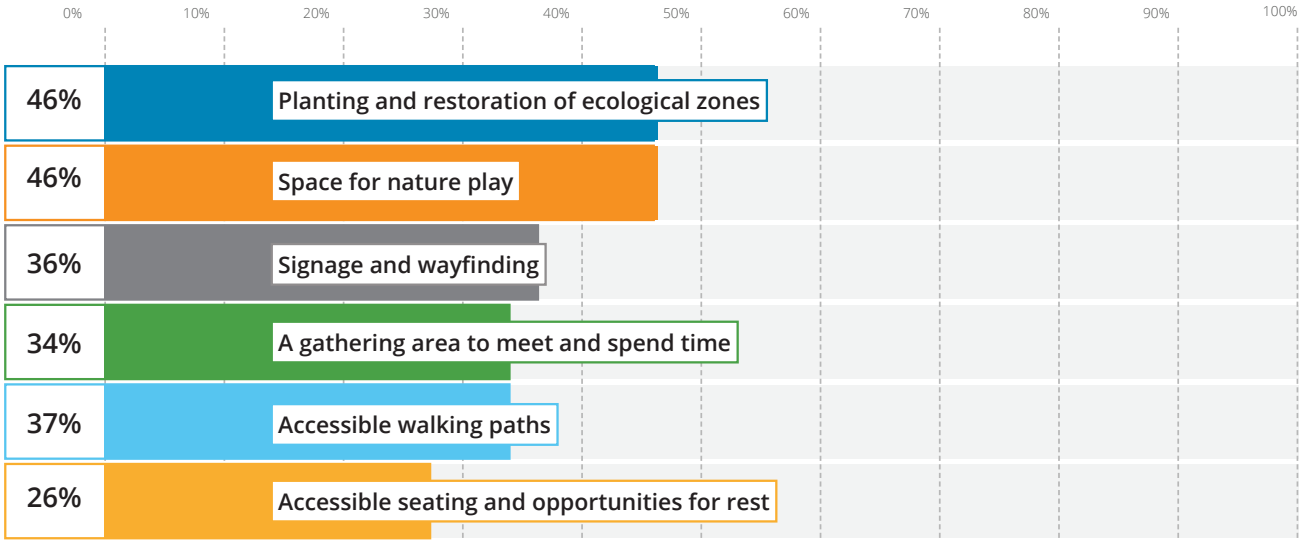



Feedback recorded on post-it notes at Community Open House.

## What Specific Improvements are Users Most Interested In?

Survey results show that both disc golfers and non-disc golfers value a variety of park improvements. When asked about the most important improvements that could be made to the park, 46% of all survey respondents selected planting and restoration of ecological zones and space for nature play (also 46%).




% of participants that selected this option as one of their top three preferences

Additionally, survey respondents and open house participants indicated the need for permanent washrooms and drinking water access, and infrastructure improvements such as additional waste and recycling bins. Improvements to disc golf infrastructure, such as proper tee pads, tees of a lower level of difficulty for beginners, tees of a higher level of difficulty for advanced players, and the maintenance of a lost-and-found box for lost discs were also suggested by disc golf players.

*"The local school uses the park for "Forest Fridays". This is a day where many of the primary classrooms do their learning and work outside. A valuable part of Eastview park is the access small children have to nature and ability to use this during the school day."*

# What We Learned

Input gathered during Phase 2 revealed concrete ways that Eastview Park can be improved for the diversity of activities and park users. Key opportunities identified for park improvements are outlined below.

## Key opportunities identified

**As the project team works to create a final design for Eastview Park, the following engagement key findings will be considered:**

- **Increase separation between uses** by incorporating fencing, planted buffers and signage to improve safety. Use fencing only where needed and ensure the fence material and design fits the park character.
- **Improve park pathways, circulation, and accessibility** by improving trail surfacing and maintaining walking and biking routes across the park in multiple directions. Signage and fencing should help improve safety, awareness, and separation without blocking access. Pathway surfacing, design, and curb let-downs will improve accessibility and enjoyment of the park for walking, jogging, wheeling and cycling for park users of all ages.
- **Improve the disc golf course** with longer holes, better flow, and formalizing tee boxes. Ensure the direction and distance of throws minimizes safety concerns. Use improved signage to communicate safety precautions.
- **Improve park amenities for all users,** including washrooms improvements, drinking water access, improved trail surfacing, seating, and curb let-downs for wheeled access.
- **Create a gathering space** in a place that feels safe and welcoming for all park users.
- **Enhance the opportunities for nature play and learning** by ensuring there is adequate and safe space, particularly along the park edges near the elementary school and daycare.
- **Enhance the native plants and ecosystems** by continuing to manage invasive species and overgrown vegetation, improving pathways and fencing to discourage side trails, and designating areas for increased ecosystem protection.

# Next steps

The findings summarized in this Phase 2 engagement report will inform the refinement of the proposed concept designs for Eastview Park.

***The City of North Vancouver sincerely thanks all participants who contributed their time and insights towards the Eastview Park Improvements project.***

