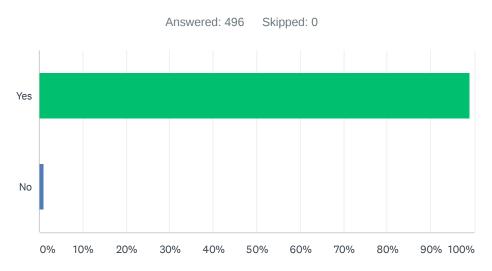
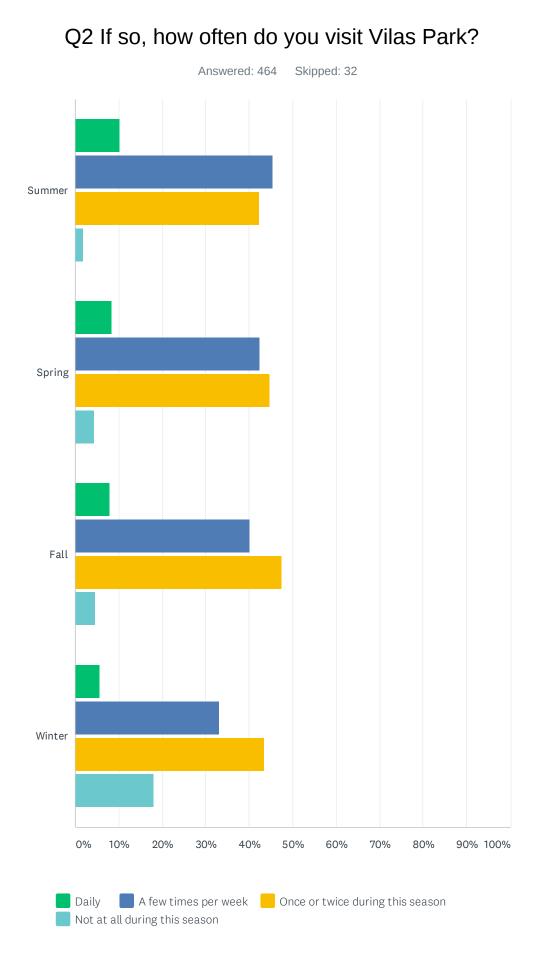
Q1 Have you visited Vilas Park?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.99%	491
No	1.01%	5
TOTAL		496



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	DAILY	A FEW TIMES PER WEEK	ONCE OR TWICE DURING THIS SEASON	NOT AT ALL DURING THIS SEASON	TOTAL
Summer	10.34% 48	45.47% 211	42.24% 196	1.94% 9	464
Spring	8.41% 39	42.46% 197	44.83% 208	4.31% 20	464
Fall	7.97% 37	40.09% 186	47.41% 220	4.53% 21	464
Winter	5.60% 26	32.97% 153	43.53% 202	17.89% 83	464

Q3 Do you experience any barriers to seasonal access at Vilas Park? Please add any comments related to seasonal barriers that you would like to share.

Answered: 191 Skipped: 305

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The congested point near the edge of the zoo and the lake, where there are now sidewalks, etc.	1/23/2020 5:43 PM
2	n/a	1/22/2020 7:53 PM
3	No. I go on foot or by bike.	1/17/2020 5:36 PM
4	No sidewalks from Orchard Street west to the picnic shelter and beach area. Paths are narrow, muddy and ice or water covered. Terrible for people with strollers or walkers	1/17/2020 12:55 PM
5	Usually walk, but hazardous.	1/17/2020 7:17 AM
6	I wish the shelter were open more	1/16/2020 1:46 PM
7	this is a very congested area and doesn't need more traffic.	1/16/2020 10:19 AM
8	none	1/16/2020 10:04 AM
9	Run through Vilas Park almost daily. When it's muddy (end of winter/spring) harder to run from St. Mary's into park because paths can become total mud.	1/16/2020 9:12 AM
10	The only barrier is zoo traffic and parking make the area sort of busy on some weekends. It'd be nice if there were a safer feeling way to get across Park St with a stroller or bike trailer.	1/16/2020 8:58 AM
11	Not really though the walkway by the small playground next to the zoo tends to get muddy and flooded after rain in any season.	1/15/2020 10:46 PM
12	This is a city park and often it feels as though the people who can afford to live in its surroundings do not want the rest of the city residents to enjoy the area.	1/15/2020 9:49 PM
13	Yes, it's hard to find parking in the summer during the weekend (I start looking along Wingra) and if you don't find a spot, you have to go a long ways around to the north side of the park.	1/15/2020 8:18 PM
14	Crowded on nice days.	1/15/2020 7:35 PM
15	No barriers affect me as I live walking distance Away and often ride a bike along the Vilas Park road	1/15/2020 7:34 PM
16	Not really!	1/15/2020 7:16 PM
17	Connect the path around the lake please	1/15/2020 7:05 PM
18	Pedestrian and bicycle traffic do not have safe options when snow, mud, rain or ice reduce roadway safety or path usability	1/15/2020 6:39 PM
19	Not really, the path is nice for walking the dogs except by the old shoe playground, some parts of that path always have puddles. It would be nice they were properly graded.	1/15/2020 5:22 PM
20	No	1/15/2020 2:13 PM
21	no	1/14/2020 7:35 PM
22	Not really	1/14/2020 1:15 PM
23	No, I love this Park!!	1/14/2020 1:15 PM
24	Flooded sidewalk, flooded field During most seasons. Winter feels unsafe to run solo due to no street lighting.	1/13/2020 8:53 PM
25	No	1/9/2020 2:57 PM
26	No	1/8/2020 7:17 PM
27	Flooding of pathways (especially near zoo playground)	1/5/2020 10:07 PM
28	no	1/3/2020 7:49 PM
29	sometimes the path over the bridges is not cleared of snow. Some paths are flooded in the spring and fall heavy car traffic at the end of the day 5-6 limits enjoyment	1/2/2020 1:15 PM
30	It tends to be a parking lot for UW Football games, but otherwise, no.	1/1/2020 8:34 AM

31	Chaos of some weekends and badger game days can make access unpleasant.	12/30/2019 10:29 PM
32	A lot of standing water when it rains prevents paths and grass from being usable.	12/30/2019 9:59 PM
33	Not. But I don't know how quick the paths are cleared when it snows. I typically walk through the grass when there is snow. The one way is sometimes annoying, but I like that it cuts down on traffic and the way around the neighborhood is just as fast if you're going somewhere else in the Vilas neighborhood from Wingra Drive.	12/30/2019 8:41 PM
34	Walking along the south side of the park is challenging during busy traffic and zoo times.	12/30/2019 7:12 PM
35	fields can be flooded/wet during spring/summer	12/30/2019 8:40 AM
36	No.	12/29/2019 10:19 PM
37	No sidewalk along Wingra Drive makes walking to the beach, especially with a stroller, difficult and less safe.	12/29/2019 9:45 AM
38	Bad curb and cutter and no sidewalks. Fast traffic.	12/28/2019 10:46 AM
39	I walk my dog in the park everyday even though signs are posted that this is not allowed.	12/28/2019 4:54 AM
40	no	12/28/2019 12:10 AM
41	It is difficult to bike through the park	12/27/2019 3:11 PM
42	No	12/27/2019 10:26 AM
43	NoI drive (due to mobility issues) on Vilas Drive. However, more lights when dark on this drive would be helpful to allthe drive becomes VERY dark.	12/26/2019 11:08 PM
44	The shelter should stay open more in the fall, spring and winter.	12/26/2019 4:57 PM
45	Love the ice skating in the Winter!	12/20/2019 1:38 PM
46	The parking lots are frequently full; however, there are other ways to access the park via foot or bike. Please do NOT sacrifice green space for more parking	12/19/2019 1:09 PM
47	not enough fishing piers for me to go as much as i want	12/19/2019 8:16 AM
48	The last time I went down to ice skate on a Sunday, within minutes I found myself skating amidst a bunch of hockey players who suddenly materialized. I've never gone back.	12/19/2019 7:49 AM
49	No	12/18/2019 8:43 PM
50	No Problems	12/18/2019 8:03 PM
51	No barriers	12/18/2019 5:20 PM
52	No	12/18/2019 2:53 PM
53	No	12/18/2019 11:32 AM
54	No.	12/18/2019 9:08 AM
55	no	12/17/2019 9:32 PM
56	I have a john boat that I like to put in from shore parking parallel along the park drive rather than backing a little trailer into the crowded Wingra boat dock. It would be nice to have a designated place to do this with an incline or ramp into the water	12/17/2019 2:11 PM
57	Sometimes parking for the zoo in the summer makes it more difficult if we are driving.	12/17/2019 8:19 AM
58	No	12/17/2019 7:46 AM
59	none	12/17/2019 4:56 AM
60	I would like to see some summer evening hours like long ago so more families could enjoy. So many adults work and cannot get to the zoo before it closes.	12/17/2019 12:40 AM
61	Ice on the roadway. When it is icy, the way for pedestrians is even dicier than usual, since the walking is in the roadway.	12/16/2019 9:19 PM
62	Lake shore and parking conditions, especially in summer, make it difficult to launch a canoe or	12/16/2019 9:18 PM

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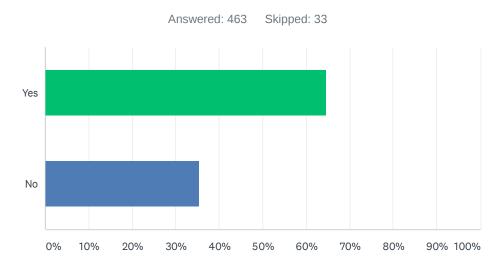
95	the lake and lagoon are overrun with weeds	9/19/2019 10:05 AM
96	Goose poop isn't quite a barrier but it is a nuisance when it is more than a few piles.	9/14/2019 8:28 AM
97	Geese and their massive droppings	9/14/2019 7:53 AM
98	Parking	9/13/2019 4:47 PM
99	the park trails are consistently covered in water & mud, or ice in winter, better drainage is needed	9/13/2019 2:11 PM
100	Curb and gutter in terrible condition. Commuter traffic whizzing by is a deterrent.	9/11/2019 4:15 PM
101	Hard to find parking some times.	9/10/2019 11:30 AM
102	Additional parking would help	9/10/2019 10:36 AM
103	no comment	9/10/2019 9:27 AM
104	Noise from loud music in summer at private parties impedes my enjoyment at times. I enjoy the peace and quiet of the lake and the walk. One way traffic is a slight barrier.	9/5/2019 7:50 PM
105	I travel with my son by foot or by bike. Car traffic can make it very dangerous, especially when there are lots of buses and cars parked to get to the zoo.	8/27/2019 12:53 PM
106	Sometimes flooding, sometimes lack of parking, especially on the zoo side of the park.	8/24/2019 10:24 AM
107	I visit Vilas Park about twice a month in summer, once a month in other seasons. Please offer a survey choice between "A few times a week" and "Once or twice during this season". My answers to question 2 are completely wrong, but there is no appropriate choice.	8/24/2019 3:06 AM
108	No	8/22/2019 9:47 PM
109	No barriers!	8/22/2019 5:36 PM
110	Can't take my dog with	8/22/2019 12:21 PM
111	no	8/21/2019 8:39 PM
112	Lack of good bus routes running near it from where I live.	8/21/2019 6:59 PM
113	in winter there are fewer trash recepticles	8/21/2019 5:51 PM
114	Yes, fish consumption advisories and also beach closures because of E. coli and cyanobacteria	8/21/2019 10:26 AM
115	traffic	8/21/2019 10:25 AM
116	No	8/21/2019 9:30 AM
117	No seasonal barriers	8/19/2019 11:11 PM
118	Often bike there with no issues	8/19/2019 9:45 PM
119	No	8/19/2019 8:56 PM
120	As someone not local to the area not sure what to do here in the winter.	8/19/2019 8:55 PM
121	Parking	8/19/2019 8:38 PM
122	Bike access along the road is poor and should be separated from car traffic along a path	8/19/2019 4:35 PM
123	None	8/19/2019 3:41 PM
124	Lack of parking	8/19/2019 2:26 PM
125	pedestrian access along Vilas Park Drive is problematic due to heavy & fast car traffic, and lack of snow-plowed pedestrian path in winter	8/19/2019 10:56 AM
126	Access road along the lake not friendly enough to be shared by cars, bikes, and peds	8/19/2019 8:28 AM
127	No	8/18/2019 12:24 PM
128	Parking	8/18/2019 11:06 AM
129	Parking	8/18/2019 8:16 AM

130	The ice on the lagoon doesn't seem to be as well maintained as the Ice at Tenney Park	8/18/2019 7:04 AM
131	I walk and there is no pedestrian path through the lakeside of the park. There is often water in the bike lane by the zoo.	8/17/2019 8:13 PM
132	Water on walking/biking path makes difficult to access- it remains weeks after rain during warm weather. In winter freeze/thaw cycle it becoming icy and dangerous.	8/17/2019 3:13 PM
133	Only the poor quality road on Vilas Park Drive	8/16/2019 6:44 PM
134	No	8/16/2019 1:02 PM
135	better ice skating would bring me there more often	8/16/2019 10:51 AM
136	Walking on the road is especially scary in winter. Slippery and too close to traffic	8/15/2019 10:00 PM
137	no	8/15/2019 8:33 PM
138	Paths are not continuous.	8/15/2019 7:57 PM
139	It can be challenging to find parking during the summer months.	8/15/2019 10:52 AM
140	Not really. Snow does impede the ability to walk through there.	8/15/2019 9:59 AM
141	Parking near the playground is impossible	8/15/2019 9:43 AM
142	During spring or heavy rains when you can't walk across it, as well as when there's too much goose poop to bring my dog	8/15/2019 9:01 AM
143	Constant flooding on one sidewalk between the playground and zoo.	8/15/2019 8:42 AM
144	I bike through the park year round, but in winter the snow clearing can sometimes be a problem.	8/15/2019 7:53 AM
145	Snow along the back side (next to Lake Wingra) makes it harder to walk.	8/15/2019 6:11 AM
146	No	8/14/2019 10:10 PM
147	Parking	8/14/2019 6:32 PM
148	Fields closed due to wetness. Bike path by west side of zoo under water (poor design and drainage) Goose crap on grass Cyanobacteria in lake at the beach	8/14/2019 3:03 PM
149	The lake gets nasty and beach is often closed.	8/14/2019 2:49 PM
150	Not enough side walks to walk safely on with children.	8/14/2019 1:59 PM
151	The large puddles along Wingra drive in the spring/summer/fall make an already scary family bike ride to the shoe park even more daunting. A proper sidewalk along the Wingra side and/or a continuation of the bike path is an absolute must in my mind.	8/14/2019 1:54 PM
152	Unsafe - dangerous walking from Orchard St to Windgra Drive Zoo entrance due to no pedestrian sidewalk and heavy traffic with drivers driving too fast. There should be a posted speed limit set at 15 miles hr and the area from the northern end road bridge to where Wingra Drive meets S. Mills should be posted as a park/habitate area. Better yet, this whole stretch should be closed to traffic and made into a pedestrian only stretch, open only to Emergency Service vehicles.	8/14/2019 1:35 PM
153	no	8/14/2019 1:28 PM
154	The puddles on the paths are seasonal and barriers.	8/14/2019 1:17 PM
155	Geese poop is sort of a barrier, as I ave to be careful when to let my kids run around.	8/14/2019 1:15 PM
156	dangerous walking from my home on Haywood because of that long stretch with no sidewalks; + people speeding through the busy stretch near the zoo and beachthey seem to use the park as a cut-through and this endangers all those families with little kids and strollers who have no safe place to walk	8/14/2019 1:14 PM
157	We travel to the park from the east on Wingra dr and the condition of the road between the zoo and lake Monona is terrible. We travel w/ young kids on bikes and the large puddle that is always present on the toad combined w/ lack of a sidewalk makes for a very dangerous situation.	8/14/2019 1:03 PM

158	none	8/14/2019 1:02 PM
159	No.	8/14/2019 1:01 PM
160	In spring and summer the road floods with water making it hard to push a stroller through	8/14/2019 12:58 PM
161	I live near the park and regularly run, bike, and walk through the park. The road is too narrow to safely accommodate bicycles and pedestrians, especially between the south end of Orchard St. and the entrance to the zoo. It would help to have clearly labelled bike lanes on both sides of the street throughout the park. As it is, there's only a very narrow bike lane on one side of the road from Edgewood to the zoo entrance and no bike lane at all east of the zoo entrance.	8/14/2019 12:51 PM
162	No. I don't think I understand the question. Is it a reference to the public bathroom?	8/14/2019 12:19 PM
163	The walking paths are often blocked by water, mud, ice, snow.	8/14/2019 11:53 AM
164	mosquitos in the summer, dogs without leash more often lately	8/14/2019 8:52 AM
165	Yes! Traffic along the road is frightening. Cars speed, bikes do not have safe passage between the dam and past Vilas Zoo, this is even worse when the sort oath along the lake is muddy, snowy or flooded. I am very concerned because the traffic study is happening right now when commuter traffic is greatly diminished due to the Haywood/Mills/Wingra/Arboretum Dr intersection. We bikes to the zoo today and felt safer with our 6 year old than we have in 6 years.	8/14/2019 12:00 AM
166	Parking in summer and winter, lack of picnic tables and benches	8/13/2019 10:37 AM
167	Just that it's very hilly.	8/12/2019 6:17 PM
168	Yes, too many cars make it stressful to bike to the park.	8/11/2019 6:19 PM
169	In spring and summer parking is very tight except at odd hours.	8/9/2019 2:06 PM
170	It does get icy and there aren't clearly defined walkways for people along the entire length that borders Wingra	8/9/2019 8:06 AM
171	It is NOT pedestrian friendly, especially in winter. The bike lane, the only place to walk, is covered in ice and snow.	8/9/2019 6:09 AM
172	bike directions on road and road maintenance	8/8/2019 6:07 PM
173	Water ponding on the trail consistently for most of the year, icy trails in winter	7/29/2019 5:34 PM
174	The only barriers are natural with too many mosquitos occasionally when we have lots of rain and with a small part of a walkway being under water following heavy rain	7/22/2019 10:02 AM
175	Parking is a challenge in the summer, especially on weekends.	7/21/2019 10:49 PM
176	The boardwalks are regularly swampy, and the grass is always marshy in the spring, making it annoying to walk through without getting muddy shoes.	7/18/2019 12:28 PM
177	No barriers!	7/17/2019 9:44 AM
178	no	7/16/2019 9:57 AM
179	No.	7/14/2019 7:35 PM
180	No.	7/14/2019 5:48 PM
181	No	7/14/2019 2:45 PM
182	Algae in the summer (and mosquitoes)	7/14/2019 10:21 AM
183	Large crowds, excessive goose feces in summer, poor drainage in spring.	7/8/2019 2:54 PM
184	The road through the park is very rough, cracked and pitted. Biking is difficult.	7/7/2019 7:53 PM
185	poor drainage of the fields makes walking across the grass in spring difficult	7/7/2019 9:05 AM
186	No safe path via Wingra Dr for pedestrians	7/5/2019 8:15 AM
187	When it rains, the wingra dr entrance gets very flooded.	7/4/2019 8:09 AM

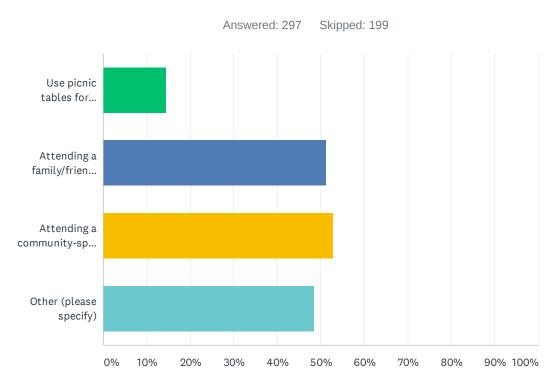
188	No barriers	7/3/2019 3:57 PM
189	No	7/3/2019 1:23 PM
190	no	6/24/2019 3:44 PM
191	no	6/24/2019 10:44 AM

Q4 Have you ever used the large shelter (see below) at Vilas Park?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.58%	299
No	35.42%	164
TOTAL		463

Q5 For what purpose did you use the shelter? CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Use picnic tables for lunch during school or summer camp	14.48%	43
Attending a family/friend gathering	51.18%	152
Attending a community-sponsored event	52.86%	157
Other (please specify)	48.48%	144
Total Respondents: 297		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
# 1	put ice skates on in winter	1/22/2020 7:53 PM
2	Attended neighborhood & environmental meetings	1/17/2020 12:56 PM
3	Attended heighborhood & environmental meetings As a warming house during skating season; also, to use the restrooms.	1/16/2020 4:07 PM
4	Winter skating	1/16/2020 1:46 PM
5	UWMBA event and when I have been ice skating at the park	1/16/2020 11:28 AM
6	skating warming house	1/16/2020 10:19 AM
7	Ice skating warming house,	1/16/2020 7:51 AM
8		1/15/2020 10:47 PM
-	Ice skating Freeze for Food 5K 10K run	
9		1/15/2020 10:04 PM
10	For ice skating	1/15/2020 8:23 PM
11	Used to get warm when ice skating (and rent skates).	1/15/2020 8:19 PM
12	Ice skating	1/15/2020 7:36 PM
13	Get a drink of water in the shelter when walking or biking	1/15/2020 7:36 PM
14	Used as rain shelter and as a place to nurse my baby.	1/15/2020 7:16 PM
15	ie skating warming	1/14/2020 7:35 PM
16	ice skating	1/14/2020 1:34 PM
17	Ice skating and bath room on walks	1/14/2020 1:16 PM
18	Skating	1/8/2020 7:17 PM
19	ice skating	1/6/2020 12:42 PM
20	Putting on skates	1/5/2020 10:08 PM
21	Skating	1/2/2020 10:22 AM
22	During the winter for skating.	12/30/2019 8:41 PM
23	also used as warming hut when skating	12/30/2019 8:40 AM
24	Skating.	12/29/2019 10:20 PM
25	ice skating shelter	12/29/2019 5:35 PM
26	Ice skating - warming shelter and rental	12/28/2019 1:18 PM
27	Ice skating warming house	12/28/2019 4:55 AM
28	Ice Skating Shelter	12/27/2019 5:19 PM
29	ice skating warming house	12/27/2019 6:37 AM
30	attending a work-sponsored gathering	12/26/2019 11:09 PM
31	Ice Skating!	12/26/2019 4:59 PM
32	Work party	12/20/2019 1:38 PM
33	Winter ice skating	12/19/2019 1:10 PM
34	ice skating shelter	12/18/2019 8:43 PM
35	Ice skating shelter, race days and general use	12/18/2019 5:21 PM
36	gathering place before starting on a group bike ride	12/18/2019 4:04 PM
37	skating	12/18/2019 4:02 PM

38	warming house for ice skating in winter	12/18/2019 3:44 PM
39	Ice skating	12/18/2019 11:32 AM
40	Ice skating	12/18/2019 10:58 AM
41	renting ice skates	12/18/2019 6:56 AM
42	skating	12/17/2019 9:33 PM
43	ice skating	12/17/2019 7:57 PM
44	Skating	12/17/2019 7:47 AM
45	ice skating shelter in winter	12/16/2019 9:20 PM
46	ice skating (warming)	12/16/2019 9:06 PM
47	Ice skating warmup	12/16/2019 8:31 PM
48		11/28/2019 4:09 PM
49	Skating	11/27/2019 2:16 PM
50	Warming house	11/26/2019 5:10 PM
51	Warming shelter for winter ice skating	11/26/2019 4:33 PM
52	ice skating	11/26/2019 4:05 PM
53	Work gathering	11/26/2019 3:16 PM
54	Use shelter for restrooms or lunch.	11/14/2019 3:38 PM
55	For ice skating	11/13/2019 10:08 PM
56	Ice skating prep	11/12/2019 9:04 PM
57	Warming shelter for ice skating	11/12/2019 8:37 PM
58	Ice-Skating	11/12/2019 8:33 PM
59	Ice skating in winter	11/12/2019 7:09 PM
60	skating	11/12/2019 3:17 PM
61	Ice skating	11/11/2019 11:23 AM
62	Warming house in winter, restrooms when available year round when running.	11/9/2019 9:21 AM
63	ice skating	11/8/2019 10:23 PM
64	Annual work staff picnic	11/1/2019 8:04 PM
65	Beer bash party on senior skip day	11/1/2019 2:18 PM
66	Bathrooms!	11/1/2019 10:15 AM
67	Ice skating	10/29/2019 7:40 PM
68	Warming hut	10/21/2019 5:47 PM
69	Used picnic tables when visiting.	10/17/2019 10:15 AM
70	Ice Skating	10/17/2019 9:52 AM
71	Ice skating	10/16/2019 11:53 AM
72	running races	10/16/2019 9:53 AM
73	ice skating	9/19/2019 9:43 PM
74	skating	9/19/2019 10:05 AM
75	In winter for ice skating	9/19/2019 9:47 AM

76	Fishing event, skating	9/14/2019 7:54 AM
77	Skating	9/5/2019 7:51 PM
78	ice-skating shelter. It is pretty run-down. i wouldn't choose it if i were hosting a gathering.	8/27/2019 12:54 PM
79	Ice skating and bathroom facilities during the winter	8/25/2019 12:04 PM
80	Attended an event, don't remember what.	8/24/2019 3:07 AM
81	Ice skating	8/22/2019 10:51 PM
82	Attending school-sponsored event.	8/22/2019 9:48 PM
83	Ice skating	8/21/2019 8:17 PM
84	I've only used it for renting ice skates during the winter	8/21/2019 7:33 PM
85	Skating	8/21/2019 7:15 PM
86	Attended private party	8/21/2019 7:00 PM
87	use restroom	8/21/2019 10:29 AM
88	ice skating in winter	8/21/2019 10:26 AM
89	warm up shelter when ice skating	8/21/2019 9:30 AM
90	Ice Rink warming house	8/20/2019 8:45 AM
91	Ice skating warming shelter	8/19/2019 10:38 PM
92	Ice skating	8/19/2019 9:57 PM
93	Ice skating warming house	8/19/2019 8:57 PM
94	Warming shelter to change into skates	8/19/2019 2:16 PM
95	Ice skating in winter	8/19/2019 1:55 PM
96	ice skating (warming)	8/19/2019 10:56 AM
97	Warming hut.	8/18/2019 7:04 AM
98	Skating in Winter	8/17/2019 8:55 PM
99	Winter ice skating	8/17/2019 3:13 PM
100	Ice skating	8/16/2019 6:44 PM
101	ice skating warming house	8/16/2019 11:28 AM
102	Restroom	8/16/2019 8:38 AM
103	Hockey	8/15/2019 7:57 PM
104	I organized events using the shelter	8/15/2019 11:12 AM
105	I think, if this is the building used as the warming house for ice skating	8/15/2019 10:52 AM
106	Picnic but didn't reserve the shelter	8/15/2019 9:43 AM
107	Ice skating	8/15/2019 9:12 AM
108	Restroom during or after exercising.	8/15/2019 8:43 AM
109	warming shelter when skating	8/15/2019 4:25 AM
110	Warming house for skating in winter	8/14/2019 11:15 PM
111	Ice skating	8/14/2019 6:26 PM
112	Ice Skating	8/14/2019 5:30 PM
113	Ice skating. (Why is the ice skating & hockey function no mentioned in the survey so far?)	8/14/2019 3:05 PM

114	Ice Skating	8/14/2019 2:49 PM
115	Ice Skating Shelter	8/14/2019 2:29 PM
116	as a warming hut when ice skating	8/14/2019 2:00 PM
117	Bathroom	8/14/2019 1:46 PM
118	ice skating	8/14/2019 1:28 PM
119	skating in the winter	8/14/2019 1:15 PM
120	ice skating to warm up and change skates	8/14/2019 1:03 PM
121	Annual Program Picnic for a UW-summer program; Memorial Service I put together for a mother & daughter	8/14/2019 1:03 PM
122	I occasionally use the bathrooms there, but they're absolutely disgusting and could use some attention.	8/14/2019 12:53 PM
123	Putting on Ice Skates	8/14/2019 12:37 PM
124	Ice skating	8/14/2019 12:29 PM
125	work picnic	8/14/2019 12:29 PM
126	Warming shelter for ice skating	8/14/2019 12:12 PM
127	a walk/run gathering space	8/14/2019 11:54 AM
128	ice skating	8/14/2019 11:32 AM
129	to change into and out of iceskates	8/12/2019 10:43 AM
130	as warming house in winter	8/9/2019 2:07 PM
131	Skating in the winter!	8/9/2019 8:59 AM
132	Ice skating in winter	8/8/2019 9:59 PM
133	Change skates	8/8/2019 8:35 PM
134	Skating	7/31/2019 12:38 PM
135	Birdwatching, in shade. Most of all, looking at Barn Swallows that nest there.	7/25/2019 12:26 PM
136	When it's warming hut for ice skating	7/17/2019 10:57 AM
137	Ice skate rentals during the winter	7/17/2019 9:45 AM
138	Ice skating	7/14/2019 9:44 PM
139	Ice skating	7/8/2019 2:54 PM
140	Wedding celebration	7/7/2019 7:54 PM
141	ice skating	7/7/2019 9:06 AM
142	Work event; ice skating	7/6/2019 3:26 PM
143	ice skating	7/3/2019 3:58 PM
144	Warming shelter for ice skating and hockey	7/3/2019 1:23 PM

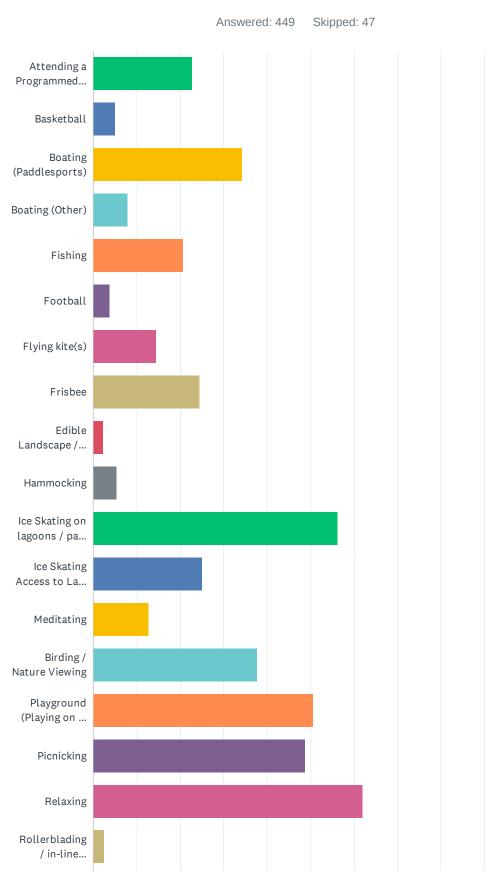
Q6 Please add any information that you would like to share regarding not using the shelter

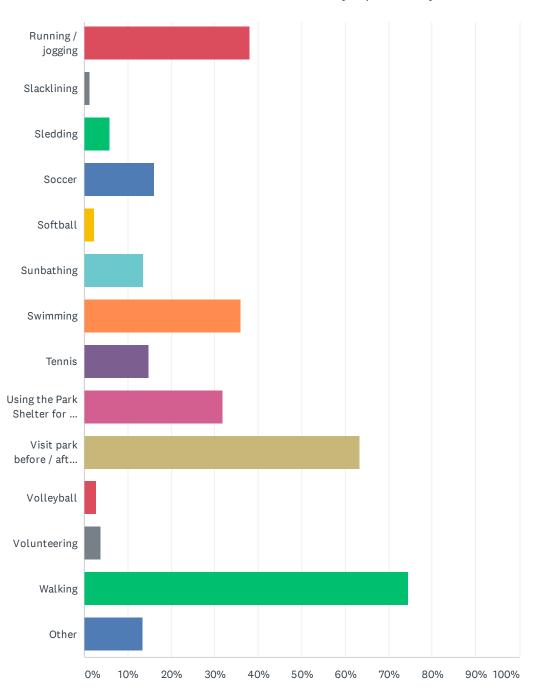
Answered: 46 Skipped: 450

4	DECDONCES	DATE
#	RESPONSES	
1	Had no clue there was a shelter!	1/22/2020 8:00 AM
2	Never had the opportunity	1/21/2020 3:32 PM
3	I don't ice skate, although I bought a hot chocolate once while walking around there. It's a nice spot for skaters in the winter.	1/16/2020 10:05 AM
4	I didn't realize that was open to the public!	1/15/2020 7:16 PM
5	I would use it if the path was connected around the lake	1/15/2020 7:06 PM
6	I have attended at least one event there, but have not been involved in organizing any shelter events.	12/28/2019 5:32 PM
7	No cause to use it generally only walk or bike in area	12/28/2019 9:39 AM
8	The shelter is not very inviting and I have seen some people smoking and drinking near the shelter which made it even less inviting	12/27/2019 6:39 AM
9	didn't know there was a shelter. it looks pretty rough around the edges - not sure I would ever want to use it considering.	12/19/2019 8:17 AM
10	I'm not clear on whether it's simply a public space or if you need a reservation to use it?	12/18/2019 4:14 PM
11	We have considered using the shelter for group events a few times over the years, but have chosen alternative locations for various reasons. It seems nice!	12/18/2019 11:42 AM
12	It is a nice amenity to have available.	12/18/2019 9:09 AM
13	I am worried that it is not safe. I am elderly and visit Vilas alone.	12/17/2019 9:39 AM
14	It always has people having a few beers sitting in it. Like a refuge for those people. Doesn't really bother me, but it's not incredibly inviting.	12/17/2019 7:43 AM
15	We don't have big parties	12/17/2019 4:57 AM
16	It's not clear to me when it's open and what it offers	11/24/2019 1:32 PM
17	Haven't yet had the need for it. I like that it's there as an option.	11/12/2019 4:37 PM
18	I have used the shelter attached to the ice rink in the winter. It needs upgrades. Otherwise have not used the shelter at all.	11/12/2019 4:26 PM
19	We aren't usually in that part of the park	11/9/2019 7:35 AM
20	I'm just one person. I don't need a shelter.	11/2/2019 2:29 PM
21	Not much around for kids to do close by	10/17/2019 1:06 PM
22	I haven't had a reason to, but am interested in using the shelter in the future for my kids birthday parties.	9/19/2019 10:36 AM
23	I know it's there thought it was for zoo use	9/13/2019 4:48 PM
24	I never knew there was one. Could be updated. The picture looks like it is old and run down. Might be nice if was nicer to attract small parties of people to use or possibly nice enough to host weddings at the park outside area or small ones inside. ??	9/10/2019 11:33 AM
25	Our family just hasn't had to use it. We like to stay outdoors as much as possible and I don't recall using the shelter in the last 20 years.	8/22/2019 9:56 AM
26	I have only used	8/21/2019 10:27 AM
27	The shelter does not look inviting.	8/20/2019 8:40 AM
28	It's not very inviting, and it's not clear what amenities are provided there. As a cyclist, I want a place to park my bike, a place to get water, and a bathroom. Every time I try to find a public bathroom at a Madison park, it's usually closed/locked.	8/19/2019 11:14 PM
29	Not familiar with it	8/19/2019 8:56 PM
30	Does it have bathrooms? Is it open for all? I don't have many occasions to use it but I don't	8/19/2019 10:01 AM

	know if it would meet my needs.	
31	None	8/18/2019 12:25 PM
32	I haven't gone with a group	8/18/2019 11:07 AM
33	Haven't been sure that it's open. Not like the one at Tenney park or other shelters. Not open or welcoming.	8/16/2019 1:03 PM
34	Never had a reason to use the shelter for it's intended purpose. Have used the restrooms before though.	8/15/2019 10:00 AM
35	Haven't needed to use it.	8/15/2019 6:25 AM
36	Open and can be very buggy. Would be great if it was enclosed and had multiple sections for multiple simultaneous rentals.	8/14/2019 5:21 PM
37	It is a dated building and the rules aren't clear regarding its use. I'm not sure if it is free for anyone to use at any time or if times have to be reserved. Also, it feels closed in which takes away from the park.	8/14/2019 1:39 PM
38	Wish there was community events there, ie group yoga or child storytimes	8/14/2019 1:23 PM
39	I have never had a need to to the shelter	8/14/2019 1:17 PM
40	I don't know too much about it, except that it always looks closed, so I thought it was a storage building or something.	8/14/2019 1:16 PM
41	Have other places 2 go	8/12/2019 9:29 AM
42	I didn't realize it was there	8/9/2019 1:34 PM
43	I haven't had a reason to rent out or use the shelter.	8/9/2019 8:10 AM
44	I didn't realize it was a shelter available for use.	7/22/2019 10:03 AM
45	Use it in winter when ice skating only	7/16/2019 9:58 AM
46	I did not know that there was a shelter	7/5/2019 3:57 AM

Q7 Which of the following activities do you participate in at Vilas Park? CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY.





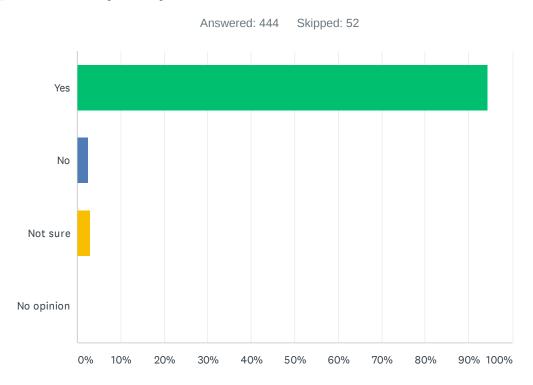
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attending a Programmed Activity	22.72%	102
Basketball	5.12%	23
Boating (Paddlesports)	34.30%	154
Boating (Other)	8.02%	36
Fishing	20.71%	93
Football	3.79%	17
Flying kite(s)	14.48%	65
Frisbee	24.50%	110
Edible Landscape / Gardening	2.23%	10
Hammocking	5.35%	24
Ice Skating on lagoons / park rinks	56.35%	253
Ice Skating Access to Lake Wingra	25.17%	113
Meditating	12.69%	57
Birding / Nature Viewing	37.64%	169
Playground (Playing on or Bringing Kids to)	50.56%	227
Picnicking	48.78%	219
Relaxing	61.92%	278
Rollerblading / in-line skating	2.45%	11
Running / jogging	38.08%	171
Slacklining	1.34%	6
Sledding	5.79%	26
Soccer	16.04%	72
Softball	2.23%	10
Sunbathing	13.59%	61
Swimming	36.08%	162
Tennis	14.92%	67
Using the Park Shelter for an Event	31.85%	143
Visit park before / after visiting Henry Vilas Zoo	63.47%	285
Volleyball	2.67%	12
Volunteering	3.79%	17
Walking	74.39%	334
Other	13.36%	60

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Pickleball	1/22/2020 8:01 AM
2	bicycling	1/21/2020 8:17 PM
3	bicycling, I regularly bike through the park.	1/16/2020 10:05 AM
4	Photography	1/15/2020 7:37 PM
5	Biking, walking on the ice in winter.	1/15/2020 7:37 PM
6	Bike through it	1/15/2020 6:57 PM
7	walking with my dogs	1/15/2020 5:23 PM
8	Appreciating the historical significance and sacredness to indigenous peoples who once inhabited the land; also enjoying Annie Stewart fountain	1/15/2020 2:16 PM
9	Biking	1/14/2020 1:16 PM
10	biking	1/11/2020 11:18 PM
11	Part of my bike and rollerskiing route	12/30/2019 10:33 PM
12	Star-gazing	12/30/2019 8:48 PM
13	Biking	12/30/2019 7:13 PM
14	Dog walking	12/28/2019 4:56 AM
15	I'd like to be able to walk my dog there.	12/27/2019 6:22 AM
16	Best part of bicycle loop around Lake Wingra	12/26/2019 5:04 PM
17	Biking, access to the Arb	12/18/2019 5:24 PM
18	Walking my dog	12/18/2019 4:15 PM
19	biking	12/18/2019 4:05 PM
20	I often bike through the park on a loop through the arboretum, or on my way to other destinations	12/18/2019 4:04 PM
21	Biking	12/18/2019 10:59 AM
22	dog walking	12/18/2019 9:10 AM
23	photography	12/18/2019 6:58 AM
24	biking	12/17/2019 2:13 PM
25	used to visit more when we were younger	12/17/2019 4:59 AM
26	Biking	12/16/2019 9:20 PM
27	Bicycling	11/26/2019 10:28 AM
28	Biking	11/13/2019 10:09 PM
29	Riding bikes; playing in the snow and on the ice	11/12/2019 9:06 PM
30	biking	11/12/2019 5:02 PM
31	Biking	11/12/2019 4:38 PM
32	radio controlled airplanes	11/12/2019 3:18 PM
33	Checking out wildlife in the water.	11/9/2019 9:24 AM
34	Biking	11/9/2019 7:35 AM
35	Biking through. It'sa beautiful ride.	11/9/2019 12:25 AM
36	Biking	11/6/2019 12:42 PM

27	Tank demolition	11/2/2010 1:52 DM
37	Tank demolition	11/3/2019 1:52 PM
38	I mostly just bike through.	11/2/2019 2:30 PM
39	Bicycling	11/2/2019 11:59 AM
40	Walking w/dog	11/2/2019 9:56 AM
41	I work in Vilas park	10/26/2019 9:21 AM
42	Biking	10/16/2019 2:45 PM
43	No swimming because of water quality	9/30/2019 2:24 PM
44	Nature Play Space would be a nice change from the standard/generic playgrounds going in	9/26/2019 8:51 AM
45	dog walking	9/13/2019 2:12 PM
46	My child is only 1 but I would love to take advantage of the zoo and the park outside she has been there once already. I would like to see the area revitalized and the park updated.	9/10/2019 11:35 AM
47	Biking	9/3/2019 11:02 AM
48	we choose to bike through there rather than go through the neighborhood when possible.	8/27/2019 12:56 PM
49	Community events	8/24/2019 7:04 PM
50	Biking. I often bike through the park with my kids on my way elsewhere	8/24/2019 10:26 AM
51	Biking through park	8/24/2019 3:09 AM
52	Eating lunch in my car	8/21/2019 6:03 PM
53	biking through area	8/21/2019 10:31 AM
54	Cycling	8/21/2019 6:37 AM
55	Biking	8/20/2019 8:46 AM
56	Biking (was this overlooked? Or excluded on purpose?)	8/20/2019 12:24 AM
57	Cycling	8/19/2019 11:15 PM
58	Biking	8/19/2019 10:39 PM
59	Biking	8/19/2019 8:56 PM
60	bicycling	8/19/2019 3:43 PM
61	Bicycling	8/19/2019 3:32 PM
62	Cycling	8/19/2019 12:32 PM
63	bicycling, geocaching	8/19/2019 10:37 AM
64	Acroyoga	8/18/2019 9:50 AM
65	Acro yoga	8/18/2019 2:57 AM
66	Bike riding	8/17/2019 8:58 PM
67	Enjoying sand on beach with kiddos (not actual swimming but we are at the beach). You may want to add beach to the survey.	8/17/2019 3:15 PM
68	Cross country skiing ; astronomy ; playing with family in open spaces	8/15/2019 11:17 AM
69	Kegball	8/15/2019 10:28 AM
70	Kegball	8/15/2019 9:13 AM
71	Biking	8/15/2019 7:53 AM
72	Biking	8/15/2019 6:27 AM
73	Kickball	8/14/2019 11:16 PM

74	Biking	8/14/2019 10:24 PM
75	Biking	8/14/2019 6:26 PM
76	Biking. Hockey. Why are these not called out when so many other activities are?	8/14/2019 3:07 PM
77	Dog walking	8/14/2019 1:47 PM
78	Biking	8/14/2019 1:18 PM
79	I would rollerblade there but it's too bumpy and no safe place	8/14/2019 1:04 PM
80	Dog walking	8/14/2019 12:30 PM
81	biking	8/14/2019 12:17 PM
82	Cycling, rucking.	8/14/2019 11:52 AM
83	Biking	8/14/2019 12:01 AM
84	I've done other activities listed above throughout the years, but I only checked what I do regularly now.	8/13/2019 9:27 AM
85	biking	8/12/2019 10:44 AM
86	Biking on v regular basis	8/12/2019 9:29 AM
87	Bicycling	8/11/2019 6:20 PM
88	biking	8/9/2019 6:11 AM
89	Photography	8/8/2019 10:00 PM
90	cycling	8/8/2019 6:08 PM
91	Dog walking	7/29/2019 5:35 PM
92	bicycling and beach	7/22/2019 10:05 AM
93	Great for photography and sketching	7/21/2019 10:51 PM
94	We take a telescope out into the park ; xcountry skiing	7/17/2019 10:59 AM
95	Bike commuting	7/7/2019 7:55 PM
96	dog walking	7/7/2019 9:07 AM
97	Biking	7/4/2019 8:14 AM

Q8 Generally, do you feel safe and welcome at Vilas Park?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.37%	419
No	2.48%	11
Not sure	2.93%	13
No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		444

#	OTHER (PLEASE ADD ANY COMMENTS YOU'D LIKE TO FURTHER EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER FROM ABOVE)	DATE
1	Although the walking point by the lake is very congested, especially when there's an event.	1/23/2020 5:46 PM
2	This has been only last several years with end of large gatherings of single men smoking, drinking and playing loud music from cars near the Beach and shelters	1/17/2020 1:07 PM
3	as safe as anywhere in the city	1/16/2020 10:20 AM
4	Although I thought it was odd that no dogs were allowed, yet I see dogs there all the time. I don't actually CARE, I like dogs well enoughand people seem to clean up after themselves but it's weird.	1/16/2020 10:11 AM
5	Neighborhood is unfriendly	1/15/2020 9:51 PM
6	But mud holes (drainage problems) are not particularly welcoming.	1/15/2020 7:40 PM
7	I would feel more welcome if the path was connected around the lake	1/15/2020 7:07 PM
8	Traffic is currently unsafe in the park	1/15/2020 6:45 PM
9	Dogs, especially off-leash, sometimes discourage me from using the park	1/15/2020 5:31 PM
10	The road from Orchard Street into the park to the west often feels unsafe due to lack of sidewalk and traffic.	1/15/2020 5:26 PM
11	I feel safe overall, but there are a lot of cars that drive through at night. I need to be attentive and make sure I'm not walking too close to the road.	1/15/2020 5:20 PM
12	Various areas of the park along the car drive ways tend to be used for nefarious activities such as drug dealing, which doesn't feel safe. There is also a lot of overgrowth around the parcel near Annie Stewart fountain and the walking path which creates a dark and unsettling environment for use after dark	1/15/2020 2:21 PM
13	The counter-traffic bike lane on Vilas Park Drive is a mess - it's small, disappears in places, and is very bumpy. Going the other direction, biking in the road is pretty uncomfortable because of the poor road maintenance	1/11/2020 11:19 PM
14	Not at night of course, but I feel safe during the day.I	12/28/2019 5:36 PM
15	Car traffic on Wingra Drive goes too fast.	12/28/2019 10:48 AM
16	I have felt the parking lots have had people drinking/partying out of their cars	12/27/2019 6:43 AM
17	I rarely go because I can't take my dog with me.	12/27/2019 6:23 AM
18	Yes during daytime, no at night due to extreme darkness.	12/26/2019 11:14 PM
19	Safe, if we are talking about people; Safety from cars? not so much. Would prefer better pedestrian/bicycle path protected from traffic. Especially, right at Orchard now that you can't get in the zoo there, you end up walking in the street.	12/26/2019 5:42 PM
20	swimmers make too much noise. move swimming to a different lake.	12/19/2019 8:18 AM
21	The only problem I have encountered is not having a proper sidewalk or separate path to walk on along Lake Wingra. I walk this route almost every day with my dog and we have to scurry over the bridge (to avoid traffic) and then walk in the grass to avoid being in the road. I wish there were a sidewalk or separate walking/biking path.	12/18/2019 4:18 PM
22	sometimes the cars or loud music near the beach are mildly concerning.	12/17/2019 9:36 PM
23	I would like to come to the park in the evening, but I don't think that it is safe enough for me to walk there. I've seen some rowdy people. They park in the lot by the shelter.	12/17/2019 9:43 AM
24	Increased potential crime at night- mostly teenage drug dealing.	11/26/2019 6:11 PM
25	At times there are people in the park with kegs that are urinating in front of children. Sometime the environment does not feel safe for women.	11/26/2019 4:10 PM
26	Feel most at risk as a pedestrian walking along roads south of zoo with no sidewalks.	11/12/2019 7:57 PM
27	I don't feel 'unsafe', but sometimes the drinking and excessive parting on summer weekends	11/12/2019 4:28 PM

	prevented me from taking little kids.	
28	I feel it's a safe place for safes.	11/3/2019 1:54 PM
29	Need to keep undesirable people out of the park and neighborhoods	11/1/2019 2:20 PM
30	N/A	9/19/2019 10:37 AM
31	Safe, yes. Welcome, no, goose poop is disgusting. This is the perfect park for more dogs that would scare away the offending geese at least if dog owners could learn to reliably pick up after their "family members."	9/14/2019 8:33 AM
32	The geese are the main problem when their droppings make the beach unusable.	9/14/2019 7:57 AM
33	Again, it can be dangerous for walkers and bikers because of cars driving very quickly through there are the lack of a separate biking/walking path and all the parking along the road. People drive very quickly.	8/27/2019 12:59 PM
34	Safe yes, but wonder how welcome I am after reading some of the comments from the recently held meeting. Sounds like those living in VILAS neighborhood consider those of us who live further away than a few blocks to be encroaching on THEIR PRIVATE park! Walk or bike or park at some REMOTE location to visit the park. Not everyone can walk or bike to the park, distance is too great & shuttle is discriminatory of those who don't live within walking distance. Makes me feel VERY UNWELCOME!	8/21/2019 8:55 PM
35	At night, the park feels a lot less secure largely because a huge part of the park is not well-lit. I sometimes (reluctantly) bike through on my way home from the UW campus.	8/21/2019 7:41 PM
36	Vilas park drive can be unwelcoming when heavily occupied	8/20/2019 9:06 PM
37	except don't always feel safe when walking or biking along Vilas Park Drive, due to car traffic	8/19/2019 10:58 AM
38	Normally nice place to visit and fish or walk	8/18/2019 12:32 PM
39	We feel secure but I don't feel safe having my 4 year old son ride his bike. Cars drive too quickly and there is no separation between cars and bikes. Also, I have on a couple of occasions, almost hit on my bike by a car that was backing up	8/17/2019 9:27 PM
40	certainly not as much as in past years	8/15/2019 11:14 AM
41	When I'm riding my bike, the presence of motor vehicles, without a protected space, sometimes makes me feel unsafe, especially when the zoo is busy or when commuters use the park drive as a shortcut.	8/15/2019 7:56 AM
42	except for walking children in areas where there is not designated side walks.	8/14/2019 2:01 PM
43	Generally speaking the park feels safe and welcome but at dusk the area near the beach and Vilas parking lot off of wingra can draw some questionable activity.	8/14/2019 1:44 PM
44	except for the traffic issue and lack of sidewalks that I mentioned earlier	8/14/2019 1:18 PM
45	I always feel safe there during the day. I sometimes run through the park at night, and it's a little creepy running past the cars that are parked along the lake shore at night. I think there are a number of people who basically live out of their cars who park their regularly at night. I feel for them because they probably have nowhere else to go, but it does make the park feel a little unsafe at night. Also, I feel like there are illicit activities (drug dealing, etc.) that are conducted from parked cars there at night.	8/14/2019 1:04 PM
46	I don't always feel safe	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
47	I like the level of activity there is in the park now. I am not looking for a significantly "beefed up" park. I wouldn't want grills around, for example. It's a city park, not a full-service, all-day state park, but a place to spend a few hours or an afternoon, alone or with family or friends. More parking would be nice.	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
48	Access from Wingra drive is awful for bikes and children. This needs to be addressed for safety ASAP. Also it would be SO helpful for the zoo to increase enterances/access points for safety and accessibility.	8/14/2019 12:05 AM
49	Often dogs are off leash which makes me feel unsafe especially for my young child.	8/13/2019 12:51 PM
50	Bike paths are not safe w cars & buses plus so many excited kids on same sidewalk or	8/12/2019 9:31 AM

	pavement.	
51	people smoking and hanging out in park	8/8/2019 6:09 PM
52	uncomfortable about safety alone in the dark	7/14/2019 10:26 AM

Q9 What do you love most about Vilas Park?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The lake.	1/23/2020 5:46 PM
2	ice hockey	1/22/2020 7:55 PM
3	The beauty, being near the lake, hearing the lions roar, the winding walking paths, seeing families grilling out, kids playing sports	1/22/2020 8:12 AM
4	The openness	1/22/2020 8:02 AM
5	Easy slow traveling and relaxing place	1/21/2020 8:18 PM
6	Open space, views	1/21/2020 3:33 PM
7	Accessibility, lake access, closeness to zoo,	1/17/2020 5:39 PM
8	How spacious it feels	1/17/2020 4:35 PM
9	Natural views of Lake Wingra, sunsets, canoe launches	1/17/2020 1:07 PM
10	In the neighborhood	1/17/2020 7:19 AM
11	convenient and relatively clean place to swim.	1/16/2020 4:09 PM
12	All of the features it has from playgrounds to iceskating.	1/16/2020 11:33 AM
13	its wildlife and trees	1/16/2020 10:20 AM
14	Neighborhood proximity, its open space, you can look all the way to a far away point. Looking for muskrats and fish, we ALWAYS do that every time we walk down there. Connecting to the bike trails there. The fact that so much lakeshore is undeveloped within an urban space.	1/16/2020 10:11 AM
15	Morning runs through the park, any season, are tranquil and beautiful. One of my favorite things about Madison.	1/16/2020 9:15 AM
16	The little playground up over by Erin St.	1/16/2020 9:01 AM
17	the variety of spaces and activities	1/16/2020 8:39 AM
18	Natural habitat, connection of the park to adjacent natural areas -Edgewood broadwalk and the arboretum and knickerbocker.	1/16/2020 8:03 AM
19	nature and the creek/lake	1/16/2020 7:01 AM
20	It's proximity	1/16/2020 4:30 AM
21	There natural beauty and the size	1/15/2020 10:48 PM
22	The space	1/15/2020 9:51 PM
23	I go there for nature access. The views of the lake and the natural ice skating. Great route for biking.	1/15/2020 8:26 PM
24	The gathering of people	1/15/2020 8:25 PM
25	The large grassy areas so pleasant for walking. Seeing people playing seasonal games in the large field. Taking grandkids to the play ground Areas. Walking from there over to ZuZu's for coffee.	1/15/2020 7:50 PM
26	Early mornings.	1/15/2020 7:40 PM
27	The large open space, the beauty of the park, the woods/walking path, the neighborhood feel and proximity to my house.	1/15/2020 7:20 PM
28	the beach	1/15/2020 7:17 PM
29	Lots!	1/15/2020 7:07 PM
30	The spaciousness and proximity of water	1/15/2020 6:58 PM
31	Ice skating, beach, zoo, playgrounds	1/15/2020 6:45 PM
32	Lovely setting, great for recreation	1/15/2020 5:31 PM

33	Urban location but very natural setting. water, trees, open space, shade	1/15/2020 5:28 PM
34	Quite, views, variety of activities	1/15/2020 5:26 PM
35	Nature	1/15/2020 5:24 PM
36	The big trees	1/15/2020 5:24 PM
37	Nature.	1/15/2020 5:22 PM
38	Bridges. Walking along the water. Seeing all the various fauna.	1/15/2020 5:20 PM
39	Beauty and accessibility	1/15/2020 5:19 PM
40	It's history, expanse, proximity to my home, nostalgia, amenities, proximity to bodies of water, ecology and nature preservation opportunities	1/15/2020 2:21 PM
41	Chance to walk and meditate in a safe natural setting	1/14/2020 2:13 PM
42	lake view	1/14/2020 1:36 PM
43	location and view	1/14/2020 1:27 PM
44	The location; along Lake Wingra.	1/14/2020 1:18 PM
45	Large open space with lots of different activities!	1/14/2020 1:18 PM
46	Proximity to zoo.	1/14/2020 12:16 PM
47	I love the range of wildlife and open space, and the view of Lake wingra	1/13/2020 8:57 PM
48	It's very pretty	1/11/2020 11:19 PM
49	Beauty of the lake and setting	1/10/2020 1:33 PM
50	Lakeshore, open grass areas	1/9/2020 3:00 PM
51	Lots of green, quiet space	1/9/2020 10:27 AM
52	The shoe	1/8/2020 9:10 PM
53	Lake views	1/8/2020 7:19 PM
54	that it brings together the lake, beach, zoo, lagoon, and park areas. Key things are swimming in summer and skating in winter.	1/6/2020 12:46 PM
55	So many things! I especially love taking walks there, it's so beautiful! Love as well how different people use the parks for all sorts of things!	1/5/2020 10:15 PM
56	its location. accessibility, amenities	1/3/2020 7:51 PM
57	Everything	1/3/2020 7:33 PM
58	The green space , the views of the lake the trees and woods	1/2/2020 1:19 PM
59	I love that it is a combination of rugged, natural spaces and more manicured spaces designed for walking, playing, tennis, etc.	1/2/2020 10:26 AM
60	Shoe slide, biking/walking path, view of the water	1/2/2020 6:34 AM
61	Access to the out of doors.	1/1/2020 2:37 PM
62	Nature access.	1/1/2020 12:14 PM
63	I love playing tennis there. I also see it as an important multicultural, and very mixed socioeconomic recreational area that seems very important, especially to families with young children.	1/1/2020 8:41 AM
64	beach, zoo, playgrounds, green space	12/31/2019 9:41 AM
65	Skate, Lake access and views, a sense of historic Madison (the disappearing stone "bubblers")	12/30/2019 10:39 PM
66	It is close by and has a wide variety of uses.	12/30/2019 10:04 PM
67	I like how easy it is to access the lake and to get a lake view. The ice skating lagoon and rink	12/30/2019 8:48 PM

are my favorite spots in the winter. The lagoon rivals skating opportunities at Tenney Park. The open field north and west of the lagoon is great for recreating, star-gazing and relaxing. I love the bridges that cross the lagoons because it allows for a unique vantage point to the water and aquatic life.

68	Walking the perimeter of the park, with stunning views of Lake Wingra and along the creek.	12/30/2019 7:15 PM
69	Everything! It's accessible, beautiful, wonderfully located.	12/30/2019 6:50 PM
70	I like the walking path that winds through and around the park.	12/30/2019 8:41 AM
71	Open spaces. Lake.	12/29/2019 10:24 PM
72	Nature, playgrounds, large area to walk	12/29/2019 5:38 PM
73	Proximity to central Madison, where we live, and it's large size.	12/29/2019 9:48 AM
74	I love having so much green treed open space near where I live. I have taken kids to park play structures.	12/28/2019 5:36 PM
75	The lake	12/28/2019 2:26 PM
76	Space to walk and run in nature	12/28/2019 1:19 PM
77	It's so beautiful. Love the new bridges. Big trees! So close to my house.	12/28/2019 10:58 AM
78	The views	12/28/2019 10:48 AM
79	That it still exists Green space adds so much to a city.	12/28/2019 9:41 AM
80	The views of Lake Wingra	12/28/2019 5:12 AM
81	Great location and Lake Wingra	12/27/2019 3:13 PM
82	The natural beauty, the location, And the fact that the zoo is so close	12/27/2019 6:43 AM
83	There are a variety of activities in one area.	12/27/2019 6:39 AM
84	swimming at the beach	12/27/2019 6:23 AM
85	Beautiful scenery: the greenery, moon over the lake	12/26/2019 11:14 PM
86	View of Lake Wingra and Arboretum.	12/26/2019 5:42 PM
87	The two playgrounds - "the shoe park" (slide) and "the cheese park" (cement play structure with holes in it that looks like Swiss cheese). And Vilas beach is wonderful in the summer! Also love ice skating in the winter and renting skates at the shelter.	12/20/2019 1:45 PM
88	Peaceful ambiance of the lake and arboretum; Old oak trees; wide open spaces for ice skating and/or soccer; neighborhood camaraderie;	12/19/2019 1:16 PM
89	fishing opportunities	12/19/2019 8:18 AM
90	The history of the Park and Pleasure Drive members and their contributions to my neighborhood. Knowing the Heidens and Docters trained here.	12/19/2019 7:56 AM
91	The lagoons, scenic vistas to lakes, the beach, open fields, playground, tennis courts, the rolling hills and the bridges	12/18/2019 10:06 PM
92	Location and settingbeen going there for 70 years.	12/18/2019 8:06 PM
93	Its location, access to the lake, a variety of community events, access to the zoo and arb	12/18/2019 5:27 PM
94	The trees and open grass! There are owls, turkeys, and other wildlife in the wooded areas.	12/18/2019 4:18 PM
95	diversity of users and uses	12/18/2019 4:06 PM
96	I like that Vilas is pretty diverse in terms of the race and ethnicity of folks fishing and using the beach	12/18/2019 4:06 PM
97	views of the lake, greenspace, benches, seeing so many use it for such different things - people of all ages.	12/18/2019 3:46 PM

99	The wooded paths.	12/18/2019 11:43 AM
100	View of Lake Wingra	12/18/2019 11:35 AM
101	Lagoon Ice Skating and lively and diverse atmosphere	12/18/2019 11:01 AM
102	The water features and proximity to the zoo.	12/18/2019 9:10 AM
103	openness, the lake, birding	12/18/2019 6:59 AM
104	The variety of activities Beach, play ground, running paths, zoo access, tennis courts	12/18/2019 5:52 AM
105	water access, zoo access	12/17/2019 9:36 PM
106	Visiting it with my kids	12/17/2019 3:01 PM
107	closeness, availability, scenery	12/17/2019 2:22 PM
108	The wildlife.	12/17/2019 9:43 AM
109	The view	12/17/2019 8:54 AM
110	The mix of nature, water, woods (bike/walk path), open areas, birds, some native plants	12/17/2019 8:36 AM
111	the lake front and the playground is great too.	12/17/2019 8:21 AM
112	Open space. Access to water	12/17/2019 7:49 AM
113	I love how big it is and the access to Lake Wingra.	12/17/2019 7:46 AM
114	The winding roads, paths, a chance to be along a natural lakeshore, people watching	12/17/2019 5:02 AM
115	Open green space	12/17/2019 12:42 AM
116	Open space with lakeshore access right in the neighborhood/city.	12/16/2019 9:23 PM
117	Location and access to lake.	12/16/2019 9:22 PM
118	The water views.	12/16/2019 9:15 PM
119	access to lake; playgrounds; access to zoo	12/16/2019 9:08 PM
120	Proximity to lake. Ice skating on lagoon	12/16/2019 8:56 PM
121	Open space it provides in a compact side of Madison.	12/16/2019 8:33 PM
122	lake views	12/9/2019 5:54 PM
123	Lakeshore for walking	11/28/2019 9:20 PM
124	Ice skating in the winter	11/28/2019 4:11 PM
125	The water features and proximity to the zoo	11/27/2019 2:18 PM
126	Beautiful, accessible, access to water.	11/26/2019 6:11 PM
127	The nature	11/26/2019 4:44 PM
128	Well maintained free ice rink and lagoon ice.	11/26/2019 4:34 PM
129	Lake Wingra	11/26/2019 4:10 PM
130	Beautiful. Central location.	11/26/2019 3:17 PM
131	Its proximity to my house and views of Lake Wingra	11/26/2019 10:30 AM
132	Large, quiet	11/24/2019 1:33 PM
133	In my opinion this should be the gold star for the city. It's always busy and people love its location. The park offers lots of very good amenities. It could use an additional bathroom near the play structures. It has to be the busiest park around.	11/21/2019 10:40 AM
134	Driving along the lake, seeing how the lake changes through the seasons and the sunsets. The shoe slide and historic masonry (bubbler).	11/14/2019 3:53 PM

135	The access to the playgrounds. The tall swings. The beach.	11/13/2019 10:14 PM
136	The water, location, trees	11/13/2019 7:22 AM
137	The nature views, open spaces, and variety of activities	11/12/2019 9:12 PM
138	Lake Wingra connection to bike path/Arboretum	11/12/2019 8:39 PM
139	Great playground, good ice skating, beautiful lake Wingra	11/12/2019 8:38 PM
140	The variety of options in a relatively small space!	11/12/2019 8:37 PM
141	Variety. Lake swim. Ice skate. Playground. Open space.	11/12/2019 7:57 PM
142	It is walkable from our house. My 9 year old son says, "Don't change anything about the park it is great as it is." The ice skating in winter is great	11/12/2019 7:13 PM
143	the playground	11/12/2019 5:02 PM
144	Views of the water.	11/12/2019 4:39 PM
145	It is a gem - beautiful landscape!!	11/12/2019 4:28 PM
146	Access to Lake Wingra.	11/12/2019 3:19 PM
147	Proximity to my home; convenience to get to southeast side from west; offerings/activities	11/11/2019 2:20 PM
148	Beautiful views! A great park to walk through or spend time in with friends.	11/11/2019 11:26 AM
149	It's got so many amenities and it's walking distance from my house.	11/9/2019 9:28 AM
150	The multiple play structures and beach	11/9/2019 7:36 AM
151	Greenspace and openness	11/9/2019 12:26 AM
152	Excellent park for ice skating. The warming hut and small lake are excellent.	11/8/2019 10:25 PM
153	large size, close to where I live so can walk or bike there	11/6/2019 1:24 PM
154	The beautiful, peaceful setting. Running and biking along the water. Love the zoo, as well.	11/6/2019 12:43 PM
155	How well it is maintained.	11/3/2019 11:51 PM
156	Skating and play structures	11/3/2019 10:06 PM
157	It belongs to that person.	11/3/2019 1:54 PM
158	The neighborhood and large park	11/3/2019 12:12 AM
159	I like that it's big and rarely crowded. I also like that, so far, the city hasn't ruined it by trying to improve it.	11/2/2019 2:34 PM
160	The shoe!	11/2/2019 12:00 PM
161	Spending time with kids	11/2/2019 10:01 AM
162	Beautiful old trees	11/1/2019 9:06 PM
163	Running the loop	11/1/2019 8:05 PM
164	Large space with lot of activities	11/1/2019 3:33 PM
165	The zoo	11/1/2019 2:20 PM
166	Lake Wingra	11/1/2019 1:26 PM
167	Beach	11/1/2019 12:44 PM
168	Beach	11/1/2019 11:22 AM
169	I love the cleanliness of the area. How pretty it is	11/1/2019 11:11 AM
170	Beautiful views. Lake Wingra. Ice Skating on Lake Wingra.	11/1/2019 10:56 AM
171	The playgrounds are nice and the access to the lakes and ponds is lovely.	11/1/2019 10:17 AM

172	The trees that border the bike path. Tennis courts. Access to lake for canoeing.	10/29/2019 7:48 PM
173	I love all the natural landscapes: trees, grass, lake etc in addition to the playgrounds, beaches. Also, it can be used all year round with the option to ice skate and sled.	10/29/2019 1:11 PM
174	I love the history and the beauty of the park.	10/26/2019 9:21 AM
175	Waterfront	10/18/2019 2:46 AM
176	Lake Wingra	10/17/2019 3:16 PM
177	The location.	10/17/2019 1:45 PM
178	Close to my house and the lake	10/17/2019 1:10 PM
179	*The natural beauty, general layout and the lake.	10/17/2019 10:21 AM
180	Location	10/17/2019 9:53 AM
181	Beach and swimming; ability to bike to this location.	10/16/2019 2:46 PM
182	Ice skating, swimming access to Lake Wingra	10/16/2019 11:59 AM
183	It is the deal staging area for running races (and jogging/exercise/workouts) utilizing the 10- kilometer route around Lake Wingra, including pre- and post-event picnicking, socializing, relaxing, etc.	10/16/2019 10:04 AM
184	Diverse visitors	10/3/2019 11:25 PM
185	It's proximity to the zoo and arboretum loop	9/30/2019 2:25 PM
186	I like the big open space with options to play on structures or be at the lake.	9/26/2019 8:54 AM
187	The lake!	9/19/2019 9:45 PM
188	Lots of open/green space so close to downtown.	9/19/2019 10:37 AM
189	the value of neighborhood and city and county activities	9/19/2019 10:09 AM
190	Proximity to the water and the wildlife (sandhill cranes, great blue herons, turtles, frogs, muskrats, beaver). I love how you can make a loop along the path and over the bridges. I also love the diversity of park visitors.	9/19/2019 9:56 AM
191	The views across the water	9/14/2019 8:33 AM
192	Swimming at Vilas beach	9/14/2019 7:57 AM
193	Location-nature	9/13/2019 4:52 PM
194	It's right in my neighborhood! Great place for a scenic walk.	9/13/2019 2:16 PM
195	Accessibility to Wingra	9/13/2019 1:29 PM
196	The lake - park connection and paths.	9/11/2019 4:17 PM
197	beautiful area! Free zoo! great for kids. Good place to picnic!	9/10/2019 11:38 AM
198	That is free to the public - So many families appreciate that they can afford this activity	9/10/2019 10:38 AM
199	I don't use the park often, however, it is nice to have the green space to separate from the rest of the city activities	9/10/2019 9:29 AM
200	The variation, the access to nature.	9/5/2019 7:59 PM
201	The basketball courts and the nice big open green space. The fact that the green space is not dedicated to anything specifically makes it awesome because it allows for flexible usage.	9/3/2019 1:02 PM
202	The peaceful setting, the proximity to nature, the Arboretum, and wildlife	9/3/2019 11:04 AM
203	the basketball court and the large open green space	9/1/2019 7:54 PM
204	the view and access to the water and nature	8/27/2019 12:59 PM

207	The park-like beauty and water-frontage of the area.	
207	Ice skating in the lagoons	8/24/2019 10:30 AM
208	Beach, lake, lagoons, fields.	8/24/2019 3:12 AM
209	Proximity to lake Wingra	8/22/2019 10:54 PM
210	Close to my house, plenty of room for multiple activities, beach.	8/22/2019 9:52 PM
211	The shoe slide, the zoo!!	8/22/2019 9:20 PM
212	The beautiful landscape!	8/22/2019 5:38 PM
213	The variety it offers, the beautiful scenery, the multi cultural spirit and its open year around	8/22/2019 9:59 AM
214	Lake Wingra	8/21/2019 9:31 PM
215	The shelter, the PAVED walking paths, the lagoons & the flora & fauna (including the ducks & geese) in them, proximity to the Zoo	8/21/2019 8:55 PM
216	Memories of skating, beach and big shoe at oak park	8/21/2019 7:45 PM
217	The scenery and swimming/paddling access.	8/21/2019 7:41 PM
218	View and hike	8/21/2019 7:16 PM
219	Lagoons and setting near the zoo and Lake Wingra	8/21/2019 7:02 PM
220	The water (lakes/ponds)	8/21/2019 6:50 PM
221	Good fishing from shore	8/21/2019 6:05 PM
222	The nature and access to nature.	8/21/2019 5:55 PM
223	The peaceful, natural setting	8/21/2019 10:39 AM
224	wildlife, lake view, proximity to home	8/21/2019 10:28 AM
225	lake views, wide open spaces, walking paths	8/21/2019 9:32 AM
226	Waterfront	8/21/2019 7:34 AM
227	Access to playgrounds and the zoo	8/21/2019 6:38 AM
228	Access to Lake Wingra	8/20/2019 8:48 AM
229	I love the running paths and shoreline.	8/20/2019 8:42 AM
230	Wonderful visual setting in the center of the city.	8/20/2019 12:27 AM
231	The relative tranquility of the park, proximity to downtown and the arboretum.	8/19/2019 11:21 PM
232	Views of lake, minimal housing around the park so it feels more rural yet it is still in the city	8/19/2019 10:41 PM
233	Ice skating and access to the zoo	8/19/2019 9:59 PM
234	Water and access to arboretum	8/19/2019 9:49 PM
235	Lakefront	8/19/2019 9:00 PM
236	Wide open green spaces	8/19/2019 8:59 PM
237	The sense of community.	8/19/2019 8:50 PM
238	Paddling and playing at the beach with the grandkids.	8/19/2019 8:40 PM
239	Ice skating and frisbee	8/19/2019 4:36 PM
240	Open spaces for activities, lagoons and proximity to the zoo.	8/19/2019 3:45 PM
241	It's beautiful. Especially the pond and the bridges.	8/19/2019 3:32 PM
241		
241	Welcoming environment with ample green space.	8/19/2019 2:30 PM

	Monroe Street area to the Arboretum.	
244	location on Lake Wingra	8/19/2019 10:58 AM
245	ice skating and lots of natural areas.	8/19/2019 10:47 AM
246	The lake and the open areas	8/19/2019 10:38 AM
247	Large open fields! The beautiful bridge.	8/19/2019 10:02 AM
248	wide variety of park activities that are available; lots of open space	8/19/2019 8:31 AM
249	The area, close access for fishing and walking fun for kids	8/18/2019 12:32 PM
250	Proximity to zoo, family tradition of picnicking	8/18/2019 11:10 AM
251	It's really big and really open!	8/18/2019 9:51 AM
252	The broad range of users	8/18/2019 7:06 AM
253	Lots of open green space	8/18/2019 2:58 AM
254	The lake, beach, no motorized boats, large grass areas, different activities for different seasons, diversity of people	8/17/2019 9:27 PM
255	Lake view, ice skating	8/17/2019 8:15 PM
256	Variety of activities available in park. Very active & diverse- is a Dane county wide destination and a neighborhood destination. Paths (when not under water). Beach- love the beach! Two playground structures is really lovely to extend time in park- kids want to go to both and to give my shy kid an alternative if one structure is super busy. Being able to drive along street by lake Wingra- such a connection to history of park & pleasure drive and feeling close to nature when can't be out walking/biking.	8/17/2019 3:23 PM
257	How large it is and how close it is to my house	8/16/2019 6:49 PM
258	Open green space.	8/16/2019 6:46 PM
259	the lake	8/16/2019 5:22 PM
260	The lagoons, lake Wingra, the zoo, the trail behind the tennis courts, the playground. Open and accessible.	8/16/2019 1:05 PM
261	The scenery	8/16/2019 10:53 AM
262	Scenery	8/16/2019 8:39 AM
263	Awesome views Quiet lake	8/15/2019 10:04 PM
264	Its diversityso many kinds of people sharing the open space together!	8/15/2019 8:35 PM
265	Lake Wingra view, close access to zoo	8/15/2019 8:03 PM
266	Open space that has different uses at different times of the year. Absence of dogs makes it more comfortable for kids.	8/15/2019 11:19 AM
267	lake wingra	8/15/2019 11:14 AM
268	I love the open space and proximity to the lakes.	8/15/2019 10:54 AM
269	Location and the zoo.	8/15/2019 10:28 AM
270	The ponds and bridges going over	8/15/2019 9:45 AM
271	Beautiful views	8/15/2019 9:03 AM
272	The quiet	8/15/2019 7:56 AM
273	Its next to the zoo.	8/15/2019 6:28 AM
274	Vilas Park is huge! I love that there are multiple playgrounds, and a variety of ways and areas with different feels, all in one park. We love the "hidden" Dino Park area with the effigy mound and lake view. I love the history behind Vilas Park, the hundreds of years old trees, proximity to lake Wingra.	8/15/2019 6:16 AM

275	beauty of the area especially the lake	8/15/2019 4:31 AM
276	Skating on the pond when it freezes over.	8/14/2019 11:17 PM
277	Lake Wingra	8/14/2019 10:25 PM
278	The lake view	8/14/2019 10:11 PM
279	It's close to the zoo and lake Wingra	8/14/2019 9:56 PM
280	Fishing, nature	8/14/2019 9:40 PM
281	I love all of the open green space! I also love the bridges and paths by the lagoon	8/14/2019 9:35 PM
282	Lovely to walk through. I live only a block away.	8/14/2019 7:13 PM
283	The beach	8/14/2019 6:56 PM
284	Close to zoo	8/14/2019 6:34 PM
285	It's along the lake	8/14/2019 6:27 PM
286	It's free and clean.	8/14/2019 5:24 PM
287	Its setting. It's like being up north. Way up north.	8/14/2019 3:09 PM
288	Playgrounds and ice skating rinks	8/14/2019 2:51 PM
289	being near the water, great loop around the park for walking/running/biking	8/14/2019 2:01 PM
290	Free and beautiful	8/14/2019 2:01 PM
291	The view of wingra lake at sunset.	8/14/2019 1:58 PM
292	Shoreline, lake access	8/14/2019 1:48 PM
293	I love the size of the park, it's location and how it uses the water as a feature. The lagoon and lake wingra add a unique element to Vilas Park.	8/14/2019 1:44 PM
294	Nature near home. Co-existing with wild creatures	8/14/2019 1:41 PM
295	it is not overdeveloped; smoking not allowed (I think); the lake is motor-free (I like silent sports); ice skating is great when weather is cooperative; lake views are preserved; beautiful drive along lake; keep "commercial" entities out of the park; the beautiful stone bridge at the west entrance to the park.	8/14/2019 1:32 PM
296	Accessibility to lake wingra for fishing	8/14/2019 1:29 PM
297	Bridges, beautiful paths, proximity to lake Wingra (beautiful views).	8/14/2019 1:28 PM
298	it's next to the zoo and it's pretty	8/14/2019 1:26 PM
299	Space!	8/14/2019 1:19 PM
300	access to nature	8/14/2019 1:18 PM
301	Its proximity to the zoo and to the water.	8/14/2019 1:17 PM
302	Open space and playground	8/14/2019 1:07 PM
303	the open areas and bridges crossing the lagoon	8/14/2019 1:05 PM
304	The lake, in all seasons.	8/14/2019 1:05 PM
305	I like having bike access around the perimeter.	8/14/2019 1:04 PM
306	Proximity to where I live, nice playgrounds where my kids used to play, nice swimming area, nice dock for portaging canoes around the dam, nice trails and bridges for walking, running, and biking.	8/14/2019 1:04 PM
307	The playgrounds and running on the drive by Wingra.	8/14/2019 12:58 PM
308	Ice Skating	8/14/2019 12:38 PM
309	Proximity to everything.	8/14/2019 12:32 PM

310	Lake Wingra and oak trees	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
311	The proximity to the lake and the opportunity to picnic.	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
312	Variety of activities	8/14/2019 12:15 PM
313	The closeness to my home makes it easy to walk to.	8/14/2019 11:58 AM
314	Quiet lake access. The beach!	8/14/2019 11:39 AM
315	The open space were my kids can play and run	8/14/2019 8:57 AM
316	Year round activities	8/14/2019 7:39 AM
317	Variety of uses	8/14/2019 12:05 AM
318	peaceful place to escape the city	8/13/2019 4:36 PM
319	The playground's uniqueness and the park's proximity to the zoo	8/13/2019 1:15 PM
320	The Bridge	8/13/2019 10:39 AM
321	Access to Lake Wingra	8/13/2019 9:56 AM
322	The water and the zoo	8/13/2019 9:37 AM
323	Quiet, beautiful space near the lake that I can run or walk through. I live in the Westmorland neighborhood and Vilas Park is a great destination.	8/13/2019 9:31 AM
324	The meandering paths, the beach and zoo and lagoons and all the green space, the shoe slide!	8/13/2019 8:58 AM
325	It'.s scenic, it's free, it has lots to do.	8/12/2019 6:22 PM
326	Lake Wingra	8/12/2019 10:44 AM
327	The water of lake wingra	8/12/2019 9:31 AM
328	Large park close to isthmus to get away from it all.	8/11/2019 6:21 PM
329	I like the wide range of spaces and that people of all ages enjoy the park on a given day.	8/11/2019 9:52 AM
330	The lake is a no-wake lake. Paddle sports work well - unlike Mendota or Monona lakes.	8/9/2019 2:09 PM
331	The shoe slide!	8/9/2019 1:58 PM
332	Great playground for all ages	8/9/2019 1:55 PM
333	playground for big and little kids close to the zoo, lots of open space for picnics, walking trails near water	8/9/2019 1:36 PM
334	Skating in the winter is awesome, although the quality of upkeep of the ice on the lagoon has degraded significantly in recent years which makes it harder. I used to take my mom skating there all the time, but she no longer feels that it is safe enough for her because the ice is so rarely smooth. I also love the way the park is connected with bridges, and how easy it is to jog throughout the park. My friends and I play games (soccer, tennis, lawn games, frisbee, etc.) all the time on the field.	8/9/2019 9:04 AM
335	The water	8/9/2019 8:56 AM
336	The beach	8/9/2019 8:34 AM
337	the views and the proximity to neighborhood, shopping, etc.	8/9/2019 8:07 AM
338	Open space	8/9/2019 7:41 AM
339	the lake, the wildlife	8/9/2019 6:12 AM
340	So to do each season, tennis in spring, hockey in winter, boating and fishing and biking in summer	8/8/2019 10:03 PM
341	Proximity to my house. Visited often in '70's & 80's when my daughter was growing up. Love to bike from home to and through park.	8/8/2019 8:40 PM

343	The openness, Lake Wingra!	8/8/2019 5:56 PM
344	The park is in an urban setting.	8/8/2019 5:06 PM
345	The lake	7/31/2019 12:40 PM
346	The beauty of Lake Wingra	7/29/2019 5:36 PM
347	Lake Wingra. Plus paths that surround the Park, along the lake, thru the woods on the north and across all the bridges.	7/25/2019 12:38 PM
348	diverse nature options from ponds to walking under the trees to playing at the beach while hearing the zoo animals roar and screech	7/22/2019 10:10 AM
349	The variety of plants, water views and access, shady areas	7/21/2019 10:52 PM
350	The playground near the main zoo entrancewe go there all the time with our son.	7/18/2019 12:35 PM
351	How it changes with the seasons and people use the same spaces for such different uses in different seasons. We live opposite the park and love watching how adaptable the space is throughout the use and even at different times during the same day.	7/17/2019 11:04 AM
352	I love the flexibility of the park. People use the same area in different ways at different times.	7/17/2019 9:46 AM
353	That anyone can go there.	7/17/2019 6:08 AM
354	peace and quiet, access to all, nature	7/16/2019 10:02 AM
355	the natural beauty, the walking paths, the sandhill cranes that sometimes are present, the bridges, the shoe playground	7/14/2019 9:46 PM
356	Location.	7/14/2019 7:41 PM
357	The water and zoo	7/14/2019 5:51 PM
358	Lake Wingra	7/14/2019 3:46 PM
359	Access to variety of things	7/14/2019 2:47 PM
360	The views, the lake, the birds, the colors and change of seasons, the white snow and frozen lake	7/14/2019 10:26 AM
361	Views to and proximity of walking and biking to Lake Wingra.	7/8/2019 2:57 PM
362	size, layout, lake	7/7/2019 9:27 PM
363	Bike riding, walking or paddling along the lake shore	7/7/2019 7:56 PM
364	proximity to my house, access to lake wingra, tennis courts, green space	7/7/2019 9:08 AM
365	Being able to access nature so close to the heart of the city.	7/6/2019 3:30 PM
366	Love all the open spaces, seeing people out and about enjoying the park. And access to the lake, winter and summer, love the ever changing views.	7/5/2019 8:19 AM
367	The big fields	7/5/2019 3:58 AM
368	The beach, the bike access to the arboretum	7/4/2019 8:14 AM
369	natural setting near lakes; easy access to zoo; biking around arboretum	7/3/2019 4:01 PM
370	Ice skating and ice hockey in the boards. After that, tennis and basketball. After that, the natural treeline across Lake Wingra.	7/3/2019 1:30 PM
371	lagoons	6/24/2019 10:48 AM

Q10 What would you change about Vilas Park?

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#	RESPONSES	
1	Separate the road and walk-way near the Wingra Lake.	1/23/2020 5:46 PM
2	updated park shelter	1/22/2020 7:55 PM
3	The tennis courts need some work, the drainage on the path nearest the zoo is often muddy and/or under water, more shade is needed, water quality in the lagoon is bad-smelly and unattractive	1/22/2020 8:12 AM
4	Newer, modern amenities. An indoor clubhouse. More classes/courses. Better messaging about what's available to do at Vilas (is there actually an ice skating rink?)	1/22/2020 8:02 AM
5	reduce traffic	1/21/2020 3:33 PM
6	Walking access and paths, parking by zoo is rough,	1/17/2020 5:39 PM
7	Add an off leash dog park	1/17/2020 4:35 PM
8	Sidewalks, too much through car traffic from Edgewood side with cars & trucks speeding through pedestrian areas	1/17/2020 1:07 PM
9	Please remove shredded tire composite from playgrounds - there are concerns about the chemicals our kids can be ingesting. (I have young kids whose hands get black after being at these playgrounds) Please go back to just having sand. Please add a bike path/walkway from the bridge through the park by Wingra Lake.	1/16/2020 11:33 AM
10	nothing. leave it alone!	1/16/2020 10:20 AM
11	Better pavement, and reconfigure the bike lane where it wavers behind the parking lane near the lagoon. That;s weird. Also, the place where you cycle from the street back onto dedicated path, near Orchard Street, is too abrupt. It's like a 90 degree angle rather than a smooth merge and it's awkward to use. I imagine that people who live beyond walking access would like more parking.	1/16/2020 10:11 AM
12	Because running (or walking) is my main interaction with Park, I would really love if a better continuous running path was made through it roughly along lake line. Problem areas now: informal path from St. Mary's side (often becomes muddy), then have to cross street at beach which is odd, and then the little bridge never feels good (especially if two people encounter each other going opposite ways and there is a car coming), and then have to cross street again on other side of bridge.	1/16/2020 9:15 AM
13	Less confusing paths/access.	1/16/2020 9:01 AM
14	improve safety of bike/ped access from Bay Creek neighborhood (extend grade-separated path through park)	1/16/2020 8:39 AM
15	Make a greenway pedestrian connection around Lake Wingra by working with Edgewood and UW Arboretum. Add 2-3 formal pocket "locations with seating (including shading) along the shoreland. Keep active and passive areas separated.	1/16/2020 8:03 AM
16	more fishing piers, additional playground near the shelter. basketball court	1/16/2020 7:01 AM
17	The shelter needs a bit of an upgrade. The quality of the water is quite poor. The flooding of the fields which make them unsuitable after any amount of decent rain.	1/16/2020 4:30 AM
18	The isolation of it from the surrounding neighborhood	1/15/2020 9:51 PM
19	Better drainage, more natural landscaping and less mowed fields. Maybe more trails for walking. Could reconsider parking but I don't how you can fix that.	1/15/2020 8:26 PM
20	Allow on all walking paths and certain green areas.	1/15/2020 8:25 PM
21	A few more water drinking fountains along the Road. More frequent dredging of the algae. Moreor better historical displays like In regards to the Wisconsin olympians. Making The transition over to the Arboretum safer for Pedestrians and bicyclists. Better Preserving The mound areas and the large memorial fountain. Most immediately the sidewalk Next to the big field near the zoo is often Muddy and needs to be raised ! Currently Pedestrians have to walk onto the field to bypass the muddy patch.	1/15/2020 7:50 PM
22	Get rid of litter.	1/15/2020 7:40 PM

23	There are a number of soggy/wet patches after a rain or snow that are swampy and make it hard to enjoy the grass/playground.	1/15/2020 7:20 PM
24	I would make the swimming area go out into deeper waters!	1/15/2020 7:17 PM
25	The path connected around the lake	1/15/2020 7:07 PM
26	Traffic pattern along Lake Wingra	1/15/2020 6:58 PM
27	Add a pedestrian/bike path. Lower the speed limit.	1/15/2020 6:45 PM
28	Enforce dog restrictions, severely slow down cars	1/15/2020 5:31 PM
29	more walking paths	1/15/2020 5:28 PM
30	Access roads desperately need updating with sidewalks	1/15/2020 5:26 PM
31	Not sure, I wouldn't swim there it is too yucky and too many geese. I have used the playgrounds it would be nice if there was more seating and if people put their wrappers in the trash.	1/15/2020 5:24 PM
32	Aesthetics and some of the layout for group use. More access to walk and sit by the water without cars, shelter improvements, fountain restoration, significant improvements & protection of burial mounds with visible historical education boards for the public to better understand the importance of the area	1/15/2020 2:21 PM
33	Fewer buses in the summer time	1/14/2020 2:13 PM
34	better roads and better bike/run lanes	1/14/2020 1:36 PM
35	Better pedestrian walking path along Lake Wingra.	1/14/2020 1:18 PM
36	Make the current road more friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists.	1/14/2020 1:18 PM
37	Better playground equipment, add public restrooms, fix flood areas, consider splash pad. Consider solar power wherever possible	1/13/2020 8:57 PM
38	Improved cycling access	1/11/2020 11:19 PM
39	More walker friendly, especially on the drive-thru	1/10/2020 1:33 PM
40	Eliminate all the goose poop!!	1/9/2020 3:00 PM
41	Nothing I can think of!	1/9/2020 10:27 AM
42	The tire scraps in the play area	1/8/2020 9:10 PM
43	Separate bike and vehicle traffic	1/8/2020 7:19 PM
44	better/more/connected running, walking, and biking paths that are not necessarily shared with cars.	1/6/2020 12:46 PM
45	Not too much! Just maybe a way to prevent flooding, so that the fields and pathways don't become unusable during the spring?	1/5/2020 10:15 PM
46	get rid of goose shit	1/3/2020 7:51 PM
47	Speeding cars	1/3/2020 7:33 PM
48	Make the road one way to eliminate the through traffic. then we would truely have a beautiful park. Road counld extend to teh Zoo parking but not allow traffic to flow through the park. For manny itis just an artery tto drive through instead of using the city streets	1/2/2020 1:19 PM
49	I would close the road to through traffic. Cars "cutting through" to other streets endanger walkers, children running to the zoo and beach, toss garbage, and disturb the nature aspect of the park.	1/2/2020 10:26 AM
50	No through traffic of cars or a better option for biking/walking along the water	1/2/2020 6:34 AM
51	Renovate/upgrade shelter facilities, fill in swampy part of the field, bring back the concession at the beach shelter, groom the ice for skating. When upgrading playground equipment, include some equipment that appeals to a wider range of ages of children. Other than these basic things, leave the park as it is. It is great the way it is.	1/1/2020 2:37 PM

52	Traffic	1/1/2020 12:14 PM
53	I've appreciated efforts to reduce the geese and keep the water cleaner. I wish we could swim in Lake Wingra with less exposure to harmful bacteria. I also wish we could find ways to naturally control the mosquito population. They are fierce.	1/1/2020 8:41 AM
54	clean up lagoon from algae etc.	12/31/2019 9:41 AM
55	Too many cars, and confused or indifferent drivers going the wrong way. Too little "landscape design" detail to make it a unique place.	12/30/2019 10:39 PM
56	Provide more protection for the wildlife from people and activities. Additional basketball court.	12/30/2019 10:04 PM
57	I would restore some of the shoreland along Wingra Drive for more pollinator habitat and to help with stromwater runoff. I'm assuming salt is used along the road during the winter so it might help take up some runoff from that although excess salt isn't great for prairie/pollinator habitat. Obviously people use that shoreland for fishing, but it would be great to restore some of it to more natural habitat versus the turfgrass that is there right now.	12/30/2019 8:48 PM
58	Add a pedestrian and bike path along the south edge of the park. Right now, it can be uncomfortable trying to walk, run or bike along the road.	12/30/2019 7:15 PM
59	I can't think of anything.	12/30/2019 6:50 PM
60	Allow dogs on leash	12/30/2019 1:28 PM
61	Fixing fountain on hill above Zoo.	12/29/2019 10:24 PM
62	Create a better path from Drake Street at Campbell street. Create an interactive rain garden with paths through it in the area that frequently gets flooded between Drake Street and the parking lot and the zoo (this is already an enclosed depression).	12/29/2019 5:38 PM
63	Better pedestrian accessibility along the Lake Wingra drive.	12/29/2019 9:48 AM
64	Nothing in the park, but I wish we could get the lake healthy for swimming.	12/28/2019 5:36 PM
65	Safer water for swimming (less algae/bacteria pollution from runoff)	12/28/2019 1:19 PM
66	Close the street	12/28/2019 10:48 AM
67	Stop the through traffic over Vilas Park Dr. Only allow emergency vehicles over the pond bridge.	12/28/2019 5:12 AM
68	Transportation to and through the park (car, bike, bus)	12/27/2019 3:13 PM
69	Renovate/ redesign the sheltermore updated and inviting. Large public art would be nice. out door beer garden near the water (like olbrich)	12/27/2019 6:43 AM
70	make most of it available for on-leash dogs.	12/27/2019 6:23 AM
71	sidewalks and bike paths separate from roads for cars, more lighting at night	12/26/2019 11:14 PM
72	Remove traffic. Open shelter longer.	12/26/2019 5:42 PM
73	More trees/shade on the playgrounds.	12/20/2019 1:45 PM
74	Bring in herding dogs or use better efforts to control/flush the overabundance of nesting and migrating Canada geese ! Plant erosion-control trees and similar native vegetation along the drive adjacent to Lake Wingra!	12/19/2019 1:16 PM
75	less swimmers	12/19/2019 8:18 AM
76	In thinking about the map and project scope, how is it the park extends east of the zoo? It almost feels like the zoo should simply expand into that area.	12/19/2019 7:56 AM
77	Would like to see some decorative gardens	12/18/2019 8:06 PM
78	Repair the areas that flood on the walking paths thru and around the park.	12/18/2019 5:27 PM
79	Add a sidewalk or separate walking/biking path around Lake Wingra.	12/18/2019 4:18 PM
80	I would love if there were a shoreline (or near shore) path that allowed people to walk or bike all the way around Wingra!	12/18/2019 4:06 PM

81	update the facilities (warming shelter, bathrooms, drinking fountains) and landscaping.	12/18/2019 3:46 PM
82	Add more walking paths	12/18/2019 2:55 PM
83	More nature: planting trees, putting in rain gardens; prairieless lawn and more natural areas	12/18/2019 11:35 AM
84	Add outdoor ping pong, end automobile traffic.	12/18/2019 11:01 AM
85	Maybe try to limit drivers that use the park as a short cut.	12/18/2019 9:10 AM
86	I think there should be a better fishing boat launch and spots for fishing boats and trailers.	12/18/2019 5:52 AM
87	The main launch for fishing boats needs to be in Vilas Park	12/17/2019 9:36 PM
88	The shelter could be improved and I'd like to get those toxic rubber tires out of the playgrounds. I think there also needs to be a sidewalk along Vilas Park Dr - especially between Orchard St and the zoo.	12/17/2019 3:01 PM
89	We had a graduation at the shelter and the wind was exceptionally strong. Suggest the doors on the lake side be available in the summer too to block the wind. Schedule more recreational use there. It was always fun to watch youth soccer and parochial football there and then use the field striping for games with friends. Lots of history from the area could be displayed in signs around the park (park & pleasure drive, Indian mounds, Indian use of the lake, early Madison fire works, the day the monkeys escaped from monkey island and climbed neighborhood trees, etc	12/17/2019 2:22 PM
90	Leave the weeds grow around the pond. The frogs and toads need the weedy areas for health lives.	12/17/2019 9:43 AM
91	change some tennis courts to pickle ball	12/17/2019 8:36 AM
92	less grass and more natives.	12/17/2019 8:21 AM
93	Need restroom other than at shelter	12/17/2019 7:49 AM
94	The area between the tennis courts and the playground is frequently soggy and wet. I'd do something to fix that and make it more usable.	12/17/2019 7:46 AM
95	Not much, Perhaps have some gardens of native forbes for butterfly watching and more shrubs with fruits to attract birds along wooded edges	12/17/2019 5:02 AM
96	Have paddlesport rentals	12/17/2019 12:42 AM
97	Park Shelter needs to be updated and made more inviting.	12/16/2019 9:41 PM
98	Improved lakeshore route - safer for walkers, bikers, strollers, and more aesthetic, protecting the lake; less car traffic on the drive by the lake; off site parking bringing people to the zoo	12/16/2019 9:23 PM
99	Make canoe and kayak launching easier. Clean up shore line and shallows to make lake more inviting.	12/16/2019 9:22 PM
100	Enjoy people to keep it cleaner.	12/16/2019 9:15 PM
101	less (and slower) automobile traffic on Vilas Park Drive	12/16/2019 9:08 PM
102	Would like to see more community events held there	12/16/2019 8:33 PM
103	Dog area	12/16/2019 1:47 PM
104	get rid of cars or severely reducemaybe like Arbonly one day a week to drive thru, other wise must turn aroun	12/9/2019 5:54 PM
105	Make it possible to walk between Vilas and Wingra parks without being along Monroe St.	11/28/2019 9:20 PM
106	Nothing	11/28/2019 4:11 PM
107	Limit traffic if possible. Allow dogs	11/27/2019 2:18 PM
108	Add more dog friendly areas/fenced dog park. Better walking paths, especially along water. Better drainage in main park area.	11/26/2019 6:11 PM
109	Better sidewalks and kayak launch	11/26/2019 4:44 PM

110	Parking and traffic circulation.	11/26/2019 4:34 PM
111	It would be nice to have some paved, non-vehicle access along Lake Wingra that could be accessible to young bikers and those who need an even surface without having to worry about cars. allow dogs on-leash.	11/26/2019 4:10 PM
112	I wish there was an off-leash dog park within the park space. There are no dog parks within walking distance of campus/near west side.	11/26/2019 3:17 PM
113	I would like to see more bike friendly amenities at Vilas Park. I don't always feel safe biking through the park because of the lack of infrastructure/excessive amount of cars.	11/26/2019 10:30 AM
114	It should have the biggest play structures out of all the city parks. My daughter prefers the structure inside of the zoo most. It would be nice if the other 3 structure areas outside of the zoo became a larger attraction.	11/21/2019 10:40 AM
L15	Drainage to eliminate standing water after rains. Update playgrounds (keeping Shoe slide) including the one up by the effigy mounds. Make playground by effigy mounds to include kids over 5 years old.	11/14/2019 3:53 PM
116	The road could be re-done. Improved bike lanes. Changing rooms in the beach bathrooms.	11/13/2019 10:14 PM
17	Update the play equipment (maybe add a fort structure like in Monona and Fitchburg)	11/13/2019 7:22 AM
118	Better bike lane(s) for families; wider parking spots; a water feature/fountain that kids can play in/with, like the fountain at the Union Alumni Park on the UW campus	11/12/2019 9:12 PM
119	Less traffic would be nice	11/12/2019 8:39 PM
120	More signage for indian mounds	11/12/2019 8:38 PM
121	Needs a refresh-updated equipment, flooding issues addressed, maybe more trees/variety of plants/vegetation. The lagoon is quite gross in the summertimewould love to see that cleaned up and maintained.	11/12/2019 8:37 PM
122	Better pedestrian access from south and east.	11/12/2019 7:57 PM
123	American Ninja Warrior course for kids and adults. Is there a better way to use the shelter or beach in the summer? Boat rentals from this part? A cafe in the shelter?	11/12/2019 7:13 PM
124	Add a family friendly beer garden right by the playground. There is one like this at Estabrook Park in the Milwaukee area and it is wonderful. Always full of families.	11/12/2019 4:39 PM
125	Improved paths/walkways/waterfront. More gathering places. Improved Ice skating facilities	11/12/2019 4:28 PM
126	Close road next to the lake to vehicular traffic and bus parking.	11/12/2019 3:19 PM
127	Better pedestrian [lane] when coming from the west to the east/south	11/11/2019 2:20 PM
128	Some parts of the path always seem to be underwater. The grass gets pretty soggy in general, but probably nothing can be done about that.	11/11/2019 11:26 AM
129	I love it as is, but 1. Would be nice to have a small off-leash dog area. 2. Would be awesome if the entire circle of the lagoon were available for skating.	11/9/2019 9:28 AM
130	Easier bike access	11/9/2019 7:36 AM
131	Restrict cars more.	11/9/2019 12:26 AM
132	Add more bike facilities. We often bike to the park and the single lane road and narrow bridge is less than ideal. I would like my young kids to feel safe biking in this park.	11/8/2019 10:25 PM
133	drainage? the grassy fields get so wet and soggy after rain or snow melt that their usage is limited, or for families walking from one playground to the other can be a slog	11/6/2019 1:24 PM
134	Reduce car access.	11/6/2019 12:43 PM
135	The roads and paths need fixed.	11/3/2019 11:51 PM
136	Nothing	11/3/2019 10:06 PM
137	There should be water lily golf.	11/3/2019 1:54 PM

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164	The shelter is not very attractive/welcoming. Also, I'd lift the dog restrictions: on-leash, on-path should be allowed.	9/19/2019 9:56 AM
165	Get rid of 98% of the slob geese and use trained dogs with their responsible owners to do it.	9/14/2019 8:33 AM
166	No geese!!!!	9/14/2019 7:57 AM
167	Create more space for the zoo. Get rid of the beach.	9/13/2019 4:52 PM
168	The trails need to be improved so water doesn't pool on them all year round. The roads/driveways/parking lots are in desperate need of repair/replacement. Water also pools on road consistently throughout the year. Would like to see more parking added at the main zoo entrance to avoid all the overflow into the neighborhood. I hate to see huge paved lots, but with a little reworking of the existing space, I think more spots could be added. Also adding better signage to indicate there is a lot more parking on the back (Lake Wingra) side of the zoo. Often those lots are nearly empty. I'd like to see the roadway on the back (Lake Wingra) side of the zoo repaired and more pedestrian friendly, maybe with a dedicated pedestrian lane, or completely separate path. I'd like to see the roadway be a more beautiful, scenic, tree-lined boulevard.	9/13/2019 2:16 PM
169	Wider path along the shoreline	9/13/2019 1:29 PM
170	Road running through middle of two main attractions park and lake.	9/11/2019 4:17 PM
171	*update the playground think about little kids/toddlers and bigger kids. *update picnic areas. *update parking * Maybe add a splash pad. *update shelter looks beat up and run down.	9/10/2019 11:38 AM
172	Additional parking	9/10/2019 10:38 AM
173	There are some swampy areas that seem to be begging to be turned back into a slightly bigger wetland area.	9/5/2019 7:59 PM
174	I would add another basketball court. Like James Madison has two courts, we need an additional one to support demand at Vilas. Also, the shelter should have some fun games available, like ping pong/fuzzball/air hockey/darts. Maybe board games too. Also, there should be canoes and paddles available for free. Have 5 or so canoes/kayaks/paddleboards that dock at the boat launch area, that people can take out and use. Kind of like the Madison bike sharing system, but free. Add weekly/monthly city sponsored yoga/dance parties at the beach.Laser light shows too.	9/3/2019 1:02 PM
175	I realize the park was built on a wetland and notice a lot of mowed, open areas go unused. I would appreciate returning some of these areas to wetland for natural habitat recovery.	9/3/2019 11:04 AM
176	Add another basketball court	9/1/2019 7:54 PM
177	better, safer pedestrian and bike access. Right now, the priority for car access interferes with enjoying the lake and feeling safe. I would also like a better more comfortable ice skating shelter and swimming house.	8/27/2019 12:59 PM
178	Cleanup the waterways from some of the algae.	8/24/2019 7:13 PM
179	Playground and large shelter need updates. There needs to be a changing area in the bathrooms by the beach. The bathrooms also need a couple "family bathrooms" so moms can bring their sons in to the change and vice versa. Wish the beach would be closed less but there isn't much the city can do.	8/24/2019 10:30 AM
180	Improve the bike path from Vilas Park Drive to Grant St.	8/24/2019 3:12 AM
181	vehicles travel to fast	8/23/2019 2:32 PM
182	Better running trails that are more separate from traffic, particularly near parking on the strip next to Lake Wingra. Parking in general could be improved, as could bicycle accessibility. It's a bit congested getting to bicycle parking, which is also insufficient.	8/22/2019 10:54 PM
183	Vilas Park Drive is not very pedestrian friendly. Some places lack sidewalks.	8/22/2019 9:52 PM
184	Add an ice cream stand!	8/22/2019 5:38 PM
185	I'd like to see street food vendors for the summer and fall seasons. Summer food vendors could offer more than the typical ice cream treats and same for fall season.	8/22/2019 9:59 AM

186	I would add an ADA kayak launch and Pier into Lake Wingra	8/21/2019 9:31 PM
187	a playground NEAR the shelter; when we were there this past weekend for our family reunion including several children, I did not see a playground NEAR the shelter.	8/21/2019 8:55 PM
188	Tennis courts desperately need resurfacing	8/21/2019 8:19 PM
189	More lighting along the path closest to the zoo (the one that crosses the two bridges over the lagoon). There's also a spot on the same path seems like it's always under water especially in the spring and summersooo maybe some sort of drainage system to help with that.	8/21/2019 7:41 PM
190	Biergarten	8/21/2019 7:16 PM
191	Not suremaybe nothing? I'd have to hear about others' ideas.	8/21/2019 7:02 PM
192	Dog friendly beach	8/21/2019 6:50 PM
193	I would like to see an outdoor adult workout area	8/21/2019 5:55 PM
194	No manicured lawns up to the shoreline. Move parking lots, roads, buildings, and paved areas beyond 100' from the lakeshore. Add or increase native pollinator gardens, natural shorelines, fishing piers, and paddleboat rental access. Emphasize passive recreation and the natural aspects of this park, including walking and biking paths over roads and car parking.	8/21/2019 10:39 AM
195	traffic that cuts through during rush hour	8/21/2019 10:28 AM
196	More, updated playground space	8/21/2019 7:34 AM
197	circulation and gathering spaces	8/20/2019 9:06 PM
198	Protected bike lanes along Vilas Park Drive	8/20/2019 8:48 AM
199	I would like to have a separate running/biking path from Vilas Park Drive because traffic can be heavy there.	8/20/2019 8:42 AM
200	Repave the main drive for bikes & cars with prominent crosswalks to protect pedestrians (particularly kids).	8/20/2019 12:27 AM
201	The pavement is unacceptably bad. Parking should be eliminated along Vilas Park Dr (from Edgewood Ave to the first parking lot) - there's no need for parking along this road, and it detracts from the beauty of the park by having a bunch of beat up cars parked along the road. Wayfinding signage needs to be improved. Cycling infrastructure is near nonexistent. Sidewalks/paths lack continuity.	8/19/2019 11:21 PM
202	Weedy lagoons	8/19/2019 10:41 PM
203	Better bike facilities. Updated shelter for skating.	8/19/2019 9:59 PM
204	Road is in need of repair Bike lane more defined	8/19/2019 9:49 PM
205	Add a beer garden	8/19/2019 9:00 PM
206	I love the food carts in the summer that Vilas has done. Would love there to also be a biergarten like at Olbrich. I think this would draw more visitors and would foster even more community.	8/19/2019 8:50 PM
207	Better boat loading and unloading.	8/19/2019 8:40 PM
208	Better bike access	8/19/2019 4:36 PM
209	Biking in and around the park is not ideal.	8/19/2019 3:45 PM
210	There is a part of the paved path that regularly floods and is covered by water or ice. I'd like to see the path raised or another solution implemented to avoid this issue.	8/19/2019 3:32 PM
211	Sometimes impossible to park. Have driven around for 15 minutes and given up. Same has happened to out of town visitors I sent there.	8/19/2019 2:30 PM
212	I would love to see a better bike route through the park. The current route puts me on poor pavement next to drivers who may be texting, speeding, or distracted.	8/19/2019 12:33 PM

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214	better bike access along the lake.	8/19/2019 10:47 AM
215	Make it easier for cycling, especially if coming from the Arboretum area	8/19/2019 10:38 AM
216	More bathrooms?	8/19/2019 10:02 AM
217	Ingress and egress is hard with my family when we are biking	8/19/2019 8:31 AM
218	More restroom access, keep the lake areas cleaner of weeds they build up and stinks. More garbage cans.	8/18/2019 12:32 PM
219	Water quality for swimming	8/18/2019 11:10 AM
220	Needs more trees	8/18/2019 9:51 AM
221	Maintain the lagoon ice better.	8/18/2019 7:06 AM
222	Allow dogs on leash	8/18/2019 7:04 AM
223	No car access along the water - reserve for bikes and pedestrians to keep the coast line serene	8/18/2019 2:58 AM
224	Updated shelter, cars not driving through the park and using it as a thoroughfare, walking path next to lake along the entire park, safer pedestrian walk ways, trees by playground, partner with SSM Health to provide shuttles on weekends when there are a lot of cars, have a bus stop in front of the zoo and/or inside the park, speed limit for cars, bike path that's separate from cars	8/17/2019 9:27 PM
225	Walking paths by lake, close off lake road to through traffic	8/17/2019 8:15 PM
226	Improve the shelter. Would prefer shelter to be near playground or add playground near shelter. Add a Biergarten like at Olbrich. Improve path system so could walk around whole park/to zoo and not have to go onto road (strollers have to go in road bike lane at certain points). If can't do improved path around park, then extend the path between playgrounds so that at least half of park has a solid walking path.	8/17/2019 3:23 PM
227	I wish it wasn't as wet on the grassy areas. I wish there was an easier connections from the bridges to the path by Vilas Dr., more trees, less water on Vilas Park Dr., more beach amenities (what happened to the snack bar?)	8/16/2019 6:49 PM
228	Traffic calming	8/16/2019 6:46 PM
229	Not have dogs.	8/16/2019 6:36 PM
230	More access to lake Wingra. Like Wingra Boats. Seasonal food stand, food carts?	8/16/2019 1:05 PM
231	working old stone water fountains	8/16/2019 11:30 AM
232	Better circulation routes for biking and walking. Traffic calming to reduce speeds and volumes on VP Drive.	8/16/2019 10:53 AM
233	Better access for running along the lake, not on the road.	8/16/2019 8:39 AM
234	Needs sidewalks along the road!! Feels unsafe with babies and walking so close to traffic. Needs sleep bumps. People cutting through go too fast. Needs better signage at one way section where it begins by zoo. Too many people drive wrong way, not realizing it. Need better signs when lake closed for swimming by public health. Last time there was one small sign on only one lifeguard stand. Most people missed it completely!	8/15/2019 10:04 PM
235	Connect bike path continuous through park. There is too much car traffic entering from Mills/Wingra side to feel comfortable walking/biking through park.	8/15/2019 8:03 PM
236	Do something about areas that get waterlogged near Drake/Grant and by lagoon. Update tennis courts.	8/15/2019 11:19 AM
237	NO DOGS ALLOWED! sick of stepping in crap	8/15/2019 11:14 AM
238	The walking paths could be updated. It would also be helpful if the bike/pedestrian lane in the road through the park was more clearly labeled.	8/15/2019 10:54 AM
239	Nothing!	8/15/2019 10:28 AM
240	Parking	8/15/2019 9:45 AM
241	Cleaner lake	8/15/2019 9:13 AM

242	More areas for adult use	8/15/2019 9:03 AM
243	Really crummy roads - should be dedicated sidewalk where cars drive through.	8/15/2019 8:45 AM
244	restrict motor vehicle access. Vilas Park Drive shouldn't be a through route for cars.	8/15/2019 7:56 AM
245	More seating, another playground	8/15/2019 6:28 AM
246	Add additional wayfinding throughout. A way to fix the giant puddle/ mud area along the walking path (near the giant shoe slide).	8/15/2019 6:16 AM
247	cleaner lakes to enjoy	8/15/2019 4:31 AM
248	Shaving/shoveling the frozen water on the the north side of the bridge for more skating area.	8/14/2019 11:17 PM
249	Less car traffic through park, less car parking along shore.	8/14/2019 10:25 PM
250	Na	8/14/2019 10:11 PM
251	Maybe animal art or interactive. Areas	8/14/2019 9:56 PM
252	Better management of the lake/lagoon weeds so swimming is better.	8/14/2019 9:40 PM
253	Better drainage along walking paths.	8/14/2019 7:13 PM
254	Easier driving when leaving the park. Not being able to exit eastbound from the beach area has been cumbersome with the road construction	8/14/2019 6:56 PM
255	More shelters for grad parties, family reunions, class reunions, quincieñeras	8/14/2019 6:34 PM
256	The road needs to be repaved.	8/14/2019 6:27 PM
257	I would make it more wheelchair accessible and update the beach/beach hours.	8/14/2019 5:32 PM
258	Add adult outdoor exercise equipment. More toddler size playground options. Enclosed shelter for rentals.	8/14/2019 5:24 PM
259	Build a shelter on a par with the one at Tenney. Dredge the lagoons. Restore speed skating.	8/14/2019 3:09 PM
260	Lagoon area and beach area are getting kind over grown. I would improve water quality.	8/14/2019 2:32 PM
261	nonexistent side walks	8/14/2019 2:01 PM
262	I would continue the wingra bike path all the way to the Edgewood path and update the playground equipment. Potentially add additional picnic tables in other spots throughout the park.	8/14/2019 1:58 PM
263	Better ped/bike access along Vilas Park Drive from east	8/14/2019 1:48 PM
264	I would open a dedicated running/walking path to go parallel to wingra drive. There is no sidewalk or dedicated area and some of the cars coming from the Vilas neighborhood are driving very fast through the park. It would also be great to use some of the land for an off leash dog park.	8/14/2019 1:44 PM
265	No cars. A pedestrian only stretch from the Wingra bridge near the Pleasure Drive to at least Orchard St. This is such an unsafe corridor I am appalled that the city has neglected the safety issues in this natural gem of the city	8/14/2019 1:41 PM
266	the road along the lake is full of pot holes; open up the skating rink to include going all the way around and under all bridges	8/14/2019 1:32 PM
267	Splash pad, toddler-specific play area, dog off leash area, updated children's equipment, community events I.e yoga and children's playgroups/storytimes, food carts, coffee shop.	8/14/2019 1:28 PM
268	there's nothing special that will make me go there unless I'm visiting the zoo	8/14/2019 1:26 PM
	Fix the portion of the road that runs behind the zoo. The parallel parking, heavy traffic, and	8/14/2019 1:22 PM
269	flooding make it unsafe and unenjoyable. Also, change the seasonal walls on the shelter to be transparent (like transparent overhead doors used on restaurant patios) so that parents can watch their kids on the ice from inside.	

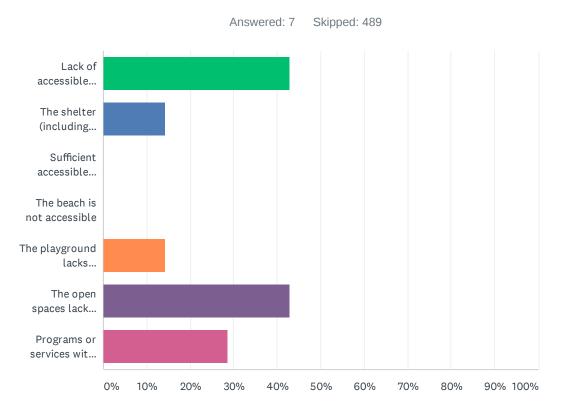
271	Please make a VERY slow speed limit and ENFORCE it, so people stop rushing through and using it as a cut-through to somewhere else. Add sidewalks along that stretch between Orchard and the zoo and the lagoon.	8/14/2019 1:18 PM
272	I would love a better playground, like the one at Brittingham Park.	8/14/2019 1:17 PM
273	-Make it more accessible by bike from the east -close the road and make it a bike path	8/14/2019 1:07 PM
274	I would make the shelter brighter as it seems very dark in the winter when trying to change ice skates	8/14/2019 1:05 PM
275	The surface of the road is really hard for bicycling, but I'm afraid if it were not so broken up, the cars would go too fast through the park.	8/14/2019 1:05 PM
276	Widen the road between Orchard St. and the entrance to the zoo and have bike lanes on both sides of the road, or a separate paved bike path running adjacent to the road. Also, the playing fields and sections of the path are regularly flooded or saturated with water. Could use a better drainage system.	8/14/2019 1:04 PM
277	Make the bike / runner access on the road more separate / clear.	8/14/2019 12:58 PM
278	Improve the shoreline with native plants. Have bike and walking paths all the way to the arboretum from the west end of the park. Consider removing vehicle access.	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
279	The problem with lake weeds.	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
280	needs more shade, odd that the two playgrounds are so separate	8/14/2019 12:29 PM
281	Closer bathroom access on Northside	8/14/2019 12:15 PM
282	Fix the muddy walking paths, resurface Wingra Drive, only allow dogs on leashes.	8/14/2019 11:58 AM
283	Better access to the water. Move the road a bit further from the lake, and add a proper walkway.	8/14/2019 11:39 AM
284	less traffic driving through and circling through the adjacent neighborhood	8/14/2019 11:34 AM
285	create a designated dog area (enclosed)	8/14/2019 8:57 AM
286	Safe wide bike lanes, post speed limits to improve safety, ticket for speeding, consider making it one way all the way through so it is not used for commuting.	8/14/2019 12:05 AM
287	less loud music and partying with alcohol/less beligerant and loud behavior by some park patrons which disrupts the enjoyment of others who prefer a quieter environment.	8/13/2019 4:36 PM
288	Moving the driving and cars further from the water to have more lake front space	8/13/2019 10:39 AM
289	Cleaner beach	8/13/2019 9:56 AM
290	1) Given the number of pedestrians and bicyclists, I recommend a separate bike/pedestrian path (like the one running from Mills to Orchard). Or close the road to cars. 2) Resurface tennis courts. I play on leagues, which were scheduled for league play this summer but were moved because the courts are in bad shape. I also play independently and it would be nice to play here. Although if the city can only resurface one set of tennis courts right now, I recommend resurfacing Rennebohm since it has lights, thus would be available to more people for more hours. 3) Improve drainage (or something) so the paths near the zoo quit flooding. 4) Otherwise the park is great. Thanks, Madison!	8/13/2019 9:31 AM
291	Nothing	8/13/2019 8:58 AM
292	Improve parking, and the path from the south parking area by the lake to get to the zoo and park.	8/12/2019 6:22 PM
293	Move bike paths away from car & bus traffic, or move car/bus routes	8/12/2019 9:31 AM
294	Too many cars! Need to be less parking and no thru access for motor vehicles. I go to a park to get away from cars and concrete!	8/11/2019 6:21 PM
295	Can't think of anything right away that I would change	8/11/2019 9:52 AM
296	Access	8/9/2019 2:09 PM

298	Update playground, add/update a sand volleyball court or two	8/9/2019 1:36 PM
299	I would dedicate more resources to ice maintenance in the winter, which will also encourage more people to come skate if they can count on smooth, safe ice. I would also try to clean up the beach so that it is less gross in the summer.	8/9/2019 9:04 AM
300	IDK	8/9/2019 8:56 AM
301	More playground equipment, designated ball field.	8/9/2019 8:34 AM
302	Create clearly defined, safe walking/running areas - especially along wingra side	8/9/2019 8:07 AM
303	I would preserve the park's trees and open spaces.	8/9/2019 7:41 AM
304	seriously needs a safe way to walk through the park. it would be great if the only car traffic was people using the park.	8/9/2019 6:12 AM
305	Improve and modernize the shelter, make it larger and open more often to rent skates, host events, more like a community center	8/8/2019 10:03 PM
306	traffic and road conditions	8/8/2019 6:09 PM
307	Reduce/eliminate through traffic	7/31/2019 12:40 PM
308	Allow dogs legally, and add a dedicated off leash area for dogs	7/29/2019 5:36 PM
309	Feels like it hasn't been updated / maintained in a long time	7/26/2019 8:48 AM
310	Get all dogs out. Walking dogs on paved bike trails on north side and south side, with a leash, is OK. All dogs in play areas, bridges, and all grassy areas is not OK (leash or not). Playing fetch on grassy areas and into lagoons is really not OK. The vast majority of folks that do not bring a dog to the park should not suffer from the few that use the park as their personal space with their dog. A few signs that show a map to Madison Dog Parks would be nice.	7/25/2019 12:38 PM
311	The shelter, since I didn't even know it existed. The idea of a usable shelter is great! Making it appear like an available shelter for events rather than looking like a garage for maintenance vehicles would be awesome!	7/22/2019 10:10 AM
312	A bit more planned landscaping and formal gardens	7/21/2019 10:52 PM
313	I would love the beach to get a filtered water facility to make it cleanerI would love to swim but the water is too dirty. I would love something akin to Olbrich Biergarten that can be more of an evening draw.	7/18/2019 12:35 PM
314	Really don't think much needs to change about the park the openness and flexibility of the space is it's real strength.	7/17/2019 11:04 AM
315	I wish there was a restroom by the tennis courts.	7/17/2019 9:46 AM
316	Nothing. Would like it kept up for Community use.	7/17/2019 6:08 AM
317	I'd make access from Edgewood College side of park one way as it is from the other side. Currently it is being used as a commuting lane and short cut at certain times of the day. Cars come from Monroe Street area and whiz through which is dangerous for walkers and bikers and also wrecks the spirit of a parkas a refuge and peaceful place.	7/16/2019 10:02 AM
318	I would love to see one or two more walking/jogging paths crisscrossing the park, to allow for more varied ways of traversing the space.	7/14/2019 9:46 PM
319	A sidewalk for pedestrians where there is just a dirt path (across from the beach). Also there isn't enough parking.	7/14/2019 7:41 PM
320	Maybe stop thru traffic if possible. Flooding is becoming more of a problem and adaption to climate change needs to be considered.	7/14/2019 5:51 PM
321	I would put up a nice looking fencing along the lake west of the beach to stop litter from people picnicking from getting into the lake. I would also improve the boat launch to give better footing to paddlers launching.	7/14/2019 3:46 PM
322	Parking	7/14/2019 2:47 PM
323	clean up the lake improve trail along the lake improve biking and walking access (trail along	7/14/2019 10:26 AM

lake, etc) especially during rush hour when a lot of cars drive through heading east. Also traffic flow when school/camp buses are unloading to go to the zoo. Continue to decrease goose population

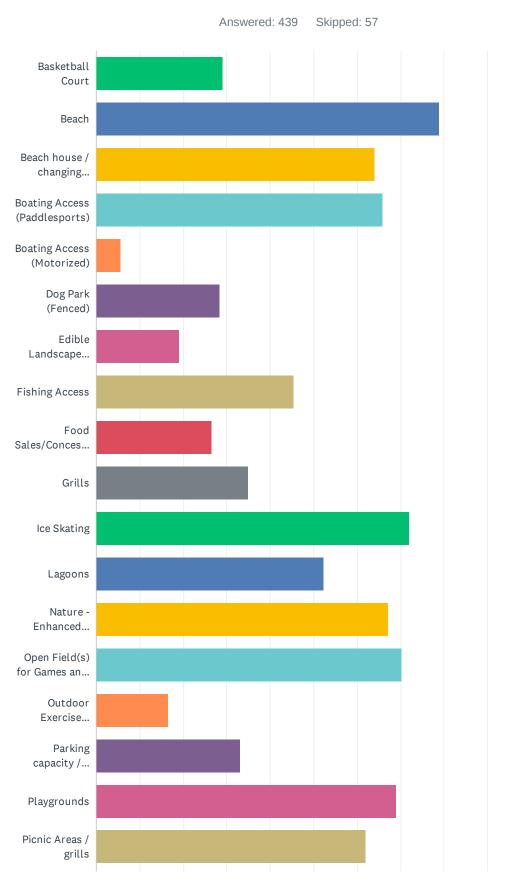
324	Remove vehicular access and bus parking from Vilas Park Drive adjacent to the lake (between Vilas Avenue Parking Lot and Shelter Parking Lot).	7/8/2019 2:57 PM
325	nothing	7/7/2019 9:27 PM
326	Upgrade the road surface.	7/7/2019 7:56 PM
327	improved tennis courts, better drainage for the fields, bringing back soccer goals, friendlier dog policy or possible dog permitted area	7/7/2019 9:08 AM
328	Improve the shelter so that it can be used year round with good indoor and outdoor space. Don't like when groups of motorcyclists tear through at night - anything that limits and slows traffic would be welcome.	7/6/2019 3:30 PM
329	Please keep commuters out. No through traffic like the arboretum. Better pedestrian paths along Wingra Dr.	7/5/2019 8:19 AM
330	Add more bathroom facilities.	7/5/2019 3:58 AM
331	parts of larger field are swamped with water during spring season, making some parts unwalkable.	7/3/2019 4:01 PM
332	Not much. Plant some more trees along Vilas Park Drive in that big grassy area just east of the bridge. That area could be more pleasing with a dozen or more trees so as to provide some shade and benefit nature. Also the grassy area west of the north parking lot always floods and is unusable as a grassy area. Maybe plant some trees and let it go back to nature. Tennis courts need to be repaved, which would increase their use also.	7/3/2019 1:30 PM
333	Allow dogs on leash, consider adding a fenced dog park in one of the large underutilized grass areas toward the west end of the park. Also deal with runoff/standing water on paths, in grassy area North of the island.	7/3/2019 9:28 AM
334	vilas park drive	6/24/2019 10:48 AM

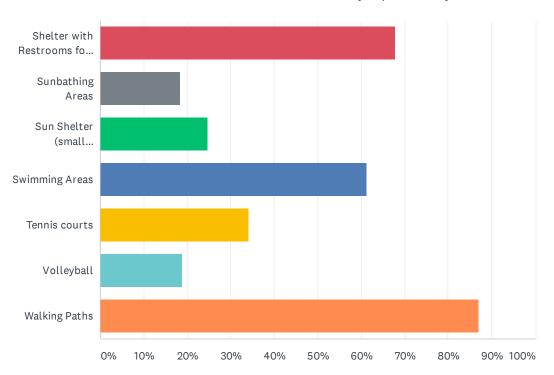
Q11 If you have not visited Vilas Park, was it due to any of the following accessibility or inclusion-related reasons? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of accessible parking	42.86%	3
The shelter (including tables, restrooms, etc.) is not accessible or useable	14.29%	1
Sufficient accessible fishing locations	0.00%	0
The beach is not accessible	0.00%	0
The playground lacks accessibility	14.29%	1
The open spaces lack accessible paths of travel or areas of use	42.86%	3
Programs or services within the park are not accessible	28.57%	2
Total Respondents: 7		

Q12 What existing (if known) or potential amenities are important to have at Vilas Park? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Basketball Court	29.16%	128
Beach	78.82%	346
Beach house / changing facility	64.01%	281
Boating Access (Paddlesports)	65.83%	289
Boating Access (Motorized)	5.69%	25
Dog Park (Fenced)	28.47%	125
Edible Landscape Installation	19.13%	84
Fishing Access	45.33%	199
Food Sales/Concessions	26.65%	117
Grills	34.85%	153
Ice Skating	71.98%	316
Lagoons	52.39%	230
Nature - Enhanced Natural Areas and Native Plantings	67.20%	295
Open Field(s) for Games and Recreation	70.39%	309
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	16.63%	73
Parking capacity / space	33.03%	145
Playgrounds	69.02%	303
Picnic Areas / grills	61.96%	272
Shelter with Restrooms for Community Programming and Events	67.88%	298
Sunbathing Areas	18.45%	81
Sun Shelter (small non-enclosed building)	24.60%	108
Swimming Areas	61.28%	269
Tennis courts	34.17%	150
Volleyball	18.91%	83
Walking Paths	87.02%	382
Total Respondents: 439		

#	PLEASE AMENITIES THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED	DATE
1	bike path	1/21/2020 8:19 PM
2	No dogs permitted in park keep dog parks separate from People parks No multi-story parking garage at Orchard and Wingra Drive Blocks residents' lake views, will increase traffic congestion and noise in the neighborhood	1/17/2020 1:11 PM
3	none. let us have a place of nature	1/16/2020 10:21 AM
4	Take advantage of lake in winter - x-country skiiing, ice boating, etc. also - provide platform for birders or viewing of lake. Work with Edgewood in a shared partnership to promote outdoor activities.	1/16/2020 8:11 AM
5	Lights for expanded hours on fields and playgrounds	1/15/2020 9:52 PM
6	Dogs should be allowed in the park. It's a shame that Madison is so anti dog. And I don't even own one!	1/15/2020 8:33 PM
7	Historical information signage. Improvement Of the entrance bridge so that it is safer for Pedestrian, who are crossing along with auto Traffic. A sidewalk parallel to the road providing A separation between the walkway, the bikeway, and the road.	1/15/2020 7:56 PM
8	like, a diving board/deep swimming area would be nice.	1/15/2020 7:18 PM
9	The path connector	1/15/2020 7:07 PM
10	Bike paths	1/15/2020 6:47 PM
11	Protected bike lanes and walking/jogging paths	1/15/2020 5:33 PM
12	swimming and beach would be great if the water wasn't so yucky	1/15/2020 5:28 PM
13	Adjust car traffic flow to support waterways & natural habitats and encourage more foot and bicycle traffic. Prioritize wildlife habitat restoration for public viewing and interaction	1/15/2020 2:25 PM
14	better cycling paths, more places to lock bikes, maybe one of this nice bike maintenance stands	1/11/2020 11:20 PM
15	Bike repair station	1/8/2020 7:21 PM
16	More garbage cans and pick up during the winter.	1/2/2020 10:28 AM
17	Please do not sacrifice open space and views in order to accommodate additional amenities.	1/1/2020 2:39 PM
18	Vilas has many options for a relatively small park. We especially value the tennis courts.	1/1/2020 8:43 AM
19	A Lookout Tower to view the lake, Arb, Wingra Creek and city	12/30/2019 10:45 PM
20	The bridges over the lagoon are great!	12/30/2019 8:49 PM
21	A better bike and walking path would be great.	12/30/2019 7:17 PM
22	More designated walking/hiking areas.	12/30/2019 6:53 PM
23	Interactive nature areas (educational signs that teach about nature).	12/29/2019 5:40 PM
24	Additional striping on Tennis Courts allowing for Pickleball to be played.	12/29/2019 9:50 AM
25	Pickleball courts	12/28/2019 5:13 AM
26	Art installations	12/27/2019 5:21 PM
27	Bike paths	12/27/2019 3:14 PM
28	Pubic art, updated lighting at night	12/27/2019 6:44 AM
29	Able to accommodate run-walk races, but I don't know personally what those amenities are.	12/26/2019 11:20 PM
30	If you remove some of the road, you could put a skate park in where the road is. Art! where is the public art? How about starting to collect sculptures? To go along a path by the water. More BIG trees, oaks plant three hundred year lasting trees now for the future	12/26/2019 6:26 PM
31	Love the idea of edible plants / landscaping! Also native plants that are great for wildlife!	12/20/2019 1:48 PM

32	please DO NOT increase parking	12/19/2019 8:19 AM
33	Swimming area for dogs!	12/18/2019 4:19 PM
34	Boardwalk around Wingra on the Arboretum side.	12/18/2019 4:07 PM
35	Benches	12/18/2019 11:38 AM
36	Outdoor ping pong Small outdoor amphitheater (council ring)	12/18/2019 11:04 AM
37	Boat launch should be repaired and trailer parking provided	12/17/2019 9:39 PM
38	ultimate frisbee and softball areas. The pond hockey tournament a few years ago was great. Some of the greatest Olympians practiced at Vilas so a better display with photos and feats would be great	12/17/2019 2:23 PM
39	I did not know that Vilas has a dog park. If so, is it really necessary? Dogs disrupt wildlife and can annoy people when they bark.	12/17/2019 9:45 AM
40	The zoo area provides food opportunities and is an integral part of the park. I would support it being expanded into the park to give it more room to grow. It is the big draw for both visitors and the local economy.	12/17/2019 8:40 AM
41	Splash pad for kids	12/16/2019 8:57 PM
42	Eliminate the geese.	11/28/2019 9:21 PM
43	Walking paths that allow on-leash dogs	11/26/2019 4:12 PM
44	Pump track for bmx and mountain bikes	11/26/2019 10:30 AM
45	Please keep Shoe slide. Keep drive along lake open to motor vehicles.	11/14/2019 3:53 PM
46	Changing stalls in the beach bathroom; water feature that kids can play in/with, like the fountain at The Union Alumni Park; sometimes the beach is not safe to use, so this would be nice in the summer	11/12/2019 9:15 PM
47	Beer garden	11/12/2019 4:40 PM
48	lake access, natural seating areas	11/12/2019 3:20 PM
49	keep parking to a minimum. Dog park would be nice but there isn't enough space for one because existing features would need to be sacrificed.	11/9/2019 9:09 AM
50	Bike paths	11/9/2019 7:36 AM
51	Safe bike facilities for all ages. I want to have my kids (2,4, & 6) bike to and around the park.	11/8/2019 10:27 PM
52	Woolly mammoth exercise areas.	11/3/2019 1:57 PM
53	Bike Lanes, BCycle station (nearby)	11/2/2019 12:01 PM
54	Beer garden like olbrich park!	11/2/2019 10:03 AM
55	Bus stop, high quality bike racks distributed throughout the park	11/1/2019 3:34 PM
56	splash pad?	11/1/2019 10:18 AM
57	More natural area - less traditional playgrounds. I love the idea of a space for little ones to learn to ride bikes (off the normal bike path because they get yelled at)	10/17/2019 9:54 AM
58	Bicycling access. Would love to see a kids bicycle playground added or considered!	10/16/2019 2:46 PM
59	No motorized boating access.	9/30/2019 2:26 PM
60	Rain gardens and other areas with native plants	9/14/2019 8:34 AM
61	I like all basketball, tennis and volleyball, maybe have a walking path. What ever you can fit in! I like it all! If you keep the beach area people can sunbathe by the beach!	9/10/2019 11:41 AM
62	Warming house for ice skating is lovely	9/5/2019 8:00 PM
63	Free boat sharing program	9/3/2019 1:03 PM

64	Ideally I think all these things are important to bring in the diversity that is represented at Vilas- I LOVE that about the park - so many different people doing different things. These are just the amenities that I would use regularly.	8/27/2019 1:01 PM
65	Shelter with restrooms for skating on the winter	8/25/2019 12:08 PM
66	There should be no motorized boats on Lake Wingra. It is too small a lake and motorized boats are a hazard, polluting, and noisy. Mendota and Monona are close enough and allow for motorized boats.	8/22/2019 10:56 PM
67	ADA kayak launch into Lake Wingra	8/21/2019 9:33 PM
68	An outdoor squash court https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1064832/worlds-first-public- outdoor-squash-court-set-up-in-new-york-city	8/21/2019 8:22 PM
69	Biergarten	8/21/2019 7:17 PM
70	Garden of native plants with signs identifying plants, such as pollinator plants.	8/21/2019 7:04 PM
71	Dog area- non fenced	8/21/2019 6:51 PM
72	A beer garden!!	8/21/2019 4:08 PM
73	Nature-based/themed playgrounds; educational kiosks that talk about the history of the park and Lake Wingra, especially their unique natural history and features, and how people can be good stewards of the resource.	8/21/2019 10:46 AM
74	Bike lanes.	8/20/2019 12:29 AM
75	CYCLING. I frequently use Edgewood Ave to connect from the Lakeshore Nature Preserve to the Wingra Creek Path. A bike path or bike lane should run along Vilas Park Dr until it meets the start of the existing pathway at the entrance to the park.	8/19/2019 11:24 PM
76	Pickleball courts	8/19/2019 10:42 PM
77	Bike path separate from road. The road may not be necessary.	8/19/2019 10:01 PM
78	Beer garden	8/19/2019 9:01 PM
79	Biergarten!!!!	8/19/2019 8:50 PM
80	Separated, protected cycling infrastructure, including bike racks. It's extremely easy for a large portion of Madison to get to the park without using a car, but we have to provide a safe, viable bike network and areas for parking bikes in order to make that happen.	8/19/2019 12:36 PM
81	Bicycle parking	8/19/2019 11:06 AM
32	community gardens	8/19/2019 10:59 AM
83	No motorized boats!	8/18/2019 11:11 AM
34	No dogs!!! No motorized boats!!!	8/18/2019 2:59 AM
35	Trees can be an alternative to a sun shelter, public art, information about the Ho-Chunk	8/17/2019 9:32 PM
36	Baseball/kickball backstop	8/17/2019 3:25 PM
87	Pickleball?	8/16/2019 10:54 AM
88	Safe and flat paths from all parking areas to the zoo for wheel chairs and strollers	8/15/2019 9:46 AM
39	bike paths, winter fatbiking trails	8/15/2019 7:56 AM
90	Public art, historical signage/ photos. Include additional BCycle stands (the only one I can think of is by the Arb entrance)	8/15/2019 6:21 AM
91	exercise equipment for adults	8/15/2019 4:31 AM
92	Bike paths	8/14/2019 10:26 PM
93	Bubblers/drinking fountains No dogs Toilet building by tennis courts and basketball courts More picnic tables on the north side Better turf management of the playing fields (plantain is like teflon)	8/14/2019 3:14 PM

94	Bike path	8/14/2019 1:58 PM
95	Splash pad Toddler specific equipment	8/14/2019 1:29 PM
96	Bike paths	8/14/2019 1:20 PM
97	More places to sit.	8/14/2019 1:17 PM
98	Increase use of lake for water recreation/competition (rowing, canoeing, kayaking, sup)	8/14/2019 1:10 PM
99	It's the only place in the neighborhood to play baseball/softball, so that's important.	8/14/2019 1:07 PM
100	Bike racks by the beach, zoo entrance, playgrounds, and pavilion.	8/14/2019 1:06 PM
101	Walking paths for leashes dogs. Playgrounds without tire chips.	8/14/2019 12:34 PM
102	more picnic tables nearer the water	8/14/2019 12:32 PM
103	Safe bike path through entire park.	8/14/2019 12:06 AM
104	Having a fenced dog park might deter people from having their dogs off leash in other areas.	8/13/2019 12:52 PM
105	bike paths	8/13/2019 10:40 AM
106	Please, no dog park!	8/13/2019 9:35 AM
107	Safe bike paths	8/12/2019 9:32 AM
108	Bicycle facilities	8/11/2019 6:22 PM
109	Soccer goals (small red ones like at Wingra and Midvale would be best).	8/9/2019 9:05 AM
110	Lit tennis courts, lighted ice rink, warming shelter, bathrooms	8/8/2019 10:05 PM
111	NOT MOTORIZED BOATS	8/8/2019 8:42 PM
112	Bathroom and drinking water. Sitting areas both sheltered and open	8/8/2019 5:57 PM
113	A biergarten ala Olbrich!	7/18/2019 12:35 PM
114	It would be GREAT to have a parcours (sp?) type of course at Vilas Park; and ask mentioned earlier, I would love to see another path or two (I thought the temporary road that was in place during the rebuilding of the bridges last year would have been great to retain (in normal pedestrian/bike path form).	7/14/2019 9:48 PM
115	soccer goals brought back!	7/7/2019 9:10 AM
116	bike paths/single tracks	7/4/2019 8:16 AM
117	Keep basketball court, keep tennis courts (maybe not 6 courts but at least some), keep warming house for ice skating, keep at least 1 playground, expand the orchard (4 trees isn't enough!)	7/3/2019 1:33 PM

Q13 What else should the City consider as it plans for the future of Vilas Park?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 264

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Re-do the roadway, to add separate walking and cars.	1/23/2020 5:48 PM
2	More events to be hosted at the park. Something like a Greek Fest? Mini craft beer festival? How can we make it a gathering place?	1/22/2020 8:04 AM
3	The environment and how it will be impacted by any changes.	1/21/2020 4:44 PM
4	Algae and preventing run off	1/21/2020 3:34 PM
5	No high rise, concrete parking structures near park and bike trails. Adds to traffic noise and pollution going into Lake Wingra	1/17/2020 1:13 PM
6	we have more pressing needs for our money than park Improvements or more cement parking lots. Like air quality, water quality, carbon footprints	1/16/2020 10:23 AM
7	Keep shoreline development at a minimum, but buildings elsewhere in the park are more welcome. As a trial, we could see whether a small paddlesport rental area would be welcome. I realize folks can go to the other park to get this, too, so it's not a priority for our family.	1/16/2020 10:13 AM
8	It is one of my favorite things about Madison. Eager to see it be made even better.	1/16/2020 9:16 AM
9	water management in the context of climate change and heavier rainfalls	1/16/2020 8:40 AM
10	Uniqueness of park is it is part of larger natural network. Create system to access/acquire recreation around Lake Wingra by use of pedestrian pathway. Add a nature viewing area for birders or persons to mediate in the quieter part of park - by marsh area near Edgewood and Pleasure Drive. Don't overdo the park - create separate active and passive areas. Be cautious about allowing dog park - conflict with young children to wildlife.	1/16/2020 8:27 AM
11	More parking!	1/16/2020 12:33 AM
12	Lights for nighttime use. More large community planned events.	1/15/2020 9:53 PM
13	Dogs! Ways to keep wingra clean. Connecting the bike paths around Wingra would be amazing. Right now you have to go out to Monroe on a narrow sidewalk.	1/15/2020 8:36 PM
14	Safety	1/15/2020 8:27 PM
15	A juncture between Vilas Park and the Arboretum. Which now involves a sharp turning Angle. A safer bridge at the entrance to The park on the west side. Continued improvement of the anti- Algae runoffs. Continual improvements to the Playground areas. Keep the sporting activities open for Picnickers and don't open up the grassy area To organized teams like grade school football. Somehow, avoid increasing the area devoted To auto and bus parking.	1/15/2020 8:13 PM
16	Reduce paved area to improve water quality.	1/15/2020 7:42 PM
17	I would kinda like it if the beach was larger.	1/15/2020 7:19 PM
18	Connect the path Around the lake	1/15/2020 7:07 PM
19	Numerous speed bumps and then more speed bumps	1/15/2020 5:34 PM
20	anything possible to improve lake water quality. lake levels will be rising and flooding more frequent	1/15/2020 5:30 PM
21	Let some of the lagoons become wetlands and build an ice rink	1/15/2020 5:28 PM
22	Annie Stewart Fountain restoration and attention to burial mounds regarding preservation and education. Remove playground equipment in that area (dinosaur & swings) for more contemplative spaces shifting play areas to already existing playgrounds on other side of the zoo	1/15/2020 2:26 PM
23	Don't crowd the zoo too much with more animals	1/14/2020 2:15 PM
24	Restore Lake Wingra Shoreline; maintain stone bridge crossing Edgewood Drive.	1/14/2020 1:21 PM
	Not everyone in Madison drives everywhere. Walking, cycling, and transit access are important	1/11/2020 11:20 PM
25	for both environmentally-conscious people and low income people.	1111/2020 11.20 T M

27	Preserving its character!	1/9/2020 10:28 AM
28	Don't limit traffic	1/8/2020 7:21 PM
29	a better balance of tree/forest/shaded areas with paths, especially around the water, with open playing fields.	1/6/2020 12:47 PM
30	Improving water quality, especially at the beach.	1/3/2020 7:53 PM
31	Eliminate car traffic using park road as a drive thru	1/2/2020 1:22 PM
32	Walking paths close to the lakenot a road close to the lake. The park is about people and nature, not cars.	1/2/2020 10:29 AM
33	What Vilas Park offers that is unique and should be preserved. What does it have that differs from what is available in other parks and recreational facilities? What does it contribute to the options that are available to Madison residents and visitors?	1/1/2020 2:43 PM
34	User safety/ security / accessible clean facilities	1/1/2020 12:15 PM
35	The Native American history of this area should be publicly noted and honored. Some educational installations explaining the mounds and the people who built them would be welcome and wonderful.	1/1/2020 8:47 AM
36	Promote skating (PSA's) and pond hockey (small goals)	12/30/2019 10:47 PM
37	More native plantings and natural areas. The lake already receives excess nutrients, but every little bit of runoff prevention is key for lake health. And if you look at historical pictures of Lake Wingra, it was surrounded by prairie/savannah so it would be great to have more of that in Vilas Park. Even planting more oak trees within restored native plantings would be great. It would give more shade for fishing along the shore and hopefully prevent some excess nutrients entering the lake. There could also be native plantings around the lagoon, especially on the eastern side of the lagoon where people don't recreate as much (as far as I know people don't recreate as much over here besides maybe some fishing). Overall I think the park is a great resource for Madisonians and especially Vilas Neighborhood residents.	12/30/2019 8:53 PM
38	Recognizing that there is limited space, it would be ideal to get the road farther from the shoreline if possible. However, please do continue to allow eastbound traffic all the way through the park. During busy times around campus, this route is a valuable shortcut for local traffic that knows how to avoid football Saturday and other traffic jams. Please do NOT add a dog park. The fences are ugly and would inevitably ruin the views from all parts of the park. Not everyone has or even appreciates dogs and the mess they leave (even with a fenced area, dogs tend to leave messes on their way to and from the the fenced area and owners aren't always great about cleaning it up).	12/30/2019 7:23 PM
39	To keep the historical origins and look of the park intact, even if modernization is necessary.	12/30/2019 6:53 PM
40	The vast majority of Greenbush residents using the sidewalks around/outside of the park are walking dogs. It is very frustrating to be banned from our local park for the comfort? preference? of people who do not live in our neighborhood. Madison's dog policy is very outdated and hinders the connections formed by community members meeting while walking dogs. I am happy to see other Madison residents driving into our community to enjoy this great park, but that shouldn't prevent local neighbors and dogs from equal enjoyment.	12/30/2019 1:32 PM
41	Mostly leave it as is.	12/29/2019 10:27 PM
42	Continue to restore the fountain (part of the park east of the zoo) and think about how that area can be used and improved.	12/29/2019 5:41 PM
43	Areas of native plantings & getting the lake healthy.	12/28/2019 5:38 PM
44	Buses should not park in Vilas. They should drop off their groups and then wait for their pickup in a location like the Post Office on Wingra Dr. They are unsightly and taint the park experience.	12/28/2019 5:16 AM
45	Art installations	12/27/2019 5:22 PM
46	Bus service.	12/27/2019 3:15 PM
47	Beer garden, and other concessions	12/27/2019 6:44 AM
48	Carbon neutral buildings. Solar panels. Passive solar outside warm water showers at beach.	12/26/2019 6:30 PM

	Rooftop grass roofs (put goats on them).	
49	Volunteers for help with native and edible plants.	12/20/2019 1:50 PM
50	Find a better way to slow the pass-through traffic that drives through Vilas Park. Their speed and volume of vehicles is becoming increasingly dangerous to both pedestrians and bicyclists.	12/19/2019 1:21 PM
51	more areas for kids to smoke pot, less areas for people to park	12/19/2019 8:19 AM
52	Do not over-develop.	12/18/2019 8:07 PM
53	Keep it fully accessible. Keep the one way traffic portion of Vilas Park Drive. Don't close Vilas Park Drive to traffic access.	12/18/2019 5:30 PM
54	I would prefer that the road through Vilas Park be kept open to auto traffic.	12/18/2019 4:09 PM
55	Ecologically friendly weed management to keep Wingra accessible for boating and swimming	12/18/2019 4:08 PM
56	consider the proximity of the neighboring homes and streets - uses should be quiet vs. noisy. Food carts vs. permanent concession stands.	12/18/2019 3:48 PM
57	Pickle ball courts	12/18/2019 2:56 PM
58	Runoff mitigation, reducing salt use on adjacent roads and pathways	12/18/2019 11:39 AM
59	beach umbrella rentals	12/18/2019 7:01 AM
60	Limit or avoid automobiles for carbon control and safety and nature.	12/17/2019 9:40 PM
61	Please restore the Annie Stewart Fountain - it is a beautiful and important historical artwork that is degrading.	12/17/2019 3:03 PM
62	Bus parking in the spring. Buses fill up the Wingra park and street routes and spill over into the neighborhoods where the city has already eliminated a lot of parkingshuttles from Bowman field??	12/17/2019 2:24 PM
63	Leave it be. It does not need improvement. Does the park have surveillance cameras? It would make me feel safer in the evening.	12/17/2019 9:47 AM
64	Finding a way to allow the zoo to utilize some of the Vilas space so it can grow.	12/17/2019 8:41 AM
65	watershed, wildlife habitat, wildlife (birds, aquatic animals and the foxes/coyotes).	12/17/2019 8:23 AM
66	What about an artificial ice rink near the shelter. Due to climate change skating season has shortened.	12/17/2019 7:52 AM
67	Enough bike racks, B cycle availability, more walking paths.	12/17/2019 12:44 AM
68	much better appearance and use of the roadway along the lakeshore; one-way car traffic into parking at shelter from each direction, so less traffic	12/16/2019 9:25 PM
69	Improve public transportation access. Separate biking, running and walking paths from cars.	12/16/2019 9:24 PM
70	Splash pad, pickle ball	12/16/2019 8:58 PM
71	keeping water clean, severely reducing cars, improve walking from parking area to zoo	12/9/2019 5:57 PM
72	Strong pedestrian connection with Wingra Park	11/28/2019 9:22 PM
73	Stormwater management	11/27/2019 2:20 PM
74	less motorized vehicles on lake.	11/26/2019 6:12 PM
75	Enable people to access the park in vehicles from the east	11/26/2019 4:35 PM
76	Preserve the natural landscape in the park and surrounding Lake Wingra. Dark skies matter!! Important bat populations are in this area. Take action to protect the old oak trees along the north side of the park that are being shaded out and encourage the growth of younger oak trees. Get rid of all tire chips - the volatile organic compounds in tires are not healthy especially for small children who put their hands and everything else in their mouth.	11/26/2019 4:15 PM
77	Please consider a fenced dog park!	11/26/2019 3:18 PM
78	An all weather pump track for bmx and mountain bikes	11/26/2019 10:31 AM

79	my biggest thing would be the fountain park area. Please update the structure there for older children. Even a smaller structure like the one at Midland park would be very nice to see.	11/21/2019 10:43 AM
80	Water quality of the lagoon and beach. Maybe another sign with more history of the park like the one explain the shoe slide.	11/14/2019 3:59 PM
81	Speed bumps and speed limit signs. Keeping a large green space and preserving the natural landscape.	11/13/2019 10:17 PM
82	Please improve the path along the zoo and lake wingra. If you are pulling kids in a wagon, you are forced to walk in the road. That is particularly bad in winter.	11/13/2019 7:25 AM
83	Spread bumps and posting speed limit signs (I currently see none); keep the road one way because it is safer for runners, walkers, and bikers	11/12/2019 9:17 PM
34	Dog park area would be nice	11/12/2019 8:41 PM
35	LOVE the dog park idea! Definitely a missing piece here!	11/12/2019 8:38 PM
36	Many children have fear of dogs so if considering a dog area please keep at distance from zoo, beach and other high kid areas.	11/12/2019 7:59 PM
37	Keep the boardwalk through the reeds up to date and the path groomed	11/12/2019 7:16 PM
38	please preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the park!	11/12/2019 4:29 PM
39	Plan big.	11/12/2019 3:20 PM
90	More bubblers/drinking fountains (at least one that could be operational all-year round); bike parking	11/11/2019 2:21 PM
91	More bike parking. Make sure nature gets way more space than fences & concrete. Keep it beautiful. I was relieved that the new bridges fit the aesthetic of the space.	11/9/2019 9:36 AM
92	Please consider all of the people who bike to access this park. It should be safe (as I also bike with my kids) and easily accessible	11/9/2019 7:37 AM
93	Remove car shortcut road through the park. Could this be converted to a walk and bike only path? Car access from mills st should be sufficient.	11/8/2019 10:29 PM
94	preserve the natural aspects of the park, e.g. don't cut down trees to build more structures	11/6/2019 1:25 PM
95	Climate change	11/3/2019 11:52 PM
96	A giant statue of Paul Soglin.	11/3/2019 1:59 PM
97	keeping it family friendly	11/3/2019 12:13 AM
98	Consider that trying to please a few may upset many.	11/2/2019 2:37 PM
99	Conservation of native plants and animals!	11/1/2019 8:07 PM
100	Please do not put a road through the park for through traffic. It is lovely to have large spaces to go to that are free of cars and the noise and danger they bring. I would like to see it be more accessible by bus.	11/1/2019 3:35 PM
101	Do more by doing less development. Spend less on upkeep and more on eliminating undesirable people.	11/1/2019 2:23 PM
102	Invest in the lake	11/1/2019 11:23 AM
L03	Environmental impact and consider the surrounding neighbors opinions.	11/1/2019 10:19 AM
104	More garbage cans & bathroom facility versus 1 porta potty. People pee in woods along bike path.	10/29/2019 7:57 PM
105	Please improve parking, roadways, signs,etc	10/26/2019 9:24 AM
106	Making it so that commuters in cars canoe cut through the park.	10/21/2019 5:52 PM
L07	more natural play area	10/18/2019 10:01 AM
.08	Be innovative. Dont just stick to tired formula.	10/18/2019 2:47 AM

	Natural playscapes	10/17/2019 1:11 PM
110	*Make sure not to lose the natural layout and beauty existing at the park with any updates. Also having the right amount of open green space If some other feature is added besides updating the playground there is likely only space for an additional feature and make sure it doesn't take too much away from existing green space.	10/17/2019 10:24 AM
111	bicycle playground	10/16/2019 2:47 PM
112	Skating access on lagoons. This is one of the few parks that offer skating on a natural waterbody.	10/16/2019 12:05 PM
113	Please keep in mind that Vilas Park is unique in Dane County (and extremely rare among parks everywhere) in that it provides an ideal venue for thousands of people who enjoy the activity of recreational and competitive running. Vilas Park is an essential piece of a continuous 10-kilometer low-traffic pathway around Lake Wingra. For over 50 years this route has served the many runners and joggers and walkers who live in and around Dane County. It has been a dependable, safe venue for fund-raising races and competitive events year-round. Making any changes which would increase traffic or otherwise obstruct the current one-way road through Vilas Park would be disastrous to this historically-friendly use.	10/16/2019 10:18 AM
114	Thinking out of the box. Tulsa Ok (the Gathering place) and Wausau WI (Riverlife park) are some examples of unique spaces that ALL people can enjoy.	9/26/2019 8:58 AM
115	water quality and weed control are essential. I like that there are playgrounds for different ages of children.	9/19/2019 9:48 PM
116	N/A	9/19/2019 10:38 AM
117	ADA; continue to encourage cultural diversity	9/19/2019 10:11 AM
118	Again, use well-behaved dogs with responsible owners to scare away most of the geese.	9/14/2019 8:35 AM
119	Enforce the city ordinance to keep people from feeding the geese (and other water fowl). Seriously manage the out of control goose population that closed the beach for a month due to bacteria from droppings.	9/14/2019 8:02 AM
120	Ensuring it remains safe, clean and always identifies as an extension of the zoo	9/13/2019 4:56 PM
121	repave all roads	9/13/2019 1:30 PM
122	That you can't separate the zoo and the park. The zoo has zero transportation infrastructure and that has to change as visitors increase.	9/11/2019 4:19 PM
123	Gazebo	9/10/2019 2:23 PM
124	Whatever is done. Keep it up, keep it clean and fresh looking to attract people. Playground and shelter looking beat up does not bring people to the area. A fresh coat of paint and some refinishing can go a long way and a nice kept up playground could do a lot.	9/10/2019 11:45 AM
125	No comments	9/10/2019 9:30 AM
126	Health of lake Wingra. Possible need to increase wetland education, and wetland spaces.	9/5/2019 8:01 PM
127	No Dog park. The vilas neighborhood has enough places for dogs. Additional parking is not needed and will just result in overcrowding.	9/3/2019 1:04 PM
128	Possibly a bike/walk path that runs from Edgewood Drive along the north side of the lagoon. Otherwise I strongly suggest expanding natural habitat.	9/3/2019 11:07 AM
129	No dog park needed.	9/1/2019 7:55 PM
130	I appreciate that the shelter is open for ice skating accessibility as soon as the ice is frozen. I am impressed by how quickly the city uses their equipment to clear snow off the ice.	8/25/2019 12:10 PM
131	The park road is a critical low-stress bike connection between the Monroe Street area and Wingra path. I use it with my kid a lot. Reducing conflicts between vehicles and people is very important. It probably best to graptic a continuous charact use path to grapt to grapt be available on the	8/24/2019 10:33 AM
	important It probably best to create a continuous shared use path to avoid vehicles on the road.	

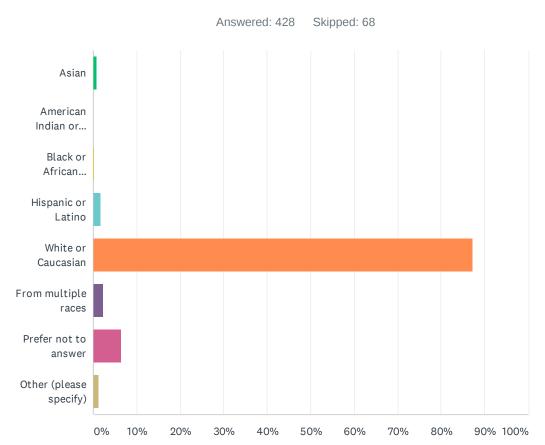
133	Campfire spots would be a great addition, similar to at Hoyt Park and Picnic Point.	8/22/2019 11:00 PM
134	Winters are tough, getting out and getting fresh air, sun during this long season is tough, so making sure that people can walk around year around is very important	8/22/2019 10:02 AM
135	Kayak fishing	8/21/2019 9:33 PM
136	REMEMBER that VILAS PARK is a COMMUNITY PARK not a neighborhood park & that when families gather for a reunion, not everyone lives locally. Provide WELCOMING accommodations such as parking within the park; limit amount of time people can park if you must, but don't limit people's access to the park by REMOVING parking or Vilas Park Drive.	8/21/2019 9:06 PM
137	Free WiFi	8/21/2019 8:22 PM
138	Biergarten	8/21/2019 7:17 PM
139	1. Costs of changes to Vilas versus at other parks. 2. access to the zoo	8/21/2019 7:05 PM
140	Disc golf course 9 holes would be perfect for Vilas	8/21/2019 6:09 PM
141	Beer garden like the one at olbrich park!	8/21/2019 4:08 PM
142	Listen to what the community wants and incorporate those wishes and ideas into any master plans. Avoid over-building the park by attempting to provide everything for everyone. This park is special because it is next to a small, quiet lake with walkable access to the zoo and Park & Pleasure Drive. It should not be treated as an urban park that tries to squeeze too much into a small space.	8/21/2019 10:53 AM
143	The impact of the zoo traffic on the park and surrounding areas, including the park. Adding edible landscape plants(fruit trees, etc.).	8/21/2019 10:31 AM
144	Security	8/21/2019 8:22 AM
145	Lighting along Vilas Park Dr is very poor at night. It doesn't feel like a safe area to be in at night time. Installing Dark Sky Friendly street/path lighting would be really nice	8/19/2019 11:27 PM
146	Adding a beer garden. Seriously. I lived in Milwaukee when they added beer gardens. They reinvigorated their parks, made them destinations.	8/19/2019 9:02 PM
147	Biergarten!!!!! Beer! Garden! ;)	8/19/2019 8:51 PM
148	Better bike access via separated paths	8/19/2019 4:37 PM
149	Parking lots cost thousands of dollars for each stall, and almost all of that space could be far better used as greenspace for children, bike parking, or any number of other uses. There is absolutely no reason to increase parking here, and if anything, we should be actively reducing it.	8/19/2019 12:37 PM
150	Better and more bicycle parking dispersed throughout the park	8/19/2019 11:06 AM
151	maintain diversity of use, users, and habitats	8/19/2019 11:00 AM
152	Making it easier to access by bicycle - multi use paths, especially through the park and from the arboretum (Mill St) side	8/19/2019 10:42 AM
153	In some ways this is the least accessible lake in the city even though the park lies along the length of Lake Wingra. It often feels crowded despite the available open space	8/19/2019 8:34 AM
154	Keeping Park cleaner all areas, especially the lake.	8/18/2019 12:34 PM
155	Focus on family enjoyment over individual sports	8/18/2019 11:13 AM
156	No dogs!!! No motorized vehicles!!!	8/18/2019 2:59 AM
157	I would like Vilas Park to be a place where I can ride my bike safely with my young son.	8/17/2019 9:39 PM
158	Leave room for a zoo expansion. Some of the animals need more space.	8/16/2019 6:52 PM
159	Keep dogs banned dogs, educate people about dogs not being allowed.	8/16/2019 6:37 PM
160	Maybe highlighting nature more (restored prairie, butterfly garden, rain garden) or sustainability efforts. Maybe something educational. Hedge maze!	8/16/2019 1:07 PM

161	Consider biking and walking as transportation modes and design VP Drive to accommodate them.	8/16/2019 10:55 AM
162	biking	8/16/2019 10:51 AM
163	Dog parks and better running on the lakes would be great!	8/16/2019 8:40 AM
164	We need sidewalks along the road!!! Speed bumps to slow traffic!!!	8/15/2019 10:06 PM
165	Please keep restrictions on dogs, especially in areas near the zoo that attract a lot of small children.	8/15/2019 11:21 AM
166	keep the park natural looking, no bright equipment and obnoxious signage	8/15/2019 11:16 AM
167	Please consider the health of lake Wingra in plans for the future of Vilas Park.	8/15/2019 10:56 AM
168	Maintain open spaces	8/15/2019 10:41 AM
169	Not polluting Lake Wingra. I like the painted storm drains that remind people what goes in the water.	8/15/2019 9:47 AM
170	A dog area would be really wonderful	8/15/2019 9:04 AM
171	Splash pad/water feature Garbage and recyclers More water fountains Articifical turf surface around playground	8/15/2019 8:47 AM
172	less space for cars, more space for people	8/15/2019 7:57 AM
173	Staying green	8/15/2019 6:29 AM
174	Consider the addition of apartments on Monroe Street and in downtown in general, that more people will look to Vilas for picnics and hosting get-togethers. Keep access to Park by bus & bike easy, as many who live downtown prefer that.	8/15/2019 6:23 AM
175	don't add too much concrete, leave it a more natural place.	8/15/2019 4:31 AM
176	Have the warming house open and lights on more often during skating season.	8/14/2019 11:18 PM
177	Continue to improve the zoo enclosures for all of the animalsthe most important part of the park	8/14/2019 9:58 PM
178	Handicap access beyond that required by the ADA	8/14/2019 6:58 PM
179	Rebuild the roadway bridge/arch and keep it/make it pretty. By the way, the design of the sides of the new pedestrian bridges make it hard to see the water from the bridges. Better boards for the hockey rink	8/14/2019 3:17 PM
180	SIDE WALKS ALL AROUND THE PARK AND TO THE ZOO!	8/14/2019 2:03 PM
181	How to connect it to the rest of the city. It's currently underused due to the fact that it is hard to safely access via bikes and by foot.	8/14/2019 2:00 PM
182	Keep Vilas Park Drive one-way for cars at least in part, to prevent commuting through park.	8/14/2019 1:50 PM
183	This is a beautiful area that hasn't been too spoilt by construction. Take care of it: if the city won't create a pedestrian only area then, at the very least, add a sidewalk, post a 15 or lower speed limit, put in speed bumps, and post it as a park with caution signs to slow down for people and wild animals. AND, please, find other solutions to control the number so called 'nuisance animals' instead of killing them. Really, we are better than this. The mark of a civilized people is how it cares for animals.	8/14/2019 1:47 PM
184	The park feels somewhat unsafe at night due to the activity that goes on around dusk and into the evenings. Potentially installing lights could help w that problem.	8/14/2019 1:46 PM
185	NO: to dog park, commercialization (such as boat rentals), beer garden, boat access, etc. keep the park as-is. it is unspoiled and perfect the way it is.	8/14/2019 1:35 PM
186	N/a! Excited for the updates :)	8/14/2019 1:29 PM
187	People biking	8/14/2019 1:20 PM
188	Is it possible to divert all but park users from driving through? Many people use the road as a cut-through to somewhere else.	8/14/2019 1:19 PM

189	it seems to need more organization, so it doesn't feel like just a road through to get to the zoo. Also, traffic needs to be slowed down as there are lots of kids.	8/14/2019 1:18 PM
190	S	8/14/2019 1:10 PM
191	Find ways to reduce the amount of car traffic that passes through the park. Too many people use the park as a shortcut while commuting (I have to admit that I often do as well). Traffic is especially heavy when other routes are blocked by road construction, such as last year's construction along Monroe St.	8/14/2019 1:10 PM
192	I love to drive through the park on my way home, slowly and savoring the sights, but I know some people kind of race through it as a shortcut, so make sure, if you can, to slow traffic but not make it impossible. Speed bumps, maybe?	8/14/2019 1:08 PM
193	I love it the way it is! Would love to see the shelters updated.	8/14/2019 1:07 PM
194	Use this opportunity to install water runoff filtration mechanisms to improve water quality in Lake Wingra.	8/14/2019 12:36 PM
195	How to maintain the relaxed, casual atmosphere it already has, a quiet get-away in the midst of a city neighborhood	8/14/2019 12:34 PM
196	Showers for beach	8/14/2019 12:16 PM
197	Fix Wingra Drive and the walking/bike paths.	8/14/2019 12:03 PM
198	balance nature with recreation activities it's not an easy task but do your best	8/14/2019 9:03 AM
199	Consider traffic flow, speed and safety. At least some posted speeds, speed bumps would be really helpful.	8/14/2019 12:07 AM
200	Remove parking, remove thru-access, move any parking remaining to edge of park.	8/11/2019 6:22 PM
201	It should focus on removing access barriers for people who feel like they don't or can't use the park for a specific reason.	8/11/2019 9:53 AM
202	Coordination with zoo.	8/9/2019 2:11 PM
203	Maybe a splash pad? and sand volleyball courts	8/9/2019 1:38 PM
204	I hope a dog park is not installed. I would be much more hesitant to go to Vilas if there are a lot of dogs around due to my past negative experiences with uncontrolled/poorly trained dogs. I would be saddened to see grassy play space taken away from use for people just for dogs.	8/9/2019 9:07 AM
205	Recycling receptacles	8/9/2019 8:36 AM
206	Just making sure there are clearly defined, safe walking areas the entire proximity of the park, particularly along the Wingra side where there is all that parking and to make sure there is adequate shade canopy.	8/9/2019 8:09 AM
207	If it's possible (and I don't know how much control Vilas park has), I'd clean up the lake water.	8/9/2019 7:43 AM
208	Again, I think the priority should be safer walking and fewer cars just driving through. Or at least an enforced lower speed limit.	8/9/2019 6:14 AM
209	Dog friendly area, fields to play baseball, lacrosse, soccer so local school teams such as west high school or Randall can access and use to practice and play games	8/8/2019 10:06 PM
210	outdoor community fitness equipment	8/8/2019 6:10 PM
211	Allow dogs on leash	7/31/2019 12:41 PM
212	It would be great to be able to see the ideas other people posted for the future of the park and be able to complete another survey. Thank you	7/22/2019 10:13 AM
213	use will keep increasing; please maximize easy parking	7/21/2019 10:55 PM
214	I think the road along the southside of the park ruins a lot of the parkspace. I don't know that there is a solution, but it is a shame to waste so much space on roads/parking. The park is also part of a biking dead zone. I think Madison needs to find a solution that connects the arboretum, bayview, and Nakoma. You shouldn't have to go up to Monroe St. to bike from the	7/18/2019 12:42 PM

north end of the Arboretum to where the Arboretum opens into Nakoma. Henry Vilas park is one of several poorly engineered sections of this.

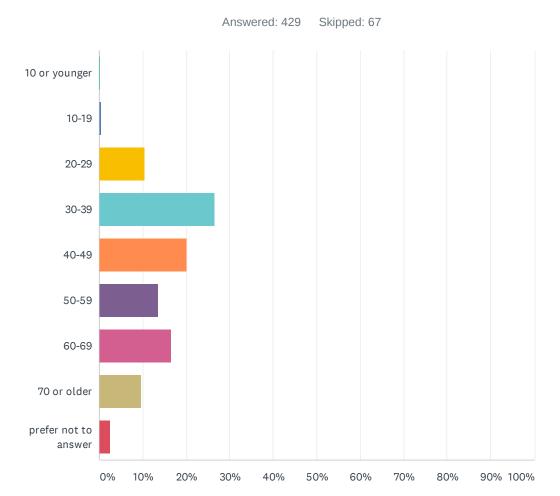
215	Maintaining the character as an open natural space.	7/17/2019 11:05 AM
216	Please don't put a dog park here. There are small children playing in the park, and it isn't fair for the many kids who are scared of dogs (and everyone if the dog owners are not responsible and fail to ensure their dogs are well behaved).	7/17/2019 9:48 AM
217	To make sure it is accessible and welcoming to everyone.	7/17/2019 6:10 AM
218	Again, reducing traffic through the park and making it one way not just from the Park Ave. side but from the Monroe Street/Edgewood College side, perhaps even closing that road to public automobile traffic completely, except for access to parking for zoo and park.	7/16/2019 10:04 AM
219	The shelter is obviously very old and dark. I would love to see a new shelter similar to the one at Tenney Park.	7/14/2019 9:49 PM
220	Parking	7/14/2019 7:43 PM
221	Anything that could be done to diminish the excessive nutrients in the lake should be considered	7/14/2019 5:53 PM
222	Don't gentrify Vilas Park, particularly the beach and boat launch area. The rich people have enough other places to go to see and be seen. Leave Vilas and Lake Wingra for the rest of us to enjoy.	7/14/2019 3:50 PM
223	Plan for future vehicular scenarios that look forward rather than backward- don't rely on old models of car ownership and usage- or even current traffic counts with the assumption that they will "obviously" go up in the future.	7/8/2019 2:59 PM
224	more walking paths	7/7/2019 9:28 PM
225	Improve walking access to Zoo from east end of the park. Families with small children, strollers and older family members with walkers should have a paved path. They should not have to walk in the road, and the drainage problem (big puddle) should be addressed.	7/7/2019 7:59 PM
226	lights for the tennis courts	7/7/2019 9:11 AM
227	When striking the balance between nature and people err toward nature. Ensure that improvements either have a neutral or positive impact on the health of Lake Wingra. Favor pedestrians and bikes over cars.	7/6/2019 3:34 PM
228	Would love to expand the beach area.	7/5/2019 8:20 AM
229	Keeping the field large and able to be used for multiple activities.	7/5/2019 4:00 AM
230	Sustainability and flexibility of uses and micro-environments; bike and bus access	7/3/2019 4:02 PM
231	Eliminate current parking lots at north entrance and southeast entrance. Space is too valuable to waste as parking for idle vehicles. There's plenty of on-street parking in the neighborhood. Please use those two parking lots for something else, like additional greenspace, etc.	7/3/2019 1:35 PM
		6/24/2019 10:48 AM



Q14 How do you identify your race / ethnicity? (optional)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Asian	0.93% 4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.00% 0
Black or African American	0.23% 1
Hispanic or Latino	1.64% 7
White or Caucasian	87.15% 373
From multiple races	2.34% 10
Prefer not to answer	6.54% 28
Other (please specify)	1.17% 5
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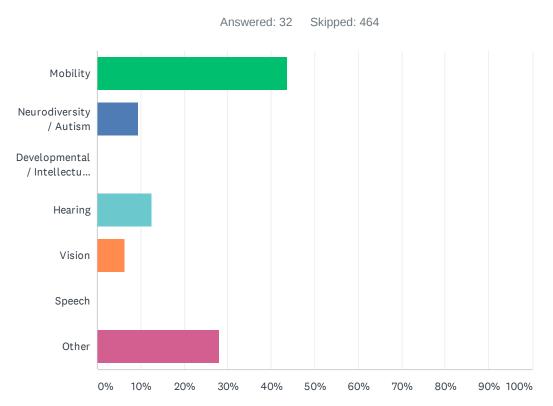
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2	The majority	11/1/2019 2:24 PM
3	none of your business, why should it matter? it is a racist question!	8/15/2019 11:18 AM
4	I'm white, my husband and children are Asian.I'm responding for our whole family.	8/14/2019 1:09 PM
5	White	7/14/2019 10:29 AM



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
10 or younger	0.23%	1
10-19	0.47%	2
20-29	10.49%	45
30-39	26.57%	114
40-49	20.05%	86
50-59	13.52%	58
60-69	16.55%	71
70 or older	9.56%	41
prefer not to answer	2.56%	11
TOTAL		429

Q15 What is your age? (optional)

Q16 If you are a person with a disability, please select all that apply to you: (optional)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mobility	43.75%	14
Neurodiversity / Autism	9.38%	3
Developmental / Intellectual / Cognitive	0.00%	0
Hearing	12.50%	4
Vision	6.25%	2
Speech	0.00%	0
Other	28.13%	9
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Q17 What is your home zip code? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; ex. 53703)

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