

Feedback from Public Information Meetings

Public Information Meeting #1: Zoom on February 9, 2023

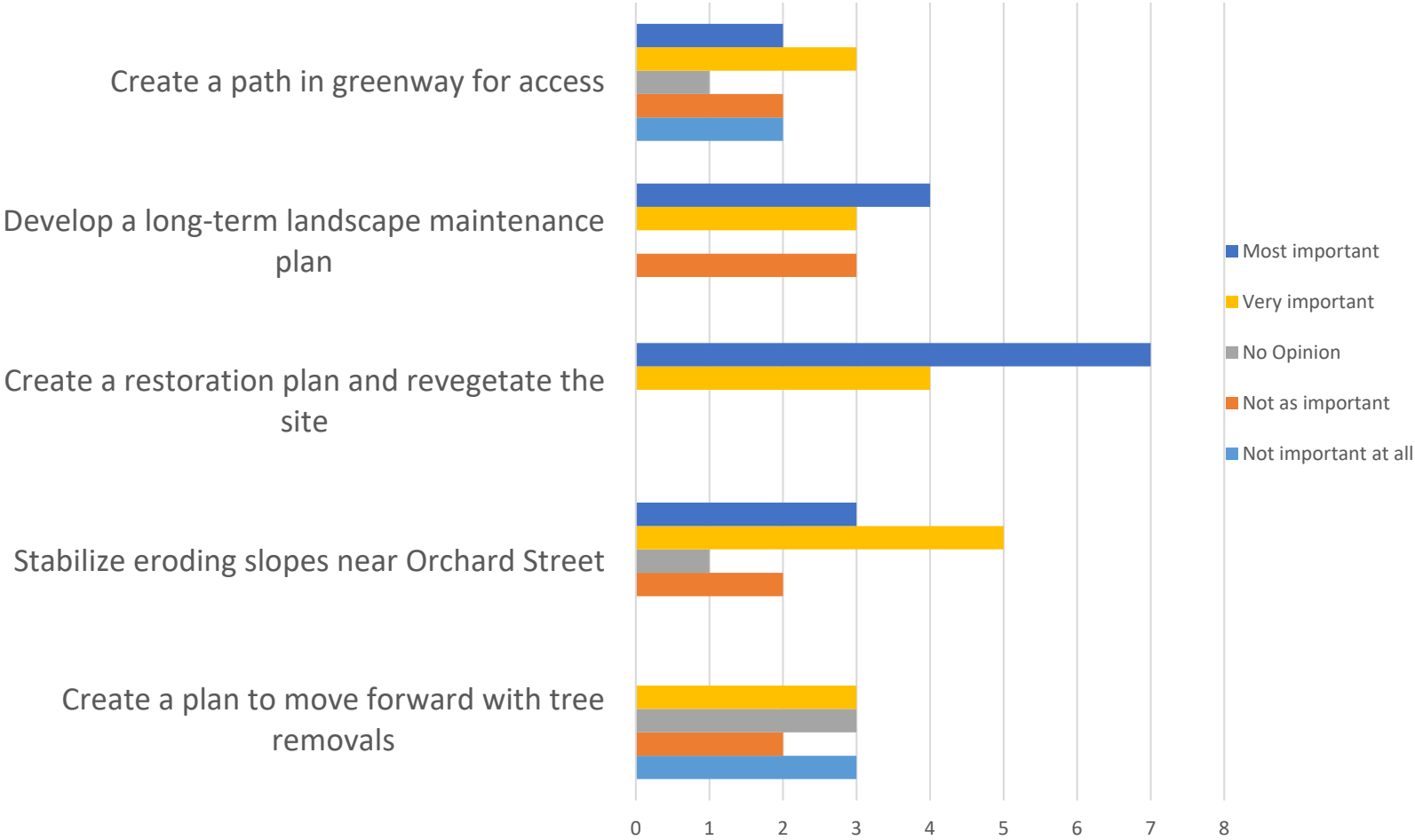
Public Information Meeting #2: Zoom on March 14, 2023

Public Information Meeting #1

- Zoom Online Polling
- Breakout Rooms
- Q&A

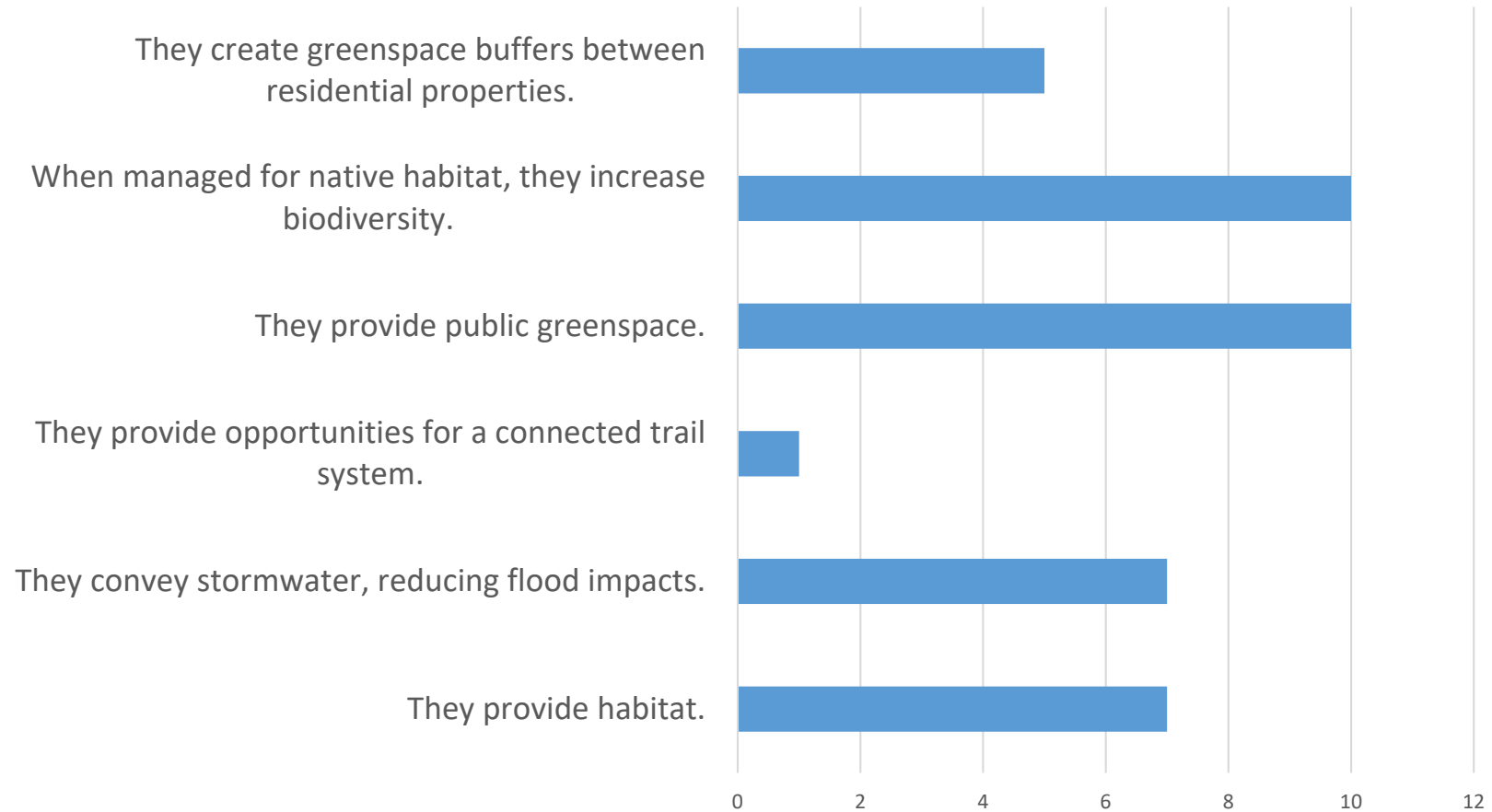
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Rank the following goals of this project. This project should....



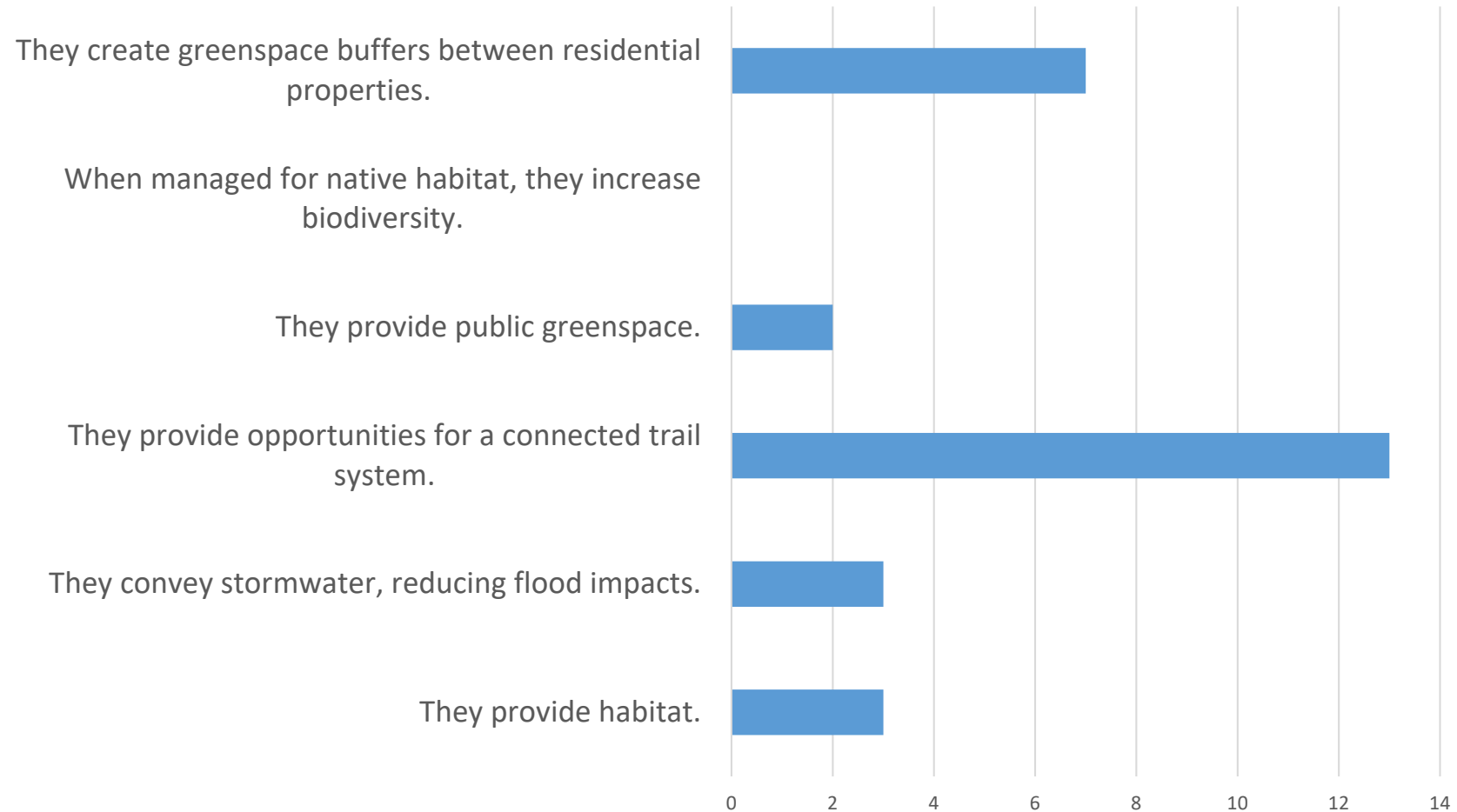
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What do you feel are the MOST important roles of greenways in the City of Madison. Select your top 3 choices.



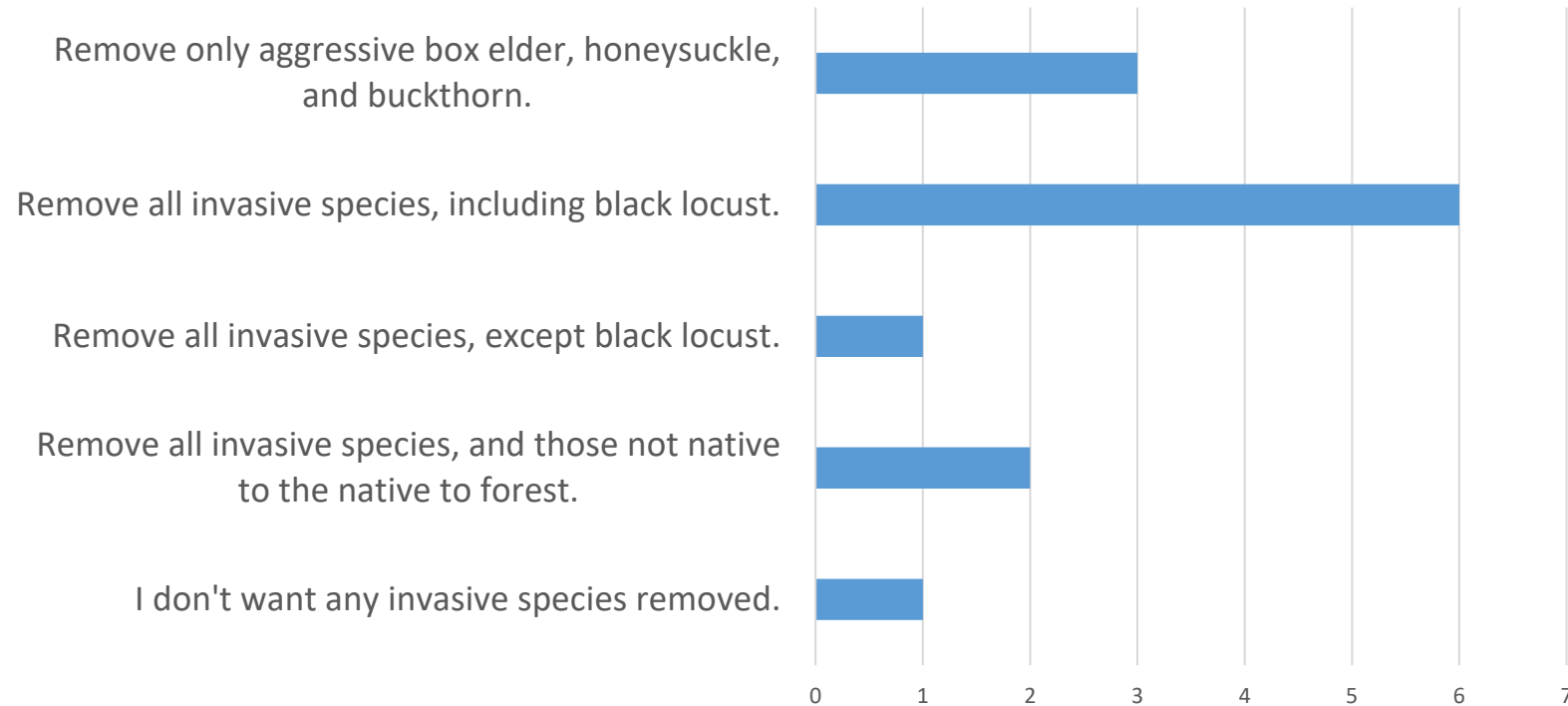
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What do you feel are the LEAST important roles for greenways in the City of Madison?



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**What are your preferences on removing invasive trees/shrubs
at Robin Greenway?**

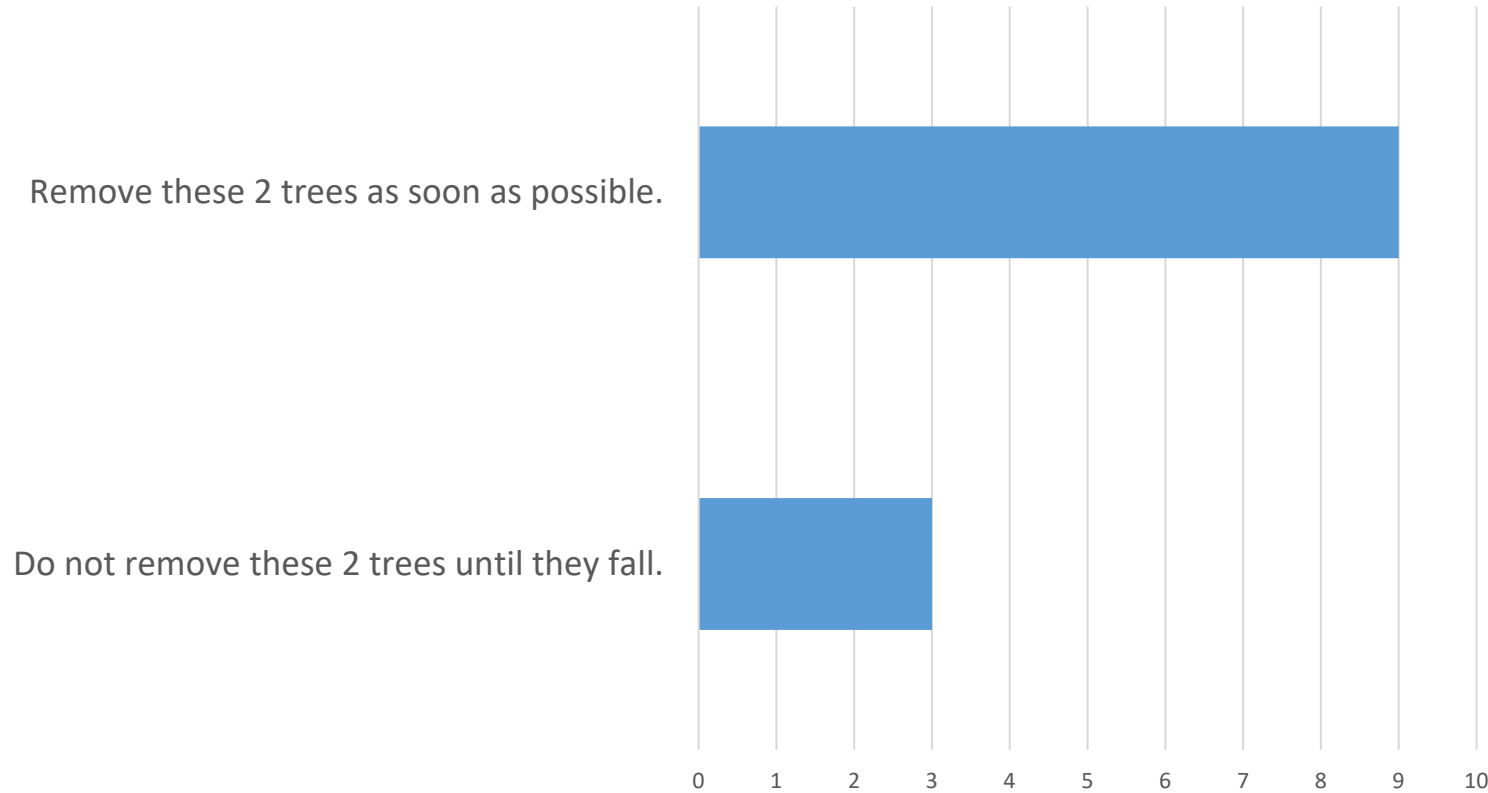


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The certified arborist has identified two trees that conflict with power lines.



2. Has a fallen tree/limb from with Robin Greenway cause a power failure or property damage to your residence? (Multiple Choice)

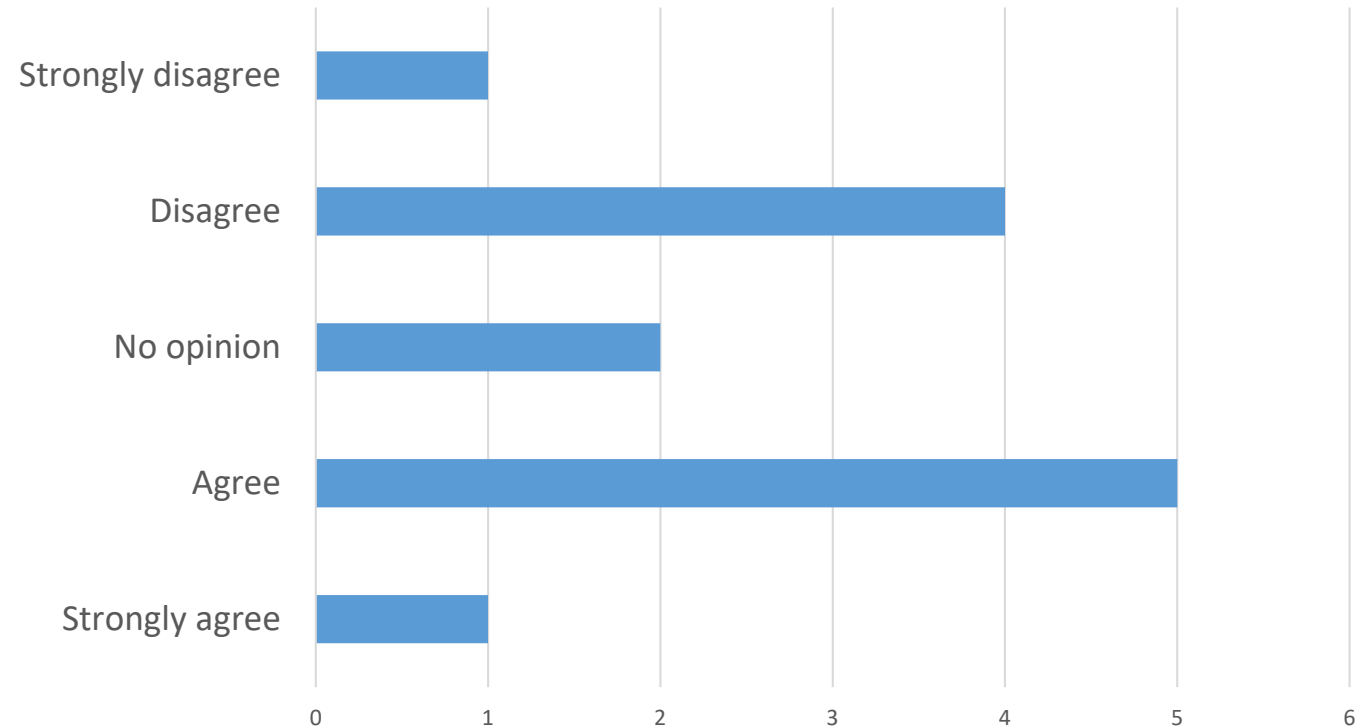
9/13 (69%) answered

Yes (5/9) 56%

No (4/9) 44%

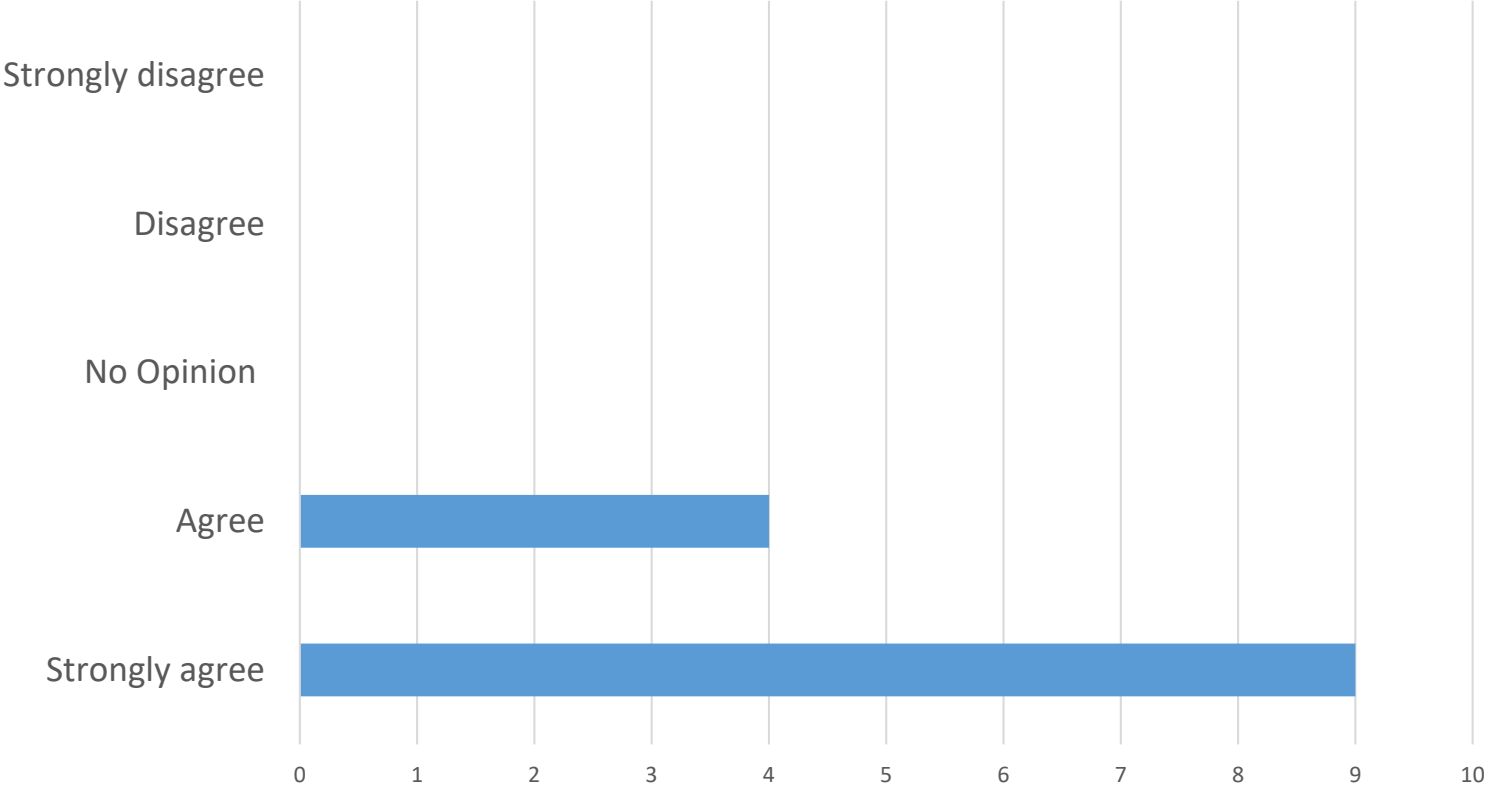
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**I prefer any tree removals be completed all at once,
rather than phased.**



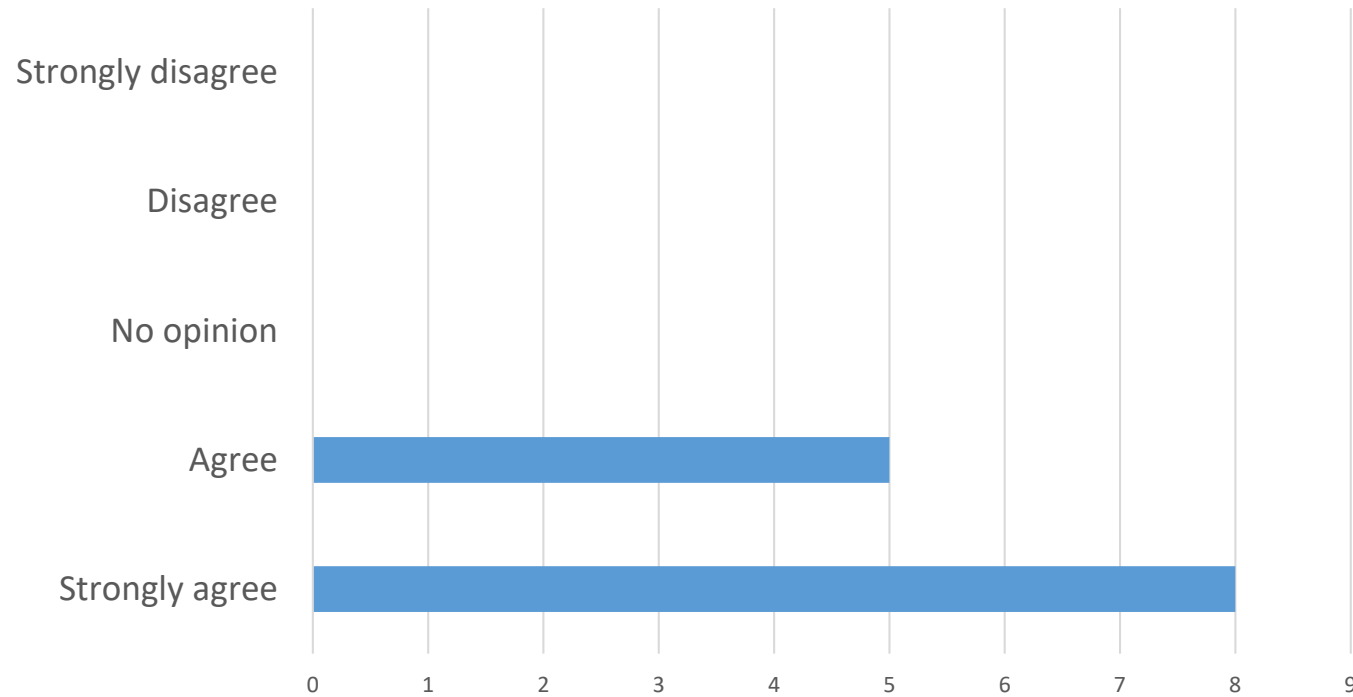
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An important goal for the City for this project is to replant native trees, while also providing tree spacing to allow sunlight for healthy understory vegetation. Is this important to you?



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An important goal for the City with this project is to establish native groundlayer vegetation to minimize erosion. Is this important to you?



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Which image represents the vegetation aesthetic you prefer for Robin Greenway?

Image 1

Image 2

Image 3

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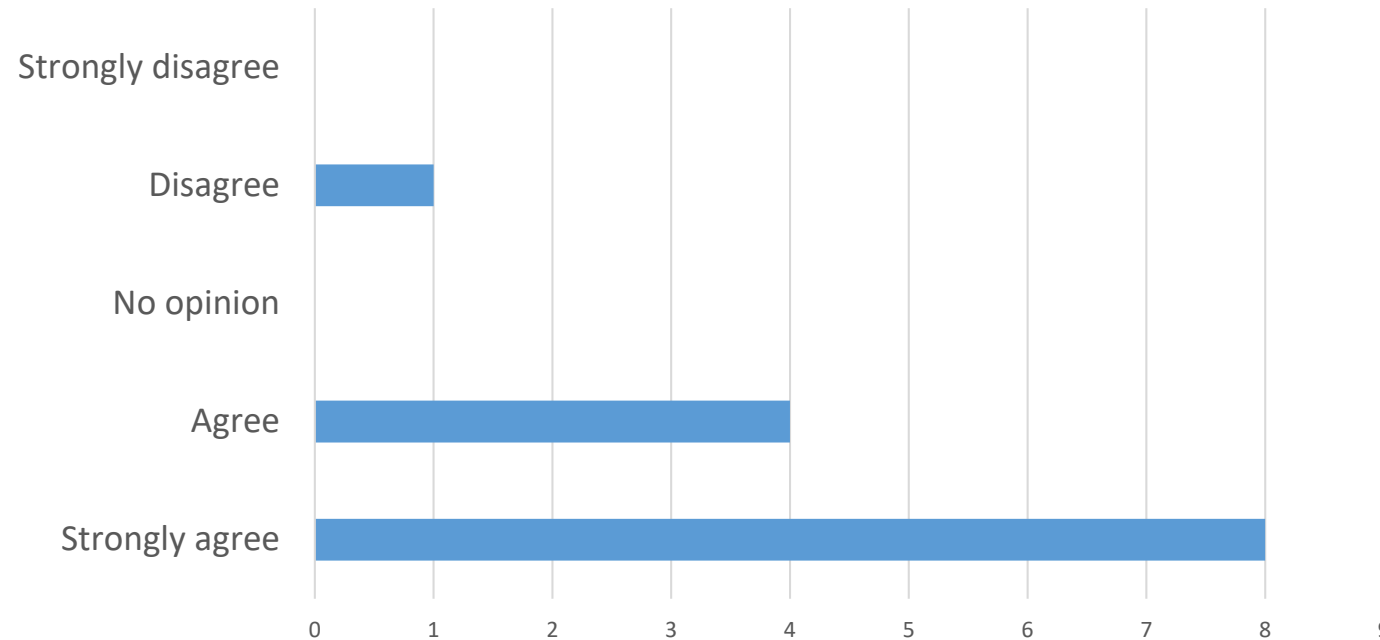
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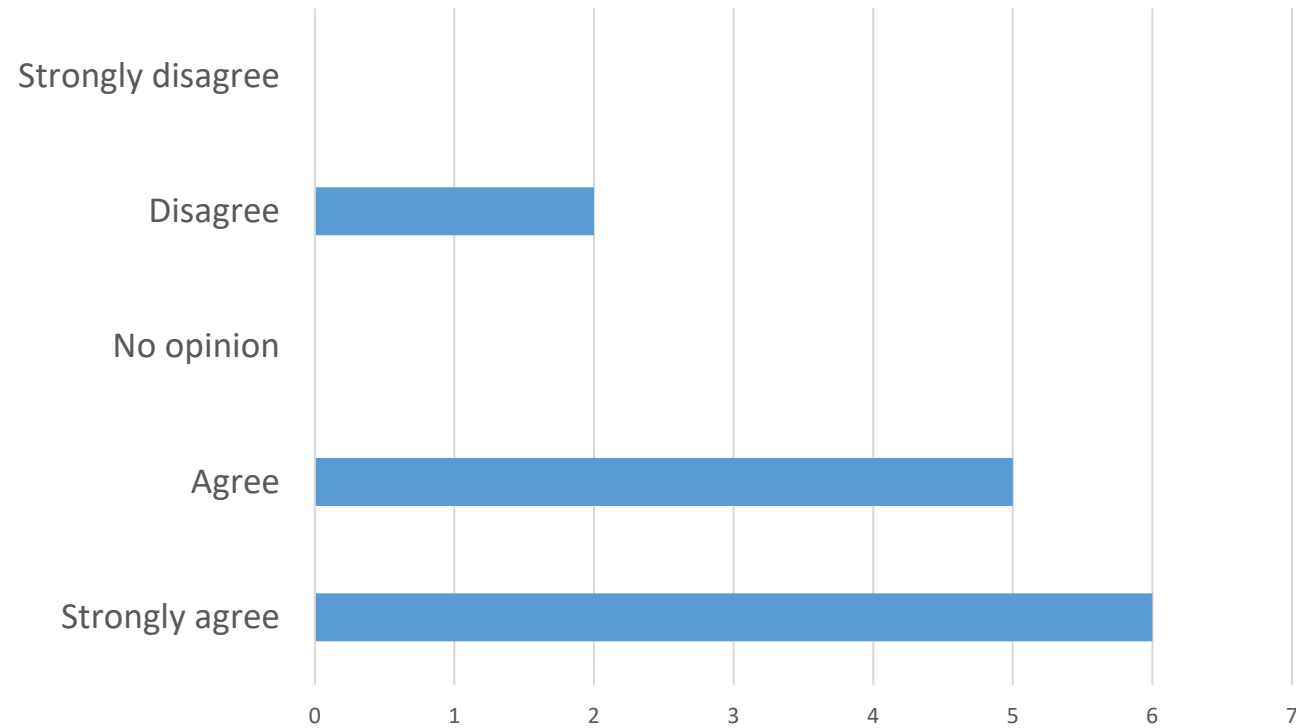
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An important goal for the City with this project is to safely convey stormwater to avoid flooding streets and homes. Is this important to you?



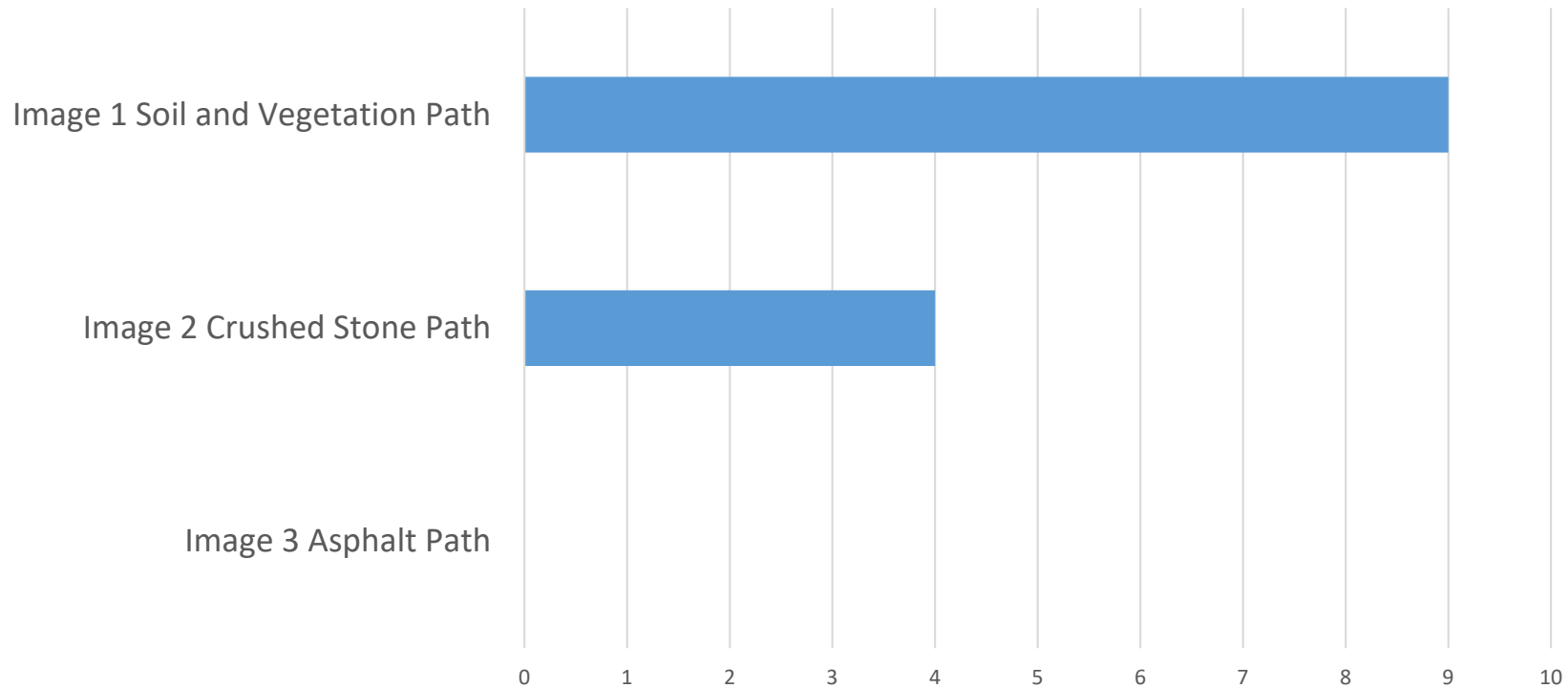
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An important goal for the City for this project is to provide a long-term plan for maintenance access and land management.



Public Information Meeting #1: Zoom Online Poll Results

Which image represents the access aesthetic experience you prefer for Robin Greenway?



Public Information Meeting #1: Breakout Rooms

Breakout Rooms

- Finish Three Sentences
 - This greenway benefits the community by.....
 - I am most concerned that the city considers....with this project...
 - I am most looking forward to...with this project...

When we come back, we will report out what people came up with, then open it up to questions and comments and suggestions for the city in looking at this project.

Something missing? Feel free to email!
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Public Information Meeting #1: Breakout Rooms

Breakout Rooms Report Out

- This greenway benefits the community by....
 - Group One: Providing a safe place for kids to play, for people to go and enjoy nature.
 - Group Two: Providing great greenspace for families to enjoy nature and animal habitat, and shade and cooling space, and it provides recreation and understory plantings.
 - Group Three: Being a natural oasis, play area for kids, for dog walking, for greenspace, for ecological oasis, it benefits the community by bringing the community together.
- I am most concerned that the city considers....with this project...
 - Group One: Stormwater runoff is one consideration, providing enough attention to the vegetation (tree and what is under the trees) is another.
 - Group Two: The runoff conveyance and keeping it an urban retreat. Access is important for the power outages.
 - Group Three: Flood prevention, a resident was impacted by severe floods. Make sure to keep area conveying stormwater, keep natural restoration and aesthetic pleasing. Concerned that the city follows up on these comments so the meeting is productive, and possibly incorporating edible landscaping.
- I am most looking forward to...with this project...
 - Group One: Getting it done and getting greenspace back so the neighborhood can enjoy it.
 - Group Two: A healthy ecosystem greenspace, and thought in the planning has been helpful.
 - Group Three: Enjoying the space, making it accessible, restoring it to native, have nice trails and circular walk.

Public Information Meeting #1: Q&A

Q&A

1. I am surprised to hear about more tree removals. There are so few trees remaining. The big trees, cover for animals, kids to climb or play, etc. are largely gone. How many trees are they thinking of removing?
Answer: We will use feedback heard at this meeting regarding tree removals to come up with concepts at next meeting, and will show tree removals/replantings so people can comment. The March meeting is when we will have a better idea of tree removals based on feedback from today.
2. Is it possible to have a small play structure in the space?
Answer: This question would be managed by the Parks Division.
3. It sounds like keeping the stormwater bed/Willow Creek in its natural path is a given. We support this.
Answer: Great!
4. I also would like to see a small play structure
5. What is the timeframe?
Answer: Next steps are the meeting in March, designs this summer and hopefully bid this fall/winter 2023-2024. Seeding and planting will be phased, could start seeding upslopes this year.
6. Comment about process and community involvement and partnership with City (litter, garlic mustard, etc.). Think about how neighbors can be directly involved. Tree planting? Loved the goats, and how engaged the neighborhood was and met new people through that event.
7. Comment related to tree pruning, branches removed that didn't need to be. Is there notification why certain things were cut. Some shrubs were cut in half. Would like to learn more about the process. Crew came through in November/December and pruned and trees.
8. There have been times when the entire floor of the greenway is covered with water. A play structure would frequently be flooded or at least very muddy.
Answer: The budget doesn't include a play structure, that would be the Parks Division to include. The March meeting will not include a play structure.

Public Information Meeting #2

- Table Design Workshop
- Table Design Workshop Report Out
- iClicker Polling
- General Discussion

Public Information Meeting #2: Table Design Workshop

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Meeting #2: Table Design

Workshop Comments

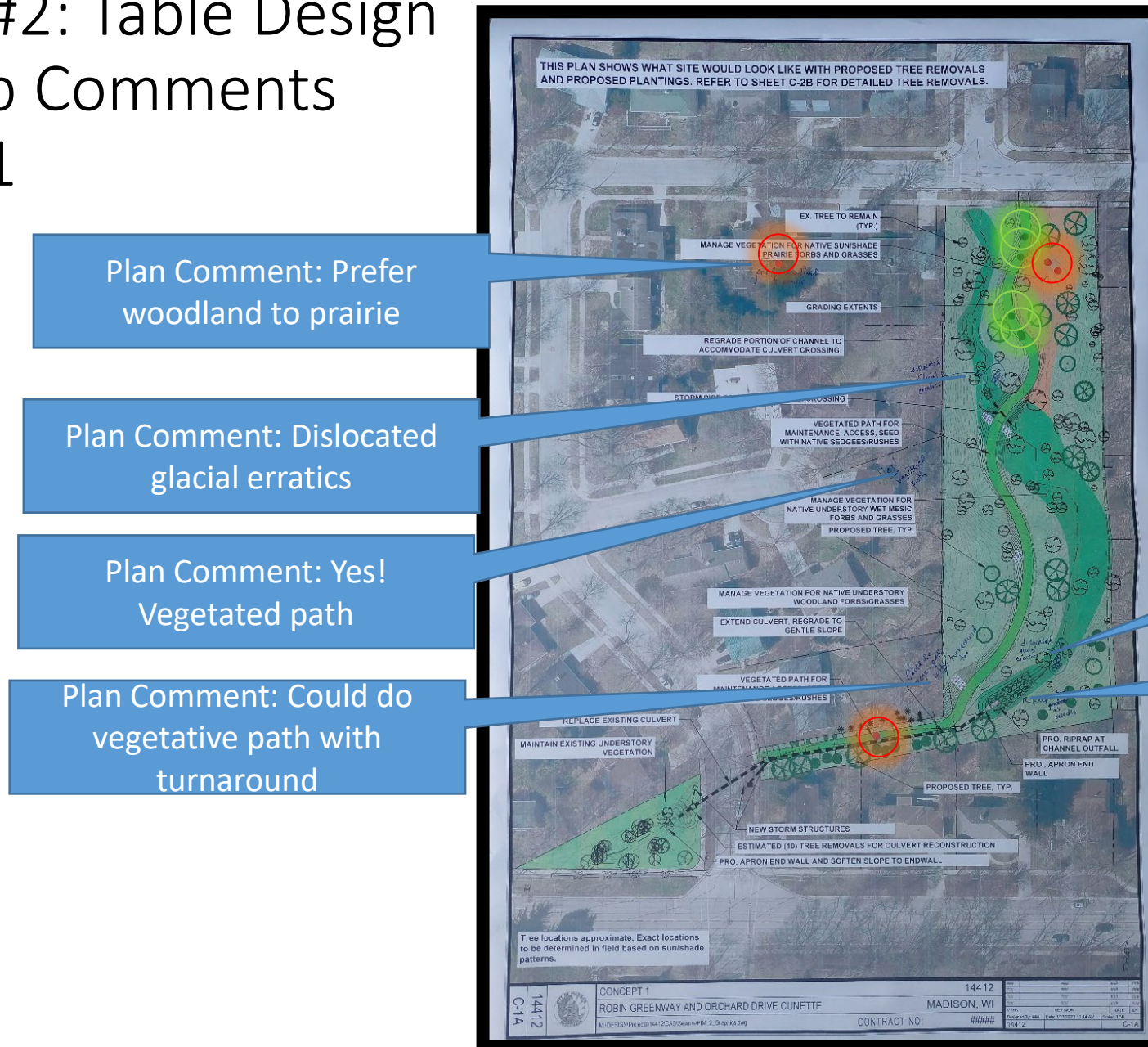
Concept 1

- Green dots and notes on aspects liked
- Red dots and notes on aspects not liked
- Blue dots for aspects that are “maybe”



Public Information Meeting #2: Table Design Workshop Comments Concept 1

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Plan Comment: Dislocated glacial erratics

Plan Comment: Keep natural as possible

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Meeting #2: Table Design

Workshop Comments

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- Green dots and notes on aspects liked
- Red dots and notes on aspects not liked
- Blue dots for aspects that are “maybe”



Plan Comment: Worst threatening removed and others maintained

Plan Comment: Pedestrian entrance to park

Plan Comment: Like prairie

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Concept 2

Plan Comment: Keep same (?)

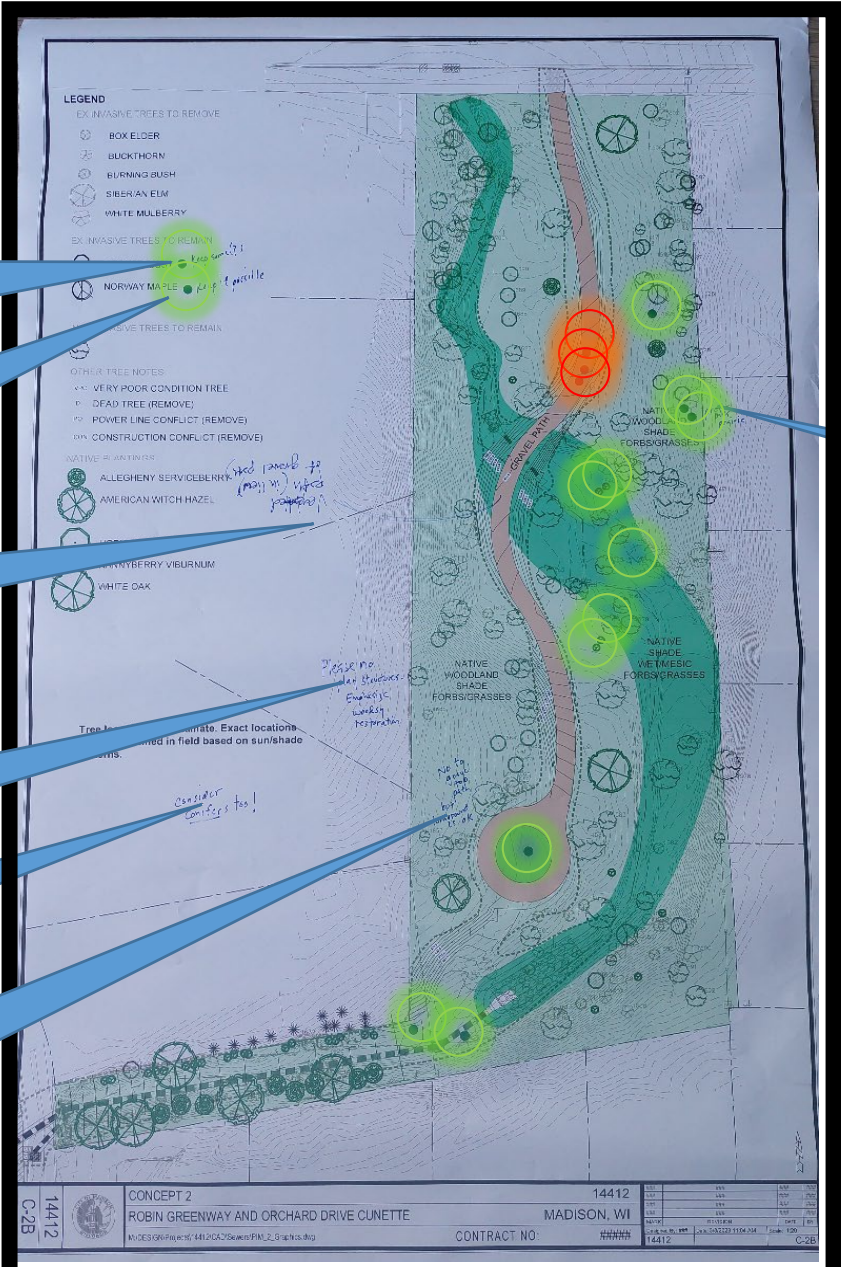
Plan Comment: Keep if possible

Plan Comment: Vegetated path in lieu of gravel path

Plan Comment: Please no play structures, emphasize woody restoration

Plan Comment: Consider conifers too!

Plan Comment: No gravel top path but turnaround okay



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- Red dots and notes on aspects not liked
- Blue dots for aspects that are “maybe”

Plan Comment: Prefer (woodland) over prairie

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Workshop Comments

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Plan Comment: Add path.



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Concept 2

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- Blue dots for aspects that are “maybe”



Plan Comment: Like circle, could have the circle AND have the path continue?

Plan Comment: In front can there be open space or circle to gather?

Public Information Meeting #2: Table Design Workshop Comments Concept 2

- Green dots and notes on aspects liked
- Red dots and notes on aspects not liked
- Blue dots for aspects that are “maybe”



Plan Comment Like gravel path

Public Information Meeting #2: Table Design Workshop Report Out

- Table One
 - Liked Concept One
 - Liked the idea of improving biodiversity and including prairie plantings
 - Preferred the access that connects Orchard Drive and Gregg Street
 - Preferred a vegetative access path
 - Did not comment on tree removals

Public Information Meeting #2: Table Design Workshop Report Out

- Table Two

- Liked the path design layout in Concept Two that didn't connect Gregg St and Orchard Drive
- Liked the idea of keeping the woodland and more woodland near entrance on Gregg Street rather than prairie
- Prefer to maintain healthy native trees, but also one person would like to keep larger healthy black locust even if not native
- Would like tree removals to be phased

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- Table Three

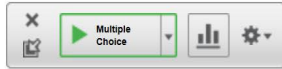
- Liked the path design layout in Concept Two that didn't connect Gregg St and Orchard Drive
- Liked the idea of having prairie
- Preferred the vegetative path
- Interested in pursuing future options to develop as a neighborhood space possibly including playground and benches

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- Table Four

- No strong feelings on gravel or vegetative path
- Liked the path design layout in Concept Two that didn't connect Gregg St and Orchard Drive
- Liked the idea of having prairie
- Interested in pursuing future options to develop as a neighborhood space possibly including playground and benches

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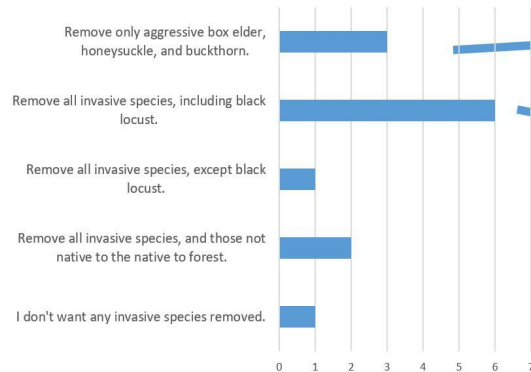


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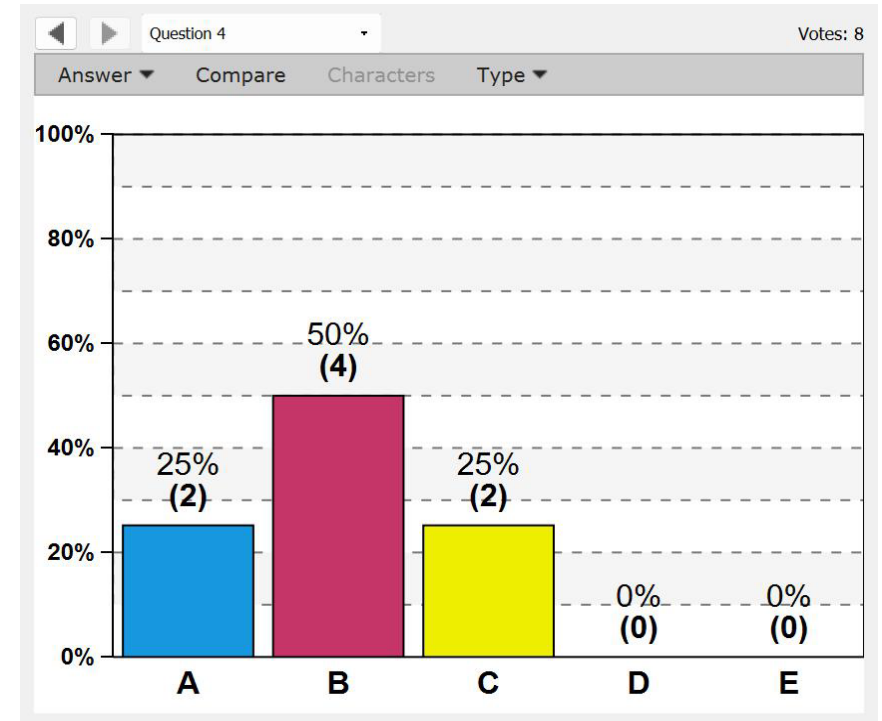


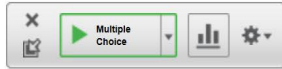
What are your preferences on removing
invasive trees/shrubs at Robin Greenway?



- A. Remove only aggressive box elder, honeysuckle, and buckthorn.
- B. Remove all invasive species, including black locust. ← Concept One
- C. Remove all invasives excluding black locust and (Norway maple) ← Concept Two
- D. Remove all invasive species, and those not native to forest.
- E. I don't want any invasive species removed.

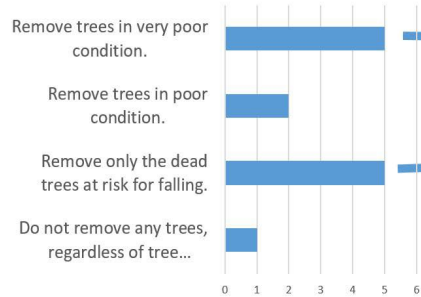
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What are your preferences on tree removals related to tree condition?

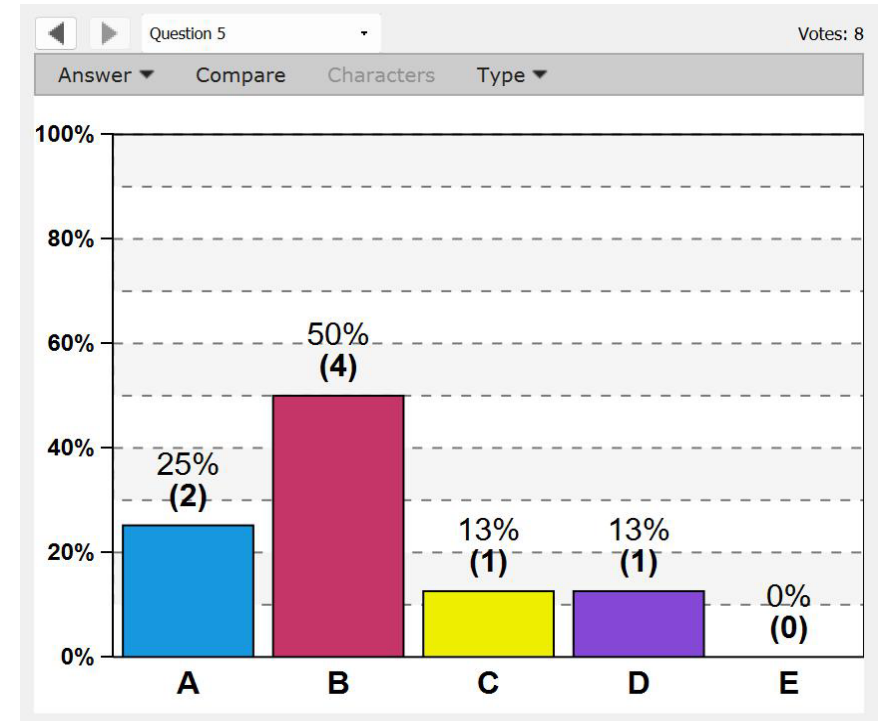


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- A. Remove trees in very poor condition (includes also dead trees). ← Concept One
- B. Remove trees in poor condition (includes also very poor condition trees and dead trees). ← Concept Two
- C. Remove only the dead trees at risk for falling.
- D. Do not remove any trees, regardless of condition.

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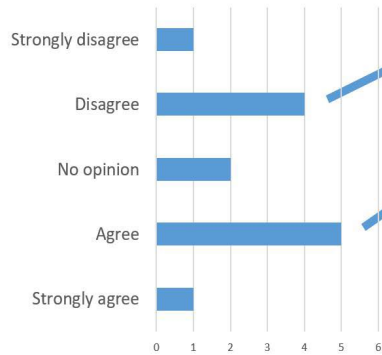


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I prefer any tree removals be
completed all at once, rather
than phased.



A. Strong disagree

B. Disagree

C. No opinion

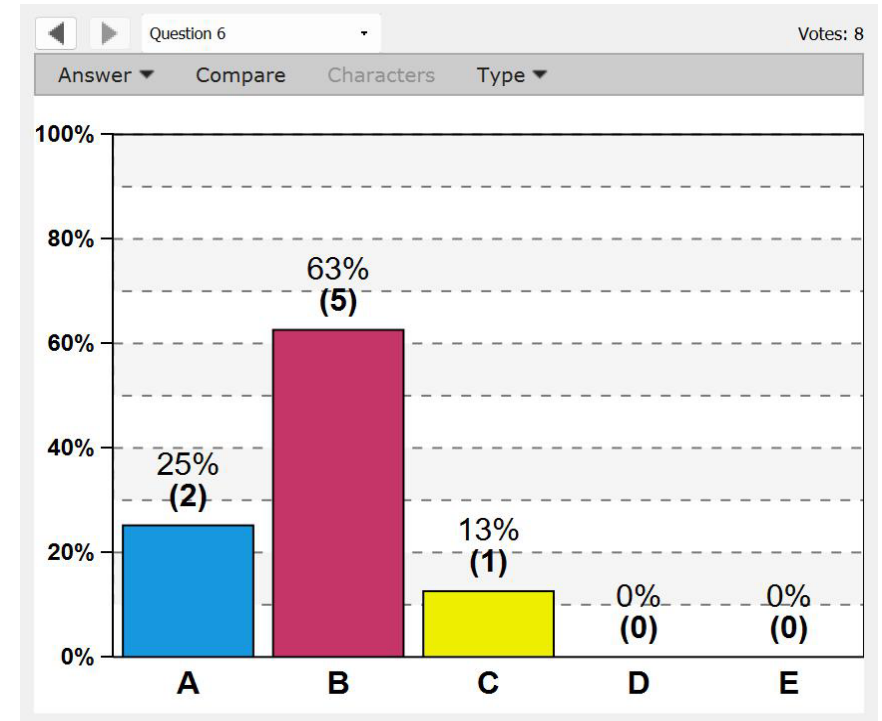
D. Agree

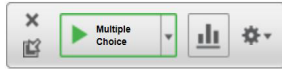
E. Strongly agree

← Concept One: Phased
Removals

← Concept Two: Removed with
Construction

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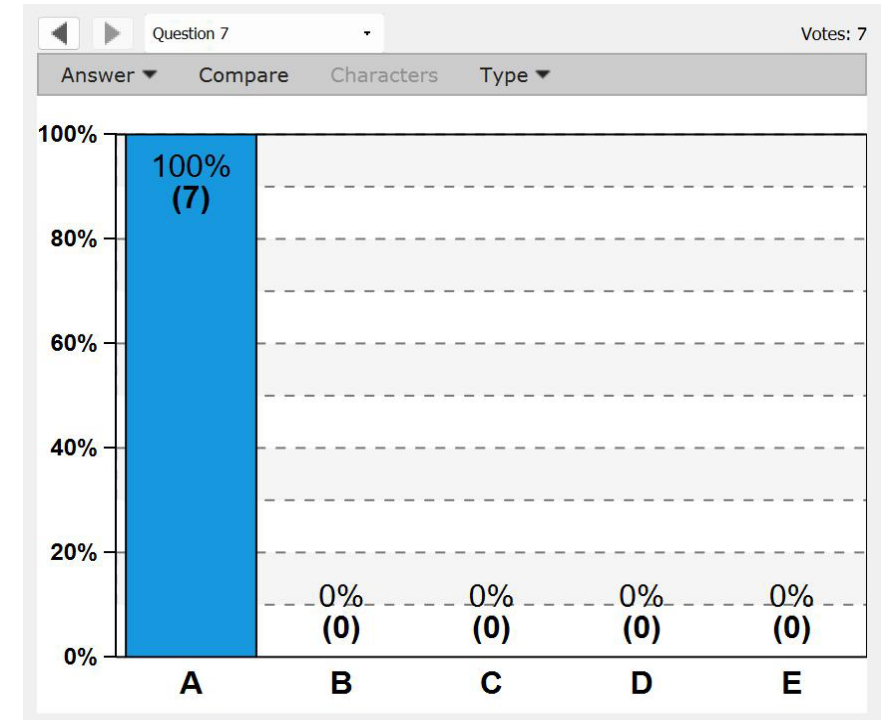
IClicker QUESTIONS

**Which path design
(not material) do you
prefer?**



- A: Path from Gregg Street through to Orchard Drive ← Concept One
- B: Path that terminates in Robin Greenway and does not formally connect ← Concept Two

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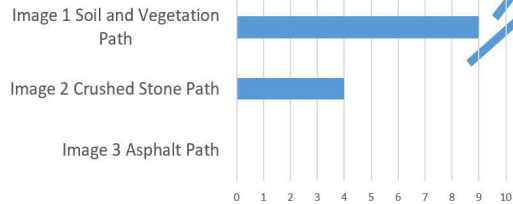


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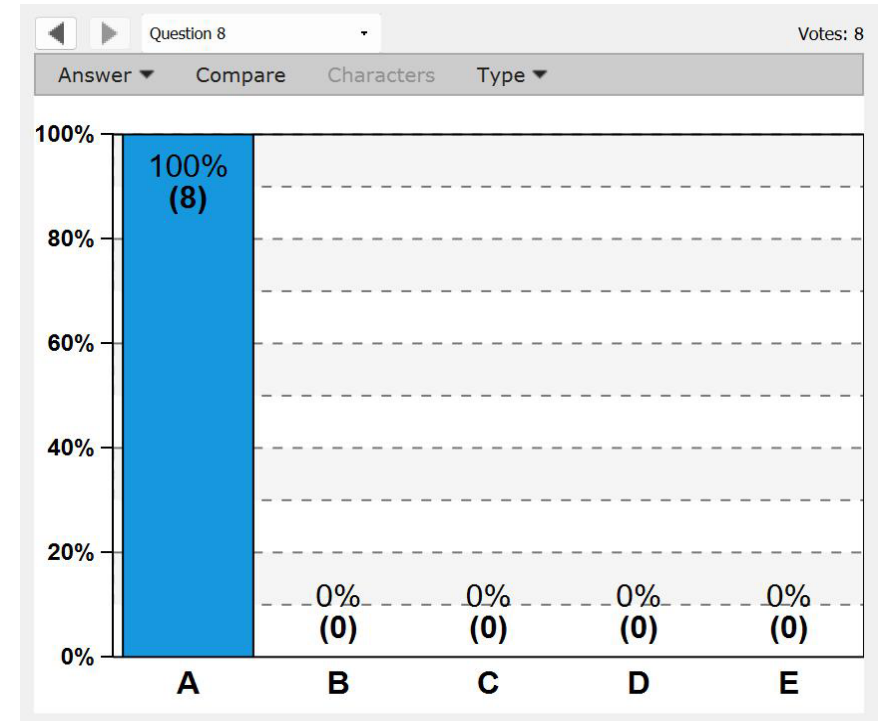


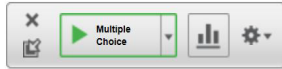
Which image represents the access
aesthetic experience you prefer for Robin
Greenway?



- A. Soil and Vegetation ← Concept One
- B. Crushed Stone ← Concept Two
- C. No opinion

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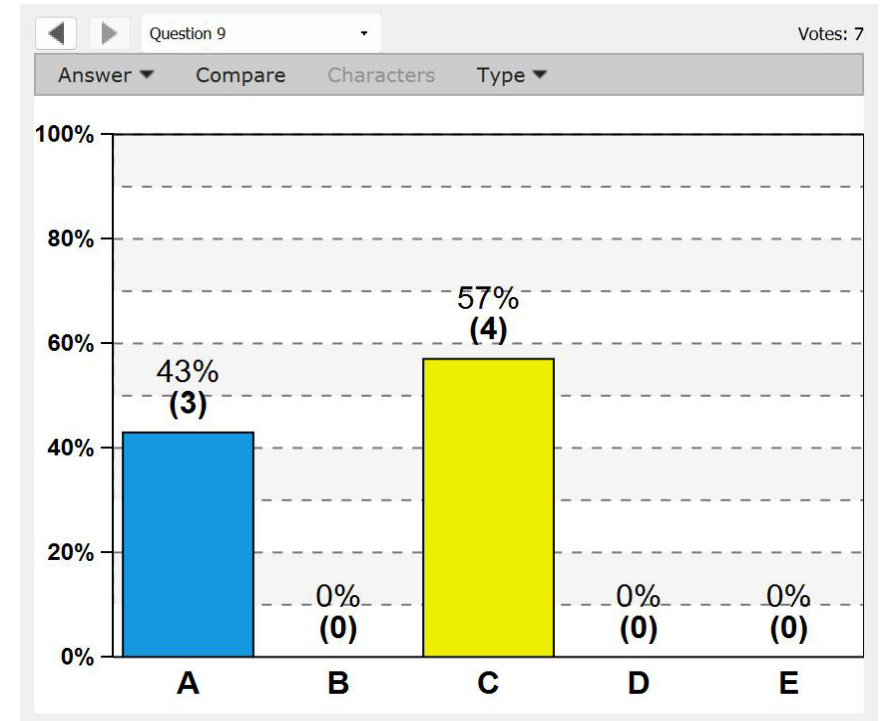
IClicker QUESTIONS

Feedback from this meeting will be used to create a final plan. How would you like to be notified of the final plan?

- A – Email
- B – Mailing
- C – Another Public Input Meeting
- D – I do not need to be notified of the final plan



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General Discussion

- Comments related to:
 - Tree removals – why remove a tree in poor condition, can we keep large black locusts on site regardless of invasiveness, there's an existing dead tree that includes an owl's nest, several folks concerned about trees falling on kids, an existing large dead oak fell down without a storm and could have injured someone, if replanting in narrow space where culvert will go make sure branches won't cause storm/property damage
 - Path – questions on purpose of access path, some people liked gravel path layout but wanted it to continue as vegetation to Orchard Drive, some folks expressed desire for provide pathway for maintenance vehicles to minimize disturbance
 - Park-like amenities – discussion regarding playground and benches, removable benches like Aldo Leopold benches okay, Parks would have to be involved if the neighborhood desires a playground, request for gathering space closer to Gregg St and parklike
 - Vegetation – discussion on opportunities to coordinate with volunteers, can the area be cleaned up (currently has glass and other garbage), volunteer group forming and interested in helping but would like guidance on what they should focus on