

**PARMA PARK SUSTAINABLE TRAIL PLAN
SURVEY RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY MEETING COMMENTS
May 24, 2017**

ONLINE SURVEY (8 QUESTIONS + 2 COMMENT SECTIONS)

Summary of 115 survey responses received Feb 28–March 28, 2017. Highest percentage/number in **bold**.

1) How often do you visit Parma Park?		2) How far do you live from Parma Park?		3) What is your primary trail recreation at Parma Park?	
<i>Answer</i>	%	<i>Answer</i>	%	<i>Answer</i>	%
Daily	4	Less than 1 mile	30	Walking or hiking	70
1-2 times/week	16	Over 1 mile to 5 miles	44	Horse or mule riding	29
Few time/week	8	Over 5 miles to 10 miles	17	Bicycling (permitted on Fire Access Rd only)	10
1-3 times/month	26	More than 10 miles	8	Other (please specify)	10
A few times/year	40				
Never	5				

4) What trails do you use most often in Parma Park? (see trail map)		5) What distance do you travel on the trails within Parma Park?		6) What type of trail route do you use in Parma Park?	
<i>Answer</i>	%	<i>Answer</i>	%	<i>Answer</i>	%
Fire Access Road	67	Less than 1 mile	5	There and back (same of similar route)	36
Creek Trail System	49	1 to 2 miles	45	Loop	57
Plateau Trail System	50	More than 2 and less than 5 miles	42	Destination to a certain place	7
Stanwood Trail System	30	More than 5 miles	8		
Ridge Trail System	21				

7) Are there any trails that you avoid within Parma Park?		8) To enhance your trail experience, what would you like to see more of at Parma Park?		9) Comments regarding the Trail Restoration Project at Parma Park		10) Interested in:	
<i>Answer</i>	%	<i>Answer</i>	%				
No	81	Additional loop hike routes	40	Positive	33	Receiving additional information	37
Yes	19	Easier trail options	12	Negative	7	Volunteering at Parma Park	18
		More challenging trails	17	Suggestions	22		
		Additional benches/rest areas	25				
		Additional education or trail signage	35				
		Other (please specify)	48				

Positive Comment Summary. Thank you for the proposed work; enjoy the park; happy to see the maintenance; fantastic park; native, undisturbed; plan sounds like a good system; will keep people on the trail (off the native plants); perfect; safe and well suited for equestrians.

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Primary Concerns Summary: Fire concerns; may introduce more people to park or to adjacent homes; want it kept the way it is; don't want bikes; not enough bike riding areas; parking concerns; don't want dogs off leash; concerns regarding wildlife and habitat disturbance.

Suggestions: Control the trail width; keep it natural (the way it is); provide more trees for shade; provide a trail route through existing shade; create new routes or connections between routes; don't do anything to impact the hang gliders.

MARCH 14, 2017 COMMUNITY MEETING AT PARMA PARK

Twenty-seven people attended the meeting. The equestrian and hiking communities were well represented. Comments were similar to those received in the survey. There were positive comments from neighbors regarding being able to walk to a natural/open space environment and having a location for equestrian recreation. Suggestions were made for trail reroutes or trail connections. There were comments regarding a concern of perceived increased use with the trail restoration project, the potential for fire and the potential for impacts from bikes. It was noted that trail uses and the location for bike use would remain the same. The neighbors provided a discussion of the origin of the trails and the volunteers who helped create them and acknowledged that trail restoration would be useful.

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