



Appendix



A. Opinion of Probable Construction Cost

Key Elements

An opinion of probable construction cost was developed to determine the cost of recommended improvements to Silver Lake Park by each phase.

Phase 1		
Location	Feature	Cost
South 7th Street	Splash pad	\$3,000,000.00
	Skatepark + Amenities	\$683,500.00
	Basketball Court	\$60,000.00
	Seat Hill	\$8,500.00
	Skatepark Shade Structure + Seating	\$34,500.00
	Pool Building	\$63,000.00
West Shelter Area	Play Area	\$863,000.00
	Picnic Plaza	\$160,000.00
	West Shelter	\$18,500.00
Confluence Area	Cultural interpretive signage	\$4,500.00
	Indigenous Gathering Area	\$29,000.00
	Pedestrian trails	\$2,100.00
	25% Contingency	\$1,223,025.00
	Phase Sub-Total	\$6,115,125.00

This opinion of probable construction costs, Phase 1 - Phase 4, does not include the following items:

- Consultant Fees
- Dam Modification and North Trail costs
- Road Modifications on 7th Street NE, including pedestrian crossings

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Phase 2			
Loction	Feature	Cost	
South 7th Street	Parking Lot - Shade Trees	\$16,000.00	
	Parking Lot - Paving and Curbs	\$11,500.00	
	Soccer Fields	\$76,000.00	
	Play Hill and Hill Slide	\$81,000.00	
	Multi-use trails (10' width)	\$461,000.00	
	Prairie art walk (10' width)	\$700,000.00	
	Picnic Grove	\$46,000.00	
	Meditation garden	\$44,000.00	
	West Shelter Area	Silver Lake Station Improvements	\$119,500.00
Dog Park		\$197,700.00	
Hillside seating		\$21,500.00	
Pedestrian Paths (6')		\$127,000.00	
Muilt-Use Paths (10')		\$8,000.00	
Separated Paths (20')		\$167,200.00	
Wetland Planting		\$207,000.00	
Proposed Trees		\$13,750.00	
Understory Planting		\$15,000.00	
Rain Garden		\$2,500.00	
Site Furnishings		\$16,000.00	
Dam Area		Angled Parking	\$50,860.00
		Kayak Play Area	\$2,500.00
	Kayak Launch	\$75,000.00	
	Boardwalk	\$660,100.00	
	Separated Paths	\$14,720.00	
	Wetland Planting	\$27,800.00	
	Special Paving	\$115,800.00	
	Concrete Steps	\$3,750.00	
	Water play loop	\$412,500.00	
	Seat Hill	\$4,500.00	
	25% Contingency	\$933,170.00	
	Phase Sub-Total	\$4,665,850.00	

Phase 3		
Location	Feature	Cost
North 7th Street	Pier / Boardwalk	\$8,400.00
	East Shelter Improvements	\$2,500.00
	Nature play area	\$150,000.00
	Picnic Area	\$24,000.00
	Wetland planting	\$20,450.00
	Understory / Savannah planting	\$22,00.00
	Pedestrian Only (6' width)	\$30,500.00
	Multi-use trails (10' width)	\$101,100.00
	Separated Bike and Ped Trail (20' width)	\$232,100.00
North	Kayak Launch	\$75,000.00
	Wetland Steps	\$22,00.00
	Separated Bike and Ped Trail (20' width)	\$176,00.00
	Multi-use trails (10' width)	\$11,000.00
	Pedestrian Only (6' width)	\$36,000.00
	Wetland planting	\$20,450.00
	Pier	\$56,000.00
	Historic Stone Steps Restoration	\$120,000.00
	Historic Stone Walls	\$187,000.00
South 7th Street	Adult fitness	\$91,100.00
	Proposed trees	\$5,500.00
	Parking lot vegetated swale	\$67,700.00
	South Shelter Entry Art Panels	\$70,000.00
	Gateway signage	\$70,000.00
	South Shelter Improvements	\$5,000.00
Dam Area	History Plaza	\$233,900.00
	Stone Wall Overlook	\$2,000.00
Pocket Arboretum	Pedestrian Paths (6')	\$56,100.00
	Nature Play	\$25,000.00
	Special planting exhibit	\$24,720.00
	Picnic Shelter	\$27,500.00
	25% Contingency	\$493,255.00
	Phase Sub-Total	\$2,466,275.00

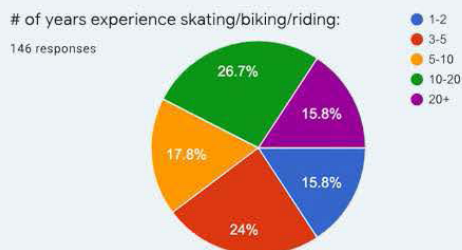
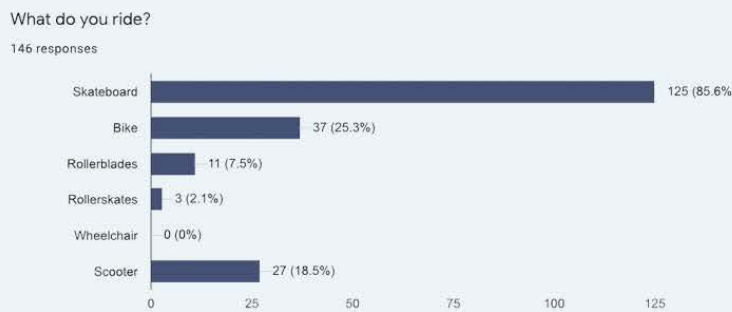
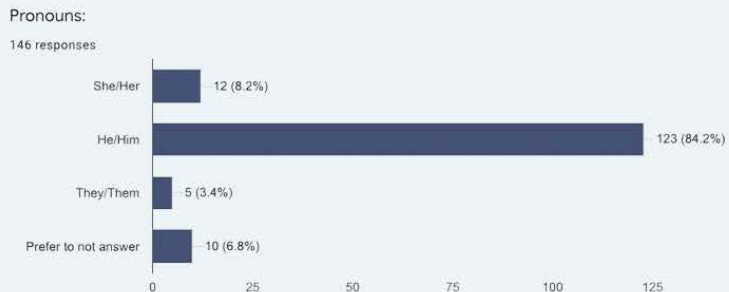
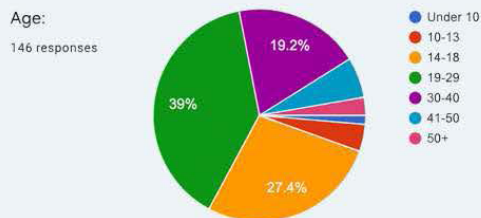
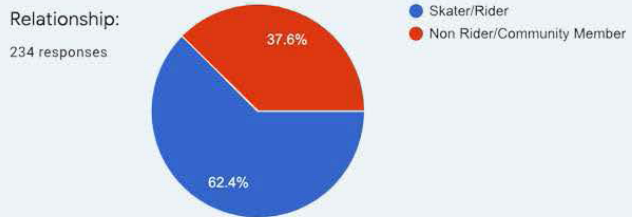
Phase 4		
Location	Feature	Cost
North 7th Street	Pedestrian-only Paths	\$264,750.00
	Separated Bike and Ped Trail	\$746,100.00
	Prairie Planting	\$40,850.00
	Scenic Overlook	\$8,400.00
	Artistic seating	\$6,750.00
	Proposed Trees	\$30,500.00
	Bike Racks	\$2,400.00
	Art Installations	\$30,000.00
	Benches	\$6,750.00
	Mulch trail	\$73,300.00
	25% Contingency	\$302,450.00
	Phase Sub-Total	\$1,512,250.00

	Project Total	\$14,753,250.00
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B. Skate Park Survey Results

The Skatepark Survey was a digital survey conducted in partnership with Hunger Skateparks

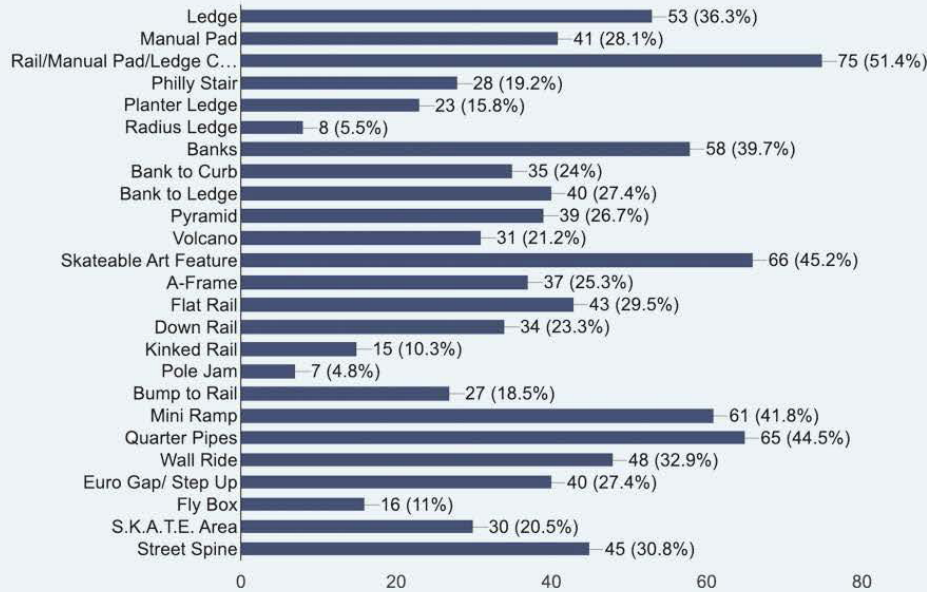
Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results Demographics (146 Skater/Rider and 88 Non-Rider/Community Member Responses)



Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results Layout (146 Skater/Rider Responses)

Choose the top 7 street features you'd most like to see at the skatepark:

146 responses



Street Skaters- What Layouts do You prefer? Pick 2.

145 responses



Choose 1 transition element you want to see at the skatepark:

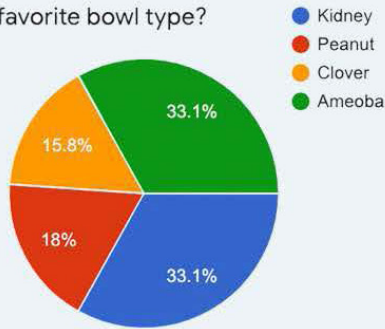
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Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results Layout (146 Skater/Rider Responses)

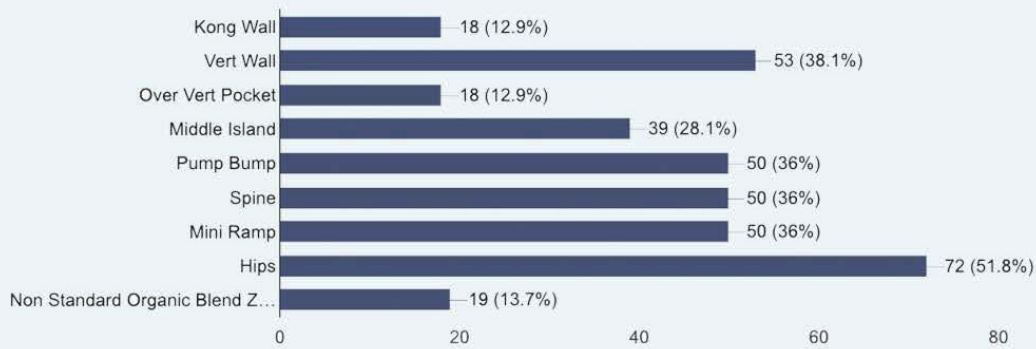
What is your favorite bowl type?

139 responses



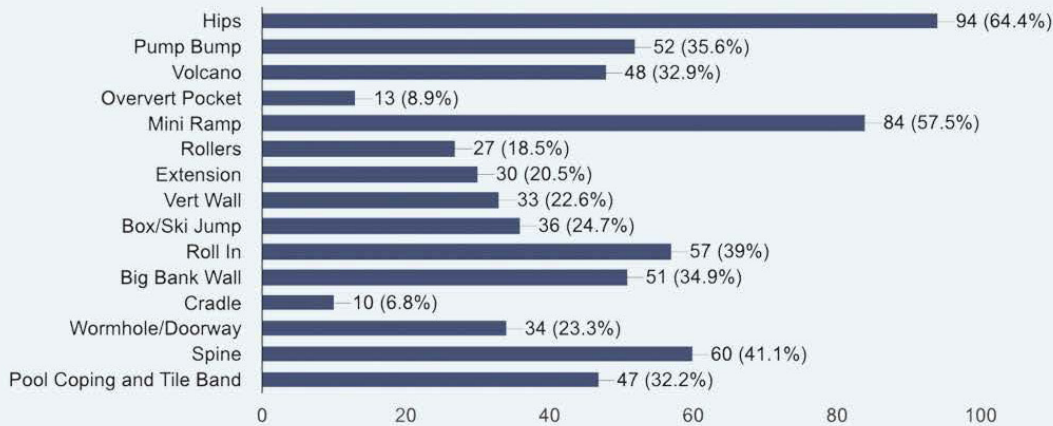
What features do you like in Flow Bowls? Pick 3.

139 responses



Choose the top 5 transitional features you most want to see at the skatepark:

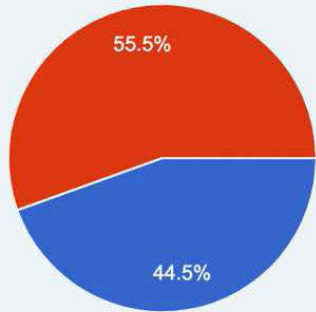
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Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results Layout (146 Skater/Rider Responses)

Which layout type do you prefer?

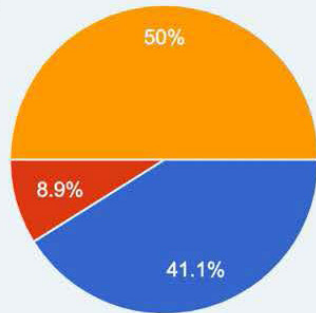
146 responses



- A spaced-out design that segregates zones.
- A multi-directional design with a mixed layout.

In skatepark design, which do you prefer?

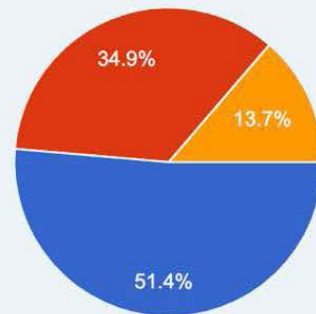
146 responses



- Creative feature layout with interpretive flow.
- Traditional feature spacing with less features and more flats.
- Combinations of creative and traditional.

What ratio of transition to street elements do you prefer?

146 responses



- 40% Transition to 60% Street
- 50% Transition to 50% Street
- 60% Transition to 40% Street

Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Layout Comments (146 Skater/Rider Responses)

Based off of your selections, please take a moment to add any special notes or ideas you would like us to consider. We are especially interested to hear about feature combinations, coping preferences, skateable art ideas, and dimensions of your favorite features. Identify the elements you are referring to when adding notes.

"(Our skatepark lacks) a bank-to-ledge or unique features with good flow and transition."

"Silver Lake needs a bowl feature deeper than 4 feet. Silver Lake also needs professional skatepark builders to complete the project with local input on design."

"Different levels like intermediate, beginner, etc. where people can learn but where experienced skaters can (also) challenge themselves."

"Keep the design as unique and non-copy/paste (as possible). Also, if you could (keep) the same design features the existing park has, that would be cool. Smaller round rails though! Many people say this is the most UNIQUE and favored park they know. I would love to keep it that way. Thank you!"

"I'd like to get concrete vert ramps, like 6 ft. ramps - not too steep though and a nice flow bowl with metal coping."

"Take ideas from the old design and build on them!"

"(I've) been skating at Silver Lake skatepark my entire life; it's basically my second home. (It) will forever be a part of my life. The park now is okay, rails are too fat to learn on banks and (the) stairs (are) crammed together, making it difficult to skate for new skaters. (The) ledges are too high for new skaters as well."

"Better quarters and just overall more obstacles."

"A medium-sized stair set."

"(I'd prefer) not having to just go back and forth, being able to creatively pick new lines."

"Good flat ground space and good basic ledges, with enough space in between, as well as circle bar flat rail, pyramids; reference Burnsville, Minnesota skatepark. Some elements of Elliot skatepark in Minneapolis are also great. I grew up skateboarding in Rochester and was told we would get a new skatepark for at least 10+ years."

"A wide 4-foot mini ramp."

"Good euro."

"Just lots of stairs, ledges, gaps and rails."

"A mellow hip would be nice and hopefully the park will be concrete rather than metal. I find that at our current park the metal ramps are very slippery and make it difficult to skate, as well as dangerous."

"Lots of four and five stairs."

"I would love for a nice bump-to-box and a nice bump-to-bar. I would also like a nice little stair set, like a 4-5 stair where the stairs aren't so long. Please and thank you, if you guys give us a new skatepark."

"(I'm) not a super great skater, but looking for something that will help me get better and grow. I would want all types of obstacles but also ones that will help beginners start. I definitely have the basics but I still need to learn different features while they are mellow, instead of throwing myself into a vert ramp. So so excited to see how this all plays out."

"Maybe like a good area to sit and rest and put your stuff."

"(The) best part about the current park is how spacious it is and (how it) allows ample push time between obstacles. Would like to see that continue in the new addition. I feel like many new parks in the Minneapolis area have made the mistake of being too congested and feeling like a Hot Wheels track. Lets keep it simple and focus on getting some new fun things to ride that the current setup doesn't offer."

"There should be a smaller, easier stair to skate. If you're gonna make a link rail, make it low and easy to skate. Make sure to include rails that you can pole jam into grinding."

"I personally think having a smaller section for new skaters is incredibly important. It can be fun for veterans to skate and newcomers. Fun-factor is huge when it comes to a good skatepark. Not everyone is training for the Olympics."

Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Layout Comments (146 Skater/Rider Responses)

Cont.

"Round, integrated pipe coping on bowls and verts. The skatepark must have flow (ability) to carry speed into the next feature. Art features made from various concrete and metal - all the art features must be from local artists in Rochester, MN. I have been an avid sculpture artist/ skater/biker for over 20 years. I have had some big sculptures go up around town, one of them being just across the street at the old fire station - it was called "TREECYCLE." I would absolutely love to work with the city on creating skateable art for this park; it would be a dream come true for me. I've been saying for years that the park needs art in it, and I'd love to be the one who creates just that for all of us to enjoy."

"Good transitions small and large and a small stair set with small rail and hubba to learn tricks on; and a bigger set with a kink rail. Many fun obstacles and a few gnarly ones."

"I have very little experience riding transition, so I can only speak for the street stuff. Having there be a good mix of beginner, intermediate, and advanced features is obviously important. I also think it's a good idea to have a beginner section in a part of the park that isn't going to have riders blasting through it. The biggest part of a skatepark I believe is designing it to the point where it is fun and doesn't get boring easily. Also, features that differ from actual street spots in the area because I'd rather see people hitting the crusty goodness than hitting a perfect replica of it."

"I would love to see skateable art features. I think it would add to the design both physically and aesthetically."

"Pump track."

"I love skating street but with the skatepark now being mostly street I would love to have some more transition to skate, specifically a bowl with multiple depths so you can skate the bigger section if comfortable with it. I like the idea of having real pool coping but would be okay with it being only in designated spots & having metal in others. I love a park that has flow & multiple different lines that you can pick to do. I think anything that is done is going to be incredible but those are some of my suggestions."

"Just make sure there are rails."

"Definitely a mock street stairset with kinked handrail, like in the park in skate 3."

"(The) park really needs some larger bowl/transition and I really hope instead of tearing everything out, (you) just add on to the park and get rid of the long path going to it."

"We need coping we can lock in on. The current park is lacking in this area."

"Lights for nighttime."

"A mural for Alec Majerus."

"An archway feature you can ride under or over would be sweet."

"I just want something better than what we've got currently and with a flowy street style. And maybe a super long 50-ft box."

"(We) need flow and transitions."

"A new, improved park allowing for creative flow and combos would be awesome. The park is very well used."

"Less is often more! Too many skateparks suffer from packing too many features into the allotted space."

"I would love a smaller handrail (3-4 stair). I am more of a street rider so anything like rails, ledges, wall rides, etc. would be great."

"Small stair slap hubba or something like that."

"Rochester is a big place and I always see new people at the skatepark. Everyone is always curious about what they could do at that skatepark. I couldn't even imagine how many people would be there after you guys build the new one."

"Please don't make the rails or coping too large. And please avoid square rails, round only. And keep the transitions tight and curvy, flat transitions don't teach kids how to skate real ramps they teach them to skate banks."

"Love skateable art - no specific ideas, but I think that's something the community would really be into."

"For art - like maybe a manny pad to like out rail with some artwork on that."

Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Layout Comments (146 Skater/Rider Responses)

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"I'm a big transition skater, and I love flow bowls and pump tracks; but love stairs and ledges, so I would love a good balance between the two."

"Add gnarly stuff please."

"Have several different-sized mini ramps - 3ft, 4ft, 6ft."

"I'm a skilled longboard, dancer, and freestyler, and occasionally like bringing my smaller trick longboards to the skatepark. A lot of features that work well for me are flat areas, ramps, and any ledges or obstacles that I can jump off or over. I think it would be really cool to make the park accommodating to all types of riders (longboard, skateboard, BMX, scooter, etc). But some sort of flat ground area with a few boxes or ledges would be amazing. Also, I think everyone would love having a bowl at our skatepark."

"Places to sit that are not in the way. Think about how the sun will heat up areas throughout the day."

"A graffiti or public art wall."

"Have cemented rails closer to the ground so it's not as hard to Ollie onto. Have round rails and square rails. I'd say the majority of skaters are street style skaters in Rochester. I would like to see more street style to the park than vert."

"A good bowl is needed. There are no parks nearby that have a solid bowl with good transitions
Please add lights for dark time skating!"

"No metal ramps."

"I think more people in Rochester are street skaters. When I skate at the park, I see more people using rails and ledges, more than the mini vert ramp."

"Skateable art features like a graffiti wall or ramp. Something that has the theme of an old school skatepark, with modern touches."

"Pump track please!"

"I would like to see a built-in pump track with the option of taking a big line or going around big features. Rollers, berms, and spines."

"Pump Track."

"Some brick on a bank would be cool for a street feel."

"WE REALLY WANT A NICE BIG PUMP TRACK! PLEASE AND THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

"A longer snake-like bowl with some pockets with some flowy transitional, with a solid stair and rail area and a beginner area. Thanks for all your work."

"Gotta have art added. Graffiti, murals, etc."

"I just would like a separate area for each section so that it would be easier to practice different tricks."

"A full bowl would be a huge addition to Rochester and bring people in from around MN and Iowa."

"Something that the city will actually do upkeep on."

"Different depth bowls and/or quarter pipes with one or two that reach vertically would be awesome for those that are more advanced."

"We need a really big cement bowl to really test our skills. I'm 52 and have been riding for 40 years. Most riders are at expert level. I ride a BMX bike and would love to see Rochester get a real skatepark.. Not just for little kids."

"I'd like us to have a smaller stair set. Like 3-5 stairs. The 5-stair we have here has no run up, so nobody skates it."

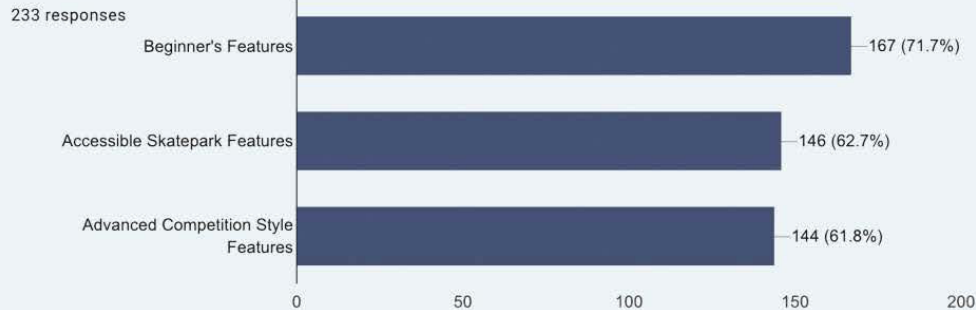
"I'd like to see smaller ramps/stairs/rails for the kids beginning to learn or are not as experienced to enjoy & have a relaxed session."

"We need a proper mini ramp or bowl and we need a proper low manual pad."

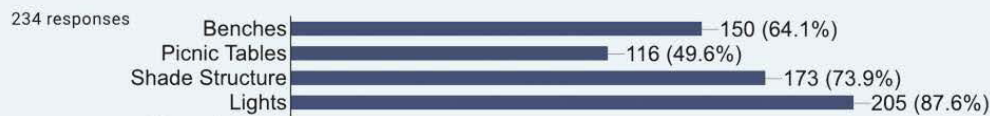
Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Community Perspective (146 Skater/Rider and 88 Non-Rider/Community Member Responses)

What skatepark features are important to include in the design?



What park amenities would you like to see in the design?



Additional Comments:

Bathroom (6)

Water fountain (16)

Lights, Lights are a must. When its fall and spring a lot of us don't get off work till 5 and can't even ride because it gets dark. I know a lot of parks have a timer that shuts off at 10 pm and I really like that.

Places for food trucks to park

Canopy-like areas for when it rains

Parking

Water capturing spaces, water gardens

Seating, recycling and waste collection, cigarette receptacles (because there are butts all over the edges of the skate park), maybe encourage graffiti in this space (the color and expression is nice)

Grills

A light that goes on till like 10pm

Kids skate spot within the skate park

Vending machine for drinks

Benches

Art wall

Severe weather shelter (2)

Respect

A facility with an indoor portion for skate park goes year round. Our children need an active outlet for the colder months. Make a paid desk position for the facility. (3)

Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Additional Comments (146 Skater/Rider and 88 Non-Rider/Community Member Responses)

Use this space to provide any additional comments you would like to share. Feel free to email sketches and picture references to Info@hungerskateparks.com or message/tag us on Instagram.

"It would be nice if the skatepark was bigger, allowing beginner and advanced users. I think it should be closer to the road and not tucked back - this would allow better viewing of what is going on at the park and hopefully cut down on the graffiti. Would be nice if there was a bike pump track nearby as well. Lacrosse, WI has a nice skatepark with an attached bike track for reference."

"This is a much needed improvement for the Rochester skate community. Expanding and improving the skatepark would be amazing to the experienced and beginning skaters."

"Talk to skaters and look at other parks, such as Iowa, who do it right."

"The skatepark NEEDS lights!"

"A small stair set, then a flat, and another small stair set."

"I'm stoked this is happening."

"Lights would be great."

"The skatepark we have now is a great place for anyone who likes to shred. They are all kind, and welcome everyone regardless of skill level. Kids of all ages use this park, but they need separate areas for the advanced stages so the littles aren't in the way of the big kids. This park includes everyone, and it is very well taken care of by the people who use it! I appreciate the older kids watching out for my young teen boys when I'm helping my 6 year old. This is a great asset to the city!"

"LAWFUL GRAFFITI!"

"We need this park to be super cool and spaced out just enough to be flowy. There are so many kids in this town that would benefit from this expansion. We have been dreaming of this for years and years."

"It would be nice if you could commission local artists to create murals (big or small)."

"Again, I think a beginner friendly combination with some big obstacles is the most ideal park. Fun things are good because not everyone is trying to go pro. Some of us just have genuine fun skating and want more interesting things to skate to continue that fun."

"Thank you!"

"Our family has visited the current Rochester skatepark many times and the park seems to be hidden away from the public. Please locate or make the space more visible and accessible to the community beyond skaters."

"I really dig the new Des Moines park & the transition."

"Thanks, dude."

"Really needs big transitions and some sort of bowl."

"I spent my 20s and part of my 30s skating bowls in Seattle and Denver. It would be great to get a nice bowl with a mix of steel and pool coping. It doesn't have to be super gnarly. All it needs is good flow. Too shallow isn't great either."

"LIGHTS."

"My kids love this skatepark! I love the inclusion! There are riders and spectators of all ages! They take turns, and make everyone feel welcome!"

"It would be nice to have a separate mini skate area next to the main skatepark for beginners. Younger skaters look to the experienced skaters for inspiration, but they are also fearful of getting in the way of the experienced skaters."

"I think features for beginners are especially important; I'm not super familiar with accessible skatepark stuff but I think that would be great too."

"Are there events or other things we can do to enhance the space/draw people in/make it an appealing part of the community?"

"I'm not a skater, but I have many friends that are and they would love a new park."

Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Additional Comments (146 Skater/Rider and 88 Non-Rider/Community Member Responses)

Cont.

"Crescenta Valley Skatepark in Glendale, CA would be an excellent template for our skatepark. There are many families there, with beginner skaters to advanced (including Tony Hawk and our own Alec Majerus), who we've seen there when visiting our family. It's in a similar setting (to) ours."

"Pump track, bowl, movable kickers, and a beginners area."

"This will be great since the Silver Lake park isn't great, in my opinion."

"Make sure there are garbage cans and clean bathrooms/porta potties."

"While this doesn't concern the Silver Lake skatepark, I'd like to make it known that there's a really nice area next to Cascade Lake that's currently just a dirt field that looks absolutely perfect for a new skatepark. Just thought I'd mention; it would be nice to have two skateparks, one more north of Rochester and one south (Silver Lake). Plus, who wouldn't love a skatepark with amazing lake views?"

"Much love from here!"

"Rochester should be ashamed that so many smaller communities in the area have better skateparks. We complain about gang activity, but then don't provide alternative opportunities for our teens. If I were a teen in Rochester, I'd be bored to tears and looking for something to fill that."

"The park needs better proportioned features. Adding flow components in addition to the street features."

"I often take clients to the skatepark, and something that I've noticed would be helpful to them would just be more space, and more beginner-friendly routes. I don't know the feasibility of having a "track," but I know that if there was one available, it would be used."

"Features that incorporate landscaping – especially shade trees."

"Please leave the graffiti! As long as it isn't offensive, it is a part of the culture and should remain."

"I think it is important that Rochester have a challenging, durable, and well-maintained skatepark. This is an excellent location to build on the existing facilities."

"An additional indoor portion is necessary for members to be actively socially and physically engaged within the community year-round. A little tyke area would be great for the younger kids who might not feel confident trying new tricks in the way of the big kids or adults. I also would like to see kids and adults showcase tasteful graffiti art regularly within the confines of the concrete structure. Graffiti art days could (provide) a positive medium of expression."

Rochester, Minnesota Skatepark Survey Results

Comments for the City (146 Skater/Rider and 88 Non-Rider/Community Member Responses)

Please leave a comment for the city letting them know why this skatepark is important and what it would mean to you.

"This (is) something I have been striving to get done in our community for years. The lack of support from the city has been apparent for years. I really hope this isn't something that's just trying to quiet the community until it's too late. Please make this happen!"

"The Rochester community is growing, and expanding the skatepark community space is vital. If cities around Rochester including the Twin Cities can build hundreds of skateparks for their community, I believe Rochester can expand and invest into one of their core community gathering areas. I love Rochester and I love that park."

"My 13 and 9 year old kids love going to the skatepark. It provides another essential option for outdoor play. The skatepark here in Rochester is small for a city this size, with rundown, broken, and rusted equipment. We like to travel to different cities and try out their skateparks. Comparatively speaking, Rochester's skatepark is a huge letdown, especially for a town our size. Let's invest in our kids and prioritize outdoor play/adventure spaces."

"It's where I go everyday after work to have some fun."

"I've been coming to the skatepark for many years and we have seen so much growth in the community. This would mean so much to the community and would also attract new people that want to start skating. I come to the skatepark a lot, not just to skate but to be with friends and the amazing community it holds. Expanding and improving this skatepark would be so important to the people and to the city. All of us skaters are crossing our fingers that something will be done to our second home for it to become much better and more beautiful. Thank you!"

"Where to begin? I grew up here. Many of my friends have grown up here. The skatepark is home to many kids who are looking for a way to express themselves - a place to go and feel accepted, to fit in. I have been going there since the age of 11. I am now 21. My best friends are skateboarders and I cherish the life lessons they and the act of skating have taught me. Skateboarding is forever engraved in people's hearts. Once a skater, always a skater. And a good place to skate is fundamental in bringing the youth outside and the community together. Rochester had needed a new addition for many years, with the rise of skateboarding, scootering, and even BMXing. The park needs more space. Not to mention the young kids who are ages 4-8 who come there for the first time with their parents. They often feel overwhelmed because of the number of people and lack of space. It is important that they are given the proper chance to experience what we call the freedom of riding. It truly will change a person. It changed me. I'm thankful for it everyday. It's made me the human being I am. Thank you."

"I think it would bring more of our community together. I think it will be amazing to get a bigger, newer transformation. I think it would give more opportunities for people to follow their dreams and maybe become a pro (everyone wants to be a pro). It would make it a place to have events comps."

"This is extremely important to the community and growth of our city. Please (regard this with) the absolute most importance!"

"Rochester has and has always had a huge skate community. Many skaters feel the current skatepark doesn't show it. This will be a great place for the skaters to freely express themselves and test their limits!"

"Thank you for giving us skaters a chance to let our voices be heard for a chance at a better skatepark and community."

"This park has been home to my friends and I since (we were) toddlers. It's a great place to meet new friends."

"It would be nice to have a skatepark with new upgrades because you could learn more tricks and do different lines and not get bored doing the same things over and over."

"This skatepark has taught me a ton of things. It is basically my second home and it is getting kinda boring."

"Silver Lake skatepark is home to skaters and scooter riders. Everyone here is friends but it gets crowded, so I think our park would be nice to update."

"This has been a place where I have met many friends and progressed in skating alot."

"(This) brings the community together. It's a positive way to express yourself and essentially learn life lessons."

"Please build this."

"My grandkids love it and meet kids at the park. We go and have picnics with them on nice days. Good for everyone to get outside."

"Please give the kids a safe place to hang out and enjoy the sport they love."

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"This space is used for all sorts of people to express themselves and escape. Sadly, this space has been neglected. I spend most of my free time here and I know many others do; this expansion and upgrades are much needed."

"It's a great getaway and helps with stress and focus."

"As a skater moving from Virginia, over there they have recently built a nice new skatepark and I find that the community has grown a lot for the better. Without a nice skatepark, riders have to go to the streets and, in the end, find themselves in trouble. This new park would build a community and keep kids out of the downtown area."

"It's important because people are tired of skating at the same old Silver Lake park."

"It's important because the skatepark we have doesn't have enough room for how many people go there."

"I was devastated years ago when I heard the expansion of the skatepark was postponed to repave tennis courts. I would love to see an expansion of the Rochester skatepark so I could ride more locally (rather) than going literally anywhere else to skate. Glad this is finally moving forward and hope it actually follows through."

"We really need this skatepark. Our park is so worn down and super old and really needs an update; please help us!"

"This keeps the kids out of trouble. They are well behaved and respectful. The older people who use this park are actually great role models to the younger kids."

"It's our only place where we get to feel like ourselves and feel a part of something bigger than we could ever imagine. A newer, nicer park would be amazing and would probably bring in a lot of new riders and probably help the skate scene become bigger here."

"I grew up always interested in action sports. I was at the skatepark all the time and now that I can drive I'm there almost every weekend. The skatepark is so much more than just doing tricks. We have each other's backs and always have the best in mind for each other. It doesn't matter what you look like or how you act, you're always accepted into the skatepark family. It's a safe place for everyone."

"We don't have many good skateparks around and it would really impact our community, our skaters, and bring us all together."

"I grew up at this park. Without it, I would not be in the career I have today, nor would I be in this awesome community that has surrounded this park for decades. There's a whole new generation of talented kids coming up. Every time I come back to visit, it seems busier and busier at the current park. This expansion will help this next generation to grow and continue to bring positivity to the Rochester community. Thankful for everything the city has done for the park over the last decade. Would not be who I am today without it."

"We have a whole community of people who use this park any time the weather allows it. Please consider those who may not fit into traditional team sports. Please, for the kids, hear our prayers."

"For me this park is not only a need and want, but it would be a dream come true. You see, I've been on every committee there was to originally get this park; we were kids way back when we didn't have a park and our parents would drop us off at city council meetings. We banded together. We had traveling skateparks come. There was the park at Graham area for awhile. there was a Midwest skatepark. Hell, we even went out to this random barn in Byron that had a half pipe and skated that for awhile. (We are) much older now and we are teaching our sons and daughters how to skate and bike and have a good time. Skateboarding and biking is much more than just a bunch of punk kids getting together and doing tricks. It's learning life lessons and how to deal with them - like patience, strength, friendship, dedication, supporting one another, danger, how to execute, practice, laughing, cheering each other on, filming, etc... to be able to integrate art into all of this would be such an awesome thing as well. Thank you for your time and I hope we can make not only mine but hundreds of other kids' dreams of a super awesome skatepark come true."

"Our community needs a skatepark. A skatepark is a good place for people to be physically active and maintain good mental health. It creates a sense of belonging and camaraderie among those who utilize the space."

"It would be awesome to have more obstacles to skate, since I have been going to the same skatepark every year here for about 18 years now. It's exciting when someone brings something new to the skatepark to skate. Some lights would also be really nice for the hot, humid summer days when it gets too hot during daylight hours to skate."

"Skateboarding is a whole culture that has been neglected since its conception. The generalized stereotypes are true for only a very, very small percentage of skaters. Most of us are just people who want to have fun whilst getting a good healthy workout in. It's a really fulfilling and healthy activity and facilities are needed to continue to keep people like me happy in life."

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"It's a skatepark! You NEED a well designed, up-to-date skatepark that is free for the public in any good sized city! The skateboarding community can't be a community without it!"

"It gives everyone a place to go. Throughout my years in school, it gave me a place to skateboard and challenge myself. It gave me confidence, continuously learning new tricks on different structures. I used to go to the skatepark every day after school and on the weekends because I loved the feeling of being on my board experimenting on every structure in the park. It also helped build lifelong friendships. The last skatepark in Rochester also helped a few people become professional skateboarders who now have major sponsors and make a living skateboarding to this day. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on what a good skatepark can do for a community and their people."

"Rochester is a growing city, and recreation for our youth tends to be overlooked. My husband has been skating for over 30 years and now all three of our children are into it. I see the skateboarding community as an inclusive community and it's a sport for all to enjoy. Not everyone is cut out to be on a team sport, but this sport offers individuals an opportunity to grow and improve at their own pace. As a person/mother/wife that is frequently at skateparks, I see so much camaraderie and mentoring going on. This is something that is way overdue in our city."

"Skateboarding provides a healthy, mental escape for many young people. This sport allows individuals to grow and improve at their own pace. Skateboarders are some of the strongest and most determined people I've met. The whole sport revolves around failing but trying again and again until you succeed, and that is one of life's greatest lessons."

"Keeps skaters off of public spaces."

"My kid will soon be old enough to start using the skatepark, and I'd love for it to be a place he can learn in, (as well as) a space that works as a hangout spot for skaters and bikers. I'd love more BMX-specific features too."

"Our family travels to different skateparks around Minnesota and the region to experience the different skatepark styles and offerings, as well as the communities they are in."

"It's important for youth health and community building."

"Even though I am not a skater or use the skatepark, I know plenty of people who do. So building a skatepark with a ton of different features and things is super important to me."

"I think a new skatepark/expansion of the current one would be an amazing addition to the city. I've been skateboarding in Rochester for almost 20 years & it's incredible how it continues to grow year after year. As I travel to different places, I see how the new skateparks that cities are building are drawing people from all over to just come & skate. Skateparks are a great place to grow individually & collectively as a community & having an updated park would be a blessing to Rochester & all those who travel to come skate it."

"Some of us have been coming to the skatepark for years. It's where some of us go everyday, all day."

"This skatepark would make a huge change not just for Rochester, but for SE Minnesota, as skateboarding is a growing Olympic sport and also a great one for kids who cannot afford to play other ones due to team cost, equipment, etc. SE Minnesota needs a centralized skatepark and I think Rochester being the 3rd largest in state should be the place to go to."

"Anything that keeps people active is valuable. Anything that keeps teenagers busy is valuable. The skatepark does both. I'm 44. There will be more and more old guys at the park in the future. Let's allow people to stay active outdoors."

"We need the skatepark updated and redone. You guys added a light and just left wires hanging."

"I would LOVE to see a larger skatepark facility and a beautiful water park/pool area! The pool is greatly needed in this beautiful setting close to downtown and on bike trails. Rochester NEEDS more of these things for our community IN THIS LOCATION!!!! I vote yes to these improvements!"

"Look at St. Cloud - Rochester skatepark expansion is long overdue."

"To keep kids being creative with their craft and helping them teach each other how to skate on different levels of expertise. It's a great community building area for sports and social gatherings."

"The condition of the current park should speak for itself There is no garbage all over, and the people who use the park take care of it! My family loves coming here. We have children aged 7, 13, & 15 and they are all included and welcomed to use the park."

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"You reap what you sow. Invest in a community and you'll see productive, happy community members."

"I grew up here and didn't start skating until I was older because the culture was not as embraced as it is for other cities. Especially being a female, it will be amazing to see other female riders out there at younger ages and attract more inclusivity to anyone who wants to start! Super excited to see this go through!"

"A quality skatepark is an asset in our community. It is a great form of exercise that inspires young people to put down their screens and get outside. Having a dedicated skate park reduces nuisance skating that damages other infrastructure in the city."

"The Silver Lake skatepark has been a place of building community relationships, positive in-person social engagement, skate/life skills development, entertainment, and maintaining health/fitness for my son and our family! (He) considers the skatepark his home and the skaters his family! He has made lifelong relationships on the grounds of the skatepark! Please continue to build on and maintain the space so that other youth can have the same awesome experience he continues to have to this day!"

"I have been skateboarding at Silver Lake skatepark for the past 15-20 years and seen how it has positively impacted our youth & community. The action sports community has outgrown our current facility. It lacks a beginner section where kids and parents feel safe and not so overwhelmed by advanced riders. The skatepark welcomes all nationalities, genders, ages, and riders of all skill levels. We welcome riders with disabilities and less fortunate members of our community. I can't stress enough that we are a community that welcomes all, rich or poor; we have no definition when we step on the pavement of the skatepark. We are defined by the sport we are dedicated to. All activities within the skatepark build character and teach perseverance. It creates an identity for all riders and that positivity reflects onto our very own community. As we enter an era where iPhones and social media dominate the youth, we need these facilities to be updated to attract our youth back to the outdoors and away from screens. This specific park gives our children a place to express themselves creatively. The friendships made here are everlasting and extremely important throughout the hardships in life. I can honestly say I would not have made it as far as I have in life without the friendships I've made and the lessons I have learned from skateboarding. This facility will need to be updated eventually as it is LONG overdue! Let's get this going and keep the youth busy and adults a place to exercise!"

"A big thank you to whomever reads this and pushes this to the next step."

"I've been going to this skatepark for a long time and basically grew up there with all my buddies. Our park has always been missing key elements, like lights and shaded spots for sunny or rainy days. It'd be awesome to see it become the #1 park in the state because all it's really missing is this addition!"

"I'm 8, almost 9. I can go to the skatepark with my older siblings. I always have a good time. We go all year round, even shoveling snow sometimes. We spend anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours when we go. I hope this park gets bigger and better. I often go in the mornings before big kids, but the big kids are usually nice when they get there. It's a place where lots of ages go."

"I walk by often. Seems like it gets used a lot by all ages. I support expanding the skatepark. Kids need more activities outdoors."

"Skating is a healthy outlet that provides a strong, unique community. Skateparks give people purpose at the end of a long hard day. I have so many family members that have had their lives changed by the skating community. It's time Rochester invested in a new skatepark!"

"I go here everyday. The park is dry, it could use a bit more care and an extension. I know there are people who agree with me. This would mean a ton to the locals."

"It would be really nice since I'm kinda a beginner and will be riding there for a very long time; (I) know lots of people that go there and young kids who want to start skating."

"Teens and families would benefit from a new skatepark. We need more fun activities available here - so many people are isolated since COVID. When kids have good activities within their community, everyone benefits."

"Rochester has had one of the best skateboarders in the United States learn what he does at the original Silver Lake skatepark (Alec Majerus). The skateboarding community has been one of the most supportive communities I have ever been a part of and I can't imagine my life without it. Jerry Seinfeld said it best, 'I'll tell you one of the great activities is skateboarding. To learn to do a skateboard trick, how many times you've got to get something wrong until you get it right. And you hurt yourself. And you learn to do that trick, now you've got a life lesson.'"

"More low flat rails and super mellow down rails to make a more beginner street part to learn on."

"It gives kids something fun and creative to do while pushing goals of self growth"

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"There's just such a great skate community in Rochester and it's a shame that our park is so small for a city this big. Support the skate community!"

"I am a parent of children who love that we have a skatepark in Rochester, but would love to see it grow. It's a great space for kids to learn, support and encourage each other. It shows that the city values their interests and expression."

"The skatepark is important because it is a space that is for the users and they decide how it is used. There are very few rules and very few problems. I remember when Rochester did not have a park. I drove my kids to the skatepark before they could drive. I think it is great to have a space where the "kids" are in charge and if there are parents there; they are welcome, but they know that they are not in charge of the space."

"I think a skatepark is a great amenity for our community, and I am glad expansion is being explored. I would NOT want to see a skatepark expansion come at the expense of a swimming pool at that site (a splash pad is not a pool)! A pool is used by a much broader demographic than a skatepark and should be a higher priority."

"The skatepark is one of the main reasons I use the other parks in this area. It would also be nice to have a child skate/scooter area and a teenage/adult park. I know a lot of parents who skate and their kids have interest in the activity but the area is hard for both levels and can be unsafe. I typically use the kids bike thing where the tennis courts were for my daughter while I use the skatepark, but it's not smooth and hard for her to ride on."

"I would absolutely love to have a bigger park with space for anyone and everyone to be able to skate or ride BMX. I would also love to teach my daughter how to skateboard when she gets old enough!"

"The skatepark is important for the youth of Rochester who have little to no other activities in this city. It's essential to provide activities and safe spaces for youth and teens to come together."

"(I) grew up coming and watching the older guys shred at the park. When I came of age, I got out there as soon as I could. I think that's something important, inspiring the youth. Action sports are very good at captivating the youth. Now you just have to have the right space and people. The skatepark is that place."

"Can't wait for the skatepark!"

"This skatepark is an important aspect to many lives ranging from all ages and walks of life. Skateboarding brings people together (and) transcends race or religion."

"We need to provide a safe space for all of our youth. A skatepark can provide that space. If we (responsible adults) don't provide the space, the people who use the skatepark will be forced to find/create their own space. This would result in unsafe and unstructured areas that may create a public nuisance, as they may be downtown in front of businesses."

"Use as much of the space that's at Silver Lake to make the best skatepark possible! Everyone will absolutely love it!"

"Skateparks keep kids and young adults occupied and not doing illegal activities. They're easy to maintain and not an eyesore."

"Great place for kids and adults to get exercise and allow like-minded community members to gather and share their passion. Also a great way for people to learn about others and their culture."

"The kids of Rochester need more to do. The kids that use the skatepark love it! This city needs to give to our future generation!"

"Skateboarding builds lifelong relationships, teaches participants valuable life lessons, and builds discipline, persistence, and respect. I would love to see the Rochester area's skateboarding scene thrive with the help of a more all-inclusive skatepark that can meet the needs of any skill level. Thank you for your consideration!"

"This is such a great amenity in the community, (with) a wide range of users. It would be nice to have a smaller, more beginner park separate from the more advanced park for younger kids to not get in the way of the more advanced riders. But everyone is always courteous and shares the space well when we have been there."

"It is a safe place to take my children and cousins, but they need more to do."

"I started skating and biking as a kid in the 90s. I am still engaged in these activities for health and joy. My kids are engaged in these activities. I agree with expanding the skatepark and would like to see more flow features added. This would allow a wide variety of riders access and lots of space for practicing fundamental skills."

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"Would love to see a place for all ages, abilities, etc. to enjoy. A non-exclusive setting."

We live part of the year in Rochester (Mayo employee) and have a son that skates avidly. Him having a place to practice while we are in town is important (and it is important all the time for the local skate community). If you take a look at much smaller MN cities (for example: Shakopee, Rosemount, etc.), they have well built skateparks. Community access is important not just for sports like soccer, baseball, football. Skateboarding is a well-recognized sport that is not only in the X-Games, but is also now an Olympic sport. It deserves as much support as any other sport."

"Because it's a positive place for kids to hangout and do what they love. If the skatepark is awesome, it will keep kids off the street skate spots where they are not wanted or allowed."

"The skatepark has been a great way for many clients to get outside and get some physical activity outside of their homes! We often hear of how going over the skatepark is both a highlight of their days as well as a healthier coping skill."

"We need more places for non-traditional sports such as BMX, mountain biking and skateboarding."

"Having a place for kids/teenagers and adults to use is important. We need more places like this in our community. It keeps people outside, healthy, and active!"

"My son is an avid skater and without this park he and his friends would have to skateboard on private property; as business owners ourselves, we know what a headache this is to business owners. I wish we would have had a place like this when I was a teenager. Skateboarding to these kids is no different from soccer or baseball. They are great kids and they deserve a great place to practice their sport."

"We were chased out of everywhere we tried to skate by police or the like. Opinions of the community have never mattered."

"Thank you for your consideration in this important project for citizens of all ages!"

"This town needs updates and everywhere from downtown to SE Rochester is getting the work. We riders deserve new and updated features to keep us coming back for new things, instead of using other properties to illegally skate and damage property. Having a nice big area for this audience will for sure keep riders to the course and not on the streets."

"Helps push more culture and match the growing music, food, and youth scene in Rochester. Clean, well-regulated places are key to a positive community."

"Skateparks are so important for our community! So many youths have nowhere to go and nothing to do in town. They need somewhere they can come together and be creative and have fun skating and (doing) other extreme sports."

"As someone who has many friends who skate, and as an artist, I would like the city to keep the graffiti and street art as it is a part of the culture and a way of expressing oneself."

"As a kid, I was hugely influenced by skateboarding. This park definitely deserves an update for current youth and future generations. Leave the graffiti alone too!"

"It helped me meet new friends and learn a new and fun way of exercise."

"I live close to the skatepark and it's used all the time. My nephew is a skateboarder in another city and they have half pipes and a lot of other skull level things for all ages. It keeps another group of kids busy and out of trouble."

"Kids are still skating. Do you want them downtown or in a skatepark? They will skate either way."



"This park is where I grew up. Even as a little kid, I would go there and just watch everyone do cool tricks. It gave me an outlet to enjoy an activity that fit my interests and find a love for a sport. As I grew up, it became a space for me to escape the stresses of life and just spend time somewhere that just felt like mine, like home. It's sad that the city has overlooked it so much and failed to do the upkeep they originally agreed to just because they feel it is a bad look for a city. Hopefully one day they will understand."

"As a 53 year old that grew up in Rochester riding BMX/freestyle in the 80's. I GREATLY appreciate any updates you can make to this park!"

"I've been skating/riding here (since) before the first addition. I come here weekly & think there should be more space & lines for bikes too, so it's not as crowded."

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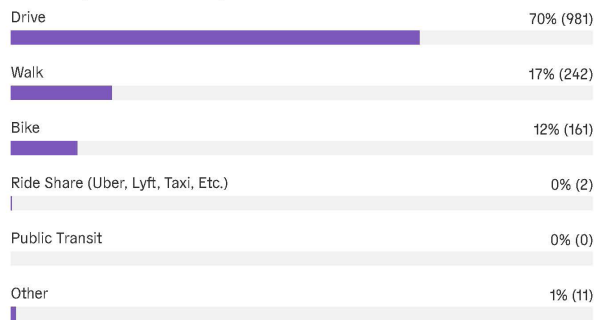



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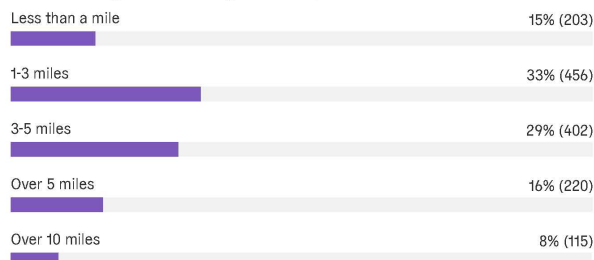
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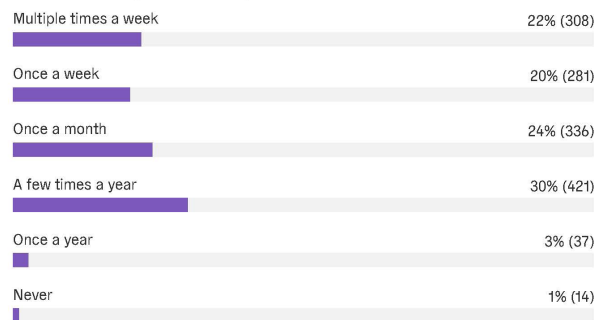
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- Run
- I don't too much poop
- Run
- My wife an I go in our power chairs, up from second street
- drive
- Personal electric scooter
- Run
- The pool! And playground
- Run
- I get there many ways - walk, bike drive.
- Car

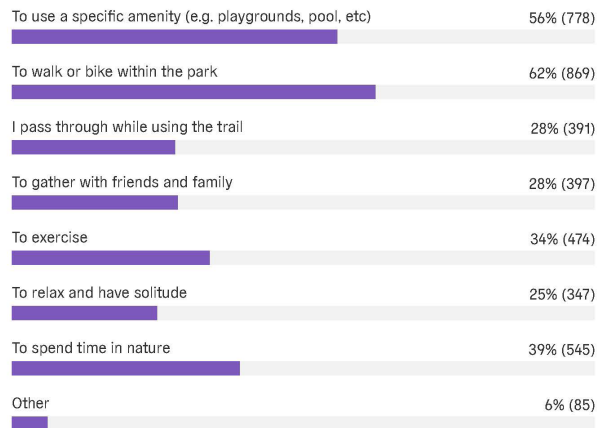
How far do you travel to get to the park?



How often do you visit the park?



Why do you visit the park? (select at that apply)



If you selected other, please let us know here:

- Photography
- To see and watch the geese and ducks
- To see the geese
- Walk my kids to school (from Lowertown to Jefferson and back)
- Fishing
- To see the Canadian geese
- To see the geese
- I drive past the park every day
- Kayaking on the lake
- I don't
- Fireworks
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- walk my dogs
- To attend special events, like 4th of July.
- To see the geess
- dog walking or trike-ing
- Rowing
- Fishing
- Rochester Rowing Club
- Geese and nature
- Community events
- Different community events.
- Silver Lake Park has a great, built in opportunity to allow the different sections to provide a wide variety of options to the community. (i.e. the quiet, reflective area; the active, exercise area; etc.) without feeling like they are competing for space.
- kayaking and dog walking
- Pool
- Rochester Rowing Club
- Playground, kids organized sports
- Special event being held
- Mostly to go to the pool
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Pool
- Pool! So important for our community! Need a newer facility.
- Rarely -- due to limited activities and convenient hours of operation
- Driving through
- Swimming pool
- We need a new pool
- to use the park equipment (e.g. little children)
- To see the fireworks. I would like to see them back at the park again.
- Playing

Fishing and family photos

All of the above. I like the LAKE!!! And I would like there to always be a LAKE!

To see what is going on and if anything is new

Participate in walkathons

Walk my dog

Feed the ducks and geese, paddleboat

Geese and Dycks

5k run

Rowing

artistic/creative reasons

To use Three Links Park & the pool for swimming lessons!

To catch fish with my young son

Row

watch the rowing team

Rochester Rowing

I row here

FISH

Undesirable due to goose droppings

Walk my dog

To row with the Rochester Rowing Club.

Skate or ride bike at the skatepark

It is a great place to see migrating waterfowl, including Loons, in spring and fall.

N/A

Rowing

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To row on the water

To row

Rowing

Rochester Rowing Club

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Rowing

rowing

Rowing club activity

Rowing

To eat a take out lunch.

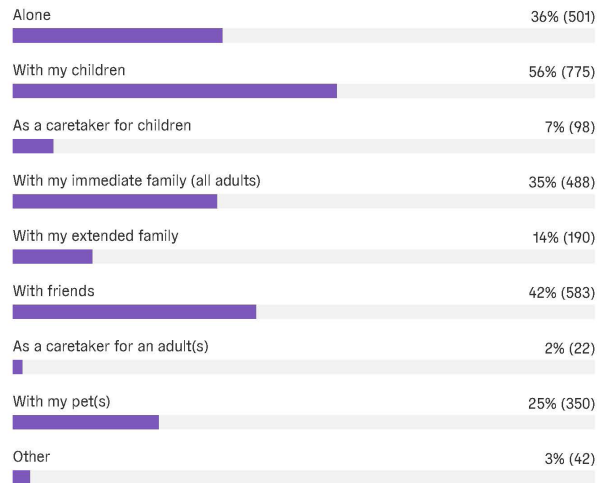
Eat lunch

enjoy the geese, pool, skate park and three links park

See the geese

To visit the tree we planted in memory of my coworker Erin that died by the north entrance.

Who do you come to the park with? (select all that apply)



If you selected other, please let us know here:

I don't

Club athletes

grandkids

Rowing Club

Students

With my grandchildren

With Grandkids

Rochester Juggling Club

Water park needed, not a splash pad

Kids, family and friends

Community get together

young grandchildren

Usually by myself. Sometimes to meet family or friends

Family, friends

spouse

For organizational activities (i.e. Cub Scout gatherings)

Alone and with Friends.

With whomever

Colleagues

The rowing team

friends and family

Teammates

I come to coach/practice with the Rochester Rowing Team

Spouse

After going one time with my toddler shoes were trashed due to goose droppings caked on bottoms

Teammates from the Rochester Rowing Team

N/A

With my fellow rowers

Rowing team

With my rowing team

My team. I row on the lake

My teammates

Rochester Rowing Club

Siblings

Rowing team (RRC)

Rowing team

rowing team

Team

To take pictures of customers

Spouse

What activities do you do at Silver Lake Park? (select all that apply)

I pass through the park while using the river path.	39% (538)
Walk along the trails	71% (987)
Bike along the trails	39% (542)
Use the fitness equipment	5% (70)
Spend time in nature	47% (660)
Spend time with family and friends	45% (625)
Bring kids to the playground	54% (754)
Walk my dog	30% (412)
Boating	9% (132)
Picnicking with friends and family	23% (322)
Play or watch baseball/softball	3% (42)
Play or watch soccer	3% (42)
Play or watch football	1% (18)
Play or watch horseshoes	1% (12)
Swimming at the pool	41% (577)
Birding and wildlife observation	17% (232)
Skateboard	7% (101)
Rowing	5% (73)
Other	4% (60)

If you selected other, please let us know here:

- Enjoy the sunsets
- fireworks celebration
- Canoe and kayaking
- Watch the geese
- Photography
- I drive around it
- to use the bicycle playground
- Fireworks
- Fishing
- Watching hot air balloons
- Eat lunch in my car and watch the geese and children play
- Fishing
- I use the benches to sit.
- Flying kites
- Kayaking
- Hockey
- Watch juggling club practice
- Needs a water park
- Multiple
- Let kids bike at skate park
- To identify the marked trees. A fun game with kids

Pick up trash: 3-4 grocery bags a week!!

- Events
- Fly a kite
- Fish
- Geese
- Attend special event
- Swimming pool
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Waterpark would be nice to not have to drive over an hour
- Picnic
- N/a
- Occasionally ice skating on easternmost bay when ice is smooth.
- Run Laps
- Sit on a bench and read
- Fishing and family photos
- Walk and Bike the Trails, and spend time in nature. It is one of the few places that you can walk by a LAKE!
- usually I'm lost and looking for a way to get around construction
- To see what is there. To see if there are any pickleball courts yet.
- Enjoy relaxing in this atmosphere
- A variety of things
- Geocaching
- Driving around the park
- Running
- Canoeing
- Fishing why this isn't this list.
- row and watch RRC row
- FISHING
- I would walk trails if cleaner environment
- N/a
- Running
- caretaker for adults that like to use the swings
- Enjoy the geese and pick up litter from the humans
- To watch the birds, geese, ducks. I've also taken an interest in learning about all the different types of trees.
- I paddle with the Dragonboat Team in the Summer months - we meet once or twice weekly - It's a support group on the water affiliated with Join the Journey

What programs or features would encourage you to visit Silver Lake Park more often? (select all that apply)

More events and cultural programming	30% (407)
More places to gather with my friends and family	32% (430)
More reflective places to relax and be alone	26% (353)
More sports and recreation programming	21% (287)
More naturalistic, native landscaping	40% (544)
More trails	32% (434)
More picnic areas	21% (291)
More playgrounds	28% (379)
More adult fitness equipment	13% (171)
More environmental education programs	15% (201)
More public art	21% (289)
Better skate features	9% (120)
A destination feature (such as unique play, place to eat, etc.)	47% (641)
Other	24% (333)

If you selected "other", please answer here:

The geese and other wildlife gardens with perennials/annuals which would attract butterflies/hummingbirds, etc.

Get rid of the ***** weeds down there. They do not stop the geese from getting out like our stupid city council thinks. They draw mice and rats! Clean it up and get rid of the weeds and LEAVE THE REST ALONE YOU *****!!

I would like to see the beautiful lake but can't because of all the tall vegetation and weeds ... looks so trashy!!

This area has a lot of goose dropping which makes it an unattractive place to walk regularly. There are also many times that I have not felt safe there while walking with my small children.

Kayaking spot down river

it would be nice if there was a place to play bat mitten there is no place to play this. we need this it is a very fun game and good exercise.

To see the lake leave the dam alone

Pool with slides and snack bar/water park for all ages

Have a "boardwalk" type area- Arcade, walk up bar for grown-ups, gift shop, food, music, etc.

Designated dog area, near a playground.

Drain the lake and restore the river to create green space and fishing piers

Better swimming facility

Would love a whitewater park and/ or botanical garden- take a look at Boise, Idaho for ideas Ice skating- not hockey, in the winter Look at Castle Rock, CO for great ideas for park designs Stand up paddling opportunities NO splash park, keep the pool!

Aquatic center with large pool, slides, kiddie area

Pool, water park, water slide, etc

Lap swimming and swimming lessons

Renovated pool or splash pad

Expand the body of water,remove old salt storage area,replace with lake surface

Improved launch(es) for canoe and kayak

A decent pool for all ages

Although I'm a fan of changes in general, I think we fell too far from the goal here. Sometimes it's just nice to have a piece of nature in the middle of our city. Having more industrialized equipments would take away from its charm. I'm against the whole walking path also. There's a community outpouring of the opposing this idea, I just want the peaceful lake that we have now. Not to resist change, but to preserve our charm and to keep the greenery around downtown/walking areas.

A cleaned up environment that does not include homeless people being housed in the park fire station as it makes that area feel unsafe for family outings. The fire station could be an incredible restaurant location for pizza or bbq! It sounds like the homeless shelter is closing which will be very good for the area as it used be one of the best places for families to frequent with it's many parks and walking area to see geese and other MN species.

Less geese

PickleBall

When the North Trail Extension is complete, then I'd use the walking loop much more often (vs have to walk on 14th St).

better water access for boating

Better access to fishing

Less geese. Their droppings are everywhere!

A clean lake

Spray parks are great for little kids in the summer, and this will be an ideal location. The playground is great, but not much shade. Hot in the summer.

Nothing, it is just fine the way it is.

Pool upgrade!

Splash pad

Safer access off Broadway by the dam, less of the trail being on the street

Enforcement of people not feeding the geese

Less crime, better cared for

none

You should dredge more of the lake and it will clean up the water. Also dredge it deeper.

More non splash pad water opportunities

live music venue

Keeping the lake as it is, the water is relaxing

Better pool and waterpark

Less goose poop

A beach would be a fantastic feature but unless you get rid of the geese it will end up like Cascade Lake

Less geese/goose poop, cleaner spaces

Clean up the goose poop to make it more patron friendly

A crosswalk for the north entrance across 14th because it's dangerous with small dogs and children now

Updated pool

Keep the lake!!

Alternate route to the road traffic hazards on 14th St NE and Zumbro River bridge area on N Broadway

Pickleball

Restaurant, food trucks, coffee shop

Areas that are not covered in goose poop.

A better pool

A better/ bigger pool

An updated zero depth entrance pool, that would cater to all my children age 0-10. Currently we prefer Kasson pool over Rochester facilities. A splash pad would be an asset to the area but please DO NOT get rid of the pool.

A more usable pool.

I like seeing the water, it calms me

Food and drinks venues, more artwork

Splash pad

DO NOT let all those "weeds" (yes.....that is what it has turned to since you planted them)grow up around it.....it's an eye sore, embarrassing when I bring people there and you cant even see or get to the lake!!!!

A nice water park like Kasson or Stewartville.

The lake is one of the most enjoyable features of the area. if it was deeper and had better fishing that would encourage me to spend more time there.

A Better pool!!

I would visit more often if there was an aquatic facility like those in Dodge Center, Kasson or Stewartville. My children LOVE those pools and wish we had something like it in Rochester. Unfortunately, we have really old pools. The bathrooms at Silver Lake are so bad that I tell my children to pee in the pool so they don't have to visit the restrooms.

Upgraded swimming pool

Pool and water park being improved

Keeping the pool!

A better swimming pool and splash pad

SPLASH PAD

Better pool and bathroom areas

All of the above

Better pool and a waterpark

Better pool facility

Swimming pool

A better pool

A water park like some of the surrounding communities have (stewartville and Kasson for example).

Keep the pool for swimming.

Better pool

Better water features! Shade structures, slides, shallow area for tots

Pool or water park!

A better pool - water park

Keep the pool! We use it all summer!

A better pool or water park

A water park! Splash pad! Larger pool!

New pool and waterpark

Pool/swimming

Better swimming pool

Pool

Better pool

Splash pad and nice pool

Pool

Better swimming facility

Bigger, better pool

Aquatic swimming center- pool

A water park or toddler friendly pool

Swimming pool, water park/splash pad

A modern aquatic center

Pool

Have the pool have longer hours for lap swimming

Waterpark

Family friendly water play area such as splash pad

Better Swimming pool for little kids

An updated water park and pool

Rowing

improved surface of bike/walking trails--they are pretty dangerous with all the cracks, roots, holes, etc.

Better pool area

Updated pool

Curling Facility

A BETTER POOL

Better (more modern) pool

A better pool AND waterpark!! This city is doing so much worse than smaller surrounding cities. They mayor's attitude telling people to just go to those other cities is shocking!! The city leaders are out of touch with families with children. AND DO NOT DO A SPLASH PAD!! We need a real water park that accommodates ALL ages. Splash pads are only for littlest of kids. If nothing else, for god's sake keep the damn pool. You are ruining this city for families of teens! There is NOTHING for them to do!!!!

Better pool with kids features (toddler slides, zero depth entry, etc) Splash pad

Swimming. I'm finding it hard to find places to both swim and bring the kids swimming.

Rochester, a city of >120,000 people is DESPERATELY in need of community rec center(s), new modern YEAR-ROUND pools, splash pads, water parks, and

playgrounds. As a person who spends a lot of time with family that lives in many other places all around the country, they all have tons of fantastic pools, splash pads, playgrounds, etc that Rochester is severely lacking. Even look at the much smaller towns and communities around us and many have these types of amenities. See Kasson, Spring Grove, Stewartville, Castle Rock CO, Evergreen CO, Highland Village TX for examples of communities with fantastic family amenities.

Updated pool/aquatic center

A better and much bigger pool. Something to accomadate large amount of kids

We enjoy the pool every summer! We are there pretty much everyday. Our children look forward to it every summer! We hope it stays open for a long time!

Better swimming pool or splash pad

dog park

Toddler slides!! Like kasson has!

A water park!!!

Better pool

Splash pad

Bigger better pool

New swimming pool for all ages.

A better pool area/Waterpark/slides

A pool and mitigation of the goose poop

water park

A pool for toddlers or that has toddler safe pool options would be nice to have here considering the size of Rochester, butt instead I have to drive an hour away to do it

Need a couple more trash cans on west side bike path between parking lot and Broadway. They used to be there but not for a couple years. I could pick up more trash along lakeshore if more cans available!!

Awesome pool with lazy River and slides and we need more tennis courts.

Nicer swimming pool for swimming

Better swimming pool, current one is gross.

SPLASH PAD OR WADING POOL—FREE

Water park / zero entry pool for toddlers

Water park or better swimming pool

We need a good pool and water area!!!

Better pool and swimming lessons

Better fishing with less geese.

Pool and waterpark

A better pool

Splash pad, water park, updated pool facility.

Zero entry pool or splash pad

An updated swimming pool

Cleaner, better upkeep

Splash pad or new pool.

Flower gardens, cut grass, a daily caretaker. The natural grasses and native plants look terrible.more lighting

Better pool with slide or stuff for younger kids

Pool with toddler slides and area, splash pad, maybe concessions

Pool

A better pool!

Pool and water park! We need an updated one that can accommodate more small children and has more fun stuff for them do. Smaller surrounding towns have much better ones, and we need a better one.

More pools and water park for children and adults.

Better pool area

Better pool

A cleaner park! The lake water, park equipment covered in goose poop, old, unkept structures makes for a disgusting experience. I attended Arbor Day fest last week chaperoning children. The restrooms were overflowing toilet water, no paper, no soap, broken dryer. Place is bio-hazard and an embarrassment to the home of Mayo Clinic.

A better pool and a water park

Splash pad!

Water park and splash pad

Less geese and geese poop

Cleaner!

Waterpark!!

We NEED a water park. This city is too big to have a grimy old pool for our children to swim in.

An waterpark/pool for kids

Updated buildings and equipment. Less goose droppings.

A full functioning pool open more hours.

Improved pool/water park

Better fishing spots

Water park, splash pad

The pool really needs to be updated. It would be great to have a large pool with nice water slides and other water features for children.

Fewer dead birds!

Waterpark

More kid friendly pool options

A better pool/ water park

New pool and water park, a swimming/water play area for young/small children

Better pool/water park facility

Bigger pool splash pads

Better pool

Need a better pool with water park features.

Food truck(s) weekly or monthly event

A Great pool facility

splash pad

Updated pool with better slides and other features

Art, art, ART!

Silver Lake needs an aquatic center!! Why do all the smaller communities surrounding Rochester have an aquatic center when Rochester is much larger and all we have are 2 very old, badly deteriorating swimming pools. We have lost another pool with the closing of the YMCA. Children need a place to be able to swim during summer and take swimming lessons.

Better pool

Renovate the pool to have a water park and splash pad.

Water park

Better pool

Hammocking spots

INDOOR WATER PARK and POOL

Nice water park

Splash pad

Water park with zero entry or a separate splash pad for younger kids.

A better swimming pool. An aquatic center.

Better pool

I have not heard of any adult exercise equipment at silver lake but that would be nice.

A fenced dog park so dont have a dog park in all downtown area

A better pool

Water park

A pool with amenities

Keep the pool

Improved and updated swimming facilities

Better pool

Better pool with more attractions for all swimmers!

Waterpark

Pool and water park

Mow the weeds so you can see the lake. It's an embarrassment.

Better water facility (pool, splash pad, water park), updated playground

A pool! A well functioning pool and splash pad

A family-friendly pool

Water, pool

Water park or swimming pool. With the Y gone and most school pools closing, NEED options for swim lessons. Plus water park to draw people to Rochester rather than surrounding communities.

Better bathrooms

Swimming Pool or Water Park

Lazy River & water slides & pool & mini golf

A better pool/waterpark

Water park

A much nicer pool/ aquatic center/ water park / splash pas

Nice zero depth entry pool

Pool

POOL/Water park

Pool and water park

Water park

A pool or water park

Renovated pool and splash pad/zero depth entry!!

Better aquatic center.

Areas where no children are.

Pickleball courts

To view the fireworks. I would like to see them back again

Better aquatics facility and cleaner, more upkeep to facilities.

Pickleball courts

pickleball courts, ninja warrior type facility for teens/adults with high monkey bars and climbing things for teens

splash pad

Pool/water park

I like it the way that it is..... except for the fact that the City of Rochester has neglected it for a number of years. The LAKE needs to be dredged. Also, the Fire Works belong at Silver Lake and not at Soldiers Field. Why are you risking a neighborhood fire, when there is a LAKE for Fireworks..... THINK ABOUT IT!!!!

less bird droppings and mosquitos

Making the pool into a water park would be wonderful and it is needed. The communities around Rochester have amazing pools, but Rochester's pools and old and not attractive.

Pickleball courts

Better pool

I think it would be neat to have improve space for food trucks, wknd farmers market, flea markets, etc... Covered seating areas, similar to what they have in John Adams, would be nice too.

geese avoidance 101

Upgrade the pool, it's the same as it was in the 80s

Less geese, and the landscaping that has been soiled /destroyed by geese needs to be cleaned up/replanted

Improvement in the existing trails, e.g. re-paving the trails and making them smoother, cleaning off the goose residue

new pool with both a swimming laps area and a "play" type area

Please expand the pool. Add better swimming facilities...a small water park, perhaps

Kayaking - whitewater features

Dog park

Accessible playground area. One of my kids uses a wheelchair and a gait trainer and can't walk but will crawl. ADA compatible turf or ground (vs wood chips or shredded rubber) would increase her mobility.

Cleaner environment for kids to play.

If you left the geese alone...like seriously. You've already murdered enough of them.

Better benches, doggie stations

A pool that was less crowded (probably needs to be bigger to accomplish that)

Expanding the pool

Pickle ball courts-city is short these

Better pool

Grass and geese!

Pool - needs updating!!!!

Concerts

Better pool

Better pool

Less goose poop

A better updated pool. Surrounding towns should not have better pools than Rochester does. People drive out of town to use the other pools. Visitors expect our City to have better updated amenities as do residents.

New pool and Waterpark

Improvements to the boathouse, indoor space to erg in the winter, and a bathroom.

A nice water park is long over due here!

More Swinging seats (or benches), less goose poop on the walk path

Trash cans

The return of the fireworks,

Pool!!! Hands down! If we had an aquatic park in Rochester, we wouldn't drive to Kasson, Stewartville, Mankato or other places just to have a toddler slide. There isn't a single pool in town with toddler slides. It's unbelievable. We have been here for 12 years and have had toddlers this whole time and have been disappointed by the lack of a full-sized aquatic park with toddlers slides!

A "pump track" for skateboard and bikes

Fishing pier

Splash pad

Better rowing facilities

Rowing

More rowing features

Removal of the Dam to return the Zumbro River to a more natural state.

Continued resources for the Rochester Rowing Club, providing funding for a better boathouse and increased effort to make the rowing club a focus and feature of the silver lake park area.

The removal of the weeds along the lake in the summer. No point in walking around the lake when you can't see it...

Less goose droppings

A splash pad

Splash pad, winter activity options

Dog park

Aquatic center

Better Pool/Water Options

Better pool

ice cream shop or other similar businesses.

On the intersection of 11th Ave and the creek provide an amphitheater so that various groups may sign up in advance during the summer. Pre approved groups could include: music, plays, discussion groups, nature programs, etc. it is a little used section of the park and would provide shade for summer gatherings. Parking would be ample.

Pool and water park + a splash pad

Not shortening the lake

Rowing

Rowing, better storage

To row

If it was kept clean. And if there was less geese.

A bigger lake

It's perfect as is

Rowing

Splash pad!

Better connectivity across Broadway (i.e. without crossing traffic). Reduced goose waste.

Less goose poop

Rowing

Disc golf baskets

bathrooms that are open all year around

Less goose poop

more swimming hours especially for lap swimming, learning: demo gardens, water conservation, low maintenance turf grass, rain garden

water park and huge skate park

Our son is in a wheel chair. Keeping paths up (smooth) is #1 for us. More paths the better & anything that is accessible for wheelchairs would bring us there more frequently.

updated swimming pool

More garbage receptacles along the bike/walking path

I will not come there with all the goose poop. It would be fun to have a place like sea salt eatery like in minnehaha falls. Definitely more pickle ball courts. But the geese need to go.

Less goose poop

Ice skating rink with warming hut

I would love pickleball courts!

Pickle ball courts

Pet friendly items like a play park, dog size water fountains, dog waste containers strategically placed along the paths.

Need to build pickleball courts

Pickle ball courts

Bring the fireworks back for the 4th of July!

We need more pickleball courts. Rochester - you are eons behind much smaller cities regarding available pickleball courts. Why?

Indoor pickle ball

Better usable spaces, some water front leave natural other areas more manicured and landscaped. A dock to walk out on. combination of grassy picnic/ gathering spaces with a nice balance of shaded wooded areas near the stone bridges for quiet space too. Enhance and develop what is already there. Loose chain link fences, and snow dumping areas. Management and maintaining grounds and bathrooms is very important for park users. Maybe the parks department could use the money from the "un-manned" buses downtown and not pay the guy riding in it ALL ALONE. Pay people to keep parks clean and safe and usable.

We are in desperate need of additional pickleball courts, it seems there is a lot of area that would lend itself to this activity. Cook park is so busy and I am a new player so don't feel like I am good enough to play there all the time. Would like to take my friends to courts to teach them how to play

Pickleball courts

Build pickleball courts please. Families adults and people will come a lot more.

Flower gardens

Would like to see, because it's really needed- more nice park trash cans that are wood slats, and a liner with a top! There are very few and people would be able to toss doggie bags and random items along the paths. There are very few trash cans.

Rowing or sculling shell rental

Which of the following is keeping you from using Silver Lake Park more often? (select your top three)

I am too busy	25% (318)
Park is not clean and/or not well-maintained	33% (416)
There are too many geese and they are disruptive	40% (497)
I do not feel safe in the park	14% (181)
Park is too far from my home	14% (178)
There are not enough of the types of planned activities (programs and events) I enjoy	16% (206)
Park does not have the equipment or facilities that I want to use	19% (239)
Lack of parking	5% (63)
Lack of public transportation to get to park	0% (4)
I do not have a car to get to the park	1% (8)
Park is not accessible to people with disabilities	2% (23)
Other	15% (186)

If you selected "other", please answer here:

it's cold out

The park is dirty, not attractive. Old bathrooms. People hanging around up to no good.

Many other parks and trails are closer to my home

Winter

you should clean out the lake of the dead trees. and then in the winter when the ice has frozen let people skate on the ice. there needs to be more grass planted and some better flowers planted around with more benches to sit and enjoy the view of the birds and butterflies, dragonflies and humming birds that come to get nectar from the flowers. Do not remove the Dam people love to be able to look over at the Dam and see the water flowing over the edge and seeing fish swimming. it is very relaxing on hearing the water fall over the edge of the Dam. mabe have places to sit so people can rest by the Dam and enjoy it.

Unsafe crossing Broadway as a pedestrian

Too many people on one path

I work and have a family

Too many fires at night from homeless camps. I feel bad for them, but they do have places to stay like Salvation Army. I would like to camp in our parks too, but I also value our laws and our public spaces.

The lake is unsafe near the dam, the bike trails are unsafe at North Broadway, the lake is an environmental dessert because the dam cuts it off from the life downriver.

Rowing club and the Landing recently limited community access to boat ramp and dock. No other places open for community to launch their kayaks and canoes. The west entrance area is always covered in grease poop and has many geese being territorial and not a sanitary and safe place for children to play. Please move the playground away from the geese.

Better pools in other communities

Nothing permanent - personal issues

crossing broadway to get to the park and having to walk along a busy broadway.

A presence of homeless people who linger in the area near the shelter. There should be something that the visitors of the park are able to enjoy in that building such as a restaurant or community event center and gathering space! In the future, if the city makes changes to the lake that result in the water draining and it looking like a grass field with only a little bit of water, I believe the beauty and purpose of the "lake" will be lost entirely.

Bike path to park crosses Broadway which doesn't feel safe with kids

I use the park almost every day

North Trail Extension is not complete yet - (we don't enjoy walking on 14th St)

better water access

There is a lot of weird activity around the parking lots

The lack of a wide bike trail between Broadway and the north entrance area is a significant biking impediment. Also, the walk on the east side of the Broadway bridge is insufficient in width, especially due to proximity of vehicles and height of drop to the street surface. Also, the need to cross Broadway on the street surface is not fun at all - inconvenient and unsafe. And it is inappropriate to need to use one of the bridges on Broadway in order to cross from the north to south side of the river - on the west side or the east side of the Broadway bridge. It would be a huge improvement to connect the north and south trail systems, to the west side of the Broadway bridge, with a trail bridge. Get the trail away from Broadway and all the traffic !

Feels more and more like homeless campground. I still feel safe, but there is more trash and even excrement.

Not enough clean and safe toilets

Not in my plans for outings

I do not feel children it is a safe environment for children

Waiting for dredging to be done

The water needs to be deeper and cleaner. Dam removal will ruin the park. It will also cost more to maintain than the dam. It will end up being a mess. Keep the dam and dredge the lake deeper to clean up the water.

The bathrooms are not open and the port a potty is often disgustingly dirty!

The weather!

Park's trails have to cross traffic

Lack of picnic tables

Takes about 30 minutes to walk from the civic center area to the park so sometimes we stay closer to home. However the river walk trail does make it very accessible when we do choose to go

Not senior citizen friendly, the forgotten citizens who need green space therapy more than ever.

South Side, crossing 7th isn't fun even with the light. Traffic is too fast. East area playground is too close to shore of the lake and in a low area. So its swampy and covered in goose feces. (geese are fine, the location for the jungle gym sucks) plus the mix of adult equipment with the kids is just obnoxious. The kids end up on it and it's a hassle to deal with when they try to use it and then they get hurt. You try to explain to a 5yr old that they're too little... the footpaths around it are also not convenient to use. Why do I have to go through the pavilion to get to it?

N/a

A crosswalk for the north entrance across 14th because it's dangerous with small dogs and children now

Need a path underneath the bridge. Cars make me feel unsafe when trying to run there across Broadway.

Homeless people sleeping in the park or causing issues for families

Goose poop, trails in bad shape for roller blading

Goose poop is a USDA documented health hazard!

I also like to take walks in other areas around town; My main sport is pickleball and there are no courts

The geese have taken over the park. It can be gross.

Pool is not updated, therefore my time and money goes to other communities outside of Rochester. Please update the pool and KEEP THE POOL.

lack of snow clearing on the sidewalks that are on the park's north side. I realize these are people's homes and not technically part of the park, but it does pose issues when trying to navigate around the park during the winter months.

poor water quality and a lake that is a low quality fishery

Goose poop is disgusting and it is everywhere

you do not need to remove the damn....you need to dredge on a regular basis not once every 25 years...

The pool is old and the bath house is in disrepair.

The homeless shelter and homeless camp sites definitely keep me and my family from using the park.

The swimming facilities are too old and out of date. The baby pool is embarrassing.

Swimming pool is old and not maintained well

Pool and locker rooms need updating

Needs a water park more updated

The pool is crap

If there was a pool like Kasson or Stewie I would be there everyday

The pool is old.

The pool could be better

A town the size of Rochester needs more pools, not a consideration of removing it! It is embarrassing that most people in Rochester go to Stewartville or Kasson to utilize their pools. Rochester should have at least 3 pools, if not one in all four zip codes. Foster Arrends and Cascade are a joke to consider for swimming. They are dirty and not well maintained...especially Cascade that has been closed due to goose poop. I love the trails and some of things done with art throughout Rochester, but better and more pools really needs to be made a priority!

The pool is very outdated and my kids don't enjoy going there as much as other water parks in much smaller, neighboring towns.

There isn't a water park or pool worth going to

We don't use the pool because of how small it is and how full it is packed with people. An updated pool with more features (splash area for young kids & deep end with slides, diving board for older)

The influx of homeless in this particular area makes me feel unsafe to bring all 3 of my children. A few years ago we would all go without any worries, now I feel most comfortable if I only have one child with me to keep a watch on them

Tends to be too busy for a toddler to play

Swimming pool needs more fun amenities or slides

the water is filthy, the paved trails not maintained, homeless camp sites messy

We like having the pool. DO NOT TAKE IT AWAY! But let's be honest, the pool is crappy. But it's better than no pool and a splash pad. Why is the mayor so out of touch with the families in this city??

On my last trip, there was a gentleman asking for gas money. I was uncomfortable with the kids playing in the park as he seemed under the influence of something.

Weather

Not kept up well and needs more water areas for kids

More children pool features or area

Swimming pool is old and unsanitary.

Pool is gross and needs to be updated

LOVE the geese and other waterfowl, especially the migrating ducks. Would feel safer if there were NO homeless camping there!!

Better pool and tennis courts

Need a good lap swimming pool

We rotate our time between the many parks in Rochester!!

The pool is not big enough for the size of our city - not a lot of younger kid options

The pool is not baby/toddler friendly

Pool needs to be updated.

Pool needs an upgrade

Not enough to do

The state of the pool is terrible. And there's not much to do for kids (other than one slide) once you are there.

Nothing usually stops me from going although the pool is our second choice, we prefer soldier field as it has more for the kids

Too much goose poop

Pool is not worth the drive

Pool is awful.

The pool is too cold

The pool isn't geared towards my 1 and 4 yr old. There isn't much for their age groups

Soldier Field pool is closer to my home

Pool too crowded

needs better restrooms

Everything needs to be updated. It is getting old.

Silver Lake needs an aquatic center.

Pool is too small

Not enough equipment for disability children.

there is no INDOOR WATER PARK & POOL

The pool is too rundown and small.

Construction projects

Pool is very basic

Ice cream truck noise is always there and disruptive

Homeless lingering or digging in trash cans; unsafe feeling

Parts of the path around the lake are difficult to walk on. This is especially true in the winter when people don't shovel on the north side of the lake.

We need a bigger pool

Graffiti and smells of drugs and fires from homeless people camping in the woods. I stick to the trails.

I do not like riding my bike along the stretch on 14th street, and it feels unsafe crossing Broadway at the intersection of Broadway and 14th street.

No water park and pool is in desperate need of an update.

Large amount of drug activity near the Landing and on South side of Park.

Swimming Pool has no stairs

Pool is not the quality of surrounding communities. Please remodel into a pool/waterpark

Pool is not nice

Pool is outdated and swimming hours are limited. Renovated and rejuvenation needed.

Last summer the pool wasn't open at all

Pool needs upgrade to aquatic center. Price needs to be lowered from \$5/3 and offer cheap summer pass and lessons (even free ones again)

working

Too many children

Protect the geese. People are more disruptive than wildlife.

Outdated

Distance that I live from the park. That's a problem you cannot address/change.

Please get rid of the geese if at all possible. POOR.

Winter weather

updated bathrooms or more bathrooms

I spend most of my year out of Rochester

Restrictive process for using the pool & difficulty in signing in & not be able to just drop by for a swim.

Pool is outdated

Rochester can maintain the park better... the neglect seems deliberate for ulterior motives. It is a JEWEL of a park... why are you wasting it!!!!

Currently, unless you paddle boat, there really isn't anything to go down there for outside of a walk or other exercise

Honestly I end up using other trails because of how crappy the pedestrian area is around Broadway/the dam. Can't cross Broadway without almost getting hit by turning cars. Sidewalks on Broadway bridge are tiny.

Minnesota weather

My dog rolls in/eats the geese poop constantly.

Please, please, please put some garbage cans back in the park! I get the idea of wanting people to take their trash with them, but they don't, and it's all over the park.

It's never been maintained well, including lack of dredging

Creepy men hanging around near the warming shelter, have had negative interactions a few times now. This shelter shouldn't be right on the trail in the park, this is a safety issue for women

Playground gets very busy

Lack of natural trails and features

Crossing Broadway blocks ready access to the park by bike or walking - acts as a barrier.

Government intervention into the parks creating issues

Park/pool is crowded

Where is the beauty in this park? New playground equipment with nothing else... benches, flower beds, no imagination of what this park could be. It is not a destination park.

Not enough lighting around park in the evenings

Too much poop

The pool is run down and lacks amenities that Waterparks in surrounding towns have

Just lacking in general, not enough to keep the family busy for an extended period.

Lots of other great parks/trails in Rochester. I tend to use a variety instead of just one.

Tent city near old BMX trail

Need some toddler slides in the pool!!

No off leash area for my dog

needs to be better rowing facilities

You guys are going to take rowing away.

The Degraded State of the Lake

Do not support oiling of the eggs

Not as much wild life (Geese) as there used to be, weeds along the lake blocking the beautiful view.

Homeless people use the park as a home

Public restroom are really disgusting

Too many weeds!

groups of people hang out here because none of them can afford their own yard.. so use the park like their own yard. sometimes we just drive by instead of stop to walk around, because of the crowds. i understand bbq areas and such at parks, but it seems that silver lake should be different than the other parks. it isnt an actual "lake" but mostly muck and mud... so not the best spot for a bbq. it is such a unique area that just doesnt get use. i never use the park area. We love the rental boats! any kind of attraction that costs money would be nice. It seems to be a great spot to sell drugs though ;) lol

Why no question on keeping the dam

Not enough natural areas for birding and quiet time

Pool needs a water park

Nothing is keeping me from using the park often. I use it 6 times a week for rowing.

Nothing really I practice there every day mostly

I like the way it is

Nothing

Outdated pool, no splash pad, too much geese poop everywhere makes it feel unclean and unsafe to take small children

Prolonged mn Winter

The connection across Broadway is an obstacle.

too much goose poop by playground (I do like the geese though)

A lot of goose poop to avoid in certain areas - I like the geese but the city needs to clean up their poop by the play equipment

Construction on nearby roads- Broadway, Elton hills

I live closer to other parks. I like SLP and enjoy the time I spend there.

I like the geese but there is too much goose poop to navigate and the vegetation along the river is unattractive

You can't walk around Silver Lake without going through the neighborhood and across the Broadway Bridge. That is an awkward connection and it is not safe for my young children to navigate (I am also uncomfortable with the idea of riding my bike on the narrow sidewalk on the bridge next to traffic zooming past).

I find it hard to go there right after the killing of goose eggs. So few babies to enjoy. I also get tired of the litter from humans and the old and uncovered garbage cans are useless.

Nothing keeps from the park.

Park doesn't have any pickleball courts or many recreational sporting options as other nearby towns that are much smaller. We have enough trails and greenery. Please add more sporting recreation.

The killing of unborn baby geese is very disturbing. I don't want to be there when a mother goose's eggs are damaged.

goose poop

Bike trail from Backridge aea

bathrooms need updating

Lack of a modern pool with amenities for kids.

Goose poop

Need trash bins

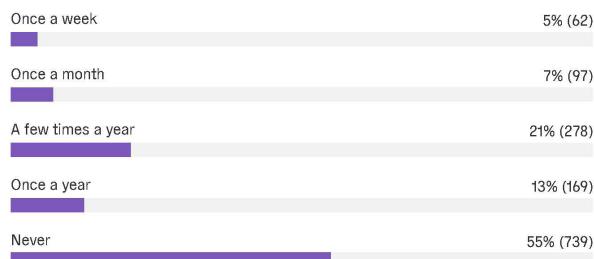
You have let this park decay causing neighbors to clean out brush and keep the park trimmed. Sometimes you get rude with people who are trying to keep this park clean. I saw one woman picking up trash with a garbage bag and another man mowing around the Fire fighter memorial for O'Brien and Riley. I am ashamed .

Homeless population has been increasing near playgrounds, appears to be people using/ selling drugs in the parking lots

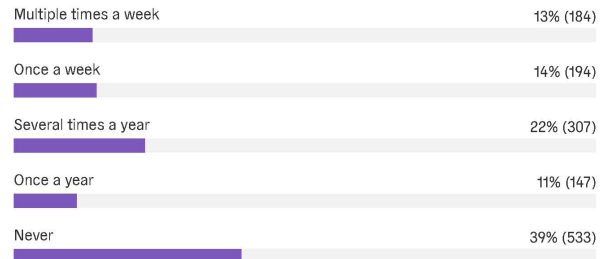
There needs to be special care to the native plant growth and more designated picnic tables under the trees.

Starting in 2019-20 My family has noticed increased vandalism. Playground toys that are metal have been taken or cut out of their framework. There are about half of what there were a year ago. Disappointing that nothing has been done even though we had mentioned this a year or more ago. The area is slated for development, so developers and realtors have placed thugs and the usual "bad actors" into the local neighborhood. The shiftless group of unemployable vandalizing, drug-running criminals do nothing but cause every kind of problem - especially vandalism of private and public property in order to drive people out. Those of us who are local to the park are not safe, and increasingly, we feel unsafe in the park.

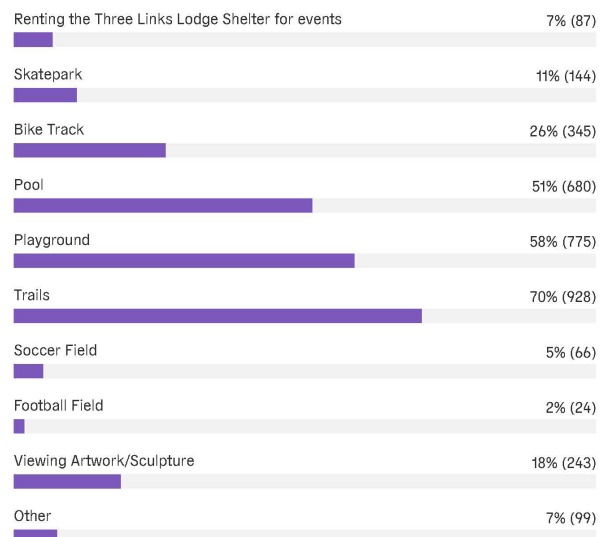
How often do you visit Three Links Lodge shelter?



The pool is planned to be replaced with a splash park. How often do you envision using the splash park facility during the warmer season?



Please select all of the amenities in this area of the park that you use



If you selected "other", please answer here:

Q 17 asks for "all" and the answer will only accept one.

- Viewing Artwork/Sculpture, walking trails, picnicking (couldn't select more than one)
- Park in my car
- both trails and playground but survey only allows one selection (despite saying "select all that apply")
- none.
- Leave Silver Lake and Silver Lake pool and Silver Lake park alone. All you idiots need to do down there is cut down the weeds and clean it up! It is our choice and it's our tax money! Stop making decisions about this **** without putting this ALL UP FOR A REFERENDUM VOTE for the voters to decide!! Spend and tax is all you liberal idiots know. STOP IT!! I hate Rochester, I really do and it's because of you liberal *****.
- I was unable to select more than one answer on the question above. I most frequently use the trails and the playgrounds
- Playground, trails. Question only allows a single answer.
- i use the pool and the playground along with the shelter for sitting and eating and relaxing
- Lake as is
- I come here for the water. It's calming and immersive to spend time here. And the walking trail makes for a perfect combo of exercise and meditation. It's the only area on the northeast side of town that offers a lake experience. And I love that the lake offers a nature reserve/retreat for both migrating birds and the geese.
- That artwork is trash. They smoked too much oregano and dumped a couple bags of cement. Replace it with a tree. God makes much better art.
- Please have food trucks!
- It won't let me make multiple selections. Trails Playground Bike Track
- This survey question didn't allow me to select multiple options pool and playground
- Need a lap swimming pool badly!!!
- Never
- This question is only allowing 1 answer. I may use the shelter, playground, trails, pool, green space, and pond for paddling/floating in a boat.
- This question only allows one response, not multiple. Pool Playground Trails
- Nature viewing, looking for solitude in the middle of the city
- none
- Fireworks
- Keep the pool and ADD a splash park
- Enjoying the Lake! Please keep/improve the lake!
- Keeping the pool is ABSOLUTELY necessary!!! Children need and deserve the opportunity to learn to swim and be safe in the water as well as have access to the freedom and health benefits of swimming. A splash park offers none of that!
- public water access
- Fishing
- Skate park picnic areas
- Fishing
- Boat house

- Pier
- Places off from traffic to just sit.
- Rowing
- Sitting and enjoying the water
- I love coming in the spring to look for the goslings and ducklings. I also love to watch them growing up during the summer.
- We need a pool and a splash pad.
- Do not replace the pool with a splash pad! We would rarely use Silver Lake park if that occurred and would continue spending our money in Kasson.
- Please maintain lap swim pool and deep areas for older kids/adults to swim, dive under and tread water as they play. Aero entry splash pool should be separated from main pool. As kids grow older splash pads become boring to them...they need a pool with depth so that they can swim, which provides much needed exercise and fun.
- We need a pool that fits the size of our city. Swimming is a life skill that is needed to protect our children and ourselves
- n/a
- Fishing and bird watching the around the lake.
- I use the pool, but only when I don't have the time to take my children to Kasson. Then I wish I had done just that!
- Grassy area by huge tree on 7th street for juggling practice
- Walking path
- Needs more than a splash pad, water park would be more useful and enjoyed by so many more. Our community leaves town to find water parks.
- Water park - compete with surrounding communities. It is nuts that Rochester doesn't have something better
- We need to keep the pool so kids can be taught swim lessons. I would love features like Kasson pool.
- We need a much better family pool with zero entry, water features, and slides/diving boards/climbing walls.
- NO splash pad!! Our kids in the community need a place to learn to SWIM safely, especially in such a big city. How do all of these SMALL neighboring cities have WAY nicer water parks?! How embarrassing for this big, family-oriented city. We don't want a splash pad, we NEED A POOL/WATER PARK.
- Pool
- Rowing
- DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE POOL and replace with a splash pad. Where are the teenagers supposed to go? Where are the kids learning to swim supposed to go?? Where are the people with disabilities supposed to go?? DUMBEST IDEA EVER IN THIS CITY AS FAR AS RECREATIONAL CHOICES! Why are you so out of touch?? Tons more people would use a pool than bike lanes. You people are dooming yourself in the next election cycle.
- Would use pool if it wasn't in poor shape
- You need a waterpark not a splash pad. Smaller towns have more options.
- Visiting the geese
- Paddle boat renting
- Workout
- Paddleboats
- Don't get rid of the pool. How are kids to learn how to swim using a splash pad? A splash pad is a nice add on, but as a stand-alone amenity is not very practical.
- We NEED a POOL

Please put in a new pool. A splash pad AND a pool would be great. The city needs pools for the local children to go to, not everyone can afford to go to private clubs to swim and it is important to have a public access option for childrens.

Waterpark would be used by more ages of kids. Splash pad will be exciting at first and then not be used as often

Please keep and enlarge the pool! So important that children have the opportunity to learn to swim!

To see the geese

Really need a full Pool with water park, NOT just a splash pad.

Walking my Dogs

Who made the decision to build a splash pad??? The citizens of Rochester should be able to decide what will be put in Silver Lake. Silver Lake needs an aquatic center not splash pad. Take the splash pad off the plans and build an aquatic center!!

Walking the trail.

If you do a splash pad please consider people who have a disability. They like water 2.

Water park pool

Bathrooms

Splash park

Birding and nature

Paddle boat

Silver Lake Boat & Bike rentals

Bike training area next to skate park

Picnic tables

Swimming lessons

Pool is primary!

Please keep Silver Lake pool

splashpad and using picnic tables

Better bike access around the lake - difficult to bike on north and west sides near dam.

Changing the pool from its already very enjoyable status to a splash park where we cannot swim laps or just swim from one end to the other is such a waste of money & utilizing what we already have. The early closing hour's & difficulty in signing up to go swi, weighed heavily on participation and before that the prices were too high.

Rochester can afford keeping a swimming area but Rochester will spend huge amounts & then close it down because not enough people will attend and it will be too expensive to go every day. Intercity people use to have a plethora of activities with ice rinks to walk to and then the city moved them all away from city center except for Soldiers field luckily. But taking care of the ice was not sone enough to make skating easy. I have been utilizing the rinks and pools and parks and creeks of Rochester for over 50 years and would really hope the planning committee or the powers that be, would remember that having something cheap, accessible helps greatly in people attending as well as location, because a lot of us don't have cars or time with the kids to figure it out yer still need the kids to play more outdoors. Thank you if you got this far.

I have seen artwork notes a couple of times - what artwork is this? I have never seen any artwork.

dog walking trails, dog play areas

To see the wildlife-geese and ducks!!!! Don't destroy them!!!

Sometimes I really love to find a spot, far from others, and just sit and watch the waves or the ducks, and peacefully enjoy it.

Never; there is so much which could be done on the west side of this area. One old picnic table and one glider bench... that's it the last time I walked by.

Bigger pool area . More to do for all ages of kids in area.

Feed geese

Fishing

The boathouse and lake for rowing

We would visit at least every 2 weeks if there were toddler slides in the pool! Please do not replace with a splash pad only. We need a pool with toddler-appropriate slides in Rochester!

Silver creek. Please place large boulders near/ in the creek so families can connect with nature and play on rocks.

We need pool for older kids. Small cities around Rochester have much better pools..

River for frontage for fishing

I enjoy swimming at the Silver Lake pool. My children wouldn't use a splash pad because both swim in Orcas and they are going to be in Middle School.

Rowing

the lake for rowing

The lake

The boat house, and rowing equipment

picnic areas

Paddle boats

Do not get rid of the pool

areas with native plants and birds (besides Canada Geese and Mallards)

The lake to row on

boat rentals.

N/a

I use the lake for rowing

Rowing

The actual lake

Team bonding with the rowing team

Rochester Rowing Club

Rowing

Silver lake

Boathouse

nature

rowing

Open field used for frisbee

watch the ducks, geese and birds

Add a spray sprinkle park like the one in la crosse Riverside

Public restrooms that are open

Restrooms while walking around and also at the playground.

Checking out the geese

Only to walk around the lake 1-2 times a year but would do it more if goose poop gone.

Park benches and bridges

What other amenities could be added to this portion of the park to enhance/improve amenities or encourage you to use this area of the park more?

Opportunities to relax and have solitude	27% (343)
Opportunities to be immersed in nature	38% (479)
Opportunities to gather with friends and family	35% (442)
Opportunities to enjoy public art	23% (294)
More walking paths	33% (418)
Touchpoint to the water or more waterfront activation	45% (569)
More playgrounds	28% (358)
More sports fields	4% (46)
Expanded outdoor fitness	13% (170)
Expanded lawn game area (bocce, etc.)	22% (276)
More play opportunities	24% (309)
More sheltered gathering spaces	14% (181)
Other:	21% (262)

If you selected "other", please answer here:

- Increased shade
- Clean up the goose poop and the mess down there. Cut down the weeds and leave the rest ALONE!!
- Disc golf course
- Cleaner facilities. The picnic shelter and bathrooms are not very clean.
- i really use the pool a lot when i go i am there when they open and until they close. i like being in the water when it is a nice hot day outside. We do not have enough places to exercise for older people. for me to be able to go swimming i have to wait until summer. Cause there is no place that is open to swim. I am not able to walk around like i used to so i need to be able to swim. you take that away and us older people are out of more stuff. we can not do splash pads we could slip and fall. pools can be used for all ages.
- More opportunities to feed the geese

A dedicated bike/skate path around the park separate from pedestrians. When biking it can be cumbersome to navigate, especially during commuting to and from downtown.

Why don't you incorporate a splash park with a pool. I would rather have some type of aquatic center for my family to enjoy.

Less poop

Pool improvements

Updated pool and water park. not just a splash pad

More aquatic activities that are reasonably priced for all community members.

Lap pool!!

More water features! A pool that is a water Park!! Plus splash pads with the pool!

This question is only accepting 1 answer. I would like all of the above. Please, please allow grassy space.

This question only allows one response, not multiple. More walking paths and nature please

A community pool. I can't believe you're still looking to get rid of it. A community of this size needs a pool on the size of Kasson. Kids need a place to learn to swim. With the Y closure there are not enough options for kids in our community to learn to swim!

Decent pool!!!

I'm confused by what you mean "this area of the park" What area? I think you mean south area but not 100% sure

Keep the pool so that there is a physical space for kids to learn how to swim. Replacing with a splash pad is unhelpful and won't receive much use compared to a pool with updated locker rooms.

Unique features to attract events.

amphitheater or the like for outdoor concerts

Maintaining a second pool is crucial. A splash pad is not educational. At best, it's a place where a city expects poor people to cool off in the summer.

Landscaping and flower gardens

CLEAN WATER and clean lake bottom

Stage area place to hook up speakers for concert

I like the idea of a LARGE splash pad so there is a lot of room for all. And expanding the Soldiers Field pool to a large aquatic center. One nice large pool please

More clean modern toilets.

Ice rink in the winter. Roller hockey rink in summer

Better rowing facilities and venue

complete loop around lake

You should dredge more of the lake and stock with fish. Keep the dam.

Live music venue

Pool and water park

If the pool could include a deeper section as well as the splash pad that would be ideal for families of different ages. Young children could really benefit from the use of the splash pad but I could see that older children would not necessarily appreciate it in comparison to having a deeper portion and the water slide

Ice rink in the winter. Roller hockey rink in summer

Better pool

the cost to rent the shelters is prohibitive.

Better maintain skate park/toddler tricycle zone

Redoing the pool instead of a splash pad

I would love to have (the possibility of) an enclosed gathering space to utilize for longer time throughout the year.

Would rather have a pool than a splash pad. Neighboring towns have much better amenities than Rochester does

I would like a pool to bring my grandkids to when they visit. Splash pads are primarily for young children.

Be sure to keep the dam so there is a lake there.

I would use many of the amenities listed above except that unless the geese are controlled, I don't think any amenity would be clean enough to use. The thought of having a picnic in the grass on a blanket is a dream I do not dare to dream after living here for 40 years.

A better pool- no splash pad

Updated pool with zero depth entry to cater to infants, toddlers, children, teenagers, and adults.

Better pool. I drove to Kasson and dodge center because their pools are nicer

a pool would be better used than a splash park. the pool provides opportunities to learn a life long skill (swimming). a splash pool could be incorporated into the area, but do not get rid of the pool. i would actually increase the size of it and make it better amenable to swim meets and other party type activities.

Pool

native plantings, prairie and forest

Keep and/or expand the pool! A SPLASH PAD IS NOT A POOL!!!

Repairing the existing play equipment or replacing broken and dangerous parts of the park.

simple improve what is there....it used to be beautiful but lack of maintenance etc it does not need to be "re-done"

A modern water park

Equipment rentals for sports - bocce, cornhole, ladderball, etc...hammocking (and designated hammock area), volleyball (add sand court)....low cost entertainment & family/ friend interaction

Making the lake deeper and water quality better

Better bigger Pool!!

I have nothing against "splash pads", but my kids cannot learn to swim in a splash pad. It seems like a cop-out, or a way to provide water without a pool. I can have my kids run through the sprinkler at my home too, but they don't learn how to avoid drowning and they get bored after about 30 minutes. Why is the city so opposed to building a nice pool and water park like every other city has?

Water park to keep people in town

Graffiti or public art wall

Better pool.and pool activities

Better pool

Keep the pool

All of them would be welcomed

Better pool and a waterpark

A waterpark

Invest in the pool for swimming.

Access to current pool facility

We need nicer pools! Spend money to make our pools like our surrounding communities

If the pool is eliminated there are very few options for low income residents to actually practice swimming, especially because the Y closed.

Waterpark

Control the geese and make the swimable.

A pool/water park.

Pool. Splash pads are only utilized by young children. They are not used or appreciated by kids older than 6 yrs.

A skate/scooter area for the little ones 10 and under

Water park!!

Making it more welcoming. It's appeal to go in, like the pool, just isn't there. Paint, flowers, something to make it more cheerful for kids to feel like it's a happy and safe place to go into.

Please please keep and update the pool. Our community needs this!!!

Pool with kids friendly slides

Splash pad

Pool

Better pool

More garbage cans!

Better pool

A pool NOT a splash pad. This city NEEDS more public pools. People shouldn't have to drive to nearby cities for a water park/pool experience.

Improve the pool

Pool and aquatic center

A water park in addition to the splash pad

Swimming pool

Modern aquatic pool

Pool

Should also have a poo

Keep the swimming pool! I use this for exercise as lap swim and to play and gather with family and friends

Pool

It would be nice to have a splash park and a pool where my kids could learn to swim

Pool and water park

We need a pool and splash area at silver lake

Curling

More trash cans

A BETTER POOL

More inclusive/modern pool

A Pool. DO NOT GET RID OF THE POOL, for god's sake!! If anything, put in a better pool but do NOT get rid of this one.

Expanded pool season and hours. There are so few places to bring kids swimming or to lap swim as an adult. I relocated to Rochester 5 years ago and I am surprised by the lack of swimming opportunities for a town of this size. I was under the impression there were more when I relocated but I discovered very limited hours and very limited public access to pools.

Modern pool with family friendly water features, along with the planned (hopefully large with lots of features) splash pad.

Waterpark

I would prefer that we keep the pool instead of a splash pad

Please keep the pool open! We love it there! We've been coming to Silver Lake Pool for many years! It's very special to us!

A way better pool. Bigger, more amenities, large kids area. Surrounding communities have way way way better pools and are much smaller than Rochester.

Outdoor roller rink for roller hockey and roller skating

dog park

Pool

A more modern swimming pool like nearby towns have, with features for younger and older children, including slides.

Pool

Bigger better pool! Not just a splash pad. Kids need to learn to swim somewhere in the third largest city in the state.

A nicer pool with slides and zero depth for the toddlers

Improved pool facilities. We would be there all the time!

A better pool and tennis and pickle ball courts

We need a playground like Elm Creek Playground in the cities.

Swimming pool

Pool for all!!

A full pool with zero entry and water feature amenities is needed in Rochester. A splash pad would be a fun element, but cannot be the sole water source. Yes, to a splash pad — but please prioritize a full pool for our young and adult swimmers, including zero entry for toddlers.

Splash pad and pool area good for my kids ages 4-11

Add a real pool

Pool!!! Splash pad!!!

Expanded pool- not just splash pad!

Pool and waterpark

Expanded pool and splash park

a nice pool like Kasson or Stewartville

New pool

Very confusing. Which area are you asking about? You've combined two areas.

Pool for families with toddler area and kids area

A pool

We need a pool like the kasson pool! So many Rochester residents are taking their business to other small surrounding towns because they have way better pools than what we have in Rochester. It's actually pretty sad!

Waterpark

Pool

Children need access to public pools.

We want to swim

Pump track

Waterpark with option for laps

A fully functioning pool with lane swimming and swimming lessons.

Waterpark with improved pool. We have a large population, we will need a second pool.

The pool needs to be update and enlarged. The city's children, and the city's adults, need a pool to go to. I am discouraged by the lack of swimming opportunities in

Rochester.

We need a nice pool!

Waterpark would be used by more ages of kids. Splash pad will be exciting at first and then not be used as often

Fenced dog park; nicer pool

Please keep and enlarge the pool!

Better pool

I like the idea of a splash pad but removing the pool or not remodeling it would be stupid. Older children use and look forward to a summer of swimming and taking it away and only adding a splash pad is a slap in the face of every kid trying to have a great summer. The splash pad would be over crowded and full of toddlers that are learning or starting to walk. I do think we need one as a addition to a updated pool.

Larger pool with more options

Full pool with water park

Upgraded pool

Dog area, off leash dog area

Better pool

Keep the pool. Renovate it and incorporate a smaller splash pad with the pool if people/kids don't want to swim.

Rochester needs a pool along with the splash pad!!

Make the splash pad a pool with splash area

Build an aquatic center.

Better pool

Update the pool!

Bocce courts

A better pool

Need more cultural events in the park.

INDOOR WATER PARK and POOLS

Pool - not a splash pad

Dog park

I didn't even know there was a pool over there, I think Rochester deserves a beautiful city water park. If I had children I would take them to a splash pad but a bigger pool or water park, while it's a bigger cost, would serve the community much better. From tots to teens!

Waterpark

A water park for all ages!

Toddler and small child friendly pool, large splash pads throughout the city are needed. Considering our tax base, our pools are a joke in this town.

Better pool

Improved and updated pool facilities

Bigger pool with diving boards

A full aquatic center/pool, not just a splash pad

Pool with slide and toddler water features.

Waterpark

Renewed pool

A splash pad would only be useful for people with small children. The pool that is currently there is welcome to all age groups. I will not be going, if the pool is replaces with something like that.

Bathrooms stalls with doors!

Frisbee golf

I certain we need a pool as well.

Water amenities

We really need a water park. Not just splash pad but also a pool

An upgraded pool that better suits the needs of the entire Rochester community

Water park or swimming pool. With the Y gone and most school pools closing, NEED options for swim lessons. Plus water park to draw people to Rochester rather than surrounding communities. A splash pad is NOT a pool. There are other splash pads in town. Pools are needed to teach swim lessons!!!! Splash pad can be built in other areas of the park to have water activities in addition to a water park/better pool. s We would come to the park MUCH more if there was a water park/better pool. Other parks in town (closer to house) have splash pad features. Build splash pads in neighborhood parks to make them more appealing, but have a water park at Silver Lake (or Soldier's Field) to be a destination. A splash pad will NOT make people drive to Rochester. Instead people leave Rochester for surrounding towns.

Zero entry swimming pool

Waterpark / lazy River and water slides

Please go beyond a splash park and build a waterpark

New pool

Swimming pool

Pool/water park

Pool and water park

Waterpark

A pool or water park

Splash pad

Maintain and renovate pool and splash pad, including the locker room facilities.

Pool

Nice aquatic center. Instead of spending 4+ million to remove the dam and make an artificial rapids area, spend it on a nice aquatic center would be family friendly. We don't need two splash pads in town!! I'm sick of going out of town to go to a nice aquatic center.

Fewer children

Pickleball courts

Please do not replace the pool with a splash pad.

Would love a new pool facility in Rochester to compete with Kasson and Stewartville. You lose swimming and swim lessons to both.

Pool

Keep the pool and improve it

Pickleball courts

pickleball courts and ninja warrior type play area for teens and adults

Please keep a pool!

Please keep and improve Silver Lake pool

natural playscape area, play areas and picnic areas with shade, free splashpad, outdoor stage area to host summer performances (could also be used as an informal play area where kids can use their imaginations to create plays).

Don't get rid of the pool.

Pickleball Courts

Please do not remove the pool! It's such an asset to my family and others. Upgrade it. Have a splash pad and a pool.

A better pool and not just a splash pad, that won't attract adults or teenagers.

Not having good droppings throughout the walking paths.

Pickleball courts, 6 to 10 courts

Better area to swim and teach my kids how to swim!

a nice, larger hard surface area for local art vendors, flea markets, food trucks, etc..

dog park, dog play area, dog walking trails

a real pool with swimming area

pickle ball court

Larger pool

Bocce courts and league ,pickle ball courts

West side along the river could be attractive with benches, flowers art, Maximize the view of the river

Make update to pool / waterslide & small splash pad / climbing net wall = increase people wanting to cone- use pool

Coin operated duck food machines

An actual updated pool NOT a splash pad. Local kids need a pool to learn to swim.

New pool and waterpark, older kids cannot swim at a splash pad and most surrounding smaller towns have water parks—we shouldn't have to drive outside of a town this big to find a water park

Improvements to the boathouse could make rowing a year round activity for the community on Silver Lake. We need an indoor space to erg and a bathroom.

A nice water park (not a splash pad), things that appeal to a variety of ages and abilities. Also bringing the fire works back!

Beach

Trash cans.

Food truck area? Or hot dog stand, etc.

Toddler slides; completely serious, as I have 2 toddlers and have had 1 toddlers in my 12 years in Rochester

A true family friendly pool like Kasson.

A fence around the large park. It is hard to watch multiple kids. When bringing my kids to the park I am concerned they will go to the river or the road. Having a fence around the young kid area and a separate fence around the main park would help with this.

During the summer, we go to the play ground and pool 5 days a week. During the Covid crisis , we have been walking the park to see family and extended family and had Christmas by the shelter. Because of work schedules and kids activities we do not have a lot of time to hang out except for walking on the trail

Keeping rowing.

more benches along trails, and more benches in the shade

Need more grass vs native weeds. Can't see the lake

Don't get rid of pool

Dog park

Aquatic center. No one wants the splash pads in place of the pools. We want splash pads, but in addition to pools. Stop taking away the few great things for kids and replacing it with art and bike paths.

A swimming pool

Clean up the water would love to put my feet in.

Water park + pool

Not as much goose poop so we can row not is goose poop

There NEEDS to be a pool AND splashpad as with 100000 lakes, kids need somewhere to learn to swim other than the cold rec center and we can't afford private pool lessons or RAC! If they could have access to both a pool and water park, that would be best!! How about a regular pool, splash pad and small area of shallow water for little kids? The only reason we visit beaches is for the shallow water for little kids!

I absolutely love the park and living on the Silver lake beach. Nothing needs to be changed!! I would prefer that nothing is changed so that the wildlife stay. And I think opportunities to relax and have a solitude in are already present. Please don't take out the stone bridges. They're beautiful, and I think it would be a waste of money to build onto silver lake. If it ain't broke, don't fix it! Sarah, add programming but don't add to the park it's already lovely! And let the wildlife stay around . Don't get rid of the damn as you all say you want to do.

Disc golf baskets

We need pickle ball courts. If you has those, we would be in the park several times a week. More courts are desperately needed in Rochester, as this is an exploding sport.

Well since you're getting rid of the pool -- how about a pool? (or just don't get rid of it)

Keep the pool. Improve the pool. DONT replace it with a splash pad.

Add a spray sprinkle park like the one in la crosse Riverside

Public restrooms that are open

Better skatepark amenities like cement features in the skatepark and a better layout.

Performances; poetry readings, small concerts, theatre or classes of some sort

large water park and skate park

Dog park. Events where food trucks come in. Workout stations placed along the trails. And I won't use the splash pad but that is desperately needed and should be absolutely free. Programming for parents and kids during the day in the summer, with field day activities, crafts, music activities ... stuff parents can observe and help with run by staff. And free. Reading and literacy activities in partnership with the library. A dog park. And for what it's worth, I have lived less than a mile from this park for 25 years and I LIKE the geese. And I hate the "natural landscaping."

landscaped garden areas with pathways through them.

Pickleball courts

improved swimming pool

Please add more recreational sporting options like pickleball courts and/or a multi sport area

An updated pool and splash pad

Pickleball

Pickle ball

Addition of pickleball courts

Pickle ball

Pickleball courts

Pickleball courts

Some pickle ball courts

Better pool and amenities

Pickle ball courts

Fireworks on the 4th of July

There is more than enough room for 8 pickleball courts. Cmon!

Pickleball court

Pickle ball courts

Pickleball

I feel like there needs to be more trash cans around the trails. There have been several times when I had trash that I needed to get rid of and didn't find a trash can quickly. It became a distraction because I was looking for a trash can instead of enjoying the scenery.

Pickleball courts

pickleball courts

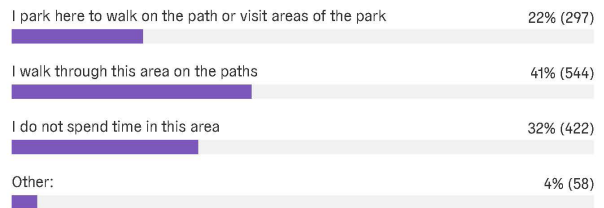
Pickleball courts.

This is a comment regarding the replacement of the swimming pool with a splash area. This is a terrible and detrimental idea which will cease my visits to Silver Lake entirely. Summertime in Rochester means swimming at Silver Lake. There are two of us adults in our household- no children. We swim laps at Silver Lake pool nearly every day it is open. A splash pad is useless to anyone without children. This is a city of grown ups too. We need healthy outdoor activities and a REAL swimming pool can accommodate this need for both adults and children. A splash pad cannot support this need. This city is too big to only have one outdoor pool. Soldier's Field pool is a disaster. It is overcrowded as it is and will graduate from being undesirable to miserable if Silver Lake pool is gone. Believe it or not, some people choose their residential location based upon their leisurely activities. Ours is swimming. If the pool at Silver Lake closes and is replaced with a silly, nonsensical display of overpriced sprinklers so that the entitled parents of Rochester toddlers can be relieved of their supervisory duties, we will most certainly find a new hometown that places value in the older population and their desired amenities.

pickle ball courts - fastest growing sport in the US

Ice skating

How do you primarily use this portion of Silver Lake Park?



If you selected "other", please answer here:

riding bike to get to the other bike trails

Ride through on bike

Bike on paths

When going through cancer treatments I would drive here to look out on the lake.

Viewing the city lights at night

Run

Drive through it stop and look at the vantage point

Binocular,bird watching

I bike through that area regularly.

The north mini parking lot (~6 spaces?) is a great place to eat take out food in a hurry, while looking over the water.

It part of a nice drive around the park.

A wider and better trail connection to Broadway. The residential sidewalk is pitiful and really detracts from the experience.

Picnic in shelter, use playground, or eat lunch in car and look at nature.

bike through this area

attend events in the shelter

Biking around that area

Biking

Sometimes we park here, but most of the time we just walk through. Occasionally when the water following migrating will stop at the high point here to look out at the water. There isn't really a nice place to stop and rest here other than one tiny little bench

I bike through this area

I ride my bike through

bike through here

bike through to access park and as a work around Broadway corridor

I use the road on my bike to get to the pool

I sometimes park here with friends to drink coffee and enjoy the view on cold weather days

Need a cross walk from 14th street across the road to the entrance it can be dangerous crossing there at times

Pool

I bring the kids through here to identify the trees.

We like to sit/rest in this area with the fireman's memorial

Visiting geese

I ride my bike through here to the bike path from the road (14th st.) with my kids.

This is my main walking entrance to get on the trail around the lake

A tree there is planted in remembrance of my daughter-in-law.

Park here to walk the paths, also just to park and picnic here (in car - especially during winter).

Bike

Visit the firefighters memorial

I enter here to drive to the East area of the park

Bike, to get around the lake.

Primarily I walk through this area, having parked to the east of here by the playground. However, that's because this parking area is always too full for our group of ~4 families to all park here to walk from (geocaching). I'd really rather not park by the pooppy geese playground because then my children want to play there.

Park my car and read, pray, think

Drive around the lake

Enjoy the view of the lake from my car when is too cold outside

I drive through it

Bike through

I bike through this area and stop to enjoy the view.

Keep rowing.

Driving scenery route

I bike through this area.

I row on the lake nearby

the bike path ending and turning into a residential sidewalk is kinda dumb. idk that you even allowed to park anywhere in the marked area lol.

A quiet scenic place to relax/have lunch.

The parking area offers a good view of the lake to scan with binoculars for water birds. It is also the only access to the lake on that end to set up a scope for viewing birds or photography.

Rowing

Run past.

I do some runs through that part

Running

Rowing (daily)

Park, eat lunch and enjoy nature

Biking

I park there to go biking.

We bike through on our way to the playground

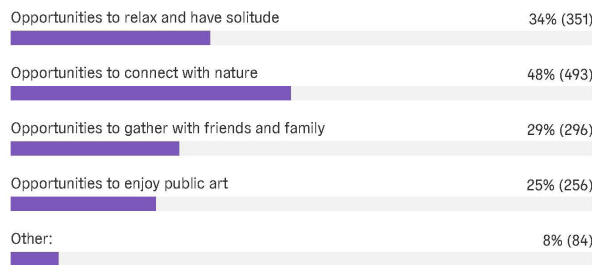
Fishing

Bike through this area on the paths

It has the closest parking to a wonderful swing with a great view of the city.

bike thru

What would you like to see more of in this area of the park? (select top 2)



If you selected "other", please answer here:

Relax & public art

More connection with other trails

More parking

NO PUBLIC ART! Rochester artists are not very good. Spend the money on landscaping. Maybe add a swing or a path along the waterfront.

Make it unique! Clean! Lake more accessible for boating and swimming! Place to be proud of!

Binocular bird watching

Not looking for more here

soccer near picnic areas for a friendly game while families gather (I'm not referring to the big open fields for leagues and competitions)

not sure

A better pool!!!!

Fishing access

less homeless people , makes me feel unsafe

I noticed people take lunch here. More seating could be nice.

Staying away from the noise and hustle\bustle of 14th St.

Trash receptacles

Connect the path around the lake

As a way to the pool

Improved plantings, lighting and landscaping to delineate an entrance

Ability to see the lake and geese/ducks swimming. Fewer weed/natural plants.

More seating areas along path

A cross walk over 14th

I honestly forget about this space of the park, but I love the idea of this area becoming a public art space.

Splash pad

i don't think this area needs improvement.

This area should be developed to take in the view. When at the top of this hill the view is nice but I feel disconnected to the lake...maybe develop a path or structure that brings people closer to the shoreline.

More water viewing opportunities

simply clean it up

A more direct route to the pool.

Fishing opportunities

Can you build an aquatic facility here?

Access to pool

Inclusive playgrounds for disabled children

Walking path other than fancy bridge

New pool/water park.

Water park

More parking

Garbage cans!

A nicer pool area

Pool!!!!

Pool

Get rid of the damn geese and ducks. IT's just too damn gross.

More trees to identify. It is the closest thing to an arboretum I have found around here.

Pool!!

The pool!

Water features for kids

Like it the way it is.

None

A better way to cross the street to get to/from the surrounding neighborhoods

Water park

Large, new renovated pool!

Opportunities for dogs to play off leash, less geese

Make it more usable. There is barely any parking and nothing to really do there.

More planned events for the public.

INDOOR WATER PARK and POOLS

This seems like just a passing through point in a residential area

Bike trail that goes all the way around the lake without going on the road or sidewalk.

Water park or swimming pool. With the Y gone and most school pools closing, NEED options for swim lessons. Plus water park to draw people to Rochester rather than surrounding communities.

More places for kids

Pool

A few picnic tables (3-4?).

A better trail around the houses

Better bike access to the western side of the park.

Extend the bike trail to avoid 14th street. But keep the bridge!

Same response as before

Needs to be more interesting activities. Rochester is terrible at thinking outside the box.

Proper parking so we can enter the park and use the facilities.

A quiet area.

Over look seating to enjoy the view of the whole lake

Do not use

Trash cans

Parking

Rowing.

more parking

More grassy areas

More trees

Splash pad

parking?

The current parking area is small, but I have seldom had a problem parking there. I could see it expanded to allow more access.

Rowing

I would want cleaner water

Nothing

Adult fitness stop

Public restrooms that are open

Block this road off - make it a true park and have an ice rink there. No need to have people driving through that area at higher speeds etc.

This is a great spot to have solitude but if it also had features that played up the view for occasional events like family, senior, or prom pictures that would be cool.

No thru traffic.

Multi sport options and/or pickleball courts

Pickleball courts

Pickle ball

Pickleball courts

Pickle ball courts

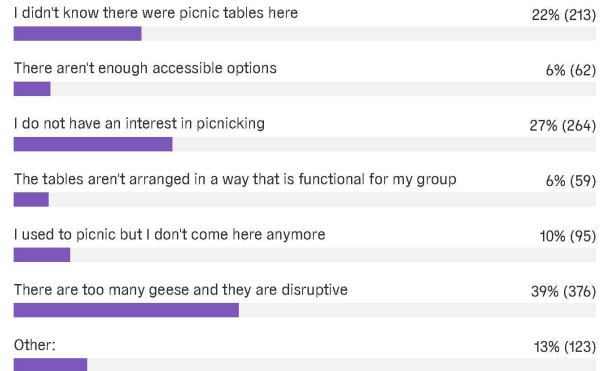
More pickleball courts. They could easily be placed here.

pickleball courts

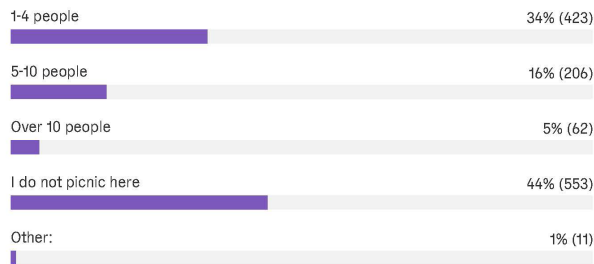
Pickleball courts

This part of the park is always nice. The trees in the boulevard are always beautiful in the spring and fall. The neighbors help keep this part of the park beautiful .

If you do not picnic here, why not?



If you come here to picnic, what size of group do you typically come with?



If you selected "other", please answer here:

Various sized groups, 2-6 or 10+/
usually do not picnic

it is a ugly mess that play set should be with the others....simple fixes like the stone bridges

As long as there are no homeless people setting up their home

Only came for events such as girl scout meeting or wedding photos.

It's too gross!

It had an older but more fun& challenging play ground equipment that was some of the last relics., sad to have seen gone

By myself

Varies

I would picnic here, but it is too dirty there.

No streets to know area you are asking about

like to picnic here but not always clean bathrooms are not always open

Too much riff raff/loitering and goose poop and geese. Gross

We used to have our family picnics here. Until recently it has progressively gone in disrepair and has been a magnet for people using drugs or dealing in drugs. Because of the neighborhood association it is getting better.

If you selected "other," please answer here:

I often don't feel comfortable with the other groups congregating in the park

Shady characters gather in the parking area. As a single woman walking thru, I don't always feel safe. More community officers patrolling would be helpful

Not maintained well

dirty/dingy.

Other locations are closer to me

Clean it up and cut down the weeds and maybe we will come again you morons.

Run down area

Not clean and tends to have lots of garbage

I continue to come

You got rid of all the geese not as nice now

I don't feel safe alone in this space

Don't kill anymore geese.

Not an area that I want to picnic

Not very clean and disrupted by homeless!

Need more waterfowl to feed and interact with

I picnic here a couple of times in the summer with friends.

Not safe with homeless camping in the park

Filthy

I live too close by, just picnic at home

I hesitate to picnic here because it bothers me to see people feeding the geese and littering.

It is too compact and crowded, with too much other stuff going on. Would be nicer if things were more spread out and more grassy area provided

Bathrooms not available

Not the type of place for me to picnic,

Not enough geese

not very clean or green

This part should be dredged so there could be fishing here. It would be used a lot more by families

I have not picnicked here in a long time. lack of decent, clean bathroom facilities keep me from wanting to use the area in this way.

Cleanliness

Not maintained too many weeds just a mess...

Most of the picnic tables are clustered underneath of the shelter area and it can feel very crowded especially if other people are present. It would be nice if they were spread out a little more so you could feel like multiple groups could use the area without being on top of each other

Too far from home

Cost to rent is prohibitive

Too many disruptive people.

To many people just sitting in their cars blasting loud music and smoking in the parking lots

Sometimes there is a sketchy crowd hanging out and don't feel safe.

park is dirty and unkept

Geese are ok but too much poop and too dirty!!!

feels unsafe at times

Area is unsafe

The goose poop is out of control.

The road is bad

The transition area between parking lot and stone bridges has muddy areas. I would love to sit by the shoreline, but there really isn't a place that isn't wet or muddy. The concrete slab floods alot.

We need a large pool for our community

N/A

just not my thing

See Goose Poop

Dirty

Not enough geese.

I just want a pool!

The amenities need to be maintained better

It's gross

The facility does not seem clean and well kept. I'd be worried about needles and condoms near by toddler.

Lack of safety with homeless people

It's gross! Dark and the landscape is just weeds and dirt. Goose poop

goose poop

my husband is afraid of the geese

I hesitate to picnic here because of cleanliness. It is harder to manage with small children.

People always smoking

Too dirty and gross. Unhealthy. It's disgusting.

I haven't felt safe staying here with children.

It's really dirty

Cleaner space please :)

Don't feel safe alone with my kids

Do not feel safe

Wasps are rabid in this area, not fun with kids

Unsafe

The picnic tables could use an update

It's dirty and don't feel safe.

don't picnic

Dirty and unsafe

Bathroom facilities are horrible

Playground is not fun for the kids

A lot of homeless hang out here

We forget it's there!

I live a couple of blocks from the lake. I have no reason to picnic there when I can do so at home.

It's not a maintained park. Weeds. Mow

The homeless hanging out here smoke weed and draw graffiti

Not clean enough.

Sometimes not very clean

It's too close to loud and obnoxious families with naughty and unattended children

other parks are closer for picknicking

Protect the geese. People are more disruptive than wildlife.

better safety. I find that this side of the park is not safe - there has always been nefarious things happening at this location. I do not use it because of this and the fact the equipment is run down

Not well kept. Animal poop all over and garbage is usually overflowing

We picnic at parks that are closer to us

I picnic elsewhere

It would be nice if the park wasn't neglected and that it was dredged. That little dock on the East side was disgusting for years.... if these things were taken care of all along, this wouldn't need to be such a project now!

I live right across the street, so we can eat in my apartment. I have eaten at the picnic table once before though.

It's a dump and not because of geese

It generally looks abandoned and the tables aren't in great shape.

Isn't aesthetically pleasing and seems dirty

It doesn't feel welcoming, not well maintained, landscaping is not attractive

The lake is toxic. Why go to a toxic waster dump to have a picnic.

Bathrooms, trash cans?

Not clean area - lots of goose poo

It's not inviting to picnic; as often as I go past this section it doesn't occur to me to picnic there.

STOP BLAMING THE BIRDS

We live so close it's easier to go home to eat

picnic tables are very dirty and too close to each other.

Not clean

I haven't thought to picnic here! We usually go elsewhere, but I'll keep this space in mind.

I do use that area

Dirty park!

I bring my grand children to see the geese and watch the goslings in the spring while we piknik.

Goose poop is disgusting there

Should be more trash cans.

Goose poop everywhere. On the tables, all over the paths. Can't even think of kids playing in the grass. Ish.

Not well-maintained area- garbage is all over

Inadequate trash and waste disposal for the volume of users. I don't want to contribute to more trash blowing out of the mesh trash cans and through the park.

Amenities are not well maintained. Bathrooms are terrible.

less than ideal crowd. useless playground (worst of the 3 in viewing distance alone) no need for it.

There is lots of geese poop

I wouldn't want to picnic near the nasty lake. There are so many other pretty places

bathrooms not very clean when open and they are not open all year round. Lots of trash

Not well maintained

Safety

Too much goose poop to navigate, I like the geese though, could the city hire someone for clean up?

It is dirty and the shelter is run down, there is little sanitation and it feels just gross and not very clean when I am there. The geese make the area very gross too and ruin the grass and other features.

Your leading answer options including geese are all negative. Your own opinions are painfully obvious. Hire someone who can create unbiased survey options. You pay millions for consultants for everything else.

Choose other options

It's dirty and not well maintained

Stop with the negative geese issues they have made it a fun place to watch them

Not always clean

I only come to potlucks or picnics organized by some group.

Muddy or filled with goose poop. I like the geese but I don't know how the poo could be mitigated. More grass???? Dog park for more dogs around as a as deterrent. Influence them to use another space by having those deterrents. There are poop/goose poops removal tractors. Lights at night.

Not enough tables and goose poop makes it feel not very clean

I only walk through that area but if there were pickleball courts I would use the picnic area with friends after pickleball to socialize and have lunch.

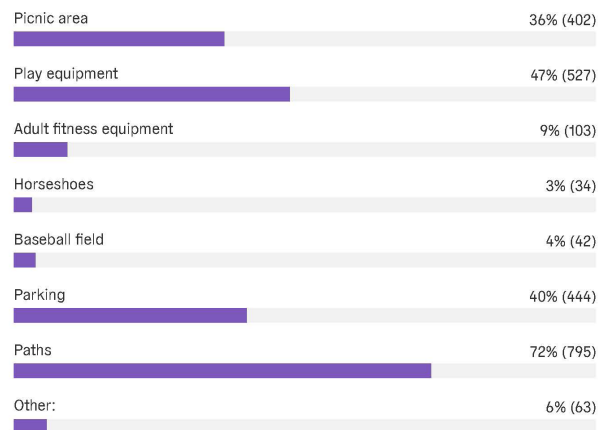
Had run ins with people who are intoxicated or using extremely vulgar language. There's also goose poop everywhere

Would really like to see this roadway that runs by the pavillion and beautiful new childrens play area CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC. There's way too much fast traffic through here for no reason whatsoever, and the curves are dangerous for crossing if you're not fast enough! I like the way Soldiers Field barricaded their road past the playground. You can drive in from both ends but not entirely open for through traffic. Rochester is bigger now, and addressing this by putting large planters like Soldier's Field could be a way of trying it out... I do think it will be a popular change- more relaxed and safer for little children, and slow adults :) Also it makes a great area then to have outdoor acitivities, concerts, and . gatherings.

Too dirty

I picnic with my children, so we typically visit the south entrance area.

Please check all of the amenities in this area of the park that you use:



If you selected "other," please answer here:

ugh, you guys, so many of these "select multiple answers" questions don't allow multiple answers, rendering my answers incomplete. I recommend testing surveys before releasing them to the public. It's 2022, y'all, and you must be missing so much important info. :(

- none
- Parking, paths, play equipment. Question only allows one answer
- I can only select one option on this question and others. Picnic area, Playground, Horseshoes
- Won't let me make multiple selections. Paths Picnic area
- Parking and paths
- Get rid of ridiculous play area, redundant with play toys by pool
- This question is only accepting 1 answer. I might use most of the above.
- This question only allows one response, not multiple.
- Canoe and kayak
- none
- Some beautiful flower gardens to view
- bathroom
- Fishing
- The old concrete piece that juts into the water and allows people to get closer to the water
- None
- Enjoy access to stone bridges and fishing
- Fishing
- Shelter rental
- Restroom in the shelter
- Pool
- use road on bike
- none
- Bigger pool
- Why aren't there any questions about the pool? Silver Lake Park is all about the pool. That's what matters. I feel like you are asking all the wrong questions? Who designed this survey? (The house is burning down and you want to ask about the flowers in the garden?)
- Timmay 5k event
- Photograph bridges, geese
- Inclusive
- I haven't used this area much. I forget it's there.
- Pool
- Pool
- better canoe access
- None. It's too gross.
- I LOVE the adult fitness equipment next to the playground. I only wish they were paired so I could talk to a friend while watching kids on playground.
- The pool!
- I've run some races that start/finish there

I am concerned that the water level remains as it is so that I can continue to enjoy the seasonal migrating waterfowl.

You should make the horseshoe area look nicer and promote this sport. Rental would be nice. Or parks and Rec provide free days and host event. I haven't seen anyone play since my grandpa's younger years. Bring it back. Also make a mini golf / putt course that would require little upkeep and people can bring their own equipment or rent. Take notes from Centennial Lakes park.

- Don't use this area
- None it's gross
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Watch fireworks
- Trees for hammock
- Trees for hammock
- Trails, nature
- Boat launch
- Bathrooms
- Needs nice water park
- The dock
- Pool
- Pool
- I don't use this part of the park.
- I want to use this park, but it is just too dirty in general & with the geese
- The bathrooms (my youngest refuses to use a porta potty).
- none
- Watching Rowing
- Bridges for fishing and pictures
- Ballooning
- Never use this area
- Rowing
- River/Lake
- The lake to row
- N/a
- The lake for rowing
- Rowing boathouse
- Rochester Rowing Club
- Silver lake
- Do not use
- Take pictures on the bridges
- I do not use the playground now. I brought my children here almost daily in the summer until they hit middle school. Playgrounds are needed. With adaptive equipment. Accessible Gardening options would be great too. And a dog park.
- Pickleball courts. My point here is we need eight more pickleball courts and SOMEWHERE within this area, surely pickleball courts can be constructed.
- View of the lake

What would you like to see more of in this area of the park? (select your top three)

Opportunities to relax and have solitude	23% (259)
Opportunities to be immersed in nature	33% (366)
Opportunities to gather with friends and family	26% (293)
Opportunities to enjoy public art	16% (182)
More walking paths	25% (276)
Touchpoint to the water or more waterfront activation	39% (434)
More sports fields	4% (40)
More playgrounds	23% (252)
Expanded multigenerational outdoor fitness	12% (134)
Expanded lawn game area (bocce, etc.)	17% (186)
More sheltered gathering spaces	11% (124)
Other:	8% (86)

If you selected "other," please answer here:

- shaded and protected small enclosures, designed as breaks from weather and sun, something like benches with an wrapped enclosure
- Put hockey rink back in
- Safer multiuse trails
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Use all this money for a DECENT POOL!.
- Pool
- Anew pool
- More trees
- accessibility for handicapped in this dumb *** town
- Open bathrooms, place for food trucks
- Trash receptacles
- complete loop around lake, no detour on north side of lake
- Fishing

- As mentioned above, decent and open bathrooms.
- Pool and waterpark
- All of the above but clean
- Unless the goose problem is taken care of, I am not sure how we can use any additional amenities.
- Better pool area
- We need a pool for our community
- n/a
- natural areas, prairie and forest; better riparian vegetation
- Pool, pool, pool, pool, pool...water park....
- What did Bill Clinton say, "It's all about the pool, stupid!"
- We could use a new pool and water park... other towns profit from these options.
- Too disgusting with goose droppings- total health concern with little children
- More inclusive equipment for wheelchair users
- Water park
- Something clean and inviting
- Pool/swimming/splash pad
- Garbage cans!
- Keep the pool open
- Pool
- Get rid of the disgusting goose crap.
- I like the idea of being immersed in nature but I don't feel very safe in the isolated areas.
- The pool!
- Water features/pools for kids
- more grass or mulch and less mud
- Better pool more tennis and pickle ball courts
- Nicer swimming pool, lap swimming
- Put in a water park/pool
- Better security
- Waterpark
- Pool!!!! New renovated pool!
- POOL
- Better maintenance
- More accessibility to all the amenities of the park
- More trees for shade
- Dog park/off leash dog park please
- Bathrooms
- INDOOR WATER PARK and POOLS
- Native plants!
- Expanded water amenities
- Water park or swimming pool. With the Y gone and most school pools closing, NEED options for swim lessons. Plus water park to draw people to Rochester rather than surrounding communities.
- Tennis courts
- Nice and large pool for kids to swim

Pool

Pool and water park

Off leash dog area somewhere

increased safety, better equipment.

pickleball courts

It would be sad to add more & fill up the space. Bit put the winter hockey rink back up in the parking lot or have ice skating on the smaller pond/ watershed of the silver lake area between the 2 small bridges. It was done before and was such a delight as well as the ice remained better once cleared than the ice care everywhere else.

Get rid of the geese

Rain gardens to collect runoff from the parking lots. A rose garden.

Disc golf putting greens

Note sure

Dog park

Think outside the box pleas. Visit maple grove and learn out to make a decent park

Trash cans

It's a public park, go somewhere else for solitude

Bike racks

Better quality fishing . Honestly a countywithout i natural lakes.

Rowing

More trees

Cleanliness. This park has so much potential but it's so full of goose poop.

Dog park

Pool

Rowing

Comment: I applaud the efforts to reduce the geese population around the lake. A few are great, but the large numbers are a real health hazard for people and the geese also.

It is hard to get a view of the lake from here. I actually would like to see the sharp curbing replaced with horizontal style so a car could pull over briefly to view the lake with binoculars.

Rowing

Nothing

Possible pickle ball courts. It's a growing sport and Rochester is short on enough courts for people to play on without being members of an exclusive club.

Adult fitness

Is there some way you could contain the water (like the quarry hill pond) so it like a pond like area with the water running under all the current bridges

There used to be ice skating on the lake here when I was a kid and it was amazing. I would definitely bring my kids there to skate in the winter if it came back.

Public restrooms that are open

Again - dump the drive here and put an ice rink and art etc. No need for drivers to barrel through this area. Make it a true park without cars.

Dog park. Dog park. DOG PARK.

landscaped garden areas to explore

More opportunities to play sports such as pickleball or multi sports

pickleball

Pickle ball

Pickleball courts

Pickle ball courts

BBQ area

Pickleball courts

Pickleball

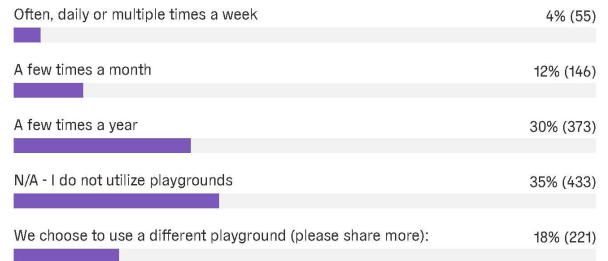
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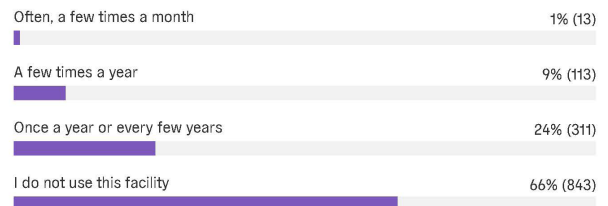
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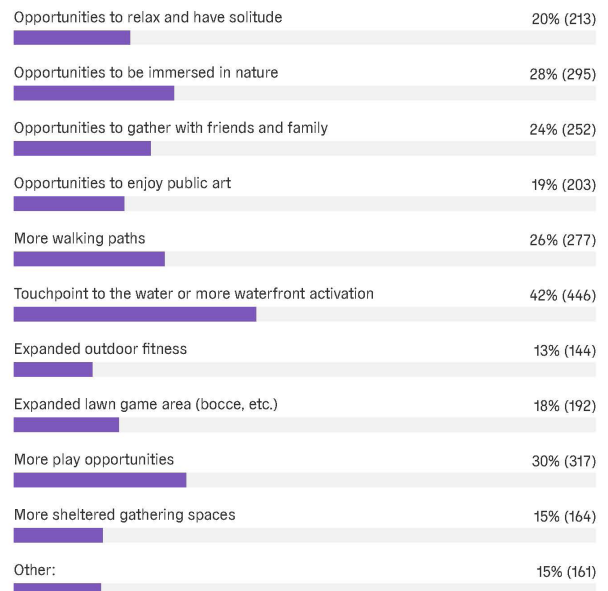
If you are a playground user, how often do you use the playground in this portion of the park?



How often do you use the boat rental facility?



What other amenities could be added to this portion of the park to enhance/improve amenities or encourage you to use this area of the park more? (select all that apply)



Cleaner

Docks for fishing areas; motor boat rentals

A "Boardwalk" type area would be perfect in this section of the park. This is where you would have food, drinks, lights, games, shops, music, etc.

Less poop, a Healthy river restored with less sediment - no lake

Too many geese at this location

Nature lessons, waterfowl/history, corn sales Park Headquarters use permit sales

This question is only accepting 1 answer. I think ALL these are good, but I'd personally like more options to use the pond area to be active.

Significantly reduce the geese in this area, enforce "no feeding" better.

The goose poop is such a problem in this area of the park. I would never want to use any facility in this area because it would be surrounded by goose poop.

Improved canoe/kayak launch

To many geese to enjoy the park, regardless of area.

Use the old fire station in a way that benefits the families and individuals that visit the park.

No homeless in the area for kids

Less geese

A place for food purchasing - cafe or shop

pool

better boat launch area

Full trail connectivity around the lake.

More room, more good grass areas, less congestion on the trail, less goose poop

None

Handicapped parking in this unfriendly HC town

Restaurant

More modern toilets.

Nice clean grass

Fewer geese (appreciate all that been done to limit feeding at this area)

Better upkeep

Fishing and cleaner water

Live music venue and food vendors

This is the dirtiest part of the park but with the most opportunity. Clean it up and make it usable. (The warming house detracts from park use, the muddy/goose park area makes that green space nearly unusable, and that street is too busy...could it be changed to a pedestrians only path?)

Picnic table

Pool and waterpark

I think this is the dirtiest area

I do not use this area because there are too many geese

This area should have some commercial spot. Coffee spot, ice cream sale, etc Also, why has the fire station been left out of the area/ Does this mean it is not a park facility?

Clean it up—too much goose poop and aggressive geese. In the past the homeless made me feel unsafe.

Geese make area unusable - too much goose poop specifically, water seems unsanitary

park is filthy

Geese make this part dirty

Boat launch

Putting grass in this area so it's not muddy and full of goose poop.

Rowing Club

Get rid of the geese and the mess they create in this area.

Less geese please

Coffee & pastry/sandwich shop

This section of the park is usually a barren goose poop field. I ride through it on my bike. I ride slow to make sure poop does not fly off of my tires and hit me. The old Fire Station could be a restaurant.

Updated playground facilities.

n/a

This area in particular has too many geese in order to be able to enjoy it here.

A public place to gather, restaurant, food and beverage (brewery?)

Are use this area to reflect by looking at the week. It's so beautiful

Fishing

Cleaner playground area. Kids are scared of people around this park area.

Opportunities for my children to swim in an outdoor pool every day in the summer..... Hello? Are you listening?

Management of the geese population

fewer geese, cleaner area, so much goose poop

More inclusive for wheelchair users

Do not use this playground because of the geese

Goose poop removal!!

It's dirty

Garbage cans!

nicer, less scary geese

Better facility for rowing

Pool

Keep Rochester Rowing Club!

Less geese and people who seem like they are in drugs

Curling Facility

The geese make this play area nasty

Paddle boats that sit closer to the water. As a larger person, the high ones are not safe or enjoyable.

the pool!

Water activities for kids. Splash pad or pool

better maintained grass, I realize that is hard to do with all the geese but a big expanse of dirt is not very inviting.

Only if there are less of an issue. Poop in the lake is also not drawing me to relax or convene near the water.

Getting rid of the geese and the poop. We specifically avoid this park as it's full of goose poop in and around it.

Clean (power wash?) the parking lot!

Climbing/ balance structures, toddler play equipment could be wonderful!!

Less geese

Restaurant or cafe

Public pool and splash pad

Play ground is always dirty and too much geese poop

Less geese

Expand on rental opportunities for variety of equipment- bocce ball, putt putt, pickle ball, bean bags, ladder golf, scooters, segways. Concession stand.

We avoid this part of the park unless walking or biking through. It's usually overwhelmed with geese and bird mess.

Fishing pier

Spots for fishing

New renovated pool!

Native plant/urban garden

More native plants and trees, too many geese

Latin American

Off leash dog park area!!!

Ice skating in the winter months

Bathrooms

Get rid of the geese!!!!

INDOOR WATER PARK and POOLS

The geese are a big problem here. It is not a high interest place to go at all. Homeless make it feel less safe.

Do not feel safe here because of the homeless population near and around the area

Bathroom stalls with doors!!

Bathrooms

Water park or swimming pool. With the Y gone and most school pools closing, NEED options for swim lessons. Plus water park to draw people to Rochester rather than surrounding communities.

Needs a nice pool and water park for children to swim and play

Pool

Pool and water park

Less geese

Try and keep the geese poop up

I do not use this side of the park due to the goose population and the amount of poop that abounds. It is just plain unsanitary and disgusting.

This park has been left to the geese and the homeless and has become uncomfortable to use as it use to be used. We use to picnic, reunions, festivities etc but with the lack of attention has become dump

The boat rental would be fun, if it was any other lake. But it's so disgusting to be boating through so much goose poop floating on the water, that we don't use it anymore.

small ferry boat rides for those who want to enjoy being on the water but maybe are not able to or do not feel comfortable using boating equipment on their own

less goose poop

I would prefer that the the former fire station was not used as a homeless shelter. The fire station probably was excluded from the boundaries so you wouldn't need to address this. It's sad when visitors and children need to see this when they go to the park for fun.

Get rid of the geese

Rochester needs a permanent bandshell.

More diverse weekend activities - arts and craft shows. farmers market, etc

Way too much goose droppings.

Less shady people

Playground is in poor condition

I don't use the playground here because it is dirty, dusty, and the lake stinks

Quiet area away from traffic

Easier access and more things for disabled adults

The goose / goose poop problem here is overwhelming. I refuse to have anything to do with this section of the park.

I avoid this area ; it's dirty, unpleasant

Coin operated duck food machines

It's dank, dark, grass doesn't grow, covered in goose poop, and there's inebriated adults yelling things indiscriminately. This is not a place I'd bring my children.

Less goose poop and drug paraphernalia

Improve and expand the boathouse so that Rochester Rowing could have year round opportunities for all the rowing groups in the community.

Food stand, fewer geese

Trash cans

We do not need more solitude space, stay home then

Better ways to rent paddle boats

Control or clean up after the waterfowl. That part of the park is just gross because of all their droppings.

I would like to rent a secure space to store a solo race canoe so I can bike to silver Lake and work out/ paddle into the heart of the city.

Improved shelter and boat house for the rowing club

Less geese

keep the rowing facilities

Rochester Rowing

more shaded benches. I think most people from out of town use this entrance and it is not very inviting. one little play area, little grass, few picnic tables and not wheelchair accessible, no paved trails to the outside picnic tables

More activities for disabled adults

Increasing the rowing facilities and more dock space to increase access to the water and a larger area for the boathouse. It seriously concerns me that the parks and rec department is planning to remove the dam at silver lake, which would make the lake unable to row on, ending the organization which has been in this area for over 30 years. I highly urge the city to make plans that include the rowing club and ensure that they have enough water space and row-able area to continue to operate at silver lake park.

Less geese

Less geese

This is not a safe park or area for kids with the homeless shelter right there. Will never bring my kids to play near there.

Pool

Connectivity to the neighborhood across Silver Lake Drive is dangerous as a pedestrian. Lighted crosswalks and/or painted crossing walks would help make dog-walkers, kid-walkers, and other pedestrians feel safer crossing Silver Lake Drive. Slowing Silver Lake Drive to 25 along this section would help too. Even marked RPD squads blow through this section without much regard for pedestrians crossing to get to the park or trail along Silver Lake Drive.

Larger parking area!

parking

Have answered this question too many times

Rowing

Better rowing shell storage.

Cleaner water

Making the eyesores less ugly. But other than that nothing more needs to be crammed in.

Keeping the lake large enough so that the rowing team can actually row

Rowing

Use this spot 6 of 7 days for rowing team. Would hate to lose this opportunity—these kids work very hard and it fills a niche. My children have never taken to a sport and their physical and mental health has been impacted greatly.

This is where the geese are the worst! It makes this area particularly messy

Public restrooms that are open

Cleaner area that is not overrun by geese and geese ****.

if the area was cleaner we would use it more, but walking and stepping on geese poop is not enjoyable.

The playground is old and there is so much goose poop between the cars and the playground that we avoid this. We also avoid due to people feeding the geese in this area. It is obnoxious to see, leads to gross conditions and trains the geese to approach all people demanding snacks.

More available garbage cans

Pickleball courts

Less geese, they have overrun this part of the park

pickleball

That playground is covered in goose poop

Pickle ball

Pickleball courts

Pickleball courts

Public boat access

Pickle ball courts

Area to drop personal kayak/canoe without walking through weeds or through goose poop/goose poop water

Pickleball

Clean up goose poo and water

Trash receptacles

pickleball courts

Pickleball courts

Bicycle. Paths.

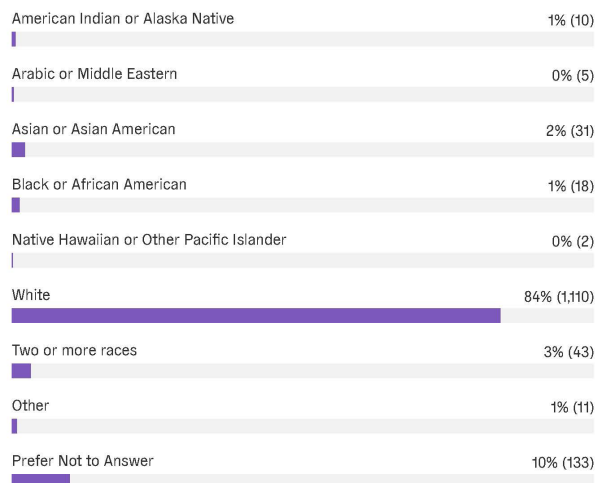
bike path- PLEASE have a dash center line. to greatly improve safety. A dash center line cues walkers to stay on half so bikers can safely pass (walkers automatically view it as a divided road as they see when in a car). No dash center line - walkers see a sidewalk and frequently take up the entire width. They sometimes don't hear bikers approaching due to talking, or hard of hearing, or buds in their ears for music. Safety of walkers and bikers is very important and this dash center line is crucial - ask any biker who uses the path. THANKS

It would be great to use the pavilion there for a summer eating establishment! Also greater care to the lawn area. Also, this is important: PLEASE DEDICATE SIGNAGE AND FINES FOR FEEDING THE GEESE. We want to keep a reasonable population—everyone LOVES seeing goslings, just a balance of enjoyment vs. nuisance! We can enforce that. I am at the park every day since I live closeby, and everyone is feeding them BREAD—there are lots of scout groups that could set up a public program, make signs, etc as a community project. My daughter is an artist and could donate her design for simple bright signs! Thank you for all you do - Love the park!

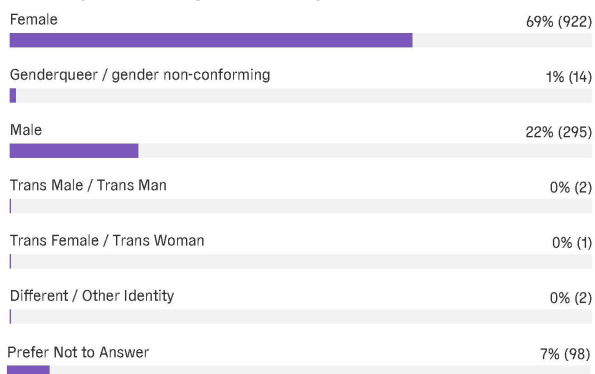
Rowing shell or sculling shell rental

Less goose poop

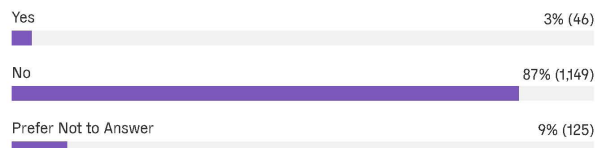
What is your race? (select all that apply)



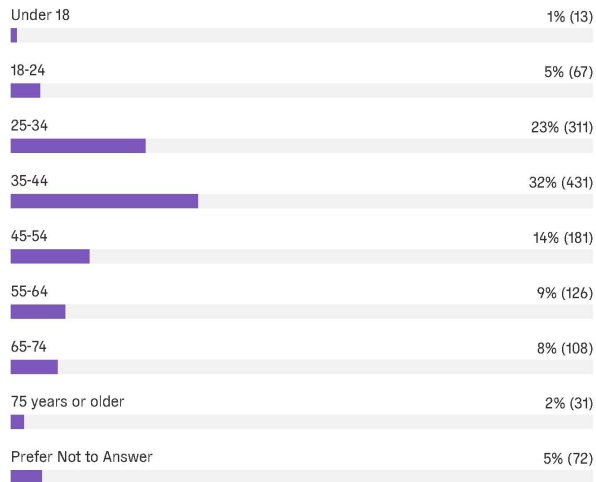
What is your current gender identity



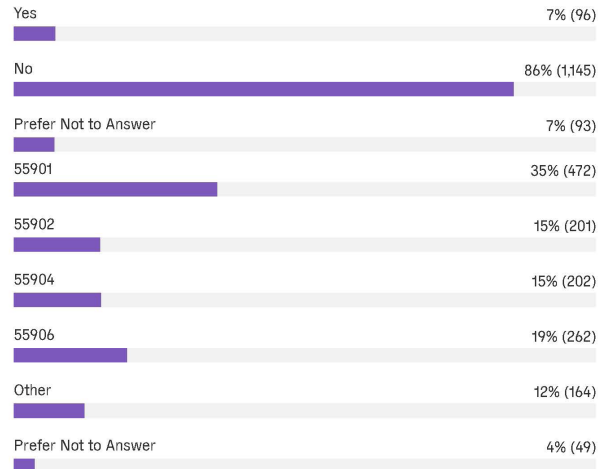
Are you Hispanic or Latino?



What is your age?



Do you have a physical, mental or emotional condition that limits and/or shapes your participation in work and society?



What is your household income (meaning the total, combined income for everyone who lives in your home)?



D. Silver Lake iNaturalist Species Sighting

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Lepomis macrochirus	Bluegill	Actinopterygii
Micropterus salmoides	Largemouth Bass	Actinopterygii
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose	Aves
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Aves
Tringa semipalmata	Willet	Aves
Melospiza lincolni	Lincoln's Sparrow	Aves
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Aves
Anser albifrons	Greater White-fronted Goose	Aves
Columba livia domestica	Feral Pigeon	Aves
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	Aves
Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe	Aves
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	Aves
Fulica americana	American Coot	Aves
Actitis macularius	Spotted Sandpiper	Aves
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose	Aves
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	American White Pelican	Aves
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Aves
Fulica americana	American Coot	Aves
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose	Aves
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Aves
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Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer	Aves
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Buteo jamaicensis	Red-tailed Hawk	Aves
Spatula discors	Blue-winged Teal	Aves
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Bombus impatiens	Common Eastern Bumble Bee	Insecta
Papilio glaucus	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Insecta
Popillia japonica	Japanese Beetle	Insecta
Bombus impatiens	Common Eastern Bumble Bee	Insecta
Acanalonia bivittata	Two-striped Planthopper	Insecta
Bombus impatiens	Common Eastern Bumble Bee	Insecta
Neandra brunnea	Pole Borer	Insecta
Oncopeltus fasciatus	Large Milkweed Bug	Insecta
Allograpta obliqua	Oblique Streaktail	Insecta
Eristalis flavipes	Orange-legged Drone Fly	Insecta
Bombus impatiens	Common Eastern Bumble Bee	Insecta
Apis mellifera	Western Honey Bee	Insecta
Bombus griseocollis	Brown-belted Bumble Bee	Insecta
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Tricrania sanguinipennis	Blood-winged Blister Beetle	Insecta
Bombus impatiens	Common Eastern Bumble Bee	Insecta
Chauliognathus pensylvanicus	Goldenrod Soldier Beetle	Insecta
Popillia japonica	Japanese Beetle	Insecta
Cicindela punctulata	Punctured Tiger Beetle	Insecta
Bombus rufocinctus	Red-belted Bumble Bee	Insecta
Lygaeus turcicus	False Milkweed Bug	Insecta
Polistes fuscatus	Dark Paper Wasp	Insecta
Eupeodes americanus	American Hoverfly	Insecta
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Sciurus carolinensis	Eastern Gray Squirrel	Mammalia
Castor canadensis	American Beaver	Mammalia
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Securigera varia	Purple Crownvetch	Plantae
Verbascum thapsus	Great Mullein	Plantae
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Saponaria officinalis	Common Soapwort	Plantae
Silene latifolia	White Campion	Plantae
Prunella vulgaris	Common Selfheal	Plantae
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	Plantae
Corylus americana	American Hazelnut	Plantae
Linaria vulgaris	Common Toadflax	Plantae
Apocynum cannabinum	Hemp Dogbane	Plantae
Lysimachia ciliata	Fringed Loosestrife	Plantae
Impatiens capensis	Common Jewelweed	Plantae

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Commelina communis	Asiatic Dayflower	Plantae
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Carduus acanthoides	Broad-winged Thistle	Plantae
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Baptisia alba	White Wild Indigo	Plantae
Silphium laciniatum	Compass Plant	Plantae
Berteroa incana	Hoary Alyssum	Plantae
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak	Plantae
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