

Community Gardens Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

22 December 2022 - 30 January 2023

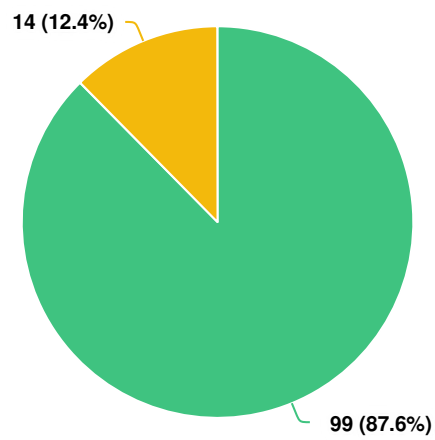
PROJECT NAME:

Community Gardens Policy Update



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Please confirm if you have read and are familiar with the background and draft Community Gardens Policy prior to taking thi...

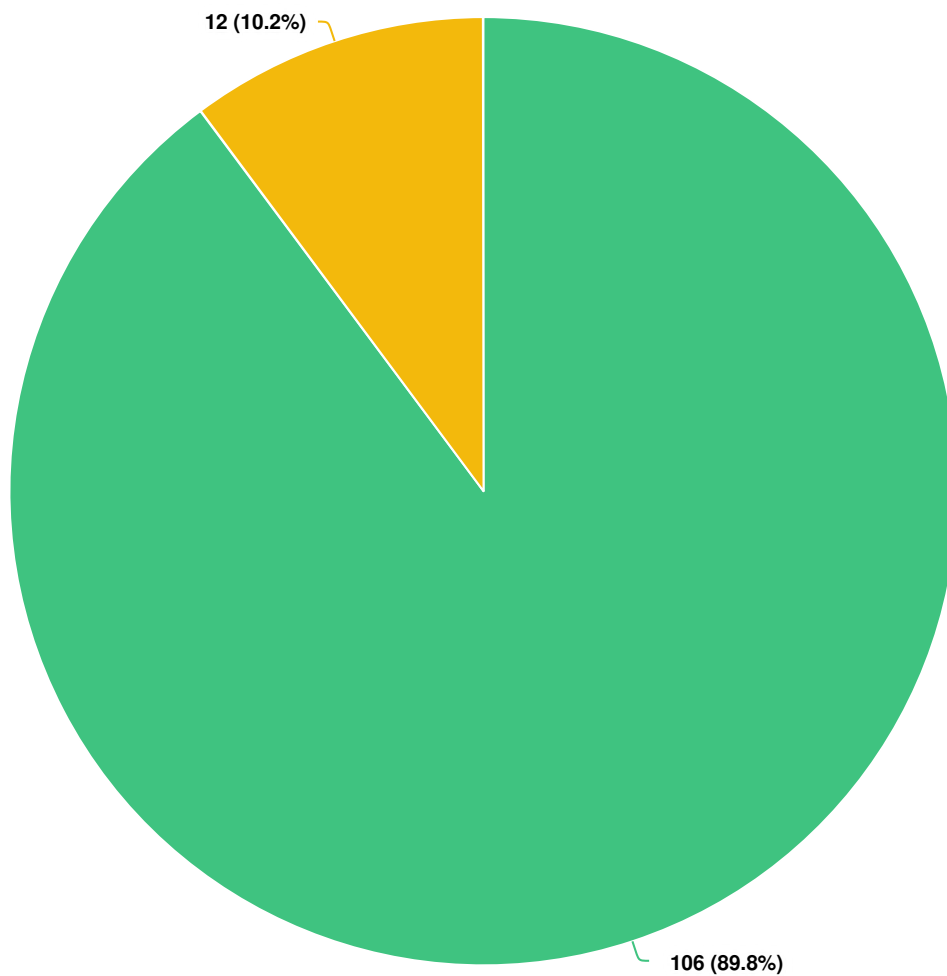


Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (113 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q2 Do you live in Owen Sound



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (118 response(s))
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q3 | If you reside in Owen Sound, how long have you lived in the City?

 33 years
12/23/2022 12:16 PM

Anonymous 11 years
12/25/2022 09:40 AM

Anonymous 12 years
12/26/2022 06:48 AM

Anonymous 18 years
12/26/2022 10:53 AM

Anonymous Since birth
12/26/2022 11:45 AM

Anonymous Entire life
12/26/2022 12:43 PM

Anonymous 50 years
12/26/2022 01:47 PM

Anonymous Almost 6 years
12/27/2022 05:25 PM

Anonymous 2 years
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Anonymous 23y
12/28/2022 11:23 AM

Anonymous 15 years
12/28/2022 01:22 PM

Anonymous 3 yrs
12/28/2022 09:19 PM

Anonymous 16 Years
12/30/2022 05:27 AM

Anonymous 12/30/2022 09:02 AM	In total 53 yrs
Anonymous 12/30/2022 09:58 AM	39 years
Anonymous 12/30/2022 01:23 PM	55 years
Anonymous 12/31/2022 02:00 PM	30 years
Anonymous 12/31/2022 05:10 PM	45 yrs
Anonymous 12/31/2022 08:08 PM	32 years
Anonymous 1/02/2023 06:11 AM	12 years
Anonymous 1/02/2023 07:54 AM	4
Anonymous 1/02/2023 09:42 AM	Since 2007. In Grey County since I was a child.
Anonymous 1/02/2023 10:34 AM	40 years
Anonymous 1/03/2023 11:28 AM	13 years
Anonymous 1/03/2023 02:30 PM	3 yrs
Anonymous 1/03/2023 08:36 PM	40 +
Anonymous	45 years

1/03/2023 09:56 PM

Anonymous 3 Months

1/04/2023 08:59 AM

Anonymous since 2021

1/05/2023 08:00 AM

Anonymous 16 years

1/05/2023 11:06 AM

Anonymous 14 years

1/05/2023 06:56 PM

Anonymous Born and raised, came back after school in 2015

1/05/2023 07:24 PM

Anonymous Have lived here for one year, relocating from Waterloo Region

1/06/2023 08:20 AM

Anonymous 45 years

1/06/2023 10:41 AM

Anonymous 46 yrs

1/07/2023 02:30 PM

Anonymous Since 1965 : 57 years

1/09/2023 03:53 PM

Anonymous 23 years

1/09/2023 05:18 PM

Anonymous 7 years

1/09/2023 05:50 PM

Anonymous 25 years

1/10/2023 04:26 AM

Anonymous 4.5 years

1/10/2023 09:05 AM

Anonymous

1/10/2023 02:40 PM

Over 30 years

Anonymous

1/10/2023 03:01 PM

25 years

Anonymous

1/10/2023 07:56 PM

36 years

Anonymous

1/11/2023 04:47 AM

From Bognor, now Owen Sound, just over a year

Anonymous

1/12/2023 02:15 PM

57 years

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:52 PM

6 yrsrs

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:48 PM

76 years

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:49 PM

69 years

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:12 PM

30 years

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:44 PM

Since 1964

Anonymous

1/20/2023 08:59 AM

Been associated with the city for over 40 years but owned property for 11 years

Anonymous

1/21/2023 02:38 AM

12 years

Anonymous

1/23/2023 12:49 PM

1987

Anonymous

1/23/2023 03:28 PM

All my life

Anonymous

1/23/2023 03:43 PM

Was born here, moved back after university.

Anonymous

1/23/2023 04:14 PM

12 years

[REDACTED]

1/23/2023 04:35 PM

Moved here in 1996!

Anonymous

1/23/2023 06:39 PM

31 years

Anonymous

1/23/2023 06:56 PM

I grew up here, left for school and came back to work. So around 30 years.

Anonymous

1/24/2023 11:17 AM

5

Anonymous

1/24/2023 11:21 AM

5

[REDACTED]

1/24/2023 11:27 AM

8 years

[REDACTED]

1/24/2023 11:34 AM

8 years

Anonymous

1/24/2023 02:21 PM

30

Anonymous

1/24/2023 02:28 PM

15

Anonymous

1/24/2023 02:31 PM

1982 to 1985 and 1995 to present

Anonymous

1/24/2023 03:26 PM

13 years

Anonymous

10 years

1/24/2023 10:18 PM

Anonymous at least 20 years

1/25/2023 07:00 AM

Anonymous almost 50 years

1/25/2023 08:24 AM

Anonymous over 50 years

1/25/2023 11:08 AM

Anonymous Since 1975

1/25/2023 03:37 PM

Anonymous 7 hrs

1/25/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous 26

1/25/2023 06:55 PM

Anonymous 57 years

1/26/2023 05:29 AM

Anonymous 20 yrs

1/26/2023 06:49 AM

Anonymous 18

1/26/2023 07:46 AM

Anonymous 50 years

1/26/2023 09:28 AM

Anonymous 65 years

1/26/2023 11:00 AM

Anonymous 20yrs

1/26/2023 11:29 AM

Anonymous 53 years

1/26/2023 11:34 AM

Anonymous 15 years

1/26/2023 12:19 PM

Anonymous Two years

1/26/2023 05:31 PM

Anonymous 30

1/26/2023 07:57 PM

Anonymous 4 years

1/26/2023 08:42 PM

Anonymous 6 years

1/27/2023 08:13 AM

Anonymous 50 years

1/27/2023 09:35 AM

Anonymous 14 years

1/27/2023 12:14 PM

Anonymous 24 years

1/27/2023 12:41 PM

 75 years

1/27/2023 01:46 PM

Anonymous 30+ years

1/28/2023 12:37 PM

Anonymous 23 years

1/29/2023 08:06 AM

Anonymous 35 years

1/29/2023 02:04 PM

Anonymous for 37 years

1/29/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous 54 yrs

1/29/2023 05:24 PM

Anonymous 70 years
1/29/2023 07:41 PM

Anonymous 37 years
1/29/2023 08:09 PM

Anonymous 32 years
1/29/2023 08:17 PM

Anonymous 12 years
1/30/2023 08:10 AM

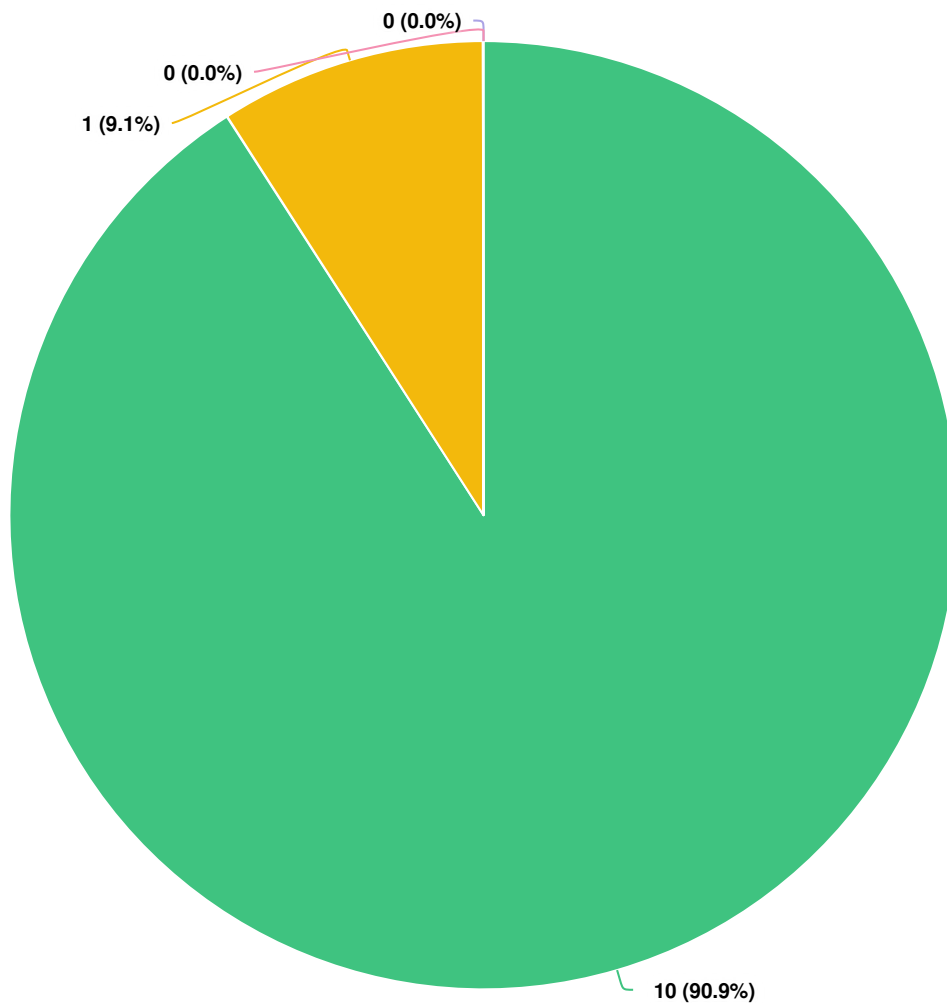
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1/30/2023 10:12 AM

Anonymous 40 years
1/30/2023 11:30 AM

Anonymous 39 years
1/30/2023 07:24 PM

Optional question (102 response(s), 16 skipped)
Question type: Single Line Question

Q4 If you reside outside Owen Sound, where do you live?

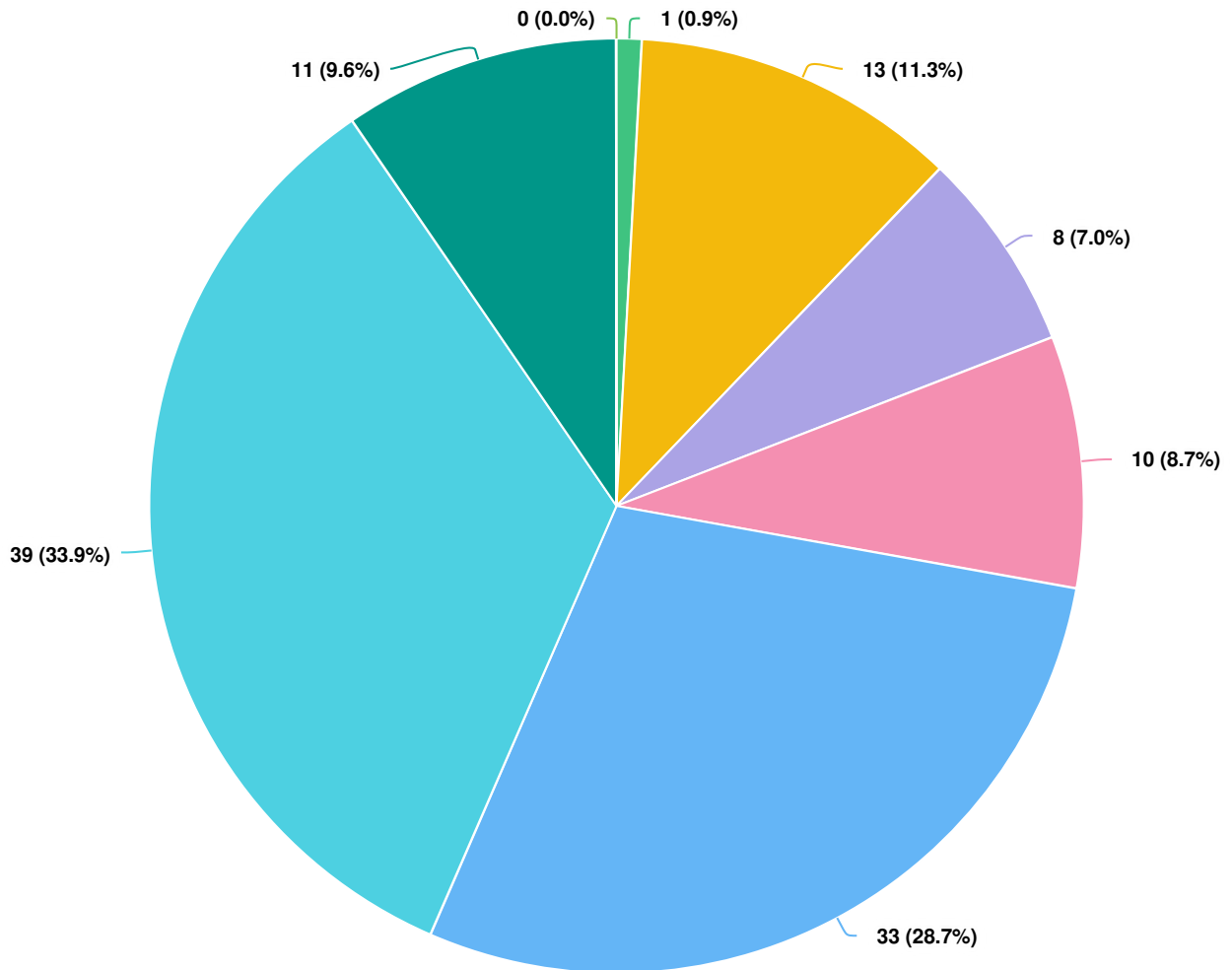


Question options

- Georgian Bluffs
- Meaford
- Chatsworth
- Other

Optional question (11 response(s), 107 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q5 What is your age range?

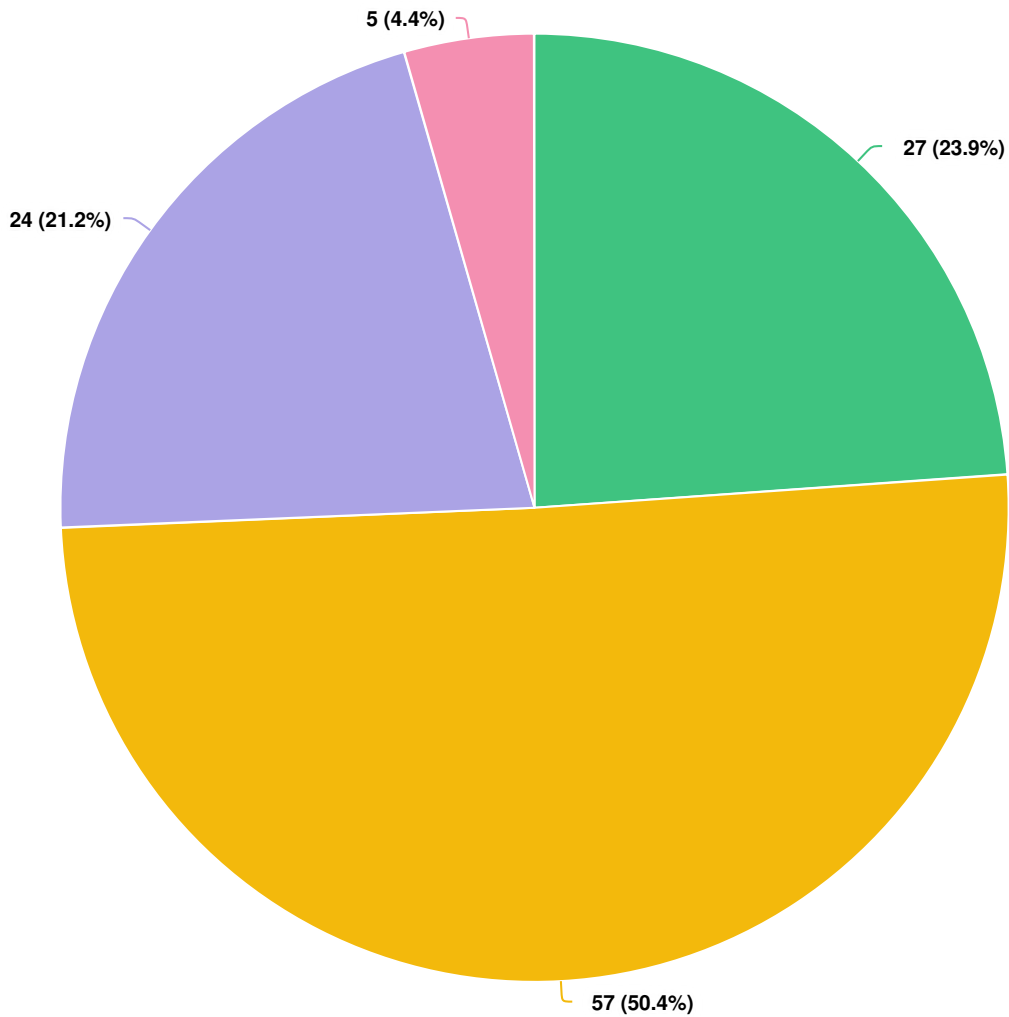


Question options

- 17 or under
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 or over
- 18 to 24

Optional question (115 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q6 Are you familiar with Community Gardens? 'Community Garden' means any planter, bed (raised or otherwise), or piece of land that is used to demonstrate horticulture techniques, cultural gardens, or to produce flowers, and/or food, as a community, nei...



Question options

- Participated in a Community Garden
- Seen a Community Garden
- Read about Community Gardens
- Other, please describe

Optional question (113 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q7 Please describe the way in which you are familiar with Community Gardens.

Anonymous

12/29/2022 11:33 AM

I have been seen, read and attending information sessions on community gardens. I think that they are a tremendous boon to a neighborhood and growing your own vegetables should be an opportunity everyone has.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 09:02 AM

Belong to a garden club and toured the CMHA Food Forest at St. Georges. Have seen many examples of Community Garden allotments in Europe

Anonymous

12/31/2022 05:10 PM

Have lived near a community garden and see so much potential in the city to feed our community, teach our children about garden culture and better use our available community spaces to benefit the community with healthy food options

Anonymous

1/03/2023 07:24 AM

have both read about and seen community gardens - and volunteer with an ecological restoration group

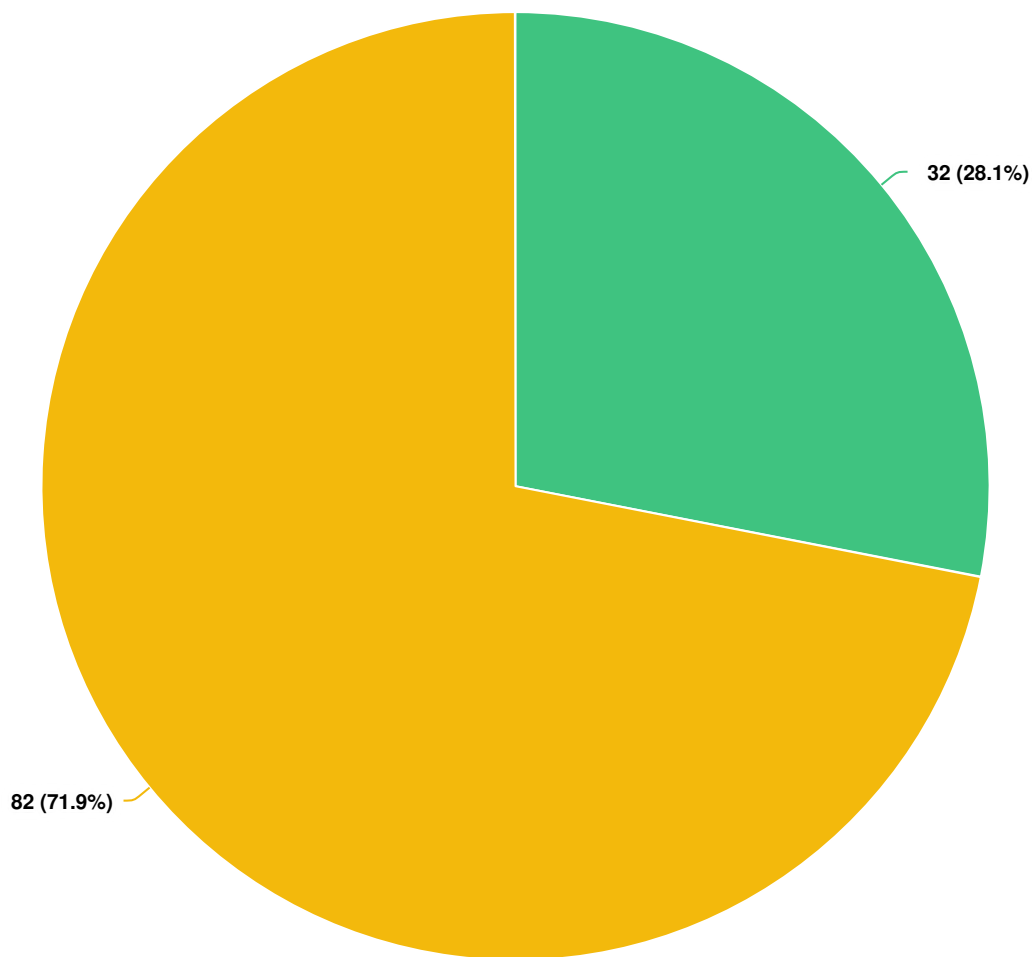

1/23/2023 04:35 PM

Volunteered gardening information and how to's for a season in a community garden

Optional question (5 response(s), 113 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q8 Have you participated in a Community Garden before?

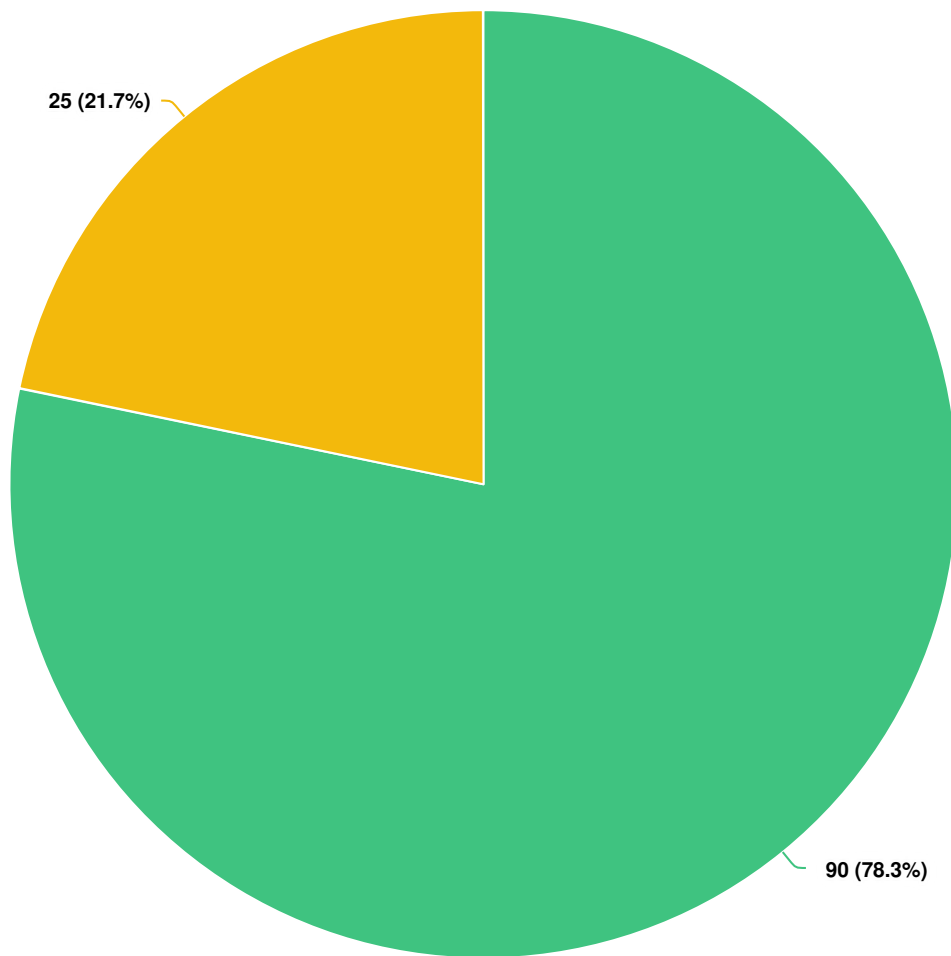


Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (114 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q9 | There are currently seven (7) City-owned parks proposed as suitable locations for Community Gardens, including: Tot Lot, Maitland Park, Comm-r-ette Park, St. George's Park, Ed Taylor Park, Bill Inglis Park, and Timber McArthur Park. Do you support t...



Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (115 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q10 | In your opinion should any of the following parks be removed from the list of suitable locations for Community Gardens? Tot Lot, Maitland Park, Comm-r-ette Park, St. George's Park, Ed Taylor Park, Bill Inglis Park, and Timber McArthur Park.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 09:02 AM

I am not actually personally familiar with all of these locations and as such cannot comment on their suitability. However, I am disappointed that they are required to be close to low income housing. All neighbourhoods are worthy of food growing.

Anonymous

1/03/2023 09:56 PM

Too far apart b/c poor opportunity for active transport. Inaccessible to most of west side, really most everyone. I don't see the point without investment. Reinventing wheel.
[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allotment_\(gardening\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allotment_(gardening))

Anonymous

1/05/2023 06:56 PM

From what I have seen not properly cared for and waste breeds rats and odor

Anonymous

1/06/2023 08:20 AM

Yes. EITHER tot Lot or Maitland, as they are too close together

Anonymous

1/07/2023 02:30 PM

Comm-r-ette Park is the only park with playground equipment serving subdivisions from 5th St. W. to 1stSt. W. from 2nd Ave. W to 6th Ave W.. Kids & older use it for many games/sports. Rear of Mitchell Park would be better and Mitchell's are OK with that.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 02:40 PM

no, would be good to have more.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:12 PM

There should zero removed but some should be added.

Anonymous

1/23/2023 11:39 AM

No -- but I do not think we need more

Anonymous

1/23/2023 01:31 PM

where exactly is the Comm-r-ette park on 2ns st A west I can't make it out from the tiny map which should be a whole lot larger so it is legible

Anonymous

Ed Taylor Park

1/24/2023 11:17 AM

Anonymous

Ed Taylor Park

1/24/2023 11:21 AM

Anonymous

There's no parking at Ed Taylor Park. The location is close to single family homes that have yards. There's no water supply. The park is better suited to be a dog park.

1/24/2023 02:31 PM

Anonymous

Yes Commerette Park. It is busy w kids and families. There is not adequate parking unless parking in front of peoples homes the kids are exposed to many strangers. This park could not be renamed after a local soldier so I do not feel it should be a garde

1/24/2023 03:26 PM

Anonymous

Comm-r-ette Park

1/24/2023 10:18 PM

Anonymous

Ed Taylor Park, Timber McArthur Park

1/25/2023 07:00 AM

Anonymous

Comm-rette

1/25/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous

Please remove Timber MacArthur Park

1/26/2023 07:46 AM

Anonymous

Comm -r-ette Park

1/26/2023 11:00 AM

Anonymous

Yes.

1/26/2023 11:29 AM

Anonymous

Timber McArthur Park. (not familiar with other sites to make a comment)Timber McArthur Park and lands adjacent to the immediate park and not a suitable location for a community garden.

1/26/2023 11:34 AM

Anonymous

Timber McArthur

1/26/2023 08:42 PM

Anonymous

Timber McArthur Park

1/27/2023 09:35 AM

Anonymous

Comm-r-ette Park

1/29/2023 05:24 PM

Anonymous

timber mcarthur park

1/29/2023 08:09 PM

Anonymous

Comm-r-ette Park (There is no high density housing in this area. The single dwellings have their own yards and gardens. There is no parking. The park is too small.

1/29/2023 08:17 PM

Optional question (25 response(s), 93 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q11 | In your opinion should any City-owned parks be added to the list of suitable locations for Community Gardens? Parks already included on the list: Tot Lot, Maitland Park, Comm-r-ette Park, St. George's Park, Ed Taylor Park, Bill Inglis Park, and Timber McArthur Park.


12/23/2022 12:16 PM

Put Stobbe Park back on the list. Neighbours' complaints about "Odors, vermin, birds, and traffic" are not founded, and complaining about strangers in the 'hoods just ridiculous. Owen Sound Sun Times July 21 2021.

Anonymous

Harrison Park, Kelso Park

12/25/2022 09:40 AM

Anonymous

Owen Heights Park

12/26/2022 06:48 AM

Anonymous

I don't understand why we need a survey. Yes. Of course we should add community gardens if they are desired.

12/26/2022 11:45 AM

Anonymous

No

12/26/2022 01:47 PM

Anonymous

N/A

12/27/2022 05:25 PM

Anonymous

Community gardens should only be considered when there is hi

12/28/2022 05:32 AM

density housing and area residents are unable to have their own personal gardens. They should never be considered in a single family dominated neighborhood

Anonymous

12/28/2022 06:54 AM

If there is a space, the west side may benefit from an additional site.

Anonymous

12/28/2022 11:23 AM

no

Anonymous

12/28/2022 01:22 PM

all land that meets the criteria, below, should be used

Anonymous

12/28/2022 09:19 PM

Yes, I'm open to that. Not sure where would be suitable

Anonymous

12/29/2022 11:33 AM

I am not familiar enough with Owen Sound to comment but given that there are so few Community Gardens perhaps the suggested locations are not the correct ones.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 05:27 AM

unsure presently due to lack of information on the location of other city owned parks

Anonymous

12/30/2022 09:02 AM

More parks should be added if there is sufficient sunny land area. A group with funds has to be in charge of the garden so why have it near public housing when those tenants won't be part of the applicant group anyway due to cost.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 09:58 AM

Ryerson Park.. Harrison Park, Kelso Park, near Library area,

Anonymous

12/30/2022 01:23 PM

Any available area.

 12/30/2022 03:59 PM

Yes, food insecurity is probably highest downtown but most of those on the list are not downtown.

Anonymous

12/31/2022 02:00 PM

Yes to make them accessible to more people. You should be able to walk to one.

Anonymous 12/31/2022 05:10 PM	If the community is able work in access and use the gardens and not just city staff
Anonymous 12/31/2022 08:08 PM	No
Anonymous 1/01/2023 06:15 PM	Harrison Park (additional raised beds would be handy relatively close to children playground areas)
Anonymous 1/02/2023 06:11 AM	Stobbe Park
Anonymous 1/02/2023 07:54 AM	Yes , there should be more
Anonymous 1/02/2023 09:42 AM	Harrison Park
Anonymous 1/03/2023 11:28 AM	no
Anonymous 1/03/2023 08:36 PM	Maybe closer to apartment complexes
Anonymous 1/03/2023 09:56 PM	Yes, but without a list/map who knows?
Anonymous 1/04/2023 08:59 AM	Yes
Anonymous 1/05/2023 08:00 AM	If the park is large enough to accommodate it, yes.
Anonymous 1/05/2023 11:06 AM	Every park should eventually be considered. The more, the better.
Anonymous 1/05/2023 06:56 PM	No
Anonymous	Stobbe park , Owen heights park

1/05/2023 07:24 PM

Anonymous

1/06/2023 08:20 AM

Yes, Kinsman Field on the West side has suitable property AND there is a need with Grey Housing complex next door.

Anonymous

1/06/2023 10:41 AM

I'm open to having the maximum number of community gardens where appropriate spaces permit

Anonymous

1/07/2023 02:30 PM

The rear of Mitchell Park would be better. Bob & Carol Mitchell are close friends of our's and they told us that they would be OK with that.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 03:53 PM

Yes: All parks should be included. To exclude a park, based on a small group of narrow-minded immediate park neighbours -- whose only purpose is to restrict access and limit uses -- is contrary to the idea that public space is for everyone.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 05:11 PM

ALL parks should be included!!

Anonymous

1/09/2023 05:18 PM

Yes. The more areas available the better.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 05:50 PM

Yes, without question. Doesn't need to be obvious and if I continue to see resistance, I will be moving out of this town.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 04:26 AM

Lyes, Community parks should be for the community. Limited restrictions. Stobbe Park should be considered

Anonymous

1/10/2023 02:40 PM

there should be space available for community gardens in all city parks so people have access wherever they live in the city.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 07:56 PM

Only if they are not impinging on childrens' play space.

Anonymous

1/11/2023 04:47 AM

I walk by Stobbe Park knowing that residents apparently voted against a community garden there. It doesn't even have a bench! I vote for the community garden beautifying of a small section of Stobbe Park.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 02:15 PM

ALL parks should be on the list! If there is a group that is willing to put in their time and effort to create something that will benefit our community, they should be allowed to!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:52 PM

Love to see a community garden in all parks

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:48 PM

There is a parcel of land by Duncan McLellan Park, the northwest corner of 19th St E and 8th Ave that is city and not used. Possibly it is former dump land but should be considered. If not for garden, perhaps as butterfly garden.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:49 PM

don't know at present

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:12 PM

Stobbe Park should be brought back on the list for starters. This park was removed by a Motion by councilwoman Kepkoe because of apparently a huge backlash from neighbors. The survey results showed 70% were in favor of this park. Read the survey!!!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:44 PM

A portion of the 8th St.& 4th Ave East common ground that needs a new name.



1/17/2023 06:29 PM

1. I would like to add Owen Heights Park - 5th Street E and 8th Avenue E; 2. I understand that Stobbe Park and Charlie Kelly Parkette are going to be deleted from the Community Garden Register

Anonymous

1/21/2023 02:38 AM

Yes, more locations should be added downtown

Anonymous

1/23/2023 11:39 AM

No

Anonymous

1/23/2023 01:31 PM

I think future consideration should be given to the neighbours near those sites as parking could be a deterrent and where would the water come from to water these gardens

Anonymous

1/23/2023 03:28 PM


Great idea. I do think the one proposed for 1750-5th Ave E would be better down the street in the 18 or 19 hundred block as there is a lot

more room than where it now proposed.

Anonymous

1/23/2023 03:43 PM

Stobbe park


1/23/2023 04:35 PM

I think the park land already identified is a great start and am encouraged that the City of Owen Sound is in favour of working with our community members to increase food security.

Anonymous

1/23/2023 06:39 PM

All city owned properties should be available for gardening

Anonymous

1/23/2023 06:56 PM

None I can think of.

Anonymous


1/24/2023 11:17 AM

no

Anonymous

1/24/2023 11:21 AM

no


1/24/2023 11:34 AM

No

Anonymous

1/24/2023 02:28 PM

Yes they should

Anonymous

1/24/2023 03:26 PM

No

Anonymous

1/25/2023 07:00 AM

No

Anonymous

1/25/2023 11:08 AM

Could Corporal RTJ Mitchell Park be used?

Anonymous

1/25/2023 03:37 PM

Start with the given list and then be open to adding parks, if there is an interest.

Anonymous

No

1/25/2023 06:55 PM

Anonymous No

1/26/2023 06:49 AM

Anonymous No

1/26/2023 07:46 AM

Anonymous No.

1/26/2023 11:29 AM

Anonymous No

1/26/2023 11:34 AM

Anonymous Yes! All parks are suitable locations for community gardens.

1/26/2023 05:31 PM

Anonymous Garafraxa park, ryerson park

1/26/2023 08:42 PM

Anonymous Yes - more west side options

1/27/2023 08:13 AM

Anonymous No

1/27/2023 09:35 AM

 Yes

1/27/2023 01:46 PM

Anonymous I think there are enough parks listed here to choose from. Stobbe park seems like a small area to use. A larger park is more feasible for a greater population to utilize.

1/29/2023 08:06 AM

Anonymous They are all great! I include Timber MacArthur just down the street from my house.

1/29/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous More gardens should be added as seeded

1/29/2023 07:41 PM

Anonymous n/a

1/29/2023 08:09 PM

Anonymous

1/30/2023 08:10 AM

More Community Gardens are a great idea. Someone us needed to organize and promote these spaces.

Anonymous

1/30/2023 11:30 AM

CALL ME AND i WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS NEEDED UP HERE AT TEMBER MCARTHUR PARK. I CAN BE REACH AT [REDACTED]

Optional question (82 response(s), 36 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q12 | When considering locating a Community Garden on a City park not identified in this policy as an appropriate location, the following criteria are recommended for evaluating the potential of a location.- close to trails- close to higher density residential uses such as townhouses and apartments- availability of sufficient parking - close to transit (bus) stops- size of park- existing park amenities Are there other criteria that should be added?

Anonymous

12/25/2022 09:40 AM

Consider not only the benefits to human health but the health of the land and protecting biodiversity and pollinator habitat

Anonymous

12/26/2022 06:48 AM

availability to water source

Anonymous

12/26/2022 10:53 AM

Waterline availability,

Anonymous

12/26/2022 11:45 AM

Near people that want the garden

Anonymous

12/26/2022 01:47 PM

No

Anonymous

12/27/2022 05:25 PM

Available water source. Fencing to preclude animals.

Anonymous

12/28/2022 05:32 AM

Never in a single family dominate neighborhood

Anonymous

Existing lighting for security/safety.

12/28/2022 06:54 AM

Anonymous should be one for part of town

12/28/2022 11:23 AM

Anonymous availability of water

12/28/2022 01:22 PM

Anonymous Proximity to retirement homes - there are a lot of experienced gardeners who could contribute their knowledge plus they can continue to garden without having the upkeep of an entire yard.

12/29/2022 11:33 AM

Anonymous perhaps close to and/or within walking distance to senior condos and retirement/long term care homes as Owen Sound has a large senior population and many seniors who still like tending a small garden patch or just enjoy seeing them

12/30/2022 05:27 AM

Anonymous The second criteria should not be required, only suggested. Many homeowners do not have enough space or sun to grow on their own lots. Requiring close bus stops is limiting considering we cannot afford the transit we currently have.

12/30/2022 09:02 AM

Anonymous Availability of temporary portable toilet for season..with safe locked needle depository and safe handcleaning available

12/30/2022 09:58 AM

Anonymous Water source, lighting and sun needs. Safe open environment.

12/30/2022 01:23 PM

where homelessness and food insecurity is high

12/30/2022 03:59 PM

Anonymous Access to facilities to store tools and fresh water and composting sites

12/31/2022 05:10 PM

Anonymous Ease of providing a source of water

12/31/2022 08:08 PM

Anonymous availability of trash/recycle containers close to garden areas As well one may want to consider (depending on the area) the availability of evening lighting?

1/01/2023 06:15 PM

Anonymous

1/02/2023 06:11 AM

No

Anonymous

1/02/2023 09:42 AM

Locations non-peripheral to the downtown core

Anonymous

1/03/2023 11:28 AM

secure from vandalism

Anonymous

1/03/2023 08:36 PM

No

Anonymous

1/03/2023 09:56 PM

Vandalism levels, no-one will ride the broken transit system for this lol, real criteria is how much the city will spend including dedicated employees to this purpose. Security/fence or these will be vandalized. No fun. People get sad, don't continue.

Anonymous

1/04/2023 08:59 AM

No

Anonymous

1/05/2023 11:06 AM

Proximity to washroom would be ideal, but not necessarily a deal-breaker.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 06:56 PM

None of the above

Anonymous

1/05/2023 07:24 PM

Addressing gaps in pollinator corridors

Anonymous

1/07/2023 02:30 PM

The rear of Mitchell Park would also be more suitable as above ground composting cribs could be installed in the trees that divide the commemorative section for the rear. Such cribs would be out in the open at Comm-r-ette Park

Anonymous

1/09/2023 03:53 PM

Public space is for everyone. The city's goal with parks should be to broaden the appeal and utility of all its parks. To create an exclusive zone, where a tiny minority of people living next to a park can veto others' use, is unacceptable.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 05:50 PM

None of this matters. Build gardens. Grow food.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 04:26 AM

Local community support is needed. Majority of local residents should have final say.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 02:40 PM

access is fair and equitable regardless of where you live in the city. Access to a community garden space should be the same for all citizens and not be confined to specific geographic areas.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 07:56 PM

Good criteria

Anonymous

1/12/2023 02:15 PM

Parks are for everyone. And anyone within our community should feel welcomed into a public space that, by definition, belongs to all of us. There needs to be features that appeal to as broad a segment of our community members as possible.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:52 PM

Above criteria good

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:49 PM

available water source

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:12 PM

Serious? High density living?? What is the mater with CGs in other neighborhoods? Many cities have them spread throughout their cities. CGs offer so much more than just some food. Gathering places, learning, socializing Meet with the Stobbe park org.

[REDACTED]

1/17/2023 06:29 PM

it's not necessary a criteria for policy but sun exposure and water supply is a huge benefit to have successful garden

Anonymous

1/20/2023 08:59 AM

Availability of water close

Anonymous

1/21/2023 02:38 AM

Walkable and accessible area. Perhaps also access to water

Anonymous

1/23/2023 01:31 PM

Are these gardens going to be well maintained and cleaned up at the end of the season? This should be criteria for anyone wanting to plant

[REDACTED]
1/23/2023 04:35 PM

I haven't seen any specific mention of water sources. How will that be handled?

Anonymous
1/24/2023 11:17 AM

no

Anonymous
1/24/2023 11:21 AM

yes

[REDACTED]
1/24/2023 11:34 AM

Please leave an area in Taylor Park for children to play (fenced off) for children to play while adults garden.

Anonymous
1/24/2023 02:28 PM

10 feet

Anonymous
1/24/2023 02:31 PM

Source of water. Surrounding residents' view. How much park is used by others. If there is a better use for the parkland (such as a dog park). Attracting wildlife.

Anonymous
1/24/2023 03:26 PM

Commerette park is a very busy park w many children families and older kids playing / sports / etc

Anonymous
1/24/2023 10:18 PM

DrainageAt least 2 proposed sites are quite wet sometimes. Comm-ette Park and Bill Inglis Park are quite wet at times. The water is sometimes two to three inches deep at Bill Inglis Park. Enough to soak someone's shoes or make a garden mud pit.

Anonymous
1/25/2023 03:37 PM

It is important to test the soil for contaminants.

Anonymous
1/25/2023 06:55 PM

No

Anonymous
1/26/2023 06:49 AM

No

Anonymous
1/26/2023 07:46 AM

Majority consent of surrounding neighbors in favour of the park

Anonymous

1/26/2023 11:00 AM

Park is well used with playground and sports area

Anonymous

1/26/2023 11:29 AM

No

Anonymous

1/26/2023 05:31 PM

Proximity to agencies who would use the garden for produce, programming, etc.

Anonymous

1/26/2023 07:57 PM

Close to vulnerable in our population who could really make use of the food/health the garden could provide

Anonymous

1/27/2023 09:35 AM

No

Anonymous

1/27/2023 12:14 PM

Soil conditions. Timber McArthur park is on the bluff. We live at [REDACTED]. it is a big job to dig for anything. Putting a clothes line pole in is a big job!

Anonymous

1/27/2023 12:41 PM

Will the community garcens be enclosed, ie fenced for protection of crops?

[REDACTED]

1/27/2023 01:46 PM

no

Anonymous

1/29/2023 07:41 PM

An area that is identified by several people, familiar with community gardens, should be given consideration.

Anonymous

1/29/2023 08:09 PM

should be closer to multi-dwelling residences as opposed to single-dweeling residences since most have gardens already in their backyards.

[REDACTED]

1/30/2023 10:12 AM

parking should be there but not highly prioritized, as it would be wrong to exclude small areas in highly walkable neighbourhoods.

Anonymous

1/30/2023 11:30 AM

Please call me at [REDACTED] I would like to add some info from a former Alderman, [REDACTED]. He had an idea that should be look at for Timber McArthur park. Call me at [REDACTED]

██████████
1/30/2023 03:36 PM
close to retirement communities; places to sit and socialize near by;
in areas that connect groups, ie. retirement communities and schools

Anonymous
1/30/2023 07:24 PM
Reasonably close to a source of water for irrigation.

Anonymous
1/30/2023 09:12 PM
Sufficient hours of direct sun, and ability to water gardens sufficiently.
Accessibility for people with physical disabilities.

Optional question (69 response(s), 49 skipped)
Question type: Single Line Question

Q13 In establishing a Community Garden, how far should a garden be from a park boundary that abuts a neighbouring residential use (e.g. houses or apartments)?Please specify if your answer is in metres or feet.

██████████
12/23/2022 12:16 PM
20 feet from the lot line of any dwelling, not from the dwelling itself.
And since there's no comment space for #14, I'd add that fences aren't required between neighbours so they needn't be between gardens and properties either.

Anonymous
12/25/2022 09:40 AM
in easy walkable distance

Anonymous
12/26/2022 06:48 AM
as close as bylaws allow

Anonymous
12/26/2022 10:53 AM
Fences help

Anonymous
12/26/2022 11:45 AM
Why does this matter?

Anonymous
12/26/2022 12:43 PM
2 m

Anonymous
200m

12/26/2022 01:47 PM

Anonymous 15 feet

12/27/2022 05:25 PM

Anonymous 200 ft

12/28/2022 05:32 AM

Anonymous Unsure

12/28/2022 06:54 AM

Anonymous 10 feet

12/28/2022 11:23 AM

Anonymous 10 ft

12/28/2022 09:19 PM

Anonymous Don't feel that this is important/relevant.

12/30/2022 05:27 AM

Anonymous 8m

12/30/2022 09:02 AM

Anonymous Guessing : 30 metres

12/30/2022 09:58 AM

Anonymous 8 feet

12/30/2022 01:23 PM

 25 feet

12/30/2022 03:59 PM

Anonymous 5 meters

12/31/2022 02:00 PM

Anonymous It should be accessible to all properties to encourage involvement in the project

12/31/2022 05:10 PM

Anonymous No idea. I suggest you check what other municipalities use.

12/31/2022 08:08 PM

Anonymous 1/01/2023 06:15 PM	3 metres from boundary
Anonymous 1/02/2023 06:11 AM	1m
Anonymous 1/02/2023 09:42 AM	4 metres
Anonymous 1/02/2023 10:34 AM	10 feet
Anonymous 1/03/2023 07:24 AM	The city should use judgment for each individual case - some might need more distance from housing, come less.
Anonymous 1/03/2023 11:28 AM	no less than 25 m
Anonymous 1/03/2023 02:30 PM	30 ft
Anonymous 1/03/2023 08:36 PM	Unsure
Anonymous 1/03/2023 09:56 PM	Same as private property.
Anonymous 1/04/2023 08:59 AM	10 feet
Anonymous 1/05/2023 08:00 AM	As it is a community garden surely the "neighbouring residential" property will be involved in the planting and would be part of that decision.
Anonymous 1/05/2023 11:06 AM	Depends on the site. Can't see much of a down-side other than more people making more day-time use of our parks
Anonymous 1/05/2023 06:56 PM	Should not be allowed. Cost borne by city adds to taxes.

Anonymous 1/05/2023 07:24 PM	Should be equivalent to setback minimums for all development
Anonymous 1/06/2023 08:20 AM	20 feet
Anonymous 1/06/2023 10:41 AM	I think city planning department is better equipped to answer this than random citizens. I see them as a good neighbour in any neighbourhood
Anonymous 1/07/2023 02:30 PM	15 M
Anonymous 1/09/2023 03:53 PM	5 metres sounds reasonable. There should be enough room that gardeners can manoeuvre around their respective plots, without risk of crossing into a neighbour's space.
Anonymous 1/09/2023 05:50 PM	Close! Get kids and community involved.
Anonymous 1/10/2023 04:26 AM	Proper planning , a few metres.
Anonymous 1/10/2023 02:40 PM	3-5 metres. Gardens and gardeners are not a noise or crowd problem for a residential area.
Anonymous 1/10/2023 07:56 PM	Not sure
Anonymous 1/11/2023 04:47 AM	10 metres? Just a thought
Anonymous 1/12/2023 02:15 PM	15 to 20 feet sounds reasonable. The gardens would need lots of space around them, so that gardeners can work without going onto a neighbour's property.
Anonymous 1/12/2023 06:52 PM	I don't see this as an issue
Anonymous	30 meters

1/13/2023 01:49 PM

Anonymous

No different that building codes require. 3feet.

1/13/2023 05:12 PM

Anonymous

8 feet

1/14/2023 12:44 PM

[REDACTED]

Distance doesn't really matter as every site will be different. If you have a subsidies housing - you want to have garden right in the neighbourhood, so I would not use distance limit in the policy.

1/17/2023 06:29 PM

Anonymous

6 ft

1/17/2023 10:16 PM

Anonymous

100m

1/20/2023 08:59 AM

Anonymous

Perhaps follow guidelines in other municipalities both urban and rural.

1/21/2023 02:38 AM

Anonymous

100m

1/23/2023 11:39 AM

Anonymous

at least 300 ft

1/23/2023 01:31 PM

Anonymous

3 meters

1/23/2023 04:14 PM

[REDACTED]

As most gardening activities will take place in daylight hours and gardening isn't generally considered a noise generating activity I would suggest that 1 metre is sufficient.

1/23/2023 04:35 PM

Anonymous

200m

1/24/2023 11:17 AM

Anonymous

200m

1/24/2023 11:21 AM

Anonymous

100 feet

1/24/2023 02:28 PM

Anonymous Shouldn't be close at all

1/24/2023 03:26 PM

Anonymous 40'

1/24/2023 10:18 PM

Anonymous 500 metres

1/25/2023 07:00 AM

Anonymous approximately 60 feet, (20 metres)

1/25/2023 08:24 AM

Anonymous Consult with neighbors to make sure the garden is within their "comfort" zone.

1/25/2023 03:37 PM

Anonymous 10 m

1/25/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous 10 feet

1/25/2023 06:55 PM

Anonymous 10 ft

1/26/2023 06:49 AM

Anonymous How big will this garden be? Will it house bees? Will that be a separate issue? This question is N/A until you have other data supplied.

1/26/2023 07:46 AM

Anonymous 100m

1/26/2023 11:29 AM

Anonymous 100 meters

1/26/2023 11:34 AM

Anonymous I think this should be case by case depending on the features and useage of the park.

1/26/2023 05:31 PM

Anonymous 15m

1/26/2023 08:42 PM

Anonymous

0m - no restriction needed

1/27/2023 08:13 AM

Anonymous

100 meters

1/27/2023 09:35 AM

[REDACTED]

at least 100 ft

1/27/2023 01:46 PM

Anonymous

50'

1/28/2023 12:37 PM

Anonymous

A community garden needs to be at least 200-300 feet away from a residential dwelling

1/29/2023 08:06 AM

Anonymous

unsure

1/29/2023 02:04 PM

Anonymous

one metre

1/29/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous

Minimum 30 feet

1/29/2023 05:24 PM

Anonymous

No comment...

1/29/2023 07:41 PM

Anonymous

should not be directly in front of (across the street) a residential home. There is no parking available, other than on the street which can present a safety issue for walkers, biking etc

1/29/2023 08:09 PM

Anonymous

Not sure but should not be directly in front of or beside a residential private home.

1/29/2023 08:17 PM

Anonymous

10 feet

1/30/2023 08:10 AM

[REDACTED]

0 feet, no setback needed in my opinion. A garden is just another use

1/30/2023 10:12 AM

for a park, we don't require parks be setback from people.

Anonymous

1/30/2023 07:24 PM

I see no problem with a community garden being right up to a park boundary that abuts a neighbouring residential use.

Anonymous

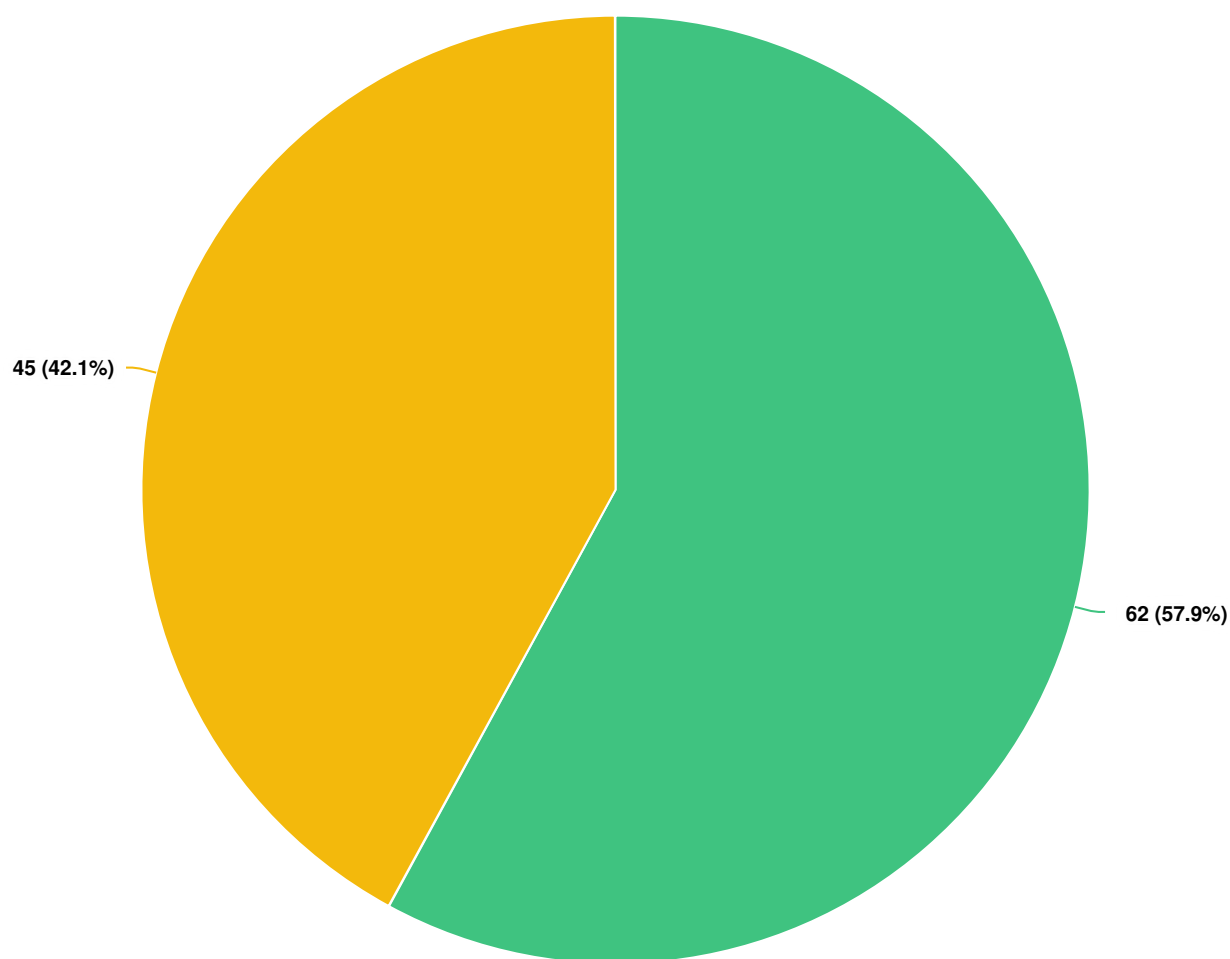
1/30/2023 09:12 PM

4 metres

Optional question (87 response(s), 31 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q14 | The Community Gardens Policy is proposing that applications for community gardens on approved locations will not require further public consultation other than to be reported at Community Services Committee. Do you support this approach?



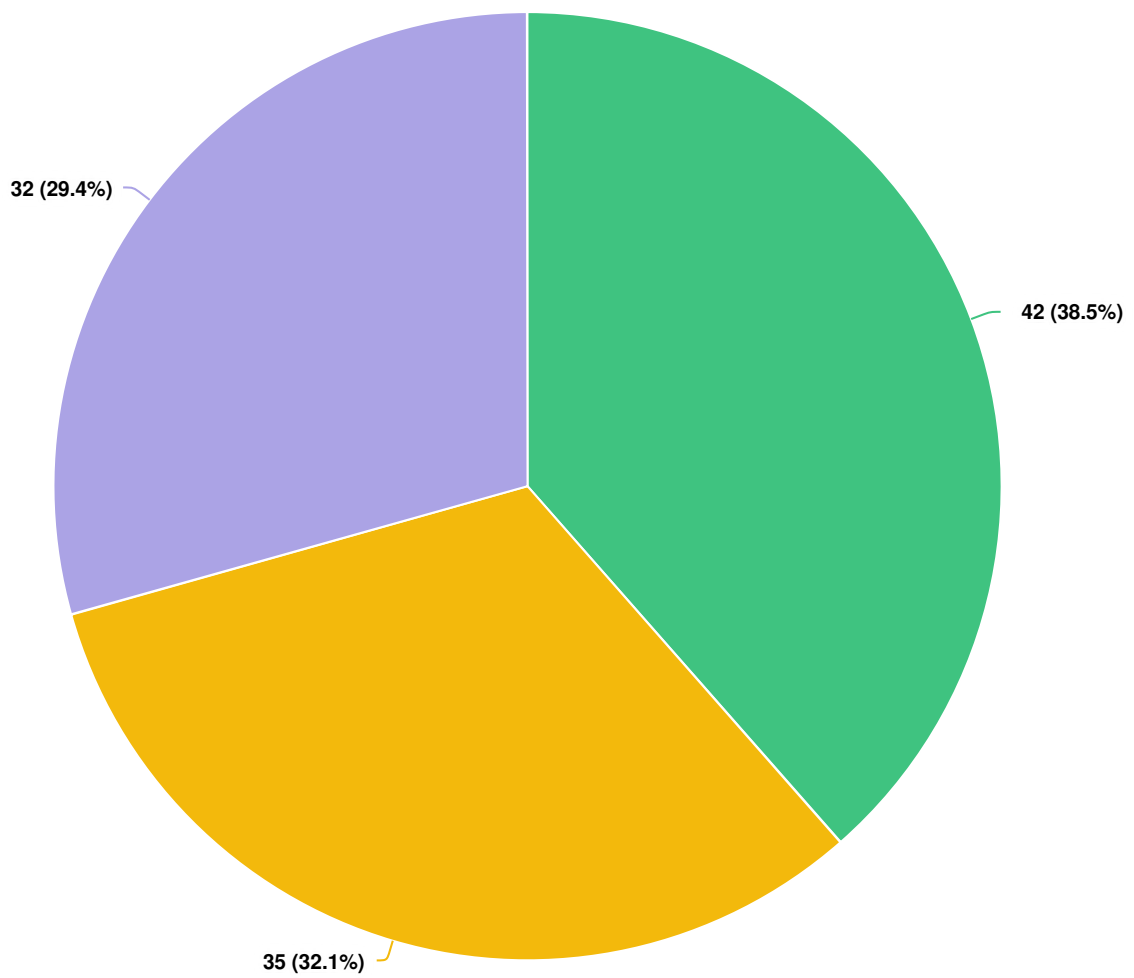
Question options

- Public consultation on the proposed policy is sufficient to properly locate Community Gardens.
- Further consultation with the neighbourhood surrounding each Community Garden location should be required.

Optional question (107 response(s), 11 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question

Q15 | Would you be interested in participating in a Community Garden?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- Maybe in the future

Optional question (109 response(s), 9 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q16 | Should the Community Gardens Policy include a maximum area of a park that can be taken up by a community garden?

[REDACTED]

12/23/2022 12:16 PM

Leave enough space for kids to kick a ball around.

Anonymous

12/25/2022 09:40 AM

no

Anonymous

12/26/2022 06:48 AM

1/3 garden, 1/3 open space, 1/3 playground

Anonymous

12/26/2022 10:53 AM

Depending upon what other green spaces are available in that neighborhood

Anonymous

12/26/2022 11:45 AM

No.

Anonymous

12/26/2022 12:43 PM

Perhaps, you want to ensure enough space for activities or sports

Anonymous

12/26/2022 01:47 PM

Yes

Anonymous

12/27/2022 05:25 PM

No

Anonymous

12/28/2022 05:32 AM

Yes.

Anonymous

12/28/2022 06:54 AM

Depends on site.

Anonymous

12/28/2022 11:23 AM

yes

Anonymous

12/28/2022 01:22 PM

yes

Anonymous

No

12/28/2022 09:19 PM

Anonymous

12/29/2022 11:33 AM

I think that it would need to be on a case by case basis as each park has different uses

Anonymous

12/30/2022 05:27 AM

That would depend on what else exists on the property or if there are other plans for that property eg a playground for children, a picnic shelter etc. Each park should be looked at individually to maximize it's potential for the community.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 09:02 AM

Yes. Also it should have limitations added on social gatherings within the garden so that a group does not have noisy parties in the space that are disturbing to the neighbourhood. There should also be a noise restriction- no audible music.

Anonymous

12/30/2022 09:58 AM

No

Anonymous

12/30/2022 01:23 PM

Yes. We still need peaceful places to enjoy

Anonymous

12/31/2022 02:00 PM

No

Anonymous

12/31/2022 05:10 PM

Yes, only already open and conducive areas should be considered. No forest areas should be compromised or habitat sensitive areas should be impacted

Anonymous

12/31/2022 08:08 PM

Yes. Playing fields should not be taken away from kids for community gardens.

Anonymous

1/01/2023 06:15 PM

I believe setting parameters on the maximum area would be great idea

Anonymous

1/02/2023 06:11 AM

Yes

Anonymous

1/02/2023 07:54 AM

No

Anonymous 1/02/2023 09:42 AM	Yes. It is important that many activities can take place in each park.
Anonymous 1/02/2023 10:34 AM	Yes, make it as big as can be, we love gardens
Anonymous 1/03/2023 07:24 AM	Again, the city should use judgment in each individual case, in partnership with those who care for the garden
Anonymous 1/03/2023 11:28 AM	yes
Anonymous 1/03/2023 02:30 PM	Yes
Anonymous 1/03/2023 09:56 PM	Depends on the park doesn't it? There's a lot of people who have already done this, why as usual is the city reinventing the wheel? https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allotment_(gardening)
Anonymous 1/04/2023 08:59 AM	No
Anonymous 1/05/2023 08:00 AM	In all proposals of this sort it is wise to start small and after an amount of time (say, 1-5 years) see if expansion is wanted. Each community should be able to judge how successful the endeavour proved to be and make their decision at that time.
Anonymous 1/05/2023 11:06 AM	yes, depending on what other activities the park currently supports. Most of these little parks are under-utilized.
Anonymous 1/05/2023 06:56 PM	While not a direct response, that amount of time taken up by staff and costs seems excessive.
Anonymous 1/05/2023 07:24 PM	No, it should be site specific
Anonymous 1/06/2023 08:20 AM	Yes. In my experience, vision always exceeds action. In terms of food supply, simple is better, especially in new locations

Anonymous

1/06/2023 10:41 AM

Again I think this is something the city planning department would be best equipped to determine

Anonymous

1/07/2023 02:30 PM

Yes, no more than 15 % of current usable land excluding groves of trees.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 03:53 PM

Yes. After all, parks should be for everyone. Public space should be designed to appeal to as broad a cohort of the public as possible. There should be room for gardens; space for those who want to sit; playground equipment; etc.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 05:18 PM

Yes, I don't think the entire park should be used fir this purpose.

Anonymous

1/09/2023 05:50 PM

Depends on the community.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 04:26 AM

The size of the park and its location should determine the size of the garden.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 09:05 AM

Yes, on a case-by-case basis. If a given park has low use for other activities, it makes sense to maximize the garden space if it is well used. Otherwise, increasing garden space while limiting other uses could result in resentment and garden damage.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 02:40 PM

the size of the community garden needs to be tailored to the size of the park area to permit diverse uses of the land. The goal should be supporting multiple uses that offer community members choice in their activities in a park.

Anonymous

1/10/2023 07:56 PM

Yes

Anonymous

1/11/2023 04:47 AM

Yes, I thinking keeping in mind the size of the land parcel is important

Anonymous

1/12/2023 02:15 PM

Parks need to allow as many different people to enjoy the public space that belongs to all of us (as opposed to just those who live within eyesight). I think the footprint of the garden should be limited to no more than 30% of the affective area.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:52 PM

Yes. Probably wise to have maximum area defined

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:48 PM

Up to 50% of open area i.e. not playground, ball field, etc.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:49 PM

25%

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:12 PM

Of course it should. Once again I suggest that the time to meet with the Stobbe park committee. This was all talked about and well planned.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:44 PM

Yes. The maximum should be based on other usage of the land.



1/17/2023 06:29 PM

There should not be maximum specified.

Anonymous

1/20/2023 08:59 AM

Dependant on garden location and if other uses are current for the location Such as children play area or dog walking

Anonymous

1/21/2023 02:38 AM

Should also consider community garden only sites that are not already designated as parks (eg along the harbour area?) And can you consider one at the Marine Museum/Tourist area. Lots of unused area there.

Anonymous

1/23/2023 11:39 AM

I do not support these gardens. Intrest is haigh at the beginning .. then it drops and the gardens become an eyesoar

Anonymous

1/23/2023 01:31 PM

Are these parks for kids to play in or for gardens? Kids won't be playing if those boxes are everywhere.

Anonymous


1/23/2023 03:43 PM

Yes

Anonymous

1/23/2023 04:14 PM

Yes


1/23/2023 04:35 PM

I feel I don't have enough expertise to answer this question. A new community garden venture should probably start small and grow as interest and participation grows. I am not familiar with perhaps already established boundaries around playgrounds, etc

Anonymous
1/23/2023 06:39 PM

I think that some small parks that are under used could potentially be completely converted into a garden.

Anonymous
1/24/2023 11:17 AM

yes

Anonymous
1/24/2023 11:21 AM

yes

Anonymous
1/24/2023 02:21 PM

Yes, need to leave space for children to play if there is currently play areas in the park

Anonymous
1/24/2023 02:28 PM

1%

Anonymous
1/24/2023 02:31 PM

Depends on how much parkland is used for other activities.

Anonymous
1/24/2023 10:18 PM

Yes.

Anonymous
1/25/2023 07:00 AM

Yes

Anonymous
1/25/2023 08:24 AM

yes

Anonymous
1/25/2023 11:08 AM

Yes

Anonymous
1/25/2023 03:37 PM

yes

Anonymous
1/25/2023 03:38 PM

Yes

Anonymous 1/25/2023 06:55 PM	10% of square footage
Anonymous 1/26/2023 05:29 AM	Yes
Anonymous 1/26/2023 06:49 AM	Yes, no more than 1/2 to maintain playground area
Anonymous 1/26/2023 07:46 AM	Yes
Anonymous 1/26/2023 09:28 AM	Yes
Anonymous 1/26/2023 11:00 AM	There should be a max area in a well used park.
Anonymous 1/26/2023 11:29 AM	Yes.
Anonymous 1/26/2023 11:34 AM	Absolutely.
Anonymous 1/26/2023 05:31 PM	No
Anonymous 1/26/2023 07:57 PM	Yes. Public spaces must be shared spaces where all are welcome
Anonymous 1/26/2023 08:42 PM	Yes. A garden should be a feature of a park not consume it.
Anonymous 1/27/2023 08:13 AM	No
Anonymous 1/27/2023 09:35 AM	Yes
Anonymous	Yes

1/27/2023 12:14 PM

Anonymous

Yes

1/27/2023 12:41 PM

[REDACTED]

yes, not the whole thing

1/27/2023 01:46 PM

Anonymous

Yes.....max 50%

1/28/2023 12:37 PM

Anonymous

Yes there should be limitations on how much space is occupied by the gardens

1/29/2023 08:06 AM

Anonymous

yes

1/29/2023 02:04 PM

Anonymous

A park is not just one thing! For example in Timber MacArthur Park there are treed areas, a

1/29/2023 03:38 PM

Anonymous

Yes

1/29/2023 05:24 PM

Anonymous

No comment...

1/29/2023 07:41 PM

Anonymous

Yes. Parks serve many people and differing uses. There has to be space for everything.

1/30/2023 08:10 AM

[REDACTED]

wouldn't hurt, to ensure there is room to run and play, but could be a pretty high % I think.

1/30/2023 10:12 AM

Anonymous

Yes as there are other thing that has to be looked at up here at Timber Arthur Park

1/30/2023 11:30 AM

Anonymous

yes, to be determined by the Community Services Committee.

1/30/2023 07:24 PM

Anonymous

Yes, keeping in mind that parks should accommodate children at

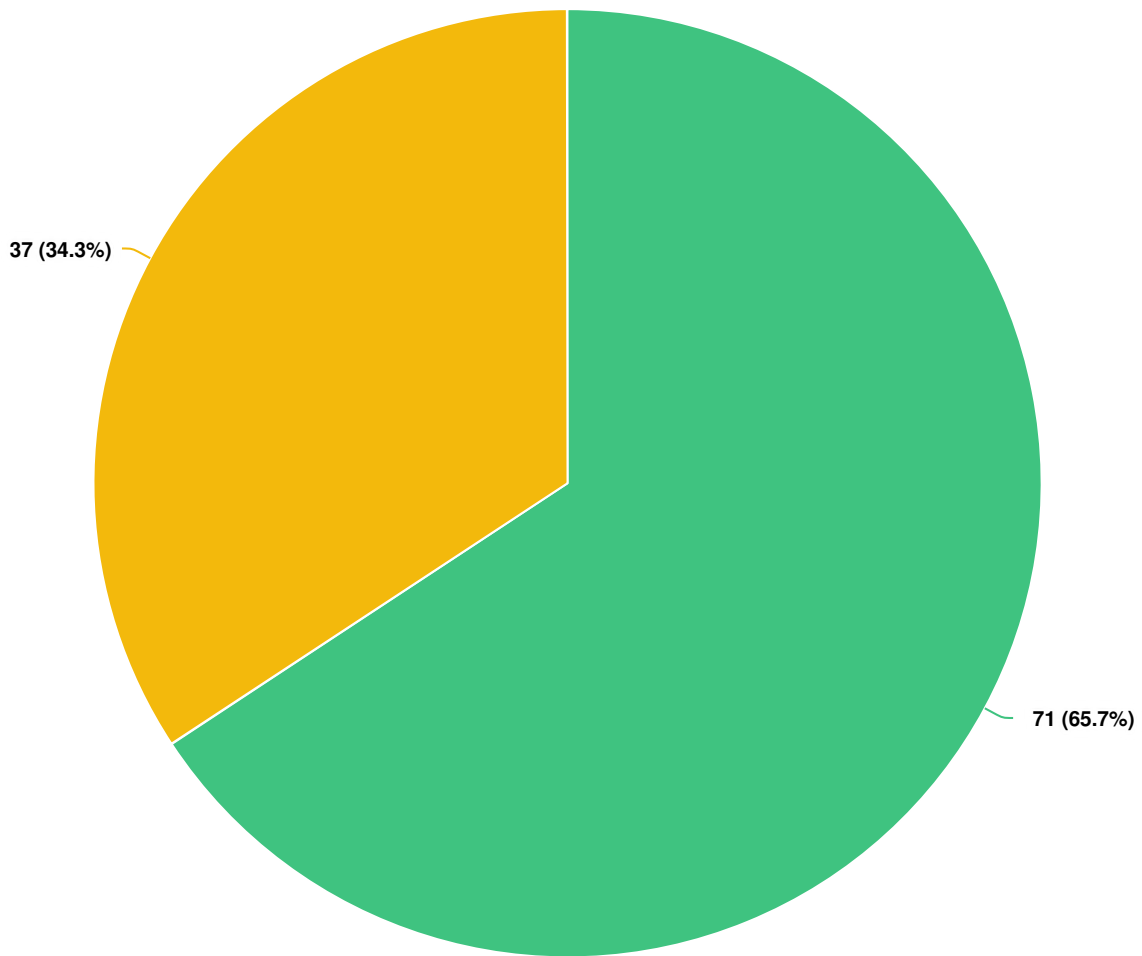
1/30/2023 09:12 PM

play.

Optional question (99 response(s), 19 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q17 | Where a Community Garden is located in a park that abuts a residential use (e.g. houses or apartments), should a fence or vegetative buffer be required?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (108 response(s), 10 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Public Engagement Feedback Continued:

Guestbook	
1.	Thanks for adding this field. Community gardens are good for so many reasons*. If a plan for one is rejected by some members of the community, it's important to address their concerns (many are based on assumptions) with education. Add this step to the process/policy. Perhaps the Grey County Master Gardeners can help provide a template to debunk false assumptions and highlight the benefits. Please work with experienced gardeners and the resistant folks to come up with a better solution than deciding not to make a community eligible for a community garden or rejecting an application. We will all benefit, as will our environment. * For example, Community gardens can: Help improve air and soil quality Increase biodiversity of plants and animals Reduce "food miles" that are required to transport nutritious food replace impervious structures and improve water infiltration reduce neighborhood waste through composting Positively impact the urban micro-climate Increase access to fresh foods Improve food security Increase physical activity through garden maintenance activities Improve dietary habits through education Increase fruit and vegetable intake Reduce risk of obesity and obesity-related diseases Improve mental health and promote relaxation Create community
2.	I think community gardens have many positive benefits to the local community. I do not think that the people who live closest the park should determine how it is used and prevent the rest of the neighborhood for enjoying it in different ways. Leave all spaces on the list. If there are a group of people who want to follow the guidelines and create a garden, then they should be allowed to do it.
3.	I do not support community gardens, simply because the interest is high at the beginning, then it levels off or dies off, and the ground becomes an eyesore. Then needs to be cleaned up at taxpayers expense. These gardens should not be in our parks etc. Not in a visible spot
4.	Im all for a garden but please do not put the garden close to playgrounds, they attract animals and insects. People lose interest and then they are just rotting fenced off areas. Also please don't

	plant it on the hill at Ed Taylor park, all of the neighborhood kids toboggan on it and the trees your planted last year allre already dying.
5.	I have nothing against St George's community Garden but it would be nice if they cleaned up old skids left up against fence for the past years.
6.	I would love to see the Bill Inglis Park be used for the Community Garden Project. We have lived adjacent to it for some time, and neighbours have shared that the playground hasnt been updated in +25 yrs that they have lived there. The play equipment is in poor shape, and neighboring children (including my own) would benefit from this opportunity. I would gladly volunteer to grow and maintain a Community Garden Project at Bill Inglis and support any upgrades to utilize the space this park has to offer!
Questions	
1.	Why did council change their mind and remove this park from the list of possible locations for a community garden?
2.	I have lived beside comm-r-ette park for 33 years. It is a well used park. Children love the playground. Families picnic in the shade of the trees. There is often a ball, soccer or lacrosse game in the open sports area. This family park suits the neighborhood. Young busy families outside getting fresh air and exercise. The surrounding homes have large lots that provide lots of space for gardens. I don't see the need to take valuable children play space to sevice gardeners from out of the neighborhood.
Email	
1.	<p>Here are my concerns about a proposal to have a community garden at Comm-r-ette Park.</p> <p>The policy mentions gardens in "<i>passively</i> used green spaces". Anyone familiar with this park would not call it a passively used green space. It has playground equipment used ALL the time. The rest of the green space (to the west and north of the playground equipment), is used for soccer, baseball, supervised dog playing, tag, pick up football and lacrosse (and I've even seen the odd golfer practicing). It is also a school bus pick up and drop off area.</p> <p>While I am all for community gardens, I don't think a busy, well used park is the best spot for a community garden. I think it will</p>

	<p>interfere with the space needed and used, for all the physical activity that goes on here. My husband and I see Comm-r-ette park...at all times of the day living right across from it. We LOVE all the activity and seeing all ages use the park - it's a high "foot" traffic and play area.</p> <p>Space wise because of the high use, I don't see adequate room for a community garden. If it was against one of the hedged areas to the east or west, I think it would have inadequate sun. The sides parallel to the roads - one side has a community post office mailbox and a huge tree which again would impede sun. The other roadside area is where the bus picks up and close to playground on other end.</p> <p>This area also has (within a block of this park), a community garden on the Christian Reform private property. I think there are other underused park/green areas that would be more suitable. I am also concerned about "establishing locations where community gardens would be permitted without further consultation " mentioned in the Project Background. Before such projects "happen" you need community buy in and consultation. Even this letter of notice of the community garden policy update sent to us asking for feedback, allowed less than a week turnaround upon receipt to respond.</p> <p>I also completed the online survey although I didn't find it friendly for genuine feedback.</p> <p>Thanks for receiving this input. Please confirm you received it. Please also let me know how this feedback will be relayed forward. Should I be copying Briana Bloomfield or anyone else? Thank you,</p>
2.	<p>Sorry for late input...usually get mail weekly from the group box on our street.</p> <p>I have no problem with using some of the space at the comm-erette park for a garden...I just hope that in dry spells the city will water it. Its a full sun park...almost too hot on extreme days...glad some new trees have been added in recent years...id like to think my input to adam helped with that!....good luck with this project.</p>
3.	<p>Hi:</p> <p>I just filled in the Survey. I was trying to give a thoughtful response to the last question about what area should be made available in a park for a community garden and it would only take part of my first sentence.</p> <p>When I tried to figure out where I could put the rest of my comment I got bumped from the survey. So, hoping that you actually do want a response to that question, I am including it here.</p>

	<p>1. It depends on the park. A park is not just one thing. They all have different characteristics and sizes.</p> <p>2. Timber MacArthur Park just down the street from my home is a good example. It has a treed and shady area and a playground, and a large open grassed area. We do not want to lose any trees!</p> <p>3. Placement makes a difference. You need a water supply. In this case there is a hydrant right by the playground. The open area is used all the time by both school groups from at least 3 schools for exercise and games, and 24/7 all year by dog walkers, moms with babies and everyone else who just enjoys the space and the view. So I would not put a garden in the middle of that space making 2 smaller open spaces.</p> <p>4. While the open space is so unique and valuable, a garden project would blend in really well with "naturalizing" the cliff line border of the park. A healthy garden needs the pollenizers, but the mowers keep eliminating bee and butterfly friendly plants. They are NOT weeds! Parks staff are out there every week mowing it again and again. I guess it is considered 'bad' to let the dandelions grow. But it takes more than a week for them to reappear, or for the grasses to get so high you cannot see where a thrown ball landed! It is a waste of our tax money to spend that time and effort and gas on mowing it too often!</p> <p>4. I have no criteria available to determine an appropriate size. The number of users would be helpful in figuring that out. Does it have to be a certain size forever? Can it start smaller and grow if there is demand and participation?</p> <p>Thanks for reading</p>
4.	<p>Hi Jocelyn. My name is [REDACTED]. I live at [REDACTED]. Comm-r-ette Park is a relatively small but busy park with lots of children at the slides etc, others playing ball or soccer in the open areas or just running around making noise. A lot of older people, including me, walk their dogs through the park and some possibly improperly let their dogs run loose in the park. In the net it is a very busy little park with not a lot of room to add anything else.</p> <p>If a community garden is added it would have to be fenced in and a water source provided and depending on the size probably adding a port potty. When i used to live in a condominium in Toronto I rented a 20'x25' plot in a community garden and it was good at first but after some time people really did not take care of their allotment and theft and vandalism became more and more of a problem. The North York/Toronto garden plots had an exterior fence and gate that was closed at night and it was a lot more isolated under a large Hydro One right of way for high voltage transmission lines than Comm-r-ette park would be.</p> <p>I think an exterior fence is an absolute necessity and that would be just ugly in Comm-r-ette Park. I think the water source and port potty would also be necessary. If we had a water source and a porta potty the next thing we would have would be</p>

	<p>tents for homeless people. This would have a negative effect on property values leading many of us to appeal our already high property taxes.</p> <p>I am obviously opposed to a community garden in Comm-r-ette park. If there were to be a community garden in this area who would be the expected users? I think a more suitable location in this area would be Mitchel Park off 2nd A Street in the 200 to 300 block. I used to live at [REDACTED] and no one used Mitchell Park It could be easily fenced off and would have a sizeable area fo garden plots on the South side.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Regarding notice of the Community Garden Policy Update .</p> <p>We did take time to read the draft of the entire policy that supports the creation and placement of community gardens in our city. We also did do the survey on your web site. The survey did ask for some input but did not give us the opportunity to give feedback on why we would like to see one of the proposed locations “Timber McArthur Park” be removed from your proposed locations for gardens.</p> <p>Timber McArthur Park is located on 5th Ave East. There is land adjacent to the park in both directions - from 16th Street to 21St. East.</p> <p>This land is located on a bluff. It is currently used by many residence for biking, hiking, running, dog walking , children playground. I have also seen it utilized by the firefighters for -training exercises and also local schools have used it as an area for their outdoor actives. Also it is one of the most scenic areas in the city - overlooking the harbour and Georgian Bay . It is also connected to the walking trail. What is wrong with just leaving it to it’s natural beauty in it’s simplicity. These are some of the reasons that we feel this this locations not an appropriate area for a Community Garden.</p> <p>Also this land is on the edge of a bluff, under the grass there is shale and rock , your shovel does not go far before hitting rock- not conducive for growing. The land is also home to much wildlife. It is not uncommon tho see deer , rabbits, racoons, ground hogs foxes etc. not to mention the bird population. Those who have gardens in their back yard have to go to extreme lengths with fencing and covering from having their produce eaten or disturbed by the animal population.</p> <p>Please do not get the impression that we do not support the community gardens, but I think locations should really be considered before implementing these projects. Location matters for these to be successful. I am sure that the project at St. Georges Park is successful. The garden project on the East Harbour wall does not look very appealing and the produce never seemed to be plentiful nor thriving well. Again location.</p>
<p>Phone</p>	
<p>1.</p>	<p>The caller’s main concern respecting community gardens located at Timber McArthur Park is that there is a high potential for vandalism</p>

	during hours when people are walking home after bars downtown close.
2.	<p>Caller provided the following remarks respecting a community garden located at Timber McArthur Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If a community garden were located in the park, they would like to receive a property tax reduction to compensation for potential loss in property value• Concern over potential for vandalism and theft• Community gardens may obstruct view of the bay
3.	<p>Caller provided the following remarks respecting community gardens located at Comm-r-ette Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community gardens are not necessary at Comm-r-ette Park because the surrounding neighbourhood consists of single detached dwellings which all have sufficiently sized lots to contain a garden if one was desired• The neighbourhood doesn't have the parking capacity to support increased traffic caused by community garden activity• The park is already well used for multiple activities and sports• The up keep and maintenance of the park may be an issue, noting that black walnuts are not cleaned up