

Board Agenda Item
September 9, 2015

PRESENTATION – 1

Needs Assessment Update

ISSUE:

The purpose of the Needs Assessment Study is to determine countywide park and recreation needs and determine how best to meet those needs through service level standards, contribution levels, and development of a long range capital improvement plan. The PROS Consulting team has been engaged to assist in conducting the Needs Assessment.

Staff last updated the board in March 2015. Work on this initiative is ongoing. Staff will provide the Park Authority Board with an update on recent Needs Assessment Study efforts and members of the PROS Consulting team will present preliminary survey results and discuss next steps.

Staff anticipates providing another update to the Board in the fall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT - SURVEY PRESENTATION

9 SEPTEMBER 2015



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Agenda

- Study Objectives
- Survey Overview
- Key Results and Trends
- Questions
- Next Steps



Needs Assessment Objectives

- ❑ Engage park users and non-users
- ❑ Determine Countywide park needs
- ❑ Update current service level standards
- ❑ Create a long term capital improvement plan for renovations, new facilities and land acquisition
- ❑ Guide capital funding allocation to County park resources that meet community needs

Survey Purpose

Create a Compelling
Vision for FCPA's Future



Determine the Right Path
to Follow



Methodology

❑ Survey Description

- ❑ The survey was 7 pages long
- ❑ Each survey took 10-15 minutes to complete

❑ Method of Administration

- ❑ Could be completed by mail, web or phone
- ❑ Results provided by 14 Planning Districts

❑ Goal was to complete 3,000 surveys

❑ A total of 4665 residents actually completed the survey: 435 by web and 4230 by mail

❑ Confidence level: 95%, Margin of error: +/- 1.4%

Survey Questions Addressed

- Usage and satisfaction with Fairfax County Park Authority services
- The value of high quality parks to the quality of life in Fairfax County
- Most important functions for the Fairfax County Park Authority to focus on for households and the County
- Needs, unmet needs, and priorities for facilities and programs
- Funding priorities to improve parks, facilities and services

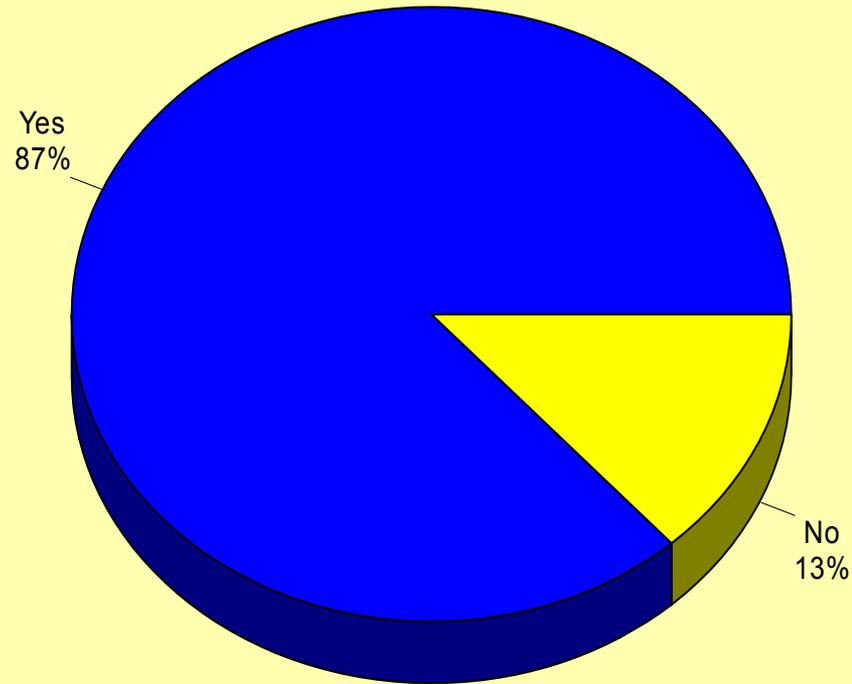
Cross-Tabular Analysis

- Age of Respondent
- Gender of Respondent
- Planning Districts
- Households with and without children
- Race and Ethnicity
- Household Income
- Length of Residence and Home Type

Park Usage is High

Q2. Households That Have Visited Parks Operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Past 12 Months

by percentage of respondents

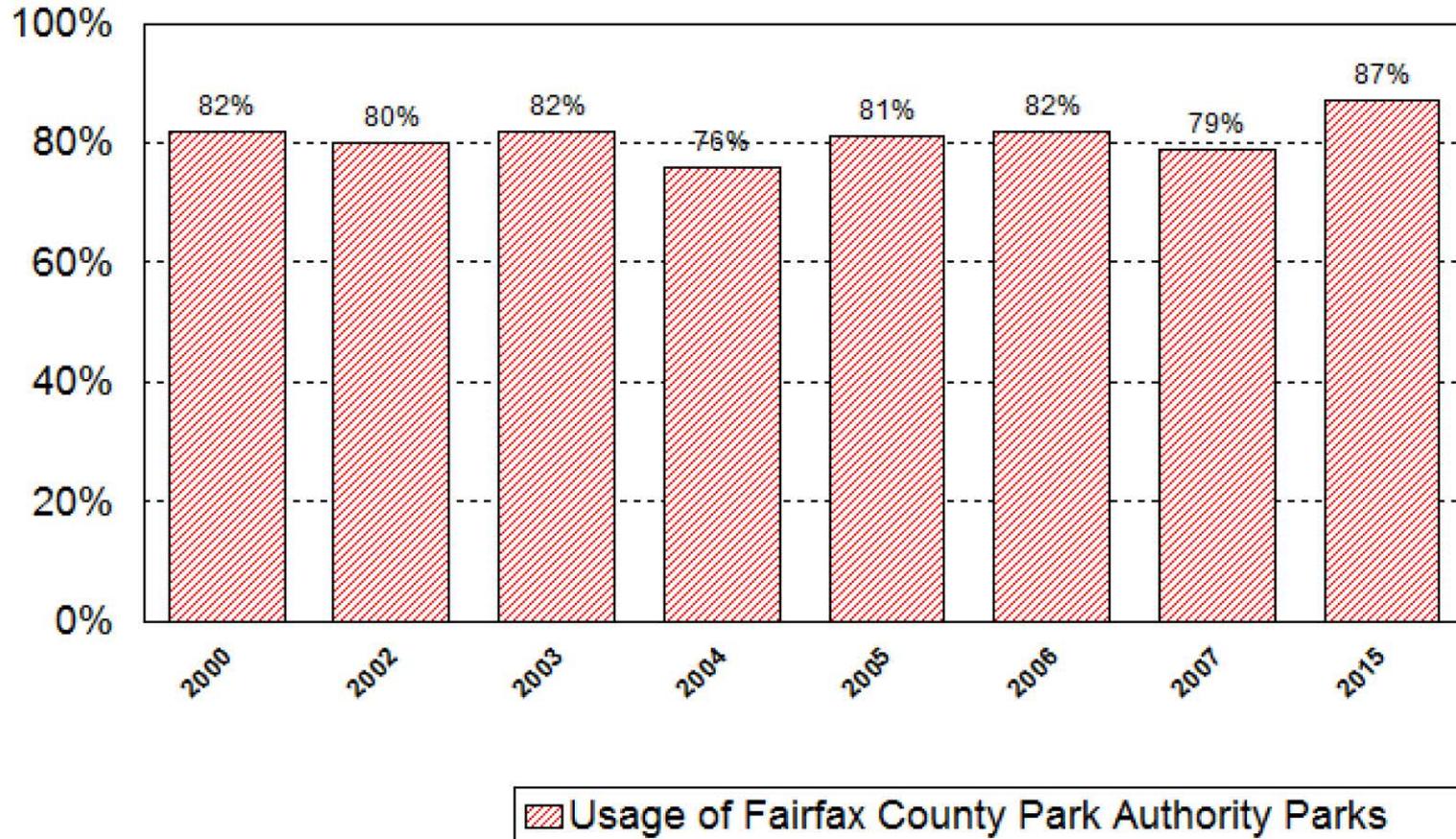


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2010)

National Benchmark for Usage is 79%

Increase in Use, Strain on System

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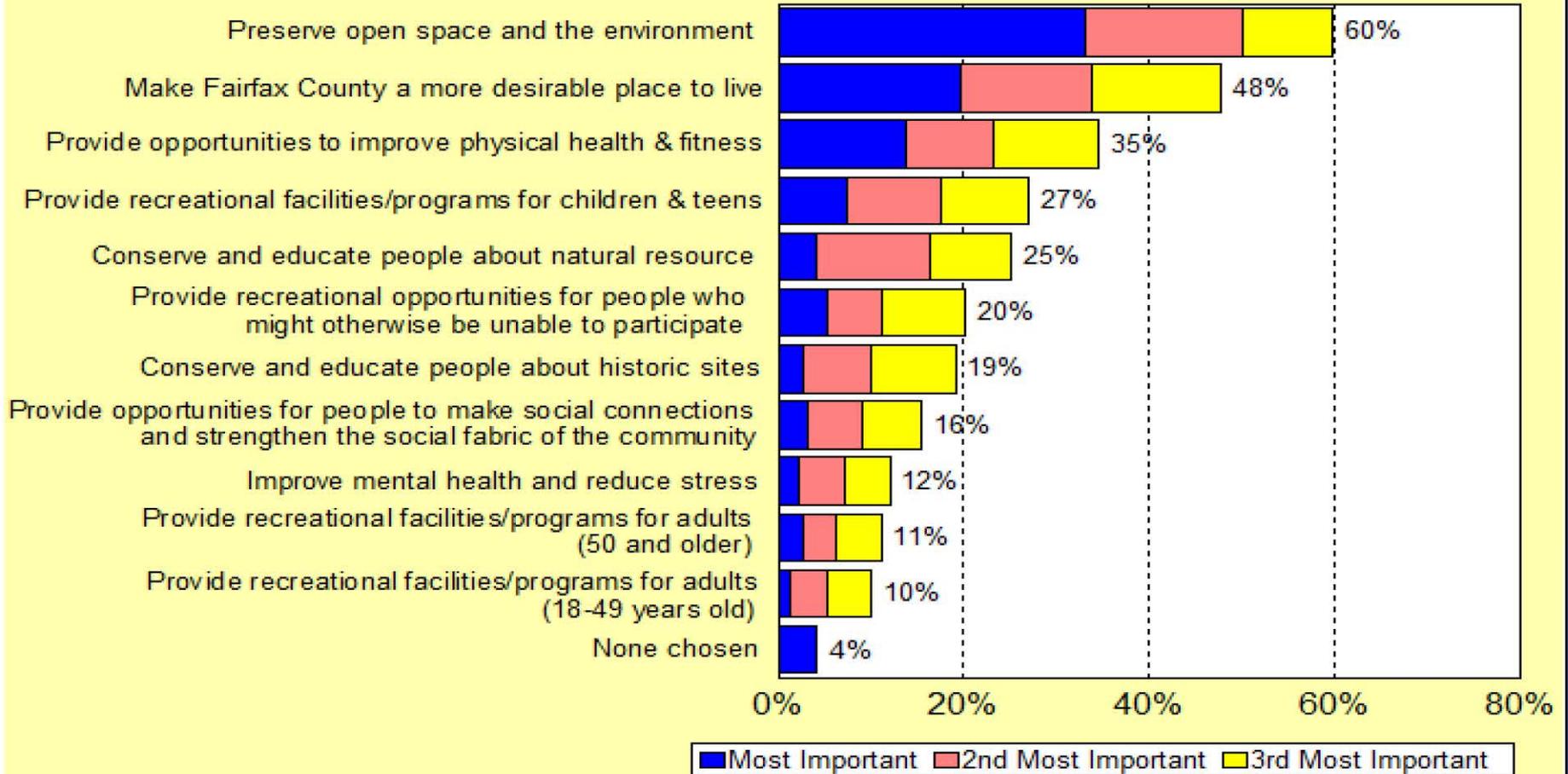


Source: ETC Institute Survey (September 2015)

Key Function: Preserving Open Space, Environment

Q6. Most Important for Fairfax County Park Authority to do for the Future of Fairfax County

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

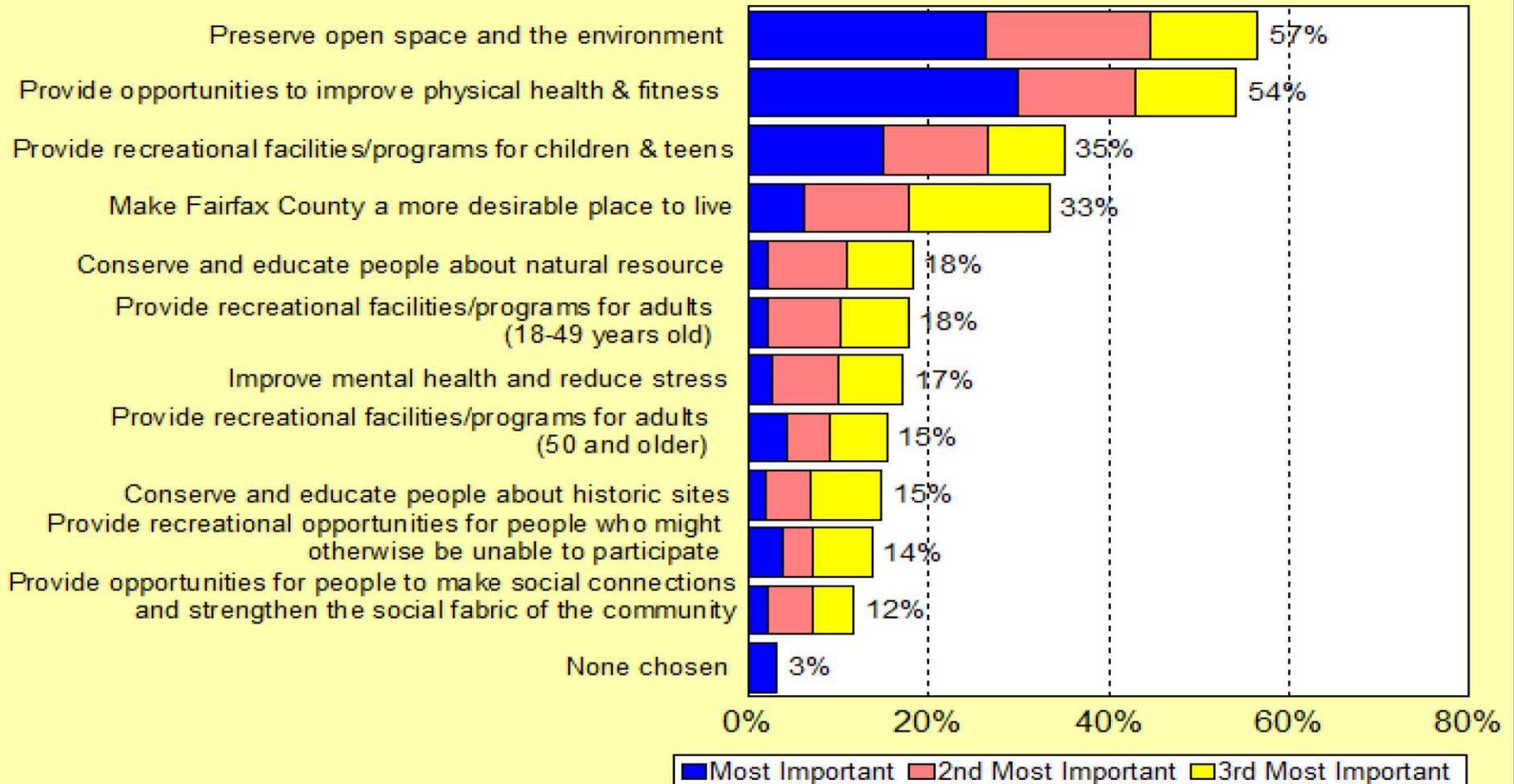


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Key Function: Preserving Open Space, Environment

Q5. Most Important for Fairfax County Park Authority to do for You and Your Household

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

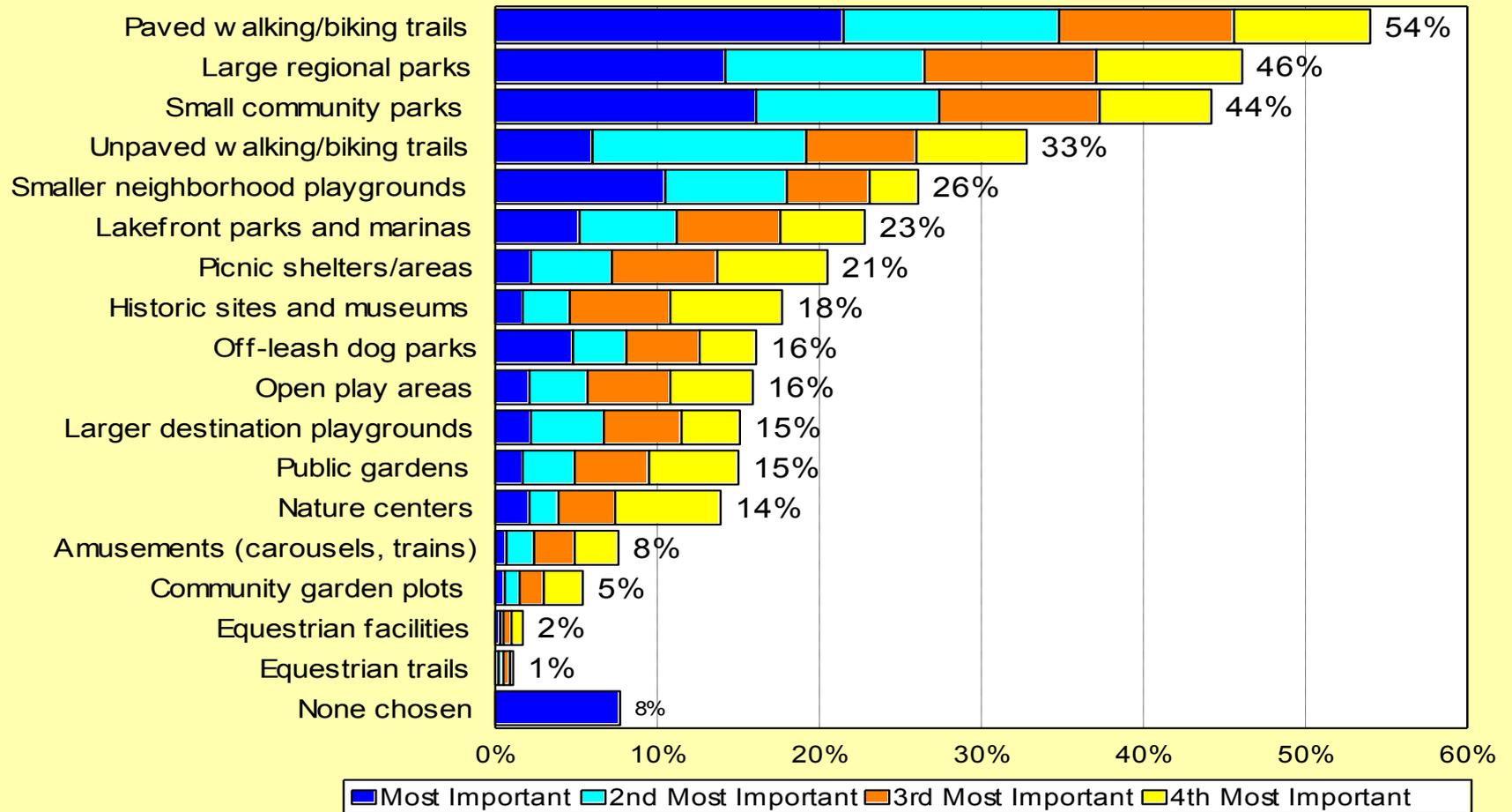


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Important Facilities: Paved Walking and Biking Trails

Q8. Park, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

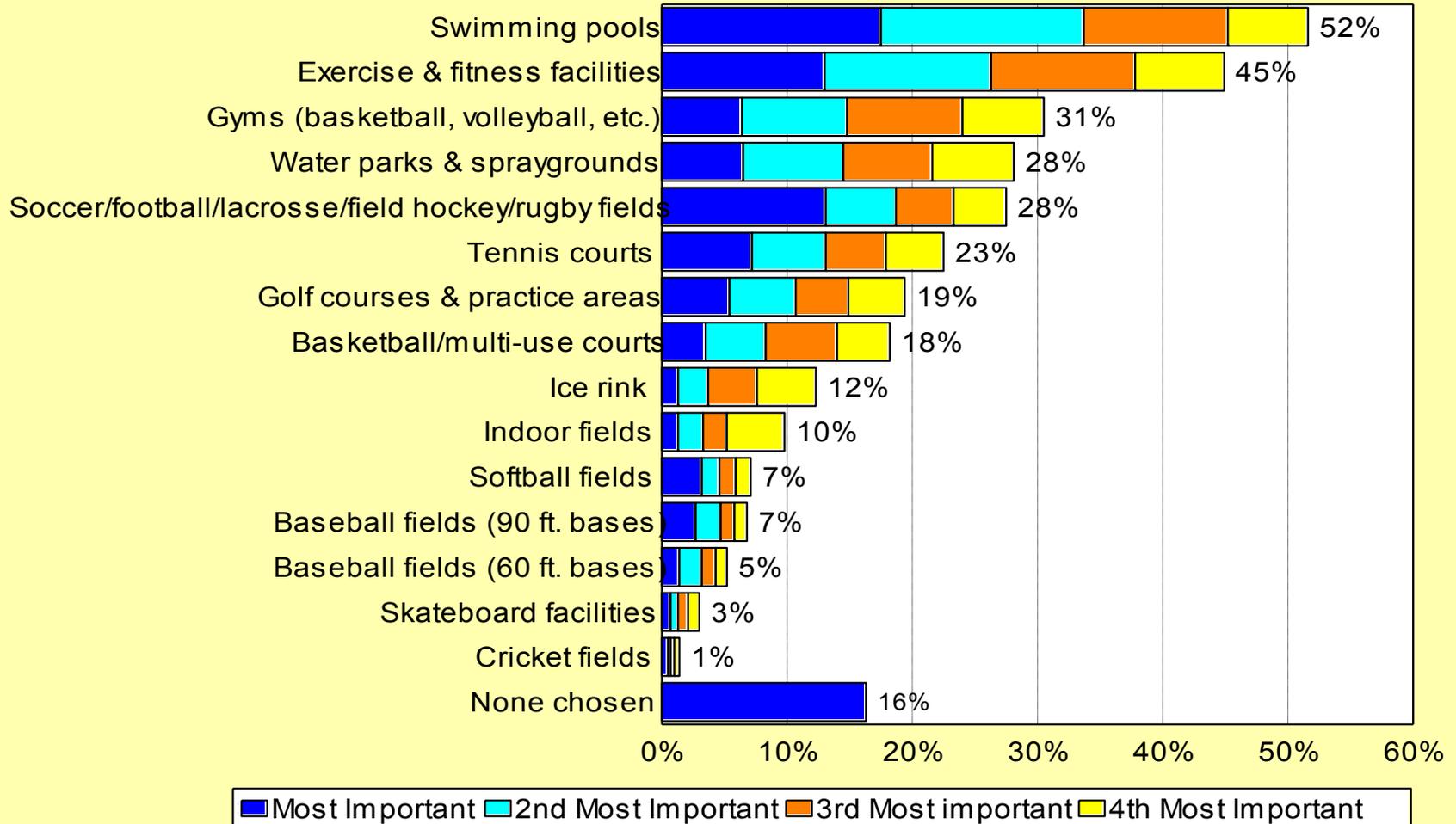


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Important Facilities: Swimming Pools

Q10. Outdoor or Indoor Facilities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Households

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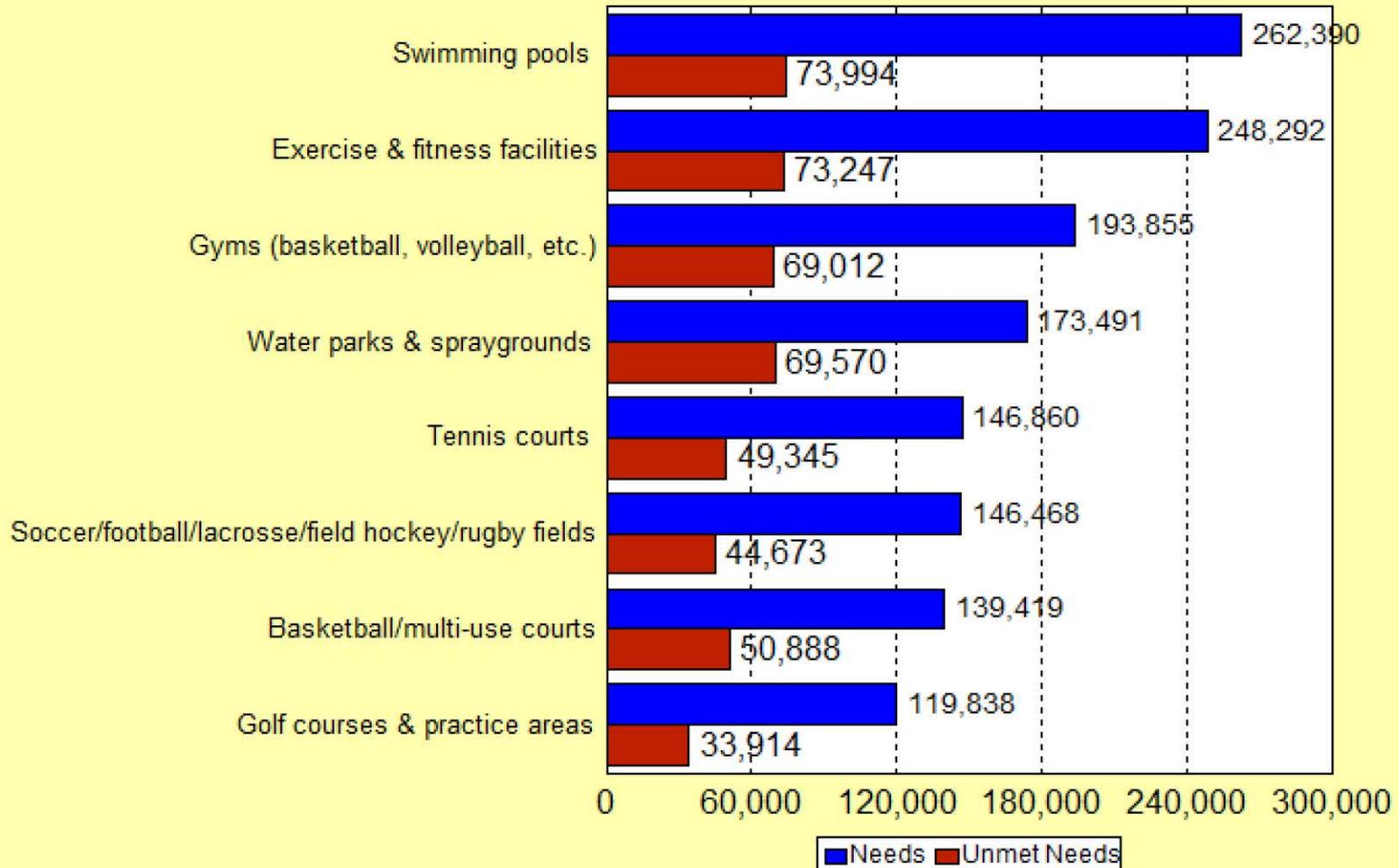


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Unmet Need: Outdoor or Indoor Facilities

Q9a. Households that Have a Need and Unmet Need for Outdoor or Indoor Facilities (Top 8 Needed Facilities)

by number of households based on 391,627 households in Fairfax County

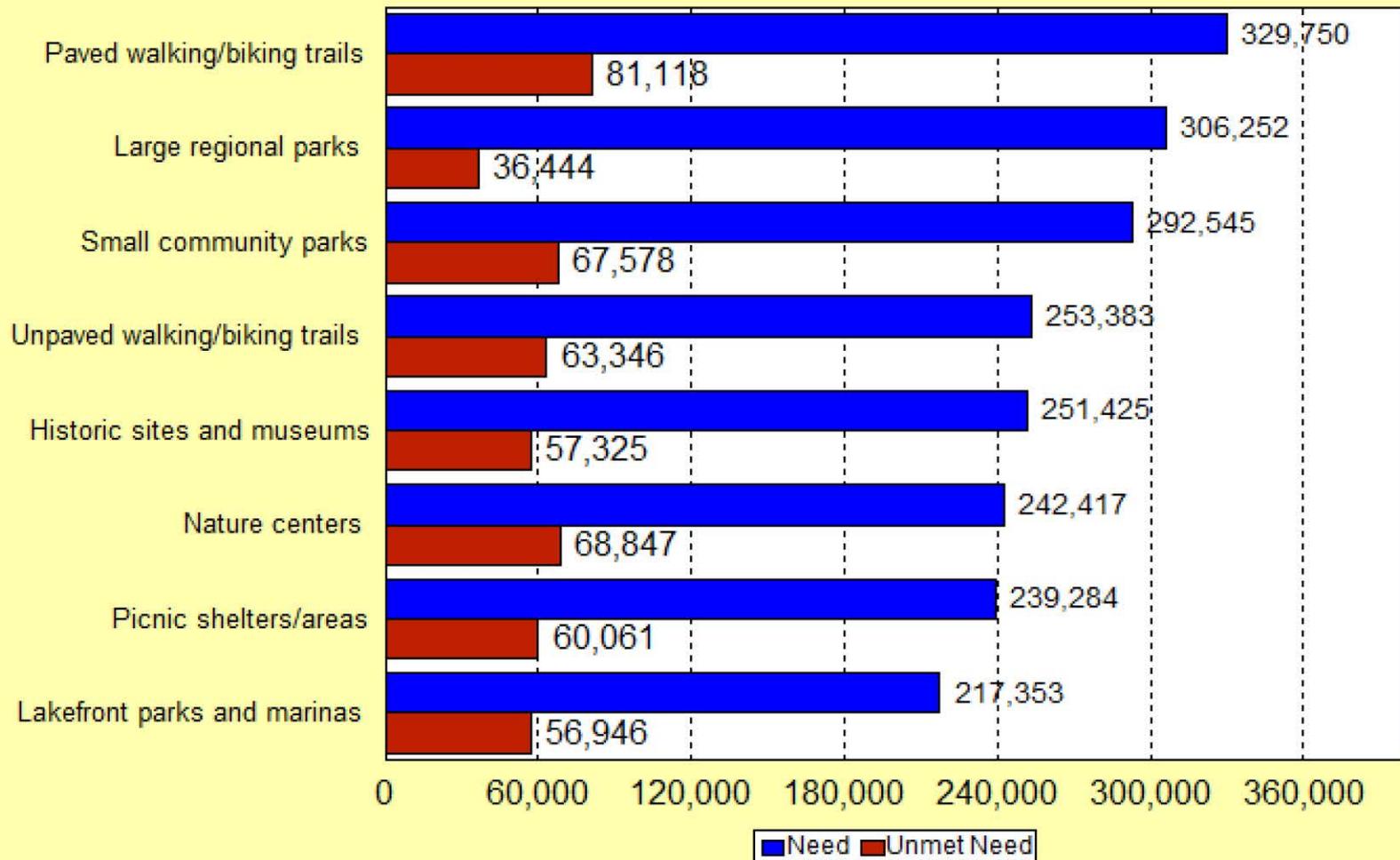


Unmet need = households having a need that is partly met or not met.

Unmet Need: Parks and Facilities

Q7a. Households that Have a Need and Unmet Need for Parks, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities (Top 8 Needed)

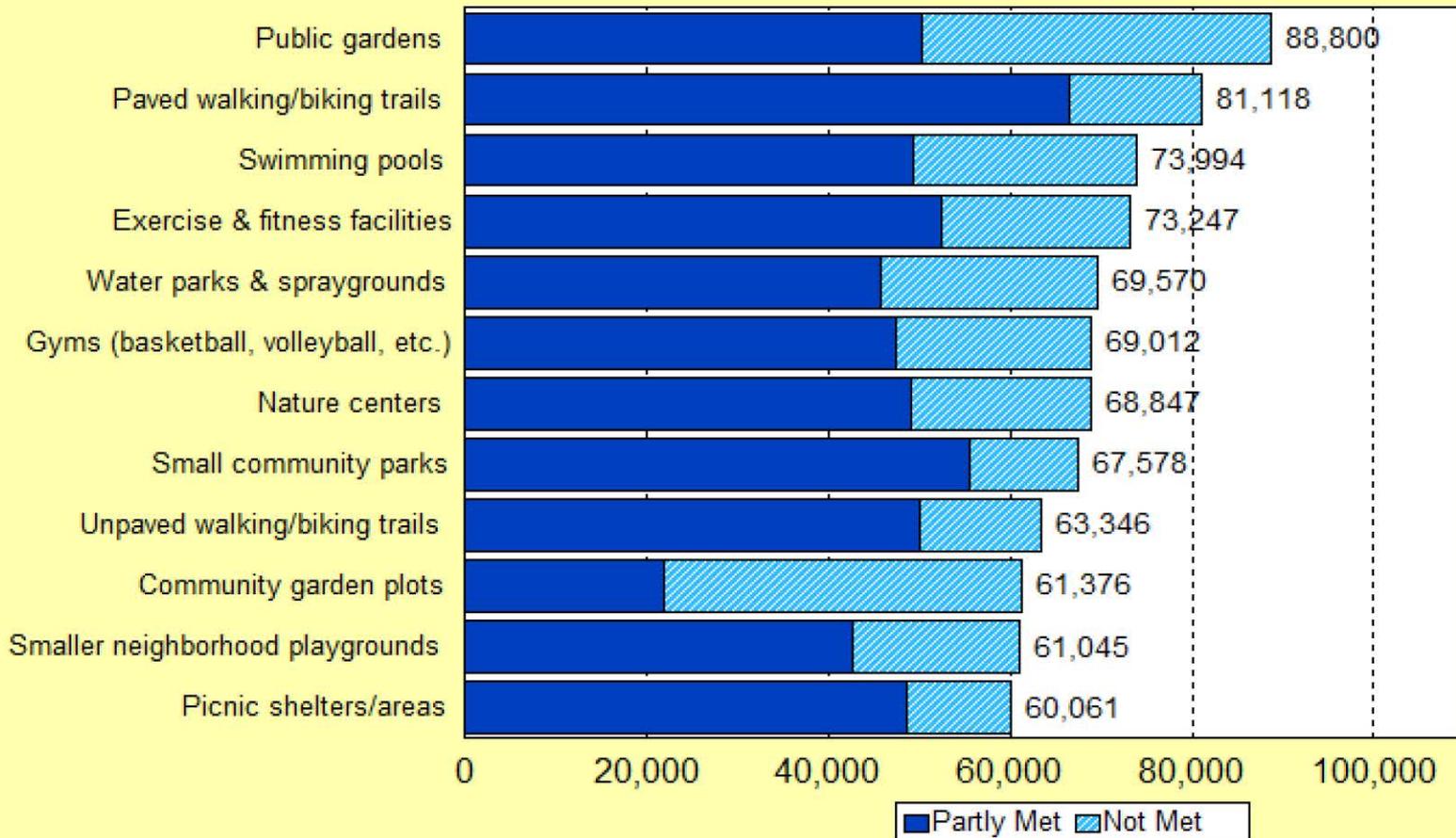
by number of households based on 391,627 households in Fairfax County



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Unmet Need: Top 12 Parks and Facilities

Q7c and Q9c. Estimated Number of Households in Fairfax County Whose Needs for Parks or Facilities Are Only Being “Partly” or “Not” Met by number of households based on 391,627 households in Fairfax County



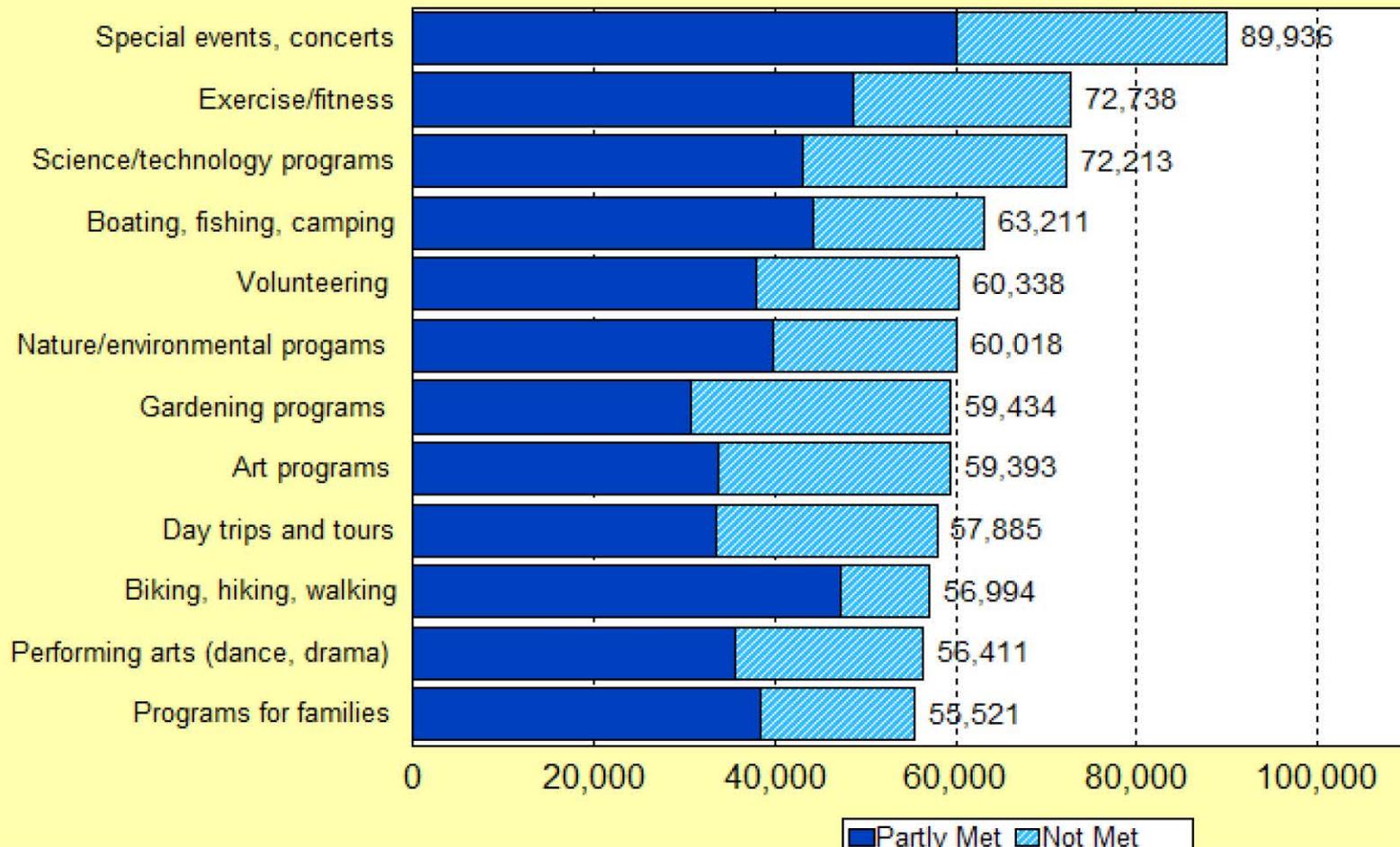
Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

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Unmet Need: Top 12 Programs and Activities

Q11c. Estimated Number of Households in Fairfax County Whose Needs for Programs or Activities Are Only Being “Partly” or “Not” Met

by number of households based on 391,627 households in Fairfax County

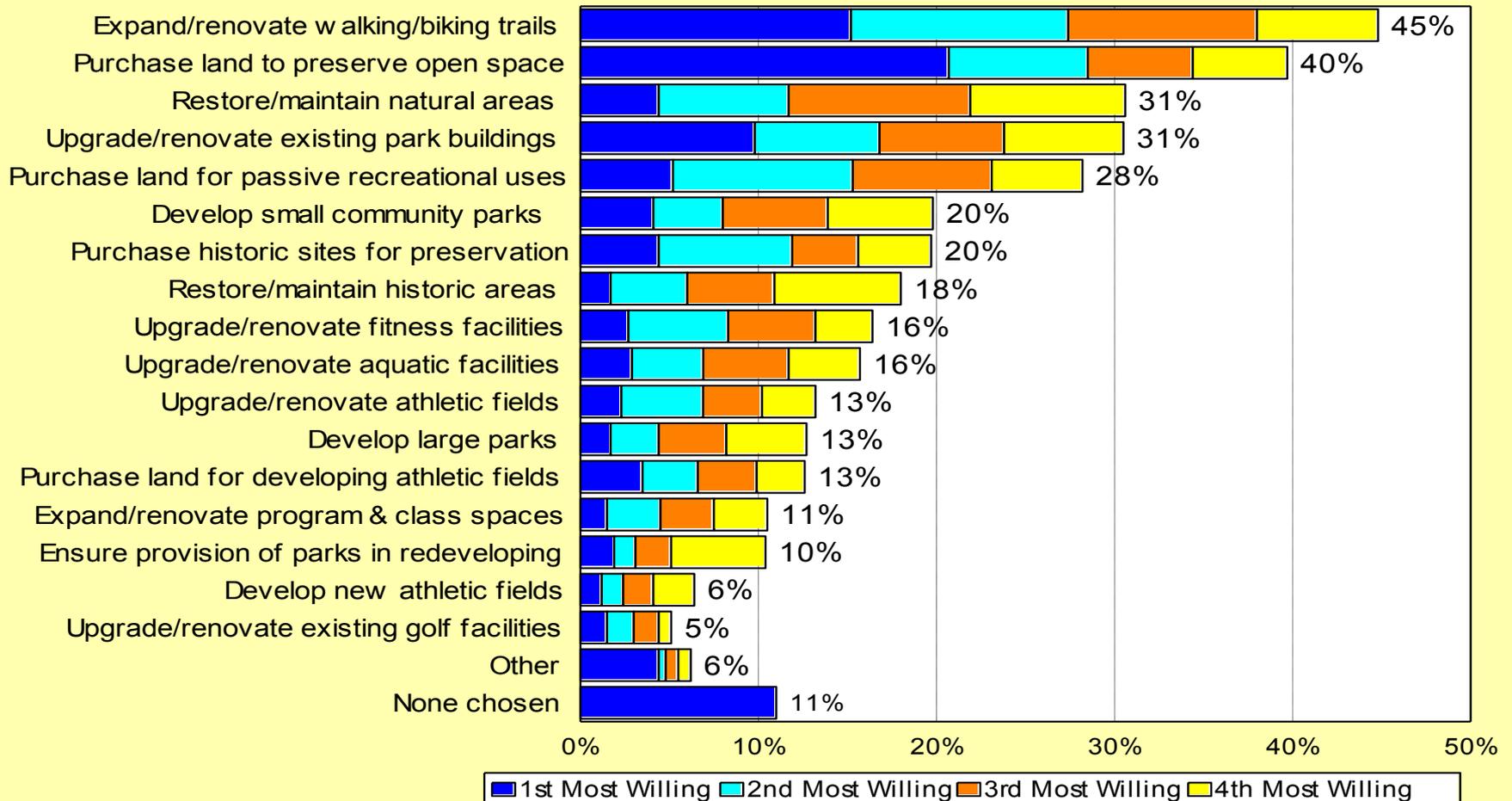


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Willingness to Fund with Tax Dollars

Q14. Actions Households are Most Willing to Fund with County Tax Dollars

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

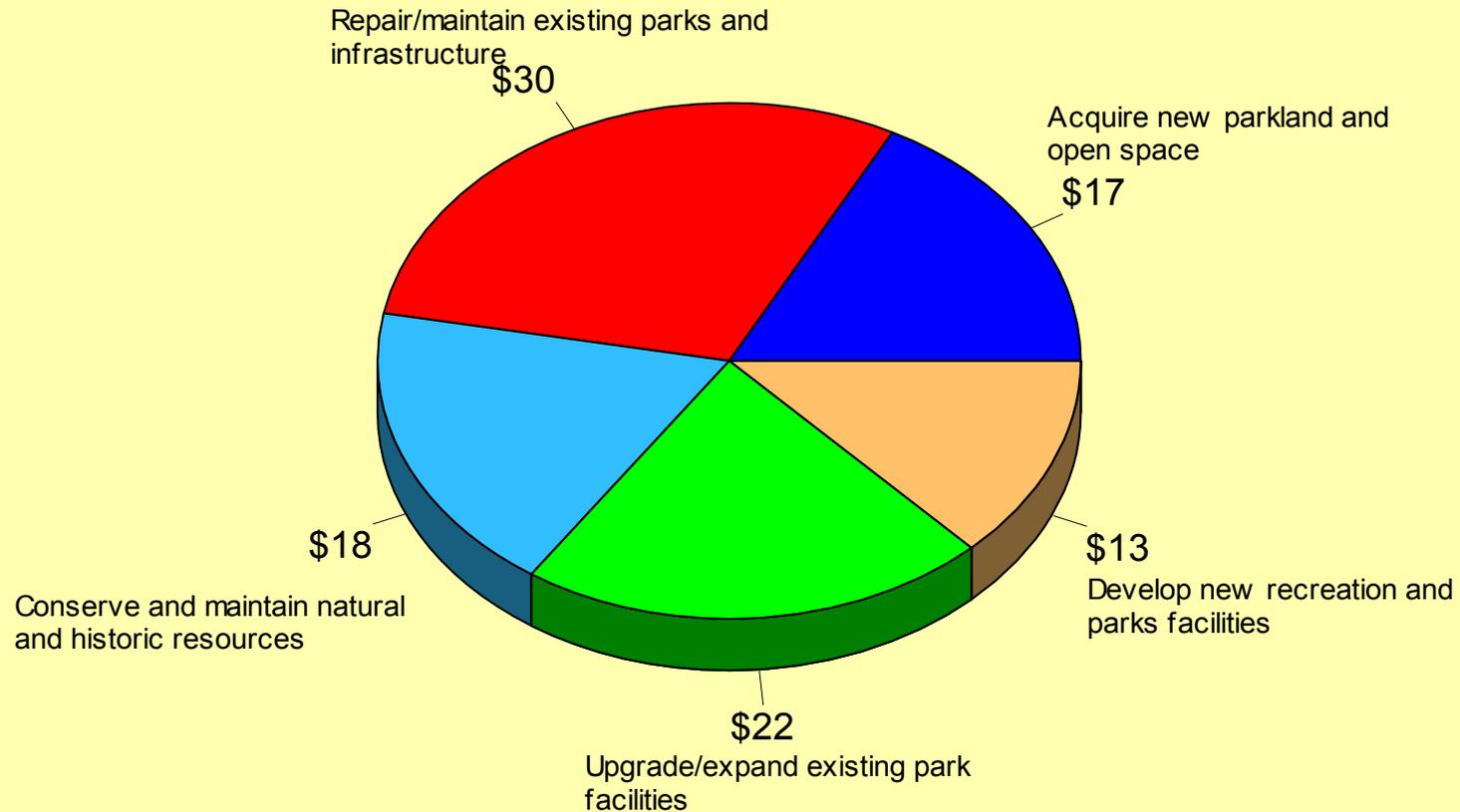


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Support for a Balanced Approach to Funding

Q15. How Residents Would Allocate \$100 to Various Parks and Recreation Categories

by percentage of respondents

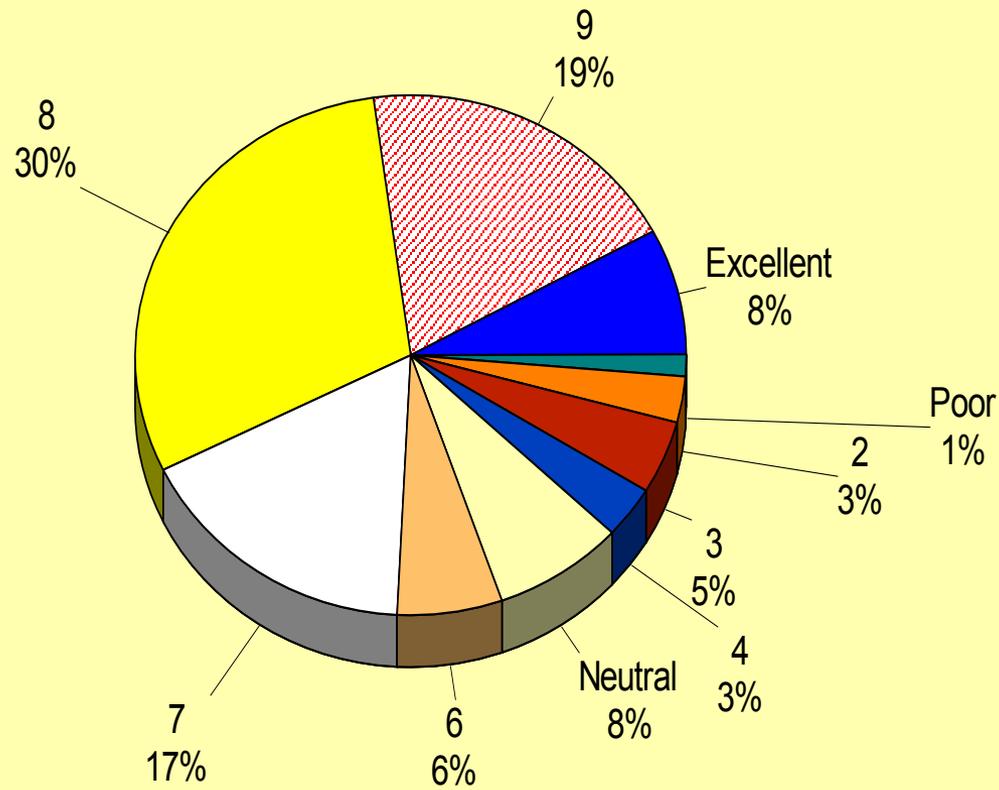


Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Satisfaction with the Park System

Q16. Rating of Satisfaction with the Fairfax County Park System on Scale of 10 to 1

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")

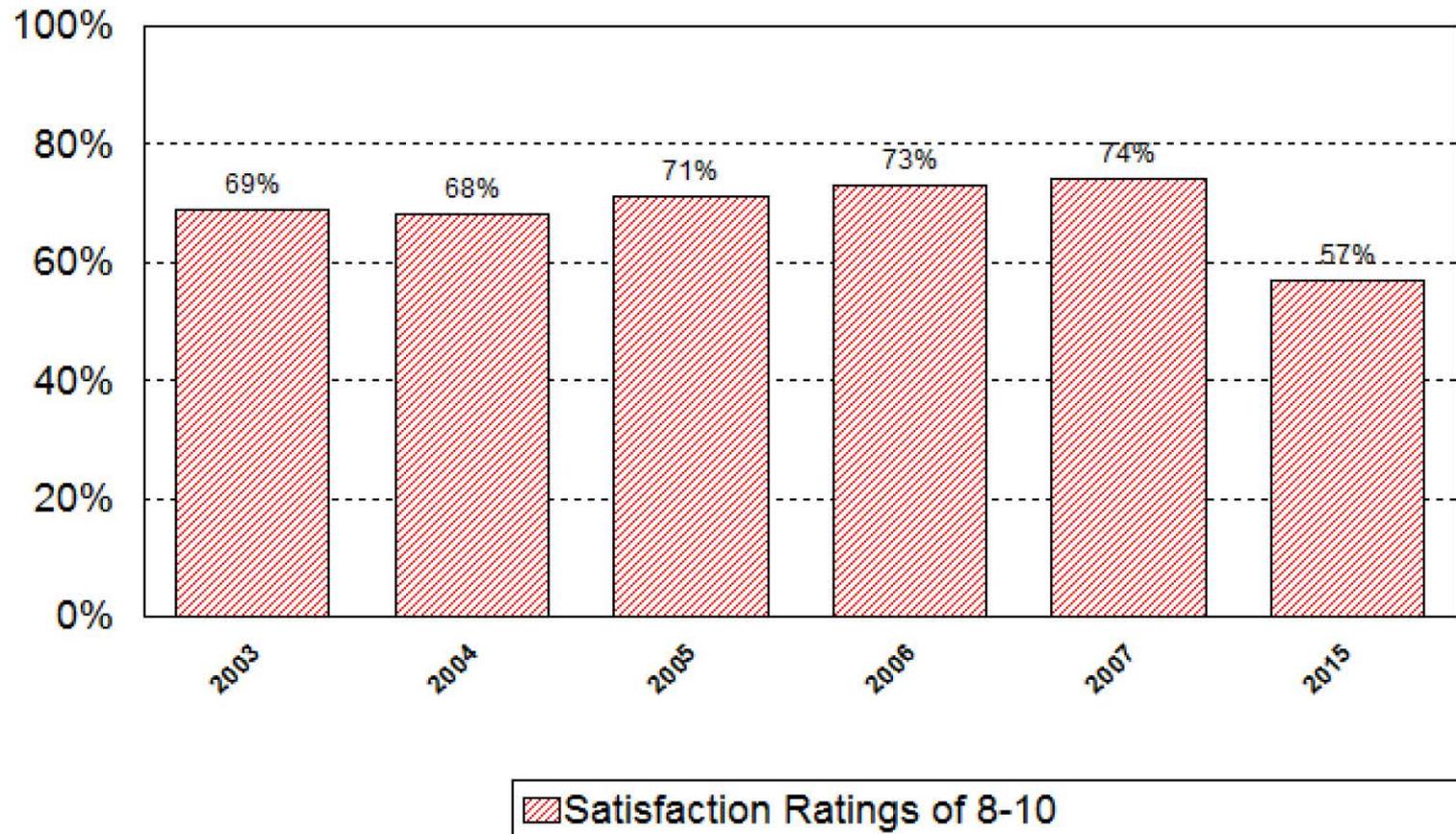


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Overall Satisfaction Lower than in the Past

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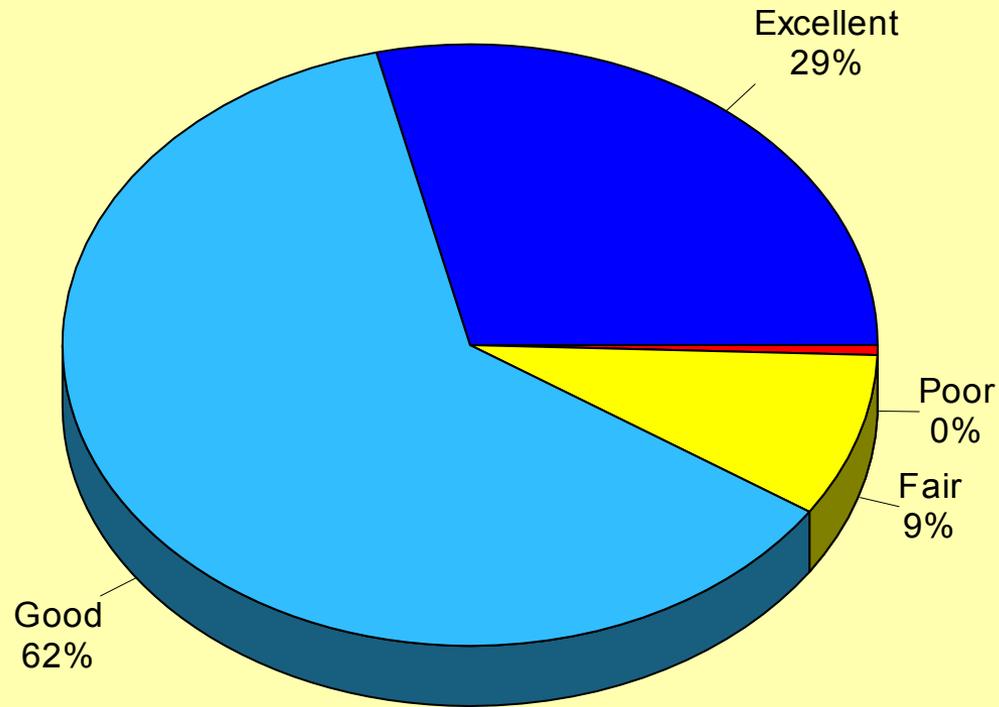


Source: ETC Institute Survey (September 2015)

Physical Condition Rating

Q3. How Residents Rate the Physical Condition of ALL the Fairfax County Park Authority Parks, Trails & Recreation Facilities They Have Visited

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



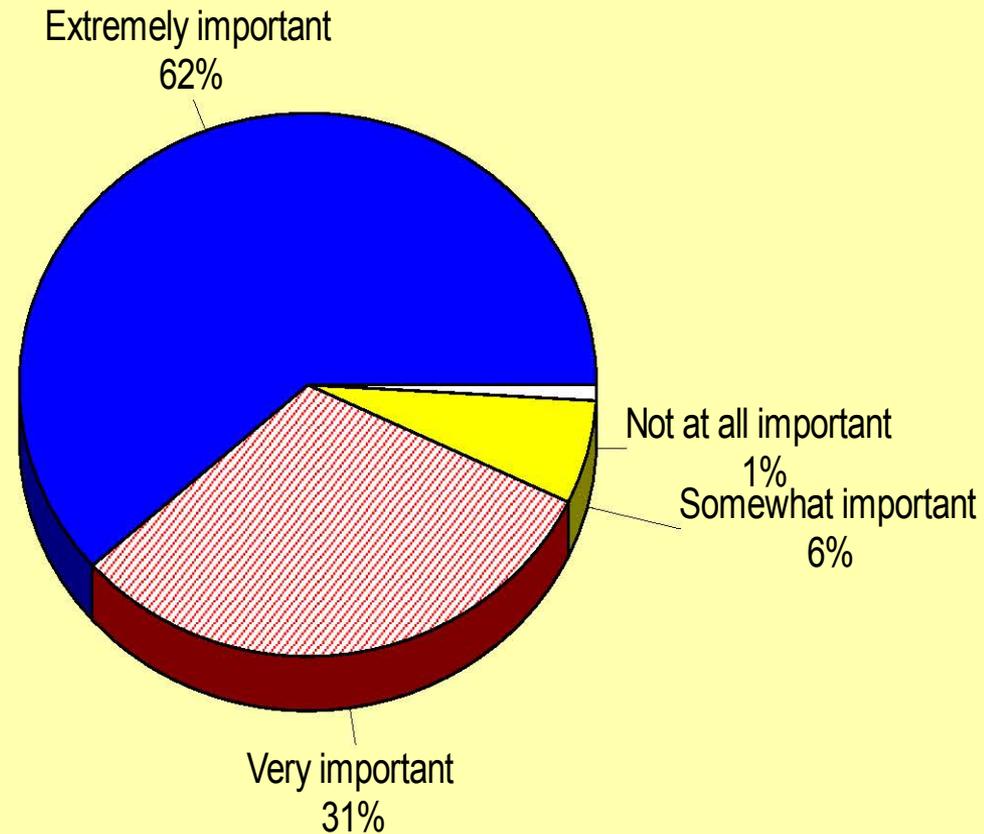
Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (

National Benchmark for Excellent is 34%

Importance to Quality of Life

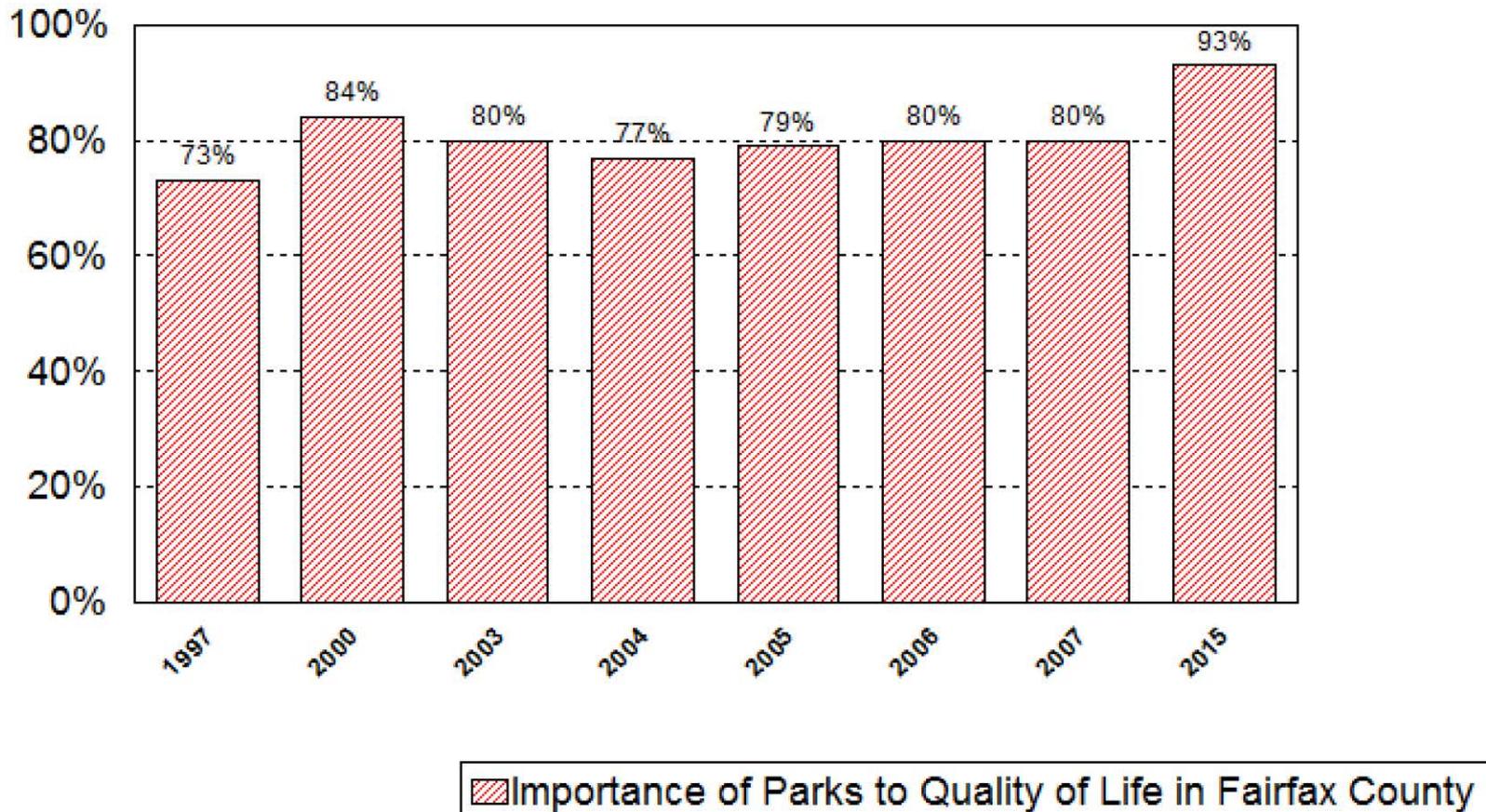
Q17. Importance of High Quality Park, Trails, Recreation Facilities and Services to the Quality of Life in Fairfax County

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



Importance to Quality of Life Higher than in the Past

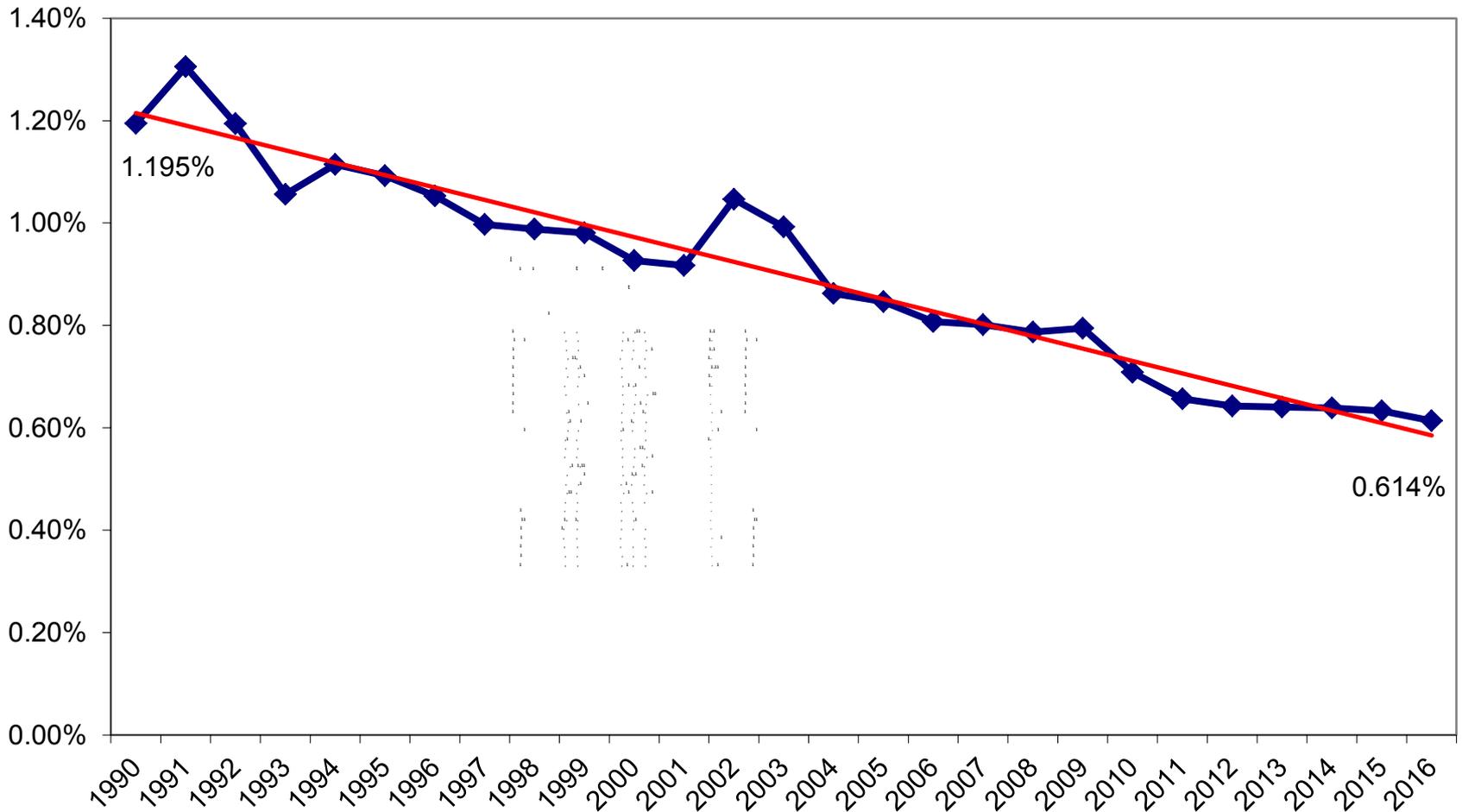
Q17. Importance of High Quality Park, Trails, Recreation Facilities and Services to the Quality of Life in Fairfax County
(combination of extremely important and very important)



Source: ETC Institute Survey (September 2015)

Funding Lower than in the Past

Ratio of Park Authority General Fund Budget to County General Fund (Fund 10001)



Next Steps

- ❑ Synthesis of Data (survey, current CIP data, facility assessments, mapping)
- ❑ Develop Needs Analysis and Level of Service (Provision) Standards
- ❑ 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Questions?



Parks

better parks

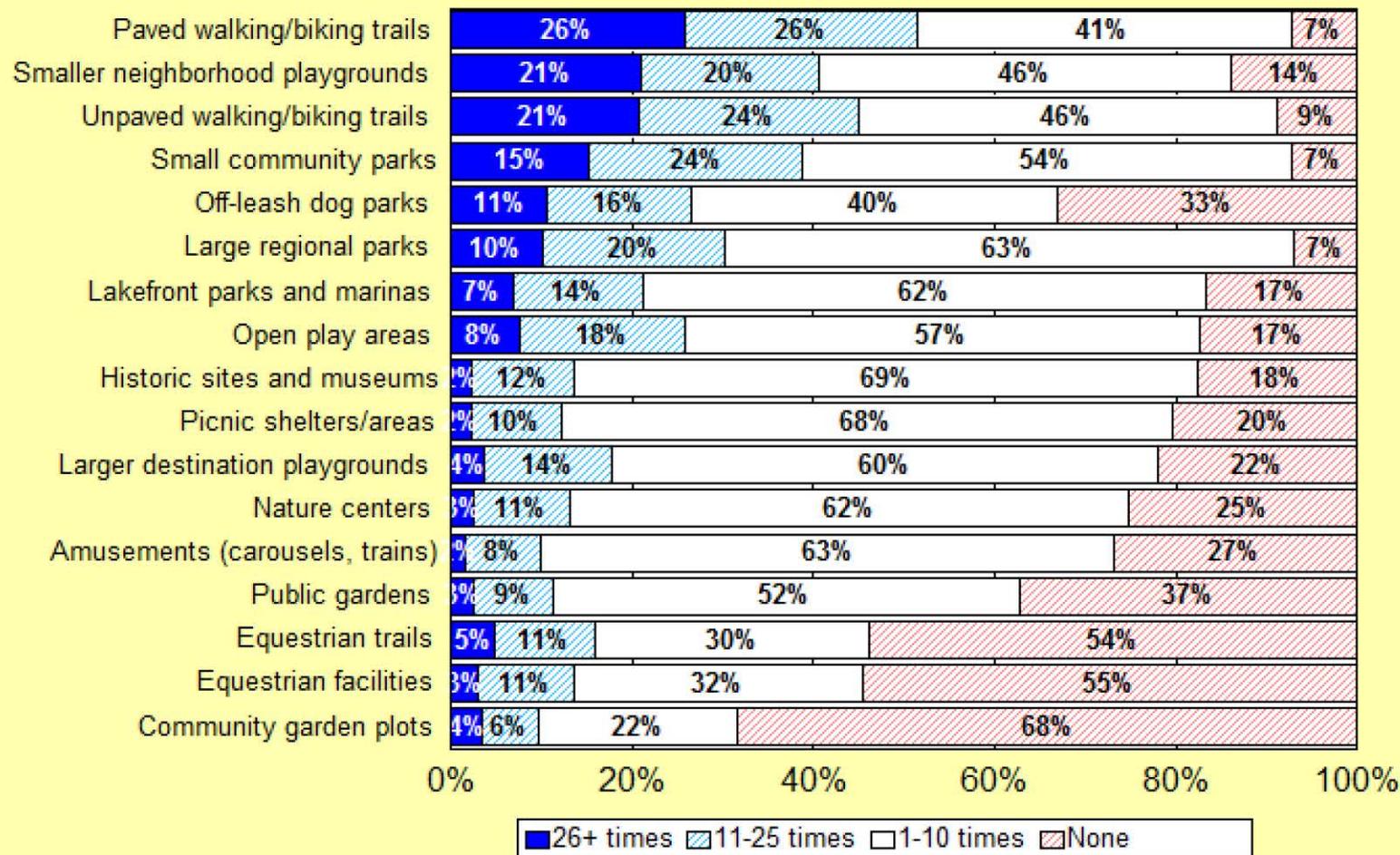
better living

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APPENDIX: Supportive Findings

Q7d. How Many Times Households use Park, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities

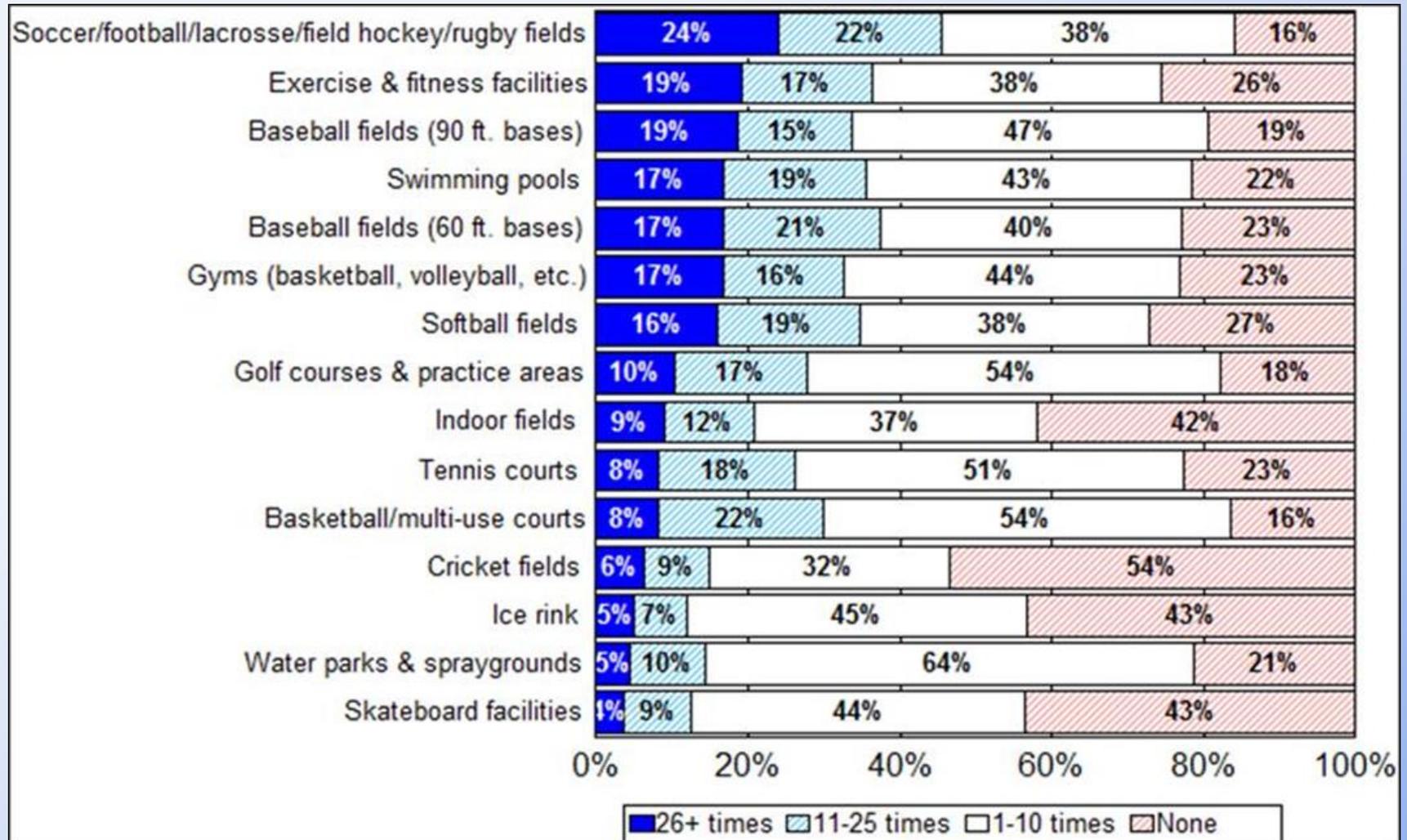
by percentage of respondents



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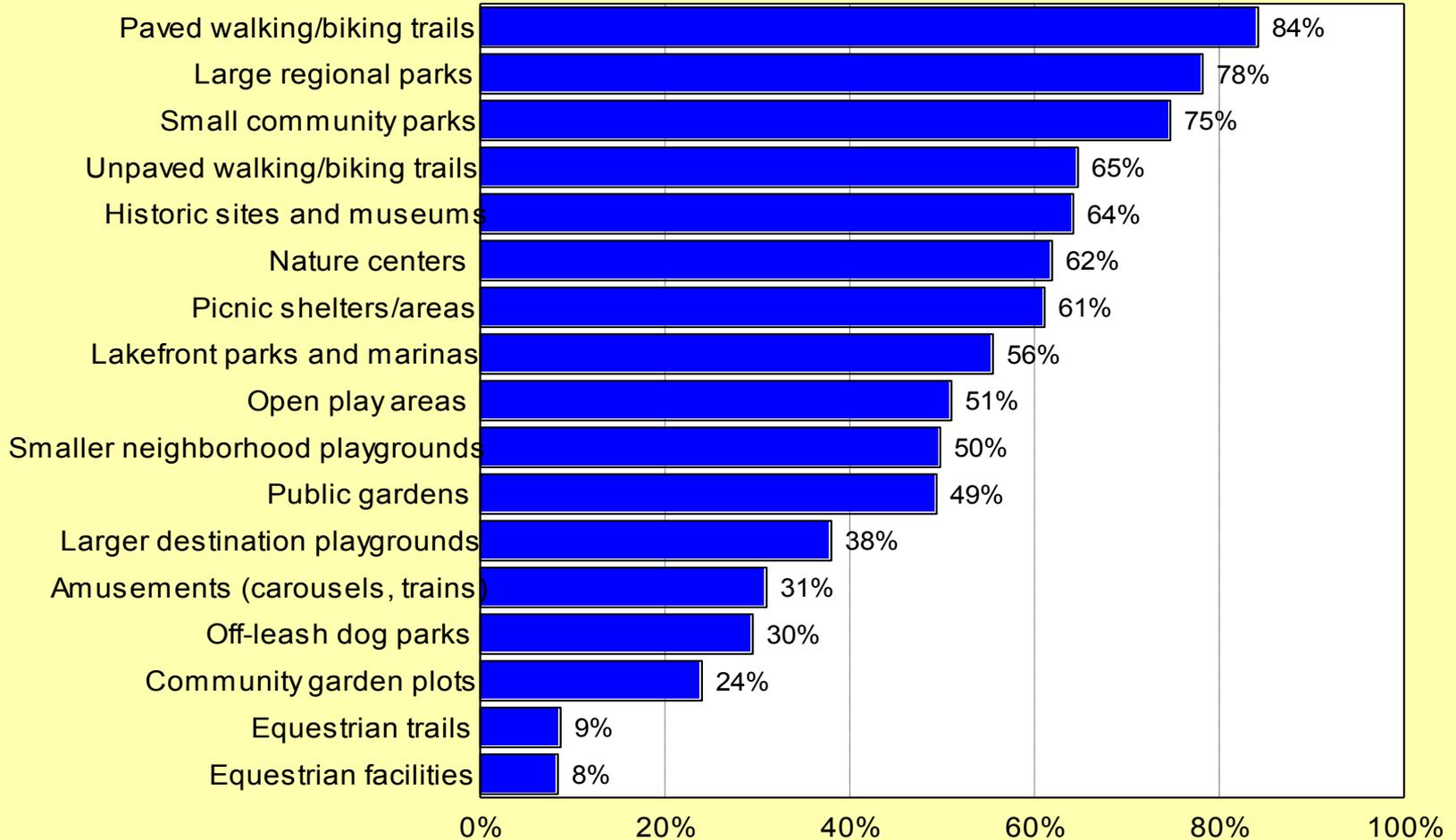
Q9d. How Many Times Households Use Outdoor or Indoor Facilities

by percentage of respondents



Q7. Households that Have a Need for Parks, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities

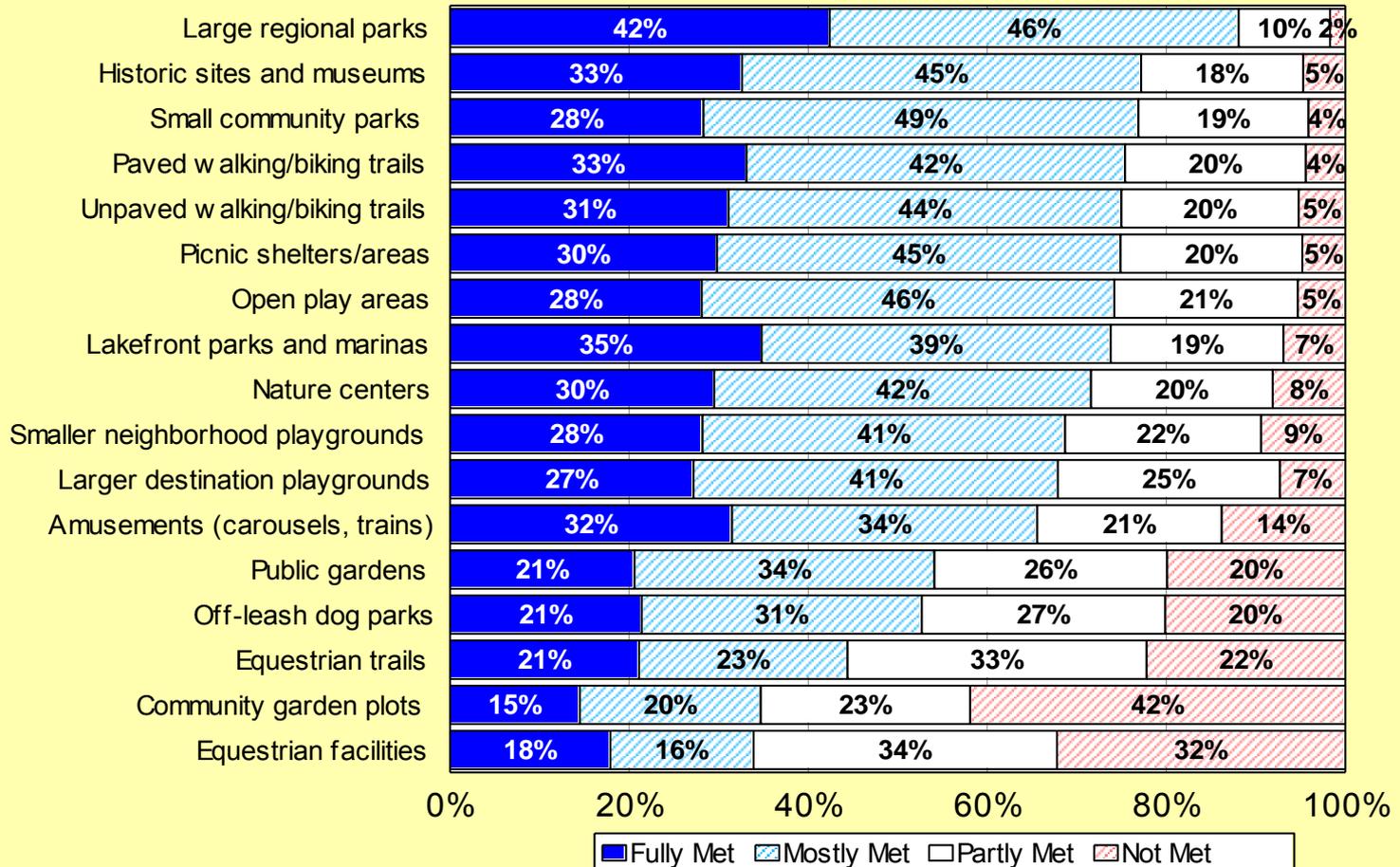
by percentage of respondents (w ithout "don't know ")



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q7b. How Well Household Needs are Being Met by Parks, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities

by percentage of respondents (w ithout "don't know ")



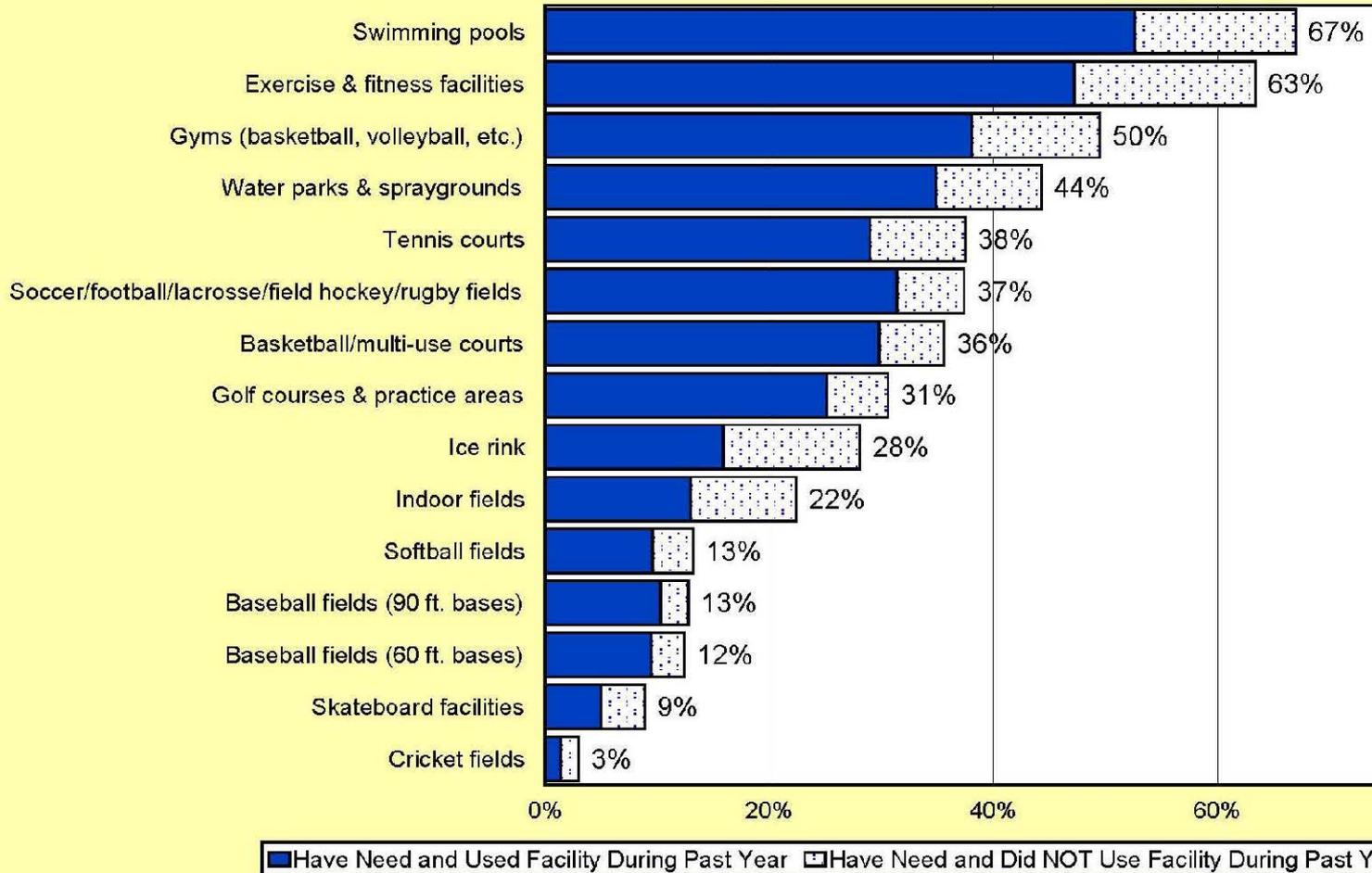
Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Only Households Having a Need Answer this Question
 Over 30% of any category having fully met needs is good

Q9. Percentage of Households With a Need Who Use/Don't Use OUTDOOR or INDOOR FACILITIES

ALL RESPONDENTS

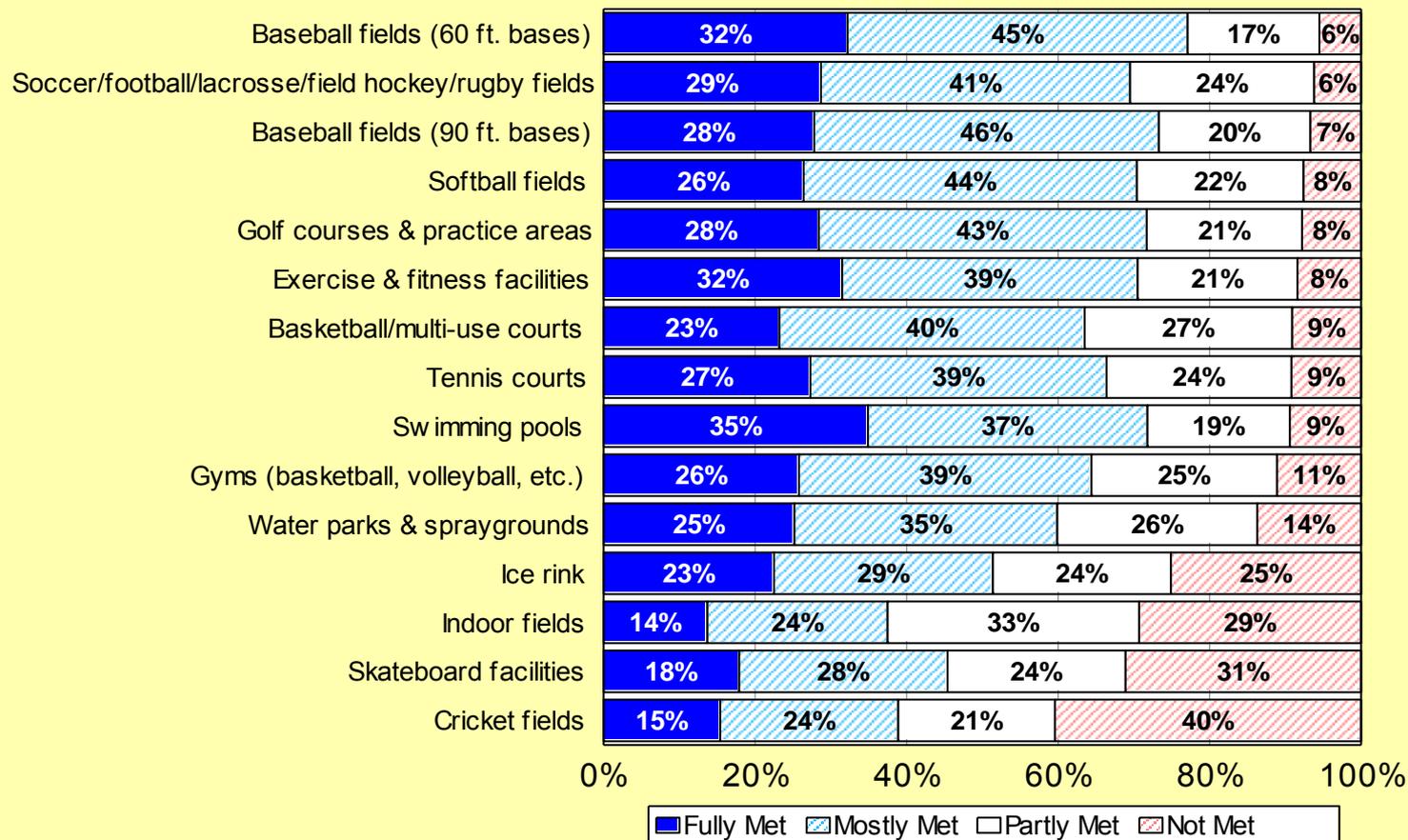
by percentage of ALL respondents



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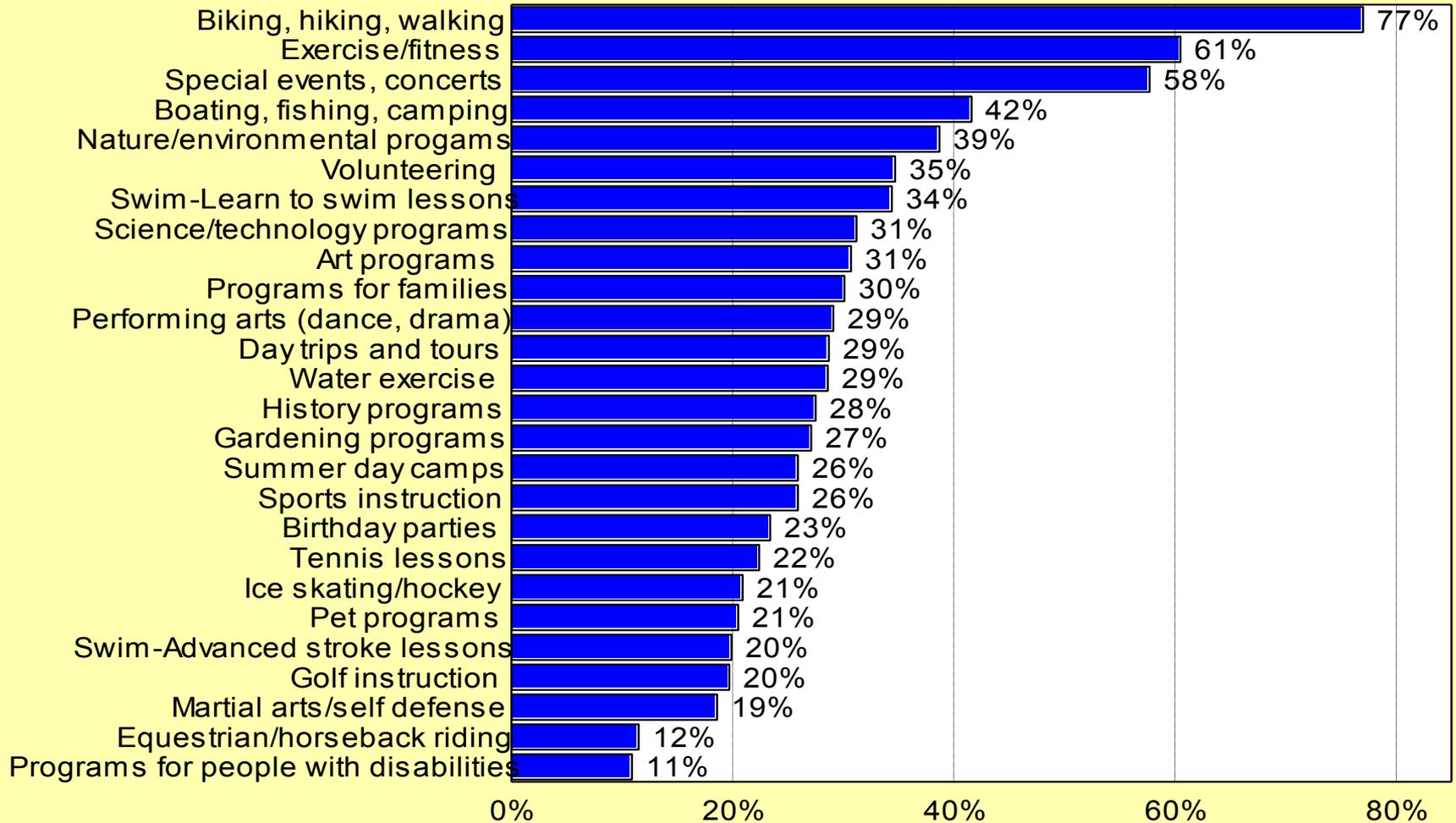


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Q11. Households that Have a Need for Various Programs or Activities

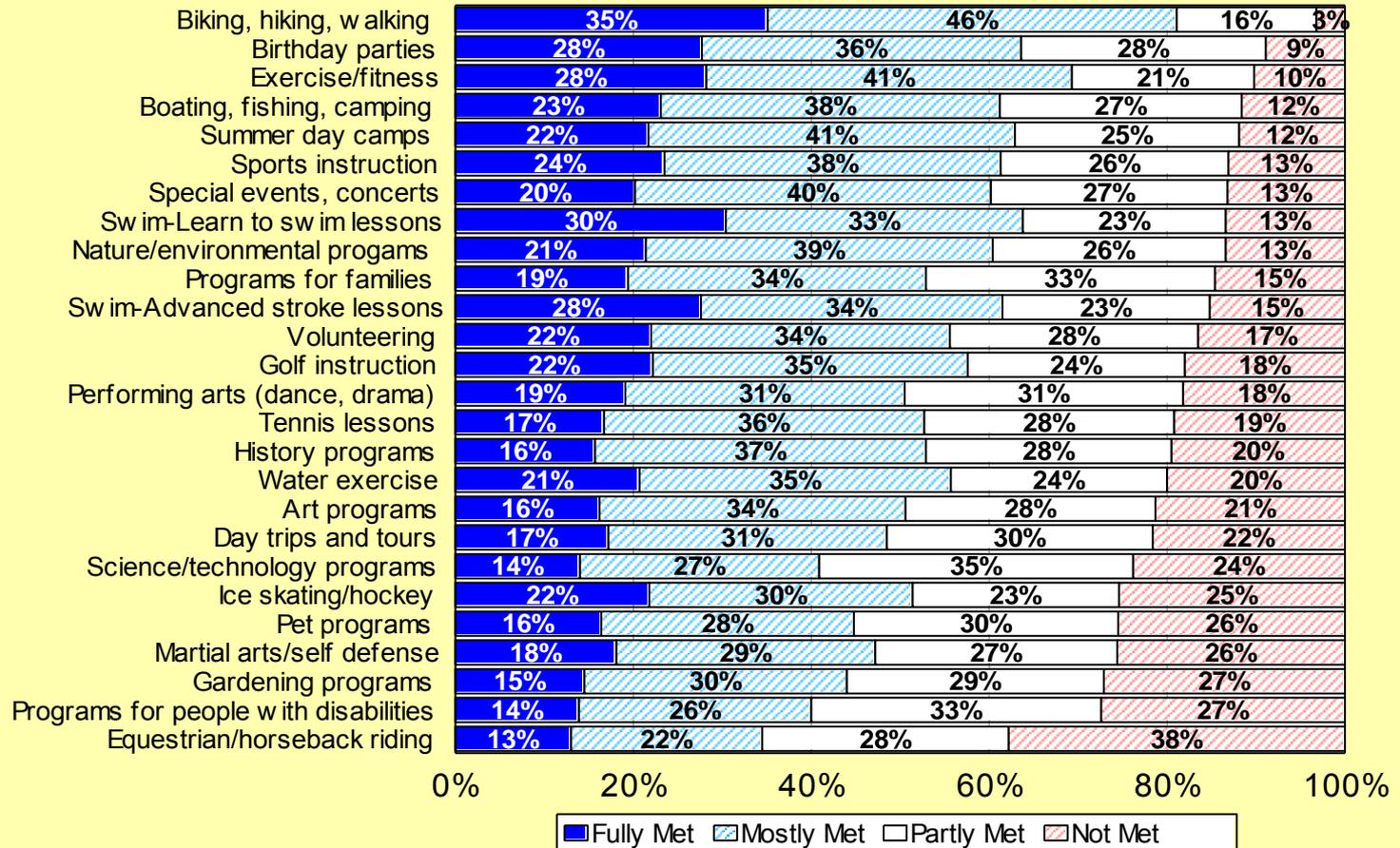
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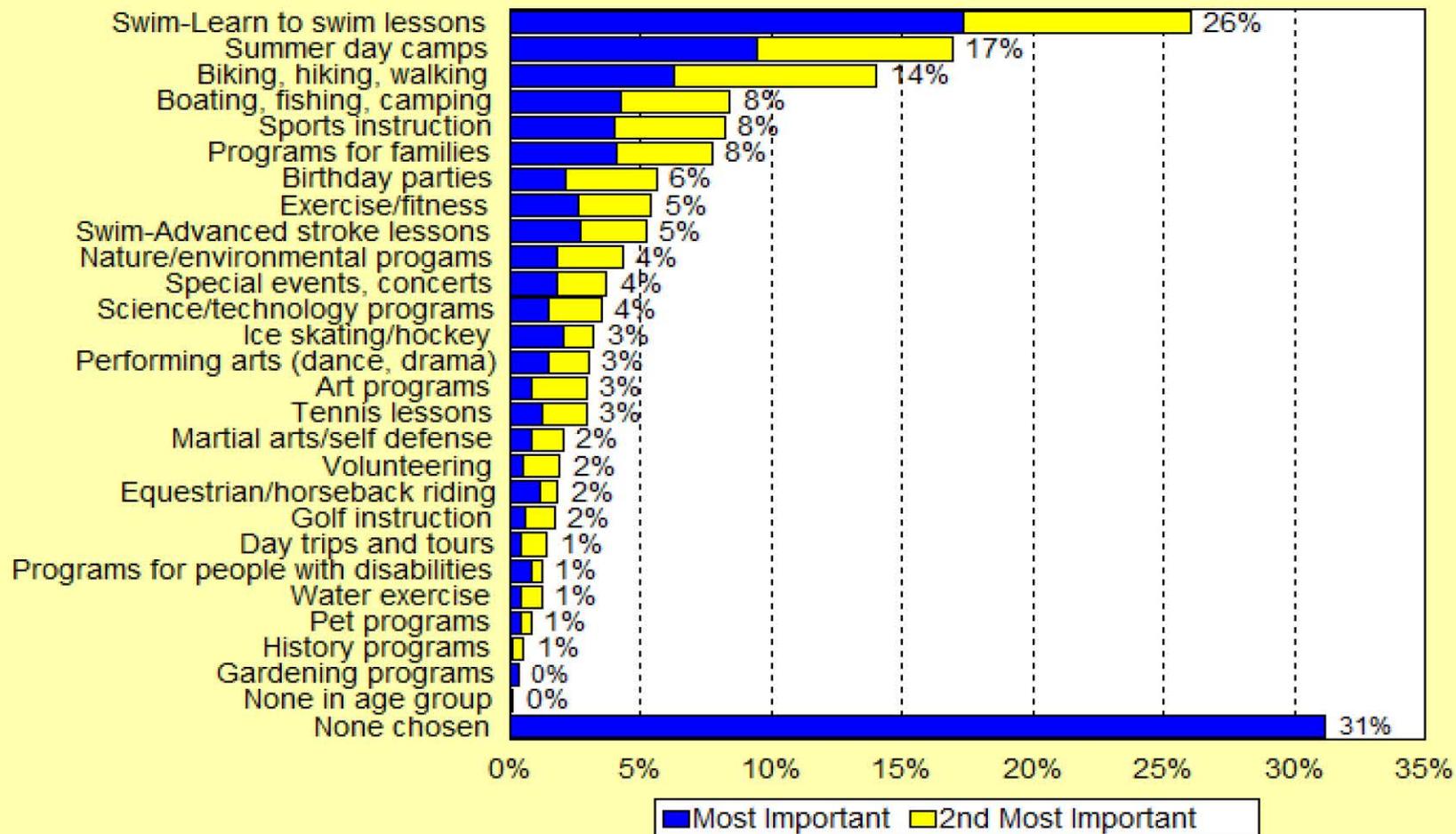


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Q12. Programs or Activities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Members of Households Under Age 18

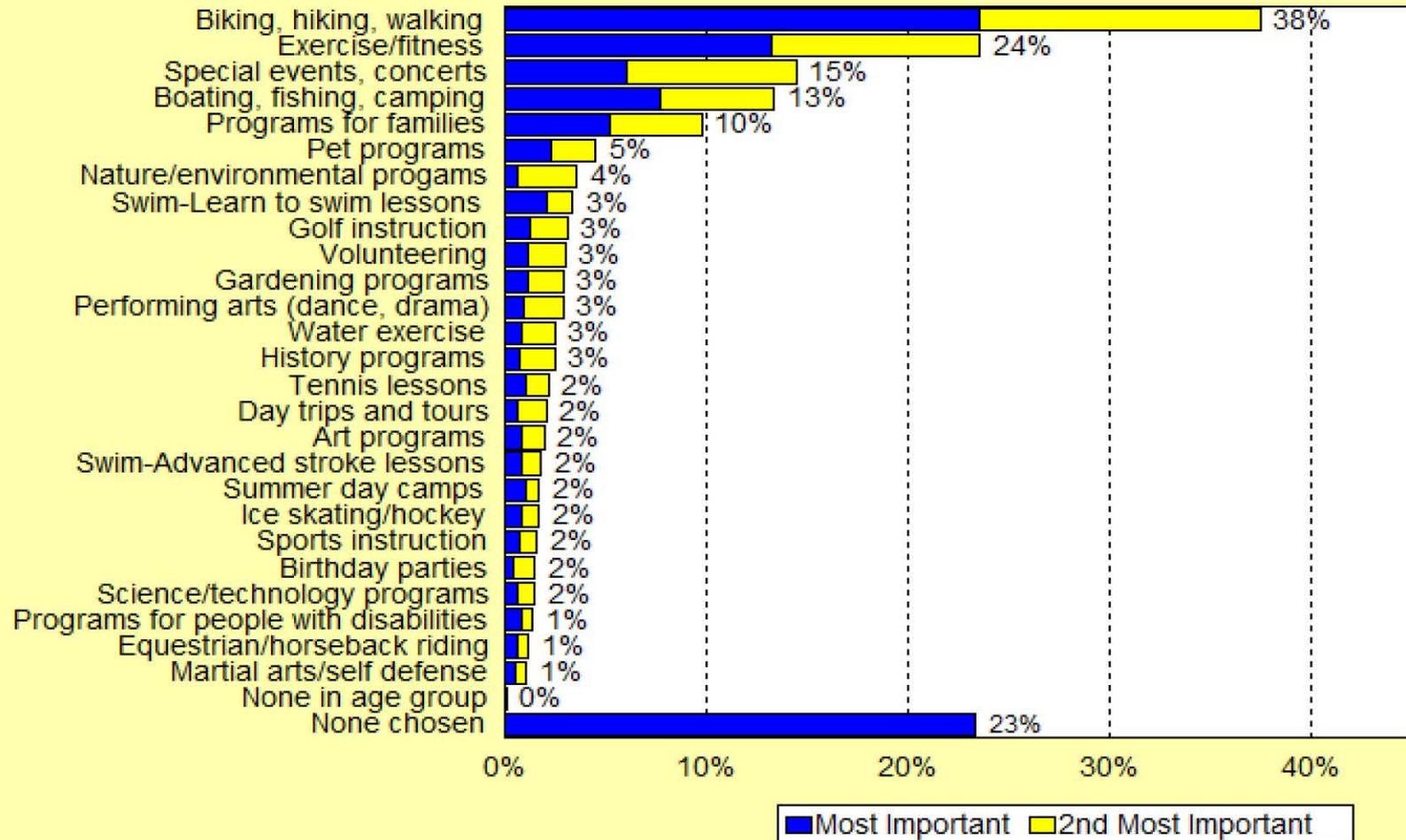
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top two choices



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q12. Programs or Activities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Members of Households Ages 18-49

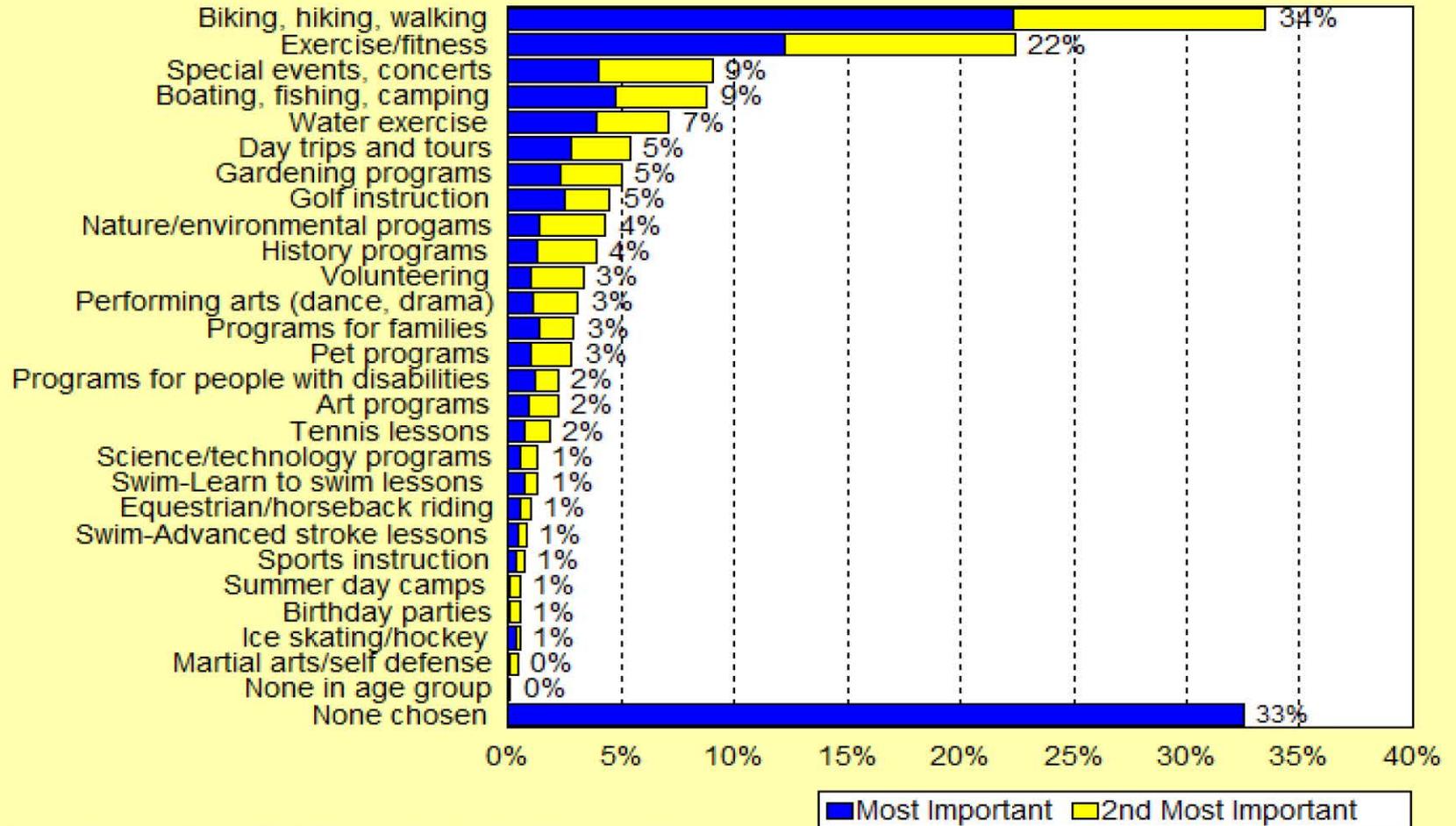
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top two choices



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q12. Programs or Activities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Members of Households Ages 50 and Older

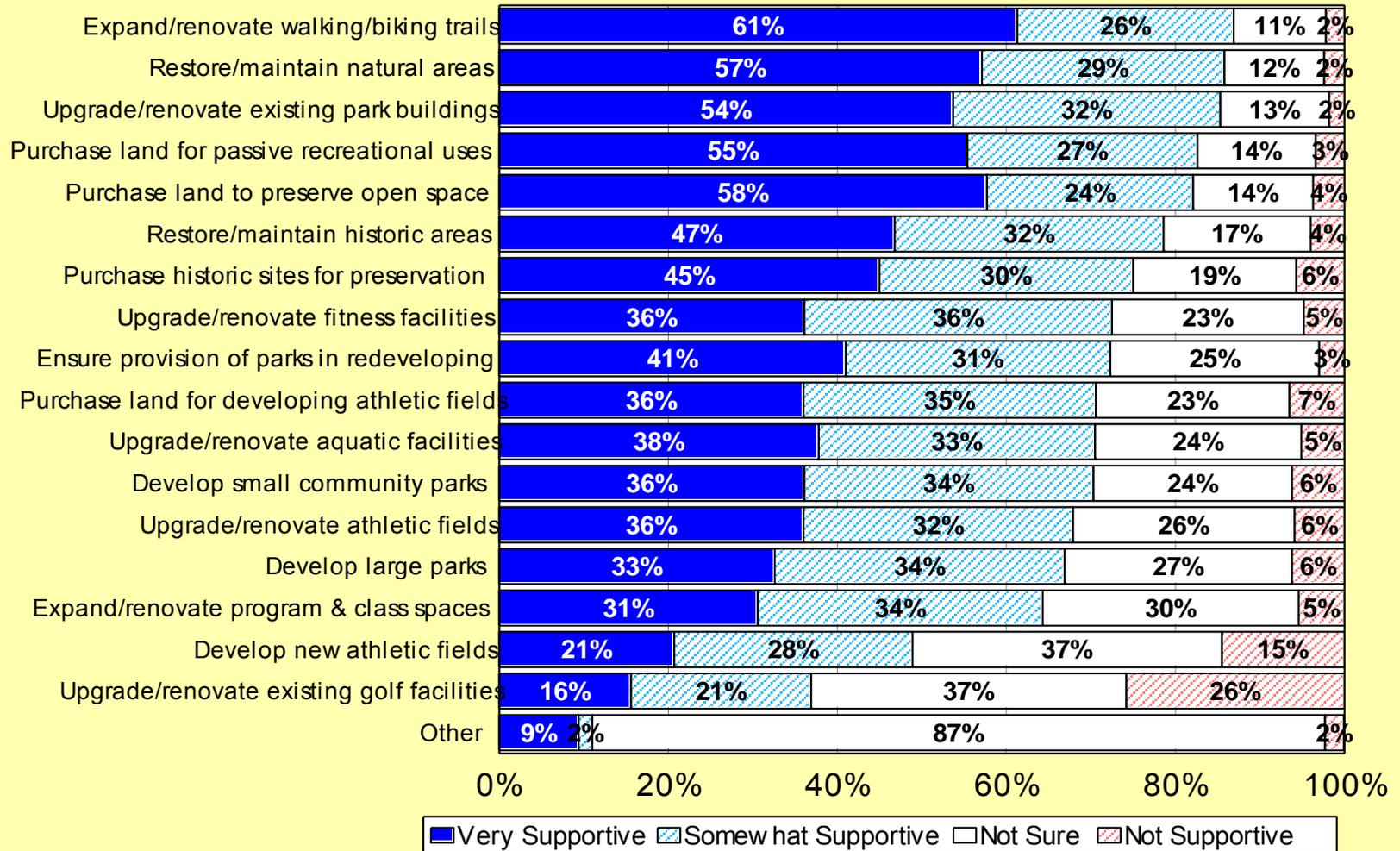
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top two choices



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q13. Level of Support for Actions to Improve the Parks and Recreation System

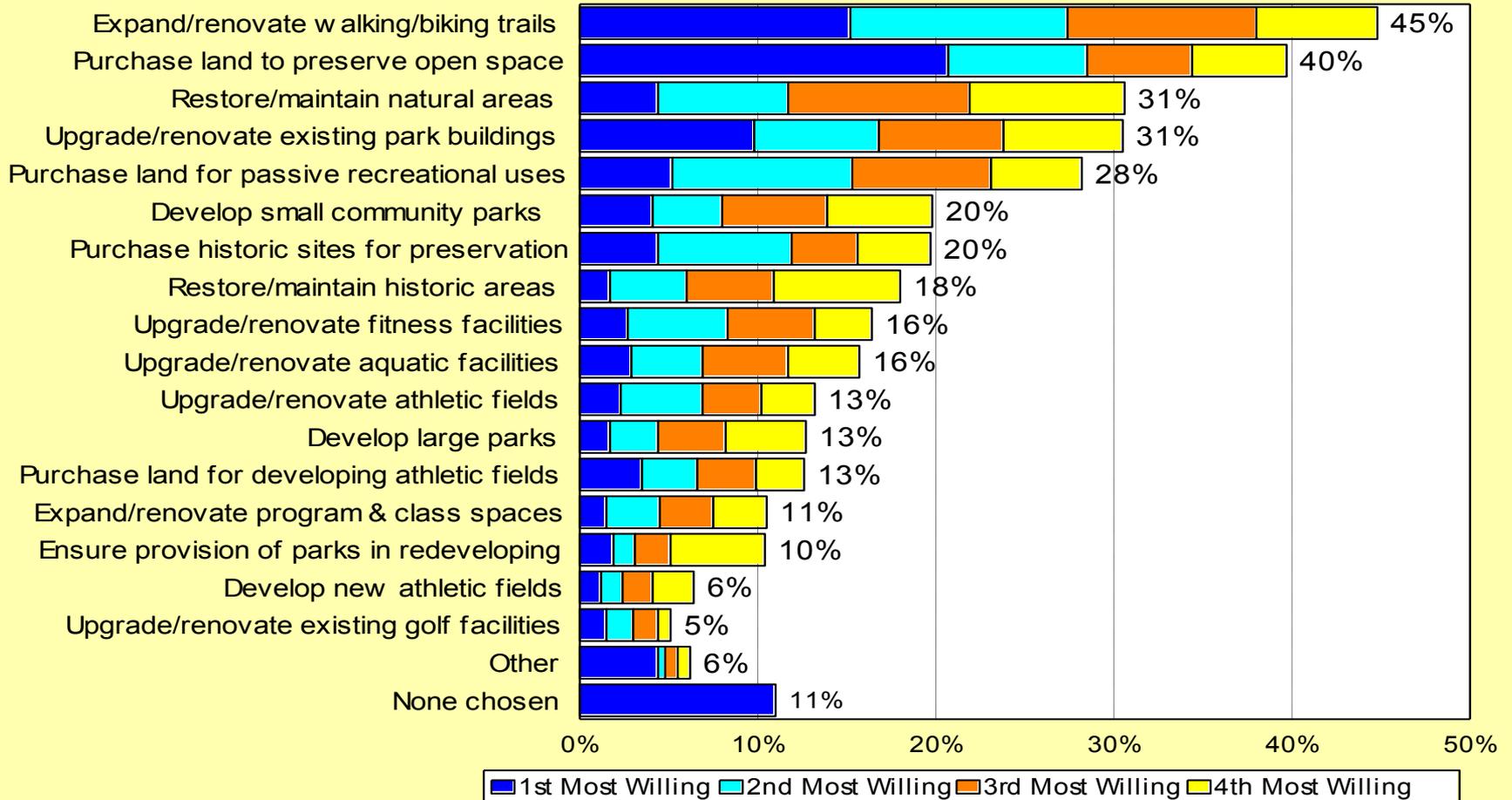
by percentage of respondents (w ithout "don't know ")



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q14. Actions Households are Most Willing to Fund with County Tax Dollars

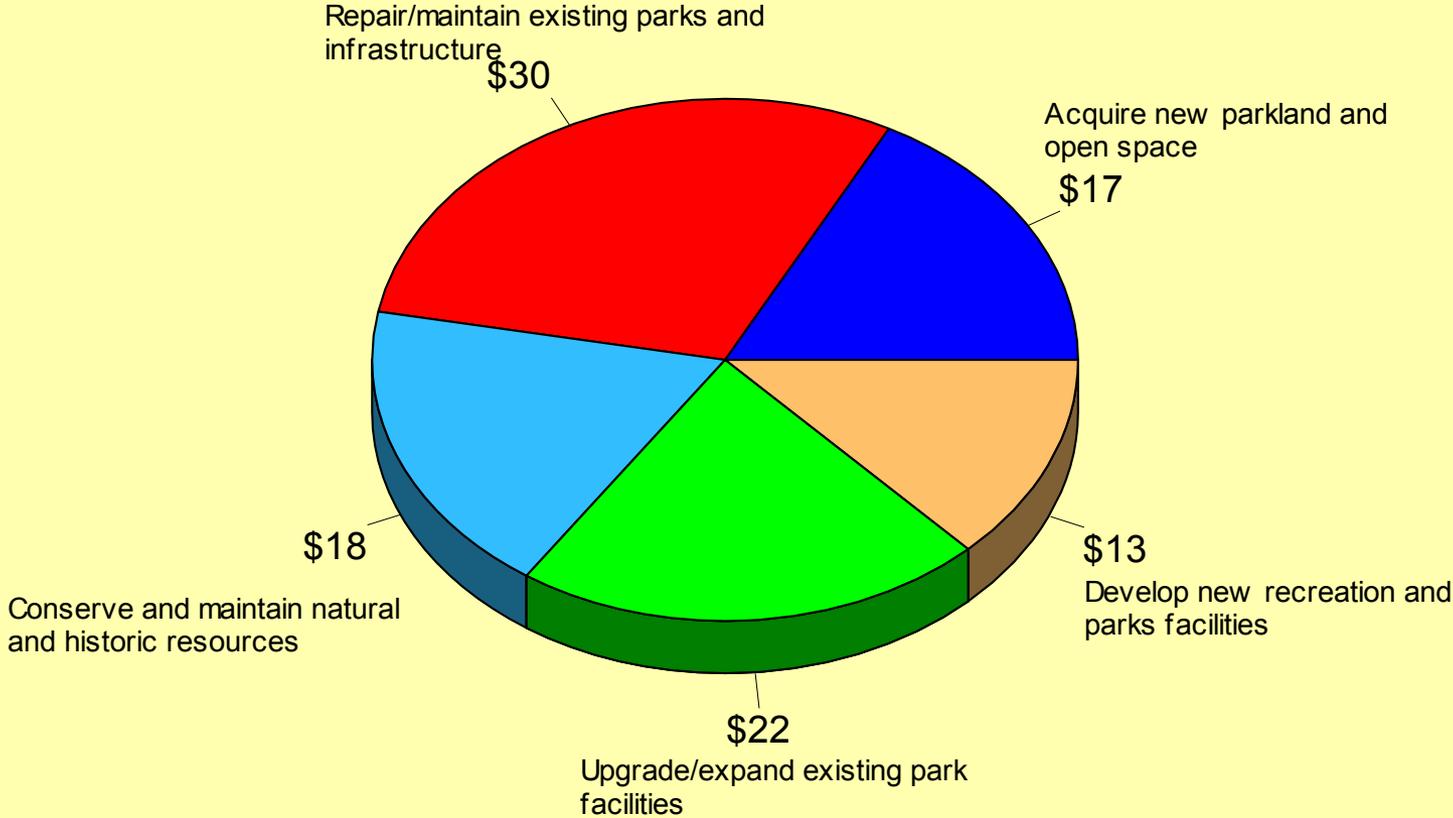
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



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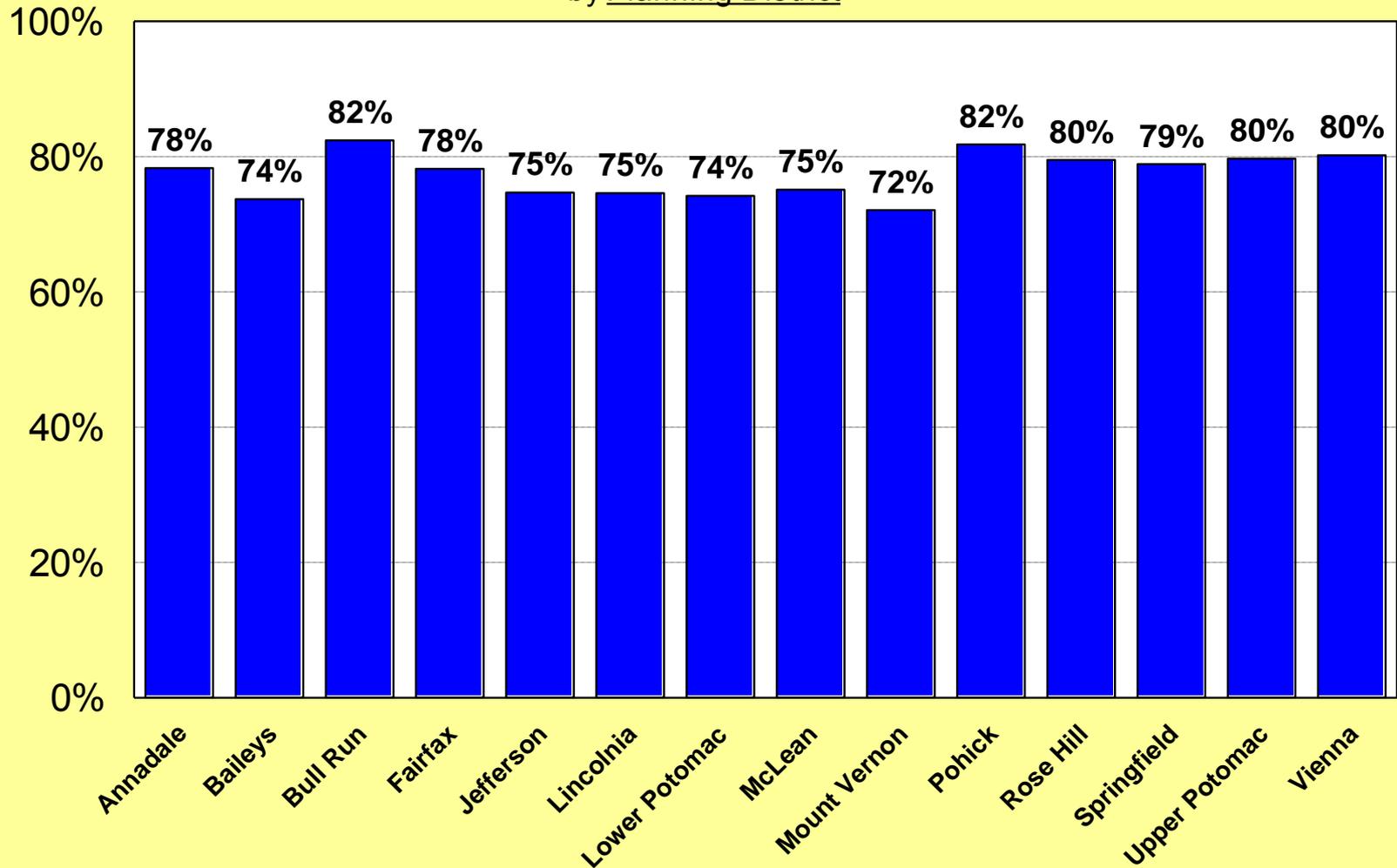
by percentage of respondents



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Households That Have a Need for Large Regional Parks

by percentage of respondents
by Planning District



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q8. Park, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Households by Planning District

Planning District	1st	%	2nd	%	3rd	%
Baileys	Paved walking/biking trails	56%	Small community parks	47%	Large regional parks	38%
Mclean	Paved walking/biking trails	55%	Small community parks	48%	Large regional parks	44%
Annandale	Paved walking/biking trails	50%	Large regional parks	45%	Small community parks	42%
Mt. Vernon	Paved walking/biking trails	52%	Small community parks	46%	Large regional parks	43%
Fairfax	Paved walking/biking trails	51%	Large regional parks	43%	Small community parks	43%
Bull Run	Paved walking/biking trails	54%	Large regional parks	49%	Small community parks	44%
Springfield	Large regional parks	50%	Small community parks	47%	Paved walking/biking trails	42%
Jefferson	Small community parks	61%	Paved walking/biking trails	54%	Large regional parks	34%
Lincolnia	Large regional parks	44%	Paved walking/biking trails	42%	Unpaved walking/biking trails	41%
Rose Hill	Paved walking/biking trails	57%	Small community parks	44%	Large regional parks	43%
Pohick	Paved walking/biking trails	58%	Large regional parks	55%	Small community parks	38%
Lower Potomac	Paved walking/biking trails	51%	Large regional parks	43%	Small community parks	38%
Upper Potomac	Paved walking/biking trails	56%	Large regional parks	45%	Small community parks	41%
Vienna	Paved walking/biking trails	62%	Small community parks	52%	Large regional parks	50%

Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q8. Park, Play Areas, Gardens, Trails, Equestrian, Nature or Historic Parks or Facilities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Households by Households With and Without Children

Households with and without children	1st	%	2nd	%	3rd	%
Under 5	Smaller neighborhood playgrounds	70%	Small community parks	57%	Large regional parks	42%
5-9 (none under 5)	Paved walking/biking trails	54%	Small community parks	52%	Large regional parks	46%
10-19 (none under 10)	Paved walking/biking trails	57%	Large regional parks	52%	Small community parks	41%
20-24 (none under 20)	Paved walking/biking trails	54%	Large regional parks	51%	Small community parks	39%
25-34 (none under 25)	Paved walking/biking trails	61%	Large regional parks	48%	Unpaved walking/biking trails	46%
35-44 (none under 35)	Paved walking/biking trails	61%	Large regional parks	48%	Small community parks	39%
45-54 (none under 45)	Paved walking/biking trails	63%	Large regional parks	46%	Small community parks	42%
55-64 (none under 55)	Paved walking/biking trails	58%	Large regional parks	45%	Unpaved walking/biking trails	37%
65+(none under 65)	Paved walking/biking trails	53%	Large regional parks	38%	Small community parks	32%

Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q10. Outdoor or Indoor Facilities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Households by Planning District

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

Planning District	1st	%	2nd	%	3rd	%
Baileys	Swimming pools	48%	Exercise & fitness facilities	46%	Gyms (basketball,volleyball, etc.)	33%
McLean	Swimming pools	57%	Exercise & fitness facilities	45%	Tennis courts	27%
Annandale	Swimming pools	48%	Exercise & fitness facilities	42%	Soccer/football/lacrosse/field hockey/rugby fields	31%
Mt. Vernon	Swimming pools	58%	Exercise & fitness facilities	47%	Gyms (basketball,volleyball, etc.)	34%
Fairfax	Swimming pools	54%	Exercise & fitness facilities	44%	Gyms (basketball,volleyball, etc.)	32%
Bull Run	Swimming pools	51%	Exercise & fitness facilities	48%	Water parks & spraygrounds	33%
Springfield	Swimming pools	51%	Exercise & fitness facilities	50%	Gyms (basketball,volleyball, etc.)	38%
Jefferson	Swimming pools	53%	Exercise & fitness facilities	47%	Water parks & spraygrounds	31%
Lincolnia	Swimming pools	59%	Exercise & fitness facilities	42%	Water parks & spraygrounds	36%
Rose Hill	Swimming pools	57%	Exercise & fitness facilities	44%	Water parks & spraygrounds	38%
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Vienna	Swimming pools	52%	Exercise & fitness facilities	48%	Gyms (basketball,volleyball, etc.)	33%

Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q10. Outdoor or Indoor Facilities that are MOST IMPORTANT to Households by Age of Respondent

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

Age of Respondent	1st	%	2nd	%	3rd	%
Under 35	Swimming pools	54%	Exercise & fitness facilities	44%	Water parks & spraygrounds	40%
35 to 44	Swimming pools	64%	Water parks & spraygrounds	43%	Soccer/football/lacrosse/field hockey/rugby fields	39%
45 to 54	Swimming pools	51%	Exercise & fitness facilities	50%	Gyms (basketball, volleyball, etc.)	34%
55 to 64	Exercise & fitness facilities	52%	Swimming pools	48%	Golf courses & practice areas	28%
65+	Exercise & fitness facilities	46%	Swimming pools	39%	Golf courses & practice areas	20%

Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

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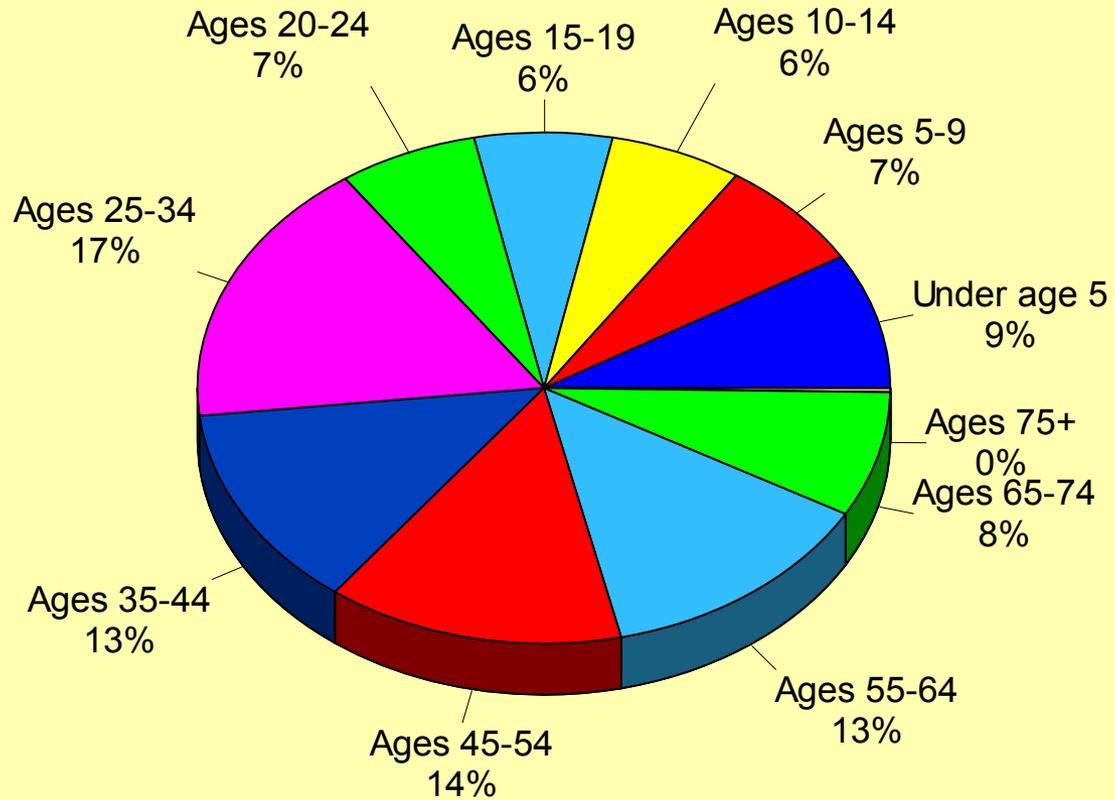
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

Households with and without children	1st	%	2nd	%	3rd	%
Under 5	Swimming pools	66%	Water parks & spraygrounds	65%	Soccer/football/lacrosse/field hockey/rugby fields	42%
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55-64 (none under 55)	Exercise & fitness facilities	51%	Swimming pools	46%	Golf courses & practice areas	23%
65+(none under 65)	Exercise & fitness facilities	47%	Swimming pools	35%	Golf courses & practice areas	20%

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Q1. Ages of People in Household

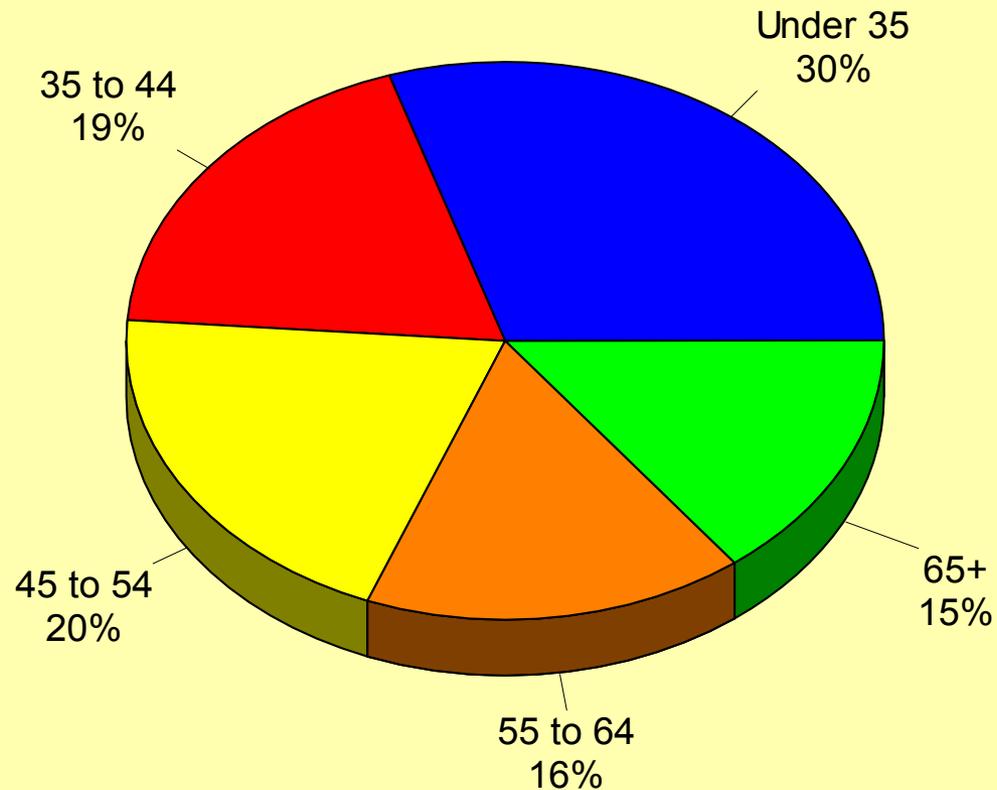
by percentage of household occupants



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q18. Demographics: Ages of Respondents

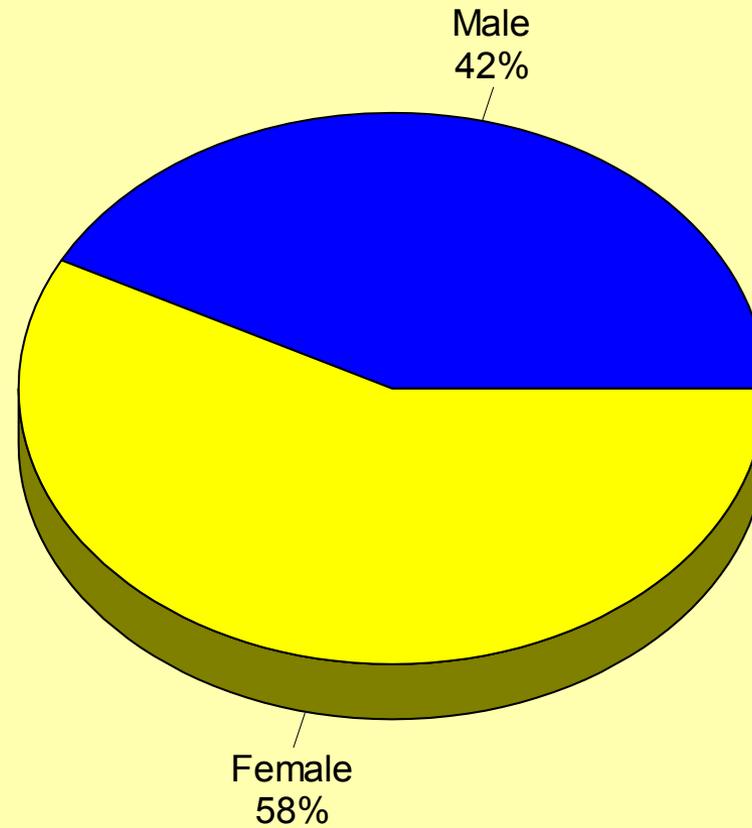
by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q20. Demographics: Gender

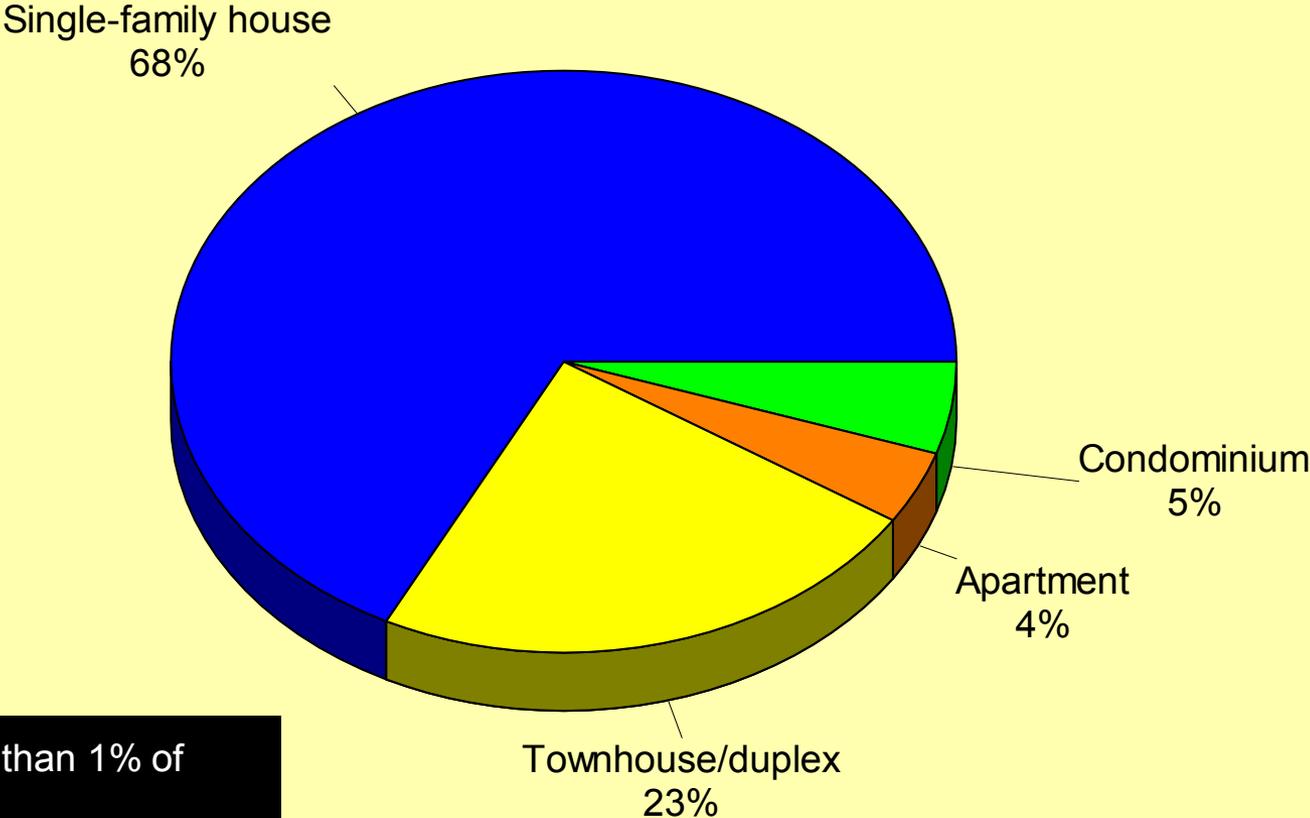
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Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q21. Demographics: Best Description of Resident Home

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)

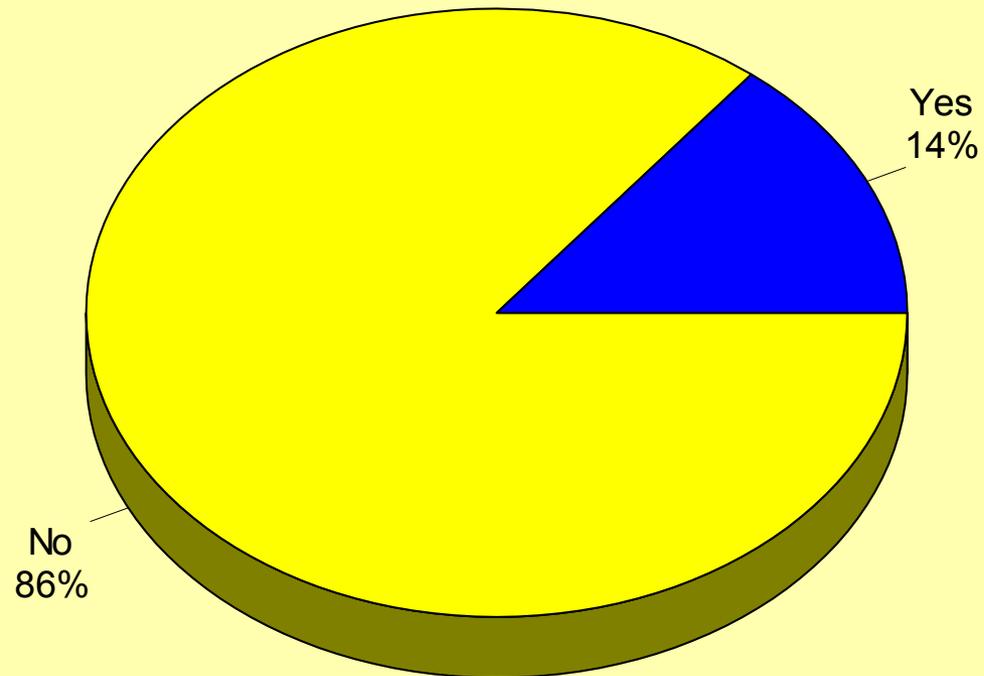


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Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q22. Demographics: Hispanic or Latino Ancestry

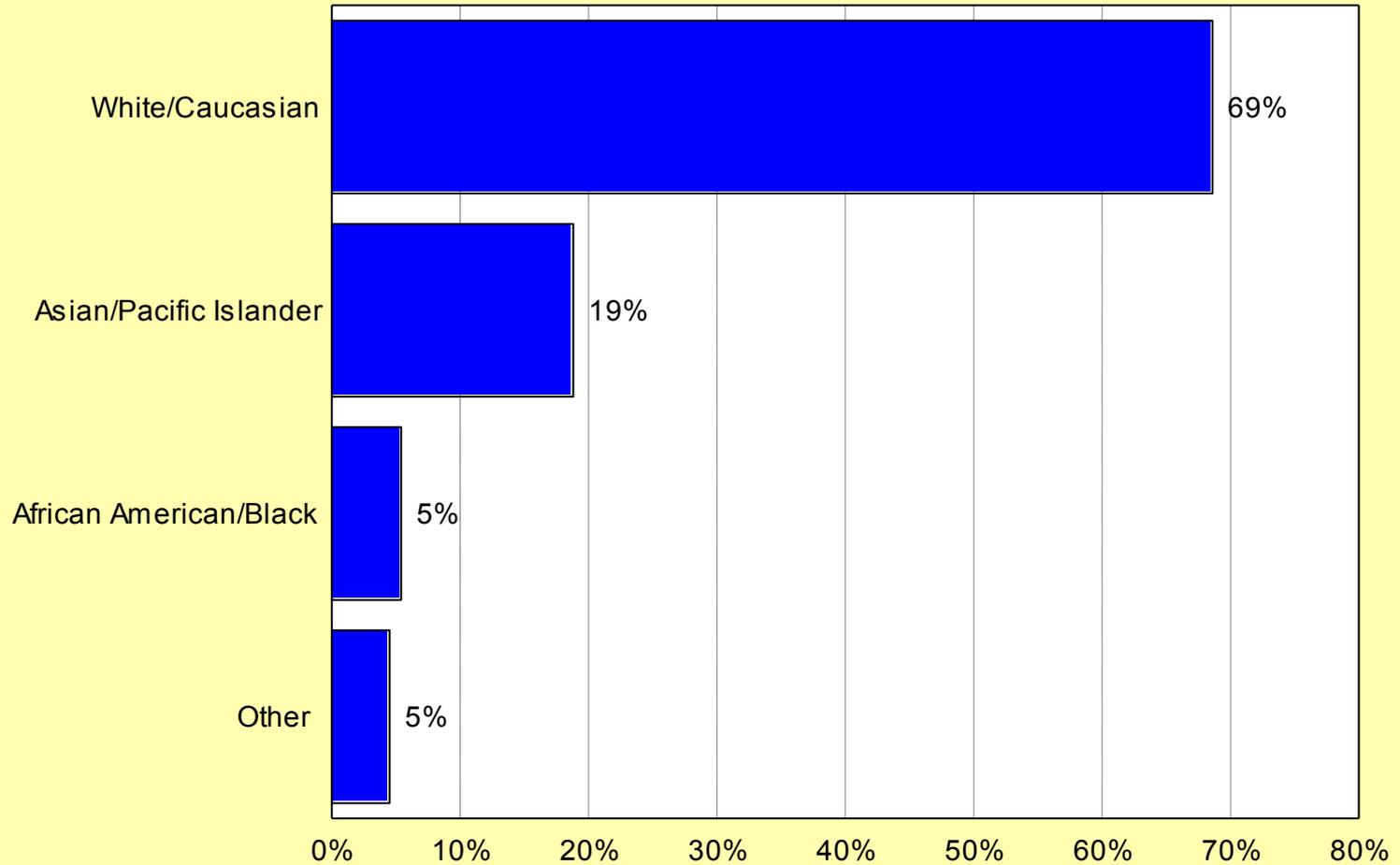
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Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q23. Demographics: Race/Ethnicity

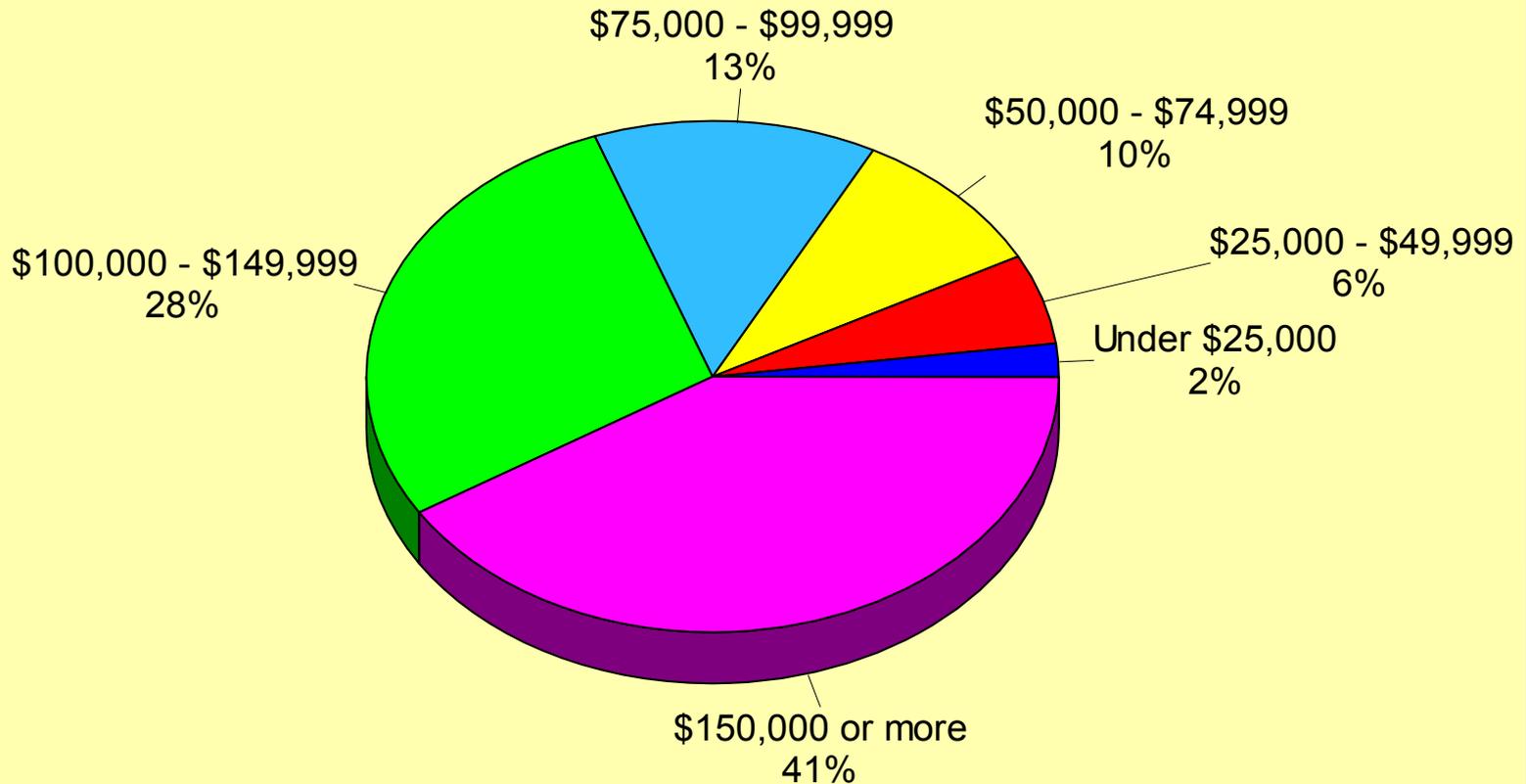
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Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

Q24. Demographics: Total Annual Household Income

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute for Fairfax County (2015)

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Board Agenda Item
September 9, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – July 22, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the July 22, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the July 22, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on September 9, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the July 22, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
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Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
July 22, 2015**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer*
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci
Grace Han Wolf

Staff:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Todd Brown
Brian Williams
Janet Burns
Mike Baird
Sousan Tavallai
Don Sweeney

Absent*

Guests: Tim Scott
Sousan Frankeberger

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Bouie announced that there were a number of changes to the agenda.

- P-1 Needs Assessment Update was deferred
- A-5 Approval – Cross County Trail Improvements at Lake Accotink Park – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Cross County Trail Improvements within Lake Accotink Park was replaced with a new item A-5
- A-5 Approval – Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive Connector Trail
- The closed session was cancelled.
- The Committee of the Whole which was scheduled to take place following the Board meeting to discuss budget information was cancelled since Parks has not received FY17 budget direction from county at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker: Jeffrey Pandin, Treasurer, Westgrove PACK
Subject: Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Application

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ADMINISTRATIVE/PRESENTATION ITEMS**ADMIN-1** Resolution Honoring Tim Scott upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Tim Scott upon his retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Sousan Frankeberger upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Sousan Frankeberger upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Vellucci. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

ADMIN-3 Adoption of the Minutes, May 27, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Thompson.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to amend the minutes, striking the sentence on the bottom of page 1 stating “Mr. Thompson arrived following approval of Administrative Items.” Seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried, Mr. Strickland was absent.

P-1 Needs Assessment Update

This item was deferred until September.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1** Recommended New Legislation

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approve moving forward a topic for the 2016 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly which would enable individuals to earn a tax credit, versus deduction, for donations to park authorities, foundations or government entities; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried, Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-2 Recommended New Legislation

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approved moving forward a topic for the 2016 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly which would request that any retailer of plants, shrubs, trees, etc. in the Commonwealth, or anyone who sells to a resident of the Commonwealth, identify the plant product they are selling is a native, non-native, or invasive species for that part of the Commonwealth so that the individual understands the impact or benefit of the plant product; seconded by Mr. Vajda.

Following discussion Mr. Gorham made a motion to amend by striking “native, non-native or” from the main motion. Seconded by Mr. Vellucci.

Ms. Wolf stated that she would like to make a change to the amendment to add “or wholesaler” following “. . . request that any retailer . . .”

Following discussion Mr. Vellucci withdrew the main motion and Mr. Gorham offered a substitute motion which includes the removal of “native, non-native or” and adds “or wholesaler”. The motion now reads, “To move a topic forward for the 2016 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly that would request that any retailer or wholesaler of plants, shrubs, trees, etc. in the Commonwealth, or anyone who sells to a resident of the Commonwealth, identify the plant product they are selling as an invasive species for that part of the Commonwealth so that the individual understands the impact of the plant product.” Seconded by Mr. Vellucci. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson voted “Nay.” Mr. Strickland was absent.

- A-3 Approval of the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Award, and the Harold L. Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award
Mr. Thompson made a motion to award the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award to Paula Elsey. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

Mr. Quincy made a motion to award the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award to teachers on the science education team at Fairfax County Public Schools, headed by Science Coordinator Myra Thayer. Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Following discussion Mr. Vellucci made an amendment to the motion to provide the award to the sited individuals as the coordinators, as basically the facilitators whose efforts have resulted in the teaching of 10,000 students; seconded by Mr. Gorham. The motion failed. Messrs. Khan, Batten, Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, and Vajda, and Ms. Cortina, Ms. Wolf, and Ms. Quintana voted “Aye”; Messrs. Vellucci and Gorham voted “Nay”. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

The main motion carried, Messrs. Khan, Batten, Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, Gorham, and Vajda, and Ms. Cortina, Ms. Wolf, and Ms. Quintana voted “Aye”; Messrs. Vellucci and Gorham voted “Nay”. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to award the Harold L. Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award jointly to Supervisor Michael Frey and Harold L. Strickland; seconded by Ms. Cortina. Following discussion regarding the timing of the award, the motion carried. Mr. Vellucci abstained; Mr. Strickland was absent.

- A-4 Approval – Pohick Stream Valley – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant for Funding Cycle 2015 for Trail Improvements within Pohick Stream Valley (Springfield District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to submit a grant application for federal funding assistance from the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) administered by the Virginia Department of

Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in the amount of \$250,000 for the RTP grant, with a \$62,500 required RTP grant match to defray the costs associated with trail improvements within Pohick Stream Valley; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-5 Approval – Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive Connector Trail (Braddock District)

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to submit a grant application for federal funding assistance from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in the amount of \$45,000 for the LWCF grant with a \$45,000 required grant match to defray the costs associated with trail improvements for the Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive Connector Trail; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-6 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-7 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-8 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80000, Park Revenue and Operating Fund

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-9 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction Fund

Ms. Quintana and Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Budget Carryover for Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-10 The Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan with the revision to Attachment 2; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-11 Scope Approval – Turner Farm Roll Top Observatory (Dranesville District)

Ms. Wolf made a motion to approve the project scope to construct the Roll Top Observatory building at The Turner Farm Park; seconded by Mr. Quincy.

Mr. Vellucci expressed his concerns for the ability of the Park Operations Division to support this facility because Parks does not know what the Total Ownership Cost is several years down the line; cost growth, which was addressed by Mr. Bowden prior to the meeting; and reallocation of funds. Mr. Bowden explained that Park Operations handles the grounds and buildings and Park Services handles revenue. Volunteers in coordination with existing staff will operate the facility, so there are no additional staff costs with operating the facility. The Analemma Society will provide the telescope and the technical equipment. Annual estimated building maintenance costs are approximately \$3,000 per year; estimated utilities are about \$4,000, so the total operating cost is about \$7,000 per year. Revenue from the programs is estimated at approximately \$10,000 per year.

Mr. Bouie called for a vote. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-12 Scope Approval – Tolson House Demolition at Mason Neck West Park

Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the demolition of the Tolson House at Mason Neck West Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

INFORMATION ITEM**I-1 FY 2015 Changes to the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution**

No action was required.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie announced that he represented Virginia in the racquetball competition during the U.S. Senior Olympics in Minneapolis. He came home with a silver medal, losing to the Canadian team.

There were 15,000 senior athletes and every one was very serious. The Minneapolis convention center had 80 pickleball courts, which shows how many pickleball players there were in that particular tournament.

The in the news there has been a feature about a women's 85+ 3:3 basketball team that won the gold medal. They practice three times a week and play in a league. Every one of them is over 85 years old.

The highlight of the weekend was the 100 meter dash in the 100-year-old division, of which there were six participants. The winning time was 17-something. These people are so serious and passionate about the things they do. There is something for everyone. For those that meet the age requirement, Mr. Bouie again reminded the Board to go out and fully participate in these activities.

- The first racquetball tournament was held at Stratton Woods Park last weekend. Forty-seven people signed up. The event was cancelled on Saturday because it was too hot, but it took place on Sunday. Regular scheduled play is now ongoing with the elite players on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The courts are getting a lot of use and the neighbors love it.
- Mr. Bouie invited everyone to come out to the opening of the Water Mine expansion at Lake Fairfax Park on Saturday, August 1, at noon. He indicated that he will be the first one to go down the slide.
- The 4-H Fair and Carnival will be taking place at Frying Pan Farm Park beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 1.
- Mr. Bouie announced that a Board member is leaving – this was Ms. Quintana’s last meeting. He stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with her on the Park Board. He indicated that he would let her provide more information during her Board Matters. In closing, he congratulated Ms. Quintana on her new appointment.

DIRECTOR’S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon noted that the FY17 budget directions from the county have not been provided as yet. He will provide that information to the Board electronically when it becomes available. He will be in contact with Chairman Bill Bouie related to any budget meetings that may be required prior to submission in September. If the Board has been watching the economy and the latest news related to home sales and employment, everything is moving up, which is a good sign. The Park Authority is hopeful for the next year based on the projected impact related to shortfalls of \$100M for next year and remains hopeful that it will continue to come down based on the economy.
- In relation to budget cuts for the current fiscal year in FY16 the agency reduces its paper and office supply budget by \$15,000. So everybody is doing their part. Staff has noted that for the last several meetings there have been a couple of Board packages that have been left on the dais after the meetings. So, we are asking that if Board members have the ability to move to electronic capabilities that they do that because there will be a full-fledged effort by the agency during this next year to go electronic for everybody. Parks is looking at PDs and those sorts of things, but if it is possible to do that prior to the agency getting there after

September that will help Parks save some money in printing Board packages. We are required to print one for public access and staff will continue to print one for Board members if they need one, but if they have the ability; Mr. Kincannon asked them to please go electronic. He asked that they let Ms. Gorski know if they are willing to eliminate their paper copies.

Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Pandin for coming to address the Board about the dog park and Westgrove PACK's contribution.

Mr. Bouie noted that on Tuesday, July 21, the Reston Connection had a full-page story on the Baron Cameron Dog Park and what an asset it is to the community and how the community wants to make it bigger.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Strickland was absent and excused.
- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Bouie on his silver medal and his performance.

Mr. Khan noted that he was surprised to hear about Ms. Quintana, but added that it has been an honor and a pleasure working with her. He wished her good luck in whatever she does in the future.

Mr. Khan reported that his cricket group is working with Chris Pulley of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services on some fundraising programs for different groups that are in the planning stages. Mr. Khan's group is trying to go forward every month to pick one weekend when they are playing and pick up one issue and try to support it. Starting with back to school kids they are going to collect school supplies and try to get backpacks ready for the kids. Next month they will move on to the food drive and then will go to the coat drive before winter sets in. Once the dates are set for these events he will share them with the Board.

- Mr. Gorham thanked everyone for holding down the fort while he was on vacation. He saw a lot of national parks between here and California and noted that we have some world class parks around here too.
- Mr. Pandin addressed the Board earlier advocating the Mastenbrook Grant for water for the dog park at Westgrove. As many are aware, Mr. Gorham believes that he has not spent any more effort on any one issue since he has been on the Board for the past five years than having that dog park built. He will continue to support the dog park and the Mastenbrook Grant. He will continue to support that dog park as grass and for as long as it stays grass.

The board that brought this dog park to fruition has turned over and he wished the new board would give respect to the board that fought to get the dog park established.

- Mr. Batten told Ms. Quintana that he would personally miss her. The Board will miss her enthusiasm and her vision, and her willingness to be wherever the action is, whatever level the action is. He expects that he will see Ms. Quintana and her family from time to time at Huntley Meadows. Whatever she is going to be doing he wished her continued success in all endeavors, business, social, and family.

To his colleagues, he encouraged them to continue to look for those candidates that they believe will truly make excellent members of the Park Foundation Board of Directors. Ed asked the Board to contact Bobbi Longworth with any information and let him know as well to make sure someone makes contact with the candidates.

- Ms. Cortina told Ms. Quintana that she would miss her, congratulated her and stated that she was sorry to see her leave the Board. She brings a certain perspective that the Board doesn't have enough of sometimes. (Case in point, the Park Operations Committee meeting discussion regarding restrooms.) Especially Ms. Quintana's vision on strategic planning committee and all of her insights. It has been a pleasure serving with Ms. Quintana and Ms. Cortina hopes to see Ms. Quintana around Burke.

Ms. Cortina met with the Friends groups on Saturday, July 11, at Green Spring Gardens. She was invited to attend the informal meeting which was intended to allow them to share and network and get to know one another and learn of the kinds of things they are doing in their organizations. They also need more help from the Park Authority organization. They have great relationships with the park managers and the teams in the parks. It's like one big team. They don't think of the difference between Park Authority staff and themselves. But, at the organizational level there are the MOUs between the groups, insurance and liability, with capital projects with multi-year plans so they can fundraise for amenities at the major parks and programs. As an organization it is good to hear from these folks and to align itself with what the organization does and how it is working with them.

Ms. Cortina thinks it would be very helpful to have these periodic meetings. The Friends groups plan to meet twice a year, in the summer and in the winter. If Parks hold its two meetings, which are more presentation style, then it would be once a quarter. She challenged to Board to think about the other large groups.

Ms. Cortina went to see the Capitol Steps on Sunday, July 12, at Mason District Park. It was a great event with over 700 people there. The park was mobbed, not only including the Capitol Steps, but with all the parties going on and the fields in use. That park sees so much activity. She really felt for the maintenance crew that would show up on Monday morning to clean up the park. There is an enormous water bottle trash issue and recycling receptacles. Parks really needs to think about this.

Ms. Cortina extended a special thank you to Sousan Frankeberger for what she does and did for the Park Authority. These programs are loved.

Thursday is a big day for Rec-PAC. Rec-PAC campers, staff and chaperones will attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the most people making heart-shaped hand gestures. The record-setting attempt will take place at 11 a.m. at the Udvar-Hazy Center at 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway in Chantilly. Ms. Cortina encouraged anyone that could get out to Udvar-Hazy to be involved in the record breaking activity.

She reported that Wakefield Skate Park held a skate fest on Saturday, July 18, that was really sick (in a good way). She added that she would like to see more “sick” (great) things like that going on in the Park Authority.

- Mr. Vajda reported that there was quite an event at Mason District Park on Sunday, July 19, with the performance of Capital Steps. Supervisor Gross came prepared with five, five-gallon jugs of water to have water handy in the heat. She had anticipated the worst because on Friday one of the patrons had a fainting spell because of the heat.

Mr. Vajda thanked Ms. Quintana for the outstanding vision she brought to the Board and wished her and her family the very best. He noted that she owed some gratitude to her young assistant (her son) whose perception showed her a lot of things that needed to be done or things that were done properly.

With Ms. Cortina’s help Mr. Vajda said that he was going to find the missing shelter in Mason District Park which was referenced in the Park Operations Committee meeting presentation on the infrastructure review of picnic shelters and restrooms.

- Ms. Wolf had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci thanked Tim Scott and Sousan Frankeberger for the contributions they have made. He realizes that Parks is losing a lot of brain trust. He knows it’s inevitable, but it is interesting. He again thanked them for what they have done.

The Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley were out on Wednesday, July 22, doing trail maintenance. About 15 folks participated.

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park were out on the water on Saturday, July 18, and performed a “Raiders of the Lost Trash” exercise. It’s quite a rich environment out there, unfortunately.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Ms. Baldwin for her efforts on Carney Park. It was a park that was turned over to Parks by a builder. The playground is pretty squishy, almost like being on a moon bounce. Ms. Baldwin is working with Park Operations staff to get that fixed.

One of Mr. Scott's last projects was the Surrey Square playground. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 25, at 2 p.m. He thanked Judy Pedersen in advance since the Board will be in recess in August.

Mr. Vellucci wished everyone a wonderful August.

- Mr. Thompson thanked everyone across the board for all the work they had done for the World Police and Fire Games. It was a tremendous effort that included a lot of planning and a lot of work.

It appears that the community outreach for the ropes course at South Run District Park was successful. Mr. Bowden noted that Planning Commission approved the 2232 last week.

A lot of people came out, including Pete Murphy who is the Chair of the Planning Commission as well as the Springfield District representative, Supervisor Herrity, Kirk Kincannon, and lots of staff to the master plan meeting for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs, or whatever it is going to be called. They received a lot of good feedback. A number of concerns were related to the sewer lines and folks were pleased when they learned that Parks would not be connecting to the sewer lines. There were suggestions about adding more parking and additional fields. The neighborhood and the sports communities generated a positive response.

Staff was helpful with the one person who showed up at Burke Lake Park about the sewers and all the concerns that came up about the cross country trail. Months ago when Parks was discussing changes to the golf course, some cross country folks expressed concerns about cutting through the cross country course to put in the sewer might disrupt their course. The West Springfield Cross Country coach and school coordinator, not only for the conference but on a larger scale, proactively said that he was supportive of the change and could make it work. Things have changed things before and it would not be a problem. He also agreed that any one that had a complaint could be referred to him. He not only provided his phone number but indicated that he would be meeting with all the coaches and would tell all of them what was going on and why it was a good thing.

Mr. Thompson asked the Board members to consider telling staff not to print anything for them. If they did not have a personal device, perhaps they could print their own paper and bring them in.

Finally, he thanked Ms. Quintana for her service to the Park Authority Board. They mostly agree, but when they haven't they have done it as friends with respect for each other. He added that he would miss her and her insights.

- Mr. Quincy indicated that the master planning meeting for Ruckstuhl Park would be held on Wednesday, July 29, at Marshall High School at 7 p.m. Uniquely, this meeting will be preceded by an open house on Tuesday, July 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the park site. The open house will provide the community to wander through the site to determine what they would like and where. This will be quite interesting.

Speaking about what Parks is losing with the retirees and their expertise, Mr. Quincy noted that Ms. Frankeberger showed up at the Seldom Scene concert at Nottoway Nights on July 16. Over 1,000 people were there to listen to the concert. Fortunately, she is not going too far away.

Mr. Quincy commented that he was looking at the news the other day and there was a picture of the Turner Farm house and a story about it being restored.

He wished Ms. Quintana the very best and echoed what everyone else had said. He appreciates her views and her insight. He added that it has been a pleasure working with her and fortunately, the Board still has the Board member in training.

Mr. Quincy wished everyone a good recess in August.

- Ms. Quintana indicated that as many Board members were aware, she was looking for a new position and accepted a position with Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT). It's a management level position to build its communication and marketing for Fairfax Connector. She'll be working with a great team of people – Tom Biesiadny, whom she has worked with for years; Beth Francis; and, Anna Nissinen who recently joined the team from Loudoun County. She is hoping to bring the Fairfax Connector a little energy, a little help, and a little enthusiasm, as well as to the county as she joins the ranks of staff and leadership in the county.

While there wasn't an obvious conflict of interest her moral compass is always fairly strong and she just wouldn't want anything to come into conflict with that. She discussed this with the team at FCDOT and they all felt it was the best thing to leave the Park Authority Board.

Ms. Quintana stated that she would miss everyone. She really loves what she has done while with Parks. She knows that many times she has been helping people throughout the county. Everyone has been so wonderful and so gracious and she has learned so much from everyone including staff.

Ms. Quintana commented that having a child changed the course of her plans. She had been planning to run for office. In such a good way this allows her to continue public service and her love for the people of Fairfax County and what we do here. He came with her in utero to the Board meetings and he has been indoctrinated into the county as far as public service ever since.

Ms. Quintana thanked everyone and remarked that she knows that the Board members haven't always agreed at times and that she can be tough to get along with sometimes – a lot of the time. She wanted everyone to know that her passion, her love, and her moral compass are what drive her. She will potentially look into the Park Foundation to see what she is able to do and determine if that would be as much of a conflict.

She concluded that she hopes to see everyone around sometimes, thanked everyone, and added that it has been such a pleasure.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on September 9, 2015

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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Board Agenda Item
September 9, 2015

ACTION – 1

Appointment of Gary Kirkbride to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board

ISSUE:

Appoint Gary Kirkbride to the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Foundation Board recommends the appointment of Gary Kirkbride to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on September 9, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Fairfax County Park Foundation, the Foundation Board nominates individuals to become members of the Foundation Board of Directors. Appointments are effective following the concurrence of the Park Authority Board.

The Foundation Board has nominated Gary Kirkbride for appointment to the Foundation Board of Directors.

Mr. Kirkbride was recruited by Park Foundation Board Chairman, Bruce McLeod. His appointment will be for a three-year term.

Gary W. Kirkbride is a senior vice president and urban planner at Dewberry. Gary possesses over 30 years of planning experience with emphasis on the local level, including management of planning activities for an urban jurisdiction. Responsibility for a variety of land use studies and review of development proposals for high-density residential, commercial, office and hotel uses have been the major focus of his recent work. He has experience with administrative and public plan review, managing private and public sector projects, as well as providing expert testimony.

Gary Kirkbride volunteers on a number of organizations and committees in Arlington County including the Arlington County Building Code Board of Appeals; Chesapeake Bay Ordinance Review Committee; Economic Development Commission, Zoning Ordinance Review Committee and Urban Forestry Committee. He also serves on the

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Development Review Committee in Prince William County and id the Treasurer of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT).

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Fairfax County Park Foundation, the Foundation Board nominates individuals to become members of the Foundation Board of Directors. Appointments are effective following the concurrence of the Park Authority Board. Directors are appointed for three year terms and may serve up to three consecutive terms after which a director is ineligible for a period of one-year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

STAFF:

Kirk Kincannon, Director, Park Authority

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Roberta Longworth, Executive Director, Park Foundation

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ACTION – 2

Approval of a Resolution Honoring the 2015 Outstanding Volunteers

ISSUE:

Seeking Board approval of a resolution to honor the 2015 Outstanding Volunteers. These awards provide recognition to these individual volunteers who provide outstanding service at many Park Authority sites.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution to honor the 2015 Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on September 9, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority Awards Committee is charged with the coordination and recommendation of several volunteer awards that focus attention on the contributions of these individuals throughout the Park Authority. Over the years, what was once solely an effort to select the Elly Doyle Park Service Award recipients has grown into a multi-faceted presentation of awards to people who serve our parks through stewardship and environmental efforts, who preserve our historic past, as well as who give tirelessly at sites throughout the system. Clearly, volunteers are highly-valued and well-appreciated at the Park Authority.

This action will provide recognition for our Outstanding Volunteers who provide service tallying 180,642 hours in Fiscal Year 2015. That tally is immeasurable in terms of the good will and accomplishments it represents; however, there is a tangible value of approximately \$4.5 million dollars that would otherwise need to be funded without these dedicated volunteers. Each hour of volunteer service in Virginia is valued at \$24.90 according to the Virginia Employment Commission.

These awards will be presented on November 20, 2015, at the annual awards ceremony scheduled at the Waterford. The resolution will be presented to the 22 Outstanding Volunteer winners at their individual sites.

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This year's selectees include:

John and Aaron Abalos-Green	Hidden Pond Nature Center
Yadi Bermea	South Run RECenter
Mila Weiss and Monty Montgomery	Mount Vernon RECenter
Richard Duong	Cub Run RECenter
Kat Dyer	Huntley Meadows Park
Marilyn Connors	Providence RECenter
Jim Cudlip	Frying Pan Farm Park
Marian Ewell	Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
David Fennel	Riverbend Park
Betty Holman	Sully Historic Site
Ken Kozloff	Providence and Spring Hill RECenter
Gary Blasser	Audrey Moore RECenter
Mary Kay Claus	Oak Marr RECenter
Will MacDonald	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
Pat McCormack	James Lee Community Center
Vivian Morgan-Mendez	IMA Nottoway Park
Songui "Chiraz" Sanwogou	Spring Hill RECenter
Ivy Sinaiko	Green Spring Gardens
Janet and Rodney Smith	Lee District RECenter

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Elly Doyle Park Service Awards program encompasses award recognition from all corners of the agency and beyond. Funding for this important volunteer service recognition is provided by the Park Authority with matching funds from the Park Foundation. Annual funding for the entire awards program ranges from \$10,500 to \$14,500 based on number of attendees and award recipients at this free event.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Kirk Kincannon, Director
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Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Roberta Longworth, Executive Director, Park Foundation

***WHEREAS**, nationwide one in four individuals serve as volunteers in a host of roles, essentially creating an epidemic of goodwill and service provision, that includes approximately 2,000 Park Authority volunteers who provide volunteer efforts that power our parks and allow the Park Authority to meet the needs of this growing community; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority, created by legislative action in 1950, offers volunteers unique service opportunities including invasive plant management and archaeological exploration, assistance at golf courses, front desk work at RECenters, the chance to teach Adapted Aquatics or other inclusive programs, opportunities to serve at farmers markets or at horticultural centers or equestrian sites, or the pleasure of experiencing life on a farm or working as a docent at a historic site, improving a trail or dozens of other volunteer activities; and*

***WHEREAS**, these essential, good-hearted and hard-working volunteers provide an effective means of service provision to the many residents of Fairfax County who visit our parks each year, and collectively represent a fiscally-sound approach to the provision of services in support of our mission, without which our park system would be challenged to meet the mandate of community expectations, CAPRA accreditation, and of regional and national leadership in the field of recreation and parks; and*

***WHEREAS**, during Fiscal Year 2015, Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers provided 180,642 hours of reported service which according to the Virginia Employment Commission, have a tangible value of more than \$4.5 million; and*

***WHEREAS**, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, about 62.2 million Americans or 25.4 percent of all the adult population, gave \$7.7 billion hours of volunteer service worth more than \$173 billion dollars in 2013; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board recognizes that volunteers strengthen Fairfax County, that volunteering makes a positive impact on the environment, on the quality of life and on the health and well-being of our community; and that volunteering is an essential part of living in a thriving society adding enormous benefits and opportunities to our park system;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfax County Park Authority that it expresses appreciation and thanks to

Volunteer

for dedicated and outstanding contributions to the parks and citizens of Fairfax County.

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on September 9, 2015.

Secretary

William G. Bowie
Chairman

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INFORMATION – 1

Infrastructure Overview- Picnic Shelters and Outdoor Restrooms

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on July 22, 2015.