



Greenway Park 11/7/17 Open House Meeting Summary

Nearly 60 community members participated in an open house meeting regarding Greenway Park on 11/7/17. During the meeting, patrons watched a short video about the history of the park and rotated through four interactive stations (Recreation, Trails, Sports, Wildlife) to help staff understand how they currently use the park, what they most appreciate about it, and what they would like to change. The comments below are arranged thematically. Staff will use the comments collected to come up with options for managing the park and its amenities that the public will have the opportunity to review at a future meeting.

Wildlife

Many patrons expressed strong feelings about the flooded trails and how THPRD is managing the wildlife perceived to be creating water issues. They were disappointed in the loss of loop trails and the occasional flooding of the regional trail. On the other hand, there were a roughly equal number of patrons who were excited by the opportunity to observe wildlife in the new pond. Some people felt that some portions of the park should be left for wildlife, so the flooded areas were of lesser concern.

Trails

A majority of patrons expressed concern about the amount and frequency of trails being covered with water. Many people expressed a desire to remove the beaver to lessen trail flooding. Approximately the same number of comments were received that patrons like beavers and want better access to view them. Several people were concerned with the condition of the Scholls Ferry underpass and flooding, as well as the dangerous road crossing at SW Scholls Ferry Road. Chart 1 shows destinations of trail users. Figure 1 shows the frequency that people use different trail segments.

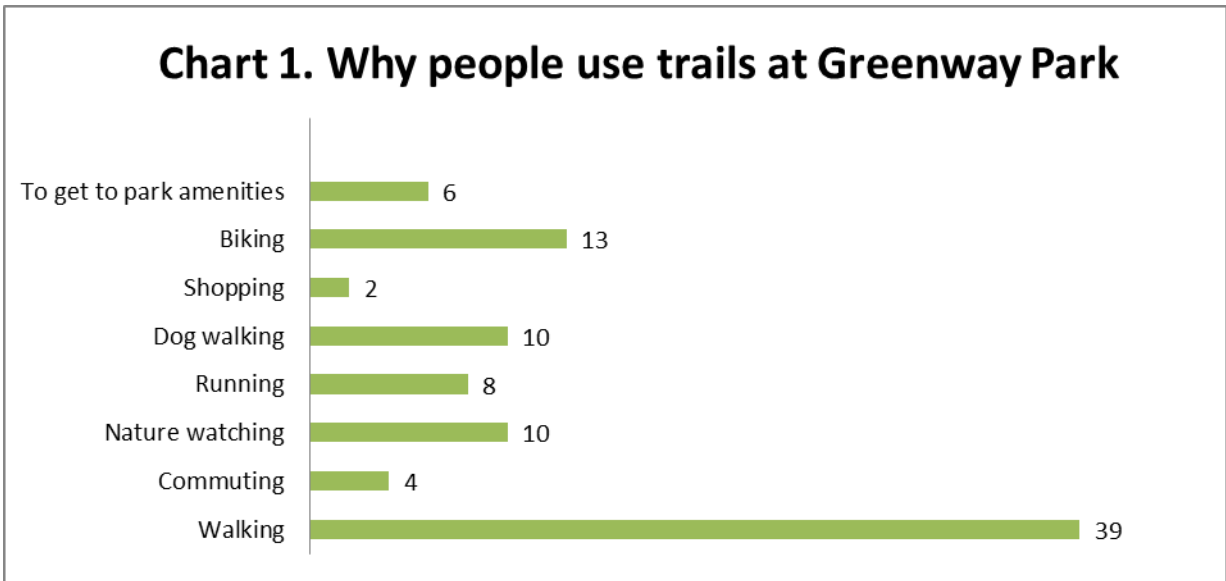
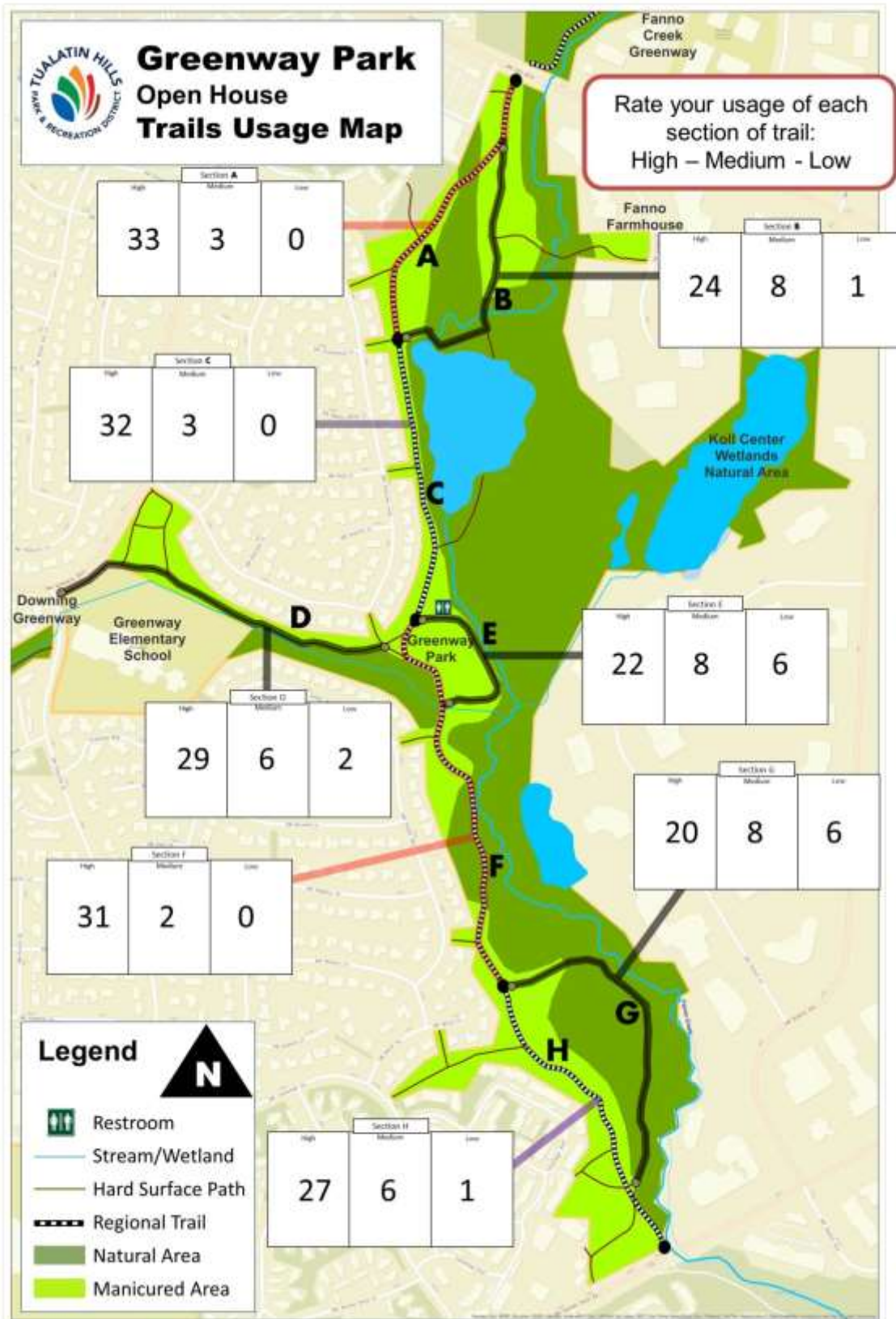


Figure 1.



Recreation

Patrons felt that the current play areas, picnic tables and mowed lawn areas met most of their recreational needs (Chart 2). The most mentioned addition people would like are more restrooms, preferably near play areas along the regional trail (which runs on the west side of the park). When asked what other parks patrons use to meet their needs the most popular answers were Summerlake (6), Cooper Mountain Nature Park (6), and Tualatin Hills Nature Park (4). Figure 2 shows the frequency that people use different recreation amenities.

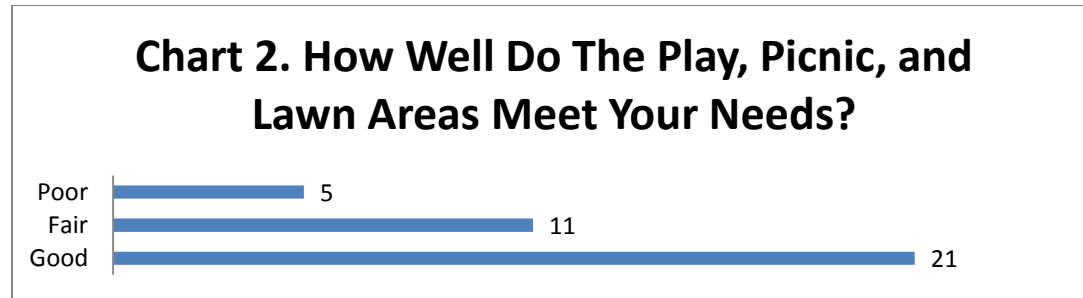
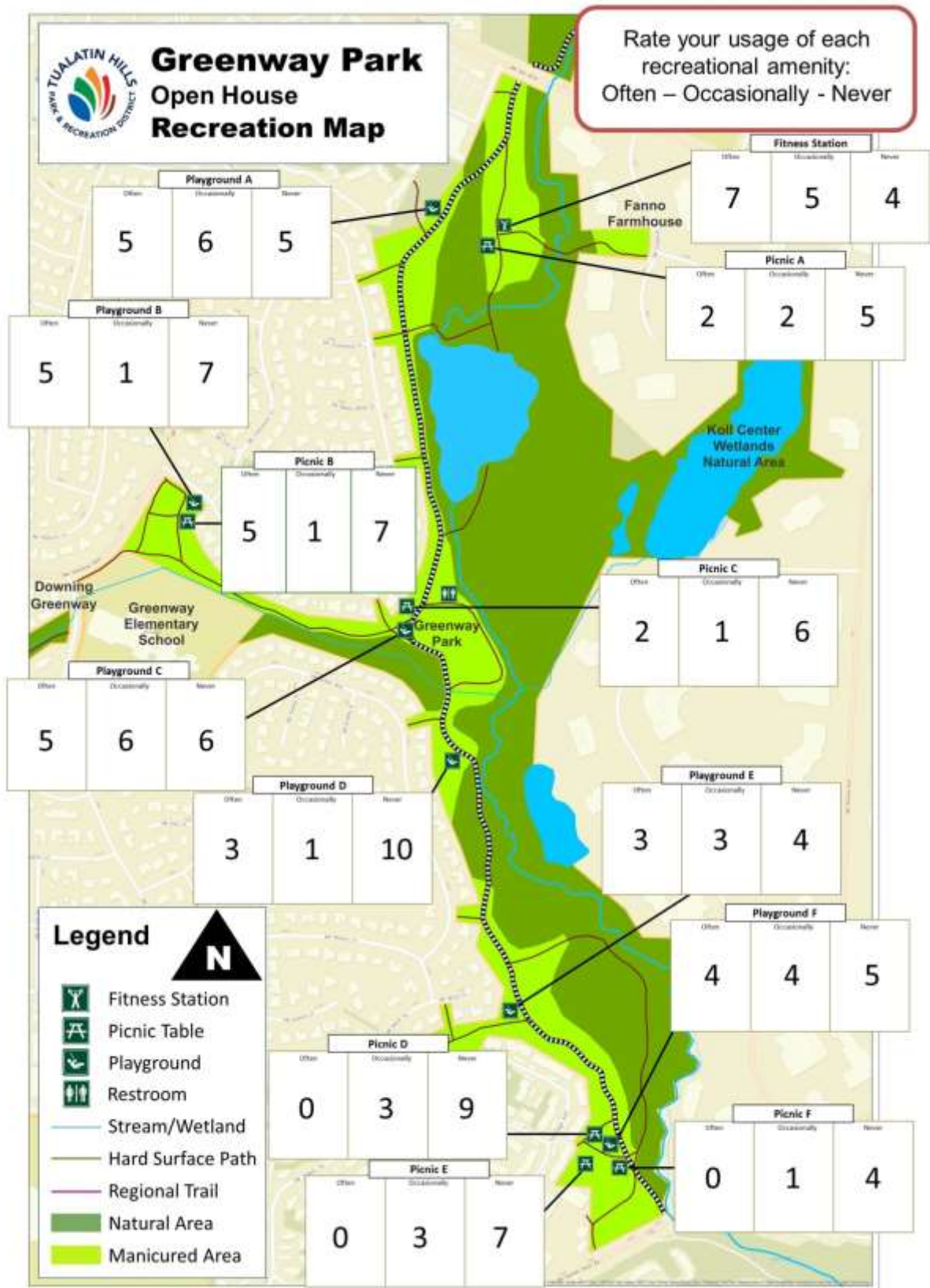


Figure 2.



Sports

Disc golf, walking, tennis, and biking were the most popular sporting activities within the park (Chart 3). Several disc golf players noted that they enjoy the opportunity to play in their local park. There were concerns from some patrons about near misses or being hit by errant discs, as well as golfers breaking park rules (ex: drinking alcohol and using foul language). When asked what other sports patrons would like to engage in at Greenway, the number one answer was horseshoes (Chart 4). Figure 3 shows the frequency that patrons use different sports amenities in the park.

Chart 3. What Sports Do You Play?

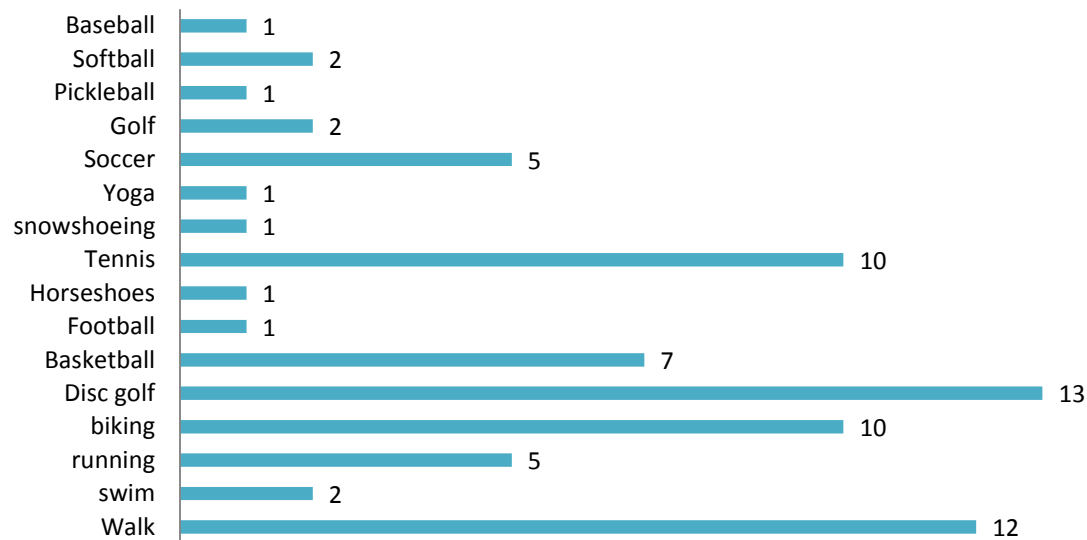


Chart 4. What Other Sports Would You Like to Play at Greenway?

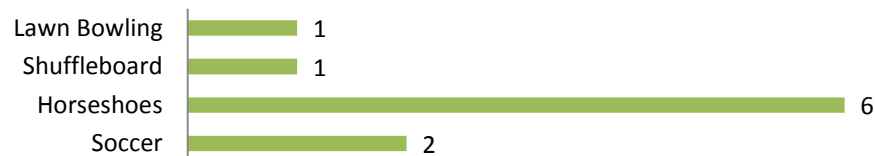


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