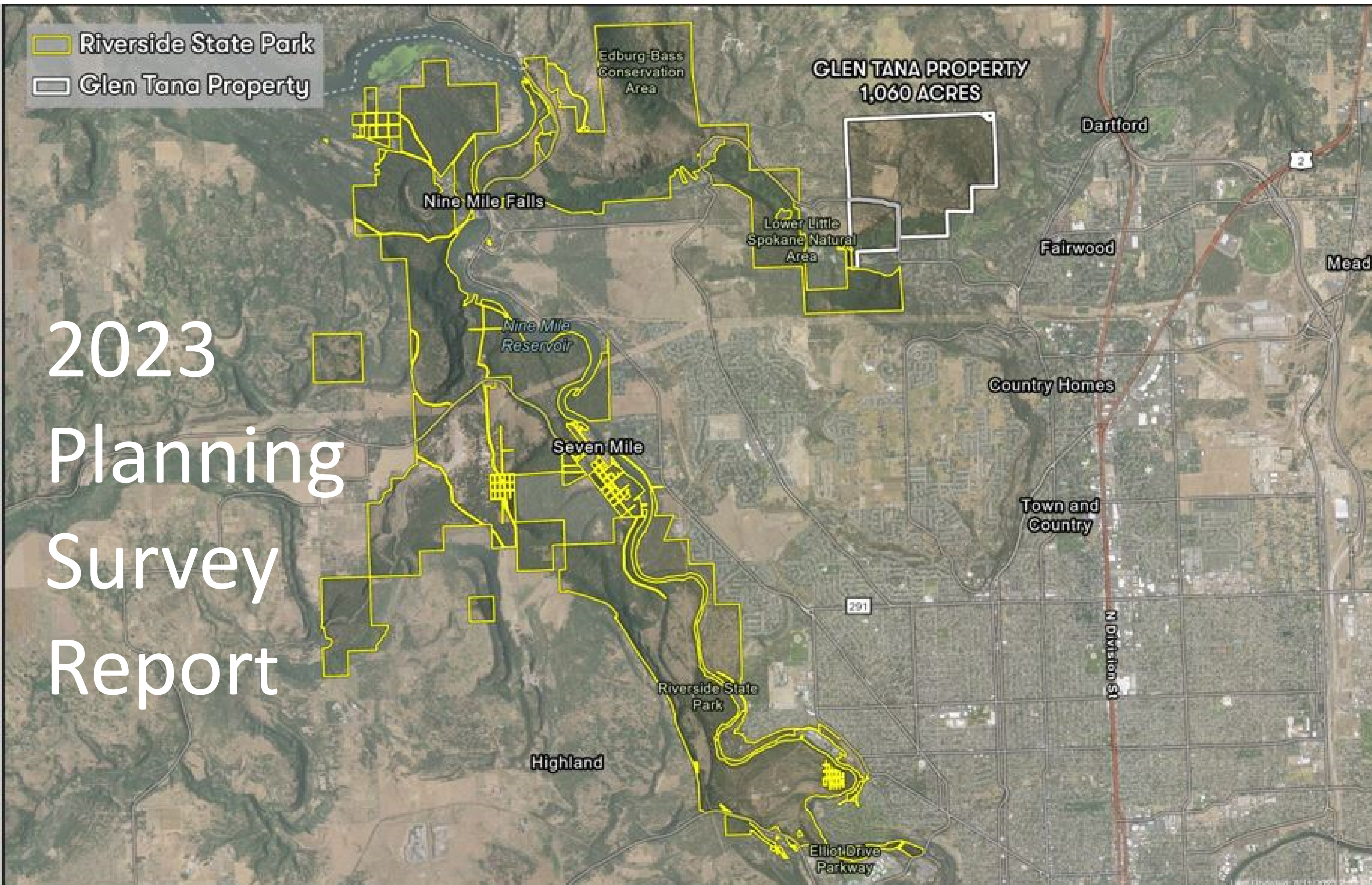


Riverside State Park
Glen Tana Property

2023 Planning Survey Report



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Survey Methodology

This survey seeks input on adding the 'Glen Tana' area to Riverside State Park. This area is 1,060 acres, includes Little Spokane River and upland habitats. Its inclusion to Riverside would expand public access to a natural area near the urban edge of Spokane, connecting visitors to the existing Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve and extending both a recreation trail and a habitat corridor.

Survey Dates

9/13/2023

to

11/4/2023

The survey was distributed through the following methods:

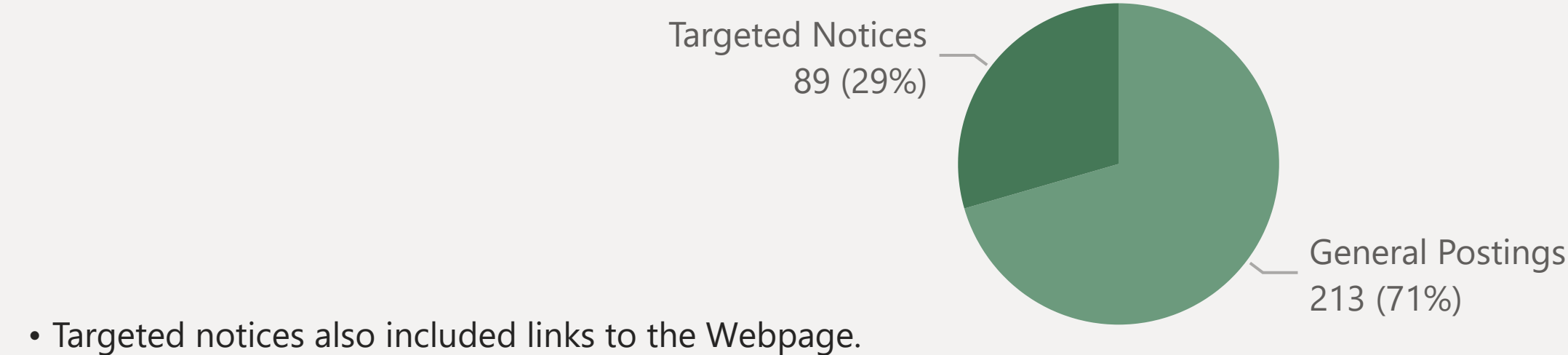
General postings:

1.) Survey links provided on the planning Webpage and in press releases to regional media.

Targeted notices:

2.) Survey links emailed to stakeholders such as Riverside campers, neighboring property owners, local officials and tribes, and individuals who specifically requested to receive updates on Riverside.

3.) Postcards with QR Codes were also mailed to these stakeholders.

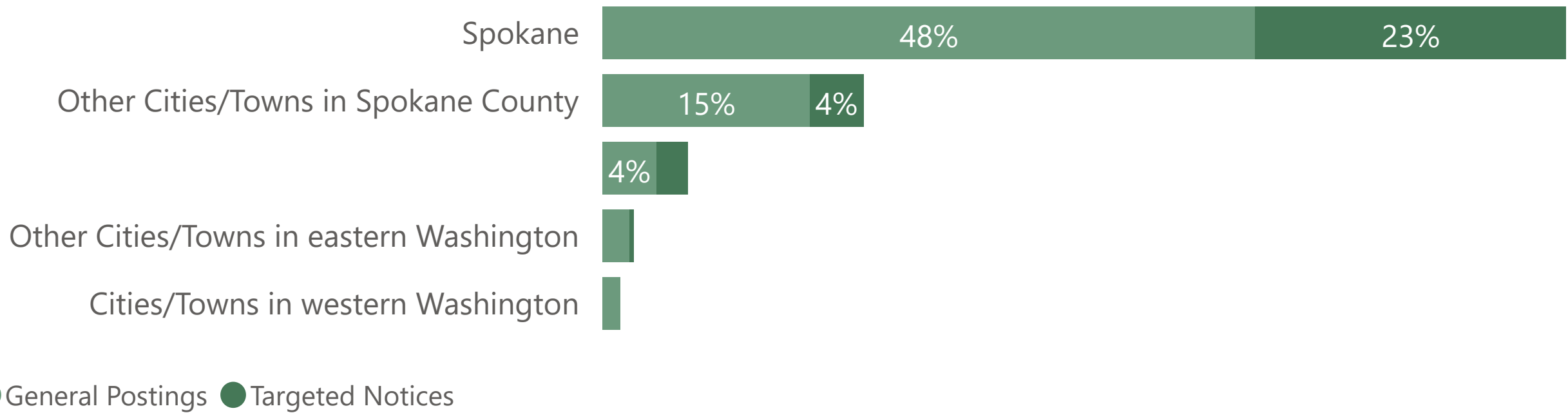


General postings include the Webpage, press releases, and poster. Targeted notices include postcards to neighboring property owners and emails to visitors who have camped at Riverside State Parks or expressed interest in receiving notices about the park. This chart shows the number of respondents from each group and their percent

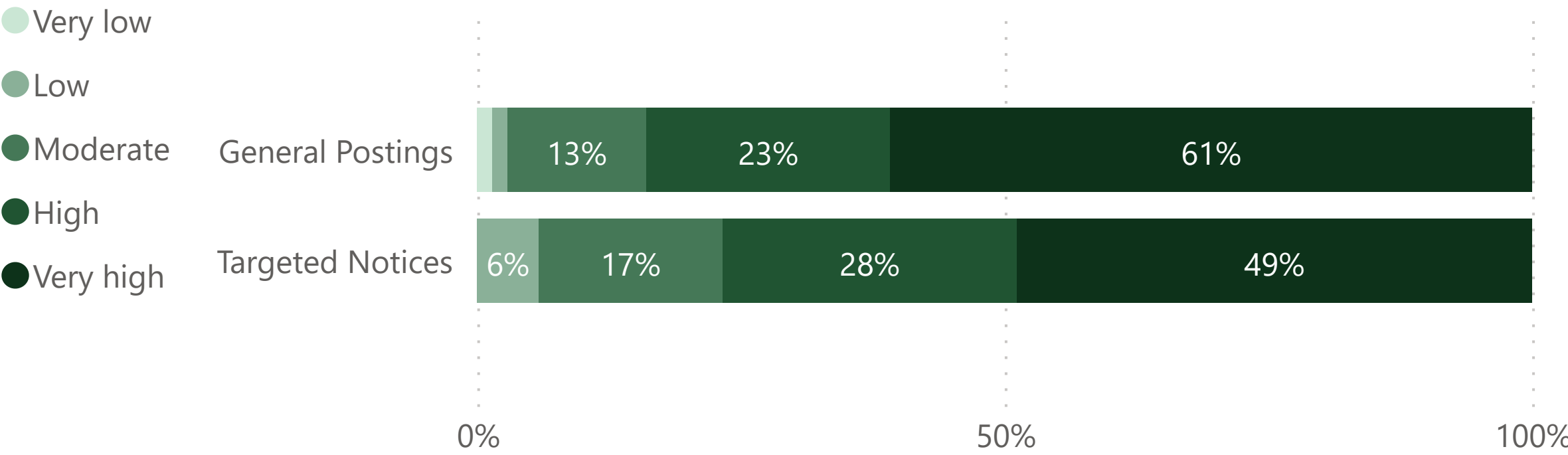
Outreach Method	Count of Responses	%GT Count of Responses
Webpage and Press Releases	210	70%
Emails	77	25%
Postcard	12	4%
Poster	3	1%
Total	302	100%

Most of the responses have come from local visitors in the Spokane area which has a higher percentage of responses from targeted postings. This group also indicated a somewhat higher likelihood to visit Riverside.

Responses by City/Town of Residence



Likelihood of Visiting Park



Demographics

Number of Responses

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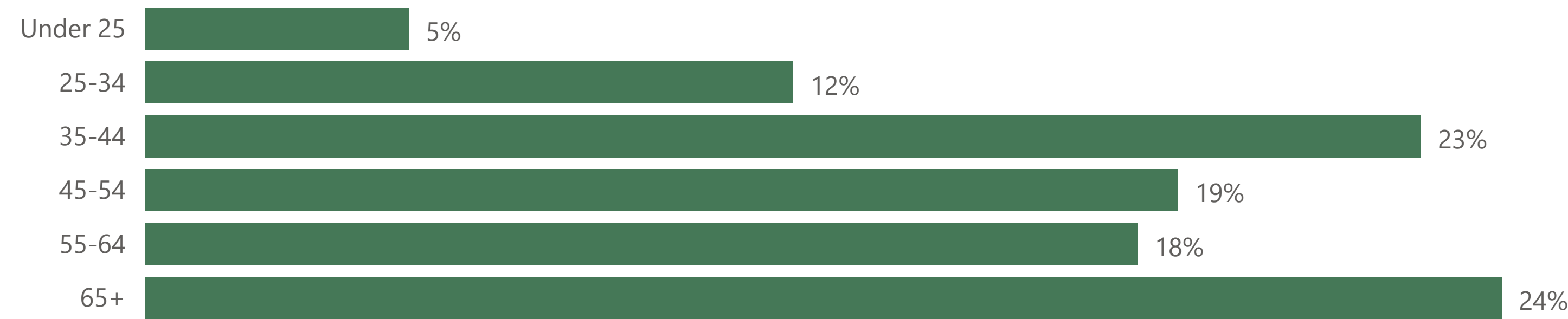
Race/Ethnicity (Choose all that apply.)



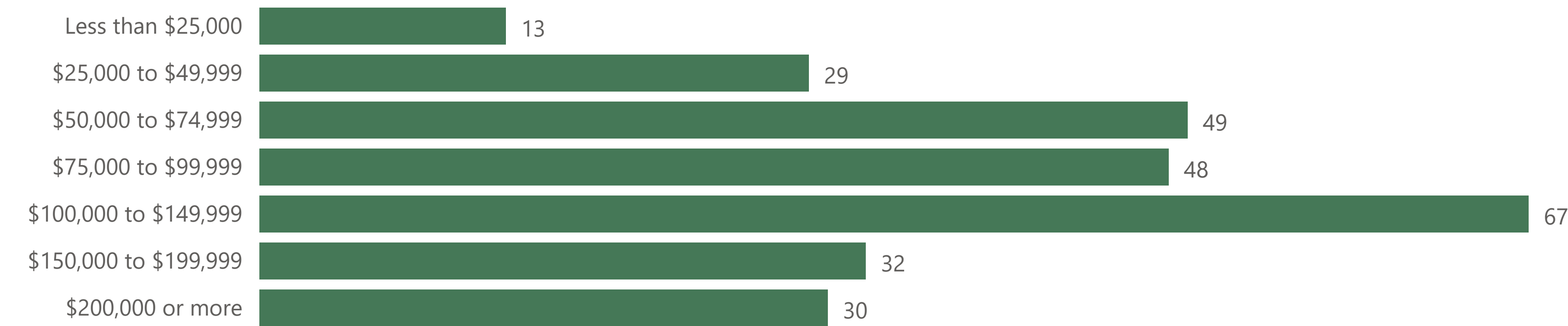
• For privacy, races/ethnicities with 3 or less respondents were grouped along with those that indicated Other into All Other.

On average, survey respondents were older and less racially diverse than Spokane County residents in general.

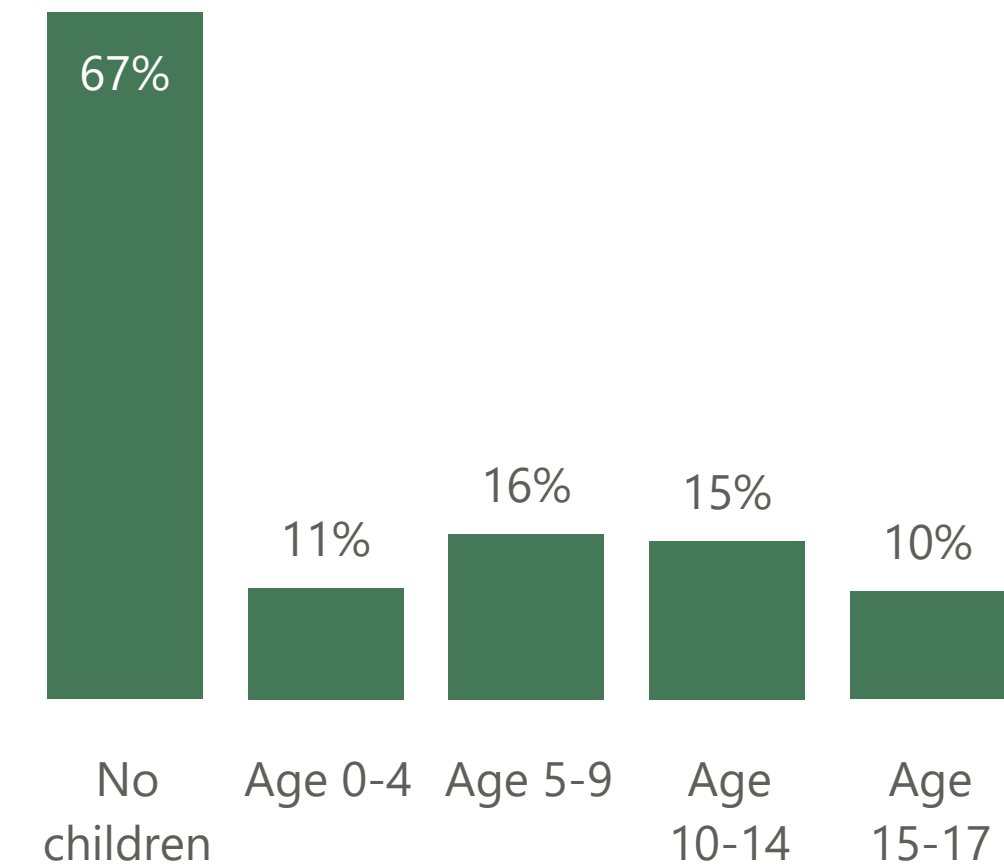
Age



Combined Household Income



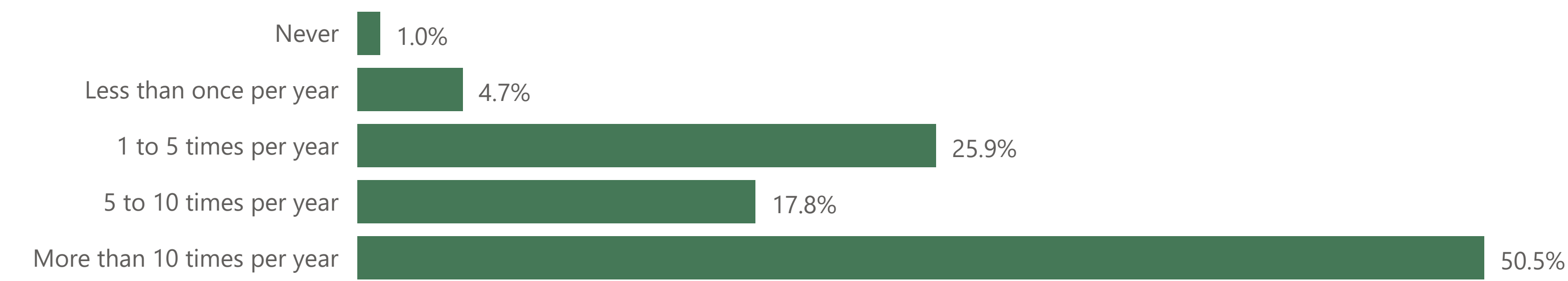
Presence of Children in Party



Visitation

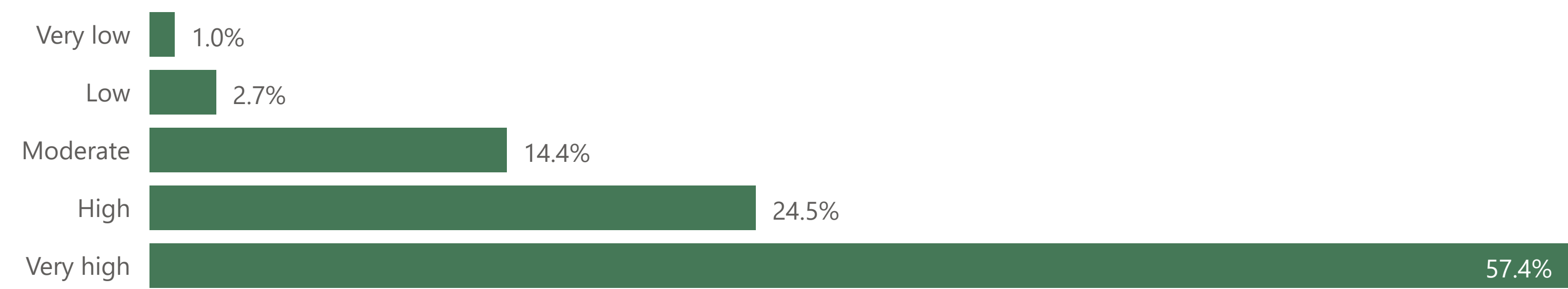
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Frequency Visiting Riverside State Park



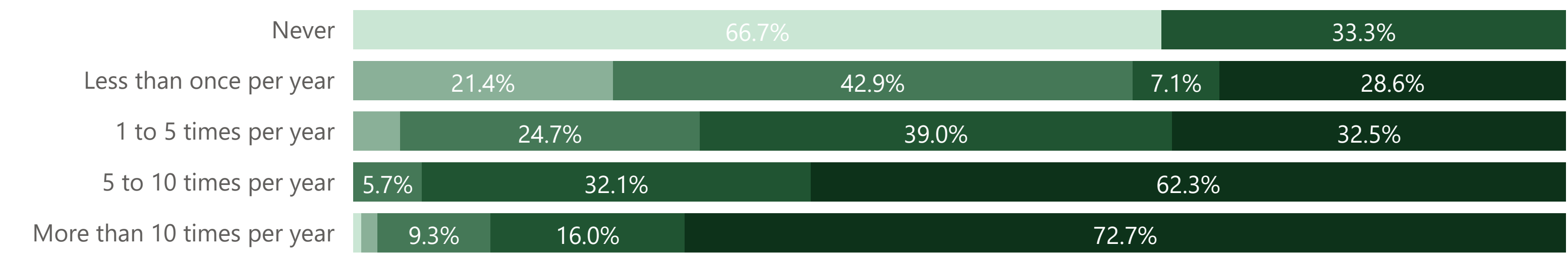
In general, the more frequently respondents visit Riverside State Park the more likely they are to visit 'Glen Tana'.

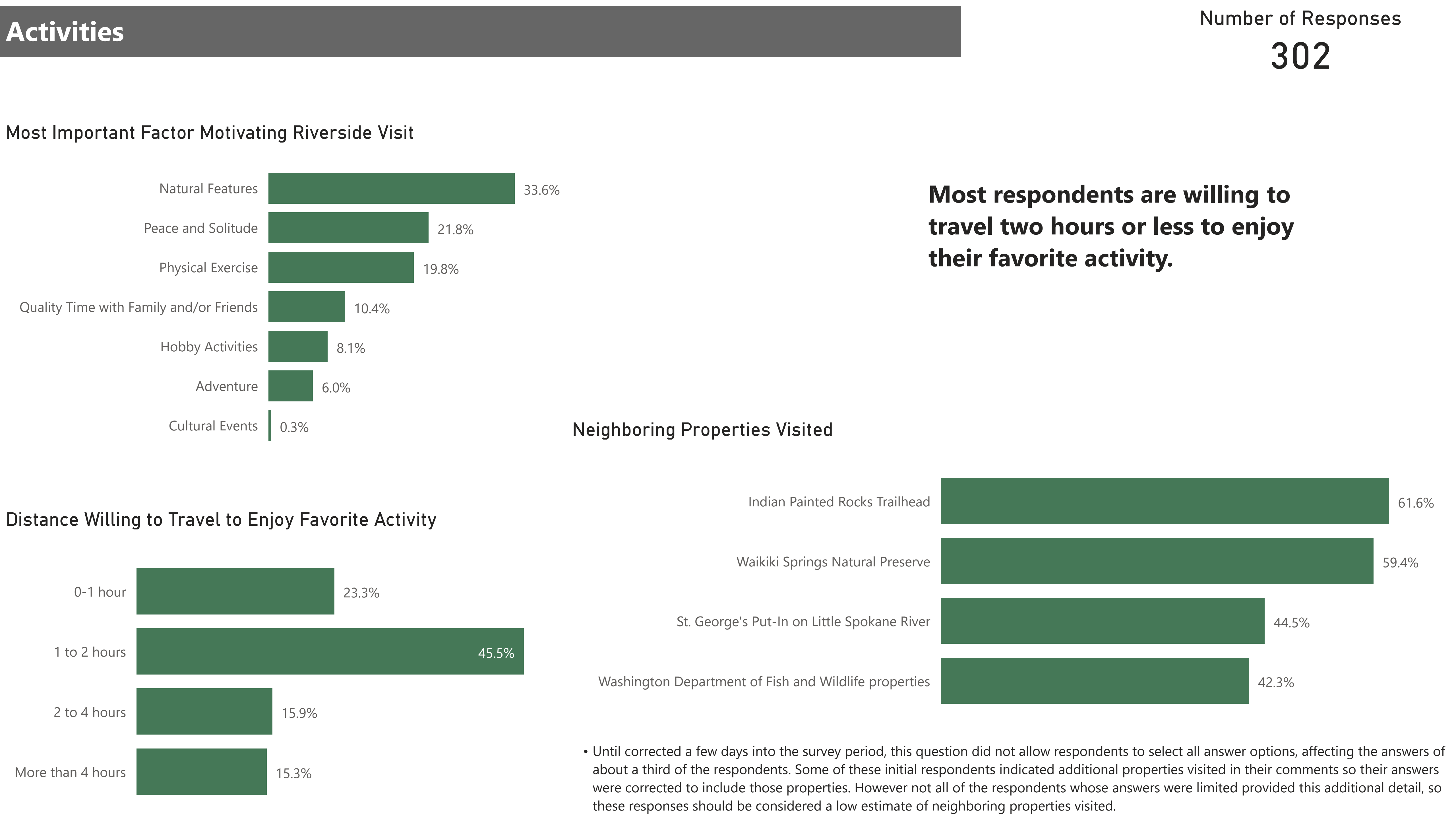
Likelihood of Visiting 'Glen Tana'



Likelihood of Visiting 'Glen Tana' by Riverside Visit Frequency

Likelihood of Visiting 'Glen Tana' Very low Low Moderate High Very high





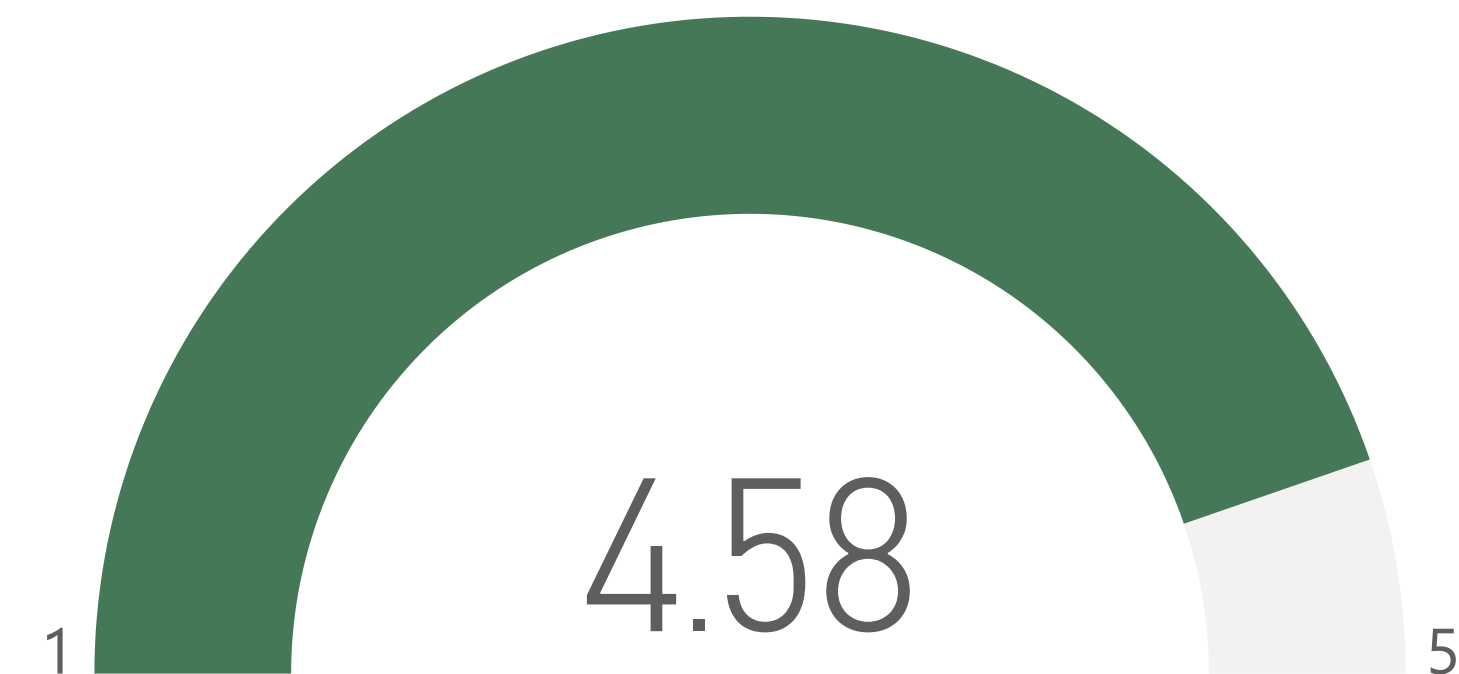
Park Priorities by Order of Importance Rating

from 1 Not at All Important to 5 Absolutely Essential

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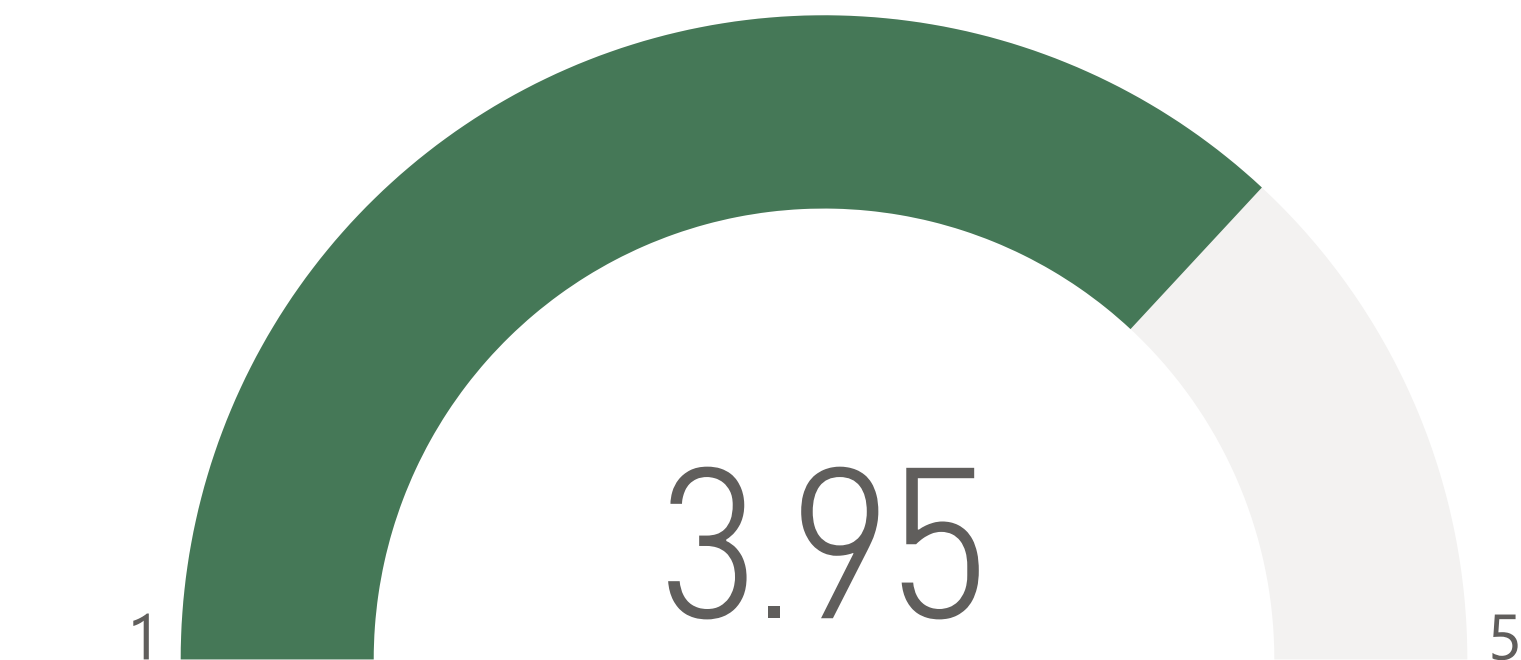
Water Quality and Healthy Ecosystems



Wildlife Protection and Salmon Health



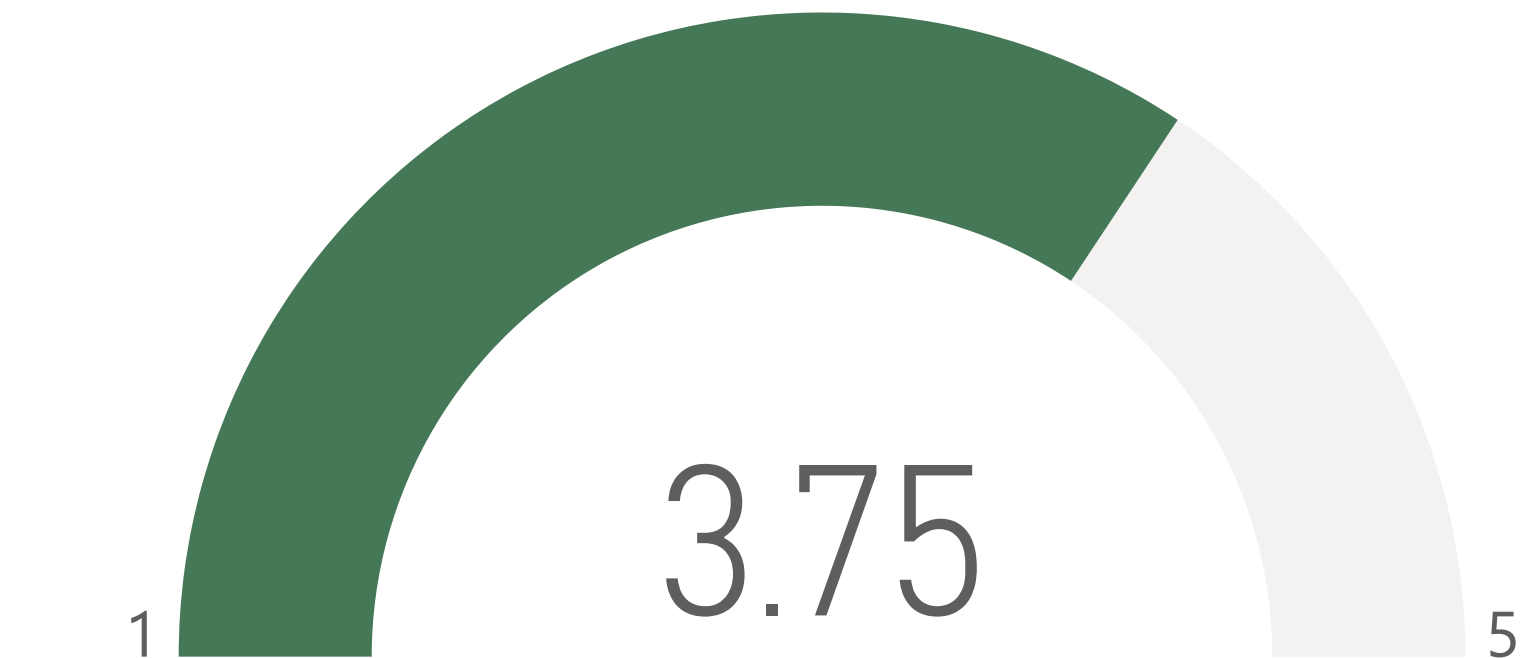
Recreation



Cultural, Historic Preservation, and Environmental Education



Accessibility and Safety

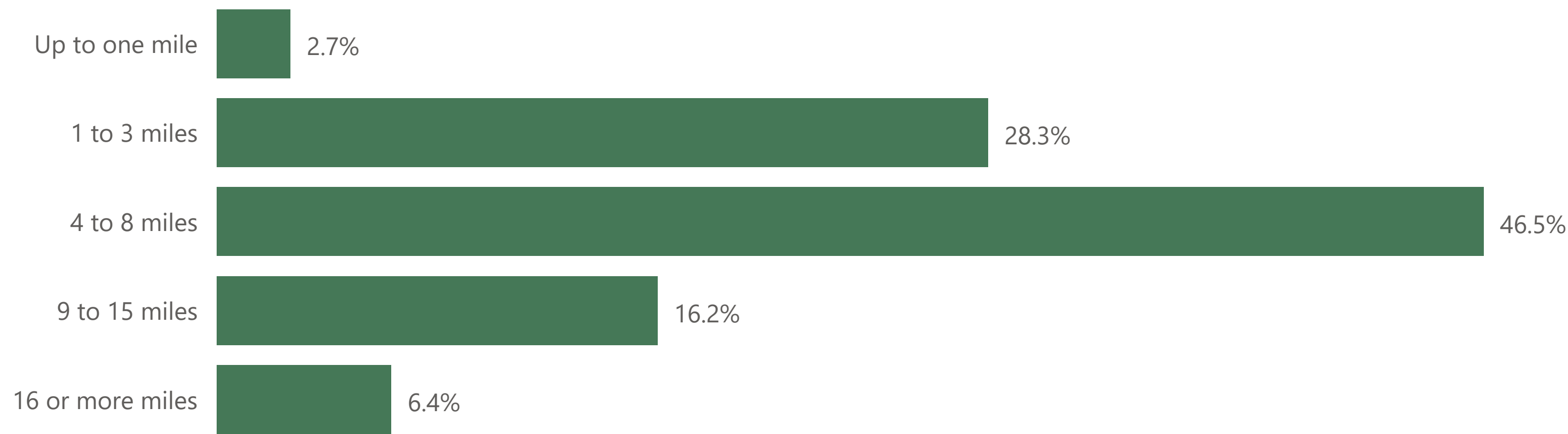


Respondents were asked to rank five State Parks priorities by order of importance.

On average, environmental and stewardship priorities ranked highest followed recreation, cultural and educational and then accessibility and safety.



How much trail do you like to use in one day?



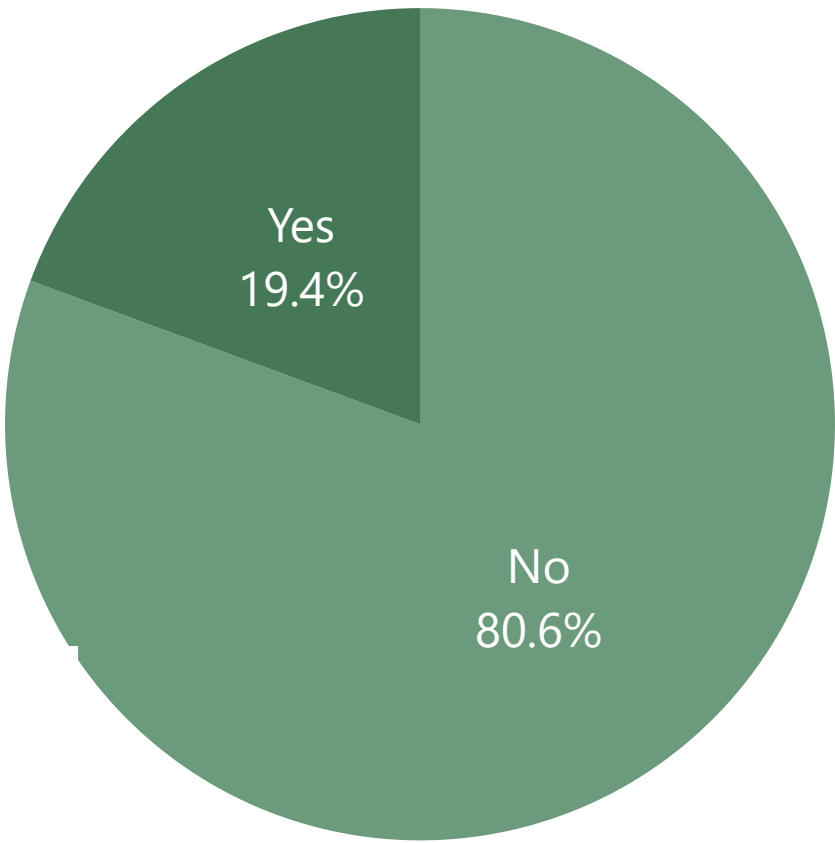
How much trail do you like to use in one day? - Other (please specify)

- 1 to 5 on foot, up to 15 on a bike!
- Anywhere from 1-9 miles a day depending on day
- I have a disability that limits my stamina, so trail usage varies depending on how well I feel during the visit.
- It depends whether I'm hiking or mt biking. 3- 10 miles for hikes, 10-20 for biking.
- limited with walker (aid)

Accessibility

Do You or Someone You Recreate with Have a Disability?

Those that answered yes were asked about barriers

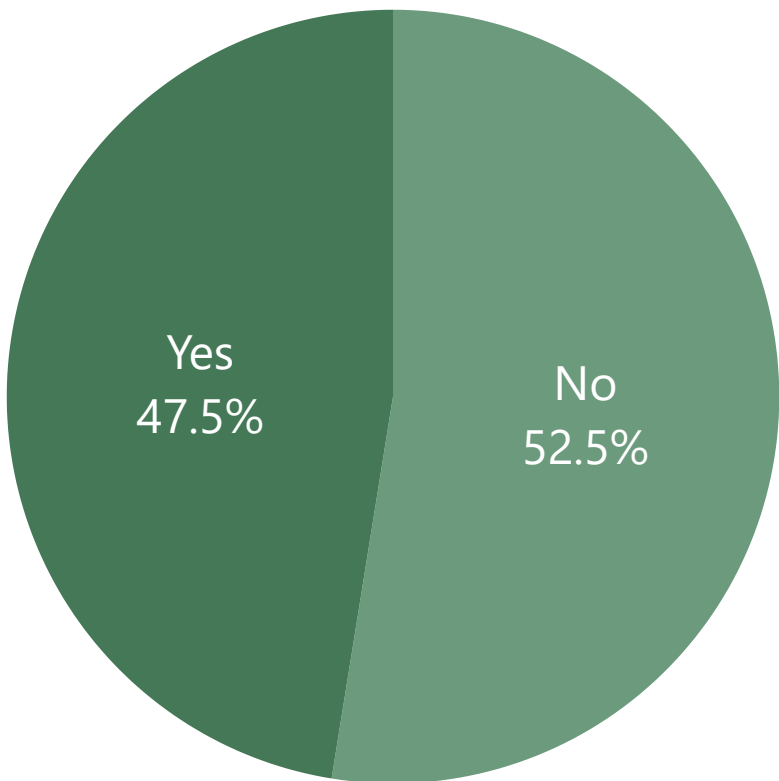


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Count of Responses

Are there barriers that prevent you or someone you recreate with from participating in outdoor recreation?

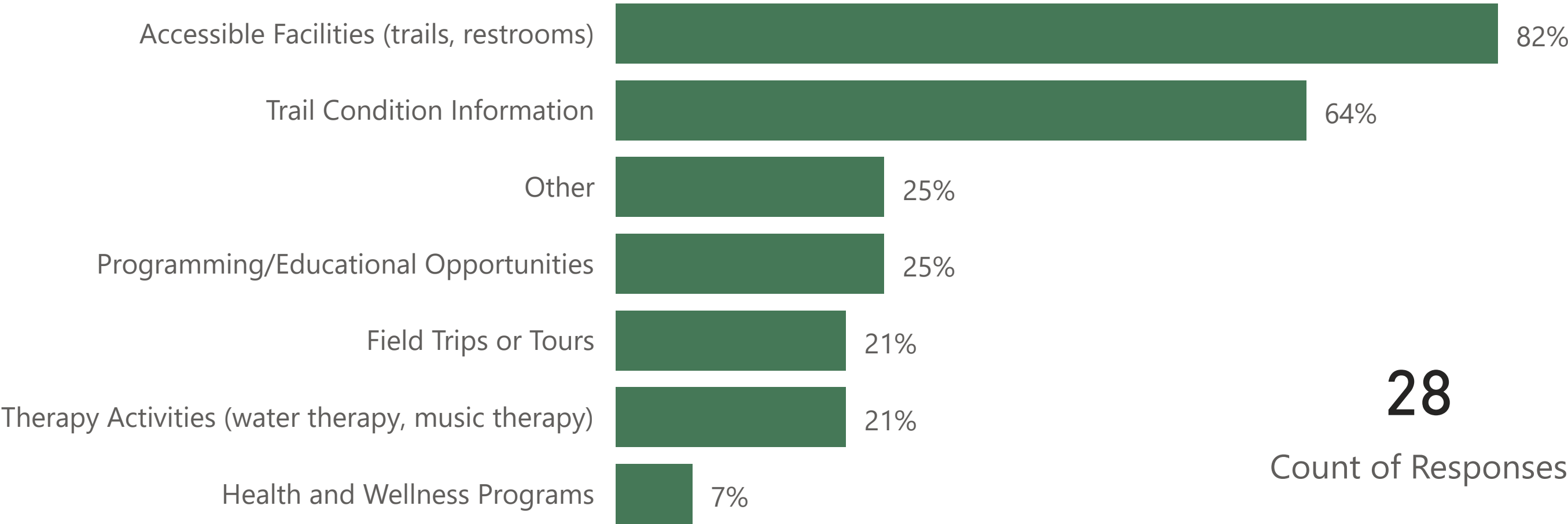
Those that answered yes were asked about accessibility enhancements.



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Count of Responses

What types of activities or facilities would enhance accessibility to the park?



28

Count of Responses

Other Activities or Facilities Specified

Value

Athletic events

Adequate parking & designated disabled parking

As a deaf person, it's the ability of my dogs to be able to safely join me on the trails without encountering off-leash dogs who make it difficult for them to be my ears.

cultural history

Enough parking near trail heads -- chronic fatigue so can't go far and so enjoy the trails.

Fully accessible trail from parking lot, that is flat enough to push someone in a wheelchair, or that someone in a motorized wheelchair or scooter will not flip on. A 0.5-1 mile loop would be plenty especially if it's a loop. An accessible kayak launch is also something that Spokane County desperately needs, but would be better located at a lake rather than the river

railings for steep areas on easy trails

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Please provide any additional information you would like to share.		
1. Please consider road safety on the Rutter Pkwy hill - the current egress/ingress for the farm house is at the end of a blind curve		
2. Abutting neighbors on Eagle Bluff Lane are very interested in creating visual and physical security. An additional interest is in keeping any activity such as a trail as close to the historic farm house and as far away from N Eagle Bluff Lane as possible.		
3. The idea of restoration, invasive species removal and salmon restoration is simply exhilarating!		
Always looking for more conservation.		
We like to find new hikes each week in the surrounding areas and usually hike once a week at deep creek. I take the bike out and ride 30-50 miles of trail almost exclusively in Riverside from downtown to nine mile and back, mostly singletrack every week.		
Riverside is one of the most important parts of this city and we are happy to see it being expanded.		
excited about the new acquisition of the Glen Tana property. Appreciate the opportunity to offer insight via the public meetings and can't wait to see it all come together.		
For Glentana, I think so important to keep to the minimum of trail, minimum of disruption to wildlife and natural habitat as possible. There are so few quiet, undisturbed places.		
I am in favor of no mountain bikes, no dogs.		
For the question regarding neighboring areas that I visit, the question only allows 1 answer although it says to select all that apply. In addition to the Indian Painted Rocks area which I selected as my answer, I also go to Waikiki Springs and the St George's put in.		
Get Glen Tana!		
Glen Tana is a fabulous property with both natural habitat protection capability as well as multi-user recreational areas.		
Great idea. Go for it		
Having access to the outdoors is a treasure we should appreciate and protect.		
High praise! Glen Tana and other, similar "partnerships" are noteworthy examples of agency policy for providing increased citizen access to our ever-shrinking natural environments. Thak you!		
Horse owners should be held to same standards as dog owners; either bag the horse or get down and bag his shit. I'd mtn. bike Riverside Park 3x more often if there were no horse shit!		
Housing is the biggest problem right now.		
I admin the Facebook Spokane Women Hiking and Snowshoeing and Spokane Women Kayakers groups. We have over 4000 women in our two groups, and get out at least twice a week with anywhere from 5 to 20 women attending. Riverside State Park and Waikiki Springs are two of our favorite areas to adventure. This would be an awesome addition to those areas. One concern is parking when we have larger groups, especially at Waikiki Springs. Thank you!!!		
I am a biker, a hiker, and an equestrian. It would like to see trail access for all recreation users.		

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Please provide any additional information you would like to share.		
I am a long-time Spokane local who moved to the we(s)t side a couple months ago. I still call Spokane my home though, and have been back to visit Riverside State Park since I moved west!		
I am a member of several outdoor groups, including INLC. I spent many days building/rerouting/decommisioning trails at Waikiki Springs. I'm looking forward to years of the same at Glen Tana.		
I am from Fairwood and grew up walking to the Little Spokane River or 'Waikiki Springs with my family and friends for over 50 years! Walking the trails through the trees, past the springs and pond I grew to love the outdoors. This tradition continues to be so important and even more special to me and my family and our community. We desperately need to preserve this cherished land, the wildlife and water. I support any improvements.		
i kayak, so i notice the quality of the water, see fish, look for garbage. i love it.		
I like trails near water and enjoy hiking with my dog. If dogs are not allowed I don't hike there.		
I strongly support the acquisition of the Glen Tana parcel by Washington State Parks to ensure that it is preserved and protected it in perpetuity. We need to do everything we can to protect these vital riverways and the adjoining land. I've seen the devastation of that came when the sewage treatment plant was put in by the Little Spokane River and now the rejuvenation that has occurred within the last few years as the land has been cared for and wildlife has returned. I am a long-time user (since 1972) of the Little Spokane River trail that is adjacent to the Glen Tana parcel, and typically walk down to the river every time I visit from Western Washington. It is amazing to see the every day walkers and weekend trips by entire families on the existing trail and I can only imagine that expansion in the protected land would be appreciated and welcomed.		
I visit Indian Painted Rocks, St georges Put In, and Waikiki Springs. I visit them a lot. Please protect nature, thank you.		
I visit multiple places that you ask but can only choose one.		
I volunteer with the INLC!		
I work as a home caregiver, and a truly accessible trail in a wild area is something I've had many clients express a desire for. I've had many clients who would actually be willing to pay for a wheelchair transport van to take them into nature again, even just once a year. We have beautiful paved parks like Riverfront park and the children of the sun trail in Spokane County but nothing accessible and paved that is in a true natural area		
I would love to see Riverside State Park connected to Waikiki Springs. These are my two "go-to" hiking destinations.		
I would love to see some horseback riding trails on this land which connects to its historic nature. This is beautiful land for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking recreation.		
I would LOVE to see this connect to the Waikiki trail systems to extend our access!		
I'm deaf and require one of my dogs to join me on trails so I can safely enjoy them.		
Increasing the area of connected corridor along the riparian areas of Riverside State Park is an important step in preserving wildlife. I am an active member of the Spokane Audubon Society. Thank you for the work you do.		
It'd be great to see MTB trails on the Little Spokane River side of the park.		
Keep it accessible with a well developed trail system, include places to sit, and keep it dog friendly.		

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Please provide any additional information you would like to share.		
Key feature of all the parks locations is protecting safety for visitors, including protection from homeless encampment / mentally ill / drug addicted / violent or disruptive persons;		
A related note is maintaining cleanliness with regular garbage collection and cleanups... dirty / violated / disgusting environments will not get our visitation.		
We already pay for the access tag each year, but would also consider 'sponsorship' or paying a fee for this reality.		
Limited parking, especially as the state closes more recreation areas, is the biggest problem. Either keep locations open so people can spread out, or add parking.		
Little Spokane water levels esp need protection (declining) &		
ALSO user education imp, as increased use comes with folks less acquainted with courtesy to nature & people on Lil Spo R		
Looking forward to expanded trail access		
More trails with horse access please		
Moved to the area 9/2019 and have hiked Waikiki trails several times and have turned several friends on to the area		
Mt biking trails are important, spend most time at Wilbur trailhead		
Multi use trails, nonmotorized, are a priority		
My community of friends and family are 100% supportive of adding the Glen Tana property to RSP :)		
On the previous page it said to select all options that apply, but it only allowed me to select one. I visit all options regularly: Waikiki, St. George's put in, Indian Painted Rocks, and Washington Dept of Lands.		
One field in your survey asked what other areas I use, but the form makes it impossible to select more than one.		
One of your questions should be multiple choice but only allows one answer		
Opportunities to protect areas close to people (therefore increasing access and opportunities) are few and far between. This property would be a great addition to provide wildlife habitat and wildlife movement corridors while also protecting the LSR watershed.		
People need access to natural areas!		
please allow dogs and bikes.		
Please enlarge Riverside! But keep ecosystem intact!		
Please keep trails open to hikers and horse trail riders. Keep bikes on certain trails and off others where they come into contact with hikers/horses. No E-bikes. They are too dangerous for hikers and horses on the same trails.		
Please make horse trails or at least allow horses to be on the trails! It would be a close, and an easy access spot to ride! Thanks!		
Please make the area dog-friendly!		

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Please provide any additional information you would like to share.		
Please open this new area to mountain bikes as much as possible. Thanks!		
Preserving land for future generations is paramount.		
Preserving land from urban growth is an essential part of keeping our planet breathing and non-human life alive.		
Protecting the parks and I vesting in them to provide nature vs city is crucial.		
Riverside is an absolute gem, and it's exciting to hear about this expansion. Thank you!		
Riverside State Park is a gem & it's exciting that more public land is being added. We are frequently there to fish, bike & hike. We take visiting friends there.		
Riverside State Park is a Gem, and any expansion is a great idea. Spokane area is growing, and we need to secure as much public land as possible for future generations.		
Riverside State Park is very well situated along the west and northwest portions of Spokane. Expansion of the park in this area makes a lot of sense due to the conservation and recreation potential.		
Safe walking trails essential		
Single track biking and running trails would be incredible. I'd love to help build them.		
Spokane is growing fast. The parks are busier than ever. We need more park space to keep up with the growing population.		
Spokane's trails and natural areas are treasures! Thank you for preserving and expanding these spectacular features of our city/county.		
Survey would not let me choose multiple places I visit.		
Thank you for acquiring this property! It will be a welcome addition to RSP. I highly value being able to hike, bike, swim, and paddle board in the beauty and splendor of RSP, and it is a great bonus that it is all so near to town. Thank you! :) <3		
Thanks for protecting this unique and treasured land!		
The ability to select more than option doesn't work.		
The inclusion of Glen Tana into Riverside State Park would give salmon more protected and necessary habitat. More land area needs to protected to keep this area intact for wildlife and plant ecosystems and the long term health and wellbeing of all those who call this region home.		
The natural areas and state parks are becoming overcrowded with visitors. It is great people are going out into nature however many have been loud, playing music, etc. I know that is hard to regulate, however posting certain area as no motor bikes/camping would be nice for those of us who want to visit and hike and ride horses to see the wildlife and nature.		
The other trail's visited states to "select all that apply" but only allows 1 selection. I visit all listed.		
The Spokane House and the encampments are excellent and need to be supported.		

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Please provide any additional information you would like to share.		
The st George water access is difficult to access and get folks with disabilities into the water		
Security at the trail heads has become more of a concern with car break ins		
Adequate park ranger resources to manage the new property		
Parking and safe roadways into parking		
The survey question about which areas we visit said “check all that apply” but I could only select one answer. We visit all of them.		
I would not want Glen Tana turned into an ORV park. I enjoy wildlife, wild flowers and the peaceful sounds of nature.		
These trails are an amazing asset, they hood beauty and can connect people with the outdoors. I ran on some of these trails as a kid, which inspired and ignited my passion for nature and the outdoors, which pushed me towards my current goal of become an environmental engineer, all because of how well this land bonded me with nature.		
This acquisition of natural space for wildlife corridor, & additional recreational area for our Spokane Community will be beneficial for future generations. The health & wellness of all will benefit greatly!		
I’m thankful for our National Park’s, State Park’s, Preserve’s, & the wonderful people who have foresight/care of these treasures!		
Thank you for creating a positive difference!🙏🌍❤️		
This is a great opportunity to preserve a wonderful natural resource.		
Tn he granite retaining walls along Rutter Pkwy in the Little Spokane area are deteriorating badly, are a sorry sight, and pose a danger of granite falling onto the road in places. Spokane County should be engaged in joining with other agencies to restore this beautiful historical roadway which was a WPA project under the Roosevelt administration almost 100 years ago!		
traffic needs to be addressed for this project.		
Trail access is great for hiking and mt biking, where appropriate.		
Trail maintenance and bike access are important too.		
Trails and water habitats are important to me.		
Very much enjoy parks. Bathroom access as late in fall season is much appreciated.		
We enjoy natural areas and believe they are essential for community and wildlife well being.		
We have seen a much higher amount of traffic to the Waikiki Spring Nature Preserve area and many trail improvements since the land was purchased this past year. People of all ages visit daily. It is a much-loved and cared-for area. It is also a significant wildlife habitat. This area is a peaceful retreat close to an urban area that allows people a chance to reconnect with nature and heal as only a truly special natural area can. We need more places like this to help balance out the energies of city life.		
We live near Bozarth & the improvements to the switch-backs have certainly brought more visitors to the area, sometimes creating too many vehicles... but very nice improvements - Thanks		
We live on Hazard near Stearns. Trail access would be transformational to our neighborhood because private property blocks our use of Waikiki Springs area.		

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Please provide any additional information you would like to share.		
We live within walking distance to Waikiki Springs so use it frequently. GlenTana would be a great addition to that area.		
We love disc golf. Please consider adding disc golf courses to your park. We frequent Farragut State Park with its 5 disc golf courses, which raise a lot of money from local disc golfers.		
We love to paddleborad the Little Spokane.		
We loved to RV camp at 9 Mile recreation area. Please consider reopening the RV sites there or providing other larger (30-35 foot) RV sites.		
We need more parks in this area, we are growing so fast. I don't want to see this area become like Seattle. People need green places to go to with out all the noise of this world.		
We recently moved to the northside, and I am in complete awe of the beauty and preservation of the wild lands. I am daily grateful for the state and how they have preserved these areas and taken care of them so well. I myself have Native American blood, and feel connected to the desire to preserve the land and river. I cherish the miles I get to run on the trails and experience God’s creation. It feels like a connection to what always was. Thank you for all that you do, and we are so excited to have this expansion of Glenn Tana.		
While I walk on trails,, having them clear for visability are important for safety purposes		
With the recent growth in Spokane my family has noticed a dramatic increase in the amount of wildlife in the park. More space for both people and wildlife is needed.		
Would love to see mountain bike trails as a part of this expansion		
Your question about which areas we visit only allows one answer while you ask for all that apply. I chose Waikiki simply because it is the closest to us and probably the one we use most often.		
We are VERY happy to see this property annexed to the Waikiki trail system. The sooner the fence can come down, the better. Furthermore, we think a parking area at the Rutter Parkway end of that property would be appropriate. There is very little parking for the Waikiki area and it really irritates the neighborhood. This would help that situation and increase safe access.		
Your survey does not work. You asked to check all that apply and the survey only lets you check one answer.		