



17th and Yukon Park Questionnaire

Summary of Findings

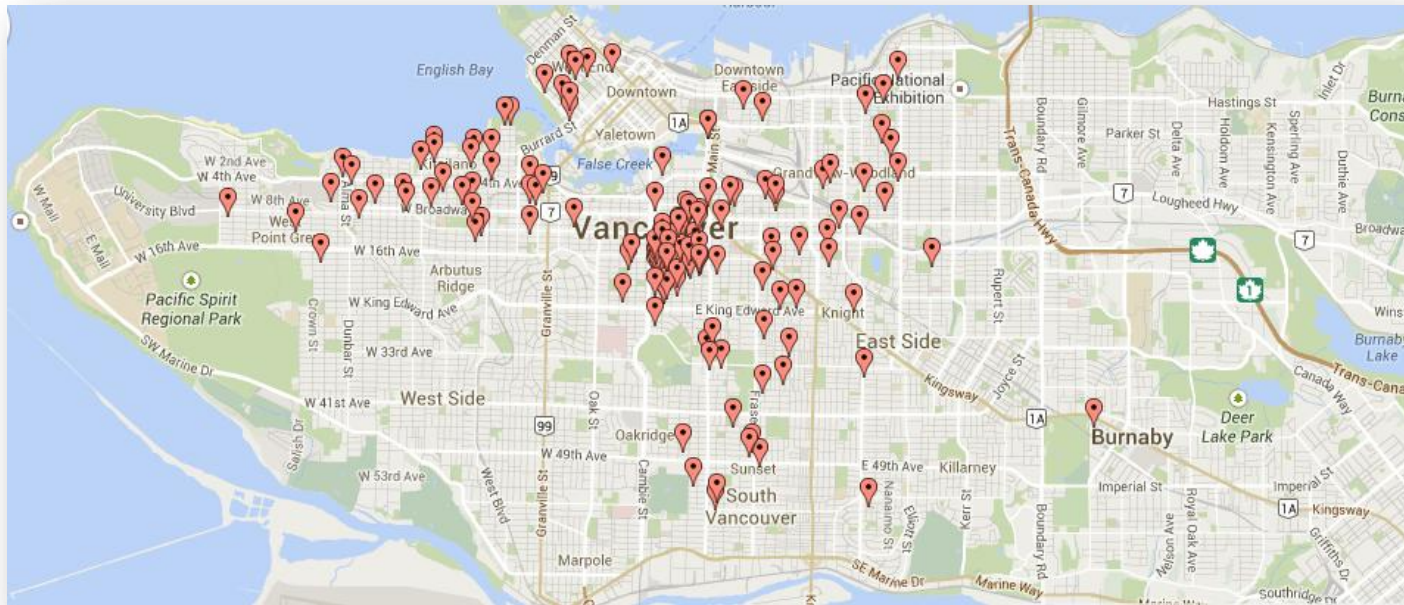


Key Findings

- An online questionnaire was run from April 25 – May 12, 2014.
- 174 completed questionnaires were collected. The questionnaire was accessed in the following ways:
 - Talk Vancouver members were targeted by postal code to include only those who live within the surrounding neighbourhood of the proposed 17th and Yukon Park (Mt. Pleasant neighbourhood).
 - A link to the questionnaire was also available on the 17th and Yukon Park project page on the City of Vancouver website.
 - A paper survey was made available at a public consultation event April 26.

Who did we talk to?

- Strongest representation is from the Mt. Pleasant neighbourhood, with smaller representation from Kitsilano, Downtown Vancouver, South Vancouver and East Vancouver (please see map below for respondent distribution):



Key Findings

What We Heard:



42% of residents support **Concept 1**

- 20% support Concept 2 and 16% support Concept 3.
- One-in-ten residents say they are unsure which concept they prefer (11%) or they don't have a preference (11%).

While no one component is supported by a majority of respondents, the following components stand out for Concept 1:



21% say they support the grass berm component.



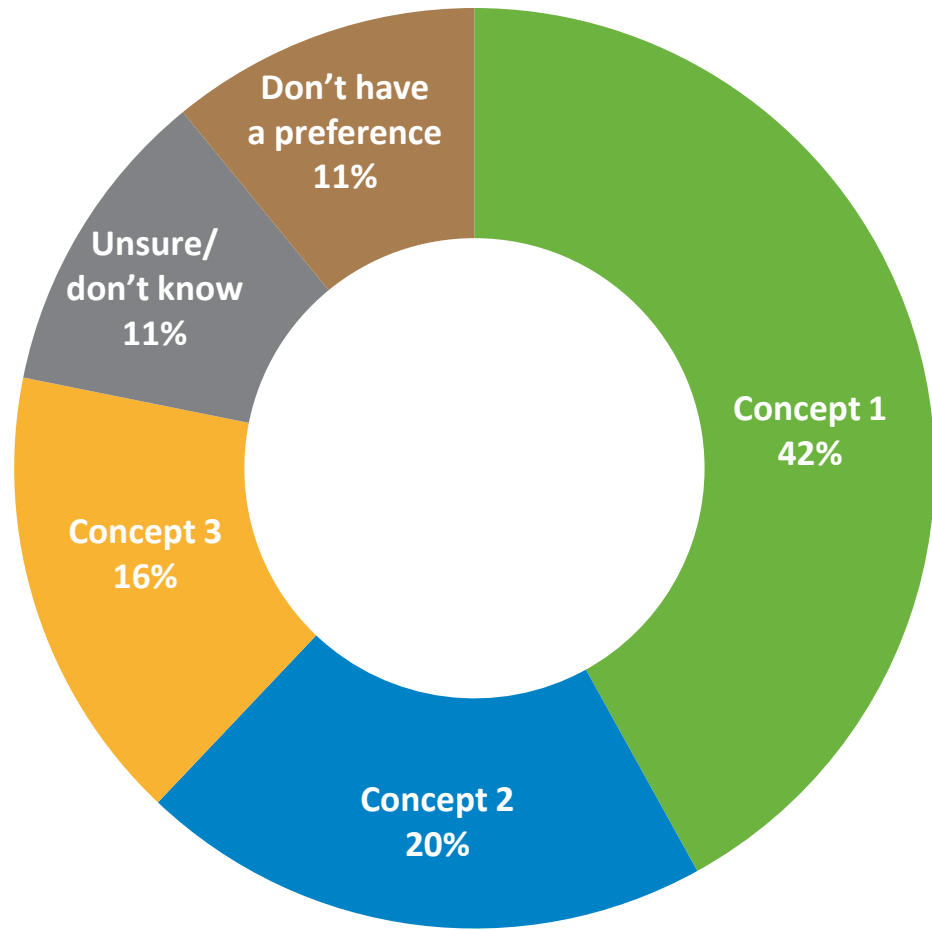
20% support the natural play (boulders & logs) component.

23% support the raised lounging deck around the tree in Concept 2 and

20% support the bike repair station in Concept 2.

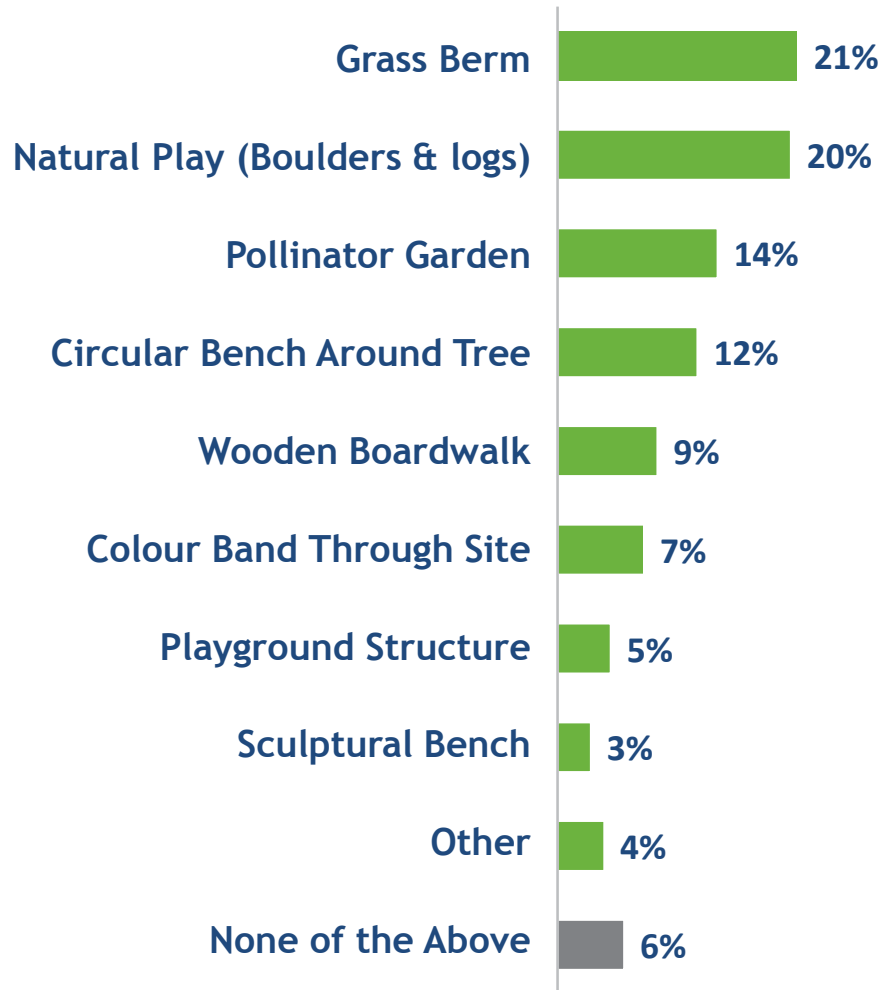
24% support the built in seating on deck in Concept 3 and

20% support the passive lawn area in Concept 3.



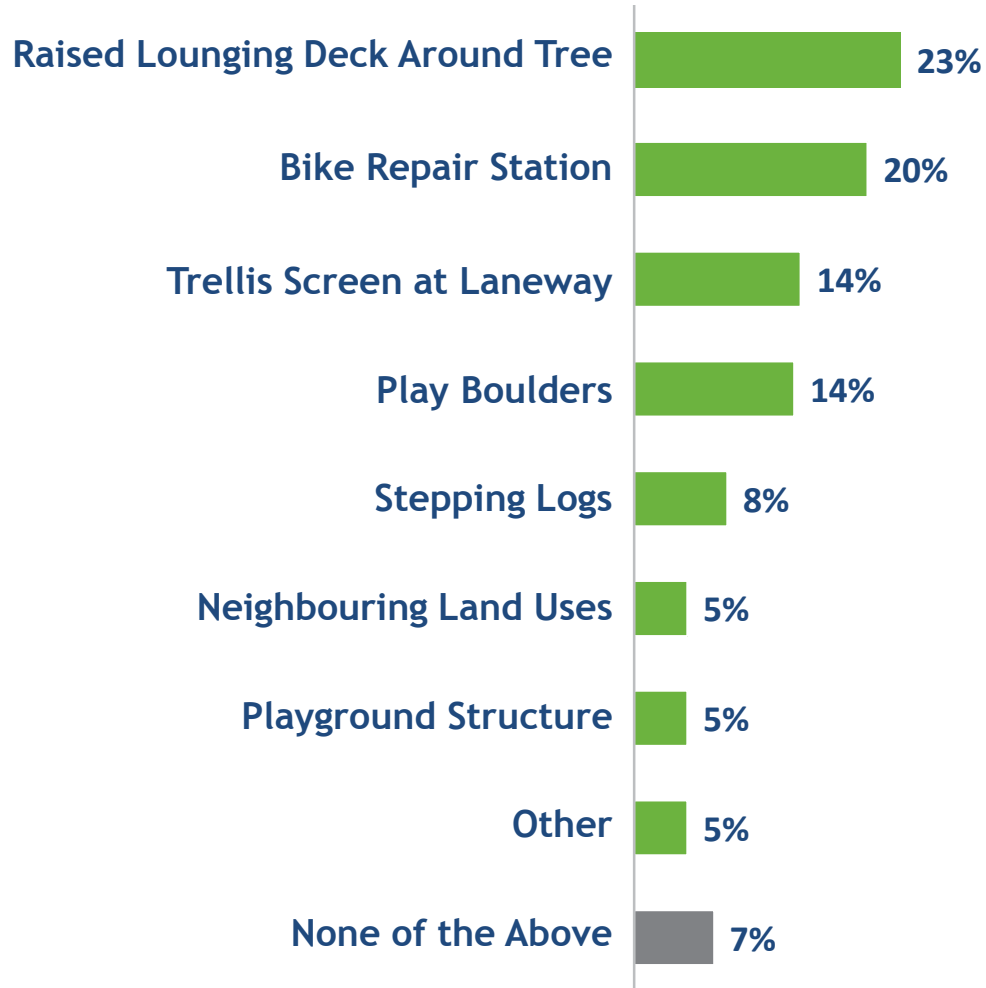
Base: All respondents (n=174)
Which of the three (3) CONCEPTS do you prefer?

Concept 1: Support for Concept Components



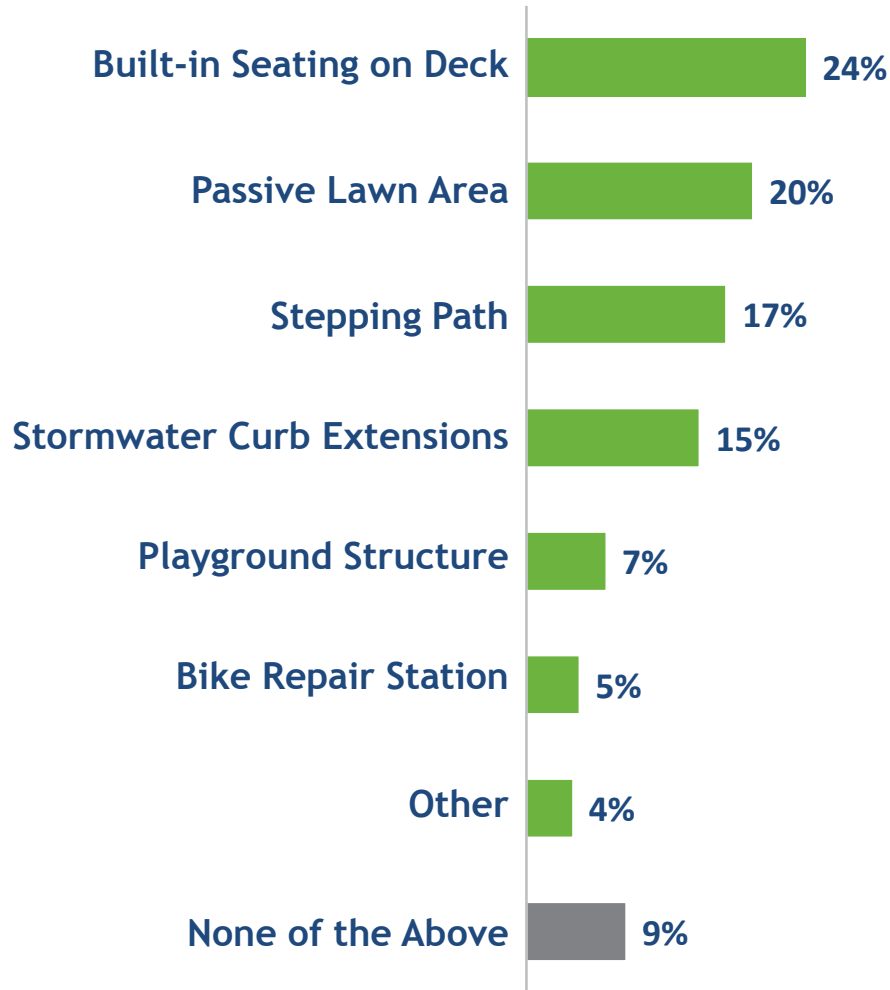
Base: All respondents (n=174)

What is your favourite single component of CONCEPT 1?



Base: All respondents (n=174)

What is your favourite single component of CONCEPT 2?



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What is your favourite single component of CONCEPT3?

Some examples of suggestions provided for additional features that residents would like included (beyond what is in the concepts provided) include:

“A mix of all three. Like bike station, seating on deck, natural play edges(boulder's) and wooden boardwalk. Lawn area.”

“Community garden, an on-street mural at the laneway or on Yukon/17th, a community bulletin board - more community ownership and expression.”

“I think less is more in this case, particularly since it is such a small area. A play area, a tree, some logs/boulders, as much grass area as possible, no (slimy in winter?) probably little-used wooden decking though maybe a circular bench, and at most one narrow path from SE to NW (for pedestrians cutting off the corner), would be my ideal for something this size. The little park on Manitoba between 10th and 11th is not a bad model.”

“This natural play concept- GO WITH IT!! Take it even further. What a terrific opportunity.”

Base: All respondents (n=174)

What additional new park features, if any, would you like to see in this park, beyond what is shown?

Some examples of what residents consider to be unique features of the park location include:

"Along bike lane, integrated into family-centred area."

"Feels like an urban park in a residential neighbourhood."

"I run by this area often and think it will make a nice addition to the neighbourhood. I quite like the idea of small, intimate parks."

"It is in an established older neighborhood in Vancouver. There is a range of people who live here: older, students, professionals, young families, multi-ethnic & SES. Thus, very diverse. Therefore, it would be great if the park could have an "inclusive" feel to it."

"It's away from the busy street so I'm more likely to spend time enjoying it (if there are places to relax)."

"It's very rectangular, therefore needs to be designed to "soften" the edges. It's a reclaimed city lot so it is unique but it will look temporary if it's under planted and left flat."

"Proximity to neighbourhood without being on a major thoroughfare, although a lot of vehicles speed on Yukon."

Some examples of what residents would not want included in the new park space include:

"A useless space eating water feature like at Emery Barnes park."

"Asphalt or chain link fence."

"Don't try and make it too many things to too many people. Study the demographics of the surrounding neighbourhood and if there are lots of families with younger kids, then highlight providing a safe space for them. If the demographics skew older than maybe more quiet areas for peaceful relaxation."

"Elements attractive to vandalism, graffiti. Elements to which both lounging and skateboard tricks are attracted."

"Maintain open concept to avoid drug deals and drug paraphernalia."

Some examples of favourite urban parks mentioned include:

"7th & Fir (approx). Small, quiet."

"Almost anything by Martha Shwartz. Toronto has some decent urban parks that are conceptually strong without too much stuff crammed into them."

"Bute street parkette between Robson and Haro. Stanley Park."

"Douglas park or mount pleasant park."

"Garden park has it all except community garden."

"Grimmit park, and Tea swamp park."

"Main and 18th - I love the red colour of the milkshake straws and idea to use the structure as a trellis, but I think there is too much concrete."

False creek seawall (south side between Granville Island and Cambie bridge) - I love the contrast of hidden benches (for privacy and tranquility) and very public benches (i.e. those right on the seawall) which are great for people watching.

Clark Park - I love it when they don't cut the grass (or just cut away paths) because these spaces mimic real nature, provide more habitat, and provide more opportunities to explore. Keeping things natural can still look good if the edges are maintained. Picnics in tall grass are so much fun."

Base: All respondents (n=174)

What do you consider to be unique to this park location?