

06 OPEN HOUSE #1 + SURVEY



6.0 OVERVIEW

Time : Saturday October 15 , 10am to 1pm

Location: River District Centre

Number of Participants: Approximately 50

CONTEXT

The first round of engagement included open house#1, associated online survey, and initial meetings with stakeholders, the public art team, and Park Board / City of Vancouver.

OPEN HOUSE #1 +SURVEY PURPOSE/FORMAT

The purpose of this open house/survey was to obtain public feedback on:

- the draft principles
- the preliminary concepts to determine which elements were preferred from each and the level of support for elements common to both concepts
- park programming

The open house was a ‘drop in’ format, with ten graphic information boards displayed to lead participants through the different elements of the proposed master plan. Staff from space2place and the Park Board/City of Vancouver were on hand at the boards to engage in discussion with attendees and to answer questions.

A survey was available for the public to complete online, and 91 survey responses were received.

Park Board staff and Sarah Primeau from space2place gave a tour of Area 2 parks to selected Park Board Commissioners as part of the open house.

AUDIENCE

The main audiences that are being engaged in the development of Area 2 park design at East Fraser Lands include neighbourhood residents and nearby residents, existing park users, the general public, particular stakeholder groups / participants, and, for the purposes of coordination, the developers.

6.1 SURVEY RESULTS

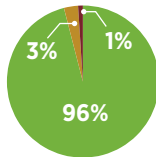
DRAFT PRINCIPLES

1. How strongly do you support the following draft principles for East Fraser Lands Area 2 Parks?

CREATE RESILIENT NATURAL SYSTEMS

Total responses (91)

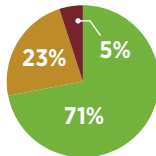
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



FOSTER A UNIQUE IDENTITY THAT CELEBRATES THE SITE'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Total responses (91)

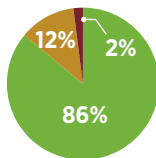
- Support
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CULTIVATE COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Total responses (91)

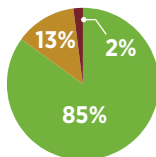
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



ESTABLISH CONNECTIONS TO ADJACENT NEIGHBOURHOODS AND PARKS

Total responses (91)

- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



1a. Do you think we are missing any key ideas that should become part of the principles?

Total responses (29 people)

- Priority on space for nature, including bird and salmon habitat, streams **8**
- Off-leash area / recreation area(s) for dogs **8**
- Ensure connectivity to adjacent neighbourhoods, including bike access **4**
- Keep open & flexible areas, not too cluttered **3**
- Safe recreation for kids and families **3**
- Encourage active living, outdoor exercise **3**
- More parking **2**
- Concern about mosquitoes from wetlands **2**
- Want good variety of tree species **2**

Other:

- No bikes
- Ensure accessibility
- Make nature accessible, actively used
- Concern about noise (no big events)
- Highlight First Nations history

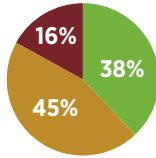


EVALUATING THE TWO CONCEPTS

2. Which of the two (2) concepts do you prefer?

Total responses (91)

- Concept #1
- Concept #2
- No preference

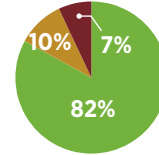


2a. To what extent do you support the following key features currently shown in Concept #1?

LARGE CENTRAL OPEN SPACES IN SOUTH KINROSS PARK AND WEST FORESHORE PARK

Total responses (91)

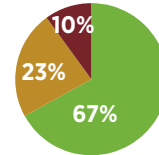
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



HABITAT PENINSULA (NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC)

Total responses (91)

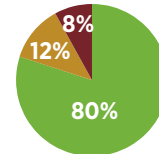
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



BERM FEATURE (EAST OF HABITAT PENINSULA) WITH PATHS AND RIVER LOOKOUTS

Total responses (91)

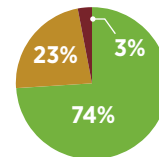
- Support
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PLAY AREA IN MIDDLE KINROSS PARK

Total responses (91)

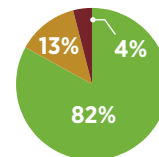
- Support
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- Oppose



PLAZA WITH SEATING IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SOUTH

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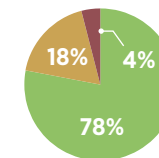
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



PLAY ELEMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SOUTH

Total responses (91)

- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose

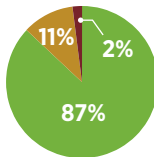


2b. To what extent do you support the following key features currently shown in Concept #2?

FEATURE AREAS (“NODES”) IN KEY PARTS OF THE PARKS WHERE PEOPLE CAN CONNECT WITH NATURE AND THE RIVER

Total responses (91)

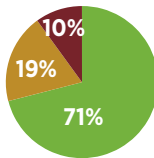
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



HABITAT ISLAND (NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC)

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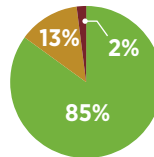
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



SUBSTANTIAL NORTH-SOUTH ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR

Total responses (91)

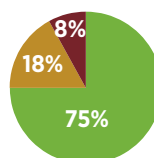
- Support
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- Oppose



PLAY AREA WITHIN WEST FORESHORE PARK

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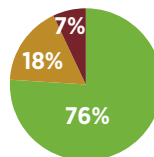
- Support
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PLAY AREA WITH A FOCUS ON NATURAL PLAY ELEMENTS

Total responses (91)

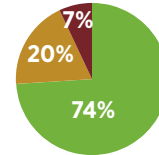
- Support
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- Oppose



MOUND IN MIDDLE KINROSS PARK WITH VIEWS TO THE RIVER

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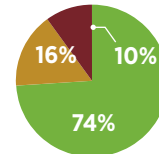
- Support
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- Oppose



FLEXIBLE OPEN SPACE FOR INFORMAL SPORTS IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SOUTH (E.G. BADMINTON)

Total responses (91)

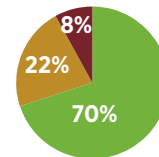
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



RIVER LOOKOUT USING REMNANT CONCRETE FOUNDATION (SUBJECT TO INSPECTION)

Total responses (91)

- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose

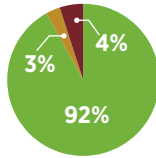


2c. To what extent do you support the following features that are common to both concepts?

SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE PATHS ALONG THE FRASER RIVER FORESHORE

Total responses (91)

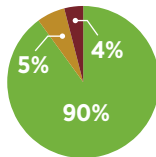
- Support
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WETLAND CHANNEL THROUGH SOUTH KINROSS PARK

Total responses (91)

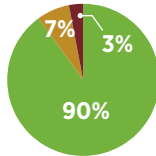
- Support
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LOOKOUTS WITH SELECTIVE WATER ACCESS

Total responses (91)

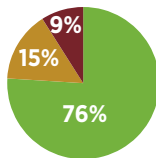
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



CREATING NEW VIEW CORRIDORS BY SELECTIVELY PRUNING TREES AND INFILLING WITH LOW PLANTS

Total responses (91)

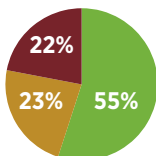
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC ART IN KEY PARTS OF THE PARKS

Total responses (91)

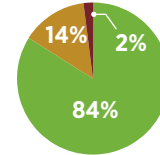
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose



EXPANDED RIPARIAN FOREST IN FORESHORE PARK EAST, WITH VIEW CORRIDORS IN KEY LOCATIONS

Total responses (91)

- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose

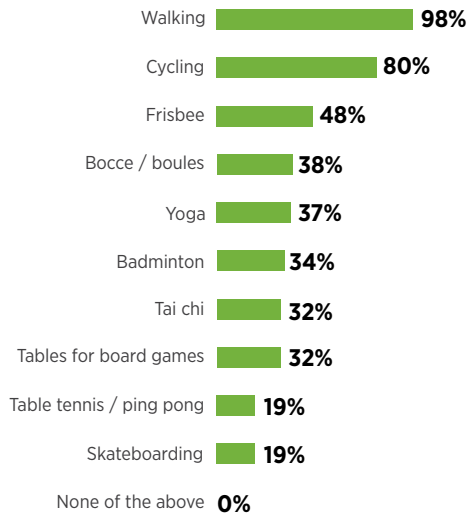


PARK PROGRAMMING

3. Which of the following things would you like to see, do, or experience in the East Fraser Lands Area 2 parks? Check all that apply or add your own ideas under “Other ideas.”

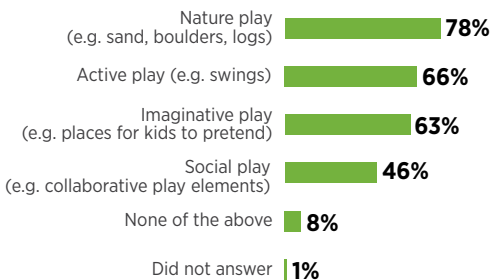
INFORMAL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Total responses (91)



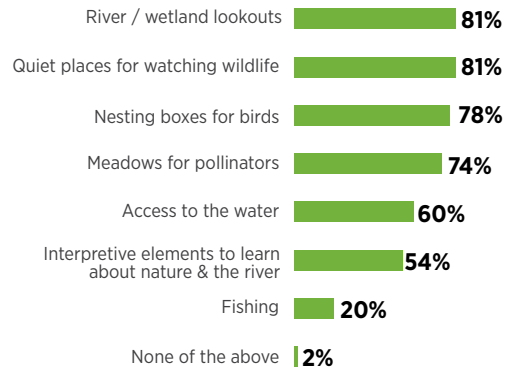
PLAY

Total responses (91)



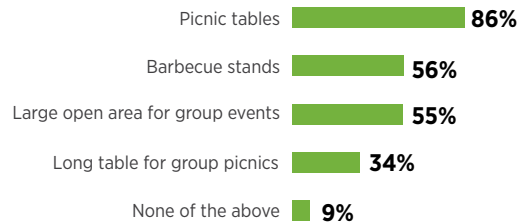
CONNECTING WITH NATURE & THE RIVER

Total responses (91)



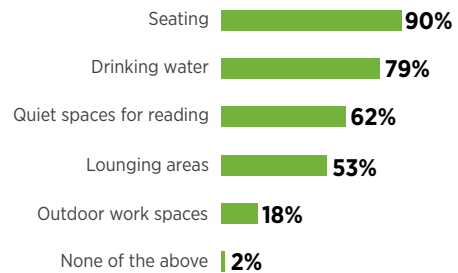
GATHERING WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

Total responses (91)



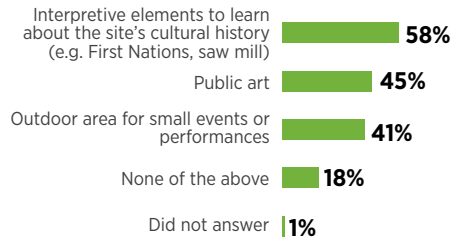
COMFORT

Total responses (91)



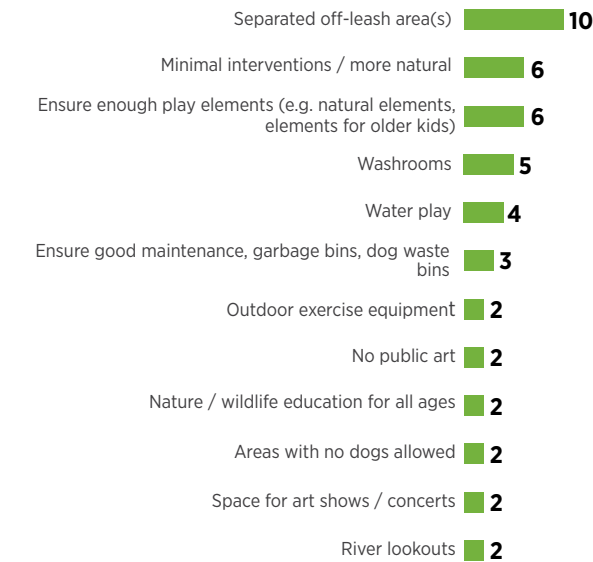
CULTURAL

Total responses (91)



OTHER IDEAS

Total responses (43 people)

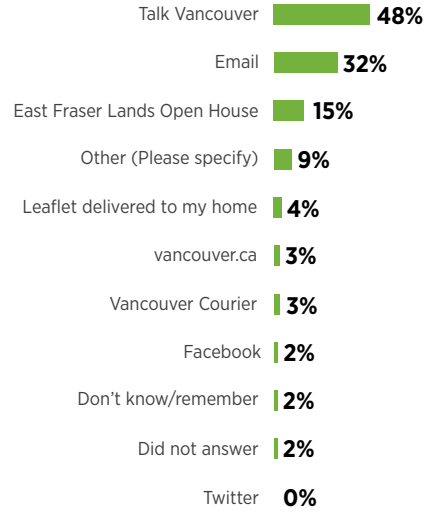


Other:
 Better bus service
 Beach
 Concern about mosquitoes from wetland
 Water taxi connection to New West
 Flexible and accessible picnic areas
 Bring back Kinross creek
 More parking
 Connections to First Nations history & culture

OTHER

4. How did you find out about this survey?

Total responses (91)



Other:
 I was contacted from the V. P.B.
 Email invitation from Talk Vancouver work's email
 Information Boards Posted by the River
 Another community member neighbour
 River District community center

6.2 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK FOR CONCEPTS 1 & 2

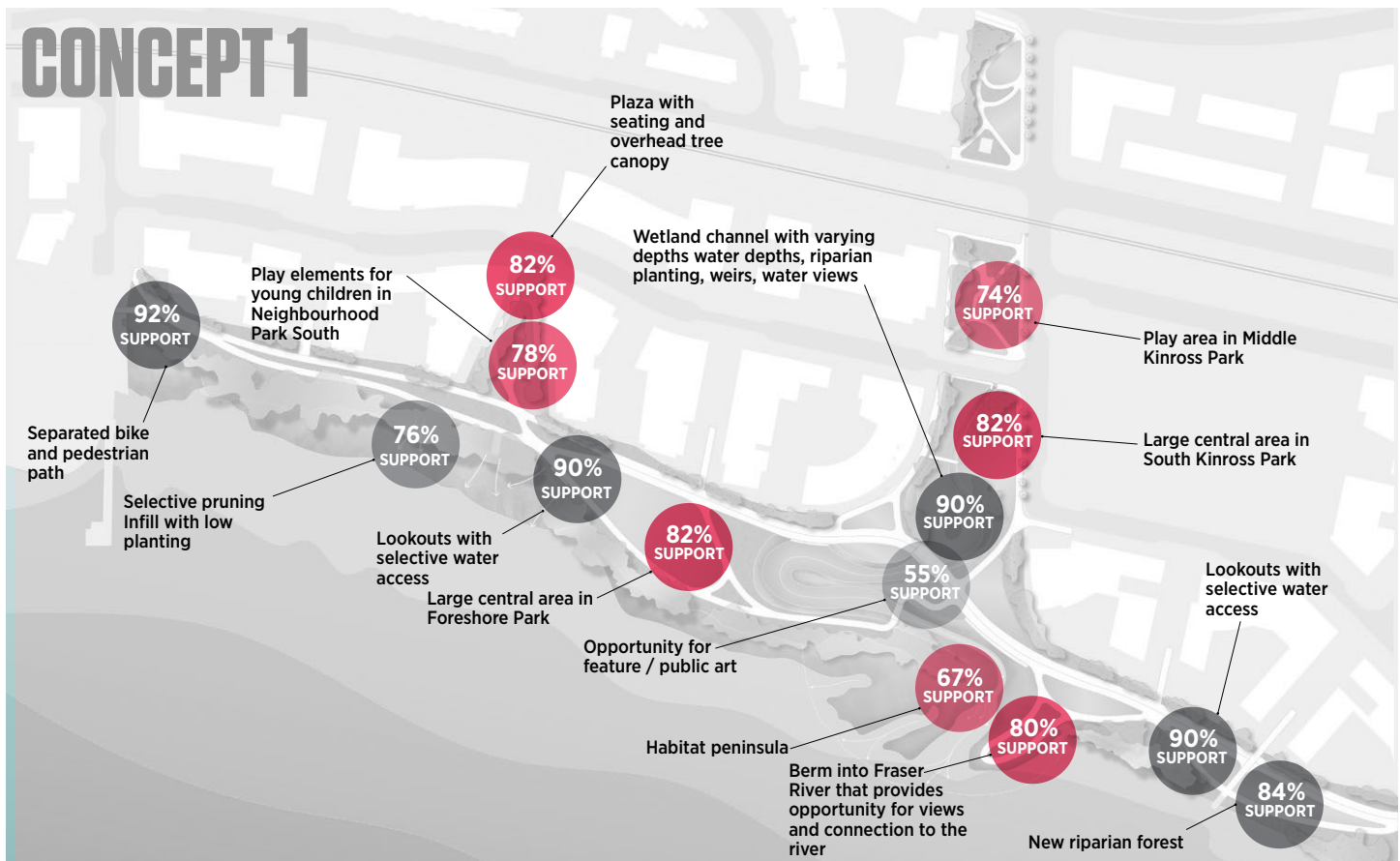
The results from the online survey and public open house for the phase 2 East Fraserlands park are unusual in that there was a high level of support for both concepts presented. Both concepts presented were based on common park design principles:

- Create resilient Natural Systems
- Foster a unique identity that celebrates the site's past, present and future.
- Cultivate community interactions and recreational opportunities
- Establish connections to the adjacent neighbourhoods and park.

Each of these principles was strongly supported. The two park design concepts illustrated two different approaches for the park design based on these

principles. Concept 1 has an emphasis on large, flexible park areas that could be used for informal sports, community events, or cultural celebrations. Two smaller play areas (Middle Kinross Park, Neighbourhood Park South) provide space for children and families in the area. Park elements and public art focus on the site's rich cultural stories, including the history of the saw mill and the relationship of First Nations with the land and river.

Concept 2 features a network of smaller nodes of activity where people can connect with and learn about nature and the river. There are also larger flexible spaces for group gatherings and community events, and a big play area in Foreshore Park West, with a focus on natural play elements. This concept emphasizes establishing generous ecological corridors through the



Summary of levels of support for features unique to Concept 1 (red circles), and features common to both concepts (grey circles)

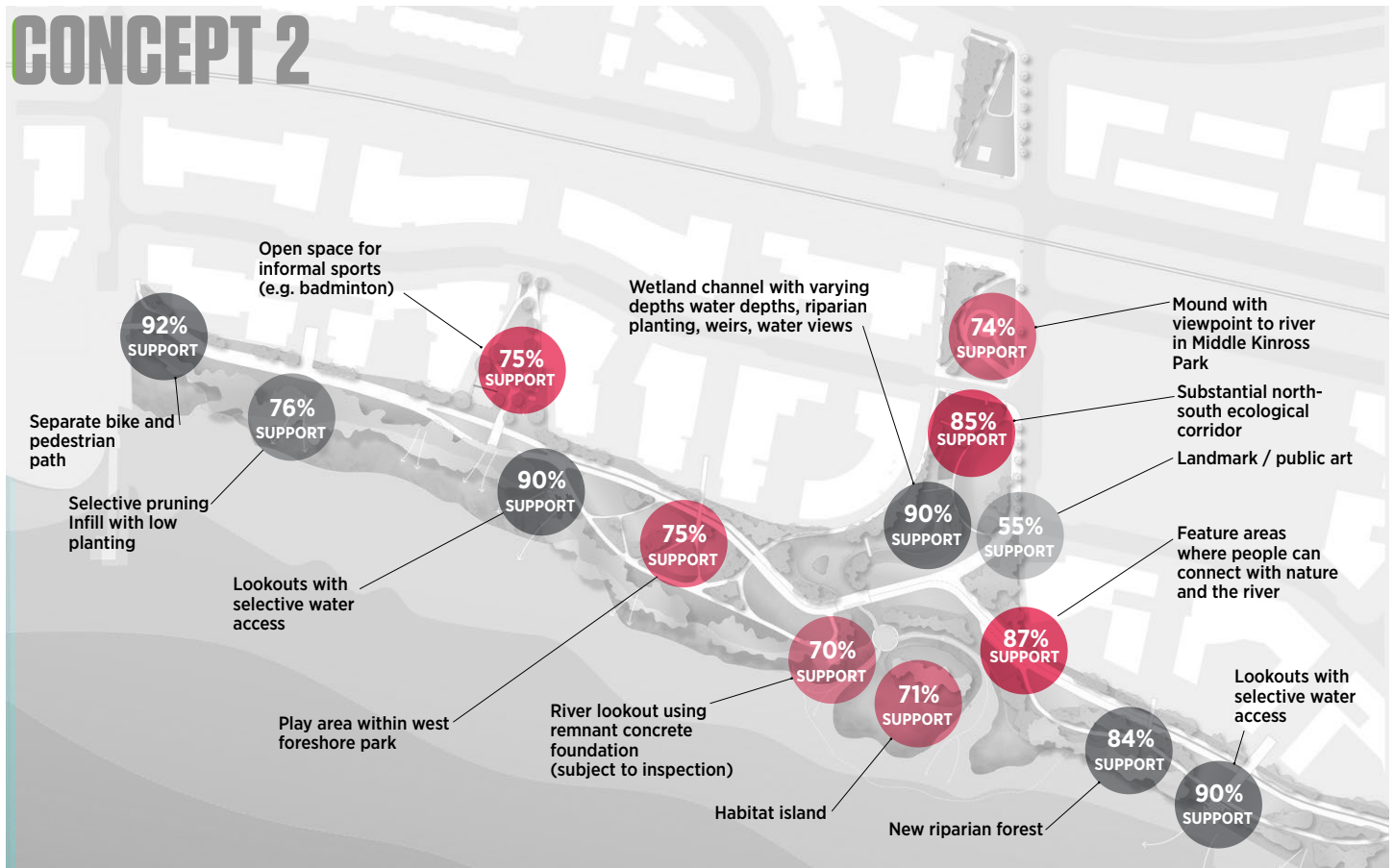


site, including a north-south connection to the natural areas to the north, and an east-west connection to the Fraser River foreshore.

While there was a slight preference for concept 2, there were no features presented in either concept that provoked a negative response. The one element that had the least amount of support was public art with only 22% of respondents opposing its integration with the park. It is anticipated that this may be due, in part, to the fact that the public art has not been developed to date so there is some uncertainty about what this may look like.

Based on the findings it is clear that the park design should have a focus on restoring the natural character of the Fraser River foreshore. The park

will be a primary way for people to connect with the river and contributes to the unique qualities of this new neighbourhood. We also heard that it is equally important to provide places in the park that are focused on the community including places for play, picnicking, informal recreation, walking and cycling.



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