



FARMERS MARKET

The Trout Lake Farmers Market is one of the biggest attractors to John Hendry Park. 72% of online survey respondents reported coming to market. On summer Saturdays residents from all around visit to purchase local goods and socialize with neighbours.

Input shows that people value the market, but circulation and adjacent uses present challenges, so we'd like to explore further: **Where and how can the farmers market best fit in the overall context of the future John Hendry Park?**



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Cedar Cottage Community Garden has submitted a proposal to the Vancouver Park Board to consider the southeast corner of John Hendry Park as a potential new home to replace their existing garden that will need to be removed.

Initial public input suggests that most believe the park could be a suitable home, so now we'd like to consider: **How does a new community garden integrate into John Hendry Park, benefiting both gardeners and the park as a whole?**



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FARMERS MARKET - LOCATION

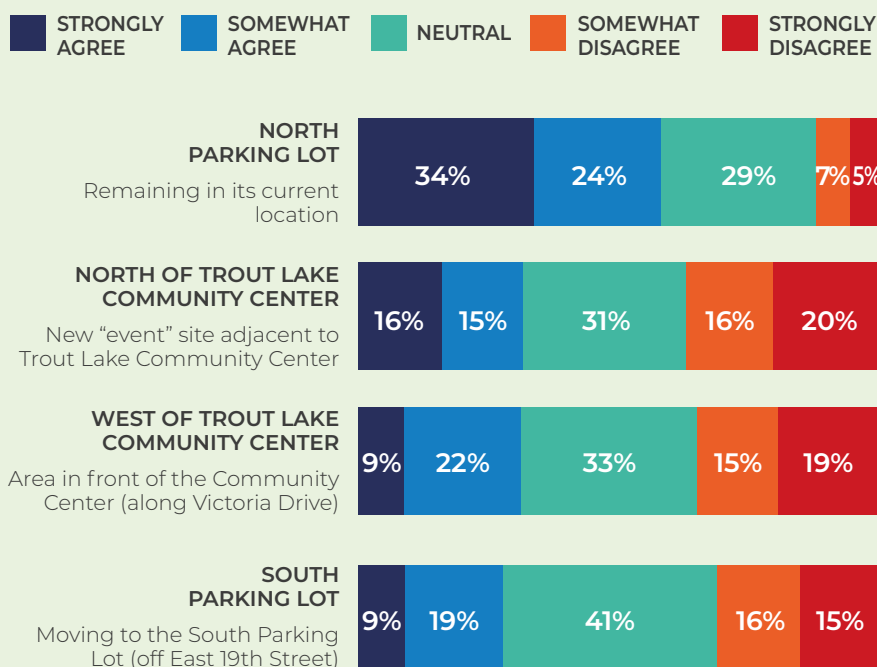
The online survey and intercept interviews at the farmers market asked people for their feedback on four potential future market locations.

- 1 NORTH PARKING LOT**
Remains in current location at north end of park.
- 2 SOUTH PARKING LOT**
Utilizes existing parking lot and drive at the south end of the park.
- 3 NORTH OF TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Area at the existing all-weather field becomes an event space to host the farmers market and other celebrations.
- 4 WEST OF TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Utilizes open space between the community centre and Victoria Drive.



FARMERS MARKET LOCATION

In intercept surveys at the market, the October 5th Open House, and online surveys, the largest number of participants preferred the market remaining in its current location at the north parking lot. Many participants did not feel strongly about a specific location as long as the market remains in the park. The next step includes further investigation of the options in the context of larger park planning.

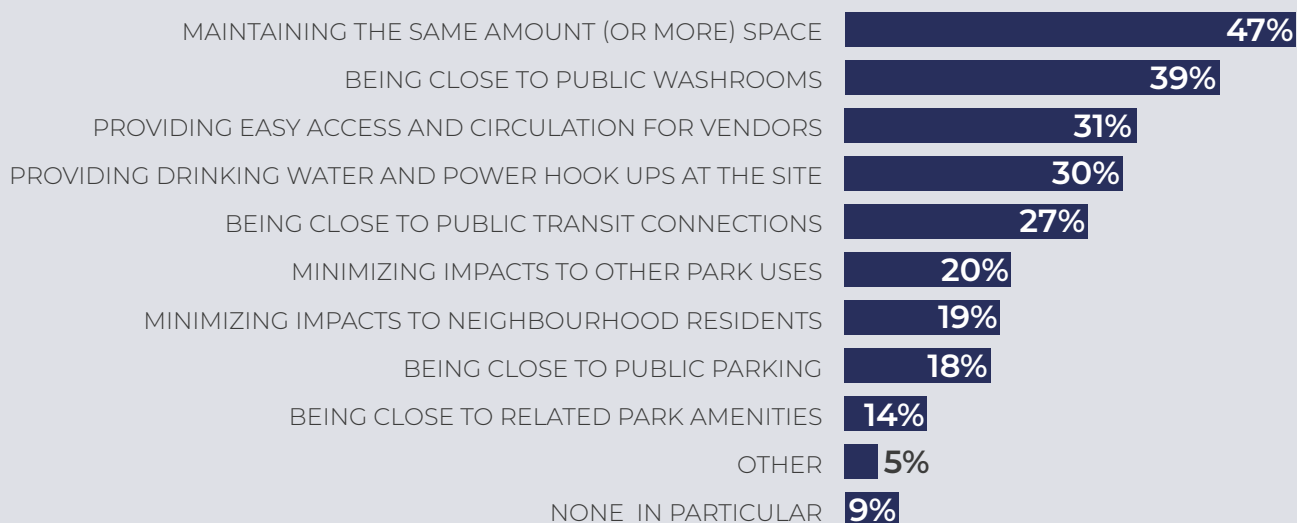




FARMERS MARKET - IDEAS

CRITERIA

As location options for the Farmers Market are analyzed, a number of criteria will be explored. To help build a list of priority criteria the online survey asked participants to identify features they felt were most important in determining a viable location for the market.



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Comments collected at the Open House and through the online survey identified a number of items to be considered for the future farmers market:

- » More bike parking
- » Improved parking
- » Separation between cyclists on the Parkway Trail and market visitors
- » Opportunities to expand the market
- » Better separation from the off-leash area
- » Accessibility for all market visitors (including accessible parking)
- » Water / electric connections to reduce reliance on generators
- » Nearby seating / picnicking areas
- » Nearby washroom facilities





FARMERS MARKET - DESIGN GROUND RULES

Setting ground rules helps to provide a framework for considering improvements so that they are grounded in reality and responsive to the overall vision for John Hendry Park. Please reflect on the following ground rules when imagining improvements for the farmers market.



CONSIDER POTENTIAL FUTURE GROWTH

Maintain, at minimum, the same amount of space for the farmers market, regardless of location. During location evaluation, consider if and how modest market growth could be planned for the future.



REDUCE CONFLICT WITH ADJACENT PARK USES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Recognize that a variety of activities occur in John Hendry Park and ensure the farmers market allows for continuous circulation and access to all activities.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Respect neighbouring residences by minimizing and mitigating, to the extent possible, impacts from the market including noise, parking, and access to homes.



MAINTAIN ACCESS & CIRCULATION FOR VENDORS

Understand requirements for vendor access and circulation and ensure future location and design considers how set-up and take down is efficiently facilitated while minimizing impacts to other park uses or neighbouring residences.



ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION FOR VISITORS

Continue to encourage market visitors to choose alternate modes of transportation by carefully evaluating proximity to public transit stops, increasing secure bike parking, and providing well defined and accessible pedestrian pathway connections.



ADD AMENITIES TO INCREASE FUNCTION & ENJOYMENT

Once a final location for the farmers market is selected, seek opportunities to enhance amenities including addition of power hook-ups to reduce reliance on generators, water, washrooms, and seating.



SUPPORT ACCESS FOR ALL ABILITIES

Understand access requirements for visitors and encourage design and layout that improves accessibility for everyone.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN - LOCATION & IDEAS



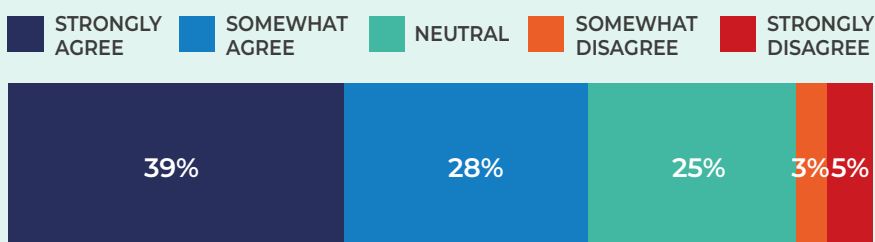
KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Ideas for planning a future community garden were captured at the Open House and in the online survey:

- » Inclusive and welcoming to all (not fenced-off or exclusive)
- » Maintain space for casual relaxation and informal use in the south end of the park
- » Protection of existing trees
- » Gardens that are well-maintained and contribute to park character
- » Pest management
- » Pollinator-friendly plantings
- » Educational opportunities
- » Public walking routes
- » Amenities including bike racks, picnic tables, and benches

COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATION

In the online survey, participants were asked how strongly they agree or disagree with a new community garden in the southeast of John Hendry Park. Feedback suggests the majority of the participants agree with the proposed location.





COMMUNITY GARDEN - DESIGN GROUND RULES

Setting ground rules helps to provide a framework for considering improvements so that they are grounded in reality and responsive to the overall vision for John Hendry Park. Please reflect on the following ground rules when considering how the community garden could best integrate into John Hendry Park.



CREATE A SPACE THAT IS WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE

Recognize that the gardens are in a public park and design them to welcome all park visitors, supporting the objective of creating a park for all.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Respect adjacent uses, both within the park and neighbouring residences, by providing adequate setbacks, screening, or buffers and managing the gardens to keep them attractive and free of pests.



PLAN FOR SOLAR ACCESS BASED ON EXISTING CONDITIONS

Analyze the future garden space to identify areas that provide the best solar access for growing and focus plot development in these locations while maintaining and limiting impacts to existing trees.



SUPPORT ACCESS FOR ALL ABILITIES

Understand access requirements for gardeners and design a system that provides plots and access for all abilities. Incorporate amenities like secure bike parking and pathways from parking areas to help people easily get to the gardens.



CREATE A FUNCTIONAL GARDEN

Incorporate a range of features that support gardening activities and encourage community integration such as water taps, shaded sitting areas, communal picnic tables, pollinator gardens, educational plots, foodbank plots, and other amenities.



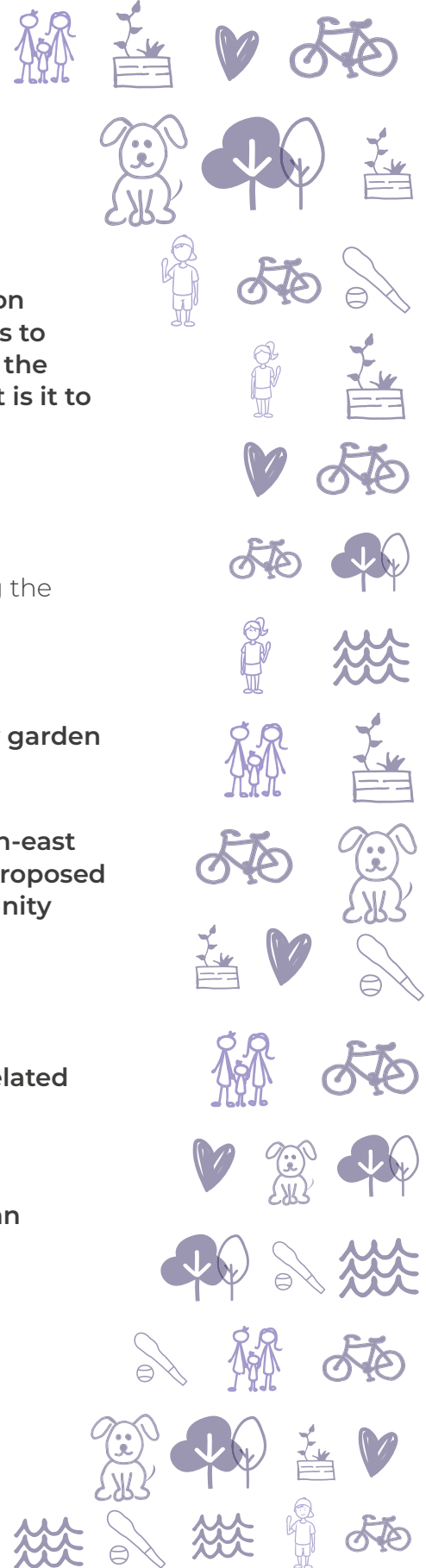
DEVELOP THOUGHTFUL CIRCULATION

Incorporate a pathway network that provides public routes around and through the gardens, as well as a finer-grained network that provides routes between plots for gardeners.



INCORPORATE LEARNING

Provide information and share knowledge about the garden, food security, and growing to the broader community.



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