



# LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT

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## SUBJECT: SURVEY RESULTS

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents,

As you may have heard, a citizen's action committee was established by the Park District Board of Commissioners in fall of 2010 to advise the Park District and to collaborate with the Village Board on a long-term plan for Sunrise Park and Beach. The Sunrise Park and Beach Advisory Committee consists of eight residents, plus a Park and Village Board liaison.

Our focus is to develop a Master Plan that covers the gamut from water quality to landscaping to improved facilities and amenities. One important goal is to fund all Sunrise Park and Beach improvements through private donations. Please note, the committee is an Advisory Committee, not a governing body, and is not seeking to increase taxes to pay for beach and park improvements. Instead, the Committee will make recommendations based on a plan, as well as seek private donations for improving Sunrise Park and Beach.

The Sunrise Park and Beach Advisory Committee received 882 responses and you can view the overall results at [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org), home page.

The Advisory Committee has started interpreting and developing conclusions based on the significant comments and data. Based on the survey results and comments, the Sunrise Park and Beach Advisory Committee has narrowed the results into the following areas:

- Area 1: Support Amenities (playground, site furnishings, shelters, restrooms)**
- Area 2: Bluff (erosion, vistas, plantings, maintenance)**
- Area 3: Accessibility, Parking, Roadway**
- Area 4: Boating, Yacht Club, Small Water Craft (Kayaks)**
- Area 5: Beach, Sand and Swimming Experience**
- Area 6: North Shore Sanitary District Building**
- Area 7: Adjacency (Neighbors)**
- Area 8: Dogs**
- Area 9: Open Space/Upper Bluff**

By April, the Committee will prioritize short and long term elements in each area to include in a preliminary Sunrise Park and Beach Master Plan. Committee Members will present those conclusions and elements to the Park District Board of Commissioners by May and hold multiple community meetings throughout the summer months.

Thank you to all residents who filled out a Sunrise Park and Beach survey and please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

**Geoff Surkamer, Chair**

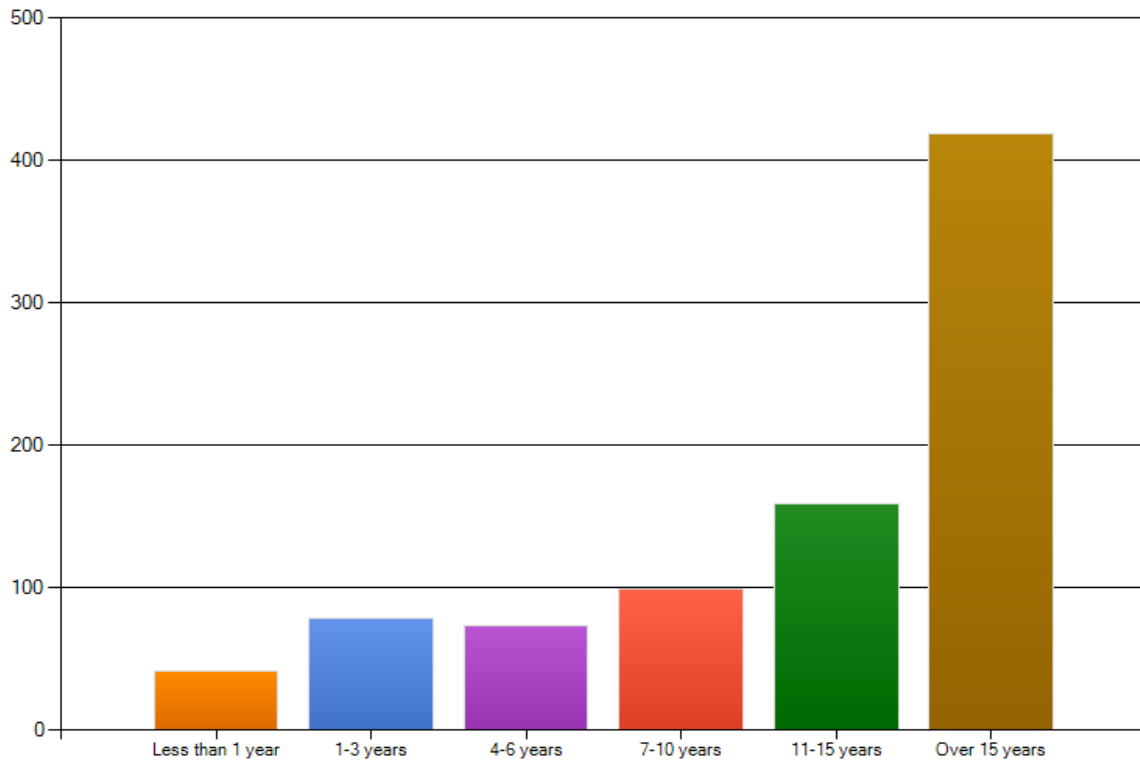
The Sunrise Park and Beach Advisory Committee

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### Question 1

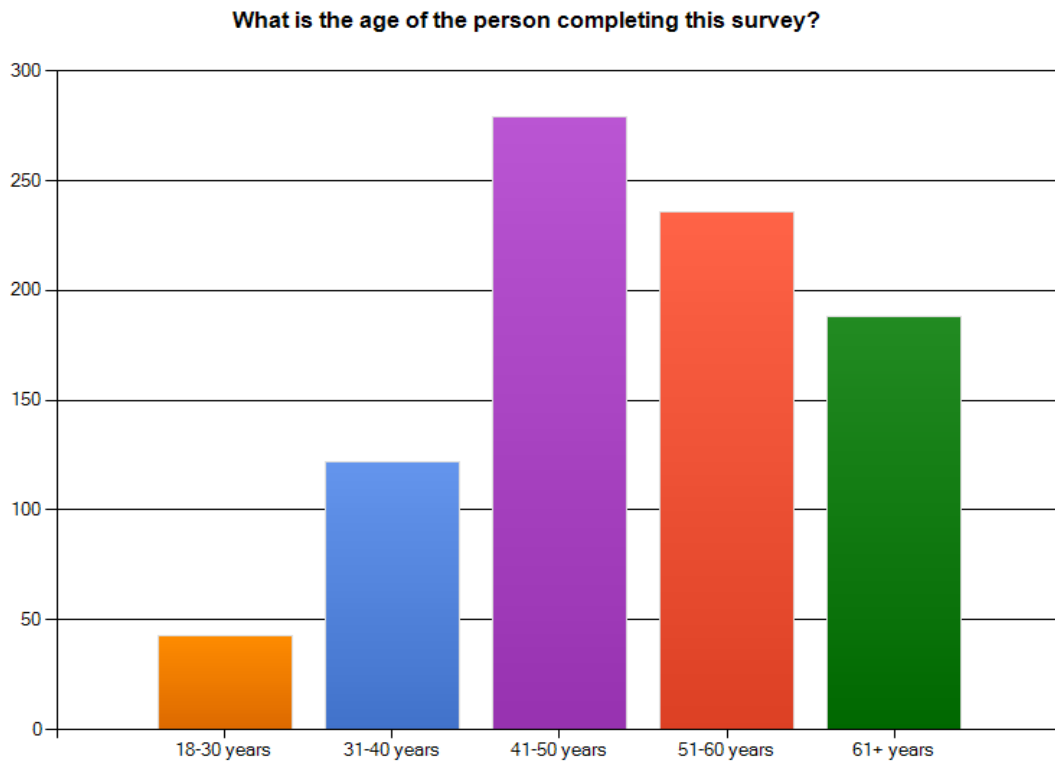
How long have you lived in Lake Bluff?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year	4.7%	41
1-3 years	9.0%	78
4-6 years	8.4%	73
7-10 years	11.4%	99
11-15 years	18.3%	159
Over 15 years	48.2%	419
answered question		869
skipped question		13
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## Question 2

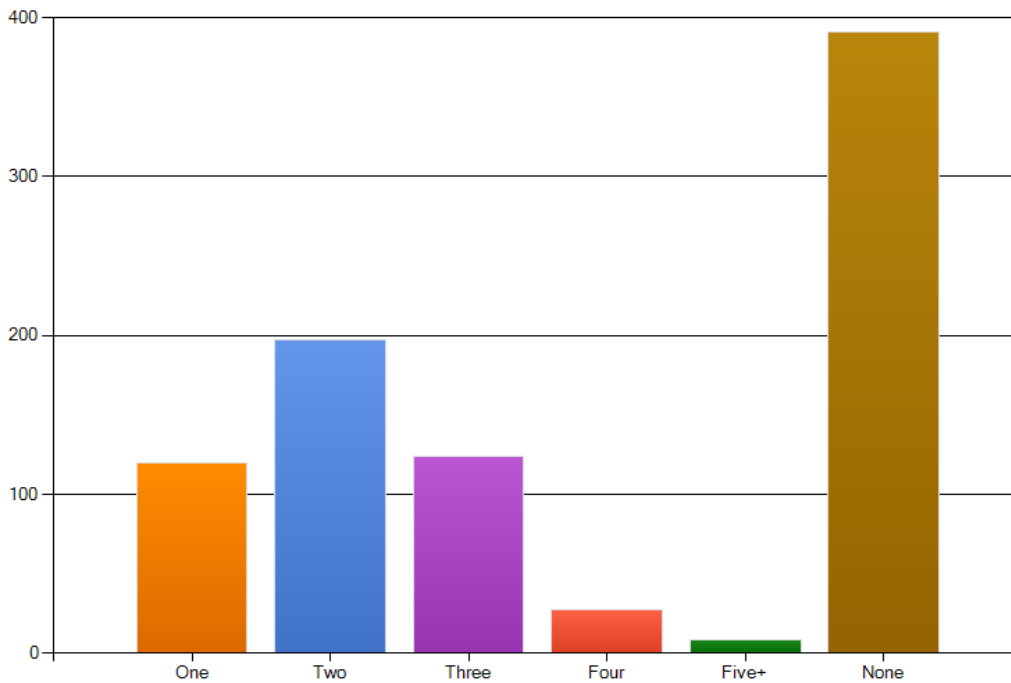
What is the age of the person completing this survey?			
Answer Options		Response Percent	Response Count
18-30 years		5.0%	43
31-40 years		14.1%	122
41-50 years		32.1%	279
51-60 years		27.2%	236
61+ years		21.7%	188
answered question		868	868
skipped question		14	14



### Question 3

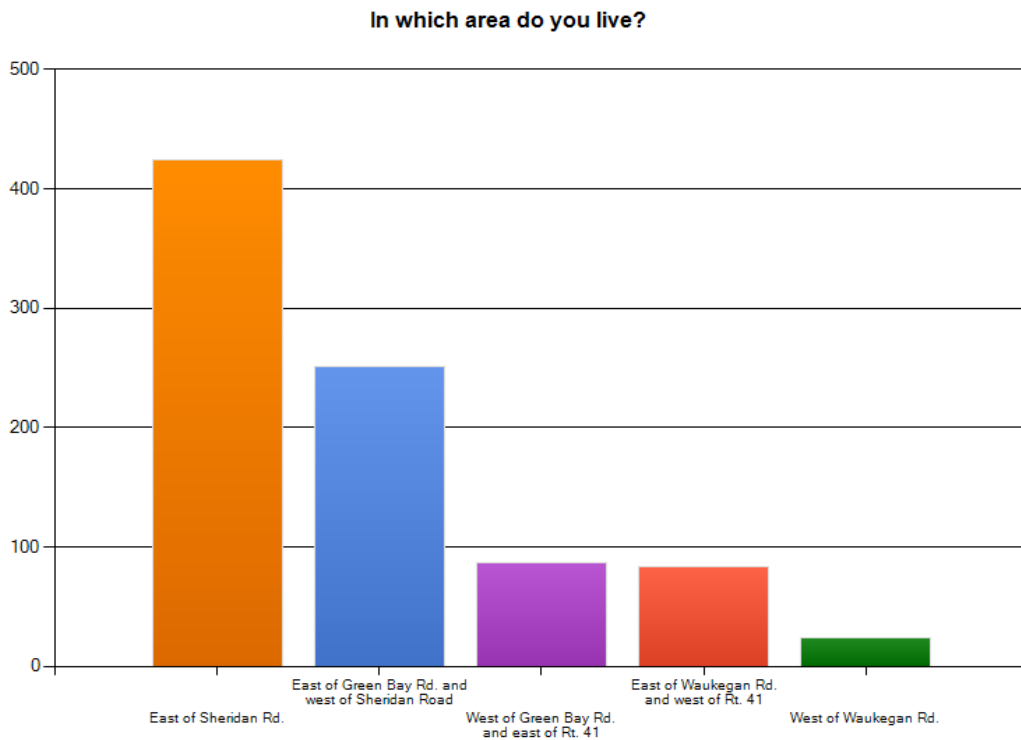
How many children under 18 years live in your household?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One	13.8%	120
Two	22.7%	197
Three	14.3%	124
Four	3.1%	27
Five+	0.9%	8
None	45.1%	391
answered question		867
skipped question		15
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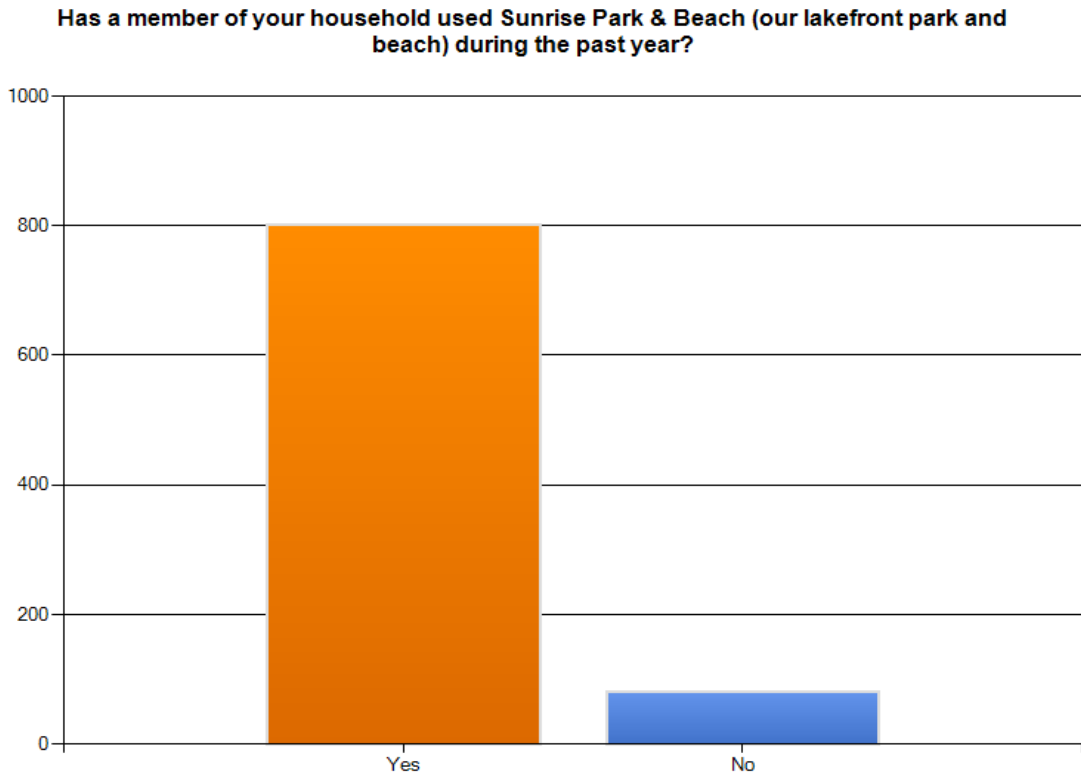
### Question 4

In which area do you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
East of Sheridan Rd.	48.8%	424
East of Green Bay Rd. and west of Sheridan Road	28.9%	251
West of Green Bay Rd. and east of Rt. 41	10.0%	87
East of Waukegan Rd. and west of Rt. 41	9.6%	83
West of Waukegan Rd.	2.8%	24
<b>answered question</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>869</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>



### Question 5

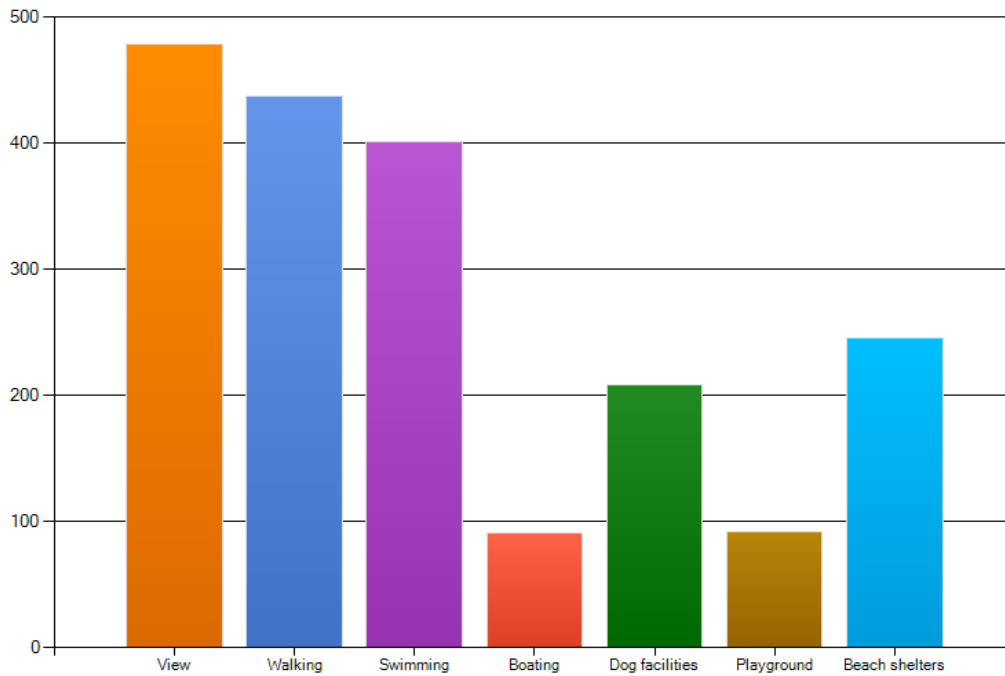
Has a member of your household used Sunrise Park & Beach (our lakefront park and beach) during the past year?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	90.9%	801
No	9.1%	80
answered question	881	881
skipped question	1	1



### Question 6

What is the main reason you use the beach? (select up to 3)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
View	63.5%	479
Walking	58.0%	437
Swimming	53.2%	401
Boating	12.1%	91
Dog facilities	27.6%	208
Playground	12.2%	92
Beach shelters	32.5%	245
<b>answered question</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>754</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>

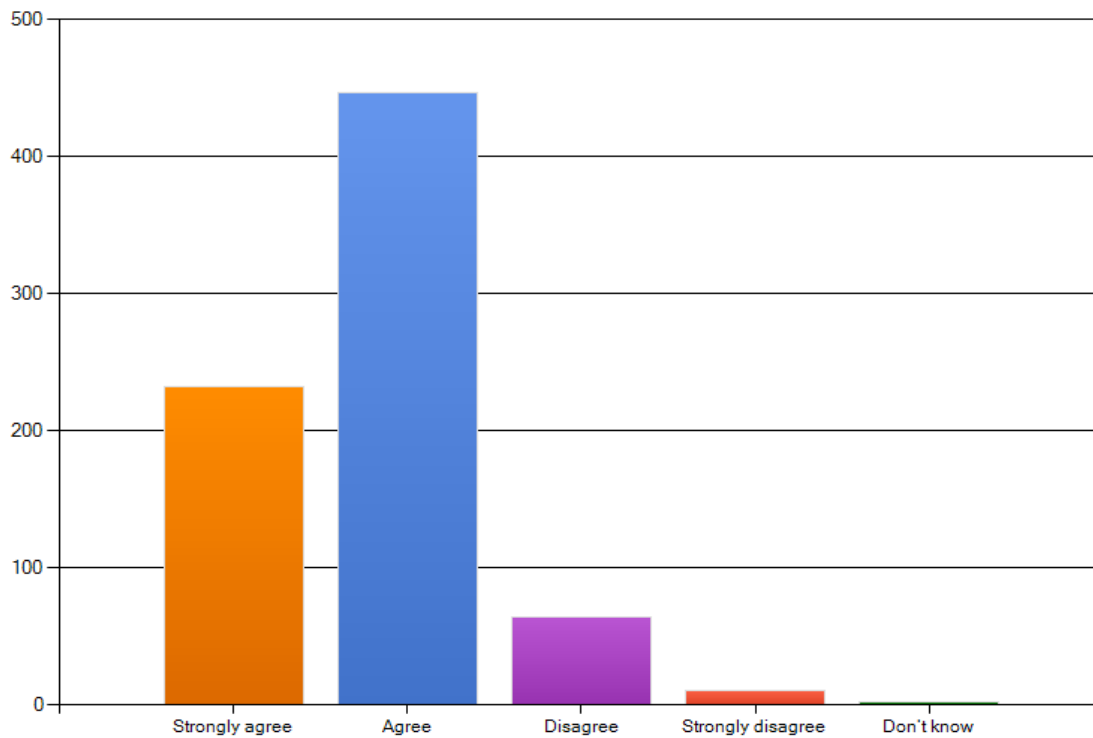
What is the main reason you use the beach? (select up to 3)



### Question 7

Would you rate your overall impression of Sunrise Park & Beach as positive?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	30.7%	232
Agree	59.2%	447
Disagree	8.5%	64
Strongly disagree	1.3%	10
Don't know	0.3%	2
<b>answered question</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>755</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>

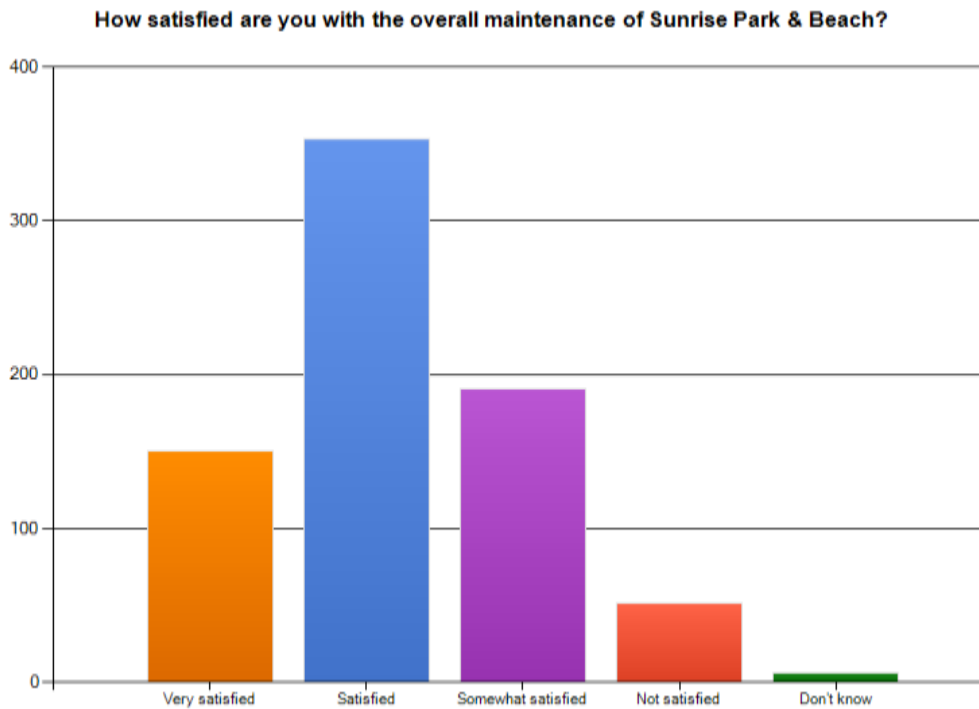
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### Question 8

How satisfied are you with the overall maintenance of Sunrise Park & Beach?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied	20.0%	150
Satisfied	47.0%	353
Somewhat satisfied	25.4%	191
Not satisfied	6.8%	51
Don't know	0.8%	6
<b>answered question</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>751</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>131</b>

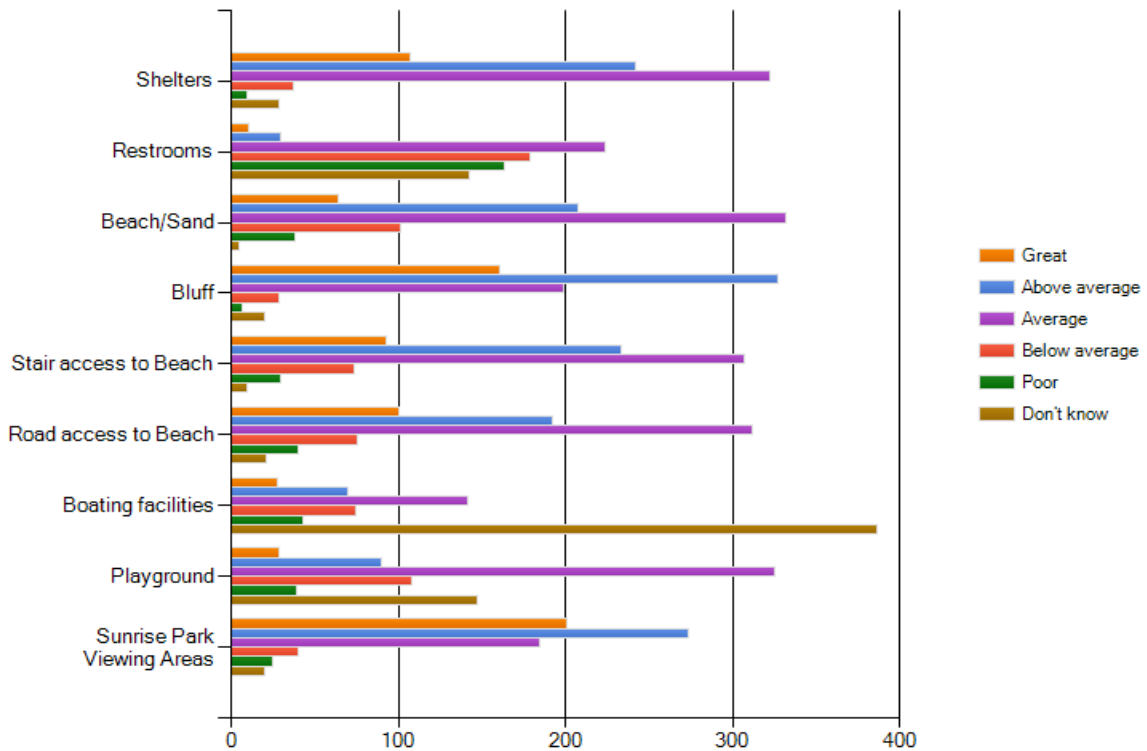


### Question 9

How would you rate the QUALITY of the existing facilities at Sunrise Park & Beach?

Answer Options	Great	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	Don't know	Response Count
Shelters	107	242	322	37	9	28	745
Restrooms	10	29	224	179	163	142	747
Beach/Sand	64	207	332	101	38	4	746
Bluff	160	327	199	28	6	20	740
Stair access to Beach	92	233	307	73	29	9	743
Road access to Beach	100	192	312	75	40	21	740
Boating facilities	27	69	141	74	43	386	740
Playground	28	90	325	108	39	147	737
Park Viewing Areas	201	273	184	40	24	20	742
<b>answered question</b>						<b>751</b>	<b>751</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>131</b>	<b>131</b>

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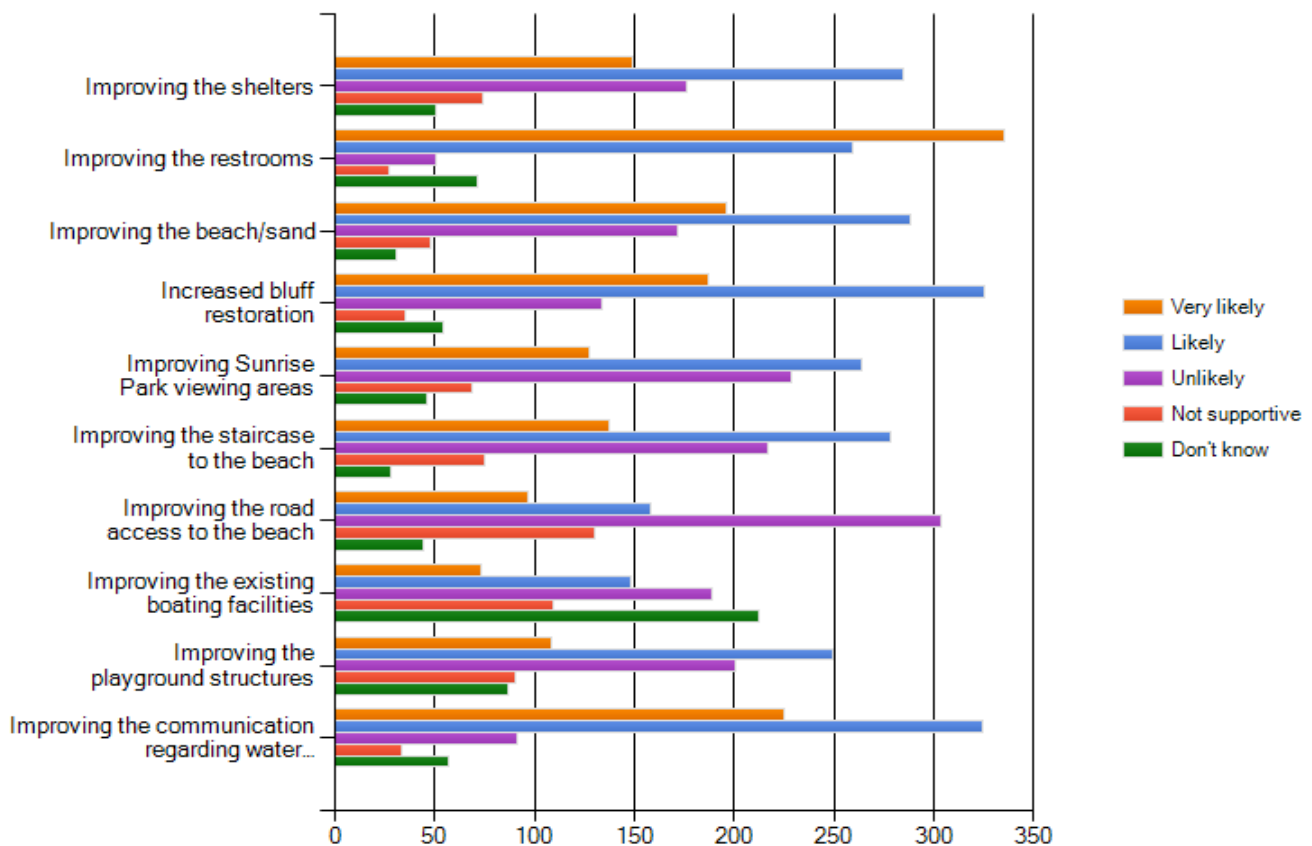


Question 10

Would you be in support of IMPROVING the QUALITY of the current facilities at Sunrise Park & Beach?

Answer Options	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Not supportive	Don't know	Response Count
Improving the shelters	149	285	176	74	51	735
Improving the restrooms	335	259	51	27	71	743
Improving the beach/sand	196	288	172	48	31	735
Increased bluff restoration	187	325	134	35	54	735
Improving Sunrise Park viewing areas	127	264	229	69	46	735
Improving the staircase to the beach	137	278	217	75	28	735
Improving the road access to the beach	97	158	304	130	44	733
Improving the existing boating facilities	73	148	189	109	212	731
Improving the playground structures	108	249	201	90	87	735
Improving the communication regarding water quality and beach closures	225	324	91	33	57	730
<b>answered question</b>					<b>746</b>	<b>746</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>

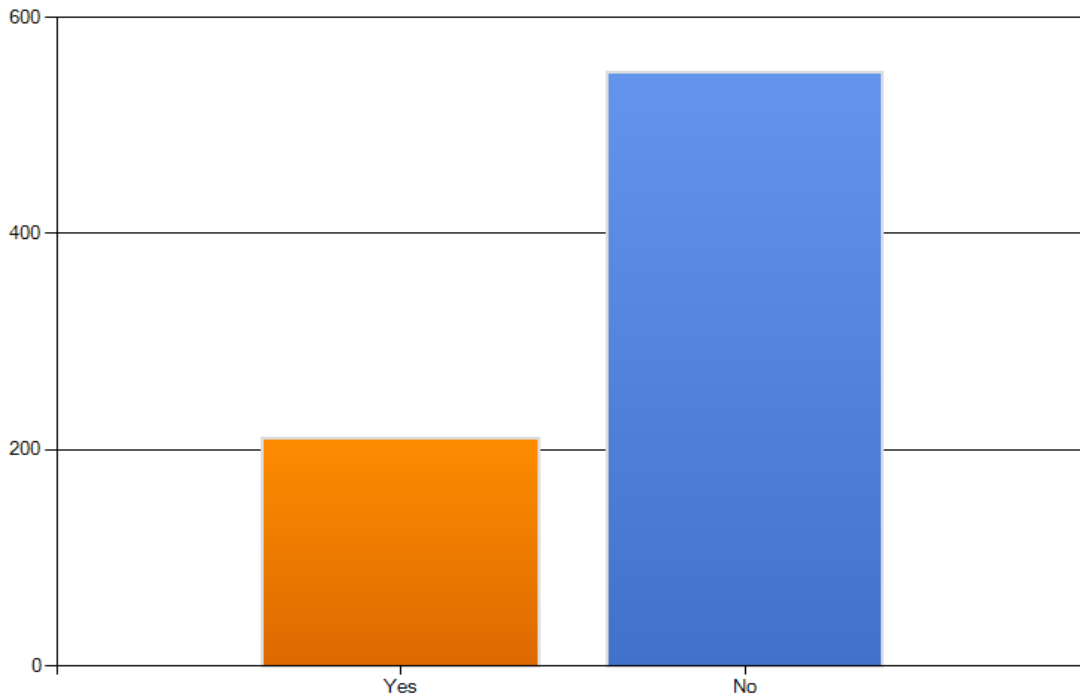
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### Question 11

Are there any other facilities you feel need improvement at Sunrise Park & Beach? If yes please list below.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	27.7%	210
No	72.3%	549
answered question	759	759
skipped question	123	123

Are there any other facilities you feel need improvement at Sunrise Park & Beach? If yes please list below.



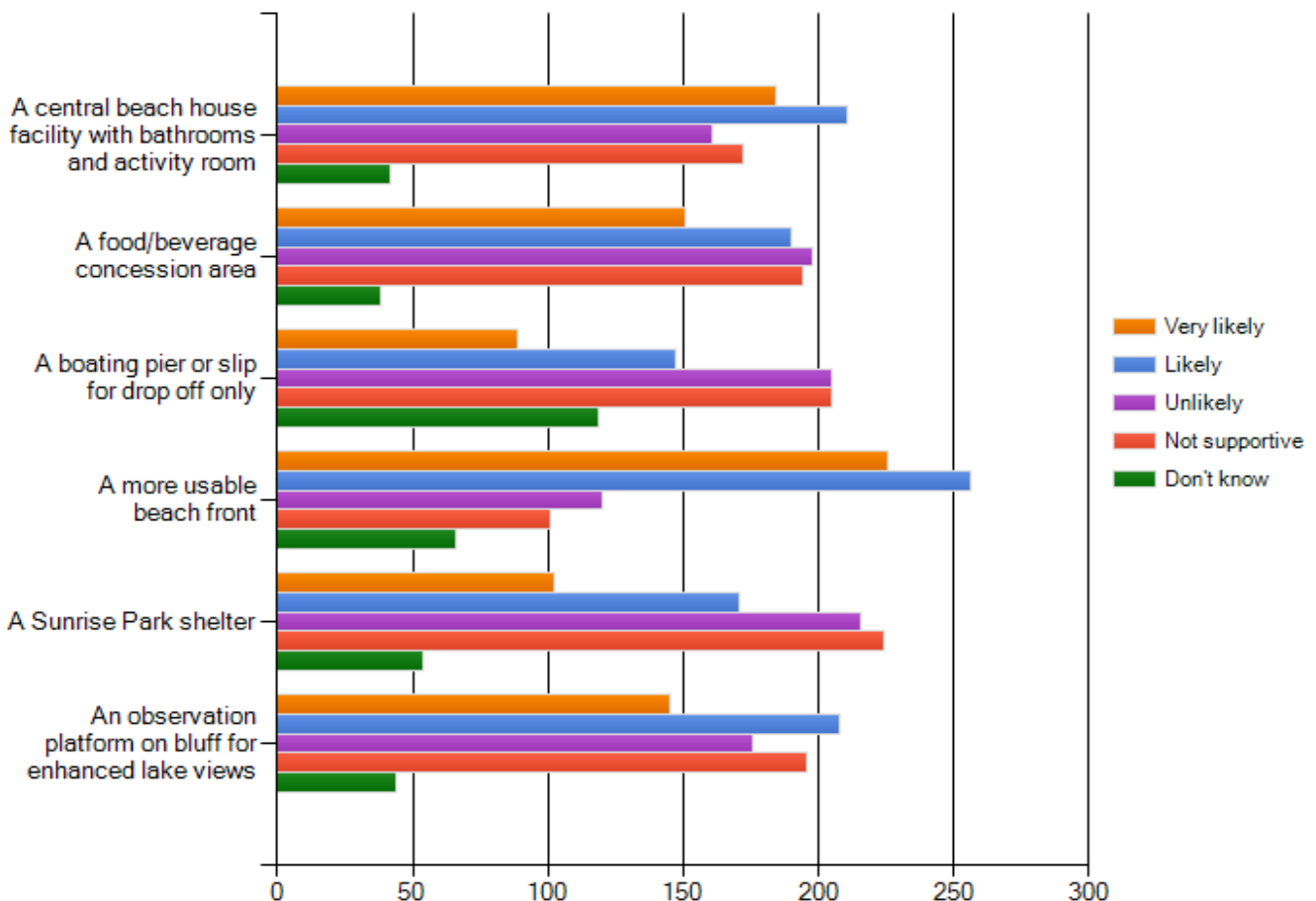
## Question 12

Please elaborate why you don't use Sunrise Park & Beach.	
Answer Options	Response Count
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answered question	48
skipped question	834

Question 13

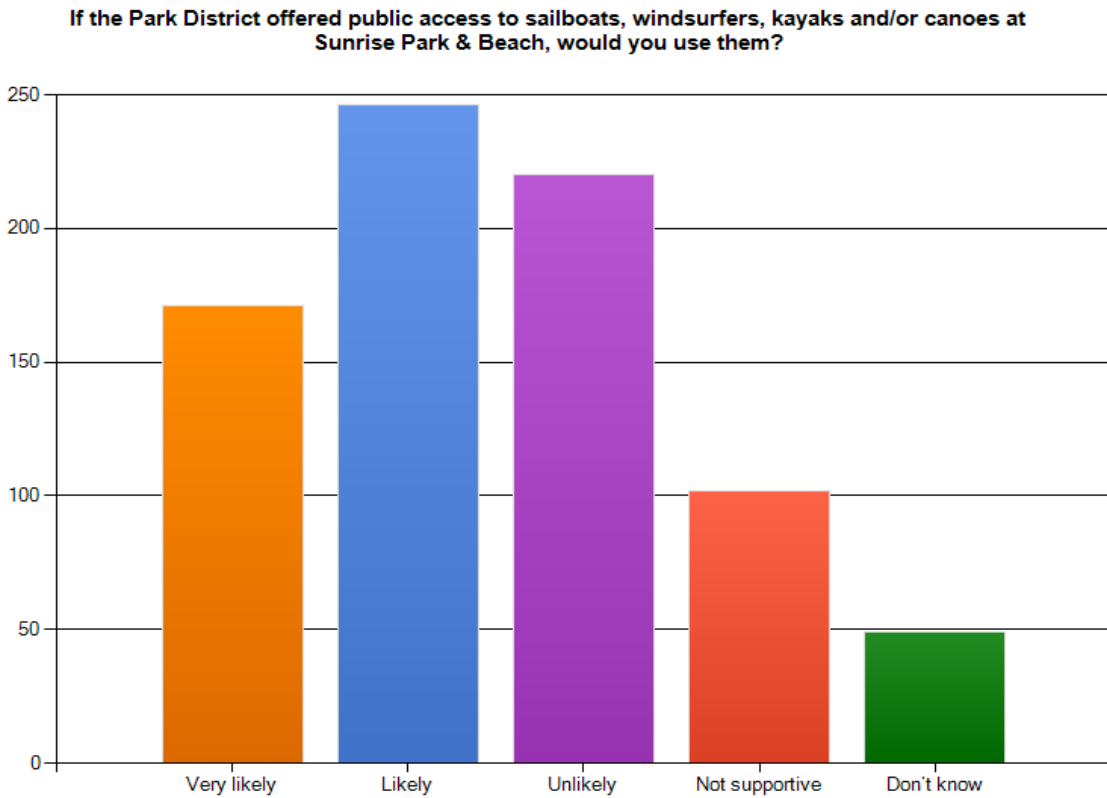
Would you be in support of ADDING the following at Sunrise Park & Beach?						
Answer Options	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Not supportive	Don't know	Response Count
Central beach house facility with bathrooms and activity room	184	211	161	172	42	770
Food/beverage concession area	151	190	198	194	38	771
Boating pier or slip for drop off only	89	147	205	205	119	765
More usable beach front	226	256	120	101	66	769
Sunrise Park shelter	102	171	216	224	54	767
Observation platform on bluff for enhanced lake views	145	208	176	196	44	769
<b>answered question</b>					<b>783</b>	<b>783</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>

Would you be in support of ADDING the following at Sunrise Park & Beach?



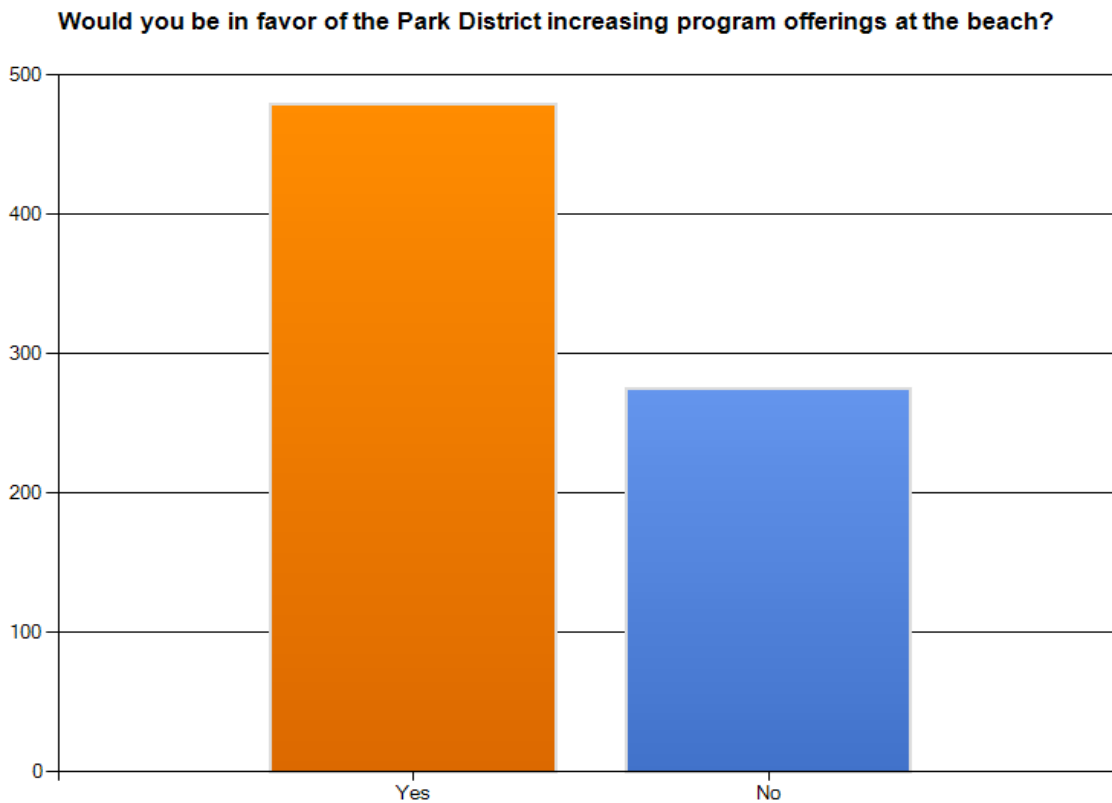
Question 14

If the Park District offered public access to sailboats, windsurfers, kayaks and/or canoes at Sunrise Park & Beach, would you use them?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very likely	21.7%	171
Likely	31.2%	246
Unlikely	27.9%	220
Not supportive	12.9%	102
Don't know	6.2%	49
answered question		788
skipped question		94
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### Question 15

Would you be in favor of the Park District increasing program offerings at the beach?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	63.6%	479
No	36.4%	274
answered question		753
skipped question		129



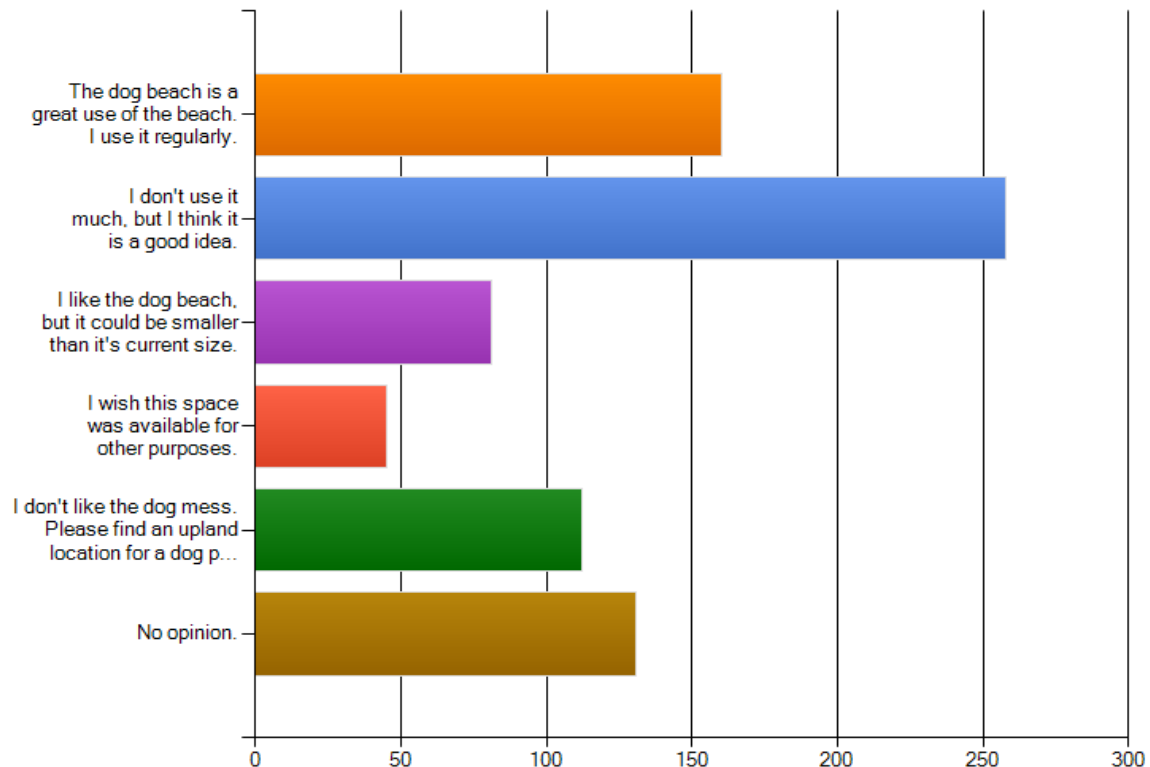


## Question 16

Which statement best represents your thoughts on the dog beach?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The dog beach is a great use of the beach. I use it regularly.	20.3%	160
I don't use it much, but I think it is a good idea.	32.8%	258
I like the dog beach, but it could be smaller than it's current size.	10.3%	81
I wish this space was available for other purposes.	5.7%	45
I don't like the dog mess. Please find an upland location for a dog park.	14.2%	112
No opinion.	16.6%	131
<b>answered question</b>		<b>787</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>95</b>

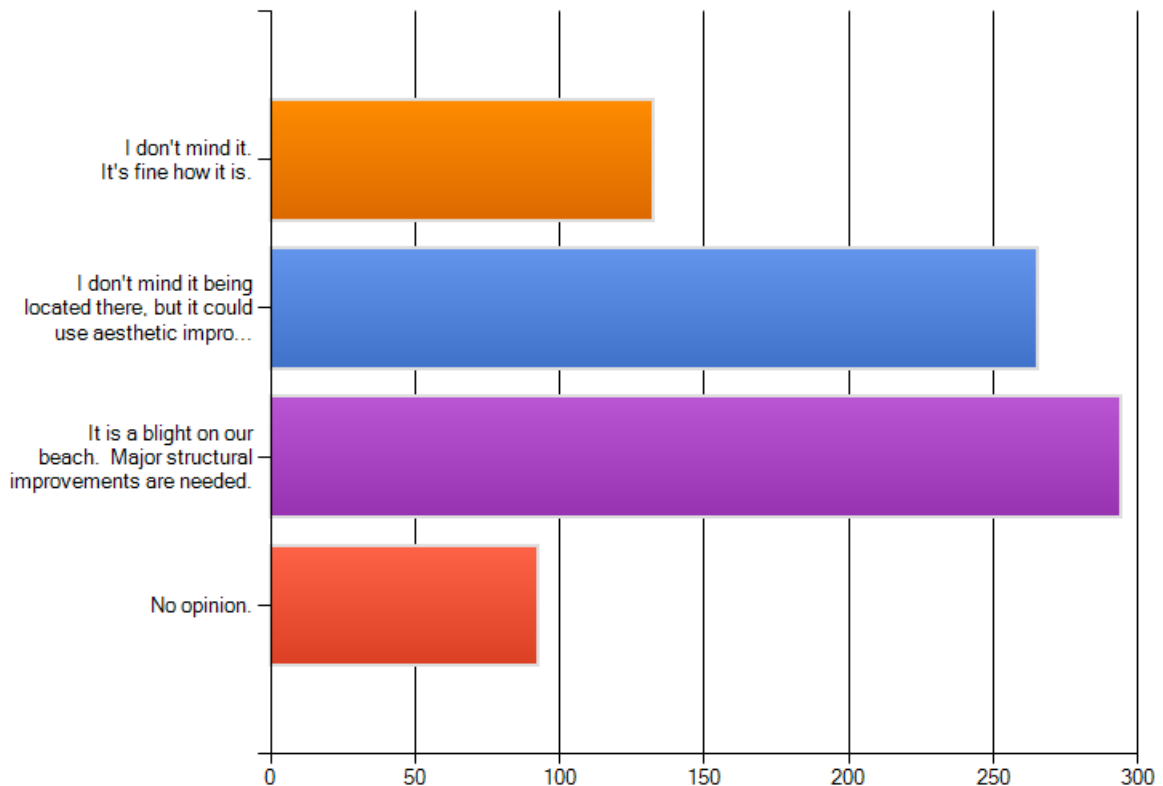
Which statement best represents your thoughts on the dog beach?



Question 17

Which statement best represents your thoughts on the sewage pumping facility (brick building) located on Sunrise Beach?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I don't mind it. It's fine how it is.	16.9%	132
I don't mind it being located there, but it could use aesthetic improvements, such as enhanced landscaping.	33.8%	265
It is a blight on our beach. Major structural improvements are needed.	37.5%	294
No opinion.	11.7%	92
<b>answered question</b>		<b>783</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>99</b>

Which statement best represents your thoughts on the sewage pumping facility (brick building) located on Sunrise Beach?



### Question 18

Would you be willing to make a tax-deductible contribution to address concerns identified in this survey?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	26.3%	208
No	25.5%	202
Maybe	48.2%	381
answered question		791
skipped question		91
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		91

