



Russell Township Park District 2018 Survey Results

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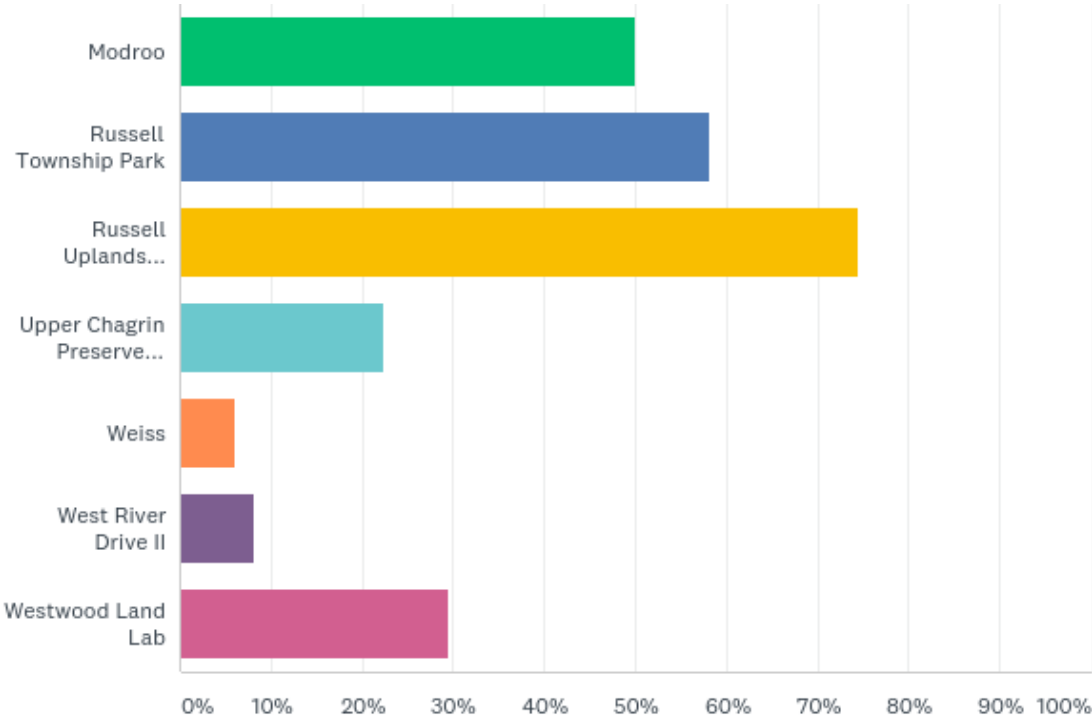
Total Responses

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Q1: Russell Township Park District controls the following parks. Which of these parks have you visited? Check all that apply:

Answered: 98 Skipped: 16



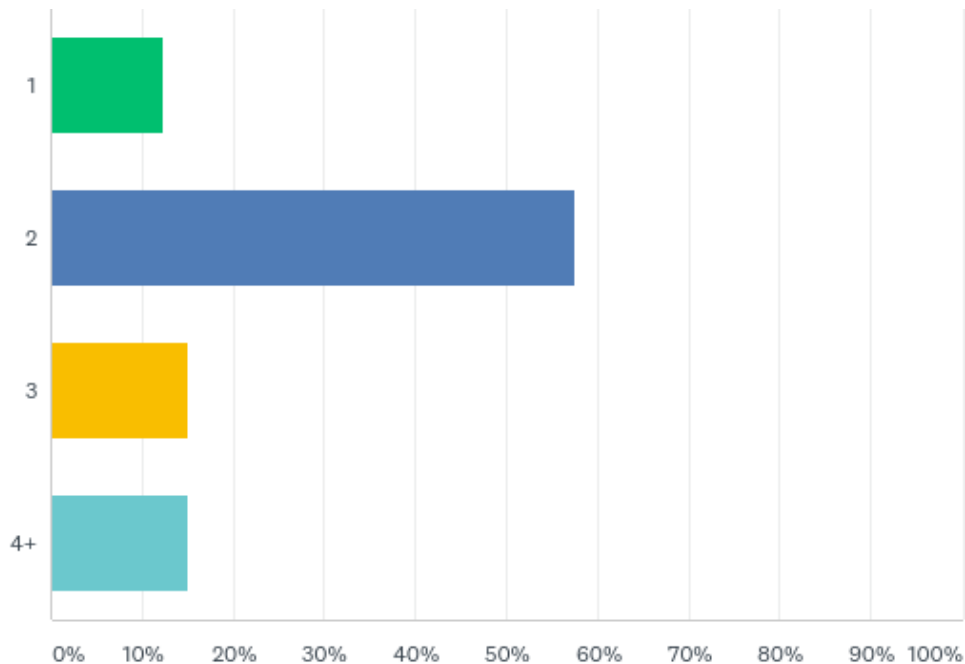
Q1: Russell Township Park District controls the following parks. Which of these parks have you visited? Check all that apply:

Answered: 98 Skipped: 16

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Modroo	50.00%	49
Russell Township Park	58.16%	57
Russell Uplands Preserve	74.49%	73
Upper Chagrin Preserve Addition	22.45%	22
Weiss	6.12%	6
West River Drive II	8.16%	8
Westwood Land Lab	29.59%	29
Total Respondents: 98		

Q2: Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1



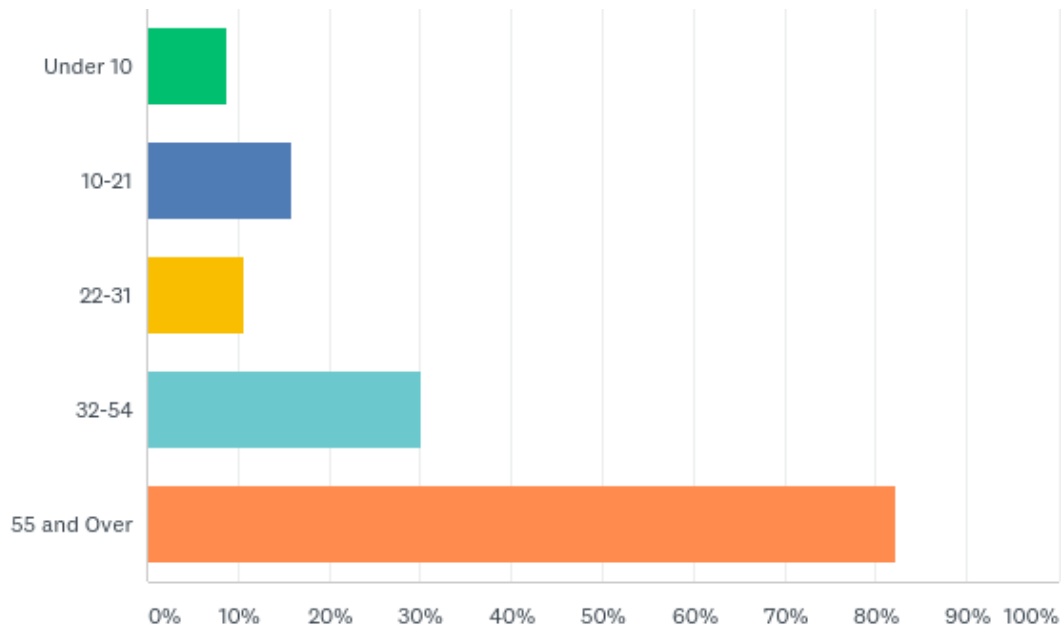
Q2: Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	12.39%	14
2	57.52%	65
3	15.04%	17
4+	15.04%	17
TOTAL		113

Q3: Including yourself, please provide the ages of each of the people living in your household. Check all that apply:

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1



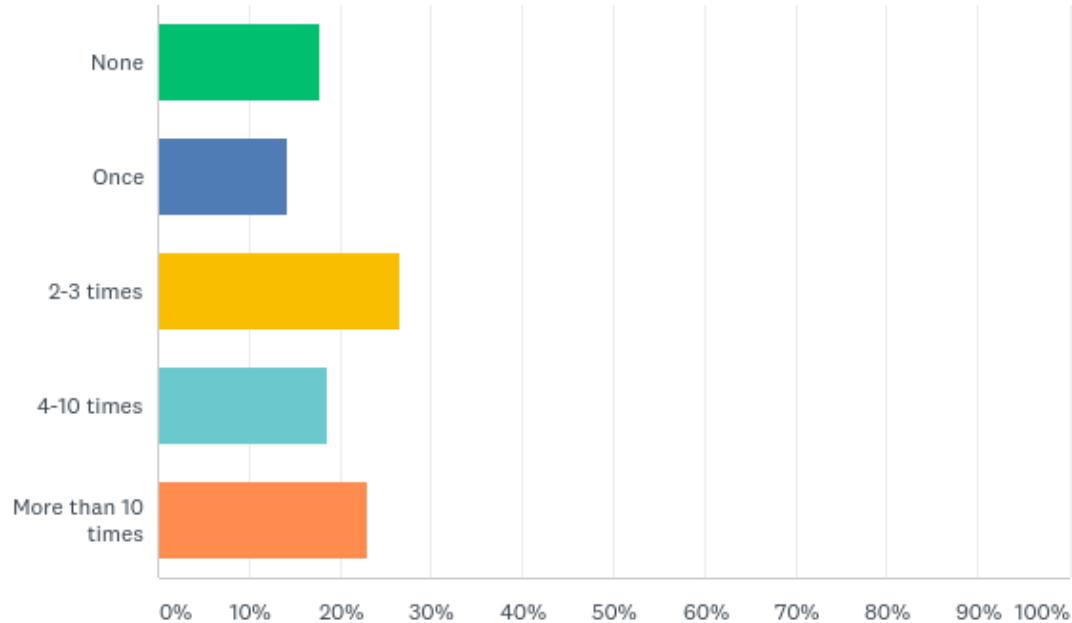
Q3: Including yourself, please provide the ages of each of the people living in your household. Check all that apply:

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 10	8.85%	10
10-21	15.93%	18
22-31	10.62%	12
32-54	30.09%	34
55 and Over	82.30%	93
Total Respondents: 113		

Q4: How many times have you or a family member visited a Russell Township Park in the last year?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1



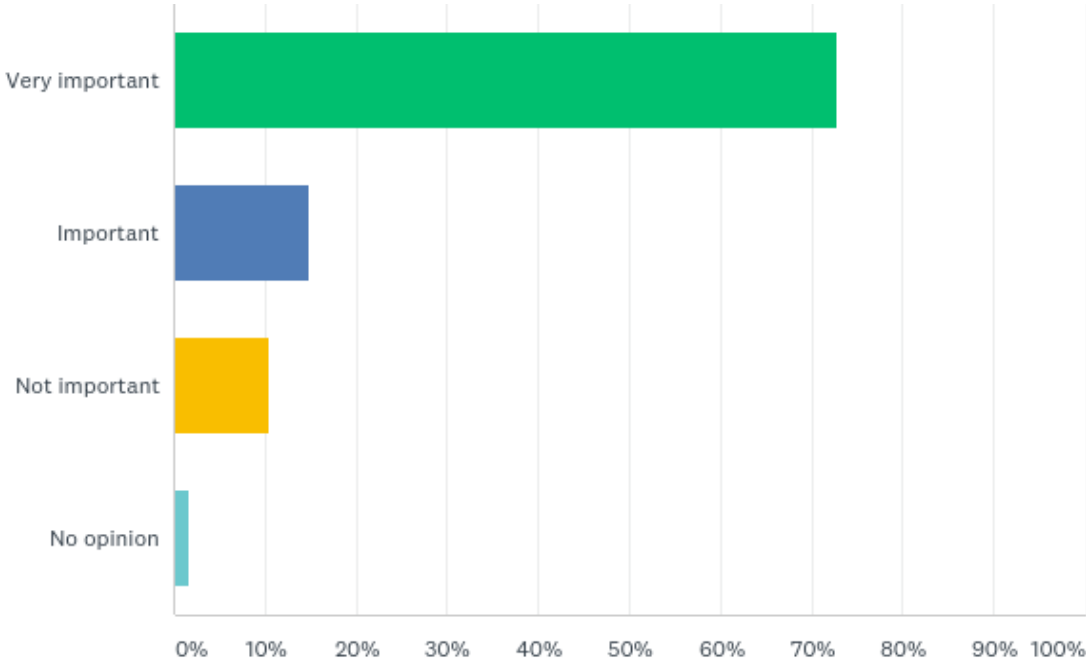
Q4: How many times have you or a family member visited a Russell Township Park in the last year?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	17.70%	20
Once	14.16%	16
2-3 times	26.55%	30
4-10 times	18.58%	21
More than 10 times	23.01%	26
TOTAL		113

Q5: What level of importance do you feel the Russell Township Parks contribute to the overall quality of life in Russell Township?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 0



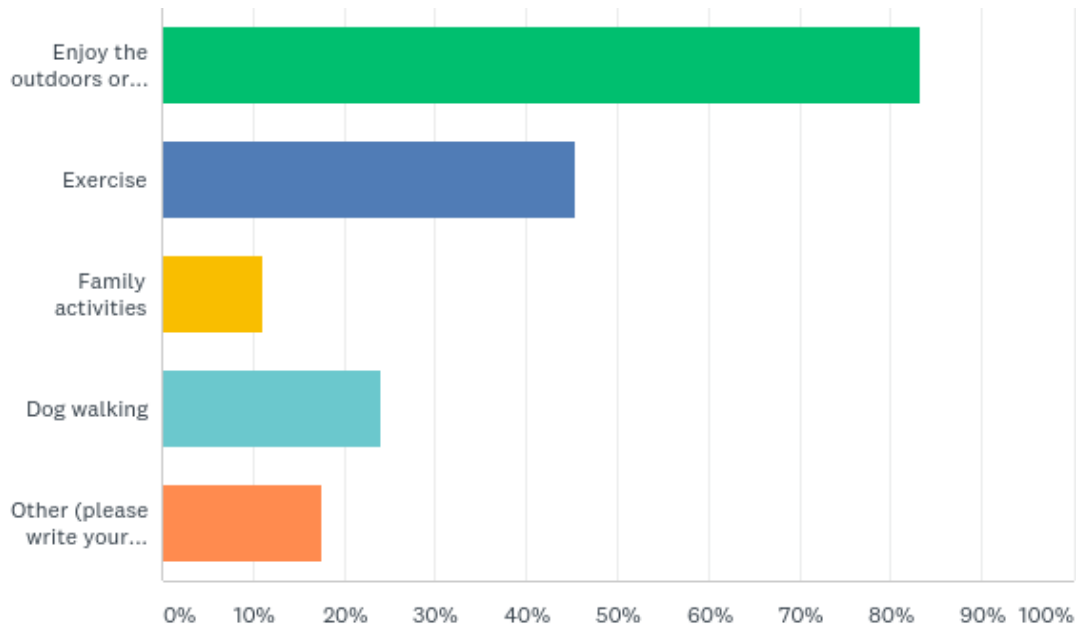
Q5: What level of importance do you feel the Russell Township Parks contribute to the overall quality of life in Russell Township?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	72.81%	83
Important	14.91%	17
Not important	10.53%	12
No opinion	1.75%	2
TOTAL		114

Q6: What are the primary reasons you use the Russell Township Parks? (choose two)

Answered: 108 Skipped: 6



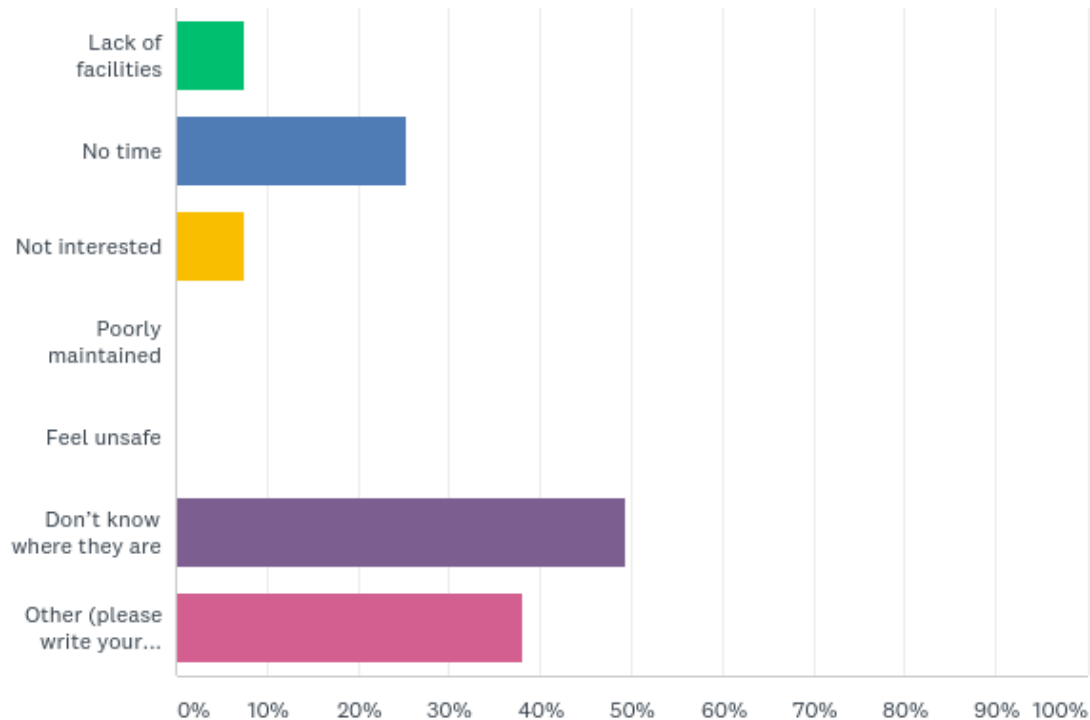
Q6: What are the primary reasons you use the Russell Township Parks? (choose two)

Answered: 108 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Enjoy the outdoors or nature	83.33%	90
Exercise	45.37%	49
Family activities	11.11%	12
Dog walking	24.07%	26
Other (please write your answer here)	17.59%	19
Total Respondents: 108		

Q7: If you seldom use Russell Township Parks, what are the primary reasons? (choose two)

Answered: 79 Skipped: 35



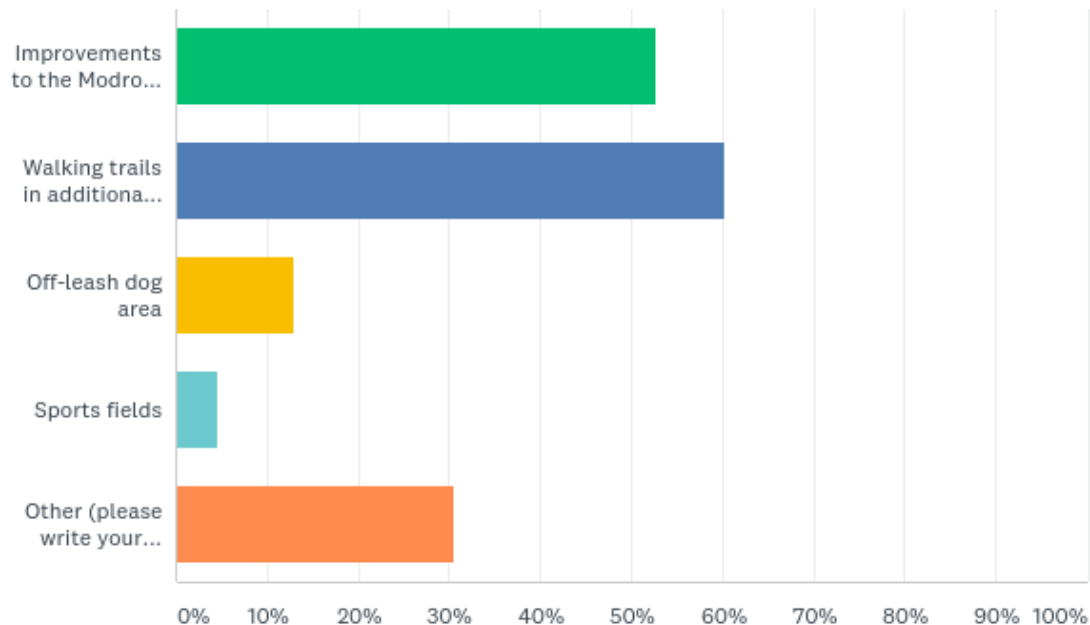
Q7: If you seldom use Russell Township Parks, what are the primary reasons? (choose two)

Answered: 79 Skipped: 35

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of facilities	7.59%	6
No time	25.32%	20
Not interested	7.59%	6
Poorly maintained	0.00%	0
Feel unsafe	0.00%	0
Don't know where they are	49.37%	39
Other (please write your answer here)	37.97%	30
Total Respondents: 79		

Q8: If funds were available, which of the following facilities do you feel should have the highest priority? (choose two)

Answered: 108 Skipped: 6



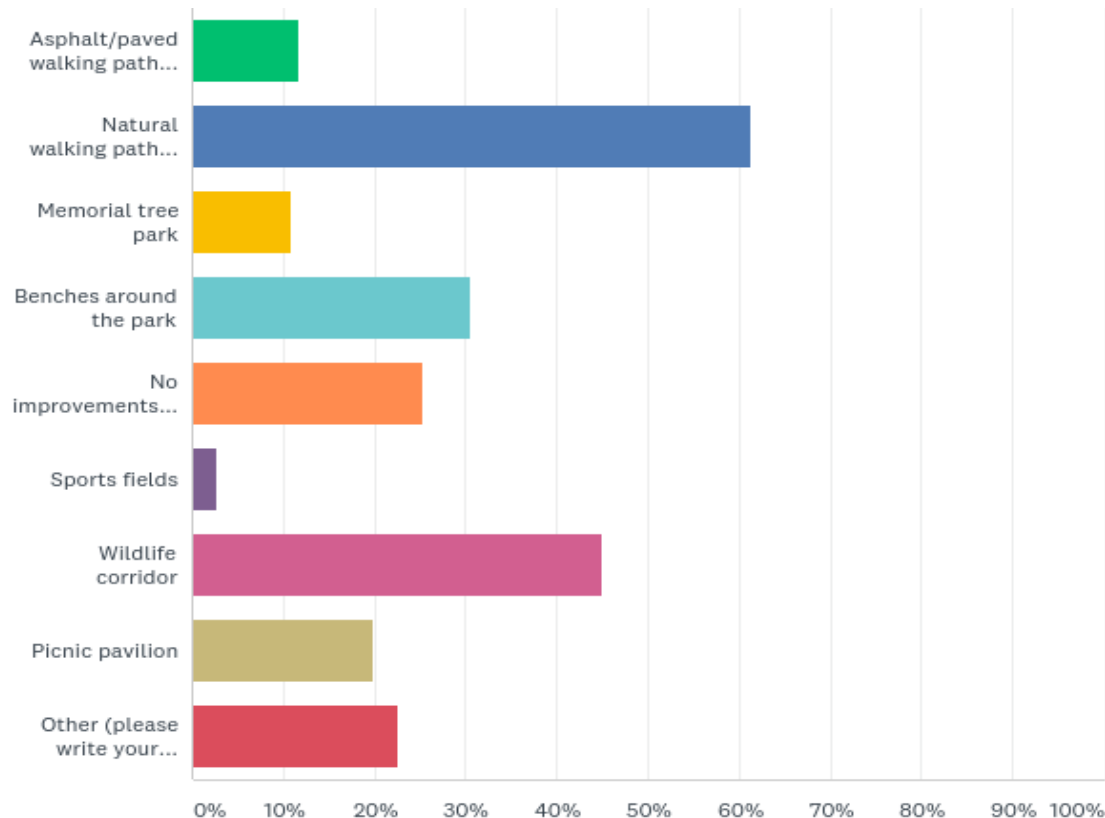
Q8: If funds were available, which of the following facilities do you feel should have the highest priority? (choose two)

Answered: 108 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improvements to the Modroo property	52.78%	57
Walking trails in additional parks	60.19%	65
Off-leash dog area	12.96%	14
Sports fields	4.63%	5
Other (please write your answer here)	30.56%	33
Total Respondents: 108		

Q9: Which improvements do you feel should be undertaken at the Modroo property? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 111 Skipped: 3



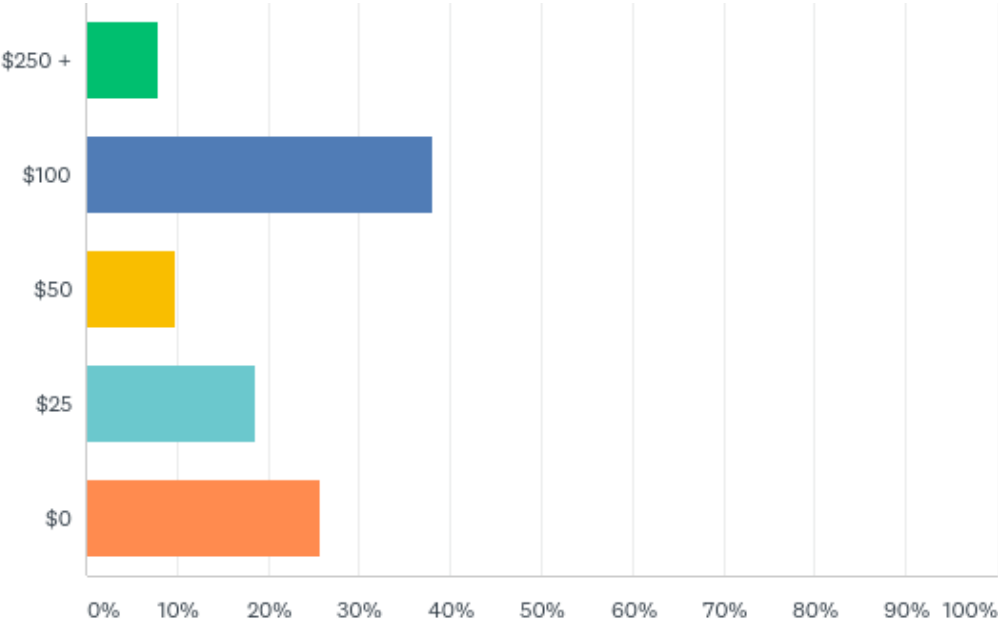
Q9: Which improvements do you feel should be undertaken at the Modroo property? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 111 Skipped: 3

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asphalt/paved walking path around the perimeter	11.71%	13
Natural walking path around the perimeter	61.26%	68
Memorial tree park	10.81%	12
Benches around the park	30.63%	34
No improvements – utilize as an unimproved field	25.23%	28
Sports fields	2.70%	3
Wildlife corridor	45.05%	50
Picnic pavilion	19.82%	22
Other (please write your answer here)	22.52%	25
Total Respondents: 111		

Q10: How much, per year, would your household be willing to spend in additional taxes to enable improvements to the Russell Township Parks?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1



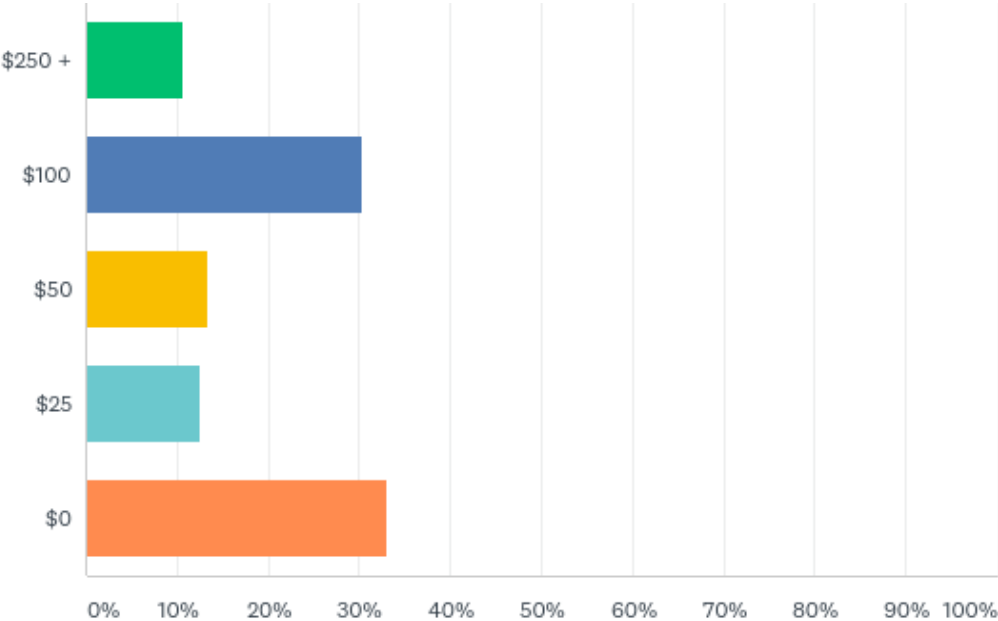
Q10: How much, per year, would your household be willing to spend in additional taxes to enable improvements to the Russell Township Parks?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$250 +	7.96%	9
\$100	38.05%	43
\$50	9.73%	11
\$25	18.58%	21
\$0	25.66%	29
TOTAL		113

Q11: How much, per year, would your household be willing to spend in additional taxes to enable the Russell Township Park Commission to purchase additional land for conservation?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 2



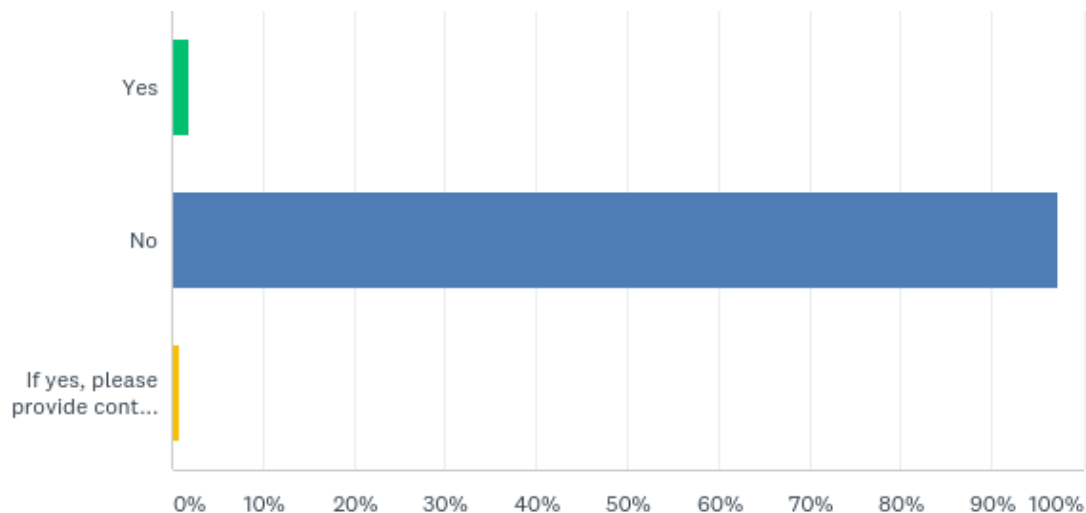
Q11: How much, per year, would your household be willing to spend in additional taxes to enable the Russell Township Park Commission to purchase additional land for conservation?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$250 +	10.71%	12
\$100	30.36%	34
\$50	13.39%	15
\$25	12.50%	14
\$0	33.04%	37
TOTAL		112

Q12: Do you own land you would like to donate for preservation?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 4



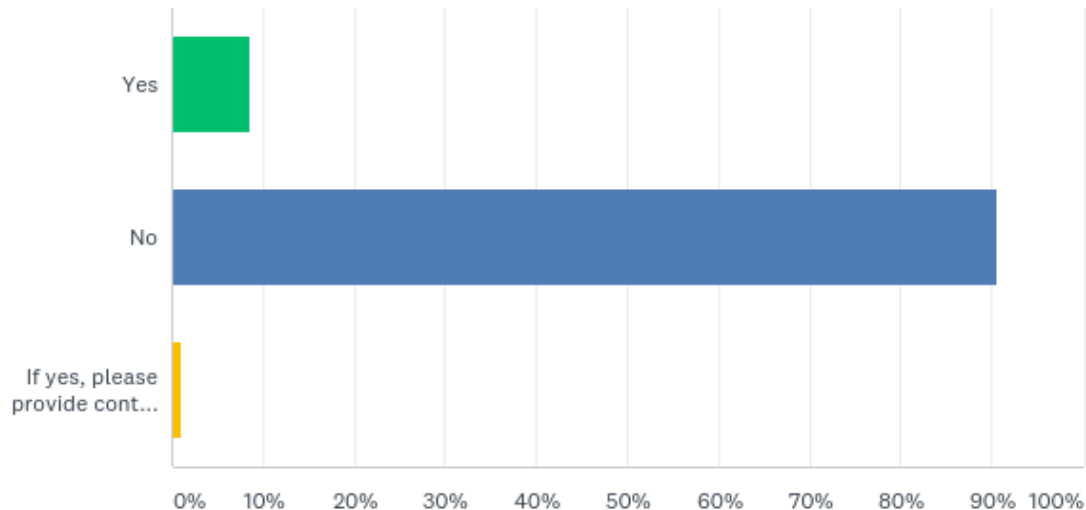
Q12: Do you own land you would like to donate for preservation?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	1.82%	2
No	97.27%	107
If yes, please provide contact information below:	0.91%	1
TOTAL	110	

Q13: Would you like to donate money for Russell Township Park improvements?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 8



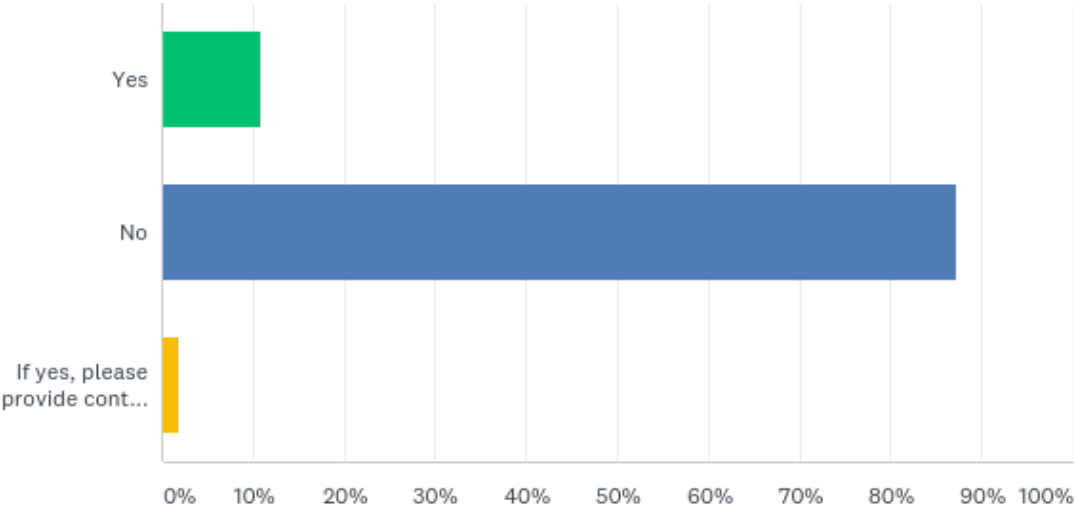
Q13: Would you like to donate money for Russell Township Park improvements?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.49%	9
No	90.57%	96
If yes, please provide contact information below:	0.94%	1
TOTAL		106

Q14: Would you like to volunteer in the Russell Township Parks?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 12



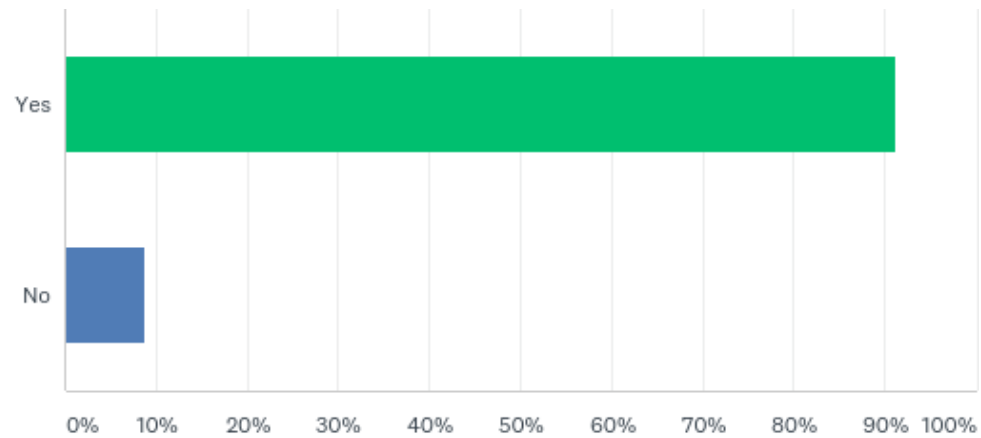
Q14: Would you like to volunteer in the Russell Township Parks?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 12

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	10.78%	11
No	87.25%	89
If yes, please provide contact information below:	1.96%	2
TOTAL		102

Q15: Are you a Russell Township resident?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 0



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Answered: 114 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.23%	104
No	8.77%	10
TOTAL		114

Appendix

Other Responses and Comments

Q6 What are the primary reasons you use the Russell Township Parks? (choose two)

- viewing native plants
- Activities for scout group
- parks don't have to be "used" to be useful.
- None
- like the natural settings
- Protect our water
- Quiet, relaxing areas.
- WEIGH LOSS DUE TO FOOD TAXES FROM MY TABLE
- Passive parks are part of daily pleasure.
- we use the geauga parks
- Greenspace
- I "use" the parks daily because they improve the quality of the air that I breathe and the water that I drink, even if I don't set foot in a park every day.
- We don't use the parks. Mostly because we don't know much about them and they seem very primitive and/ or inaccessible
- I don't use the parks
- Do not use Russell parks
- political meetings
- Birding
- horseback riding
- I really don't use them, just help pay for them every year

Q7 If you seldom use Russell Township Parks, what are the primary reasons? (choose two)

- We all use parks, natural areas filter the water we drink !
- I love having as much park land as possible. It protects property values, enhances health of every one, and protects the air quality. There are only benefits to having parks.
- i didn't even know we had all these parks
- Cleveland Metroparks have better amenities
- Y is the land conservancy run the show w taxpayer funds not elected how much of our funds do they get
- have enjoyed Geauga County system parks
- Recently retired - now we have the time to enjoy them
- RUSSELL PARKS ARE A GROSS MISUSE OF LIMITED MONEY!
- We have enough parks and the costs to maintain them.
- I use the parks frequently.
- I do use them
- easy to get lost at Uplands because trail isn't marked
- Don't know how to access, I drive 87 everyday and never knew we owned that property or how to get on it to walk. No signage. I'll have to drive by the other sites. I have heard of land lab but never visit. It is actually frustrating to learn about the sites,
- I use my own land as a park.
- I forget they are there
- geauga parks are adequate , affelder, westwoods, bear ru. we really do not any more parks
- i didn't know about the other parks. i will be looking into soon
- use ti at least 4 times a week year round.

Q7 (continued) If you seldom use Russell Township Parks, what are the primary reasons?

- No paths for me to maneuver a stroller
- Question not relevant. Parks are used often.
- Use them often!
- Haven't known what they are
- Visit the county parks
- As I said, I "use" the parks daily, without setting foot in them. I would walk in them more if I had more time.
- Where do you park
- The residents are not nice, I'm afraid of the park crazies
- NA
- Other than walking thru the woods which I do around my home, It would be nice too have some activities and attractions to use
- I'd like to know where all of them are so I can visit
- Often walk at West Woods-more convenient

Q8 If funds were available, which of the following facilities do you feel should have the highest priority? (choose two)

- Coordinate w/ WRLC, Buy Farmhouse and barn
- Provide access if it does not degrade the environment of existing parks
- i don't expect funds to be available or more...i would guess that maintenance will be first priority
- None
- recreation areas for teens/young adults, like skateboarding, biking, a place to get together
- Volunteer cleanup hikes
- Protect our water
- Limited use walking trails on Modroo. Keep as natural as possible.
- Choosing only one. Others are not important to me. Would favor purchasing more land more conservation.
- Mountain bike trails in Russell Uplands
- ADDRESSING MISMANAGEMENT OF TWP. TWEP EYE SOURS!
- The current parks are used by a minority of citizens. Keep costs down.
- Parks are important
- Walking trails in Modroo Park or other passive improvements
- There are plenty of sports fields, especially in towns with their own school.
- Maintain the existing parks- Uplands needs attention. This is a poorly worded question as it is stating that MORE is needed in all four of the choices. An option for "walking trails in existing parks to be better maintained", or "No more development" should have been options.
- Acquire and maintain green space
- purchase the balance of Modroo farm

Q8 (continued) If funds were available, which of the following facilities do you feel should have the highest priority?

- Maintain the nature where necessary
- return the money to the taxpayers
- Fishing
- Russell Uplands should be off leash. ALL others require a leash and there is no way for a dog to run and exercise and be healthy. Anyone who doesn't like dogs has all
- Community garden
- Preserved greenspace
- Purchasing more open space for Russell TWP
- Land acquisition targeted to protect the environment and increase passive green space.
- None
- None
- Guided naturalist activities
- Our schools and roads are the priority, the parks are overfunded
- horse trails
- Need to offer more than just nature walks, maybe something fun for the kids like a small water playground for the kids to play in the summer?
- Historical markers, bird identification guides

Q9 Which improvements do you feel should be undertaken at the Modroo property?

- No asphalt, no lime gravel, near conifers
- Use the master plan (April 2017) as a guide for improvements. Gravel path system with shorter and longer loops. Informal multi use playfield (open space). Small parking area with trailhead. Small picnic shelter, tables and benches. Variety of habitat areas both preserved and created. Signage/wayfinding. Neighborhood connection at Riddle Road.
- B&B, farm market, community garden, picnic area
- im not in favor of russell owning modroo so I will abstain here
- none russel should have never ever purchased this and now i bet you'll ask for a tax so thse rich people looking at the land don't have to se homes that should have been built there up scale home they pay high property taxes benefiting us all all madroo does is benefit a few
- recreation areas for teens/young adults. see preceding question
- Plant trees public park u get the public who will pay to care 4 it the land conservancy
- very few interior trails. small parking. no large accomodations
- Real nature is good.
- water fountain, toilets
- SELL IT TO A YOUNG FARMER ACTUALLY PRESERVE IT1
- life is better if there is a place filled with nature to walk
- Sunny lake is nice, some natural path within parkland would be nice
- Parking

Q9 (continued) Which improvements do you feel should be undertaken at the Modroo property?

- This should be a passive park. As a senior, I do not want to be saddled with additional taxation for pet owners to be able to let their dogs off a leash when they can train their dog to stay in their own yard to run. Pet parks are not a need . Pet parks create incidents and create the opportunity for an incident to happen to humans and their own trained dogs. It would be irresponsible to suggest that high income housing that provides legitimate taxes to endure the noise of sports events in what is clearly a residential area. NO IMPROVEMENTS TO MODROO. When money is tight. the likelihood of developing Modroo to be a hidden park like Russell Uplands, is more than the budget that exists. Where will the funds come from to screen trails with pines and protect homeowners from barking dogs, celebrations that can be held in existing parks or at home since Russell Township has large lot zoning. A passive park is enjoyed by those who travel the road daily and see the changing colors, appreciate breathing space for humans and animals who were driven from the original Modroo property when housing was developing on the north side of Hemlock Road. NO MORE TAXES is something the committee should consider when looking at the recent tax hikes that were HUGE in the land surrounding Modroo.
- Some paved walking area
- leave it alone
- No signage up yet that grounds are open/accessible.
- Any of the above above would be fine
- VERY SMALL parking area. A small (4 car) lot would ensure there would not be overcrowding and parties held. A natural (gravel) surface should be used.
- Make it a working/learning farm of some sort like the original plan. It's a perfect opportunity to utilize it and perhaps have it make money for the benefit of the parks
- None
- Not sure, How are you going to pay for improvements? Didn't you spend all of your funds purchasing it? How many parks does Russell need? How many can you realistically operate?
- Establish native fruit trees, berry bushes, and other companion species using non-invasive permaculture farming techniques. As the harvest grows establish a market for the produce with opportunities to educate and involve the community.
- Playground, or natural play area

Q12 Do you own land you would like to donate for preservation?

- I all ready have with no thanks future will go through Cleveland foundation
- I HAVE LAND THAT WISH I HAD NEVER OWNED IN RUSSELL TWP. THOSE INVOLVED IN THESE LAND GRABS ARE THE MOST SELFISH, INCONSIDERATE, LEACHES OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINED AND MORE INTERESTED IN PARKS AND PUPPIES THAN THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE.
- Not sure. Hillbrook condos has 11 owners. There is a meadow that could potentially be preserved.
- We have considered it. But are reconsidering since the prior board attempted to sell off Russell land to a developer.
- I would never donate land because you over tax us to use the land our taxes have already paid for.

Q13 Would you like to donate money for Russell Township Park improvements?

- No improvements coordinate cooperate w/ 511 board. My donations will go to the 511
- Possibly. I need to think about this.
- you have enough of my tax money
- I can donate volunteer time.
- HOW MANY WEEKS OF MY FOOD BUDGET DO YOU MORANS THINK YOU CAN EXTRACT? CAN YOU FACE YOURSELVES IN A MIRRO? 10 WEEKS FOR MORE TAXES LAST YEAR WASN'T ENOUGH? AND, TWP EMPLOYEES GET GENEROUS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.
- Can't now, but maybe after kids leave the house!
- It would depend on what the money was used for
- I would donate for land purchases as long as they are kept for open space but I don't feel our land should be used for other purposes. We have dozens of ball fields, play grounds, etc within a 5 minute drive from Russell and we DO NOT need any more. Look at the property values in Gates Mills and Hunting Valley. They remain high because of the beauty and natural appearance of those communities. That is also why people move to Russell. Lets avoid looking like every other cookie cutter community and keep Russell special.
- Possibly if I knew it was being managed conservatively
- not at this time
- If projects are identified for Modroo Farm that require the purchase of native plants, I would be willing to make a donation toward the purchase.

Q14 Would you like to volunteer in the Russell Township Parks?

- I have been a volunteer.
- Possibly.
- toooooooooo political
- ANY RATIONAL PERSON AWARE OF THE ISSUES FACING THIS AREA, THIS STATE AND THIS NATION COULD NOT POSSIBLY SLEEP AT NIGHT AND BE INVOLVED IN THE MISUSE OF TAXPAYER MONEY THAT LAND CONSERVANCY REPRESENTS IN RUSSELL TWP AND ACROSS THE NATION.
- When I retire I will!
- Maybe - I would need to know in what capacity
- When I retire in a few years
- Not at this time but possibly in the future

Q16 Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

- Being a resident is not relevant. The 1545 pk Board is controlled at the county level by Judge Timothy Grendell at whose pleasure the pk board serves.
- Is there a system in place to determine priority properties for acquisition either based on conservation or recreation potential? Is there an understanding of what recreation assets the community needs/wants? Is there a mechanism to determine if a site is suitable for a proposed use (like a ballfield for instance)? If not, an assessment should be made to form a better understanding of the opportunities, needs and constraints that exist. Establishing a criteria for selection based on the wants and needs of the community can help inform and justify the purchase and uses of future properties. If properties are environmentally sensitive they should given priority status for acquisition and preservation. Properties do not have to be "used" or even accessible by the public for them to be an important asset to the community. The acquisition of land for conservation and to keep the rural character of Russell is critical and should be a priority given the development pressure in the area. There will always be a chance in the future to develop a property for public use but if the land is not acquired when available that opportunity will be lost forever. Creating links and corridors with other preserved land should be a priority. The website looks great. Additional information on the location and assets of the properties would be helpful if they are intended to be accessible. If a property is too sensitive or inaccessible for public use that should be explained.
- Even though I don't often visit Russell Parks, I value the environmental services and urban buffer they provide.
- I love the fact that Russell has more green space than other townships and villages in Geauga if what I heard is correct. I have acreage and if I can leave it to Russell I will. I have not made up my mind but if I thought they would sell the land, then no. I want Russell to stay as green as possible with places for people to enjoy hiking, walking, and eating and observing nature. That is all. Like living outdoor museums. This is the essence of healthy living. With so much electromagnetic radiation impacting everyone every day, we need as much oxygen from trees as we can get to help all animals, and that includes homo sapiens, and the air. The future will belong to communities that were sharp enough to protect their most valuable assets. Land. You are doing a great job. Thank you for your hard work and for caring.
- Where are the parks? I would like a map.

Q16 (continued) Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

- to leave the beautiful trees, waterways, natural flowers, and wildlife - is the greatest legacy for our grandchildren to enjoy and maintain ... for eternity
- im concerned that the purchase of modroo was more than the township could afford and that acquiring it was not in the best interest of the entire township. I am not in support of this endeavor.
- no new taxes for madroo !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I answered no on questions 13 and 14, but doesn't mean no. at the moment I don't care to give my name until I know more
- I remain a resident in northeast Ohio because of our fantastic park systems. With the ever expanding retail outlets and unnecessary shopping malls, I'm a huge fan of land preservation for the benefit of the people and wildlife. But I also like to see parks minimally developed; natural based trails, small parking lots, low impact structures.
- Not at all happy with how Judge Grendell runs things!
- Russell can't take care what have to use land conservancy to make a park for chagrin residents does that make sense will need more police
- I live very close to Modroo. I do not want large or loud groups. No vineyard, paved paths or anything that will increase traffic and noise to area.
- I would like the Modroo field to remain field, possibly to grow Timothy as it has in the past, by local farmers. And if this not possible, to have it be a passive Park.

Q16 (continued) Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

- I disagree with the establishment of the new park district. This was apparently an offshoot of the "save our parks" movement, which seems to be an effort to preserve the parks for equestrians and conservationists and to thwart the attempts of a judge to promote usage by all citizens. I have even heard complaints about children being in the parks--seriously? There is no reason why conservation, recreation, and outdoor exercise cannot coexist. See Reagan Park for an example. There are activities for many groups of people, but the rich riparian ecosystem is thriving. We are probably going to sell our house in Geauga County and move to a different county because of the attitudes of people toward the use of the parks. We enjoy hiking in the Geauga Parks (including Russell Uplands), but we need to leave the county to mountain bike. We would use Russell Uplands more often, but we have been charged by unleashed dogs there several times, including one time when the owner was not even in view for at least 5 minutes after the dog charged us. We have called the police, but there does not seem to be much that they can do. Instead of "dogs must be on leash" signs, consider "\$xxx fine for dogs off leash" signs. Then enforce this. We may have used some of the other parks, but there are no signs, so we do not know what those parks are called. Google can only find Russell Uplands. There is a park along Silver Creek just north of 87. I go there several times a week to hike and bird, but I do not know if it is a Geauga park or a Russell park. We will not vote to give any money to Russell parks unless we know that the money will be used to benefit all Russell citizens.
- your website gives no info about the individual parks, specifically, access locations, parking
- I think unpaved, natural preservations are very important for our community and the wider eco-system.
- HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED AT RUSSELL TWP AS IT IS? WHY ARE THERE VACANT HOUSES? WHY IS THAT LOG STILL LAYING IN THAT DITCH? WHAT DITCH? WHY DOES THE WATER STINK? SAME EYES SOUR 40 YEARS LATER. LOOK AT THE DAMN DATA. CAN THE AVERAGE AFFORD ANOTHER PARK BURDEN?
- We are strongly against ANY development of the natural space that Madroo represents. Maintain the parks you have already, but do not add new cost burdens for the residents.
- Some of the responses may change if an agreeable merger of the two park commissions in Russell are merged without micromanagement and interference by the Probate Court

Q16 (continued) Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

- I hope that the new park commissioners will remain true to the desire of Russell residents, that the Russell township parks serve the PRIMARY purpose of preserving greenspace and wilderness in our community. Passive use such as walking or hiking (without intrusive trail building or paving) is the second purpose. Clearing land, cutting down trees, and constructing buildings and sports facilities have NO place in the Russell park system.
- doesn't make sense to me that we have a separate infrastructure from the Geauga Park district, since we already pay taxes and they have the resources to maintain parks.
- Finish website so I can read about the various properties.
- I don't support holding land that only benefits the immediate neighbors. Parks should be parks: accessible, parking, trails. Russell parks do not need to support athletic fields.
- I have been a resident for 39 years. Respecting low impact on land has been a reason why we moved here. The monies set aside from the Conservancy are a pittance. If the board decides to "do what they can with what they have", then the park will look the eyesore that the park on Bell Road remains. The difference is that Modroo land is located in a high end residential area/ "Get by", is not what the residents surrounding the land will accept. I was at the meeting where a woman who is not on the committee kept saying. "Everyone wants it." She is a recent resident who is not speaking for the people who will be impacted by park development on the Modroo land. The ponds in the area carry sound from Modroo to Twin Lakes Trail. We don't want barking dogs or any noise created by sports fields. We don't want to see a parking lot that isn't hidden from site as it is at Russell Uplands. Respect the fallow land. "Everyone" doesn't want development.
- I am a previous Russell Township resident and currently reside in South Russell. We continue to use Russell Township parks and love the area.
- We appreciate all you do to keep our beautiful township a green space.
- get one park board!

Q16 (continued) Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

- None
- We were Russell residents from 2004-2015 until we downsized. We would have stayed if we'd found the right property. We follow and support the work to preserve natural land.
- South Russell resident.
- Parks and open spaces define why I moved here fro CLE HTS.
- We are very interested in having all of the current park property preserved without granting additional access that would increase traffic. Having large amounts of untouched property in Russell is part of its charm. We like having the parks that exist and we highly value keeping the Dines Road conservancy property untouched without access to the public.
- There should not be any activities that disrupt the wildlife in the parks.
- Do as little as possible beyond maintaining what exists. Do not raise taxes.
- I believe I fall in to the South Russell area but would love to participate in volunteer work. My parents live in Russell off Hillbrook and I will direct them to the survey.
- Love walking in the parks
- We need to preserve the Modroo house and additional acreage as well.
- Off-leash dog parks are a bad idea due to lack of proper maintenance, safety issues and potential transmitted diseases between dogs.

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- We do not need twopark boards. The voters approved the new district please convey all the land you own to the new park district.
- PLEASE, let's avoid the mistakes of Grendell's past board appointees. Russell is still a very special place and let's try to take politics and greed out of the picture. Let's keep our water sources pristine and our nature and wildlife intact of us and future generations.
- I answered the questions about additional taxes reluctantly because I doubt that I would vote for a levy for this park district. Russell residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of forming a new park district. I don't understand why your park district is not fulfilling the wishes of Russell residents by transferring park properties to the new park district. Once our township parks are in the control of the new park district that we voted for, then I would happily vote for a levy to fund that park district.
- I don't believe the existing parks need to be made into "active" parks as in ball fields etc. but I would like to see them be more available to be used by residents. And not just private "buffers" for their immediate neighbors.
- The Moodroo fight was over the top, you made us look foolish.
- please keep the Modroo property as it currently appears - do not add parking or any athletic fields
- I do not want to see our parks advertised on television. We pay for those parks, they are for our community to enjoy, not the world. Get those ads off of TV. Who has been paying for the ads? I really want to know before I commit any money to the parks.
- I would like to see Modroo Farm become a township asset unlike any of the other township parks. Here is a chance to set an example of land stewardship that provides multiple benefits to the community. From scenic beauty and natural habitat, to sustainable native plants that enrich the soil and produce nutrient dense food, and on to opportunities to educate and involve, this land can be the forefront of healthy projects that involve the community on many levels.
- Please continue to work closely with the Foundation for Geauga Parks. They work hard to generate funds for ALL parks in the county, with strong interest in Modroo.
- Would love to see the parks used for family activities and to have a nice playground or nature play type area in Russell so we dont have to drive to other towns to play.