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II. KEY FINDINGS

A. AWARENESS AND PERCEPTIONS OF ISLAND REC

i. Familiarity & Satisfaction

Residents were asked about their familiarity with Island Rec, its recreation programs, events and parks. A majority (55%) were very familiar, and a plurality (41%) noted being somewhat familiar. Combined, a high degree of awareness (96%) about Island Rec exists among respondents. No significant gender or age differences were noted in the results.

Concerning the level of satisfaction about recreation programs, a strong majority (84%) indicated satisfaction. The following table illustrates the degree of satisfaction for recreation programs. Also, a strong majority (98.6%) valued recreation programs as an element of the Island’s quality of life.

Satisfaction with operation of recreation programs (Q2)

Very satisfied	62.5%	83.6%
Somewhat satisfied	21.1%	
Somewhat dissatisfied	2.5%	7.9%
Very dissatisfied	5.4%	

A majority of residents (79%) noted general satisfaction with the operation of Island Rec parks, and respondents strongly valued (96.7%) parks as an element of local quality of life.

Satisfaction with operation of Island Rec parks (Q4)

Very satisfied	52.1%	78.5%
Somewhat satisfied	26.4%	
Somewhat dissatisfied	3.9%	6.4%
Very dissatisfied	2.5%	

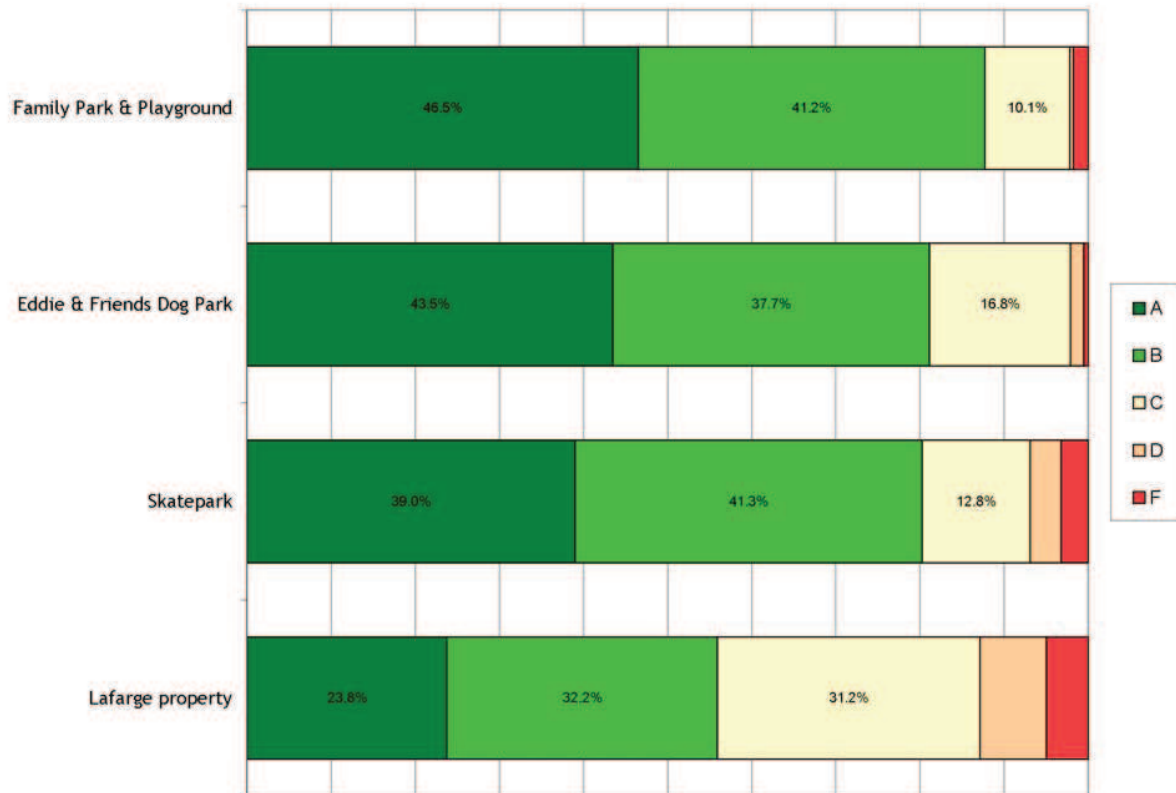
The survey also asked respondents to grade the maintenance and operation of specific parks. Responses to this question were somewhat limited with approximately two-thirds of respondents answering the question. As such, the data is useful as anecdotal information, and they were consistent with the general impressions noted above. Overall, respondents ranked Island Rec park sites with A^s and B^s (on an A - F scale). The following table illustrates park maintenance responses.

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Level of satisfaction with the maintenance and upkeep of specific parks (Q20)



ii. Community Value of Parks and Recreation

Nearly all respondents (99.3%) noted that Island Rec’s parks and recreation services were important to the community’s quality of life, regardless of their use of the services. No gender or age based differences in the results were noted.

Members of my household frequently use Island Rec’s parks and recreation services, and I believe these are important to my community’s quality of life.	44.8%	99.3%
Although members of my household do not frequently use Island Rec’s parks and recreation services, I believe these are important to my community’s quality of life.	54.5%	
Parks and recreation services are not important to my community’s quality of life.	0.7%	

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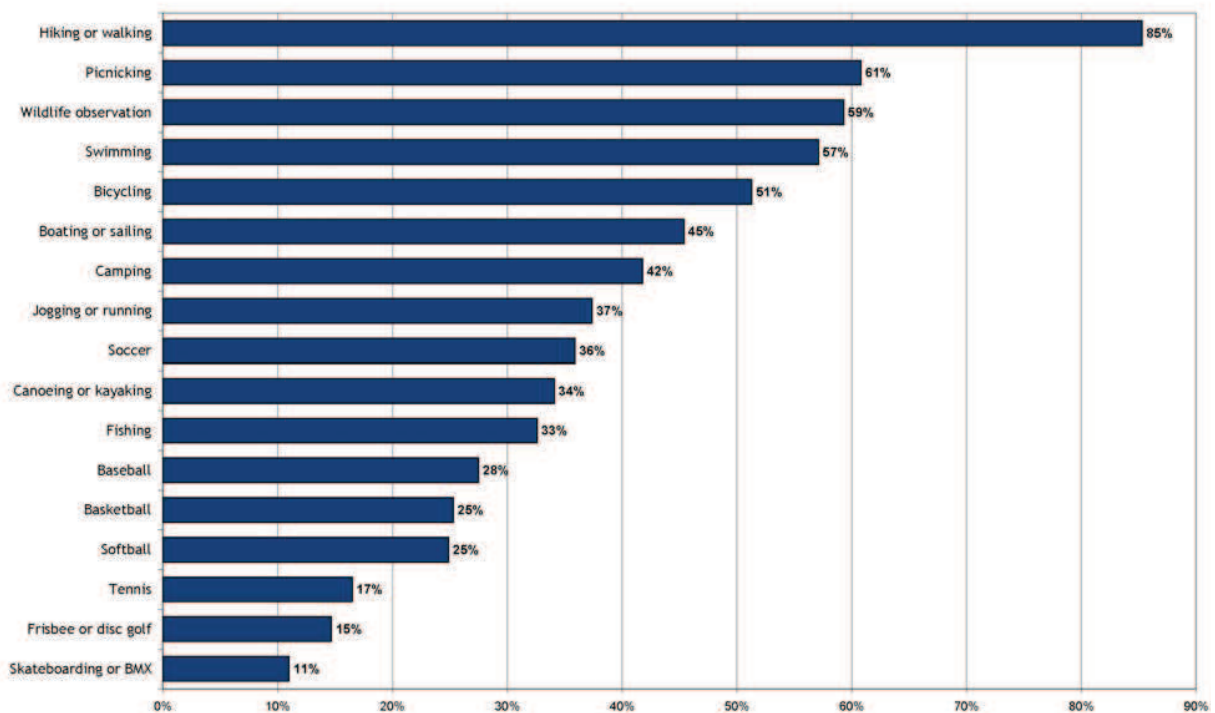
B. PUBLIC USE OF RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

i. Participation In Outdoor Recreation

Residents were asked how frequently over the past year they or a member of their household had participated in outdoor recreation opportunities on San Juan Island. The results are ranked in popularity, and the top three activities are as follows.

1. Hiking or walking
2. Picnicking
3. Wildlife observation
4. Swimming
5. Bicycling

Participation in Outdoor Recreation by Activity (Q7)



Respondents were also offered an “other” choice in the selection to accommodate write-in responses. Approximately 20% of respondents identified activities other than those from the provided list. The following are the most frequently identified activities.

1. Dog Walking / Dog Park
2. Roller Hockey / Rollerblading
3. Football

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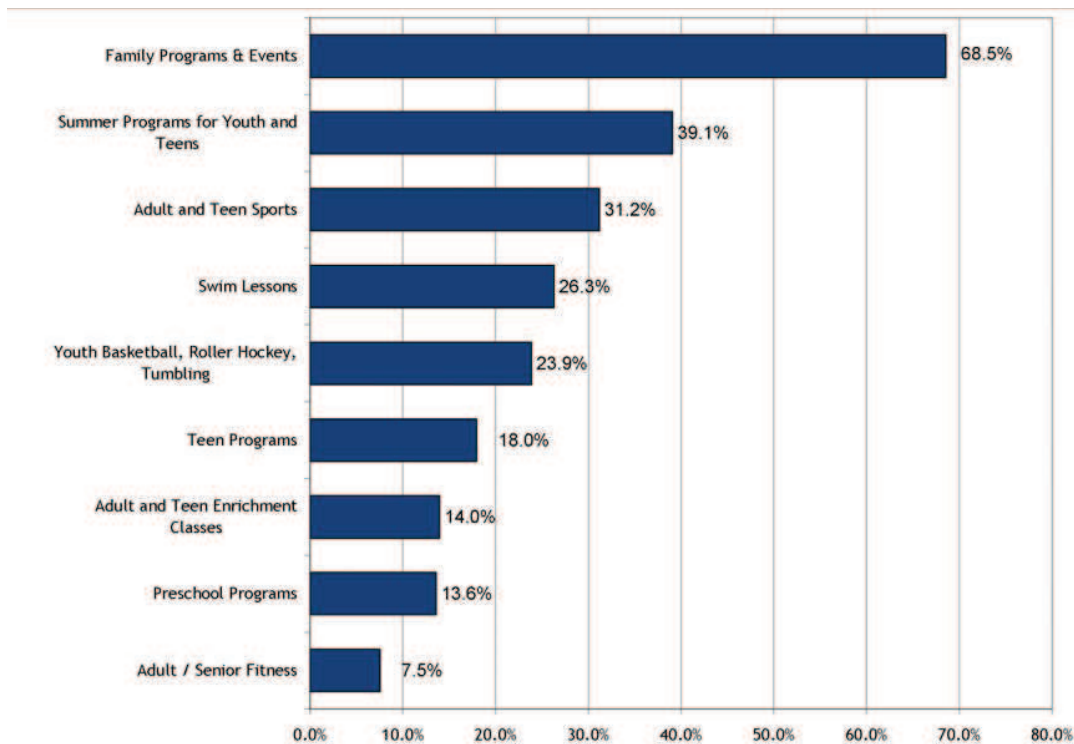
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4. Horseback Riding
5. Badminton
6. Climbing
7. Pickleball

ii. Participation In Recreation Programs

A strong majority (84%) of respondents indicated that they or a family member participated in at least one Island Rec program over the past year. Family programs and events had the highest participation (69%) of the recreation programs listed. The following table ranks in descending order the noted participation by activity.

Participation in Recreation Programs Offered by Island Rec (Q8)



When asked about the frequency of participation in Island Rec programs, approximately two-thirds of respondents offered feedback, and half (49.5%) of the respondents cited participation of 6 or more times in the past year. The results are summarized as follows:

Frequency of Participation in Island Rec programs (Q10)

	0 times	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-10 times	>10 times
Count	22	23	53	45	51
Percentage	11%	12%	27%	23%	26%

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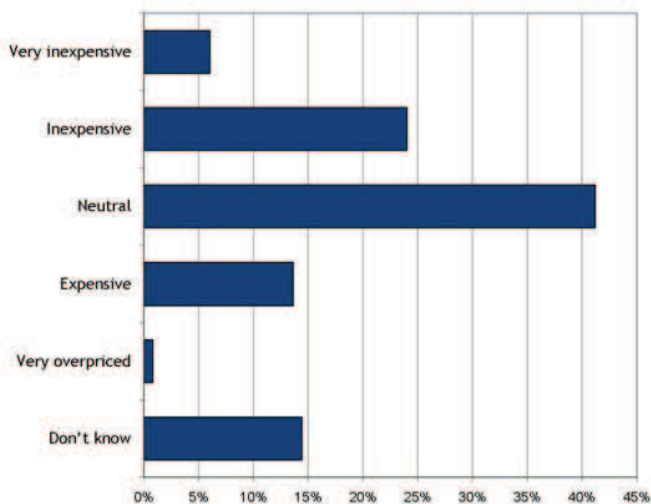
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iii. Program Accessibility and Affordability

When asked about the general impression of program affordability, 14% of respondents classified program costs as either expensive or very expensive. A strong plurality (41%) were neutral, and a plurality (30%) felt programs were inexpensive. No age or gender differences were noted in the responses.

Perception of Program Affordability (Q14)



Respondents were asked to identify potential barriers to participation in Island Rec programs. The following list identifies the top five responses in descending order, with the frequency of the response noted in parentheses.

1. Busy/no time (54%)
2. Not interested in available activities (40%)
3. Cost/expensive (15%)
4. Not aware of programs (14%)
5. Times are inconvenient (14%)

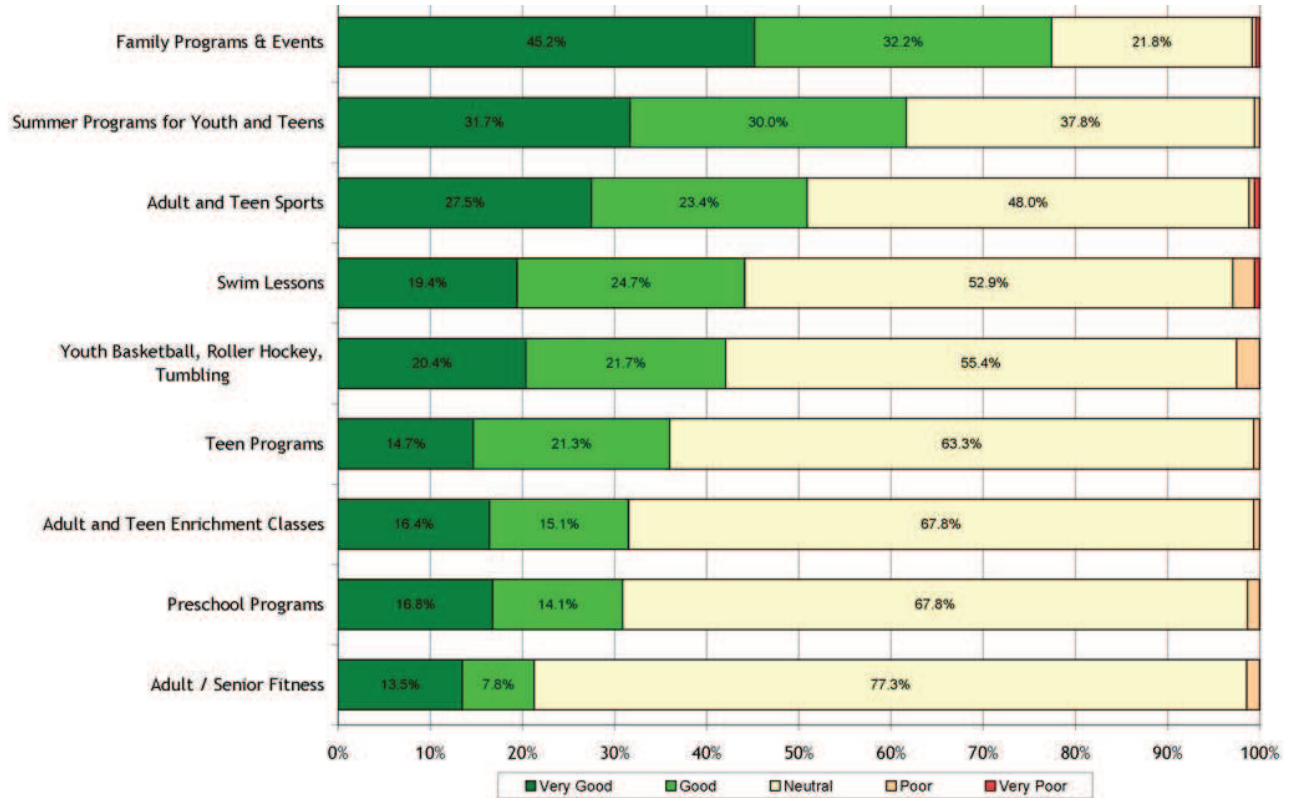
Respondents were also asked to rate the quality of their experiences for each recreation program area. Only about half of the respondents provided input on this question, and responses were limited to those that they or their family participated in or were familiar with. As a result, this data does not provide a clear indication of program quality. The use of class evaluation forms at the end of each program or class is a more direct way to assess the perceived quality of participants.

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Perceived Quality of Individual Recreation Program Areas (Q9)



C. PROGRAM AND FACILITY PRIORITIES

i. Recreation Programs

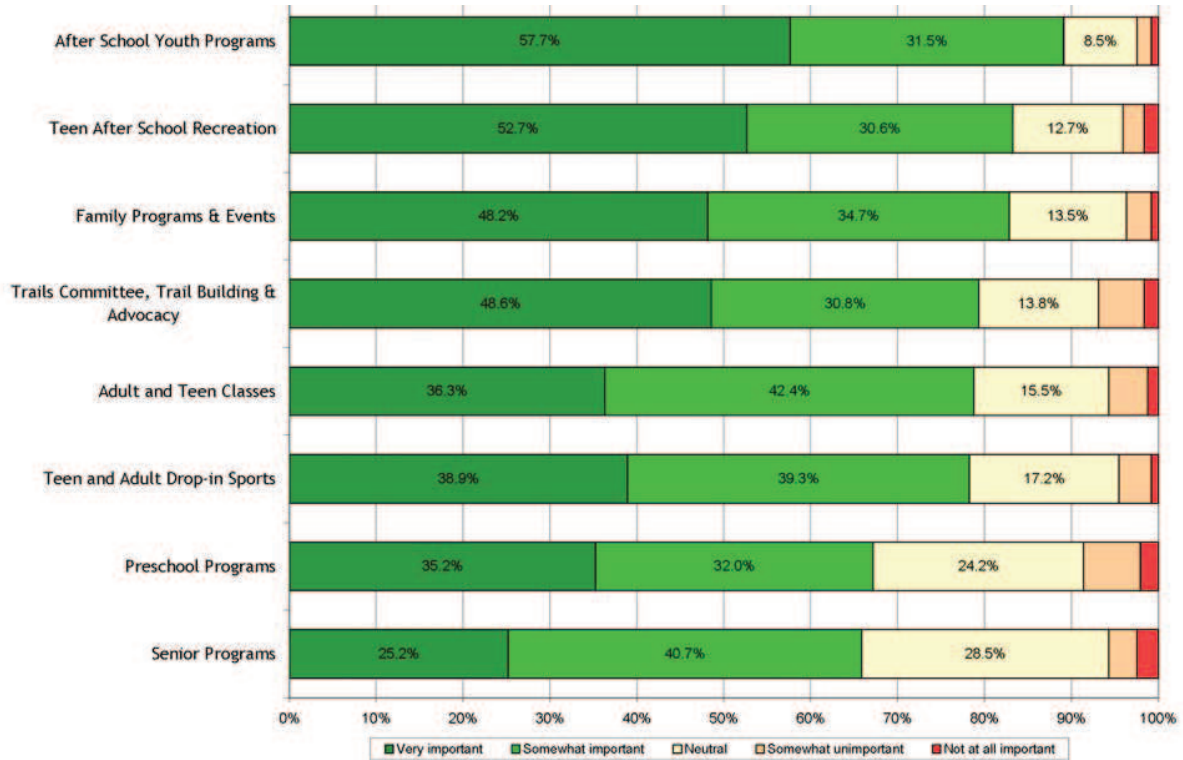
Respondents were asked to rate the importance of recreation programs in an effort to assess an overall priority for future recreation program planning. After school programs for youth and for teens rated highest (89% and 83%, respectively) in terms of being important or very important, followed by family programs and events (83%). Preschool and senior programs were rated lowest in comparison to other recreation program offerings. Respondents between 24 and 34 more strongly supported preschool programs than the average, and seniors over 65 were more strongly in favor of teen after school recreation programs. No significant gender differences were noted in the responses.

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Importance of Recreation Programming by Type (Q13)



ii. Park Facilities

Respondents were asked to rank in priority a set of park projects or amenities using a forced ranking method. The intent of the question was to try to assess the relative importance of a range of park facilities against each other. The priority ranking follows:

1. Sport fields development at Carter Street
2. Multi-use recreation center or teen center
3. Walking paths
4. Multi-use, paved trails
5. Playgrounds
6. Lafarge property (former gravel pit) development into a park
7. Picnic shelters for gatherings
8. Land acquisition for future parks

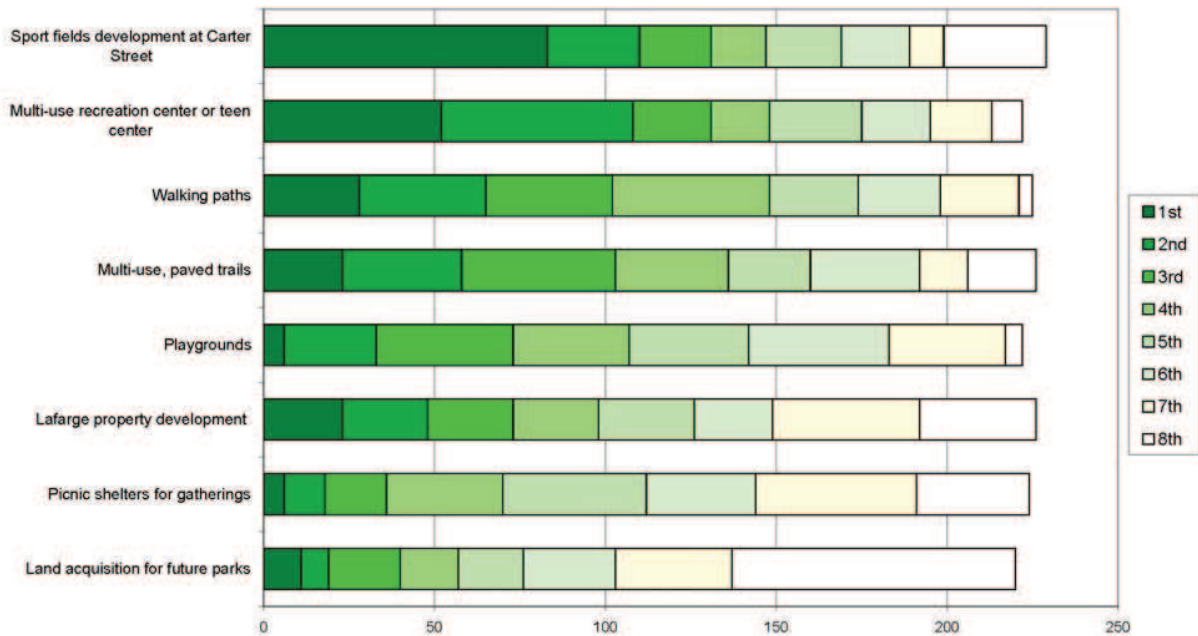
Approximately 25% of respondents identified the Carter Street fields as their top priority project, and their interest in a multi-use recreation center was nearly identical. Support for the Carter Street project was reinforced by open-ended responses to Question 21, along with responses regarding funding support in Question 18. The following chart illustrates the overall strength of responses by selected ranking.

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Priority Ranking of Park Facilities (Q15)



With regard to the role of Island Rec in purchasing additional lands for active recreation use, the results were mixed. Only slightly more respondents valued land acquisition as important. No age or gender differences were noted in the responses.

Importance of Acquiring New Active Use Park Lands (Q17)

Very important	17.7%	44.6%
Somewhat important	26.9%	
Neutral	20.9%	
Somewhat unimportant	18.5%	34.6%
Not at all important	16.1%	

iii. Carter Street Fields

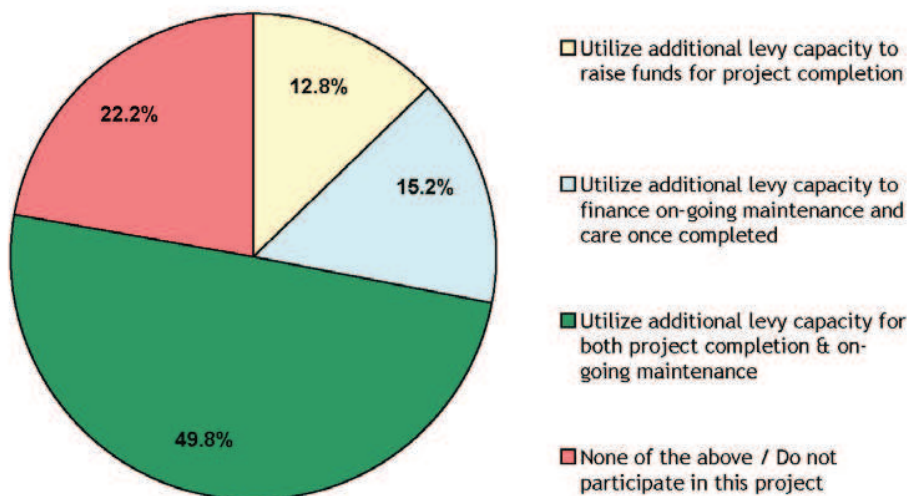
Respondent opinions were mixed about the role of Island Rec in the completion and maintenance of the Carter Street fields project. Nearly half (49.8%) felt it important for the District to participate in both the development and maintenance of the project. Almost even percentages wanted to use levy funds for either project completion or on-going maintenance (13% and 15%, respectively). Male respondents and those ages 45 to 55 were more in favor of the District being fully involved in this project. Nearly one-quarter (22.2%) were not in favor of Island Rec utilizing levy funds to assist

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this project; women and those ages 55 and older were more strongly against the project than the average.

Although responses were mixed regarding a specific approach for Island Rec's potential involvement, a majority (78%) of respondents favored some level of funding support toward this project. Additionally, this sentiment is consistent with the ranking of this project against other potential projects or park facilities, as noted in the above results from Question 15.

Preferred Participation Approach to Carter Street Fields (Q18)



iv. Lafarge Property Development

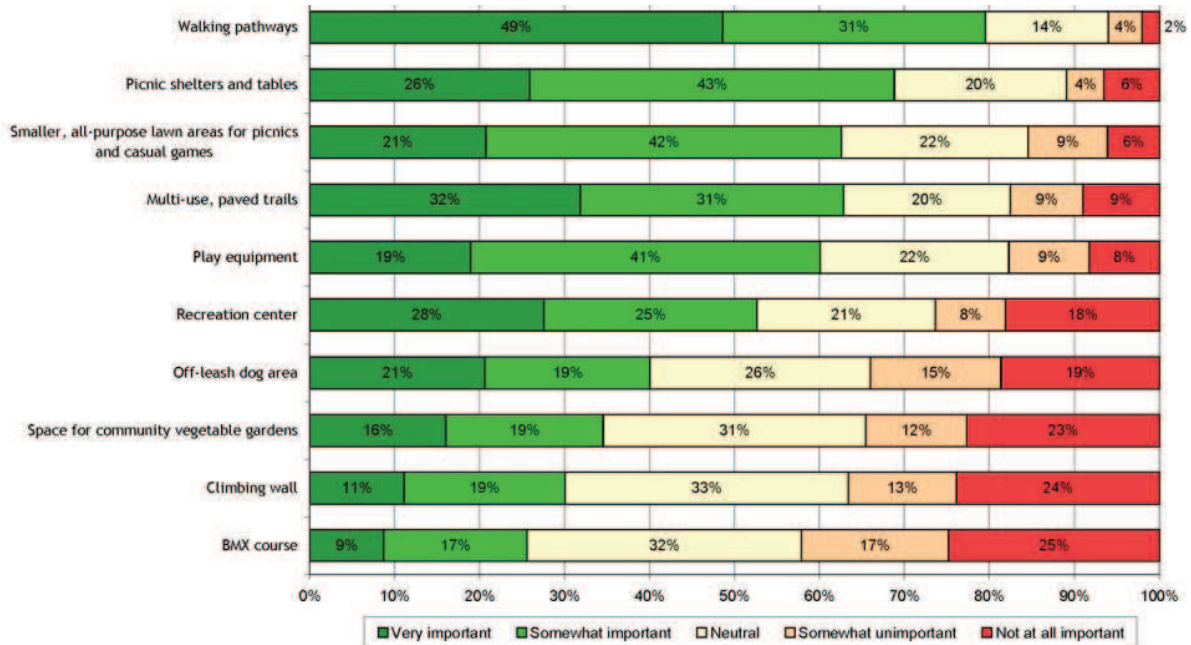
When asked about the future development of the Lafarge property, respondents were predominantly in favor of passive recreation opportunities, such as walking and picnicking. A few distinctions existed between age groups. Respondents aged 25 to 34 more strongly favored the development of a recreation center on site. Seniors aged 55 to 64 favored more strongly waling pathways. Respondents between 35 and 44 more strongly favored the installation of playground equipment. No significant gender differences were apparent between the amenity choices.

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Importance of Park Element Types for Development of the Lafarge Property (Q19)



v. Overall Priorities (Open-Ended)

Residents were asked what they believed were the three most important improvements, programs or facilities for Island Rec (Q21). Approximately one-half of survey respondents completed this question, and fewer provided responses for each of the three priorities. Gender and age subgroup analysis were not available for this (or other) open-ended question.

Representative Comments:

- “Carter Street Fields developed for general and school use”*
- “More widely distributed funding for scholarships, sliding fee scale or volunteer hours trade for fees”*
- “Continuation of seasonal sports and other activities for kids of all ages.”*
- “Carefully manage and maintain the programs and facilities, go easy and carefully into new opportunities.”*
- “Develop Lafarge property into a beautiful multi purpose park”*
- “Multi-use paved trails around more of the island; let's promote biking & walking by providing safe routes”*
- “Activities for all ages of kids-- especially for after school”*

Responses were group by type and tallied. The most frequently cited improvements are noted below.

1. Completion of Carter Street fields
2. Trail development
3. Continued and expanded programs for youth and teens

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III. DEMOGRAPHICS

The following table compares the Census 2000 San Juan County demographic information to the community survey. Revised figures from the 2010 Census are not yet available at this level of detail. The responses generated from this survey generally are similar in demographics to that of the census data, certain distinctions exist. This web-based survey did not accommodate a controlled collection protocol, and response quotas by age or gender were not included. As a result, responses on this survey are skewed to slightly younger, more women and those with children under 18 years of age.







Demographic Group	US Census (2000 Population)	Survey (N=280)
Gender		
Female	51%	66%
Male	49%	34%
Age		
18-34	13%	13%
35-54	44%	51%
55 and above	43%	36%
Household Information		
Households with children under age 18	23%	50%
Residency Type		
Own	66%	83%
Rent	34%	17%



Note: Census figures represent the entirety of San Juan County



The following tables detail the demographic profile of survey respondents by type.

1. What is your gender			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		33.7%	84
Female		66.3%	165
answered question			249
skipped question			31






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2. What is your age?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 24		2.8%	7
25 to 34		10.4%	26
35 to 44		24.3%	61
45 to 54		26.7%	67
55 to 64		16.7%	42
65 and over		19.1%	48
		answered question	251
		skipped question	29

3. Are you a full-time resident of San Juan Island?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		96.0%	239
No		4.0%	10
		answered question	249
		skipped question	31

4. Do you own or rent your home?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Own		83.0%	205
Rent		17.0%	42
		answered question	247
		skipped question	33

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5. How many children under age 18 currently live in your home?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
0		49.6%	123
1		14.1%	35
2		24.2%	60
3		9.3%	23
4		2.8%	7
5 or more		0.0%	0
		answered question	248
		skipped question	32

6. In what age ranges are the children? (Select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
4 and younger		22.9%	33
5 to 10		48.6%	70
11 to 15		44.4%	64
16 and older		29.2%	42
		answered question	144
		skipped question	136

IV. OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

The following represent the written comments received for the open-ended questions of the survey. Responses have not been sorted or arranged in any manner.

Comments about how to make programs more accessible (Q12).

- More notices in the newspaper/internet
- Add more senior programs
- More for younger ages - 7 and under
- The programs are great - I'm just not a groupie
- Reduced fees?

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Join the Bike Paths Subcommittee of the Trails Committee to actively promote biking education and safety on the island. Advocate for cycling as a method of transportation.

More affordable-scholarships based on real need of families at the time of services, job loss and other factors play into the need for more comprehensive scholarship coverage

Think you do a good job, just is a different season in my life now but will be back doing Island Rec in the future.

We are quite happy with the accessibility of programs with IR.

Maybe offering the same class or service more than once?

See previous comments for last question. Additionally, it would be nice if you offered more programs for children under four.

Look at scheduling conflicts. Offer more activities. Summer baseball for kids.

Stay affordable good locations factor in working people's hours

I believe some activities used to be "pick up." These activities became "co-opted" by Island Rec and then people had to pay to participate in something that had been free and open because the facilities were no longer available for "pick up" I also used to enjoy certain activities with my family until additional rules were applied and my children were no longer allowed to participate. Only people without children are allowed to use the dog park, too. So I believe making your activities more "child friendly" would be an appropriate approach for your organization. I definitely feel alienated and much less enthusiastic about your organization as the years have gone by. Being more flexible would be helpful. I also believe your organization has missed out on donations and more participation because of this lack of flexibility.

I am unable physically to participate in most adult programs. You might think of more activities suitable for those with limited mobility.

Age groups are too broad. Older kids would go if the age ranges were smaller. They show up and there are just lower age-range kids there. YIPES!

Maintaining, expanding and supporting creative partnerships, even 'out of the box' partnerships with organizations not normally thought of as recreation. I think you are doing a fantastic job by the way!

Friendly staff

N/A. We participate in many of the programs that are available to our children. There are many more programs that they are interested in, but they aren't old enough for them (they are currently elementary school age). Something to look forward to!

I don't have any children at home. Occasionally grandchildren take part in activities. You are doing a great job. I take part in as many activities that fit my time schedule.

Money is a concern -

Island Rec is very effective in including as many interested people as possible. Well organized and very responsive to needs/interests

The programs are great. We do as much as we can do on our free time.

I've read the flyers. Somehow, I don't fit in many of the offered activities because of targeted age / health or interest requirements.

I don't have kids...

Create more programs for children ages 3 and 4....

If we had more venues and fields, program options could be more varied and prime time scheduling more available.

If F.H. had an Orcas quality skatepark, the skating tourists from all over the world (myself included) who love "skate camping" on Orcas, would likely travel to F.H. first because eastbound ferry traffic is free, and the draw of TWO world class island skateparks would bring more tourist dollars to BOTH islands. I grew up getting ticketed for skateboarding in F.H., but always visit Orcas INSTEAD of F.H. because of their skate park's superiority. (which is 8 miles from the ferry terminal...LAME!)

Islandrec does a great job of promoting their programs. We take advantage of what fits our schedule.

Age 0-4 programs should not be scheduled between 1-4, that is nap time.

I think teaming up with the FRC would be good, and doing sibling friendly activities like farm walks etc could be more of a family affair at times.

How about a program where parents/teens could volunteer to receive a scholarship or discount on island rec programs

More 3 years to 8 years programs that are low cost for dollar stressed low income families

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Can IR facilitate other league activities (e.g. Volleyball, hockey) Is it possible to have family-oriented leagues (e.g. Kickball)?
Friends and family are on the island 130 days a year, enjoy lots of activities without needing organized events. I feel they are completely accessible
No. I'm sure you're doing a fine job, but I presently have no need of your services. I'm very glad we have a dog park...
Every time I get the brochure for island rec I look hoping to find anything at all interesting for ADULTS but I never find anything year after year. It seems way too geared for school aged children
Make badminton, ping pong open at 7pm during winter
More ball fields. My kids cant play games or practice due to lack of fields
My children are younger, there is not a whole lot of available activities for my youngest child. Would like to see more, like a Camp Eagle Rock for smaller kids: Lets go Eagletts!
Some programs might benefit from using more volunteers. For example, having roller hockey and skating only 1 day per week is too infrequent.
It's me, not you... Got to get out more
I think they good a great job right now. Not all activities are appropriate for me though.
Would love to see more day trip nature type programs for kids...maybe in conjunction with the SJ nature institute
Somehow I just didn't think Rec served seniors. I'll be looking for those programs in the future.
We will grow into many programs as our family grows up.
Need better facilities and more facilities for sports programs such as baseball, soccer, summer programs
Have more programs that target active seniors and their interests. Do not expect young old people to go to Mullis Center for activities because it has the stigma of being for the old and we are trying to avoid that as long as we can.
Programs are needed that the physically disabled , i.e. Kids/adults in wheelchairs, etc, can participate in.
Programs should be free. We already pay for them, each family that pays taxes should receive a pass. Lower middle class families cannot afford to pay more even if its only a few bucks per head, yet lower middle class families are expected to pay. Offer fewer programs if that's what it takes.
Island Rec does a great job
I would like to see more adult enrichment programs and adult outdoor excursions. Often the teen programs sound interesting, but I am 64.
I think they are very accessible. I have two kids involved in a sport at school every season, so we just don't have the time and in the summer they are working.
I believe that Island Rec does an excellent job and I have observed the expansion of programs and offerings over the years.
My family participated in more programs when my kids were younger
Our kids are now teens so they are less interested. Maybe increased teen involvement early on in the planning and creation stages would encourage more teens to come.
Seems like all the adult classes are very expensive.
It's disappointing to have great programs like roller hockey and family skate night end so early in the year.
Do you put flyers around town?
What about email alerts that people could sign up for? E.g. I want to be notified about upcoming senior events, outdoor events, preschool events etc.?

Comments about the highest ranked priority from Question #15 (Q16).

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multi use of gravel pit would serve all ages
this could be a great sport field if managed correctly
there is plenty already without more tax dollars being spent on recreation activities
a nice waterfront park with a view

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Our children need to be occupied and provided for
not enough for young people to do
I think we have to provide activities and a place for teens
there is a need for fields or pickleball courts
that particular site has great potential for the public, both residents and tourists
nice location, could be a great park
family outdoor time
it's an eyesore and waste right now - time for the community to do it right
Important to have facilities for youth and personally enjoy hiking areas
provide multiple options for future as land cost and availability will be limited
after school programs for kids very important
I think it is important or young adults to have a safe place to be
Exercise available to greatest number, being in nature, fresh air, conserving open space
Age of my children & recognizing there aren't many playgrounds on the island (1 at Fair Grounds Park & 1 at
Roche Harbor...Does Sunken Park count? 1/2 a Park?)
getting the new sport fields done so there we are not so cramped using the ones we have. the ones we have
now are being tapped out.
I am invested in working with the Trails Committee to build trails which can be used for walking and biking.
Biking on San Juan is very dangerous on many roads which have no shoulders or fog lines.
It is something that this community has been wanting for years, a facility to be home base for many of the
programs is essential. A real sense of ownership and belonging will take place that is lacking with Island
Rec now.
beautiful property could be used for outdoor concerts
We used the one at the Fairground Playground when our kids were little. Easy to access, kids had plenty to do,
covered area for eating.
It is a good cooperative effort that serves all ages and offers possibilities to bring dollars into our community
with sports tournaments.
I feel IR should be the lead agency in charge of the Carter Street site and the design modifications should be
made properly locate/align ballfields, playgrounds, picnic shelters, paths and multi-use trails and the
possible future multi-use rec center. Unfortunately this did not happen at the Lafarge property, however,
it could still happen at the Carter property through proper planning and community involvement.
My elem. age children play baseball & soccer. We are in urgent need of more field space.
walking is the best activity for most people to do--we have two legs and can be done at any time without
special equipment.
With all of the bicycles on the island, and some of the roads with narrow shoulders, it makes sense to me to
have places that are safe to ride and walk
Everyone I know hikes and uses them
Hands down, a multi-use recreation facility. You should contact the City of Monterey, which built an amazing
sports facility with hotel tax revenue. When I lived there, they the rec program partnered with the local
community college to offer incentive programs for residents working out at the center. This center built
community, encouraged healthful living, and created a sense of pride for residents. Additionally, it created
many jobs for community members.
A safe place to gather and play outside.
It is important that we have more safe places for our families and children to use. It will allow us to keep our
tight niche community.
It's what I and most of my friends do most often.
More people need more space, and the Island will continue to grow
I play a lot of softball and we do not have enough fields.
I think that the more the community can offer to teens for structured recreation the better for everyone.
The impact of Carter fields would be huge.
youths need activities
We need more fields for adults and children. How can we have more activities when we don't have the field
space now?
It will benefit the most people for our island

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A Covered or Indoor playground. I would even pay a daily use fee to take my kids to a covered or indoor playground. I can't believe we live in the rainy Northwest with nowhere but the bowling alley for young children to play when its raining or cold outside. You could even rent the space out for birthday parties since we lack any facilities for holding kids parties. I have brought this up to many families and they all have said they'd pay daily use fees and would love a rentable space for kids gatherings. Please Please Please!

kids come 1st

Most needed in the island setting

sports fields can be used for may activities by many children

No parent in their right mind lets their kids ride their bikes to school because the roads are a dangerous place for vehicles and bikes--at least on my stretch of road. I believe this is the highest of priorities and all money should go to this project. Mass kids would ride bikes to school if it was a safe option and parents didn't feel worried so much for letting their kids occasionally ride. We need bike paths!!! Keep the trails coming. I just ran on one last night and had a nice relaxing exercise time because I was safe and off the road.

Don't use any of these

Lafarge property offers excellent multi-use recreational opportunities, has beach access, is close to town, and is already publicly owned thanks to the previous BOCC!

Its potential for the good of ALL residents gives it highest priority for me.

Carter fields (park) would serve the needs of many groups and a good portion of the infrastructure is in place to complete the park. A community pool could also be added to the complex on school reserved site

The multi-use center could be used by pre-school thru adult for a variety of indoor activities. It provides needed options.

It is what I do...

It's important to keep everyone physically active, especially kids.

This is a great area for a new multi use park--it could have a par course, a playground, a walking path around the border, a picnic shelter--it could serve many functions and many segments of our community!

We desperately need bike /walking trails here. Pear Point/Turn Point is downright dangerous for cyclists/walkers/runners, but heavily used, none the less! Every east coast island and town touts it's trails for a HEALTHIER community. GIVE OUR KIDS A PLACE TO RIDE THEIR BIKES, please.

I go on walks for my health, to visit with friends, and soon to exercise with a baby. I would do this even more is there are more options.

laco of in our community

It seems most appropriate for expenditure of tax dollars

I think teens really need a place to express them selves, we need to keep them off the streets, and occupied with purposeful activities.

more paved trails to bike or rollerblade

Cannot depend on Fitness Club's survival

walking trails

Huge need right now serves young through old. Project is planned and ready to complete. It can provide the place and a space for most of these options to fill in around the fields. It would be HUGE plus in helping families decide to call Friday Harbor home.

Our current facilities at FHES are in poor shape (sprained ankles for soccer) and not adequate (not enough fields for softball/baseball) for the use they get. I also LOVE the idea of a rec. center for our teens and families - could it include a climbing wall?

We really, really need sports fields for school sports programs.

It seems like a great place for the whole community to gather and have fun. It would be used by a wider segment of the community than another playground, a teen center, or the Carter Ave. sports fields.

I feel these could be used year round if available and complete. Let's finish what's already here.

Because once the paths/trails are set up it is free to everyone and you don't have to schedule it.

Bigger kids need a safe place to be, schools are overused and too much of the same place for those at risk

Biking on the island is not safe because of no shoulder on most roads. Biking is a wonderful form of fitness.

Have lived in other areas where I greatly appreciated multi-use paved trails - bikes, strollers, walkers, kids on scooters - people on the move and healthy.

My whole family could utilize walking paths - for free!

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Carter Fields

I think it would be great to have a community recreation center, not necessarily just for teens, though they could certainly have their own space within the center. This town needs a public place to be active in rainy weather.

It would be great to have a centralized location for kids and teens after school, as well as on weekends, that can offer a variety of activities, resources, etc. all in one place.

"summer programs for children and families

open areas of beach/trail/fields that invite everyone to enjoy/preserve our island's natural beauty"

The most troubled group on this island are the teens. A center that will welcome/ without hidden agenda's, the teens on this island will give them a safe place to socialize and explore interests.

I see the biggest limitation of my son's sports life being available fields to play on.

we use it at least once a week or more

Lafarge- Highest potential for a regionally exemplary facility and park for multi-user activities and reclamation. because so many kids want to play sports and there is just not enough space for all the activities and kids.

The island is desperate for fields, for all ages and all uses. We lag behind every like-sized community I have visited to an appalling degree.

We need ball fields. Lots of islanders use sport fields year after year. High Demand, keeps kids busy. Very good long term investment.

IT RAINS A LOT AND GETS DARK AT 4PM IN THE WINTER. NEED INDOOR OPTIONS.

The elementary school sports fields are over-used. We need quality alternatives, especially as we encourage more off-island teams to participate with our island programs.

"Don't know.

Like hiking, horseback riding, not sure any available."

This type of space is so desperately needed in addition to the Carter fields. Both spaces promote healthy living and community gathering.

I think the more walking we can do the better. If we could actually connect paths that would help too.

"1=highest priority?"

Keeping teens in positive activities helpful for community and future. A multi-use facility would serve a wide variety of venues; building relations among community members is what makes our island supportive and integrated."

Team sports are so important for the island kids/teens...current ballfields are inadequate location

because san juan islands beauty needs to be protected from rampant development

Carter Street Fields for community

Our school-resources are already over-used, leaving little time leftover for pick-up games and organized court-activities for all ages.

Sports Fields for children

There needs to be an area where teams can play in better conditions, and more teams at once and more space availability

transportation, exercise for all, connections

A rec center could provide a safe environment for youth

To slow down the use of land to build NEW houses.

Walking paths. Programs for hiking or kayak for ADULTS. Other boating classes for Adults. Travel program off island activities for a day.

multi use unpaved trails. winter drop in sports all ages

Walking paths serve all age groups as well as tourists.

Need to have off street transportation between major destinations on island.

Kids activities are very important. Without a facilities there would be no activities

I use and enjoy parks and believe they are essential to good quality of life.

To have more fields in better condition for a wider variety of sports to be played.

Availability to all, especially teens.

To promote, develop and enhance pedestrian access and mobility within the community as well as encouraging walking for fitness. This ought to qualify as a national priority as well. Leave the cars home, walk instead of ride. Think about it.

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I feel it is absolutely of highest importance to support kids in the athletic dept. and create areas where they can do this.
because the investment already and the work is already mostly done
my kids have use the fields
need more space and better facilities.
Seems like the quickest way to add more outside enjoyment time and something everyone could enjoy
the kids need more space to play ball
I think the carter st facility would benefit the most people. There aren't many fields for sports on the island and most kids love to play sports, it would help out a great deal. A multi use rec center would be great too, especially if you had a "sport court" that allowed for indoor roller hockey and indoor soccer. A facility I used to play at in South Carolina would be a good blueprint - http://www.supergoosesports.com/supergoose_10589.html scroll down to see the picture of the sport court - I realize this will never happen, but what the heck....
everyone can do it and enjoy it. even tourists
This has been a need in our community for as long as we have lived on the island. A permanent place with good fields would be great.
Its land that is already available, it would provide a multitude of recreational opportunities for a wide range of people from small children, teens to adults.
more ball fields so kids don't have to cancel games or practices
reduce drug use in kids with more activity involvement
WE NEED FIELDS!
"Bike paths would make riding a bicycle a much safer and more enjoyable experience. I do not like riding on the roads here due to traffic and the way cars drive too close to riders."
Property on San Juan will continue to be developed and more people will move here. We need open space for people's quality of life and to maintain the unique qualities of the island.
"Personally, family programs, paths, open space
But strong belief in need for kids, teens, seniors"
because it is already started and so much money has been put into it, it is a shame to see it just sitting there. It can also be a gathering place with picnic tables, and a playground. could at some point a rec center be put there as well?
We need more fields for adult softball. Sharing with baseball delays our season. We need to be able to host tournaments and need more fields
Safe walking & biking trails for all ages from toddlers to seniors
More protected open space
Walking paths - encourages people to leave their cars at home, more of the community can use walking paths, even the disabled w/o worry of bikes, etc
Would love a YMCA type facility with a pool and skate rink...With all the rain, an indoor recreation facility that is accessible and affordable would be a godsend on this island
I believe that our roadway biking and pedestrian access is dangerous. Aside from our own residents, thousands of tourists come to ride their bikes on very hazardous roads. I think it would be good to sell the gravel pit rather than try to develop it. Use the revenue for bike paths.
I would like to bike and walk safely. I have heard many others express this wish. I feel we should finish what was started the sports field. This benefits everyone.
We could use a teen rec center that could rent as a multi-use like the Mullis only larger. Maybe the old Frontier Lumber building and site on Spring?
They enhance get togethers for everyone
They would serve the maximum number of people
Although my personal choice would be the paved paths or walking paths I think the teens on the island are the first priority, they need more safe places to hang.
We have the potential to develop a first class multi-use sports complex. Our existing sports facilities are in poor condition and inadequate to support the level of usage
Finish Carter Ave Fields for use by both youth and adult soccer, baseball, softball, football, walking trails and create a Island Rec facility on spare land
more exercise classes
Parks would meet the needs of more people & therefore further support

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All other issues aside with the Carter Street fields, it is space going to be wasted and has potential to serve the largest number of groups and people

There just seems like there's much that could be done there...you already own it...plus I think if you could get the cannery property somehow and make that a multi-use aquatic/aquarium/recreation center. Having the gravel pit park nearby would all go together

Our population growth is mainly new retirees and walking is one of the best ways for them to stay active. Also, our roads are narrow and dangerous to pedestrians who use them for walking. Bicycles and pedestrians need to be moved onto designated trails to keep them safe and encourage these activities.

Everyone, regardless of physical condition, can use a walking path - even wheelchairs

There are no good lawns to go with the family and play

Teens need things to keep them occupied, this community has many activities that your teen can do if you can afford them. There is a large community of struggling families and single parents. Just because we make \$50. more than the poverty level, does not mean we have \$100. extra.

The ballfields need to be completed to offer alternatives to the sub par school fields and the threatened closing of Hartmann field. These unused fields are currently an eyesore and a waste of the dollars already invested into them. Either sell off the Carter fields and develop the gravel pit as it was originally intended or get the fields done and get them used.

THE FAIRGROUNDS PARK IS THE ONLY SELTER

great for kids preteens and teens-keeps them focused.

no good places for bike riding on island

kids need something to do

because it both protects land and makes it accessible and usable for the community

Versatile multipurpose building would be a community asset and serve the full spectrum of your programs and participants.

Our kids need it! Plus, economically it makes the most sense to finish the project.

Our current fields are overbooked and overused. How can you have activities development without adequate facilities?

There is a shortage of sports fields to meet the community needs.

Our kids need a place to play soccer and other sports!

Facilities for families and kids to play in the winter.

The field development would be used by MANY MANY islanders

A multi-use facility would be the most efficient way to go-combine efforts at the fairgrounds. Our tiny community is already smattered with various trails, parks and playgrounds. Lafarge property is too excessive with Carter Fields already started-pick one of these locations-and already shows what happens with more than enough land acquisition.

We need to make sure our community is kid oriented in order to keep our community alive. Young family's keep a community moving and growing and sports are a large part of young families. The fields on the island are old and need to be improved and at times can be dangerous.

Our current baseball/softball and soccer fields are inadequate to support the demand of youth sports, there are not enough fields and the ones we have are in various states of disrepair

Getting outside to compete is the highlight of my day, everyday

One of our biggest problems is finding large spaces for meetings and activities other than the Mullis Center.

Teens especially need a place with organized activities and drop in activities.

Many of the items listed are currently available in some form or another (walking trails, playing fields, playgrounds) -- and the Lafarge property is being used as-is just fine (good job acquiring it!). There is no consistent place for teens to go year-round, though. Could a deal be reached w/ the fairgrounds for a permanent space that would only be closed to IslandRec during the weeks of fair? You already offer things there (including the skate park)...

Those fields at Carter Avenue cover a variety of needs for adults, kids and our schools. They expand the town's ability to host major sports events and take advantage of property that is already paid for and planned into the future.

multiuse->STAY AWAY FROM THE CARTER ROAD FIELDS CESSPOOL!!

Severe lack of sports fields = inconvenient and/or limited practice times

best serves the overall community

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Multi-use, paved trails can contribute to a better quality of life for everyone on the island by increasing transportation options, recreational opportunities, and connectivity between neighborhoods. The long-term cost/benefit ratio would be very low.

Desperate need for sports fields, project already started, could be a place for several of your other needs (paved trails, playgrounds, teen center).

Location and access

In many communities, rec centers can pay for themselves if they are built in a fashion that attracts special events where a portion or part of the center can be rented out for parties, weddings, anniversaries etc.

We need to finish what has been started. These fields would be used by a great number of people.

Over the years I have experienced the difficulty in finding available sports fields to meet the demand. Our sports programs are essential to healthy children, and help the youth of our island learn many skills and keep them occupied in a healthy and constructive manner. It was hard to decide between the Sport field development and a Multi-use recreation center or teen center. There is a crucial need for both.

I am an avid walker/hiker.

Island Rec is the right community organization to complete and manage the Carter St sport fields complex. These facilities would be of benefit to the largest sector of the community; available to all school sports and recreation, community programs and festivals, and provide a showcase for island visitors. San Juan island lacks sports venues which forces programs to make sacrifices (all field based sports wrestle for field time, girls high-school softball is forced onto undersized fields at the elementary school, soccer and football have conflicts over field time, the lacrosse team practices on farm/swamp land donated by community members), and the list goes on . . .

I think we should finish one project before we start any others. Many groups would use it. Put a play ground or ten center there, don't spread everything out.

My family is very much into sports. The carter fields should be used.

Youth sports are very important to all families and our island has inadequate facilities and a great opportunity at The Carter St. Site.

The gravel pit has the ability to be many things to many people, even limited motorized use i.e. youth motorcycling.

there aren't many multi purpose trails on island

With facilities limited on the island, I believe that a recreation center with gym, pool, gathering place, etc. would be well used, enjoyed and a wonderful addition to our community - but expensive!

The activity I do the most for recreation is walk on trails throughout the island

The area need improvement and has potential to serve the broadest demographic.

Biking, skating, jogging paths.

Island Rec is already the owner of Lafarge property and should concentrate on using it to its best advantage.

Teen/recreation center, more sports and event facilities

Useful to all ages. Biking can be dangerous on this island.

To give our youth an option other than parking at Jackson's and somewhere to go in during the long winter months.

I think it is an important age group that needs to stay active in positive ways.

Sport fields benefit all age groups whether you are player or fan.

Limited fields now on the island

I have seen multi-use rec centers in other towns, and they are an incredible hub for community activities of all ages.

Responses to Open-Ended Question about Top Three Programs or Services (Q21).

1st	2nd	3rd
Carter St Fields		
Carter Street Fields developed for general and school use		
dog park	adult exercise classes	family events
we have enough		

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swimming program - we live on an island		
maintenance of properties Family Park Pickleball courts Carter St Fields programs for children Carter St Fields	Summer Programs Gravel Pit adults-only skate time at fairground building	Sports
park building / land acquisition Walking areas, trails	music on the lawn Programs that kids really like and use, but you need to ask the kids!	preventative health Maintenance of what is already here
Making programs more affordable for all	More playgrounds	Land preservation
Carter Fields Paved trails for biking and walking More widely distributed funding for scholarships,	Teen rec center Walking paths/trails sliding fee scale or volunteer hours trade for fees	Promotion of cycling on islands
Lafarge property Carter Avenue	trails Lafarge Completion	parks Fairgrounds Improvement partnership
Increase momentum for the support of Island Rec	Continue to operate top quality programs, quality must not be compromised when increasing quantity of programs	Start preparing yourself (IR) to be the lead agency for the Carter Street project
Carter Fields	covered shelter for activities during rain	keep up the great work
keeping the good selection of classes	Trail building and maintenance	Recreation center
Recreational Center	Developing swimming competency for all island children for safety	Provide programming for young children who are not yet served by schools
Carter Street Fields	continuation of Teen after school programs	Youth sports
More places for families and kids to go	Sports fields	More parks
Teen Sports an after school program to replace ASK	Eagle Rock Camp stuff for teens	picnic facilities swimming lessons
Funding baseball fields All ages fitness/sports programs offer a gymnastics class Carter fields completion for soccer	Finishing baseball fields Trails for walking, running, biking offer as many camps as possible Carter fields completion for baseball and softball	Maintaining fields Lafarge property improvements expand the swim team carter fields completion for lacrosse
Carter Fields Develop Carter Fields keep things affordable & maybe free	walking paths Teen Center	biking paths Walking Path
Covered Play Area	Paved Multi-Use trails where kids can ride bikes, scooters and roller skate	More programs for 4 and 5 year olds
classes Repair relationship damages with community members.	teen events and activities Focus your efforts on safe walking trails (trails committee is awesome) and PLEASE help with bike paths so people can ride safely.	music events Don't spread yourselves too thin or try to rescue the sports fields.
Senior fitness classes Develop Lafarge property Better job of advertising activities	Children's Festival Finish projects before buying more land	Music on the Lawn Don't be shy about asking for a tax levy

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Carter Avenue fields	A recreational facility for youth and teens	A community pool at Carter Ave site
Multi-use center	Completion & support for Carter Fields	Lafarge maintenance
Trails	Family areas	Parks
Outdoor facilities (parks and playgrounds)	Activities during the winter	Scholarships so everyone can participate
more programs for seniors	more free or very low cost programs for children and youth	development of the Lafarge property as a multi use park
Biking/Walking/Running paved trails	TEEN activity programs for SUMMER	Programs for preschool kids and with mentors that attend to help new moms and answer questions in a relaxed atmosphere
carter fields	teen programs	developing Lafarge
children's festival	senior classes	sailing group
paved rollerblade and other use trail	friendly staff leading all programs and overall program	working together with existing resources for better use of facility
Unable to choose among them		
Obtain more fields for youth and adult programs (Fund Carter fields completion and maintenance)	Continue to offer the current programs and add programs when demand dictates	Focus on Teens needs and programs since without programs of interest, everyone in the community suffers.
Carter Fields	Rec Center	Teen/youth programs
rec center for teens		
Develop Lafarge into a community park. (Wouldn't it be the first one on SJI?)	More trails! (Although we think the Trails Comm. has done a great job already.)	Anything that gets people outdoors and moving.
Affordable activities for people of all ages	Keep the trails committee/program. This is a great service to the island because one it is set up, it is free, everyone can use them and there isn't a schedule to worry about.	Keep the parks
More teen programs that are not just sports	Community dances, music	
paved trails	exercise classes at various times	
more walking and hiking trails	maintenance of Carter Fields, should FHAA be able to complete them.	play structures and climbing wall
Carter Fields	recreation center	keep the current programs going
Recreation Center		
summer programs	Lafarge property kept mainly for walking- primitive	teen facility
Partner to finish carter streets	more trails for public use	need teen center
Carter Fields - before my son grows all the way up!	summer programs	winter indoor programs
Lafarge property	public pool	more walking trails.. better info about them
Opening discussion re: Lafarge.	Implementing a larger visioning plan for Lafarge	Conducting a national design competition for Lafarge
try to help finish sports fields on carter avenue	old gravel pit	
Current and like Rec programs	More fields-Carter street	integration continuity of some currently separate programs (San Juan soccer, F H Baseball/softball, etc
Carter Ball Fields	Similar rec offerings	
The skatepark is about a 2 or a 3 on a scale of 1-10. Please refer to my previous comment.		
teen rec center	more teen activities	carter street rec area ball field completion

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carter fields Potential Rec center Playgrounds develop Lafarge youth programs: swimming, sailing	Carter field Family oriented activities finish ball fields community events like music on the lawn, father-daughter dance, farmer's market activities...	Lafarge Supervised off-leash dog area addition of senior exercise program.
Carter Ballfields	Community swimming pool	Paved trails - safe place for kids to learn to ride bikes
land preservation	walking trails	bicycle trails to get them off the roads...way too dangerous
Carter Street fields multi-use center	Lafarge gravel pit to be improved year-round organized league and drop-in sports for all ages	Eddie & Friends climbing wall
Carter Avenue projects	Activities for all ages of kids-- especially for after school	Sports-related activities
Ball Fields Trails Committee Youth activities youth after school sport	Maintenance of ball fields Small parks Family activities outdoor sports for all age groups	playground at ballfields Animal facilities indoor sport activity center during the winter months
paths Develop uses for Lafarge property	playgrounds Continued support of Trails Committee	teen activities Teen programs
Acquire land	Develop appropriate activity areas for dog owners and for children.	
Walking paths	Walking paths. Programs for hiking or kayak for ADULTS.	Day off island recreation for adults
multiuse unpaved trails land for recreation maintenance of existing properties given the limited resources rather than new properties/facilities	drop in winter sports all ages walking trails	music on the lawn
Multi use trails trails Push for multipurpose trails with other partners Carter Field Carter Street field Teen Services You've set an admirably high standard of facilities and programs	adult fitness programs Getting kids into nature programs/survival school Park areas more playgrounds Family Programs Continue to relate positively and well with all stakeholders in the community	Lafarge property BMX facility and picnic area at Lafarge Hiking trails Carefully manage and maintain the programs and facilities, go easy and carefully into new opportunities.
carter fields cater st. fields carter fields ball fields teen rec center Carter Ave fields - would benefit the most people I think	recreational teen center skate park expansion summer programs gravel pit baseball fields make a real roller hockey rink with boards and advertise it to get more kids/adults to play (indoor soccer, lax too)	adopting and protecting more land. youth center rec center ball fields bike/commuter trails wide paved pathways for roller blading or biking.
swimming swimming Fields on Carter Avenue Preschool through Kindergarten age programs develop carter fields FIELDS activity programs	park Camp Eagle Rock Carter Street Ball Fields develop carter fields FIELDS trails	youth programs Trails for bikes and walking Walking trails develop carter fields FIELDS bike paths

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trails -- more need to be developed	teen sports -- the programs should be comprehensive and include more intramural activities	
Programs and facilities for kids and teens, including summers carter fields Develop Carter Ave Fields	Support for trails/ paths/ connections/ open space more bike paths Develop an Island Rec rec center. Island Rec programs conflict with other programs during basketball season	Vault toilets at gravel pit Develop more sports programs & after school programs for kids
Continuation of seasonal sports and other activities for kids of all ages.		
Lafarge Property Indoor recreation facility	Continuation of current programs Paved trails...safe place for children to bike	Ball Fields Carter ball fields...these need to be completed...we have high school lacrosse practice on the crowded elementary school field...dangerous for the little kids
Walking paths Development of safe biking paths along Beaverton Valley and Roche Harbor Roads	sports fields Development of no cost/low cost recreation for kids in the summer.	maintain ongoing youth programs Off-island overnight camping for kids.
Finish sports field	safe bike/walk trails	low cost activities for children of working parents
Carter Fields Teens Carter Avenue Fields Complex Help develop Carter Ave Fields	Teens Carter Avenue Fields Complex Take over maintenance of Carter Ave Fields	Teens Expand youth programs - in both sports and other after school activities
exercise affordable youth summer programs Creating a recreation center, which could lead to more programs for kids	year round public programs Doing something more with gravel pit	sustainable parks Helping get sports fields up and running
multi-use trails and walking trails at different points around the island's neighborhoods (not at Lafarge!!)	expand senior exercise programs - add tai chi, yoga, etc. and more active senior fitness classes (it fills up right away; isn't that a clue to what is needed?)	offer bird watching, beach monitoring activities in partnership with WSU. gardening classes for recent retirees as the target group not now being served by Island Rec
stop increasing sailing class costs	increase accessibility for all income levels	more island specific classes
More stuff for high schoolers. Like a painting class		
More affordable teen activities. Continued and expanded programs for kids	More improvements to the Gravel Pit -- see note below	Not the dog park -- it is odd that you are invested in this park for a limited population of canines
sports children programs teen center Carter fields	parks teen programs carter Lafarge property	centers for teens adult and senior programs Lafarge programs with access for the disabled--think about access for wheelchairs!!!
Carter Fields development and Maintenance	Additional indoor facilities for our 9 month wet season	Youth programs that create adventure for the kids
Ball fields Carter Fields	multi use paths Kids/teen summer programs	rec center gravel pit

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Carter Fields	Summer activities for kids and families	Red Center
Gain control of Carter Fields and implement ideas you are considering for La Farge...Sell La Farge	Continue good maintenance and upkeep of current dog park, skate park and playground...	Implement a fee-free or nearly fee-free model...We pay the taxes already.
sports programs for youth Completion of Carter Avenue	sports fields (Carter Fields) Expanded Mainstream Summer Sports Programs (baseball, softball)	All youth programs
Longer time on the court Teen and children's activities A dedicated supervised space & activities for children & teens	More facilities Adult enrichment activities A community swimming pool	More programs Dog park Multi-use paved trails around more of the island; let's promote biking & walking by providing safe routes
Carter Street Fields	Lafarge as a Recreation Site	Continue cooperative events with Prevention Coalition to prevent teen drugs and alcohol.
More after school programs for kids Sports fields Do good with what you have - Lafarge	More teen programs Lafarge Carter	Stay away from the Galt abyss!!! Summer Youth Programs Dog Park
carter fields Carter Fields	Lafarge property Camp Eagle Rock	fairground Promoting physical activities for kids/families
Do something about the Carter Ave ball fields before they become an eyesore	Develop Lafarge property into a beautiful multi purpose park	Continue wonderful summer programs for teens and kids
ball fields Rec center for all	family programs walking paths and trails	adult programs playing fields - support by island rec but not total responsibility- school district needs to be involved.
Carter Fields. Completion of Carter St sports fields	Rec. Center. Maintenance and management of Carter St sports fields	? Trails development island-wide
Support the multi-use fields on Carter Street (development and maintenance)	develop and maintain programs for Teens and Youth (more summer sports)	Youth Lacrosse
Carter Ave ball fields! not enough fields for games and practices now!		
Carter Street Fields Sports Fields Athletic fields at Carter St.	Camp Eagle Rock Center Continue great youth programming in all seasons.	The new indoor pool...just wishing Teen activities Improve playgrounds and parking at Fairground.
Carter Fields Gravel Pit Open skate and hockey programs	Gravel Pit Youth on Two Wheels All other drop-in sports	Adult Sailing programs Family park and playground at fairground
safe place for teens to hang out (ping pong table and music? free popcorn?)	be more supportive of non-island rec activity groups	
recreation facility/ sports center Teen Center / Community Center	sports fields Finish the Lafarge property.	teen center O & M for Carter St. fields upon completion.
Camp Eagle Rock Camp Eagle Rock Gravel pit	Music on the Lawn Carter Street Fields Skate park	Swim Lessons Dog park

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Additional comments about Island Rec programs and services (Q22).

I like music on the lawn

keep doing a great job overall

I read about your activities and think they are very valuable

Off-island trips for plays

I used to go to outdoor and indoor soccer regularly and I wish that there were soccer games I could play in that weren't the high skill that currently exist

One of the things that is great about living here is that in the summer you can go outside and do things - so I could see how there might not be a need to a "Rec Center" like there might be in the City (where there are few public outdoor spaces). Winters can be more difficult (not as easy to play outside) - but in my opinion, affordability of programs/ public access to the spaces & natural areas is more important than creating new things, like a rec center, school sports fields, or a bmx park.

Please discourage giving away candy as a reward or prize at the Children's Fest. It sets a bad example on many levels and for many reasons.

IR does a fantastic job with it programs. I believe that IR, as a tax funded entity, should become in charge of the Carter Street project. The Athletic Assoc. is a donation funded, privately run entity and has proved not to be the correct agency for the development and operation of the Carter Street project.

Unfortunately, the Lafarge site did not win as the chosen site for such a project but we are now faced with needing to complete a comprehensive active/passive park environment and as a community the plate has been set that it will be at Carter Street. IR should not duplicate a ballfield building effort at Lafarge, this would be counterproductive, rather, IR should become the lead at Carter Street and modify the park design/layout along with a community outreach program so this program can properly move ahead. The athletic assoc. can be complemented for getting the project started but I don't see this project moving ahead in the proper direction under the leadership of the AA.

Please get in touch with the Monterey Sports Center: <http://www.monterey.org/sportscenter/> Thanks for the work you do for the community.

Thank you for everything!

We are so fortunate to have you and you are doing a super job and we are so pleased with all that you offer.

If we had the carter fields we could host tournaments which would help the local economy.

keep up the good work!!!

More cooking and craft classes for adults would be great. A facility to use during the wet and cold months would be very helpful to families. Most towns have an indoor playground inside a mall or somewhere, but we have nothing. Only the arcade at the bowling alley which is not good for young children. At a minimum place a sun shade over the existing family park to keep out the rain and decrease weathering of the facility. We need something quickly and I am positive people would donate money for this facility.

I have definitely hesitated to participate very much in any programs because of my hurt feelings and am glad not to give money to you guys because of how I was treated when trying to participate with my family. I would hope that would change but so far I still feel unhappy.

Thank you for the great work you do for our community!

Thank you for your support for pre-school through senior programs and for your presence in enriching the quality of life for our community.

DOG PARK IS A GREAT ASSETT. MAYBE SPONSOR DOG TRAINING CLASSES

Thank you!

WE LOVE SALLY and most of her crew! We are very happy with Island Rec. The office and summer activities staff are THE BEST and SOOOOOOOOOOO patient with the kids - and parents. KUDOS!

In a way, Island Rec is a 'community binding program' and very important to quality of life for all ages. Your growth and expansion is to be commended. Thank you!

We should be prepared for the loss of San Juan Fitness, especially the swimming pool, Remember that a swimming pool was the driving force that started Islandrec originally. We also need more bike paths or lanes n the island.

So grateful for your hard work!

I like the idea of more walking trails, but they should not be paved, as it is hard on one's body.

We love Island Rec! We are a little worried that if Island Rec takes on responsibility for the ball fields on Carter Ave., they'll become just another sports organization, in addition to Little League, Youth Soccer, Tiger

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- Football, FHAA, Purple and Gold, and on an on. What about kids who don't play sports? Seems like an inordinate amount of funding gets funneled into athletics already. We'd rather see Island Rec stick with promoting recreation and fun, instead of competitive sports, which only serves those families whose kids are good enough to make the teams. Just a thought.
- I know budgets are tight. Keep what is the most popular and serves the most people in a good range of ages.. Keep the trails and if you need more help to maintain, advertise, advertise, advertise. Maybe the schools could pick up a trail. At Music on the Lawn, have a donation bucket or pass a bucket. Maybe you do this but I haven't been aware when I attend this program. People would put in money for this kind of entertainment.
- Keep up the great job! We appreciate island rec!
- The programs are outstanding- we have enjoyed so many events and activities with our children as they have grown up on the island. We are pleased with the way our contributions are spent and are willing to offer support with more money. Our thanks go to this organization of caring and service to all of us.
- There is a possibility that I have missed activities because I didn't understand what was being offered. I don't know where state park is. The offering is mostly for the young and the old. There doesn't seem to be much for those who don't need health assessment. I didn't realize what the Family Park was. Don't know what Skatepark is. Don't know, but have guessed that teens are high school and youth are Jr. High. More complete explanations for what you are offering as placed in the flyer would be helpful to increase involvement. Maybe?
- Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
- I think the Lafarge property would be an ideal place for an amphitheater type venue for concerts
- Island Rec is in a unique position to define and support major opportunities for sports and recreation in our community for years to come. This needs to be a progressive vision to accommodate the range of demographics represented on San Juan Island. Perpetual support for fields is essential to this mission.
- Keep up the great job! Your efforts are very much appreciated.
- I think there is a wonderful variety of programs available. I wish there were some longer teen summer programs. The 12-15 (not able to work a summer job yet age group) are overlooked. Love the father-daughter idea. Would be fun to have a grandparents activity--maybe a picnic (something that would not limit it to a certain age group).
- Island Rec is extremely important for Island Kids!!!!
- PRESERVE LAND FOR EVERYONE....GET IT OUT OF THE HANDS OF DEVELOPERS**
- You guys do an amazing job! Thank you for your considering *my* priorities :) I worry about trying to pitch a multi-use center on this island... do you have tangible evidence of how similar centers have impacted their communities, especially communities of similar size? We could all use an education on the topic.
- Best of luck!!
- Trails Committee is impressive, maps are very useful. Mitchell Hill site is a great opportunity to expand hiking trails. Volunteers on Committee are very dedicated and productive.
- I think that Island Rec plays a major part in our community as they are the ones that give our children most if not all of our activities to do, and indoor and outdoors classes that keep us learning and having fun.
- My spouse has very much profited from the sr. fitness program, physically and socially.
- One of these days I'll get around to attending Senior activities.
- Wish you would broaden your scope to include adults who pay taxes for island rec but don't get anything for that year after year.
- You're the best but don't let it go to your head, times are getting tough and it calls for sensitive management to keep the excellent programs you've developed.
- consider turning the gravel pit beach into an aquatic interpretive center with a wading tide pool
- Thank you for all you do.
- We need to be careful with increasing levees during these difficult economic times. Property owners can only withstand so much. Just need to be sure we are getting the best bang for the buck spent. Cannot do everything so prioritizing is important.
- develop carter fields
- thank you soooo much!!
- WE NEED FIELDS**
- Someday would like to see a softball league for adults 40 +....

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I look forward to Island Rec expanding its efforts as funding permits. I am willing to pay more for additional programs

We love Island Rec

Don't waste money on Lafarge - get Carter fields done!

The question about funding for the Carter Ave ball fields is a difficult one. The School District needs to share in the responsibility if they are going to use them.

Island Rec is VITAL!!! Thanks for all you do!!!

I think Island Rec does a very good job overall. My family members especially enjoy the summer music on the lawn programs and recreational opportunities for pre teens and teens. I wish something could be done to obtain money from the gravel pit. If necessary, develop it at the lowest cost possible but it would be preferable to sell it. It is curious to me that Island Rec ever ended up with it, Should there come a time when the Island Rec levy is not extended by voters, what happens to the gravel pit?!

Island Rec. is an organization our community can feel proud of. We have confidence in Sally and she represents professionalism and caring.

I feel the dog park safety is not adhered to by some participants. I will not take my dog there ever again after two incidents with other dog owners that are uncaring or unsafe. Regarding the Lafarge property vs. acquiring a building for a teen center (like the Frontier Lumber site): I would approve building a teen center (complete with rock wall) on the Lafarge so that Island Rec owned the building and did not lease or go to the huge expense of purchasing another site. The Carter street ballfields could be completed and maintained for daytime use but not for a teen center building.

Thank you!!

Please become a real Park and Recreation organization. This island needs more youth & adult sports fields and Island Rec should have a facility to run programs out of that could be located at Carter Ave.

Island Rec serves the young families and children of the Island very well. Do not stop any of that. There is a need to target the newcomers to the Island who are mainly active seniors. Expand walking/biking /beach and natural history options to begin to serve this population.

more classes that celebrate the uniqueness of our environment: adult sailing classes, marine habitat classes for adults and kids, etc

Island Rec does a great job providing activities for our island. Regardless of what people think or what information you get from this survey, do not forget that you provide a wonderful service to our community.

The single amenity to consider adding to the Gravel Pit that is not on your list: bathrooms!

I put the Carter Fields as a priority because they are there and half completed and a huge need but a major void that is overlooked are facilities that provide indoor programs during our 9 month wet and cold seasons. More gym or general use buildings that would relieve pressure on our current schools gyms would also provide more flexible times and options for participants to make use.

In these tough times I think you guys are amazing! Just like the schools...constantly trying to find a way to meet all the needs with less funding...can't wait for it to rain money! Keep up the innovative ideas and ways to fund your projects. Finishing the Carter Fields is the next miracle that needs to be done. If we build it they will come!

Taking on the School Athletics Programs benefits our Teens and Pre-Teens. This effort should not overshadow the younger children's need for affordable activities. Remember, quantity does not foster quality. Carter Fields needs your guidance, oversight and control. Make this facility a multi-use facility, the school has no choice but to follow your lead. FHAA has lost public trust to continue with their grand plan.

I think Island Rec is a key stone of our community.

There are lots of traveling baseball and softball summer programs that we could bring to the island as part of your Summer youth activities programs. We have over 300 kids participating in baseball/softball and a great many of them would participate in a local summer program

I loved the idea of an amphitheater in Lafarge, but Music on the Lawn works at the Historical Museum for now... TRec was a great idea, and should be expanded upon.... Love what you guys do, and appreciate all your hard work. We're a lucky community!

I think they're doing a great job and I trust that any programs they offer/sponsor are being evaluated as to their importance and relevance. If something is not well attended, it probably isn't needed.

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Try not to duplicate. Don't build another gym. The high school and fairgrounds work.

We love Island Rec! Keep up the good work!

Island Re plans wonderful activities and events. Great organization and leaders. Excellent use of volunteers that allows the biggest bang for the bucks spent!

Since I rarely use any of the park areas, it is difficult for me to grade them as requested above. As previously stated, I believe the sports fields and teen programs are at the top of the list mainly because I have observed and experienced the importance of having healthy, constructive activities for our island youth. I have seen the benefits of these activities, as well as observed the trouble our youth can get into if they are not involved in healthy activities. I believe that having a safe and fun place for our teens to visit and spend time at would help tremendously.

Thank you for all your great programs and especially for taking on the funding of FHHS sports!!!

I think the basics are the most important. The rest makes life more interesting, but the island offers a lot of opportunities that many people already don't take advantage of.

A great community resource with capable leaders and staff.

Good Job For A Small Community

I have found the director to be unhelpful on suggested projects/activities unless she came up with the idea.

I think there should be places to roller blade outdoors or bike somewhere other than on the shoulder of a main road!

I would like to see a series of classes for beginning adult sailing that could be completed within one summer, if possible.