

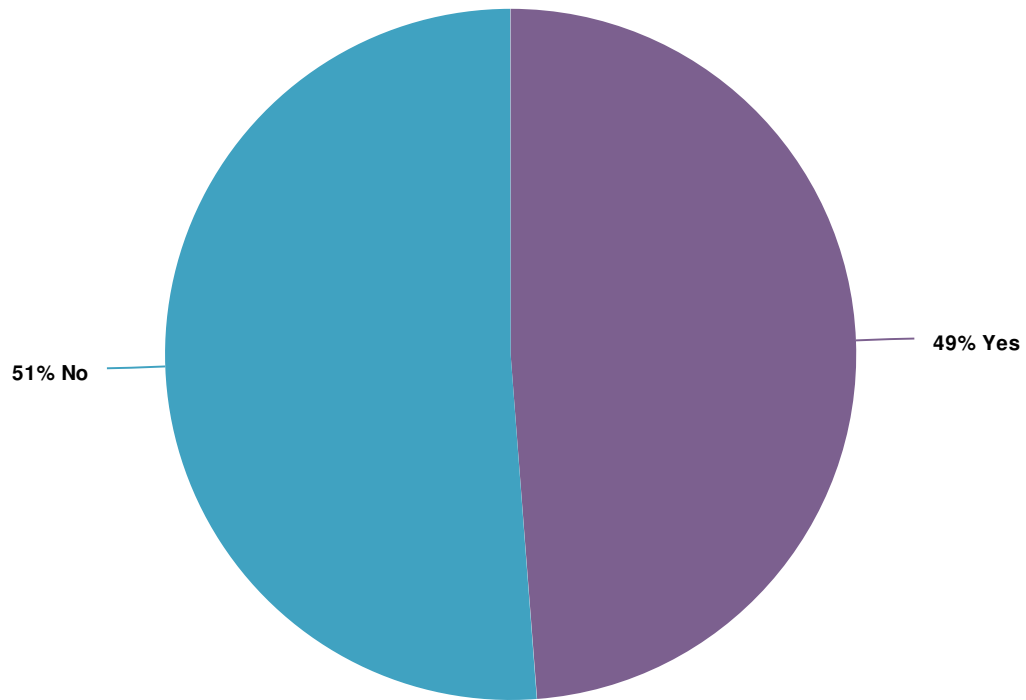
# Report for Bear Lake Regional Park Shoreline Repairs - Conceptual Plan Feed Back



## Response Counts



Totals: 52

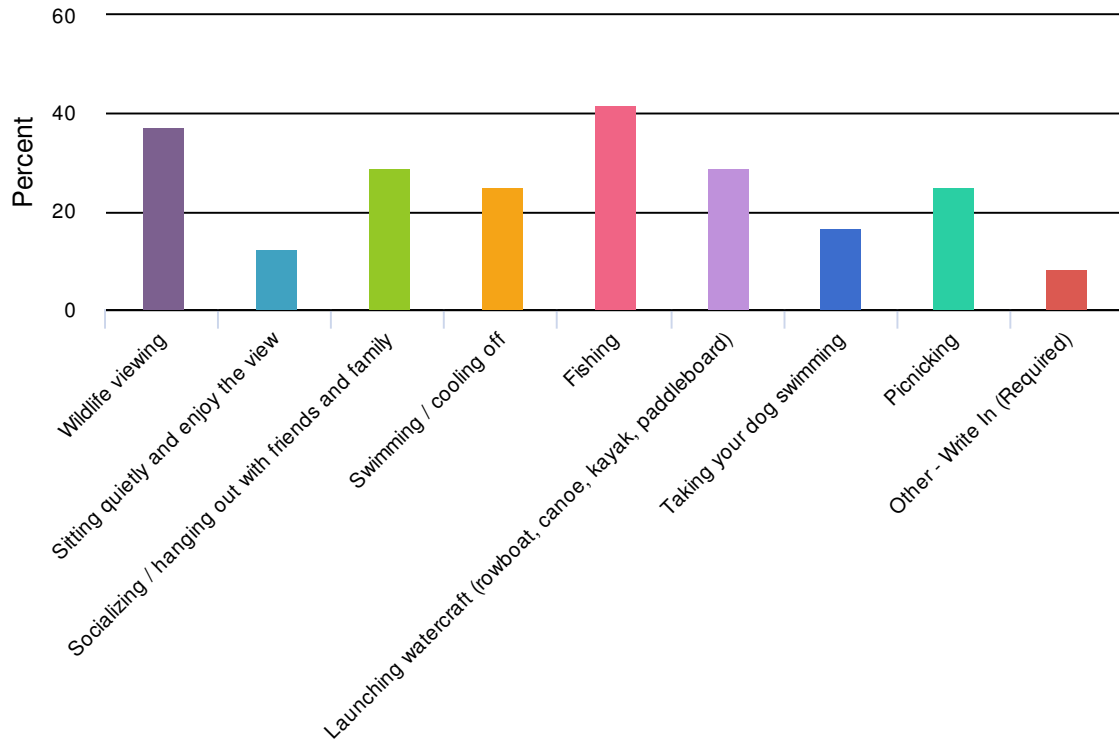
1. Did you participate in the public outreach ("pop-up") event at Bear lake and / or the previous ("pre-design") survey, which closed on September 23rd?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		48.8%	21
No		51.2%	22

Totals: 43

2. Please tell us how you typically use, or would like to use, the shoreline focus areas at Bear Lake. Please select up to three choices.



Value	Percent	Responses
Wildlife viewing	37.5%	9
Sitting quietly and enjoy the view	12.5%	3
Socializing / hanging out with friends and family	29.2%	7
Swimming / cooling off	25.0%	6
Fishing	41.7%	10
Launching watercraft (rowboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboard)	29.2%	7
Taking your dog swimming	16.7%	4
Picnicking	25.0%	6
Other - Write In (Required)	8.3%	2

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Hiking

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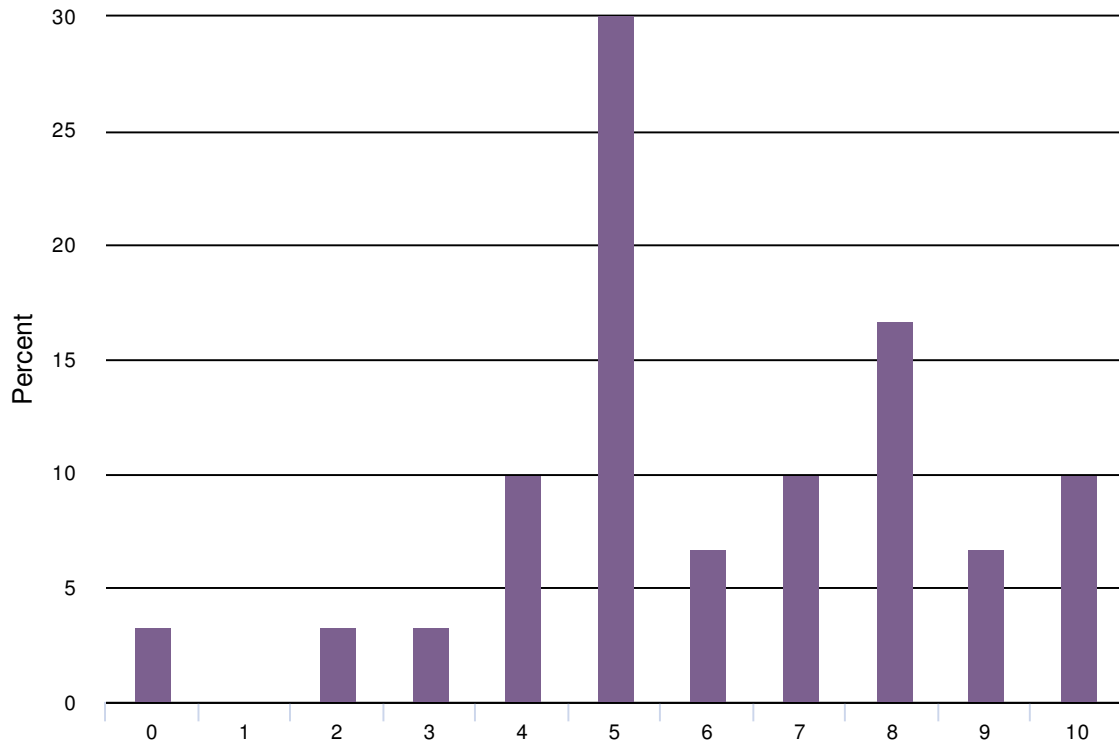
Walking the path.

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3. How would you rate the Eastside Concept A (above) on a scale of 0-10? 0 = Awful concept. Please scrap it! 5 = There are aspects of this concept I really like, and aspects that I don't like. 10 = This looks great! I love it and don't see anything that needs to change!



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4. What do you like most about Concept A?



## ResponseID Response

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19 x

29 A has the biggest contiguous sandy beach area.

30 How spread out it is.

38 Beach area and relocated dock look nice

41 The improvements to existing features.

43 location of the fishing dock

44 Multiple rec areas that are spread out

47 I don't really get what I am looking at. Not sure how to rate it.

50 Looks to be cost effective and will keep it simple to maintain.

52 We definitely need better place to put in canoes and kayaks.

54 New parking area, relocating fishing dock, new sand beach. Distance to boat launch will discourage larger watercraft than this small lake should allow.

56 The gravel lading beach and sandy beach.

58 It addresses the current usage and needs without over developing. It facilitates but doesn't alter the natural integrity of the area.

59 trail from ADA parking, but NOT enough spaces ( often see 4 or more cars there) seems to be the least expensive plan with some changes/ like the location of the fishing pier trail needs to be repaired - too many root problems and holes

60 Beach access

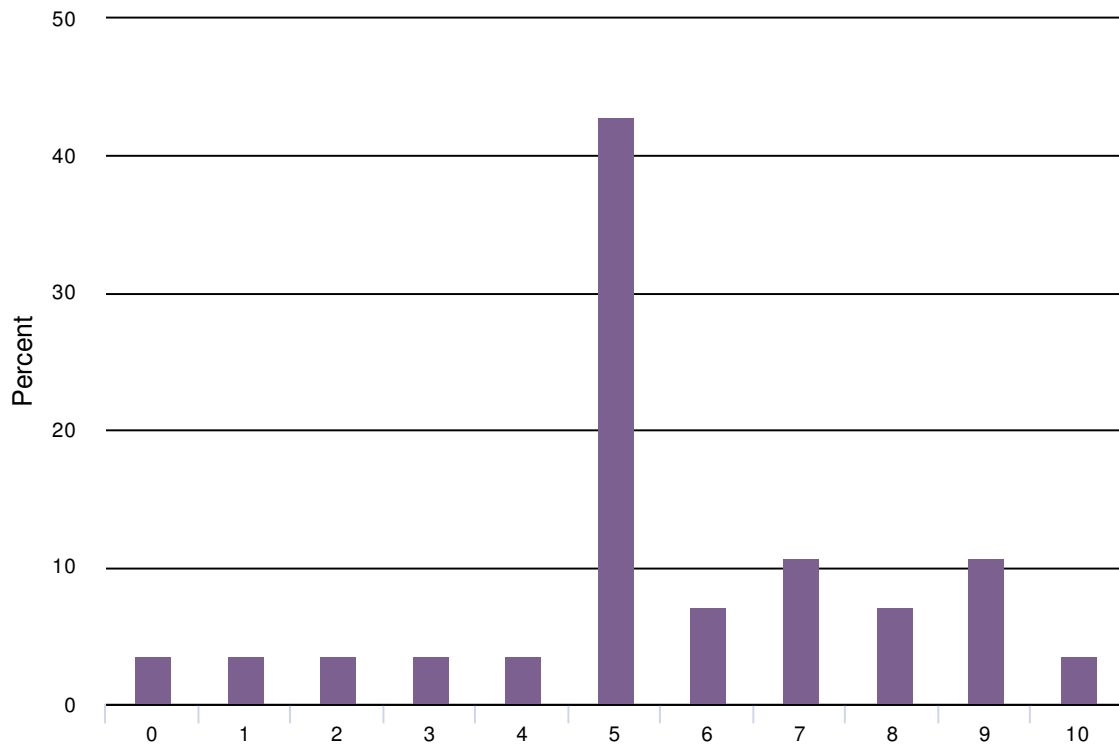
5. Are there elements of Concept A that you don't like? If so, please describe.



ResponseID	Response
19	x
29	Parking and access to vehicles seems very limited or washing included in this rendering.
38	I don't see a good area to launch kayaks, canoes and SUPs
41	There should be a place for dogs to swim on this side of the lake as well.
43	not enough shoreline access afforded for fishing
47	It would be nice to see a volleyball court, maybe sand or grass.
50	Existing restrooms and fishing dock are beyond repair. No bandage Hedt and Secor fixes.
54	Awkward area below shade structure, lack of any native plantings.
60	Potential for cars to simply park in the drop off/ADA area as they do now.



6. How would you rate the Eastside Concept B (above) on a scale of 0-10? 0 = Awful concept. Please scrap it! 5 = There are aspects of this concept I really like, and aspects that I don't like. 10 = This looks great! I love it and don't see anything that needs to change!



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## 7. What do you like most about Concept B?



ResponseID	Response
19	x
29	The pull around and landing areas are very nice.
30	Boat launch area.
41	Improvements to existing features.
43	the location of sand beaches
47	This seems to be a little larger area, which is nice.
52	Ease of access for kayaks and canoes. Like the addition of sandy beach. Right now you either swim in the shade on the sandy side or in the grass on the sunny side.
54	Relocated shade structure site, large sandy beach area.
56	The location of the loading area, the courtesy dock and gravel landing beach
59	ADA parking much improved . like the separation of the fishing pier and the boat launch sand areas are great for the kids
60	Beach access, view for shade area.

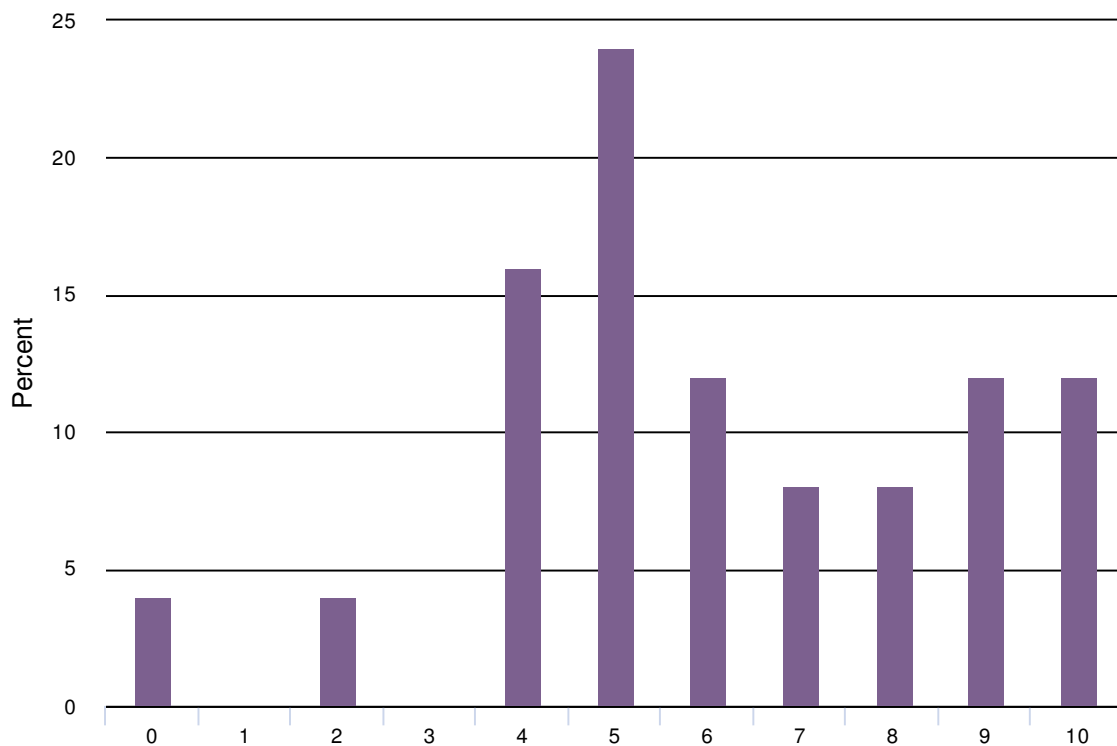
8. Are there elements of Concept B that you don't like? If so, please describe.



## ResponseID Response

29	It seems like it would be very busy, with vehicles in all areas.
30	Greatly prefer the alternative fishing pier site. The boat launch area and the pier is to close/crowded.
38	Less sand beach than Concept A
41	Too much space for the launching watercraft. Current launch is adequate and enlarging this access will contribute to litter/garbage left on shore. The fishing dock is too shallow for the majority of the year due to weed growth. The vast majority of people who fish there do not qualify for the regulations to fish here and there is NEVER any enforcement from the DFW.
43	conflict in area used by watercraft and the fishing dock
47	Still needs a volleyball court.
52	I think the parking will fill up quickly. Maybe the fancy courtesy dock is overkill for the kind of craft typically launched at bear lake.
54	Not sure about the nearby launch area, why do we need vehicles this close? Any watercraft using this lake should be portageable from the parking area like plan A. Please do move the fishing dock.
56	I think more people would use the shade structure if it were located close to the lake.
58	Too much development. Over use can bring its own set of difficulties. I pick up yards of fishing line and see good Samaritans patrolling for litter which is being controlled by their volunteer efforts as well as regular maintenance from Spokane County. My concern is that the facilities will draw too many people and litter will find its way into the lake becoming an eyesore and injuring wildlife.
59	concerned about the high costs and also about the increased use that these improvements would create. The resulting increased use would require more maintenance than is currently being done and more security . Both concepts need to have the trail condition improved. Neither of these show any benches or tables which I assume would be added later plans.
60	Prefer secondary location for fishing pier.

9. How would you rate the Westside Concept C (above) on a scale of 0-10? 0 = Awful concept. Please scrap it! 5 = There are aspects of this concept I really like, and aspects that I don't like. 10 = This looks great! I love it and don't see anything that needs to change!



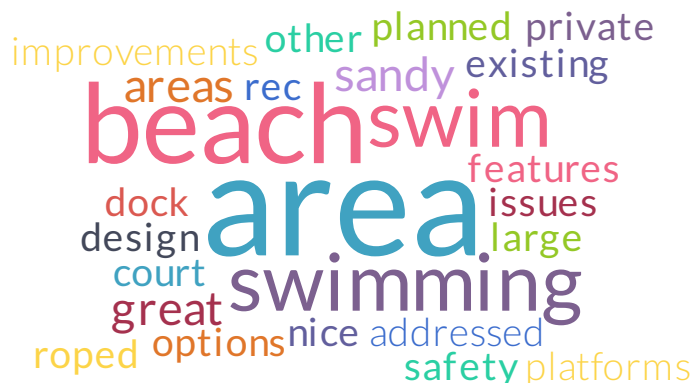
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10. What do you like most about Concept C?



ResponseID	Response
19	x
29	The large beach/swim area as well as the smaller more private sandy beach areas would be great!
30	Walking area.
41	Planned improvements to existing features.
43	size of the swim area
44	Swimming and other rec options
47	There is a volleyball court. Yay
52	I like it. The more beach the better.
54	Overall nice design
56	the sandy beach and swim dock.
58	The safety issues are being addressed.
59	swimming area roped off and the platforms. beach areas are great
60	Swimming area



11. Are there elements of Concept C that you don't like? If so, please describe.

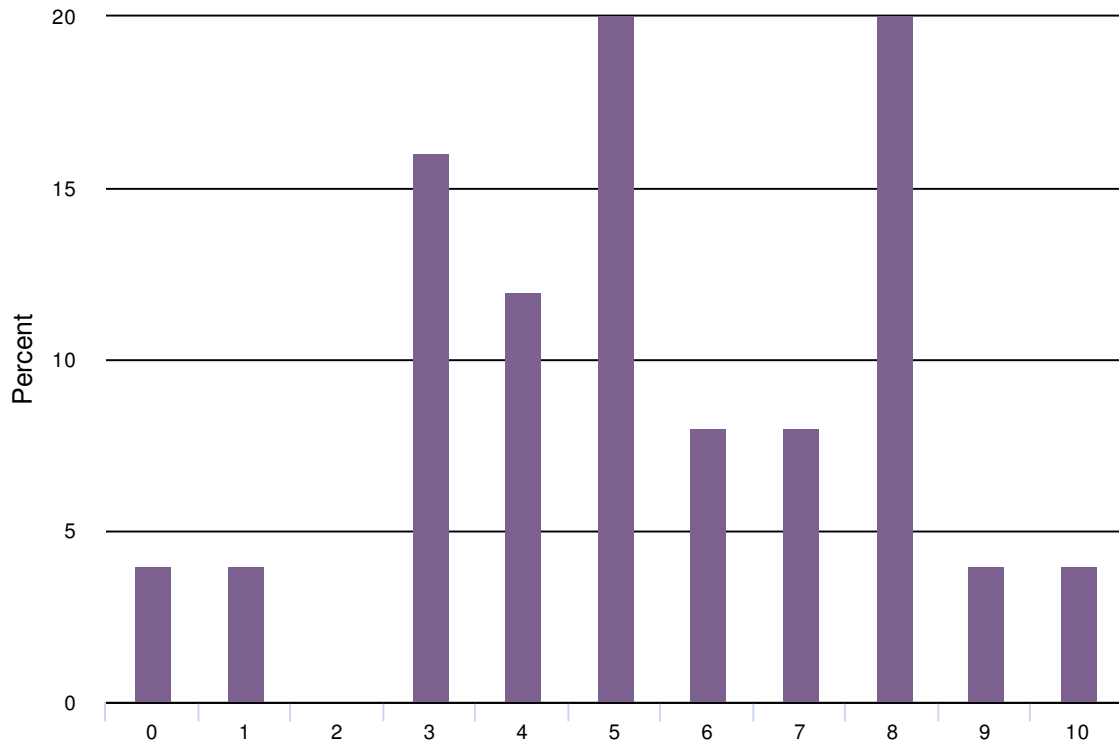


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29	If the septic leach area is usable turf that would be incredible
41	No designated dog swimming area. Why not?
54	But I prefer plan D ie fishing dock.
56	the design does not include a play ground. The play ground should be retained and a developed horseshoe pit should be added
58	This side of the lake is used mostly for swimming, having picnics, playing in the playground and some fishing. I have never seen the volley ball court in use. Will the current picnic tables be replaced? Is the children's playground going to remain? Could it possibly be upgraded? It looks like trees block any view of the lake from the relocated shade structure. On a hot summer day the first picnic tables to be taken are the shady ones with a view of the lake.
59	very limited ADA parking. where is the current playground with benches for parents located ? BBQs and tables not shown. Concerns about the swimming platforms that diving could become an issue. Area on the trail where fishing is being done needs to be addressed. No fishing being allowed ? If the area is just repaired will it be destroyed by people wanting to fish there ? Is there really a need for the volley ball court. I have never seen it in use over the past 5 years.



12. How would you rate the Westside Concept D (above) on a scale of 0-10? 0 = Awful concept. Please scrap it! 5 = There are aspects of this concept I really like, and aspects that I don't like. 10 = This looks great! I love it and don't see anything that needs to change!



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### 13. What do you like most about Concept D?



ResponseID	Response
29	I do like the large usable turf area.
30	It's ok. Not as nice as C.
41	Stacked stone feature.
43	the stacked stone seating is a unique idea
47	I like the fishing doc.
52	Interesting as well. Not sure how the stacked seating will work out. Feels like people might get territorial resulting in less space
54	More turf area, less moving of structure locations, adds needed fishing dock.
56	The fishing dock, concrete accessible transfer and sand beach.
58	It incorporates the natural beauty of the lake with a free flowing, purposeful usage. It gives fishermen a space away from swimmers.
59	area of stone seating. beach area but prefer concept C area. fishing pier so that the banks aren't destroyed by fishing.
60	Fishing pier

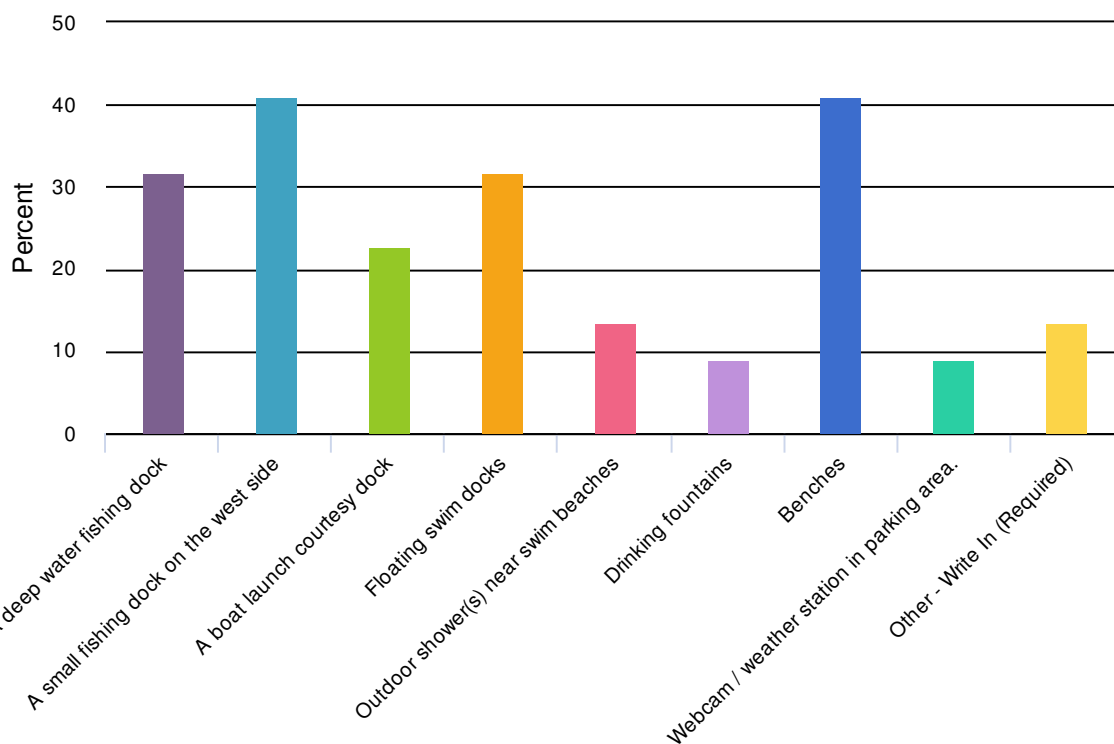
14. Are there elements of Concept D that you don't like? If so, please describe.












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29	I dont think the stacked stone areas would get much use by humans. The sandy beach areas seem minimal.
38	Not enough sand beach
41	Where is the designated dog swimming access? Again. Again, there also needs to be enforcement for current fishing regulations from the DFW. We use Bear Lake 20-30 times a year and there is no enforcement EVER!
52	Less beach
54	No
56	Retain the play ground and add a developed horseshoe pit.
58	The need for new picnic tables does not seem to be addressed. Also, there is no mention of the children's playground which is used regularly.
59	both concepts need better ADA parking . both concepts don't show the current playground for younger children with needed benches for their parents. BBQs and picnic tables in both plans ?
60	No swimming area or good access to lake.

15. If enough money is available in the budget, which amenities would you most like to see added to the shoreline focus areas? Please select up to three.



Value		Percent	Responses
A deep water fishing dock		31.8%	7
A small fishing dock on the west side		40.9%	9
A boat launch courtesy dock		22.7%	5
Floating swim docks		31.8%	7
Outdoor shower(s) near swim beaches		13.6%	3
Drinking fountains		9.1%	2
Benches		40.9%	9
Webcam / weather station in parking area.		9.1%	2
Other - Write In (Required)		13.6%	3

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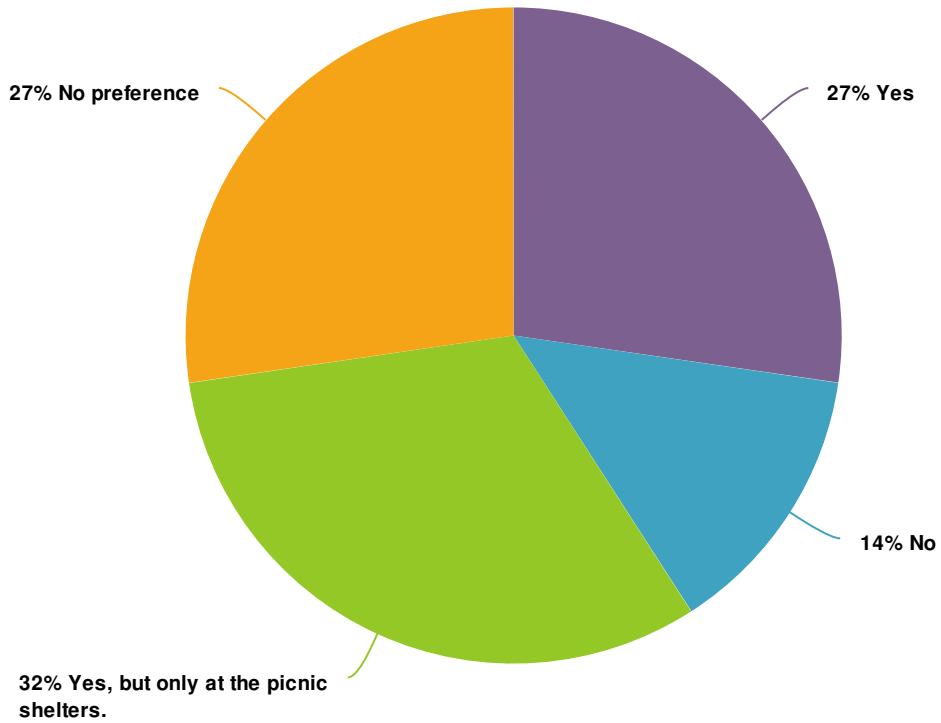
Designated dog swimming areas.	1
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Hiking trails established w a map.	1
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Totals	3
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16. Should BBQ stands continue to be provided as a park amenity?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	27.3%	6
No	13.6%	3
Yes, but only at the picnic shelters.	31.8%	7
No preference	27.3%	6

Totals: 22

17. Is there anything else you would like our design team to consider regarding the East or West Side Shoreline Focus Areas?



## ResponseID Response

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4 Better kayak launch area.

5 b

19 x

34 Dog swim beach

41 No. In these times of drought and fire danger there certainly should not be any open fire pits/stands. There are many portable options for cooking/warming food park visitors can purchase and use for their picnic needs.

52 Make sure we can continue to walk completely around the lake

54 Please add as much native vegetation as possible and maintain current cattail area. No motorized craft should be allowed! Keep park low maintenance. Close West side motorized access in the fall. If you build it, will they come in greater numbers than the park can manage? How will you deal with this? What level of park staffing and maintenance will be provided? Currently no staffing that i can determine. Maintenance barely adequate with current numbers.

58 Not sure how dogs can take advantage of swimming without allowing them off lead. Does there need to be a designated dog swimming area? Perhaps by including it when the master plan is put into effect ,it could put them in an entirely different section of the lake.

59 be sure that the small children's playground is still available with benches for adults watching them. Increased ADA parking in all areas . restoration to the paths. Great job currently being done on the northeast path. Thanks ! With all these improvements and the resulting increased use , my concerns would security and maintenance will become issues . VERY GOOD START. Keep up with the good work. Let's make this happen

60 Swings on playground.