

What We Heard Harry Farmer Park

Baturyn Neighbourhood
Renewal: Exploring Options
and Tradeoffs

June 16 – 23, 2021

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Background

Baturyn has been chosen for Neighbourhood Renewal, with construction anticipated to start in 2023. Baturyn will see the replacement of its roads and alleys, street lights and sidewalks as part of the City of Edmonton's Building Great Neighbourhoods program. Through planning and design we explore opportunities to improve how people walk, bike, and roll in the neighbourhood, as well as potential improvements to parks and open spaces, including Harry Farmer Park.

Harry Farmer Park, located at 9820 – 170 Avenue, is a 0.73 ha pocket park in the north eastern portion of the Baturyn Neighbourhood. The park is named after Harry Farmer (1911 – 1986) who was an organist for the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and music director for both CFRN-TV and the Edmonton Opera Society.

During the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage, the public was invited to provide input to help **REFINE** the project team's proposed options for Baturyn. From March 31 – April 18, 2021, online

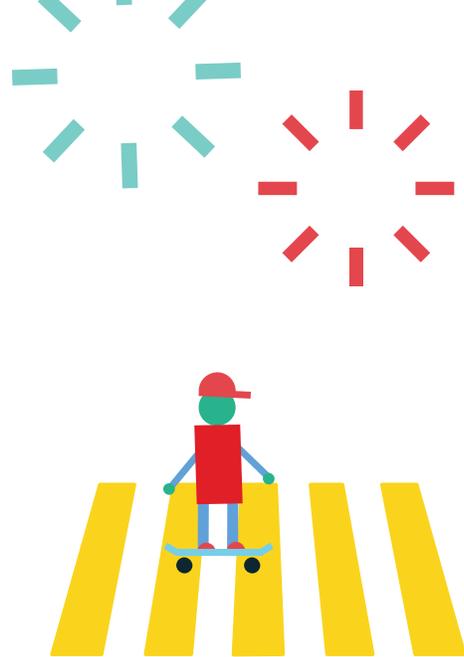
engagement opportunities were hosted. A summary of what we did, what we asked, and the collected feedback is available in the What We Heard Report for the Exploring Options and Tradeoffs stage, available on the project webpage – edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn.

Upon review of public engagement feedback, it was determined that additional input was required to help further **REFINE** the draft options for Harry Farmer Park.



What We Did

The Baturyn project team released an online survey from June 16, 2021 – June 23, 2021 asking a series of targeted questions in order to further REFINE the design options for Harry Farmer Park.



How We Communicated

To spread awareness of the survey the project team sent out 88 emails to residents who signed up for the project email notifications and delivered 65 notices to local residents that live directly next to the park. In addition, the project team had seven A-frame signs with Quick Response (QR) codes placed around the neighbourhood.

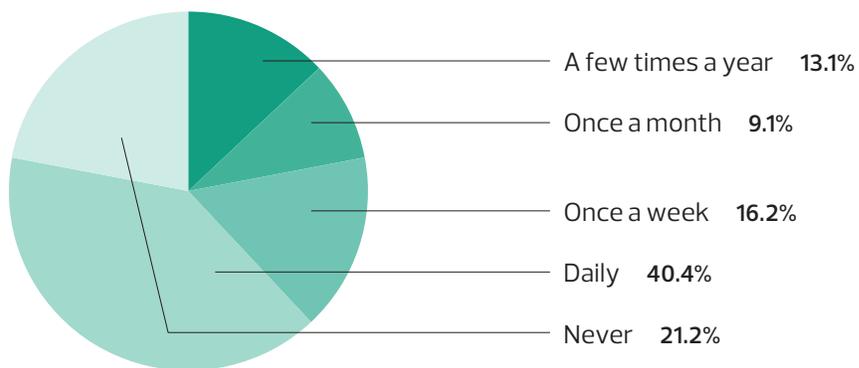


Results of the Survey

The survey received **85 responses**. The project web page received 314 views over the course of the survey.

The questions and responses are summarized in the following pages.

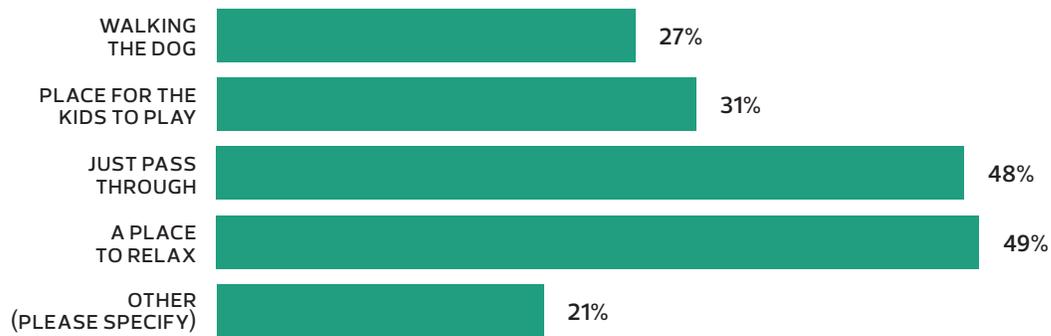
How often do you visit Harry Farmer Park?





How do you CURRENTLY use Harry Farmer Park?

Respondents could select multiple answers.

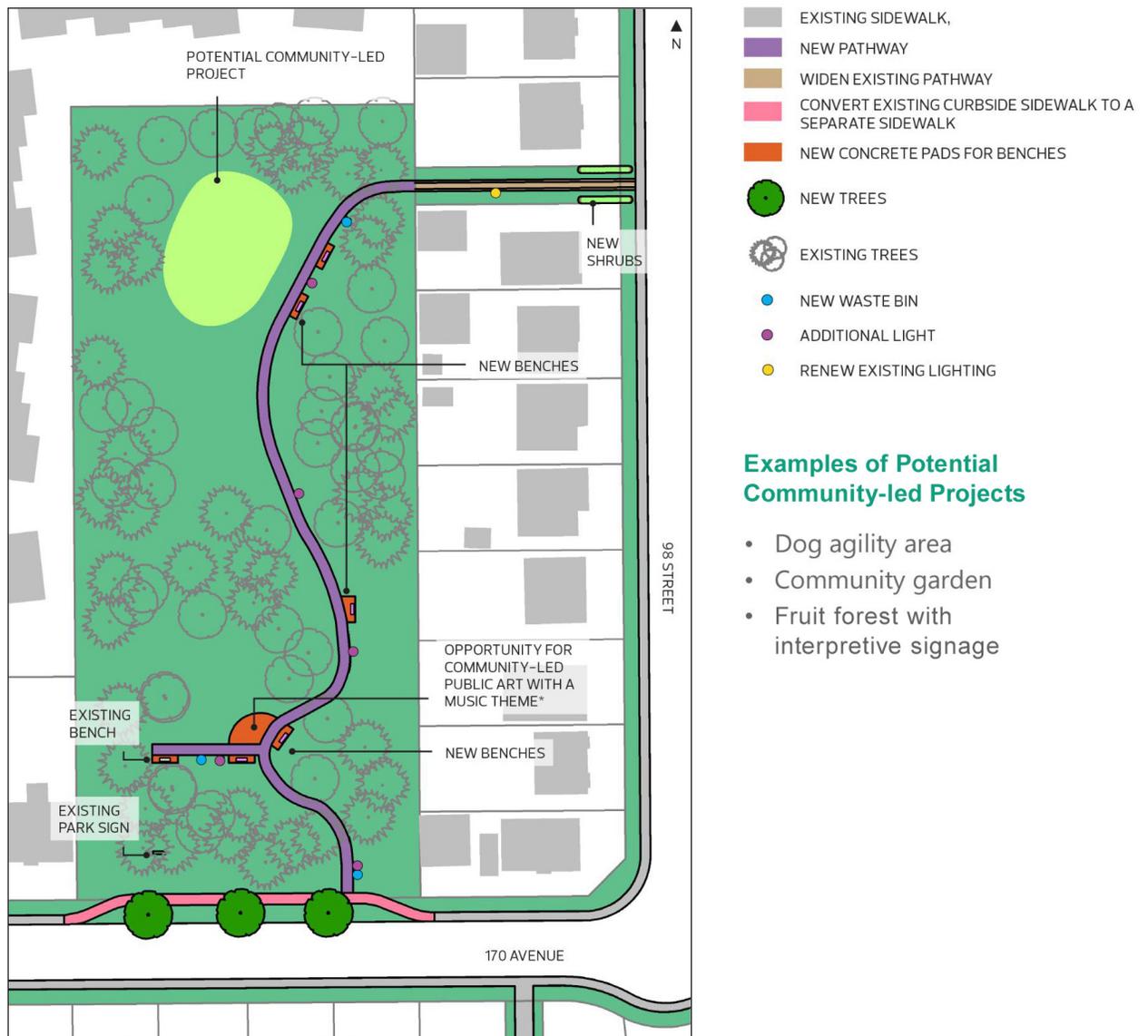


Of the provided "Other" responses to this question, respondents identified the park as a calming, relaxing viewpoint, whether it was in the park or viewing it from their window:

- + "Quiet, wildlife watching and meditating."
- + "View the Park from my residence. Calming effect."
- + "Only one bench there now so enjoy reading and just listening to the birds and other natural sounds."

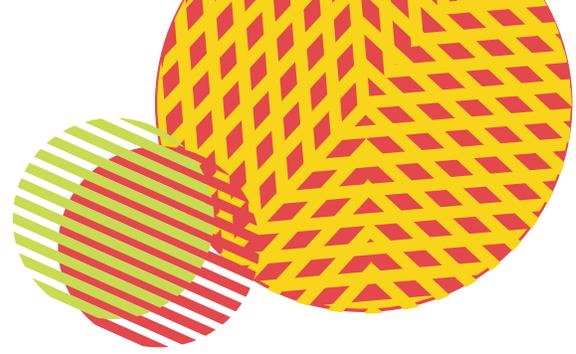
Baturyn Urban Design Analysis: Harry Farmer Park

To provide an idea of how the park could look, an image showing the proposed development of the park was included with the survey:



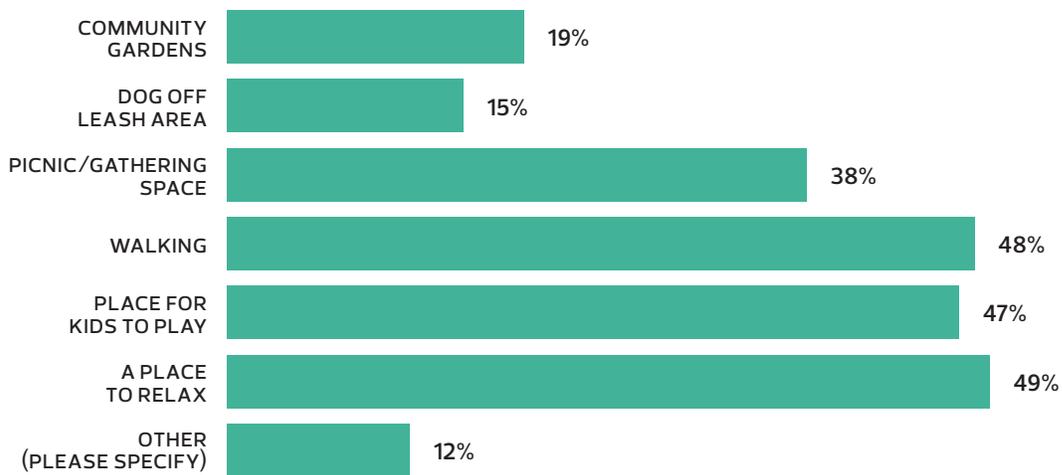
Examples of Potential Community-led Projects

- Dog agility area
- Community garden
- Fruit forest with interpretive signage



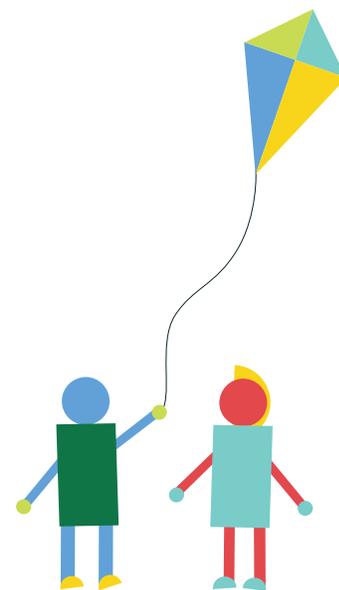
How would you like to use this space IN THE FUTURE?

Respondents could select multiple answers.



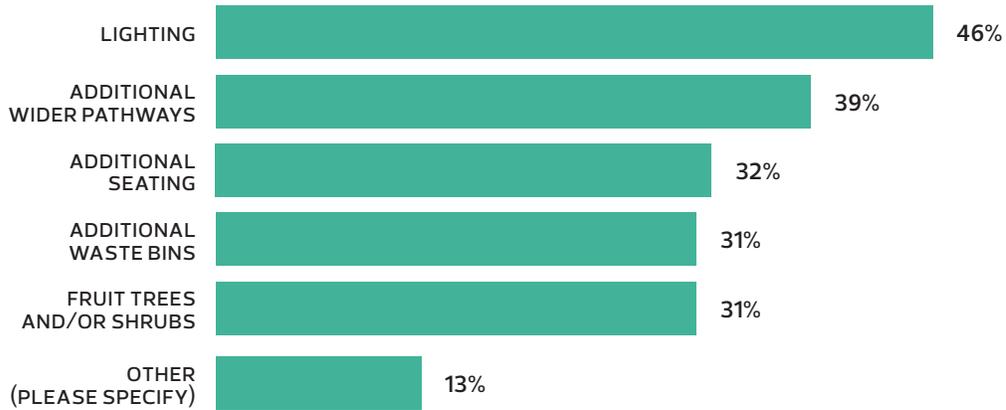
Of those who provided "Other" responses to this question, respondents commented that no changes to the park were needed:

- + "Leave it as the green space it is."
- + "I would rather see these options developed at the Baturyn Recreation Park: Community Gardens, Fruit Trees & Dog Off Leash Area since there is AMPLE space there."
- + "Harry Farmer Park is too small for any of these options."



Based on previous engagement we have identified possible amenities for Harry Farmer Park listed below.

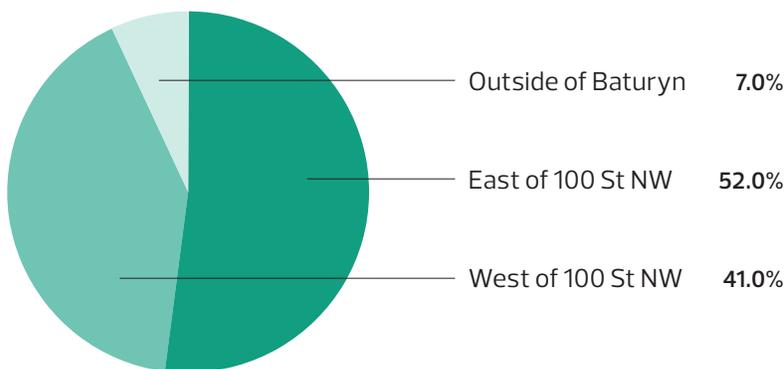
What are your top two priorities for amenities in Harry Farmer Park?



Of the provided "Other" responses to this question, respondents mentioned an interest in children play structures:

- + "Music Playground."
- + "Fenced dog off leash area."
- + "Picnic tables and those raised wood burning cooking grates."
- + "Choice is to leave this green space as it is now."

Where respondents live



Additional Feedback

Respondents were provided the opportunity to add any additional feedback in regards to the park. Many respondents expressed their desire to keep Harry Farmer Park the way it is. Of those that preferred to keep Harry Farmer Park the way it is, some respondents indicated that they would still like to see additional lighting, benches, garbage bins and wider pathways in the park.

- + "The park is awesome as it is....an open green space."
- + "Some lighting and a pathway is all that is needed."
- + "Oh and perhaps some trash cans."
- + "Don't make Harry Farmer park a destination park.... Please leave the peaceful green space just that!...a peaceful green space."

Some respondents identified that they have never been to or heard of the park:

- + "Don't usually go because I was not aware you could, even though there is a pokéstop there."
- + "It is a beautiful cozy little park nestled in the residential area. I think it would be important that this little gem remains quaint & relaxed for the area."
- + "I had never heard of it before and I have lived in Baturyn for over 30 years. Well kept secret."

Six respondents expressed interest in having a dog off-leash area, however 11 users were against the idea with some listing maintenance and noise levels as their main concerns.

Next Steps

The project team will return to the community to gather **Community Feedback on the Draft Design** in **November 2021**.

During the **Community Feedback on the Draft Design** stage of engagement, we invite you to provide feedback that will help us **REFINE** the draft design for Baturyn Renewal. Information will also be provided during upcoming project stages about cost-sharing opportunities for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction through the Local Improvement process. For more information on Local Improvements, please visit edmonton.ca/localimprovements.

For more information regarding the Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal, upcoming public engagement activities and to subscribe to project updates, please visit edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn.



Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better. We will engage and work with you on the renewal of streets, sidewalks, streetlights, park spaces and promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. Let's make the most out of your neighbourhood.

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