



Raleigh Park Open House #3 Summary (9/27/17)

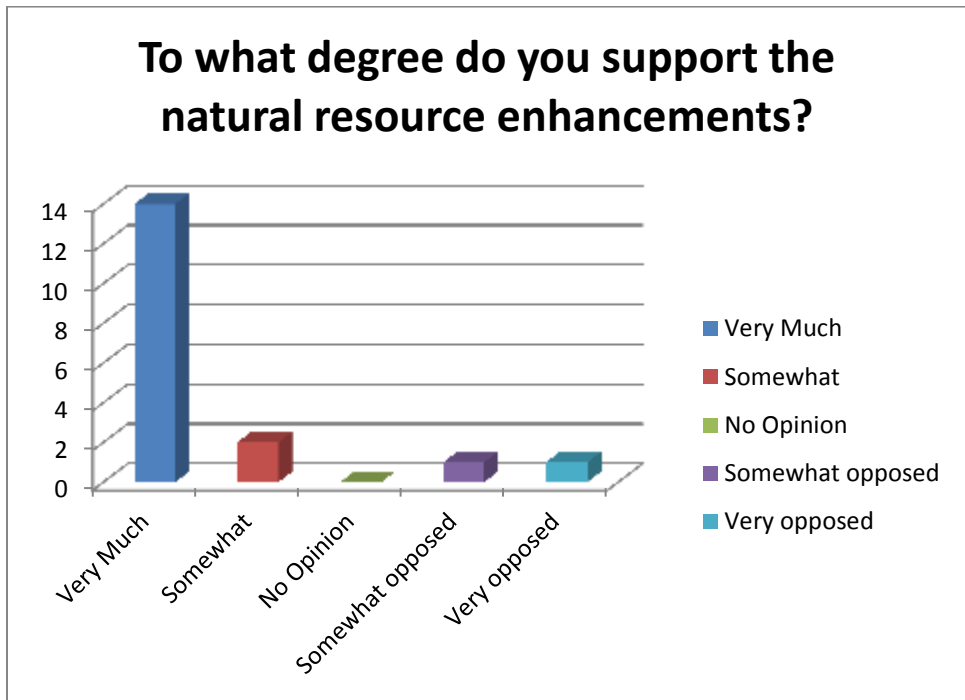
Nearly 35 community members participated in an open house meeting about the draft Raleigh Park concept plan on 9/27/17. During the meeting, staff presented a final draft of the plan. Patrons rotated through four stations (overview, stream/forest enhancement, trails, and recreation, which included the tennis courts and future recreation amenities). The comments below are arranged thematically.

Content summary:

- There continued to be a high interest in natural resource enhancements, providing they were well maintained.
- A majority of patrons supported the new trail system, but a few questioned the need and impact.
- Pickleball was still a desired feature. Many patrons would like to see a shared use court.
- Additional recreation amenities were of interest to the community, but further study on the best location and item should be studied further.
- Continuing to plant apple trees was desired by many patrons, though others consider them messy and cause maintenance challenges.

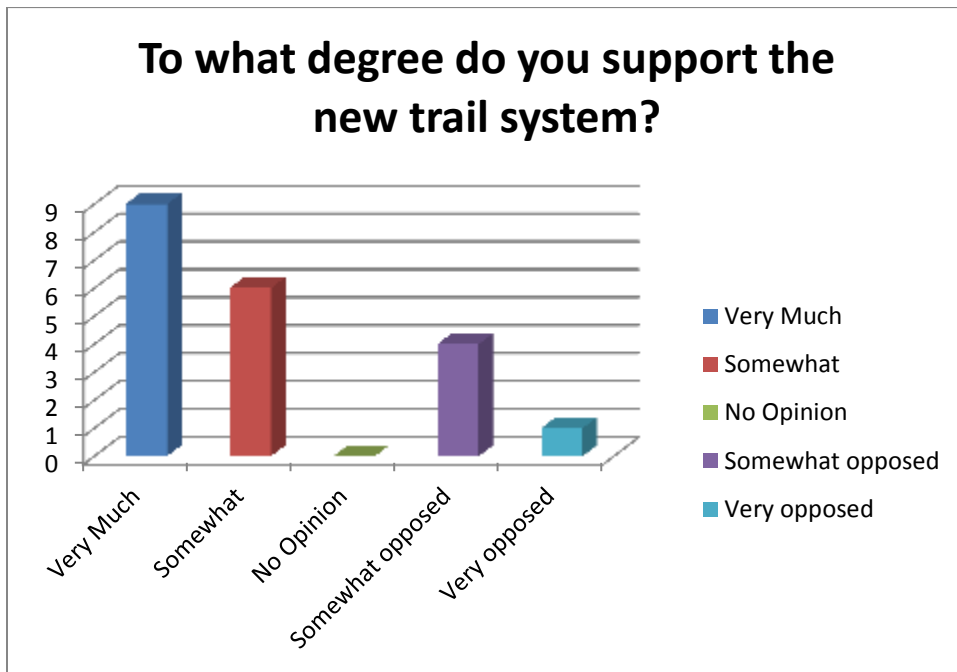
Natural Resource Comments:

- Weed removal, followed by planting of native trees, shrubs, and forbs was widely supported.
- Several patrons noted that they expect THPRD to provide ongoing maintenance to these areas so it looks “kept up.”
- If the ash grove is planted with natives, open sight lines are desired for safety.
- Two picnic tables were requested to be left in an open area along the ash grove trail.
- People still have a desire to walk through the forested areas, even if additional plants are installed.



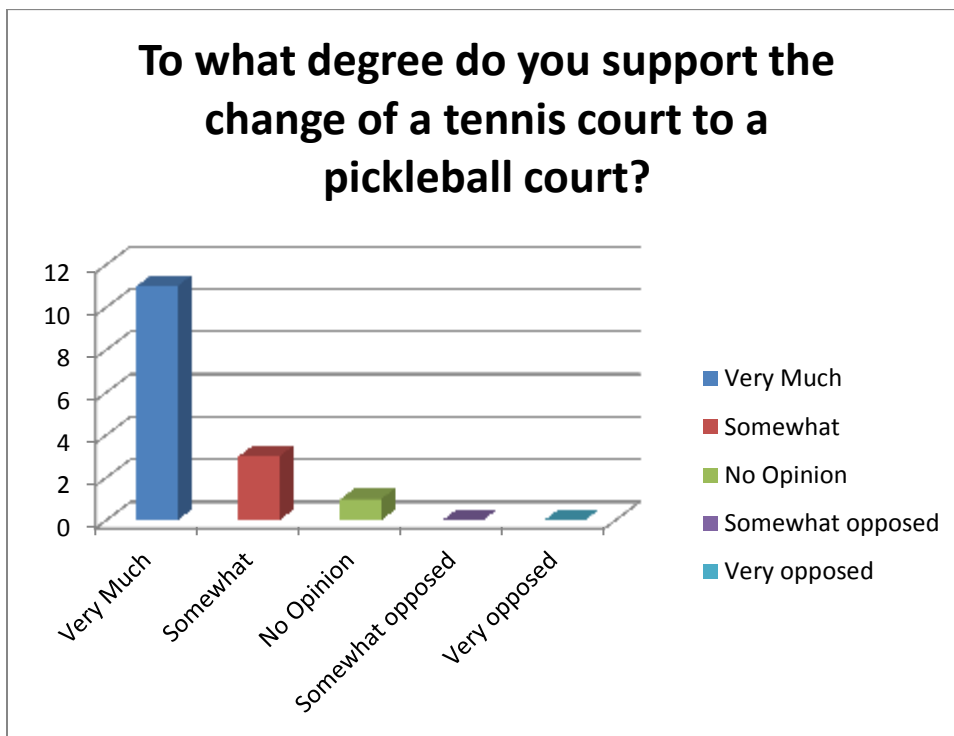
Trail Comments:

- Overall, the trail proposal was well received.
- Because many people use the park as a neighborhood connector, lighting was requested along the paved trail.
- One patron was concerned that the trail would disturb wildlife in the forested areas.
- Comments were received that the trails on the north side should extend all the way to the west. Other people requested that the trails remain where they are proposed and do not stretch out further.
- A question was raised about whether neighbors who reside near the new trails were informed of the trail proposal.
- Two patrons questioned whether trails were needed at all since people can walk wherever they want now.



Recreation Comments:

- Patrons appreciated new and existing opportunities for recreation in the park.
- Pickleball courts were widely supported. Many people prefer a dual use court that would support tennis and pickleball.
- Two people asked why the pool is not covered and used year-round.
- Several requests were made to add play equipment for older children (ages 7-12 in particular) and teens.
- The potential future recreation area noted on the map is very wet. Consider moving it up hill or to the northwest.
 - Requests for future amenities included: skate park, basketball court, volleyball court, bocce, covered picnic area, swings for people experiencing disabilities, adult fitness stations.



General Park Comments:

- Many comments were received about apple trees.
 - Some patrons wanted to see trees maintained at a high enough level that fruit could be harvested easily.
 - Others requested that the trees are just replanted with other species as they die.