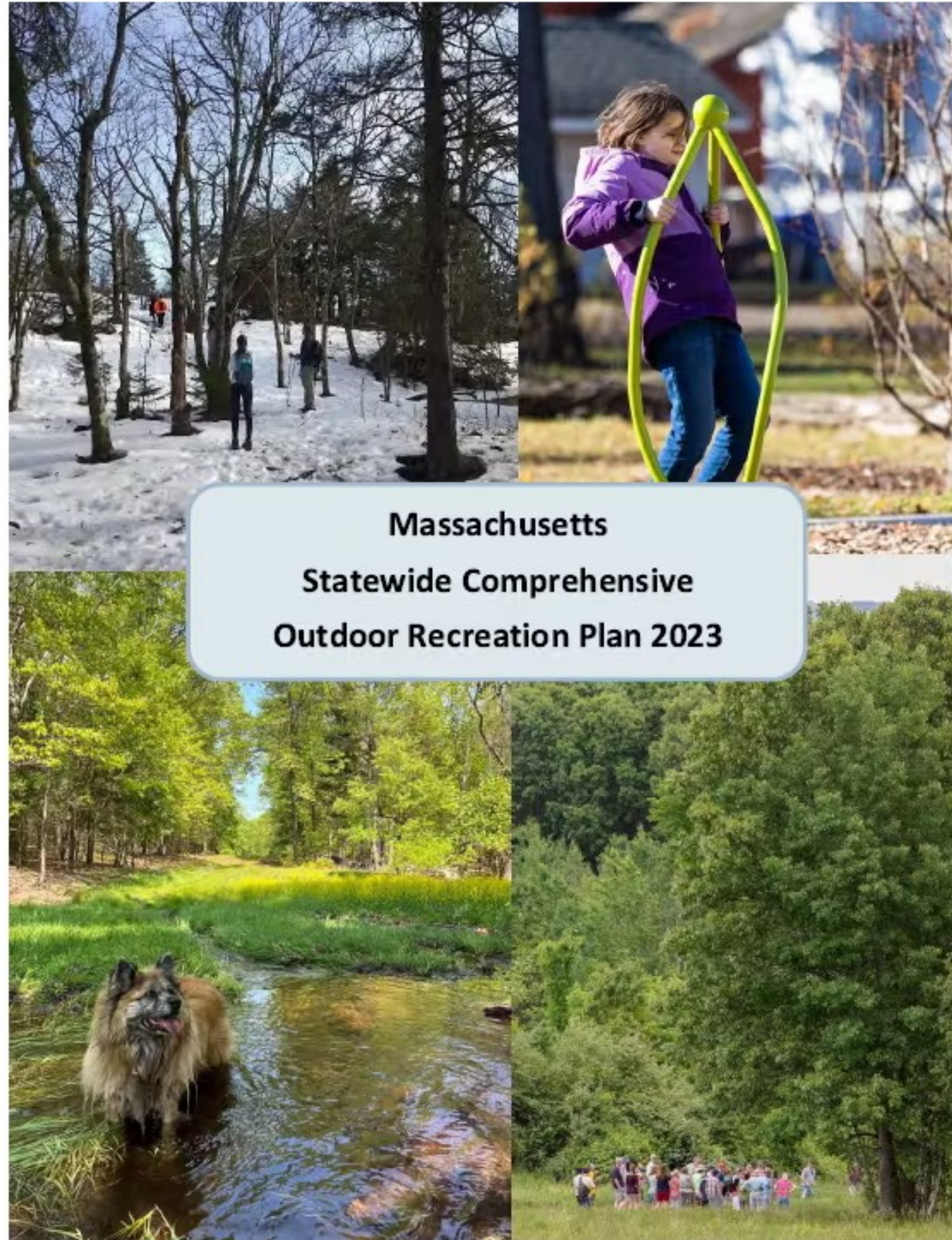


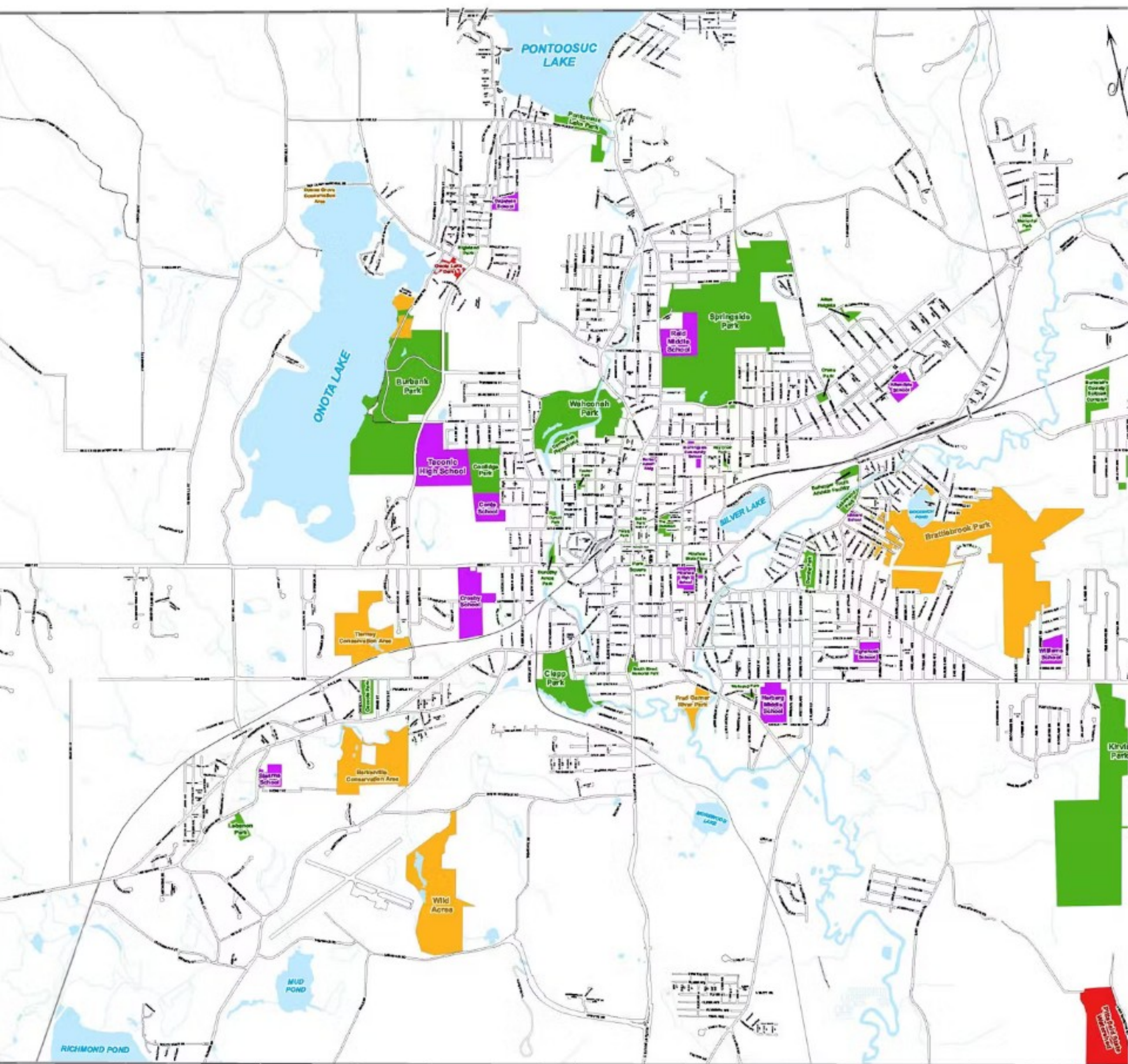


Public Forum- Pittsfield Open Space and Recreation Update



Open Space and Recreation Plans are...

- a tool communities use to plan for conservation and recreation needs.
- make the community eligible for state grant funding.
- reviewed and approved by the Division of Conservation Services.
- relevant for 7 years and then require updating.

**Legend**

■ Parks ■ Conservation Land ■ Schools ■ Restricted Land

Open Spaces include:

- Lakes and Rivers
- State Parks
- Preserves and Land Trusts
- Town Lands- parks, cemeteries, beaches
- Farms
- Forests and wetlands
- Wildlife Management Areas
- Private land in Agriculture Preservation Restriction, Conservation Restriction, or tax abatement program (Chapter 61)

The screenshot shows the website <https://berkshiresoutside.org/community/pittsfield-ma/>. The header includes the "Berkshires OUTSIDE" logo and navigation links for Activity, Location, Resources, Events, About, and English. The main content area is titled "THINGS TO DO IN Pittsfield". A text box states: "The largest city in Berkshire County, Pittsfield has a wide range of options for outdoor recreation. The two branches of the Housatonic River can be accessed from several locations. Pittsfield also has two lakes featuring boat access. More".

On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of activities: Adventure, Athletics, Boating, Camping, Cycling, Hiking, Hunting/Fishing, Motorized Recreation, Playgrounds, Swimming, Wildlife Viewing, and Winter Sports. Below this is a "FILTERS" section with various options like Accessible, Dogs allowed, EV Charging, Family Friendly, Free, Low Visitation, Near Public Transit, Parking, Picnicking, Potable Water, Primitive, Restroom, Scenic View, and Trailhead.

The center of the page displays a list of locations in Pittsfield, MA:

- Bellwether Stables**: BELLWEATHER STABLES, HORSEBACK RIDING
- Lebanon Park**: PLAYGROUNDS | BASKETBALL | BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
- Berkshire Community College**: HIKING | FOOTBALL | BASKETBALL
- CCC Ski Lodge Trailhead**: PITTSFIELD STATE FOREST, HIKING | CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING | BACKCOUNTRY SKIING
- Pittsfield State Forest Campground**: PITTSFIELD STATE FOREST, HORSEBACK RIDING | CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING | BEACH
- Dubow Reserve**: HUNTING
- Wild Acres**

On the right, there is a map of Pittsfield, MA, showing various locations marked with pins. The map includes a legend for Public Land, Private Land, Bus Route, Trail, and Major Trail. A search bar is also present on the map.

Berkshires Outside Website: <https://berkshiresoutside.org/>



Goals from 2017

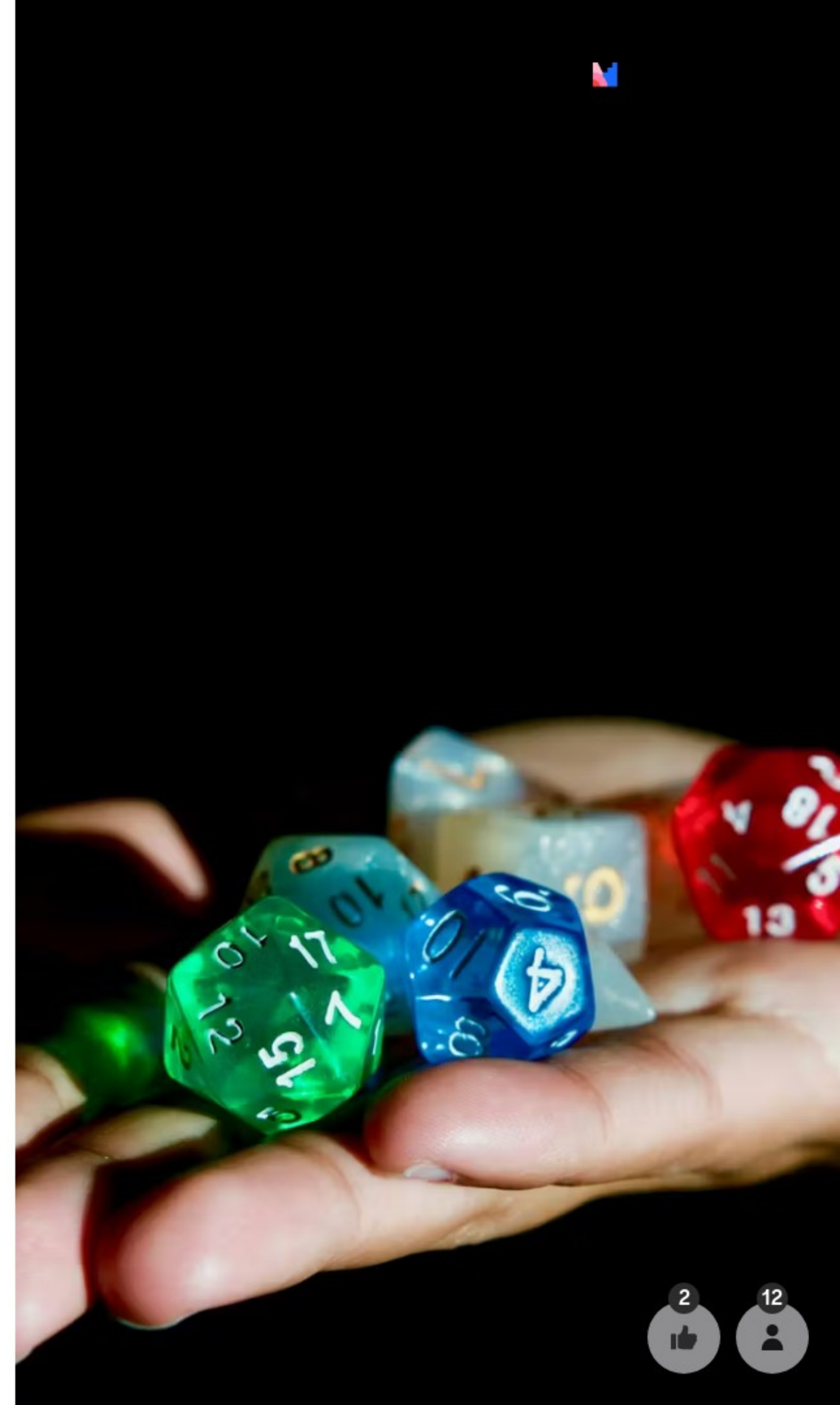
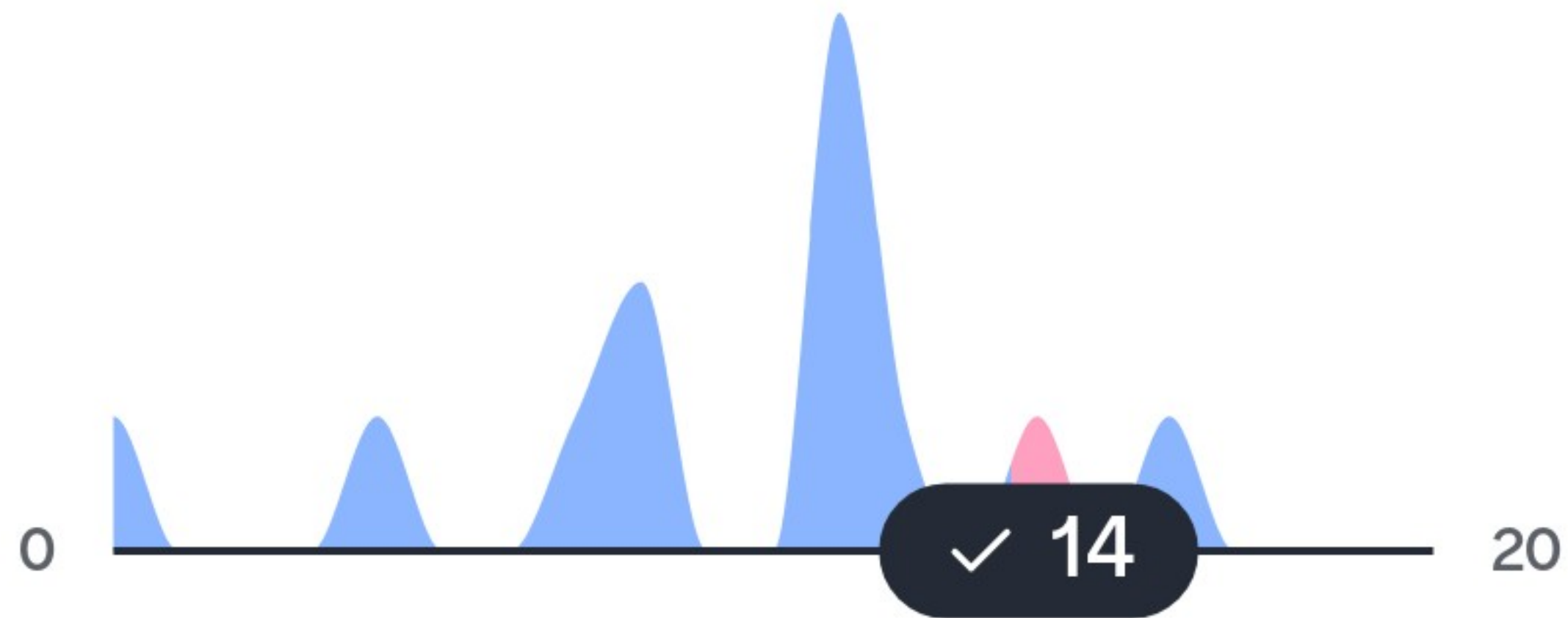
- Protect natural resources to maintain biodiversity,
- Ensure adequate opportunities and facilities for recreation and conservation uses for residents of all ages and abilities.
- Ensure adequate funding for maintaining and upgrading existing city parks.
- Preserve traditional land use patterns, decrease sprawl, and protect open spaces.
- Partner with residents, the state and other groups to enhance open space facilities.

Let's practice using the Mentimeter program to provide community feedback!

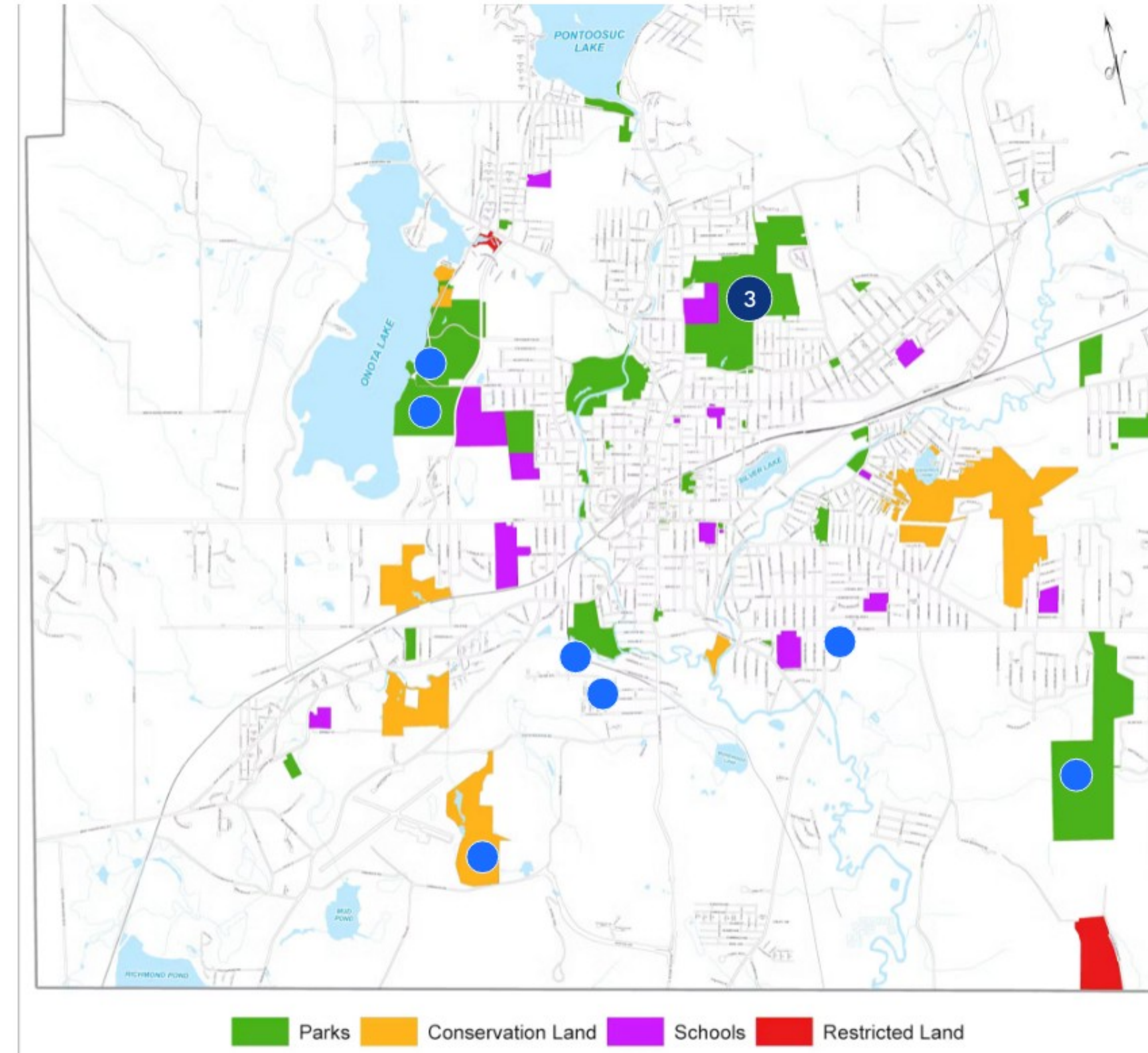
- Use a web browser to navigate to www.menti.com
- On the Menti.com webpage, input the 8 digit code displayed at the top of the page.



Guess the number between 1-20



What Pittsfield Park do you use the most?



What word or words come to mind regarding Pittsfield parks?

25 responses



Pittsfield: Open Space & Recreation Survey

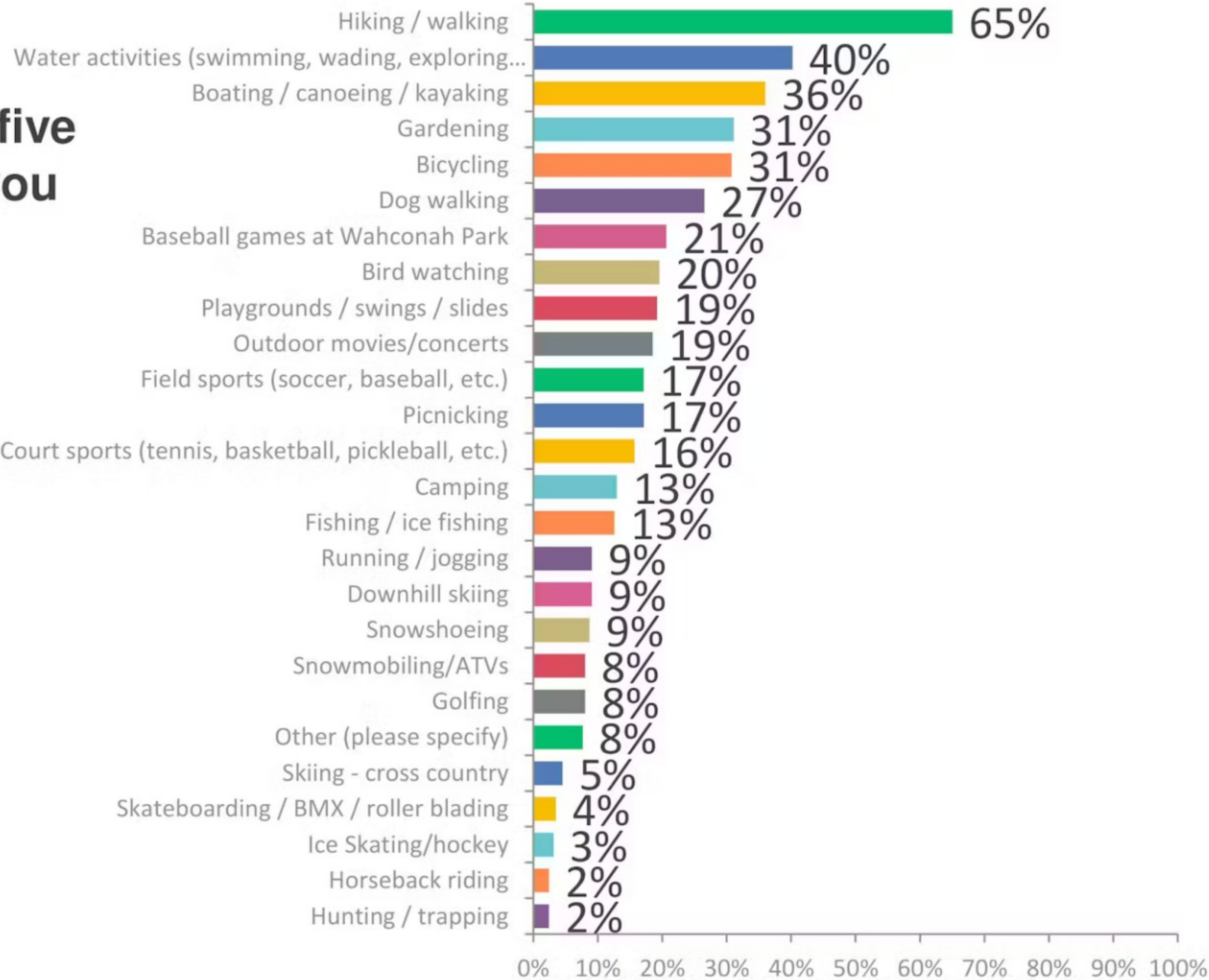
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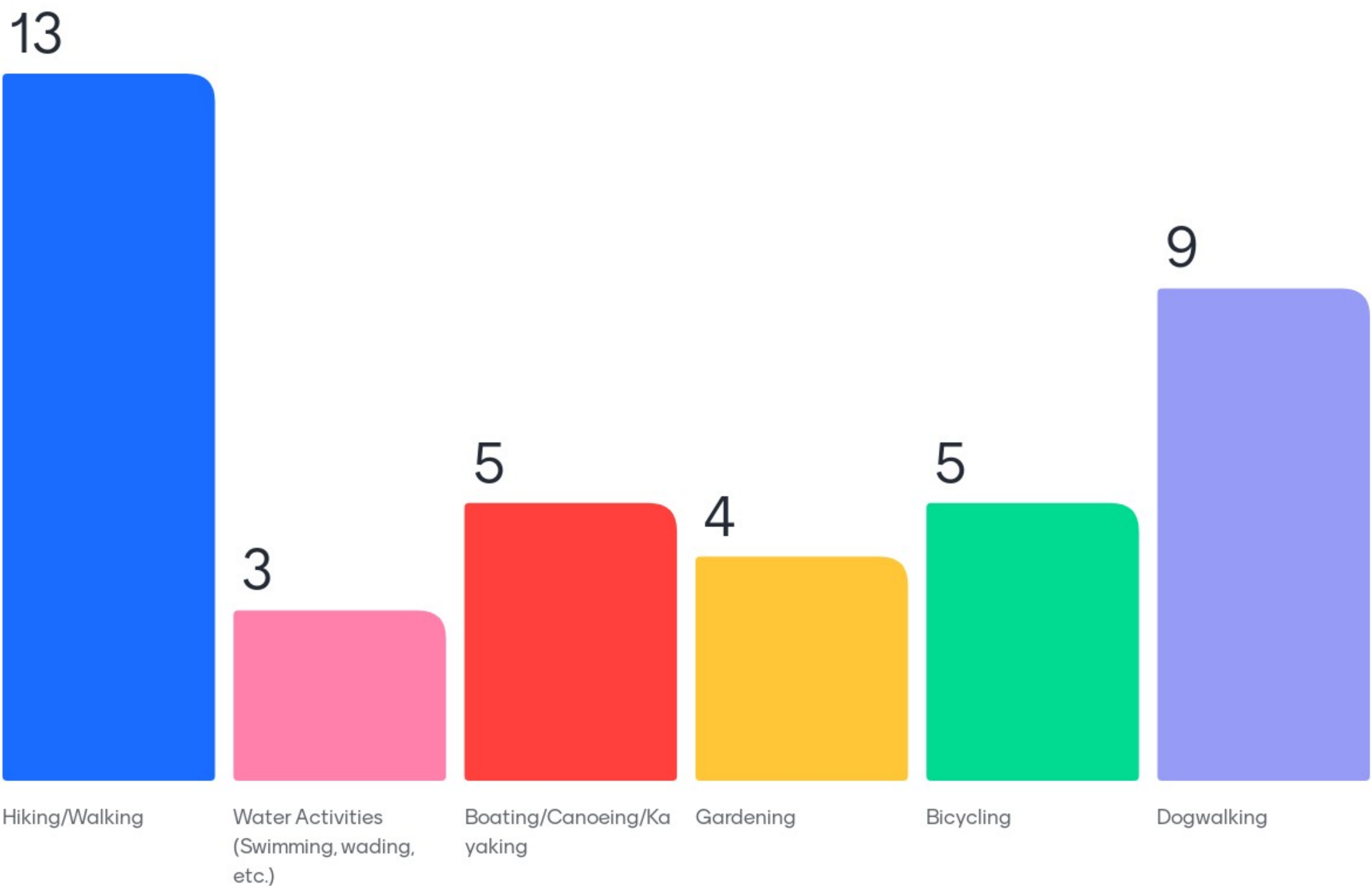
Total Responses

Q1: Choose up to five (5) activities that you enjoy doing in Pittsfield.

Answered: 288 Skipped: 0



Choose your three (3) favorite outdoor activities from the following list?



If we didn't include your favorite activity on the last slide, tell us about it here.

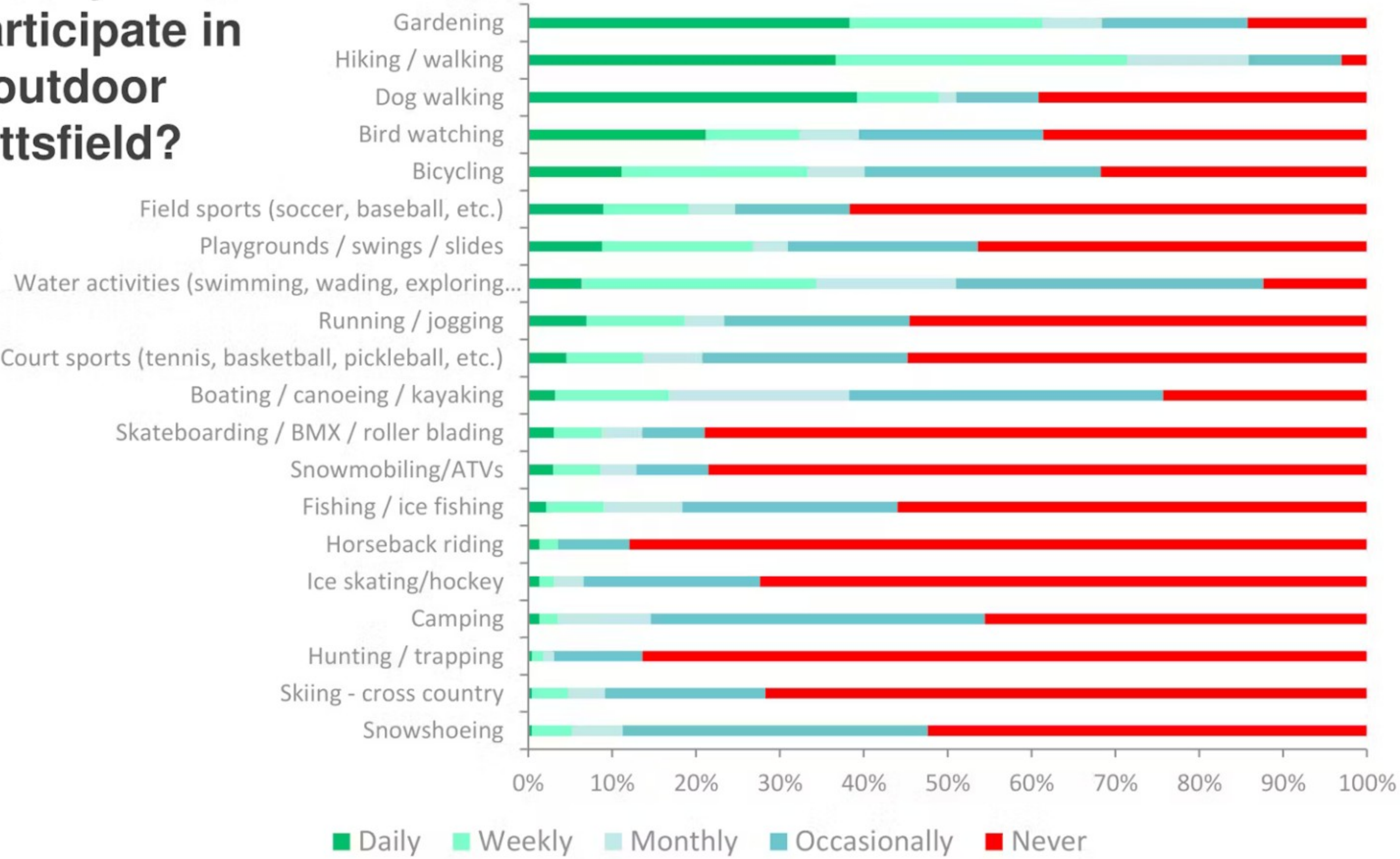
18 responses

gather with friends
use playground equipment
concerts musical events meditate
sports watch the world go round
special event fairs
concert people watch exercise
picnic market read a book
enjoy nature farmers market
a river walk



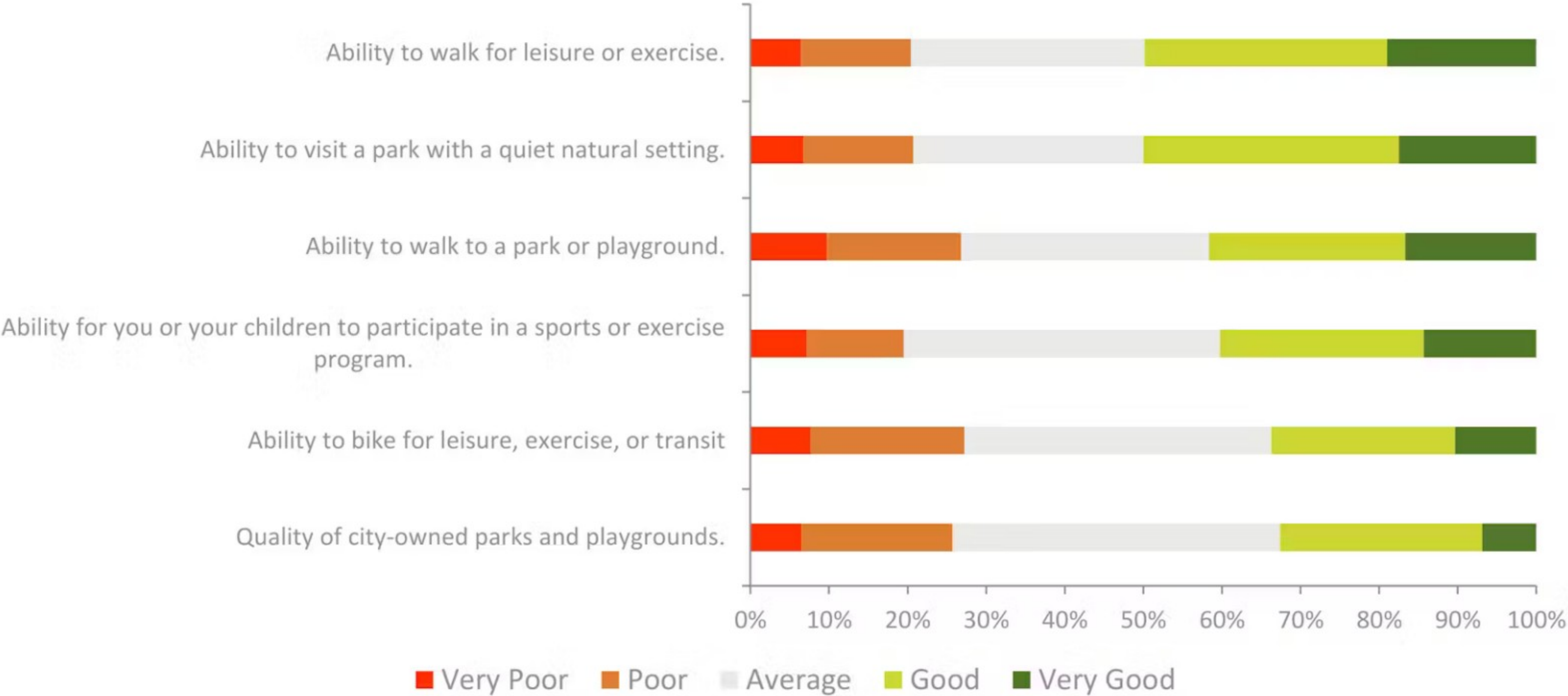
Q2: How often do you or your family participate in the following outdoor activities in Pittsfield?

Answered: 287 Skipped: 1



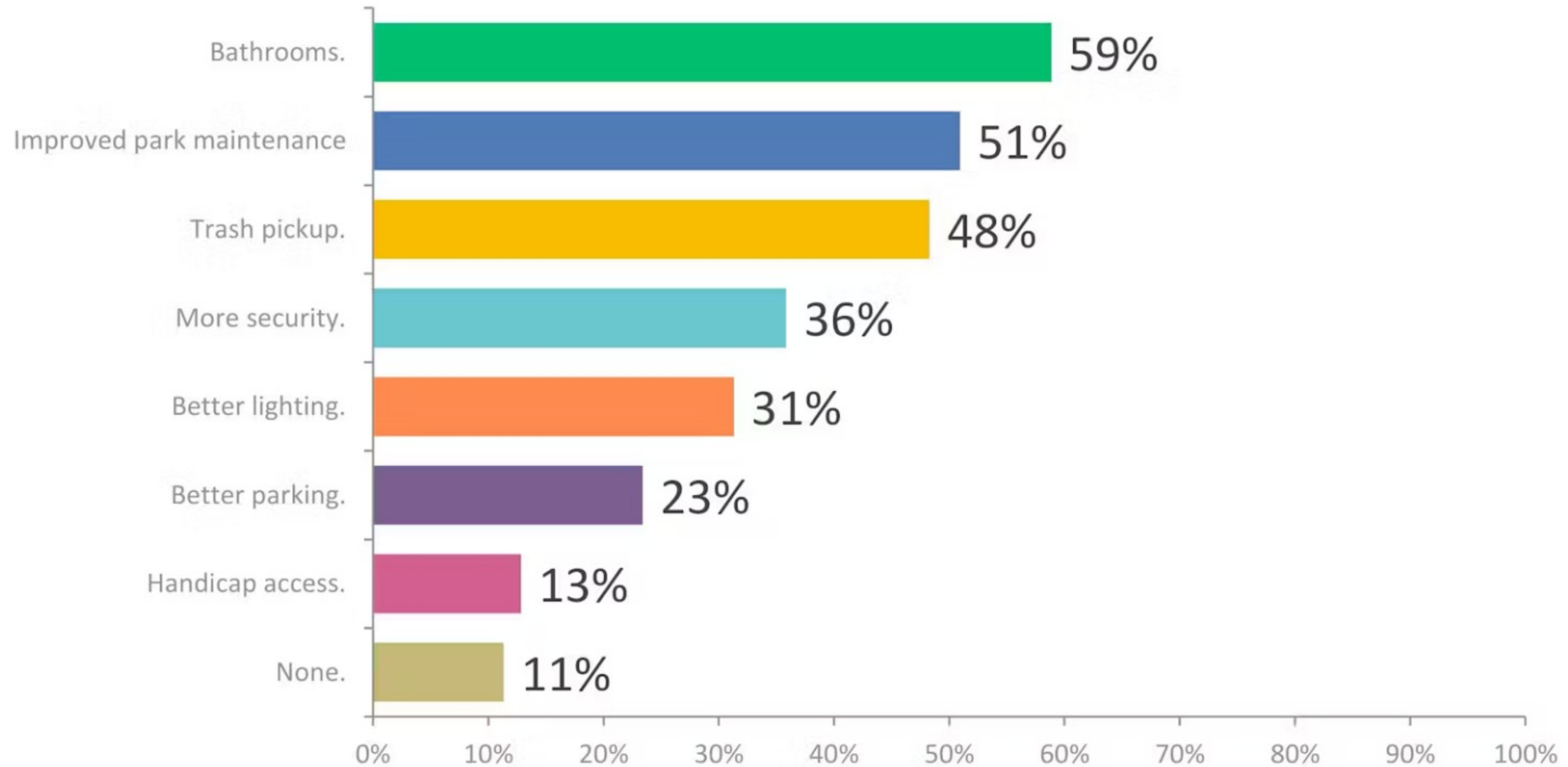
Q3: How would you rate each of the following in your neighborhood?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 4

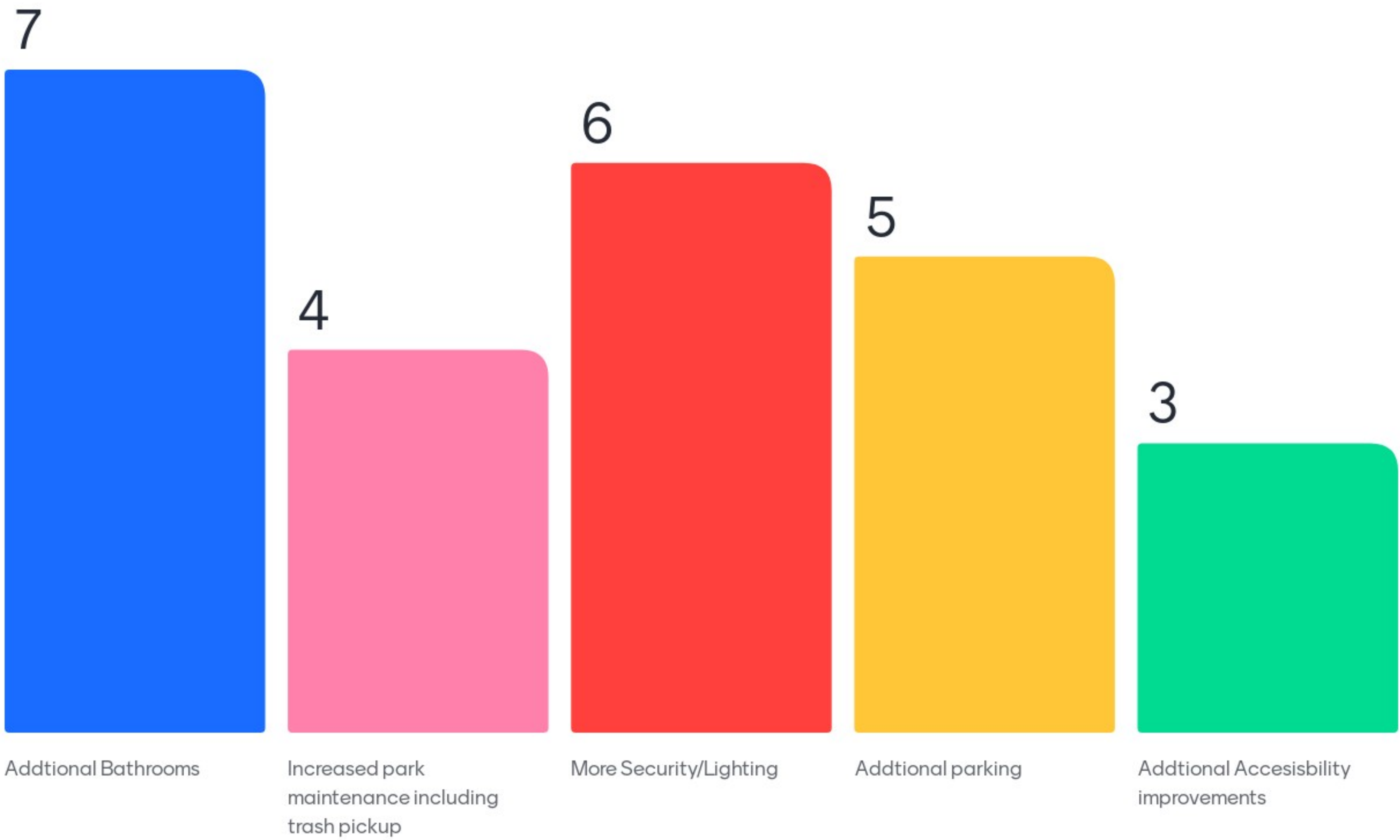


Q4: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to Pittsfield city parks.

Answered: 267 Skipped: 21

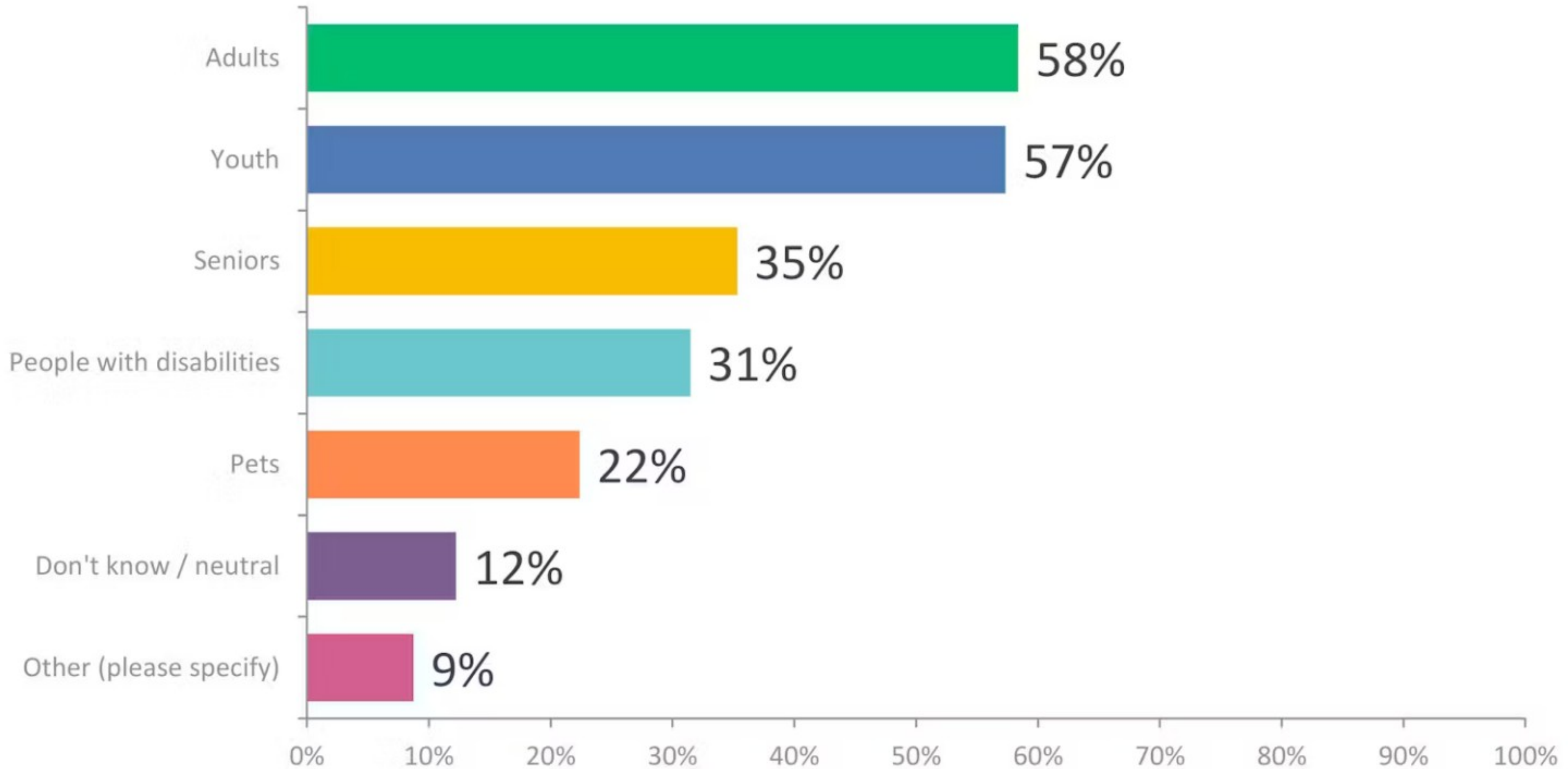


What improvements would you like to see in Pittsfield Parks?



Q5: Pittsfield needs more recreational opportunities for: (check all that apply)

Answered: 288 Skipped: 0



Tell us more about specific improvements you would like to see in Pittsfield Parks...

I would like to see
campgrounds at Burbank
park!

Another dog friendly
area. Bike trails, bike
training area

Security / surveillance

An outdoor pool with
classes for different age
groups

Improved surveillance to
reduce vandalism

Ice skating

Guided nature walks

Increase paved path in
woodsice skating
speedskating

Tell us more about specific improvements you would like to see in Pittsfield Parks...

Walking trail improvements

Additional lighting in the area in parking area at Springside house

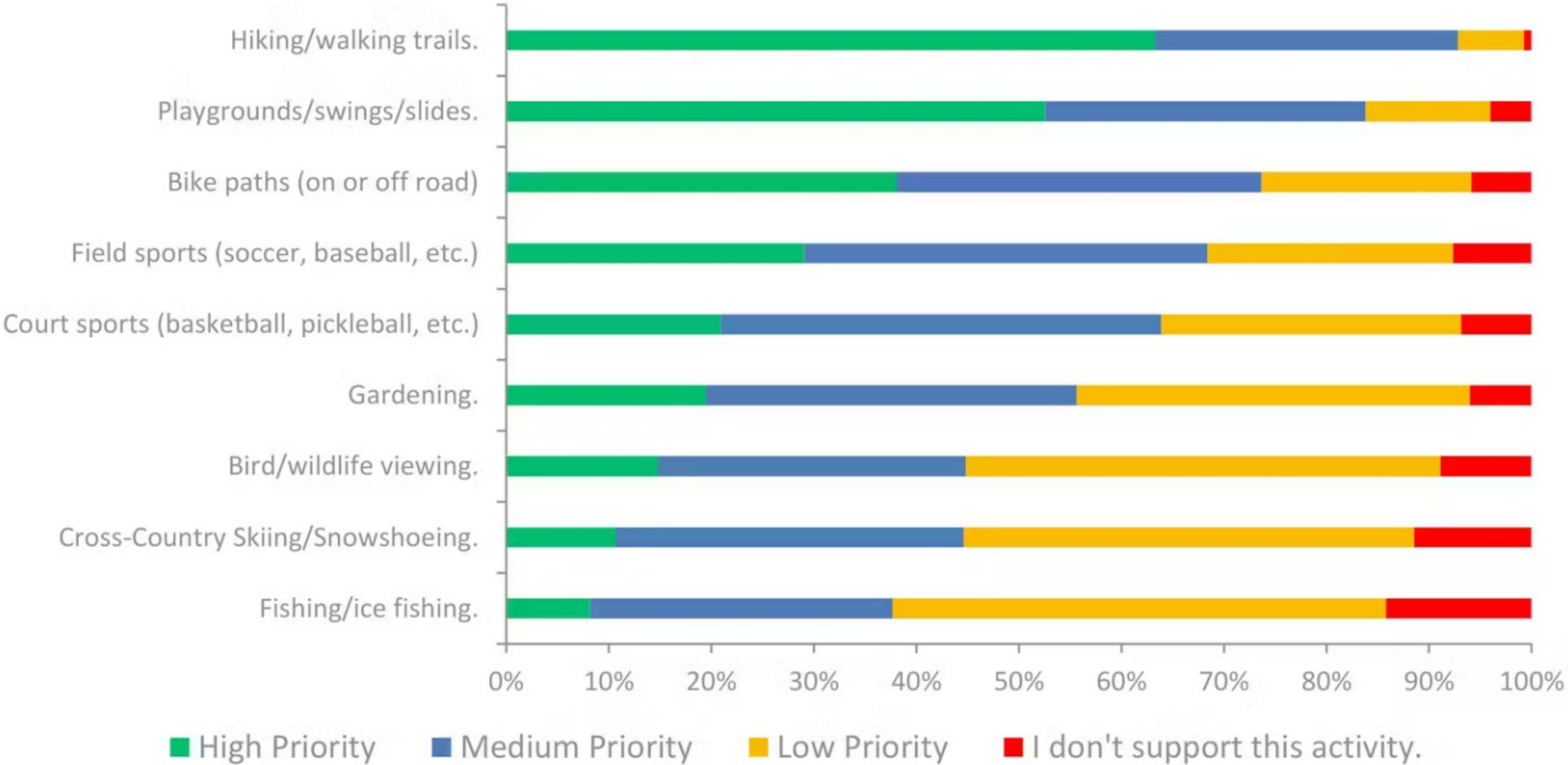
Trash can equity. Put cans where there's most trash and not judge people who miss the receptacle. More opportunities to recycle

More accessible walking trails/boardwalk paths. Remove grass/rocks/obstacles

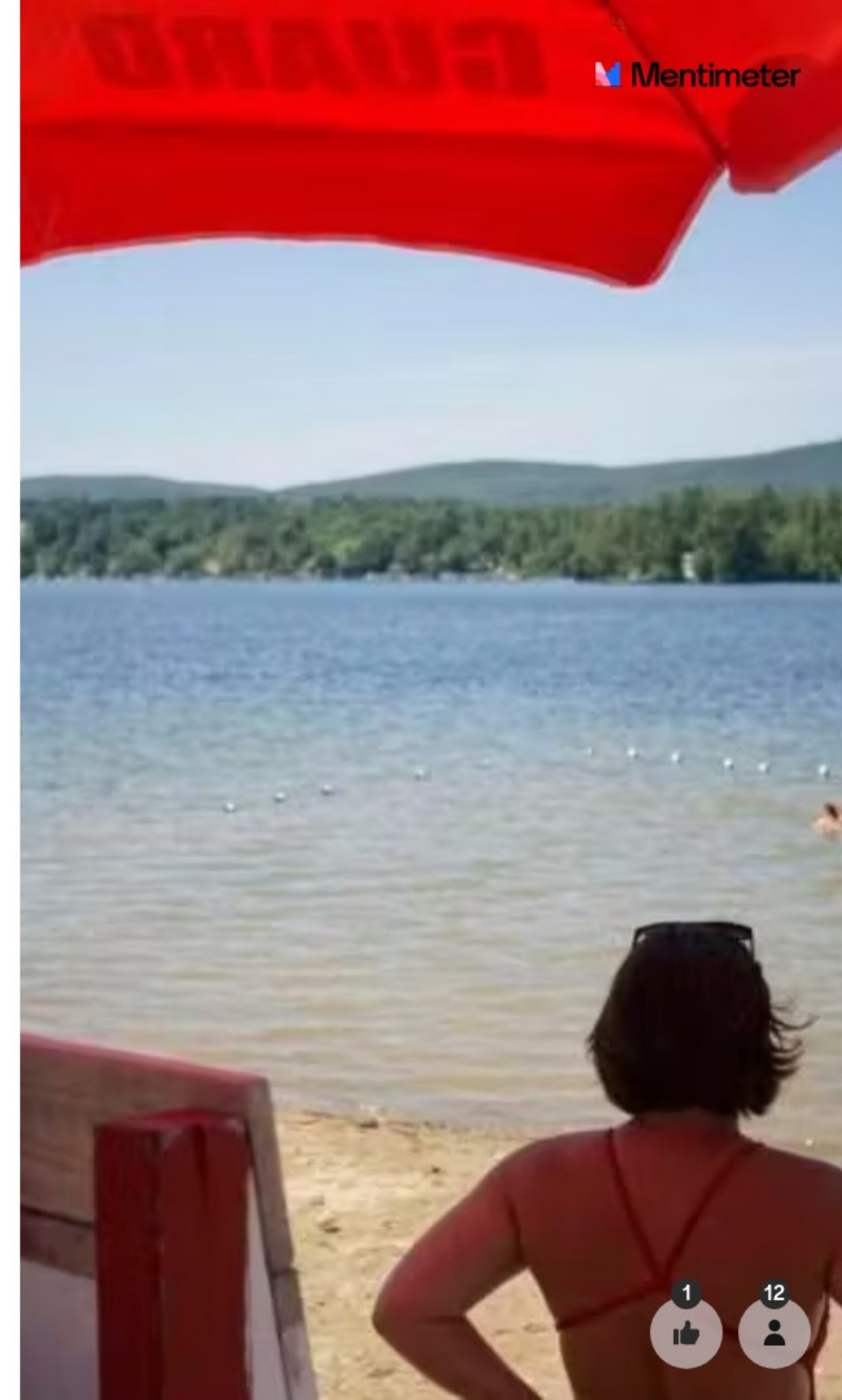
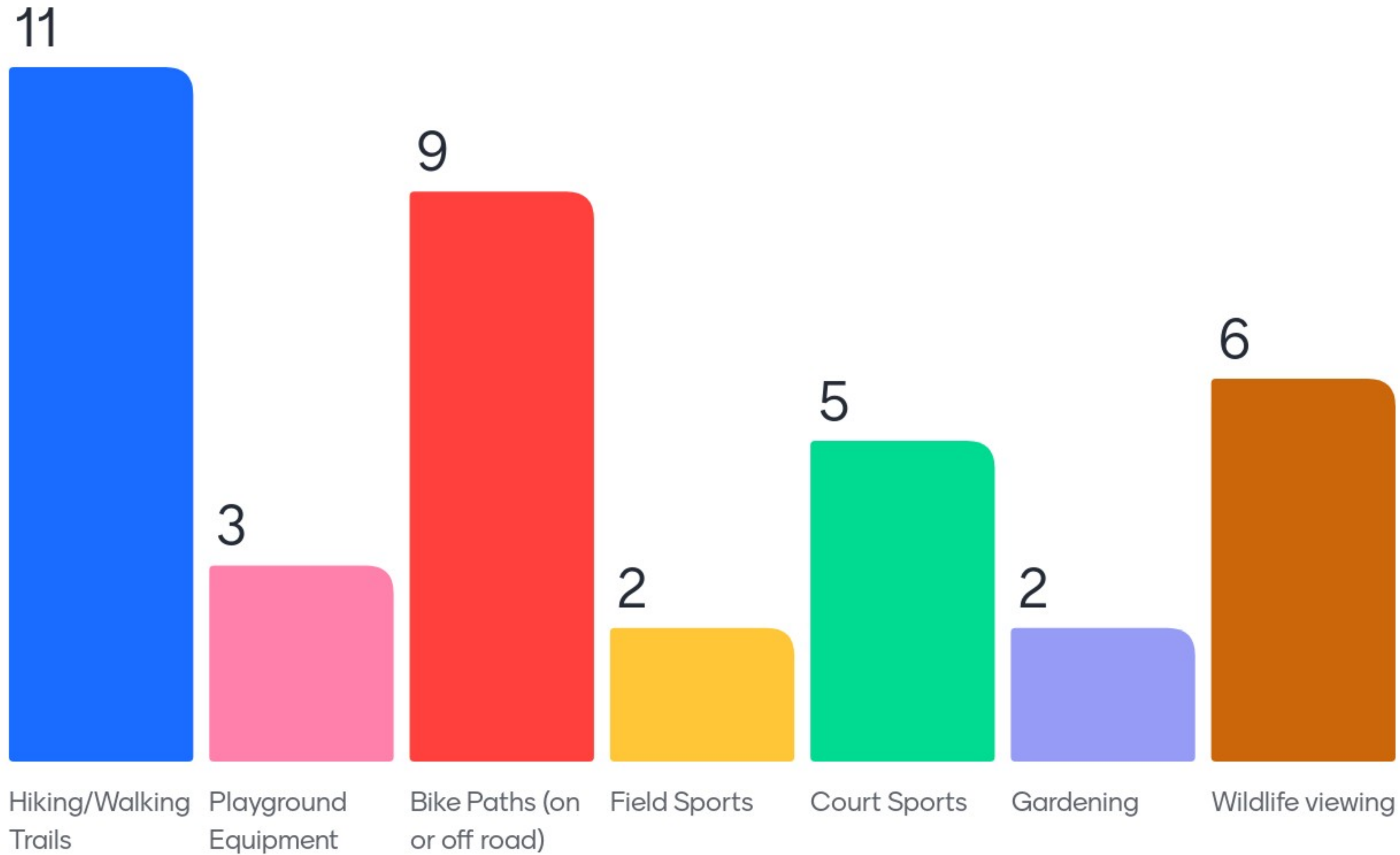
Wildlife viewing

Q6: Rate the following categories for city use of Parks and Recreation funds from high to low priority?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 0

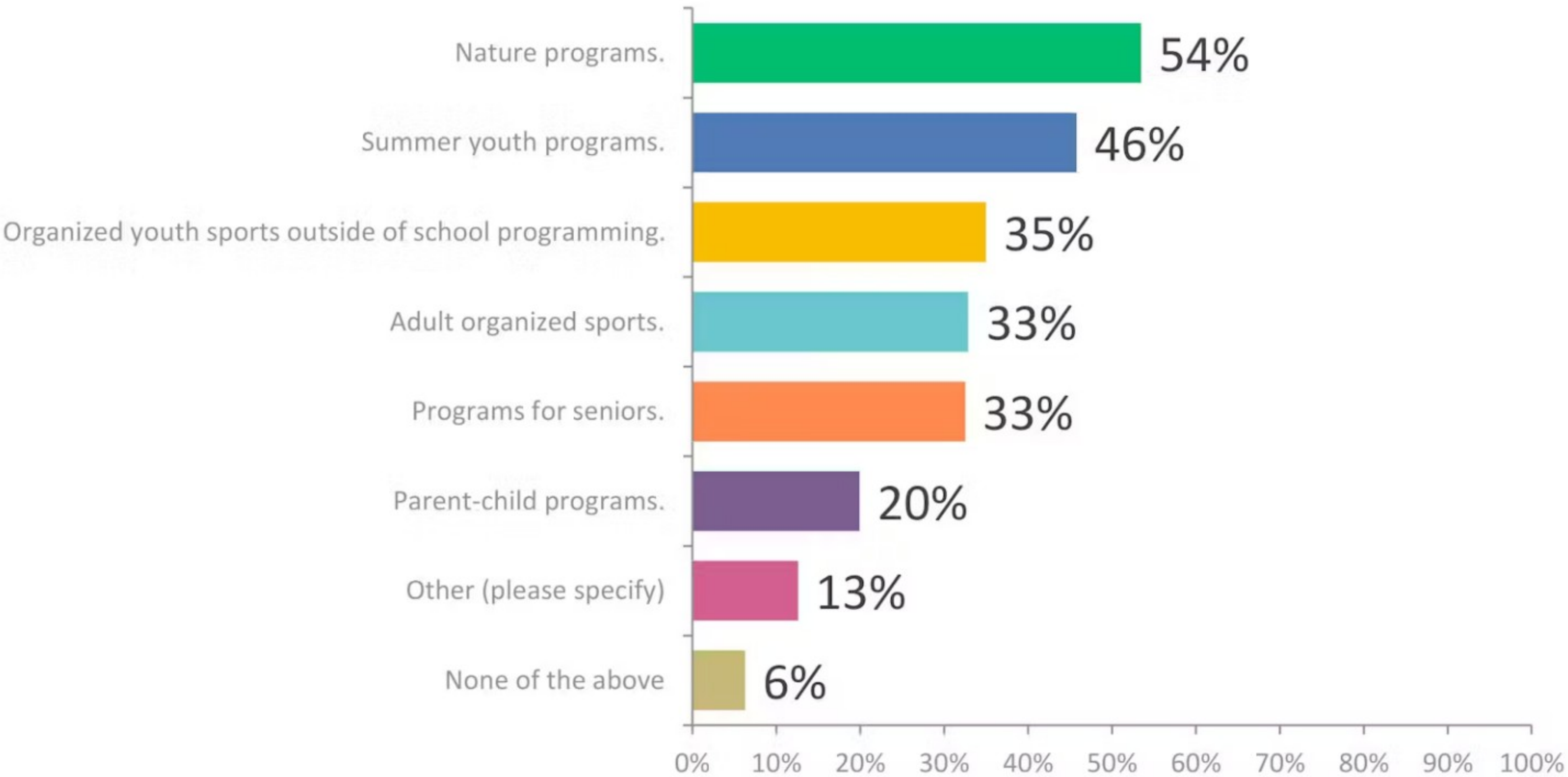


What areas would you like to see further parks investment from the city of Pittsfield?

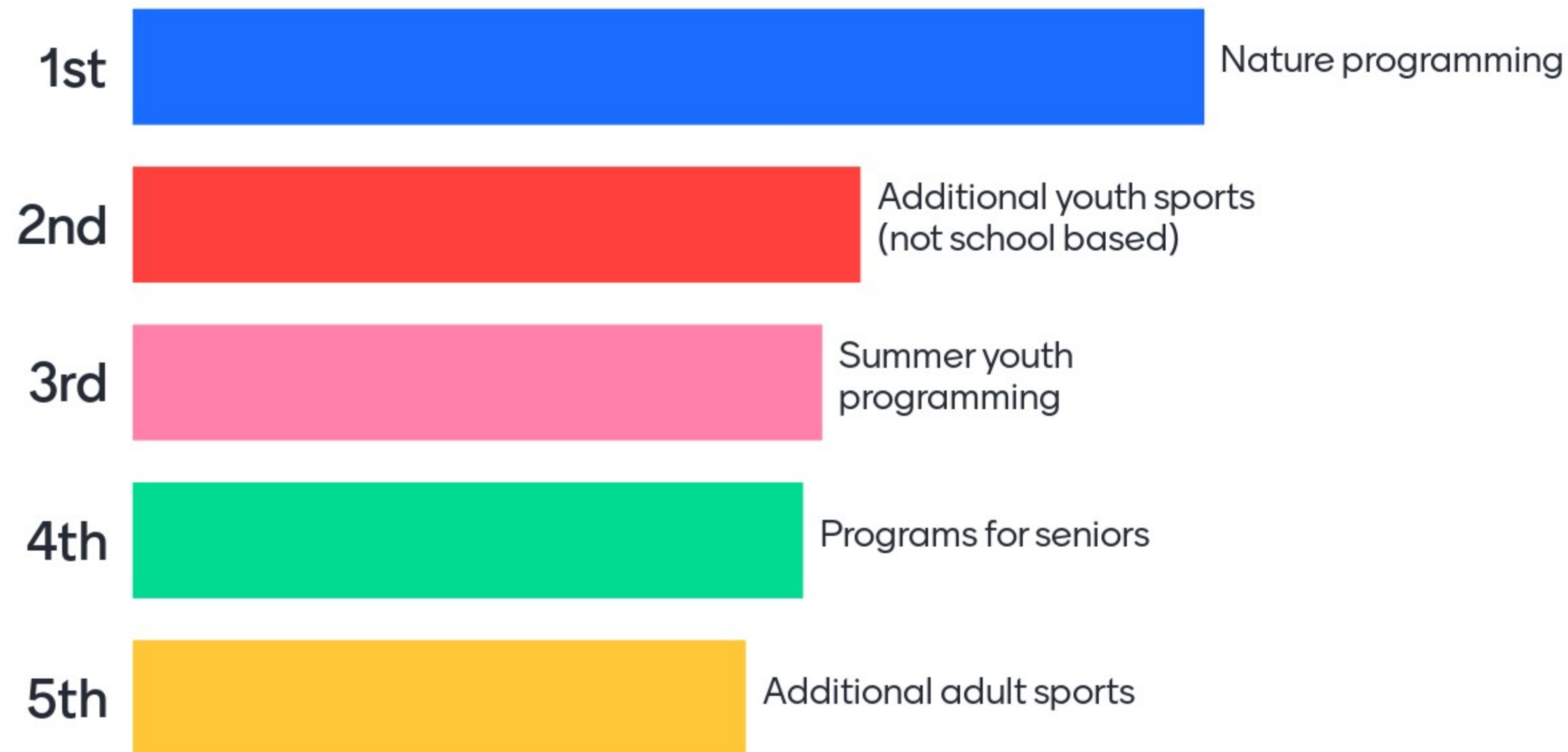


Q7: Which activities would you like to see more of in Pittsfield?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 0

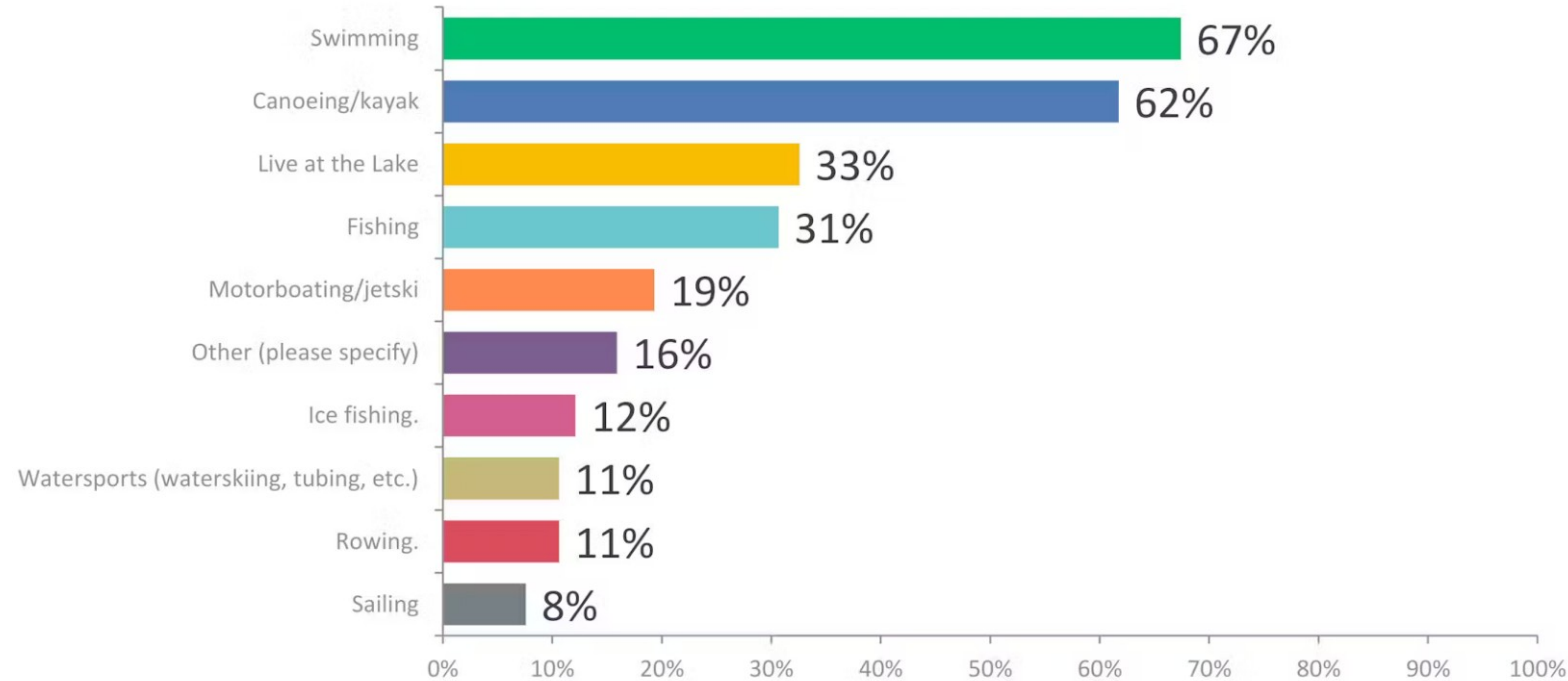


Which activities would you like to see more of in Pittsfield? Rank your choices.

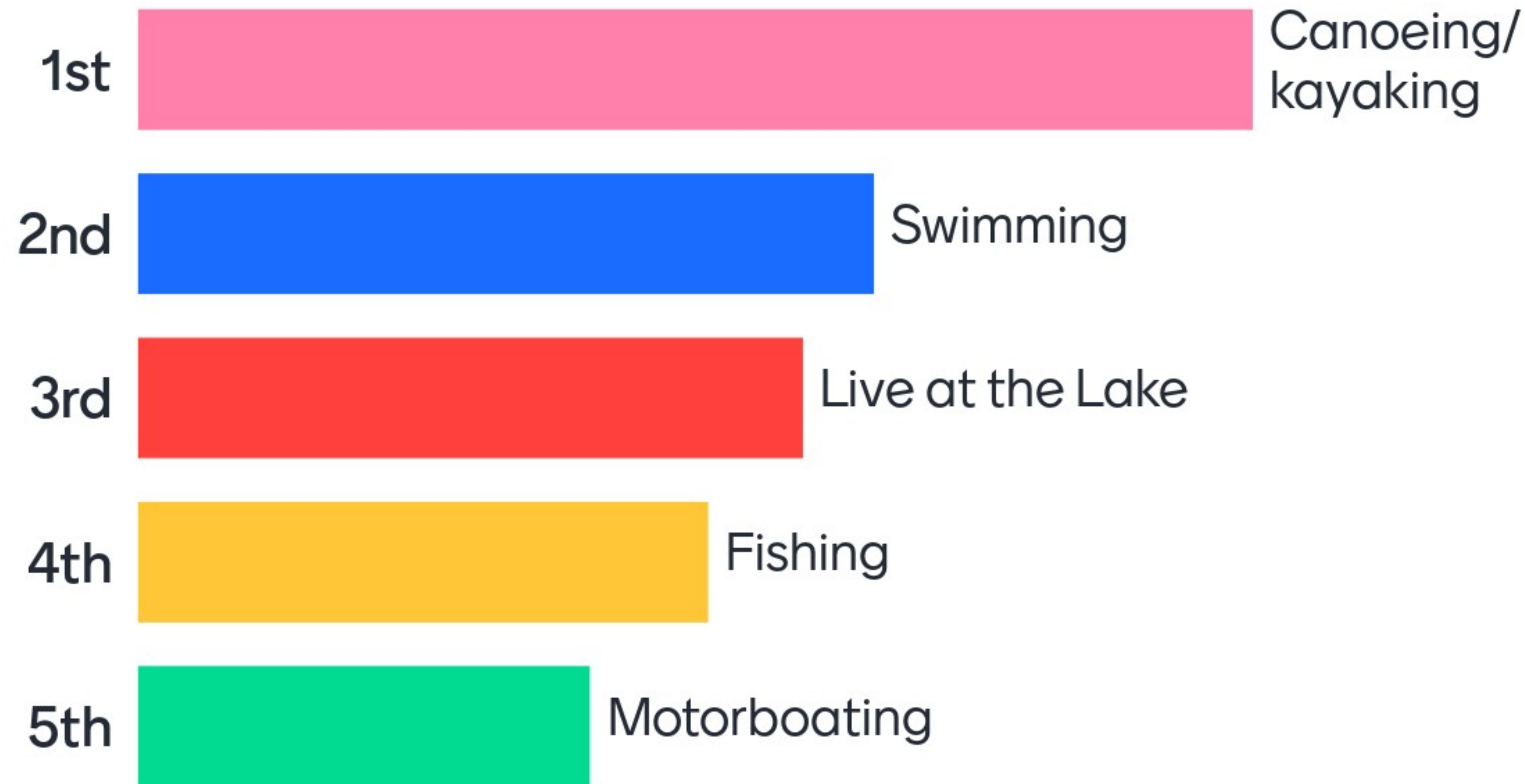


Q9: What activities do you enjoy at Pittsfield lakes? (please check all that apply)

Answered: 266 Skipped: 22

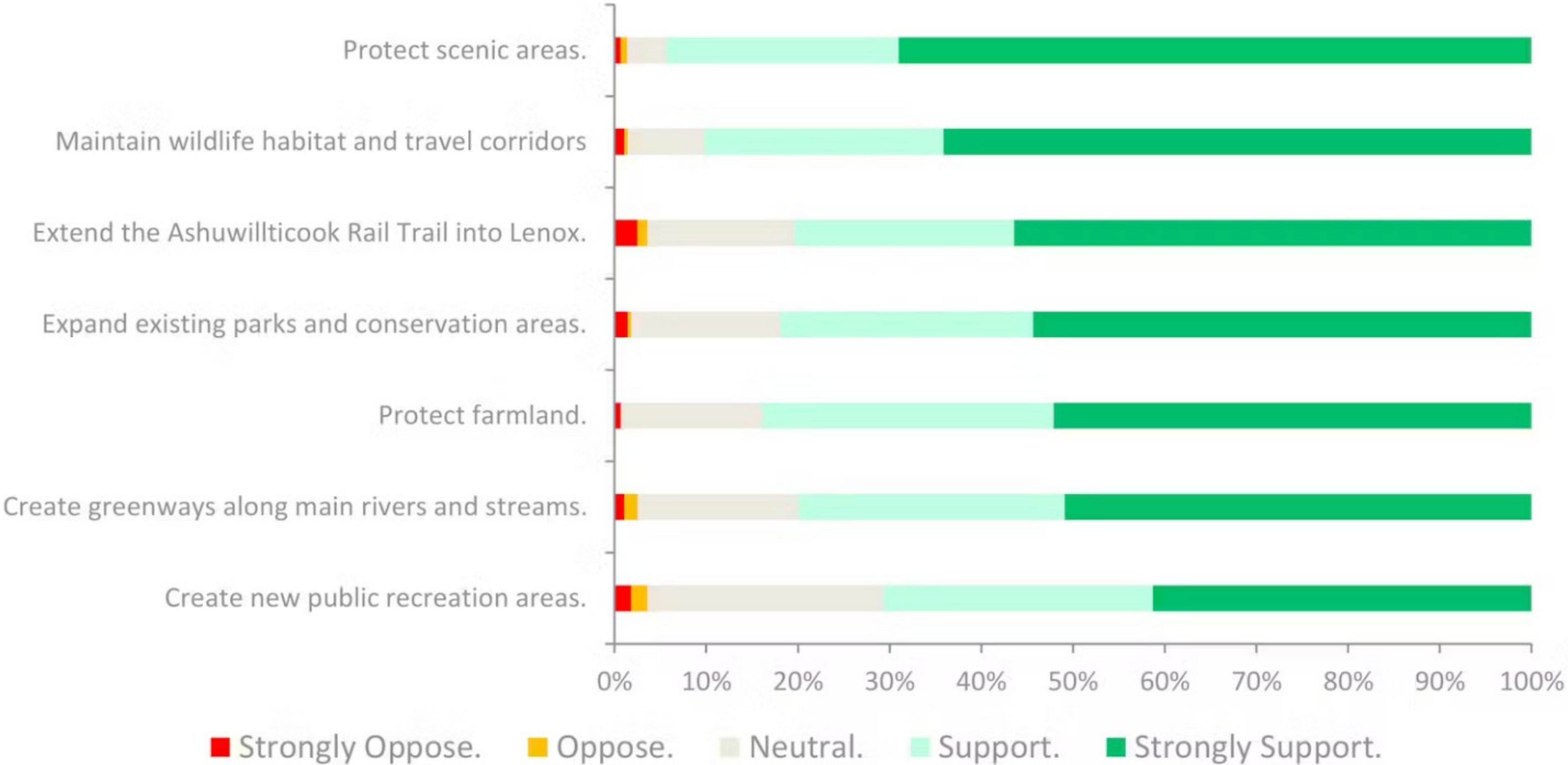


What activities do you enjoy at Pittsfield lakes? (Rank your preferences)

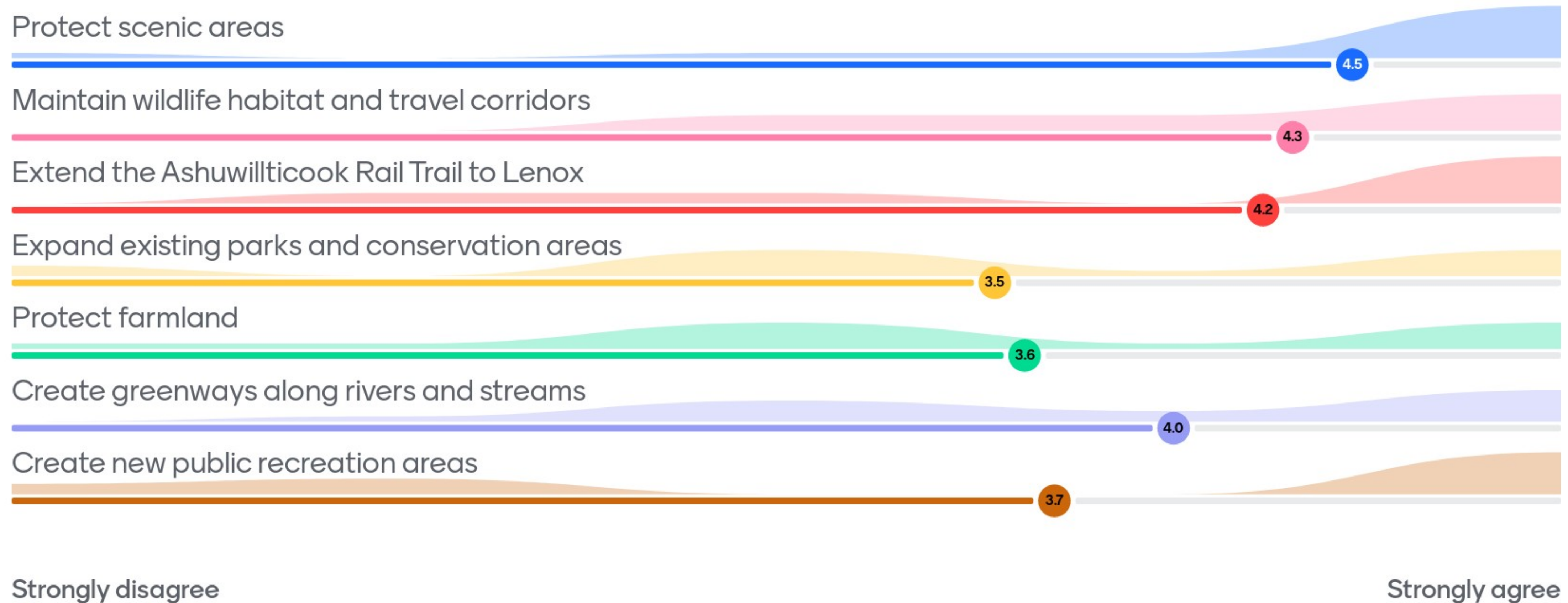


Q11: Indicate your level of support of the following activities in Pittsfield?

Answered: 285 Skipped: 3

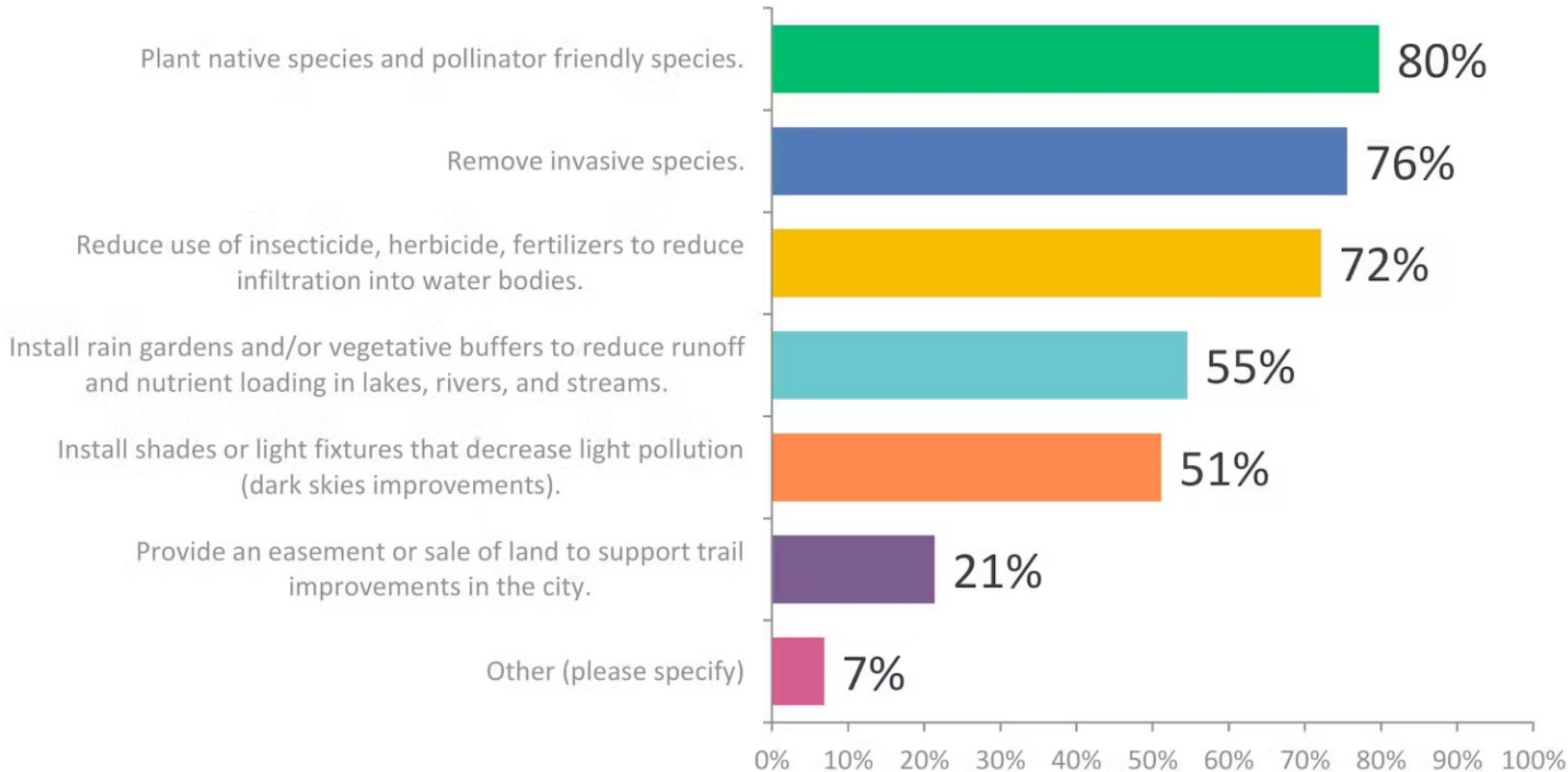


Indicate your level of support for the following activities?

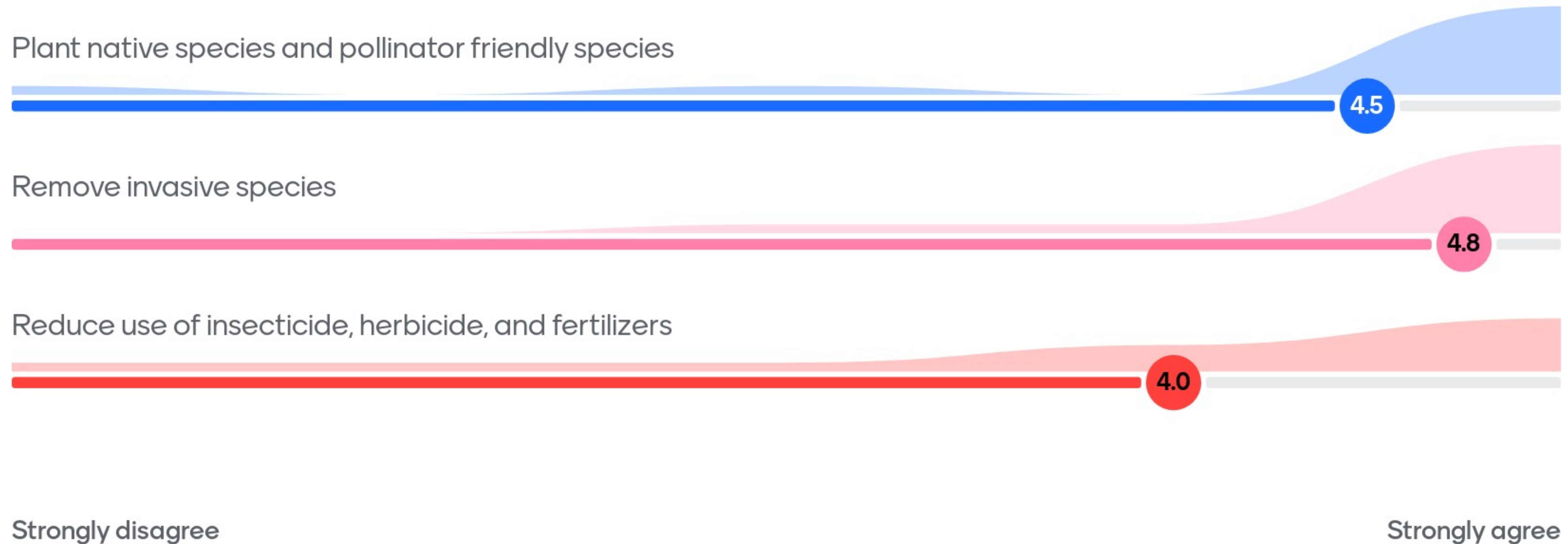


Q12: Which of the following conservation practices would you be willing to implement on your own property?

Answered: 264 Skipped: 24

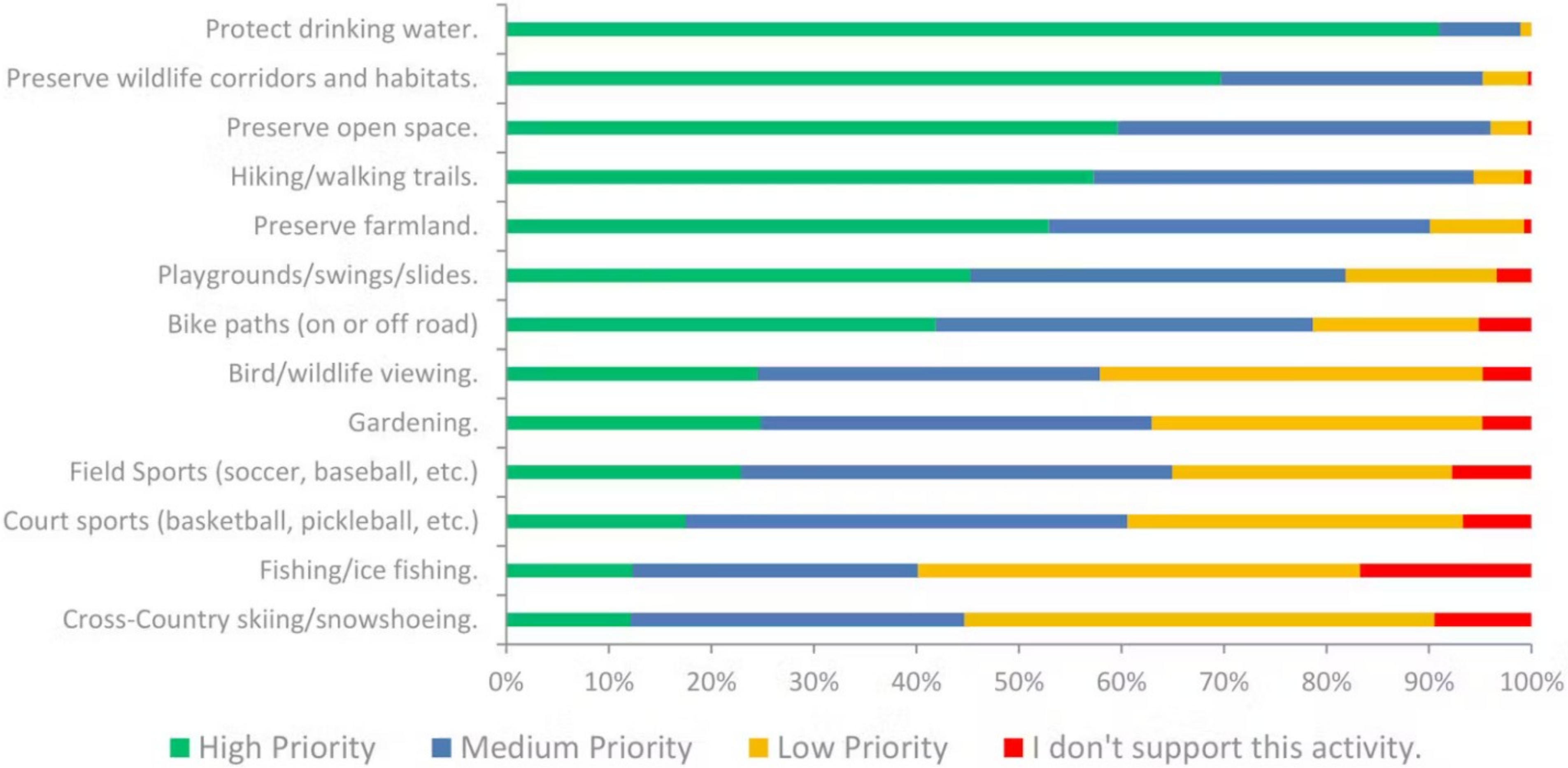


Which conservation practices would you implement on your own property?

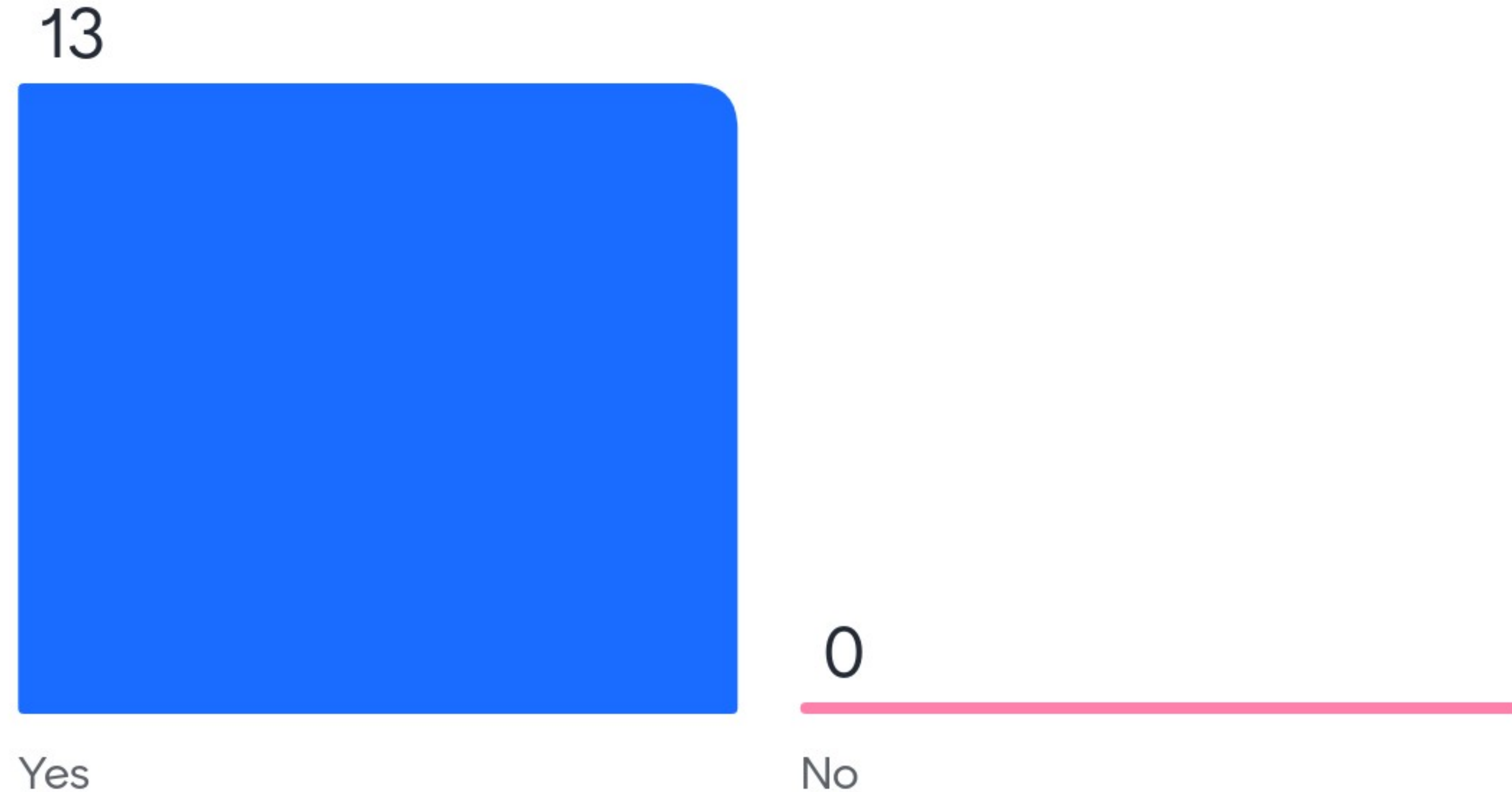


Q13: Rate the following categories for city use of open space and recreation funds from high to low priority? Mentimeter

Answered: 279 Skipped: 9

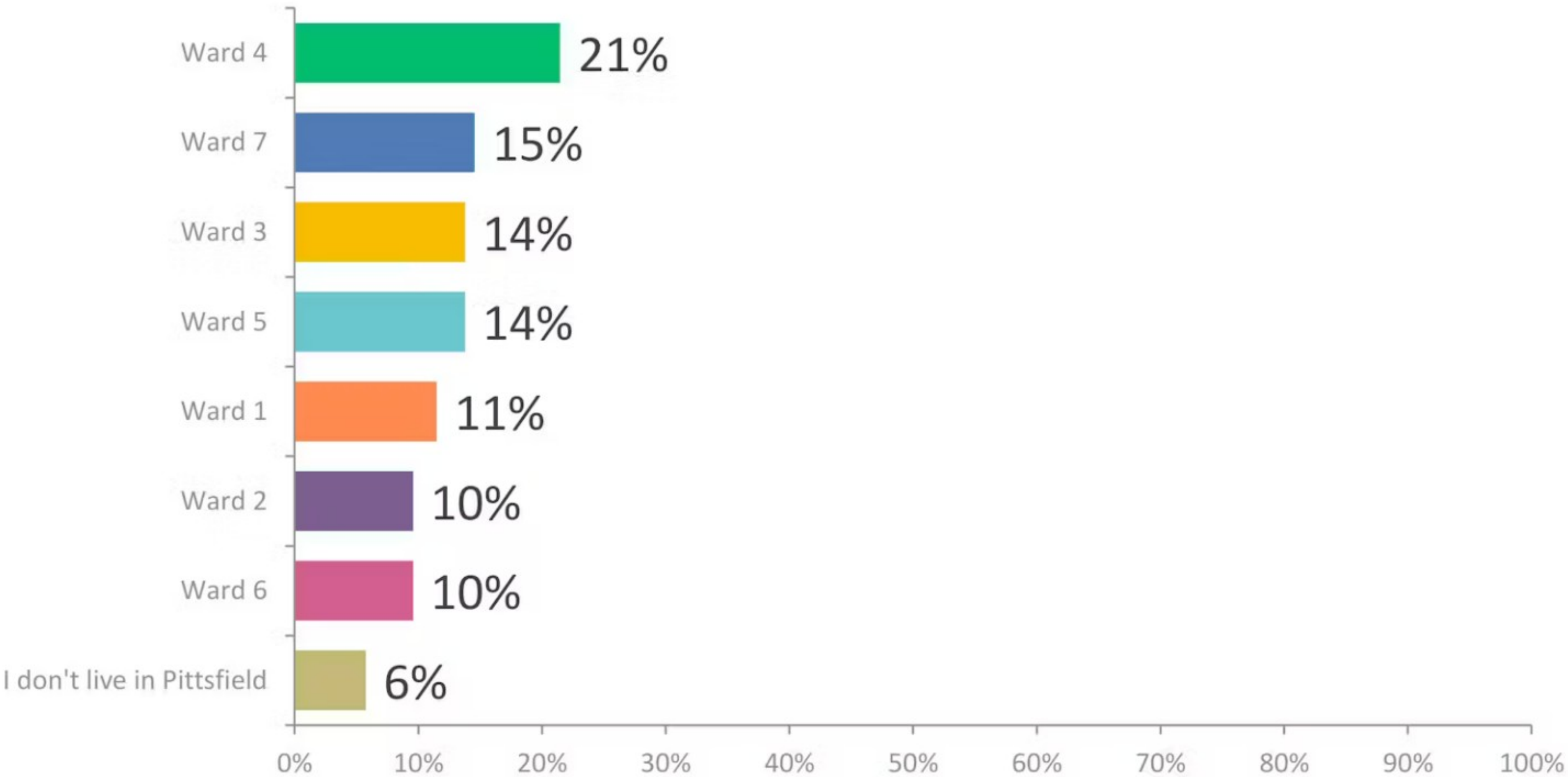


Would you support increased parks funding for maintenance and capital improvement projects?



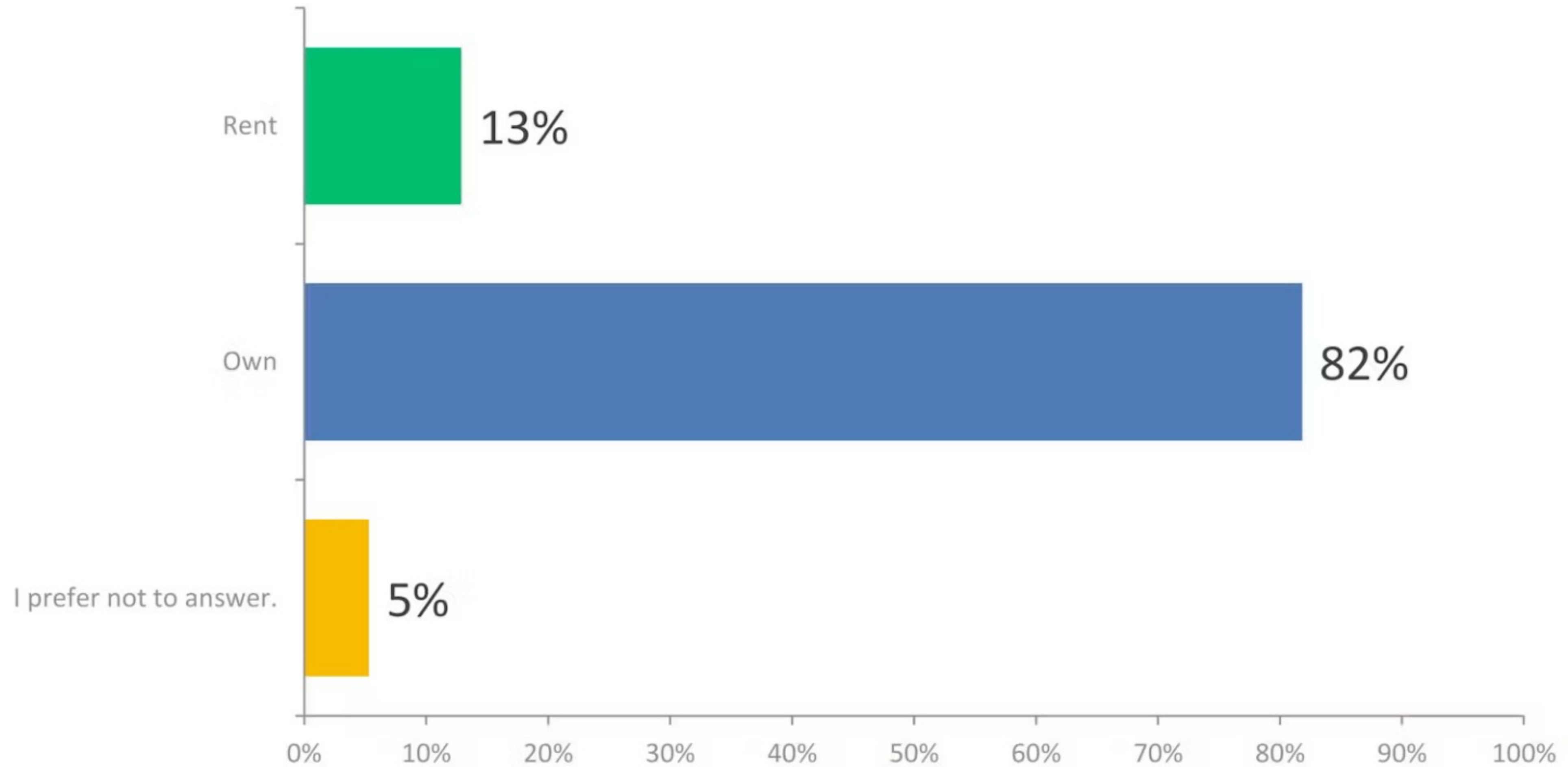
Q16: Which city ward do you live in?

Answered: 263 Skipped: 25



Q17: Do you rent or own your home?

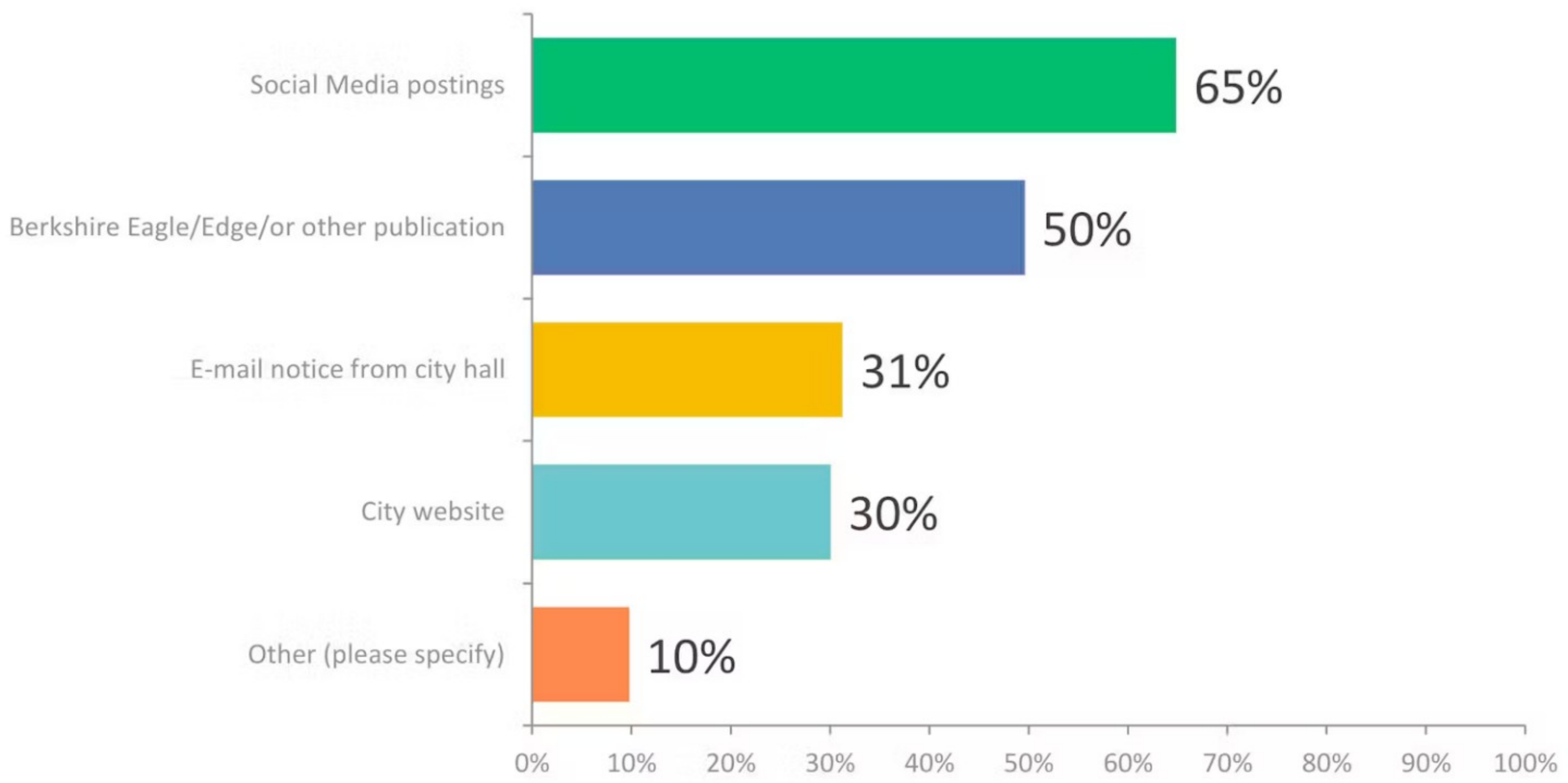
Answered: 266 Skipped: 22



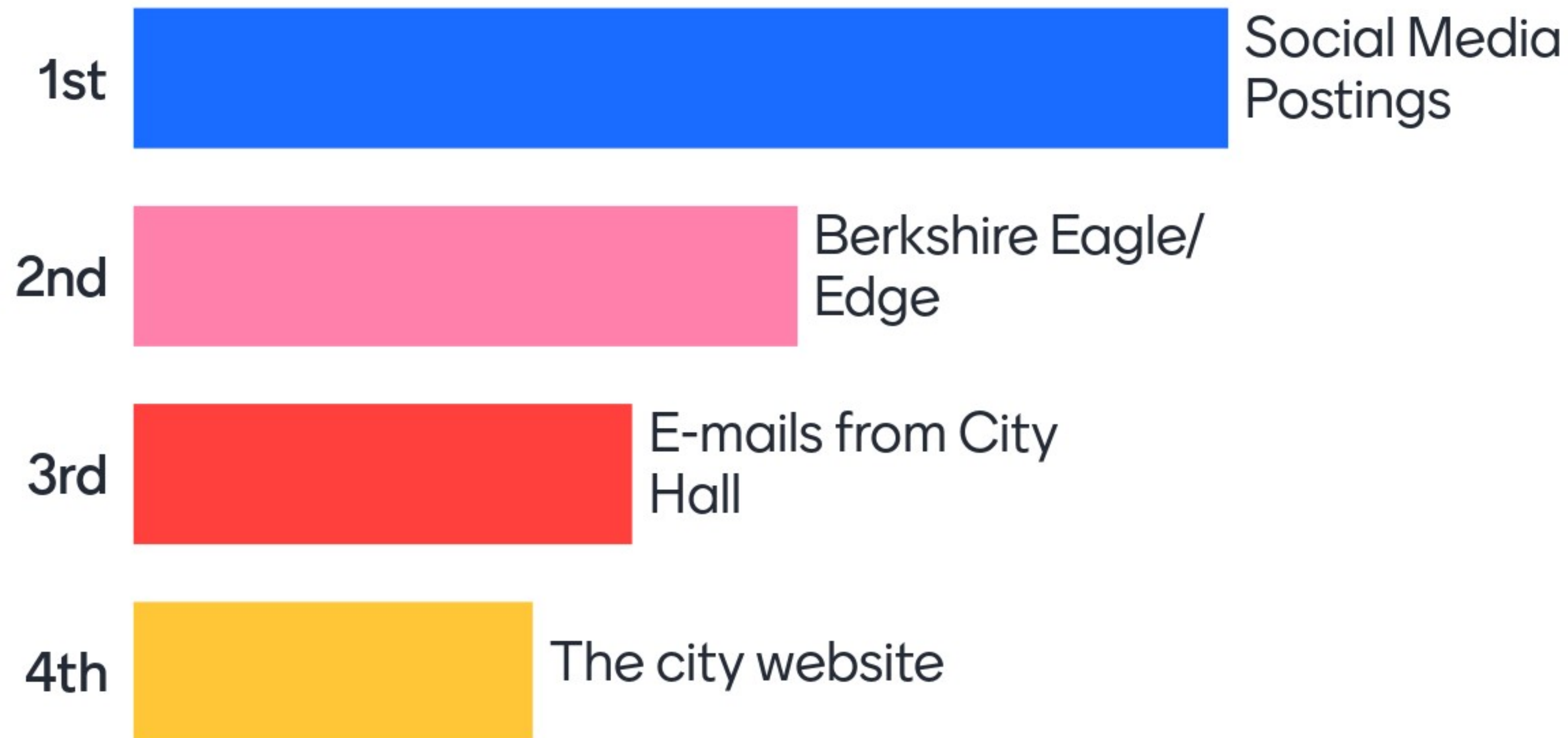
Q18: How do you get information about Parks and Recreation/open space issues in Pittsfield?

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Answered: 258 Skipped: 30



Tell us about how you get your information about Parks and Recreation in Pittsfield?



Reviewing the 2017 Goals. Which goals do you think we have made progress on?



Strongly disagree

Strongly agree



Ask a question about Open Spaces
in Pittsfield.

2 questions
2 upvotes



Thank you for attending, please watch the city's website for more information about Open Space Planning in Pittsfield.

