



EAST CLEVELAND

PARKS & GREENSPACE PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES SUMMARY REPORT

The *Community Engagement Opportunities for the East Cleveland Parks & Greenspace Plan* was conducted from June 2021 through October 2021. There were 546 total impressions during the community engagement opportunities timeframe. These impressions included 460 opinions expressed via a dot placement activity and 86 individual written comments. Community Engagement Activity boards were made available at the Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH) Movie Night at Pattison Park on July 19, 2021, and the Food Strong Cleveland Car-A-Van at the Coit Road Farmers Market on August 14, 2021, and October 9, 2021. Community Engagement Activity boards were placed at the East Cleveland Public Library and the Salvation Army East Cleveland from September 27, 2021, through October 25, 2021. These community engagement activities gave residents and visitors an opportunity provide input and comments about East Cleveland Parks.

This Summary Results Report outlines the common themes that came from respondents' overall opinions on important issues and topics about East Cleveland Parks.

HOW DO I USE IT?

The information presented in this summary may be used by members of the community and community leaders to assess common themes and opinions important to the respondents as they relate to the City of East Cleveland Parks.

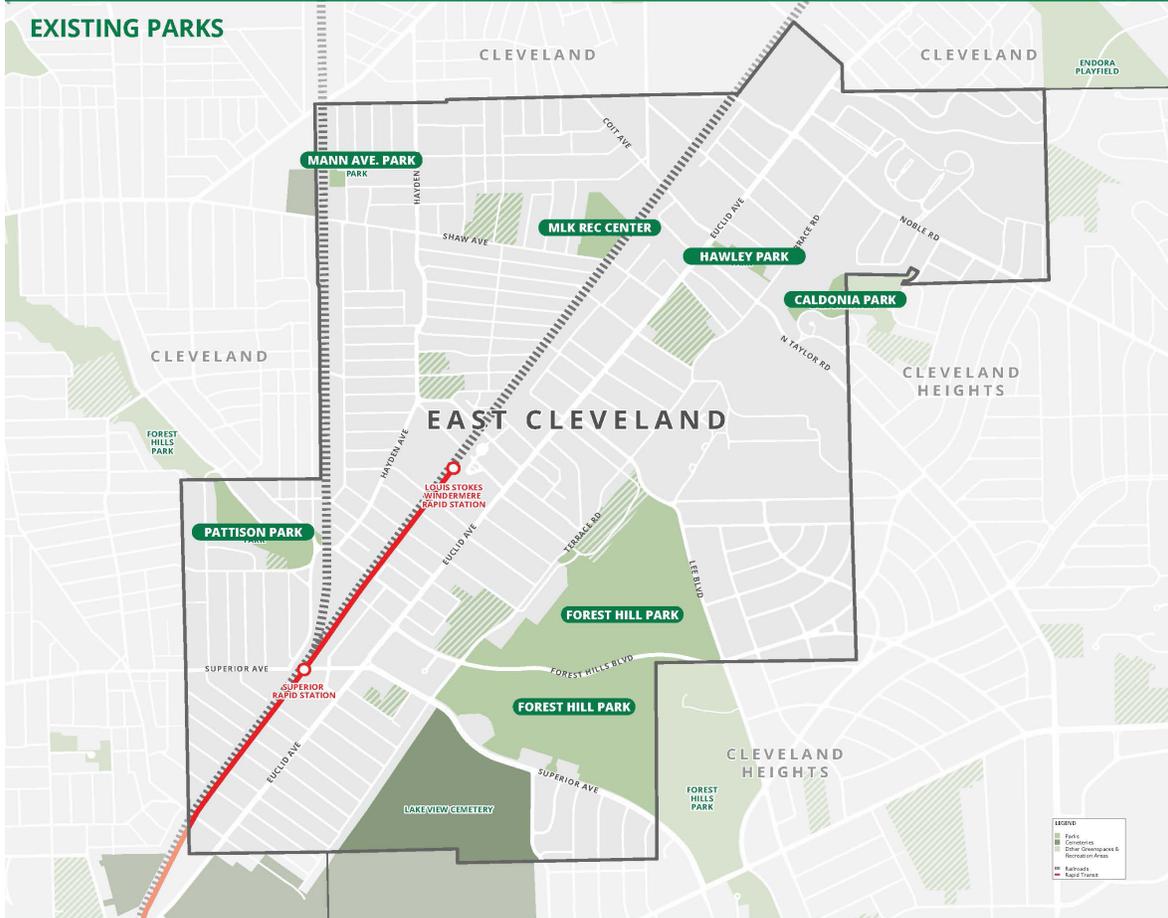
The analysis summary should be understood within the context of the demographic profile of respondents and how it relates to the City's parks.

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Do you visit East Cleveland Parks? What would you like to do there?

The City of East Cleveland with help from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission is developing a Citywide Parks & Greenspace Plan



PARKS OVERVIEW



7
PARKS



213
ACRES OF
PARKLAND



12.3
ACRES PER
1,000 RESIDENTS



2.4
MILES OF
TRAILS



99%
STREETS WITH
SIDEWALKS



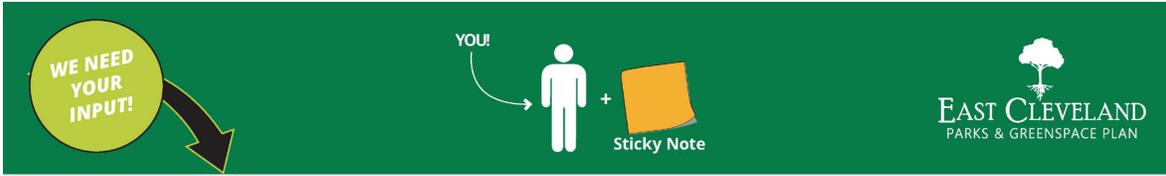
90%
RESIDENTS WITHIN
TEN MINUTE
WALK OF A PARK

SCAN ME!



We need your help in providing a Vision for Parks, so please take a minute to help shape the future of East Cleveland by placing dots on your preferred improvements

To learn more scan the QR Code or please visit www.countyplanning.us/EastClevelandParks



A green banner with a yellow circle on the left containing the text "WE NEED YOUR INPUT!" with a black arrow pointing right. In the center, a white stick figure labeled "YOU!" is next to a plus sign and an orange square labeled "Sticky Note". On the right is the "EAST CLEVELAND PARKS & GREENSPACE PLAN" logo featuring a tree icon.

**WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR VISION FOR EAST CLEVELAND PARKS,
THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS, SO PLEASE SHARE YOUR BIG IDEAS!**

More
Events



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New
Playgrounds!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VISIONING ACTIVITY

For the Visioning Activities, respondents were presented with two boards. The first board featured a citywide map of the seven (7) East Cleveland Parks: Forest Hill, Pattison, Mann Avenue, MLK Recreation Center, Hawley, and Caledonia Parks, with an overview of the total amount of parkland acreage (213 acres) in the City. A majority of residents, approximately 90%, live within a ten-minute walk of a park and trail access (2.4 miles).

The second board provided the opportunity for respondents to answer the question, *“What is your vision for East Cleveland Parks?”* Equipped with dots, sticky notes, pens, and pencils, respondents were asked to leave comments and feedback on the boards.

The majority of respondents stated that they **liked or loved** Forest Hill and Pattison Parks. Additionally, respondents expressed a desire to see more activities that make community members **“feel like that they still matter.”** This correlates to the community’s desire to see community-wide investments and park improvements.

RESULTS AND COMMON THEMES

The 77 comments gathered during the Community Engagement Visioning Activities, from the Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH) Movie Night at Pattison Park and the Food Strong Cleveland Car-A-Van at the Coit Road Farmers’ Market, were categorized into the most common themes that represent what respondents would like to see in East Cleveland parks. Those themes were grouped into “Live Activities,” “Park Spaces,” “Facilities and Amenities,” “Maintenance and Safety,” and “Other”.

Respondents desired more “Live Activities” such as **movie nights, karaoke, and free concerts**. Respondents also expressed their interests for East Cleveland Parks to have more “Park Spaces” with family-friendly features that include **new playgrounds, paths and trails for walking, hiking, and biking, exercise stations** and updated **sports equipment and facilities**, like basketball courts. They also desire to see more park beautification efforts that include more **tree plantings** and **flowers**.

Residents would like to see park “Facilities and Amenities” that feature updated **restrooms and water fountains**, new **benches and tables** for seating and gatherings, and a community **swimming pool**.

“Maintenance and Safety” was the most common theme. Respondents expressed concerns about **maintenance and upkeep** of the parks. They wrote that they would like to see regular **trash pickup and grass cutting**, and additional **trash cans** in the parks. However, the most common response from respondents were their desires for added **security** in the parks and to have an **overall feeling of being protected and safe** while in the parks.

Other themes respondents wrote about included the desire to see more **educational outdoor extracurricular activities and programs**, improved **kid spaces**, and a community **garden space**.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

YOU! + **Dots** + Please See Staff Member for Help with Dots

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**WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE IN EAST CLEVELAND'S PARKS!
PLEASE PLACE DOTS NEXT TO IMAGES OF ITEMS YOU WANT IN OUR PARKS.**

MAINTENANCE *Grass & Landscape Maintenance, Garbage Collection, Sidewalk & Facility Repairs, etc.*

Place Dots Here



EVENTS *Movie Nights, Live Concerts, Festivals, Camps, Food Trucks, etc.*

Place Dots Here



PLAYGROUNDS *Traditional Playgrounds, Nature Playgrounds, Sensory, & Universal Playgrounds*

Place Dots Here



TRAILS & PATHS *Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings, Walking & Biking Trails, Bike Lanes, etc.*

Place Dots Here



SPORTS FIELDS *Basketball Court, Blacktop (Tetherball & Four-Square), Soccer Goal, other Equipment*

Place Dots Here



RENTABLE SPACES *Pavilions, Picnic Shelters & Tables, Grills, etc.*

Place Dots Here



AMENITIES *Restrooms, Benches & Seating, Signage, Water Fountains, Lighting*

Place Dots Here



PUBLIC ART *Examples: Murals, Sculptures, Permanent & Temporary Installments*

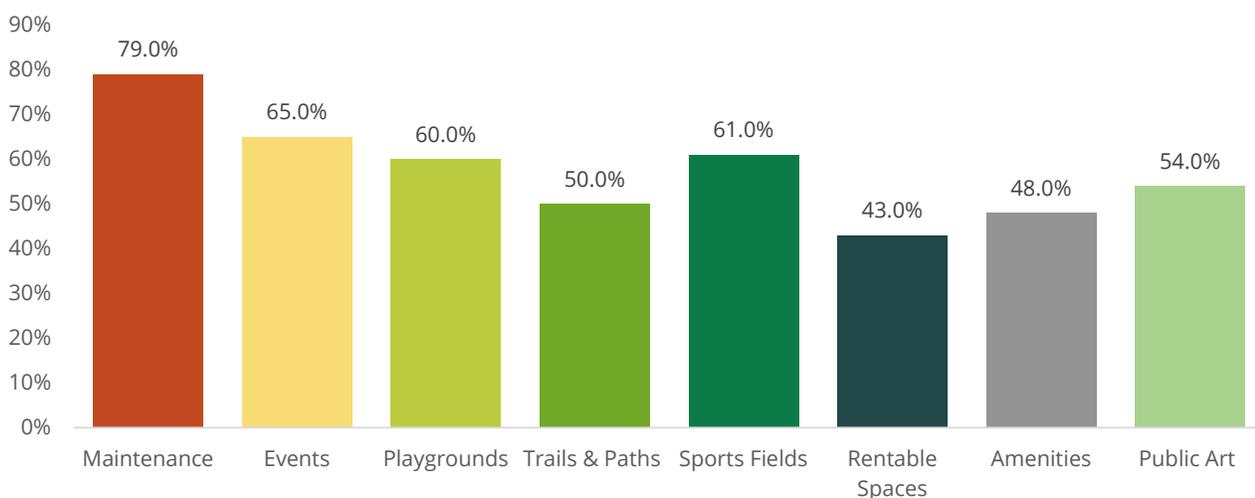
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ACTIVITY

During the Food Strong Cleveland Car-A-Van at the Coit Road Farmers’ Market event, the East Cleveland Public Library, and the Salvation Army community engagement opportunities, respondents were presented with a Recommendations board. This board displayed different park item typologies that correspond to different park categories such as “Maintenance,” “Events,” “Playgrounds,” “Trails & Parks,” “Sports Fields,” “Rentable Spaces,” “Amenities,” and “Public Art.” Respondents were asked to place a dot “Next to the images of items they want in the East Cleveland Parks.” There were nine (9) written comments and approximately 460 dots placed to represent opinions on the types of park items respondents would like to see in for East Cleveland parks.

FIGURE 1 PERCENTAGE OF ITEMS RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN EAST CLEVELAND PARKS



RESULTS AND COMMON THEMES

Of the 460 dot representations, the majority of respondents indicated that “Maintenance” (79.0%), “Events” (65.0%), and “Sports Fields” (61.0%) were the most desired items in East Cleveland Parks. Notably, respondents expressed support for the following themes: “Trails & Paths” (50.0%), “Amenities” (48.0%), and “Rentable Spaces” (43.0%).

These results correlate with respondent comments on what their vision is for the future of East Cleveland Parks. Most respondents generally felt the City of East Cleveland should focus on maintenance and upkeep of the parks, creating more family- and user-friendly by adding more events and attractions to activate the parks, and make them community assets and safe destinations for families and kids.

The most common theme respondents commented about included **reutilization of vacant and abandoned spaces** near the parks, creating **economic development opportunities** in neighborhoods, such as **retail, restaurants, and grocery stores**, and general infrastructure **maintenance and upkeep** of the **streets and roads** throughout the City of East Cleveland.



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