



# COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

## Survey Results (2 of 2)

Survey Dates February 15th - March 15th 2024

446 Participants

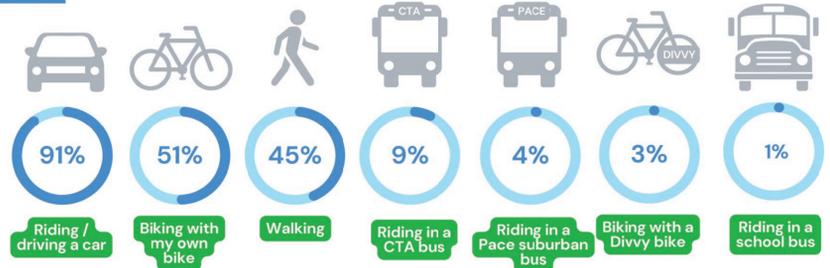
### Church-Dodge Intersection Area

**Q9** How frequently do you use the Church-Dodge intersection area? (select one)

Every day
Multiple times per week
Once per week
Once every two weeks
Once per month
Less than once per month
Never



**Q10** What modes of travel do you use? (select all that apply)



1% Other: Skateboard

**Q11** Describe any concerns you may have when traveling through the Church - Dodge Intersection area. (select all that apply)



13% of Respondents reported 'other' concerns, including the following responses:

"Intersection needs marked no left turns when school starts/stops with enforcement to ease traffic backups."
 "It never seems safe."
 "Too many people double park waiting/dropping off kids and too much stop and go traffic due to crossing guards and pedestrians crossings."

### Mason Park Expansion (Former Railroad Embankment)

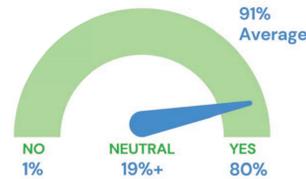
**Q12** Describe your perception of the embankment area. (select one)



10% of Respondents reported 'other' perceptions, including the following responses:

"Cuts the neighborhood in half, some security concerns for students, under used."
 "It seems useless and is a barrier."
 "green space for birds; Provides greening and privacy for my neighborhood."
 "It certainly can be improved with walking and or biking trails while still maintaining much of the dense greenery."
 "both ugly and overgrown and poses safety security, and rodent concern."

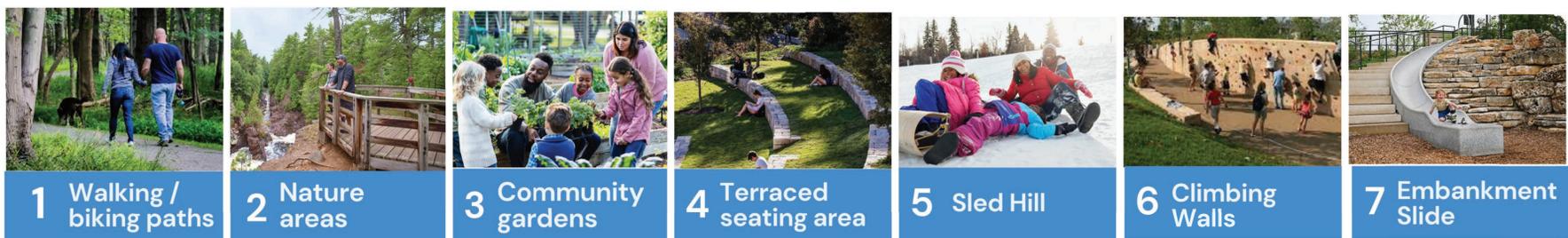
**Q13** The City is evaluating the feasibility of providing a walking / biking path through the embankment at Davis Street. Below is an example of this concept. Would this feature be of value to the neighborhood?



**Q14** The Edible Acre Community Garden is currently located at the southeast corner of Dodge Avenue and Davis Street. The City and Evanston Township High School are evaluating the feasibility of relocating the Edible Acre Community Garden to a larger property at the northeast corner of Dodge Avenue and Lake Street. In your opinion, would this relocation and expansion be of value to the neighborhood?



**Q15** The embankment area offers potential for expanded open space opportunities. Below is a list of potential uses. Please rank these functions in the order of your preference (drag your most preferred to the top of the list)



### Open-Ended Comments

**Q16** Do you have any other suggestions for expanded open space opportunities? Please enter them here.

Key Themes:

- Build upon the naturalized character of the site and incorporate sustainable materials and practices. Preserve quality trees, incorporate native plantings and invite birds and wildlife.
- Incorporate safety measures and additional lighting as practical.
- Accommodate multi-generational community users, residents, local businesses and ETHS students/staff.
- Plan for continued cleaning and maintenance of the area.
- Establish walking paths and connections that bring the community together and connect us with the natural environment.

"Maintain and prune existing trees in the park, especially on the hill."  
 "I would love to see the city incorporate sustainable materials and solutions into this project."  
 "A combination of walking path with community garden would serve students and the residents."  
 "Trash cans need to be available please to keep the spaces nice. Open areas without trash cans exponentially decrease their beauty and value b/c layers of trash sets the scene."  
 "Native plantings, bird or nature preserve."  
 "I think the embankment area has a lot of potential for naturalized areas. I myself enjoy walking through it, but think it definitely needs to be cleaned. Most of the trees are dead, but we could plant new ones. It would be very nice and pretty if we did that. People could volunteer to help clean it out and re-plant trees and plants, and it would be a nice community project."

**Q17** If you have any additional comments about this project, please add them here.

Key Themes:

- Alleviate traffic congestion at Church / Dodge.
- Establish clearer bike routes and connections along Church Street.
- Improve pedestrian connections throughout the area, including safer passageways between the neighborhoods and ETHS.
- Make use of this opportunity to connect with the natural surroundings and unique neighborhood.
- Continue open lines of communication with the community and general interest for this project.

"Great ideas!! Very excited to see some of the ideas put forward about 15 years ago bearing fruit. I like the idea of an opening in the embankment so that high school students have an easier—and less dangerous—access to the high school than Dodge and Church intersection. But I worry about security at night."  
 "Reconfigure the bike lanes on Church Street. They need to be marked better as do the car lanes."  
 "Let's connect our neighborhoods!"  
 "I think it's important to be more inclusive to the people who live on the west side of the embankment, and it should be a HIGH priority to create a safe pathway through the woods to the high school. It's ridiculous that hasn't been a priority a long time ago with SO many kids cutting through there every day, in all weather conditions. I also think the park serves as a natural habitat for wildlife, and that should be kept as is. Also, the garbage disposal company needs to stay hidden. It's ugly, noisy, and stinky. We certainly don't want that to be an even bigger nuisance."



**Mason Park Expansion + Church/Dodge Transportation Improvements**  
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