



AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 2, 2025
6:30 p.m.
The Lake House, 32756 Lake Road

WELCOME/ROLL CALL

- Quorum is 8 or more.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 10, 2025

INDUSTRY MEMBER UPDATES

1. Avient™ (Mr. Sulzer)
2. Ford Motor Company (Ms. Hall)
3. Lubrizol Corporation (Mr. Spears)
4. Vestolit (Mr. Messinger)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Electing New Chairperson (and Vice-Chairperson)
2. Park Connectivity Survey Results
3. Green Scholarship Initiative Update
4. Power Plant Update

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Structure Review and Upcoming Term Expirations

Other items may be added.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

2025 MEMBERS	2025 MEETINGS/EVENTS
<p><u>Resident Members Through 12/31/2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita George • Kayla Goodwin • Eric Krieg • Martin Matuszak • Amy Oliver • Marty Patton • Jonathan Potrzeba • Terry Robison • Terry Wyrock <p><u>Industry Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avient™ (Tom Sulzer) • Ford Motor Company (Michelle Hall) • Lubrizol Corp. (Ron Spears) • Vestolit (David Messinger) • Vacancy <p><u>Ex-Officio Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward-1 Councilman Rob Shahmir • Mayor Mark Spaetzel <p><u>Director of Finance Designee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Clerk of Council Ramona Boggins <p><u>Collective Committee Meetings (CCM) & Council Meetings (CM), 7 p.m., Council Chamber</u> (Past minutes and videos available here.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, October 6, Work Session/CCM • Tuesday, October 14, CM • Monday, October 20, CCM • Monday, October 27, CM • Monday, November 3, CCM • Monday, November 10, CM • Monday, November 17, CCM • Monday, November 24, CM 	<p><u>EAAB Meetings, 1st Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Lake House,</u> (Past minutes here.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 6 • December 4 • January (discuss rescheduling due to holiday) • February 5 • March 5 <p><u>Communications, Environmental and Recreational Programming Committee (CERP) Meetings, 4th Mondays at 6 p.m., Council Chamber:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 27 • November 24 • January 26 • February 24 • March 24 <p><u>Misc. Upcoming Events</u> (Submit event details to RBoggins@avonlake.org.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 7, 6:30 p.m., Avon Lake Municipal Utilities (ALMU) Board Mtg., Municipal Utilities Building • October 8, 6 p.m., Old Firehouse Community Center, Tree Commission Mtg. • October 8, 7 p.m., Ward 3 Mtg. w/ Councilwoman Gentry, AL Public Library • October 21, 6:30 p.m., ALMU Board Mtg., Municipal Utilities Building • October 28, 5:30 p.m., Ward 1 Mtg. w/ Councilman Shahmir, AL Public Library • November 4, 6:30 p.m., ALMU Board Mtg., Municipal Utilities Building • November 6, 6 p.m., Ward 3 Mtg. w/ Councilwoman Gentry, AL Public Library • November 25, 5:30 p.m., Ward 1 Mtg. w/ Councilman Shahmir, AL Public Library



**Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
July 10, 2025
Avon Lake Public Library, McMahan Room**

The Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with Councilman Shahmir presiding.

Present: Citizen Members Rita George, Kayla Goodwin (6:44 p.m.), Amy Oliver, Marty Patton, Terry Robison (6:44 p.m.), and Terry Wyrock; Industry Members Tom Sulzer (Avient™) and Ron Spears (Lubrizol Corp.); Ex-Officio Member Councilman Rob Shahmir; and Director of Finance Designee-Deputy Clerk of Council Ramona Boggins.

Also Present: Residents Kathy Ferberdino (6:54 p.m.) and William Zimmerman.

Absent: Citizen Members Eric Krieg, Martin Matuszak, and Jonathan Potrzeba; Industry Members Michelle Hall (Ford) and David Messinger (Vestolit).

WELCOME/ROLL CALL

They did not have a quorum, so they proceeded with an open discussion.

INDUSTRY MEMBER UPDATES

Avient™

Mr. Sulzer reported on the upcoming annual Responsible Care 14001 certification audit scheduled for July 24, 2025.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Big Trucks

Mr. Wyrock expressed his frustration with the EAAB's lack of representation at the Big Trucks Event last year and wanted to know what the EAAB is planning for this year.

- Councilman Shahmir offered to assist with facilitating a purchase order.
- Ms. George offered to look up the past purchase order and get estimates for a water bottle or some other item to pass out on behalf of the EAAB.

INDUSTRY MEMBER UPDATES, CONTINUED

Lubrizol

Mr. Spears reported that they've had a quiet summer, good production levels, and 545 days without an injury.

Ms. Goodwin and Mr. Robison entered the meeting, thereby establishing a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 11, 2025, EAAB meeting minutes were approved as prepared and presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Green Scholarship Initiative

Action: Councilman Shahmir will distribute the PowerPoint document detailing the Scholarship program to the EAAB members.

Councilman Shahmir reported the status of the Scholarship check disbursement and that he had a meeting with the Finance Director to discuss the next steps.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Service Announcement on Deer Management

Councilman Shahmir initiated a discussion prompted by an email received from Councilwoman Amy Gentry about using birth control for deer management.

- Mr. Robison reported on the Cleveland Metroparks' experience with the sterilization of deer.
- With goals of reducing traffic accidents and resident complaints, there was a lack of optimism that this would be the best method of culling.

Data on deer culling in the City has been posted to the City's website; however, data on the correlation between deer culling activities and a reduction in traffic accidents by zones has not yet been analyzed or reported.

Action: Councilman Shahmir will contact Communications & Technology Director Rob Rua for geographic data on deer culling related to a reduction in traffic accidents.

There was agreement that culling is the most effective method of deer management.

- The meat is donated to food banks.
- Culling occurs seasonally, in the fall.
- There was mention of how residents are notified when culling occurs.

Election of New Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Councilman Shahmir initiated a brief discussion on the selection of a new Chairperson. Since there were no volunteers or nominations, it was agreed to postpone further discussion and voting until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Next Meeting

After some discussion, everyone agreed to have the next meeting on September 4.

Big Trucks

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the EAAB would purchase water bottles to distribute at the Big Trucks Event on September 20, not to exceed 10% more than the previous expenditure for a similar item.

Motion: Councilman Shahmir moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$800 for the purchase of an item to be passed out at the Big Trucks Event on September 20 on behalf of the EAAB. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, CONTINUED

Power Plant

Councilman Shahmir explained why he recently stopped providing updates on the Power Plant due to a comment that was made about the topic taking over meetings. Moving forward, he will be regularly providing updates on the Power Plant.

He displayed slides of the recent implosion that occurred and explained the typical geographical results of implosions. Discussion included the following topics:

- The differences between an explosion and an implosion.
- The Interim Development Agreement.
- Proposed zoning changes to the property.
- Timeline for environmental remediation.
- The impact of a 30-year Tax Increment Financing on the schools.
- Stormwater connection and outlet into Lake Erie.
- Collected air filter samples.

Action: Councilman Shahmir will take the collected air filter samples to the Lorain County Health Authority later this month under a chain of custody for testing.

- The remaining smokestack and transformers.
- The height limit of potential buildings.

There was a discussion on what residents can do to influence and/or question what happens with the development of the former Power Plant.

- EAAB's influence on Council and within the community was discussed.
- There was shared disappointment that the second implosion was allowed to proceed, even after the advisement of Councilman Shahmir to postpone it.
- New eyes and new approaches are needed to consider the long-lasting impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Ferbendino, Avon Lake, had a few questions about Councilman Shahmir's involvement with the City, and he responded with more details about his role.

- Councilman Shahmir suggested looking at the redevelopment that took place in Savannah, Georgia, with their power plant.

William Zimmerman, Avon Lake, commented on the Green Scholarship Initiative and shared his understanding of the Cleveland Water Alliance's student program.

- Councilman Shahmir responded with more details about the differences between their program and the one that he envisions.

Mr. Zimmerman then shared about a recent request and experience with Chief Utilities Executive Rob Munro, and Councilman Shahmir responded, citing examples from his work experience.

Finally, Mr. Zimmerman shared information he learned about the sale of Charah Solutions, Inc., stock.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by Ramona Boggins, Deputy Clerk of Council



Parks Connectivity Survey

The Avon Lake Environmental Affairs Advisory Board wants to hear from you. We're exploring how well City parks are connected and how people get to them. Your input will help us prioritize improvements that make it easier and more enjoyable to access and travel between parks.

1. How often do you or your family visit one or more Avon Lake parks?

- Daily A few times a week A few times a month Rarely Never

2. Which Avon Lake Parks do you visit most frequently? Select all that apply.

- Avon Lake Dog Park Belle Road Park Bicentennial Park
 Bleser Park Ilg Park Kopf Family Reservation
 Miller Road Park Overlook Park Resatar Park
 Veterans Memorial Walker Road Park Weiss Field
 Other (please specify): _____

3. How do you usually get to these parks?

- Walk Bike Drive Public transportation
 Other (please specify): _____

4. Would you be more likely to walk or bike to parks if there were safer, clearly marked trails or paths connecting them?

- Yes No Maybe

5. What concerns (if any) prevent you from walking or biking between parks in Avon Lake today? Select all that apply.

- Lack of safe crossings No continuous sidewalks or bike lanes
 Distance is too far Unclear routes or signage Safety concerns

Please specify the locations of your concerns:

6. Which of the following park connections would you like to see prioritized?

- Overlook Park → Ilg Park
- Weiss Field → Resatar Park
- Walker Road Park → Bleser Park
- Kopf Family Reservation → Bleser Park
- Kopf Family Reservation → Bicentennial Park
- Miller Road Park → Veterans Memorial Park
- Veterans Memorial Park → Bicentennial Park
- Ilg Park → Belle Road Park
- Belle Road Park → Bleser Park
- Kopf Family Reservation → Weiss Field
- Other connection you would like to see (please specify): _____

7. Would you support efforts to connect parks using existing sidewalks, trails, and signage – without new road construction?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

8. How important is it for Avon Lake to offer walkable or bikeable access between parks, public spaces, and commercial spaces?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neutral
- Not very important
- Not important at all

9. What commercial or other public locations do you bike or walk to most frequently (check all that apply)?

- Learwood Square (Giant Eagle, Ace Hardware, Key Bank, Fifth Third Bank)
- North Lear Road (Fratello's, Dirty Pi, Good Neighbor Thrift Store, Big M Pizza)
- Avon Belden/Walker Road (Police/Fire station, Café Melissa, Parker's, Marty's Bike Shop)
- Troy Intermediate School
- Redwood Elementary School
- Avon Lake High School
- Erieview Elementary School
- Learwood Middle School
- Eastview Elementary School
- Other (please specify): _____

10. Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

City of Avon Lake

Environmental Affairs Advisory Board
Parks Connectivity Survey

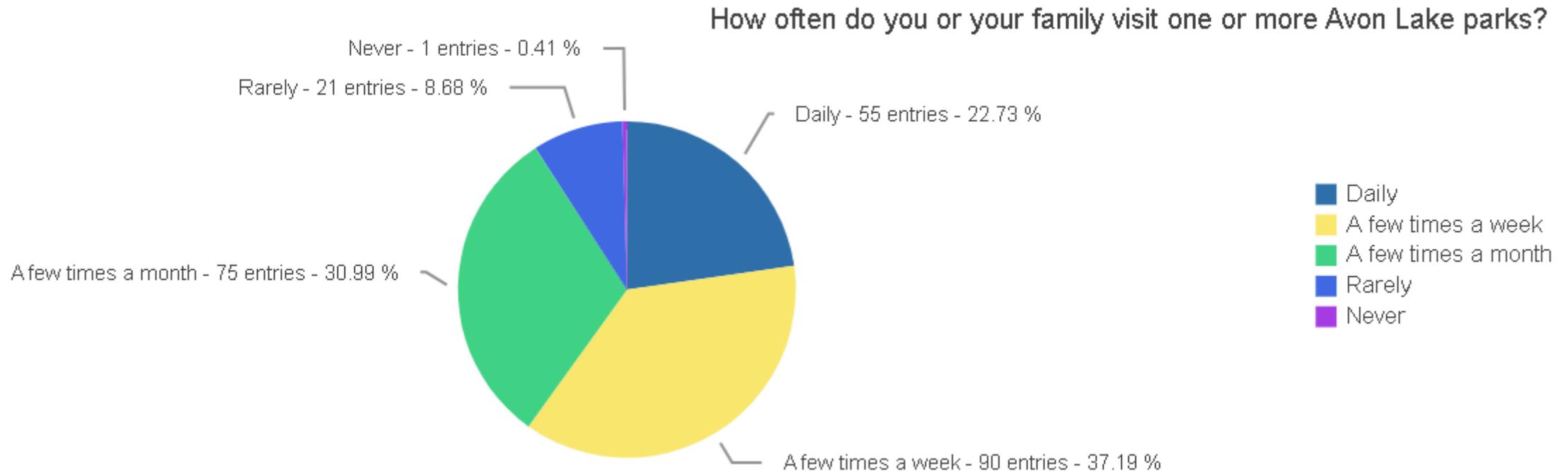


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Summary

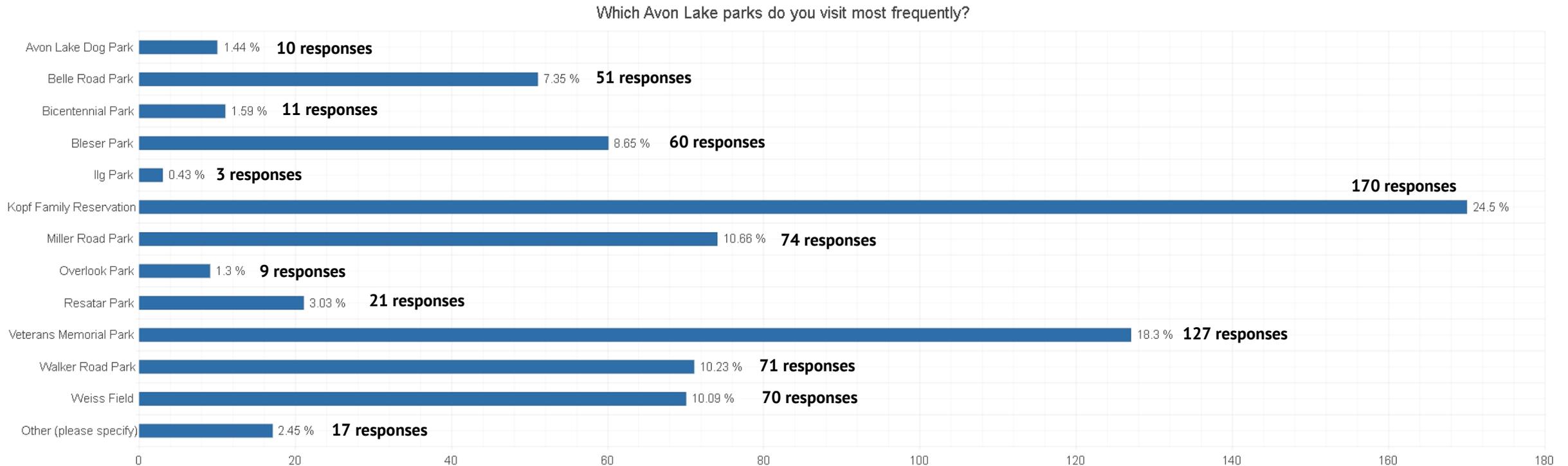
- **Survey was made available to the public August 1 – September 30, 2025, via City website. Paper copies available at City Hall and Avon Lake Public Library.**
- **242 total responses.**
- **All survey submissions we captured online. No printed copies were submitted at ALPL or City Hall.**
- **Shared with the public via:**
 - **City website (August 1-30, 2025)**
 - **Email newsletter (August 5 & Sep 2) – 5,426 unique recipients; 117 link clicks**
 - **Print newsletter (August 2025) – 11,000 households**
 - **Social Media (4 posts) – 19,000 impressions; 311 link clicks**

Q1: How often do you or your family visit Avon Lake Parks?



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Q2: Which Avon Lake parks do you visit most frequently?



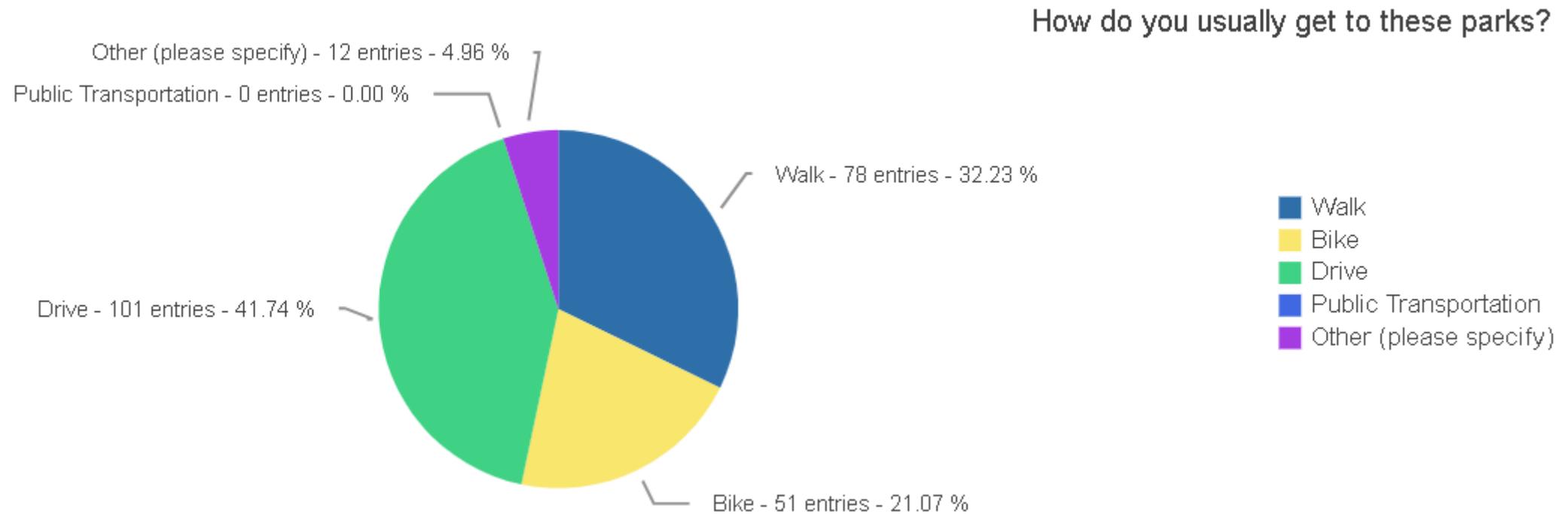
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Q2: Which Avon Lake parks do you visit most frequently?

Other – 17 Total Responses

- **Sunset Park – 12 responses**
- **Inwood Park – 2 responses**
- **Between Belmar and Ashwood – 1 response**
- **New pickleball courts – 1 response**
- **None – 1 response**

Q3: How do you usually get to these parks?



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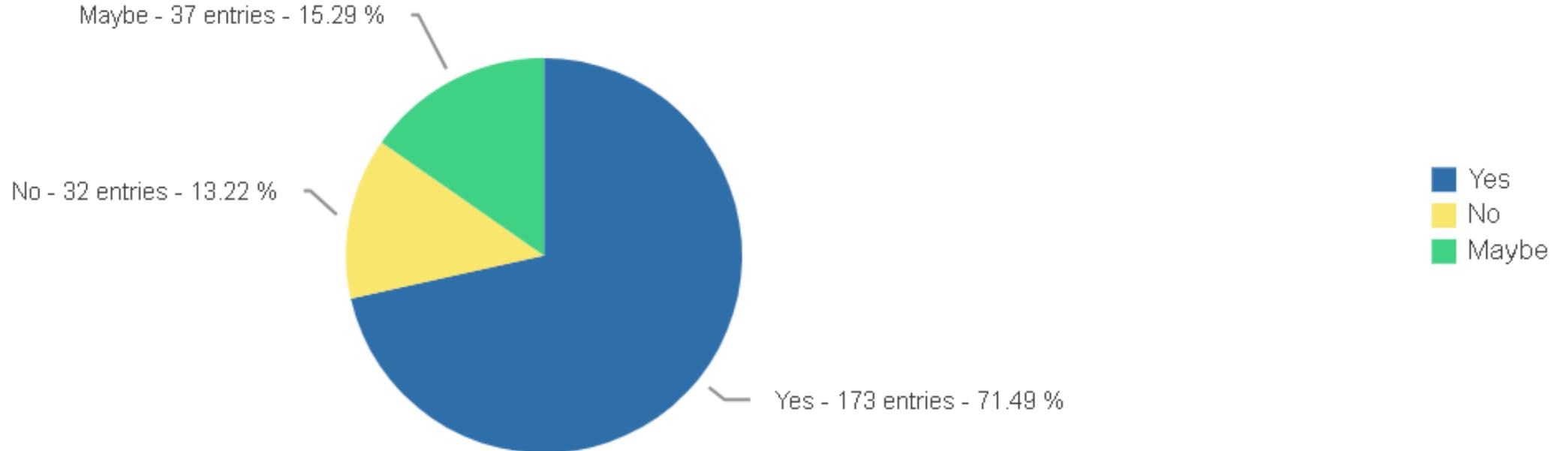
Other – 12 Total Responses

1. Don't visit
2. Bike Walk or Drive
3. Drive with my kids, walk by myself
4. Drive, bike and walk
5. Run
6. Run and bike
7. Playing pickleball
8. Walk and bike
9. Walk or bike
10. Walk/run myself, or drive with kids
11. Drive*
12. Drive*

*Two respondents selected "other" and then typed in "Drive" even though "Drive" was presented as a checkbox option.

Q4: Would you be more likely to walk or bike to parks if there were safer, clearly marked trails or paths connecting them?

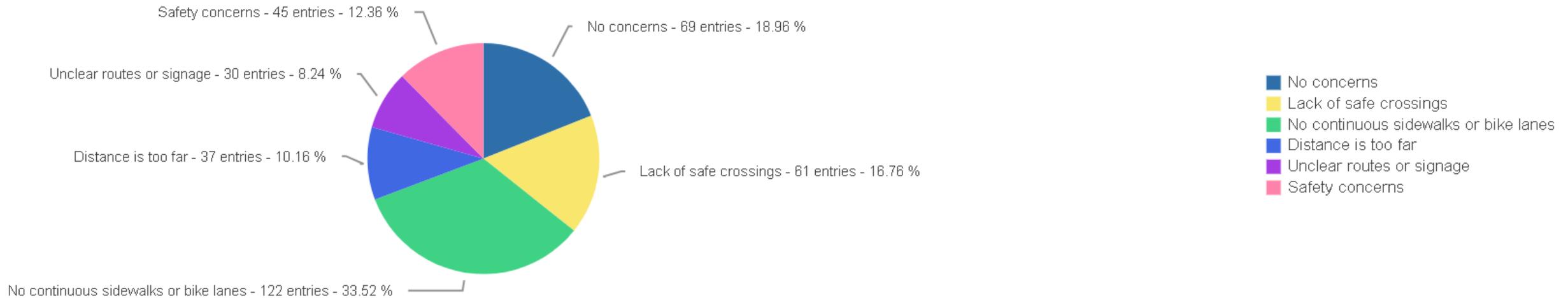
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Q5: Please specify the location(s) of any concerns you have.

1. Crosswalks at Lear and Jaycox Rds: Few cars actually stop or slow. 2. Dakota Run & Redwood Blvd towards the east entrance of Kopf: 90-degree sidewalk turns are difficult to deal with when pushing a stroller, drivers are often going too fast and are often on phones, cars just assume that pedestrians won't be there and dart in and out of driveways very quickly with no time for pedestrians or kids to react. 3. Lear Rd to Ace Hardware: The sidewalk doesn't go the entire way to the shopping center, the new housing development doesn't allow pedestrians to cut through, and the grassy area is at an incline. I have to drive to Giant Eagle if I don't want to walk in the road with kids.

A barrier along the bike lanes in Lake Rd. It could be as simple as plastic posts with reflectors.

A sidewalk is needed to connect Sunset Park to Kopf Reservation on the entrance off of Division Rd. Division Rd is very narrow with a median in the middle, so there is nowhere for east or west vehicle traffic to move over if someone is in the road. Having no sidewalk, walkers/bikers are forced to use the roadway. I am sure you know Kopf is a popular cut through for ALHS, St. Joes, Redwood students who walk/bike to school. How difficult would it be to put a multi purpose path on the south side of Division to connect Sunset Park with Kopf? I emailed Councilwoman Fenderbosh about this a few months back and was met with a red tap response. It's just a sidewalk, not a complicated project. Don't make the hundreds of bikers, walkers, joggers walk on a thin roadway when a simple and likely relatively inexpensive option exists.

All most all off the paved pathways are a mess. Broken asphalt, tree roots lifting up asphalt, brush hanging over on trails.

Just like to see them cleaned up. I enjoy riding my bike on these pathways and not having to ride on major roads. I am glad for the bike lanes on major roads but never feel safe on them. The sidewalks are also a mess which I know are being worked on.

Thanks for what we have so far to get around the city.

Anywhere on Lake road. Cars don't respect pedestrians or bikers.

Before we start to connect parks, FINISH the ALPS!!!!!! this is a not needed project

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Bike lanes along Lake Road, Walker Road and 83, all east west and north south major routes would be very helpful. I love the sections of bike and walking paths sprinkled around the city through neighborhoods. Koof reservation is excellent. Great exercise! I try to bike 20-60 minutes a day weather permitting. A barrier along the bike lanes in lake rd. It could be as simple as plastic posts with reflectors.

Bike lanes on lake road need to be cleaned more often, and anyone performing construction along the roads need to clean them daily for the dirt and debris they cause or otherwise be fined.

Burnt out street lights; We have repeatedly reported to the mayors office, city services, the police department, the electric company for 7 years (yes, literally 7 years...) about the lights being out on Electric Blvd between Glenview & Rt 83. Right over the crosswalk from the pool, baseball fields, basketball court where all the kids & families cross after dusk. 4 out of 5 street lights have been out for almost 10 years. There's an additional 6 lights out between 83 & Jaycox.

Crossing Lake at 83 to get to Veterans Park is dangerous. Even though there is a flashing light that pedestrians can activate, drivers often ignore it--they may not even notice the light, especially if they're driving into the sunset. It's terrifying crossing Lake at 83 with my young kids.

Crossing over Lear from Ventanas Circle to Grove street to access Overlook Park needs a crosswalk with flashing lights. I've had many cars fly by while crossing with my kids (including a police officer who didn't stop!). Crossing over from Dakota Run to Redwood Blvd to access Kopf Reservation and Sunset Park needs a crosswalk with flashing lights. Again, cars do not often stop even when waiting to cross at current crosswalks. Also, Redwood Blvd is horrible to bike on with all of the potholes. I know it was recently filled in, but with kids in a bike trailer it is not an enjoyable ride. The Ilg "park" is laughable and needs a play set to accommodate families between Jaycox and Lear (north of Walker) so crossing these streets does not have to be the only option. While we love exploring and biking to the other parks, staying within the neighborhood would be a wonderful option too!

Crossing Webber Road to get to Weiss Field is extremely unsafe. Cars speed down the street and there is no clear crosswalk like on Walker between North and South Waterside Crossing. Additionally, there are two ways to get in and out of the parking lot and not having a set entrance and exit makes it very difficult to cross the street. Often times, the cars that pull in and out of the parking lot are not paying attention and it is unsafe walking through the parking lot. There needs to be more monitoring of that lot and the way people drive when in it and when entering and exiting.

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Crossing Webber road to get to Weiss; traffic rarely, if ever, yields to pedestrians.

Deer. Getting more aggressive. Time to decrease the population.

Distance is too far especially since most of the parks do not have public restrooms and the ones with restrooms are almost always locked. Where should I go pee? In the park behind a tree, in someone's yard while walking home? Restrooms at parks should be unlocked EVERY day sunrise to sunset. Also the next question asks about "connections". How are you making the connections between the parks? What does that mean connector route? Is it a side walk, bike path? Some actual context for what you are asking would make the survey useful. If you're asking if we should have sidewalks throughout the entire city; yes, that would be a good "connector route".

E-bikes and scooters in and around Kopf Reservation, near the tennis courts and high school. They are on the sidewalks and streets; no helmets; going way too fast.

Electric Blvd

Electric connects several parks but the sidewalks are often bumpy and uneven, which make them bad for strollers and bikes. Replacing the sidewalks with smoother paved trail (like what exists in the Kopf Reservation) would be very nice. Alternatively, an expanded bike lane/walk lane on Lake would be very nice and could also effectively connect several parks. Currently the bike lane and sidewalk on Lake are inconsistent and don't have much space. They could be combined to make a larger lane better for foot/bike travel.

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Electric in front of pool and playground.

Even the areas with bike lanes I almost always have a close call with a car. I often run on lake road to veterans memorial park park in the bike lane. I run towards traffic like we are supposed and thankfully because cars often drift into the lane (usually distracted and looking down).

Gaps in sidewalk on Weber road. Would love sidewalks on both sides of the street.

General car traffic mixed too close to bike paths. Ebikes are using sidewalks and bike paths and going too fast for me to feel safe.

How come at City council meeting there's never a report from parks and rec.

I am a supporter of better managed designated bicycle lanes and accommodations throughout the city and adjoining areas and cities.

I am very hesitant to bike between Miller Road Park and Veterans Memorial on Lake Road.

I don't want to ride a bike on Lake Rd, 83, Lear, Miller, Webber, or Moore Rds. Not all streets have sidewalks.

I have no safety concerns at all. I am more concerned about the lack, or reduction of amenities at some of the smaller community parks, like seating availability for seniors, and running water, like drinking fountains.

I really feel is to have tge city of Avon lake is to get rid of bike lanes on both sides of all the roads because it will really safer to be only on the side walks only. Although why because our city do have safer too the proceeger as of the rules. All of the locations that I do have are electric blvd connect to bkesser pk next to city pool plus city hall, old fire house,luthern church . Very important is all the streets that they are all of Avon lake schools is very important to have all of safety proceeger all in together plus including of having crossing guards for directing kids to crossing crossing from their o wn school grounds. Plus including all of the parks we have too.

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I used to walk daily until I tripped and fell on uneven sidewalks, resulting in complete traumatic tears of 3 shoulder muscles, plus a tear in a 4th muscle. The result has been over a year of healing and fear of walking on sidewalks. I prefer to walk on roads now. A high priority would be the repair of uneven sidewalks.

I would love better/safer crosswalks across major streets (ie flashing lights crosswalks, walking signals, etc).

I would spend a lot more time at Walker Road Park if I could walk there, but it's just because of where I live in relation to the park, nothing that the City needs to do.

Ilg Park does not offer any amenities for families, such as a play set. We would visit this park more often if there was something to do there. More bike lanes and sidewalk connectivity would be a plus, even better would be bike paths, or lanes, that are not on main roads and connect neighborhoods that do not have road connections. Crossings at main roads (Lear, Jaycox, 83, Walker) should all have flashing lights with the crosswalks. More access to the lake on the eastern side of Avon Lake would be great. Also better use of Veterans Park for families.

It's a bit stressful crossing 83 with young kids, so we don't usually bike to Bleser or Veterans park. Cars don't always stop when we press the button for the crosswalk signal. The sidewalks are a bit uneven along our route as well, so certainly would love to see the bike path extended somehow!

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Lake of continuous sidewalks and narrow roadway on Krebs and Lear.

Lake Rd needs continuous sidewalks!

Lake Road, the bike lanes while marked are often dangerous due to drivers ignoring the 3 ft rule.

Q5: Please specify the location(s) of any concerns you have.

Lighting on the bike trails would be awesome! I am sure it is expensive, though, and may not be possible. I doubt there is anything you can do, but there is a problem with dog owners not picking up after their dogs. There are bags available in one spot, but would it be possible to have them available at the beginning of all bike trails and park. Also for safety - it would be helpful for those of us that walk the bike trails to have the leaves cleaned more frequently. It can be very slippery. Thank you.

Living in the southeast corner of town, there is little to no safe access to playgrounds for our children without driving. I wish there was a place where children from Bridgeside, Hunt Club, etc. could play without having to cross Walker or Lear.

Millet road park looks terrible. Lack of maintenance.

Motorized bikes and scooters speeding through Kopf Reservation.

My concern is the encroachment on the reservation by local residence and their sprawling property lines. In addition, I am concerned about the fire pits that the residence are building near the trees. Lastly, I am disgusted by the amount of grass clippings that are dumped in the family reservation and close to the connectivity of the Avon Lake high school property.

No more costly projects needed. Parks are fine and accessible.

No sidewalks on Lake Road.

Our bike lanes often feature landscaping vehicles, construction vehicles, and sometimes cars parked! These should be kept CLEAR, especially along Lake Road, where there are no sidewalks. Crossing Lake Road is dangerous. Cars do NOT obey the traffic beacons nor do they obey crosswalks. Speeding and traffic is a concern on most main streets in Avon Lake.

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Our entire city needs a lot more "traffic calming infrastructure" and a lot less pedestrian calming infrastructure to increase safety of pedestrians, especially young ones. Imagine walking or biking with young kids from Overlook Park to the Redwood Blvd entrance of Kopf. We're between those locations and there's not a safe way to let a kid learn to bike safely in either direction. Crossing Jaycox, Lear, and all of the HOA streets in-between involves a lot of 90 degree turns on the sidewalks to just continue straight. Traffic goes too fast and usually doesn't stop for anyone in a crosswalk on Lear or Jaycox. I'd also love more straight sidewalks/paths that just connect parks, schools, etc without expecting kids to bike close to cars or go unnecessarily far because of winding HOA streets.

People that don't pick up after their dog or have dog either off leash or on a super long leash.

Sidewalks are uneven. Bike lanes are narrow & unsafe (difficult to share the road with narrow lanes). Crossing Walker can be very dangerous. Especially at the west end.

Specifically, there should be a pedestrian crossing between Park Place and Weiss Field. Many people park there during baseball games and walk to Weiss and cars fly down the road. There's no reason that there is not a pedestrian cross with a sign and flashing lights at this point. It is only a matter of time before a kid gets hit by a car walking to the baseball parks.

Taking the street from sunset park to Kopf.

The bathrooms at the playground by Weiss fields are disgusting. They are dirty and scary for little kids to use. The basketball courts need replaced and new basketball hoops. There should be a crosswalk put in from Park Place to Weiss fields (baseball) and also from waterside south to Weiss playground and dog park. Webber road is only 25 mph but there are cars that are going way over that speed limit and kids trying to cross that street.

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The bike lanes are nice but I don't trust drivers to pay attention now n days. Sidewalks would be nice.

The bike lanes on electric and Lake rds are always filled with debris, especially from construction crews on Lake. Hard to get from one park to another on bike without having to dodge dangerous debris (large rocks, glass, etc.).

The use of the relatively new solar powered flashing crosswalks is a positive thing. But drivers having gotten used to the flashing light intersections/crossings tend to ignore the crosswalks without the flashing lights making crossing somewhat challenging.

There are no bike lanes on 83 south of Electric Blvd., which makes it risky to ride a bike on 83. There are disconnected bike lanes on Lear and Moore but no bike lanes on Jaycox. (I don't know about Miller) The major north/south roads have a lot of traffic and are not friendly or safe for cyclists.

There needs to be a flashing Hawk-type pedestrian crossing on Electric at KFR. Extremely narrow sidewalks on Electric and in some older streets. Broken and displaced sidewalk blocks. Is there a sidewalk inspection program?

To get from one park to another on a bike, you would need to cross streets making safety a concern.

Veteran's Memorial Park; no sidewalks on Lake Road between Route 83 and Armour Road.

Walker road Park needs a walking path from Lear road , South of Walker Rd and North of the railroad tracks.

Q5: Please specify the location(s) of any concerns you have.

We have no concerns. The main reason we don't visit the parks very much is lack of time. We just get very busy and don't go.

We live by Weiss, and it's hard to cross Weber, or cross Ambleside to get to the park- People speed through super fast. I am afraid my child will be hit.

We live in Port West on Midship Drive and have to cross Walker daily when starting our bike ride, which can be extremely difficult at times. We've requested a flashing red light crosswalk to help us safely get across Walker and we're told a year ago by our councilman that one would soon be installed, but nothing has happened? We've seen it a few near misses with cars speeding down Walker despite the 35 mph speed limit! The extremely faded lines on the existing crosswalk are barely visible, so when we're crossing, some inconsiderate drivers seem to speed up and try to beat us rather than slow down with caution. We badly need a flashing crosswalk button to safely cross Walker at Midship. Hopefully it won't take a deadly mishap to finally get one installed.

We live in the Port West community off Walker Road and have to cross Walker at Midship/Moorewood on our way to the park. It's a very dangerous intersection because Walker is a busy road and many roads north of Walker feed into that intersection. We were told a year ago that a flashing light crosswalk would be installed shortly, but as of now it has not.

We live Park Pl and we walk our dog daily over to Weiss Field. It is dangerous because people do not follow the 25 mph speed limit. It is extremely dangerous during the height of summer ball as people whip in and out of the parking lot at a high rate of speed. It would be helpful, in addition to a crosswalk, that there be a clearly marked entrance and exit for the parking lot.

We love the Sunset/Kopf/Belle connections. I would love to be able to get to Overlook Park safely on our bikes. Electric should have bike lanes! Especially with so many kids coming and going from the high school as well.

We love to bike but the paths/sidewalks are overgrown and poorly maintained. Crossing is also tough and we've had several situations at crosswalks where people don't stop. Plus there aren't enough points to do this either.

Q5: Please specify the location(s) of any concerns you have.

We need interconnecting paths through neighborhoods. Like Bridgeside to Sweetbriar without having to go up to Walker.

We would feel safer if the bike lanes in town were painted green like in other cities with more signage and reflective colors outlining the bike lanes. Also Lake road is full of speeders. Please consider lowering the speed limit to 25 through town. If you are able to do that then cars would possibly go 35 instead of 45 or 50 mph. If you can't lower the speed limit, then please add many of those wonderful blinking solar power radar signs that tell drivers their speed and to slow down. Safety on Lake Road is the main reason we don't bike to the parks and businesses near The Anchor.

Weiss field- no safe way to cross for kids to go over for games from the developments iff of Webber.

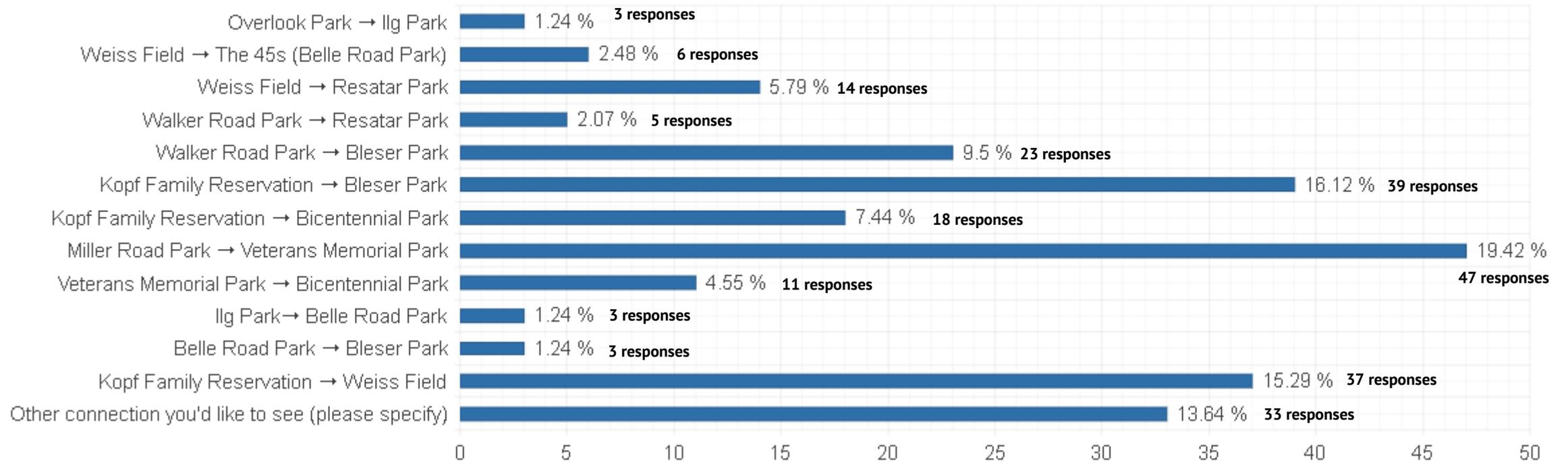
Weiss Field. We need safer crosswalks. A blinking light crosswalk on Webber Road between Waterside Crossings South and Weiss Field would be so helpful, especially with all the sporting events, playground, and events that take place at this location.

Weiss playground equipment needs repairs.

Where there are bike lanes they are often filled with road debris or have vehicles parked in the bike lanes which then makes me have to ride in the street. I could ride on sidewalks but they are often uneven (whatever happened to the fix your sidewalk initiative?)

Q6: What park connections would you like to see prioritized?

Which park connections would you like to see prioritized?

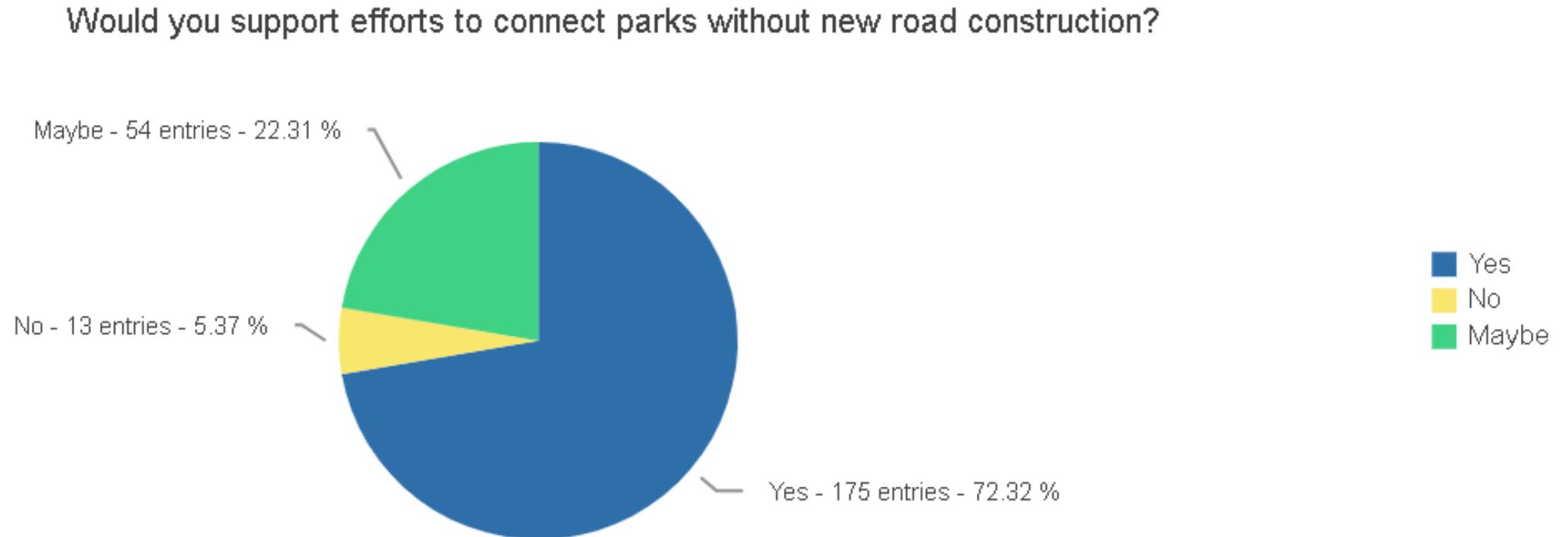


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Q7: Other connections you would like to see prioritized? (please specify)

- All of the above .
- Avon lake city pool
- Blessed park playground!!!
- Dont think its necessary
- Eastview Elementary to Kopf
- finish ALPS
- Happy with present set up. Can ride 45 minute at Kopf and Belle or walk 5 Mike's there easily.
- I dont know what you mean by "connections".
- I love the current connections for my location (Kopf Family Reservation).
- I think the parks are fine as they are.
- Kopf Family Reservation to Overlook Park.
- Kopf Family Reservation to Veterans Memorial Park.
- Kopf to Overlook/45s.
- Kopf to the Lakefront.
- Kopf to veterans memorial
- Miller Rd and Veterans Parks.
- No park connections are a priority, but only a nicety.
- The worst is the main roads and trying to get anywhere.
- Weiss Field.
- Weiss to Walker Rd Park and Miller Rd to Walker Rd Park and Walker Rd Park to the Pool

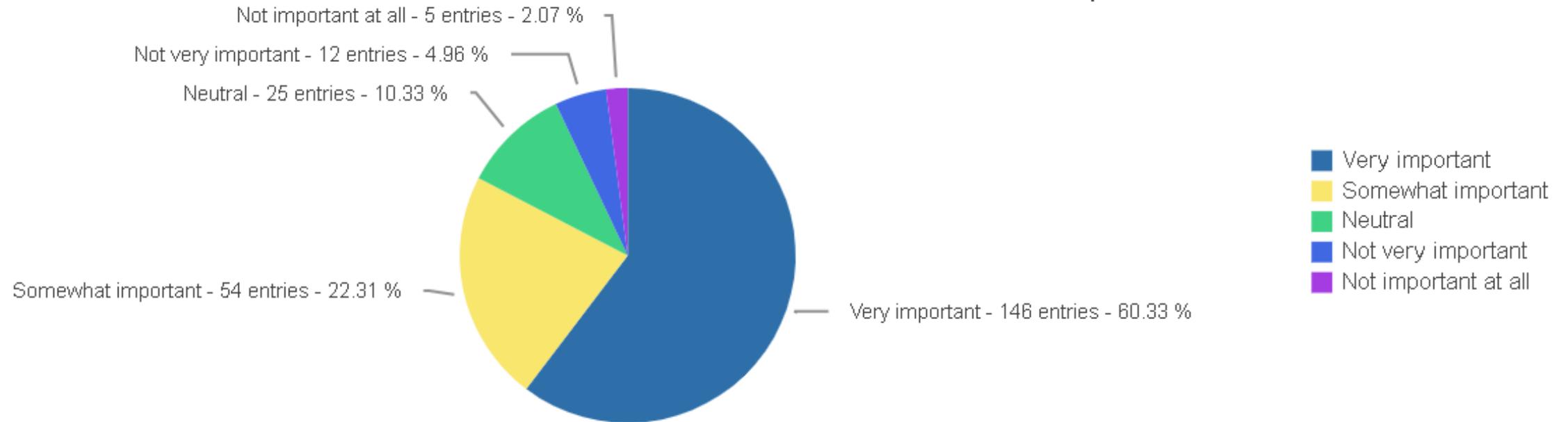
Q8: Would you support efforts to connect parks using existing sidewalks, trails, and signage – without new road construction?



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Q9: How important is it for Avon Lake to offer walkable or bikeable access between parks, public spaces, and commercial spaces?

How important is walkable/bikeable access?



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Q10: What commercial or other public spaces do you walk/bike to most frequently?

What other locations do you walk/bike to most frequently?



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Q10: Other (please specify)*

- Avon Lake Public Library (**11 responses**)
- Westview Elementary School (**7 responses**)
- Miller Rd Park (**2 responses**)
- ALPL, Huntington Beach
- Around my neighborhood
- ALPL and Discount Drug Mart Plaza
- Beach park plaza - Edacious, third base, china star
- Beach Park Station
- Beach Park Station, Drug Mart Plaza
- Beach Park Station, Westview, Drug Mart
- Feniks
- Goonie's, edacious, anchor plaza
- Hoa at Lake Erie
- No real safe spaces outside our neighborhood
- St. Joseph
- The Anchor and the nearby shops
- Veteran's Park
- Veterans Park on Lake Road
- Veterans park, Miller Rd Park,
- We're empty nesters now. At one time we walked or biked to Redwood, Troy, and the high-school

*"None" and "N/A" comments excluded.

Q11: Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

- A bigger priority for me would be recycling bins in the parks. Also, the survey only allowed me to answer “no” for whether I would be more likely to walk/bike to parks with improvements. I wanted to answer “yes.”
- A bike lane or path along 83 would be great for getting to the shops and businesses along it, like biking to Fennick's.
- A pump track in the woods at bicentennial park would be fun!
- Again, finish one project before we tear up more things to not complete projects, also... what the hell was the reasoning to block the lake view from ALPS park?
- Always a supporter of clearly defined, safe and maintained bicycle travel accommodations. There are volumes of work on this topic from around the world. Avon Lake has an opportunity to be a region leader in bicycle/pedestrian travel ways.
- Avon Lake needs to find a way to connect public and large private retail with multi purpose trails, where feasible. Also, why is Lake Rd so spotty with sidewalks? That entire stretch should have sidewalks.
- Bike lanes on Lake and Walker Road are not safe. A separate multi use path is needed
- Children's play area/playground at Walker Road Park would be much appreciated.
- Circle loop of the outskirts of Avon Lake (especially a connection to Bay Village's Huntington Park)
- Consistent, wide, and safe sidewalks and crossings along Lake that connect all the way to Bay would be awesome! I walk over 100 miles per month. To have safe access to this beautiful community from ours would be a great added feature to our community.
- "Don't spend the money on signage. Make the parks a destination. There is a lot of grass at overlook park. Put a pavilion for people to enjoy and have parties at. Wedgewood park has nothing but a green box. Add a small playground or exercise path like the one off country club drive Ilg park isn't much but a greenspace. There can be a lot done there. To make it have a similar feel to sunset park. We have a lot of great parks and places for children to play and adults to stay active. We can do better. But Rome wasn't built in a day."
- enforcing of current bike laws. It's a joke that we have them on the books but they are not followed or enforced
- Especially with the number of ebikes in the city increasing, we need safer biking routes whether it's safer bike lanes on the roads or wider sidewalks
- Expand the dog park. What you have is only suitable for small dogs. There is so much property right there not being used. Whoever planned that very baby small dog park was not thinking clearly. Look to Medina and Avon for ideas. Avon Lake failed on their dog park!"

Q11: Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

- "Give kids dedicated, non-motorized vehicle paths between schools, parks, and other places they'd want to go. Build it in such a way that they're protected from motorized vehicles, and not just biking next to them. Biking safety for kids, especially the youngest, is more important than ever if school busses are being cut. I want kids to be able to safely get around town without being put in danger by drivers who are more concerned with their phones, going too fast, and annoyed that kids on bikes and parents with strollers exist. This will also ease traffic congestion at school drop-off/pick-up lines as parents feel that it's safer for kids to bike to school. I'm a long-time resident and the infrastructure decisions that have been made as the city grows are making it a worse place to live. Everything is pro-car and anti-kid. Make the roads narrower and add a speed bump before a crosswalk to make drivers instinctively slow down. Don't put a bunch of crappy turns in side walks to trip up parents pushing strollers, people in wheelchairs, and kids learning how to bike."
- Having a good map of all parks in the City and where to park or marked routes to get between them. If that exists today, I have not seen it posted.
- I fully support making AL more walkable- and connecting Kopf to Weiss. it would really help the health of every one and make our city more attractive
- I would love to walk all the way down Lake rd but no sidewalks in many spots. I walk in the bike lane but does not always feel safe. I ride my bike on Electric frequently but it is narrow and often feels unsafe.
- "I'd love for this committee to work on supporting space for sports that currently do not use city space - specifically soccer and lacrosse. Soccer is limited to school property and that will become an issue with impending construction. Support (financial and otherwise) from the city leaders and parks and rec for sports not under the Parks and Rec umbrella needs to be addressed"
- I'm new to Avon Lake and the more I get to know it, the more I love it. It feels like most of the subdivisions connect with paths/trails to other areas (preserves & schools). Keep it going!! Lake access would be fantastic!!
- I'm not sure. But love that this is being talked about. It'd be amazing for so many reasons to have a bikeable community. Our family would absolutely support and utilize!!

Q11: Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

- If you want people to go to parks: provide parking, bathrooms (that are actually unlocked), drinking fountains. Clean them and provide upkeep. Maybe don't spend MILLIONS on parks like the alps - it is a ridiculous amount of money spent on a playground & a sad imitation of Lakewood Park's Solstice Steps. Inwood park is full of weeds in the play area, it seems like the woodchips haven't been replaced in ages and it's overgrown with weeds. Walker Road park is full of garbage after the soccer games and other activities - have more garbage cans available. And it is anyone's guess if the restrooms will be open. I have peed in that tree line more often than I have ever had access to those bathrooms. Are people expected to ride their bike from home on Moore Road for example to walker road park, play at the park, and make it all the way back home without public urination because the bathrooms are locked? A porta-potty was added but why pay for that when there are actual toilets? As stated in another question this survey offers no explanation of what connections you are talking about putting in. The website under "Our Parks" has a map with "suggested connector routes" but this also offers no clarification of what a connector route is. Is it off road bike paths? Is it bike paths in the roads? Is it sidewalks? Is it just signs pointing you to the next park (if so don't waste money on that - we all have gps in our phones to find the next park)? The map doesn't even show all of the parks. It seems like you have the "connector routes" already decided and this survey with no context is just so you can say you asked and then do whatever you already have planned anyway.
- Improving access to Miller Road Park
- In my opinion constructing a multi use path on Electric from Lear through Moore, Avondale to Miller Park should have the highest priority. As identified in the Master Development Plan, it would be the non-motorized community backbone. It would link the entire northern half of the City, including the Lear commercial district, the Cottages, KFR, High School, City Hall, Bleser Park (and aquatic center), Bicentennial Park, businesses at Beach Park Station and finally crossing Lake Road Miller Park. And the thousands of residents on either side. This would be an enormous expense, but with a vigorous grant application program, judicious phasing and a long term commitment I believe it would be possible. Hopefully the western portion from Beach Park to Miller Park would be included with the power plant redevelopment plan. One of the biggest advantages of such a grade-separated trail over simply painting bike lanes is safety: parents with small children in strollers and kids on bikes would not have to contend with speeding cars mere feet (or inches) away, with the perception of vulnerability to the drunk, distracted or deranged. The project would also be a catalyst for developing north-south connectors to the rest of the community.

Q11: Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

- Installing traffic lights on Lake Rd. would help slow traffic, making the street safer. Suggest new Avon-Lake-based businesses that could enhance the natural amenities and historical treasures of this town.
- Is to take out the new entrance put back the old entrance of our city pool of where it should, must be at before like is to put the old entrance between the main baseball field, the pool only because a lot of the city residents would like the easy way to get in, or out from the pool, because it is very difficult to have why because it is more safer to have including please reconsider to this why in the city rules the every residents in the city of Avon lake for regardless to following what Avon lake council does want everyone in the city to following their rules . 24 7
- "It would be great to have "wide, off the road" walking/biking trails along Lake Road especially leading to the new planned area formerly known as the power plant. If Avon Lake were a community that folks could bike or walk safely to this area, it would add so much value to the citizens. So many communities around the country have nice multipurpose trails that connect the community hot spots. The water frontage we have in AL is such a treasure and it would be wonderful to have better ways to access it and other great locations within the community."
- It would be great to have a permanent map-type display board at each park location that identifies the other parks in the city, and what is available at each park. For example, I have lived in Avon Lake my entire life and I have no idea where Ilg Park is or what is there.
- keep miller rd park closed until all the demo junk is cleaned. that place smells awful and there is smog in the air. you are subjecting your citizens to pollutants and possible poor health and lawsuits for the city in the future. the fact you hosted concerts there all summer in this toxic pit is unnerving. that park is off limits for my family. hope the city starts to act more cleanly as well. such a damn shame with the current politics in our city here- the power plant implosion and onward.
- Lake Rd needs continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street. Wider bike lanes.
- Lake Road! Slow down the traffic! Make traffic beacons RED flashing lights, not yellow. Add a stop light at key intersections areas. Consider taking a look at soft traffic control panels in the roadways, that can be seen on Northview Road, between Hilliard and Center Ridge Road in Rocky River. Lake Road in Avon Lake is the ONLY community between Huron and Cleveland that does NOT have a stop light anywhere along the route. Did we learn nothing from the senseless death of Randy Knilans and the serious injury of Patty Banks?
- library
- More connectivity and define trail entrance on Herman Road
- More monitoring of 25 mph areas of Electric, especially paying attention to speeding cars and drivers who don't honor existing crosswalks.

Q11: Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

- Neighborhoods should have connections - bike paths. Kids cut through everywhere because it's convenient- there should be bike paths everywhere. Would love a real bike safe city.
- No - you need to tear down Weiss Park the playground is embarrassing
- No more costly projects needed
- Not about routes but the playground at Weiss needs to be fixed. There's so many holes in the turf that kids are constantly falling. And it's really rusty!
- Offering kayak storage and launches through the park system—not just at Vets with private boat club.
- Parking especially handicapped parking needs to be expanded
- Paved trails would be highly desired over sidewalks next to busy streets to connect parks and important landmarks. The quality of trail in Kopf is lovely. And the sidewalks in almost all areas are not in good shape, especially for strollers with young babies.
- Pick up poop signs on the trail at Resetar.
- Please fix the sidewalks along 83! North of Walker. They are terrible
- Please include the west side when you are considering the city
- Please limit the amount of traffic signs in the city. Too many signs are creating sign pollution.
- Prioritizing a path from Kopf to Bleser would have the added benefit of connecting to the high school!
- Really need sidewalks on all of Lake Road. Bike lanes are great, but not great for walking.
- Repair uneven sidewalks to make them less dangerous.
- Route 83 should have a double paved sidewalk for residents walking, and another for kids to safely traverse on bike. Heavily used, too much traffic for a bike lane used by kids.
- Sidewalks on 83 (between tracks and Walker) are great to have but in some places very dangerous. Very uneven and why did they install drain grates in the same direction as a bicycle tire riding over them. DUMB!!! Can these be turned around so that you can safely ride over?
- Sidewalks on all of Lake Road!

Q11: Do you have any additional ideas, comments, or specific routes you would like to suggest or prioritize?

- The addition of trees on the tree lawn at the walker and Avon Belden rd intersection would help beautify the city and make it a more attractive place to live and visit. Also, the Lear Rd commercial district desperately needs organization of the sidewalk and drive ways. The addition of a tree lawn and extension of the bike lane to Lake Rd would go far in helping to improve the attractiveness of this area for current and future business owners. The addition of a tree lawn would make this a safer area for pedestrians and define the chaotic nature of the parking and driveways in the area."
- The city needs to actually clean glass and debris from current bike lanes. At times, I have to ride into the street due to debris and have been yelled at by passing cars to stay in bike lane.
- The parks are such a positive park of our community for people of all ages. My family enjoys biking and walking to the different locations. It would be nice to see areas connected or a safer route especially those that live on Lake Rd or any area with no sidewalk.
- Trim the branches and such that encroach on the sidewalks and let homeowners/renters/landowners know they need to trim their bushes and such to not grow over the sidewalks.
- We are a drivable city.
- We don't bike very far beyond our neighborhood because Lear and Krebbs are not safe.
- Well marked bike lanes on the entire Electric Blvd.
- With school bussing being minimized, traffic calming infrastructure and bike paths that are not in the road gutter next to cars are extremely important for kids to commute safely around town, especially for the youngest in elementary schools. I'd love to have some paths for non-motorized vehicles that connect schools, parks, and other kid-friendly places. The horrific elementary school car drop-off/pickup lines that I'm expecting to start in fall would be a lot better if kids could just safely bike to and from schools.
- Would love to see rail trail system here! Designated bike trails currently not long enough

Green Community Choice

Default Electric Program Option

The Green Community Choice Program makes it easy for communities to support renewable energy initiatives. Through their default electric aggregation program, all eligible residents and small businesses in participating communities will be automatically enrolled into NOPEC's 100% Renewable Standard Program Price option for the June 2026 - June 2029 electric aggregation program term. The electricity for this program is backed by Green-e® certified Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for 100% of the electricity used by enrolled customers. Individual residents and small businesses can still choose to participate in any of NOPEC's other rate options as well, including Fixed Term Rates, a Monthly Variable Rate, and the Standard Program Option.

Green Community Choice Program Details

- Available to any current or new NOPEC electric member community.
- Assists communities with achieving their individual sustainability plan goals.
- NextEra will retire and annually report RECs equivalent to 100% of the community's aggregation load for customers enrolled in NOPEC products that include 100% REC content.
- **The incremental cost for the RECs will be no higher than \$0.002 cents/kWh or about \$1.75/month for the average residential household over the term of the program.**
- Individual customers can easily enroll in any of NOPEC's other electricity rate options.

Enrollment Process

- Submit written notification and a duly adopted resolution passed by the legislative authority for your community **by February 1, 2026**. NOPEC will provide a copy of the resolution.
- Continue to operate under all other provisions of the NOPEC governance documents and the NOPEC electric aggregation program rules.

Questions? Contact your community's Relationship Manager, email team@nopec.org, or call 440-248-1992.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-____ APPROVING THE CITY OF _____’S NOTICE TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (“NOPEC”) TO ELECT NOPEC’S GREEN COMMUNITY CHOICE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY’S ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM STARTING JUNE 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of _____, Ohio (“City”) is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”) and participates in NOPEC’s electricity aggregation program (“Aggregation Program”); and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted or may be considering adopting a sustainability plan, a part of which includes or may include increasing the renewable content of the electricity consumed in the City; and

WHEREAS, NOPEC is offering a green program offering for its member communities with a 100% renewable energy content standard default electricity aggregation product, that includes Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) for 100% of the customer’s energy usage, to any current or new NOPEC member community that selects this program for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC electric aggregation term (from the June 2026 until June 2029 utility meter reads), and for subsequent NOPEC Aggregation Program terms (“Green Community Choice Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Green Community Choice Program will include the additional cost of 100% RECs for 100% of the City’s eligible customers’ energy usage; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost for the green-e certified REC content included in the Green Community Choice Program price from the June 2026 until June 2029 utility meter reads will be no higher than \$0.002/kWh or about \$1.75/month for the average residential household over the term of the upcoming program; and

WHEREAS, the City’s eligible customers will have the option to opt-in to the standard NOPEC default product not containing additional RECs at the lower Standard Program price or choose another NOPEC product offering; and

WHEREAS, the NOPEC Green Community Choice Program offering requires that a member community notify NOPEC in writing on or before February 1, 2026, of its election to choose the Green Community Choice Program (100% REC standard default electricity aggregation product) for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term with legislation adopted by the legislative authority of the community making the election.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of _____, Ohio:

Section 1. This Council hereby approves the City’s election to participate in NOPEC’s Green Community Choice Program for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term (from the June 2026 through June 2029 utility meter read(s) and, unless the City notifies NOPEC in writing otherwise on or before February 1 before each subsequent three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term thereafter, the City shall continue to participate in NOPEC’s Green Community Choice Program, at the REC content adder in effect for such subsequent NOPEC Aggregation Program term. This Council hereby authorizes and ratifies all actions of the Mayor in connection with execution of the City’s election to notify NOPEC to participate in NOPEC’s Green Community Choice Program.

Section 2. This Council hereby acknowledges that the City's election to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term (from the June 2026 until the June 2029 utility meter read(s) and, unless the City notifies NOPEC in writing otherwise on or before February 1 before each subsequent three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term thereafter, the City shall continue to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program, at the REC content adder in effect for such subsequent NOPEC Aggregation Program term, and such election is binding and irrevocable.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including the City's Charter and Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL