

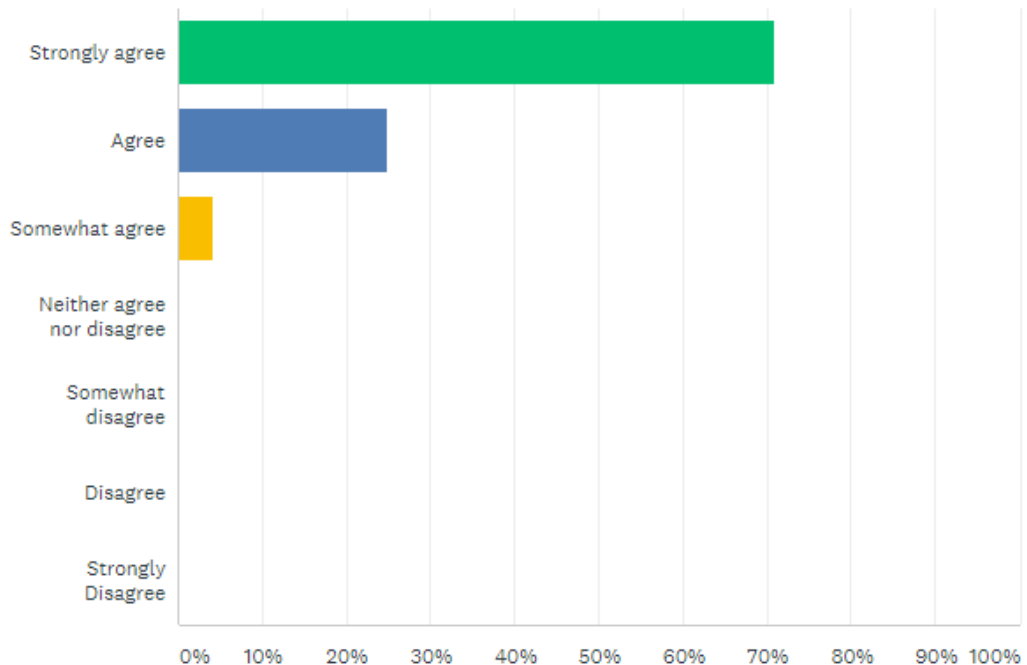
# Dorothea Dix Park

## MPAC Survey Results

### The Creek

I support the concept of the Creek.

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I strongly support the Creek - but feel it isn't bold enough. Raleighites have been clamoring for a significant water feature for a number of years now. We have something to do something really iconic here - I don't know that, as presented, we're there yet. Needs to be more expansive and audacious.



Area of concern is the grotto due to potential safety issues with the high ridge over a body of water. People will want to jump.



I agree, although feel that there should be another larger pond of water at the entrance area off of Lake Wheeler Rd

Love it! Like phasing this first per funding doc See Downtown Gateway for Land bridge comments. I like the land bridge where MVVA is showing it

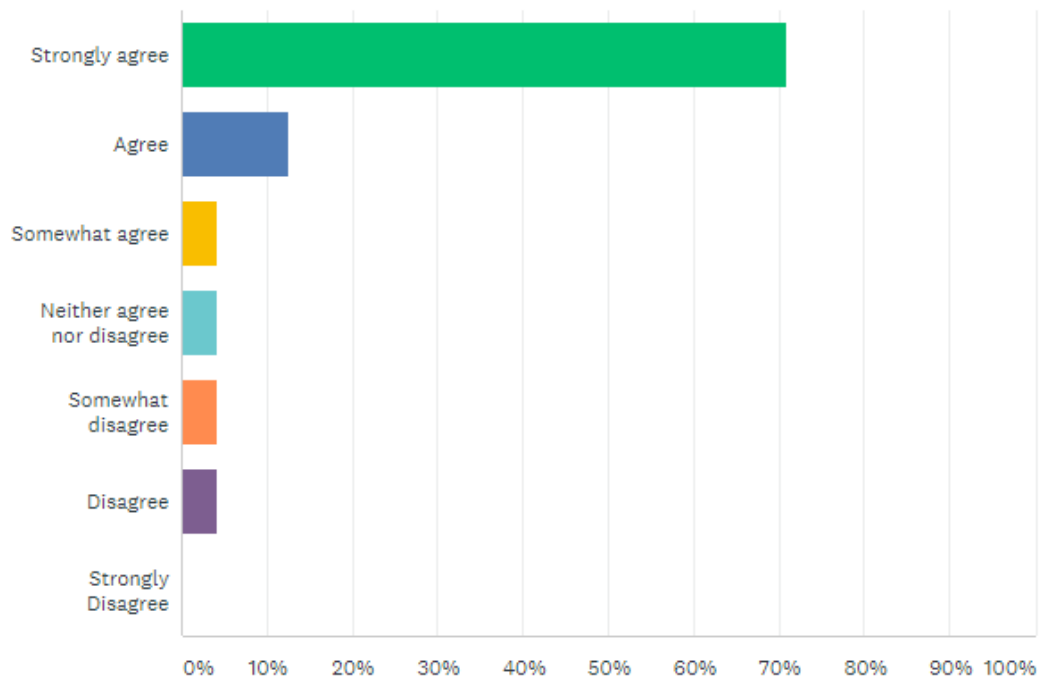
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### The Meadow

I support the concept of the Meadow.

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As it presently sits, this sacred landscape is really compromised by the intrusion of the event hub and by an oversaturation of athletic fields. It's just way, way too much. Still on the fence about The Grotto. In concept, it sounds interesting and I appreciate the potential for another water feature - but is modeling after a 150-year old Parisian park sculpted from a former quarry really authentic for Raleigh? There's something very "Disneyfication" about it that I have yet to reconcile.

I do not see a need for a land bridge. I believe we can accomplish a connection to Pullen Park (and to other points north) in a more feasible way.

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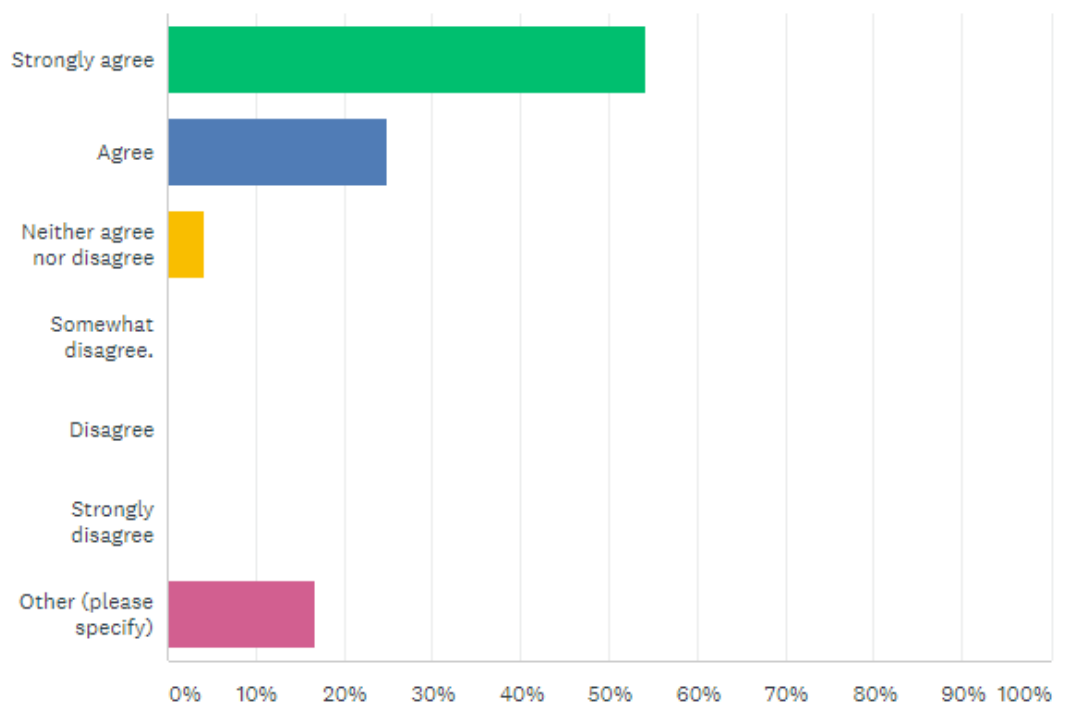
There needs to be a lot of work on this western edge and what will take place in the future with NCSU. This can make this area really good or bad. The graphics are not very clear on what is existing and what is proposed for the trees that are showing. Need to better indicate what this looks like now and in the future.

Prairie plantings along the borders of Public lawn & under shade trees are not realistic, unless they are in select areas with protection. Protection can be visually appealing...like Disney World where feet and gardens are separated by railings, seat walls, retaining walls, etc that visually blend into experience

### The Grove

I support the concept of the Grove.

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The Grove is so, so precious, and I'm concerned with an inability to fully understand the level/types of pathways, etc., that are proposed - just like transit circuits park-wide in general. It looks really busy, and I'm concerned with a continued ability to enjoy it as a sacred space and historic cultural landscape. Expanding The Grove is great - where it makes sense. Doing away with the staff housing for a botanical garden is unnecessary. We need those small, easily rehabbed spaces - though modest, they also tell the

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story of the site, and the community has told us over and over and over again that they have all manner of ideas as to how they can be brought to new life and use. Considering the rapid rate that we are losing building stock, spaces like this will be critical to Raleigh and its citizens moving forward/in the future. Because they're laid out in a Post-War suburban fashion with wide green spaces in between, there's a marvelous opportunity to do something agricultural/botanical-related that enhances the park and gives a respectful nod to its agrarian past. The proposed parking area seems especially compromising to this area in general. It's just.so.much.



I support the concepts of the grove except for the addition of more trees. 20 years ago, the hillside had a few of the large trees along the drive, but the hillside itself was open and provided a lovely vista and view of downtown from the hillside. I'd like to see the vista maintained.

I like the grove but do not like the concept of the Botanical Gardens, the constructed seep and especially the pool. A pool has no relevance as there are so many other pools in the area. This only brings traffic into the park and increases the parking requirement. What happened to the artists using the old homes in this area?



Submitted notes to Kate about why a multi-function/ multi- appeal 'stroll' garden is better for many reasons vs 'botanic garden.' See also someone's comment on Neighborland about botanic garden that 'junks' the Grove Submitted swimming pool comment. Not enough public pool access in Raleigh. Many can swim when health does not permit more stressful exercise. Too many kids don't learn how to swim. See how Piedmont Park pool is a classic feature as well as functional

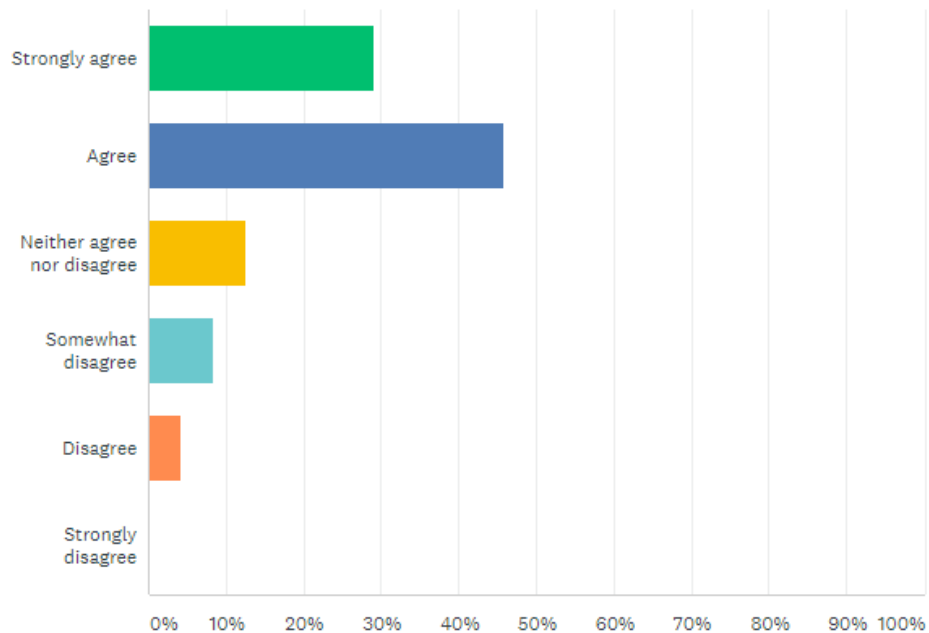
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### Downtown Gateway

I support the concept of the Downtown Gateway.

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A thousand times yes to the proposed playgrounds, etc., and love the idea of opening up the park along this edge, as it's particularly "formidable fortress" along here. Deep concerns about "future development" placeholders. I can promise we're going to really hear about this from the community - as I'm hearing time and time again about just at this point. A lot of folks have very passionate concerns about this element. I'm still trying to understand how locating the main entrance here is going to work, with traffic congestion and limitations with the existing Lake Wheeler roadbed.

We need to better connect with downtown. Pedestrian bridge across all the highways?

This needs to be reworked to include a more exciting entrance into the park from the downtown district.

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I support the internal park concepts but a larger connection needs to be made to downtown. The underpass does not provide a strong connection to downtown. A connection needs to be made that can be traversed easily from downtown that also provides views of the park and downtown. This should be an area for a bridge that functions to move people and perhaps small shuttles but not traffic. An emphasis needs to be placed on this connection that also connects CHAVIS PARK and the neighborhoods of southeast Raleigh. This cannot be neglected.



This side seems like it needs a little more definition. How are we going to interact with the neighborhood?



I like the concept of the downtown gateway but need to know more about how this links to the downtown. This will be a major front door and would like to see a roundabout at this major entrance. I strongly disagree about having a playground at this entrance. This is the main entrance and safety needs to be first and foremost. We just worked to take the fence down and now a fence will need to be added for a playground. It does not make sense. Speaking with a consultant with 40 years of designing playgrounds in park settings indicated that this is a very poor area to locate a playground. Like the concept of future development potential. along this edge. Need to work on a strong mixed-use edge.



I really don't understand the criticisms of the Downtown Gateway and those who do not want land bridge at creek. Land bridge can address Western hazard and connect big populations of NCSU/Cameron Park/Boulanger/Cameron Village/greenways/ etc. Looking at the Land bridge as just connecting Pullen seems shortsighted Also, seems like phasing of Creek/land bridge first with Downtown Gateway later makes lots of funding sense. What is best for (and who will pay) for Downtown Gateway can easily evolve greatly in next few yrs I am a little concerned about playground near Healing Place even though required distances are met

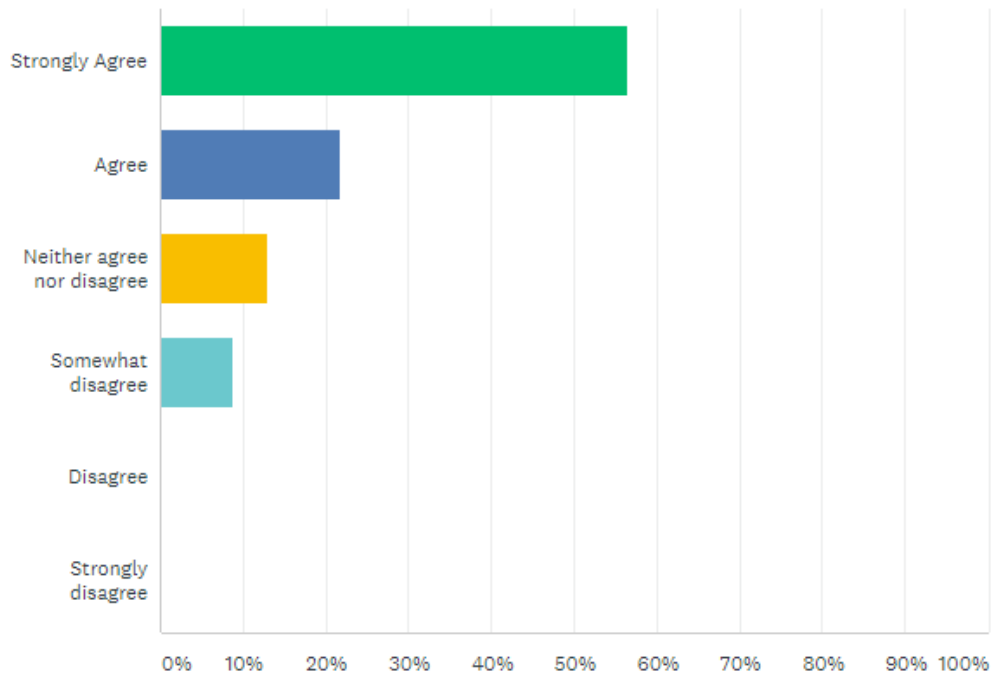
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### The Ridge Landscape

I support the concept of the Ridge.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Don't agree with the cars inside the promenade loop. Very awkward to invite cars there!



I'd rather see McBryde's central pavilion reconstructed rather than the proposed open-air concept because of the significance of the AJ Davis design and skepticism about separating the two wings, thereby floating off untethered on their own. I strongly appreciate a concentrated retention of buildings here, as they provide a thrilling myriad of opportunities for new uses and opportunities. Separated by the railroad tracks, this activated element has the capacity to live in harmonious compatibility with the park without compromising the greater site's enjoyment as a true "park." They also provide the best, most tangible expression to fully understand, appreciate, and respect the site's past use. With statewide significance as an early provider of humane mental health treatment, they are the physical commemoration to the scores of NC citizens who came from all over for treatment - otherwise entirely forgotten. As controlled by the City, they provide an unparalleled opportunity to meet community/citizen needs/uses in a way that we are wholly unable to do now. This will become increasingly true well into the future, as we're entirely unable to control the private market and its shifting conditions. We've heard from many citizens who have expressed many wants and needs. We

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need to focus more on uses that support arts, cultural, education, non-profit, etc., needs and less on uses that raise

the hackles of those wholly opposing the idea of commercial development/uses, ground leases, etc. The event hub is a hard no. This element is the most egregious as it compromises the enjoyment of "The Meadow" as a bucolic, rural landscape removed from urban vagaries. It also reinforces a feeling that this park design is really all about cars. While it's a reality that must be addressed, I find the event hub - and even the parking gardens - as wholly lacking the innovation I would expect from a "world class park." To see how quickly modes of transportation can change and explode in use (a la scooters) I find it really disappointing that we're designing this park around cars like we're back in the 70's - rather than a 21st-century park model brimming in problem-solving and innovation.

My only concern with the Ridge is whether the amount of courts and fields for sports are adding value in the overall picture of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources in the City. Is there greater value in leaving some of this space open, or in allocating space to other uses that are not so well represented across Raleigh?



I expect to agree, once I am better informed about this zone.



Needs alot more work.

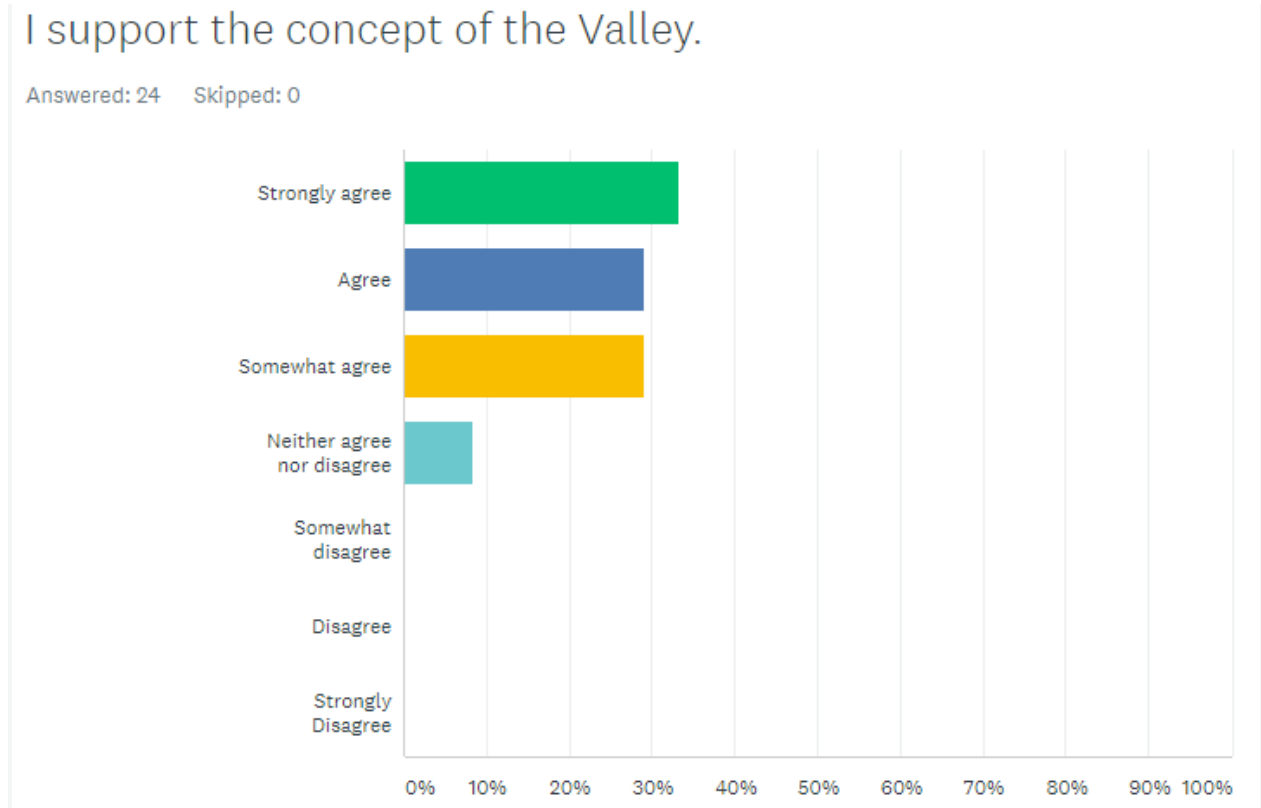
Getting quality operators for Hotel/ restaurants / cafes/ events/ etc will be very difficult if ample Service Parking is not provided Also, submitted notes about athletic courts. On the plan, they look placed like design elements vs athletic function. How can you have sports tournaments, programs, clinics if courts are scattered. We have the Loop, but what about a track? Chavis Park track is well used. A track could surround a soccer field or other



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### The Valley



I really love finding a way to activate the old power plant, etc., in a compelling way and I love the idea of the elevated walk for its capacity to move people in an engaging way that allows visitors to "see" the park in ways that would otherwise not be available. Same deep and abiding concerns about the oversaturation of parking here - concerns that I've already addressed.

I support the concept but have a concern about it being overly dependent on a 7,000 seat outdoor amphitheater as a hub. In the future, as culture becomes more dispersed and interactive, there will be less viable uses for a performance space this large. Instead, it would be more beneficial to have multiple smaller or more flexible spaces that can be adapted for use by arts groups for rehearsal and/or smaller scale immersive/interactive performances.

Has an investment in another amphitheater been studied, in light of other venues?

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Like the entertainment value of this area. Could be a game changer. Need to rethink the basketball courts. Don't understand the relevance of these in this area and if really they are needed. Most importantly, we need a very strong connection with the farmers market. The wayfinding and perhaps a road needs to connect in this area.



Grotto seems magnificent, but could it be cost prohibitive? See comments on Neighborland about orientation of amphitheater and sunset views??