

# Greenbelt Recreation ARTS

## Greenbelt Station Central Park - Public Art Planning

### Preliminary Results of the Summer 2019 Community Survey

Following a community meeting on July 9, 2019, Greenbelt Recreation conducted an initial online survey between July 15 and August 11, 2019, to help establish broad goals for a potential public art project at this site. The survey was open to all residents of Greenbelt. It was publicized through the Greenbelt News Review, Greenbelt Station email list, Greenbelt Recreation Artfans email list, and other channels. Ninety responses were received.

#### **About the respondents**

Responses were received from all three major areas of Greenbelt (east, west and center). More than half of the respondents were from the Greenbelt Station community.

The majority of respondents were 25-44 years of age. Some were older, and none were younger.

A majority of respondents stated that they have been using the park at least occasionally.

Suggestions were collected on strategies for engaging additional residents as this planning process continues.

#### **Project preferences**

A majority of respondents expressed that they would prefer to see a durable feature added to the park, rather than temporary programming such as commissioned performances or visual art installations. Respondents' top choice was for an artist-designed functional park amenity. Respondents were especially interested in projects that would:

- Promote comfort, rest and relaxation
- Speak to and thoughtfully engage the natural environment
- Promote physical engagement and play
- Promote social interaction

#### **Challenges/concerns**

Respondents identified issues for consideration, including:

- Child safety
- Preservation of playable open space
- Limited available parking
- Potential cost of -- and public commitment to -- ongoing maintenance; risk of vandalism
- Potential encouragement of "loitering"
- Aesthetic reservations

#### **For project updates and information**

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