

The objective of the questionnaire was to solicit information to help the Fort Williams Advisory Commission to provide a better understanding of the community's use of the park and to identify issues, concerns and future direction for maintaining the park to be included in the updated Master Plan. The information sought included intensity of user groups, frequency of use, safety and other concerns, maintenance issues, demand for new use opportunities, support for revenue generating opportunities and other public comments. There were 395 respondents to the on-line questionnaire of which 308 identified as residents or about 3 percent of the population of Cape Elizabeth. The questionnaire was conducted using Survey Monkey online with links posted on the Town's Website and other locations. Paper copies were available at the Town Hall and Library. Results were collected between June 7 and July 22, 2011. The following is a summary of key responses:

Key Responses:

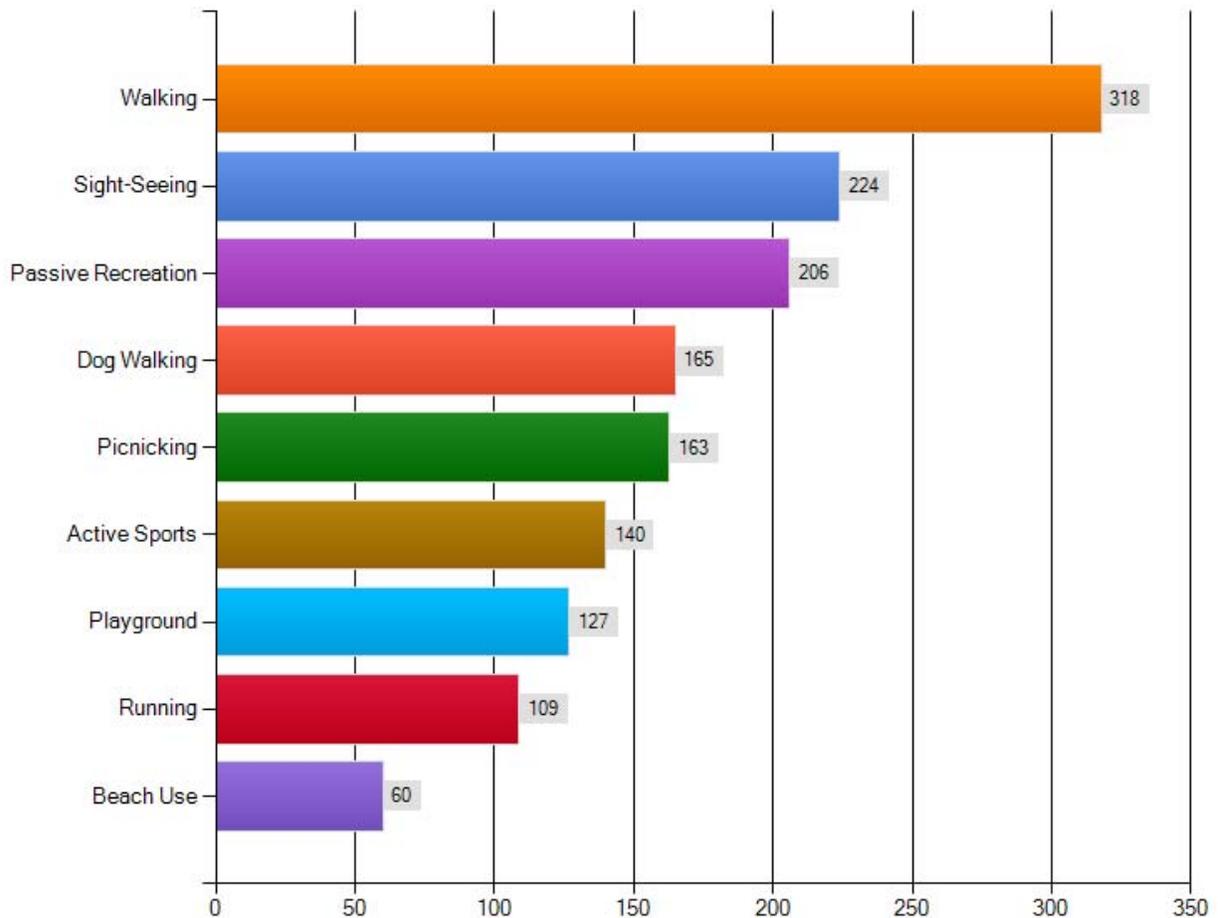
- What do you like most about the park: views, open space, natural beauty, different areas for various uses/activities, dog walking – off leash area, lighthouse, athletic activities/uses, free access, walking – Cliff Walk, children's playground, history, relaxation- contemplation, access to ocean, well maintained;
- Concerns: pedestrian circulation, vehicle speed, safety along edge of Cliff Walk, off-season walking in remote areas, conditions of bleachers, stairs and walls, better signage for off-leash dog walking, condition of batteries and Goddard Mansion, vandalism/theft;
- Revenue generation: support expanding opportunities to rent areas of the park, construct a second picnic structure, utilization of an events manager to coordinate scheduling of events, make existing structures available for functions, visitor center;
- Expanded uses: farmers market, concerts, year round events/festivals, drinking fountains, permanent public restrooms, better signage including history, more opportunities for food – low key vendors, leave it just the way it is, opportunities for weddings/catered events, restoration-preservation of structures, better use signage for off leash dog walk area, extend path way for off leash area to create a loop trail, increase picnic tables;
- Conflicts: use of off leash area by runners and others who complain about dogs off leash, unleashed dogs in other areas of the park, idling buses, unsightly food vendors, vehicle-pedestrian and bicycle conflicts, bicycle use of walking trails, too many tour buses;

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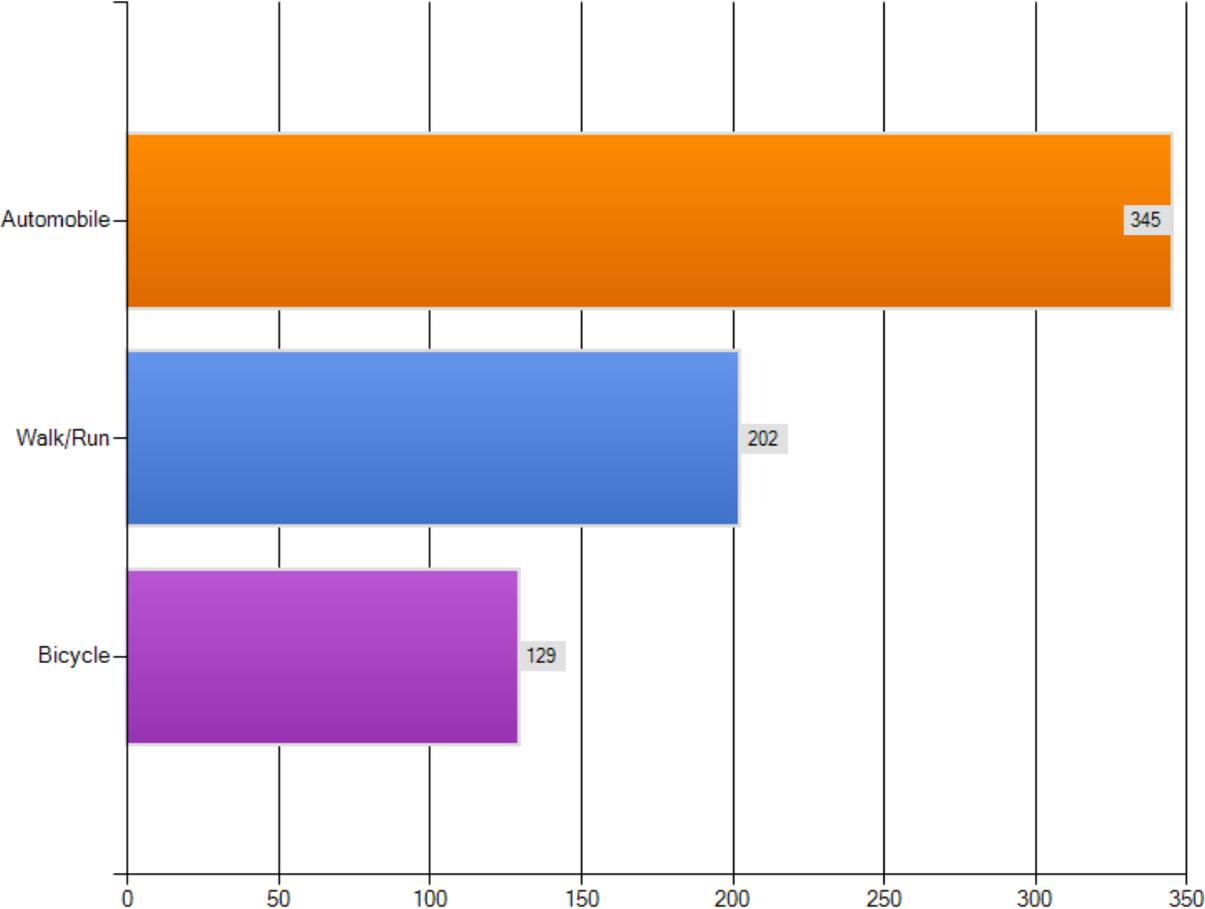
1. How do you use the park? Please mark all answers that are relevant.



394 Respondents. 1 Skipped Question.

Other (55 Write-in Responses): Tennis Courts (9). Biking/Cycling (8). Baseball/Softball/T-Ball (8). Special Events/Weddings/Family Fun Day (6). Sledding (5). Photography (4). Meditation/ Contemplation (4). Tourist Destination (3). Ocean/Storm Viewing (2). Fishing (2). Volunteering (2). Historic Sightseeing (2). Work (1). Boy Scout Storage (1). Scuba Diving (1). Painting (1). Kite Flying (1). Rock Art (1). Dog Group (1). Soccer (1). Kayaking (1). Wildlife Watching (1).

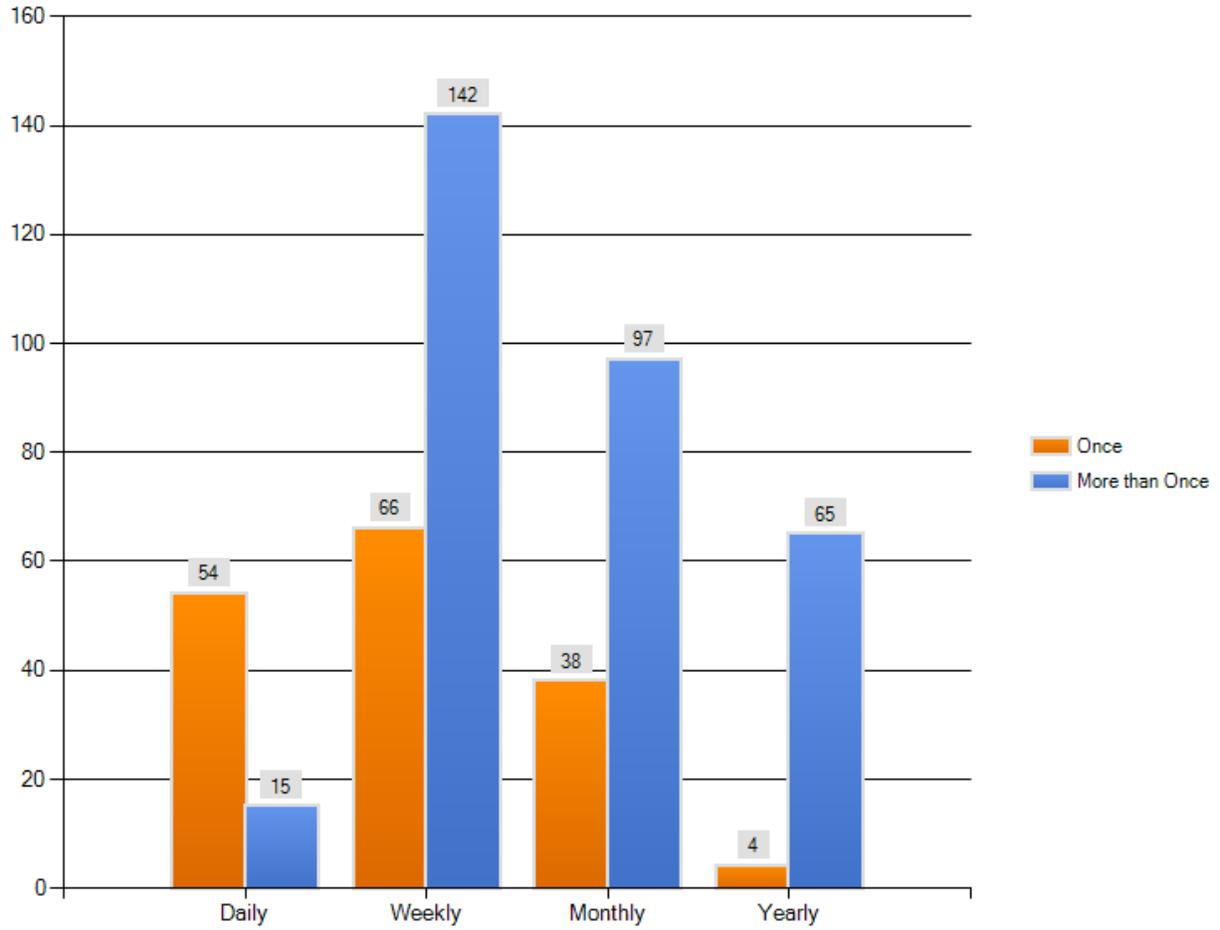
2. How do you access the park?



394 Respondents. 1 Skipped Question.

Other (9 Write-in Responses): Motorcycle (2). Kayak (1). Stroller (1). Walk When Shore Road Pathway Completed (2). Car Only When Inclement Weather (2). Nordic Ski/Snowshoe (1)

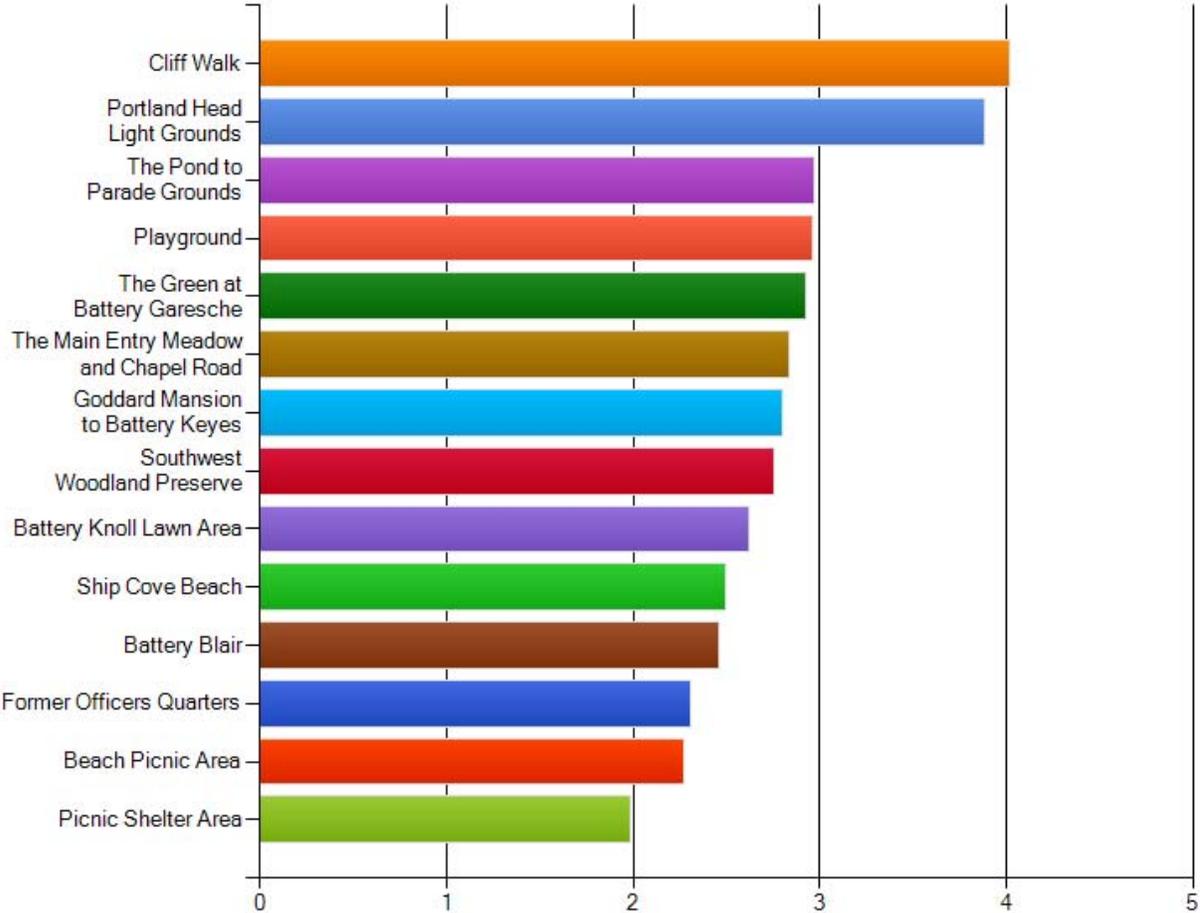
3. How frequently do you use the Park?



393 Respondents. 2 Skipped Question.

Survey Results

4. *What areas of the park do you use the most? Select up to five areas and rank 1 through 5 according to frequency.*



346 Respondents. 49 Skipped Question.

Other (76 Write-in Responses): Tennis Courts (19). Whole Park for Walking (10). Dog Walk Area (26). Multi-purpose Field (16). Mounds Overlook (1). Entire Park (2). Drive Through Park (2). Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Fields (10). The Meadow (3). Sledding (3). Parade Grounds (1). Fishing (1). Playground (1). Running (1). Garages & Over Ranger Station (1).

5. *What do you like most about Fort Williams Park?*

319 Respondents. 76 Skipped Question.

Park Features: Views/Panoramic Vistas (112). Natural Beauty (56). Spacious/Open Space (45). History (29). Clean/Maintained (20). Diversity of Park (5). Varied Terrain (5). Semi-Natural Condition (5). Architecture (2). Preservation (2). Wildlife/Nature (1)

Specific Places: Cliff Walk (30). Portland Head Light (21). Playground (16). Tennis Courts (15). Goddard Mansion (6). Arboretum (2). Overlook and Mounds Area (1)

General Usage: Accessibility (38). Free Access (29). Family/Children Friendly (18). Dog Friendly (16). Access to Ocean/Beach (15). Peaceful/Contemplative (13). Show off to Visitors (12). Diversity of People (8). Non-Commercial (2). Safe (2). Quiet in Off-Season/Winter (2). Friendly Rangers (2)

Activities: Dog Walking/Off Leash Area (27). Walking the Park (23). Sports Fields/Events (15). Picnic Opportunities (9). Town Events (5). Sledding (4). Running (3). Biking (2). Exploring (1). Winter Access (1). Kite Flying (1). Sitting/Reading (1). Busses of Tourists (1)

Everything (6)

6. *Do you have safety concerns in the use of the park?*

Response: 74% No. 26% Yes.

343 Respondents. 52 Skipped Question.

If you have safety concerns, what concerns do you have (99 Write-in Responses):

General: Traffic (10). Overcrowding (2). Funds for Park Support (2). Pedestrians (1). Stop Wintertime Plowing – Save Money (1).

Pedestrian Safety: Safety Along Cliffs (20). Lack of Spring Latches on Gates – Esp. at Pond and South Gate (4). Walkway from Lighthouse to Children's Playground (2). Need Crosswalk at Main Entrance (1). Bikers on Cliff Walk (1). Add Centerline Striping (1). Add Striping to Delineate Walkway/Roadway Boundary (1). Safety Along Shore Road for Pedestrians (1).

Public Health & Safety: Theft (11). Improve Police Monitoring (4). Walking Alone in Back Areas (3). Add Emergency Call Boxes (1). Add Security Cameras (1). Vandalism/Graffiti (1). Public Drinking/Drug Deals/Transients (1). Air Quality on High Traffic Days (1). Pesticides/Herbicide Exposure (1). Trash (1). Poor Cell phone Reception/Emergency Response Time (1). Fox (1). Should be No Smoking (1). Poison Ivy Signage/Removal (3)

Deterioration/Safety: Bleachers Safety/Repair (16). Fort/Batteries Safety (10). Preserve Goddard Mansion (5). Crumbling Infrastructure – Roads and Pathways (4). Fix Stone Walls (3). Crumbling Steps (2). Building Safety/Maintenance (2).

Grounds Improvements: Add Water Fountains for Humans and Dogs (2). Walkway on Shore Road from Former Entrance to Main Entrance (1). Fence Compost Area from Dogs for Safety/Health (1). Improve Playground/Boulder Safety (1). Add Playground Fence/Gate (1). Preserve Native/Wild Habitat (1). Improve Tennis Court Area Brush/Maintenance (1). Arboretum Making Too Manicured (1)

Dogs: Dogs Off-Leash in Non Off-Leash Areas (4). More Signage for Off Leash Area (1). Vendors Too Close to Dog Area (1). Aggressive Dogs in Off Leash Area (1). More Dog Waste Disposal Areas (1). Add Shade Structure for Off-Leash Area (1). Fencing/Signage needed for Off-Leash Dog Area (1).

7. *What other type(s) of activities and/or resources would you like to see available at the park?*

199 Respondents. 196 Skipped Question.

Like it the way it is/Keep it Natural (61)

Events: Concerts/Music - Free and Pay (22). Weddings (7). Community Events/Festivals (winter carnival, family fun day) (7). Theatre (4). Indoor Reception Venue (2). Art Show (2). Movie Nights (1). Portland Symphony Fire Works (1). Fire Works (1). Hold Events Year-Round – Renovate Existing Building (1). Outdoor Reception Venue (1). Car Show (1). Bocce/Croquet Tournaments Fundraising (1)

Concessions: Vendors (17). Year-Round Food and Drink (2). More Food Choices/Healthy Alternatives (2). Longer Vendor Hours (1). More Attractive Vendor Carts (1). Restaurant Like Jordan Pond House in Acadia (1). Food/Gift Shop in Restored Goddard Mansion (1). Coffee Shop in Existing Building (1). Less Vendors (1). Maine Goods/Kites Sales (1)

Policies: Temporary Liquor Licenses for Weddings (3). Open to Residents Only to Late Evening (2). Relax Alcohol Policy (1). No Smoking (1). Allow Evening Activities (1). Charge Fees (1). Charge Higher Fees for Lighthouse (1). Facility Rental (1). Organized Events Should Remain Infrequent (1). Facility Rental for Residents Only (1). No Bus Idling (1)

Activities: Ice Skating – Flood Pond for Good Ice (3). Preservation Awareness Information (3). Guided Tours – Historic and Nature (2). Farmers Market (2). Kayak Rental (1). More use by Cape Students (1). Fitness Classes (1). Explore Inside Batteries (1).

Structure Improvements: Permanent/More Restrooms/Year Round (near playground) (19). Visitor's Center (6). Preserve Goddard Mansion (4). Goddard Mansion for Visitors Center/Events/Classes (2). Restore Buildings (2). Picnic Shelter (2). Move Museum out of Lighthouse (1). Restore Lighthouse to Former Design (1). Larger Gift Shop (1). Events Facilities (1). Shelter in Off Leash Area (1).

Athletic Improvements: More Athletic Fields (3). Bocce Courts (2). Tennis Court Surface (2). More Tennis Courts (1). Fix Tennis Backboard (1). Basketball Hoop/Mini Court (1). 50 Meter

Outdoor Swimming Pool (1). Adult Fitness Circuit (1). Beach Volleyball (1). Volleyball (1). Walking Trails (1). Turf in Field (1). Fence Multi-purpose Field (1).

Grounds Improvements: More Trash Cans/Recycle Bins (playground) (9). More Age Groups/Upgrade Children's Play Area (5). More Picnic Tables with Grills (4). Drinking Water for People/Dogs (athletic fields) (4). Benches for Views (3). Loop Walk for Off Leash Dog Walkers (2). Better Layout for Dog Waste Disposal (1). Upgrade Ship Cove Picnic Area (1). More Signage for Battery Blair/Goddard Mansion/Arboretum Projects Underway (1). Renovate Bleachers (1). Water Splash Area in Playground (1). More Gardens (1). Remove Invasive Plants (1). Habitat Diversity (1). Tree/Shrub Identification (1). Victory Gardens (1). Arboretum will Enhance Fort (2).

Financial: Rent/Restore Officers Quarters to Profitable Tenants/Events (3). Charge High for Weddings (1). Fees on Weekends Only (1). Self-Sustaining Economics (1). Business Plan (1)

8. *What type of conflicting uses, if any, have you experiences in using the park?*

149 Respondents. 246 Skipped Question.

No Conflicting Uses (72)

General: Financial Sustainability (2)

Motorized Vehicles: Tour Busses (5). Vehicle/Pedestrian Conflicts (2). Vehicles (1). Busses/Passenger Vehicles (1). Cyclist/Vehicle Conflicts (1). Speeding Traffic (1). Vehicles Parked at Lighthouse Drop-off (1)

Users: Overcrowding (5). Bicyclists on Pedestrian Trails (2). Double Booking Baseball/Softball Fields (1). Tennis Court Misuse (1). Vehicles on Non-Roads (1). Beach to Beacon (1). Crowded Soccer Field (1). Gas Powered Radio Planes – Noise and Risk (1)

Policies/Enforcement: Idling Busses (3). Smoking (2). Restricted Use during Events (2). Littering (2). Good to Restrict Alcohol (1). Loud Music (1). No Large Concerts/Festivals (1). Lack of Respect for Park Facilities (1). Rushed Out of Wedding by Ranger (1). Graffiti (1). Negative Signage (1). Consider Park Ranger on Bike (1). No Refund for Rain/Picnic Pavilion (1). Reservation for Tennis Court Use (1)

Park Design: Inadequate Parking (3). Habitat Destruction (2). Small Playground (1). Arboretum in Open Fields (1). Too Many Signs (1). Inadequate Trash Cans (1). Formal Plantings (1). More Picnic Tables – Always Filled (1). Lighthouse Restoration/Museum (1)

Vendors: Vendors (7). Vendors in Bad Locations (with Views/Usable Areas) (4). Aesthetics of Vending Carts (1)

Dogs: Users in Off-Leash Area with Dogs – Do not know it is off leash area (11). Unleashed Dogs (10). Dog/Multipurpose Field Users (2). Dog Inattentiveness (1). Dog Waste (1).

9. *Do you feel the park has adequate parking?*

Response: 94% Yes. 6% No

342 Respondents. 53 Skipped Question.

If No, please specify (29 Write-in Responses):

General Comments: Not an Issue/Do Not Add Parking (4). Parking Issue During Events/Father's Day (4). Fees for Non-Residents Would Reduce Parking Demand (1). Require Busses Rented from Town (1). Parking in Non Parking Areas Noted (1). Keep Former Entrance Parking Lot (1).

More Parking: Add More Parking In Tourist Season (4). Ship Cove Beach (2). Battery Blair/Lighthouse (1). Add Parking Only if Adding Revenue Generation Items to Park (1)

Improvements: Playground/Dog Walkers Park Area (4). Add Designated Bus Parking (1). Additional Parking Further From Water Only (1). Multipurpose Field Needs Better Parking/One Way Circulation (1). Improve Road Access to Overflow Lot (1).

10. *Do you agree that the Town should increase revenue generated from the park to defray costs to manage and maintain it?*

Response: 81% Yes. 19% No.

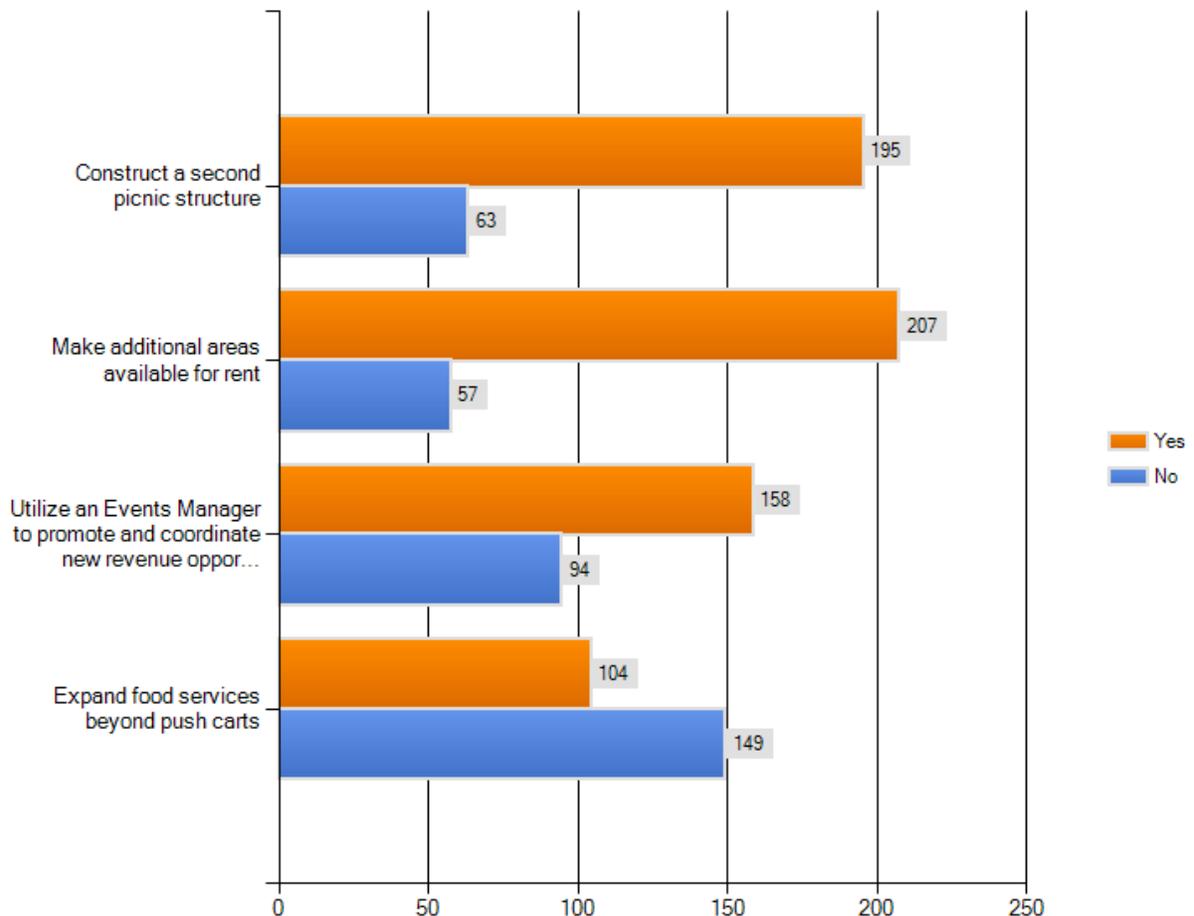
331 Respondents. 64 Skipped Question.

11. *Should the Town consider expanding the opportunities to rent areas of the park for functions?*

Response: 78% Yes. No 22%

329 Respondents. 66 Skipped Question.

12. If you answered yes to the previous question, would you support the following options?



286 Respondents. 109 Skipped Question.

Other (74 Write-in Responses):

Explore Options Thoroughly Before Committing (5)

Facilities/Rental: Goddard Mansion (3). Larger Events Building (2). Bathrooms (2). Year Round Rental Facility (like Camp Hammond in Yarmouth) (1). Use Existing Buildings (1). Renovate Battery Ruins for Functions (1). Use The Green for Functions (1). Rent Out Field Above Pond for Events (1). Second Picnic Structure (1). Lease Existing Spaces – Gift Shop (1). Commercial Space (like Pineland Farms) (1).

Facilities/Dining: Dining Facility/Tea Room in Officer’s Row – Separate Secure Entrance (3). Vendors in Close Proximity to Eachother (1). Vendors – Seafood (1). Dining Facility – Healthy Food (1). Food at Visitor’s Center Only (1). Remove Vendors (1).

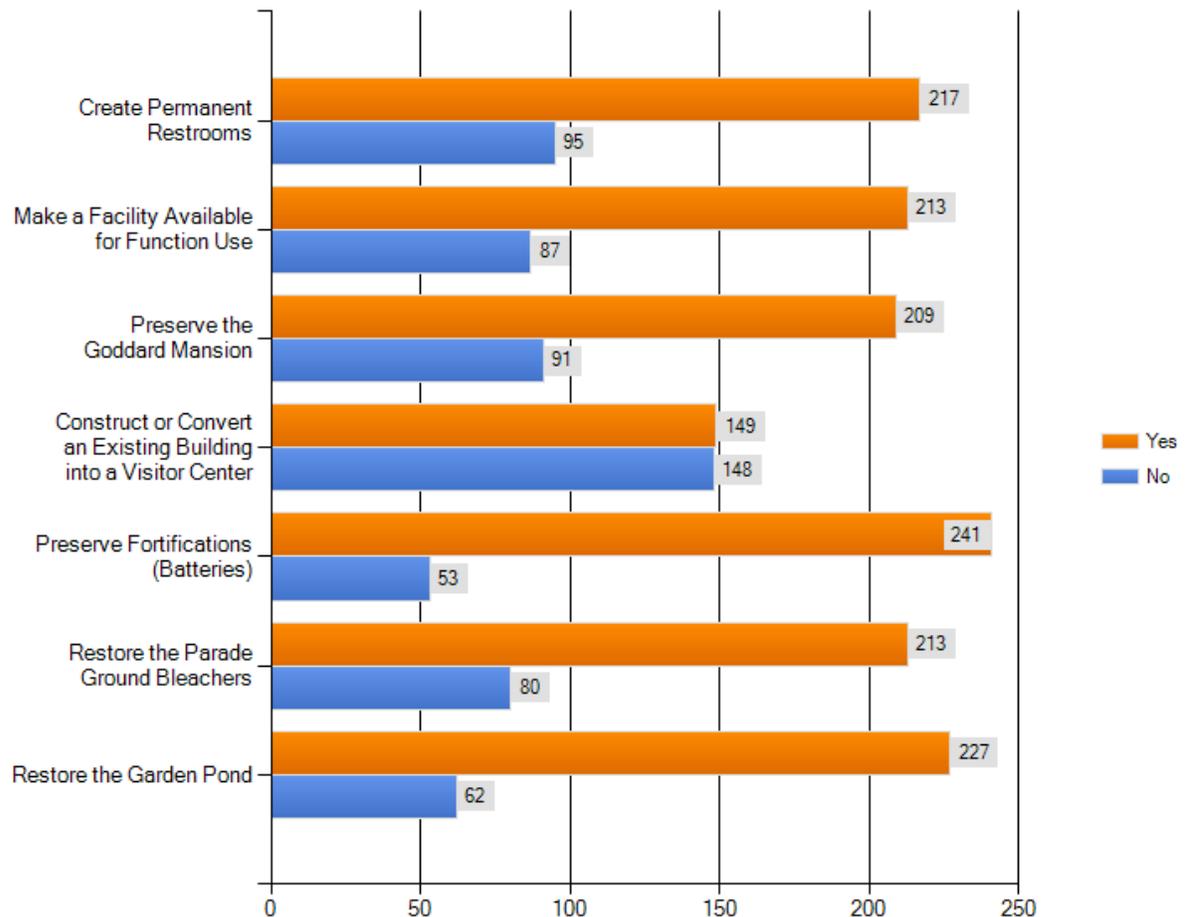
Fees: Tour Bus Fees (8). Admission for Non-Residents (3). Parking Meters/Fees (3). Admission for All Visitors (3). Resident Access Pass (1). Donation Brick Pathways (1). Corporate Sponsorship of Areas in Park (1). Double Costs of Beach to Beacon (1). More Donation Boxes (1).

Events:

Concerts/Theatre with Admission Fee (5). Concessions/Vendors (3). Weddings (2). Benefit Concert (1). Family Fun Day, Dog Show, Car Shows (1). Farmers Market/Crafts/Artisans (1). Evening Rentals (1). Portland Symphony (1). Movies (1).

General: Allow Alcohol (2). Events Planner (1). Cell Phone Tower (1). Keep It Natural (1). Volunteer Time from Beach to Beacon Participants (1). Do Not Detract from Natural Beauty (1). Better Signage from Vicinity to Park (1). No More Structures (1). Memorial Wall for Ashes (Like St. Albans) (1). 50 Meter Outdoor Pool (1). Call 799.0273 (not enough space to write and great ideas)

13. Assuming available funding, should the Town consider the following improvements to the park?



337 Respondents. 58 Skipped Question.

Other (56 Write-in Responses):

Structures: Goddard Mansion (6). Officer's Quarters for Profitable Tenants/Functions (2). Outdoor Theater (similar to Jones Beach in Long Island) (2). Battery Keyes (1). List Goddard Mansion and Fort on National Register to Be Eligible for Funding (1). Demolish Goddard Mansion (1). Use Existing Buildings for Rentals (1). No Visitor's Center (1). Attach Restrooms to Existing Building (1). Restore Military Installations (1). Porta Potties OK (1). Remove Unsafe Structures (1).

Grounds: Protect Wildlife and History (2). Keep as Natural as Possible (2). Tennis Court Repairs (2). Fencing Off-Leash Area (1). Bleachers Area for Concerts (1). Remove Bleachers and Create Terraced Lawn for Seating (1). Improve Ballpark at Bleachers (1). Arboretum/ Indigenous Gardens (1). Don't Over Formalize (1). Fewer Gardens (1). More Gardens (1). Create another Pond for Skating (1). Swimming Pond (1). Remove Invasives (1). Trash Cans (1). Keep Trails Safe (1).

Functions: Weddings (1). Play High School Sports (1)

General: Do Not Create Areas Requiring More Revenue (1). Charge Visitor Fees (1). Keep the Park Free (1). Garbage Pickup (1). Do Not Make Feel Like State Park (1). Contribute to Arboretum (1).

14. *Should renting of designated open areas and facilities be limited to regular established hours?*
Response: 63% Yes. 37% No.

327 Respondents. 68 Skipped Question.

Comments (68 Write-in Responses):

Unsure (1)
Depends on Cost/Benefit (2)

Evenings OK: In General (13)

Type of Events: Concerts (4). Wedding (3). Theatre (1). Social Events (1). Want Fireworks (1). Community Functions Only Can Run Late (1). Do Not Rent For Functions (1).

Regulations/Concerns: Private Parties Responsible for Hiring Security /Supervision (6). Infringes on Neighbors (4). If OK with Town/Approval from Town Council (2). Higher Fees for After Hours (2). Strict Guidelines (1). Potential for Lawsuits (1). Minimize Supervision (1). Have Ending Time (1). Use of Alcohol Could Create Issues (1). Limit Music at Evening Events (1). Limit # of Events (1).

Logistics: Lighting/Electrical Available? (1). Do Not Rent Open Space (1). If Doesn't Interfere With Public Use (1). Open Areas OK (1). Buildings Not OK (1)

15. *Should renting of open areas and facilities be limited to designated days during the year?*

Response: 53% No. 47% Yes.

316 Respondents. 79 Skipped Question.

Comments (38 Write-in Responses):

Unsure (2)

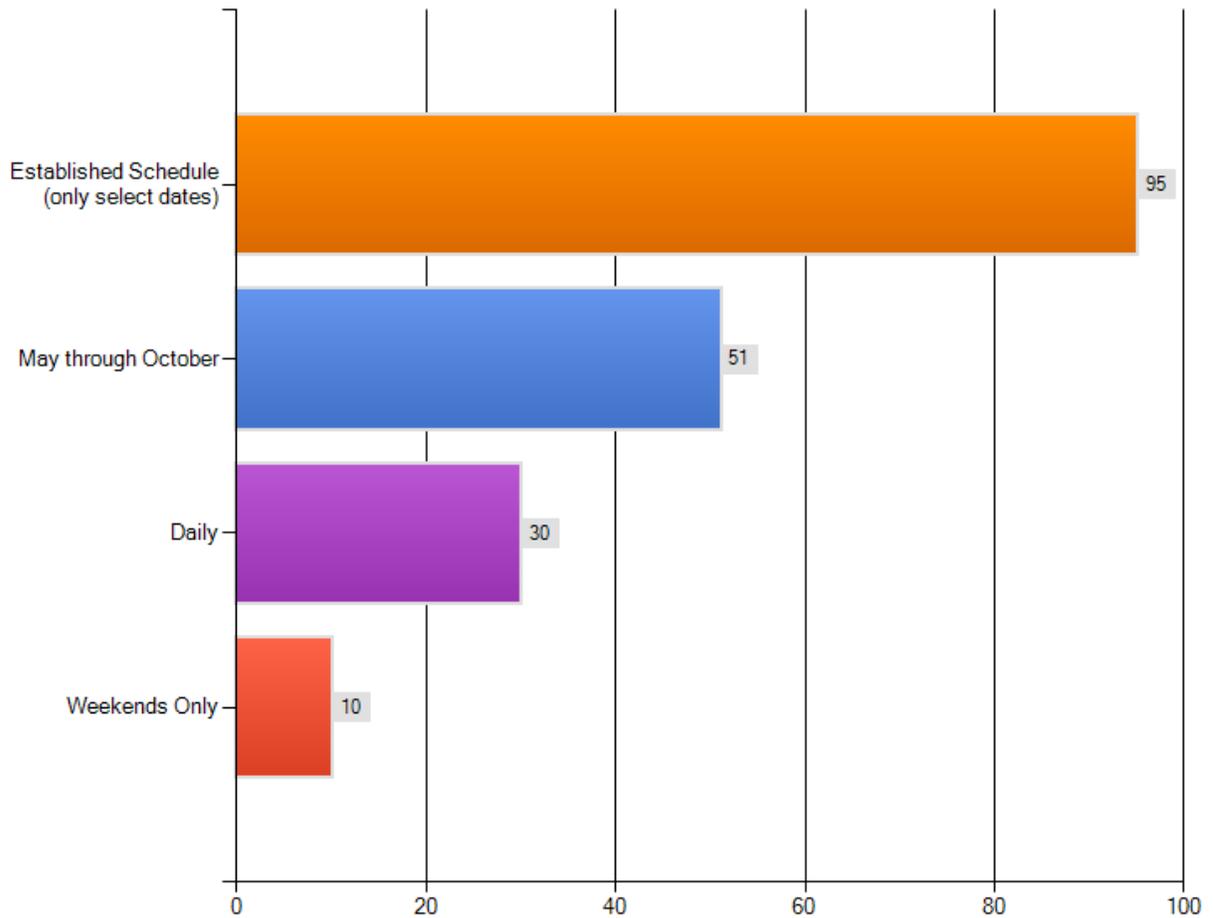
Depends on Cost/Benefit (1)

Do Not Compromise Park Vision/Values When Gaining Revenue (2).

Schedule: Stay Flexible to Maximize Revenue (4). Limit Times of Year (3). Not Holidays (1).
Open All Year (1). Weekends (1). Not Holiday Weekends (1). May-October (1). Allow Less
Rental During Maximum Visitation (1). Coordinate Schedule of Events to Prevent Overbooking
(1).

Locations: Prevent Interference with Regular Park Use (4). Do Not Intrude on Natural Beauty
(1). Open Areas OK (1). Open Areas Not OK (1). Buildings Not OK (1).

16. If you answered Yes to the previous question, how often should areas of the park be made available?



170 Respondents. 225 Skipped Question.

Comments (40 Write-in Responses):

Do Not Overbook (6). Depends on Cost/Benefit (1). Open To Use and Re-Evaluate (1). Limit # of Vehicles (1). Better to Charge Entrance Fee than Limit Use of Park (1). Hire Park Manager (1)

Available: May-Oct, Except Holidays (1). Friday Day (1). Evenings (1). Before Memorial Day. (1). After Labor Day (1). All Year (2). One Event per Weekend (1). Available Nov. 1 for Cape Residents and others Jan. 1st (1). Weekends (1). May-August Weekends Only (1). Late Afternoon/Evening (1)

Not Available: Weekends (1). Holidays (1). Major Holidays (1). Sundays (1).

Locations: Picnic Structure (1). Gazebo (1). Consider Mud Season Issues (1). Building Rental OK, not Open Space (1). Add Electric to Existing Picnic Structure (1)

17. *The goals of The Arboretum at Fort Williams Park include: eradication of invasive plants, restoration of native plants and habitat, volunteerism and community education. Are there other goals, or specific design elements, of the Arboretum that are of interest to you, i.e. formal gardens, children's gardens, outdoor classrooms, etc.?*

155 Respondents. 240 Skipped Question.

Nothing to Add/Good Ideas (32). Opposed to Arboretum (6). Excited about Arboretum (7)

Design Considerations: Enjoy Natural Environment (14). Due Diligence Before Plan/Habitat Removal (7). Low Maintenance (3). Remove Invasives (3). More Wildflower Meadows/Less Mowing (2). Formal Gardens More Costly (2). Non Commercialized (2). Beautification (1). Provide Screening in Southeast Border with Delano Park (1). Community Service Opportunities (1). Help from SMCC Students (1). Less Auto Friendly (1). Rabbit Relocation Should be Paid for By Arboretum, Not Town (1). Do Not Encroach on Open Space (1). Protect Views (1). Address Erosion on Cliff Walk (1). Eco-Friendly to Casco Bay (1). Remove Poison Ivy (1). Thin Existing Woods (1). Clearing for Views at Battery Keyes (1)

Design Elements: Outdoor/Educational Classrooms for All Ages – land and sea based, natural resources, park management, history (31). Children's Garden (25). Formal Gardens (10). No Formal Gardens (7). Natural Gardens/Native Plants (3). Community Gardens (3). More Gardens (3). Pond Restoration (2). Edible Garden (include blueberries and raspberries) (2). Rose Garden (2). Water Garden Near Pond (1). Goddard Mansion Gardens & Views (1). Outdoor Theater (1). Use Natural Path Materials, Not Bituminous (1). Accessible Pathways (1). Military Remembrance Pod (1). Permaculture Demonstration Site/Food Forest (1).

General: Concern About Increased Visitation (2). No Taxes for Arboretum Development (2). Money Should Fix Bigger Issues in Park (1). Want to Contact for Donation-No Contact on Website (1)

Uses: Educational Tours (1). Education (1)

18. *Do you feel that the park is well maintained?*

Response: 88% Yes. 12% No.

331 Respondents. 64 Skipped Question.

Comments (90 Write-in Responses):

Maintenance Quality: Well Maintained for Available Funding (21). Very Well Maintained (18). Marginally Well Maintained (6). Need Long Term Investment (5).

Areas Needing Maintenance: Structures (8). Bleachers (8). Remove Invasives/Overgrowth (6). Goddard Mansion (3). Infrastructure (3). Batteries/Forts (3). Remove Graffiti (3). Trash Concerns (3). Erosion (2). Pond (2). Historic Sites (2). Tennis Courts (2). Safety (1). Stone Walls (1). Steps (1). Messy Beach (1)

General: Mowed Too Frequently (5). Excellent Rangers (1)

19. *Would you support Volunteer days to help provide general maintenance and cleanup of the park to help defray maintenance costs?*

Response: 92% Yes. 8% No.

328 Respondents. 67 Skipped Question.

Comments (48 Write-in Responses):

Yes would help (28). Dog Owners Group helps already (4). Make it a Community Event/Instill Stewardship in Park (4). All School Students Should Volunteer as Part of Curriculum (3). Revenue Should Fund Cleanup Efforts (2). Hard to Coordinate (2). Need Employee Too (2). Help from Sports Boosters (1). Need Regular Trash Pickup (1). Once or Twice per Year (1). Have a Town Rep at Cleanup Day (1). Eagle Scout Projects (1). High School Bridge Projects (1)

20. *What would you like to see remain unchanged about the park?*

211 Respondents. 184 Skipped Question.

Park Features: Natural/Simple Character (32). Openness/Open Space (24). Views/Vistas (9). Minimal Structures (4). Well Maintained Grounds/Trails (4). Minimize Formal/Manicured Areas (4). No More Parking (4). Wildlife Habitat/Wild Areas (3). Needs More Maintenance (2). Minimal Signage (2). Formal Fence at Main Entrance (1). More Trash Cans (1). Enhance Pedestrian Experience (1)

Specific Places: Off Leash Area (17). Portland Head Light and Grounds (10). Historical Sites (8). Goddard Mansion Unchanged but Safe (6). Cliff Walk (5). Restore Historic Sites (3).

Playground (2). Unpaved Trails (1). Playing Fields (1). Port a Potties (1). Fix Bleachers (1). Picnic Tables (1). The Meadow (1). Minimal Garbage Collection (1). Use Existing Buildings for Future Needs (1)

Usage/Activities: Free Access (46). Non Commercialized (11). Casual Character (10). Accessibility (8). No Food Vendors (7). Quiet Enjoyment (5). Minimal Vendors (4). Diverse Activities in Park (3). Access to Most Areas during Rentals (3). Family Atmosphere (2). Open Space Use (2). Access to Ocean (2). Sledding (1). Climbing on Ocean Rocks (1). Bike/Pedestrian Entrances (1). Ability to Drive Through (1). Park Hours Are Good (1). Discovery of Ruins (1)

Revenue/Costs: Charge Busses (5). Raise Revenue for Maintenance (3). No Banquet/Wedding Center (2). Rentals in Out of The Way Areas (2). More Donation Boxes (1). Staff for Maintenance (1). Don't Add More Maintenance Costs (1)

Everything (30)

21. What is the single most important change that you would like to see in the park?

231 Respondents. 164 Skipped Question.

Park Features: No Change/Undeveloped (19). Support Arboretum (5). Visitor Center (4). Keep Natural (2). Better Signage/Donation Box (2). Increased Interpretation/Education (1). Off-Leash Signage (1). More Trash Cans (1). Central Trash Disposal (1)

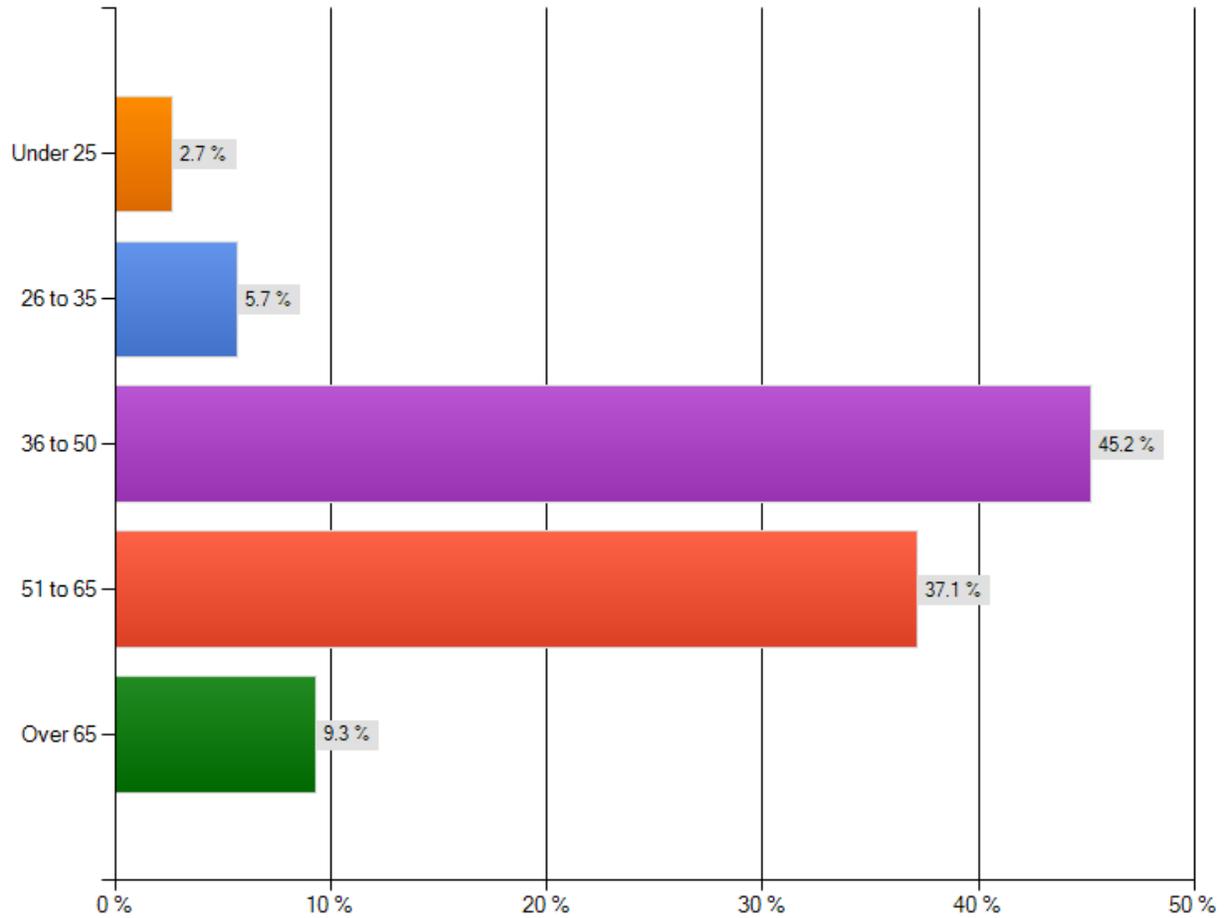
Specific Places: Goddard Mansion Restoration (18). Maintain Structures (16). Public Restrooms (15). Bleacher Restoration (14). Preserve Battery Remains (8). Fence Off-Leash Area (3). Remove Batteries (2). Remove Goddard Mansion (2). Parking at Ship Cove (2). Restore Gardens/History (2). Remove Swing Set/New Swing (2). Maintain Pond/Tennis Courts (2). Add Centerline on Powers Road (1). Improve Fencing Along Ocean (1). Improve Fence at Playground (1). Add Skateboarding Area (1). Expand Off-Leash Area/Provide Water (1). Restore Lighthouse to Original Interior (1). Do Not Unearth Batteries (1). Cliff Walk Surfacing (1). Restroom Facilities (1)

Usage/Activities: No Vendors/Carts (4). Idling Busses/Air Quality (4). Outdoor Theater with View (3). Evening Use for Residents (2). Fireworks/Family Fun Day (1). More Access Youth Sports/Lit Fields (1). Small Concession/Shelter Area (1). Use Green for Off-Leash During Off-Season (1). Ban Smoking (1). Ticket Off-Leash Use in Non Off-Leash Areas (1). Visible Rangers (1). Enforce Speed Limit (1). Expanded Access & Activities for Residents (1). Number of Busses at One Time (1)

Maintenance: Improve Maintenance (10). Control Invasive Plants/Poison Ivy (8)

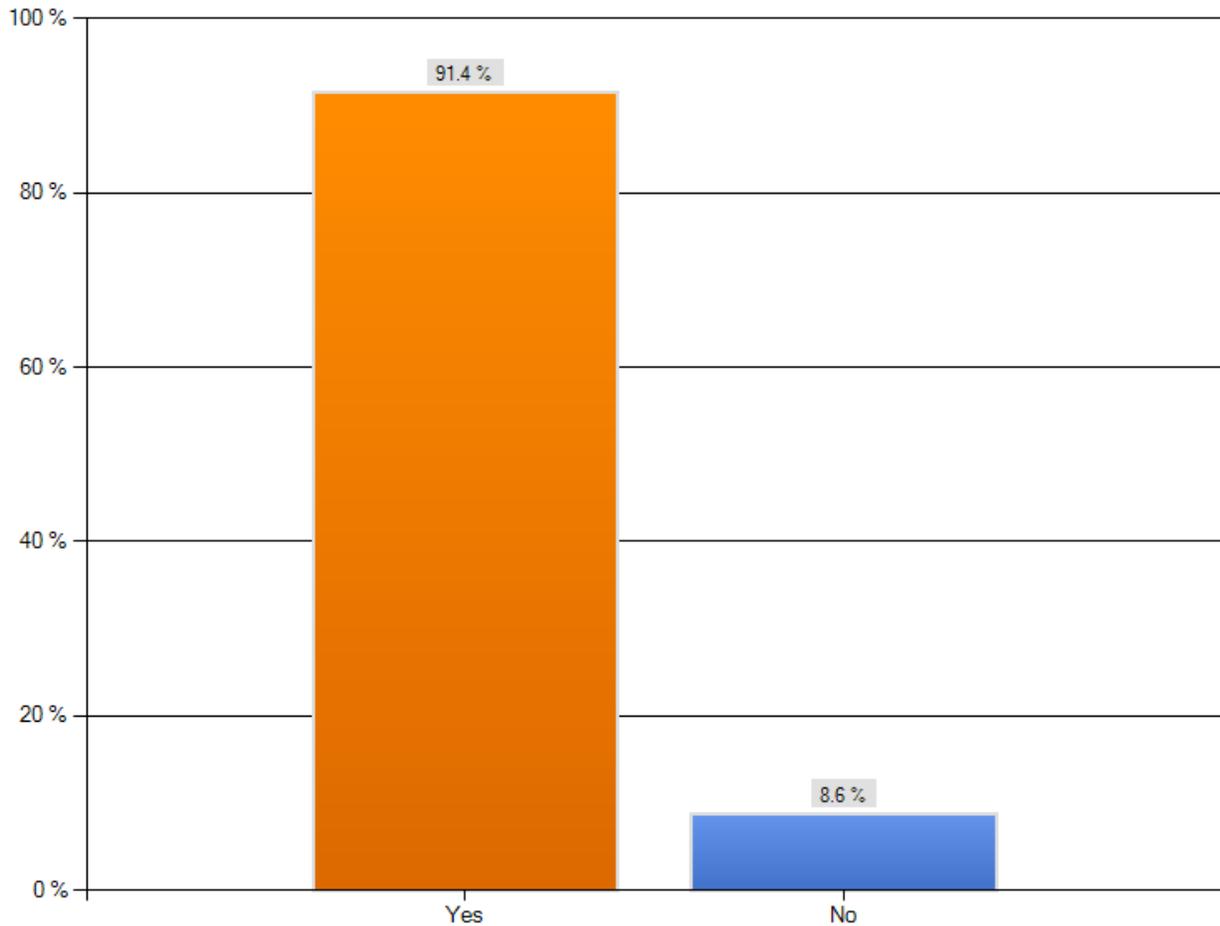
Revenue/Costs: Charge Tour Busses/Trolleys (21). Charge Reasonable Fee (10). Increase Areas/Buildings Available for Rent (7). Charge for Parking (6). Charge Non-Residents (5). Charge Non-Residents for Parking (2). Business Plan/Revenue Opportunities (2). Charge Fees in Summer Only (1). Free to Volunteers (1)

22. What is your age range?



334 Respondents. 61 Skipped Question.

23. Are you a resident of Cape Elizabeth?



337 Respondents. 58 Skipped Question.

If Yes, how long (257 Write-in Responses):

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| 2 Years or Less | 20 (8%) |
| Over 2 Years to 5 Years | 26 (11%) |
| Over 5 Years to 10 Years | 53 (22%) |
| Over 10 Years to 20 Years | 69 (28%) |
| Over 20 | 76 (31%) |

24. The park is an important part of the community fabric for residents and visitors alike. Your opinion and comments are very important to maintaining the vitality of the park. Some key issues to consider are: maintenance, access, user needs, means of funding and financing maintenance of the park, etc. Please take a moment to offer your comments.

141 Respondents. 254 Skipped Question.

Please see list of responses attached.

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| 1 | I really don't think it needs much change, because I think it should stay simple. The one major investment I do think the town should make is in restoration/maintenance of the historic sites. |
| 2 | stop trying to fund raise from the tourists and the local users of the park! |
| 3 | Maintenance - I think it is important to maintain the Fort in its present beautiful appearance with concentration on up-keep, safety, cleanliness, and athletic use. Forget the Mansion. Forget the Arboretum. Forget digging up the batteries. Maine has gun batteries all over the place. Only Fort Williams has beautiful places, a fabulous lighthouse, an incredible view and a wonderful location. |
| 4 | 1. Maintaining the views. 2. Maintaining the natural landscaping which includes controlling the invasives. I feel the Arboretum plans of 15 area semi(?) formal plantings with its over-abundant signs is not in character with the Park. Furthermore, the support of the Arboretum takes valuable money and support of more necessary projects. |
| 5 | Maintenance is always an issue, and capital expenditures are necessary for things such as permanent rest rooms. Though I doubt the issue will be raised again for some time, I was in favor of charging a modest parking fee, and continue to support that position. I hate to see various fund raising initiatives intrude upon the character and enjoyment of the park. |
| 6 | Leave it alone. Too much damage has been done already. |
| 7 | I love Fort Williams park. I live close by and it adds much to my quality of life. However, I wish the town would reconsider its decision to ban cell phone towers on the property. I believe it would not only improve my cell phone reception, but also, I believe it is a safety issue - especially with so many cyclists, runners and tourists climbing close to the edge of rocks! |
| 8 | Somehow incorporate small, reasonable fee from tour buses. |
| 9 | There are very few things families can afford to enjoy that everyone is safe and the area is well kept. I say you do not mess with a good thing. |
| 10 | There are numerous ways to help fund the park. Personally, I am not opposed to an admission fee but a young mother reminded me that when my kids were young, I could not have afforded that fee so I would like to see voluntary revenue options be utilized like a larger gift shop and/or eatery in the Goddard Mansion (after it has been restored), paid tours up into the lighthouse (free light house day doesn't favor tourists over the summer and fall), concerts/plays with admission fees, etc. It's not a state park, but what about classes for the youth like they have up at Acadia? Teach our young people to love and respect nature and the beauty of this area. Make it like a summer day camp. And thank you for taking the time to read everyone's suggestions and concerns. Fort Williams is a great place and I hope it lasts for a very long time. |
| 11 | Keep up the good work! Thanks. |
| 12 | I cannot over emphasize the importance of dealing with Goddard Mansion. It is the HUGE white elephant on the table and funding has been an excuse all along. Had it been done many years ago the cost would have been far less. It is shame that we as Cape citizens have allowed this to happen but it is not too late to get something underway. I suspect residents would be happy to pitch in with skills and volunteering. Saving this historic monument will be a huge legacy. |
| 13 | Start off with entrance fee collections for everyone on weekends. Do not install meters simply collect the fees from a portable booth. Install donation boxes as some would gladly donate (examples of such can be seen at Maine Audubon) |

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| 14 | i'd like to see the park self sufficient-not just of the current levels of funding, but to allow better clean up and better maintenance of the grounds. |
| 15 | I think Cape could promote this park more, and emphasize that it is town-funded. I've been on the Casco Bay Ferry and heard the announcer on board state that Ft. Williams is a "state park"--I had to correct him afterward (he was a former student at CEHS!). So, get the word out about this park, and inform people how it is maintained. I think it is an amazing part of our town, contributing to our and greater Portland's quality of life. |
| 16 | Since this is a regional park with much more infrastructure to maintain than other area parks, we should loop in beyond CE in funding this facility. Not sure how to do this but wonder if a Cumberland County tax component might contribute -- like support for Civic Center, etc. |
| 17 | I grew up in cape and moved back later in life. In MHO, the fort is cape's most beautiful park. It should be a priority of the town to maintain it and keep it open to people |
| 18 | We're fortunate to be able to share this space with everyone at no cost. I firmly disagree with the idea that the park needs to turn a profit or break even every year. |
| 19 | I am concerned about the lack of adequate financial resources to maintain the park. It is a joy to see the park so well used, but it is important to identify additional funding resources. |
| 20 | The park is wonderful, landscaping is terrific, the walkways are great. Perhaps it is time to fee buses, they charge folks to ride and the Park benefits only if folks buy in the shop. |
| 21 | There is a tendance with each "adminsitration" of FWAC to have a need to leave a handprint or legacy. The finest legacy is to keep the park as natural as possible and let exploration an indiviidual persuit rahter than an orchestrated use. The Museum would make a great visitors center. |
| 22 | One topic that gnaws at me is the continued whining about the cost of maintaining the park while opportunities to significantly defray those costs have been turned away. I'm thinking about the proposal to construct cell and radio communications towers at the park. The idea was dismissed as "not in keeping with the rural nature of the place." Please!! The park was originally a military installation, not a sylvan glen. Communications towers don't have to stick out like sore thumbs and there are at least two areas where towers could be constructed and where they'd go unnoticed for the most part--in the woods near the north gate and in the woods behind the BOQ near the southern boundary of the park. Besides, if you spend much time walking along Shore Road near the park entrance, it becomes quite clear that Cape Elizabeth is anything but rural. Cars, trucks, busses, motorcycles, construction equipment, etc. make so much noise you couldn't hear a bird sing if your life depended upon it. We need to ditch the notion that Cape is a quiet farming community and recognize it for what it is and get about our business. |
| 23 | To avoid yearly discussions about charging admission to the park, the master plan should slowly add new revenue streams with an eye towards reducing the town's payment to the general fund by 5% or so a year. Eventually the plan should have the park almost self-sustaining although still free to the general public. |
| 24 | Maintenance of the grounds and lighthouse, access for all residents and guests, tour bus user fees to help with financing are my priorities. I would not like to see formal gardens, parking meters, resident usage fees unless they were collected along with town taxes. |

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| 25 | I would support charging admission to non-residents to maintain the park, preserve the historic landmarks, and Expand access for residents. I would NOT support tax increases or municipal bonds as a funding source. |
| 26 | charge tour bus. allow for "bigger" events (like B2B, etc) -but charge for them. Several cities and towns with scenic vista's charge for use. |
| 27 | I love the park the way it is. I think the regular groundskeepers are terrific. I find the Arb changes a bit overwhelming. I agree that bittersweet has to go, but not all the plants holding onto soil. I wish there were a crosswalk at the main gate so cars wouldn't run us down every time we walk from northwest Shore Rd. to main gate. (The sidewalk ends...) |
| 28 | I would like to see the park collect more revenue to better maintain it and offer a few more family friendly activities. Also, saving and updating existing structures |
| 29 | It is important to establish some type of revenue. Those that use the park on the weekend are not usually Cape Residents, I would have a sticker for the Cape Residents, and place parking meters for those cars that park on the weekends. When renting the park for weddings and such, charge accordingly, ocean view at the Fort is still the least expensive when it comes to weddings. Charge more. I don't think we charge enough. |
| 30 | I don't want to see the park become commercial. I would much rather see entrance fees charged than to make money via vendors/banquets/weddings. |
| 31 | It is important not to charge an entrance fee. I'd prefer that nothing change and the park be maintained as it is but I understand that there are costs to cover maintenance. The best way to get money for the park is to ask for it. Please consider a corporate program and educate people to include the park in their planned giving. |
| 32 | I believe that it's important to always remember that the Fort belongs to the citizens of Cape Elizabeth. Keeping the bleachers maintained for graduations; the playing fields maintained for Cape children; and the tennis courts maintained for citizens is a priority. |
| 33 | Again, I'd like to see careful, slow changes to make maintenance possible and to find a source of revenue for the town. This can be done in such a way to maintain F.W. as a beautiful resource, and without making it too commercial. I'm confident there exist similar parks throughout the country that would be good "models" for how that is done. We should be able to command a good market rate, for example, for using the park for a limited number of weddings. |
| 34 | My impression is that park use is up in the summer. I believe the park needs more of a security/enforcement presence then. The town has done a great job with the resources it does have - but I sense that it is not sustainable. Fee for use is a great concept for a scarce resource. Also, if fee-for-use isn't implemented, I would like to donate money to the town for the Fort's upkeep. Last time I checked out the Fort Williams Foundation's fundraising materials, I didn't support their projects - mainly the very expensive arboretum project. I'd rather fund the old guys that ride around in the carts and enforce the rules and fund basic maintenance! |
| 35 | At the very least it should be maintained as it was my favorite place to go growing up there. |
| 36 | The park is a real treasure. Creatively raise revenues by building function hall or restaurant yet keep the open access for all |
| 37 | I would like to see it kept in the manner that it has been for the most part. It is a wonderful place to go to connect with the sea and all that surrounds it. I am a native and I must admit I don't like a lot of change as far as natural habitat is concerned. |

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| 38 | I have no problem with charging bus loads of vtourists, and out of state or even out of town visitors in their own cars to park and use the Fort. A small fee of of \$2-3 per car would probably cover many costs, including a person to sit at the gate for the season of May-Oct. After oct and before May it should be free to all. |
| 39 | I think that donations, volunteers and taxpayers money should be sufficient to maintain Fort Williams Park and the lighthouse. |
| 40 | It has to be a balance but there should be an effort to think creatively-- such as renting for wedding and events. |
| 41 | We need to maintain the grounds and the park for use by both residents and visitors that seek the natural beauty and history that the park offers. We are becoming overly focused on presenting the park as a formal and manicured enterprise adding an expensive gate, food vendors and large 3-ring tents directly in front of the Portland Headlight. Extra maintenance hours are spent blowing leaves in the fall and edge trimming remote areas of the park when the historic buildings are falling to rubble. This new focus has shifted funding away from properly protecting this natural resource for future generations. The destruction of the habitat of the cottontail rabbit for the import of an arboretum demonstrates how far off center our town council has become. Protect and maintain Ft Williams, not re-invent or change what does not need changing! |
| 42 | I think a coffee concession and an ice cream concession would both bring in needed maintenance funds, as would a dog park with a membership fee. |
| 43 | Love the addition of food vendors. It was good choices in picking ones that fit with the feel of the park. |
| 44 | The town must loosen current rules at the Park, Allow non profit business to rent, allow alcohol for certain functions. Promote events that will make money for the Fort |
| 45 | I do not believe residents of the Cape should have to foot the bill for all of the maintenance of the park. It is a regional resource and fundraising efforts should take that into consideration. Sell some t-shirts or something! |
| 46 | I love the park. I grew up there. I'm 23 and appalled by the way people treat it. I'm even more appalled by the way it's not cleaned up and maintained. You can't expect the police to cover the park as well as the rest of the town! PLEASE be more careful with our state's and town's historic memories! |
| 47 | The park should be funded with property taxes. This will insure that unnecessary changes are not made for the sake of change and will insure that the park is available for all to enjoy. |

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| 48 | Please take a more holistic view of the Fort W. Park and better utilize all of the resources which are available for both the maintenance and enhancement of the unique landscape and facility. This includes embracing - rather than shunning or ignoring, historic preservation planning tools, strategies and approaches which have the potential to enrich everyone's user experience. New leadership is needed; a collective community vision is needed (by consensus) and a new attitude, which allows the participation of volunteers to contribute in their special fields of interest. The FW Foundation should cease the short-sighted practice of returning checks from well-intended contributors...and encourage their participation in finding solutions to the difficult problems - rather than alienating those with wider interests in the Park. The FW Park should be viewed (and included in the Master Plan) using a more comprehensive approach, which includes all cultural and historic resources, as well as natural and environmental, recreational, economic, etc. I would suggest that all of these resources also be subjected to an economic feasibility test, to determine what level of effort, each class of resources is capable of yielding in striving toward financial self-sufficiency for this facility. |
| 49 | in winter...keeping the pond cleared for ice skating |
| 50 | charge for parking except C>E> residents |
| 51 | I would have a real problem having anything commercial brought into the park. I think "serenity" is an important guiding word when it comes to any decision germane to the fort. Also parking fees are an innocuous way of collecting fees, I know that there are many people from "away" who have no problem with low fees. |
| 52 | There are too many benches. They often are collecting spots for coffee cups and cigarette butts. |
| 53 | I would rather pay an additional surcharge or fee in my taxes for park maintenance and improvements than add too many in-park revenue enhancements. |
| 54 | We need to protect our beautiful park. Only a small percentage of our residents use it. I'm there every week a few times and it is showing the wear and tear. The town is running a very successful quasi state park for free. It's time to ask the majority of the users non-residents to help us. |
| 55 | This survey does not address anything to do with the historical nature of the park. which is what the park is about. I lived in Cape Elizabeth from the ages of 12-21. h. I am a bit disgusted with the "rent" areas for different venues idea to make money. This is a terrible survey.. Did you actually pay someone to do this for you. Seems like it is "steered" into a direction of renting space. How about guided historical tours .. next you will suggest a place to rent for weddings!!! GROSS |
| 56 | I am proud of the Fort and like to show it to visitors. It should always remain free. Basically I think the town has done a good job with it. I would not like to see it further "improved" it should not be the "plaything" of a few well heeled citizens who would like to have their own personal vision expressed here. It belongs to all the people, it should remain a general use park with no great projects that will permanently alter the nature and character of its viability for all people, residents and visitors alike. It would be nice to see one or both of the officers's quarters turned into special event income producing facilities. That would add revenue to the Fort and create a needed venue for people to create a really meaningful and personal experience of Cape Elizabeth. Maybe something like the Mc Kernan center in South Portland is currently serving. |
| 57 | I think I said it all... keep the integrity and the natural state as much as possible. |
| 58 | I believe strongly that there should be a 1% add on to property tax bills specifically for funds to support the Park. |

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| 59 | i love the park, we go there often, but we can't continue to support thge whole cost of operation when so many others are enjoying it. A small car/bus/trollie fee will not diminish the buity of the park. Even a small fee would help, we can handle some of the burden but not all. if we could generate 50% of what we spend, it would be good, |
| 60 | Please note that comments have been made throughout the survey. |
| 61 | Tour buses should have minimum fee or contract for lump sum fee for usage by tour companies. |
| 62 | i do think there are tmes when the number of people in the park is overwhelming... But i don't think there is a great way to limit attendance. We just avoid it on most sunny weekend days in the summer. I also really think we need to bring back the PSO on the 4th of July, and/or have some other evening concerts... |
| 63 | Maintenance and funding for the park are very important. We have a wonderful resource, but it must be cared for, managed properly and not allowed to become too commercial. |
| 64 | funding by leasing carts and the gift shop and some more functions would be relatively unobtrusive. |
| 65 | Bottom line, our park needs to be managed like a business, there is such untapped potential here! |
| 66 | As I stated earlier, the future costs of maintaining new infrastructure should be analyzed to ensure that we don't force ourselves into fees. |
| 67 | i love fort williams, i love being able to run there, walk there and just visit when i want to. there obviously is a need for revenue to help with the costs of doing all the things mentioned above. building another structure to rent out would bring in more money - you could possibly get volunteers to build it also - just like they did for plaisted park. or someone could donate money and have the structure named after them. there seems to be other ways than to charge visitors to come in. it's a beautiful place that all should be able to see for free. |
| 68 | I am opposed to charging tour buses and admission fees. Parking fees are revenue specific and justified. Directional signs w/food vendors would be helpful. Park potential under developed/underutilized which could produce additional revenue. Free Day to tour lighthouse museum and educate residents might be beneficial - perhaps on Family Fun Day. |
| 69 | The park, particularly the lighthouse, are of international renown, and particularly for Asian visitors. It will remain on the tourist itinerary even if a reasonable fee is charged, we should not rule out this option, local referenda results to the contrary notwithstanding. |
| 70 | If restored, the historic significance of this site can be one of the greatest destination tourist spots on the East coast. Nothing is more inspiring than Gettysberg yet there is not a lot of capital investment. It's all in the presentation. Hot dog venders, ice cream stands, rentals, etc. busy work adding nothing of historic or revenue significance. |
| 71 | It is fabulous as is. We need to raise revenue to maintain what we have. |
| 72 | I feel that the park should be available to both residents & visitors to the area alike. The many large tour buses should pay a fee each time they enter the park. The tour bus companies can easily afford it & t wouldn't impact sales at the gift shop as the cost would be borne by the companies & not the visitors. |

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| 73 | Since I did not grow up here, I do not know very much about the inner workings of the town. What I do know is that in order for the our park to remain stable long into the future, every school age child needs to be included in this fabric. They have built boardwalks, explored the flora and fauna of Robinson's Woods and should be part of this vision as well. |
| 74 | I do believe it is time for the town to acquire funds through the visitors to the park. This does not need to be an extravagant amount of money, but there could be a small fee for visitors that would go towards maintenance of the park. |
| 75 | I think it's important the park remain open to all. Funding should be generated through functions. Current restrictions are prohibitive to certain functions. I know a couple of people who wanted to have their wedding and some others that wanted to have corporate functions at Fort Williams but the time constraints, the inability to put up a tent, and the inability to serve alcohol, made them look elsewhere. The shelter area is separated enough from the rest of the park that tents and other activities won't spoil the beauty of the rest of the park that others have come to enjoy. |
| 76 | Are there any federal grants we could apply for? The park is wonderful but could use more maintenance than we can afford (ie, the current buildings/structures). I do not think we need to add more permanent structures, instead use what we have. Unfortunately, in order to use the buildings, I would think we would need to renovate. Need to build some sort of revenue stream in order to fund. I was in favor of parking fees. We need to do something in order to keep what we have there in these financial times. Could we find a private event business/investor that would be willing to pay for renovations in order to have events there so we could begin to build revenue? |
| 77 | charge the tour companies that profit from our park. They will absorb the cost in their charges. Families that enjoy the park should be able to come in for free. |
| 78 | I do believe this town is ready for a change. It will only add value to our town and the overall experience. I think even Cape Elizabeth Residents would spend more time and money there if there were more activities offered; especially now with the path on Shore Road going into effect. It is possible to make changes but keep the overall integrity of the park intact. |
| 79 | Thank you for asking for citizen input. I believe you will get your answers by opening things up to the public. Thank you! |
| 80 | i absolutely LOVE Fort Williams and think it is one of cape's most valuable assets. We need to be smart about preserving it and maintaining it. while i wish i had a solution and lots of answers, i do not. since i live on shore road and see all the trolley traffic and tourist buses going by on their way to the fort, I would think that those visitors may be a good source of revenue. are we charging ENOUGH for the large buses and trolleys to visit the fort? |
| 81 | The park is one of the biggest reasons that people come to and remember our town. While here, there is a chance that some of them will discover some of the other great things here. We cannot do anything that might give them a reason not to come (like charging \$ to get in, even for busses). Even if we can't create any revenue at the Fort, I for one am fine with continuing to support it through taxation. |
| 82 | The foot dragging regarding the Park must stop. It is literally crumbling. Invasive plants have taken hold. Infrastructure is in disrepair. A professional manager, responsible for the Park's maintenance, repair, development, revenue and safety should be engaged --- NOW. Why the delay? Other than because the vocal minority wants things to "stay the same"... It is time to move forward. |

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| 83 | if possible I'd like to see access to the park remain fee free. perhaps by renting facilities and grounds for large functions and by charging bus tours, no further funding (aside from local taxation) would be required to maintain the wages and maintenance costs. I hope there are ways keep the park fee free to all and have little or no increase to local taxpayers without having to have ANY food vendors locate in the park. I fear that having food served in the park will bring a garbage problem worse than we have at present. i have volunteered to help clean up garbage and will again volunteer for work days to help defray expenses. I am proud to live in this community that offers this beautiful park to its residents and any who wish to come and enjoy it but I also realize that there is a huge cost involved in maintaining it. with the exception of the porta-johns I like it just the way it is and hope we can afford to keep it and keep it commercial free |
| 84 | If you need: Charge minimal per car for non residents, seniors, military and residents are free. |
| 85 | I think visitors should have to pay to use the park. It is a gem and we need to maintain it better. |
| 86 | This is a great park, and as a resident of South Portland who uses it all the time, I thank Cape Elizabeth for maintaining it so beautifully as a resource for everyone. If there was an enclosed dog park area there, roughly where the off-leash area currently is, I would most definitely purchase an annual sticker to be able to use it. |
| 87 | We are very lucky to have this beautiful park in our town. It is a world treasure. Please convey my thanks to all who are working so hard to preserve and improve it. |
| 88 | I think we should, at the very least, be charging tour buses and trolleys to help off-set the maintenance costs. I'm confident that these tourists would still make the trip if charged a small amount more. I'd like to see the off-leash area expanded somewhat so we could walk in a continuous circle (as mentioned above). I sometimes see trash on the ground and wonder if a few strategically-placed trash cans might be the answer. |
| 89 | In each of the last 15 years I have seen small improvements and changes. I would not like to see any sweeping changes but do feel that generating revenue is important and, given the history of Ft. Williams, I trust that that will be done judiciously indeed. |
| 90 | I would like to see some form of income for the park that is less obstructive than the ideas that have been put forth to date. While I agree with the general principle, I think they have been poorly thought through, requiring more effort and resources than like income would support. |
| 91 | We are not in the position, as a town, to support the Fort with our current taxes. I think it is OK to charge visitors a nominal fee to access the park. Maybe if the day came where our town was back in good fiscal shape, we could eliminate the fee, but for now I believe it is needed. |
| 92 | I would support charging admission fees for tour buses. |
| 93 | Keep it simple. Focus on improving what already exists. Don't create anything new until you have your park in order. |
| 94 | I feel charging commercial entities (busses,trolleys, etc.for access to be a good idea. |
| 95 | I am very concerned about the Goddard mansion, and think we need to make sure it's preserved. I also think we need to start charging tour buses, even if it's a yearly fee. They are using the park to make money, and I think it's fair to charge them a fee. |

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| 96 | until we don't have to nickel and dime with the school budget every year, we should continue to figure out ways to make money from the use of Ft. Williams. I totally disagree with people who think it's wrong to charge for park use. perhaps we should ask those people who vote down opportunities to charge for park use to be the ones to bring in in paper towels, cleaning supplies and basic school supplies into the classrooms. maybe then they'd change their tune. |
| 97 | I feel stongly that we should welcome all people to take advantage of the park. As Cape residents, we can meet the required expenditures. |
| 98 | Non-resident visitors should be assessed a small fee to use the facility. \$1/car would be fine. More for buses. Allowing for functions to be held there would also help offset costs. |
| 99 | Please: Do not charge admission. Do not administrate the Fort as if it were a state park. It is not. It is a town park used loving by the whole town. Part of its charm and beauty is keeping available, non-commercialized, and clean. Just let it be a well-kept town park that just happens to be in one of the nation's most beautiful locations. Thanks. |
| 100 | I have never supported fees for use. I do support fees for organized uses, including tour buses. Maintaining the existing character of the park is important and over changing the current uses for the purpose of revenue generation would not be favorable to me. |
| 101 | I believe I have commented |
| 102 | Charging bus tours a small entrance fee makes some sense and I'd encourage the town to continue actively exploring the option. |
| 103 | A minimal entrance fee |
| 104 | I'm unsure about the Shore Road sidewalk plan. I really think the Cape should just stay as it is without major changes. It's so special, just as it is. Thank you for all you do to keep this place so magnificent. |
| 105 | With regard to revenue: Fort Williams is cherished as a recreational resource first and foremost. Therefore, recreational users should bear the cost of maintenance. I am in favor of requiring entrance fees for all users. I have seen this approach work well at similar sites such as Fort Foster on Gerrish Island in Kittery Point. Non-residents should pay more than residents, but all primary users should pay. Residents can have the option of purchasing annual passes for a reasonable rate. Buses should be charged the most, as they have the greatest impact (short term). Thank you for this survey. |
| 106 | Keep it as it is, open up to residents for increased use without so many obstacles (ie, allow alcohol on weekends), hire a part time events planner to oversee rental use and generate revenue while allowing residents to enjoy the spectacular place. |
| 107 | I used to work in the town, and still frequent it. Users should help defray the cost of maintenance. Town government manages things well at the park. |
| 108 | Please do not expand commercial ventures within the park. there are so few places to go with children that are free of commercial influences. If needed I support a \$5 annual fee to use the Fort (for residents this would be \$5 for our current CE stickers). |
| 109 | I am a strong advocate for the off leash area. I think the maintenance crew does an excellent job in the winter |

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| 110 | Today in the museum we had TWO visitors come in with bags of dog poop, looking for a trash can. Both were incensed about the lack of trash cans, despite my explanation about the tradeoff between entry fees and trash collection services. Both indicated that they'd leave the bags outside the door to the museum. ALSO - why not double the Beach to Beacon costs? Runners wouldn't think twice about paying it, even if they grumbled. The Peaks to Portland swim - three years ago - cost well over \$100. |
| 111 | Stop trying to make a natural work of art into a plastic work of art |
| 112 | While a member of the F.W.C. in the late 80s I was personally involved with the Barber family in the design and funding of the Cliff Walk. As conceived and originally executed it was a fantastic addition to the park. Over the years however the proliferation of too numerous, inconsistently designed, inappropriately (if not dangerously) placed seating along the Walk has tarnished the family's shining gift. Portions of the Walk are actually an eyesore. How did this happen? I suggest that the cause was lack of architectural and design oversight. Who now is the current "Architect of Fort Williams Park"? Is any individual AIA member of firm on retainer? You heard from constituent groups at the June 16, 2011 meeting, most touting big picture, strategic plans for the park. But the devil is in the detail and someone must insure that the details are attended to consistent with the park's overall aesthetic. For example, the Arboretum project calls for pathways connecting the many sites as well as seating. What will be the extent of and design for that seating? Who will make that recommendation? A consistent theme for the park in the 80s and 90s was not to litter it with memorials: "This tree, shrub, stairs, dog waste can, drinking fountain, etc.etc.etc. is dedicated to..." Will those donors endow the maintenance of their gift in perpetuity? In retrospect the Cliff Walk and moving forward the Godard Mansion or Battery Blair or the grandstand projects should all have price tags large enough to insure continued maintenance. How did recognition of the Rotary Club's generous funding of the renovation of the pond walls end up on a brick pillar springing from the grass instead of on a plaque imbedded in |
| 113 | Priorities should be: 1. Improved pathway system 2. Control invasive plants/maintain natural landscapes 3. Upgrade and maintain existing structures (including Goddard Mansion) to enable highest and best use 4. Add amenities such as rest rooms, event spaces, cafe, classrooms, etc. |
| 114 | I use the park daily and I love it. It is such a gem. I supported paid parking although I thought the fees were too high. (I don't use some of the Scarborough beaches because parking fees are a big deterrent for me and I'd hate to make the park too expensive for anyone.) I think making space available for family reunions, parties, and weddings is a terrific way to raise money and to allow people to enjoy the park. |
| 115 | I moved to CE because of the park and when our children were young we used it a lot. Unfortunately I feel it has become a tourist magnet that the town is trying to deal with. It has become a theme park that is free and for some reason the town wants to increase visitation and then complain that the funds aren't available to run the place. In short from my perspective it is not enjoyable to go to the fort on most weekends in the summer. It is in essence no longer a town park but a cheap thrill for strangers to take in and leave their trash. Don't worry the people of CE are rich and they will clean it up. Am I down on the way the park is going---you bet and frankly I don't think the town has a clue how to fix it. |
| 116 | there have to fees for parking before it's too late |
| 117 | The Park is an intricate part of Cape Elizabeth |

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| 118 | I have been frustrated that Cape citizens keep turning down fees to enter the park, yet at the same time scream about higher taxes. You can't have it both way, friends. Food, events, etc. only make the park a busier and not so pleasant place to be. |
| 119 | Maintain as we have been; repair cement seating for graduation and other town events; sell food/items to visitors to offset park and town expenses. |
| 120 | I love the park the way it is, but I recognize that it has maintenance issues. It is important to keep it in good condition. |
| 121 | Thank you for your efforts to maintain and improve Fort Williams. |
| 122 | charge for parking for non residents |
| 123 | Seems like questions regarding funding maintenance for Fort Williams Park are constant fodder. What's the big deal and why hasn't this been resolved (yet)? It's a beautiful place, but do you really need to pour so much into maintaining it? The grass gets cut and the trees get trimmed so people get to recreate safely. Seems ironic that more people drive in and out to see the ocean and the lighthouse, yet the ocean maintains itself. |
| 124 | I have been coming to Ft. Williams almost daily since I took swimming lessons as a child in the inground pool starting in 1959. My favorite time of the day to visit is when the park opens. I relish the solitude before going to work and almost dislike sharing the park with anyone else , but I dislike more the idea of the park deteriorating from extra visitors and not being able to maintain what we have. |
| 125 | I would revisit the user fee approach, such as the parking fee, but keep it relatively low to not limit use. I believe the buses should pay a fee, as they are making money from visiting "our" property. I believe some survey said that 85% of the visitors are "from away", then they should participate in the costs related to the park in some manner. |
| 126 | Maybe we can come up with some ideas for ways I can help with fund raising. Check out my websites: www.danapuppets.com and www.mainshipsinbottles.com |
| 127 | It is my belief that Ft Williams is a key feature of Cape Elizabeth. Having lived in the area near the park for many years, it was clear to see on my daily walks that we offer a look at our town that is priceless. The lighthouse draws people from around the world. To some, visiting our park is comparable to seeing the Grand Canyon, Niagra Falls or one of the Seven Wonders for the first time. Entrance or Parking Fees? I see the need for the funding but feel that many visitors have access to the park because it is free. |
| 128 | Free access, infrastructure that supports revenue thru events, building an endowment for maintenance. |
| 129 | As a non-resident I would gladly pay a yearly fee for use of the park. |
| 130 | The park is a tremendous asset to the town. Given the economy and taxes we should be thinking out of the box to find ways of generating revenue so that the park could support itself. Thank you for asking for their residents input. Very insightful questions. |
| 131 | I would rather see my tax money used to maintain and improve the fort, which is enjoyed by all residents and many visitors, than see the money spent on the Shore Road sidewalk and yet another purchase of woods for Stonegate residents to walk in. |

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| 132 | <p>I believe that Fort Williams Park has the potential to be a world-class park. There are several elements already in place to help achieve this goal: ideal geographic location; sufficient acreage; an outstanding historical draw. We have not been especially good stewards of this beautiful area- either of its horticulture and arboriculture or of some of its man-made structures. I am pleased to see attention now being paid to the Park. I think the efforts of the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation have been underwhelming at best. I think that organization should be given an ultimatum- either begin raising serious funds, or it should forfeit the backing of the Town Council.</p> |
| 133 | <p>CHARGE THE TOUR BUSES AND MAYBE NON CAPE VISITORS</p> |
| 134 | <p>I think the Town is wise to move slowly on changes so that their impacts can be fully evaluated before moving on. An example is the pilot push cart program.</p> |