



Preserves Management Plan Public Input Summary November 2023

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I. Background

Help guide the long-term management and preservation of Tempe's desert park and preserve habitats. The City of Tempe is embarking on a Preserves Management Plan to design future cultural, educational and recreational opportunities at Hayden Butte and Papago Preserves. The plan will document and evaluate existing conditions and develop recommendations for how to better think about, interact and ultimately care for and manage these special areas.

Two public meeting were held for the Preserves Management Plan on November 13, 2023:

- From 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Zoom with 23 online registrations
- From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Arizona Heritage Center with 15 attendees

Additionally, a survey was available online at tempe.gov/Forum from Nov. 13 through Nov. 27, 2023. This survey received a total of 393 visitors and 241 responses.

II. Outreach

Several methods were used to provide information to the public and stakeholders regarding the project, meeting and opportunities for input.

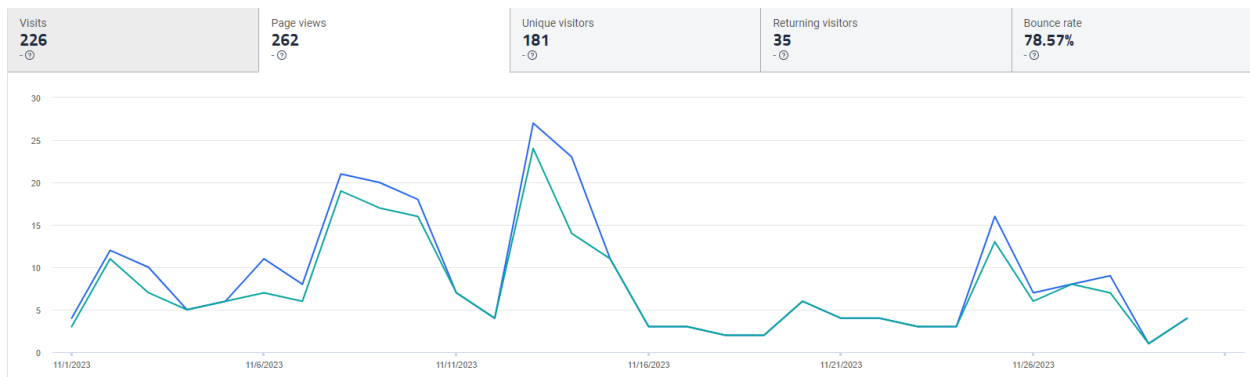
This round of outreach was focused on obtaining feedback on the 100% design plans and parking near the project.

[Project Webpage](#)

The project [web page](#) was updated continuously and included information about the project, the date and access information for the public meeting and online comment information. From Nov. 1 – Nov 30, the website had 262 views.

Top Sources:

- Direct
- Social media
- Tempe Forum
- Instagram
- Google/search engine
- Spikes:
 - Public meeting on 11/13 and Survey reminder on 11/25



Social Media, Eblasts and Press Release



City of Tempe Page

11/3/23 – [Public outreach announcement](#)

- Reach: 585 | Engagements: 28 | Link clicks: 10

11/10/23 – [Meeting reminder](#)

- Reach: 1,597 | Engagements: 49 | Link clicks: 25

11/25/23 – [Survey reminder](#)

- Reach: 1,212 | Engagements: 18 | Link clicks: 9

Tempe Parks & Rec Page

11/7/23 – [Public outreach announcement](#)

- Reach: 201 | Engagements: 6 | Link clicks: 3



11/3/23 – [Public outreach announcement](#)

- Impressions: 575 | Engagements: 5 | Link clicks: 1

11/10/23 – [Meeting reminder](#)

- Impressions: 1,130 | Engagements: 21 | Link clicks: 3

11/26/23 – [Survey reminder](#)

- Impressions: 1,159 | Engagements: 24 | Link clicks: 7



11/3/23 – Instagram post – [Public input announcement](#)

- Reach: 1,048 | Engagements: 57 | Link clicks: 4

11/9/23 – Instagram story – Meeting reminder

- Reach: 337 | Engagements: 2 | Link clicks: 1

11/25/23 – Instagram post – [Survey reminder](#)

- Reach: 1,316 | Engagements: 55 | Link clicks: 8

Tempe Parks & Rec Page

11/7/23 – Instagram post – [Public input announcement](#)

- Reach: 279 | Engagements: 61 | Link clicks: 3

11/14/23 – Instagram story – Survey reminder

- Reach: 110 | Engagements: 5 | Link clicks: 1



11/2/23 – Public input announcement

- Impressions: 405 | Engagements: 1

11/9/23 – Meeting reminder

- Impressions: 412 | Engagements: 1

11/21/23 – Survey reminder

- Impressions: 280 | Engagements: 1



11/2/23 – Public outreach announcement

- 6,242 emails sent, 35.3% open rate, 1.1% click rate, 48 clicks on link

11/6/23 – Tempe This Week

- 8,706 emails sent, 37.7% open rate, 9.3% click rate, 21 clicks on link

11/9/23 – Public meeting reminder

- 6,222 emails sent, 34.2% open rate, 1.5% click rate, 58 clicks on link

11/13/23 – Tempe This Week

- 8,699 emails sent, 37.6% open rate, 11.6% click rate, 11 clicks on link

11/20/23 – Tempe This Week

- 8,685 emails sent, 37.5% open rate, 10.5% click rate, 8 clicks on link

11/25/23 – Survey reminder

- 6,201 emails sent, 34.1% open rate, 5.1% click rate, 199 clicks on link

11/27/23 – Tempe This Week

- 8,782 emails sent, 36.5% open rate, 13.3% click rate, 8 clicks on link

- [Tempe Independent](#)
- [Tempe Independent](#)

Direct Mailer

A direct mailer was sent to residents near Papago Preserve and Hayden Butte. The boundaries were Tempe Town Lake to the north, University Drive to the south, College Avenue to the east, and Farmer Avenue to the west. The direct mailer included a brief overview of the project and details on how to attend the public meeting and provide comments.

Yard Signs

Yard signs with meeting and comment information were placed around Papago Preserve, Hayden Butte, and North Tempe Parks.

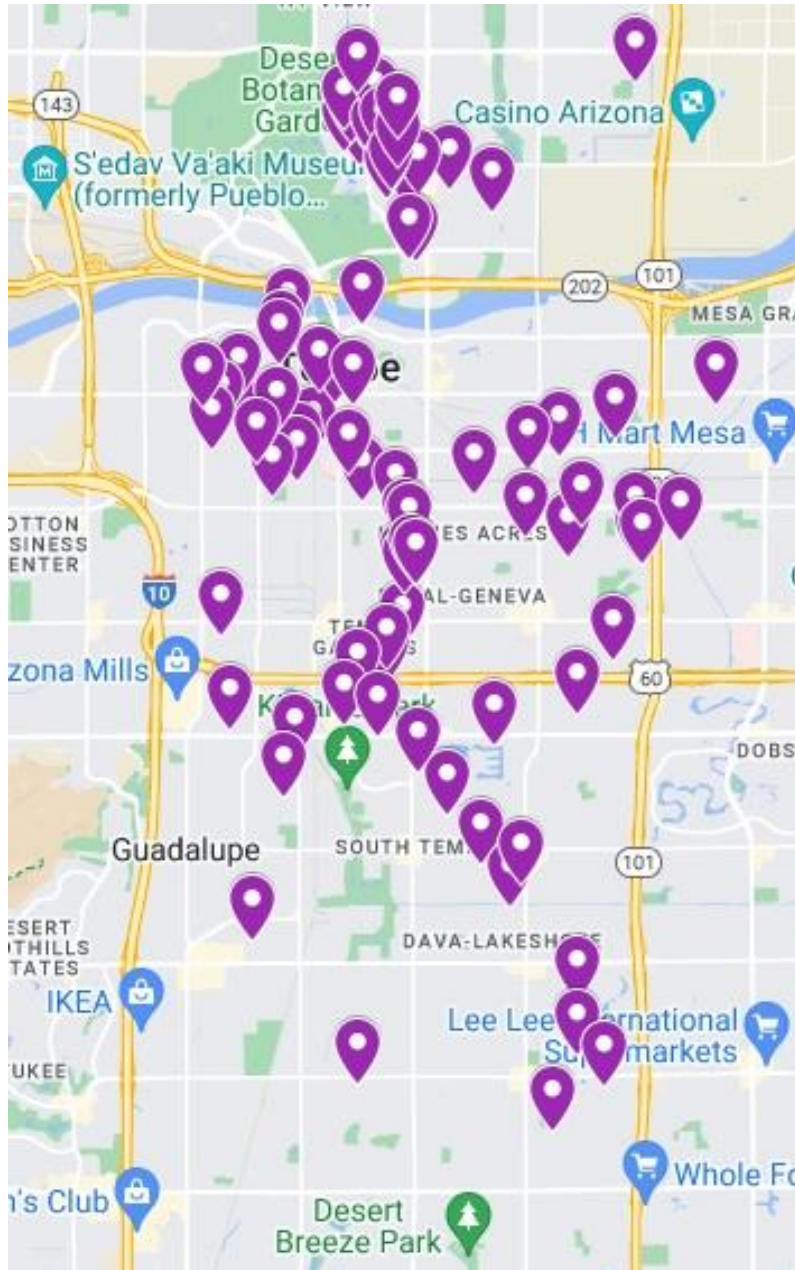
Emails

A notification email was sent to Tempe Forum subscribers, neighborhood contacts, relevant Boards and Commissions and previous participants in Parks outreach inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online.

III. Survey Results

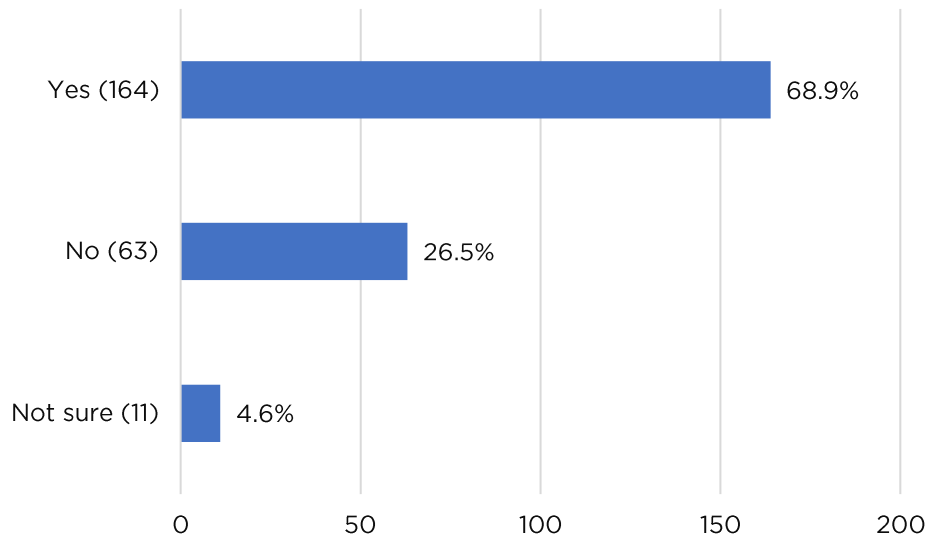
The survey was available online at tempe.gov/Forum from Nov. 13 through Nov. 27, 2023 to gather input for the Preserves Management Plan.

116 respondents provided an address with approximately 72% in Tempe.



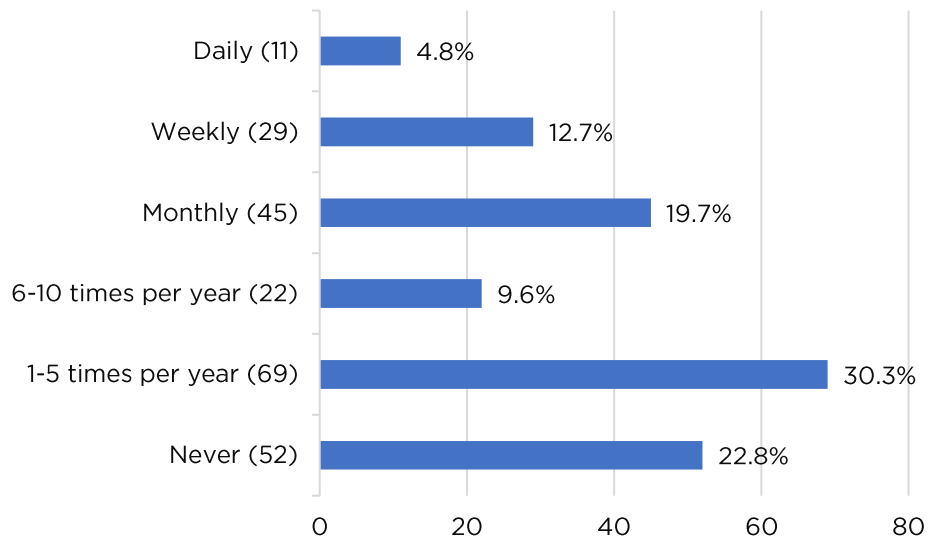
Hayden Butte Preserve

1. Do you currently visit Hayden Butte Preserve?



Responses: 238

2. If yes, how often?



Responses: 228

3. How do you use the preserve?

- 3x per week
- Admire it and be proud that Tempe has a preserve.
- As a casual walking area
- As a hiking trail
- As outdoor recreation, by walking around.
- Bike along the base on my way to Papago approx 2x per week. Hike with my kids 2-3 times a year.

- Bike and walk
- Bike and walks
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking and running
- Biking, picnicking, walking
- Cleaning up trash / hiking
- Climb A Mountain
- Climbing
- Climbing
- Climbing
- Climbing
- Currently do not
- Don't even know where it's at
- Enjoy the view
- Enjoying the openness of it and what it stands for
- Enjoyment
- Exercise hike with dog and visit the petroglyphs
- Fitness
- Fitness - running/hiking
- For mountain biking purposes
- For rock climbing
- For walking, hiking. And en route between my home and office.
- Gathering space, scenic walk
- Have used the preserve to bicycle, run and climb in the past VERY often
- Help to keep it clean
- Hike
- Hike
- Hike
- Hike and map invasive species
- hike to the top
- Hike to top
- Hike to top
- Hike, climb
- Hike, walk dog
- Hike, walk, mountain bike
- Hike, watch sunset.
- Hike/walk
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- Hiking / biking.
- Hiking and Biking
- Hiking and biking
- Hiking and biking
- Hiking it 2-3 times in the AM.
- Hiking to the top
- Hiking up for sunrise/sunset views
- hiking, biking
- Hiking, photography, meeting with friends
- Hiking, recreation
- hiking, rock scrambling and climbing
- Hiking, Running
- Hiking, views
- Hiking, walking, meditation
- Hiking, Wildlife Watching
- Hiking; taking out-of-town visitors
- I am a regular at the Papago dirt jumps.
- I cannot walk long distances so cannot use this preserve. But my family uses this on a monthly basis
- I dont
- I don't anymore.
- I enjoy the view when I walk by it daily and the access to the trail for an easy hike.
- I have hiked up the road and perimeter in the past.
- I mainly enjoy Hayden Butte as a visual landmark and appreciate its visibility from Mill Avenue as well as other places throughout the city. Unfortunately,

thoughtless and boorish highrise design continues to damage this important resource, that functions not only as an asset to the branding of our downtown but as a core element of our community identity..

- I wait at the light rail stop at the base of the mountain daily. Sometimes walk along the trails.
- Just for quick hike
- Mainly passing thru from Rio Salado to the Tempe Transit area on the lower trail. Every once in awhile, walk to the top of the mountain.
- Morning run
- Mountain bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain bike
- Mountain bike or hike
- Mountain bike park
- Mountain bike/ dirt jumps
- mountain biking
- Mountain biking
- Mountain Biking
- Mountain biking and hiking
- mountain biking and hiking
- Mountain biking, disc golf, running, romantic dates
- N/A
- n/a
- Observation & photo view point. Exercise
- Occasionally
- Once a year
- Open bc space
- Outdoors
- photographing, painting, walking
- Recreation
- Recreation
- Reduce human density - that is no more high rises that block access to the Town Lake and increase traffic on every road.
- Ride my Mountain bike at the jumps
- Rock climbing
- Rock climbing
- Rock climbing
- Rock Climbing
- Rock climbing
- Rock Climbing and training
- Running and biking
- Running and hiking
- Running up the Butte is fantastic strength training for trail running
- Running, hiking and photography.
- Running, hiking, and mountain biking
- several
- Several ways

- Sight seeing
- The low level trails to pass from the transit center to mill, avoiding having to walk on 5th
- to be outdoors, meditate, exercise and contemplate
- To climb rocks and hike
- To hike w/ family and watch fireworks on the 4th of July and New Years when they do them
- Trail Running
- trail running
- Trail running and mountain biking
- Trail running, biking, rock climbing
- View the history
- Views of the city, incline hiking/jogging, showing Tempe to visitors (Hayden flour mill and city views)
- walk
- Walk
- Walk and mountain bike
- Walk to top for the view with grandchildren.
- Walk up it to look at the City
- Walk up to the top
- walk, hike
- walking
- Walking
- Walking
- walking
- Walking
- Walking & mountain biking
- Walking and showing visitors
- walking or running
- Walking, hiking
- Walking, Rock climbing
- Walking. Hiking.
- walking/dog friendly.
- Walking/hiking
- We use the preserve for climbing and while there tend to clean up any of the areas we use.
- Weekly

4. What elements are missing from the preserve?

- A user friendly path all the way to the top. The current path is worn down, gutted, and too rugged for a lot of people. It's a rock scramble to get to the top.
- Access is a little difficult for me now as I'm older.
- All good
- Ample seating, shade (no structures! Trees please!), water fountains and restrooms.
- background information: cultural resources (ancient and historic).

- Better dirt trails.
- Bike park/Skatepark
- Bike specific features, berms, jumps roller etc.
- Both Hayden and Papago have been damaged by overuse/ abuse by humans. This has been especially acute in the last ten years or so by the more or less unbridled usage of mountain bikes throughout the preserves. The desert flora and fauna can not recover from the damage rate caused by people using the park. If you wish to have the biodiversity be maintained or enhanced back to former years you will need to make some areas of the preserves unavailable for people to utilize for anything other than viewing. Additionally you will need to have a well funded long term management plan. For instance you can not just plant a cactus , put up a fence and say , "Great we have more flora in the park". No, you need to tend the cactus and maintain the fence for as long as is necessary ,which is essentially forever, or as long as you wish to have them be part of the park. That long term commitment level is generally not found in preserve planning or funding.
- Clean
- Clean trails and more routes and biking/running infrastructure
- Clear signs marking no entry for unofficial trails
- Climbing
- dedicated trail network vs random trails with signage
- Desert plantings. Clearly identified trails. Access from Rio Salado. Orientation station/ trailhead with restrooms, shade, natural history information (like trailheads at south mountain and north Phoenix preserve) Maintained roadway. Clean and safe routes up. The railroad ties are haphazard and not well maintained. It is a slippery, trippy trail.
- Design protocols and a master plan to help protect what is left of our amazing view sheds and clear lines of site for Hayden Butte - currently, we're fumbling one of our most important assets (and natural advantages) while disrespecting the SRP-MIC for short-term development gains. We have to recognize the potential of our downtown 'landscape' instead of continuing this piecemeal planning under the guise of simple minded 'more density will solve all our problems!' rhetorical cool aid ... NO, thoughtful and sustainable planning and design should be our path instead, which Tempe is failing at and only damaging its long-term potential because development lobbyists are allowed to pressure staff and council into questionable decision-making so freely. Just take a look the economic outflow of our own residents and visitors choosing to visit downtown Gilbert, Chandler and even Mesa because they are simply more interesting and inviting. Bottom line, we need to work 'with' our local resources instead of undercutting them for quick returns ... because the long-term impact will be even more costly, which we are starting to see now. Moreover, the city needs to buy that parking area between the light rail line and Hayden Mill - not only to protect the immediate view shed of the butte from Mill Avenue but also to protect the iconic view of the butte and Mill for the light rail and its riders, encouraging more people to stop downtown. The approach to our downtown has been (and continues to be) a sloppy mess, we need to do better and aim higher....
- Don't know

- Engagement from the south side of the preserve. There's an un-remediated debris pile that makes it look unappealing and unusable from the light rail stop
- Exercise equipment at the base of the butte. Chin up bars, dip bars. Jogging up the butte is great aerobic exercise, but adding exercise stations for strength training would be great.
- Freedom. Let us do as we please
- happy with it
- Hayden butte could benefit from trail improvements. An additional access point or addition trail offshoot. Public art or interactive educational Piece
- Historical signage and signage about the site itself.
- I don't feel like there is anything missing from the park. My main concern is number of drug-addled homeless that frequent the park, bathrooms and picnic ramadas. Additionally, and maybe related, trash clean-up in the park is very infrequent not only the parks themselves but, the rights-of-way adjacent to the parks including Curry Road and College Avenue. Also, think that parks such as Hallman should be cleaned up to minimize hiding/camping places for homeless. There are numerous places that are overgrown and create the perfect hiding place for transients.
- I feel that the rocks in the preserve should be open to rock climbing. There are entities in the Valley with the skills to replace the top anchors and bolts with modern equipment and should be encouraged so to do.
- I like it how it is, for the most part. Of course, for all the wild plants it has, it's missing a natural nighttime sky; Downtown is anomalous in the valley for its intensity of light pollution (even taking density into account), and there are a number of harsh and unshielded lights immediately near the preserve which don't improve aesthetics much. Other than this, maybe some sort of sanitation or water station might be an improvement.
- I suppose parking now that Tempe Beach Park charges but it's not a huge thing for me.
- I would like to hike up A Mountain, but there is no public parking from what I can see. Where is the exact trailhead and parking?
- Improved signage. Trail repair
- Improved trail paths would be nice
- In places...trail signs, historical and flora and fauna informational signs.
- Information about its history.
- Information signs
- Interpretive Signage
- Interpretive signage, trail markers, secure bike racks
- It is adequate for my uses.
- It's nature, the whole point is to leave out man-made augmentations. Adding ease of use features only detracts from the experience.
- Keep climbing accessible, maybe provide more trails to the climbing areas and signs indicating where they are. Climbers love the area and will protect it if they're allowed to stay. Better mountain bike trails, this could be an awesome mountain biking area if trails are maintained and marked.
- Kind of like it the way it has been for decades. General upkeep of the lower path to keep it safe for walkers. Except the "A" might need better upkeep and safer to navigate around.

- Less homeless would be great
- Less trash and Glass
- Lights
- Love it the way it is!
- Maintenance of existing facilities, interpretive sign, more trees.
- Making sure those dirt jumps stay preserved and well kept as they are apart of the park and years of hard work have been put into them.
- Meaningful solutions to address the homelessness population within the preserve.
- More clearly marked and better maintained multi-use trails, especially in the south section where less people go. Its like South Mountain- people make their own trails everywhere and degrade the desert. Better way to deal with the homeless population. That's obviously a very difficult issue, but papago is one of the main encampments (especially the south part) and I don't feel safe riding there at night Better stewardship of the papago disc golf course. Trash cleanup, vegetation control, signage, trash cans, benches, tee pads. Would love to see it becoming an even better amenity as its one I use daily
- More cultural signage and I'd like to see some repairs to the path/steps and more encouragement to use the existing trails
- More designated singletrack.
- More labeled specifics for trails
- More maintained trails
- More mtn bike trail infrastructure
- More natural feel. It's slowly being developed losing its sense of nature.
- More official mountain bike trails
- More running and biking trails
- More signage for educational material. The trail near the top definitely needs to be more accessible and the Native American art needs to be protected.
- More Trashcans
- MTB trails
- Musical instrument playground
- N/A
- N/A
- n/a
- Na
- Na
- Named trails and signs
- Nicer trails. Signs. Shade. Tables.
- None
- none
- None
- None
- None
- None it is a great place for a hike and view
- not an issue with the preserve, just Tempe in general. We never go down there because of no free parking. It's easier to drive to Papago or Kiwanis. .
- Not much

- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing except it needs more routes to climb
- Nothing I like it just the way it is
- Nothing is missing
- Nothing really, I like to low development.
- Nothing, it is perfect as it is
- Nothing. Leave natural but get rid of litter and KEEP it clean.
- Organized walk paths at the west end of the area. Additional native vegetation would be nice.
- Park rangers or security and more lighting for night
- Parking, water
- Parking.
- Potential rock climbing routes
- Proper mountain biking system without bunch of spider trails. Safe aspect is still questionable, lots of homeless people and hazardous materials laying around.
- Proper trail Maintenance
- Putting such high rise buildings around (with no parking to get to it) makes it unattractive and not much fun. Who can see the A anymore?
- Restrooms
- Rock climbing.
- shade
- Shade structure. Also a swing set would be a lot of fun up top somewhere!
- Shade structures and seating information panels water to drink
- Shade structures. Bathroom. Water.
- Shade?
- Signage, safety
- Snacks.
- The ability to rock climb comfortably
- The current elements are basically appropriate to the area and intent of the preserve. Some additional educational signage better explaining the historic and prehistoric importance of the preserve (and surrounding) area could be beneficial.
- The Jumps actually being made into a park cause of how long they have been there.
- The path is too rough and without railings at the beginning making it difficult for me as I often walk with walking sticks (bad knees).
- This preserve has a broad and varied audience. I'd like to see arts and educational resources devoted here as a major contact point for visitors and residents. There should be clear connectivity to the Hayden Flour Mill as it redevelops. I think archeological, historical, and natural resource education resources and art installations should have dedicated space on the Hayden Flour Mill Site as a natural entry flow point, with careful extension of environmentally sensitive art/educational installments occurring at rest/view points along the trails. Given what Tempe has elected for the flour mill site

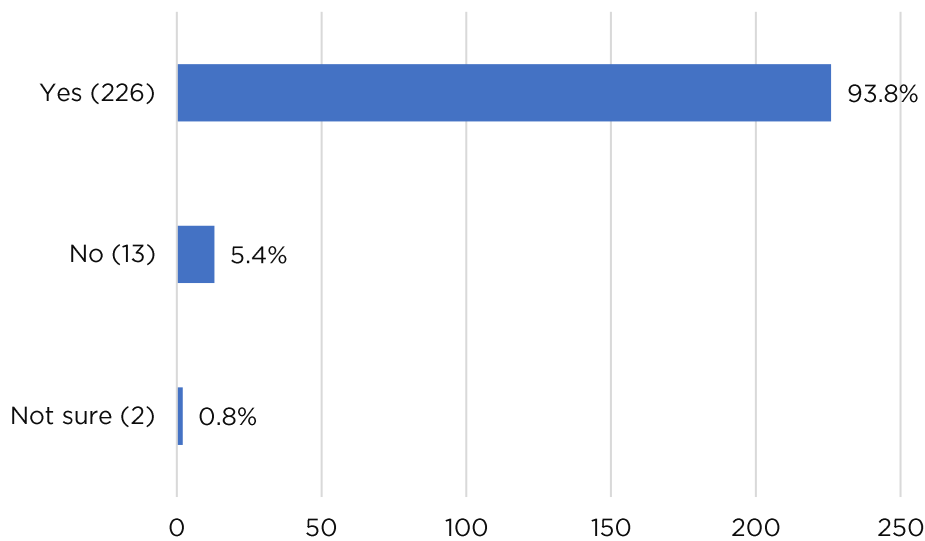
renovation, an interactive exploration of native agricultural practices, flour making during the mill period, and highlighting of edible local flora could be a central focus at the flour mill site. Also consider water systems resources and conservation in the desert to highlight historic canals, the mill, tempe town lake, and current water conservation as a historic installment. Dedicated space at the mill for these purposes also allows optimal preservation of the geology, flora, and fauna by educating at a primary entry point and committing these tasks to an already developed site. Additionally, dedicated space at the mill offers opportunity for live educational and performance art opportunities in a space that is fully accessible. A lot more thought, energy, planning, and preservation funding needs to be devoted on best preserving, protecting, and highlighting the Hohokam art throughout the preserve with the guidance and insight of O'odham and Piipash communities. Long-term planning, with an eye to erosion, of the main trail paths and their maintenance needs to be detailed. Non-designated 'spider' trails should be eliminated through human behavior aware design - including clear physical definition of the primary trail boundary, native desert plant restoration on retired paths that discourages straying from designated paths, and reasonable geologic barrier placement where indicated. The prior decade's Hayden Butte Preserve report did not adequately explore the degree of adverse environmental impact of the ""A"" - including compromise to flora/fauna by increased and frequent foot traffic off-path and repeated painting of the structure. I understand the university's interest in the ""A"" as it invokes nostalgia and is a focal point that likely drives fundraising, but I would want to know at what cost this comes to the rare and valuable natural resources of this site. The A has its own historic significance, so I'd want to see what the degree of impact was for the site before deciding...but I would say that the creatives at ASU could rise to the challenge in finding a way to honor their tradition without causing further unnecessary harms to the butte. Night sky friendly environment is missing from the preserve - preserve site and city lighting should be transitioned to night sky friendly options. It makes me sad that I can barely see stars anymore out here.

- Trail maintenance
- Trail markings, effective trail maintenance, foliage.
- trail seems pretty beat up/eroded but I guess that's inevitable.
- Trash and recycle receptacles, policing / ranger presence, noise and light controls , drinking water
- Variety. Maintenance.
- Vegetation to prevent erosion/native trees/shrubs
- Vegetation, Shade structures, water
- Visitor center
- Waste disposal, hydration.
- Water & restrooms & shade.
- Water fountain
- Water Fountains
- Water fountains.
- We could use some more dirt to build up the jumps!

- We need better representation of what this particular butte means to the Indigenous community. There should also be more protection for it so that it is not further degraded.
- What's missing: educational signage; warnings why it is important to stay on dedicated paths, especially at the top of the butte; regular reseeding of typical flowers/plants, especially at scarred areas of the butte; beautification of paths and drives - while reducing the heat
- Wires from the top. Drum painted. No signage.

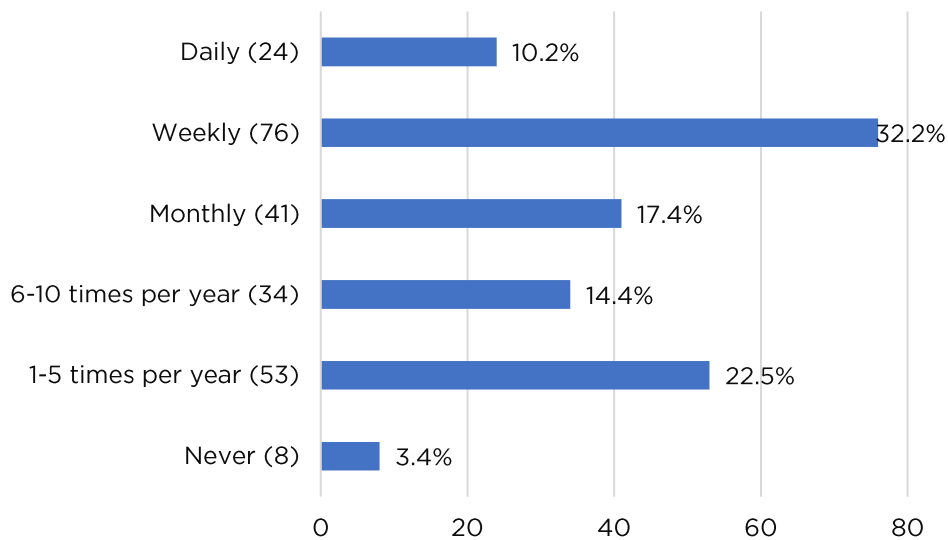
Papago Preserve

5. Do you currently visit Papago Preserve?



Responses: 241

6. If yes, how often?



Responses: 236

7. How do you use the preserve?

- 3-4 days a week
- 3x weekly
- A few times a year
- All the time
- Bike and hike
- Bike and walk
- Bike ride. Walking
- Bike through it on the way to Scottsdale or the Desert Botanical Garden.
- Bike trails
- Biking
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- Biking
- Biking
- Biking
- Biking, hiking, fishing, photography, views, enjoying nature
- Biking, picnicking, walking
- biking, walking
- bmx dirt jumps / mountain bike trails
- By walking
- Canoe, visit the Hohokam ruin. Ho to the Eisendrath house, the Az Heritage Museum, Go to Sandra Day Oconor's house
- casual walking area
- Cleaning up trash / hiking
- Climbing
- Climbing
- Climbing
- Climbing
- Climbing and hiking
- Climbing, Hiking, Running, Biking
- Daily walk with my dog.
- Dog park, rock climbing
- For mountain biking purposes
- Gathering space, scenic walk
- Gravel/mountain biking and running
- Hang out by the pond and look for turtles
- Have used to bicycle, run and climb in the past VERY often
- Helps with life
- Hike
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- Hike
- Hike with family

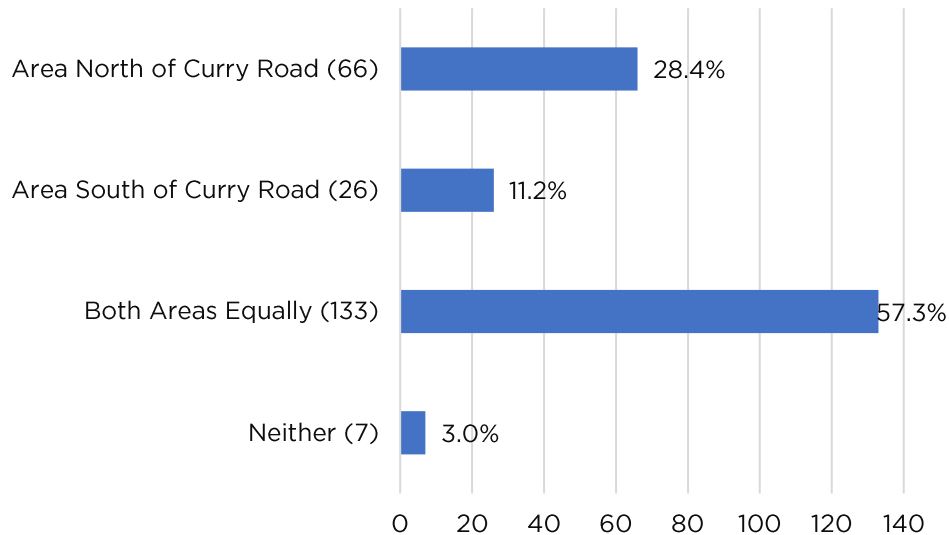
- Hike, mountain bike
- Hike, walk dogs
- Hike, walking
- Hike/walk and take visitors
- Hikes, walks
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- Hiking / biking.
- Hiking and Biking
- Hiking and biking
- Hiking and bouldering
- Hiking and mountain biking
- Hiking and mountain biking
- Hiking and walking
- hiking biking
- hiking or long walks
- Hiking the trails (and just admiring the rock formations)
- Hiking with children
- Hiking with dog
- Hiking, biking
- Hiking, Biking
- Hiking, biking, disc golf
- hiking, biking, walking my dog
- Hiking, bird watching, biking, dog walking,
- Hiking, mountain biking
- Hiking, Mountain biking, running, enjoying nature
- Hiking, mountain biking.
- Hiking, picnic, fishing
- hiking, rock scrambling and climbing
- Hiking, running, biking, photography
- Hiking, running, relaxing
- Hiking, walking
- Hiking, walking dogs, and mapping invasive
- Hiking, walking, other recreation
- Hiking, walking, relaxation, meditation
- hiking, walking, running
- Hiking, Wildlife Watching

- Mountain Biking primarily. The entire park, Tempe and Phoenix, and both canals. Sometimes dog walking.
- Mountain biking, canal bicycling, and hiking. Also the dog park & nearby park
- Mountain biking, dirt jump, hiking, rock climb
- Mountain biking, dirt jumps
- Mountain biking, disc golf, running, romantic dates to hunts tomb overlooking the city at night
- Mountain Biking, Gravel Bike riding
- Mountain biking, hiking
- Mountain biking, hiking
- Mountain/gravel biking
- Once a year
- Papago dirt jumps
- Peace
- Picnicking, garden, and zoo
- Plein Aire Sketching or painting
- Presence in nature, views, quiet reflection, hiking/jogging over dynamically sloped landscape, biking, wildlife watching
- Primarily as a visual landmark - appreciating views from the downtown and Tempe Center for Arts; helps make our city iconic and connected to its desert heritage.
- Recreation
- Recreation
- Repelling
- Ride my bike at the jumps and maintain them along with cleaning up trash
- Riding bikes around for fun and exercise, also hiking.
- Rock climb
- Rock climbing
- Rock climbing
- Rock Climbing
- Rock Climbing
- Rock climbing
- Rock climbing
- rock climbing / rappeling
- Rock Climbing and mountain biking and finding lost family.
- Rock Climbing, Hiking
- Rock climbing, trail running, mountain biking
- Run, bike, Orienteering
- Run..hike
- Running
- Running and biking
- Running and hiking
- Running and walking my dogs
- running, bicycling
- Running, biking
- Running, hiking and photography.
- Running, hiking, and mountain biking

- See our deserts as I imagine they were before AZ became settled
- The Papago jumps
- There are rock climbing routes there that are great for learning technique and safety. We've also used the trees in the park to practice setting up climbing gear.
- To climb rocks and hike
- To pray and remember the family picnics we had as children
- Trail riding
- Trail riding
- Trail run and mountain bike
- Trail running
- Trail running and mountain biking
- Trail running, mountain biking, rock climbing
- Trail Running, Rock climbing
- Trail Running, Walking Dog
- Visited quite often when I was younger. It always was a wonderful natural park.
- walk
- walk along canal into Tempe from Phoenix Zoo eastern parking lot end; would use Hallman park more often if it felt safer.
- walk along canal. walk around pond. bike through. rest and enjoy shade trees and canal near disc golf. walk through hills. enjoy sunsets, sunrises, moon rises. fishing.
- Walk around
- Walk, events
- walk, hike, mountain bike
- Walk, hike, mountain bike
- Walk, hike.
- Walking
- Walking
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- walking
- Walking
- Walking
- Walking & Mountain biking
- Walking along the Cross-Cut Canal
- Walking and mountain biking
- walking dog friendly
- Walking the dog, museum
- Walking, Evelyn Hallman Park for walking, bird watching, & meetings
- Walking, hiking, biking, picnicking
- walking, painting, photographing
- Walking/ scenery/ exercise
- Walking/hiking
- We use the preserve for climbing and while there tend to clean up any of the areas we use.

- Where is it

8. What area of the preserve do you use most?



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9. What elements are missing from the preserve?

- 1. Meaningful solutions to address the homelessness population within the preserve. 2. The bathrooms are currently pretty disgusting and minimal. 3. Cleanliness. The area is constantly being trashed.
- A bike stand with tools for maintenance
- A small bike park for the community. There's already a spot with jumps that could be made legit and bring a lot of people together.
- Adequate trail signage and markers; Interpretive signage that is not faded/damaged; Educational activities, such as guided walks
- Allowing rock climbing in a coordinated fashion alongside local community climbing organizations
- Ample seating, shade (no structures! Trees please!), water fountains, restrooms, signage.
- An agreement with the climbing community to allow maintenance of existing 'fixed gear' (bolts for sport climbing). Climbing routes have existed within the park for for many years. Eventually, maintenance of these areas will have to be done including replacement of the existing climbing routes. Agreements have been in place with other preserves - McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Pinnacle Peak.
- Benches, shade, trash cans, trail signage
- Better signage and park rangers
- Better trail markers.
- Better trail signs
- Better trails.
- Better, well-lighted pathways for walking, running and cycling.
- Bike park/skatepark
- Clean trails and more routes and biking/running infrastructure

- cleanliness, I tend to find lots of glass on the floors,
- clear signs telling people what activities are allowed. I'm sure that won't stop some people, but at least let it be clear. Some trail maps would be helpful
- Climbing
- Climbing areas would be an excellent addition I think. More trash cans/restroom options I think would be great as well.
- Climbing!!!
- Climbing, more parking at West Buttes
- Cohesive trails. Management of hikers going off trail
- Dedicated singletrack
- dedicated trail network with signage
- -Dedicated trash clean up -more mountain biking specific trails.
- Design protocols and a master plan to help protect what is left of our amazing view sheds and clear lines of site for the Papago Preserve landforms - currently, we're fumbling one of our most important assets (and natural advantages) while disrespecting the SRP-MIC for short-term development gains. We have to recognize the potential of the 'landscape' instead of this continuing piecemeal planning under the guise of simple minded 'density will solve all our problems!' rhetorical cool aid ... NO, thoughtful planning and design should be our path instead, which Tempe is failing at. We need to recognize the importance of the Papago Park from a distance and how much this visual contact with our desert heritage matters to our residents and visitors. The SRP headquarters and its surrounding area is an amazing example of thoughtful design for that area - we need to continue on this course and honor connectivity to our natural heritage. I know loud mouthed and entitled development lobbyists and their acolytes think otherwise, but Tempe needs to rise above these clowns along with their short-term interests.
- Designated trails, desert landscape preservation
- Dirt jumps for BMX/Mountain Bike is too small and needs funding. Most outdoor recreation cities, such as St. George and Moab, have established and well funded bike jumps and tracks.
- Education or community centers. I believe habitat preservation and conservation is missing. I think there is good opportunity for environmental education here. Living laboratories.
- Enforcement, it's getting better but there's still a lot of vagrant activity and illegal dumping. Additionally, dog owners failing to clean-up after their pets.
- Enough safe and easy access between the portions of the park without having to go across a road.
- Erosion control, historical/tribal info, well marked/designated trails
- Exercise equipment at either the park south of Curry Road or north of it. Chin up bars, dip bars. Jogging through the park is great aerobic exercise, but adding exercise stations for strength training would be great.
- Formal acknowledgement of existing BMX jump area. Signage, management plan.
- Freedom. Less rules please.
- Historic and flora, fauna and geology signage. Music live or recorded over speakers. Permanent stage for live performances. Small play area for children. Bikes to rent. Maps of the area. Information booth staffed during busy times.

- I am concerned with the proposed McCain building. I think McCain should be honored but the preserve is currently fairly "wild" and I would prefer it stay that way. I do not want the area developed, and developed and developed so that it is full of people all the time.
- I don't feel like there is anything missing from the park. My main concern is number of drug-addled homeless that frequent the park, bathrooms and picnic ramadas. Additionally, and maybe related, trash clean-up in the park is very infrequent not only the parks themselves but, the rights-of-way adjacent to the parks including Curry Road and College Avenue. Also, think that parks such as Hallman should be cleaned up to minimize hiding/camping places for homeless. There are numerous places that are overgrown and create the perfect hiding place for transients.
- I feel that the rocks in the preserve should be open to rock climbing. There are entities in the Valley with the skills to replace the top anchors and bolts with modern equipment and should be encouraged so to do.
- I like the natural elements already. I have used the area south of Curry, but not as often as the north side.
- I love it just as it is. I prefer as little modifications to be made as possible. I do miss the parts of the rockface that were blasted away 10 years ago to create the concrete multi-use pathway south of Marigold. It would be nice to be able to walk a loop from the multi-use path to the reservoir and then along the west side back to Marigold.
- I rock climb and want my kids to rock climb here as they are old enough. I want them to have memories of climbing at the same place as Dad did.
- I'm cautious about going there because of the gang activity and because of the obnoxious homeless.
- in places trail signage as well as historical, flora and fauna signage
- Information about plant life and animals.
- Information signs
- Interpretive signage, trail markers
- It's nature, the whole point is to leave out man-made augmentations. Adding ease of use features only detracts from the experience.
- It's pretty good as it is.
- It's very heavily used so it's hard to say. I'd like to see more encouragement of use of existing paths.
- Keep climbing accessible, maybe provide more trails to the climbing areas and signs indicating where they are. Climbers love the area and will protect it if they're allowed to stay. Better mountain bike trails, this could be an awesome mountain biking area if trails are maintained and marked.
- Later hours
- Less homeless people, less trash, more bike jumps, a dedicated pump track
- Love it the way it is.
- Maintained trails
- Maintaining its natural element
- maintenance of trees-not the naturally occurring ones but planted trees.
- Maintenance, trash cans, water stations, opportunities for shade like trees. Well defined trail system to include hiking and mtn biking. Separate those two uses.

- marked trails and upkeep of trails. Many bikers ride off trail and are destroying the ecosystem.
- Maybe another water station on the southwest side (Area South of Curry). More shaded areas. Generally have always enjoyed it as is for decades.
- More bike jumps, a skatepark, graffiti removal, trail maintenance/erosion control.
- More clearly marked and better maintained multi-use trails, especially in the south section where less people go. Its like South Mountain- people make their own trails everywhere and degrade the natural beauty of the desert, I think partly because it isn't clear what is and isn't a trail and the actual trails arent well maintained. Would love to even see mountain bike specific development, like a few features or dedicated ride trails, and sanctioning + maintaining the papago jump park. Making a full-on bike park is a huge dream of mine. I ride papago daily- mountain biking, hitting the jump park, and fitness rides partly on the canal on my gravel bike. Its my favorite Tempe amenity for that reason but it could be so much better. Better way to deal with the homeless population. That's obviously a very difficult issue, but papago is one of the main encampments (especially the south part) and I don't feel safe riding there at night. There are some untended washes with giant piles of trash and needles. I don't have the answers but I hope the city has some ideas! Better stewardship of the papago disc golf course. Trash cleanup, vegetation control, signage, trash cans, benches, tee pads. Would love to see it becoming an even better amenity as its one I use weekly. I know lots of people use it by I fear it being eliminated for something else. Maybe even put in another, bigger course or expand the current one. Some more water stations would also be nice. Make it easier to casually head out for a hike or a ride without needing to prepare a bunch of bottles
- More Climbing access and less Glass/Trash.
- More definition on trails and people to deal with the homeless encampments. Also after rainy periods there are issues with Stinknet taking over huge areas that should be covered by native plants.
- More jumps
- More jumps and trails for bikes
- More mountain bike trails! A jump line or pump track for bikes
- More mountain bike trails..
- More MTB trails. Better signage. Bike park.
- More nice mountain bike trails
- More official trails and a way to safely cross McDowell
- More protection for cultural sites and wildlife.
- More routes for climbing and cleaner areas
- More running and biking trails
- More trail signage would be good as well as trail maintenance and closing off some of the spiderwebs.
- More trails
- More trails for mountain biking
- N/A
- Na
- NA

- Needs a comprehensive signage program, as described in multiple previous plans. This includes regional and entry signage, directional signage and informative signage about history, wildlife, landscape.
- None
- None
- none
- None, the current elements here are appropriate to the area.
- None. It is great as it is!
- Not a thing. Excellent as is
- Not much. Love that it has remained a natural area to experience.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing - leave it the way it is
- nothing is missing
- Nothing is missing
- Nothing. Leave natural but get rid of litter and KEEP it clean.
- o
- Official Trail Map that can help eliminate spider trails, ensure a clear and safe trail system for all park users. Solid Signage System. Inclusive Trail Design that accommodates a wide range of park users, including hikers, bikers, bird watchers, and more. Desert Replanting: the preserve needs to be replanted with native species Safety: the Preserve is not safe and home to groups of houseless individuals who degrade and litter on a daily basis.
- Papago Preserve's power lies in the natural resources it fosters, and that should be priority #1 at this site. We are missing those protections. Long-term planning, with an eye to erosion, of the main trail paths and their maintenance needs to be detailed to ensure the natural beauty of this preserve exists for future generations. Non-designated 'spider' trails should be eliminated through human behavior aware design - including clear physical definition of the primary trail boundary, native desert plant restoration on retired paths that discourages straying from designated paths, and reasonable geologic barrier placement where indicated. Designated trails need to be defined - on maps available online, on maps at entry points to the parks, and by intuitively clear physical definition along the trails. Small wayfinders can offer clarity, but defining the boundaries of the path so the 'right' choice is obvious and the 'wrong' choice is unappealing is even more important in design.
- Park rangers or security and more lighting for night
- Park rule enforcement keeping transient home making and trash dumping out of the park.
- Parking lot for dirt jump area, a relationship between dirt jump park builders and the city of Tempe. We would like the ability to improve the dirt jump area, making it more fun, sustainable, safe, etc. This jump park has been around for 30 years, serves numerous cycling disciplines, and is the only place in town to truly reach advanced bicycle jumping.
- Playground for children, like at hole in the rock
- Please add maintenance and protections for continued use of existing climbing areas to the management plan. Please recognize the climbing

community as a user group. Please build and maintain public bathrooms at well-used spots.

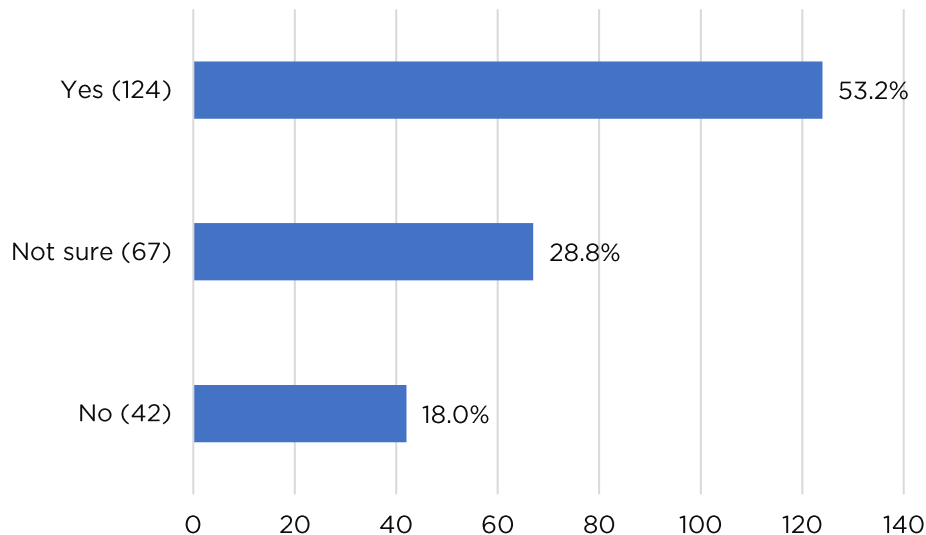
- Please don't remove the jumps near Marigold
- Please preserve the climbing in this area. Help with maintenance of climbing trails to different rock routes. This has been managed extremely well by the city of Scottsdale in the McDowell Mountains. Climbing areas are limited and are a great natural resource for our desert environment. It would be a great loss to the Phoenix area climbing community if these were lost.
- Preserving the dirt jumps.
- Proper mountain biking system without bunch of spider trails. Safe aspect is still questionable, lots of homeless people and hazardous materials laying around.
- Proper trail so no one damages the desert. All types of signage=directional, safety, rules, types of plants and animals.
- Protection from soil tac and it's affect on erosion.
- Quality trails that are clearly marked. There are also a lot of "rouge" trails
- Regular trash pickups
- Rest areas
- Right now, the lighting fixtures for the concrete walk Tempe Multiuse Path #1 are not functioning due to a theft of the wiring for the light fixtures. I have received a detailed answer to my questions from Seth Cleveland. His response was very helpful. It is a complicated and time consuming process to repair the fixtures.
- Rock climbing
- Safety
- Safety
- safety
- safety - drug users/homeless/prostitution, clean up
- Safety, Maintenance, Organized trails, Vegetations, Shades,
- Safety. Good trails. Security.
- Saguaro cactus. Fish in Hallman Lake
- Shade
- shade structures bench seating signs
- Signage
- Signage for trails.
- Signage Trail Markers Any information that shares the importance of the space
Maps Designated trails Programming Climbing zones Biking zones
Enforcement of homeless Plantings
- Signs identifying the preserve, stating regulations, trail identification and educational signs for historical and natural elements. A visitor Center.
Maintenance roads erosion control. Trail maintenance.
- Some designated trail signs might be helpful to keep users on trail
- Sustainable skills park, could use some mountain bike trails
- The ability to climb rocks comfortably
- The ability to park close at some of the Ramadas.
- The jumps are fantastic, but could benefit from official approval and support (not necessarily a builder brought in from outside, just more space/water

- The jumps being an actual park. If you can't tell very passionate about this place.
- The lights by the canal are turned off. Makes our walks shut short because there is no lights
- The Papago dirt jumps needs a knowledgeable dirt jumper/ mountain biker or group to lead improvements and maintenance.
- The preserve could benefit from more trash bins throughout the park. I believe it will help cut down on litter throughout the preserve.
- There are no signs that say ""Tempe Papago Park Preserve"" .no mention that you are entering a Preserve and what that means. / No brochures and maps celebrating the Preserve's History, Native American History, History of significant locations and their names.ie. Loma Del Rio Archaeological Site, Evelyn Hallman Park, Eisendrath House, LoPiano Mesquite Bosque, nor attention to significant adjacent & important locations; Sandra Day O'Connor House, Arizona Heritage Museum, Johnny G. Martinez Water Plant, Moeur Park with WGA Ramadas- etc. etc. Need Trail Mapping and Signage, Trail Maintenance. Need SHADED educational entry signage with information regarding flora and fauna, regulations, map of the Preserve, location of restrooms and water, etc. Stations with dog poop bags and trash cans.
- This park is amazing. The bike park has been especially fun or a big part of the community that enjoys getting out of the house and enjoying exercise. Sadly heard some thing on Instagram about them wanting to tear it down and I have over 100 people that would be very sad about that.
- trail maps
- Trail markings for bike and hiking paths.
- Trail markings, effective trail maintenance, foliage.
- Trail signage and designation
- Trail signs
- Trash and recycling cans
- Trash recycle receptacles, policing/ ranger presence , drinking water
- Trashcans
- Unsure
- Volunteer trail committee
- Water & restrooms & shade.
- Water access for Bmx oriented smoother dirt areas. All the pathways and jumps are far too rocky, sharp edges, yet soft powder sand in other spots. Full suspension large diameter 29 wheels & tires are required to roll across the terrain. Not having water access makes it too difficult to work with the bedrock. Riding a bmx bike is next to impossible at the BMX Jumps. A Bikepark with pump tracks and jump lines altogether would be the best for all bicyclists to enjoy the space together.
- Water bottle filling fountains
- Water Fountain
- Water fountain, bathroom, bike repair stand
- Water fountains
- Water fountains where they can be added.
- What use to be there. See answer above.

- Would be great to have greater support around the jumps - things like a sign to let people know how to responsibly use the jumps + a water source to ensure proper maintenance.
- Would like to see more mountain bike only trails. It's great that we have some great jumps that have been in the area for some time. They are maintained well and give youth and adults a chance to improve. I utilize almost the trails around the park and incorporate the canals. A pump track and a skill style park would make for a great addition for people to use and improve for tougher trail systems throughout Tempe and the surrounding Phoenix area. Look how well the system in Flag has helped everyone progress. Every time I'm there the family's are enjoying every aspect of the mountain bike section.

Both Preserves

10. Should an increase in signage be included in future projects?



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11. If yes, what types of signage?

- activities allowed, maybe trail maps
- Any new signage needs to be somehow indestructible, most are gone or vandalized. Install new historical signage that are mostly gone. Signage at key points for the trails mostly for walking/running and for the single track trails mostly for mountain biking.
- City of Tempe park signs that are vertical instead of horizontal.
- Climbing areas, trails
- Climbing signs
- Cultural and trail and encouraging people to use existing trails.
- Dedicated to knowing how long the trail is, where to go.
- Defined loops discouraging spur trails
- Designated hiking, tribal/historical information

- Directional
- Directional
- Directional and explorational.
- Directional and locations of rock features
- Directional with distance
- Directional, arrows to streets and cities on primary, paved trails (crosscut).
- Directional. Plant and animal identification like the DBG
- Directions
- Directions to get there
- Do-not-litter signs stating consequences of doing so.
- Durable signage material with a preventative maintenance strategy, Tempe does a poor job of maintaining its interpretative signage which causes more damage. It needs to be swapped out regularly, between the sun and wear and tear - there should be no surprise here. Have a long-term strategy and budget to maintain quality and integrity of interpretative signage. .
- Educational, maps, rules
- Educational, Trail Maps
- Flora fauna like pinnacle
- For incoming drivers
- Geological, nature, historical
- Guideposts, mileages, areas of interest, as long as they do not interfere with routes or trails
- Help maintaining the bike park putting trash, cans and lights up for the bike park!
- Hiking vs mountain biking trails, difficulty levels etc
- historical, informational and educational signage..flora and fauna
- History at the entrance of both. Names of plants. are plant medicinal, considered invasive or any information of value
- How to get to the Hole in the Rock
- I think that long term development of a limited, well marked trail system should be addressed while trying to eliminate the numerous spiderweb of trails throughout the parks.
- Importance on LNT principles
- informational
- Informational & educational
- informational signage on desert natural history would be appreciated by visitors. Better signage on trails may cut down on off-trail use (particularly in Papago)
- Interpretive signs with history of the area etc
- Interpretive trail signs. Environment and habitat education and history of place
- Interpretive, educational
- Interpretive, trail guides
- Interpretive, trail markers, security info
- Is there any signage? There is none along the trails except perhaps (?) on one short section. And I guess there is a sign along the canal. These seem very random in terms of their purpose in making the area accessible and inviting.
- listed above

- Location of climbing areas and map
- Make the jumps an actual protect lark
- Maps of n and s of curry
- maybe historical information, geological information, small directional signs but none are necessary.
- More directive signage and perhaps locations for trash cans/stops.
- N/A
- None, no reason except to waste public funds.
- nonintrusive historical and site-specific
- Official Dirt jump/ MTB skills area on Marigold lane
- Ones that people will read and adhere to any rules listed. Best of luck.
- pack it in, pack it out, don't litter!
- Paths, history
- Pet Enforcement, Day Use Only Enforcement
- Please see prior comments on site-specific signage. Be mindful that excessive or distracting signage can take away from enjoyment of the natural environment. It should help us find our way, but otherwise stay out of the way in the natural environment. Non-wayfinding signs should be limited to entry/exit points and the few key points where words are needed (ex: rock art sites that are visible/accessible from the trail to teach and promote protection).
- Potentially - educational signs on preservation. But mainly near parking spots.
- Preserve identification, regulation signage, informational signage, trails identification
- rock
- Rock climbing trails
- Rules for park usage
- Rules for preserving the area
- Scope of projects at major parking areas
- See above plus scavenger hunt or other fun stuff for children of all ages.
- See above. It must be well designed, in character with these areas which are unique and have historic meaning.
- Signage explains which bike paths are for beginners and which are for the advanced lines.
- signage=directional, safety, rules, types of plants and animals.
- Signs guiding climbers towards climbing areas
- Signs pointing to the rock climbing areas
- Signs warning about Bees
- Simple trail names would help me communicate to other friends what trails and loops I enjoy.
- Stay on the trail. Don't litter.
- Tell is what's going on
- The markers are there in most areas but the signage is missing or unable to be read.
- To stay on approved trails
- Trail
- Trail and loop markers for south of curry

- Trail b
- Trail directions with mileage
- Trail GPS, maps, etc.
- Trail head markers and markers for how to share the trail for bikers who can't remember the right of way on trails.
- Trail maps
- trail maps with you are here
- trail maps, geology and cultural resource information. Also "bee hive alert" signs for some of the under-rock bee hives, for folks with allergies...
- Trail markers
- Trail markers and maps. Enforce disallowing surron electric motor bikes.
- Trail markers would be helpful.
- Trail markers, historical information
- Trail markers? Historical plaques?
- Trail markings, trail etiquette.
- Trail markings; Interpretive (education) signage
- Trail name and distance markers
- Trail name signs
- Trail names
- Trail names
- Trail names and numbers
- Trail routes and maps
- Trail signage
- Trail signage
- Trail signage
- Trail signage indicating which trails are which, showing the route, mileage, how to get to the nearest water, etc.
- Trail signage, educational signage about wildlife and plants
- trail signage, protection signs for the preserve including criminal offenses in the Tempe ordinance for preserves, no overnight sleeping signs
- Trail signs
- Trail signs and maps
- Trail signs with trail names, directions (to Curry, to boat dock, etc)
- Trail type and direction
- Trail types, signs to keep motorized vehicles out
- trail/bike maps in both Papago Park and Evelyn H. park, trail names, length of trails and markings along the trail. Phoenix Papago Park does a good job with this
- Trails
- Trails signage on each trail and maps at entrances of the preserve
- Trails, interpretive
- warnings for climbers as the dangers of climbing mainly saying, climb at your own risk
- Watch for cyclists and pedestrians. Watch for wildlife (scorpions, rattlesnakes)
- What's allowed and what's not

12. What uses or facilities should be added, modified, or eliminated?

- A bathroom at the west parking lot
- A bathroom would be nice.
- A close eye should be kept on the bike park. I think this should stay at its current location, but it seems the users of this area keep altering it to make it more challenging for the bikers. The problem is more challenge could mean more liability for the city. I'm not sure of their liability there but we should avoid human injuries even if not financially liable for the damages. Not to mention, damage caused to the preserve itself.
- Add a pump track Eliminate the trash, camps
- Add climbing!
- Add exercise stations. Add police presence at the park south of Curry Road. Help the unhoused. Make the parks safe. I have come across needles and lots of glass.
- Add guides (docents, rangers) to give tours, lectures, crafts.
- Add rock climbing
- Add trash and recycling cans
- Allowing rock climbing in a coordinated fashion alongside local community climbing organizations
- An education/visitor structure would be nice. If anything is added or modified it should be made of local materials, fitting into the landscape, with sensitive lighting and historic references. Should be LEED certified or a high standard of environmental design, recycled materials, reduce heat, provide native tree canopy to cool the area, terraces to sit and watch the sunset. Plenty of really good ideas in past plans (including plan developed with Phoenix). Build on those concepts with quality construction. Use stabilized decomposed granite for paths and drives.
- As above, trail signage, trash cans, benches
- Athletic or recreational elements. Not the same old tradition elements but maybe outdoor fitness, ADA trails with interactive or education elements along the way. Things that encourage new users. Frisbee golf, bike elements,
- Bathroom should be maintained. The tunnel between the north and south park should be cleaned up and lighted; it's very frightening right now with garbage and homeless occupying the tunnel. It's dark and cool in the summer so I understand people wanting the shade without getting roused from the covered ramadas. .
- Bathrooms
- Bathrooms and parking
- Bathrooms should be maintained
- Better mountain bike trails
- Better restrooms
- Bike jumps should be added, NOT removed!
- Bike park or bikes specific features/ trails.
- Bike park, parking, restrooms
- Bike park/Skatepark
- BMX bike usage at Papago Preserve near the SRP station and aqueduct is crazy at times.

- Cleaner / more bathrooms. Protection for the historical sites
- Clear marking of bike trails
- Climbing should be added as an acceptable use of the park. Scottsdale has a climbing Management plan with the McDowells and Pinnacle Peak as well as Phoenix with Camelback
- Climbing should be preserved
- Climbing/bouldering specific areas.
- Close spur / trailblazed trails, Additional vegetations, Shades, Signs, Maps, Emergency call stations
- ""Community input will be instrumental in creating a plan that enhances the appreciation and enjoyment of these natural spaces.""- Introduction to this survey. With that statement in mind, the biggest ""input"" I see without a doubt is the community built dirt jumps near Marigold Ln. I see this as the community creating something naturally and all on their own. That is something rare and magical these days where a group of people can come together over a shared interest and create something that everyone can enjoy. I truly hope no one is wanting to eliminate this potential gold mine for recreation! That area alone brings out so many people to enjoy the beauty of Papago park that if anything it should be helped to make it better and kept there! To be honest I thought for the longest time the city was behind the making and up keep of those jumps. It's so well maintained and professionally done the its actually quite impressive. To sum things up, you shouldn't need a survey to see what the community wants in this area..(they are already building it themselves) It seems obvious with the amount of bike riders and hikers that use this area the main focus should be getting behind outdoor recreation!
- Cyclers and walkers are trying to use the same paths. Sometimes cyclers are in training as a group, forcing walkers to step to the side. Cyclers nee to use bells and voice when they are passing the walker from the rear.
- Designated bike area and designated hiking area.
- Designated bird watching areas
- Designated trails both sides of curry road.
- Dirt jumps for BMX/Mountain Bike is too small and needs funding. Most outdoor recreation cities, such as St. George and Moab, have established and well funded bike jumps and tracks.
- Doggie bag dispensers and trash containers for them.
- Eliminate adding even more access to off trail areas as this will inadvertently deteriorate the ecological and cultural integrity of both Preserves.
- Eliminate spider trails and homeless populations together with the hazardous materials.
- Eliminate the machined doubletrack and pavement that just contributes to erosion
- Facilities are ok
- Facilities to protect and support to jumps
- Fully commit to the BMX area. Add trash cans, water fountains. Riders have helped keep the unhoused from damaging and utilizing this part of the park.

- I am a founding member of the Arizona Mountaineering Club. In the past I have bouldered and participated in short climbs in the area. I would like this activity to still continue in the area.
- I appreciate the natural state of Most of the area.
- I feel that the rocks in the preserve should be open to rock climbing. There are entities in the Valley with the skills to replace the top anchors and bolts with modern equipment and should be encouraged so to do.
- I really want my family to continue to be allowed to rock climb in this fun place.
- I think the facilities are pretty good, but they are not really usable due to the congregation of homeless that always seem to be making camp there for the day
- I think there are plenty of facilities at each location (parking, bathrooms, picnic areas, etc.) but I would like to see an effort to reduce the numerous spiderweb trails throughout the parks by focusing on a specific, signed trail system.
- I would be interested in temporary fencing to allow areas of the park to regenerate a bit. Maybe 1 year sections so that over 20 years it may help preserve it.
- If decreasing the impact of nighttime lighting on the preserve is a goal, existing LED lighting should be modified to be fully shielded, emitting light only where needed at an appropriate intensity (some path lighting has achieved this goal), and should be shut off during hours of low use. As they age, HPS lighting which has not yet been retrofit should be upgraded to amber, rather than white, LED lighting, mirroring the color temperature of LPS lighting which used to be common in the area. This should be the standard throughout the preserve, as it limits the impact on the night sky, and on natural human, animal, and insect rhythms.
- Jump support!
- Jumps are should be turned into an actual park. With a actual name and help from coty
- Keep it wild. It's a rarity within the metro area and is an incredible resource we don't want to lose. No more infringements on the preserve, whether to expand the golf course, the zoo, etc.. The mountain bike jump area is a great use within the currently signed area. Kudos to the builders. Lighting should be transitioned to comply with Dark Sky rules to reduce light pollution. Remove non-native plant species and replace with natives. Motorized vehicles should be prohibited except on (paved) crosscut trail.
- Keep rock climbing
- less homeless population
- Make the BMX bike jumper track an official component in the park. It is a unique asset. It would be good to expand it to provide beginner/intermediate practice jumps. The Railyard Bike Park in Rogers Arkansas is an example of what a community can do to make an extensive place for all skill levels and ages of mountain bikers/BMX'ers,. Rehabilitate the tunnel under curry to make it safer and less dark to pass thru. Rebuild as shade structures on the existing rock veneer columns to the east and

west of Evelyn Hallman Pond that were once picnic shelters. Rehabilitate the tunnel.

- maybe port o jons
- Modified bathrooms, pickleball courts, improved bike trails and lighting
- Modify trails to eliminate social(unofficial) trails at both Preserves; Eliminate disc golf course at Papago Preserve; Add a nature center to Papago Preserve
- More accessible trails
- More dirt jumps, flow trails, and a pump track.
- More jumps
- More lights
- More mountain bike purpose built trails such as a pump track or purpose built trails
- More mountain bike trails &/or facilities or improve what is there.
- More mountain bike trails should be added, as well as modify the existing trails to multiple difficulties such as (green,blue,black,Diamond,double Diamond)
- More mountain biking
- More pathways for riding bicycles. Bmx, mountain bikes, commuter bikes, beach cruisers, e-bikes, full suspension mountain bikes, trikes, recumbent bikes, etc are the types of bikes that use the pathways. Would be great to have different sections for people to enjoy on different bikes.
- More places to dispose of trash.
- More ramadas
- More restrooms near the lagoons
- More trails. Stop carving into the desert to build impermeable infrastructure
- More waste disposal sites to prevent buildup of trash. Provide more homeless accommodations in Tempe so they don't have to live in the preserve.
- More water fountains is almost a good idea, especially during the summer.
- More water?
- "My opinion is that the BMX/jump area is out of control and I do not see any way that it can be controlled without constant supervision that is unrealistic. The most recent violation was taking soil from Evelyn Hallman Park to build a new berm. All event uses of the preserve, large and small need to be permitted. Since fires are not allowed in the preserve, the two fire pits in Evelyn Hallman Park need to to be converted to another use or eliminated altogether. The two remaining in ground trash receptacles by the old Ramada in Evelyn Hallman Park need to be sealed or eliminated. A stretch area for runners might be welcome.
- NA
- Nature walks.
- Need more homeless shelters or facilities elsewhere to keep them from trashing the park. Maybe some more trash bins would encourage better behavior also.
- No more 'facilities'. Yes to restrooms, ramadas within 'parks' only.
- None

- None
- None should be eliminated
- None, leave it alone
- None. All is there that you need. Or you continue to destroy the ducks habitat. And rip out the vegetation.
- not sure what exists now but bathrooms
- not sure what uses are currently allowed but earlier this year I've seen people on mini motocross bikes on two occasions. and not teenagers. so any kind of vehicle with an engine i believe should not be allowed. I've also seen people trying to go up the trails on e-scooters, in one occasion a large group of men. i believe that should also be eliminated. E-bikes are a trickier matter, i believe they should also be eliminated, but there is current guidance for federal land that could be followed. the problem with all of these is that there is nobody to enforce all these uses. who do i call when i see a couple of guys on mini-motocross bikes? Another complicated issue is the homeless population camping or living there. before the summer, there were at least 3 encampments north of curry. a week ago, there was a tent with a dog on a leash to the west of the o'connor house, just off the trail. another issue is people building ramps in the part, in some instances cutting access to on the regular trail to build ramps/jumps. there are buckets and shovels permanently sitting there on the trail, which can be seen from marigold ln, where they park their trucks. is this allowed? should it?
- Nothing
- Nothing new should be added.
- Open bathrooms and drinking fountains
- Pedestrian crossings should be added as well as shade structures.
- Potable water, garbage containers
- Remove everything but parking and trash.
- Restroom and tables/shade
- Restrooms - added Pump track - legitimized Rock climbing - limited Camping- ELIMINATED Programs - developed for nature center, biking tours, natural history information
- Restrooms, benches
- Restrooms.
- Rock climbing should be facilitated and be allowed to run classes there
- See my answer for "what elements are missing from the preserve?"
- Shade added
- Signage, bathrooms, tool shed, ability for approved trail builders to access gate, garbage cans, parking lots, water source.
- Skatepark. More dirt jumps. Improve bike trails.
- Skills park upgraded for being sustainable
- The bike park that exists in north Tempe should be modified by adding native plants and trees around the park to disguise the ramps and paths that the biking community uses for recreation. The bike park has been there for at least 30 years. it gives residents who wish to use it a place to enjoy their sports and build community around our amenities. No park like this exists elsewhere in the valley yet mountain biking is one of Arizonas

most popular local pastimes. It's critically important that places like this exist in our city to build community, and connect with nature. There should be no more building of paths or ramps and dangerous structures should be replaced. There should be dedicated paths marked with signage and possibly warnings. And all the tools and trash that exist in the park should be permanently removed and ban. Anyone modify or add to the bike park should be ticketed outside of maintenance. Remove tall lighting structures that aren't being used and replace them with low to the ground lighting if needed. We have enough overhead garbage with the electrical lines.

- The bike park where a lot of the community comes and ride there bikes need more modifications. Make it feel a bit more welcoming
- The BMX jump lines in Papago Preserve should be removed and established at a more appropriate location with adequate space, such as Kiwanis. Currently the jumps are cramped and the diggers are expanding out of the space. Their use is also restricted to highly skilled individuals because there is no space to build beginner or intermediate lines. To increase access to a larger portion of the community, they need to be somewhere when they can be better maintained with accessible facilities. Additionally, digging dirt for the lines is a violation of the City's Ordinance on preserves. Rock climbing should be removed from preserves. It is a violation of the ordinance and does not protect the desert landscape.
- The bmx/mountain bike in the northern part of papago preserve should be removed, with restoration of natural desert on-site. A bmx/mountain bike recreation site should instead be established at Kiwanis Park (replacing a patch of the water-hungry passive scape there), which would allow for development of a wider variety of challenge level designs to meet the needs of beginners, intermediate, and more advanced riders at a more easily accessed site for more to enjoy. Lo Piano Mesquite Bosque at south Papago Preserve should be renamed and a long-term plan for the ground cover space between trees needs to be established, with consideration of the proximity to the freeway and its associated fire risk with overgrown brush and weeds. Occasionally clearing out the brush/weeds is not a sustainable solution, and leaving the space barren each cleanup leads to a non-productive pattern.
- The dirt jumps are a great asset and should be integrated in the master plan as an official Papago MTB skills area. Some jump lines could use some renovations to help provide a space for new and intermediate riders.
- The facilities that are in place or more than adequate. The trick is to maintain what is in place.
- The jumps on the north side should stay and be made more fun and safe by the locals
- The modifications made for Boy Scout campsites that were done to the island should be removed if they aren't used. It was a well-intentioned action but not a useful one, in my opinion, and I would like to see the area be as "natural" as possible. The fire pit/gather area can stay. The BMX park should not be expanded. I like seeing the guys do cool jumps but it should remain casual and as undeveloped as possible. I see how those guys are constantly modifying/digging etc. and I'm nearing the end of my patience

with that -- a few bikers doing some fun jumps is good but major modification and the slide towards formal play area should go somewhere else.

- The Papago jumps must remain, that space isn't useful for much else besides that. All the jumps do is cover an ugly drain pipe with what can only be described as sculptural artwork. Don't destroy the jumps, they are the only reason a good number of us even visit Papago. Without them you are simply reducing the popularity of your preserve.
- The restrooms in the area could be updated and made more accessible. I would suggest the upgrade of water coolers at the current water stations to help with heat waves in the summer months.
- The tunnel lights help, but getting from one side to the other still feels unsafe. I generally cross at the north side of Lake View road to avoid the tunnel. It would be nice to have a signaled crosswalk here, particularly with the recently announced McCain Library that will replace the current ASU building. Provide safe and reliable homes for unhoused individuals who inhabit the area.
- There should be an effort to keep the bike jumps maintained and turned into an official park. It's a staple of the local community and provides a great place to progress riding skills.
- There should be as many trash receptacles as possible. Nothing should be eliminated including climbing. Anything that one can do outdoors should be allowed.
- These areas should stay open to rope access. These are important to the climbing community because there are not many good options in the valley for access.
- These preserves should be maintained as natural desert fragments to the extent possible. These are rare locations for residents and visitors to experience natural desert vegetation and wildlife within the city. Facilities decisions should be guided by the vision of enabling access to these desert preserves while minimizing impact (e.g., channeling visitors onto established paths and reducing cross-country travel).
- They should add lights to the bike park and maybe a hose bib to water the jumps and some lights for night time!!!
- Trail names
- trails should be improved
- Trails should be maintained singletrack for mountain bikers and hikers. Living/camping in the preserve should be eliminated
- Transient drug use and encampment building needs to stop.
- Trash pickup
- Trash recycle receptacle, drinking water
- Type of bathroom. Shade structure. Benches.
- Upkeep and inspection of all areas to insure public safety
- Visitor's Center! Possibly in Eisendrath House or the Arizona Heritage Center (always have folks at their desk.) just need to partner with them. Also need a shaded entryway similar to McDowell Preserve.
- Water & restrooms & shade.
- Water fountain, bathroom

- Water fountains
- Water fountains
- Water fountains that work and chilled
- Water fountains, especially south of the zoo.
- Water stations, restrooms
- water, vegetation, shade structures
- We love the jump section and visit frequently with our family and friends. Our young children are developing skills and confidence by riding those areas and we are happy to help maintain and strongly support them.
- Well define trails so the environment isn't getting destroyed.

13. How should the desert environment be protected and preserved?

- A balance between human use (which is damaging, but part of the point of the preserve) and more protected areas for plants and animals. Keep folks on the trails, yet allow them to have a "nature experience."
- Add a few signs that say - pack it in, pack it out, don't litter!
- Add more Saguaro cactus. Prevent anyone riding a mechanical device: bike, scooter, etc. from making their own trails by ignoring the existing trails and riding anywhere they want. They disrupt the terrain. Do not build any parking lots, retail stores, Starbucks, affordable housing, historical anything
- Add more trash cans at the trail heads.
- Add native vegetation.
- Add trash and recycling cans to prevent litter
- Add trash cans out to the bike park so that we can have an easier way to clean up after ourselves.
- As close as possible to natural vegetations and appearances, eliminate unofficial trails/paths.
- As it has been for 15 years. Minimum invasive work by men to change nature.
- As much as possible
- As much as possible. Nice to have an area that is so natural.
- As much as possible. Remove invasive species and keep it a desert.
- Ban the homeless and the gangs.
- Be frugal in the addition of new amenities. Consider the impact of all these little incursions on the environment before adding more.
- Be sure there is a development buffer around the preserves that mitigates the impact of heat emissions.
- Better signage and rangers
- Bike park/Skatepark
- Both Preserves should be protected from further development by private developers. I am very concerned that private developers will disrupt the balance of the local ecosystem on Hayden Butte when they begin construction on the Historic Hayden Mill project. The city should also refrain from making any modifications to the butte itself as this is a sacred place to the local Tribes.
- By protecting and preserving it? This question is quite odd. Keep what's already there! Add to the desert environment with dedication to the preservation of what's already been built.
- By replanting native vegetation and protecting it with designated, well marked trails.

- By restricting traffic and enforcing rules, such as litter, destroying natural plants etc
- by staying on trails, adding/planting cactus
- Clear designated areas that can be used
- Clear trail markers add more native plants
- Clear walking biking paths. Sensitive areas fenced e.g. the rock art. Non threatening, humorous signage. Healthy Sonoran Desert vegetation with labels..
- Climate mitigation, protect native species (flora & fauna)
- Climbing
- Closing the area to climbers will reduce the number of people who are invested in seeing the area preserved. Erosion and trail around climbing areas will become worse if people care for the area. The climbing community utilizes these places to teach, climb, and play. Closing the area would be a very sad loss for the climbing community as a recognized user group. It will unacceptably concentrate climbers in other areas and be a source of frustration. Opening the park only to those seeking a morning or afternoon walk, to the exclusion of the climbing community, would be a very disappointing decision.
- Community programs to promote appreciation of the natural desert environment, including hands-on activities for kids.
- Consider park steward program
- Control homeless population and their hazardous material laying all over the park
- Create diverse trails that are clearly marked as to how they should be used to place the correct impact on them and reduce the "rogue" trails
- Create use trails for climbing routes and enforce staying on trails to prevent trash and glass getting everywhere in the preserve. Provide more homeless accommodations in Tempe so they don't have to live in the preserve.
- Current signage has definitely kept me and the people that use that area in check we have always held the golden rule that we one build and maintain within the current signs posted. Even with constant harass by the lady that comes and yells at us and takes pictures. We have always been respectful to the people who come and get upset with us.
- Dedicated staff, upkeep.
- Dedicated trails
- Dedicated trails
- Desert environment should be maintained. Off trail use should be prohibited.
- Designated trails
- Designated trails for MTB and hiking. Follow Hawes Trail Alliance for a pristine way to do this.
- Designated trails, especially at Papago
- Designated trails.
- Devise solutions to handle the homelessness crisis that overruns the preserve with encampments and needles. Monitor the park at night for kids throwing bottles off places like hole in the rock.
- Dirt washed away from strong monsoon storms should be replenished in key areas that affect mountaineering biking. Climbing routes should also be preserved

for continued use. The climbing community is very good about identifying and keeping routes properly up to date.

- Discourage off-trail activities, such as hiking/biking on unofficial trails; Prohibit disc golf; Prohibit urban camping
- Don't sell it off to golf courses and baseball teams contrary to the original establishment agreement. Probably need to fence off some areas to encourage plants to regrow.
- Donate asking people not to stray off walking paths.
- Don't allow motor vehicles
- Educate and require STAY ON TRAILS.
- Educating the public, caring for the space, protecting the desert.
- Educating users on environmental impacts of going off designated trails
- Educating visitors on the desert landscape and wildlife that inhabit the area
- Education.
- Encourage more official trails and put up signage not to use social trails
- Encourage the use of existing trails.
- Erosion control, clearly lining/marketing trails. Close spider trails for revegetation
- Fine people that don't stay on trails or destroying any of the preserve
- for one, by stopping the "development" for business, parking lots, etc. recently there was a request for comment on an expansion or addition to business, not sure if was the golf course, but i'm opposed to those. there is plenty of vacant business real-estate that can be used. shrinking the natural spaces we have is a bad precedent.
- Good question. We need to seek advice from the Tucson preserves, maybe the Boyse-Thompson Arboretum, and other desert preserves. And make sure there is security and consequences for those who destroy it.
- Habitat corridors identified and preserved or enhanced. Links under or over roads and that reach the salt river corridor and habitat.
- I am too old to use the preservation areas. That doesn't mean that I don't enjoy them from afar! Many years ago Papago Butte was at the top of the list to take visitors. Please make an effort to preserve these natural areas in the midst of urban development.
- Identify habitat that needs to be replanted/re-added into the environment, have restoration areas that are not open to the public.
- In an ideal world, the parks would not be under a flight path, and there would not be electric or telephone lines cutting through the landscape of Papago.
- in terms of climbing if any future climbs are set up to use colored anchors and bolts it would help people who may see them as unsightly
- In the best ways possible
- Information signs showing impact of misuse.
- Invasive plant and animal removal. Specifically along the canal there are invasive apple snails and apple snail eggs. Reduce encampments by providing safe and reliable shelter for unhoused individuals.
- Invasive plants need to be removed. Spider trails need to be eliminated. Revegetation needs to happen in several areas. Several caves need to be secured possibly with gates. Loma Del Rio ruins need to be railed or fenced.

- It should be maintained as a natural environment, kept clean and light manicuring. Trimming trees and shrubs up high, takes away the habitat for some animals. The wildlife habitats should be encouraged. The preserve should under no circumstance be the home to homeless. Tempe offers assistance to homeless as do many other organizations.
- It's been perfectly fine for the last 30 years. There needs to be more enforcement of people who litter the area.
- Its good the way it is
- Keep bike/path through preserves
- Keep it as it is
- Keep motorized vehicles (including e-bikes and scooters) off the trails. Clean up the homeless population. Clean up the prostitution (curry tunnel still being used for this)
- Keep people from smoking opiates in the park and building trash structures. Keep motorized vehicles, I see motorcycles and electric motorcycles riding around on the trails every day.
- Keep public away from plants, more native plants
- Keep the butte open for people
- leave as is and don't build on it
- Leave it as natural as possible but have narrow dedicated singletrack routes for walking/hiking, running, and mountain biking
- Leave the jumps alone!
- less bike trails cutting up lanscape
- Limit activity uses to designated areas, better monitoring of ongoing activities and their impact on the environment, including animals living in the area should be implemented.
- Limited development to just paths.
- Make more trails for mountain bikers
- Making sure people have continued access to trails and the recreational activities they enjoy doing in the park so they don't make their own trails and are able to keep the areas safe. Also having signage so people understand the importance of staying on the trail, packing out what you pack in even if it's seemingly biodegradable (like orange peels) etc.
- Marked trails and no camping enforced. These camp sites litter destroy the desert as well as cause environmental and health issues.
- Marked trails, Education
- Maybe less homeless people?
- Minimal impact and developement
- More enforcement of the homeless rules
- More obvious trail routes
- More trash pick up!!
- More Trashcans for park users. Close the parking lots at sundown and reopen at sunrise.
- Native plants, removal of invasive plants, pathways
- Native trees and scrubs should be planted in areas where they have disappeared. Invasive species should be eliminated except for areas where they were once historically planted...like in the Ramada and picnic areas of the preserve.

- No more 5k or 10k running tracs at the expense of us regular park users please!
- No more building, no more golf courses!
- No vehicles. More Park Rangers.
- Not less people live there
- not qualified to answer this, but Papago park can use some major cleanup.....
- Not sure
- of course
- Once again, if you wish to have a robust dessert eco/landscape you need to have a portion of the park only for viewing. The Sonoran dessert is fragile and does not do well with intense uncaring human usage.
- Only allowing specific areas to be accessed would help. Or designating areas for specific activities.
- Over the last several thousand years, life adapted to the heat of the desert by shifting a significant amount of activity to the nighttime. Though the effects of nighttime lighting (particularly unshielded blue-white light) on humans, animals, and insects are well-documented, wildlife in this region are particularly sensitive to artificial light at night. In spite of having a particularly bright and blue downtown and arterial streetlight system which won't change much for at least a decade, Tempe has a rare opportunity to balance its impact on its preserves (and on central AZ as a whole) by ensuring that its unique wild areas remain dark. Excessive nighttime lighting isn't the only challenge the desert faces, by any means, but in combination with climate and other human impacts, it certainly doesn't help. Tempe should do what it can to limit the impact of lights in and around the park (especially the unnecessarily bright, white lighting on Curry; the lanes are separated by a median, traffic is not frequently heavy for most of the night, and there are no turn-offs for nearly the whole length through the preserve; there's no need for lighting that bright there). I speak mainly to the issue of lighting because it's my expertise, but as others have said, supporting native plants and wildlife is also very important for this preserve.
- Park Patrol, Enforcement
- Park rangers, more trash bins
- Pathways through the existing terrain, but keep mild fencing near sharp objects/cactus to avoid collisions, but preserve the beauty.
- Per previous comments, reducing the homeless, trash and over abundance of spiderweb of trails.
- Please keep traffic on established trails.
- Please preserve the climbing in this area. Help with maintenance of climbing trails to different rock routes. This has been managed extremely well by the city of Scottsdale in the McDowell Mountains. Climbing areas are limited and are a great natural resource for our desert environment. It would be a great loss to the Phoenix area climbing community if these were lost.
- Please protect the bike jumps.
- Preserve the animals in the area
- Protect the land from future developments.
- Protection of the desert should always be the highest priority.

- Public safety is important here, at times the park feels unsafe as a solo female. Reduce unhoused encampments by providing safe and reliable shelter for unhoused individuals. Enforce rules for leashing your dogs. Clearly marked mountain biking trails and climbing areas will encourage more people to use the preserves which will lead to clean ups, and more people wanting to protect the area.
- Ranger patrol
- Rangers and signage
- Reduce erosion.
- Reduced camping in these preserves would help protect the fragile desert habitats, although I appreciate that this is a complex issue to address.
- Regular cleanup and maintenance
- Reinforce strict staying on trail with park rangers and citations
- Remain uninterrupted. Keep this area clean and not changed
- Removal of invasive plant species. Soil erosion control. Trail signage and eradication/restoration of spider trails. Removal of rock climbing bolts on the landforms south of the Papago Park Playground.
- Remove homeless
- Remove spider trains, signage, education, paths, dense trees and vegetation.
- Remove unhoused camping in washes, leaving trash
- Replace lighting with Dark Sky compliant lighting to preserve the night sky and reduce light pollution. Remove invasive plant species, plant more natives. Keep it wild. Don't pave trails. Lining with rocks good.
- See my answer for "what elements are missing from the preserve?"
- Should be totally protected and seriously, no more destruction of desert for parking lots that benefit the zoo.
- Signage to let people know to stay in designated trails/ areas.
- Signage, volunteers where possible.
- Signs
- Signs discouraging off trail use. Trail maintenance to reduce erosion
- Stay on paths, no shooting, no motorcycles or dirt bikes. Sensitive lighting. Restoration of landscape that has been damaged. Coordinate with Desert Botanical Gardens. Park rangers. Set up a conservancy? Find dedicated funding via philanthropic gifts, supplemented with grant funding. Get Forest Service grants for planting a lot of desert trees. Tall pot planting would provide many young trees that are easy to plant with a high rate of thriving.
- Stop and remove the urban camping, stop homeless and drug users from living in the curry tunnel, actual police/ranger enforcement..it a beautiful preserve but urban camping ruins it and makes it dangerous for public wanting to use preserve
- Stop building residential and commercial buildings on the desert lands, make it better for use
- Stop homeless encampments
- stop people from living in and trashing it
- Team of skilled arborists to manage choice and native trees and bushes.
- The area is extremely dear to me and I recreate there several times a week. I love it so much! I love seeing the big horn on the buttes in the zoo. It's sad that the Sky Harbor flight paths cross over the park so much - it ruins the

peace and tranquility of this very special place. I would like to see the area remain as natural and undeveloped as possible. No more lights! People want lights and signs but are they really necessary??? People have cell phones with maps and gps and lights. The homeless people are a bummer but likely the solution (massive trimming of vegetation, lights, constant patrols, etc.) would be worse.

- The biggest way is to keep those without a home from trashing the preserve. Stay on trails.
- The desert environment in the preserves should be protected and preserved as a priority, without further encroachment by government or private builds on these precious islands of inner-city desert land and significant reductions in ongoing damages from human misuse and abuse. A night sky friendly environment needs to be restored to the preserves - preserve site and city lighting should be transitioned to night sky friendly options. Access to night sky views is psychologically beneficial to many of us human; absence of distracting city lights also has tremendous benefits for our nocturnal wildlife in the preserves. The city can transition its lighting, and encourage local residencies and businesses to join in by elevating their lighting to night sky friendly standards that they can proudly advertise themselves...""Tempe lights down to up the universe!""
- The jumps should be protected, good place for people like me to get out and get some air time.
- The jury jump park is contained within the constraints of signage already posted. Mountain bikers value the environment, and will agree to remain in designated area. Also, allowing us to bring in fill dirt and additional tools will enhance our ability to address runoff and erosion.
- The mountain bike and BMX jumps should be preserved. They are in great condition and have been effectively maintained by volunteers for almost 20 years. All dirt comes from the immediate sand pit area. The area has not expanded to or interfered with other areas. This type of exercise activity and action sport is a lifestyle and keeps many youth and adults in shape and out of trouble. Additionally, the price of these bicycles has gone down and allowed for historically lesser privileged demographics to participate in such an exhilarating activity.
- The mountain bike trails must be protected and preserved
- The same as all desert preserves are
- The space the dirt jumps are currently at used to be just an afterthought, plain hillside next to the water treatment facility, but locals have built it up into something special. This area has now been around long enough to be considered a landmark in the MTB community.
- ""The trail system is extensive enough for the size of this park area and those trails should be kept and identified. Adding more trails should be discouraged. Adding clusters of planting areas for desert trees and plants. Phoenix appears to have succeeded by adding a cluster of desert trees just north of the Zoo entrance, south side of Galvin Parkway along and within a drainage/wash area. Check it out. It has survived two summers and is flourishing. Add more desert Vegetation to ""The Island"" at Evelyn Hallman Pond. The not too long

planted Ironwood trees at the center to memorialize one of Tempe's most cherished landscape architects are really taking off now.

- There is a good amount of litter and occasionally unhoused camps in the papago park area
- There is a ton of trash in Papago currently. Broken glass can be found throughout most of the park as well.
- Trail signage
- Trails clearly marked to keep people/bikes/etc., on trails NOT in the desert. Stop damaging what too small amount of desert Tempe has.
- Trails should be marked. spider trails should be closed for revegetation. Erosion control for elevation changes in trafficked areas
- Trash and litter should be eliminated and rigorously policed. Tickets should be given for anyone caught littering.
- Trash clean up and removal of the homeless
- Trash should be picked up more routinely since there is a lot of it
- Utilize tough native plants, mesquite/ creosote/ prickly pear..
- We need to be more proactive about the stinknet issue. I also wonder if we could add additional access ways to cross curry between college and mill avenue for animals.
- with signs, advising consequences of harm is done in any way...hiding cameras just in case.
- Would love if the Papago diet jumps were able to stay the way they are. I grew up riding them and it would devastate me to see them go.
- Yes!
- Yes!!
- Yes!!!!!!

14. Do you have any suggestions for the maintenance and operations of the Preserves?

- Add police presence at the park south of Curry Road. Help the unhoused. Make the parks safe. I have come across needles and lots of glass.
- A well funded long last plan, that does not concentrating on developing new faculties but rather making a commitment of maintaining what you have and slowly attempts to revegetate select areas of the perserves back to the way it looked before cows were run on the land. Think like a couple hundred years ago. I would suggest a field trip to the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument if you wish to see an example of what dessertscape can be in an undamaged condition.
- Adding trash cans
- Allow climbing groups to be able to maintain existing climbing routes. Climbing organizations will do it themselves for free and maintained routes will keep help keep climbers safe and prevent people from climbing in areas that may affect the environment more.
- Areas where there are mountain bike trails need recurring trimming. Several bikers have been injured from branches that were not trimmed back.
- As long as the mountainbike jump area is here and being maintained I will continue to use the park.

- ASU & High School Students and other Citizens can be of a big help!! However, Volunteers should be educated concerning the desert flora and fauna and trail importance. A one - two hour class should be developed and offered, taught in the Classroom at the Eisendrath House. Inform and Teach folks why they must stay on trails and the fragile nature of the desert crust. Teach maintenance techniques and correct use of tools and importance to Preserve! This class or classes should not be a drudgery rather pay back & knowledge for their interest and volunteer work in the Preserves.
- Bike park/Skatepark
- Bring back the rangers. City organized cleanups. Community organized safety patrols. Hotline to report issues with a fast response time.
- City funding
- City of Tempe should be inclusive of all user recreational groups: runners, bikers, hikers and rock climbers.
- close the parking lots at sundown to prevent pollution (This does not mean close the park at sundown, just the parking lots).
- Closing these routes to climbing would introduce safety issues. The area would go unmaintained, but some people will still attempt to access it. I am doubtful that closure would reduce erosion significantly. Instead, projects that focus on improving the beauty of the area, preventing erosion, and maintaining trails will allow the park to be enjoyed by all.
- Community-based group clean-up initiatives.
- Continue to allow the informal community maintenance of the dirt jump area.
- Create a dedicated preventative maintenance budget and assume you're going to have to replace interpretative signage on a regular cycle.
- Create a volunteer program for local residents to help with maintenance, ecological monitoring, and operations of the Preserve, potentially modeled after the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy in Scottsdale or the White Tanks Mountain Conservancy in the West Valley.
- Deter drug users ?
- Develop and identity and purpose for the areas. Right now they are an underutilized resource. I use the area _3 times a week as a gateway for biking at Papago.
- Dirt jumps for BMX/Mountain Bike is too small and needs funding. Most outdoor recreation cities, such as St. George and Moab, have established and well funded bike jumps and tracks.
- Do not remove the dirt jumps! Local bike scene is booming and by removing those jumps you're removing a whole culture of dedicated trail workers who help create a fun environment for everyone on a bike. Also those trail workers are doing it for free and have been for many years!
- Doing a great job
- Don't remove mountain biking routes, more specifically the north ones you're talking about removing. Have you done a trail usage assessment? There's weekly group rides through there not to mention it easily getting you over to 64th st when you're leaving the preserve.
- Don't remove the Mountain bike Park
- Education, volunteers

- Employee people in positions that actually enjoy nature and understand how these types of parks are being utilized instead of basing everything on re-elections and photo ops.
- Engage with the users. Riders tend to take a lot better care of an area than other user groups.
- Fund it. Make it a priority for our city. Very few cities have the beauty of the unbuilt desert in the midst of their density. Educate citizens and visitors so they know how to appreciate the beauty of the desert.
- Get rangers or volunteers to help people.
- Give tickets for littering, especially cigarette butts which create a fire hazard over and above simply being litter.
- Glad to hear of the follow-through on rangers, and that consultants include qualified specialists (archeologists, ecologists, etc.).
- Great place for organized volunteers and school groups to adopt an area to maintain
- Has to happen weekly. Safety and security important. Not sure of answers to maintenance. There is so much trash
- Having designated leadership provides riders with a person to reach out to if there is maintenance needed or report unwanted modifications to existing features. This would help keep the area consistent and accessible to all riders.
- Having rangers might help with compliance. Having citizens help with some of the maintenance like trash pick up, and other tasks to feel ownership
- Help to keep erosion to a minimum.
- Host a clean up the trailday.
- how are other preserves operated and maintained ? Follow others' leads and suggestions that might work for Tempe.
- I am mainly concerned about the anchors for climbing and repelling. I heard that there was some attempt to have these anchors removed. Papago Park offers a very convenient place for new/beginner climbers to easily access and learn how to safely use PPE. Having these anchors and bolts removed would reduce public access to climbing and opportunities to practice safety principals. There are not many areas that are so easy to access from the metro Phoenix area. This is a very valuable asset to the preserve. Please the maintain safe and easy public access to climbing!
- I am too scared to go after interactions with homeless encampments and drug paraphernalia. I don't feel safe bringing my children on hikes which is a shame because it's very close to our home. We travel to scottsdale parks for walks, hiking and play places.
- I feel that the rocks in the preserve should be open to rock climbing. There are entities in the Valley with the skills to replace the top anchors and bolts with modern equipment and should be encouraged so to do.
- I have not seen many of the lights on in the park for a while and I don't know if there's reason for this but I like it this way. The animals need the dark, the people need to be deincetivized to enter the park at night. If lights must be added for some safely reason they should be low lit lights on the end of the sidewalk no taller than 1from the ground.
- I love riding the trails and paths throughout the park, both during the day and at night, and have never had any significant issues at all. So long as they're

upkept the same as they have been, I don't have any specific maintenance suggestions.

- I would enjoy hearing other opinions on changes. Mostly I'm concerned about preserving these open spaces.
- If possible reduce homeless activity
- In Hallman Park, the weekly maintenance appears to consist of just emptying the trash containers and not dealing with landscape issues such as fallen limbs and palm fronds as well as weekly maintenance of the plant growth adjacent to the bike path. There's a fine line between maintaining a 'natural' appearance and looking neglected.
- It would be nice if the tunnel that connected the north and south side was cleaner and could be ridden through without obstructions
- Keep dirt trails
- Keep homeless out!
- keep it clean of homeless and safe for users
- Keep pathway, bathrooms and ramadas maintained
- Keep rangers there
- Keep the mountain bike areas around. Provide trash cans
- Keep them preserves and continue to monitor and enforce preserve rules.
- Keep transient home building and motorcycles out.
- Keep trash picked up. Collect any dead animals. Preserve existing flora and fauna; this wildness in the middle of the metro area is irreplaceable.
- Keep trimming to the throughfares and allow other areas to be natural. I am HOPEFULL that the downed Saguaros will remain where they have fallen. These in themselves are habitat for insects, and other organisms the are supposed to be in the Sonoran Desert.
- Keep trimming trees at the lake creek from the canal.
- Keep up maintenance on LoPaino area - wood chips and garbage removal
- Keep up the good work.
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- Keep what we have. Don't develop more of it (eg concrete paths, facilities, parking lots)
- Leave the jumps alone!
- Lots of homeless...more trash collection
- Love what you guys do. Keep it up
- make sure there are rules posted for overnight camping, unleashed dogs, stuff like that. Are there any rules?
- Make water more easily accessible for trail maintenance volunteers.
- Monthly inspection of all areas and upkeep all areas to insure a safe and good public visit
- Monthly/Quarterly volunteer clean ups
- More frequent trash pickup and outreach to the unhoused community. The rules of use and criminal penalties in the ordinance should be enforced.
- More people! Limit driving in the area. Limit entrances. Work to make trails inviting and cared for through docents and regular maintenance.
- More trash cans
- more trash cans perhaps

- More trash receptacles.
- Mountain biking brings great joy to our community. We should focus on adding / improving trails while at the same time preserving the wildlife and nature God has provided us. Look at the Hawes Trail System as a beautiful example of success.
- Need a team of people that understand horticulture and how to properly trim and maintain native plant life
 - No
 - No
 - No development
 - no keep it up as it is presently done
 - No lights. No turf. Keep it natural.
 - Nope
 - Not at this time.
 - Not that I can think of
- Once the plan has been identified, more staff will be needed to put it into effect and maintain it. Any maintenance trucks need to avoid driving off trail. The rangers will help immensely and maybe someday park stewards.
- Only highly qualified, person should be able to touch a plant, path, desert dirt. PERIOD...STOP THE DAMAGE.
- Organize volunteer cleanups periodically
- Organized clean ups
- Park events that engage the community and activate the space and offer education and stewardship
- Park rangers would be a great addition for deterrence of any vandalism.
- Park rangers.
- plant cactus and desert plants
- Please continue to allow rock climbers access to these areas
- Please find a way of dealing with the homeless problem in the area because there are areas that feel really unsafe in the evening. Which is often when the trails are being used the heaviest during our never ending summer.
- Please maintain climbing access and add climbers as a formal user group. Please provide guidelines for use and maintenance of existing/ new climbing areas.
- Please preserve the few climbing routes that are there. They are a valuable asset for teaching new climbers!
- Please, clean and remove unhoused individuals. It is unsafe to allow the situation to get out of control.
- provide a contact number to alert of improper use?
- Purpose built mountain bike trails can be made to be more fun, sustainable and safe for all trail users.
- Ranger patrols for safety should be maintained. Trail maintenance should be done by park staff INCONJUNCTION with volunteers from the public. A park trash and clean up session should be done once or twice a year to keep ahead of trash.....this would be organized by city staff and staffed by volunteers from the community.

- Recognize all user groups and invite community organizations to take part in volunteer work days. See above - maintenance will be needed for existing climbing areas.
- Regularly pick up trash. If any vegetation dies, try to find out why, then replace it.
- Relax.
- Remove the homeless
- Remove unhoused camping in washes, leaving trash
- Same as above
- See above
- See above.
- See above.
- See my answer for "what elements are missing from the preserve?"
- See previous advice and keep citizens apprised of the progress and what is needed. Perhaps taxes could help.
- Signs to say no dumping on the canal. I saw a man throw his trash their, so more trash cans around the park
- Skills park
- South of curry is loud due to the Highway. Is it possible to modify this area to be wildlife only?
- Stewards or volunteers
- Stop bulldozing homeless encampments just to push them into other parts of the park.
- Stop urban camping.actual trail work to improve and create new trails..some are just loose rock paths..
- The dirt jumps should have some benches, and maybe some sort of Ramada or tent for shade. The street that runs underneath the canal is sometimes a hazard for civilians, since there are many blind spots. Some clearly marked designated crosswalks or speed bumps would be helpful.
- The maintenance workers need to walk the preserves rather than riding an all terrain vehicle
- The mountain bike single track trails should mostly be left alone. The trails naturally change over time with users carving out the pathways when there is not rain for months and then changes unexpectedly with whatever rainstorms happen during the year. Keeps it interesting, offering varying riding experiences and new challenges without adding more trails or manually modifying the existing primary trails. Rehabilitate the wide rock lined walking/running/beginner mountain bike paths that are washed out and have not been maintained. Keep the two restroom facilities at the north and south open sunrise and into the evening. Both are kept quite clean by Tempe despite the abuse they take. Allow the LoPiano Bosque Habitat area on both sides side of the Canal Trail to flourish and stop over cutting existing trees and cutting down almost every volunteer tree that could fill in empty areas with a new (Free) tree. There used to be much more shade in this zone until it was decided to over maintain this area several times a year. SRP mostly obliterated the tree canopy feeding directly off the canal in the name of maintenance, but now there is much more erosion happening to the canal bank. This is another area where much needed shade is being taken away

from Tempe. The steel shade structure at the top of the Loma Trail needs to be repainted ASAP to preserve it and the surrounding brick site walls repaired.

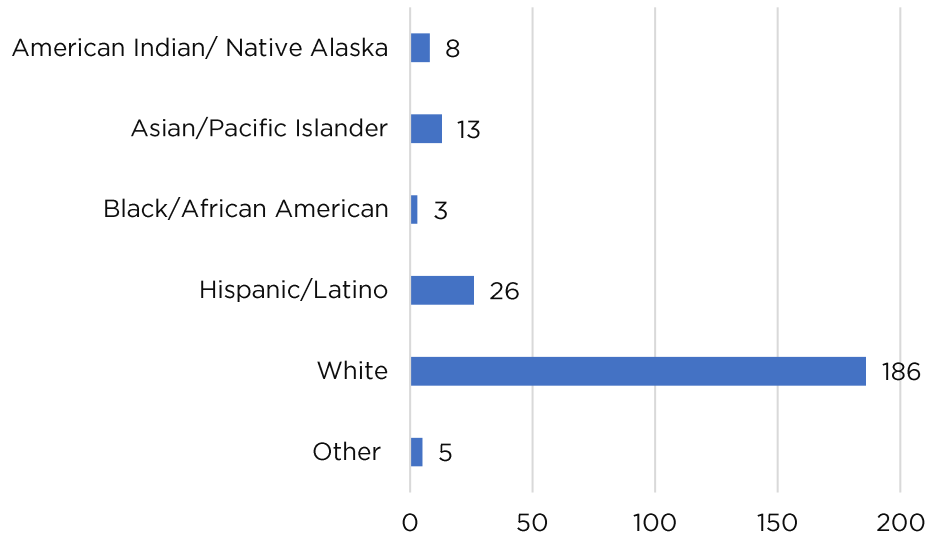
- This area is beautiful but at times feels run down and covered with garbage. I've seen full bonfires being burned in the park. The more recreation use is encouraged the more people will care to take care of the park. Public safety is important here, at times the park feels unsafe as a solo female. Reduce unhoused encampments by providing safe and reliable shelter for unhoused individuals. Enforce rules for leashing your dogs. Clearly marked mountain biking trails and climbing areas will encourage more people to use the preserves which will lead to clean ups, and more people wanting to protect the area.
- Ticket people who litter. More bike infrastructure
- To start, I'd say reach out to and work with local outdoor groups of hikers and trail runners and mountain bikers to figure out which trails are used & liked and which ones are trash. Social media is a good place to find them. Then adopt, name, and support those trails and repair the trash trails. Same with replanting. The same groups may help out with those efforts, but you may also find gardening groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and maybe related ASU colleges that may be looking for projects in their own back yard. That's where I'd start, anyway. After that I'd use your new park rangers to patrol and check on the trail conditions and create action items to clean trails, repair trails, prevent new user-made trails, address dying foliage, etc., etc., etc.
- Trash pickup days, better parking lots / pavement
- Trash pickup.
- Try to prevent social paths or cut throughs so the trails don't turn into one big dust bowl or 1 big trail.
- Use of volunteer as much as possible and use of Tempe employees to coordinate.
- Volunteer trail committee get in contact with the Hawes trail alliance to see how they started it
- Volunteers under the supervision of a paid supervisor who provides weekly training and frequent social events for the volunteers. Special long sleeved shirts for the volunteers. Station for volunteers to check in to get daily assignments. Contests. Small gift shop with Tempe items for sale.
- We need boots on the ground to effectively manage the area.
- Weekly clean ups to eliminate camps and trash
- Weekly cleanups and group get together
- With the introduction of Park Rangers, maybe some more on-foot/bike/horse (?) patrols in the "wilder" areas of the preserves, to make sure folks are okay, and also to eliminate camping and additional land destruction (BMX course). Thank you! The Preserves are awesome, and a centerpiece to the City: access to nature is vital for people, and it's a privilege to have such land area available for unstructured peaceful enjoyment.
- Yes, I have tried getting in contact with someone from park services multiple time and have never gotten email back or phone call. I have called and been told we don't know what you're even talking about. This section of mountain biking and BMX has been her for over 30 year with a main guy names Tony Osuka maintaining the area for that time. Over thousands of hour have been

put into location at no cost to the city or park. Every time SRP or City Park official have come out we have been polite and professional even have asked if it's okay and have always been told it's Grey area. The removal of this location would definitely upset a whole community of riders and even hikers. I have personally spent close to 250 and my own money on equipment and have tried to keep the place as clean as I can. I have held 2 events at the location at my own cost to give back to the community. Was even planning to hold another event in December for the community. I know many people that have also put in the same amount of work to keep the place clean and running for people to enjoy. The Papago Dirt Jumps are also know internationally due to social media. I have meet many people that have traveled specifically to Tempe to enjoy what that location has to offer. I personally will be at the next meeting to hopefully bring attention to that fact that this is something we must save and preserve for future generations.

IV. Demographics

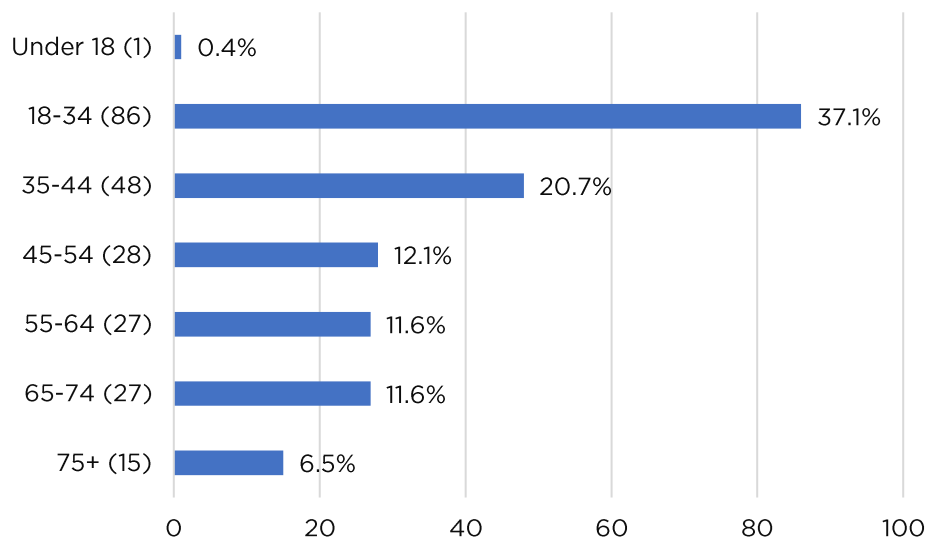
The City of Tempe wants to better understand how well it is serving community members. Collecting demographic data allows the city to effectively plan and distribute its programs and investments. The collection of data provides a more precise picture of current Tempe residents and businesses. Providing this information is highly encouraged and helpful to the city, but it is not mandatory.

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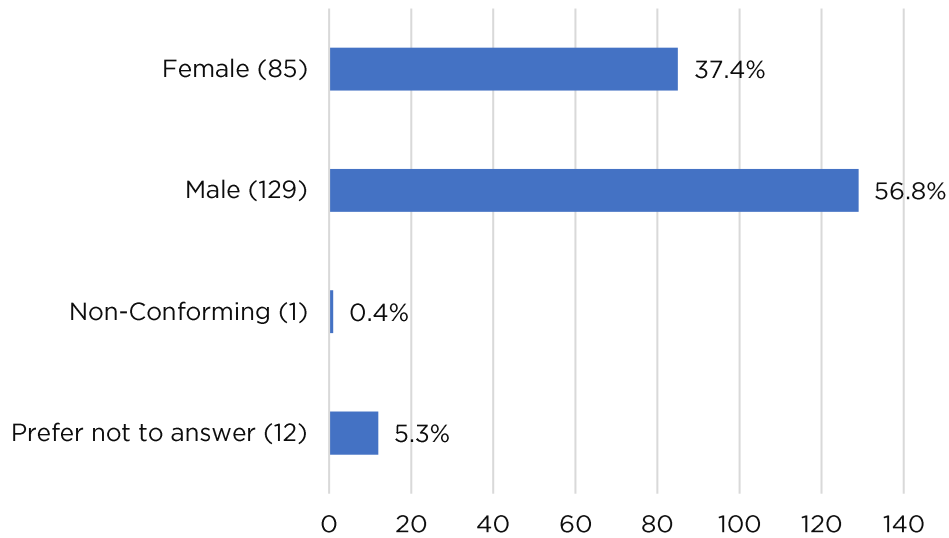
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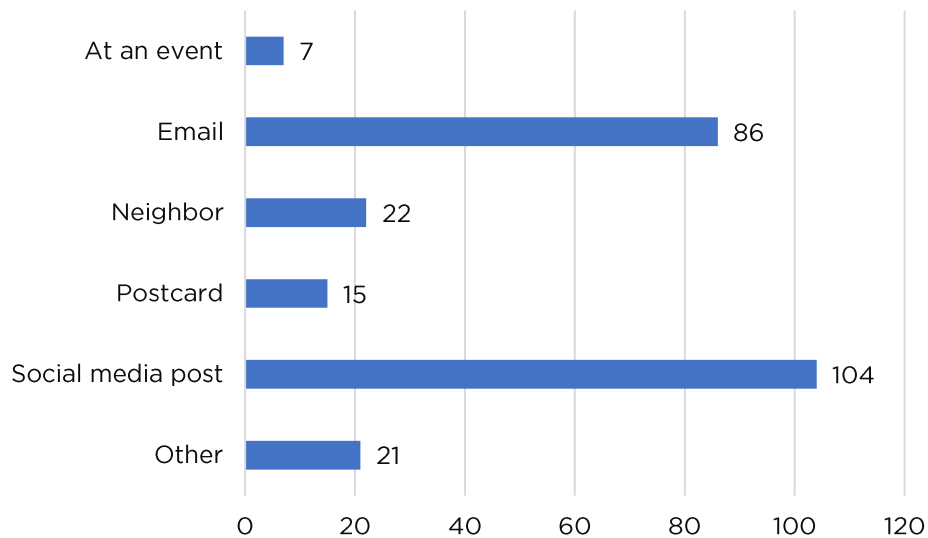
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Gender:



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How did you hear about this survey? Check all that apply



Responses: 229

V. Emails

- Received Nov. 13, 2023: Hi will this night talk include Papago a park and A mountain. We obsvs live near a mountain And walking said distance from Papago - sort of. We need new transit too and from. A shuttle from downtown to DBG etc
- Received Nov. 13, 2023: Thanks yes it's difficult To access via Earth And yet parking is a Premium