

Albemarle County Parks & Recreation (ACPR)

- ACPR Department Updates
- Parks Planning Updates (Crozet Development Area)
- Conservation Workshop Feedback (Parks/Trails)

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ACPR Updates: General

- New position: Chief of Parks Planning (February 2020)
- Crozet Park playground installation (July 2020)
- New County website (August 2020) - 2 web editors from ACPR
- COVID-19 response (March 2020 - ongoing)



ACPR Updates: COVID-19

- Most County Parks facilities/amenities were closed ... but parks and trails remained OPEN to the public
- Launch of “Park Ambassadors” program (April 3)
 - Educate and inform parks visitors about COVID safety precautions
 - Monitor park use and trail use, and request assistance as needed
 - Support and assist parks visitors during a time of increased use

ACPR Updates: COVID-19

- Major increase in visitation to County Parks:

Measured by Volume: (Total, All County Parks, March 15 - July 28, 2020)

- Total # of Vehicles Counted at County Parks = 360,527
- Estimated Total # of Visitors (People) in County Parks = 901,317

Measured in Year-to-Year Increase: (By Park, May 2019 v. May 2020)

- Mint Springs Valley Park = 45% increase (3,409 vehicle increase)
- Beaver Creek Park = 61% increase (2,533 vehicle increase)

ACPR Updates: Parks & Greenways Planning

- Crozet Parks & Green Systems Plan
 - Lickinghole Creek Greenway acquisitions:
 - Sparrow Hill (complete)
 - Chesterfield Landing (in progress)

Location of Sparrow Hill greenway dedication

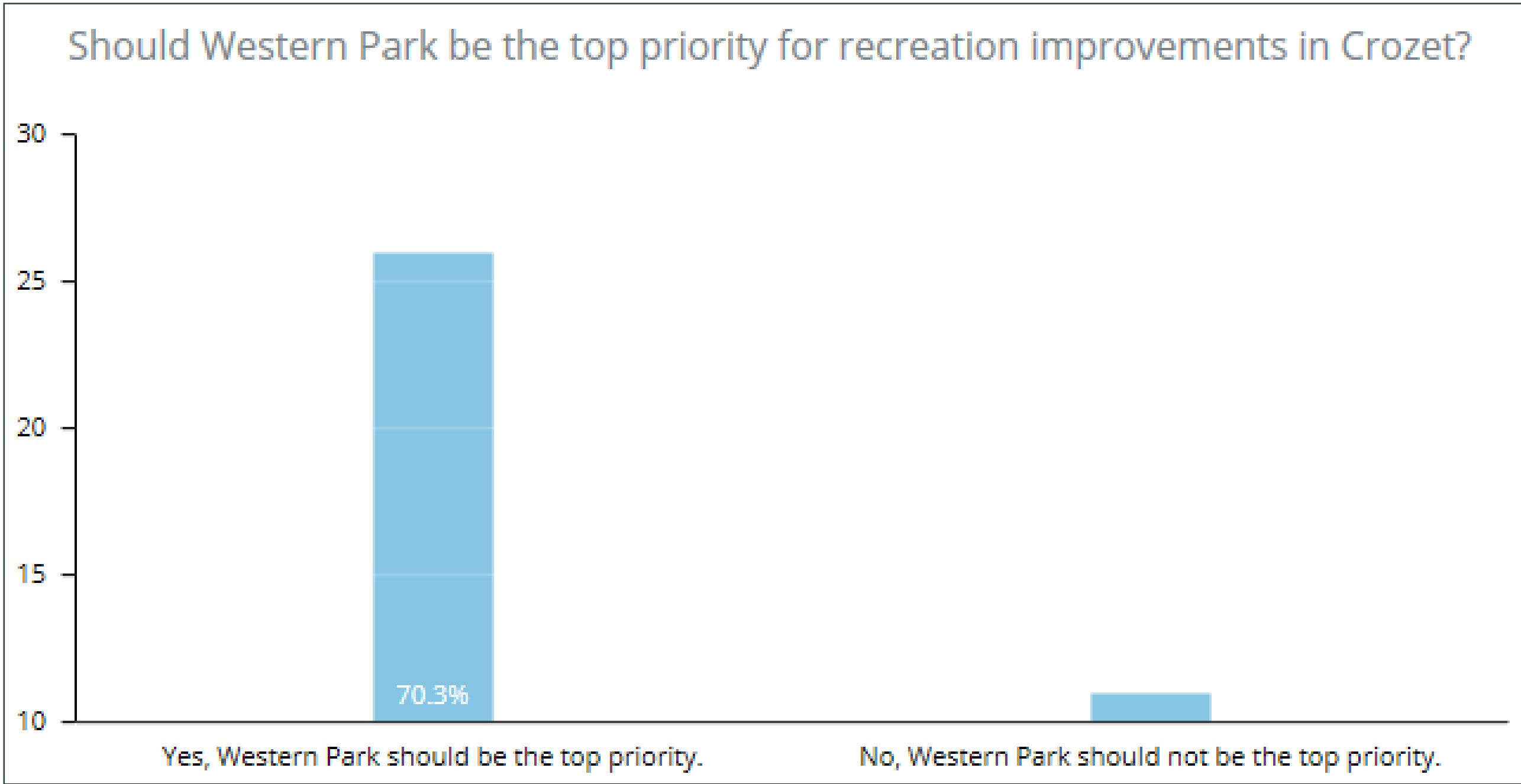


ACPR Updates: Parks & Greenways Planning

- The Plaza at Barnes Lumber
 - Ongoing collaboration with County, CNTA, and DCI
- Western Park
 - Increasing coordination among County staff in multiple Departments; evaluating feasibility of potential partnership with MMP

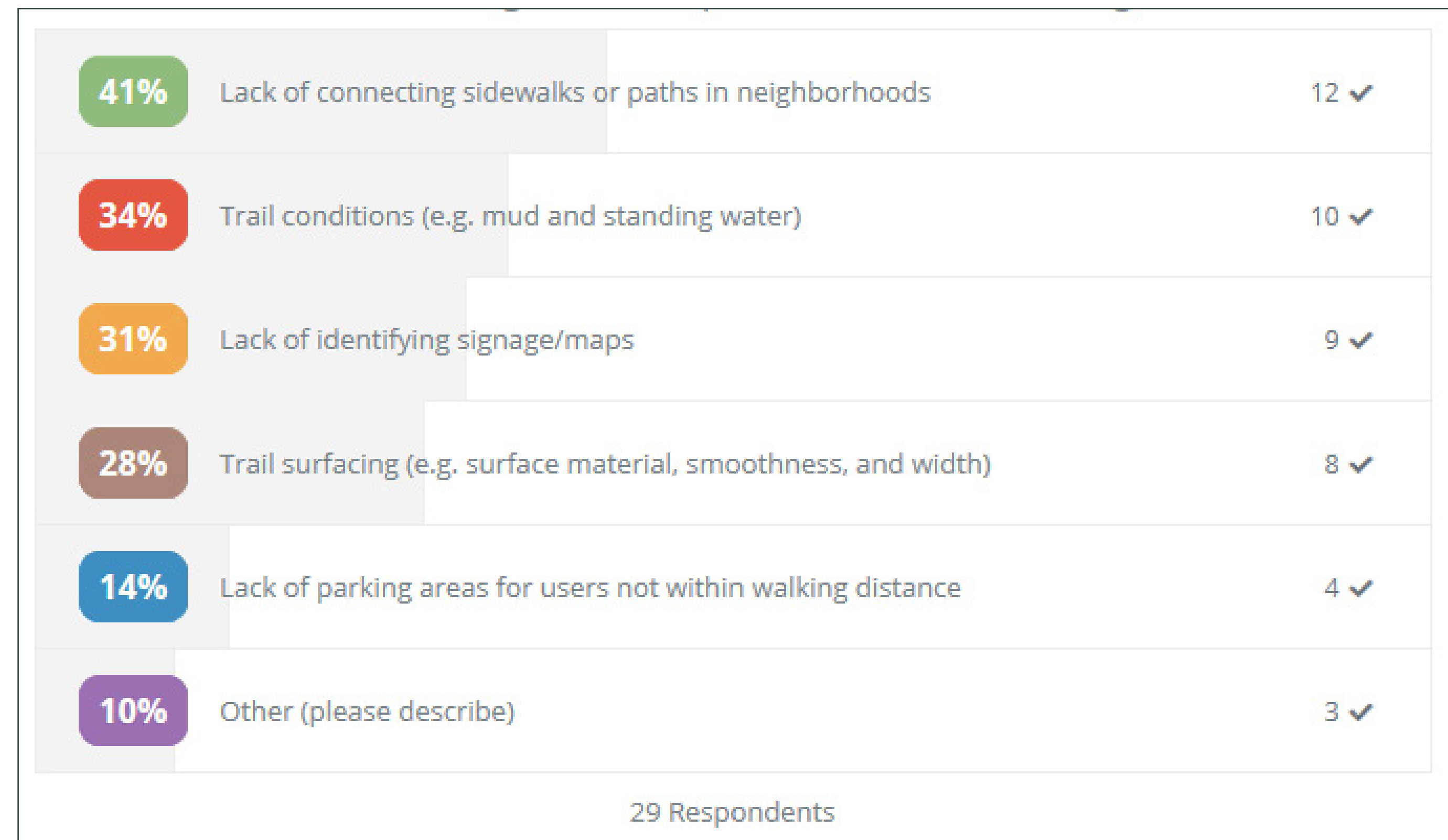
Conservation Workshop Feedback

- The top recreation priority in Crozet is the development of Western Park
 - (26 of 37 total respondents)



Conservation Workshop Feedback

- Obstacles to trail access include:
 - Trail conditions (maintenance issue)
 - Trail type (materials issue)
 - Limited interconnectivity
 - Lack of vehicular access



Thank You!

Contact me with questions, ideas, suggestions, and more:

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