

**Iliff and Bellaire Park Master Plan  
Public Engagement Summary – Phase I  
Conducted August, September and October 2022**

Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) launched a master planning and community engagement process in summer 2022, which will lead to the design and construction of a new neighborhood park in southeast Denver at E. Iliff Avenue and S. Bellaire Street. The first phase of community engagement for the master plan sought to determine community desires and hopes for the new park. The community touch points included a virtual community meeting; an in-community “pop-up” event; and a community survey.

The first of three virtual community meetings was held on September 15, 2022. Over the course of the 60-minute meeting, 41 participants received an overview of the planning process and the existing conditions at the future park property and provided many comments about how they would use and what they would like to see in the new park. The meeting included several polling questions.



**NEW PARK AT ILIFF + BELLAIRE**

**JOIN THE COMMUNITY MEETING**  
UNIRSE LA REUNIÓN DE LA COMUNIDAD

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022  
JUEVES  
SEPTIEMBRE 15, 2022  
5:30-6:30 PM

Register online for Zoom meeting.  
Regístrate para la reunión de Zoom.  
[bit.ly/uhillsparkmtng](http://bit.ly/uhillsparkmtng)

Use [join.us](https://www.usa.gov/join-us) for a virtual public meeting to discuss the future of the new park at Iliff and Bellaire Street. Learn about the project and share your ideas for the future of the park at Iliff.

Visit Denver Parks and Recreation at [denverparks.org](https://www.denverparks.org) for project information and opinion survey.

Visita Denver Parks and Recreation at [denverparks.org](https://www.denverparks.org) para obtener información sobre el proyecto y encuesta de opinión.

Únase a nosotros para la reunión o la sesión virtual para discutir el futuro del nuevo parque en Iliff y Bellaire Street; aprende sobre el proyecto y comparte sus ideas sobre lo que debería ser el nuevo parque.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
Spanish language interpretation services will be provided. Se proporcionarán servicios de interpretación en español.

A sign language interpreter or OMR will be provided. Don't speak? Please request sign, interpreters included. Contact: 303.733.4200 or [denverparks@denvergov.org](mailto:denverparks@denvergov.org)

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**MÁS INFORMACIÓN:**  
Se proporcionará un intérprete de lenguaje de señas o OMR si se solicita. Se incluye un intérprete de señas y un intérprete de idiomas. Contacto: 303.733.4200 o [denverparks@denvergov.org](mailto:denverparks@denvergov.org)

Para cualquier otra solicitud de acomodación pública o de preocupaciones, visite: [denvergov.org](https://www.denvergov.org)

DENVER PARKS & RECREATION GAME PLAN for a Healthy City

On September 24, 2022, the planning team attended the **University Hills Plaza Farmer’s Market** from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Members of the planning team engaged neighbors to provide information about the new park planning process, to solicit ideas and comments from local residents, and to encourage people to take the online survey.

An **online public survey** was advertised and made available from August 25, 2022, through October 15, 2022. Community members were surveyed about their desires and hopes for the new park. It was advertised via fliers, emails, social media, the Farmer’s Market event (see above), newsletters sent to the community and on the City and County of Denver website. The survey received 307 responses.

Most of the 307 people who responded to the online public survey live close to the park: 80% can walk/roll to the park from their homes; and almost half live within a ½ mile from the park. Almost everyone (99%) said they will use the park at least occasionally, with the largest cohort indicating they would visit the park weekly. 54% are families with children – mostly with children aged 0 to 5 years.





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## Key Themes and Take-aways from Phase 1:

### ***Make the park safe for all visitors:***

- Ensure that people experiencing homelessness do not deter other visitors from enjoying the new park
- There is illegal drug use and crime in the area; concern that it will occur in the new park
- Consider fencing around the park perimeter
- Consider security lighting or curfews to discourage nighttime gathering in the park.
- Nearby street enhancements such as bike lanes and crosswalks to improve pedestrian access to the park

### ***Plan for a variety of users, especially families with children and dog owners:***

- There are many families in the area with small children
- Many respondents expressed desire to have a park specifically designed for children, including kids under 5 years old
- Many neighbors are dog owners
- Currently there are no nearby parks to take dogs
- Provide at least some opportunity for dog owners at the park, whether a dedicated fenced dog-off-leash area or simply a place to walk dogs

### ***Include a playground, inviting plantings, trails, and shade:***

- Playground(s) that are designed for kids 0 to 5 years old and also for older kids
- Playground that is ADA accessible
- A splash pad, if possible.
- Community and/or ornamental gardens
- A setting for visitors who want to enjoy nature
- Pack the small space with beautiful plantings/a hidden garden
- Native plantings & xeriscape
- Plenty of shade trees
- Some structures with shade coverings, such as picnic tables
- Walking trails that are accessible to all
- Trails for rolling (strollers, wheelchairs, scooters, kid bikes, skateboards)

### ***Ensure the park is well-maintained***

- Adequate funding for ongoing maintenance
- Plenty of trash receptacles and dog waste disposal bags

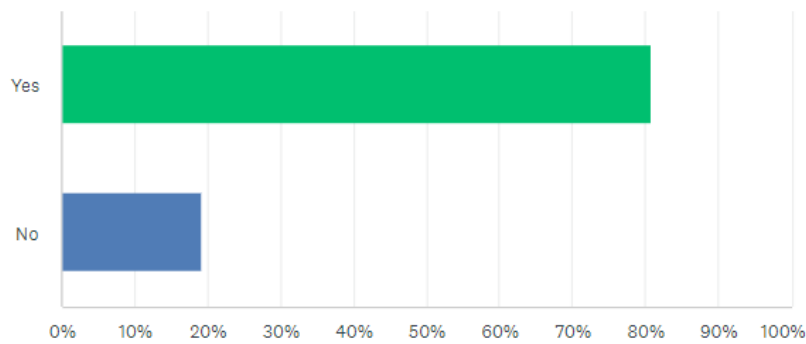


### Detailed Results of the Public Survey Questions:

Below are the most pertinent questions and answers from the survey.

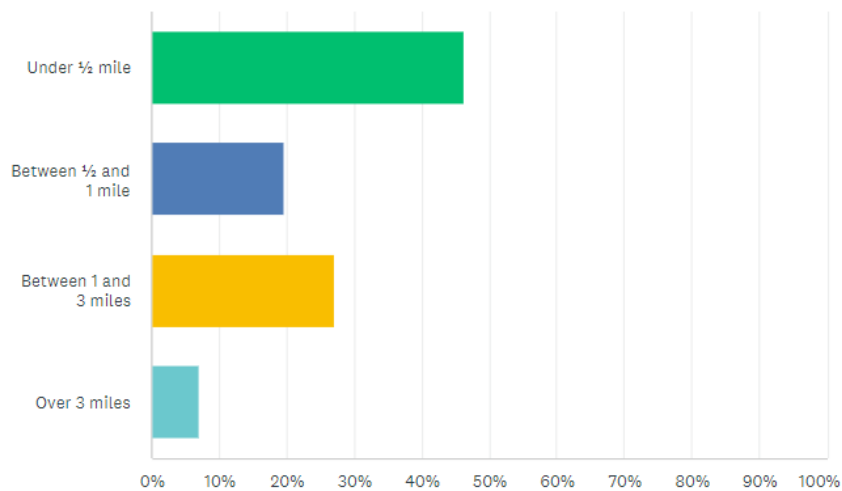
#### Can you walk/roll to the new park from your home?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 5



#### Approximately how far is the new park from your home?

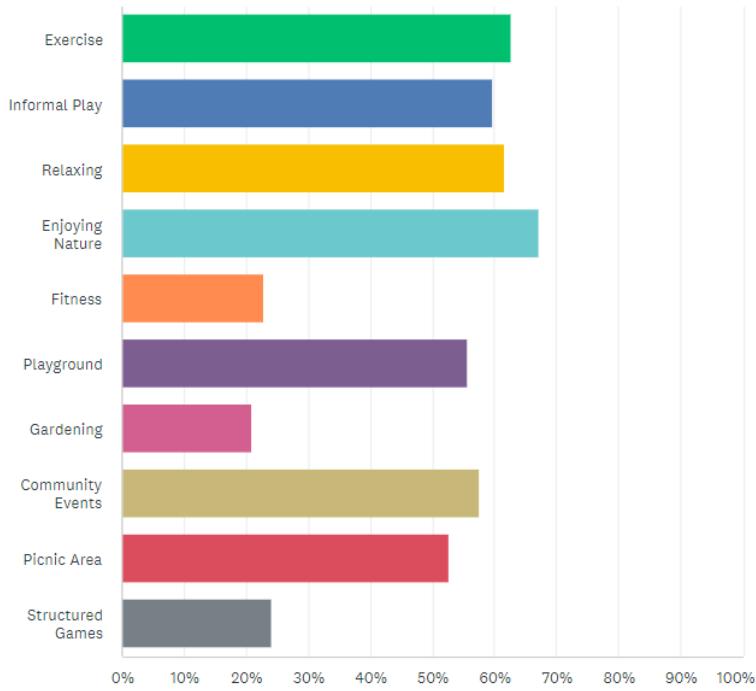
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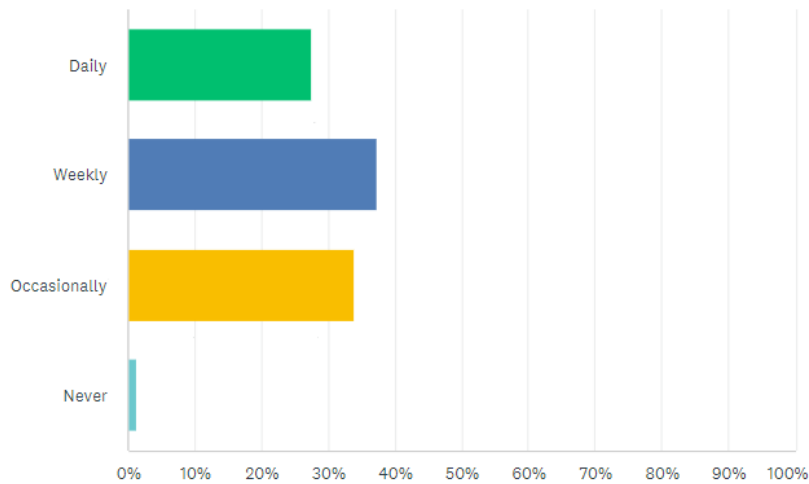
How do you want to use a new park? Select all that apply.

Answered: 302 Skipped: 5



How often would you use the park at Iliff and Bellaire?

Answered: 306 Skipped: 1



What age are the children in your household? Please select all that apply:

Answered: 286 Skipped: 21

