



Public Event Memo

To: Mike Kaputa, Chelan County
Peshastin Community Council
Bill Goebel

From: SCJ Alliance

Date: January 30, 2024

Project: Peshastin Community Park

Subject: Public Workshop

Introduction:

This memo is to summarize community engagement efforts and the results of public feedback for the Peshastin Mill site.

Community Workshop at Peshastin Memorial Hall

1 Event planning

1.1. Advertisement

Physical and social media flyers for the event were prepared by SCJ Alliance in both English and Spanish.

- ◆ Event was advertised on social media by Peshastin Community Council and the Chelan County Natural Resources Department
- ◆ Physical flyers were posted by Peshastin Community Council around Peshastin
- ◆ KPQ wrote two articles describing the project and the public workshop.



Community Park Alternatives

PESHASTIN MILL SITE

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

We want your input on the future of the Peshastin Mill Site! Join us for an in-person workshop to share your opinions on design concepts for a community park. Review graphics and boards, provide feedback on preferred alternatives, and make your voice heard!



EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday, January 30th, 2024, 6:30p-8:00p

LOCATION: Peshastin Memorial Hall
10204 Main Street,
Peshastin, WA 98847

PRESENTED BY: SCJ Alliance, Chelan County Natural Resources Department, and the Peshastin Community Council

QUESTIONS?

Contact members of the Peshastin Community Council by scanning the QR code below or following this link: bit.ly/peshastincc




Alternativas de Parques Comunitarios

EL SITIO DEL MOLINO DE PESHASTIN

TALLER DE PARTICIPACIÓN PÚBLICA

¡Queremos su opinión sobre el futuro del sitio del Molino de Peshastin! Únase a nosotros en un taller en persona para compartir sus opiniones sobre conceptos de diseño para un parque comunitario. Revise los gráficos y ejemplos, brinde comentarios sobre las alternativas preferidas y haga oír su voz.



DETALLES DEL EVENTO

FECHA: Martes, Enero 30, 2024, 6:30p-8:00p

UBICACIÓN: Peshastin Memorial Hall
10204 Main Street,
Peshastin, WA 98847

PRESENTADO POR: SCJ Alliance, Departamento de Recursos Naturales del Condado de Chelan, y el Consejo Comunitario de Peshastin

¿PREGUNTAS?

Comuníquese con los miembros del consejo comunitario de Peshastin escaneando el Código QR o siguiendo este enlace: bit.ly/peshastincc



1.2. Event details

January 30, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Peshastin Memorial Hall

1.3. Attendance

31 people signed in at the event, including:

- Chelan County Staff Members and Chelan County Commissioner
- Peshastin Community Council
- SCJ Alliance project team

1.4. Event set up

The SCJ team provided snacks and water for people to enjoy as they walked around the room.

Upon entering, community members were provided with a sign-up sheet and asked to fill out a survey. Those are included at the end of this memo and summarized below.



Sign-in table, and examples of photo boards displayed at the workshop

Boards were set up around the room that provided context for the project and illustrated alternatives ranging from maintaining the existing site to a high impact traditional “park” space. Next to each site map were boards illustrating park features and amenities that participants could vote on.

1.5. Introduction

Steve Keene (Peshastin Community Council), Mike Kaputa (Chelan County Natural Resources), Brandon Mauseth (SCJ Alliance), and Caitlin Mehall (SCJ Alliance) introduced the project and provided a background for why this workshop was taking place. Mike clarified that this property is currently privately owned, and it is not known who would own a future park. The design team has been working alongside the current property owner (Bill Goebel) and Bill is in full support of Chelan County and the Peshastin Community Council working with the community to evaluate park concepts and alternatives to further consider locating park uses on his property. Bill was unable to attend the meeting, SCJ Alliance and Chelan County staff had a review meeting with Bill prior to the workshop to review the alternatives and agenda for the workshop. Bill and Chelan County discussed scenarios for the property and what that relationship would require, Bill is open to explore options from lease agreements to change of ownership. Mike also corrected misinformation that had been circulating online that several organizations outside of Chelan County had been involved in the project, such as, the National Park Service. Mike clarified the current stage of the project and that the community engagement stage we're currently completing and evaluating alternatives is our primary focus. As the project progresses there will be opportunities to engage other stakeholders, if needed or required.

A few community members asked questions about:

- ◆ Ownership of the shoreline and clarifying that is Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) property. A representative was present and discussed interest in following the project for understanding of impact and opportunities. WDFW described basic maintenance operations along the property, need for access and interest in coordination on parking lot improvements.
- ◆ Several community members expressed concern for improvements such as "Sports Fields". Generally, this was focused on environmental impacts (previous activities at the site and mitigation requirements), environmental (protecting animals and habitat) to the property, increased use and density (overcrowding), traffic impacts, types of organized events and if who that type of use would draw in, and if that's what the community really wanted. Caution was also raised as to whether the sports fields would be used. There was also concern if that type of use was compatible with other activities.
- ◆ A citizen referenced a planning document completed for the City of Leavenworth that included types of sports fields in the area and levels of use. Suggested looking into previous planning documents for information already completed.
- ◆ Several citizens asked about access to the Peshastin Community (existing or additional bridge). Citizens pointed out that there is only one access to Peshastin.
- ◆ A representative with Ski Winter Sports Club explained their involvement on the property grooming for winter trail maintenance (cross-county skiing), mountain biking, trail building and general maintenance and upkeep. They explained they volunteer their time to do this. They also provide a public porta-potty (temporary restroom) for the users of the property. They are interested in continuing to use the property to support outdoor activities for the community. They would like to stay involved in the process to further consider improvements to Mr. Goebel's property.

- ◆ A citizen asked if Peshastin Council had been involved in the preliminary discussions and consideration of if this was driven by 1 person. Peshastin Council confirmed they have been involved in preliminary discussions and updates.

1.6. Community Feedback

1.6.1. Sticker boards

After the introduction and Q&A, attendees were encouraged to walk around the room and interact with the boards and place stickers on examples of uses and amenities that they would like to see at this location.

The photos below show the results of the sticker boards.

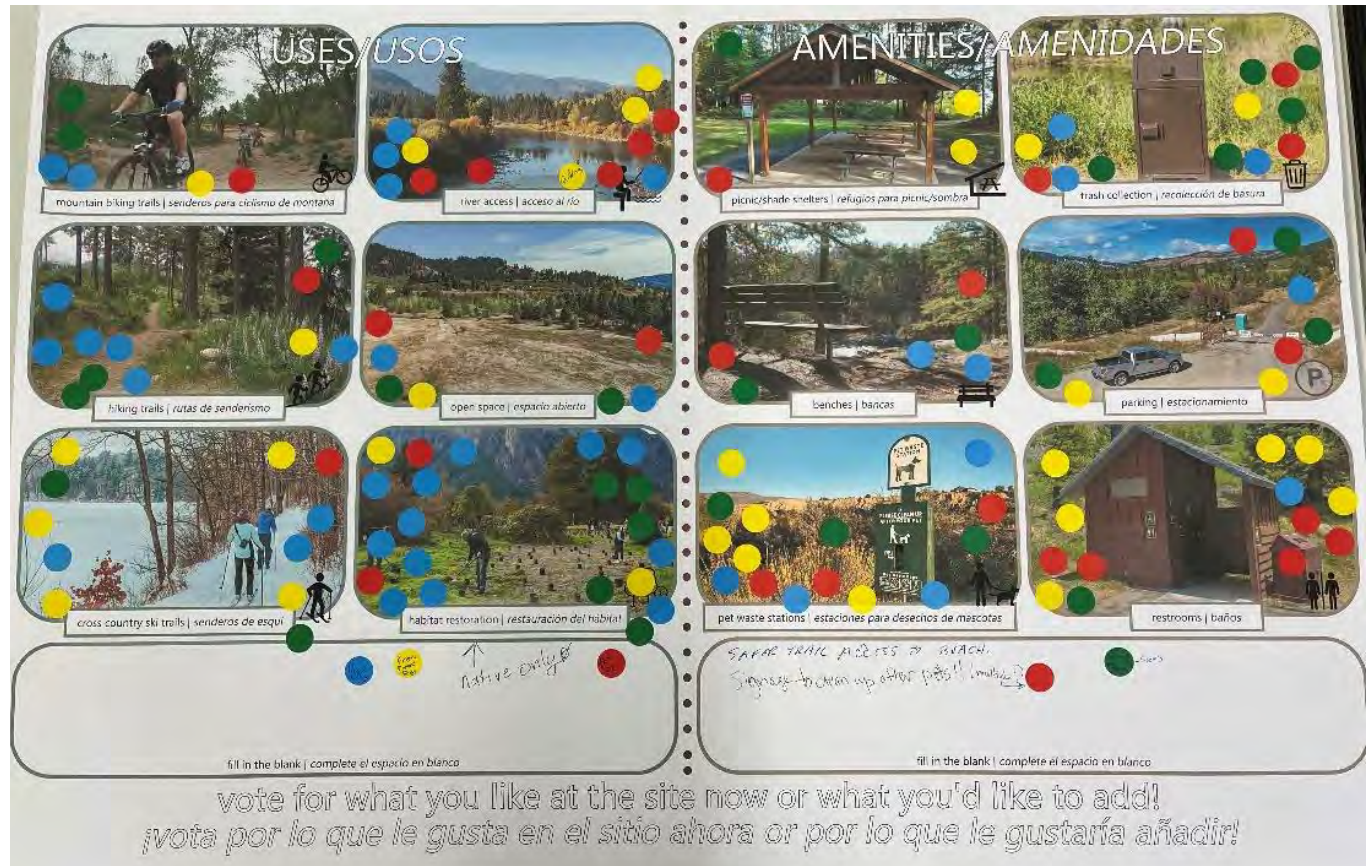
Passive/Medium Impact sticker board



The fill-in-the-blank section had the following responses:

- Horse riding
- Free range dogs
- Pick up after dogs
- BBQ pit
- History of site [referring to the interpretive trail signs]

Existing/Low Impact sticker board



The fill-in-the-blank section had the following responses:

- Fishing [referring to river access]
- Native only [referring to habitat restoration]
- Free range dogs
- Horse riding
- BBQ pit
- Safer trail access to beach
- Signage to cleanup after pets!! (multiple!)
- History of site [referring to interpretive trail signs]

Active/High Impact sticker board



The fill-in-the-blank section had the following responses:

- Fields unnecessary
- Bird habitat around wetland
- Multimodal trail

In general, attendees gravitated toward the existing/low impact and the passive/medium impact boards.

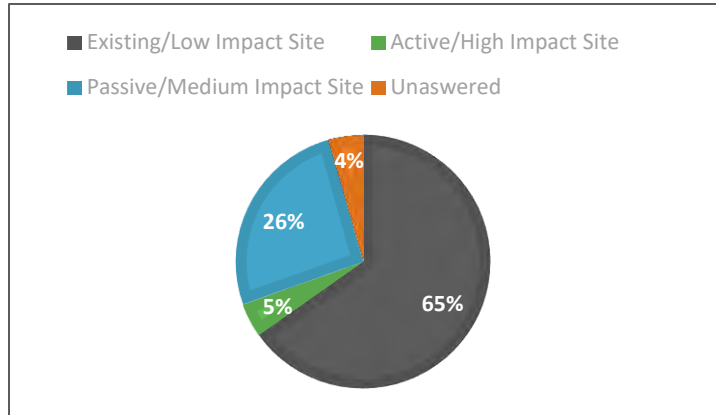
Attendees had the following conversations with SCJ Alliance:

- Would like more detailed information about the environmental issues with the property related to past Mill Site activities. Buried wood debris at risk of contamination and combustion. There was also general concern about past industrial type activities and materials used.
- One citizen commented that they frequently ride horses on the property, asked to consider equestrian use.
- A lot of community members spoke about the desire to restore habitat and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

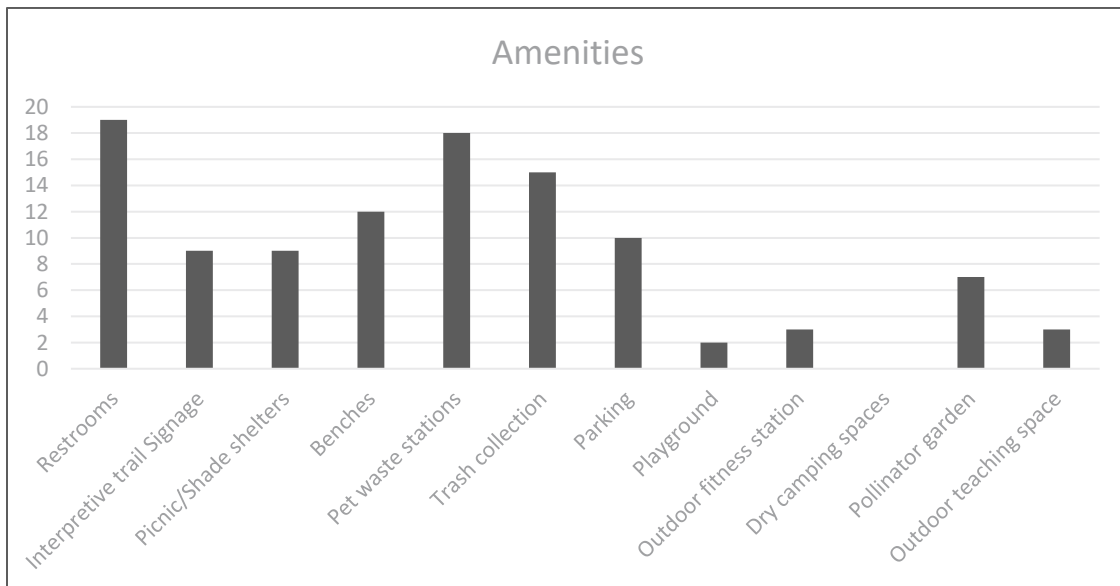
- A couple citizens commented on bird habitat along the river and wetland to support bird watching.
- A lot of citizens discussed both the desire to have areas to walk their dogs but also the need for dog owners to manage their pets. Liked the idea of trash cans and pet waste stations.
- One community member liked the idea of dry camping ability in this location but also recognized that could have negative impacts on the property and experience for others as a public space.

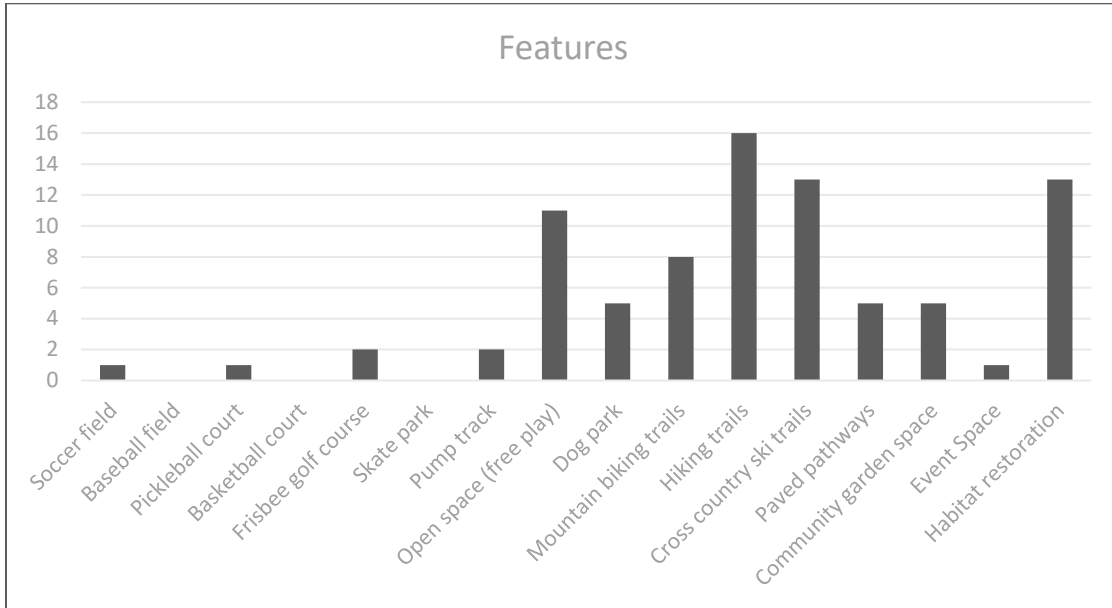
1.6.2. Survey Results

The survey gathered data from 23 completed responses, with one originating from the Hispanic community. Results indicate that the community favors maintaining an existing or low impact park at the Peshastin Mill site. Out of the 23 surveys, 15 expressed a preference for a low impact development, 6 for a medium impact development, 1 for a high impact development, and 1 response was left unanswered.

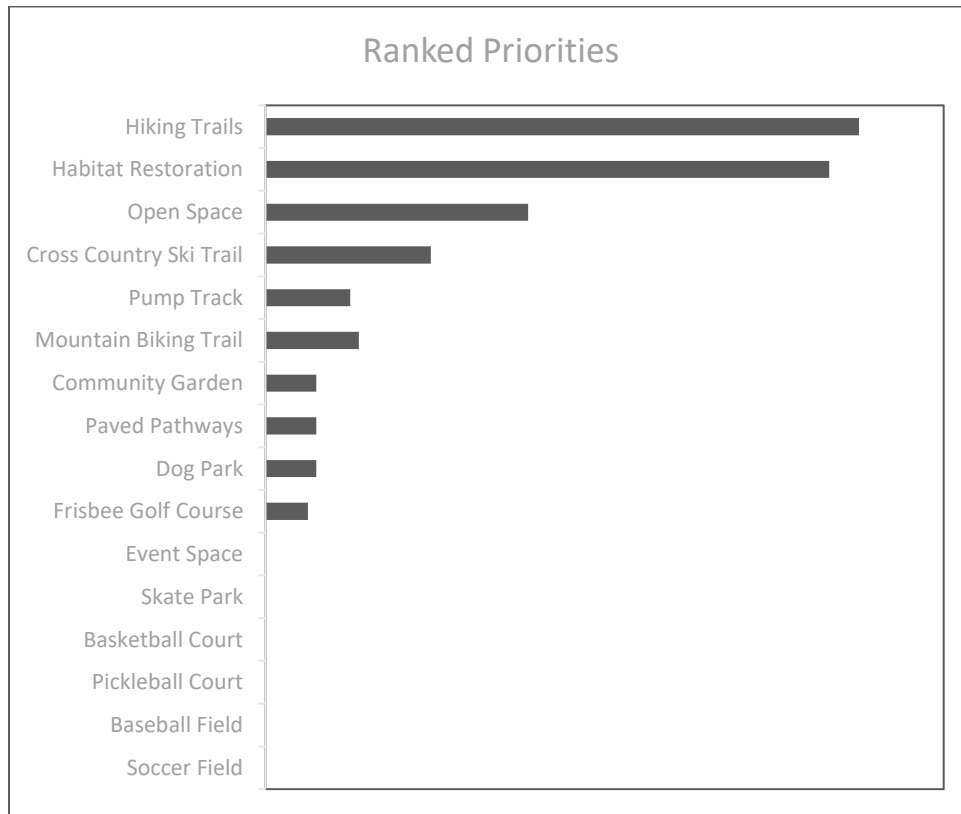


The community was also surveyed to determine their desired features and amenities for the site. The most favored features included hiking trails, habitat restoration, and cross-country ski trails. As for amenities, restrooms, pet waste stations, and trash collection were among the most preferred options.





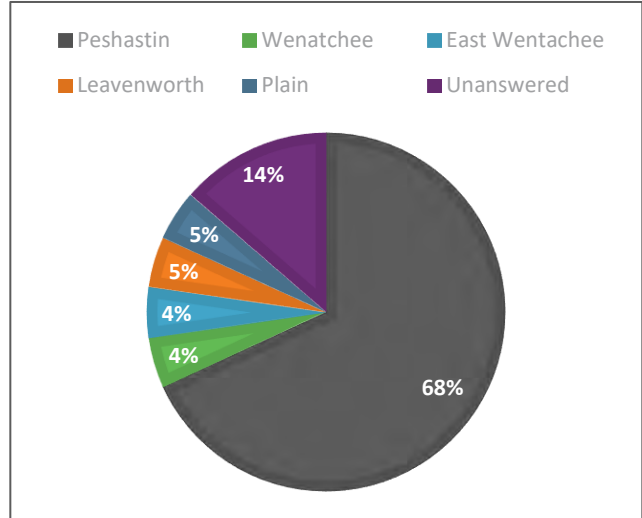
Survey participants were asked to rank their preferred site features. A summary of the ranked features is below.



The survey results also provide insights into various aspects of the community’s demographics and preferences which include the following:

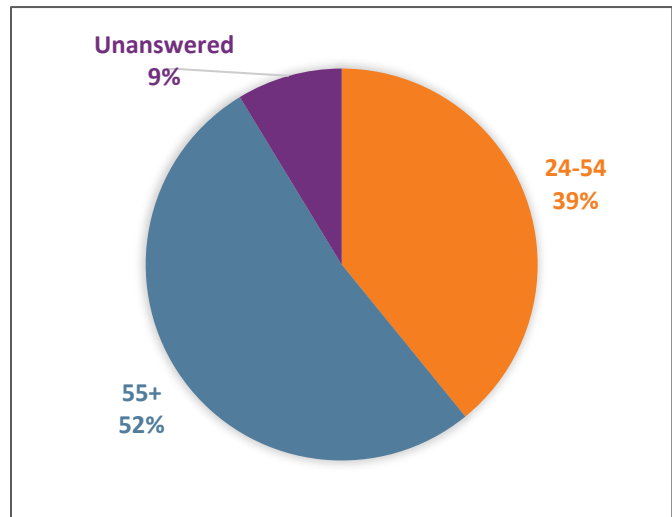
1.6.2.1. Residence

Among the respondents, 15 identified as Peshastin residents, while one respondent each hailed from Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Leavenworth, and Plain. Three respondents did not provide an answer regarding their place of residence.



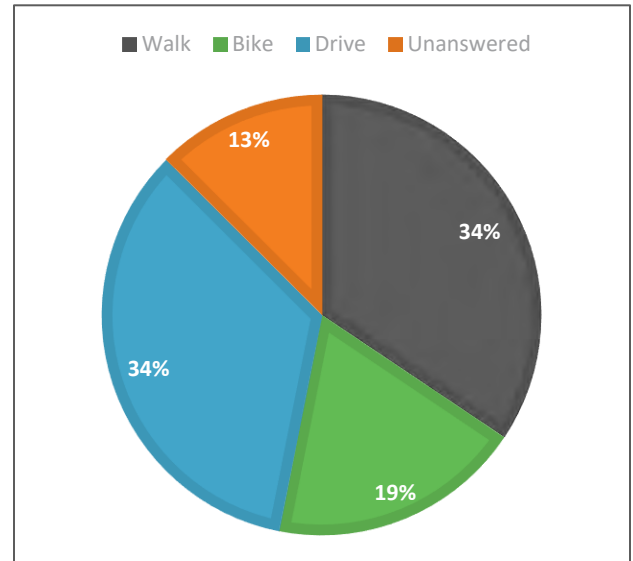
1.6.2.2. Age Groups

The majority of respondents, numbering twelve, fell within the age range of 55 or older. Meanwhile, nine respondents were aged 25-54 years, with two respondents leaving this question unanswered.



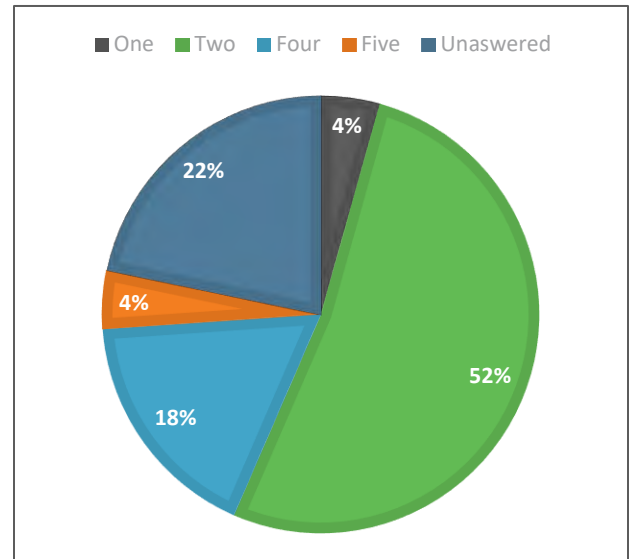
1.6.2.3. Site Access

Respondents indicated diverse means of accessing the site, with 11 respondents opting for walking, six for biking, and another 11 for driving. Four respondents did not specify their preferred mode of access.



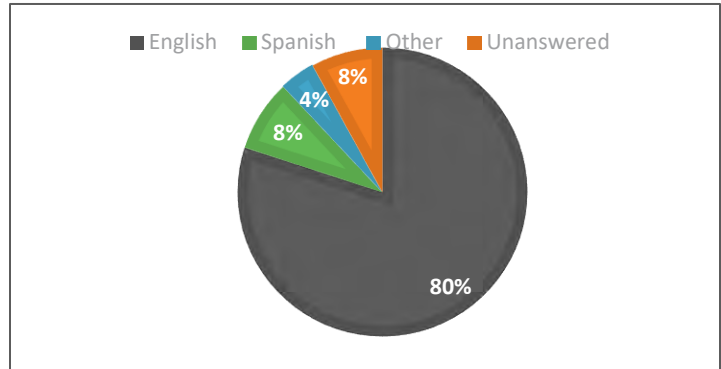
1.6.2.4. Household Size

Most respondents reported a household size of two people, totaling 12 respondents. One-person households were reported by one respondent, while four-person and five-person households were reported by four and one respondents, respectively. Five respondents did not answer this question.



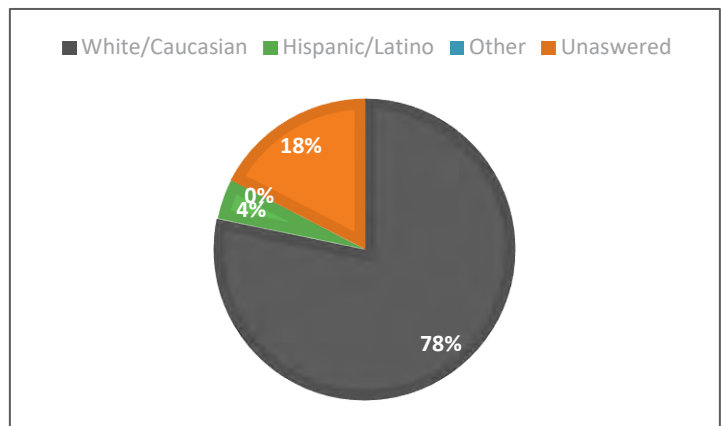
1.6.2.5. Primary Language

English was the primary language for the majority of respondents, with 20 indicating it as their language of choice. Two respondents preferred Spanish, while one respondent selected "Other." Two respondents did not provide an answer.



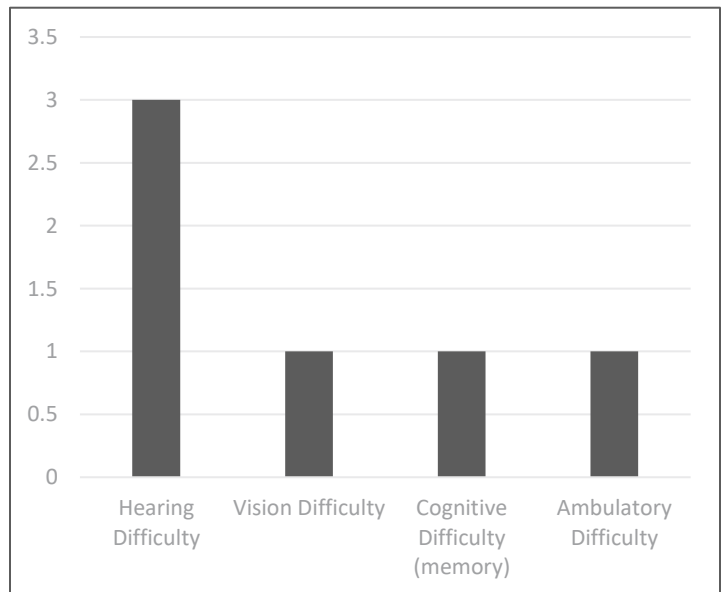
1.6.2.6. Race

The data shows that 18 respondents identified as White/Caucasian, one as Hispanic/Latino, and none selected "Other" for race. Four respondents did not answer this question.



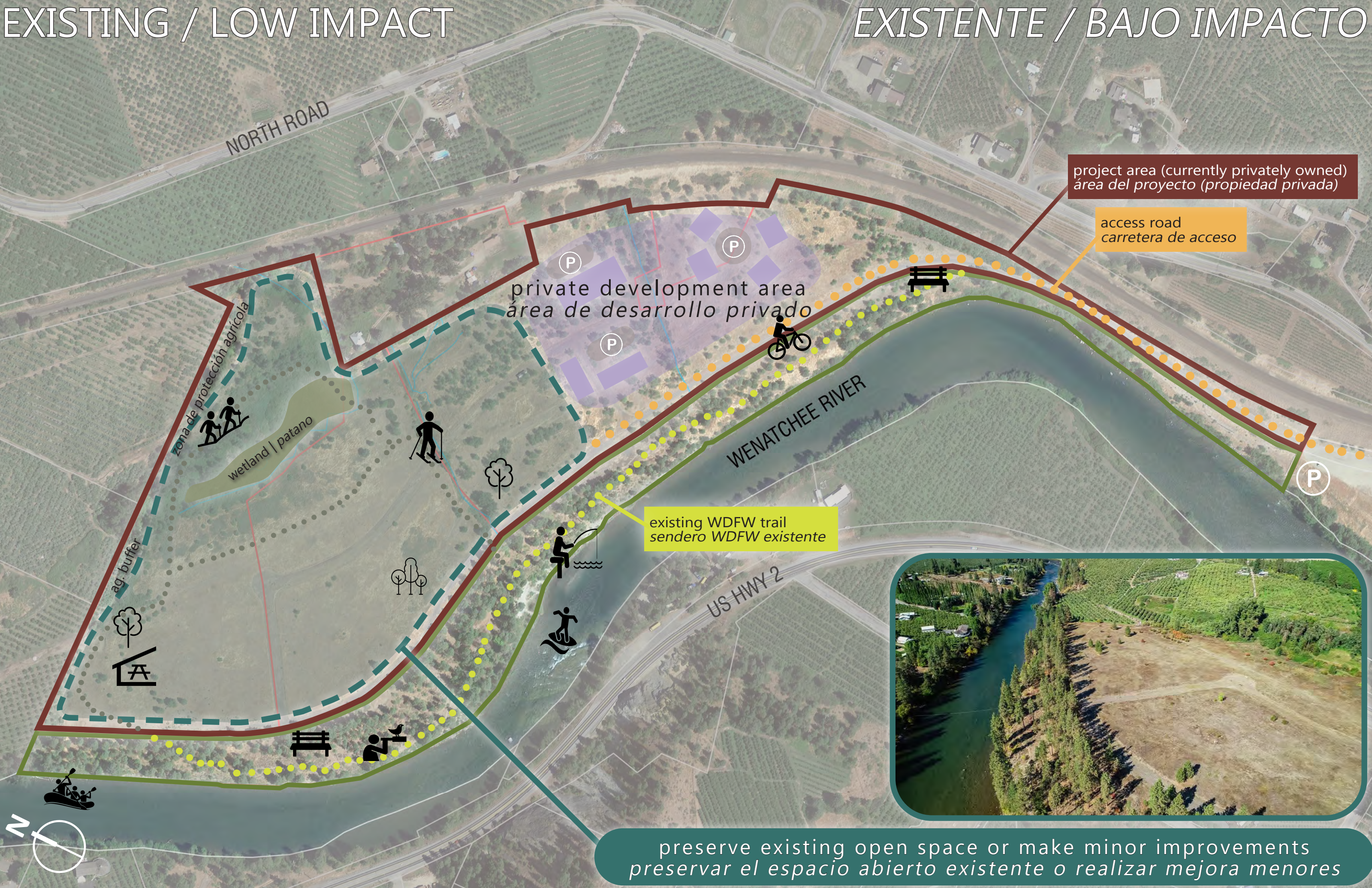
1.6.2.7. Disabilities

Regarding disabilities, respondents reported various challenges, with three indicating hearing difficulty, one vision difficulty, one cognitive difficulty (memory), and one ambulatory difficulty.



EXISTING / LOW IMPACT

EXISTENTE / BAJO IMPACTO



project area (currently privately owned)
área del proyecto (propiedad privada)

access road
carretera de acceso

private development area
área de desarrollo privado

existing WDFW trail
sendero WDFW existente



preserve existing open space or make minor improvements
preservar el espacio abierto existente o realizar mejora menores

USES/USOS



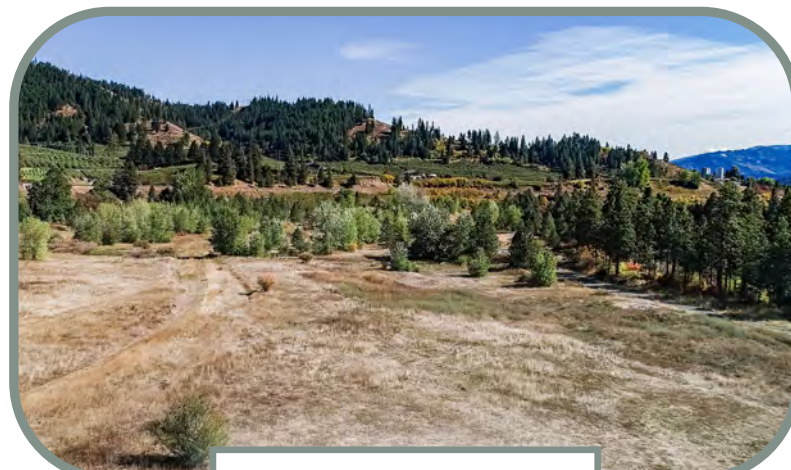
mountain biking trails | senderos para ciclismo de montaña



river access | acceso al río



hiking trails | rutas de senderismo



open space | espacio abierto



cross country ski trails | senderos de esquí



habitat restoration | restauración del hábitat

AMENITIES/AMENIDADES



picnic/shade shelters | refugios para picnic/sombra



trash collection | recolección de basura



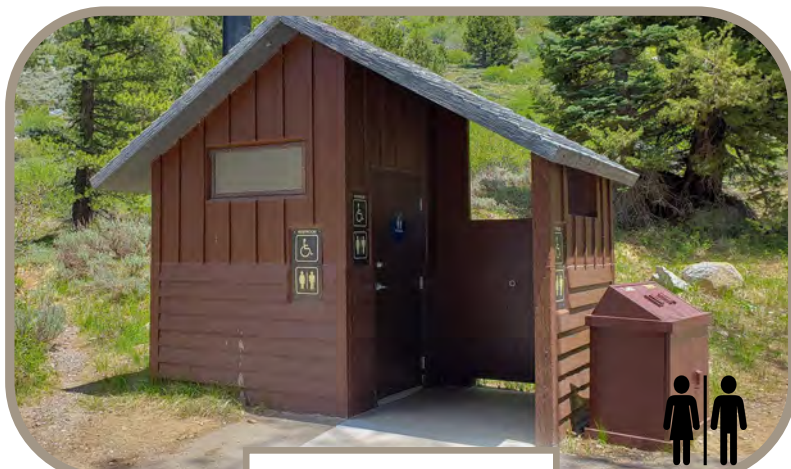
benches | bancas



parking | estacionamiento



pet waste stations | estaciones para desechos de mascotas



restrooms | baños

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vote for what you like at the site now or what you'd like to add!
¡vota por lo que le gusta en el sitio ahora or por lo que le gustaría añadir!

ACTIVE / HIGH IMPACT

ACTIVO / IMPACTO ELEVADO



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área del proyecto (propiedad privada)

access road
carretera de acceso

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existing WDFW trail
sendero WDFW existente



active/high impact park space
activo/espacio de parque de impacto elevado

USES/USOS



soccer field | campos de fútbol



basketball court | cancha de baloncesto



restrooms | baños



trash collection | recolección de basura



skate park | parque de patinaje



pickleball court | cancha de pickleball



playground | parque de juego



pet waste stations | estaciones para desechos de mascotas



pump track | pista de impulso



baseball field | campo de béisbol



outdoor fitness station | estación de ejercicio al aire libre



parking | estacionamiento



frisbee golf course | campo de golf de disco



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vote for what you'd like to see at this site!
¡vote por lo que le gustaría ver en el sitio!



dry camping spaces | espacios para acampar sin servicios



PASSIVE / MEDIUM IMPACT

PASIVO / IMPACTO MEDIO





USES/USOS

mountain biking/hiking trails
senderos para ciclismo de montaña/senderismo



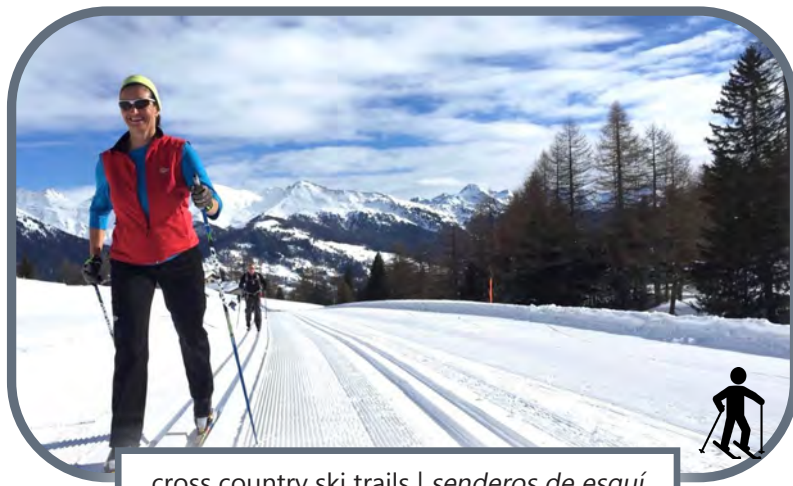
paved pathways | senderos pavimentados



habitat restoration | restauración del hábitat



community garden space | espacio de jardín comunitario



cross country ski trails | senderos de esquí



event space | espacio para eventos



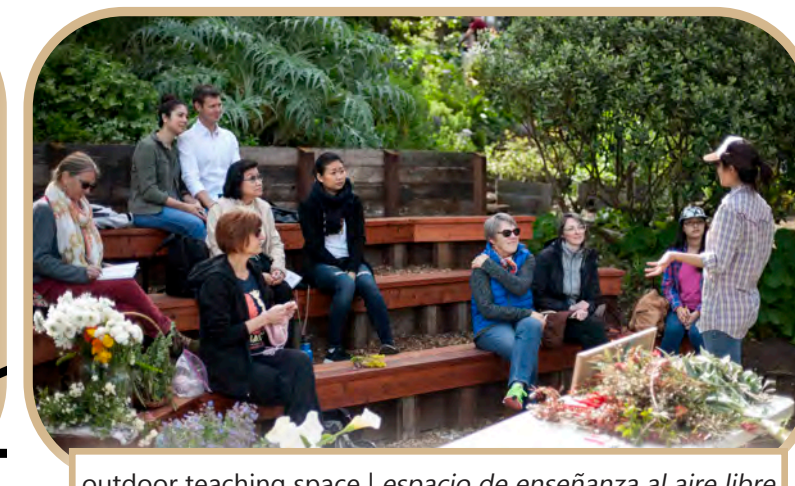
interpretive trail signage | señalización de sendero interpretativo



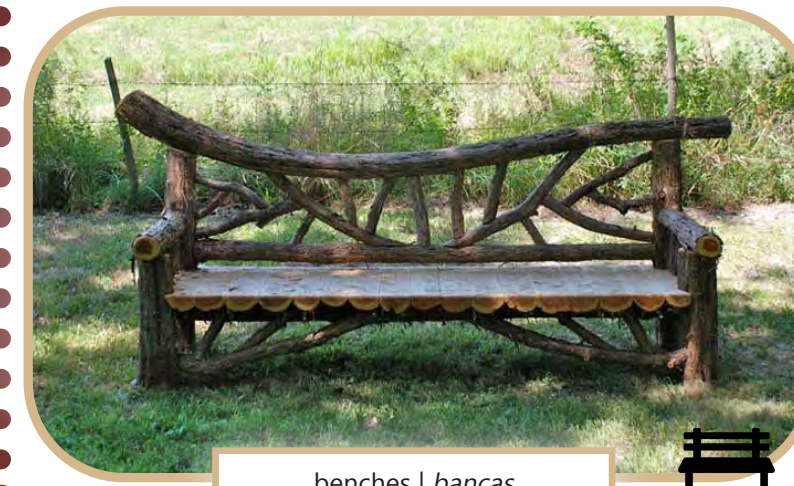
pollinator garden | jardín para polinizadores



picnic/shade shelters | refugios para picnic/sombra



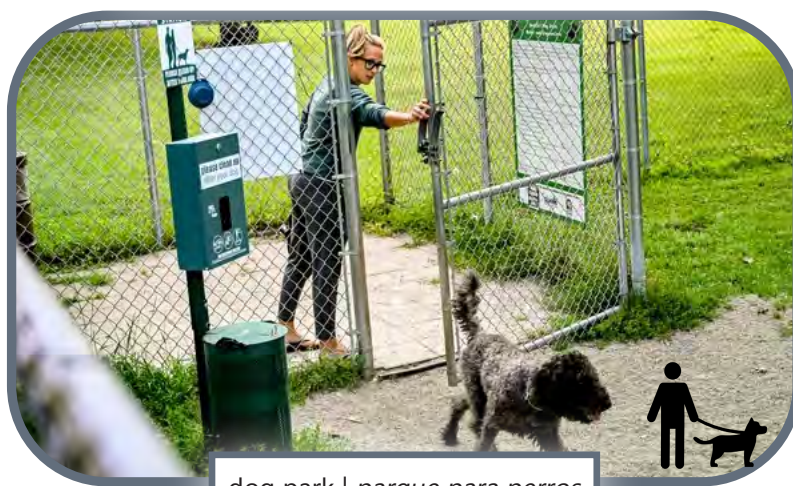
outdoor teaching space | espacio de enseñanza al aire libre



benches | bancas



parking | estacionamiento



dog park | parque para perros



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trash collection | recolección de basura

