



**City of Biddeford
City Council**

May 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Teams

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2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda
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 - 4.a 2026 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week
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 - 10.a 20260423 Special City Council Meeting - Minutes
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 - 11.a Second Reading of City Budget
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 - 11.a 2026.75 Approval Property Tax Dates and Interest FY27
 - 11.b 2026.55 Approval of Master Fee Schedule Ordinance
 - 11.c 2026.56 Biddeford City Ordinance Ch. 42-92 Limited Parking Section A.(1)
 - 11.d 2026.57 Biddeford City Ordinance Ch. 42-92 Limited Parking section A. (2)
 - 11.e 2026.58 Biddeford City Ordinance Ch. 42-92 Limited Parking Section A (3)
12. Orders of the Day
 - 12.a 2026.78 - Article 3 Fire Prevention Bureau, Div. 3 Open Burning, Sec. 30-160 through Sec. 30-163 Update
 - 12.b 2026.77 Approval Special Event Permit for La Kermesse
 - 12.c 2026.79 Approval Special Event Waiver La Kermesse
 - 12.d 2026.66 Veterans Committee
 - 12.e Committee of the Whole -Policy Committee Recommendations
13. Public Addressing the Council
(5 minute limit per speaker)

14. City Manager Report
15. Committee Updates by Council
16. Other Business
17. Council President Addressing the Council
18. Mayor Addressing the Council
19. Executive Session
 - 19.a MRS 405(6) C- Real Estate
 - 19.b MRS 405(6) A -Personnel Matter
 - 19.c MRS 405(6) E -Legal Matters
20. Adjourn

City of Biddeford



PROCLAMATION

May 17-23, 2026, As Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

WHEREAS, The members of the Biddeford Emergency Medical Services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and,

WHEREAS, The 2026 theme of EMS Week is "Improving Outcomes, Together", highlighting that access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and,

WHEREAS: Emergency Medical Services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and,

WHEREAS: the week of May 17-23, 2026, is observed as Emergency Medical Services Week, recognizing that Biddeford Fire Department Emergency Medical Services is ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week and that access to quality emergency medical services teams is critical to the health and well-being of our community as their services drastically improve the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and,

THEREFORE: I, Liam LaFountain, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2026 "Emergency Medical Services Week" in the City of Biddeford.

*In Witness Whereof, We the undersigned have herewith affixed
our signatures this 19th day of May 2026.*

Liam LaFountain, Mayor



City Clerk



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 5.a
Item Description: 2026.80 Approval MMA Legislative Policy Committee
Submitted By:

Key Terms:

Executive Summary:

The Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) establishes Maine Municipal Associations public policy positions on legislative matters that impact municipalities. There are 70 municipal officials elected to serve on the committee for a two-year period. Two municipal officials are elected from each of Maine's thirty-five Senate districts. The time commitment is approximately 10 hours a month during legislative sessions. The committee also develops the legislative agenda in the fall and early winter of each even-numbered year. The order before the Council is to appoint a Biddeford City Councilor to the LPC to represent Senate District 32.

Detailed Review:

Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Next Steps:

Attachments:

1. 2026.80 MMA LPC Committee Appointment- ORDER

2. LPC MMA Ballot

City of Biddeford

The seal of the City of Biddeford, Maine, is circular. It features a central illustration of a lighthouse on an island, with a ship in the water. The words "CITY OF BIDDEFORD" are inscribed around the top inner edge, and "MAINE" is at the bottom. There are small stars on either side of the word "MAINE".

2026.80 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , MAY 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the Biddeford City Council does hereby vote for _____, for election to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee for the term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Mayor Liam LaFountain be authorized to sign the MMA Ballot on behalf of the Biddeford City Council.

Attest by: _____
City Clerk



60 Community Drive | Augusta, ME 04330-9486
1-800-452-8786 (in state) | (t) 207-623-8428
(f) 207-624-0129

To: MMA's Key Municipal Officials

From: Justin Poirier, President, Maine Municipal Association

Date: April 16, 2026

Re: Nominations to MMA's 2026-2028 Legislative Policy Committee

This memo begins the process of electing 70 dedicated municipal officials to serve on MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) over the next two-year period. Given the importance of this Policy Committee to MMA's overall mission, I urge you to help us identify nominees for service during the 2026-2028 biennium.

The LPC brings elected and appointed officials together from towns and cities across the state. According to its by-laws, the purpose of the LPC is "*to define municipal interests and to maximize those interests through effective participation in the legislative process.*" Operating something like a town meeting, the LPC establishes MMA's public policy positions on all matters of direct and statewide municipal interest for representation in the State House.

After the next LPC is elected, its first task will be to develop MMA's legislative agenda for submission to the Legislature in January 2027. Beginning in early 2027, the LPC will meet to determine MMA's position on all municipally related legislation submitted by the Governor and legislators. MMA's legislative staff advocates for the positions established by the LPC.

The membership of the LPC tends to be a mixture of seasoned municipal officials, who bring an extraordinary depth of experience to the table, and new members with fresh concerns and insights. Speaking as a former Chair of the LPC, it is my observation that the debates and decision-making accomplished by this Committee often include public policy discussions of the highest caliber. The results certainly help establish MMA's credibility in the Maine legislative process.

A Nomination Form is enclosed. Two municipal officials are elected from each of Maine's 35 Senate Districts. What follows is background information on the process of election, and the suggested time commitment to serve.

Background Information. Any elected or appointed municipal official holding office in any MMA member community is eligible to serve on the Committee. There are two seats on the LPC for each State Senate District. Members serve two-year terms, representing their own community and the other municipalities in their Senate District.

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LPC activities require a time commitment of approximately ten hours a month during legislative sessions (i.e., during the first 4 months of each calendar year) which include attendance at the monthly meeting and contacts with other communities and legislators in the district as issues arise. The LPC is also engaged in the development of MMA's legislative agenda during the fall and early winter of each even-numbered year, which typically involves at least one additional meeting in Augusta. All mileage expenses are reimbursed. MMA's strength as a municipal advocate depends on the active help of a dedicated LPC membership.

More information about MMA's Legislative Policy Committee and the Association's entire advocacy program can be found at the Legislative/Advocacy link at MMA's website <https://www.memun.org/Advocacy-Communications/Legislative-Policy-Committee/Handbook>. In particular, the *LPC Handbook* describes the Association's overall policy development process and procedures in more detail.

Nomination Process

Your municipality is entitled to nominate a representative to the LPC.

- The nominee may be either elected or appointed but must be serving currently as a municipal official.
- You may nominate any municipal official from any member town or city within your Senate/LPC District; you do not have to nominate someone from your municipality.
- The names and brief bios of all municipal officials properly nominated will appear on the LPC ballot, which will be distributed on June 13th.

Nominee Profile

Because the municipal officers may not be familiar with a nominee from another municipality, a brief description of each nominee who completes the enclosed **Nominee Profile Sheet** will be provided with the ballots that are distributed in June. Please make sure that the person you nominate has a chance to complete the Nominee Profile Sheet and that it is returned to MMA with the Nomination Form.

Deadline for Submitting Nomination

- ✍ The Chairman of your Selectboard, Council or Assessors (the "nominator") *and the nominee* must sign the nomination form for it to be valid. If you are unable to obtain the signature of the nominee prior to the deadline, an email from the nominee signifying their willingness to serve, will serve as their signature.
- ☒ The forms must be returned to MMA by 5:00 P.M. on June 4, 2026, to be counted. Ballots will be sent out immediately after the nomination process closes, so make sure the nomination form is received by MMA by that deadline. Please return the nomination form *and* nominee profile to **Laura Ellis** at MMA either by email (Lellis@memun.org) or by mail using the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, please call MMA's Advocacy & Communications staff at 1-800-452-8786 or 623-8428.

NOMINATION FORM

Maine Municipal Association's
Legislative Policy Committee
July 2026 to June 2028

Senate District 32 (*Biddeford appoints 1 LPC Member*)

Arundel
Biddeford

Dayton
Hollis

Lyman

The municipal officers of _____ hereby nominate:
Print name of your municipality

Nominee: _____ 
Print name of Nominee

Nominee's municipality: _____ Position: _____

Date: _____
Signature of Nominator 

Print name of Nominator

Consent

I agree to accept the nomination and to serve if elected to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee:

Date: _____
Signature of Nominee 

Please return Nomination Form by 5:00 p.m. by Thursday, June 4, 2026, to:

Laura Ellis - Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330
Email: lellis@memun.org

Nominations received after 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2026 will not be counted.

LPC NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

To: Legislative Policy Committee Nominees

From: Maine Municipal Association

Date: April 16, 2026

To help municipal officials make an informed choice when they vote for their LPC representatives, we ask nominees to provide some background information regarding their municipal service and why they want to be LPC members. If preferable, an email with the requested information will also be accepted. A “nominee profile” is included on the ballot for each nominee who provides us with a profile.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Municipality: _____ **Years in current position:** _____

Mailing Address: _____
(include zip code, please)

Email address: _____

Prior (recent) municipal experience: _____

Have you served on the LPC before? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, what years? _____

If you have served on any other MMA Committees, please note them: _____

Please indicate your primary issues of concern, and/or reasons for wanting to serve on the LPC:

Please return this completed form to Laura Ellis at MMA either in the enclosed envelope or via email (lellis@memun.org) by June 4, 2026.

Thank You!

City of Biddeford



2026.82 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , MAY 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that I Liam LaFountain, Mayor of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Erik Heumiller

Ward 2

To the Shellfish Conservation Commission

For a term to expire April 30, 2029

Mona Grandbois

Ward 2

Tri-City Transit Committee

For a term to expire April 30, 2029

Attest by: _____
City Clerk

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Erik Heumiller

Pronouns he/him

Ward 2

(Section Break)

Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to?

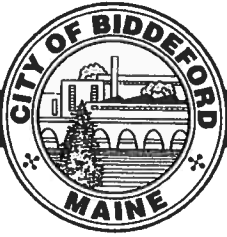
Shellfish Conservation Committee

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? I'm a current member of the Conservation Commission, and have greatly enjoyed the connections developed in pursuit of solutions for Biddeford's growing community. I am a solutions-oriented project manager, comfortable diving into new situations, and I've found that I have been able to help advance City goals through past efforts — of which I hope to continue on the Shellfish Conservation Commission.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I have held a recreational shellfish license in Biddeford for the past few years, and I am passionate about preserving and elevating the quality of Biddeford's shellfish resources. I also hold a commercial green crab harvest license and am working to understand the potential impacts of green crabs in Biddeford Pool and the Saco River Estuary.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). I currently serve on the Biddeford Conservation Commission, I lead Biddeford's data collection for Maine DEP's Volunteer River Monitoring Program, and I previously served on the Board of the Sebago Chapter of Trout Unlimited.



CITY OF BIDDEFORD

Application for City Committees, Commissions and Boards

**Items marked with an asterisk are required.*

Date*

April 26, 2026

Name*

Mona Grandbois

Pronouns

Street Address*

72 Hill St. Apt. 103

Biddeford, ME 04005

Mailing Address
(if different)

Phone Number(s)*

Email Address*

Ward*

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to?*

☐

Airport Commission

☐

Biddeford Citizens' Advisory Committee

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Biddeford Fire Advisory Committee

☐

Biddeford Housing Authority

☐

Biddeford Police Advisory Committee

☐

Board of Assessment Review

☐

Cable T.V. Committee

☐

Capital Projects/Operations Committee

☐

Conservation Commission

☐

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

☐

Downtown Development Commission

☐

Harbor Commission

☐

Historic Preservation Commission

☐

Planning Board

☐

Policy Committee

☐

Public Art Commission

☐

Recreation Commission

☐

Recycling and Solid Waste
Management Commission

☐

Shellfish Conservation Commission

☐

Sustainability Commission

☐

Traffic Committee

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Tri-City Transit Committee

☐

Wastewater Management Commission

☐

Zoning Board of Appeals

☐

Other

CITY OF BIDDEFORD
Committee Application

Please list any prior experience serving on any Public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates).

Age Friendly Biddeford, April 2023 - present

Please list any other experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve on.*

See attached

Please provide a brief statement describing your interest in serving the City of Biddeford.*

See attached

Attach any additional information to this application and return it to the City Clerk's Office.

Mona Grandbois

Application for Tri-city Transit Committee (cont.)

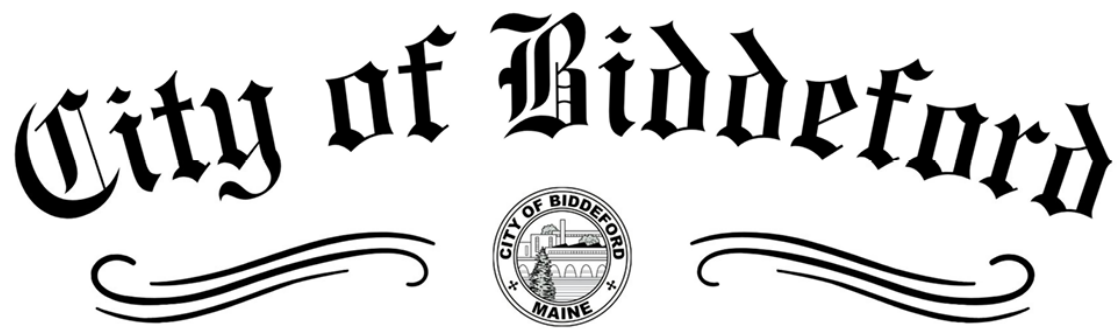
Please list any other experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve:

I have been active with Age Friendly Biddeford for almost three years and have been the Transportation Coordinator since December 2023. In that capacity I have developed and grown the Medical Transportation program. The program currently provides an average of 40 rides per month to Biddeford residents who are 60+. I oversee 8 volunteer drivers and 150 registered participants (riders). Part of managing the Transportation Program includes making riders aware of alternative modes of transportation - including BSOOB, Quickride, YCCA transportation, etc.

In addition to this, as a recently carfree person, I personally depend on public transportation to get around the Biddeford/Saco/OOB area. I think that I would bring both a societal and personal perspective to this committee.

Please provide a brief statement describing your interest in serving the City of Biddeford:

I believe strongly that for a community to flourish the citizens of that community must be active in its governance. If they can't be active participants they should at least be aware/informed about what their community is doing and where it is headed. This is why I often attend City Council Meetings and work at the polls during elections. Serving on the Tri-city Transit Committee is one more way that I can contribute, learn and perhaps have an impact in an area that is very important to me.



2026.84 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... May 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby accept the City Clerk's nominations for Election Clerks for the 2026 and 2027 elections.

Note: The City Clerk may include other Election Clerks not on the attached list, as necessary.

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford Election Clerks for 2026-2027

Stephen Ellis	Anna Morrisette
JoAnne Boisvert	Matt LaGarde
Tina Turgeon	Victor Forsley
Beth Graziadi	Martine Eon
Clair Paul	Claudette Allie
Diane Cyr	Pauline Fitzgerald
Andrea Angers	Lori Nerbonne
Robert Ege	Pris Paul
Diane Saucier	Naomi Pelletier
Sheila Neault	Julia Proctor
Kim Ege	Michelle Robert
Mona Grandbois	Carol Salloway
Alida Ciampa	Max Jackson
Catherine McMahon	Jenny Saufley
Linda Bennett	Heather Wakelin
Richard Bennett	Susan Wehry
Bill Cuddy	HeatherHartford
Diane Labbe	Jason Briggs
Jeanine Thebarger	Connie Beck
Odette Gornick	Michael Beck
Benjamin Pratt	David Cross
Rick Laverriere	Stephanie Cross
Rachel Lariverriere	

RECREATION BOND

Community Engagement Data Presentation

Biddeford Recreation Department

May 19, 2026

TIMELINE

- On November 4, 2025, Biddeford voters were given the opportunity to vote on a bond referendum in support of Recreation Facilities.
- The community overwhelmingly approved a \$6 million bond to support Recreation projects.
- Council directed City staff to conduct a community engagement period following approval of the bond. This provided residents with the opportunity to share feedback with the Council and City staff regarding community priorities and the types of projects they believe bond funds should support.



FACILITIES LISTED IN BOND AS OPTIONS:

J. Richard Martin Community Center · Clifford Park · Rotary Park
 Memorial Park (Mayfield) · Shevenell Park · St. Louis Field Complex
 Biddeford Ice Arena · West Brook Skating Rink · Doran Field · Future Skatepark



RECREATION SURVEY CLOSES MARCH 31
BIDDEFORDMAINE.ORG/RECBONDSURVEY



FORMS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: IN-PERSON

From November 2025 through March 2026, Recreation staff conducted the following in-person activities to provide several opportunities for public engagement:

- Interactive surveys at a Town Hall meeting, BHS job fair day, and neighborhood ward meetings
- Ward meetings for each ward, held within the ward neighborhood, where City councilors could meet with their constituents and hear what their questions, concerns and priorities are on the Rec Bond. Ward meetings were held January through March. Each ward meeting had from 12- 40 residents participate.
- Public Comment at City Council Meetings

BIDDEFORD WARD MEETINGS

**We want to
hear from YOU!**

All meetings will be held from 6 – 8 PM.

INTERACTIVE IN-PERSON SURVEY: PRIORITY RANKING

Rotary Park: 5 secondary priority votes, 3 third priority votes, 3 fourth priority votes, 3 most overall votes at meeting

Clifford Park: 2 first priority votes, 2 third priority votes, 2 fourth priority votes, 1 most overall votes at meeting

Shevenell Park: 1 each third and fourth priority vote

J. Richard Martin Community Center: 6 first priority votes, 1 each secondary and third priority vote, 5 most overall votes at meeting

West Brook Skating Rink: 2 third priority votes, 1 fourth priority vote

Future Skate Park: two second priority votes, 1 third priority vote, 2 fourth priority votes

St. Louis: 1 each second, third, and fourth priority votes

Mayfield: two each second and third priority votes, one fourth priority vote

Biddeford Ice Arena: 1 each second and fourth priority vote, and one most overall votes

Doran Field: no priority votes

BOND PROJECT LOCATIONS												
Rotary Park	2	3	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	4	2	
Clifford Park			1	4			4		3	3	1	
Shevenell Park				3							4	
J. Richard Martin Community Center	1			1	1		1		1	2	1	3
West Brook Skating Rink			4							3		3
Future Skate Park			2		2	4			3			4
St. Louis Sports Complex					4					2		3
Mayfield Park					3		2	3	2			4
Biddeford Ice Arena	4								2			
Doran Field												
	Town Hall Mtg	BHS/COT Event	Ward 5 Mtg	Wards 3&4 Mtg	Ward 6 Mtg	Ward 7 Mtg	Ward 1 Mtg	Ward 2 Mtg				
	10/18/2025	11/14/2025	2/24/2026	2/26/2026	3/2/2026	3/4/2026	3/18/2026	3/23/2026				
	30 voters	79 voters	5 voters	10 voters	10 voters	7 voters	5 voters	4 voters				

Table KEY

Colors: indicates the project locations ranked in priority order based on votes

Red: Received the most priority votes

Blue: Received the second most priority votes

Yellow: Received the third most priority votes

Green: Received the fourth most priority votes

Shading: indicates the project location that received the most total votes overall at that meeting or event, regardless of prioritization

More than one color may represent a tie between locations, or one location that received the most priority votes at multiple levels

More than one shaded cell represents a tie for most overall votes



BIDDEFORD *Recreation Funding* SURVEY



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Let us know your thoughts about Biddeford's recreation amenities.
Your input will help decide how the voter-approved \$6 million
recreation bond will be used.



biddefordmaine.org/recbondsurvey



FORMS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: ONLINE

To diversify participation options and include as many voices as possible, the city also conducted an online survey.

Implementation of an online survey was available to the community from January – March. The survey was promoted through city and department social media channels and newsletters at special events, and posted as a QR code flyer in various municipal buildings and park spaces.

716 people participated in the online survey

ONLINE SURVEY FULL REPORT

Click here for the full Recreation Bond Online Survey Report and Data:

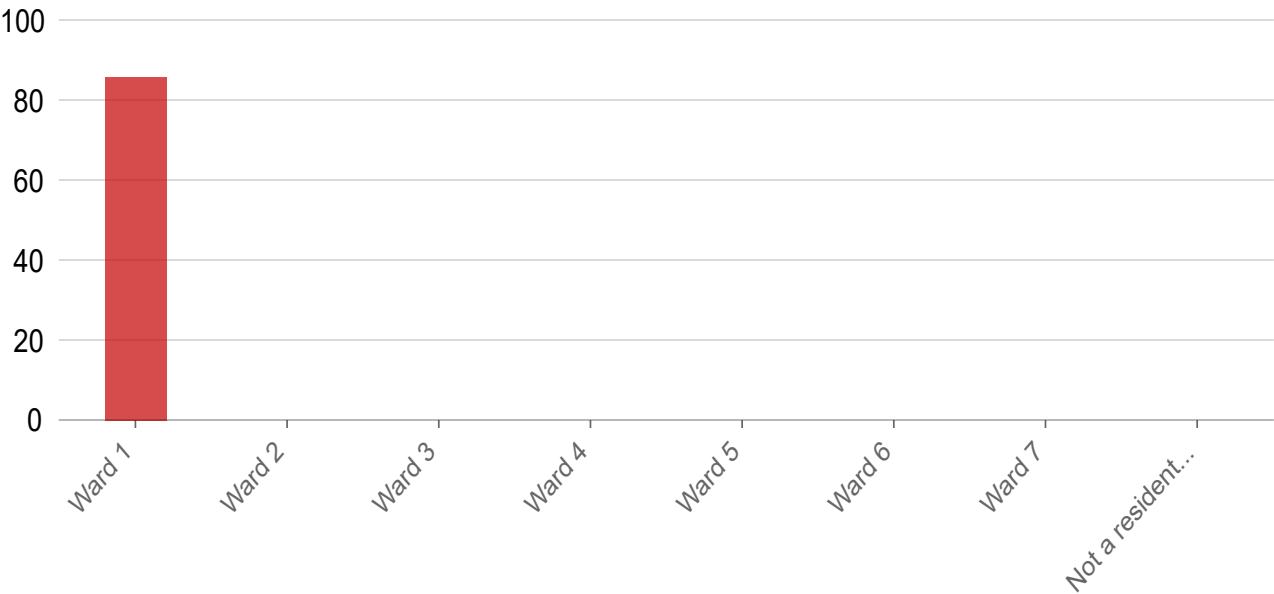
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QUESTIONS?

Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

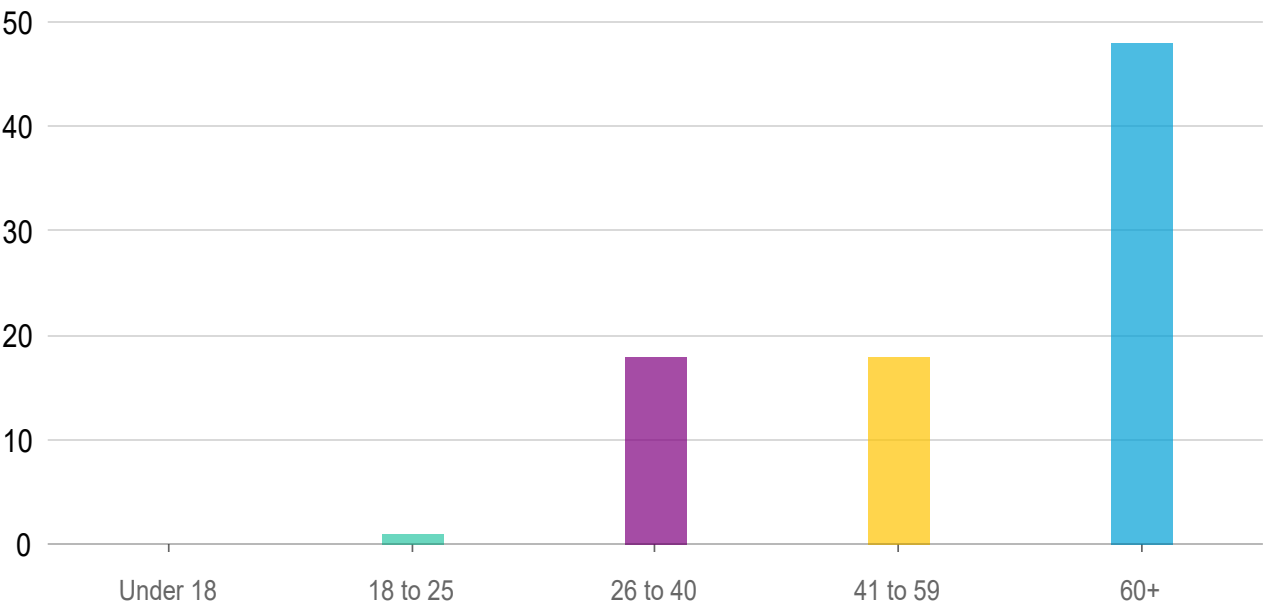
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	86	100%
Ward 2	0	0%
Ward 3	0	0%
Ward 4	0	0%
Ward 5	0	0%
Ward 6	0	0%
Ward 7	0	0%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 86 Skipped: 0

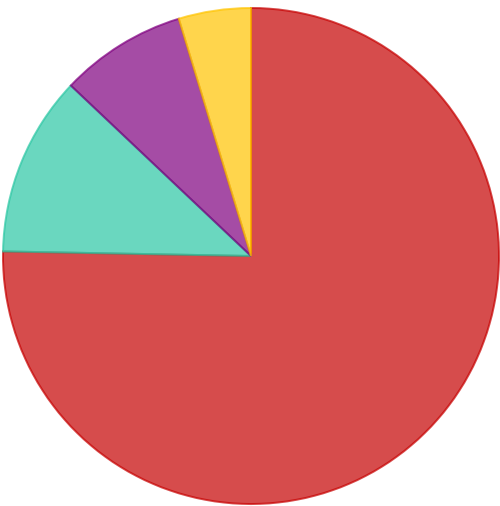
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 25	1	1.16%
26 to 40	18	20.93%
41 to 59	18	20.93%
60+	48	55.81%

Answered: 85 Skipped: 1

Do you have children in your household?

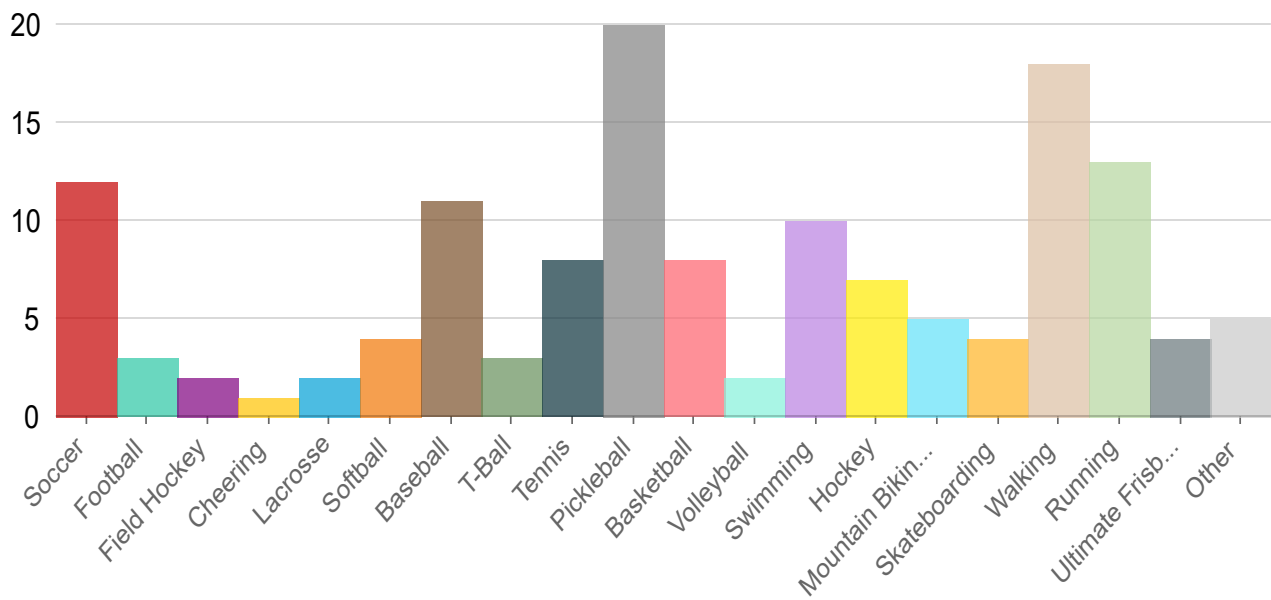


- No, we do not have children in my household
- Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)
- Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)
- Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)

Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	64	74.42%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	10	11.63%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	7	8.14%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	4	4.65%

Answered: 85 Skipped: 1

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	12	13.95%
Football	3	3.49%
Field Hockey	2	2.33%
Cheering	1	1.16%
Lacrosse	2	2.33%
Softball	4	4.65%
Baseball	11	12.79%
T-Ball	3	3.49%
Tennis	8	9.3%
Pickleball	20	23.26%
Basketball	8	9.3%
Volleyball	2	2.33%
Swimming	10	11.63%
Hockey	7	8.14%

4/14/26, 7:34 AM

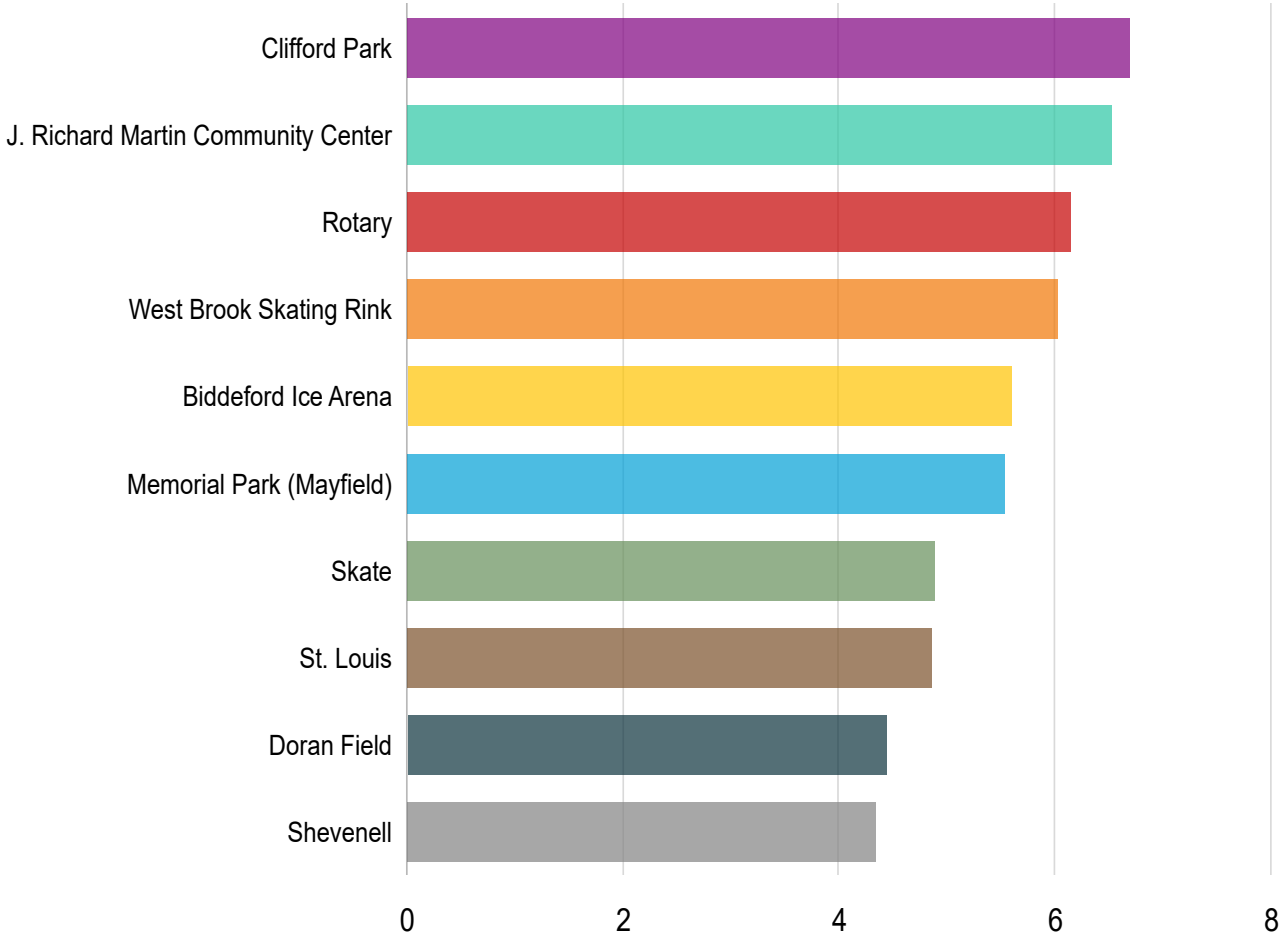
Recreation Bond Survey

Mountain Biking	5	5.81%
Skateboarding	4	4.65%
Walking	18	20.93%
Running	13	15.12%
Ultimate Frisbee	4	4.65%
Other	5	5.81%

Answered: 51 Skipped: 35

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

○ Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



Average

4/14/26, 7:34 AM

Recreation Bond Survey

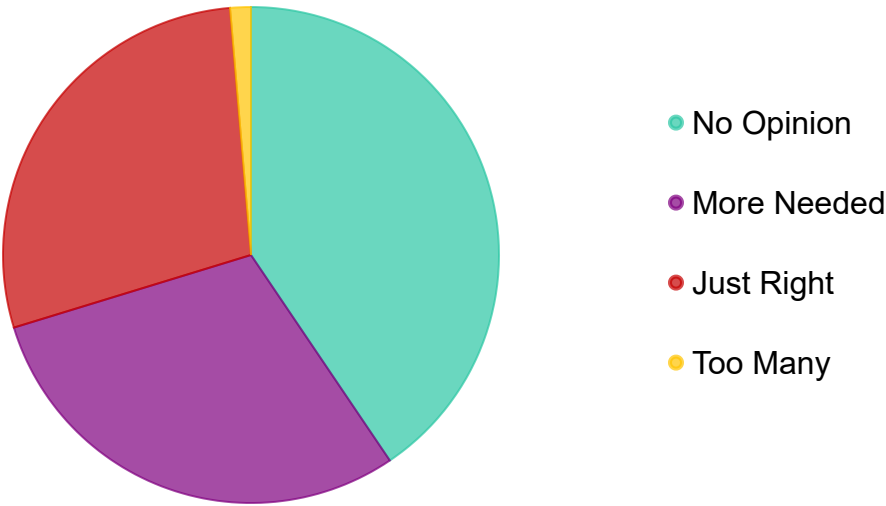
Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	score
1	Clifford Park	20.48% 17	15.66% 13	9.64% 8	7.23% 6	12.05% 10	9.64% 6.69 8
2	J. Richard Martin Community Center	18.07% 15	10.84% 9	18.07% 15	13.25% 11	6.02% 5	7.23 6.52
3	Rotary Park	8.43% 7	18.07% 15	18.07% 15	9.64% 8	7.23% 6	6.02% 5
4	West Brook Skating Rink	9.64% 8	12.05% 10	14.46% 12	12.05% 10	14.46% 12	6.02 6.02
5	Biddeford Ice Arena	19.28% 16	8.43% 7	4.82% 4	13.25% 11	6.02% 5	6.02% 5
6	Memorial Park (Mayfield)	9.64% 8	14.46% 12	6.02% 5	9.64% 8	7.23% 6	10.84 5.53

Answered: 83

Skipped: 3

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:

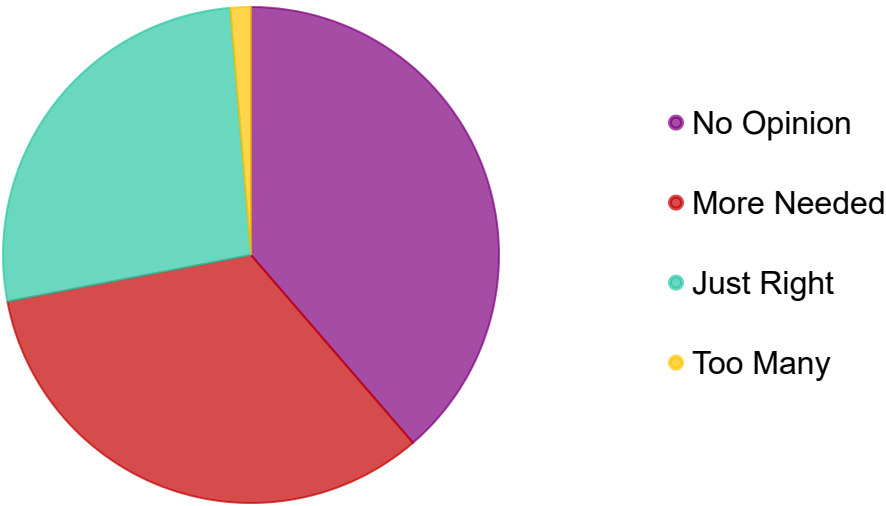
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 2-5)



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	30	34.88%
More Needed	22	25.58%
Just Right	21	24.42%
Too Many	1	1.16%

Answered: 74 Skipped: 12

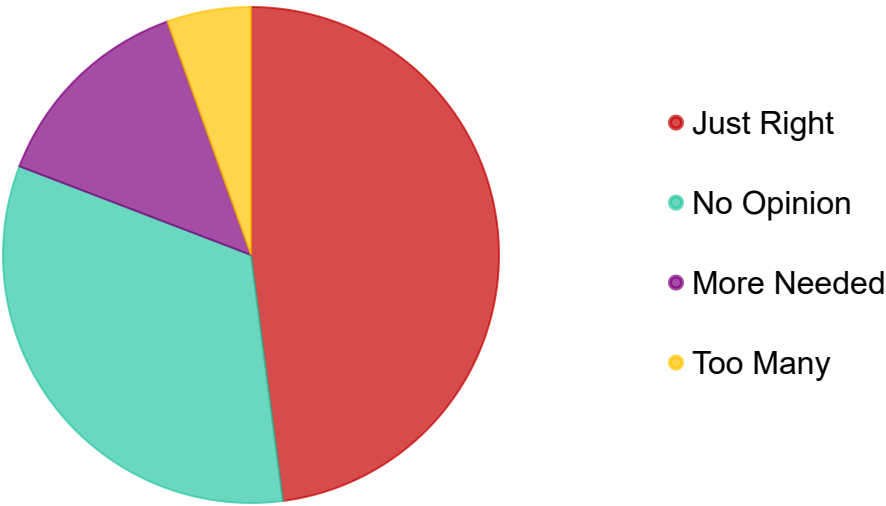
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
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More Needed	25	29.07%
Just Right	20	23.26%
Too Many	1	1.16%

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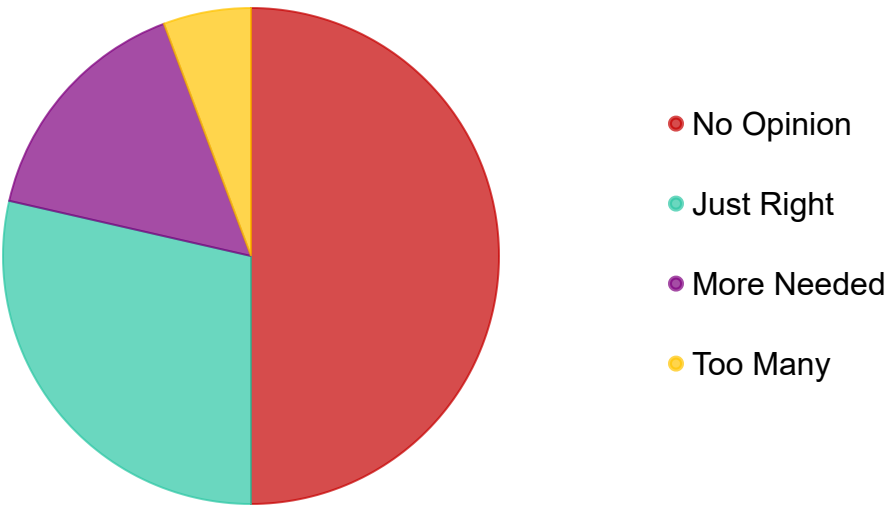
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	35	40.7%
No Opinion	24	27.91%
More Needed	10	11.63%
Too Many	4	4.65%

Answered: 73 Skipped: 13

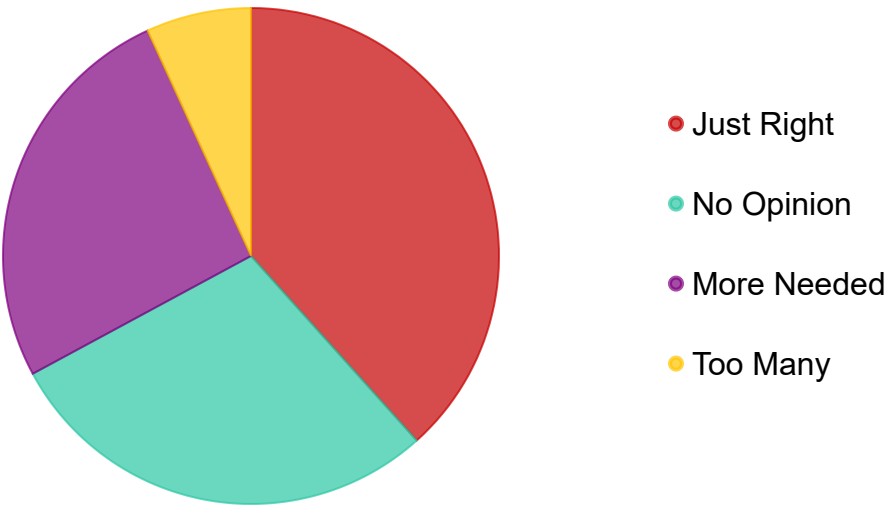
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	35	40.7%
Just Right	20	23.26%
More Needed	11	12.79%
Too Many	4	4.65%

Answered: 70 Skipped: 16

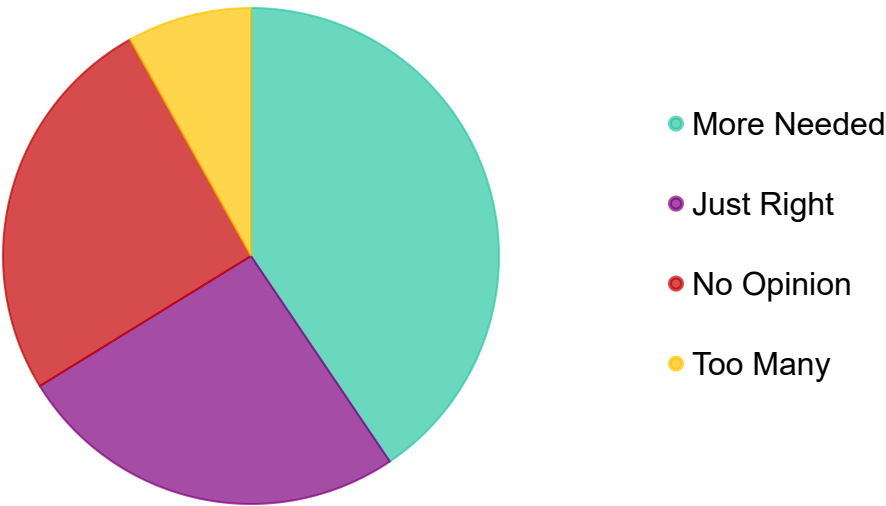
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	28	32.56%
No Opinion	21	24.42%
More Needed	19	22.09%
Too Many	5	5.81%

Answered: 73 Skipped: 13

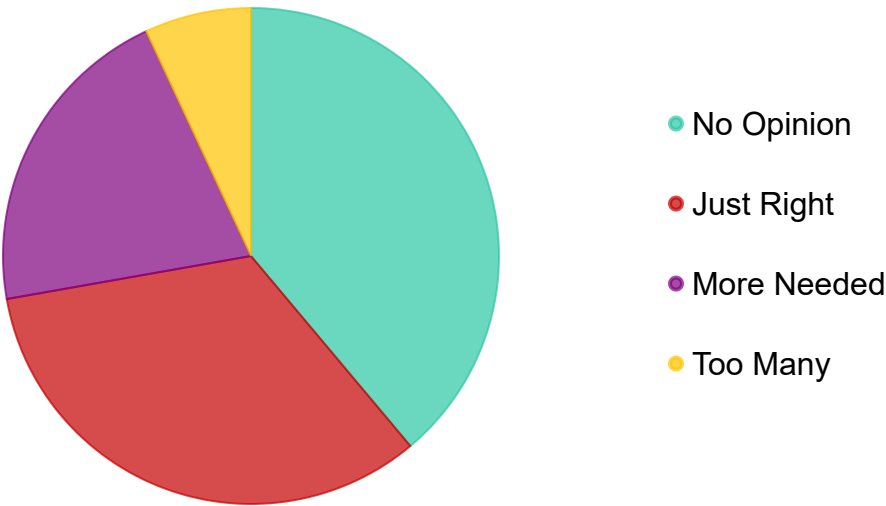
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	30	34.88%
Just Right	19	22.09%
No Opinion	19	22.09%
Too Many	6	6.98%

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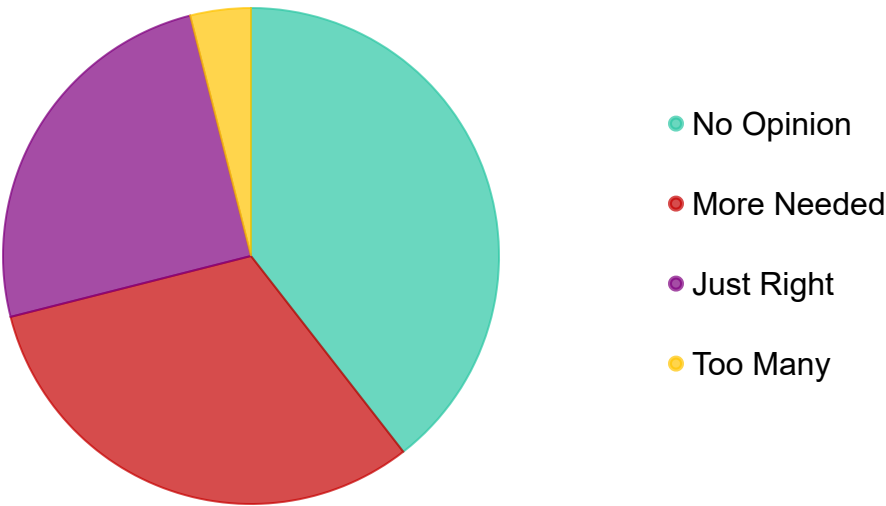
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	28	32.56%
Just Right	24	27.91%
More Needed	15	17.44%
Too Many	5	5.81%

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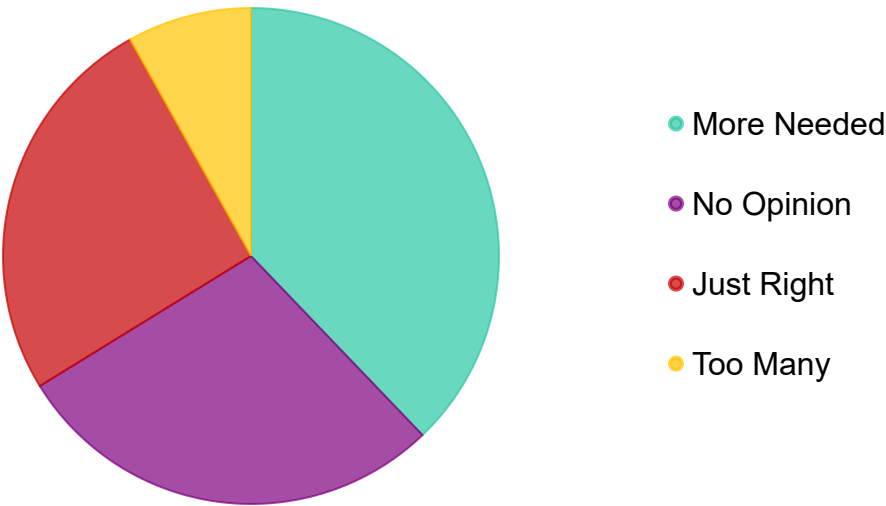
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	30	34.88%
More Needed	24	27.91%
Just Right	19	22.09%
Too Many	3	3.49%

Answered: 76 Skipped: 10

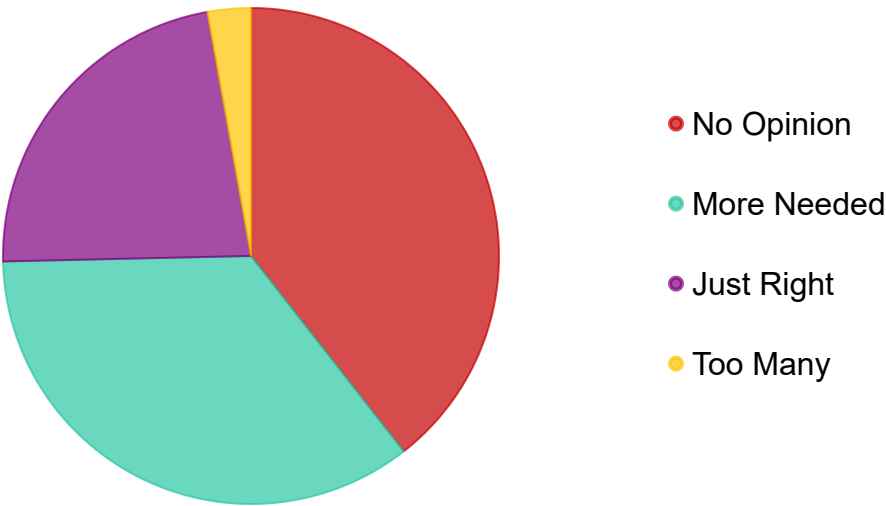
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	28	32.56%
No Opinion	21	24.42%
Just Right	19	22.09%
Too Many	6	6.98%

Answered: 74 Skipped: 12

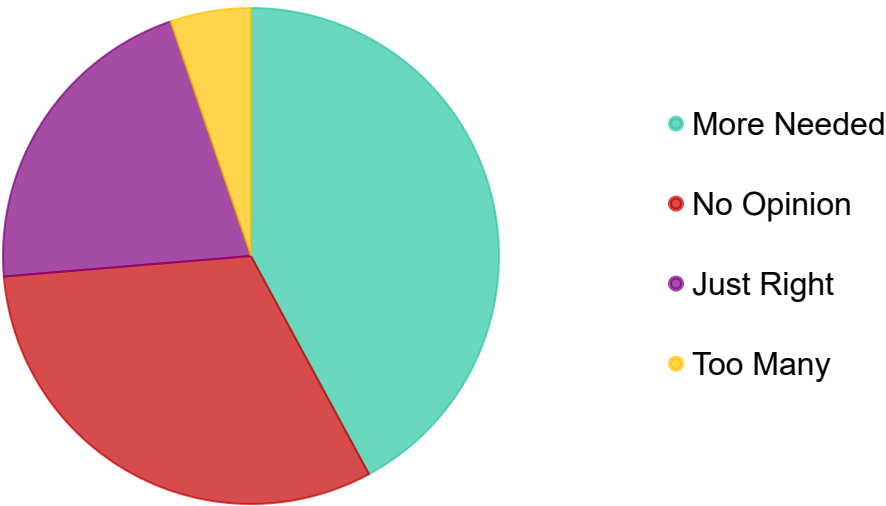
Youth Summer Camp Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	28	32.56%
More Needed	25	29.07%
Just Right	16	18.6%
Too Many	2	2.33%

Answered: 71 Skipped: 15

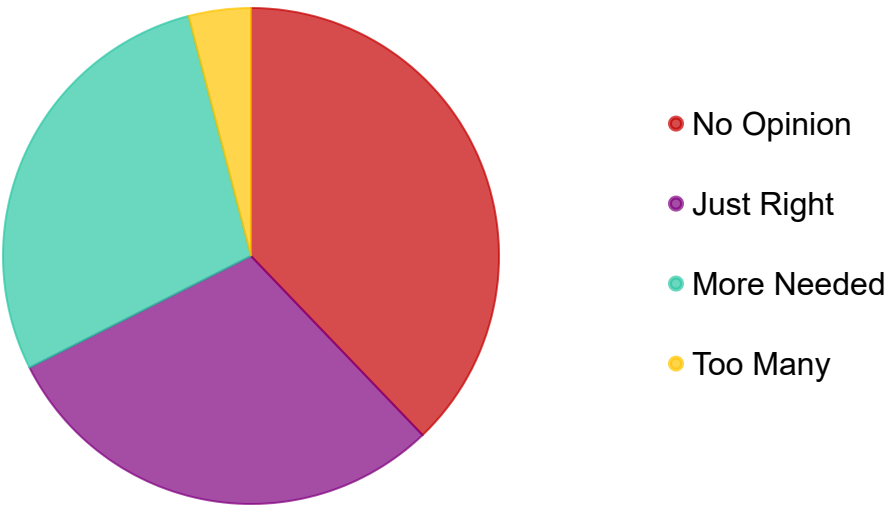
○ ○ After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	37.21%
No Opinion	24	27.91%
Just Right	16	18.6%
Too Many	4	4.65%

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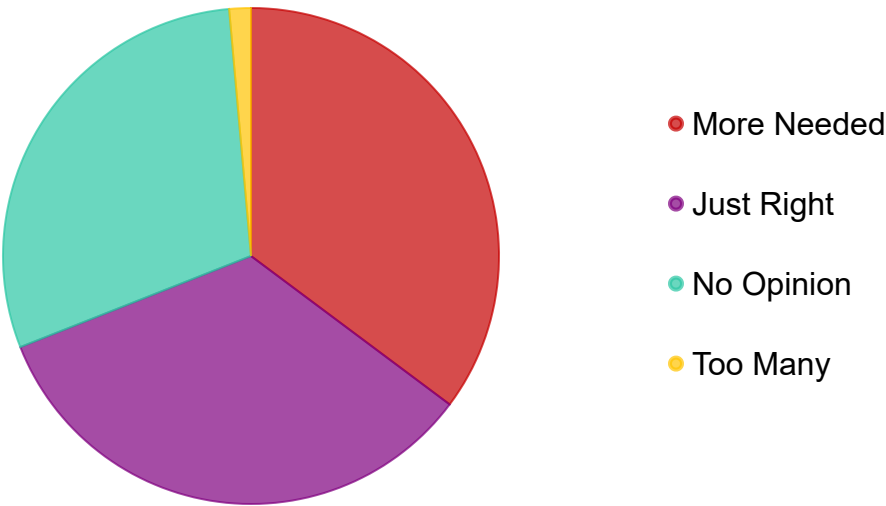
Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	28	32.56%
Just Right	22	25.58%
More Needed	21	24.42%
Too Many	3	3.49%

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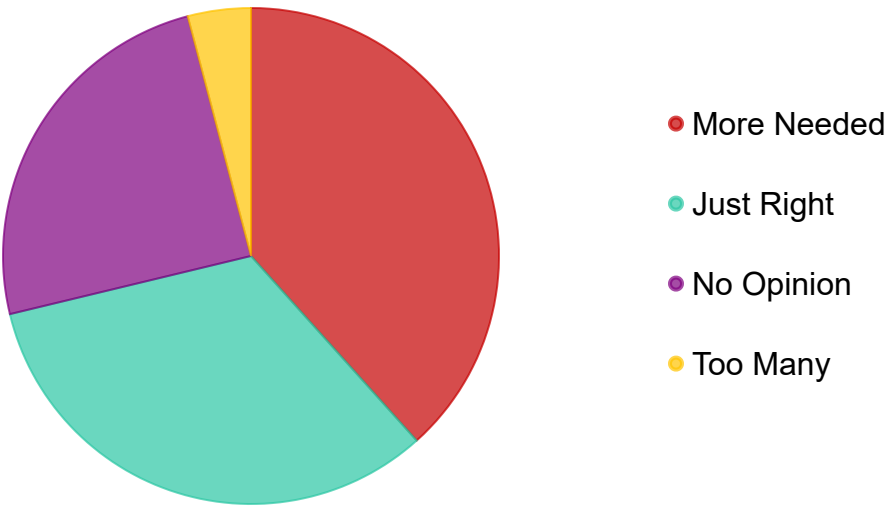
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	25	29.07%
Just Right	24	27.91%
No Opinion	21	24.42%
Too Many	1	1.16%

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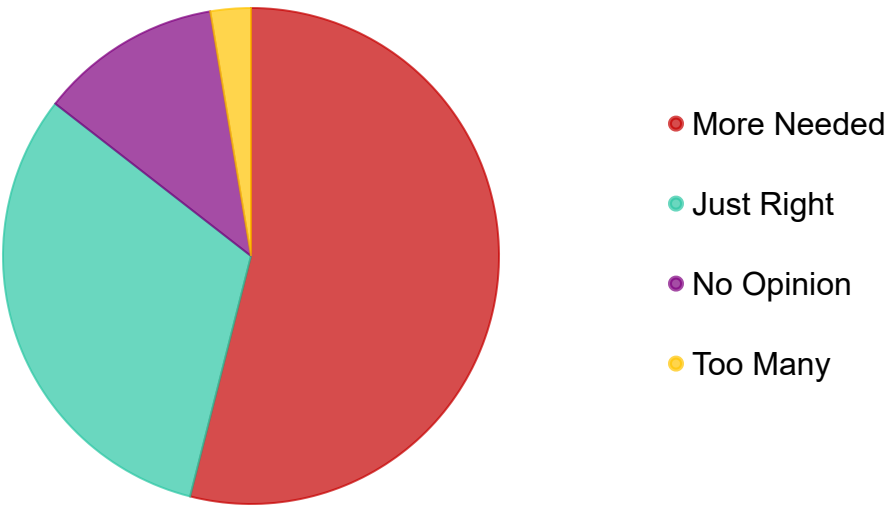
○ ○ Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	28	32.56%
Just Right	24	27.91%
No Opinion	18	20.93%
Too Many	3	3.49%

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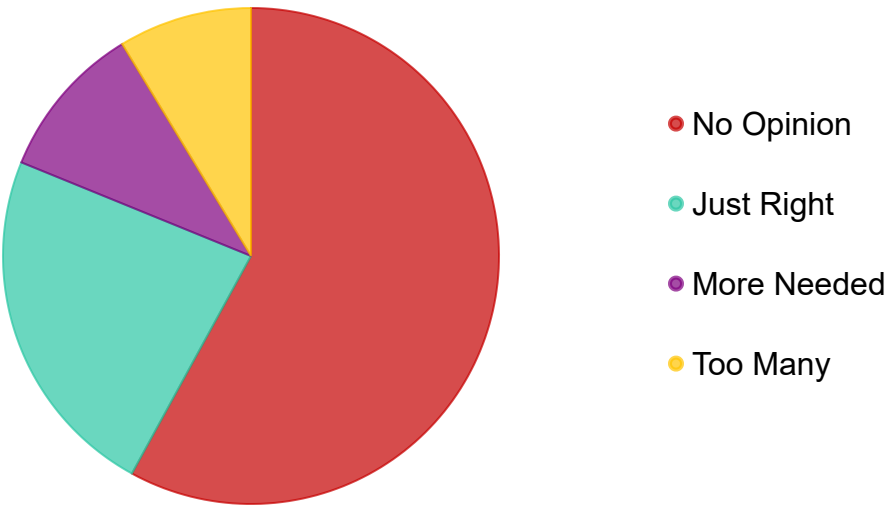
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	41	47.67%
Just Right	24	27.91%
No Opinion	9	10.47%
Too Many	2	2.33%

Answered: 76 Skipped: 10

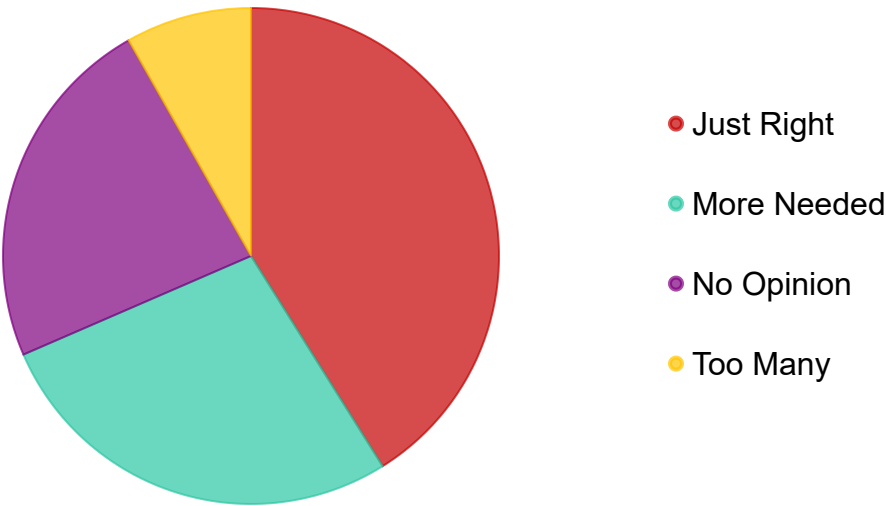
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	40	46.51%
Just Right	16	18.6%
More Needed	7	8.14%
Too Many	6	6.98%

Answered: 69 Skipped: 17

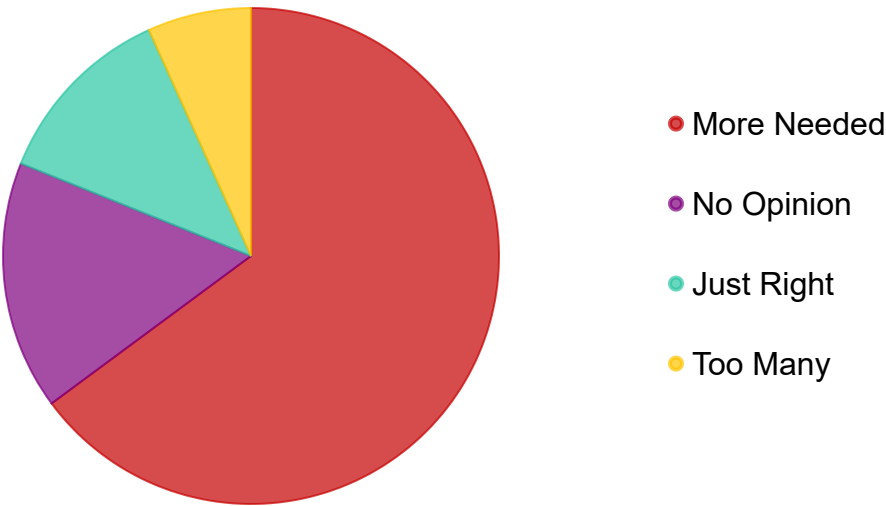
Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	30	34.88%
More Needed	20	23.26%
No Opinion	17	19.77%
Too Many	6	6.98%

Answered: 73 Skipped: 13

Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	48	55.81%
No Opinion	12	13.95%
Just Right	9	10.47%
Too Many	5	5.81%

Answered: 74 Skipped: 12

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



Response	Count
no	5
Yes. Free beach parking for those with handicap sticker or plate.	1
Yes, parking by the tennis courts	1
X country ski trails	1
Swimming pool or splash pad	1
splash pad	1
Spaces for older youth both outdoors and inside designed by youth & mentors.	1
Small amphitheater for outdoor community concerts; online space reservation system; groomed XC skiing on fields during the winter	1
Sidewalks	1
Senior focused indoor activities in the winter.	1
Public toilets or port a potty	1
Outdoor water options, spray park or pool	1

Off-road bicycling trail connecting eastern trail from behind SMHC to Saco. Cross-country skiing/snowshoeing trails	1
More thought into spaces for older youth.	1
More open gyms for basketball. Especially during the winter months	1
More disc golf	1
Improvements to the disc golf course	1
Improve access to "Middle Beach" (railings, steps, et.Al.) due to current unsafe conditions.	1
Clifford Park needs better trail signage and a way to keep other paths and cut through being used.	1
Biddeford Forest, a proposed MCHT preserve off South Street	1
Biddeford Forest project with Maine Coast Heritage Trust	1
Biddeford Forest	1
biddeford dog park	1
Benches and seating (gaming tables) for Seniors	1
Beach seaweed removal	1
Beach and river access	1

Answered: 30 Skipped: 56

o Do you visit any recreational destinations outside of Biddeford? If yes, please...



Response	Count
No	2
Yes. Waterhouse center for skating. ice is well maintained and has public bathrooms. Deering Oaks Park; climbing at playground. having options that allow them to explore more beyond a slide and swing keeps them wanting to go back. Indoor playgrounds for rainy/ winter play- All of the options locally are \$\$\$\$. Goldfish swim for Swim classes. variety of times offered and continuous rollover programing. Also weekend/ evening family swim. Saco splash pad for summer play. entertainment for full family. playground with splash pad offers options for multiple kids and age groups. Wells Reserve for summer camp. Great structured outdoor camp keeping kiddos stimulated post school year.	1
Yes. York has free parking for handicap vehicals, with a 2 hour limit.	1
Yes, they are clean, more nature based. Biddeford needs a nature placed playground for creative play. Also, our ice skating rink is outdated and needs a fitness facility within the rink.	1
Yes, places of similar size have these places to encourage members of the community to be active as well as draw business to their towns	1
Yes, indoor tennis courts but, I know that's a stretch or Biddeford	1
We've used the rec center in sacco with the splash pad, playground, and small field area and more off-street parking. I would love to see the community center in a location that allows more outside space further from the road.	1
We ventured in the past to LOTS of turf firdl complexes in Massachusetts, they have the right idea!	1

We often drive up to Portland for stick and puck and co-ed hockey leagues. Biddeford ice rink should have more public skate opportunities. I feel there is a market for expanding the adult leagues and giving the public more open skating and stick n puck sessions. Also Rotary skatepark should have been renovated and not destroyed. As someone with over 20 years experience Clifford skatepark is pretty much useless.	1
walking trails, beaches, splash pads/water parks.	1
Trails	1
Trail systems in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport	1
This place IS AMAZING!! Knoxville, TN Started by a private donor who acquired land over the years with his dream in mind. Even if we could do a quarter of it...dream big! https://alwaysaspire.com/	1
The survey wouldn't let me rank the choices - it kept ranking them for me- so here is my ranking: St. Louis field, Westbrook skating, Doran field, rotary park, community center, mayfield, ice arena, Clifford park, Shevenell park and skate park.	1
skate park!	1
Saco water park Diamond park	1
Saco SoFive for pickleball, Beach Street sacco for pickleball	1
saco heath preserve wells reserve	1
Rarely	1
Rail trails, converted railway lines that are now suitable for walking, running, and biking.	1
Portland Sailing	1
Please replace the skatepark. Rotary park could use better signage to guide people to the beach, bbq, etc.	1
Playgrounds.	1
Playgrounds in both Saco and Kennebunk. Pump tracks in surrounding areas.	1
Pickle Ball indoors	1
Other ice rinks are undated and inviting we need to do the same to ours.	1
Other disc golf locations	1

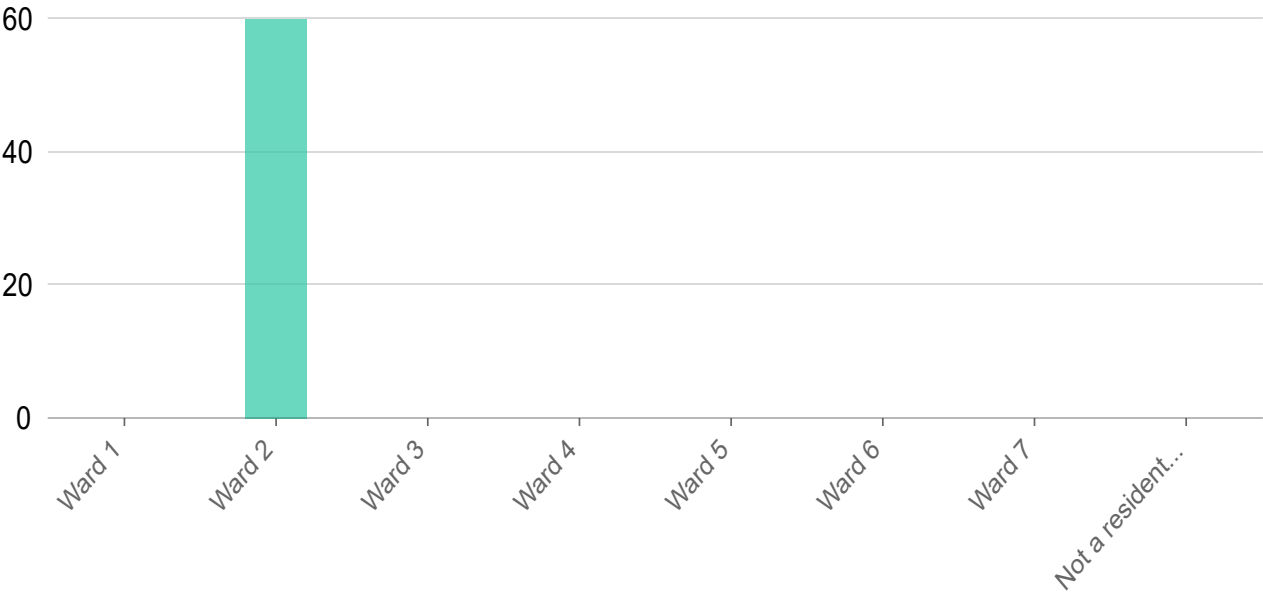
N/A	1
Kennebunk playgrounds, Kennebunk ice skating rink (Waterhouse), XL sports.	1
Indoor climbing gyms	1
I frequently play pickleball in Saco and Kennebunkport because the courts in these towns are better than the places to play in Biddeford. Saco has dedicated courts for pickleball play and Kennebunkport has specific days when pickleball or tennis can be played so that the two sports are not competing for the courts.	1
Horton woods	1
Hiking trails and dog parks	1
Hiking in many areas and beaches in the mid coast.	1
Harris Farm Sugarloaf Laudholm Farm	1
Futsal at Berwick Academy, great for winter indoor activity. Gyms for volleyball in Saco Saco Sports gym	1
Eastern Trail, The Smith Preserve, Meadow Woods Preserve	1
Eastern trail Saco to South Portland, bug light State Park	1
Clifford Park	1
Acadia National Park	1

Answered: 41 Skipped: 45

Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

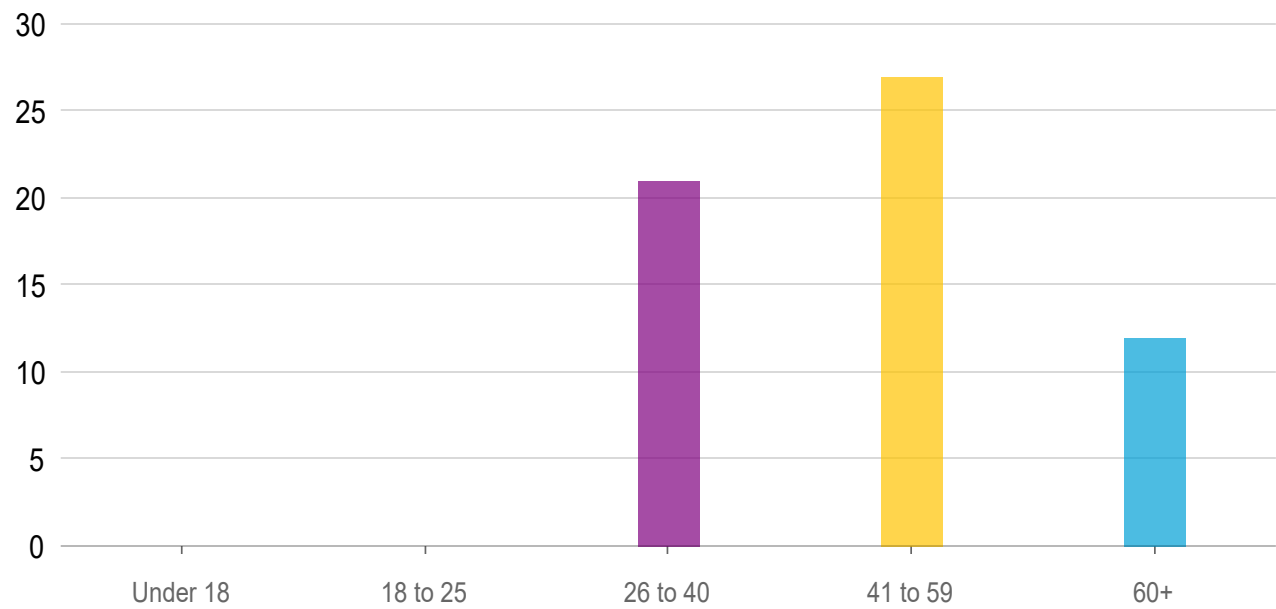
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	0	0%
Ward 2	60	100%
Ward 3	0	0%
Ward 4	0	0%
Ward 5	0	0%
Ward 6	0	0%
Ward 7	0	0%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 60 Skipped: 0

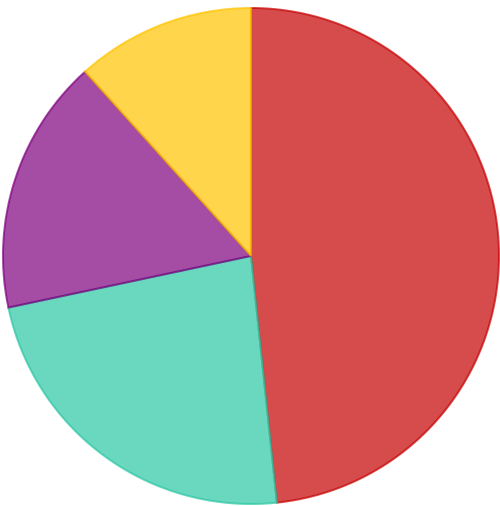
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 25	0	0%
26 to 40	21	35%
41 to 59	27	45%
60+	12	20%

Answered: 60 Skipped: 0

Do you have children in your household?

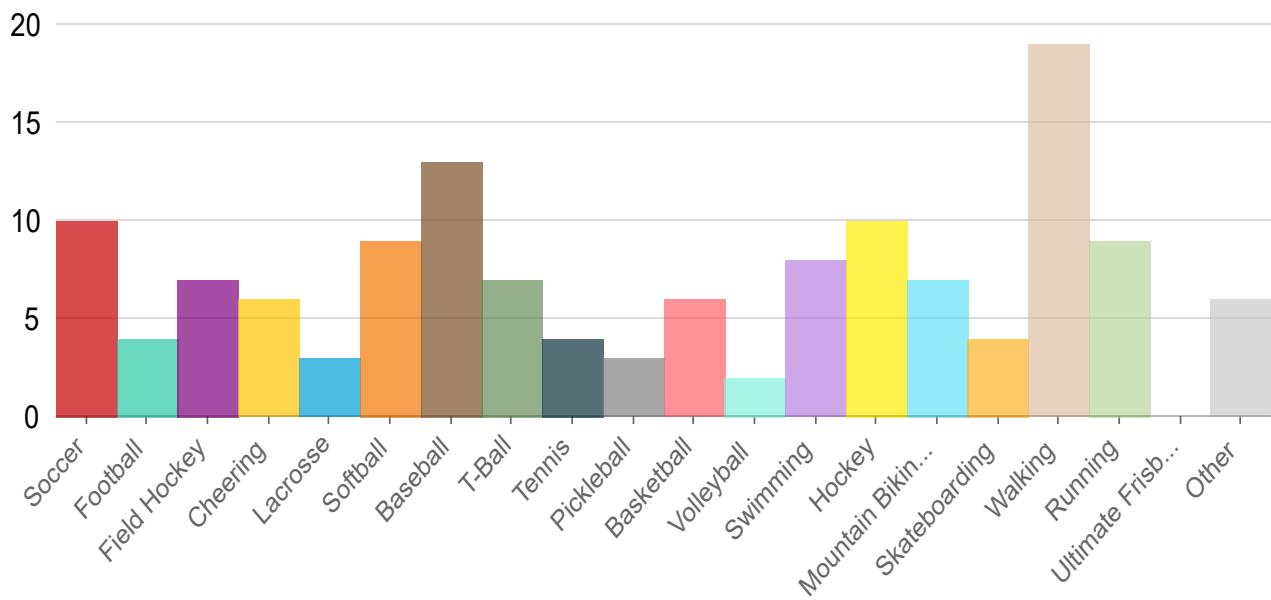


- No, we do not have children in my household
- Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)
- Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)
- Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)

Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	29	48.33%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	14	23.33%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	10	16.67%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	7	11.67%

Answered: 60 Skipped: 0

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	10	16.67%
Football	4	6.67%
Field Hockey	7	11.67%
Cheering	6	10%
Lacrosse	3	5%
Softball	9	15%
Baseball	13	21.67%
T-Ball	7	11.67%
Tennis	4	6.67%
Pickleball	3	5%
Basketball	6	10%
Volleyball	2	3.33%
Swimming	8	13.33%
Hockey	10	16.67%

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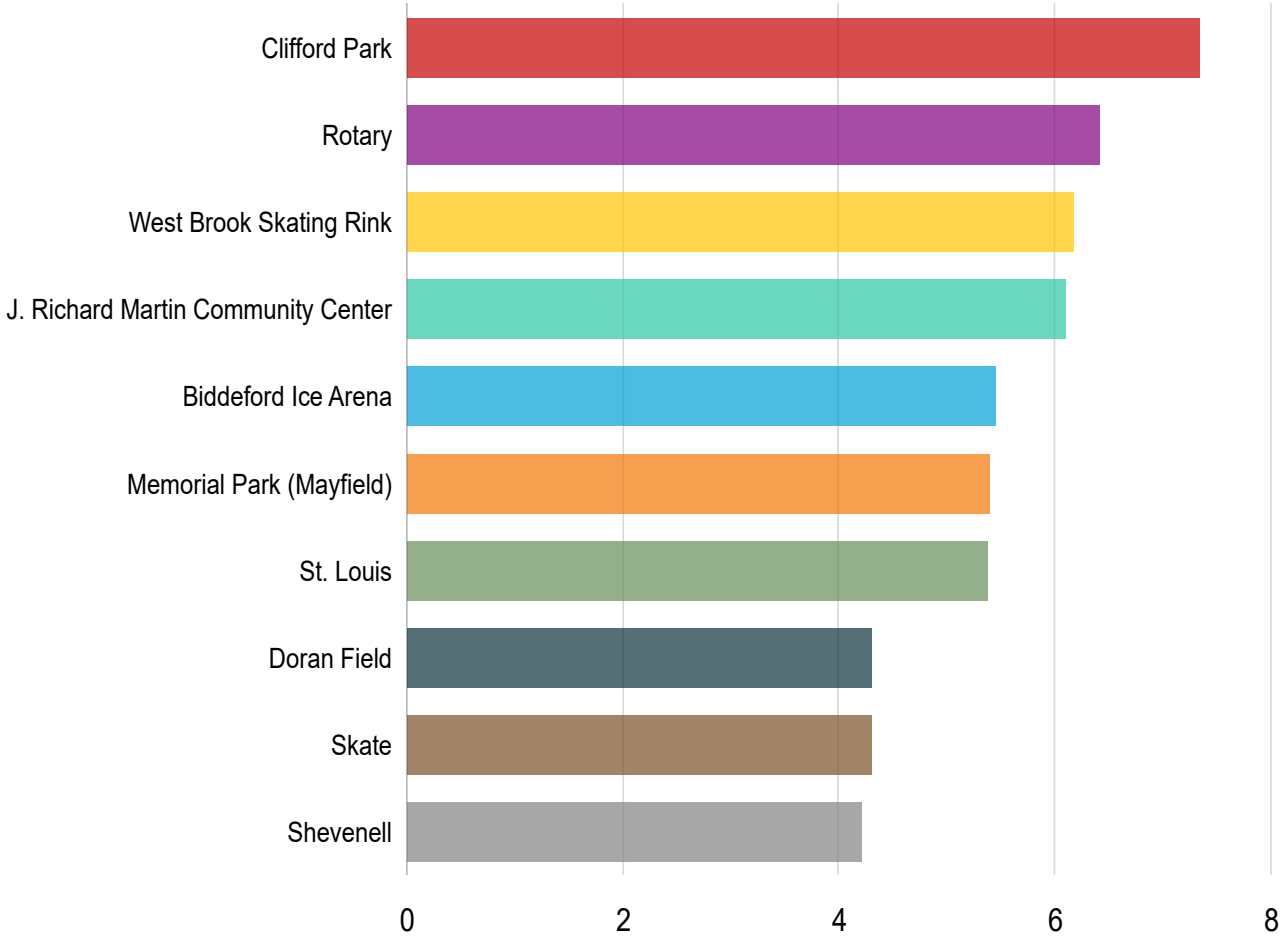
Recreation Bond Survey

Mountain Biking	7	11.67%
Skateboarding	4	6.67%
Walking	19	31.67%
Running	9	15%
Ultimate Frisbee	0	0%
Other	6	10%

Answered: 38 Skipped: 22

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



Average

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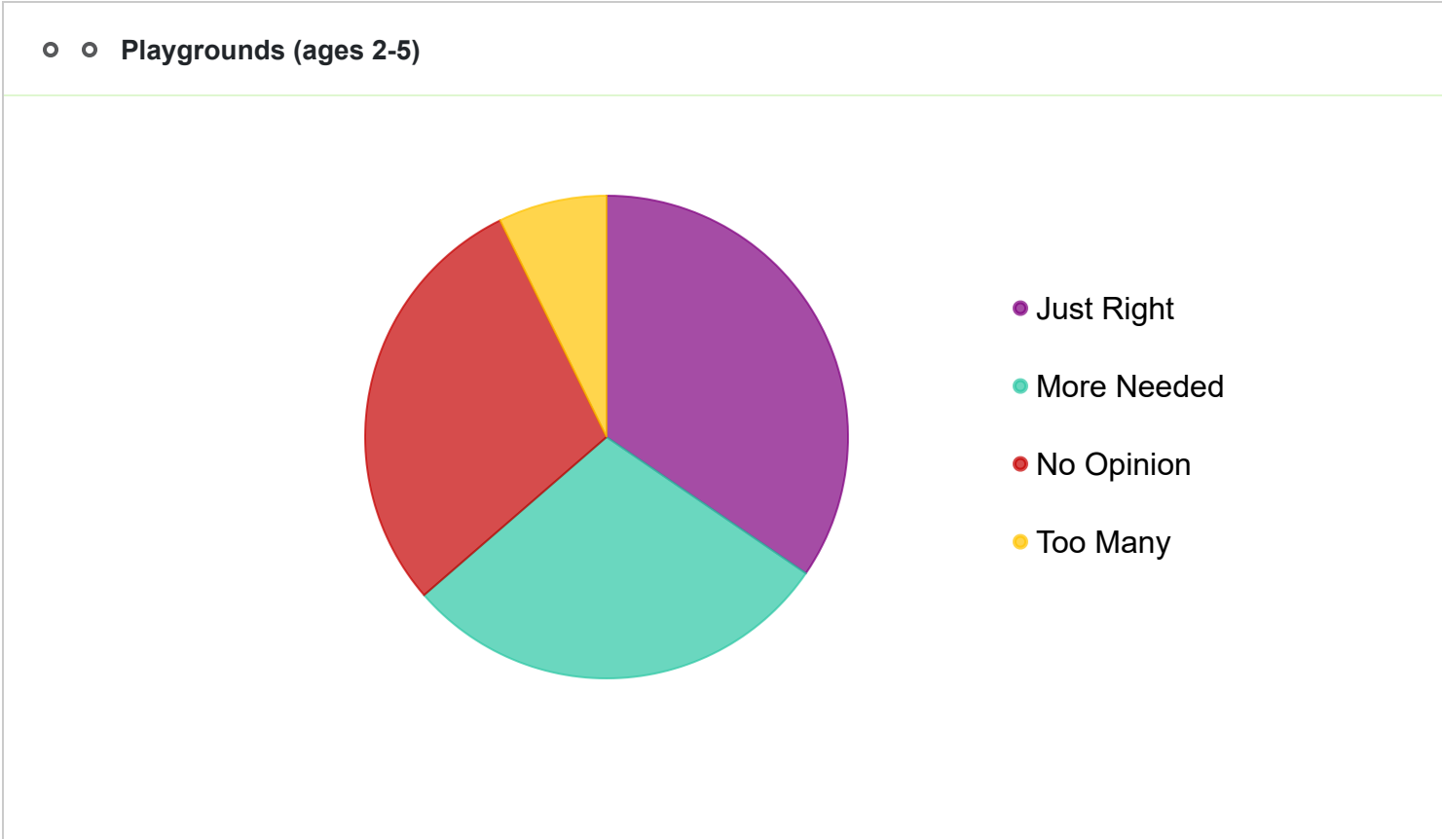
Recreation Bond Survey

Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	score
1	Clifford Park	40.74% 22	9.26% 5	11.11% 6	3.7% 2	3.7% 2	9.26% 5 7.33 4
2	Rotary Park	3.7% 2	20.37% 11	20.37% 11	14.81% 8	7.41% 4	11.11% 6.41
3	West Brook Skating Rink	11.11% 6	20.37% 11	3.7% 2	11.11% 6	14.81% 8	7.41% 4 9.26% 5 6.17
4	J. Richard Martin Community Center	12.96% 7	12.96% 7	12.96% 7	18.52% 10	1.85% 1	9.26% 6.09
5	Biddeford Ice Arena	16.67% 9	5.56% 3	9.26% 5	5.56% 3	11.11% 6	12.96% 7 5.56% 3 5.44
6	Memorial Park (Mayfield)	9.26% 5	5.56% 3	11.11% 6	12.96% 7	11.11% 6	9.26% 5.39

Answered: 54

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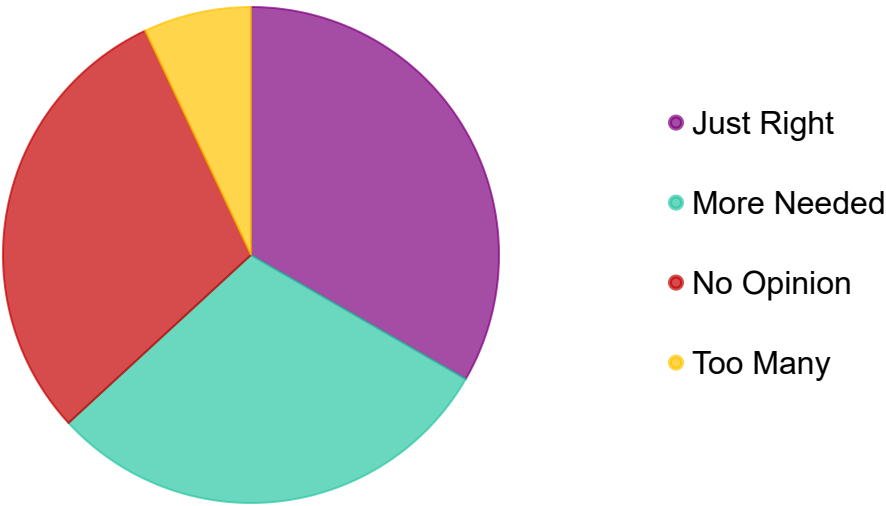
Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	19	31.67%
More Needed	16	26.67%
No Opinion	16	26.67%
Too Many	4	6.67%

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5

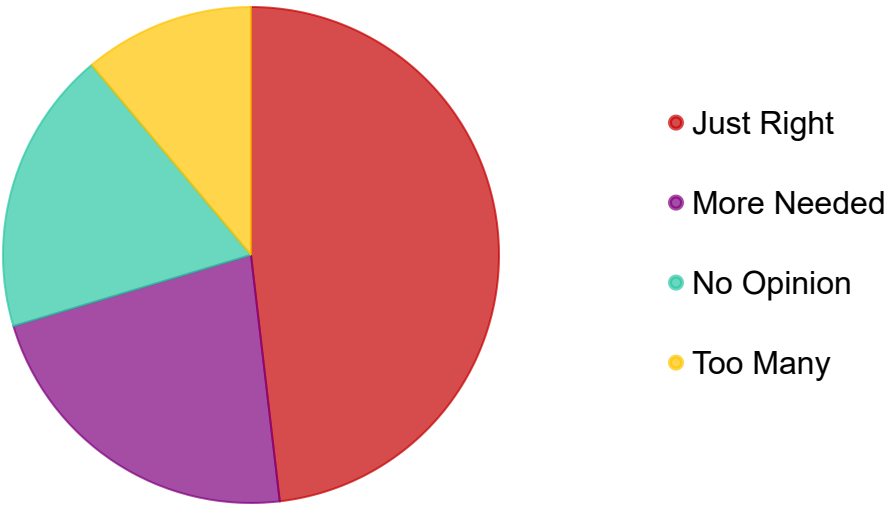
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	19	31.67%
More Needed	17	28.33%
No Opinion	17	28.33%
Too Many	4	6.67%

Answered: 57 Skipped: 3

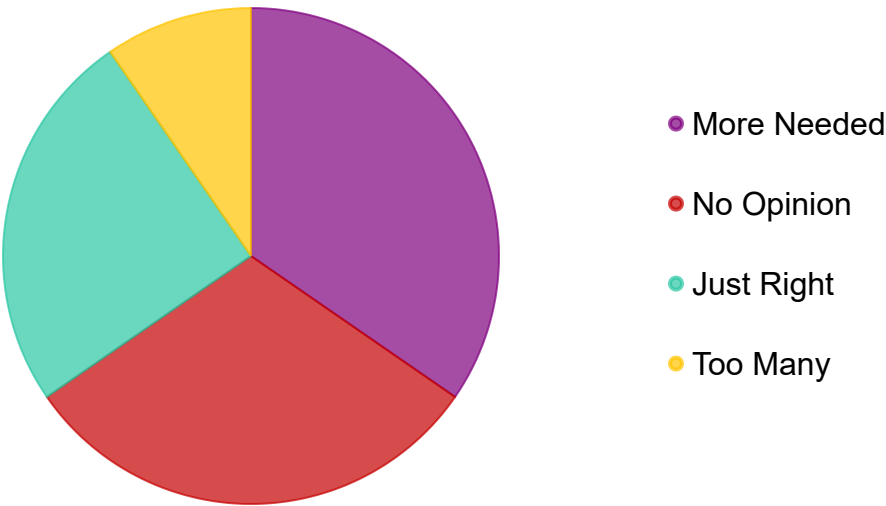
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	26	43.33%
More Needed	12	20%
No Opinion	10	16.67%
Too Many	6	10%

Answered: 54 Skipped: 6

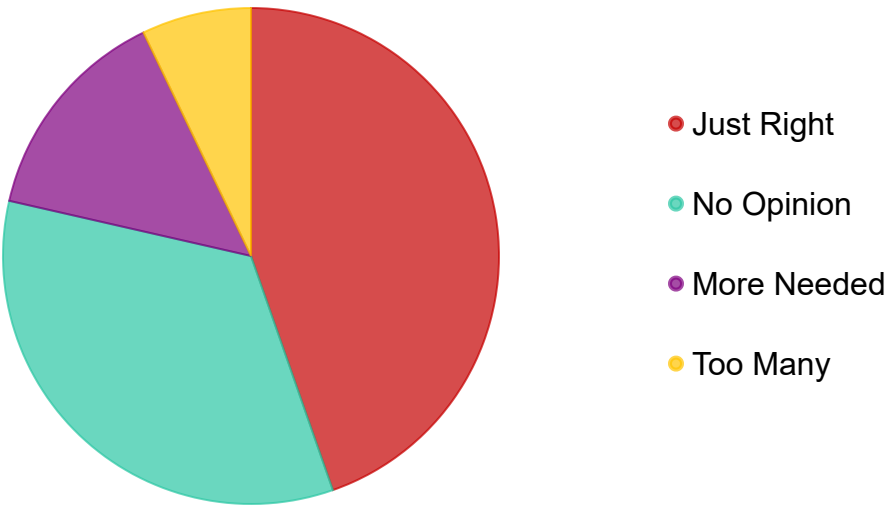
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	18	30%
No Opinion	16	26.67%
Just Right	13	21.67%
Too Many	5	8.33%

Answered: 52 Skipped: 8

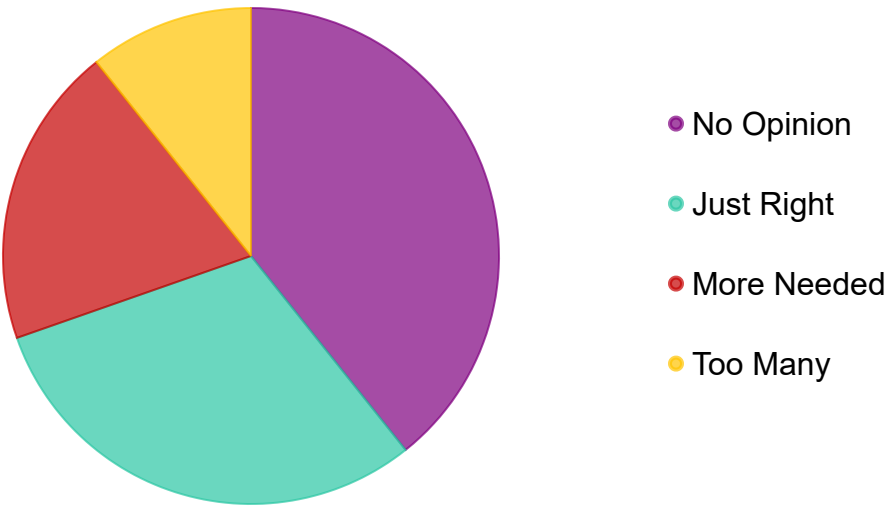
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	25	41.67%
No Opinion	19	31.67%
More Needed	8	13.33%
Too Many	4	6.67%

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

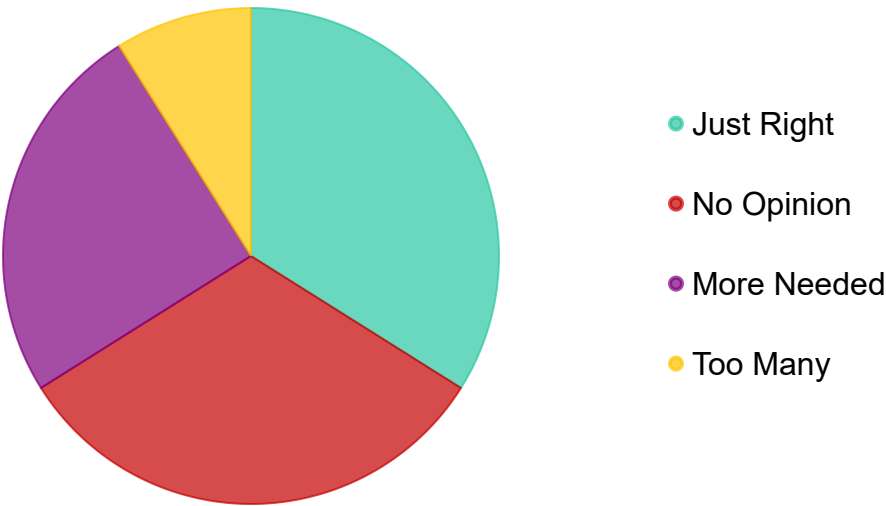
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	22	36.67%
Just Right	17	28.33%
More Needed	11	18.33%
Too Many	6	10%

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

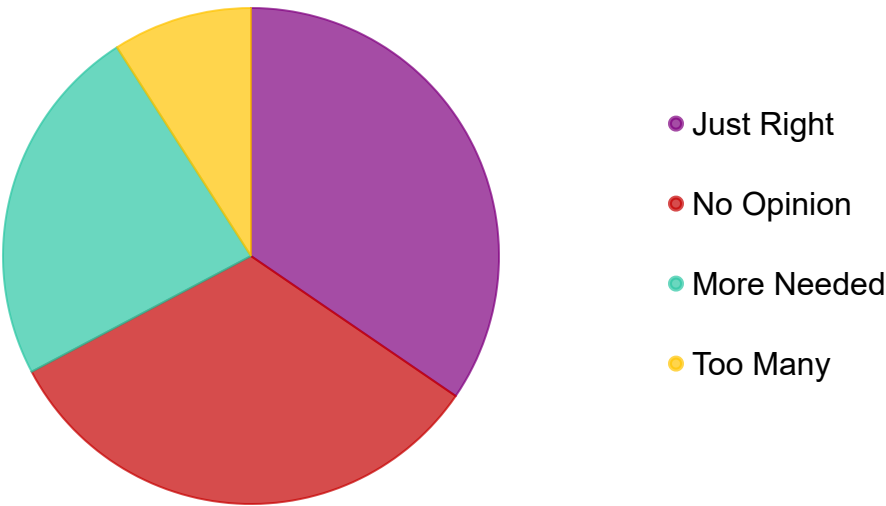
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	19	31.67%
No Opinion	18	30%
More Needed	14	23.33%
Too Many	5	8.33%

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

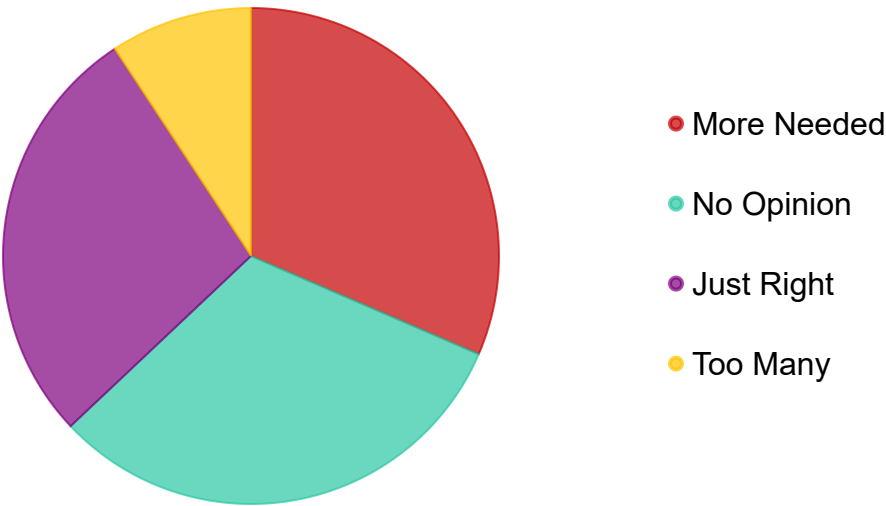
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	19	31.67%
No Opinion	18	30%
More Needed	13	21.67%
Too Many	5	8.33%

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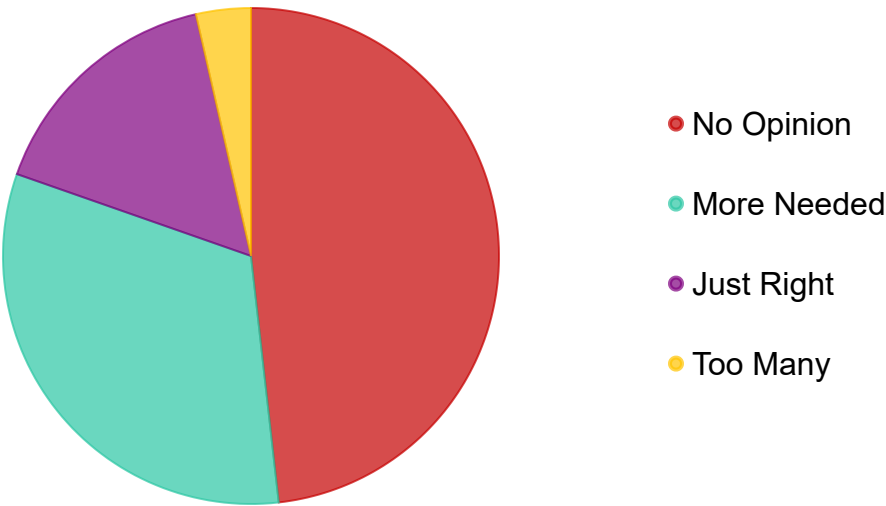
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	17	28.33%
No Opinion	17	28.33%
Just Right	15	25%
Too Many	5	8.33%

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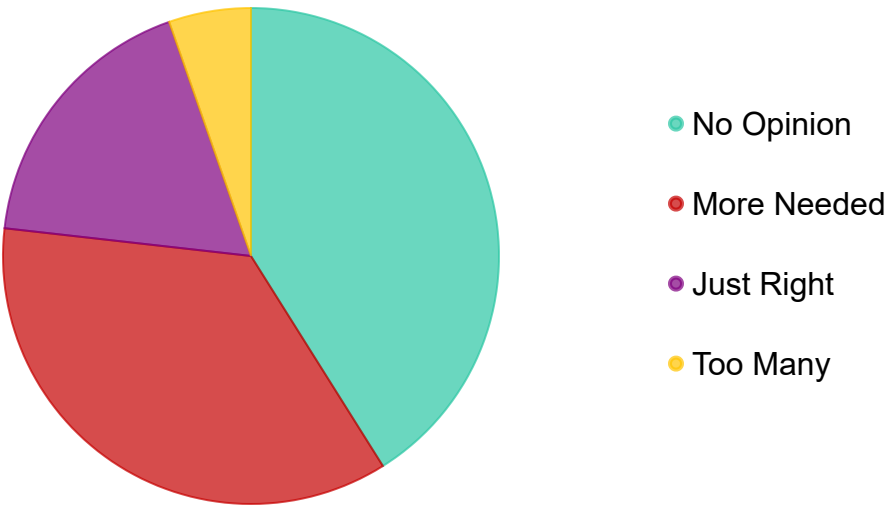
Youth Summer Camp Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	27	45%
More Needed	18	30%
Just Right	9	15%
Too Many	2	3.33%

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

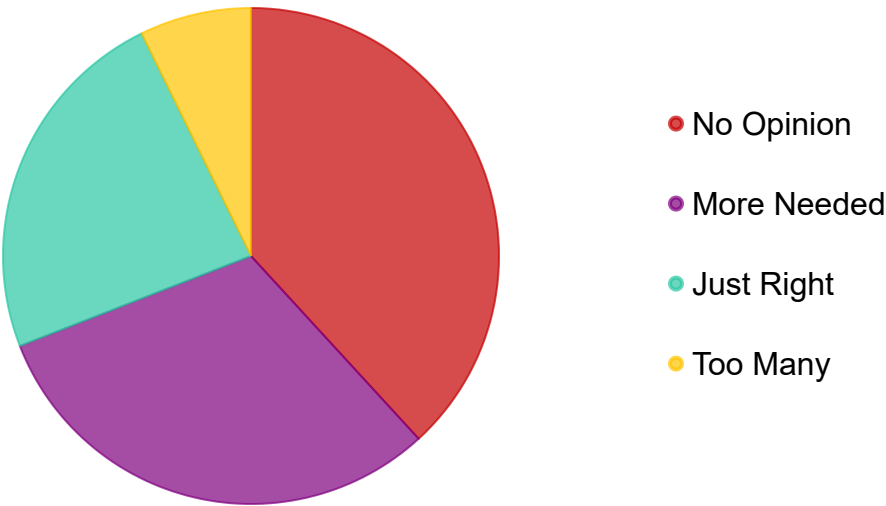
○ ○ After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	23	38.33%
More Needed	20	33.33%
Just Right	10	16.67%
Too Many	3	5%

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

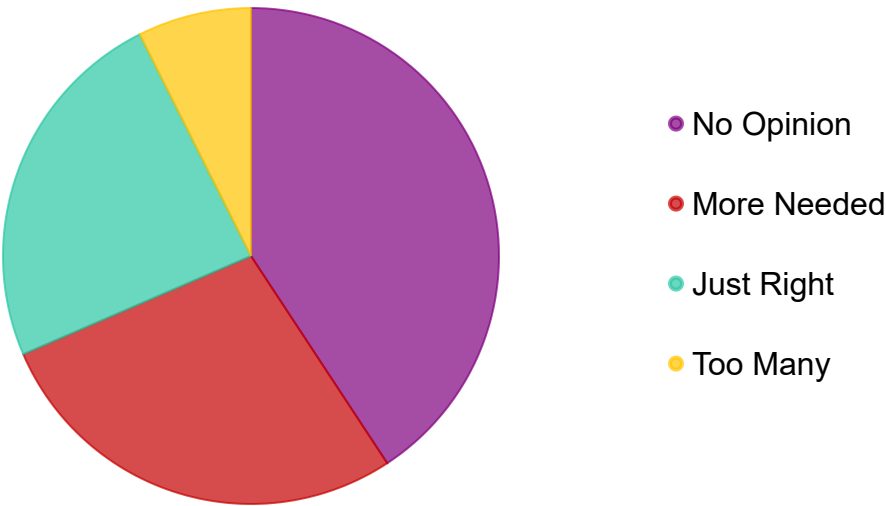
○ ○ Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	21	35%
More Needed	17	28.33%
Just Right	13	21.67%
Too Many	4	6.67%

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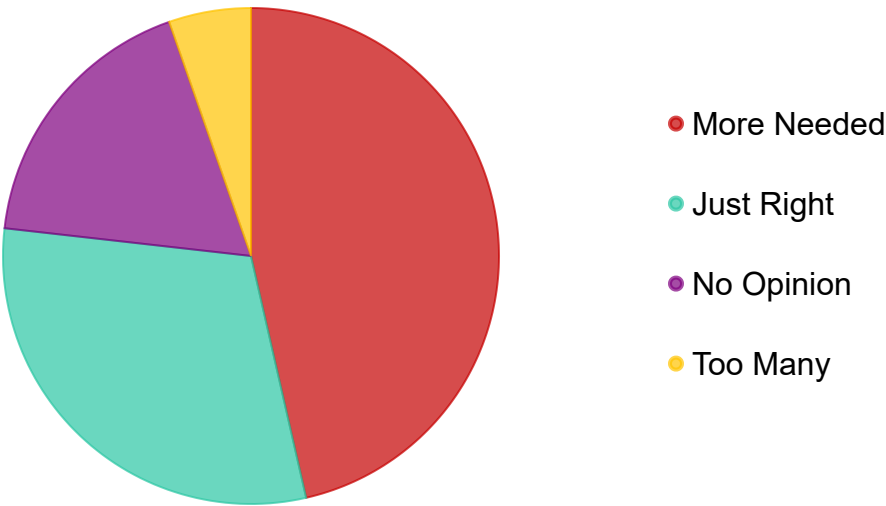
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	22	36.67%
More Needed	15	25%
Just Right	13	21.67%
Too Many	4	6.67%

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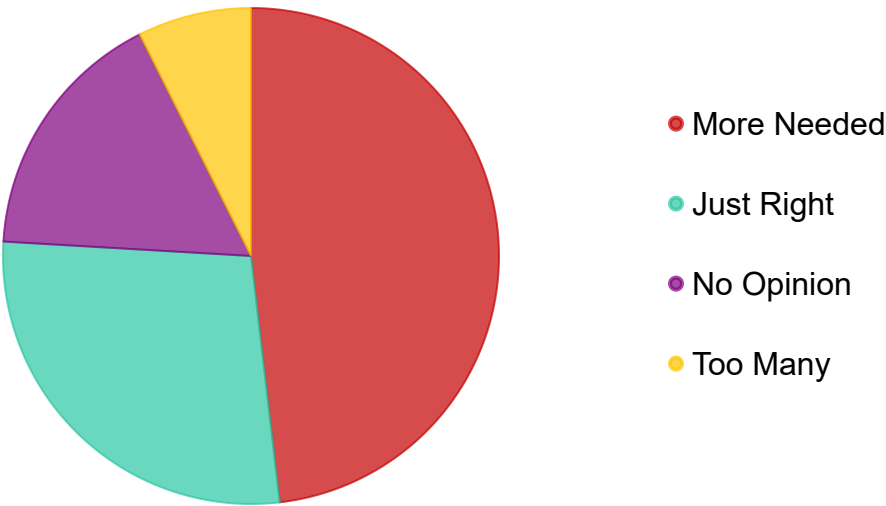
Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
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Just Right	17	28.33%
No Opinion	10	16.67%
Too Many	3	5%

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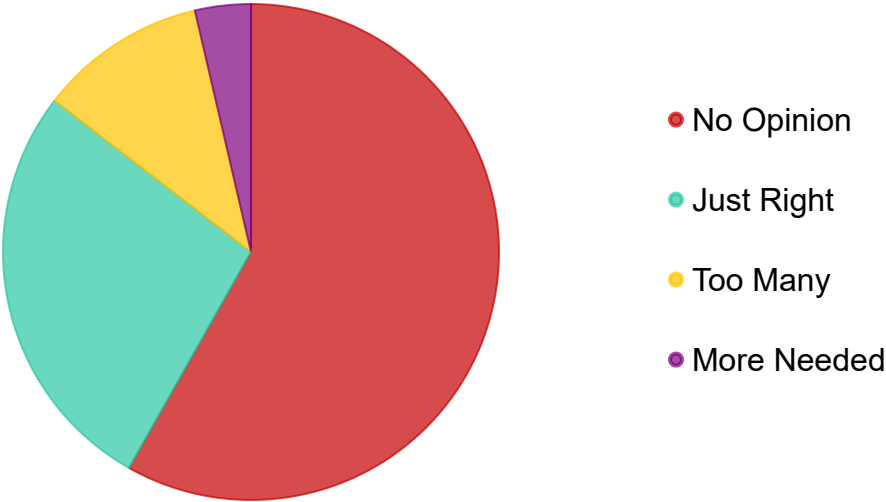
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	26	43.33%
Just Right	15	25%
No Opinion	9	15%
Too Many	4	6.67%

Answered: 54 Skipped: 6

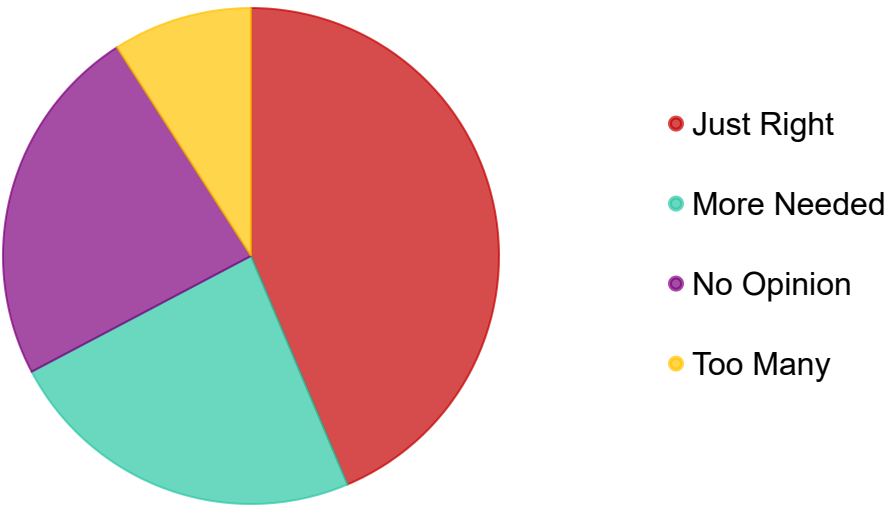
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	32	53.33%
Just Right	15	25%
Too Many	6	10%
More Needed	2	3.33%

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5

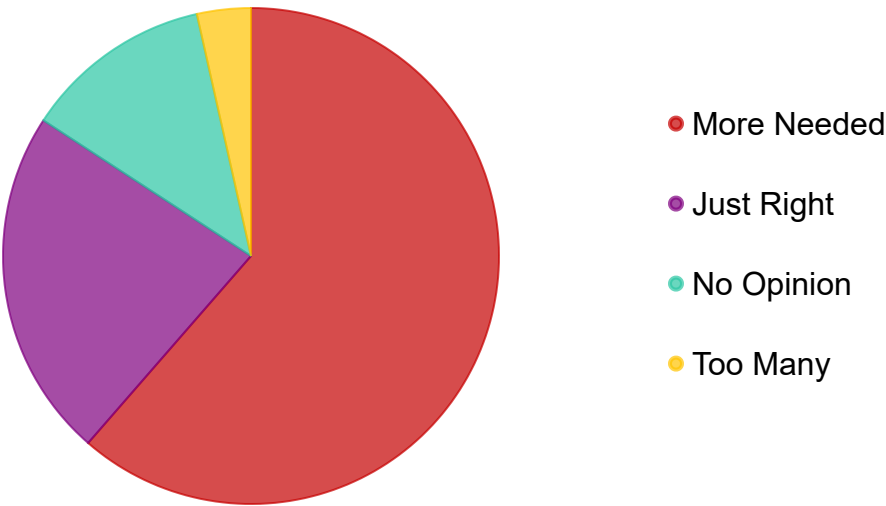
○ ○ Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	24	40%
More Needed	13	21.67%
No Opinion	13	21.67%
Too Many	5	8.33%

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5

Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	35	58.33%
Just Right	13	21.67%
No Opinion	7	11.67%
Too Many	2	3.33%

Answered: 57 Skipped: 3

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



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N/A	1
More opportunities for adaptive programming and equipment	1
Maybe a splash pad during the summer months like what Saco just installed.	1
I'd like to see our large athletic fields to be utilized for more mixed-use purposes—athletics, easy walking/running paths, more tree canopy, areas to sit/picnic, etc.	1
I want Clifford park to be like Lavoie Pump Track in Gorham. It truly brings the community together and gets the kids and adults to build confidence and community. Better signage, pump track, and beginner friendly trail would be huge in Clifford.	1
I live on Pike Street. I would love to be able to access Mechanics Park with my family. In recent years the condition has not been as clean or safe for use by children. It would benefit the neighborhood greatly if funding could be used for improvement! TY	1
Garbage cans in Rotary Park. Level ground for youth football/cheer at Rotary, and lights at that same field. All of our football players, no matter what grade are practicing on uneven fields with no lights in the evening..	1
Crossing the street by Clifford park is a nightmare and so unsafe. We need cross walk signs that light up, speed indicators, and even a bump out would be amazing. Children use that park all the time. And bike lanes in pool st when redone is an easy win	1
Clean all parks, part time park supervisors	1
Better and more accurate signage within the parks to navigate trails, scenic locations, and other destinations.	1
accessible trail for walking with wheeled mobility devices.	1

Answered: 25 Skipped: 35

Do you visit any recreational destinations outside of Biddeford? If yes, please...



Response	Count
Yes. Smith Preserve in Kennebunk has a much more clearly defined trail system and wayfinding. Tyler Brook Preserve also has much clearer signage, with waypoints that feature maps at intersections of trails so people can always orient themselves. They also include footbridges over low-lying wet areas to prevent people from walking around muddy areas and unintentionally widening the trails.	1
Yes. Many of our children's activities are held on either ice rink, outdoor fields, or indoor sports complexes throughout New England	1
Yes, they are kept up with and are neat and clean. They are money makers with food offerings and services	1
We visit public pools. Typically we go to SPCC.	1
We visit many all over Southern Maine, because my 3 kids compete competitively. Some are nicer than ours, some aren't. The ones that are nicer have better canteens and bathrooms accessible, or have more level fields to play on or have lights so they can have night games or practice later	1
We go to the parks in Old Orchard Beach. There's a lot of structures and has accessibility.	1
The dog park on rt 9 in Kennebunk. It's a wonderful fenced in wooded area with poop bag stations, water, and seating	1
Sport complexes/ golf courses / outdoor basketball courts We don't need a skate park for the 20 kids that skate	1

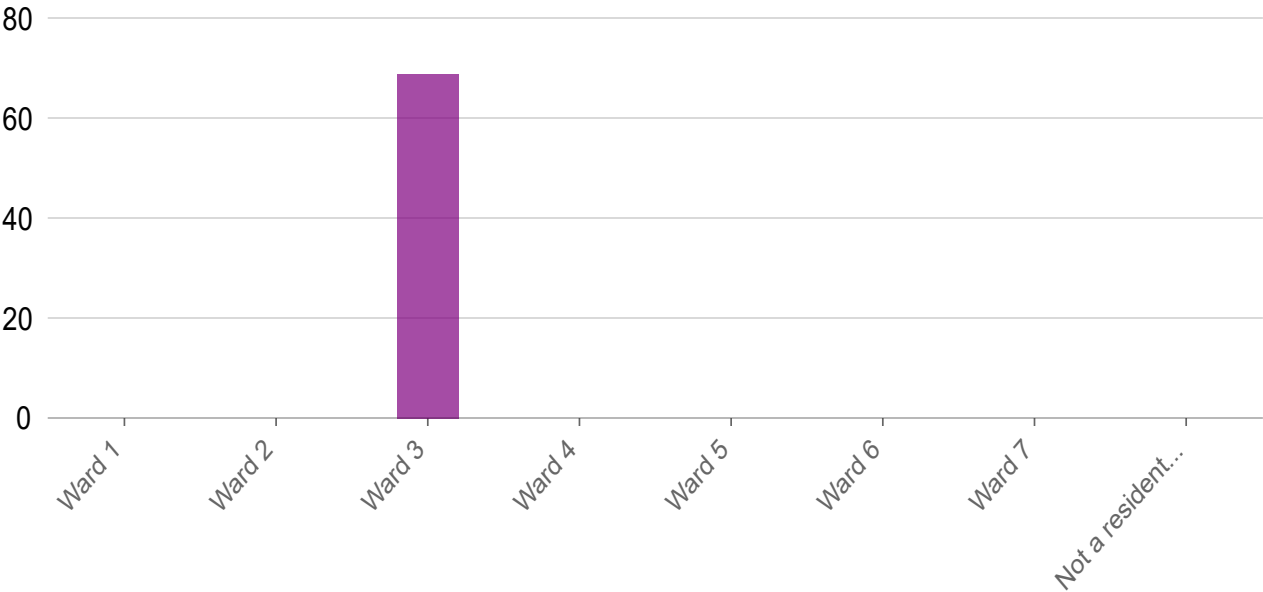
Smith Preserve in Kennebunkport has a very well-maintained trail system.	1
Saco, Dayton, Portland	1
Saco Senior Program and they have an organized program dedicated for seniors, lots of activities and a service for seniors were they can get "free" qualified handyman help to fix things around the house. FYI: I did not like the ranking of facilities, I unable to put it in my order of preference from 1 thru 10.	1
Saco Recreation center	1
Other beaches like bay view because it's dog friendly year round, trails along Saco River, Pineland Farms and Bradbury Mountain for snow shoeing and trail running. Clifford Park is pretty epic and I hope it can stay that way. Biddeford does a great job maintaining it!	1
No	1
maine state parks, and trails systems	1
I live near Clifford park but have to travel to the Pool Street entrance to actually enter the park, which is very inconvenient and makes the park much less accessible to people like me	1
Center for therapeutic recreation - adaptive swimming. Deering oaks - splash pad.	1
Biddeford ice skating rink, Westbrook skating rink, rotary park / dog park	1
Biddeford has some spectacular trails, which I enjoy used and include, Clifford Park, Eastpoint Sanctuary And Timber Point. Kennebunkport Land Trust trails. I also enjoy Emmons Preserve, Tyler Brook and Meadow Woods.	1
Arundel city hall trails, cape Elizabeth trails,...most mountain bike trails in southern main and on the east coast.	1
All around southern Maine	1

Answered: 21 Skipped: 39

Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

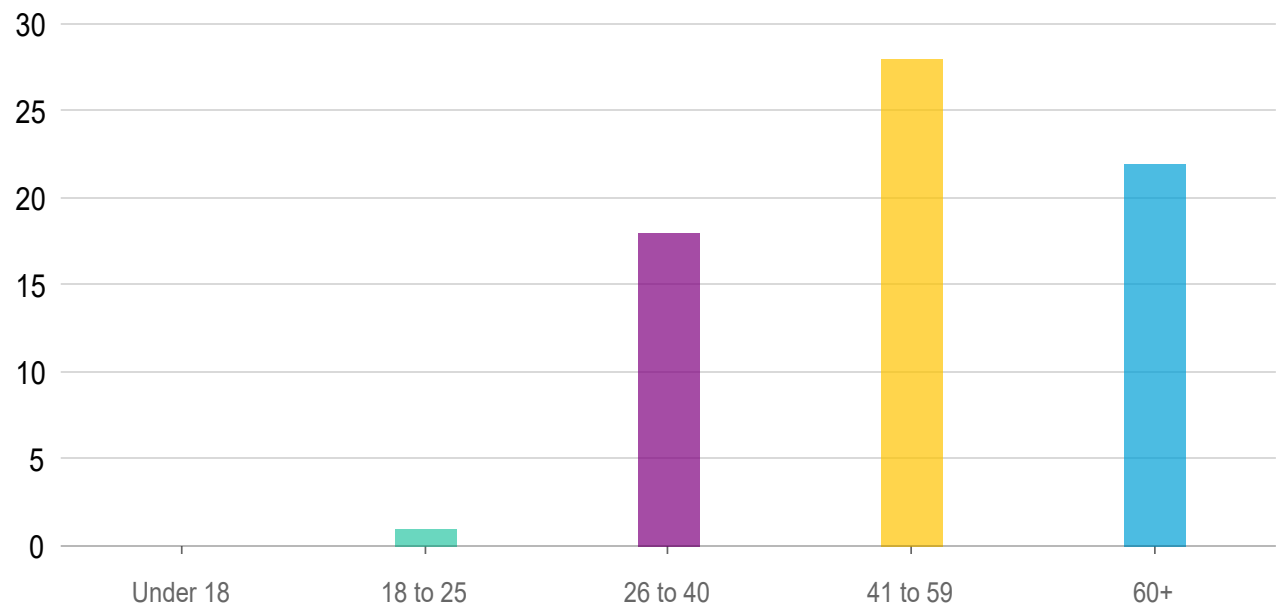
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	0	0%
Ward 2	0	0%
Ward 3	69	100%
Ward 4	0	0%
Ward 5	0	0%
Ward 6	0	0%
Ward 7	0	0%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0

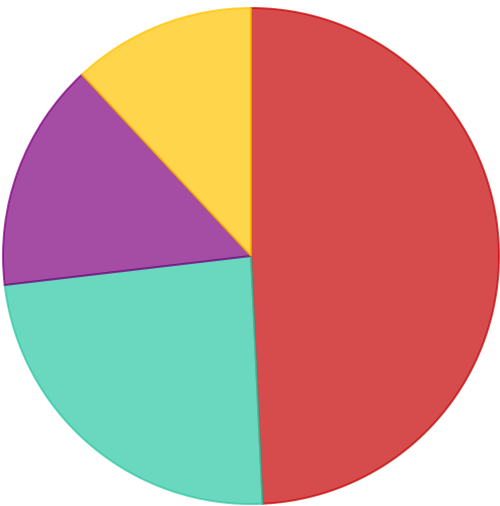
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 25	1	1.45%
26 to 40	18	26.09%
41 to 59	28	40.58%
60+	22	31.88%

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0

Do you have children in your household?

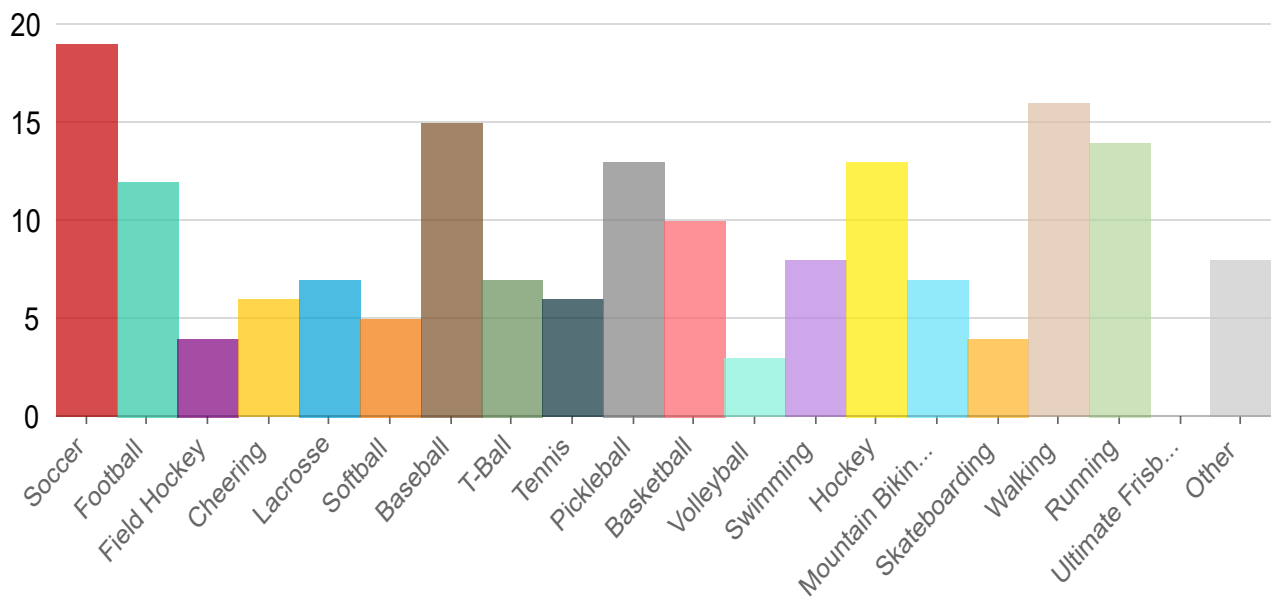


- No, we do not have children in my household
- Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)
- Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)
- Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)

Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	33	47.83%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	16	23.19%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	10	14.49%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	8	11.59%

Answered: 67 Skipped: 2

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	19	27.54%
Football	12	17.39%
Field Hockey	4	5.8%
Cheering	6	8.7%
Lacrosse	7	10.14%
Softball	5	7.25%
Baseball	15	21.74%
T-Ball	7	10.14%
Tennis	6	8.7%
Pickleball	13	18.84%
Basketball	10	14.49%
Volleyball	3	4.35%
Swimming	8	11.59%
Hockey	13	18.84%

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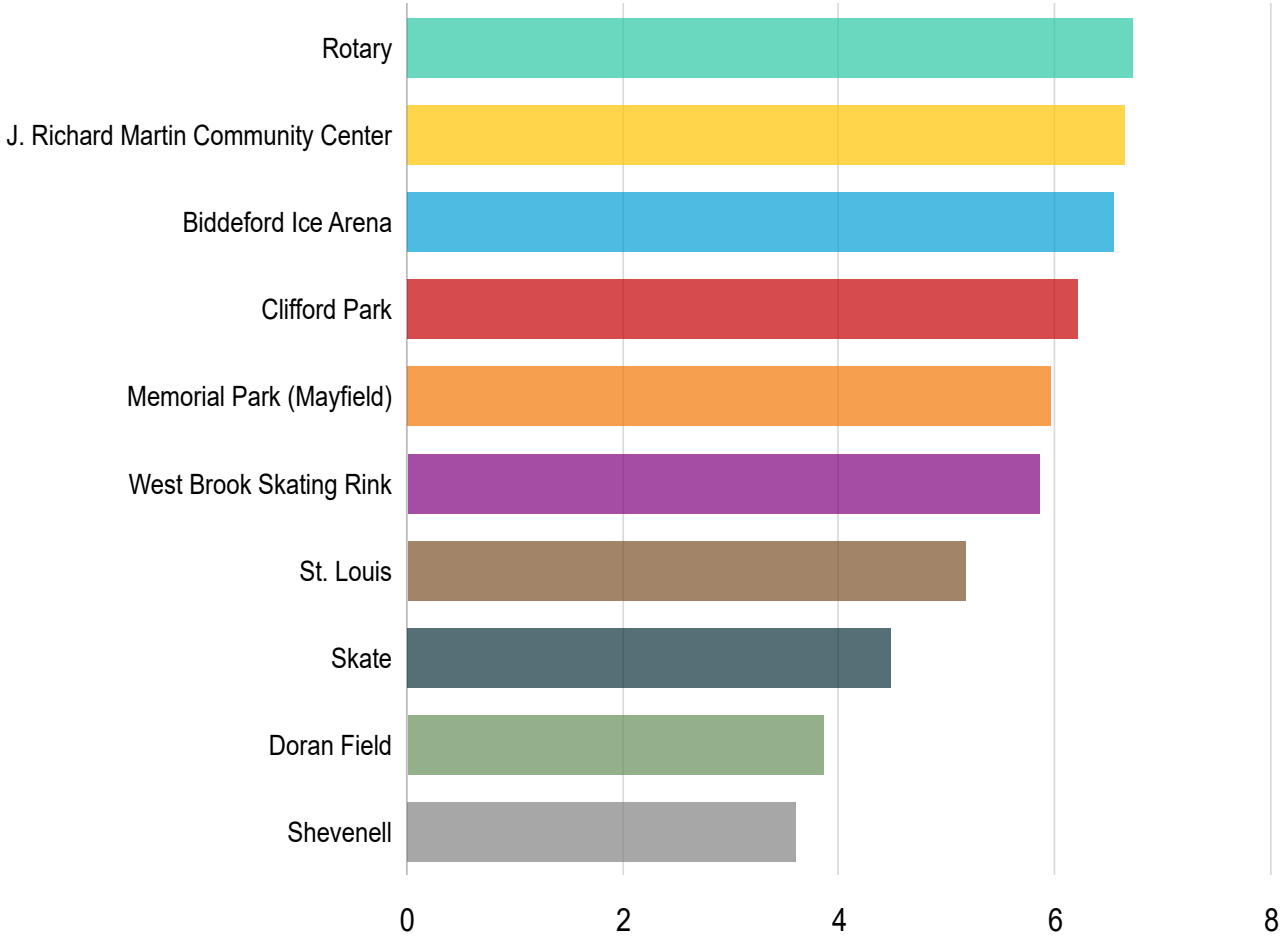
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Mountain Biking	7	10.14%
Skateboarding	4	5.8%
Walking	16	23.19%
Running	14	20.29%
Ultimate Frisbee	0	0%
Other	8	11.59%

Answered: 49 Skipped: 20

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



Average

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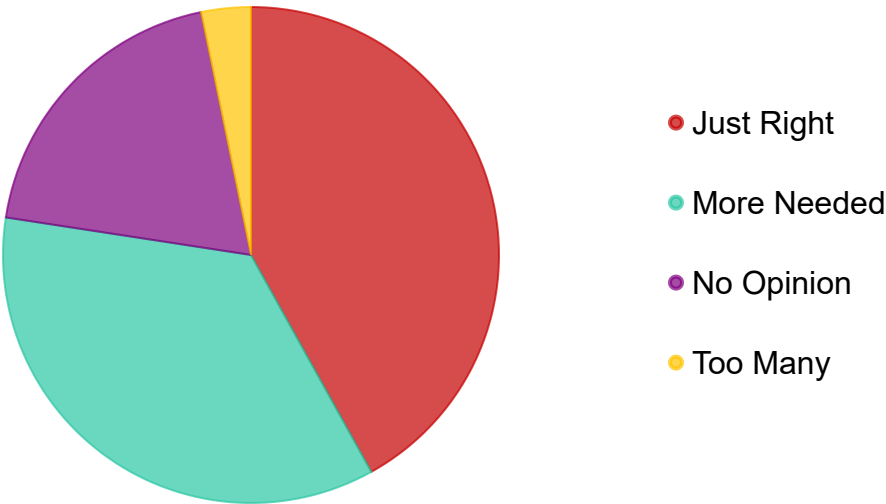
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Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	score
1	Rotary Park	13.43% 9	11.94% 8	14.93% 10	16.42% 11	16.42% 11	8.96% 6 4.48% 6.72 3
2	J. Richard Martin Community Center	17.91% 12	11.94% 8	14.93% 10	16.42% 11	5.97% 4	8.96% 6.64
3	Biddeford Ice Arena	28.36% 19	7.46% 5	7.46% 5	10.45% 7	8.96% 6	5.97% 4 7.46% 6.54 5
4	Clifford Park	8.96% 6	20.9% 14	5.97% 4	13.43% 9	8.96% 6	11.94% 6.21
5	Memorial Park (Mayfield)	5.97% 4	8.96% 6	17.91% 12	8.96% 6	16.42% 11	10.45% 7 14.93% 5.96 10
6	West Brook Skating Rink	5.97% 4	14.93% 10	8.96% 6	13.43% 9	17.91% 12	7.46% 5.85

Answered: 67 Skipped: 2

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:

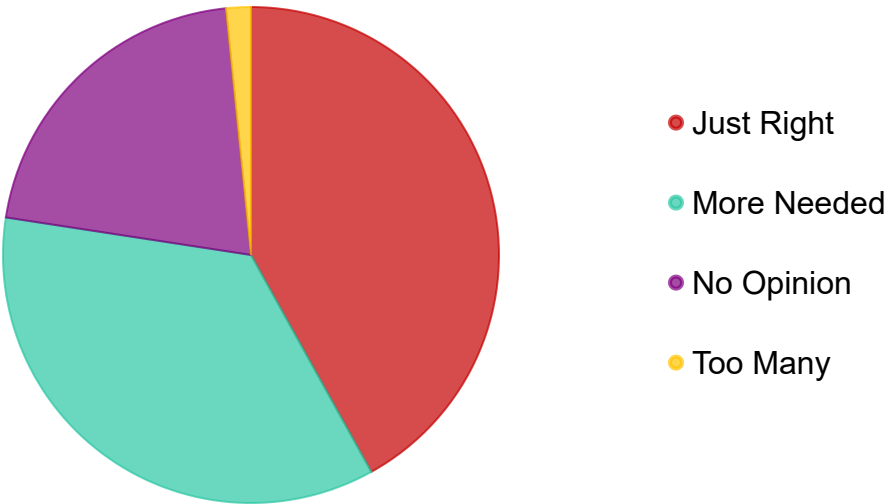
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 2-5)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	26	37.68%
More Needed	22	31.88%
No Opinion	12	17.39%
Too Many	2	2.9%

Answered: 62 Skipped: 7

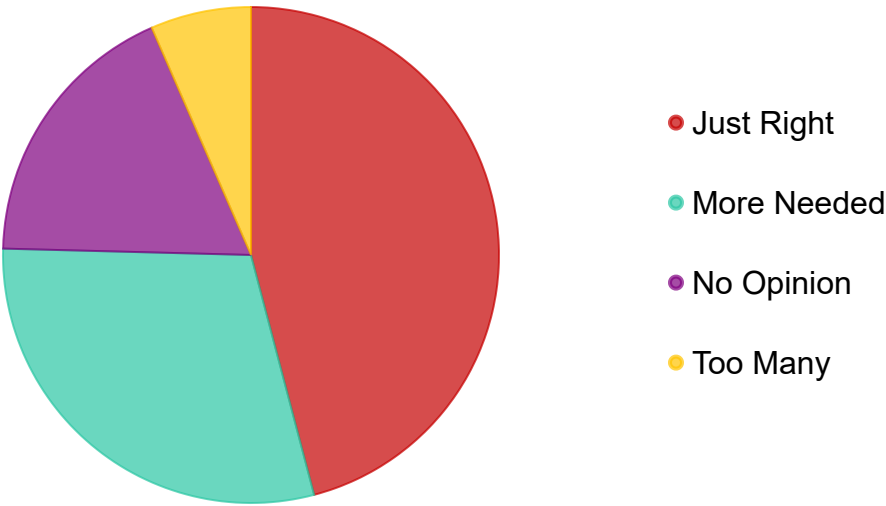
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	26	37.68%
More Needed	22	31.88%
No Opinion	13	18.84%
Too Many	1	1.45%

Answered: 62 Skipped: 7

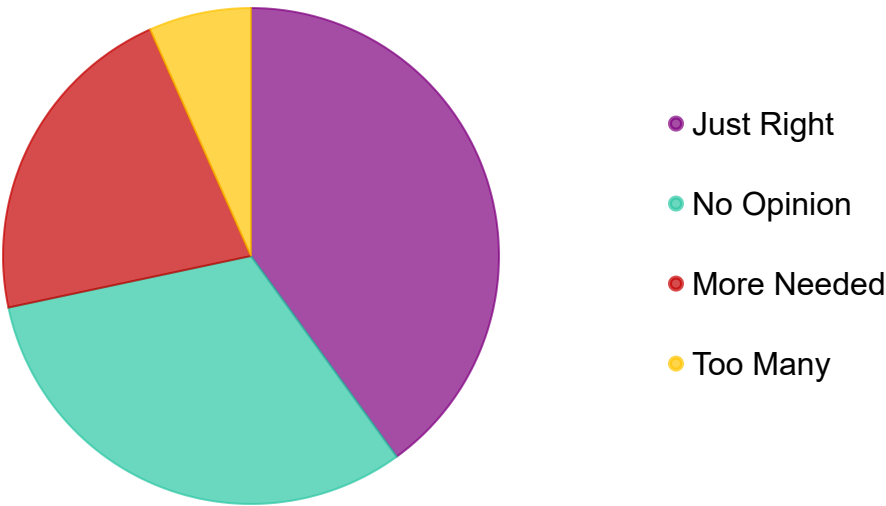
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	28	40.58%
More Needed	18	26.09%
No Opinion	11	15.94%
Too Many	4	5.8%

Answered: 61 Skipped: 8

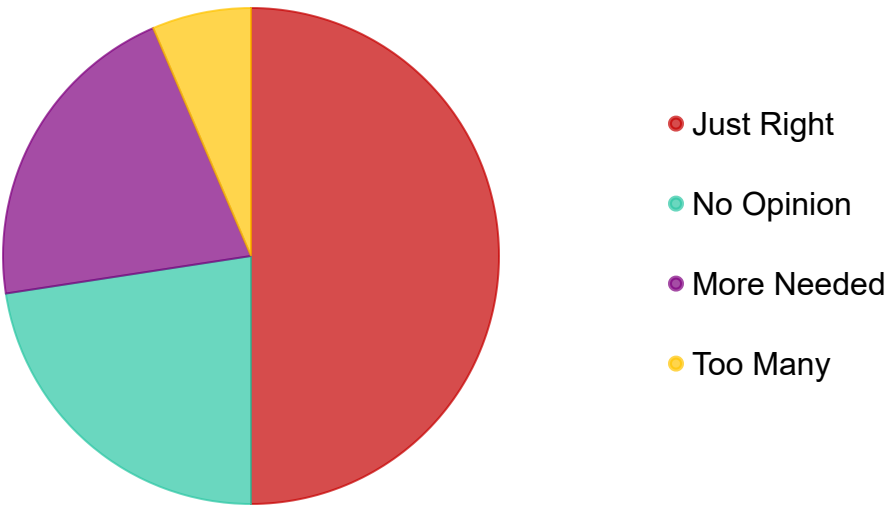
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	24	34.78%
No Opinion	19	27.54%
More Needed	13	18.84%
Too Many	4	5.8%

Answered: 60 Skipped: 9

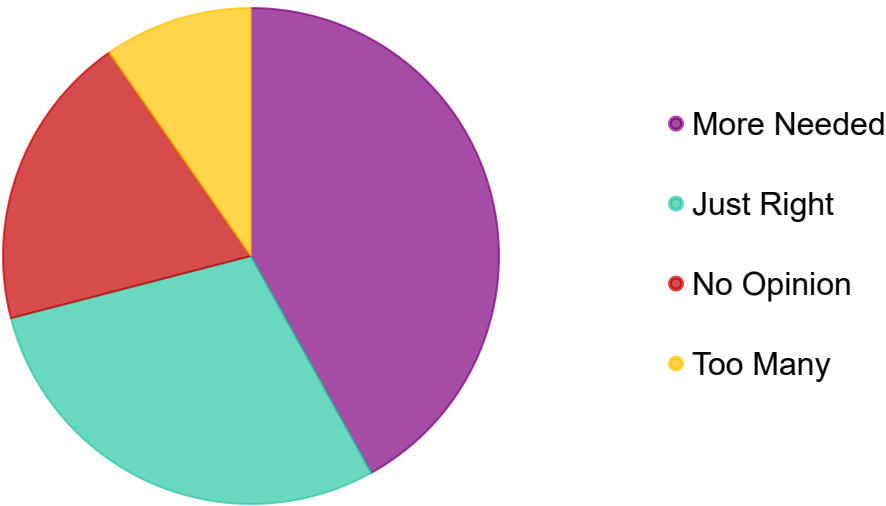
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	31	44.93%
No Opinion	14	20.29%
More Needed	13	18.84%
Too Many	4	5.8%

Answered: 62 Skipped: 7

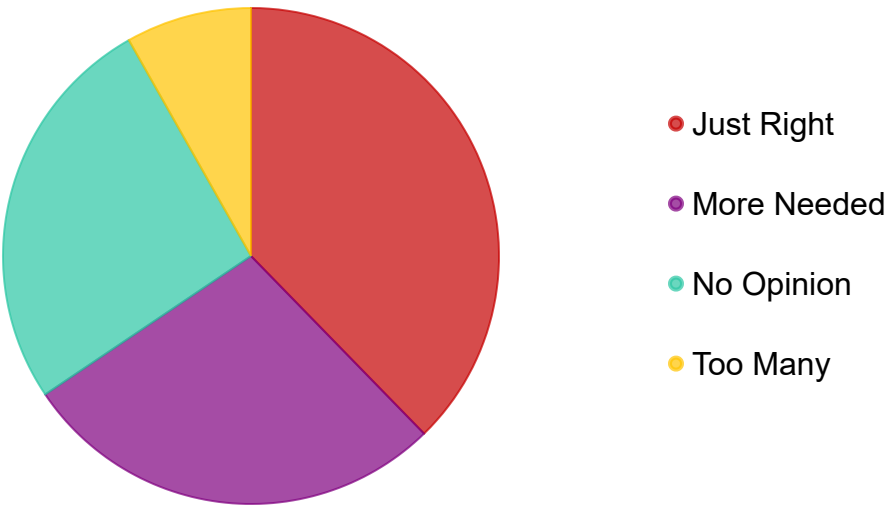
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	26	37.68%
Just Right	18	26.09%
No Opinion	12	17.39%
Too Many	6	8.7%

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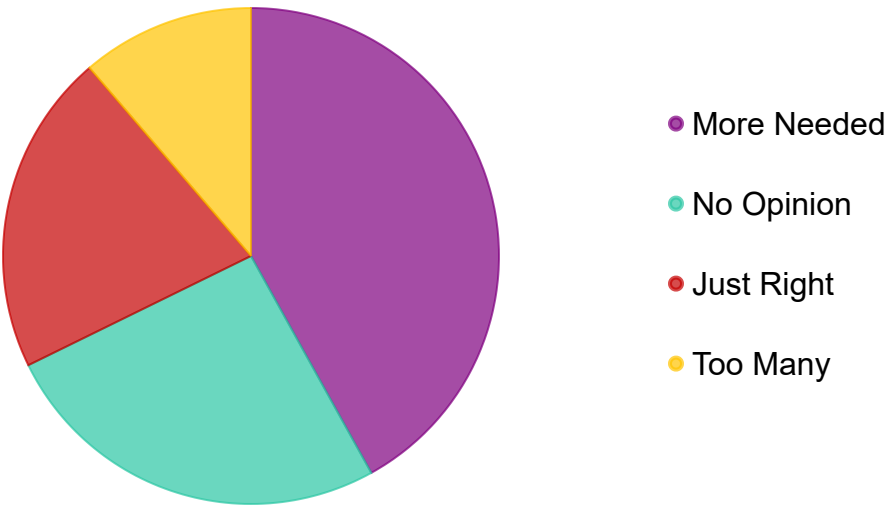
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	23	33.33%
More Needed	17	24.64%
No Opinion	16	23.19%
Too Many	5	7.25%

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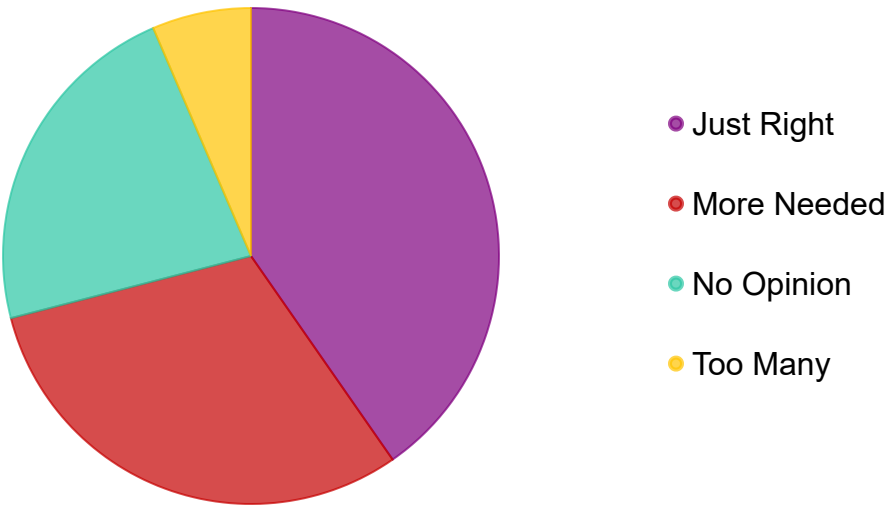
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	26	37.68%
No Opinion	16	23.19%
Just Right	13	18.84%
Too Many	7	10.14%

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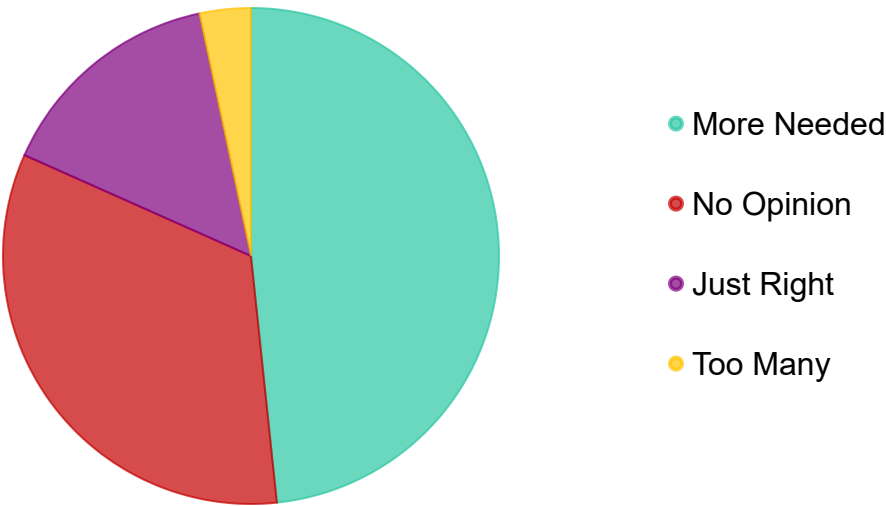
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	25	36.23%
More Needed	19	27.54%
No Opinion	14	20.29%
Too Many	4	5.8%

Answered: 62 Skipped: 7

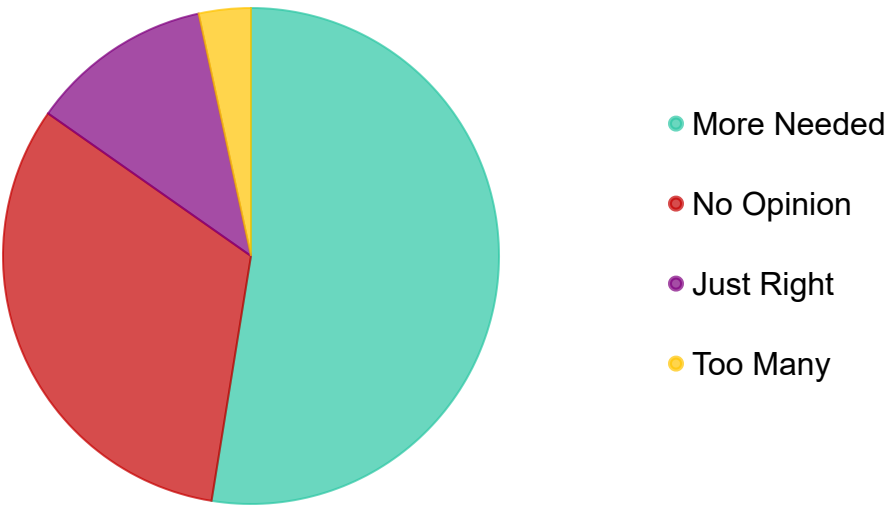
Youth Summer Camp Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	29	42.03%
No Opinion	20	28.99%
Just Right	9	13.04%
Too Many	2	2.9%

Answered: 60 Skipped: 9

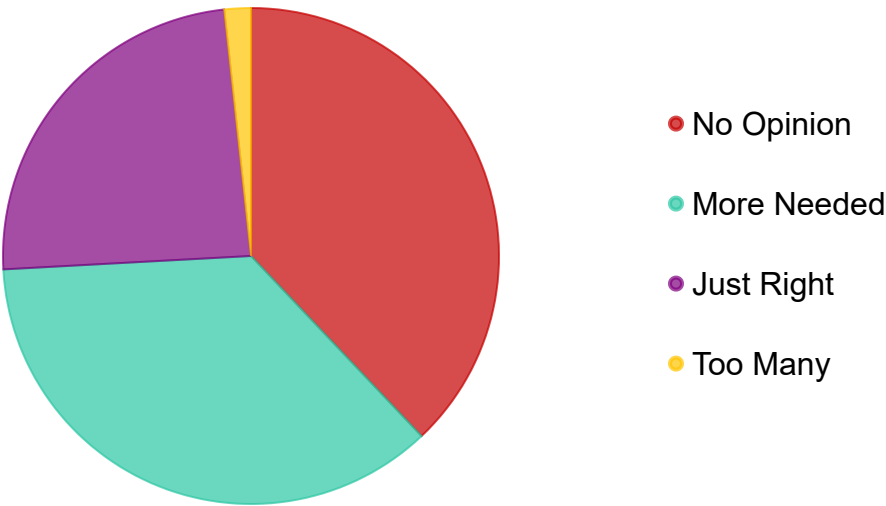
○ ○ After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	31	44.93%
No Opinion	19	27.54%
Just Right	7	10.14%
Too Many	2	2.9%

Answered: 59 Skipped: 10

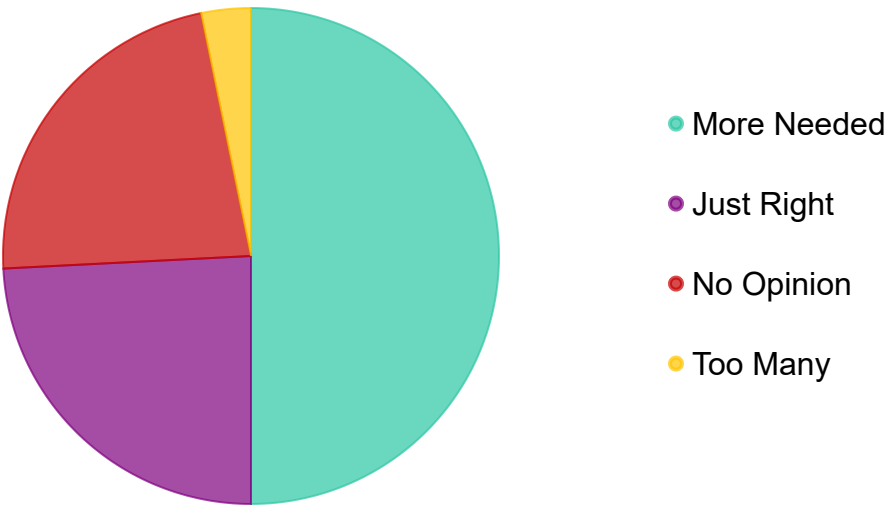
Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	22	31.88%
More Needed	21	30.43%
Just Right	14	20.29%
Too Many	1	1.45%

Answered: 58 Skipped: 11

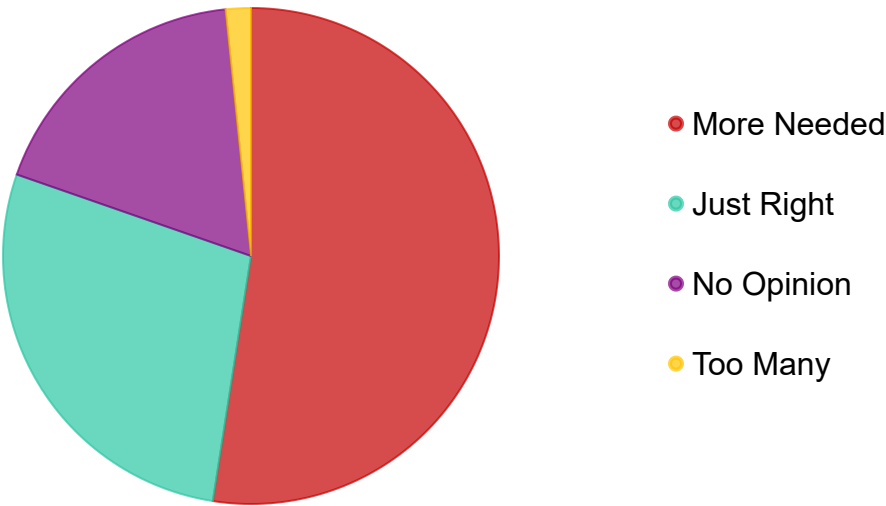
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	31	44.93%
Just Right	15	21.74%
No Opinion	14	20.29%
Too Many	2	2.9%

Answered: 62 Skipped: 7

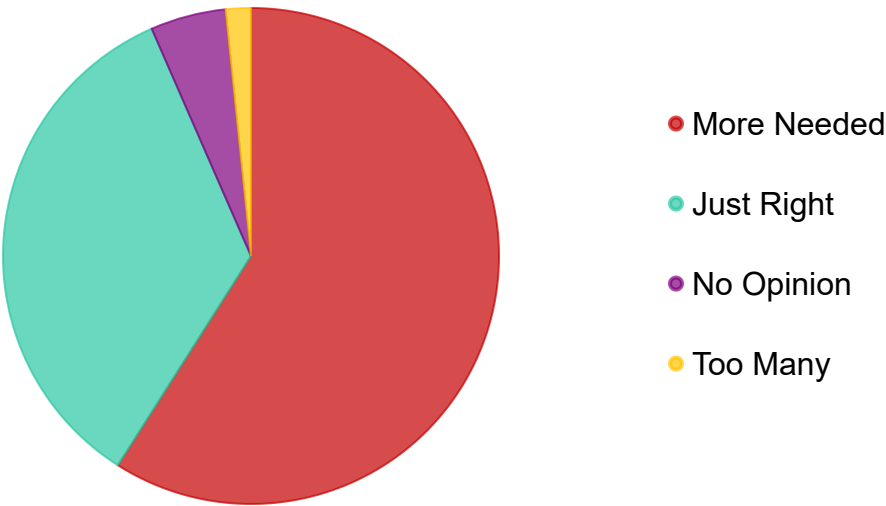
Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	46.38%
Just Right	17	24.64%
No Opinion	11	15.94%
Too Many	1	1.45%

Answered: 61 Skipped: 8

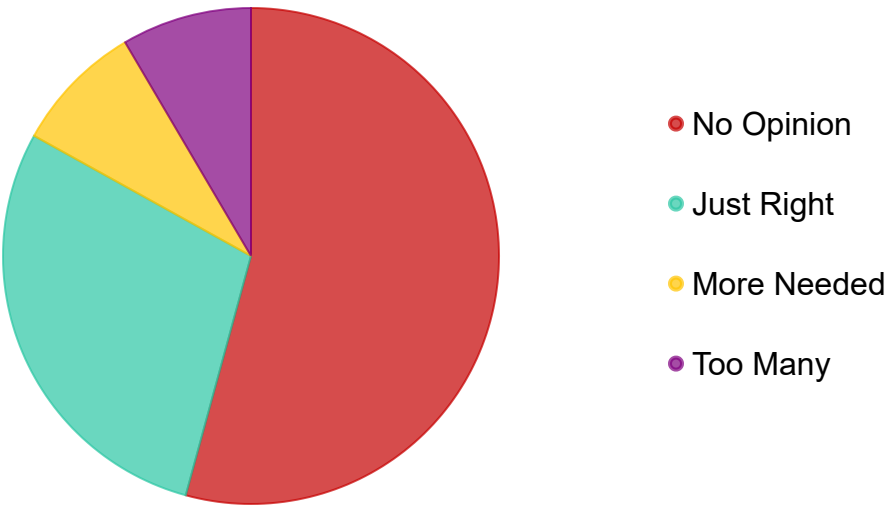
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	36	52.17%
Just Right	21	30.43%
No Opinion	3	4.35%
Too Many	1	1.45%

Answered: 61 Skipped: 8

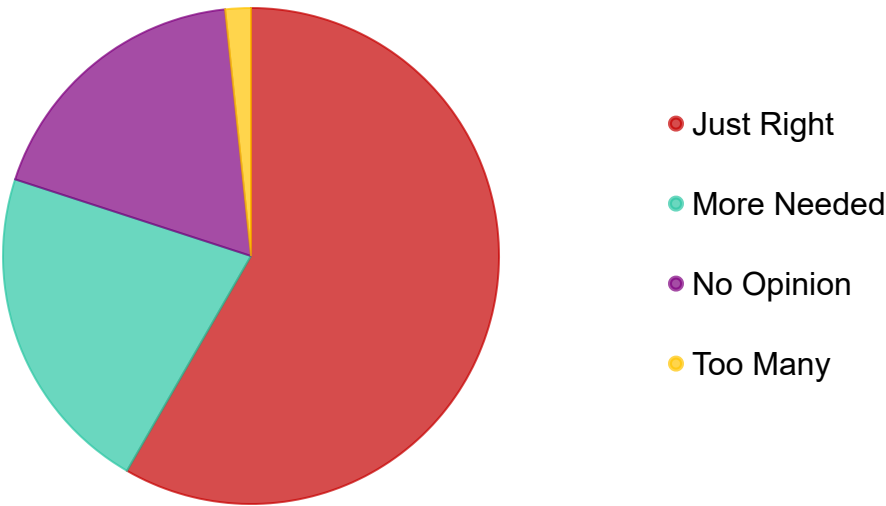
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	32	46.38%
Just Right	17	24.64%
More Needed	5	7.25%
Too Many	5	7.25%

Answered: 59 Skipped: 10

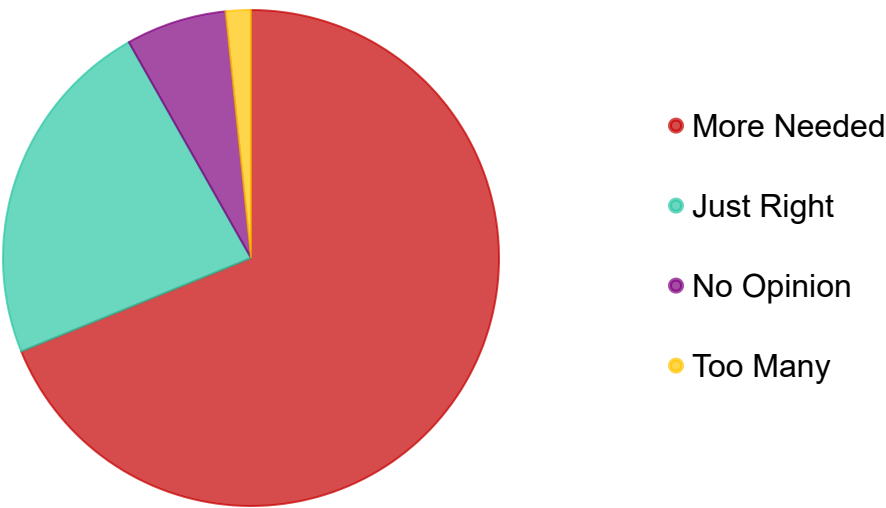
Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	35	50.72%
More Needed	13	18.84%
No Opinion	11	15.94%
Too Many	1	1.45%

Answered: 60 Skipped: 9

Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	42	60.87%
Just Right	14	20.29%
No Opinion	4	5.8%
Too Many	1	1.45%

Answered: 61 Skipped: 8

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



Response	Count
Waterpark	1
Water bottle refill station/bubbler, bike repair station	1
Trails connecting Clifford Park to West Brook Skating Rink via the wooded area that has a waterfall.	1
The ice rink is in major need of a face-lift. This arena could attract so much more if the venue was nicer	1
Sto raising my taxes	1
Sports complex/community center.	1
Splash pad	1
Some sort of outdoor water splash pad - more youth programs offered (art classes, STEM classes, tennis, golf, pickleball, etc.) for the younger ages	1
Reinstall ski lift at Rotary Park for snowboard and downhill skiing	1
Pump Track	1
New Biddeford Ice Arena Zamboni	1
Need "real" pickleball courts, not tennis	1

Response	Count
Yes, we go to Saco at times because they offer a lot more youth programs	1
Yes, all area baseball and football fields and they seem to be much better taken care of and kept up with.	1
Yes- all of the Saco playgrounds. Biddeford only has one nice one while Saco has a few.	1
We like to visit other surrounding town playgrounds, especially the new splash pad in Saco. Without a free community pool, the splash pad is a nice area to cool off in the summer	1
They have food truck spots near a lot of them and it would be great to have this in biddeford	1
The Kennebunkport conservation lands	1
The Eastern Trail both in and outside of Biddeford	1
Still relatively new to the area - but yes, I visit dance programs in other towns.	1
Splash pad in Saco	1
South Portland community center which is a model to be followed with excellent facilities and a welcoming presence for the whole community. Deering Oaks in Portland also has great outdoor activity facilities	1
Skate parks in OOB and Kennebunk	1
Scarborough Marsh, Eastern Promenade Portland, Maine Audubon Falmouth	1
Saco Bay Trails, Smith Preserve, Sebago to the Sea Trail	1
Pickleball in Saco, both at XL Sports and on Beach St.	1
No never	1
Many: south portland community center, Kittery community center, Lewiston Rec	1
Lac Megantic, QC sports complex/community center. Biddeford should copy it.	1
Kennebunks covered outdoor free space used for ice skating in winter and various functions the rest of the year all free. Also plenty of free parking available.	1
Ice rinks all over new england	1

I HAVE to visit other towns skate parks because a real estate agent from Scarborough decided that the one we had built in biddeford needed to be destroyed (despite pleas from the community) before any plans to replace it were ever conceived. These other towns parks are fantastic and Biddeford absolutely deserves something of their caliber

1

I have to go to Saco to play Pickleball on real pickleball courts. The Biddeford tennis courts lined for pickleball are useless and indoor play at the community center is too small

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Hiking trails

1

Golf courses

1

Eastern Trail from Saco to Scarborough

1

Eastern trail

1

Local breweries

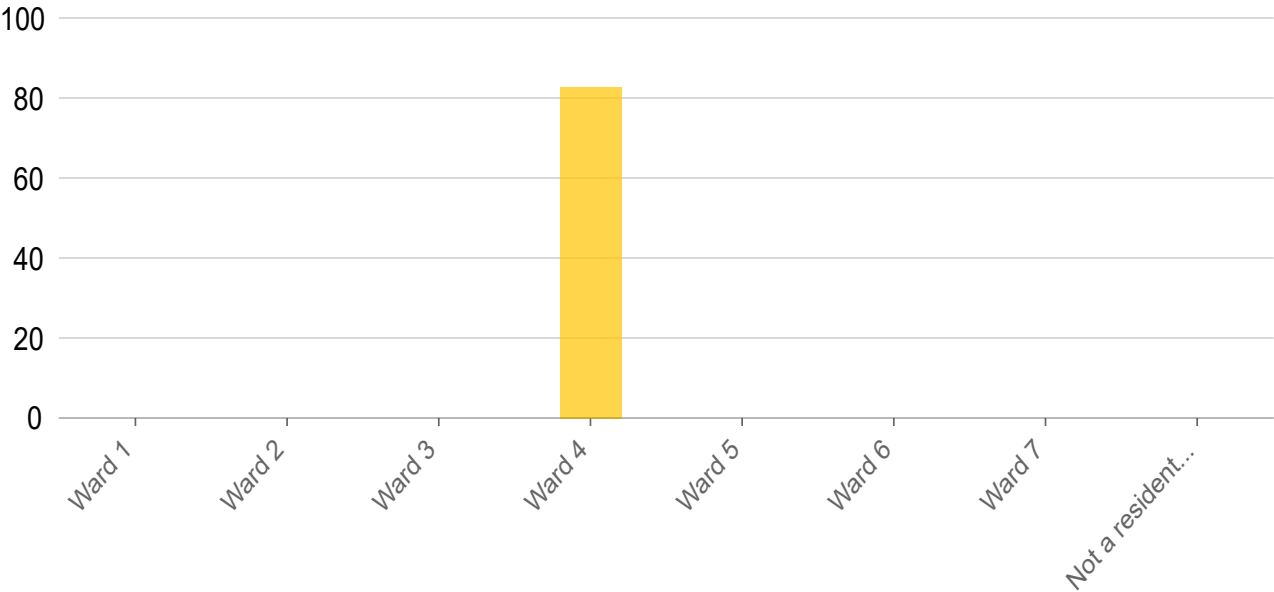
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Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

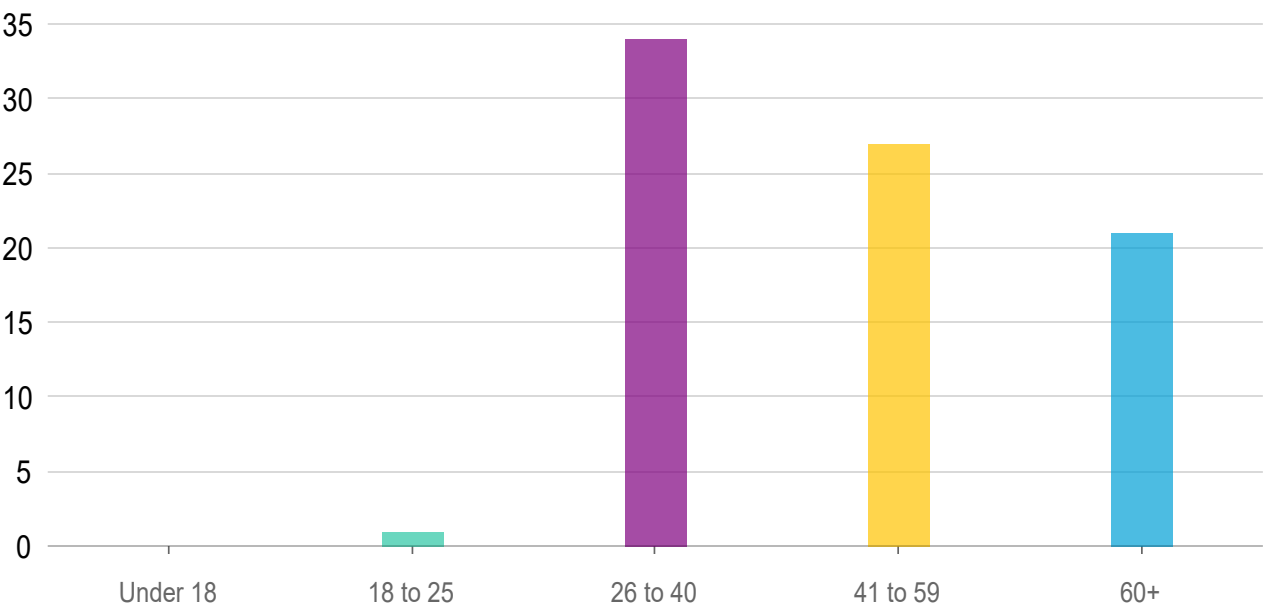
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	0	0%
Ward 2	0	0%
Ward 3	0	0%
Ward 4	83	100%
Ward 5	0	0%
Ward 6	0	0%
Ward 7	0	0%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 0

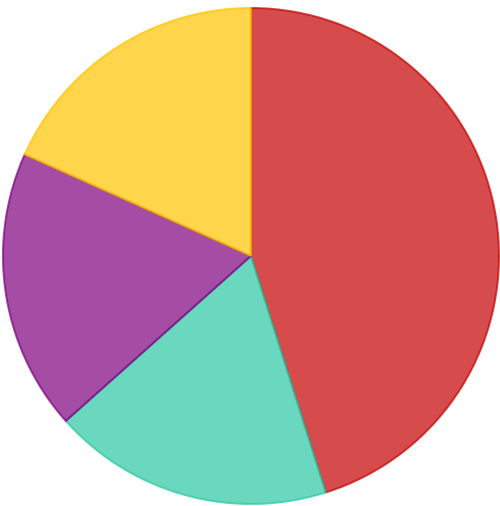
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 25	1	1.2%
26 to 40	34	40.96%
41 to 59	27	32.53%
60+	21	25.3%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 0

Do you have children in your household?

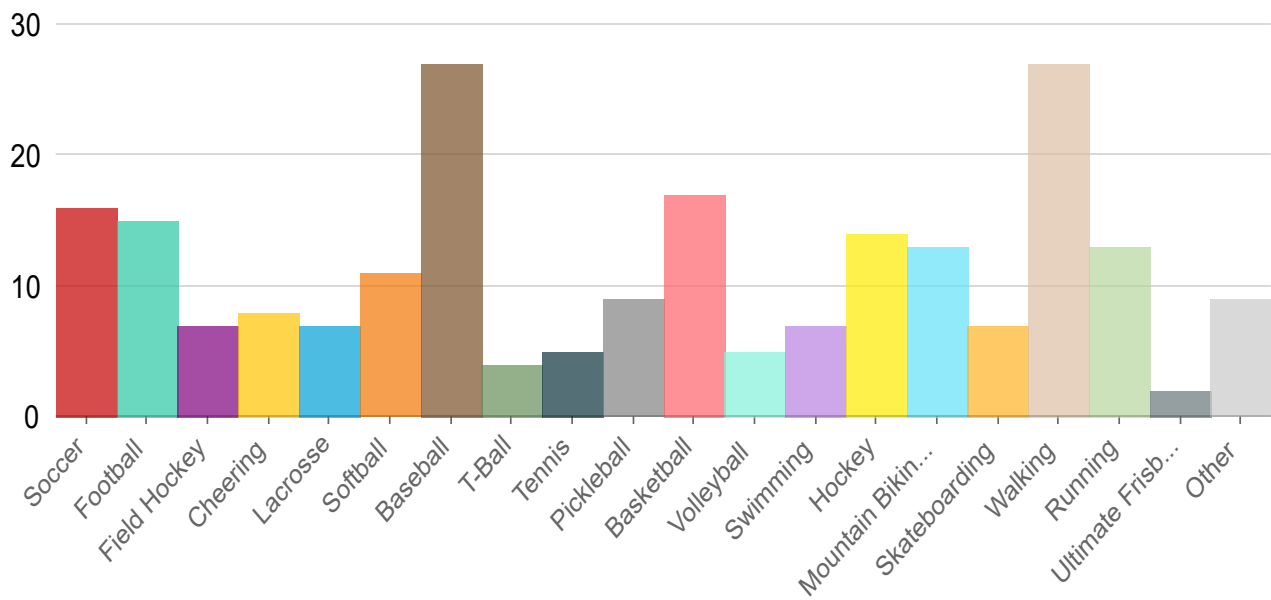


- No, we do not have children in my household
- Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)
- Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)
- Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)

Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	37	44.58%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	15	18.07%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	15	18.07%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	15	18.07%

Answered: 82 Skipped: 1

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	16	19.28%
Football	15	18.07%
Field Hockey	7	8.43%
Cheering	8	9.64%
Lacrosse	7	8.43%
Softball	11	13.25%
Baseball	27	32.53%
T-Ball	4	4.82%
Tennis	5	6.02%
Pickleball	9	10.84%
Basketball	17	20.48%
Volleyball	5	6.02%
Swimming	7	8.43%
Hockey	14	16.87%

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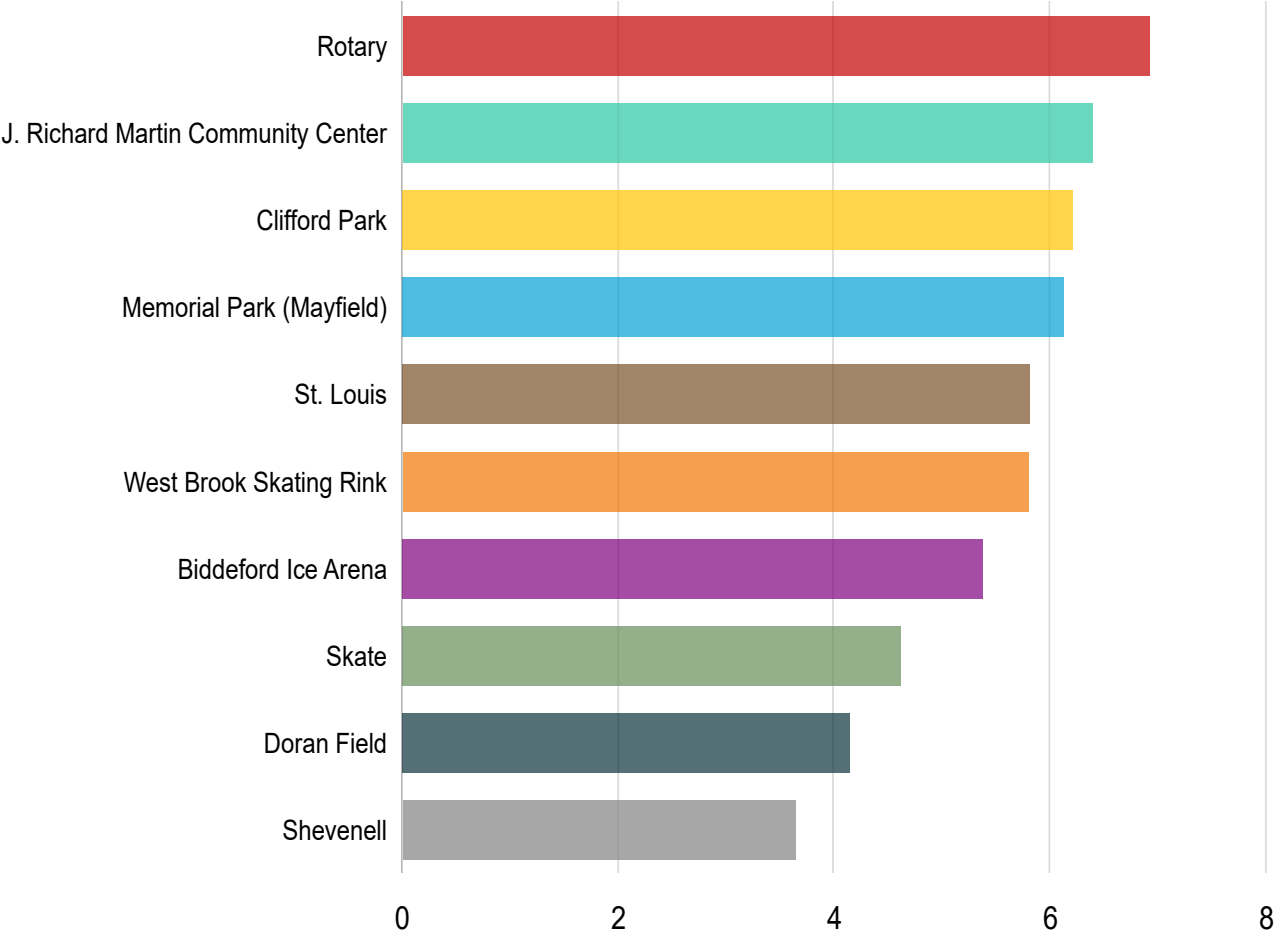
Mountain Biking	13	15.66%
Skateboarding	7	8.43%
Walking	27	32.53%
Running	13	15.66%
Ultimate Frisbee	2	2.41%
Other	9	10.84%

Answered: 59

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Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



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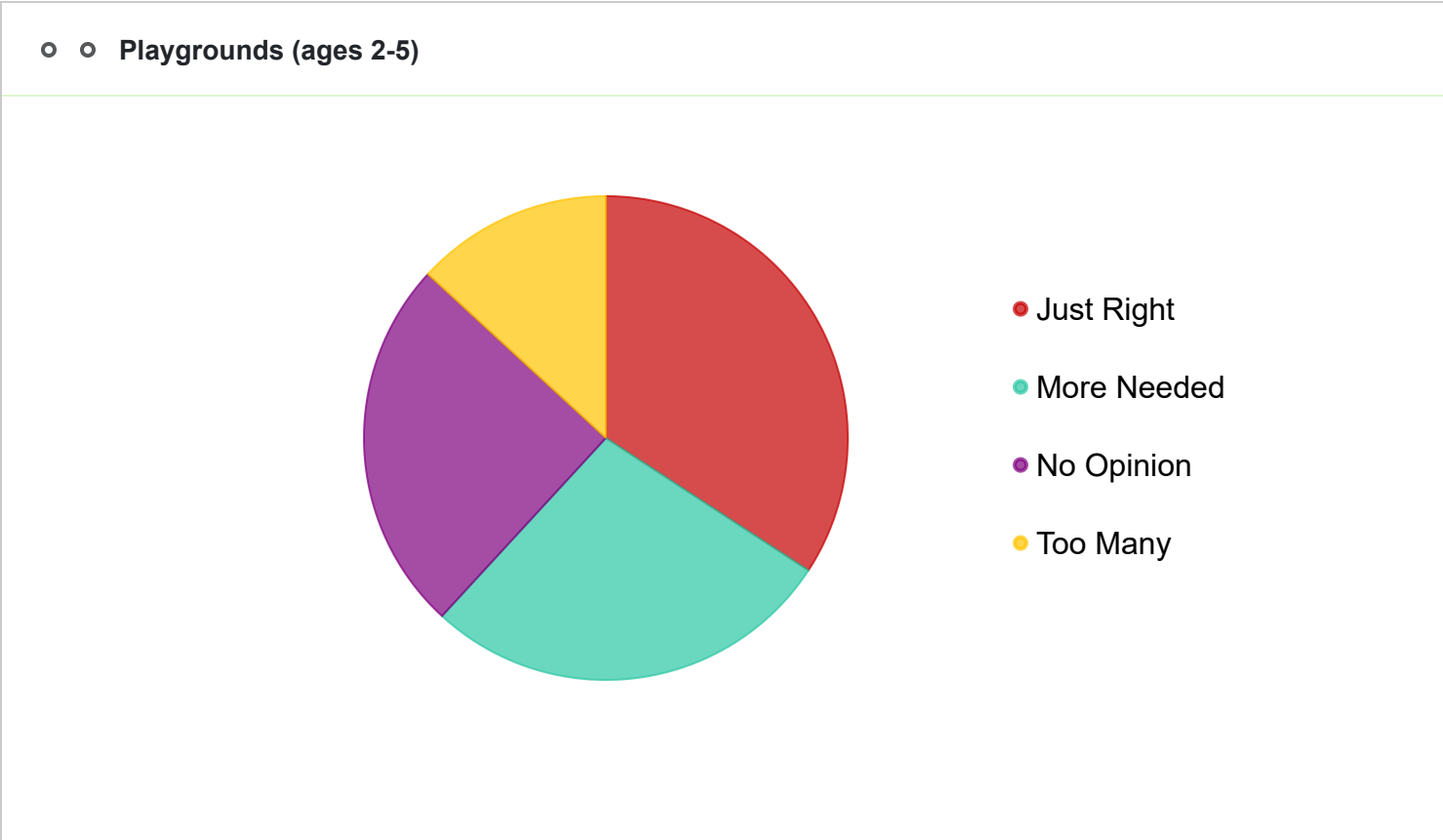
Recreation Bond Survey

Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	score
1	Rotary Park	15.66% 13	18.07% 15	14.46% 12	13.25% 11	13.25% 11	3.61% 3 9.64% 6.92 8
2	J. Richard Martin Community Center	16.87% 14	14.46% 12	12.05% 10	9.64% 8	9.64% 8	8.43 6.39
3	Clifford Park	10.84% 9	18.07% 15	8.43% 7	7.23% 6	14.46% 12	12.05% 10 9.64% 6.20 8
4	Memorial Park (Mayfield)	13.25% 11	6.02% 5	18.07% 15	12.05% 10	7.23% 6	7.23 6.12
5	St. Louis Field	8.43% 7	13.25% 11	10.84% 9	12.05% 10	7.23% 6	13.25% 11 10.84% 5.81 9
6	West Brook Skating Rink	6.02% 5	13.25% 11	12.05% 10	8.43% 7	19.28% 16	9.64 5.80

Answered: 83

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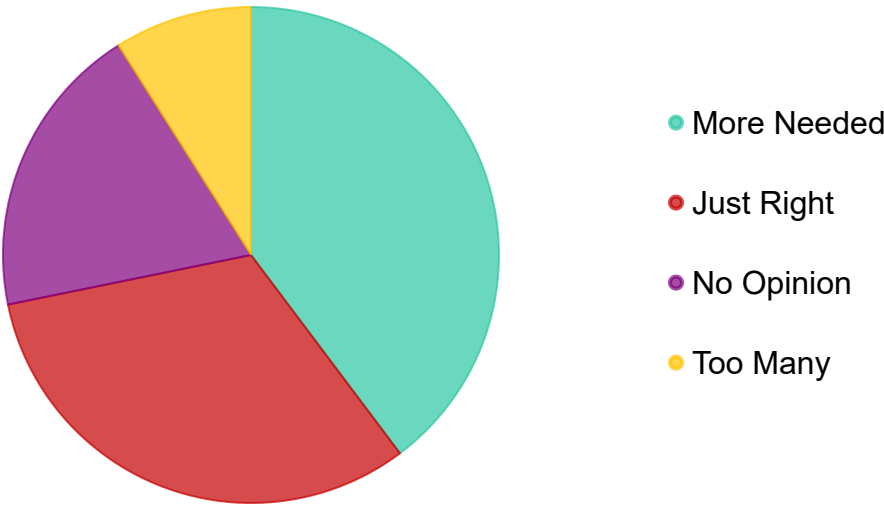
Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	26	31.33%
More Needed	21	25.3%
No Opinion	19	22.89%
Too Many	10	12.05%

Answered: 76 Skipped: 7

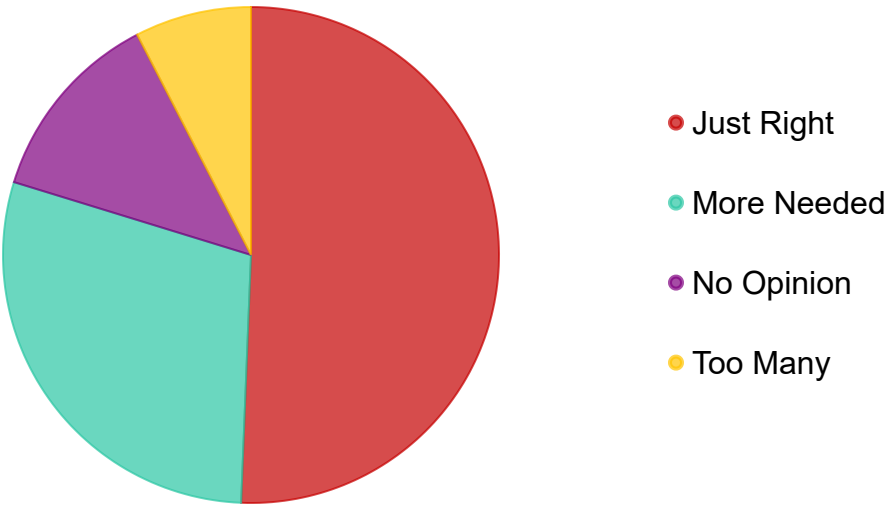
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	31	37.35%
Just Right	25	30.12%
No Opinion	15	18.07%
Too Many	7	8.43%

Answered: 78 Skipped: 5

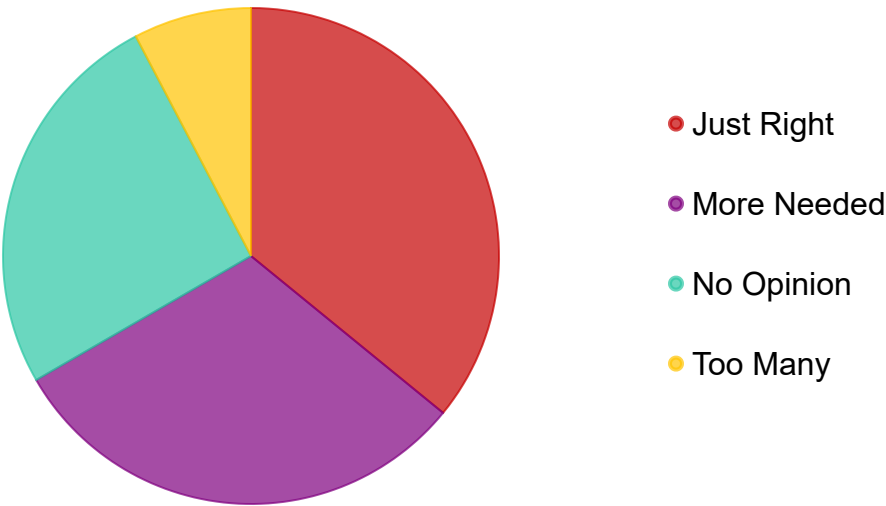
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	40	48.19%
More Needed	23	27.71%
No Opinion	10	12.05%
Too Many	6	7.23%

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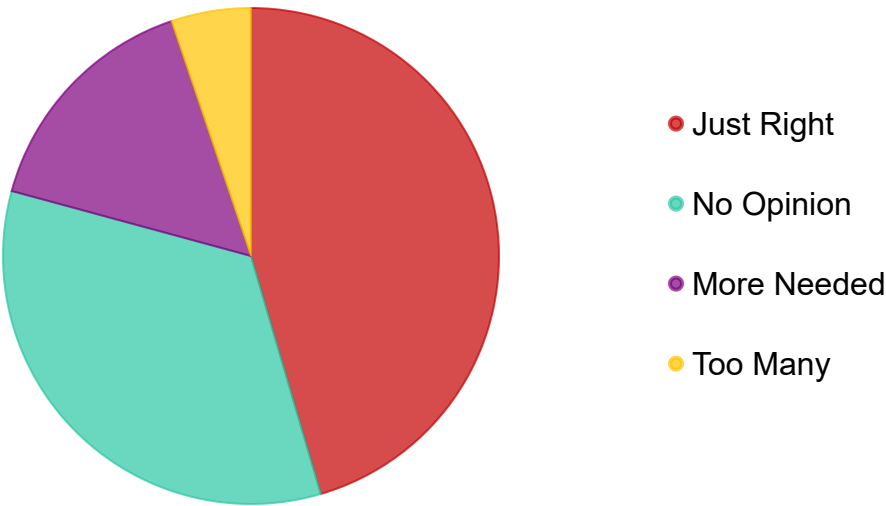
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	28	33.73%
More Needed	24	28.92%
No Opinion	20	24.1%
Too Many	6	7.23%

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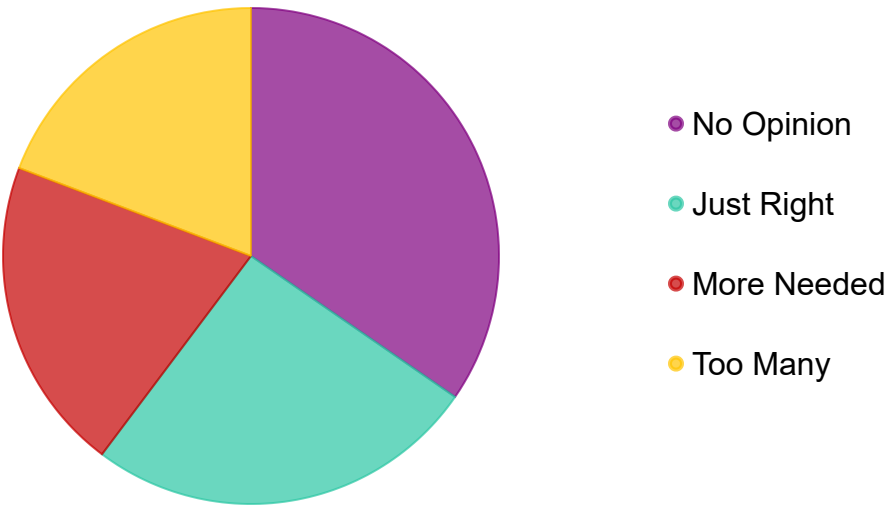
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	35	42.17%
No Opinion	26	31.33%
More Needed	12	14.46%
Too Many	4	4.82%

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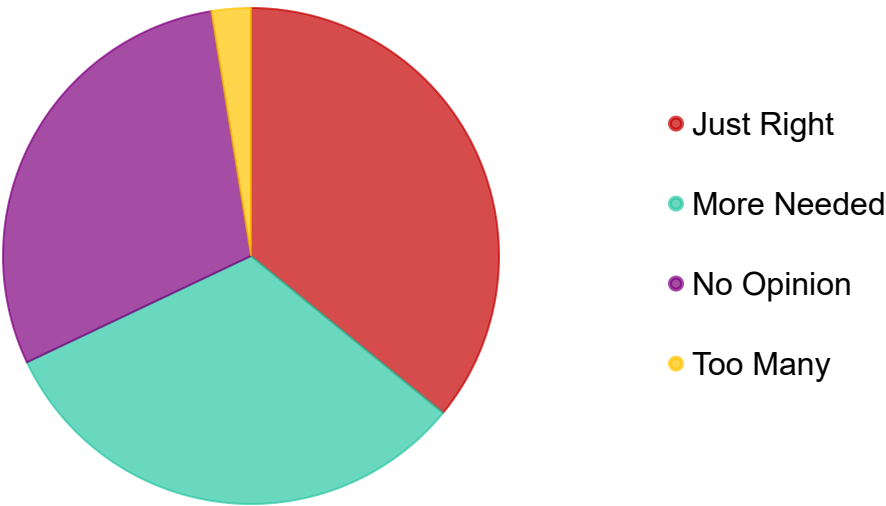
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	27	32.53%
Just Right	20	24.1%
More Needed	16	19.28%
Too Many	15	18.07%

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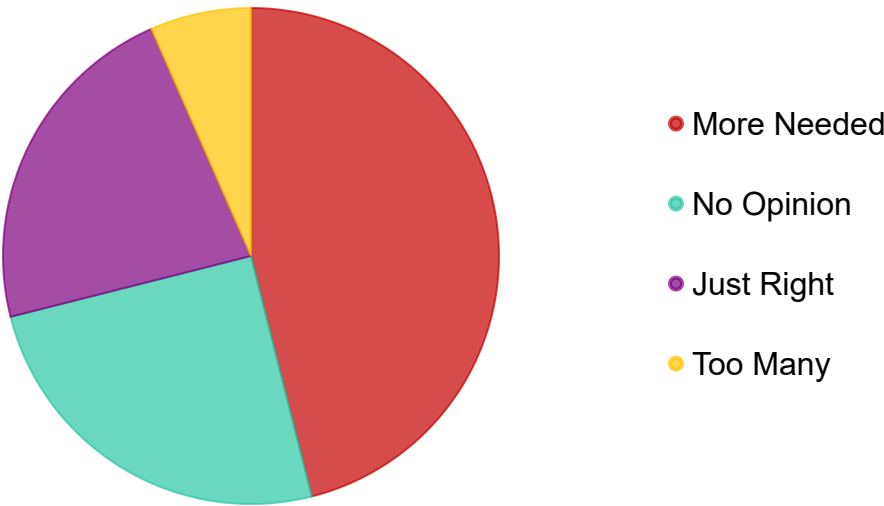
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	28	33.73%
More Needed	25	30.12%
No Opinion	23	27.71%
Too Many	2	2.41%

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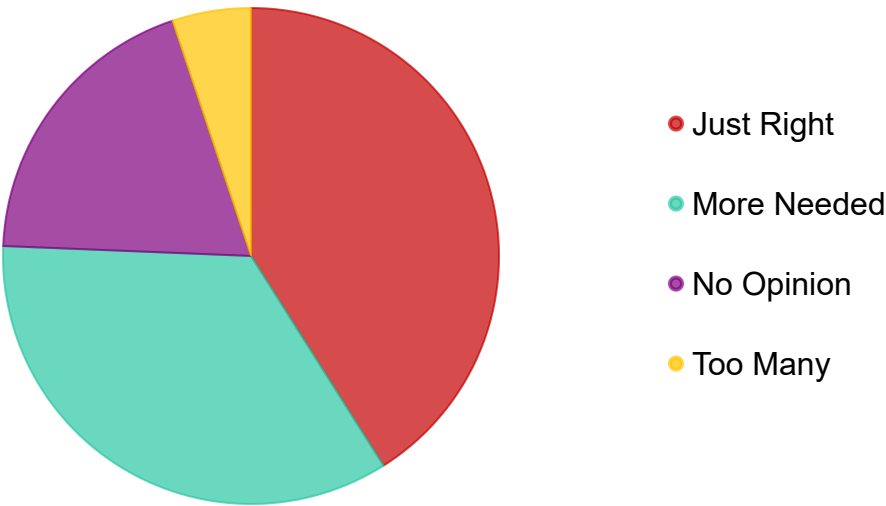
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	35	42.17%
No Opinion	19	22.89%
Just Right	17	20.48%
Too Many	5	6.02%

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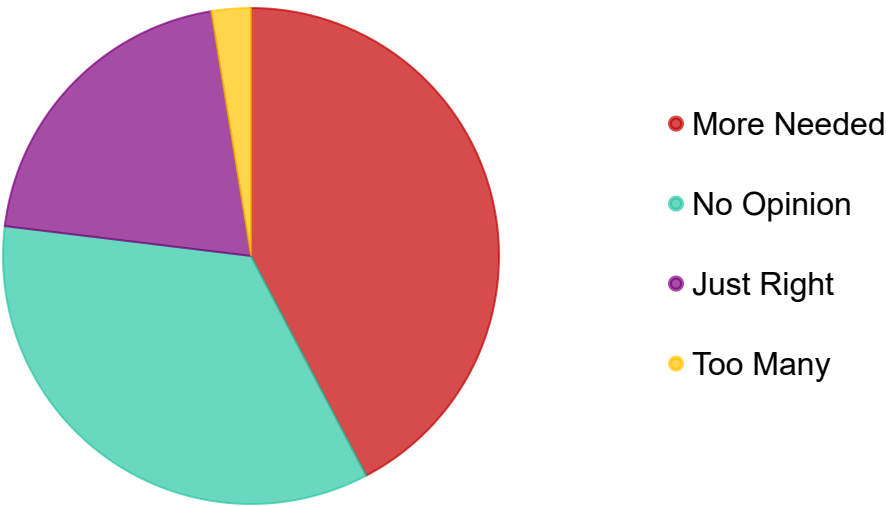
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	32	38.55%
More Needed	27	32.53%
No Opinion	15	18.07%
Too Many	4	4.82%

Answered: 78 Skipped: 5

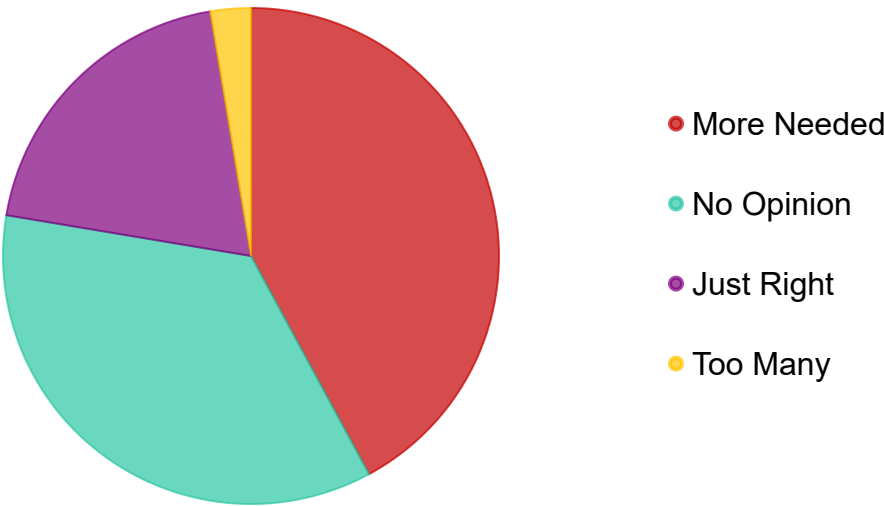
Youth Summer Camp Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	33	39.76%
No Opinion	27	32.53%
Just Right	16	19.28%
Too Many	2	2.41%

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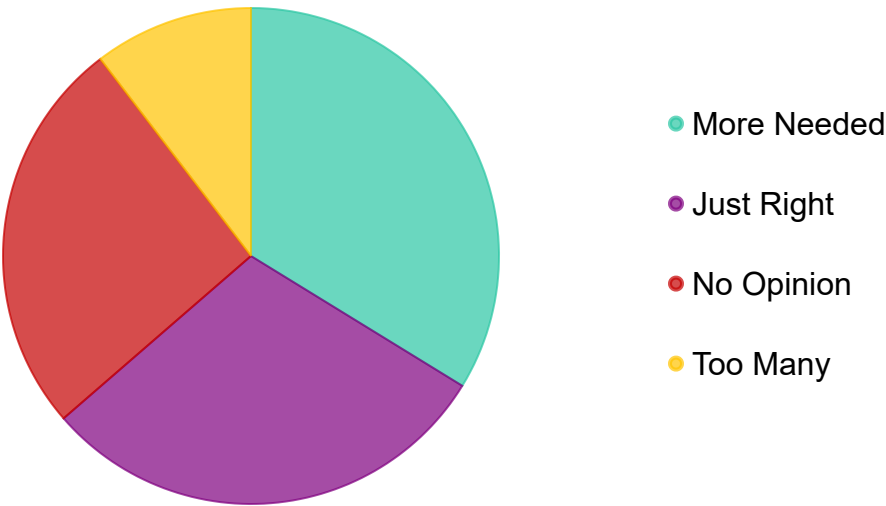
○ ○ After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	38.55%
No Opinion	27	32.53%
Just Right	15	18.07%
Too Many	2	2.41%

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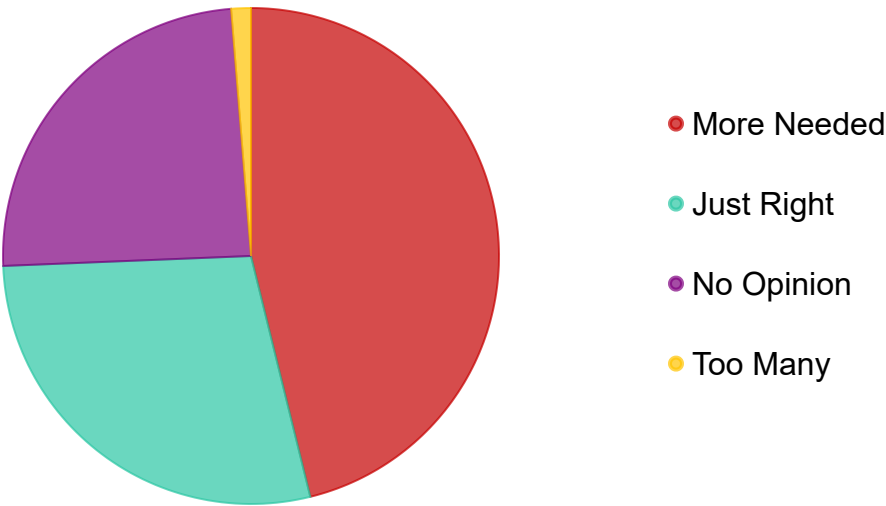
○ ○ Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	26	31.33%
Just Right	23	27.71%
No Opinion	20	24.1%
Too Many	8	9.64%

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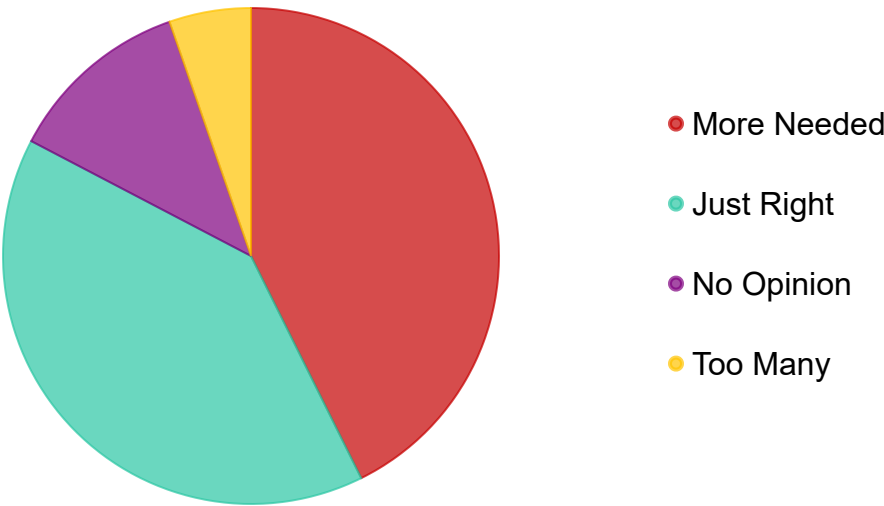
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	36	43.37%
Just Right	22	26.51%
No Opinion	19	22.89%
Too Many	1	1.2%

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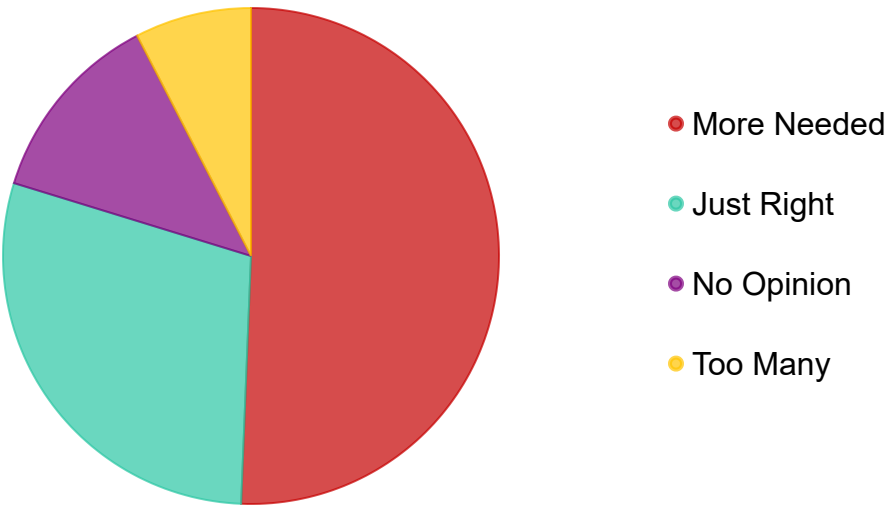
Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	38.55%
Just Right	30	36.14%
No Opinion	9	10.84%
Too Many	4	4.82%

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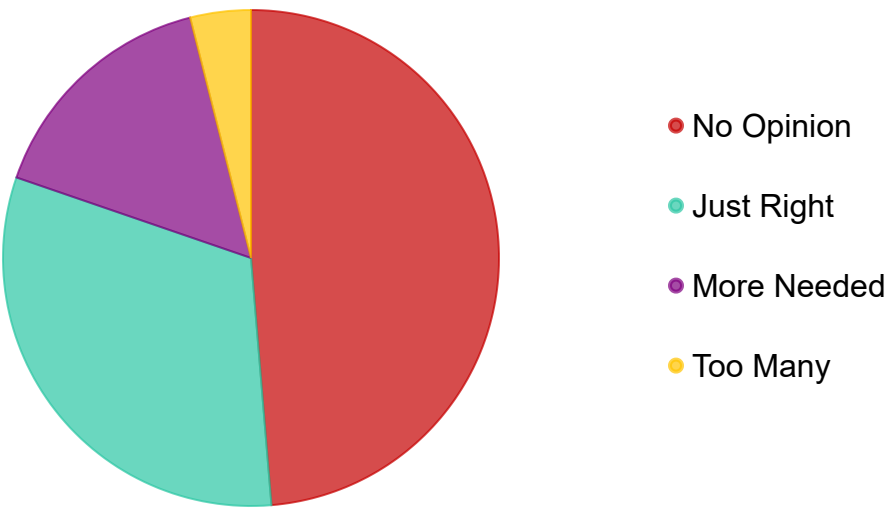
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	40	48.19%
Just Right	23	27.71%
No Opinion	10	12.05%
Too Many	6	7.23%

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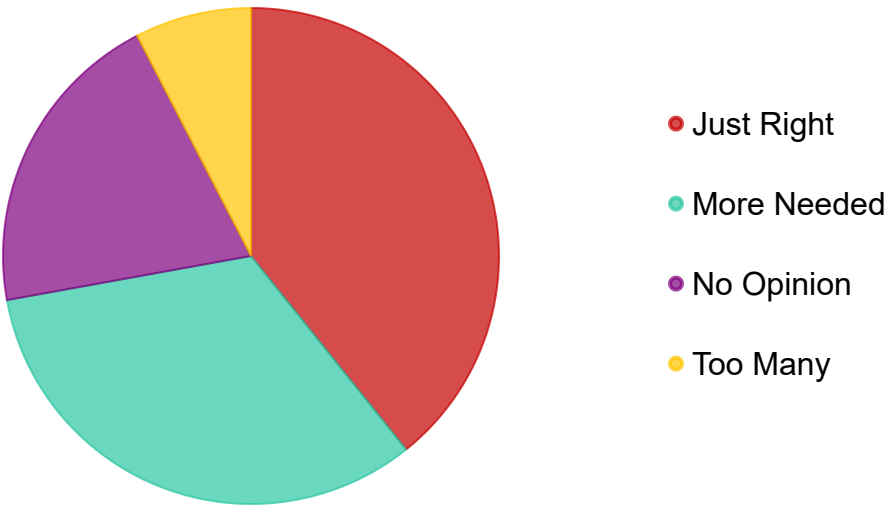
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	37	44.58%
Just Right	24	28.92%
More Needed	12	14.46%
Too Many	3	3.61%

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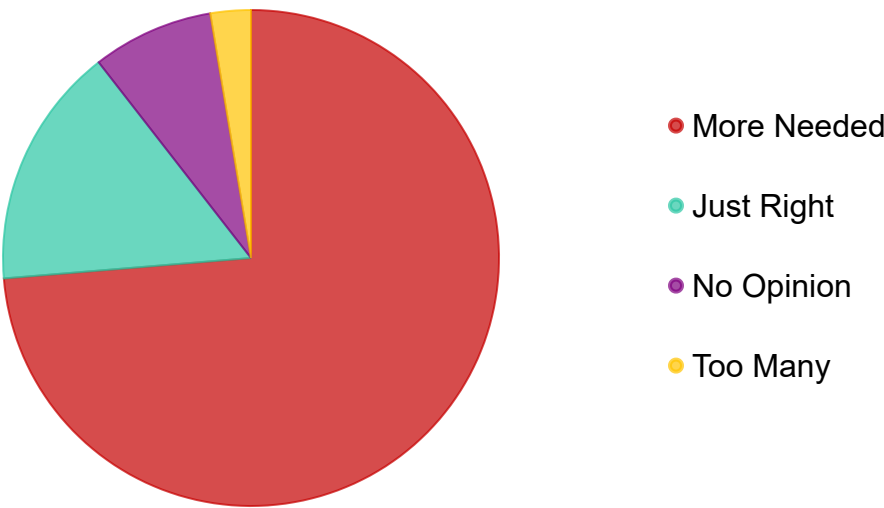
Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	31	37.35%
More Needed	26	31.33%
No Opinion	16	19.28%
Too Many	6	7.23%

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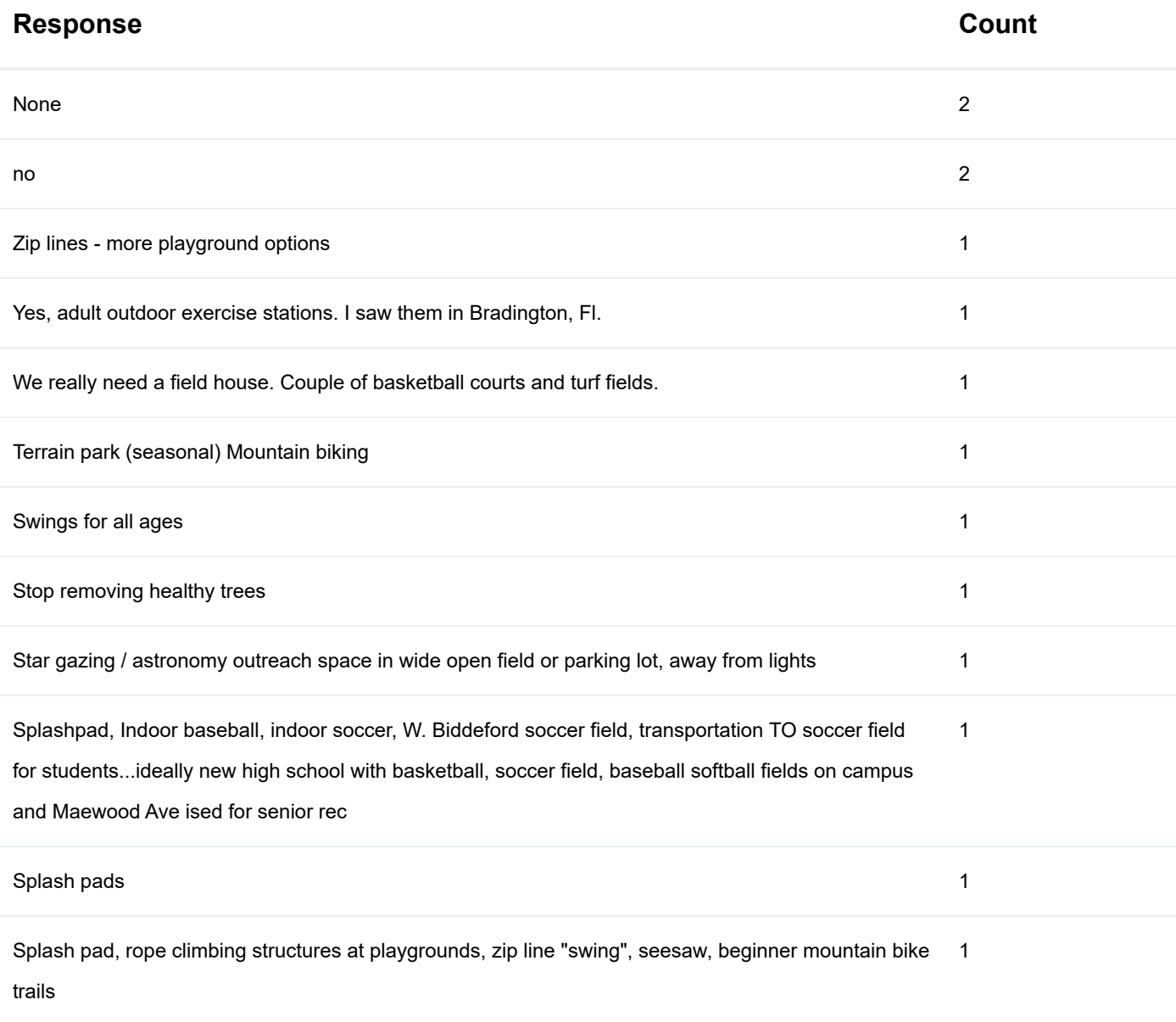
Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	56	67.47%
Just Right	12	14.46%
No Opinion	6	7.23%
Too Many	2	2.41%

Answered: 76 Skipped: 7

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



Shaded picnic table areas where we can spend the day outside and have a place to make lunches	1
Outdoor walking track	1
Outdoor pickleball!	1
Outdoor concert area	1
Off-road motorcycle trails	1
None at this moment.	1
Mountain bike flow trails	1
More outdoor activities	1
More green space overall for all of the parks, more trees, drinking water fountains, and better public restrooms.	1
More benches and tables for family picnics	1
More beach access, especially at Hills Beach.	1
Indoor Sports Facility	1
Indoor playing fields	1
Indoor bubble for rec sports	1
Indoor bubble for multiple youth sports.	1
Indoor bubble facility would solve alot	1
Indoor Athletic Field Bubble	1
I would like to see Redmond field resurfaced as trash was coming through the grass during football season this past fall	1
I feel Biddeford needs to do a better job maintaining the buildings we have and the parks before adding any more spaces or buildings.	1
Farmers market space!!!! It would be great to use the space by the old Kennedy school for this	1
Eastern Trail	1
Dogs allowed to walk on leash in cemeteries; more bike lanes and bike paths	1

Response	Count
No	4
Yes. Multiple gyms, indoor athletic fields (sports bubbles), indoor batting cages	1
Yes. Indoor Sports Facility in Somersworth, NH	1
Yes, we frequent portland playgrunds/parks because they have more to them.	1
Yes every other rink in Maine. Biddeford Ice Arena needs new bleachers. I almost fell through when I walked. Zamboni keeps breaking down. And the floor under the ice could use some help.	1
Yes- bike pump tracks, skate parks, ice arenas	1
Yes Biddeford is lacking an upkeep	1
Yes - land trusts like Rachel Carson, Kennebunk Land Trust, Arundel (ACT) trails - mixed use trails - some for walk/run, some for cycling, some for dog walking. As such, I think this bond should be really targeted at making Clifford Park all it can be - some trails for biking, some for walking, good signage and weather guidelines (it gets really torn up in spring by bikes). It is a gem and a signature of the walkable quality of life in the Biddeford core, and with trail work/building, signage, and a commitment from the city it can be a real draw. I also deeply believe that the current community center should be considered for conversion into affordable or elder housing (like many of the other buildings around town, e.g. Bacon St and Birch St), and JFK torn down and that site reimaged as a new community center - perhaps even with buried parking for the fields (St. Louis, Waterhouse); a real cut through for all the buses (they already do this); and a redesigned center with playground.	1
We spend ample time on the eastern trail and would love to do so more locally, but it is very disjointed through biddeford into saco which prevents our use	1
We often take our children to the neighboring town playgrounds for change of scenery. The water pad in Saco is great. It would be nice to turn JFK into a skate park area, water pad, parking for the fields. I think this would make that space more versatile for families with kids of various ages. You could also fix up the playground. People could use the space while older children use sports fields, etc.	1
We do cemetery walks .	1
Very broad question, a little confusing. Skiing, swimming, kayaking, hiking, ATVing, snowmobiling, dirtbiking, motorcycling across the state and beyond in many places. Used to go to Portland for adult kickball and indoor volleyball. Really want to see Richard J Martin renovated and filled to the brim with arts, meetings, book clubs, classes, etc for a variety of ages and interests. Outside of the 55+ age group.	1

Turf arenas in Auburn, Sanford, Somerville	1
The Arundel community center is great	1
State parks.	1
State parks and beaches	1
Star gazing at Parsons beach, Kennebunk, observatory on rt 35 Kennebunk, Scarborough marsh for bird watching and stargazing	1
Splash pad in Saco playground at deering oaks	1
SoFive in Saco, Skate park in Scarborough	1
Smith preserve in kennebunk — we need more trails in Biddeford like those in kennebunk. Could you work with the land trusts on this?	1
Saco pickleball courts.	1
Saco heath preserve, eastern prom and Deering oaks in Portland (beach volleyball courts)	1
Pump tracks for biking and KCT trails Also, for an above item, the sorting option was not working, so I was not able to sort or rank the facilities in order as was asked.	1
Portland/south Portland skate park Very user friendly parking and public bathrooms. Park is clean and has plenty of trash cans. Payson park Portland Terrain park In the winter time I always look forward to snowboarding and sledding at payson park. Their parks and rec always sets up a few obstacles such as rails, ledges and box features. They've also recently started grooming the surrounding snow for cross country skiing. All around great public use of space for everyone. I often go sledding at rotary park on the hills that lead to the football field, I believe that would be an amazing opportunity to do something very similar. Especially with how much that space is used for after school activities and how close it is to the high school. As for the (seasonal) aspect, I also frequent the new 'Trolly park' in Portland. Which is a dirt pump track for mountain biking, it features jumps and roll in ramps for beginners and more advanced riders.	1
Planet Fitness	1

Mount Agamenticus - Mixed use trails, including OHV. Bradbury mountain - mixed use trails. October Mountain State Park - mixed use trails, including OHV, and campground. York river - paddling. Mousam River - paddling. Quaddy Head lighthouse - hiking trails. East end beach in Portland - ocean access, paddling/boating. Sanford pond #1 - waterskiing. Macworth Island - hiking trails. Harris Farm - cross county skiing. King Pine - Alpine skiing, cross country skiing, tubing. Abbott Mountain - OHV trails.	1
Mostly Biddeford; our beaches and Rotary Park for swimming are our favorites, love to walk at Clifford Park as well	1
Most skate parks and mountain bike trails. Gorham skate park and trails, blackstrap trails, south Portland skate park, Portland skate park , Cumberland trails	1
Mayfield-no natural greenery. Needs new variable age apparatuses	1
Many hockey rinks and baseball fields and basketball courts and football fields and track both indoor and outdoor. All 100% better than Biddefords. Biddeford needs to invest more in their youth to keep children in sports with good accommodations. Our fields are trash, and our one ice rink needs much needed upgrading.	1
Kennebunk's main street space for pickle ball and ice skating. South Portland Community Center for indoor walking space and volleyball.	1
Kennebunk skating rink Young school playground Saco	1
Kennebunk Conservancy Trust trail system. Beautiful trails in the greater Kennebunkport area. Arundel Pump Track for biking. XL sports for Indoor soccer.	1
Indoor bubbles for rec sports	1
Indoor bubble facility would solve alot	1
Indoor Athletic Field Bubble (New England Sports hub) WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN BIDDEFORD :-)	1
Ice arenas that are in way better shape than are ice arena	1
I visit many parks in the northern N.H. and southern Maine coastal area.	1
I typically use the Eastern Trail because it is safe and off roads. The trail gap between Biddeford and Saco should be improved for a fully functional, safe trail.	1
Forested walking trails, beaches for walks	1

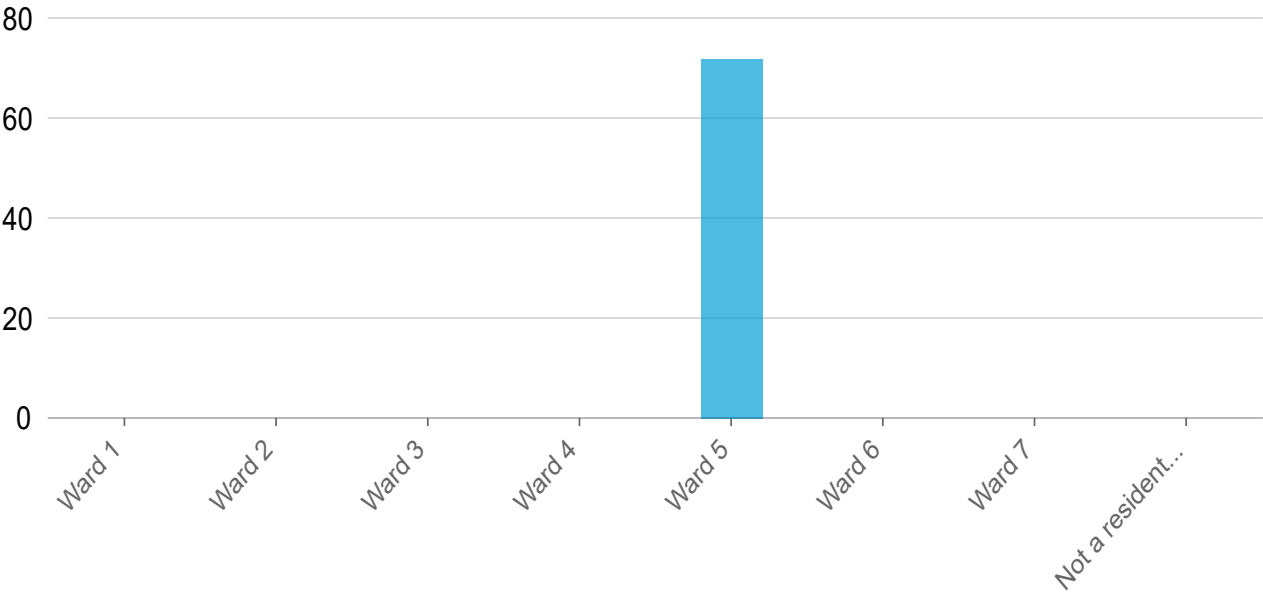
Eastern trail Arundel Land Trust/bike trails Kennebunk Land Trust South Portland Greenbelt	1
Eastern Trail in Scarborough, Wainwright fields in South Portland, Bug Light Park in South Portland, East End Park in Portland, Back Cove Trail in Portland, Rail Trail in Augusta.	1
Dog Park on Route 9 in Kennebunkport Hiking trails in Kennebunkport/Wells/York/Freeport Tennis Courts in Portland Tennis Courts in Saco Ice skating in Portland	1
Deering Oaks Park playground in Portland (climbing structure & zip line), Splash pad in Saco & Deering Oaks, Waterhouse Center ice skating in Kennebunk, Arundel town hall playground & roller bike trails	1
Deering oaks park - there is a large rope climbing apparatus and two zip line type playground areas that are very popular. What also makes Deering oaks appealing is that there is grassy and shaded area surrounding the playground. Most playgrounds in Biddeford do not have this.	1
As a family we will visit 50 plus ice arenas including 10 additional in Canada. Many of the arenas create year round usage of the facilities. During the off season they offer pickle ball, indoor space for children's summer camps & for large community gatherings.	1

Answered: 49 Skipped: 34

Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

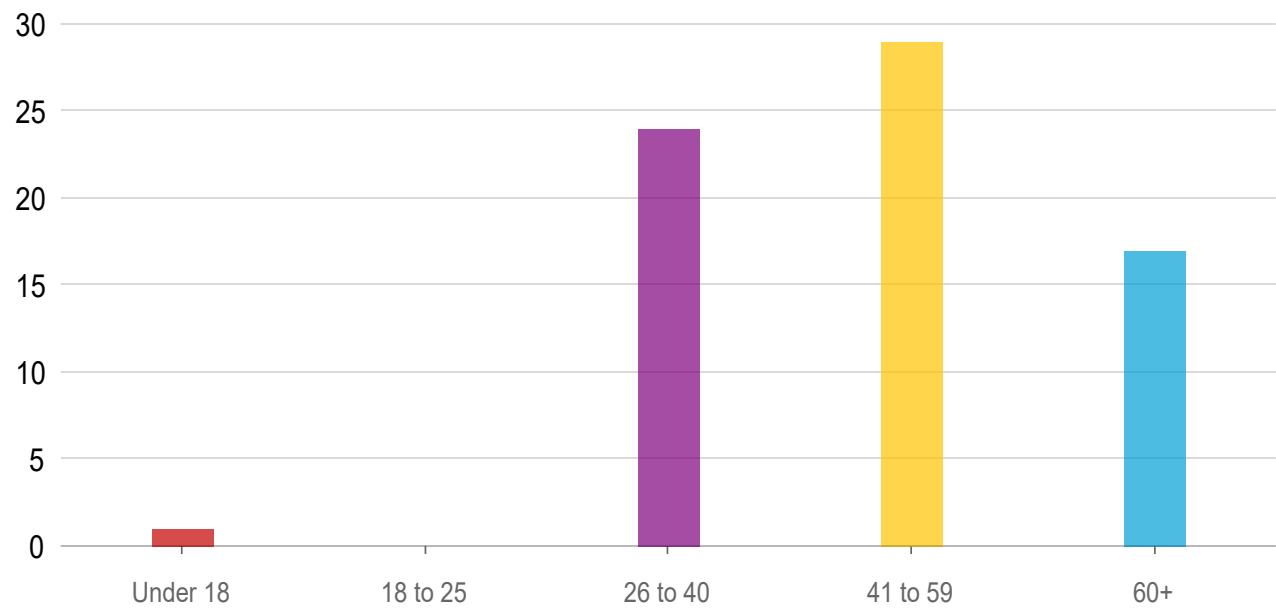
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	0	0%
Ward 2	0	0%
Ward 3	0	0%
Ward 4	0	0%
Ward 5	72	100%
Ward 6	0	0%
Ward 7	0	0%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 72 Skipped: 0

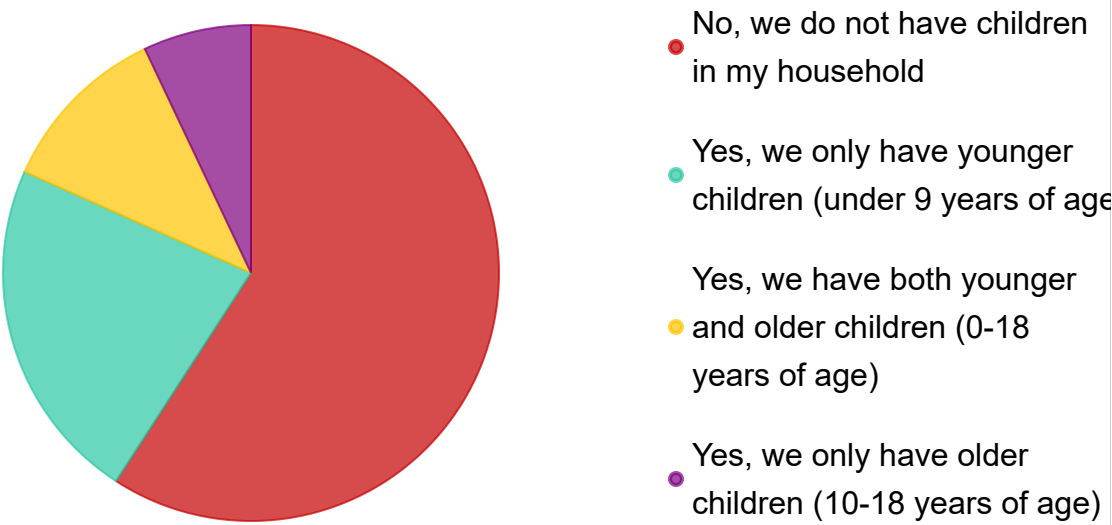
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	1	1.39%
18 to 25	0	0%
26 to 40	24	33.33%
41 to 59	29	40.28%
60+	17	23.61%

Answered: 71 Skipped: 1

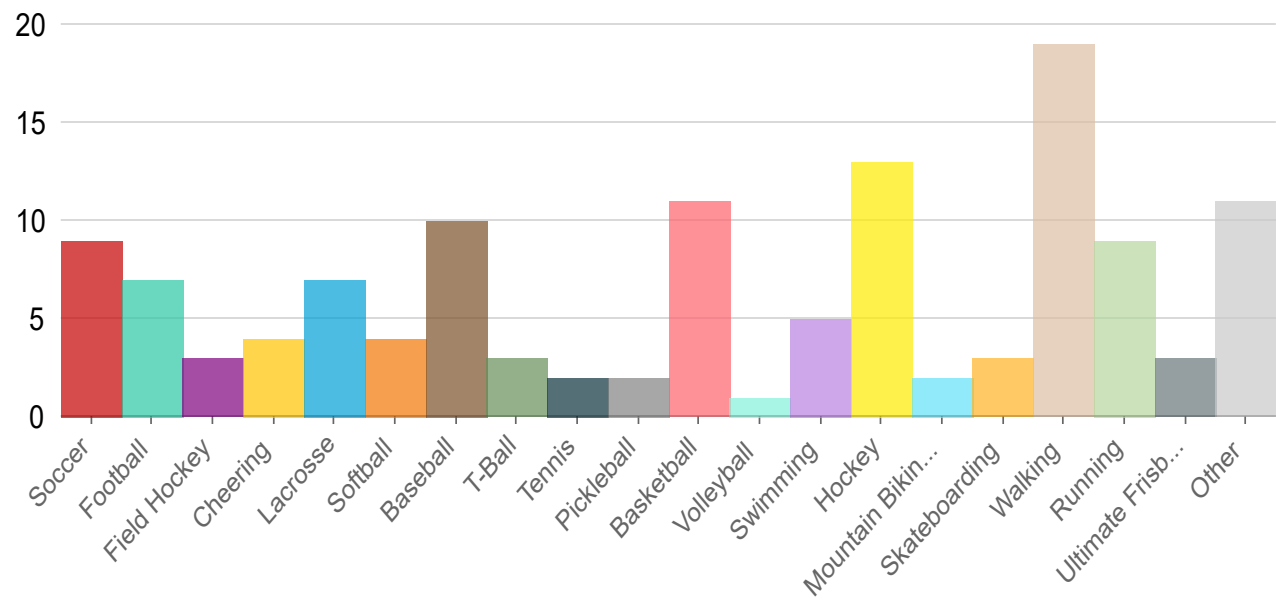
Do you have children in your household?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	42	58.33%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	16	22.22%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	8	11.11%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	5	6.94%

Answered: 71 Skipped: 1

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	9	12.5%
Football	7	9.72%
Field Hockey	3	4.17%
Cheering	4	5.56%
Lacrosse	7	9.72%
Softball	4	5.56%
Baseball	10	13.89%
T-Ball	3	4.17%
Tennis	2	2.78%
Pickleball	2	2.78%
Basketball	11	15.28%
Volleyball	1	1.39%
Swimming	5	6.94%
Hockey	13	18.06%

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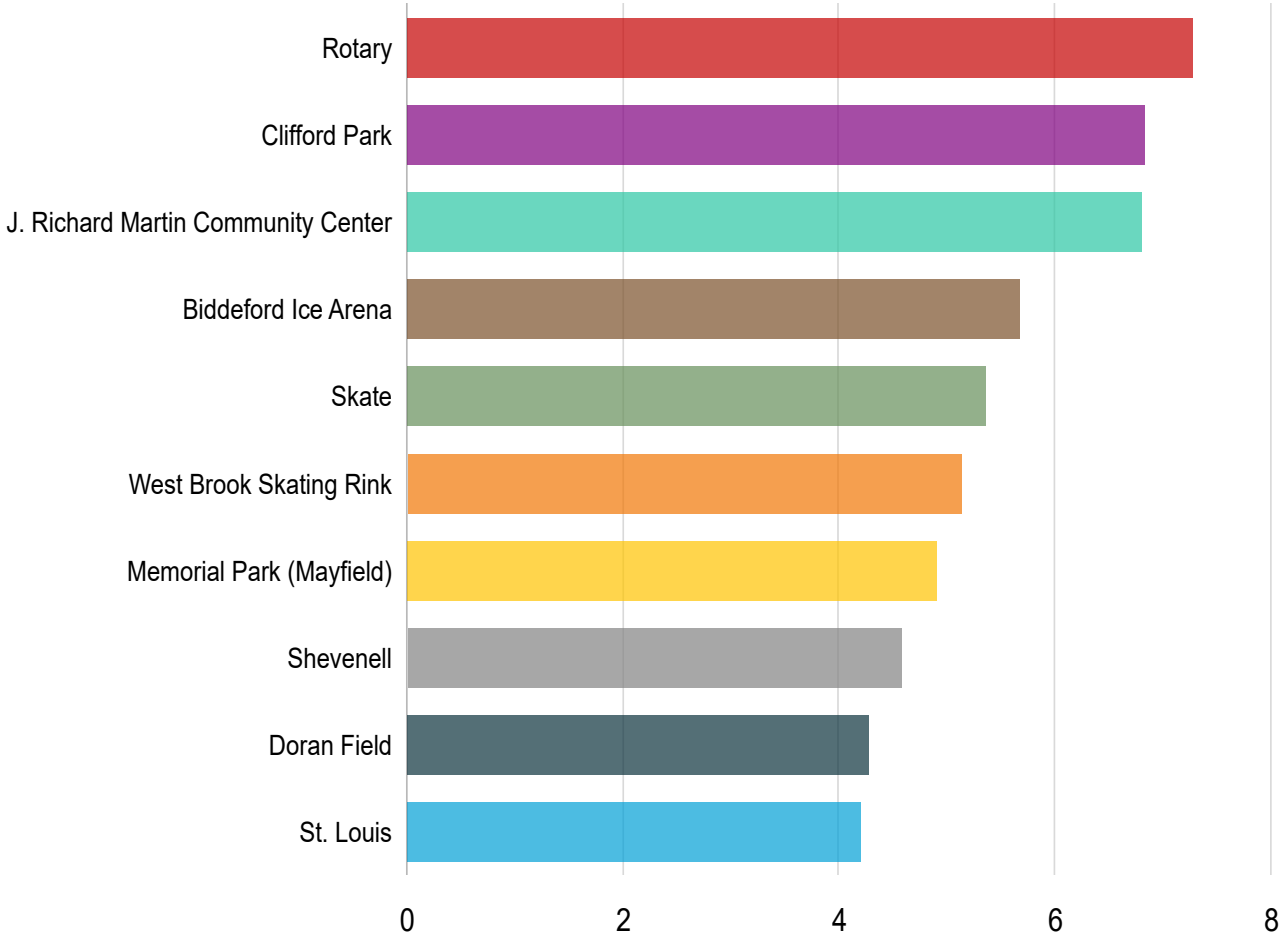
Recreation Bond Survey

Mountain Biking	2	2.78%
Skateboarding	3	4.17%
Walking	19	26.39%
Running	9	12.5%
Ultimate Frisbee	3	4.17%
Other	11	15.28%

Answered: 42 Skipped: 30

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



Average

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Recreation Bond Survey

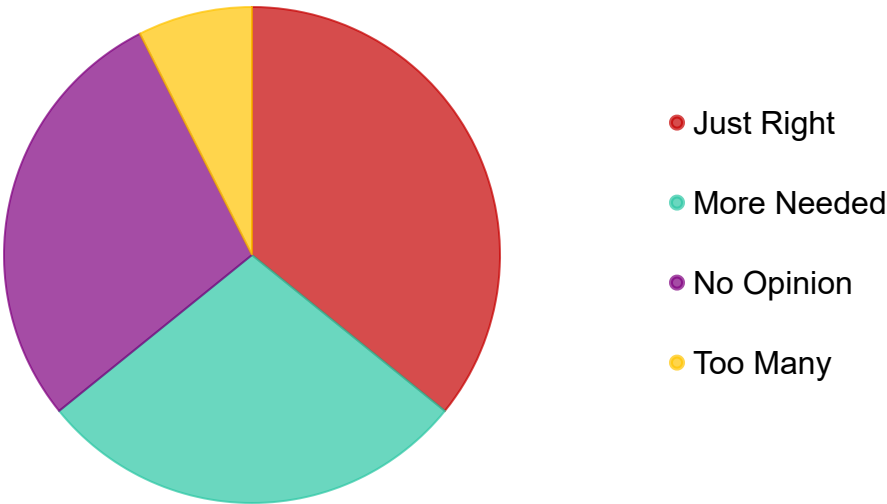
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1	Rotary Park	21.43% 15	15.71% 11	15.71% 11	15.71% 11	7.14% 5	11.43% 8 7.27 4.29% 3
2	Clifford Park	14.29% 10	17.14% 12	22.86% 16	7.14% 5	10% 7	8.57 6.83
3	J. Richard Martin Community Center	17.14% 12	18.57% 13	15.71% 11	10% 7	11.43% 8	4.29% 3 6.80 5.71% 4
4	Biddeford Ice Arena	21.43% 15	8.57% 6	5.71% 4	5.71% 4	7.14% 5	7.14 5.67
5	Skate Park	14.29% 10	4.29% 3	8.57% 6	15.71% 11	5.71% 4	14.29% 10 5.36 4.29% 3
6	West Brook Skating Rink	0% 0	14.29% 10	10% 7	5.71% 4	12.86% 9	10 5.13

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Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:

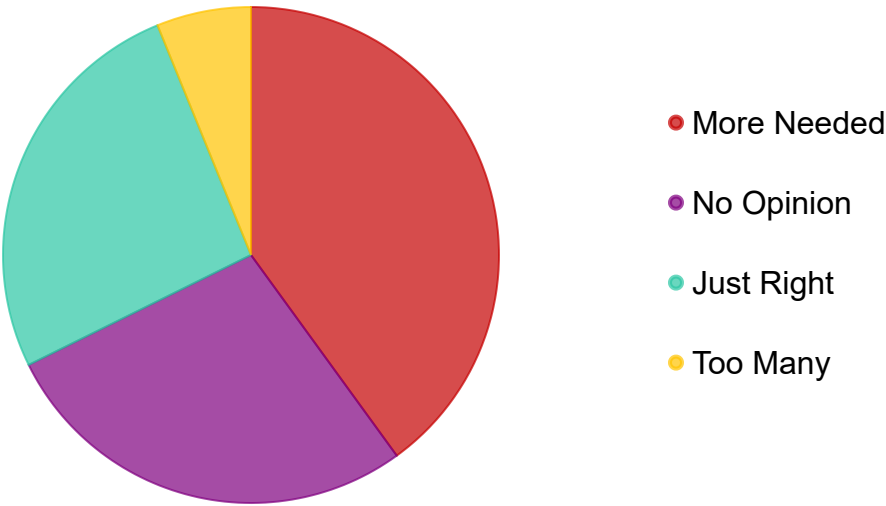
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 2-5)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	24	33.33%
More Needed	19	26.39%
No Opinion	19	26.39%
Too Many	5	6.94%

Answered: 67 Skipped: 5

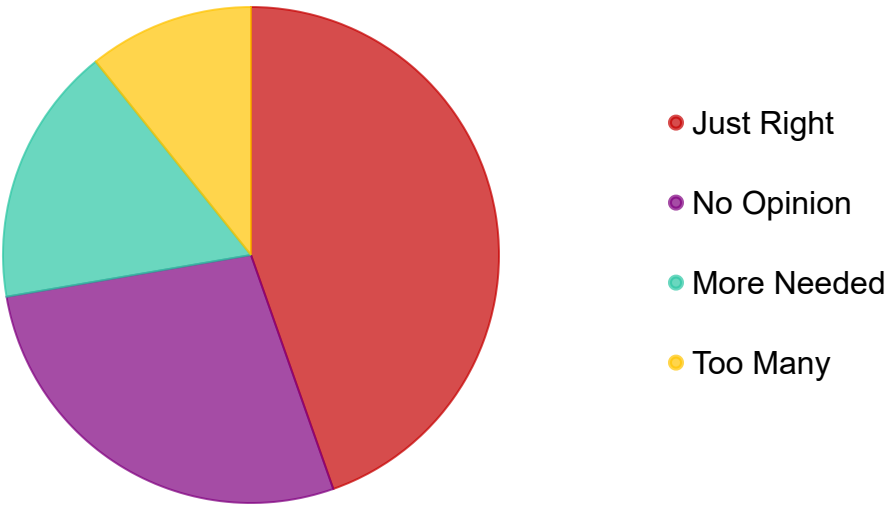
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	26	36.11%
No Opinion	18	25%
Just Right	17	23.61%
Too Many	4	5.56%

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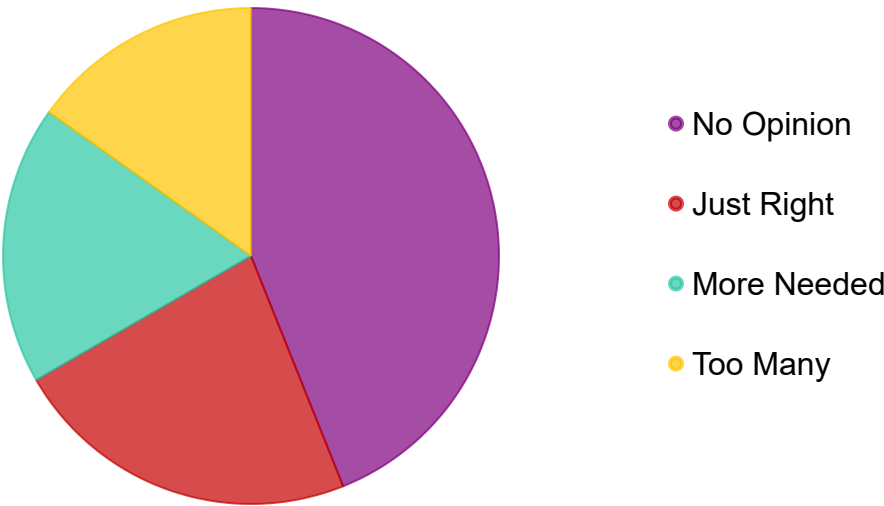
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	29	40.28%
No Opinion	18	25%
More Needed	11	15.28%
Too Many	7	9.72%

Answered: 65 Skipped: 7

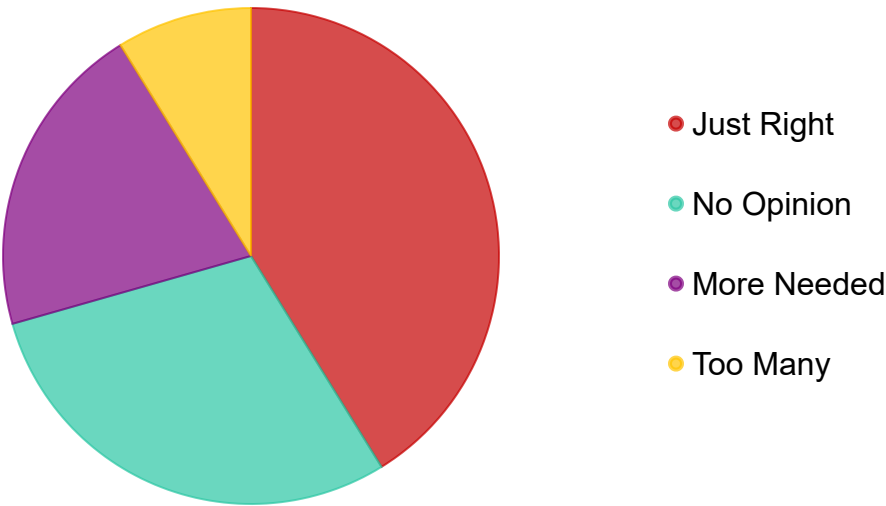
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	29	40.28%
Just Right	15	20.83%
More Needed	12	16.67%
Too Many	10	13.89%

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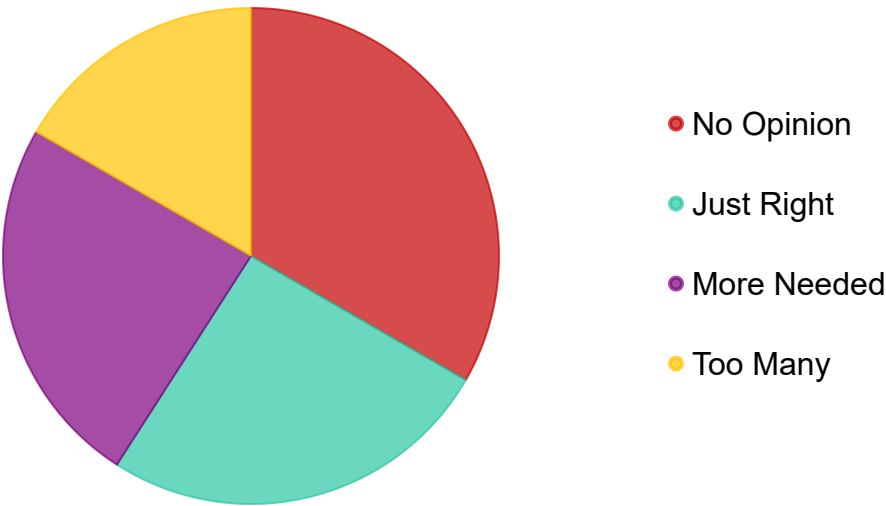
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	28	38.89%
No Opinion	20	27.78%
More Needed	14	19.44%
Too Many	6	8.33%

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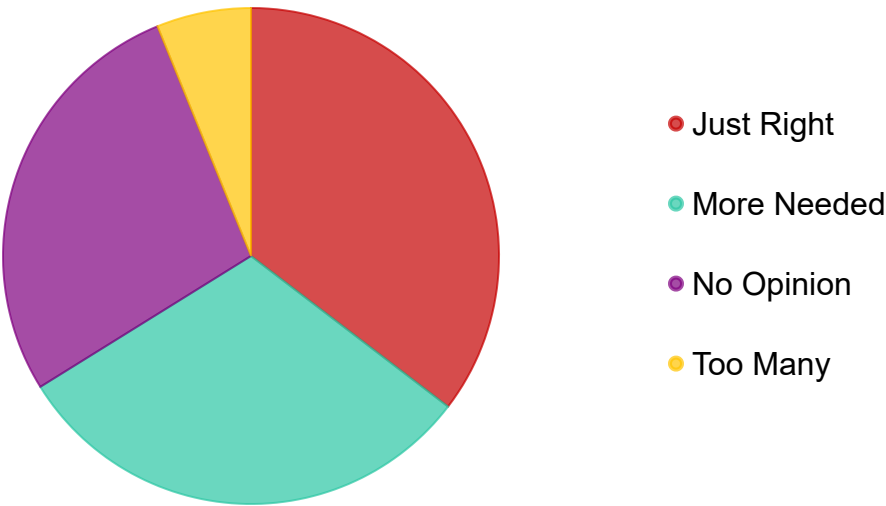
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	22	30.56%
Just Right	17	23.61%
More Needed	16	22.22%
Too Many	11	15.28%

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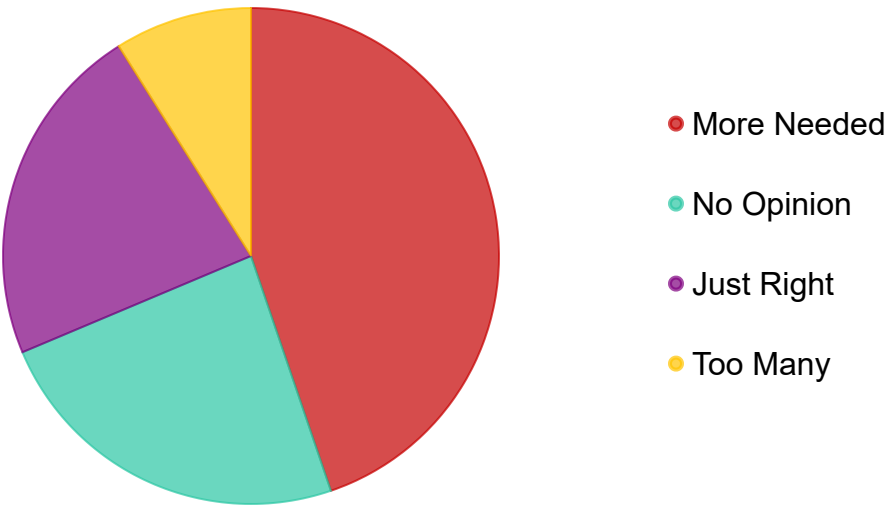
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	23	31.94%
More Needed	20	27.78%
No Opinion	18	25%
Too Many	4	5.56%

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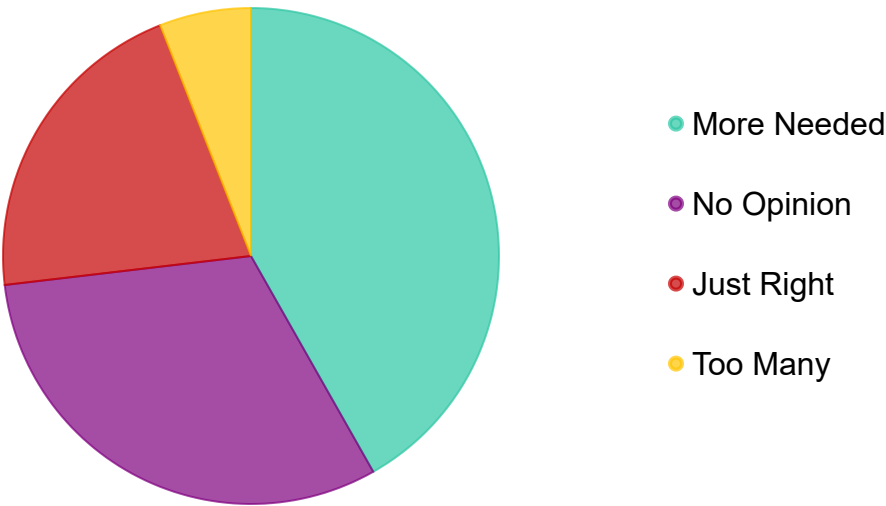
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	30	41.67%
No Opinion	16	22.22%
Just Right	15	20.83%
Too Many	6	8.33%

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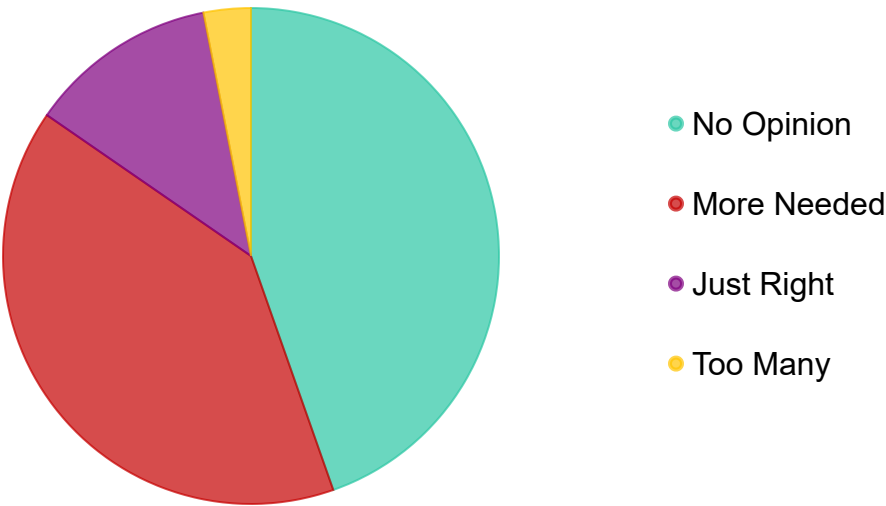
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	28	38.89%
No Opinion	21	29.17%
Just Right	14	19.44%
Too Many	4	5.56%

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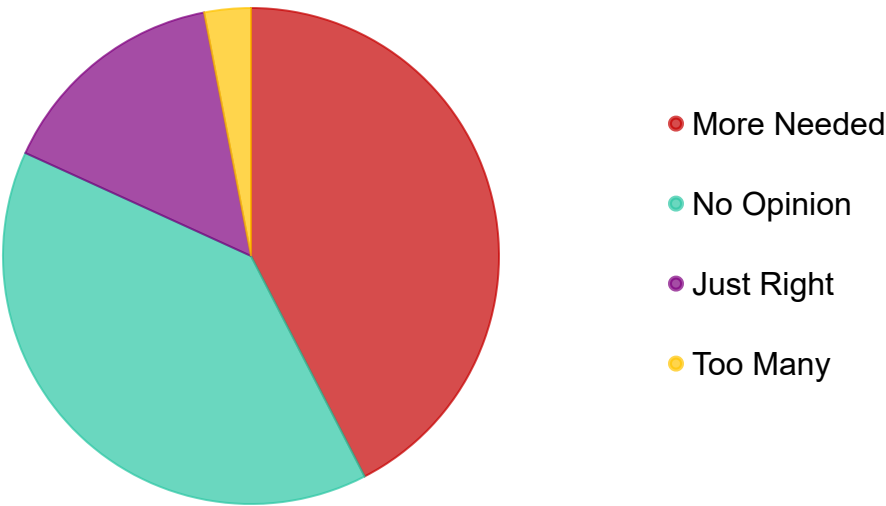
Youth Summer Camp Space



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No Opinion	29	40.28%
More Needed	26	36.11%
Just Right	8	11.11%
Too Many	2	2.78%

Answered: 65 Skipped: 7

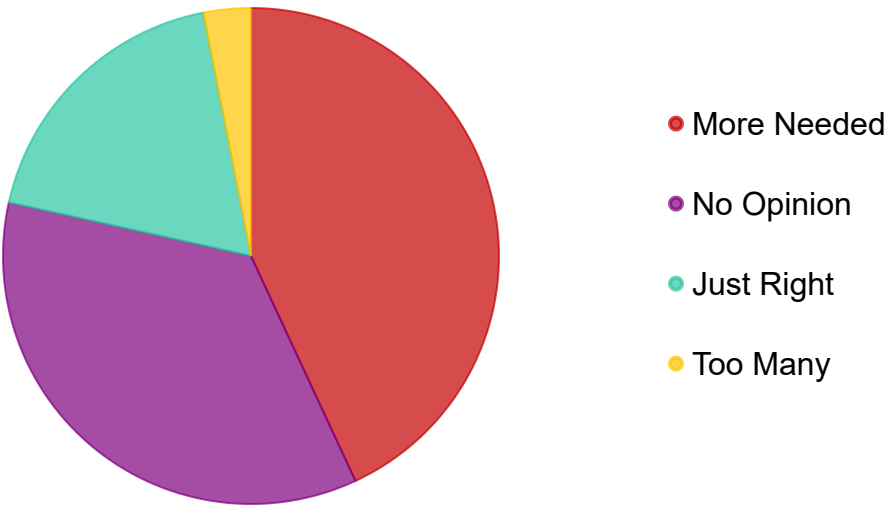
After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	28	38.89%
No Opinion	26	36.11%
Just Right	10	13.89%
Too Many	2	2.78%

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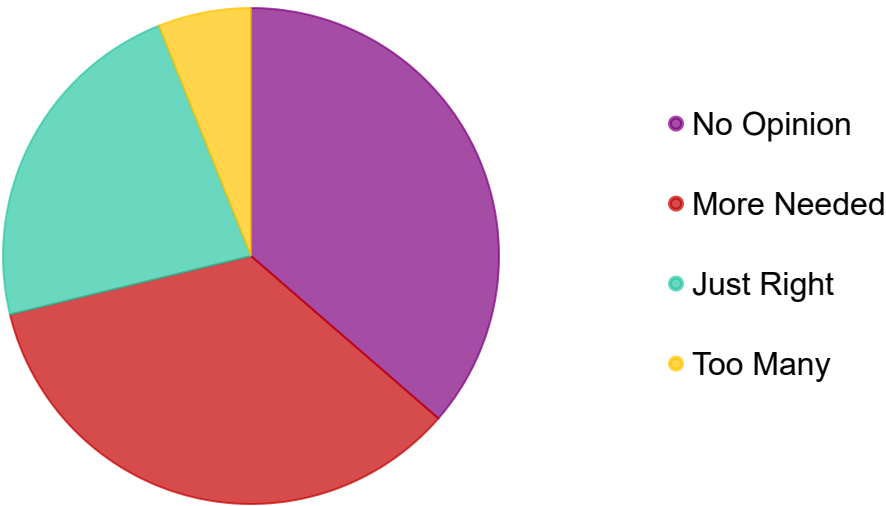
Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	28	38.89%
No Opinion	23	31.94%
Just Right	12	16.67%
Too Many	2	2.78%

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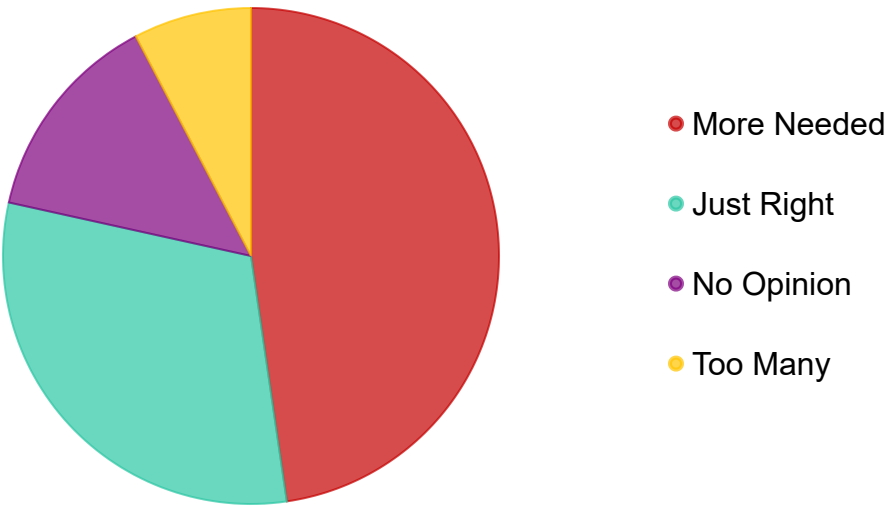
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	24	33.33%
More Needed	23	31.94%
Just Right	15	20.83%
Too Many	4	5.56%

Answered: 66 Skipped: 6

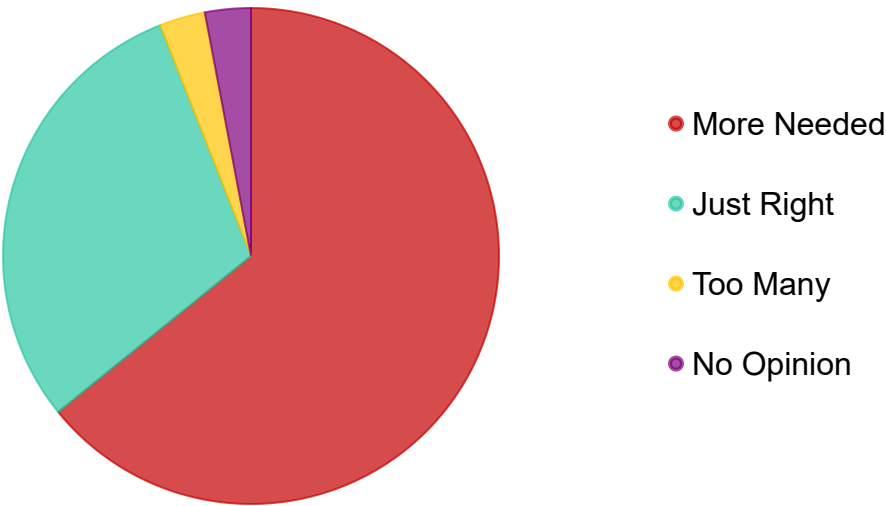
Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	31	43.06%
Just Right	20	27.78%
No Opinion	9	12.5%
Too Many	5	6.94%

Answered: 65 Skipped: 7

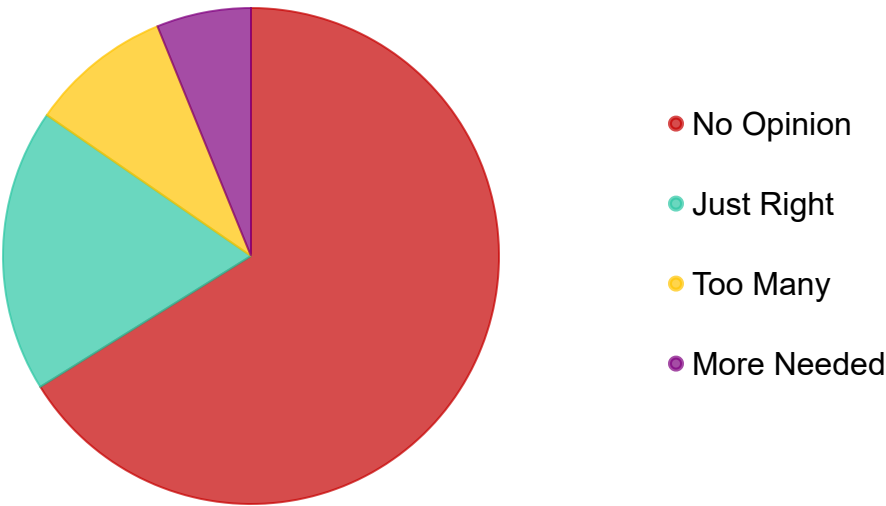
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	43	59.72%
Just Right	20	27.78%
Too Many	2	2.78%
No Opinion	2	2.78%

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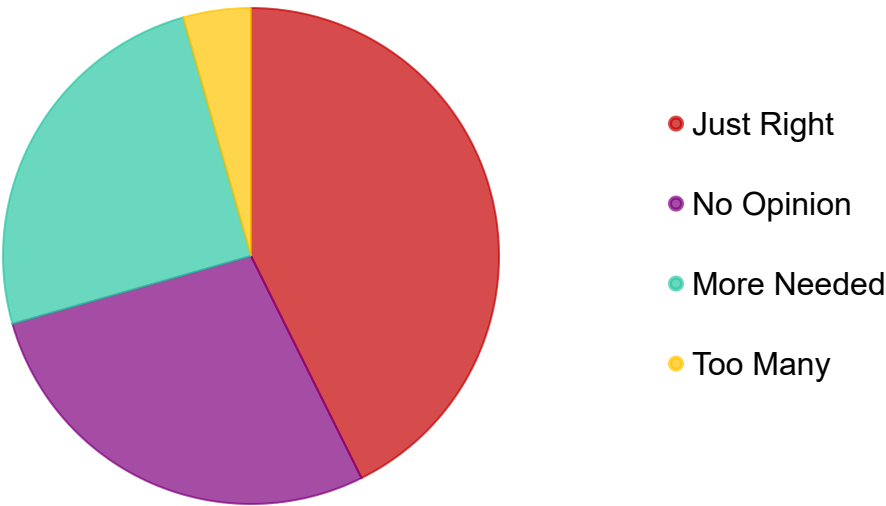
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	43	59.72%
Just Right	12	16.67%
Too Many	6	8.33%
More Needed	4	5.56%

Answered: 65 Skipped: 7

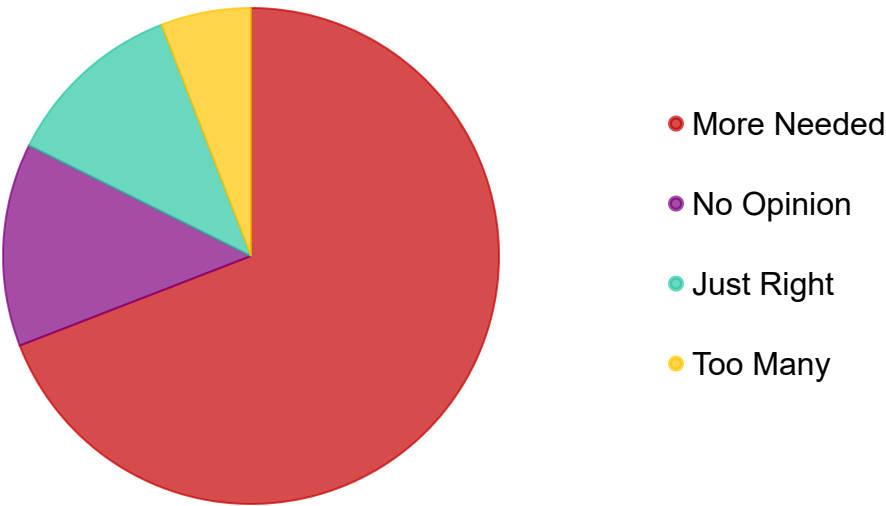
Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	29	40.28%
No Opinion	19	26.39%
More Needed	17	23.61%
Too Many	3	4.17%

Answered: 68 Skipped: 4

Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	47	65.28%
No Opinion	9	12.5%
Just Right	8	11.11%
Too Many	4	5.56%

Answered: 68 Skipped: 4

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



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Shade!!!! Please make it possible to use recreational spaces in the heat of the summer. It's only getting hotter.	1
Really want a nice new skatepark	1
Public bathrooms	1
Park over by Pearl Street	1
nature walk trails,	1
nature reserves/community gardens	1
n/a	1
Marching band and color guard space. Also a public outdoor and indoor pool would be amazing!	1
Kayak storage at rotary park	1
Kayak launch from Mechanics Park	1
If all of the money in the bond were JUST used to complete the loop of the trail around the Saco river, that would be a success and a huge benefit for the community and the most supportive of the Downtown.	1
I would love to see the dog park get some help from the city. The fences are starting to lean down if the city doesn't help us it's gonna go the way of the skateboard park and have to be rebuilt all over again.	1
I would like to see a picnic table added to Williams Court Park.	1
I think a playground for kids in the downtown mill buildings/Pearl Street parking garage area would be great. Perhaps with a water feature like the splash pad in Portland's Deering Oaks Park.	1
Dog Park fence!!!	1
Callisthenics Park!	1
bike paths not just the road or a pedestrian sidewalk	1
Bike paths	1
Bike path connection to the Eastern trail	1
A well maintained outdoor and indoor pool	1

Yes there are plenty of indoor playgrounds for toddlers and general play spaces for children in South Portland, Portland, Westbrook	1
Yes ice rinks in falmouth Gotham portland	1
Yes I go to saco and kennebunk for play grounds because Biddeford's are pathetic	1
XC Skiing locations, walking trails	1
Wolf's Neck Park -- reminds me of that trail down my mile stretch road.	1
Urban air, movies in westbrook	1
There have been programs we've done at Saco Recreation. Biddeford needs to do things more family oriented and for all ages including students in high school that can mentor the younger youth who were recreation kids.	1
Splash pad at Saco and Portland.	1
Sanford trail network	1
Saco splash pad, Saco rec playground, Saco Heath, Kennebunk playgrounds, ... please do not use shredded recycled tires or artificial turf in any more new designs. They are usually highly lead contaminated. Also, we need picnic shelters, 2-3 in rotary park for parties. And bathrooms that are available year round.	1
Saco playgrounds, water park	1
Saco parks, climbing areas, pools	1
Saco Heath, Old Orchard Beach, use many trails outside Biddeford	1
Saco Heath Hiking Trails in NH	1
Rock gyms, hiking trails (saco heath, Mt agimenticus)	1
n/a	1
Most that I visit with my grandchildren have multi age play equipment and spaces that are covered for sun protection	1
Lots of well-maintained walking trails	1

I would like to take this space to remind you to use the money what we allocated it for in the bond referendum. I saw the pictures that was why I voted for it. Now use the money the way you said you were going to use it

1

I am relatively new to Biddeford and mostly go to Clifford Park and the beaches in Biddeford Pool. I really like the trail map for Clifford Park that you can download to your phone! I also love the new bathrooms that were put in at the Gilbert Boucher beach last summer- thank you! I often go to Mackworth Island in Falmouth because I love to walk near the water - East Point Bird Sanctuary in Biddeford Pool is nice too, but it feels like a shorter hike than Mackworth and parking can be difficult (to be fair, it can be difficult at Mackworth too!). I also rent kayaks from Portland Paddle at the East End Beach in Portland. Is there an indoor place to walk in the winter in Biddeford? I currently go to the Maine Mall several times per week and walk in the winter. The YMCA has treadmills, but it's not the same as walking - and you. need a membership. I appreciate being given the opportunity to provide feedback. It makes me realize that I really need to go explore more!

1

Eastern Trail bike path

1

Diamond Riverside Park, Saco. Perfect walking park. Kennebunk Dog Park, for dog exercise.

1

Cross country ski locations, Eastern Trail, other biking trails, put-ins at different locations for paddleboarding, etc.

1

Biddeford ice arena needs 100% remodeling Kids and adults have played there for many years.
Needs remodeling

1

Area beaches. Local bike and hiking trails

1

All the time. Constantly going to portland and Kennebunk for the skateparks and basketball courts

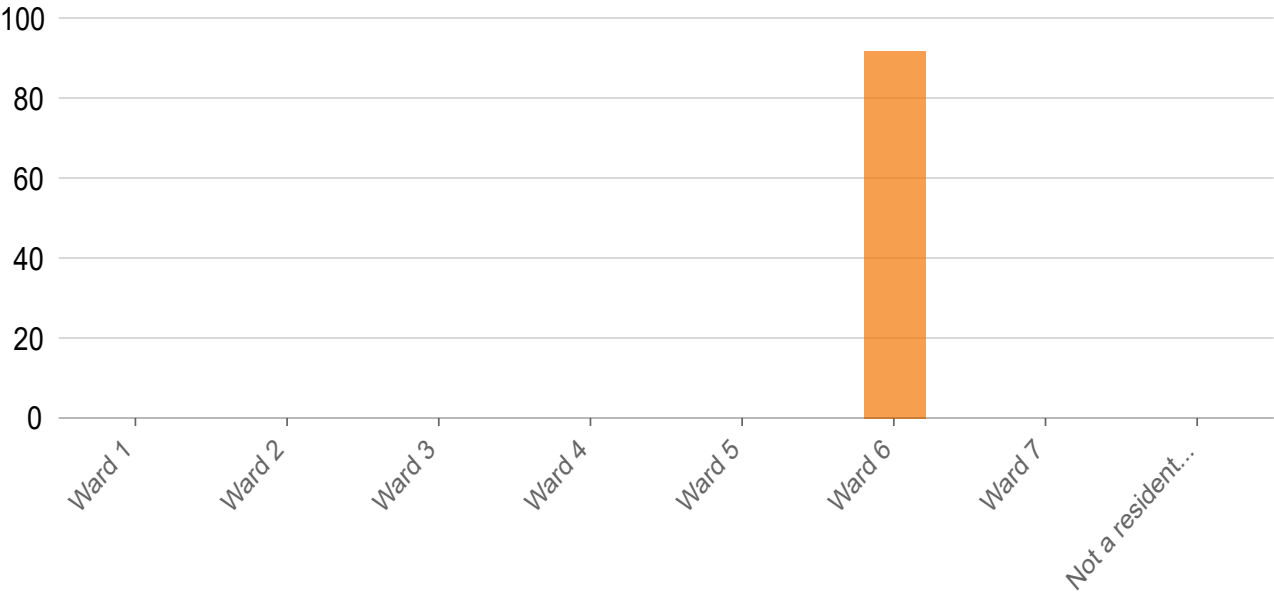
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Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

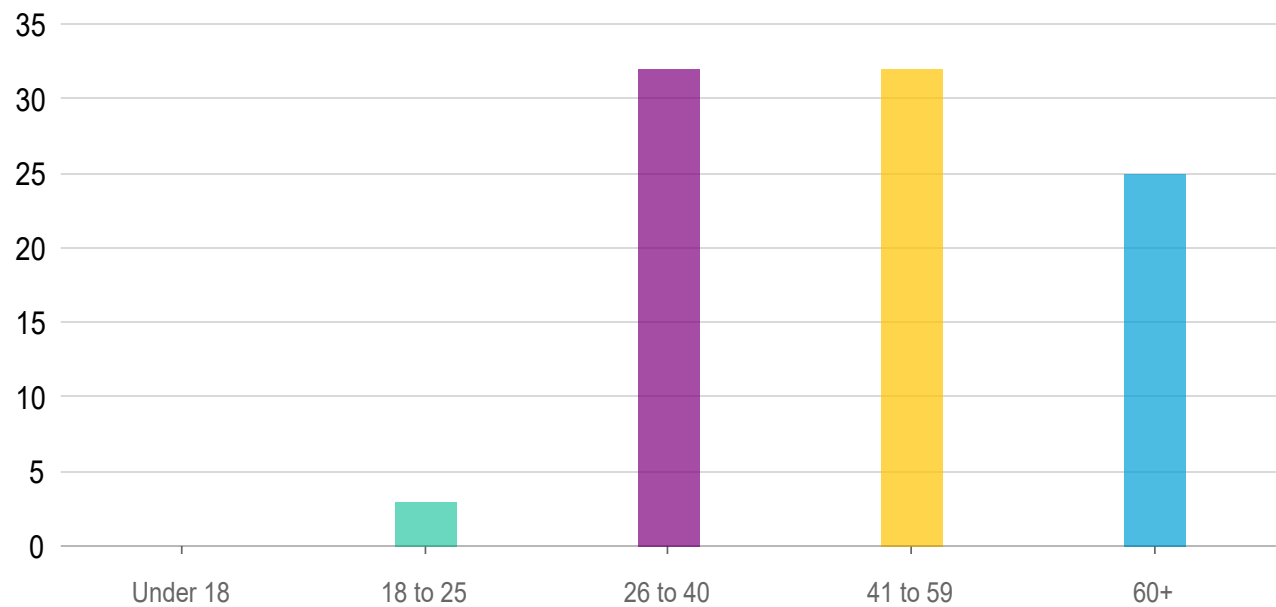
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	0	0%
Ward 2	0	0%
Ward 3	0	0%
Ward 4	0	0%
Ward 5	0	0%
Ward 6	92	100%
Ward 7	0	0%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 92 Skipped: 0

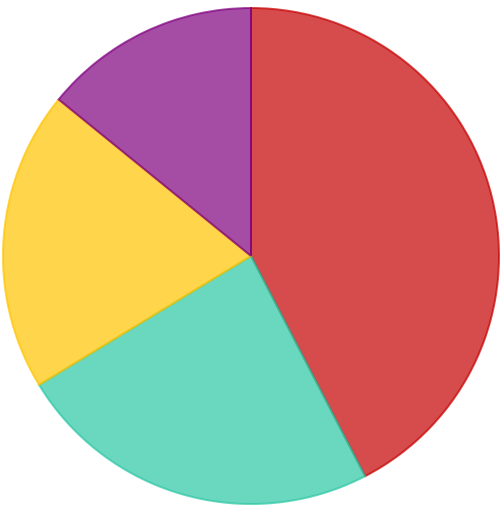
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18 to 25	3	3.26%
26 to 40	32	34.78%
41 to 59	32	34.78%
60+	25	27.17%

Answered: 92 Skipped: 0

Do you have children in your household?

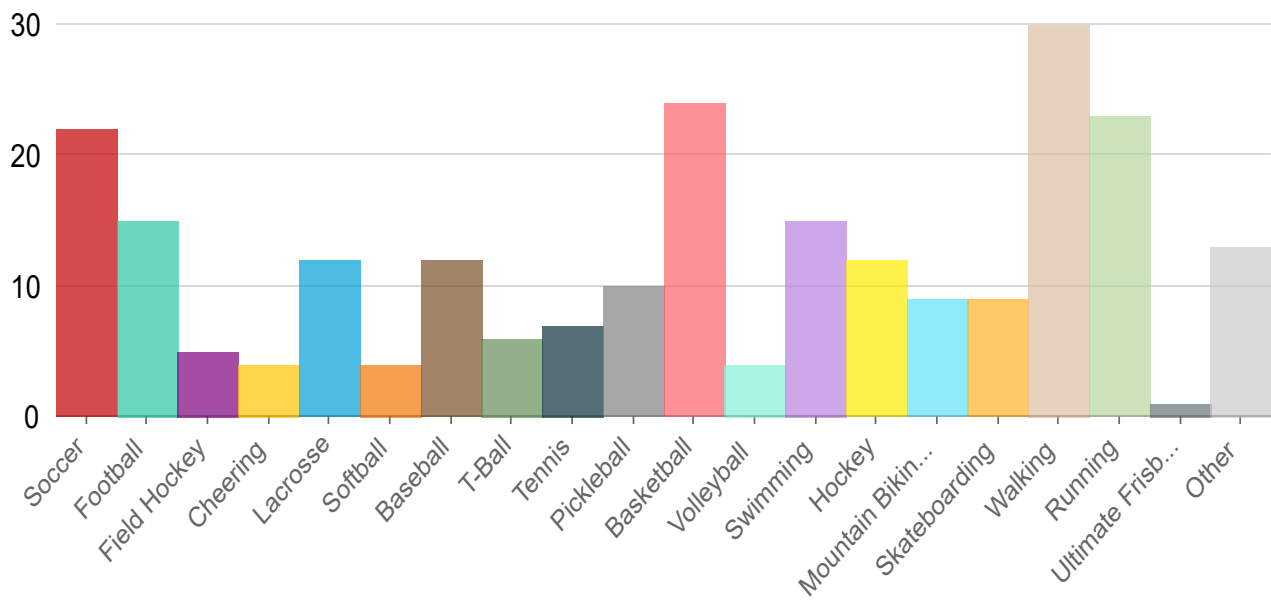


- No, we do not have children in my household
- Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)
- Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)
- Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)

Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	39	42.39%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	22	23.91%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	18	19.57%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	13	14.13%

Answered: 92 Skipped: 0

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	22	23.91%
Football	15	16.3%
Field Hockey	5	5.43%
Cheering	4	4.35%
Lacrosse	12	13.04%
Softball	4	4.35%
Baseball	12	13.04%
T-Ball	6	6.52%
Tennis	7	7.61%
Pickleball	10	10.87%
Basketball	24	26.09%
Volleyball	4	4.35%
Swimming	15	16.3%
Hockey	12	13.04%

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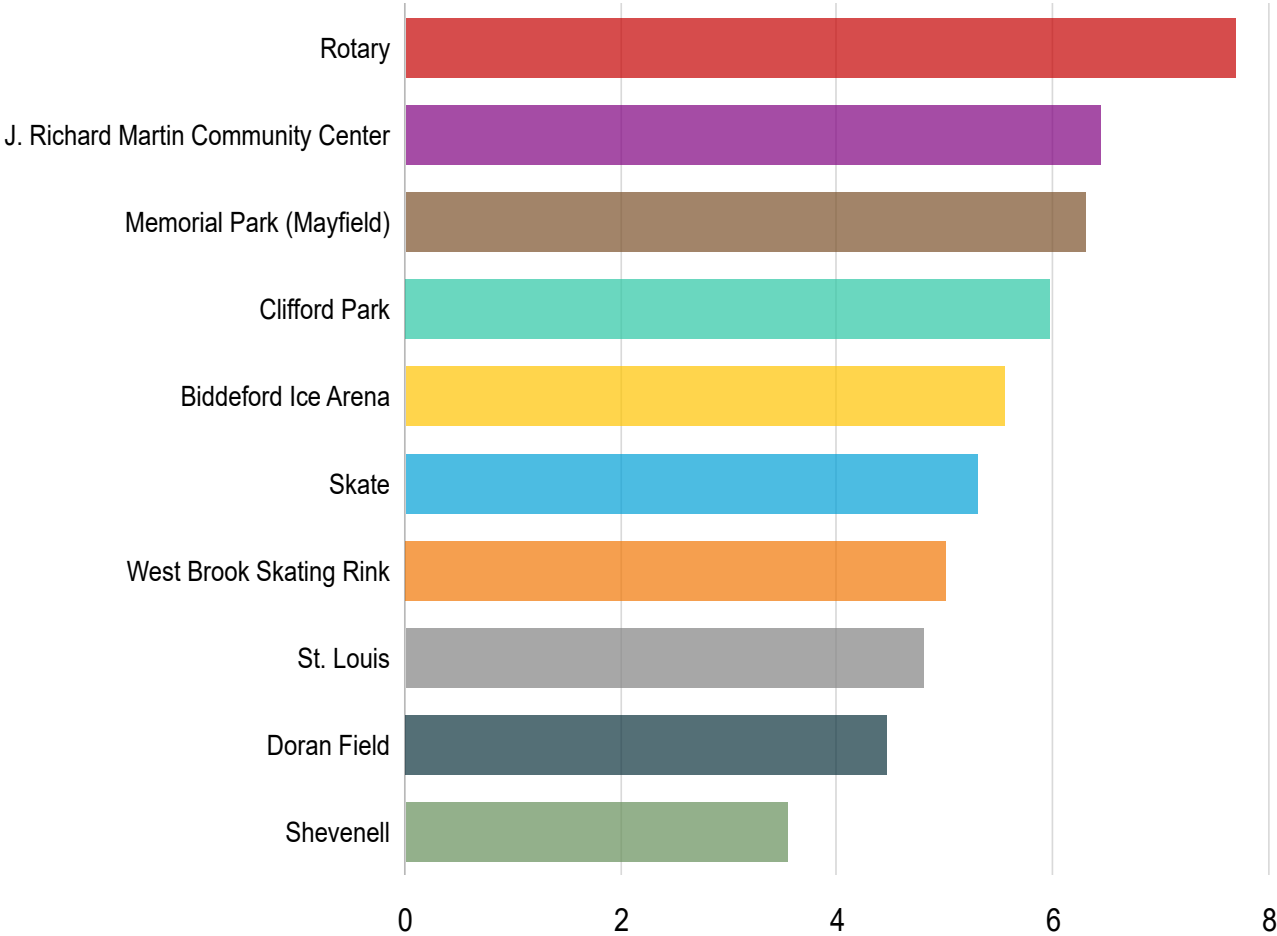
Recreation Bond Survey

Mountain Biking	9	9.78%
Skateboarding	9	9.78%
Walking	30	32.61%
Running	23	25%
Ultimate Frisbee	1	1.09%
Other	13	14.13%

Answered: 68 Skipped: 24

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



Average

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Recreation Bond Survey

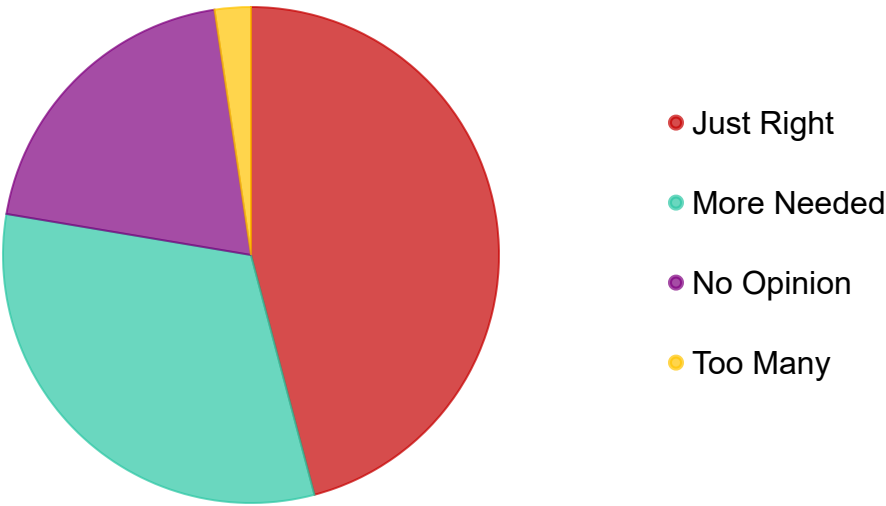
Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	score
1	Rotary Park	32.95% 29	20.45% 18	10.23% 9	7.95% 7	7.95% 7	9.09% 8 3.41% 7.68 3
2	J. Richard Martin Community Center	25% 22	10.23% 9	11.36% 10	6.82% 6	4.55% 4	11.36% 6.43
3	Memorial Park (Mayfield)	5.68% 5	10.23% 9	20.45% 18	20.45% 18	10.23% 9	7.95% 7 9.09% 6.30 8
4	Clifford Park	7.95% 7	13.64% 12	14.77% 13	7.95% 7	12.5% 11	14.77% 5.97
5	Biddeford Ice Arena	18.18% 16	11.36% 10	3.41% 3	9.09% 8	4.55% 4	10.23% 9 9.09% 5.55 8
6	Skate Park	7.95% 7	15.91% 14	7.95% 7	10.23% 9	11.36% 10	3.41% 5.30

Answered: 88

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Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:

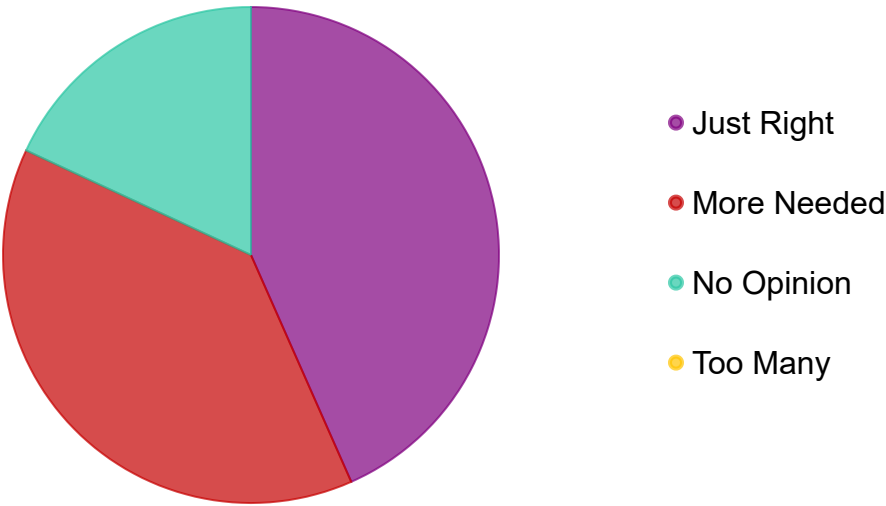
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 2-5)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	39	42.39%
More Needed	27	29.35%
No Opinion	17	18.48%
Too Many	2	2.17%

Answered: 85 Skipped: 7

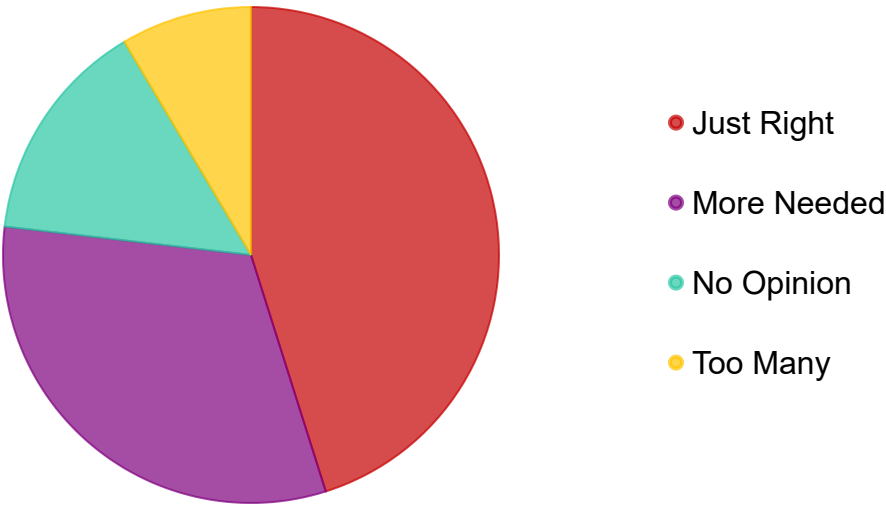
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	36	39.13%
More Needed	32	34.78%
No Opinion	15	16.3%
Too Many	0	0%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 9

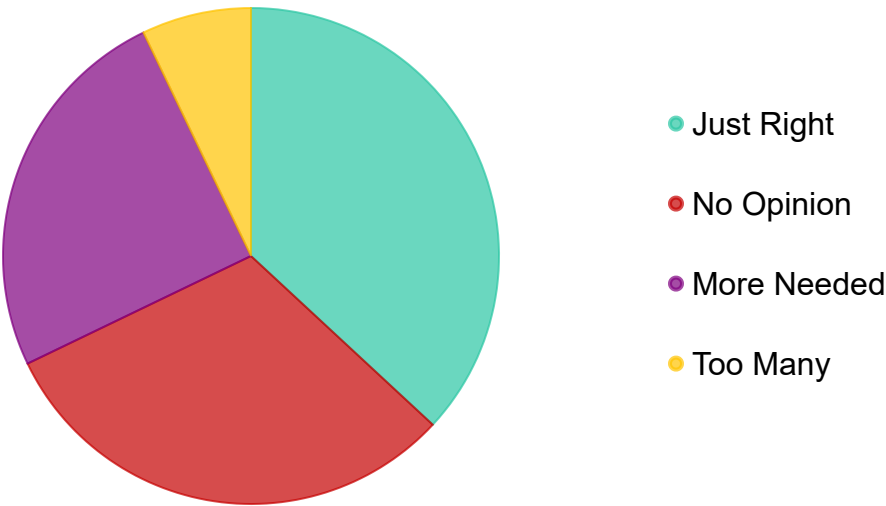
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	37	40.22%
More Needed	26	28.26%
No Opinion	12	13.04%
Too Many	7	7.61%

Answered: 82 Skipped: 10

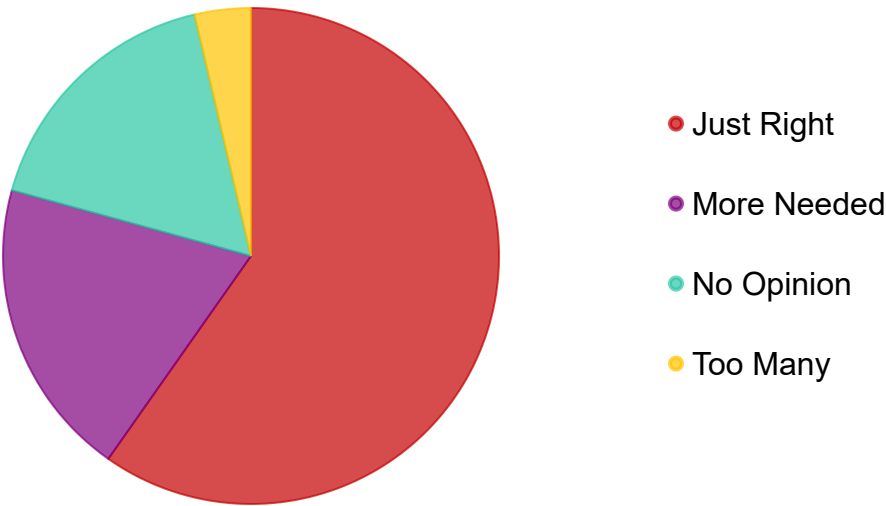
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	31	33.7%
No Opinion	26	28.26%
More Needed	21	22.83%
Too Many	6	6.52%

Answered: 84 Skipped: 8

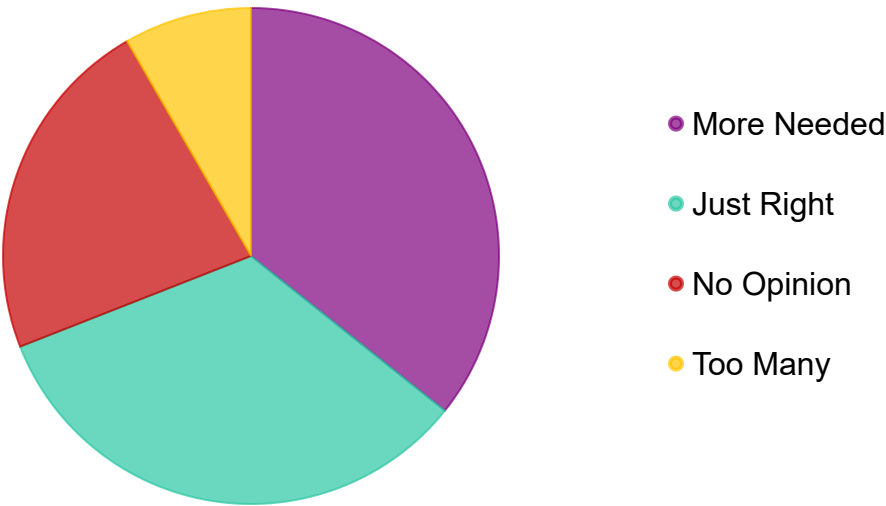
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	49	53.26%
More Needed	16	17.39%
No Opinion	14	15.22%
Too Many	3	3.26%

Answered: 82 Skipped: 10

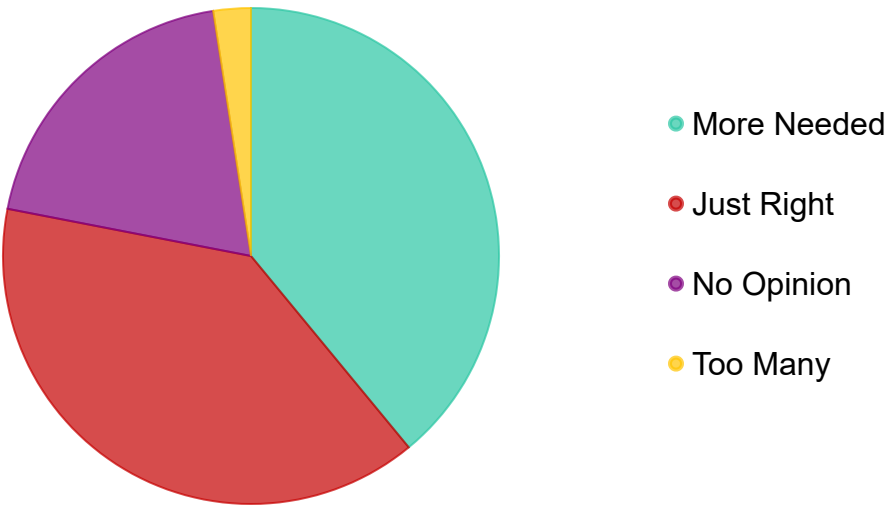
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	30	32.61%
Just Right	28	30.43%
No Opinion	19	20.65%
Too Many	7	7.61%

Answered: 84 Skipped: 8

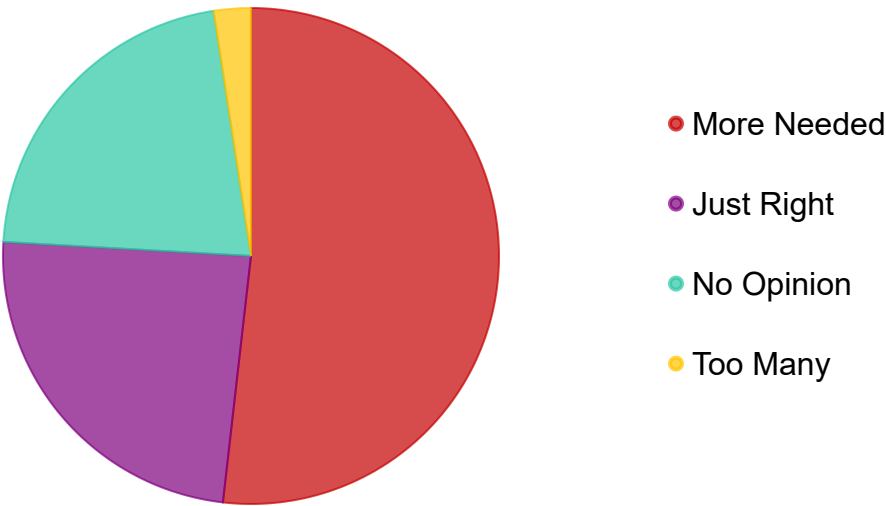
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	34.78%
Just Right	32	34.78%
No Opinion	16	17.39%
Too Many	2	2.17%

Answered: 82 Skipped: 10

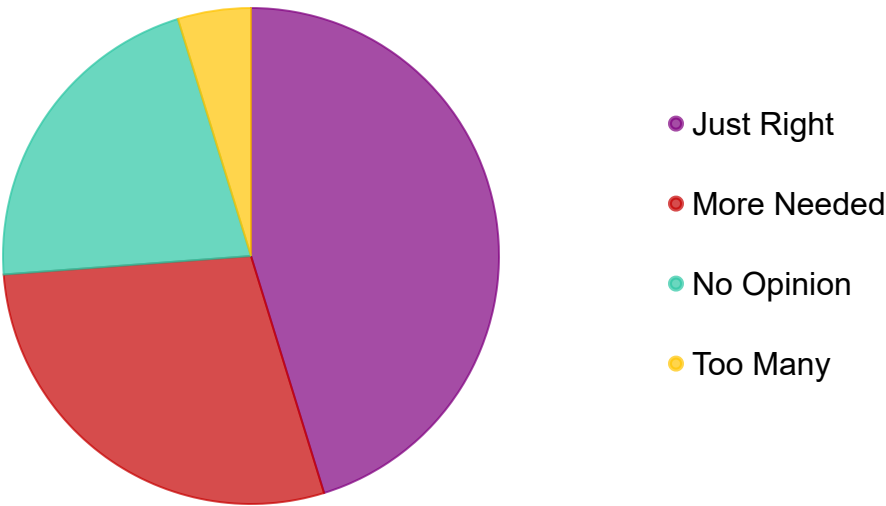
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	43	46.74%
Just Right	20	21.74%
No Opinion	18	19.57%
Too Many	2	2.17%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 9

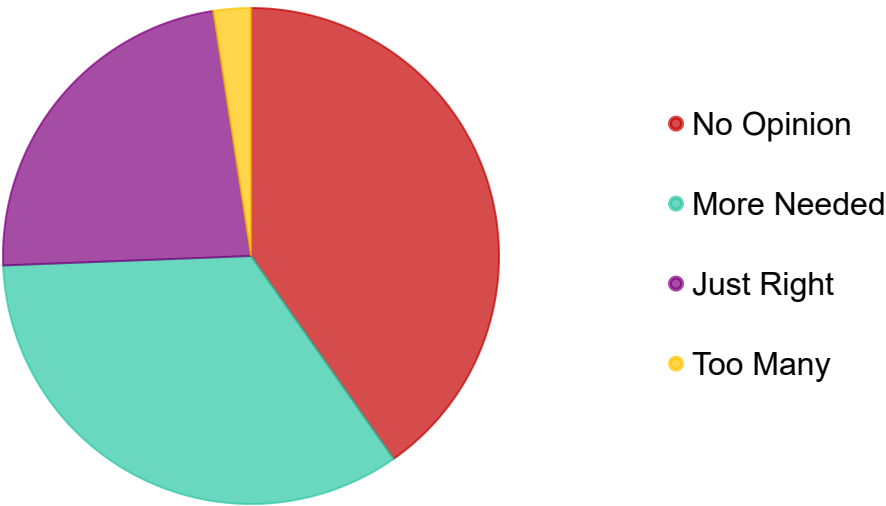
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	38	41.3%
More Needed	24	26.09%
No Opinion	18	19.57%
Too Many	4	4.35%

Answered: 84 Skipped: 8

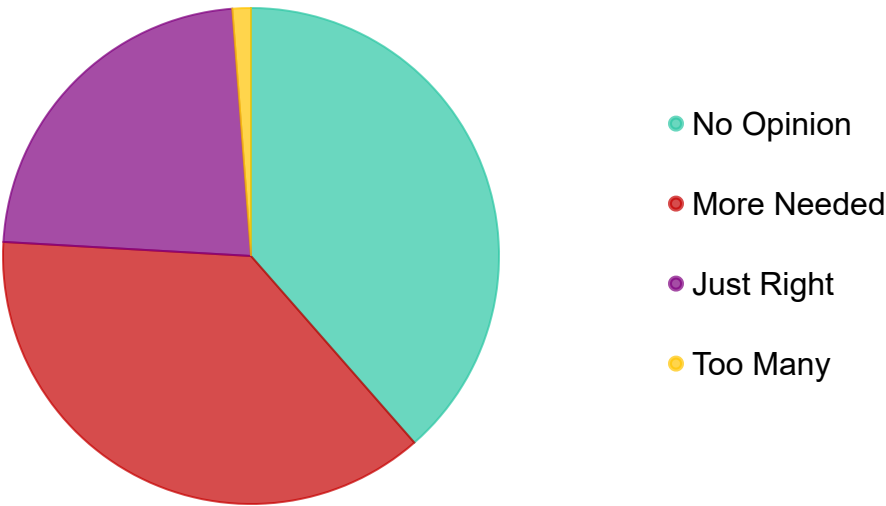
Youth Summer Camp Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	33	35.87%
More Needed	28	30.43%
Just Right	19	20.65%
Too Many	2	2.17%

Answered: 82 Skipped: 10

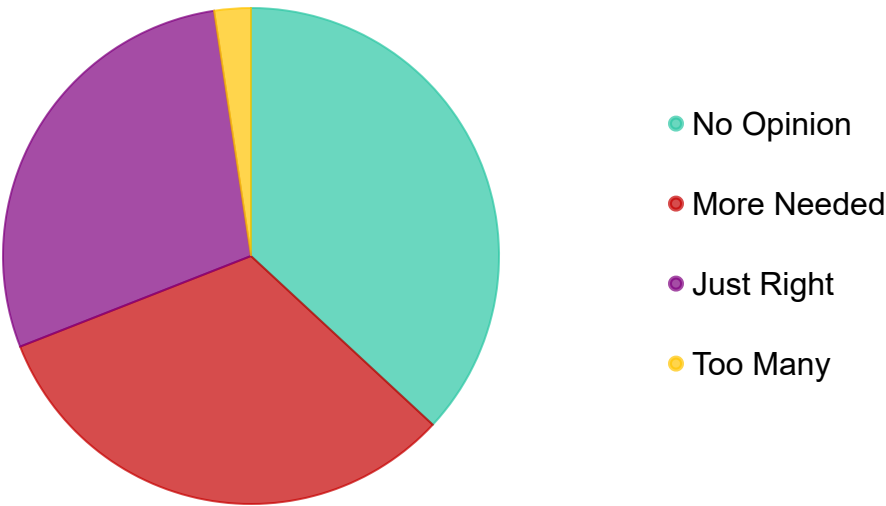
○ ○ After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	32	34.78%
More Needed	31	33.7%
Just Right	19	20.65%
Too Many	1	1.09%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 9

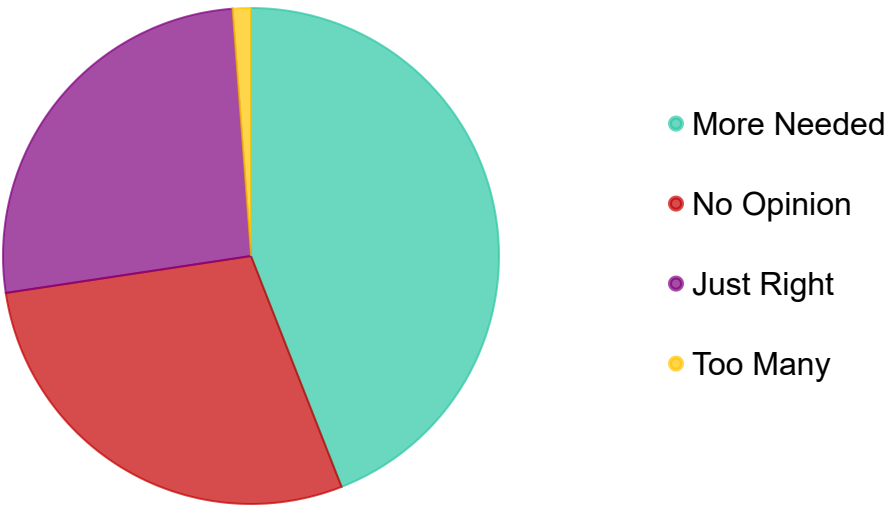
○ ○ Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	31	33.7%
More Needed	27	29.35%
Just Right	24	26.09%
Too Many	2	2.17%

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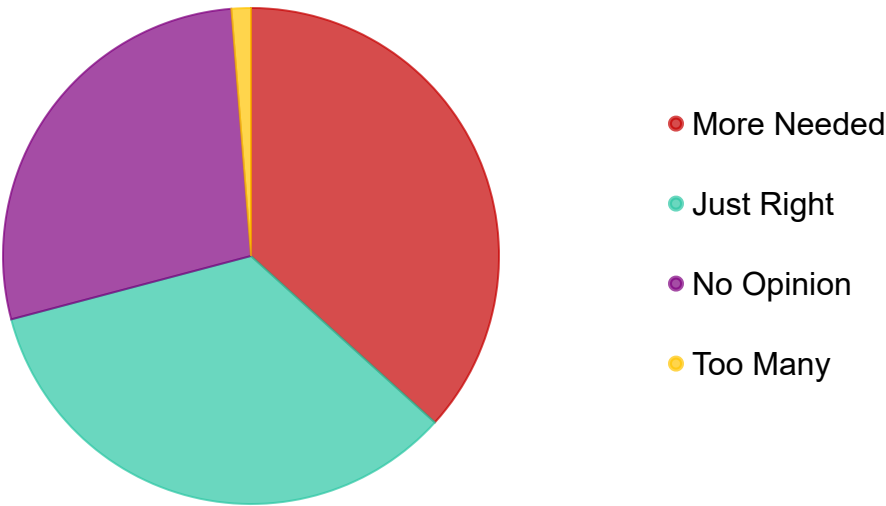
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	37	40.22%
No Opinion	24	26.09%
Just Right	22	23.91%
Too Many	1	1.09%

Answered: 84 Skipped: 8

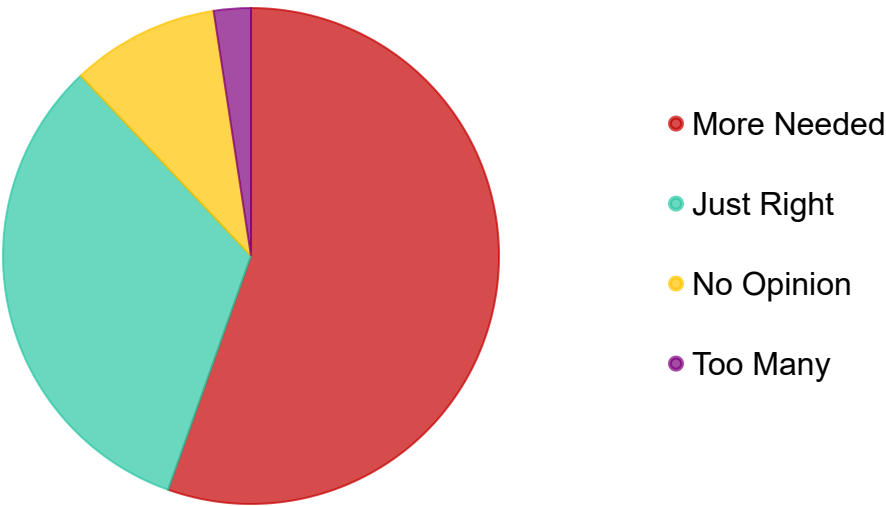
Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	29	31.52%
Just Right	27	29.35%
No Opinion	22	23.91%
Too Many	1	1.09%

Answered: 79 Skipped: 13

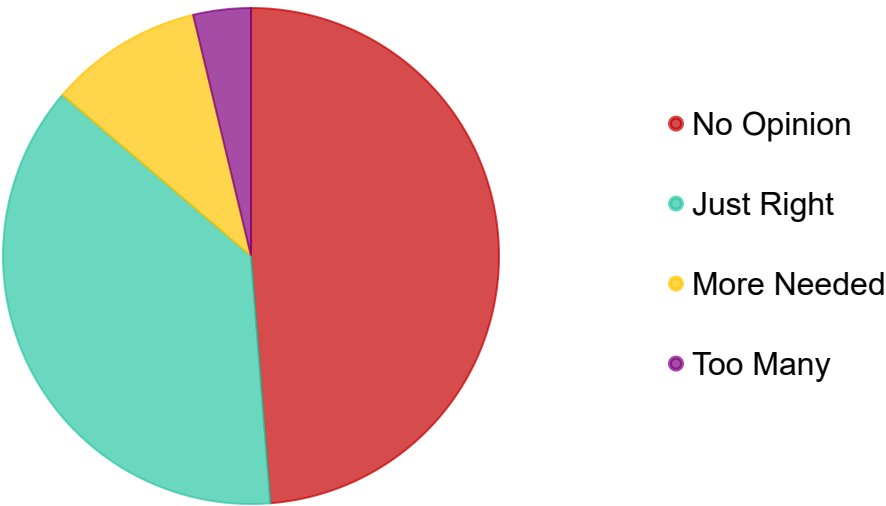
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	46	50%
Just Right	27	29.35%
No Opinion	8	8.7%
Too Many	2	2.17%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 9

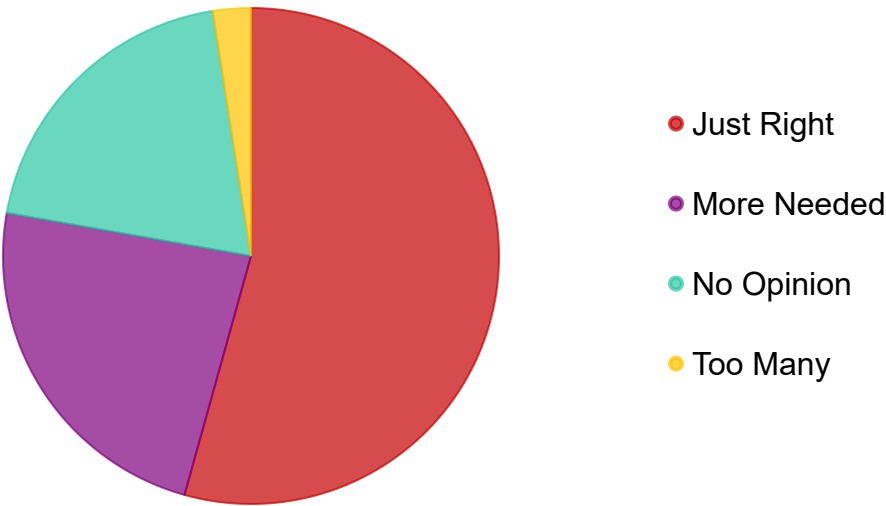
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	39	42.39%
Just Right	30	32.61%
More Needed	8	8.7%
Too Many	3	3.26%

Answered: 80 Skipped: 12

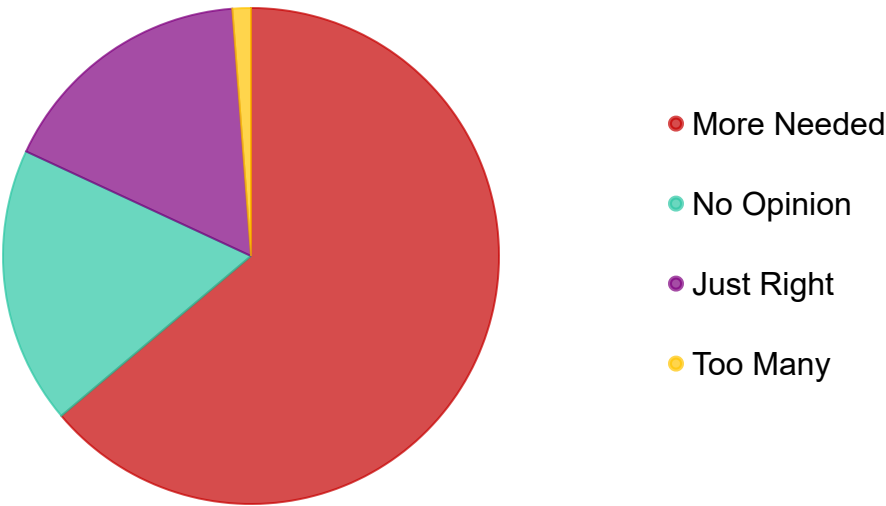
Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	44	47.83%
More Needed	19	20.65%
No Opinion	16	17.39%
Too Many	2	2.17%

Answered: 81 Skipped: 11

Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	53	57.61%
No Opinion	15	16.3%
Just Right	14	15.22%
Too Many	1	1.09%

Answered: 83 Skipped: 9

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



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Re turf the football field at rotary park	1
Priority survey doesn't work	1
No, the Community Center needs the most work and serves the whole community.	1
New top grass on rotary park	1
Multiuse Indoor turf fields And an indoor running track	1
mountain bike park, a dock at rotary park!	1
Make Rotary swimming better, Free splash pad/water play, rollerskating rink, free gardening classes and more space to plant collectively and use spaces like making a walking path/labyrinth as a garden park, add more Little Free Library's around town	1
Make a walking trail around rotary park. Finish eastern trail thru Biddeford by railroad tracks bridge going over Saco river	1
Machine built Mountain bike trails. Machine built pump track. This could be built with asphalt to be used by skateboards/scooters	1
I would love to seem more picnic tables and benches at our parks. A fully accessible trail system would be great as well. I love the one on Mount Aggie and the Wells Rec center. Also, making sure that there is public transit to the parks.	1
I would love to see an indoor walking track for people ijn the winter	1
I want to make a note on the invasive plants in and around the Clifford park walking trails. I would love to see some maintenance before the populations overrun the native ecosystem.	1
Free Indoor spaces where you can reserve a time slot	1
Bus or shuttle line connecting recreational areas to population centers. Rock climbing gym.	1
Better playgrounds with more for older kids as well. Current playgrounds are outdated and have weird structures	1
Beach volleyball courts!	1
Add lights to sledding at rotary park!!!	1
A playground with packed ground (like a rubber turf) for accessibility and comfort	1

- space that is little kid friendly, especially indoor during the winter. Playground downtown that is walkable to shops, library, restaurants.

Answered: 38 Skipped: 54

- **Do you visit any recreational destinations outside of Biddeford? If yes, please...**



Response	Count
No	3
yes.	1
Yes, we visit the Scandinavian style playground in Portland, the splash pad and playground combos at payson park and Saco rec	1
Yes, we visit diamond riverside park in Saco, parsons field in Kennebunk, and payson park and Dougherty field in Portland. I like that they take good care of the equipment and/or it's newer. We like the variety in the structures so multiple ages of kids have areas to play and they have different and exciting equipment. We love the splash pad options at payson park and at the rec dept in Saco— it adds good variety on hot summer days where playground equipment can be too hot.	1
Yes, splash pad in Portland and Saco	1
Yes, south Portland community center is great! It has so much space, an indoor swimming pool and indoor walking trail.	1

Yes sacco	1
Yes , biking trails, especially fat tire biking in the winter. Hiking and walking trails.	1
Yes - I routinely visit parks and rec facilities in all the surrounding towns and have seen facilities that are well maintained and feature new amenities and updated activities. Prioritizing public parks and recreational efforts seems to be a focus of several local towns and municipalities, and it is a wise use of public dollars. Biddeford should continue the effort.	1
We visit the South Portland skate park and the Portland pump track. The indoor soccer field and basketball hoops at SoFive for free play. The roller blading rinks in Westbrook and Lewiston.	1
We play football at all kinds of different fields across southern maine and Biddeford field is the worst. There's glass on the field from it being the old landfill and there's holes all over it from people bringing their dogs on. We need to fix this and bring Biddeford football back to where it once was!!	1
We often travel far distances for our daughter to play field hockey and lacrosse at indoor facilities during the winter months. I think investing in a complex like this could generate revenue for the city, allowing kids in the community to continue to play the sports they love without traveling to Portland, Gorham, Topsham, NH, and MA. The ability to host large indoor tournaments would bring people into our community during the winter months when tourism is low.	1
We like to check out other playgrounds all around York and Cumberland Counties to get a variety of options for different ages. We have grown children that will hopefully have children of their own.	1
We go to Playgrounds in Portland at Deering oaks and over by the blvd. Bike path doesn't feel safe here so we have to drive to Scarborough to get on the trail. Indoor pool in cape Elizabeth our kids love. There's no turf or field space with soccer nets to play on. Too many baseball fields and not enough other stuff. We love west brook ice skating but it would be nice if the indoor rink could have skating and also have the option to have turf for indoor play as well. It would be nice to have a place to listen to live music as well and have more outdoor picnic of dining options. Seems hard to keep people from setting up encampments in those types of spaces too so something would have to be done to make sure these spaces stay clean and safe.	1
We go hiking a lot in other towns with Maine and New Hampshire.	1
Walking trails.	1
Visit many in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont, as my kids play hockey and lacrosse throughout New England.	1
UNE Fitness Center	1

THE RANKING QUESTION DID NOT WORK, only able to choose first rank then the whole list locks, can't sort to order wanted	1
Swimming at Bunganut pond, they have all our family needs in the summer	1
Sofive Saco Portland sports complex Maine athletic complex	1
Smith Biddeford beaches	1
Several by our camp up north	1
Saco's splash pad, the boardwalk in the woods, Portlands playground and Deering Oaks, roller skating, the marginal way, sledding hills, skate parks, drakes island playground, ps. get a better Rotary Park sign. Plant a new tree where you cut down the one at Rotary. More water fountains. Get another dog park with separate places so there can be space for all. More public transit and more affordable housing for ALL.	1
Pickleball courts	1
Lyman library skating, ice fishing pond for kids	1
Lavoi bike park in Gotham almost weekly for the robust mtb trails. Pump track and jump lines in Portland (trolley park). Mtb trails through out the state.	1
Ice rinks, turf fields, walking trails, pickle ball....Gorham athletic space	1
I visit youth football fields during the season often, they are all better than rotary park. We need to do better for our kids. Returf the field and make it something to be proud of.	1
I think what we have here in our town is enough but it drastically needs upgrades and improvements. Starting with rotary park. They should bring the skate park back, make a splash pad and possible public pool. And the football field and canteen house/restrooms need to be upgraded immediately	1
I lived in a 3rd World Country for 22 yrs and find America to be in a cycle of destructive behavior when it comes to Unhoused Families, Lack of Affordable Housing, a Drug Epidemic caused by the Opioids prescribed by Doctors in America, A Totally Broken System that includes "Our Veterans, Senior's, Families with Children, People with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders and Asylum Seekers"! Maine is a beautiful State and Biddeford is one of the most beautiful place's I have ever seen... Biddeford is blessed with Cultural History, Parks, Beaches and a variety of Ethnic Backgrounds! Yes I visited many beautiful places around the US and other Countries and hope to visit more! One Love Blessings	1

I host what was supposed to be a Biddeford Community Jazz band in Saco at the catholic parish's community dining hall. After looking for months for a space I could reasonably rent and reserve, I was priced out of the Community center and now we're in Saco. 1

I have been to so many of Great Works Regional Land Trust's properties and Mount Agamenticus. 1

I go to an indoor rock climbing wall in Scarborough. I walk on outdoor recreational trails in multiple outlying communities. 1

Hiking trails. 1

Gyms .. the gyms in Biddeford are not good partner with the ymca put a gym on it and make their facility better We need more bike accessible road And better sidewalks for walking 1

For Williams, Saco Heath, Bug light park movie for kids 1

Family friendly Multi use Parking & bathrooms Protection from elements NOT ON MAJOR ROADWAY WITHOUT SAFETY BARRIERS IN PLACE 1

Better swimming area for Rotary Park, Little libraries, and ways for the community to get involved in planting and other activities for free. More playgrounds for older kids, and added fences 1

Arundel playground which features all ages bike trail (pump track) walking trails, and restroom. Lyman library which features playground, walking trails, restroom, ball fields. The Point is church run but amazing for recreating - indoor playscape, turf fields with balls, restroom, cafe. In Portland we love Payson Park for the toddler friendly play structures and sledding hill. 1

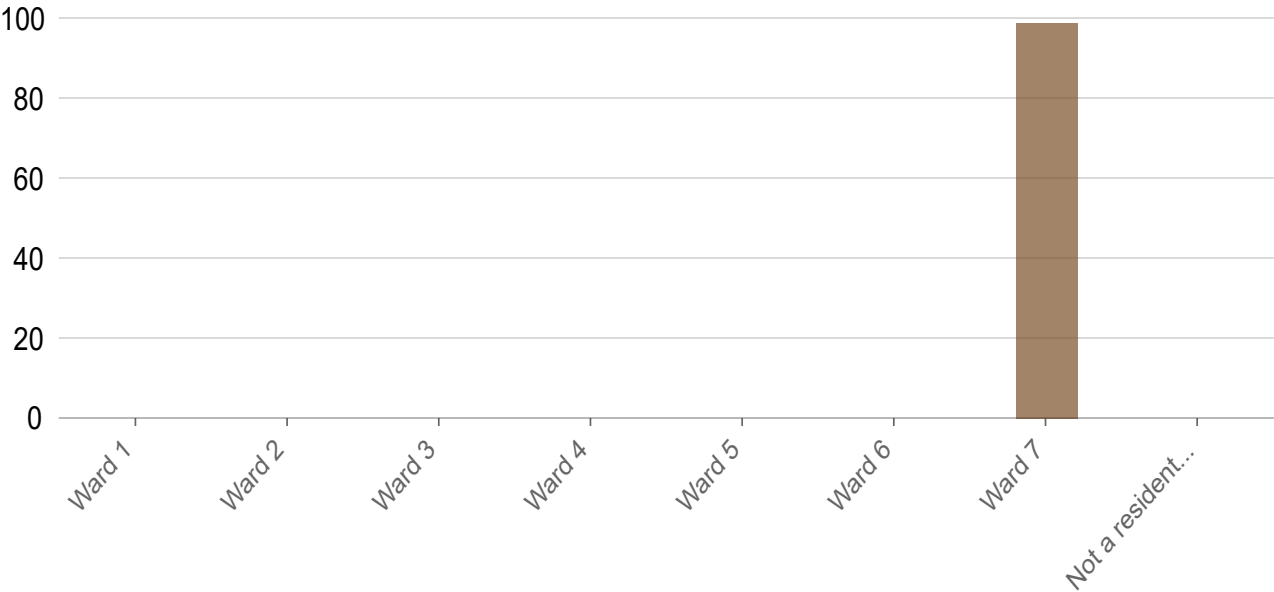
A splash pad would be amazing. It would be nice to have a fenced in splash pad for all ages and handicap accessibility. More handicap and nuerodivergent amenities in the park would increase inclusion. Accessing local OTs and PTS that work with young children to help build these amenities would be highly encouraged for a more collaborative approach. 1

Answered: 43 Skipped: 49

Recreation Bond Survey

Tell us about yourself.

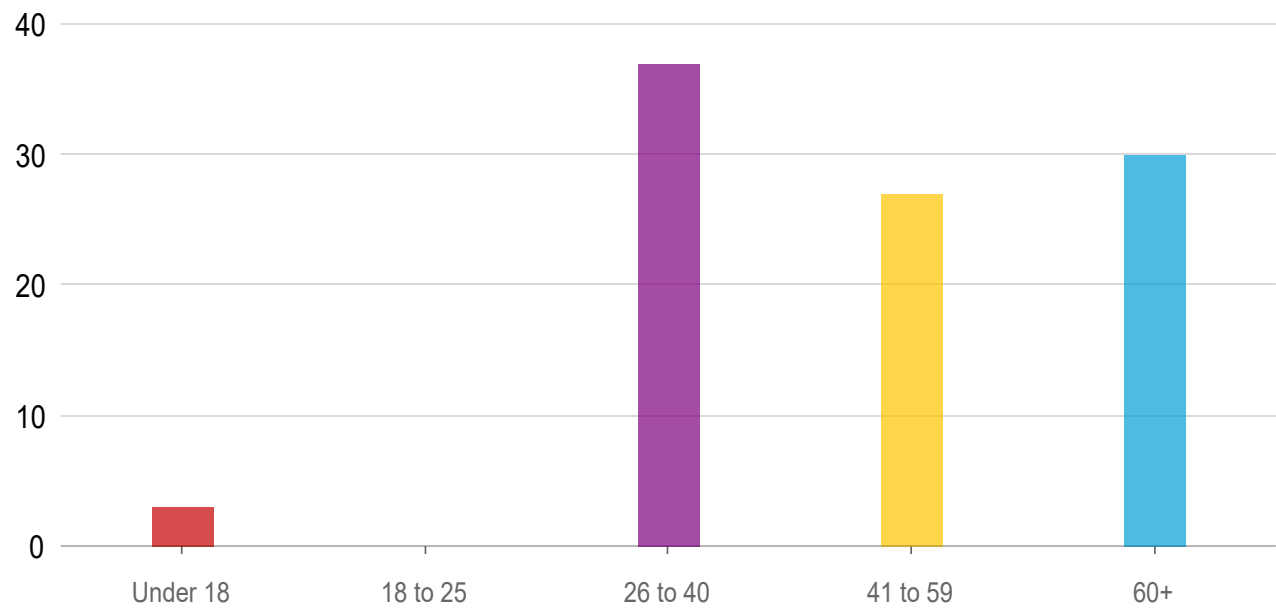
What Ward do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Ward 1	0	0%
Ward 2	0	0%
Ward 3	0	0%
Ward 4	0	0%
Ward 5	0	0%
Ward 6	0	0%
Ward 7	99	100%
Not a resident of Biddeford	0	0%

Answered: 99 Skipped: 0

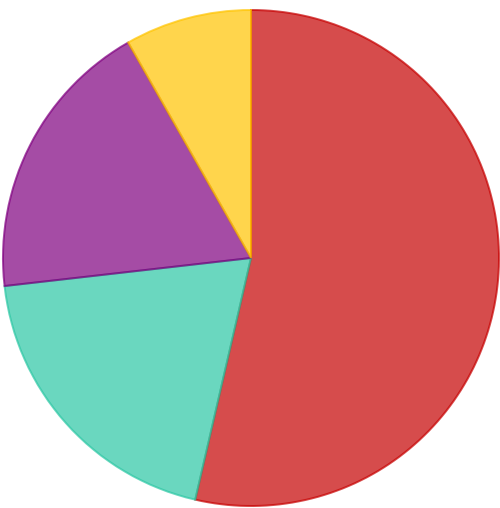
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	3	3.03%
18 to 25	0	0%
26 to 40	37	37.37%
41 to 59	27	27.27%
60+	30	30.3%

Answered: 97 Skipped: 2

Do you have children in your household?

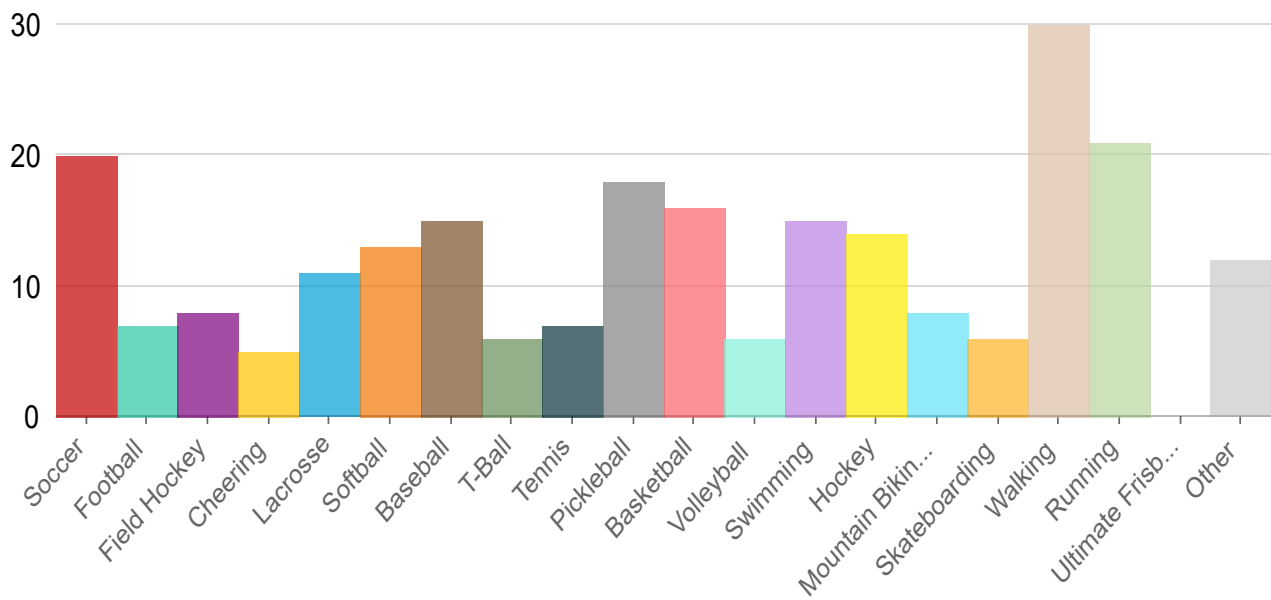


- No, we do not have children in my household
- Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)
- Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)
- Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)

Answers	Count	Percentage
No, we do not have children in my household	52	52.53%
Yes, we only have younger children (under 9 years of age)	19	19.19%
Yes, we only have older children (10-18 years of age)	18	18.18%
Yes, we have both younger and older children (0-18 years of age)	8	8.08%

Answered: 97 Skipped: 2

○ If members of your household are involved in organized sports, please identify them...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soccer	20	20.2%
Football	7	7.07%
Field Hockey	8	8.08%
Cheering	5	5.05%
Lacrosse	11	11.11%
Softball	13	13.13%
Baseball	15	15.15%
T-Ball	6	6.06%
Tennis	7	7.07%
Pickleball	18	18.18%
Basketball	16	16.16%
Volleyball	6	6.06%
Swimming	15	15.15%
Hockey	14	14.14%

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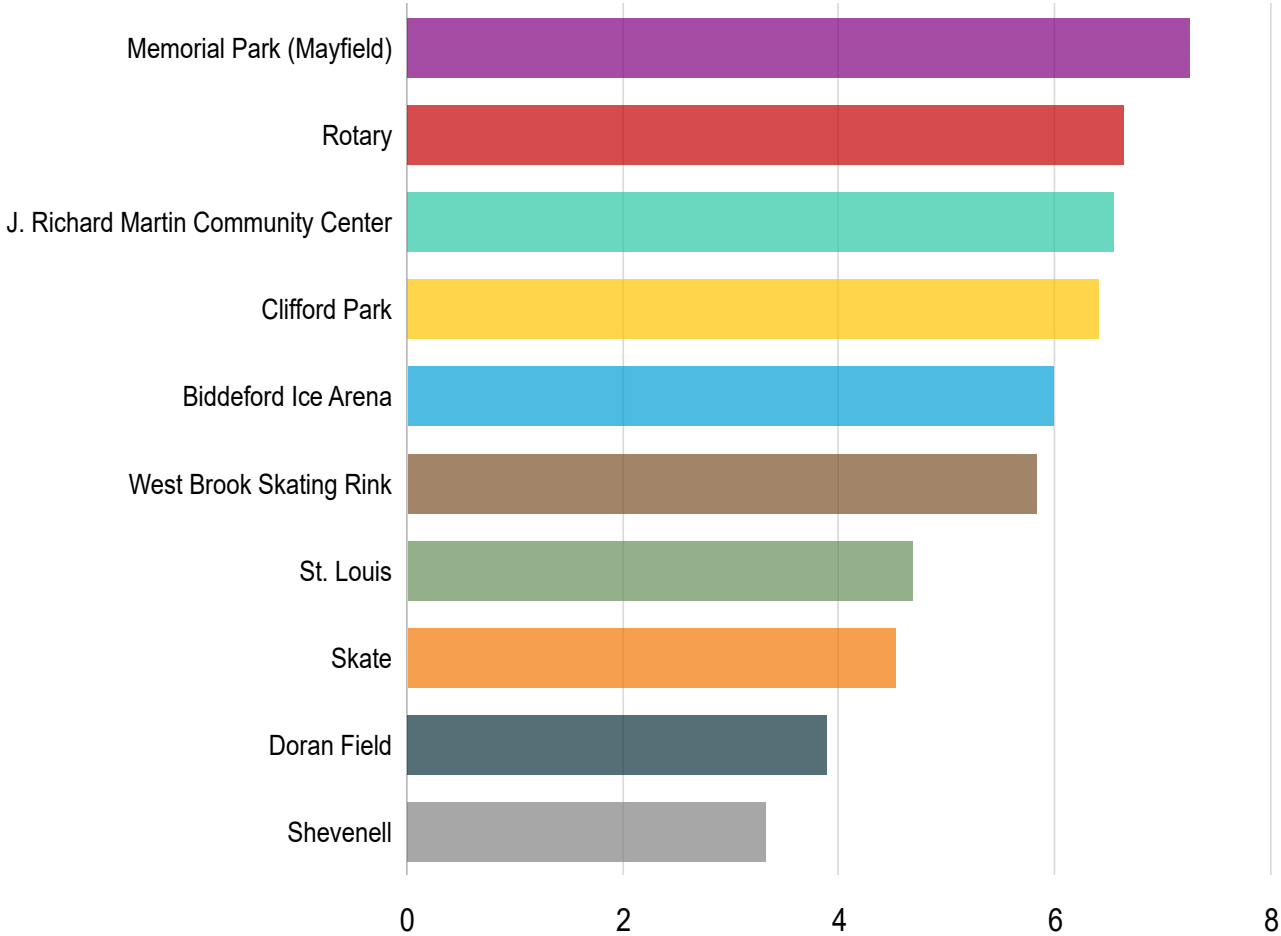
Mountain Biking	8	8.08%
Skateboarding	6	6.06%
Walking	30	30.3%
Running	21	21.21%
Ultimate Frisbee	0	0%
Other	12	12.12%

Answered: 71

Skipped: 28

Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities.

Which facilities would you most like to see improved using funding from ou...



Average

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Recreation Bond Survey

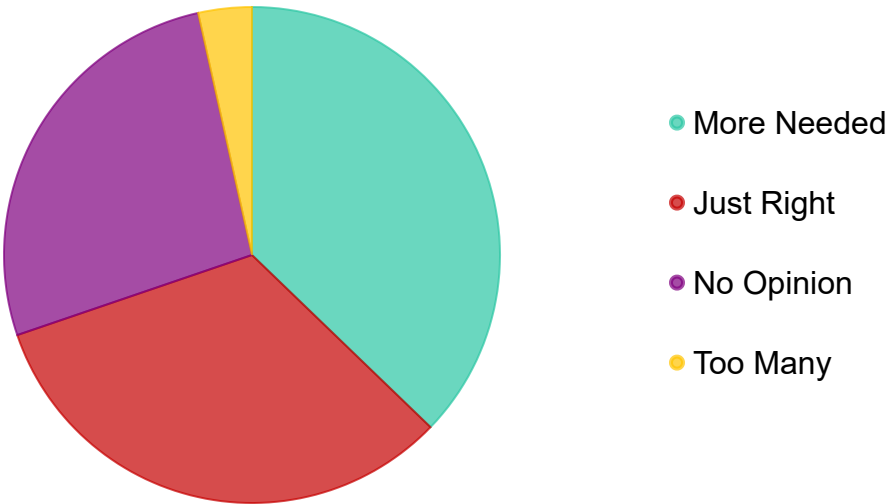
Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	score
1	Memorial Park (Mayfield)	26.32% 25	15.79% 15	11.58% 11	10.53% 10	9.47% 9	9.47% 9 5.26% 7.24 5
2	Rotary Park	12.63% 12	12.63% 12	17.89% 17	12.63% 12	12.63% 12	11.58 6.63
3	J. Richard Martin Community Center	13.68% 13	16.84% 16	16.84% 16	6.32% 6	7.37% 7	14.74% 14 10.53% 6.54 10
4	Clifford Park	12.63% 12	9.47% 9	16.84% 16	10.53% 10	16.84% 16	8.42 6.40
5	Biddeford Ice Arena	21.05% 20	11.58% 11	5.26% 5	10.53% 10	6.32% 6	5.26% 5 11.58% 5.98 11
6	West Brook Skating Rink	4.21% 4	16.84% 16	6.32% 6	16.84% 16	14.74% 14	6.32 5.82

Answered: 95

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Tell us your thoughts about Biddeford's recreational amenities. > Does Biddeford have enough, too many, or not enough of the following recreational amenities:

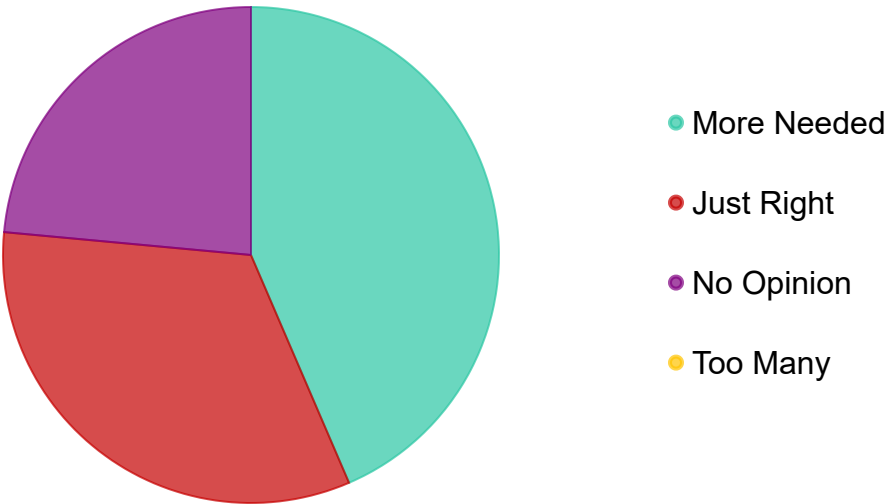
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 2-5)



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	32.32%
Just Right	28	28.28%
No Opinion	23	23.23%
Too Many	3	3.03%

Answered: 86 Skipped: 13

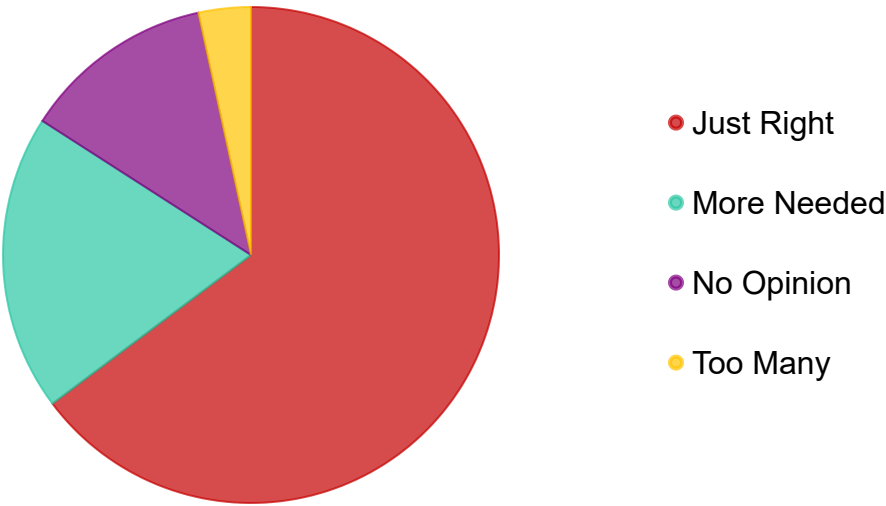
○ ○ Playgrounds (ages 5-12)



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	37	37.37%
Just Right	28	28.28%
No Opinion	20	20.2%
Too Many	0	0%

Answered: 85 Skipped: 14

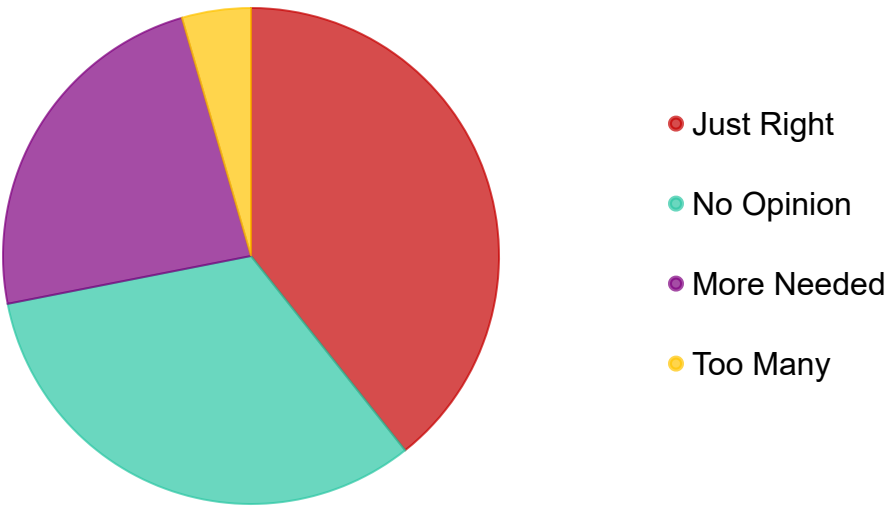
Grass Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	57	57.58%
More Needed	17	17.17%
No Opinion	11	11.11%
Too Many	3	3.03%

Answered: 88 Skipped: 11

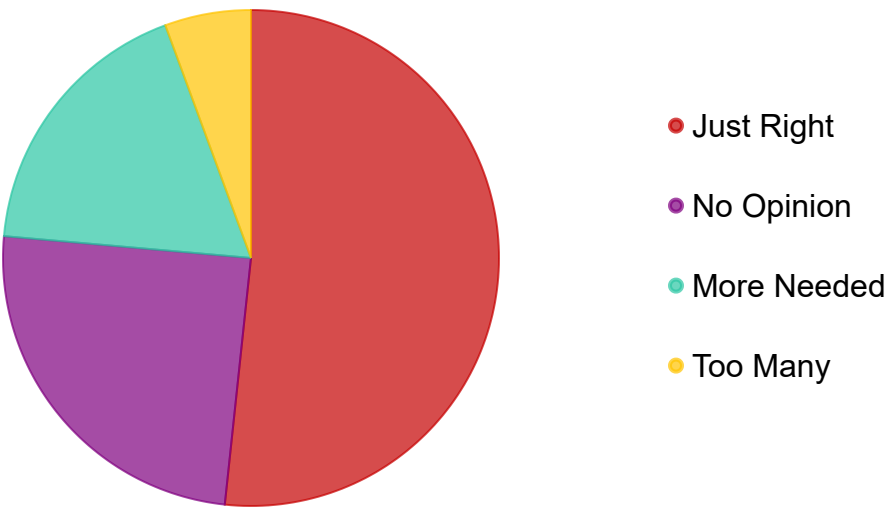
Turf Athletic Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	35	35.35%
No Opinion	29	29.29%
More Needed	21	21.21%
Too Many	4	4.04%

Answered: 89 Skipped: 10

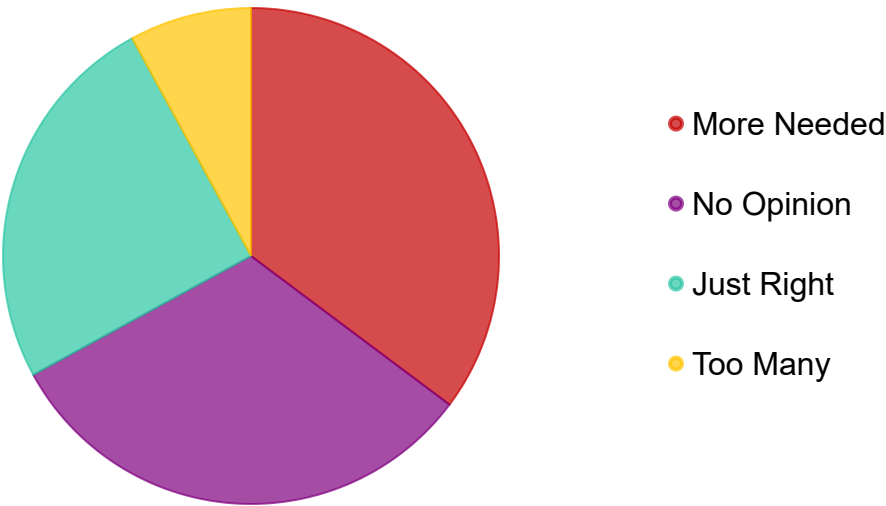
Tennis Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	46	46.46%
No Opinion	22	22.22%
More Needed	16	16.16%
Too Many	5	5.05%

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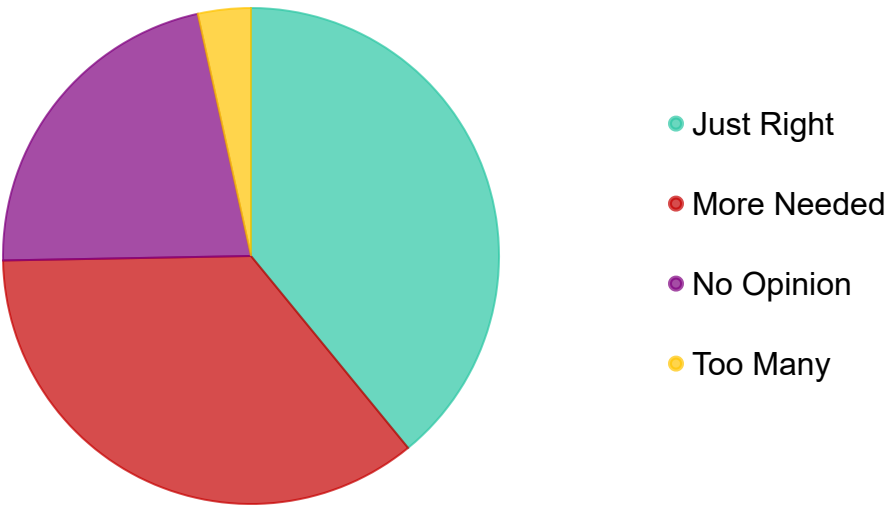
Pickleball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	31	31.31%
No Opinion	28	28.28%
Just Right	22	22.22%
Too Many	7	7.07%

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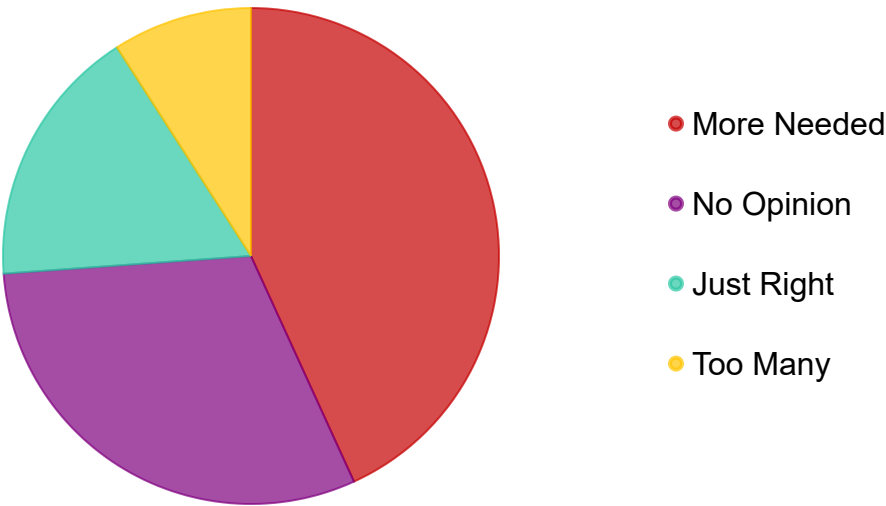
○ ○ Basketball Courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	34	34.34%
More Needed	31	31.31%
No Opinion	19	19.19%
Too Many	3	3.03%

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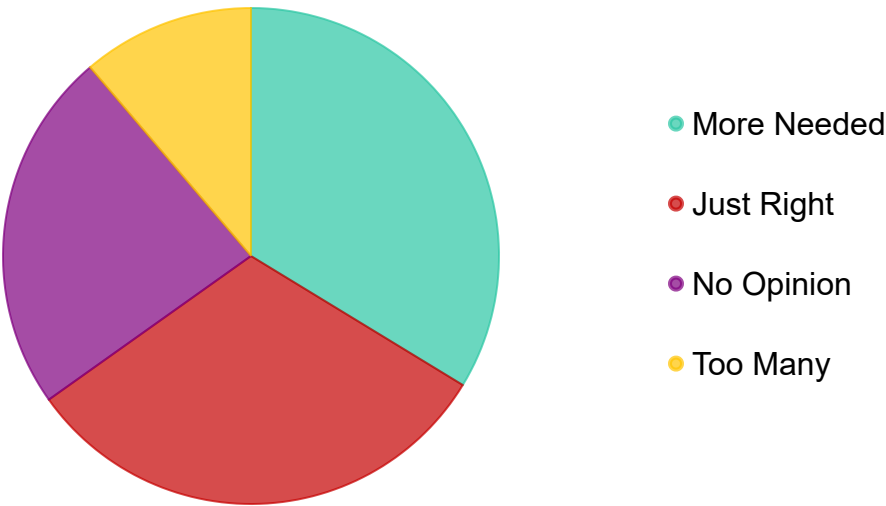
○ ○ Skate Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	38	38.38%
No Opinion	27	27.27%
Just Right	15	15.15%
Too Many	8	8.08%

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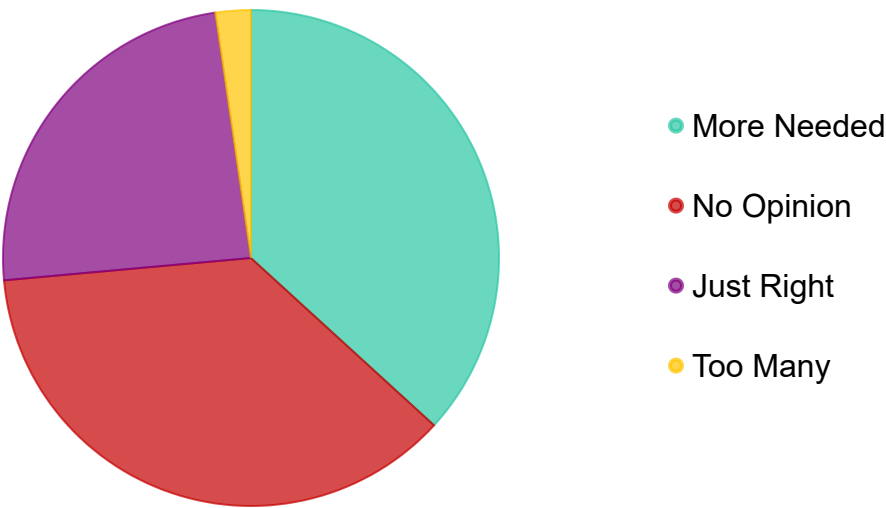
◦ ◦ Dog Parks



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	30	30.3%
Just Right	28	28.28%
No Opinion	21	21.21%
Too Many	10	10.1%

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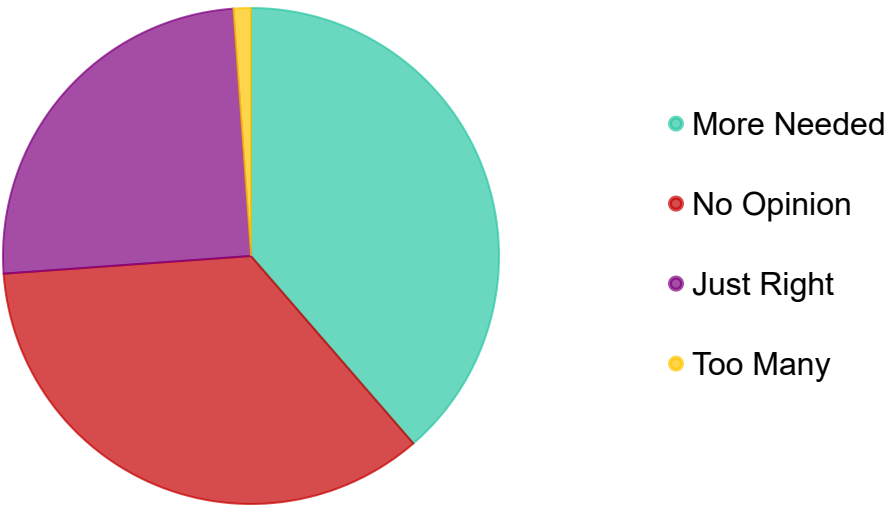
Youth Summer Camp Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	32	32.32%
No Opinion	32	32.32%
Just Right	21	21.21%
Too Many	2	2.02%

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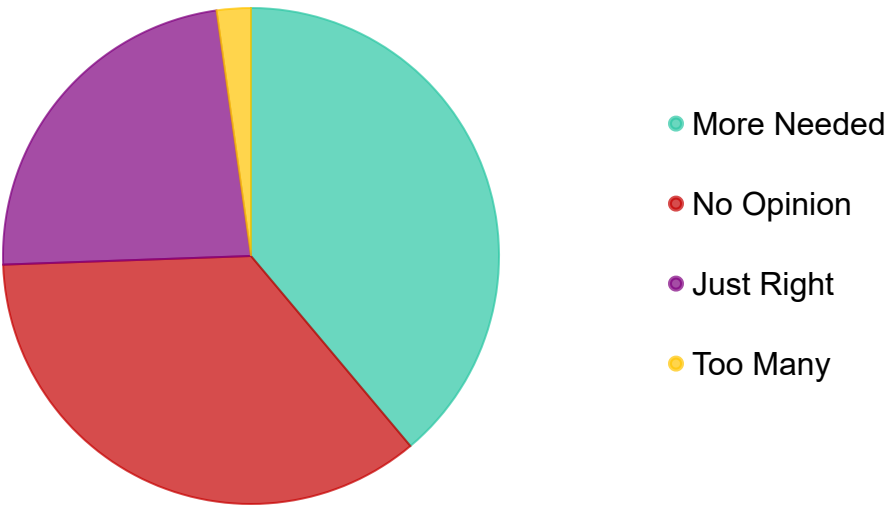
○ ○ After School Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	34	34.34%
No Opinion	31	31.31%
Just Right	22	22.22%
Too Many	1	1.01%

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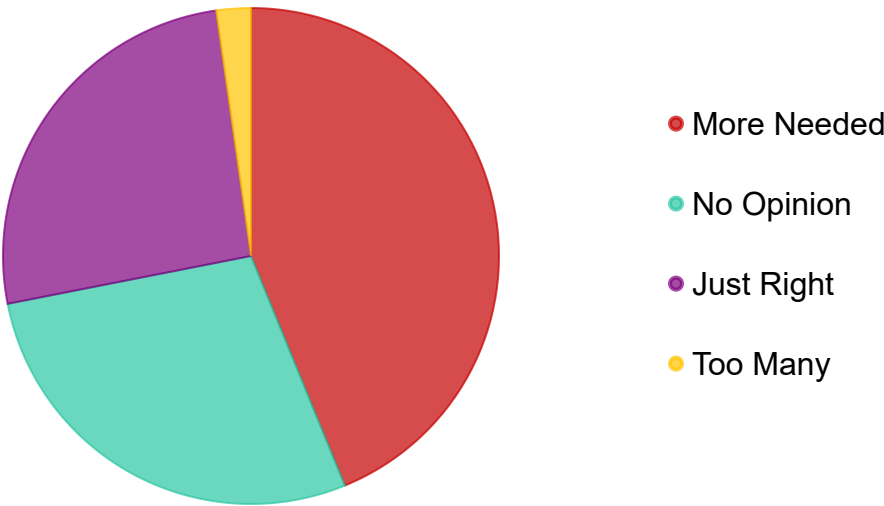
○ ○ Adult / Senior Program Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	35	35.35%
No Opinion	32	32.32%
Just Right	21	21.21%
Too Many	2	2.02%

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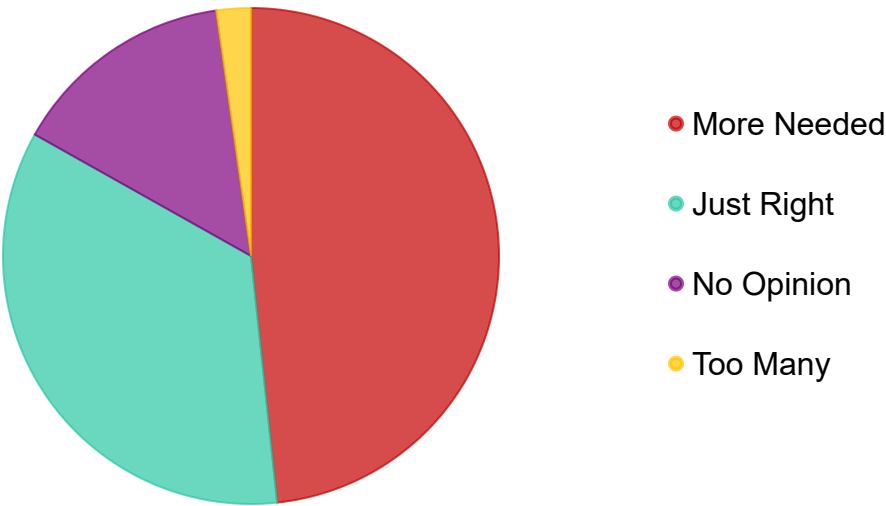
◦ ◦ Indoor Gymnasium Space



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	39	39.39%
No Opinion	25	25.25%
Just Right	23	23.23%
Too Many	2	2.02%

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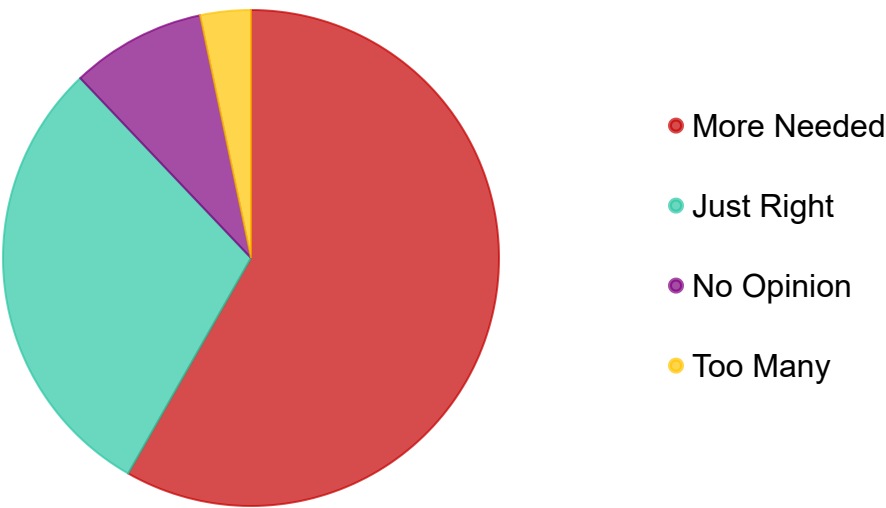
Outdoor event spaces



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	43	43.43%
Just Right	31	31.31%
No Opinion	13	13.13%
Too Many	2	2.02%

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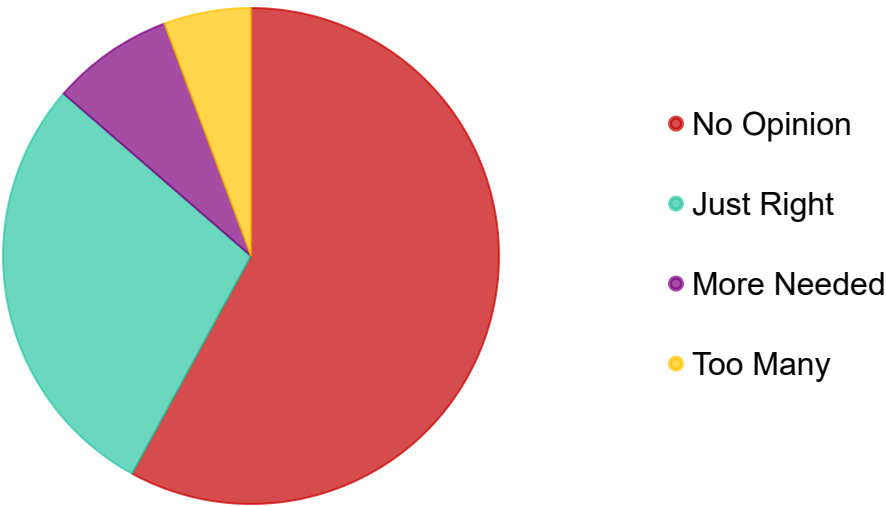
○ ○ Accessible walking trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	53	53.54%
Just Right	27	27.27%
No Opinion	8	8.08%
Too Many	3	3.03%

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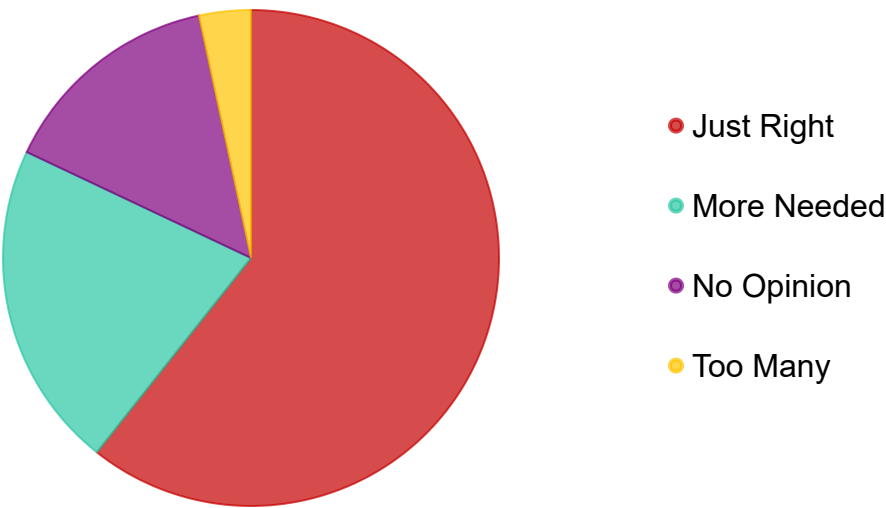
○ ○ Ultimate Frisbee Fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
No Opinion	51	51.52%
Just Right	25	25.25%
More Needed	7	7.07%
Too Many	5	5.05%

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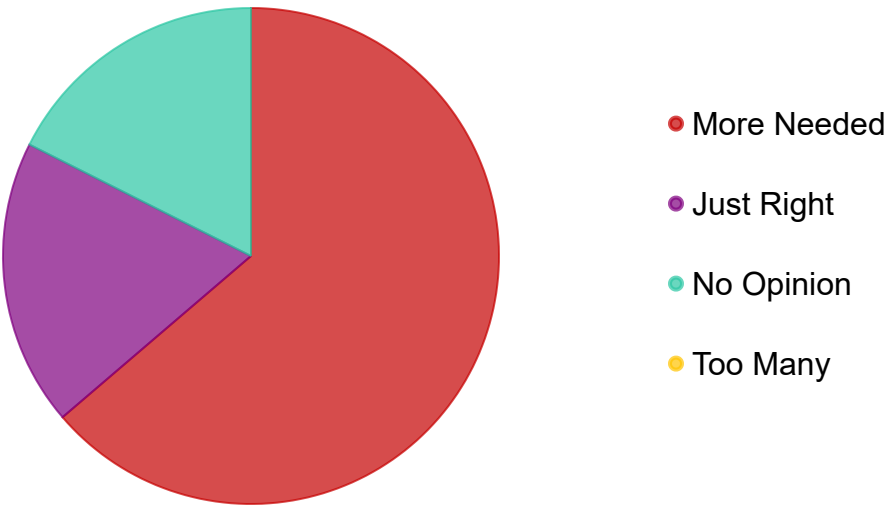
○ ○ Ice Skating Rinks



Answers	Count	Percentage
Just Right	54	54.55%
More Needed	19	19.19%
No Opinion	13	13.13%
Too Many	3	3.03%

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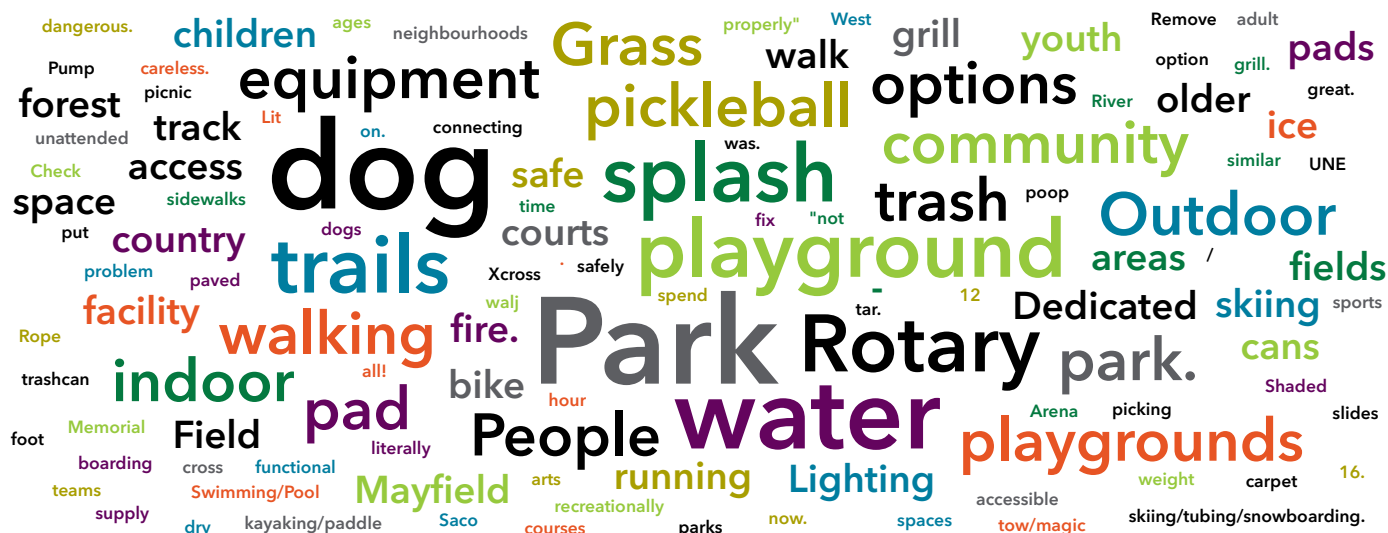
Public Restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
More Needed	58	58.59%
Just Right	17	17.17%
No Opinion	16	16.16%
Too Many	0	0%

Answered: 91 Skipped: 8

○ Is there a recreational amenity that you would like added to Biddeford’s Parks (that...



Response	Count
No	2
Dedicated pickleball courts	2
You got them all!	1
Xcross country skiing areas	1
Walking trails connecting neighbourhoods or literally just functional sidewalks so people can walk safely and recreationally	1
trash cans at the dog park. I often spend an hour picking up dog poop when I am at the dog park because there is no accessible trash cans, which doesn't fix the problem of people "not using the trashcan properly" there is much more trash now.	1
Swimming/Pool option	1
Splash pad / water sports	1
Shaded outdoor spaces, Splash Pad	1
Safe walking trails, facility similar to UNE with indoor track and weight equipment	1
Rotary community dog park	1

Rope tow/magic carpet at Rotary Park for skiing/tubing/snowboarding. More water access for kayaking/paddle boarding on the Saco River	1
Remove grill at Memorial Park. They are dangerous. People are careless. I have had to put out a two foot, unattended grill fire. The park does not supply water or any other material to extinguish the fire. There is dry grass under the grill.	1
Pump track, better lighting for outdoor activity areas	1
Playground equipment for ages 12 - 16. Older youth enjoy playgrounds too. Seeing more options for swings, obstacle courses, and slides that accommodate older youth would be great.	1
Permanent adult workout equipment	1
paved greenway for running, biking, walking	1
Outdoor pickleball courts. Proper funding for West Brook. Modern updates to Ice Arena	1
Not to the existing parks - to the JFK property when appropriate. An indoor facility that includes a large indoor turf field or more. Enough space for soccer, ultimate, FH, softball and baseball (practice would need to be modified). Check out NH	1
Mountain Bike Trails	1
More splash pads	1
More safe space for children 12-15. Playgrounds, clubhouse, community service.	1
More options for children to do in the summer and winter.	1
More facilities for arts	1
Lit grass fields	1
Lighting at Redmond Field Rotary Park	1
Larger, better ground for dog park.	1
Inclusive playgrounds, water parks-splash pads	1
Improve the grove picnic area at Rotary.	1
I think it's important that the skatepark be replaced in Rotary Park where it was.	1

Response	Count
Yes/ south Portland community center. Fantastic walking track and indoor pool with water aerobics and open swim.	1
Yes... too many to mention. Thank You	1
Yes. Clean. Well maintained- not overrun by homeless people.No needles or encampments to have to shield your children from. Also, many schools for after school sports, have admission fees to these games, to help maintain. This is a good idea	1
Yes. Various pickleball courts . Golf courses	1
Yes, we travel within 60 minutes for various destinations community playgrounds. For example, we will head down to Exeter, NH to Planet playground facility at their rec center location because of the playground.	1
Yes, in Saco I visit the walking trails, Saco Heath Preserves	1
Yes, I visit public pool amenities. Seeing a splashpad or other water sport amenities would be nice, but not a super big priority.	1
yes, all over southern maine, massachusetts, Rhode Island and new york. they are new, clean plenty to keep kids occupied and excited while looking beautiful for the community to see and not an eye sore. Providence RI specifically does a great job with their parks and playgrounds. they have seem to offer a unque experience for the kids and they are thoughtfully designed with shade and seating. many skateparks that were designed out west that are dynamic and thoughtful. quite a few of the local skateparks are designed by local/regional designer and they are frankly not good. Newburyport massachusetts has had a skatepark for 25 years that was designed by an Oregon company if i remember correctly and still holds up. there is a higher quality to their parks and can be a great draw as most Maine parks use the same designer.	1
Yes! We love the Deering Oaks park in Portland because it is shaded. In the summer, having shaded play spaces for small children is a must.	1
Yes I use Beach Street Saco Pickleball courts from May to October. Then I use SoFive indoor pickleball courts Monday to Friday November to May. I also use Old Orchard Beach Pickleball courts during the summer months.	1
XL sports for basketball. Trampoline park. Happy wheels for roller skating.	1
XC skiing places	1

We travel apl over New England for hockey. The Biddeford rink needs major improvements	1
We really enjoyed the splash pad in Saco last summer!	1
We go to other communities such as Saco and Kennebunk to use their playgrounds. The new water play area in Saco is amazing!! Biddeford should offer something similar. If Biddeford cares about attracting and retaining young families, more investments need to be made for toddler playgrounds and children play spaces that are safe, clean and engaging areas, not sad looking falling down playgrounds. The wooden toddler house at Mayfield was removed and a pile of trash, broken glass and rubble was left in its wake. Very disappointing.	1
We go the skate park in Gorham often as there is no skate park in Biddeford any longer. We hear many children mention how they miss the skate park.	1
Water House Center in downtown Kennebunk - Ice Rink in the winter. Spring, Summer and Fall pickle ball and a space for events or farmers market.	1
Trails, eastern trail, indoor tennis courts, places to walk safely that have street trees especially when it's hot in summer	1
The Heath in Saco , Horton woods Saco Cascade in Saco Boulevard in portland Smith Preserve	1
The beach	1
South Portland community center for swimming	1
SoFive in Saco - 3 bball courts, two indoor turf fields. Portland Sports Complex - two bball courts, large turf field. Biddeford would benefit greatly from an indoor turf facility and more indoor bball courts. Lots of revenue to be gained.	1
Smith Preserve Meadow Brook Preserve Groham trail systems Saco trails	1
Saco's splash pad and playgrounds	1
Saco schools playgrounds!! Old orchard beach playground.	1
Saco school playgrounds, other Saco playgrounds	1
Saco Rec - love the splash pad playground combo	1
Saco Beach St. pickleball courts and SOFI courts	1
Saco ~ new splash pad	1
Pineland Yarmouth Falmouth	1

NYA, USM, Portland Ice Rinks Fitzpatrick stadium Gillette stadium and TD Garden Cross Insurance Arena Surrounding towns Little League Fields	1
Numerous walking trails in Kennebunk(port) are well kept and well identified. More options for indoor pickleball would be nice. The two courts at J. Richard Martin are not enough for the amount of players.	1
no	1
N/A	1
Mountain bike trails in Gorham, Cape Elizabeth and South Portland	1
most communities have playgrounds that are better than Biddeford. we travel for playgrounds, such as Kennebunk elementary, Deering Oaks park, Exeter, NH Great island common Newcastle, NH	1
Many ice rinks. They all have more stable bleacher seating.	1
Kennebunkport conservation trust trails	1
Kennebunk: Roger's Pond. Pond for kids to fish and dog swiming and walking. Kennebunk: dog park Saco: hiking trails OOB: dog Park	1
Kennbunk outdoor skating rink, all winter. We don't need more skating rinks in Biddeford we need ones that are more accessible. Our indoor rink is always in use by hockey leagues and our outdoor rink isn't always useable. Same with bball courts. We have plenty but the recc dept can only access them during their aloud times. This relationship needs to be renegotiated	1
Just the ones we go to for the recreation track/soccer	1
Ice rinks, grandkids play hockey Hallowell, Auburn,usm, Ball fields in Gardiner	1
Ice arenas all over 2 sheets of ice with indoor basketball courts and indoor turf fields this is what bidderford needs	1
I've been to skateparks around the world and the best ones are often designed by professionals and built by the community. Rob Dyrdrek's park in Dayton Ohio is a magnificent example of this idea. Although the design may be expensive, the volunteers who helped build the park greatly reduced its price. Based on the number of speakers at the city hall meetings who approved of this park, I know Biddeford would come together to make this happen.	1
I use Beach Street Saco Pickleball courts a lot. I use old Orchard Beach Pickleball courts a lot. I use SoFive Saco indoor Pickleball courts a lot.	1

I think the old teen center at Rotary should be turned into a recreation library (w updated public restrooms), possibly run by McArthur, with items like kayaks, disc golf equipment, life vests and floaties, etc that folks can use throughout the park and beyond. I think it would be such an asset to the park the City should partner w whoever is willing to run a recreation library there and not charge any rent to make this possible.	1
I frequent the Martin Community Center for Pickleball. It is the only Inside facility in the city. Although it sometimes just manages the amount of people that play with only two courts, it lacks good lighting and one wall interferes with how the game is played! The wall is only a couple of feet from the serve line which the server needs to stand behind. Perhaps some of the money allocated by the city, could be used in to update another facility- possibly an older school? Also regarding outside facilities for playing Pickleball in town are substandard. Having just courts for Pickleball would be great and not sharing them with tennis. The times I've played at Mayfield courts I have only seen the tennis courts played by the same 2 people. Take a look at OOB or Saco outside Pickleball courts only!! Thanks	1
I enroll my children Saco and old orchard beach rec programs. The summer camp program and cub care in biddeford are not located in an area that I feel comfortable sending my children (downtown, high traffic, crime, old building with little outdoor space) I like that Saco and old orchard offers more outdoor space and facilities are more geared towards young children.	1
Horton woods, Mackworth Island, Bradbury mtn. Trails that are wide so you don't have to worry about ticks	1
Ferry beach state park.	1
Deering Oaks Park Quarry Run Dog Park	1
Bounce PB	1
Biddeford Ice Area needs help! Namely the bleachers and Zamboni	1
Arundel trails for biking, saco heath for walking	1

Answered: 54 Skipped: 45

Ward 5 Meeting – February 24, 2026 – about 10 participants?

- Look at how to pool funding together w/CDBG
- Shevenell Park – potential volunteers to invest, plans ready to go
- Balance of owning Community Center vs JFK
- Safety a high priority, longevity, things that can't be funded elsewhere, in-kind or other sources leverageable
- If we have \$8 million in deferred maintenance it's not time to build a skatepark
- Bathrooms
- Accessibility in general
- Beach on the river at Rotary Park deserves priority because of the demographic it serves and its accessibility to downtown
- Are there some needs that are immediate for safety, accessibility, security that we won't have that facility anymore
- Serves marginalized people
- Which has the most energy/community spirit/morale change that will happen if it goes through – ex. Skate park
- Desire for user statistics?
- Understand if priority of need is driving conversation more than public input
- Outreach to youth
- When we put a fence up, if it could be a fence that goes all the way to the ground and that small children can't run over
- Long-term maintenance plan to ensure this doesn't happen again and acknowledge lifespan
- There are places where it is stressful to be with little kids – Shevenell is one of them. Lighting upgrades is part of proposed plans and design elements are intended to make things "cozier" and more welcoming to everyone
- Game tables
- Spaces that get used invite positive use – does there need to be programming there? Free programming that is accessible to all facilitates connections across demographics. Spaces that are only used by one group are not public spaces.

- We need public restrooms but we need to acknowledge that it will attract people who don't have bathrooms.
- Ward 5 has an abundance of people in crisis because this is where the services are. There needs to be places for people to be.
- Are we thinking about who is in need and how these funds can be used to serve the needs? But does not negate desire for safety
- Mural on privacy screen at Community Center
- Desire for Our Biddeford to return
- Put up QR codes throughout the city for feedback (ex. Are the roads clear after the storm? Let us know!)
- Can we put a strip across the road at the entrance of Rotary Park to count vehicles
- Economic impact of non-Biddeford residents visiting our parks
- Skate park and other amenities can improve family-friendliness – property taxes

Ward 3 & 4 Meeting – February 26, 2026 – about 20 participants?

- Would like to see similar level of engagement for the Community Development Block Grant program
- Fan of Clifford Park, trail system can use better markers (brighter paint for green)
- Future skate park is incredibly important to the community, has had a lot of community engagement – epitome of democracy and mobilization, City should respond – doesn't think it should have a level 3 rating because the reason it isn't here is because regular maintenance wasn't conducted on it and it was condemned
- Biddeford Adult Education advocating for investment in the building – they have 5 classrooms and office spaces on the second floor. Historic building, on the bus line, connects with people that it serves. Parking lot, security, heating system upgrades would make a tremendous difference in getting more community members to take advantage of this space.

- Recreation Commission chairperson – number of families and households that would be impacted if Community Center building closes
- Biddeford 50+ Club – think this place is perfect for seniors – easy in and out with ramp and elevator. Have 50-70 seniors playing bingo here every week – in favor of investing in community center
- Question of if building ever been abated for lead and asbestos and if those costs are included in estimates for spending
- Woman who worked in Community Center building for 26 years has been dismayed by band-aid fixes and supports investment
- What is the choice that residents are being asked to make? We can fund all the items on the list that Rec prepared
- Member of initial group that got the skatepark built – said that city gave initial financing for skate park (maybe \$250K according to teacher involved in process) but required the group to come up with their own plan for the park – local skateboarder built all the initial ramps for it – did it at Rotary Park because that was where there was the most land
 - Can Clifford Park's skatepark be expanded? Would it qualify for LWCF?
- Resident feels it takes a herculean effort to get building maintenance to go through at budget time because Councilors set an ideal tax rate increase and budget to that number even if it does not line up with the need
- What is happening with JFK?
- Supportive of a skate park due to the importance of alternatives to mainstream sport courts/fields and to keep kids out of trouble
- Recommendation for civic engagement ward meetings to walk people through how people can participate in local government
- Cub Care parent prioritizing Community Center repairs knowing the building's importance

Ward 6 Meeting – March 2, 2026 – 15 Participants

- Resident concerned about turnpike entrance on South Street in Biddeford
- Resident feels that a skate park is dangerous unless there is someone there to supervise
- Concerned that we build or buy buildings and don't keep up with maintenance – want longevity of investments

- Resident noted that independent groups that self-fund should be lower priorities for use of the bond funding; we would be paying a lot for things that other people use (Ice Arena)
- Is there room for some fees at West Brook Skating Rink to support it?
- Support for community center as a concept but concerns about possible move to JFK and whether we should invest in a building that could move
- Support things that a lot of people use (Mayfield and Clifford Park)
- West Brook needs to be fixed because they are losing water and that they should not charge to use it, has a long history
- Resident upset about lack of concrete numbers associated with expenditures, thinks that estimates are going to be significantly higher than listed such as Community Center
- Corner of Main and South Street has too many near misses; corner of May and South needs to be addressed
- President of Girl's Little League Softball advocating for their field and an ongoing project – rebuild retaining wall, redo dugouts for the girls – 125 kids in league, working to build a canteen with the support of the Council, Jim Godbout, etc. Hoping to bridge the gap of funding to help with this project
- BCHC - Community Center needs new roof and heating system – room has leaking roof and temperature differences on either side of room – building a new community center will have a bigger bill, let's take care of the building we have – serves so many user groups (immigrants, veterans, AA, older adults, kids) – fix the roof so that we don't have to fix the roof and ceilings later
- Comm Center is a beautiful building to be cared for
- Rule of thumb for rehab of old buildings is to double estimates, this would be \$4 million at community center instead of \$2 million
- Should take down JFK and build a simple one-story community center complex that is easy to maintain (flat parking, no elevators), near the schools and fields
- Community Center is used all year round but some of the facilities are used for a short period of time in the summer
- Tuesday evening men's volleyball participant at the community center – people come from all over the state to play the game. Wants a safe building that is a joy to be in. Has a 2-year-old and wants to see playgrounds, typically goes to Saco to play with his kid but does like the new Community Center playground.
- Chair of Dog Park – run completely by volunteers, no upgrades or money from the city in about 15 years despite funding requests, aren't able to raise enough funds to support it – park is very popular all year. Fencing needs serious improvement. Feels

like skate park didn't maintain their space to the extent that it created a safety concern and would be getting rewarded for it.

- Speed of drivers on Highland Street – temporary speed bumps?
- Concern about obvious drug activity in the Community Gardens
- To address busy intersections, we should do things to get cars off the street – support for bus routes
- Desire to upgrade the kitchen at the Teen Center – Community Gardens would like to host events and workshops
- West Brook Skating Rink is a jewel
- Skate Park listed as a #3 priority – number is pre-community form and changeable – it is not about the numbers it serves but who it serves and the down-the-road benefits of how it can change their lives
- Speed limits not adequately enforced on South Street
- Community Center has historic significance and whatever it takes to keep it going is worth doing. Too many buildings in Biddeford have been allowed to deteriorate and disappear
- Tennis wall at Mayfield is part of Biddeford history and shouldn't be removed; may have evolved back into use for pickleball
- How will you decide what to take off the list if something comes in higher than estimates?
- Not enough for teenagers to do for free in this community – skate park
- Older buildings are better buildings
- Should we prioritize one project and focus on it, then when that's done, move on to the next?
- Staff should go after more grants
- Corporate sponsorships; Rotarians – creative collaboration

Ward 1 Meeting Minutes

- Capital Management Process
 - i. Deferred Maintenance importance
 - ii. Additions- return on investment
 - Westbrook needs help with liability & permitting; awesome usage
 - Level out- help with drainage; one dam will ruin it
 - Used as field in summertime
- Ice Arena does not have family hours

- BCPC Newsletter
 - i. Boardwalk is too short- extends 30ft
 - ii. City cannot afford infrastructure currently
 - iii. Skate park (Ann Thompson)- nothing for kids
- Carcass on the beach
- Buildings are not ADA compliant- JRMCC
- Skatepark
- LWCF – MTP

Additional Items Discussed:

- *Vines Landing – who owns this?*
 - i. *City Owns; who maintains it?*
- *Neglect Middle Beach/no portable potties*
- *Need for marine emergency response system*

Ward 2 Recreation Bond Meeting Recap

March 23, 2026

The meeting focused on community priorities related to the Recreation Bond, grant opportunities, recreation facility planning, open space preservation, and long-term recreation infrastructure needs throughout the city.

Recreation Facility Priorities

Residents shared differing perspectives regarding recreation priorities and future investment needs.

One resident spoke about the skatepark, emphasizing that while they supported the skatepark and did not “begrudge” it, they did not believe it should be a top funding priority when compared to facilities such as:

- Rotary Park
- J. Richard Martin Community Center
- City athletic fields and larger shared-use recreation spaces

The resident stated that these facilities serve a greater portion of the community and should remain the highest priorities for investment.

Grants & Funding Discussion

Abigail discussed grant opportunities and asked how residents could help maximize grant funding opportunities connected to recreation projects.

Abigail also emphasized that public safety concerns would remain her top priority when evaluating recreation investments.

Erika Dube provided an overview of how grants are being pursued to help maximize Recreation Bond funding. Erika explained:

- Many recreation grants are specifically targeted toward outdoor recreation projects
- Indoor facilities such as the Community Center generally do not qualify for many of the grant opportunities being pursued
- The department is exploring opportunities through the Maine Trails Bond and other outdoor recreation funding sources

Erika also discussed how Maine Trails Bond funding could potentially support improvements and trail work at Clifford Park.

Residents asked questions regarding:

- Confidence levels surrounding grant funding opportunities
- Whether federal funding sources being discussed were realistically available
- Bond ratings and the city's ability to secure funding

Abigail stated that her confidence in grant opportunities was one of the reasons she supported prioritizing outdoor recreation projects over skatepark investments.

JFK Property Discussion

Residents asked questions regarding the JFK property/building and whether the site could be utilized for future recreation opportunities.

Discussion topics included:

- Potential recreation uses for the JFK parcel
- Opportunities for future recreation activities on the property
- Questions regarding timelines and feasibility

Erika explained that redevelopment or recreation planning related to the JFK property would likely be a lengthy process.

Green Space, Trails & Accessibility

A significant portion of the meeting focused on open space, trails, accessibility, and environmental stewardship.

Residents discussed:

- The desire for additional green spaces and smaller “pocket parks”
- Creating more opportunities for seniors to utilize walking spaces and outdoor recreation areas
- The importance of outdoor recreation and natural areas for mental health and wellness

Several residents highlighted the importance of Clifford Park as a unique community asset and emphasized the need for:

- A formal management plan for the park
- Trail planning and maintenance strategies
- Long-term stewardship planning
- Trail counters and data collection tools
- Improved accessibility and trail descriptions for visitors

One resident noted that trail systems at Clifford Park can currently feel like a “choose your own adventure” experience due to limited trail descriptions and wayfinding information.

Erika discussed the ecological uniqueness of Clifford Park, noting that some species found there are unique to Biddeford and New York.

Lisa Thompson spoke about ongoing collaboration with Kennebunkport Conservation Trust / Heritage Coast conservation partners regarding a potential conservation easement related to Clifford Park.

Community Engagement & Communication

Residents expressed appreciation for hearing more information about grants and recreation planning and noted that they wished more community members were aware of these efforts.

Lisa discussed the department’s efforts to:

- Use social media to highlight facility usage and community impact
- Share how recreation facilities are utilized by residents
- Promote the Recreation Bond survey and gather public feedback

Residents also asked questions about:

- How the department is promoting the public survey
- How community members are being informed about ongoing bond discussions

Brian discussed the Community Center playground improvements and walking path amenities connected to the facility.

Community Involvement Ideas

Additional ideas and themes raised by residents included:

- Encouraging local high school students to complete community service projects connected to parks and trails
- Exploring additional funding opportunities such as CDBG funding
- Expanding accessibility and outdoor recreation opportunities citywide

Overall Themes from Public Feedback

Major themes throughout the meeting included:

- Strong support for outdoor recreation and green space preservation
- Interest in maximizing grants to supplement Recreation Bond funding
- Continued discussion regarding recreation project prioritization

- Support for improved trail management and accessibility at Clifford Park
- Interest in expanding communication and public awareness surrounding recreation projects and funding opportunities
- Recognition of recreation spaces as important community wellness and mental health resources

Ward 7 Recreation Bond Meeting Recap

March 4, 2026

Approximately 20 Participants

Ward Councilor Brad Cote opened the meeting by introducing the Recreation Bond discussion and overviewing the purpose of gathering community feedback regarding recreation facility needs and priorities.

Recreation Bond Overview

Lisa Thompson introduced the recreation facilities included within the Recreation Bond discussions and provided a general overview of current facility needs and long-term planning considerations.

Biddeford Ice Arena Discussion

Michele introduced himself and provided an overview of operations at the Biddeford Ice Arena, including:

- Approximately 600 players utilize the facility
- Six contracted tenants currently use the arena
- The rink hosts tournaments throughout the year
- The facility operates heavily for roughly eight months annually
- Current rental users include:
 - Men's leagues
 - Kennebunk Middle School
 - Saco Middle School
 - Other high school teams
 - Unified Hockey of Maine
- Biddeford High School boys hockey does not currently play at the arena

Major Maintenance Needs Identified

Residents asked several questions regarding facility maintenance and long-term planning for the Ice Arena. Michele identified several significant capital needs, including:

- Bleacher replacement estimated at approximately \$350,000
- Zamboni replacement estimated at approximately \$215,000
- Approximately 81 roof leaks with estimated repair costs around \$1.3 million

Michele explained that revenue generated by the arena is generally used for smaller-scale maintenance and operational repairs, citing a recent boiler repair costing approximately \$41,000.

He noted that arena-generated funds are not sufficient to address major capital improvements and emphasized the importance of being proactive with long-term maintenance planning.

Facility Assessments & Planning

Residents asked whether formal assessments had been completed for recreation facilities and city-owned buildings.

- Griffin asked whether a formal engineering study had been completed for the Ice Arena and suggested that all city-owned buildings should undergo similar assessments.
- Lisa confirmed that assessments have been completed for recreation project lists and facilities.
- Michele shared that he had previously requested a formal assessment of the Ice Arena building during discussions with a former City Manager.

Skatepark Discussion

Several residents voiced strong support for prioritizing improvements to the city skatepark, including requests to rebuild it at its original location.

Key themes included:

- Residents expressed that prior commitments had been made regarding the skatepark and felt it should remain a high priority within bond planning discussions.
- Community members advocated for additional recreational opportunities such as skatepark improvements and pickleball amenities.

Community Center & Recreation Facilities

Residents also discussed the importance of the J. Richard Martin Community Center and other recreation facilities.

Discussion points included:

- Requests for additional information regarding usage and programming at the Community Center
- Support for continued investment in the Community Center and Mayfield facilities
- Questions regarding use of the Ice Arena during the off-season months
- Questions regarding needs at the West Brook Skating Rink

A representative from the Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center voiced support for the Community Center and reiterated concerns about fulfilling prior commitments related to the skatepark.

Economic & Community Impact Discussion

Multiple residents and youth hockey representatives emphasized the broader economic and community value of the Ice Arena.

Key discussion points included:

- The arena is the only public ice arena south of Portland to the New Hampshire border
- Youth hockey leadership stated they spend approximately \$150,000 annually through their contract with the arena
- Residents discussed the positive “trickle-down” economic impact brought to local businesses and the community through tournaments and facility use
- Questions were raised regarding hourly rental rates, estimated between \$300–\$325 per hour
- Residents estimated the facility generates approximately \$650,000 annually in revenue
- Jake Pierson clarified that the stated rates were not entirely accurate and provided additional context regarding rink pricing structures

Several speakers emphasized that the city may need to step in to assist with large-scale capital improvements that exceed the arena’s operational budget capabilities.

Public Safety & Recreation Space Discussion

One resident commented on the importance of the Community Center and Ice Arena as positive recreational environments for youth and contrasted those spaces with concerns regarding activity around the skatepark.

Budget & Funding Questions

Residents asked broader questions regarding:

- The relationship between the Ice Arena and the City
- Recreation Department funding requests over the past five years
- Whether the proposed bond funding would have been necessary if prior facility funding requests had been fulfilled historically

General Themes from Public Feedback

Major themes throughout the meeting included:

- Strong support for maintaining and improving the Ice Arena
- Continued community support for the Community Center
- Significant advocacy for skatepark improvements
- Interest in long-term maintenance planning for city recreation facilities

- Recognition of the economic and social value recreation facilities provide to the community
- Questions surrounding long-term capital funding and city investment priorities

City of Biddeford



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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... May 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby grant local approval of a State of Maine Catering Permit for Banded Horn Brewing Company LLC. The permit is for the La Kermesse Franco-Americaine on June 18th , 19th , 20th 2026 at St. Louis Field; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that in accordance with the provisions set forth under Ch. 6, Amusements, Article V – Sales, Possession and Consumption of liquor at and during Special Events on City Public Property, that the City Council approves the sale of alcohol to be sold and served within clearly defined restricted areas at St. Louis Field that have been approved by the State of Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and providing that Banded Horn Brewing remains in compliance with the provisions set forth under Ch. 6, Section 6-178 et seq.

Attest by: _____



Application Copy

File Number: 150375

Job Type: New Application

LICENSE TYPE / EVENT TYPE Catering Permit Special Event	APPLICATION DATE RECEIVED 2026-05-08
LICENSEE LEGAL NAME	LICENSEE TYPE Limited Liability Company
DOING BUSINESS AS	CORPORATE NUMBER
INCORPORATION DATE	
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS 32 MAIN ST BLDG 13W STE 102 BIDDEFORD ME 04005-5145	
MAILING ADDRESS 32 MAIN ST BLDG 13W STE 102 BIDDEFORD ME 04005-5145	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS 32 MAIN ST BLDG 13W STE 102 BIDDEFORD ME 04005-5145	
CONTACT NAME IAN MCCONNELL	PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD Email
CONTACT PHONE (207) 602-1561	ALTERNATE PHONE
FAX	EMAIL ian@bandedbrewing.com

CORPORATE STRUCTURE

None selected

NAME

POSITION/TITLE

% Interest

Ian A McConnell

Owner

100

PARENT LICENSE(S)

LICENSE

License CAL-18-111804 (Active) - On-Premises: Beer, Wine & Spirits
Banded Brewing Co (Banded Horn Brewing Company, LLC)

MANAGED BY AGENT

Yes

AGENT

Banded Horn Brewing Company,
LLC

AGENT TYPE

Limited Liability Company

LOCATION

St Louis Field

EVENT DATE(S)

June 18-20, 2026

NUMBER OF EVENT DAYS

3

EVENT HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday 4PM-9PM, Friday and
Saturday 2PM-10PM

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Scott Gagne (207)604-4790
SRGAGNE@yorkcountymaine.gov

EVENT ADDRESS

Corner of West St and Prospect St Biddeford ME 04005

Municipality

Biddeford

County

York

QUESTIONS

Catering Permit

1. What is the purpose of the event?

Biddeford's annual Franco-American Heritage Festival

2. Is the event open to the public?

Yes

3. Will the event be outdoors?

Yes

(document uploaded)

4. How many people are expected at the event?

1500

5. Were your services requested by a non-profit organization?

Yes

La Kermesse

Scott Gagne

P.O. Box 289, Biddeford, Maine 04005

(207)604-4790

SRGAGNE@yorkcountymaine.gov

6. How will you keep alcohol contained to the event area?

Beer and cider will be served in a designated 21+ only area within the tent. Security is contracted to check IDs and allow people into designated serving area and will provide wristbands. Drinks must remain within the tent as the designated drinking area. Additional security shall be present under the tent at all times to monitor the drinking crowd. There will be double fencing around the drinking area, as well as the designated serving area. People can only enter/exit through gates constantly monitored by security. Banded employees serving drinks have ample experience safely serving alcohol and will comply with all state regulations during service.

7. How many staff/volunteers will be working the event? Serving?
Security?

Banded employees/serving staff - 3 (5 during peak hours)

Security - 2 (3 during peak hours)

Volunteers - 25

DOCUMENTS

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APPLICANT

Ian McConnell

DECLARATION

- ☒ I certify that I am the applicant as described in this application, or that I am duly authorized to submit this application on the applicant's behalf.

All information provided in this application is accurate and correct. I understand that false statements made on this application are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this application is a Class D Offense under Maine's Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year, or by monetary fine of up to \$2,000 or by both.

Chain link Fence

60'x80' Service
only 21+ allowed

BAR

Entrance/Exit

Allowable drinking Area

Main tent
enter/exit

Main Tent 80'x200'

STAGE

Chain Fence

Ball field

Prospect St.

West St.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2026 at 5:30 PM

1. Roll Call- Meeting called to order at 5:33pm -All members were present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session by Council President Beaupre

Second by Councilor Lessard

Unanimous – Entered Executive Session at 5:34pm

3.a MRS 405 (6) D - Labor Negotiations Public Works Department, Non-Supervisors

3.b MRS 405 (6) C - Real Estate Matter

Motion to exit Executive Session Council President Beaupre

Second Councilor Woods

Unanimous

4. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn Council President Beaupre

Second Councilor Woods

Unanimous Meeting Adjourned at 6:58pm

Special City Council Meeting

April 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers & Teams

All Councilors were present

1. Roll Call Meeting 5:35pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session Councilor Lessard

Second Councilor Cote

Unanimous

3.a Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 406(6)(A)- Personnel Matter

Motion to Exit Executive Session Councilor Doughty

Second Councilor Beaupre

Unanimous to exit Executive Session- 6:28pm

4. Adjourn

Motion Council President Beaupre

Second Councilor Doughty

Unanimous

Special Council Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm

Special City Council Meeting, May 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

1. Roll Call Council President Beaupre – Excused, Councilor Woods was remote, all other members were present

Motion to make Councilor Pierson Council President Pro-tem by Councilor Kurtz

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Second Reading

3.a Second Reading FY27 School Budget

3.a 2026.54 School Appropriations FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

3.a 2026.59 School Essential Programs and Services FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

3.a 2026.60 School Additional Funds Raised FY27

Motion to amend By Councilor Boston to reduce the number from 5,186,601 to 4,186,601 based on information provided by the Superintendent

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

3.a 202 Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

6.61 School Food Service FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

3.a 2026.62 School Construction Projects FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

3.a 2026.63 Adult Education FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

It was noted that the school budget will be on the ballot on June 9, 2026.

4. Orders of the Day

4.a 2026.76 Approval/ Greg L'Heureux's CPA /Financial Services

The Council is bringing in a CPA to assist Finance as they work through a back log of audits and help set up additional financial controls

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous

5. Public Addressing the Council – None

(5 minute limit per speaker)

Other Business: Municipal budget on the May 19th agenda, on the website you will find a budget book, discussed an event at RIFT

6. Adjourn

Motion by Councilor Doughty

Second by Councilor Lessard

Passed Unanimous meeting adjourned 6:11pm

City of Biddeford
City Council
May 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Teams

1. Roll Call

Council President Beaupre - excused
Councilor Lessard - present
Councilor Vadnais - present
Councilor Boston - present
Councilor Woods - excused
Council Doughty - present
Councilor Kurtz - present
Councilor Pierson - present
Councilor Cote - present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda

Mayor LaFontaine announced two adjustments to the meeting. He said there will be an Executive Session for Legal Matters added to the end of the meeting and item 6.a. FY24 Audit presentation will be moved to after the orders of the day to allow the auditors time to arrive.

4. Recognition

4.a. Employee Recognition Report - April 2026

Mayor LaFountain recognized Captain Raymond Leroux for his 40 years of service with the Call Force Fire Department. He also thanked Sergeant Phillip Greenwood for 39 years of service with the Biddeford Police Department. In addition, the Mayor recognized the departure of former City Clerk Robin Patterson and Karen Carey from the Recreation staff. Mayor LaFountain welcomed new staff to the Clerks, Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Flower Maintenance, Fire, and Public Safety departments.

5. Proclamations

5.a. Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Councilor Woods read the Kids to Parks Day Proclamation into record.

5.b. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor LaFountain read the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month Proclamation into the record.

5.c. National Police Week Proclamation

Councilor Pierson read the National Police Week Proclamation into record.

5.d. Professional Municipal Clerks Week, National Public Service Recognition Week, and National Public Works Week 2026 Resolution

Mayor LaFountain read the Professional Municipal Clerks Week, National Public Service Recognition Week, and National Public Works Week 2026 Proclamation into record.

Councilor Lessard introduced a Point of Order to elect Councilor Boston as Council President pro tem in Councilor Beaupre's absence.

Motion: Councilor Lessard.

Second: Councilor Doughty.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Presentations

6.a. FY24 Audit Presentation from CBiz

Moved to later in the meeting.

9. Public Addressing the Council

Clement Fleurent, Ward 7, announced the 75th National Day of Prayer.

Madeline Wing, Ward 7, said she is disappointed in the lack of Mobile Home Park ordinances. She said the park she lives in needs the city's help.

Debbie Gagne, Ward 7, said she also lives in the Granite Villages mobile home park. She said rent continues to increase and it is no longer affordable. She urged the Council and City to help.

10. Consideration of Minutes

10.a. Council Minutes 4-21-26

Motion: Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

19. Orders of the Day

9.a. 2026.65 Acceptance of the City Manager's Resignation

Motion by Councilor Cote.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.b. 2026.64 Approval of the SS4A Grant Award to Stantec

Motion by Councilor Cote.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.c. First Reading FY27 School Budget

School Superintendent Jeremy Ray presented information to the Council for the School Budget.

9.d. 2026.54 School Appropriations FY27

Motion by Councilor Woods.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.e. 2026.59 School Essential Programs and Services FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.f. 2026.60 School Additional Funds Raised FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.g. 2026.61 School Food Service FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.h. 2026.62 School Construction Projects FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.i. 2026.63 Adult Education FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.j. First Reading of FY27 City Budget

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.k. 2026.67 Approval City Government Appropriations FY27

Councilor Cote – motion to Amend to remove the new position of Account Clerk from the budget.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Approve: Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Cote, Boston (4).

Opposed: Councilors Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty, Woods (4).

Mayor: Opposed.

Motion failed.

Councilor Lessard – motion to Amend the contingency line item from \$500,000 to \$440,000.

Second: Councilor Pierson.

Approve: Councilors Pierson, Lessard, Cote, Vadnais (4).

Opposed: Councilors Doughty, Boston, Woods, Kurtz (4).

Mayor: Opposed.

Motion failed.

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Approve: Councilors Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty, Woods, Boston (5).

Opposed: Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Cote (3).

Motion passed.

9.l. 2026.68 Approval City Revenues FY27

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Councilor Lessard – motion to reduce the use of the FY26 Operational Surplus line from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

Second: Councilor Pierson.

Councilor Lessard amended his motion to an amount of \$350,000.

Councilor Pierson agreed to the amended motion for his second.

Approve amendment to reduce the use of the FY26 Operational Surplus line from \$500,000 to \$350,000: Councilors Lessard, Cote, Vadnais, Doughty (4).

Opposed: Councilors Pierson, Boston, Woods, Kurtz (4).

Mayor: Supports.

Motion passed.

Approve: Councilors Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty, Woods (4).

Opposed: Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Cote, Boston (4).

Mayor: Supports.

Motion passed.

9.m. 2026.75 Approval Property Tax Dates and Interest FY27

Motion: Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

City Manager Truc Dever recommended the tax bill due dates be changed from November 2, 2026 to October 8, 2026 for the first installment; and from April 1, 2027 to April 8, 2027 for the second installment.

Motion to amend tax bill due dates per the City Manager's recommendation: Councilor Woods.

Second: Councilor Pierson.

Vote Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Amended Order Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.n. 2026.55 Approval of Master Fee Schedule

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Public Addressing the Council

One citizen spoke about how the Council makes decisions.

One citizen spoke about the City Manager's resignation and in support of social services.

11. City Manager Report

The City Manager said Public Works will remove some planters from Main Street to open up sidewalk space for pedestrians.

12. Committee Updates by Council

Councilor Pierson said the Policy Committee is looking for direction from Council.

Councilor Lessard said he will attend the York County Budget Committee meeting and invited people to attend.

Councilor Woods spoke about the Public Art Commission, Art Walk, and an art installation at City Hall.

Councilor Kurtz spoke about the Recreation Committee and Heart of Biddeford, he said there would be a Great Park Glow-up Community night on upper Main on May 7 at 6:00 pm.

13. Other Business

Councilor Boston noted that the first week in May is National Nurses Week, including May 6 as National Nurses Day.

Councilor Lessard offered kudos to the Ward 4 Councilor and the Mayor for their knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order.

Councilor Kurtz recognized May 1 as May Day, celebrating the international workers of the world. He thanked those involved with the Rabies Clinic held at the MacArthur Library.

Councilor Woods said that tomorrow is National Bike to School Day and encouraged participation.

14. Council President Addressing the Council

Council President Beaupre was excused from the meeting.

15. Mayor Addressing the Council

Mayor LaFountain thanked staff, committees, and all involved for their work on the budget. He said he attended the first day of baseball and softball for Biddeford Little League opening day and thanked the board for supporting the Little League.

Mayor LaFountain thanked all involved with the new canteen building and the new scoreboard at the softball field.

20. Executive Session

20.a. Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) E - Legal Matters and (6) A – Personnel Matters

Motion by Council President Doughty to enter executive session at 9:10 P.M. per 1 MRS Section 405(6) E and A to discuss legal matters and personnel matters.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Pierson to exit Executive Session at 9:30 P.M.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

21. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. by Councilor Boston.

Second: Councilor Cote.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting was adjourned.

City of Biddeford



2026.67

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 5, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$50,708,686 for the CITY GENERAL FUND budget excluding Schools, Adult Education, TIF Funding and County Tax for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, broken down as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	\$16,786,651
PUBLIC SAFETY:	\$16,563,777
PUBLIC WORKS:	\$6,313,034
PUBLIC SERVICES:	\$3,855,110
DEBT SERVICE:	\$4,444,443
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	\$2,245,671
CONTINGENCY:	\$500,000
TOTAL:	\$50,708,686

Councilor Cote – motion to Amend to remove the new position of Account Clerk from the budget.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Approve: Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Cote, Boston (4).

Opposed: Councilors Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty, Woods (4).

Mayor: Opposed.

Motion failed.

Councilor Lessard – motion to Amend the contingency line item from \$500,000 to \$440,000.

Second: Councilor Pierson.

Approve: Councilors Pierson, Lessard, Cote, Vadnais (4).

Opposed: Councilors Doughty, Boston, Woods, Kurtz (4).

Mayor: Opposed.

Motion failed.

Motion by Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Approve: Councilors Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty, Woods, Boston (5).

Opposed: Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Cote (3).

Motion passed.

City of Biddeford



2026.68

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 5, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby adopt the following estimated REVENUES and APPROPRIATIONS from fund balance in support of the general fund budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 as follows:

OTHER NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUE:	\$11,166,251
STATE REVENUE SHARING:	\$4,192,110
USE OF FY26 OPERATIONAL SURPLUS:	\$500,000
HOMESTEAD:	\$860,686
BETE:	\$392,477
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS:	\$17,111,524

Motion by Councilor Doughty.
Second: Councilor Lessard.

Councilor Lessard – motion to reduce the use of the FY26 Operational Surplus line from \$500,000 to \$250,000.
Second: Councilor Pierson.

Councilor Lessard amended his motion to an amount of \$350,000.
Councilor Pierson agreed to the amended motion for his second.

Approve: Councilors Lessard, Cote, Vadnais, Doughty (4).
Opposed: Councilors Pierson, Boston, Woods, Kurtz (4).
Mayor: Supports.
Motion passed.

Approve: Councilors Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty, Woods (4).
Opposed: Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Cote, Boston (4).
Mayor: Supports.
Motion passed.



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January 9, 2026

TREASURER PERRY REDUCES INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Augusta, ME: Augusta, ME – Today, Treasurer Joe Perry announced that the interest rate charged on delinquent property taxes will be reduced from 7.5% to 7.0%. For taxable year 2026, the maximum interest rate that a municipality may charge for delinquent property taxes is 7.0%. Municipalities may vote to determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during a taxable year until those taxes are paid in full.

Statutory background: The maximum rate of interest that can be charged is governed by [Title 36 M.R.S. Section 505\(4\)](#):

“The maximum rate of interest must be established by the Treasurer of State and may not exceed the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of the calendar year, rounded up to the next whole percent plus 3 percentage points. The Treasurer of State shall post that rate of interest on the Treasurer of State's publicly accessible website on or before January 20th of each year. The interest must be added to and become part of the taxes.”

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City of Biddeford



2026.75

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 5, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §505(1), the tax lists specified in 36 M.R.S. §709 shall be committed for collection on or before September 10, 2026; and

BE IT FUTHER ORDEDRED, that in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §505(2), the City Council of the City of Biddeford establishes that property taxes shall be payable in two equal installments on November 2, 2026 and April 1, 2027 with any odd amount to be due on the first installment; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §505(4) property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 2, 2026 for the first installment and April 1, 2027 for the second installment and that interest shall be collected at the rate of 7.00% per annum on any taxes remaining unpaid (delinquent) after each respective date; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section §506, the Tax Collector/Treasurer is authorized to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay interest on those payments at a rate of 4.00%, and any excess paid over the amount finally committed must be repaid, with the interest due on the whole transaction commencing on the date that the tax finally committed is due and payable; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §506-A any overpayment of taxes in an amount in excess of that finally assessed must be repaid in the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at a rate of 4.00% per annum.

***Note:** 36 M.R.S. §506 specifies a municipality may pay interest at a rate not to exceed 7% per annum on prepaid taxes but is not obligated to pay such interest. 36 M.R.S. §506-A further specifies that overpayments must be repaid in full and the interest rate for overpayments may not exceed the interest rate established for delinquent taxes nor may it be less than that rate reduced by 4 percentage points.*

Motion: Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

City Manager Truc Dever recommended the tax bill due dates be changed from November 2, 2026 to October 8, 2026 for the first installment; and from April 1, 2027 to April 8, 2027 for the second installment.

Motion to amend tax bill due dates per the City Manager's recommendation: Councilor Woods.

Second: Councilor Pierson.

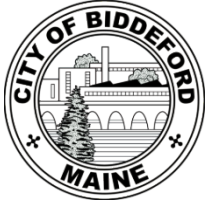
Vote Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Amended Order Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Attest by: _____
Lisa M. Ward, Interim City Clerk



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 11.b
Item Description: 2026.55 Approval of Master Fee Schedule Ordinance
Submitted By: Truc Dever, City Manager

Key Terms:

Executive Summary:

Detailed Review:

Municipal fees are charges established by the City to recover the cost of providing specific services, permits, licenses, applications, inspections, records requests, and other administrative functions. Fees are intended to offset the direct cost of delivering a particular service and have historically been embedded throughout the City's Code of Ordinances. Placing fee amounts directly in the Code can make routine adjustments cumbersome because any change requires a formal ordinance amendment process. Consolidating all municipal fees into a single Master Fee Schedule, adopted as an appendix to the Code, promotes transparency, consistency, and administrative efficiency. This approach allows the City Council to review and update fees in a comprehensive and timely manner while ensuring the Code itself remains focused on policy and regulatory requirements rather than monetary amounts that may need periodic adjustment. This change to process could have a positive impact on the budget once established, as each code change has a cost associated with updating the language.

Once a Master Fee Schedule is established, the Council may then begin the undertaking of moving the fees from specific ordinances and into the Master Fee Schedule. This process can be done as a phased-in approach or in a more comprehensive way per the will of the Council. It should be noted that there is a software cost for ordinance changes depending on the size and scope which should be considered. This ordinance was approved without changes at the City Council meeting held on May 5, 2026.

Funding Source:

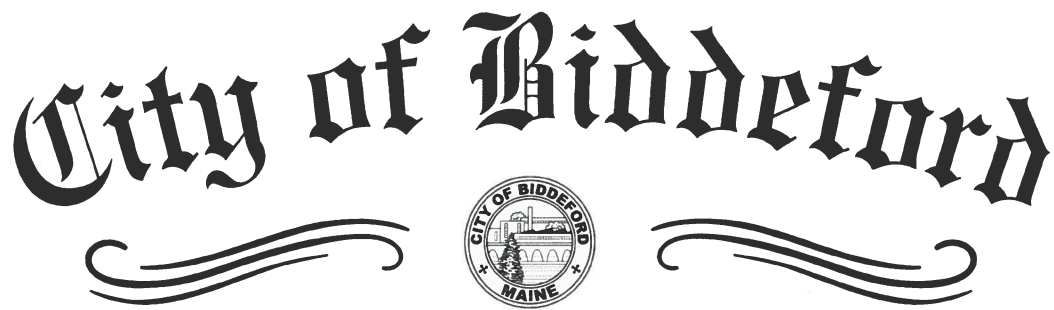
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Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval

Next Steps:**Attachments:**

1. 2026.55) - Second Reading



2026.55 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..., MAY 5, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby approve of the creation of a Master Fee Schedule as APPENDIX B in the Code of Ordinances:

APPENDIX B – Fee schedule for licenses, permits, applications, and charges for the City of Biddeford

1. Purpose.

All fees and charges required by ordinances or policies of the City Council for licenses, permits, applications, and all fees and charges collected by the City of Biddeford where state law authorizes or requires the city to set the amounts of such fees and charges, shall hereafter be established by the City Council as the Fee Schedule for licenses, permits, applications and charges in the Code of Ordinances as APPENDIX B.

The Council may by ordinance establish any new fees or charges which the council deems necessary or appropriate to defray the cost of operating, delivering services or administering any ordinances or policies. The city clerk shall hereinafter include any such new fees or charges in the Fee Schedule of licenses, permits, applications and charges in APPENDIX B.

All existing ordinances and policies of the city shall be amended by deleting the specific amounts of any fees required in such ordinances or policies and substituting therefore the words: "as specified in the Fee Schedule of licenses, permits, applications and charges as established in APPENDIX B"

In the event any fees or charges in effect on the date of enactment of APPENDIX B are inadvertently omitted from the initial Fee Schedule of licenses, permits, applications and charges established upon enactment, such fees and charges shall remain in effect and the city clerk is directed to include them in the Fee Schedule of licenses, permits, applications and charges in APPENDIX B whenever such omission is discovered.

2. Authority.

The City Council shall review APPENDIX B – Fee Schedule for licenses, permits, applications, and charges annually and may enact revisions to this schedule at any time as deemed necessary.

3. Applicability.

Unless otherwise provided by law, all persons or entities applying for licenses, permits, applications, inspections, or services subject to Appendix B shall pay the applicable fee prior to issuance or processing.

4. Non-Refundability.

Unless otherwise specified by ordinance or policy, fees shall be non-refundable once an application has been processed or services have commenced.

5. Severability.

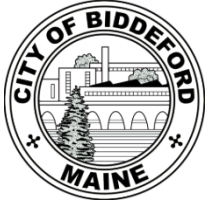
If any provision of Appendix B is determined invalid by a court of law, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion: Councilor Doughty.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Agenda Item No: 11.c

Item Description: 2026.56 Biddeford City Ordinance Ch. 42-92 Limited Parking Section A.(1)

Submitted By: Chief JoAnne W. Fisk

Key Terms:

Code of Ordinance Chapter 42 Motor Vehicle Limited Parking change

Executive Summary:

Review of existing parking ordinance regarding parking on Elm Street at Thornton Ave.

Detailed Review:

This is a review of the existing parking ordinance under the city's Code of Ordinances Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, Section 42-92 Limited parking. The recommendation from the Traffic Committee is for the City Council to review and consider the removal on Elm Street, westerly side (even numbered) from Thornton Street a distance of 85 feet in a southwesterly direction, two hour parking stalls.

Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend passage from the Biddeford City Council.

Next Steps:

If approved by City Council, forward it to the Department of Public Works for removal of signage and update of city ordinances.

Attachments:

1. 2026.56) - Second Reading
2. City Ordinance Sec. 42.92

3. Elm Street at Thornton Street (even side)

City of Biddeford



2026.56 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..... APRIL 21, 2026, BE IT ORDERED**, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-92 Limited Parking**, be amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

~~Elm Street, westerly (even-numbered) side, from Thornton Street a distance of 85 feet in a southwesterly direction, two hours.~~

Motion: Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Boston.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

City of Biddeford, ME
Monday, March 23, 2026

Chapter 42. Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Article IV. SPECIFIC STREET REGULATIONS

Sec. 42-92. Limited parking.

[Code 1975, § 14-82; Ord. of 7-17-1990(2); Ord. of 10-2-1990(2); Ord. of 10-1-1991(2); Ord. of 5-19-1992(2); Ord. of 5-19-1992(3); Ord. of 5-19-1992(4); Ord. of 11-4-1992; Ord. of 12-21-1993(2); Ord. of 12-21-1993(3); Ord. of 4-5-1994(2), § 14-82; Ord. of 8-15-1995; Ord. of 9-5-1995; Ord. of 9-20-1995; Ord. of 9-20-1995; Ord. of 6-4-1996(2); Ord. of 12-17-1996; Ord. of 1-21-1997(3); Ord. of 11-17-1997(2), (3); Ord. of 4-21-1998(1); Ord. of 8-4-1998(4); Ord. of 12-15-1998(9); Ord. of 3-16-1999; Ord. of 6-15-1999(1); Ord. No. 2000.109, 10-26-2000; Ord. No. 2000.127, 11-21-2000; Ord. No. 2001.30, 4-17-2001; Ord. No. 2001.66, 7-17-2001; Ord. No. 2002.26, 3-19-2002; Ord. No. 2002.36, 4-16-2002; Ord. No. 2002.53, 6-4-2002; Ord. No. 2002.64, 7-16-2002; Ord. No. 2002.97, 9-17-2002; Ord. No. 2003.43, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2003.78, 7-15-2003; Ord. No. 2004.32, 7-20-2004; Ord. No. 2007.31, 5-15-2007; Ord. No. 2007.45, 6-2-2007; Ord. No. 2007.121, 11-20-2007; Ord. No. 2008.62, 9-2-2008; amended 7-7-2009 by Ord. No. 2009.48; 7-7-2009 by Ord. No. 2009.49; 11-17-2009 by Ord. No. 2009.85; 11-17-2009 by Ord. No. 2009.88; 3-16-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.15; 3-16-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.16; 3-16-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.17; 3-16-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.18; 3-16-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.19; 3-16-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.20; 8-17-2010 by Ord. No. 2010.89; 1-4-2011 by Ord. No. 2010.132; 1-4-2011 by Ord. No. 2010.133; 1-4-2011 by Ord. No. 2010.135; 3-15-2011 by Ord. No. 2011.9; 8-2-2011 by Ord. No. 2011.50; 11-15-2011 by Ord. No. 2011.78; 1-15-2013 by Ord. No. 2012.119; 11-19-2013 by Ord. No. 2013.94; 12-2-2014 by Ord. No. 2014.115; 11-18-2014 by Ord. No. 2014.119; 4-21-2015 by Ord. No. 2014.130; 1-6-2015 by Ord. No. 2014.131; 4-21-2015 by Ord. No. 2015.18; 4-21-2015 by Ord. No. 2015.19; 9-15-2015 by Ord. No. 2015.58; 6-20-2017 by Ord. No. 2017.60; 9-18-2018 by Ord. No. 2018.106; Ord. of 10-26-2018; 4-23-2019 by Ord. No. DC2019.4; 4-23-2019 by Ord. No. DC2019.7; 3-5-2019 by Ord. No. 2019.11; 8-27-2019 by Ord. No. DC2019.13; 11-21-2019 by Ord. No. DC2019.15; 11-21-2019 by Ord. No. DC2019.17; 3-11-2020 by Ord. No. DC2020.2; 3-11-2020 by Ord. No. DC2020.4; 3-11-2020 by Ord. No. DC2020.5; 6-16-2021 by Ord. No. DC2021.01; 7-20-2021 by Ord. No. 2021.60; 4-6-2022 by Ord. No. 2022.1; 6-6-2022 by Ord. No. DC2022.2; 6-6-2022 by Ord. No. DC2022.4; 9-2-2025 by Ord. No. 2025.112; 10-21-2025 by Ord. No. 2025.139; 10-21-2025 by Ord. No. 2025.140; 1-20-2026 by Ord. No. 2026.02]

(a) Parking will be limited at the following locations in the specified manner.

Beginning at a point 50 feet westerly of the intersection of the northeasterly side of Main Street with the northwesterly side of Elm Street; thence, westerly along said Main Street a distance of 36 feet to the first driveway apron; thence, beginning at a point 106 feet westerly of the intersection of the northeasterly side of Main Street with the northwesterly side of Elm Street; thence, westerly along said Main Street a distance of 54 feet to a point; said herein-described premises creates 5 parking spaces which will be restricted to 2-hour parking

Adams Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the intersection of Main Street and Adams Street curblines, thence southerly for two, one-hour parking spaces, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturdays; exception: holidays

Adams Street, odd-numbered side, from Main Street to Jefferson Street, two hours, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; unless otherwise posted

Adams Street, even-numbered side, from South Street to Jefferson Street, two hours, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; unless otherwise posted

Alfred Street, southwesterly (even-numbered) side, from Main Street from the second handicap parking space to Franklin Street, for all available spaces to be two hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; exception: Sundays and holidays

Alfred Street, southerly (odd-numbered) side, from Main Street to Bacon Street, two hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; exception: Sundays and holidays

Alfred Street, westerly side, between signs, at Lot 177, Map 34, for 118 feet (from lot line to lot line), also known as 200 Alfred Street, two hours, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alfred Street, even-numbered side, from Birch Street towards W. Myrtle for four spaces, 15 minutes

Alfred Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the intersection of Birch Street and Alfred Street, thence easterly, for one fifteen-minute parking space

Alfred Street, odd-numbered side, from Summer Street toward Pool Street, three spaces for 15 minutes

Alfred Street, in front of the Farm Store located at 38 Alfred Street, one space, 15 minutes

Alfred Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet southwest from the intersection with Main Street, thence southwesterly of a distance of 44 feet, 15 minutes

Alfred Street Parking Lot, commencing with Rows 2 and 3, being 44 spaces; Row 1 shall be reserved for police parking only, being 15 spaces, with the exception of two spaces in the first row to be marked handicap parking only, two hours

Alfred Street Parking Lot, fourth row (closest to St. Andre's Credit Union), four hours

Alfred Street Parking Lot, from the first snowfall or December 1, from the hours of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 6:00 a.m. unit May 1, except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, with the exception of police vehicles

Bacon Street, both sides, Alfred Street to Foss Street, two hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; exception: Sundays and holidays

Birch Street, odd-numbered side, from Alfred Street to Graham Street, six spaces, ten-minute parking 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Birch Street, at the corner of Birch Street and Summer Street, being two spaces in front of store on Birch Street, 15 minutes

Center Street, both sides, from Jefferson Street to Kossuth Street, two hours, Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; unless otherwise posted

City Hall Parking Lot, from the intersection of Adams Street and the entrance to the City Hall parking lot, beside and easterly of City Hall, six one-hour parking spaces

City Hall Parking Lot, northerly of the Civil War Memorial traffic island, five one-hour parking spaces

Day's Landing, beginning at a point 1,075 feet easterly of the intersection with Old Pool Road, thence easterly for a distance of 315 feet (entire cul-de-sac), one-hour parking from dawn to dusk

Elm Street, easterly (odd-numbered) side, from the northerly side of Thornton Street and running south 96 feet, two hours

Elm Street, even-numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet southwesterly of the intersection with Cutts Street, thence southwesterly for a distance of two parking spaces (44 feet $\pm$), 15 minutes

Elm Street, westerly (even-numbered) side, from Thornton Street a distance of 85 feet in a southwesterly direction, two hours

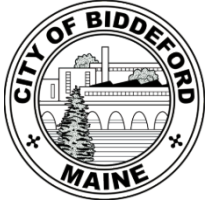
Fortunes Rocks Road, beach area, no parking 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Foss Street, odd-numbered side, from Main Street to Bacon Street, two hours, Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays



THORNTON ST.

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City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Agenda Item No: 11.d

Item Description: 2026.57 Biddeford City Ordinance Ch. 42-92 Limited Parking section A. (2)

Submitted By: Chief JoAnne W. Fisk

Key Terms:

Removal of two-hour parking stall on Elm Street

Executive Summary:

This item pertains to the removal of allowed parking stalls on Elm Street at Thornton Street, easterly (odd-numbered) side, from the northerly side of Thornton Street and running south 96 feet, two hours. The parking stall run alongside 81 Elm Street.

Detailed Review:

This item pertains to the removal of allowed parking on Elm Street at Thornton Street, easterly (odd-numbered) side, from the northerly side of Thornton Street and running south at 96 feet, with a two-hour parking limit. These parking stalls run alongside the address known as 81 Elm Street.

Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

The Traffic Committee and staff recommend the passage by City Council of the no parking provision pertaining to this area.

Next Steps:

If approved by City Council, forward it to the Department of Public Works for removal of signage. City Clerk shall remove language from city ordinances.

Attachments:

1. 2026.57) - Second Reading
2. City Ordinance Sec. 42.92
3. Elm-Thornton - 2hr Parking Removal



2026.57

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..... APRIL 21, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-92 Limited Parking** , be amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Elm Street, easterly (odd numbered) side from the northerly side of Thornton Street and running south 96 feet, two hours.

Motion: Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Woods.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

City of Biddeford, ME
Monday, March 23, 2026

Chapter 42. Motor Vehicles and Traffic

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Sec. 42-92. Limited parking.

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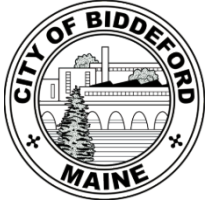
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REMOVE EXISTING 2-HOUR PARKING
- NORTHBOUND LANE;
- BETWEEN THORNTON & LINCOLN ST



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Agenda Item No: 11.e

Item Description: 2026.58 Biddeford City Ordinance Ch. 42-92 Limited Parking Section A (3)

Submitted By: Chief JoAnne W. Fisk

Key Terms:

Review of existing parking ordinance regarding parking at 170 Elm Street at Cutts Street.

Executive Summary:

Elm Street (even side) remove one of two existing parking stalls.

Detailed Review:

The Traffic Committee at their March 31, 2026, meeting unanimously voted to move to City Council the removal of two parking stalls at 170 Elm Street. The parking stalls begin at a point 20 feet southwesterly of the intersection with Cutts Street. This ordinance change would remove two parking stalls (44ft).

Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Recommendation by the Traffic Committee at their March 31, 2026, meeting, passage in the affirmative, to move this item to City Council for consideration.

Next Steps:

Upon passage by City Council, this item will be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for signage updating.

Attachments:

1. 2026.58) -Second Reading
2. City Ordinance Sec. 42.92

3. Elm Street at Cutts Street



2026.58 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..... APRIL 21, 2026, BE IT ORDERED**, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-92 Limited Parking**, be amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Elm Street, even numbered side, beginning at a point 20 feet southwesterly of the intersection with Cutts Street, thence southwesterly for a distance of ~~two~~one parking spaces ~~(44feet)~~ (22 feet) 15 minutes.

Motion: Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Boston.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

City of Biddeford, ME
Monday, March 23, 2026

Chapter 42. Motor Vehicles and Traffic

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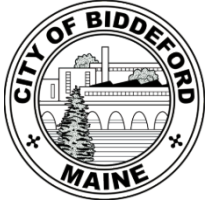
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City Council

Meeting May 19, 2026

Date:

Meeting 6:00 PM

Time:

Agenda Item 12.a

No:

Item 2026.78 - Article 3 Fire Prevention Bureau, Div. 3 Open Burning, Sec. 30-160

Description: through Sec. 30-163 Update

Submitted Lawrence D. Best, Fire Chief

By:

Key Terms:

Open Burning Rules/Code of Ordinance

Executive Summary:

First Reading:

The Fire Department is requesting that the Article 3 Fire Prevention Bureau, Division 3 Open Burning, Sections 30-160 through 30-163 be updated and revised to reflect the current State open burning rules and regulations, along with City rules that need to be updated. For example, following the State open burning law, as long as a recreational campfire does not exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height, it does not require a burning permit, but the City Code does require a permit. This can be confusing for residents, which also causes confusion with enforcement. In addition, in the past, there was an online open fire permitting system called "wardens report" which the City used for issuing open fire permits. This system is no longer available, which leaves only the State of Maine Open Burning online permit system available for use. The State of Maine permit system is not set-up to be used for recreational campfires because of the State law exception.

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Detailed Review:

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Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

The Fire Department staff recommends the update of the open burning code of ordinance to bring it in line with the State open burning rules.

Next Steps:

This ordinance revision will require two readings by the City Council.

Attachments:

1. ORDER 2026-78 - Article 3 Fire Prevention Bureau, Division 3 Open Burning, Sec. 30-160 through Sec. 30.163
2. ATTACHMENT #1- Article 3 Fire Prevention Bureau, Division 3 Open Burning Sec. 30-160 - Sec. 30-163 Update

City of Biddeford



2026.78

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...May 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, by the Biddeford City Council, that Article 3 Fire Prevention Bureau, Division 3 Opening Burning, Sec. 30-160 through Sec. 30-164 be amended as attached by adding text in blue underline and deleting text in ~~red strikethrough~~.

Attest by: _____

ARTICLE 3 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
DIVISION 3 OPEN BURNING

Sec. 30-160. Types permissible with permit.

In accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. § 9325, [and the City of Biddeford Code of Ordinance](#), the types of burning described herein are allowed, provided that a permit has been obtained from the ~~Biddeford Fire Department or from the forest ranger having jurisdiction over the location where the fire is to be set.~~ [online Maine Burn Permit System website](#), except for beach campfires. [Beach campfire permits must be obtained online from the City Fire Department website.](#) The burning must be conducted according to the terms and conditions of the permit and [this ordinance](#) and may not create a nuisance. A permit is required for:

- ~~(1) —Recreational campfires kindled when the ground is not covered by snow;~~
- ~~(2)~~ (1) Fires in conjunction with holiday and festive celebrations;
- ~~(3)~~ (2) Burning of solid or liquid fuels and structures for research or bona fide instruction and training of municipal, volunteer and industrial firefighters when conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors;
- ~~(4)~~ (3) Burning for agricultural purposes, including, but not limited to, open burning of blueberry fields, potato tops and hayfields and prescribed burning for timberland management, [not to exceed 5 acres at any one time](#);
- ~~(5)~~ (4) Out-of-door burning of wood wastes as defined in 12 M.R.S.A. § 9324, Subsection 7-A, ~~and painted~~ and unpainted wood from construction and demolition debris in the open or in an incinerator with a primary chamber volume no greater than 133 cubic feet or 1,000 gallons that is not licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection;
- ~~(6)~~ (5) Burning on site for the disposal of wood wastes ~~and painted~~ and unpainted / [untreated](#) wood from construction and demolition debris generated from the clearing of any land or by the erection, modification, maintenance, demolition or construction of any highway, railroad, power line, communication line, pipeline, building or development;
 - a) [For the purposes of #5, the term “wood wastes” means brush, stumps, lumber, bark, wood chips, shavings, slabs, edgings, slash, sawdust, and wood from production rejects that are not mixed with other solid or liquid waste; and “lumber” means material that is entirely made of wood and is free from metal, plastics, coatings and chemical treatments.](#)
- ~~(7)~~ (6) Burning for hazard reduction purposes, such as, but not limited to, the burning of grass fields, [not to exceed 5 acres at any one time](#);
- ~~(8) —Burning for the containment or control of spills of gasoline, kerosene, heating oil or similar petroleum products;~~
- ~~(9)~~ (7) Open burning of leaves, brush, dead wood and tree cuttings;

- ~~(10)~~ (8) Campfires, ~~bonfires, or any other type of open burning~~ on any of the City's public beaches, public parks, or other public recreational facilities; as long as the recreational campfire does not exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height.

The permit for the campfires outlined in #8 must be obtained online from the City Fire Department website.

In addition, beach campfires shall adhere to the following rules:

- a) A beach campfire must be contained in metal container;
- b) No ashes are to be left on the beach;
- c) No beach campfire will be allowed within 100 feet of any posted "birds nesting" site;
- d) The campfire must not create a nuisance;
- e) The burning of treated wood, such as pallets, pressure treated lumber, plastic, Styrofoam, rubber, metals, food wastes, chemicals or other solid waste is prohibited;
- f) Only clean wood can be used for a beach campfire.

- ~~(11)~~ (9) The burning of wood wastes and painted (following chapter 102 of the Department of Environmental Protection rules) and unpainted wood from construction and demolition debris at solid waste facilities; and

- ~~(12)~~ (10) The burning of empty containers, including fiberboard boxes and paper bags, previously containing explosives and being disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Title 25, § 2472.

Sec. 30-161. Types permissible without permit.

When not otherwise prohibited by state rule, local ordinance or water utility regulation, the following types of burning are permissible without a permit if no nuisance is created:

- (1) Recreational campfires kindled ~~when the ground is covered by snow or on frozen bodies of water,~~ excepting public campfires at beaches (a permit is required for beach campfires, see Sec. 30-160 #8), as long as the recreational campfire does not exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height;
- (2) Residential use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes, such as preparing food as long as the recreational campfire does not exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height; and
- (3) Use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes, such as preparing food at commercial campgrounds ~~in organized towns~~ as long as the commercial campgrounds are licensed by the Health Engineering Division of the Department of Human Services.

Note, all recreational fires and campfires must meet the following criteria:

- a) Must be no larger than 3-foot in diameter;
- b) Must be no larger than 3-foot in height;

- c) Must be clear of vegetation, or have steps taken to prevent spread;
- d) Must be not less than 15-feet from structures

Sec.30-162. Responsible party.

- (1) All open burning regardless of permitting requires that a responsible party, over the age of 18 years, be in attendance at all times from ignition through extinguishment. Unattended fires will be extinguished, and the permittee, or responsible party may be issued a warning, or have all future burning privileges revoked;
- (2) All recreational campfires kindled by renters / tenants must have written permission from the landlord / property owner.

Sec.30-163. Prohibited materials.

- (1) Materials prohibited from being burned include but are not limited to:
 - a) All plastic and rubber materials;
 - b) Treated wood materials;
 - c) Household rubbish or waste;
 - d) Household furnishings;
 - e) Construction or demolition materials other than as allowed in the sections of this ordinance;
 - f) Sludge or solvents.

Sec.30-164 through Sec. 30-199. (Reserved)



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 12.b
Item Description: 2026.77 Approval Special Event Permit for La Kermesse
Submitted By: Roby Fecteau

Key Terms:

Executive Summary:

Pursuant to the Biddeford Code of Ordinances Article IV Special Events (Section 6-144), The City Council is the permitting authority for events larger than 1,000 persons and events lasting longer than two days

Detailed Review:

Funding Source:

Staff Recommendation:

Next Steps:

Attachments:

1. 2026.77 Approval Special Event Permit La Kermesse-Order
2. La Kermesse 2026

City of Biddeford



2026.77 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby grant approval of a Special Event Permit for Lakermesse Franco-Americaine to have their festival on June 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2026 at St. Louis Field; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that in accordance with the provisions set forth under Ch.6, Amusements, Article V — Sales, Possession and Consumption of liquor at and during Special Events on City Public Property, that the City Council approves beer/wine to be sold and served within clearly defined restricted areas at St. Louis Field that have been approved by the State of Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and providing that the LaKermesse Franco-Americaine is and remains in compliance with the provisions set forth under Ch. 6, Section 6-178 et seq.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

APPLICATION NUMBER: 26-03-080

EFFECTIVE 7-18-2024 THE FOLLOWING
FEES WILL APPLY:

☒ Administrative fee	\$100.00
☐ Tier one	\$100.00
☐ Tier two	\$200.00
☐ Tier three	\$500.00

Any person, firm, corporation, business or organization seeking a permit to hold a special event within the City of Biddeford must file an application with the permitting authority at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the event; or in cases related to activities protected by the First Amendment to the United States or Maine Constitution, other than commercial speech, two business days prior to the beginning of the event. Permit applications are available on the City's website or at the City Clerk's Office.

All vendors must obtain proper licenses/permits from the City Clerk's office (284-9307).
Indemnification agreement/insurance certificate must be attached to this application at the time of submission.
Site Plan Sketch may be accompanied by a separate map, if necessary

CITY OF BIDDEFORD

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

City of Biddeford
P.O. Box 586
Biddeford, ME 04005

Name of Event La Perouse Festival Location of Event West & Prospect
Date of Event: 6-18-26 Start Time 4:00-6:18 Finish Time 6:20-3:00

Organization (Applicant) Information

Name of Organization or Name of Applicant if NOT an Organization

La Perouse

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: PO Box 289

Business Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail BFPPGAGNE808@gmail.com

Income Tax Exempt: Yes: ☒ No: _____ Tax Exempt Number: 01-6075283

Contact Person/Event Coordinator

Name & Address

Paul M. Gagne

Telephone 229-2024 Cellular SAME E-Mail _____

Relationship Organization: Treasurer

Revised 7/18/2024

APPLICATION NUMBER: _____

Detailed and specific description of Event (attached separate sheet if necessary)

Opening on June 18th Reeder & Ent.

All Events Held at St. Louis Field #2 West + Prospect St.
Estimated # of Participants 100 Estimated Attendance 3,000

What impact will this have upon the surrounding neighborhood? (Noise, Traffic, etc.) Please explain:

Street closed from Prospect + West to Hillside Ave

Describe the means by which the neighborhood (residents and businesses) will be notified of this event and its public hearing:

Type of Event:

Special events may fall under three categories:

- ☐ **Tier 1** Special Events involve the use of Recreation Department facilities for functions involving 100 or less people. The Recreation Director or their designee is the permitting authority
- ☒ **Tier 2** Special Events include street closure requests, parades, road races, walks or other single-day functions involving 100 or less people. The Police Chief and Public Works Director or their Designees are the permitting authority
- ☒ **Tier 3** Special Events are functions that involve a street closure or the use of a City facility for a single-day function involving 100-999 people. The Coordinating Committee shall be the permitting authority


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PLEASE NOTE: The City Council shall be the permitting authority for events to be held in City of Biddeford parks, recreation, public buildings, grounds and streets which it could reasonably be assumed that 1,000 or more persons might gather or participate; or any event which is proposed to last longer than two consecutive days, regardless of the number of persons anticipated to gather or participate.

FURTHER: If alcohol is being sold, or otherwise available, permission must be obtained through application at City Clerk's Office, and must be approved by the City Council. If alcohol is sold, this requires applicable State of Maine Liquor license to sell alcohol. List contact name and address of licensee:

General Service Questions

Department of Public Works

Is the use of barricades necessary/requested for this event? Y

If yes, number needed work with Public Works

Will it be necessary to cover street and/or parking signs for this event? N If yes, please note on diagram.

What is your plan for cleanup and debris disposal for this event?

Have dumpster on field

Is any other Public Works assistance anticipated?

yes

Recreation Department

Will this event take place in a Public Right of Way, Public Way, City Park or athletic field? X

If yes, where

Corner of west st & Prospect St St. Louis field

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Will tenting/staging be utilized for this event? X If yes, what is your plan to repair any damage caused by stakes, tie-downs, etc.?

clean field as necessary. Same as previous years

Any Parks and Recreation assistance required?

Yes

Fire Department

Will the Fire Department have access to all sites in the event of an emergency?

YES

Will any fire hydrants be obstructed? NO Will you have access to E 9-1-1?

YES

Will you have First Aid or medical staff present?

YES

***** If First aid or Medical Staff is needed, The Biddeford Fire Department may provide for a fee. Please Contact the Biddeford Fire Department at 207-282-6632 for details.*****

Police Department

Is traffic control necessary for this event? NO If yes, who will provide it?

Is crowd control necessary for this event? NO If yes, who will provide it?

We have our own security

APPLICATION NUMBER:_____

SITE PLAN SKETCH OF SPECIAL EVENT (Completed by Event Coordinator)

In the space below, please provide the following information. Attach a separate map if necessary.

- | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| General Map of Location | Vender Locations | Street Closures/Parking Information |
| Event Coordinator’s Booth | Garbage Cans | Water/Electricity Sources |
| Tents/Stages/Grandstands | Water Sources | Loudspeakers |
| Rest Facilities | | |

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INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE PROVISIONS
CITY OF BIDDEFORD SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

A. In consideration for being permitted to use the facilities and/or rights-of-way of the City of Biddeford, (hereinafter "City"), La Renaissance Franco Festival
(insert name of person/entity seeking permission to use facilities and/or right-of-way, hereinafter "Applicant") agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees, and insurers, from and against all liability, claims, and demands, which are incurred, made, or brought by any person or entity on account of damage, loss, or injury, including without limitation claims arising from property loss, or damage, bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with the use of the facilities and/or rights-of-way, whether any such liability, claims, and demands result from the act, omission, negligence, or other fault on the part of the City, its officers, or its employees, or from any other cause whatsoever.

B. By signing below, Applicant agrees that in the event of damage, loss or injury to the facilities or to any property or equipment therein or to the City rights-of-way, the City may deduct from any damage deposit the full amount of such damage, loss, or injury. Applicant further agrees that if such damage, loss, or injury exceeds the amount of the damage deposit, Applicant will promptly reimburse the City for all costs associated therewith upon billing by the City.

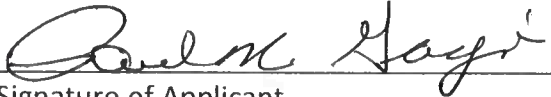
C. In addition, in consideration for being permitted or allowed to use the facilities and/or right-of-way, Applicant on behalf of itself and its officers, employees, members, and participants, hereby expressly exempts and releases the City, its officers, employees, insurers, from and against all liability, claims, and demands, on account of injury, loss, or damage, including without limitation claims arising from property loss or damage, bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, or death, that Applicant may incur as a result of such use, whether any such liability claims and demands result from the act, omission, negligence, or other fault on the part of the City, its officer, or its employees, or from any other cause whatsoever.

D. In addition, _____ has furnished and attached two copies of certificates of insurance with the City of Biddeford named as an additional insured in the amount of \$400,000 unless a greater amount is warranted.

E. In Addition, Depending upon the size and nature of the event, the City may require that City employees, including Police, Fire, Public Works, Code Enforcement and/or Parks and Recreation, are present at or assist with the event. The City shall determine the number of personnel necessary to ensure the safety of the public and participants, minimize the inconvenience to residents, and reduce public liability exposure to the event sponsor and the City. The cost associated with the use of any such personnel, including City equipment, is the responsibility of the event sponsor. A deposit of thirty percent (30*%) of the estimated personnel cost for the event will be required with the submittal of the application. The City

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shall provide a good faith estimate of the total personnel within 10 days after the approval of the application. The complete fee must be submitted to the City prior to the day of the event. Fees may be waived in whole or in part by the City Council prior to the special event.

 3-1-26
Signature of Applicant Date

PAUL N. GAGNE
Printed Name of Applicant

REVIEW BY SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITTING AUTHORITY:

Having completed a review of the application, the proposal itself, the location of the vent and its impact upon services and resources, this application is:

☐ **APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS:** **DATE:** _____

☐ **APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:** **DATE:** _____

☐ **DENIED:** **DATE:** _____

Modifications / Restrictions:

REASON(S) FOR DENIAL:

Police Chief

Fire Chief

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Public Works Director

Codes Enforcement Officer

Recreation Director



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 12.c
Item Description: 2026.79 Approval Special Event Waiver La Kermesse
Submitted By: Roby Fecteau

Key Terms:

Executive Summary:

La Kermesse is requesting a waiver of fees associated with their festival. These fees consist of permit fees as well as operational costs that departments incur to help support the event. A waiver request is pursuant to the Biddeford Code of Ordinances Article IV, specifically section 6-145 (5)

Detailed Review:

Funding Source:

\$3,000

Staff Recommendation:

N/A

Next Steps:

Attachments:

1. Waiver Request
2. Council order May 19th Kermesse waiver request



La Kermesse Franco-Américaine

P. O. Box 289
Biddeford, ME 04005-0289

April 23, 2020

La Kermesse Franco-Americaine Festival
P.O.Box 289
Biddeford, Maine 04005

Mr. Roby Fecteau and respected City officials,

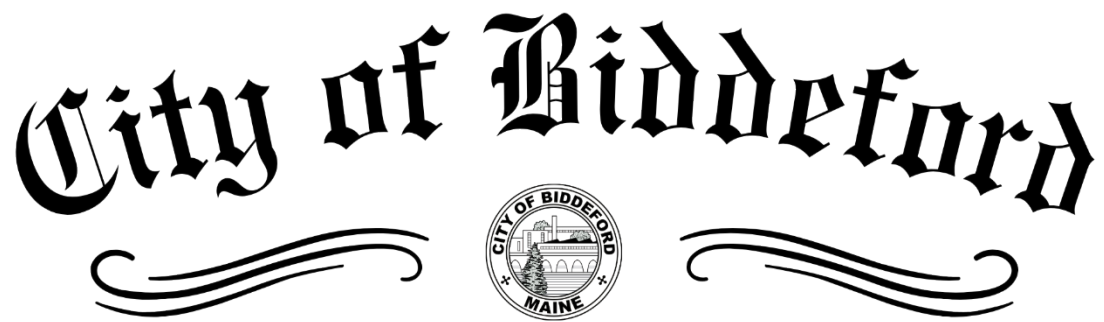
I am writing to you on behalf of the La Kermesse Board of Directors. We have learned that there has been a change in the fee structure for attaining permission to hold our festival within the City limits of Biddeford, specifically having a Carnival set up along with assistance from City Departments to help with the set up and safety of our event. As you know, our festival is held annually, and we will be celebrating our 43rd anniversary this year. We are asking to have all of these fees waived, especially given that we are non-profit organization. We are hopeful given our long-standing history with the City, that we will be grandfathered from this new fee structure and that we will be approved to have them waived.

We the Board of Director of La Kermesse thank you for your time and efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica J. Quattrone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jessica J. Quattrone,
La Kermesse President



IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... May 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby grant a waiver request for permit and department costs associated with a Special Event for LaKermesse Franco-Americaine. The total waiver amount is \$3,000.00 for costs related to permitting, Police, Fire and Public Work services. Pursuant to Biddeford Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Article IV Special Events sec 6-145 (5)

Attest by: _____



City Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 12.d
Item Description: 2026.66 Veterans Committee
Submitted By:

Key Terms:

Establishment of a Veterans Committee in the Code of Ordinances.

Executive Summary:

If approved, this ordinance would establish a Veterans Committee in the Code of Ordinances under Chapter 2, Article IV BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 18 VETERANS COMMITTEE

Detailed Review:

On February 20, 2024, Order 2024.24 established an Ad Hoc Veterans Committee. The Council approved an extension of the Ad Hoc Committee through June 30, 2026, via Order 2025.158 on November 6, 2025. The Ad Hoc Veterans Committee drafted language to establish a permanent Veterans Committee in the Code of Ordinances for the Council to consider for adoption. This language was reviewed and amended by the Policy Committee at their meeting on April 27, 2026, and was recommended by the Policy Committee to be sent to Council for approval. The amended language is before the Council as Order 2026.66.

Funding Source:

N/A

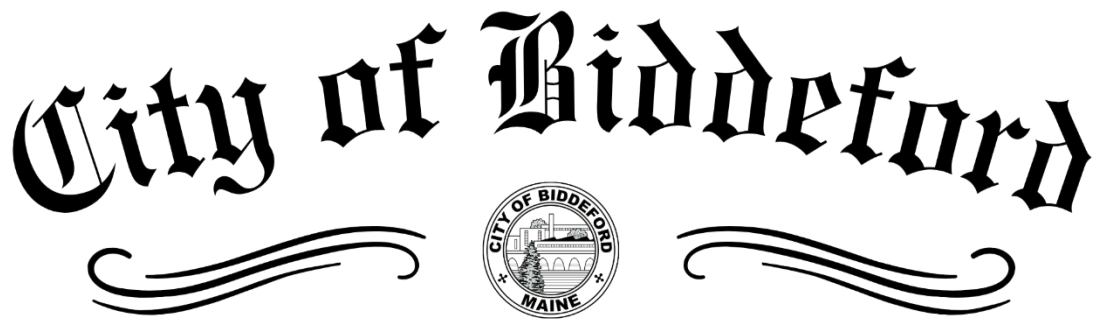
Staff Recommendation:

Next Steps:

If approved by the Council the ordinance change would require a Second Reading.

Attachments:

1. 2026.66 Approval Establishment of a Veterans Committee-ORDER
2. Establishment of Veterans Committee -With Policy Committee Track Changes



2026.66 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 19, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby approve the establishment of a Veterans Committee in the code of ordinances under Chapter 2, Article IV BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 18 VETERANS COMMITTEE

DIVISION 18 – VETERANS COMMITTEE

Sec. 2- 400.1 Establishment.

(a) There is hereby created and established the VETERANS COMMITTEE, comprised of seven members and a staff member of the General Assistance Office serving in an ex officio capacity. All voting members shall be Honorably Discharged Armed Forces Veterans, US citizens, and reside within the corporate limits of the City of Biddeford

(b) In appointing members to the VETERANS COMMITTEE, the Mayor and City Council shall seek to appoint members from a cross-section of all residents, including those living in US Census Tracts within City limits that are considered to be "low/moderate income" by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The VETERANS COMMITTEE is established under the authority of the Biddeford City Council and shall serve under the directive of the City Council.

Sec. 2-400.2 Purpose; responsibilities.

(a) The purpose of the Veterans Committee is to facilitate that Veterans in the community receiving the support, recognition, and resources they deserve for their service. The Committee will work with existing Veterans organizations to promote collaboration and to foster a Veteran-friendly environment within the City of Biddeford. The committee will focus on four topic areas, including supporting local Veterans, community outreach and education, advocacy for Veterans' services, and Veterans recognition and events.

(b) Responsibilities shall include:

(1) Providing comments and/or recommendations in areas of need, reviewing potential projects, and participating in public hearings to keep the residents and Veterans informed.

- (2) Receive information and comments from fellow veterans at the Committee's regular meetings.
 - (3) Make presentations to the City Council at such times as may be requested by the City Council or as the VETERANS COMMITTEE determines is necessary.
- (c) The Committee is strictly advisory in nature. It has no decision-making authority and is prohibited from incurring expenses, making payments, entering into contracts, leases, or obligations, or otherwise binding the City.

Sec. 2-400.3 Membership.

Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the City Council for staggered -three year staggered terms. One non-voting seat shall be reserved for a City Council member, who will be nominated by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Sec. 2-400.4 Vacancies.

- (a) A vacancy in the membership of the Committee shall be determined upon the occurrence of any of the following:
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 - (3) The effective date of the resignation of a member;
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