

**YORK STREET PARK +
REES STREET PARK
DESIGN COMPETITION |**

Public Feedback Report

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Overview

Waterfront Toronto launched an innovative design competition for the York Street Park and Rees Street Park designs on February 21, 2018. The competition and its associated communications and engagement program was envisioned as:

- a way to engage the local community and stakeholders in setting the design parameters for the parks;
- a way to gather opinions about the design proposals for consideration by the jury; and
- a way to incorporate the feedback into the design development of the successful proposals.

Beginning in 2016, the City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto, held several rounds of public consultation and engagement. A summary report of Waterfront Toronto's public engagement on these two parks from January – April 2018 can be found [online](#).

In July 2018, Waterfront Toronto launched an official design competition website where all ten design proposals were put on display. Over the course of four weeks, the public was invited to view the design proposals and provide their feedback to Waterfront Toronto through the following channels:

- Public exhibition of the proposed designs in City Hall Rotunda and surveys July 4-17, 2018
- Online surveys, available through yorkreesparkdesigns.ca, July 5-25, 2018
- Mini exhibit/children's activity at the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre, July 27- August 5, 2018

Overall, there was greater interest and response given to the York Street Park design proposals than for Rees Street Park.

Respondents Profile & Demographics

The **Rees Street Park** design proposals received 962 public responses in total – 149 responses from the public exhibition at City Hall and 814 from the online survey. The **York Street Park** design proposals received 1786 public responses in total – 213 responses from the public exhibition at City Hall and 1,575 from the online survey. The Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre activity included 254 responses for both parks.

Approximately 1,369 respondents identified as male and 1,240 as female. Online respondents were predominantly 25-34 years old, with 9.6 % being under 17 for Rees Street Park and 0.5% under 17 for York Street Park. Respondents from the City Hall surveys were predominantly older (47% were over 45). Detailed information on respondent demographics from the online survey can be found in Appendices 1 and 2.

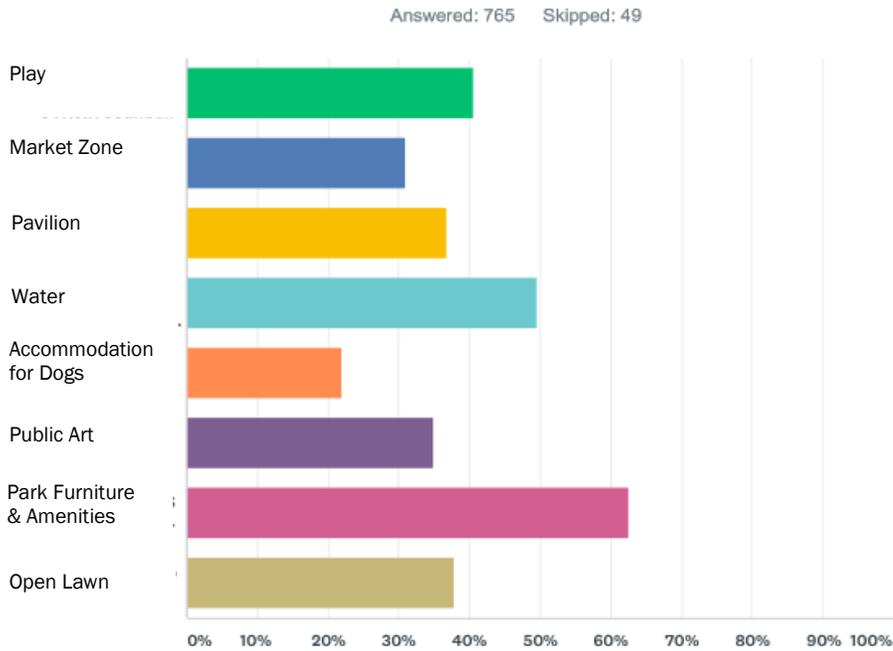
Notably, there was a wide range of respondents from all across the Greater Toronto Hamilton Region (GTHA) ranging from Hamilton to Kitchener, Uxbridge, Belleville, and other regions outside of the downtown Toronto area.

Summary of Feedback on Design Proposals for Rees Street Park

Park Program Priorities

Respondents were asked to identify what was most important to them in the future Rees Street Park. A list of eight experiences were provided (based on the initial [design brief](#)) and respondents were asked to select their top three. The graph below indicated that the top three experiences are park furniture and amenities; water; and play.

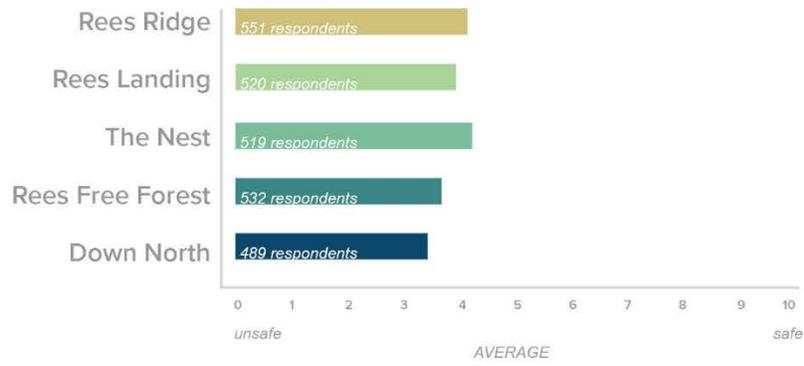
Q4 Please select the three experiences that are most important to you in the future Rees Street Park.



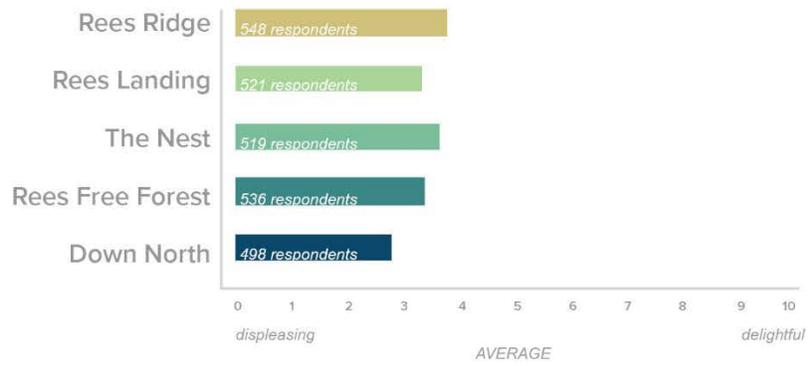
How did each park design make respondents feel?

In the City Hall and online survey, respondents were asked to rate their feelings about the safety, enjoyment and program/features in each park's design proposal. Responses indicated that in general, feelings about the proposals were more similar than they were different, and respondents did not feel significantly more strongly about any one proposal. Online survey results from these questions are illustrated below:

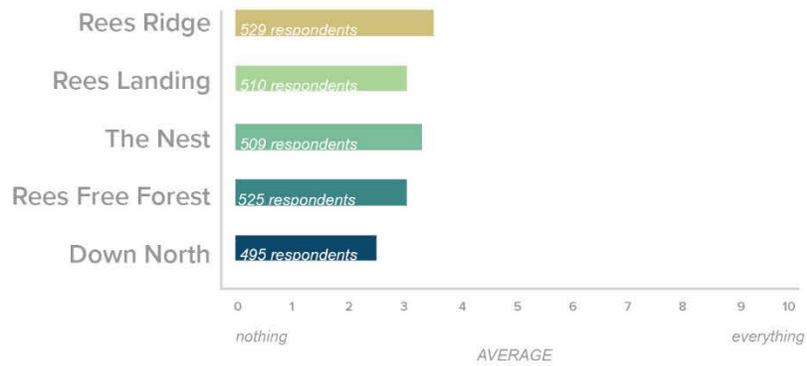
I would feel [unsafe-safe] visiting this park.



Spending time in this park would be [displeasing-delightful]



This park has [nothing-everything] that I hoped for.



Open-Ended Comments

Online and City Hall survey respondents were given the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback on the Rees Street Park design proposals. The summaries below were drawn from a thematic analysis of the written feedback. Refer to Appendix 2 for a full summary of the thematic analysis of qualitative feedback received.

Overall, the analysis of the written feedback indicated a preference for the following three proposals (in preferential order): Rees Ridge, Rees Street Free Forest, and The Nest.

1. REES RIDGE

wHY Architecture (New York) + Brook McIlroy (Toronto)

Of the comments received in the online survey, **132 were positive**; 83 were negative; 56 were neutral.

Many respondents liked the design of the barrier/hill/landform along the north side of the park and liked that the Ridge “*blocks the [G]ardiner [E]xpressway from view and is both original and Toronto-centric in its references*”. Many said that the design was innovative and enjoyed the waterfall. Some respondents critiqued the design, noting that the design felt generic and there was “*too much concrete*”, while others liked the visual aesthetic and thought the design integrated well with the surrounding area.

2. REES LANDING

Stoss Landscape Urbanism (Boston) + DTAH (Toronto)

Of the comments received in the online survey, 62 were positive; **89 were negative**; 63 were neutral. Many respondents were less positive about this proposal, claiming that there was “*[t]oo much hardscaping, doesn't feel special enough. Not cohesive in terms of vision. Overly reliant on public art and programming to make it special.*” While some liked the green space, others said that the design was not well-integrated with the waterfront area. A few respondents noted that they appreciated “*the creativity of this design and think that it would feel like a natural, comfortable place to spend some time, go to the market, walk the dog, play your kid.*”

3. THE NEST

Snøhetta (New York) + PMA Landscape Architects (Toronto)

Of the comments received in the online survey, **97 were positive**; 93 were negative; 54 were neutral.

There were a number of comments that the design has too much concrete. One respondent noted that they feel that they “*would accidentally wander into this park, realize its beauty, and stay for a long time*”. Others said that the park offered a generic experience and that the park was trying “*to be everything but accomplished nothing.*”

4. REES STREET FREE FOREST

SCAPE Landscape Architecture (New York)

Of the comments received in the online survey, **115 were positive**; 102 were negative; 43 were neutral.

This proposal received lots of positive feedback from respondents but also quite a few negative mentions and references to bad design. Some said the design and horticulture was innovative and had nice green space *“[n]ot only is it visually interesting, I especially appreciate the fact that [there are flat even surfaces for people with mobility problems”*. While others felt that the design *“has no real draw. The wood structures don’t seem like things kids would play on”*.

5. DOWN NORTH

PUBLIC CITY Architecture (Toronto)

Of the comments received in the online survey, 61 were positive; 62 were negative; **69 were neutral**.

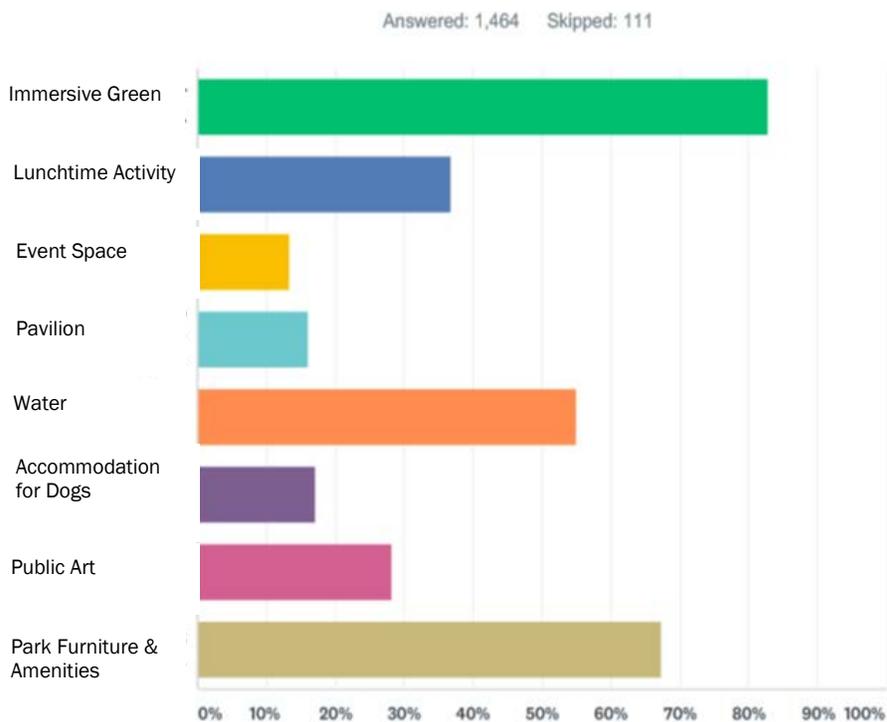
The response tally reveals that respondents felt more negative and neutral about this proposal than positive. Respondents generally liked the toboggan play feature and that the design has an all-season focus, but some said that the design proposal was not very clear. *“I love the emphasis on play. This would be a fun, memorable destination park. I love the emphasis on fun in the winter and the fireplaces. The waterfront can be unfriendly in the winter and I think this park would be a great way to get people outside.”* Other respondents mentioned that the design *“too kid-centric and does not focus much towards the views of the water and engagement with its surroundings.”*

Summary of Feedback on Design Proposals for York Street Park

Park Program Priorities

Respondents were asked to identify what was most important to them in the future York Street Park. A list of eight experiences were provided (based on the initial [design brief](#)) and respondents were asked to select their top three. The graph below indicated that the top three experiences are immersive green, park furniture and amenities, and water.

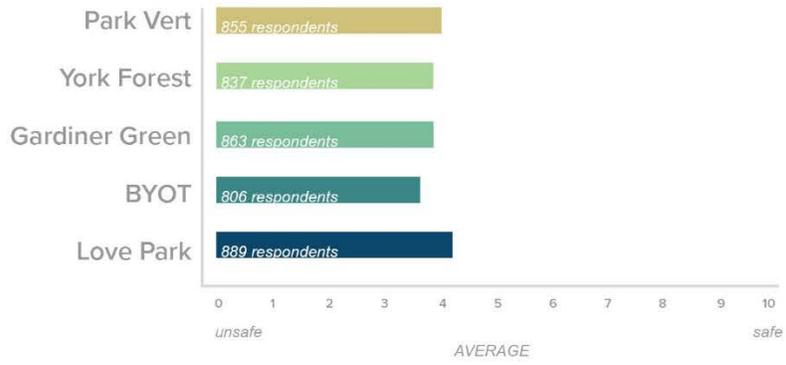
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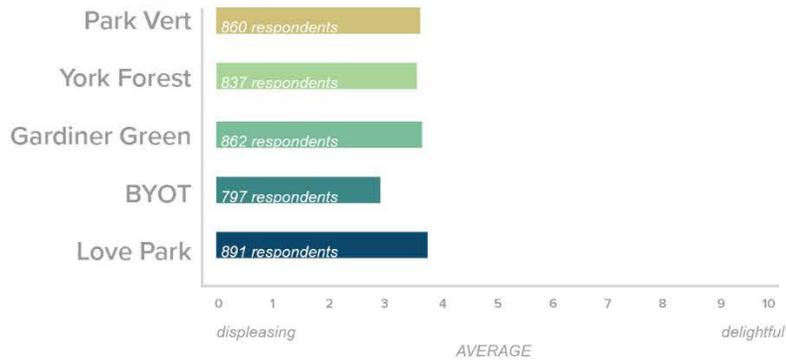
How did each park design make respondents feel?

In the City Hall survey and the online survey, respondents were asked to rate their feelings about safety, enjoyment and program/features in for both parks. The answers shown in the three graphs below from the online survey reveal that respondents generally felt on the lower end of the scale for all the park designs, (mostly 3's and 4's), indicating some indifference about how the designs made them feel.

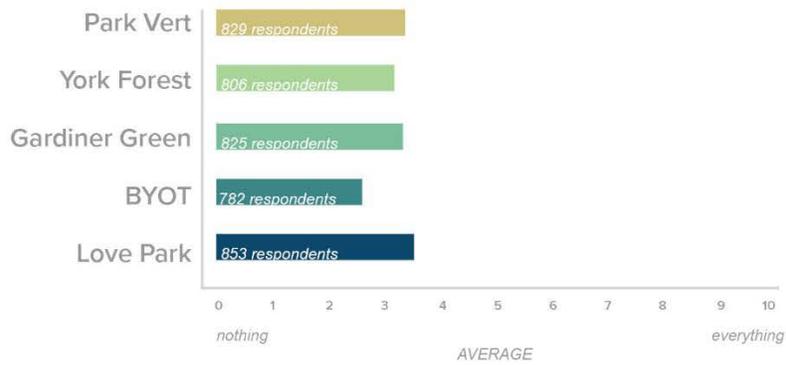
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Spending time in this park would be [displeasing-delightful]



This park has [nothing-everything] that I hoped for.



Open-Ended Comments

Online and City Hall respondents were given the opportunity to provide open-ended feedback on the York Street Park design proposals. The summaries below were drawn from a thematic analysis of the written comments in both the City Hall and online surveys. Refer to Appendix 4 for a full summary of the thematic analysis of qualitative feedback received.

Overall, the analysis of the written feedback indicated a preference for the following three proposals (in preferential order): Love Park, Gardiner Green, and Park Vert.

1. PARK VERT

Agency Landscape + Planning (Massachusetts) + David Rubin Land Collective (Philadelphia)

Of the comments received in the online survey, **155 were positive**; 136 were negative; 112 were neutral

Many respondents liked the elevated walkway; some thought that it was a good and “*innovative design*”, while others said it was bad. “*I do not understand the need of the above ground forest promenade, it breaks the space, [it’s] costly and unnecessary.*” Contrastingly, many liked the elevated walkway and the water feature, “*I like the idea of the water park area for children. The surrounding bridge is beautiful. There should be more space for shade to avoid the sun.*” Others noted that there is too much concrete in the design, and the space seemed unwelcoming or unsafe.

2. YORK FOREST

Stephen Stimson Associates Landscape Architects (Massachusetts) + MJMA (Toronto)

Of the comments received in the online survey, 122 were positive; **158 were negative**; 103 were neutral.

Many people liked the treatment of the greenspace, trees/canopy, the water feature and park amenities. There were quite a few comments which indicated that respondents had a hard time interpreting the sketches in the proposal and thought “*[t]he proposal seems to be quite incomplete.*” Some liked the design but thought that this proposal provided a generic park experience and that “*this park is also very pleasant, it just feels too much like some of the other green areas down the road on Queens Quay.*”

3. GARDINER GREEN

PLANT Architects (Toronto) + Mandaworks (Stolkholm)

Of the comments received in the online survey, **165 were positive**; 103 were negative; 120 were neutral.

Many people liked the green space and trees/canopy in this proposal and liked that the proponents retained the bents. “*It is a beautiful park. The interaction with nature seems very present and immersive but it is also a very busy park visually.*” However, there were almost an equal number of

mentions about removing the bents, with mentions about “*poor sightlines caused by the mounds*” that made the park feel unsafe.

4. BYOT

Hapa Collaborative (Vancouver)

Of the comments received in the online survey, 74 were positive; **238 were negative**; 93 were neutral.

Respondents negatively responded towards this design. Many felt that the proposal had too much concrete, wanted the bents removed, thought that there was a lack of greenery and nature in the design, said that the park design was generic or boring, and lacked innovation. Most respondents mentioned that the “*design [is] overly complicated and all the features would require too much maintenance to be practical [and noted that the] design doesn't make good use of the available space.*” Positive comments about this design expressed some affinity for the “*functional use of the ramp piers for children's activities and the suspended greenery, like the seating space.*”

5. LOVE PARK

Claude Cormier et Associés (Montreal)

Of the comments received in the online survey, **207 were positive**; 65 were negative; 144 were neutral.

Overall, respondents had a positive reaction to this design. Generally, respondents thought that the proposed design is a “*classic park*” and a “*safe choice*”. While many respondents liked the pond, there is a perception among some that it is too large for the space. Contrastingly, many respondents thought that the “*design is uninspired and contains no reference to its context. [It] could be located anywhere.*” Some noted that while the design is the “*the most interesting, the tree cover is lacking and seems like some mature trees will be lost.*” Generally, keeping the existing mature trees and planting native plant species were a priority for respondents who commented on Love Park.

Public Feedback – Methods

City Hall Surveys

As part of the public exhibition showcasing all 10 designs in the Toronto City Hall Rotunda, paper surveys were made available to passersby at nearby tables.

Respondents were asked which proposal they wanted to provide feedback on. A total of **362 surveys** were collected (213 for York Street Park and 149 for Rees Street Park).

Respondents were asked a series of questions, including:

1. Demographic questions

The first three questions of each survey asked respondents to tell us their:

- Age;
- Gender self-identification; and
- First three characters of postal code (to capture geographic representation).

(Breakdowns of the demographic responses can be found in Appendices 1 and 3.)

2. Three feeling-evoking questions related to each of the 10 park designs, which were measured using a scale from less favourable to favourable, along with a qualitative response:

- *I would feel _____ visiting this park (UNSAFE → SAFE)*
- *Spending time in this park would be... (DISPLEASING → DELIGHTFUL)*
- *This park has _____ that I hoped for (NOTHING → EVERYTHING)*
- If you'd like, tell us a bit more about why you answered this way (*Qualitative response*)

Online Survey

The launch of the design competition website featured two online feedback surveys for each park. The surveys were live for 21 days (July 5-25, 2018).

A total of **2,389 surveys** were collected (1,575 for York Street Park and 814 for Rees Street Park).

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The first three questions of each survey asked respondents to tell us their:

- Age;
- Gender self-identification; and
- First three characters of postal code (to capture geographic representation).

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2. Park Experiences and qualitative response:

- Please select the three experiences that are most important to you in the future York Street Park (8 experiences or required design elements)/Rees Street Park (9 experiences or required design elements).
- Why did you select these three experiences? (Qualitative response)

3. Three feeling-evoking questions related to each of the 10 park designs, which were measured using a scale from less favourable to favourable, along with a qualitative response:

- I would feel _____ visiting this park (UNSAFE → SAFE)
- Spending time in this park would be... (DISPLEASING → DELIGHTFUL)
- This park has _____ that I hoped for (NOTHING → EVERYTHING)
- If you'd like, tell us a bit more about why you answered this way (Qualitative response)

A total of **4,716 qualitative responses** were collected.

Thematic Analysis of Emergent Themes

The qualitative comments in both the City Hall and online surveys were analyzed using a recursive thematic coding technique. This technique involves generating and isolating themes mentioned in qualitative comments, and coding subsequent comments to these themes in an iterative fashion. New themes emerge as more comments are read and analyzed by the reviewer. The result is a tally of the number of times a theme is mentioned (this is coded with a 1). Full summaries are available in Appendix 2 and 4.

The analysis and coding of about **3,524*** qualitative comments was done by several individuals – inevitably, variations in coding style may have occurred during the analysis. Best efforts were put forward to align the coding styles of each reviewer, however coding and interpretation errors may have been made along the way.

Mini Exhibit at the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre

Waterfront Toronto hosted a small-scale exhibit and children's activity at the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre from July 27 to August 5, 2018. The Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre is a community hub at the foot of Bathurst and Queens Quay, with diverse users ranging in ages from kids, youth, adults and seniors.

All 10 designs were on display in front of the indoor gym area. Visitors to the centre had the opportunity to leave their feedback by using stickers to vote for which park design made them feel happy, neutral or sad.

While this exercise was most useful as a means to raise awareness and interest about the project among Neighbourhood Centre users, the distribution of stickies indicated that people generally felt happy about all the proposals. Respondents seemed to respond most favourably toward the Rees Landing proposal.

It is interesting to note that the Rees Street Park proposals received fewer responses than the York Street park proposals.

**4,716 comments were collected, however, only the qualitative comments associated with each design proposal were analyzed using this technique. The remaining qualitative responses that were associated with the experiences for each park were not included in this report for further analysis.*

Appendices

1. Rees Street Demographic Breakdown
2. Rees Street Thematic Analysis Summaries
3. York Street Demographic Breakdown
4. York Street Thematic Analysis Summaries

APPENDIX 1

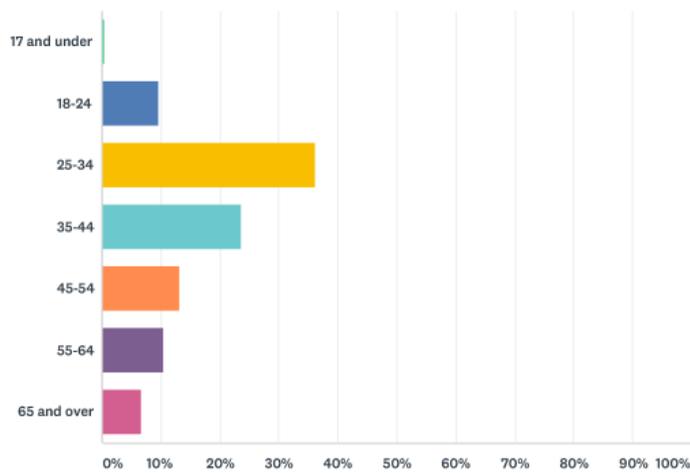
Demographic Breakdown, Rees Street Park Online Survey

1. Age
2. Gender ID/Expression
3. Geographic Representation

Age

Q1 What is your age:

Answered: 809 Skipped: 5

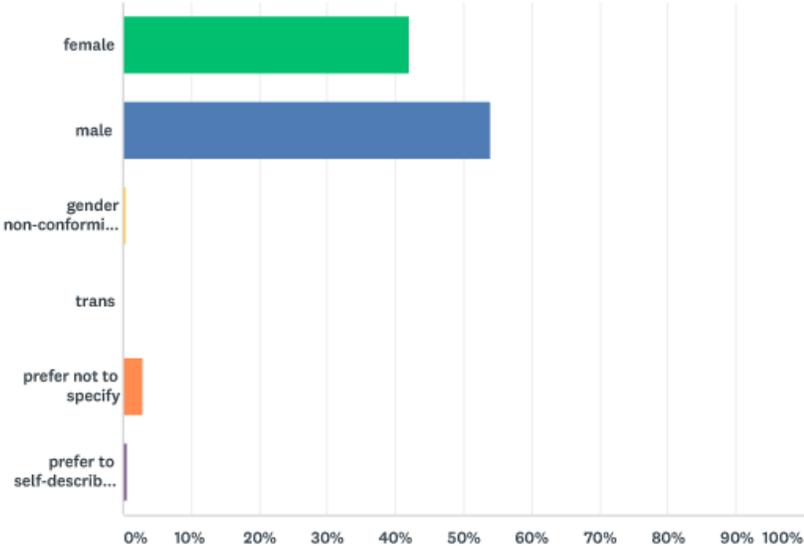


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
17 and under	0.37% 3
18-24	9.64% 78
25-34	36.09% 292
35-44	23.61% 191
45-54	13.10% 106
55-64	10.38% 84
65 and over	6.80% 55
TOTAL	809

Gender ID/Expression

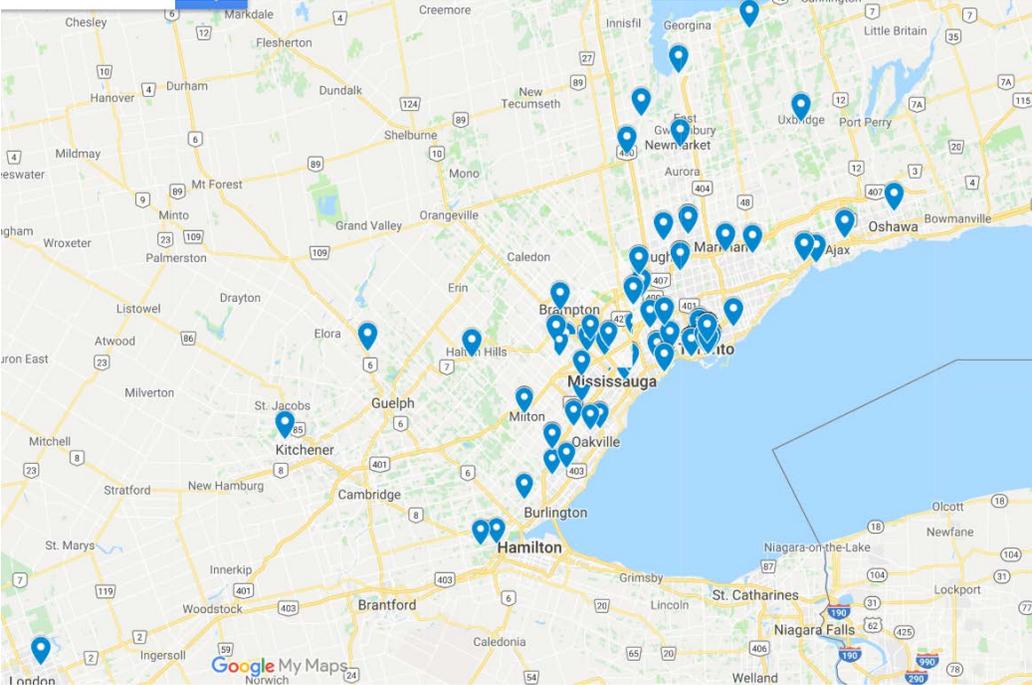
Q2 How would you describe yourself?

Answered: 807 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
female	42.13%	340
male	53.90%	435
gender non-conforming / non-binary	0.37%	3
trans	0.00%	0
prefer not to specify	2.97%	24
prefer to self-describe as...	0.62%	5
TOTAL		807

Geographic Representation



The map shows that there was a wide range of respondents from all around the greater Toronto Hamilton region ranging from Hamilton to Kitchener, Uxbridge, Belleville, and other regions outside of downtown Toronto and within the downtown area.

APPENDIX 2

Rees Street Thematic Analysis Full Summaries

1. Rees Ridge
2. Rees Landing
3. The Nest
4. Rees Street Free Forest
5. Down North

REES RIDGE RESPONSE THEMES			
CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	23	blank	539
like barrier/hill/ridge	14	Total # of qualitative responses	275
blank (no comment provided)	12	Positive	132
innovative design	11	Negative	83
Neutral	6	like barrier/hill/ridge**	66
likes views	5	Neutral	56
likes water/waterfall	4	innovative design	40
Not accessible	3	likes water/waterfall	33
unwelcoming/unsafe	2	generic/design experience	24
integrated design	2	integrated design	21
lack of shade/trees/canopy	2	likes visual aesthetic	21
likes amenities	2	lack of shade/trees/canopy	21
likes pavilion	2	likes open space	21
too much greenery/nature	1	too much open space	17
likes open space	1	likes green space/nature	15
like all season park	1	missing play	15
lack of amenities	1	likes views	15
likes play/good for kids	1	Dislikes barrier/hill/ridge	14
lack of water	1	not integrated design	13
missing dog area/offleash	1	likes pavilion	13
		unwelcoming/sunsafe	12
		bad/not innovative design	11
		not enough green/nature	11
		lack of amenities	11
		lack of water	11
		too much concrete	9
		innovative horticulture	7
		not all season park	7
		likes lighting	6
		likes amenities	6
		missing dog area/offleash	6
		dislikes pavilion	6
		too modern/urban	5
		Not accessible	5
		likes play/good for kids	5
		missing programming	4
		want more art features	3
		likes dog area/ offleash	3
		concern maintenance/ cost	2
		too much greenery/nature	2
		Likes trees/shade/canopy	2
		pollution/no air quality improvement	2
		dislikes views/no views	2
		missing lighting	1

	dislikes water	1
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REES LANDING RESPONSE THEMES			
CITY HALL		ONLINE	
blank (no comment provided)	12	blank	592
positive	8	Total # of qualitative responses	222
Neutral	5	Negative	89
innovative design	4	Neutral	63
likes open space	2	positive	62
likes amenities	2	generic experience	49
nice barrier/hill/ridge	2	lack of greenery	17
likes topography	1	likes green space	16
dislikes topography	1	bad design	15
integrated design	1	innovative design	15
generic experience	1	likes visual aesthetic	15
too much greenery	1	not integrated design	13
too much open space	1	unwelcoming	12
missing play	1	integrated design	11
likes water	1	lack of amenities	11
missing dog area/offleash	1	too much concrete	10
likes wetland	1	lack of shade/trees/canopy	10
		missing play	10
		too much open space	9
		likes open space	7
		not all season park	7
		likes dog area/ offleash	7
		likes water	6
		lack of water	6
		missing dog area/offleash	5
		dislikes views/no views	5
		likes pavilion	5
		dislikes pavilion	5
		concern maintenance / cost	4
		likes amenities	4
		likes views	4
		like all season park	3
		lack mobility	3
		feasibility	2
		nice barrier/hill/ridge	2
		innovative horticulture	1
		want more art features	1
		too much greenery	1

THE NEST RESPONSE THEMES

CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	11	blank	568
blank (no comment provided)	5	Total # of qualitative responses	246
innovative design	5	Positive	97
Negative	2	Negative	93
Neutral	2	too much concrete	56
likes birds nest	2	Neutral	54
dislikes birds nest	2	likes amenities	35
bad design	2	likes visual aesthetic	33
likes play	2	generic experience	32
likes topography	1	integrated design	30
safe	1	lack of greenery (and nature)	29
integrated design	1	likes green space (and nature)	24
not integrated design	1	innovative design	14
likes green space (and nature)	1	likes open space	13
lack of shade/trees/canopy	1	like all season park	13
too much open space	1	not integrated design	12
like all season park	1	lack of shade/trees/canopy	10
likes amenities	1	lack of water	10
likes pavilion	1	likes pavilion	10
unclear proposal	1	lack of amenities	9
		missing play	9
		bad design	8
		Likes bike path	8
		likes dog area/ offleash	7
		missing dog area/offleash	5
		unwelcoming (includes unsafe)	4
		feasibility	4
		too much open space	4
		concern maintenance/ costs	3
		not all season park	3
		likes views	3
		dislike bike path	3
		want more art features	2
		too modern	2
		lack mobility	2
		likes water	2
		dislikes pavilion	2
		innovative horticulture	1
		likes natural light	1
		missing natural light	1
		dislikes views/no views	1

REES FREE FOREST RESPONSE THEMES			
CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	13	blank	550
blank (no comment provided)	12	Total # of qualitative responses	264
innovative design	8	Positive	115
likes green space	6	Negative	102
likes wooden play area	5	bad design	55
good for kids	4	innovative design	51
Neutral	3	innovative horticulture	48
like all season park	2	Neutral	43
safe/welcoming	1	likes green space	34
disconnected design	1	unwelcoming / unsafe	32
lack of greenery	1	generic experience	27
lack of shade/trees/canopy	1	likes visual aesthetic	20
lack accessibility/mobility	1	good for kids	20
likes amenities	1	dislikes wooden play area	19
		not connected design	13
		not feasible	13
		likes wooden play area	13
		integrated design	11
		lack of greenery	10
		too much greenery	9
		likes amenities	9
		lack of amenities	9
		missing play	8
		missing dog area/offleash	6
		too much concrete	5
		like all season park	5
		too much open space	4
		not all season park	4
		lack of water	4
		likes open space	3
		lack accessibility/mobility	3
		likes water	3
		dislikes views/no views	3
		dislikes pavilion	3
		feasible	2
		concern maintenance cost	2
		lacks open space	2
		likes dog area/ offleash	2
		likes natural light	1
		missing natural light	1
		lack of shade/trees/canopy	1
		pollution/no air quality improvement	1
		nice barrier/hill/ridge	1

	likes pavilion	1
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DOWN NORTH FOREST RESPONSE THEMES

CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	13	Blank	563
innovative design	5	Total # of qualitative responses	251
likes winter focus	5	Neutral	69
likes toboggan	4	Negative	62
blank (no comment provided)	2	Positive	61
likes water	2	design proposal is not clear	48
park is kid friendly	2	likes toboggan	46
Neutral	1	bad design	26
integrated design	1	innovative design	25
concern maintenance cost	1	park is kid friendly	18
likes green space/nature	1	likes all season focus	17
Likes trees/canopy	1	Not enough green space/nature	16
likes open space	1	generic experience/design	13
not all season park	1	concern maintenance cost	12
likes amenities	1	park not for adults	12
missing traditional play	1	not all season park	10
design proposal is not clear	1	does not like visual aesthetic	9
		too much concrete	9
		likes green space/nature	9
		lack of amenities	9
		safety concern over toboggan	9
		lack of shade/trees/canopy	8
		missing traditional play	7
		missing dog area/offleash	7
		dislikes toboggan	6
		not integrated design	5
		not feasible	4
		dififcult for those with mobility proble	4
		likes climbing structure	4
		unwelcoming	3
		likes amenities	3
		nice barrier/hill/ridge	3
		integrated design	2
		likes visual aesthetic	2
		too much open space	2
		likes water	2
		lack of water	2
		innovative horticulture	1
		want more art features	1
		too modern	1
		missing natural light	1
		likes open space	1
		likes pavilion	1

	dislikes pavilion	1
	park not kid friendly	1

APPENDIX 3

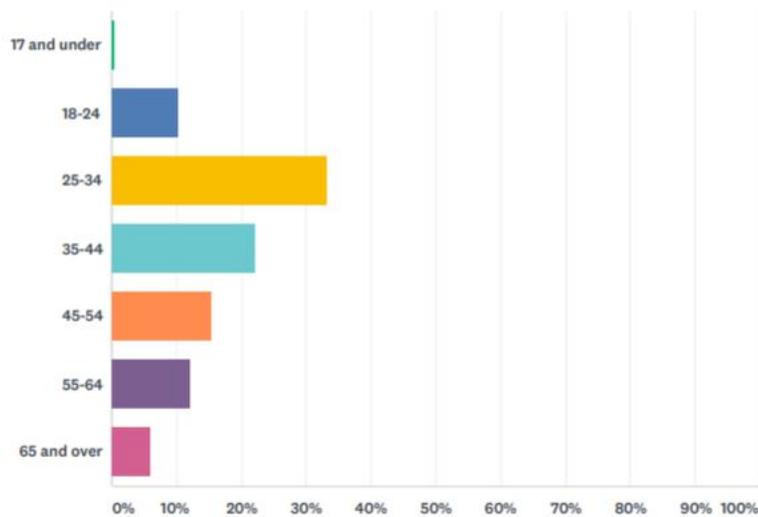
Demographic Breakdown, York Street Park Online Survey

1. Age
2. Gender ID/Expression
3. Geographic Representation

Age

Q1 What is your age:

Answered: 1,563 Skipped: 12

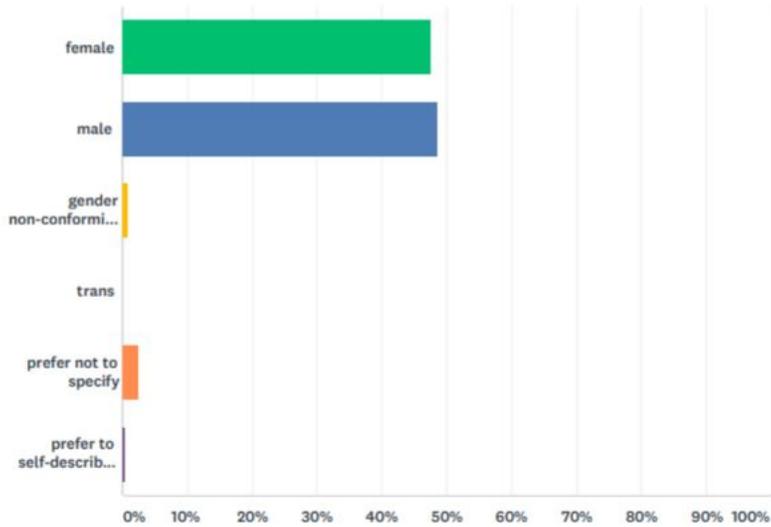


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 and under	0.51%	8
18-24	10.24%	160
25-34	33.27%	520
35-44	22.26%	348
45-54	15.42%	241
55-64	12.16%	190
65 and over	6.14%	96
TOTAL		1,563

Gender ID/Expression

Q2 How would you describe yourself?

Answered: 1,562 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
female	47.57% 743
male	48.53% 758
gender non-conforming / non-binary	0.83% 13
trans	0.06% 1
prefer not to specify	2.56% 40
prefer to self-describe as...	0.45% 7
TOTAL	1,562

Geographic Representation



The map shows that there was a wide range of respondents from all around the greater Toronto Hamilton region ranging from Hamilton to Montreal, Owen Sound, Minden, and other regions outside of the downtown Toronto area.

APPENDIX 4

York Street Thematic Analysis Full Summaries

1. Park Vert
2. York Forest
3. Gardiner Green
4. BYOT Park
5. Love Park

PARK VERT RESPONSE THEMES			
CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	31	blank	1165
blank	17	Total # of qualitative responses	410
likes pavilion	15	Positive	155
good/innovative design	13	Likes walkway/elevated space	141
likes water	6	Negative	136
likes green space/nature	5	Neutral	112
Likes shade/trees/canopy	5	good/innovative design	78
missing dog area/offleash	5	bad/not innovative design	53
Negative	3	likes water	50
lack of shade/trees/canopy	3	Doesn't like walkway/elevated space	49
likes views	3	too much concrete	30
preferred integration of the bents	3	unwelcoming / unsafe	29
Neutral	2	Dislikes water	29
innovative horticulture	2	likes green space/nature	26
too much concrete	2	lack of greenery/nature	24
lack of greenery/nature	2	lack of shade/trees/canopy	18
likes amenities	2	lack of amenities	18
splash pad too big	2	integrated design	16
safe/welcoming	1	remove/hate bents	16
generic design/ experience	1	missing play for kids	14
likes visual aesthetic	1	not all season park	13
want more art features	1	retain/love bents	13
likes open space	1	likes amenities	9
lack accessibility/mobility	1	lack of water	9
dislikes views/no views	1	missing dog area/offleash	9
dislikes pavilion	1	preferred integration of the bents	9
retain/love bents	1	generic design/ experience	8
remove/hate bents	1	likes open space	7
doesn't meet neighbourhood/user needs	1	Likes shade/trees/canopy	5
		too much greenery	4
		likes views	4
		Like play features/activations	4
		likes visual aesthetic	3
		want more art features	3
		concern maintenance/ cost	3
		likes dog area/ offleash	3
		dislikes pavilion	3
		dislike play features/activations	3
		doesn't meet neighbourhood/user needs	3
		does not like visual aesthetic	2
		too much open space	2
		Meets neighbourhood/ user needs	2
		not integrated design	1

	likes natural lighting	1
	lacks open space	1
	dislikes views/no views	1

YORK FOREST RESPONSE THEMES

CITY HALL		ONLINE	
blank	14	blank	1188
Positive	12	Total # of qualitative responses	387
Neutral	3	Negative	158
likes green space	3	Positive	122
missing dog area/offleash	3	Neutral	103
Negative	1	likes green space	97
Likes shade/trees/canopy	1	likes water	63
not all season park	1	generic experience	45
lack accessibility/mobility	1	comments about the 'sketch-like' proposal	45
missing traditional play	1	Likes shade/trees/canopy	35
remove bents	1	does not want water	32
doesn't meet neighbourhood needs	1	likes amenities / furniture	29
comments about the 'sketch-like' proposal	1	remove bents	25
		missing play	24
		innovative design	21
		concern maintenance/ cost	21
		likes visual aesthetic	20
		lack of amenities / furniture	18
		unwelcoming / unsafe	17
		lack of greenery	17
		too much concrete	15
		retain bents	14
		concerns about pests (mosquito, bees, ticks)	11
		integrated design	9
		too much greenery	8
		not integrated design	7
		not feasible	7
		lack of shade/trees/canopy	7
		likes open space	7
		missing dog area/offleash	7
		innovative horticulture	6
		too much open space	6
		lacks open space	5
		doesn't meet neighbourhood needs	5
		bad design	4
		like all season park	4
		not all season park	4
		dislikes pavilion	3
		lack of water	2
		likes dog area/ offleash	2
		Meets neighbourhood resident needs	2
		likes natural light	1
		missing natural light	1

	lack accessibility/mobility	1
	pollution/no air quality improvement	1
	likes pavilion	1

GARDINER GREEN RESPONSE THEMES			
CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	14	blank	1169
blank	10	Total # of qualitative responses	403
retain bents/ likes the bents	8	Positive	165
Likes shade/trees/canopy	5	Neutral	120
innovative design	4	Negative	103
Negative	3	likes green space	69
likes green space	3	retain bents/ likes the bents	64
missing dog area/offleash	3	remove bents/dislikes bents	63
remove bents/dislikes bents	2	Likes shade/trees/canopy	61
Neutral	1	innovative design	35
feels safe	1	unwelcoming / unsafe	31
integrated design	1	bad design	30
too much concrete	1	generic experience/ boring	21
missing natural light	1	Likes seating	19
not all season park	1	lack of water	17
likes amenities	1	likes amenities	16
lack of amenities	1	missing traditional play	14
missing traditional play	1	missing dog area/offleash	14
lack of water	1	likes visual aesthetic	13
likes dog area/ offleash	1	likes water	13
likes pavilion	1	feels peaceful	12
Meets neighbourhood resident needs	1	integrated design	11
doesn't meet neighbourhood needs	1	too much concrete	11
		not integrated design	10
		lack of amenities	10
		lacks open space	8
		lack of greenery	7
		lack of shade/trees/canopy	7
		doesn't meet neighbourhood needs	7
		concern maintenance/ cost	6
		dislikes seating	6
		lack of visibility through park	6
		too much greenery	5
		trees too large/too many trees/not appro	5
		Like play features	5
		innovative horticulture	4
		feels safe	4
		not feasible	4
		not all season park	4
		concern with lighting at night	3
		too modern	3
		lack accessibility/mobility	3
		dislikes water feature or mist	3

	likes lighting	2
	not enough evergreens	2
	likes open space	2
	likes dog area/ offleash	2
	likes pavilion	2
	dislikes pavilion	2
	dislikes visual aesthetic	1
	feasible	1
	missing natural light	1
	like all season park	1
	dislikes amenities	1
	likes views	1
	dislike play features	1
	does not want water	1
	visibility through park	1

BYOT RESPONSE THEMES

CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	10	blank	1170
blank	9	Total # of qualitative responses	405
Negative	7	Negative	238
Like play features/activations	6	Neutral	93
retain/love bents	4	Positive	74
remove/hate bents	3	too much concrete	73
innovative design	2	remove/hate bents	66
lack of greenery/nature	2	lack of greenery/nature	56
likes amenities	2	generic design/ experience	52
dislike play features/activations	2	Like play features/activations	46
unwelcoming / unsafe	1	innovative design	39
too busy/active; not restful	1	bad/not innovative design	32
integrated design	1	unwelcoming / unsafe	26
too much concrete	1	concern maintenance/ cost	26
missing lighting	1	lack of water	25
likes green space/nature	1	dislike play features/activations	23
Likes shade/trees/canopy	1	likes green space/nature	21
lack of shade/trees/canopy	1	likes visual aesthetic	17
likes open space	1	likes amenities	15
not all season park	1	doesn't meet neighbourhood/user needs	15
missing traditional play	1	missing play	14
missing dog area/offleash	1	lack of shade/trees/canopy	13
likes pavilion	1	lack of amenities	13
		retain/love bents	12
		too busy/active; not restful	10
		integrated design	8
		likes dog area/ offleash	8
		not integrated design	7
		too modern	7
		likes open space	7
		too much open space	6
		not all season park	6
		missing dog area/offleash	6
		Likes shade/trees/canopy	5
		Meets neighbourhood/ user needs	4
		Like trellis	4
		lacks open space	3
		likes water	3
		like all season park	2
		lack accessibility/mobility	2
		innovative horticulture	1
		want more art features	1
		likes lighting	1

	missing lighting	1
	too much greenery	1
	dislikes views/no views	1
	dislikes pavilion	1

LOVE PARK RESPONSE THEMES

CITY HALL		ONLINE	
Positive	22	blank	1135
blank	21	Total # of qualitative responses	351
likes pond	7	Positive	207
Neutral	5	Neutral	144
Negative	3	innovative design	93
innovative design	3	likes pond	92
likes visual aesthetic	3	pond too big	82
likes green space/nature	3	Negative	65
does not like or missing dog area/offleash	3	likes visual aesthetic	43
destination park	2	likes green space/nature	43
missing play for kids	2	generic design/ experience	33
pond too big	2	likes pavilion	29
unwelcoming / unsafe	1	bad/not innovative design	27
integrated design	1	lack of greenery/nature	26
generic design/ experience	1	Likes shade/trees/canopy	24
too much concrete	1	lack of shade/trees/canopy	22
lack of greenery/nature	1	likes amenities	20
lack of shade/trees/canopy	1	lack of amenities	17
lacks open space	1	preferred that they keep the bents	17
dislikes pavilion	1	does not want pond near lake	17
hate/remoe bents	1	likes all season park	16
Like play features/activations	1	dislikes pavilion	15
for all ages and abilities	1	does not like pond	15
		integrated design	14
		does not like or missing dog area/offleash	14
		concern maintenance/ cost	12
		likes dog area/ offleash	12
		prefer the park design without bents	11
		too gimicky	11
		destination	10
		too much concrete	10
		likes open space	10
		not for all ages and abilities	10
		missing play for kids	9
		not integrated design	8
		missing natural lighting	8
		innovative horticulture	7
		likes visibility throughout the park	7
		too composed	6
		too much open space	5
		lacks open space	4
		unwelcoming / unsafe	3
		doesn't meet neighbourhood/user needs	3

	for all ages and abilities	3
	too much greenery	2
	Meets neighbourhood/ user needs	2
	want more art features	1
	too modern	1
	feasible	1
	likes natural lighting	1
	not all season park	1
	lack of features/activations	1
	pond will attract bugs	1

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