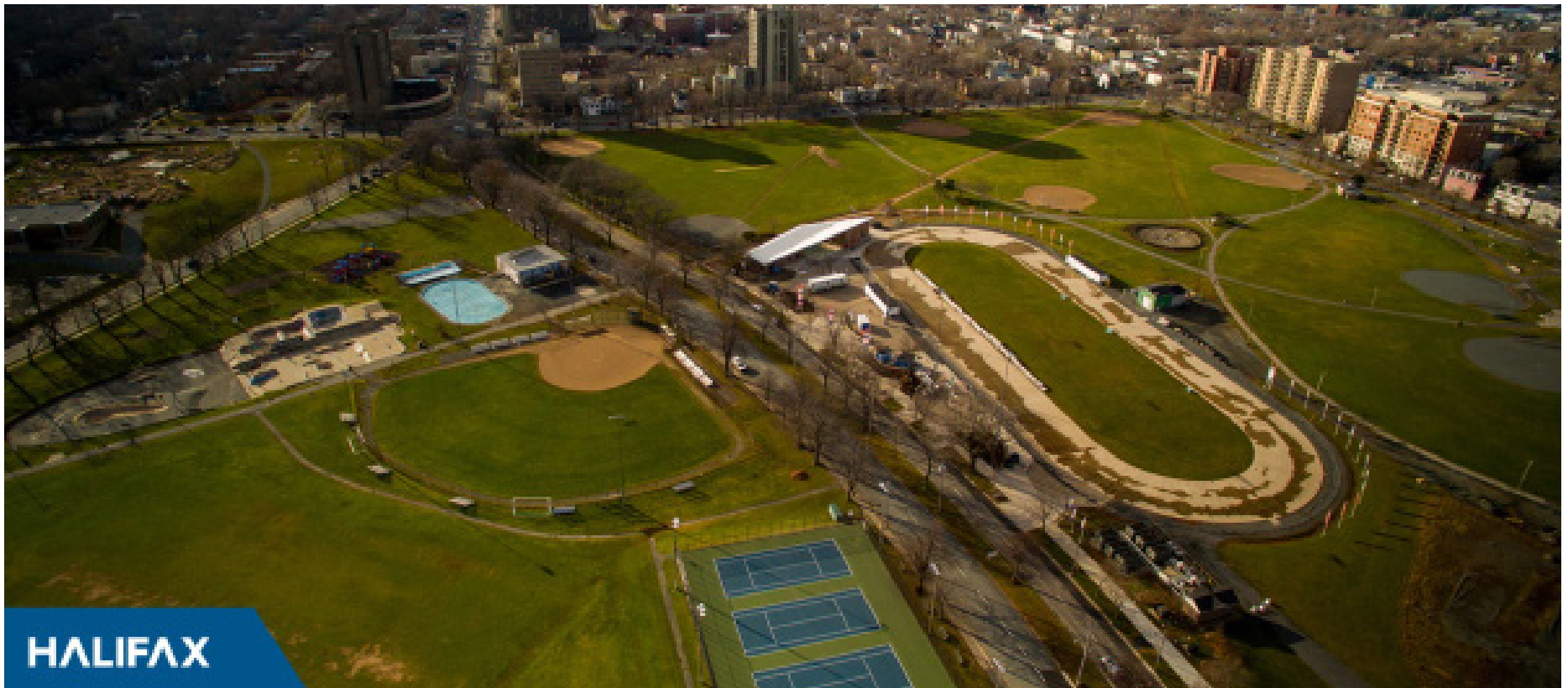


Welcome!

April 25, 2018 Public Meeting



Purpose Tonight

1. Present key engagement findings.
2. Gather input on big decisions under consideration.



The Halifax Common

What is a Master Plan?

A document that looks at a piece of land and makes long term recommendations of what should, and what shouldn't happen there.



**Policy and planning
framework**



**Parks and Open Spaces
Plan**



Renewal Action Plans

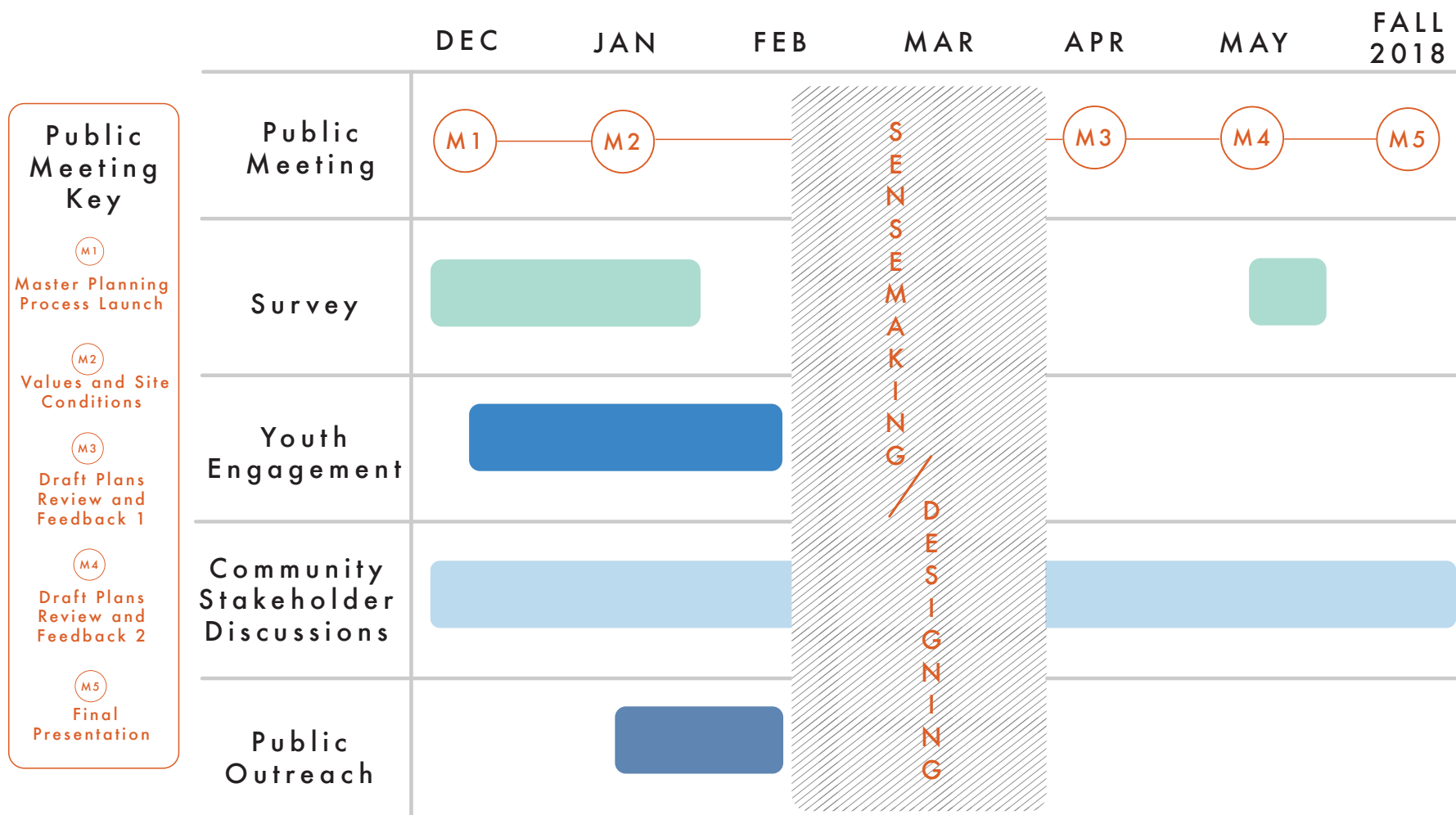


**Outdoor Aquatic Area
Concept Design**

HALIFAX COMMON

Masterplanning

ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



Contributing Factors

Public Input: Approx 1600 people so far

Municipal plans/strategies,

94 Common Plan

Rec users data and needs assessment

Heritage

Archaeological Analysis

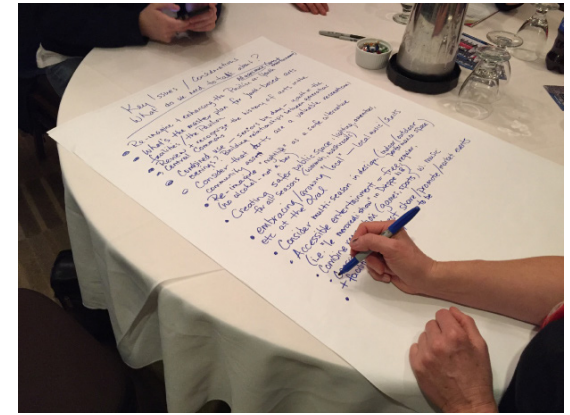
Public Meeting 1 - Launch

- December 11, 2017 at Atlantica Hotel
- Approximately 200 people attended
- Majority live on the Halifax peninsula.

What do we need to consider as we begin this master planning process?

How do we ensure that the Common is great for all?

Public Meeting 1 Outcomes



What do we need to consider now, as we begin this planning process?

Green and Open Space
Natural Landscaping
People Places
Equitable Access
The Whole Common
Integration with Context
Pedestrian and Bike Experiences
Indoor Spaces and Shelter
Limiting Imposing Structures
Inclusive Process
Good Process
Action on Implementation

How do we ensure that the Common is great for all?

Animated Public Space
Recreation Infrastructure & Activities
Sense of Connection
Minimize Development
Diversity and Inclusivity
Multigenerational and Family Focus
Naturalization
Grow Food
Food and Vending
Safety
Water Features
Arts and Events

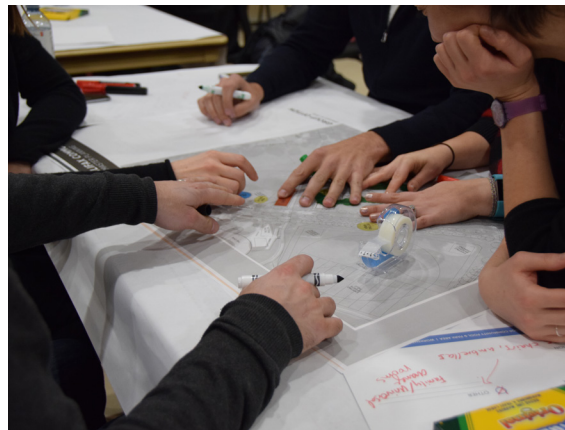
Public Meeting 2 - Workshop

- February 11, 2018 at Citadel High Atrium
- Approximately 125 people attended
- Strong youth representation
- More mainland residents than meeting 1

Map activity - what needs to be cherished and protected, what needs to be improved or changed?

Design charrette - new outdoor aquatic area

Public Meeting 2 Outcomes



Whole Common top favourite features

Common Roots Urban Farm

All green space

Skate park

Public Gardens

The Oval

Whole Common top priority features to improve

Youth art and music space (Pavilion)

Pool and splash pad

Skate park

North Common green and open spaces

Comfort, access and movement for diverse uses

Outdoor aquatic area, playground and open space



LEGEND

- Deep pool
- Sitting/picnic area
- Plantings
- Temporary stage

This map shows the compilation of each group's preferred arrangement for the aquatic features, playground, picnicing and green space. Each scheme was digitized and overlaid revealing considerable consensus on the favoured elements and their relationships.

Outdoor aquatic area, playground and open space

Recreation

Play, fun, socializing

Learning to swim

Accessible to all

Connectivity between spaces

No big fences

Not for competition or sport

Not over the top or themed

Youth Engagement

Two workshops with 60 youth at
Citadel High School

One workshop with 13 Youth at
Youth Art Connection, Art Hub

Youth Engagement Outcomes

Top desirable improvements

Outdoor and indoor social and passive use spaces
Increased safety

Music on the common

Beautification of the common

Active, interactive, and playful spaces

Improvement of existing amenities

Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

User group organizations - 5

Community groups - 9

Approximately 200 individuals reached

User Organizations

Halifax Plays

Halifax Sport and Social Club

Bengal Lancers

Pavillion Youth Association

Common Roots Urban Farm

Lawn Bowling Club

Community Groups

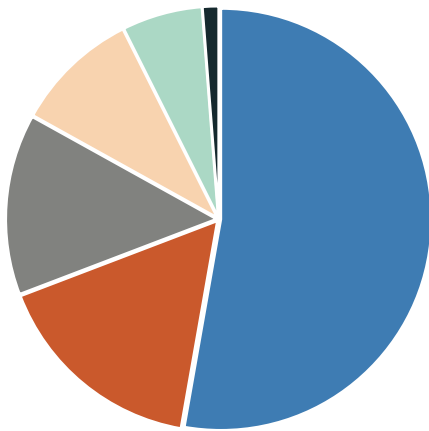
- Friends of the Halifax Common
- North End Community Round Table
- Halifax Cultural Inclusion Committee
- Youth arts program providers
- Gordon Isenor building residents
- Halifax Libraries English language discussion groups
- MCDC parent support group
- MFC elders supper

Survey Results

- December 12 - February 12
- 1106 responses
- An equal number of men and women
- 0.6% gender non-conforming

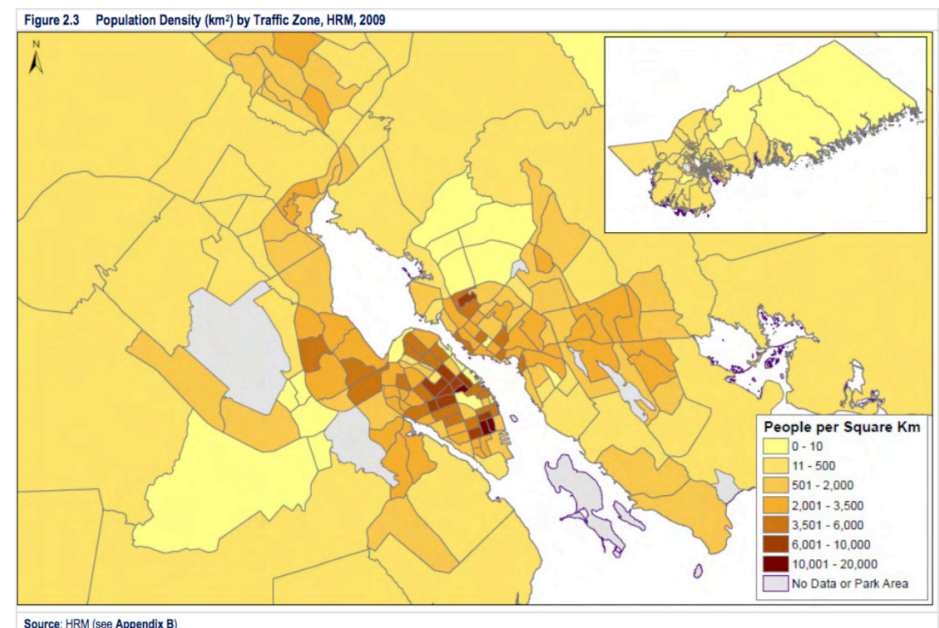
Respondent Information

Home Neighbourhoods



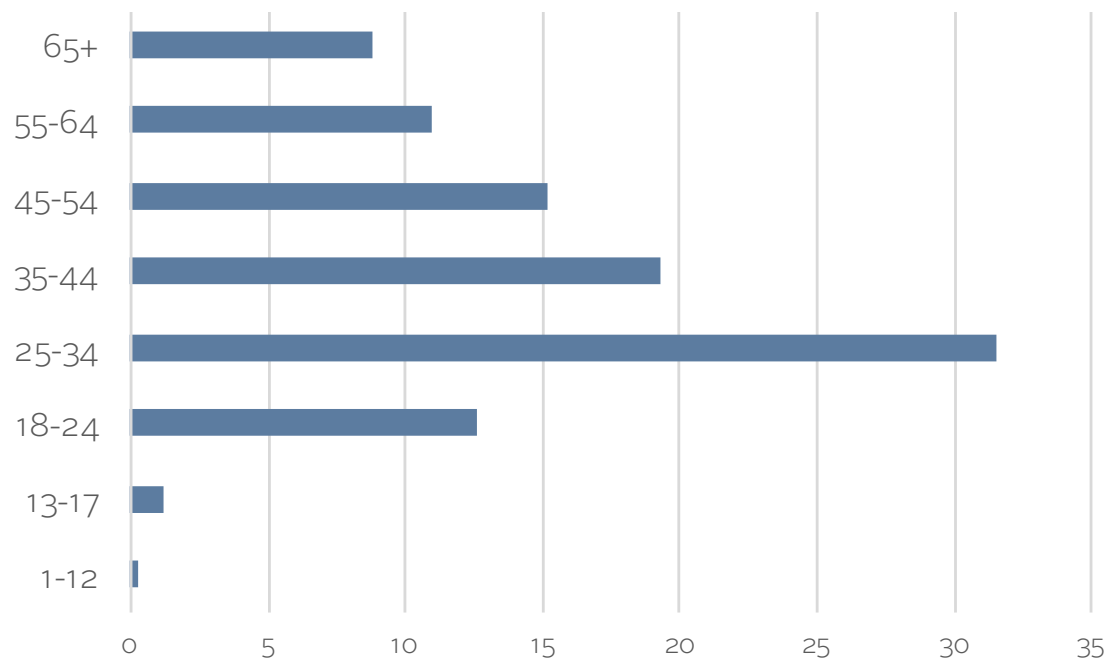
- Peninsula Halifax
- Mainland Halifax
- Dartmouth and Eastern Shore
- Upper HRM
- Sambro Loop
- Other

HRM Population Density

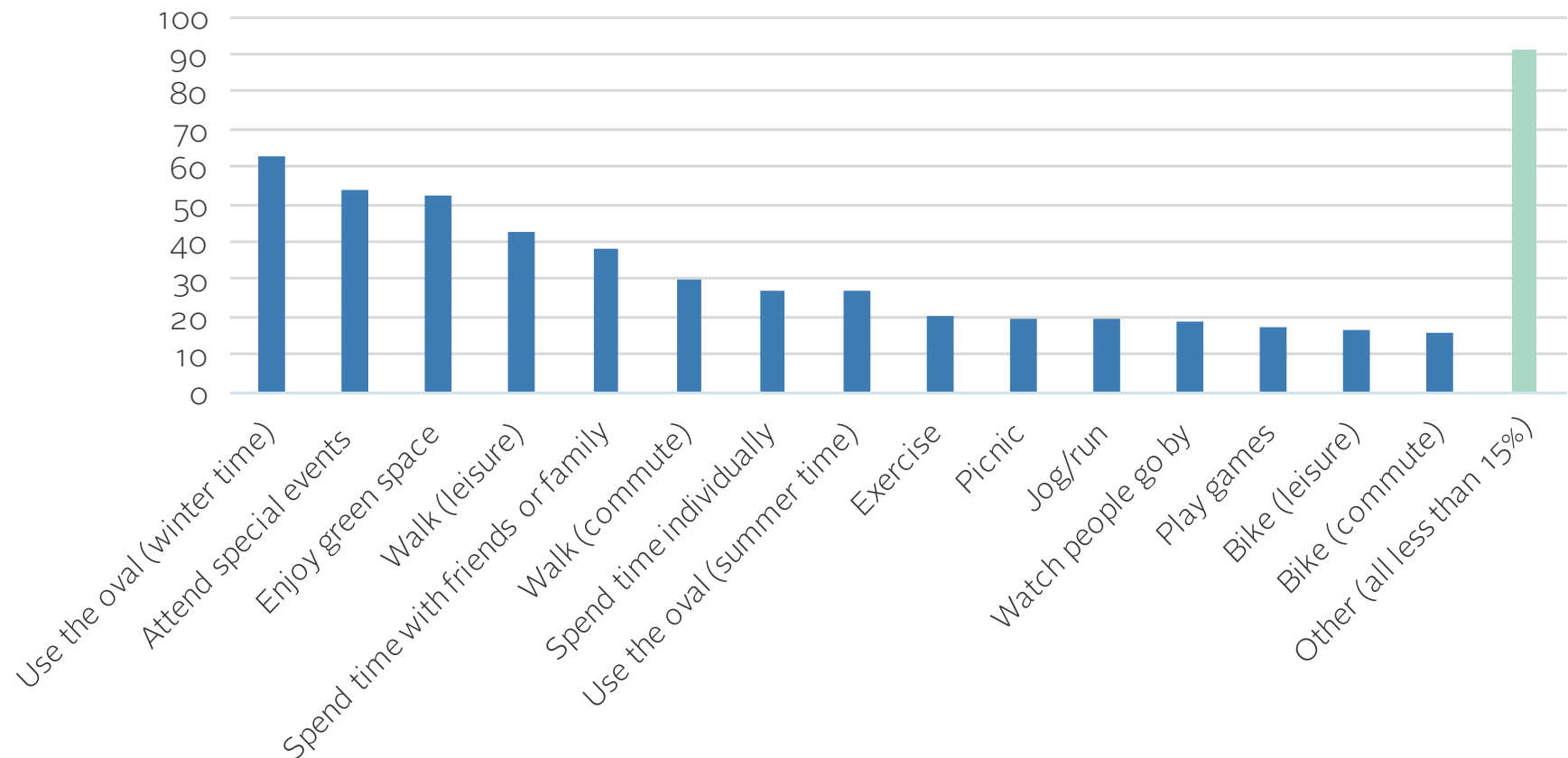


Respondent Information

Age of Respondents



Current Uses - top responses



Favorite Features

TOP TEN FAVORITE FEATURES ON THE COMMON

The Oval
Multi - Use Paths
Trees
Open Lawn Areas
Bathrooms
Benches and Seating
Fountains
Landscaping and Garden Beds
Public Art
Skateboard and Bike Park

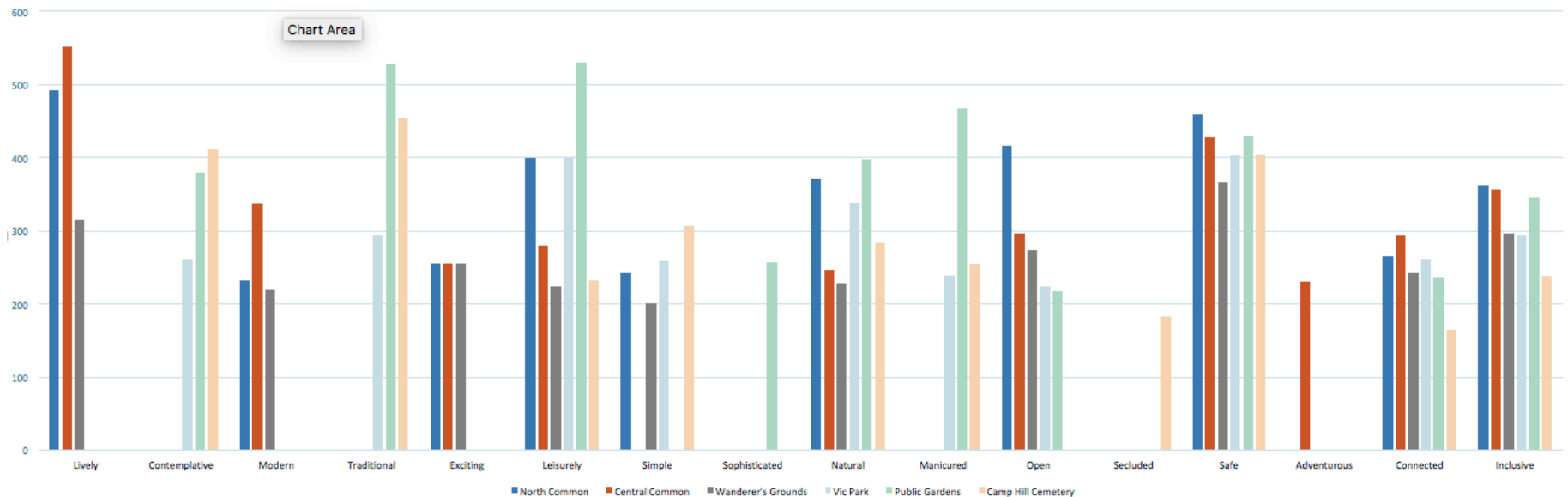
Features to Improve

TOP TEN FEATURES TO IMPROVE ON THE COMMON

Bathrooms
Outdoor Pool
Benches and Seating
Lighting
Trees
Public Art
North Common Fountain
Landscaping and Garden Beds
Spray Pad
Informal Dirt Paths

Desired Tone in Areas of the Common

- North Common
- Central Common
- Wanderer's Grounds
- Public Gardens
- Camphill Cemetery
- Victoria Park



How might the Common best serve your needs and the needs of a growing city?

MOST FREQUENT RESPONSES

Unstructured, green, open space

Accessible for everyone

Diverse activities

Community gathering places

Overall Big Themes

PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE

Inclusive and accessible for everyone

Increased diversity of uses

Stronger identity and sense of place

Connectivity throughout

Connection among community

Overall Big Themes

CONTEMPORARY PARK

Minimize hard surface and buildings

Improve quality of green space

Balance of recreation uses and features

Places to linger and socialize

*What is standing out for you
from this information we've
gathered?*

Is anything surprising you?

What's next in the master planning process?

Workshop Introduction

- Stations around the room
- Open house format
- Data, possibilities, choices
- Focus on what is important to you

List of Stations

- North Common Open Space (x2)
- Vegetation and Green Space
- Gathering Places
- Centre of the Oval
- Active Transportation
- Money Matters
- Cultural Heritage Landscape