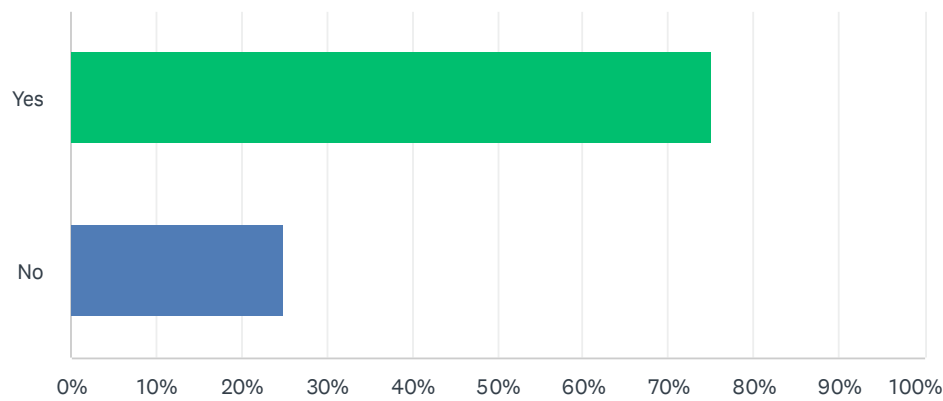


# Q1 Do you use the Chartiers Creek Trail

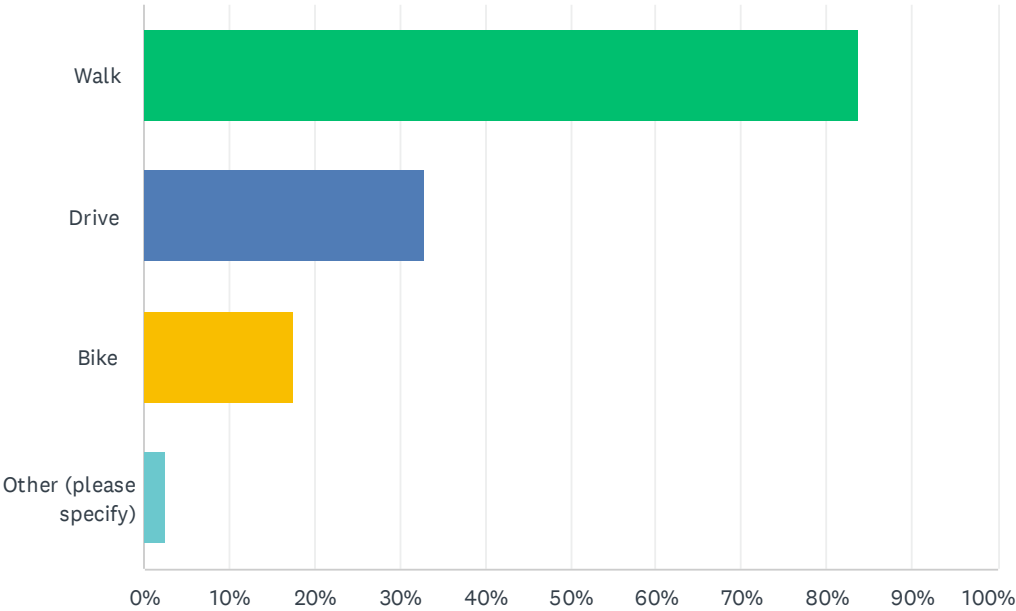
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.12%	163
No	24.88%	54
TOTAL		217

Q2 Do you walk, drive, bike or use another vehicle to get to the Chartiers Creek Trail? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 155    Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	83.87%	130
Drive	32.90%	51
Bike	17.42%	27
Other (please specify)	2.58%	4
Total Respondents: 155		

### **Question 3 – Which Activities do you use the trail [Creekside Trail] for most?**

#### **Most Popular Activities:**

- **Walking** - By far the most mentioned activity, appearing in over half of all responses
- **Dog walking** - The second most common activity, often combined with walking
- **Running/Jogging** - Frequently mentioned, sometimes paired with other activities

#### **Other Common Activities:**

- **Biking** - Popular but less frequent than walking activities
- **Bird watching** - A notable nature-focused activity
- **Fishing** - Mentioned regularly throughout responses
- **Nature observation/study** - Including plant identification and general nature appreciation

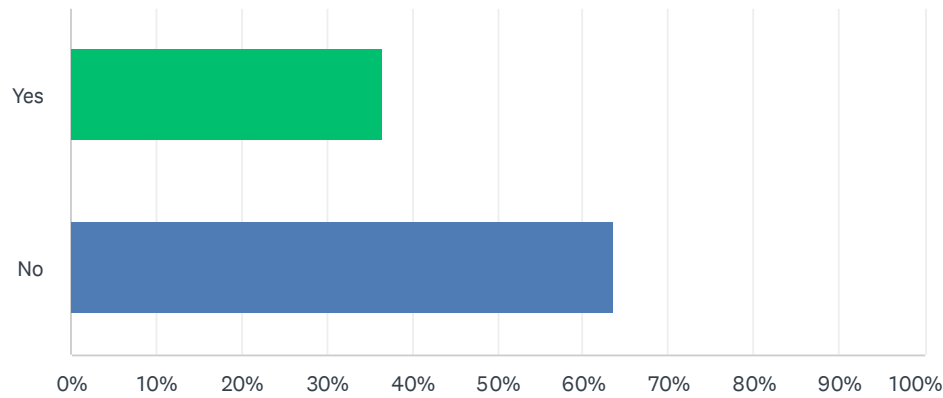
#### **Less Common but Notable Activities:**

- Photography
- Playing with children near the creek
- Rock skipping/throwing
- Cross-country skiing
- Swimming (though safety concerns were noted)
- Commuting
- Reading outdoors
- YouTube filming

**Key Insights:** The trail serves primarily as a pedestrian corridor, with walking and dog walking dominating usage. Many respondents combine multiple activities during their visits. There's strong interest in nature-based activities beyond just exercise, suggesting the trail's value as both a recreational and educational resource. Some respondents noted infrastructure limitations (like bike trail quality) that might affect their activity choices.

# Q4 Do you use the Baker's Acres property?

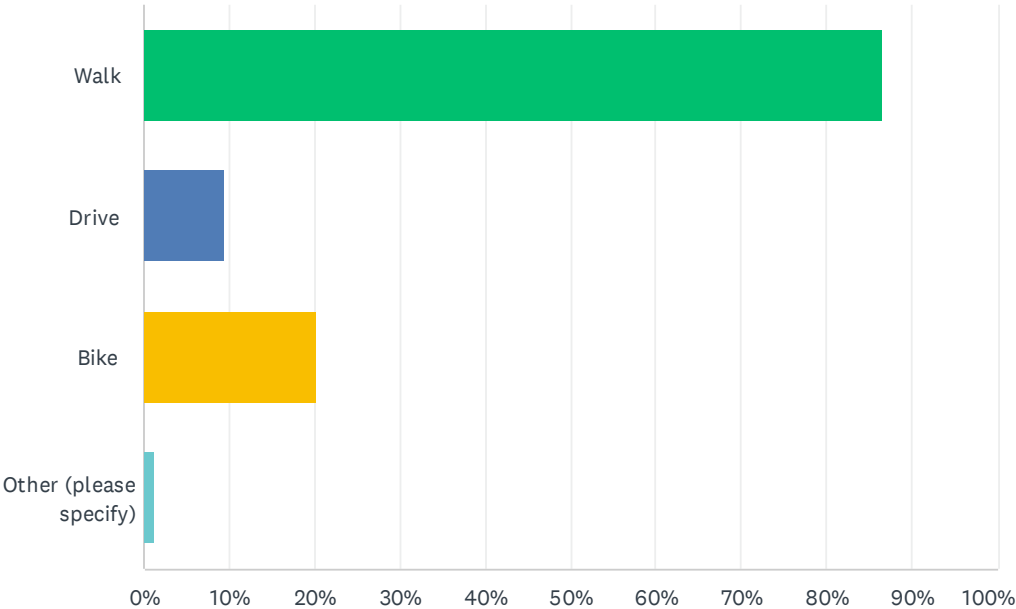
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.45%	74
No	63.55%	129
TOTAL		203

Q5 Do you walk, drive, bike, or use another vehicle to get to Baker's Acres? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 74    Skipped: 144



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	86.49%	64
Drive	9.46%	7
Bike	20.27%	15
Other (please specify)	1.35%	1
Total Respondents: 74		

## Question 6 - Which activities do you use the trail [Bakers Acres] for most?

### Most Popular Activities:

- **Walking** - Overwhelmingly the most common activity, mentioned in the vast majority of responses
- **Dog walking** - The second most frequent activity, often the primary purpose for trail use
- **Biking** - Third most common, including both regular and gravel biking

### Other Notable Activities:

- **Running/Jogging** - Mentioned several times, often combined with walking
- **Commuting** - Used as a transportation route, including walking to/from school
- **Multi-purpose use** - Many respondents combine walking with biking or running

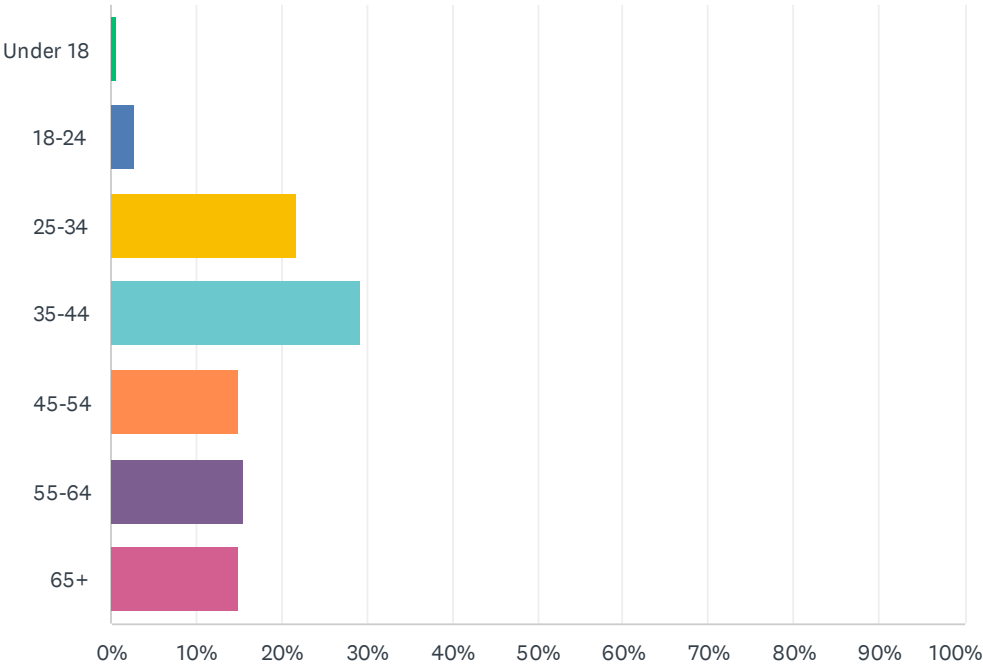
### Specific Mentions:

- **Stair climbing** - One respondent specifically mentioned using trail stairs for exercise
- **Photography** - Occasional recreational photography while walking
- **Nature walking** - Focused on enjoying the natural environment
- **Shortcut/Transportation** - Trail used as a practical route to destinations like parks or connecting to other trails

**Key Insights:** The trail functions primarily as a walking corridor, with dog walking being a major driver of regular usage. There's significant interest in biking, with one respondent noting they "would love to use my bike," suggesting potential for increased cycling if conditions were improved. The trail serves dual purposes as both a recreational space and a practical transportation route for the community.

## Q7 What is your age?

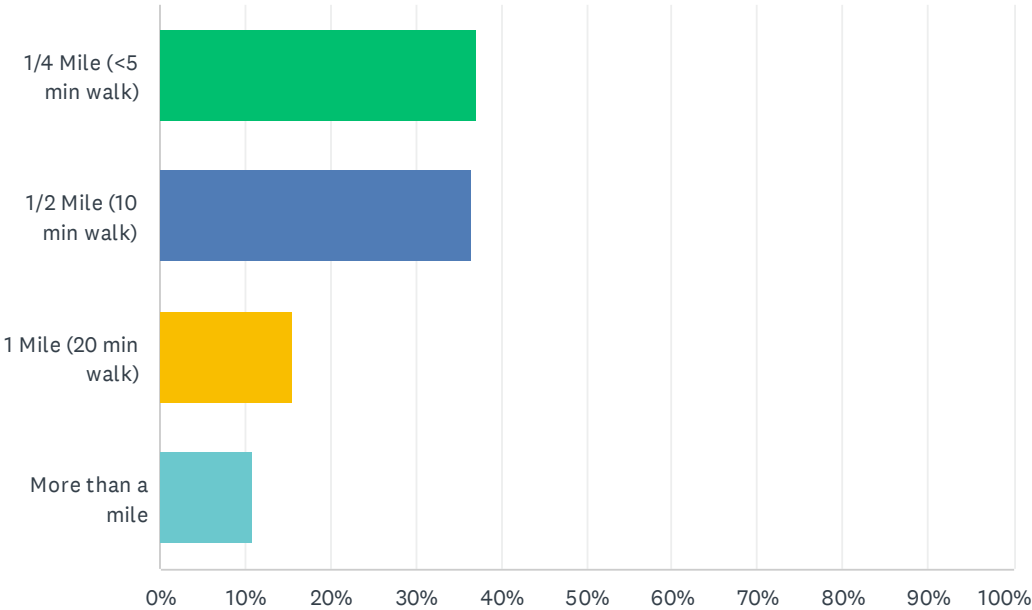
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.68%	1
18-24	2.72%	4
25-34	21.77%	32
35-44	29.25%	43
45-54	14.97%	22
55-64	15.65%	23
65+	14.97%	22
TOTAL		147

## Q8 How close do you live to the trail?

Answered: 148    Skipped: 70

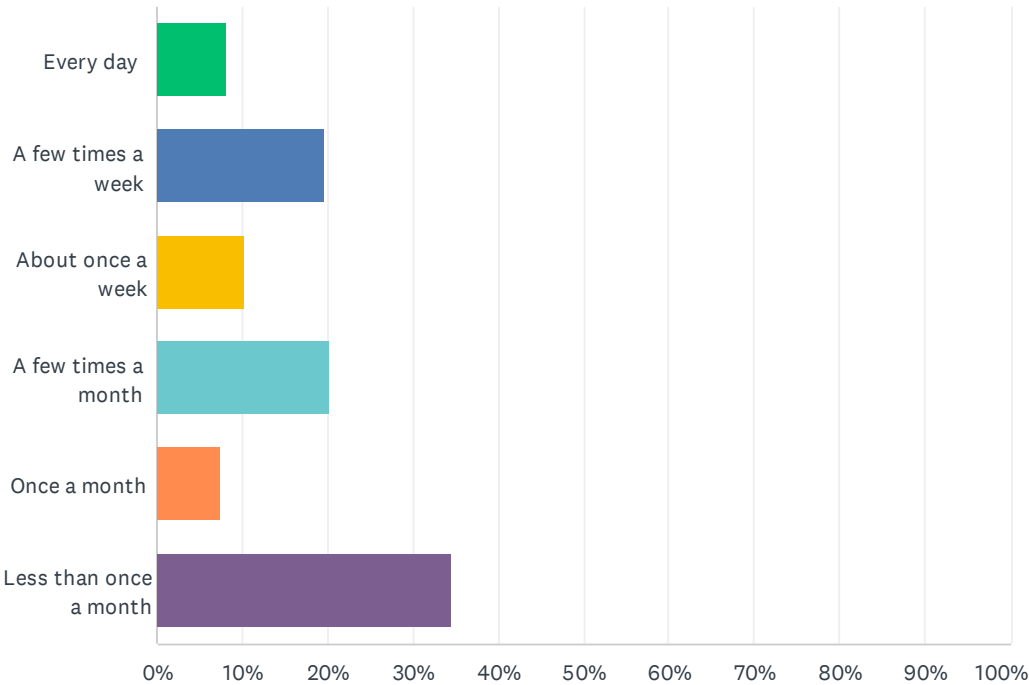


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1/4 Mile (<5 min walk)	37.16%	55
1/2 Mile (10 min walk)	36.49%	54
1 Mile (20 min walk)	15.54%	23
More than a mile	10.81%	16
TOTAL		148



## Q9 How often do you use one of the trails?

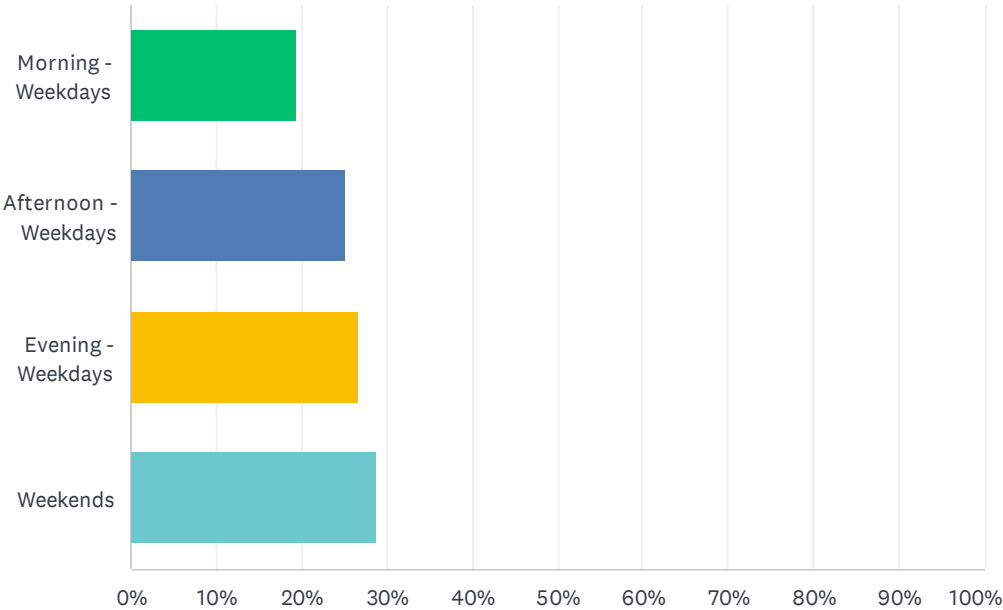
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	8.11%	12
A few times a week	19.59%	29
About once a week	10.14%	15
A few times a month	20.27%	30
Once a month	7.43%	11
Less than once a month	34.46%	51
TOTAL		148

Q10 When do you typically use the trail?

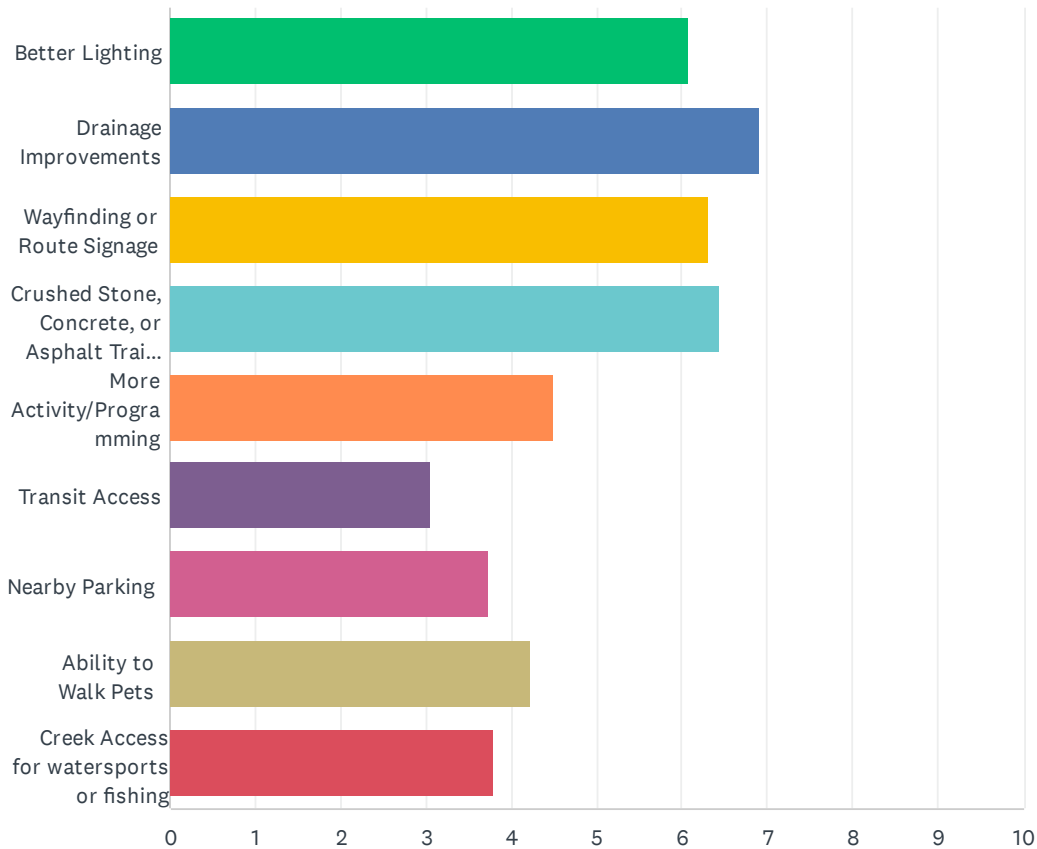
Answered: 139    Skipped: 79



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Morning - Weekdays	19.42%	27
Afternoon - Weekdays	25.18%	35
Evening - Weekdays	26.62%	37
Weekends	28.78%	40
TOTAL		139

Q11 What would make the trail more inviting to use? (please put answers in order of importance, from most important to least - you can drag and drop them in the order you prefer or you can use the arrows)

Answered: 147 Skipped: 71



# Public Survey - Trail Study

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	Score
Better Lighting	14.97% 22	21.77% 32	12.93% 19	17.69% 26	4.76% 7	12.24% 18	4.08% 6	4.76% 7	6.80% 10	147	
Drainage Improvements	23.81% 35	24.49% 36	14.97% 22	13.61% 20	10.88% 16	4.76% 7	5.44% 8	2.04% 3	0.00% 0	147	
Wayfinding or Route Signage	12.93% 19	14.29% 21	25.17% 37	17.69% 26	14.97% 22	4.76% 7	5.44% 8	2.72% 4	2.04% 3	147	
Crushed Stone, Concrete, or Asphalt Trail Surface	23.81% 35	15.65% 23	16.33% 24	13.61% 20	11.56% 17	6.12% 9	4.08% 6	4.76% 7	4.08% 6	147	
More Activity/Programming	2.04% 3	4.08% 6	6.12% 9	8.84% 13	29.93% 44	22.45% 33	14.29% 21	8.84% 13	3.40% 5	147	
Transit Access	0.68% 1	2.04% 3	3.40% 5	0.68% 1	4.08% 6	23.81% 35	25.85% 38	21.09% 31	18.37% 27	147	
Nearby Parking	4.08% 6	4.08% 6	6.12% 9	7.48% 11	10.20% 15	8.84% 13	23.81% 35	22.45% 33	12.93% 19	147	
Ability to Walk Pets	9.52% 14	6.80% 10	8.16% 12	11.56% 17	5.44% 8	8.84% 13	8.16% 12	26.53% 39	14.97% 22	147	
Creek Access for watersports or fishing	8.16% 12	6.80% 10	6.80% 10	8.84% 13	8.16% 12	8.16% 12	8.84% 13	6.80% 10	37.41% 55	147	

**Question 12: Is there something not listed above that would make the trail more inviting?**

**Top Priority Issues:**

**Maintenance & Cleanliness**

- General trail maintenance and upkeep (frequently mentioned)
- Regular mowing and weed management
- Trash cleanup along the creek
- Managing Japanese knotweed overgrowth
- Better drainage to prevent standing water and mud

**Environmental Concerns**

- Sewage smell and runoff issues affecting trail experience
- Creek pollution mitigation
- Industrial noise from nearby businesses

**Infrastructure Improvements**

**Seating & Rest Areas**

- Benches along the trail, especially overlooking the creek
- Rest areas and waystations

**Trail Surface & Accessibility**

- Better footing/surface (preference for crushed gravel over pavement)
- Improved bike-friendly surfaces
- Handicapped accessibility
- Better drainage design

**Connectivity & Navigation**

- Connections to other trail networks (Panhandle, Clearview, Pittsburgh trails)
- Better signage and trail information
- Online trail information and maps

## **Amenities**

- Garbage cans
- Porta-johns/bathrooms
- Water fountains
- Parking improvements

## **Safety & Security**

- Security cameras and call boxes
- Vehicle access control (preventing unauthorized motor vehicle use)
- Leash law enforcement for dogs

## **Nature Enhancement**

- Wildlife habitat improvements
- Educational signage about history and nature
- Bird-watching features
- Pollinator beds

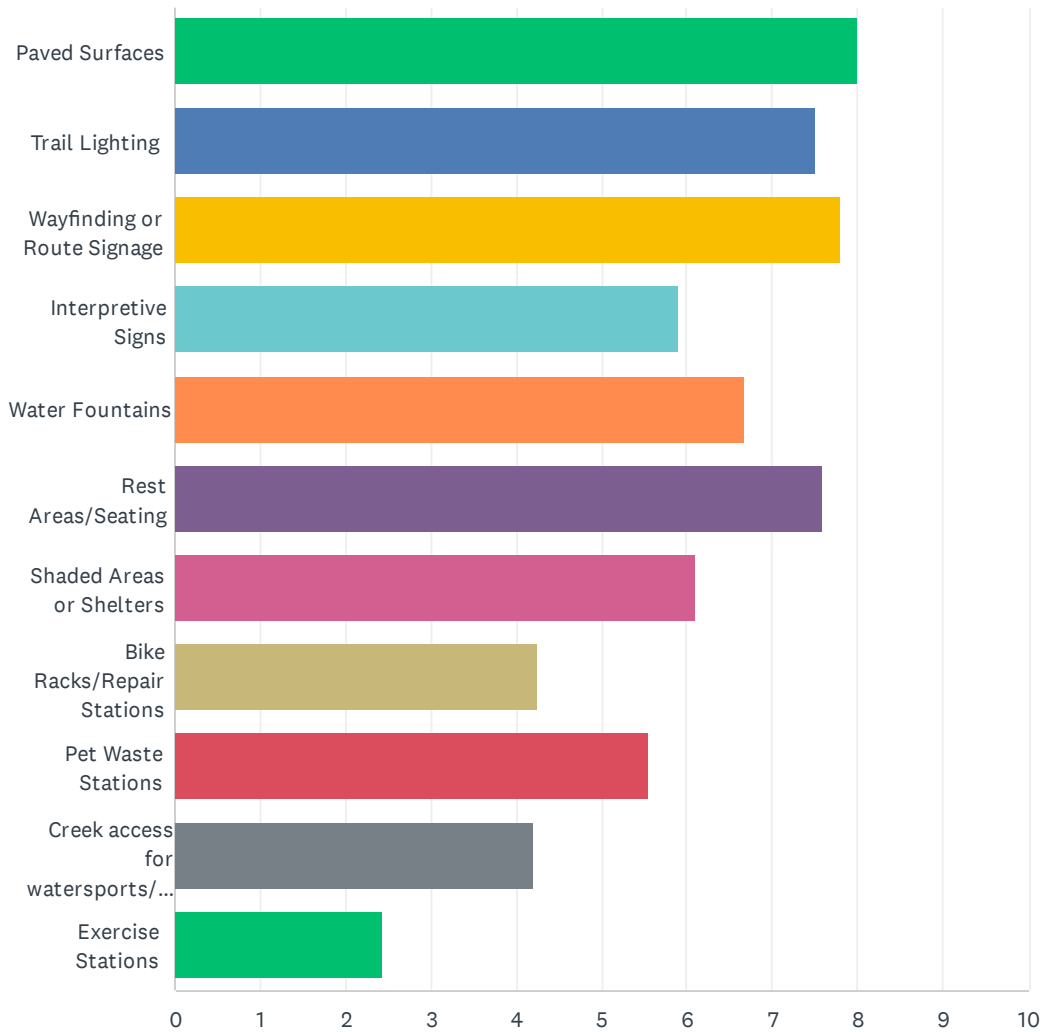
## **Notable Preferences:**

- Strong preference for keeping trails natural rather than heavily developed
- Mixed opinions on lighting (some want it, others prefer dark sky preservation)
- Emphasis on basic maintenance over major infrastructure projects

**Awareness Issue:** Several respondents noted they didn't know the trails existed, indicating a need for better promotion and signage.

# Q13 What features/amenities would you like to see incorporated into a trail? (please put answers in order of importance, from most important to least)

Answered: 144 Skipped: 74



# Public Survey - Trail Study

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Paved Surfaces	30.56% 44	16.67% 24	11.11% 16	6.25% 9	7.64% 11	4.86% 7	4.86% 7	4.17% 6	2.08% 3	4.86% 7	6.94% 10
Trail Lighting	11.11% 16	27.08% 39	13.89% 20	4.86% 7	8.33% 12	9.72% 14	8.33% 12	3.47% 5	2.08% 3	4.17% 6	6.94% 10
Wayfinding or Route Signage	16.67% 24	11.81% 17	21.53% 31	10.42% 15	11.11% 16	9.03% 13	6.25% 9	4.86% 7	4.17% 6	2.78% 4	1.39% 2
Interpretive Signs	2.08% 3	4.86% 7	3.47% 5	20.83% 30	13.89% 20	12.50% 18	11.81% 17	13.19% 19	6.94% 10	5.56% 8	4.86% 7
Water Fountains	6.25% 9	5.56% 8	11.81% 17	13.89% 20	17.36% 25	14.58% 21	14.58% 21	4.86% 7	4.17% 6	4.86% 7	2.08% 3
Rest Areas/Seating	9.72% 14	15.97% 23	12.50% 18	11.81% 17	13.89% 20	18.06% 26	11.11% 16	4.86% 7	1.39% 2	0.00% 0	0.69% 1
Shaded Areas or Shelters	2.08% 3	5.56% 8	9.03% 13	15.97% 23	10.42% 15	10.42% 15	20.14% 29	15.28% 22	5.56% 8	3.47% 5	2.08% 3
Bike Racks/Repair Stations	2.78% 4	1.39% 2	1.39% 2	4.17% 6	3.47% 5	5.56% 8	10.42% 15	29.17% 42	27.08% 39	12.50% 18	2.08% 3
Pet Waste Stations	9.03% 13	7.64% 11	9.03% 13	4.86% 7	6.94% 10	7.64% 11	4.17% 6	8.33% 12	28.47% 41	10.42% 15	3.47% 5
Creek access for watersports/fishing	9.03% 13	2.78% 4	4.17% 6	4.17% 6	4.17% 6	4.86% 7	6.25% 9	4.86% 7	6.25% 9	39.58% 57	13.89% 20
Exercise Stations	0.69% 1	0.69% 1	2.08% 3	2.78% 4	2.78% 4	2.78% 4	2.08% 3	6.94% 10	11.81% 17	11.81% 17	55.56% 81



**Question 14 Is there a feature or amenity that was not listed above that you would like to see?**

**Infrastructure & Safety**

- Emergency features: 911 call buttons, emergency vehicle access
- Mile markers for distance tracking
- Bike racks at trailheads (preferred over making trails bikeable)
- Parking improvements

**Sanitation & Waste Management**

- Bathrooms/toilets (frequently requested)
- Trash cans, especially at trail entrances like Crafton Blvd
- Pet waste stations throughout the community and trails

**Connectivity & Access**

- Connections to other trail networks
- Bridge connecting trail across creek to Thornburg
- Integration with borough-wide stair/walking plan (Chess Street stairs, Clearview to Barr stairs)

**Environmental & Maintenance**

- Bioswales for stormwater management
- Poison ivy/oak removal
- Better edging and grass cutting
- Dark sky compliant lighting (warmer color temperature) if lighting is added

**Recreation Features**

- Fenced off-leash dog area (like Bark Park in Upper St. Clair)
- Bird watching area designation for Baker's Acres
- Exercise stations (positive feedback on this idea)

**Strong Opposition Themes**

- "Keep it natural" - Multiple respondents want minimal development
- No paving/asphalt - concerns about drainage and environmental impact
- No lighting - concerns about light pollution
- No over-development - some residents prefer current natural state

#### **Enforcement Needs**

- Motor vehicle enforcement (motorcycles, quads, unauthorized vehicles)
- Leash law enforcement for dogs

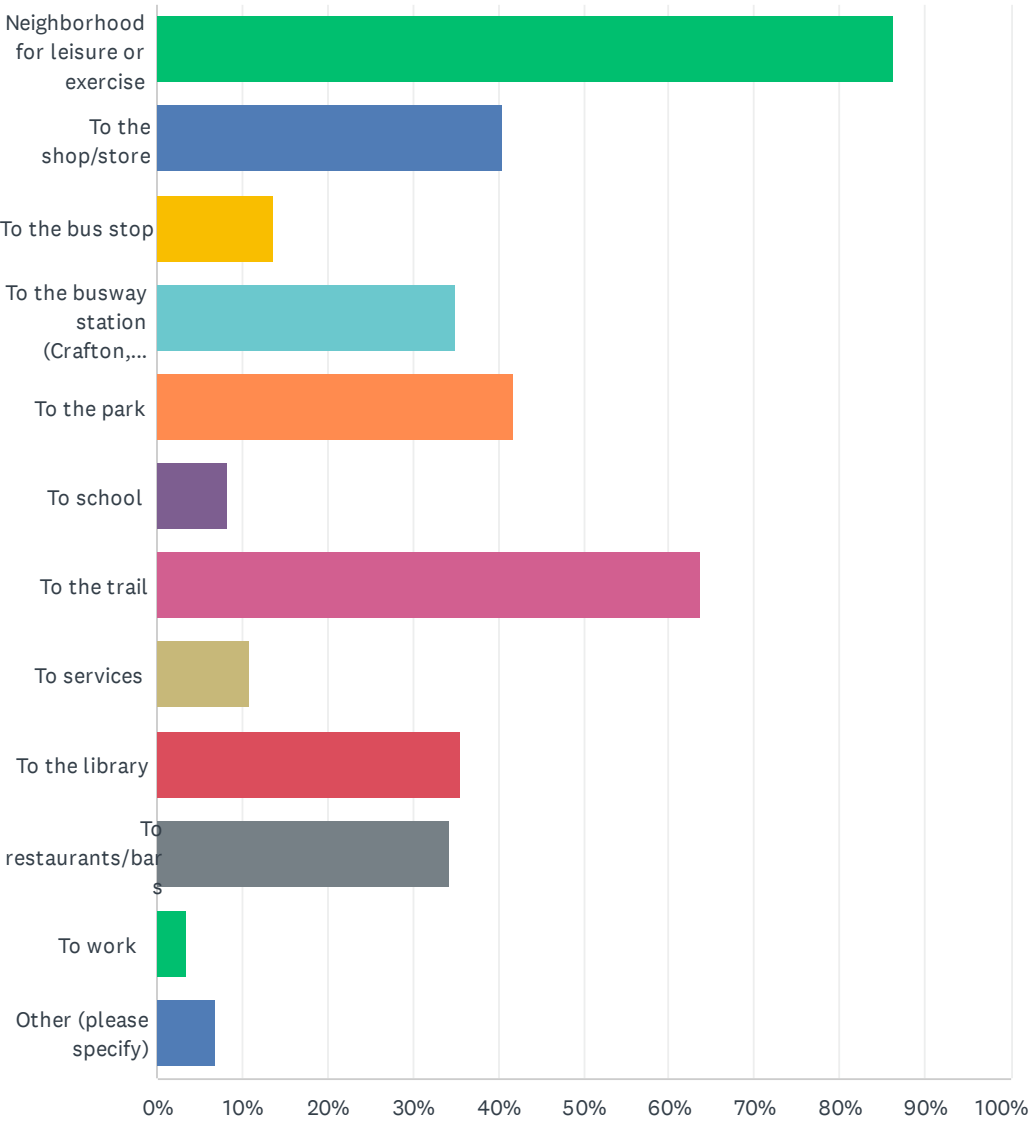
#### **Alternative Suggestions**

- Connect to existing facilities (Meyer Middleton) rather than adding new amenities
- Focus on accessibility to emergency vehicles rather than general vehicle access

**Notable Sentiment:** There's a clear divide between those wanting more amenities and those preferring to keep the trails in their current natural state, with several emphatic responses against additional development due to tax concerns and environmental preservation preferences.

# Q15 Where do you walk to in the community? (Chose top 3)

Answered: 146    Skipped: 72



## Public Survey - Trail Study

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Neighborhood for leisure or exercise	86.30%	126
To the shop/store	40.41%	59
To the bus stop	13.70%	20
To the busway station (Crafton, Ingram, Idlewood)	34.93%	51
To the park	41.78%	61
To school	8.22%	12
To the trail	63.70%	93
To services	10.96%	16
To the library	35.62%	52
To restaurants/bars	34.25%	50
To work	3.42%	5
Other (please specify)	6.85%	10
Total Respondents: 146		

## **Question 16**

### **Most Frequently Mentioned Areas of Concern:**

**Ewing Road** - Multiple residents cited safety concerns, particularly between Promenade and Jerry James Way, with issues including speeding baseball traffic, broken streetlights, and poor visibility.

**Creek/Trail Areas** - Several respondents mentioned feeling unsafe on trails alone, particularly the Chartiers Creek area and connecting trails, citing darkness, overgrowth, and lack of lighting.

**Crafton Boulevard/Oakwood Road Crossing** - This intersection was mentioned multiple times as problematic for pedestrians.

### **Primary Safety Issues Identified:**

**Traffic and Speeding** - Frequent concerns about fast-moving vehicles on Fountain Street, Chartiers Street, Noble Avenue, and Steuben Street, especially during commute times and around baseball fields.

**Poor Lighting** - Multiple mentions of inadequate street lighting, particularly on trails and side streets at night.

**Sidewalk Conditions** - Broken, cracked, and uneven sidewalks throughout the community, with specific mentions of the McMunn/Elm area and missing sidewalks on Backbone Road and Township Road.

**Trail Maintenance** - Overgrown vegetation, muddy conditions, and poor maintenance of steps (particularly Taylor Street steps) and trail access points.

### **Connectivity Desires:**

Residents expressed wanting better connections to neighboring communities (Ingram, Carnegie, Oakwood) and extensions of existing trails, particularly the Chartiers Creek Trail.

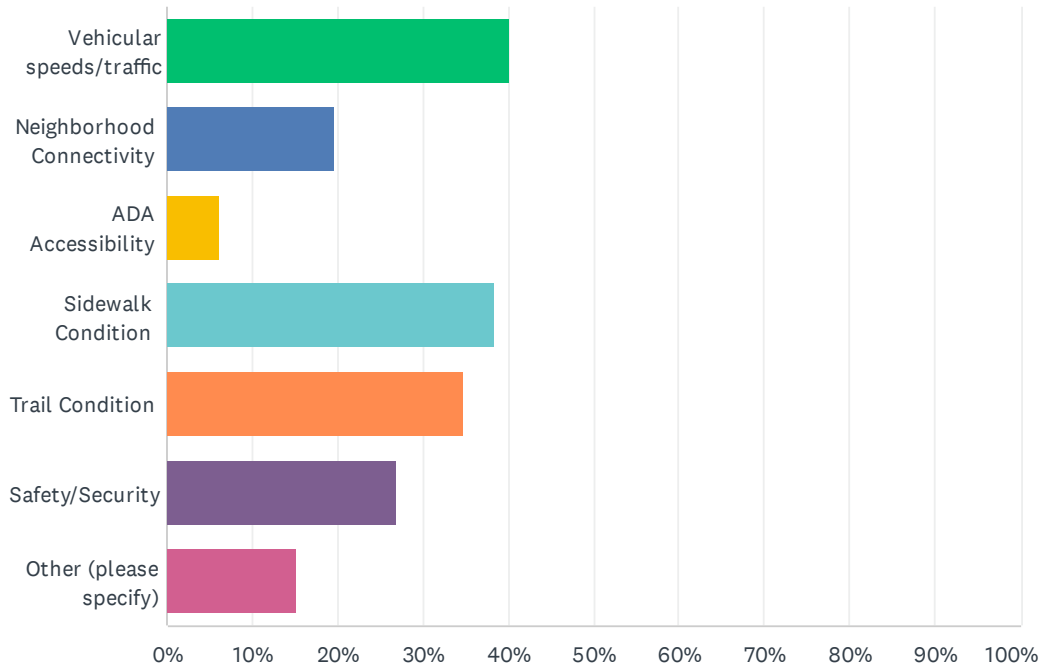
### **Notable Positive Feedback:**

Several residents emphasized that Crafton generally feels very safe and walkable, with specific praise for Thornburg Park accessibility. A few respondents stated they feel safe everywhere in the community.

The responses suggest that while Crafton is generally viewed as a safe walking community, improvements in lighting, traffic calming, sidewalk maintenance, and trail connectivity would enhance the pedestrian experience.

## Q17 What barriers, difficulties or the safety issues prevent you from walking in the community? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 112    Skipped: 106



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vehicular speeds/traffic	40.18%	45
Neighborhood Connectivity	19.64%	22
ADA Accessibility	6.25%	7
Sidewalk Condition	38.39%	43
Trail Condition	34.82%	39
Safety/Security	26.79%	30
Other (please specify)	15.18%	17
Total Respondents: 112		