

Community Survey Results: Parks & Recreation



About the City of Stanwood

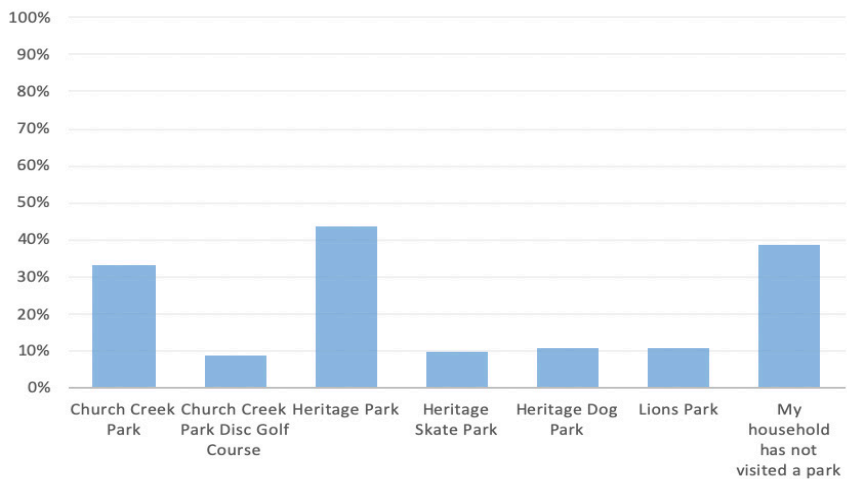
Settled in 1866 as a trading post on the "flats" of the Stillaguamish River and bordering Puget Sound's Saratoga Passage at Port Susan Bay, Stanwood is a small, but growing community in Snohomish County with a strong Scandinavian heritage. The City of Stanwood is the hub of a unique region known for its small-town charm, agricultural industry, quaint downtown, special events and outdoor recreation activities, art community, and gateway to Camano Island.



In 2019, the City of Stanwood partnered with Washington State University Extension to survey residents of Stanwood and Camano Island. Residents were asked their opinion on various city services from communication to transportation, and how these services can be improved.



Respondents Visiting Stanwood Parks in Last 12 Months (Percent of All Respondents)



Park Usage

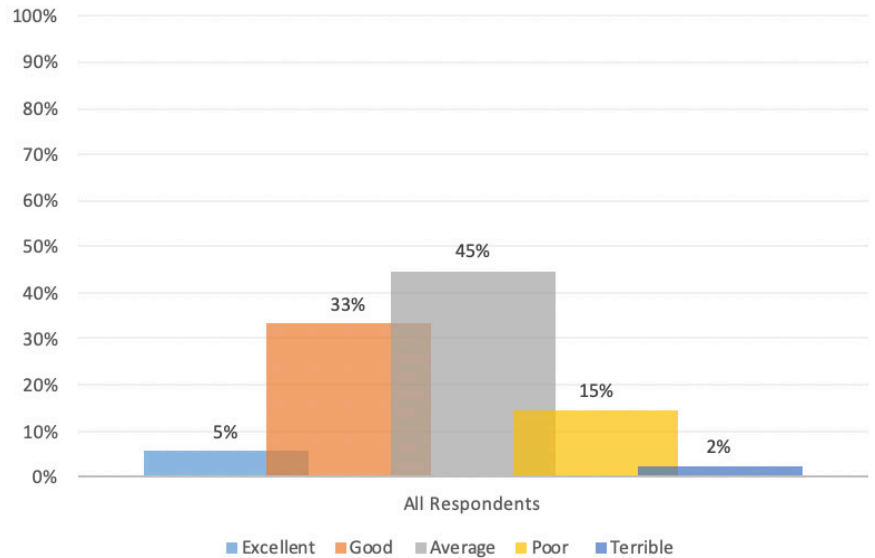
- Heritage Park is the most frequently used.
- Nearly 40% of respondents have not visited a park in the past year.

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Physical Condition of Parks

- Nearly half of respondents rated parks “average”, indicating an opportunity for improvement.
- Over one third of park users believe the physical condition of Stanwood city parks can be rated as good or excellent.

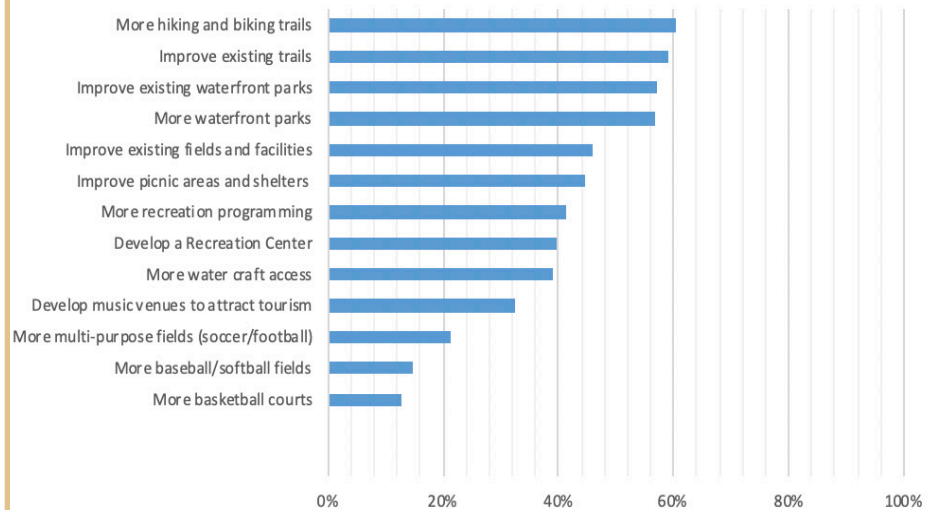
Perceptions of Physical Condition of Stanwood Parks (Percent of All Respondents)



Priority of Parks and Rec Projects

- High priorities for Stanwood and Camano Island residents included creating hiking and biking trails and improving existing trails.
- Respondents also indicated a desire to improve and create more waterfront parks.

Priority of Parks and Recreation Improvements (Percent of All Respondents)



Three electronic surveys were conducted in the summer and fall of 2019: a random household survey of Stanwood residents, a non-random survey of Stanwood residents, and a non-random survey of Camano Island residents. A total of 688 people took the surveys. Complete survey results can be found at: www.stanwoodwa.org.