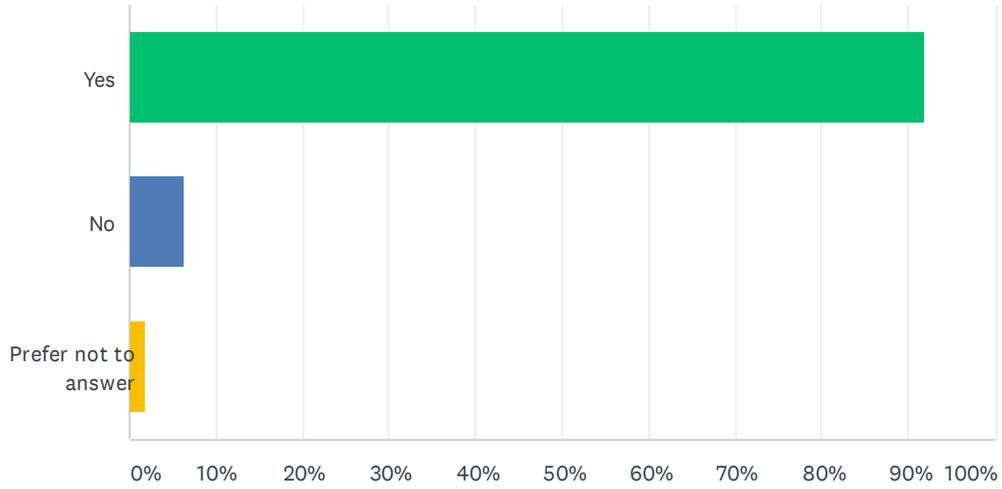


Q1 Are you a Ross resident?

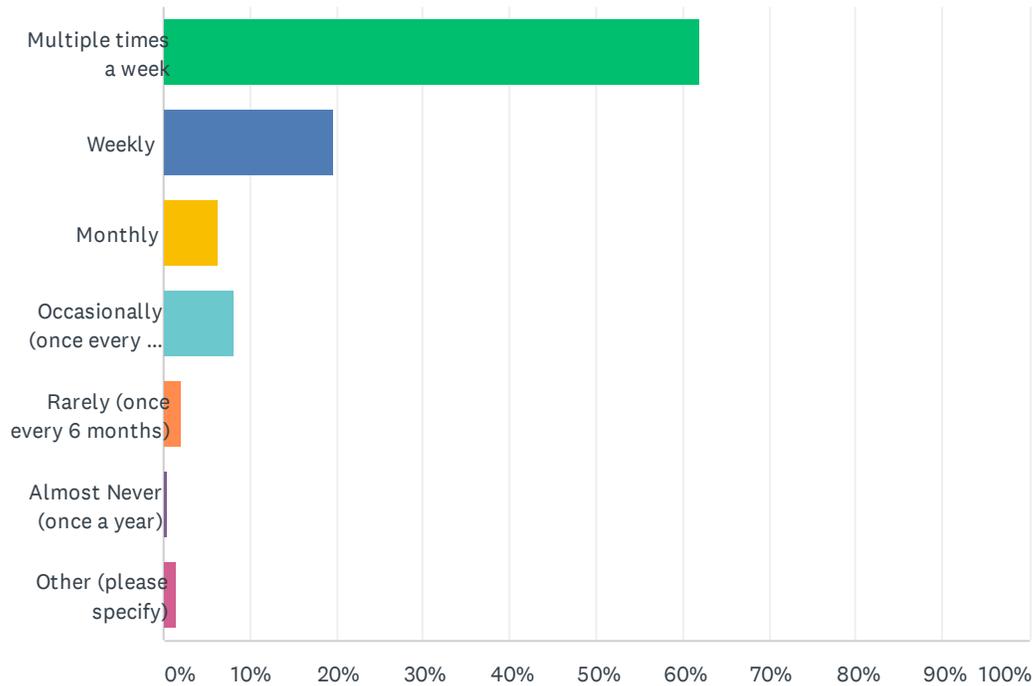
Answered: 381 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.86%	350
No	6.30%	24
Prefer not to answer	1.84%	7
TOTAL		381

Q2 How often do you visit the Common?

Answered: 383 Skipped: 0

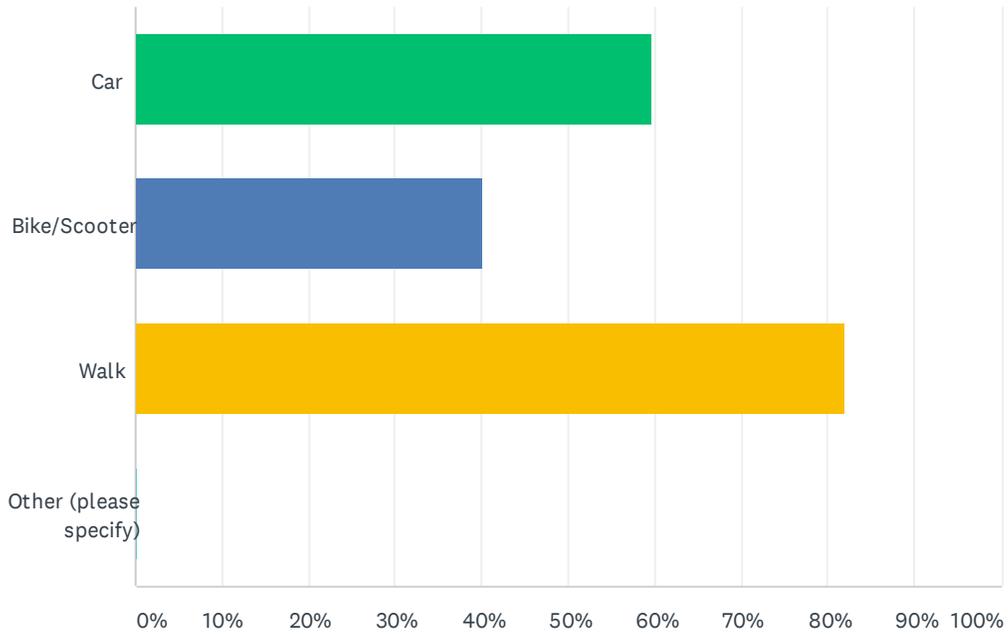


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times a week	61.88%	237
Weekly	19.58%	75
Monthly	6.27%	24
Occasionally (once every 3 months)	8.09%	31
Rarely (once every 6 months)	2.09%	8
Almost Never (once a year)	0.52%	2
Other (please specify)	1.57%	6
TOTAL		383

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	When larger green near school was open to dogs I frequented much more often	8/3/2021 1:32 PM
2	drive by or ride bicycle by daily	7/29/2021 5:06 PM
3	used to go often with dog before pandemic but not so much now...such a lovely place	7/23/2021 5:15 PM
4	Every day!	7/23/2021 11:27 AM
5	Daily	7/22/2021 11:24 AM
6	Walk through many times weekly, on my way to post office	7/22/2021 11:17 AM

Q3 How do you get to the Common? Select all that apply.

Answered: 383 Skipped: 0

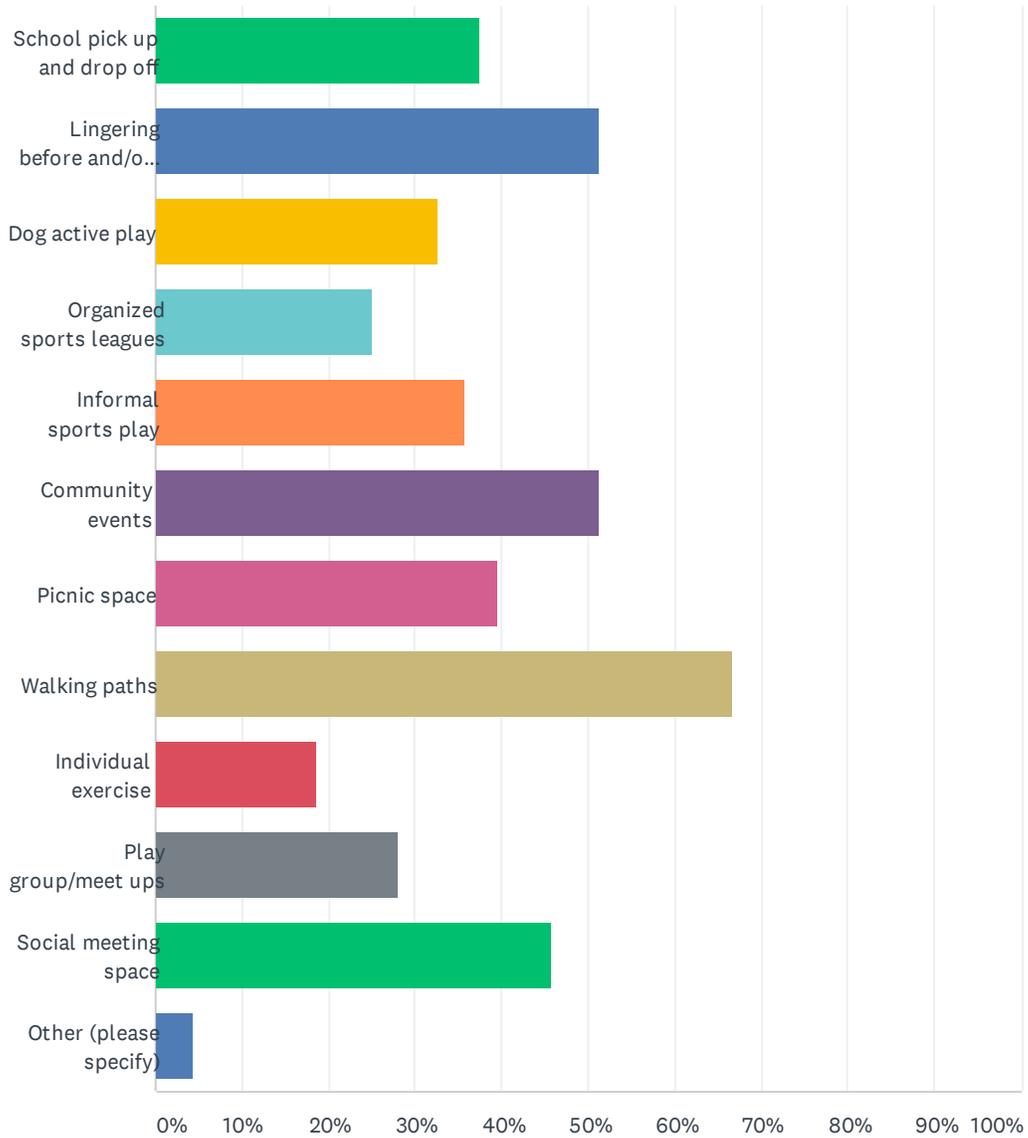


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Car	59.53%	228
Bike/Scooter	40.21%	154
Walk	81.98%	314
Other (please specify)	0.26%	1
Total Respondents: 383		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Skateboarding	7/27/2021 2:33 PM

Q4 How do you use the Common? Select all that apply. Or write in the unique way you use the Common in 'Other.'

Answered: 382 Skipped: 1



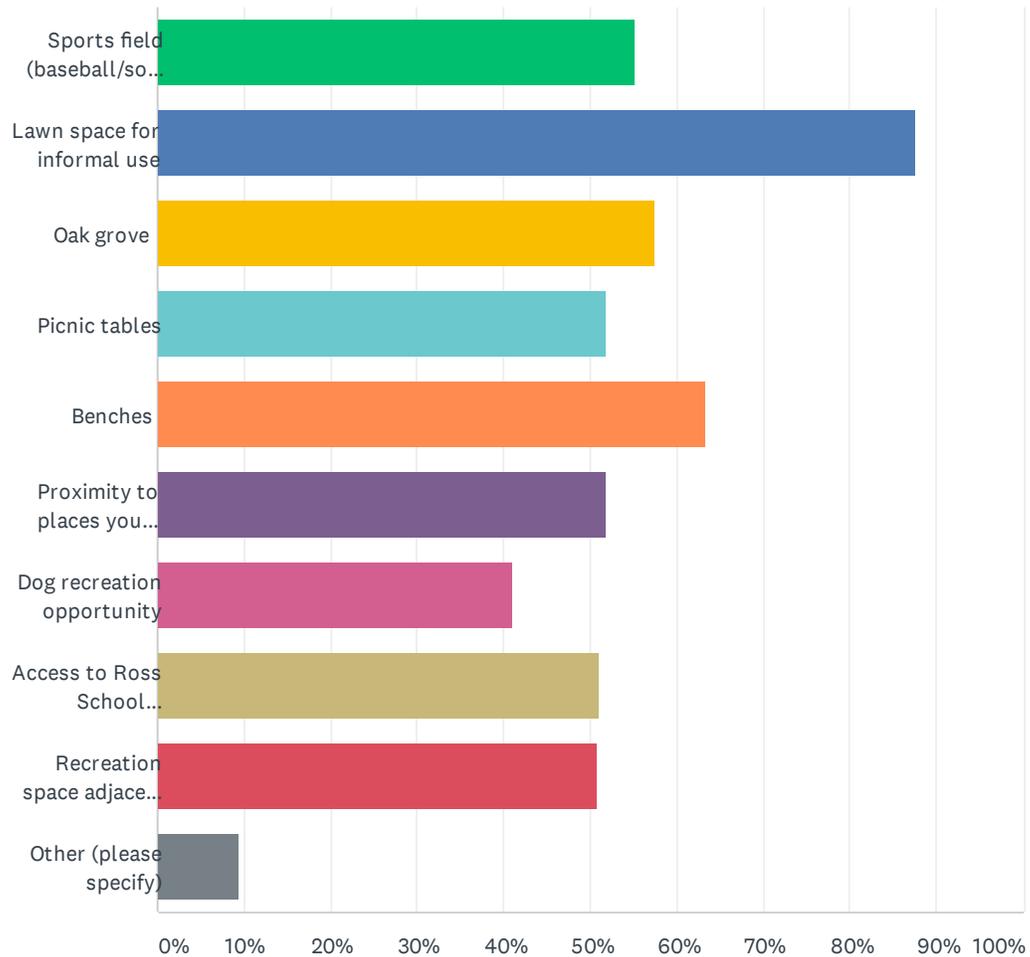
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
School pick up and drop off	37.43%	143
Lingering before and/or after mail pick up	51.31%	196
Dog active play	32.72%	125
Organized sports leagues	25.13%	96
Informal sports play	35.86%	137
Community events	51.31%	196
Picnic space	39.53%	151
Walking paths	66.75%	255
Individual exercise	18.59%	71
Play group/meet ups	28.01%	107
Social meeting space	45.81%	175
Other (please specify)	4.45%	17
Total Respondents: 382		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Letting my babies/toddlers run around	8/4/2021 8:13 PM
2	attend birthday parties	8/4/2021 3:40 PM
3	playground	8/4/2021 1:09 PM
4	Walk dog (when it was open for that)	7/28/2021 11:32 AM
5	Place to have my coffee on a bench.	7/27/2021 2:28 PM
6	Play with grandchildren. Walk the dog.	7/27/2021 1:47 PM
7	Flying kites	7/27/2021 12:51 PM
8	watching grandchild play sports	7/27/2021 12:43 PM
9	I live next door.	7/23/2021 11:27 AM
10	My husband and I like to read in the park.	7/23/2021 9:18 AM
11	Playground	7/22/2021 6:59 PM
12	taking visiting grandchildren to play	7/22/2021 4:01 PM
13	when going to Post Office, linger there	7/22/2021 2:01 PM
14	Wallball on the blacktop	7/22/2021 12:19 PM
15	Playground	7/22/2021 12:05 PM
16	Post office	7/22/2021 11:33 AM
17	Running around with grand kids.	7/22/2021 11:29 AM

Q5 What do you like about the Common? Select all that apply. If you don't see something you like about the Common, please share by writing in 'Other.'

Answered: 382 Skipped: 1



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sports field (baseball/softball diamonds, soccer/lacrosse field)	55.24%	211
Lawn space for informal use	87.70%	335
Oak grove	57.59%	220
Picnic tables	51.83%	198
Benches	63.35%	242
Proximity to places you visit	51.83%	198
Dog recreation opportunity	41.10%	157
Access to Ross School facilities (playground, restroom)	51.05%	195
Recreation space adjacent to school and/or mail pick up	50.79%	194
Other (please specify)	9.42%	36
Total Respondents: 382		

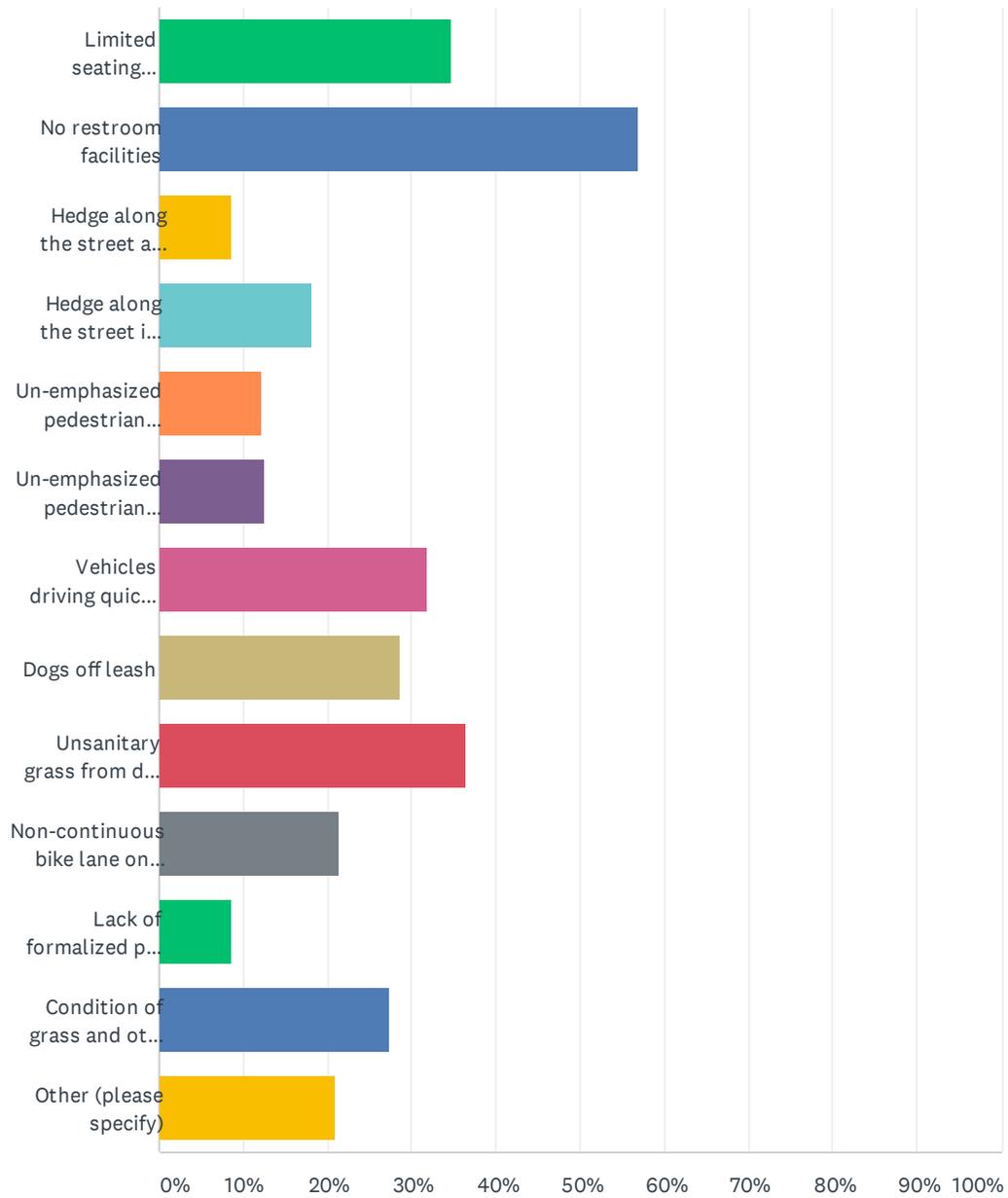
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It was the only outdoor area for socializing that felt safe during COVID	8/5/2021 5:57 AM
2	Super easy place for play dates / after school running around	8/4/2021 8:13 PM
3	Natural space	8/4/2021 7:02 AM
4	Seating needs to improve... benches are dull	8/3/2021 8:41 PM
5	It is a beautiful part of Ross.	8/3/2021 4:38 PM
6	Wonderful place to congregate, to run into friends and to run the dog!	8/3/2021 1:32 PM
7	nice open space in middle of Ross	7/29/2021 5:06 PM
8	Christmas tree, flower baskets	7/28/2021 1:18 PM
9	Christmas Tree	7/28/2021 1:12 PM
10	community gathering space	7/28/2021 12:11 PM
11	I don't recall picnic tables outside of school one but would love them	7/28/2021 11:32 AM
12	Beautiful mature trees	7/27/2021 7:42 PM
13	Fun, central hub of town	7/27/2021 5:48 PM
14	I like the fact that the Common is informal. Baseball and soccer and after school sports are fine. The Common does NOT need any more structures. There are plenty of benches and picnic tables. Tearing down the covered bike rack that was on the Common for years was a good thing. Not building the gazebo/bandstand that was proposed years ago was a good thing. The informality is charming. We don't need to build things. We don't need a water feature.	7/27/2021 2:43 PM
15	It's open views to the hills and mountains around us.	7/27/2021 2:28 PM
16	Redwood grove	7/27/2021 12:30 PM
17	The view of trees and lawn. It imparts a spacious feeling, also peaceful. I like seeing people enjoying the area.	7/25/2021 12:59 PM
18	Casual park; not completely planned and manicured	7/24/2021 1:10 PM
19	it is nice to look at as I walk by	7/24/2021 7:16 AM

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20	It is the historic heart of Ross and offers many of the above mentioned items.	7/23/2021 11:27 AM
21	Nearby stores	7/23/2021 9:18 AM
22	Very angry dogs are still prohibited on the main space. It is long and overdue to take down the offensive signs and share the space with ALL residents. Ross Common does not belong to Ross Rec - it belongs to the residents.	7/23/2021 8:12 AM
23	Big shady trees	7/22/2021 10:38 PM
24	The stage should be used - could be great for events!	7/22/2021 7:32 PM
25	Trees / Landscape	7/22/2021 6:11 PM
26	Attractive visually	7/22/2021 2:51 PM
27	expansive lawn, redwood trees	7/22/2021 1:58 PM
28	Open space	7/22/2021 1:41 PM
29	all of the above	7/22/2021 1:27 PM
30	Dogs are too intrusive. They should be kept out of the Commons.	7/22/2021 1:05 PM
31	the mature trees, the general atmosphere of the open spaces	7/22/2021 12:58 PM
32	It is a pleasant place to have lunch and enjoy the view.	7/22/2021 12:50 PM
33	Pathway loop for kids and adults to bike on	7/22/2021 12:23 PM
34	Just a beautiful space to sit in or walk through as I get my exercise. Also, many fond memories of our children' years at Ross School.	7/22/2021 11:34 AM
35	The front school playground should be more accessible.	7/22/2021 11:29 AM
36	a shady area- keep or add trees.	7/22/2021 11:12 AM

Q6 What are issues you've noticed in the Common? Select all that apply and/or write in issues you've noticed in 'Other.'

Answered: 369 Skipped: 14



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Limited seating opportunities	34.69%	128
No restroom facilities	56.91%	210
Hedge along the street acts as an access barrier	8.67%	32
Hedge along the street is unsightly	18.16%	67
Un-emphasized pedestrian connection to Post Office	12.20%	45
Un-emphasized pedestrian connection to Downtown	12.47%	46
Vehicles driving quickly on Ross Common	31.71%	117
Dogs off leash	28.73%	106
Unsanitary grass from dog waste	36.31%	134
Non-continuous bike lane on Ross Common	21.41%	79
Lack of formalized play opportunities	8.67%	32
Condition of grass and other vegetation	27.37%	101
Other (please specify)	20.87%	77
Total Respondents: 369		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Crowding; oftentimes multiple sports activities take over all the space such that residents can't use it. It'd be great to have certain hours of the day (or days of the week) preserved for adults or socializing only (no sports). ALSO: there is no real seating for adults during these sports activities. No one uses the bleachers and sitting on the grass is always wet/dirty; can we replace with alternative options?	8/5/2021 5:57 AM
2	Could use better trash receptacles by playground - it's always overflowing	8/4/2021 8:13 PM
3	closing the grass area during rainy season	8/4/2021 3:40 PM
4	Too occupied by team sports too much of the time	8/4/2021 7:02 AM
5	The Common needs a complete overhaul that is becoming of the community. Connectivity and thoughtful circulation needs to be incorporated. Walking paths not safe, quality of benches inexcusable.	8/3/2021 7:48 PM
6	This has improved since "No Dogs" sign	8/3/2021 4:38 PM
7	Detest current prohibition of dogs; hedges have not been properly maintained; hedges keep the kids from running into the streets	8/3/2021 3:16 PM
8	No I turn signs would be helpful by PO as numerous people make u turns over crosswalk! Attractive recycling and garbage on PO side would be useful. Hedge is good barrier for school activities but could have an additional path through to sidewalk.	8/3/2021 1:32 PM
9	Cycles riding quickly and going through cross walk without stopping	8/3/2021 1:08 PM
10	Idiots riding their bikes on the grass	8/3/2021 12:51 PM
11	The commons is the center for so much of Ross, I'd love to see the grass/baseball field and areas enhanced with better grass and vegetation, flowers, etc. Spiff it up since it used so often by majority of residents.	8/3/2021 12:33 PM
12	no barrier in grove to keep dogs in park. lack of dog access during pandemic	8/3/2021 11:54 AM
13	Inability to bring dogs through walking paths on leash. Walking the dog to the post	8/3/2021 11:54 AM

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office/commons is a daily activity in Ross and the "no dogs allowed" signs are extremely off putting.

14	current restrictions on dogs	8/2/2021 2:13 PM
15	current prohibition against dogs	7/30/2021 10:40 PM
16	Insufficient trash capacity at times	7/29/2021 9:23 PM
17	Uneven paved paths	7/29/2021 1:28 PM
18	Ross School and Ross Rec now determine the use of the Common, not our residents.	7/29/2021 12:52 PM
19	Playground area can be accessed by off leash dogs	7/29/2021 10:58 AM
20	Anti dog signs that need to be removed	7/29/2021 10:21 AM
21	Drainage issues and mushy muddy grass in grove and on parts of field	7/29/2021 10:21 AM
22	I wish dogs were permitted in designated areas in the Common instead of just on the small space next to the post office.	7/28/2021 12:52 PM
23	1. Lacking a play area for young children -- there is not a public park for young children in Ross (a town with so many young children). 2. There aren't any programs/opportunities for young children (ie: baby music class, under 3 sports). 3.. The new area on Redwood Drive - isn't great for kids/families. The wood chips are very hard to work on / play on, and is a missed opportunity / wasted space.	7/28/2021 12:11 PM
24	How lawn can't be used in winter due	7/28/2021 6:25 AM
25	Lack of benches in shade	7/28/2021 5:48 AM
26	Non working water fountain / trash can area can be dirty and unsanitary	7/27/2021 8:45 PM
27	Cyclists often ride side-by-side in the middle of the street instead of using the bike path	7/27/2021 7:42 PM
28	A dedicated off leash dog park is needed	7/27/2021 6:48 PM
29	Trash from lunches and old clothing etc left around	7/27/2021 3:26 PM
30	Sometimes, overflowing garbage bins.	7/27/2021 2:28 PM
31	No complaints	7/27/2021 2:02 PM
32	Be thoughtful about adding restroom facilities. May leading to problems.	7/27/2021 2:01 PM
33	None of the above	7/27/2021 1:25 PM
34	better maintenance and upkeep of baseball diamonds and backstops (fence wiring is heavily worn and broken, especially on smaller baseball diamond)	7/27/2021 1:10 PM
35	Not enough exercise area for dogs (The above selectively picked "issues" created a bias against dogs	7/27/2021 12:40 PM
36	Dogs playing joyfully. This seems like a biased survey.	7/27/2021 12:40 PM
37	The oak area is pretty but a bit of a waste of space.	7/27/2021 9:26 AM
38	It is wonderful as is	7/27/2021 8:09 AM
39	Lack of native vegetation & landscape diversity	7/24/2021 1:27 PM
40	I love dogs playing on the Common and the unstructured nature of the park. The school playgrounds are plenty of structure. Ross has a special character of relaxed, neighborly, interaction. Please don't "fix" problems that aren't there.	7/24/2021 1:10 PM
41	The Redwood Grove has terrible wood chips which make it hard and dangerous to walk on and play for the children. Also, this area would be ideal for picnic tables	7/24/2021 9:44 AM
42	hedge at street also is a good thing in that it keeps kids and dogs inside space	7/24/2021 7:16 AM
43	Formalized dog play area (fenced in) would be helpful	7/23/2021 3:48 PM
44	cant access the play area in front of the school as its locked	7/23/2021 3:35 PM

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45	Love the hedge barrier - please keep!	7/23/2021 2:41 PM
46	The hedge acts as a protective barrier for children and their balls going into the street. Any idea of removing the hedge is misguided. The hedge needs to be cleaned up and maintained, but it's better than looking at a bunch of parked cars and traffic! If also absorbs the car exhaust and dirt and noise. Anyone who suggests removing it has big thought the issue through carefully. Clean up the hedge and fertilize it and maintain it. The grass is full of weeds and foxtails. Never been properly maintained.	7/23/2021 11:27 AM
47	Ridiculous and pejorative anti dog sentiment by the town. What about excrement from squirrels, skunks, other wildlife. Dog owners are being unfairly penalized	7/23/2021 8:12 AM
48	Baseball diamond os blocking the view. It should be on the opposite side of the common.	7/22/2021 11:12 PM
49	Lack of dog park	7/22/2021 6:59 PM
50	Could have more attention to upkeep of all plants. Looks a bit unkempt lawn area to side of PO is under used..a meandering path and a bench or two would be attractive	7/22/2021 2:51 PM
51	dogs no longer allowed to walk through or play in the Common area	7/22/2021 2:18 PM
52	there should be some barrier to street, even if just bushes	7/22/2021 2:01 PM
53	think we need to plant a few more redwoods, take better care of the grass and hedges (keep hedges, maybe add some!)	7/22/2021 1:58 PM
54	Lack of shade	7/22/2021 1:44 PM
55	Seems fine way it is....	7/22/2021 1:41 PM
56	Lack of shade structure	7/22/2021 1:38 PM
57	Use of groundwater for irrigation, depletes flow in Corte Madera Creek.	7/22/2021 1:05 PM
58	unsupervised sprinkles that waste water by watering non-vegetation	7/22/2021 12:58 PM
59	Dogs are a big issue. They should not be allowed. They are always off leash and no one enforces. Secondly dog waste is an issue - no one cleans up after their dogs. DON'T ALLOW DOGS - preserve the grass, avoid the waste, and unruly dog behavior - it will be a better place with out them.	7/22/2021 12:58 PM
60	I am not allowed to bring my dog to the common. Important to have an open space in community for no leash dog play. This brings community together more than any other Riss town feature	7/22/2021 12:53 PM
61	Love pets but keep them away from this small area we need for recreation and picnics. There are plenty of places for dogs to use the bathroom away from Ross Common. I recommend a dog potty area behind the post office or something similar for pet owners to take their pets. The pet defecation is out of control and unsanitary for children and all humans.	7/22/2021 12:23 PM
62	Bicyclists running stop signs (a violation of traffic laws), riding two- and three-abreast (a violation of California law) and dogs on school grounds part of the Common (a violation of Marin County law) is rarely enforced--in my 22 years residing here, almost never.	7/22/2021 12:20 PM
63	Dog ban, huge bark in new extension on Redwood side makes it totally inhospitable, storage area where soccer goals live is rather unsightly, roots pushing up walking path in many areas	7/22/2021 12:19 PM
64	No issues	7/22/2021 11:58 AM
65	Lack of proper dog play areas	7/22/2021 11:48 AM
66	Lots of trash! and lost kid sweatshirts, etc. Makes it look junky.	7/22/2021 11:41 AM
67	none - it's great as it is. Keep it simple and it doesn't have to be perfect.	7/22/2021 11:37 AM
68	This seems to be true of the planning of all public spaces everywhere: why not make the paths in the instinctual (shortest distance between two points) ways people actually walk? (Within reason, of course, and with aesthetics definitely in mind as well.)	7/22/2021 11:34 AM
69	No formalized separation of Common area and school-unsafe for children during school hours	7/22/2021 11:32 AM
70	No dogs allowed signs are unsightly and inappropriate. Dogs should be allowed and owners are	7/22/2021 11:30 AM

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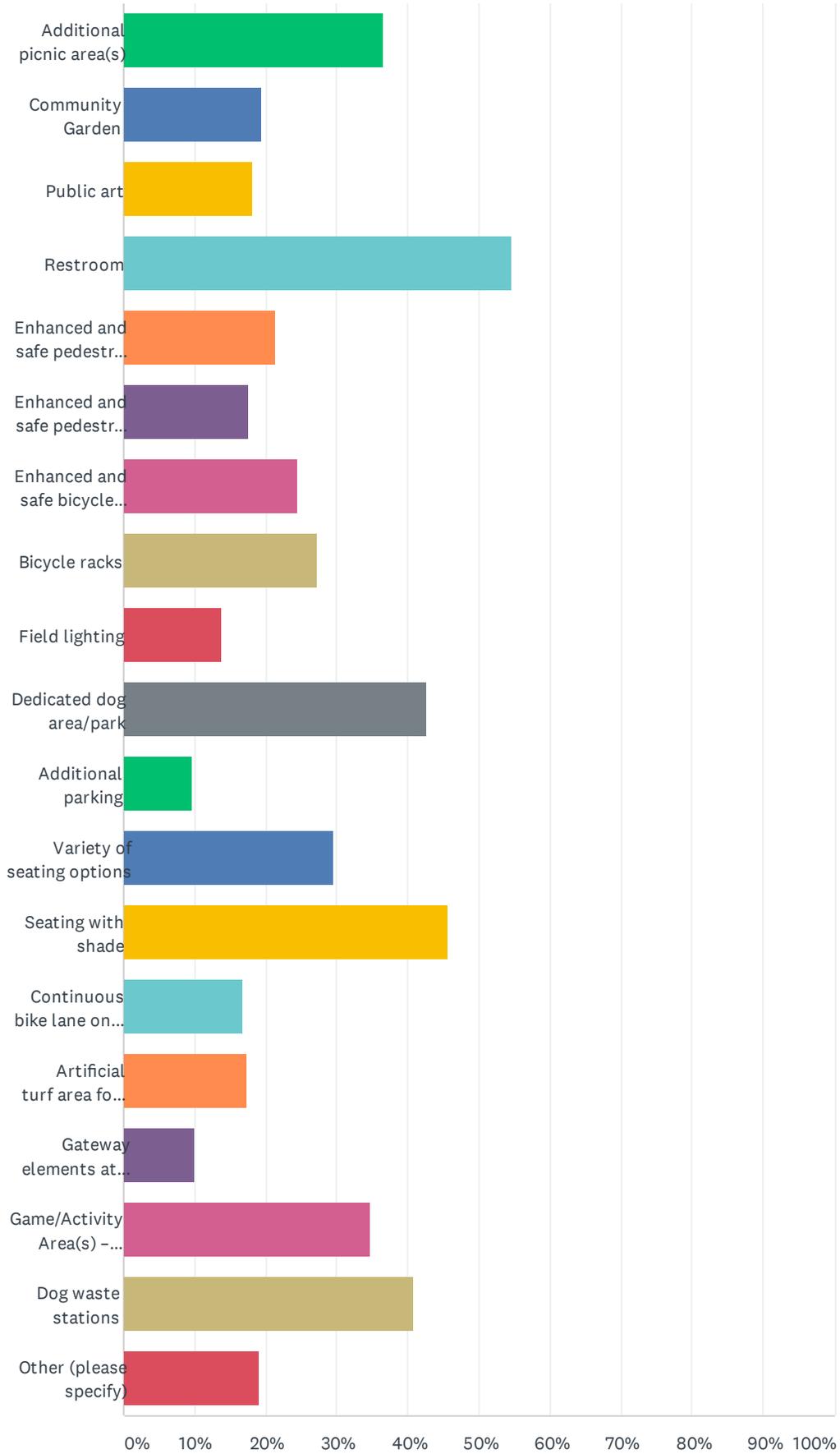
responsible for picking up their poop, just like anywhere outdoors. Also, the redwood grove is unused and would be a great area for a public playground

71	The low hedge while it does need some maintenance, it does act as a ball stop and keeps kids from running into the street. It works well to define the edge in an informal way.	7/22/2021 11:29 AM
72	Insufficient Dog off Leash Opportunity	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
73	Sidewalk cracks	7/22/2021 11:25 AM
74	Needs better landscaping	7/22/2021 11:25 AM
75	Traffic congestion due to cars parking in pickup/drop off areas around school.	7/22/2021 11:23 AM
76	please - we need drought tolerant plants/grass/trees. Please do not plant or use water during the drought.	7/22/2021 11:12 AM
77	I like the shrub barrier rather than a fence	7/22/2021 10:51 AM

Q7 What park amenities would improve the Common? Select all that apply and/or share any additional ideas you have by writing them in 'Other.'

Answered: 375 Skipped: 8

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Additional picnic area(s)	36.53%	137
Community Garden	19.47%	73
Public art	18.13%	68
Restroom	54.67%	205
Enhanced and safe pedestrian crosswalk to Post Office	21.33%	80
Enhanced and safe pedestrian crosswalk to downtown shops	17.60%	66
Enhanced and safe bicycle connection to bike trail(s)	24.53%	92
Bicycle racks	27.20%	102
Field lighting	13.87%	52
Dedicated dog area/park	42.67%	160
Additional parking	9.60%	36
Variety of seating options	29.60%	111
Seating with shade	45.60%	171
Continuous bike lane on Ross Common	16.80%	63
Artificial turf area for year-round sports play area	17.33%	65
Gateway elements at intersection of Ross Common and Lagunitas Road and/or Redwood Drive	10.13%	38
Game/Activity Area(s) – bocce, horseshoe, cornhole, table tennis, chess, etc.	34.67%	130
Dog waste stations	40.80%	153
Other (please specify)	18.93%	71
Total Respondents: 375		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Seating would be nice but would not want it to take away from the big open grass space which is such a unique, great asset to the town	8/4/2021 8:13 PM
2	soccer goals	8/4/2021 3:40 PM
3	Contemplation quiet space set aside for this purpose	8/4/2021 7:02 AM
4	public restroom would just increase non-residents using park	8/3/2021 9:45 PM
5	"The Common" is lovely the way it is!	8/3/2021 4:38 PM
6	Lawn adjacent to PO is too close to the street, too small, and has no shade to be a dedicated dog park	8/3/2021 3:16 PM
7	Water fountains	8/3/2021 1:36 PM
8	Love idea of bocce court! In new wood chipped park area would be amazing.	8/3/2021 1:32 PM
9	No dogs allowed on ross common	8/3/2021 12:51 PM
10	Dog play should be on a dedicated area only. More shade would be great, a garden / more trees planted would be beautiful. WE'd love to see this already great area enhanced.	8/3/2021 12:33 PM
11	Toddler playground for younger children, available during school hours	8/3/2021 12:07 PM

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12	water fountain for people and dogs	8/3/2021 11:54 AM
13	a stage for live music in the summer	7/29/2021 9:24 PM
14	Dedicated dog area should not be in the "grove" next to the school, but should be next to the post office	7/29/2021 2:58 PM
15	NO MORE DOGS PERIOD	7/29/2021 1:10 PM
16	Another water fountain	7/29/2021 10:45 AM
17	Actually happy as it is, just a nice place to walk around	7/28/2021 3:06 PM
18	additional new, more attractive benches	7/28/2021 1:18 PM
19	Like it as it is. Just has to be well taken care of. Do not want field lighting or restrooms.	7/28/2021 1:12 PM
20	Play area designed for very young children & programming/activities/classes via Ross Rec for babies/young children	7/28/2021 12:11 PM
21	traffic circles on lagunitas and poplar / mail drop from car	7/28/2021 6:33 AM
22	What ever turf (grass or fake turf) would allow for year round play on the Ross Common	7/28/2021 6:25 AM
23	Cleaner / contained trash areas.	7/27/2021 8:45 PM
24	Please - no! None of the above! It's charm is it's informality. Please do not start building and adding.	7/27/2021 2:43 PM
25	Emphasis on connecting Commons to our dear little "downtown"	7/27/2021 2:28 PM
26	No additional park ammenities	7/27/2021 2:02 PM
27	Be thoughtful. Let's not overdo a nice understated area. Less is better than too much.	7/27/2021 2:01 PM
28	more maturing trees (oaks, elms, redwoods	7/27/2021 1:57 PM
29	None of the above	7/27/2021 1:25 PM
30	No artificial turf-enviromental disaster- https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-artificial-grass/	7/27/2021 12:40 PM
31	no artificial turf!	7/27/2021 12:40 PM
32	Additional trash receptacles	7/27/2021 9:26 AM
33	Recycled water play area that gets reused for irrigation. Or turf.	7/27/2021 9:26 AM
34	it is fine as is	7/27/2021 8:09 AM
35	Water bottle filling	7/27/2021 5:49 AM
36	Keep dogs off	7/26/2021 2:44 PM
37	Not exactly related to the common, but what about a UPS Access point or Amazon locker at the PO to cut down on delivery trucks, road wear and tear and traffic on our streets? TY	7/25/2021 3:13 PM
38	Restroom!!!!!!!	7/25/2021 7:05 AM
39	Please DON'T over plan. Keep it natural and casual. Also, what's a dog waste station? We already have waste bags available and trash cans; isn't that enough?	7/24/2021 1:10 PM
40	I like the common the way it is but the redwood grove wood chips are dangerous and hard to walk on - would be nice if they were smaller/finer	7/24/2021 9:44 AM
41	Dedicated dog area should NOT be in the grove area.	7/23/2021 7:07 PM
42	less development	7/23/2021 4:08 PM
43	Mailbox	7/23/2021 2:41 PM
44	drive up post office box	7/23/2021 11:30 AM
45	My goodness! How much do you plan on spending and have you thought this through? Do you ever actually come to the Common? Anything you add will need to be maintained and you do	7/23/2021 11:27 AM

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not have the staff. Just picking up debris is s challenge for staff. Look at the debris under the bushes. Everything needs constant maintenance. The more people you bring to this Town park, the more maintenance you perpetuate. With regards to a restroom, there is one across the street. The school yard has restrooms. If they use the Town's park, why can't we use their restrooms? Two suggestions, install attractive user friendly garbage cans with appropriately sized holes for depositing garbage. Install dome wooden trellis in front of that area where the pump is sitting. Trim the dead wood from the trees and shape the trees. I could make more suggestions....

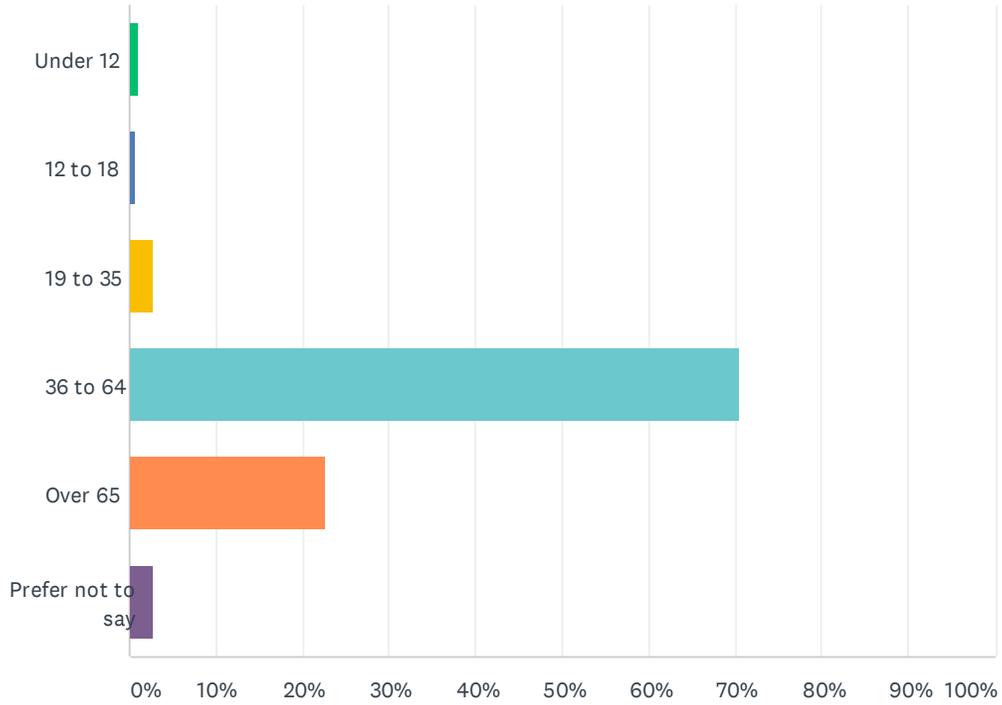
46	Yes, we need a public restroom!	7/23/2021 9:18 AM
47	The area next to the post office is not sufficient for dogs.	7/23/2021 8:12 AM
48	Keep those fabulous trees healthy and reduce the risk of injury from falling branches	7/23/2021 7:08 AM
49	I think if there HAS to be a dog area, it should be clearly designated and fenced. Currently, it is very informal and many large dogs run at high speeds, often not under voice control of owners. This is jarring and UNSAFE, especially for small children and older adults. This desperately needs to be fixed.	7/22/2021 5:02 PM
50	Repaved walking paths throughout- tripping hazards for kids and adults, kid scooters	7/22/2021 4:36 PM
51	General upkeep for starters. A bench or picnic table in newly developed area under redwoods (where house was removed)	7/22/2021 2:51 PM
52	The fact that the lawn is closed did part of the year is very frustrating for kids who just want to play with friends on the Common	7/22/2021 2:32 PM
53	against adding a lot of park like items that will bring in too many people and create safety issues and sanitation issues and messes. The open area is nice. More picnic benches and ball fields will open the town to more and more traffic and parking issues and policing	7/22/2021 2:01 PM
54	more quality landscaping enhancements. Natural beauty should be emphasized - less is more, but high quality. Definitely No 'public art'.	7/22/2021 1:58 PM
55	Seems fine way it is.....	7/22/2021 1:41 PM
56	Picnic tables with outdoor lighting in the redwood grove area for general use and school can also use for outdoor classes.	7/22/2021 12:58 PM
57	Playground - we need one for younger kids when school is in session	7/22/2021 12:51 PM
58	We don't need all theses suggestions. Keep it well groomed and peaceful!!!!	7/22/2021 12:29 PM
59	Definitely outdoor art!!	7/22/2021 12:23 PM
60	Consistent enforcement of current and applicable laws.	7/22/2021 12:20 PM
61	better grass field that is open year round for children to play	7/22/2021 12:06 PM
62	PLEASE do not add any of these things. It's simplicity is what gives it it's charm. It's worked the way it is all these years. No gateways please. It has seating options on the grass on the playground and on the bleachers. if the drought keeps getting worse then artificial turf for sports would be good.	7/22/2021 11:37 AM
63	Not sure what "Gateway elements" are, but I wouldn't want them to call attention to themselves; the charm of the Ross Commons (to ALL its users, both residents and not) is very much in its modesty and feeling of being "like things used to be".	7/22/2021 11:34 AM
64	Sand volleyball court	7/22/2021 11:33 AM
65	Public playground with toddler features. There are many small children in Ross and Pixie Park is separated from the Common. Ross should welcome all children with a public playground on the Common	7/22/2021 11:30 AM
66	It's very special the way it is, just more maintenance.	7/22/2021 11:29 AM
67	Dog use area in shady grove was fine	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
68	NO ARTIFICIAL TURF	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
69	New drinking water fountains	7/22/2021 11:25 AM

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70	Enforcement of not parking in drop off/pickup areas and expand hours of not parking in those areas.	7/22/2021 11:23 AM
71	please no artificial turf. Is there another surface for sports? I'm not knowledgeable about this but still would not like to see artificial turf on the common	7/22/2021 11:12 AM

Q8 Please select your age group:

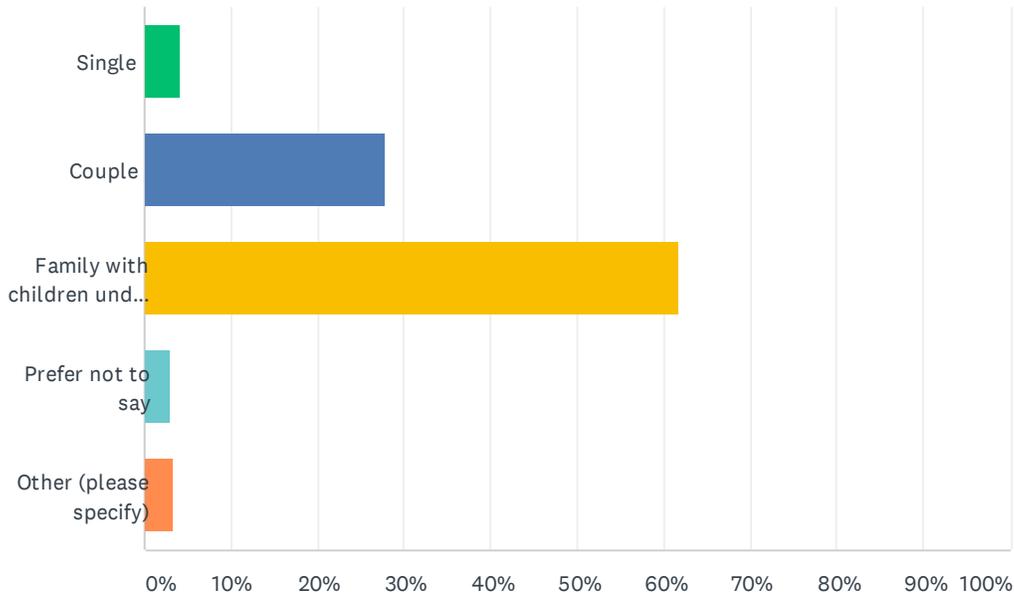
Answered: 380 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 12	1.05% 4
12 to 18	0.53% 2
19 to 35	2.63% 10
36 to 64	70.53% 268
Over 65	22.63% 86
Prefer not to say	2.63% 10
TOTAL	380

Q9 Please identify your household composition:

Answered: 381 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single	4.20%	16
Couple	27.82%	106
Family with children under 18 years old	61.68%	235
Prefer not to say	2.89%	11
Other (please specify)	3.41%	13
TOTAL		381

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Family with adult child	8/4/2021 2:19 PM
2	Parent with older child & own aged parent	8/4/2021 7:02 AM
3	Couple with young adult "child"	8/3/2021 10:57 PM
4	Family with young adult children in early 20s. Kids were raised in Ross.	8/3/2021 10:17 PM
5	Restore dog park to common	8/3/2021 9:46 PM
6	Couple, with grandchildren	7/28/2021 3:06 PM
7	Family with grandchildren under 18	7/24/2021 1:10 PM
8	Family with 2 children, 19 & 22	7/22/2021 2:56 PM
9	Family	7/22/2021 1:41 PM
10	Family with child 18 years old	7/22/2021 12:20 PM
11	Couple with grandkids who love to play down at the Commons.	7/22/2021 11:29 AM
12	Family with children above 18 years old	7/22/2021 11:17 AM

Q10 Anything else to tell us about the Common?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 214

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	the common would benefit from a more robust downtown. the dining under the lights was a good start. things like this that encourage supporting the businesses while also using the great informal space of the commons.	8/5/2021 1:57 PM
2	I enjoy the current minimal natural aesthetic and would be nervous that employing a number of these suggestions would clutter the commons	8/5/2021 1:56 PM
3	If picnic and seating areas are increased, please also increase the number of garbage cans commensurately.	8/4/2021 9:21 PM
4	-	8/4/2021 8:59 PM
5	Our family loves the Common as is and with the exception of the few things answered above, doesn't think it needs much improvement.	8/4/2021 8:13 PM
6	No	8/4/2021 5:51 PM
7	No	8/4/2021 5:33 PM
8	Not having restrooms is a huge problem. Having soccer goals would make it a lot more fun and something that people of multiple generations can use.	8/4/2021 3:40 PM
9	Would like to see the dog park restored at the grove.	8/4/2021 2:19 PM
10	A dedicated dog area would be very useful or atleast the ability to have the dogs back in the space they were allowed in before Covid	8/4/2021 12:55 PM
11	Better condition of natural areas — sequestering of dogs to a dog area so lawns, etc aren't gross. Limit team sports as there are other places for this & they exclude others	8/4/2021 7:02 AM
12	I love that it is open space which allows for all sorts of activities, it is a community hub and Marin landmark.	8/3/2021 10:17 PM
13	The common is a wonderful space for families to gather with kids of all ages. Please don't add any elements that would make it difficult to keep an eye on the kids as they run around the field. The hedges serve as nice barriers to the street and traffic. It's been such a lovely place for us to meet friends and play with our young sons. A restroom and some more benches for kids to sit and do homework or have a snack would be great!	8/3/2021 10:01 PM
14	Concerned that only a few people use the dog park to the detriment of the other residents. Concerned that an unfenced dog park is adjacent to a public school. Kids walk through that area every day. There should never be an unfenced dog park adjacent to a school. Ross Common also needs 1 or 2 EV charging stations. Also, could we get a human being to manage the post office?	8/3/2021 8:58 PM
15	I wish there was more to do downtown. There are not enough retail shops and the "offices" or "shops" that are never open are not fun. The ground floor buildings should be retail only and be open for business at least five days a week!	8/3/2021 8:41 PM
16	It's about time we start thinking about reinvestment and upgrading the common. The common is embarrassing in its current state. Sports Fields are in dire need of upgrading, walking path unsafe for children, tree maintenance unacceptable, and lacking the right amenities to increase community connectivity.	8/3/2021 7:48 PM
17	it's so nice to have a place the town can gather that is kid and adult friendly	8/3/2021 3:12 PM
18	I love the Commons; sometimes pick up grandkids but not on a regular basis. Mostly I walk through on way to PO	8/3/2021 1:50 PM
19	The Common appealed to us when we moved here 30 years ago and it still does. It is a very	8/3/2021 1:41 PM

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nice green area in our small downtown area that, in my view, contributes to our small town, relaxed atmosphere.

20	Thanks for survey. Happy children playing sports, families picnicing and community gatherings help give our town it's special small town feeling and energy.	8/3/2021 1:32 PM
21	It's not a dog run. People with dogs should have them on a leash at all times and certainly never allow their dogs to use the playing field as a bathroom.	8/3/2021 1:25 PM
22	When my son was in grade school my needs and uses of the Commons were different from my needs and uses today. I answered the questions relative to my current needs and uses.	8/3/2021 1:24 PM
23	I am concerned about adding a bathroom. We have seen an increase in homeless people and it will attract even more out of town visitors on weekends.	8/3/2021 12:59 PM
24	The police should enforce the laws as they pertain to bicycles being prohibited on the grass and enforce speed limits and illegal u turns in front of the post office	8/3/2021 12:51 PM
25	Na	8/3/2021 12:37 PM
26	Thanks for all you do and caring about our community!	8/3/2021 12:33 PM
27	Needs to be kept clean and trash cans emptied often. Hedges, etc., need to be better maintained. What a wonderful asset we have.	8/3/2021 12:31 PM
28	The Common and the Town of Ross should have a public playground, comparable to Peri Park in Fairfax, Memorial Park in San Anselmo, Hal Brown Park in Kentfield, or Piper Park in Larkspur. The Ross School playgrounds are not available (kindergarten playground is locked at all times, and both playgrounds are for students only during school hours) or appropriate (new big kid playground doesn't have any features for small kids). Ross has the opportunity to be inclusive and foster community with a public toddler/all-ages playground at the center of town. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and create a space for the littlest people in our community to gather, play, learn, and connect.	8/3/2021 12:07 PM
29	Bathroom!!!	8/3/2021 11:56 AM
30	The ability to have dogs play in the common is very unique and should be retained	8/3/2021 11:54 AM
31	Don't over think this space please	8/3/2021 11:54 AM
32	We need to create a space that can capture the weekend biking and running community where they want to spend time and \$ in our town. Right now they park, run/bike, and leave our town. This means more customers for our merchants.	8/3/2021 11:48 AM
33	there seems to be more cars than in past years - seems like many non town people park around common to bike somewhere else. How about Ross resident parking stickers?	8/3/2021 11:42 AM
34	I'd like to see it remain mostly undeveloped, park like, not divided into sections for different uses.	8/2/2021 4:45 PM
35	reopen to dogs	8/2/2021 2:13 PM
36	More senior citizen activities to bring the senior citizens of Ross to stay connected with each other!	8/1/2021 9:55 PM
37	watching the sports is great to see, we need a UPS access to the Post Office. If we get our mail there, seems smart to add Amazon and UPS to Post Office. It is very dark at night and some lighting and shade for seating would be great!	8/1/2021 8:39 PM
38	We love the Common but would love to have a restroom and better flow for walkers/bikers from the common to the bike path and downtown to make it more open and inviting with more sitting room and things for kids and young children, especially while events are happening on the common.	7/31/2021 4:26 PM
39	no	7/31/2021 3:28 PM
40	The historic dog park in the grove is a wonderful gathering spot for owners as well as their dogs. The PO grass strip is too small and is unsafe as dogs can easily run into the street.	7/30/2021 10:40 PM
41	Great space	7/30/2021 4:58 PM
42	so much better without the dogs! no more poop! kids use that area all of the time now, without	7/30/2021 9:15 AM

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fear of dogs. we can actually picnic without the dogs. we use it much more often as a family and for social gatherings and it has been a vital place for us to meet and feel like a community

43	It is a special place and we are lucky to have it in our community.	7/29/2021 9:23 PM
44	As a long time resident, it has always been comforting to see the general use of the Common, and would like to see it remain much the same. I'd say there isn't much that needs improvement == leave it as it is.	7/29/2021 5:06 PM
45	The people who want to keep dogs in the "grove" area are very outspoken and organized, but they do not represent most Ross families. But many Ross families are uncomfortable speaking out publicly. A dog park next to the post office would be ideal. It's unsanitary to have dogs on the Common, where children play and families picnic. No other town combines a dog area with a play/picnic area.	7/29/2021 2:58 PM
46	Works well in current form.	7/29/2021 2:29 PM
47	No	7/29/2021 1:28 PM
48	Increase or add more staff for maintenance and trash service along the playground and commons. The nature park needs picnic benches as there is no real use for it and it's a big space. The dog park should be next to post office. The oak grove could use some grass maintenance or evening out of area.	7/29/2021 1:17 PM
49	A common without dogs would be a cleaner, safer, more enjoyable common. The poop covered grass is a real buzz kill. Thank you.	7/29/2021 1:10 PM
50	We hope this survey provides evidence of the needs of ALL residents/taxpayers of the town, not just, as it has been recently, Ross School and participants (often not residents) of Ross Rec.	7/29/2021 12:52 PM
51	A bathroom would be great!	7/29/2021 11:14 AM
52	Social life at the park has revolved around sports and dogs. The dog aspect got severely curtailed, and as one the biggest taxpayers in the town we are pissed off and will do our level best to drive any dog hating politicians out of office	7/29/2021 10:21 AM
53	The new picnic tables on the far east side of the common across from Tony Tutto's are unfinished wood. They are already stained, greasy and unsightly. There is no way to clean unfinished wood. They should be sanded and stained and have a polyurethane finish or be made of metal like the ones used at lunch at Ross School. To be hygienic (especially during a pandemic) you need a finish that can be easily wiped and cleaned.	7/28/2021 3:38 PM
54	Lots of fond memories.	7/28/2021 3:06 PM
55	I live across the street from the common [REDACTED]. We enjoy the Common and it's natural and informal space where neighbors can gather, kids play sports and have other outdoor activities. Appreciate your ideation and getting community input. But quite honestly, we like it the way it is. Open and not chopped up with activity areas. We're not supportive of field lighting, which could encourage evening gatherings and noise, and we also oppose public restrooms. Finally, not on the facility side, but programming....the outdoor dining evenings were great, the schools are enjoying using the space, and the stage has community potential as well.	7/28/2021 1:18 PM
56	We live across the street. We enjoy it pretty much as it is. It should be for humans, not dogs. It should not be a dog park. Restrooms could attract the homeless. Field lighting will disturb the night skies. Please don't overthink it. It is a place for kids to play and families to lay in the grass.	7/28/2021 1:12 PM
57	We absolutely adore the Ross Common and appreciate your efforts to improve it.	7/28/2021 12:52 PM
58	Love that it is the community hub! Playgrounds, town dinner, town picnics, dog friendly - all a great way to enhance the community and connect us. Would love some additional play courts like bocce. We'd hang out even more at the commons.	7/28/2021 11:32 AM
59	It is essential to return our dogs to the Common- great way to encourage multi generational contact and for new and old neighbors to get to know one another	7/28/2021 9:34 AM
60	We need traffic circles to keep the traffic flowing & to turn around at both ends of town. We need picnic tables in the shade by the new redwood tree space.	7/28/2021 6:33 AM

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61	A fenced in dog park across the the street closer to Post Office would be a great addition, vs the old dog park.	7/28/2021 6:25 AM
62	Pls do not put turf on the common!!	7/28/2021 5:48 AM
63	It's a beautiful space that we are thankful to frequent often. Only real addition I would love to see is a restroom. I was very sad to see dogs banned from the park also, but I understand that's a hard thing to police/control. Thank you for allowing for community input and best of luck in your renovation plans.	7/27/2021 9:04 PM
64	We love Ross Common. It is the heart of our community and truly the sweetest family play space.	7/27/2021 8:45 PM
65	The trash around the all school tables and benches near the playground is ALWAYS TERRIBLE! Just the other day I picked up a whole grocery bag full of trash, left behind after a sports camp ended, in front of my two young boys (who attend Ross School). I HATE seeing overflowing trash cans that are not well placed near the playground, but there is also a major issue of children constantly leaving their food and trash (and clothes) behind. :(7/27/2021 8:15 PM
66	Love when flowers are updated/planted. Color would be great.	7/27/2021 7:23 PM
67	no dogs except on PO side	7/27/2021 7:13 PM
68	Thank you for your work, and for asking us!	7/27/2021 5:48 PM
69	Please do not consider installing public restrooms. The Ross Common is not meant as a place for people to "camp out" all day (or night). Public restrooms would lead to a number of major concerns. We do not need more picnic areas. The Common is a perfect, understated neighborhood Common for locals use. Increasing the infrastructure would make it more of a "destination" for bloggers to geotag and have their followers come to picnic and leave waste. (Every Sunday night, the Common waste bins are already overflowing.) We do need to reopen the dog recreation area, which operated for at least four decades with no hygienic or safety issues. The area near the post office is not safe for dogs or cars. And the signs on the Common are unsightly. Open the dog park.	7/27/2021 3:44 PM
70	Can we have food trucks that come Friday or Saturday evenings?	7/27/2021 3:43 PM
71	No, thank you!	7/27/2021 3:08 PM
72	Nope	7/27/2021 2:33 PM
73	It's pretty nice "as is", but can use some more seating options and connection to the downtown and/or Post Office. I'd ask that you try to minimize lots of signage and markings, to the extent feasible (and legal).	7/27/2021 2:28 PM
74	I thought property belonged to the school,	7/27/2021 2:02 PM
75	Keep open space and plant more trees. Ross School managed to kill all of its mature oaks trees (at least 8)	7/27/2021 1:57 PM
76	It's a beautiful area and central to the Ross community. Many of us would like to see more gardening, more seating areas and places to meet and socialize. Thanks for the survey!	7/27/2021 1:43 PM
77	The Redwood Grove is underutilized area that could really turn into something great! Also we NEED BATHROOM! Is there a way for the Town to partner with the school tooter to maintain them in off hours to keep them open. Otherwise would be great to build	7/27/2021 1:37 PM
78	Ross Common is a great centerpiece for our community. I think the town has done a great job maintaining it over the years and keeping it as a functional and freeform location. I do look forward to reestablishing the dog section of the common. It was nice to see the older members of the community gather there in years past.	7/27/2021 1:34 PM
79	I work in Ross so visit the common almost every day.	7/27/2021 1:20 PM
80	Otherwise very happy with the Commons. My eldest of three is in 2nd grade at Ross School, so we have many years ahead of us for utilizing that great space!	7/27/2021 1:10 PM
81	Keep it simple. I'm not interested in seeing it become an amusement park. Fewer sign and less pavement the better.	7/27/2021 1:04 PM
82	We love it!	7/27/2021 12:51 PM

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83	Na	7/27/2021 12:42 PM
84	How about fixing up the area across from the Town Hall at the corner of SFD and Lagunitas.	7/27/2021 12:41 PM
85	Don't fix what is not broken.	7/27/2021 12:40 PM
86	Generally like the current situation.	7/27/2021 12:30 PM
87	More sanitary drinking fountains (to refill water bottles) and a separate dog drinking fountain.	7/27/2021 9:26 AM
88	No	7/27/2021 5:49 AM
89	I would absolutely not change much. Turf and lights would be awful! The Common's classic and serene style is the cornerstone to the town's bucolic charm - not something to be changed after 100 years of consistency, any big change proposed as such would cause an absolute uproar and hysteria.	7/26/2021 9:51 PM
90	We'd love to see more community events on the common -- maybe close off the main street to cars for an evening, encourage people to bike/walk, have live music and and bring in some food trucks. Thanks!	7/26/2021 4:06 PM
91	We love the Common and use everyday. Dog waste and unleashed dogs are our biggest concerns. The outer edges, hedges seem poorly maintained given that the Town pays for landscape services.	7/26/2021 2:44 PM
92	same note as above: Not exactly related to the common, but what about a UPS Access point or Amazon locker at the PO to cut down on delivery trucks, road wear and tear and traffic on our streets? TY	7/25/2021 3:13 PM
93	Np	7/25/2021 12:59 PM
94	The benches need to be level, with arms and suitable for seniors	7/24/2021 9:18 PM
95	Thank you for asking for input, and for your service to the town. My advice is to make as few changes as possible.	7/24/2021 1:10 PM
96	With COVID coming to an end soon (hopefully) it would be nice if there were a few more community events on the stage with music, etc. Seems like that is rarely used and would be a wonderful community builder! Also, I think the common should be open to dogs.	7/24/2021 9:44 AM
97	There are no dog parks anywhere that double as picnic/play areas; it's neither safe nor sanitary. "Shared use" (dog park plus picnic/play area) isn't possible. Please find a separate place for dogs, such as next to the post office.	7/23/2021 7:07 PM
98	Improving one of the baseball fields with dedicated infield would be great, as it was before the remodel	7/23/2021 6:59 PM
99	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!	7/23/2021 6:27 PM
100	It should retain a simple, unfussy character. Should not be developed for many more uses.	7/23/2021 4:08 PM
101	A drive by mailbox so you don't have to park to mail a letter	7/23/2021 2:41 PM
102	Regular live music would be fun	7/23/2021 1:57 PM
103	We love walking to the Common and love to see families using the grass area for picnics. Though we had a dog we felt the area used as a dog park was not monitored and dog owners did not pick up after their dogs therefore making it a dog bathroom, not useable by families or Ross School students. It is much better now that dogs are not allowed there.	7/23/2021 12:12 PM
104	wish we had a drive up mail box so we could drop letters without getting out of car or parking.	7/23/2021 11:30 AM
105	Yes, I'm the 21 years I have lived next door, there has never been enough maintenance... trash, dying greenery, overuse for the size of the area, etc. Dog debris is not the huge problem you would like to make it seem, but I guess you would like to blame the weeds, garbage, dying grass, fallen leaves in the "grove" that are not picked up on dogs. BTW...motorized scooters should NOT be allowed on the pathway. They go to fast and are dangerous.	7/23/2021 11:27 AM
106	We would love access to restrooms on weekends and after school - eliminating having to go to tony tuttos or coffee shop.	7/23/2021 11:02 AM

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107	Love it!	7/23/2021 10:42 AM
108	Looking forward to seeing the plans!	7/23/2021 9:45 AM
109	Ross Commons desperately needs a public restroom. My husband and I walk there from our home near downtown San Anselmo and if we need to use the bathroom, there is no place to go. We have seen families bike there from our area as well as other parts of Ross, and inevitably a child needs a bathroom. Parents then try to see if a nearby business will let their child go to the bathroom there. A public bathrooms is needed.	7/23/2021 9:18 AM
110	I hope you will listen to ALL residents and not continue to penalize residents in favor of a money making entity that brings in many non-residents. The arguments against sharing the space with dogs and ALL residents are thin. Why couldn't we share the space - give RESIDENTS access to their Common in the evenings and on weekends. The council and town are not representing all residents in allowing access to the Common. And the ridiculous number of large signs posted everywhere are offensive.	7/23/2021 8:12 AM
111	The history of the commons is cool. I recall that Annie Worn, Ross's daughter, sold it to the town. It would be nice if that was made a part of any changes, even if just with naming any new features.	7/23/2021 7:08 AM
112	It's hugely important to the town and should be better maintained.	7/22/2021 11:12 PM
113	Disappointed question 6 is so obviously designed to be anti-dog. Why wasn't the dog prohibition listed?	7/22/2021 11:07 PM
114	It's pretty nice as it is.	7/22/2021 10:38 PM
115	Love Ross Common! Love being able to bring my dog up to run around (we have missed this during COVID but understand and happy Ross School could use it!) and we have loved playing on the fields both in organized sports and pick up.	7/22/2021 8:53 PM
116	We love Ross Commons! We think the mulch area in the SW corner is underutilized and more seating should be there or a dog play area. This space is not included in the map, does it belong to the Common? In our view, the biggest problem in the Common is the unsightly trash cans that are often overflowing and the rodents that it attracts. We would like to see more trash receptacles. Adding character with art to the space would be fantastic.	7/22/2021 6:59 PM
117	Please don't overthink or overplan this and turn it into something different. The common is wonderful and always has been. It's fine to freshen up the plantings but please don't let newcomers turn it into an inauthentic, plastic turf playground. Keep it simple and save the town resources for something more necessary.	7/22/2021 6:55 PM
118	The heart of the community.	7/22/2021 6:11 PM
119	Less is more. Please don't change much.	7/22/2021 5:31 PM
120	Would be great to have playground for preschool aged kids - or why can't the town of ross own / maintain Pixie?	7/22/2021 5:01 PM
121	Although our children grew up in Ross and used the Common in the 1980's and early 1990's, we only spend time there with visiting grandchildren these days.	7/22/2021 4:01 PM
122	I'm a dog owner. Pre covid arrangement of dogs allowed in the grove but not on the ball fields was good - I don't think a clearly defined dog area would be pretty (they never are), but allowing dogs in the grove seemed like a good compromise and dog play is also a nice informal social time for the owners. Dogs should NOT be on playing fields however, at all. Unless there is a shortage of playing fields elsewhere, turf is unnecessary here. The Common is beautiful as is, so don't change it too much! Perhaps a clearly separate (from dogs) shady picnic area could be carved out of the grove?	7/22/2021 3:16 PM
123	It's a lovely green space in the middle of town, really gives Ross its small town character !	7/22/2021 2:56 PM
124	Thanks for asking! Await interesting changes!	7/22/2021 2:51 PM
125	We love it and we love our town!	7/22/2021 2:32 PM
126	One of the charms of Ross is coming over the bridge and having the "green space" as you enter the town. It's charming now, but can use a refresh. It would be nice to be able to have a	7/22/2021 2:18 PM

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space dedicated for dogs or at least be able to walk dogs through the area rather than around the edges.

127	Appreciate you considering improvements!	7/22/2021 2:09 PM
128	It is adjacent to the Ross School, and that should be another focus. Do not add things that will decrease safety for the children and have some sort of perimeter that will show children NOT to run into the side streets and maybe get injured. Do not add much to this nice open area. If you have community gardens, who will be the community? Only Ross residents and children for learning purposes and use? Who gets the produce? Do not set up something that will require policing, issues, conflicts, and costs to taxpayers in the long run. A big open space in the midst of Town is the best option and leaves open area for the school children. There are other open areas at MAGC for use by the general public.	7/22/2021 2:01 PM
129	Love the move to coordinate enhancement ideas. Bravo. Please let's keep it natural. the more man-made stuff the more it takes away from the beautiful nature that we have arounds us. Manicured, well-kept, but natural.	7/22/2021 1:58 PM
130	We have a young family and love the ross Common. We also use the ross common for kids sports. We would like to see the baseball fields kept. Thank you!	7/22/2021 1:44 PM
131	The space has much potential. With more infrastructure and design, it could be so much more useful to the community.	7/22/2021 1:38 PM
132	I like its openness. Carving out specific use spaces would be at the expense of other uses. But kids need restrooms. Picnic tables /seating along south end was great. There was unused street side space that is now used more often, but please be thoughtful on future additions that would be limiting	7/22/2021 1:30 PM
133	No thanks	7/22/2021 1:22 PM
134	It's great. Hope any "additions" don't make it worse. Also, I think the hedge protects the kids who are playing on the lawn from the street	7/22/2021 1:15 PM
135	The common seems pretty nice to me. It's our main corridor through Ross, Sir Francis Drake Blvd., t, ehat needs beautifying, especially the entrances to Ross at either end. How about a Welcome To Ross sign and flowers?	7/22/2021 1:14 PM
136	Ross Common is a great asset to our community, serving as a center of community events and a lovely, peaceful space to spend time. It reflects the spirit of Ross as a place for kids and dogs to play, and for others to watch and enjoy them. Please don't inhibit this by over-thinking and tearing it apart in the interest of "improving" it!	7/22/2021 12:58 PM
137	Restrict dogs. Let them use that grass area east, north of Post office but not on Common. Owners let them run wild and they ruin picnics and jump on kids playing. It's unfortunate, but dog owners these days don't control their pets and it's time the town steps up and says No more. Adding long picnic tables with lights under the redwood grove that recently opened up with wood chips would be a great addition and bring the community better together for picnic dinners etc...	7/22/2021 12:58 PM
138	A bathroom would be really really nice	7/22/2021 12:56 PM
139	Since the beginning of time dogs have been allowed unleashed to play. Why has this changed? Please bring dogs back to the common	7/22/2021 12:53 PM
140	Please, please, please keep the ability for kids sports teams to practice there - it is in my mind the best attribute of the Common and gathers families together in the best way! Would also love to see additional playground equipment for younger kids to use when school is in session (and therefore school playground can't be used). The area where the redwoods are with wood chips could use benches; there isn't anyway to sit currently - also picnic tables in that area would be awesome since it's shaded. Love the Common, don't chance too much! :)	7/22/2021 12:51 PM
141	As a mother of a 5 year old AND a dog owner, I would like to have an opportunity to spend time and socialize in Ross common with both of them. With that said, because not all dog owners pick up after their dogs, a designated dog area vs "dogs allowed everywhere/nowhere" it is what I envision as a preferable solution for ross commons.	7/22/2021 12:31 PM
142	Why invest \$ in improvements. Just maintain it!!!	7/22/2021 12:29 PM
143	We love the common and look forward to seeing a much-needed upgrade and renovation come	7/22/2021 12:23 PM

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to fruition for everyone to enjoy.

144	Keep amendments to a minimum and simple, reflecting the natural and old-time feel of the town.	7/22/2021 12:20 PM
145	The Common does not need major changes. It is beautiful. It just needs some TLC to improve the quality of the grass and landscaping, and improved connection to the bike path for cyclists, runners, and walkers. The addition of a restroom and/or dog waste bins would be terrible, as it will stink! I understand that little kids play there and runners and cyclists meet up there, all of whom need the occasional restroom - but is there a way to do this without having an unsanitary/smelly bathroom? Also I do not want to attract homeless people to the Common with a public restroom. While I do think the addition of a turf area could be nice for sports, I would NOT AT ALL like to have the entire Common be turf. Lastly, FREE the DOGS! It has been way too long that the Common has been a dog-free area...ridiculous!	7/22/2021 12:19 PM
146	Love the common	7/22/2021 11:58 AM
147	LOVE the group activities idea (eg cornhole, bocce, etc). Would love to see trash picked up more often as well. Perhaps community pickup days (as it is the community that is leaving it there).	7/22/2021 11:41 AM
148	We have loved it as it is for years. Our children played on it, both for school and off hours, I've taken my dogs over the years. The hedge along the road is good - it gives the children a boundary, it's green. Do not add anymore concrete or other hard material. We need all the dirt and drainage we have to keep water going in the ground. The only possible addition would be more trees. Some that are there are older and you want replacements coming up.	7/22/2021 11:37 AM
149	I know the grass is doomed because of the drought, but counsel caution on use of artificial turf (which we have in our yard and are pleased with): it gets incredibly hot in the sun - so hot it is impossible to stand on, barefooted, and might be equally hot for children to play on/fall down on. Plus it's super-expensive to install, and doesn't last forever. Better, perhaps, to play in the dust/dirt until the rains return.	7/22/2021 11:34 AM
150	nope	7/22/2021 11:33 AM
151	To be welcoming and inclusive, the Common should incorporate areas for children of all ages, including a public playground	7/22/2021 11:30 AM
152	We are excited about this initiative. We have 3 young children who play at Ross Commons daily. A huge problem is a lack of restrooms. Due to this, our children and their friends often pee in the bushes, which is very unfortunate.	7/22/2021 11:30 AM
153	Covid was used as an opportunity to eliminate dog owner use of the dog park. While the pretense was that the dog ban was temporary it has been enacted as a permanent ban. The community benefits from a dog exercise area. Without it dog owners use the sporting fields to exercise their dogs, leaving mess, damage, and undesired interactions between animals and field users. Any Common repurposing must encompass a dog area.	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
154	Bathroom is the highest priority. We use the are daily and love everything about it but often find it difficult with no bathroom available.	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
155	Less dogs please. It's annoying to see them off leash at the post office and surrounding area.	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
156	NO ARTIFICIAL TURF. Natural trees are always needed and welcome	7/22/2021 11:28 AM
157	No	7/22/2021 11:27 AM
158	It would be nice to keep organized play such as baseball away from the residential areas near Redwood Drive. That area has gotten very noisy over the years.	7/22/2021 11:25 AM
159	We've got a big dog problem in Ross. I don't walk my dog on-leash anywhere near the Common as we so often are charged by off-leash dogs. Keep the dogs off the grass and on the pavement only	7/22/2021 11:25 AM
160	It's a beautiful spot that feel under utilized	7/22/2021 11:24 AM
161	.	7/22/2021 11:23 AM
162	We love having recreational space. Dogs off leash are stressful to all!	7/22/2021 11:20 AM
163	Shaded seating would be our top priority.	7/22/2021 11:20 AM

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164	No need to spend money on improving Commons. Current rules about dogs exist, but are not respected or enforced.	7/22/2021 11:17 AM
165	It could be beautiful I have donated much of my time making suggestions about how to replant	7/22/2021 11:17 AM
166	so glad we have it!	7/22/2021 11:12 AM
167	Keep it pleasant and attractive.	7/22/2021 11:11 AM
168	Please no artificial turf on the common	7/22/2021 11:10 AM
169	Like the grass. Like that it is a community gathering place.	7/22/2021 11:07 AM