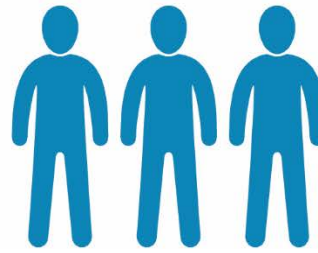




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## DESIGN CONCEPT A: LOOPING LAWN

1. Please indicate your preferences for the park elements presented in the Looping Lawn design concept:

### Embankment Slide

Like = 21

Dislike = 6

Neutral = 15

### Harvest Table - Long community table for large groups or for small groups to share

Like = 26

Dislike = 5

Neutral = 10

### Central Lawn

Like = 30

Dislike = 1

Neutral = 10

### Landscape Focused Nature and Water Play - Best suited to younger children

Like = 22

Dislike = 5

Neutral = 14

### Looping Pathway Circulation

Like = 28

Dislike = 2

Neutral = 12

### Tree Up-Lighting

Like = 37

Dislike = 2

Neutral = 2

### Laneway "Breadcrumbs" - Colourful painting at park entrances from the lanes

Like = 14

Dislike = 6

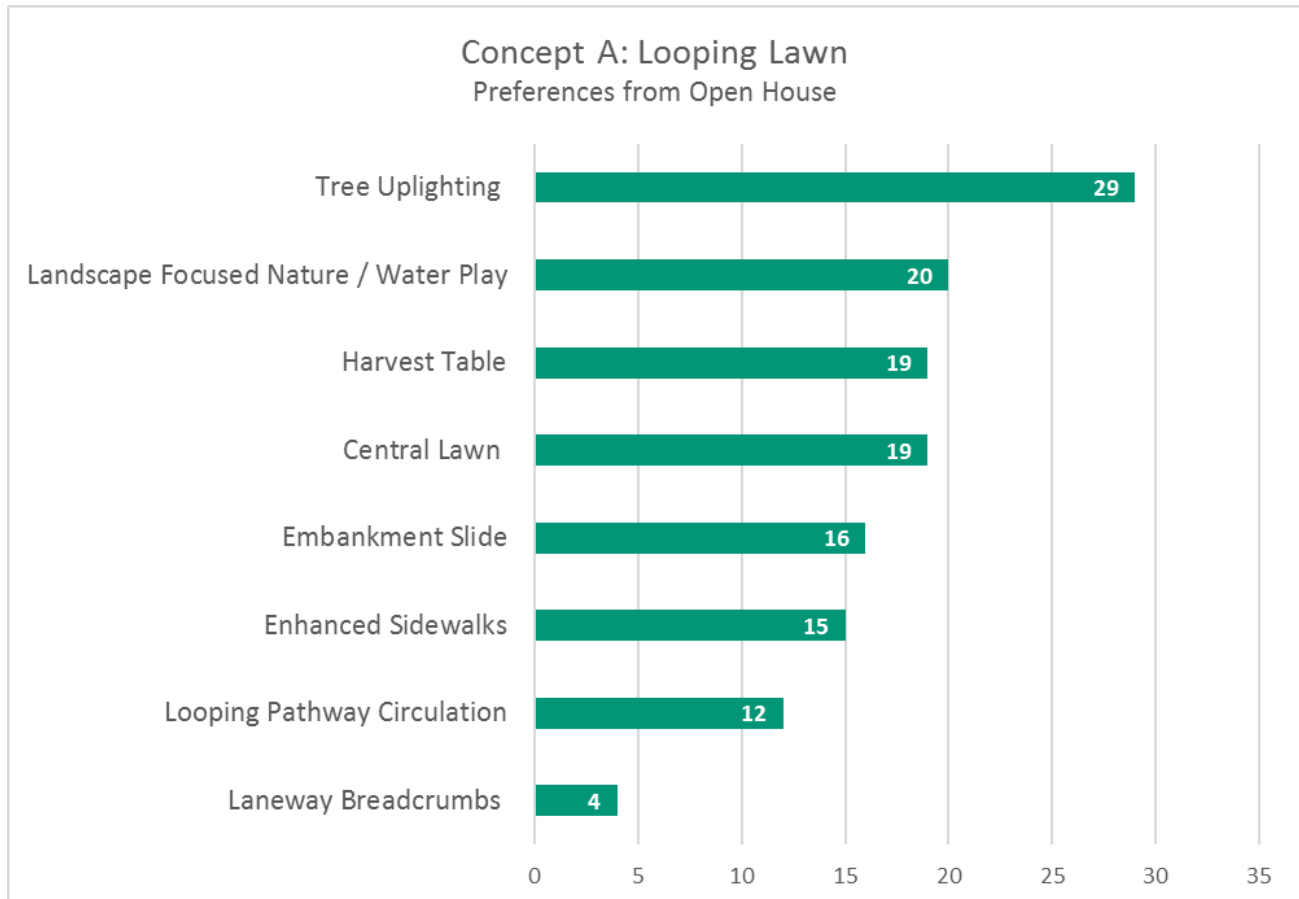
Neutral = 20

### Enhanced Crosswalks on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Like = 32

Dislike = 1

Neutral = 6



## 2. Do you have additional comments on the Looping Lawn Design?

### *Trees and Enhancing Green*

- Keeping the trees & shrubs
- Please do not remove the beautiful front planting area. Keep that and add a couple of cherry blossom trees
- Enhancing the “green” so the birds, bees, and wild animals can benefit

### *Water Play*

- Love the idea of reintroducing water.
- Water features are great, but only if they are regularly maintained by Parks Department.
- More water play offers a calmer, more natural alternative to shipyards splash park.

### *Preferred Elements*

- Like the playground at the front and more natural walking further back.
- Like looping pathway and up lighting, it will deal with youth hanging out in underbrush.
- Like the spacious area for using the park light.
- Like fully using the whole park.

### *Suggested Changes*

- My preference is for the looping lawn design but with play structures aimed at a wider age range of children including climbing elements - like the climbing and water proposal in the meandering meadow concept.
- Like the communal table but would prefer the meadow
- I think the park extensions into the alley are better than the breadcrumbs.
- I would like to see more play space for school-aged kids (rather than just the younger kids).
- The slide is a cool idea but the actual design could use edges for safety and a material that won't snag children's clothing.
- I don't think the park size is large enough to make this a practical feature. I don't think a large harvest table will be used as often as individual picnic tables. Why not put a feature like this in the manicured grass areas of the Spirit Trail between St Patricks and St Davids which have a water view.

### *Dogs*

- I was told this design would mean dogs not allowed in park because of large play area and path going through. NOT supportive of dogs allowed.

## **DESIGN CONCEPT B: MEANDERING MEADOW**

### **3. Please indicate your preferences for the park elements presented in the Meandering Meadow design concept:**

#### **Wet Meadow and Boardwalk**

Like = 25                       Dislike = 4                       Neutral = 11

#### **Laneway Park Extension**

Like = 31                       Dislike = 0                       Neutral = 8

#### **Picnic Tables - series of small tables**

Like = 28                       Dislike = 1                       Neutral = 12

#### **Street-side Orchard**

Like = 23                       Dislike = 3                       Neutral = 13

#### **Enhanced Crosswalks on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Like = 31                       Dislike = 1                       Neutral = 7

#### **Climbing Focused Nature and Water Play - Best suited to range of age groups, including youth**

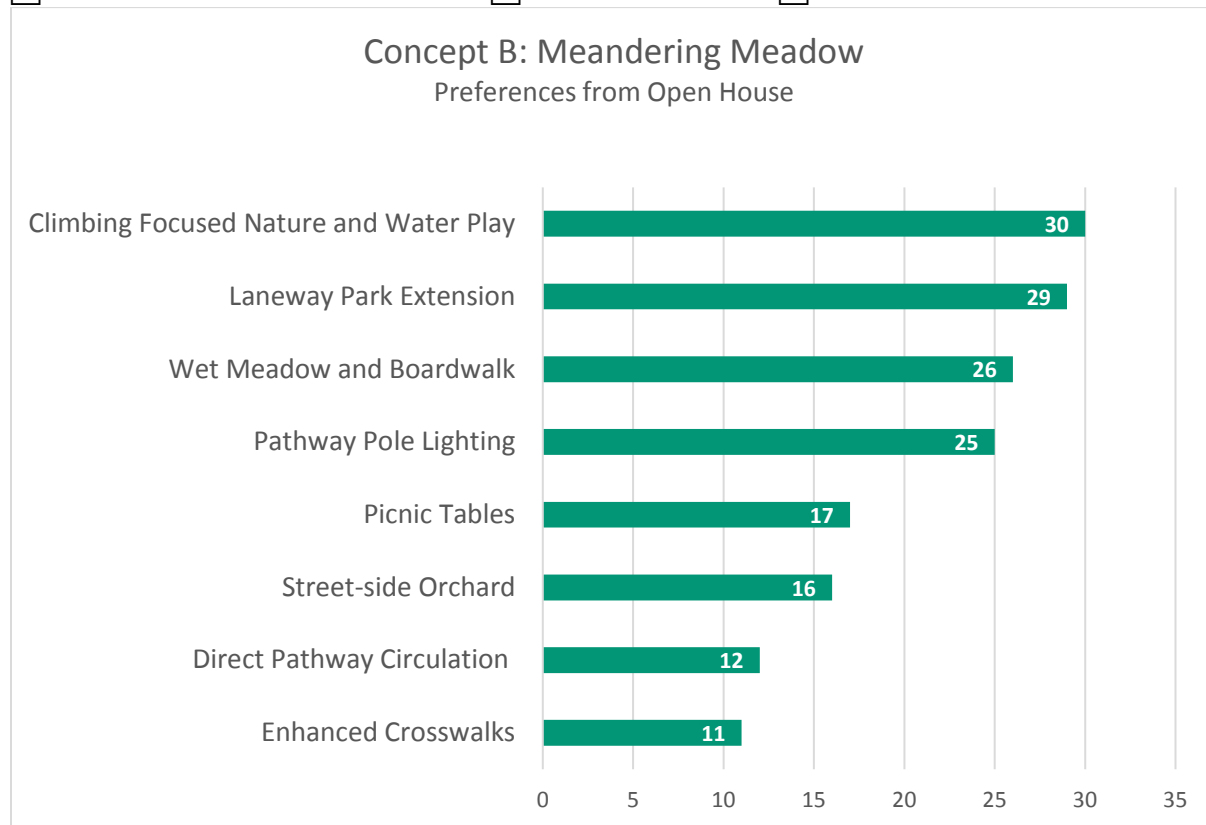
Like = 26                       Dislike = 5                       Neutral = 7

**Direct Pathway Circulation**

Like = 26                       Dislike = 3                       Neutral = 13

**Pathway Pole Lighting**

Like = 29                       Dislike = 1                       Neutral = 9



**4. Do you have additional comments on the Meandering Meadow Design?**

*Lighting*

- Like the additional lighting
- The lights on stairs
- Lighting up the trees from the last design was neater

*Climbing*

- My kids are older so it makes sense that I would prefer play structures that work for them, but there's also Moodyville Park. I think it would be great to have some variety, so slight differences at Hamersley compared to what's going in at Moodyville might be good.
- The climbing features would be great!

*Trees and Vegetation*

- It's unnecessary to rip down trees and vegetation
- Open up the growth in the park -the cedars are very large and dense

### *Support for natural design*

- Love the design - very beautiful and natural
- Love additions to varied habitat, more environmental exploration
- Like the boardwalk and vegetation plan. Like using the laneways
- I like using the natural aspects of park to create a boardwalk. To improve safety in park lighting should be adequate.
- I prefer the idea of small picnic tables – a large one would encourage much larger groups
- I prefer this concept.

### *Suggested Changes*

- I like Plan A with laneway extension and wet meadows and boardwalk if \$ allows it
- Street side orchard if not picked could get quite messy when the fruit falls and could also attract wasps.

### *Dogs*

- I assume this format more conclusive to dogs?

## **5. On the boards we have included ideas for improved crossings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. What are your thoughts on the design presented today?**

### *Support*

- Like the proposed design – promotes safety
- Consider those with minimal visual/auditory impairments
- Speed limit due to number of children
- Way better - the current crossing isn't clear and cars don't stop
- Improved crossings can only be a plus - increased traffic trying to reach bridge means frustrated drivers using side streets to bypass main routes
- Should be accompanied by overall traffic calming to reduce speed of traffic
- Keep it organic to blend with natural meadow design
- I don't see a lot of problems with current situation but could see benefits
- Definitely needed – pedestrian activated light crossing like the one on 1<sup>st</sup> and Chesterfield would be great at both crosswalks
- Street lights at crosswalks.
- Good idea!

### *Not Necessary*

- Silly waste of money - just remove ugly overhead yellow sign
- No comment. We don't use the park as a walk through.
- Not necessary, we have crosswalks and speed bumps.
- Perhaps more traffic calming bumps on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> would help the issue.

**6. At the first open house, many residents indicated that they would like to have the park lighting improved. If you would like new park lighting, please tell us why.**

*Safety*

- Safety and loitering
- Security at night, deter youth from using park for undesirable activity
- Security & safety
- Lights are the most important thing to me, feel more secure and safe at night
- It is dark at night, remove some trees and add better lighting would make it safer
- Safety reasons
- Create more useable area in the park, improve safety at night
- Yes but they must be friendly and open. The lanes are dark
- Lighting sounds wonderful especially if the trees were more open
- Obviously, good park lighting is a plus, also from a security point of view. But important also is to ensure the type of lighting does not intrude on the apartment buildings surrounding the park.
- Some lighting for safety is good. Tree-up is a nice method.
- Solar lights. Why not also on 1<sup>st</sup> street east.
- Safety, beauty
- To improve safety and security at night.
- Safety makes it easier to see particularly on rainy or dark evenings.
- Park lighting might make the entrance at 2nd st be used more
- For increased visibility and safety when using the park.
- Park lighting improves safety - because of all the trees, I won't use the park at dusk, it's too dark and secluded

*Deterrent*

- Discourage loitering from young adults
- Discourage homeless people from settling in
- Safety and discourage people hiding in the bushes
- Safety reduce people hanging out in bushes
- Park lighting would be great - I just don't mind what sort. There's definitely some sketchy people using the park at night and lighting would help people feel safer for sure.
- Decrease chance of it being used as hang out
- Yes! Lots of parties at night happen because they hide in the back

*Consideration of Neighbours*

- To some effect, yes – but lighting should not be such that it shines into adjacent building windows
- Lighting is really important for safety reasons and accessibility, but can also disturb neighbours. It would be great to do a proper study on how to install lighting without adding to the light pollution. (creative design is the best anyway...)

- I don't really have an opinion as we do not use the park in the dark.

**7. Many park visitors appear to use the lanes as entrances into the park. Do you think it is important to have park entrances and pathways to connect to the lanes? Please comment.**

*Support*

- I like the idea – looks good – people facing the back alley would appreciate the esthetic.
- Yes – but not much is needed – just enough to indicate visible entrance to parks
- Yes, increases the welcoming feeling
- It is important for any access to be clearly identified
- Yes! The yellow barriers are an eyesore and out of place for the park
- Yes – that is where people go up to catch bus or access the park at back instead of steep stairs. Also the “wild” bit out back of path is totally unused or maintained at present.
- As long as there are dedicated walkways, in the lanes, since the lanes are used for delivery trucks, garbage and recycling and entrance to underground garages for residents.
- Yes, connection up the lanes as presented is good to encourage people to use park
- Yes, people connecting with people is awesome
- Maintaining desire paths makes sense if people use them they'll keep using them.
- Yes – they are both “dead ends” so adding them as part of the park design is brilliant.
- I think this is a good idea. My only concern would be that people would be increasingly accessing the park from an area that is mainly meant for vehicle access.
- Yes! And I love the idea of having things like hopscotch painted there. It's not used for anything else.
- It seems like a good idea, but we predominantly use 1st as our access.
- Definitely. Don't fight the natural pedestrian traffic flow, please try to make it safer.
- Absolutely! the more entrances the better.

*Not Necessary*

- Not an issue personally from someone who lives across the street
- Not necessary
- The park is super small. Is it really necessary to have more entrances?

## **8. Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?**

### *Tree and Shrub Maintenance*

- The trees against our buildings (330 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street) are too big and are touching our buildings. Need to be taken out or pruned
- Thank you for taking the time & effort to enhance our neighbourhood. We would like some of the growth on the west side thinned out as it all encroaches on our property at 330 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Some branches are touching our building and should be at least 8ft away from the building. Rats, squirrels etc. can gain easy access to our patios & cause problems
- The mature trees though beautiful are too big and make it a dark place
- Please take out some of the trees and shrubbery located behind 357 East 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some of them are most unattractive and are safety hazards.
- Trees/shrubs are too close to the stairs and there are few clear sight lines from the stairs.
- I assume there will be a general clean-up of invasive plants and garbage in the shrubs. The NW corner particularly needs work.

### *Dogs*

- Please add dog waste bins
- Very concerned about comments made about dogs not being allowed. Currently interpret signage as saying no dogs in playground (which I agree with). Everyone in neighbourhood brings their dogs to this park. Please do not change that (on leash of course)
- Allow dogs in the park. So many in the area. This was a dog park until 5 years ago.
- A lot of people bring their dogs here to go to the bathroom (from the apartment). So maybe consider that as a factor.

### *Programming and Other Improvements*

- Is there any room to add some community garden plots? They are desirable in so many ways and really bring life to a green area.
- Please improve the stairs, they are in poor condition and very slippery when wet.
- I like the consideration for multiple uses of the park
- Missing exercise equipment; simple pull-up bars



#### *Area by the Stairs*

- Park has safety concerns during summer evenings, alcohol and drug use prevalent
- I'd start by getting rid of the smoke pit on the north end next to the stairs.
- The clearing at the base of the stairs is mostly inaccessible because teenagers hang out there and drink and leave trash.

#### *Play*

- Focus on the little kids and community space for block parties.
- We come here a lot – this is one of our favorite parks. My daughter likes climbing the trees and playing in the bushes – would love some benches for sure.
- Maintenance concern with water. Play area in shade. Include swing and benches for parents.

#### *Habitat and Ecological Significance*

- Retain wildlife habitat for birds and entrance if possible
- It's 2019 and the Parks, Eng, Envrt Dept should be focused on integrating elements of Section 4 of the new OCP which is focused on protecting areas of ecological significance into their park redevelopment projects. You should not consider cutting down trees to improve views of surrounding apartments (I also think if there is a bunch of lighting added to the park those same residents will complain about the lights coming into their units at night). You also should not be cutting down established healthy trees and shrubs to put in manicured grass, which has zero habitat and very low carbon sequestering value.

#### *Public Consultation and General Comments*

- Thank you for providing the opportunity for feedback. I look forward to seeing and using the updated park in the future.
- Nice work! I appreciate it.
- We are so lucky to have such amazing resources in our city. Thank you!!
- I found out about this from someone walking by. Why wasn't this planned for a weekend and better advertised?
- The park is in an area that's home to a lot of people so it's great the City is looking into improving it.

#### *Other Projects and Tree Protection in the City*

- You cut down the beautiful assemblage of shrubs and trees on Spirit Trail between St Davids and St Patricks for the Low Road project and promised like replacement planting but put in manicured grass. Isn't there an abundance of manicured grass in Lower Lonsdale Parks? Didn't you recently cut down 100 trees in Moodyville Park? Before you assume replanting trees is a suitable answer to continuing to cut down established healthy trees and that those

replanted trees will be resilient to climate change impacts, I encourage you to go 1 block south to East Esplanade and look at trees planted in last couple of years as part of the Low Road project along the Spirit Trail and in front of new businesses (buildings that were torn down and rebuilt). A large number of "replacement" trees are dead and dried up or dying exhibiting crown death and minimal growth on lower sections of the tree. This also doesn't address the large discrepancy in carbon sequestering ability and release of carbon from cutting down established larger trees and planting much smaller immature trees. I think the recent findings that the percent tree cover for District of West Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and City of North Vancouver (of respectively) and 78, 81, 25% impervious cover of 14%, 11% and 65%, respectively, are deeply concerning. It demonstrates the impact of the City of North Vancouver's lack of tree protection and unrestricted development and likewise highlights the districts which already have much higher tree cover are the ones taking real action to assess their carbon budgets, quantify, densify, and protect their urban forests and develop planting goals. Is this information not enough for the CNV to move forward with implementing tree protection bylaws? The CNV needs to put a stop to unhindered development where the existing urban forests (large diameter trees or sections of forest) are not built into the development plans and there is a lack of environmental protection. You declared a climate emergency ..take action

## **8. Landscape Design Principles: Comments from Boards**

1. *Provide a diversity of play opportunities for toddlers to youth through a play environment which is rooted in the landscape character of the park.*
  - This is most important for us as a young family.
  - Limited play for young families- priority for us.
  - This is important because more children can play.
  
2. *Create better sight lines through the park by managing vegetation, while preserving the experience of a lush and healthy woodland.*
  - This is the most important thing for me.
  - A lot of shrubbery and trees at present are not particularly attractive-they need to be "weeded out".
  - Open it up to discourage teens congregating under the trees and leaving their mess.
  - Don't change the trees because they are very helpful for birds and squirrels.
  - Prioritize natural area preservation – find balance between park use and access and preserving natural space. Manage invasives and plant natives – remove holy! Use opportunity for vegetation education.
  - Please keep vegetation. There are a lot of wildlife and animals that depend on this.

3. *Increase the social use of the park by providing multiple types of seating and tables, as well as an open lawn for informal recreation and gathering.*
- We used to have block parties. Once development has settled down we'll restart. The big tables in concept A would be good.

Other comments from the boards:

- This park currently allows dogs (not in playground but elsewhere). New design must still allow dogs on leash. So many dogs here!
- Dog area is important! So many dogs in neighbourhood.

**8. How often do you frequent Hamersley Park?**

- Daily = 10       Few times a week = 10       Once per week = 9  
 Once per month = 5       Rarely = 3  
Other (please specify): = 2

**9. How did you hear about the Open House? (check as many as apply)**

- City Website = 6       Facebook/Twitter = 7       Signs in Park = 13  
 Word of Mouth = 7       CityView e-newsletter = 2       Email = 7  
Other (please specify): = 5

**10. Where do you live?**

- Neighbour to Hamersley Park (within 2 blocks) = 31  
 City of North Vancouver Resident = 6