



Oregon's Kitchen Table –Build Gateway Green Consultation

Friends of Gateway Green in partnership with Oregon's Kitchen Table conducted an online consultation with Portland metro area residents to help turn an overlooked parcel of land in East Portland into a vibrant, off-road bike park in a gateway to the region. During the summer of 2013 several counties (Clackamas, Columbia, Hood, Multnomah, and Washington) weighed in on design features on both the bike park elements and other park amenities. Davis, Hibbitts, & Midghall, Inc. (DHM Research) worked with staff of the National Policy Consensus Center, Friends of Gateway Green and members of the Gateway Green design team to develop the content of the consultation. This is a high level summary of the report and will be followed up by the full report soon.

Friends of Gateway Green has now launched a crowdfunding campaign to ask for grassroots support for the final design of the park. You can join with others at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/build-gateway-green> to make the park a reality.

A total of 512 Portland metro residents, ages 18 and older, participated in the survey.

CONSULTATION SUMMARY RESULTS

The majority of those responding to the survey live within ten miles or closer to Gateway Green.

- 13% reported living 0-1 miles from Gateway Green with an additional 46% living 2-5 miles from the site. One in five (25%) live 6-10 miles away.
- 20% of respondents were age 18-34, 44% were 35-54, and 35% were age 55 or older.
- It should be noted that 85% of respondents have a 4-year college degree or more education.
- When asked to describe their use of a multi-use park like Gateway Green, four in ten (38%) said that as an East Portland resident, they would like to have a place to engage in active recreational activities with friends or family that is not too far from home.
- Similarly, four in ten (40%) also said that while they are unlikely to ever go to Gateway Green themselves, they "support more greenspace to protect water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and recreation and economic opportunities in East Portland."

While three in four found youth biking opportunities important, one in three found bike events and racing to be important.

- 74% said that youth biking opportunities and activities are *very important* (36%) or *somewhat important* (38%).
- Comparatively, 34% said that bike events and races are *very important* (13%) or *somewhat important* (21%).
 - Those who consider themselves serious cyclists (74%) were more likely than others to find bike races and events important.

When asked what they would like to see in the park, many respondents selected a wide range of bicycle facilities, with emphasis on youth-focused trails and a single-track trail.

- Half of all respondents selected a single-track trail (48%) and youth-focused trails (50%) as bicycling features they would like to see in the park.
 - 94% of those who consider themselves serious cyclists would like to see single track trails.
- “Gravity trails” (28%), “bike park” (32%), and “cyclecross track/circuit” (30%) all received a similar amount of emphasis.
- When asked to rank their top three features from 1 to 3, similar results were seen with top rankings going to youth-focused trails (35%) and a singletrack trail (29%).

When thinking about the community park, picnic areas, running trails, and children’s nature play area were the most supported features.

- 84% would like to see picnic or gathering areas in the community park.
 - 26% preferred picnic or gathering areas as their first choice when ranking these options.
- 71% would like to see children’s nature play areas while 72% would like to see walking/running/jogging paths.
 - When ranking these options 22% ranked walking/running/jogging paths as their top feature while 19% ranked children’s nature play area at the top.
- 60% would like to see open green space/fields.
- Both water features (47%) and environmental educational exhibits (37%), received less than 50% approval.

When asked about specific built features they would like to see in the park, residents responded with items consistent with their preference for features and structures.

- 81% would like to see picnic tables built followed by benches (76%) and covered areas (61%).
 - Rankings further reinforced this with 36% ranking picnic tables first, followed by benches (24%), and covered areas (18%).

Nearly half would visit Gateway Green at least once a month and would visit most often during the weekends.

- 62% would visit Gateway Green every few months or more often.
 - 98% of those who consider themselves serious cyclists would visit every few months or more often.
- 47% felt that they would visit Gateway Green most often on the weekends.
- Additionally, 23% would be most likely to visit in the evenings and 25% during the week.