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ROSSBOROUGH PARK

Neighborhood Meeting



RECAP

what cyclo-cross is;
overview of pilot
project and process

SHARE

what we have
heard (3 surveys)

LISTEN

your feedback on
the future of the
course

NEXT STEPS

online feedback;
determine future of
the course

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING ~ July 13, 2019



A photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, there is a large, leafless tree with a thick trunk. To the right, there is a picnic shelter with a green metal roof and wooden benches. The background shows a grassy field with more trees and a clear sky.

PARK GOALS

- Offer a variety of high-quality recreational services for all residents
- Provide parks that promote community
- Create a legacy for future generations

PILOT PROJECT GOALS

- Integrate a new use in a thoughtful manner
- Limit impact to park uses and resources
- Be a good neighbor
- Evaluate after 1 season



CYCLO-CROSS

- Seasonal sport (August-December)
- Off-road cycling discipline
- Takes place on grassy areas
- Narrow width
- Features force riders to dismount their bike & run

AT ROSSBOROUGH

- Skills training course
- Seasonal park use
- Average time spent on the course 20-30 minutes

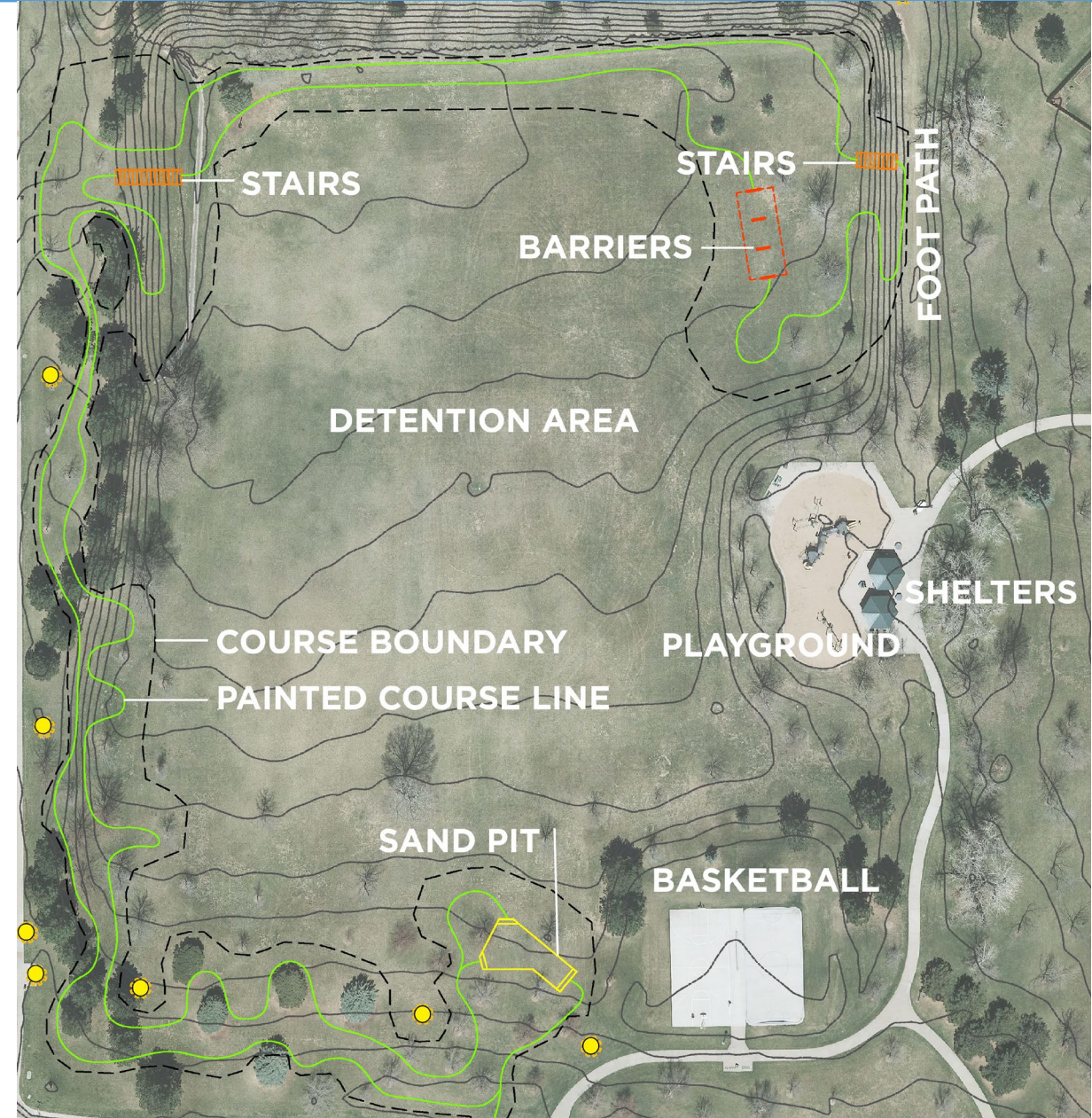


OPERATIONS

- Park Hours: 5 am to 11 pm
- Drop-in Use Only
- First Come – First Serve
- No Events, Races, Classes, or Paid Lessons

MAINTENANCE

- Inspection with regular maintenance visits: 2x | week
- Monitoring of course: user conflicts and resource damage



TEMPORARY COURSE CLOSURE

- Wet conditions
- Park maintenance / repair work
- Off-season
- Closure notification: kiosk, project web site, NOCO trail report, social media

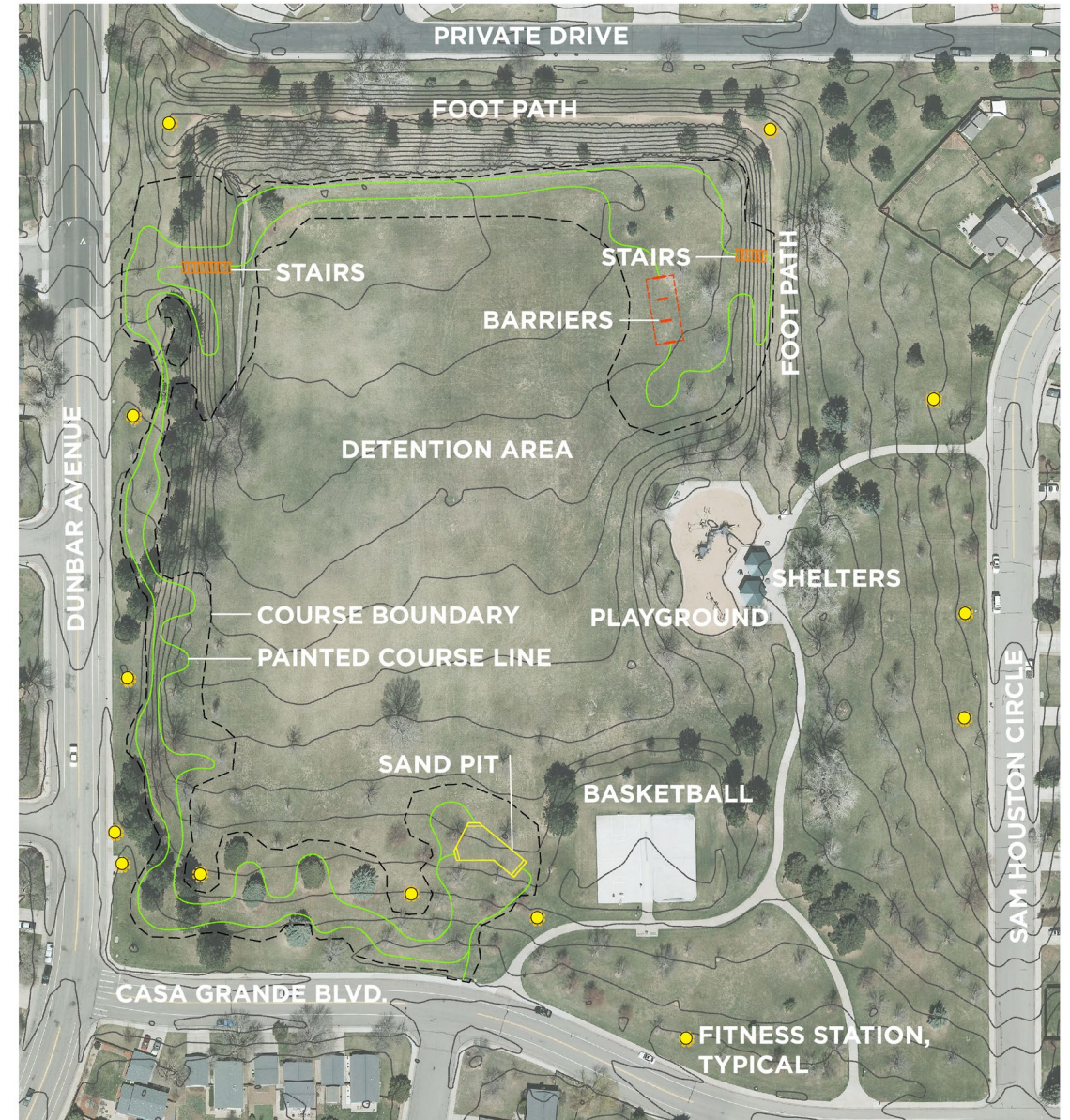
PERMANENT COURSE CLOSURE

- Safety concerns can't be mitigated
- Resource damage can't be mitigated



SKILLS TRAINING COURSE LAYOUT AND COURSE FEATURES

- Kiosk and Course Signage
- Sand Pit
- Stairs
- Barriers
- Course markings
- Elevation for run-ups and off-camber sections



CONCERNS SHARED at the JULY MEETING

- Noise
- Parking
- Traffic
- Enforcement of Rules
- Safety of other park users
- Impact to dog walkers
- Access to shade
- Use of sledding hill



PILOT IMPLEMENTATION

- Course design layout modified
- Materials donated by cyclo-cross community
- Features installed by cyclo-cross community volunteers (with City oversight)
- Pilot for 1 season
(September – December)





Welcome to the Cyclo-cross Skills Training Course

Cyclo-cross is an emerging sport that combines physical endurance with obstacles. This course will be implemented September 20-December 10, 2019 on a trial basis. To provide feedback or learn more about this project, please visit fcgov.com/parkplanning/cyclo-cross-pilot-project. Please follow the rules so everyone stays safe and has a great time.

CYCLO-CROSS SKILLS TRAINING COURSE RULES

- Ride with the flow of traffic.
- Follow the course line.
- Yield to pedestrians within the park.
- Course is off limits during wet conditions.
- Maximum of 15 riders on the course at a time.
- Maximum course speed of 15 mph.
- Drop-in use only.
- Course available on first-come first-serve basis.
- No events, classes or paid lessons are permitted.
- For more information visit: fcgov.com/parkplanning/cyclo-cross-pilot-project.

By using this course, you are assuming all risks of injury and/or damages. You are responsible for your own safety.



KIOSK &
COURSE
SIGNAGE

SAND PIT





STAIRS



BARRIERS



COURSE MARKINGS

PILOT EVALUATION

- Use conflicts
 - Respect for rules | use of course
 - Resource degradation
 - Vandalism | maintenance
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- Online feedback throughout pilot
 - Survey feedback at end of pilot





Neighbors



**Course
Users**



**Park
Maintenance
Staff**

← **WHO WE SURVEYED** →

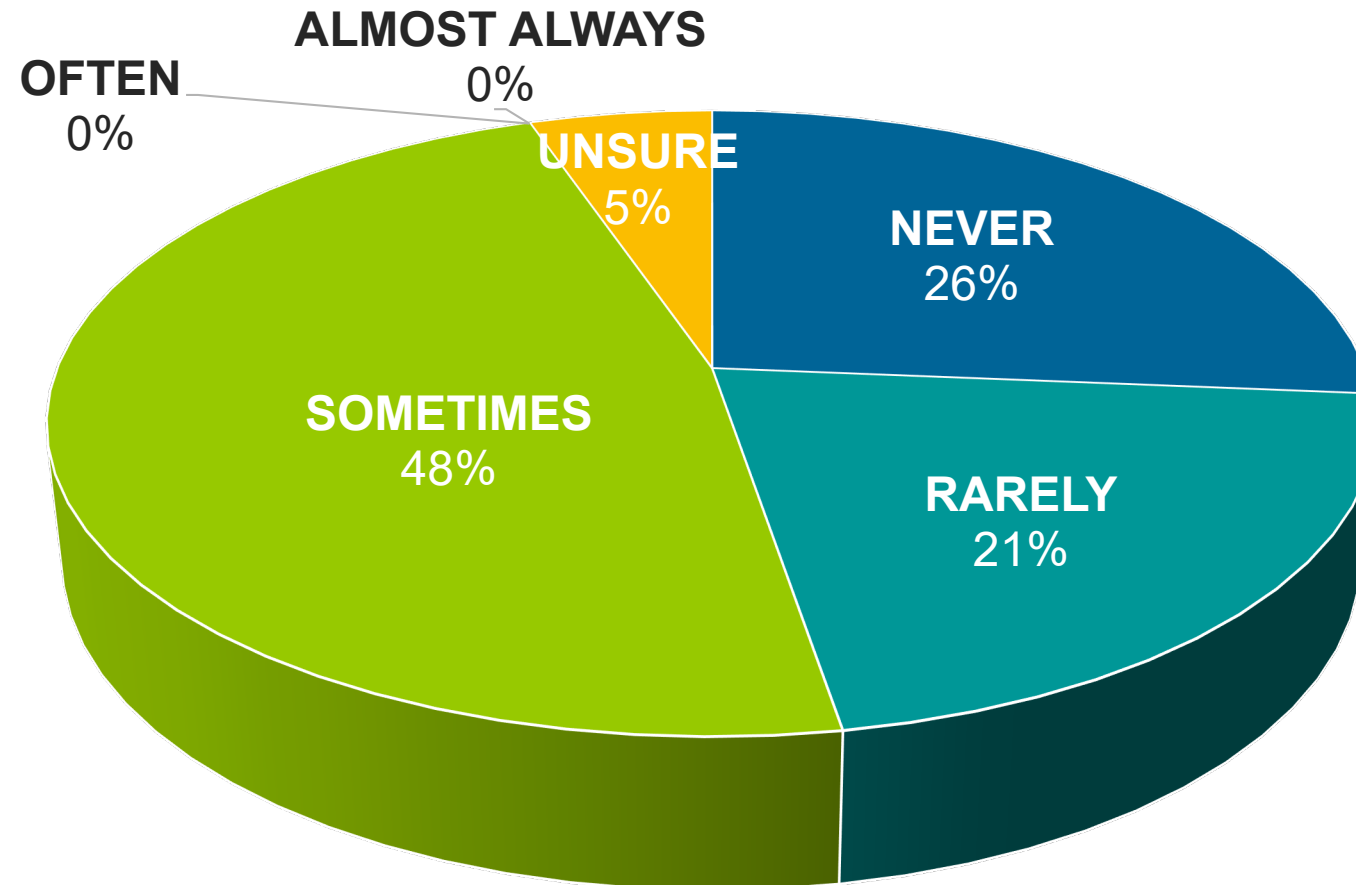


NEIGHBORS

park users

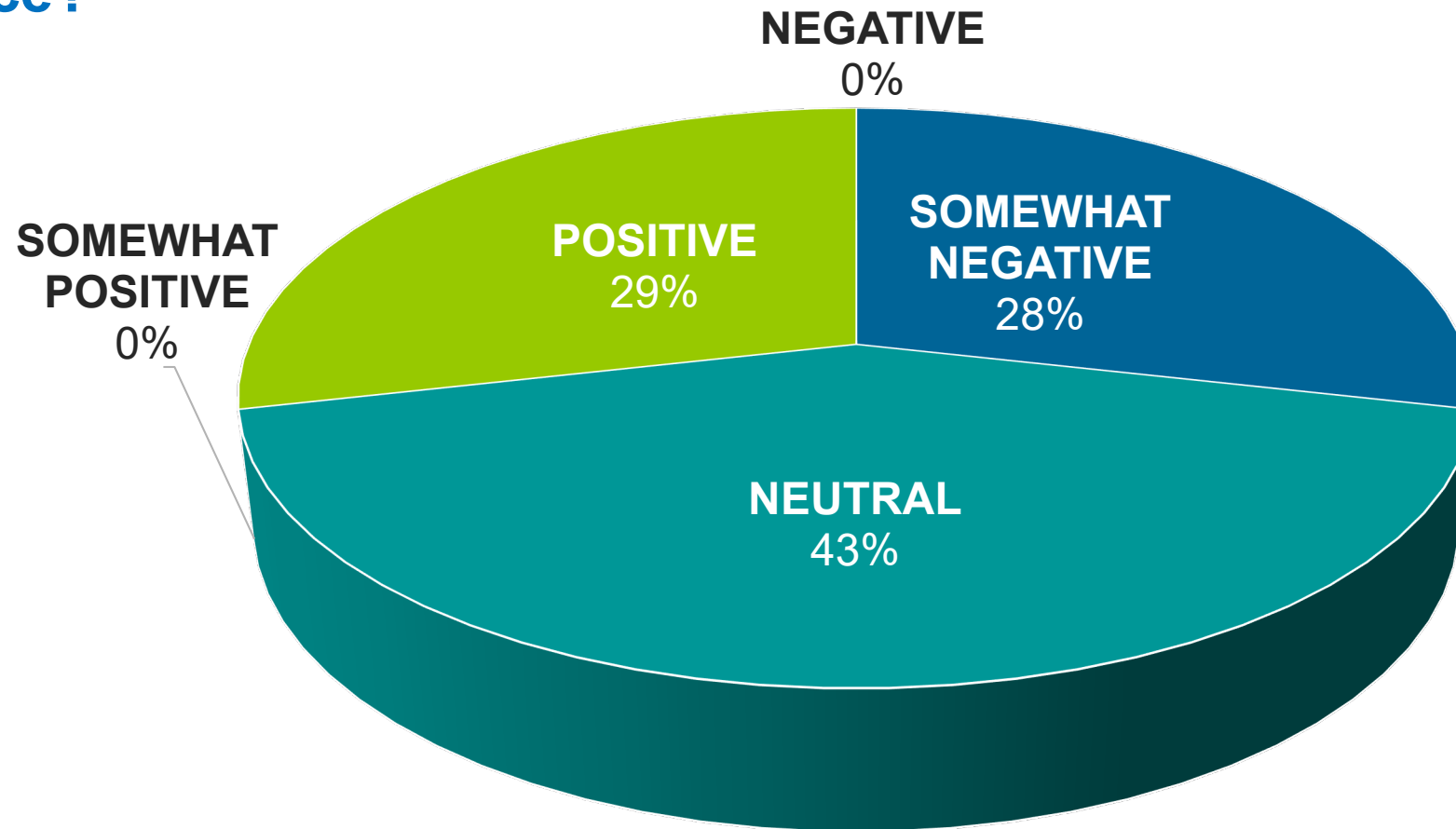
15 Survey Questions | 20 Survey Respondents

How often have you encountered cyclo-cross riders while visiting Rossborough Park?



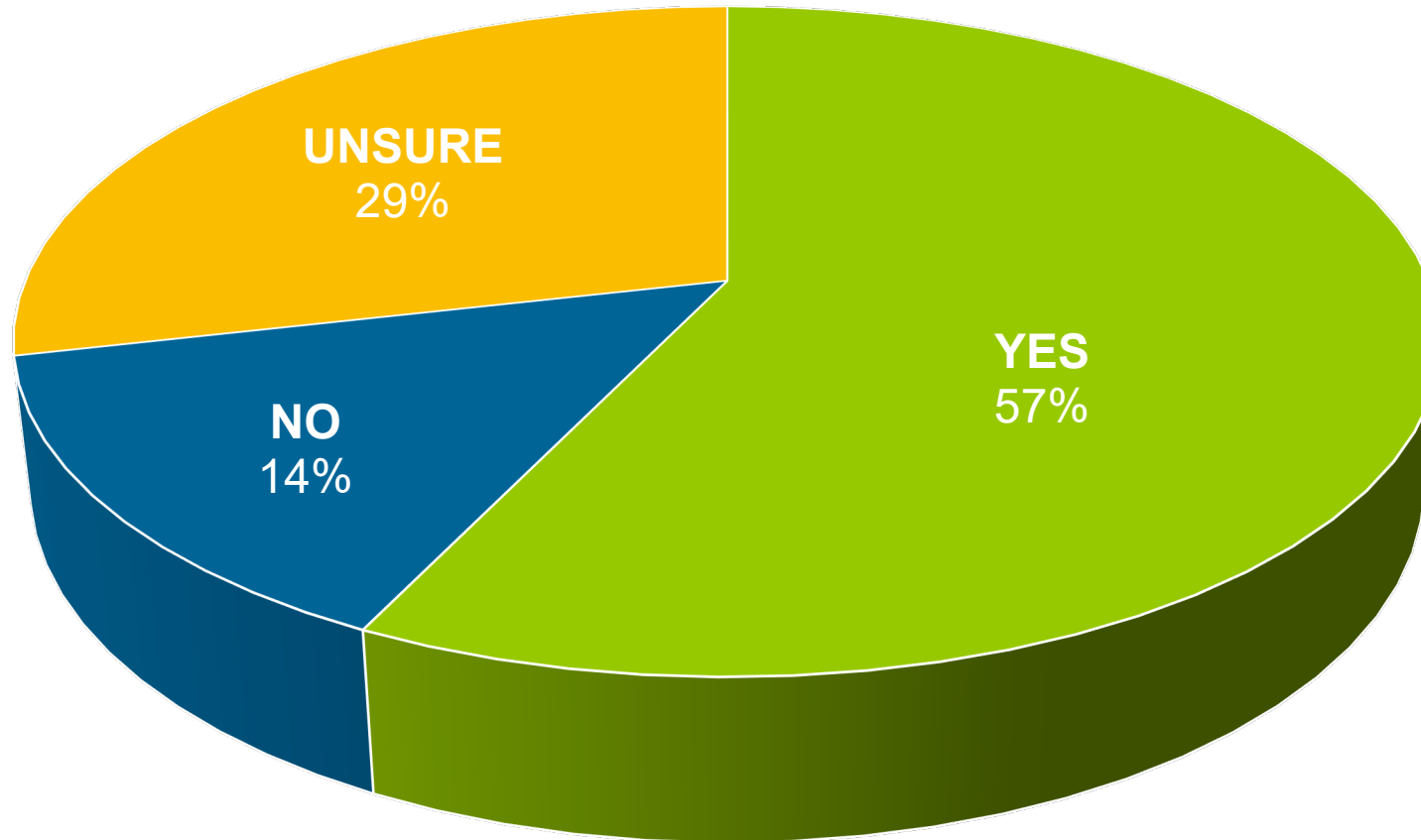
47% reported rarely to never | 48% reported sometimes

How has your interaction with cyclo-cross riders impacted your overall park experience?



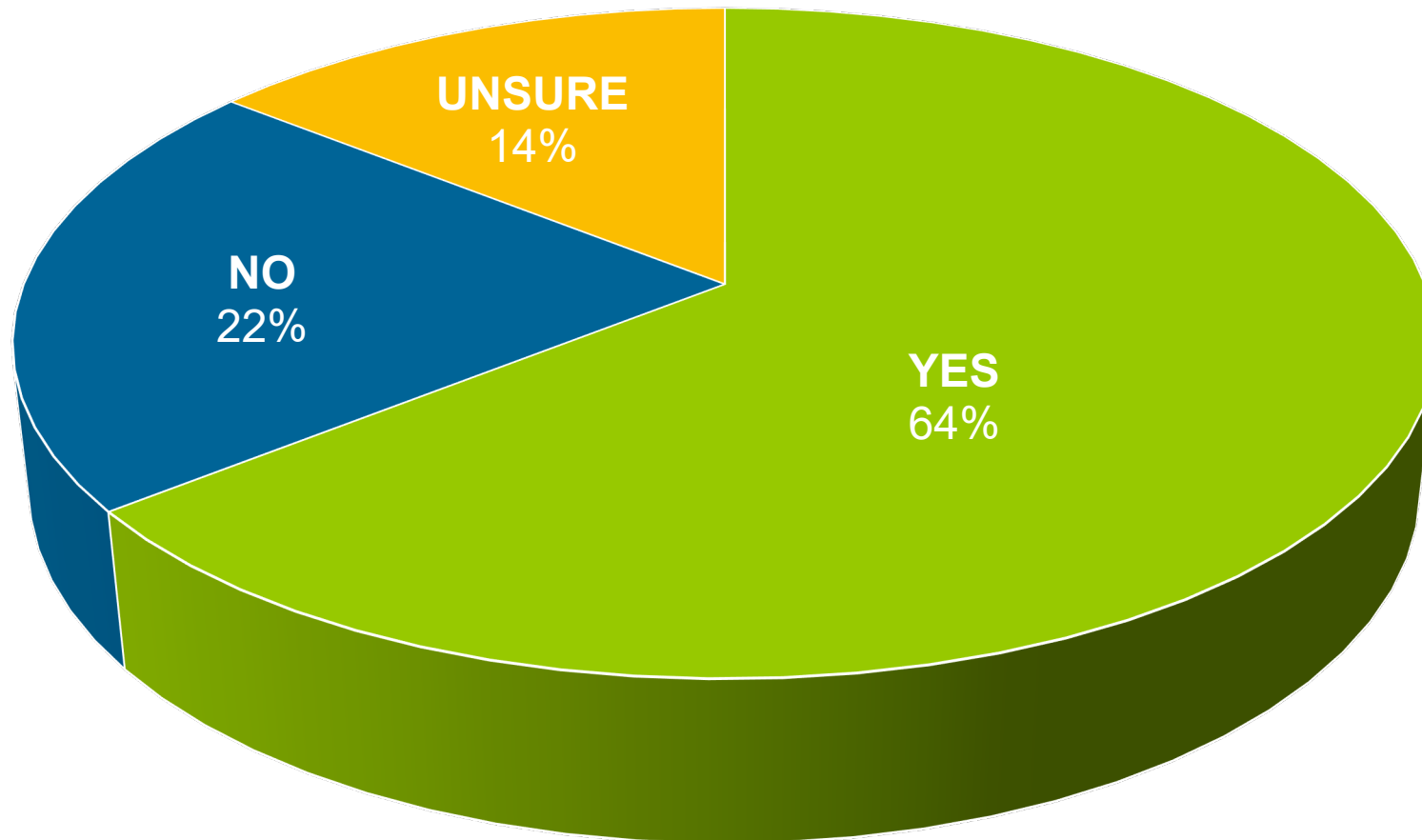
72% reported neutral to positive impact to their overall park experience

Was the cyclo-cross rider being courteous?



1 survey respondent indicated they were surprised when a rider came up from behind them

Was the cyclo-cross rider behaving in a safe manner?



1 survey respondent indicated a rider wasn't on the designated path

KEY FINDINGS: 90% of respondents reported the cyclo-cross training course

- hasn't resulted in a lack of available on-street parking
- hasn't generated a significant amount of additional traffic within the neighborhood
- features have been used in an appropriate manner by cyclo-cross riders
- has been managed well and maintained



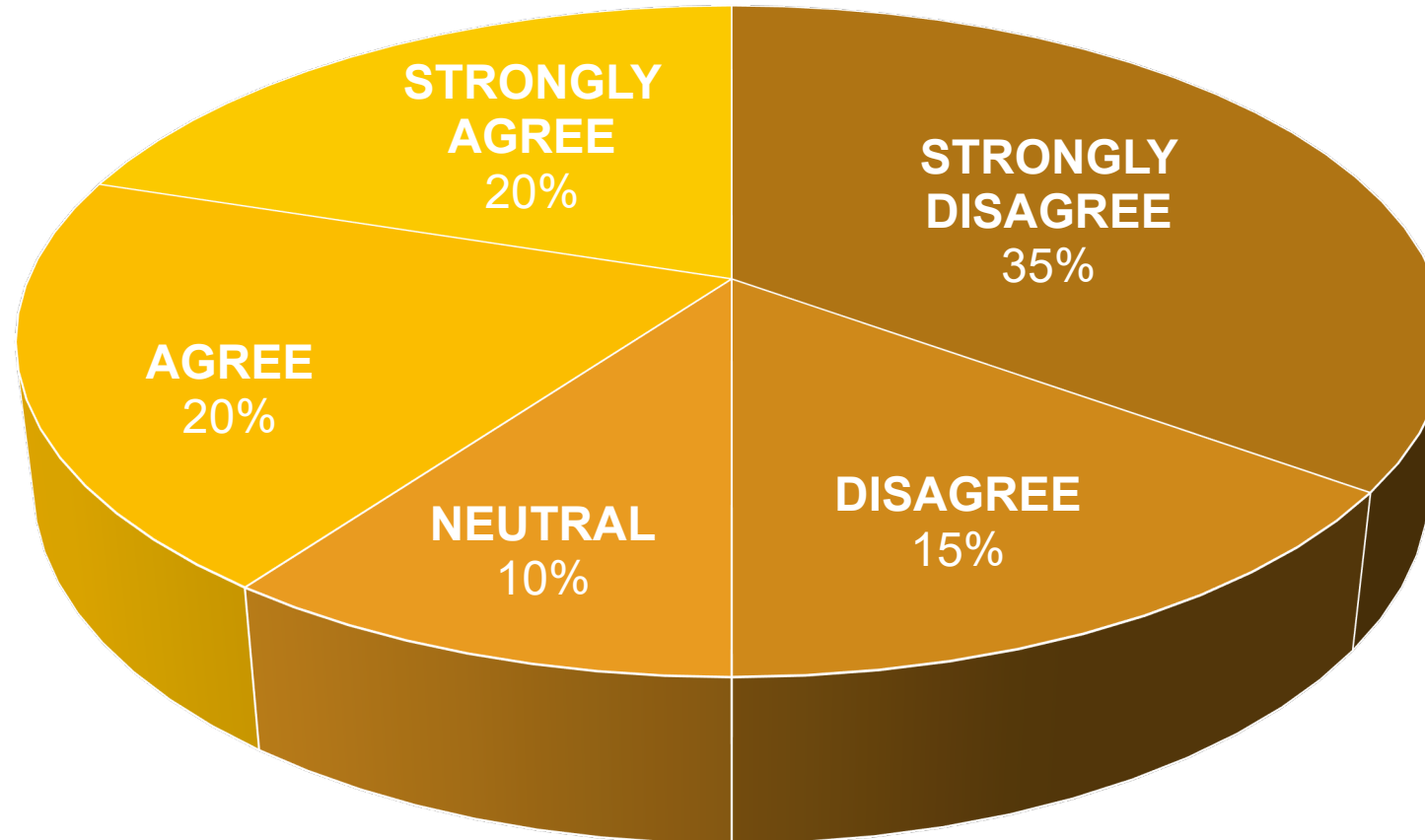
KEY FINDINGS:

30% of respondents reported that the addition of the cyclo-cross training course

- limited use of the sledding hill
- limited access to shade

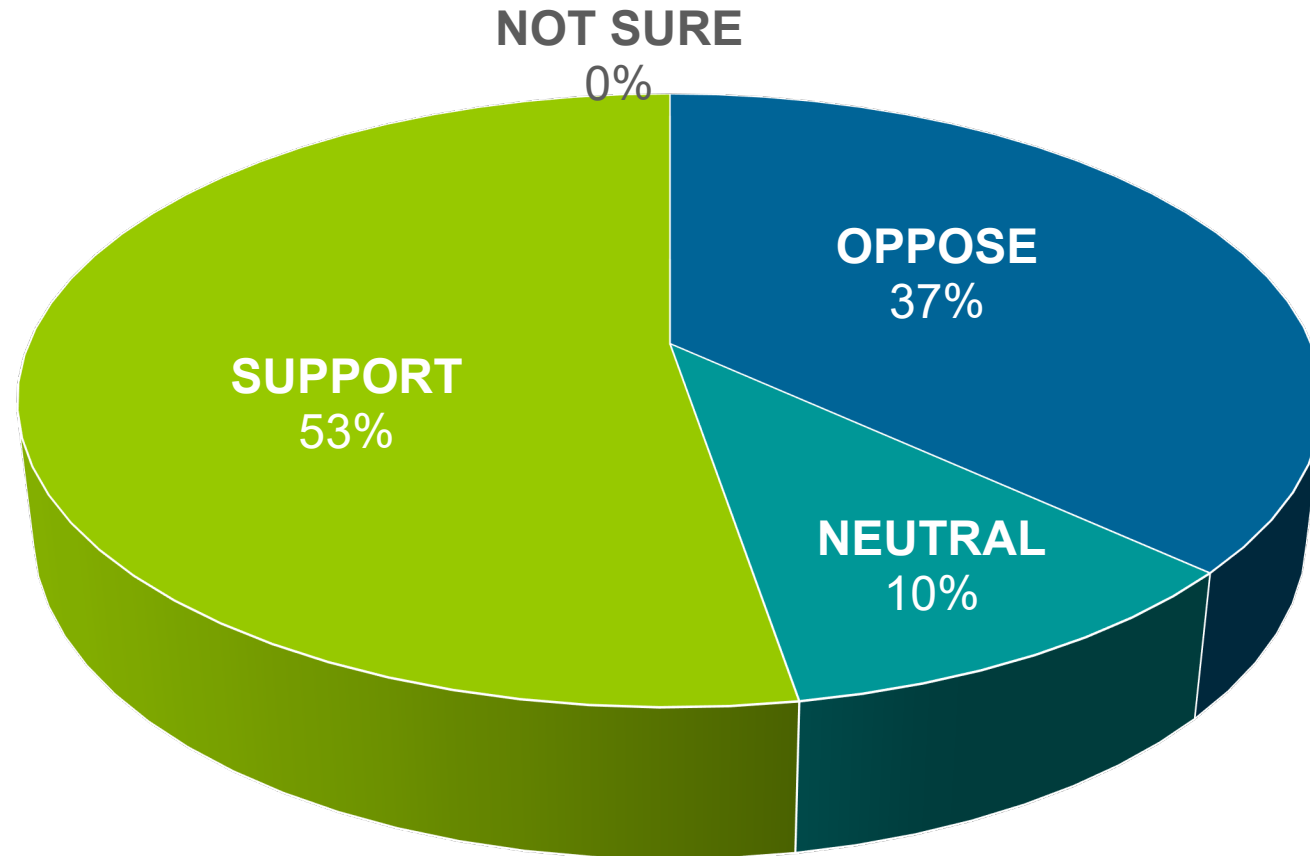


The cyclo-cross training course is a feature I have used or would use if it remains in the park



40% reported they would use the course | 50% reported they wouldn't use the course

Level of support or opposition to the cyclo-cross skills training course remaining in Rossborough Park on a seasonal basis



63% reported being neutral to supportive of the course remaining in the park



COURSE USERS

cyclo-cross riders

15 Survey Questions | 53 Survey Respondents

KEY FINDINGS: A Majority of Course Users Reported

- Encounters with other park users didn't limit use of course
- Other park users were courteous
- Interactions with other park users were positive
- Encounters with other park users didn't result in conflicts
- Course rules were followed by riders
- Course features were used appropriately by riders



KEY FINDINGS: Course Users Reported

- Stairs and Barriers functioned well
- Minor modifications to the Sand Pit and Course Markings would improve the course
- Additional signage would be beneficial for other park users
- If the course were to remain, it would be used





Parks Maintenance Staff

City of Fort Collins

18 Survey Questions | 4 Survey Respondents

KEY FINDINGS:

A Majority of Park Maintenance Staff Reported

- The course doesn't appear to be impacting other park users / use areas
- Rules of use for the course are being followed
- Features are being used in an appropriate manner
- The course hasn't resulted in complaints from neighbors or park users
- The course hasn't impacted the health of the existing trees
- The course hasn't generated excessive noise or traffic in the neighborhood



KEY FINDINGS:

Park Maintenance Staff Reported

- Some vandalism occurred to course signage, barriers and stairs
- Other park users are enjoying use of the stair features
- Modifications are needed for seasonal features to make removal easier
- One neighbor expressed concern about damage to turf
- One neighbor expressed concern about safety of non-riders (worried that riders might not yield)



Your Input 😊

Please fill out
a comment card

* front side



COMMENT CARD ROSSBOROUGH PARK

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

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How did you hear about this neighborhood meeting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Postcard Mailer ☐ NextDoor ☐ City Webpage ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Other

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Please select which option you most support regarding the cyclo-cross skills training course:

- ☐ The course remains as a seasonal use in the park in its 2019 layout
- ☐ The course remains as a seasonal use in the park, but has minor modifications made in response to survey feedback
- ☐ The course remains as a seasonal use in the park, has minor modifications made and is piloted for a second season
- ☐ The course is removed from the park

WHICH OF THE 4 OPTIONS FOR THE COURSE DO YOU MOST SUPPORT ?



Course **remains** as a seasonal use in the park in its 2019 layout
(barriers are modified to be removable)



Course is **modified** slightly and **remains** as a seasonal use
(longer sand pit, removable barriers, additional signage, modified course markings, etc.)

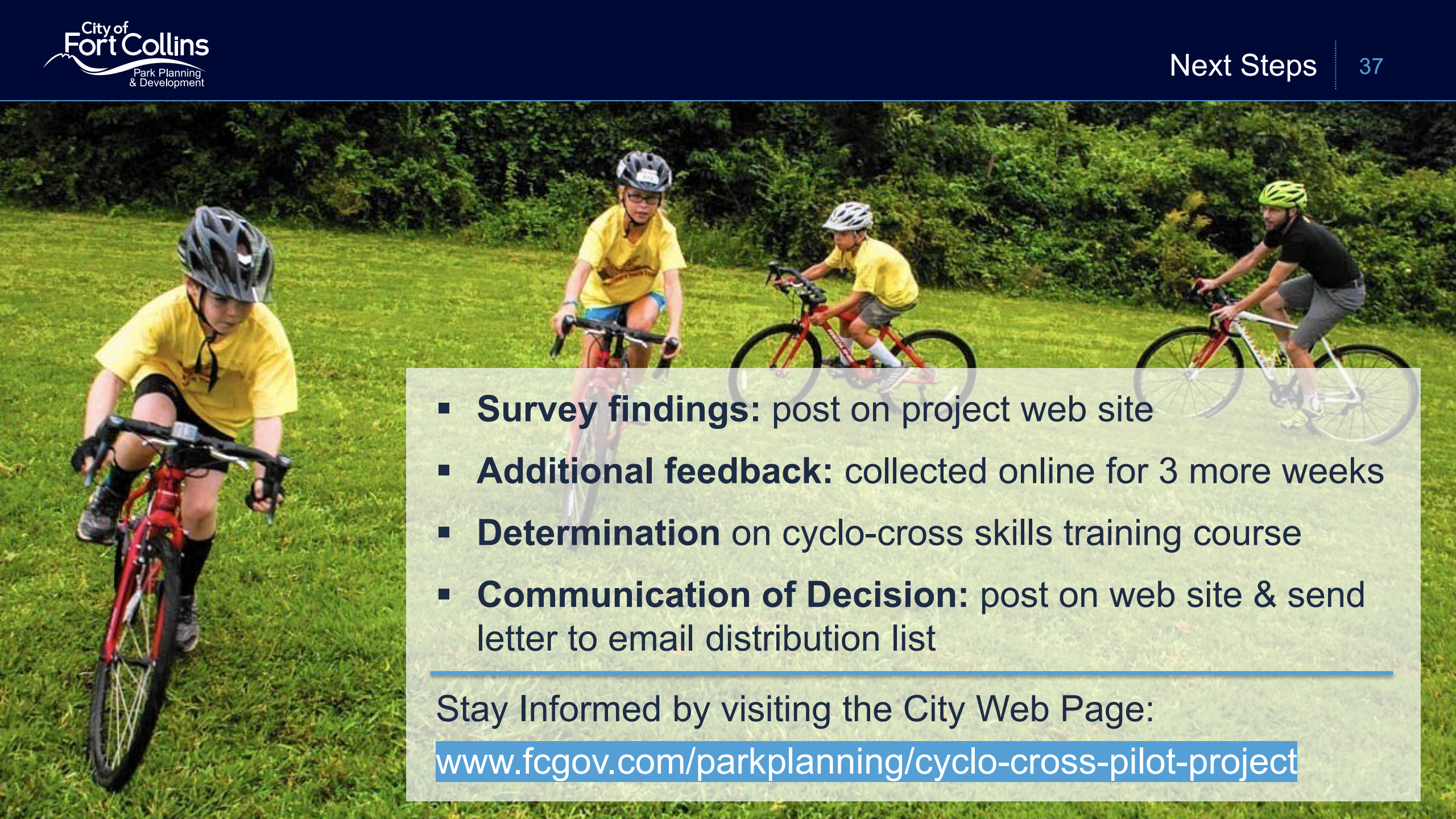


Course is **modified** slightly and is **piloted** for another season
(longer sand pit, removable barriers, additional signage, modified course markings, etc.)



Course is **removed** from the park
(stairs could possibly remain)

Share your ideas on course modifications & whether you would like the stairs remain in the park year round

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- A photograph of four people riding bicycles on a grassy field. In the foreground, a young boy in a yellow shirt and black helmet is riding a red bicycle. Behind him, another boy in a yellow shirt and black helmet is riding a red bicycle. Further back, a third boy in a yellow shirt and white helmet is riding a red bicycle. On the far right, an adult man in a black shirt and yellow helmet is riding a white bicycle. They are all riding towards the left. The background is a dense line of green trees.
- **Survey findings:** post on project web site
 - **Additional feedback:** collected online for 3 more weeks
 - **Determination** on cyclo-cross skills training course
 - **Communication of Decision:** post on web site & send letter to email distribution list

Stay Informed by visiting the City Web Page:

www.fcgov.com/parkplanning/cyclo-cross-pilot-project