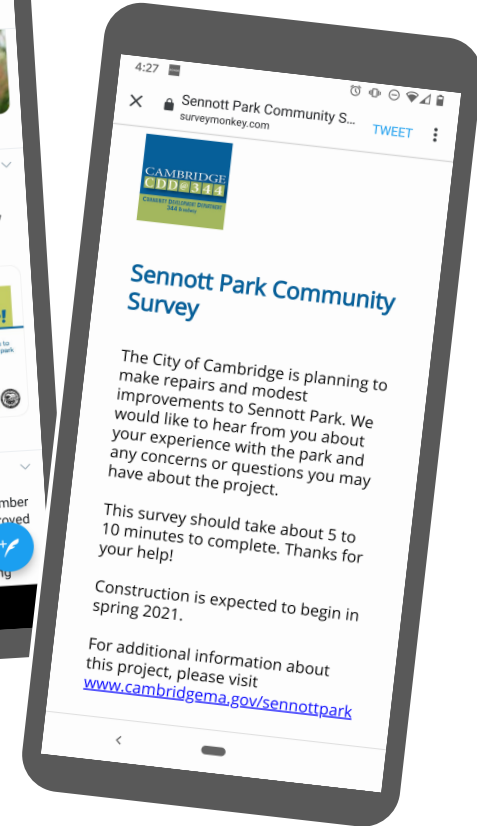




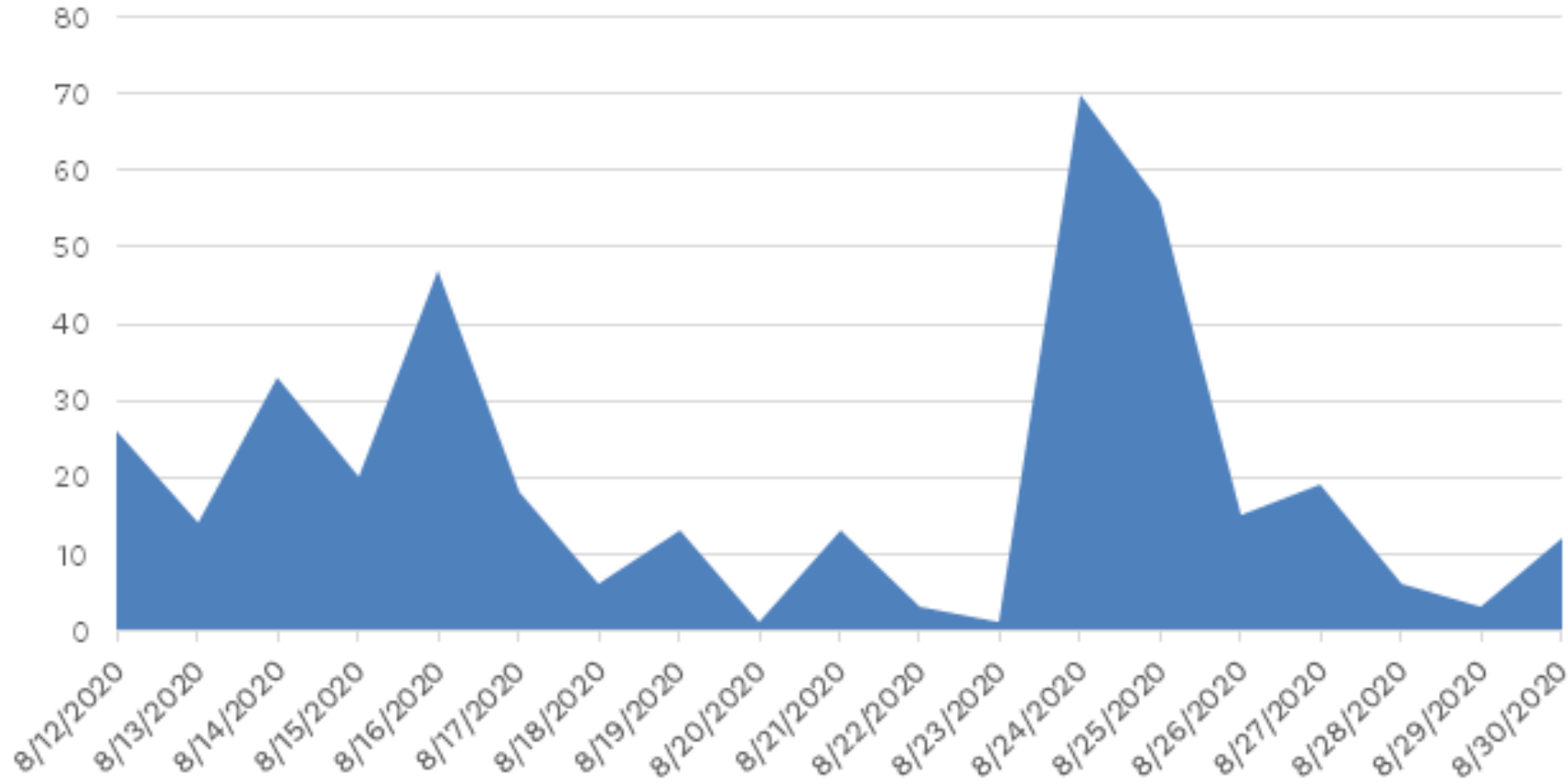
# Sennott Park Community Survey: Results and Analysis

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# Outreach Signs, Flyers, and Social Media

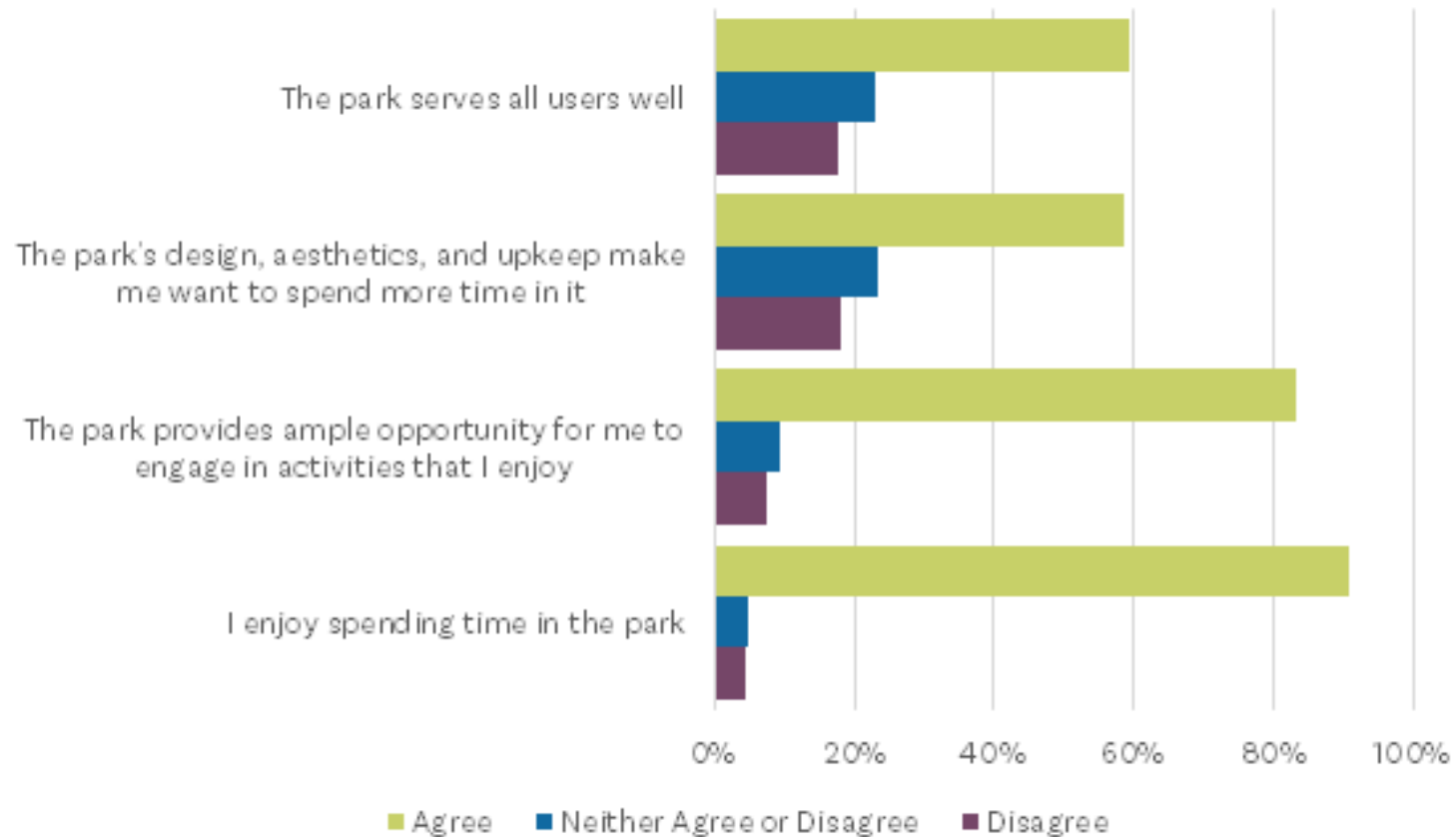


# Response



**376**  
responses

# To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?





# Based on your experience, what currently works well in the park?

- Park users enjoy the basic amenity of **open space** in a dense neighborhood. The park -and the field specifically- are appreciated for the **variety of simultaneous uses** the design and size allows. During COVID-19, people use the space more than they typically would for picnics, meetups with friends and family, relaxing alone, or exercising.
- Some people note enjoying the **improved path**, seating, and plantings along Broadway.
- Several park users expressed valuing the **large oak tree** between the Broadway path and field.



# Based on your experience, what currently works well in the park? (Continued)

- 20% of respondents mention the variety of uses and activities
- 27% mention the sheer size of the park, and the uncommon open field
- The two most mentioned features are the field (32%) and the playground (20%)

## Quotes

- "It's a **big open space** that can provide lots of activities for different people"
- "I think the current **mix of spaces**, including the basketball courts, water play area and playground (even though I personally don't use them much) provide age appropriate spaces. Seeing the many generations use the area at once is delightful."
- "There are **lots of different spaces** for different uses by people of different ages. "



# Is there anything that you think should be introduced or improved in the park?

- Most of the comments talk about standard **maintenance**, not significant design changes.
  - The **condition of the field** is by far the most commented-on element , though many are aware of the City's attempts to improve it over the years and realize the popularity of the space make it challenging to maintain.
- There are several recommended improvements to the **playground**, including adding more swings, adding natural play features, softening the protective surfaces, adding more seating, and generally updating equipment that users feel is outdated.
- The **water feature** was mentioned several times, and the most common recommendation was increased shade in that area.
- People really enjoy the improvements to the Broadway edge, and would like to see similar improvements to the **Harvard St and Norfolk St edges**.
- There is a **clothing donation bin** along the Harvard St path entrance that is regularly overflowing. A notable portion of respondents highlighted the maintenance of this box as one of their primary concerns.



# Is there anything that you think should be introduced or improved in the park?

(Continued)

- The two most mentioned features that respondents thought should be improved are the field (21%) and the playground (14%).
- 21% of respondents would like to see improved/increased seating
- 15% would like to have improved/increased shade

## Quotes

- "Maybe have a **porta potty** there all the time especially during coronavirus when people have to hang out outside. Sometimes the **grass** is a little sparse in areas but I'm not sure how to rectify that because people use it so much."
- "There are frequently holes and ditches in the middle of the **field** that make it a bit dangerous for playing sports on."
- "Maybe more **seating** around the edges?"
- "More **seating**. Maintain and increase **shade** trees where possible. Maybe a section of the field that could be used for outdoor **exercise** classes."