

Community Input from Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan Survey #1

Thank you to the nearly 100 people who participated in the online survey and shared their opinions about what they like about Bailey Ridge Park, what they would like to see improved, and their top concerns about development. Most of the neighbors who responded are familiar with the park and visit up to several times a week.

There were several clear themes in the neighborhood's feedback:

- People generally have a positive association with Bailey Ridge Park with evergreen trees and open space being the most favored aspects of the park.
- There is a preference for less impactful recreation opportunities at Bailey Ridge Park. Neighbors are excited for hard and soft surface paths throughout the park and having a quiet space for relaxing and observing wildlife and nature. They are generally more excited about landscape plantings, seating, and open grassy area for informal play than a sport court or playground; however, there is still support

for both a sport court and playground with nature play being more popular than traditional play equipment. When asked to comment on important features not listed in the survey, a basketball court was the most popular write-in response.

- Invasive weed removal was most important for habitat improvement and neighbors were largely excited about creek restoration, thinning of the Douglas fir grove for tree health and light, and wildlife habitat enhancements.
- Neighbors responded that noise, traffic, maintenance, safety, and loss of trees and habitat are top concerns when the park is developed.
- Overall, the survey shows residents appreciate the natural, undeveloped landscape and are excited about habitat improvements and park features that support rest or exercise/activity in nature, wildlife observation, and informal play/ nature play. The full survey results, including comments, can be found on the <u>Bailey Ridge</u> <u>Park website</u>.