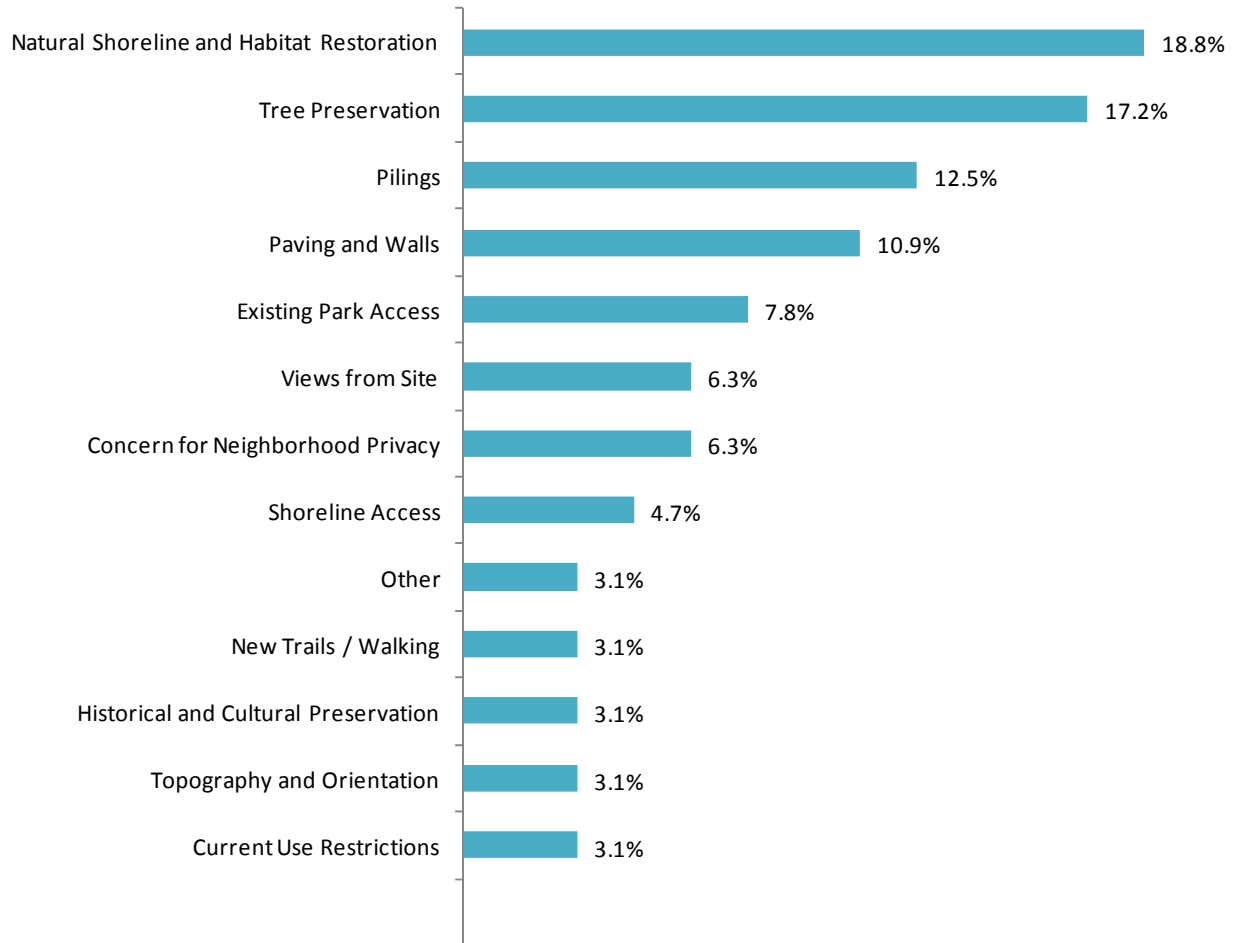


EXISTING USES

Charrette participants were asked to describe three existing uses on the Strawberry Plant Park site. Comments ranged from what is actually there to how the existing elements should change/stay the same. The comments were organized based on a more general theme. The following summarizes the particular themes and the participants' individual comments:



Frequency of Comment Theme

Natural Shoreline and Habitat Restoration (12 comments)

- An Existing Quality: an important waterfront property due to head of estuary – a good place to spend time and money on ecological restoration (*shoreline*). Easy for all to visit-participate-learn.
- Best environment feature – stream. Great to protect and enhance (educational value)
- On the water but in the mud flats at low tide
- Keep the natural assets: waterfront salt marsh, lovely drive line with trees, gorgeous old firs and cedars (the prime specimen at head of the driveway), creek and fringe of natives that line it, pedestrian access from downtown via Leslie Landing and Winslow Way
- Wooded area for habitat
- Keep trees, shoreline as natural as possible
- Quiet natural site
- This site is home to a huge variety of migratory and resident seabirds that feed and nest in the back bay adjoining our neighborhood and the proposed park
- Place for deer, pheasants, and quail to live
- Habitat conducive to wildlife protection
- Enhance existing stream
- Maintain attraction for wildlife and habitat

Tree Preservation (11 comments)

- Lots of green space to serve as a greenbelt buffer for neighborhood
- The walk along the road through the trees is very nice and peaceful
- Mature trees and woodland
- Do not disturb trees, do not build more than a bare bones outhouse, leave all existing native underbrush for deer, birds etc. habitat
- Large trees and/or any native plant species
- Leave the trees undisturbed
- Big trees along water – undeveloped – is aesthetic benefit
- Really enjoy the large trees and private drive that separate the space from adjacent neighborhoods
- Keeping trees and existing native plants
- Keep trees
- Save the trees

Pilings (8 comments)

REMOVE (5)

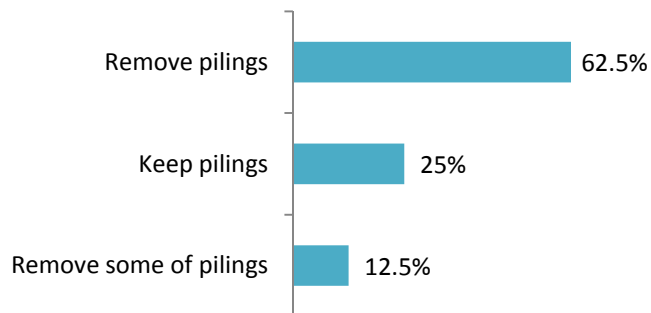
- Poor access to water (due to) pilings
- Creosote pilings – need to be removed
- Creosote pilings from old dock should be removed
- Remove pilings and parking asphalt
- Remove the *uglies*: asphalt platform, concrete structural relic from old strawberry plant, phalanx of rotting creosote pilings

KEEP (2)

- Keep piling offshore for habitat (don't build pier/dock)
- Poles for nesting eagles, cormorants, etc.

REMOVE SOME, BUT NOT ALL (1)

- Preserve the existing purple martin nest in the group of pilings which are tied together. If pilings are removed, only after other nests are established.



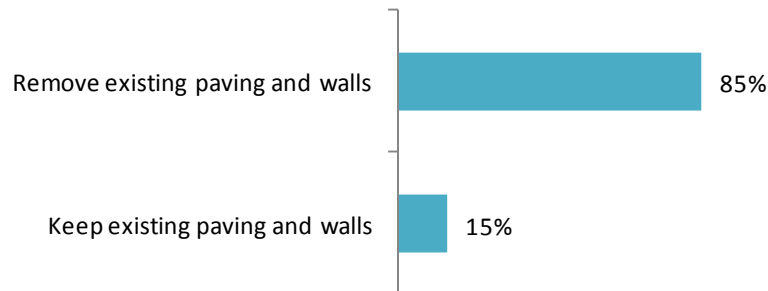
Paving and Walls (7 comments)

REMOVE (6)

- Surface – too much
- Don't like parking!
- Remove the *uglies*: asphalt platform, concrete structural relic from old strawberry plant, phalanx of rotting creosote pilings
- Existing road and paved areas should be removed
- Concrete walls and slab adjacent to water front seem unsafe...
- Expansive concrete area is unsightly and should be removed and/or re-purposed in part

KEEP (1)

- Existing asphalt for parking



Concern for Neighbor Privacy (4 comments)

- Area is presently quiet and not a problem for the existing neighborhood – keep it that way
- Keep as much buffer from neighboring homes
- There has been, and will be a significant auditory impact from the park site directly into our neighborhood
- Concern that increase in activity will disrupt small neighborhood

Topography & Orientation (2 comments)

- Great topography
- Flat and sunny

Views from Site (4 comments)

- 180 degree views of harbor
- Waterfront access for viewing harbor, birding, etc. needs to be maintained
- Best chance to be on the water, views and space
- Openness – views

Existing Park Access (5 comments)

- Site is located adjacent to three neighborhoods. It needs to be considered a neighborhood park, with neighborhood appropriate uses built in
- Central easy access
- Site is one of only five parks in the Winslow core and is over one-half mile from the next closest park
- Really enjoy the large trees and private drive that separate the space from adjacent neighborhoods
- Currently poor pedestrian access. No sidewalks.

Current Use Restrictions (2 comments)

- Well house site (across the Shepard Ave.) is underused and nondescript (this facility is off site)
- Park was traded for a site that had unrestricted use. Must be very careful about placing use restrictions on this park.

Historical and Cultural Preservation (2 comments)

- Document site history so public learns how eco-damage occurs
- Local history of site (is important)

New Trails/Walking (2 comments)

- Green buffer and trail through it to water
- I would like to show at least existing connecting paths, which can help create the Emerald Necklace in Winslow (The site is part of a string of green space that could be connected by future trails.)

Shoreline Access (3 comments)

- Ideal beach for diverse recreational facilities – earth piers (peninsulas)
- The land piers (peninsulas). There has been no maintenance by either the city or park district. It looks totally uncared for.
- There is water access for small portable water craft kayaks, canoes, dinghies, and rafts.

Other: (1 comment each)

- A great place for an off-leash dog park (this is current use).
- The site is now being used for 1) skateboard activities, homemade ramps, etc.; 2) some mischief including starting fires in the metal barrels on property; 3) teenage parties and get-togethers usually late at night