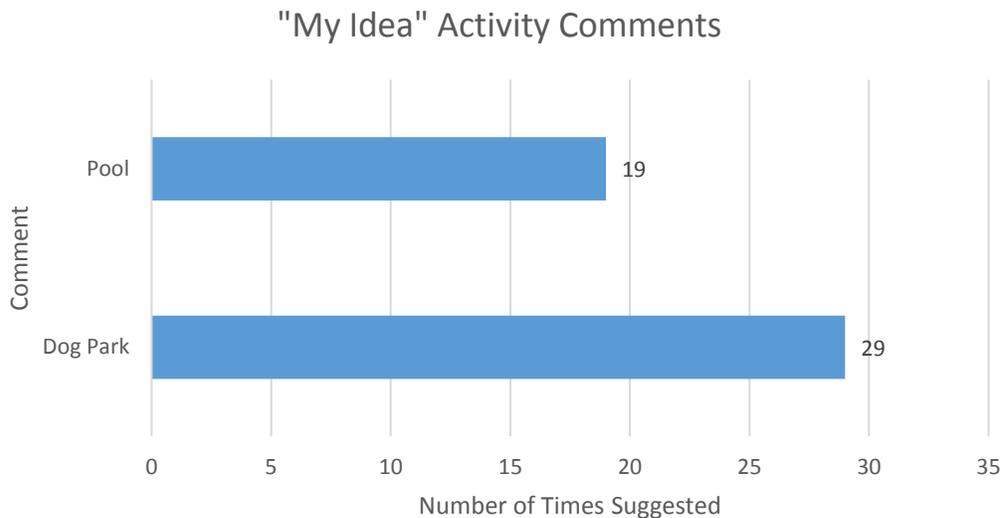


“My Idea for the Neighborhood” Activity Comments: Parks and Natural Resources

As part of the outreach for the River Road – Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan, residents were asked to draw or write their ideas for the neighborhood. This document summarizes the results of that activity related to parks and natural resources. The original “My Idea for the Neighborhood” materials that neighbors created are available to view [here](#) (large pdf), and show the breadth and depth of information collected.

The chart at the top of this document shows the most common ideas from residents and the number of times each was mentioned in a “My Idea” sheet. The comments that follow are additional ideas for the future that are not represented in the bar chart. Read through and see the creative, innovative ideas that neighbors provided!



- Greenbelt park and bike path along Willamette River
- SC Park & Rec Center, preserve nature
- Open spaces
- Large park or field South of Irving
- Develop parks, protect and enhance waterways, access to river
- River access
- Paved walkway through Lone Oak Park (handicap access)
- Unlocked restrooms in parks
- Skate park in SC
- Develop parks
- Develop neighborhood parks
- Bobolink Park- add fruit trees, walking path along perimeter
- Safe areas on river for recreation
- Santa Clara needs a rec center with a pool in a bikable distance
- Continued progress on river & shore

- Want Wendover Park preserved, keep undeveloped green space, leave parks wild but monitor for illegal activity
- More river access, boat landing
- Parks, boat docks, picnic areas along river
- More parks, greenway protection
- Protect Emerald Park and Razor with park district, extend river access
- More parks
- Playground equipment
- Clean camps and thugs off river
- Had a nice neighborhood park and the City tore it up for a bug hatchery
- Save Greenway and UGB
- Preserve green sites, create a permaculture demonstration site
- Preserve Emerald Park
- Dog park at Razor Park with fencing and parking, unified park district
- Sport & exercise complex
- More places for small children to play
- Keep Emerald Park/pool, develop community gathering space
- Pool with in district membership, utilize river- boat docks and riverside businesses/gathering spaces), library in SC
- In-district swimming pool, utilize river better for community
- Possible development of Lone Oak Park
- Fenced dog park-big dogs and small dogs
- New park Hunsaker & River Rd recreation
- Need more green spaces, i.e. parks of all sizes
- Need a community park and rec center
- Walking trails through wildlife and wetland areas
- Pools that are more accessible for the community to gather
- A network of parks and paths in SC that are bike and ped-friendly
- We do not need more parks
- Rivers, habitat
- Ferndale Park- make it child safe
- RR-SC combined parks district, acquire small parks from the City
- SC needs a community/rec center similar to RRPD/Emerald Park, gardens available for Bobolink Park (fruit trees are there)
- Pathways along creeks and rivers, meadows and trees around river
- Habitat, clean bodies of water and shores
- Sports fields, library or card, forest garden
- Keep all natural areas and maintain their quality, plant more trees
- Fund Emerald Park to keep fees down so more people use gym, frequent patronage builds community
- Sustain park
- Parks need to unify into the greater park system (redundancy is expensive), paying nearly \$75/month for parks dept.
- More park and rec- including maintain funding and garbage
- Protect our access to the river and maintain the bike path- improvements could be lighting, benches, picnic tables, info kiosk, map

- Preserve and enhance all natural features in River corridor (trees, open space, meadows, sloughs, habitats)
- On the Eugene Trails Plan map the public access rd to Luper Pioneer Cemetery (historic site) off W. Beacon Dr should be included/not listed as "no public access"
- Parks that encourage interaction and not just biking- all by river path
- More parks, basketball court at Rosetta Park, park facilities have not kept up with population growth
- Develop open space at Lone Oak & Ross Ln into a playground/nature space, closest is Awbrey but is hard to walk to
- Opportunity to not use herbicides on the greenway
- Preserve and develop green spaces (activities, playground, disc golf)
- Wildlife corridors, open space
- Green space, improve greenway (Corvallis as example)
- Parks by river (kid and/or dog park)
- Access to nature
- Stable funding for Emerald Park rec center, natural spaces not treated with pesticides, preserve habitat
- Lighting on river path, more funding for Emerald Park
- Lights along river bike path
- Preserve natural areas (ponds, creeks, greenway)
- Preserve nature/waterways/wildlife
- Continue enhancement of river front/bike path (like the signage)
- More parks
- Preserve riparian vegetation (has degraded in recent years), Parks & Rec to support urban gardening, keep Emerald Park funded
- Parks and open space
- More parks and green space
- Preservation of river front
- Safety along bike path (lighting, emergency booths)
- Make river front easier to access & a fun place to hang out (i.e. downtown riverfront in Corvallis)
- More trees
- Celebrate rivers and shores
- Lights along river front bike path
- Keep Willamette River natural
- Parks within walking distance, public restrooms on bike path, green space for animals
- More parks
- Develop park with play equipment and dog area (in field between Edgewood Dr and Lone Oak Way)
- Public playground for the kids
- Closer recreation opportunities, like Willamalane pool
- Activate riverfront with kiosks about nature, reader board (for neighborhood events like river cleanups and plantings)
- More love for corridor
- Keep river park
- Preserve natural parks and City parks, rose garden, river path, playgrounds with play equipment, more nature in town

- Build a pool with new North Eugene
- More paths and trails along river for nature feel
- Keep habitat/meadows/nature, river and park maintenance
- More parks, rec center, access to river/swimming, teen recreation (go carts)
- Blackberry control, access to river, fun things for teens to do
- A sports complex (for clubs sports, kidssports teams)
- Willamette river pathway along whole river
- Parks in South Santa Clara
- Etiquette on Riverfront path- stripe to keep walkers and bikes on correct side
- Secure funding for RRPD
- Preserve greenways- such as along river
- Parks district, more parks and natural areas
- Green space for wildlife
- Pickleball courts
- Maintenance and update of parks and open spaces, make river path safe again
- Walking paths near the river, bigger park area
- User friendly green spaces
- More useful park spaces
- River for habitat and walk/bike corridor
- Bike path: emergency call lights, bicycle patrol, sharp collection containers, recycling
- No camping along river
- River bike path should be safe and accessible to River Rd, bike path guide signs to direct people on and off path at controlled places
- Maintained parks with good lighting
- Recreation (trails/bikes, court play) in SC
- Indoor pool and outdoor pool with slides and diving board (like Amazon), playground
- Add tennis courts/basketball courts to Parks and Rec spaces
- Parks-protect old trees that are being cut down