

A photograph of Douglas Park in Arlington, Virginia. In the center, there is a wooden gazebo with a conical roof and several picnic tables underneath. The park is filled with large, mature trees with green and some yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The ground is covered in grass and fallen leaves. In the background, a white bus is visible through the trees.

# Douglas Park Project Phase 1

*Engagement #1 Summary: August 15, 2024 – September 6, 2024*



**ARLINGTON**

**VIRGINIA**

Parks & Recreation



# Who Participated?

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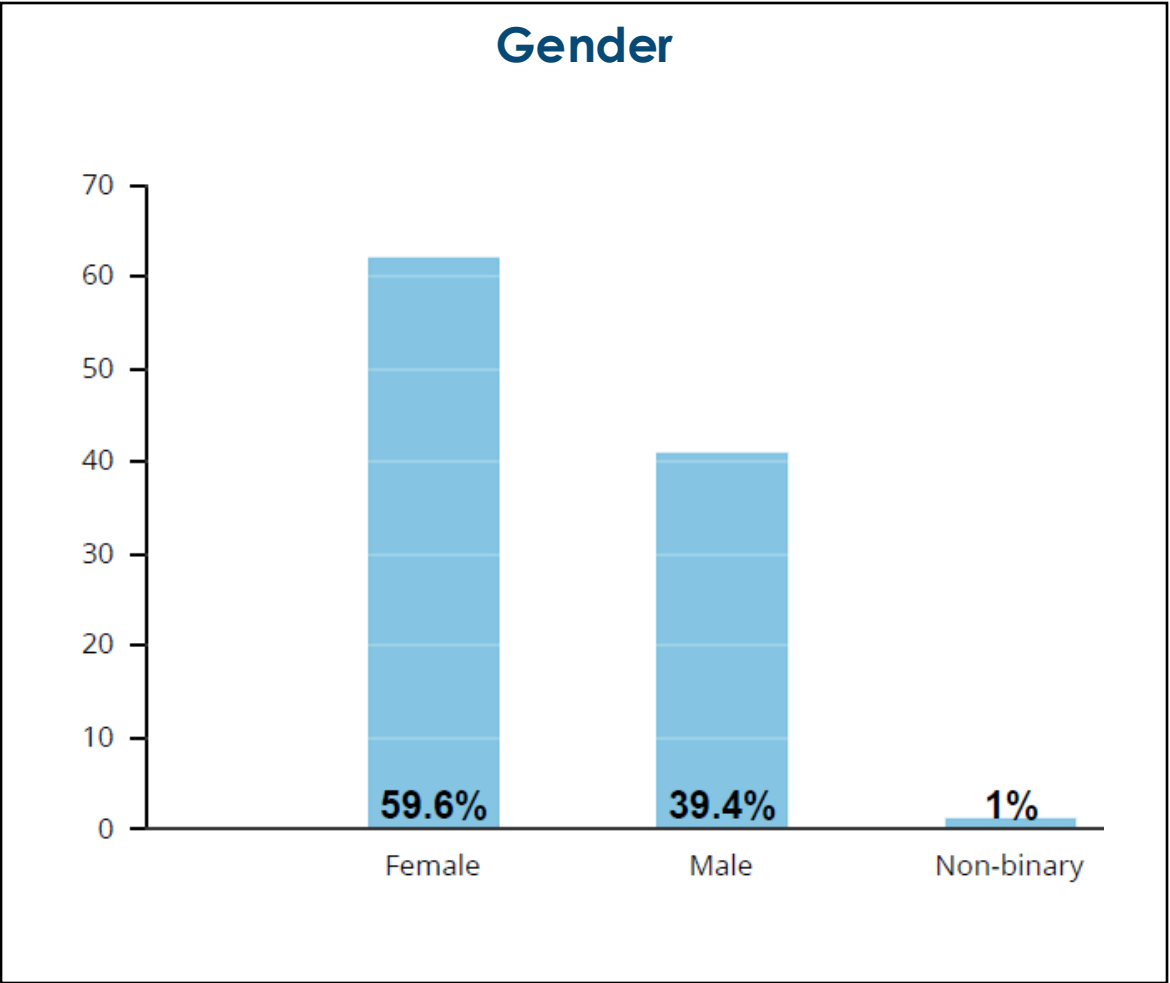
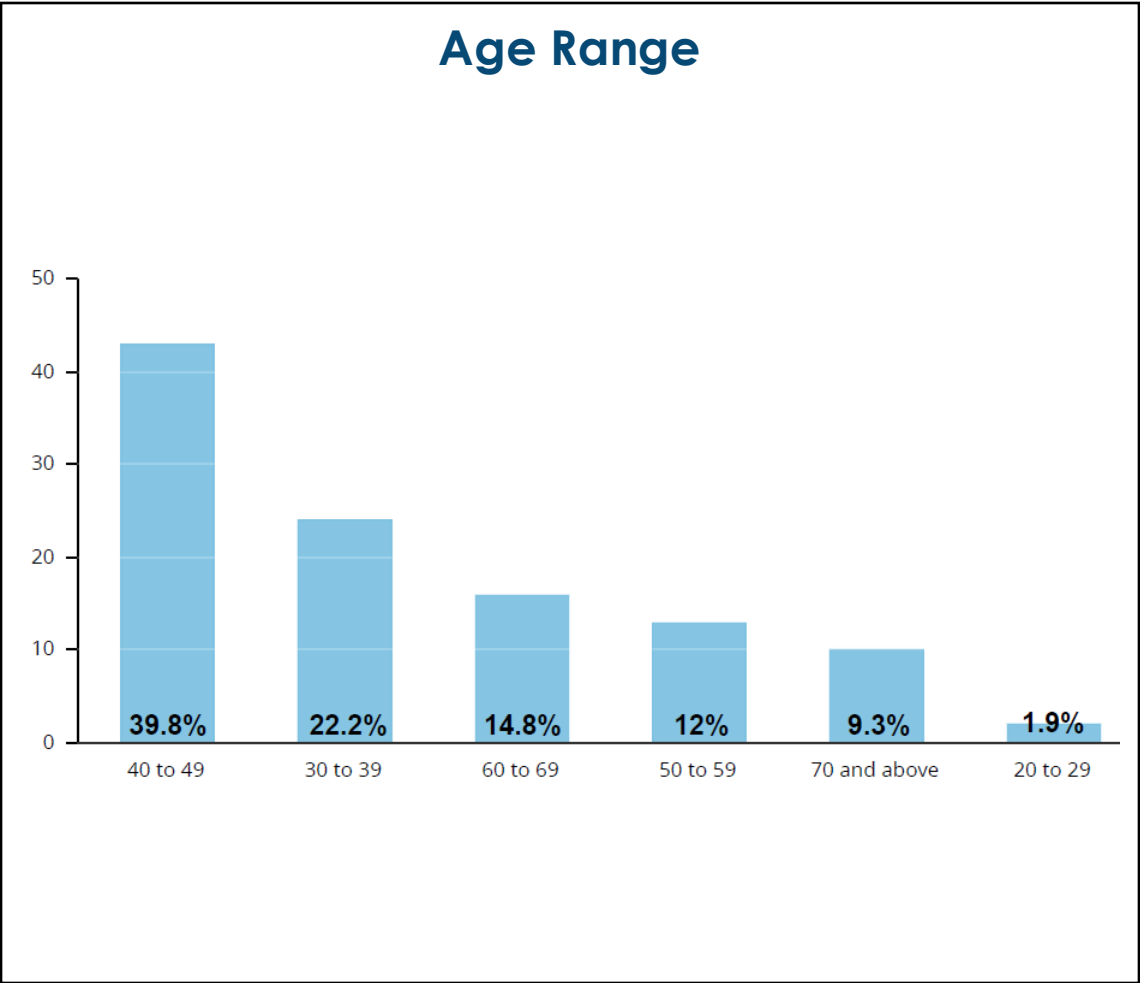
123 Participants



ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

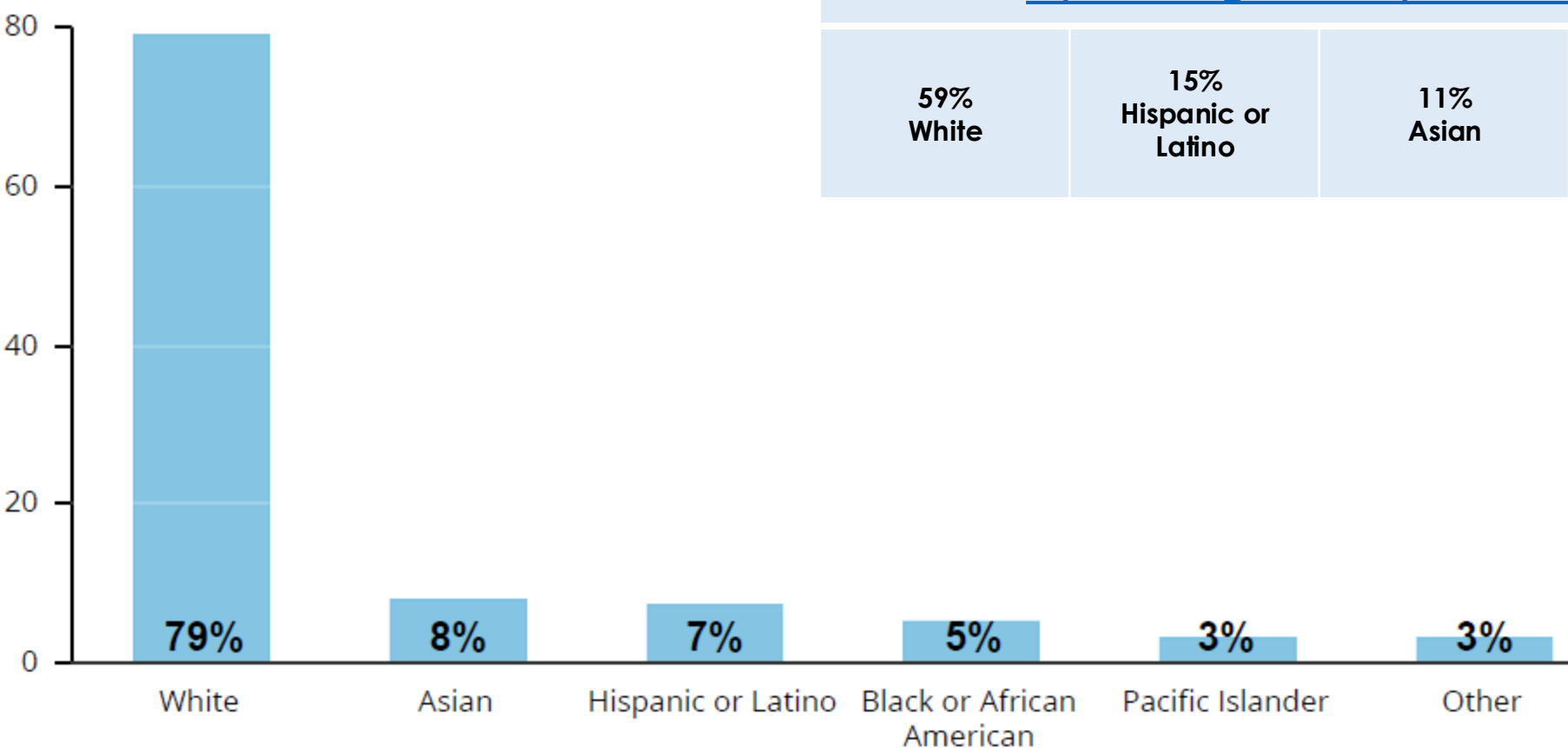
*Through these responses, we received 111 comments*

# Who Participated: Online



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Race/Ethnicity



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**59%  
White**

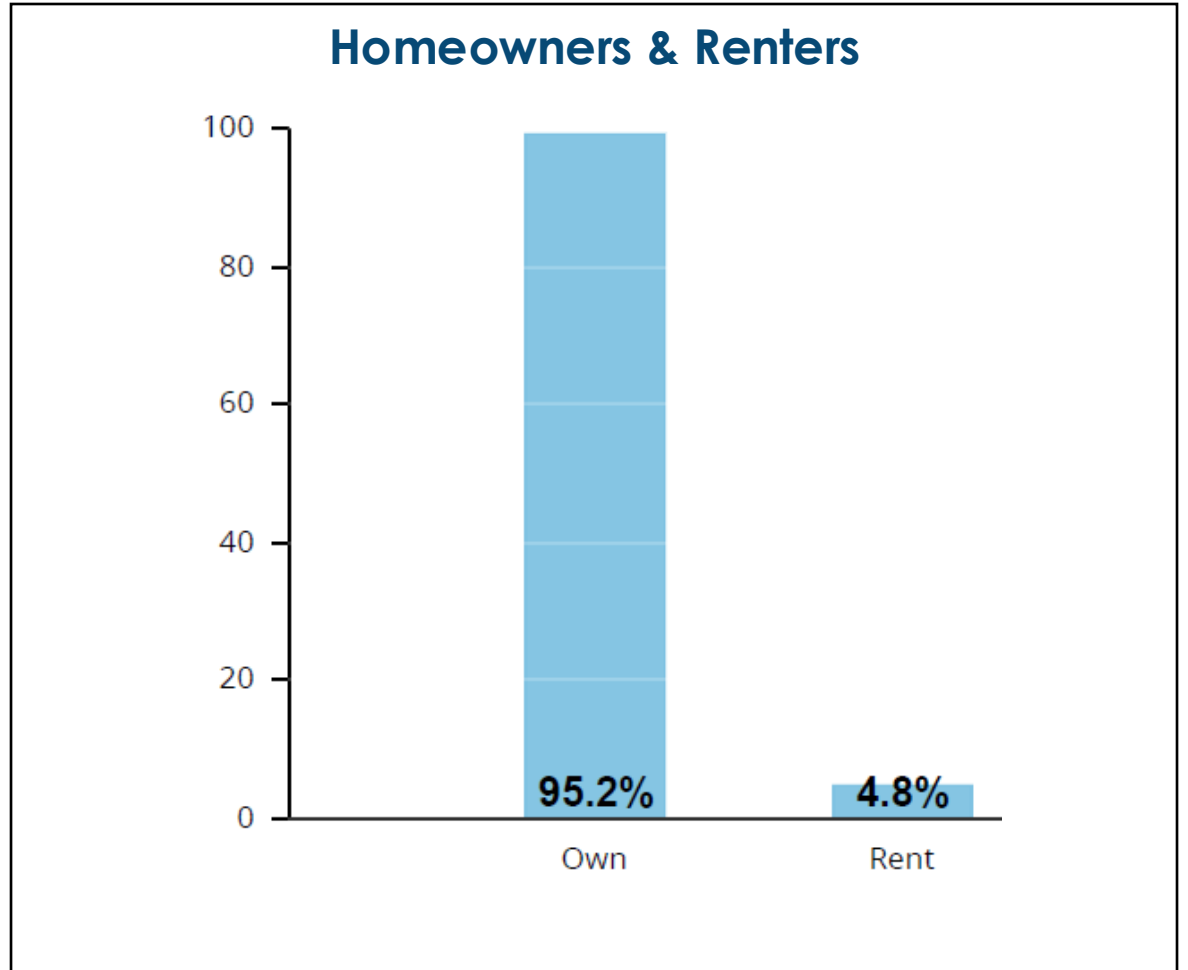
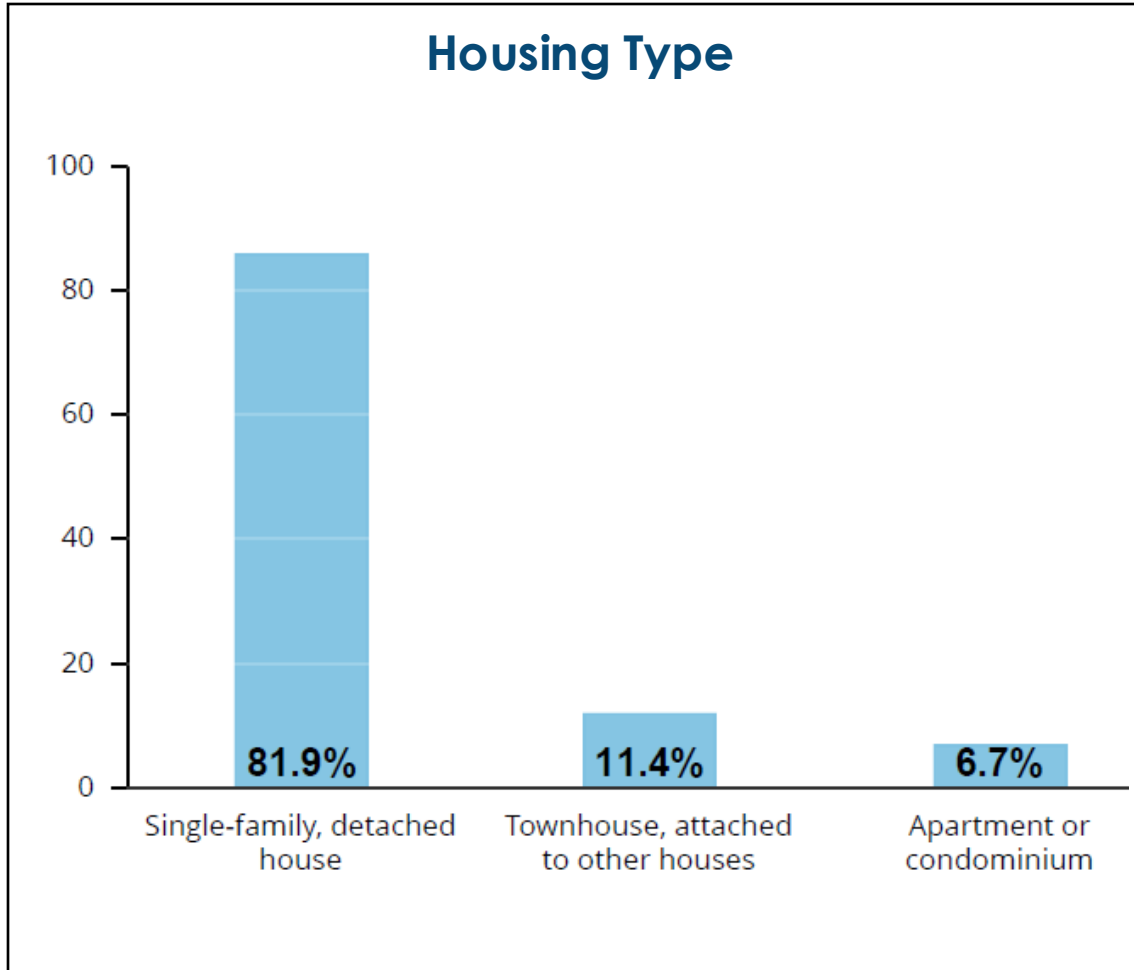
**15%  
Hispanic or  
Latino**

**11%  
Asian**

**9%  
Black or African  
American**

**0.1%  
Pacific Islander**

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## Neighborhoods

Respondents live in 11 out of 62 Arlington neighborhoods.

**86%** live in Douglas Park.

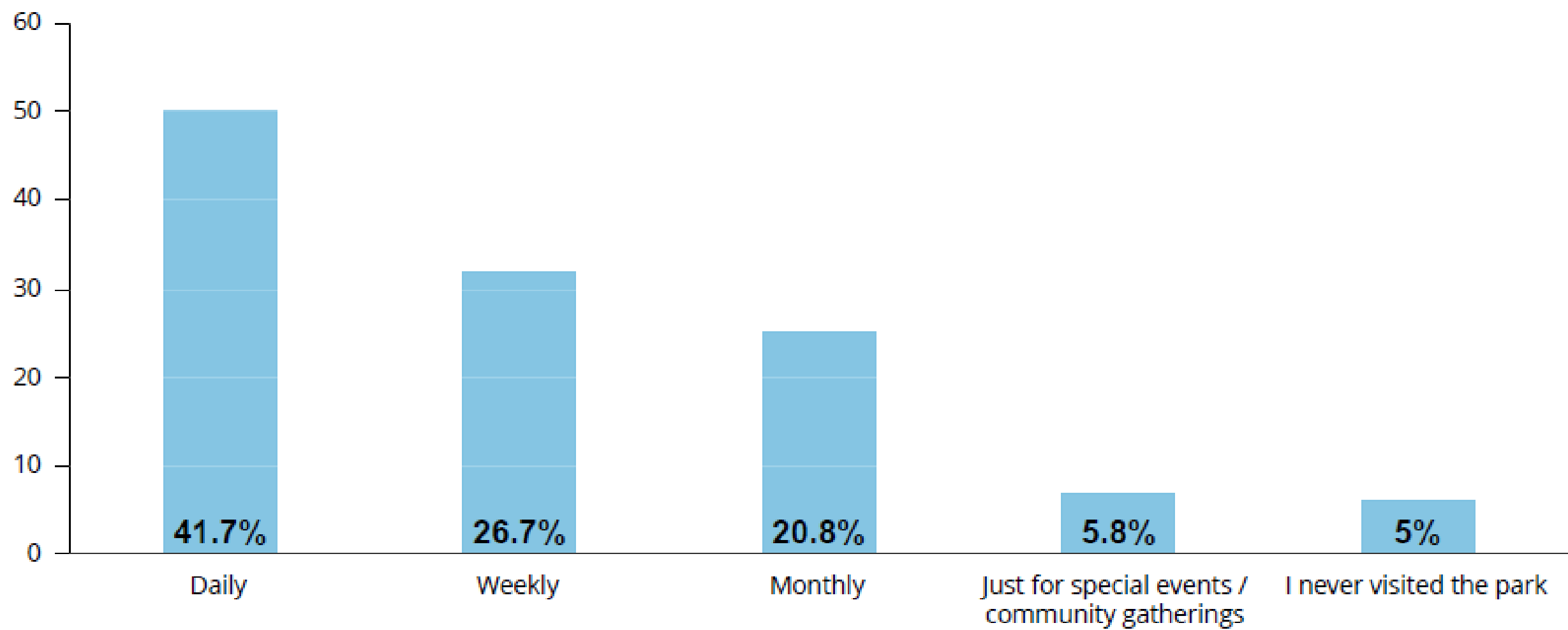
**5%** live in Green Valley.

## ZIP Code

Respondents live in 5 Arlington ZIP Codes.

**95%** live in 22204.

# How often do you use Douglas Park?

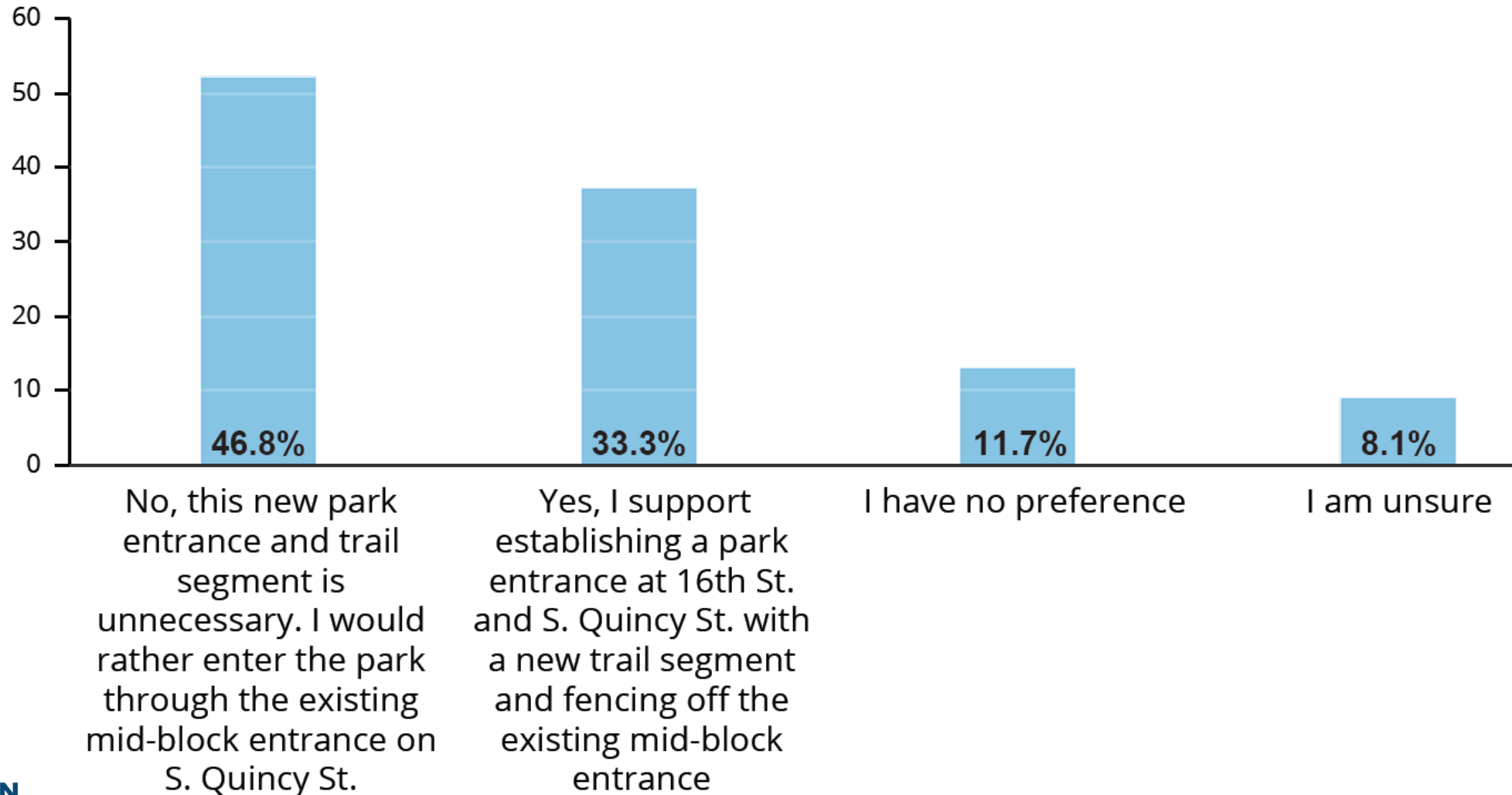


# What days and times do you typically visit Douglas Park?

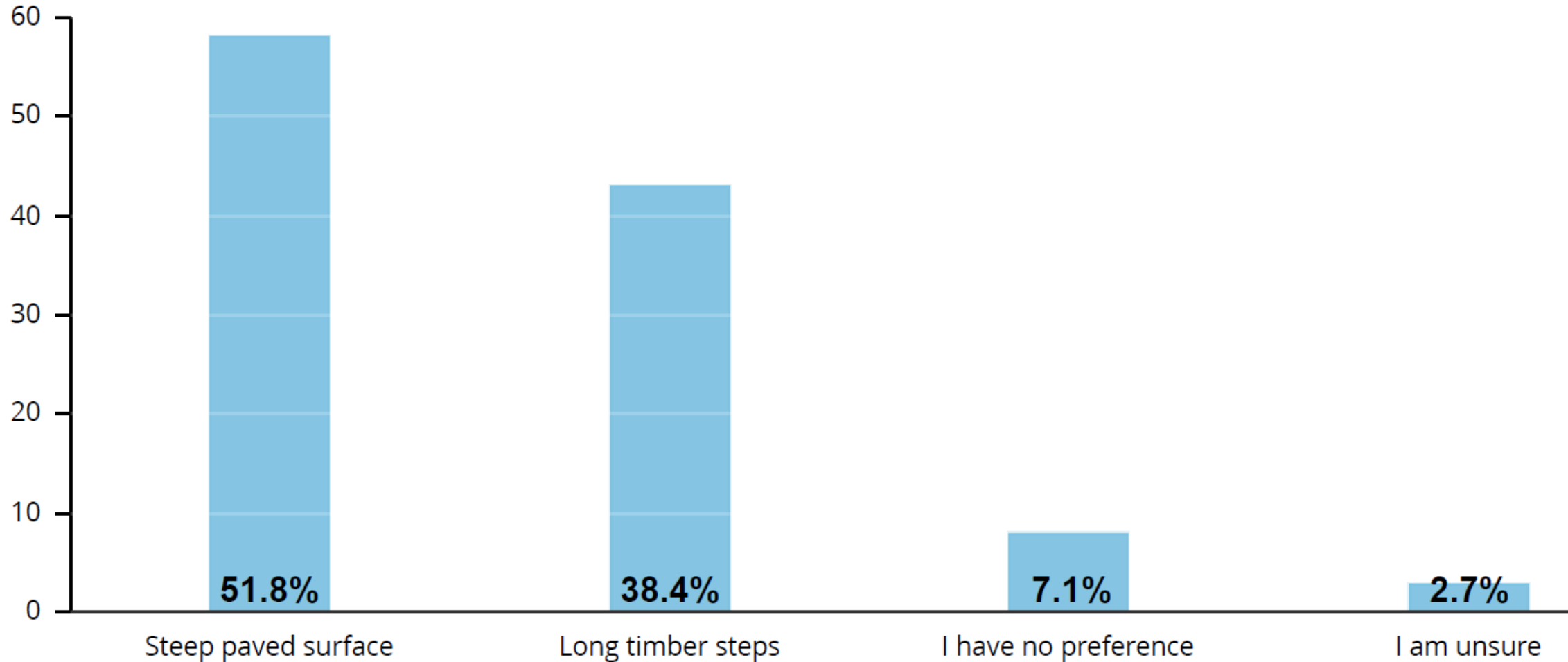
	Sunrise to 8 a.m.	8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	5 p.m. - Sunset
<b>Mondays</b>	14%	20%	13%	22%	<b>31%</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	16%	18%	11%	21%	<b>34%</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	15%	20%	11%	21%	<b>33%</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	15%	19%	11%	22%	<b>33%</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	15%	19%	10%	22%	<b>34%</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	8%	28%	19%	23%	23%
<b>Sundays</b>	9%	28%	19%	21%	22%



# Do you support this new park entrance and new trail segment, along with the removal of the existing mid-block entrance?



# Would you prefer the pathway to be improved as a steep paved surface, or a set of long timber steps?



# Please use the space below to expand on any thoughts or share any additional considerations that were not reflected in your responses above.

All 73 open-ended comments were quantified by tagging each with themes. The most common themes are included in the table below. You can also [read all comments](#) online.

Theme	Do Not Support New Park Entrance	Improve Mid-Block Entrance on S. Quincy St.	Support New Entrance but Keep Mid-block Entrance
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Many commenters do not support a new park entrance at 16th St. S. and S. Quincy St.</li><li>They want to preserve the open space currently being used for recreational activities from sports to picnics.</li><li>They noted that adding the paved path would prevent these activities from taking place.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Several respondents recommended improvements to the existing mid-block entrance on S. Quincy St.</li><li>Ideas included re-grading, eliminating the steps, and adding a ramp.</li><li>They noted that this would make the entrance ADA accessible and stroller- and bike-friendly, while not disrupting recreational use by creating a new entrance.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Several respondents asked if there was an option to keep the mid-block entrance on S. Quincy St. in addition to creating the new entrance at 16th St. S. and S. Quincy St.</li><li>Two people noted the mid-block entrance is convenient for people who live south of the park.</li></ul>

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Theme	Requests for Other Amenities	Support Unpaved Areas
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While it is not within the scope of these renovations, several people requested to add bathrooms to the park. A few noted this was especially important since renovations to the picnic area will encourage more people to come for meals and celebrations.</li><li>Several people also commented on the need to update the play area. (Note: This will be part of the Phase 2 renovations).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some people expressed support for unpaved areas.</li><li>Many of them were in favor of keeping the park as natural as possible.</li><li>Two people commented that paved paths would encourage biking which could be disruptive and dangerous for pedestrians.</li></ul>

# Douglas Park Renovation Project – Phase 1

Origin:

Funding: General Obligation (GO) Bonds

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Design Funding  
Approved  
**Summer 2023**

Core Project Team  
Launch  
**Summer 2023**

Online Engagement  
#1 (feedback on draft  
concept design)  
**Summer 2024**

Online Engagement  
#2 (feedback on final  
draft design)  
**Winter 2024/5**

County Board  
Approves Construction  
Contract  
**Winter 2025**

Construction Begins  
**Spring 2026**

Construction Ends  
**TBD**



INFORMATION  
SHARING



**Online Feedback**  
(e.g., questionnaire,  
feedback form, etc.)



**In-Person Engagement and Pop-Ups**  
(e.g., community meeting,  
roundtable, tabling, walking/bus  
tour, deliberative dialogue, etc.)



**Virtual Meeting**  
(e.g., TEAMS, TEAMS  
live, Zoom, etc.)



**County Board Engagement**  
(e.g., public hearing, Board work  
session, open door Monday,  
commission meeting, etc.)



**Key  
Milestone**