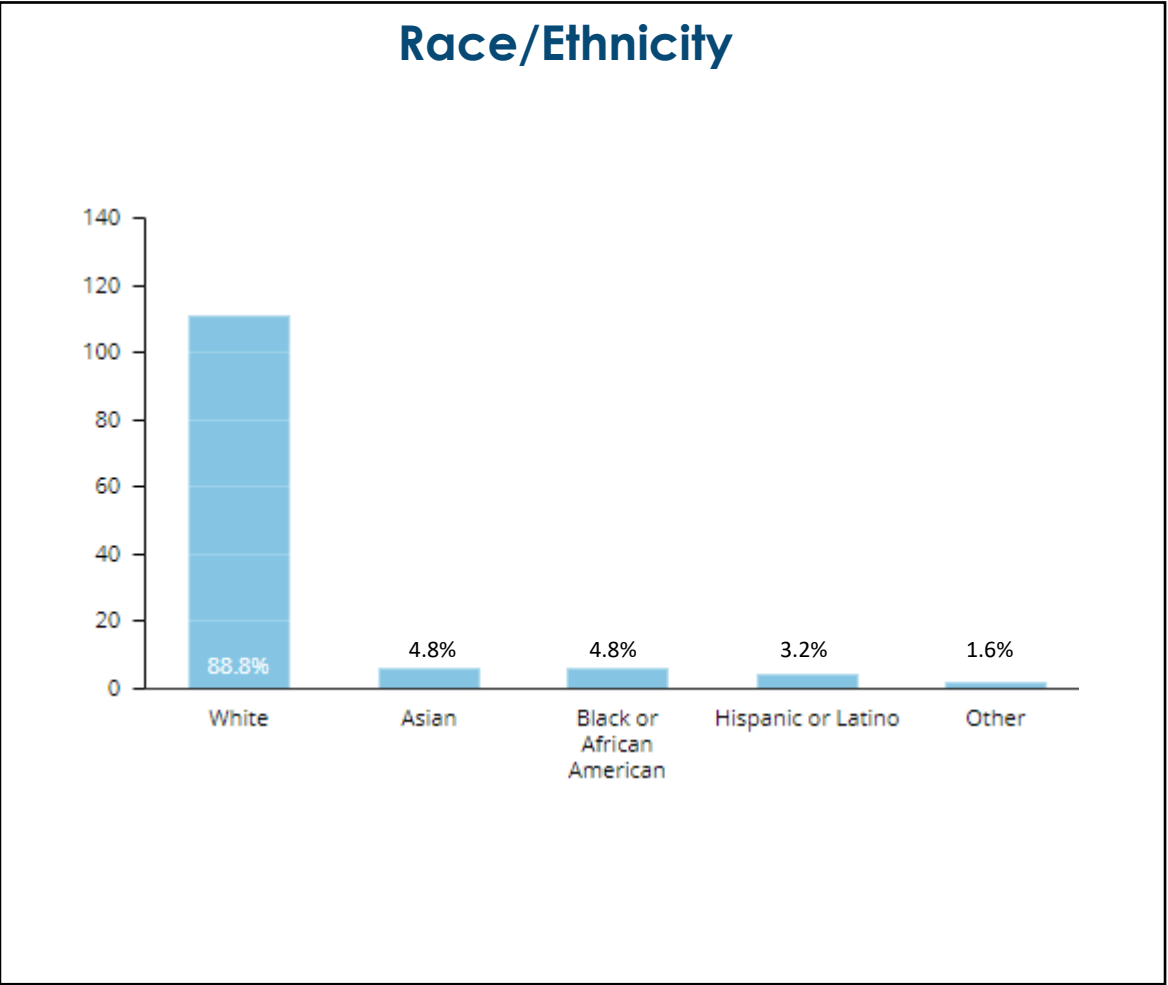
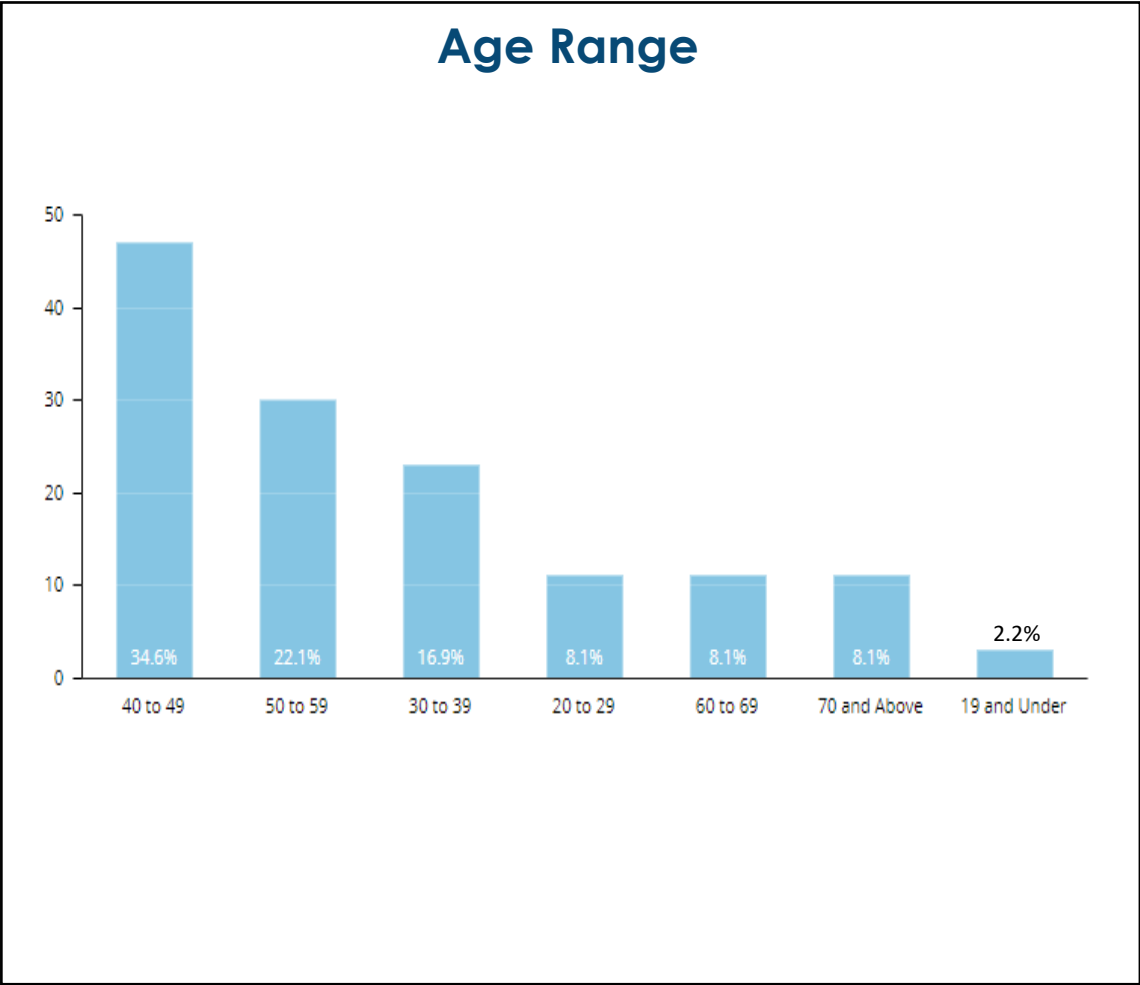


# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY & UTILIZATION

Engagement #2 Summary

October 2023

# Who Participated: Online



# Who Participated?

## 321 Participants

321



### ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

#### **321 Online Feedback Form Responses**

*Through these responses, we  
received 225 comments*

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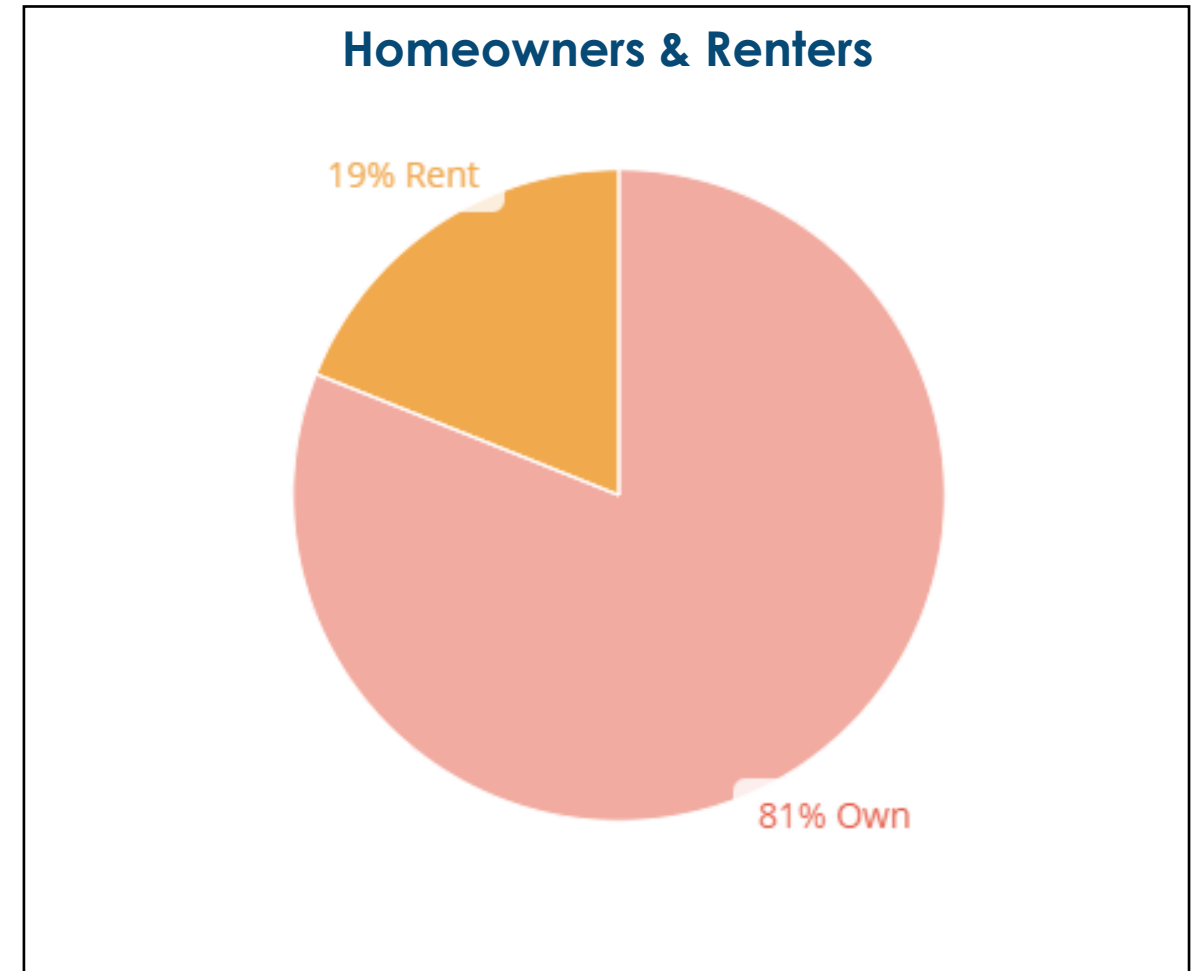
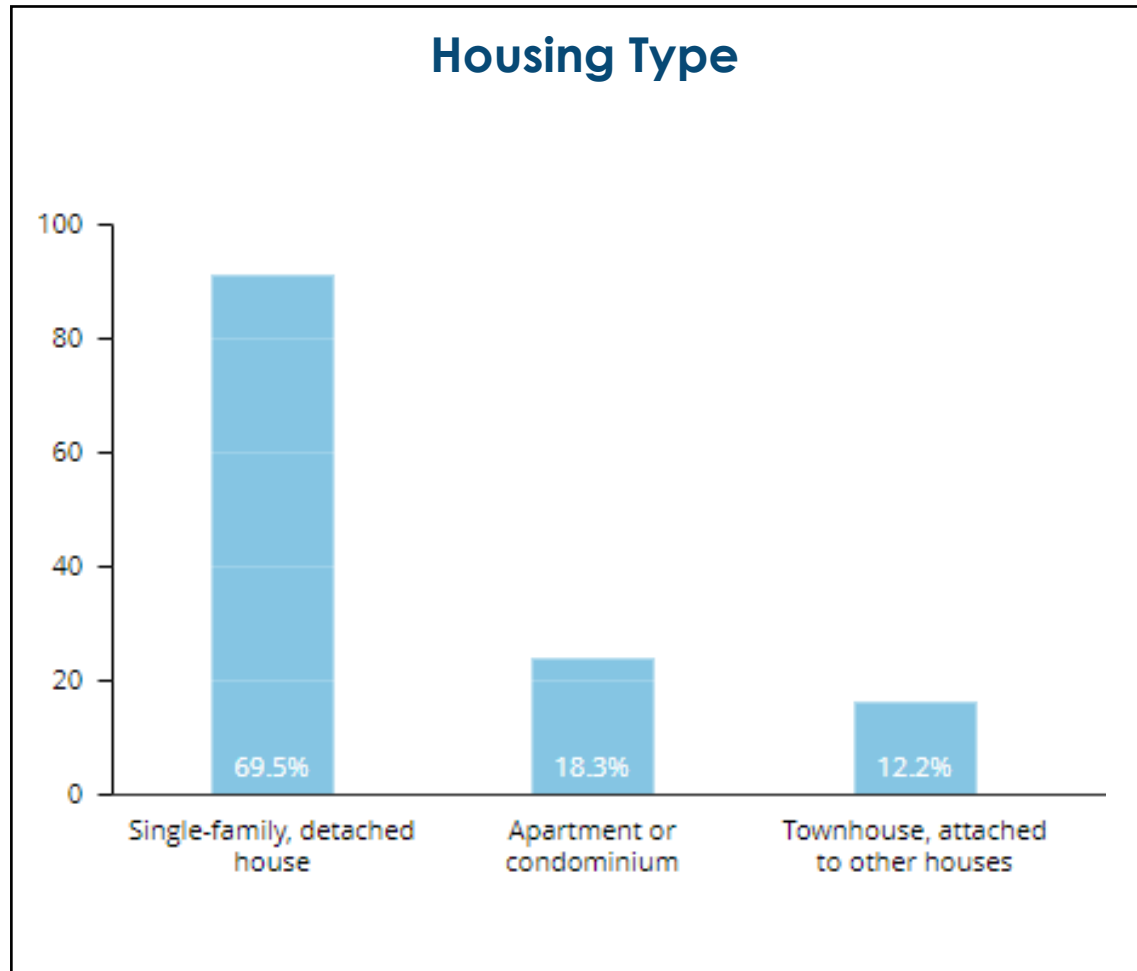
### In-Person Pop-ups

#### **60 Participants**

*Participants engaged at  
Rocky Run Park, Gunston  
Park, Barcroft Park, and  
Tyrol Hill Park*



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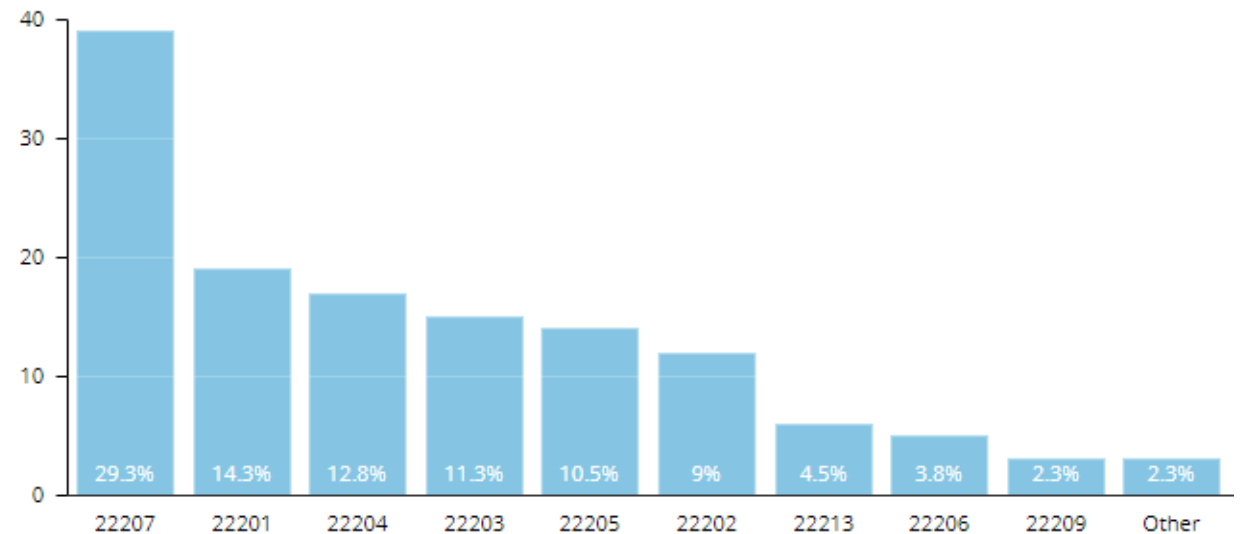
## Neighborhoods

In total, the project team heard from respondents located in **45 out of 62** Arlington civic associations.

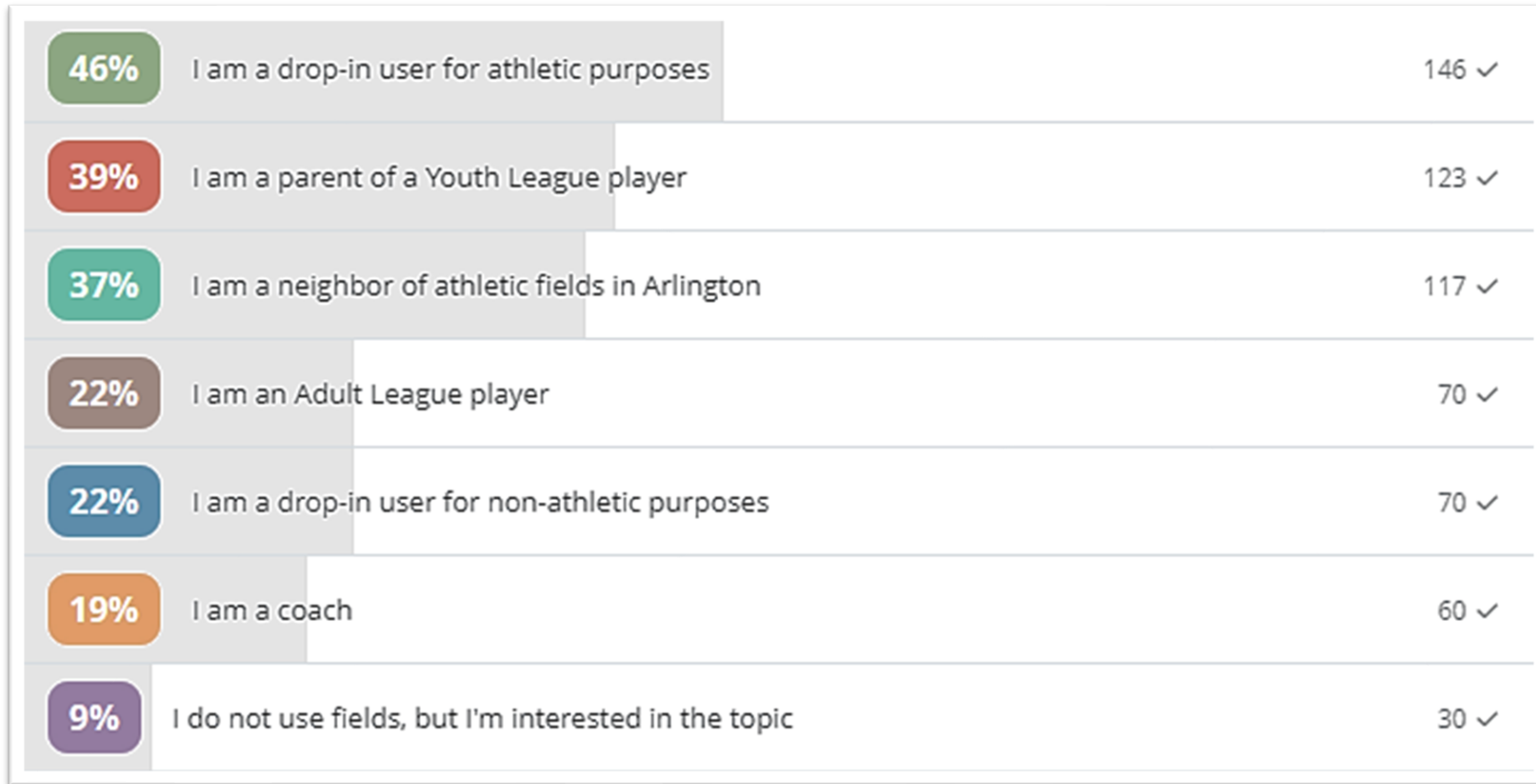
### Top Neighborhood Responses

- Arlington East Falls Church (10%)
- Ballston-Virginia Square (8%)
- Clarendon/Courthouse (7%)
- Rock Springs (7%)
- Donaldson Run (6%)

## Zip Code

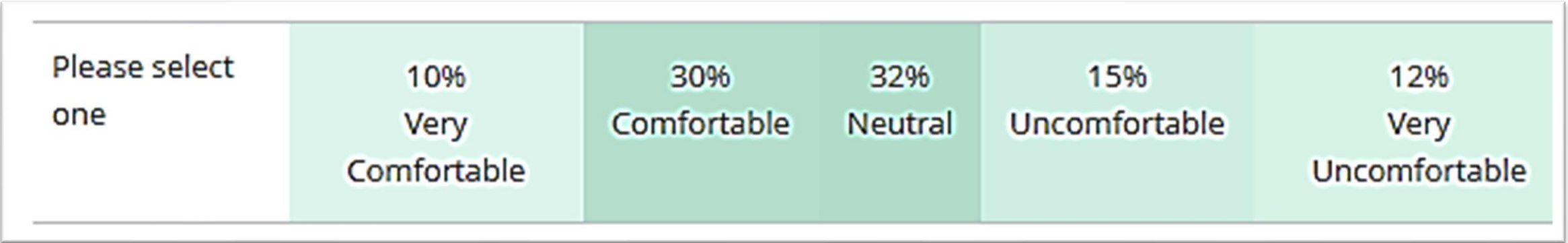


# How do you use athletic fields in Arlington?



The goal of this project is to develop a field availability framework that enables consistent evaluation of field utilization. After reviewing the presentation, **how comfortable are you with the Athletic Field Availability Draft Framework and its ability to meet the project goal?**

Use of this framework would include the review of field scheduling variables such as age, start time, end time and lights to define athletic field utilization.



# Please explain your reason for the answer you provided to the previous question:

All comments from this question have been bucketed into 6 themes with summaries below each topic.

Theme	General Satisfaction	Lights	Community Use	Demand (for permitted activity)	Opportunities for Youth	Balanced Between Sports
Comment Mentions	16	8	8	7	6	6
Summary	The overall sentiment suggests a relatively high level of satisfaction with the field scheduling framework, praising its logic, inclusivity, and data-driven approach. While there are minor concerns about the practicality of weekday start times and the county's implementation capabilities, the majority seem to find the plan comprehensive and anticipate that it will improve field utilization.	Feedback reveals a divide between the desire for more field availability and concerns about light pollution and neighborhood disturbance. While some call for extended hours and additional lighted turf fields, others express strong concerns about the impact of lights and noise on residential areas.	The feedback highlights a tension between organized sports and community / drop-in use of fields. While some argue for more availability for scheduled sports, others emphasize the need for accessible open spaces and consider the framework too focused on permit-seekers.	Mixed feedback on balancing permit-based and drop-in field use. Concerns about underestimating actual demand and a call for more fields. Some argue organized sports serve larger community needs and shouldn't be compromised.	The feedback underscores the community's call for prioritizing youth sports in field allocation. Concerns about the scarcity of space for youth activities are prevalent, with some questioning the equity of current field-sharing arrangements. There is also a call for logical matching of field types with age-appropriate activities.	Feedback highlights the crowding in soccer and limited field options. Concerns also raised about volleyball at Quincy Park, specifically for community use. Suggests designated times separate from league bookings.



The County will use annual field utilization data to help create more opportunities for community time at more athletic fields around the County. **What is your level of comfort with this approach?**

	Very Comfortable	Comfortable	Neutral	Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable
Please select one	15% Very Comfortable	31% Comfortable	17% Neutral	14% Uncomfortable	18% Very Uncomfortable

# What We Heard: Pop-Ups

The County will use annual field utilization data to help create more opportunities for community time at athletic fields around the County. What is your level of comfort with this approach?

Language	Participants
Spanish	11 (18%)
English	49 (82%)
60 Total Participants	



Responses					
Very Comfortable	Comfortable	Neutral	Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable	Unsure
30%	40%	12%	2%	17%	0%

# Please explain your reason for the answer you provided to the previous question:

All comments from this question have been bucketed into 6 themes with summaries below each topic.

Theme	Drop-in use vs. Permits	Field Designation Issues	Access to Information / Improved Scheduling System	Reservation vs Actual Needs (Monopolization of Fields)	Access to Casual Use / Drop-in	Demand for Field Space / Play Time
Comment Mentions	21	15	12	12	12	11
Summary	Feedback highlights tension between permit-holders and drop-in users. Concerns include conflicts, equitable access, and hassle over permits. Suggestion for visible permit schedules at fields. Some prefer permit-only to manage crowding and non-resident use. Others worry this will decrease ad-hoc community use and cause conflicts.	Concerns arise over the ambiguity of fields as open space when not in use and the move towards permit-priority over community use. Additional issues include the adequacy of the new system for real drop-in opportunities and the actual demand versus permit bookings.	Many residents express concerns about the clarity and enforcement of new field designations, emphasizing the need for better communication tools like real-time scheduling apps. There's a shared sentiment that the system must be transparent and easily accessible to avoid conflicts between permit holders and those seeking drop-in opportunities.	Public comments highlight tension between permit holders and drop-in users over field availability and usage. Concerns include over-reservation, underutilization, and the need for real-time tracking tools for better transparency.	Public comments express concerns that prioritizing permits could significantly limit drop-in play and community use of fields. The need for preserving open space and ensuring a balance between different types of use, including casual and non-sports activities, is also emphasized.	Public comments indicate a high demand for field space, especially for organized youth sports. Concerns are raised about insufficient lighting and limited availability, suggesting that the demand for field time currently outstrips supply.



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*Thank you for your input!*