



COMAL COUNTY

A Master Plan for Great Parks,
Open Space & Natural Areas



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Comal County, Texas

ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY APPENDIX A





ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

Directory Utilization

This directory includes information regarding local and regional entities, as listed to the right, which can assist Comal County in the implementation of the recommendations in the 2023 Comal County Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan.

Federal Governmental Entities

- U.S. Dept. of Defense Joint Base San Antonio (Camp Bullis)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Fort Worth District

State Governmental Entities

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Guadalupe State Park, Honey Creek State Natural Area)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Municipal Governmental Entities

- City of New Braunfels
- City of Schertz
- City of Bulverde
- City of Garden Ridge
- City of Spring Branch

Quasi-governmental Entities

- Comal County Parks Maintenance / Improvement Committee
- Canyon Lake Area Chamber of Commerce / Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful
- Canyon Lake Water Service (Under SJWTX Inc., Deer Creek & Canyon Lake)
- Comal – Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- Edwards Aquifer Authority
- Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
- Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA)
- Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD) of Comal County

Non-profit Organizations

- Bracken Cave Preserve / Bracken Nature Preserve (Bat Conservation International Inc.)
- Canyon Lake Community Resource and Recreation Center
- Canyon Lake Dam Community Alliance
- Canyon Lake Gorge Preservation Society
- Comal County Conservation Alliance
- Comal Trails Alliance
- Great Springs Project
- Guadalupe Blanco River Authority
- Headwaters of the Comal River
- Hill County Alliance
- Hill Country Conservancy
- League of Women Voters of Comal County Area
- National Historic Trail Association (El Camino Real de los Tejas)
- The Nature Conservancy Bracken Nature Preserve, Cibolo Bluffs Nature Preserve, Bracken Cave Preserve)
- Natural Bridge Caverns
- Preserve Our Hill Country Environmental Foundation
- Texas Land Trust Council

Table: Organization Directory Matrix

Public Organization	Organization Type	Scope	Funding	Staff and Operations	Annual Reports / Financial Statements	Research / Assessment Services	Conservation and Preservation Services	Utilities Services	Land Owners	Sports Facility Operator	Trail Operator	Water Recreation Operator	Boat Ramp Operator	Camp Grounds Operator
Bracken Cave Preserve / Bracken Nature Preserve (Bat Conservation International Inc.)	Private, Intl.	Single Location Unit	Tours, Camping, Private, Donations			Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Canyon Lake Area Chamber of Commerce / Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful	Public, County	Canyon Lake	Memberships, Adversiting space, Sponsorships, Donations			No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Canyon Lake Community Resource and Recreation Center		Canyon Lake, Comal County	Private, Grants, Donations			No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Canyon Lake Dam Community Alliance		Canyon Lake	Private, Grants, Donations			No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Canyon Lake Gorge Preservation Society (Guadalupe Blanco River Authority)	501C3	Comal County	Private, Grants, Donations			Yes	Yes	No	No, Quasi	No	Yes	No	No	No
Canyon Lake Water Service (Under SJWTX Inc., Deer Creek & Canyon Lake)	Public, County	Canyon Lake	County, State, Fees (non-tax)			Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Cibolo Bluffs Nature Preserve (The Nature Conservancy)	501C3	Single Location Unit	Private, Grants, Donations			No	Yes	No	No, Quasi	No	Yes	No	No	No
Comal – Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Public, County	Comal County				Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Comal County Conservation Alliance	501C3	Comal County	Private, Grants, Donations			No	Yes	No	No, Quasi	No	No	No	No	No
Comal County Parks Maintenance / Improvement Committee	Public, County	Comal County	County			No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Comal County Public Information Officer (PIO)	Public, County	Comal County	Public, County			No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Comal Trails Alliance	501C3	Comal County	Private, Grants, Donations			Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Edwards Aquifer Authority	Public, State	Hill County/ Aquifer Zone	Public, State, Fees			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Great Springs Project	501C3	Travis, Hays, Comal, Guadalupe, Bexar, Counties				Yes	Yes	No	?	No	?	No	No	No
Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance	501C3	Hill County/ Aquifer Zone	Private, Grants, Donations			Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Guadalupe River State Park / Honey Creek State Natural Area	Public, TPWD	Single Location Unit	State, Federal, Entry Fees			No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes?	Yes
Headwaters of the Comal River													No	
Hill Country Conservancy	501C3	Hill Country	Private, Grants, Donations			Yes	Yes	No	No, Quasi	No	?	No	No	No
Preserve Our Hill Country Environmental Foundation	501C3	Hill Country	Private, Grants, Donations			Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
WORD (Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County)	Public, County, State	Comal County	Public, County, State, Federal			No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



U.S. Department of Defense Joint Base San Antonio (Camp Bullis)

Organization Type: Federal

Scope Focus: Single Unit Location (Camp Bullis)

Contacts:

Address: 19399 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78257

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(210)295-7644 [Executive Officer at Camp Bullis]
1(210)221-5453 [Sam Houston Public Affairs]

Email: N/A

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.jbsa.mil/campbullis/>

Purpose:

- Training facility for the United States Army
- Provide recreational and natural space opportunities
- Protect local geology, wildlife, and historic archaeology

Mission and Vision:

- “Camp Bullis provides Base Operations Support and Training Support to Joint Base San Antonio Mission Partners in order to sustain their Operational and Institutional training requirements.”
- “Provide an environment that offers state of the art training facilities, to include firing ranges, simulation facilities, maneuver lands, and other training enablers and services that fully support the training requirement of our mission partners.”

Operations:

- Camp Bullis is jointly operated with the Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph Airforce Base, Joint Base Sam Houston, and San Antonio Fort Sam Houston.
- Training and Medical Command Staff
- Building maintenance and service Staff
- Departments found at Camp Bullis include:
 - Family Assistance Office
 - Outdoor Recreation Office
 - The Camp Bullis Joint Base Safety Office
 - The State Family Programs Office
 - The Environmental and Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) Office
- On-site, Eisenhower Park and Observation Tower is open to the public

Powers and Authorities:

- Comal County has established a Camp Bullis Dark Sky Zone in portions of the County which are adjacent to the training facility which limits the amount of outdoor lighting requiring a permit.

Programs:

- Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program
- Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscapes Program
- Integrated Training Area Management to provide a uniform training land management capability across the total Army
- Live Firing Range Training sites
- The Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Program including fishing, archery, gun classes, playgrounds, sports courts, and swimming.
- State Family Program for Army families
- Freedom Military School
- Range Control Building and Training
- Security and Threat Awareness Programs-
- Small Business Program
- Cantonment Area for visitors



Funding:

- Federal funding

Fees and Charges:

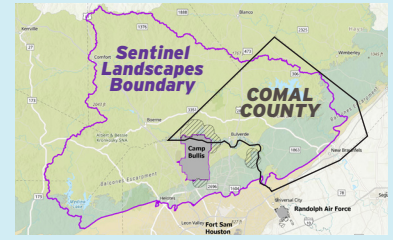
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Physical Assets:

- Over 50 square miles of Army training facilities and semi-protected lands (Camp Bullis only)

Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape (CBSL) Program

The Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape (CBSL) Program is a document which guides land use, development, environmental protection, and water resources in and around Camp Bullis. The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is a national program which “is a coalition of federal agencies, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations



Source: USDA Sentinel Landscapes

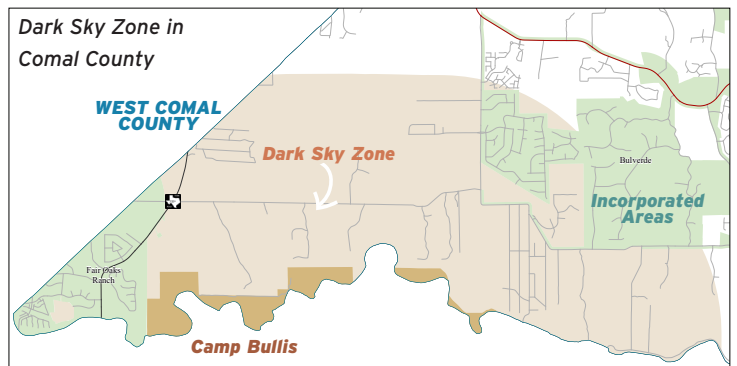
that works with private landowners to advance sustainable land management practices around military installations and ranges.” (<https://sentinel landscapes.org/>) The Sentinel Landscapes webpage further describes that “once a location becomes a sentinel landscape, USDA, DoD, and DOI work with local partners to equip private landowners with the resources necessary to carry out sustainable management practices on their properties.” Major focuses of the CBSL include; 1. ensuring that water resources from surface water, springs, and rivers remains abundant for the Camp and residents as development increases. 2. Reducing the risk of night-time light pollution due to adjacent development to Camp Bullis. 3. Ensuring the protection of endemic species to the Hill County and the Camp Bullis area. 4. Reduce the risks of extreme weather fluctuations such as droughts and flooding. 5. Address and reduce development encroachment risks. 6. Support and expand access to public recreational opportunities. (<http://aacog.net/742/Sentinel-Landscape-Initiative>) The Program currently has over 40 associated and collaborative local organizations which will help address impacts to the Camp Bullis region. With a Sentinel Program in place, stakeholders and landowners within the designated boundary can receive additional funding opportunities, benefits of collaborative efforts, new resources, and increased strategic planning. The Sentinel Program looks to develop a federally approved Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Plan which will open additional federal funding opportunities.



Source: U.S. Army



Source: Camp Bullis



Source: Comal County



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Fort Worth District

Organization Type: Public, State, National

Scope Focus: Fort Worth, Dallas, Del Rio, San Antonio, Austin, Lubbock, Longview (TEXAS)

Contacts:

Address: 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, TX 76102

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(817)886-1043 [Contracting]

1(817)886-1577 [Recreation Natural AND Resources]

1(817)886-1854 [Regional Planning Environmental Center]

Email: public.affairs@usace.army.mil

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/>

Purpose:

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is a group / formation under the United States Army tasked with engineering, military construction, and civil works project that pertain to the larger operations of states and cross state line resources such as rivers, aquifers, flooding, pipelines, and more.
- The USACE works in Comal County to ensure the safety and operation of Canyon Lake and the Canyon Lake Dam.

Mission and Vision:

- “Deliver vital engineering solutions, in collaboration with our partners, to secure our Nation, energize our economy, and reduce disaster risk.”

Operations:

- The Fort Worth Division operates under the larger Southwestern Division and Commander
- Operates a number of boat ramps and Parks on and around Canyon Lake
- Operates and monitors the Canyon Lake Dam water levels and assesses risk of flooding or overflow
- Division staff under positions such as:
 - District Engineer
 - Dam Safety Officer
 - Commander and Resource Management Officer
 - Deputy Commander
 - Programs and Project Management



Powers and Authorities:

- Right to own, operate, enforce, and patrol lands and recreational assets
- At Canyon Lake the USACE has established a no build zone from base elevation 909’ (ft.) to 948’ (ft.)
- Authority to call and utilize the Canyon Lake release and spillway for the purposes of flood prevention and regional safety
- Authority to repair, maintain, legislate, and construct at the Canyon Lake Dam under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899, USC 408 (Section 40) upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, Section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, Section 1135 of the 1986 Water Resources Development Act, Section 206 of the 1996 Water Resources Development Act, and Section 204(f) of the Water Resources Development Act.

Funding:

- State and Federal Funds

Fees and Charges:

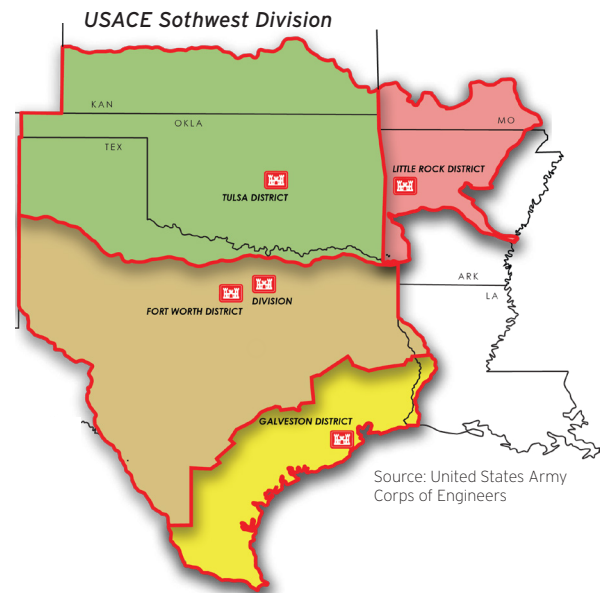
- Potential boat ramp fees

Physical Assets:

- In Comal County the USACE owns all lands surrounding Canyon Lake from base elevation 909’ (ft.) to 914’ (ft.)
- Owns and operates of the following sites in Comal County:
 - Canyon Lake Dam and spillway
 - Cranes Mill Park
 - Guadalupe Park
 - Hancock Horse Trail
 - Tittle Jacobs Creek
 - Potter’s Creek Park
 - Hidden Valley Park
 - Overlook Park
 - North Park

Programs:

- Public, controlled access, park operations at North Park and Overlook Park
- Law enforcement and patrol at Canyon Lake and the Canyon Lake Dam
- Emergency Stream Bank and Shoreline Protection
 - Example project: Colorado River project for protection of the Garfield Water Supply Facility including rip-rap and native plantings to stabilize shorelines.
- Flood Damage Reduction
 - Example project: Little Fossil Creek, Haltom City channel widenings and mitigation of nearby lands.
- Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
 - Example project: Rio Grande-Laredo 77-acre riparian ecosystem restoration in a wildlife corridor to improve hydrological connectivity, remove invasive species, erect nesting habitat, and reduce erosion
- Project Modifications for Improvements to the Environment
 - Example project: Lewisville Lake-Frisco reversal of environment degradation caused by impoundment, with new wetland construction, native hardwood and grass plantings, and recreational paths.
 - Example project: San Marcos River Section 206: Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Project 2014 including riparian plantings, shoreline stabilization, land remediation, and hydrological flow enhancements.
- Public information and reports on Facility Closures, Reservoir Releases, and waterflow conditions
- Joint cooperation, efforts, and reports with municipalities, counties, and other entities
- General Investigations Program and Continuing Authorities Program to address smaller to medium sized projects at \$10 million or less
- Flood Plain Management Services Program
- Field and surveying assessment, mapping, and analysis
- Public safety and awareness videos and flyers
- Prescribed controlled burns
- K-12 programs



Canyon Lake Master Plan (2017)

The Canyon Lake Master Plan (2017) was developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the purposes of appropriate stewardship, development, strategic planning, and environmental sustainability for the next 25 years. The Master Plan has established Recreational Objectives such as improving campground facilities and amenities, evaluating demand for facilities on a regular basis, increasing universally accessible facilities on Canyon Lake, and improving the Shoreline Management Program. Natural Resource Management Objectives include minimizing environmental disturbances, managing unauthorized use of public lands and trash dumping, addressing invasive species and prescribed treatments, and protecting / reconstructing wetlands and riparian zones. Cultural Resource and Visitor / Outreach Objectives include implementing more educational signage and programs, capturing trends in boat accident causes and locations, educating adjacent landowners along the shoreline, ensuring green infrastructure and Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria are met for government facilities, developing additional partnerships, and ensure the cultural and historic protection of surrounding sites. Finally, the Master Plan includes a Resource Plan which guides the types of facilities, general density of facilities, land uses of parks, and specific water / land zones at parks along Canyon Lake.



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Guadalupe State Park, Honey Creek State Natural Area)

Organization Type: Public, State

Scope Focus: State of Texas

Contacts:

Address: 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(512)389-4800

Email: N/A

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/>

Purpose:

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department operates, maintains, and oversees over 80 State Parks and wildlife areas for the benefit of public use and recreation
- Providing research, education, and community events, to landowners, recreational users, and students

Mission and Vision:

- “To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.”

Operations:

- Regional and Park specific staff (Wardens, Rangers, biologists, educators)
- Law enforcement offices and staff
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Mutual Association
- Volunteer opportunities and collaborations with non-profit groups, scouts, and recreational organizations
- Texas Master Naturalist Program
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

Powers and Authorities:

- Powers to own, operate, and manage lands
- Powers to establish and oversee controlled hunting zones
- Power to establish controlled burns

Funding:

- Public, private, donations
- Entry and use fees
- Gift shops and merchandise sales
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine subscriptions

Fees and Charges:

- Campsite fees
- Event and program participation fees
- Park entry fees
- Membership and Association fees

Physical Assets:

- Over 80 public State Parks in Texas
- The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, Texas
- Perry R. Bass Marine Fisheries Research Center in Palacios, Texas
- Airport Commerce Facility/Ed Werland Training Room in Austin, Texas
- Heart of the Hills Fisheries Science Center in San Marcos, Texas
- State Law Enforcement Headquarters at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744



Guadalupe River State Park and the Honey Creek State Natural Area

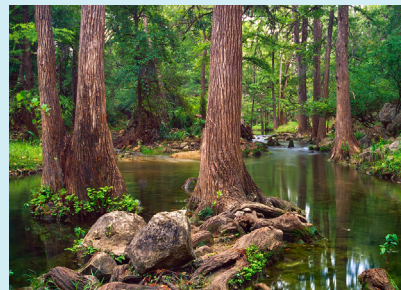
The Guadalupe State Park (GSP) and Honey Creek State Natural Area (Honey Creek) are federal / State owned lands. GSP, established in 1983 from land acquired in 1974, is a 1,939 acre park open to the public. The park features active recreational options such as campgrounds, canoeing, fishing, horse-hiding trails, geocaching, and swimming / tubing. The park also features picnic zones, birdwatching stations, and hiking trails. GSP protects many iconic Texas flora and fauna such as Bald Cypress trees, Live Oak trees, White-tailed deer, and the Golden-cheeked Warbler. The Guadalupe River State Park Paddling Trail is one of the main water-based recreation opportunities at the Park, providing over 5 miles of paddling through natural landscapes. Major natural points of interest include the Guadalupe River Rapids, Swallow Cliff, Scenic Overlook, and the prairie Rust House. The Park also features a Discovery Center with hands-on exhibits and educational opportunities for youth.



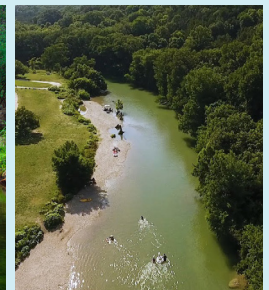
Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife



Honey Creek is a controlled access park through reservations only. The parks main focus is the preservation of natural and native habitats. Only natural hiking trails are found at the Park to preserve the natural ecological functions of the park, which one can partake in a guided two-mile nature tour along the trails. Honey Creek is the only water body in the state of Texas which has been completely untouched and unaltered. Honey Creek showcases what settlers to the Hill Country saw upon first settling to the area.



Source: Jason Merlo Photography



Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Programs:

- Parkland hiking trails
- Rock-climbing, swimming, and cycling active recreational opportunities
- Birding and horseback riding interactive opportunities
- Park / cave / water tours, events, and fundraisers
- Boating safety and law public education
- Campgrounds and campsites
- Texas Outdoor Family camping workshops
- Coordination with Scout groups
- Controlled hunting and Wildlife Management Areas
- Technical guidance on proper natural area management and use by the public
- Wildlife Tax Valuation Workshops
- Passport To Texas, radio guide to the Texas outdoors
- Under The Texas Sky podcast
- Texas Parks and Wildlife television series on the Public Broadcast Station
- Texas Archery in the Schools program
- Texas Outdoor Women’s Network
- Project WILD K-12 educational program
- Texas Pollinator BioBlitz events
- Get Outside expo and events
- Texas Bighorn Sheep Program
- Managed Lands Deer Program



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Organization Type: Public, State Commission

Scope Focus: State of Texas

Contacts:

Address: 12100 Park 35 Circle Austin, TX 78753

PO Box: P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Phone: 1(512)239-1000

Email: N/A

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/>

Purpose:

- A statewide agency which regulates, legislates, and monitors entities which impact the environmental quality of Texas lands, air, and water.
- A statewide agency which monitors, measures, and educates the public and local leaders on issues such as policy, environmental changes, water and air quality, and scientific research.

Mission and Vision:

- “The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality strives to protect our state’s public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. Our goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste.”

Operations:

- 3 TCEQ Commissioners appointed by the Governor or Texas
- A General Council for legal, legislative, and enforcement actions
- A Public Interest Council to ensure advocacy for the public’s interests
- A Chief Auditors Council
- A Chief Clerk Council
- Occupational Licensing and Registration Division
- The TCEQ has 6 main offices under the Commissioner’s Office; these include:
 - Office of Administrative Services
 - Office of Compliance and Enforcement
 - Office of Legal Services
 - Office of Air
 - Office of Waste
 - Office of Water

Powers and Authorities:

- Ability to levee charges, fees, penalties, and licenses to enforce state legislature on environmental quality, granted by the Texas Health and Safety Code and other codes passed by the Texas Legislature and State governing bodies
- Ability to inspect and suspend operations of entities if regulations are not met
- Ability to enter into contracts with private entities for specific action plans and sites
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Funding:

- Fees and Charges
- State and Federal funds
- Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Trust

Physical Assets:

- N/A

Programs:

- Waste Program, which aims to assist entities in purchasing and remediating brownfield and contaminated sites
- Air Quality Program, which measures particulates, emissions, toxins, and hard chemicals in the air
- State Implementation Plan for Air Quality, which includes special study zones, one of which includes the San Antonio Area and Comal County
- Texas Air Quality Forecasts and Monitoring / Air Quality Index reports
- TCEQ Energy Savings Plan aimed at reducing energy consumption
- Remediation and Site Clean-up contracting and collaboration
- Agriculture feedlots, runoff, operations, pesticides, and air quality monitoring
- Grants for transportation and vehicle infrastructure improvements
- Report publication and public information from of the Texas Legislature



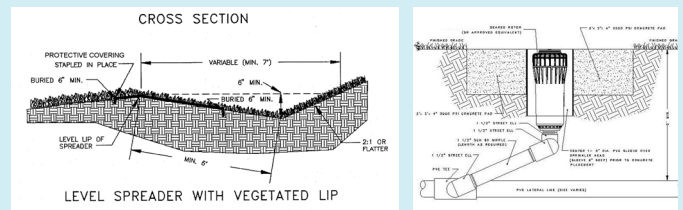
Fees and Charges:

- Vehicle Emission Inspections in Texas
- Air Emissions Fees
- On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Site Evaluations and Fees
- Landscape Irrigator inspections and fees
- Waste, Landfill, Processing, Storage, and Land Treatment and Discharge Fees
- Surface Disposal Fees
- General Permit Stormwater and General Permit Wastewater Fees
- Voluntary Clean-up Program Fees
- Toxic Release Inventory Reporting Fees
- Petroleum Product Delivery Fees and Storage Tank requirements
- Public Health Service Fees
- Feedlot, agricultural operations, and pesticide Permits and Registration
- Waste Water and Drinking Water treatment and discharge fees

Complying with the Edwards Aquifer Rules: Technical Guidance on BMPs (2005)

Complying with the Edwards Aquifer Rules: Technical Guidance on BPM’s is a document which guides and demonstrates key land use practices which helps to protect hydrological flows and the Edwards Aquifer. The document was created by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the use of developers, municipalities, residents, and contracted workers to ensure that construction is done in the safest and least environmentally impactful way possible.

First, a series of Sediment Controls are described such as rock berms, fencing, bikes, temporary construction access, spill prevention controls, and utility crossings. Next the Master Plan details the importance of comprehensive site planning noting, the preservation of surveyed wetlands and tree canopies. This also includes recommendations to reduce street widths, provide vegetation buffer strips, reduce building setbacks, using pervious pavements, and clustering development, to reduce full-site hydrological impacts of water-runoff and ground permeability. Next, a series of biological and chemical control methods are introduced, including utilizing alternatives to synthetic herbicides, proper storage and inspection, proper mechanics and backflow preventions, limiting pest control measures, and preventing application before rain events. Next, the document highlights best landscaping and vegetative practices, such as tree protection (to reduce erosion, heat effects, and reduce flooding), trenching and tunneling damage prevention methods, encouraging stormwater basin landscaping and Xeriscape programs, creating filter strips, preserving riparian vegetations, and minimizing turf/grass maintenance. Next, the Document addressing permanent structures such as buildings and walls and channels. Best permanent construction techniques highlighted include, sub-grade sediment criteria, bioretention techniques, permeable surface treatments, constructed wetlands, parking lot pavement treatments, sprinkler and valve practices, building grading techniques, berm and built wall grades and elevations, man-made outfalls, and drain/curb/gutter techniques. Lastly, the Document highlights the best practices for wastewater storage and removal, septic tank practices and safety, and other residential or municipal water retention / filtration systems.





Comal County Parks Maintenance / Improvement Committee (Canyon Lake Area Chamber of Commerce)

Organization Type: Public, County

Scope Focus: Comal County

Contacts:

Address: N/A

PO Box: N/A

Phone: N/A

Email: N/A

Fax: N/A

Website: N/A

Purpose:

- Maintain and operate County owned parkland and sports facilities.

Operations:

- 10 Committee members, appointed by Comal County Commissioners Court, representing:
 - Bulverde Athletic League
 - Bulverde Youth Soccer Association
 - Canyon Lake Little League
 - Canyon Lake Youth Soccer
 - Mid-Tex Youth Football League
 - Spring Branch Youth Football Association
 - Spring Branch Tennis Center
 - Canyon Lakes Girls Softball
 - The Community and Resource Center
 - And the Comal County Parks Manager

Powers and Authorities:

- Right to improve, maintain, repair, and host tournaments, at Jumbo Evans Sports Park and Hidden Valley Sports Park under the approval and per-view of the Comal County Commissioners Court.

Funding:

- Comal County
- Tournament Hosting

Fees and Charges:

- Sports League Participation

Programs:

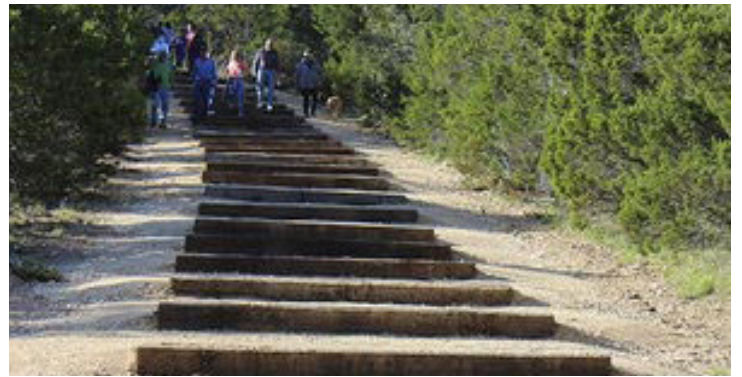
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Physical Assets:

- Hidden Valley Sports Park (125 Mabel Jones Dr, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133)
 - 9 Diamond Fields
 - 5 Multi-purpose Fields
 - 5 Soccer Fields
 - Playground and Pavilions
 - Restroom and Concession Facilities
- Jumbo Evans Sports Park (101 Jumbo Evans Blvd, Spring Branch, Texas 78070)
 - 6 Diamond Fields
 - 1 Football Field
 - 6 Tennis Courts
 - 11 Multi-purpose / Soccer Fields
 - Playground and Pavilions
 - Restroom and Concession Facilities



Source: Canyon Lake Little League



Step trail at Kleck Park
Source: Comal County



Source: Canyon Lake Little League



Canyon Lake Area Chamber of Commerce / Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful

Organization Type: Public, County, 501(c)(6)

Scope Focus: Canyon Lake, Guadalupe River

Contacts:

Address: 3934 FM 2673, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 830. 964.2223

Email: info@canyonlakechamber.com
keepclbeautiful@gmail.com

Fax: N/A

Website: N/A

Purpose:

- Maintain and operate County owned parkland and sports facilities.

Mission and Vision:

- The Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce is a group dedicated to promoting and supporting local tourism, business development, community initiatives, and the growing the local economy of the Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River areas.

Operations:

- 3 Officers
- 5 Board of Directors
- 1 Staff member
- Coordination with Play In New Braunfels and the New Braunfels Visitors Center
- Operator of Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Memberships
- Donations and Partnerships

Fees and Charges:

- None



Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful

Programs:

- Annual publication of the Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River 2022 Victors and Relocation Guide
- Winter Texan annual event
- Funding of local events including, Real Texas Bar-B-Que Cook-off held each April, the Wimberley Gospel Music Festival, KidFish, CROWWALK, Market Days, Texas Dinosaur Day, Independence Day Parade, and the Hill Country Trade Show, North Pole Village, Christmas Parade, Parade of Lights on the Lake
- Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful, which is a group under the Chamber of Commerce, tasked with community clean-ups, waste reduction/prevention, local beautification efforts, and community health awareness.
- Pop-up Clean-Up events at local parks

Physical Assets:

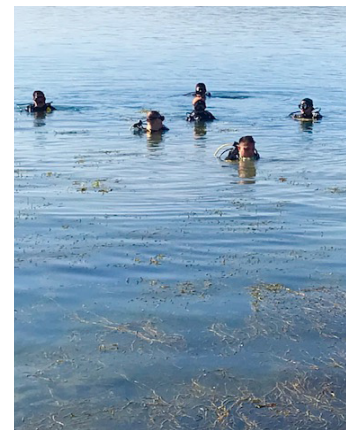
- None



Clean-up along a busy road
Source: Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful Facebook



Retail street frontage clean up
Source: Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful Facebook



Divers help keep shorelines and waters safe and clean
Source: Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful Facebook



Canyon Lake trash facilities compressed blocks and sorting machines
Source: Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful Facebook



2022 Governor's Community Achievement Awards
Source: Keep Canyon Lake Beautiful Facebook



Canyon Lake Water Service (Under SJWTX Inc., Deer Creek & Canyon Lake)

Organization Type: Public, County

Scope Focus: Comal County, Blanco County

Contacts:

Address: 1399 Sattler Rd, New Braunfels, Texas 78132

PO Box: P.O. Box 1742 Canyon Lake, Texas 78133

Phone: 1(830)312-4600

Email: N/A

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.sjwtx.com/my-service-area/canyon-lake-service-area>

Purpose:

- Water and wastewater delivery, pumping, storage, distribution
- Water treatment and testing
- Water-infrastructure construction/maintenance for Comal and Blanco County for residential, commercial, public, and private uses
- Manages wastewater treatment facilities, water treatment facilities, storm drains, underground pipe utilities, water meters, fire hydrants, and water storage facilities

Mission and Vision:

- “Trusted professionals delivering exceptional quality water and service to customers and communities while protecting the environment and providing a fair return to shareholders.”
- “To serve customers, communities, employees, shareholders, and the environment at world-class levels.”
- “SJWTX, Inc. (“SJWTX”), doing business as Canyon Lake Water Service Company, has successfully provided safe and reliable water and wastewater service to its customers in Texas since 2006. SJWTX safeguards public health, promotes environmental stewardship, and delivers sustainable solutions in seven counties.”

Operations:

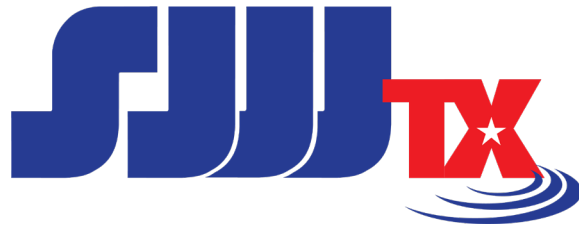
- Over 40 Staff members

Powers and Authorities:

- Abilities to set billing rates and water utility tariffs at a reasonable level which does not exceed the operational cost of the Canyon Lake Water Service
- Power to plan for, construct, manage, and repair underground water utilities, utility easements, and stormwater drains/channels

Funding:

- County, State, and Local infrastructure funds



Fees and Charges:

- Management fees and charges
- Monthly water usage bills
- Processing and filing fees

Programs:

- Canyon Lake Drought Contingency and Emergency Plan
- Canyon Lake Water Quality Testing
- The Consumer Confidence Reports of Water Quality

Physical Assets:

- Over 16,650 separate connections within the SJWTX 250 square mile service area
- Underground stormwater drains, water mains, pipes, and channels
- Wastewater treatment, storm water treatment, and storage facilities
- Utility easements
- Wastewater treatment facility at Old Triple Peak, south of Canyon Lake



Source: Canyon Lake Water Service



Wastewater treatment Facility at Old Triple Peak Drive, south of Canyon Lake (facing south)

Source: Canyon Lake Water Service



Comal - Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Organization Type: Public, County

Scope Focus: Comal County

Contacts:

Address: N/A

PO Box: P.O. Box 664, Spring Branch, TX 78070

Phone: N/A

Email: admin@ComalTrinityGCD.com

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.comaltrinitygcd.com/>

Purpose:

- Monitor and permit well and pump construction and water extraction within Comal County.
- Make and enforce rules to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, and recharge of groundwater and aquifers of Comal County, except wells or water from the Edwards Aquifer.

Mission and Vision:

- "The Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) was created to help Comal County residents conserve, preserve, recharge, protect, and prevent waste of groundwater from the Trinity Aquifer which underlies all of Comal County."

Operations:

- 8 Board of Directors Members, four of which represent each Comal County Commissioner Precinct

Powers and Authorities:

- Authority to issue bonds; and implement assessments, fees, and surcharges under Texas House Bill 2407 during the 2015 84th Texas Legislature.
- Permissions to enter into contracts with public and private entities, Installation of well monitoring equipment,
- Operational approval, installation, monitoring, and repair of groundwater wells, including contracts with sub-consultants, contractors, and private entities.
- Cannot regulate or operate wells connecting to, leading from, or directly effecting the Edwards Aquifer.

Funding:

- County, State, and Local infrastructure funds
- Operational and service fees

Fees and Charges:

- Fees permissible for administrative acts, such as maintenance, operations, assessments, and installations

Programs:

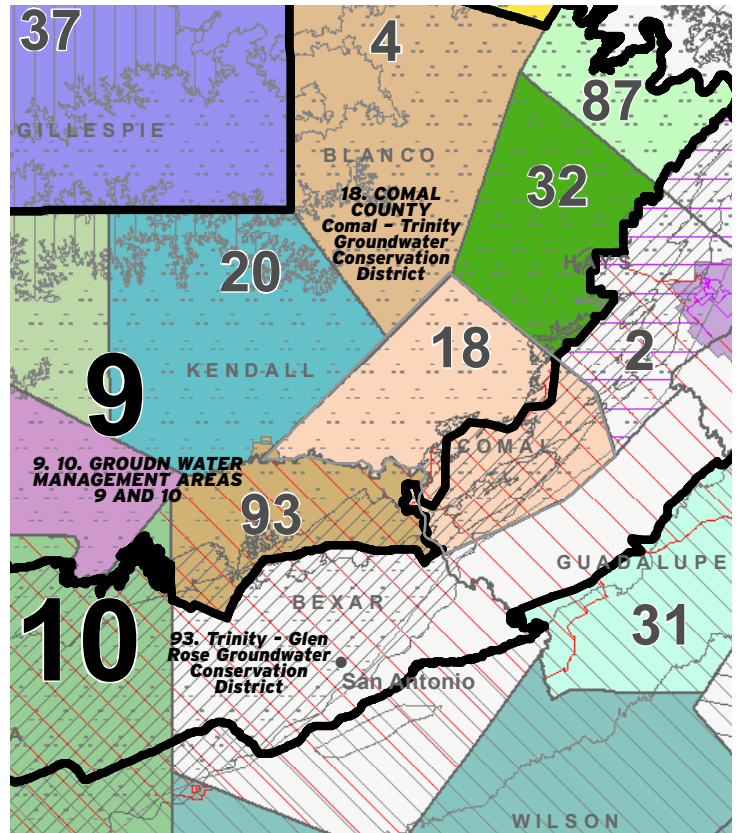
- Groundwater level monitoring (for private and public wells, including drought risks)
- Well and pump approval, assessment, and quarterly pumpage reports
- Provides drought, water contamination, pollution, groundwater information

Physical Assets:

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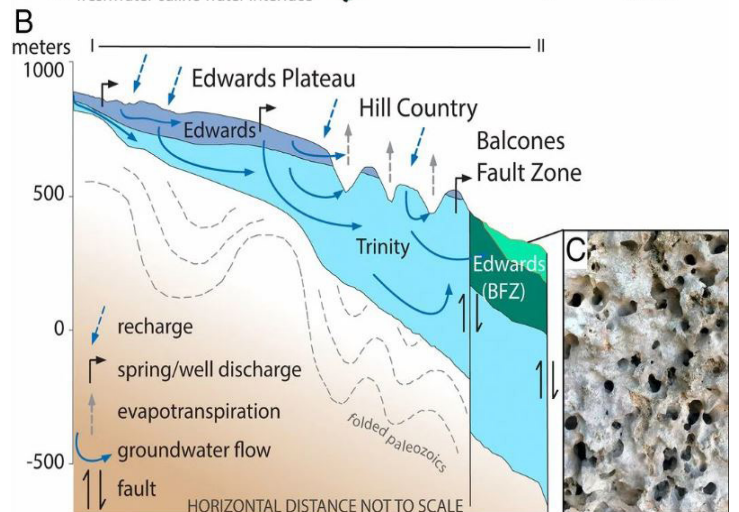
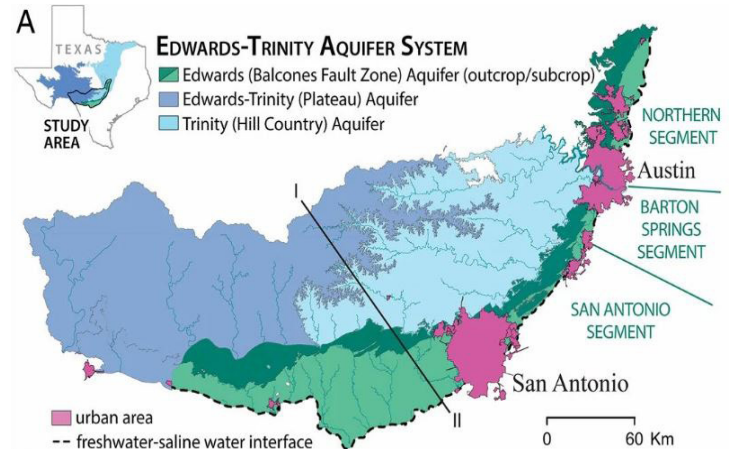


Comal
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Groundwater Conservation Districts of Texas

Source: Texas Water Development board



Edwards-Trinity Aquifer System

Source: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences



Edwards Aquifer Authority

Organization Type: Public, State

Scope Focus: Bexar, Medina, Uvalde, Atascosa, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Counties

Contacts:

Address: 900 E. Quincy, San Antonio, Texas 78215

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(210) 222-2204 or 1(800)292-1047

Email: eahcp@edwardsaquifer.org

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.edwardsaquifer.org/>

Purpose:

- Manages water extraction, water levels, well permitting, public education, and associated research/data to protect and maintain the Edwards Aquifer.

Mission and Vision:

- “The mission of the EAA is to Manage, Enhance and Protect the Edwards Aquifer.”
- “The Edwards Aquifer Authority is a regional water management agency that regulates with integrity, transparency, respect, and commitment to sustainability of the aquifer.”

Operations:

- 16 Board of Directors by District. Southeastern Comal County consists of District 8 and District 9.
- 6 Departments of the organization consisting of Administrative and Financial Services, Aquifer Management Services, Threatened and Endangered Species Services, External and Regulatory Affairs, and Communications and Development.

Powers and Authorities:

- Permits, operations, and measurements of well extractions from the Edwards Aquifer. May regulate activities affecting groundwater within the aquifer, groundwater withdrawn from the Aquifer, regulate the quality of surface water to preserve and protect the Aquifer, enact and enforce regulations to prevent the waste or pollution of the Aquifer, and enforce water quality standards as granted by the Texas 1993 Edwards Aquifer Authority Act.

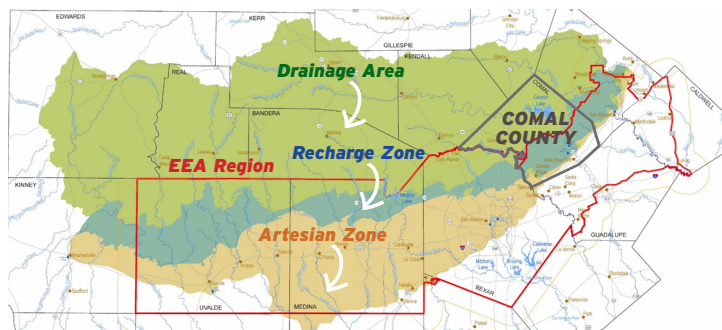
Funding:

- Well operations are funded through Public and State resources, including well operations and permitting fees
- Research and Facility operations are funded through donations, entrance fees, and grants
- The Edwards Aquifer Conservancy, under the Edwards Aquifer Authority, is granted land from private entities, County’s, and City’s within the Edwards Aquifer Authority jurisdictional area.

Fees and Charges:

- Aquifer management and maintenance fees
- Registration-administrative-application fees
- Programming fees
- Failure to comply fees
- Pollution fees
- Well maintenance and operation fees

Edwards Aquifer



Source: Edwards Aquifer Authority



EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY

Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Report 5 (2021)

The Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan is an annual report released to highlight habitat conservation around the Edwards Aquifer. The document states that the Plan “was approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) as a regional plan to protect eight federally listed and three non-listed species—termed Covered Species—associated with the Edwards Aquifer while helping to ensure its stability as a regional water supply”.

The document begins by describing the existing conditions of the Edwards Aquifer, its location in primarily 6 counties (Kinny, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, and Hays), and changes in ground water withdrawal and flow rates. Covered species (listed endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) found through the region are described, particularly Texas Wild-Rice, San Marcos Salamander, Comal Springs Salamander, Fountain Darter, San Marcos Gambusia, and the Pecks Cave Amphipod. Next, a series of conservation measures enacted by regional authorities, municipalities, and counties, are benchmarked to assess achievements and outstanding actions.

- Regional actions include Expanded Water Quality Monitoring, Biological Monitoring, Impervious Cover and Water Quality Protection, and Refugia sites to house critical species.
 - City of New Braunfels conservation measures include Flow-Split Management in the Old and New Channels, Management of Public Recreational Use of Comal Springs and River Ecosystems, Decaying Vegetation Removal and Dissolved Oxygen Management, Control of Harmful Non-Native Animal Species, Prohibition of Hazardous Materials Transport across the Comal River and its Tributaries, Native Riparian Habitat Restoration, Management of Household Hazardous Wastes, and Impervious Cover and Water Quality Protection.

See Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, next page, to continue

Programs:

- Edwards Aquifer Conservancy is a separate 501(c)3 non-profit established by the Edwards Aquifer Authority to aid in operations of the Authority
- The Conservancy has 7 Board of Directors and 2 staff members
- The Edwards Aquifer Conservancy is the entity that owns the land that Edwards Aquifer Authority’s Field Research Park and Education Outreach Center are located.
- Research and scientific data modeling and assessment
- Edwards Aquifer Well Metering Program
- Hosts scientific lectures and podcasts
- Groundwater Management Plan
- Critical Period Management Plan
- Comprehensive Water Management Plan 2004
- Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Report 3 (2019)
- Hazardous Materials Training
- Habitat and species rehabilitation

Physical Assets:

- Operates over 600 irrigation wells and 1,000 industrial/municipal wells
- EAHCP Refugia Facility at the San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center (SMARC) (threatened and endangers species tanks and rehab)
- Edwards Aquifer Education Outreach Center at 23400 Cibolo Vista, San Antonio, Texas 78259
- Granted deeds to 150+ acres of land in 2009 (Cibolo Vista Tracts 1 and 2) now named EAA Field Research Park (used for research and management activities) near 23524 Cibolo Vista, San Antonio, Texas 78261



Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit

Scope Focus: San Antonio, San Marcos, Wimberley, Dripping Springs, and Austin areas

Contacts:

Address: 1809 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78212

PO Box: P.O. Box 15618 San Antonio, TX 78212

Phone: 1(210) 320-6294 (Executive Director),
1(210)320-0149 (Technical Director)

Email: info@aquiferalliance.org

Fax: N/A

Website: https://aquiferalliance.org/

Purpose:

- Advocates for the preservation and protection of the Edward Aquifer
- Producing and distributing educational materials to the public and private sector for sustainable practices and protection for the Edwards Aquifer
- Coordination with City's and entities to aid in the development of sustainable water-use and land-use practices

Mission and Vision:

- "The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes effective broad-based advocacy for protection and preservation of the Edwards Aquifer, its springs, watersheds, and the Texas Hill Country that sustains it."

Operations:

- 11 Board of Directors
- 12 Advisory Board Members

Powers and Authorities:

- None
- Assists in the development of municipal flood, development, and building codes

Funding:

- Public and private donations
- Merchandise sales
- Memberships

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Business leaders, Texans For Every Drop, Corporate Membership
- Legislative advocacy
- Provides educational resources pertaining to water management, water quality, flood management, water harvesting, and climate change.
- Fundraisers (Art Show, Earth Day Event, Viva Texas Rivers, auctions)

Physical Assets:

- None



Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Report 5 (2021) continued

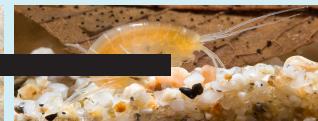
- City of San Marcos conservation measures include Management of Aquatic Vegetation and Litter below Sewell Park, Sediment Management below Sewell Park, Designation of Permanent Access Points and Bank Stabilization, Septic System Registration and Permitting Program, and Minimizing Impacts of Contaminated Runoff.
- Texas State University conservation measures include Reducing Diversion of Surface Water, Native Riparian Habitat Restoration, Research Programs in Spring Lake, Sessom Creek Sand Bar Removal, Management of Golf Course and Grounds, and Control of Harmful Non-Native and Predator Species.

Next, a series of Biological Goals and Management Objectives are presented.

- First, protecting the Fountain Darter, a small fish which feeds on small insects, endemic to only the Comal Creek and San Marcos River. Many freshwater fish need exceedingly clear and uncontaminated water, which can be difficult to retain at populations and wastewater outfall increases.



Source: Edwards Aquifer Authority



Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife

- Second, protecting the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle with new riparian habitat and spring filtration methods.



Source: Edwards Aquifer Authority



Source: U.S. Geological Survey

- Third, maintain water conditions for the Comal Springs Dryopid Beetle and Peck's Cave Amphipod.



Source: Edwards Aquifer Authority



Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife

- Fourth, protect and expand Texas Wild-Rice coverage, a semi-submerged grass that is regional endemic to the San Marcos River. Threats to the species mostly come from over-dredging waterways and damage recreational users cause from coastline trampling.



Source: TPWD



Source: TPWD

- Fifth and Sixth, increase habitat for the San Marcos Salamander and Texas Blind Salamander, especially in and around Spring Lake.



Source: Edwards Aquifer Authority



Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Lastly, the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan highlights management techniques, duties, and methods for achieving and benchmarking the methods and goal proposed in the Report. The Edwards Aquifer Authority's committees (Adaptive Management Stakeholder Committee, Adaptive Management Science Committee, EAHCP Budget Work Group, Springflow Habitat Protection Work Group, and the Implementing Committee) should benchmark with data and regularly schedule discussions to provide a forum of changes and immediate action throughout the year.

Outreach and collaborations are suggested as the most efficient and well-rounded methods for implementation and information dispersion. The Outreach Section notes the Education Outreach Center (at the Headwaters) as a key contributor to educating to the public and recreational users. A detailed breakdown of the Edwards Aquifer Authority's budget and money allocation is provided; 61% of which goes to Springflow Protection, 7% for Comal Springs, and 13% for San Marcos Spring.



Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA)

Organization Type: Public, State

Scope Focus: Guadalupe-Blanco-San Antonio River watershed (Kendall County, Comal County, Blanco County, Hays County, Bexar County, Guadalupe County, Dewitt County, Victoria County, Refugio County, Calhoun County, Arkansas County)

Contacts:

Address: 933 East Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(830)379-5822

Email: N/A

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.gbra.org/>

Purpose:

- Water and wastewater delivery, pumping, storage, distribution, water treatment and testing, and water-infrastructure construction/maintenance for Guadalupe-Blanco-San Antonio River watershed are for residential, commercial, public, and private uses.
- Manages wastewater treatment facilities, water treatment facilities, storm drains, underground pipe utilities, water meters, fire hydrants, and water storage facilities.
- Operate Hydroelectric generating dam (Canyon Lake Power Station) which provides power for New Braunfels through New Braunfels Utilities
- Laboratory monitoring of water conditions
- Recreational parkland maintenance and operations
- Establish regulations for navigation of the waterways within the GBRA jurisdiction.
- Conduct research and advocacy for the protection of the Guadalupe-Blanco-San Antonio River watershed
- Provides information on environmental resource management, flood mitigation, hazard mitigation, and water recreation.

Operations:

- 9 Board of Directors members
- 8 staff on the Management Team
- Treatment Facility maintenance crew and staff
- Educational Resources staff
- Research and Testing staff
- Internship Positions

Powers and Authorities:

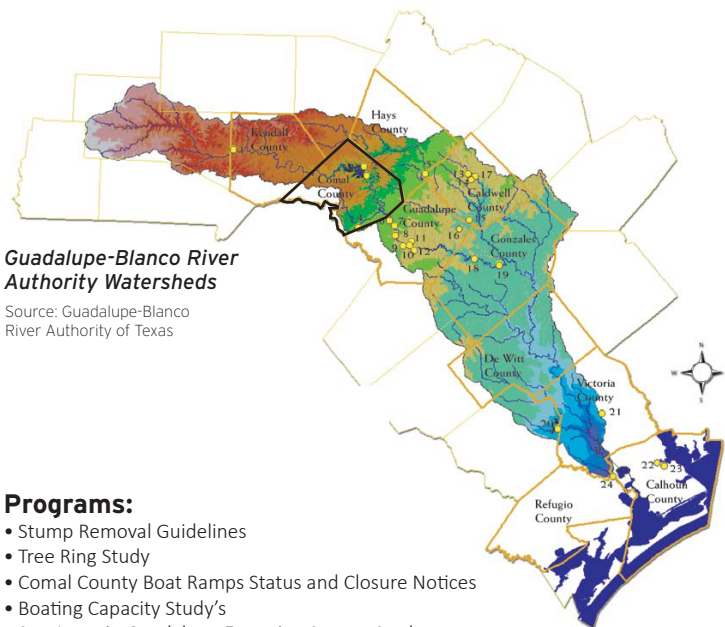
- The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is a political subdivision that was created under Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution to develop, store and protect the water resources of the Guadalupe River Basin for the benefit of its residents
- GBRA has the right to establish regulations for navigation of the waterways subject to its jurisdiction, and is empowered under the laws of the State of Texas to establish restrictions on the use of watercraft navigating the waterways subject to its jurisdiction.
- GBRA is responsible for reservoir water management and release within the 'conservation pool,' between 800 feet mean sea level (msl) and the normal operating elevation of 909 msl. The Corps is responsible for management and release of waters within the 'flood control pool' at elevations of 909 to 943 msl. The Dam and Reservoir are owned by the Federal Government. GBRA has the right to store water in the Conservation Pool portion of the Reservoir for water supply purposes and to deliver that water to customers.
- Owner and operator of Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid, Lake Nolte, Lake Gonzalez, and Lake Wood. Waterfront development on these lakes must be reviewed and approved by GBRA through an Application And Construction Permit.

Funding:

- County, State, and Local infrastructure funds
- Private donations

Fees and Charges:

- Water service fees
- Monitoring and Installation fees
- Recreational park fees
- Entry and participation fees for programs



Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Watersheds

Source: Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority of Texas

Programs:

- Stump Removal Guidelines
- Tree Ring Study
- Comal County Boat Ramps Status and Closure Notices
- Boating Capacity Study's
- San Antonio Guadalupe Estuarine System Study
- Provides Educational Developer resources such as Standards and Design Guidelines for Wastewater Treatment Plants and Lift Stations, Standards and guidelines for Developer Utilities, and Standards and Guidelines for Customer Water delivery Points.
- Guadalupe River Habitat Conservation Plan
- GBRA Lab water testing facility, which provides analysis for private and public entities
- Clean Rivers Program
- Watershed Protection Plan
- Zebra Mussels Monitoring Program
- River Heritage Tour Program
- Recreational Programs such as Yoga in The Gorge and Coleta Outdoor Classroom / Field Investigation
- The Gorge Preservation Society is an organization under the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, tasked with advocating for the preservation of natural rock formations in and around Canyon Lake
- K-12 Educational Field Trips to water treatment plants, Canyon Lake Gorge, the GBRA lab
- GBRA collaborates with local outdoor education groups such as the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, Cibolo Nature Center, Coleta Creek Reservoir and Park, The Meadows Center of San Marcos, and the Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge at San Antonio Bay
- Online magazines and reports such as the River Run seasonal magazine, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and the Basin Highlights Report.
- Provides online seminars and lectures on local projects and environmental water protection

Physical Assets:

- Canyon Lake Power Station and six-megawatt dam at 16880 S Access Rd, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133. The plant operates through a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with permits from TCEQ and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers. The power station is capable of river flows between 180 and 600 cubic feet per second.
- 8 Wastewater Treatment Plants (Lockhart Wastewater Reclamation Division [Larremore street Plant, FM 20 Plant], Hays Wastewater Reclamation Division, Buda Wastewater Reclamation Division [Sunfield Wastewater Treatment Plant, Shadow Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Crestview Wastewater Treatment Plant], Rural Utilities Division [Canyon Park Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant, Stein Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant]).
- 6 Water Treatment Plants (Western Canyon Water Treatment Plan Division [services Comal and Kendall County], Luling Water Treatment Plan Division, Lockhart Water Treatment Plan Division, San Marcos Water Treatment Plan Division, Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plan Division, Calhoun County Water Treatment Plan Division).
- Owners and operators of Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid, Lake Nolte, Lake Gonzalez, and Lake Wood.
- GBRA Lab and General Offices in Seguin, Texas.
- Owners and operators of Canyon Lake Gorge, Coleta Creek Park, Lake Wood Park, and Nolte Island Park.
- 10 kiosks for the River Heritage Tour Program located along waterways from Boerne to Port Lavaca.



Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD)

Organization Type: Public, County

Scope Focus: Comal County (North and Central)

Contacts:

Address: 1928 FM 2673 Canyon Lake, Texas 7813

PO Box: P.O. Box 2789 Canyon Lake, Texas 78133

Phone: 1(830)907-2300

Email: info@wordcc.com

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://wordcc.com/>

Purpose:

- District established to improve investments for water resources, water recreation, ecological stability, and water safety and usage guidelines.
- Participates in community education efforts, public health and sanitation advocacy, and emergency warning systems for flood and drought conditions.
- Provides law enforcement and emergency medical services for over 30 square miles of open water recreational areas in Comal County
- Determines, manages, and ensures safe compliance of fish attractor areas, Canyon Lake buoy placement, boat ramp locations, and times of operations based on water levels.

Mission and Vision:

- “The purpose of W.O.R.D. is to improve the environment and welfare of the district by conserving natural resources, improving public health, promoting water safety, and operating public parks located in the district.”

Operations:

- 7 members on the Board of Directors appointed by the Comal County Commissioners Court
- Maintenance, gate, park, and water recreation staff

Powers and Authorities:

- Powers to levy taxes from recreational and tourism related sales (such as boat rentals, hotels,
- Powers to monitor and regulate recreational user safety with on-ground forces
- Powers to fund, construct, operate, and maintain physical land and recreational assets
- Powers to regulate entry fees, access points, buoy and swimming locations, to and within parks under WORD operation
- Powers to regulate and create legislation to prevent foam, plastic containers, and glass bottles use on and within WORD parks, including a littering ordinance.

Funding:

- Comal County
- Tax levy's

Fees and Charges:

- Park entry fees
- Associated recreational facility user fees where applicable

WORD | WATER-ORIENTED RECREATION DISTRICT OF COMAL COUNTY

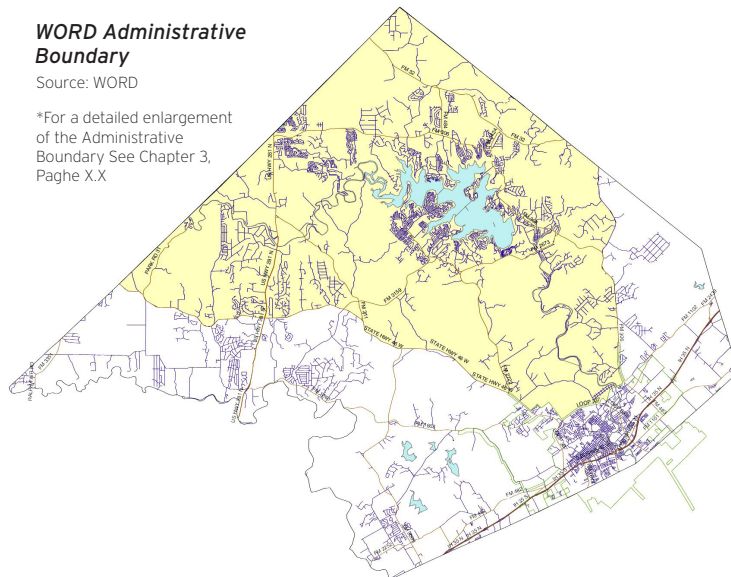


Fun Fish youth event 2017
Source: WORD

WORD Administrative Boundary

Source: WORD

*For a detailed enlargement of the Administrative Boundary See Chapter 3, Page X.X



Programs:

- Clean-up events, Stash Your Trash Contest
- Grant programs for local services/parks operators
- Flood siren warning systems
- Virtual River Tour Guide
- Park and water-based facilities maintenance and planning
- Collaborations with other entities and outreach programs
- Annual Fun Fish, youth fishing event

Physical Assets:

- Operators of Canyon Park, Comal Park, and Nichol's Landing Park/Paddling Trail.
 - Canyon Park (485 acres) is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Comal Park (116 acres) is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Nichols Landing is owned by Comal County located at 7922-7960 Old Spring Branch Rd, Spring Branch, Texas 78070
 - 9.9 Mile Nichol's Paddling Trail
- Owns and operates flood sirens throughout Comal County
- Operates boat ramps at Canyon Park, Comal Park, and Cranes Mill Park
- Operates over 3 miles of walking and hiking trails



WORD operated campgrounds at Comal Park
Source: WORD



Fun Fish youth event 2022
Source: WORD



Bracken Cave Preserve (Bat Conservation International Inc.)

Organization Type: Private, International

Scope Focus: Bracken Cave Preserve along Cibolo Creek

Contacts:

Address: 500 North Capital of Texas Highway, Building 1, Suite 175
Austin, Texas 78746

Local Unit at 26101 FM3009, San Antonio, Texas 78266

PO Box: P.O. Box 140434 Austin, Texas 78714-0434

Phone: 1(512)327-9721

Email: bracken@batcon.com

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.batcon.org/>

Purpose:

- To preserve the native lands that maternal bats reside and migrate.
- Ensure the health and stability of bat populations and other wildlife within Comal County and internationally.
- Provides cave tours and conservation lands for visitors

Mission and Vision:

- “Our mission is to conserve the world’s bats and their ecosystems to ensure a healthy planet.”

Operations:

- Works with and protected under The Nature Conservancy
- 15 Board or Directors
- 7 Executive Leaders
- 13 members of the Science Advisory Committee, each with a Ph.D.
- 20 Conservation Specialists
- 14 Scientists
- 2 Networking and Partnerships Leaders
- 6 Development and Communications staff
- 5 Operations staff

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- The Nature Conservancy
- Private, Public, Grants, Donations
- Adopt A Bat Program
- Apparel and merchandise sales
- Bat Con International Memberships

Fees and Charges:

- Cave and facility entry fees

Programs:

- Ticketed cave and bat tours
- Online seminars on bat habitat preservation and natural landscapes
- Scientific research, testing, and assessment of habitats, mating, health, and migration patterns

Physical Assets:

- None



Canyon Lake Community Resource and Recreation Center

Organization Type: Public, non-profit

Scope Focus: Canyon Lake, Comal County

Contacts:

Address: 1917 FM2673, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(830)964-2324

Email: operations@crccofcanyonlake.org

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.crccofcanyonlake.org/>

Purpose:

- The Canyon Lake Community Resource and Recreation Center provides residents and visitors with dedicated space for recreational programming, community events, and a thrift shop, including providing public information, emergency disaster relief, and a food bank.

Operations:

- 7 Managerial and Directorial staff
- 8 Board of Directors
- Volunteer Opportunities

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Private, Grants, Donations
- Thrift store funds

Fees and Charges:

- Event participation fees
- Community garden plots

Programs:

- Food Pantry
- Thrift Store
- Provides medical equipment and wellness check-ups
- Provides tax financial assistance / education
- Indoor sports and recreational activities
- Community information on flood warnings, news, events, and health warnings
- Senior Club
- Community events such as a Christmas Market, Pickleball Tournament, and Family Fest
- 5k Turkey Cobble Wobble Run
- Community newsletter

Physical Assets:

- Indoor Recreation Center (1917 FM2673, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133)
- Indoor Event and Recreation Space (125 Mabel Jones Dr, Canyon Lake, TX 78133 [Hidden Valley Sports Park])
- Community Garden (Canyon Lake, TX 78133 [Hidden Valley Sports Park])
- Thrift Store (1917 FM2673, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133)
- CAREs Clinic (1917 FM2673, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133)





Canyon Lake Gorge Preservation Society

Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit

Scope Focus: Canyon Lake, Comal County

Contacts:

Address: 16029 South Access Road Canyon Lake, Texas 78133

PO Box: N/A

Phone: 1(830)964-5424

Email: gpscanyongorge2002@gmail.com

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://gorgepreservationsociety.org/>
<https://canyongorgetours.com/>

Purpose:

- The Canyon Lake Gorge Preservation Society aims to educate and protect gorges and rock formations around Canyon Lake, particularly rock formations at the base of the Canyon Lake Dam.
- To educate the public and visitors with guided tours of historic dinosaur footprints and rock/sediment formations

Mission and Vision:

- “The Gorge Preservation Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to promote the enjoyment and conservation of a unique natural phenomenon called the Canyon Lake Gorge, by encouraging responsible, quality access opportunities through academic partnerships, economic initiatives and citizen involvement.”

Operations:

- The Canyon Lake Gorge Preservation Society is a non-profit under the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority.
- 7 Board of Directors
- Staff is composed entirely of volunteers who serve as Trailblazers, Tour Guides & Docents, and Board & Committee members.

Powers and Authorities:

- Ability to collaborate with the Municipalities, Counties, and WORD through inter-local agreements

Funding:

- Private, Grants, Donations
- Members of the Gorge Preservation Society
- Merchandise

Fees and Charges:

- Educational tours and outdoor classroom fees

Programs:

- Provides public hiking trails
- Public education events at Tye Preston Memorial Library
- Moonlight in the Gorge Gala
- Maintenance and upkeep of the Canyon Lake Gorge Hiking Trails

Physical Assets:

- Canyon Lake Gorge Service and Storage Building
- Gorge and Floodway land trails owned by the USACE



Comal County Conservation Alliance

Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit

Scope Focus: Canyon Lake, Comal County

Contacts:

Address: N/A

PO Box: P.O. Box 2804 Canyon Lake, Texas 78133

Phone: 1(830)964-2324

Email: info@comalconservation.org/

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.comalconservation.org/>

Purpose:

- Works to preserve Comal Counties water resources, wildlife habitat, rural landscape, and quality of life, as the county continues to grow and develop.
- Coordinates with landowners and funding agencies to develop conservation easement agreements

Operations:

- 10 Board members
- 1 Staff member (Administrative Coordinator)

Powers and Authorities:

- Has the authority of own land, but currently does not seek to own land, instead opting to be a coordinator and in-between for connecting land owners to conservation resources

Funding:

- Friends of Comal County Conservation Alliance
- Private, Grants, Donations
- Merchandise Sales

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Comal Land Conservation Fund (CLCF 2020) [landowner’s effort to establish a conservation easement with a Land Trusty],
- Conservation Insider Newsletter to the Friends of Comal County Conservation Alliance
- Conservation efforts / Education and awareness through online and in-person seminars
- Outreach events and coordination with other community entities (farmers markets, Folk Fest, EarthDay)

Physical Assets:

- None



Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit, Public

Scope Focus: Canyon Lake

Contacts:

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Fax: N/A

Website: <https://damcommunityalliance.com/>

Purpose:

- To provide the Canyon Lake community with continued open spaces and parkland around and on the Canyon Lake Dam.

Mission and Vision:

- “Uniting our Canyon Lake community and raising funds to restore and enrich access to the lake, the dam, and the parks.”
- “To be a non-profit partner for the US Corps of Engineers Canyon Lake Office committed to the planning, fundraising, and completion of projects dedicated to enriching the lake, the dam, and the surrounding parks for the benefit of the community, and visitors alike.”

Operations:

- 9 Board of Directors
- Coordinates with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Volunteer Opportunities

Powers and Authorities:

- N/A

Funding:

- Memberships
- Merchandise sales
- Public, private, donations

Fees and Charges:

- Event participation fees
- Community garden plots

Programs:

- Annual Dam Fine Car Show

Physical Assets:

- N/A

Land Conservation Menu: Model Project’s, Options, and Opportunities (2019)

The Land Conservation Menu is a document which provides entities with information on conservation land and open space opportunities in Travis, Hays, Comal, and Bexar, counties (Interstate 35 corridor).

The document begins by providing successful model land protection projects such as Bracken Cave, Balcones Canyonlands, San Marcos ‘Loop and Check’ Corridor and Trail, and Government Canyon. It is described that these projects were successful due to partnerships between the state, countries, and local conservation groups; this includes continued investments and protection of the land once designated as protected.

Next the Land Conservation Menu highlights a series of funding mechanisms municipalities, landowners, and counties utilize to ensure parkland and conservation land in their communities. The funding methods include private donations and grants, local bonds, conservation plan funds, sales taxes, government grants, user fees, and low-interest loans.

Land Conservation Menu: Model Project’s, Options, and Opportunities (2019) continued

Local bonds noted include:

- City of Austin’s Water Quality Protection Lands Program- 1998, 2000, 2006, and 2012 (Passed funds have been provided towards 60% the programs land acquisitions)
- City of San Antonio 2017-2021 GO Bond Program [\$39,000,000 for drainage and flood control, -Approved 79%] [\$187,000,000 for parks, recreation, and open space – Approved 70%]
- City of Austin 2018 GO Bond Program [\$149,000,000 for parks and recreation -Approved 81%] [\$184,000,000 for flood mitigation, open space, and water quality protection lands – Approved 84%]
- City of New Braunfels 2019 GO Bond Program [\$117 million approved by election ballot, with \$16,500,000 towards parks and recreation and \$5,000,000 towards Library facilities and services]

Next the document details sales tax and low-interest loans utilized towards land protection. These include:

- San Antonio’s Edwards Aquifer Protection Program – Sales Tax – The City of San Antonio dedicates 1/8 of a cent of sales tax revenue to create a land fund to protect water resources [60% Approval]
- San Antonio’s Howard Peak Greenways System – Sales Tax- Funded with 1/8 cent sales tax dedicated to the Howard H. Peak Greenway Trails System [60%+ Approval, renewed in 2005, 2010, and 2015]

Additional funding options are detailed in the document such as Low interest loans, grants, and user fees.

- Low-interest Grants
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (administered by TWDB, \$550 Million available annually for Texans)
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (\$550 Million available annually)
- Grants
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
 - Local Parks Grants and Recreational Trails Grants
 - Section 6 Competitive “Nontraditional” Grants
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
 - Texas Farm & Ranch Lands Conservation Program
 - Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)
 - Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant (HWCG)
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
 - Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - Transportation Alternative Projects (TAP)
- User Fees
 - Water / Wastewater / Drainage Fees
 - Impact Fees (such as Road and Development)
 - Habitat Mitigation Fees

Lastly, The Land Conservation Menu details methods for land protection. These include;

- Primary Methods
 - Fee Simple Acquisition (Market value purchase)
 - Conservation Easements (Legal agreement between landowners and agencies)
 - Purchase of Development Rights (Legal agreement between landowners and agencies)
- Other Methods
 - Bargain Sale (Below market value purchase)
 - Installment Sale (Deferred payment purchase)
 - Right of First Refusal (Option to match an offer and acquire property if interest in the land occurs)
 - Undivided Interest (Several parties share ownership)
 - Acquisition with Sale-back or Leaseback (Switch of sale from A to B to A – for the purposes of adding protective restrictions)
 - Outright Donation (donation of full title)
 - Donation via Bequest (granted due to death or will)
 - Donation with Reserved Life Estate (right to use for owners lifetime)
 - Lease (Legal agreement between landowners and agencies)
 - Intergovernmental Agreements/Partnership
 - Agency Transfer
 - Land Exchange
 - Nonprofit Acquisition and Conveyance to Public Agency
 - Joint Venture Partnership
 - Management Agreement
 - Mutual Covenants (Agreement between adjoining landowners to control future land uses)
 - Transfer of Development Rights



Comal Trails Alliance

Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit

Scope Focus: Comal County

Contacts:

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Email: info@comaltrails.org

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.crrcofcanyonlake.org/>

Purpose:

- Advocate for the development of trails and active transportation options in Comal County
- Maintain unpaved walking trails and mountain bike trails throughout the County

Mission and Vision:

- “We work to create trails connecting communities and providing opportunities for education, health, preservation, and enjoyment of the natural resources in Comal County!”
- “Imagine a community where all have access to safe, active transportation options to reach area resources, including libraries, parks, schools, and local businesses.”
- “Envision a regional network of on and off road trails supporting a vibrant local business economy and attracting high quality tourism focused on healthy, active events while protecting natural resources and educating visitors on the historical significance of our community.”

Operations:

- Volunteer led organization through the Comal County Commissioners Court

Powers and Authorities:

- Ability to collaborate with the Municipalities, Counties, and WORD through inter-local agreements

Funding:

- Private, Grants, Donations
- Memberships
- Municipal and State entities

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Maintaining trails such as:
 - Panther Canyon (1.2 miles)
 - Dry Comal Creek (2.25 miles)
 - County Line Memorial Trail (2.18 miles)
 - Madrone Trails at Canyon Park (7.6 miles)
 - Old Hancock (3.5 miles)
 - Tye Preston Library Trail (0.5 miles)
 - Canyon Lake chamber of Commerce Trail (0.3 miles)
 - Fischer Park Trail (2.0 miles)
 - Curry Nature Trail (0.9 Miles)
 - Guadalupe river Trail (1.9 Miles)
- Trail Clean-ups and maintenance workdays
- Seminars and presentations on trails and active transportation

Physical Assets:

- None on an ownership basis, required maintenance and standards for trails and associated infrastructure exist through inter-local



COMAL TRAILS ALLIANCE



Great Springs Project

Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit

Scope Focus: Travis, Hays, Comal, Guadalupe, Bexar, Counties

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Phone: 1(512)781-8598

Email: info@greatspringsproject.org

Fax: N/A

Website: <https://greatspringsproject.org/>

Purpose:

- Establish trails and a green corridor connecting four large springs in the Texas Hill Country from Austin to San Antonio.
- Promote the protection of springs, the Edwards Aquifer, and other water resources throughout the Texas Hill Country.

Operations:

- 5 Board of Directors members
- 11 Advisory Board members
- 12 staff members consisting of administration, a Land and Trails team, and a Development and Operations team

Powers and Authorities:

- Cannot own or buy land. Great Spring Project only works to facilitate connections between municipalities, counties, land owners, stakeholders, land trusts, local trail operators, and funding agencies.

Funding:

- Private, Grants, Donations
- Municipal and State entities

Fees and Charges:

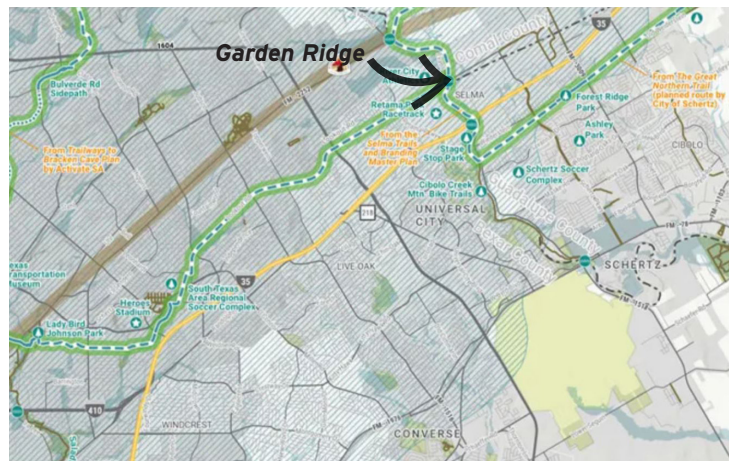
- None

Programs:

- Plans to connect the following springs by trails:
 - Barton Springs (north)
 - Can Marcos Springs
 - Comal Springs
 - San Antonio Springs (south)
- Plans to connect to and extend the existing Violet Crown Trail in south Austin
- Online seminars and lectures on the important of water protection and active transportation options

Physical Assets:

- N/A



Identified potential trail alignments

Source: Great Springs Project



Headwaters at the Comal River

Organization Type: 501(c)3, non-profit

Scope Focus: Comal River basin

Contacts:

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Email: info@headwatersatthecomal.org

Fax: N/A

Website: <http://www.headwatersatthecomal.org/>

Purpose:

- Restoring 16 acres of land along the Comal River to reduce pollution and enhance native habitats
- Provide parkland and an Educational Center for visitors
- Provide educational resources and opportunities for best water and land practices

Mission and Vision:

- “Strengthening the relationship between the community and nature by showcasing the significance of the Comal Springs. Creating a premier education center inspiring hearts and minds on the importance of conservation to community.”

Operations:

- 7 Board of directors
- 4 Staff including a watershed educator and program coordinator
- Technical Advisory Committee, consisting of representation from Center of Archaeological Studies, Texas State University, San Marcos Aquatic Research Center, Edwards Aquifer, Authority, Edwards Aquifer Research & Data Center, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, and others.
- Capital Campaign Committee, consisting of representation from J&R Gymnastics, New Braunfels Area Community Foundation, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, NBISD Education Foundation, and others
- An Education Task Force, consisting of representation from New Braunfels ISD, Comal ISD, and The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University
- Coordinates with the land owners of the 16-acre site, New Braunfels Utilities

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Memberships
- Merchandise sales
- Public, private, donations

Fees and Charges:

- Admissions tickets to enter the park space

Programs:

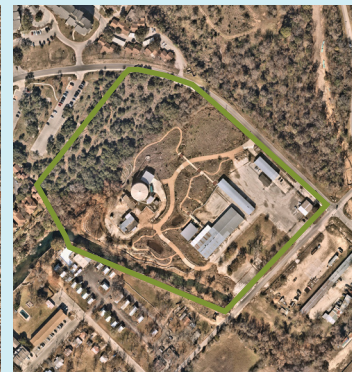
- Guiding the transformation of a 16-acre industrial New Braunfels Utility site, at 333 East Klingemann, adjacent to Comal River and Blieders Creek, into a restored native ecosystem and premier education center inspiring hearts and minds on the importance of conservation to the community
- Fieldtrips and Birthday Parties at the Headwaters, including educational presentations and activities
- Riparian replanting along the Comal
- Future construction of public parkland, nature pavilion spaces, trails, and natural spring overlooks
- Future construction of an Environmental Education Center
- Research Partnership Program
- Goal to restore and uncap the historic spring cistern
- Constructing berms, bioswales and vernal pools to filter and cleanse stormwater before it enters the Comal River.
- Historical education of historic springs, water systems, and habitats important to Comal County and New Braunfels history
- Evening of Lights holiday event
- Historic on-site excavations and prehistoric excavation funding



HEADWATERS
AT THE COMAL

Headwaters at the Comal, Park and Site Master Plan

The Headwaters at the Comal is currently in the process of developing a paid access park, education center, and reestablishment / remediation of the Comal Rivers vegetation and flow. The 16 acre site is located along the Comal River between Gruene and Downtown New Braunfels.



Source: NearMap 2022 Imagery

The Master Plan, shown below, features enhance riparian vegetation, a Comal Spring overlook, bioswales, native turf gardens, prairie lands, birding perches, wetland areas, and nature trails. The site will also feature an education center for youth, a terraced amphitheater, a courtyard, and a picnic garden. The site plan also includes many innovative water techniques such as berms, rail gardens at the parking lot, rainwater cisterns, permeable pavements, bank stabilizing plantings, and rainwater harvesting.

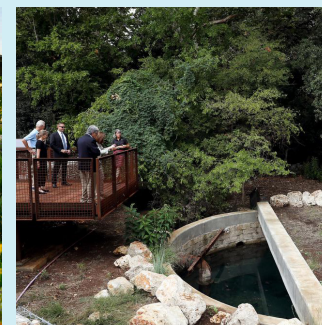
The Master Plan



Source: Texan By Nature



Source: New Braunfels Utilities



Source: San Antonio Business Journal

Physical Assets:

- 16 Acre restoration site along the Comal River in New Braunfels
- Future Environmental Education Center
- Future parkland, trails, and overlooks



Organization Type: Public, non-profit

Scope Focus: "Hill Country" area

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Website: https://hillcountryalliance.org/

Purpose:

- "The Hill Country Alliance (HCA) is dedicated to ensuring for future generations an opportunity to benefit from the unique features of the Texas Hill Country region, including the countless spring-fed streams, its agricultural heritage, wildlife, and spectacular scenic beauty."
- "The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country."
- Education and Outreach awareness of development threats, conservation, natural spaces, and community health.
- Advocacy for residents and local leaders on a municipal, county, and state level

Mission and Vision:

- "The mission of the Hill Country Alliance is to bring together a diverse coalition of partners to preserve the open spaces, starry night skies, clean and abundant waters, and unique character of the Texas Hill Country."

Operations:

- 12 Board of Directors, each representing a County of the Hill Country. As of 2023, Kathleen Tobin Krueger (former Mayor Pro-tem of New Braunfels) represents Comal County.
- 11 staff, including a stewardship manager, research manager, conservation network manager, water program manager, night sky program manager, director of philanthropy, and others.

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Memberships
- Public, private, donations

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Texas Hill Country Conservation Network; A sub-organization of the Hill Country Alliance, dedicated to the planning and funding of public conservation lands and water resource management plans. The Network has goals to develop a Hill Country County-wide Watershed Conservation Plan, passing strategic bonds totaling \$400 million for land conservation, and protecting 100,000 acres of open space.
- Annual Texas Water Symposium
- Public education on topics such as water quality, land resources, night sky light pollution, water collection, development impacts, building codes, and utilities infrastructure.
- Public advocacy for rural residents who may not have the authority of resources for strategic planning that municipalities may have.
- One Water in the Texas Hill Country guidebook
- State of the Hill Country report, providing existing conditions and information on regional growth, issues, initiatives, and future planning efforts
- Land conservation efforts with private landowners in the Hill Country area

Physical Assets:

- Non-ownership, alliance with four local landowners; Bandera Canyonlands Alliance, South Llano Watershed Alliance, Pedernales Watershed, and the Clearview Alliance

State of the Hill Country 2022

The State of the Hill Country 2022 (SHC) is a document that details eight 'metrics' for tracking and managing changes in the natural resources of the Hill Country due to population growth and development. Each 'metric' highlights a major topic that pertains to the Hill Country's environment and management; Each year the metric are reassessed providing readers with an up-to-date document on the economic and ecological affairs of the Hill Country.

Metric 1: Population Growth in Unincorporated Areas

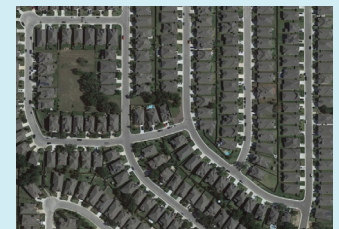
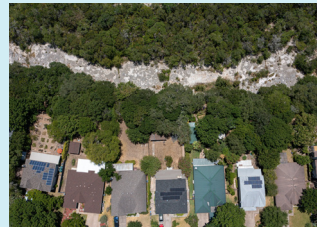
- SHC recognizes that much of the Hill Country's growth has been in unincorporated and rural areas. It is recommended that County's increase their capacity to enact growth control measures, conduct impact evaluations, manage growth more responsibly, and fund additional staff / resources. The main goal is to decrease or eliminate unneeded environmental fragmentation and negative impacts of water quality.

Metric 2: Amount of Conserved Lands

- SHC recommends that continued conservations efforts with landowners, ranchers, and farmers, should continue to grow and be funded. Published data from the Texas Land Trust Council and San Antonio Edwards Aquifer Protection Program should increasingly be taken into account when planning for residential and commercial developments

Metric 3: Amount of Developed Lands

- SHC describes that trends in the National Landcover Dataset should continue to be monitored by municipal leaders to assess the amount of growth and impact on lands. It is recommended that a long-term goal for Central Texas should be to conserve as much land as is also being developed.



Source: Hill Country Alliance

Metric 4: Pristine Streams

- SHC recommends that increased water quality assessment should occur with the increased chances of run-off and pollutants from developed areas. SHC acknowledges that aquifer health, wildlife retention, and habitats quality are dependent on clean water in streams. Techniques mentioned to reduce stream pollution include reducing agricultural run-off, reducing impervious surface run-off, managing algae blooms, and encourage low impact design strategies.



Texas Wild Rice at Sewell Park

Source: Texas State University

See Hill Country Conservancy, on next page, for Mertics 5-8



Hill Country Conservancy

Organization Type: 501(c)3, Non-profit

Scope Focus: "Hill Country" area

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Fax: N/A

Website: <https://hillcountryconservancy.org/>,

<https://violetcrowntrail.com/>

Purpose:

- Hill Country Conservancy partners with landowners to protect natural spaces in the Hill Country through conservation easements and land management practices.
- Provides trail opportunities connecting local and regional parks, such as the Violet Crown Trail connecting Zilker Park and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.
- Provides information on the importance of land conservation, water resources, and habitat restoration strategies.
- Promote conservancy through community programming, education, volunteer opportunities, and landowner workshops.

Mission and Vision:

- "Hill Country Conservancy preserves vital natural resources through conservation, community collaboration and engagement to sustain our region now and forever."

Operations:

- 21 Board of Directors, consisting of investment leaders, realtors, gas service providers, conservancy advocates, teachers, and lawyers.
- 9 Staff members, consisting of operations, community engagement, development, stewardship, and a trail project manager.

Powers and Authorities:

- Officially accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in 2014
- Ability to collaborate with the Municipalities, Counties, and private land owners

Funding:

- Private, Grants, Donations
- Memberships
- Event Ticket Sales



Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Hill Country Headwaters Conservation Initiative which aims to replant, protect, and manage habitats and riparian vegetation at the headwaters of major regional rivers. This initiative includes partnerships with over 18 organizations including the National Resource Conservation Service, Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, City of Austin Watershed Protection Program, and Texas A&M Forest Service.
- Violet Crown Trail initiative. A planned 30-mile trail will go from Zilker Park in Austin to Sunset Valley, then into Hays County.
- Emerging Professionals In Conservation group
- Sunset Bat Paddle
- National Public Lands Day trail clean up
- Hill Country Nights event with live music, food, and an auction
- Utopia fest event
- Think and Drink Wildlife event
- Rock climbing event

Physical Assets:

- None

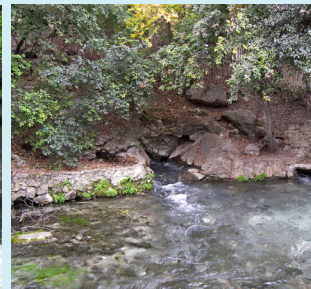
State of the Hill Country 2022 continued

Metric 5: Residential Water Consumption

- It is recommended that Municipalities and Counties establish better controls and assessments to measure the amount of water usage (short-term and long-term) for residential developments along with the effects of season changes. The document also compares household water consumption levels between municipalities and explains that water-reducing utilities and instructress should be implemented in buildings to reduce water waste.

Metric 6: Spring Flows

- SHC recommends that increase monitoring of spring flow capacities should be undertaken in conjunction with climatic and weather changes to better understand the direct corroboration between all environmental factors. This includes the effects of wastewater outfalls and recreational users. The document details that overall flow from the four main springs of the Hill Country have decreased or were stagnant between 2000 and 2020. Recommendations

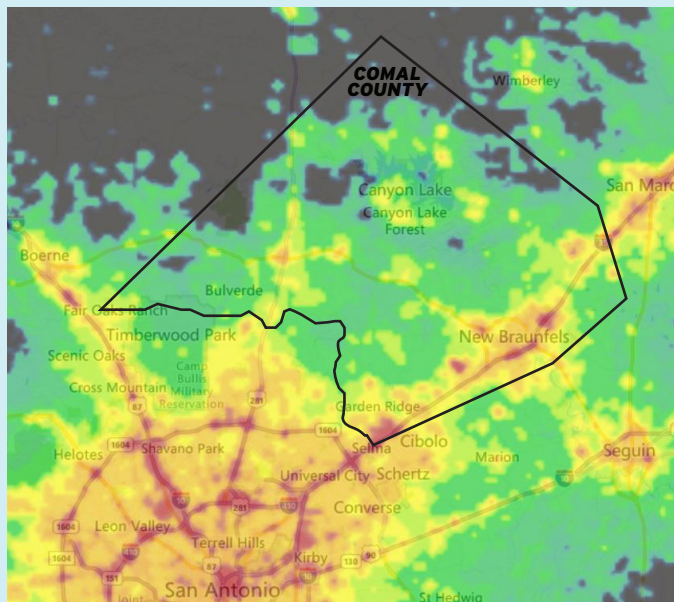


Source of the Comal River at Comal Spring

Source: New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung, Edwards Aquifer

Metric 7: Night Sky Visibility

- SHC recommends that light pollution changes over time should be assessed as a way of managing growth impacts and loss of environmental diversity. It is mentioned that a darker night sky with limited accessory lights is better for native habitat function and for tourists looking to have a natural experience at one of Comal's parks.



Light pollution in Comal County 2022

Source: The Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite from the National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service

Metric 8: Conservation Investment

- SHC recommends continued efforts to conserve lands in their natural state. The Report notes that from 2000 to 2020 the regional Gross Domestic Product (GPD) grew over \$160 Billion (from \$105 Billion), while investments in conservation only grew \$24 Million (from \$26 Million). Between 1992 and 2020 over 1,220,000,000 Billion in conservation bond funds has been passed by Hill Country counties; Although average investments increased after 2005, since then the annual average investment through bonds has stagnated. The Report notes that rising land values, fast growth / development, and limited development restrictions are risks to continuing to conserve lands. The high investment in the area and rising advocacy and need for park space due to population growth are reasons noted for increasing investments in conservation.



League of Women Voters of Comal County Area

Organization Type: 501(c)3, Non-profit

Scope Focus: Comal County

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Fax: N/A

Website: <https://lwvcomal.org/>

Purpose:

- Advocate for actions and initiatives as seen pertinent to the Women Voters of Comal County.

Mission and Vision:

- “The League of Women Voters takes action on an issue or advocates for a cause when there is an existing League position that supports the issue or speaks to the cause.”
- “Positions result from a process of study. Any given study, whether it be National, State, or Local, is thorough in its pursuit of facts and details. As the study progresses, a continuing discussion of pros and cons of each situation occurs. Prior to the results of the study being presented to the general membership, study committee members fashion consensus questions that are then addressed by the membership.”
- “We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.”

Operations:

- At the National level the League of Women Voters has over 38 staff members consisting of over 90% women
- At the State level the League of Women Voters of Texas has 13 Board of Directors
- The Comal County Area has two designate leaders as of 2023; 1, Jerrie Champlin; 2, Kristen Coppock
- Volunteer opportunities

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Memberships
- Public, private, donations
- Sponsorships
- Merchandise



Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Advocacy for voting rights and election laws
- Advocacy for the national organization of League of Women Voters League Management, which publishes guides to public policy position and information guides to help decision making.
- Advocacy for fair and equal Comal County redistricting through the People Powered Fair Maps national program
- Advocacy for healthcare reform and women’s self-medical rights
- Advocacy on environmental issues, health, and parks
- Advocacy for local land use planning and signage codes
- A monthly newsletter
- Provides online links to media literacy and media awareness
- Voter registration and voter turn-out advocacy
- Support for events such as Women’s Inequality Day Rally, Texas Food Election, Rocking the Vote, Comal County Fair Parade Day, and others.

Physical Assets:

- None

Land-Use Planning in Comal County: Impacts of Growth (2017 Update)

Land-Use Planning in Comal County Impacts of Growth is a document created by the League of Women Voters of Comal Area (LWVCA) for the purposes of advocating and highlighting important issues and initiatives the Comal County Commissioners court should address due to increased regional growth and impacts on the Hill Country environmentally. The LWVCA begins by acknowledging that proper, detailed, and responsible land-use planning, and management is one of the most important aspects which dictates how a community develops, future lifestyles, community health, access to parkland, future water availability, and future financial stability for the County and residents.

The Document highlights six key challenges facing Comal County.

- 1: Water In Comal County should continually be protected. It is noted that preserving and monitoring groundwater out-takes and recharge rates should continually be assessed. Proper water planning and long-term solutions such as aquifer storage and recovery techniques, and adjusting development levels to meet rainfall / recharge rates.
- 2: The air quality of Comal County, as monitored by The Air Improvement Resources (AIR) Executive Committee of the Alamo Area Council of Governments, should remain at healthy levels reducing the number of particulates and emissions. The document notes that the development of permanent air pollutants such as fossil fuel power plants, smelters, refineries, and manufacturing facilities should be minimized and located away from environmentally beneficial areas. Mixed-use and clustered development is also recommended to reduce vehicle and on-road emissions.
- 3: Ensuring smart long-term regional transportation planning through encouraging reduces vehicle usage, establishing commuter rail options, expanding public transportation, and developing pedestrian and bicycle trails and lanes.
- 4: Minimizing light pollution through retaining vegetation buffers, enacting light legislation, and continually reassessing the Dark Sky Ordinance.
- 5: Ensuring that residential development minimally effects the environment and natural landscape of the County. The document recommends clustering housing, enacting low-impact design strategies, creating greenbelt zoning between natural areas, and reducing the ability for developers to clear-cut development.
- 6: Ensuring the access and available to parks and open spaces to improve community health, land values, economic retention, and quality of life. The document recommends continued collaboration and expansion of state and nationally protected lands/organizations, establishing bonds and financing options for parkland acquisition, and establishing special districts and tax incentives for environmental protection / development.

Finally, the document completes with describing the role of the County and Municipalities as advocates for future community economic and social wellbeing through environmental stewardship, environmentally aligned engineering standards, the utilization of management plans, public improvement districts, zoning and land use codes, and overlay districts.



Source: League of Women Voters of Comal County Area

National Historic Trail Association
(El Camino Real de los Tejas)

Organization Type: 501(c)3, Non-profit

Scope Focus: Texas

Contacts:
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Phone: N/A
Email: N/A
Fax: N/A
Website: <https://www.elcaminorealdelostejas.org/>
<https://www.nps.gov/elte/index.htm>

Purpose:

- The National Historic Trail Association is a non-profit which aims to continue the development of a system of trails connecting key historic sites between the Rio Grande River and Red Rivers in Texas.
- Teach users about Texan, Native, and Mexican history and historic sites.

Mission and Vision:

- “El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association seeks to protect the historic integrity of the trail, to educate and engage the public about its significance, and to promote resource development, interpretation, and tourism along its path.”
- Construct new trail connections and improve existing trail sections to develop a comprehensive trail system throughout Texas that connects sites to teach users about Mexican-American history, Native nations, cattle ranching, and Texan independence.

Operations:

- 11 Board of Directors, representing four Texas regions. Comal County is part of the San Antonio-Goliad Region for board representation.
- Coordination with the National Park Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in establishing the trail alignments and completion. The National Park Service has dedicated the El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Memberships
- Public, private, donations
- Sponsorships
- National Parks Service

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- The proposed alignment of the El Camino Real de los Tejas that is most impactful for Comal County runs from Downtown San Antonio to Downtown San Marcos and THE San Marcos River at Old Bastrop Road.
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Historic research and Archaeological surveys of sites in partnership with GTI Environmental and other historic associations
- Camino Real Traveling Exhibit (awareness and fundraising) with the National Park Service
- Annual Meeting / Conference which includes presentations and walking tours

Physical Assets:

- None in ownership, but has assisted in the improvement and establishment of a number of trails in Texas, including:
 - The Lobanillo Swales Project in Sabine County, Texas
 - Onion Creek Metropolitan Park near the town of Waterloo, Texas
 - Floresville El Camino Trail
 - Rancho de las Cabras
 - Mission Nuestra Señora del Rosario de los Cujanes
 - Presidio Nuestra Señora de Loreto de la Bahía
 - Comal Springs
 - Guadalupe River Crossing
 - Comanche Lookout Park
 - Paso de Dolores and Pérez Rancho Jacal
 - Mission Espada Aqueduct



El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Alignments
Source: National Parks Service



Signage at Sabine National Forest
Source: National Parks Service



Mission along trail in San Antonio
Source: National Parks Service



Caddo Mounds State Historical Site
Source: National Parks Service



The Nature Conservancy
(Bracken Nature Preserve, Cibolo Bluffs Nature Preserve, Bracken Cave Preserve)

Organization Type: 501(c)3, Non-profit, Public

Scope Focus: State, National

Contacts:

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Website: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/texas/>

Purpose:

- Coordinate with landowners and organizations for conservation land establishment
- Tackle climate change; protect oceans, land, food sustainability, and fresh water
- Provide educational and research services to landowners on best practices and techniques

Mission and Vision:

- "Founded in the U.S. through grassroots action in 1951, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has grown to become one of the most effective and wide-reaching environmental organizations in the world. Thanks to more than a million members and the dedicated efforts of our diverse staff and over 400 scientists, we impact conservation in 76 countries and territories: 37 by direct conservation impact and 39 through partners."
- Coordinate with landowners and organizations to ensure natural area protection and sustainable land use practices

Operations:

- 400 international scientists
- Oversees more than 100 marine conservation projects
- Protects over 125,000,000 acres of land internationally
- Individual U.S. State Directors and local leaders
- Technology and information systems Staff
- Marketing and development Staff

Powers and Authorities:

- Ability to enter into contracts with private and public landowners for specific land use and management agreements
- Landowners under the Nature Conservancy have tax write off benefits

Funding:

- Public, private, donations
- Memberships
- Merchandise sales

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Conservation land establishment
- Education to youth and landowners about land use practices and climate adaption
- Work with states and municipalities to establish parkland and protected zones in growing areas
- Provides magazine articles and published research
- Provides volunteer opportunities for youth and students
- Local park events and clean-ups
- The Nature Lab online educational tools
- Internships for students
- Prescribed / Controlled Burn programs
- Annual State reports

Physical Assets:

- Protects over 125,000,000 acres of land internationally



Natural Bridge Caverns

Organization Type: Private

Scope Focus: "Hill Country" area

Contacts:

Address: Single Location Unit at 26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78266

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Website: <https://naturalbridgecaverns.com/>

Purpose:

- Private organization that provides protected lands and cave systems
- Provide natural wildlife experiences to the public
- Educate the public on the importance of geological protection
- Provide unique family-oriented recreational activities

Mission and Vision:

- "Our mission is to conserve the world's bats and their ecosystems to ensure a healthy planet."

Operations:

- N/A

Powers and Authorities:

- None, private land owner

Funding:

- Private, Public, Grants, Donations
- Online store and souvenir photos
- Ticket and entry fees

Fees and Charges:

- Cave and entry ticket fees
- Rental space and experiences for schools, birthday parties, and scout groups
- Event ticket fees

Programs:

- Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch, an African safari animal drive-by experience
- Cave tours such as the Discovery Tour, Hidden Passages Tour, Adventure Tours, and Bat Flight Packages
- Christmas at the Caverns

Physical Assets:

- Over 600 acres of land consisting of the Natural Bridge Caverns and Wildlife Ranch
- Gem and Fossil Mining
- Twisted Trails Zip Rails and Ropes Course
- Twisted Trails climbing and Tykes Trail
- Gift Shop and Restaurant at the Discovery Village Trading Post



Preserve Our Hill Country Environment / Preserve Our Hill Country Environmental Foundation

Organization Type: 501(c)4, non-profit

Scope Focus: "Hill Country" area

Contacts:

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Fax: N/A

Website: <https://www.preserveourhillcountry.org/>

Purpose:

- "Educating communities on preservation of natural resources"
- "Developing legislation and common-sense regulations to protect the air, water, and other environmental assets of the Texas Hill Country"
- "Conducting research into the hazards of limestone quarries, mines, concrete batch plants, and other aggregate operations"

Mission and Vision:

- "To preserve, protect, and restore the land, water, air, wildlife, unique features, and quality of life in the Texas Hill Country from the aggressive and insufficiently regulated expansion of the aggregate industry."

Operations:

- N/A

Powers and Authorities:

- None

Funding:

- Private, donations

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Stop 3009 Vulcan Quarry, an awareness and advocacy campaign aimed at preventing a 1,500 acres quarry site from being developed in Comal County. The group also aims to education the public and local leaders on the negative fiscal and environmental impacts of quarry operations.

Physical Assets:

- N/A



Texas Land Trust Council

Organization Type: ?

Scope Focus: Texas

Contacts:

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Phone: 1(512)-994-8582 [994-TLTC]

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Website: <https://texaslandtrustcouncil.org/>

Purpose:

- Provide geographic information systems, datasets, research, and assistance to entities in order to preserve lands and demonstrate the economic value of conservations easements and land trusts.
- Advocate for economic and environmental benefits of natural landscapes through providing technical assistance, training, and research.

Mission and Vision:

- "To support and strengthen the land trust community to serve as a powerful voice for land and water conservation in Texas."
- "The Texas Land Trust Council (TLTC), through its Conservation Lands Inventory (CLI), is using the power of geographic information to better understand and communicate the success and economic benefits of conservation efforts throughout Texas."
- "The Texas Land Trust Council (TLTC) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that builds and supports a strong, active coalition of more than 30 organizations working to conserve the lands and waters of Texas. We serve as a powerful voice for conservation to protect drinking water, Texas' iconic wildlife, and our rich natural and cultural heritage."

Operations:

- 13 Board Members
- 9 Honorary Council Members
- Internship and volunteer opportunities

Powers and Authorities:

- N/A

Funding:

- Memberships
- Public, private, donations
- Universities and research institutions

Fees and Charges:

- None

Programs:

- Annual Texas Land Conservation Conference
- Publication of the Conservation Easements Guide for Texas Landowners
- Texas Conservation Lands Inventory and Valuing Economic Benefits of Texas Conservations Lands (2019) reports
- Monthly newsletters
- Technical and geographic data survey assistance
- Economic and social impact research

Physical Assets:

- N/A





PARKS INVENTORY

APPENDIX B





PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

Table A.1: All Parks

Park	Size (Acres)	Ownership	Oporator	Diamond Field	Basketball / Volleyball	Tennis Court	Soccer Field	Football Field	Pickelball Court	Playground	Palvion / Gazebo	Amphitheater	Boat Ramp or Water Access	Pool	Splashpad	Skatepark	Dog Park	Disc Golf Course	Mountain Bike / Hiking Trails	Outside Restroom	Totals
Hidden Valley Sports Park	93.7	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACOE)	Comal County	9	1	0	9	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	32
Jumbo Evans Sports Park	64.3	Comal County	Comal County	6	0	6	11	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	31
Kleck Park	43.5	Comal County	Comal County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
James C. Curry Nature Center	53.9	Comal County	Comal County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Guadalupe North and South Trailheads	12.9	USACOE	USACOE / Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Overlook Park	30.4	USACOE	USACOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
North Park	53.2	USACOE	USACOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Canyon Lake Gorge	82.0	USACOE	Canyon Lake Gorge Preservation Society	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Comal Park	116.0	USACOE	WORD	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11
Cranes Mill Park	80.0	USACOE	WORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Canyon Lake Park	29.0	USACOE	WORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	11
Randolph Recreation Park	36.0	Lake Point Owners Group	Lake Point Owners Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	12
Nichols Landing	11.0	Comal County	WORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bulverde Commuity Park	13.5	City of Bulverde	City of Bulverde	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	14
Solms Park	8.04	City of New Braunfels	New Braunfels	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
New Braunfels Little League Park	20.8	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12
Mission Hill Park	10.0	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puppy Playland Dog Park	13.1	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
Dry Comal Nature Trail	20.2	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jesse Garcia Park	0.9	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
HEB Soccer Complex	14.4	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17
New Braunfels Cemetery	4.86	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hinman Island Park	10	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Ernest Eikel Field / Jaws Skate Park	4.0	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
Walnut Avenue Pocket Park	2.51	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neighborhood Park at Coll street	0.43	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
375 S. Castell Avenue / Civic Center	4.6	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Main Plaza	0.47	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Market Plaza	0.77	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Das Rec (Recreation Center)	6.54	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	?	9	
Tube Chute	1.91	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garden Street Tubers Exit	0.04	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindheimer Plaza	0.25	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table A.1: All Parks (continued)

Park	Size (Acres)	Ownership	Oporator	Diamond Field	Basketball / Volleyball	Tennis Court	Soccer Field	Football Field	Pickelball Court	Playground	Palvion / Gazebo	Amphitheater	Boat Ramp or Water Access	Pool	Splashpad	Skatepark	Dog Park	Disc Golf Course	Mountain Bike / Hiking Trails	Outside Restroom	Totals
River Acres Park	1.1	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kraft Park	9.0	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Haymarket Plaza	3.47	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Faust Street Bridge	1.14	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union Street Tuber Exit	0.3	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Panther Canyon	44.8	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fredericksburg Fields	5.87	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Landa Park	56.92	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	19
Landa Golf Course	114.6	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Prince Solms Park	15.52	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
Cypress Bend	18.1	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Comal German Cemetery	33.2	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torrey Park	4.9	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Crest Lane Greenbelt	4.4	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aligator Creek Greenbelt	46	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Timmerman Park	2.9	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Alves Lane	3.27	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camp Comal	42.78	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13
Fischer Park	62.53	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	16
County Line Memorial Trail	53.92	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morningside Park	17.02	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Paul Davis Park	14.7	City of Garden Ridge (Garden Ridge)	Garden Ridge	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Eagle Scout Park	0.9	Garden Ridge	Garden Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey B. Bell Park	1.0	Garden Ridge	Garden Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Park Lane Park	0.6	Garden Ridge	Garden Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Regency Oaks Park	1.6	Garden Ridge	Garden Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch	450	NBWR Prop./ Wuest Legacy Partners LTD	NBWR Prop. / Wuest Legacy Partners LTD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Bridge Caverns	?	Bat Conserv... International	Bat Conserv... International	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Bracken Nature Preserve	1,521.0	Bat Conserv... International	Bat Conserv... International	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cobolo Bluffs Nature Preserve	653.0	Cibolo Preserve	Cibolo Preserve / The Nature Conservancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadalupe State Park	1,938.7	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	TPWD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Honey Creek State Natural Area	2,293.7	TPWD	TPWD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garden Ridge Communtiy Center	1.4	Garden Ridge	Garden Ridge	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Bulverde Community Center	6.5	City of Bulverde	City of Bulverde	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Westside Community Center (NB)	2.2	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Totals	8,269.5	-	-	36	21	12	35	5	0	37	75	5	19	4	4	1	3	1	7	44	

Table A.2: ISD Facilities

School	Diamond Field	Basketball / Volleyball	Tennis Court	Soccer Field	Football Field	Pickleball Court	Playground	Palvion / Gazebo	Amphitheater	Boat Ramp or Water Access	Pool	Splashpad	Skatepark	Dog Park	Disc Golf Course	Mountain Bike / Hiking Trails	Outside Restroom	Totals
Canyon High School	3	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	16
Canyon Lake High School	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
Davenport High School	2	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Pieper High School	2	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Smithson Valley High School	2	4	6	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	24
Memorial Early College High School	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
New Brunafels High School	2	2	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
Canyon Middle School	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Church Hill Middle School	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Danville Middle School	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Mountain Valley Middle School	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Pieper Ranch Middle School	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Smothson Valley Middle School	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Spring Branch Middle School	0	2	3	3	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
New Braunfels Middle School	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Oak Run Middle School	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Arlon Seay Elementary School	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Bill Brown Elementary School	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Clear Spring Elementary School	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Freiheit Elementary School	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Garden Ridge Elementary School	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Goodwin Frazier Elementary School	0	4	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Hoffman Lane Elementary School	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Indian Spring Elementary School	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Johnson Ranch Elementary School	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Morningside Elementary School	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mountain Valley Elementary School	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oak Creek Elementary School	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Rahe Bulverde Elementary School	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Rebecca Creek Elementary School	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Specht Elementary School	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Startzville Elementary School	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Timberwood Park Elementary School	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	26	50	65	34	20	0	64	10	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	21	

Table A.3: Trails

Trails	Length (Miles)	Ownership	Oporator	Purpose
County Line Memorial Trail	2.18	City of New Braunfels (New Braunfels)	New Braunfels	Walking Trails
Dry Comal Nature Trail	2.25	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	Hiking and Mountain Bike Riding
James C. Curry Nature Center Trail	0.9	Comal County	Comal County	Hiking and Mountain Bike Riding
Natural Bridge Caverns (Private)	13.1	Bat Conservancy International	Bat Conservancy International	-
Bracken Nature Preserve	N/A	Bat Conservancy International	Bat Conservancy International	-
Cobolo Bluffs Nature Preserve	N/A	Cibolo Preserve	Cibolo Preserve / The Nature Conservancy	-
Guadalupe State Park	15.40	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	TPWD	Hiking
Panther Canyon	1.1	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	Hiking
Guadalupe River South Trail	1.8	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)	USACE / Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD)	Hiking and Mountain Bike Riding
Comal Park	0	USACE	WORD	-
Cranes Mill Park	0	USACE	WORD	-
Old Hancock Trail	3.5	USACE	USACE / WORD	Hiking and Horseback Riding
Tye Preston Library Trail	1.1	Comal County	Comal County	Hiking
Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce Trail	0.75	Comal County	Comal County	Hiking and Mountain Bike Riding
Madrone Trails at Canyon Park	7.6	USACE	WORD	Hiking and Mountain Bike Riding
Morton Preserve Paths	0.3	Comal County	Comal County	Hiking (Private)
Vinyard Loop Hiking Trail (Private)	1.8	Vintage Oaks HOA	Vintage Oaks HOA	Hiking
Hike and Bike at Alves Lane	0.7	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	Walking Trails
Nichols Landing Paddling Trail	9.9	Comal County / WORD	Comal County / WORD	Paddling
Canyon Lake Gorge Overlook Trail	1.3	USACE	USACE	Hiking
Landa Park Loop	1.2	New Braunfels	New Braunfels	Walking Trails
Overlook Park Trail and Dam Loop	1.3	USACE	USACE	Hiking
Vekeda Real Walkway (Canyon Lake Dam)	1.7	USACE	USACE	Walking Trail
Totals	67.88+	-	-	-

Table A.4: Boat Ramps and Kayak Launches

Ramp or Launch	Name	Oporator
Canyon Lake Ramp 1	Skyline Park or Canyon Dam	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 2	Turkey Cove	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 3	Comal Park 1	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers / WORD
Canyon Lake Ramp 4	Comal Park 2	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers / WORD
Canyon Lake Ramp 5	Tom Creek 1	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 6	Tom Creek 2	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 7	Lakeview Drive	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 8	Lakeview Drive	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 9	Crane's Mill Marina	Crane's Mill Marina
Canyon Lake Ramp 10	Crane's Mill	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Canyon Lake Ramp 11	Rebecca Creek	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 12	Lake Canyon Yacht Club	Lake Canyon Yacht Club
Canyon Lake Ramp 13	Sunny Side	Joint Base San Antonio
Canyon Lake Ramp 14	Jacob's Creek 1	Joint Base San Antonio
Canyon Lake Ramp 15	Jacob's Creek 2	Joint Base San Antonio
Canyon Lake Ramp 16	Hancock Cove	Joint Base San Antonio
Canyon Lake Ramp 17	Hancock Cove	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Canyon Lake Ramp 18	Canyon Park	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers / WORD
Canyon Lake Ramp 19	Canyon Lake Marina	Canyon Marina
Canyon Lake Ramp 20	Potter's Creek Park	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Canyon Lake Ramp 21	Potter's Creek West	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Canyon Lake Ramp 22	Lakeshore Drive	Comal County
Canyon Lake Ramp 23	North Crane's Mill Road	Comal County
Nichols Landing Boat Drive	Nichols Landing Park	WORD
TPWD Boat Ramp	Guadalupe at I-35 (near River Ranch)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Cypress Bend Park Ramp	Cypress Park NB	City of New Braunfels
Nichols Paddle Trail Kayak Launch 1	Guadalupe at FM 311	?
Nichols Paddle Trail Kayak Launch 2	Gudalupe at Rebecca Creek	?
Horseshoe Kayak Launch 1	Horseshoe Bend	?
Horseshoe Kayak Launch 2	Horseshoe Bend	?
Guadalupe State Park Kayak Launch	Guadalupe State Park	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Comal River Tube Chute	Prince Solms Park	City of New Braunfels



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT APPENDIX C





STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY



2023

Comal County, Texas

Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

Findings Report



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Executive Summary

2023 Comal County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey Executive Summary

Overview

ETC Institute administered a survey to residents of Comal County during the winter months of 2023. The purpose of the survey was to explore the community's interests, wishes, and willingness to pay in regard to possible future open space preservation and park land developments in response to the region's rapid development.

Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in Comal County. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at *ComalCountySurvey.org*.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up with residents to encourage participation. To prevent people who were not residents of Comal County from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to collect a minimum of 400 completed surveys from residents. The goal was met with 518 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 518 households has a precision of at least +/-4.3 at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Charts showing the overall results of the survey (Section 2)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 3)
- Responses to open-ended questions (Section 4)
- A copy of the survey instrument (Section 5)

The major findings of the survey are summarized on the following pages.

Open Spaces, Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities

Use of Open Spaces, Parks, and Trails. Respondents were asked to indicate how often their household visits open spaces, parks, or trails in Comal County. The highest percentage of respondents (28%) visit multiple times a year followed by 27% visiting multiple times a month. The spaces visited most often are city parks (68%), state parks (49%), and USACE property (48%); specifically, Jumbo Evans Sports Park (11%) was visited most often.

Barriers to Use. Most respondents (65%) indicated they had not visited any Comal County-owned or operated parks in the past year. Respondents were prevented from visiting more often due to lack of parking (24%), areas being too crowded (21%), and lack of time (20%). Forty-seven percent of respondents (47%) live in a neighborhood that has its own open space, parks, or trails.

Importance of Open Spaces, Parks, and Trails. Most respondents (96%) think it is important for Comal County to have open spaces, parks, and trails. Respondents most often agree it is important to have those spaces in order to conserve natural habitats (88%), protect areas from urban development (88%), provide outdoor experiences (84%), and provide recreational opportunities (84%). Most respondents think there is a need for more parks (84%), open spaces (88%), and natural areas (90%) for public use and benefit. The highest percentage of respondents want to see more hiking trails (70%) and unprogrammed open spaces/ natural areas (65%).

Satisfaction with Recreational Facilities. Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction regarding three types of recreational facilities in Comal County. Respondents most often felt neutral regarding satisfaction for sports/activities (47%), active recreation spaces (42%), and passive recreation spaces (37%).

Preservation and Land Acquisitions

Preservation, Expansion, and Improvements. Respondents think its most important (rating “important” or “very important”) to protect, expand, or improve the river corridors (97%), Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone (96%), and natural areas (93%). Respondents think it is most important (rating “very important”) for the master plan to emphasize the preservation of water quality and aquifer recharge zones (86%), preservation of wildlife habitat and tree canopy (73%), preservation of underdeveloped areas (69%), and conservation/preservation of sensitive habitats (68%). Respondents most often prefer that the plan strongly emphasizes open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation (44%) or equally emphasizes open space/natural resource protection and outdoor recreation (32%).

Funding Methods. The highest percentage of respondents believe Comal County should acquire land and easements through donations (75%), encourage landowners to preserve their land through federal or state tax incentives/voluntary conservation easements/etc. (72%), and partner with government entities/land trusts to purchase land/easements (69%). Respondents most support (rating “very supportive”) funding for acquiring land and the management and ongoing maintenance via grants (63%) and partnerships (60%).

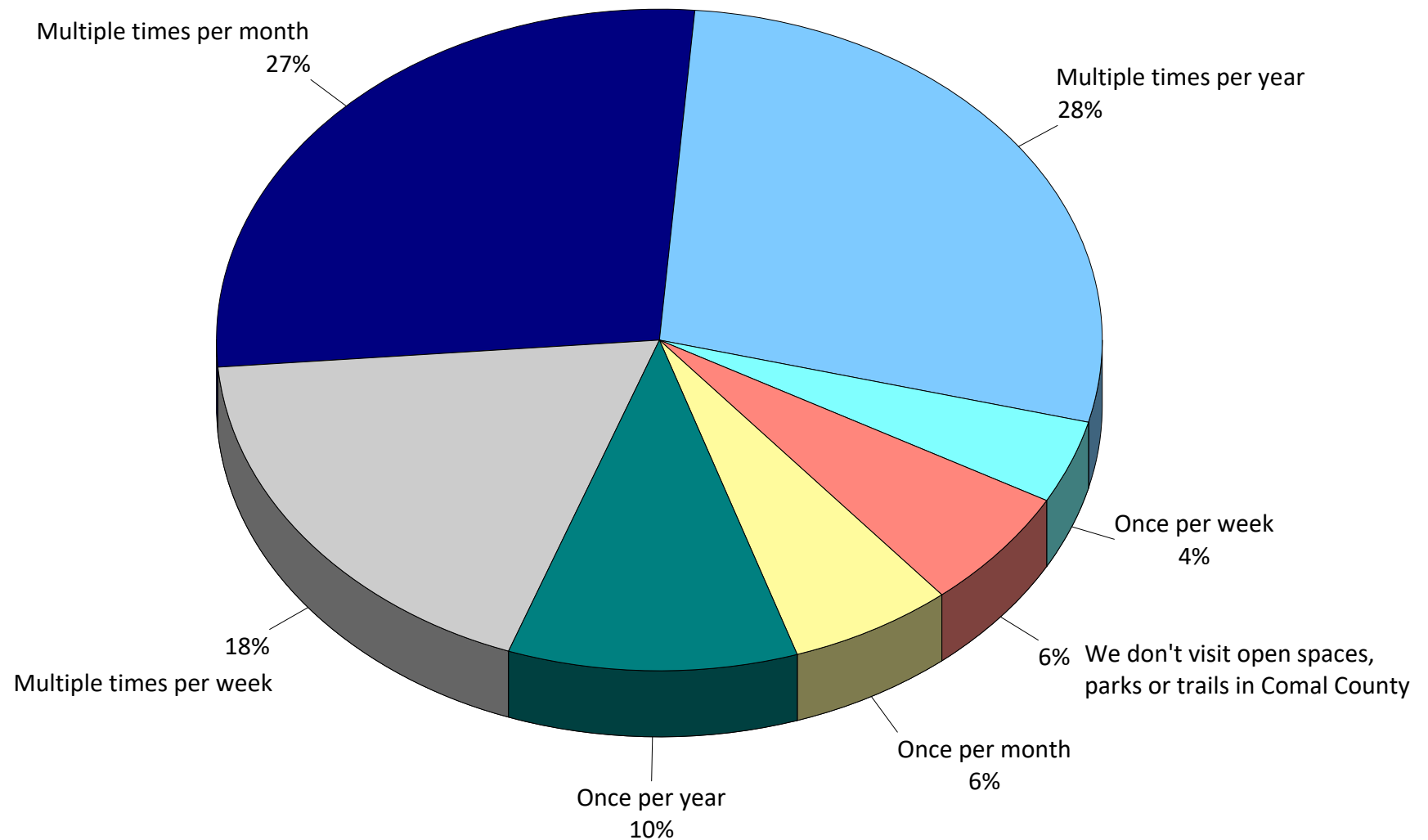


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Charts & Graphs

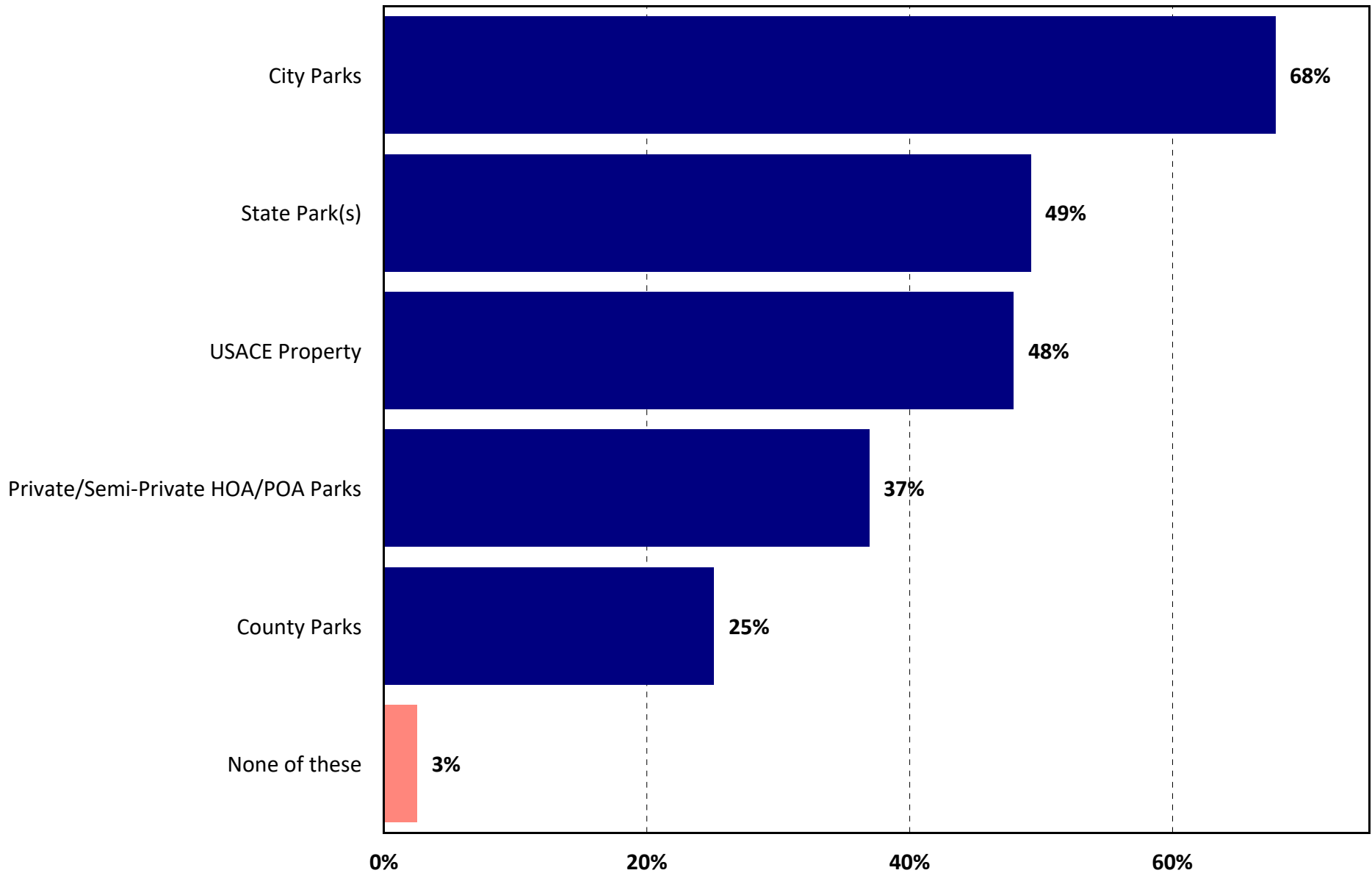
Q1. How often does your household visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County (including Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River State Park)?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



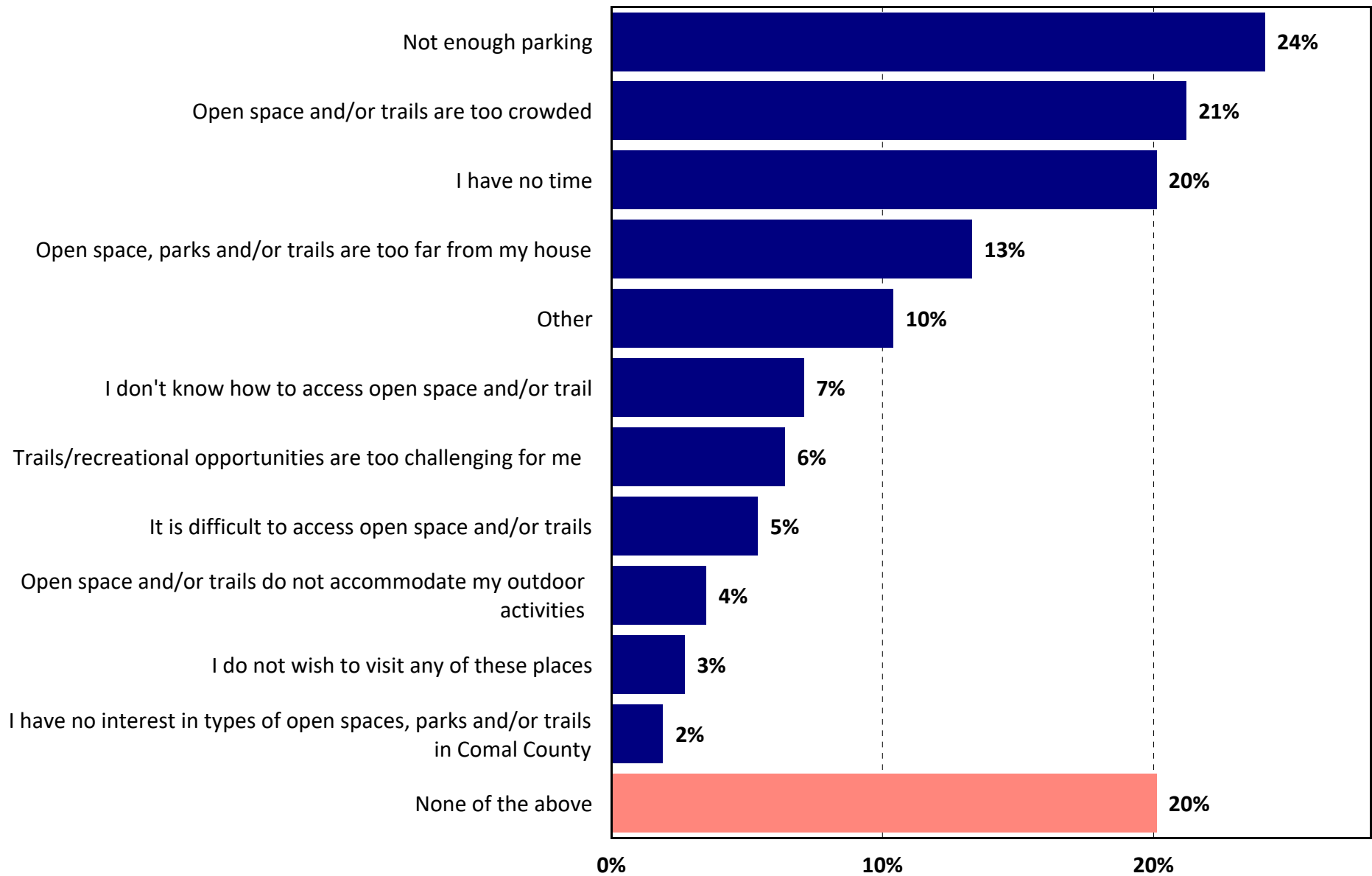
Q2. If you visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County, where are those located?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



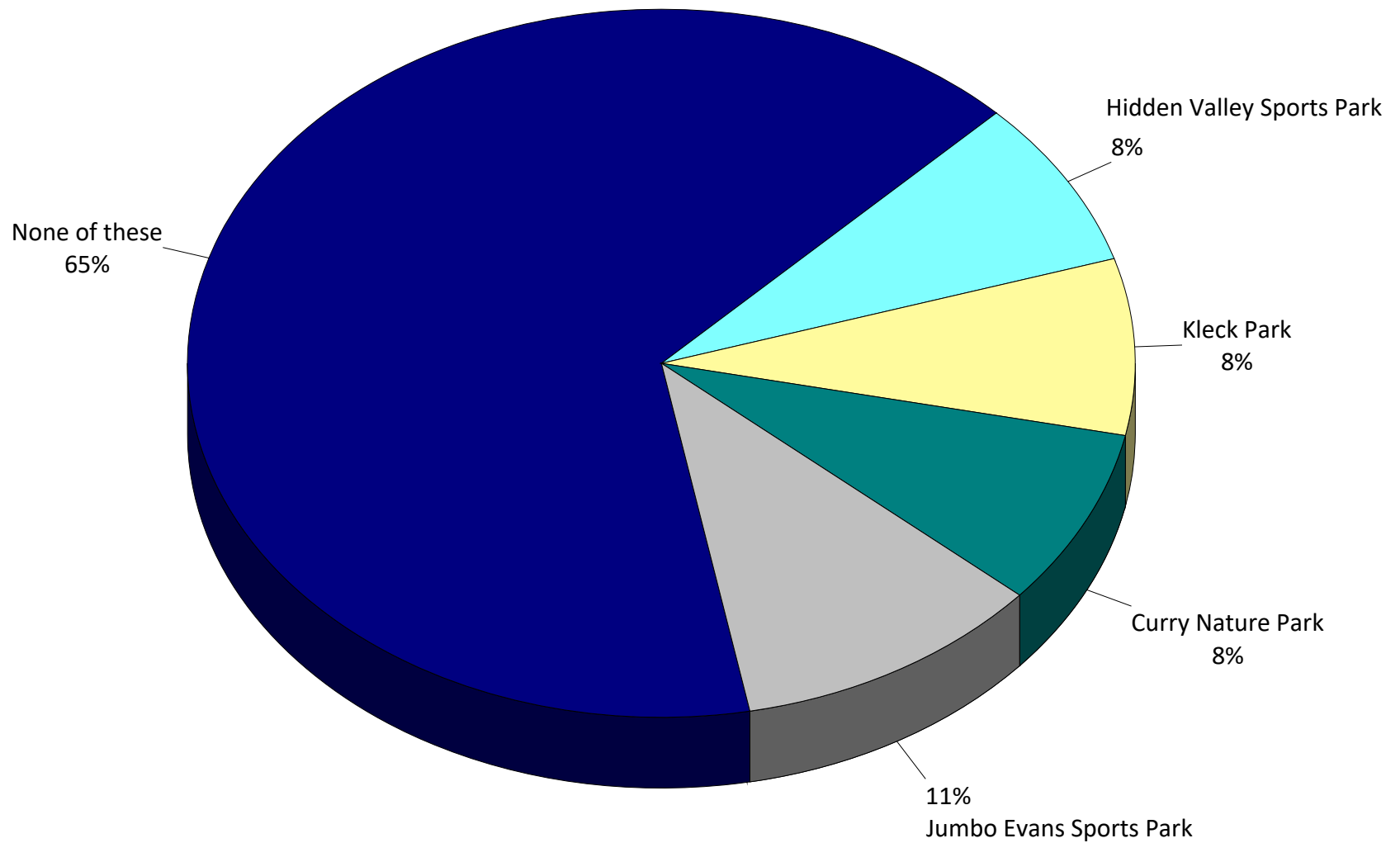
Q3. What prevents you from visiting open space, parks and/or trails in Comal County more often?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



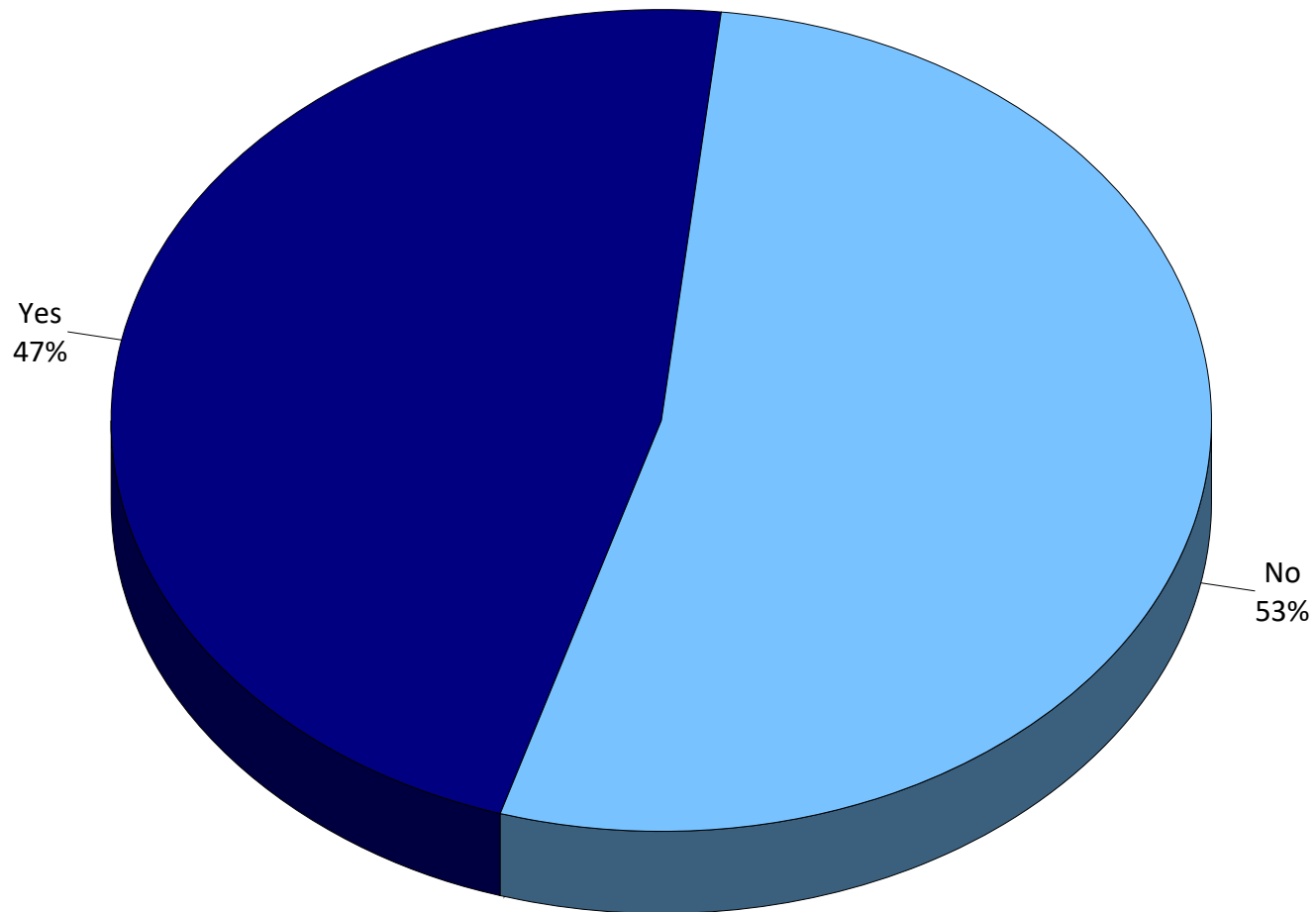
Q4. Have you visited any of the following Comal County-owned or operated parks in the past 12 months?

by percentage of respondents



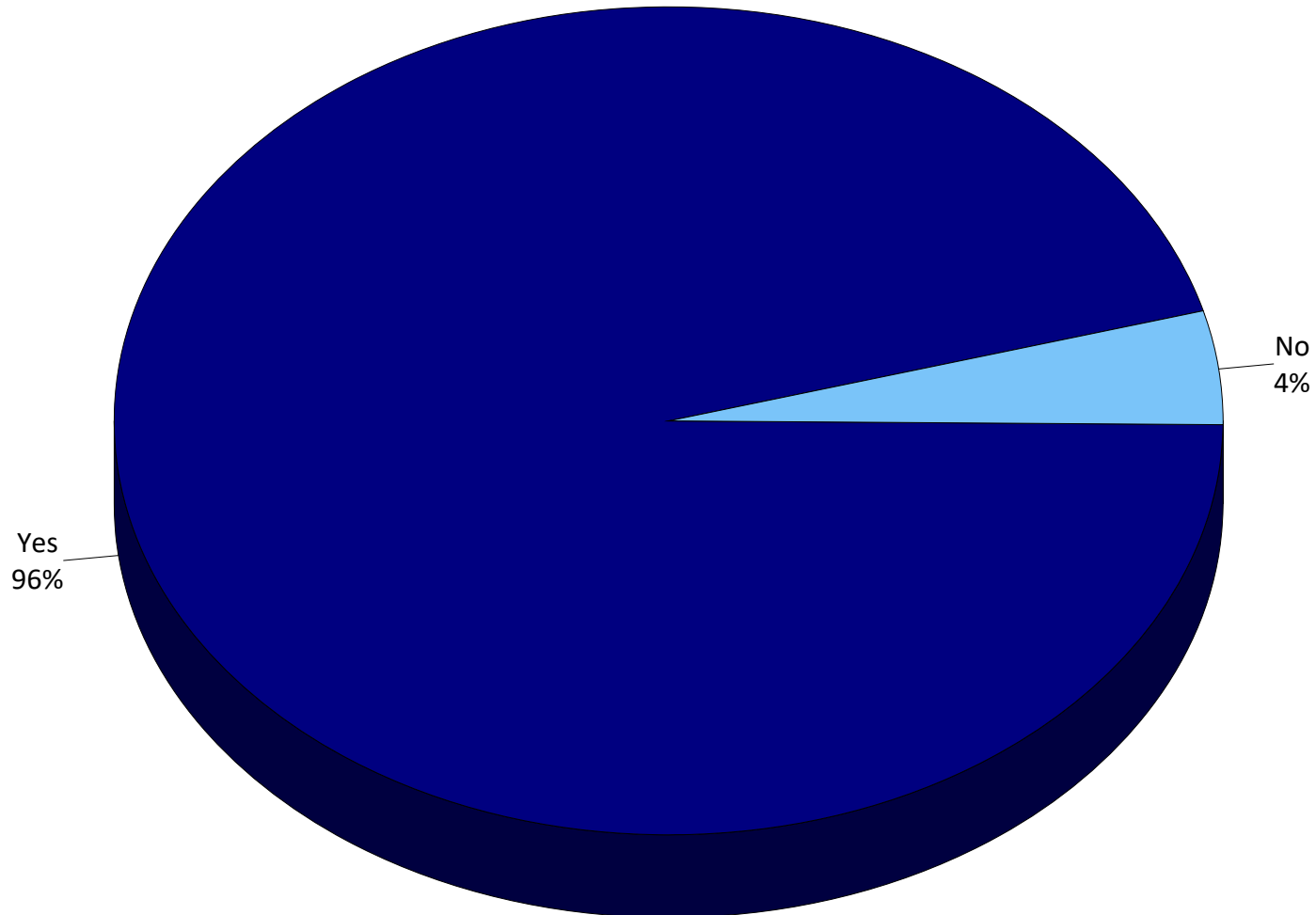
Q5. Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own open space, parks and/or trails?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



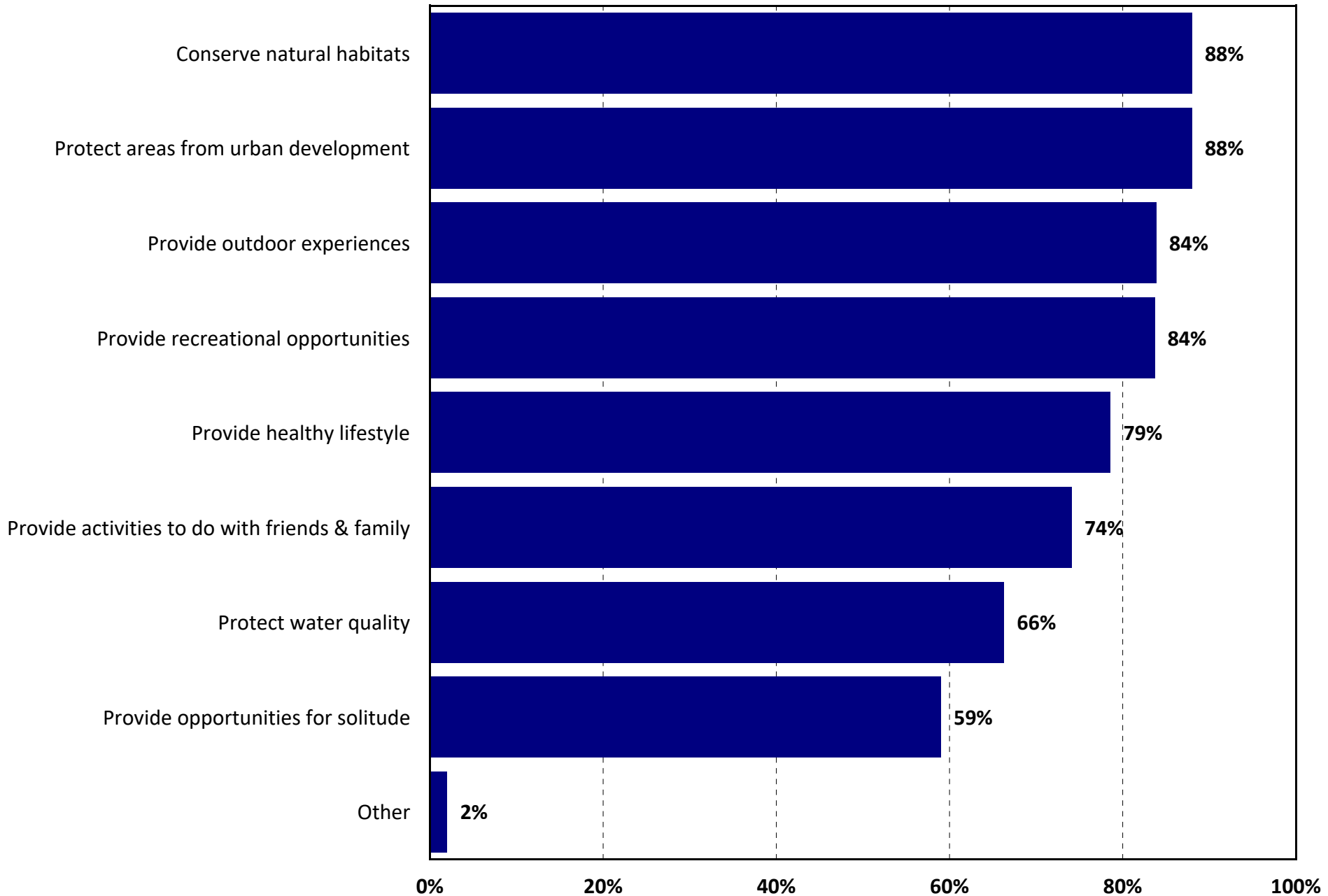
Q6. Do you think open space, parks, and trails are important for Comal County?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



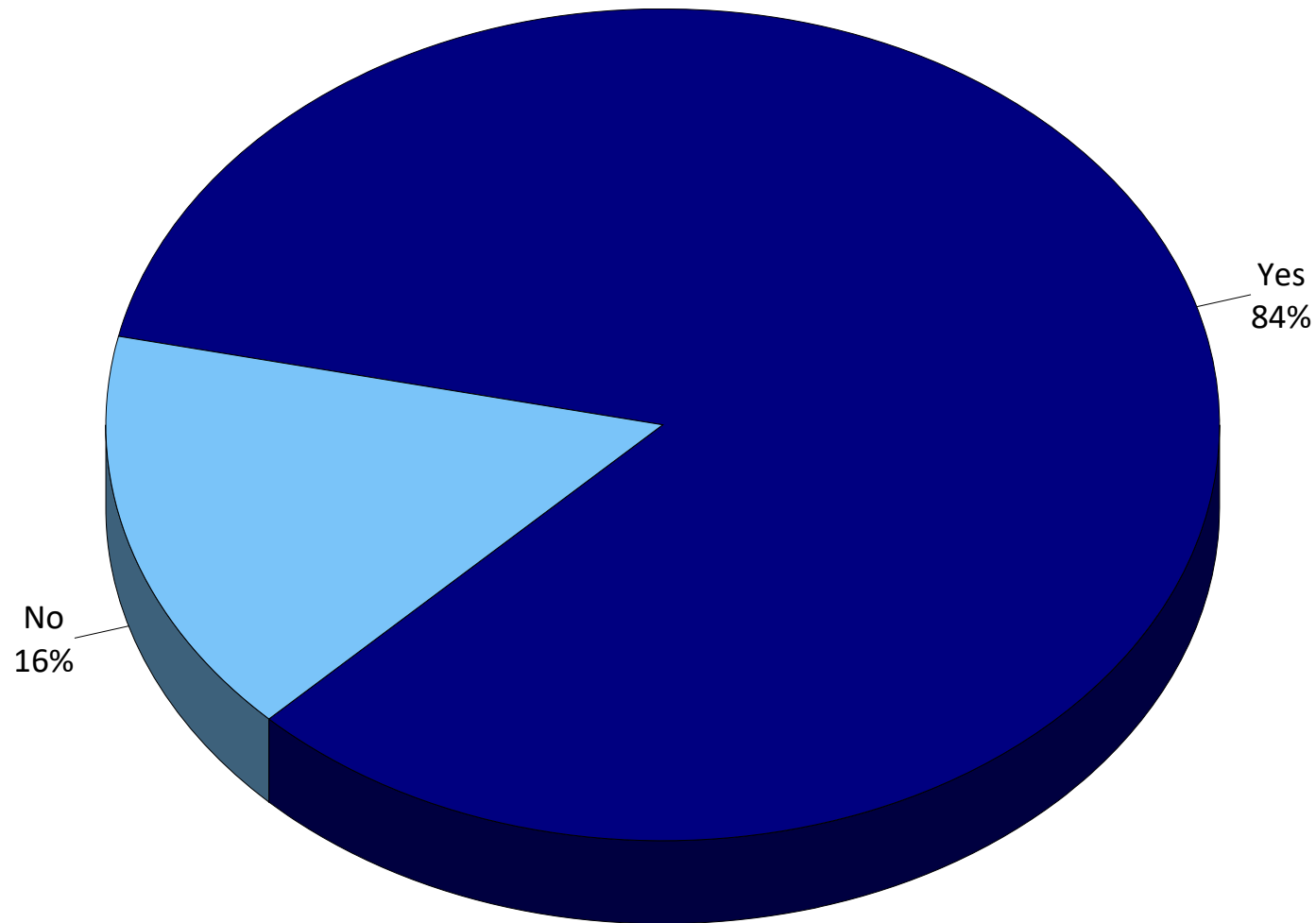
Q6a. Why do you think open space, parks, and trails are important?

by percentage of respondents



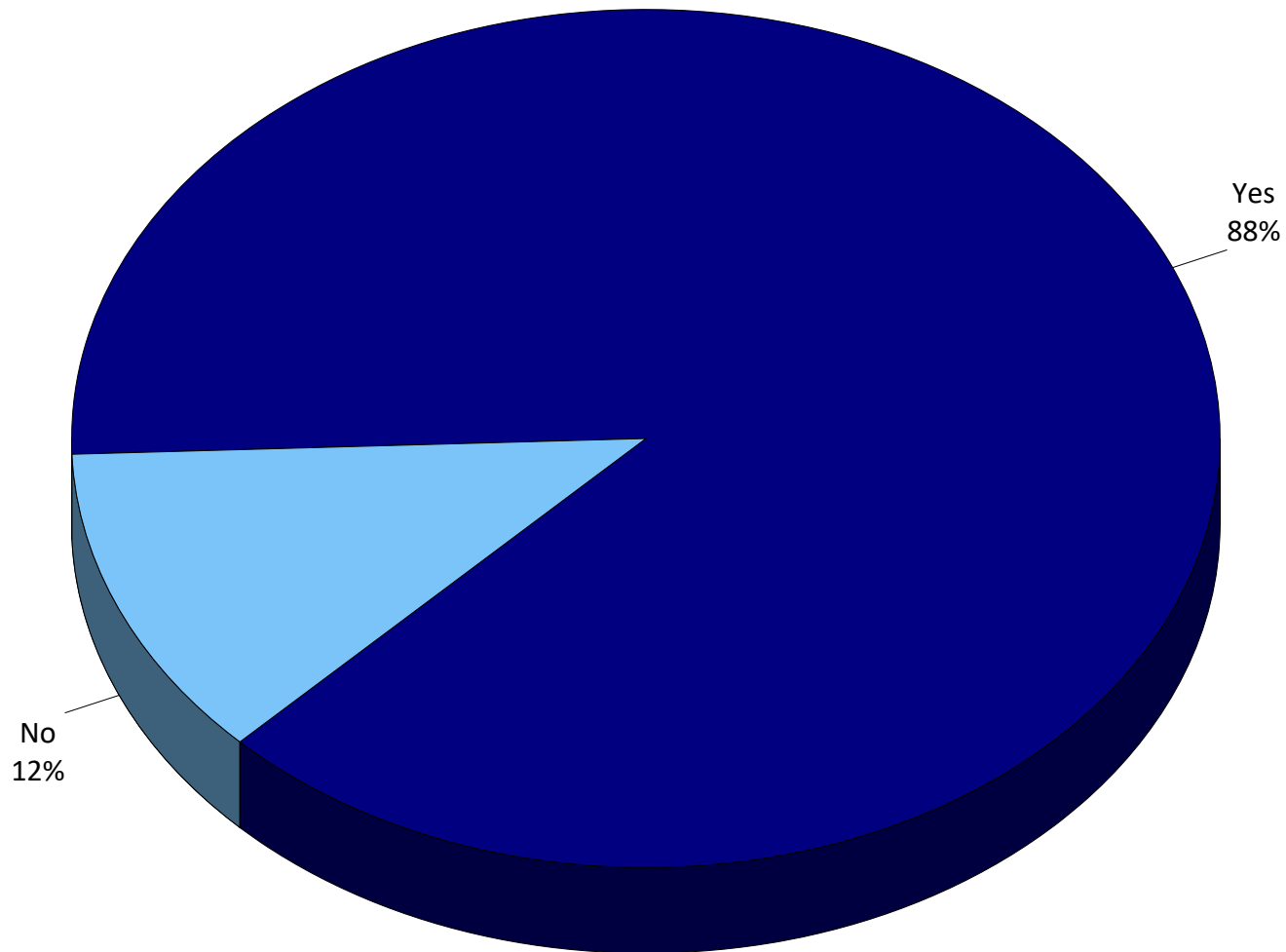
Q7. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more PARKS for public use?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



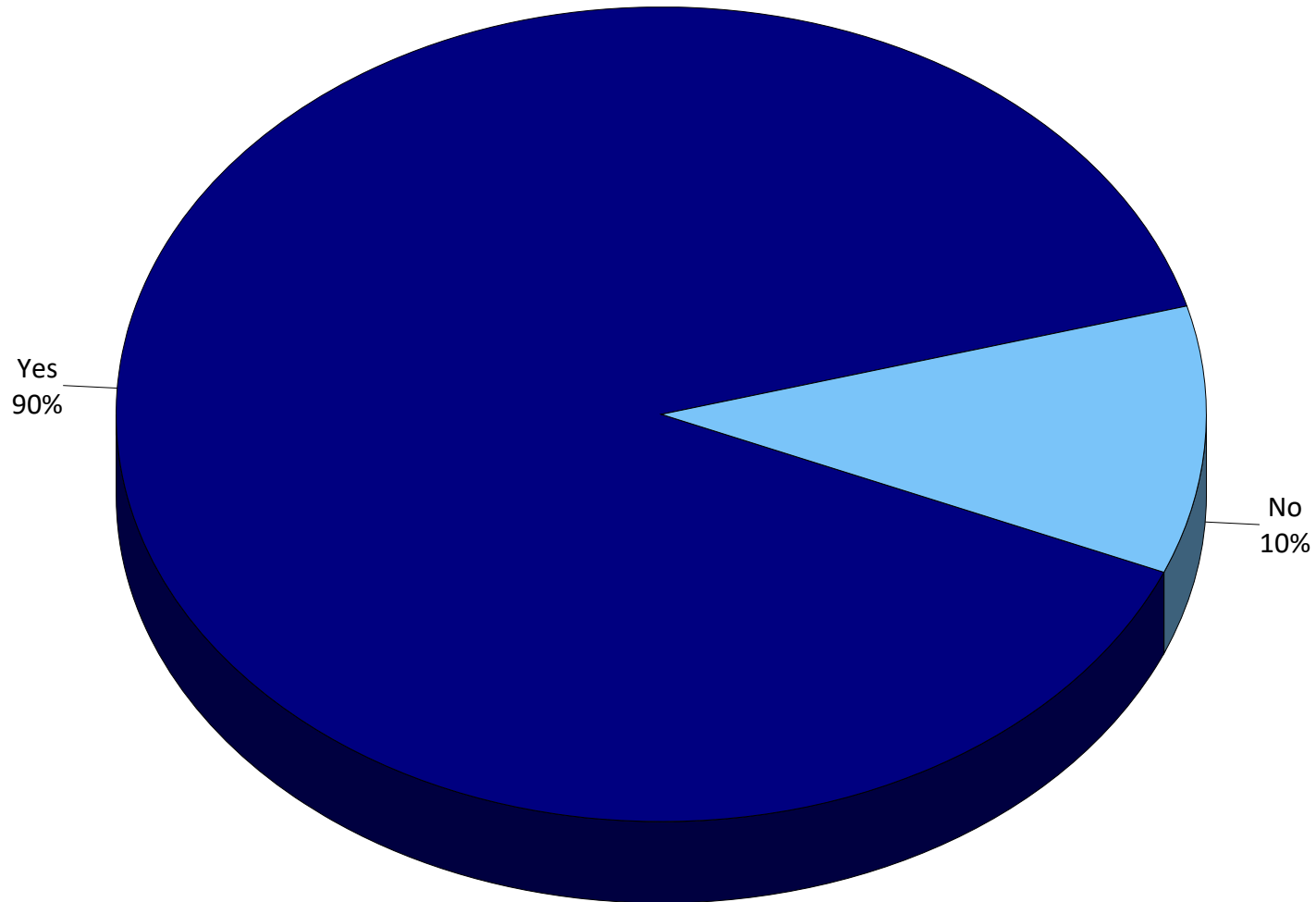
Q8. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more OPEN SPACE for public use?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



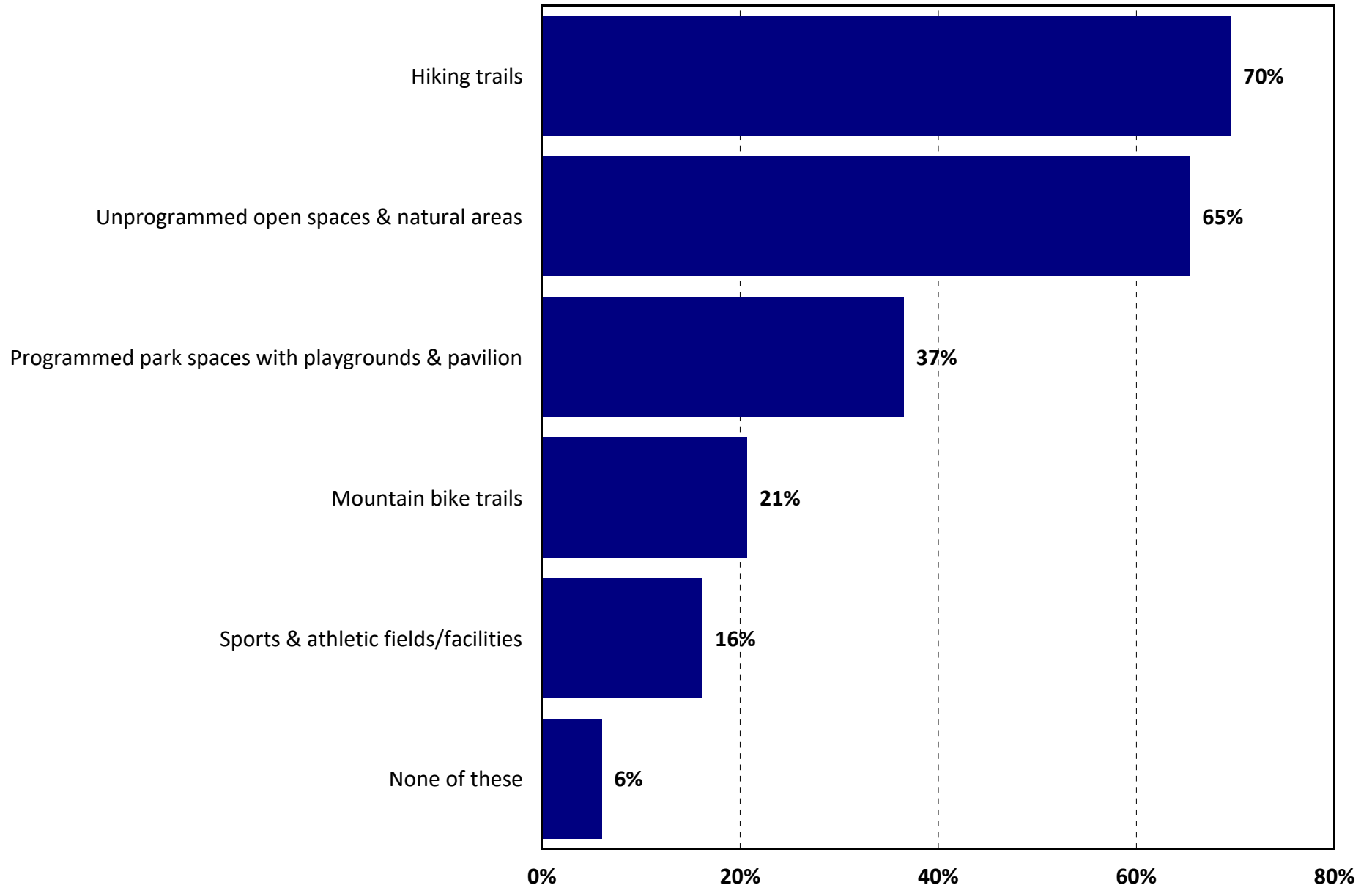
Q9. When it comes to natural resources in Comal County, is there a need for more NATURAL AREAS for public benefit?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



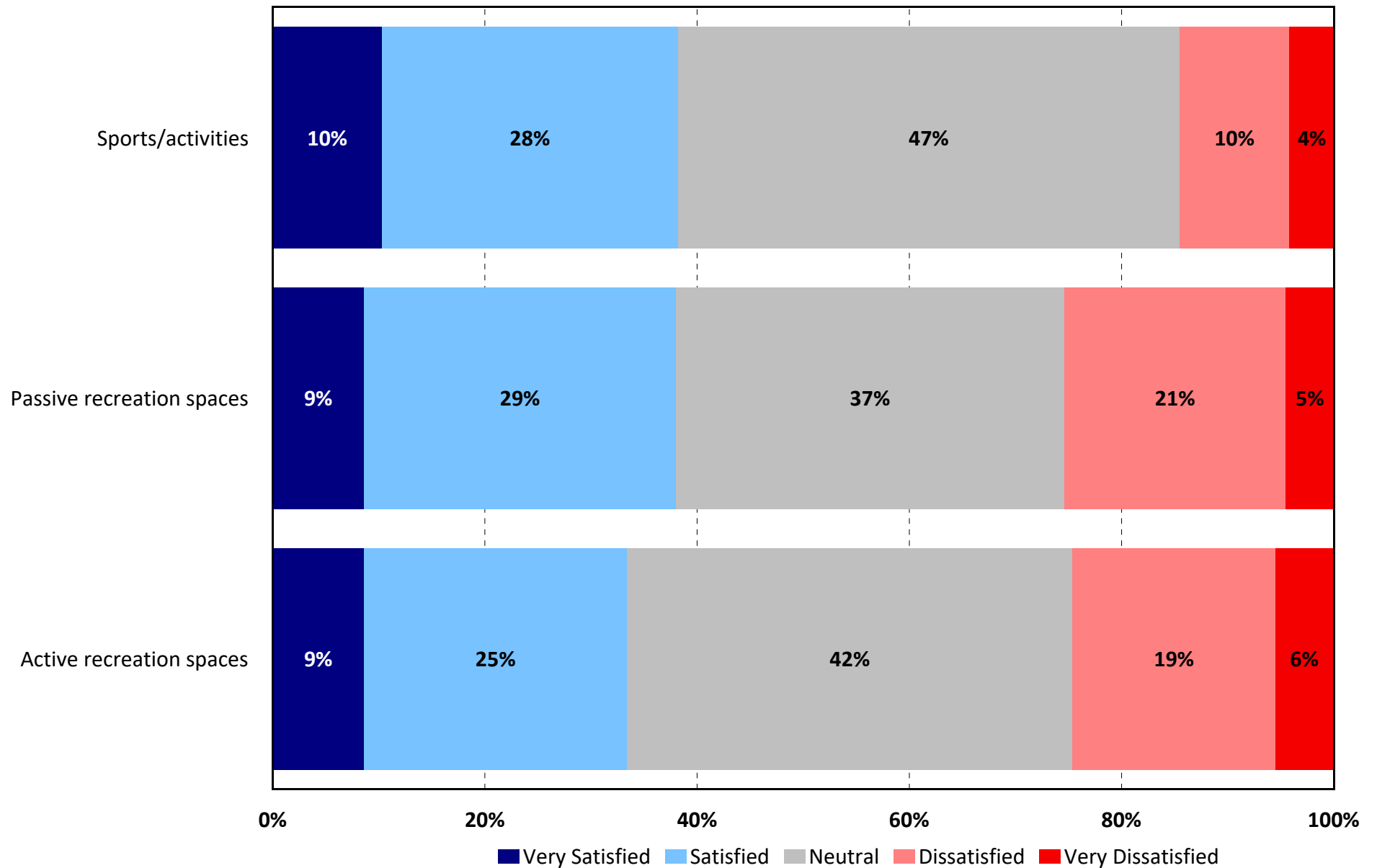
Q10. What would you like to see more of?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



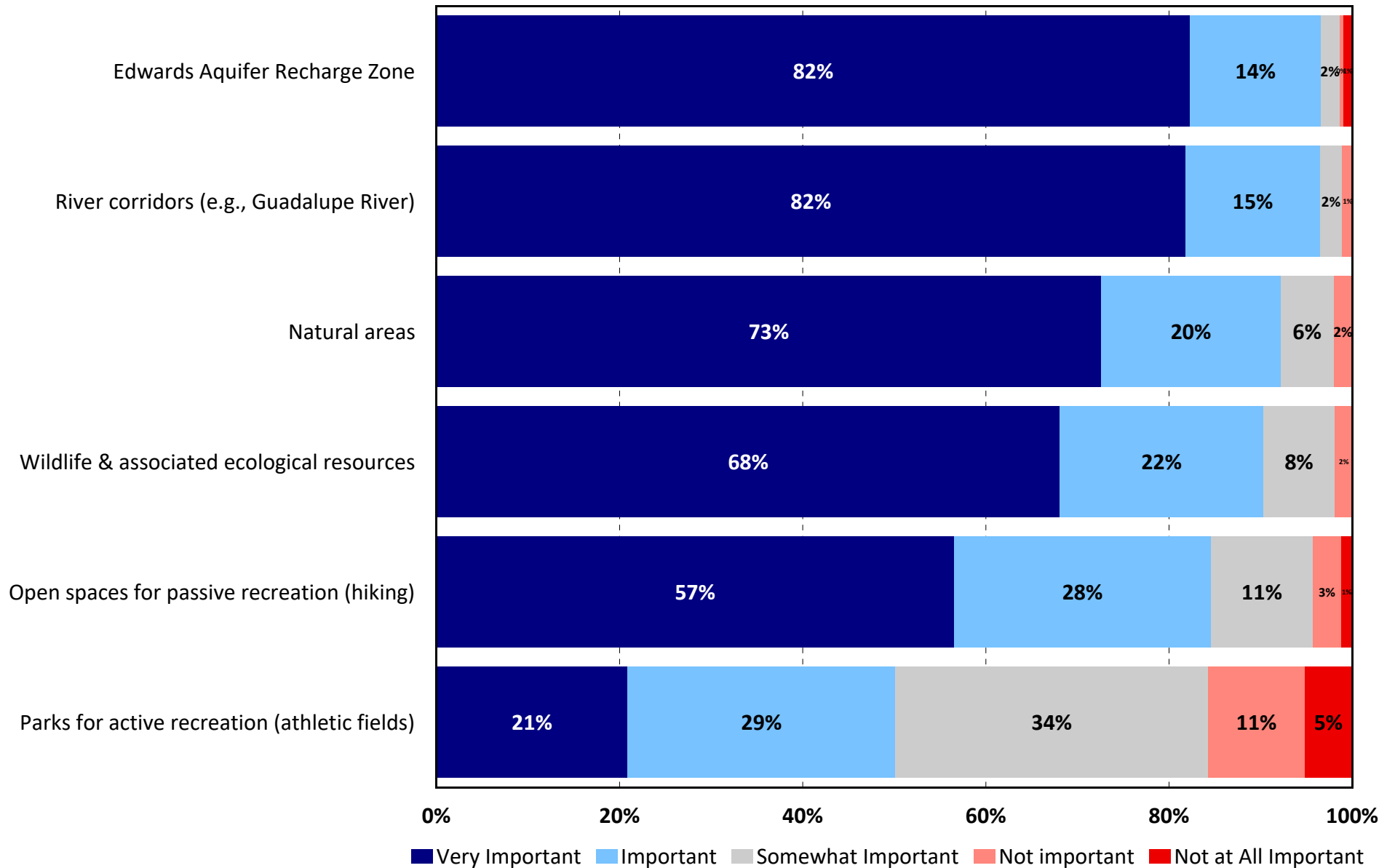
Q11. How satisfied are you with the following types of existing recreational facilities in Comal County?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



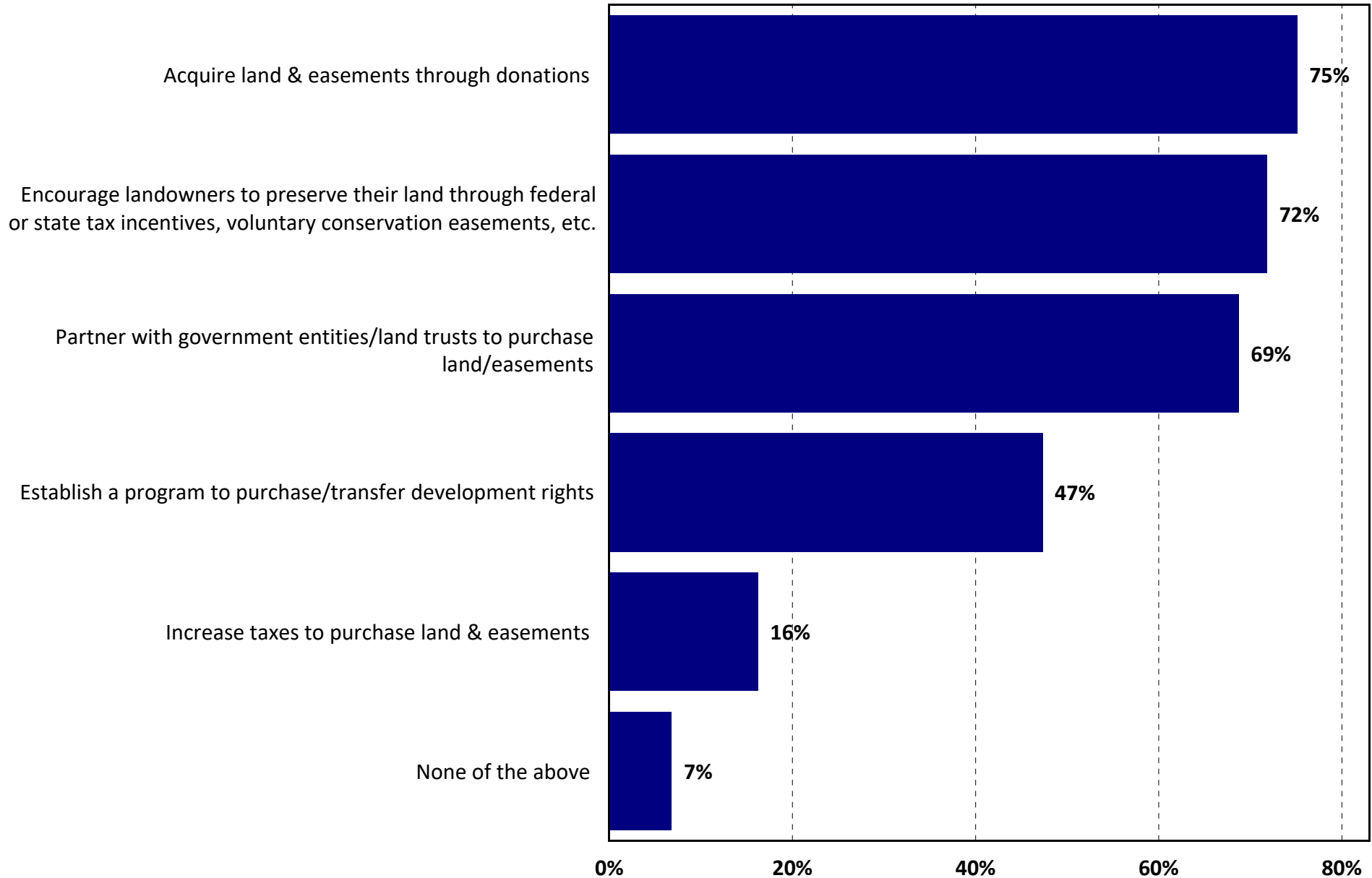
Q12. How important is it to you for Comal County to protect (conserve), expand, or improve the following?

by percentage of respondents (excluding “don’t know”)



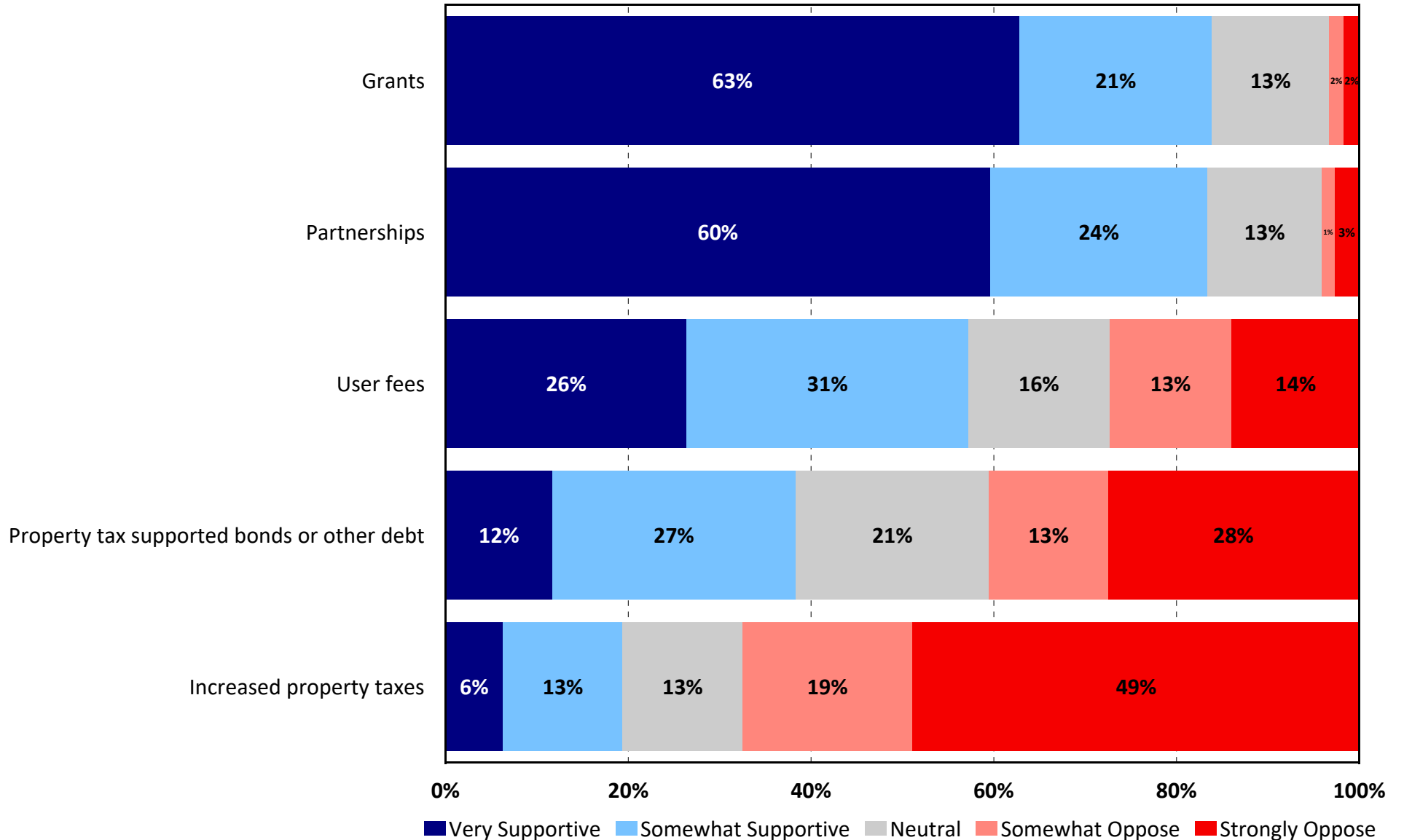
Q13. In order to protect (conserve), expand or improve any items listed above in Question 12, do you think Comal County should do any of the following?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



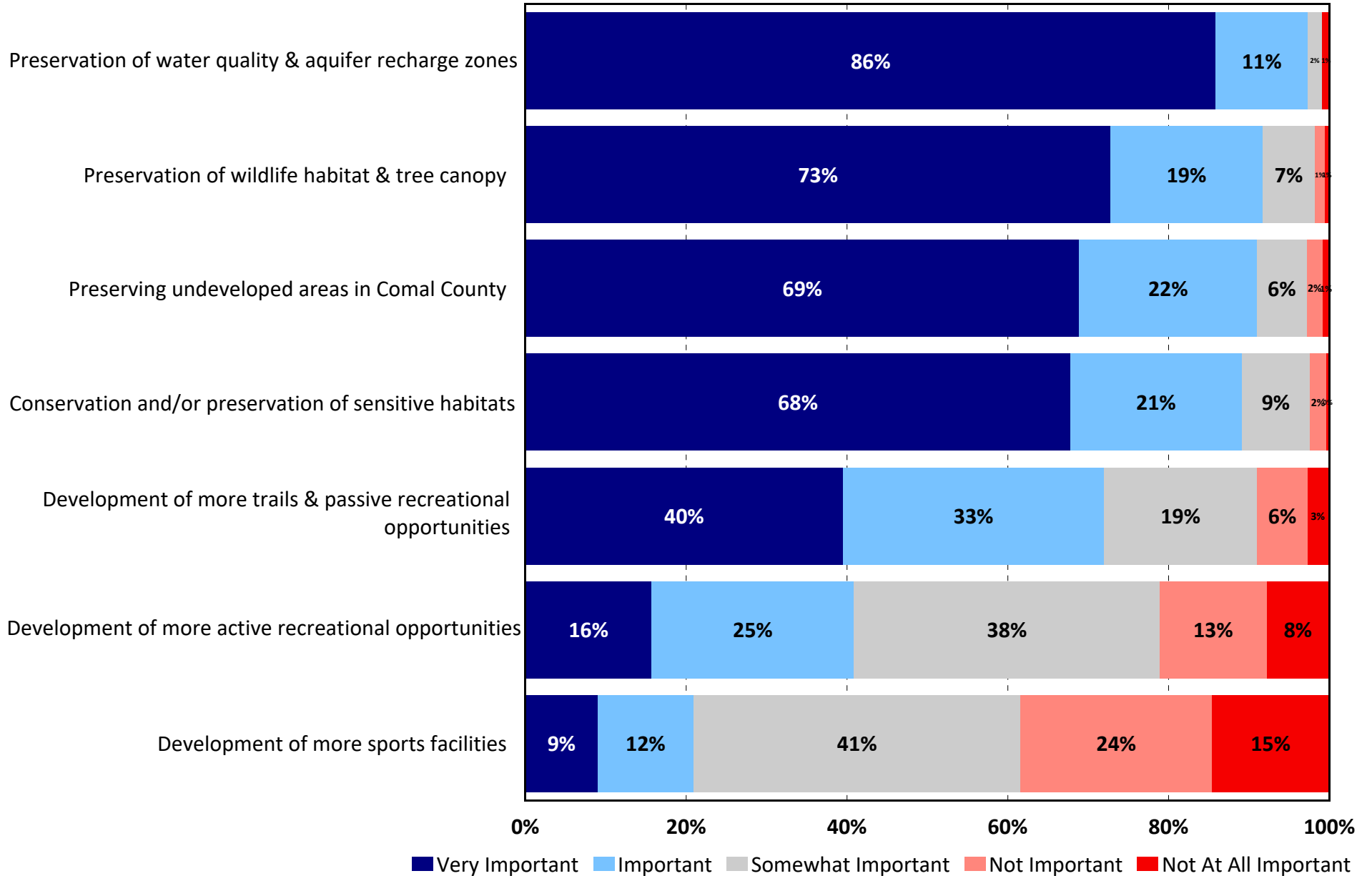
Q14. Please indicate your level of support for the following funding mechanisms which could be used to acquire lands for parks, open spaces and/or natural areas, and support management and ongoing maintenance of the County's system.

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



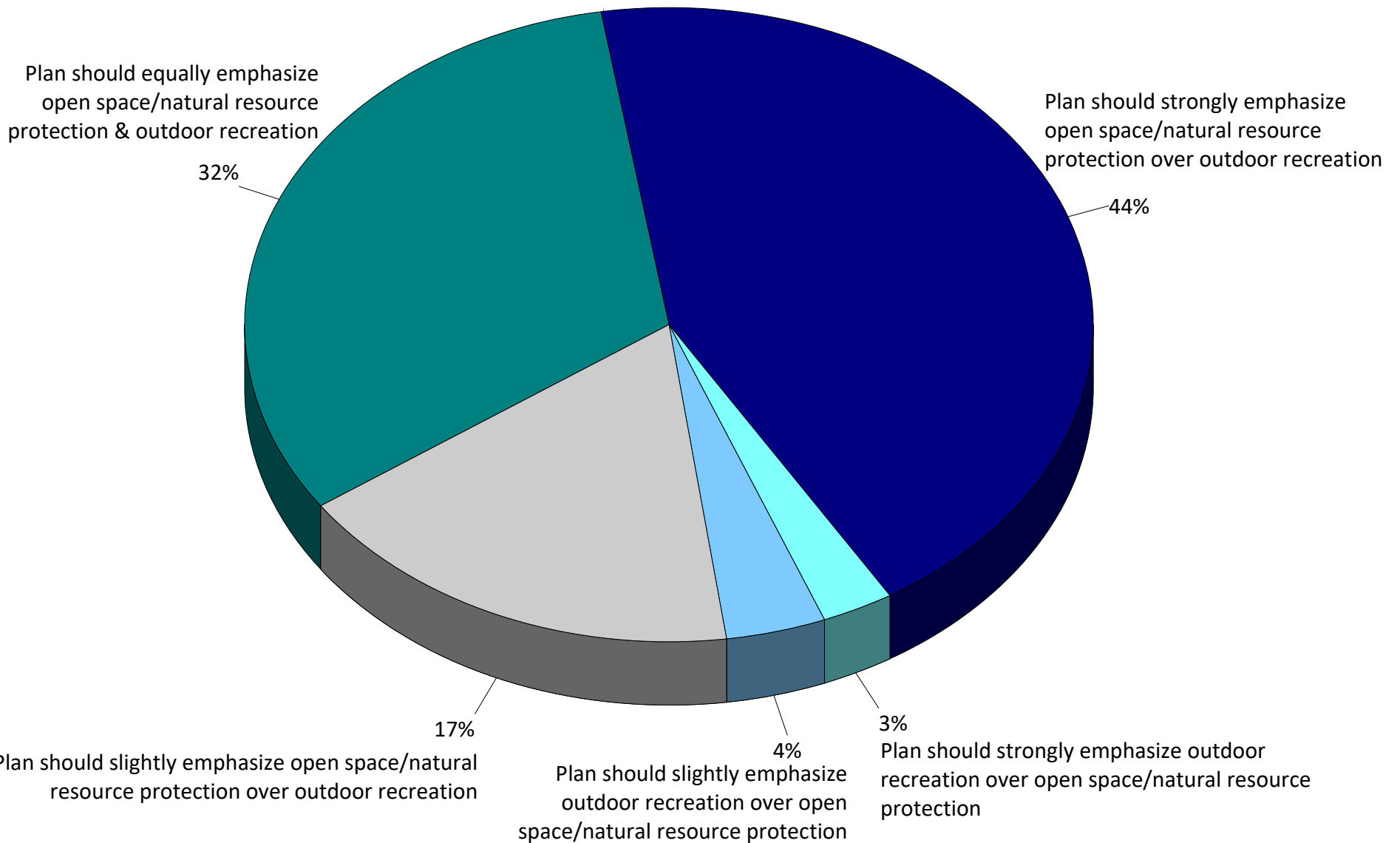
Q15. How important is it for Comal County's Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan to emphasize the following?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



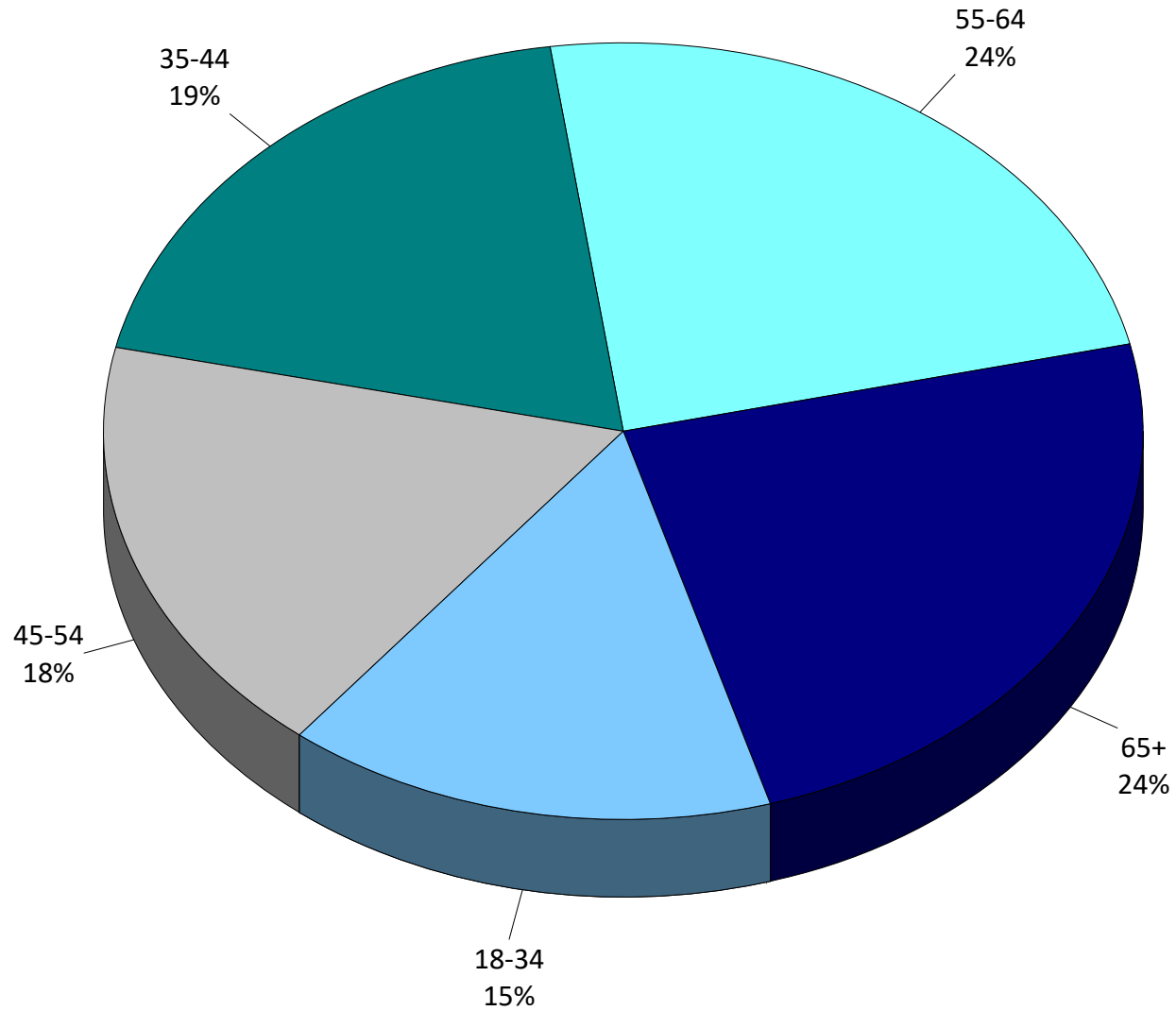
Q16. Would you prefer that the Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space and natural resource protection, more on providing outdoor recreation opportunities, or a balance of the two?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



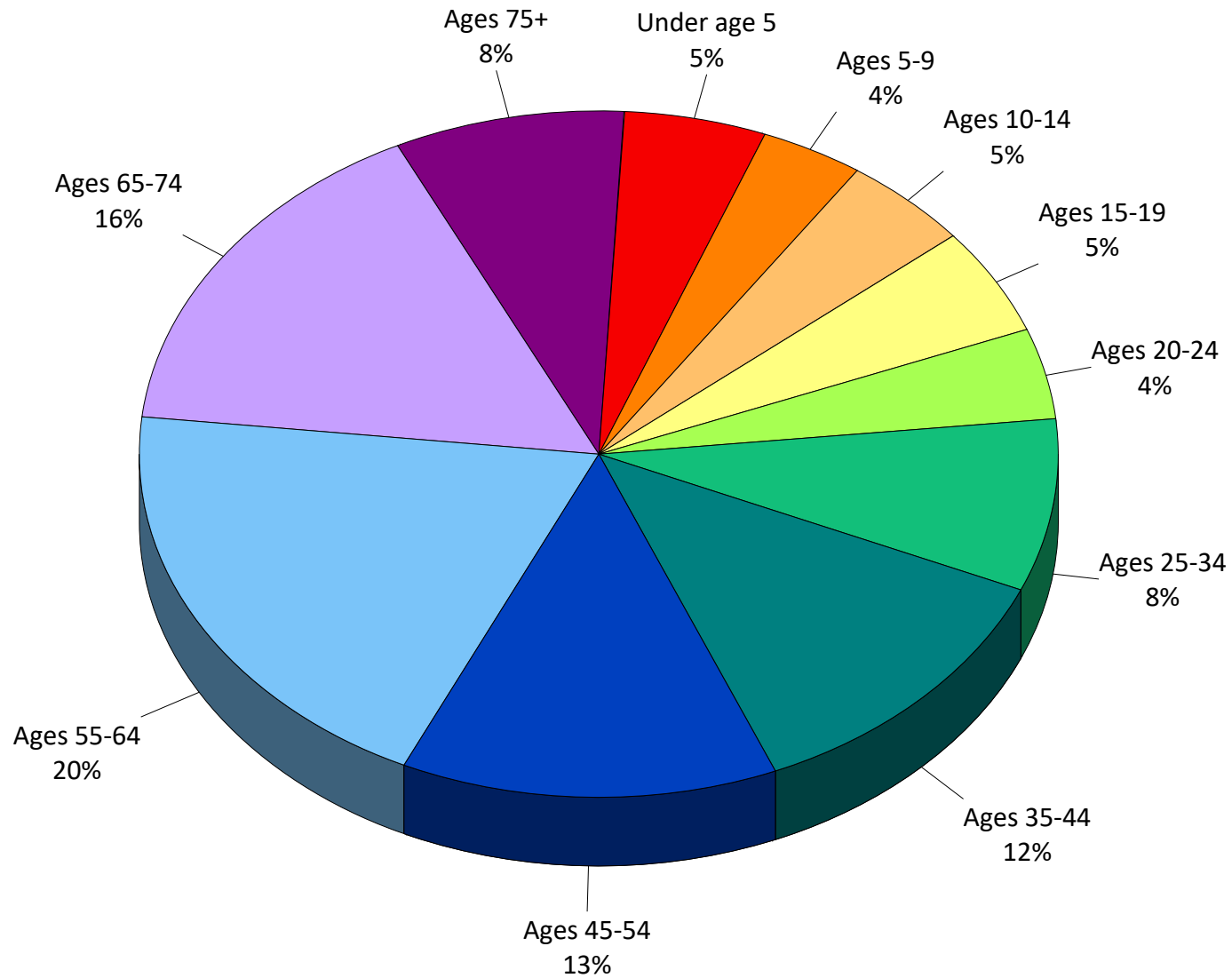
Q17. What is your age?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



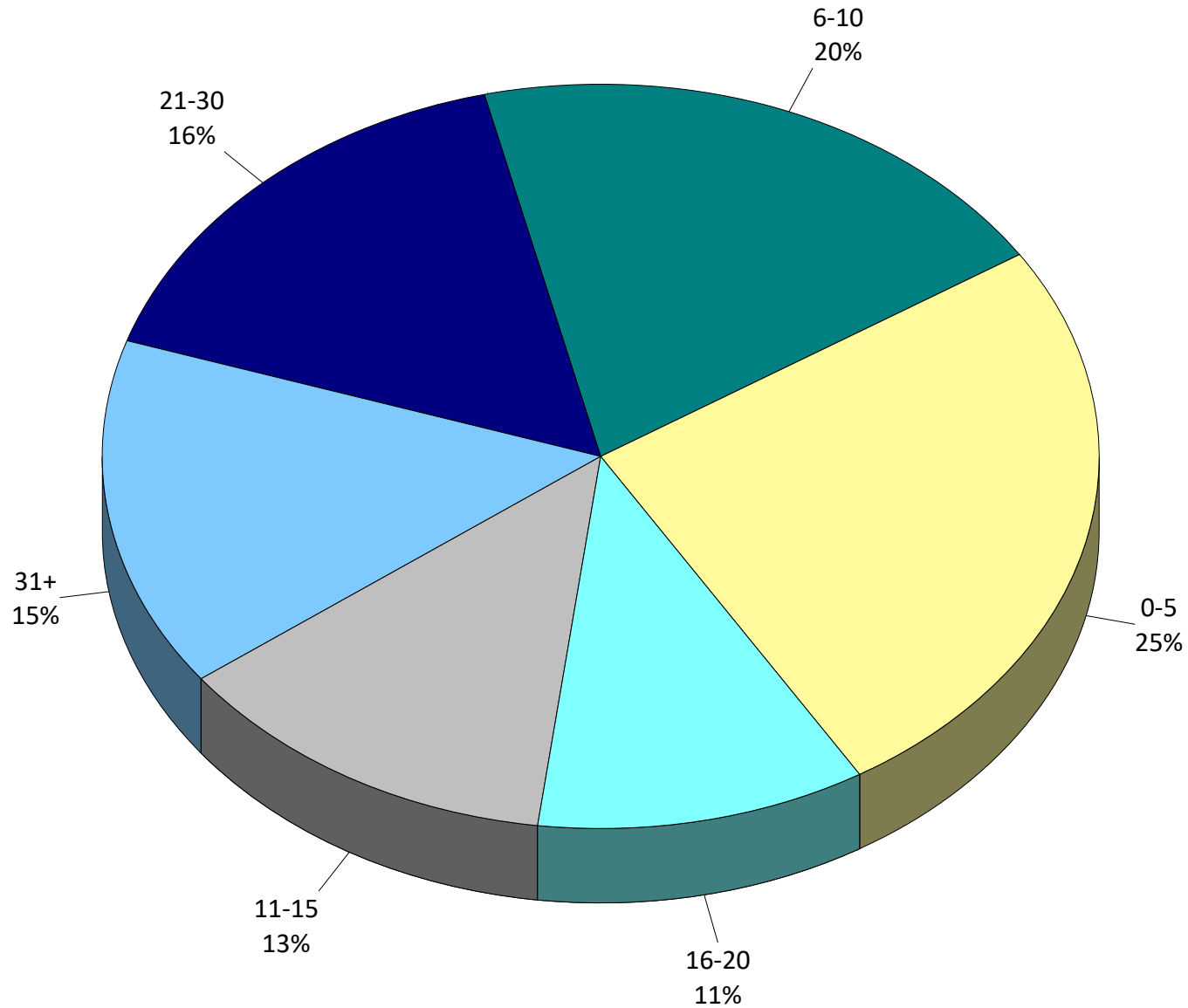
Q18. Including yourself, how many people in your household are in the following age groups?

by percentage of persons in household



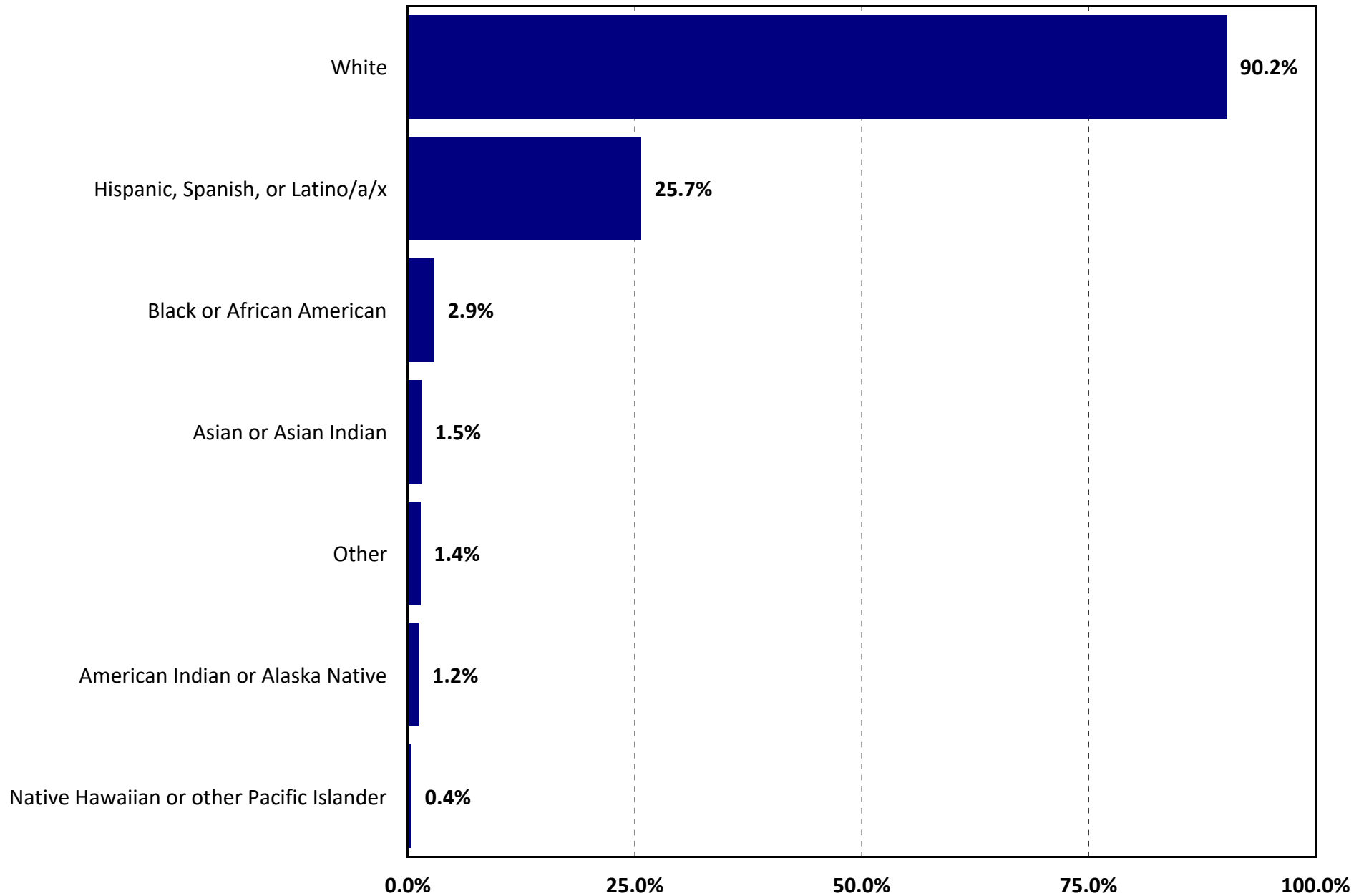
Q19. Approximately how many years have you lived in Comal County?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



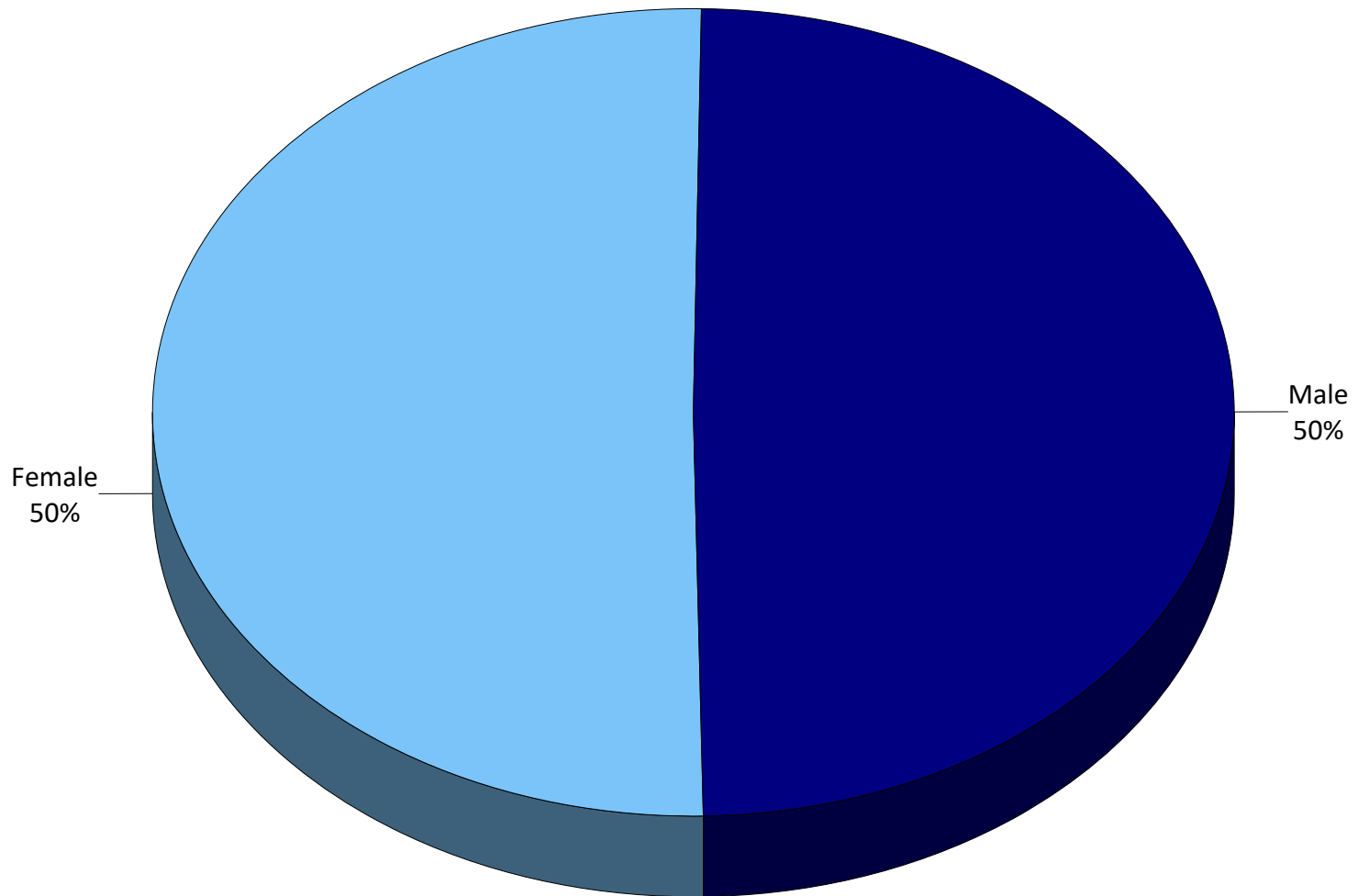
Q20. Which of the following BEST describes your race?

by percentage of respondents



Q21. Your gender:

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")





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Tabular Data

Q1. How often does your household visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County (including Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River State Park)?

Q1. How often does your household visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County	Number	Percent
Multiple times per week	94	18.1 %
Multiple times per month	141	27.2 %
Multiple times per year	142	27.4 %
Once per week	21	4.1 %
Once per month	31	6.0 %
Once per year	53	10.2 %
We don't visit open spaces, parks or trails in Comal County	31	6.0 %
Not provided	5	1.0 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q1. How often does your household visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County (including Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River State Park)? (without "not provided")

Q1. How often does your household visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County	Number	Percent
Multiple times per week	94	18.3 %
Multiple times per month	141	27.5 %
Multiple times per year	142	27.7 %
Once per week	21	4.1 %
Once per month	31	6.0 %
Once per year	53	10.3 %
We don't visit open spaces, parks or trails in Comal County	31	6.0 %
Total	513	100.0 %

Q2. If you visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County, where are those located?

Q2. Where are open spaces, parks and/or trails located	Number	Percent
County Parks (Kleck Park, Curry Nature Center, Jumbo Evans Sports Park, or Hidden Valley Sports Park)	121	25.1 %
USACE Property (Canyon Lake)	231	47.9 %
City Parks (New Braunfels, Bulverde, etc.)	327	67.8 %
State Park(s) (Guadalupe River State Park, Honey Creek State Natural Area)	237	49.2 %
Private/Semi-Private HOA/POA Parks (Neighborhood parks)	178	36.9 %
None of these	12	2.5 %
Total	1106	

Q3. What prevents you from visiting open space, parks and/or trails in Comal County more often?

Q3. What prevents you from visiting open space, parks and/or trails in Comal County more often	Number	Percent
I have no time	104	20.1 %
Open space, parks and/or trails are too far from my house	69	13.3 %
Not enough parking	125	24.1 %
Open space and/or trails are too crowded	110	21.2 %
I don't know how to access open space and/or trails	37	7.1 %
Trails/recreational opportunities are too challenging for me	33	6.4 %
Open space and/or trails do not accommodate my outdoor activities	18	3.5 %
It is difficult to access open space and/or trails	28	5.4 %
I have no interest in types of open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County	10	1.9 %
I do not wish to visit any of these places	14	2.7 %
Other	54	10.4 %
None of the above	104	20.1 %
Total	706	

Q4. Have you visited any of the following Comal County-owned or operated parks in the past 12 months?

Q4. What Comal County-owned or operated parks

have you visited in past 12 months	Number	Percent
Kleck Park	45	8.7 %
Curry Nature Park	47	9.1 %
Jumbo Evans Sports Park	62	12.0 %
Hidden Valley Sports Park	45	8.7 %
None of these	376	72.6 %
Total	575	

Q5. Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own open space, parks and/or trails?Q5. Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own
open space, parks and/or trails

	Number	Percent
Yes	239	46.1 %
No	269	51.9 %
Not provided	10	1.9 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**Q5. Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own open space, parks and/or trails? (without "not provided")**Q5. Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own
open space, parks and/or trails

	Number	Percent
Yes	239	47.0 %
No	269	53.0 %
Total	508	100.0 %

Q6. Do you think open space, parks, and trails are important for Comal County?

Q6. Are open space, parks, & trails important for

Comal County	Number	Percent
Yes	490	94.6 %
No	22	4.2 %
Not provided	6	1.2 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**Q6. Do you think open space, parks, and trails are important for Comal County? (without "not provided")**

Q6. Are open space, parks, & trails important for

Comal County	Number	Percent
Yes	490	95.7 %
No	22	4.3 %
Total	512	100.0 %

Q6a. Why do you think open space, parks, and trails are important?

Q6a. Why are they important	Number	Percent
Provide recreational opportunities	410	83.7 %
Conserve natural habitats (e.g., wildlife habitats)	431	88.0 %
Protect areas from urban development	431	88.0 %
Provide healthy lifestyle	385	78.6 %
Provide outdoor experiences	411	83.9 %
Provide opportunities for solitude	289	59.0 %
Provide activities to do with friends & family	363	74.1 %
Protect water quality	325	66.3 %
Other	10	2.0 %
Total	3055	

Q7. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more PARKS for public use?

Q7. Is there a need for more parks for public use	Number	Percent
Yes	421	81.3 %
No	79	15.3 %
Not provided	18	3.5 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**Q7. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more PARKS for public use? (without "not provided")**

Q7. Is there a need for more parks for public use	Number	Percent
Yes	421	84.2 %
No	79	15.8 %
Total	500	100.0 %

Q8. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more OPEN SPACE for public use?

Q8. Is there a need for more open space for public use	Number	Percent
Yes	435	84.0 %
No	59	11.4 %
Not provided	24	4.6 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED**Q8. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more OPEN SPACE for public use? (without "not provided")**

Q8. Is there a need for more open space for public use	Number	Percent
Yes	435	88.1 %
No	59	11.9 %
Total	494	100.0 %

Q9. When it comes to natural resources in Comal County, is there a need for more NATURAL AREAS for public benefit?

Q9. Is there a need for more natural areas for public benefit	Number	Percent
Yes	449	86.7 %
No	52	10.0 %
Not provided	17	3.3 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q9. When it comes to natural resources in Comal County, is there a need for more NATURAL AREAS for public benefit? (without "not provided")

Q9. Is there a need for more natural areas for public benefit	Number	Percent
Yes	449	89.6 %
No	52	10.4 %
Total	501	100.0 %

Q10. What would you like to see more of?

Q10. What would you like to see more of following	Number	Percent
Unprogrammed open spaces & natural areas	339	65.4 %
Hiking trails	360	69.5 %
Mountain bike trails	107	20.7 %
Programmed park spaces with playgrounds & pavilions	189	36.5 %
Sports & athletic fields/facilities	84	16.2 %
None of these	31	6.0 %
Total	1110	

Q11. How satisfied are you with the following types of existing recreational facilities in Comal County?

(N=518)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Q11-1. Passive recreation spaces (biking, walking, fishing, picnicking, etc.)	8.1%	27.8%	34.6%	19.7%	4.2%	5.6%
Q11-2. Active recreation spaces (playgrounds, splashpads, dog parks, etc.)	7.5%	21.8%	36.9%	16.8%	4.8%	12.2%
Q11-3. Sports/activities (baseball, football, soccer, tennis, etc.)	8.3%	22.6%	38.2%	8.3%	3.5%	19.1%

WITHOUT DON'T KNOW

Q11. How satisfied are you with the following types of existing recreational facilities in Comal County? (without "don't know")

(N=518)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q11-1. Passive recreation spaces (biking, walking, fishing, picnicking, etc.)	8.6%	29.4%	36.6%	20.9%	4.5%
Q11-2. Active recreation spaces (playgrounds, splashpads, dog parks, etc.)	8.6%	24.8%	42.0%	19.1%	5.5%
Q11-3. Sports/activities (baseball, football, soccer, tennis, etc.)	10.3%	27.9%	47.3%	10.3%	4.3%

Q12. How important is it to you for Comal County to protect (conserve), expand, or improve the following?

(N=518)

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not at all important	Don't know
Q12-1. Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	80.9%	14.1%	1.9%	0.4%	1.0%	1.7%
Q12-2. River corridors (e.g., Guadalupe River)	80.7%	14.5%	2.1%	1.0%	0.4%	1.4%
Q12-3. Open spaces for passive recreation (hiking)	56.0%	27.8%	11.0%	3.1%	1.2%	1.0%
Q12-4. Parks for active recreation (athletic fields)	20.1%	28.0%	32.8%	10.0%	5.0%	4.1%
Q12-5. Wildlife & associated ecological resources	67.6%	21.8%	7.7%	1.7%	0.4%	0.8%
Q12-6. Natural areas	72.2%	19.5%	5.8%	1.5%	0.4%	0.6%

WITHOUT DON'T KNOW**Q12. How important is it to you for Comal County to protect (conserve), expand, or improve the following? (without "don't know")**

(N=518)

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not at all important
Q12-1. Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	82.3%	14.3%	2.0%	0.4%	1.0%
Q12-2. River corridors (e.g., Guadalupe River)	81.8%	14.7%	2.2%	1.0%	0.4%
Q12-3. Open spaces for passive recreation (hiking)	56.5%	28.1%	11.1%	3.1%	1.2%
Q12-4. Parks for active recreation (athletic fields)	20.9%	29.2%	34.2%	10.5%	5.2%
Q12-5. Wildlife & associated ecological resources	68.1%	22.0%	7.8%	1.8%	0.4%
Q12-6. Natural areas	72.6%	19.6%	5.8%	1.6%	0.4%

Q13. In order to protect (conserve), expand or improve any items listed above in Question 12, do you think Comal County should do any of the following?

<u>Q13. What following should Comal County do</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Acquire land & easements through donations	389	75.1 %
Partner with government entities/land trusts to purchase land/easements	356	68.7 %
Establish a program to purchase/transfer development rights	245	47.3 %
Encourage landowners to preserve their land through federal or state tax incentives, voluntary conservation easements, etc.	372	71.8 %
Increase taxes to purchase land & easements	84	16.2 %
None of the above	35	6.8 %
Total	1481	

Q14. Understanding that most would increase what you currently pay in property taxes to Comal County, please indicate your level of support for the following funding mechanisms which could be used to acquire lands for parks, open spaces and/or natural areas, and support management and ongoing maintenance of the County's system.

(N=518)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Neutral	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Q14-1. User fees	25.3%	29.5%	14.9%	12.7%	13.5%	4.1%
Q14-2. Property tax supported bonds or other debt	10.8%	24.5%	19.5%	12.0%	25.3%	7.9%
Q14-3. Increased property taxes	6.0%	12.4%	12.4%	17.6%	46.3%	5.4%
Q14-4. Grants	59.8%	20.1%	12.2%	1.5%	1.7%	4.6%
Q14-5. Partnerships	56.2%	22.4%	11.8%	1.4%	2.5%	5.8%

WITHOUT DON'T KNOW

Q14. Understanding that most would increase what you currently pay in property taxes to Comal County, please indicate your level of support for the following funding mechanisms which could be used to acquire lands for parks, open spaces and/or natural areas, and support management and ongoing maintenance of the County's system. (without "don't know")

(N=518)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Neutral	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
Q14-1. User fees	26.4%	30.8%	15.5%	13.3%	14.1%
Q14-2. Property tax supported bonds or other debt	11.7%	26.6%	21.2%	13.0%	27.5%
Q14-3. Increased property taxes	6.3%	13.1%	13.1%	18.6%	49.0%
Q14-4. Grants	62.8%	21.1%	12.8%	1.6%	1.8%
Q14-5. Partnerships	59.6%	23.8%	12.5%	1.4%	2.7%

Q15. How important is it for Comal County's Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan to emphasize the following?

(N=518)

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not at all important	Don't know
Q15-1. Conservation and/or preservation of sensitive habitats	66.2%	20.8%	8.3%	1.9%	0.4%	2.3%
Q15-2. Preserving undeveloped areas in Comal County	66.8%	21.4%	6.0%	1.9%	0.8%	3.1%
Q15-3. Preservation of wildlife habitat & tree canopy	71.4%	18.5%	6.4%	1.2%	0.6%	1.9%
Q15-4. Preservation of water quality & aquifer recharge zones	84.7%	11.2%	1.7%	0.4%	0.6%	1.4%
Q15-5. Development of more trails & passive recreational opportunities	38.4%	31.7%	18.5%	6.2%	2.5%	2.7%
Q15-6. Development of more active recreational opportunities (i.e., playgrounds, splash pads & dog parks)	15.1%	24.1%	36.5%	12.7%	7.5%	4.1%
Q15-7. Development of more sports facilities	8.5%	11.2%	38.2%	22.4%	13.7%	6.0%

WITHOUT DON'T KNOW

Q15. How important is it for Comal County's Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan to emphasize the following? (without "don't know")

(N=518)

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not at all important
Q15-1. Conservation and/or preservation of sensitive habitats	67.8%	21.3%	8.5%	2.0%	0.4%
Q15-2. Preserving undeveloped areas in Comal County	68.9%	22.1%	6.2%	2.0%	0.8%
Q15-3. Preservation of wildlife habitat & tree canopy	72.8%	18.9%	6.5%	1.2%	0.6%
Q15-4. Preservation of water quality & aquifer recharge zones	85.9%	11.4%	1.8%	0.4%	0.6%
Q15-5. Development of more trails & passive recreational opportunities	39.5%	32.5%	19.0%	6.3%	2.6%
Q15-6. Development of more active recreational opportunities (i.e., playgrounds, splash pads & dog parks)	15.7%	25.2%	38.0%	13.3%	7.8%
Q15-7. Development of more sports facilities	9.0%	11.9%	40.7%	23.8%	14.6%

Q16. Would you prefer that the Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space and natural resource protection, more on providing outdoor recreation opportunities (including sports and athletics), or a balance of the two?

Q16. Would you prefer that Parks, Open Space, & Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space & natural resource protection, more on providing outdoor recreation opportunities, or a balance of two

	Number	Percent
Plan should strongly emphasize open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation	221	42.7 %
Plan should slightly emphasize open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation	88	17.0 %
Plan should equally emphasize open space/natural resource protection & outdoor recreation	162	31.3 %
Plan should slightly emphasize outdoor recreation over open space/natural resource protection	19	3.7 %
Plan should strongly emphasize outdoor recreation over open space/natural resource protection	14	2.7 %
Not provided	14	2.7 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q16. Would you prefer that the Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space and natural resource protection, more on providing outdoor recreation opportunities (including sports and athletics), or a balance of the two? (without "not provided")

Q16. Would you prefer that Parks, Open Space, & Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space & natural resource protection, more on providing outdoor recreation opportunities, or a balance of two

	Number	Percent
Plan should strongly emphasize open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation	221	43.8 %
Plan should slightly emphasize open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation	88	17.5 %
Plan should equally emphasize open space/natural resource protection & outdoor recreation	162	32.1 %
Plan should slightly emphasize outdoor recreation over open space/natural resource protection	19	3.8 %
Plan should strongly emphasize outdoor recreation over open space/natural resource protection	14	2.8 %
Total	504	100.0 %

Q17. What is your age?

Q17. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	76	14.7 %
35-44	98	18.9 %
45-54	89	17.2 %
55-64	119	23.0 %
65+	121	23.4 %
Not provided	15	2.9 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q17. What is your age? (without "not provided")

Q17. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	76	15.1 %
35-44	98	19.5 %
45-54	89	17.7 %
55-64	119	23.7 %
65+	121	24.1 %
Total	503	100.0 %

Q18. Including yourself, how many people in your household are:

	Mean	Sum
number	2.54	1282
Under age 5	0.13	63
Ages 5-9	0.09	47
Ages 10-14	0.12	59
Ages 15-19	0.13	66
Ages 20-24	0.11	54
Ages 25-34	0.20	102
Ages 35-44	0.32	160
Ages 45-54	0.33	167
Ages 55-64	0.50	254
Ages 65-74	0.41	208
Ages 75+	0.20	102

Q19. Approximately how many years have you lived in Comal County?

Q19. How many years have you lived in Comal

County	Number	Percent
0-5	130	25.1 %
6-10	100	19.3 %
11-15	66	12.7 %
16-20	54	10.4 %
21-30	84	16.2 %
31+	77	14.9 %
Not provided	7	1.4 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q19. Approximately how many years have you lived in Comal County? (without "not provided")

Q19. How many years have you lived in Comal

County	Number	Percent
0-5	130	25.4 %
6-10	100	19.6 %
11-15	66	12.9 %
16-20	54	10.6 %
21-30	84	16.4 %
31+	77	15.1 %
Total	511	100.0 %

Q20. Which of the following BEST describes your race?

<u>Q20. Your race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Asian or Asian Indian	8	1.5 %
Black or African American	15	2.9 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	1.2 %
White	467	90.2 %
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2	0.4 %
Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x	133	25.7 %
Other	7	1.4 %
Total	638	

Q20-7. Self-describe your race:

<u>Q20-7. Self-describe your race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
European	2	28.6 %
Mixed	2	28.6 %
More than one race	1	14.3 %
Black & White	1	14.3 %
Italian Jewish	1	14.3 %
Total	7	100.0 %

Q21. Your gender:

<u>Q21. Your gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	254	49.0 %
Female	259	50.0 %
Non-binary	2	0.4 %
Not provided	3	0.6 %
Total	518	100.0 %

WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q21. Your gender: (without "not provided")

<u>Q21. Your gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	254	49.3 %
Female	259	50.3 %
Non-binary	2	0.4 %
Total	515	100.0 %



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Open-Ended Responses

Open-Ended Questions Responses

Q3—“Other”: What prevents you from visiting open space, parks and/or trails in Comal County more often?

- Allergies
- Can't be in the sun.
- Closed, too many people from out of town and locals can't get in.
- depends on weather
- disabled
- Don't know much about them. Taking the time to research.
- During the summer we visit Comal Park multiple times a month to access the water to swim and kayak. We go when we have time.
- Far too crowded for those of us that live in the area to even get to, not only do we have to pay, but sit in traffic to even get in, There are no breaks for Seniors nor us that got the Senior seasonal Pass for the Parks, etc. The tourists have pushed out the residents, we cannot even enjoy our neighborhoods due to traffic and crowds, not to mention the STR's that even deny us our residential neighborhoods. We have to cater to them, we have no rights any longer, we cannot complain due to the current laws. It just isn't fun anymore which it should be to explore and enjoy where we live and why we invested to live here. Most tourists take advantage of us that live here full time and it is all about how much fun they can have and ignore all the guidelines and common sense of others.
- have a private HOA on river
- I enjoy hiking, but go to Hays Co every Saturday b/c the trails in Comal are too short, not challenging.
- I feel that there aren't enough available trails, and they don't have enough miles available for hiking. GRSP is too long a drive, but it has the mileage and everything I want from trails. I like the dry comal creek trail but it's very short and you have to do laps to get mileage.
- I go to the lake
- I have my own
- I have physical issues with walking in open spaces and on trails. Hopefully this will change once I have a knee replaced.
- I live on 50 acres just north of Ammann Road in the Silver Hills subdivision.
- I love running trails and all the local ones are not very long mileage
- I ride my horse at Canyon Lake (Hancock Trail) and it often has people illegally camping, driving on trails, or dumping trash. If it could be monitored better by authorities, that would help
- I'd go to Comal Park but it's essential a trash dump.
- I'd like more places to take my dogs.
- Locals are forced to use lake mid-week due to crowds.
- mobility issues
- Most often they are closed.
- Most parks around here at Canyon Lake closed during the months between September thru early spring. Best time of year to go and nothing open.
- Need level services, I have bad knees.

- need to patrol for off leash dogs. We have been attacked by dogs when walking.
- New Braunsfel is my hometown.
- No Pickleball and the trails are not maintained
- no time
- Not enough parks with playground equipment for children....those that do exist are not well designed for the heat
- Not enough parks. Stop building gas stations and apartments.
- Not sure where these parks and trails are located.
- Only knew about the one in Canyon Lake.
- Other obligations keep us from visiting more often.
- Parks and trails are often closed.
- physical ability.
- Physical limitations.
- Physical limitations.
- Safety concerns for a single woman who loves to hike
- Safety/crime issues.
- The parks around canyon lake are closed more than open especially in the fall and winter. I have lived in this area for 50+ years, so many of the areas around the lake are closed and not utilized. It appears the only spaces and times things are open and maintained are during tourist season.
- There are few off road bicycle trails except for more technical ones, such as the Madrone. We need hard surface trails for all types of bicycles, mostly for safety reasons. Biking on roads/shoulders is very dangerous in Comal County.
- There are really very few trails to walk in New Braunfels so we go to vsan Marcos who has excellent trails with c ready access and parking
- There aren't enough of them or they are too far away. You can't expect Landa Park to be the end all for anyone inside the loop.
- They usually don't have any trees for shade
- time
- Too many non residents. Disrespectful, trashy, non residents.
- Too much drinking, cussing, loud music.
- Too much traffic. Too populated
- Traffic is getting to be a bit too much.
- Trash, drunks and illegal activity.
- Visitors leave places so messy, trash everywhere, dirty diapers left in parking lots and in parks.
- We have a park, open spaces, fitness center and pools in our subdivision.
- We live on a ranch here in the County and hike, walk, play and enjoy critters large and small...working on placing our working ranch into a conservation easement.
- We live on large acreage which fulfills our open space desires.

Q6a—"Other": Why do you think open space, parks, and trails are important?

- Birding & other wildlife viewing
- Enhance air quality.
- Mental health
- Nothing about these areas protect natural habitat or provide solitude, especially in the warmer months. The parks that are "dawn to dusk" are huge opportunities for illegal activity from dusk till dawn. Curry Park is a great example. The parking lot is known for drug deals and illegal camping year round.
- Overall quality of life.
- preserves wildlife
- provide educational opportunities.
- The County needs to implement an ordinance that restricts subdivision of property, Minimum lot size should be limited to 2 acres or more. Any developer wanting to develop land should be required to allocate a percentage to open space. Water/septic is a huge issue her as well.
- There is something beautiful about sharing these parks with family, furry family too, and friends.
- They are better than the vast concrete fields built by HEB and other large companies.

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5 Survey Instrument



February 24, 2023

Dear Comal County Resident,

Your household was selected to participate in this survey for the Comal County Parks, Open Spaces and Natural Areas Master Plan. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will give you an opportunity to make your voice heard in the development of the Comal County Parks, Open Spaces and Natural Areas Master Plan. Please be assured that your responses will remain confidential.

Our partner, ETC Institute, will compile the survey results and present them to Comal County for review.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the assessment. To ensure your feedback counts, your response must be returned no later than two weeks from the receipt of this letter. Please feel free to use the enclosed postage-paid envelope addressed to:

ETC Institute

725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061

If you would like to take the survey online, the address is: comalcountysurvey.org

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Boyd, Comal County Assistant County Engineer at boydro@co.comal.tx.us or 830-608-2090.

Sincerely,

Sherman Krause

Comal County Judge

2023 Comal County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

We want to hear from you about what is important with regards to Comal County Parks, Open Spaces and Natural Areas.

As part of a master planning process, Comal County is exploring the community's interests, wishes and willingness to pay in regard to possible future open space preservation and park land development in response to the region's rapid development.

Comal County has no budgeted funds or current plans to engage in any of the activities listed in the survey below but wishes to understand the current inventory and situation in these regards and is asking the public for help to understand what is desired now and into the future.

Because of the county's limited authorities and methods to do otherwise, almost all of the endeavors discussed in the survey would necessitate large, long-term investments and expansion of government services that almost certainly would include the use of property tax money collected from you and all of our citizens to undertake.

Comal County owns or leases five (5) properties that have varying degrees of development that range from no development at all or very limited developed trails with a few parking spaces for access to lighted sports fields with large, formal parking lots. The County's approach to provision of these parks and open spaces has been primarily through partnerships with local organizations that provide varying degrees of capital funds for development and resources for ongoing maintenance.

While the County's most desired method for funding any potential capital projects is the use of non-county funds like grants, even grant funding requires local matches and has administrative costs. All monies the County would spend on these things would come from property taxes.

Your participation in this survey is very important to the development of strategies, potential partnerships and better defining its role in providing these things.

This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online at comalcountysurvey.org. We greatly appreciate and value your time!

DEFINITIONS: For the purposes of this survey, please consider the definitions of the following terms used:

- **Park(s)** - land set aside and typically developed with varying amenities for recreation purposes.
- **Open Space(s)** - land set aside for varying purposes, including preservation, buffers, drainage, and aesthetics that may have some limited development for public access for low-impact recreation like hiking.
- **Natural Area(s)** - land set aside, primarily for preservation/conservation, environmental mitigation or other like purposes that would only have limited public access, if any.

1. How often does your household visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County (including Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River State Park)?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Multiple times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Once per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Multiple times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Once per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Multiple times per year | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) We don't visit open spaces, parks or trails in Comal County <i>[Skip to Q3.]</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Once per week | |

2. If you visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County, where are those located? *[Check all that apply.]*

- (1) County Parks (Kleck Park, Curry Nature Center, Jumbo Evans Sports Park, or Hidden Valley Sports Park)
- (2) USACE Property (Canyon Lake)
- (3) City Parks (New Braunfels, Bulverde, etc.)
- (4) State Park(s) (Guadalupe River State Park, Honey Creek State Natural Area)
- (5) Private/Semi-Private HOA/POA Parks (Neighborhood Parks)
- (6) None of these

3. What prevents you from visiting open space, parks and/or trails in Comal County more often?*[Check all that apply.]*

- (01) I have no time
 (02) Open space, parks and/or trails are too far from my house
 (03) Not enough parking
 (04) Open space and/or trails are too crowded
 (05) I don't know how to access open space and/or trails
 (06) The trails/recreational opportunities are too challenging for me
 (07) Open space and/or trails do not accommodate my outdoor activities
 (08) It is difficult to access open space and/or trails
 (09) I have no interest in the types of open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County
 (10) I do not wish to visit any of these places
 (11) Other: _____
 (12) None of the above

4. Have you visited any of the following Comal County-owned or operated parks in the past 12 months? [Check all that apply.]

- (1) Kleck Park
 (2) Curry Nature Park
 (3) Jumbo Evans Sports Park
 (4) Hidden Valley Sports Park
 (5) None of these

5. Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own open space, parks and/or trails?

- (1) Yes (2) No

6. Do you think open space, parks, and trails are important for Comal County?

- (1) Yes (2) No *[Skip to Q7.]*

6a. Why do you think open space, parks, and trails are important? [Check all that apply.]

- (1) Provide recreational opportunities
 (2) Conserve natural habitats (e.g., wildlife habitats)
 (3) Protect areas from urban development
 (4) Provide healthy lifestyle
 (5) Provide outdoor experiences
 (6) Provide opportunities for solitude
 (7) Provide activities to do with friends and family
 (8) Protect water quality
 (9) Other: _____

7. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more PARKS for public use?

- (1) Yes (2) No

8. When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more OPEN SPACE for public use?

- (1) Yes (2) No

9. When it comes to natural resources in Comal County, is there a need for more NATURAL AREAS for public benefit?

- (1) Yes (2) No

10. What would you like to see more of? [Check all that apply.]

- (1) Unprogrammed open spaces and natural areas
 (2) Hiking trails
 (3) Mountain bike trails
 (4) Programmed park spaces with playgrounds and pavilions
 (5) Sports and athletic fields/facilities
 (6) None of these

11. How satisfied are you with the following types of existing recreational facilities in Comal County?

How satisfied are you with:		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
1.	Passive recreation spaces (biking, walking, fishing, picnicking, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Active recreation spaces (playgrounds, splashpads, dog parks, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Sports/activities (baseball, football, soccer, tennis, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	9

12. How important is it to you for Comal County to protect (conserve), expand, or improve the following?

How important are the following:		Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not at All Important	Don't Know
1.	Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	River corridors (e.g., Guadalupe River)	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Open spaces for passive recreation (hiking)	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Parks for active recreation (athletic fields)	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Wildlife and associated ecological resources	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	Natural Areas	5	4	3	2	1	9

13. In order to protect (conserve), expand or improve any items listed above in Question 12, do you think Comal County should do any of the following? [Check all that apply.]

- (1) Acquire land and easements through donations
 (2) Partner with government entities/land trusts to purchase land/easements
 (3) Establish a program to purchase/transfer development rights
 (4) Encourage landowners to preserve their land through federal or state tax incentives, voluntary conservation easements, etc.
 (5) Increase taxes to purchase land and easements
 (6) None of the above

14. Understanding that most would increase what you currently pay in property taxes to Comal County, please indicate your level of support for the following funding mechanisms which could be used to acquire lands for parks, open spaces and/or natural areas, and support management and ongoing maintenance of the County's system.

How supportive are you of the following:		Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
1.	User fees	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Property tax supported bonds or other debt	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Increased property taxes	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Grants	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Partnerships	5	4	3	2	1	9

15. How important is it for Comal County's Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan to emphasize the following?

How important are the following:	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not at All Important	Don't Know
1. Conservation and/or preservation of sensitive habitats	5	4	3	2	1	9
2. Preserving undeveloped areas in Comal County	5	4	3	2	1	9
3. Preservation of wildlife habitat and tree canopy	5	4	3	2	1	9
4. Preservation of water quality and aquifer recharge zones	5	4	3	2	1	9
5. Development of more trails and passive recreational opportunities	5	4	3	2	1	9
6. Development of more active recreational opportunities (i.e., playgrounds, splash pads and dog parks)	5	4	3	2	1	9
7. Development of more sports facilities	5	4	3	2	1	9

16. Would you prefer that the Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space and natural resource protection, more on providing outdoor recreation opportunities (including sports and athletics), or a balance of the two? [Select one.]

- (1) Plan should strongly emphasize open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation
 (2) Plan should slightly emphasize open space/natural resource protection over outdoor recreation
 (3) Plan should equally emphasize open space/natural resource protection and outdoor recreation
 (4) Plan should slightly emphasize outdoor recreation over open space/natural resource protection
 (5) Plan should strongly emphasize outdoor recreation over open space/natural resource protection

17. What is your age? _____ years

18. Including yourself, how many people in your household are:

Under age 5: _____ Ages 15-19: _____ Ages 35-44: _____ Ages 65-74: _____
 Ages 5-9: _____ Ages 20-24: _____ Ages 45-54: _____ Ages 75+: _____
 Ages 10-14: _____ Ages 25-34: _____ Ages 55-64: _____

19. Approximately how many years have you lived in Comal County? [Write "0" if less than one year.]

_____ years

20. Which of the following BEST describes your race? [Check all that apply.]

- (01) Asian or Asian Indian (05) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 (02) Black or African American (06) Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x
 (03) American Indian or Alaska Native (99) Other: _____
 (04) White

21. Your gender: _____(1) Male _____(2) Female _____(3) Non-binary

22. Would you be willing to participate in future surveys sponsored by Comal County?

_____ (1) Yes [Please answer Q22a.] _____ (2) No

22a. Please provide your contact information.

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

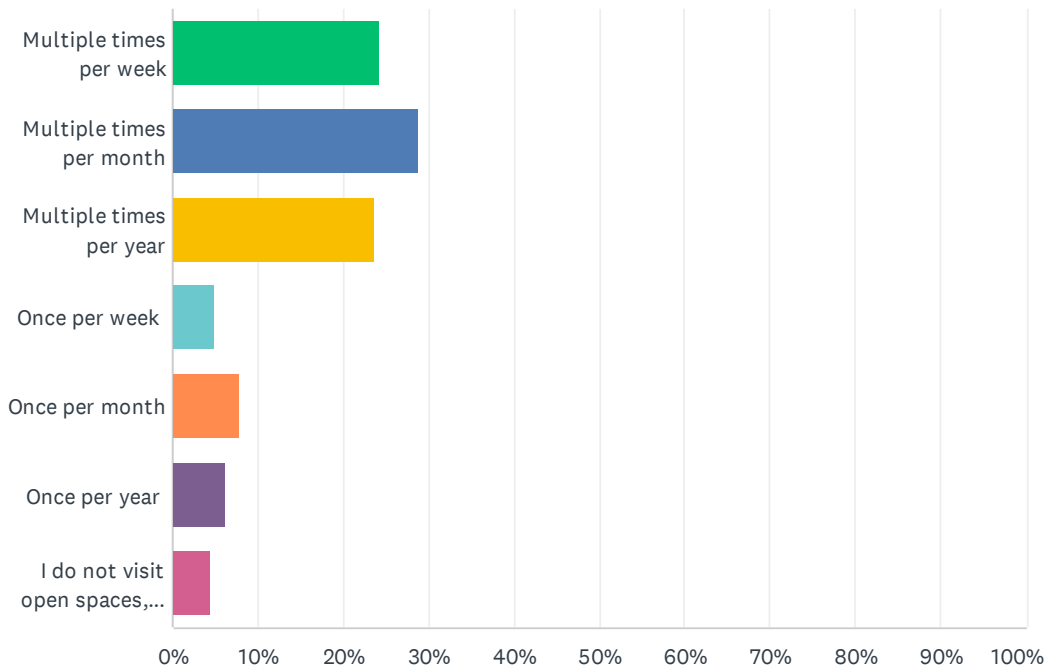
This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

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ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Q1 How often do you visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County (incl. Canyon Lake and Guadalupe River State Park)?

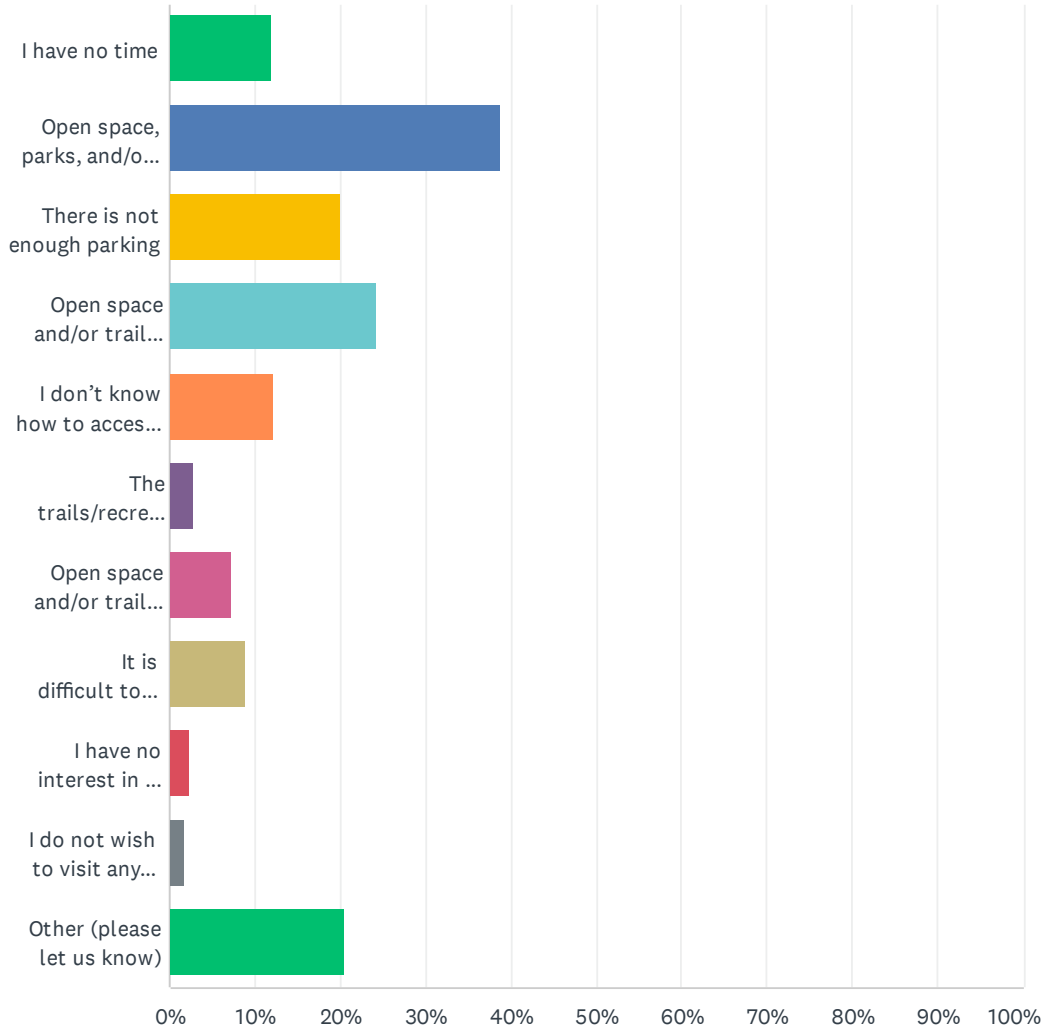
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times per week	24.31%	245
Multiple times per month	28.77%	290
Multiple times per year	23.61%	238
Once per week	4.86%	49
Once per month	7.84%	79
Once per year	6.15%	62
I do not visit open spaces, parks, or trails in Comal County	4.46%	45
TOTAL		1,008

Q2 If you do not, what prevents you from visiting open space, parks, and/or trails in Comal County?

Answered: 412 Skipped: 602



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have no time	11.89%	49
Open space, parks, and/or trails are too far from my house	38.83%	160
There is not enough parking	20.15%	83
Open space and/or trails are too crowded	24.27%	100
I don't know how to access open space and/or trails	12.14%	50
The trails/recreational opportunities are too challenging for me	2.67%	11
Open space and/or trails do not accommodate my outdoor activities	7.28%	30
It is difficult to access open space and/or trails	8.98%	37
I have no interest in the types of open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County	2.43%	10
I do not wish to visit any of these places	1.70%	7
Other (please let us know)	20.39%	84
Total Respondents: 412		

#	OTHER (PLEASE LET US KNOW)	DATE
1	Too many damn new houses taking up all of nature!	3/31/2023 11:49 AM
2	Need more RV spaces	3/30/2023 2:47 PM
3	Free access open space is limited in Comal County.	3/30/2023 11:05 AM
4	I am disabled and 83 yrs old.	3/27/2023 6:18 PM
5	I have no issues.	3/22/2023 6:31 PM
6	My time prevents me from going more times each month.	3/19/2023 9:52 AM
7	We live on a ranch so have plenty of outdoor space to enjoy	3/18/2023 11:41 AM
8	i dont know where many of these are...or heard of them...	3/18/2023 9:09 AM
9	I own a large ranch and do all my nature/fun activities there.	3/17/2023 9:22 PM
10	I would visit more if there were more to visit nearer to me	3/16/2023 6:29 PM
11	Elderly	3/14/2023 1:07 PM
12	Limited parking affects our use	3/14/2023 10:14 AM
13	N/A	3/10/2023 1:31 PM
14	Currently live in Huntsville, AL. Own Lot 1299, 332 Bentwater Place. Harley and I, r Pppace. Harley and I, Tana Harben would be supportive f ld lace. Harley and lace. Harley and I, Tana lace. lace. Harley and I, Tana Harben lace. We would be in favor of having some areas in Comal C Harley and I, Tana would be supportive of the things listed above. wou	3/8/2023 9:21 PM
15	I live on acreage that satisfies my personal enjoyment of natural spaces and wish others had access to open spaces as well.	3/8/2023 6:19 PM
16	I own 13 natural acres. I would pay tax for public nat. area parks.	3/8/2023 5:54 PM
17	So few parks and natural areas	3/6/2023 5:18 PM
18	Before committing to new endeavors, Comal county needs re-examine its current expenditures with respect to priorities and the efficient use of tax dollars. It is a mistake to assume previously established priorities should remain as they have been. A comprehensive review should include a re-justification of previously established priorities and be competed against	3/5/2023 12:27 PM

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other needs. For example, there does not appear to be a single person or budget line item in the county to address the collection of trash and debris that is prevalent throughout Comal county. Roads and easements are replete with accumulated trash and clumps of weeds and grasses filling road side asphalt and concrete cracks. Upon a recent inquiry on this topic the response was a cavalier “well, we have an adopt-the-road program.” The implied suggestion that my wife and I need to sign up and adopt a road and to maintain it in our retirement years is less than polite, and shows a clear lack of understanding of the problem. We applaud developing a ‘Comal County Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas Master Plan,’ but we do not relish the notion of driving on roads in an obvious state of disrepair, with trash and debris built up in order to visit parks, open spaces and natural areas. We already pay a small fortune in property taxes, and we know many other do so as well. Let’s not assume that the current list of priorities—that doesn’t include basic maintenance of public roads that should be free of litter—is one that should remain as is.

19	I do not wish to encourage the spending of taxpayer money to fund or create any parks, open space, or natural areas. The economy is bad and property taxes are extremely high. Comal County has had so many appraisal objections on property tax that they still have not held hearings or meetings on many of the protests from LAST YEAR! This is absolutely the wrong time to be thinking of spending on such a frivolity. Halff Associates should stop framing the questions of the survey to support a pre-determined outcome driven by environmentalist groups in the community. If Halff really wants to know what residents think, they should do substantial door to door, in person surveys or at least survey average residents at local grocery stores. All the environmentalist, preservation, and conservation groups were invited to the Halff meetings and their group names were prominently displayed on the presentation boards. Then, these groups advertised these meetings primarily to the like-minded members of their groups on their websites. This is DECK-STACKING.	3/2/2023 2:05 AM
20	Would love to have can trails in natural areas. Don't need any more swing-set parks.	3/1/2023 2:21 PM
21	Not convenient to where I live	3/1/2023 8:32 AM
22	Greed has made it impossible to access anything. Every one wants that tourist money.	2/28/2023 9:14 AM
23	Properties in my neighborhood are acreage and we are fortunate to have our own parks and some recreational facilities for the residents.	2/26/2023 3:00 PM
24	Na	2/26/2023 9:32 AM
25	I visit occasionally when they meet the needs of my activities	2/26/2023 7:04 AM
26	Age. I am a caregiver.	2/25/2023 4:00 PM
27	NA	2/24/2023 5:45 PM
28	Retired	2/24/2023 10:25 AM
29	Not enough parks around me	2/24/2023 9:04 AM
30	We are looking for open spaces all the time.	2/24/2023 6:28 AM
31	we purchased a lot in Mystic Shores but have not yet begun to build	2/23/2023 3:36 PM
32	there is not an area park for children or adults with limited mobility	2/21/2023 8:35 PM
33	need more dog parks.	2/21/2023 7:20 PM
34	Not a thing at this point.	2/21/2023 11:13 AM
35	Have a ranch (our own open space)	2/20/2023 10:41 PM
36	Particularly in summer and on holidays	2/19/2023 8:33 AM
37	Age	2/18/2023 11:03 PM
38	I am in a power chair and my husband requires a bench to rest. So far that seems not at all doable. We do spend time at Landa Park and Fischer Park.	2/18/2023 9:47 PM
39	Our county has been ruined. Thank you.	2/18/2023 8:44 PM
40	Some are just too crowded, cater to tourist, residents are snubbed.	2/18/2023 3:51 PM
41	I work at a park and hike everyday. Nothing prevents me from going to a Park except time	2/18/2023 2:26 PM

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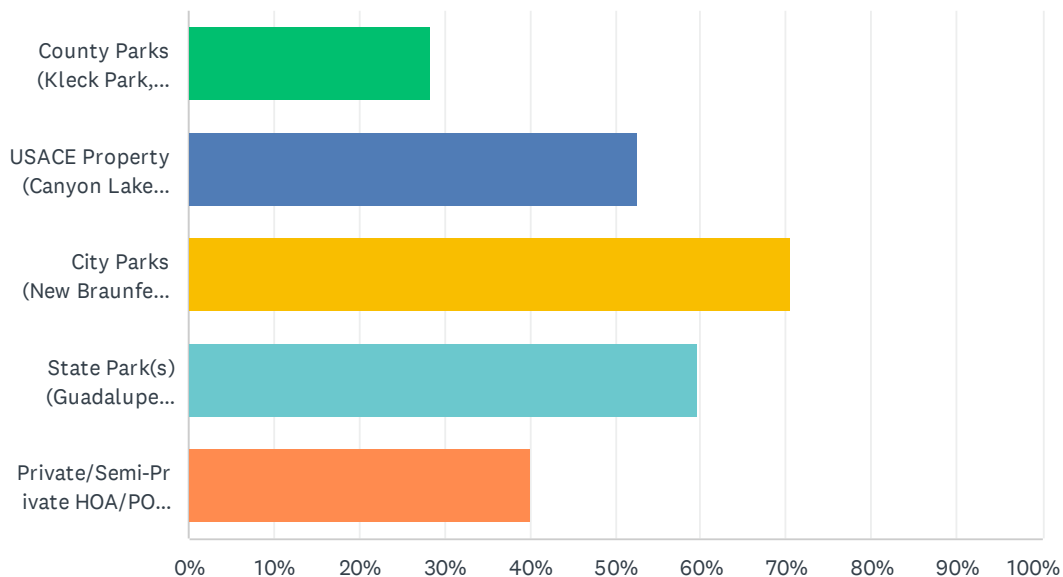
42	I do in fact	2/18/2023 1:40 PM
43	I have my own acreage for enjoying nature, in most cases.	2/18/2023 1:34 PM
44	There are not enough open to the public spaces in Comal county	2/18/2023 7:52 AM
45	Visit as often as time allows	2/14/2023 3:46 PM
46	There is not a lot of variety or options of hiking trails within Comal county.	2/13/2023 8:03 PM
47	Finding the time to go	2/12/2023 7:41 AM
48	Medical reasons, use to visit frequently	2/12/2023 12:54 AM
49	Need more Pickleball courts!!	2/10/2023 8:52 AM
50	I have my own land where I walk and can enjoy the outdoors.	2/10/2023 8:49 AM
51	We need smooth bike trails, not just mountain bike trails. It's too dangerous to ride on the roads here.	2/9/2023 7:17 PM
52	I recently moved here so don't know what all is here yet.	2/9/2023 5:41 PM
53	I go to parks very often	2/9/2023 4:13 PM
54	Need Pickleball courts in the area.	2/9/2023 3:48 PM
55	There isn't anywhere along water where I can walk my dog north of the Lake. All parks along water will not allow me to take my dog and I will not leave my dog alone at a picnic site to cool off in the water. He will be stolen.	2/9/2023 3:46 PM
56	We only have those two options. If we had a few more, I could visit them more frequently.	2/9/2023 1:53 PM
57	I don't know where the are or what is available.	2/9/2023 12:26 PM
58	My outdoor activities do not include hiking, etc	2/9/2023 11:52 AM
59	PARKING LOTS ARE USUALLY CLOSED AND UNAVAILABLE TO PUBLIC	2/9/2023 9:28 AM
60	We need pickleball in our parks. Seguin has 9 new outdoor courts. Look at Facebook at the amount of people in our area that are playing pickleball	2/8/2023 8:22 PM
61	There is not enough open space, park and/or trails in Comal County	2/8/2023 7:25 PM
62	We go to Jumbo Evans 3-4 times a week	2/8/2023 7:10 PM
63	farmer have my own open space	2/8/2023 11:36 AM
64	I do visit	2/8/2023 10:32 AM
65	Not enough trails near canyon lake	2/8/2023 10:31 AM
66	They're closed.	2/7/2023 6:47 PM
67	There are not enough.	2/6/2023 6:13 PM
68	Trails in Canyon Lake aren't well marked and usually have lots of trash	2/6/2023 6:11 PM
69	Trails are too short. Not enough diversity on the trails for MTB.	2/6/2023 11:26 AM
70	I go to parks in San Antonio or San Marcos	2/6/2023 10:32 AM
71	Not many good options	2/6/2023 9:46 AM
72	I am fortunate enough to live in a more rural section of the county with access to open space. Still I very much support, and would be willing to pay for, increased open space in the county for a variety of reasons, including water quality and quantity protection and flood mitigation.	2/4/2023 1:28 PM
73	More options in Comal would increase use for us! Very few, really, available in Comal.	2/4/2023 12:43 PM
74	Dry Comal Creek trail hard and dangerous to navigate because of Towne Creek development	2/4/2023 8:02 AM
75	There are too few of them and they're too small	2/4/2023 7:51 AM

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76	Life Schedule , but for those other citizens and for the future need to have open spaces for recreation and enlightenment.	2/3/2023 4:02 PM
77	Not sure of all of the open spaces/trails. Have never heard of the parks listed below.	2/3/2023 3:43 PM
78	There isn't a lot of opportunity for outdoor recreation.	2/3/2023 2:42 PM
79	Nor enough of them	2/3/2023 1:32 PM
80	I wish we had access to longer and more challenging routes. The trails are very short here.	2/3/2023 12:33 PM
81	The options are very limited.	2/3/2023 12:17 PM
82	There's just not enough of it. Comal Co. needs what San Marcos has. Lots of space and easy access.	2/3/2023 11:35 AM
83	We live in an unincorporated part of Comal County on acreage, so basically have our own little park.	2/3/2023 7:27 AM
84	Need more walking trails	2/3/2023 6:19 AM

Q3 If you visit any open spaces, parks and/or trails in Comal County, where are those located?

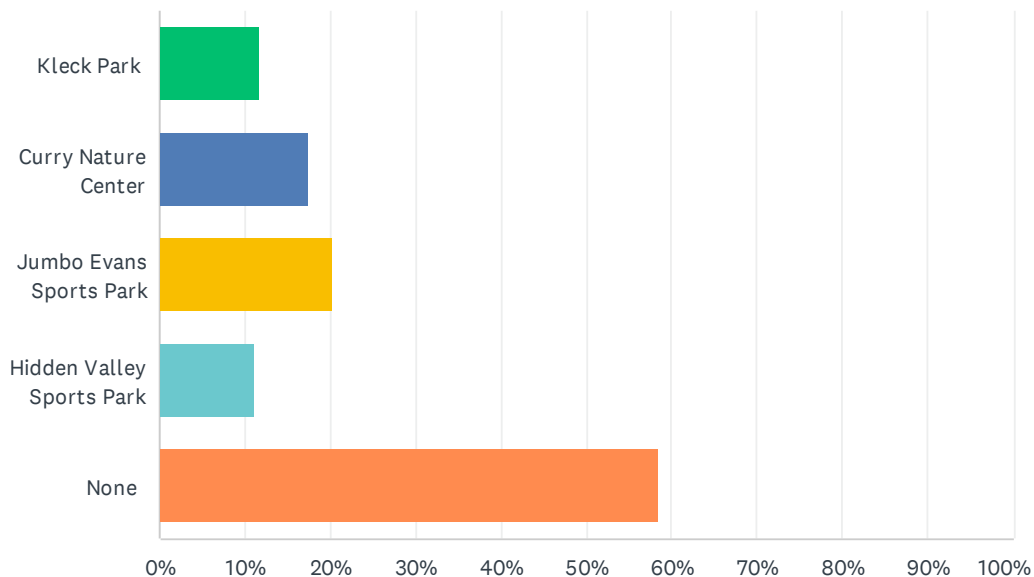
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
County Parks (Kleck Park, Curry Nature Center, Jumbo Evans Sports Park, or Hidden Valley Sports Park)	28.32%	277
USACE Property (Canyon Lake, Comal Park)	52.66%	515
City Parks (New Braunfels, Bulverde, other)	70.55%	690
State Park(s) (Guadalupe River State Park, Honey Creek State Natural Area)	59.71%	584
Private/Semi-Private HOA/POA Parks (Neighborhood Parks)	40.08%	392
Total Respondents: 978		

Q4 What Comal County-owned or operated parks have you visited in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)

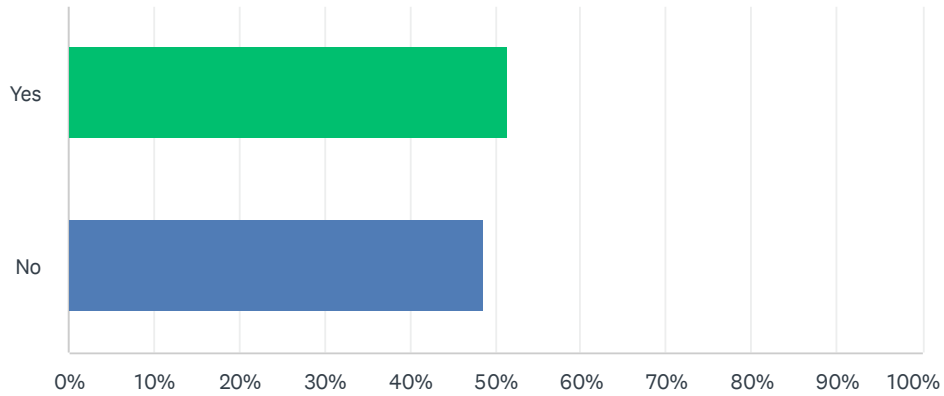
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Kleck Park	11.83%	111
Curry Nature Center	17.48%	164
Jumbo Evans Sports Park	20.26%	190
Hidden Valley Sports Park	11.09%	104
None	58.42%	548
Total Respondents: 938		

Q5 Do you live in a neighborhood that has its own open space, parks, and/or trails?

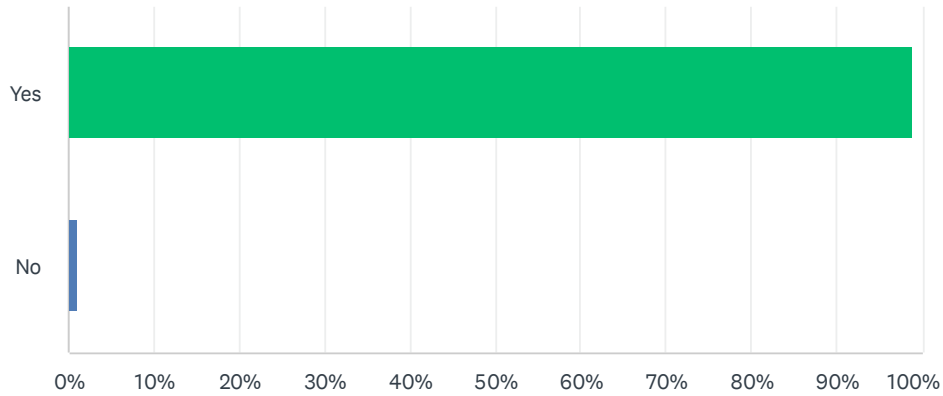
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.39%	516
No	48.61%	488
TOTAL		1,004

Q6 Do you think open space, parks, and trails are important for Comal County?

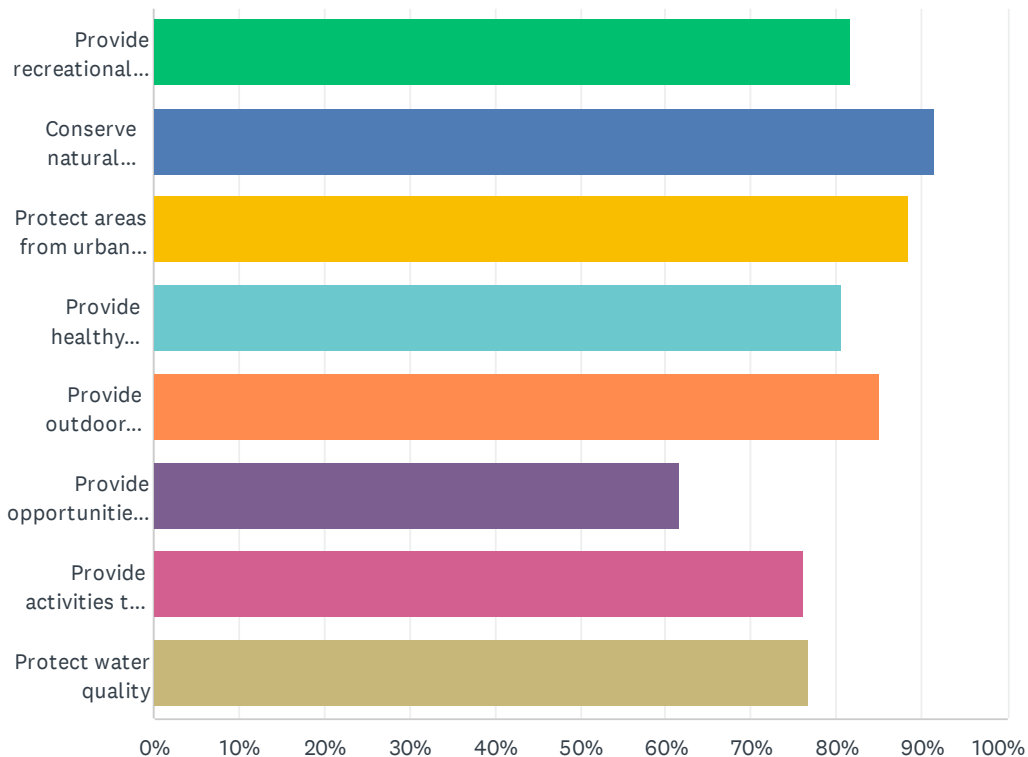
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	99.01%	999
No	0.99%	10
TOTAL		1,009

Q7 If yes, why do you think open space, parks, and trails are important? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 1,001 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Provide recreational opportunities	81.62%	817
Conserve natural habitats (e.g., wildlife habitats)	91.51%	916
Protect areas from urban development	88.41%	885
Provide healthy lifestyle	80.62%	807
Provide outdoor experiences	85.11%	852
Provide opportunities for solitude	61.54%	616
Provide activities to do with friends and family	76.12%	762
Protect water quality	76.72%	768
Total Respondents: 1,001		

#	LET US KNOW ANY OTHER REASONS THINK OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND TRAILS ARE IMPORTANT, BELOW.	DATE
1	Stop the overdevelopment, it's greed driven and destroying our community	3/31/2023 11:49 AM
2	Development is inevitable. Open space is needed to protect the environment from those who are insensitive to the natural beauty of Comal County (which is what attracts development) An	3/30/2023 11:05 AM

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open space ordinance is needed to provide required building and parking lot setbacks along roadways to provide green spaces, restricted green space reserves at subdivision entrances to prevent commercial development closing in and creating traffic congestion and destroying the serenity. Defining specific green space requirements in commercial and large residential developments can go a long way to preserve the environment that will not create a financial burden on the county. Review the requirements of major developments in The Woodlands in Montgomery County (north of Houston) to see what ideas can be applied here to provide and protect green space without a cost burden on the county. Pass this cost to developers. It will not stop them from coming - make them pay for the privilege to develop here.)

3	It helps stop unwanted urban development.	3/23/2023 4:17 PM
4	CONSERVE WATER TABLE	3/18/2023 11:09 AM
5	Conserve natural areas for future generations	3/18/2023 9:59 AM
6	With exponential growth, this has become an urgent priority. There are landowners like Mrs. Krause that is willing to donate their land	3/18/2023 9:09 AM
7	To teach children the importance of the outdoors/agriculture so they do not wish to see everything asphalt	3/17/2023 9:22 PM
8	Maintain aesthetic beauty of landscape	3/16/2023 6:29 PM
9	for community citizens to enjoy.	3/14/2023 9:54 PM
10	Property value and providing healthy environment for residents.	3/14/2023 1:07 PM
11	help limit developments that are depleting our resources rapidly	3/13/2023 5:31 PM
12	Also So development is not stack on top of each other. We do have limited water resources	3/11/2023 12:27 PM
13	Prevent heat islands in cities	3/11/2023 3:20 AM
14	Provides an opportunity for the public to witness wildlife in natural form instead of going to an urban zoo to see a rooster or deer	3/10/2023 11:44 PM
15	Offset human density, mental health, bird and animal habitat preservation, water conservation, TREES.	3/8/2023 5:54 PM
16	It's important to have a balance between development and open areas.	3/8/2023 7:18 AM
17	Prevents overcrowding and saves the natural beauty of TX for others to enjoy	3/7/2023 7:40 AM
18	open spaces, parks & trails are Comal County. As a lifetime resident I love our natural look.	3/6/2023 9:56 AM
19	Protect out mental health	3/5/2023 7:10 PM
20	They are not important other than to serve as an opportunity for government and N.G.O.s to gain control over private lands through manipulation, deception, and theft through exorbitant taxation.	3/2/2023 2:05 AM
21	Benefits mental health to be out in nature	3/1/2023 5:53 PM
22	The Hill country true but only myself, but most of the others year because of it rural open spaces. The pace of life was slower, and it was a phenomenal escape from the "concrete jungle". As much as anything, the plant diversity is part of what defines the hill country, as being lost to housing with carpet grass monoculture lawns.	3/1/2023 2:21 PM
23	Preserve beauty, air quality, retain aquifer.	3/1/2023 12:09 AM
24	Swimming, waterskiing, jet-skiing (all of which are under threat from the hydrilla infestation)	2/28/2023 11:05 AM
25	preserving nature in general. We need nature to survive.	2/28/2023 9:14 AM
26	These are the reasons why the property values are so high, the area is desirable.	2/28/2023 7:47 AM
27	Fosters appreciation for natural surroundings	2/26/2023 2:12 PM
28	Protect the beauty of the Hill Country from development	2/26/2023 11:34 AM
29	Increases quality of life and desirability of living in Comal County over other nearby counties. These factors also help increase property values in Comal..	2/26/2023 10:15 AM

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30	Although all of the above are very important, my 2 largest concerns are CLEAN water & wildlife habitats.	2/26/2023 9:53 AM
31	Conservation of nature and water quality	2/26/2023 9:13 AM
32	Outdoor people that enjoy nature cannot afford theme parks, etc.	2/25/2023 8:05 PM
33	Must protect areas for wildlife and recreation for all!!	2/25/2023 4:00 PM
34	We have so few places to go to enjoy the outdoors! Walking roads in canyon lake is not safe!! Most do not have sidewalks... we NEED more areas -Kleck is not very nice at all	2/25/2023 10:05 AM
35	Water conservation	2/24/2023 7:46 PM
36	Enhances mental health	2/24/2023 7:01 PM
37	Beautiful to look at and peace you feel surrounded by nature and quiet space, rarely experienced in the mess created by city's continued growth. It is shameful.	2/24/2023 5:54 PM
38	Provide learning opportunities for children	2/24/2023 5:45 PM
39	The economy of Comal County is invariably linked with it's physical beauty and recreational opportunities provided.	2/24/2023 11:53 AM
40	open space is a huge part of why we are moving there	2/23/2023 3:36 PM
41	Water is going to be the challenge for us in Comal in the near future. Allowing unbridled development threatens our aquifer and lakes.	2/23/2023 10:11 AM
42	Air quality, moderate temperatures, noise reduction and growth management	2/23/2023 2:35 AM
43	Healthy for the soul to be sharing nature. Take only pictures, leave it better than you found it. Respect and learn from nature. Peace.	2/22/2023 11:28 PM
44	Please quit taking away wildlife homes, I did not want to live in big city	2/22/2023 8:45 PM
45	Tourism	2/22/2023 12:05 PM
46	There are no year round parks geared toward families	2/21/2023 8:35 PM
47	we need places for well behaved dogs to enjoy outdoor activities. I think a perfect place for a dog park will be right off 306 at Hunter Rd. at the triangle	2/21/2023 7:20 PM
48	keeping the natural bueaty	2/21/2023 3:55 PM
49	Well being of the people in the area.	2/21/2023 11:13 AM
50	Since so much land is private, many people only enjoy the beauty of Comal County from the roads. Trails, etc allow the possibility of going out to enjoy Comal (biking or walking) without the danger of fast traffic on small, shoulder-less roads.	2/21/2023 10:35 AM
51	Educational opportunities for children.	2/20/2023 10:16 PM
52	Huge concern over having enough eater to meet the demand of growth. Also think we should think about water conservation and capturing for drought times.	2/20/2023 7:58 PM
53	Once the aquifer and watershed are polluted it is too late to preserve our natural areas. Please apply any funds needed such as property tax revenue, to protect our precious water resources and habitat area for many species.	2/20/2023 11:42 AM
54	Provides wildlife a safe place to live and thrive since most of their space is being developed. We must keep a balance between the human race and nature. We depend on nature and plants to survive, otherwise the human race will suffer.	2/19/2023 3:37 PM
55	Urban sprawl ruins what makes Texas Hill Country valuable, historical, and unique.	2/19/2023 3:14 PM
56	Walking out in the open helps my mental health. I also enjoy the night sky looking at stars, constellations, and the Milky Way. I am not able to see the Milky Way at my house in Bulverde anymore. I would like to bring it back into view for all!	2/19/2023 10:31 AM
57	Our county is getting way overbuilt and overpopulated. There is not enough water and infrastructure. All charm if open land is getting taken up with no regard, no zoning and it is	2/19/2023 5:12 AM

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getting junky. Most folks moved here to get out and away but it is turning into a traffic nightmare with too many people.

58	To protect the aquifer and to stop all this rapid growth until there r enough plans for sanitation, plentiful water, and adequate utilities.	2/18/2023 9:47 PM
59	It's too late traffic lack of infrastructure and transient people especially from California have ruined our county and you folks up there could've done something about it. We don't need all this shit that's happened in the last five years.	2/18/2023 8:44 PM
60	As Comal County grows, I believe it is our duty to preserve this land from overdevelopment. We need to consider pedestrian infrastructure, walkability, and equitable access to outdoor spaces. I also believe the city should install outdoor calisthenics gyms where people can workout and be healthy. We are at a pivotal moment in this county - to do nothing for fear of tax increase will keep us from properly growing and conserving the land around us. I will be more than happy to pay more taxes should these funds be properly used to develop and conserve the public access around us.	2/18/2023 6:19 PM
61	Green spaces and parks are needed to help reduce anxiety and provide calm and peaceful environments.	2/18/2023 6:17 PM
62	Means less cramming houses on small lots, less people, less water usage since we have been on year-round water restrictions for several years and getting worse.	2/18/2023 3:51 PM
63	I do not want to see this beautiful area become a suburban hellscape like my childhood area did. Unfettered development is not sustainable. We need more space set aside for outdoor recreating and habitat preservation	2/18/2023 3:10 PM
64	They're just fun to explore	2/18/2023 3:07 PM
65	The very things many of us moved here for are threatened by developers building on small lots.	2/18/2023 2:41 PM
66	Vegetation absorbs CO2, makes O2...cleaner air, provides for more aborbent of rain water, save our Central Texas "forest."	2/18/2023 12:35 PM
67	Edwards aquifer	2/18/2023 9:00 AM
68	New Braunfels has beautiful land "owned" by citizens along the Guadalupe river that has no free access for the people paying taxes. Surely, not all of that land needs to be for business owners. River rd, the most beautiful in the area, is locked up by business owners. I appreciate the river businesses for tourism but keeping it locked away from the community is just sad and a shame. I am not recommending the city take it, just make a business arrangement for some free space for trails.	2/17/2023 7:10 PM
69	Trees, air quality,. Non commercial use. If land. Scenic of it's unique natural beaut EMPHASIS ON ALL OTHER SELECTION!!!!!!y.	2/17/2023 6:01 PM
70	Provide areas for social activities, athletic activities, and can help preserve really unique parts of the county	2/17/2023 10:15 AM
71	PLAY Pickleball! :) The fastest growing sport in America! It builds community!	2/16/2023 8:07 PM
72	I would love to have hiking trails and playgrounds near by	2/16/2023 7:59 PM
73	Nature is to be enjoyed and good for health and happiness.	2/16/2023 1:53 PM
74	Protects TREES! Too many trees are lost in Comal County and it is honestly disgusting. Need better tree ordinances & protected greenspace as development encroaches west.	2/16/2023 9:32 AM
75	I believe having parks and undeveloped areas in the community brings up the value of home by making the area more desirable	2/15/2023 5:52 PM
76	The more outside parks, the better! For nature and the neighborhoods.	2/15/2023 10:34 AM
77	For all of the above.	2/14/2023 10:58 PM
78	Encourage exercise, raise property value, provide safe and appropriate places for teenagers to gather and recreate.	2/13/2023 9:59 PM
79	to get a large group together and play sports	2/13/2023 8:17 PM

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80	Every reason! Natural areas are critical for all of us, everywhere	2/13/2023 6:51 PM
81	Educational opportunities	2/13/2023 4:01 PM
82	Studies show green and blue spaces are also beneficial for mental health	2/12/2023 9:38 PM
83	Walking my dog getting exercise	2/12/2023 7:41 AM
84	We can't get it back after it's all paved.	2/11/2023 3:59 PM
85	The hills are beautiful except when they are developed by houses or other building.	2/11/2023 9:46 AM
86	Need more pickleball courts to accommodate the increasing number of both young and older players.	2/11/2023 9:41 AM
87	I think the landscape is being drastically changed due to rapid development. We must protect our aquifer and unique ecosystems. We need planning protecting historic ranches and the recharge zones. We are never going to look back and say "gee, I wish we had built another strip mall."	2/10/2023 8:00 PM
88	We need more pickle ball courts!!!	2/10/2023 4:34 PM
89	Our area specifically is being developed at record speed. If we do not do something to set aside natural areas NOW the area will not sustain all of this growth.	2/10/2023 9:19 AM
90	Need more Pickleball courts	2/10/2023 8:52 AM
91	protect the environment	2/10/2023 8:15 AM
92	Protect air quality	2/9/2023 10:46 PM
93	Need safe places to ride bicycles.	2/9/2023 7:17 PM
94	For biking, safety.	2/9/2023 6:57 PM
95	Protect the natural beauty of the area. It is all disappearing rapidly due to development. Also need more Pickleball facilities.	2/9/2023 6:52 PM
96	More public acces to canyon lake	2/9/2023 6:48 PM
97	It's nature/natural which seems to be disappearing rapidly in Comal County thanks to urban density developments and county commissioners who do zip about it.	2/9/2023 6:16 PM
98	we need pickleball courts!	2/9/2023 5:38 PM
99	Create a sense of community/belonging	2/9/2023 5:12 PM
100	Open space, parks, and trails greatly improve the general quality of life of a region, and, not incidentally, improve property values!	2/9/2023 4:12 PM
101	I enjoy the peace and quiet of walking a trail with my dog, but only Curry is on the north side of the Lake and my dog and I cannot easily walk up the steep incline back to parking lot. But, it is a lovely quiet space.	2/9/2023 3:46 PM
102	Pickleball ball courts would be wonderful!!	2/9/2023 1:51 PM
103	The existence of this spaces inspires people to do the work in protecting them at home, and abroad.	2/9/2023 12:40 PM
104	They have a significant impact on the quality of life in our community. They also serve as venues for important community events and activities.	2/9/2023 11:00 AM
105	Help moderate temperatures and not create urban hot zones. Texas is hot enough in the summer and power conservation/conversion is not enough to take strain off demand. Please let there be green space within the county/city.	2/9/2023 6:26 AM
106	Protect air quality, improve nearby property values	2/8/2023 7:39 PM
107	We need more pickleball courts. This is becoming so popular and as is growing everyday. This serves all ages and demand is high.	2/8/2023 7:34 PM
108	Encourages Sports.	2/8/2023 6:04 PM

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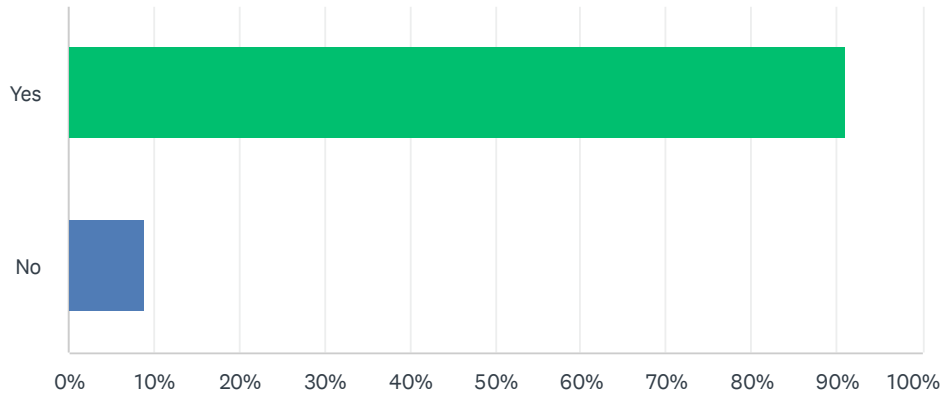
109	Pet activities	2/8/2023 3:54 PM
110	Love trails.	2/8/2023 2:54 PM
111	Protect air quality, protect water quantity, flood control, opportunities to improve mental, emotional health of residents and visitors, allow our children a place to develop a positive relationship with the natural world.	2/8/2023 1:23 PM
112	Increases property values	2/8/2023 1:18 PM
113	Need more bike trails	2/8/2023 1:05 PM
114	conserve open spaces in this county is important to me to stop urban development.	2/8/2023 10:09 AM
115	They are important to sustain the quality of life that we seek by living in rural Comal County. If we want to live amidst unplanned sprawl and ad hoc development, there are plenty of other places that offer that kind of environment which are more convenient and or advantageous. Fundamentally it's the natural beauty of the county draws people here. If we don't preserve it wisely, then it will no longer be an attractive place for any of us.	2/8/2023 9:55 AM
116	Create a sense of community	2/8/2023 9:17 AM
117	Gives wildlife a safe place to live where people can enjoy seeing them	2/8/2023 7:49 AM
118	Quality of life	2/8/2023 7:33 AM
119	Protect air quality and environment	2/7/2023 6:31 PM
120	Sports-Pickleball	2/7/2023 4:54 PM
121	Population growth in Comal county is out of control. We need parks and open spaces to be carved out before there is no space to carve out. Time to get ahead of the game and not play catch up.	2/7/2023 4:48 PM
122	Provides beauty and preserves the heritage of comal county	2/7/2023 4:18 PM
123	I think it is extremely important to protect the open space, parks, and trails because once they are gone, they will be extremely hard, or impossible, to get them back. They are also important to the physical health of the people living here while benefiting many people, not just a few. Also, I feel we have to careful stewards of our earth because it is the only one we have.	2/7/2023 1:21 PM
124	Healthy activities	2/7/2023 8:32 AM
125	Flood mitigation and heat index relief	2/6/2023 6:46 PM
126	Without public spaces eventually the d	2/6/2023 6:24 PM
127	It preserves the natural beauty of the Hill Country and prevents it from becoming close-packed subdivisions	2/6/2023 6:11 PM
128	They provide economic activity.	2/6/2023 5:30 PM
129	They can be a form of transportation infrastructure that will alleviate car traffic. We should make sure all parks are connected to each other by trails, which will enable people to use bikes and E bikes as viable forms of transportation, in order to move about their cities and partake in local economy	2/6/2023 5:21 PM
130	Aesthetics	2/6/2023 2:57 PM
131	Parks and open spaces are important factors in attracting businesses who provide high-wage jobs, and for attracting the people who would work there.	2/6/2023 2:50 PM
132	Provide biodiversity and protection for native plant species	2/6/2023 10:47 AM
133	Preserves the natural charm of our city and what makes our community different than our neighbors	2/6/2023 10:42 AM
134	Quality of life, attractive area to live in.	2/6/2023 9:24 AM
135	Wide open spaces are important to our mental health.	2/6/2023 6:24 AM
136	The community's health (all forms of life) requires nature. Once an area is paved, mined, or otherwise stripped of its natural state in any way, it is extremely hard to reclaim.	2/5/2023 7:04 PM

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137	Natural beauty and sound barrier	2/5/2023 8:22 AM
138	Great way to spend quality time outdoors with my kids.	2/4/2023 8:55 PM
139	Also protect water quantity and can be used for flood mitigation. Additionally, out door and recreational opportunities are very important to the county's economy and various studies show that a high priority for higher-end employers and employees is the availability of parks and open space for recreational activities and well-being.	2/4/2023 1:28 PM
140	Protect indigenous animals and vegetation to Comal County.	2/4/2023 1:22 PM
141	Trees and shrubs provide oxygen, and clean the air,	2/4/2023 12:57 PM
142	Especially important for young children as well as seniors.	2/4/2023 12:43 PM
143	The city parks in NB is too crowded. We have to drive to SA or San Marcos to enjoy hiking trails. There are no parks/trails off HWY 46 towards Seguin	2/4/2023 12:06 PM
144	Natural aesthetic, less impervious cover, community building, noise buffer	2/4/2023 8:58 AM
145	green spaces visually more appealing and break up the monotony of building after building after complex, etc	2/4/2023 7:00 AM
146	Hike and bike trails promote a healthy lifestyle and social activities with like minded people.	2/3/2023 4:58 PM
147	Good for the community. They are also good for the economy, they bring people to areas. There simply is not enough outdoor recreation currently.	2/3/2023 2:42 PM
148	It's to preserve what we have before it's over developed. Preserve spaces for wildlife.	2/3/2023 1:32 PM
149	We also need expand mountain bike trails. Additionally the intro to this survey makes it seem like you are trying to discourage feedback by repeatedly mention that it would affect taxes. This may not be intentional, but perhaps reword the intro of the survey so as not to bias responses	2/3/2023 12:48 PM
150	They connect the community and provide better ways to get places other than by car.	2/3/2023 12:31 PM
151	Scenic beauty, increases surrounding property value, protects air quality, better investment and use of space than urban sprawl.	2/3/2023 12:29 PM
152	We live in a Beautiful area....getting to experience it and be out in it is a privilege and priority for me.	2/3/2023 12:21 PM
153	Clean air	2/3/2023 12:17 PM
154	Improved property values for surrounding areas	2/3/2023 12:11 PM
155	Birding	2/3/2023 11:46 AM
156	Exercise pets	2/3/2023 11:19 AM
157	It's so important to be outside in our beautiful county and country. No other way to learn about the beauty of our beautiful New Braunfels. Being in nature renews the soul.	2/3/2023 11:00 AM
158	With all the increase in technology and screens, we must have an outlet for healthy, outdoor activities. Our kids NEED these spaces. So many kids have limited access, so they stay inside on devices.	2/3/2023 9:36 AM
159	The outdoors is vital for overall health and wellbeing!	2/3/2023 8:25 AM
160	Teach our future generations about all of the above	2/3/2023 8:23 AM
161	Stormwater management and groundwater infiltration	2/3/2023 8:04 AM
162	They are important for peace of mind and for an opportunity to recharge your soul through nature.	2/3/2023 7:50 AM
163	Setting aside land keeps Comal County looking like Comal County. Counties around us have set aside much more land than Comal. It is a quality of life issue and having more protected land would be attractive to both residents and visitors. Look at how over-loved Landa and Fischer Parks	2/3/2023 7:37 AM

Q8 When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more PARKS for public use?

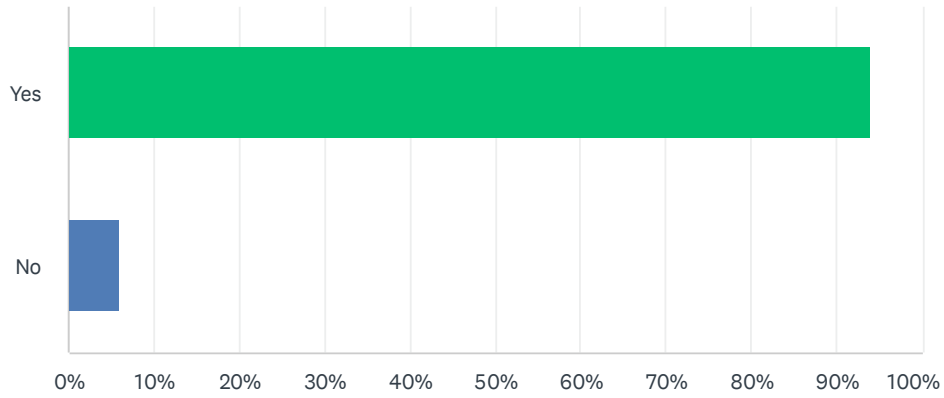
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.08%	868
No	8.92%	85
TOTAL		953

Q9 When it comes to recreational resources in Comal County, is there a need for more OPEN SPACE for public use?

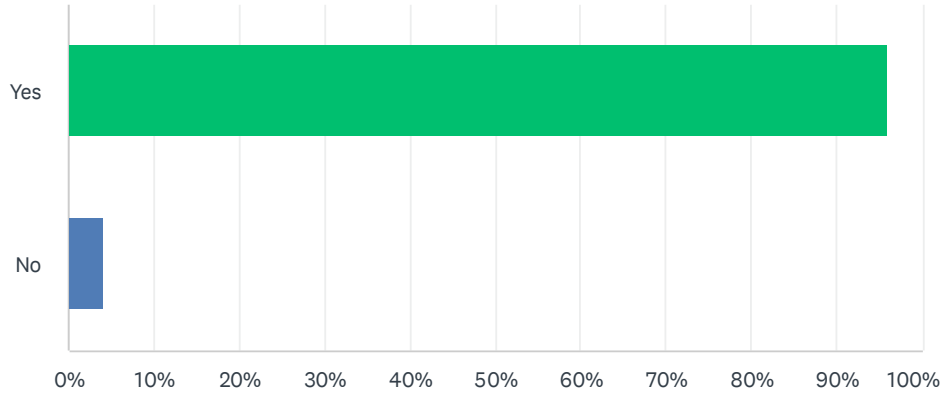
Answered: 954 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.03%	897
No	5.97%	57
TOTAL		954

Q10 When it comes to natural resources in Comal County, is there a need for more NATURAL AREAS for public benefit?

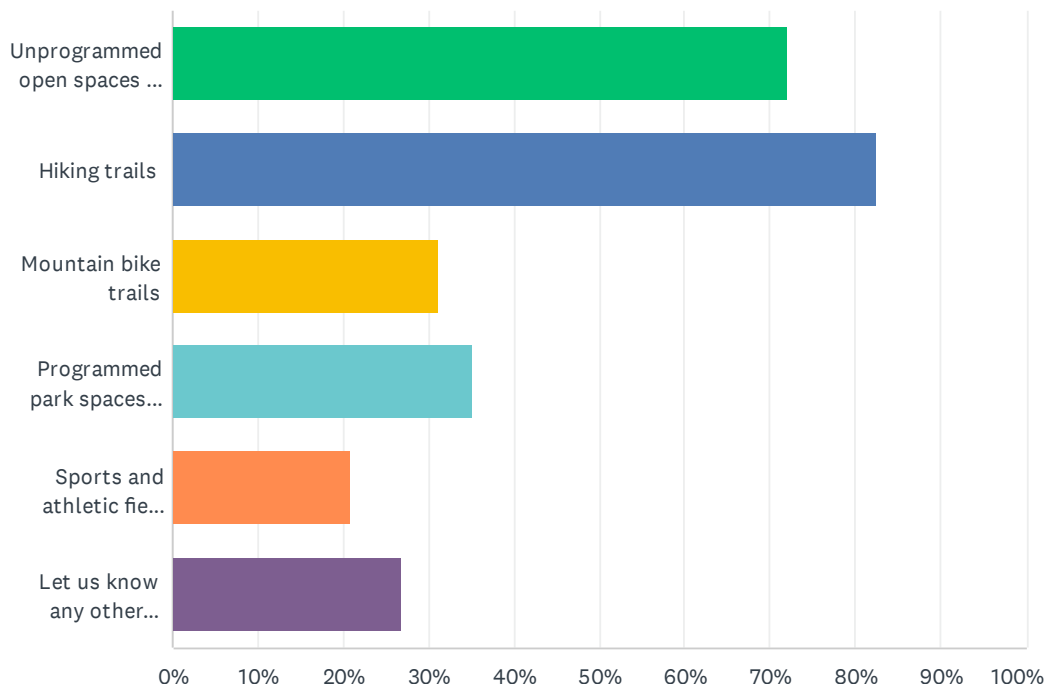
Answered: 948 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.99%	910
No	4.01%	38
TOTAL		948

Q11 If yes to any above, what would you like to see more of? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 946 Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Unprogrammed open spaces and natural areas	72.09%	682
Hiking trails	82.56%	781
Mountain bike trails	31.18%	295
Programmed park spaces with playgrounds and pavilions	35.10%	332
Sports and athletic fields / facilities	20.93%	198
Let us know any other facilities you would like to see more of, below.	26.96%	255
Total Respondents: 946		

#	LET US KNOW ANY OTHER FACILITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF, BELOW.	DATE
1	Community pools	4/2/2023 10:56 PM
2	Skating rink	3/31/2023 11:52 AM
3	Ice and roller skating	3/30/2023 5:59 PM
4	Horse trails	3/29/2023 9:09 PM
5	Regular bike trails	3/19/2023 10:15 PM
6	Wildlife and associated ecological resource areas	3/17/2023 9:30 PM
7	Easy bike trails	3/15/2023 3:09 AM

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8	Not at taxpayer expense.	3/14/2023 10:02 PM
9	Nature trails	3/14/2023 8:18 PM
10	Places for just locals	3/14/2023 9:22 AM
11	Just undeveloped to keep population down	3/14/2023 8:35 AM
12	Pickle ball courts	3/11/2023 2:00 PM
13	Recreational for motorized/future electric vehicles	3/11/2023 12:32 PM
14	Comal park and all POA's have their own playgrounds. There are a few sports parks. But, there are not any hiking trails with a good distance, say 6-10 miles of trails. For example...Curry Nature Trail is .75 mile loop. I have to walk the loop 4x to get exercise	3/11/2023 12:02 AM
15	Open areas protect wildlife, Every single day I see wildlife hit by cars.	3/8/2023 12:51 PM
16	Outdoor pickle ball!	3/7/2023 9:49 AM
17	Boat ramps	3/7/2023 8:08 AM
18	Would like to see Comal partner with Hays Co. in the former La Cima property/Purgatory Creek Nature Preserve	3/4/2023 11:51 PM
19	Running trails	3/4/2023 11:01 PM
20	Half Associates has been to enough commissioners court meetings and is aware enough of the news cycle to understand that Comal County citizens are already extremely angry at the continual extravagance and over-spending by the court and the school districts. Comal County taxpayers, in general, do not want or need any additional parks, open space, or natural areas because they do not feel they can afford them. Surely Half Associates employees have heard the impassioned pleas of senior citizens who are fighting high tax bills and trying to stay on their land; not be driven off their land by being forced to sell because they can no longer afford the ever-increasing taxes.	3/2/2023 2:14 AM
21	Wildlife habitat sanctuary or nature centers	3/1/2023 12:14 AM
22	Hydrilla-free coves for swimming, waterskiing, jet-skiing, etc.	2/28/2023 11:08 AM
23	Locals only parks. I pay the taxes here and cant even get in a park in my neighbor hood because there are to many tourist	2/28/2023 9:19 AM
24	Golden-cheeked warbler habitat as presented in the Comal County RHCP signed in 2013	2/26/2023 10:21 AM
25	More parking at existing fishing docks, fishing piers and restrooms. Traffic has become a real problem in and out of some public tubing sites. Private owners charging high price to park, extra hours for police (traffic and crossing areas), ems calls for injuries all come out with a cost to comal county.	2/26/2023 9:51 AM
26	Habitat	2/26/2023 9:36 AM
27	nature preserves	2/26/2023 9:18 AM
28	Public access to the Guadalupe River for passive shoreline activities, such as fishing.	2/26/2023 7:11 AM
29	Bird and Wildlife Sanctuaries. The wildlife is being run out with all the building.	2/25/2023 8:10 PM
30	Wide open spaces with access for parking, exploring and rest stops with water and seating	2/25/2023 4:07 PM
31	I would love to see more areas like the south Guadalupe Trail. Curry nature is ok but very hard to walk on because of the rocks. Dry Comal creek was not mentioned but it's not bad! Sports complex there too, something like this... places for kids to play, places to walk your dog on leash. Dam is inaccessible from the south right now, it's a long drive to northern entrance compounding the lack of places to go. More park areas with paths to walk, like Landa. Preserve nature, preserve the land for hiking and enjoyment high priority!!	2/25/2023 10:14 AM
32	Water spaces at river and lake	2/25/2023 10:00 AM
33	Note nature and natural areas	2/25/2023 9:18 AM
34	Do not need more sports and athletic fields to maintain; That should be a private funding	2/25/2023 7:31 AM

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35	Natural quiet areas untouched by humans	2/24/2023 5:58 PM
36	Demonstration gardens for native plants and/or landscaping	2/24/2023 5:49 PM
37	Pump track (for bicycles)	2/24/2023 9:18 AM
38	Clay target shooting	2/24/2023 5:33 AM
39	Peaceful places.	2/22/2023 11:33 PM
40	Protected land	2/22/2023 9:17 PM
41	Zipline, Parasailing, Scuba areas...	2/22/2023 6:50 PM
42	Dark Sky / Night Sky Friendly areas. Upgrade the lights at Jumbo Evans and the CCISD sports fields to be IDA Night Sky Approved.	2/22/2023 12:07 PM
43	Green space to protect what we all came here for - the beauty. The new hotel/whatever in Gruene sounds like a nightmare for parking, run off into the river, ability for locals to go support the smaller businesses.	2/22/2023 9:54 AM
44	Dog parks, walking paths in scenic areas, perhaps some picnic areas under controlled situations	2/22/2023 7:39 AM
45	I would like long-term planning to connect green spaces for long walks.	2/21/2023 9:53 PM
46	walking/ running trails similar to wimberly's blue hole park	2/21/2023 8:38 PM
47	Safe caving areas, canoe/kayak launches, connection to Great Springs Project for long distance hike/bike opportunities	2/21/2023 7:25 PM
48	Walking trails	2/21/2023 6:53 PM
49	Any natural area that can provide for native plants, trees, etc. to exist and be enjoyed by the public.	2/21/2023 5:44 PM
50	Biking trails that connect across the county to provide miles of safe distance bicycling (not mountain biking).	2/21/2023 10:39 AM
51	Disc golf courses	2/20/2023 8:22 PM
52	Educational Facilities, open air classrooms designed for schools including universities to research soil, vegetation, geology, wildlife, etc. in order to better understand and develop flood control, vegetation development for our climate, and water use planning for the future. Educational center, events, and guides for conservation and environmental awareness activities, a research park!	2/20/2023 12:39 PM
53	Education kiosks for learning about our natural resources. Little "forrest" huts.	2/20/2023 11:46 AM
54	Boat ramps and more parking spaces	2/20/2023 10:21 AM
55	Protected spaces for wildlife	2/19/2023 3:18 PM
56	Pickle ball and tennis courts that are lighted	2/19/2023 9:22 AM
57	Pickleball courts	2/19/2023 9:20 AM
58	Access to natural waterfront, which is currently overwhelmingly under private ownership.	2/19/2023 8:26 AM
59	Pickle ball courts	2/19/2023 8:20 AM
60	Pickle ball courts covered	2/18/2023 9:58 PM
61	More handicap facilities.	2/18/2023 9:52 PM
62	How about you block some of these people from moving in here slow down the development and cut our goddamn taxes, especially property taxes with the saturation increase in population what our goddamn taxes have to be so high	2/18/2023 8:48 PM
63	Green belt trail systems, hike and bike trails connecting neighborhoods to cities and shopping.	2/18/2023 6:20 PM
64	Outdoor calisthenics gyms in open spaces and along trails.	2/18/2023 6:20 PM

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65	Boat ramp parking	2/18/2023 5:15 PM
66	Star gazing areas	2/18/2023 3:10 PM
67	Better access to Canyon Lake shoreline.	2/18/2023 2:43 PM
68	Dog parks in Canyon lake,Frisbee Golf Areas	2/18/2023 2:32 PM
69	Pickleball courts	2/18/2023 12:40 PM
70	need more public tennis courts	2/18/2023 12:04 PM
71	Pickle ball courts	2/18/2023 11:59 AM
72	Local only spaces.	2/18/2023 10:00 AM
73	Camping, Dark Skies	2/17/2023 8:28 PM
74	Non commercial non entertainment. Less obstruction n of streams, rivers, views, etc. By new huge and high rise venues..!!!!	2/17/2023 6:07 PM
75	Rec center and soccer fields on the east side of 35 north and south of the Guadalupe river.	2/17/2023 1:36 PM
76	Please build paths that connect neighborhoods that don't require being on FM 3009	2/17/2023 10:13 AM
77	There is a SEVERE shortage of athletic fields to support our growing community!	2/17/2023 9:44 AM
78	PICKLEBALL courts please! :)	2/16/2023 8:10 PM
79	Native Gardens, Dark Sky Areas	2/16/2023 4:46 PM
80	Easier lake and Guadalupe River access	2/16/2023 1:41 PM
81	Dog parks, Outdoor public pool on east side of I35	2/15/2023 5:57 PM
82	Playgrounds and water play areas for kids	2/14/2023 11:01 PM
83	More Boat ramp parking	2/14/2023 9:25 AM
84	Fishing	2/14/2023 8:55 AM
85	Equestrian trails	2/14/2023 8:46 AM
86	Facilities for cultural events/ entertainment	2/13/2023 10:07 PM
87	Covered areas for play grounds	2/13/2023 8:52 PM
88	pickle ball courts	2/13/2023 8:20 PM
89	Swimming pools	2/13/2023 8:19 PM
90	Bike trails that are completely separate from roadways so people can ride their bikes safely	2/13/2023 8:18 PM
91	Amphitheater	2/13/2023 7:07 PM
92	Dog park	2/13/2023 7:01 PM
93	Natural playground and/or wild space for exploring	2/13/2023 6:53 PM
94	Natatorium it's so needed!	2/13/2023 6:51 PM
95	Tennis and pickleball	2/13/2023 6:34 PM
96	Trails along the Guadalupe and Comal Rivers	2/13/2023 11:53 AM
97	Bicycle trails	2/13/2023 10:12 AM
98	Easily walkable trails	2/13/2023 9:11 AM
99	Pickleball courts	2/12/2023 7:44 AM
100	areas for family camping	2/12/2023 12:59 AM
101	Skate park for teens	2/11/2023 6:56 PM
102	Pickleball courts	2/11/2023 11:45 AM

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103	Pickleball courts to fill increasing number of players.	2/11/2023 9:57 AM
104	Bird watching, wild life watching ect.	2/11/2023 9:53 AM
105	Need more parks with swimming beach access. In my opinion, this is needed the most.	2/11/2023 8:55 AM
106	It would be so great to have a few miles or more of smooth paving for rollerblading, biking. Much like the Velloway in Austin. Also, the 45 path is good too. But both are too far away. There isn't anywhere to rollerblade/inline skating.	2/11/2023 7:10 AM
107	I like protected ecosystems for research as well as historic sites.	2/10/2023 8:02 PM
108	We need pickleball at all parks and Need a public swimming pool on the Bulverde side of the county	2/10/2023 6:18 PM
109	More pickleball courts!	2/10/2023 4:36 PM
110	Pickleball specific courts	2/10/2023 4:28 PM
111	Flat, safe walking paths	2/10/2023 1:13 PM
112	Pickle ball courts	2/10/2023 11:52 AM
113	Pickleball courts	2/10/2023 10:11 AM
114	Pickle ball courts	2/10/2023 9:37 AM
115	As a society we are becoming more and more disconnected from nature. Without some protection, there is no hope for life as we know it in Comal County.	2/10/2023 9:23 AM
116	Pickleball courts	2/10/2023 8:54 AM
117	Pickleball courts	2/10/2023 8:35 AM
118	Pickleball courts	2/10/2023 8:31 AM
119	Pickleball courts!!	2/10/2023 8:21 AM
120	Specifically pickle ball courts.	2/10/2023 8:08 AM
121	Horseback riding trails, areas for research for preservation (caves/aquifers) dye tracing. Air monitoring stations. All available for public to see and get educated as to why this preservation is necessary. Universities may actually go in on this with the county! .	2/10/2023 6:50 AM
122	Pickleball courts	2/10/2023 6:48 AM
123	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 10:23 PM
124	Pickleball	2/9/2023 10:17 PM
125	Pickle ball courts	2/9/2023 8:03 PM
126	Bicycle Trails, paved or smooth crushed rock.	2/9/2023 7:20 PM
127	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 7:03 PM
128	Trails for bicycles other than mountain bikes!	2/9/2023 7:01 PM
129	Undeveloped Green Space and undeveloped hillsides are disappearing. Negatively impacts wildlife and the aesthetics of the area.	2/9/2023 6:52 PM
130	Pickleball Courts	2/9/2023 6:25 PM
131	Specifically PickleBall. NOT more tennis.	2/9/2023 6:18 PM
132	Dog park	2/9/2023 6:16 PM
133	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 6:05 PM
134	pickleball courts	2/9/2023 6:00 PM
135	Pickleball courts!	2/9/2023 5:45 PM
136	pickleball areas	2/9/2023 5:40 PM

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137	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 5:06 PM
138	Pickelball	2/9/2023 5:02 PM
139	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 4:49 PM
140	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 4:39 PM
141	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 4:23 PM
142	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 4:18 PM
143	Pickle ball courts	2/9/2023 4:11 PM
144	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 4:09 PM
145	Conservation easements	2/9/2023 3:57 PM
146	Outdoor Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 3:52 PM
147	PICKLEBALL COURTS	2/9/2023 3:51 PM
148	Somewhere with water that I can bring my dog to in the road, but we cannot do that anymore.	2/9/2023 3:49 PM
149	Pickleball Courts	2/9/2023 3:43 PM
150	Pickleball Courts	2/9/2023 3:25 PM
151	Covered Pickleball Courts. The cover is important for limiting sun exposure and increasing use. Off Road trails for ATVs. Dedicated Bike Trails with reasonable grades for all ages.	2/9/2023 3:25 PM
152	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 3:23 PM
153	Pickleball Courts	2/9/2023 2:40 PM
154	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 2:30 PM
155	Pickleball	2/9/2023 2:16 PM
156	Water access, river specifically	2/9/2023 2:05 PM
157	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 1:54 PM
158	Paddler access along the Guadalupe River	2/9/2023 12:43 PM
159	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 12:30 PM
160	Dedicated pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport.	2/9/2023 12:01 PM
161	We need an area to play pickleball	2/9/2023 11:55 AM
162	Would absolutely love to have pickleball courts!!	2/9/2023 11:38 AM
163	Pickle ball courts	2/9/2023 11:30 AM
164	Performing arts spaces. A community the size of ours should provide more spaces for the performing arts.	2/9/2023 11:04 AM
165	Lots of open space around Devils Backbone that is sensitive and needs protection/preservation.	2/9/2023 10:47 AM
166	Pickleball Courts	2/9/2023 10:46 AM
167	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 8:47 AM
168	Pickleball courts	2/9/2023 8:08 AM
169	Public swimming beaches on Canyon Lake	2/9/2023 8:07 AM
170	Dedicated pickleball courts	2/8/2023 10:04 PM
171	Skateboarding, skating, scooter, and bmx pump track (concrete)	2/8/2023 9:57 PM
172	Pickle ball courts	2/8/2023 8:36 PM
173	Pickleball especially in Comal county garden ridge area we don't have any county resources	2/8/2023 8:22 PM

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174	Would like to see more Pickleball courts	2/8/2023 8:22 PM
175	Nature education centers, very large open spaces/natural areas	2/8/2023 7:43 PM
176	Pickleball courts	2/8/2023 7:39 PM
177	Pickleball courts as above noted.	2/8/2023 7:35 PM
178	Pickleball courts	2/8/2023 7:30 PM
179	Green belts that connect multiple hiking/bicycling trails for a longer miles experience. I'd like to see Open Space development in Canyon Lake, as there are so few here in comparison to the other cities in Comal County.	2/8/2023 7:28 PM
180	Off-road bike trails that are not technical and allow for safe cycling	2/8/2023 7:26 PM
181	Would LOVE to see a frisbee golf course! Great family activity.	2/8/2023 7:09 PM
182	Dedicated pickleball courts	2/8/2023 6:53 PM
183	Improve Baseball facilities, Turf field and Cover Bleachers	2/8/2023 6:09 PM
184	Water/river access	2/8/2023 5:16 PM
185	Guadalupe River protected spaces (less homes on the river) and river access	2/8/2023 1:22 PM
186	Dog parks. New braunfels only has one	2/8/2023 12:14 PM
187	Dog parks please!	2/8/2023 11:18 AM
188	Trail for Equestrians	2/8/2023 10:45 AM
189	Natural parks with trails where people can enjoy the wild life that lives in the area	2/8/2023 7:57 AM
190	Accessible facilities. Like swings that will hold wheelchairs.	2/7/2023 9:29 PM
191	Lake access year round and increased access in summer	2/7/2023 6:50 PM
192	Pickleball courts	2/7/2023 4:57 PM
193	More requirements for green spaces in businesses - like parking lots for big stores, shopping malls, residential builders, companies. Require more trees, plants, grass to be planted for a set amount of concrete or paving put down. Also set standards that prevents builders from coming in and tearing out every tree on a piece of property to build something - either through restrictions or monetary incentives.	2/7/2023 1:36 PM
194	Pickleball courts	2/7/2023 8:35 AM
195	Picnic spaces, campsites	2/6/2023 9:37 PM
196	Water recreation access. Put in/take out for personal watercraft.	2/6/2023 7:57 PM
197	public outdoor pickleball courts	2/6/2023 7:47 PM
198	Natural surface running trails (smoother than many hiking trails), similar to the natural surface trails in McAllister Park.	2/6/2023 7:35 PM
199	Natural sciences education,	2/6/2023 6:50 PM
200	Nature trails with signposts about local flora and fauna	2/6/2023 6:13 PM
201	Connecting hike/bike trails between parks and open spaces.	2/6/2023 5:33 PM
202	Bike trails that connect all parks within the county	2/6/2023 5:23 PM
203	Rock climbing facility indoors	2/6/2023 4:19 PM
204	Walking paths	2/6/2023 3:47 PM
205	Any greenway trails similar to those in San Antonio would be great - paved or unpaved	2/6/2023 3:01 PM
206	More river access for all	2/6/2023 10:33 AM
207	Trails	2/6/2023 9:36 AM

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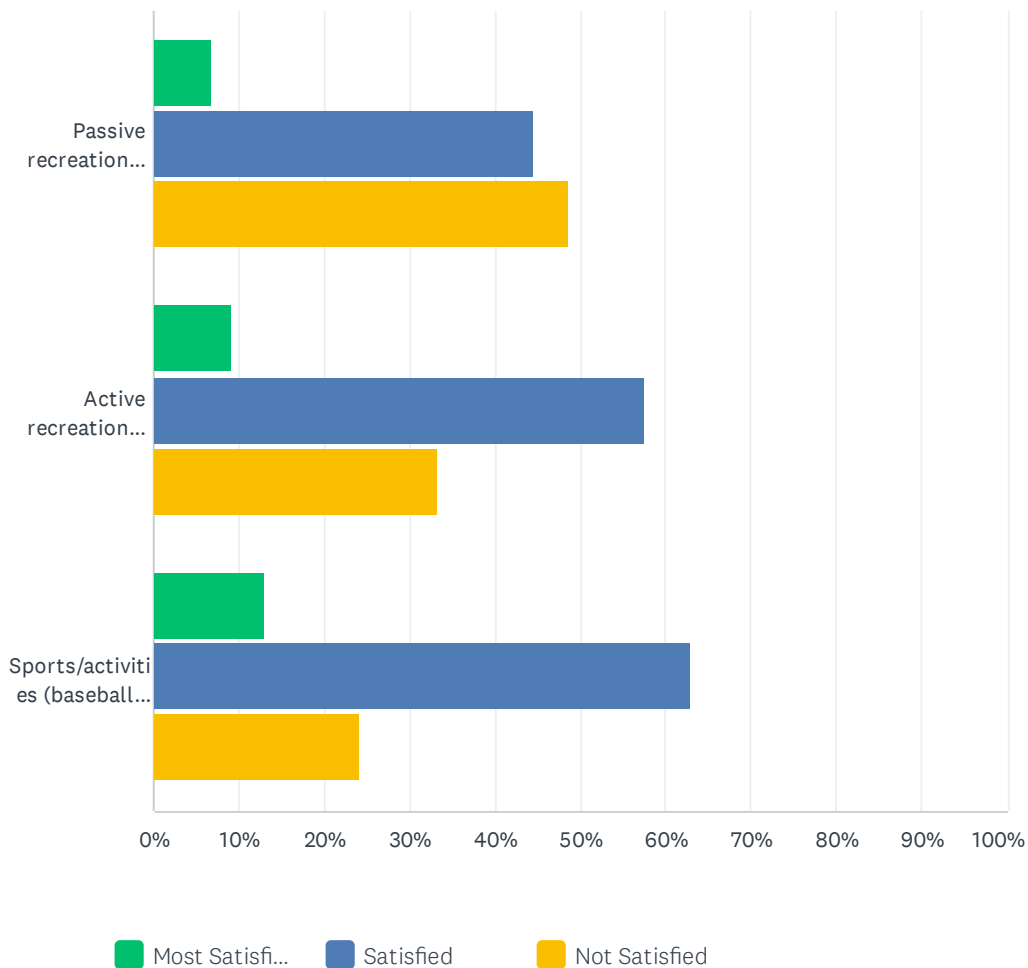
208	Comal Trails Alliance Expansion	2/6/2023 9:36 AM
209	It feels like there are really only two parks for general adult walking/recreation with dogs, Fisher Park (which has no shade) and Landa Park (which is regularly crowded) would like just better walkable areas around town in general. The only hiking IN town is Panther Canyon. The fields are out of the way and usually booked far in advance.	2/6/2023 9:01 AM
210	Pickle Ball Courts	2/6/2023 8:44 AM
211	Lands that help support wildlife.	2/6/2023 6:26 AM
212	more public tennis courts	2/6/2023 5:51 AM
213	No clear cutting trees and natural habitats	2/5/2023 7:49 PM
214	New Braunfels' population is rapidly becoming over urbanized with huge apartment complexes in many parts of the city and wider roads. People will continue to need outdoor space for physical activity and good mental health. I live near Landa Park, and on any nice day our beautiful park is over crowded, even with the other, newre park and pocket parks in our city.	2/5/2023 7:14 PM
215	Regular biking trails to get people off the roads. Texas is VERY lacking in resources for recreational biking.	2/5/2023 7:02 PM
216	Large open fields for trained dog exercise and training in a location which is dirt or sod, a CLEAN water supply and none of the stupid rules or enforcement. At your own risk for TRAINED dogs.	2/5/2023 8:28 AM
217	A place to wander in nature without much urban noise	2/4/2023 9:29 PM
218	We definitely need more sports complexes around here. We have outgrown the fields. It would also be great to have additional places to mountain bike and hike!	2/4/2023 8:59 PM
219	we need green space for native species and for the aquifer....Totally empty	2/4/2023 8:57 PM
220	Easy walking paths & pet parks	2/4/2023 6:22 PM
221	Protection of the Dry Comal Creek, Dry Bear Creek and other waterways upstream of the Guadalupe and Comal Rivers.	2/4/2023 1:27 PM
222	Accomodate use for those wanting to sit in an area, photo, bird watch & more.	2/4/2023 12:50 PM
223	Walking trails	2/4/2023 12:38 PM
224	River launches and take outs	2/4/2023 7:53 AM
225	Paved 2 lane cycling trails	2/4/2023 7:32 AM
226	another dog park near 306 side of town	2/4/2023 7:13 AM
227	Running trails please, I usually run on the streets.	2/4/2023 5:49 AM
228	Nature preserves	2/3/2023 8:45 PM
229	Comal County is a beautiful natural area that is quickly being gobbled up by unchecked growth to the great detriment of the community	2/3/2023 4:54 PM
230	I would really like more biking shared use trails. and specifically natural surface single track mountain biking trails.	2/3/2023 2:44 PM
231	Pickle ball	2/3/2023 2:30 PM
232	public access river facilities	2/3/2023 1:41 PM
233	The county has dropped the ball when it comes to preservation and buying land to protect. Counties around us have and Comal has failed and yet they have surveys to ask obvious questions. Of course we need more parks and trails. And no we don't need anymore money wasted on sports fields.	2/3/2023 1:36 PM
234	Quality Dog parks	2/3/2023 1:04 PM
235	Kayak access	2/3/2023 12:45 PM
236	Nature parks	2/3/2023 12:39 PM

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237	Greenbelt	2/3/2023 12:35 PM
238	Comprehensive bike paths, bike lanes, not just nursing biking but walking and running trails with bike access.	2/3/2023 12:20 PM
239	Open spaces that are dog friendly	2/3/2023 12:16 PM
240	public outdoor track	2/3/2023 11:58 AM
241	Nature centers	2/3/2023 11:54 AM
242	Outdoor teaching spaces and opportunities	2/3/2023 11:39 AM
243	Long and interconnected hiking, mtn biking trails. See San Antonio, for example.	2/3/2023 11:38 AM
244	More outdoor programming. LESS HOME AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT	2/3/2023 11:06 AM
245	Community gardens	2/3/2023 11:00 AM
246	Black land Prairie and Edwards Plateau native areas with all of the invasive species removed.	2/3/2023 9:36 AM
247	More man made ponds, streams and waterfalls where springs aren't present	2/3/2023 9:20 AM
248	We have one of the largest Trout Unlimited Chapters in the country and no river access or parking options.	2/3/2023 8:29 AM
249	Bird blinds for viewing our amazing Texas and migratory birds	2/3/2023 8:26 AM
250	Protected areas around our water sources, i.e. Comal Springs	2/3/2023 8:14 AM
251	There is a need for an indoor dog park that can be accessed through out the year, especially in the summer when it's too hot to take you dog to an outdoor park. Treat like a gym membership with a monthly fee. People will pay. North Texas has several indoor dog parks. Contact me for more info: Eric Langenhahn 830-730-7625 langenhahn61@gmail.com	2/3/2023 8:09 AM
252	Bird blinds for birdwatching	2/3/2023 8:08 AM
253	Bird blinds, water sports opportunities	2/3/2023 7:53 AM
254	We need more natural areas open to the public which also include identifying plaques for selected plants, shrubs and trees.	2/3/2023 7:30 AM
255	Conservation easements	2/3/2023 6:41 AM

Q12 How satisfied are you with the existing recreational facilities, with regard to the following:

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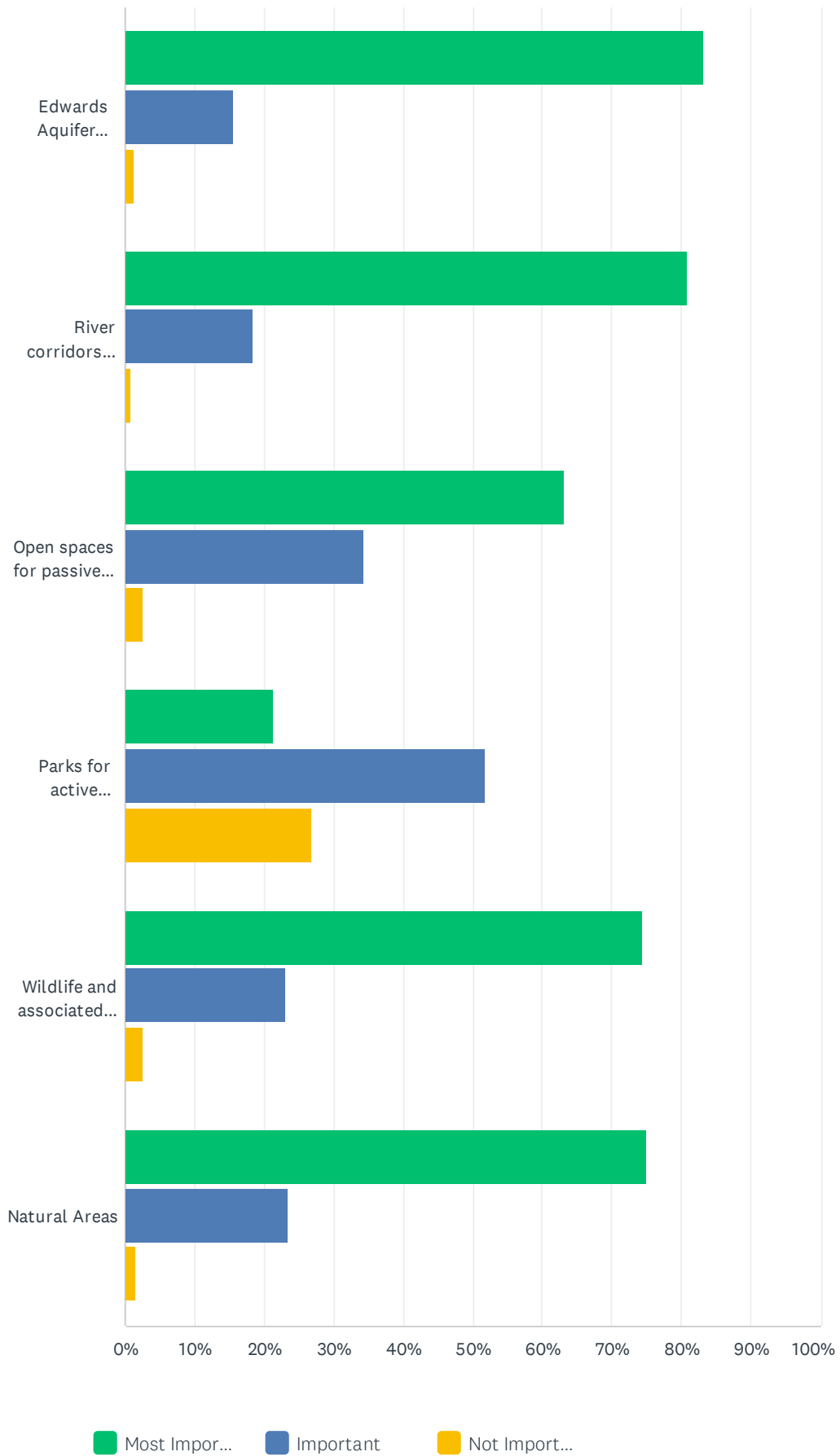


	MOST SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	TOTAL
Passive recreation spaces (i.e., biking, walking, fishing, picnicking, etc.)	6.75% 63	44.65% 417	48.61% 454	934
Active recreation spaces (i.e., playgrounds, splashpads, dog parks, etc.)	9.17% 84	57.53% 527	33.30% 305	916
Sports/activities (baseball, football, soccer, tennis)	12.99% 116	62.82% 561	24.19% 216	893

Q13 How important is it to you for Comal County to protect (conserve), expand, or improve:

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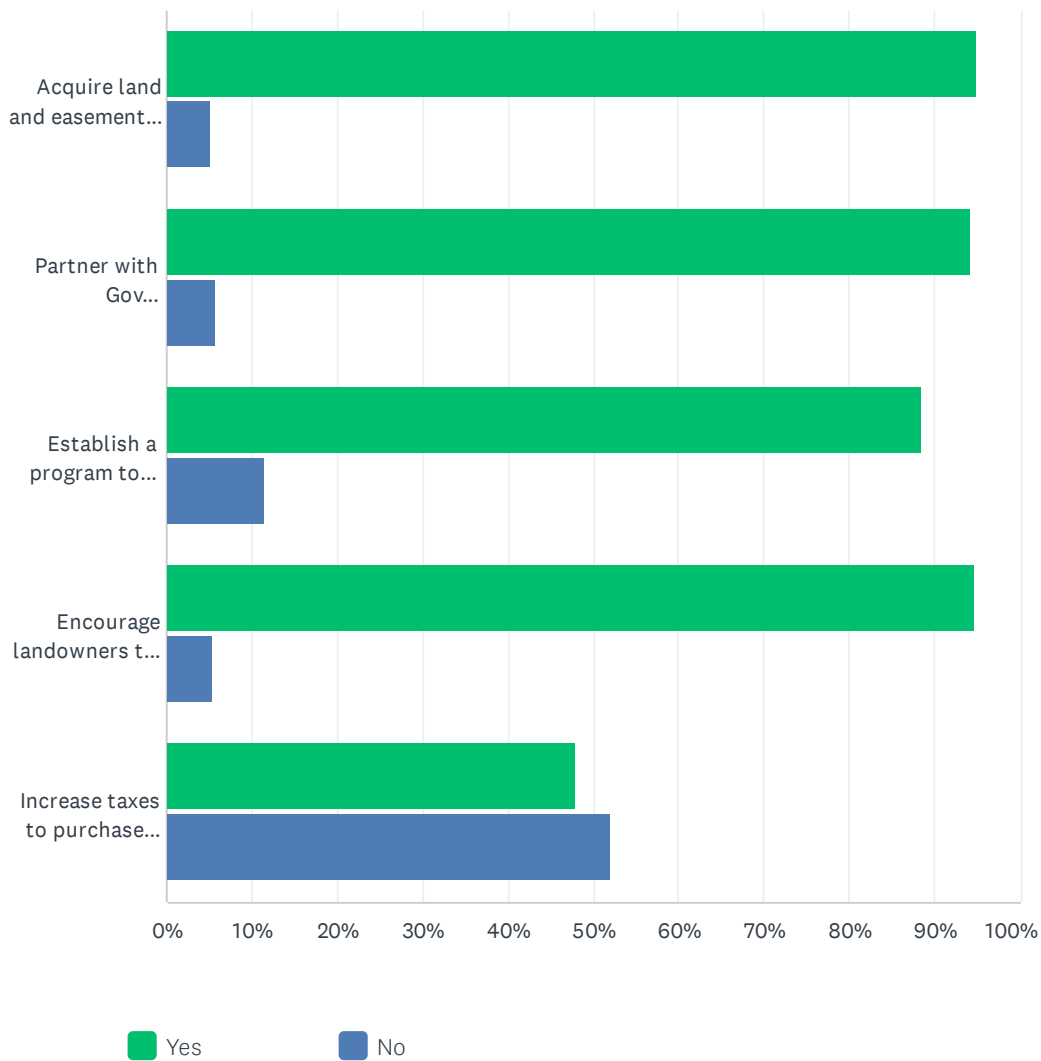


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	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	83.09% 791	15.65% 149	1.26% 12	952
River corridors (e.g., Guadalupe River)	80.82% 771	18.24% 174	0.94% 9	954
Open spaces for passive recreation (hiking)	63.05% 599	34.32% 326	2.63% 25	950
Parks for active recreation (athletic fields)	21.25% 197	51.78% 480	26.97% 250	927
Wildlife and associated ecological resources	74.42% 707	23.05% 219	2.53% 24	950
Natural Areas	75.03% 712	23.39% 222	1.58% 15	949

Q14 In order to protect (conserve), expand or improve any of the above, do you think Comal County should:

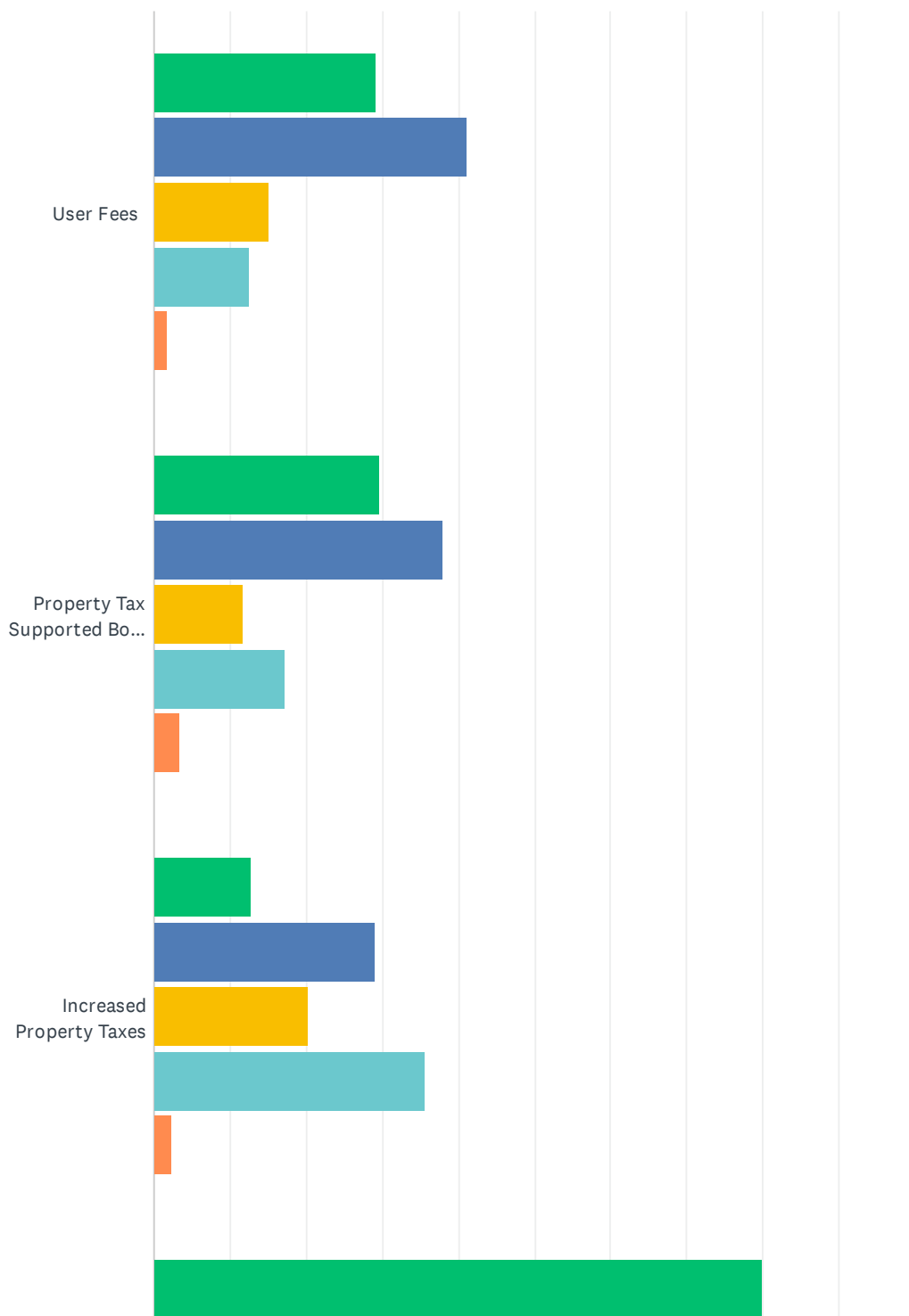
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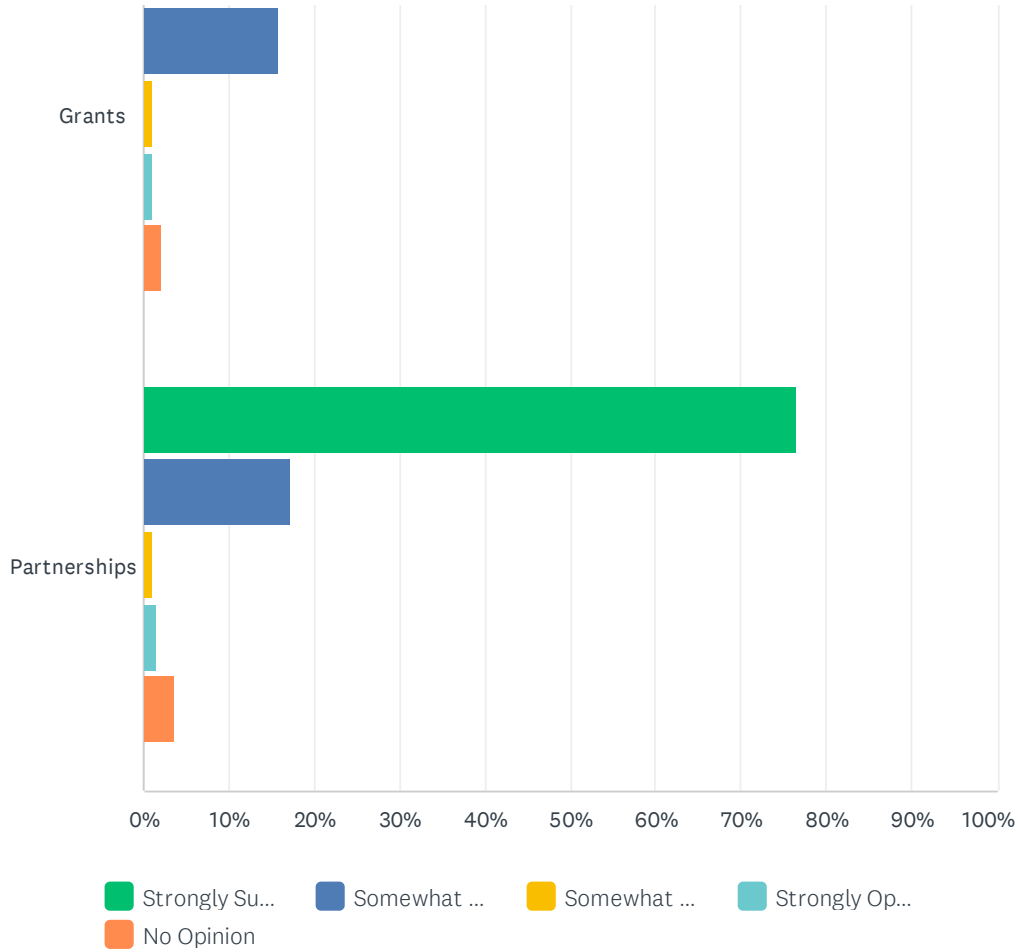
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Acquire land and easements through donations	94.95% 884	5.05% 47	931
Partner with Gov Entities/land trusts to purchase land/easements	94.14% 867	5.86% 54	921
Establish a program to purchase/transfer development rights	88.57% 783	11.43% 101	884
Encourage landowners to preserve their land through federal or state tax incentives, voluntary conservation easements, etc.	94.73% 880	5.27% 49	929
Increase taxes to purchase land and easements	47.94% 431	52.06% 468	899

Q15 Understanding that most all would increase what you currently pay in property taxes to Comal County, please indicate your level of support for the following funding mechanisms which could be used for acquisition of lands for parks, open spaces and/or natural areas, and support management and ongoing maintenance of the County's system.

Answered: 954 Skipped: 60



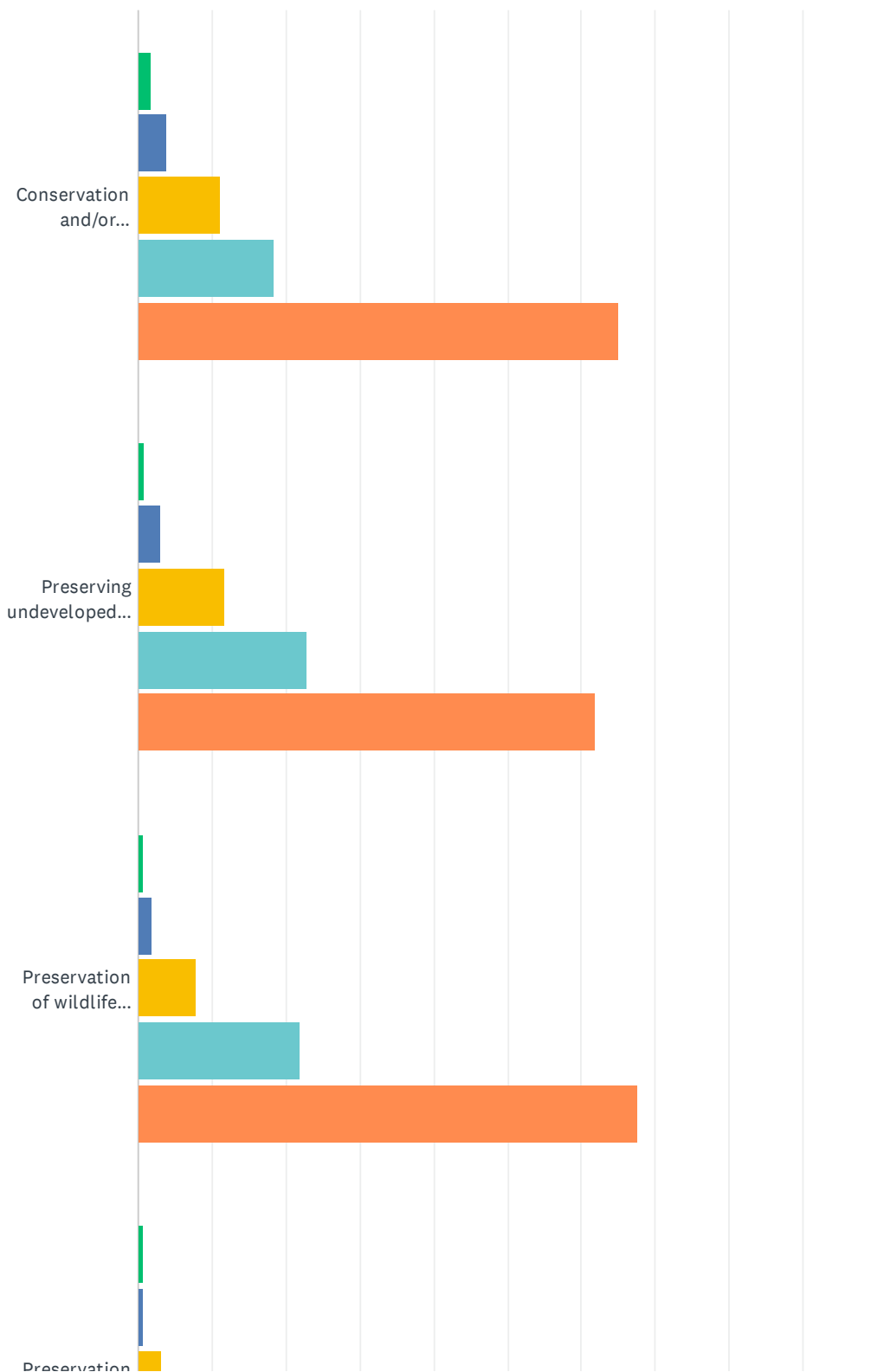
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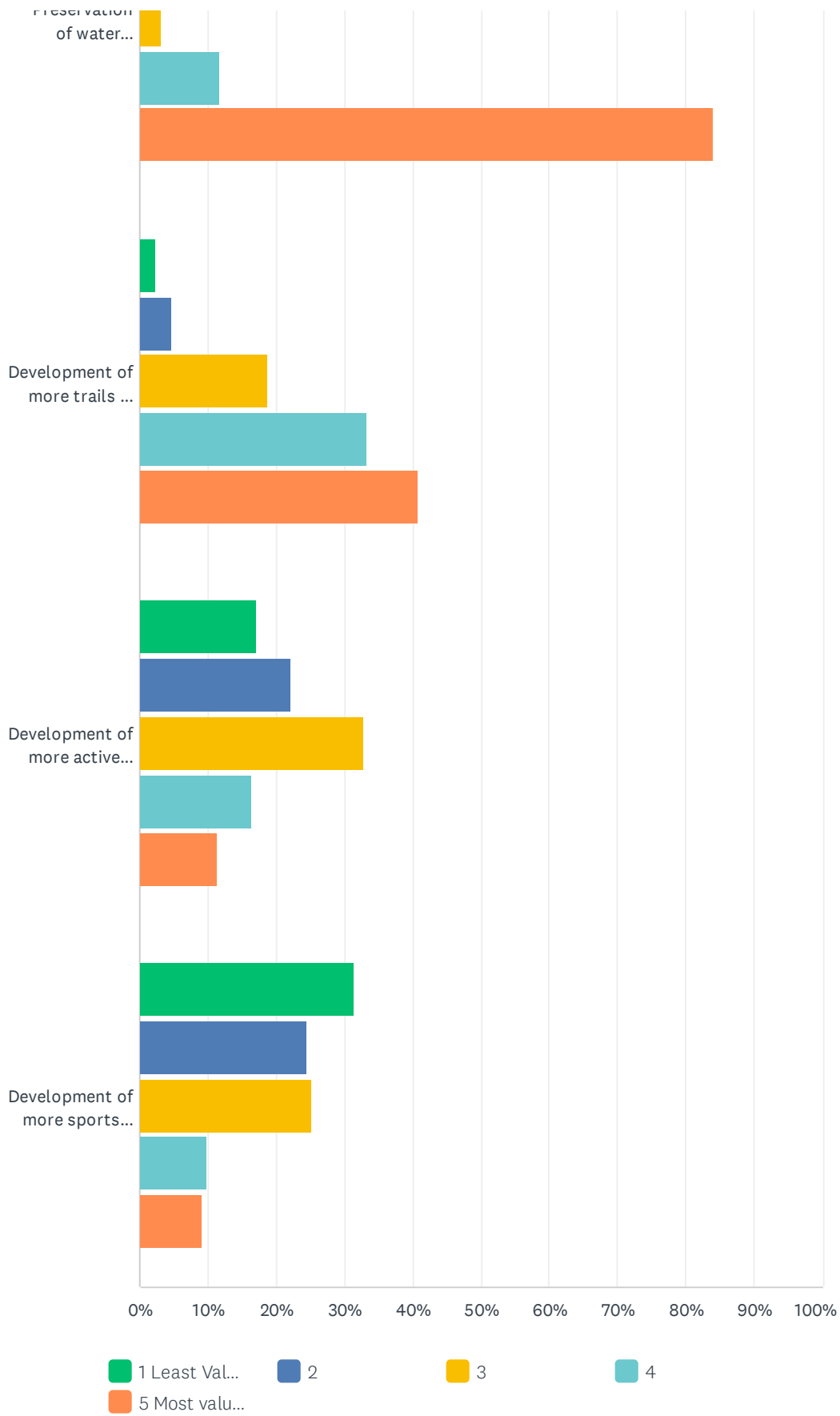
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
User Fees	29.29% 275	41.21% 387	15.12% 142	12.57% 118	1.81% 17	939
Property Tax Supported Bonds or Other Debt	29.62% 279	38.00% 358	11.68% 110	17.20% 162	3.50% 33	942
Increased Property Taxes	12.74% 120	29.09% 274	20.17% 190	35.56% 335	2.44% 23	942
Grants	79.87% 758	15.70% 149	1.16% 11	1.16% 11	2.11% 20	949
Partnerships	76.61% 727	17.18% 163	1.05% 10	1.48% 14	3.69% 35	949

Q16 What aspects of Comal County's open spaces do you hope to see the County emphasize as it develops its Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan? 1 (least valuable) - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 (most valuable)

Answered: 918 Skipped: 96



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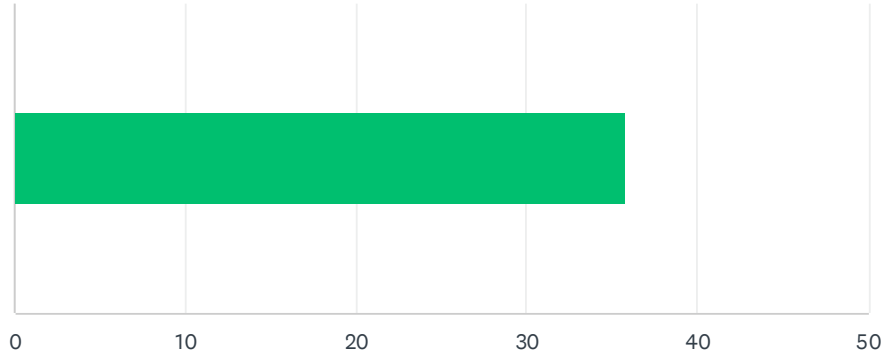


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	1 LEAST VALUABLE	2	3	4	5 MOST VALUABLE	TOTAL
Conservation and/or preservation of sensitive habitats	1.66% 15	3.86% 35	11.15% 101	18.32% 166	65.01% 589	906
Preserving undeveloped areas in Comal County	0.88% 8	2.97% 27	11.65% 106	22.75% 207	61.76% 562	910
Preservation of wildlife habitat and tree canopy	0.66% 6	1.87% 17	7.90% 72	22.06% 201	67.51% 615	911
Preservation of water quality and aquifer recharge zones	0.55% 5	0.55% 5	3.17% 29	11.79% 108	83.95% 769	916
Development of more trails and passive recreational opportunities	2.41% 22	4.71% 43	18.84% 172	33.30% 304	40.74% 372	913
Development of more active recreational opportunities (i.e. playgrounds, splashpads and dog parks)	17.07% 155	22.25% 202	32.82% 298	16.52% 150	11.34% 103	908
Development of more sports facilities	31.24% 284	24.42% 222	25.19% 229	9.90% 90	9.24% 84	909

Q17 Would you prefer that the Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan focus more on open space and natural resource protection, providing outdoor recreation opportunities (including sports and athletics), or a balance of the two? (Use the sliding-bar to tell us)

Answered: 858 Skipped: 156



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Total Respondents: 858			

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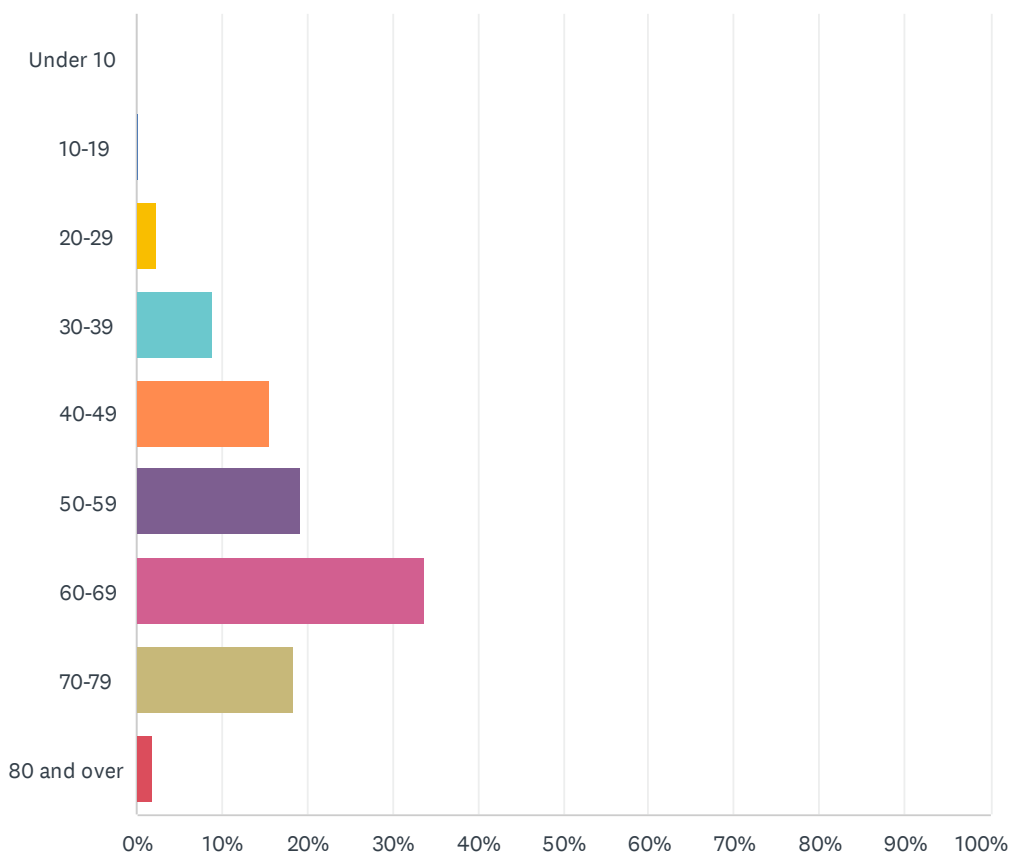
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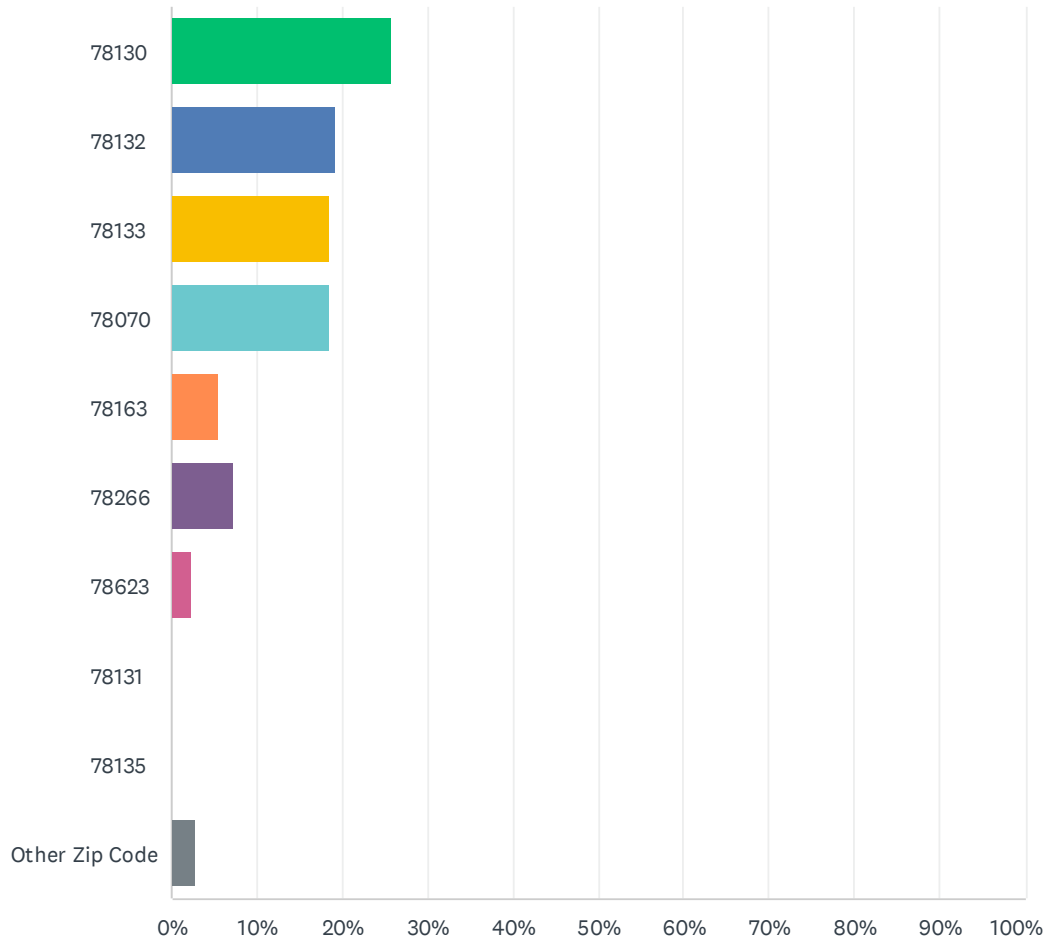
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Under 10	0.00%	0
10-19	0.22%	2
20-29	2.28%	21
30-39	8.99%	83
40-49	15.60%	144
50-59	19.18%	177
60-69	33.59%	310
70-79	18.31%	169
80 and over	1.84%	17
TOTAL		923

Q19 What is your zip code?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
78130	25.73%	238
78132	19.14%	177
78133	18.59%	172
78070	18.59%	172
78163	5.62%	52
78266	7.24%	67
78623	2.27%	21
78131	0.00%	0
78135	0.00%	0
Other Zip Code	2.81%	26
TOTAL		925

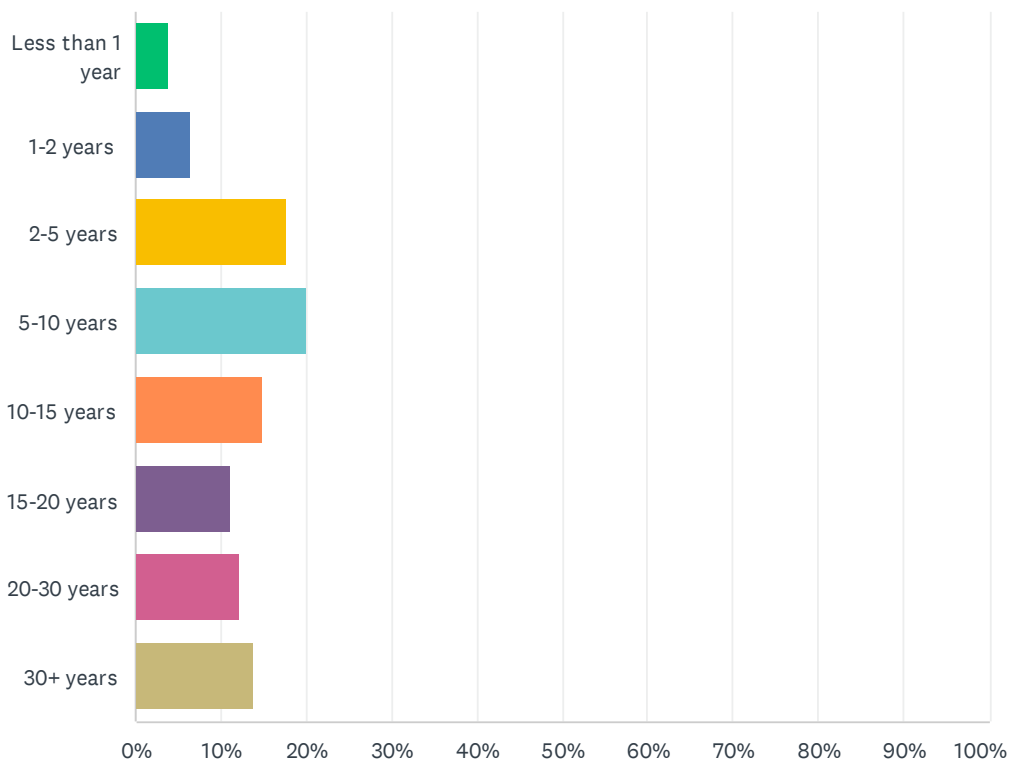
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Q20 How long have you lived in Comal County?

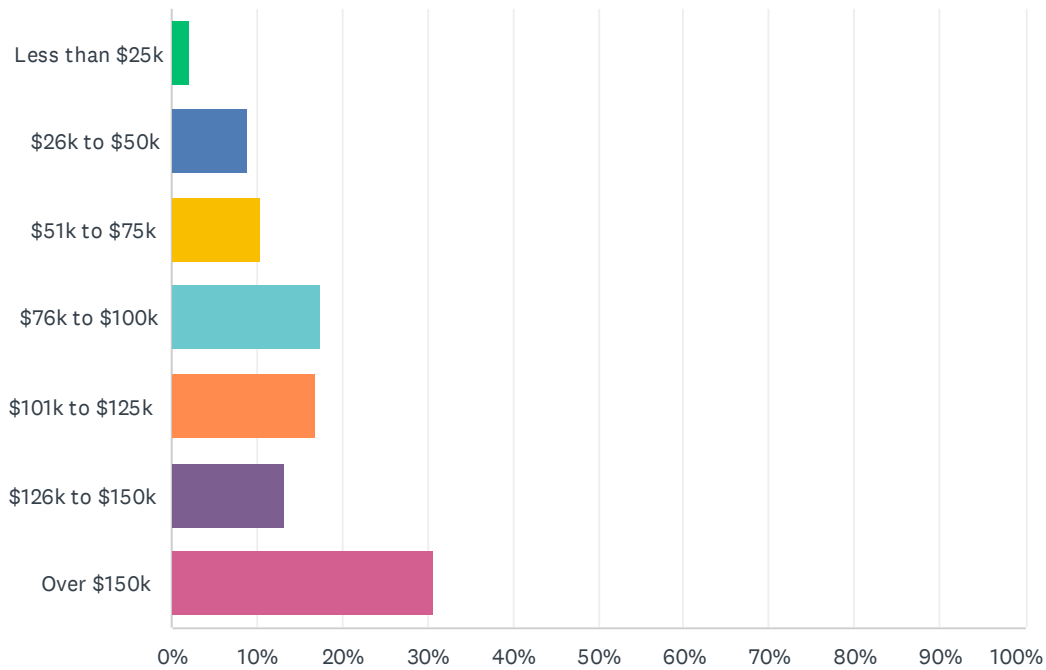
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	3.81%	35
1-2 years	6.42%	59
2-5 years	17.63%	162
5-10 years	20.02%	184
10-15 years	15.02%	138
15-20 years	11.10%	102
20-30 years	12.19%	112
30+ years	13.82%	127
TOTAL		919

Q21 (Optional) What is your annual household income?

Answered: 741 Skipped: 273



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$25k	2.16%	16
\$26k to \$50k	9.04%	67
\$51k to \$75k	10.39%	77
\$76k to \$100k	17.54%	130
\$101k to \$125k	16.87%	125
\$126k to \$150k	13.23%	98
Over \$150k	30.77%	228
TOTAL		741

STAKEHOLDER QUESTIONS

Comal County Parks and Open Space Master Plan Stakeholder Questions

1. What is your organization's mission and purpose?
2. Does your organization currently work with Comal County? If so, in what capacity? Are you open to (expanded) partnerships and relationships?
3. What projects (e.g., trails, land acquisition, conservation easements, etc.) are you currently working on in Comal County?
4. What do you see as the critical issues and challenges facing the County, in relation to parks and open space? Is the preservation and management of rural character important to you and your organization?
5. What do you feel is the County's role in 1) providing recreational opportunities, 2) maintaining open space, and 3) preserving the County's rural character? In what way can your organization assist in advancing these issues?
6. What past solutions have been proven to be successful?
7. What past actions have been proven to be problematic or could be improved for the future?
8. What, if any, organizational limitations currently exist within Comal County? How can the County be more effective in preserving / managing open space resources?
9. Has your organization worked with counties in proximity to Comal County, on similar projects and initiatives? What has been your experience working with other counties compared to working with Comal County?
10. What would you like this Master Plan to achieve?
11. What do you think will make a successful Master Plan for Comal County?
12. We are preparing a map depicting environmental, open space, and recreational resources in Comal County. Would you be willing to share any GIS shapefiles which depict the locations of organizational assets, projects and initiatives?

SPORTS LEAGUE QUESTIONS

SPORTS LEAGUES AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Comal County, Texas

QUESTIONS

On behalf of Comal County, Half Associates is preparing a Parks, Open Space, and Natural Areas Master Plan which will, in part, assess sports and athletic facilities conditions, service, distribution, and needs; and will provide recommendations for parks, recreation, and natural spaces within Comal County. Below are five questions aimed at further understanding specific needs and existing conditions of sports complexes and sports operations. Your responses will assist in formulating strategies, recommendations, and actions the County and third-party entities can implement to achieve sports-related goals and objectives.

1. What are major operational issues and challenges facing your League?
2. What athletic facilities do you utilize for practice and for games (i.e., county, city, school and/or private facilities)?
3. Please estimate the number of youth participants who currently cannot participate in sports and athletics programs due to limited capacity.
4. Are there specific improvements to existing sports and athletic facilities which would increase capacity and usability? (i.e., lighting, parking, signage, field improvements, etc.) What would these improvements enable you to achieve?
5. What is your preferred vision for sports and athletic programs (and facilities) in Comal County?
6. Is there demand for particular sports programs that currently are not offered due to the lack of facilities?

SPORTS LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

Comal County and its consultants would like to gain a better understanding of the level of participation in sports programs currently offered. This information will be helpful in mapping the distribution of sports league participants and proximity to sports and athletic facilities. We respect the privacy of league participants, and the specific information you provide will not be shared or published.

Please provide the following information for each League participant:

- Sports League
- Sports and athletic facilities utilized (for practice and games)
- Age Group
- Street Address
- City and/or County
- Zip Code

FUTURE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

The Master Planning process will provide multiple opportunities for public outreach. Conversations with the County and Stakeholders are currently ongoing. An online public community survey will be launched on January 09, 2023 and will be available for approximately six weeks. The survey will cover several questions regarding sports and athletic program / facilities improvements, parks development, and open space conservation.

During the week of January 09, 2023 four Public Open Houses will be convened at public institutions throughout the County. Meeting dates, times and locations will be forthcoming. Your participation will show the County how important parks, recreation, open spaces, and sports facilities are to you!

Please stay tuned and thanks for your information.

COMMUNITY MEETING FLYER

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COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES FEBRUARY 6th to 9th, 2023

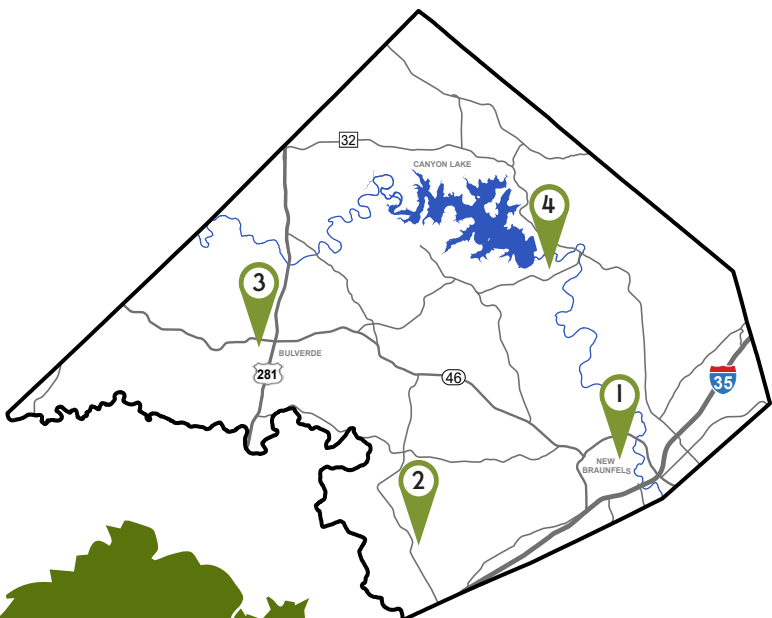
What?

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Why?

The Master Plan will help Comal County develop a preferred vision for parks, open space, and natural areas and identify opportunities for such that exist within your community. This can only be accomplished through measuring community preferences for parks, open space and natural areas as well as the willingness to pay for those.

There will be four public community open houses throughout Comal County from February 6th to 9th, 2023.



Where and When?

- 1 February 6th, Mon., 5:45pm - 7:45pm
Comal County Courthouse
100 N. Seguin Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130
- 2 February 7th, Tues., 5:45pm - 7:45pm
Davenport High School (Garden Ridge)
23255 FM 3009, San Antonio, TX 78266
- 3 February 8th, Wed., 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Mammen Family Public Library
131 Bulverde Crossing, Bulverde, TX 78163
- 4 February 9th, Thurs., 5:45pm - 7:45pm
Tye Preston Memorial Library
16311 S. Access Rd, Canyon Lake, TX 78133



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COMMUNITY ONLINE SURVEY

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**Scan the QR Code to
take the quick survey!**

or visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ComalParksPlan



