

# Help Shape the Future of Gloucester's Parks and Open Spaces



November 16, 2017

# AGENDA

- The Open Space & Recreation Committee and Plan
  - Role of the Community
    - Survey Results
    - Your Input: Wish Fish Exercise
  - Next Steps
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# THE COMMITTEE AND THE PLAN

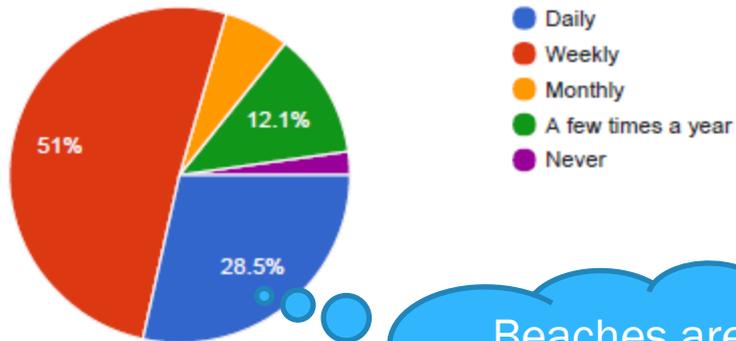


# COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

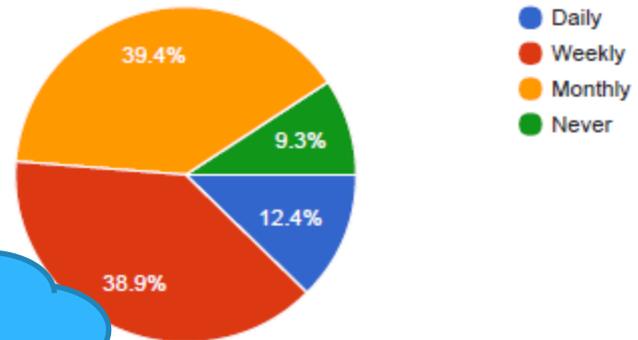


How often do use Gloucester's Beaches?

Summer



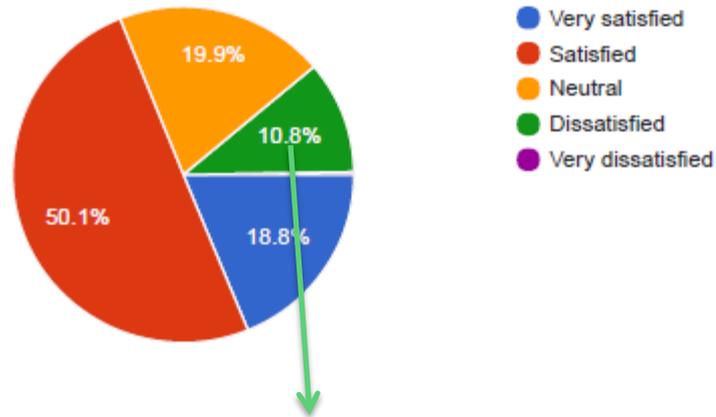
Fall - Winter



Beaches are Popular all year round

# COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

How Satisfied are you with Gloucester's Beaches?



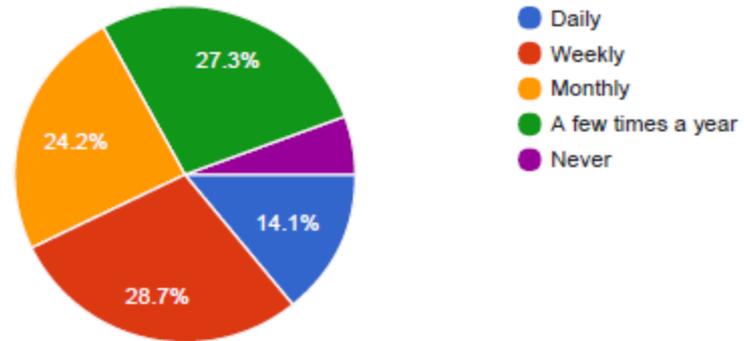
Biggest Issue: Trash & Litter

# COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS



Question 2A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's woodland and other natural areas?

355 responses



**Favorites:** Ravenswood, Dogtown, West Gloucester Woods & Magnolia Woods

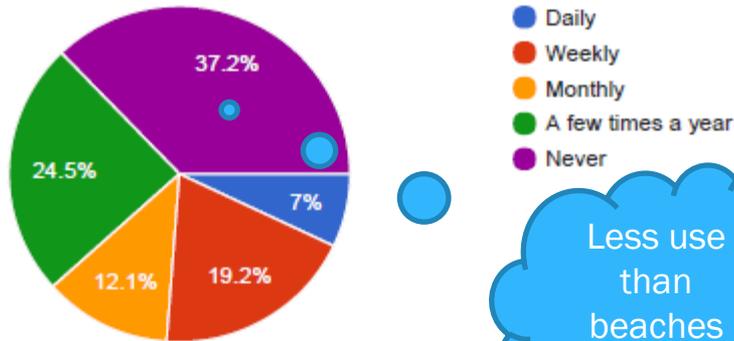
**Best Comments:** We're lucky to have so many beautiful wooded areas

**Biggest Issues:** Dogs off-leash, litter, need to mark trails

# COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

Question 3A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's playgrounds?

355 responses



Less use than beaches and woods



**Favorites:** Stage Fort, The Fort, Cripple Cove & Burnham's Field

**Best Comments:** Bravo to DPW, the parks we visited are in great shape

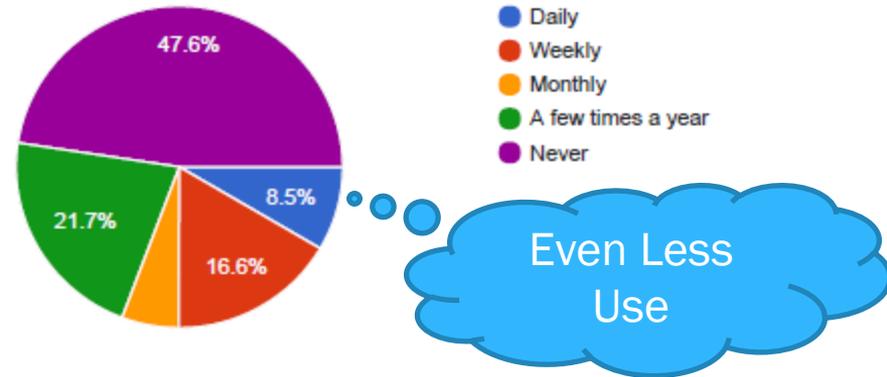
**Biggest Issues:** Vandalism especially at Burnham's Field, Old Stage Fort Equipment

# COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS



Question 4A: How often do members of your household use Gloucester's playing fields, tennis and basketball courts or other active recreation areas?

355 responses



**Favorites:** Stage Fort, Burnham's, Magnolia Fields, Newell, O'Maley

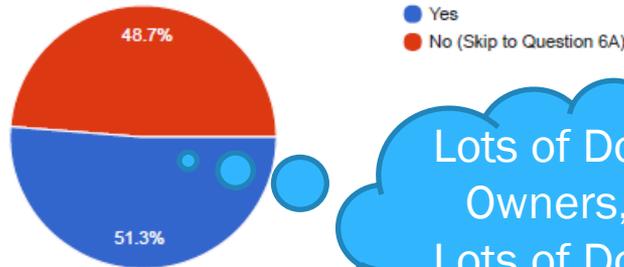
**Best Comments:** Kudos to Mattos Committee and Friends of Burnham's Field

**Biggest Issues:** Ruts at Magnolia, Beeman Track & Field, Condition of tennis courts, lack of bathrooms

# COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

Question 5A: Do you have a dog in your household?

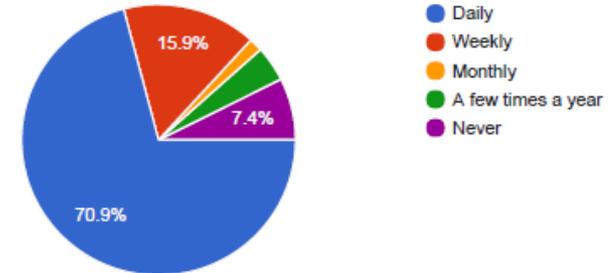
355 responses



Lots of Dog Owners,  
Lots of Dog Walking

Question 5B: How often do you walk your dog in Gloucester?

189 responses



**Favorites Dog Walking Spots:** Beaches, Woods, Scenic Walking Areas & Parks Best

Note: Cape Ann Dog Park is the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular place

**Biggest Issues:** No access to beaches during the summer. More dog poop stations.

# FAVORITE SCENIC AREAS TO WALK

- Stacy Boulevard
- Backshore / Atlantic Road
- The Cut / Blynman Canal near GHS
- Dogbar / Eastern Point
- Rocky Neck
- The Harborwalk
- Annisquam Footbridge
- Magnolia / Surf Park



Question 6B: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with scenic areas in Gloucester?

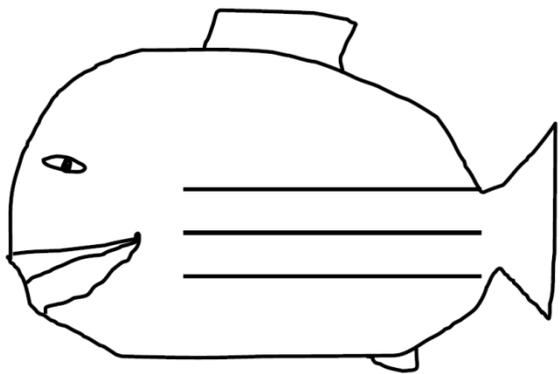
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# BARRIERS TO ACCESS AND USE



- Access for elderly with walkers or canes to Gloucester beaches
- Lack of Parking
- Lack of Bathrooms / Conditions of Bathrooms



# WISH FISH EXERCISE

What do you wish Gloucester could add to its parks and open space?



