

Cliff Gilker Park Recovery Project Community Survey Summary Results

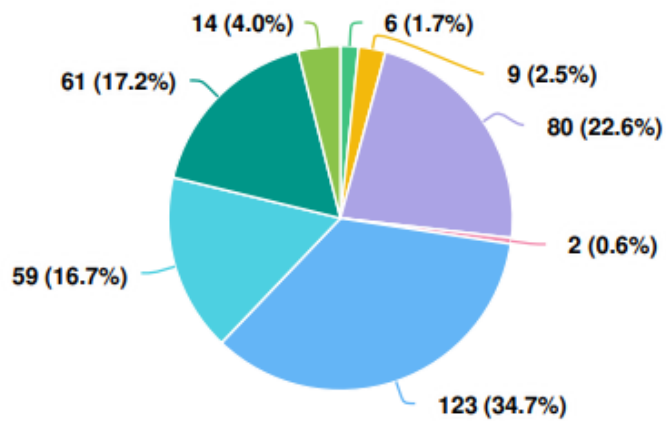


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Project Page Visitors Summary:

- Total Visits: 1,200
- Maximum Visitors per Day: 185
- Total number of survey respondents: 354

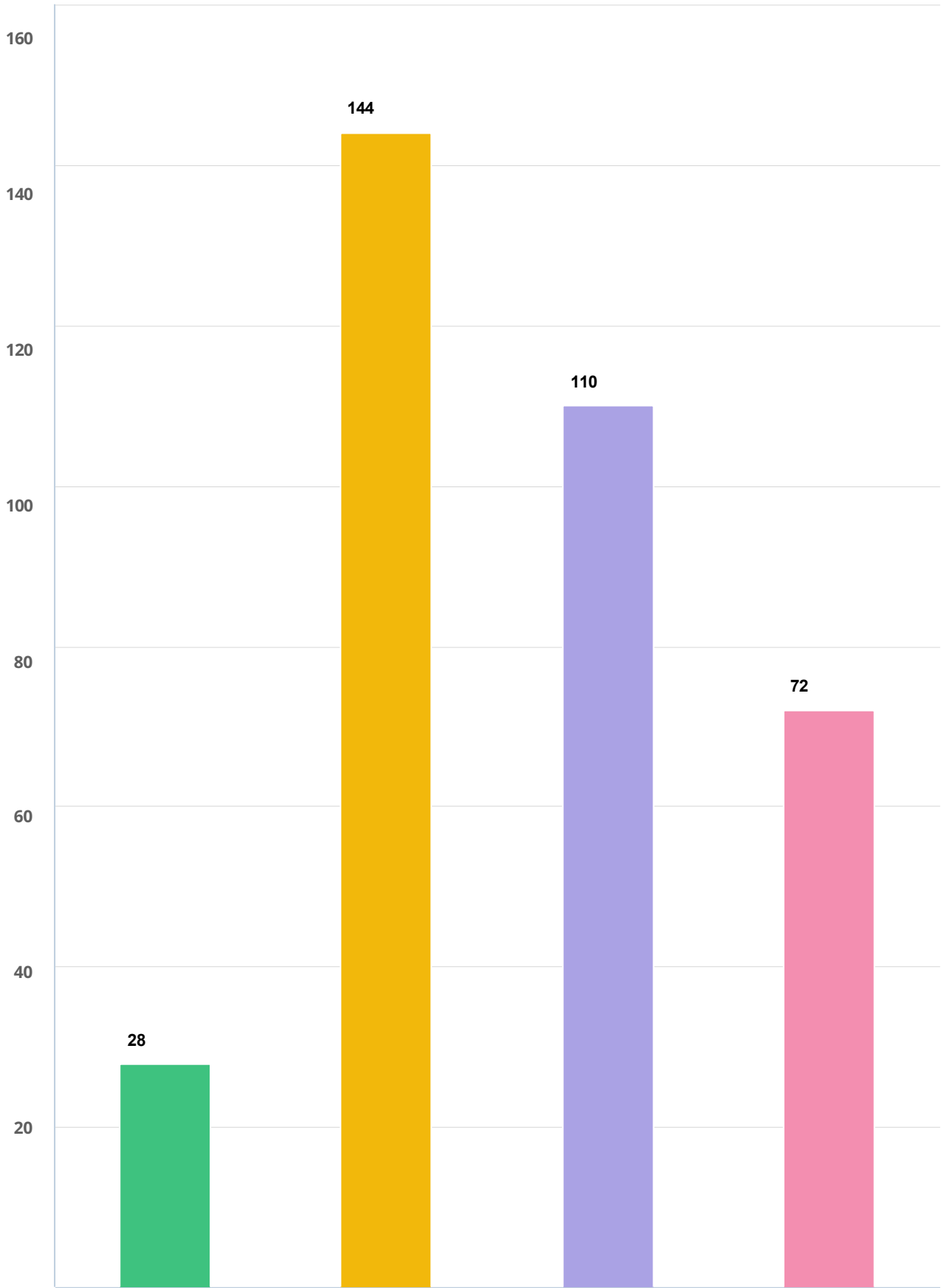
Where do you live?



Question options

- Pender Harbour/Egmont (Area A)
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B)
- District of Sechelt
- Sechelt Nation Government District
- Roberts Creek (Area D)
- Elphinstone (Area E)
- Town of Gibsons
- West Howe Sound (Area F)

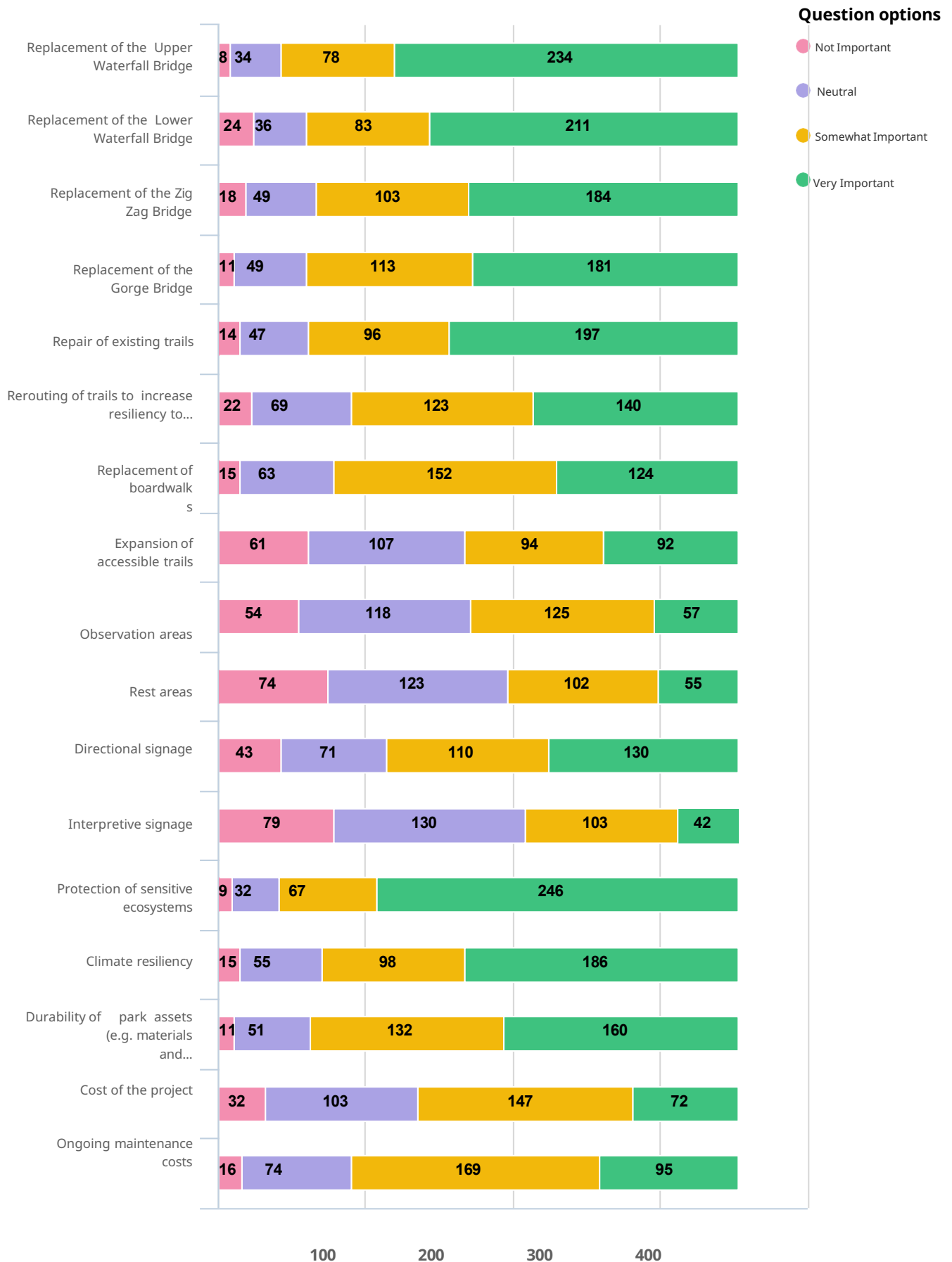
How often do you visit Cliff Gilker Park?

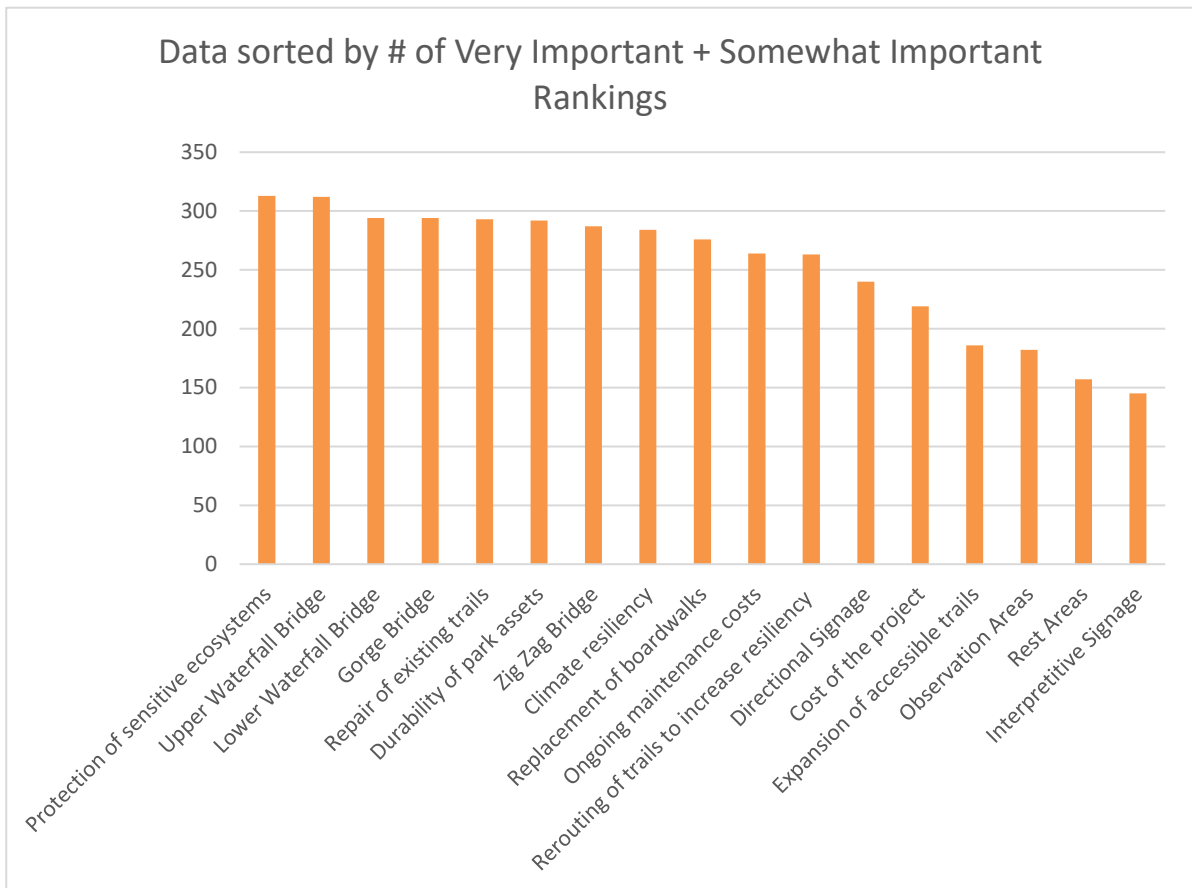
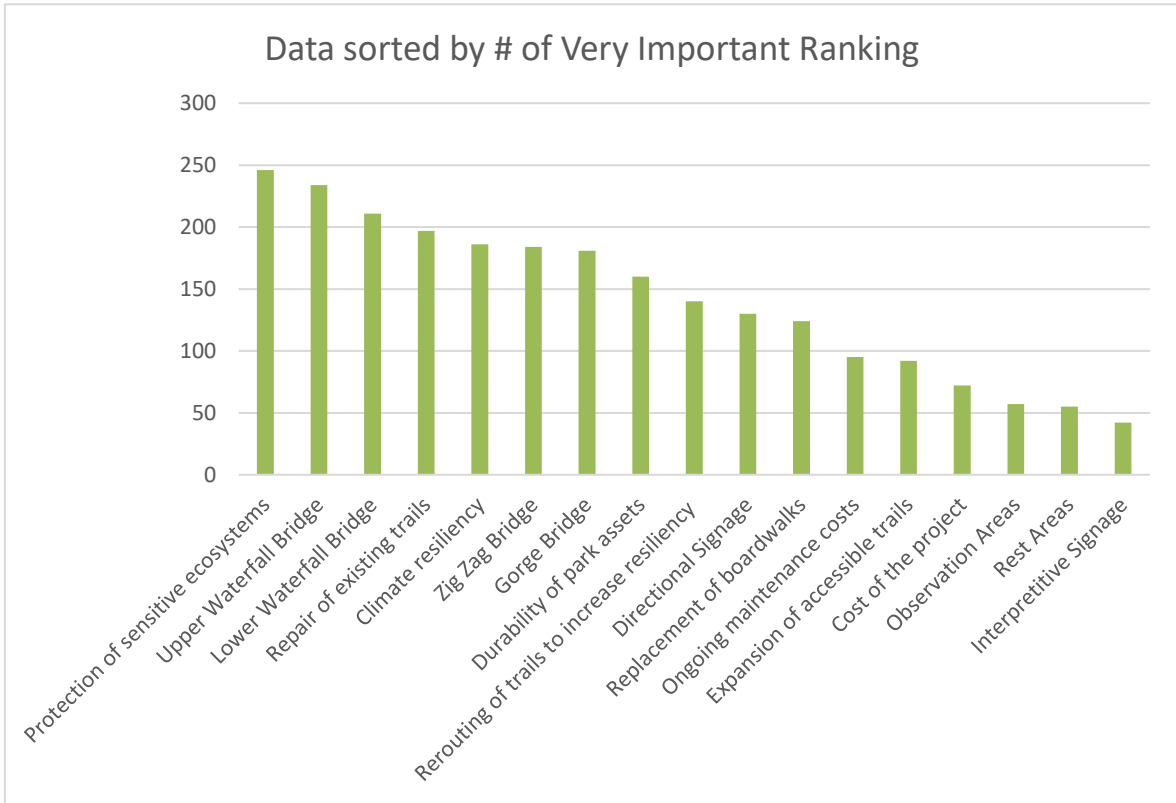


Question options

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally

When reviewing the map of possible park remediation, how important are the following:





Analysis of Survey:

- Most respondents live in either Area D (34.7%) or the District of Sechelt (22.6%).
- Protection of sensitive ecosystems received the highest number of very important rankings; with climate resiliency also ranked high.
- The replacement of the bridges was ranked as very important to respondents (second highest number of very important rankings), with high rankings for the replacement of all four bridges.
- Repair of existing trails received the fourth highest number of very important rankings.
- Rerouting of trails and replacement of boardwalks were ranked more important than expansion of accessible trails.

Bridges

Asset	Very Important (rank)	Somewhat Important (rank)	Neutral	Not Important	Combined Very Important and Somewhat Important (rank)
Upper Waterfall	66% (1)	22% (4)	10%	2%	88% (1)
Lower Waterfall	60% (2)	23% (3)	10%	7%	83% (2 tied)
Gorge	51% (4)	32% (1)	14%	3%	83% (2 tied)
ZigZag	52% (3)	29% (2)	14%	5%	81% (3)

The Upper Waterfall bridge (66%) ranks first, and the lower waterfall bridge (60%) ranks second in terms of being very important to the public for replacement. When Very Important and Somewhat important values are combined, the Upper Waterfall bridge ranks first (88%), and the Lower Waterfall and Gorge bridges are tied for second (83%).

Additional Public Feedback:

- Fixing the bridges is the most important issue.
 - Bridge repairs are imperative for the park's full functionality.
 - Remove unnecessary crossings.
- Less durable bridges built from local timber.
- Use of natural materials for bridge construction.

Trails and Trail Amenity Remediation

Remediation	Very Important (rank)	Somewhat important (rank)	Neutral	Not Important	Combined Very Important and Somewhat Important (rank)
Repair existing trails	56% (1)	27% (4 tied)	13%	4%	83% (1)
Replacement of boardwalks	35% (2)	43% (1)	18%	4%	78% (2)
Expansion of accessible trails	26% (3)	27% (4 tied)	30%	17%	53% (3)
Observation areas	16% (4)	35% (2)	33%	15%	51% (4)
Rest areas	15% (5)	29% (3)	35%	21%	44% (5)

Repair of existing trails (56%) ranks first and replacement of boardwalks (35%) rank second in the Very Important Category. When Very Important and Somewhat Important values are combined, repair of existing trails (83%) ranks first and repair of boardwalks (78%) ranks second.

Additional Public Feedback themes for trails:

- Higher trail standard.
- One trail multiuse/open to cyclists to access trails in the B&K network.

Ecosystem Protection, Climate Resiliency, Project cost, and Ongoing Maintenance:

Consideration	Very Important (rank)	Somewhat important (rank)	Neutral	Not Important	Combined Very Important and Somewhat Important (rank)
Protection of Sensitive Ecosystems	69% (1)	19% (5)	9%	3%	88% (1)
Durability of asset	45% (3)	37% (3)	14%	3%	82% (2)
Climate Resiliency	53% (2)	28% (4)	15%	4%	81% (3)
Ongoing Cost of Maintenance	27% (4)	48% (1)	20%	5%	75% (4)
Cost of Project	20% (5)	41% (2)	29%	9%	61% (5)

Protection of sensitive ecosystems (88%) ranks first and climate resiliency (53 %) ranks second in the very important category. When Very Important and Somewhat Important values are combined, protection of sensitive ecosystems (88%) ranks first, and durability of asset (82%) ranks second.

Additional Public Feedback:

- Cost effective and low future maintenance should be the priority
- Improve public safety on trails (trip hazards)

Signage:

Type of Signage	Very Important (rank)	Somewhat important (rank)	Neutral	Not Important	Combined Very Important and Somewhat Important (rank)
Directional Signage	37% (1)	31% (1)	20%	12%	68% (1)
Interpretive Signage	12% (2)	29% (2)	37%	22%	41% (2)

Directional Signage (37%) ranked first in terms of being very important for visitors to Cliff Gilker Park. Directional Signage also ranked first (68%) when Very Important and Somewhat Important values are combined.

Additional Feedback themes regarding signage:

- Improved distance, trail difficulty ratings, and regulatory signage
- Improved professional appearance of signage and materials used.
- Use of QR codes to minimize signage
- Interactive and educational signage considerations
- Covered kiosk area at parking lot

Additional comments and feedback themes:

- Increase size of Park sign at Highway entrance.
- Don't add other features if all the bridges can't be repaired.
- Improved directional signage on less used trails off or Largo Road entrance.
- More doggy bag dispensers.
- Control of dogs in sensitive environments.
- Railings on steeper trails.
- Remove windfall from creek channels.
- Add additional amenities such as horseshoe pit, frisbee golf.
- Volunteer work parties/ "Adopt a Park" for ongoing trail maintenance.
- Should be a high priority for the SCRD. Park that has been left damaged too long.
- Improve HWY access to park and parking facilities on B&K logging road.
- Grab bars in washrooms.

 **Help Shape the Future of Cliff Gilker Park**

Whether you visit Cliff Gilker Park on a regular basis or once per year, we want to know what is important to you so that we can help plan the future of the park.

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Your
Say



 Scan the QR code or visit letstalk.scrd.ca/cliff-gilker to complete a short questionnaire.

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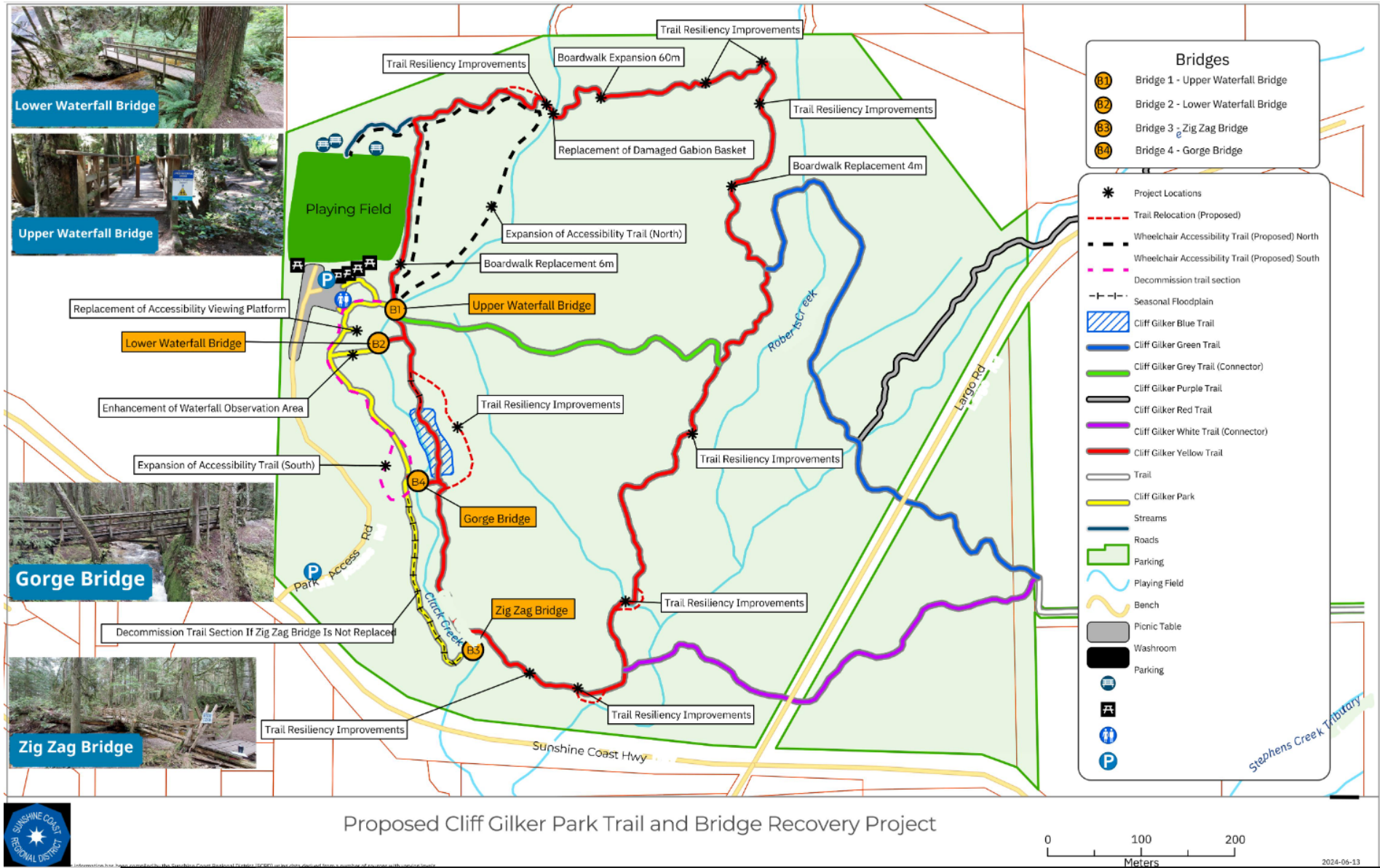


Thank you to everyone who responded, the questionnaire is now closed. Stay tuned for updates.

Many of us on the Sunshine Coast will remember the major flooding event that took place at the end of 2021. One of the hardest hit areas within the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) was Cliff Gilker Park, with two popular pedestrian bridges

Proposed Park Recovery Projects Map (Image)





Proposed Cliff Gilker Park Trail and Bridge Recovery Project



Information for this map is based on the Sunshine Coast District District TRP (2023) and is not intended to be used for any other purpose.