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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

From: Lindsay Levine, AICP, Senior Planner
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Date: January 30, 2024

Subject: **2044 Comprehensive Plan – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element Policy Briefing**

Recommendation

Receive a briefing and hold a study session to discuss draft revisions to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (Parks) Element goals and policies (see Attachment 1). Provide staff with direction to continue preparing the draft 2044 Comprehensive Plan Parks Element.

Focus Areas for Planning Commission

The Planning Commission (PC) should focus on the below questions for discussion after reviewing the memorandum and attachments:

1. Do Commissioners have any questions or feedback about any specific draft revisions to Parks Element goals or policies?
2. Are there any policy themes or concepts that you believe need to be incorporated into the draft policies?

Background

The City of Kirkland is in the process of conducting a State-mandated update of the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan (Plan) with a target adoption date of mid 2024 (the State deadline for City Council adoption is December 31, 2024).

The PC and/or Council have discussed the Parks Element at their previous meetings listed below. Commissioners and community members can view past meeting materials for background information on the Parks Element.

- May 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting¹: Introduction to Parks Element and study issues.

¹ https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/planning-commission/k2044-sce-and-parks-briefing_pc-packet_web_reduced.pdf

- July 18, 2023 City Council study session²: Joint PC and Council discussion to finalize Parks Element study issues.

Community Outreach and Engagement Activities

Beginning in late 2022, staff conducted a substantial number of public outreach and community engagement activities to implement the K2044 Community Engagement Plan³. In addition to the general K2044 activities, staff has conducted outreach and engagement activities specific to the Parks Element. The topics of Parks and Sustainability, Climate, and Environment (SCE) are interrelated, and the majority of the element-specific activities (listed below) were conducted jointly with staff leading the SCE Element updates.

- Parks and Sustainability, Climate, and Environment Survey (316 responses)
- Senior Council Meeting (March 14, 2023)
- Parks Element and SCE Element Focus Groups (March 30 and April 6, 2023)
- Youth Council Meeting (March 27, 2023)
- Park Board Meeting (September 13, 2023)

See Attachment 2 for a summary of the Parks and Sustainability, Climate, and Environment Survey.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element Review

Overview

The Parks Element supports the continued provision of accessible and well-maintained parks and recreation facilities for current and future community members. The Parks Element also promotes conservation of publicly owned natural areas and environmental education.

The Parks Element is used by the Parks and Community Services Department as a guiding document since the Element sets overarching goals and policies for the parks and recreation system. The Park Board relied heavily on the Parks Element policies in developing the City's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, which was adopted in 2022. There is some overlap between the Parks Elements and the PROS Plan; however, the PROS Plan is a functional plan with a greater focus on implementation and is updated approximately every six years. The PROS Plan is a road map that guides the City in future park and recreation planning and programming, while the Parks Element is focused on overarching policy.

Key Parks, Recreation and Open Space Policy Issues

There are several study issues and/or policy concepts that staff has explored through the update to the Parks Element. The list below of Parks Element study issues was confirmed by the PC and Council at a joint meeting in July 2023, and will be studied in the forthcoming Kirkland 2044 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The draft revised Parks Element goals and policies (see Attachment 1) incorporate amendments that address the issues in the following list:

² https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/city-council/agenda-documents/2023/july-18-2023/3b_study-session.pdf

³ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/community-engagement-plan-k2044-kirkland-comprehensive-plan-finalwappendixabc12152022.pdf>

- Update policies to ensure consistency with the 2022 PROS Plan;
- Support equitable distribution of parks and recreation opportunities throughout the City;
- Improve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility at City parks and recreation facilities;
- Improve pedestrian/bicycle/transit connections to parks;
- Preserve and enhance the tree canopy; and
- Increase the resiliency of the City’s parks, open spaces, and natural areas to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing climate.

Draft Revised Parks Element Goals and Policies

Staff is requesting PC feedback on initial draft revisions to the Parks Element goals and policies. Attachment 1 includes a table with all existing Parks Element goals, policies, figures, and tables and provides a side-by-side comparison of the existing text with proposed text amendments to-date. As discussed in subsections above, the draft revisions incorporate text amendments that are generally driven by one or more of the following:

- Compliance with required State, regional, or countywide policies;
- Recommendations from the 2022 Equity Review of the Kirkland 2035 Comprehensive Plan⁴;
- Alignment with the City’s 2022 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan⁵ including Level of Service (LOS) standards (the updated Parks Element will refer to the PROS Plan, as there are now multiple types of LOS standards and guidelines for parks, recreation, and open space);
- Addressing Kirkland 2044 study issues as directed by the PC and Council; and
- Alignment with the draft Kirkland 2044 Vision and Guiding Principles and in-progress draft revisions in other Plan elements.

The table in Attachment 1 includes staff notes to further explain the reasoning behind certain text amendments, as well as notes indicating if the amendment is proposed to achieve compliance with a specific policy from an outside agency. The table also highlights several policies that staff anticipates focusing on during the February 8 PC discussion.

Next Steps

With PC feedback on the questions posed at the beginning of the memorandum, staff will continue to refine the draft goal and policy amendments. The PC will receive policy briefings for all the other elements within the Plan, as well as briefings on the Juanita and Kingsgate Neighborhood Plan Updates in the coming months. The PC will hold multiple public hearings on the Plan updates in Spring 2024 and Council will complete final adoption by Fall 2024.

Attachments

1. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element Draft Goals and Policies
2. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Community Survey Summary

⁴ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/equity-review-report-kirkland-comprehensive-plan-econorthwest-final20221108.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Parks-and-Community-Services/Park-Planning-and-Development/Parks-Recreation-and-Open-Space-Plan>

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element Goal and Policy Updates

**Note that highlighted goals and policies are suggested for discussion at the February 8 Planning Commission Meeting.*

EXISTING PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	PROPOSED GOAL AND POLICY REVISIONS Deleted text shown in strikethrough. <u>Added text shown in underline.</u>	NOTES FOR PLANNING COMMISSION	REVISION REQUIRED PER: (State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)
Figure PR-1: Kirkland Parks		Update to reflect the current parklands.	
<i>No existing figure</i>	New Figure PR-2: Walkable Access to Outdoor Recreation	Adding figure from the PROS Plan to show which parts of the City have walkable access to outdoor recreation (10 minutes) and which areas are underserved.	
Goal PR-1: Acquire, develop, and renovate a system of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces that is attractive, safe, functional, and accessible to all segments of the population.	Goal PR-1: Acquire, develop, and renovate a system of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces that is attractive, safe, functional, <u>sustainable</u> , and accessible to all segments of the population.		
Policy PR-1.1: Community Involvement. Encourage and support active and ongoing participation by diverse community members in the planning and decision-making for parks and recreation.	Policy PR-1.1: Community Involvement. Encourage and support active and ongoing participation by diverse community members in the planning and decision-making for parks and recreation.	<i>Deleted the topic from the beginning of <u>all Parks policies</u> to be consistent with the formatting of the other elements and because the topic is already clear in the policy itself (e.g., for PR-1.1, I deleted Community Involvement from the beginning)</i>	
Policy PR-2.1: Park Acquisition. Acquire additional parklands necessary to adequately serve the City's current and future population based on level of service goals.	Policy PR-2.1: Park Acquisition. Acquire additional parklands necessary to adequately serve the City's current and future population based on the <u>PROS Plan level of service goals. Prioritize underserved areas to provide parks that are within walking distance to ensure that parks are equitably distributed throughout the City.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	King County Countywide Planning Policy (CPP); PSRC Vision 2050 Multicounty Planning Policy (MPP); Equity Review
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Identify innovative methods to provide publicly accessible urban parks and related amenities such as linear parks, playgrounds, plazas, or exercise stations in Kirkland's Urban Growth Centers.</u>	PROS Plan discusses urban parks in more detail.	
Policy PR-2.2: Park Improvement. Improve park sites to meet the active and passive recreational needs of Kirkland residents.	Policy PR-2.2: Park Improvement. Improve park sites to meet the active and passive recreational needs of <u>community members</u> Kirkland residents. <u>Prioritize underserved areas.</u>		Equity Review

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Policy PR-3.1: Waterfront Parks. Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s waterfront parks to connect residents with the water, provide unique recreational experiences, and support tourism.	Policy PR-3.1: Waterfront Parks. Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s waterfront parks to connect residents <u>community members</u> with the water, provide unique recreational experiences, and support tourism.		Equity Review
Policy PR-4.1: Trail System. Develop a network of shared-use pedestrian and bicycle trails to enable connections within parks and between parks, nearby neighborhoods, public amenities, and major pedestrian and bicycle routes identified in the Active Transportation Plan.	Policy PR-4.1: Trail System. Develop a network of shared-use pedestrian and bicycle trails to enable connections within parks and between parks, nearby neighborhoods, public amenities, and major pedestrian and bicycle routes identified in the Active Transportation Plan.	Revised shared-use to shared to simplify/reduce "planner-speak"	
Policy PR-4.2: Signature Trails and Connections. Develop, enhance and maintain signature greenways and trails that stretch across the community and that connect residents to the City’s many parks, natural areas, recreation facilities and other amenities.	Policy PR-4.2: Signature Trails and Connections. Develop, enhance and maintain signature greenways and trails that stretch across the community and that connects <u>community members</u> residents to the City’s many parks, natural areas, recreation facilities and other amenities.		Equity Review
Policy PR-8.1: Support Economic Development. Utilize strategic capital investments in parks, trails, open spaces, recreation and art to encourage and support economic development and revitalization.	Policy PR-8.1: Support Economic Development. Utilize strategic capital investments in parks, trails, open spaces, recreation and art to encourage and support economic development and revitalization.	Economic development could be interpreted to include revitalization so the redundant word was deleted.	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Further activate City parks, spur economic development, and foster ten-minute neighborhoods by exploring opportunities for new uses in City parks and recreation spaces as appropriate.</u>		
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Support and improve access to parks and recreation facilities, especially walking, biking, and public transportation.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Increase the resiliency of Kirkland’s parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, and natural areas to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing climate.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	Per PC/City Council study issue for Parks Element.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Improve and enhance the Parks and Community Services Department’s sustainability initiatives, in alignment with the City’s sustainability planning.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan and Sustainability Strategic Plan	
Goal PR-2: Enhance the quality of life in the community by providing services and programs that offer positive opportunities for building healthy, productive lives.	Goal PR-2: Enhance the quality of life in the community by providing services and programs that offer positive opportunities for building healthy, productive lives.	Productive does not seem necessary here	

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Policy PR-5.1: Recreation Services. Provide a variety of recreational services and programs that promote the health and well-being of residents of all ages and abilities.	Policy PR-2.1: Recreation Services. Provide a variety of recreational services and programs that promote the health and well-being of <u>residents community members</u> of all ages and abilities.		Equity review
Policy PR-5.2: Community Centers. Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s community centers to provide recreational opportunities, community services and opportunities for residents to connect, learn and play.	Policy PR-5.2: Community Centers. Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s community centers to provide recreational opportunities, community services and opportunities for <u>residents community members</u> to connect, learn and play.		Equity review
Policy PR-5.3: Aquatic Facilities and Programs. Provide opportunities for aquatic recreation through the City’s pools and lakefront facilities.	Policy PR-5.3: Aquatic Facilities and Programs. Provide opportunities for aquatic recreation through the City’s pools and lakefront facilities. <u>Continue to provide scholarships for programs, such as swim lessons, based on income.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	Equity review
Policy PR-5.4: Recreation Programs for All Ages. Provide programming and services that support recreation and learning for target populations, including youth, teens, adults and older adults.	Policy PR-5.4: Recreation Programs for All Ages. Provide programming and services that support recreation, <u>healthy lifestyles</u> and learning for <u>community members of all ages</u> target populations, including youth, teens, adults and older adults.		
Policy PR-5.5: Universal Access and Inclusion. Strive to reduce barriers to participation and provide universal access to facilities and programs.	Policy PR-5.5: Universal Access and Inclusion. Strive to r Reduce barriers to participation and provide universal access to facilities and programs. <u>Implement the ADA Transition Plan.</u>	Consistent with the PROS Plan	
Policy PR-5.6: Specialized Recreation Facilities. Establish and operate specialized recreational facilities (e.g., action sports facilities, off-leash areas, skateparks, community gardens) to respond to identified public needs, as appropriate.	Policy PR-5.6: Specialized Recreation Facilities. Establish and operate specialized recreational facilities (e.g., action sports facilities, off-leash areas, skateparks, community gardens) to respond to identified public needs, as appropriate.		
Policy PR-6.1: Field Sports. Provide a Citywide system of sports fields and programs to serve field sport needs of the community, in partnership with the Lake Washington School District, local sports organizations, and other regional providers.	Policy PR-6.1: Field Sports. Provide a Citywide system of sports fields and programs to serve field sport needs of the community, in partnership with the Lake Washington School District, local sports organizations, and other regional providers.		
Policy PR-6.2: Indoor and Outdoor Sports Courts. Provide and enable access to a Citywide system of indoor and outdoor sports courts, gymnasiums and programs for Kirkland residents.	Policy PR-6.2: Indoor and Outdoor Sports Courts. Provide and enable access to a Citywide system of indoor and outdoor sports courts, gymnasiums and programs for Kirkland <u>community members residents.</u>		Equity review
Goal PR-3: Protect, preserve, and restore publicly owned natural resource areas.	Goal PR-3: Protect, preserve, and restore publicly owned <u>the</u> natural environment for future <u>generations</u> resource areas.	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	

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Policy PR-7.1: Natural Area Preservation. Preserve significant natural areas to meet outdoor recreation needs, provide opportunities for residents to connect with nature, and meet habitat protection needs.	Policy PR-7.1: Natural Area Preservation. Preserve significant natural areas to meet outdoor recreation needs, provide opportunities for <u>community members</u> residents to connect with nature, and meet <u>habitat and wildlife corridor</u> protection needs.		PSRC Vision 2050 MPP
Policy PR-7.2: Natural Area Restoration and Management. Restore and manage City-owned or managed natural areas to protect and enhance their ecological health, sensitive habitats and native species.	Policy PR-7.2: Natural Area Restoration and Management. Restore and manage City-owned or managed natural areas to protect and enhance their ecological health, sensitive habitats and native species.		
Policy PR-7.3: Shoreline Restoration. Restore Kirkland's public shorelines on Lake Washington in accordance with the Shoreline Restoration Plan to improve habitat, hydrology and recreational opportunities.	Policy PR-7.3: Shoreline Restoration. Restore Kirkland's public shorelines on Lake Washington in accordance with the <u>Shoreline Master Program Restoration Plan</u> to improve habitat, hydrology and recreational opportunities. <u>Create new public access to the Lake Washington shoreline, including on private property.</u>	Revision from "Shoreline Restoration Plan" to "Shoreline Master Program" is consistent with Kirkland Zoning Code	
Policy PR-7.4: Ecosystem Services. Protect and improve the City's natural systems or features for their value in providing ecosystem and infrastructure services.	Policy PR-7.4: Protect and improve the City's natural systems or features for their value in providing ecosystem and infrastructure services <u>and integrate green infrastructure at City parks.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New . Policy PR-#: <u>Protect and enhance Kirkland's tree canopy to provide wildlife habitat, support community resilience, mitigate urban heat, provide shade, manage stormwater, conserve energy, improve mental and physical health, and support sustainability goals. Prioritize historically underserved communities.</u>	Consistent with the Sustainability Strategic Plan	Per PC/City Council study issue for Parks Element.
Policy PR-7.5: Environmental Education. Promote environmental stewardship and education through informational signage, materials, programs and partnerships.	Policy PR-7.5: Environmental Education. Promote environmental stewardship and education through informational signage, materials, programs and partnerships.		
Policy PR-7.6: Conservation Partnerships. Work cooperatively with resource management agencies and citizens to care for streams, enhance and protect urban forests and wetlands, improve wildlife habitat, and provide limited public access.	Policy PR-7.6: Conservation Partnerships. Work cooperatively with resource management <u>and conservation agencies/organizations</u> and <u>citizens</u> <u>community members</u> to care for streams, enhance and protect urban forests and wetlands, improve <u>fish and</u> wildlife habitat, and provide limited public access.	Aligns with the SCE Element	

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Community Survey Summary

Introduction

From late February through April 2023, the City of Kirkland conducted an online community survey to inform the update of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element (Parks Element). This survey was combined with the Sustainability, Climate, and Environment (SCE) Element. This document contains a summary of the results and key themes from the parks aspects of the combined community survey.

The goal of the survey was to gather information and community feedback to help determine whether existing policies in the Parks Element reflect the needs of the community, or whether there are additional policies that should be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan to address challenges and improve policy.

The survey was open for 2 months and there were 316 total responses. The average time to complete the survey was approximately 5.5 minutes and 87% of the respondents completed the survey.

Promotion of the survey included posting to 'This Week in Kirkland' and other City newsletters at regular intervals throughout the survey period. The survey was also promoted during all in-person engagement and outreach events (such as tabling events) and focus groups meetings.

Quick Facts and Demographics

City of Kirkland		Parks and Sustainability, Climate, Environment Survey
Population	96,920	316 respondents (<1% total population)
Age (24 and under & 65 and over)	<24: 27.5% (24,348) 65+: 13.6% (12,536)	<24: 33 responses (11% of survey responses) 65+: 78 responses (25% of survey responses)
Non-White Population	28% (25,573)	~22% (69 responses) identified as non-white
Median Household Income	\$116,595	~18% (56 responses) identified a household income less than the Citywide median income

Survey Analysis & Key Themes

Below is a summary of the key parks, recreation and open space themes that emerged from the survey results that may influence policy.

Use of City parks and recreation facilities during extreme heat events such as high temperatures: 23% of respondents reported that they go to the waterfront, a park, or a community center during extreme heat events.

Parks topics that respondents care about include:

- Increasing the tree canopy;
- Providing shade;
- Access to public transportation and making walking and biking safer;
- Creating parks in underserved areas;
- ADA accessibility; and
- Cleaning litter at parks.

Top projects ideas to increase sustainability and resilience at City parks and recreation facilities:

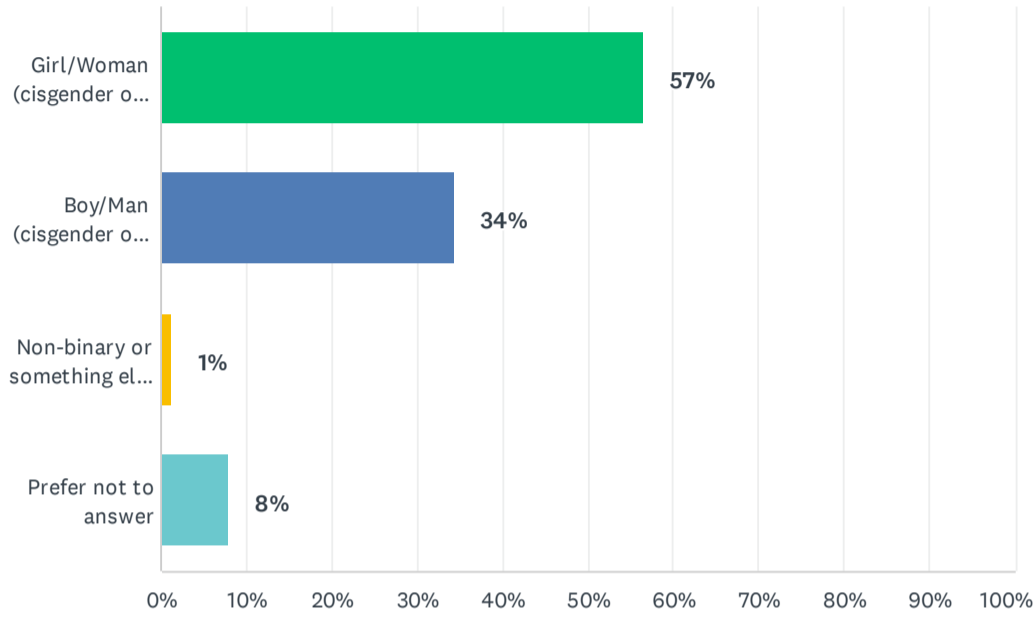
- Green infrastructure (such as permeable pavement, rain gardens, green roofs on structures) at 29%;
- Remove invasive species and plant native plants at 28%;
- Provide shade (trees or shade structures) at 14%; and
- Install water bottle refill stations at 10%.

Survey Results

See the following page for the survey results.

Q1 To which gender identity do you mostly identify?

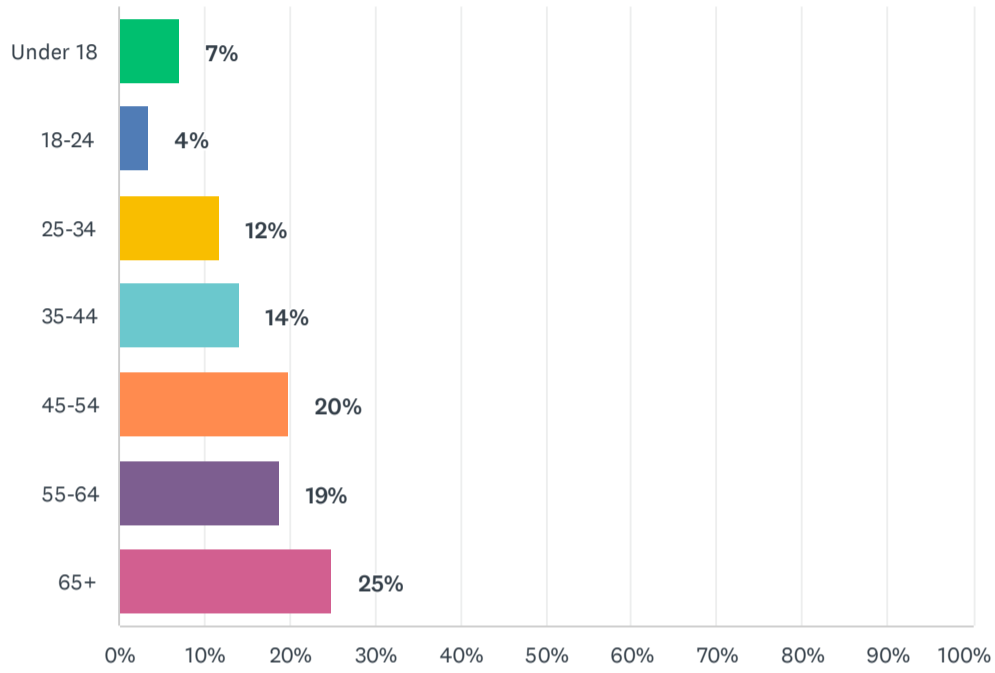
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Girl/Woman (cisgender or transgender)	57%	178
Boy/Man (cisgender or transgender)	34%	108
Non-binary or something else fits better	1%	4
Prefer not to answer	8%	25
TOTAL		315

Q2 What is your age?

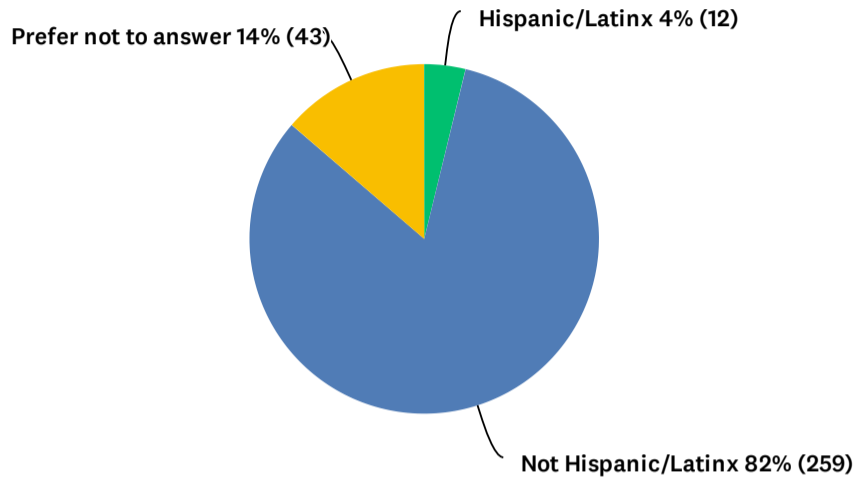
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	7%	22
18-24	4%	11
25-34	12%	37
35-44	14%	44
45-54	20%	62
55-64	19%	59
65+	25%	78
TOTAL		313

Q3 What is your ethnicity?

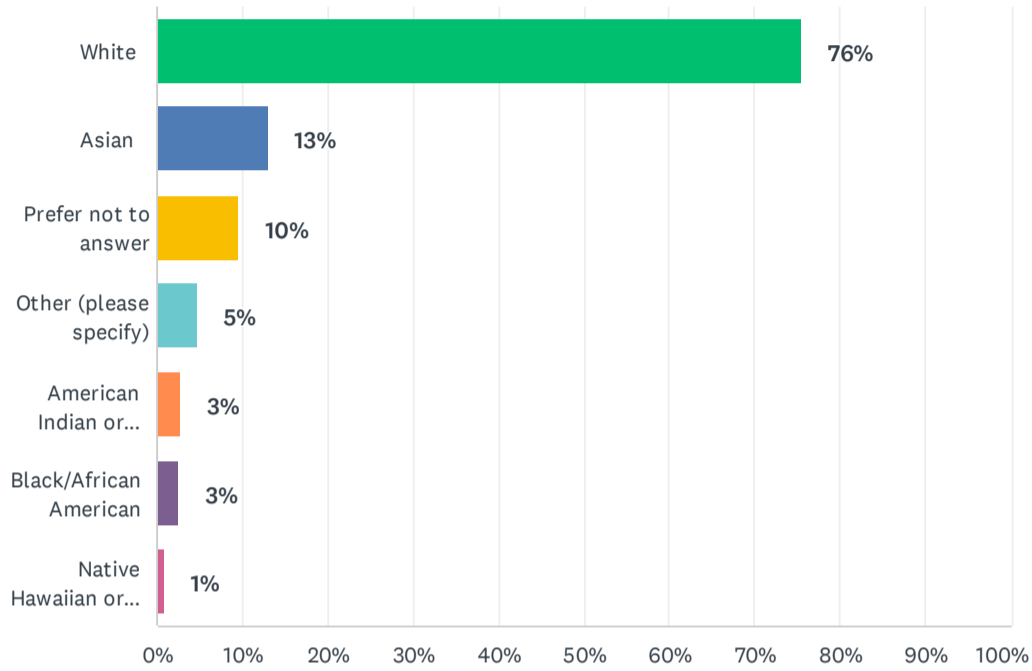
Answered: 314 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Hispanic/Latinx	4% 12
Not Hispanic/Latinx	82% 259
Prefer not to answer	14% 43
TOTAL	314

Q4 Do you consider yourself...(Please select all that apply.)

Answered: 315 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	76%	238
Asian	13%	41
Prefer not to answer	10%	30
Other (please specify)	5%	15
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	9
Black/African American	3%	8
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1%	3
Total Respondents: 315		

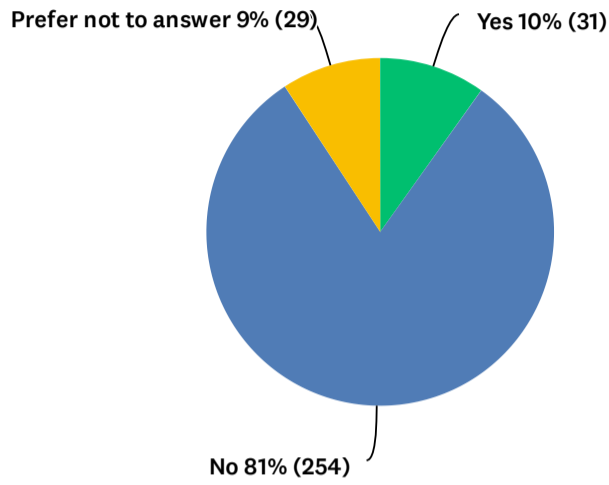
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1	Eastern European	4/23/2023 11:16 AM
2	Human	4/13/2023 5:47 PM
3	Nordic Viking	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
4	human	4/10/2023 2:45 PM
5	Persian	3/27/2023 7:53 PM
6	Japanese	3/9/2023 5:22 PM
7	Hispanic	3/7/2023 1:34 PM

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8	Human	3/5/2023 3:19 PM
9	American	3/3/2023 10:46 AM
10	Human	3/3/2023 1:41 AM
11	Biracial	3/2/2023 8:53 PM
12	Japanese, Caucasian	3/2/2023 7:13 PM
13	Viking	3/2/2023 7:10 PM
14	Human	3/2/2023 6:31 PM
15	White/Hispanic	3/2/2023 9:15 AM

Q5 Are you part of the LGBTQIA+ community?

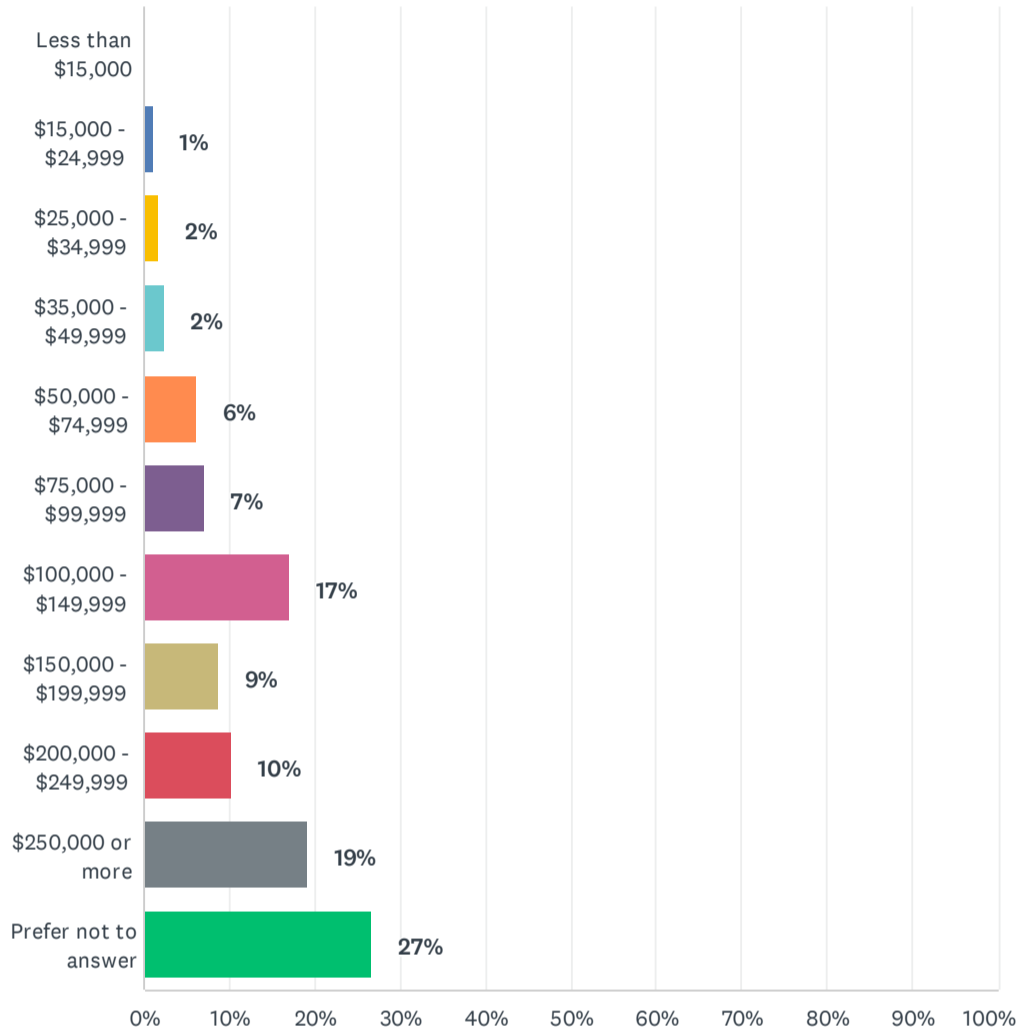
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	10% 31
No	81% 254
Prefer not to answer	9% 29
TOTAL	314

Q6 What is your household income?

Answered: 311 Skipped: 5

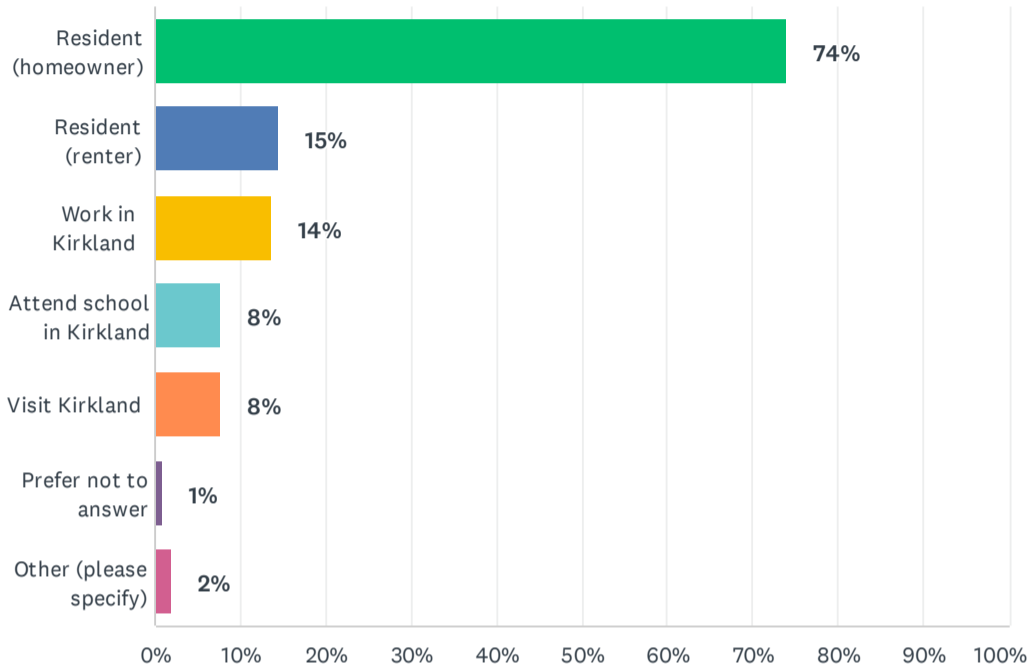


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$15,000	0%	0
\$15,000 - \$24,999	1%	3
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2%	5
\$35,000 - \$49,999	2%	7
\$50,000 - \$74,999	6%	19
\$75,000 - \$99,999	7%	22
\$100,000 - \$149,999	17%	53
\$150,000 - \$199,999	9%	27
\$200,000 - \$249,999	10%	32
\$250,000 or more	19%	60
Prefer not to answer	27%	83
TOTAL		311

Q7 Relationship to Kirkland (Select all that apply)

Answered: 315 Skipped: 1

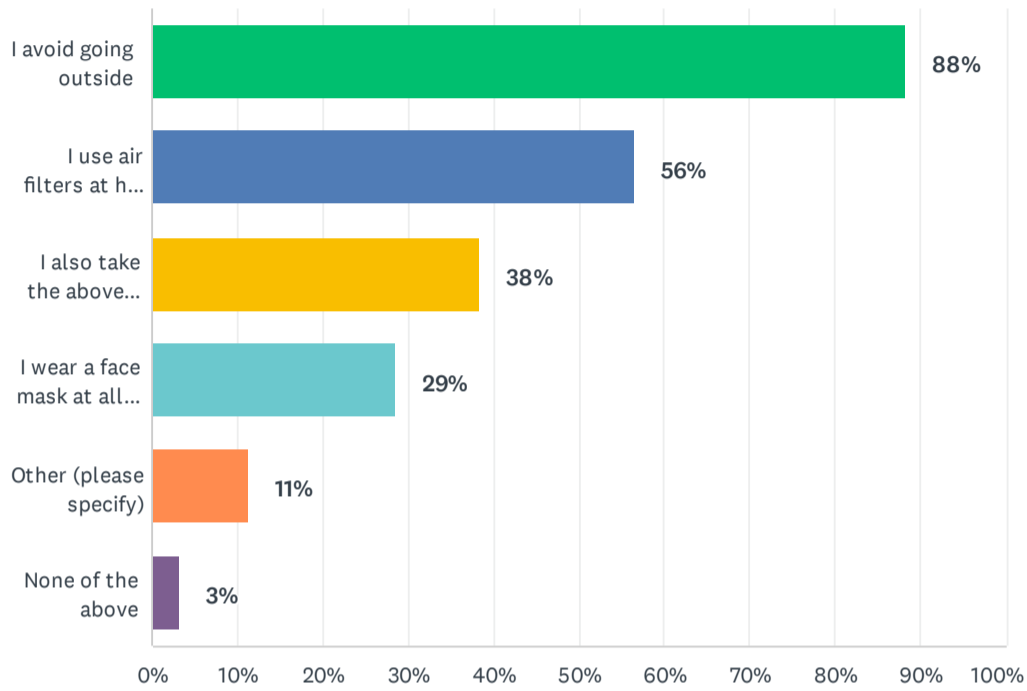


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Resident (homeowner)	74% 233
Resident (renter)	15% 46
Work in Kirkland	14% 43
Attend school in Kirkland	8% 24
Visit Kirkland	8% 24
Prefer not to answer	1% 3
Other (please specify)	2% 6
Total Respondents: 315	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	want to live in Kirkland	4/13/2023 11:28 PM
2	Indentured Taxpayer	4/13/2023 5:47 PM
3	Live with my parents?	3/20/2023 7:44 PM
4	retired	3/20/2023 7:42 PM
5	I've lived in Kirkland since 1974. I rent.	3/3/2023 11:03 AM
6	Resident parent, I grew up there	3/3/2023 1:41 AM

Q11 How does your life change when there is smoke from wildfire or other extreme air quality events? (select all that apply)

Answered: 273 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I avoid going outside	88%	241
I use air filters at home or I go to places where they are used	56%	154
I also take the above precautions with children, seniors or pets	38%	105
I wear a face mask at all times	29%	78
Other (please specify)	11%	31
None of the above	3%	9
Total Respondents: 273		

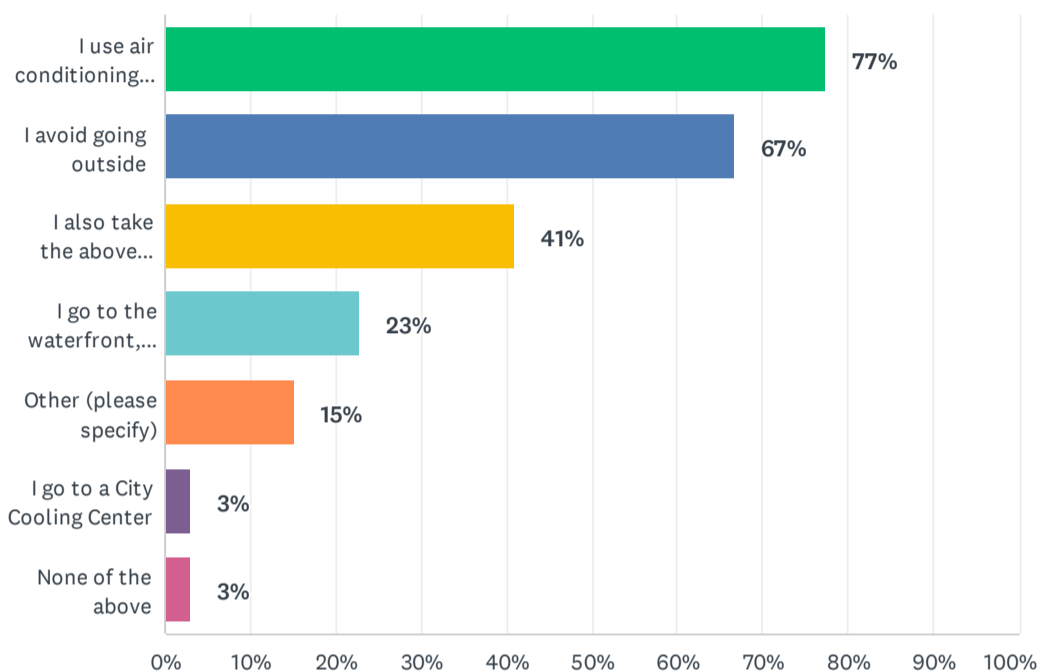
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Leave the area	4/13/2023 5:54 PM
2	I think the city should concentrate on core services, not this B.S.	4/13/2023 3:58 PM
3	Go to relatives' house where they have AC	4/12/2023 4:17 PM
4	I cool the house with mini-split heat pumps instead of natural ventilation.	4/11/2023 7:08 PM
5	Wear a mask when leaving the house	4/11/2023 12:24 PM
6	wear mask outside	4/9/2023 11:53 AM
7	I get frustrated that I can't work outside	4/7/2023 6:36 AM

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8	Conflating Kirkland decisions with wildfires in the Cascades and Canada is illogical	4/6/2023 5:03 PM
9	I wear an N-95 when outdoors: I think about moving elsewhere	4/6/2023 4:45 PM
10	Skip activities with kids	4/6/2023 9:21 AM
11	I'm extremely uncomfortable with wildfire; Meanwhile, I'm trying to save the shade trees and all things with moisture.	3/27/2023 8:29 PM
12	Where's this leading? It's inappropriate.	3/27/2023 7:23 AM
13	And I feel sick	3/15/2023 6:14 PM
14	I wear a mask when outdoors	3/15/2023 5:48 PM
15	Avoid outdoor exercise	3/6/2023 9:36 PM
16	Depressed from climate change and political issues preventing positive change	3/6/2023 6:38 PM
17	I can't open my windows, like when the Transfer Station smells horribly all summer	3/6/2023 5:14 PM
18	Bought an air purifier.	3/3/2023 2:37 PM
19	I limit my outdoor activities and seal my windows	3/3/2023 9:10 AM
20	My wife is more sensitive and avoids going outside.	3/3/2023 7:24 AM
21	Enjoy the sunsets!	3/2/2023 10:49 PM
22	I keep windows shut and my house doesn't cool off. I don't have AC	3/2/2023 10:46 PM
23	I bought a monitor to measure AQI & PM 2.5 pollution inside and outside my home.	3/2/2023 10:15 PM
24	I don't exercise as much.	3/2/2023 8:14 PM
25	I use an inhaler and grieve the loss of clean air.	3/2/2023 7:21 PM
26	Makes me think that forest management isn't a priority for the government	3/2/2023 7:13 PM
27	Family members have severe asthma & lung issues	3/2/2023 7:08 PM
28	I have respiratory issues	3/2/2023 7:00 PM
29	Fires are due to poor Forrest management and not climate change.	3/2/2023 2:40 PM
30	Keep windows closed	3/2/2023 9:47 AM
31	I wear a face mask some of the time.	3/2/2023 9:33 AM

Q12 How does your life change during extreme heat events (i.e., high temperatures)? (select all that apply)

Answered: 271 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I use air conditioning at home or I go to a friend or family's home	77%	210
I avoid going outside	67%	181
I also take the above precautions with children, seniors or pets	41%	111
I go to the waterfront, park, or community center/facility	23%	62
Other (please specify)	15%	41
I go to a City Cooling Center	3%	8
None of the above	3%	8
Total Respondents: 271		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Go downstairs, close blinds, use cooling "heat" pump.	4/15/2023 5:53 PM
2	Start work at 4am and quit at noon	4/13/2023 5:54 PM
3	I think the city should concentrate on core services, not this B.S.	4/13/2023 3:58 PM
4	Open the windows at night and keep them closed during the day - works great here	4/11/2023 9:57 PM
5	I pull exterior shades to shield from heat and draw out heat overnight with a high-volume whole-house fan.	4/11/2023 7:08 PM

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6	ceiling fans; hotels	4/10/2023 2:52 PM
7	I get frustrated that I can't work outside	4/7/2023 6:36 AM
8	I spend more time on our deck	4/6/2023 5:03 PM
9	I think about moving elsewhere	4/6/2023 4:45 PM
10	I have no air conditioning in my rental unit so I use multiple electric fans to cool	3/28/2023 11:03 AM
11	I go to our basement where it's cool. Again, I'm working to save shade trees and our local weather (cool, wet - traditionally)	3/27/2023 8:29 PM
12	The question is leading. Inappropriate.	3/27/2023 7:23 AM
13	close blinds, use fans	3/22/2023 9:35 PM
14	go to businesses with air conditioning like movies, malls, grocery stores	3/22/2023 12:22 PM
15	cold showers, lake swim, library,	3/20/2023 8:00 PM
16	use a/c, fans, windows and blinds to minimize heating	3/20/2023 3:11 PM
17	I wish there were more public pools!	3/10/2023 6:56 PM
18	I enjoy it	3/7/2023 5:53 PM
19	Don't use stove/oven, close window coverings (interior and exterior), stay in the basement	3/7/2023 3:52 PM
20	We avoid using appliances that would add heat to our home. If the air quality is good, we open windows and run fans at night. During the day, we run a small portable heat pump that is too small for the job but helps take the edge off the heat. During extreme heat, we cover the outside of our windows with cardboard. We visit shaded parks in the early morning hours.	3/7/2023 9:22 AM
21	stay in a hotel as we do not have air conditioning	3/7/2023 8:14 AM
22	I have a "portable" AC unit	3/5/2023 8:13 PM
23	modify/simplify outdoor activities to adapt the high temperature	3/5/2023 6:48 PM
24	Hotel	3/5/2023 3:31 PM
25	sleep in the basement	3/4/2023 1:23 PM
26	Heat pump	3/3/2023 3:20 PM
27	Leave town and go somewhere cooler, which is a privilege that others don't always have	3/3/2023 2:04 PM
28	Go outside in morning or evening	3/3/2023 1:10 PM
29	Head to Edmonds. 20 degrees cooler than Kirkland.	3/3/2023 11:03 AM
30	Use lots of fans throughout my living-space.	3/3/2023 10:21 AM
31	My wife is more sensitive and avoids going outside.	3/3/2023 7:24 AM
32	Turn on the fans; go to the movies.	3/2/2023 10:49 PM
33	I don't have AC. If it gets too hot I go to a friends.	3/2/2023 10:46 PM
34	I sleep downstairs on the couch where it is cooler.	3/2/2023 10:15 PM
35	No air conditioning, heat pump, or integrated fan infrastructure at our condo complex so I have to use a fan. I also go for a drive in an air conditioned car or go to a friend's basement	3/2/2023 8:49 PM
36	lower physical activity, cook less or outdoors, sleep outside in the back yard if it is too hot inside, whine, drink more water	3/2/2023 7:21 PM
37	I realize the weather changes as part of natural cycles	3/2/2023 7:13 PM
38	Love the heat and doesn't bother me. Use fans if needed and open/closing windows to help cool.	3/2/2023 3:35 PM
39	High temperatures are not uncommon and are just weather and not due to climate change.	3/2/2023 2:40 PM

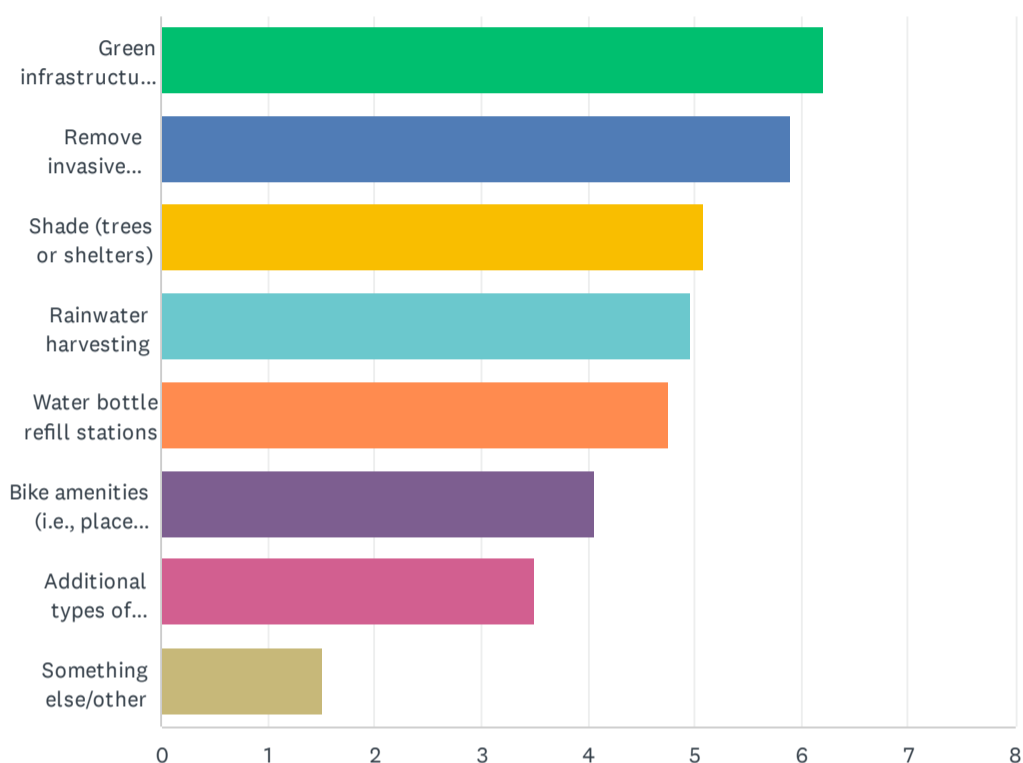
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40	Our lakeside parks are especially important at this time. If these events coincide with water quality events we will be in a pickle. If the lakewater is not contaminated however, could we set-up kid spray-fountains to cool people off? It's a little less intimidating than wading into a lake. Maybe temporary tents for shade in areas where there are less trees? I don't have either air or a heat pump. If the smoke and extreme heat arrive at the same time, I will be cooked. I need to stay inside because of the smoke, but the heat inside will build, and nighttime temps, in an extended heat event will not provide relief	3/2/2023 9:34 AM
41	We installed heat pumps to address heat, especially when it's also smokey.	3/2/2023 9:33 AM

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Q13 What kind of sustainability efforts would you like to see more of at Kirkland parks? (1 as highest priority; 8 as lowest priority of these options)

Answered: 264 Skipped: 52



Q15 What other environmental issues need attention in Kirkland?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 173

Word Cloud associated with key words in answers to Question 15



Q15 What other environmental issues need attention in Kirkland?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 173

List of Responses

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Planning and development projects...those projects requiring redoing sidewalks, or intersections, so a single property owner, or owners in downtown core see An increase in their property, business values is irresponsible and adds to carbon footprint while that work is being done. How many years before the city recoups that which was spent? It's not as if you are putting in a subway or rail line that would reduce auto traffic, but increase foot traffic to the area. You're just wasting money.	4/23/2023 1:26 PM
2	More trees and green space and less concrete and asphalt. Fewer glass buildings and eliminating light pollution, especially along the waterfront and in commercial areas.	4/18/2023 7:08 AM
3	Communication of recycling options outside of what's in the WM cart	4/16/2023 12:13 PM
4	Cut down dead trees. Stop promoting housing density which decreases open land and open space. Grow shade trees. Keep city safe for kids to ride bikes.	4/15/2023 5:53 PM
5	Vehicle racing on 85th Street, Lake Wa Blvd, etc. is illegal, dangerous, degrades quality of life for residents, and results in utterly pointless noise and air pollution. I appreciate the increased enforcement over the last year and would support further steps, including permanent speed- and noise-sensitive cameras. Many of these vehicles are extremely expensive and imply affluent owners, so significantly higher fines may be necessary to deter this behavior.	4/14/2023 10:22 PM
6	Increased public spaces	4/14/2023 6:34 PM
7	Car dependency and the things that support and promote it like parking minimums, and anything making it much easier to get places by car over any other mode.	4/13/2023 11:37 PM
8	Cleaning up trash and plastic from lake washington	4/13/2023 9:20 PM
9	Time the lights on Central Way so it's more likely that we won't hit a stop light. It's nearly impossible unless you take off from a red light and speed to make it through without hitting another red light. It's a huge waste of gas and brake pads.	4/13/2023 5:54 PM
10	Traffic, we need to push companies to allow remote work where it makes sense. Commuting every day to sit on a computer is incredibly wasteful.	4/13/2023 4:39 PM
11	Keep pedestrian/ non-motorized corridor (Cross Kirkland Corridor)	4/13/2023 4:01 PM
12	None. I think the city should concentrate on core services, not this B.S.	4/13/2023 3:58 PM
13	Keep the Rosehill park and ride for future transportation use.	4/12/2023 8:30 PM
14	Make Kirkland more pedestrian friendly	4/12/2023 4:17 PM
15	A huge part of sustainability is affordability. Less sustainable options (for everything) tend to be cheaper and more accessible. Kirkland's housing costs are very high, causing people to go with cheaper unsustainable options. I'd also like to see greater focus on walkability outside downtown Kirkland. Again, that goes with affordability. I'd love to live downtown and be able to walk everywhere (using my car very little) but the cost is outrageous.	4/12/2023 12:20 PM
16	Better enforcement for people who have cut down trees or are pouring chemicals down the drain. Reporting online can get stuck on the fact that it's required to give a name to place a complaint, which I think is unreasonable. We should be able to report anonymously, not just in cases of extreme danger.	4/12/2023 7:59 AM
17	Sewage pollution in Juanita Bay	4/12/2023 5:15 AM
18	Question 6 is stupid. Many of the choices are silly. I need a way to say which ones don't matter.	4/11/2023 9:57 PM
19	Roadside trash	4/11/2023 7:39 PM

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20	Too many barriers to walk, bike, or ride transit comfortably & conveniently...and greater economic incentives to drive, instead (like minimum parking requirements). Need a market-based tree canopy property tax adjustment.	4/11/2023 7:08 PM
21	Education about non-point pollution impacts:car washing, fertilizers, roof treatment	4/11/2023 12:33 PM
22	A focus on easy access to affordable public transport; making it easier and safer for pedestrians/bikes/e-bikes/strollers/wheelchairs in both neighborhoods and city settings; affordable, multi-purpose buildings (residence/commercial) that make it more practical and possible for people to use their cars less often	4/11/2023 12:24 PM
23	SAVE OUR TREES. UPDATE THE DEVELOPMENT CODES TO REQUIRE 25% OF TREES BE LEFT ON ALL PROPERTIES THAT ARE BEING DEVELOPED. CLEAR CUTTING ALL THE TREES IS TOTALLY WRONG. TREES ARE OUR BIGGEST HELP IN REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE	4/10/2023 2:52 PM
24	Buy more open spaces for parks! Do not allow residential development on remaining forested land.	4/9/2023 11:53 AM
25	Make public transit convenient, frequent, and reliable the subsidize it and charge for parking so people choose to take transit instead of drive. Put a cap on 405 to reconnect neighborhoods and add more green/park space. Allow tree rebates to apply to removing invasive plants from existing trees. Prioritize funds to low-moderate income households and other historically disadvantaged communities. We have to decarbonize all buildings in the next 25 years, so let's start with the disinvested places first. Start with replacing any gas heating and cooking with HP and induction paired with solar and batteries for resilience.	4/8/2023 9:24 AM
26	Noise pollution from leaf blowers - especially multiple large ones being used at the same time	4/7/2023 6:36 AM
27	Stormwater runoff into Lake Washington	4/6/2023 6:13 PM
28	Add more parks so people can experience the outdoors more.	4/6/2023 5:03 PM
29	Awareness about the dangers of gas-powered leaf blowers. Awareness of light pollution on wildlife, such as night wildlife and bird migration Awareness of activities to benefit wildlife, such as to encourage pollinators and song birds Reduce lawn areas and plant pollinator gardens instead	4/6/2023 4:55 PM
30	Goose poop pollution Stagnant water in Juanita Bay - dredging?	4/6/2023 4:45 PM
31	Banning highly polluting two-cycle gas equipment such as leaf blowers.	4/6/2023 1:26 PM
32	Creek,wooded areas, ditch-roadside trash removal	4/6/2023 11:31 AM
33	Tree retention and restoration	3/30/2023 7:02 PM
34	Safe sidewalks on both sides of all streets. Shade trees and benches in more pocket parks. Off leash dog areas with shade and benches.	3/30/2023 6:50 PM
35	Stop using poison pesticide! Make recycling available everywhere Increased canopy	3/28/2023 2:20 PM
36	Here are some specific actions that can address what I see as very high priority environmental, climate and sustainability issues: 1. Expand the existing Energy Smart Eastside program to include hot water heat pumps and a home weatherization program to maximize the use of clean energy and increase energy efficiency. 2. Develop a program for on-site vehicle charging stations for the substantial number of people residing in multi-unit housing complexes (condos, townhomes, apartments), in order for them to be able to participate in the transition from gasoline to electric powered vehicles, and thereby reducing Greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change. 3. Create a Kirkland climate dashboard that is accessible to the public, which tracks the City's Greenhouse gas emissions, and the efforts of the city to decrease them, so that the effectivity of actions can be identified, and changes can be made as needed. 4. Add additional staff and resources to address the urgency of the implementation of actions that are designed to reduce the contributors to climate change. The impacts of climate change are already upon us, however the City of Kirkland has only one staff member fully dedicated to these actions. Neighboring Eastside cities are responding to this issue by significantly staffing up to meet this need. Kirkland needs to do the same now.	3/28/2023 11:03 AM
37	There is no reasonable access to public transport from Finn Hill/Juanita drive. Pleae connect Finn Hill with Juanita Beach through a dedicated sidewalk along Juanita drive and I'll consider riding my bike to work.	3/28/2023 10:48 AM

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38	In North Juanita and Finn Hill, we need many pocket parks in legacy non-park neighborhoods (East Finn Hill - no parks at all!), dog runs in East Finn Hill (we'd lessen folks driving to Marymoor to run their dogs. That happens lots); support walking paths in between house (do not let the Kirkland permit department to vacate easements and right of ways that might allow walking between houses- create partnerships between Kirkland's permitting department and the sustainability folks who support multimodal transportation (anything but more cars, please); lessen the width of existing roads (King County made the roads too wide!). All that concrete radiates heat, contributes to killing fish and aquatic life; there is not one living thing on a road...except people in vehicles.	3/27/2023 8:29 PM
39	Invasive plant removal	3/27/2023 8:10 PM
40	NA	3/27/2023 7:58 PM
41	N/A	3/27/2023 7:57 PM
42	Littering.	3/27/2023 7:56 PM
43	Reduce car routes	3/27/2023 7:56 PM
44	Bad movement	3/27/2023 11:29 AM
45	Be a leader and propose a lower budget by making better use of resources. Less use and creation of things could be better.	3/27/2023 9:20 AM
46	Traffic. Noise. Housing density. The roads, constraining geography and infrastructure renders unsustainable the endless growth the City so gleefully endorses.	3/27/2023 7:23 AM
47	limit growth	3/22/2023 9:35 PM
48	Don't let people cut down trees for "personal reasons", like to improve their view and the city should try not to remove so many trees and plants either in the name of progress. Don't let Kirkland become a concrete jungle! A planted traffic meridian with native plants will always look better than a concrete one.	3/22/2023 12:22 PM
49	Developers being able to cut down all the old growth trees on a property and replace them with tiny ones.	3/21/2023 11:03 PM
50	Requiring all new construction to be green.	3/20/2023 9:37 PM
51	Quit approving mega-home construction; homes are simply too big. no more tear-downs. Continuous bike lanes on both sides of major streets. Solar access.	3/20/2023 8:00 PM
52	IDK stop selling land to developers who put 15 houses on a lot, which causes the wildlife to have to leave the area. Coyote and bobcat sightings and issues have gone WAY up since I was a little kid growing up here, and I think it's clearly because the homes of these animals are being destroyed.	3/20/2023 7:52 PM
53	People are pollution. Population control.	3/20/2023 3:11 PM
54	We need more amenities within walking distance. Small scale retail/gathering zones within 10-15 minute walk. Like a corner grocery and coffee shop. Think: Ken's Grocery, Marina, and the Five Corners Hardware on Queen Anne; Madrona Market, The Hi-Spot, and the tiny Seattle Public Library in Madrona. Both neighborhoods are served by larger amenities within a mile or two, but folks use these closer options much more frequently. These small corner hubs are much loved and build community while lessening the need to drive. I can't think of anywhere on the Eastside that has this format. We need to punctuate our vast swaths of residential architecture with walkable services.	3/20/2023 9:19 AM
55	Kirkland needs to get aggressive about reducing residents' carbon footprints: - Lots of electrification (including banning gas stoves, furnaces, hot water heaters, etc.) - Reduce the need for fossil-fuel transit (cars), but making the whole city into a web of 15-minute cities. - Local power (solar) generation - Lower-carbon construction and operation (Passive houses, LEED, DGNB ratings for buildings.)	3/19/2023 9:49 PM
56	Tree canopy enhancement throughout the City (not just parks), more effective effective wetlands protection, more effective surface water management.	3/19/2023 9:38 PM
57	Need more complete and connected neighborhoods.	3/17/2023 12:02 PM

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58	-Water Quality. Protection of water bodies (streams and Lake Wash). -Better protection of trees and tree canopy. -Preservation of remaining green space.	3/17/2023 8:57 AM
59	Why, exactly, does Juanita Beach seem to frequently deal with an overflowing sewer problem? Is there even a solution?	3/16/2023 2:24 PM
60	Development is destroying our trees and streams, density is hodgepodge, not supportive of walking and biking.	3/15/2023 6:14 PM
61	Water quality of Juanita Creek, especially sewage overflows, and impact on Juanita Bay.	3/15/2023 5:48 PM
62	More frequent recycling programs for batteries, electronics, paint, etc.	3/15/2023 2:40 PM
63	Clean up garbage in parks and roads. Add more police for safety at bus station and parks. Dont allow drug use in public spaces	3/15/2023 11:56 AM
64	Renters need help getting access to charging stations in order to make owning an electric car practical.	3/13/2023 4:02 PM
65	The recycling program is extremely limited. The contractors are getting away with pulling down all the trees when they add in homes. Contractors need to be required to add in trees not keep subtracting them.	3/10/2023 6:56 PM
66	Use of plastics Food scraps composting	3/9/2023 6:20 PM
67	Educating age group Teens up to 30 th	3/9/2023 5:49 PM
68	Traffic and congestion!	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
69	Promote tree's. Kirkland lets developers win all arguments regardless of tree canopy need. Replacing old growth with twig deciduous makes no sense.	3/8/2023 3:49 PM
70	Provide more EV charging stations at city parks, and city facility buildings.	3/8/2023 9:57 AM
71	Demand a rollback of Inslee's carbon tax. We voted it down once because it doesn't help the environment in any way. Demand that it is roled back. Also ban camping in parks. The vagrants are ruining the watersheds.	3/7/2023 5:53 PM
72	The extreme levels of new housing going up. The paving over of any natural spaces left, other than already protected parks.	3/7/2023 5:19 PM
73	Climate impact of new park facilities like indoor pool/gym. In general, I would like to see a heightened sense of urgency on the part of the City Council. For me, I would like to see many more dollars going to reduce the climate impact of our transportation and built environment. I realize that this is a regional issue, but I feel that K4C has not been an effective group while being a particularly opaque organization.	3/7/2023 3:52 PM
74	Housing is a climate issue. Sprawl means more pavement, more car-dependence, more transportation emissions, less forest, and less farmland. We need flexible housing solutions in Kirkland that put more people close to jobs, services, and public transit.	3/7/2023 9:22 AM
75	It would be nice to know about public operations that are green - a sort of lead by example type of thing. Maybe City Hall goes solar, or something like that.	3/7/2023 8:52 AM
76	expanded recycling program(s) to capture more types of plastic	3/7/2023 8:14 AM
77	Styrofoam recycling More composting	3/6/2023 9:57 PM
78	Driving around Kirkland, I see so many office buildings with lights on all night which is such a waste of energy. We have the technology to automate lights getting turned off when no one is in the building. The city needs to update regulations to require investment in such energy conservation efforts.	3/6/2023 9:57 PM
79	This would be a very long list. Stop permitting new gas installations and plan to phase out existing service. Close whole roads and lane of travel to cars. Encourage much higher density in our built environment including loud support for state housing initiatives.	3/6/2023 9:36 PM
80	Making the roads more bike and walking friendly to encourage less driving,	3/6/2023 8:51 PM
81	Building code amendments to reduce the creation of heat islands and to add efficiency standards.	3/6/2023 8:21 PM

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82	I think we should consider banning 2 stroke engine devices used in our neighborhood, e.g. leaf blowers.	3/6/2023 7:49 PM
83	Public transportation, neighborhood community building, local food and transportation, smaller mini-city centers with core needs	3/6/2023 6:38 PM
84	Reducing pesticide use that harms beneficial insects and other existing wildlife. Maintaining and creating parks and other natural areas that allow habitat for wildlife.	3/6/2023 6:08 PM
85	The transfer station needs to go. They spill contaminated water as they leave the station, all over the roads and into wetlands in the neighboring Bridle Trails State Park. The emissions from queueing vehicles is immediately next door to residential homes and a daycare. Residents can not open their windows 365 days a year because of the above mentioned issues as well as noxious odors and noise from the site that begins before sun-up and continue until 8:30pm, seven days a week.	3/6/2023 5:14 PM
86	More investment in protected bike lanes and trails, more frequent and expansive public transit, more investment in housing and public resources for lower income people during heat and smoke events	3/6/2023 5:02 PM
87	Centering residents above cars, making the city work better for people who can visit it to use without constant personal car use.	3/6/2023 4:44 PM
88	Equity and access to services and affordable housing. Climate change cannot be properly addressed when community members do not have access to housing, food, and opportunities.	3/6/2023 10:19 AM
89	Kirkland should be calculating GHG emissions annual or biannually (every 2 yrs). They could be displayed on a Sustainability dashboard, such as Bellevue and Redmond have. We need to be able to show our measurement and progress of GHG emission reduction goals. Kirklanders need to be able to see concrete progress.	3/5/2023 8:13 PM
90	1) Emmissions (what are the facts about our community / vehicles, homes, business, etc.) Is Nat Gas really impactful? 2) Electrification (how are we set for infrastructure, home and business charging, etc. Is there long term planning on vehcile and charging for non-homeowners? 3) what are we doing for Hydorgen ecosystem?	3/5/2023 6:48 PM
91	Please follow your Tree Policy: About the Program The Tree Planting Rebate program is run by the City's Storm & Surface Water Division. Trees help prevent flooding in our neighborhoods, provide shade for our homes, and help filter pollutants to provide clean water for Lake Washington. The City's primary goal for this program is to increase tree canopy to help reduce rainwater runoff. As trees grow and mature, their environmental benefits increase. The larger canopies and root systems of mature trees can soak up rainwater runoff now, while planting new trees can help us in the long-term. This is why it is so important retain existing trees in addition to planting new ones. Did you know? Evergreen trees, like Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar, capture and absorb more than 60% of the rain that falls on them throughout the year. This helps prevent flooding and reduces rainwater runoff.	3/5/2023 3:31 PM
92	Develop storm drain waste separators there must be something we can install in drain catch basins to trap containments.	3/5/2023 9:24 AM
93	Street trees need a dedicated care program and full-time crew	3/4/2023 8:35 PM
94	recycling plastics and styrofoam	3/4/2023 1:23 PM
95	Please continue to offer Recycling events. Think about how owner/residents in multifamily housing (many downtown condos!) can participate.	3/4/2023 8:23 AM
96	More safe walking paths through green spaces, separate from bicycles. Invasive plant removal and restoration of Public Works spaces.	3/4/2023 7:04 AM
97	Encourage reduce packaging: take out food and prepackaged foods and frozen meals cause a great deal of waste. Food waste needs to be addressed more. Restaurants and grocery stores produce a huge amount of wasted food. Find ways to get this extra food to needy residents. Apartment dwellers in particular are producing much of this waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle Styrofoam. Encourage reusable sanitary products and diapers. Make washable diapers more readily available in stores and charity/food bank sites. Promote a program where reusable diapers are easily available to residents at a reduced cost. Better ways to monitor truck idling issues. Dump trucks waiting for Google construction were idling all the time on 68th. Encourage more companies to use shuttles especially to parking lots in neighborhoods (church	3/4/2023 6:02 AM

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lots for example). More public restrooms that you keep open year round. People walk more if they know there will be a clean place to use a toilet and wash hands. Many stores don't have restrooms available any more. Landscaping equipment causes a negative environmental impact. "According to state air quality officials, those machines are some of the biggest polluters in California. In fact, by 2020, leaf blowers and other small gas engines will create more ozone pollution than all of the passenger cars in the state." Landscape workers are exposed to poisonous air from these types of equipment and everyone is exposed to noise pollution.

98	With excess development in our residential neighborhoods we seem to be losing A LOT of mature trees which are cut down to allow for huge homes and developments. We are losing our natural canopy, wildlife, and all the benefits that come with trees and are left with cement, manicured areas and ornamental trees. I would love to see the city focus on saving green space and stop allowing developers to clear land of so many mature trees.	3/3/2023 5:11 PM
99	Support for engaging with schools	3/3/2023 3:20 PM
100	There's too much hot air produced when they talk about these issues.	3/3/2023 3:15 PM
101	Loss of open space and trees, too much pavement. Kirkland has changed so much over the past 50 years and not necessarily for better.	3/3/2023 2:37 PM
102	Loss of tree canopy/shade, water pollution in our creeks and lakes	3/3/2023 2:04 PM
103	Litter and dog waste left on sidewalks and yards.	3/3/2023 1:13 PM
104	Continue preservation of waterfront parks	3/3/2023 1:10 PM
105	Aggressive Vision Zero implementation. People are not going to walk or roll (bikes, scooters, etc) with dangerous conditions. We need complete ADA sidewalks and protected bike lanes. We need better-designed intersections that make it impossible for cars to threaten other road users. And until those are implemented, we need better enforcement of traffic laws, especially regarding speed, stops, and pedestrian right-of-ways (including marked and unmarked crosswalks). Pedestrian Rights groups fought to have protections coded into law, but we seem to have abandoned pedestrian safety in favor of moving higher volumes of personal automobiles. EV will not reduce traffic, land used for parking, noise, or danger, and they trade one form of environmental degradation for another. Robust public transportation, and complete walking and biking networks are not only the better environmental choice, but they add a tremendous amount of social capital which has the potential to bring folks together organically to solve a myriad of problems and generally make for happier lives.	3/3/2023 11:33 AM
106	Better ADA accessible parking for Disability vehicles. And installing ADA Sidewalk & repair of sidewalks damaged by tree roots. 132nd from 100th to JHS as example of very poor sidewalks. This limits Seniors & others with mobility limitations from access to parks, programs, etc.	3/3/2023 11:23 AM
107	Fiter our stormwater runoff. Quit paving everything. Ever heard of gravel roads or parking areas?	3/3/2023 11:03 AM
108	We need to reduce the impact of our footprint, not only carbon footprint but also think about ways to reduce our over consumption of natural resources	3/3/2023 9:10 AM
109	Stop wasting time on this BS that won't change anything. How about fixing the roads instead? Have you seen the state of 132nd it's like driving in Seattle. I also don't believe the city is truly concerned about climate change. If you were, you wouldn't be ruining the city with all this density. If you want to stop "climate change", stop pushing density and sub dividing single home plots and approving 10 new houses in the place of one. Stop cutting down trees and adding in apartments. You clearly only care about tax revenue. Want to prevent forest fires? How about managing the forests properly.	3/3/2023 8:27 AM
110	The city of Kirkland is wasting city resources on feel good environmental policies that have zero impact on climate. The money would be better spent on addressing the local drug crisis (instead of putting a homeless facility next to SEVERAL schools). The quality of life in Kirkland has vastly decreased thanks to the horrible priorities set by the city council in addition to their greedy policies to increase density despite the neighborhoods not being made to accommodate it. I used to be proud to being people back to my hometown but now I'm just embarrassed.	3/3/2023 8:10 AM
111	Too many people. Reduce traffic. Improve salmon habitat. Protect trees.	3/3/2023 7:24 AM

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112	Homeless people/drug use...don't just house them. This is a band-aid get at the root cause. Not as safe to walk alone as it was several years ago to the the influx of homeless.	3/3/2023 7:07 AM
113	Better cleaning efforts made on trails, parks, streams. Would join volunteer cleanup groups, however those are limited to certain streets. Would love more cooperation between City and State for I-405 cleanup, need more garbage cans along CKC or for these to be cleaned up regularly, as they are often overflowing from the dog waste. More recycling events. Better cleanup of beaches, need regulars cleanup of invasive species. A better way to send in complaints. Often get denied for not putting contact information, which is a liability when issue is dangerous.	3/3/2023 7:01 AM
114	I noticed the ev chargers at city hall are usually iced (blocked) Enforcement of significant tree rules for developers	3/3/2023 1:53 AM
115	Educate the public about environmental issues and responsible actions we should take.	3/3/2023 12:53 AM
116	Increasing density. Return zoning to previous and stop building up and out to the streets!	3/2/2023 10:49 PM
117	Stop allowing developers to clear cut all the trees. Allow homeowners to remove trees that don't let anything else grow under them. Especially if it's in their own yard or your so called right of way!	3/2/2023 10:46 PM
118	Reducing residential & business use of gas powered lawn appliances (leaf blowers, etc). Convenient/frequent recycling drop off locations for Styrofoam, electronics, etc. Donation options for outdated but working computers & cell phones.	3/2/2023 10:15 PM
119	Property taxes are now \$20k. So I'm looking to move out of town. It's not sustainable to be have such high annual costs when pay raises are only 3% per year if lucky. Whereas property tax has grown by nearly 100% in just 7 years.	3/2/2023 10:09 PM
120	I wish there were more electric car chargers. Also, it is difficult to find affordable housing in apartments that also have electric car chargers. I wish Kirkland would future proof. Putting power lines underground to avoid power outages would be good.	3/2/2023 8:59 PM
121	SOLAR! I didn't see much so far in this survey about the use of solar power. Also we really need to examine the FULL life cycle of electric vehicles - such as: the impact of mining materials needed to create batteries, reduce cost of battery replacement so cars can last longer, impact to aging electric grid / infrastructure when so much more demand is in place due to more electric vehicles.	3/2/2023 8:49 PM
122	More pedestrian friendly communities, including traffic calming & safer crosswalks	3/2/2023 8:38 PM
123	Herbicide use by the city and residents; litter caused by straws and plastic cups/serving ware - need to ban SUP items.	3/2/2023 8:14 PM
124	RV long term parking on public streets and related releases of human and pet wastes to storm drains and public or private landscapes	3/2/2023 7:36 PM
125	We have a significant senior population and disabled population who need support in finding shade, water stations, and places to be by the water with shade. As we increase EV charging spots we also need increased disabled parking spots downtown. Much of our high density housing lacks AC. More dog parks closer to downtown would be lovely with SHADE!	3/2/2023 7:21 PM
126	Education and outreach on best lawn care practices. Education on runoff going into our tributaries.	3/2/2023 7:16 PM
127	Stop subscribing to Global Agendas i.e. ICLEI, Agebda 21/ 2030 SDG's	3/2/2023 7:13 PM
128	City needs to consider needs of disabled individuals in planning for environmental changes or improvements. I have mobility issues can't ride a bike or walk far. Buses are difficult for me to get in and out of.	3/2/2023 7:08 PM
129	Pollution of the water such as Juanita Beach. I dont see this survey is available in other languages so all community has access. Where is the equity and inclusion of all the people that lives here?	3/2/2023 6:38 PM
130	Trees on Juanita-Woodinville are always in horrible condition. Ivy is choking them and BlackBerry vines everywhere.	3/2/2023 6:35 PM
131	We still need to improve Kirkland to be more walkable especially with all the recent housing	3/2/2023 3:35 PM

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built and tons of people moving into the area. Surprising to me that many people from here tell me they don't want to walk due to rain or take public transportation. What can be done to make these more inviting?

132	Put more effort into encouraging smaller dwelling through zoning or other city building requirements. It seems like new residential buildings are still too large/too wasteful/cover too much of the lot size. Our building programs do not communicate a desire to make hard choices about the future.	3/2/2023 2:53 PM
133	None. Stay in your lane and focus on the basics - public safety, infrastructure.	3/2/2023 2:40 PM
134	There is no mention of land use in this survey. Maximizing the number of people and destinations in Kirkland is one of the most important things we need to do. There is also no acknowledgement of the negatives brought by cars and car infrastructure.	3/2/2023 1:51 PM
135	Kirkland City Gov't continues to push new solution ideas, while avoiding current methods already under their responsibility	3/2/2023 1:47 PM
136	Keeping trees and green spaces. Keeping development out of sensitive areas that destroy tree canopy	3/2/2023 1:21 PM
137	Some safe roadway or bike connections across or under freeway and the busy roads. Traffic calming. Ground slumping, ground water saturation.	3/2/2023 10:33 AM
138	Home size, lake shore habitat	3/2/2023 9:47 AM
139	Kirkland is fixated upon a "climate change" political agenda while allowing adverse environmental impacts such as RVs parked on streets, homeless encampments, leaky septic systems, not requiring property owners to keep their natural areas free of trash, and not doing more to educate the public about what is and isn't allowed. Instead of reducing carbon emissions, how about addressing the very real problems that already tangibly exist?	3/2/2023 9:42 AM
140	Construction waste. Demolition of perfectly good houses adds to landfills. City should require more recycling and separation of recyclable materials on construction job sites.	3/2/2023 9:41 AM
141	Restructuring neighborhoods to be more connected without cars. Paths to destinations and off-street biking. Care of the parks. Claw-back some development that is near streams to buffer fluxuating stream flows and improve water quality.	3/2/2023 9:34 AM
142	I am most concerned about extreme heat when combined with smoke, which you asked about. My husband and I have the means and utilized the Solarize Kirkland program to install solar panels and the Heat Pump program to install ductless mini-splits in our all-electric, older homes. I'm guessing older homes are more likely to not have gas. We bought an electric car, we're doing what we can for us and society with the help of these programs.	3/2/2023 9:33 AM
143	Make safer bike lanes to encourage bicycle use.	3/2/2023 9:23 AM