

Q5. How would you rate the importance of natural open space?

	All Responses	Year Round	Second Homeo	Visitors
It is very important to the community and more natural open space is needed;	80.6%	82.6%	85.3%	35.0%
It is very important but the City has adequate open space;	18.3%	16.7%	14.7%	55.0%
Some natural open space is nice, but the City has too much.	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	10.0%

Q6. If you think more open space is needed in Ocean City what are the primary reasons for additional open space?

	All Responses	Year Round	Second Homeo	Visitors
Management of stormwater/flood prevention	69.3%	65.4%	79.4%	30.8%
Habitat protection	63.0%	61.7%	64.7%	46.2%
Recreation	59.1%	60.2%	56.9%	61.5%
Experience nature	58.3%	59.4%	54.9%	61.5%
Ecological diversity	47.2%	49.6%	44.1%	30.8%
Increase non-motorized transportation options	43.7%	42.1%	49.0%	15.4%
Exercise	39.4%	37.6%	42.2%	23.1%
Improve connections between community destinations	22.0%	24.8%	18.6%	15.4%
Improve children's access to schools	12.6%	16.5%	5.9%	23.1%

Q8. Which of the following benefits of recreation and open space are most important to you?

	All Responses	Year Round	Second Homeo	Visitors
Enjoy Nature	74.1%	72.5%	77.1%	65.0%
Relaxation	70.0%	67.8%	71.2%	70.0%
Physical Exercise	58.7%	59.1%	61.0%	40.0%
Environmental Protection	58.4%	59.7%	60.2%	30.0%
Access to Water	50.2%	49.0%	50.8%	50.0%
Health and wellness	48.1%	46.3%	50.0%	50.0%
Entertain Children	26.3%	26.2%	25.4%	20.0%
Opportunities for youth	25.6%	30.9%	18.6%	25.0%
Special Event	22.2%	22.1%	22.9%	10.0%
Cultural opportunities	20.5%	19.5%	22.0%	15.0%
Socializing	16.7%	20.1%	12.7%	15.0%
Competitive Athletics	10.2%	16.8%	2.5%	10.0%

Q10. Does Ocean City need to add or expand the following facilities? ("YES" Responses)

	All Responses	Year Round	Second Home	Visitors
Bike paths	82.7%	80.7%	85.4%	75.0%
Hiking and walking trails	78.2%	80.2%	80.6%	56.3%
Conservation areas	74.7%	74.1%	79.5%	50.0%
Access to waterways	63.8%	68.8%	65.0%	31.3%
Family picnic areas	56.3%	61.0%	51.3%	41.2%
Year-round recreation programming	56.3%	67.0%	49.3%	25.0%
Boat ramps	44.9%	50.5%	42.5%	31.3%
Summer recreational programs	42.2%	40.6%	48.7%	25.0%
Children's play areas	38.8%	42.0%	38.7%	25.0%
Skateboard park	37.9%	56.0%	14.5%	25.0%
Swimming instruction	34.2%	39.8%	30.4%	18.8%
Ice skating rink	29.1%	34.0%	23.2%	25.0%
Golf	21.9%	17.5%	29.3%	12.5%
Horseshoes	19.4%	22.3%	15.5%	12.5%
Baseball/softball fields	18.6%	24.5%	8.7%	18.8%
Basketball courts	16.0%	11.5%	21.4%	12.5%
Street Hockey	15.2%	21.1%	5.8%	12.5%
Soccer fields	12.2%	17.2%	5.9%	12.5%
Tennis	12.0%	13.8%	10.0%	13.3%
Ultimate Frisbee	6.4%	9.5%	2.8%	0.0%
Football fields	5.0%	5.3%	1.5%	12.5%

Q9. How often do you or a member of your household participate in the following recreational activities? (WEIGHTED IMPACT)

	All Responses	Year Round	Second Home	Visitors
Walking/Jogging	94.6%	93.9%	96.5%	87.5%
Bicycling	86.8%	86.6%	90.8%	69.1%
Swimming	71.7%	71.7%	76.0%	51.6%
Gardening	68.9%	73.0%	66.3%	60.9%
Boating/Kayaking/Paddleboard	47.9%	49.5%	47.8%	35.3%
Playground	43.9%	43.8%	44.7%	35.7%
Fishing	38.6%	39.8%	38.3%	33.3%
Nature Study	35.8%	40.8%	30.2%	34.4%
Golf	34.3%	29.0%	40.9%	25.0%
Surfing	32.9%	36.6%	31.9%	15.0%
Picnics	29.7%	30.3%	29.1%	26.7%
Soccer	27.8%	30.4%	23.9%	25.0%
Basketball	26.5%	23.9%	28.2%	28.3%
Baseball/Softball	25.6%	29.9%	20.8%	15.0%
Tennis	20.9%	20.9%	23.2%	15.0%
Horseshoes	15.8%	17.0%	14.2%	8.9%
Volleyball	14.9%	13.6%	15.1%	23.3%
Street Hockey	13.4%	19.1%	7.1%	3.6%
Skateboarding	12.9%	19.5%	7.4%	1.8%
Bocce ball	12.1%	13.0%	10.3%	8.9%
Football	11.0%	11.4%	8.7%	7.1%
Shuffleboard	10.8%	13.9%	7.9%	5.4%
Rollerblading	8.2%	12.5%	2.4%	10.7%
Ultimate Frisbee	4.9%	3.8%	5.8%	7.1%

Q11. How do you rate the following criteria to evaluate future open space acquisitions in Ocean City? (WEIGHTED RESULT)

	All Responses	Year Round	Second Home	Visitors
Protection of environmentally-sensitive lands and/or waters	59%	63%	56%	33%
Protection of plant and/or wildlife habitat	50%	57%	43%	27%
Accessibility to potential users	41%	45%	34%	47%
Availability of outside funding support	39%	40%	40%	27%
Development limiting	39%	38%	45%	0%
Acquisition costs	35%	34%	36%	40%
Potential for linear recreation system (trail, bikeway, greenway)	33%	28%	41%	13%
Preservation of a key historic resource	31%	30%	31%	47%
Development costs	30%	24%	35%	20%
Opportunity for neighborhood improvement	27%	33%	20%	13%
Suitability and potential for use as active recreation	25%	31%	23%	13%
Opportunity costs	24%	24%	29%	0%
Distribution of recreational/open space sites throughout the community	21%	33%	6%	7%
Debt service costs on local portions of Acquisition Costs and Development Costs	18%	16%	21%	0%
Opportunity to maintain or increase public access to coastal or inland waters	15%	18%	15%	-13%
Savings in cost of services	13%	11%	13%	20%
Availability for public purchase	12%	17%	10%	7%
Absence of environmental constraints	12%	16%	10%	-7%
Consistency with local Master Plan	11%	9%	11%	27%
Furthers public ownership and control of bayfront	8%	13%	8%	-13%
Furthers public ownership and control of beachfront	6%	9%	8%	-14%
Opportunity for passive recreation in densely developed neighborhood	2%	11%	-2%	-53%
Opportunity to provide enhanced environmental or cultural education to residents and guests	-6%	3%	-17%	-7%
Consistency with county and regional plans	-7%	-8%	-8%	20%
Loss of tax revenue	-10%	-19%	3%	-20%
Potential for tourism development benefits	-19%	-16%	-27%	13%
Utility availability	-28%	-30%	-28%	-20%
Adjacency to other public-owned or publicly-controlled recreation/open space	-30%	-25%	-35%	-40%
Adjacency to historic district	-74%	-72%	-77%	-67%
Adjacency to business district	-75%	-69%	-80%	-80%