



Fort Collins Natural Areas Resident Survey Report of Results

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Executive Summary

Survey Background

The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program desired to learn about community perceptions and satisfaction with its program and the natural areas, and the recreation activities of visitors to the natural areas and contracted with National Research Center, Inc. to conduct a scientific survey of residents in Fort Collins and the rest of Larimer County, excluding Estes Park. Of the 1,600 randomly selected households to which surveys were sent, 67 were identified by the post office as vacant. A total of 414 completed surveys were returned from the estimated 1,533 households that received a survey, for a response rate of 27%. Survey results in each geographic area were weighted so that respondent age, gender and housing tenure status (rent versus own) were represented in the proportions reflective of the entire area. The margin of error is plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent for all results.

Survey Results

- **Visitation of natural areas by Fort Collins and Larimer County residents is high.**
Eighty percent of survey respondents reported they had visited a natural area at least once in the past year. Over half of those completing the questionnaire had visited once a month or more. Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space (45% of respondents), Prospect Ponds (44%), Coyote Ridge (40%) and Cathy Fromme Prairie (37%) were the most commonly visited natural areas in the 12 months prior to the survey.
- **Survey respondents were more familiar with the natural areas themselves, and less familiar with the Natural Areas Program.**
Just over half of survey participants said they were “somewhat” or “very familiar” with the natural areas conserved by the City of Fort Collins. However, only about a third were somewhat or very familiar with the Natural Areas Program.
- **Residents gave very positive ratings to natural areas overall, and to the facilities and services of the natural areas.**
Ninety percent of respondents rated the quality of the job done by the Natural Areas Program as “excellent,” “very good” or “good.” Nearly all (97%) of visitors to the natural areas were “somewhat” or “very satisfied” with the natural areas they have used.

For individual facilities and services, letter grades of A or B were given by 59% to 81% of respondents, with trailhead conditions, trail conditions and directional and informational signs receiving the highest grade. Restrooms received the lowest ratings, but they were still rated positively by a majority of respondents.
- **Residents appreciate the ways in which natural areas contribute to the community.**
When asked to what extent natural areas contribute to various aspects of the community, more than 70% of respondents felt that natural areas contributed to at least a “moderate” extent to each of the items rated. Recreation and wellness opportunities at natural areas were seen as the greatest areas of contribution to the community, followed by the overall quality of life in the city and habitat conservation.

When asked to say in their own words what one thing they most appreciated about the natural areas, the most frequent response was just the fact that they existed, that the open spaces were

there. Others mentioned that they appreciated that these areas were nearby and accessible, and that they were abundant throughout the city.

➤ **Visitors enjoy a variety of activities in the natural areas, but hiking is the most popular activity.**

Hiking (71% of respondents), biking (55%) and dog walking (44%) were the most frequently mentioned activities at natural areas. Other population activities included relaxing/doing nothing (42%), wildlife viewing (39%), commuting/passing through (30%), running/jogging (29%), fishing (21%), picnicking (20%) and photography/art (20%).

On average, natural areas visitors reported spending just under two hours at their most recent visit, and those traveling from outside Fort Collins tended to have longer visits. Visitors to Gateway, Bobcat Ridge and Coyote Ridge were more likely to have extended visits of more than two hours than were visitors to other areas.

➤ **Very few visitors reported problems with crowding or other unpleasant experiences.**

Survey respondents were asked about crowding and any unpleasant experiences in the previous 12 months. Crowding was infrequently reported and if experienced, rarely negatively impacted the natural areas visit. About 1 in 10 natural areas visitors had experienced something unpleasant; they described the specifics, which usually related to dogs and other animals.

➤ **More than half of visitors get to a natural area by driving.**

About 6 in 10 natural areas visitors traveled by car for their most recent visit. About one-quarter biked and 14% walked. County residents outside Fort Collins were more likely to have driven than those in the city. Walking to Gustav Swanson (84%) and Red Fox Meadows (76%) was more common and those visiting Redwing Marsh (100%), Magpie Meander (90%) and Mallard's Nest (76%) biked more often.

Survey Background

The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program desired to learn about community perceptions and satisfaction with its program and the natural areas, and the recreation activities of visitors to the natural areas. They contracted with National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) to conduct a scientific survey of residents in Fort Collins and the rest of Larimer County, excluding Estes Park. Development of the questionnaire was undertaken by the agency's staff members, with input from NRC. Some of the questions were taken from previous user surveys conducted for agency. A copy of the questionnaire can be found in *Appendix G: Survey Materials*.

Sixteen hundred households in Larimer County (excluding Estes Park) were selected to receive the survey. Three-fourths of the selected households were within Fort Collins, and one-fourth from the rest of the study area. The selected households were contacted by mail. They first received a prenotification postcard informing them that a survey would be mailed to them shortly. About a week later they were mailed the questionnaire with a cover letter signed by John Stokes, the director of the City of Fort Collins Natural Resources Department. Included in the packet was a postage-paid return envelope. A week later a second survey was mailed, with instructions to recycle the survey if they had already responded. Of the 1,600 households selected to receive the survey, 67 were reported to be vacant by the post office (49 in Fort Collins, 18 in the rest of the county). A total of 414 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 27%. Of these 414, 271 were from Fort Collins residents (representing a response rate of 24%) and 143 from the rest of Larimer County excluding Estes Park (37% response rate). Survey results in each geographic were weighted so that respondent age, gender and housing tenure status (rent versus own) were represented in the proportions reflective of the entire area. The margin of error is plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent for all results. More information about the survey methodology can be found in *Appendix F: Survey Methodology*.

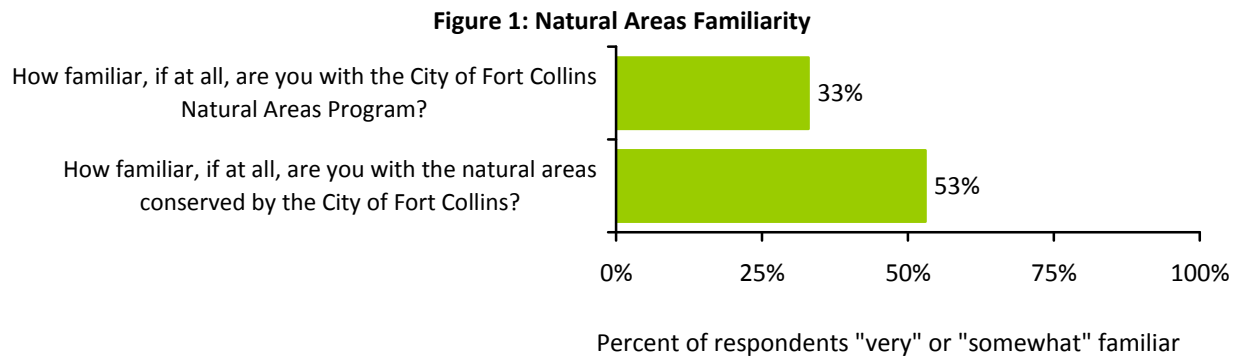
The body of the report includes graphs and tables of summarized results, while full results for each geographic area and overall appear in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*. ("Don't know" responses are excluded from the report body but appear in the full results in the appendix. Where there was an unexpectedly higher rate of "don't know" for a particular question, it is mentioned in the report body text.) When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the customary practice of rounding percentages to the nearest whole number. When the total exceeds 100% in a table for a multiple response question in which the respondent can choose more than one category, it is because some respondents are counted in multiple categories.

Survey Results

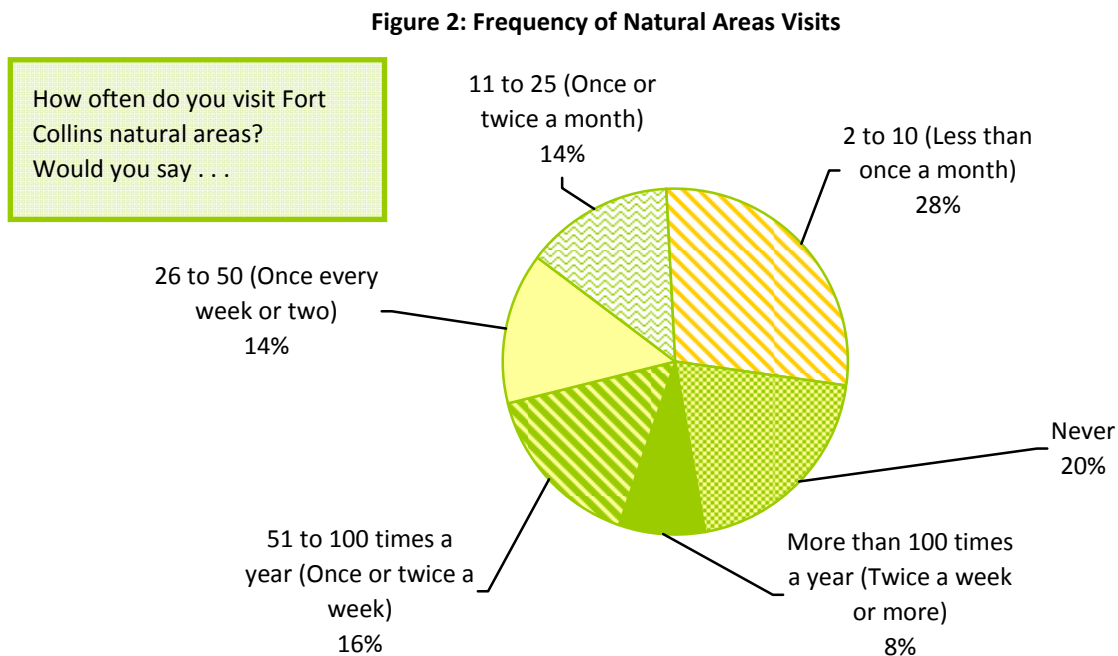
The Fort Collins Natural Areas Resident Survey asked recipients about their familiarity with the familiarity with the natural areas program, their opinions about the program, whether they have visited the natural areas, and about their experience in the natural areas if they had visited.

Familiarity with the Natural Areas Program

Familiarity with the aspects of Fort Collins natural areas was gauged with a pair of questions. While one-third of respondents described being at least “somewhat” familiar with the Natural Areas Program, about half were familiar with natural areas in general.



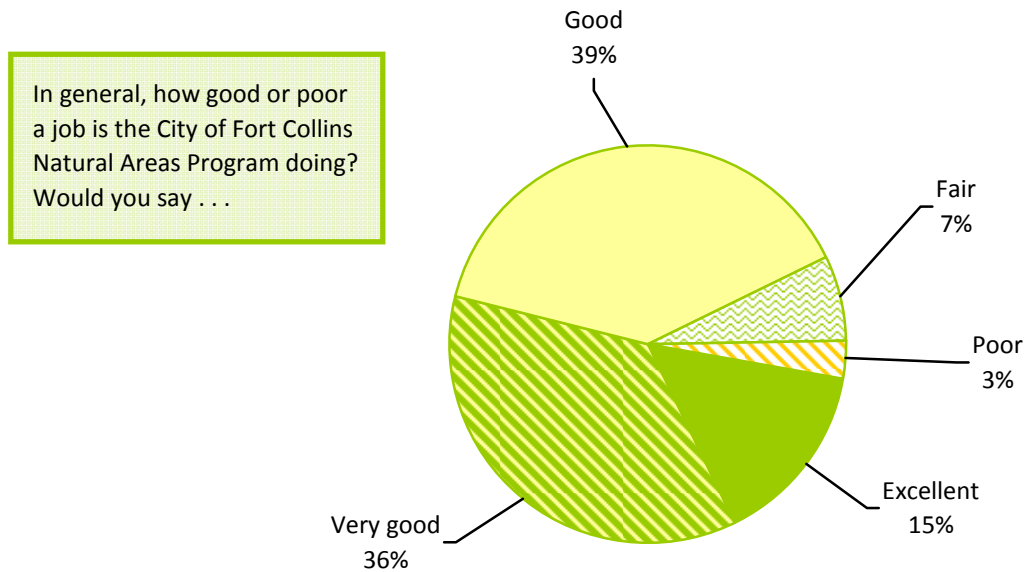
Those who completed the survey were asked how often they visited Fort Collins natural areas. Twenty percent said they had never visited a natural area. Roughly one-quarter of respondents had frequented natural areas less often than once per month, while nearly a quarter reported more than 50 visits in a year. Fort Collins residents were more likely to be frequent visitors (30%) than were those who lived in the rest of the county (19%), as shown in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*, Table 31). It should be noted that visitation may be overstated; households who use the natural areas may have been more likely to complete the survey than those who do not.



Overall Ratings of the Natural Areas Program

Fort Collins and Larimer County residents responding to the survey felt positively about the job the Natural Areas Program is doing; just over half chose “excellent” or “very good” to describe the effort. Seven percent said fair and just 4% selected “poor.” Those living in Fort Collins gave ratings similar to those who lived elsewhere in the county (see *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*, Table 29).

Figure 3: Quality of Job done by the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program



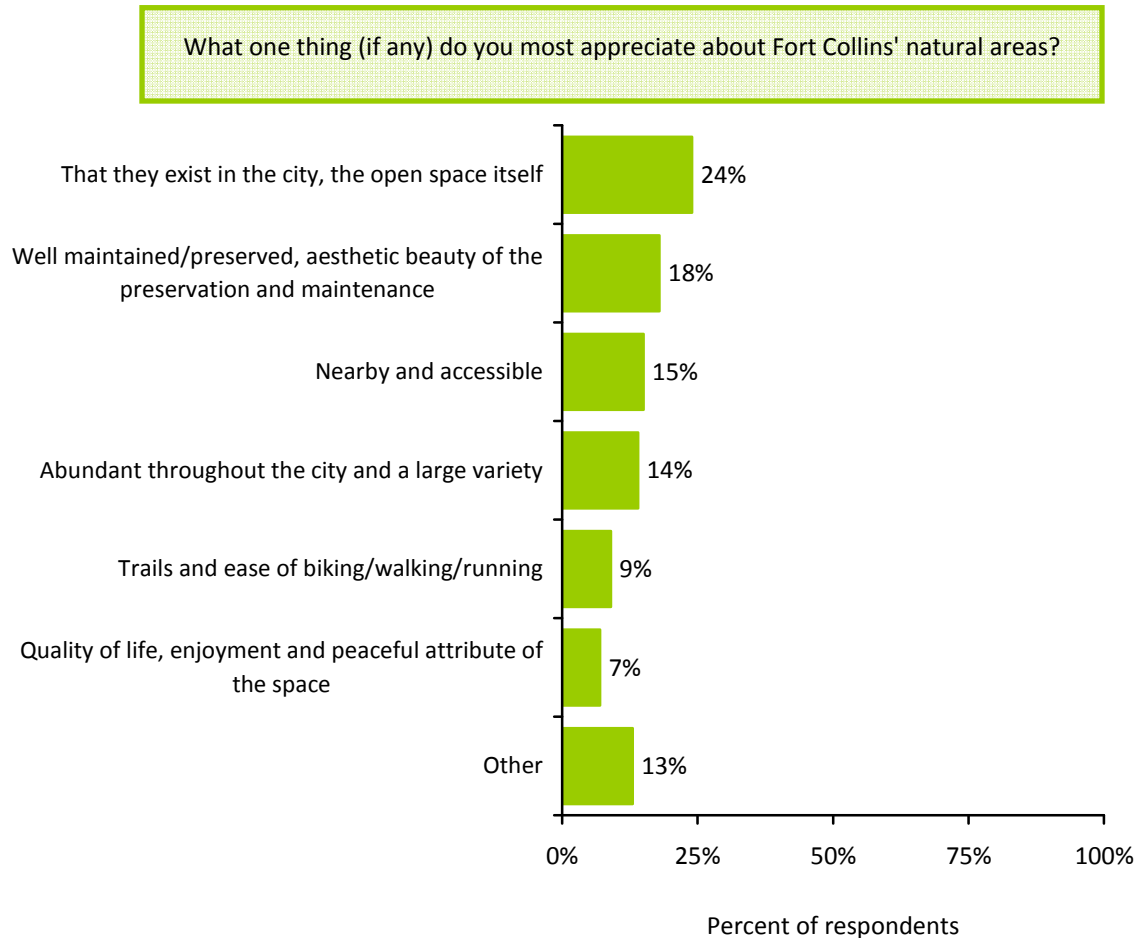
Not surprisingly, familiarity with natural areas was associated with positive evaluations of the Natural Areas Program; “excellent” ratings were the highest among those who were “very” familiar. While “poor” ratings were uncommon, they were highest among those who were least familiar.

Figure 4: Natural Areas Quality Ratings Compared by Familiarity

| In general, how good or poor a job is the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program doing? Would you say . . . | Familiarity with natural areas | | | | | Familiarity with Natural Areas Program | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Very familiar | Somewhat familiar | A little bit familiar | Not at all familiar | Overall | Very familiar | Somewhat familiar | A little bit familiar | Not at all familiar | Overall |
| Excellent | 45% | 11% | 4% | 0% | 15% | 71% | 17% | 5% | 3% | 15% |
| Very good | 38% | 42% | 24% | 24% | 36% | 20% | 44% | 36% | 24% | 36% |
| Good | 14% | 45% | 48% | 29% | 39% | 7% | 36% | 44% | 55% | 39% |
| Fair | 2% | 1% | 17% | 35% | 7% | 2% | 1% | 11% | 13% | 7% |
| Poor | 0% | 1% | 7% | 11% | 3% | 0% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 3% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Survey respondents were given the opportunity to describe in their own words the thing they most appreciate about the city's natural areas. The full set of verbatim responses appears in *Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions*. The most commonly theme, cited by 24% of respondents, related to the mere existence of the areas. Another 18% noted the quality of the maintenance.

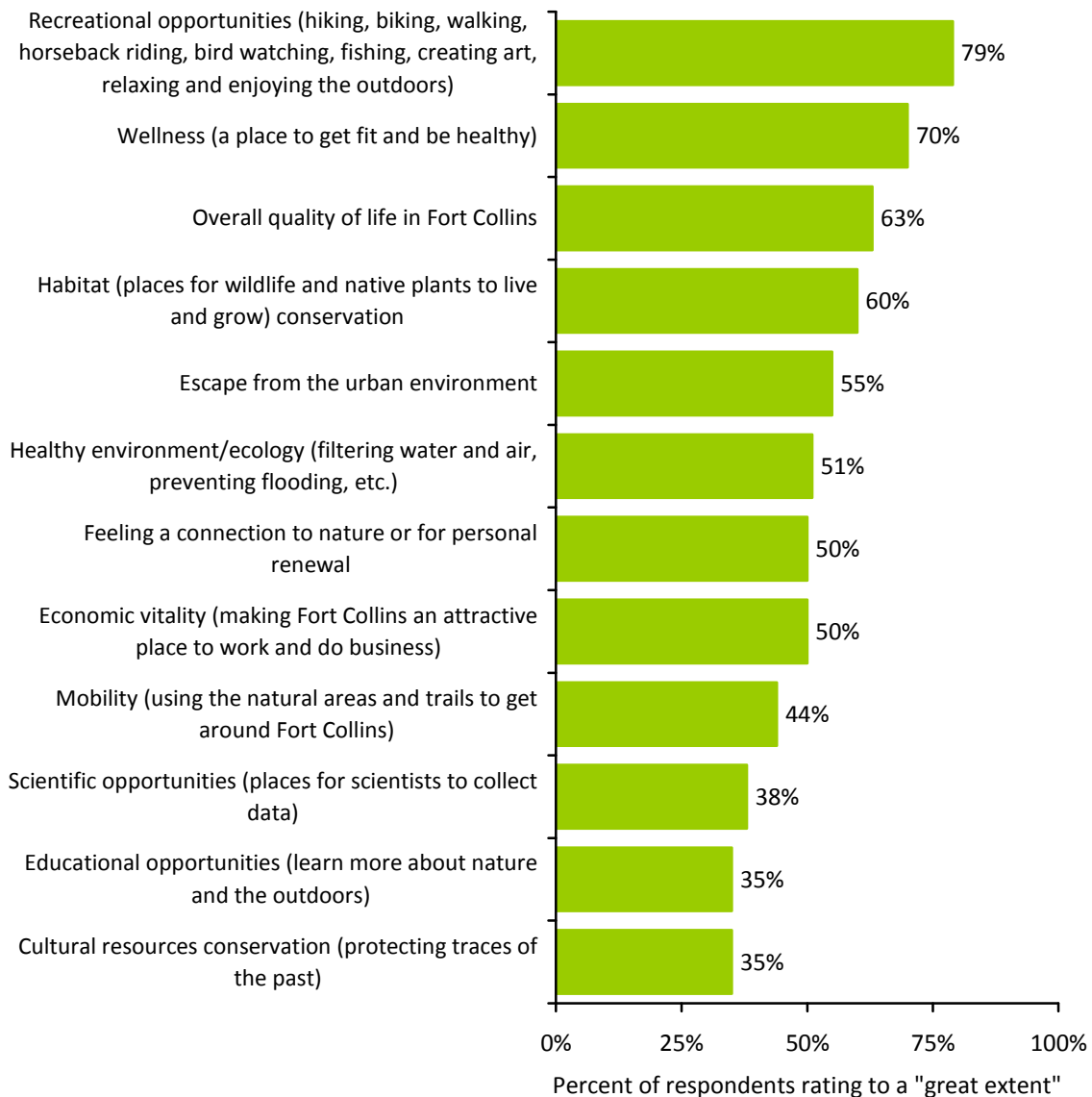
Figure 5: Most Appreciated Thing about Fort Collins' Natural Areas



Those completing the questionnaire were asked to evaluate the extent to which natural areas contribute to each of a number of aspects of the community. More than 70% of respondents felt that natural areas contributed to at least a “moderate” extent to each of the items rated (see Table 30). Over two-thirds believed natural areas contributed to a “great” extent to the recreational opportunities (79% of respondents) and wellness (70%) of the community. About 3 in 5 respondents felt that natural areas contributed to a great extent to the overall quality of life in the city (63%) and habitat conservation (60%). About half felt that the natural areas contributed greatly to the economic vitality of Fort Collins.

Figure 6: Natural Areas' Contribution to the Community

For each of the attributes below, please rate to what extent, if at all, you think the City of Fort Collins natural areas contribute to this attribute of the community. What about . . .

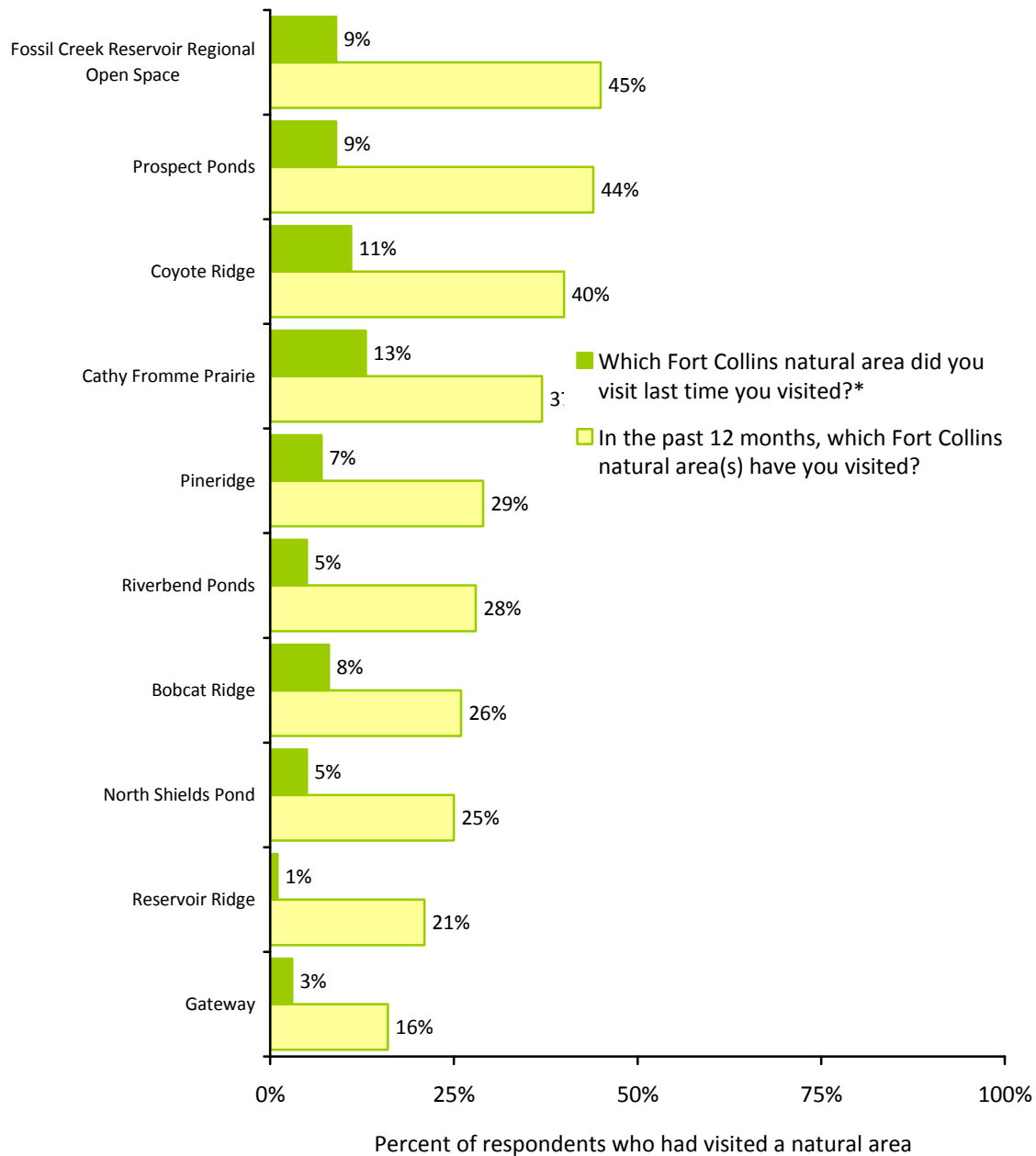


The Natural Areas Experience

Natural Areas Visited

Survey respondents were asked to identify which natural areas they visited most recently as well as all of the areas they visited in the previous 12 months. The most frequented areas in the 12 months preceding the survey were Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space (45% of respondents), Prospect Ponds (44%), Coyote Ridge (40%) and Cathy Fromme Prairie (37%). The full list of areas visited appears in Table 6 and Table 12 in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*.

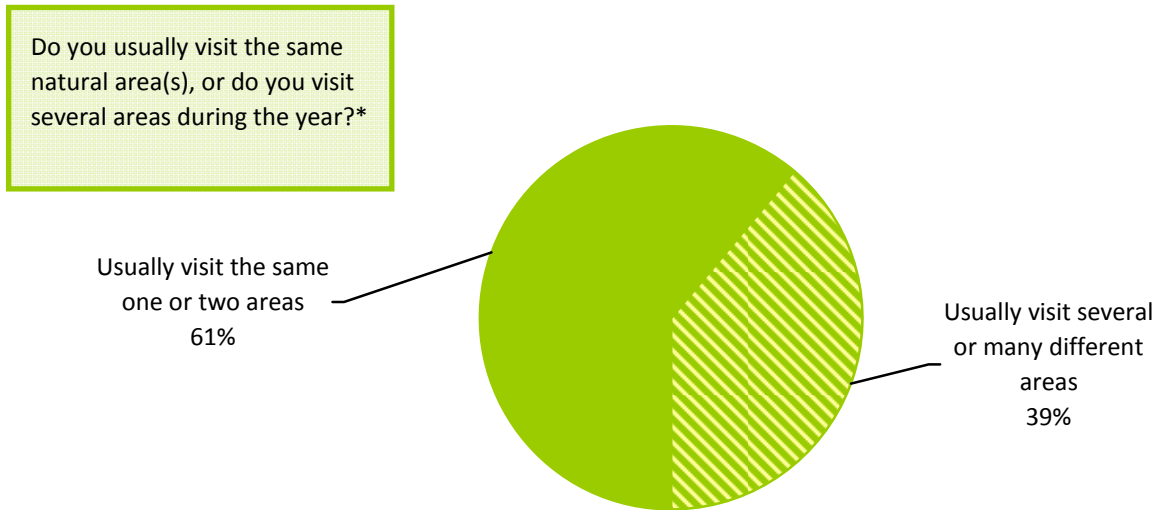
Figure 7: Natural Areas Visited



*Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one area.

Natural areas visitors were asked about their visitation patterns, whether they usually visit the same one or two areas, or use many areas. About 60% said that they usually visit the same one or two areas, while the other nearly 40% frequented more locations. Fort Collins residents were more likely to visit several or many areas than were residents in the rest of the county (see Table 40 in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*).

Figure 8: Usually Visit Same or Different Natural Areas

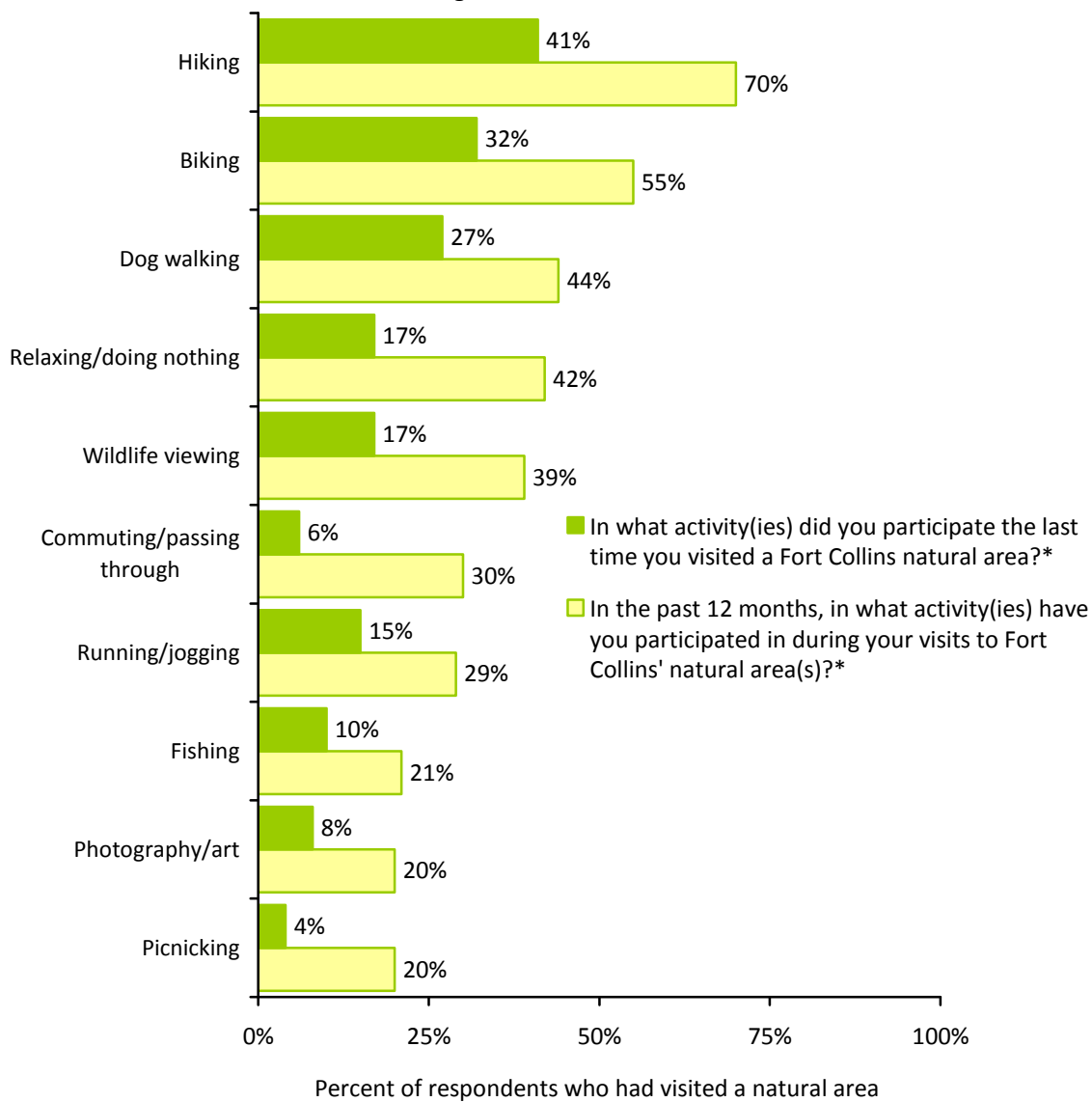


*Percent of respondents who had visited a natural area

Use of Natural Areas Visited

In addition to asking survey recipients which natural areas they visited, the questionnaire included items about the types of activities in which residents engaged at natural areas, both in their most recent visit and in all visits in the previous 12 months. Hiking was the most commonly cited activity (71% in the last 12 months; 41% in most recent visit). Also popular were biking (55%/32%), dog walking (44%/27%), relaxing (42%/17%) and wildlife viewing (39%/17%). The full list of activities is shown in Table 33 in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*. Some activities were done more commonly by Fort Collins residents (commuting/passing through, biking, relaxing, enjoying scenery), likely because these activities might be associated more strongly with the geographic convenience due to the proximity of the City’s natural areas (see Table 33 in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*).

Figure 9: Natural Areas Visited



*Totals exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

The most common activities often varied by natural area. Hiking was more common at Gateway (85%) and Bobcat Ridge (71%) than the overall average for hiking anywhere (41%). Fishing was more common at the two ponds (33% and 34% versus the average of 11%) and dog walking was particularly prevalent Gateway (54%) and Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space (50%). The entire list of natural areas and activities can be found in Table 53 in *Appendix C: Crosstabulations of Selected Survey Results*.

Figure 10: Activities at Last Visit to Natural Areas

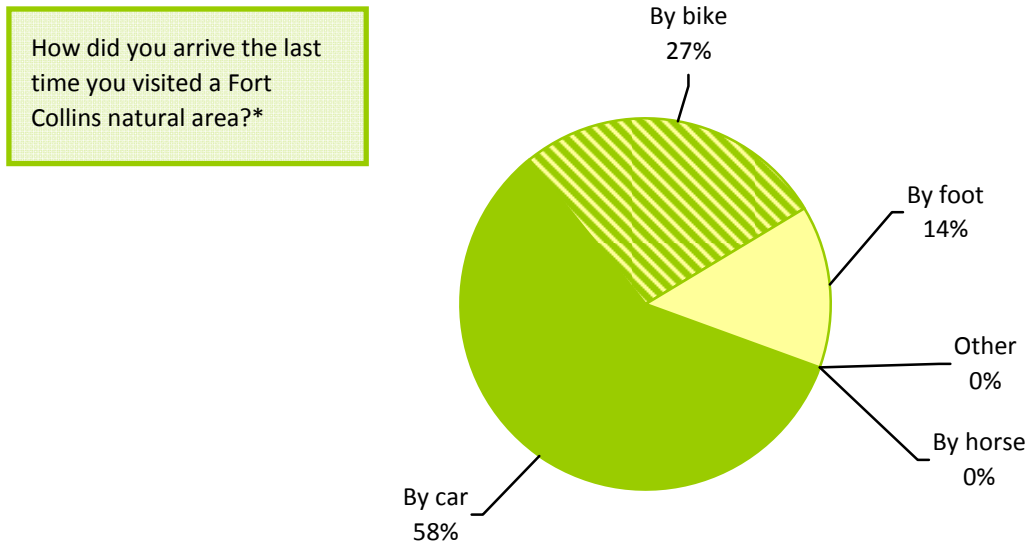
| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | Hiking | Running/jogging | Fishing | Commuting/passing through | Biking | Dog walking | Photography/art | Picnicking | Wildlife viewing | Relaxing/doing nothing |
|--|--------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 58% | 7% | 5% | 3% | 37% | 28% | 12% | 2% | 27% | 13% |
| Coyote Ridge | 56% | 18% | 4% | 2% | 37% | 16% | 9% | 9% | 21% | 18% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 15% | 8% | 5% | 10% | 18% | 50% | 6% | 0% | 25% | 22% |
| Prospect Ponds | 37% | 13% | 22% | 3% | 41% | 30% | 0% | 0% | 11% | 9% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 71% | 15% | 4% | 0% | 12% | 10% | 12% | 9% | 10% | 11% |
| Pineridge | 39% | 20% | 12% | 5% | 34% | 39% | 0% | 3% | 4% | 8% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 38% | 9% | 33% | 0% | 28% | 23% | 12% | 12% | 8% | 18% |
| North Shields Pond | 27% | 18% | 34% | 0% | 30% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 30% | 28% |
| Gateway | 85% | 22% | 7% | 0% | 14% | 54% | 8% | 30% | 8% | 7% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 47% | 15% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 77% | 0% | 39% | 0% |
| Total | 41% | 15% | 11% | 5% | 31% | 27% | 7% | 4% | 18% | 16% |

Rows total more than 100% as respondents could select more than one activity.

Questions asked only of natural areas visitors.

Survey recipients were presented with a list of travel modes and asked which they used the last time they went to a natural area. Most natural areas visitors traveled by car for their most recent visit (58%). Bicycle (27%) and walking (14%) were the next most common. Other modes, including by horse, were virtually never selected. County residents outside Fort Collins traveled by car more frequently than those in the city and Fort Collins residents reported more travel by bike and foot, likely due to proximity (see Table 34).

Figure 11: Travel Mode for Last Visit to Natural Areas



*Percent of respondents who had visited a natural area

Some natural areas were more likely to be traveled to by one mode or another. On average, car travel was the most prevalent mode, but walking and biking to some areas was quite common. Many of those traveling to Gustav Swanson (84%) and Red Fox Meadows (76%) chose to walk (see Figure 12 on the next page). Biking was common for visitors to Redwing Marsh (100%), Magpie Meander (90%) and Mallard’s Nest (76%).

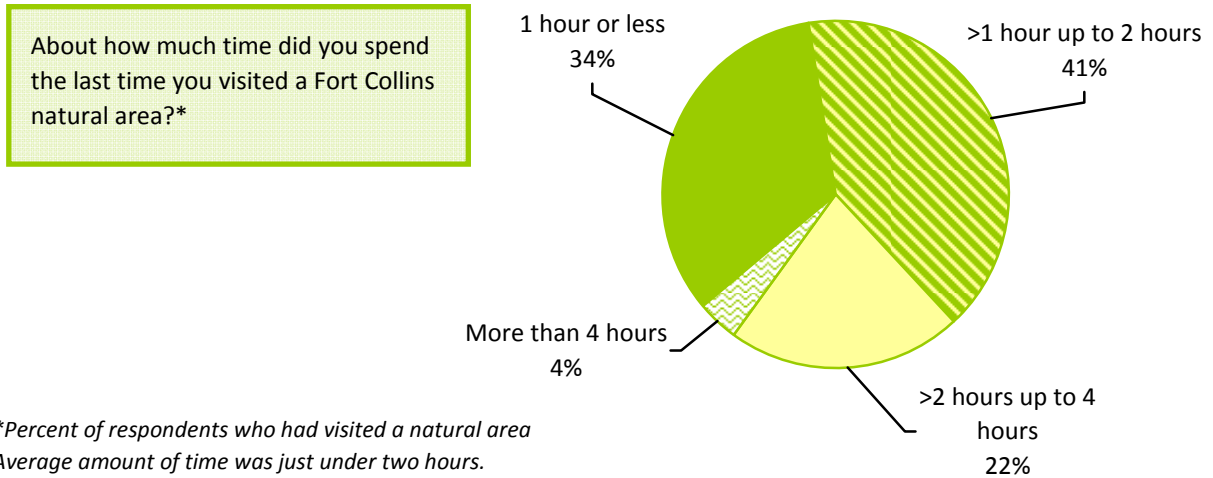
Figure 12: Travel Mode for Last Visit to Natural Areas for each Area

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | How did you arrive the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| | By car | By bike | By foot | By horse | Other | Total |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 62% | 24% | 14% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Coyote Ridge | 56% | 32% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 59% | 18% | 21% | 0% | 1% | 100% |
| Prospect Ponds | 48% | 52% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 98% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Pineridge | 26% | 37% | 37% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 57% | 28% | 15% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| North Shields Pond | 80% | 2% | 18% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Maxwell | 52% | 37% | 11% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Butterfly Woods | 24% | 62% | 14% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Gateway | 94% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 6% | 100% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 90% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Arapaho Bend | 93% | 0% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| McMurry | 78% | 0% | 22% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| River's Edge | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 27% | 55% | 19% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Mallard's Nest | 24% | 76% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Red Fox Meadows | 12% | 12% | 76% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Magpie Meander | 10% | 90% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Kingfisher Point | 59% | 41% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Fischer | 0% | 60% | 40% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Nix | 47% | 53% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Gustav Swanson | 16% | 0% | 84% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Running Deer | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Cattail Chorus | 0% | 62% | 38% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Colina Mariposa | 80% | 0% | 20% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Redwing Marsh | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Williams | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Two Creeks | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| The Coterie | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Sterling | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Springer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Salyer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Ross | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Redtail Grove | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 60% | 26% | 13% | 0% | 0% | 100% |

Questions asked only of natural areas visitors.

At their most recent visit to a Fort Collins natural area, 34% of respondents had spent less than an hour, 41% between one and two hours and 22% up to four hours. Only 4% spent more than four hours. Those outside the county may have made natural areas visits into more of an event, as they were more likely to report visits of over an hour (74%) compared to Fort Collins residents (59%, see Table 35).

Figure 13: Time Spent at Last Visit to Natural Areas



Natural areas visitors spent more time at some areas than others. Visitors to Gateway, Bobcat Ridge and Coyote Ridge were more likely to have stayed for two hours or more than were visitors to other areas.

Figure 14: Time Spent at Last Visit to Natural Areas for each Area

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | About how much time did you spend the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | | | | Total |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | 1 hour or less | >1 hour up to 2 hours | >2 hours up to 4 hours | More than 4 hours | |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 18% | 63% | 19% | 1% | 100% |
| Coyote Ridge | 17% | 45% | 38% | 0% | 100% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 26% | 63% | 11% | 0% | 100% |
| Prospect Ponds | 63% | 14% | 11% | 12% | 100% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 5% | 39% | 46% | 10% | 100% |
| Pineridge | 48% | 31% | 12% | 10% | 100% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 38% | 33% | 29% | 0% | 100% |
| North Shields Pond | 20% | 53% | 16% | 11% | 100% |
| Gateway | 6% | 44% | 50% | 0% | 100% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 0% | 93% | 7% | 0% | 100% |
| Total | 34% | 41% | 21% | 4% | 100% |

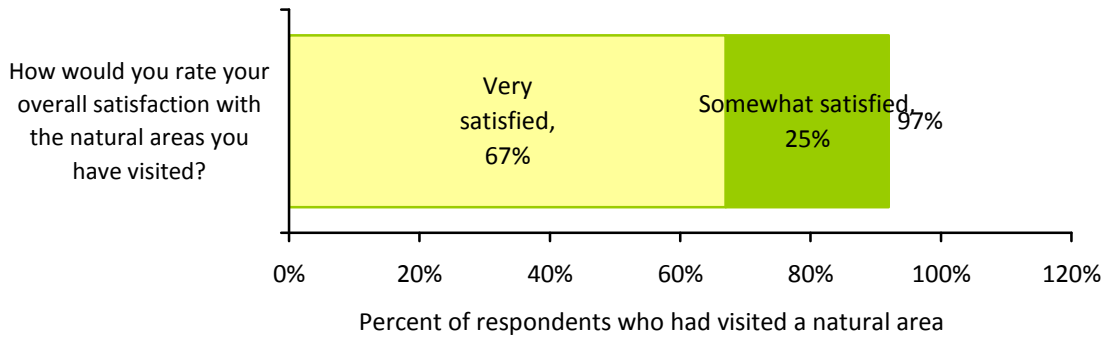
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Ratings of the Natural Areas Experience

Across three survey questions, those completing the survey were able to indicate their satisfaction with natural areas, rate the quality of facilities and give a letter grade to individual facilities and services. In general, these evaluations of aspects of natural areas were positive.

Nearly all respondents were at least somewhat satisfied with the natural areas they have visited, and two-thirds were very satisfied.

Figure 15: Satisfaction with Natural Areas



Likewise, nearly all respondents rated facilities in the natural areas as at least “good.” One quarter rated them as “excellent” and an additional 50% as “very good.”

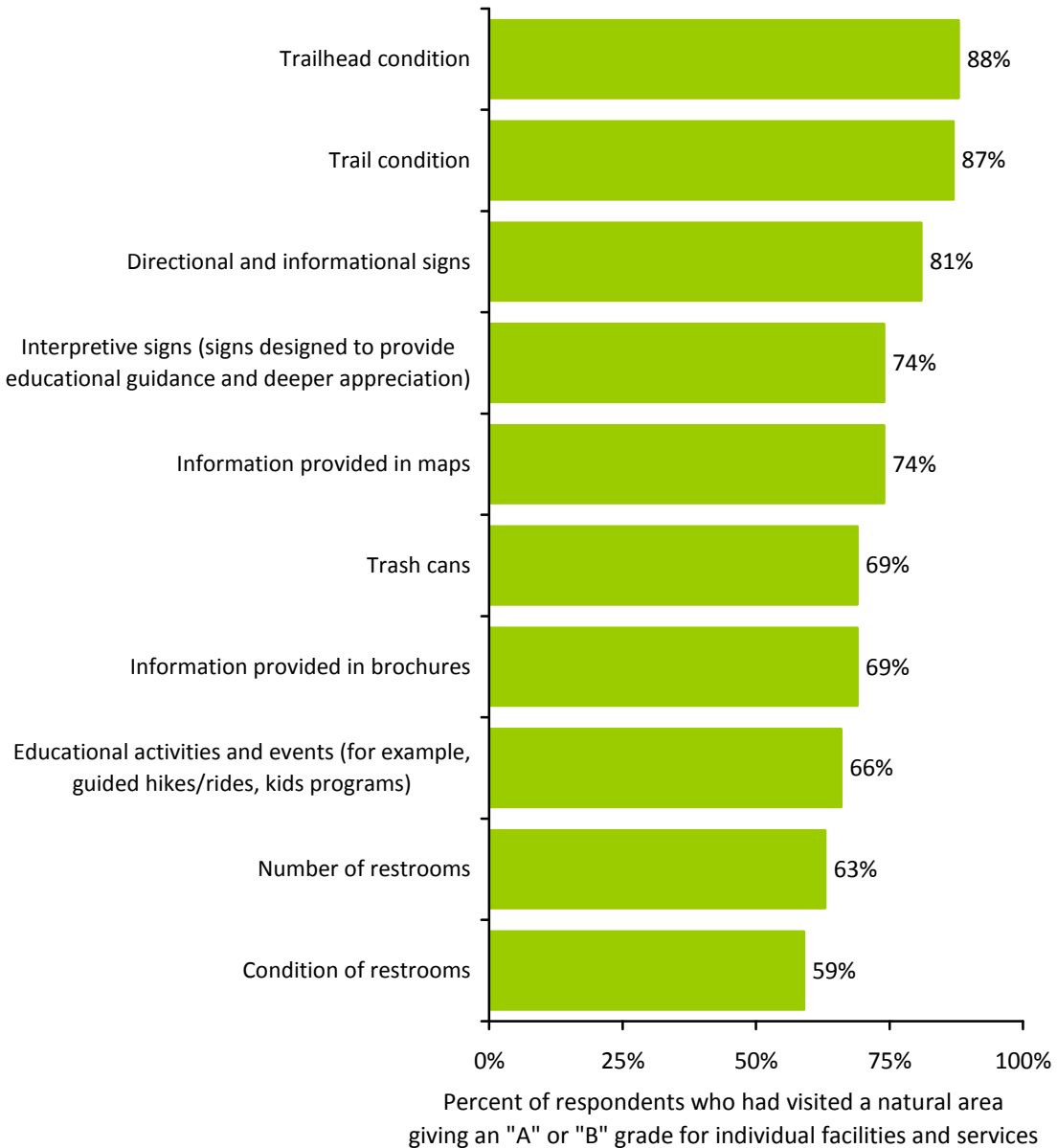
Figure 16: Ratings of Facilities in Fort Collins Natural Areas



For individual facilities and services, letter grades of A or B were given by 59% to 81% of respondents, with trailhead conditions, trail conditions and directional and informational signs receiving the highest grade. Restrooms received the lowest ratings, but they were still rated positively by a majority of respondents.

Figure 17: Natural Areas Evaluation

Please grade the following individual facilities and services, using the letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F (where "A" is the highest grade and "F" is a failing grade). What about . . .



Those participating in the survey were asked a pair of questions about their perceptions of crowding during their most recent natural area visit. Few respondents felt that the natural area of their most recent visit was “very” crowded (2%) or “moderately” crowded (5%). Thirty-six percent experienced slight crowding and 57% felt there was no crowding. Of those who experienced any crowding, 43% felt that there was no negative impact on their experience. One percent felt that crowding adversely impacted their visit to a “great” extent.

Figure 18: Crowding at Last Visit to Natural Areas

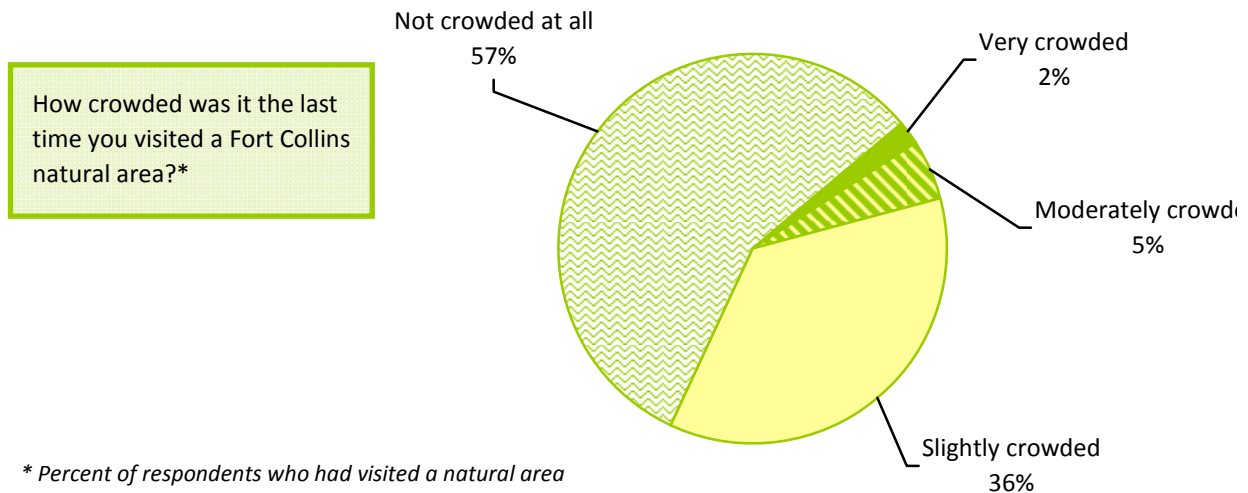
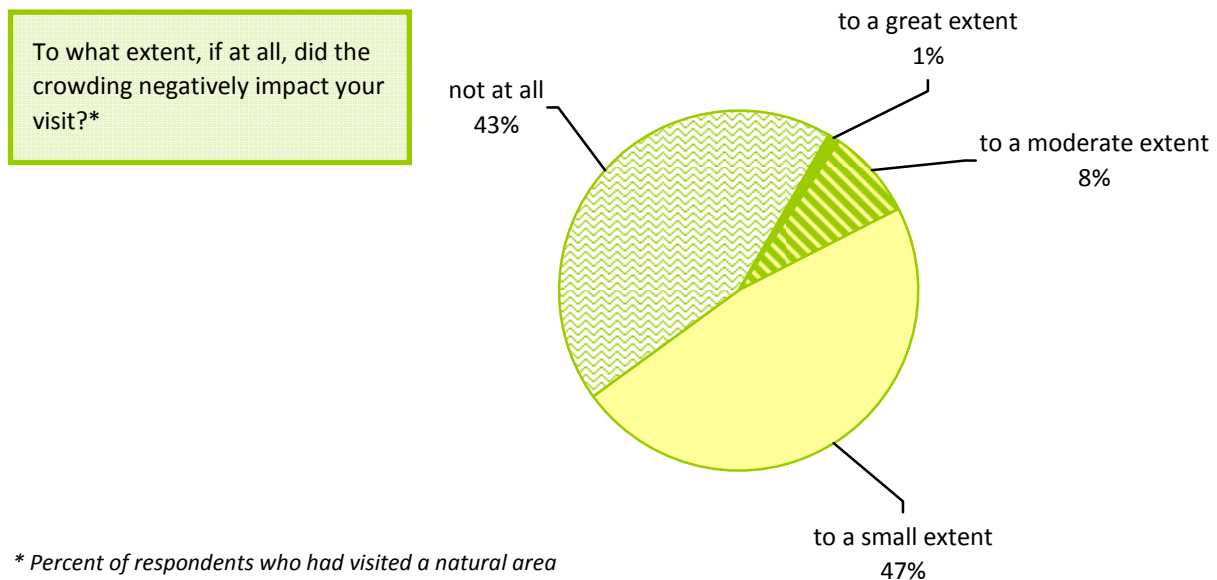


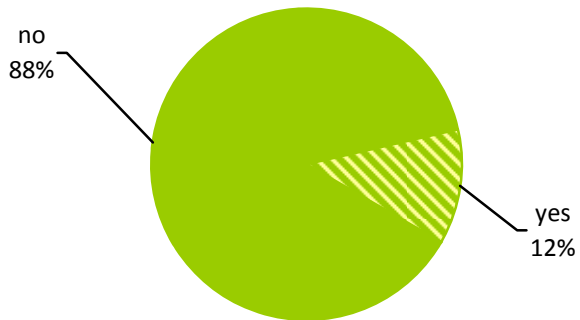
Figure 19: Negative Impact of Crowding at Last Visit to Natural Areas



In addition to asking about crowding, the survey invited respondents to report any unpleasant experiences in natural areas. About 1 in 10 natural areas visitors reported having had an unpleasant experience in any City of Fort Collins natural area. Those survey participants were given an opportunity to report the details of that experience. The verbatim responses appear in *Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions* and primarily relate to dogs and other animals.

Figure 20: Unpleasant Experiences in Previous 12 Months in any Natural Areas

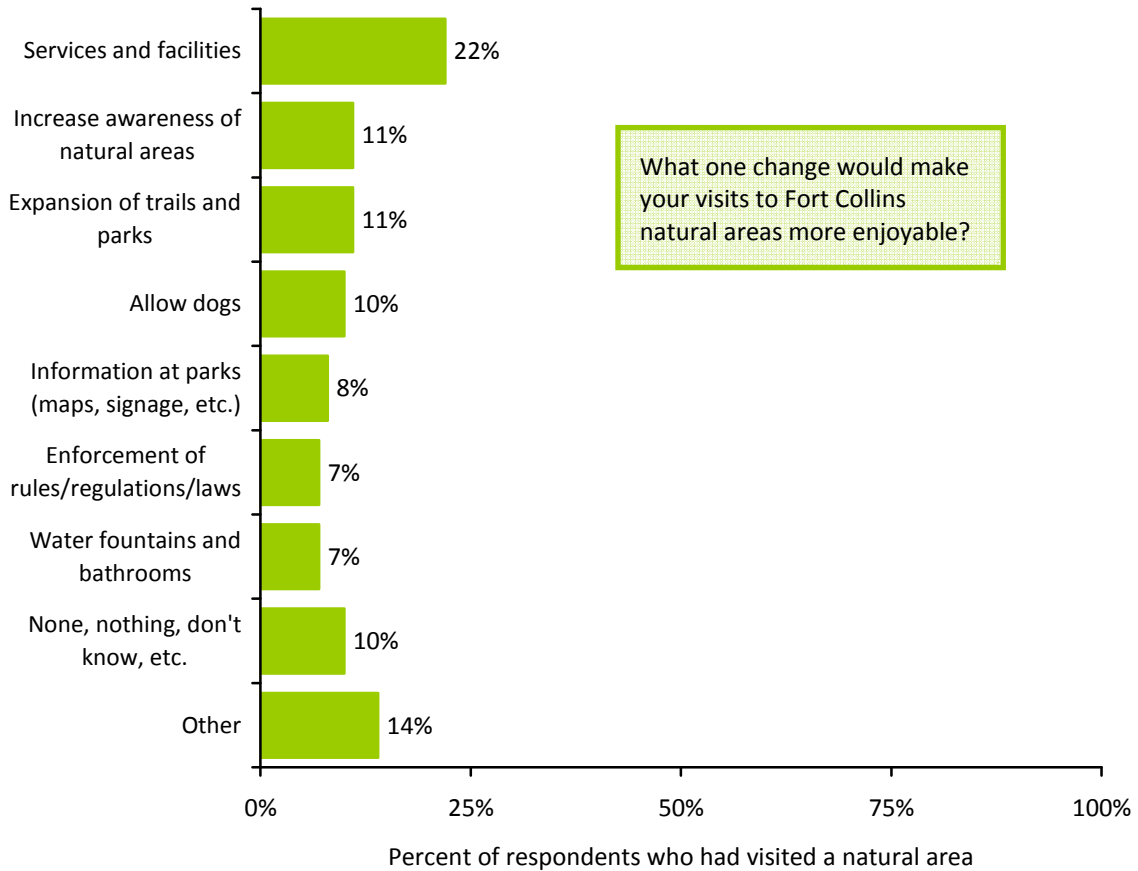
During the past 12 months, have you had any unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area?*



* Percent of respondents who had visited a natural area

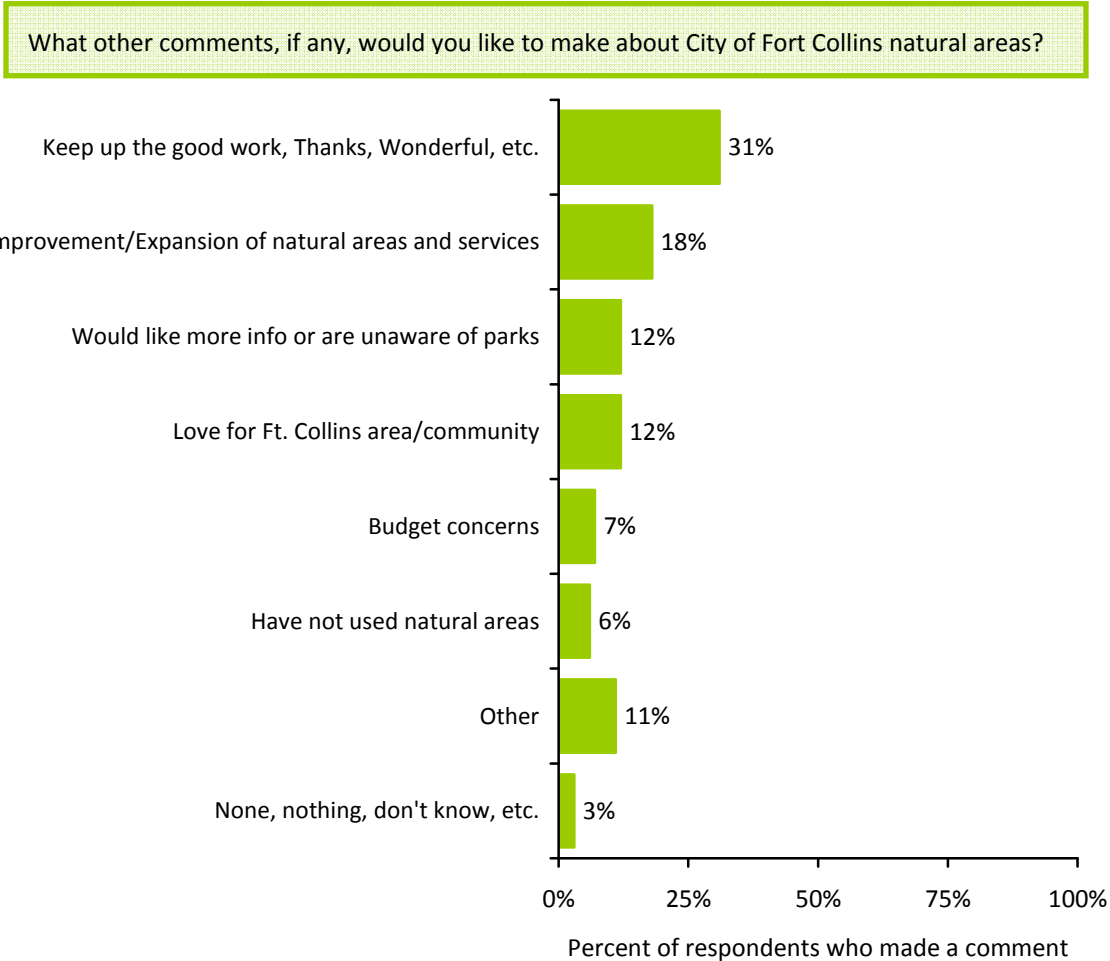
The survey included a space for respondents to write in their own words one thing that would improve the natural areas experience. The full verbatim responses are included in *Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions*. Categorized by theme, service and facilities improvements were described by 22% of those who answered the question. Other common responses were to increase awareness among residents of the natural areas, and to expand the trails and parks.

Figure 21: One Change to Make Natural Areas More Enjoyable



All survey respondents, including those who were not users of natural areas, had an opportunity to provide comments on natural areas. These comments appear verbatim in *Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions*. Most commonly they are made up of accolades about the natural areas (31%) and suggestions for improvement or expansion (18%).

Figure 22: Additional Comments about Natural Areas



Appendix A: Respondent Characteristics

Characteristics of the survey respondents are displayed in the tables below.

Figure 23: Respondent Residency

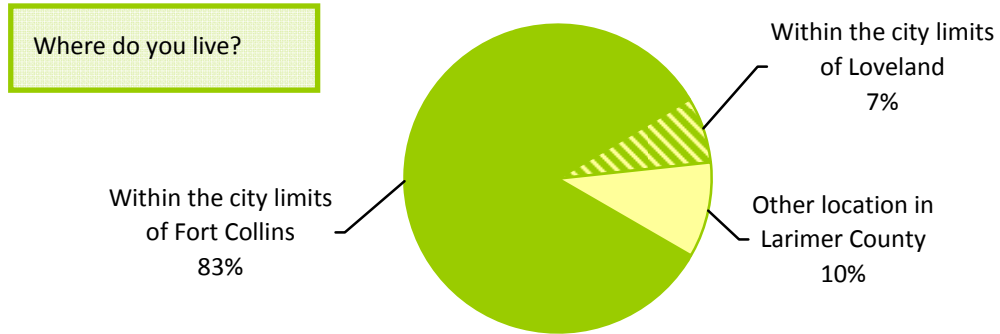


Figure 24: Respondent Length of Residency in County

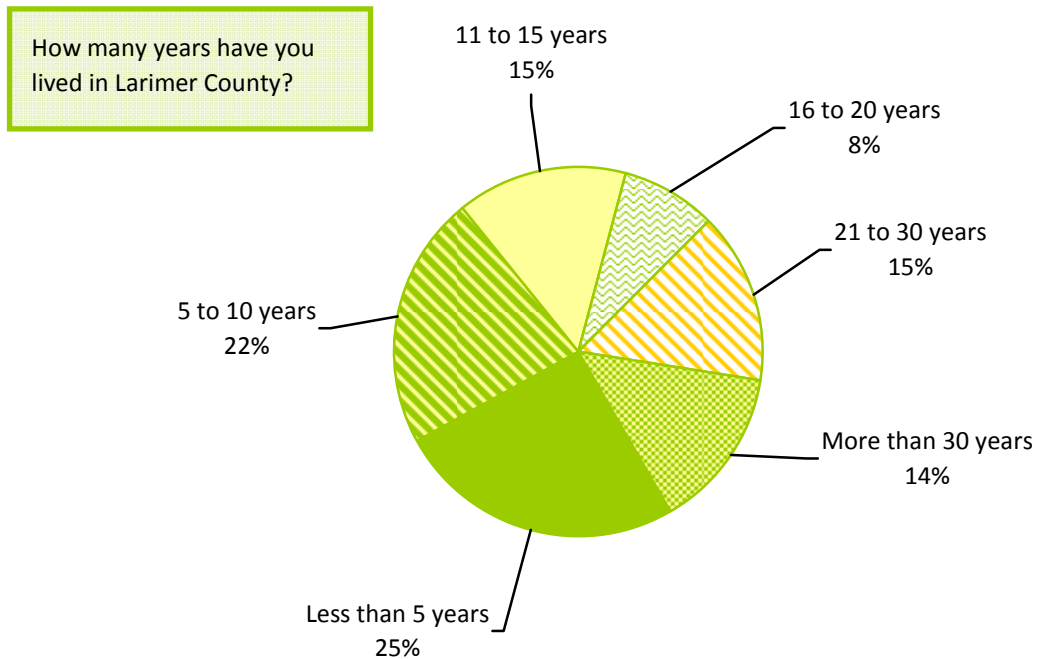


Figure 25: Respondent Housing Tenure

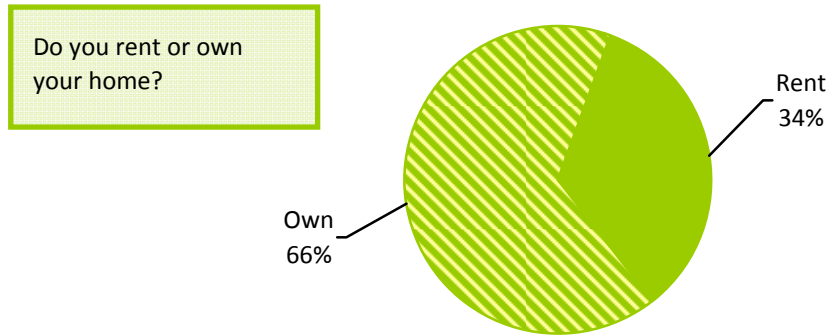


Figure 26: Respondent Ethnicity

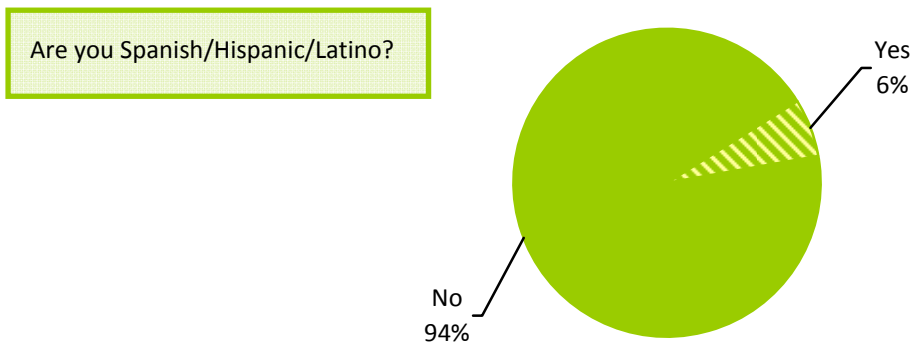


Figure 27: Respondent Race

| What is your race? (Please check all that apply.) | Percent of respondents |
|---|------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 2% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 3% |
| Black or African American | 0% |
| White/Caucasian | 97% |
| Other | 0% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Figure 28: Respondent Education

| What is the highest level of education you have completed? | Percent of respondents |
|--|------------------------|
| 1st through 12th grade (No Diploma) | 1% |
| High school (Diploma or GED) | 7% |
| Some college, no degree | 16% |
| 2-year or associate college degree | 12% |
| Bachelors degree | 33% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 31% |

Figure 29: Respondent Gender

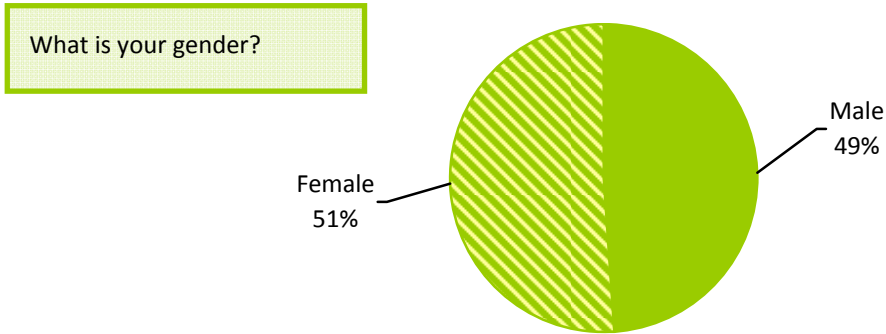
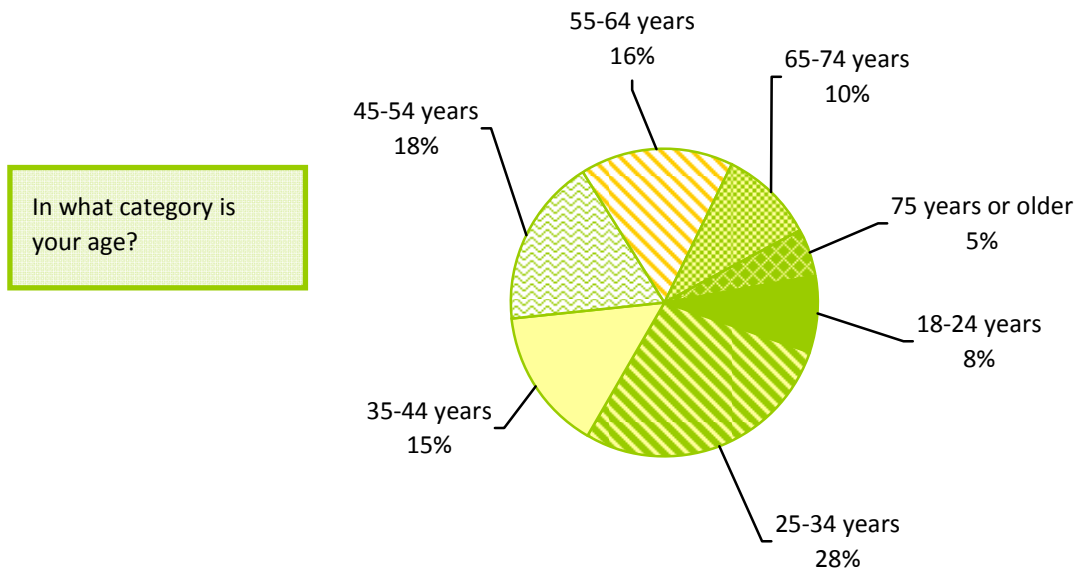


Figure 30: Respondent Age



Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions

Survey Responses Including “Don’t Know”

The following tables show the complete set of responses including don’t know for each question on the survey. Results are shown for Fort Collins residents, residents of the rest of Larimer County excluding Estes Park, and for all respondents. For the sake of brevity, the results for respondents living within Larimer County excluding Estes Park are labeled simply as “Rest of Larimer County.”

Table 1: Question 1

| How familiar, if at all, are you with the natural areas conserved by the City of Fort Collins? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very familiar | 13% | 15% | 14% |
| Somewhat familiar | 40% | 38% | 39% |
| A little bit familiar | 32% | 28% | 30% |
| Not at all familiar | 15% | 19% | 17% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 2: Question 2

| How familiar, if at all, are you with the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very familiar | 5% | 8% | 6% |
| Somewhat familiar | 22% | 30% | 26% |
| A little bit familiar | 36% | 33% | 34% |
| Not at all familiar | 37% | 30% | 33% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 3: Question 3

| In general, how good or poor a job is the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program doing? Would you say . . . | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Excellent | 8% | 13% | 10% |
| Very good | 26% | 24% | 25% |
| Good | 26% | 28% | 27% |
| Fair | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| Poor | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Don't know | 32% | 30% | 31% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 4: Question 5

| For each of the attributes below, please rate to what extent, if at all, you think the City of Fort Collins natural areas contribute to this attribute of the community. What about . . . | Area of county | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | Fort Collins | | | | | | Rest of Larimer County | | | | | | Overall | | | | | |
| | Great extent | Moderate extent | Small extent | Not at all | Don't know | Total | Great extent | Moderate extent | Small extent | Not at all | Don't know | Total | Great extent | Moderate extent | Small extent | Not at all | Don't know | Total |
| Economic vitality (making Fort Collins an attractive place to work and do business) | 46% | 29% | 12% | 3% | 9% | 100% | 45% | 37% | 7% | 1% | 10% | 100% | 46% | 33% | 10% | 2% | 10% | 100% |
| Wellness (a place to get fit and be healthy) | 67% | 19% | 4% | 4% | 7% | 100% | 62% | 25% | 4% | 1% | 9% | 100% | 64% | 22% | 4% | 2% | 8% | 100% |
| Recreational opportunities (hiking, biking, walking, horseback riding, bird watching, fishing, creating art, relaxing and enjoying the outdoors) | 71% | 17% | 2% | 2% | 8% | 100% | 74% | 17% | 1% | 0% | 8% | 100% | 72% | 17% | 2% | 1% | 8% | 100% |
| Mobility (using the natural areas and trails to get around Fort Collins) | 37% | 33% | 16% | 4% | 10% | 100% | 41% | 32% | 14% | 0% | 12% | 100% | 39% | 33% | 15% | 2% | 11% | 100% |
| Educational opportunities (learn more about nature and the outdoors) | 27% | 34% | 18% | 4% | 18% | 100% | 32% | 35% | 18% | 2% | 13% | 100% | 29% | 35% | 18% | 3% | 15% | 100% |
| Escape from the urban environment | 50% | 28% | 11% | 3% | 9% | 100% | 51% | 28% | 11% | 1% | 9% | 100% | 50% | 28% | 11% | 2% | 9% | 100% |
| Healthy environment/ecology (filtering water and air, preventing flooding, etc.) | 37% | 32% | 10% | 4% | 17% | 100% | 50% | 30% | 6% | 1% | 13% | 100% | 44% | 31% | 8% | 2% | 15% | 100% |
| Habitat (places for wildlife and native plants to live and grow) conservation | 50% | 31% | 6% | 3% | 11% | 100% | 57% | 24% | 9% | 0% | 11% | 100% | 53% | 27% | 8% | 1% | 11% | 100% |
| Scientific opportunities (places for scientists to collect data) | 23% | 30% | 13% | 4% | 30% | 100% | 32% | 28% | 15% | 1% | 25% | 100% | 27% | 29% | 14% | 2% | 27% | 100% |
| Cultural resources conservation (protecting traces of the past) | 23% | 31% | 18% | 5% | 23% | 100% | 33% | 27% | 20% | 3% | 17% | 100% | 28% | 29% | 19% | 4% | 20% | 100% |
| Feeling a connection to nature or for personal renewal | 44% | 25% | 15% | 4% | 11% | 100% | 45% | 30% | 15% | 1% | 9% | 100% | 45% | 28% | 15% | 3% | 10% | 100% |
| Overall quality of life in Fort Collins | 55% | 28% | 5% | 4% | 8% | 100% | 60% | 28% | 3% | 0% | 9% | 100% | 57% | 28% | 4% | 2% | 8% | 100% |

Table 5: Question 6

| How often do you visit Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . . | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| More than 100 times a year (Twice a week or more) | 9% | 7% | 8% |
| 51 to 100 times a year (Once or twice a week) | 21% | 12% | 16% |
| 26 to 50 (Once every week or two) | 14% | 15% | 14% |
| 11 to 25 (Once or twice a month) | 12% | 16% | 14% |
| 2 to 10 (Less than once a month) | 24% | 32% | 28% |
| Never | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 6: Question 7

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Arapaho Bend | 1% | 5% | 3% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 7% | 8% | 8% |
| Butterfly Woods | 6% | 2% | 4% |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 13% | 13% | 13% |
| Cattail Chorus | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Colina Mariposa | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Coyote Ridge | 10% | 13% | 11% |
| Fischer | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 9% | 10% | 9% |
| Gateway | 5% | 2% | 3% |
| Gustav Swanson | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Kingfisher Point | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Magpie Meander | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Mallard's Nest | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Maxwell | 7% | 2% | 4% |
| McMurry | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Nix | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| North Shields Pond | 3% | 7% | 5% |
| Pineridge | 9% | 5% | 7% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 2% | 0% | 1% |
| Prospect Ponds | 11% | 8% | 9% |
| Red Fox Meadows | 2% | 0% | 1% |
| Redtail Grove | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Redwing Marsh | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| River's Edge | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 4% | 6% | 5% |
| Ross | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Running Deer | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Salyer | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 2% | 4% | 3% |
| Springer | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Sterling | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| The Coterie | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Two Creeks | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Williams | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 7: Question 8

| In what activity(ies) did you participate the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Hiking | 41% | 42% | 41% |
| Running/jogging | 13% | 17% | 15% |
| Fishing | 8% | 12% | 10% |
| Commuting/passing through | 10% | 2% | 6% |
| Skateboarding/rollerblading | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Biking | 36% | 28% | 32% |
| Dog walking | 26% | 29% | 27% |
| Photography/art | 8% | 7% | 8% |
| Horseback riding | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Picnicking | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Wildlife viewing | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Relaxing/doing nothing | 21% | 13% | 17% |
| Enjoying the scenery | 33% | 26% | 30% |
| Attending a special event | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Boating | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Other (please specify) | 5% | 6% | 6% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 8: Question 9

| How did you arrive the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| By car | 49% | 68% | 58% |
| By bike | 34% | 21% | 27% |
| By foot | 17% | 11% | 14% |
| By horse | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Other | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 9: Question 10

| About how much time did you spend the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| 1 hour or less | 41% | 26% | 34% |
| >1 hour up to 2 hours | 35% | 45% | 41% |
| >2 hours up to 4 hours | 18% | 25% | 22% |
| More than 4 hours | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 10: Question 11

| How crowded was it the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very crowded | 3% | 0% | 2% |
| Moderately crowded | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Slightly crowded | 34% | 38% | 36% |
| Not crowded at all | 58% | 56% | 57% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 11: Question 12

| To what extent, if at all, did the crowding negatively impact your visit? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| to a great extent | 3% | 0% | 1% |
| to a moderate extent | 11% | 6% | 8% |
| to a small extent | 43% | 50% | 47% |
| not at all | 43% | 44% | 43% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 12: Question 13

| In the past 12 months, which Fort Collins natural area(s) have you visited? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Arapaho Bend | 11% | 8% | 10% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 28% | 25% | 26% |
| Butterfly Woods | 17% | 8% | 12% |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 35% | 39% | 37% |
| Cattail Chorus | 12% | 4% | 8% |
| Colina Mariposa | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 11% | 10% | 11% |
| Coyote Ridge | 39% | 41% | 40% |
| Fischer | 13% | 6% | 9% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 42% | 48% | 45% |
| Gateway | 15% | 16% | 16% |
| Gustav Swanson | 7% | 9% | 8% |
| Kingfisher Point | 19% | 10% | 14% |
| Magpie Meander | 5% | 8% | 7% |
| Mallard's Nest | 15% | 7% | 11% |
| Maxwell | 20% | 11% | 15% |
| McMurry | 17% | 13% | 15% |
| Nix | 10% | 9% | 9% |
| North Shields Pond | 27% | 23% | 25% |
| Pineridge | 35% | 23% | 29% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 15% | 6% | 10% |
| Prospect Ponds | 45% | 43% | 44% |
| Red Fox Meadows | 15% | 10% | 12% |
| Redtail Grove | 12% | 5% | 9% |
| Redwing Marsh | 8% | 4% | 6% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 19% | 22% | 21% |
| River's Edge | 9% | 10% | 9% |

| In the past 12 months, which Fort Collins natural area(s) have you visited? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Riverbend Ponds | 29% | 26% | 28% |
| Ross | 12% | 7% | 9% |
| Running Deer | 15% | 11% | 13% |
| Salyer | 8% | 6% | 7% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 16% | 16% | 16% |
| Springer | 12% | 4% | 8% |
| Sterling | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| The Coterie | 9% | 4% | 6% |
| Two Creeks | 10% | 3% | 6% |
| Williams | 10% | 3% | 7% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 13: Question 14

| How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the natural areas you have visited? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very satisfied | 70% | 65% | 67% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 22% | 28% | 25% |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Very dissatisfied | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 14: Question 15

| Do you usually visit the same natural area(s), or do you visit several areas during the year? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Usually visit the same one or two areas | 56% | 66% | 61% |
| Usually visit several or many different areas | 44% | 34% | 39% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 15: Question 16

| In the past 12 months, in what activity(ies) have you participated in during your visits to Fort Collins'' natural area(s)? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Hiking | 71% | 69% | 70% |
| Running/jogging | 30% | 27% | 29% |
| Fishing | 23% | 19% | 21% |
| Commuting/passing through | 35% | 25% | 30% |
| Skateboarding/rollerblading | 5% | 1% | 3% |
| Biking | 63% | 48% | 55% |
| Dog walking | 39% | 49% | 44% |
| Photography/art | 20% | 19% | 20% |
| Horseback riding | 4% | 1% | 2% |
| Picnicking | 20% | 21% | 20% |
| Wildlife viewing | 40% | 37% | 39% |
| Relaxing/doing nothing | 43% | 40% | 42% |
| Boating | 6% | 2% | 4% |
| Attending a special event | 6% | 2% | 4% |
| Other | 9% | 4% | 6% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 16: Question 17

| During the past 12 months, have you had any unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| No | 86% | 92% | 89% |
| Yes | 14% | 8% | 11% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 17: Question 18

| Taken as a whole, how would you rate the facilities in Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . . | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Excellent | 23% | 30% | 27% |
| Very good | 45% | 55% | 50% |
| Good | 28% | 13% | 20% |
| Fair | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Poor | 2% | 0% | 1% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 18: Question 19

| Please grade the following individual facilities and services, using the letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F (where "A" is the highest grade and "F" is a failing grade). What about . . . | Area of county | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----|-----|----|----|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|----|-----|------------------------|-------|
| | Fort Collins | | | | | | | Rest of Larimer County | | | | | | | Overall | | | | | | |
| | A | B | C | D | F | Don't know/no response | Total | A | B | C | D | F | Don't know/no response | Total | A | B | C | D | F | Don't know/no response | Total |
| Trail condition | 54% | 32% | 5% | 1% | 5% | 4% | 100% | 51% | 32% | 5% | 0% | 8% | 3% | 100% | 52% | 32% | 5% | 0% | 7% | 3% | 100% |
| Trailhead condition | 48% | 35% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 7% | 100% | 53% | 32% | 4% | 0% | 9% | 3% | 100% | 51% | 33% | 4% | 0% | 7% | 5% | 100% |
| Number of restrooms | 26% | 23% | 18% | 4% | 7% | 20% | 100% | 29% | 30% | 18% | 5% | 12% | 8% | 100% | 28% | 27% | 18% | 4% | 10% | 14% | 100% |
| Condition of restrooms | 22% | 22% | 17% | 5% | 7% | 27% | 100% | 27% | 22% | 24% | 2% | 11% | 14% | 100% | 25% | 22% | 21% | 3% | 9% | 20% | 100% |
| Trash cans | 34% | 27% | 17% | 2% | 6% | 15% | 100% | 29% | 33% | 19% | 3% | 11% | 6% | 100% | 32% | 30% | 18% | 2% | 8% | 10% | 100% |
| Directional and informational signs | 36% | 41% | 8% | 2% | 6% | 7% | 100% | 42% | 36% | 8% | 3% | 9% | 3% | 100% | 39% | 38% | 8% | 3% | 7% | 5% | 100% |
| Interpretive signs (signs designed to provide educational guidance and deeper appreciation) | 35% | 25% | 12% | 2% | 6% | 21% | 100% | 34% | 33% | 15% | 2% | 8% | 8% | 100% | 35% | 29% | 14% | 2% | 7% | 14% | 100% |
| Information provided in brochures | 21% | 22% | 11% | 1% | 7% | 39% | 100% | 26% | 27% | 14% | 2% | 9% | 22% | 100% | 24% | 25% | 13% | 1% | 8% | 30% | 100% |
| Information provided in maps | 30% | 26% | 7% | 1% | 8% | 28% | 100% | 34% | 28% | 15% | 3% | 8% | 14% | 100% | 32% | 27% | 11% | 2% | 8% | 20% | 100% |
| Educational activities and events (for example, guided hikes/rides, kids programs) | 10% | 10% | 4% | 1% | 7% | 68% | 100% | 21% | 21% | 7% | 1% | 13% | 38% | 100% | 16% | 16% | 5% | 1% | 10% | 52% | 100% |

Table 19: Question 22

| Where do you live? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Within the city limits of Fort Collins | 86% | 80% | 83% |
| Within the city limits of Loveland | 4% | 10% | 7% |
| Other location in Larimer County | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 20: Question 23

| How many years have you lived in Larimer County? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Less than 5 years | 32% | 19% | 25% |
| 5 to 10 years | 22% | 21% | 22% |
| 11 to 15 years | 14% | 17% | 15% |
| 16 to 20 years | 7% | 9% | 8% |
| 21 to 30 years | 13% | 17% | 15% |
| More than 30 years | 12% | 16% | 14% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 21: Question 24

| Do you rent or own your home? | Area of county | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Rent | 44% | 24% | 34% |
| Own | 56% | 76% | 66% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 22: Question 25

| Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? | Area of county | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| No | 95% | 93% | 94% |
| Yes | 5% | 7% | 6% |

| Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? | Area of county | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 23: Question 26

| What is your race? | Area of county | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 1% | 3% | 2% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 2% | 4% | 3% |
| Black or African American | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| White/Caucasian | 97% | 95% | 96% |
| Other | 3% | 1% | 2% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 24: Question 27

| What is the highest level of education you have completed? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| 1st through 12th grade (No Diploma) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| High school (Diploma or GED) | 4% | 10% | 7% |
| Some college, no degree | 16% | 15% | 16% |
| 2-year or associate college degree | 13% | 11% | 12% |
| Bachelors degree | 35% | 32% | 33% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 30% | 32% | 31% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 25: Question 28

| What is your gender? | Area of county | | |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Male | 50% | 49% | 49% |
| Female | 50% | 51% | 51% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 26: Question 29

| In which category is your age? | Area of county | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| 18-24 years | 12% | 5% | 8% |
| 25-34 years | 35% | 20% | 28% |
| 35-44 years | 11% | 20% | 15% |
| 45-54 years | 18% | 18% | 18% |
| 55-64 years | 12% | 19% | 16% |
| 65-74 years | 6% | 13% | 10% |
| 75 years or older | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Survey Responses Excluding “Don’t Know”

The following tables show the complete set of responses **excluding** don’t know for each question on the survey.

Table 27: Question 1

| How familiar, if at all, are you with the natural areas conserved by the City of Fort Collins? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very familiar | 13% | 15% | 14% |
| Somewhat familiar | 40% | 38% | 39% |
| A little bit familiar | 32% | 28% | 30% |
| Not at all familiar | 15% | 19% | 17% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 28: Question 2

| How familiar, if at all, are you with the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very familiar | 5% | 8% | 6% |
| Somewhat familiar | 22% | 30% | 26% |
| A little bit familiar | 36% | 33% | 34% |
| Not at all familiar | 37% | 30% | 33% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 29: Question 3

| In general, how good or poor a job is the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program doing? Would you say . . . | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Excellent | 12% | 18% | 15% |
| Very good | 38% | 34% | 36% |
| Good | 39% | 40% | 39% |
| Fair | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| Poor | 4% | 2% | 3% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 30: Question 5

| For each of the attributes below, please rate to what extent, if at all, you think the City of Fort Collins natural areas contribute to this attribute of the community. What about . . . | Area of county | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| | Fort Collins | | | | | Rest of Larimer County | | | | | Overall | | | | |
| | Great extent | Moderate extent | Small extent | Not at all | Total | Great extent | Moderate extent | Small extent | Not at all | Total | Great extent | Moderate extent | Small extent | Not at all | Total |
| Economic vitality (making Fort Collins an attractive place to work and do business) | 51% | 32% | 14% | 3% | 100% | 50% | 41% | 8% | 1% | 100% | 50% | 37% | 11% | 2% | 100% |
| Wellness (a place to get fit and be healthy) | 72% | 20% | 4% | 4% | 100% | 68% | 27% | 4% | 1% | 100% | 70% | 24% | 4% | 2% | 100% |
| Recreational opportunities (hiking, biking, walking, horseback riding, bird watching, fishing, creating art, relaxing and enjoying the outdoors) | 77% | 19% | 2% | 3% | 100% | 80% | 18% | 1% | 0% | 100% | 79% | 18% | 2% | 1% | 100% |
| Mobility (using the natural areas and trails to get around Fort Collins) | 41% | 37% | 17% | 4% | 100% | 47% | 36% | 16% | 0% | 100% | 44% | 37% | 17% | 2% | 100% |
| Educational opportunities (learn more about nature and the outdoors) | 33% | 41% | 22% | 4% | 100% | 37% | 41% | 20% | 2% | 100% | 35% | 41% | 21% | 3% | 100% |
| Escape from the urban environment | 54% | 30% | 12% | 4% | 100% | 56% | 31% | 12% | 1% | 100% | 55% | 31% | 12% | 2% | 100% |
| Healthy environment/ecology (filtering water and air, preventing flooding, etc.) | 45% | 38% | 12% | 5% | 100% | 58% | 35% | 7% | 1% | 100% | 51% | 36% | 9% | 3% | 100% |
| Habitat (places for wildlife and native plants to live and grow) conservation | 56% | 34% | 7% | 3% | 100% | 63% | 26% | 10% | 0% | 100% | 60% | 30% | 8% | 2% | 100% |
| Scientific opportunities (places for scientists to collect data) | 33% | 43% | 19% | 6% | 100% | 43% | 37% | 20% | 1% | 100% | 38% | 40% | 19% | 3% | 100% |
| Cultural resources conservation (protecting traces of the past) | 30% | 40% | 24% | 7% | 100% | 39% | 33% | 24% | 4% | 100% | 35% | 36% | 24% | 5% | 100% |
| Feeling a connection to nature or for personal renewal | 50% | 29% | 17% | 5% | 100% | 49% | 33% | 16% | 1% | 100% | 50% | 31% | 17% | 3% | 100% |
| Overall quality of life in Fort Collins | 60% | 31% | 5% | 4% | 100% | 66% | 31% | 4% | 0% | 100% | 63% | 31% | 4% | 2% | 100% |

Table 31: Question 6

| How often do you visit Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . . | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| More than 100 times a year (Twice a week or more) | 9% | 7% | 8% |
| 51 to 100 times a year (Once or twice a week) | 21% | 12% | 16% |
| 26 to 50 (Once every week or two) | 14% | 15% | 14% |
| 11 to 25 (Once or twice a month) | 12% | 16% | 14% |
| 2 to 10 (Less than once a month) | 24% | 32% | 28% |
| Never | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 32: Question 7

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Arapaho Bend | 1% | 5% | 3% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 7% | 8% | 8% |
| Butterfly Woods | 6% | 2% | 4% |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 13% | 13% | 13% |
| Cattail Chorus | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Colina Mariposa | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Coyote Ridge | 10% | 13% | 11% |
| Fischer | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 9% | 10% | 9% |
| Gateway | 5% | 2% | 3% |
| Gustav Swanson | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Kingfisher Point | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Magpie Meander | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Mallard's Nest | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Maxwell | 7% | 2% | 4% |

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| McMurry | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Nix | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| North Shields Pond | 3% | 7% | 5% |
| Pineridge | 9% | 5% | 7% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 2% | 0% | 1% |
| Prospect Ponds | 11% | 8% | 9% |
| Red Fox Meadows | 2% | 0% | 1% |
| Redtail Grove | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Redwing Marsh | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| River's Edge | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 4% | 6% | 5% |
| Ross | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Running Deer | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Salyer | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 2% | 4% | 3% |
| Springer | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Sterling | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| The Coterie | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Two Creeks | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Williams | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 33: Question 8

| In what activity(ies) did you participate the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Hiking | 41% | 42% | 41% |
| Running/jogging | 13% | 17% | 15% |
| Fishing | 8% | 12% | 10% |
| Commuting/passing through | 10% | 2% | 6% |
| Skateboarding/rollerblading | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Biking | 36% | 28% | 32% |
| Dog walking | 26% | 29% | 27% |
| Photography/art | 8% | 7% | 8% |
| Horseback riding | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Picnicking | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Wildlife viewing | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Relaxing/doing nothing | 21% | 13% | 17% |
| Enjoying the scenery | 33% | 26% | 30% |
| Attending a special event | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Boating | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Other (please specify)* | 5% | 6% | 6% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

*"Other" activities appear verbatim in Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions.

Table 34: Question 9

| How did you arrive the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| By car | 49% | 68% | 58% |
| By bike | 34% | 21% | 27% |
| By foot | 17% | 11% | 14% |
| By horse | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Other | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 35: Question 10

| About how much time did you spend the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| 1 hour or less | 41% | 26% | 34% |
| >1 hour up to 2 hours | 35% | 45% | 41% |
| >2 hours up to 4 hours | 18% | 25% | 22% |
| More than 4 hours | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 36: Question 11

| How crowded was it the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very crowded | 3% | 0% | 2% |
| Moderately crowded | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Slightly crowded | 34% | 38% | 36% |
| Not crowded at all | 58% | 56% | 57% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 37: Question 12

| To what extent, if at all, did the crowding negatively impact your visit? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| to a great extent | 3% | 0% | 1% |
| to a moderate extent | 11% | 6% | 8% |
| to a small extent | 43% | 50% | 47% |
| not at all | 43% | 44% | 43% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 38: Question 13

| In the past 12 months, which Fort Collins natural area(s) have you visited? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Arapaho Bend | 11% | 8% | 10% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 28% | 25% | 26% |
| Butterfly Woods | 17% | 8% | 12% |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 35% | 39% | 37% |
| Cattail Chorus | 12% | 4% | 8% |
| Colina Mariposa | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 11% | 10% | 11% |
| Coyote Ridge | 39% | 41% | 40% |
| Fischer | 13% | 6% | 9% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 42% | 48% | 45% |
| Gateway | 15% | 16% | 16% |
| Gustav Swanson | 7% | 9% | 8% |
| Kingfisher Point | 19% | 10% | 14% |
| Magpie Meander | 5% | 8% | 7% |
| Mallard's Nest | 15% | 7% | 11% |
| Maxwell | 20% | 11% | 15% |
| McMurry | 17% | 13% | 15% |
| Nix | 10% | 9% | 9% |
| North Shields Pond | 27% | 23% | 25% |
| Pineridge | 35% | 23% | 29% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 15% | 6% | 10% |
| Prospect Ponds | 45% | 43% | 44% |
| Red Fox Meadows | 15% | 10% | 12% |
| Redtail Grove | 12% | 5% | 9% |
| Redwing Marsh | 8% | 4% | 6% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 19% | 22% | 21% |
| River's Edge | 9% | 10% | 9% |

| In the past 12 months, which Fort Collins natural area(s) have you visited? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Riverbend Ponds | 29% | 26% | 28% |
| Ross | 12% | 7% | 9% |
| Running Deer | 15% | 11% | 13% |
| Salyer | 8% | 6% | 7% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 16% | 16% | 16% |
| Springer | 12% | 4% | 8% |
| Sterling | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| The Coterie | 9% | 4% | 6% |
| Two Creeks | 10% | 3% | 6% |
| Williams | 10% | 3% | 7% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 39: Question 14

| How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the natural areas you have visited? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Very satisfied | 70% | 65% | 67% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 22% | 28% | 25% |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Very dissatisfied | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 40: Question 15

| Do you usually visit the same natural area(s), or do you visit several areas during the year? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Usually visit the same one or two areas | 56% | 66% | 61% |
| Usually visit several or many different areas | 44% | 34% | 39% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 41: Question 16

| In the past 12 months, in what activity(ies) have you participated in during your visits to Fort Collins'' natural area(s)? | Area of county | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Hiking | 71% | 69% | 70% |
| Running/jogging | 30% | 27% | 29% |
| Fishing | 23% | 19% | 21% |
| Commuting/passing through | 35% | 25% | 30% |
| Skateboarding/rollerblading | 5% | 1% | 3% |
| Biking | 63% | 48% | 55% |
| Dog walking | 39% | 49% | 44% |
| Photography/art | 20% | 19% | 20% |
| Horseback riding | 4% | 1% | 2% |
| Picnicking | 20% | 21% | 20% |
| Wildlife viewing | 40% | 37% | 39% |
| Relaxing/doing nothing | 43% | 40% | 42% |
| Boating | 6% | 2% | 4% |
| Attending a special event | 6% | 2% | 4% |
| Other | 9% | 4% | 6% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 42: Question 17

| During the past 12 months, have you had any unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| No | 86% | 92% | 89% |
| Yes | 14% | 8% | 11% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 43: Question 18

| Taken as a whole, how would you rate the facilities in Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . . | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Excellent | 23% | 30% | 27% |
| Very good | 45% | 55% | 50% |
| Good | 28% | 13% | 20% |
| Fair | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Poor | 2% | 0% | 1% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 44: Question 19

| Please grade the following individual facilities and services, using the letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F (where "A" is the highest grade and "F" is a failing grade). What about . . . | Area of county | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|---------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| | Fort Collins | | | | | | Rest of Larimer County | | | | | | Overall | | | | | |
| | A | B | C | D | F | Total | A | B | C | D | F | Total | A | B | C | D | F | Total |
| Trail condition | 56% | 33% | 5% | 1% | 5% | 100% | 53% | 33% | 6% | 0% | 9% | 100% | 54% | 33% | 5% | 0% | 7% | 100% |
| Trailhead condition | 52% | 37% | 4% | 0% | 7% | 100% | 55% | 33% | 4% | 0% | 9% | 100% | 53% | 35% | 4% | 0% | 8% | 100% |
| Number of restrooms | 33% | 29% | 23% | 5% | 9% | 100% | 31% | 32% | 19% | 6% | 13% | 100% | 32% | 31% | 21% | 5% | 11% | 100% |
| Condition of restrooms | 30% | 30% | 23% | 7% | 10% | 100% | 31% | 26% | 28% | 2% | 13% | 100% | 31% | 28% | 26% | 4% | 11% | 100% |
| Trash cans | 40% | 32% | 19% | 2% | 7% | 100% | 31% | 35% | 20% | 3% | 12% | 100% | 35% | 33% | 20% | 2% | 9% | 100% |
| Directional and informational signs | 38% | 44% | 9% | 2% | 6% | 100% | 43% | 37% | 8% | 3% | 9% | 100% | 41% | 40% | 9% | 3% | 8% | 100% |
| Interpretive signs (signs designed to provide educational guidance and deeper appreciation) | 44% | 31% | 15% | 2% | 7% | 100% | 37% | 36% | 16% | 3% | 8% | 100% | 40% | 34% | 16% | 2% | 8% | 100% |
| Information provided in brochures | 34% | 35% | 18% | 2% | 11% | 100% | 34% | 35% | 18% | 2% | 11% | 100% | 34% | 35% | 18% | 2% | 11% | 100% |
| Information provided in maps | 42% | 35% | 10% | 2% | 11% | 100% | 39% | 32% | 17% | 3% | 9% | 100% | 40% | 34% | 14% | 3% | 10% | 100% |
| Educational activities and events (for example, guided hikes/rides, kids programs) | 33% | 30% | 12% | 4% | 21% | 100% | 33% | 34% | 10% | 1% | 20% | 100% | 33% | 33% | 11% | 2% | 21% | 100% |

Table 45: Question 22

| Where do you live? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Within the city limits of Fort Collins | 86% | 80% | 83% |
| Within the city limits of Loveland | 4% | 10% | 7% |
| Other location in Larimer County | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 46: Question 23

| How many years have you lived in Larimer County? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Less than 5 years | 32% | 19% | 25% |
| 5 to 10 years | 22% | 21% | 22% |
| 11 to 15 years | 14% | 17% | 15% |
| 16 to 20 years | 7% | 9% | 8% |
| 21 to 30 years | 13% | 17% | 15% |
| More than 30 years | 12% | 16% | 14% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 47: Question 24

| Do you rent or own your home? | Area of county | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Rent | 44% | 24% | 34% |
| Own | 56% | 76% | 66% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 48: Question 25

| Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? | Area of county | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| No | 95% | 93% | 94% |
| Yes | 5% | 7% | 6% |

| Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? | Area of county | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 49: Question 26

| What is your race? | Area of county | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 1% | 3% | 2% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 2% | 4% | 3% |
| Black or African American | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| White/Caucasian | 97% | 95% | 96% |
| Other | 3% | 1% | 2% |

Total exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 50: Question 27

| What is the highest level of education you have completed? | Area of county | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| 1st through 12th grade (No Diploma) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| High school (Diploma or GED) | 4% | 10% | 7% |
| Some college, no degree | 16% | 15% | 16% |
| 2-year or associate college degree | 13% | 11% | 12% |
| Bachelors degree | 35% | 32% | 33% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 30% | 32% | 31% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 51: Question 28

| What is your gender? | Area of county | | |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| Male | 50% | 49% | 49% |
| Female | 50% | 51% | 51% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Table 52: Question 29

| In which category is your age? | Area of county | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| | Fort Collins | Rest of Larimer County | Overall |
| 18-24 years | 12% | 5% | 8% |
| 25-34 years | 35% | 20% | 28% |
| 35-44 years | 11% | 20% | 15% |
| 45-54 years | 18% | 18% | 18% |
| 55-64 years | 12% | 19% | 16% |
| 65-74 years | 6% | 13% | 10% |
| 75 years or older | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Appendix C: Crosstabulations of Selected Survey Results

The following appendix includes crosstabulations of select questions compared by most recent natural area visited.

Table 53: Natural Areas Visited

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | Hiking | Running/jogging | Fishing | Commuting/passing through | Skateboarding/rollerblading | Biking | Dog walking | Photography/ art | Horseback riding | Picnicking | Wildlife viewing | Relaxing/ doing nothing | Enjoying the scenery | Attending a special event | Boating | Walking | Other (please specify) |
|--|--------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 58% | 7% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 37% | 28% | 12% | 0% | 2% | 27% | 13% | 45% | 4% | 4% | 9% | 0% |
| Coyote Ridge | 56% | 18% | 4% | 2% | 0% | 37% | 16% | 9% | 0% | 9% | 21% | 18% | 24% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 15% | 8% | 5% | 10% | 0% | 18% | 50% | 6% | 0% | 0% | 25% | 22% | 25% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 5% |
| Prospect Ponds | 37% | 13% | 22% | 3% | 0% | 41% | 30% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 11% | 9% | 26% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 71% | 15% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 12% | 10% | 12% | 6% | 9% | 10% | 11% | 38% | 15% | 1% | 0% | 2% |
| Pineridge | 39% | 20% | 12% | 5% | 0% | 34% | 39% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 4% | 8% | 19% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 38% | 9% | 33% | 0% | 0% | 28% | 23% | 12% | 0% | 12% | 8% | 18% | 15% | 0% | 0% | 13% | 0% |
| North Shields Pond | 27% | 18% | 34% | 0% | 0% | 30% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 30% | 28% | 31% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Maxwell | 31% | 11% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 65% | 19% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 7% | 23% | 19% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 4% |
| Butterfly Woods | 17% | 30% | 5% | 30% | 0% | 67% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 7% | 13% | 18% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 6% |
| Gateway | 85% | 22% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 14% | 54% | 8% | 0% | 30% | 8% | 7% | 50% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 6% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 93% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 0% | 14% | 10% | 20% | 0% | 6% | 22% | 18% | 35% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 20% |
| Arapaho Bend | 19% | 43% | 50% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 20% | 0% | 0% | 36% | 0% | 36% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| McMurry | 0% | 4% | 17% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 59% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 24% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 47% | 15% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 77% | 0% | 0% | 39% | 0% | 47% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| River's Edge | 0% | 53% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 39% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 12% | 44% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 12% | 88% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 44% | 44% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 27% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 27% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 19% | 0% | 55% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Mallard's Nest | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 76% | 55% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 24% | 0% | 24% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

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| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | Hiking | Running/jogging | Fishing | Commuting/passing through | Skateboarding/rollerblading | Biking | Dog walking | Photography/ art | Horseback riding | Picnicking | Wildlife viewing | Relaxing/ doing nothing | Enjoying the scenery | Attending a special event | Boating | Walking | Other (please specify) |
|--|--------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Red Fox Meadows | 86% | 65% | 0% | 65% | 0% | 14% | 65% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 65% | 65% | 65% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Magpie Meander | 10% | 90% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 90% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Kingfisher Point | 61% | 0% | 39% | 0% | 0% | 41% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 39% | 59% | 59% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Fischer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 60% | 60% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 60% | 40% | 60% | 0% | 0% | 40% | 0% |
| Nix | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 53% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 15% | 32% |
| Gustav Swanson | 16% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 16% | 84% | 0% | 0% | 16% | 16% | 0% | 16% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Running Deer | 17% | 0% | 0% | 83% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 17% | 0% | 0% | 100% | 83% | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Cattail Chorus | 38% | 0% | 0% | 38% | 0% | 62% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Colina Mariposa | 20% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 80% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Redwing Marsh | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Williams | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Two Creeks | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| The Coterie | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Sterling | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Springer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Salyer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Ross | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Redtail Grove | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 41% | 15% | 11% | 5% | 0% | 31% | 27% | 7% | 0% | 4% | 18% | 16% | 29% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 3% |

Table 54: Natural Areas Visited

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | About how much time did you spend the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | 1 hour or less | >1 hour up to 2 hours | >2 hours up to 4 hours | More than 4 hours | Total |
| Cathy Fromme Prairie | 18% | 63% | 19% | 1% | 100% |
| Coyote Ridge | 17% | 45% | 38% | 0% | 100% |
| Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space | 26% | 63% | 11% | 0% | 100% |
| Prospect Ponds | 63% | 14% | 11% | 12% | 100% |
| Bobcat Ridge | 5% | 39% | 46% | 10% | 100% |
| Pineridge | 48% | 31% | 12% | 10% | 100% |
| Riverbend Ponds | 38% | 33% | 29% | 0% | 100% |
| North Shields Pond | 20% | 53% | 16% | 11% | 100% |
| Maxwell | 39% | 61% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Butterfly Woods | 78% | 12% | 10% | 0% | 100% |
| Gateway | 6% | 44% | 50% | 0% | 100% |
| Soapstone Prairie | 4% | 35% | 45% | 16% | 100% |
| Arapaho Bend | 34% | 17% | 50% | 0% | 100% |
| McMurry | 55% | 21% | 0% | 24% | 100% |
| Reservoir Ridge | 0% | 93% | 7% | 0% | 100% |
| River's Edge | 0% | 92% | 8% | 0% | 100% |
| Cottonwood Hollow | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Prairie Dog Meadow | 73% | 27% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Mallard's Nest | 76% | 0% | 24% | 0% | 100% |
| Red Fox Meadows | 88% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Magpie Meander | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Kingfisher Point | 41% | 20% | 39% | 0% | 100% |
| Fischer | 40% | 60% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Nix | 32% | 68% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Gustav Swanson | 84% | 0% | 16% | 0% | 100% |
| Running Deer | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% | 100% |
| Cattail Chorus | 62% | 38% | 0% | 0% | 100% |

| Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited? | About how much time did you spend the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | 1 hour or less | >1 hour up to 2 hours | >2 hours up to 4 hours | More than 4 hours | Total |
| Colina Mariposa | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Redwing Marsh | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| Williams | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Two Creeks | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| The Coterie | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Sterling | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Springer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Salyer | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Ross | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Redtail Grove | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 34% | 41% | 21% | 4% | 100% |

Appendix D: Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Questions

Following are verbatim responses to the open-ended question on the survey, sorted alphabetically. The verbatim responses were not edited for grammar or punctuation.

Question 4: What one thing (if any) do you most appreciate about Fort Collins' natural areas? responses.

- "Natural" scenery, ambiance.
- (Don't know, only been a resident for a month).
- A chance to "get away" within city limits.
- A place to go close in to town for quiet nature.
- Ability to mountain bike / trail run in many of them.
- Abundance of wildlife.
- Access to open space.
- Access to preserved natural areas.
- Accessibility
- Accessibility
- Accessibility (easy to get to - not remote places).
- Aesthetic/Preservation
- Alleviates congestion
- Amount of protected land.
- Appreciate they have set aside space for them.
- As far as I know they are fee-free.
- Beautiful natural areas to visit and recharge - so close to home!!
- Being aesthetically appealing very well kept, to grass length, trimmed trees, makes being there better.
- Bicycle access - both mountain bike trails & paths.
- Bicycle trails!
- Bike trail + conservation of areas.
- Bike trails that are off-road, esp. Ones you've repaved.
- Bike trails.
- Clean
- Close by
- Close by
- Close proximity to everything! So many nice areas to visit w/ animals or kids.
- Convenient & Clean.
- Convenient access to nature.
- Create more of them.
- Don't know.
- Easy access
- Easy access for everyone.
- Easy walking & hiking.
- Enjoying mother nature.
- Escape from urban environment right in the city.
- Everything they have to offer! More natural areas "in town" the better!
- Feeling of open space around FC.
- Feeling that people here care about where they live.
- Fishing
- Fishing reports
- Fort Collins has them.
- Glad we have such areas.
- Great area to walk.
- Great plan to recreate.
- Great resource for the citizens of Fort Collins.
- Green space.
- Guess that we have them.
- Guide access to nature without driving to the mountains.
- Have a public map for others to receive or view.
- Having a variety of different natural areas available.
- Having nature in the city.
- Having them
- Heating.
- Hiking areas & bike trails.
- Hiking trails
- How many there are and how well they are kept up.
- How much improvement these areas have seen over the years (bathrooms instilled, parking lots).
- How well kept they are.
- I am a runner & very much appreciate the access I have to the natural areas.

- I do not appreciate the cost to citizens for land owned now by the city. A waste - misdirected funds!
- I don't appreciate my dog banned from some.
- I don't know.
- I don't live in Ft. Collins and do not utilize the areas.
- I feel that natural area are a valuable public asset and important to the quality of life in Fort Collins.
- I have only visited horse tooth and the management is great!
- I like that there are so many natural areas!
- I like that there is a lot of trails for running.
- I think it is a positive image for the city & area!!
- I want our open spaces & wildlife protected!
- I'm from Chicago, everything looks good.
- I'm just happy to have them.
- I'm not familiar with these areas - I know they exist and have some idea about the areas but I don't visit these areas.
- Important for a city to have them.
- Is set aside and personnel for take to enjoy.
- It does not seem extremely environmentally.
- It is very clean and usable in all seasons.
- It is wonderful to have "pockets" of nature in a city.
- It was one of the primary reasons I moved to F.C. And will stay in F.C.
- Just being able to enjoy the areas and being outside.
- Just the fact that the city would make an effort to have there is.
- Keeping natural history alive, putting boundaries on growth.
- Like that people & animals can enjoy the natural areas and still be right in town, Not developed.
- Lots of older trees!
- Maintain bathrooms in natural areas they're often locked.
- Maintenance - kept up! Great job.
- Many areas have large acreage.
- More parks.
- Multiple use trail (i.e. Hiking, horseback, cycling).
- NAs have become part of the community in so many ways, it's not possible to have just one.
- Natural areas enhance the urban landscape and create separation in urban areas.
- Natural areas preserves as natural areas, not purely for recreation.
- Near by most residential areas.
- Nearby accessibility
- Nearby places to engage/re-connect w/ nature.
- Nice bike trails.
- Nice for running.
- No fees.
- None that I can think of.
- Not much
- Not wall to wall buildings.
- Nothing
- One gets the feeling they are not accessible to all.
- Open area - no houses.
- Open land for wild animals.
- Open space
- Open space in the city.
- Open spaces w/ in town.
- Paved paths that are plowed in the winter.
- Plenty of areas to hike, bike, and enjoy nature.
- Preservation
- Preserving nature - no sub divisions.
- Preserving them.
- professional and natural - hard to do.
- Programs for kids & families.
- Protection of areas from development.
- Proximity of abundant choices.
- Proximity to town.
- Proximity to where I live.
- Quality of life.
- Quiet
- Quiet and scenic places to unwind.
- Quiet beauty.
- Runs along river.
- Scenery, animals
- So many of them! We take our students (Rocky) on field trips.
- Solitude
- Space
- Space b/t neighborhoods!
- Successfully supports local wildlife provides natural.

- That dogs are not allowed at some of the areas.
- That for the most part they are easily accessible.
- That Fort Collins has natural areas.
- That it's clean.
- That one can easily access the areas, there are one close to town so that anyone can escape the city.
- That there are natural areas and the space allowed for the community.
- That there are natural areas available.
- That they are available for use.
- That they are available to enjoy.
- That they are preserved.
- That they are there & I can visit!
- That they are there!
- That they are there.
- That they are there.
- That they are well maintained.
- That they exist & are available for public use.
- That they exist is important to quality of life.
- That they exist!
- That they exist!
- That they exist.
- That they exist.
- That they won't be developed.
- That we are keeping some areas natural & not housing to go up everywhere it makes it cook much nicer more walk ways look great.
- That we as a city do have them.
- That we have lots of open spaces.
- That we have natural areas.
- That we have them and all willing to help pay for them, they are precious.
- That we have them available to us.
- That we have them!
- That we have them!
- That we have them! And they are accessible!!
- That we have them.
- That we have them.
- That we have them.
- That we have them.
- That we have them.
- The abundance of them.
- The added parking & restrooms, erosion control, rangers, info starting.
- The amt. of them.
- The areas adjacent to the Spring Creek and Poudre River Trails enhance my bike riding and walking.
- The availability of numerous sites.
- The beauty in all aspects.
- The diversity
- The diversity of plants & wildlife is very important to me.
- The ease of getting to them.
- The fact that Ft Collins is preserving them.
- The fact that they exist!
- The feel of being away from Bristle-bristle of traffic & too many people.
- The increase in acres.
- The multitude of locations.
- The natural areas west of Fort Collins in foothills.
- The nature so close to the city.
- The number & variety of natural area options.
- The number, diversity, accessibility & programs.
- The opportunity to experience undeveloped land.
- The quantity & diversity of the natural areas.
- The quiet, peaceful space.
- The simple fact that we have natural areas!
- The trails are maintained.
- The variety and abundance of options.
- The variety of options we have, plowed in winter.
- The variety of spaces in the city/area.
- The visionaries who worked to establish and fund the program have seen natural areas woven into the fabric of our community and become integrate to ft Collins.
- The wide diversity of habitats and landscapes protected.
- The wide variety of areas.
- Their existence.
- Their extent, & the number of them.
- There is a lot of it for a city the size of Fort Collins.
- There is no "one" thing - - natural areas are wonderful in so many ways.
- There's something for everyone to do.
- They are all over the city.
- They are beautiful.

- They are close by & also are "free"; that is, trends to admissions charge.
- They are open to & used by the public.
- They are pleasant to pass through when biking/making the trails.
- They are spread throughout the city.
- They are well preserved & beautiful.
- They are well preserved.
- They exist - nice to have open areas.
- They make the city beautiful, natural & less crowded.
- They seem well maintained.
- They're everywhere (easily accessible).
- They're pretty clean.
- They're well kept & workers are enthusiastic, eager to answer question.
- Too much money is devoted to this effort - City should have other higher priorities.
- Trails
- Trails
- Trails
- Trails appear clean & safe; love paved trails.
- Unspoiled setting
- Usually clean, grass mowed where needed, trash can double!
- Variety
- Variety
- Vast geography & variety, quality of maintenance & restoration. They get better all the time.
- Walking paths that are kept up.
- Walking trails, their number.
- We have a lot of them.
- Well kept and patrolled trails that are safe and fun.
- Well maintained.
- What am I supposed to do with them?
- You don't have to try to access natural areas.
- You feel secure hidden, not in the city/wildlife.

Question 8: In what activity(ies) did you participate the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area?? "Other" responses.

- 1840 rear 2.
- Astronomy
- Birding
- Frisbee golf.
- I do service work. It's nice to eat lunch in my van.
- Just walking a trail.
- Mend on a town.
- Mountain biking
- Not overly observant.
- Rafting drop off location.
- Research
- Throwing rocks into river.
- Was involved in a re vegetation project.

Question 9: How did you arrive the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? "Other" responses.

- By bus
- Motorcycle

Question 16: In the past 12 months, in what activity(ies) have you participated in during your visits to Fort Collins' natural area(s)? "Other" responses.

- 1840's rear 2 (Mt. Man camp).
- Astronomy
- Birding
- Class trips.
- Frisbee golf.
- Just walking
- Playing in water.
- Research
- Walk
- Wind shield viewing.

Question 17: During the past 12 months, have you had any unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area? "Yes, please describe" responses.

- 1. Bagged dog poop left on trail throw it away or don't bag it. 2. Horse poop. 3. Overzealous pack rangers.
- Almost stopped on a snake, I don't like filled bark of dog beside the trail.
- Bicyclists ride in parks and pass too closely when running/walking - add yield to walkers/runners signs.
- Confusing postage re: dogs in the Fischer Natural Area one said 'no dogs' the other said 'only hashed dogs'.
- Crashed my bike and broke my pelvis (all my fault).
- Dogs off leash causing problems! Enforce leash law - give tickets.
- Eaten by mosquitoes @ River bend ponds.
- Except occasional snakes.
- Finding cigarette butts and other trash.
- Got bit by dog on trail near epic; it was on leash, but not under control.
- Homeless
- Horse permitted by owner to deposit nature or bike trail.
- I hope for more improvement
- I love how beautiful the trail to along the N. Side of the Poudre river between Linden and College, but I don't run 4 alone because I don't feel safe - how can we change that?!!
- It seems a lot of these places have a sewage smell associated with it.
- Lots of trash from homeless and homeless, trash from tubers and other fishermen.
- Mosquito's but that is to be expected.
- No bathroom facilities available.
- No dogs.
- Obnoxious 20 somethings.
- Our small leashed dog was attacked by an unleashed dog. Narrowly surviving.
- People complaining about bikes on the bike path.
- Rangers being present and thus having to leash my dog.
- Some bicyclists do not warn when coming from behind.
- Sometimes I see weirdoes out and about.
- Sometimes inconsiderate bikers.
- "The increase of foxes who do not have homes since you ""restored"" the prospect/Taft. I wish you had left it truly natural. Poor foxes!"
- This should provide an opportunity for leisure & relaxation not a place to be hampered by skate boarding, roller blading, biking or even running & horse back riding & dog walking, a lot more education and surveillance is needed in natural areas of the city. Please do so!
- Thunder
- To much goose poop.
- Unclean
- Unpleasant to see that natural areas personnel sprayed wild flowers mistaking them for weeds.
- Very muddy - even built up paths and boardwalks covered in mud.
- We saw natured areas plants that were sprayed - they were not weeds or invasive! very disturbing!

Question 20: What one change would make your visits to Fort Collins natural areas more enjoyable? responses.

- 1. Enforce leash law 2. Other facilities at all.
- A bit more sanitary conditions.
- A map designating all the natural areas - I've never well hazard of most of them & would like to visit all!
- A map showing all of them, what is available at each, what special features are at each
- would be nice to have so we would be entered to try others.
- Add more educational - interpretive features including human history as well as natural history.
- Advertise then a bit more.
- Allow a few to let dogs off leash to swim.
- Allow dog walking.

- Allow dogs on leash at all areas.
- Allow dogs on leash at coyote ridge - that's a major access to blue sky trail system.
- Allow dogs to be under verbal control and off leash.
- Allow more dogs.
- Areas where dogs can hike off leash.
- Banning smoking in all natural areas.
- Bathroom @ Coyote ridge trail head rather than 1 mile up the trail.
- Being more aware of them so we would visit them.
- Better management for wildlife habitat.
- Better signage at the Lemay / Mulberry portion of the trail.
- Better trail maintenance.
- Can't think of any.
- Clean rest room / soap to wash with / paper towels.
- Clean water source at trail-heads.
- Cleaner trails cleaned restrooms / more paths to explore.
- Clear regulations throughout one area.
- Complete and connect the trail system for walking and biking around Fort Collins and maintain them.
- Connect Red tail grove to Cathy From me Prairie.
- Create water pumps along the long hikes of Coyote Ridge & Soapstone land others w/ long hike/bike trails.
- Cut more grass around ponds/trails knee deep & deeper near paths concern me.
- Dog poop boys I trash cars - so we can pick up what others leave behind.
- Dogs on a leash.
- Easier to find them.
- Enforce dogs on leashes better.
- Enforce, dog leash laws more.
- Enjoy it very much.
- Even more trails.
- Extending bike paths, Downtown festivals, special events, cultural diversity, more open space.
- Extent trail farther north of town to connect to trail on timberline or Lemay.
- Find out the addresses or instruction were the natural areas are.
- Finish, extend and make more trails!! When I look on the map I see the trails, but once I'm there, side trails appear that I want to explore - make them actual trails.
- Get more info to people (via electric bill for example) with where natural areas are. A map will show residents all that are nearby or in an area they might want to see.
- Having it here.
- Having more time to spend there.
- Honesty, I did not know there were so many so I haven't visited them very much, but I really enjoy open spaces.
- I believe the areas are great currently. Well maintained, accessible and connect the trails well. Keep working on trail connectivity.
- I feel guilty that this program remains so robustly funded while other city programs and departments are struggling financially. Time to re-prioritize.
- I have no idea where half of places are! Never heard the names.
- I wish that there would be more recyclable bins in the areas. More fishing info such as types of fish in the ponds; can you keep caught fish and how many is allowed. I just love to fish and I don't see much info about it.
- I would enforce people to pick-up after themselves make the homeless go to shelters and make inter tubers respect fisherman.
- I would love to see more educational info @ the natural areas - possibly about the reason they are designated in that spot.
- If all my family lived here.
- If I were paid to go.
- If mountain bikers understood and complied with trail etiquette yield!.
- If some natural areas were less crowded it would be more enjoyable, but the clip-side is, it's nice to see a lot of people are enjoying and talking advantage of these areas.
- If there is a charge to visit, I'd remove that. I think it should be free to go hiking, swimming etc around FC.
- I'm not sure, I think it's already great. Ensuring there's a water fountain, trails would be nice too - no need to have paved paths in some cases. Would be nice there is a path connecting all these areas.

- Improve the 'quality' of participants - manners, vandalism & trash.
- It would be great if water Fountains & rest rooms could stay open through out the year.
- "Keeping Bobcat Ridge open later or at least specifying the time it closes (rather than just saying ""dusk"" which is very subjective)."
- Knowing the people using the facilities were paying for their upkeep instead of tax payers funds.
- Knowing where more areas are - maybe a map of all the areas & info re each area.
- Less crowding.
- Less people, but it's not as bad as it could be.
- Make the mosquitoes disappear.
- Maps up - to date (accuracy).
- Market them more.
- Maybe some camping - not RVS, but back country.
- Monitor people who walk dogs & don't pickup dog waste.
- More advertising.
- More bathrooms, please.
- More benches for people to sit & relax.
- More biking trails & the connection of spring creek & Poudre trail on the west side of town.
- More campaigns about Ft. Collins natural areas, park.
- More clean and more easier to find them.
- More diverse trails within city limits.
- More diversity of plants and animals.
- More enforcement of closed trails and dogs on leashes.
- More for all ages. We like to include our boys ages 8 & 10 when we can - especially in nature. The timing (during the day) of some of the events. We work during the week.
- More handcuff areas and law costs.
- More info about fishing IE - if stocked, types of fish found in ponds etc.
- More info on where they all are.
- More information on site would be nice. It is on line I guess.
- More mobility wheel / chair hand cap accessibility.
- More natural areas.
- More of them, more bike trails.
- More off-leash areas for dogs.
- More open spaces!
- More out of the way.
- More picnic tables & larger natural areas.
- More restrooms, access to drinking water.
- More sculptural or installation art, I like the 'water washes the earth' sculpture by Joe McBrane at Ross NA.
- More sunny days!
- More things for kids, and exercise, equipment more lighting @ night.
- More time
- More time to enjoy them.
- More time to visit areas!
- More water fountains! Please?
- New Belgium on tap... In recyclable containers.
- No change doing a great job.
- No changes, I just need to get on more!
- No comment.
- No complaints everything is always beautiful and well kept.
- No snakes.
- Not a thing.
- Not killing the prairie dogs.
- Not sure.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing at this time.
- Nothing comes to mind, really, good job!
- Nothing.
- Open all to dogs on leash.
- Please don't allow 100ft high voltage power lines in Pine ridge! Please, please, please! No!
- Provide more flayers / handouts to schools so they can be given to families in folders.
- Purchase property in Larimer County that most residents can enjoy - we are a laughing stock in Wyoming!
- Really they are fine. But for some that ban dogs.
- Repair heavily eroded trails.
- Safety, courtesy, responsibility of a fore mentioned users.
- "Seeing more plant & animal diversity rather than less - some areas starting to look like ""smooth"" farms."

- Signage at trail head of fishing rags for each body of water.
- Signage for direction.
- Since I paint outside; more shade/shelters would be valuable for me.
- Smoother Bike trails, unified bike trail system.
- Smoothing bumps / cracks and bridge transitions on the trails.
- Some areas don't have bathrooms.
- Some enforcement of regulations might help maintain our very pleasant and adequate facilities e.g.: leash laws etc.
- Some how, increase awareness of their existence.
- Teach other cities in the country why and how you are successful.
- "The areas are fine! Some of the people do not follow proper protocol when using the trails, however. But usually it's OK. Still, rangers patrolling & "giving tickets" might be helpful. (I have played golf courses where rangers kept things moving, etc.)"
- The city could host learning experiences such as - Bird watching, Make meeting facilities known, tree.
- The feeling of safety along the poudre river trail.
- They are nice.
- Up-to-date maps posted @ trail heads.
- Water
- When trails are closed I'd like a website to indicate when they are (weather related).
- Would come to know about event held at areas need to be more informed.
- Would like more areas open to dogs.
- Would love to have a map showing where all the natural areas are. Would love to visit all of them!

Question 21: What other comments, if any, would you like to make about City of Fort Collins natural areas? responses.

- "37 is too many to maintain since City always has to cut basic services due to budget "short falls"."
- A few times I've gone to a natural areas with a friend, not proving or remembering the name of it - sorry. I'm not that familiar with where the ones you listed are!
- A great asset for Ft. Collins.
- Be nice to have dog off leash area.
- Best I don't!
- Check - cut Portland or natural areas!
- City has done a great job in providing and maintaining natural areas.
- Continue the good work!
- Couldn't this survey be generated, say, through CSH rather than sending &/ jobs to MJ???
- Coyote ridge: Some shade and occasional bench seating at trail head and along the first long leg of the trail.
- Do we really need so many areas?
- Don't care.
- Don't know much about purpose.
- Don't try to do too much - keep it affordable.
- Don't use them.
- Due to a foot problem I like to avoid walking on concrete keep trails soft.
- Enforced dog on leash lawn.
- Every time I Google fishing ponds or lakes in Larimer County, It shows how many of them there are. But it doesn't say which is private or public.
- Excellent job, keep up the good work!
- Excellent program, well managed. Don't worry too swell about being kind to prairie dogs...
- Far too much money spent on N.A. Better spend on critical needs.
- Frankly, I don't know the names of the areas or trails we visit, so I can't answer to where we've been.
- Glad we have them as less room to build buildings.
- Good choices for investment.
- Good job!
- Great areas, make town wonderful place to love.
- Great job we love living here - so much to do with our one year old!
- Great job!

- Great Job! This is what makes e.g. a desirable place to live!!!
- Having just moved here, we haven't been able to explore the outdoor natural areas of Ft. Collins yet, but plan to.
- I am a strong supporter.
- I appreciate our city and the efforts made to maintain the natural areas for all.
- I appreciate that there are no entry fees charged.
- I appreciate your interest in my experiences with your natural areas. A post card telling me to go online for more info might spur me to do just that altho this.
- I assume that wildlife increases in these areas.
- I believe the program is not sustainable and is subsidized by other city departments. The program should survive solely on its own with the 1/4 & tax initiative placed back on the ballot.
- I believe the trail system between natural areas adds value to quality of life in the city. Some of the areas are only open space - not really usable, prefer larger areas offering recreation.
- I do know others that enjoy the natural areas a lot. I'm not that outdoorsy & work too much.
- I do use the walking path along Poudre & Martinez Park.
- I don't always feel safe and maybe that's a woman thing. But they all just lovely to look at.
- I don't know where the areas are. Distribute a map at schools so parents know where they can take the kids.
- I enjoy the natural areas!
- I get most of my knowledge from others & read everything I can in the papers.
- I haven't instead, but live by money - they are jewels in our environment. As population increase they will be valued more and more.
- I hear great things about them.
- I know there are many areas my family & I haven't visited & receiving more information on these areas would be great!
- I like the mix of feeling like I'm in the middle of nowhere while I know I'm right here in town. I love everything about Ft Collins.
- I live in Lepton and rarely use Ft. Collin. Non areas what I have been is excellent.
- I live in Loveland & don't always go to Ft Collins for outside activities.
- I love it here & Ft. Collins has made out door life so enjoyable. I love to ride the bike trails - great job!
- I love living here!
- I love that we have natural areas in Fort Collins, would hope to continue to see them well maintained & enjoyed for years to come.
- I love the numerous amount & the quality of these natural areas! Thanks for keeping our city nice!
- I need more information about the names, locations & offerings of the areas. I had no idea there were so many & I've lived here 15 years.
- I really enjoy natural areas, but I live around an hour away from these places which does not make it feasible for me to visit them.
- I recently found out about a spot to hold meetings / events by Claymore Lake no body knows - about.
- I should really get out to visit the FC natural areas!
- I should use them more - chaos in life & health issues interfere.
- I think it'd be nice to have a few more places to add air to bike tires - in case you get a low tire.
- I think the natural areas are great and I am willing to pay taxes to have such areas.
- I think the program is doing a wonderful job & I hope that they continue to grow & expand the space & opportunities for the citizen's of FC.
- I was not aware city of Fort Collins has that many natural areas.
- I wish I had time to enjoy them more.
- I wish I knew more about the areas. More effort toward public awareness would be helpful.
- I wish I would have more time to visit recreational areas.
- I wish there were trails connecting the west side (prospect) to trails. I ride on the rd. To drake to hop on. Connecting trails and bringing them to old town so we don't ever have to ride on the road.

- I would love more commuting bike trails through FC - I can't wait for mason corridor.
- I'm glad they exist, wish there was more readily available info on what's available.
- I'm glad to know they exist - & I repeat - I'd like to know where they all are - would use more if there.
- "I'm glad to see city of Ft. Collins not take extreme views I too much safety; too much ""green"" concern."
- I'm not familiar enough to give a comment.
- Improve toilets, shelter, add more trails - bike and jogging.
- "Interface between dog walkers bikes, houses is difficult, but a ""people"" problem not city problem."
- It appears there is a lot of \$ spent on spaces, usually lightly used.
- It certainly does not advertise these areas & their uses.
- It frustrates me when people use the bags for doggie poop & then leave them beside the trail rather than carry them to the nearest garbage can - perhaps we need more garbage cans.
- It is important to have open/buffer space between city & Loveland / etc!!
- It still bothers me that city sales tax revenue is used for natural areas outside of Ft. Collins. If you are so sustainable / green focused, why the hard copy, survey?
- "Just a big ""Thank You"" for making these areas possible."
- Just let more people outside of Ft. Collins (like me in Loveland) know about the areas.
- Just moved to Ft Collins less than 2 yrs ago from out of state.
- Keep high voltage transmission lines out or bury underground.
- Keep it up! very good.
- Keep it up!!
- Keep them gang. Don't give in to developing them.
- Keep up the good work!
- Keep up the good work!
- Keep up the good work.
- Keep up the good work.
- Keep up the good work.
- Keep up the good work.
- Keep up the good work. We appreciate you!
- Love them.
- Makes our city more desirable.
- Martinez has teenage thugs by restrooms too often (by baseball diamonds).
- May be a map put in our Elect. Bill.
- Maybe there is a way you can get the information out about natural areas to visit to new residents.
- More advertising or something to get people to know they are available.
- More information given out - I didn't know about most of them.
- More off-leash dog areas.
- More packing @ Coyote ridge.
- More trash cans & doggie bags.
- Mostly very good I was raised in Ft Collins it's a wonderful city to live in.
- My ability to access and use the Fort Collins natural areas directly contributes to my good health & well being.
- Need hand sanitizer in all restrooms.
- Need to better describe where they are and how far away.
- Never use them as I live in Wellington and only shop in Ft. Collins.
- Nice to have these in the community.
- No change doing a great job.
- No charge for visits less than an hour.
- One of the goals of FC natural areas is protection of open space. More needs to be done especially in older parts of Fort Collins to acquire available open lands.
- Open fossil creek reservoir to fishing, non motorized (if fish are in there).
- Our natural open spaces are wonderful.
- Overall we are very fortunate to have the types of wild areas we have. The conditions can sometimes be a little wanting in terms of comfort but overall they are natural and they have that feel.
- Parking lot isn't big enough @ Maxwell however parking can be found on the road. I choose 2 visit these areas b/c there is no charge to use the areas! Easy 2 get to as well.
- Please continue to expand the trail system and keep up the good work!
- Please do not restrict bicycle use on any areas.

- "Please, include all the plants & animals. ""Smooth brome"" farms are not what people are looking for. More Diversity! Please."
- Pro. & Taff you turn all Nat. Plants & planted god knows what. There was food plants there until you did your thing.
- Provide more general directions regarding natural areas, e.g. Map with all areas, show whose dogs are allowed.
- Since I've mostly passed by walking or riding. I'm not sure of amenities available (picnic tables, beaches, rest rooms, etc) may be you can provide easy way to showcase areas.
- So glad they are here!
- Soapstone was & is a waste of money. It should be a county area not the city of FC area. It is so far from the city practically in NY. It is a nondescript blah area.
- Some areas could use more trees (urban areas like two creeks, red tail).
- Thank you
- Thank you for keeping them, I love Ft. C. because of it!
- Thank you for keeping these natural areas open to the public - free of charge.
- Thank you for what you do to keep the Ft Collins area beautifier.
- Thank you!
- Thank you.
- Thank you. Continue to provide the natural St program. Coordinate more c grades on check for kick program.
- Thanks
- Thanks for all that you do. We love our Natural Areas!
- Thanks for having them!
- Thanks for improving poor trails (behind Old Town, East Prospect) and linking new ones. I love our bike trails!
- Thanks!
- Thanks!
- Thanks!
- That we probably need to fix roads in town first. Mundane as that is.
- The biggest mistake & Blunder was acquiring the Soapstone area - what a waste of money that could have been used where residents actually would or could use the area - not in Wyoming! Thanks to Kelly & a few other staff.
- The bike trails are wonderful - well maintained.
- The last time I visited Bobcat ridge - date May 2011 - the potable water pump was locked.
- The logic of sending this survey to a citizen of another community is flawed. Check the address next time.
- There are too many of them and not a priority in these economically depressed times.
- There is nothing said about them. What should we do with them?
- These are beautiful areas, great job!
- "These areas should be publicized/""advertised"" more. I didn't know there were so many available."
- These areas take away property from the tax base and then cause more governmental control and expenses.
- They are excellent. Do whatever it takes to keep them that way, even if a tax increase is required. Keep growing the trail system & adding new Nat. Argas
- They are great.
- They are nice, but if choices have to be made, police protection, and habitats for people are more important.
- They are not natural areas, modified by man's activities.
- They do a pretty good job with what they have with resources.
- They make Fort Collins one of the best places to live, worldwide.
- They make this area very appealing and useable. We love it here. Thank you!
- They're great. Keep up the good work!
- They're the best!
- This community is special. Much of that feeling come from good decisions in the past purchasing/maintaining natural areas is one of those good decisions.
- Too much money and resources spent on too many areas.
- Very important to my quality of Lin.
- Very well done.
- Wasn't aware there were so many.
- We appreciate the natural areas when we go.
- We appreciate them.

- We are and ride road bikes. We use Larimer County roads in the Loveland / FT Collins area.
- We are so fortunate to have so many options available to us! Let us preserve them!
- We can't have too many of them.
- We don't use them but are very grateful to everyone who believes they are important.
- We just moved to Loveland, have not visited F.C. Natural areas yet.
- We know that fort Collins and its surrounding areas are beautiful and well maintained. Please help up the great work.
- We so appreciate the beauty & presence of parks, open spaces & nature areas... They make Fort Collins a very special place!
- Well kept, naturally beautiful almost perfect man made trails, family friendly.
- What I have seen by bike, trails are the best I ride or try to each warm (less wind) days.
- Why is this survey being handled in New Jersey?
- Why would the city of Ft. Collins send a resident of Wellington this survey?
- Would be nice to add more things on north side of Fort Collins.
- Would like citizens to re vote about the use of this dedicated sales tax. Current levels of land conservation are more than sufficient to provide buffers & conservation.
- You do a good job.
- You should include a map of the Fort Collins Natural areas the next time you do this survey.
- You're doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

Appendix E: Comparisons to 2006 Intercept Survey Results

The 2006 survey used an intercept methodology where open space visitors were asked in person to complete a survey. Some of the questions are similar to the 2011; comparisons are displayed in this appendix, along with any wording variations between years. Differences in methodology (and in some cases, question wording) limit the comparability. However, some of the differences noted were:

- Respondents to the 2006 intercept survey were more regular visitors of natural areas.
- Hiking and biking were the most frequently participated in activities in 2006 and 2011, though the percent of respondents for each in 2006 was higher. The relative order of the frequency of activities was roughly similar in the two surveys.
- Survey participants in both 2006 and 2011 reported similar amounts of time spent during their most recent natural areas visit.
- Perceived levels of crowding were similar in 2006 and 2011.
- Satisfaction levels in the two survey years were similar, though more respondents in 2006 selected the highest satisfaction category (“very satisfied”).
- The proportion of respondents reporting any unpleasant experiences in the natural areas in the 12 months prior to the survey was 12% in 2011 and 17% in 2006.

Table 55: Question 6 - 2011 Compared to 2006

| How often do you visit Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . . | 2011 | 2006 |
|--|------|------|
| More than 100 times a year (Twice a week or more) | 8% | 33% |
| 51 to 100 times a year (Once or twice a week) | 16% | 21% |
| 26 to 50 (Once every week or two) | 14% | 12% |
| 11 to 25 (Once or twice a month) | 14% | 21% |
| 2 to 10 (Less than once a month) | 28% | 9% |
| Never | 20% | 4% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |

Wording in 2006 survey: During the PAST 12 MONTHS, about how often have you visited a City of Fort Collins natural area (see site list)? In 2006 “Never” was “This is my first time”

Table 56: Question 8 - 2011 Compared to 2006

| In what activity(ies) did you participate the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | 2011 | 2006 |
|--|------|------|
| Hiking | 41% | 70% |
| Biking | 32% | 50% |
| Enjoying the scenery | 29% | N/A |
| Dog walking | 27% | 41% |
| Wildlife viewing | 17% | 43% |
| Relaxing/doing nothing | 17% | 36% |
| Running/jogging | 15% | 43% |
| Fishing | 10% | 15% |
| Photography/art | 8% | 12% |
| Commuting/passing through | 6% | 7% |
| Other (please specify) | 4% | 4% |
| Picnicking | 4% | N/A |
| Walking | 3% | N/A |
| Attending a special event | 2% | 3% |
| Boating | 1% | 9% |
| Skateboarding/rollerblading | 0% | 3% |
| Horseback riding | 0% | 5% |

Totals exceeds 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Wording in 2006 survey: Why do you visit natural areas in the city of Fort Collins? Check all that apply.

Table 57: Question 10 - 2011 Compared to 2006

| About how much time did you spend the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | 2011 | 2006 |
|--|------|------|
| 1 hour or less | 34% | 29% |
| >1 hour up to 2 hours | 41% | 48% |
| More than 2 hours | 26% | 22% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |

Wording in 2006 survey: How much time did you spend in the natural area(s) today?

In 2006, the first two time ranges were slightly different: less than 1 hour and 1 hour to 1.99 hours.

Table 58: Question 11 - 2011 Compared to 2006

| How crowded was it the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? | 2011 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|
| Very crowded | 2% | 0% |
| Moderately crowded | 5% | 9% |
| Slightly crowded | 36% | 30% |
| Not crowded at all | 57% | 61% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |

Wording in 2006 survey: While visiting natural areas in Fort Collins, do you feel crowded?

Table 59: Question 14 - 2011 Compared to 2006

| How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the natural areas you have visited? | 2011 | 2006 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Very satisfied | 67% | 78% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 25% | 17% |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 5% | 3% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 0% | 1% |
| Very dissatisfied | 2% | 1% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |

Wording in 2006 survey was the same as in 2011.

Table 60: Question 17 - 2011 Compared to 2006

| During the past 12 months, have you had any unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area? | 2011 | 2006 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| No | 88% | 83% |
| Yes | 12% | 17% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |

Wording in 2006 survey: During the PAST 12 Months, have you had any potential unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area?

Appendix F: Survey Methodology

Developing the Questionnaire

The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program desired to learn about community perceptions and satisfaction with its program and the natural areas, and the recreation activities of visitors to the natural areas. Development of the questionnaire was undertaken by the agency's staff members, with input from National Research Center, Inc. (NRC). Some of the questions were taken from previous user surveys conducted for the agency. A copy of the questionnaire can be found in *Appendix F: Survey Instrument*.

Selecting Survey Recipients

“Sampling” refers to the method by which survey recipients are chosen. The “sample” refers to all those who were given a chance to participate in the survey. Ideally, the chosen survey recipients should be representative of all eligible survey recipients. Randomly selecting survey recipients ensures that this will occur.

For the 2011 Fort Collins Natural Areas Resident Survey, 1,600 residents were randomly selected from within Larimer County, excluding Estes Park. A list of addresses based on the United States Postal Service delivery sequence file was used for this selection. The addresses were geocoded (mapped to a specific latitude and longitude) and compared to the boundaries of Larimer County, Estes Park and Fort Collins. Addresses identified as being in Estes Park or outside Larimer County were excluded.

Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible addresses is culled, selecting every Nth one until the appropriate number of households is sampled. This procedure was used to select 1,200 were from within Fort Collins, and 400 from the rest of the County (excluding Estes Park). Multi-family housing units were oversampled to compensate for single-family housing unit residents' tendency to return surveys at a higher rate.

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. (The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the “person whose birthday has most recently passed” to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys.)

Administering the Survey

The database of selected household addresses was processed for certification and verification, using use CASS™/NCOA software that relies on the USPS National Directory information to verify and standardize the address elements and assign each a complete, nine-digit zip code where possible.

Each of these survey recipients were contacted by mail a total of three times in July 2011. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey, which was delivered to the post office on July 5. About a week after the prenotification postcard was sent the first wave of the survey was sent. This packet included the questionnaire with a cover letter signed by John Stokes, the director of the City of Fort Collins Natural Resources Department and a postage-paid return envelope. A week later a second survey was mailed, with instructions to

recycle the survey if they had already responded to the first survey. A copy of the survey materials can be found in *Appendix F: Survey Instrument*.

Of the 1,600 addresses selected to receive the survey, 67 were identified by the post office as vacant (49 in Fort Collins and 18 in the rest of the county). A total of 414 completed surveys were returned, for a response rate of 27%. Of these 414, 271 were from Fort Collins residents (representing a response rate of 24%) and 143 were from the rest of Larimer County, excluding Estes Park (37% response rate).

Confidence Intervals

The 95% confidence interval (or “margin of error”) quantifies the “sampling error” or precision of the estimates made from the survey results. A 95% confidence interval can be calculated for any sample size, and indicates that in 95 of 100 surveys conducted like this one, for a particular item, a result would be found that is within a certain range if everyone in the population of interest was surveyed. The practical difficulties of conducting any resident survey may introduce other sources of error in addition to sampling error. Despite the best efforts to boost participation and ensure potential inclusion of all households, some selected households will decline participation in the survey (referred to as non-response error) and some eligible households may be unintentionally excluded from the listed sources for the sample (referred to as coverage error). Coverage error is very low for this survey, as the USPS delivery sequence file is used to select addresses, which has nearly complete coverage of all households.

For this survey, with 414 responses, the 95% confidence interval is about plus or minus five percentage points. The precision is when looking only at responses from those who live in Fort Collins, where it is plus or minus six percentage points, or for residents from the rest of Larimer County, where it is plus or minus eight percentage points.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Mailed surveys were returned to NRC directly via postage-paid business reply envelopes. Once received, staff assigned a unique identification number to each questionnaire. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; NRC staff would choose randomly two of the three selected items to be coded in the dataset.

Once all surveys were assigned a unique identification number, they were entered into an electronic dataset. This dataset was subject to a data entry protocol of “key and verify,” in which survey data were entered twice into an electronic dataset and then compared. Discrepancies were evaluated against the original survey form and corrected. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

Analyzing the Results

One of the first steps in the data analysis was to statistically adjust the survey results so that the demographic profile of the respondents mirrors that of the population as a whole. This process is known as “weighting” the data. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community. This is done by: 1) reviewing the sample demographics and comparing them to the population norms from the most recent sources and 2) comparing the responses to different questions for demographic subgroups.

The demographic characteristics that are least similar to the known demographic profile and yield the most different results are the best candidates for data weighting.

The socioeconomic profile of survey respondents was compared to estimates provided by the 2010 U.S. Census for adults in each of the two geographic areas (Fort Collins and the rest of Larimer county without Estes Park).

The variables used for weighting were respondent age, gender and housing tenure (rent versus own). This decision was based on the disparity between the survey respondent characteristics and the population norms for these variables and the saliency of these variables in differences of opinion among subgroups. Other discrepancies between the whole population and the sample were also aided by the weighting due to the intercorrelation of many socioeconomic characteristics.

A special software program using mathematical algorithms was used to calculate the appropriate weights. The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the following table.

| Characteristic | 2010 Census | Unweighted | Weighted |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Housing Tenure | | | |
| Rent | 34% | 20% | 34% |
| Own | 66% | 80% | 66% |
| Race | | | |
| White | 92% | 94% | 93% |
| not White | 8% | 6% | 7% |
| Ethnicity | | | |
| not Hispanic | 91% | 95% | 94% |
| Hispanic | 9% | 5% | 6% |
| Gender | | | |
| Male | 49% | 47% | 49% |
| Female | 51% | 53% | 51% |
| Age | | | |
| 18-34 | 36% | 22% | 36% |
| 35-54 | 34% | 34% | 34% |
| 55 and over | 30% | 44% | 31% |
| Age and Gender | | | |
| Male 18-34 | 18% | 7% | 18% |
| Male 35-54 | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Male 55 and over | 14% | 23% | 14% |
| Female 18-34 | 18% | 15% | 18% |
| Female 35-54 | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Female 55 and over | 16% | 22% | 16% |
| Area within Larimer County | | | |
| Fort Collins | 49% | 66% | 49% |
| Rest of County (without Estes Park) | 51% | 35% | 51% |

The electronic dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, frequency distributions and average (mean) ratings are presented in the body of the report. A complete set of frequencies for each survey question is presented in *Appendix B: Responses to Survey Questions*. Also included are results by selected respondent characteristics,

found in *Appendix C: Crosstabulations of Selected Survey Results*. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of selected survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations. Where differences between subgroups are statistically significant, they are marked with grey shading.

Appendix G: Survey Materials

A copy of the survey materials appear on the following pages.



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1745 Hoffman Mill Road
PO Box 580
Ft. Collins, CO 80522-0580
Phone: (970) 416-2815
Fax: (970).416.2211
<http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/>

Dear Larimer County Resident:

We would like to know what you think about the Fort Collins Natural Areas Program. Your perspectives are crucial and will help the City manage these areas effectively. We want to hear from you regardless of whether you visit natural areas and no matter what your feelings are about them. Getting our Natural Areas Program right will improve the quality of life for all residents.

You can play an important role in shaping the future of this program and our local quality of life by completing the enclosed anonymous questionnaire. All information you share with us will be used for planning purposes.

To get a scientifically reliable sample of residents, the adult (anyone 18 years or older) in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey. The year of birth of the adult does not matter.

Please have the appropriate member of the household spend a few minutes to answer all the questions and return the survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Your answers are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts and opinions. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Zoë Whyman, Natural Areas Community Relations Manager, at (970) 221-6311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Stokes".

John Stokes, Director of the City of Fort Collins Natural Resources Department

The questions on this survey refer to the natural areas conserved and managed by the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program. These include:

Arapaho Bend, Bobcat Ridge, Butterfly Woods, Cathy Fromme Prairie, Cattail Chorus, Colina Mariposa, Cottonwood Hollow, Coyote Ridge, Fischer, Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space, Gateway, Gustav Swanson, Kingfisher Point, Magpie Meander, Mallard's Nest, Maxwell, McMurry, Nix, North Shields Pond, Pineridge, Prairie Dog Meadow, Prospect Ponds, Red Fox Meadows, Redtail Grove, Redwing Marsh, Reservoir Ridge, River's Edge, Riverbend Ponds, Ross, Running Deer, Salyer, Soapstone Prairie, Springer, Sterling, The Coterie, Two Creeks and Williams natural areas.

We are not asking about areas managed by other agencies, like Larimer County, the Forest Service, or the National Park Service. The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program does NOT manage Horsetooth Reservoir or Horsetooth Mountain Open Space; which are managed by Larimer County.

Fort Collins Natural Areas Resident Survey



1. How familiar, if at all, are you with the natural areas conserved by the City of Fort Collins?

- Very familiar Somewhat familiar A little bit familiar Not at all familiar

2. How familiar, if at all, are you with the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program?

- Very familiar Somewhat familiar A little bit familiar Not at all familiar

3. In general, how good or poor a job is the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program doing? Would you say . . .

- Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor Don't know

4. What one thing (if any) do you most appreciate about Fort Collins' natural areas?

5. For each of the attributes below, please rate to what extent, if at all, you think the City of Fort Collins natural areas contribute to this attribute of the community.

| <u>What about . . .</u> | <u>Great extent</u> | <u>Moderate extent</u> | <u>Small extent</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Economic vitality (making Fort Collins an attractive place to work and do business) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Wellness (a place to get fit and be healthy) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Recreational opportunities (hiking, biking, walking, horseback riding, bird watching, fishing, creating art, relaxing and enjoying the outdoors).. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Mobility (using the natural areas and trails to get around Fort Collins).. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Educational opportunities (learn more about nature and the outdoors) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Escape from the urban environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Healthy environment/ecology (filtering water and air, preventing flooding, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Habitat (places for wildlife and native plants to live and grow) conservation..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Scientific opportunities (places for scientists to collect data) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Cultural resources conservation (protecting traces of the past) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Feeling a connection to nature or for personal renewal | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Overall quality of life in Fort Collins..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

6. How often do you visit Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . .

- More than 100 times a year (Twice a week or more)
 51 to 100 times a year (Once or twice a week)
 26 to 50 (Once every week or two)
 11 to 25 (Once or twice a month)
 2 to 10 (Less than once a month)
 Never → GO TO QUESTION #21.

7. Which Fort Collins natural area did you visit last time you visited?

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arapaho Bend | <input type="checkbox"/> Fossil Creek Reservoir | <input type="checkbox"/> North Shields Pond | <input type="checkbox"/> Ross |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat Ridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Pineridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Running Deer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway | <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Dog Meadow | <input type="checkbox"/> Salyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Fromme Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> Gustav Swanson | <input type="checkbox"/> Prospect Ponds | <input type="checkbox"/> Soapstone Prairie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattail Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Kingfisher Point | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Fox Meadows | <input type="checkbox"/> Springer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colina Mariposa | <input type="checkbox"/> Magpie Meander | <input type="checkbox"/> Redtail Grove | <input type="checkbox"/> Sterling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Hollow | <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard's Nest | <input type="checkbox"/> Redwing Marsh | <input type="checkbox"/> The Coterie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote Ridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Maxwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Ridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Creeks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fischer | <input type="checkbox"/> McMurry | <input type="checkbox"/> River's Edge | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nix | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverbend Ponds | |

8. In what activity(ies) did you participate the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area?

(Please check all that apply.)

- Hiking
- Running/jogging
- Fishing
- Commuting/passing through
- Skateboarding/rollerblading
- Other (please specify: _____)
- Biking
- Dog walking
- Photography/art
- Horseback riding
- Picnicking
- Wildlife viewing
- Relaxing/doing nothing
- Enjoying the scenery
- Attending a special event
- Boating

9. How did you arrive the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area?

- By car
- By bike
- By foot
- By horse
- Other _____

10. About how much time did you spend the

last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area? _____ *hours and* _____ *minutes*

11. How crowded was it the last time you visited a Fort Collins natural area?

- Very crowded
- Moderately crowded
- Slightly crowded
- Not crowded at all -> *GO TO QUESTION #13*

12. To what extent, if at all, did the crowding negatively impact your visit?

- to a great extent
- to a moderate extent
- to a small extent
- not at all

13. In the past 12 months, which Fort Collins natural area(s) have you visited? (Please check all that apply.)

- Arapaho Bend
- Bobcat Ridge
- Butterfly Woods
- Cathy Fromme Prairie
- Cattail Chorus
- Colina Mariposa
- Cottonwood Hollow
- Coyote Ridge
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- Fossil Creek Reservoir
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- Springer
- Sterling
- The Coterie
- Two Creeks
- Williams

14. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the natural areas you have visited?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

15. Do you usually visit the same natural area(s), or do you visit several areas during the year?

- Usually visit the same one or two areas
- Usually visit several or many different areas

16. In the past 12 months, in what activity(ies) have you participated in during your visits to Fort Collins' natural area(s)? (Please check all that apply.)

- Hiking
- Running/jogging
- Fishing
- Commuting/passing through
- Skateboarding/rollerblading
- Other (please specify: _____)
- Biking
- Dog walking
- Photography/art
- Horseback riding
- Picnicking
- Wildlife viewing
- Relaxing/doing nothing
- Boating
- Attending a special event

17. During the past 12 months, have you had any unpleasant experiences in any City of Fort Collins natural area?

- no
- yes -> *PLEASE DESCRIBE:*

18. Taken as a whole, how would you rate the facilities in Fort Collins natural areas? Would you say . . .

- Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

19. Please grade the following individual facilities and services, using the letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F (where "A" is the highest grade and "F" is a failing grade).

| What about . . . | A | B | C | D | F | Don't know |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Trail condition | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Trailhead condition | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Number of restrooms | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Condition of restrooms | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Trash cans | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Directional and informational signs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Interpretive signs (signs designed to provide educational guidance and deeper appreciation) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Information provided in brochures | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Information provided in maps | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Educational activities and events (for example, guided hikes/rides, kids programs) .. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

20. What one change would make your visits to Fort Collins natural areas more enjoyable?

21. What other comments, if any, would you like to make about City of Fort Collins natural areas?

These last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

22. Where do you live?

- Within the city limits of Fort Collins
 Within the city limits of Loveland
 Other location in Larimer County

23. How many years have you

lived in Larimer County?..... _____ years

24. Do you rent or own your home?

- Rent Own

25. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

- No Yes

26. What is your race? (Please check all that apply.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black or African American
 White/Caucasian
 Other _____

27. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1st through 12th grade (No Diploma)
 High school (Diploma or GED)
 Some college, no degree
 2-year or associate college degree
 Bachelors degree
 Graduate or professional degree

28. What is your gender?

- Male Female

29. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years 55-64 years
 25-34 years 65-74 years
 35-44 years 75 years or older
 45-54 years

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Your opinions and feedback are appreciated. Please return this survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to:
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PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502

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