

CLOSSON PROPERTY OUTREACH UPDATE

Lambertville Community Advisory Team

October 2021

Our Tasks this Summer

- Focus on open space
- Offer other modes of outreach

Our Outreach

- Synced with paper Lambertville Matters to ensure all households received information
- Updated website with map and video tour of the property
- Tours (3 tours, 38 participants) – followed up with tour participants to get their feedback
- Online form (17 responses)
- Emails (8 responses)
- Phone (0 responses)
- Paper forms (2 responses)

Summary Points from this Outreach

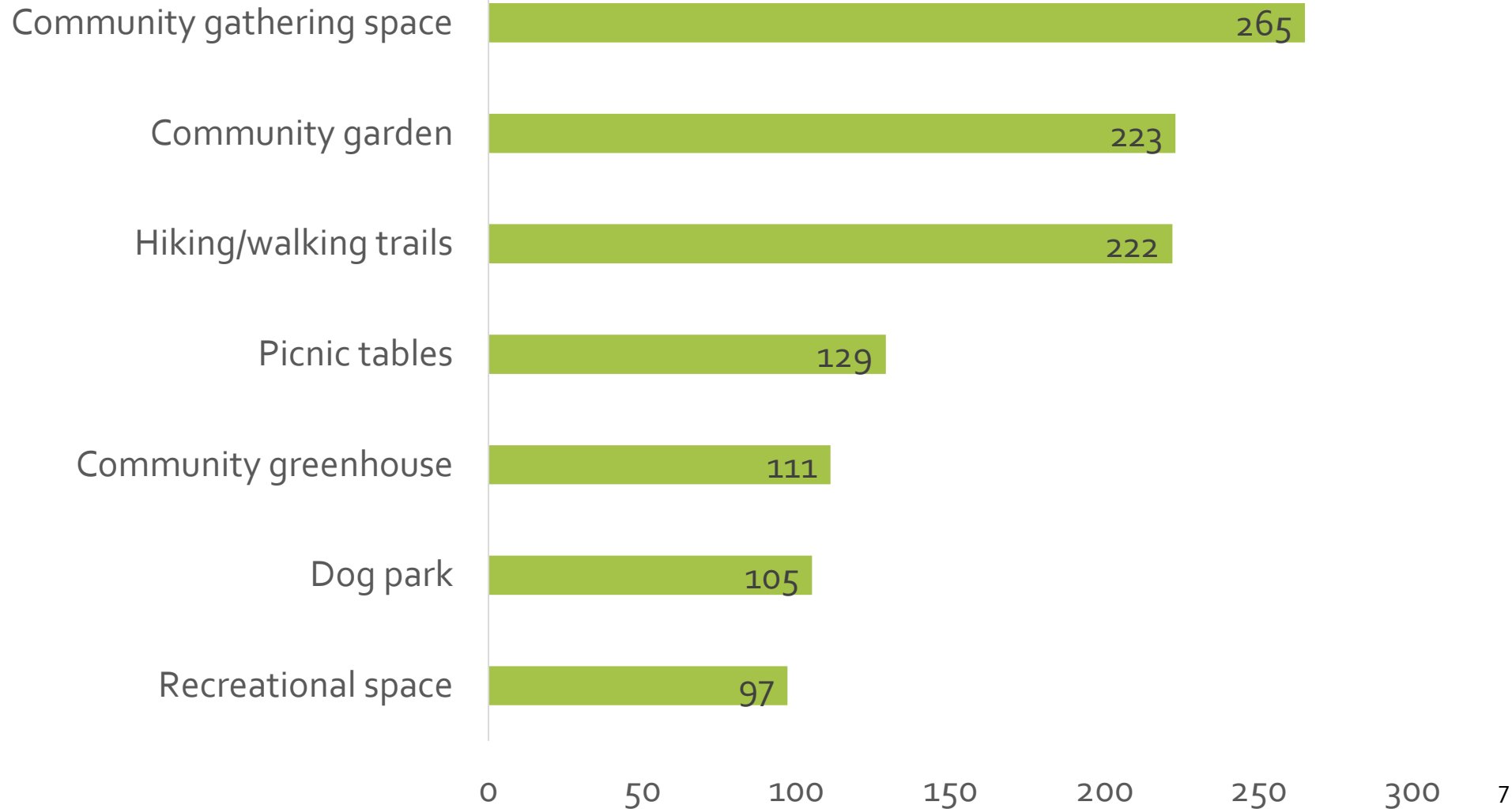
- Main community interests:
 - Community garden (16; perhaps with compost, opportunities for people to learn gardening skills from each other, share surplus harvest via food pantry)
 - Walking trails (17; also strategically place benches for people to enjoy the view)
 - Sledding (7)
- Dog park – mixed opinions
 - 4 proponents
 - 9 people raised concerns (maintenance, noise, fencing)
- Strong interest in using site for flood/climate change mitigation
 - Native plants, meadow, trees (respondents note this would reduce maintenance)

Other Points from Outreach

- Consider partnering with/learning from other organizations (environmental and places like Grounds for Sculpture) and with kids via school
- Other ideas: community pool, recreation (cross-country skiing, bocce), solar panels
- Need to address walking access to the site

SUMMARY POINTS FROM EARLY WINTER OUTREACH (442 PARTICIPANTS)

Interests for site usage (note: pick top 3)



Other ideas (responses=312)

- Strong support to preserve and expand the farmers market as it is including year-round operation (134)
- Preserve the open space/hill including Washington's Headquarters (21). Possible space rental opportunities (19)
 - The city has a need for community space for events/meetings/etc--can the buildings on the property be used for this purpose (14)?
- Move the library to the log cabin or other location (13)

Next Steps

- Conversation with council
- Possible community event to get more people on the site
- Addressing uses for buildings on the site