

Lyme Road South Precinct Planning

**Summary of Polling Responses
from the Community Meeting
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Polling Themes & Questions

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Polling Activities

Warm-up

- Click on the map and drop a pin where you live

Lyme Rd Area Character

- Write 3 words that capture what makes the Lyme Rd area unique and special to you.

Recreation

- How often do you use the Garipay Fields?
- For what activities do you use the Garipay Fields ?
- How often do you use the trails?
- Click on the map and drop a pin where you access the trails.
- How often do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?
- For what activities do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities

- What destinations do you currently go to?
- What other amenities would you like to see in the Lyme Road area?

Mobility

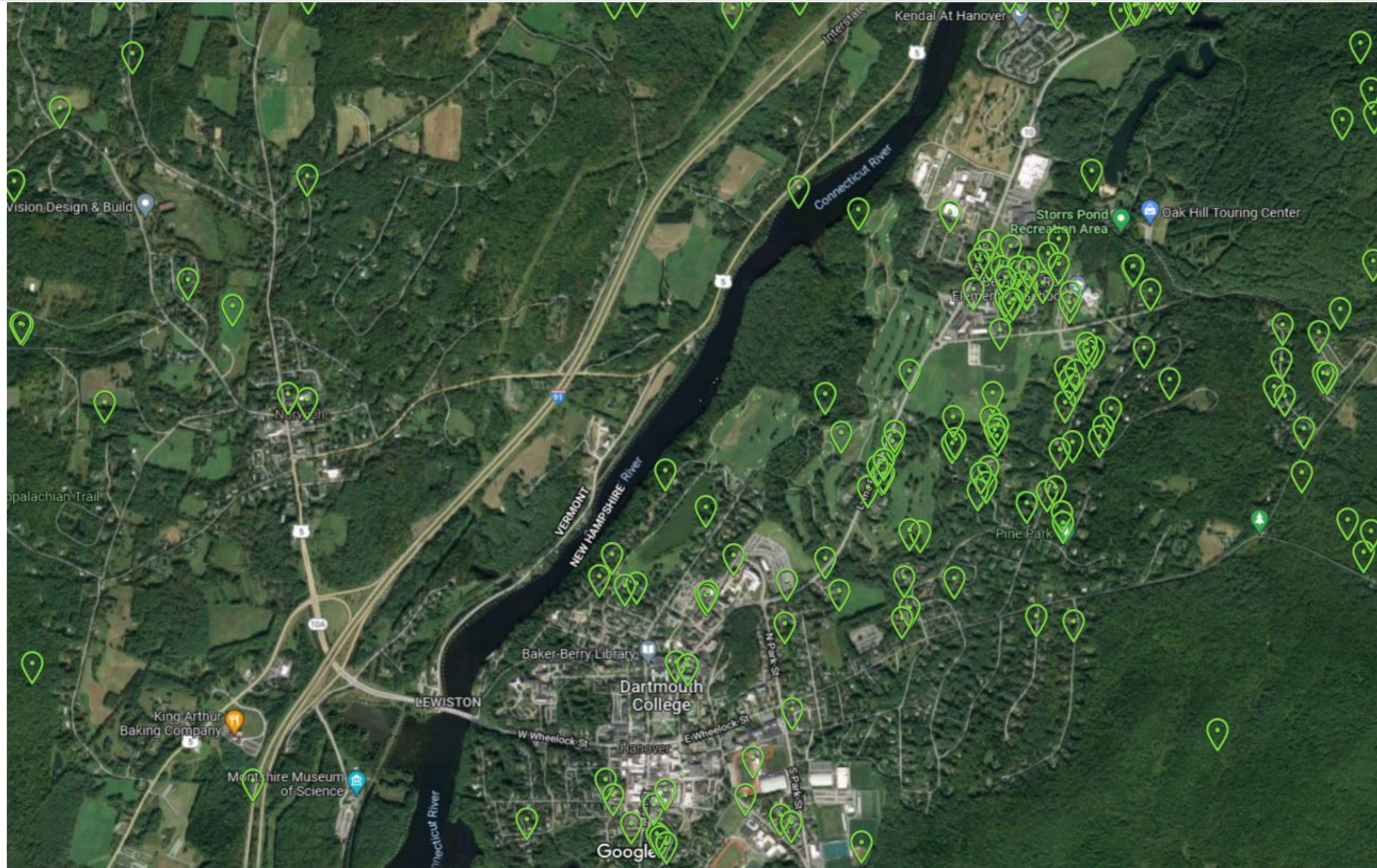
- How often do you use the Lyme Road MUP (Multi-Use Path) and bike lane?
- What is your primary reason for using the MUP and bike lane?
- What are the challenges for pedestrians and bikers along Lyme Road?
- Are there any existing challenges associated with the roundabout?

Leveraging development for other improvements

- If development in this area could help improve one existing challenge, what do you think it should be?

Click on the map and drop a pin where you live

172
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Write 3 words that capture what makes the Lyme Rd area unique and special to you?

329

TOTAL RESPONSES



Write 3 words that capture what makes the Lyme Rd area unique and special to you?

SPORTS & RECREATION

- Skiing
- Nordic skiing
- Cross-country skiing
- Running/jogging
- Walking
- Biking
- Hiking
- Sledding
- Golfing
- Youth opportunities
- children learning skiing
- Exercise
- Ford Sayre Nordic program
- Kite-flying
- Dog-walking
- Wooded trails

NATURE & OPEN SPACE

- Green
- Natural space for young children to explore
- Open space
- Outdoor space for community
- Pine park access
- Sunrise
- Sustainable
- Varied terrain
- Wildlife
- Open vistas, views of ridges west and east
- Big open sky
- Natural habitats near neighborhoods
- Open community playground
- Preserved animal habitat pathway
- Year-round foot access in open spaces

CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

- Walkable to nature areas
- Safe for children
- Easy for children to use
- Close to downtown
- Proximate to services
- Low traffic
- Quiet
- Accessible
- walkable from local schools & to town
- Family-oriented
- Kid friendly
- Community connection, community crossroad
- Community gathering space
- Beautiful, peaceful, scenic, serenity, quiet
- Benefits to mental health
- Work life balance!

DESTINATIONS

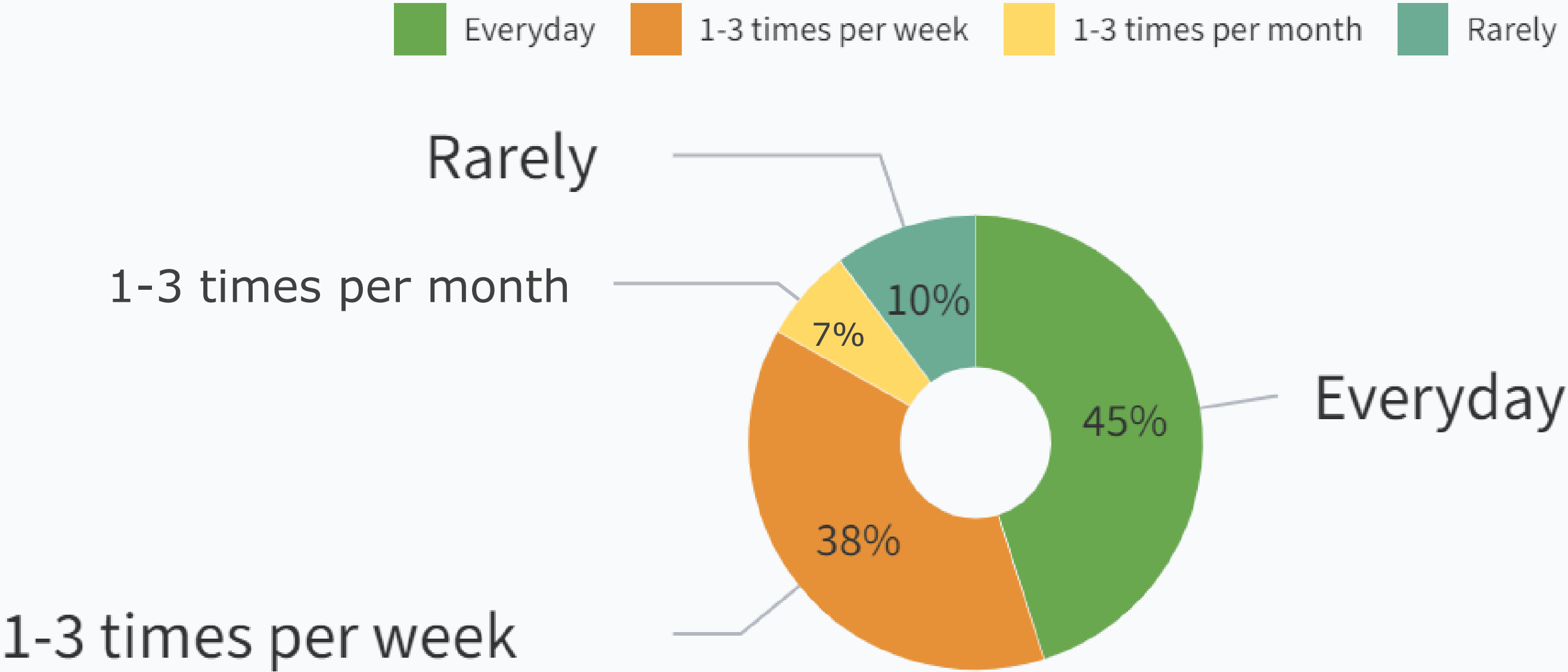
- Daycare
- elementary and middle schools
- Mixed uses

OTHER

- Public-transportation
- Parking available
- Buffer to downtown
- Potential for housing
- Social
- Backyard

Recreation - How often do you use the Garipay Fields?

197
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Recreation - For what activities do you use the Garipay Fields ?

334
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Recreation - For what activities do you use the Garipay Fields ?

ACTIVE SPORTS & RECREATION

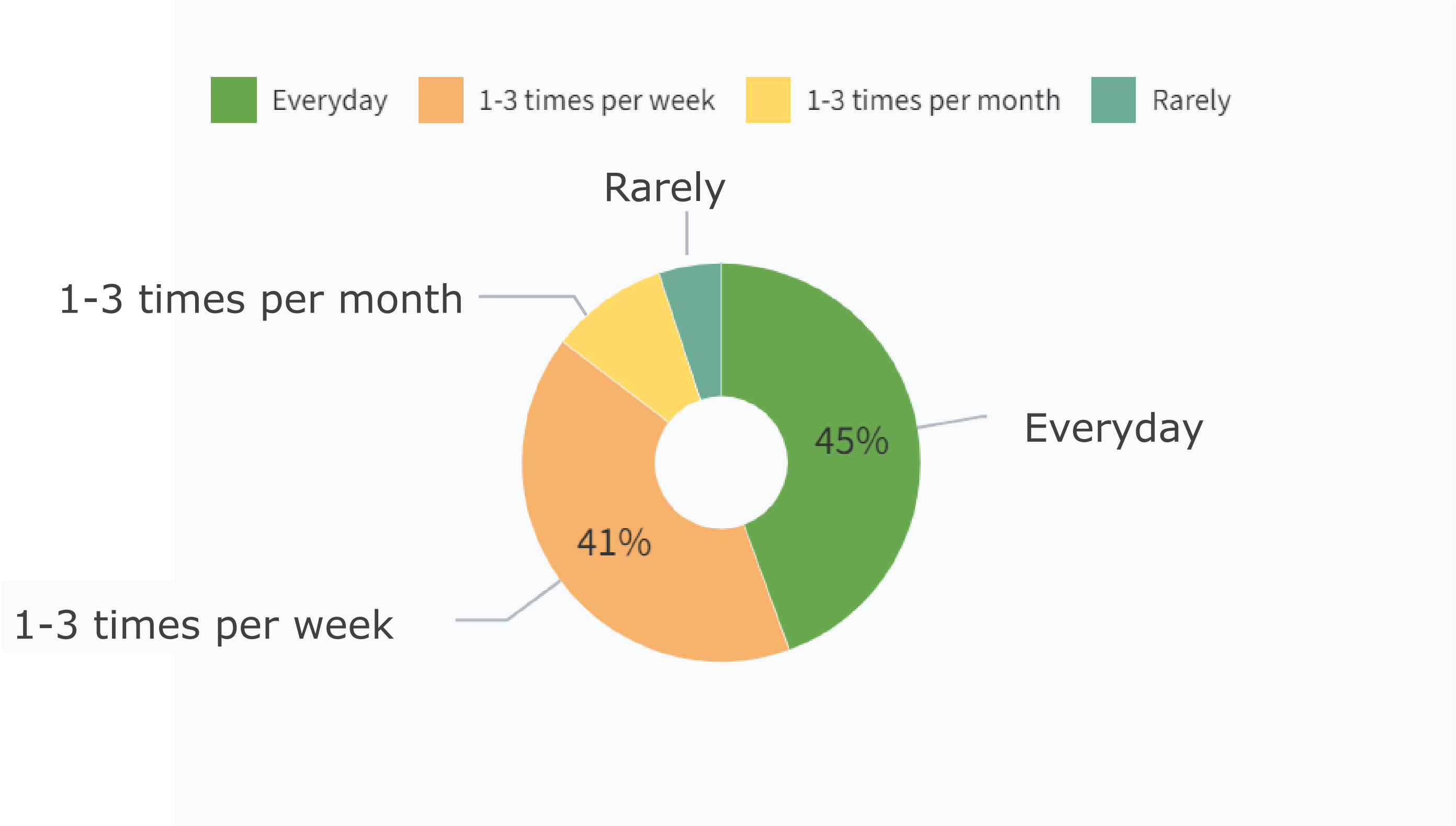
- Skiing
- Nordic skiing
- Cross-country skiing
- Running/jogging
- Walking
- Biking
- Hiking
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Golfing
- Baseball practice
- Football
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spike ball
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Mountain bike
- Coach children to ski
- Upper valley running club
- Course field trips
- Dry land training
- Strength workouts
- Gathering for weekly group bike ride

PASSIVE RECREATION

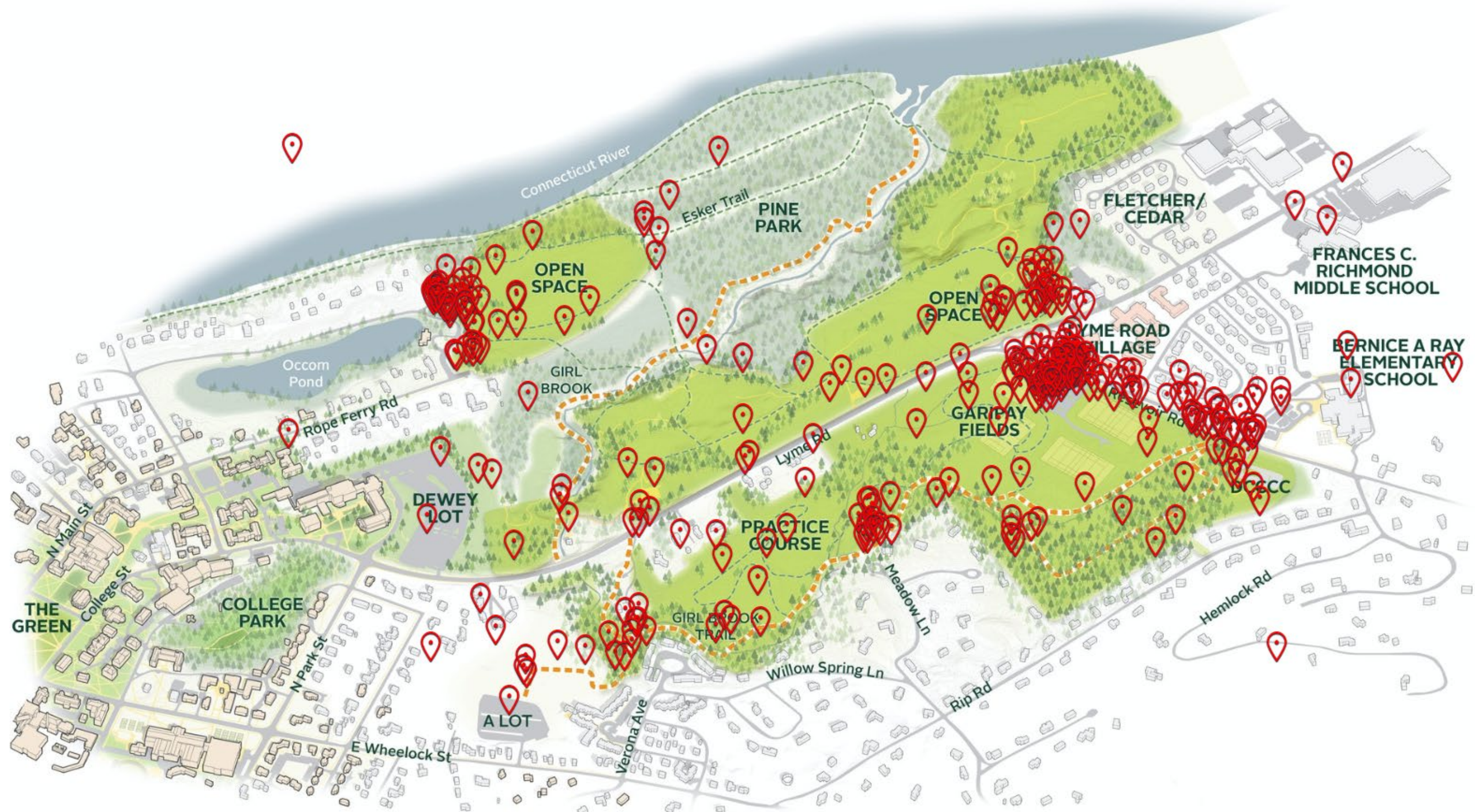
- Bird watching
- Wildflower watching
- Commute to school
- Dog walking
- Flying drones with kids
- Games with kids
- Kids snow tubing
- Playing with family-sports
- Teaching kids to fly kites
- Throwing a ball with kids
- Frisbee with friends
- Kite flying
- Drone photography
- Meditate
- Eating ice cream from coop
- Fly remote-control planes, model planes & rockets
- Gardening
- Sitting and reading
- Enjoy the beauty
- Snow play
- Relaxing in quiet space
- Take a break from work
- Mental health and wellness/escapism
- Social with other outdoor especially after covid
- Meet neighbors
- Visit people while walking
- Star-gazing

Recreation - How often do you use the trails?

200
TOTAL
RESPONSES

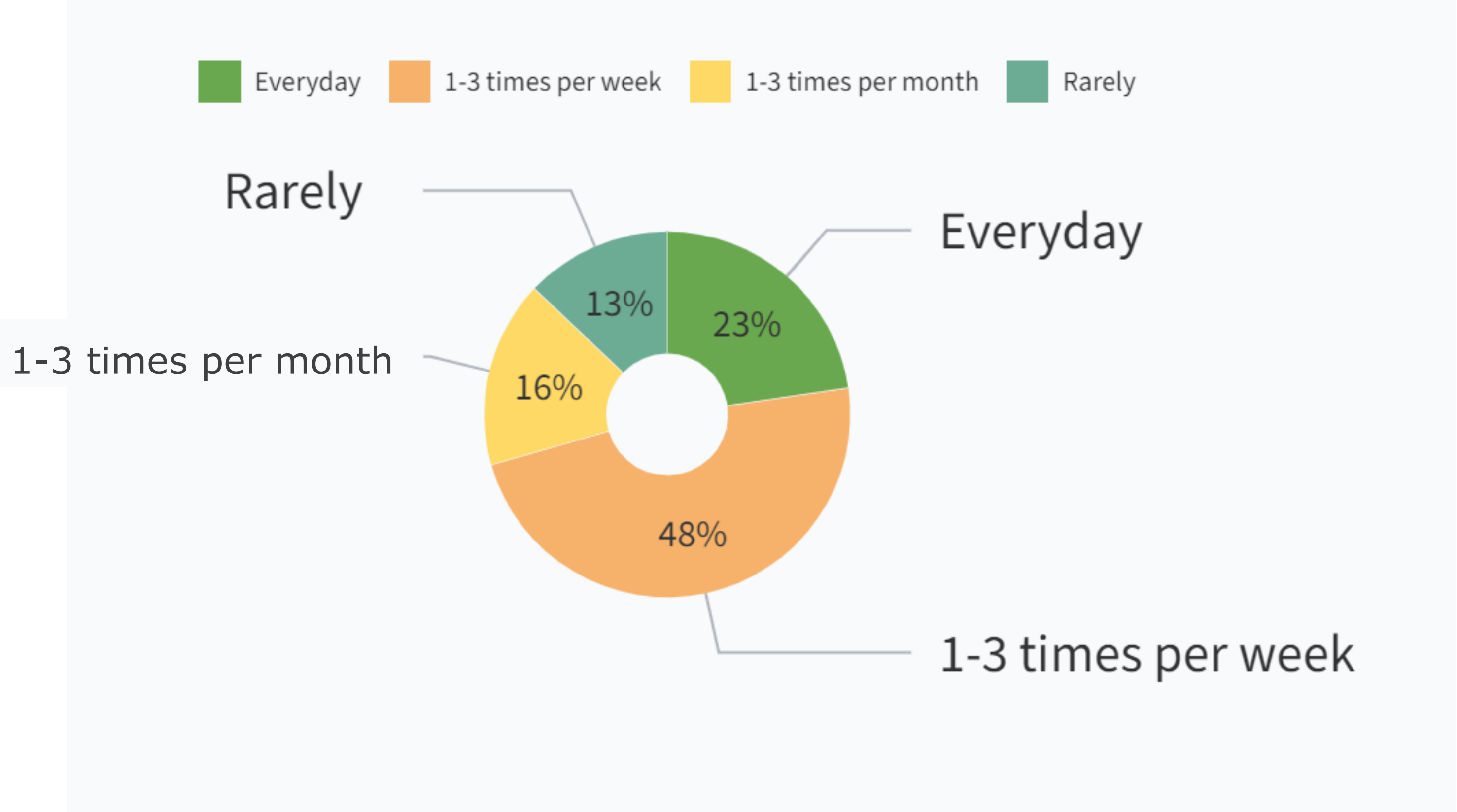


Recreation - Click on the map and drop a pin where you access the trails.



Recreation - How often do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

194
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Recreation - For what activities do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

277
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Recreation - For what activities do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

ACTIVE SPORTS & RECREATION

- Skiing
- Nordic skiing
- Cross-country skiing
- Running/jogging
- Running Pine Park/Girl Brook
- Walking
- Biking
- Hiking
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Golfing
- Softball
- Soccer
- Swimming with my dog
- Course field trips
- Exercise

PASSIVE RECREATION

- Exploring Girl Brook
- Walk trails to river
- Connecting to other trails
- Access to Pine Park
- Walking to Occom pond
- Bird watching
- Dog walking
- Mushroom hunting
- Walking searching for plants
- Enjoying nature beauty, open space, and views
- Enjoying sunset
- Star-gazing
- Strolling with baby
- Frisbee
- Meditating
- Throwing a ball with kids
- Watching wildlife
- Yoga
- Flying remote-controlled planes
- Getting away from people and campus
- Getting to Pine Park to watch the river go by
- Photography
- Walking meetings

Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities

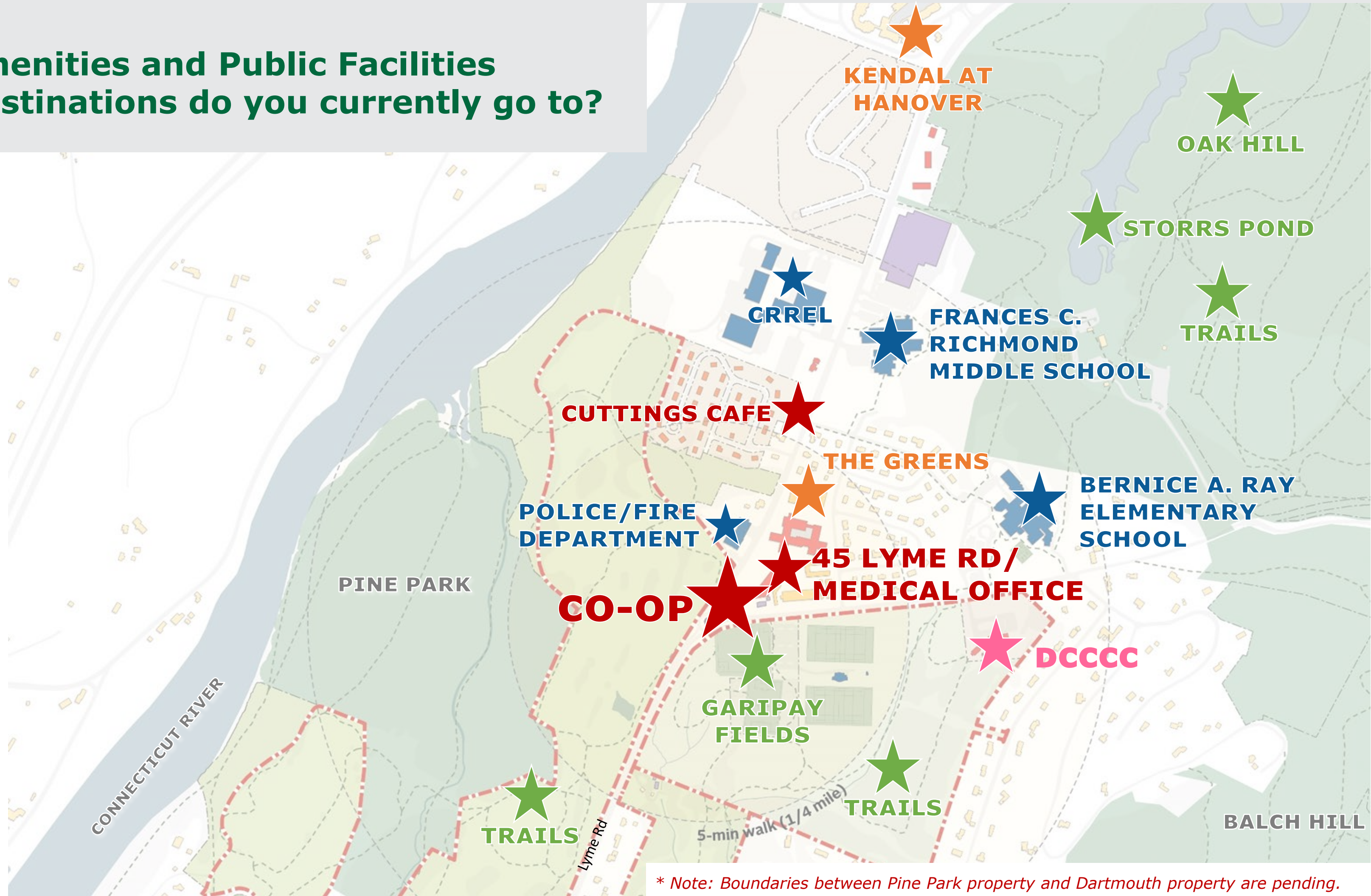
- What destinations do you currently go to?

303
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities

- What destinations do you currently go to?



* Note: Boundaries between Pine Park property and Dartmouth property are pending.

Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities –

What other amenities would you like to see in the Lyme Road area?

RETAIL

- Casual restaurants
- Bakery
- Outdoor café
- Breakfast lunch place
- Coffee house
- Sandwich field
- Gelato/ ice cream shop
- Healthy restaurant
- Pizza place
- Pub
- Starbucks
- Deli
- Bigger grocery store
- Bookstore
- Cleaners
- Thrift store
- Wax station
- Atm
- Bank
- Drug store/ pharmacy
- Farmstand
- Gas station
- Laundromat
- Dry cleaners
- Ski shop
- Bundle new commercial place
- Open workspace
- Maker space
- DHMC clinic

SPORTS & RECREATION

- Allow skiing at rugby area
- Après ski
- Bowling
- Ice skating rink
- More skiing area
- Ski course
- Soccer field
- Specialized gym (i.e. Pilates)
- Tennis courts
- Snowmaking
- Ski lodge/ warming hut
- River access
- Bike trail
- After-school activities
- Kid friendly spaces
- Bike and ski rentals
- Recreation center

NATURE & OPEN SPACE

- Dog park
- Fountain
- Keep it chill
- More forest
- Natural beauty
- Drinking fountain
- Open field
- Preserve Garipay field
- Public gathering spaces
- Rest area, pocket park for adults and little ones
- Much better restoration of Girl Brook

MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION

- ADA accessibility children getting to school)
- Bicycle kiosk to include pump
- Bike shop, bike wash/repair
- Safe pedestrian crossings (for
- Sidewalks
- Streetlights
- Signaled crossing
- Electric vehicle chargers
- Parking on the west side

ARTS & CULTURE

- Art space/ art center (place to take classes)
- Library satellite
- Music center/ venue
- Sale of art by students
- Public art

OTHER

- None

PUBLIC AMENITY

- public restrooms
- mail/ post office

Housing

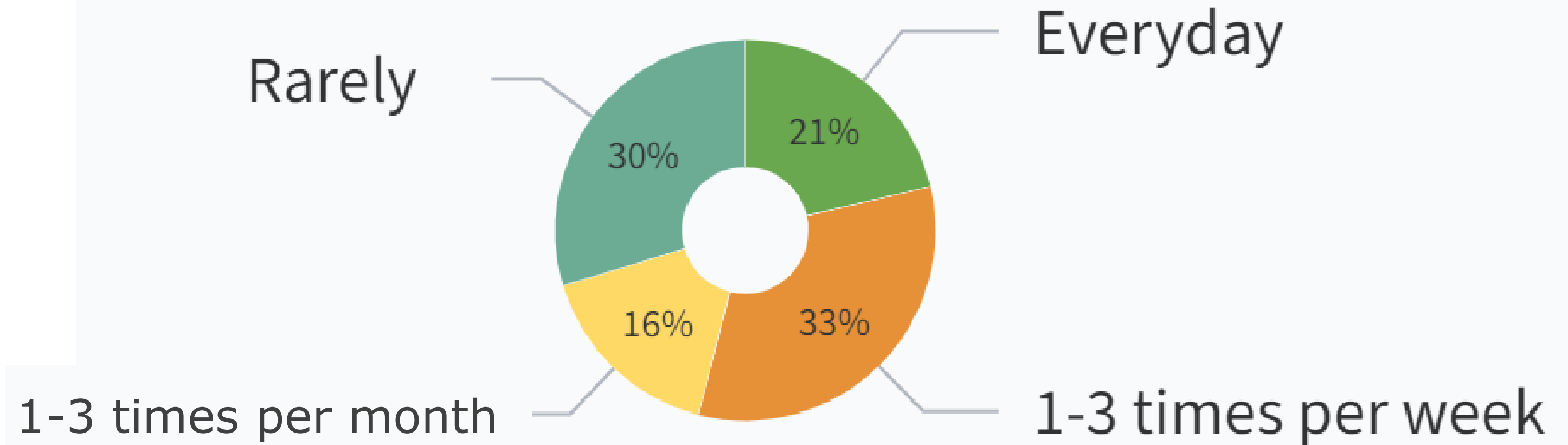
- Affordable housing, especially for young families
- Graduate housing

*. Summary does not include “none” responses

Mobility - How often do you use the Lyme Road MUP (Multi-Use Path) and bike lane?

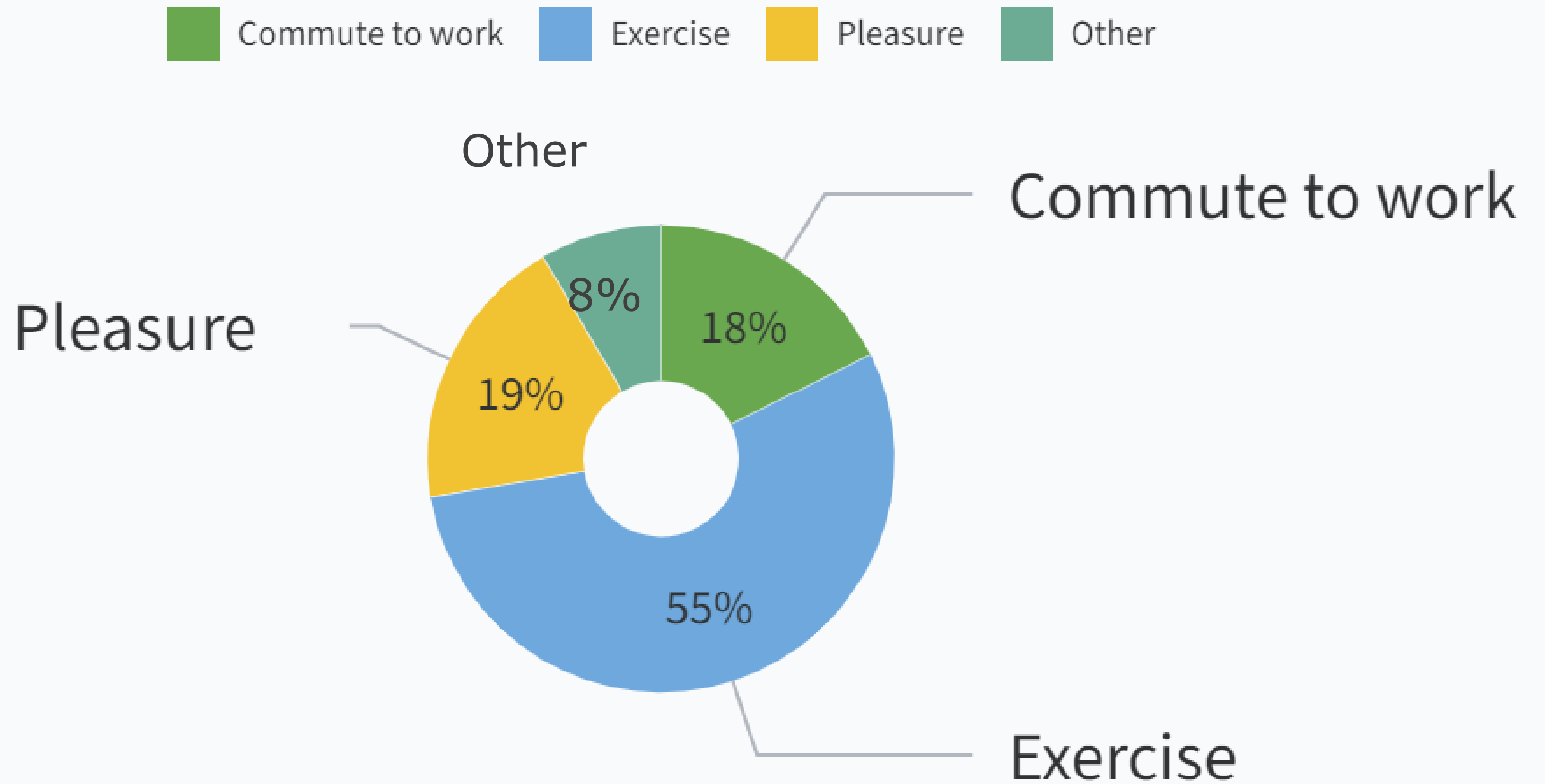
202
TOTAL
RESPONSES

Everyday 1-3 times per week 1-3 times per month Rarely



Mobility - What is your primary reason for using the MUP and bike lane?

323
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Mobility - What are the challenges for pedestrians and bikers along Lyme Road?

217
TOTAL
RESPONSES



Mobility - What are the challenges for pedestrians and bikers along Lyme Road?

Transportation

- Heavy traffic, school traffic
- Buses with children walking to school
- Drop-off for school
- Excessively high-speed traffic
- Speed limit too high
- Congestion on Lyme road
- (Traffic lane) could be wider.
- Roundabout is looking shoddy
- Roundabout intersection
- Getting on/off Reservoir Road
- Large trucks on narrow road
- Limited parking
- Drop-off for skiing
- Exhaust, pollution and noise from heavy traffic
- Reservoir Road dangerous and narrow
- Roundabout needs flashing light
- Visibility

Pedestrian Facilities

- Lack of lighting
- Confusion about MUP
- Lack of safe crossing between Garipay Field and the west side
- Disappearing sidewalk, no sidewalk on east side
- Lack of directional markings on multi use path for cyclists
- MUP does not separate bikers and walkers
- MUP is too narrow
- MUP needs extension in all directions
- Need MUP to Ray School
- No access from south to the multi-use path
- Path should continue to Organic Farm, on to Wilson's Landing

Bike Facilities

- Bike lane too narrow, inadequate space to accommodate cyclists
- Bike lane not separated from high-speed cars and from walkers
- Bikes/pedestrians don't seem to mix well on the MUP in terms of safety
- Cyclists don't look out for pedestrians
- Cyclists don't use bike lane
- Biking from town to Frances C. Richmond Middle School unsafe past the traffic circle
- Biking too fast on MUP
- No bike lane on side of MUP
- No warning that bike lane ends before roundabout

Mobility - Are there any existing challenges associated with the roundabout?

"...Cars speed through and don't always wait for pedestrians and children."

"Poor visibility hard to see and use by young kids"

"Excessive traffic during morning/evening commute."

"The roundabout is great -- it exemplifies the benefits of traffic calming."

"Best solution for a complex intersection"

"Backed up during school drop off and pick up hours"

"asphalt/potholes"

"awkward to walk & skis across"

"better lighting for peds"

"Maintenance"

"People don't know how to use them"

"better pedestrian signaling"

"needs to be repaved"

"bike lane disappears/ends abruptly"

"Crosswalks can be confusing/ dangerous"

"Cars don't stop for pedestrian, don't follow basic traffic rules, no signaling"

"trees need to be limbed up and shrubs cleared because it is difficult to see oncoming traffic"

"congestion"

"Crossing from Garipay field to coop/golf course"

"deteriorating road conditions"

"Blind spots"

"Need easier access to roundabout from multi use path"

"Poor radius in front of the Coop"

"would prefer granite bricks in center instead of elevate tarmac"

If development in this area could help improve one existing challenge, what do you think it should be?

220
TOTAL
RESPONSES



If development in this area could help improve one existing challenge, what do you think it should be?

RETAIL

- Affordable small businesses
- Dense retail space on west side of Lyme Rd
- More amenities so we don't have to go into downtown
- Places like coffee shop to meet friends after school drop off
- Proper village amenities...ground floor retail, cafes, etc.
- Restaurant or cafe

NATURE & OPEN SPACE

- Improve erosion of girl brook and knot weed
- Boat access to river
- Conservation and protection of ecosystem
- Dog park
- Girl Brook corridor (erosion, drainage, bridges)
- Habitat for birds and bears
- Keep landscape natural looking, lots of trees

MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION

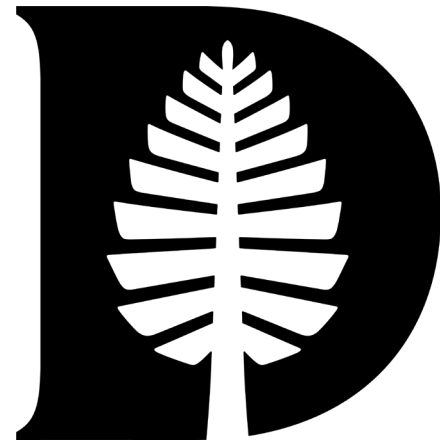
- Pedestrian crossing to west side
- Better access to multi-use path
- Better bike lane/ bike facilities
- Bigger parking lot for ski program
- Better crosswalks
- Better pedestrian experience for all ages
- Better transportation options
- Clear bikeways separate from pedestrians
- Electric charger
- Footbridge across the road
- Improved parking for recreation / large groups
- Managing traffic flow, safe commuting for bikes/pedestrians
- More bus service
- Park & ride for people living further out
- Reduce Lyme Road noise pollution
- Sidewalk on both sides Lyme Road

SPORTS & RECREATION

- 5k ski course with snowmaking
- Trails connecting Oak Hill from Garipay
- 9-hole golf course
- Better beginner ski trails
- Ski lodge
- Lighting and parking for Nordic skiers
- Creating a place to walk/exercise that's safe at night
- Ski center
- Fields for recreation department uses (soccer, baseball)
- Improve Girl Brook trail for non-winter seasons
- Improve trails
- Open flat space for skiing
- Space for soccer
- Kid friendly

Housing

- Affordable housing
- Housing for more people in town
- Human-scaled design
- Low-rise development



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