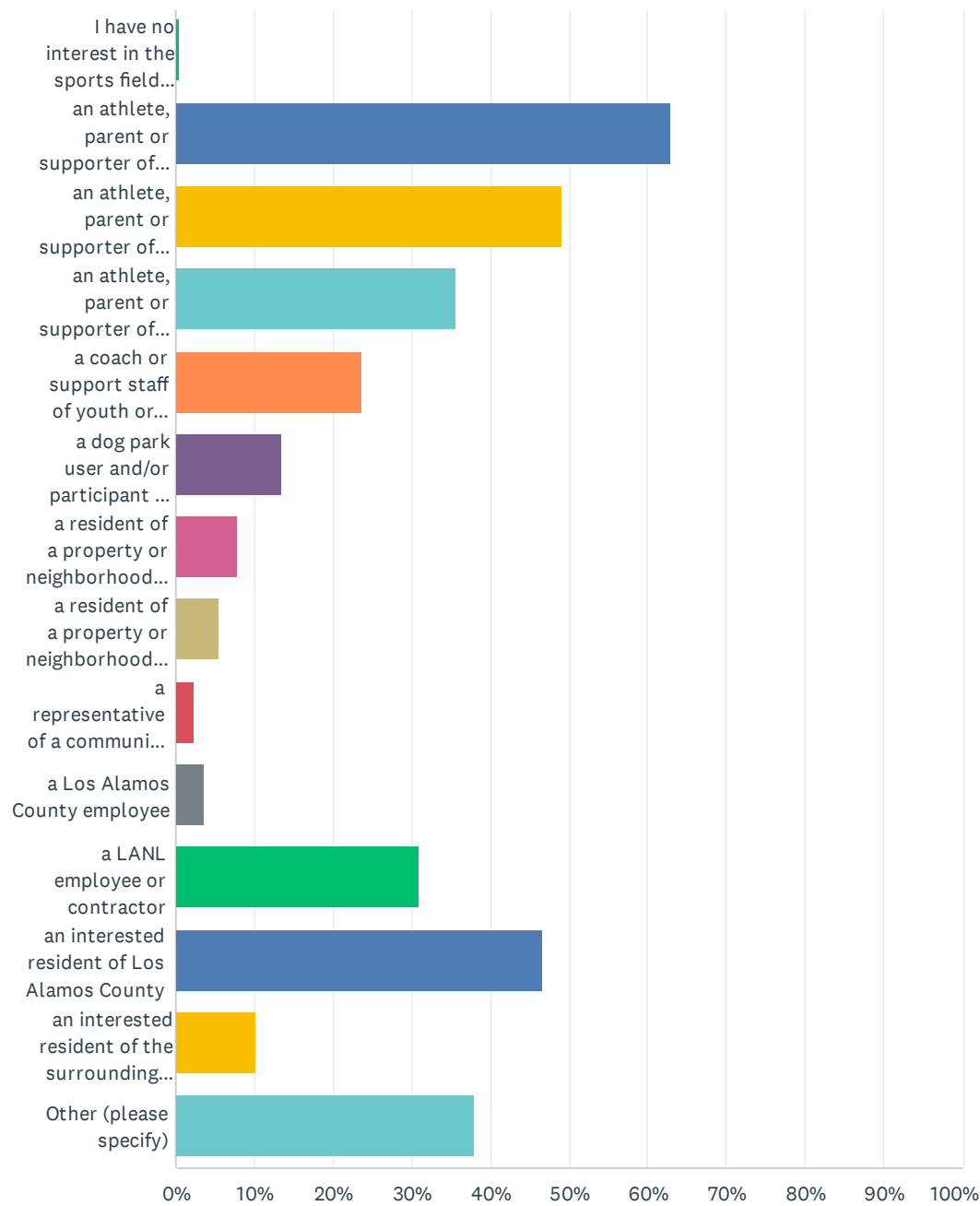


APPENDIX D: COMMUNITY SURVEY COMPLETE RESULTS

Q1 My interest in the Los Alamos County sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area and/or Overlook Park is as: (select as many as apply)

Answered: 216 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have no interest in the sports fields at North Mesa Rec Area or Overlook Park.	0.46%	1
an athlete, parent or supporter of youth sports (please specify sport in "Other" below)	62.96%	136
an athlete, parent or supporter of Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS) sports (please specify sport in "Other" below)	49.07%	106
an athlete, parent or supporter of adult sports (please specify sport in "Other" below)	35.65%	77
a coach or support staff of youth or adult sports (please specify sport in "Other" below)	23.61%	51
a dog park user and/or participant in dog obedience classes	13.43%	29
a resident of a property or neighborhood bordering North Mesa Recreation Area	7.87%	17
a resident of a property or neighborhood bordering Overlook Park	5.56%	12
a representative of a community group (please specify sport in "Other" below)	2.31%	5
a Los Alamos County employee	3.70%	8
a LANL employee or contractor	31.02%	67
an interested resident of Los Alamos County	46.76%	101
an interested resident of the surrounding area	10.19%	22
Other (please specify)	37.96%	82
Total Respondents: 216		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Baseball, Softball youth coach and adult league participant	2/7/2025 10:00 AM
2	Track,swimming,tennis,gymnastics,soccer	2/6/2025 9:23 PM
3	LAHS Coach	2/6/2025 10:04 AM
4	former varsity softball player	1/8/2025 11:27 AM
5	LASOA, Sustainability	1/7/2025 10:24 PM
6	Parent	1/7/2025 7:21 PM
7	soccer	1/7/2025 12:07 PM
8	Baseball and soccer	11/30/2024 8:58 AM
9	Soccer parent	11/29/2024 10:07 PM
10	Soccer, rec activities with kids on the fields at overlook	11/29/2024 9:24 AM
11	Soccer	11/27/2024 7:32 PM
12	LAHs Girls Soccer Coach	11/25/2024 7:30 PM
13	Softball	11/23/2024 7:33 PM
14	Parent of two softball players, softball coach, wife to a softball coach/player, dog owners who frequent dog parks	11/20/2024 1:28 PM
15	Soccer, baseball	11/19/2024 11:04 PM
16	Soccer Player	11/18/2024 2:26 PM
17	Baseball	11/18/2024 2:19 PM
18	athlete	11/18/2024 2:08 PM

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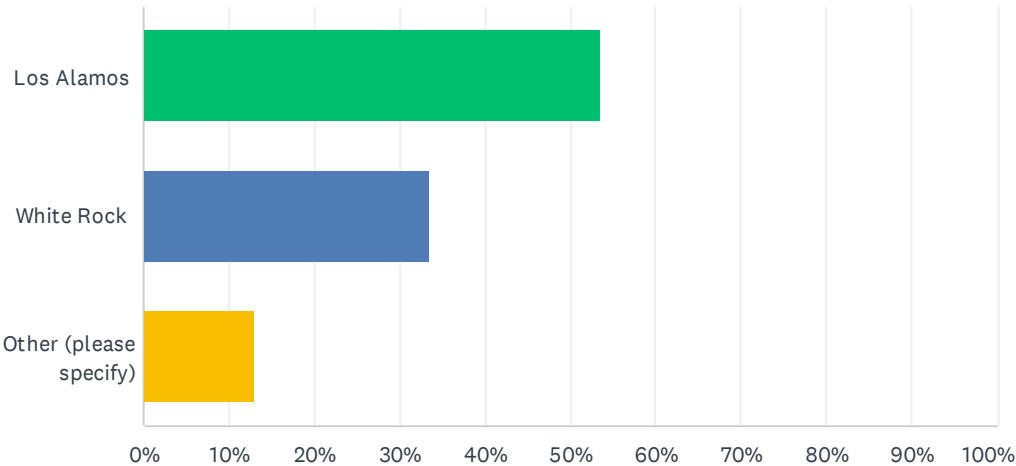
19	Athlete at lahs for soccer, wrestling, and track, youth spodts in soccer	11/18/2024 12:43 PM
20	LAHS Softball Coach & Adult League softball player	11/14/2024 11:51 AM
21	Baseball	11/13/2024 3:40 PM
22	Baseball softball	11/12/2024 7:34 PM
23	LAHS Softball	11/12/2024 6:54 PM
24	Highschool Softball player	11/12/2024 3:59 PM
25	I play soccer	11/12/2024 3:14 PM
26	Soccer	11/12/2024 3:01 PM
27	LAYSL, LAPS sports.	11/12/2024 2:53 PM
28	County baseball and LAYSL soccer	11/4/2024 11:03 PM
29	soccer	11/4/2024 2:09 PM
30	Soccer	11/4/2024 2:02 PM
31	LAYSL; and for pick-up soccer with mixed age groups	11/4/2024 1:39 PM
32	Coach and Parent of Multiple Kids	11/4/2024 10:15 AM
33	Soccer	11/4/2024 10:03 AM
34	Soccer, baseball, softball	11/4/2024 8:37 AM
35	LA Youth Soccer League	11/4/2024 8:22 AM
36	youth soccer, adult soccer	11/4/2024 8:20 AM
37	Soccer	11/4/2024 6:44 AM
38	Soccer	11/4/2024 5:02 AM
39	Soccer LAYSL	11/3/2024 9:15 PM
40	Soccer	11/3/2024 9:10 PM
41	LAYSL, LALL, ADULT SOFTBALL	11/3/2024 8:57 PM
42	Tennis, soccer, track & field	11/3/2024 8:42 PM
43	Youth soccer	11/3/2024 7:41 PM
44	Soccer and football	11/3/2024 7:39 PM
45	LAYSL; adult rec. soccer	11/3/2024 7:02 PM
46	Parent of youth/school soccer player	11/3/2024 6:35 PM
47	Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Track & field	11/3/2024 6:29 PM
48	Soccer (LAYSL) coach	11/3/2024 6:23 PM
49	Youth soccer	11/3/2024 6:19 PM
50	Laysl (los Alamos youth soccer league	11/3/2024 6:07 PM
51	Soccer	11/3/2024 5:51 PM
52	Soccer	11/3/2024 5:51 PM
53	soccer, volleyball	11/3/2024 5:35 PM
54	Parent	11/3/2024 5:33 PM
55	Soccer	11/3/2024 5:33 PM
56	Soccer and softball	11/3/2024 5:31 PM

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57	Soccer Mom and LAPS Teacher	11/3/2024 5:31 PM
58	Soccer	11/3/2024 5:31 PM
59	coach little league	11/1/2024 6:25 AM
60	Tball coach/parent, adult softball player	10/31/2024 9:20 AM
61	Kids play basketball and softball for LAPS	10/31/2024 6:43 AM
62	Softball	10/31/2024 5:46 AM
63	Rugby	10/31/2024 5:11 AM
64	Baseball and soccer	10/30/2024 10:48 PM
65	youth baseball, high school baseball, football	10/30/2024 10:30 PM
66	Adult softball, Youth soccer, T-ball/Little League	10/30/2024 10:24 PM
67	Softball coach, kids play softball and soccer	10/30/2024 8:53 PM
68	Adult softball	10/30/2024 7:30 PM
69	Softball	10/30/2024 6:15 PM
70	Softball	10/30/2024 5:23 PM
71	Softball	10/30/2024 3:28 PM
72	adult softball league	10/30/2024 3:06 PM
73	Softball	10/30/2024 2:53 PM
74	Softball	10/30/2024 2:45 PM
75	I play adult softball and coach at LAPS	10/30/2024 2:43 PM
76	Slow pitch	10/30/2024 2:39 PM
77	Softball	10/30/2024 2:34 PM
78	Softball	10/30/2024 2:20 PM
79	Los Alamos Softball Association	10/30/2024 2:10 PM
80	Little league baseball/softball	10/29/2024 3:50 PM
81	Youth Football, youth baseball	10/29/2024 8:37 AM
82	Athlete	10/27/2024 2:36 PM

Q2 Which of the following best describes where you live?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Los Alamos	53.49%	115
White Rock	33.49%	72
Other (please specify)	13.02%	28
TOTAL		215

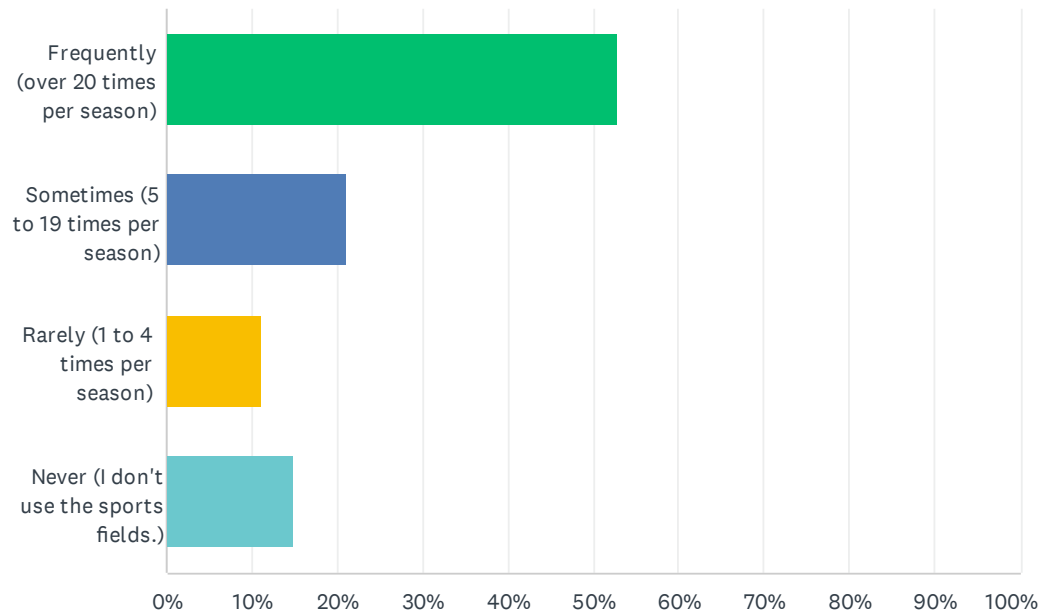
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Santa Fe	1/9/2025 8:56 AM
2	LAHS parent, community member, former little league parent. Avid hiker and outdoors person	1/7/2025 7:21 PM
3	Santa Fe	1/7/2025 4:07 PM
4	Espanola	11/23/2024 7:33 PM
5	Santa Fe	11/18/2024 2:17 PM
6	Santa Fe	11/12/2024 6:54 PM
7	Jemez	11/12/2024 3:59 PM
8	Soccer	11/6/2024 4:26 PM
9	Espanola	11/3/2024 9:15 PM
10	Pojoaque	11/3/2024 9:10 PM
11	parent of a youth soccer and basketball player.	11/3/2024 7:14 PM
12	Nambe	11/3/2024 6:14 PM
13	Espanola	10/31/2024 6:43 AM
14	Santa Fe	10/30/2024 7:30 PM
15	Espanola	10/30/2024 6:15 PM

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16	Espanola	10/30/2024 4:47 PM
17	Espanola	10/30/2024 4:30 PM
18	Española	10/30/2024 3:15 PM
19	Espanola	10/30/2024 3:06 PM
20	Santa Fe	10/30/2024 2:53 PM
21	Espanola	10/30/2024 2:45 PM
22	Chimayo	10/30/2024 2:39 PM
23	Española	10/30/2024 2:35 PM
24	ESPANOLA	10/30/2024 2:31 PM
25	Espanola	10/30/2024 2:29 PM
26	Hernandez,nm	10/30/2024 2:22 PM
27	Medanales	10/30/2024 2:19 PM
28	Santa Fe	10/30/2024 1:02 PM

Q3 How often do you use the sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area?

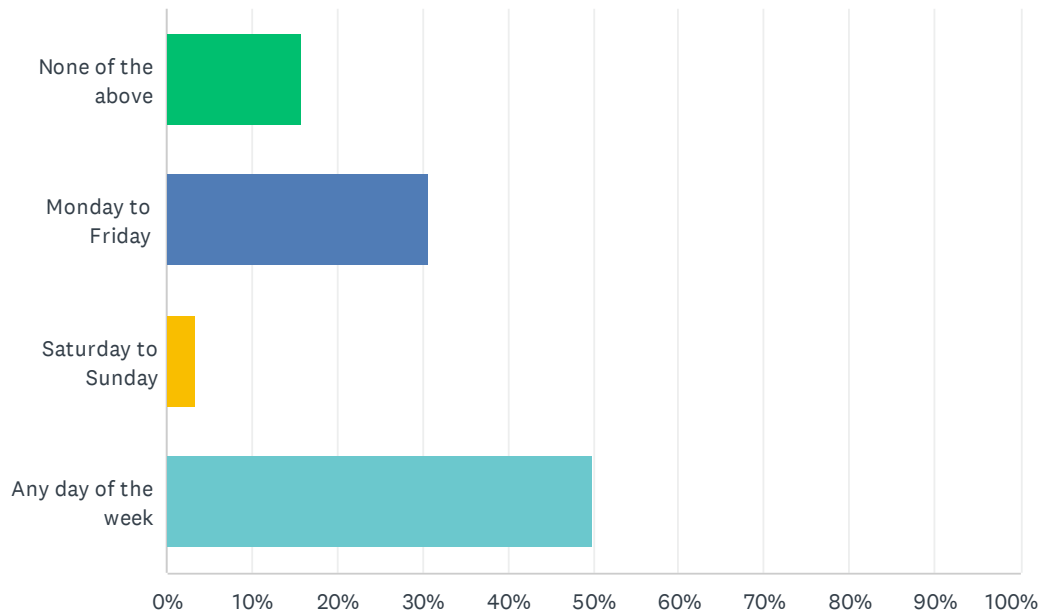
Answered: 208 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Frequently (over 20 times per season)	52.88%	110
Sometimes (5 to 19 times per season)	21.15%	44
Rarely (1 to 4 times per season)	11.06%	23
Never (I don't use the sports fields.)	14.90%	31
TOTAL		208

Q4 Which describes when you use the sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area?

Answered: 208 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	15.87%	33
Monday to Friday	30.77%	64
Saturday to Sunday	3.37%	7
Any day of the week	50.00%	104
TOTAL		208

#	IF YOU USE THE FIELDS MONDAY TO FRIDAY, WOULD YOU BE OPEN TO USING THE FIELDS SATURDAY TO SUNDAY? PLEASE INDICATE YES OR NO IN THE COMMENT FIELD BELOW. AND IF NO, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHY NOT.	DATE
1	Yes	2/6/2025 9:24 PM
2	Yes	2/6/2025 10:07 AM
3	yes	1/6/2025 8:54 PM
4	Yes	11/30/2024 7:58 AM
5	Yes	11/29/2024 12:28 PM
6	Yes	11/28/2024 9:27 PM
7	Not sure. Up to coaches.	11/27/2024 7:34 PM
8	Grandkids practice and have games- Monday to Fridayusually	11/27/2024 5:00 PM
9	Yes	11/26/2024 10:58 AM

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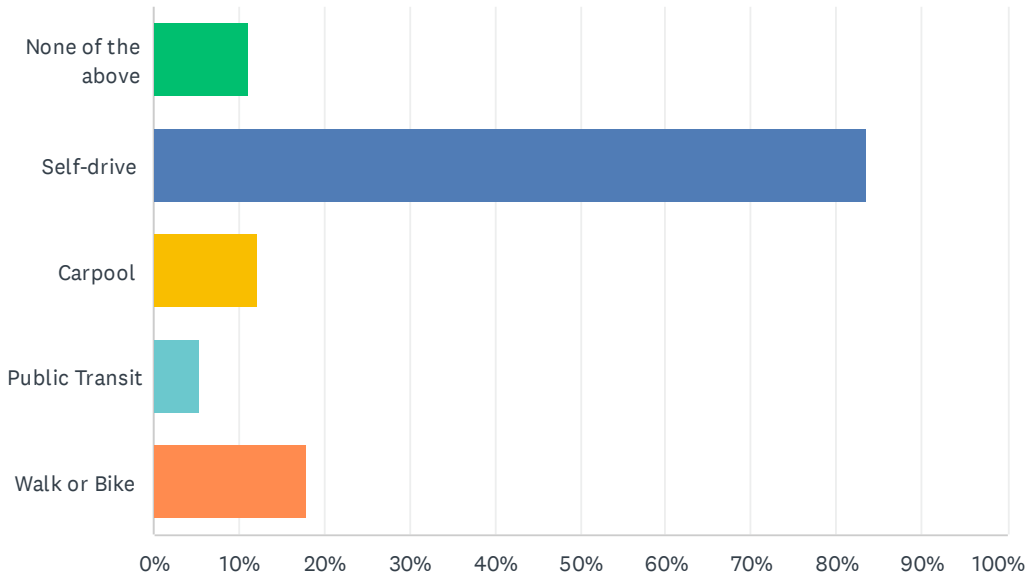
10	No, school soccer practices are not held on weekends	11/25/2024 7:31 PM
11	Yes	11/23/2024 7:34 PM
12	yes	11/23/2024 6:31 PM
13	Depends on when practices can be held due to conflicts with other teams/sports.	11/20/2024 1:29 PM
14	Yes	11/19/2024 11:05 PM
15	Yes	11/19/2024 8:37 PM
16	Idk, yes but its not my control	11/18/2024 12:45 PM
17	Yes	11/12/2024 3:29 PM
18	Yes	11/12/2024 2:55 PM
19	Yes	11/12/2024 2:54 PM
20	Yes	11/10/2024 8:25 AM
21	Yes	11/7/2024 11:33 AM
22	no; field is used on Fridays for LAYSL recreational games	11/6/2024 7:30 PM
23	Yes	11/6/2024 4:28 PM
24	YES	11/5/2024 7:29 PM
25	No, sports practice/game schedule is not up to me	11/4/2024 11:06 PM
26	no, because our soccer teams need to practice on weekdays	11/4/2024 2:11 PM
27	Why? What are you even asking? If baseball practice is Tuesday and Thursday night, I wouldn't be open to only having baseball practice on Saturday. I really don't think this is a good question.	11/4/2024 10:19 AM
28	yes	11/4/2024 10:10 AM
29	Yes	11/4/2024 8:24 AM
30	yes	11/4/2024 8:21 AM
31	No—practice occurs after school. Keep weekends free.	11/4/2024 6:46 AM
32	No, weekends are games	11/3/2024 9:33 PM
33	Additionally, yes. Instead of, no.	11/3/2024 9:17 PM
34	No. I do not participate in sports on the weekends.	11/3/2024 8:43 PM
35	It depends on soccer club schedule.	11/3/2024 8:40 PM
36	Yes	11/3/2024 7:42 PM
37	Yes. Kids always need to play and move. If available, we would be there. Please also consider an enclosed netted soccer goalie/kicking practice area. They exist that you can prebuy them.	11/3/2024 7:17 PM
38	No, not part of season, other commitments on weekends	11/3/2024 7:13 PM
39	No. The weekends are for out of town games.	11/3/2024 6:34 PM
40	Yes, if LAYSL moves games to weekends	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
41	Yes but we often have games in Albuquerque on weekends so it's hard to do practices then.	11/3/2024 6:25 PM
42	I doubt it - youth soccer practices during the week, with games on the weekend.	11/3/2024 6:25 PM
43	Yes	11/3/2024 6:24 PM
44	No	11/3/2024 6:17 PM
45	No, soccer practices are during the week and then we go to Bernalillo for games on weekends	11/3/2024 5:54 PM
46	Yes	11/3/2024 5:52 PM

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47	Yes	11/3/2024 5:41 PM
48	YES	11/3/2024 5:38 PM
49	No, needed for practices for the youth	11/3/2024 5:35 PM
50	No, due to competitive soccer games being held on much larger fields in Bernalillo.	11/3/2024 5:34 PM
51	Not for practices but individual training.	11/3/2024 5:32 PM
52	Yes	11/3/2024 6:38 AM
53	yes	11/1/2024 6:27 AM
54	Yes	10/31/2024 9:21 AM
55	Yes	10/31/2024 6:46 AM
56	Yes	10/30/2024 10:49 PM
57	Yes	10/30/2024 9:48 PM
58	Yes	10/30/2024 7:46 PM
59	Yes	10/30/2024 6:17 PM
60	No- Sundays are a hard day to use the fields	10/30/2024 5:30 PM
61	Yes	10/30/2024 4:48 PM
62	No, no game are scheduled on weekends	10/30/2024 4:33 PM
63	yes	10/30/2024 3:07 PM
64	No	10/30/2024 2:55 PM
65	Yes	10/29/2024 3:51 PM

Q5 Which of the following best describes how you travel to the sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area?

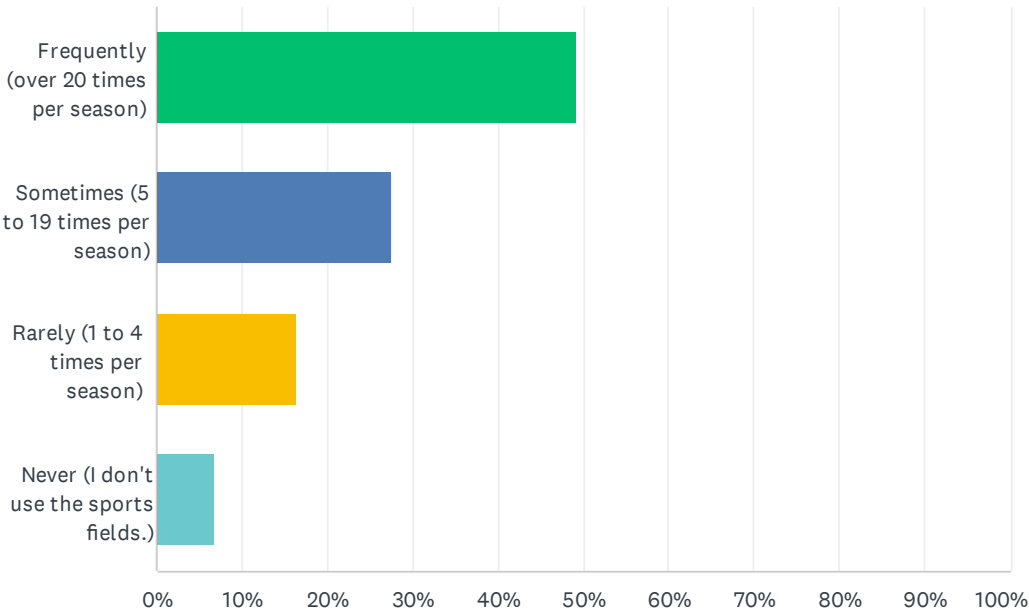
Answered: 206 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	11.17%	23
Self-drive	83.50%	172
Carpool	12.14%	25
Public Transit	5.34%	11
Walk or Bike	17.96%	37
Total Respondents: 206		

Q6 How often do you use the sports fields at Overlook Park?

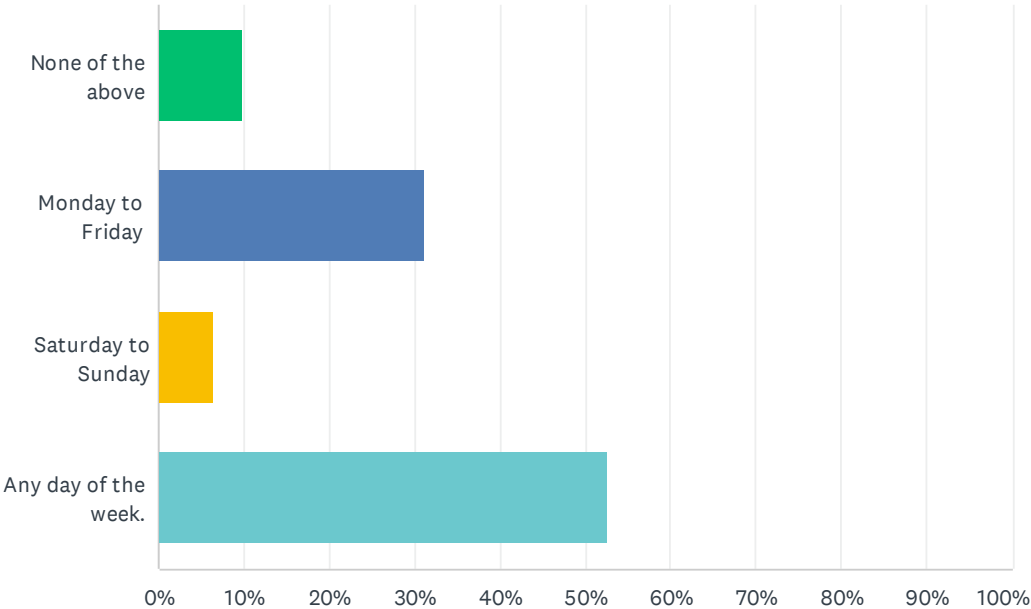
Answered: 207 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Frequently (over 20 times per season)		49.28%	102
Sometimes (5 to 19 times per season)		27.54%	57
Rarely (1 to 4 times per season)		16.43%	34
Never (I don't use the sports fields.)		6.76%	14
TOTAL			207

Q7 Which of the following best describes when you use the sports fields at Overlook Park?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	9.76%	20
Monday to Friday	31.22%	64
Saturday to Sunday	6.34%	13
Any day of the week.	52.68%	108
TOTAL		205

#	IF YOU USE THE FIELDS MONDAY TO FRIDAY, WOULD YOU BE OPEN TO USING THE FIELDS SATURDAY TO SUNDAY? PLEASE INDICATE YES OR NO IN THE COMMENT FIELD BELOW. AND IF NO, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHY NOT.	DATE
1	yes	2/7/2025 2:58 PM
2	No my softball league plays on Mondays	2/7/2025 10:01 AM
3	yes	2/6/2025 10:07 AM
4	no because of games	12/10/2024 2:52 PM
5	Yes	11/30/2024 7:58 AM
6	Yes	11/29/2024 9:25 AM
7	Yes	11/28/2024 9:27 PM
8	Yes	11/28/2024 10:51 AM
9	Not sure. Up to coaches.	11/27/2024 7:34 PM

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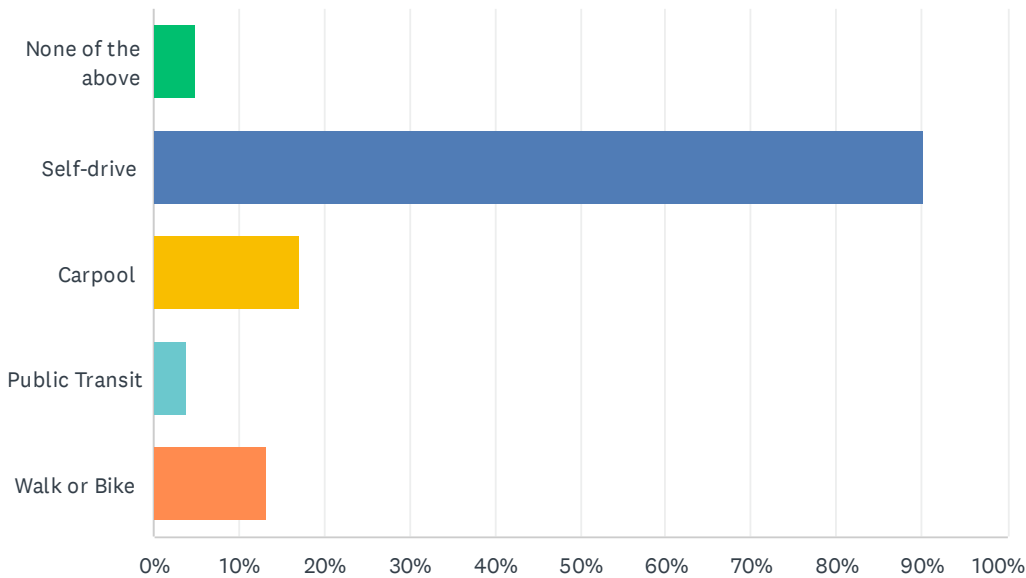
10	Games and practices for Grandkids are usually Monday - Friday	11/27/2024 5:00 PM
11	Yes	11/26/2024 10:58 AM
12	No, school soccer practices are not held on weekends	11/25/2024 7:31 PM
13	Depends on when practices can be held due to conflicts with other teams/sports.	11/20/2024 1:29 PM
14	Yes	11/19/2024 11:05 PM
15	Yes	11/12/2024 7:36 PM
16	Yes	11/12/2024 6:58 PM
17	Yes	11/12/2024 4:02 PM
18	Yes	11/12/2024 3:29 PM
19	yes	11/12/2024 3:12 PM
20	Yes	11/12/2024 2:54 PM
21	Yes	11/10/2024 8:25 AM
22	no; practices are held on weekdays at Overlook Park for LAYSL	11/6/2024 7:30 PM
23	No, sports practice/game schedule is not up to me	11/4/2024 11:06 PM
24	no, because our soccer teams need to practice on weekdays	11/4/2024 2:11 PM
25	The soccer fields are in bad shape, teams are forcing White Rock families to go to Los Alamos for all events as a result	11/4/2024 2:05 PM
26	The fields at Spirio Field are in terrible condition. Thus, we aren't legally able to hold games at Spirio for liability reasons. Thus, we are able to practice there, but we can't hold games there on the weekends. The county does a horrible job maintaining the fields. It's really embarrassing.	11/4/2024 10:19 AM
27	yes	11/4/2024 10:10 AM
28	Yes,	11/4/2024 8:38 AM
29	No because we live in LA and will use North Mesa on weekends	11/4/2024 8:24 AM
30	yes	11/4/2024 8:21 AM
31	No— keep kids' weekends free.	11/4/2024 6:46 AM
32	No, gone to games on weekends	11/3/2024 9:33 PM
33	Additionally, yes. instead of, no	11/3/2024 9:17 PM
34	It depends on soccer club schedule.	11/3/2024 8:40 PM
35	Yes	11/3/2024 7:42 PM
36	Yes. We often go to the library and then the park on a Saturday or Sunday to have something to do.	11/3/2024 7:17 PM
37	No, not part of season, other commitments on weekends	11/3/2024 7:13 PM
38	Yes	11/3/2024 6:44 PM
39	Yes, if LAYSL moves games to weekends	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
40	Yes but we often have games in Albuquerque on weekends so it's hard to do practices then.	11/3/2024 6:25 PM
41	I doubt it - youth soccer practices during the week, with games on the weekend. Also the soccer fields have been trashed by gophers and are basically unusable. We could host games and tournaments, if the fields were maintained.	11/3/2024 6:25 PM
42	Yes	11/3/2024 6:24 PM
43	Yes	11/3/2024 5:52 PM

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44	Yes we use it on weekends too	11/3/2024 5:43 PM
45	YES	11/3/2024 5:38 PM
46	yes	11/3/2024 5:37 PM
47	No, needed for practices for the youth	11/3/2024 5:35 PM
48	Yes	11/3/2024 5:35 PM
49	Rarely	11/3/2024 5:34 PM
50	No, due to competitive soccer games being held on much larger fields in Bernalillo.	11/3/2024 5:34 PM
51	Yes	11/3/2024 6:38 AM
52	Yes	10/31/2024 9:21 AM
53	Yes	10/31/2024 5:49 AM
54	Yes	10/30/2024 10:49 PM
55	Yes	10/30/2024 10:26 PM
56	Yes	10/30/2024 9:48 PM
57	Yes	10/30/2024 7:46 PM
58	Yes	10/30/2024 6:17 PM
59	No - Sundays are hard	10/30/2024 5:30 PM
60	Yes	10/30/2024 5:24 PM
61	Yes	10/30/2024 4:48 PM
62	Yes	10/30/2024 4:38 PM
63	No, no games are scheduled ok weekend	10/30/2024 4:33 PM
64	I have and will continue to use the fields everyday of the week.	10/30/2024 3:30 PM
65	yes	10/30/2024 3:07 PM
66	Yes	10/30/2024 2:55 PM
67	Yes	10/30/2024 2:46 PM
68	Yes	10/30/2024 2:23 PM
69	We are interested only during weekends.	10/30/2024 2:11 PM
70	Yes	10/29/2024 3:51 PM

Q8 Which of the following best describes how you travel to Overlook Park?

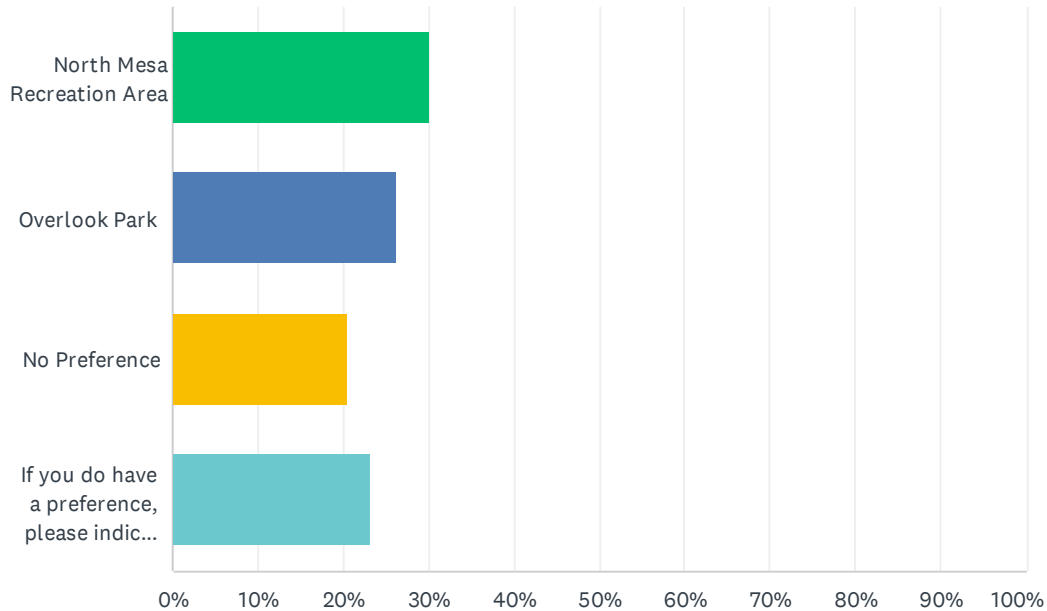
Answered: 205 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	4.88%	10
Self-drive	90.24%	185
Carpool	17.07%	35
Public Transit	3.90%	8
Walk or Bike	13.17%	27
Total Respondents: 205		

Q9 Do you have a preference between the sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area and those at Overlook Park?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North Mesa Recreation Area	30.10%	62
Overlook Park	26.21%	54
No Preference	20.39%	42
If you do have a preference, please indicate why.	23.30%	48
TOTAL		206

#	IF YOU DO HAVE A PREFERENCE, PLEASE INDICATE WHY.	DATE
1	both N. Mesa and Overlook	2/6/2025 10:07 AM
2	I live near there	1/7/2025 1:40 PM
3	Closer	1/7/2025 1:34 PM
4	Proximity to home	11/30/2024 8:59 AM
5	Closer to home	11/29/2024 10:08 PM
6	Overlook, Closeness	11/29/2024 9:25 AM
7	Closer.	11/28/2024 5:56 PM
8	LAHS Baseball Program	11/27/2024 10:43 PM
9	Live in White Rock.	11/27/2024 7:34 PM
10	I live in White Rock	11/27/2024 5:38 PM

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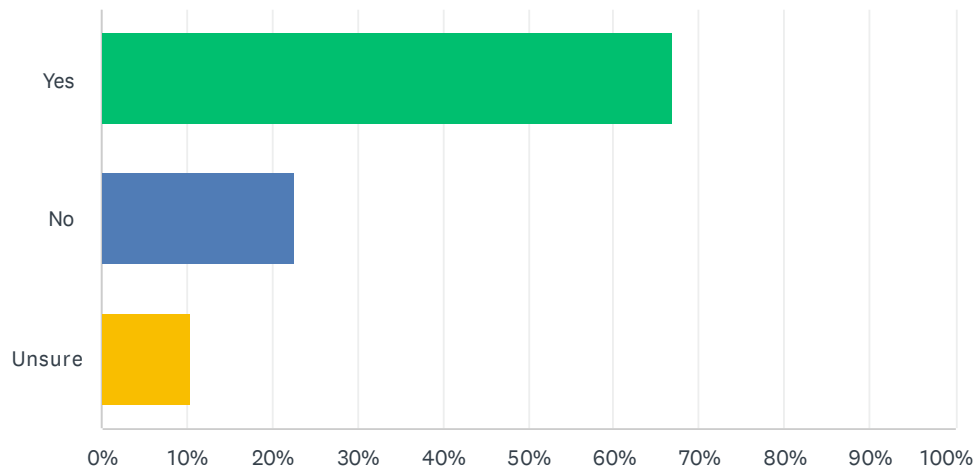
11	Live next to it	11/23/2024 6:31 PM
12	Both have pros and cons. Overlook has more fields, some are nicer than N. Mesa, some are not. N. Mesa is much closer to my house, but we go wherever the league/team/school/coaches tell us to go.	11/20/2024 1:29 PM
13	closer to my house, has a dog park, better restrooms	11/20/2024 8:26 AM
14	Closer, more open, fields close together (soccer and baseball)	11/19/2024 8:42 PM
15	North mesa seems to be used more, and is better taken care of.	11/18/2024 2:20 PM
16	Ease of access	11/13/2024 3:41 PM
17	Close to home	11/12/2024 7:36 PM
18	All I would like is to see LAHS softball team have their own quality fields like the other teams do.	11/12/2024 6:58 PM
19	That is the better softball field out of the two parks. Also, the high school uses Hope field during softball season, preseason, and offseason. As a white rock resident it is more convenient to use overlook.	11/12/2024 5:01 PM
20	I would like to be able to use the north mesa fields but there are no softball fields other than 1 peewee feild	11/12/2024 4:02 PM
21	LAHS high school softball scheduling	11/12/2024 3:29 PM
22	More room	11/10/2024 8:25 AM
23	Closest to house and schools	11/6/2024 4:28 PM
24	Closer to home	11/4/2024 11:06 PM
25	The weather is better year round at Overlook. North Mesa has a longer winter.	11/4/2024 10:19 AM
26	Live in White Rock	11/4/2024 8:38 AM
27	Overlook park is nicer and closer	11/3/2024 8:43 PM
28	Proximity	11/3/2024 8:20 PM
29	Location and commute	11/3/2024 7:42 PM
30	North Mesa just because it's closer to my house, but we equally love going to WR because of the library as well.	11/3/2024 7:17 PM
31	Near home and school	11/3/2024 6:34 PM
32	North Mesa since it's closest to my house.	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
33	We live in WR, though at this point my kids are all in school, and playing soccer, in LA.	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
34	Overlook is not as overburdened with users and is easier to get time on. Really we should do both, though.	11/3/2024 6:25 PM
35	North Mesa, because we live in LA, and we prefer not to drive at all and certainly not farther than necessary.	11/3/2024 6:25 PM
36	North Mesa, it has better field quality.	11/3/2024 6:10 PM
37	North Mesa Fields are generally cut more often, not as bumpy, and generally in better shape	11/3/2024 5:55 PM
38	North Mesa, because it is near the middle and high school	11/3/2024 5:54 PM
39	Too hard for middle school kids to get to Overlook Park after school, especially with later school hours	11/3/2024 5:54 PM
40	We prefer North Mesa because it is closer, the field is well kept, and we do not have to fight traffic to go to practice.	11/3/2024 5:34 PM
41	Closer to my home	10/31/2024 9:21 AM
42	I live in WR	10/30/2024 10:32 PM

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43	close to my home	10/30/2024 9:48 PM
44	I like to have games and practices at WR because it is closer but to be fair to all players I try to have an equal split between locations.	10/30/2024 8:55 PM
45	Best for softball	10/30/2024 7:32 PM
46	The main reason I like Overlook, is that it is closer to my house.	10/30/2024 2:37 PM
47	Correct fields for sport	10/30/2024 2:22 PM
48	More fields at overlook.	10/30/2024 2:11 PM

Q10 Are you in favor of installing artificial turf on any/some of Los Alamos County's sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area and/or Overlook Park?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.00%	136
No	22.66%	46
Unsure	10.34%	21
TOTAL		203

#	IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU PERCEIVE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO BE. IF NO, PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU PERCEIVE THE POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS TO BE. IF UNSURE, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR HESITATIONS OR QUESTIONS. (MORE SPACE FOR COMMENTS IS PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE SURVEY.)	DATE
1	Injuries, generation of nanoplastic particles degrading the environment	2/11/2025 12:56 PM
2	reduced cost of maintenance, better footing (no gopher holes), longer playing season	2/9/2025 7:01 AM
3	How do the summer softball leagues feel about artificial turf? Artificial turf is much hotter than natural turf and with each passing year we set new record high temperatures, a trend that will continue. I am also concerned with the environmental impacts of artificial turf. I live in the Western area, so am very aware of Sullivan field where the turf was just replaced. Replacing turf generates a huge amount of waste	2/7/2025 4:03 PM
4	environmental impact (carbon footprint, heat hazards) and injury problems	2/7/2025 2:59 PM
5	We already have artificial turf at Sullivan and do not have a good grass field for soccer. North Mesa is the best one but needs more maintenance	2/7/2025 2:45 PM
6	The benefits are as follows: possibility of year-round use, avoiding gopher holes and the conditions of the field will be ready for use earlier in the year. Also, there will be less injuries due to poor field conditions.	2/7/2025 10:02 AM
7	dangerous to the athletes and environment; it's a short-sighted, terrible idea	2/7/2025 9:31 AM
8	Need to understand cost and benefits. How will these fields be managed	2/6/2025 9:25 PM

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9	more field space for numerous sports, longer seasons for sport use	2/6/2025 10:09 AM
10	Worry cost and upkeep are more expensive than natural grass. Also more sports injuries are on artificial turf than grass.	1/29/2025 1:47 PM
11	Benefits of real grass include the cooling effects of trans-evaporation, absorbs carbon dioxide, produces oxygen. I also believe that it is easier on the athletes that use it. The ground is more forgiving when it comes to falls, abrasions.	1/9/2025 9:04 AM
12	Higher risk of injury. NFL continues to study this.	1/8/2025 6:17 AM
13	Sustainability and pollution, loss of biomass	1/7/2025 10:25 PM
14	Artificial turf is a pollutant, contributing to micro plastics and " forever chemicals" in our environment. It should be avoided https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0269749123010965	1/7/2025 7:25 PM
15	Artificial turf should not be installed in Los Alamos. The plastic that is used in the material is full of toxic PFAS polyfluoroalkyl chemicals that are known carcinogens. These leach into the ground from rainfall and they can poison children. poison our children. Until	1/7/2025 4:22 PM
16	How will this affect the deer that spend a lot of time at the ballfields?	1/7/2025 1:40 PM
17	Waste of money	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
18	Better quality fields.	1/7/2025 12:09 PM
19	Hours of use, water savings, player safety	1/7/2025 9:14 AM
20	Many many pro sports teams have reverted from artificial turf to natural grass, as have brand new team facilities such as the field for the Las Vegas Raiders NFL team which uses natural grass. The main reason being far too many injuries on artificial turf.	1/6/2025 8:57 PM
21	This would be a wonderful option for all sports that take place in these fields.. This will also make for a safer area for our children to play softball and baseball.	12/23/2024 8:14 AM
22	more places to train because the grass fields suck	12/10/2024 2:53 PM
23	No more gopher holes!	12/10/2024 4:11 AM
24	Easy to maintain. Less water usage. Potentially no gopher holes. Less dips or dead grass area.	12/3/2024 12:19 PM
25	I would be in favor if it's specifically acts like normal grass turf and is more environmentally friendly.	11/30/2024 4:19 PM
26	Significantly hotter than grass. Potential health hazards. Expensive to purchase and install	11/30/2024 9:00 AM
27	Less gopher holes	11/29/2024 10:09 PM
28	Unsanitary, unpleasant, generates lots of extra heat, terrible for the environment	11/29/2024 12:31 PM
29	Less hazards for people using fields. Animal holes have made them unsafe	11/29/2024 9:26 AM
30	Artificial turf doesn't last very long. It also doesn't cool the fields like grass does.	11/28/2024 9:28 PM
31	Contributes to excessive heat, as well as off gassing chemicals may have health effects.	11/28/2024 5:57 PM
32	The sports fields are currently an embarrassment to this community. It is the only option that makes sense.	11/28/2024 2:41 PM
33	Reduce flooding and discourage gophers	11/28/2024 10:52 AM
34	A turf field would be easier to maintain during baseball season, be less dangerous to athletes, no gopher holes and irregular infield vs outfield. Less water consumption.	11/27/2024 10:46 PM
35	Hopefully to discourage gophers and better maintain fields.	11/27/2024 7:35 PM
36	PFAS contaminants, habitat removal	11/27/2024 6:01 PM
37	I thought the fields were water with gray water? Where is the cost/savings/benefit to switching to fake grass?	11/27/2024 5:40 PM

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38	Need more information on Pros and Cons, including environmental impact: would this solve the gopher problems...	11/27/2024 5:02 PM
39	There are so many holes it is dangerous on those films, especially if you're running trying to catch a ball and not looking at your feet. People have fallen and sprain their ankles. The fields are never level and the grass is too high.	11/26/2024 11:00 AM
40	Yes, fewer injuries from poorly maintained grass fields and longer usage when weather is bad.	11/25/2024 7:32 PM
41	Baseball, softball, football, soccer	11/23/2024 7:21 PM
42	We just spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to redo the fields with real grass at both North Mesa and Overlook and just made another contract to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars more next year BEFORE your report is even finished !!!!!	11/23/2024 6:33 PM
43	Less golfer holes	11/23/2024 1:20 PM
44	I'm along time coach of little league youth softball, I also participate in the adult softball league at Overlook park. Having turf would be a drastic improvement for these community activities. Currently the fields are in bad shape. Specifically BunRyan on North Mesa and Byers field at Overlook park. These are the main softball fields for little league and they can be dangerous because of gofer holes, rocks, and other obstacles. We additionally have to deal with field condition cancelations because of water drainage during spring/summer thunderstorm season.	11/20/2024 3:46 PM
45	The main benefit would be a better surface for our kids (and adults) to play on. One of my daughters and my husband play outfield and they are consistently twisting ankles when going for balls. Another benefit is although there is upfront cost involved, I assume the maintenance would be much lower than current costs. Less water = cheaper, better for the environment. Other than cost, I don't see a downside.	11/20/2024 1:31 PM
46	i'm unsure how destructive all the gophers will be to it like they are to the grass. this is the biggest challenge in White Rock	11/20/2024 8:26 AM
47	We need natural recreation spaces. Turf is too hot in summer for sports. You cannot prevent people from taking their animals on the turf.	11/19/2024 11:07 PM
48	Expensive to install and upkeep. Not necessary.	11/19/2024 8:43 PM
49	Save water. And ankles. The grass fields are not in good shape.	11/19/2024 8:38 PM
50	Yes i believe it would be better for all athletes, many injuries such as ACL tears and much more have accrued on these fields due to holes and unevenness. it would prevent injuries from happening.	11/18/2024 2:31 PM
51	Honestly I believe the baseball fields at north mesa may be a hazard. The gophers tend to dig holes in the grass and it's pretty dangerous to run around out there. One wrong step and someone could tear or break something. I think artificial turf would make the fields safer	11/18/2024 2:21 PM
52	safer playing conditions for the athletes, better field conditions for the athletes, more accessibility year round	11/18/2024 2:10 PM
53	Soccer used it for grass specifically but it should be better maintained	11/18/2024 12:46 PM
54	Field maintenance is a major concern with the current field conditions. Turf fields wouldn't require coaches to line fields before games and would provide safer conditions for our student athletes. Snow also drains on turf and would allow us to use fields sooner after bad weather conditions.	11/14/2024 11:54 AM
55	For Hope Field (Toppers Softball), I think a hydrid field (clay infield & turf outfield). The gopher holes in the outfield usually cause injuries to our players each season. The turf would ideally be a polyethylene sports possibly interwoven with grass and a high UV resistance as most of the turf fields given out tremendous heat in NM during the summer.	11/13/2024 2:29 PM
56	Reduce cost of maintenance. High School baseball and softball being able to access and use safely with reduce risk of injury in the spring.	11/13/2024 12:39 PM
57	All weather play and early season starts	11/12/2024 7:36 PM
58	I am deeply interested in the safety of our athletes. And having turf fields would allow for more predictable conditions of the field. I am also interested due to the fact that turf fields would allow for less maintenance from our county.	11/12/2024 7:17 PM

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59	Safety for players, less maintenance, better to play on, reduce water usage, appearance	11/12/2024 7:02 PM
60	Safety for users due to no holes in the field caused by gofers?. These holes in the fields are causing injuries to athletes that use the fields.	11/12/2024 6:18 PM
61	As an athlete who plays softball with the high school, my concern is that with turf more non contact injuries are more likely to occur than on a grass field. Turf is less maintenance but I was always slip and slide. Also, when we have had been running bases on turf, I have watched more girls trip and fall. I would prefer a well groomed grass field over a turf field, but if they can not maintain the field then that is a problem. If the field is turf it should be half dirt and half turf similar to Capital high school's softball field because it provides the infield, pitcher, and base runners a secure feeling but lesser maintenance.	11/12/2024 5:16 PM
62	When I play on the dirt/grass fields there is more risk for injuries due to the un-evenness of them. They also become very hard in the winter and muddie in the spring making games difficult. I love turf fields they make my playing more fun and safe.	11/12/2024 4:05 PM
63	No sun flower seeds durning baseball. The field is more level and won't be as wet as a normal baseball field or an other field	11/12/2024 4:00 PM
64	Year around practice and cheaper maintenance. No cancellation due to rain/mud.	11/12/2024 3:16 PM
65	I think it would allow us to play in any weather condition and not slide in mud or tare up the field when it is wet	11/12/2024 3:13 PM
66	Improve Fields availability despite whether conditions (raining season). Decrease athletes injuries caused by uneven field	11/12/2024 3:05 PM
67	The turf would make the field more sustainable and better maintained	11/12/2024 2:56 PM
68	Only fields that's are properly maintained are the baseball fields. Other fields are full of gopher holes and not up kept.	11/12/2024 2:55 PM
69	Easier to get hurt and inhale turf. Gets turf burns which last a long time and makes it harder to play. Need a place where there is grass not getting cancer in the future from diving on the ground or slide tackling.	11/12/2024 2:50 PM
70	It is in Los Alamos near the Middle School, My kids and friend s usually use the Middle School field to go to practice.It also does not require the same maintenance as the grass field.	11/7/2024 11:38 AM
71	The field at Overlook Park is often uneven, in need of cutting, or full of gopher holes.	11/6/2024 7:33 PM
72	Better place to play and schedule home games in a real soccer field	11/6/2024 4:30 PM
73	I believe the youth athlete deserves to be able to play longer in the season. We have had so many kids hurt themselves because of the poor conditions on the fields in Los Alamos.	11/5/2024 7:31 PM
74	Artificial turf leads to more injuries.	11/5/2024 1:49 PM
75	Seems like it would be harder to play on. Less authentic.	11/4/2024 11:07 PM
76	more consistent and much safer playing surfaces compared to grass fields with gopher holes and ditches, potentially soccer-lined fields for more game-like practices and accurate playing conditions, and fields that are playable during more of the year and through more weather conditions	11/4/2024 2:13 PM
77	Even fields that are useable year round. Reduce groundhog impacts.	11/4/2024 2:10 PM
78	Useable in any weather; no divots in grass; no holes from gophers; reduced water usage	11/4/2024 1:41 PM
79	The issue in Los Alamos is that Parks and Rec maintains the golf course, but refuses to properly maintain the other county fields. A good comparison would be the following. The smart person when they buy a new car would change the oil every 7k miles or so and the car would run for 150k. The less smart person would buy a new car, never change the oil, and wonder why the car stops working at 30k miles. The county is like the less smart person. The county replaces fields but then doesn't know how to maintain them. So they quickly deteriorate back to the original condition. I wonder if the county should be more concerned about replacing Wendy Parker and installing competent individuals at Parks and Rec who know how to maintain fields and have the desire and ability to actually do so. It seems like money could be much better spent on maintaining the fields we already have.	11/4/2024 10:24 AM

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80	Turf will ensure better condition of field, but could potentially lead to more injuries.	11/4/2024 10:11 AM
81	There is artificial turf at Middle and High School. Grass to kept too long at North Mesa for good soccer.	11/4/2024 10:05 AM
82	Unsure, does it require more maintenance and up keep then the county will be able to do?	11/4/2024 8:39 AM
83	My kids won't get hurt with twisted ankles because of lots of holes.	11/4/2024 8:26 AM
84	turf is more dependable, less issues with gopher holes, less weather related cancellations of practices	11/4/2024 8:23 AM
85	Unattractive. I'd rather water grass than play on plastic.	11/4/2024 6:47 AM
86	Lower maintenance burden for the county. Decreased water usage. Consistent quality of field. More opportunities to use the facilities.	11/4/2024 5:04 AM
87	Less use of natural scarce resources i.e. water	11/3/2024 10:46 PM
88	Safety. The current fields are dangerous with so many gopher holes	11/3/2024 9:34 PM
89	Respiratory Health concerns for children using turf fields	11/3/2024 9:18 PM
90	No gopher damage	11/3/2024 9:12 PM
91	No for the soccer fields due to potential injuries, yes to the little league fields to help them look nicer.	11/3/2024 9:01 PM
92	Active kids & community; improved mental health through regular exercise; and, less commuting to Bernalillo for soccer matches	11/3/2024 8:45 PM
93	Artificial turf fields, while popular for their durability and low maintenance, have been linked to several potential negative health effects: 1. Heat Stress: Artificial turf tends to retain more heat compared to natural grass, reaching surface temperatures significantly higher than the surrounding environment. This can lead to heat exhaustion, dehydration, and increased risk of heatstroke, particularly during hot weather. 2. Injuries: Some studies have indicated that playing on artificial turf can increase the risk of certain types of injuries, such as ligament sprains (e.g., ACL tears) and turf burns due to the harder and less forgiving surface compared to natural grass. This can be especially concerning in high-impact sports. 3. Exposure to Toxic Chemicals: Many artificial turfs use crumb rubber infill made from recycled tires, which may contain harmful chemicals such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), heavy metals, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Prolonged exposure could potentially pose health risks, including respiratory and skin irritation. There are also concerns about the long-term effects of these chemicals, particularly for children who spend more time playing on these fields. 4. Bacterial Growth: Unlike natural grass, artificial turf does not have natural antimicrobial properties. This means that harmful bacteria, such as Staphylococcus aureus (which can cause staph infections), may persist longer on artificial surfaces, especially when the field is not adequately maintained. 5. Respiratory Concerns: The breakdown of artificial turf fibers and infill can lead to small particles being released into the air. Athletes may inhale these particles, which could pose respiratory issues over time, especially if the particles contain toxic components. 6. Skin Abrasions and Infections: Sliding or falling on artificial turf often results in more severe abrasions compared to grass. These "turf burns" can create open wounds, making athletes more susceptible to infections if the fields are contaminated or not properly sanitized. While artificial turf provides benefits like year-round usability and lower water usage, these potential negative health impacts have prompted discussions around safer alternatives, better maintenance practices, and improvements in the materials used for artificial surfaces.	11/3/2024 8:45 PM
94	it may impact the environment, local ecology and human health.	11/3/2024 8:43 PM
95	Reduced injury from holes in fields	11/3/2024 8:20 PM
96	Less holes/uneven ground- the soccer ball has gotten stuck in holes many times	11/3/2024 7:43 PM
97	No - cost and timeline of install, artificial turf is less comfortable for kids and dogs, and less beneficial for local wildlife	11/3/2024 7:42 PM
98	Heat, hardness (more injuries), roughness (more abrasions, injuries)	11/3/2024 7:14 PM
99	Less wildlife use/excrement; no need for watering	11/3/2024 7:03 PM

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100	How will they stay clean. Are they safe for athletes.	11/3/2024 6:45 PM
101	More practice space for older kids playing soccer who compete on both grass and turf	11/3/2024 6:38 PM
102	My daughter can practice soccer all year around in any weather.	11/3/2024 6:36 PM
103	Maintenance benefits I presume, and maybe less incidences of gophers?	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
104	We don't seem to be able to maintain the Overlook fields (gophers!) so turf is the obvious choice. It's hotter in summer and more expensive up front, but again, the lack of maintenance means the overlook fields are unusable.	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
105	artificial turf allows a field to be used for more of the year, and it also keeps gophers from destroying the field.	11/3/2024 6:26 PM
106	No mud or moles	11/3/2024 6:24 PM
107	New studies showing artificial turf has toxic chemicals including ...polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), phthalates, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are known carcinogens, neurotoxins and endocrine disruptors	11/3/2024 6:20 PM
108	It isn't fun to play on, it gets in your shoes and is annoying.	11/3/2024 6:11 PM
109	The main field at Overlook is very bad for soccer play. The grass is often way too high to effectively pass the ball on, especially for younger players that do not generate a lot of force when kicking. The field is also bumpy and therefore dangerous. Having some sort of turf installed at Overlook would mitigate these issues.	11/3/2024 5:59 PM
110	I am concerned about the toxicity of the materials in artificial turf. I am especially concerned about exposing my children to these chemicals. Can we please explore improving our natural turf instead?	11/3/2024 5:56 PM
111	It would be great to have more turf fields that don't need to be closed for rain	11/3/2024 5:55 PM
112	Kids fall, how would the turf be less harmful when those accidents do happen. It seems like it would hurt more than a regular grass field.	11/3/2024 5:54 PM
113	Yes, I think installing artificial turf would be beneficial to both fields. It would provide a more reliable terrain, the upkeep would be easier, and I believe it would increase use of the fields.	11/3/2024 5:52 PM
114	Less water and upkeep costs. Dries faster for kids to play on.	11/3/2024 5:42 PM
115	Even playing surface, no gopher holes or sprinklers (children and adults less likely to obtain injury), decreased likelihood of dog feces	11/3/2024 5:39 PM
116	Then we can have fields that are actually usable and not a hazard to our players due to numerous gopher holes, bare spots etc.	11/3/2024 5:38 PM
117	Safer fields that aren't covered in goat heads and gopher holes for soccer kids.	11/3/2024 5:36 PM
118	Artificial turf gets significantly hotter during the summer months and is very unforgiving for the kids when they fall	11/3/2024 5:36 PM
119	Consistent field conditions, the field vary year to year and season to season.	11/3/2024 5:33 PM
120	Drainage	11/3/2024 9:04 AM
121	Avoid injuries do to gopher holes and be able to spot rattlesnakes. All for safety of the users if the fields.	11/3/2024 6:39 AM
122	I've injured myself multiple times on the grass fields at Overlook	11/1/2024 10:51 AM
123	Very expensive to install. Much hotter field. Probably a little harder on the body when sliding/diving.	11/1/2024 6:28 AM
124	Less maintenance; safer for the athlete; allows the athlete to be experienced with turf when they have events at other complexes with turf	11/1/2024 6:01 AM
125	I believe the Turf would better protect athletes from injuries related to gopher holes/mounds	10/31/2024 9:23 AM
126	The softball fields rn are filled with holes and uneven dirt. More likely to aquire an injury.	10/31/2024 6:47 AM
127	Less maintenance, better playing surface, less injuries	10/31/2024 5:50 AM

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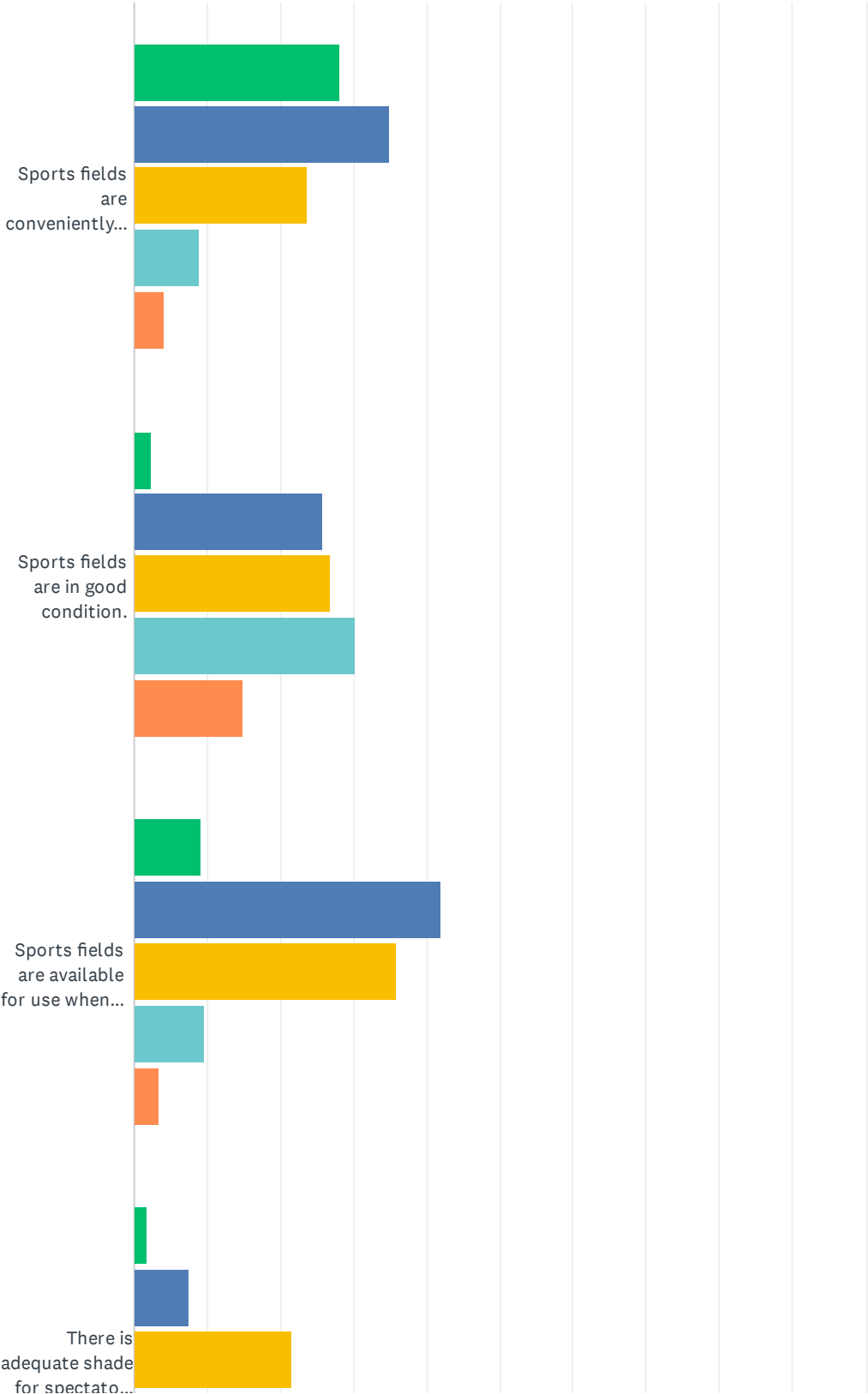
128	Unsure of the cost benefits	10/30/2024 10:49 PM
129	no gophers	10/30/2024 10:32 PM
130	Fewer gopher holes to trip and get hurt in; safer with level and more solid ground with fewer holes as I can't watch the ground when trying to run and catch a ball. Less maintenance (don't need to mow) and less water for irrigation	10/30/2024 10:31 PM
131	The current fields at overlook are poorly maintained and full of gopher holes. This creates hazards for players and has lead to many injuries.	10/30/2024 10:08 PM
132	Reduced water use, gopher control, low maintenance, improved accessibility and cleanliness	10/30/2024 9:50 PM
133	Improved field conditions and longer season. I have concerns about how hot it can be to play on turf.	10/30/2024 8:56 PM
134	Field condition, gophers are terrible	10/30/2024 8:15 PM
135	Would be nice as many other schools in the surrounding area have nice complexes and Los Alamos/White Rock doesn't.	10/30/2024 7:47 PM
136	Durable, less maintenance, but worried about injuries and hot in the summer	10/30/2024 7:33 PM
137	I lean towards yes, in favor. Injuries are possible with gopher holes or turf but not exactly sure which is safer	10/30/2024 6:41 PM
138	The benefits are that local youth, high school, and adult recreation sports teams deserve athletic fields that minimize the chances of injury due to gopher horse and other field management issues.	10/30/2024 6:03 PM
139	I'm concerned with the negative impacts of plastic turf, but am also concerned with injuries from gopher holes.	10/30/2024 5:37 PM
140	We can be competitive at other complexes	10/30/2024 5:30 PM
141	No injuries, easy accessible, easy clean up, easy uptake	10/30/2024 5:26 PM
142	Best potential benefit is showing the children of the community we are invested in them. Showing you care by maintaining facilities for the sports the child is involved in boosts their confidence and improves their performance and pride in who they are representing.	10/30/2024 5:19 PM
143	The grass tends to be uneven and there's sometimes holes which cause you to trip and fall	10/30/2024 4:49 PM
144	Make the fields more safe for all the athletes	10/30/2024 4:33 PM
145	They way I see it there are three main benefits that are most important. First, artificial turf doesn't need to be fertilized, mowed, or weeded, which can save money and time on maintenance. Secondly, artificial turf requires little to no watering, which can significantly reduce water bills and water dependence. Next, Artificial turf can withstand heavy foot traffic and strenuous activities, and it's resistant to damage from pests and disease. Other benefits include: Artificial turf reduces the need for harsh chemicals like pesticides and herbicides, which can be harmful to the environment, local animals, and human health. Artificial turf is safe for pets and can't be dug up or spoiled like real grass. It's also easy to clean and stays hygienic. Most types of turf of more efficient drainage. Artificial turf can be used in many different designs.	10/30/2024 3:40 PM
146	Safer conditions to play on	10/30/2024 3:17 PM
147	low maintenance and less rush of injury	10/30/2024 3:08 PM
148	Lower maintenance which will lower the injuries. Also, no goat heads or weeds.	10/30/2024 3:01 PM
149	Turf provides a safer playing surface. Less ankle injuries and turf provides a cleaner bounce so less injuries due to bad hops	10/30/2024 2:48 PM
150	Safer for student, youth and adult athletes	10/30/2024 2:40 PM
151	I am worried about the durability of artificial turf, does it last when multiple games are played in a season?	10/30/2024 2:38 PM
152	IT WOULD BE HOTTER, AND MAINTENCE IS STILL NEEDED TO UPKEEP IT, HARDER	10/30/2024 2:37 PM

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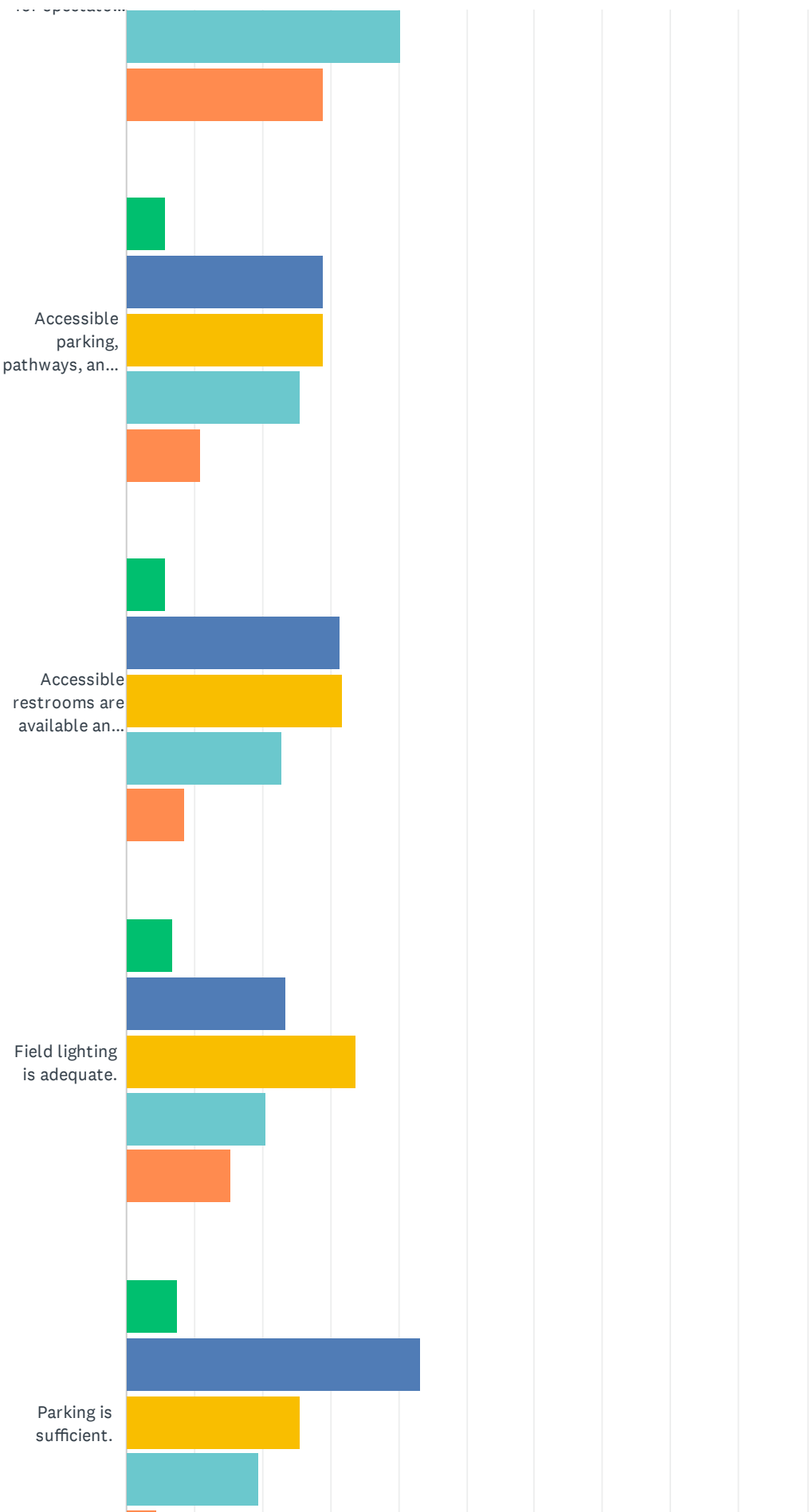
	SURFACE. WOULD BE LESS GOFFER HOLES, LOOKS GOOD, DON'T HAVE TO WATER	
153	We won't have to worry about goffer holes on the outfield	10/30/2024 2:26 PM
154	Cost to user. Bill for field use is already crazy high for no maintenance	10/30/2024 2:24 PM
155	Safer for athletes	10/30/2024 2:23 PM
156	No more gopher damage posing risks to players. Less maintenance year to year.	10/30/2024 2:22 PM
157	Safety, can use the fields longer, no maintenance.	10/30/2024 2:12 PM
158	Player safety, low maintenance	10/29/2024 3:51 PM
159	Year round use, low maintenance, turf is the surface we compete in outside of Los Alamos.	10/29/2024 8:40 AM
160	Turf is much more safe and convenient than grass. Also we would be able to use it earlier in the season when there is snow.	10/27/2024 2:39 PM
161	Huge benefits, those fields can be used through the winter. No gopher problems along with no bad bumps that have plagued grass fields. Those bumps have created unsafe fields for bad hops and tripping hazards on soccer fields.	10/27/2024 2:24 PM

Q11 Indicate your agreement with the following statements as they pertain to North Mesa Recreation Area:

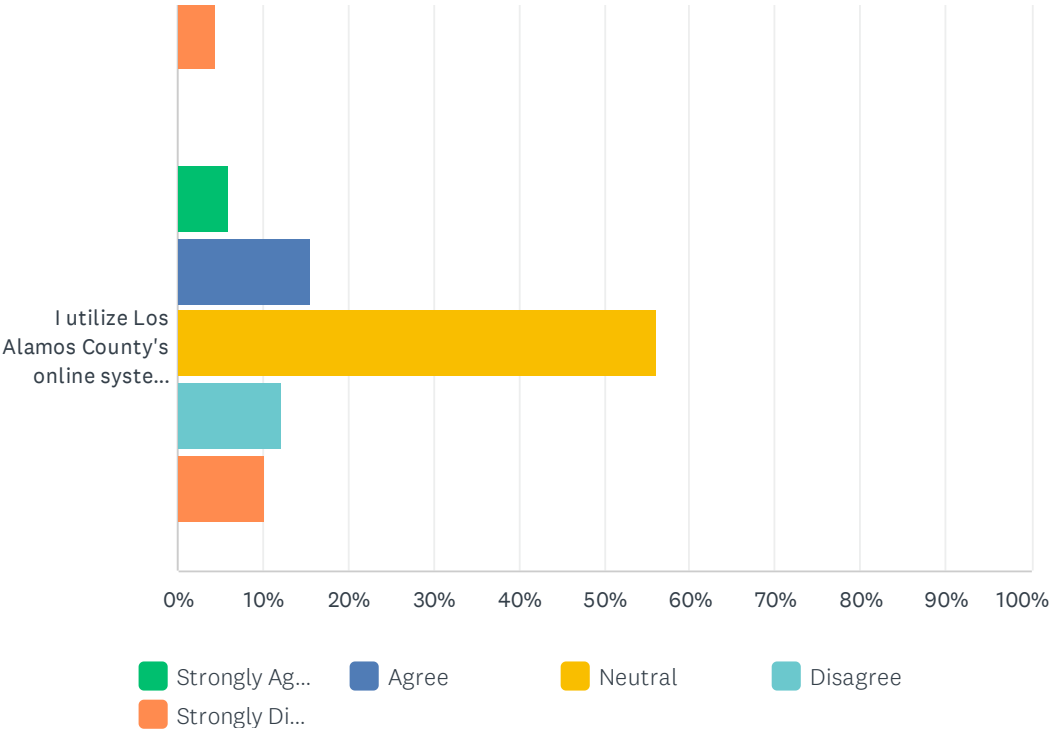
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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Sports fields are conveniently located.	28.25% 50	35.03% 62	23.73% 42	9.04% 16	3.95% 7	177	2.25
Sports fields are in good condition.	2.29% 4	25.71% 45	26.86% 47	30.29% 53	14.86% 26	175	3.30
Sports fields are available for use when I need them.	9.09% 16	42.05% 74	35.80% 63	9.66% 17	3.41% 6	176	2.56
There is adequate shade for spectators and athletes.	1.70% 3	7.39% 13	21.59% 38	40.34% 71	28.98% 51	176	3.88
Accessible parking, pathways, and seating options are sufficient.	5.68% 10	28.98% 51	28.98% 51	25.57% 45	10.80% 19	176	3.07
Accessible restrooms are available and adequate.	5.68% 10	31.25% 55	31.82% 56	22.73% 40	8.52% 15	176	2.97
Field lighting is adequate.	6.86% 12	23.43% 41	33.71% 59	20.57% 36	15.43% 27	175	3.14
Parking is sufficient.	7.39% 13	43.18% 76	25.57% 45	19.32% 34	4.55% 8	176	2.70
I utilize Los Alamos County's online system for field reservation and scheduling.	6.02% 10	15.66% 26	56.02% 93	12.05% 20	10.24% 17	166	3.05

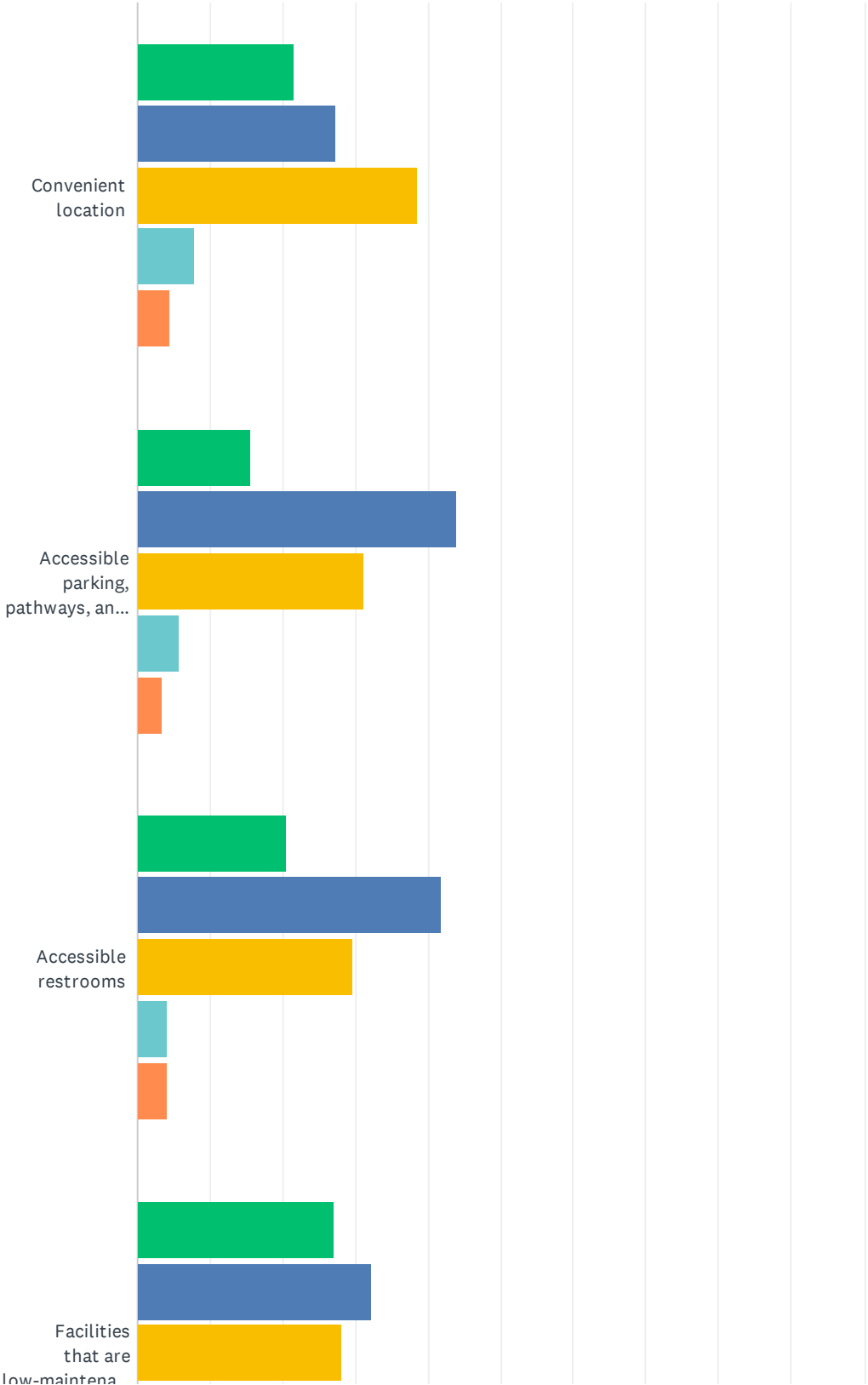
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1	As a parent child uses when coach schedules.	11/27/2024 7:41 PM
2	Through LAHS athletics office	11/25/2024 7:36 PM
3	Use fields when not in use by others.	11/12/2024 6:32 PM
4	I do not	11/3/2024 8:50 PM

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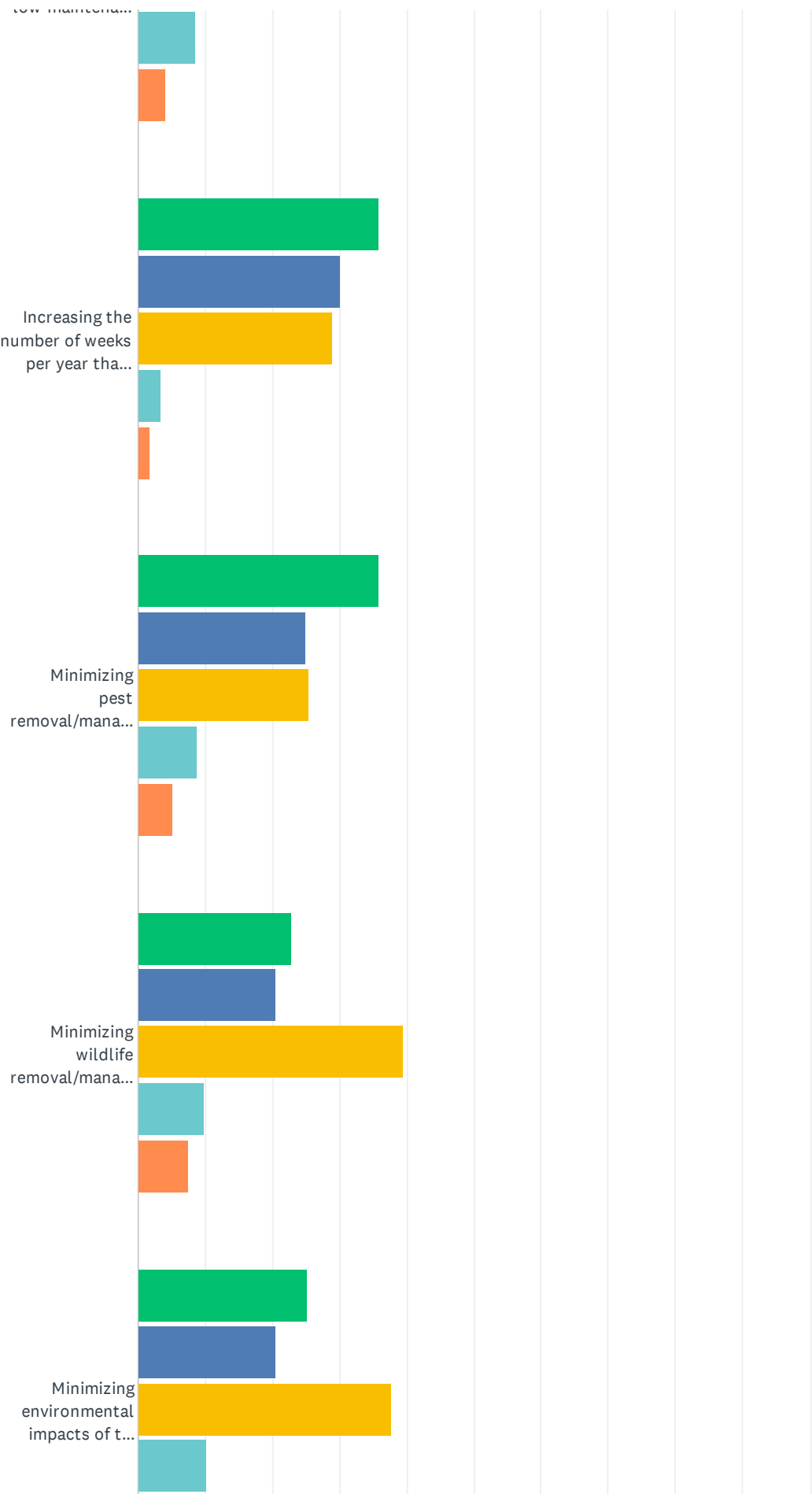
5	I typically am not the one to make reservations.	11/3/2024 6:41 PM
6	No	11/3/2024 6:22 PM
7	I don't do the scheduling, LAYSL schedules the fields for use.	11/3/2024 5:39 PM
8	Always bothered by the presence of trash. Gophers are out of control.	11/1/2024 6:33 AM
9	Little league board does all scheduling for its teams. And I don't think there is an online system.	10/30/2024 9:04 PM

Q12 Indicate your priorities for the following as they pertain to sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area:

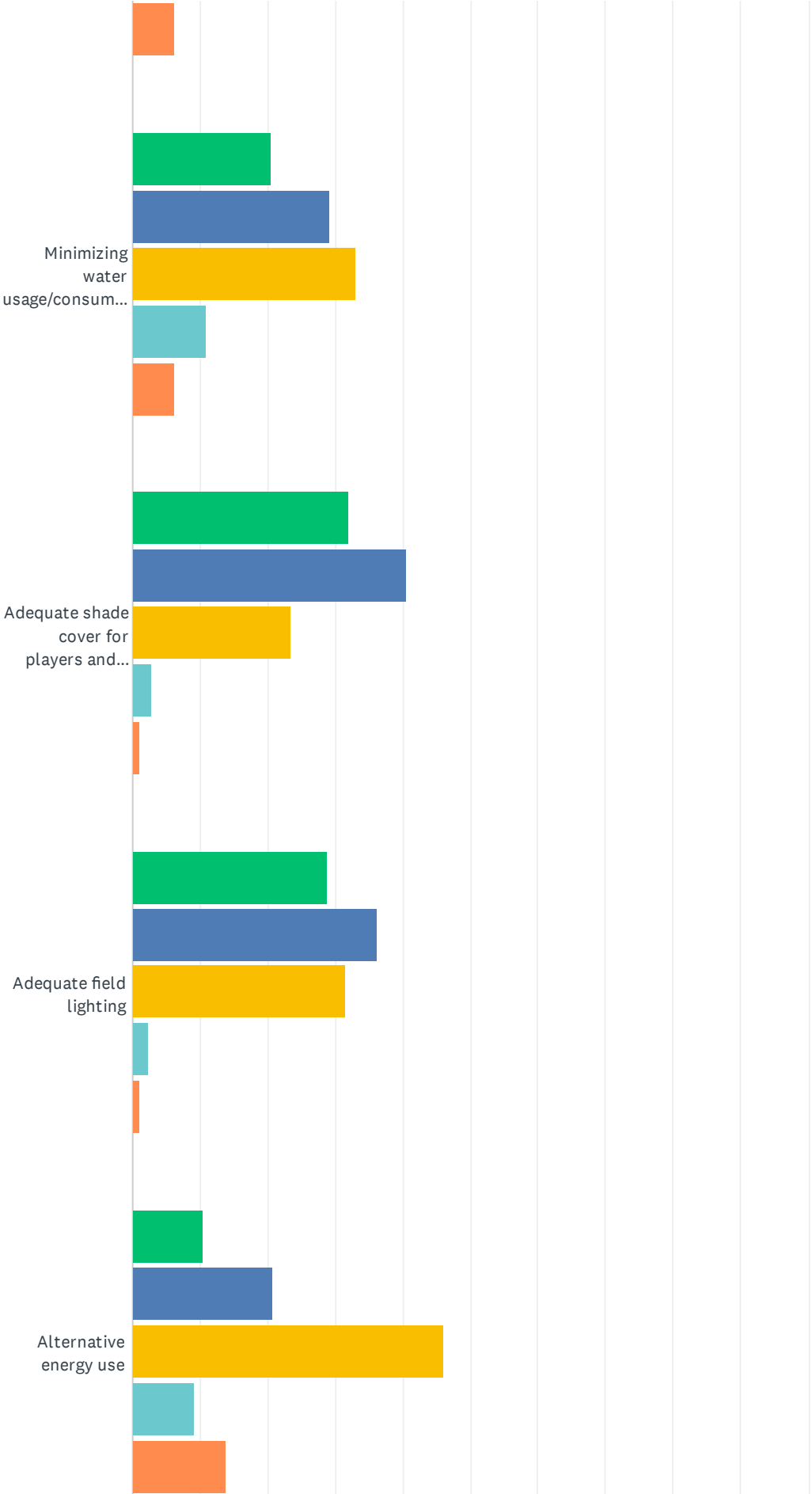
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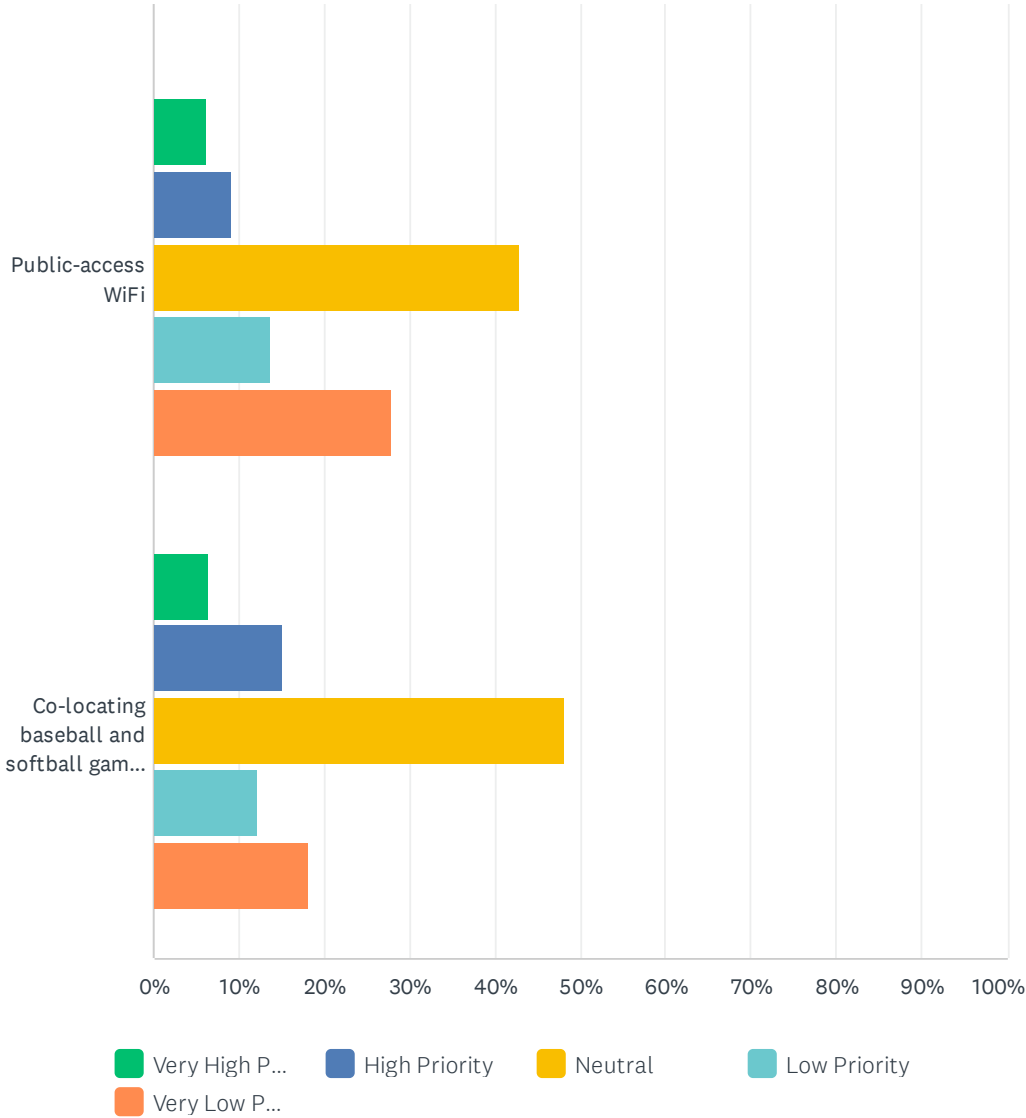
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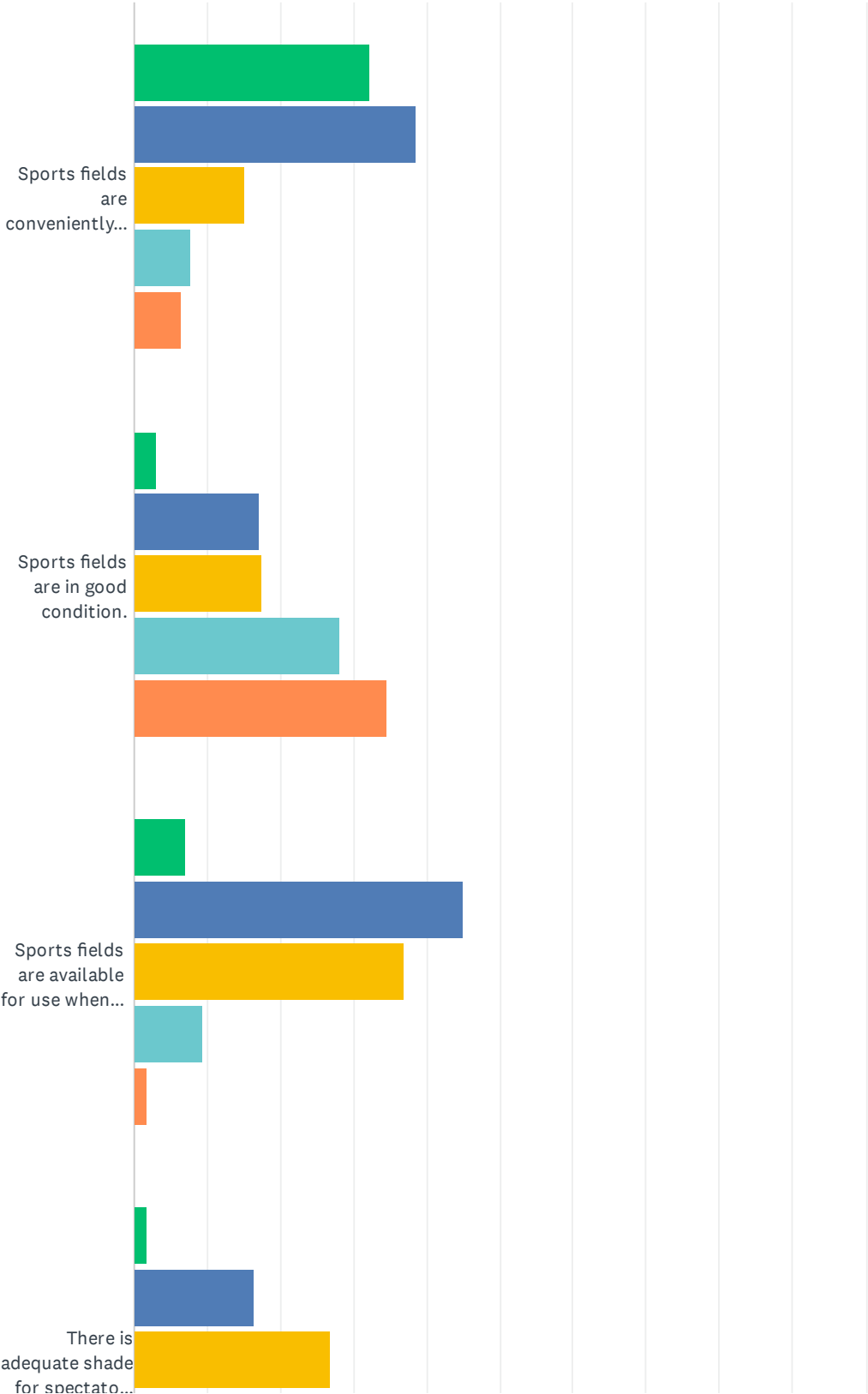
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	VERY HIGH PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	NEUTRAL	LOW PRIORITY	VERY LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Convenient location	21.59% 38	27.27% 48	38.64% 68	7.95% 14	4.55% 8	176	2.47
Accessible parking, pathways, and seating options	15.61% 27	43.93% 76	31.21% 54	5.78% 10	3.47% 6	173	2.38
Accessible restrooms	20.57% 36	41.71% 73	29.71% 52	4.00% 7	4.00% 7	175	2.29
Facilities that are low-maintenance and/or easy to maintain	27.01% 47	32.18% 56	28.16% 49	8.62% 15	4.02% 7	174	2.30
Increasing the number of weeks per year that sports fields are usable	35.80% 63	30.11% 53	28.98% 51	3.41% 6	1.70% 3	176	2.05
Minimizing pest removal/manangement	35.84% 62	24.86% 43	25.43% 44	8.67% 15	5.20% 9	173	2.23
Minimizing wildlife removal/management	22.86% 40	20.57% 36	39.43% 69	9.71% 17	7.43% 13	175	2.58
Minimizing environmental impacts of turf material and maintenance	25.14% 44	20.57% 36	37.71% 66	10.29% 18	6.29% 11	175	2.52
Minimizing water usage/consumption	20.57% 36	29.14% 51	33.14% 58	10.86% 19	6.29% 11	175	2.53
Adequate shade cover for players and spectators	32.00% 56	40.57% 71	23.43% 41	2.86% 5	1.14% 2	175	2.01
Adequate field lighting	28.74% 50	36.21% 63	31.61% 55	2.30% 4	1.15% 2	174	2.11
Alternative energy use	10.34% 18	20.69% 36	45.98% 80	9.20% 16	13.79% 24	174	2.95
Public-access WiFi	6.29% 11	9.14% 16	42.86% 75	13.71% 24	28.00% 49	175	3.48
Co-locating baseball and softball game fields at a single facility	6.40% 11	15.12% 26	48.26% 83	12.21% 21	18.02% 31	172	3.20

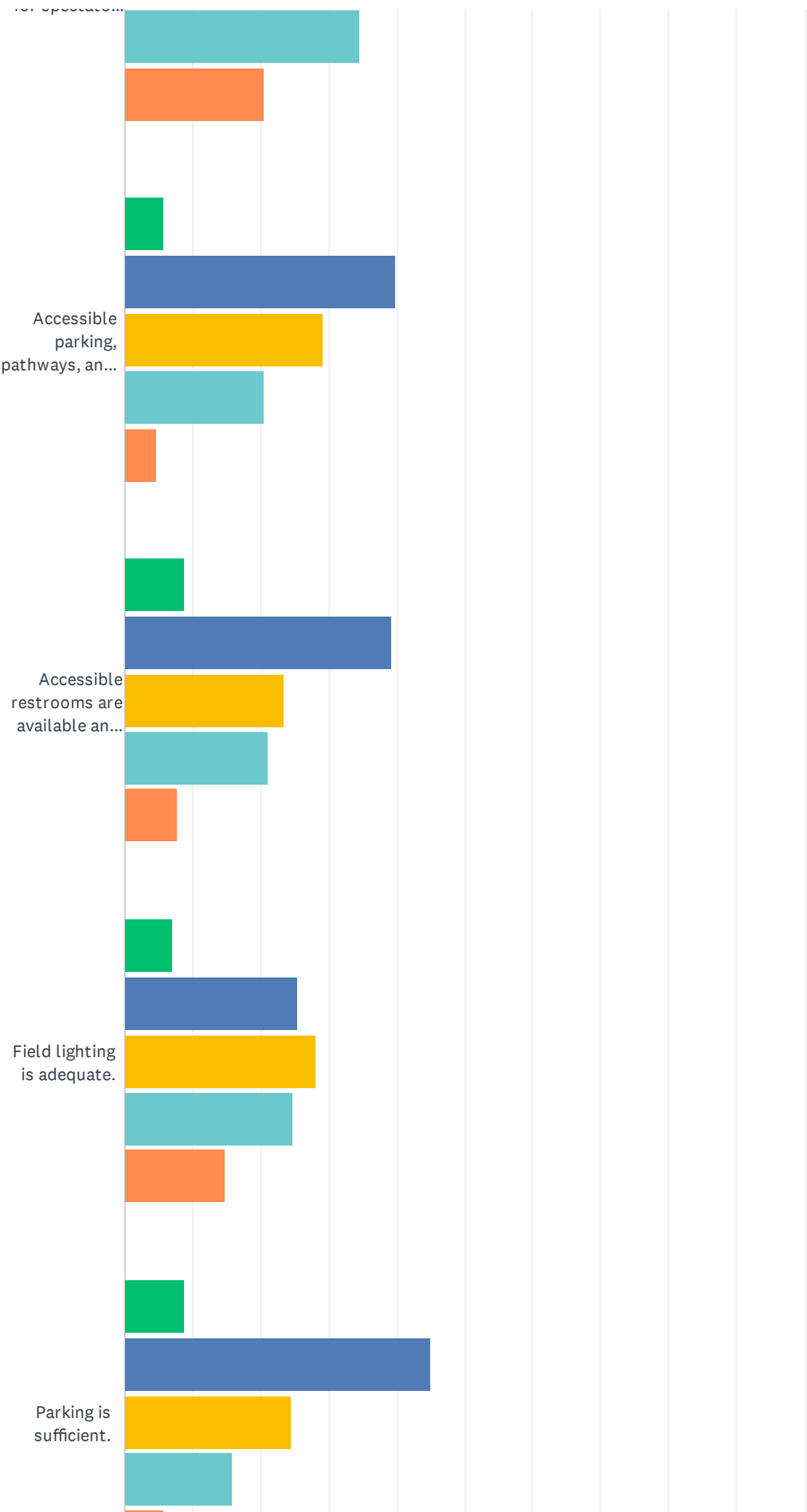
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Impact on wildlife like deer & elk	2/6/2025 9:29 PM
2	Our guest teams struggle with the two seperate locations when coming to LA to play. It honestly is embarrassing that most complexes have top facilities and LA's , not the worst but by far substandard. Yet football fields and basketball gyms are top notch.	11/12/2024 7:11 PM
3	Co-locating baseball and softball fields is my biggest priority for our school and it's game days and other schools not having to go to 2 different towns come gameday.	11/12/2024 4:12 PM
4	Please no pets on field. Just a soccer field. Football players can use Middle School or High school fields.	11/7/2024 11:49 AM
5	You need to keep dogs off the fields. They have their own dog parks.	11/4/2024 10:28 AM
6	Grass is an excellent surface to play on and grass requires a lot of maintenance. There is no way around it.	11/4/2024 10:10 AM

Q13 Indicate your agreement with the following statements as they pertain to sports fields at Overlook Park.

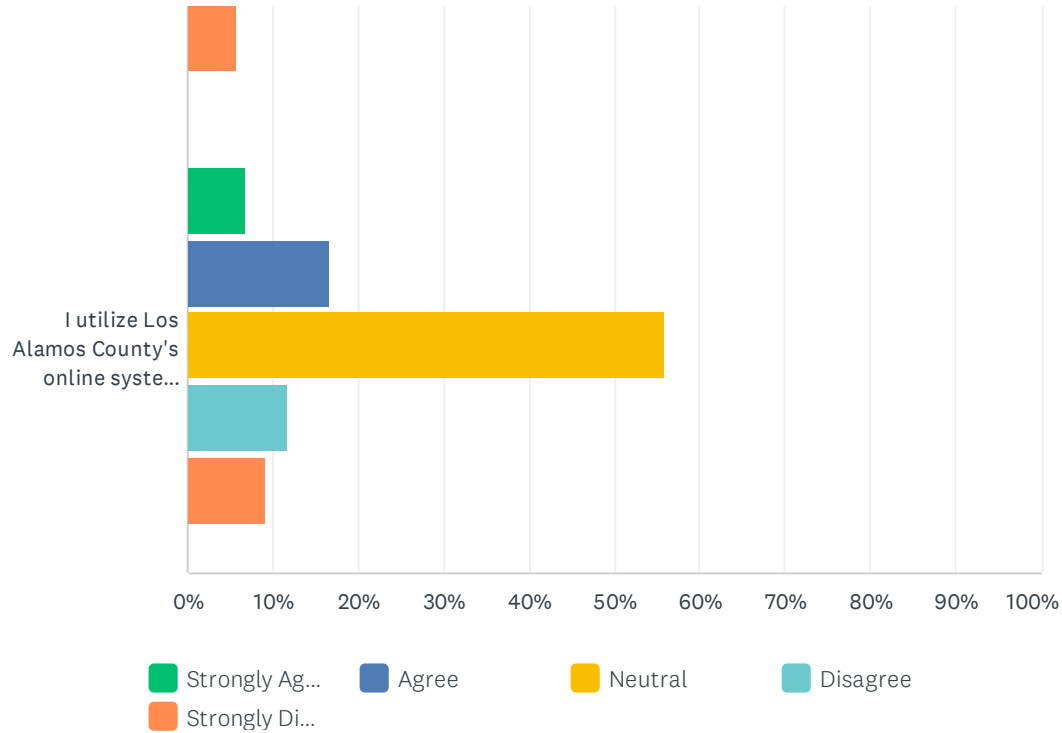
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Sports fields are conveniently located.	32.16% 55	38.60% 66	15.20% 26	7.60% 13	6.43% 11	171	2.18
Sports fields are in good condition.	2.92% 5	16.96% 29	17.54% 30	28.07% 48	34.50% 59	171	3.74
Sports fields are available for use when I need them.	7.02% 12	45.03% 77	36.84% 63	9.36% 16	1.75% 3	171	2.54
There is adequate shade for spectators and athletes.	1.75% 3	16.37% 28	26.90% 46	34.50% 59	20.47% 35	171	3.56
Accessible parking, pathways, and seating options are sufficient.	5.85% 10	39.77% 68	29.24% 50	20.47% 35	4.68% 8	171	2.78
Accessible restrooms are available and adequate.	8.77% 15	39.18% 67	23.39% 40	21.05% 36	7.60% 13	171	2.80
Field lighting is adequate.	7.06% 12	25.29% 43	28.24% 48	24.71% 42	14.71% 25	170	3.15
Parking is sufficient.	8.77% 15	45.03% 77	24.56% 42	15.79% 27	5.85% 10	171	2.65
I utilize Los Alamos County's online system for field reservation and scheduling.	6.75% 11	16.56% 27	55.83% 91	11.66% 19	9.20% 15	163	3.00

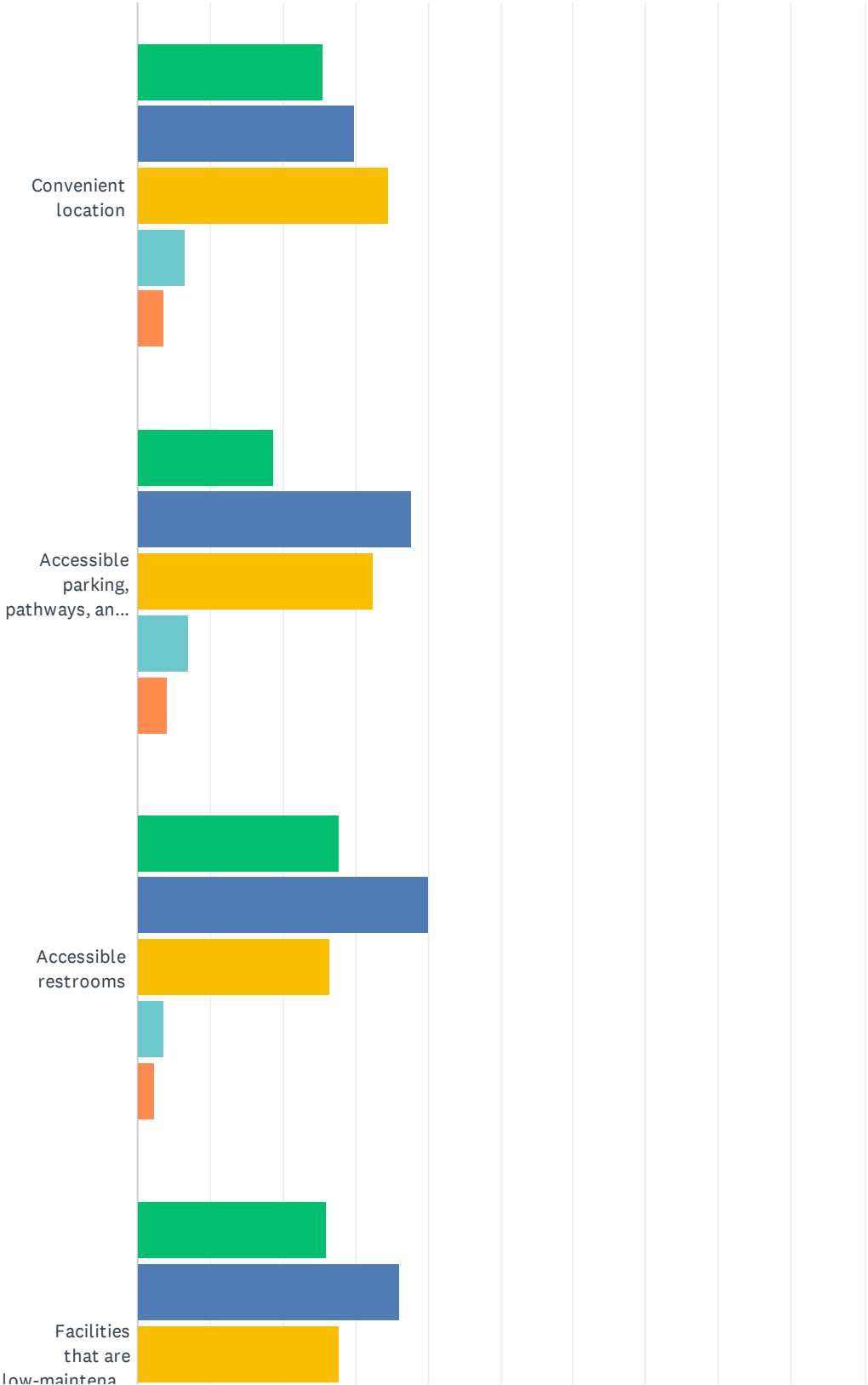
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Since the field uses water from the wastewater plant, does the question about minimizing water consumption matter?	1/9/2025 9:20 AM
2	As a parent child uses when coach schedules.	11/27/2024 7:41 PM
3	Through LAHS athletics office	11/25/2024 7:36 PM

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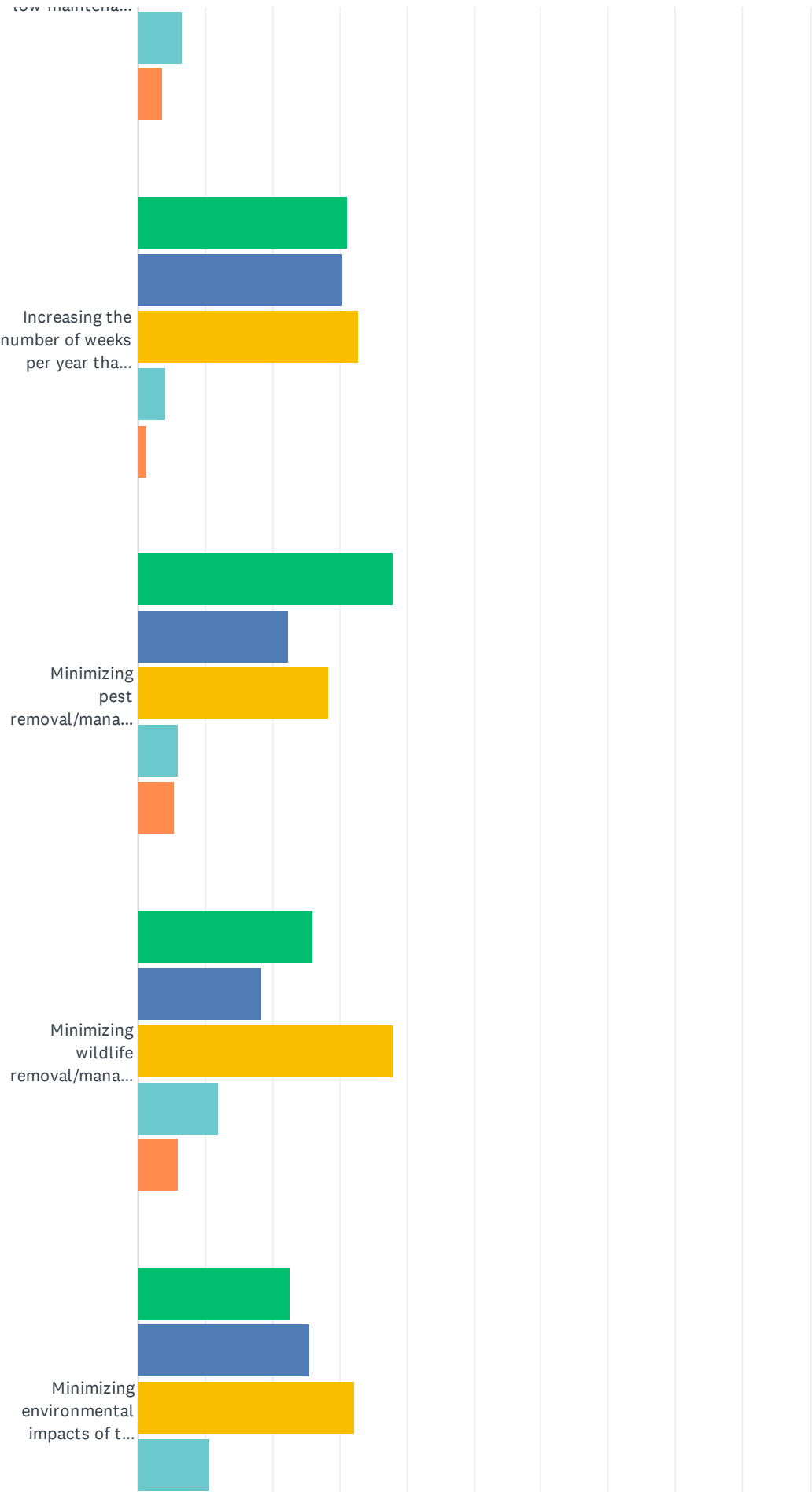
4	Use field when not being used by others.	11/12/2024 6:32 PM
5	The fields have continued to get worse and worse over the past 10 years. It got really bad once Wendy Parker started. She seems to have no desire to keep the Overlook Fields in a safe condition. There seems to be more of an interest in dogs running free than in having safe fields for kids.	11/4/2024 10:28 AM
6	I do not	11/3/2024 8:50 PM
7	Same as for north mesa.	10/30/2024 9:04 PM

Q14 Indicate your priorities for the following as they pertain to sports fields at Overlook Park:

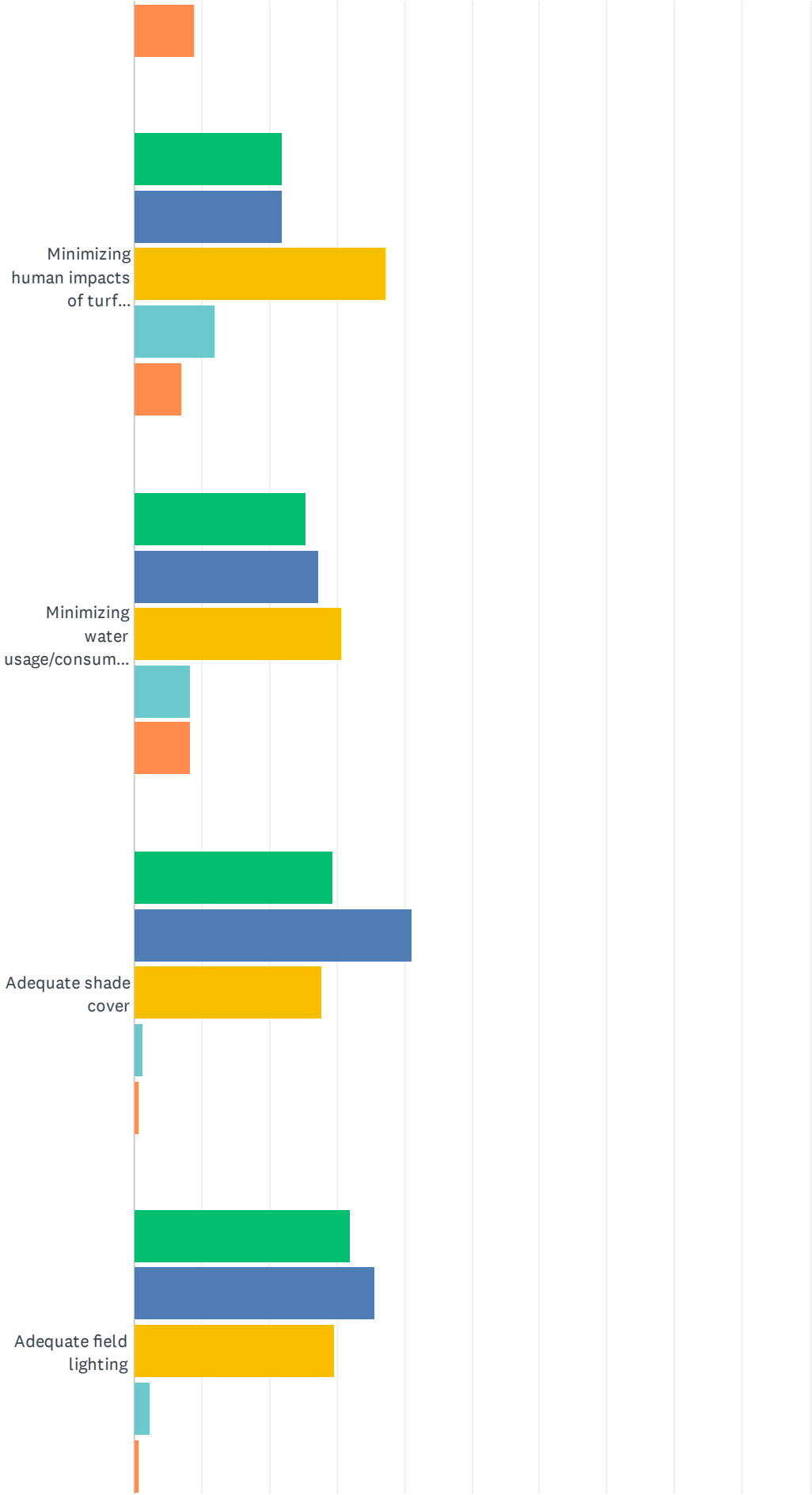
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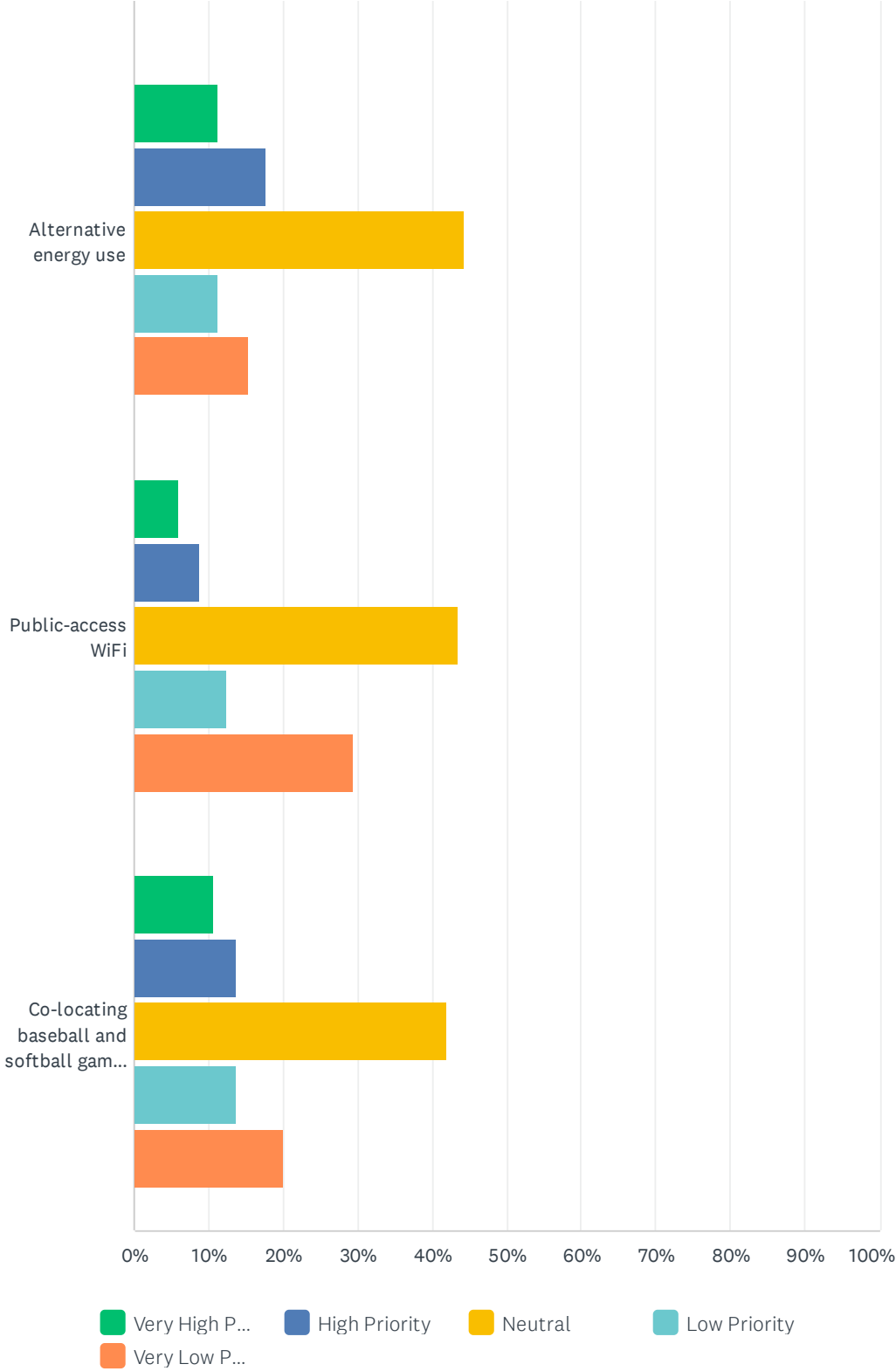
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	VERY HIGH PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	NEUTRAL	LOW PRIORITY	VERY LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Convenient location	25.60% 43	29.76% 50	34.52% 58	6.55% 11	3.57% 6	168	2.33
Accessible parking, pathways, and seating options	18.82% 32	37.65% 64	32.35% 55	7.06% 12	4.12% 7	170	2.40
Accessible restrooms	27.65% 47	40.00% 68	26.47% 45	3.53% 6	2.35% 4	170	2.13
Facilities that are low-maintenance and/or easy to maintain	26.04% 44	36.09% 61	27.81% 47	6.51% 11	3.55% 6	169	2.25
Increasing the number of weeks per year that fields are usable	31.18% 53	30.59% 52	32.94% 56	4.12% 7	1.18% 2	170	2.14
Minimizing pest removal/management	37.87% 64	22.49% 38	28.40% 48	5.92% 10	5.33% 9	169	2.18
Minimizing wildlife removal/management	26.04% 44	18.34% 31	37.87% 64	11.83% 20	5.92% 10	169	2.53
Minimizing environmental impacts of turf material and maintenance	22.62% 38	25.60% 43	32.14% 54	10.71% 18	8.93% 15	168	2.58
Minimizing human impacts of turf material and maintenance	21.89% 37	21.89% 37	37.28% 63	11.83% 20	7.10% 12	169	2.60
Minimizing water usage/consumption	25.44% 43	27.22% 46	30.77% 52	8.28% 14	8.28% 14	169	2.47
Adequate shade cover	29.41% 50	41.18% 70	27.65% 47	1.18% 2	0.59% 1	170	2.02
Adequate field lighting	31.95% 54	35.50% 60	29.59% 50	2.37% 4	0.59% 1	169	2.04
Alternative energy use	11.24% 19	17.75% 30	44.38% 75	11.24% 19	15.38% 26	169	3.02
Public-access WiFi	5.88% 10	8.82% 15	43.53% 74	12.35% 21	29.41% 50	170	3.51
Co-locating baseball and softball game fields at a single facility	10.65% 18	13.61% 23	42.01% 71	13.61% 23	20.12% 34	169	3.19

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Impact on wildlife like deer & elk	2/6/2025 9:29 PM
2	Since the field uses water from the wastewater plant, does the question about minimizing water consumption matter?	1/9/2025 9:20 AM
3	Please avoid use of artificial turf if possible due to the pollutants it contains	1/7/2025 7:30 PM
4	See comments from north mesa	11/12/2024 7:11 PM
5	The gopher problem and lack of field maintenance needs to be addressed. Los Alamos could make a lot of money and generate a lot of revenue hosting tournaments if we had properly maintained fields. But when we ask coaches to come play up here, they refuse because our fields are in such poor condition.	11/4/2024 10:28 AM
6	The conditions vary by field with respect to light and bathroom access. Shade and parking is pretty bad for all. Little league softball primarily plays on Minors B which is pretty rough all around. I would like to see more equity across youth baseball and softball fields. Hope field has not been available for youth programs.	10/30/2024 9:04 PM

Q15 Do you have any other suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the sports fields at North Mesa Recreation Area?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 160

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If these fields use recycled, non-potable water then water usage should not be a significant factor. In fact, less non-potable water flowing into the Rio Grande would be good. Increase in lower leg injuries due to turf (approximately 25%) for baseball, football and soccer players has been well documented. Pest management, ie gopher removal should have a higher priority. Injuries caused by burrows is a concern. Turf is known to generate significant quantities of plastic nano particles that enters the environment.	2/11/2025 1:20 PM
2	Maintenance	2/7/2025 2:48 PM
3	North Mesa fields need upgrading. If the county isn't committed to high quality maintenance of grass fields, then turf needs to be the priority for all fields.	2/7/2025 10:12 AM
4	Consider impact of added heat of synthetic materials	2/6/2025 9:31 PM
5	Fields are not in good shape. Gophers and other rodents a problem. The pros for turf fields definitely out-weighs the cons.	2/6/2025 10:15 AM
6	no	1/9/2025 9:20 AM
7	Before artificial turf is considered, please fully research the environmental impacts of PFAS and micro plastics that it will bring to our environment and our rivers and streams	1/7/2025 7:33 PM
8	Currently none of them are handicap friendly. too much loose gravel, uneven gravel and dirt, hard access for stands and restrooms, no handicap parking, no asphalt parking, no concrete access for wheelchairs	1/6/2025 9:04 PM
9	Parking lot could use some serious attention.	11/30/2024 4:22 PM
10	Even if the fields are replaced with artificial turf, there will still be natural grass in the surrounding areas that requires watering and maintenance. The cost of turf may not justify the minor problems it could address on the fields themselves. Moreover, if turf is seen as the solution to issues like maintenance, water usage, and gopher infestation, what about the grass at Urban Park, Ashley Pond, and other areas around town?	11/30/2024 9:16 AM
11	Don't put in turf	11/28/2024 6:16 PM
12	The maintenance of these fields are terrible and an embarrassment when we host teams. For such a "family" town and a "wealthy" community. The conditions of these sports fields are shameful. The fields are a safety concern with potholes all over.	11/28/2024 2:54 PM
13	Leave the grass field at North Mesa but maintain it better, and add a turf field with lights near the dog park!	11/25/2024 7:37 PM
14	They are used by the High School and are very far away from the High School. The fields should be relocated even if the County and School District have to buy property to do it.	11/23/2024 6:39 PM
15	No	11/23/2024 1:23 PM
16	There's a lot of land so while turfing the existing field I really hope there's consideration to add another field or two.	11/19/2024 8:44 PM
17	Turf baseball fields	11/18/2024 4:24 PM
18	Please make it turff	11/18/2024 2:36 PM
19	no	11/18/2024 2:13 PM
20	It would be nice to have fields in Los Alamos so that visiting teams have access to food given the area's restaurants and so it is closer to the high school for student athletes, especially	11/14/2024 11:59 AM

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those who drive and have to deal with rush hour down the truck route just to get to and from practice. Having facilities for students and visiting athletes to change in is incredibly important as visitors are currently left to change on their buses.

21	Turf them all	11/13/2024 12:42 PM
22	Turf is the right thing to do to keep athletes safe from injuries. Also the field is able to be used longer during the year.	11/12/2024 6:36 PM
23	Please!! Add more softball fields so I don't have to go all the way to white rock for practice while fighting lab traffic and light hours.	11/12/2024 4:14 PM
24	Bomber is still a little uneven	11/12/2024 4:10 PM
25	Really would appreciate turf fields.	11/12/2024 3:20 PM
26	North Mesa Recreation Area is the best option, thank you.	11/7/2024 11:54 AM
27	That prohibit the entrance of pets	11/6/2024 4:37 PM
28	Please keep the gophers at bay. Kids keep twisting their ankles	11/4/2024 11:13 PM
29	it would be great to have a surface that can be played year-round at more times of day (especially into the evenings) and under more weather conditions; a covered playing surface would be very nice if feasible	11/4/2024 2:18 PM
30	Need to get a county Parks and Rec that knows how to maintains fields. All the county appears to care about is the golf course and the dog parks.	11/4/2024 10:31 AM
31	Artificial turn and lighting sound amazing, but not if we have to give up grass. Kids can not slide on turf - it shreds the skin. The grass is cut too high for soccer. It is hare and expensive to maintain soccer ready grass fields. Don't be shy to invest in maintenance; rather be proud to invest in maintenance.	11/4/2024 10:13 AM
32	Artificial turf would be highly recommended due to several gopher holes and kids getting hurt	11/4/2024 8:38 AM
33	fencing to keep out wildlife, better gopher control	11/4/2024 8:30 AM
34	Need for shaded area and sitting area is a must	11/3/2024 10:50 PM
35	no	11/3/2024 9:40 PM
36	Do not install turf.	11/3/2024 8:50 PM
37	Install field lights over the soccer pitch please.	11/3/2024 7:07 PM
38	Our youth soccer team was kicked off of the fields this season because there was not enough field time available. We clearly need more fields in town.	11/3/2024 6:37 PM
39	We need more fields. There's not enough time for all kids to get practice time.	11/3/2024 6:29 PM
40	Lighting available until 8pm or along those lines. So we can play soccer games.	11/3/2024 6:27 PM
41	Handicap accessibility is a real issue here as well as lighting. It becomes dangerous at night and without lighting to see your way on the partial sidewalk, we had issues getting my handicapped family member back into the van.	11/3/2024 6:01 PM
42	The sprinkler system seems to have a leak and the southeast corner of the field is always wet	11/3/2024 5:59 PM
43	We need more soccer fields in Los Alamos where kids can practice. Because of lack of access we drive to white rock for ALL practices.	11/3/2024 5:43 PM
44	Increased number of bathrooms and paving the parking lot may be necessary. Lighting would be nice for more play time during the winter months.	11/3/2024 5:41 PM
45	The restrooms aren't available during the start of soccer season. This isn't ideal with many players who might need to use them.	11/3/2024 5:41 PM
46	I don't care about the North Mesa fields.	11/1/2024 10:56 AM
47	Pickup trash, set gopher traps, actually put a rake to the ground once in a while, extra water on the dry/dead spots of the fields. Add trees around all the fields (why wasn't this done years ago).	11/1/2024 6:36 AM

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48	Please maintain the fields they are a hazard to our players and will cause someone to hurt their knees	10/30/2024 5:33 PM
49	No	10/30/2024 3:04 PM
50	n/a	10/30/2024 2:44 PM
51	No	10/30/2024 2:33 PM
52	No	10/30/2024 2:32 PM
53	N/A	10/30/2024 2:28 PM
54	Gopher remediation needs to be prioritized	10/29/2024 3:55 PM
55	Consider a space for football. Football is often overlooked and have to compete for practice space because "they are soccer fields".	10/29/2024 8:49 AM
56	Turf would be so much safer and convenient for everyone. We would also be able to use the field earlier.	10/27/2024 2:45 PM

Q16 Do you have any other suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the sports fields at Overlook Park?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 163

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If these fields use recycled, non-potable water then water usage should not be a significant factor. In fact, decreasing the amount of non-potable water flowing into the Rio Grande should be a significant factor to consider. Increase in lower leg injuries due to turf (approximately 25%) for baseball, football and soccer players has been well documented. Pest management, ie gopher removal should have a higher priority. Injuries caused by burrows is a concern. Turf is known to generate significant quantities of plastic nano particles that enters the environment.	2/11/2025 1:20 PM
2	None	2/7/2025 2:48 PM
3	North Mesa fields need upgrading. If the county isn't committed to high quality maintenance of grass fields, then turf needs to be the priority for all fields. The OL fields are never maintained, barely mowed, the gopher holes are abundant and almost never addressed, and they do not seem to be a priority for the county. The infield dirt is low quality and never raked, the outfield grass is inconsistently mowed and not kept off the infield dirt, and the gopher roles are more prevalent than not. It needs to be fixed.	2/7/2025 10:12 AM
4	Consider impact of added heat of synthetic materials	2/6/2025 9:31 PM
5	same as N. Mesa	2/6/2025 10:15 AM
6	no	1/9/2025 9:20 AM
7	Before artificial turf is considered, please fully research the environmental impacts of PFAS and micro plastics that it will bring to our environment and our rivers and streams	1/7/2025 7:33 PM
8	Provide high quality field surface by either fixing the gopher problem or installing turf. Maximize weeks in the year when the fields are available.	1/7/2025 12:13 PM
9	None.	11/30/2024 4:22 PM
10	Keep the gophers out!	11/28/2024 9:31 PM
11	Don't put in turf	11/28/2024 6:16 PM
12	The maintenance of these fields are terrible and an embarrassment when we host teams. For such a "family" town and a "wealthy" community. The conditions of these sports fields are shameful. The fields are a safety concern with potholes all over.	11/28/2024 2:54 PM
13	The gophers and dog poop make this field completely unusable. Replace all of it with turf!	11/25/2024 7:37 PM
14	No	11/23/2024 1:23 PM
15	Restrooms in more than one location and more shade for stands would be awesome.	11/19/2024 8:48 PM
16	Please make it turff	11/18/2024 2:36 PM
17	no	11/18/2024 2:13 PM
18	Overlook generally has better weather than Los Alamos, but White Rock has limited food options for visiting athletes and is removed from the vicinity of the school which is concerning, especially those who drive and have to deal with rush hour down the truck route just to get to and from practice. Having facilities for students and visiting athletes to change in is incredibly important as visitors are currently left to change on their buses.	11/14/2024 11:59 AM
19	Turf them all	11/13/2024 12:42 PM
20	Turf is the right thing to do to keep athletes safe from injuries. Also the field is able to be used longer during the year	11/12/2024 6:36 PM

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21	The outfield is dangerous for players	11/12/2024 4:14 PM
22	The big field verchow is a mess with weeds and a bunch of gopher wholes in the out field	11/12/2024 4:10 PM
23	Please fix the soccer fields. The grass is awful, uneven, often overgrown, and bare in places. There are tons of dangerous gopher holes.	11/6/2024 7:34 PM
24	Is impossible to be there on time on weekdays from Los Alamos because of the vehicular traffic	11/6/2024 4:37 PM
25	Artificial turf is prone to cause more injuries and looks worse as well.	11/5/2024 1:53 PM
26	Need to get a county Parks and Rec that knows how to maintains fields. All the county appears to care about is the golf course and the dog parks.	11/4/2024 10:31 AM
27	Artificial turn and lighting sound amazing, but not if we have to give up grass. Kids can not slide on turf - it shreds the skin. The grass is cut too high for soccer. It is hare and expensive to maintain soccer ready grass fields. Don't be shy to invest in maintenance; rather be proud to invest in maintenance.	11/4/2024 10:13 AM
28	Artificial turf would be highly recommended due to LOTS of gopher holes and kids getting hurt	11/4/2024 8:38 AM
29	gopher control	11/4/2024 8:30 AM
30	Fix those gopher holes, can cause serious ankle and leg injury	11/3/2024 10:50 PM
31	Safety. Now are dangerous with gopher holes. We need more people to remedy the conditions and work at keeping gophers out daily	11/3/2024 9:40 PM
32	Do not install turf.	11/3/2024 8:50 PM
33	The gophers and lack of maintenance means soccer games cannot be played at overlook park.	11/3/2024 6:37 PM
34	Maintenance is a disgrace. Whoever was in charge should be fired. What a waste.	11/3/2024 6:29 PM
35	Lighting available until 8pm or along those lines. So we can play soccer games.	11/3/2024 6:27 PM
36	Overlook used to have fields in pristine condition and soccer tournaments were hosted there every year, it would be nice to get back to that	11/3/2024 6:01 PM
37	Over looks fields need Some serious maintenance regarding all the holes and poor field Quality.	11/3/2024 5:43 PM
38	The number of gopher holes has gotten considerably worse over the past 6 years. They should be eliminated so the nice natural grass can grow.	11/3/2024 5:41 PM
39	Same restroom concern	11/3/2024 5:41 PM
40	Need lighting on all fields. Turf is hot, but safer than the lumpy, poorly maintained gopher hole filled grass outfield.	11/1/2024 10:56 AM
41	Pickup trash, set gopher traps, actually put a rake to the ground once in a while, extra water on the dry/dead spots of the fields. Add Trees around all the fields.	11/1/2024 6:36 AM
42	High need for better and more fields with lighting. The field conditions, especially outfield, are terrible and dangerous.	10/30/2024 10:39 PM
43	Overlook park could use a paved or soft surface walking path or track around the field(s) as an alternative to using the LAHS track.	10/30/2024 9:59 PM
44	Please maintain the fields they are a hazard to our players	10/30/2024 5:33 PM
45	Turf fields are a must, been playing for years and turf is the way to go	10/30/2024 5:33 PM
46	They way I see it there are three main benefits that are most important. First, artificial turf doesn't need to be fertilized, mowed, or weeded, which can save money and time on maintenance. Secondly, artificial turf requires little to no watering, which can significantly reduce water bills and water dependence. Next, Artificial turf can withstand heavy foot traffic and strenuous activities, and it's resistant to damage from pests and disease. Other benefits include: Artificial turf reduces the need for harsh chemicals like pesticides and herbicides, which can be harmful to the environment, local animals, and human health. Artificial turf is	10/30/2024 3:47 PM

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safe for pets and can't be dug up or spoiled like real grass. It's also easy to clean and stays hygienic. Most types of turf of more efficient drainage. Artificial turf can be used in many different designs.

47	No	10/30/2024 3:04 PM
48	The softball fields need to be kept up better. There are so many goffer holes and goat heads that cause injuries.	10/30/2024 2:44 PM
49	Just more shade at the fields and even maybe some seating for the fans so they don't have to worry of getting hit while they watch games	10/30/2024 2:33 PM
50	We need turf fields	10/30/2024 2:32 PM
51	Fields need better maintenance	10/30/2024 2:28 PM
52	Gopher remediation needs to be prioritized	10/29/2024 3:55 PM
53	lights in all the other fields, not just baseball. Consider a space for football. Football is often overlooked and have to compete for space because "they are soccer fields"	10/29/2024 8:49 AM

Q17 Anything else to share?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	2/7/2025 2:48 PM
2	In a region where the weather from February to May, grass fields are becoming less and less ideal. The man hours to properly maintain grass and dirt fields is too cumbersome for a county parks and rec department to accomplish the task. Turf fields would make it easier on the county to maintain and provide a better experience for the residents.	2/7/2025 10:12 AM
3	Lead scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have found that microplastics from synthetic grass blades and crumb rubber frequently migrate into groundwaters and water bodies. Synthetic turf chemicals leach into rainwater, and their contaminants get into stormwater runoff. These contaminants are harmful to aquatic life. A study by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection observed high zinc concentrations in artificial turf stormwater runoff as a particular concern for aquatic organisms. Zinc compounds are toxic and are known to kill fish by destroying gill tissues. Zinc also affects fish reproduction. The zinc levels are so high that they are negatively affecting the environment. Zinc is not the only negative byproduct of artificial turf fields. Advertisement Article continues below this ad Artificial turf has been found to contain as many as 16 per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds. Exposure to PFAS is harmful to humans because it can cause changes in hormones, cholesterol, and liver enzyme levels. Numerous studies by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have proven that these chemicals have been linked to various chronic diseases, including cancers and diabetes. According to the Journal of Exposure Science & Epidemiology, "Exposure to synthetic turf can negatively affect the immune system, responses to certain vaccines and cause neurological impairments." Because of this, when an athlete has a fall on synthetic turf, they are given specific instructions on how to clean out their wounds. There is concern about microplastics entering the human body through open cuts, and the Connecticut State Department of Public Health has dedicated a website to reducing PFAS exposure and impacts on the environment. PFAS doesn't just affect the water table, it also affects the entire environment. Artificial turf is not a living landscape and is not water-free. Natural grasses provide a habitat for local fauna. Synthetic turfs remove insect populations that animal life relies on in the food chain. It is much better to have a natural environment that can support healthy microbes, produce oxygen, and remove carbon. Stanford University water conservationists have raised the concern that water is needed to periodically clean the turf for sanitation purposes. This leads to multiple negative effects on the ecosystem. Because artificial turf can get extremely hot in direct sunlight, water is often used to cool the turf before it can be used comfortably. Some people think that by incorporating recycled plastic, a turf field can be more environmentally friendly. In fact, there was a movement led by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recycle scrap tires into synthetic turf. However, research conducted by the nonprofit Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility has found that forever chemicals and heavy metals can still be found in recycled synthetic blades and the cushion below. According to SportsField Management Online, a used and worn-out synthetic field cannot be sent to a recycling plant and turned into a new field. Only a small portion can be repurposed. In most cases, these toxic materials will end up in a landfill. Many politicians think synthetic turf is popular with the members in their community. This is not true because Connecticut, like other states, is proposing laws to protect our communities from these toxins. In a Jan. 25 news release, Connecticut Attorney General William Tong announced that his office is suing chemical manufacturers for contaminating our waters and natural resources with toxic forever chemicals. In the last legislative session, state legislators introduced CT SB00292 to get millions of dollars to keep PFAS out of our drinking water, and Gov. Ned Lamont signed the Senate bill to ban the use of forever chemicals. However, the new law lacks a waiver process for products and the legislature may come back next session to consider exemptions. Advertisement Article continues below this ad Undoubtedly, synthetic turf is harmful because it is toxic to inhabitants. Instead of comparing the City of Stamford with other locations that use synthetic materials, Stamford has an opportunity to be leaders by showing to others that it is more thoughtful to be environmentally conscious. Because Stamford is a coastal city, we have an	2/7/2025 9:32 AM

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even greater responsibility to treat aquatic life with respect. Our athletes also deserve the same level of protection from forever chemicals that can cause sickness or even death.
<https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/opinion/article/opinion-why-turf-field-are-dangerous-19542715.php>

4	My children do not enjoy playing on artificial turf and parents do not enjoy being spectators on artificial turf. Artificial turf is HOT, itchy, ugly and messy.	1/25/2025 9:41 AM
5	Thanks for taking our feedback	1/9/2025 9:20 AM
6	Before artificial turf is considered, please fully research the environmental impacts of PFAS and micro plastics that it will bring to our environment and our rivers and streams https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0269749123010965	1/7/2025 7:33 PM
7	Artificial turf is slippery when wet, locks and holds even special designed cleats causing ankle and leg injuries, not possible to monitor that cleats that won't damage the turf are used, holds moisture underneath causing black mold	1/6/2025 9:04 PM
8	No thank you.	11/30/2024 4:22 PM
9	Vehemently opposed to any use of artificial turf in the county.	11/29/2024 12:37 PM
10	Don't put in turf	11/28/2024 6:16 PM
11	See above. This is not a new issue. Nothing seems to get done here.	11/28/2024 2:54 PM
12	No	11/23/2024 1:23 PM
13	Thank you for considering turf. I think it would be a worthwhile investment for our softball and baseball players.	11/20/2024 1:39 PM
14	It would be great (and safe) to have lighting of the soccer fields. People could use them later and use of the fields would increase.	11/19/2024 8:44 PM
15	Turf baseball fields	11/18/2024 4:24 PM
16	I really hope the county decides to go through with getting artificial turf. I think it would benefit our community	11/18/2024 2:25 PM
17	no	11/18/2024 2:13 PM
18	Safety first. Turf is better than grass no exceptions. Keep the athletes safe from unnecessary injuries that can be avoided with turf.	11/12/2024 6:36 PM
19	Some people take their dogs to the soccer field and do not pick up after the dogs, dogs should be banned from the soccer field as there is a special place to take dogs next to North Mesa soccer field.	11/7/2024 11:54 AM
20	Don't ruin a park with fake grass.	11/5/2024 1:53 PM
21	If Wendy Parker and Parks and Rec are unable or unwilling to do their jobs, then they need to be replaced. The wealthiest county in NM (and one of the wealthiest in the US) shouldn't be laughed at by every other county in the state because of the horrific conditions of our fields.	11/4/2024 10:31 AM
22	Turf is great in addition to grass, not instead of it.	11/4/2024 10:13 AM
23	Full time employees working daily at field free of gophers. It used to be done in the past and currently is not getting done	11/3/2024 9:40 PM
24	Artificial turf fields, while popular for their durability and low maintenance, have been linked to several potential negative health effects: 1. Heat Stress: Artificial turf tends to retain more heat compared to natural grass, reaching surface temperatures significantly higher than the surrounding environment. This can lead to heat exhaustion, dehydration, and increased risk of heatstroke, particularly during hot weather. 2. Injuries: Some studies have indicated that playing on artificial turf can increase the risk of certain types of injuries, such as ligament sprains (e.g., ACL tears) and turf burns due to the harder and less forgiving surface compared to natural grass. This can be especially concerning in high-impact sports. 3. Exposure to Toxic Chemicals: Many artificial turfs use crumb rubber infill made from recycled tires, which may contain harmful chemicals such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), heavy metals, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Prolonged exposure could potentially pose health risks, including respiratory and skin irritation. There are also concerns about the long-term	11/3/2024 8:50 PM

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effects of these chemicals, particularly for children who spend more time playing on these fields. 4. Bacterial Growth: Unlike natural grass, artificial turf does not have natural antimicrobial properties. This means that harmful bacteria, such as Staphylococcus aureus (which can cause staph infections), may persist longer on artificial surfaces, especially when the field is not adequately maintained. 5. Respiratory Concerns: The breakdown of artificial turf fibers and infill can lead to small particles being released into the air. Athletes may inhale these particles, which could pose respiratory issues over time, especially if the particles contain toxic components. 6. Skin Abrasions and Infections: Sliding or falling on artificial turf often results in more severe abrasions compared to grass. These “turf burns” can create open wounds, making athletes more susceptible to infections if the fields are contaminated or not properly sanitized. While artificial turf provides benefits like year-round usability and lower water usage, these potential negative health impacts have prompted discussions around safer alternatives, better maintenance practices, and improvements in the materials used for artificial surfaces.

25	We're not a poor county. Let's stop acting like it and build some good facilities.	11/3/2024 6:29 PM
26	No artificial turf for the health and safety of our youth and all community members who utilize these fields.	11/3/2024 6:22 PM
27	Between these two locations we could potentially host tournaments for soccer etc. I would love to see Los Alamos have better sports facilities for these things.	11/3/2024 5:40 PM
28	Thank you for maintaining these parks for the community.	10/30/2024 9:59 PM
29	At the listening session on 10/30 it sounded like Hope field was on the list for turf. This summer the entire infield was replaced. It seems like a waste of resources to update the field again before improving other fields that are in much worse conditions.	10/30/2024 9:06 PM
30	Less injuries on turf. Low maintenance.	10/30/2024 5:33 PM
31	School events should take priority to adult recreational activities.	10/30/2024 5:24 PM
32	As a coach for softball I have traveled to many different recreation complexes, most in New Mexico and many in various states. In my experience turf fields are so liked by communities that they stand out as premier facilities. For a prestigious community like Los Alamos/White Rock this could become a source of income for the area, and vastly improve the sports communities in this area.	10/30/2024 3:47 PM
33	No	10/30/2024 3:04 PM
34	No	10/30/2024 2:32 PM
35	Great work on the new turf at Hope and Spirio fields!	10/29/2024 3:55 PM