



Nature Experience

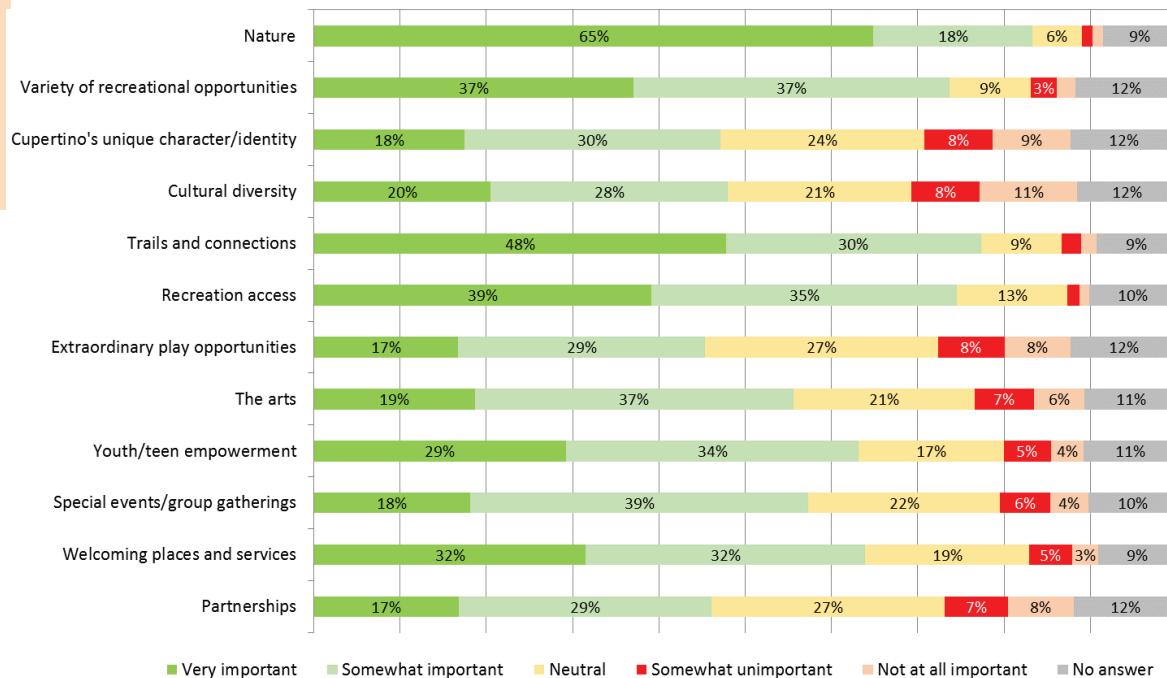
Community members want more opportunities to connect to nature.

Expanding access to nature is a top priority for the community. Throughout all outreach activities, participants consistently favored incorporating nature and increasing access to natural open space over other potential enhancements. Community priorities include improving or restoring creeks, meadows, and wildlife habitat in existing parks, as well as planting more trees and native plants in public spaces. Stakeholders, Council members and

residents noted the importance of environmental education and nature programs in connecting people to nature. Gardening and nature play were seen as additional opportunities to connect to nature. As the City renovates its parks, residents would like to see a decreased emphasis on large lawn areas and more focus on retaining a site's natural character. City parks could better highlight existing natural amenities and tree cover, adding to the City's overall "natural capital."

85% of Citywide Survey respondents noted that improving access to natural open space is needed

FIGURE 7: NATURE RECEIVES THE MOST AND STRONGEST SUPPORT OF THE PRIORITY GOALS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM (VISION AND GOALS QUESTIONNAIRE)





Recreation Variety

Residents and visitors desire a wide range of recreation options.

Cupertino is a diverse community with a keen interest in diverse recreation. Outreach findings indicate that residents expect a greater variety of recreation options, including unique, high-quality attractions for residents and visitors. The wide range of recreation interests includes a need for different types of facilities and programs that support visual and performing arts, nature and

environmental education, sports and fitness, and more. Community members want to see different types of facilities that go beyond standard recreation offerings, such as non-traditional, multi-purpose facilities.

Community members recommended adding varied facilities such as a parcourse, outdoor exercise equipment, and moveable seating to City parks, as well as traditional elements such as basketball courts.

74% of Questionnaire respondents believe that having a greater variety of facilities and programs is important

FIGURE 10: DIVERSE INTERESTS IN EIGHT TYPES OF PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENTS (CITYWIDE SURVEY)

