



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Welcome New Commissioner Jeremy Scott.
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2021
- V. REPORTS**
 - a. DIVISIONS
 - b. DIRECTOR
- VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 10, 2021

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

*This summary is provided as a convenience and service to the public, media, and staff. It is not the intent to record proceedings verbatim. Any reproduction of this summary must include this notice. Public comments are noted as heard by the Recreation Commission, but not quoted or paraphrased. This document includes limited presentation by the Recreation Commission and invited speakers in **summary** form.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barth called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)(Absent)
- Sandy Barth (Chair)
- Shuntel Beach
- Scott Doll
- John Norton
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cheryl Rand
- Arijit Saha

Staff Present

- Morgan Rodgers, Director ARPS
- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021

- ❖ Commissioner Saha offered a motion to approve.
 - Commissioner Piedrahita seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (7-0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII.

- a. Director Rodgers announced the resignation of Kevin Johnson.**
- b. Recognition of Luna Du Clou and Ella Gibson as the Kayla Canedo and Brittany Feldman Scholarship Award Winners - Mary Sandefur, AYSA Vice Commissioner Rec**

- The winners read their essays to the Commission

c. E-Bikes on the Greenway

Director Rodgers discussed:

- Background of House Bill 454
- What is currently allowed under state law and city code.
- Recommended that the City allow Class 1 & 2 E-Bikes on the Greenway

There was discussion from the Commission:

- Bikes are able to go up to speed of 20 mph
- Current speed on limit on greenway is 15 mph
- All bikes should ride at speed limit regardless of if motorized
- Neighboring cities allow E-bikes
- Evaluate in coming months for issues
- Enforcement issues
- Safety issues
- Bike Patrol does spend time on the Greenway
- ❖ Commissioner Saha offered a motion to recommend change to exclude Class 1, 2 and 3 from the Greenway
 - Commissioner Piedrahita seconded the motion.
 - The motion failed (2-4) (Barth, Doll, Norton, Peidrahita)

There was discussion after the motion that we receive feedback from the Bike Patrol and bring back to the Commission in six months for a full report.

VIII. REPORTS

a. DIVISIONS

Recreation Services - Christine Young

Christine Young gave updates for Community Services and Cultural Services as well as Recreation Services.

- **Community Services Update**

- Events**

- Food Truck Alley continues under new management
 - Scarecrow Harvest Applications begin 8.17.21
 - Season of Celebration
 - Holiday Décor Plan
 - New Christmas Tree to be located on the Town Green near Fountain

- Agriculture**

- Pollinator Census Count August 21
 - Fall Plant & Seed Pickup September 4
 - Farm Workdays September 4 and October 24
 - Movie at Farm September 17
 - Harvest Picnic and Plant Swap October 2

- Cultural Services**

- Upcoming Cultural Happenings
 - Arts Center Events
 - Public Art
 - Music
 - History

- Recreation Services**

- **Programming Update:**
 - Summer wrap-up
 - Looking towards School Year Programming
 - Open registration begins August 11, 2021
- **School Year Programming Highlights:**
 - Boot, Scoot and Boogie Country Themed Family Dance 2/12
 - Tot Time Ages 1-4, Fridays, one hour, Free. Story Time, Cooking Class, Art and Crafts, Outdoor Exploration
 - 3V3 March Madness Adult Basketball Tournament 3/19-20
 - Additional Pickleball lessons and instructor
- **Aquatics**
 - Pool update: change of hours, weekends only through August

Park Services - Kurt Kirby

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Park Development

- **Innovation Complex Athletics Facilities:**
 - Completed: Stadium Restoration, Baseball field conversion to soccer, and field house demo.
 - In progress: Visitor side restrooms renovations
 - Upcoming: removal of the main field fencing, fencing around the stadium under homes stands, visitor side stand restoration.
 - Games will start on the main field in September
- **Wills Park Maintenance Site work and Equestrian Arena build:** Out to bid August 6.
- **Will Park Maintenance Facility building design is in the final stages.**

Park Improvements and Enhancements

- **North Park 1—4 Playground Replacement:** equipment being installed
- **North Park Turf 2 Replacement:** Bids are due August 13.
- **Greenway access at Beaver Creek Park (AML): Trail replacement feasibility study:** in Progress

WILLS PARK:

- Tennis Court Resurfacing project will happen next week. Additional items will include pressure washing courtyard, new back board, and new windscreens. We are also looking into a lighting upgrade.
- Equestrian Center- Shows have been well attended. We will be adding new material to repair heavy usage as well as weather damaged areas.
- Dog Park received some new mulch and stone. The area from the dog park to the Community Center will have some underbrush removed starting next week.
- **BEST DANG BALLFIELDS IN THE STATE** will start to get aerated and sanded next week. Barry and staff have done an excellent job as usual in keeping the fields in great shape.

PARK SERVICES:

Park Repairs

- North Park 7-8 trail repairs: in progress
- North Park Field 1 outfield safety improvements: in progress
- Athletic fence repairs: Receiving quotes on much needed fencing will repair at North Park and Webb Bridge Park.
- Service Contracts:
 - Downtown and City Center fountain cleaning/maintenance contract for are up for renewing at the end of this year. The contract includes village green, the 3 at city hall/Brooke St., the 3 smaller ones at Old Milton, La'Casa, and Nest.
 - Landscape maintenance contracts will be up for renewal this winter.
 - Trash receptacles maintenance for the downtown area. There are about 80 cans total that require 7 day of week Service.

b. DIRECTOR - Morgan Rodgers

c. CITY COUNCIL

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kayden Fooshee, 7245 Avalon Boulevard, Alpharetta, GA 30009 discussed the need for a Skatepark near Avalon or Downtown area.

X. Adjournment

- ❖ Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn
 - Commissioner Doll seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cultural Services Report / September 2021

1- Upcoming Cultural Happenings

- *Let's Face It / Portrait Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery
- *Charles Perrmann Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery
- *Music Match Live Shows in Sept (more to come in Oct)*
 - i. Sept 4 at 12pm Anslee Davidson @ Urban Hardware
 - ii. Sept 4 at 7pm Rocco Gorelik @ Four Fat Cows
 - iii. Sept 16 at 7pm Brian Wiltsey @ The Clothes Horse
 - iv. Sept 18 at 7pm TBD @ Minnie Olivia Pizzeria
 - v. Sept 26 at 7pm TBD @ Central City Tavern
- Milton High School 100th Anniversary Student Art Show – City Hall Community Gallery Exhibit Opens Sept 15 / Reception on Sat, Sept 23 at 6pm
- Annual Historical Society Luncheon & Officers Swearing-In – Shack Lewis Home 184 Canton St / September 19 from 1-4pm
- *Let's Face It / Portrait Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery through Oct 6
- *The Promise of Tomorrows* by Metropolitan Ballet – Alpharetta Arts Center Outdoor Terrace Oct 2 at 2pm
- *Family Day at the Arts Center* – October 9 from 10am-2pm
- *Slice of Life Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery – Exhibit Opens Oct 20 / Reception on Saturday Oct 23 at 6pm
- *Shakespeare in the Park / The Tempest* – Wills Park Grand Pavilion Fri & Sat, October 15 & 16 and & 22 & 23 at 7:30pm
- *FFA Log Cabin Grand Opening* with Alpharetta Old Milton County Historical Society– Milton Avenue Park on October 16 from 10am-2pm
- *New Georgia Woman Project: Black Women Speak* with Horizon Theatre Company – Fri-Sun, October 28, 29, 30 (Times – TBD)

2- Arts Center

- “Artober” Brochure - list of events celebrating Arts & Humanities Month in Alpharetta

3- Public Art

- Public Art Guidelines Committee – First Meeting Today
- Proposed Murals: Xavi Mural & North Point Mural

4- Music

- Busking Guidelines Committee – Bi-Weekly Meetings

Recreation Commission Meeting September 14, 2021 6:30pm

Recreation Services Report

Programming Update:

- School Year Programming has begun; registration numbers are looking great!
- Open Gym Basketball started up yesterday after being shut down for 18 months at the Alpharetta Community Center- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; WPRC Tuesdays, Thursdays: specific hours during the day.
We are glad to see our regulars back in the gym!

Special Events:

- October 2- North Fulton Special Needs Task Force
Alpharetta, Roswell, Milton, John's Creek and the YMCA will sponsor an Adaptive Field Day for all ages on the event lawn behind the ACC, 10am-1pm. The day will provide fun field activities, snacks and a box lunch. Free to participants, but must be pre-registered through City of Alpharetta's recreation registration system. Looking for volunteers and sponsors. Contact Lindsey Pritchard if interested.
lpritchard@alpharetta.ga.us

Athletics

- Youth Athletic Leagues (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer) are well into their Fall season.
- Adult Softball, Teen and Adult Basketball started this week.
- Youth basketball program registration continues; practices begin in November. Expanded the program to go to 12th grade and include the teens.

Health & Wellness

- Couch to 5k started last week with 43 participants. Program is in person and virtual (program is sent to participants). Still had over 25 come out and run in Wills Park with Cara. The cooler weather is welcome!
- Walk-tober will begin October 1st. If anyone wants to volunteer to lead a one hour walk contact Cara. The more leaders, the better! We walk in Wills Park, on the Greenway, Cogburn Park, Webb Bridge Park and on the Alpha Loop. Times and days TBD. cprell@alpharetta.ga.us.

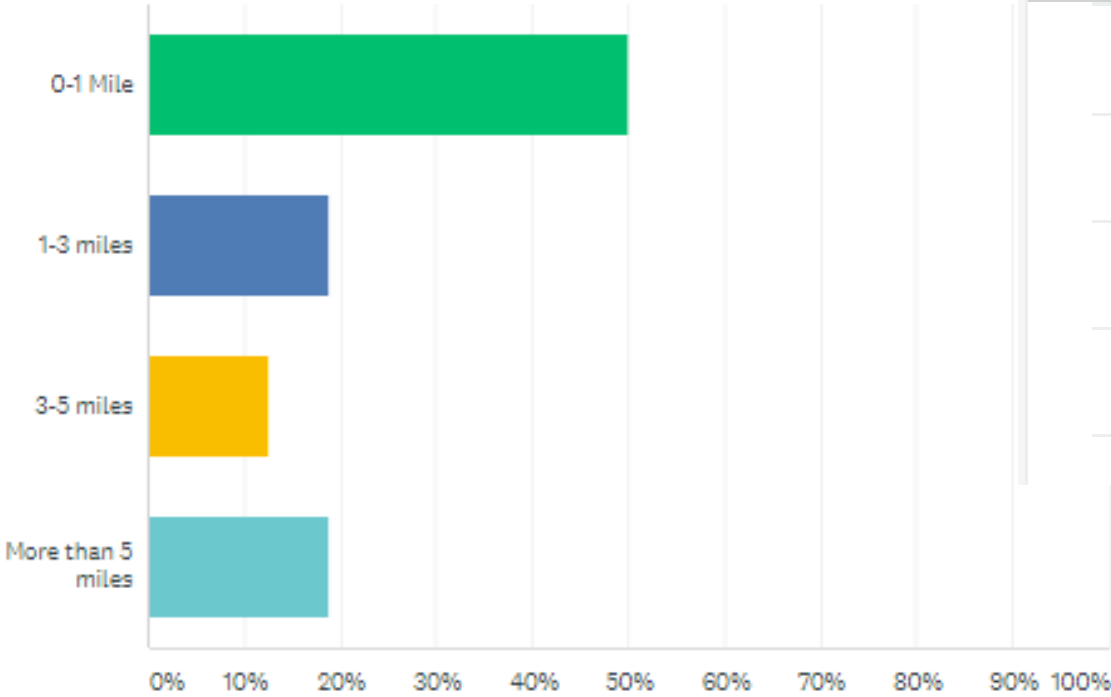


OLD RUCKER PARK COMMUNITY INPUT RESULTS

Where did our Survey Monkey participants come from?

How far do you live from Old Rucker Park?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-1 Mile	50.00%	16
1-3 miles	18.75%	6
3-5 miles	12.50%	4
More than 5 miles	18.75%	6
Total Respondents: 32		

What is your zip code?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0

RESPONSES (32) WORD CLOUD TAGS (0)

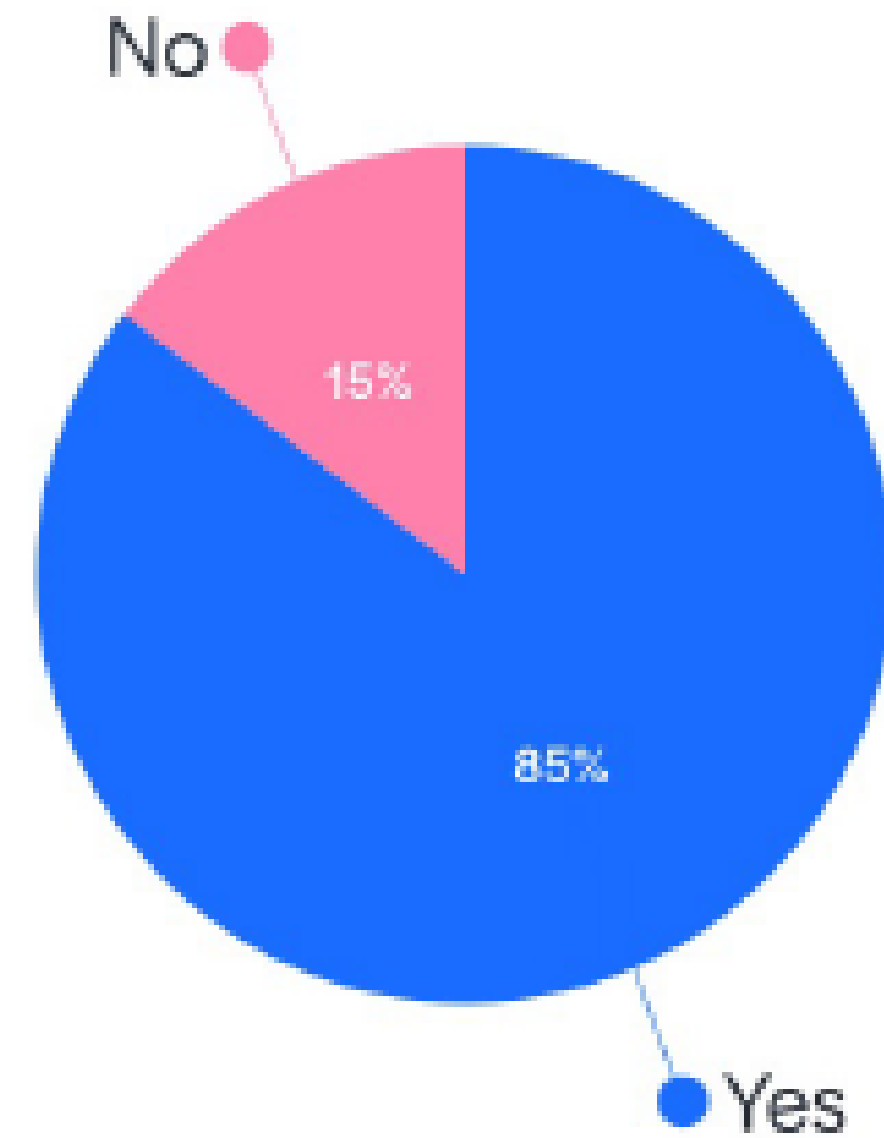
Cloud View List View

Search responses

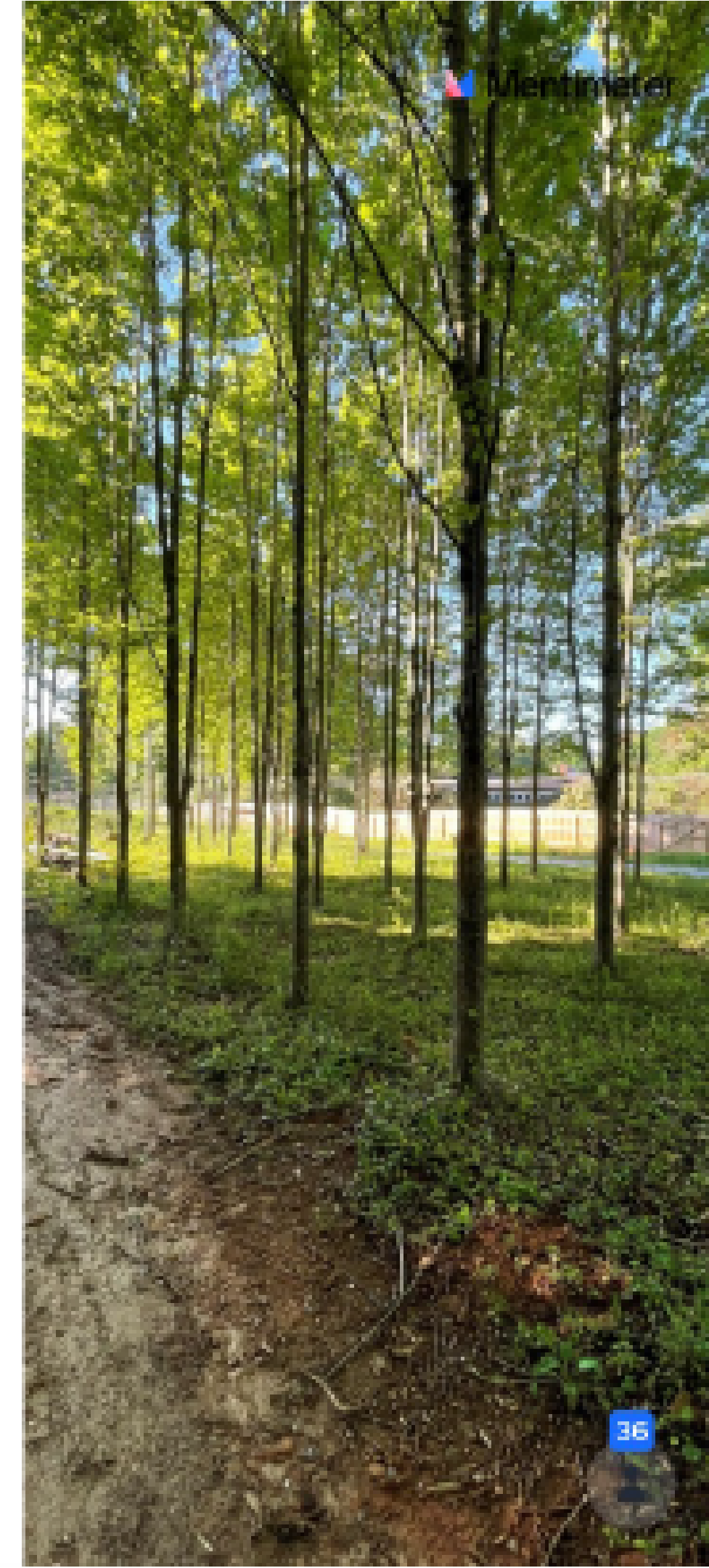
30004	46.88%	15
30009	21.88%	7
30022	12.50%	4
30076	9.38%	3



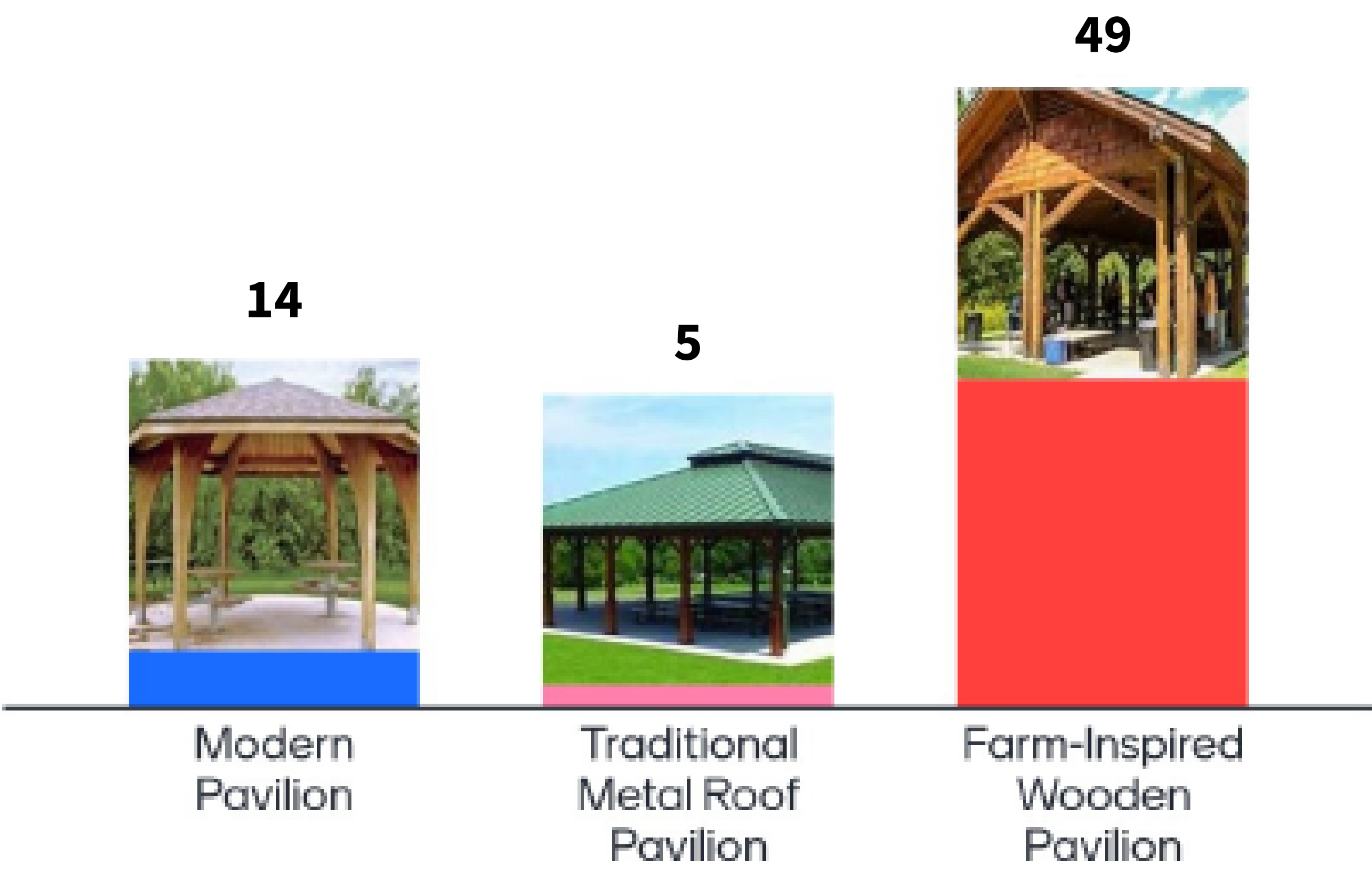
Have you ever visited Old Rucker Farm?



 [Mertinwater](#)

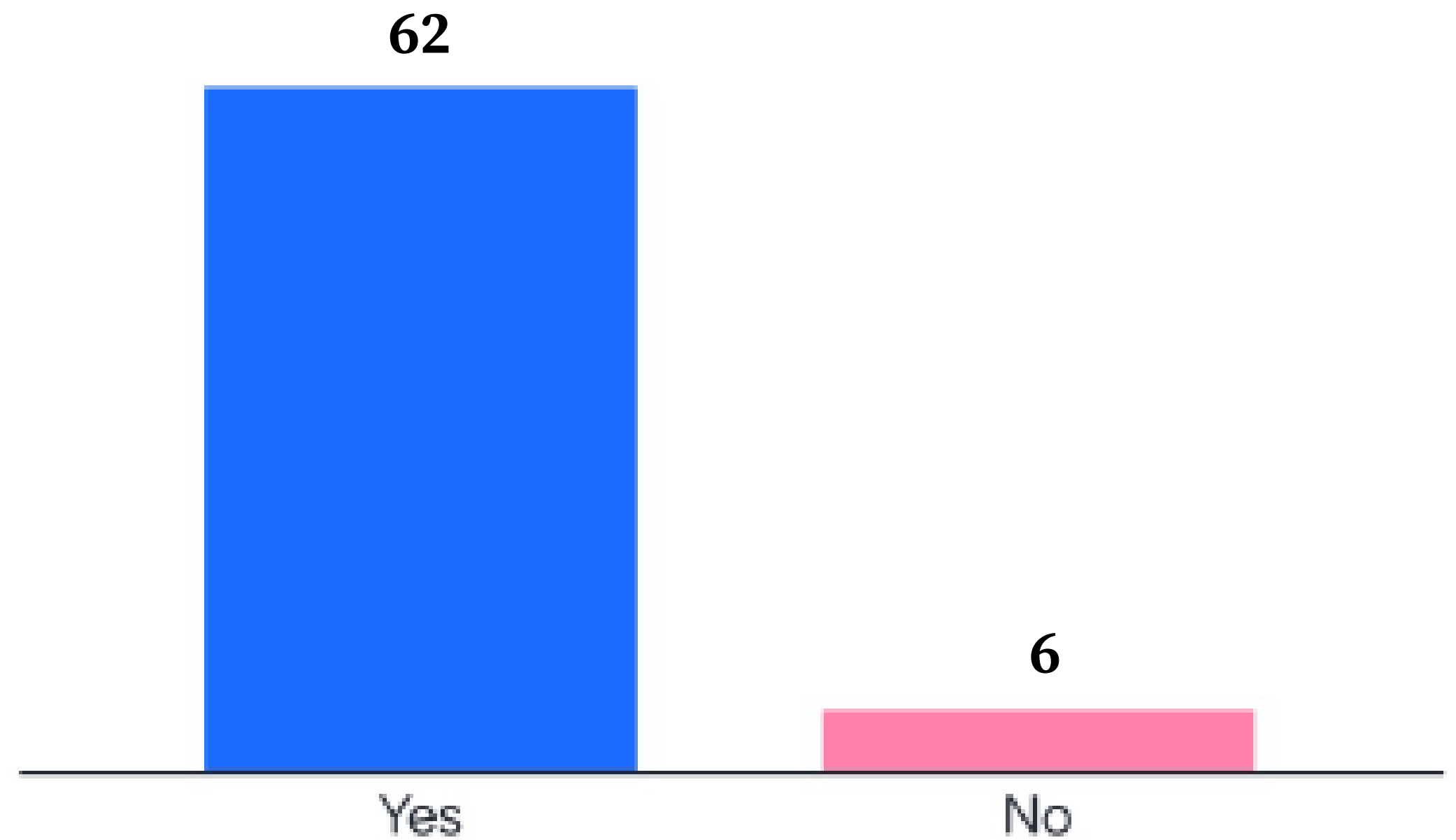


What style of covered pavilion do you like best for Old Rucker Park?

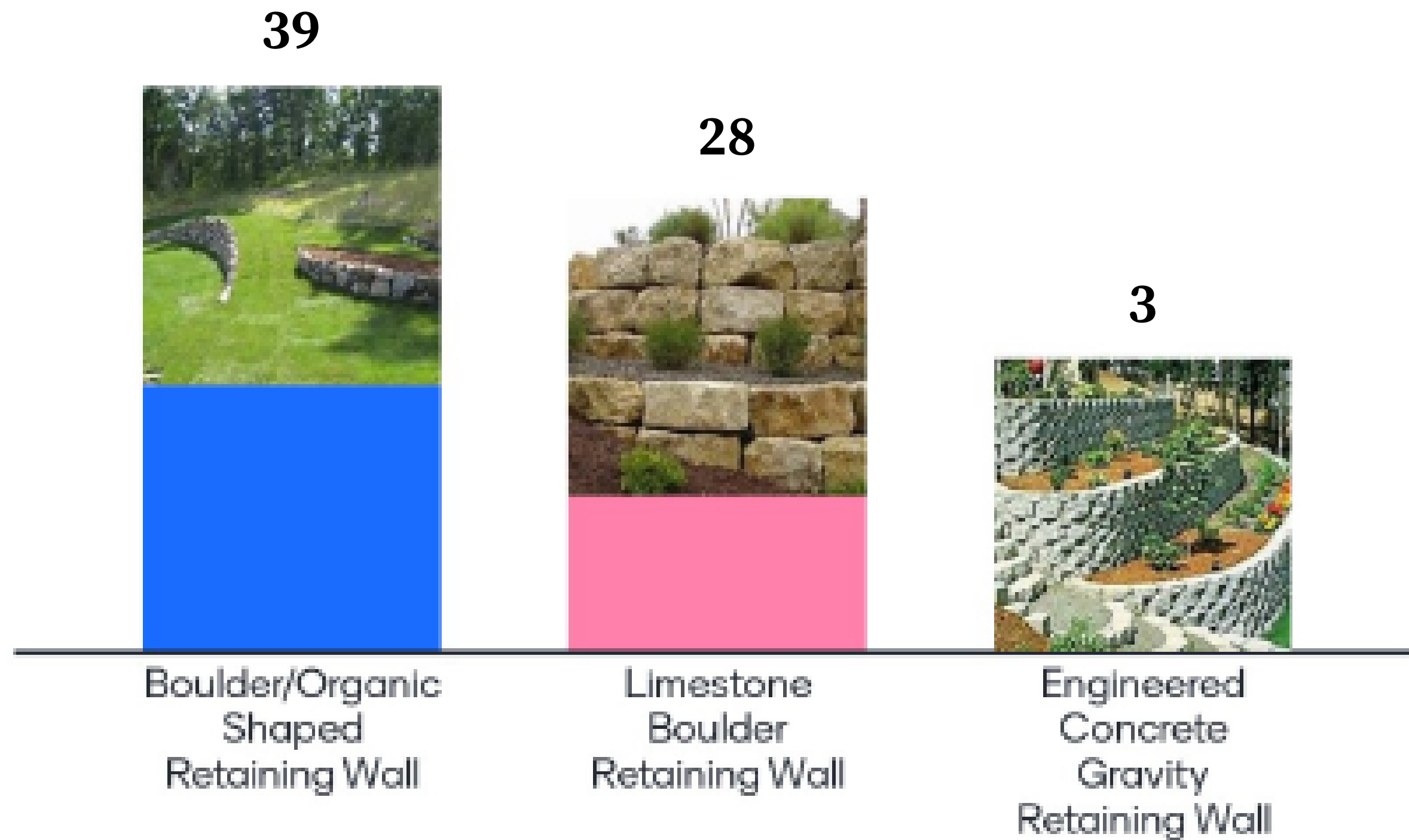




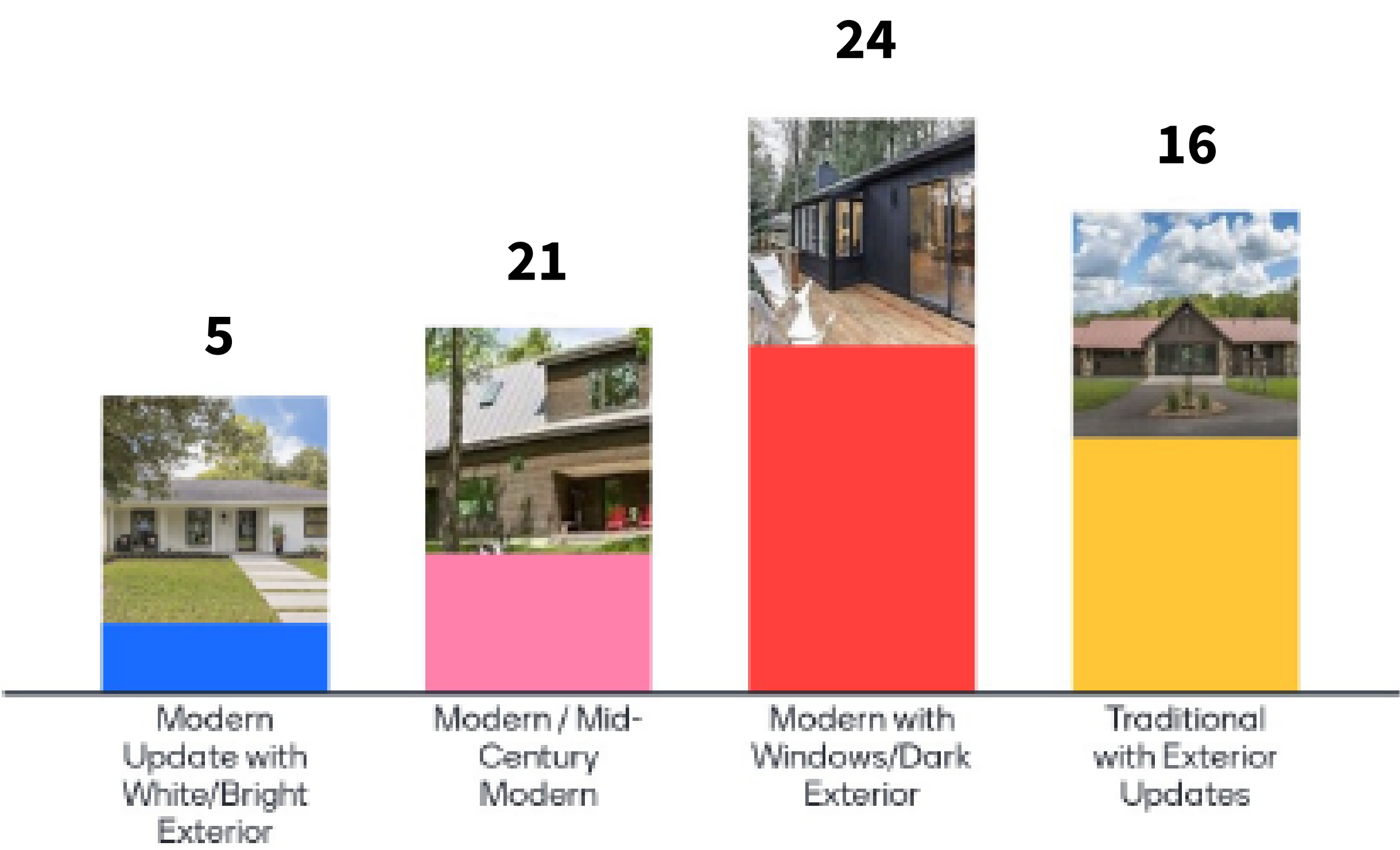
Would you like to see the edible landscaping implemented at Old Rucker Farm in other parts of Old Rucker Park?



Which style of retaining wall do you like best for Old Rucker Park?



Which style of architectural renovation would best suit the environment at Old Rucker Park?



This space has a large red clay wall in the back. Imagine this space without this overgrowth. What do you envision this space being used for?

More community garden beds

Maybe a garden with some cool benches or some type of seating area

Reflection pond or stream (like DT Alph park) with bench swings WildFlower garden

Circular patio with swings (like behind Alpharetta Presbyterian) or similar to by city hall for yoga or other activities

Play area with pavilion. Activate area near creek.

Wildflower zen garden. Maybe with a fountain or water feature/pond. Surrounded by shade trees and benches with backs to come just immerse in nature. Nothing too structured or modern build design. Natural as if it's been here a while

A place to sit and read, or jus sit and talk, under an awning.

Parking lot moved from other side of park

Possibly a picnic spot that you would walk to

Walk.

Blueberries



Small pavillion with rain collection demonstration, interactive learning, picnic area?

This wouldBe a great area for a demonstration native plants garden to attract birds and wildlife and educate people about the importance of using native plants in landscape.

water feature? more chickens?

walk/hike

Walk, picnic

Walk

Wild flowers garden

Fountain with benches for sitting/reading

Remove it.

picnic, reading, relaxing

Walk.

Just walk through the trees

walk. you could add some benches.

This would be a really great flower garden with some bench seating and a pergola.

A garden of native plants & flowers. Maybe with some swings or Adirondack chairs.

Walk around and take pictures.

picnic

walk, photography, meditation

birdwatching

Mentimeter



Use the Maple Grove to raise goats. I love the fact that this is considered an agricultural farm and hope it is kept up this way and not turned into yet another park.

A playground? Or flat land for events like projection movie night, etc.

Run around/ play with kids

Stroll

Thin out - place around the city. Expand farm area.

retain it as is for ego's

Stroll with my dog

walk, or sit on bench and enjoy nature

Zip line or linear play space (ex: Bridge? Tree line walk like at Atlanta Botanical Gardens?)

Birdwatch

Expand the garden a bit to include shade-loving plants under some of the maples. Add a few benches and a walking trail or two. Relax and breathe the fresh air and enjoy the shade!

Walk, sit on a bench, watch kids run around

Practice disc golf up shots and putting.

Shaded Dog Park with natural features to jump over

View plants, knit, read, socialize

Picnic, meditate, birdwatch

I would enjoy seeing a fairy garden in this space.

Sit and enjoy nature.



Playground or additional garden for children

Playground!!!!!!!!!!

Outdoor classroom for workshops

Art sculpture, climbing wall/area, balance beam- gym structure station

Parking area, maybe a few picnic table with grilling area. Possibly some bird houses.

Serenity garden, maybe a nature based work out space, yoga lawn

Small amphitheater

Water feature, shelter house, historic education plaques ZIPLINE DOWN THE HILL!

Pollinator garden, educational space and seating/picnic area

Pavilion/ child interactive play area

Benches and hammocks. Like a resting/reading nook maybe. Or the nature scape playground.

Think some benches, some raised garden beds with wildflowers would be nice, possible rock garden

Experimental farming techniques in community agriculture techniques like space saving gardens vertical gardens special plots for testing different varieties etc.

Outdoor classroom; small amphitheatre/performance venue; water garden/pond

Playground area, naturescape style

Good question???

Native wild flowers & and herb garden to attract pollinators. Perhaps a couple benches too. Martin houses or other nesting structures for native birds.

Mentimeter

