



# 2025 Community Survey Results

In January 2025, a community-wide survey was launched to better understand the community's perspective on sustainability & the Park District's role.

The survey was live for three weeks and collected 140 responses. Results from the survey were used to inform GreenPath and serve as a baseline measure for future surveys.

## 1. How serious do you believe the threat of climate change is? (140/140)

- a. not at all serious 4%
- b. a little serious 4%
- c. somewhat serious 9%
- d. very serious 84%

## 2. How familiar do you feel you are with the concept of environmental sustainability? (140/140)

- a. very familiar 39%
- b. somewhat familiar 54%
- c. not so familiar 6%
- d. not at all familiar 6%

## 3. How sustainable/environmentally friendly do you think the Park District of Highland Park is currently? (136/140)

- a. very sustainable/environmentally friendly 59%
- b. somewhat sustainable/environmentally friendly 29%
- c. a little sustainable/environmentally friendly 9%
- d. not at all sustainable/environmentally friendly 4%

## 4. What role do you see the Park District has in terms of environmental sustainability & climate change? (136/140)

This question was a sliding scale format where respondents could select a number between 0-100.

0 = no role in sustainability/climate change

50 = behind the scenes (operational, stewards of the environment)

100 = front facing (educators, leading by example)

*The average response was 75, falling between a behind the scenes & front facing role.*

*► 85% of respondents selected a number between 50-100, and 56% of respondents selected a number between 76-100.*

## 5. What does environmental sustainability at the Park District look like to you? (139/140) [Select all that apply].

- a. community outreach & programming 67%
- b. preserving & maintaining open space 91%
- c. using resources efficiently (i.e. energy & water) 86%
- d. reducing waste sent to the landfill 81%
- e. green infrastructure and stormwater management 76%
- f. not a concern for the Park District 5%