



2025 Community Survey Results

In January 2025, a community-wide survey was launched to better understand the community's perspective on sustainability and 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 4.29%
- b. a little serious 3.57%
- c. somewhat serious 8.57%
- d. very serious 83.57%

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

- a. very familiar 39.29%
- b. somewhat familiar 53.57%
- c. not so familiar 5.71%
- d. not at all familiar 1.43%

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

- a. very sustainable/environmentally friendly 8.82%
- b. somewhat sustainable/environmentally friendly 58.82%
- c. a little sustainable/environmentally friendly 28.68%
- d. not at all sustainable/environmentally friendly 3.68%

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 66.91%
- b. preserving & maintaining open space 91.37%
- c. using resources efficiently (i.e. energy & water) 85.61%
- d. reducing waste sent to the landfill 80.58%
- e. green infrastructure and stormwater management 75.54%
- f. not a concern for the Park District 5.04%