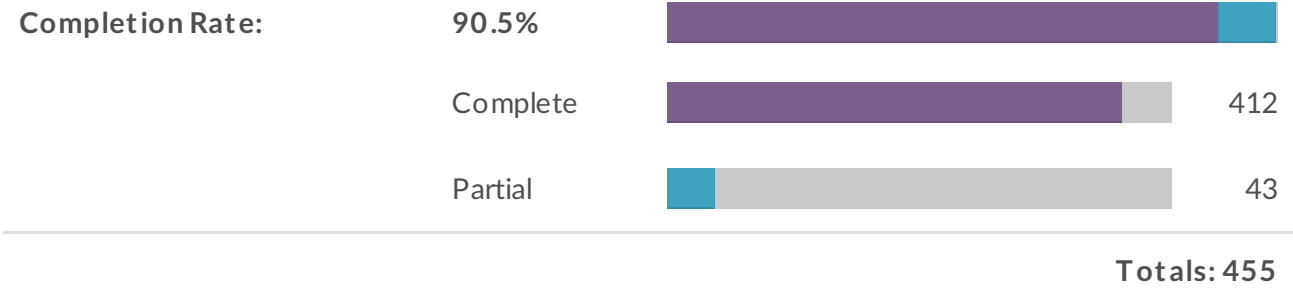
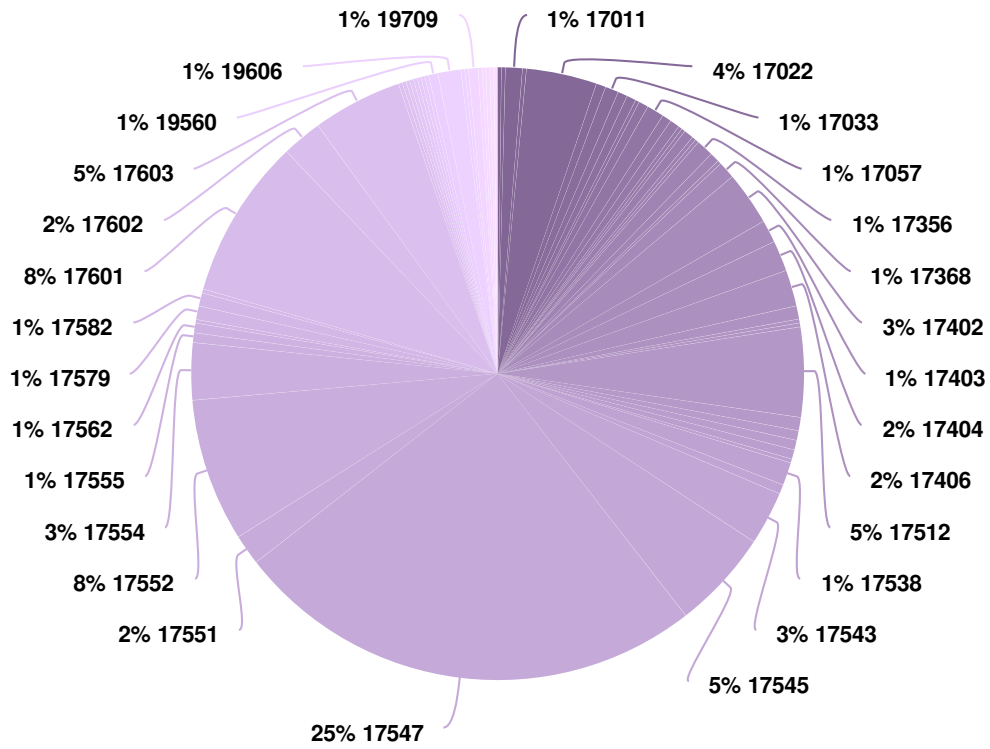


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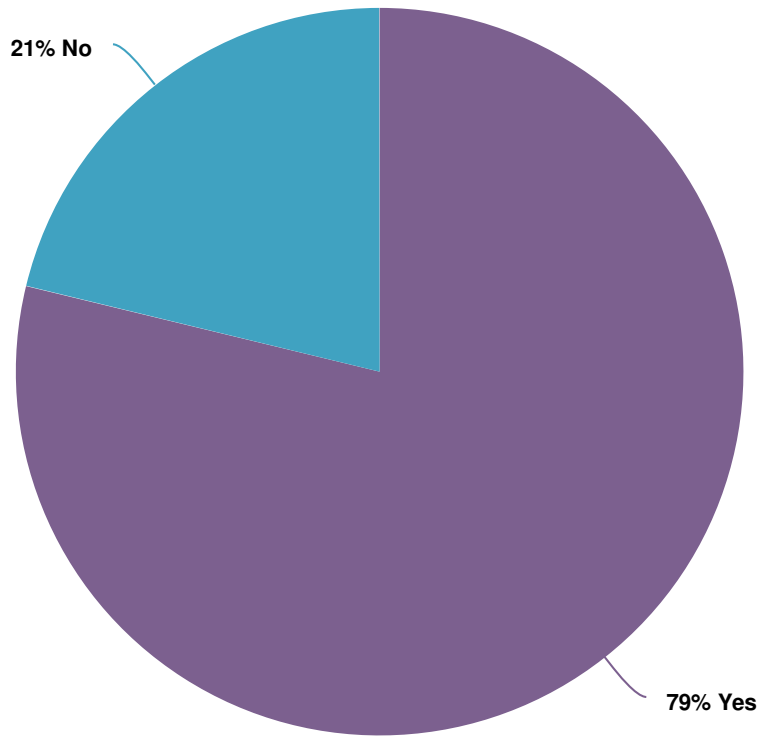
## Response Counts



# 1. What is your zip code?



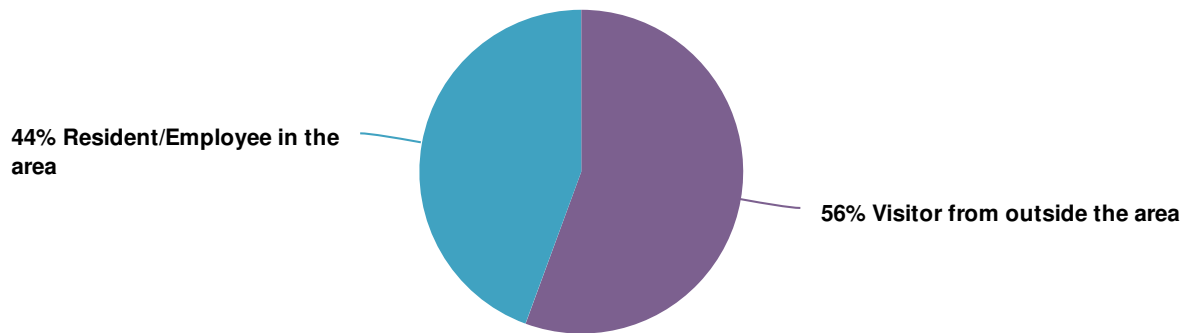
## 2. Are you a Marietta Borough resident?





Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		78.8%	82
No		21.2%	22

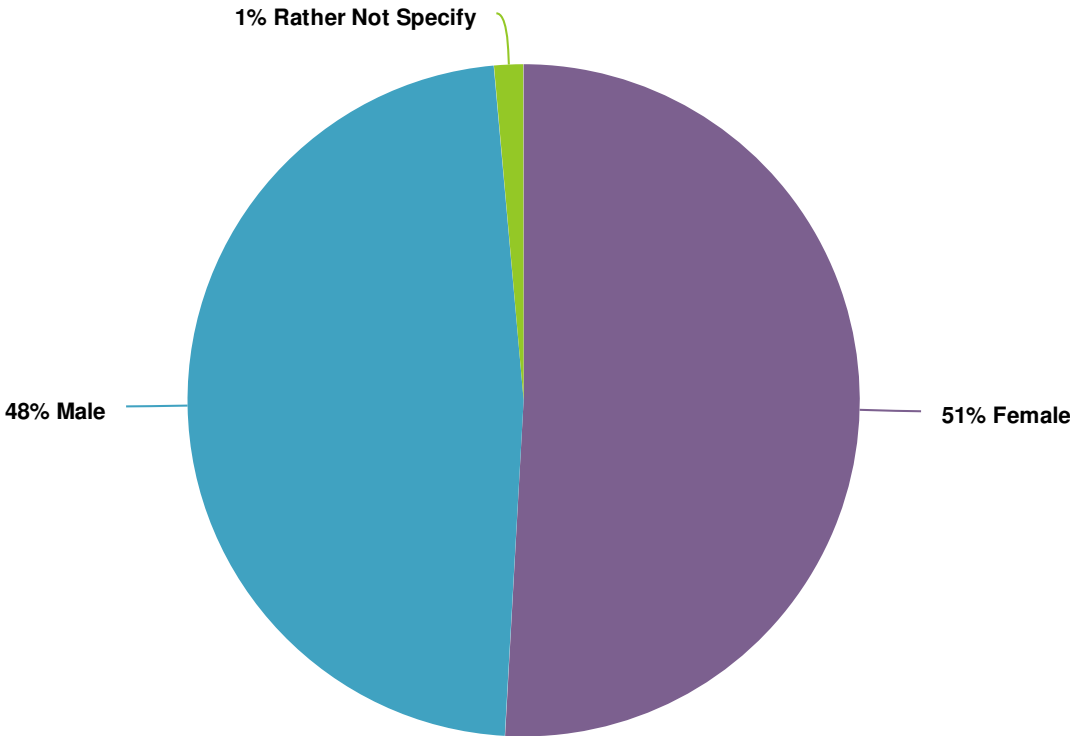
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### 3. If not a Marietta Borough resident, are you a...



Value		Percent	Responses
Visitor from outside the area		55.6%	202
Resident/Employee in the area		44.4%	161
			<b>Totals: 363</b>

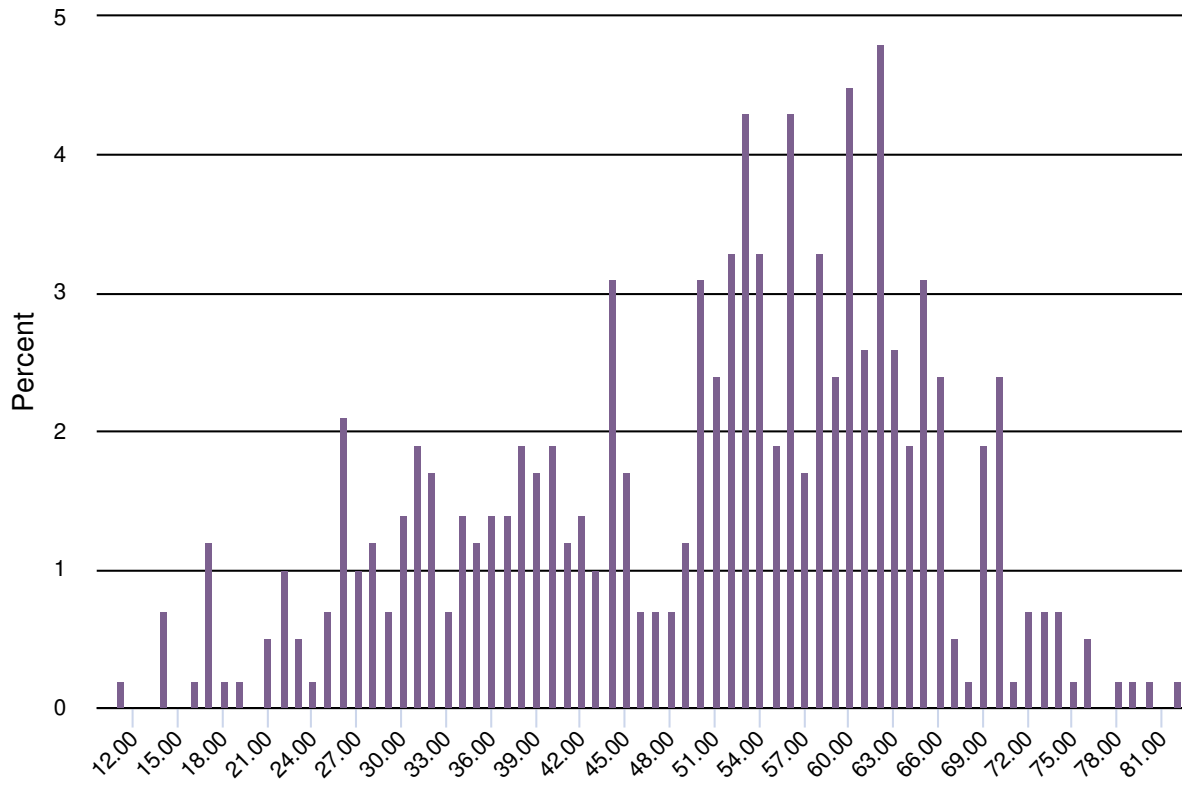
4. What is your gender?



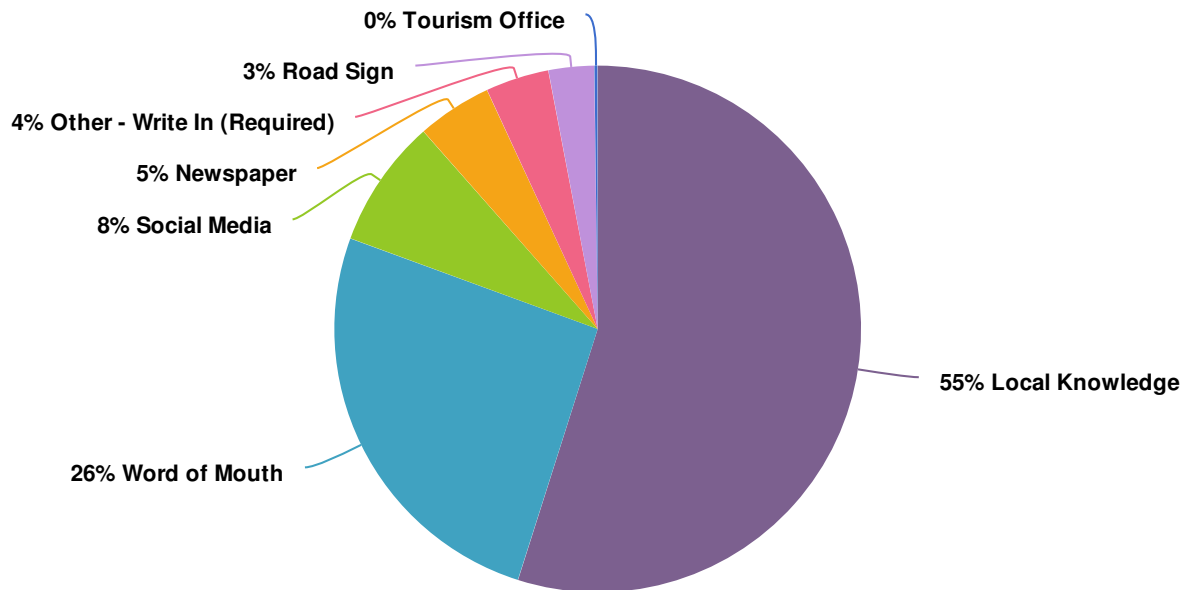
Value	Percent	Responses
Female	50.9%	224
Male	47.7%	210
Rather Not Specify	1.4%	6

Totals: 440

## 5. How young are you?



## 6. How did you find out about the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail?



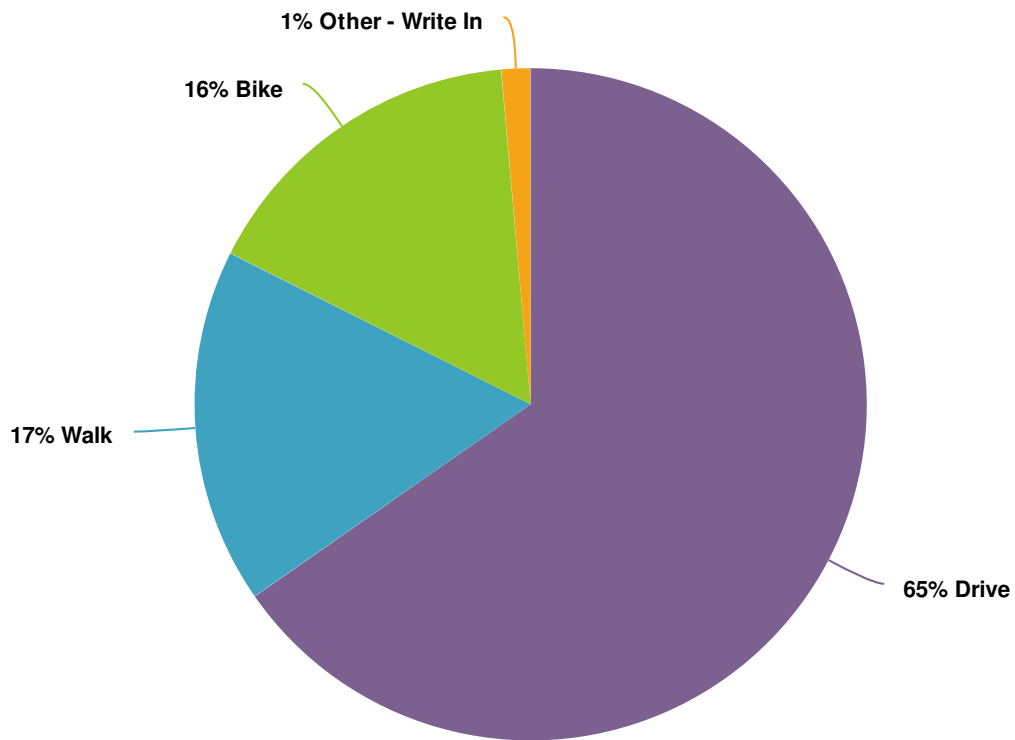
Value	Percent	Responses
Local Knowledge	54.9%	237
Word of Mouth	25.7%	111
Social Media	7.9%	34
Newspaper	4.6%	20
Other - Write In (Required)	3.9%	17
Road Sign	2.8%	12
Tourism Office	0.2%	1

Totals: 432

Other - Write In (Required)	Count
Internet	2
BIKES AND BREWZ!!!! ☹️☹️	1
Club	1
Google Maps	1
Google search	1
Googled "rails to trails"	1
I live next to it	1
Internet search for local rail-trails	1
Lancaster Bike Shop	1
Noticed it from Rte. 30	1
Online	1
Walk	1
just figured it out about 18 yrs ago	1
online Google	1
rock climber	1
word of mouth	1
Totals	17



## 7. How do you get to the trail?

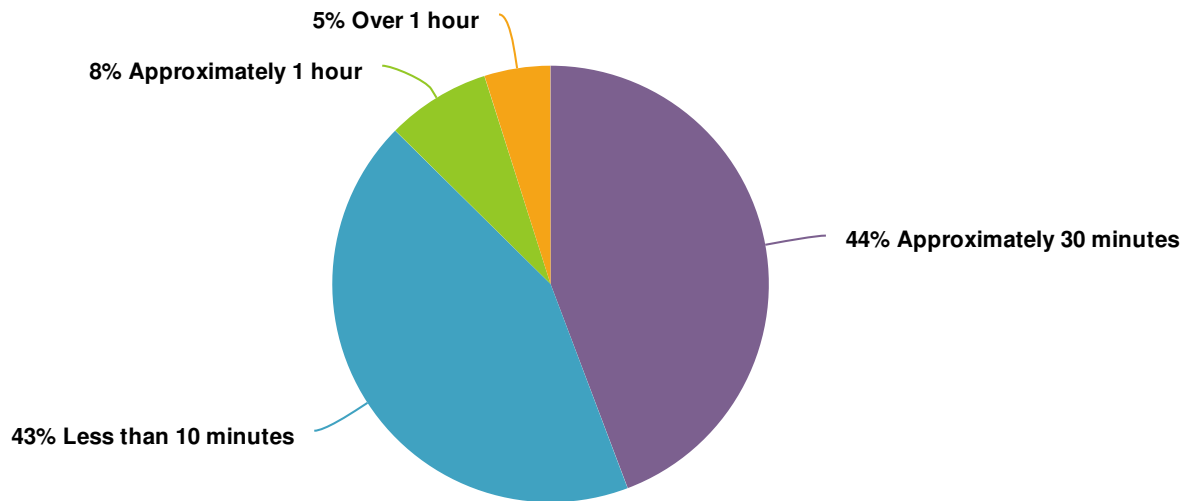


Value	Percent	Responses
Drive	65.4%	283
Walk	17.1%	74
Bike	16.2%	70
Other - Write In	1.4%	6

Totals: 433

Other - Write In	Count
?	1
All options	1
Bike, walk, longboard	1
Run	1
Walk, Bike, and Drive	1
Totals	5

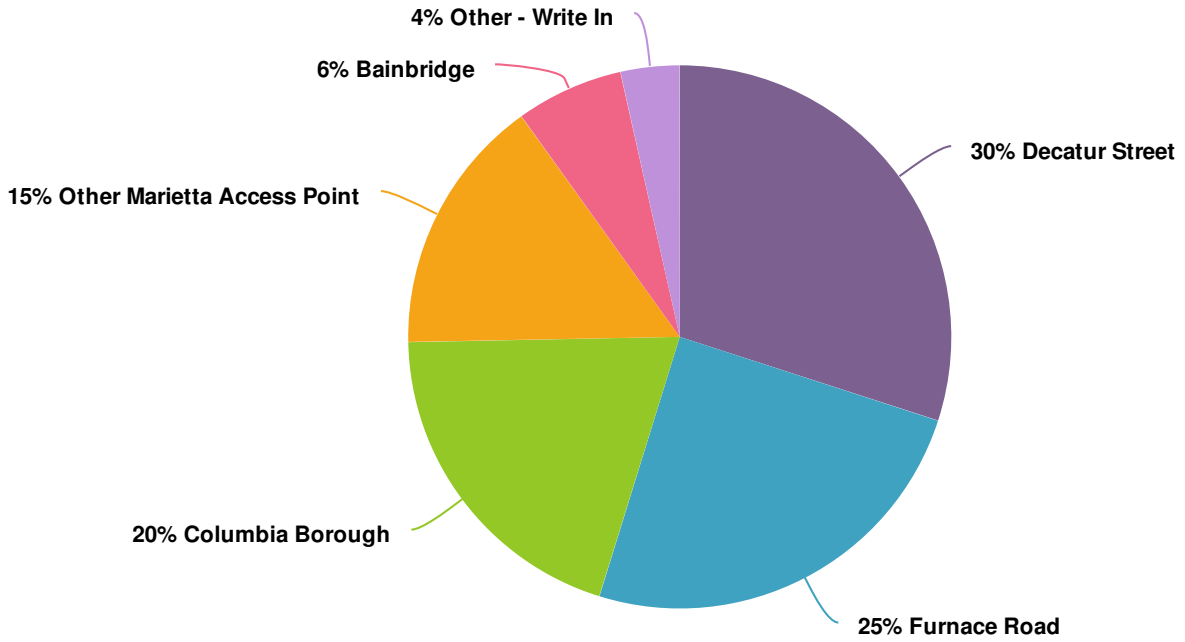
## 8. How long did it take you to get to the trail today?



Value	Percent	Responses
Approximately 30 minutes	44.3%	191
Less than 10 minutes	43.2%	186
Approximately 1 hour	7.7%	33
Over 1 hour	4.9%	21

**Totals: 431**

### 9. Where did you access the trail today?

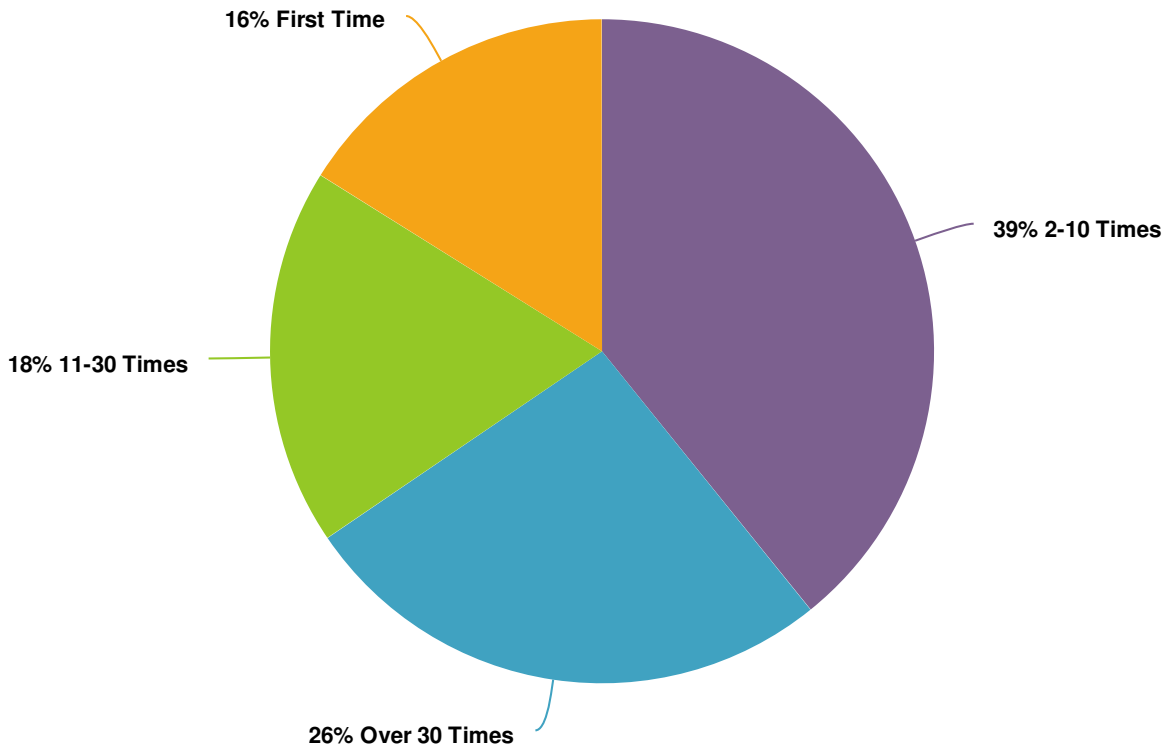


Value	Percent	Responses
Decatur Street	30.0%	127
Furnace Road	24.8%	105
Columbia Borough	19.9%	84
Other Marietta Access Point	15.4%	65
Bainbridge	6.4%	27
Other - Write In	3.5%	15

**Totals: 423**

Other - Write In	Count
Donegal	2
Maytown	2
Riverfront Park	2
other Marietta Access Point	2
Falmouth boat access	1
Falmouth boat launch	1
Not certain	1
River front park	1
Vinegar Ferry Road	1
Totals	13

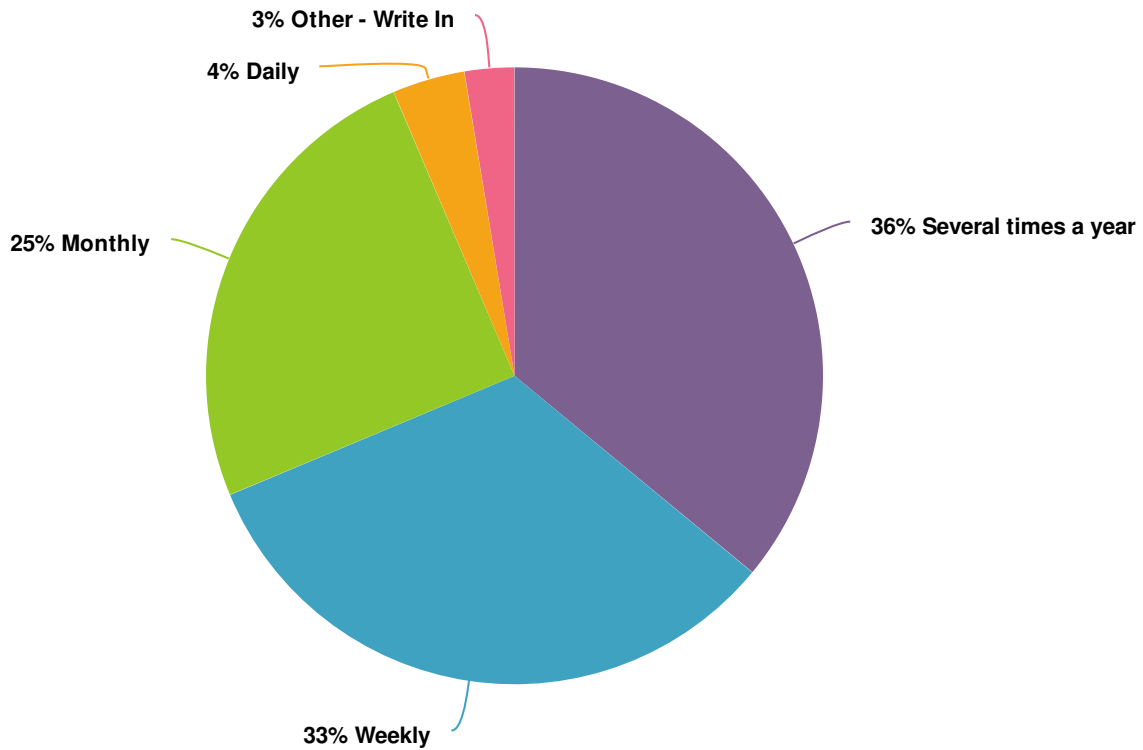
10. How many times have you used the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail?



Value	Percent	Responses
2-10 Times	39.2%	168
Over 30 Times	26.3%	113
11-30 Times	18.4%	79
First Time	16.1%	69

Totals: 429

11. On average, how often will you use the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail?



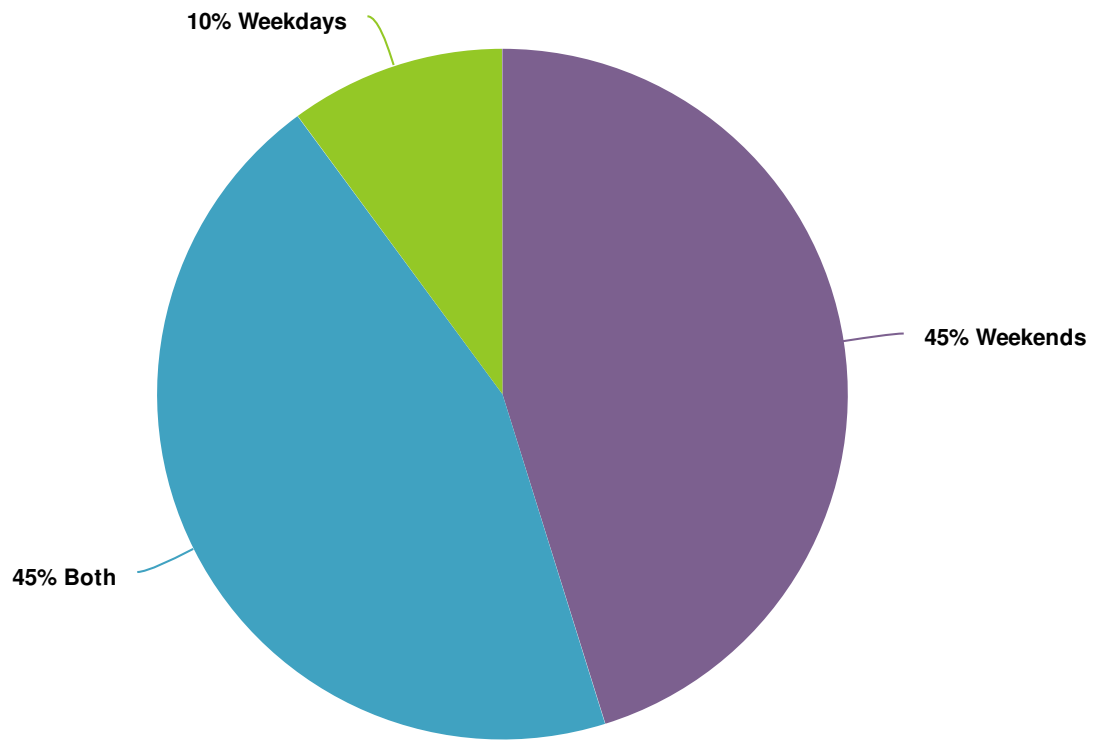
Value	Percent	Responses
Several times a year	36.0%	153
Weekly	32.7%	139
Monthly	24.9%	106
Daily	3.8%	16
Other - Write In	2.6%	11

Totals: 425

Other - Write In	Count
1-2 times per year	1
2 times a year	1
3 times per week	1
3-5x/week	1
3x weekly	1
4 x wk	1
4-5 times/wk except cold months	1
Several times per week.	1
annually	1
once every few years	1
several times per week	1
Totals	11



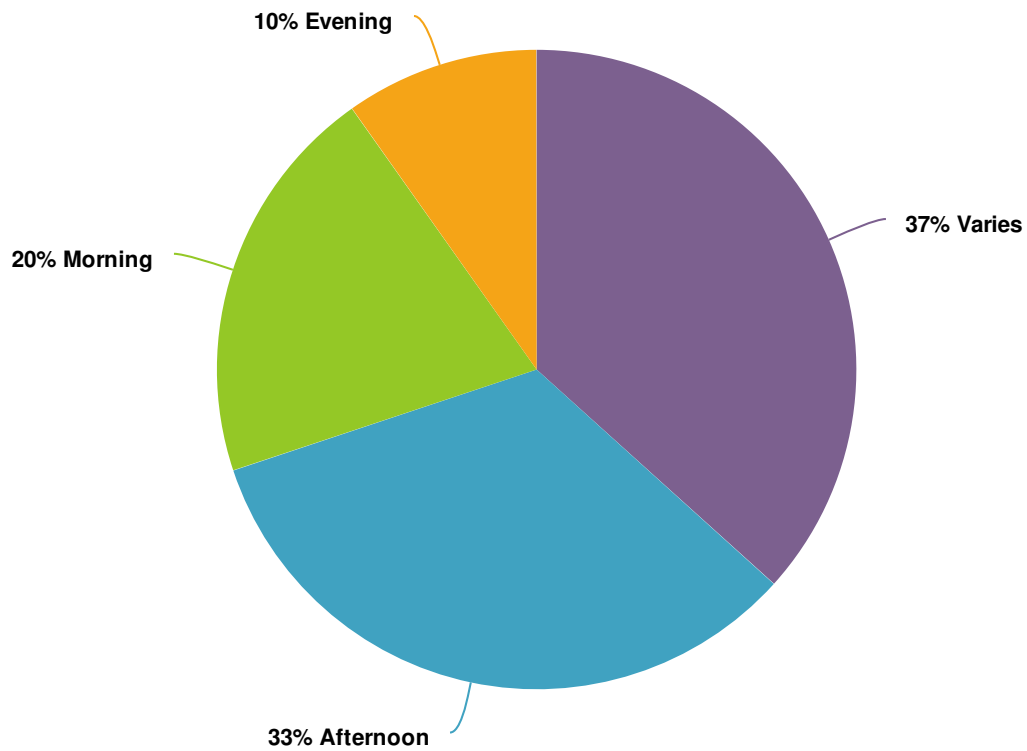
12. Generally, when do you use this trail? (Check one)







Value	Percent	Responses
Weekends	45.2%	193
Both	44.7%	191
Weekdays	10.1%	43

Totals: 427

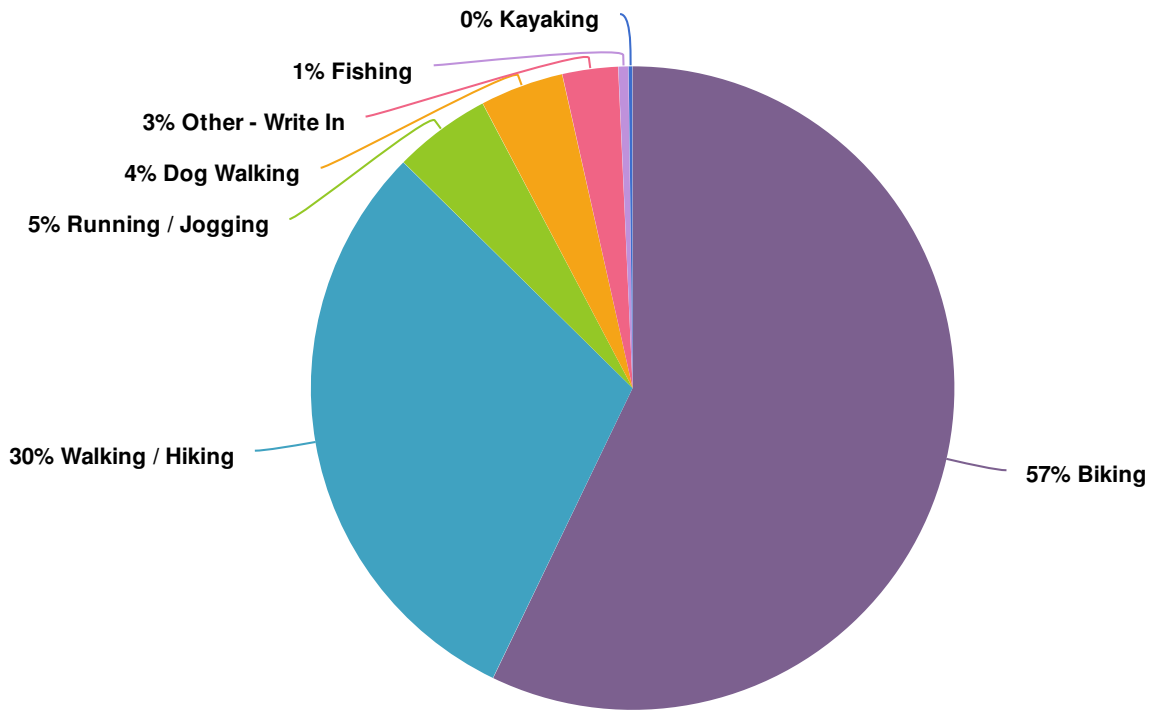
13. Generally, what time of day do you use this trail? (Check one)



Value		Percent	Responses
Varies		36.7%	157
Afternoon		33.2%	142
Morning		20.3%	87
Evening		9.8%	42

Totals: 428

14. What is your primary activity on the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail?

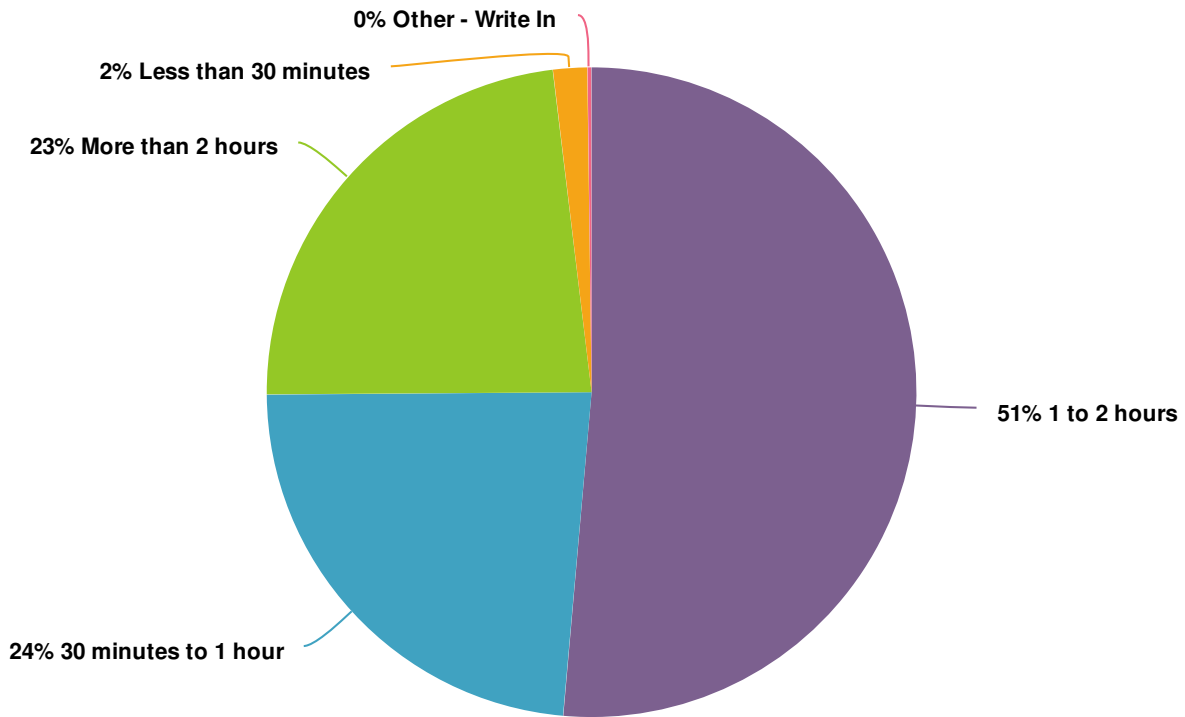


Value	Percent	Responses
Biking	57.1%	244
Walking / Hiking	30.2%	129
Running / Jogging	4.9%	21
Dog Walking	4.2%	18
Other - Write In	2.8%	12
Fishing	0.5%	2
Kayaking	0.2%	1

Totals: 427

Other - Write In	Count
climbing	5
Biking, longboarding,walking/running	1
Rock Climbing	1
Rock climbing	1
Street Strider	1
Walk, bike, dog walk	1
commuting	1
paddle board	1
Totals	12

15. Generally, how much time do you spend on the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail during each visit?



Value	Percent	Responses
1 to 2 hours	51.4%	217
30 minutes to 1 hour	23.5%	99
More than 2 hours	23.2%	98
Less than 30 minutes	1.7%	7
Other - Write In	0.2%	1

Totals: 422

Other - Write In	Count
6-7 Hours	1

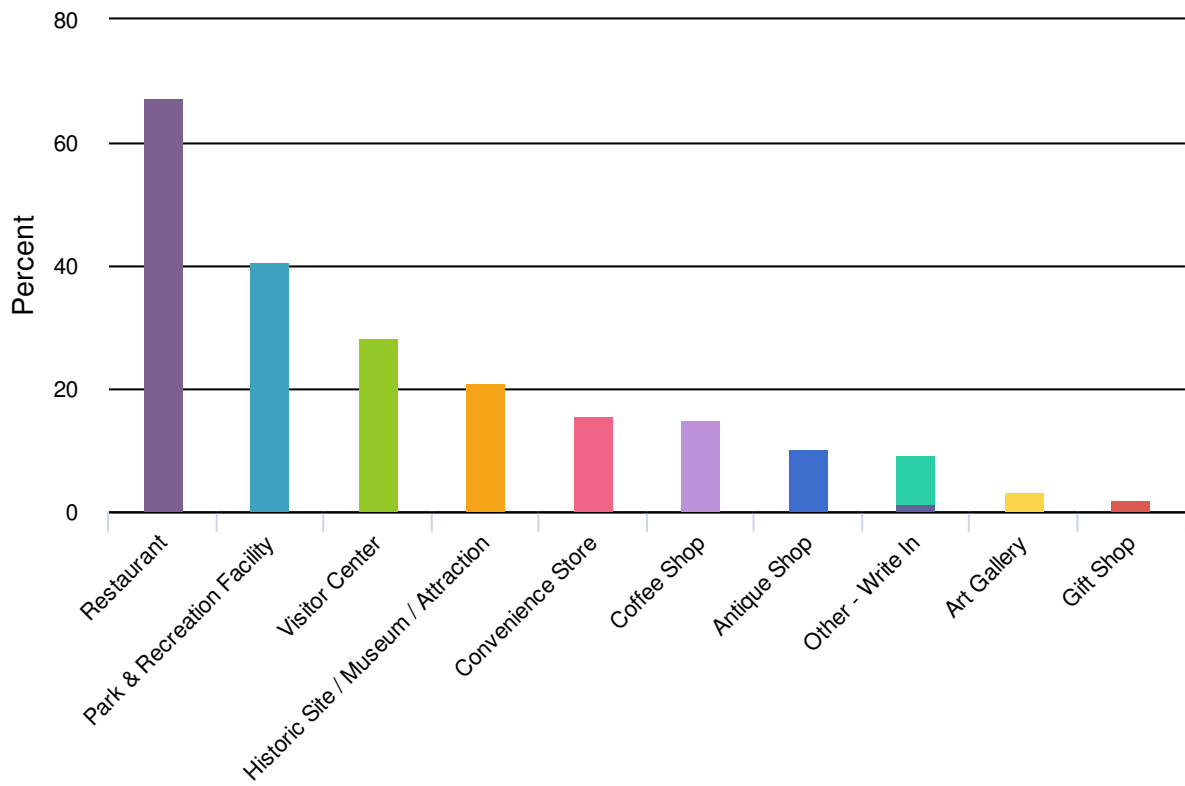
Totals



16. Do you ever stop in the following communities as part of your Northwest Lancaster County River Trail experience?

	Yes	No	Responses
Marietta Count Row %	303 75.9%	96 24.1%	399
Columbia Count Row %	231 61.8%	143 38.2%	374
Bainbridge Count Row %	143 41.2%	204 58.8%	347
Totals Total Responses			399

17. What do you visit when you are using the trail in those communities? Select all that apply.





Value		Percent	Responses
Restaurant		67.2%	205
Park & Recreation Facility		40.7%	124
Visitor Center		28.2%	86
Historic Site / Museum / Attraction		21.0%	64
Convenience Store		15.7%	48
Coffee Shop		15.1%	46
Antique Shop		10.2%	31
Other - Write In		9.2%	28
Art Gallery		3.3%	10
Gift Shop		2.0%	6
Other - Write In		1.3%	4

Other - Write In	Count
Bar	2
Bars	2
Ice cream	2
Beer.	1
Burger King	1
Catholic Church	1
Church	1
Family	1
Totals	25

<b>Other - Write In</b>	<b>Count</b>
Friend's home in Marietta	1
Ice cream shop	1
Just walk around town	1
Legions	1
Marietta Boat Club	1
N/A	1
Noiny YCI	1
Nothi g yet. Eill in future	1
Pub	1
The Great Benches provided in East Donegal Township	1
What convience stores?	1
cemeteries	1
family	1
visit friend	1
Totals	25

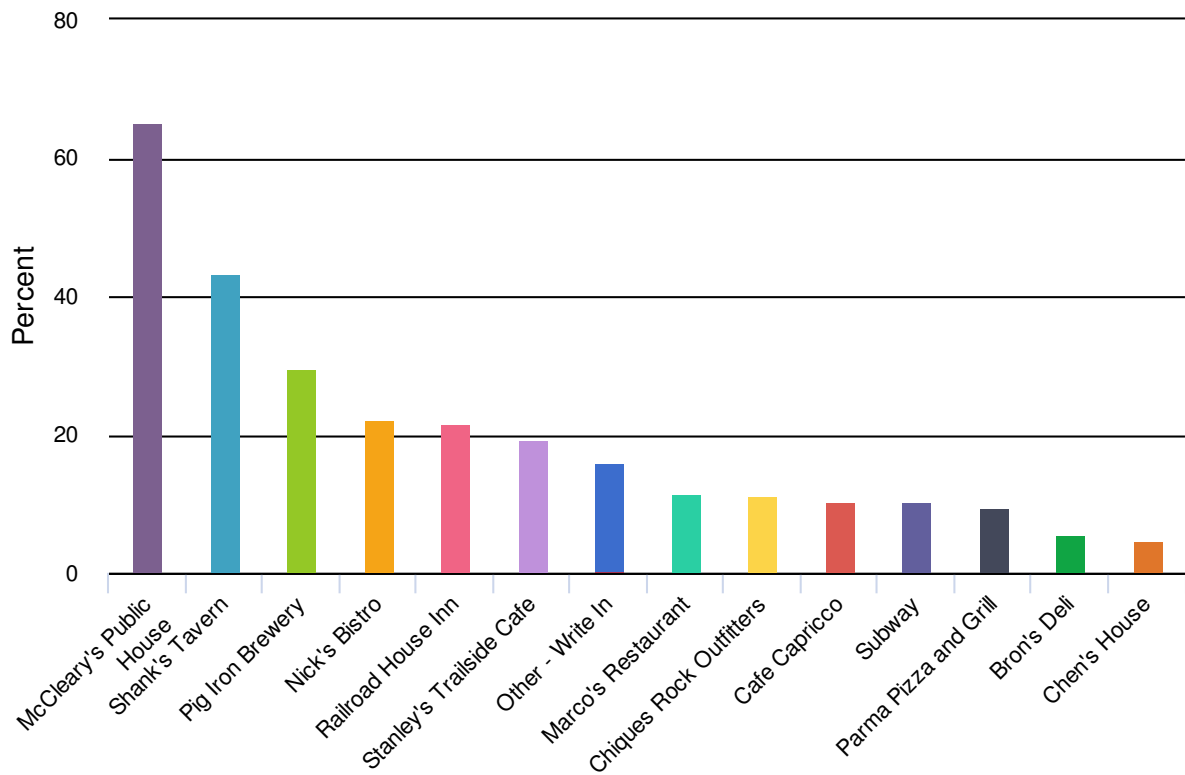
<b>Other - Write In</b>	<b>Count</b>
Gas	1
Residence	1
The Great view from Benches provided in front of the pavilion at East Donegal Township River Front Park. And the Great pavilion in Columbia	1
What coffee shops?	1
Totals	4




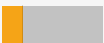











18. Why aren't you choosing to stop in any of the towns along the trail?



Count	Response
1	Exercise not eating out or shopping
1	I live beside the trail
1	I'm using the trail for exercise and don't want to stop.
1	Just go to work out and then come home
1	Limited time
1	May do so in the future.
1	NO NEED TO STOP
1	Never visit anywhere else.
1	No comment
1	Not usually on my route.
1	Only eateries available along the trail towns.
1	Riding for exercise; not far from home so we don't bother. We do occasionally eat at a restaurant in Marietta, other than when we're biking. Nice town and eateries.
1	Time constraint
1	Using the trail for bike riding. I am familiar with the area and am not a tourist
1	We just learned about the trail but loved it, hope to come back and support the community too!
1	We stop at sheetz
1	busy riding bikes
1	first time
1	just haven't had the opp yet...
1	live locally

19. Which of the following local restaurants / businesses you patronize when using the trail in Marietta. (Choose all that apply)



Value		Percent	Responses
McCleary's Public House		65.2%	152
Shank's Tavern		43.3%	101
Pig Iron Brewery		29.6%	69
Nick's Bistro		22.3%	52
Railroad House Inn		21.5%	50
Stanley's Trailside Cafe		19.3%	45
Other - Write In		15.9%	37
Marco's Restaurant		11.6%	27
Chiques Rock Outfitters		11.2%	26
Cafe Capricco		10.3%	24
Subway		10.3%	24
Parma Pizza and Grill		9.4%	22
Bron's Deli		5.6%	13
Chen's House		4.7%	11
Other - Write In		0.4%	1

<b>Other - Write In</b>	<b>Count</b>
Heart Cafe	12
Bainbridge Inn	5
Sheetz	4
American Legion	1
Cafe Cappriccio	1
Chiques Rock Outfitters	1
Columbia Kettle Works	1
Hinkles	1
Legion	1
Little Italy in Bainbridge	1
N/A	1
None	1
None at this time	1
Nuthin	1
Pizza resturant in Bainbridge	1
Station Grille	1
Will stop somewhere.	1
bainbridge inn	1
gigi	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>

**Other - Write In**

**Count**

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McLearys Pub

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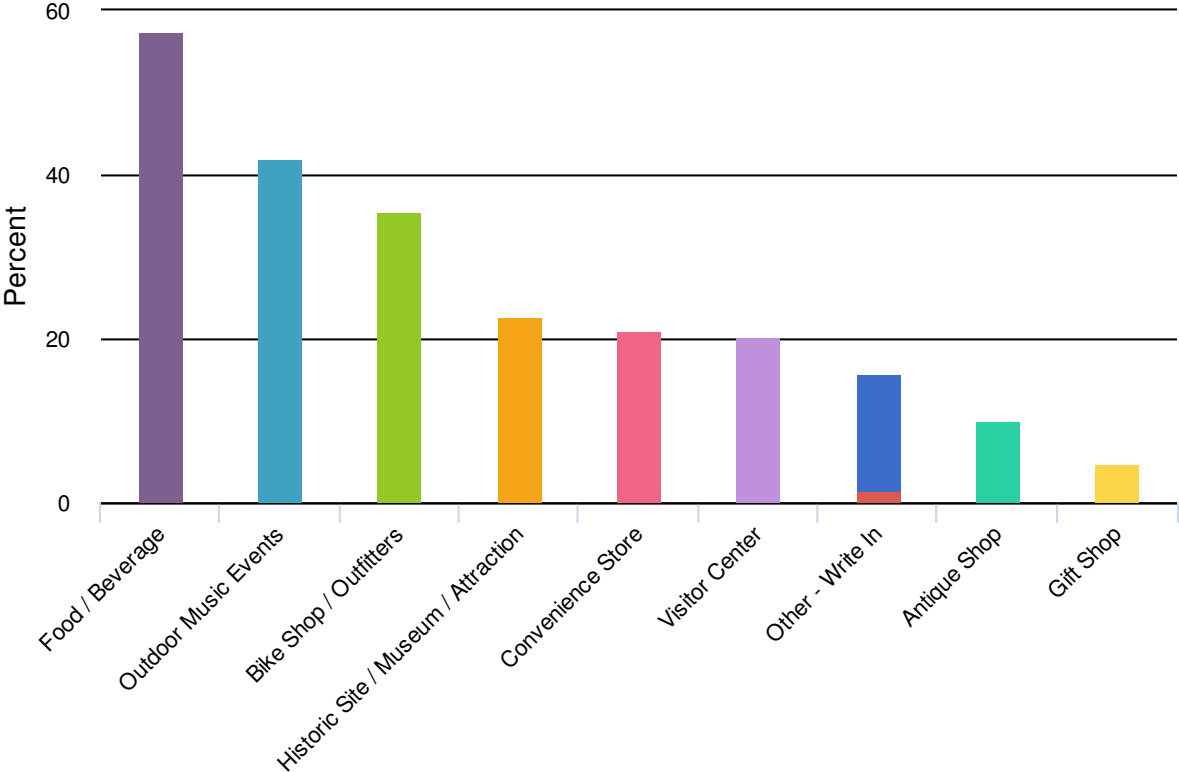
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Totals

1



20. What type of businesses and/or attractions would you like to see near the trail in Marietta?



Value		Percent	Responses
Food / Beverage		57.6%	205
Outdoor Music Events		42.1%	150
Bike Shop / Outfitters		35.4%	126
Historic Site / Museum / Attraction		22.8%	81
Convenience Store		21.1%	75
Visitor Center		20.2%	72
Other - Write In		15.7%	56
Antique Shop		10.1%	36
Gift Shop		4.8%	17
Other - Write In		1.4%	5

Other - Write In	Count
Art Gallery	7
Ice Cream	3
art gallery	3
ice cream	3
Ice cream shop	2
none	2
ADDITIONAL REST ROOMS , NOT JIFFY JOHNS	1
All suggestions you listed. ( Marietta anyway)	1
Bathroom	1
Totals	56

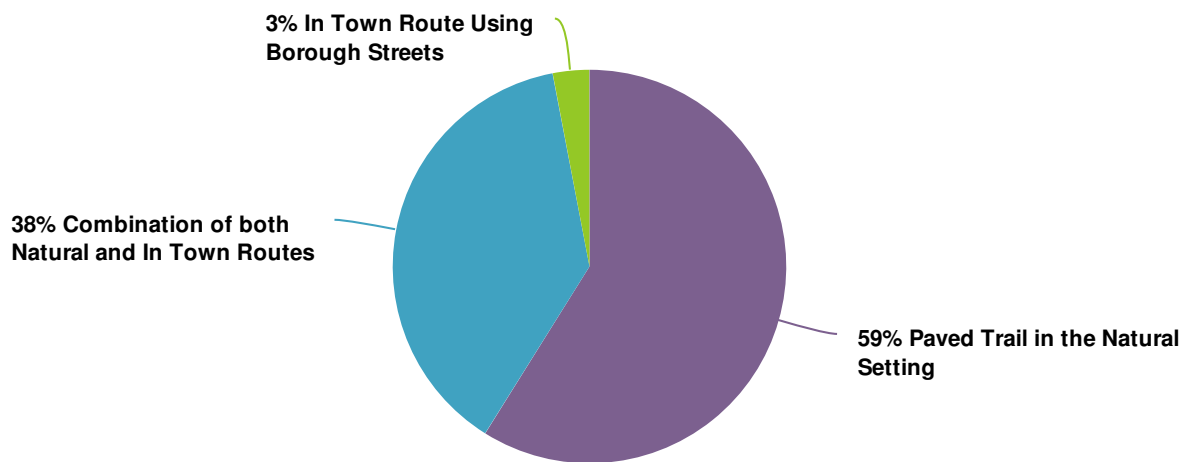
<b>Other - Write In</b>	<b>Count</b>
Bathrooms at parking lot	1
Book Store	1
Brewery	1
Coffee shop	1
Diner!	1
Dog Friendly Restaurant	1
Don't need anything, we like the nature	1
Ice cream	1
Ice cream shop.	1
Ice cream!	1
Keep it rural	1
Leave natural environment	1
N/A	1
Natural enviroment	1
None	1
Outside eateries	1
Parking on Front	1
Signs for town's history and attractions.	1
Station for filling bike tires	1
Strip Club	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>

Other - Write In	Count
Tiki Bar	1
Tiki Bar. ? 😊😊😊😊	1
T rail serves all our needs, but for those who are from further away bike shop, con. store might be nice	1
Vegan Food Options	1
"a good breakfast place, with good coffee"	1
bait shop	1
bike repair shop	1
craft or car show	1
first aid station	1
first aid, benches or picnic tables, restrooms with running water	1
no additions	1
park area near the River	1
signage on each end of Front Street describing other businesses in town.	1
Totals	56

Other - Write In	Count
Ice Cream	1
Movie theater	1
N/A	1
flea market	1
race on the trail/river	1

Totals

21. As you may know, the section of the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail as it goes through Marietta has two paths: one stays in the natural setting and one diverts you from the trail onto a “In Town Route” using Borough streets. If (once) the trail in the natural setting is paved, which route would you prefer to use?



Value	Percent	Responses
Paved Trail in the Natural Setting	58.9%	238
Combination of both Natural and In Town Routes	38.1%	154
In Town Route Using Borough Streets	3.0%	12

Totals: 404

22. Why do you prefer the paved trail in the natural setting over the In Town route on Borough Streets?



Count	Response
2	Less traffic
2	Love nature
2	No traffic
2	Prefer nature setting
2	no traffic
1	Avoid traffic
1	Avoid traffic and safer
1	Avoid traffic.
1	Avoid vehicle traffic
1	Awesome side of the tracks that needs used. It is beautiful over here.

**Count    Response**

1	Beauty and convenience.
1	Because I live here, if I want to walk on the sidewalks I would be doing that. If we are on the trail, I want to stay on the trail. Also, when I'm driving on Front Street, I don't like having to navigate around the bikes that are all over the road.
1	Because I live in Marietta, and use the trail mainly for exercise as opposed to recreation.
1	Because it looks prettier and is relaxing.
1	Because the town looks poor and is not as attractive as the natural setting. Maybe if the town was adorable and attractive it wouldn't be so bad.
1	Because you can see more nature
1	Bikes shouldn't be on streets. The sidewalks in town are too bumpy and broken to ride a bike on. When walking my dog the peace and quiet of a natural walk is great, too.
1	Biking for enjoyment, not dealing with traffic
1	Biking on the road can be intimidating and comes at a higher risk than riding in the natural setting. And the hill on N. Porter Street is a killer (difficult to ride up on my bike). BUT I do see myself from time-to-time continue to use front street if I am seeking out restaurants.
1	Came to enjoy nature. Can ride town streets at home in Manheim.
1	Cars
1	Cleaner
1	Closer to the river. It is essential for the section between Bank Street and the boat ramp to be completed and opened to the public in order to provide a chance to ride the entire section of the river along Marietta
1	Don't enjoy biking through town
1	Don't have to worry about cars
1	Don't like riding in traffic
1	Don't like traffic

**Count    Response**

1	Ease of travel.
1	Easier riding and safer
1	Easier to bike on.
1	Easier, safer and being in a natural setting.
1	Enjoy the nature
1	Enjoy the outdoors.
1	Enjoy the solitude and natural setting
1	Enjoying nature and no traffic.
1	Faster and safer.
1	Followed my fiance
1	Heart condition and cars.
1	Helmet would be needed for in town route
1	I can walk on a paved street anywhere but prefer the paved trail through the natural setting as it is more peaceful and unique.
1	I dislike being on roads with vehicles.
1	I do not like going into towns.
1	I don't like cars ---- I don't mind cars; its the people in them.
1	I don't like going through town. Hills, traffic, no shade (in warmer weather)
1	I don't like the ride up the hill to Marietta
1	I enjoy the natural setting more than in town.
1	I feel safer no worries about cars
1	I just enjoy riding along Front Street.



**Count    Response**

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1	I like the coolness of the trees
1	I like to walk along the river.
1	I like trail riding in natural setting
1	I prefer a natural trail altogether and do not prefer paved trails which seem to encourage bicyclists too travel too quickly.
1	I prefer dedicated paths when cycling, but like to be able to access services.
1	I prefer nature walks and biking
1	I prefer riding bike on the trail and not on the streets in town.
1	I prefer to have a view of the river as much as possible.
1	I prefer to stay off the roads
1	I preferred the dirt surface over the stones or paved
1	I really like the nature and the paved makes it easy to ride
1	I usually use the trail to bike - so riding in town isn't ideal.
1	I would like to avoid traffic.
1	IT IS SAER AND MORE REAXING
1	It feels safer and I enjoy nature
1	It's easier for my Mom and I. We both have bad backs.
1	It's more interesting to ride/run
1	It's more peaceful
1	Less busy, like natural
1	Less traffic to deal with.
1	Like nature

**Count    Response**

1	Like the outdoorsy feeling
1	Like to avoid traffic
1	Like viewing nature areas
1	Likes woods.
1	Love natural.
1	Love the natural setting and prefer pavement
1	Marietta is already a mile walk by itself.
1	More peaceful and easier for dog walking - fewer distractions for him.
1	More peaceful. No cars.
1	More relaxing
1	More scenic walk. Nice to have connection to Front Street.
1	More scenic, quiet and peaceful. River view with wildlife surrounding the trail is a major bonus.
1	Natural setting
1	Natural setting.
1	Nature
1	Nature Bath. Then to restaurant/bar
1	Nature and shaded in parts.
1	Nature is nice
1	Nature lover!
1	Never thought of going towards town
1	Nicer to stay in nature

**Count    Response**

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1	No cars River view. Natural setting
1	No traffic and nature - closer to the river
1	No vehicle traffic and nice scenery
1	Not all drivers are alert and looking for people riding bike.
1	Outdoor/woods feel, easier for running
1	Outdoors
1	Personal preference. We went through town on the way up & natural setting on the way back. I love riding on a trail vs road
1	Prefer nature
1	Prefer to be off the streets
1	Prefer trees to buildings.
1	Pulling young children in bike trailer
1	Quiet getaway with great outdoors
1	Recumbent bike easier to pedal.
1	Relaxing
1	Safer
1	Safer for biking.
1	Safer for my little guys that I ride with. Get nervous on the main roads with the kids.
1	Safer, more beautiful.
1	Safer; we did walk through Marietta - loved the different architectural styles on Main St.
1	Safety and signage was very poor thru town
1	Shade and see river and birds

**Count    Response**

1	Softer for bikes
1	Softer surface to run on; natural aesthetics
1	Sometimes I really don't like cars
1	Stay off streets, I like trail riding in natural setting
1	There is a lot of traffic on Market Street and a lot of cars travel in excess speed of the speed limit. Also, parts of Market Street make it difficult for cars to pass bikes. The sidewalks are not the greatest for running. Its just a lot easier to stay on the trail. Also its more continuity.
1	To experience nature and travel safely with my family.
1	Traffic
1	Traffic - You have to watch
1	Walking through town is fine, but we go hiking to enjoy the river and woods.
1	We enjoy the relative quiet, and no traffic. We can get to the food establishments at the points, where the trail accesses front st.
1	We need to be working toward an off-street system of trails. While bike lanes and routes should certainly be identified within urban communities, it's equally important to have separate trails - they provide a different type of experience.
1	We need to move bike traffic off the streets as much as possible- especially on Front Street
1	While I appreciate going through Marietta, it seems like it would just "be easier" to have the trail paved and be continuous instead of having to take a slight detour.
1	actually prefer non-paved in nature
1	avoid traffic
1	bike traffic on the streets can be very annoying and irritating that being said the trail would have been better off unpaved and dirt.
1	don't want to compete with autos...and it's quieter

**Count    Response**

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1	easier to bike
1	handicap - partial motor assist skooter/bike
1	hiking preference
1	i live in marietta so would prefer something different. if i didnt live here i would prefer in town
1	i love a good nature bath!
1	i would prefer no paving of the trail at all
1	less traffic
1	less/no traffic; more beautiful
1	like nature
1	like the quiet
1	like walking in nature
1	love nature
1	prefer nature
1	preferred
1	safety from trains and car traffic
1	we love outdoors
1	when i use the trail as a cyclist, I prefer to avoid car traffic

23. Why do you prefer the In Town route on Borough Streets over the paved trail in the natural setting?



Count	Response
1	Becuz we stop at the barzzzzzz
1	Historic
1	I live in the town of Marietta
1	Like quaint buildings
1	Scenery and houses.
1	See what's going on, go to restaurant
1	The enjoyment of seeing and experiencing the varied charms of a wonderful small town
1	Your town is a real gem with a clean and friendly atmosphere and a nice variety of small shops.
1	like going through town - liked stopping at the pub

24. Why do you like have the option of both the paved trail in the natural setting and the In Town Route when on the Northwest River Trail in Marietta?



Count	Response
3	Variety
1	Actually I hate the paved trail, I'd rather it was not paved.
1	Because options are always good and I don't always feel the same way- I'd use both at different times, depending on mood.
1	Because we cycle, we like the different surfaces of riding
1	Being a Marietta Borough resident, in the evenings I enjoy walking/biking loops that uses both the trail and streets. I like the natural setting as well as the well kept architecture of the homes.
1	Best of both worlds
1	Both interesting.
1	Change of scenery
1	DIFFERENT ROUTES TO MIX UP THE SCENERY

**Count    Response**

1	Depends on if we stop at a restaurant
1	First visit...didn't know there was a natural setting path - so next time a combo of both
1	Food & drink
1	For biking
1	Gives a different experience,in town route allows me to stop for drinks and food easily
1	I am a touring cyclist with local historic interests. I enjoy riding through both natural settings and through historic small towns.
1	I enjoy both
1	I enjoy seeing the older houses
1	I like surprises and discoveries of river towns. Architecture. Shops. Town personality. Ambience.
1	I like the bike trail with bars
1	I like the change of scenery.
1	I like the town but would also use the trail.
1	I like the variety of experiences and the ability to get away from the crowds if I need to.
1	I like the way it is now!
1	I like variety
1	I live in Marietta and would want to access the trail at different spots.
1	I love seeing the river and the town
1	I love the nature mostly, but its fun to be part of the towns too.
1	I mountain bike as well
1	I would like to stay in nature at times BUT we love going through town...the only part we don't like is Hazel Street



**Count    Response**

1	I'm a girl...I need choices LOL.
1	I've always liked Marietta -had a child at Susquehanna Waldorf long ago.
1	If I am with my kids, I bypass the bar/restaurants in Marietta. When I'm with adults we always hit a bar for a beer.
1	If I want to treat myself with ice cream or stop for lunch, I want the option to go into town on local streets, not wait till I get to Columbia.
1	It would make for a nice variety
1	It's nice to have options.
1	It's nice to see different things coming and going.
1	It's nice to see the town of Marietta and would probably stop in town for food or beverage.
1	Its good to have choises
1	Just to enjoy it.
1	Like natural scenery but option of town is nice
1	Like the restaurants Like the nature
1	Like to access the beautiful town and sight see
1	Love seeing houses and will bring money next time to stop at pub.
1	Make it a longer ride.
1	Marietta is such a beautiful town with a lot of history which many overlook by driving through the town. It's best seen walking or riding a bike.
1	More options
1	Nature is beautiful but it would also be nice to see the town
1	Nice & easy trail

**Count    Response**

1	Nice to use both.
1	No strong preference
1	On occasion could stop for something to eat while on In Town Route.
1	One route may be busier than the other, and having both options allows the trail crowds to be mitigated.
1	Options
1	Our home is directly accessible to both the paved and the In Town Route
1	Paved trail is easier to follow.
1	Paved trail is good for just passing through, town route is good if I'm planning to stop somewhere to eat.
1	People get to know our town and help the businesses thrive by going through it.
1	Ride one way on trail, on the way back ride in town for drinks/food.
1	Seeing the historic, quaint town was very sweet; nice change, but dislike the cars
1	Since it's an out and back trail, having a choice of both in and near Marietta gives you an option to keep on riding or use the route in town to explore restaurants and other businesses and attractions.
1	Some days I just want to stay on the trail but if I get hungry or want to take a rest, I like the option of being able to go into Marietta.
1	Sometimes it is a perfect opportunity to grab a beer....sometimes just to ride
1	Sometimes its nice to stop for a bite to eat
1	Sometimes we like to stop at the restaurants. Sometimes we just want the natural experience.

## Count Response

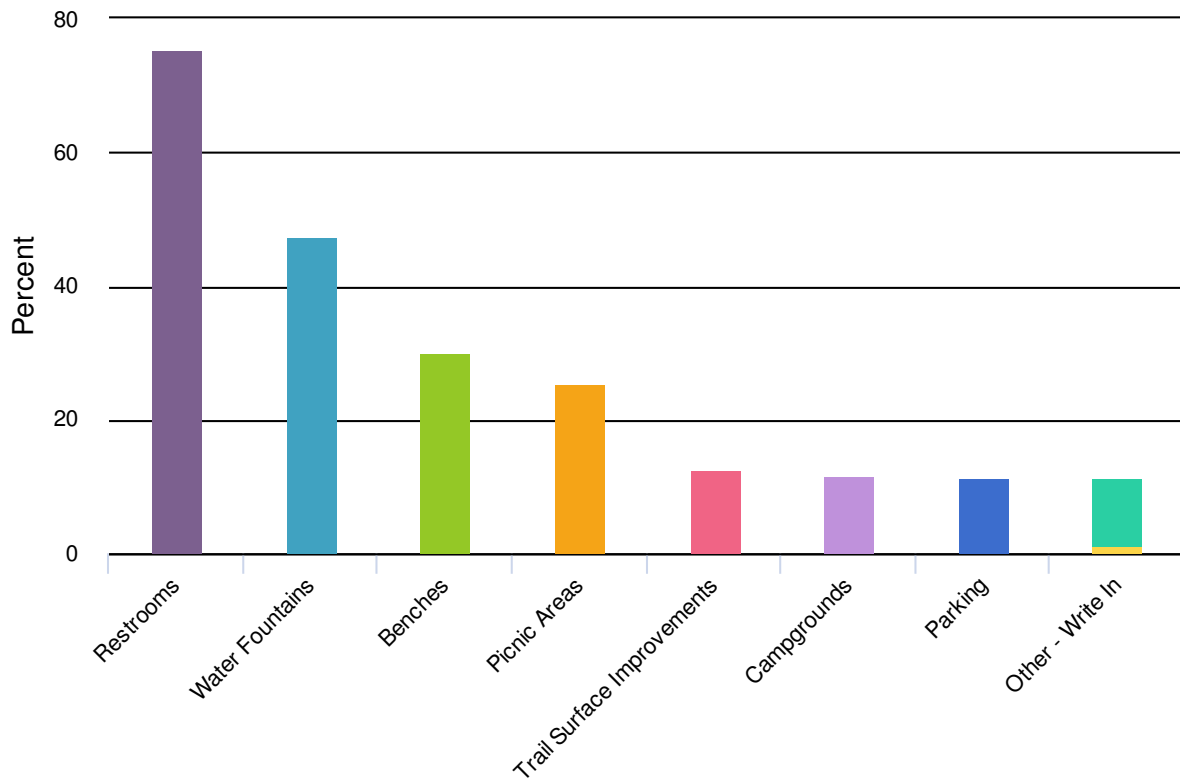
1	The trail in the natural setting definitely needs paved for access by handicap wheelchairs and walker assisted people, it is definitely not safe for older persons to walk on the gravel. The young parents with children love the paved sections due to teaching tots to ride bike in a safe place. I definitely look for bike and walking trails that lead me to restaurants. Railroad crossings are a must. I will definitely patronize the restaurants in Marietta Borough. Now it's more convenient for me to drive to a restaurant elsewhere than walk on the stones to one from the trail. I love the trail where it makes the view of the river possible. I thought I remember someone in the Borough leaving money in their will for the trail to be paved. Hope it gets done soon.
1	The trail is safer than going through town but we also have to bring people into the town to help small business and restaurants.
1	Trail is a beautiful ride and easy with kids. Walking through towns and stopping for a beverage is great with adults.
1	Try something different.
1	Typically paved trail in nature...but beer calls!
1	Use Borough streets to get to and from the trail, prefer to ride on paved natural setting.
1	Variety; Ease of access to local spots
1	Vary the trip to do one way out and one way back. On days when the route is crowded it is nice to have options.
1	Visit restaurants. At least access to restaurants.
1	We enjoy seeing the town as well as going through the woods.
1	We like one way in natural setting to bike and then return in town to enjoy a meal and beer
1	We like the variety - also the trail in town is very interesting - homes are beautiful and historic.
1	We were wondering n the in town route today, after a lot of riding on trails (ex from Columbia) it's nice to have a different view, see what's going on in town!
1	When out for a walk you want solitude and some have to sight see new things and be wowed!

**Count    Response**

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1	biking pref (preference?)
1	depends on the day
1	for the natural environment , flora and fauna and for the beer
1	for variety
1	trail going out, town route going back
1	variety
1	variety also you get ideas from passing peoples homes for landscaping/decorating your own

## 25. What amenities, if any, would you like to see added to this trail?



Value	Percent	Responses
Restrooms	75.5%	284
Water Fountains	47.6%	179
Benches	30.1%	113
Picnic Areas	25.5%	96
Trail Surface Improvements	12.5%	47
Campgrounds	11.7%	44
Parking	11.4%	43
Other - Write In	11.4%	43
Other - Write In	1.1%	4

Other - Write In	Count
Trash receptacles	4
A porta-potty at Decatur Street Parking Area would be nice	1
A water fountains for pets, trashcans	1
Better directions in Marietta from Front Street to North Section toward Bainbridge.	1
Bicycle Repair Stations	1
Bike racks	1
Bike stations - pumps, etc.	1
Campgrounds because, I believe it would possibly add to the trail traffic and be of benefit to both Marietta and Columbia.	1
Designated river access path from the trail if possible, to allow for a swim or fishing	1
Dog watering stations	1
Environmental Center. On the trail. Not the Marietta old buildings.	1
Everything is good	1
Finish Marietta portion	1
First Aid stations. Bike stations re: small repairs.	1
Garbage cans	1
I like it as wild as possible.	1
ICE CREAM	1
Improve entrance from Decatur Street	1
Keep portable toilets all winter	1
Marietta trail improvements.	1
Totals	40

Other - Write In	Count
Mile markers	1
More signs on the main street.	1
More trash cans. recycling.	1
N/A	1
Nearby mountain biking trails	1
None, it's great	1
Primitive camp sites.	1
Seats offering view of river	1
Sgns with history & geological info	1
The Marietta portion of the trail could be a little more smooth	1
The trail is not wide enough for all of the traffic at times. To widen it would be tough but necessary at some points especially with the amount of bike use.	1
Trail surface past Bainbridge	1
Trash Cans	1
Wider pass areas when approaching access areas...many are very narrow for cyclers	1
more signage - directions and businesses	1
none	1
some ADA access, particularly for seniors	1
Totals	40

Other - Write In	Count
Also, trail improvements between Chiques and Decater street giving better access to those who may have physical difficulties.	1
An App to tell you about amenities	1
More bike racks at strategic locations	1
More skateboardz	1
Totals	4



26. Please give your opinion on the following aspects of the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Responses
Trail Maintenance					
Count	311	93	5	1	410
Row %	75.9%	22.7%	1.2%	0.2%	
Trail Safety and Security					
Count	255	124	24	2	405
Row %	63.0%	30.6%	5.9%	0.5%	
Trail Cleanliness					
Count	302	96	7	1	406
Row %	74.4%	23.6%	1.7%	0.2%	
Totals					
Total Responses					410

27. Please share any additional comments, questions, or concerns about the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail in the space provided below.



Count	Response
2	We love the trail!
1	Problems with speed riders. Busy today and almost a collision trying to get around an elderly walker, speeder came around way too fast. People stopping and blocking walkers. Anxious for link up to Enola
1	1. Needs trash cans so people don't throw poop bags in woods. 2. need trail usage signs so people...how to use trail (rules, courtesy)
1	1st time and thanks enjoyed the riding terrain. Can't wait to come back.
1	A kid's playground. Historic interests.
1	A twice yearly pick up trash on the trail day would be helpful to maintain the beautiful trail and discourage littering
1	Add Mile Markers Add More amenities at trailheads (Benches, Signs, Water)
1	Add mile markers going both ways

## Count Response

1	Add more directions. Route choices are confusing.
1	Add signs - business, history, more directions
1	Additional signage for newbies
1	All of it is nice. I would love to see the natural setting paved easily distinguished directed to signage.
1	Amazing natural resource. So glad it's there and available to the community. Would love to see the trail continue to get added to to the north and to the South and maybe even eventually connect to other existing trails.
1	Awesome! Love it!!
1	BEAUTIFUL! I would love additional parking lots so that my 88 yr-old ambulatory (but not on a bike) Dad could experience this awesome trail (especially the area near the bald eagle nest!).
1	Beautiful trail
1	Beautiful winding trail. Love it.
1	Benches at trail heads. Better directional signage needed.
1	Bikes go too fast!
1	Can't wait until it connects to Turkey Hill / Enola Grade trail.
1	Clearer signage for where it begins, where it continues, and where it has two paths
1	Climbers use the trail to access chickies rock frequently. They are a large user group to keep in mind for this area
1	Columbia access stinks! Unsafe!
1	Concern about biking on front street and traffic. It is difficult to see bikers when driving in the street.
1	Decatur to Bainbridge is my favorite trail. It is currently well maintained, give my appreciation to the Borough workers who shovel dirt off the trail at the railroad bridge. Don't make so many improvements you can't keep up!

## Count Response

1	During the last few visits there have been cars parked along the trail in an area I believe near Chestnut St
1	East Donegal keeps their part of the trail in the best condition. Conoy needs to clean the trail and keep the bushes trimmed more than they have been doing. We are looking to the Marietta section of the trail being paved and the head of decatur street parking lot paved.
1	Egress and ingress safety has to be of utmost importance. Cyclists are not obeying the laws: they are riding against traffic on the one way section of Front St, they are not all signaling turns, they are not all yielding to pedestrians, they are riding in groups down the center of streets, and not staying to the right, they stopping in the middle of the trail, they are speeding by other riders or pedestrians with calling out, etc. A greater focus needs to be made to educate riders, and drivers throughout town! Taking the current PennDOT Facebook bicycling survey is a start: <a href="https://quiz.fbapp.io/bicycle-safety-quiz">https://quiz.fbapp.io/bicycle-safety-quiz</a>
1	Enjoy the trail. Keep up the good work
1	Escaped Loose aggressive dogs on trail attacking my dog and me.
1	Excellent expense!
1	First 15 years I lived in county, I never spent much time on river - this trail has changed that. Thanks.
1	First time riding bikes on the trail and it was amazing. A true gem that needs to be promoted even more. Great job.
1	Furnace Road needs some maintenance. It's very rough and too narrow.
1	Glad it exists
1	Good for all communities
1	Graffiti in Columbia a blight on otherwise beautiful trail. Add more interpretive history signs!
1	Great asset to the community Signage on "Natural Trail" to Front Street businesses, restaurants, etc.
1	Great job. Keep up the good work.

**Count    Response**

1	Great place for a picnic.
1	Great place to exercise
1	Great trail
1	Great trail! Makes America great!
1	Great trail, keep it up
1	Great trail.
1	Greatest bike trail ever!
1	I am originally from Schuylkill County where there aren't trails like this, so to have an amenity like this so close & easily accessible to so many people is wonderful. Keep up the good work.
1	I don't like people using their motor vehicles on the trail in Marietta.
1	I encourage you to do whatever you can to create a seamless trail that looks the same no matter what part of it you're on. We need to create some countywide consistency in our trail system.
1	I enjoy seeing families together interacting!
1	I frequent the restaurants in Marietta, just not necessarily when I am using the trail. I run so I am a bit different because I am trying to stay on pace and not stop. If I were going on a bike ride or walk I would probably be more inclined to stop during my trail use.
1	I had the pleasure of meeting Linda who was willing to take time to offer advice and guidance. Thank you Linda. Bill
1	I hate the fact that signs need to be posted to remind people how to behave. But I do think they are needed for "dogs on short leash, no racing, proper calling "on you left" ect.
1	I have never seen any security on the trail. In regards to maintenance they could do a better job after a storm. I would like the trail to reach Harrisburgh.
1	I like it as it is, except Conoy Townships Japanese Knotwood should probably be mowed back.

## Count Response

1	I like this trail. Alot of bikes use it and everyone seems to know the "rules of the trail". On other trails everyone walks and rides in the middle, and then when you ride up on them from behind, they are in the way. I ride for exercise and enjoyment, and when alot of people slow me down, it is not enjoyable. This trail is not like that.
1	I loved it!
1	I personally do not like bikers on the trail. They have the roads to ride on. When walking a dog on a leash, they are not always right beside you. When a biker comes from behind and yells at you, it causes panic trying to collect your dog and figure out which side to get on. Can't there be one place without them!!!
1	I really enjoyed the river trail, even though it's a 50 mile drive I hope to ride it several times a year .
1	I tell all my friends about the trail. We are lucky to have such a great resource
1	I was happy to find this trail today. A paved surface would be good for the bike, but I can't complain.
1	I've been nearly hit by bicycles far too many times it actually deters me from the trail.
1	I've biked all over and this is one of my favorite trails. Can't wait till the last sections are completed.
1	Is there any way to post on a website when the trail at Shock's Mill Bridge is underwater? We love the trail (as a nice cool down after a road ride).
1	It would be nice if you did not have to go into the street in the Columbia Visitor Center area.
1	It would make me very happy to see it lengthened and adjoined to other area cycle tracks.
1	It's taken a long time to getting the trail paved and it is still gravel through Marietta...embarrassingly too long.
1	Its a nice place to ride bike, e everyone is nice and friendly.
1	Just would like it to be longer
1	Keep up the good work!

**Count    Response**

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1	Keep up the good work!!
1	Keep up the spirit!
1	Loose dogs a concern. Suggest a website in town directory listing dog owner contact information, dog's name and photos of dogs. Cell photos can be taken of loose dogs then tracked to owners. Investigate why and how dogs are getting loose. Dog owners need to be held responsible and trail users need to be safe.
1	Love how quickly the mud is removed from under the bridge after it floods
1	Love it
1	Love it!
1	Love it! Very pretty.
1	Love it!!
1	Love seeing all the trail users going past our house. Would like to see signs on Front Street showing what we have to offer uptown. This trail will bring our town to life again! Love it!
1	Love that it is paved and rural! And adore the river!
1	Love the pavement
1	Love the quaint town and its preservation to an old historic look. We enjoy outdoor seating and drinking to relax - so these additions would be nice. Ice cream stops are awesome on hot days! On the trail use signs to indicate eateries/pubs/etc. inward of bike trail
1	Love the trail & can't wait for final paving at Falmouth.
1	Love the trail. A good use for our tax dollars.
1	Love these trails.
1	Love this trail
1	Maybe the paths could be wider have just a bike trail other than walkers

**Count    Response**

1	More direction signs in Marietta
1	More directions!
1	More paved route/ miles available
1	More signs for parking would be nice
1	More snakes!
1	More trash cans n parking
1	Natural trail is not well marked
1	Need for trail ettiquett.
1	Need sides mowed from Riverfront up to Bainbridge. Keep sides mowed all thru trail
1	Needed a little trim today but normally trail is exceptional.
1	Needs a few more signs in Columbia portion by the shipping yard.
1	Needs better and more signage especially at Furnace Road and west end parking lot (at bridge)
1	No bald eagles ☹ in nest. No sneks ☹. Sum turtz. ☹ No dilphins. ☹. And ☹☹☹☹
1	No campgrounds!
1	Not enough directional signs at Decatur parking and other Marietta parking areas going west and how to get back to Front street
1	Not sure how it can be improved
1	One way section of front street should be two way for bikers. Too hard and dangerous for family's to take the alternate route. Sidewalk or path could be constructed on west side of the street
1	Overall excellent trail



## Count Response

1	PLEASE don't over improve this lovely area. Is already crowded at times during summer months. Keep it as a nature trail and have the picnics, campgrounds etc away from the trail
1	Portapotties need to be pumped out. Very smelly.
1	Post at website when flooded at Shocks Mill Bridge
1	Problems with speed riders.
1	Safe to ride alone if you want.
1	Sign at Bainbridge that indicates the end or directions
1	Signage to restaurants, etc.
1	Signs/Map for restaurants
1	So nice! Great use of my tax dollars!
1	Some bikers tend to go a little to fast around walkers.
1	Speed bumps in place on the road for cars near the Furnace Road parking lot. Better signage for the Columbia trail access and possible speed bumps near the intersection in Columbia where trail users cross 441. Or better signage for cars (Caution: Trail Crossing). Some sort of speed bumps for bicyclists along certain parts of the trail to deter road bicyclists from overtaking other trail users.
1	Stop using weed killer near arch bridge - dead ugly brown foliage lines trail
1	Thanks for the trail 😊
1	The Boat Club blocks the trail and is quite unsightly and an unfair interruption in the trail. People litter too much. Maybe install recycle and trash containers.
1	The Furnace Road access onto PA441 should be closed. It is very dangerous.
1	The NW T rail is the best one in Lancaster County and the most scenic.
1	The River T rail improved quality of life and feeling of town. I believe it will also increase property values.

## Count Response

1	The sections next to the river are the nicest.
1	The trail is a wonderful asset for the communities near it. It's certainly a destination for me and friends because it is a trail that can be ridden by all levels of riders. I've seen more of Marietta & Columbia by bike than I have by car.
1	The trail is beautiful. I just feel Marietta needs to be updated so more people will spend all day here and not just for an hour only on the trail.
1	The trail is great. Love the pavement. Could use water fountains or things of that nature
1	The website indicates the various trailheads, including Falmouth. It would be nice for the site to clarify where cycling access versus hiking access is available on the trail. We spent extra time, driving to find cycling trail access.
1	There is more and more trash along the natural trails that run directly alongside the Susquehanna River--we need more/better access to receptacles. Community clean-up days might be necessary with the increased use.
1	There is someone on the trail who charges for parking and is rude to people who accidentally park there. Very unfriendly
1	There needs to be garbage can every so often.
1	This has been our favorite bike trail even though it's roughly 40 minutes from our home. We hope the trail remains available for our use and the improvements continue.
1	This is my favorite trail. I've done Enola Low Grade, Heritage Rail Trail and Gretna Trail.
1	This is our favorite trail in the area. A paved trail is a big attraction.
1	This trail has been a great joy for my wife and I, and is greatly appreciated. Thanks, goes to all municipalities, businesses and the county, who made this possible.
1	This was our first time on the trail. We enjoyed it and will come back!
1	Time trial problem. Live down middle.
1	Trail a joy! I had knee surgery and this has been my PT!! Decatur Street has huge bump to go over...always afraid my car will bottom out. If you could ease the hill, that would be just great!
1	Trail camers to catch Vandels in Columbia.

**Count    Response**

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1	Trail is awesome
1	Trail is convenient for us to access. Would be nice for benches and picnic tables under shade for resting time.
1	Trail needs to accomodate walkers, perhaps a stone path alongside macadam.
1	Trail safety: we always ride in pairs. Never ridden this path alone.
1	Trails are very well kept; beautiful ride.
1	Use recumbent bike and T rek normal bike.
1	Very awkward and dangerous approach ramp to trail at Columbia
1	We are thrilled to have this beautiful trail so close to home - it has become our favorite - thanks to all who have made it a reality
1	We can't Waite for the remaining area from the Marrita access to Decatur st.. At the very least, pave from and the new bridge at the Boat Club to Decatur st.. A layer of finely crushed stone and packed would be better than how it now is..
1	We do stop at Sheetz on the way home.
1	We enjoy it. Glad its here and extended through!
1	We had to fix a flat south of Marietta - next time we will go to chickies rock and Columbia
1	We love having this trail so close to our home. It's peaceful and well maintained, and we love it.
1	We love it! We would love better access to parking and signs to know where to go and park.
1	We love it.
1	We love this trail
1	We love this trail. Please finish paving soon

## Count Response

1	We loved it, can't wait to go back, is like to do the whole trail with out the kids making a day of it!
1	We really enjoy the trail. Continue to improve and we will continue to ride
1	We spend a lot of time on varioous trails. This is one of our very favorites.
1	We've been using the trail since long before it was paved. We love having something this special so close to our home.
1	When I answered the question about the trail and put excellent. I wanted to state Excellent in East Donegal Township and Columbia Borough cause they worked hard to get their trail paved and useful for all types of person. I feel safer in those two municipalities than the footpath of the Borough. The brush and weeds are so close to the path. It's scary.
1	When I finished my guided geology walk we came upon and walked aside the natural field with scattered wildflowers and it filled my heart with joy! I'd come just for that sight!
1	With so many bikes it makes walking difficult and not relaxing. Perhaps gravel paths on either side of the pavement trail could be added for walkers.
1	Within an hour of home this is our favorite trail. Look forward to being able to bike on paved surface (along river), from Columbia to Bainbridge. Many thanks to the municipalities and partners who developed the trail. It's part of what's great about Lancaster County!
1	Wonderful resource !!
1	Wonderful trail. Thank you!
1	Would like it to be wider to allow a safer experience for both hiker and biker.
1	Would like to see trail in towns decorated for holidays.
1	Would love if this would extend down to Enola Low Grade it might draw others up into town when the Conestoga River Bridge is completed (especially of there is lodging.). Also a connection to Lebanon Valley would do the same, though that's tougher...
1	be nice to be able to have a point of contact when you encounter trail encumbrances such as downed trees so they can be removed
1	clean out the gutter grate on pine street ????

**Count    Response**

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1	have handicapped family members who require paved surface
1	i think the trail as it is, is great. There is no need to pave it. After all, it is a nature trail. Paving will only crack and fall apart due to the winter weather causing the trail to become more dangerous than it already is. Especially since bikers already speed their asses down the trail as it is. Instead put the money towards restrooms, water fountains, and just trail and brush maintenance. Thanks.
1	paved trail at Donegal
1	paving beyond Bainbridge would be delightful
1	would appreciate better paving (for bikes) between trail parking & Chiques Outfitters
1	would like to see cars blocked off from the trail entrances