

# Richmond Tributary Buyout Area Survey Results

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## Survey Participant Proximity to the Buyout Area

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| <b>Immediate Neighbors</b>                         | <b>35%</b> |
| <b>A block away</b>                                | <b>10%</b> |
| <b>Same neighborhood</b>                           | <b>35%</b> |
| <b>Different neighborhood, but visits the area</b> | <b>20%</b> |

Currently, the buyout area is most commonly used for observing plants and wildlife. However, a notable percentage (37%) of those surveyed do not currently use the buyout area.

## Summary of Results: All Participants

**Most** are in favor of:

- Establishing a community garden
- Planting fruit trees
- Adding amenities such as sitting areas and a trail to the creek
- Community events, such as creek clean-ups and tree plantings
- Planting more trees
- Management practices that benefit water quality and pollinator habitat

A **majority** are in favor of

- Adding educational signage to explain the benefits of different management practices
- Mowing areas near the front of lots and sidewalks, while allowing native vegetation to grow towards the middle and back of the lots, closer to the creek.

Opinions are **mixed** about establishing low-growing meadows. A large percentage (47%) agree/strongly agree with low-growing meadows. However, this is not the majority of residents surveyed. A notable percentage (29%) disagree/strongly disagree.

## Immediate Neighbors with Differing Opinions

The opinions of immediate neighbors largely align with those of all participants surveyed. However, they differ in the following areas:

- A majority of immediate neighbors are in favor of establishing a community garden, but a notable percentage (22%) disagree/strongly disagree.
- A majority of immediate neighbors are in favor of educational signage and a trail to the creek, but a notable percentage (22%, 30% respectively) disagree/strongly disagree with adding these amenities.
- Immediate neighbors' opinions differ most from all participants on the issue of vegetation maintenance.
  - Opinions are evenly split between mowing, not mowing, and a combination of the two.
  - Opinions are mixed about low-growing meadows. A large percentage (48%) disagree/strongly disagree with low-growing meadows. However, this is not the majority of residents surveyed.

**'Most in favor'** indicates...

65% or more agree/strongly agree with less than 15% disagree/strongly disagree

**'A majority in favor'** indicates...

50-64% agree/strongly agree with more than 15% disagree/strongly disagree

**'Mixed opinion'** indicates...

Less than 50% agree/strongly agree with no one opinion as the majority