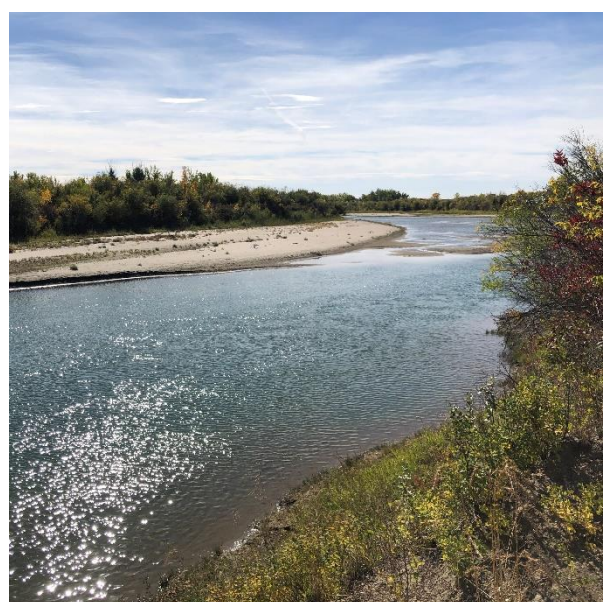




Maple Grove Stakeholder Survey Response *Summary Report*



Meewasin is located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We humbly acknowledge the traditional caretakers of the land and honour the First Nations and Métis people of this place.



Executive Summary

An online survey was sent out to 190 stakeholders from various organizations as part of the Maple Grove Master Plan preliminary stakeholder outreach. Survey questions gauged participants familiarity of the site and opinions on future site development and operations, including the existing white house, and a wide range of design ideas. The survey was conducted over seven weeks and had a response rate of 20%. The following summarizes the results. This report is for information only and is not intended to make recommendations or conclusions.

Familiarity of the Site

In general, the majority of participants were familiar with Maple Grove, with most aware that the site is owned by Meewasin. A large majority had previously visited the site either for work purposes, recreation, or general curiosity. The familiarity of the site was somewhat influenced by the high percentage of Meewasin participants.

Site Development & Operations

Overall, a large majority of participants support Meewasin investing in the Maple Grove site. However, support seemed to decrease slightly with the mention of revenue generation either to break-even or generate additional revenue. Those who provided additional comments questioned what type of revenue generation with some in support of paid programming and experiences while most comments were firm on maintaining free access to trails, natural areas, and the river.

Design Ideas

From the comprehensive list of design ideas, the most favored options included seating areas, interpretive signage and bird and wildlife viewing facilities. The least favored options included sports fields, having no programming, a daycare and restricting public access. Additional design ideas provided by respondents included shuttle transportation to the site and backcountry camping.

White House

Of the respondents who selected one of the provided options, there was almost an even split between converting the White House to programming or operations where it sits or moving the White House. Of those who supported moving the White House, most were in favor of moving the house to another location on site above the 1:500 flood line and repurposing it for use. It is interesting to note that none of the participants were in favor of continuing the rent the White House. Some additional answers questioned the condition of the house, access, and proximity to the floodplain.

Additional Comments

The main takeaway from the additional comments was the need to balance conservation and development, and access to the site.

Next Steps

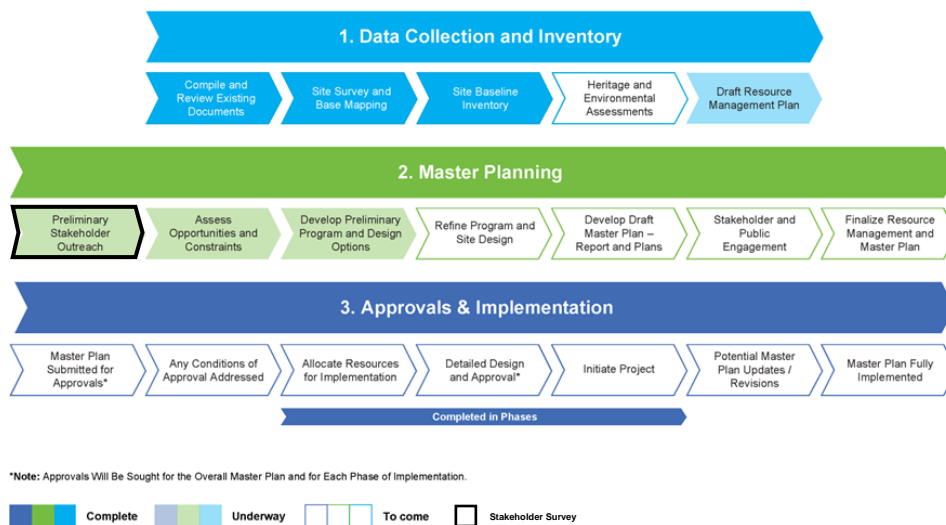
Following the survey and design charrette, feedback and design concepts will be gathered and formed into a draft Master Plan. The draft will then be presented to stakeholders and the public for further engagement

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Process

As part of the preliminary stakeholder outreach in the Master Planning process for the Maple Grove site, shown in the diagram below, a preliminary survey was sent out to approximately 190 stakeholders from various organizations, Meewasin Committees, Board Members, and staff. This same group was invited to participate in the Design Charrette. Before completing the survey, participants were encouraged to review the “Introduction to Maple Grove Frequently Asked Questions” document, found in Appendix A, that provided some background information on the site and the master plan process. The survey was an online survey created using Google Forms. A variety of multiple choice, opinion scale and open-ended questions were asked to gauge participants’ familiarity of the site, opinion on the future operations of the site and feedback on numerous design ideas. The survey was open from August 16 to October 7, 2022, and received a total of 38 responses or around 20% of the total invitees.



The survey was the first method of engagement for stakeholders. The overall proposed workflow is noted below.

Maple Grove Master Plan Work Flow												
Item												
Internal Team / Steering comm. est.	Complete											
Stakeholder List Finalized	Complete											
Project Introduction / Survey Developed	Complete											
Communications Plan	Complete											
Charrette Planning	Complete											
Send Online Survey to Stakeholders		Underway										
Survey Results (done before Charrette)		Complete										
Stakeholder/Charrette membership		Underway										
Charrette			Underway									
Charrette results review/report			Complete									
Master Plan draft development				Underway								
Stakeholder & Committee w Draft & survey					Underway							
Public Engagement						Underway						
Master Plan finalization							Underway					
Approvals								Underway				
Budgeting / Implementation Plan											Underway	
Engagement / communications	Underway											
Master Plan Work / Development	Complete											

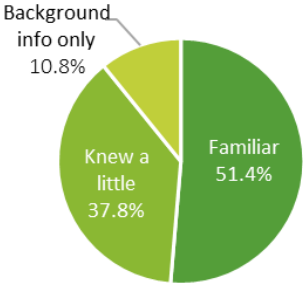
Results

Below is a summary of the results for each question, organized by each section of the survey. The survey results were provided to Charrette participants as background information. The full survey and responses can be found in Appendix B.

Familiarity of the Site

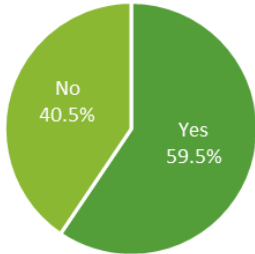
Are you familiar with or have you heard of Maple Grove (parts of it formerly known as Leisureland)?

Over half (51.4%) of respondents were familiar with Maple Grove and/or Leisureland, 37.8% knew a little bit about the site prior to taking the survey, and 10.8% were only familiar with Maple Grove based on the background information provided.



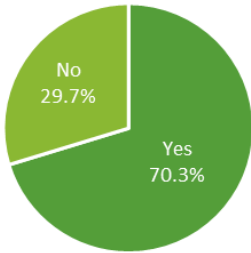
Prior to this year, were you aware that Maple Grove is owned by Meewasin?

Over half of respondents (59.5%) were aware that Maple Grove is owned by Meewasin, while 40.5% were not aware.



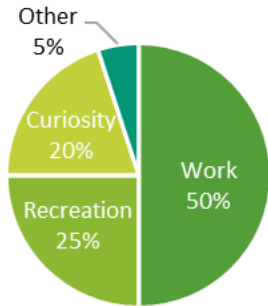
Have you ever been to the site?

Majority of respondents (70.3%) had previously visited the site, while less than one third (29.7%) of respondents had never been to Maple Grove



If you have been to the site, in what context were you there?

Of those who had visited Maple Grove, half of respondent's had been to the site for work purposes, either with Meewasin or the RM of Corman Park. One quarter of respondents had visited the site for recreational purposes whether it was for access to the river or birdwatching with some even mentioning visiting Leisureland. However, 20% had visited the site out of general curiosity.

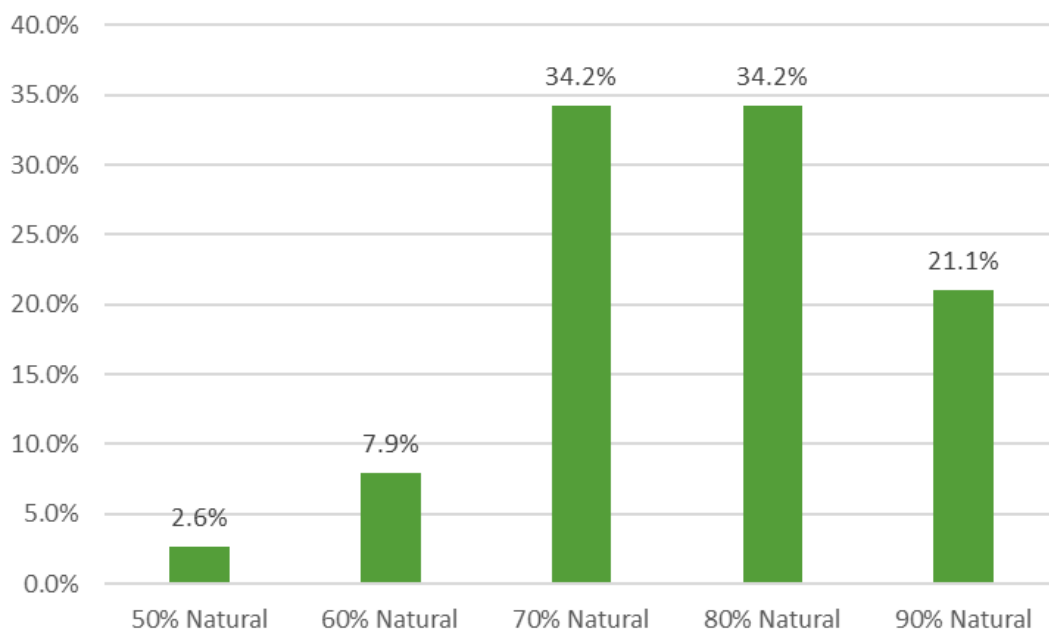


Site Development & Operations

What percentage of space at Maple Grove do you think should:

- Focus on natural areas, flora and fauna conservation and resource management.
- Development of trail, facilities for use of recreation, education, and programming.

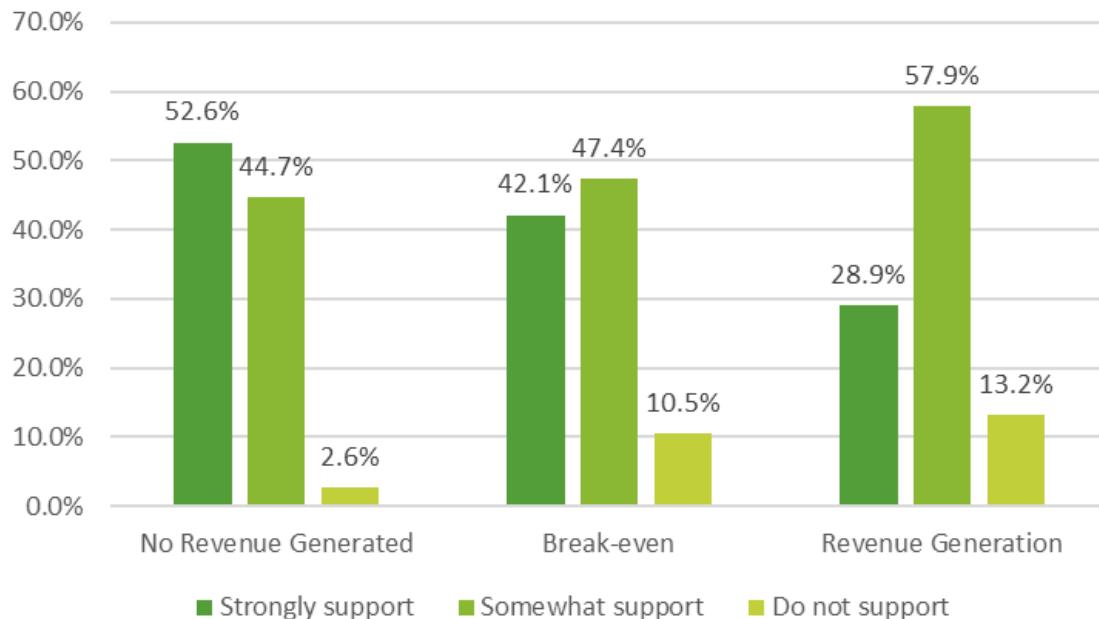
Nearly all participants agree that the majority of the site should be left in a natural or naturalized state, varying in percentage allocations.



For the site, do you support Meewasin...

- investing in ongoing site operations and programming as part of core funding/budget (no revenue generated)?
- generating enough revenue on the site to cover site operating costs (break-even)?
- generating revenue on the site to cover operating costs and to support additional Meewasin initiatives?

Overall, a large majority of respondents support both investment in site operations and programming with no revenue generated and revenue generation either to break-even or support additional Meewasin initiatives. Support did seem to decrease with mention of revenue generation.



Additional Comments

Although there was generally support for investing and generating revenue either to break-even or to support additional initiatives, respondents seemed to question what type of revenue generating initiatives may be suitable. Although some comments were in support of revenue generation for programming and facilities such as tours, events, camping, most comments were strongly for maintaining free public access to trails, natural areas, and river access.

Design Ideas

Based on earlier work, the following ideas were generated for the site. Rate each item on whether you think each idea is valid for the site.

Nature Appreciation/Natural Areas

From the options of bird and wildlife viewing facilities, no public access, and ponds and wetlands, bird and wildlife facilities was the most favored option, while no public access was the least favored option.

Bird/Wildlife Viewing Facilities (blinds, lookouts, elevated walkways, platforms)

- 57.9% – Yes, very valid
- 26.3% – Top favorite
- 7.9% – Has some potential
- 7.9% – Not sure



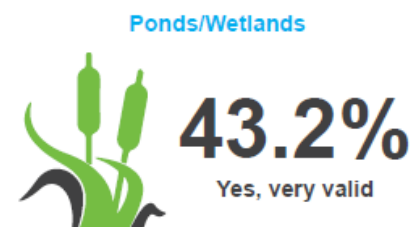
No Public Access/Protected Natural Area

- 44.7% – Not Sure
- 26.3% – Definitely not
- 18.4% – Has some potential
- 7.9% – Yes, very valid
- 2.6% – Top favorite



Ponds/Wetlands

- 43.2% – Yes, very valid
- 21.6% – Not sure
- 16.2% – has some potential
- 16.2% – top favorite
- 2.7% – definitely not



Trails and Associated Amenities

Overall, the most supported trail and associated amenities options were seating areas and interpretive signage, while a bridge to Yorath Island and dedicated bike trails were the least supported.

Bridge providing pedestrian access to Yorath Island (with trails on the island)

- 37.8% – has some potential
- 18.9% – definitely not
- 16.2% – top favorite
- 16.2% – yes, very valid
- 10.8% – not sure

Bridge to Yorath Island



37.8%
Has some potential

Meewasin Trail Terminus and Trails On-Site (not including the island)

- 51.4% – yes, very valid
- 21.6% – top favorite
- 21.6% – has some potential
- 5.4% – not sure

Trail Terminus



51.4%
Yes, very valid

Seating Areas

- 70.3% – yes, very valid
- 13.5% – top favorite
- 13.5% – has some potential
- 2.7% – not sure

Seating Areas



70.3%
Yes, very valid

Washrooms

- 45.9% – yes, very valid
- 18.9% – has some potential
- 16.2% – top favorite
- 16.2% – not sure
- 2.7% – definitely not

Washrooms



45.9%
Yes, very valid

Drinking Fountain

- 35.1% – has some potential
- 29.7% – yes, very valid
- 16.2% – top favorite
- 16.2% – not sure
- 2.7% – definitely not



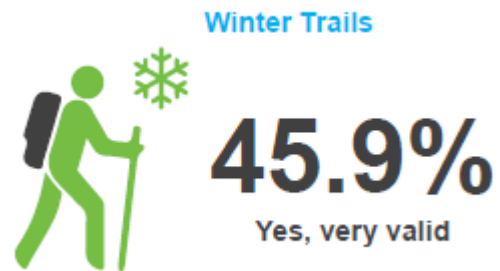
Interpretive Signage

- 59.5% – yes, very valid
- 27.0% – top favorite
- 13.5% – has some potential



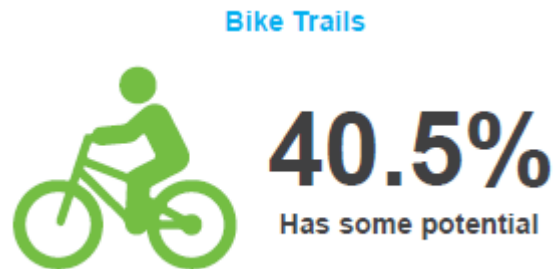
Groomed Winter Trails – Skiing/Snowshoe/Sled

- 45.9% – Yes, very valid
- 27.0% – has some potential
- 24.3% – top favorite
- 2.7% – not sure



Bike Trails (single use/specialized use such as fat tire)

- 40.5% – has some potential
- 27.0% – very valid
- 16.2% – not sure
- 8.1% – definitely not
- 8.1% – top favorite



River Access

For each of the three river access options, over one third of respondents had agreed that the options 'had some potential' with a boat launch/ dock for non-motorized river access garnering the most acceptance.

Dock Facilities (mainland and island for access to Yorath Island)

35.1% – has some potential

24.3% – yes, very valid

18.9% – not sure

10.8% – top favorite

10.8% – definitely not

Dock to Yorath



35.1%
Has some potential

Boat Launch/Dock for non-motorized river access

35.1% – has some potential

32.4% – yes, very valid

13.5% – top favorite

10.8% – definitely not

8.1% – not sure

Boat Launch



35.1%
Has some potential
32.4%
Yes, very valid

Beach Area (on the river or set back)

37.8% – has some potential

24.3% – yes, very valid

16.2% – not sure

10.8% – top favorite

10.8% – definitely not

Beach Area



37.8%
Has some potential

Programming Spaces and Places

The most supported options within programming spaces and places were ceremonial and cultural space and picnic sites including shelters and fire pits. Majority of respondents were not in favor of sports fields or no programming.

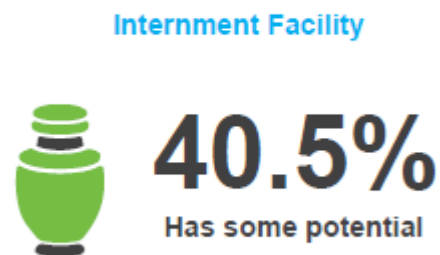
Ceremonial/cultural space (indoor or outdoor)

- 40.5% – has some potential
- 37.8% – yes, very valid
- 16.2% – top favorite
- 5.4% – not sure



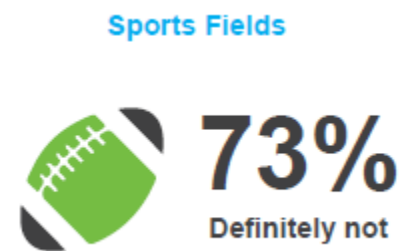
Internment facility/space (for example, for release or spreading of cremated remains)

- 40.5% – has some potential
- 29.7% – not sure
- 13.5% – yes, very valid
- 13.5% – definitely not
- 2.7% – top favorite



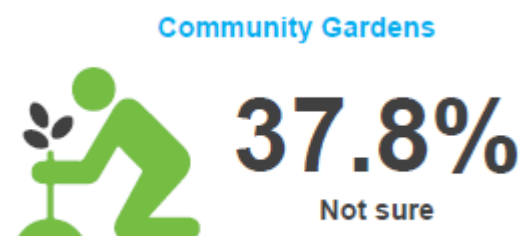
Sports Fields (ball, soccer, disc golf etc.)

- 73.0% – definitely not
- 16.2% – not sure
- 8.1% – has some potential
- 2.7% – top favorite



Community Gardens/Food Production

- 37.8% – not sure
- 27.0% – has some potential
- 16.2% – definitely not
- 10.8% – top favorite
- 8.1% – yes, very valid



Display/Botanical Gardens

- 37.8% – has some potential
- 27.0% – yes, very valid
- 16.2% – not sure
- 13.5% – top favorite
- 5.4% – definitely not

Botanical Gardens



37.8%
Has some potential

Photography Setup (wedding or other event photos)

- 37.8% – has some potential
- 21.6% – yes, very valid
- 18.9% – definitely not
- 16.2% – not sure
- 5.4% – top favorite

Photography Setup



37.8%
Has some potential

Picnic Sites including shelters and fire pits

- 37.8% – has some potential
- 35.1% – yes, very valid
- 10.8% – top favorite
- 10.8% – not sure
- 5.4% – definitely not

Picnic Sites



37.8%
Has some potential
35.1%
Yes, very valid

Playground

- 35.1% – not sure
- 24.3% – has some potential
- 21.6% – yes, very valid
- 18.9% – definitely not

Playground



35.1%
Not sure

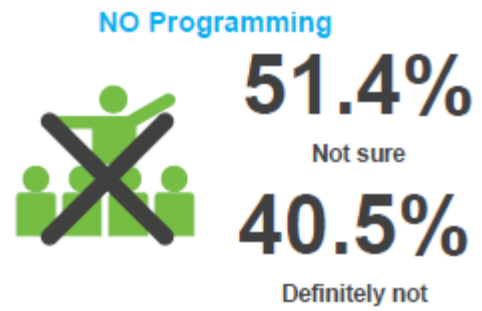
No Programming

51.4% – not sure

40.5% – definitely not

5.4% – has some potential

2.7% – yes, very valid

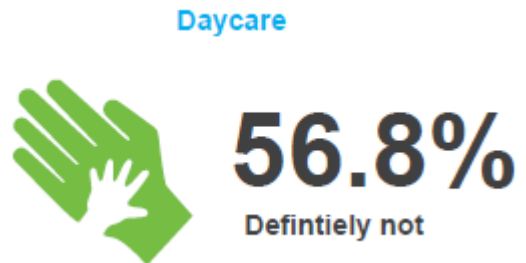


Business/Visitor/Tourism Facilities

Responses within this category were quite neutral, with the highest percentage of responses in each category being 'has some potential', except for the Daycare option which over half of respondents responded with 'definitely not'. More favored options included an Interpretive Centre or Tourism focused tours or experiences.

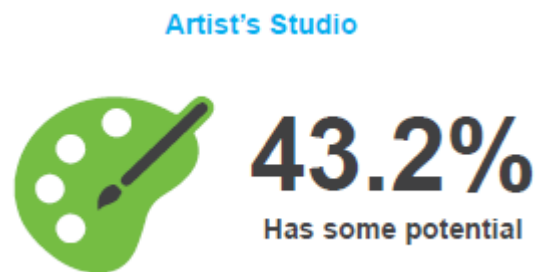
Daycare

- 56.8% – definitely not
- 32.4% – not sure
- 8.1% – has some potential
- 2.7% – yes, very valid



Artist's/Craft Studio Space

- 43.2% – has some potential
- 32.4% – not sure
- 10.8% – definitely not
- 8.1% – yes, very valid
- 5.4% – top favorite



Food Services (teahouse, café, restaurant)

- 48.6% – has some potential
- 18.9% – not sure
- 18.9% – definitely not
- 8.1% – yes, very valid
- 5.4% – top favorite



Indoor/Outdoor event/retreat space
(dances, funerals, weddings, meetings, reunions)

- 32.4% – has some potential
- 24.3% – not sure
- 24.3% – definitely not
- 10.8% – top favorite
- 8.1% – yes, very valid

Event Space



32.4%
Has some potential

Sports equipment access/rental (bikes, canoes, paddleboards, etc.)

- 51.4% – has some potential
- 16.2% – not sure
- 10.8% – definitely not
- 10.8% – yes, very valid
- 10.8% – top favorite

Equipment Rentals



51.4%
Has some potential

Skating Rink/track with warm up facility

- 29.7% – has some potential
- 29.7% – definitely not
- 27.0% – not sure
- 8.1% – yes, very valid
- 5.4% – top favorite

Skating Rink



29.7%
TIED
Has some potential
Definitely not

Rentable Overnight Cabins/Glamping

- 37.8% – has some potential
- 29.7% – definitely not
- 16.2% – not sure
- 10.8% – yes, very valid
- 5.4% – top favorite

Glamping/Cabins



37.8%
Has some potential

Overnight Camping Sites

- 43.2% – has some potential
- 18.9% – not sure
- 18.9% – definitely not
- 16.2% – yes, very valid
- 2.7% – top favorite

Camping Sites



Interpretive Centre (building to support on-site programming)

- 45.9% – has some potential
- 32.4% – yes, very valid
- 10.8% – not sure
- 5.4% – definitely not
- 5.4% – top favorite

Interpretive Centre



Daytime or Overnight Camps

- 43.2% – has some potential
- 21.6% – not sure
- 18.9% – yes, very valid
- 8.1% – top favorite
- 8.1% – definitely not

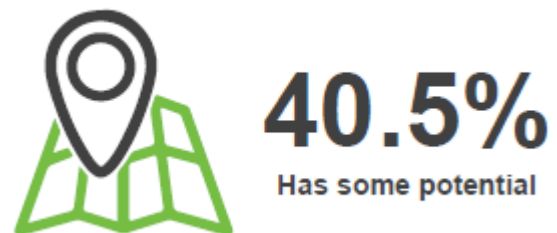
Camps



Tourism Focused Tours/Experiences

- 40.5% – has some potential
- 24.3% – yes, very valid
- 18.9% – not sure
- 13.5% – top favorite
- 2.7% – definitely not

Tourism Tours



Meewasin Operations (offices, shop, nursery, etc.)

45.9% – has some potential

24.3% – not sure

13.5% – yes, very valid

10.8% – definitely not

5.4% – top favorite

Meewasin Operations



45.9%

Has some potential

Other Suggestions

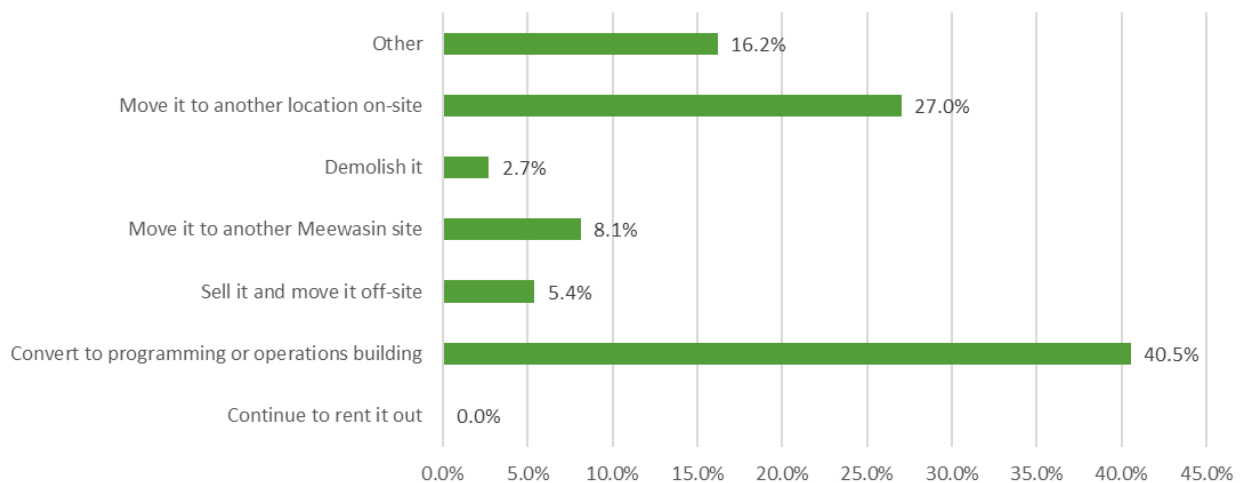
Some additional design idea suggestions from participants that were not mentioned within the survey questions were a shuttle service to provide transportation out to the site and backcountry camping sites, either walk in or bike in. Additional comments related to the design ideas were to balance development and natural areas, reducing the amount of development, limiting programming so large groups do not impact the site, and designing for four seasons.

White House

There is currently one house on site (bungalow), which is rented out and occupied. It is referred to as the 'White House', because it is white. It sits right beside the river, in the 1:500 floodplain, so could not be upgraded where it sits. It is generally in good condition and includes a full basement and was built prior to Meewasin purchasing the land.

What do you think is a good option for this building?

Just over 40% of respondents were in favor of using the building where it sits currently, while just over 40% preferred the option of moving the White House, either to another location on-site (27%), another Meewasin site (8.1%) or selling it and moving it off site (5.4%). Only 2.7% were in favor of demolishing the White House and restoring the area, while 2.7% agree that all options are viable. A total of five participants added their own responses discussing better access to the White House and parking lot, the 1:500 floodplain restrictions, and questions surrounding the condition of the house.



Additional Comments

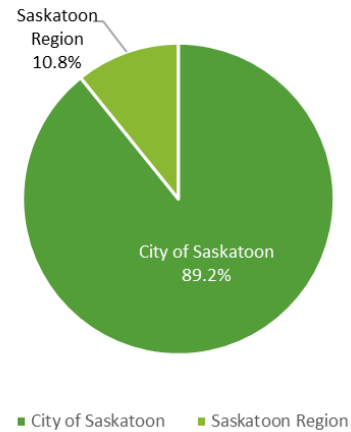
Additional Comments About Maple Grove

Additional comments from participants were a split between the encouragement to develop the site and the need to protect the site. Some respondents see Maple Grove as a place with a rich history and would prefer it to be open for people to visit with passive recreation or space for reflection and connection with nature. While other respondents believe the site should be protected and secured to prevent unwanted visitors and vandalism, and to conserve the natural habitat, especially Yorath Island. Respondents also caution the development within the floodplain and question the extent of development not wanting Maple Grove to be “another Waskesiu” or to be exclusionary. One participant mentioned an underground water spring on site that should be protected.

Demographics

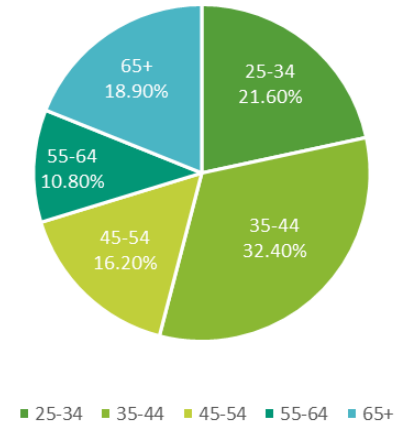
Where do you live?

The majority of respondents live within the City of Saskatoon (89.2%), while the remainder (10.8%) reside in the Saskatoon Region including the RM of Corman Park, Clavet, Humboldt and RM of Grant.



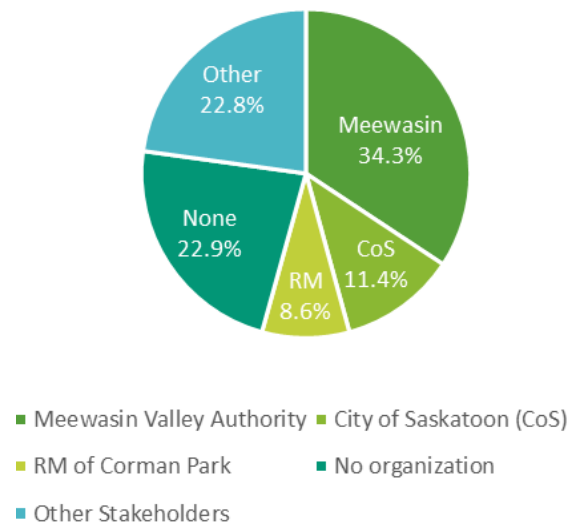
What is your age range?

Approximately one third of respondents (32.4%) were within the ages of 35-44, while 21.6% were within 25-34, 18.9% over 65, 16.2% within 45-54, and lastly, 10.8% within 55-64.



What organization do you represent (if applicable)?

Just over one third (34.3 %) of participants represented Meewasin Valley Authority, while 11.4% of respondents represented City of Saskatoon and 8.6% represented RM of Corman Park. Other stakeholder organizations made up 22.8% of participants and a total of 22.9% of participants did not represent an organization.



Appendix A – Introduction to Maple Grove Frequently Asked Questions

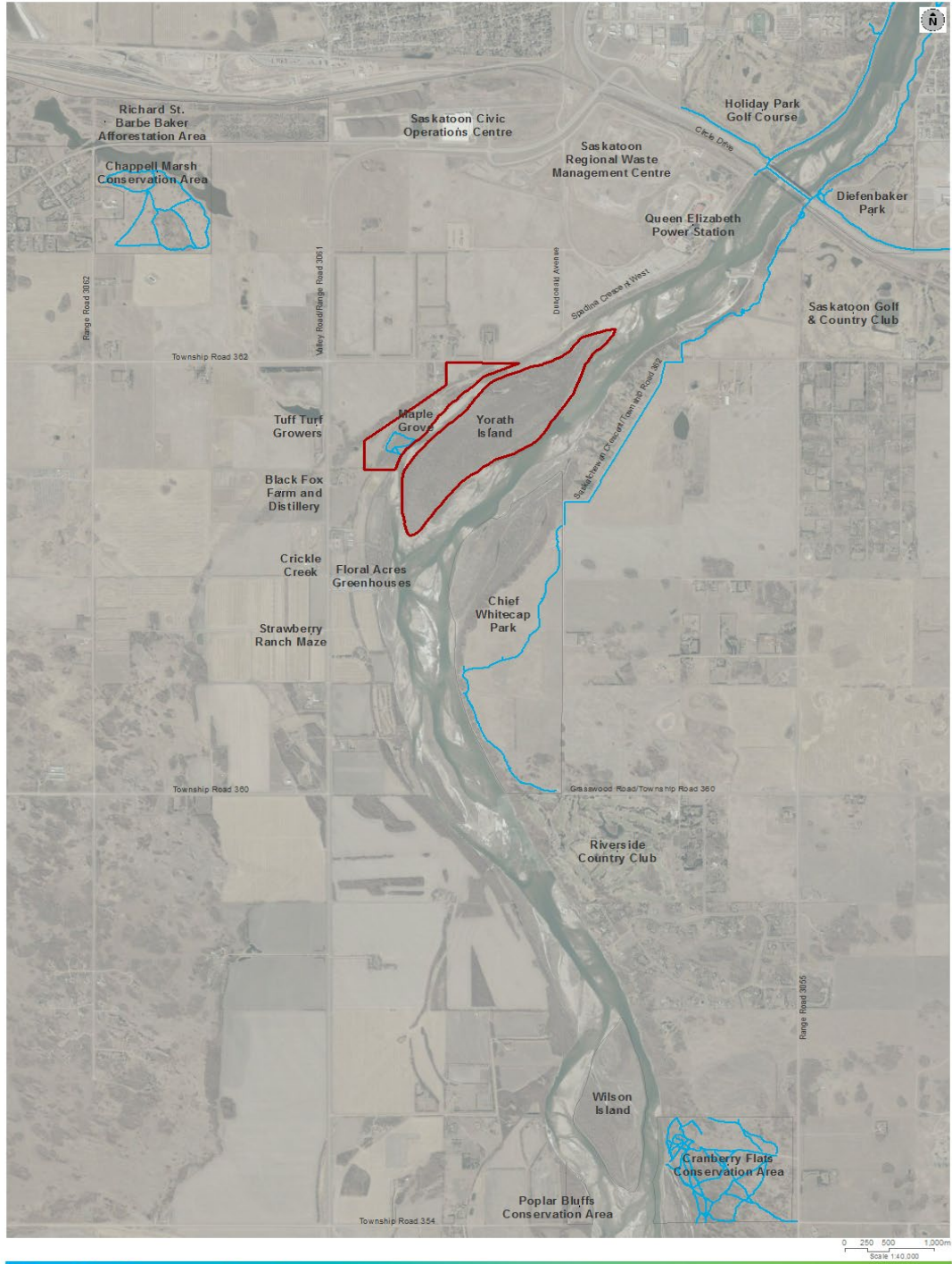
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Introduction to Maple Grove - Frequently Asked Questions



- **What and where is Maple Grove?** Maple Grove is a 22.66 Hectare rural riverfront parcel, including a portion of the adjacent Yorath island (68.96 Ha), within the RM of Corman Park. The property was purchased by Meewasin in 1997. It is located south of Saskatoon on the west side of the South Saskatchewan River, about one kilometer upstream of the Queen Elizabeth Power Station and just over one kilometer east of Valley Road. It is directly south of Township Road 362, also known as Hodgson Road. You can view the site in Google Maps here (parking lot): <https://goo.gl/maps/WoN3c51WgeEtwJ8A>



Maple Grove Region

- Legend**
-  Maple Grove & Yorath Island Site Boundaries
 -  Meewasin Trail

September 20 2022
Projection: NAD 1983 CSRS UTM Zone 13N
Data Sources:
Meewasin Valley Authority
Saskatoon and Okanagan
Imagery Collaborative

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- What do we see on site currently?** Currently the site consists predominantly of mature riparian forest with some patches of open grasslands. Most of the site is below the one in 500 floodplain of the South Saskatchewan River. There is one occupied house (rented), and the trailer co-operative. Both of these are serviced with power, gas, shared septic, water (non-potable), and phone lines. There are gravel access roads to all housing areas and a small number of out buildings and other structures. There are some informal trails winding through the site as well. Yorath Island remains generally untouched as access is limited and the vegetation is thick. The road to the site is in good condition with the main grid road access coming from the west and connecting to Valley Road. Currently the Meewasin Trail does not extend to the site, however we anticipate a future pedestrian connection to existing trails at the Gordie Howe Bridge with Maple Grove as the SW terminus of the Meewasin Trail.

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- **What do the current zoning and planning documents say about the Maple Grove Site?** Within Corman Park there are two planning areas with separate OCPs and Zoning Bylaws. The Maple Grove site is inside the P4G Planning District and noted as part of the '**Green Network Study Area**'. The site is zoned *D - Agricultural District 1 (DAG1)*, with a number of permitted and discretionary uses listed. Residential development is not permitted in any areas below the 1:500 flood line, and no additions, enlargements or structural alterations are permitted on any existing structures in the flood zone. You can view more detail here: <https://www.rmccormanpark.ca/205/Planning-Zoning-Documents>

September 21, 2022



- **How does Maple Grove fit in with the Meewasin Valley Project (100 Year Plan)?**

Meewasin's foundational planning document developed as part of the creation of Meewasin in 1979, *The 100 Year Plan*, proposed an interconnected system of Links and Nodes throughout the Meewasin Valley. The Maple Grove site was noted as part of the 'Sand Dune and Island Node' between Cranberry Flats and Diefenbaker Park. Yorath Island and the wooded area west of the island (Maple Grove) were mentioned, with the noted intent to use the area for interpretation (an interpretive centre), trails, students, campers and overnight tourists (campground / lodge) and shelters for day uses including hiking and cross-country skiing. A bridge to access the island was also proposed.

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- **How has the Maple Grove site factored into Meewasin planning, leading up to its purchase?** The Yorath Island Working Paper drafted in 1980 initiated discussion on the potential use and development of the site. The value of the site was understood at that time, as it was flagged as one of the highest priorities for purchase in 1981. The 1990 *Trail System Plan* noted the site as the preferred southern terminus of the trail system on the west side of the river. In 1992, the *West Bank South Study* identified opportunities for recreation and interpretive activities at Yorath Island. Meewasin eventually purchased the property at the end of December 1997.

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- **Since purchasing the property, what planning has been done for the site?** In October of 2000, the '*Maple Grove Planning Statement*' was developed by Meewasin as a 'basis for future planning'. The objectives presented in this document include:
 - To protect the natural environment.
 - To provide public access through linkages by trail, road and water.
 - To interpret the natural environment.
 - To provide passive recreational activities.
 - To promote Valley Road / country theme (urban/rural interface).
 - To make the property economically sustainable.
- **How does planning for Maple Grove align with Meewasin's Strategic Plan?** Meewasin's mission focuses on three pillars: Conserve, Develop, and Educate. Planning principles focus on providing balanced human access, conservation, and diverse recreational opportunities, with public participation in decision-making. Planning for the Maple Grove site will aim to incorporate these fundamental principles and the vision defined in the Strategic plan.

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- **What is a Master Plan?** A Master Plan is a dynamic long-term planning document that provides a framework for future decision-making. Using drawings, text and illustrations it expresses a forward looking vision for a particular site based on comprehensive data collection including a site inventory, exploration of programming and design ideas, and input from stakeholders including the public. High level cost estimates and potential phasing of work can also be developed as part of the plan. Finalized Master Plans are submitted to the local municipal authority and Meewasin for approval.
- **Why is a Master Plan being undertaken now?** When Meewasin originally purchased the property in 1997, one stipulation of the sale (requested by the previous owner) was that the housing co-operative, active on the site at the time, would be able to remain on-site for a period of twenty-five years (until the end of 2022). In that timeframe, the site has remained generally unavailable for public access and programming. With the upcoming end of lease, planning is now underway to better understand the site as a natural area and explore potential for future programming and use.

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- **What are the steps involved in completing a Master Plan?** The Master Planning process can take several years to complete, starting with data collection and a site inventory. Subsequent engagement with stakeholders and the public, assessment of opportunities and constraints, programming and design explorations, and plan refinements ultimately lead to a completed and approved Master Plan.
- **Who will be involved in the Master Planning process?** The Maple Grove Master Plan will be developed with the involvement of:
 - Meewasin Management, Staff, Board and Committees,
 - Partner Organizations,
 - Design Professionals,
 - Relevant Stakeholders,
 - The RM of Corman Park, and
 - The Public.

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- **What is the schedule for the Master Plan to be completed?** We expect the process to continue through 2022 and at least to the end of 2023. Draft material will be produced in that timeframe with opportunities for engagement.
- **Once the Master Plan is completed, what happens next?** Once approved, the Master Plan will provide the basis for implementation, including budgeting, phasing, and detailed design. Ultimately, work will be undertaken on-site, most likely in phases, over a number of years, reflecting the intent of the Master Plan. The completed Master Plan could also be used to support funding asks such as grants, donor contributions and capital campaigns in support of the project. Between now and implementation, there will be some work undertaken on site including clean up, access control (fencing, gates) and ongoing resource management.

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About the Meewasin Valley Authority

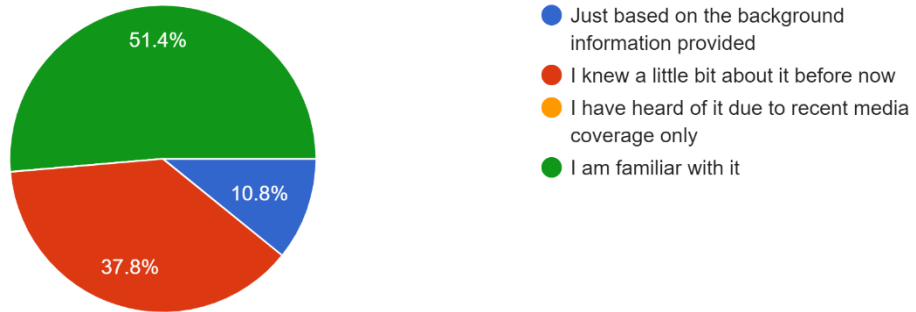
Meewasin is a conservation agency dedicated to conserving the ecological, cultural and historical resources of the South Saskatchewan River valley and providing free public access to its amenities. Meewasin is a charitable organization that is jointly funded through support from the City of Saskatoon, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the University of Saskatchewan with significant donations from corporations and individuals. The organization is a community leader in collaborative and integrated approaches to land conservation and programming in the river valley. There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 105 km of established trail, which saw over 2.24 million users in 2021, in the Meewasin Conservation Zone. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as, the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Northeast Swale and the River Landing Spray Area. To get involved with Meewasin or learn more visit www.meewasin.com

Appendix B – Survey Responses

Maple Grove Stakeholder Survey Results – October 7, 2022

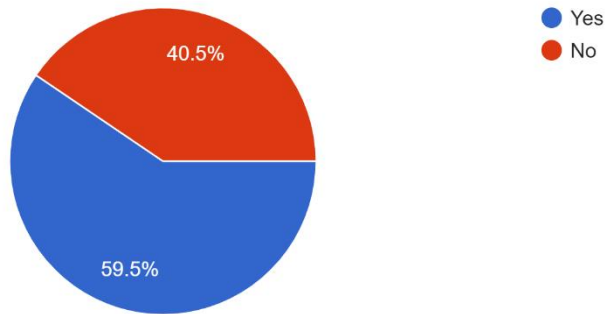
Are you familiar with or have you heard of Maple Grove (parts of it formerly known as Leisureland)?

37 responses



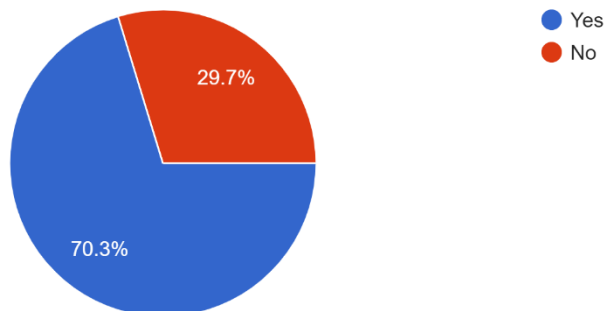
Prior to this year, were you aware that Maple Grove is owned by Meewasin?

37 responses



Have you ever been to the site?

37 responses



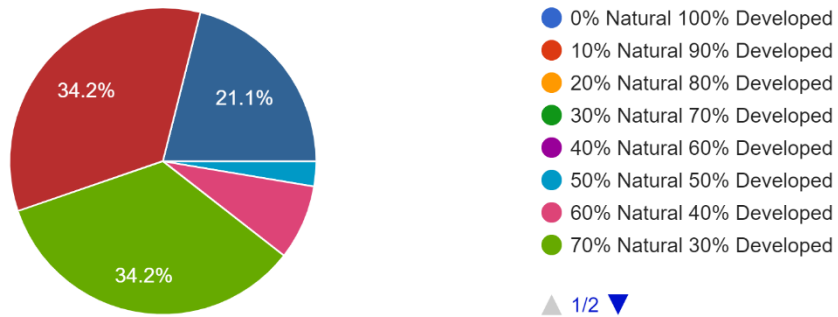
If you have been to the site, in what context were you there? 24 responses

- Work
- To visit a local resident.
- To explore the riparian shoreline outside of the trailer park area
- Paddleboarding, Shuttling vehicles
- Tour with Meewasin staff
- Seasonal work w MVA
- Exploring. The Prairie Sculptures Association used to have studio spaces there.
- Site Visit
- Staff Walkthrough
- Was in the area and wondered what was there, so drove through.
- Data collection for the baseline survey.
- recreational access to riverside
- Meewasin staff tour, Launch site for paddle boards.
- Visited the site as a summer student
- I grew up in the area many years ago. We played that when we called Leisureland many times
- I have visited the site since 1998 due to work.
- When it was Leisure Land, our family dropped by. But, we only walked through and did not go on any rides.
- I was hoping to visit but the location appeared to be private property at the time
- We were studying it as part of our Recreation and Leisure recreation land-use planning. We also looked specifically at Yorath Island.
- Walking
- Entrance
- Topographic survey work was done by me.
- Nature Saskatoon birding walk; also just walking.
- Bat Survey Research

Meewasin's mission is to balance human use and conservation throughout its jurisdiction for the benefit of future generations

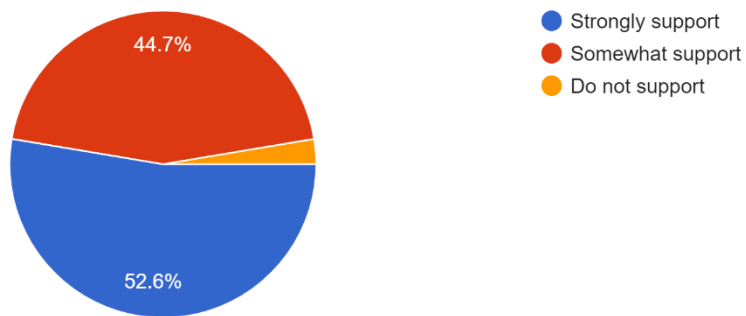
What percentage of space at Maple Grove do you think should: Focus on natural areas, flora and fauna conservation and resource management. Dev...ed or modified, and 88% natural or naturalized.

38 responses



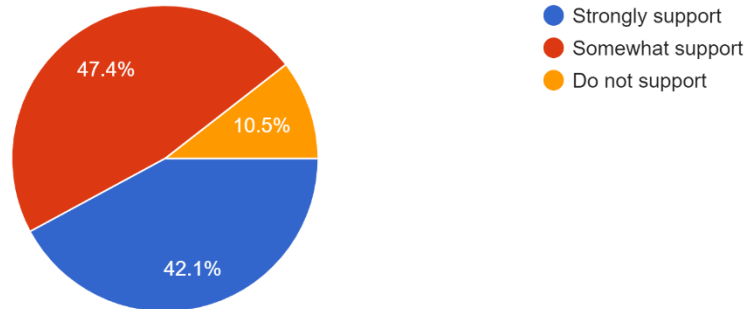
For this site, do you support Meewasin investing in ongoing site operations and programming as part of core funding/budget (no revenue generated)?

38 responses



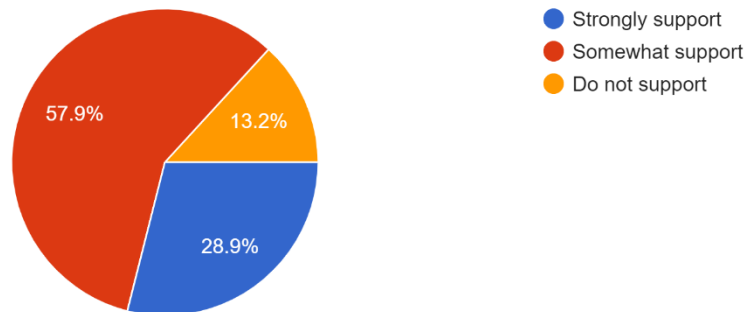
For this site, do you support Meewasin generating enough revenue on the site to cover site operating costs (break-even)?

38 responses



For this site, do you support Meewasin generating revenue on the site to cover operating costs and to support additional Meewasin initiatives?

38 responses



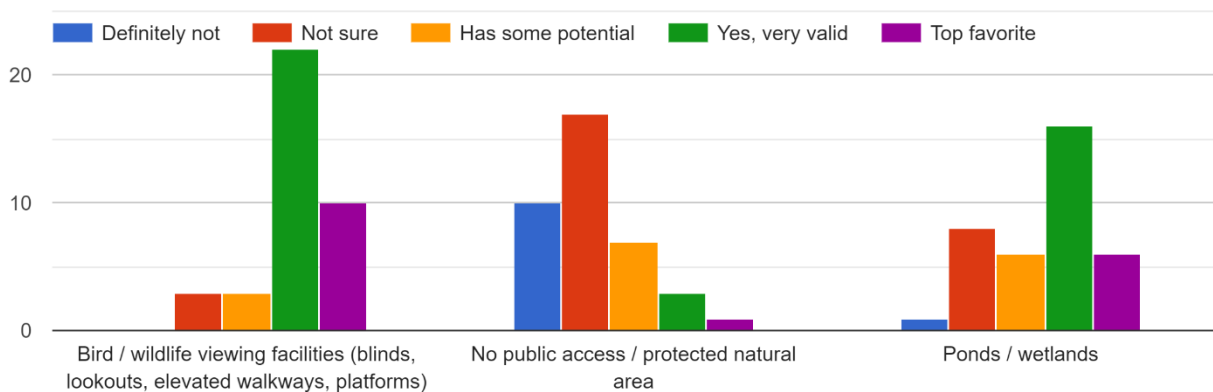
Additional comments 13 responses

- It is hard and challenging to answer this question wisely with all the facts on the table without having the final master plan developed and to know how the Meewasin would generate revenue - by what means, what cost to the environment and how it would serve the general public.
- While maintaining free access to the river for paddlers
- Support is dependent on how the revenue is generated.
- If programming or enhanced facilities that required staff operation were planned for this site, they would have to break-even or generate revenue.
- I support Meewasin using the site for all initiatives, offering different programs/experiences for each level - similar to Beaver Creek.

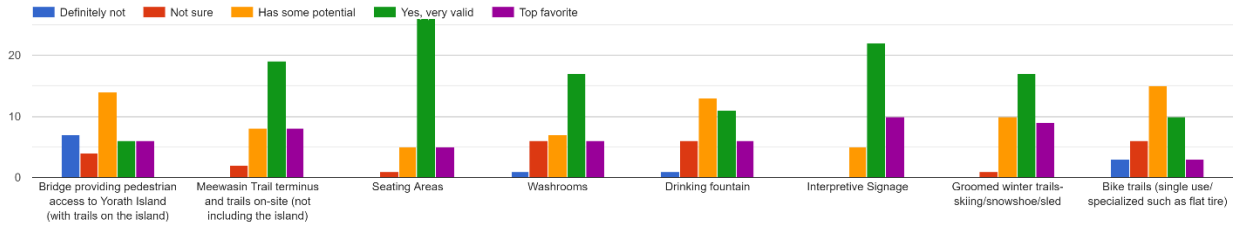
- If a campground were constructed onsite I would support it being operated on a break-even or small surplus basis. Other core services such as walking trails and other natural areas should be offered at no cost to the public similar to Cranberry Flats and other Meewasin properties.
- What type of revenue generation is expected (i.e. how)? This could be challenging if the site cannot have much development on it
- Meewasin should be free for people to visit. There could be a restaurant and coffee shop there, but there should be no charge for walking or biking the trail, and interpretive signs should be available.
- This could be a very important site for facilitating access to nature in the Saskatoon area; site operations and programming should be funded in a way that keeps them accessible to all.
- Even the development should be low impact and allow dispersed public access through design. Not conducive to revenue generation.
- While I have given answers above, I am interested to learn more about what types of initiatives are being proposed as "revenue generating" . Do these require more development at the site?
- The site is located primarily in the floodway which poses a challenge for further development and redevelopment on the site.
- I would support revenue generation so long as it doesn't require infrastructure development. For example, I have no problem if they charged to do interpretive tours/programming, or if they have a grazing dinner, etc.

Based on earlier planning work, the following ideas were generated for the site. Rate each item on whether you think each idea is valid for the site.

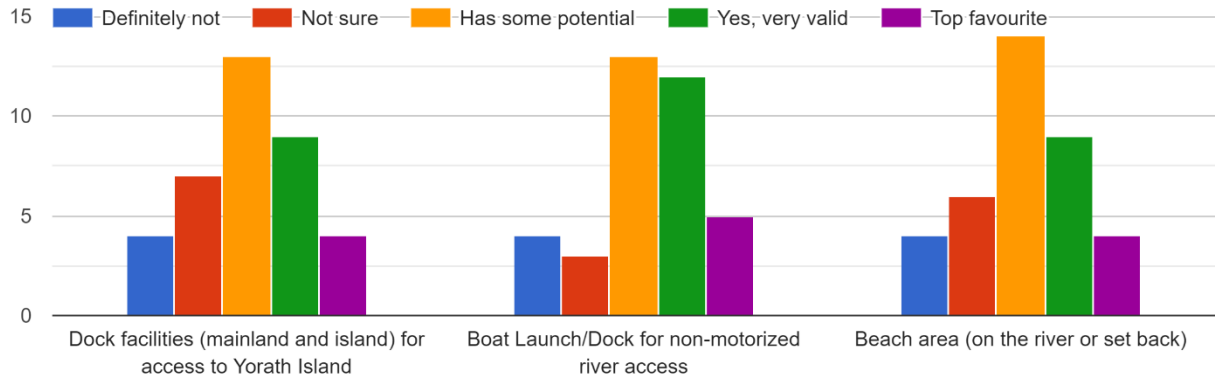
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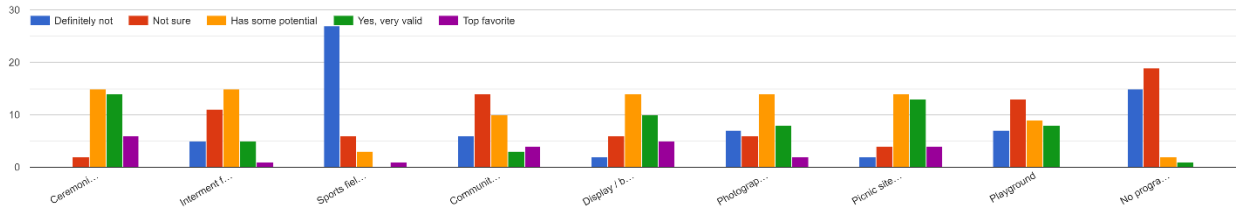
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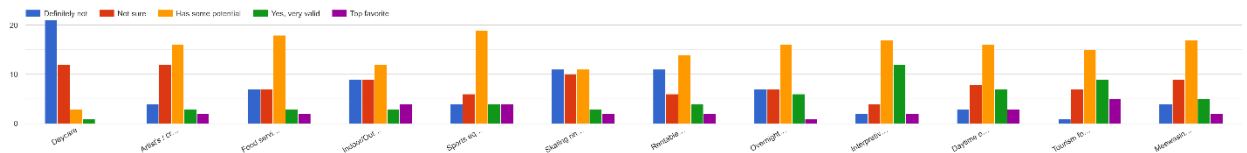
River Access



Programming Spaces and Places



Business / Visitor / Tourism Facilities



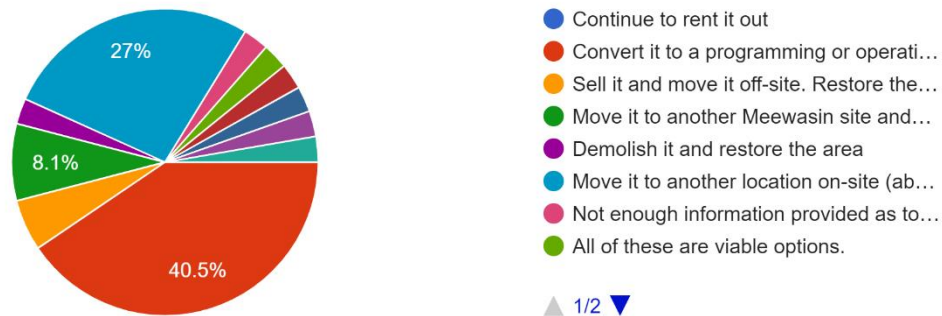
Other suggestions (please specify) ⁵ responses

- If you do every single one of these all these across the board there won't be any trees left to conserve, it will become a commercialized space which totally ignores "nature" and provides nature in the context of man made buildings, and man-made paper interpretive resources and vehicles and cars, and trucks, and boat trailers and parking lots. If you do every single one of these, it will become a "car centric" destination and there will need to be more car amenities like huge parking lots, improved and better access than the current tsp and rge road infrastructure. Is there room to chop down a large amount of the Maple Grove area to provide access to the amount of vehicles and boat trailers this total plan concept is envisioning? Are you purchasing adjoining-adjacent land for parking lots? Is the idea to convert existing buildings/building spaces to accommodate some of the above plans, or chopping out the essence of Maple Grove to accommodate car centric tourism? Is the current electricity and plumbing sufficient for the plans? It is very hard to run infrastructure into the south west area in this locale. If there is expansion for parking, has there been a survey of where the underground water springs are, and potential for flooding, and previous flooding events. So from all the questions it appears that the aim is to consider making Maple Grove into an amenity like Waskesiu resort. Change an unknown secluded and unaccessible riparian area into a hugely populated tourist destination with wall-to-wall people. Huge logistics to balance the human footprint and nature in an area with high alluvial surface geology. Has there been an ecological assessment made of the site already? How do you keep a proposed interment site sacred? Will it be at the "end" of an area?
- If looking to have more developed programing and facilities having a shuttle service from somewhere accessible through the City Transit should be factored it to allow for mobility outside of personal vehicles.
- The remote nature of the site is a challenge, if facilities or infrastrucutre are put in place, some ability to staff or secure the site will be required.
- Include "backcountry" camping sites (walk- or bike-in; not reachable by car)
- I think the theme of conservation and education should limit to one small building so that large groups don't impact the area. Use designed for four season.

There is currently one house on site (bungalow), which is rented out and occupied. It is referred to as the 'White House', because it is white. It sits right beside the river, in the 1:500 floodplain, so could not be upgraded where it sits. It is generally in good condition and includes a full basement, and was built prior to Meewasin purchasing the land.

What do you think is a good option for this building?

37 responses



Additional comments about Maple Grove.

Please provide any additional comments below. 10 responses

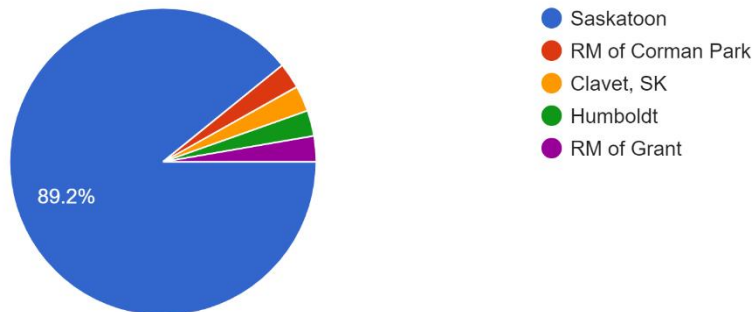
- Considerations are quite different from Saskatoon's usual method operandi of enjoying a secluded and quiet river bank area and its environment and nature. Has there been an economic business plan for tourism sustainability of another "Waskesiu" type of destination in the province? What kind of environmental endeavours does such a commercial adventure finance? What ecological gains will be had by chasing the money? The adjacent land has an underground water spring which is nature and shouldn't be paved over. These plans, if all of them are fulfilled to fruition needs a massive, truly massive parking lot for buses, trucks, cars, boat trailers, &c Where is the massive parking lot going to be constructed- Around the underground water spring which itself becomes an interpretive feature in the parking lot? ? Chomp down Maple Grove riparian area and change it to a parking lot like the Joni Mitchell song pave paradise and put up a parking lot ?
- Based on a number of development questions, has a needs assessment been conducted?
- This site has a rich history and it should be shared in some way.
- I would like to see it protected in some way so that it doesn't become a spot for uncontrolled partying/loitering in a secluded spot.
- Caution has to be used in development/programming based on 1:500; Corman Park is still developing the flood bylaws so some answers in terms of 'what can be done' are unknown. Passive recreation with some supporting 'facilities' is the best bet
- I feel that turning it into a campground or providing facilities such as a dance hall for weddings etc. will limit access to the site. I would hope that this site would be the kind of

area that people come to visit often and not have to worry about whether there are other events going on at this time.

- There is always tension between conservation and development. Yorath Island has a natural barrier - the river - making it ideal for conservation. DO NOT BUILD A BRIDGE to it. Do not provide a boat launch for canoes to paddle there easily. As it is, people must paddle up or down stream to access Yorath Island, so it is difficult but not impossible for people to visit. Those who will do the work to visit are more likely to appreciate the value of a conservation area. Keep Yorath Island wild. Leave it for the plants and animals that are there now.
- I am picturing a mostly natural site with minimal motorized activity. a place for reflection and to connect with nature
- Security of area is probably going to be a challenge. Similar to Beaver Creek and Cranberry Flats. History as a party area last time we were involved.
- Looking forward to the charrette!

Where do you live?

37 responses



What is your age range?

37 responses

