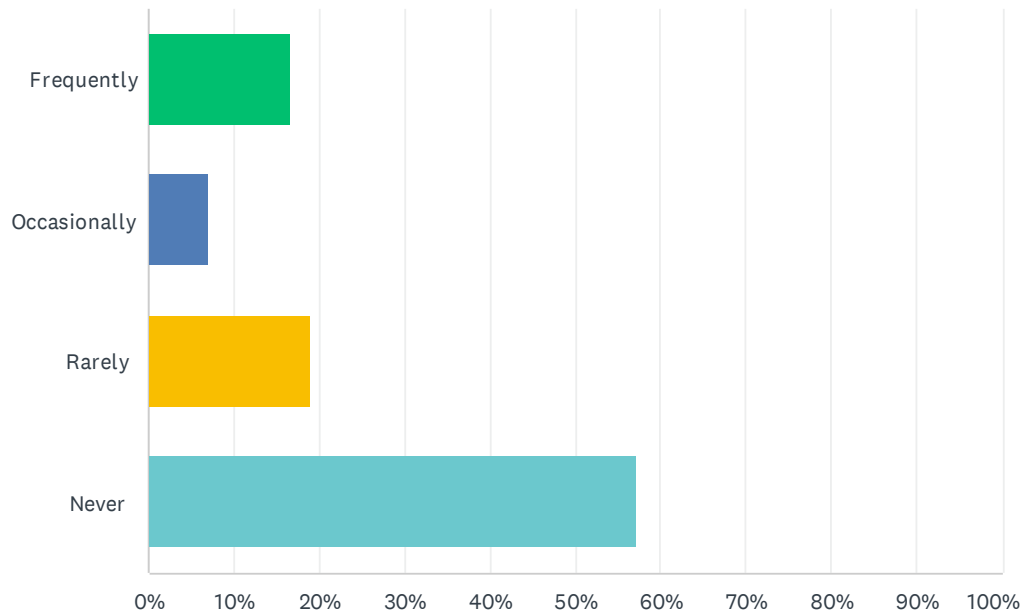


Q1 How often do you utilize the current archery range?

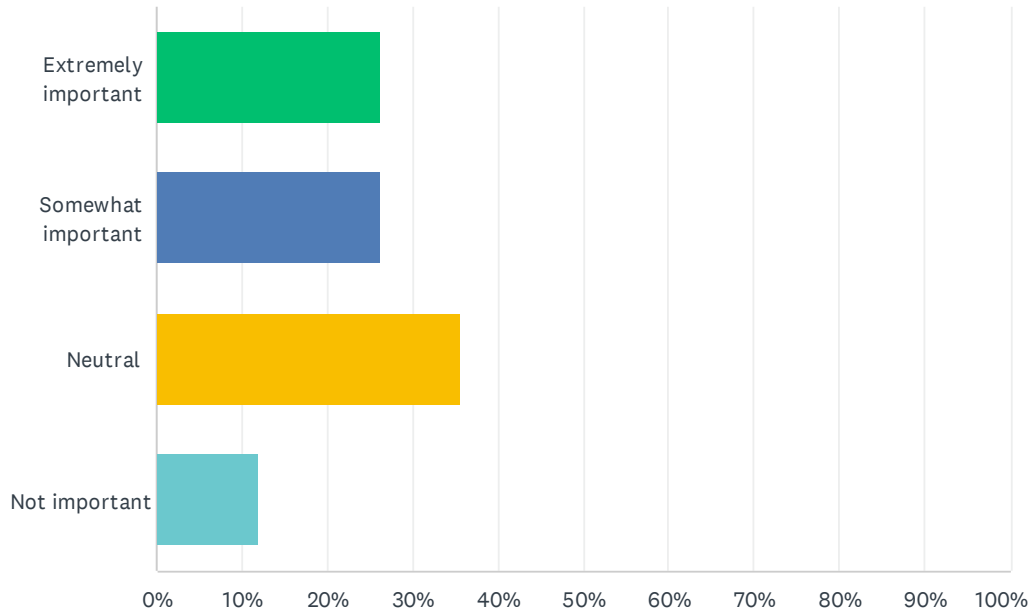
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Frequently	16.67%	7
Occasionally	7.14%	3
Rarely	19.05%	8
Never	57.14%	24
TOTAL		42

Q2 How important do you believe it is to maintain an archery range in Northfield

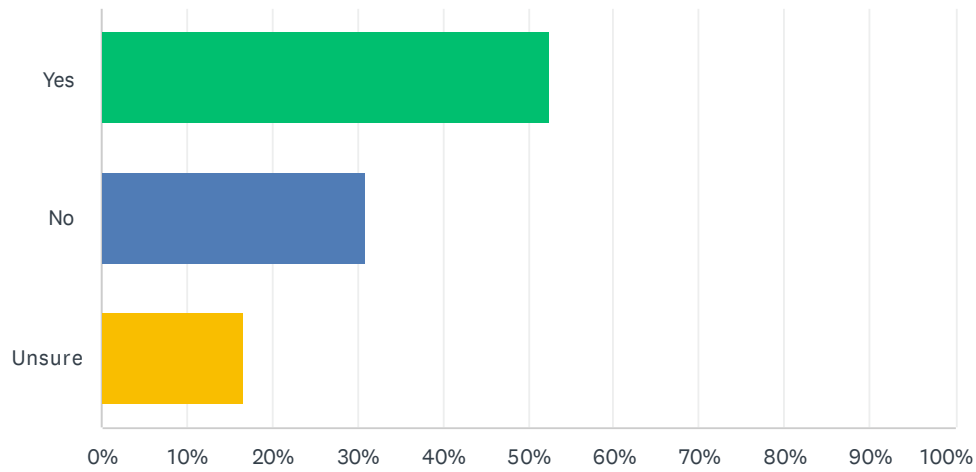
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	26.19%	11
Somewhat important	26.19%	11
Neutral	35.71%	15
Not important	11.90%	5
TOTAL		42

Q3 Do you support relocating the archery range to Meadows Park?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.38%	22
No	30.95%	13
Unsure	16.67%	7
TOTAL		42

Q4 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed relocation of the archery range?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am a frequent user of Meadows Park, both for medium-length walks with my disabled dog during all seasons and a summertime user of the community gardens. The proposed placement of the archery range would block any extended natural walking opportunities, essentially dividing the park into separate (and more pointless) walking zones. (I'm also not sure how well my elderly three legged dog will navigate the hill outlined in the blue path on your map, but that's a personal issue. Given what seems like very modest use of the current archery range, I expect that scofflaws will soon recreate a "natural" path around or through the new range site. I note as well that the current archery range sits high on well drained soil; the proposed site is a drainage swale from the surrounding fields, and thus in late spring forms an icy pond; during our recent floods, it was impassable and choked with water and corncobs for some weeks, and the corn planted there never recovered. I can see why the farmer is eager to give it up, but I cannot see why archers would be eager to slog across it to retrieve their arrows. (Obviously one can engineer a solution to the drainage problem, but this only diverts that seasonal flooding to a different area. While I assume that the archers using the range are cautious and considerate, I should point out the variety of wildlife likely to be impacted by increased traffic and potential stray arrows. Otter, beaver, fox, skunk, mink and other mammals live in or near the pond; green heron, white egret, great blue heron, kingfisher, and even wood duck or migrating snow geese or trumpeter swan can be seen on the pond, as well as our more common mallards and Canada geese. Given these several concerns, I recommend shifting the proposed archery range to the eastern end of Meadows Park, perhaps at the end of the central path; or further to the east (again, perhaps at a central path) at the very edge of the southern border of the park, so it does not interrupt the current natural path.	11/17/2024 6:22 PM
2	The proposed location is prone to severe flooding. People will continue using the hill range for walking and playing so there is potential danger when the range is in use. Judging from the rules at the range there is no thought of adding lighting to the range. I hope that stays that way to avoid light pollution. The park is busier than you may think and significantly changing the walking paths will take away from its appeal.	11/17/2024 3:56 PM
3	Please stop trying to develop our parks. Natural green spaces are our biggest asset. Do not change them and stop wasting money on speculative plans. They should be protected and preserved as they are. We don't need archery ranges, splash pads, pickle ball courts, or playground equipment- and we definitely don't need to tear down paradise and put up another parking lot.	11/17/2024 3:39 PM
4	I purchased my home with written assurances from city staff that the ponds/wetlands would be expanded and the art. The location of the range would prevent pond c entirely and pond d expansion, as well as playgrounds and other features. Consultants were hired, boards and committees and council approved the attached plan with community input. Why pay more and draw up plans that limit the existing plans?? https://weblink.ci.northfield.mn.us/weblink/0/doc/104575/Page1.aspx	11/17/2024 3:38 PM
5	There is more walkers in Meadows Park than the city realizes. A residential area w kids playing nearby, plus gardeners, is hardly appropriate for an archery range! Bad idea.	11/17/2024 3:13 PM
6	Wondering what other options there are? Concerned about high traffic of dog walkers, hikers, and especially children playing in the area. Plus the community garden is right there.	11/15/2024 3:07 PM
7	Would like to know the layout and plans for the rest of the park	11/12/2024 8:49 PM
8	No	11/12/2024 4:01 PM
9	Why do a survey, city doesn't listen to the taxpayers that pay for everything anyways.	11/11/2024 3:50 PM
10	Just make sure it is a safe and reliable area to be relocated to. I live in the same area.	11/11/2024 10:02 AM

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11	Would prefer to keep the land natural, with the trails and community garden.	11/10/2024 6:14 PM
12	I did really like the unofficial trail that is marked on the map that got sent to us. I would be sad to see that go.	11/10/2024 3:11 PM
13	Don't like losing some of the walking trails in Meadows park. However, I am not a frequent user so it would not be a major loss.	11/10/2024 11:50 AM
14	Please don't Place it here most people love to walk their dog here and if you add the archery range here they can't walk their dogs of just simple walks by themselves so please relocation the archery range somewhere else Sincerely from a resident that lives close by Meadows Parks the place that is already perfect	11/10/2024 9:40 AM
15	Is the elevated shooting platform going to be relocated as well? Will the range have fencing for safety? Is there plans for lighting this new area?	11/8/2024 4:20 PM
16	Thanks for keep a place for people to practice archery.	11/8/2024 11:38 AM
17	I walk that park three times a day with my dog so a song as the range is safely separated from the rest of the park I suppose it would be ok.	11/8/2024 10:23 AM
18	This range has been well used by many families and groups of Northfield. I know from first hand experience that there was a lot of work that went in to the building, planning and maintenance of the existing park. This community needs this to continue at a new location	11/7/2024 10:49 PM
19	I live nearby meadows park and lots of kids, including mine, use the paths around the park to play. I'm nervous about the danger of an archery range nearby and it would take away a "natural play place" for kids.	11/7/2024 7:45 PM
20	The Archery Range is an excellent addition to our community. It allows people of all ages to get involved in a lifetime sport and is well utilized	11/7/2024 5:41 PM
21	Meadows park would be fine. There are so many citizens utilizing this archery range and it's necessary to keep it around.	11/7/2024 5:36 PM
22	Find a different place to relocate	11/7/2024 5:17 PM
23	Keep there or is there room by the pool? Or by the baseball fields	11/7/2024 5:10 PM
24	I would recommend leaving the archery range right where it is at and scrap the water treatment plant. The water treatment plant is a complete waste of our tax money. The current city council has their heads so far up their asses they will never see the light of day again.	11/7/2024 5:06 PM
25	None	11/7/2024 4:43 PM
26	This property could be much better used for a dog park that this part of town really needs. The archery range should be in an area that is not used so much by the public walking dogs or just having a nice place for a good walk. Archers like it quite when they practice and people walking dogs are definitely not quite and there could be some serious conflict. Archers need to be in their own space more in the country.	11/6/2024 10:03 PM
27	Meadows Park is used many times a day by dog walkers. So peaceful, with the wildflowers and grasses it's a nice place to walk. We go there 2-3 times a day.	11/6/2024 9:30 PM
28	People (including myself) walk their dogs every day in meadows park. Nice to be able to walk behind the hill to get away from the houses.	11/6/2024 6:51 PM
29	Podemos salvar la estatua del arco	9/3/2024 2:35 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Charlie Fredericks](#)
Subject: Proposed Archery Range - Meadows Park
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 3:30:28 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Hello Charlie,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Archery range in the Meadows Park area in Northfield.

My family and I live at [REDACTED] which is one of the corner lots adjacent to Meadows Park.

I have some concerns over the proposed location as I believe it would take away from a wonderful piece of land that is currently used as a walking path for so many people (and their dogs). I understand that there would still be a small walking area remaining, but the brunt of it would be taken away along with access to the hill.

Along with this wonderful walking trail that would be taken away, I also notice that throughout the year there are many children that enjoy playing behind the hill or out in the general field area (flying kites or RC's, fishing, riding bikes, building forts, sledding, etc.)

I understand there would be signage to encourage people not to walk or play in that area after the Archery range is put up...but with the current high traffic of people I think there would still be a risk for kids to wander back there or people simply not noticing the signage.

The community garden is also in this area and I am sure folks may not feel as comfortable with an archery range right next to them (as low as the risk may be).

I am all for outdoor sports activities and like the idea of keeping an archery range as an option in the area...I am simply wondering if there are any other options for a location? I would think there may be some better options just outside of town that are more in the country and away from residential. That way we could still keep the Archery range in town and not have to sacrifice what is current a wonderful area for so many outdoor activities as is.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback.

And thank you for serving our community and reaching out to us!

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