

PFINGST ANIMAL ACRES PARK

ADDRESS: NE 178th Street and Brookside Blvd.

SIZE: approximately 4 acres

PARK TYPE: Community Park

PARKING: approximately 38 spaces located on both sides of Brookside Blvd NE and 2 ADA accessible spaces

CRITICAL AREAS: McAleer Creek stream buffer and wetlands, steep slopes southwest portion of site

An open lawn with mature trees bordered by a forested ravine and McAleer Creek, Pfingst Animal Acres provides passive recreation and serves as the setting for programmed events such as *Picnic in the Park* and *Concerts in the Park*. The open lawn area of the park includes a loop walking trail, picnic tables, demonstration garden, and several sculptures. Among the sculptures are a cast bronze otter and pup, a metal dogwood flower that serves as a drinking fountain, and a bust of Peru's Admiral Miguel Grau Seminario donated to the city by the Peruvian Consulate.

The forested ravine that contains McAleer Creek provides a lush backdrop to the park and includes a wetland. This area can be accessed by two spur trails - one leading to a bench, the other to an overlook deck. The creek is a salmon bearing stream and the deck includes interpretive signs and is used for salmon viewing and juvenile salmon release projects conducted by students.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS

- Renovate lawn and install irrigation
- Additional trails through the forest
- A new location for a restroom
- Covered picnic shelter

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

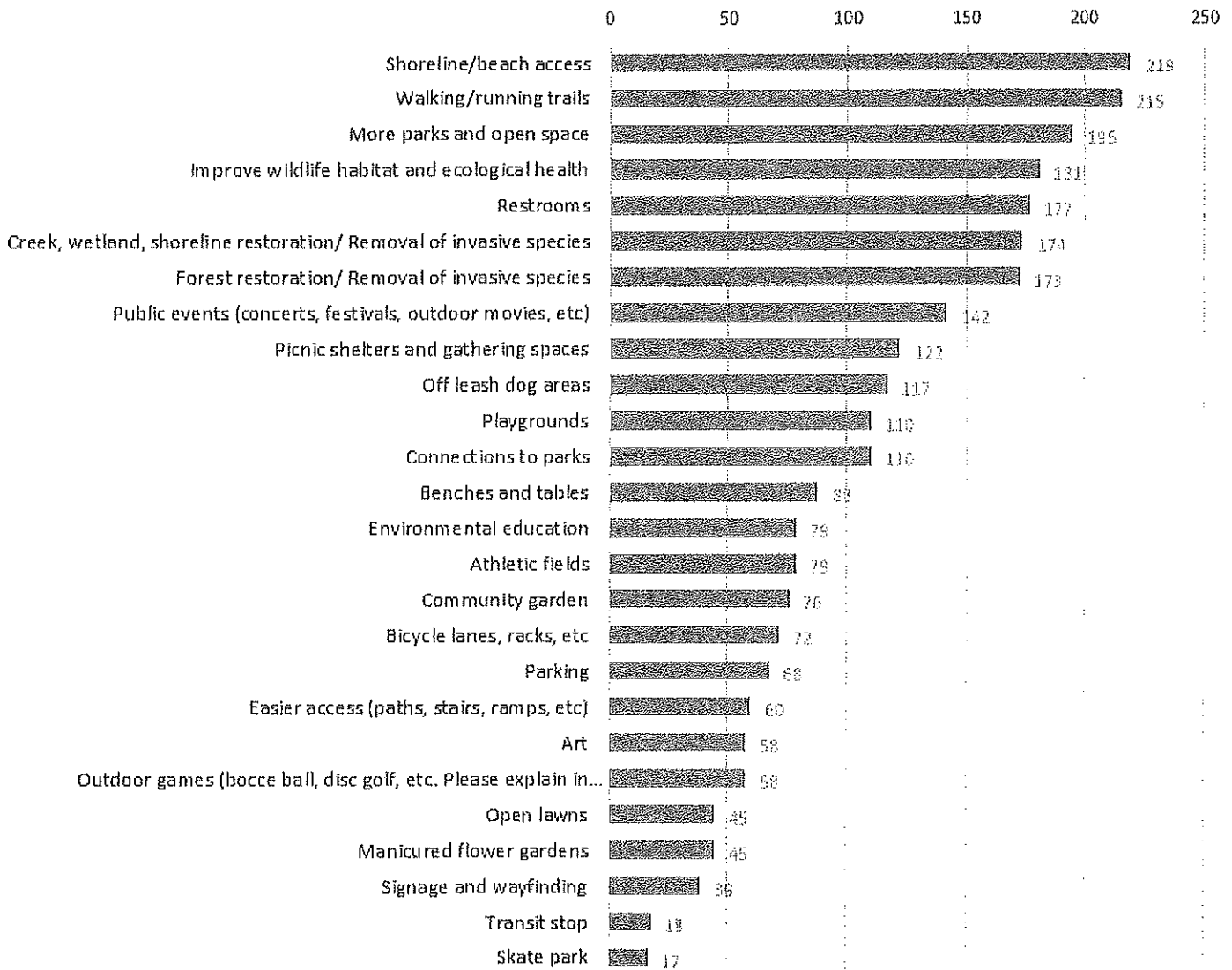
1. Renovate lawn and install irrigation
2. Install a picnic shelter
3. Install a permanent ADA accessible restroom
4. Build a seating and gathering space
5. Install a Zipline and climbing play area
6. Connect plant beds to create an ornamental garden and install irrigation
7. Replant area around statue
8. Install trail steps
9. Build an additional loop trail along creek
10. Install new trail spur/bridge over the creek to connect with Big Tree Park
11. Install gravel and regrade paths
12. Place interpretative signs with artwork along trail
13. Add plants around park sign
14. Create a ropes course
15. Pave and stripe parking
16. Develop a tree health assessment and replacement plan
17. Develop a park design plan

walking trails	demonstration garden	plant beds	stream views	public art	wildlife viewing	open lawn	picnic tables	bench	trash cans	drinking fountain	restroom	signage	parking

EXISTING AMENITIES

Section 5 - Park Improvements

Q18 Please choose the 10 most important new park improvements you would most like to see? & Q19 Other park improvements...



See appendix for written comments