

Delaware Avenue Trail

The Delaware Avenue Trail (DAT) is a former Delaware and Hudson railroad corridor converted to a 2-mile multi-use trail and opened in 2013. The trail is also sometimes referred to as the Black Bridge Trail. It connects the communities of Waterford, Cohoes, and Green Island providing access to the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center, Champlain Canal Bike Trail and Peebles Island State Park. It also provides a connection to the on-road portions of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail.

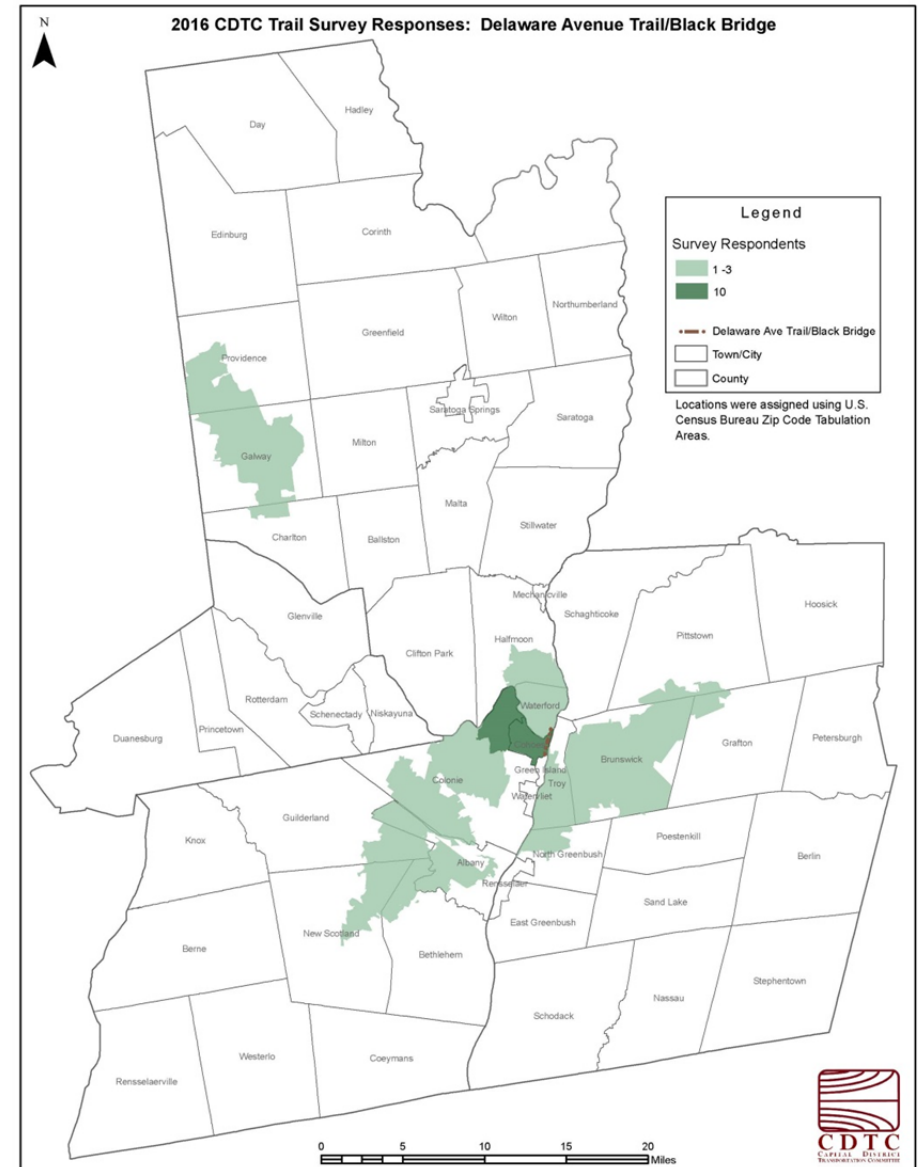
Volunteers collected 11 on-trail surveys and 14 online survey respondents reported using the DAT. Of the 4 surveys mailed to adjacent residential property owners, 3 were returned. The trail attracted users from 10 different zip codes with the highest number of users being from Cohoes, Waterford, Troy, and Albany.

Both trail counts and surveys reported more male trail users. The trail also attracts more pedestrian than bicyclists. The trail user and adjacent residential property owner survey are summarized on the next pages.



Black Bridge on the Delaware Avenue Trail in Cohoes

Delaware Avenue Trail Users by Zip Code



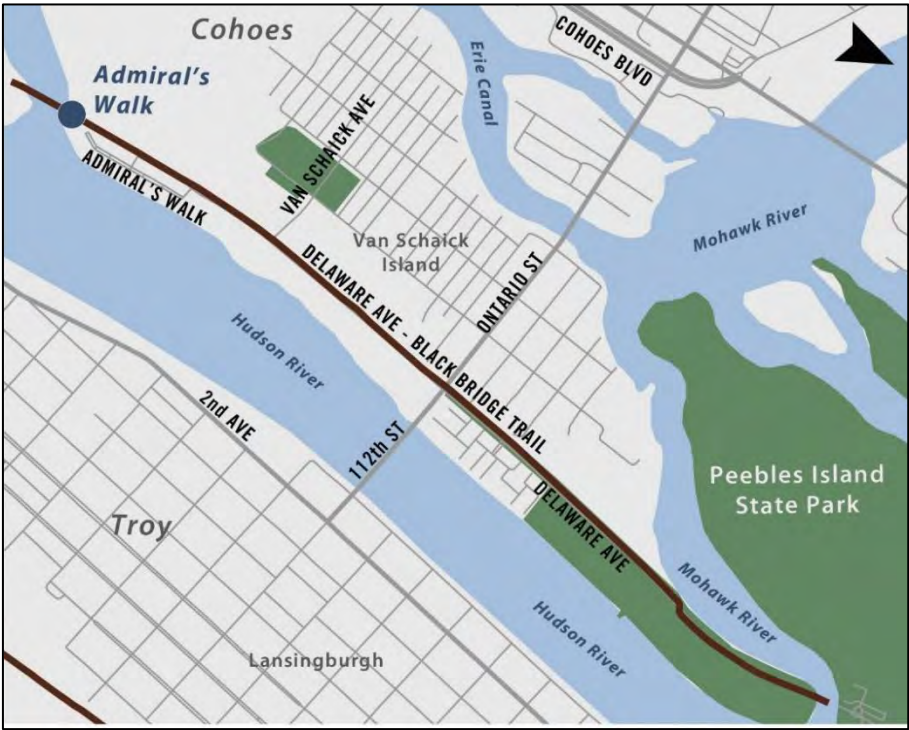
Delaware Avenue-Black Bridge Trail

Cohoes
Trail length – 2.1 miles

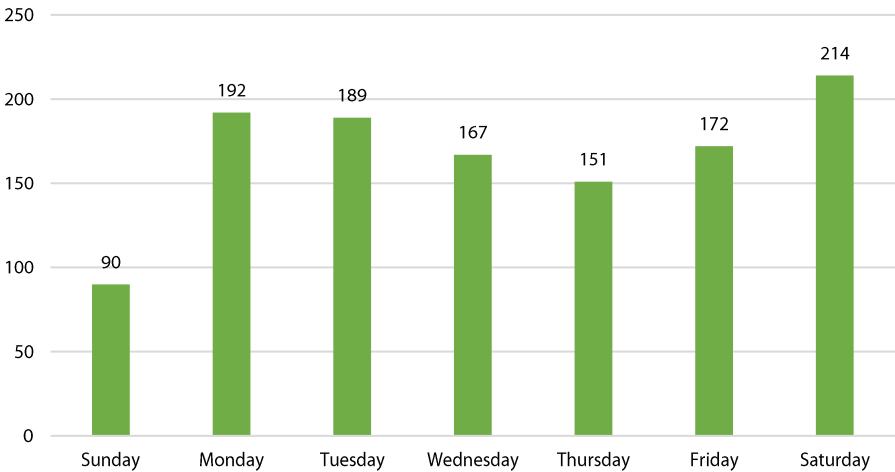
Estimated Annual Usage	
Admiral's Walk	45,825

Estimated Seasonal Usage	
	Admiral's Walk
Winter	5,352
Spring	14,824
Summer	17,565
Fall	8,084

Usage Mode Split	
	Admiral's Walk
Bicyclists	47%
Pedestrians	51%
Other	2%



Daily Usage

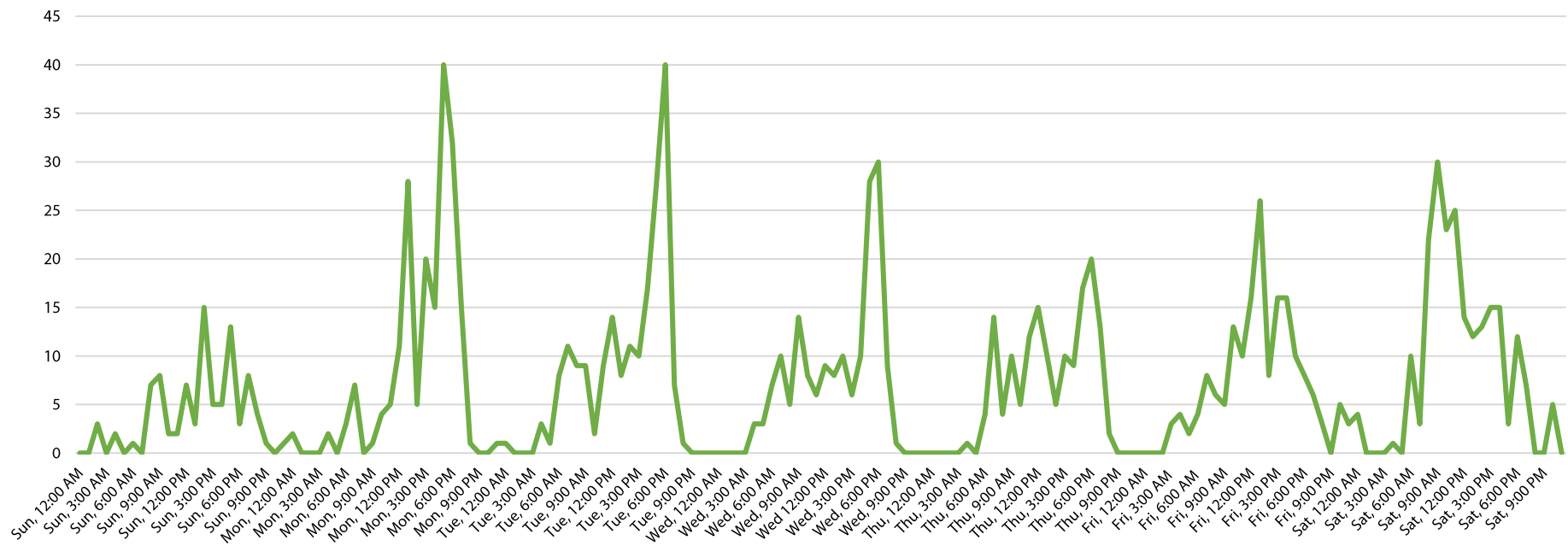


Daily Usage Profile	
	Admiral's Walk
Average weekday	174
Average weekend	152
Maximum weekday	Monday
Maximum weekend	Saturday
Peak weekday usage	Monday, 5-7 PM
Peak weekend usage	Saturday, 9-11 AM

Estimated Monthly Usage	
Admiral's Walk	
January	1,375
February	1,375
March	3,208
April	5,041
May	5,041
June	5,499
July	5,957
August	6,416
September	5,041
October	2,750
November	2,750
December	1,375
Annual	45,825

Usage Gender Split		
	Admiral's Walk	
	Female	Male
Bicyclists	11%	37%
Pedestrians	19%	33%
Overall	30%	70%

Hourly Usage

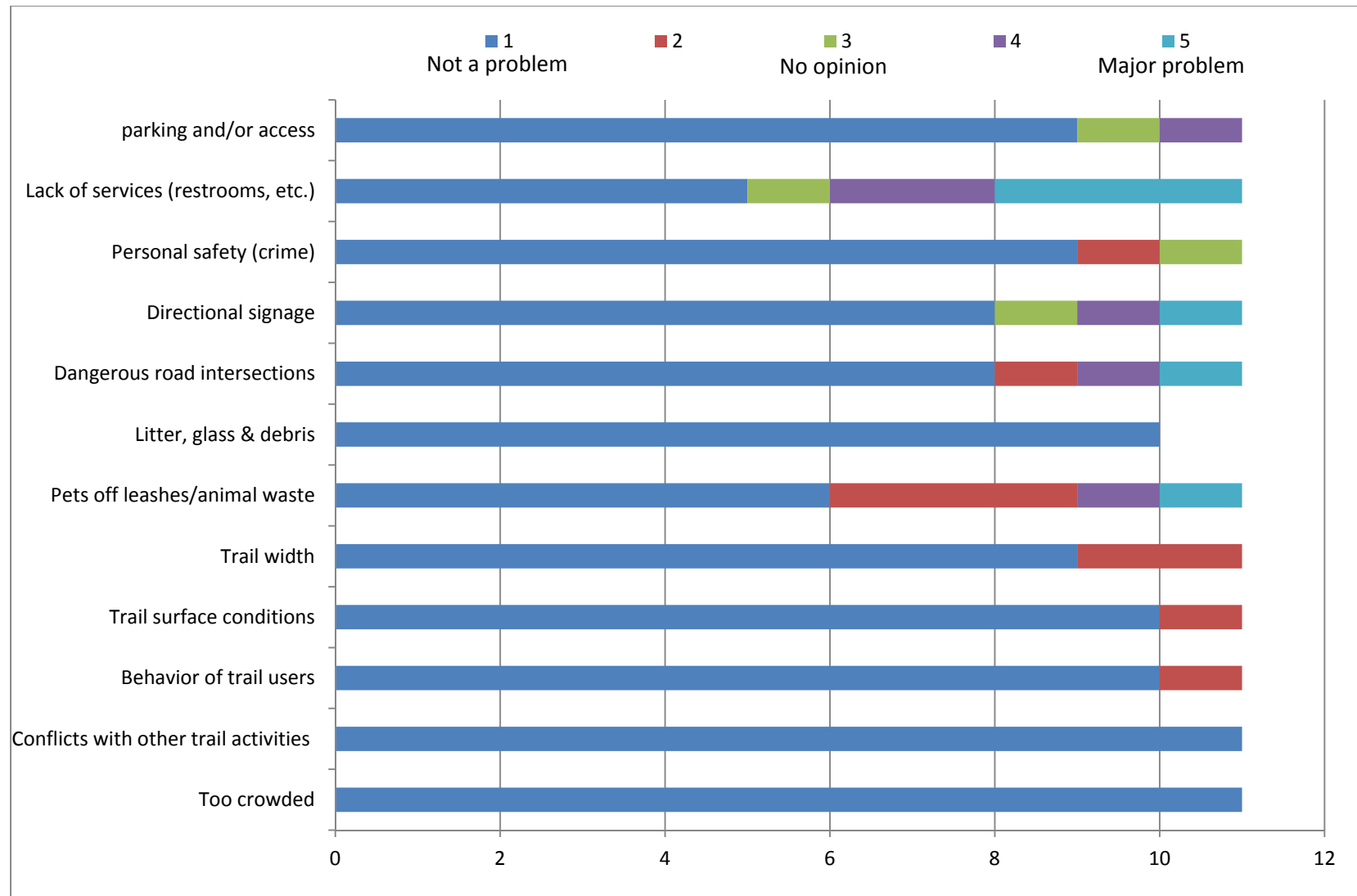


Trail User Survey Summary

Gender		
Male	6	54.5%
Female	5	45.5%
Skipped	0	0.0%
Age		
Under 16	0	0.0%
16-24	0	0.0%
25-44	3	27.3%
45-64	4	36.4%
65 or over	3	27.3%
Skipped	1	9.1%
How did you get to the trail today?		
Drove	0	0.0%
Bicycle	2	18.2%
Walk/Run	9	81.8%
Other	0	0.0%
Skipped	0	0.0%
What activity did you engage in while on the trail today?		
Walking	8	72.7%
Running/Jogging	2	18.2%
Bicycling	3	27.3%
In-line Skating	0	0.0%
Other	1	9.1%
What is your primary purpose for using this trail?		
Recreation	4	36.4%
Health/Exercise	10	90.9%
Commute to school/work	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%

About how many times have you used the trail during the past twelve months?		
Less than 5 days	0	0.0%
5-10 days	0	0.0%
11-24 days	0	0.0%
25-49 days	0	0.0%
50-100 days	1	9.1%
More than 100 days	10	90.9%
No answer	0	0.0%
Are there sections of the trail that you avoid due to poor trail conditions or general concerns about trail maintenance?		
Yes	0	0.0%
No	10	90.9%
No answer	1	9.1%
Is your visit to this trail part of an overnight trip away from home?		
Yes	0	0.0%
No	9	81.8%
No answer	2	18.2%
How would you rate your current health status		
Excellent	3	27.3%
Very Good	3	27.3%
Good	2	18.2%
Fair	2	18.2%
Poor	0	0.0%
No answer	1	9.1%

On a scale of 1-5, to what extent do you feel the following items are problems on the Delaware Avenue Trail?



Adjacent Residential Survey Summary

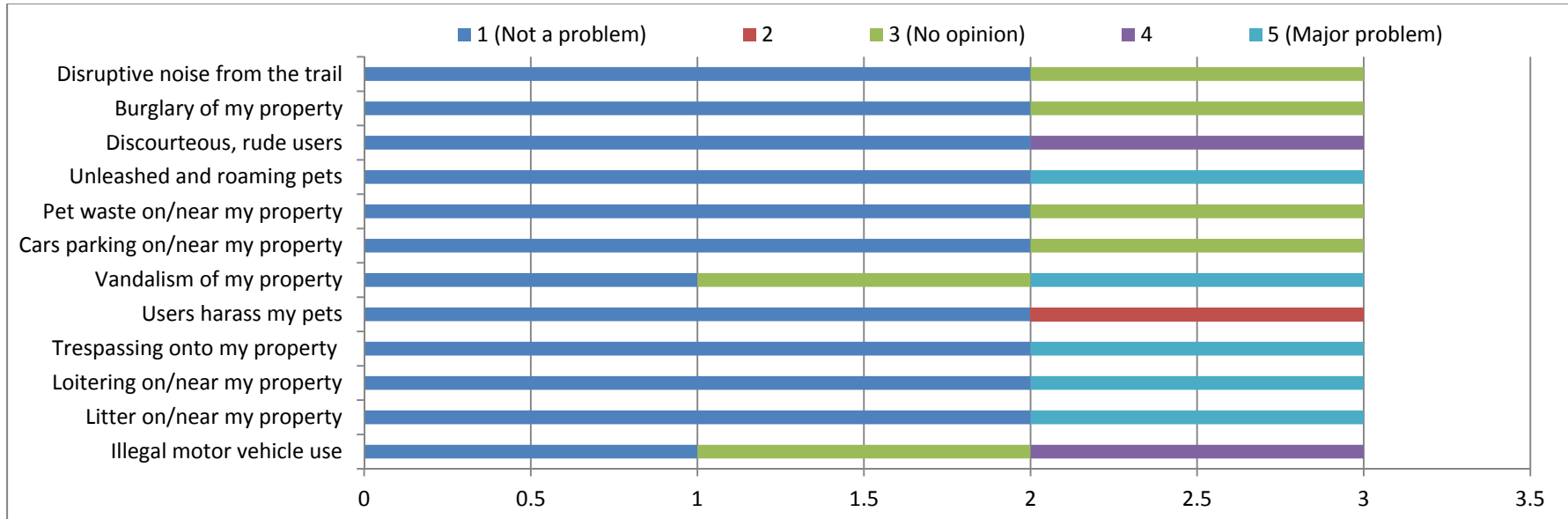
Which of the following most accurately describes how you use your property near the Trail?		
It is my primary residence	2	66.7%
I rent to a tenant, and do not occupy the residence	0	0.0%
It is my second home	0	0.0%
It is unoccupied	0	0.0%
Other	1	33.3%
Where is the trail in relation to your property line?		
The trail runs through my property	0	0.0%
the trail runs along the edge of my property	1	33.3%
The trail is near my property but not touching it	2	66.7%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Approximately how far (in feet) is the rail trail from your house?		
Less than 100 ft.	2	66.7%
100 ft. to 199 ft.	0	0.0%
200 ft. to 499 ft.	0	0.0%
500 ft. or more	1	33.3%
Approximately how large is your property?		
Less than 1/2 acre	1	33.3%
Between 1/2 and 1 acre	1	33.3%
Between 1 and 3 acres	1	33.3%
3 acres or more	0	0.0%

What is the approximate current value of your property?		
Less than \$99,999	0	0.0%
\$100,000-199,999	2	66.7%
\$200,000-299,999	1	33.3%
\$300,000-399,999	0	0.0%
\$400,000-\$499,999	0	0.0%
\$500,000 or more	0	0.0%
How would you describe the setting of your house near the trail?		
Urban	1	33.3%
Suburban	1	33.3%
Rural	1	33.3%
When did you acquire your house?		
After the trail was built	0	0.0%
Before the Trail was built	3	100.0%
Compare your initial reaction to the idea of living near the trail to how you feel about living near the trail today. Would you say that living near the trail is better or worse than you expected it to be?		
Much better	0	0.0%
Better	0	0.0%
Same	2	66.7%
Worse	1	33.3%
Much worse	0	0.0%
Do you feel the trail poses a risk to your own or your family's safety due to the activities of trail users?		
Yes	0	0.0%
No	2	66.7%
No opinion	1	33.3%

If you were to try and sell your property, do you think being near the trail will make it harder or easier to sell?		
Much easier	0	0.0%
Easier	1	33.3%
Same	1	33.3%
Harder	1	33.3%
Much harder	0	0.0%
How do you think being located near the trail has affected the resale value of this property?		
Lowered the resale value	0	0.0%
Increased the resale value	1	33.3%
No effect on the resale value	1	33.3%
No opinion	1	33.3%
Overall, how satisfied are you with having the trail as a neighbor?		
Very satisfied	1	33.3%
Satisfied	1	33.3%
Indifferent	0	0.0%
Unsatisfied	1	33.3%
Very unsatisfied	0	0.0%
How do you feel the trail has affected the quality of your neighborhood?		
Highly improved	1	33.3%
Improved	1	33.3%
No impact	1	33.3%
Worsened	0	0.0%
Completely deteriorated	0	0.0%

Do you feel your proximity to the trail has improved your physical activity levels?		
Yes	1	33.3%
No	1	33.3%
Not sure	1	33.3%
Do you feel that the development and management of trail is a good use of public funds?		
Yes	2	66.7%
No	0	0.0%
No opinion	1	33.3%
How often do the members of your household use the trail?		
Daily	0	0.0%
Frequently	1	33.3%
Occasionally	0	0.0%
Rarely	0	0.0%
Never	1	33.3%
No answer	1	33.3%

To what extent do you feel the following items are problems for your household as a result of the trail and its users?



To what extent do you feel that the trail is important in providing the following benefits to the surrounding community?

