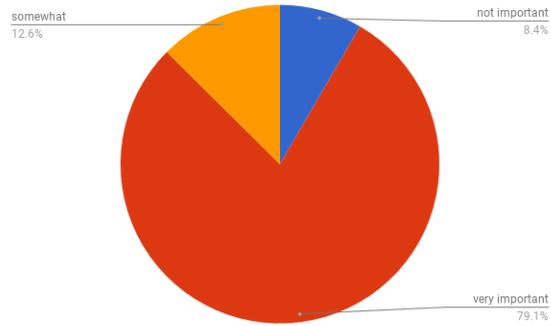


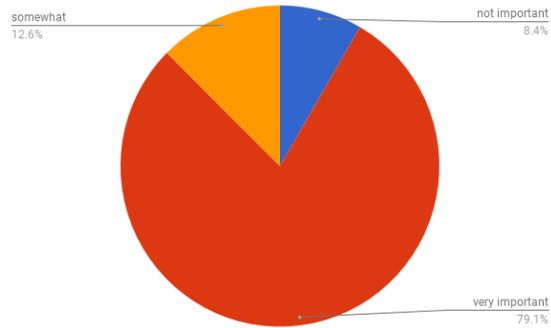
Hudson residents and non-residents had virtually identical responses to the following three questions. The combined results for both groups are shown here:

Red = very important Yellow = somewhat important Blue = not important

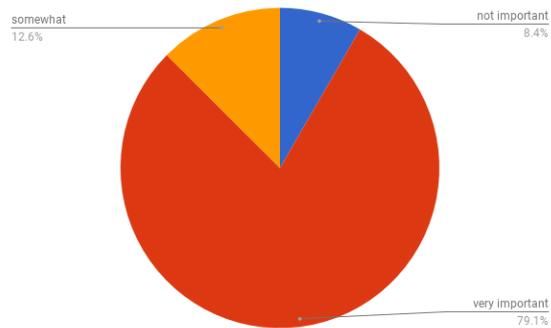
**"How important to you is conservation or improvement of..."
...natural areas like the North Bay and South Bay?**



...lakes, streams and the river shore?

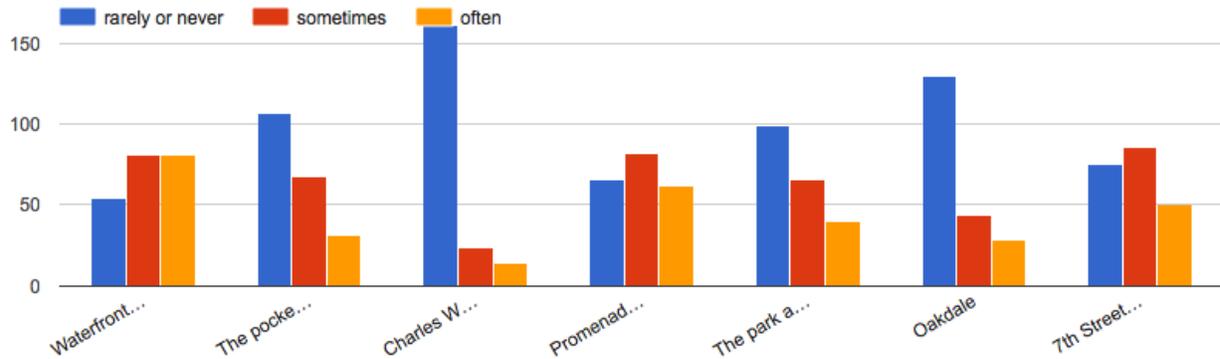


...parks and public spaces?



Here is what City residents told us about their use of Hudson's parks.

When you want to be outside, where do you go? And how often?

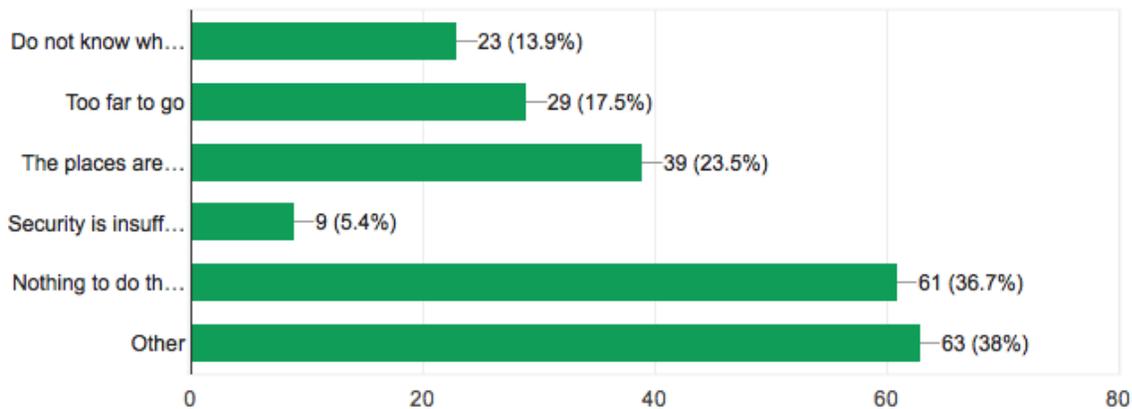


Left to right, the graph shows how often people said they visit Waterfront Park, the pocket parks on Warren Street, Charles Williams Park, Promenade Hill, the park across from the post office, Oakdale, and 7th Street Park. Blue = rarely or never Red = sometimes Yellow = often

Then we asked:

If you responded 'rarely or never' to the above question, what is the reason you don't visit the City's parks or natural areas more often?

166 responses

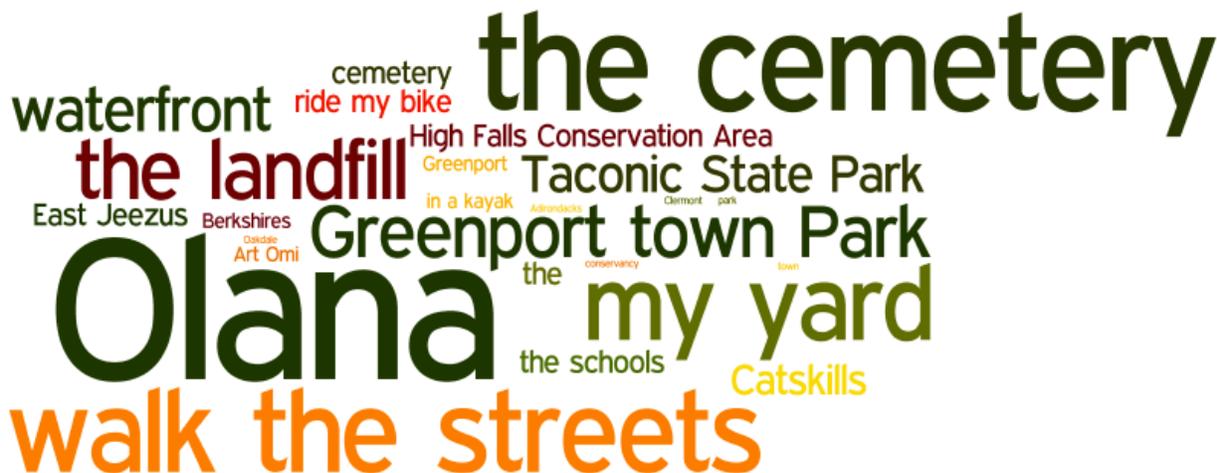


In this follow-up question, respondents could say "Don't know where they are," "Too far to go," "The places are not well maintained," "Security is insufficient," "Nothing to do there," or "Other." **The most frequent answer was that there's nothing to do at the parks;** this echoes responses many gave to open-ended questions, when they said things like, "We need more activities for kids." **Poor maintenance was the second most common response.** It is notable that **many people did not know where some of the City's parks are;** Charles Williams Park was the least recognized. Security at the parks was people's least common concern.

After asking about how people use the City's parks, we asked, "Is there anyplace else you go to be outside?" Hudson residents named the Greenport Conservation Area so often that in this word cloud it obscures nearly every other place mentioned:



Here we show the frequency of the other outdoor places that Hudson residents said they like to visit, but with the Greenport Conservation Area eliminated:



We asked whether Hudson should have a dog park. Of City residents, 69% said yes. Of non-residents, 73% said yes. About 9% of both groups said no, and the rest said maybe. Since we conducted the survey, a citizens group has begun raising money to establish a dog park at Charles Williams Park.

In order to assess the need for public education on this important issue, we asked, "Are you aware of how sea-level rise might affect Hudson?" This question showed the biggest difference between Hudson residents and non-residents. About 48% of residents answered yes, while more than 61% of non-residents said yes.

You can examine all the responses to the entire survey here: <http://bit.ly/2zhVrdU>