



Press Release – Sunset Park Survey Continues

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Sunset Park Design Community Outreach Results

Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in our Sunset Park Design Outreach efforts. Over 200 people responded to our concluded online survey, a few emailed comments, and 36 neighbors attended the informational open house held at Marcham Hall on May 7th.

Overall, we heard that the majority of respondents visit the park a few times each year for a peaceful walk or jog, to seek quiet, and to enjoy the view.

About 80% of respondents walk to the park, which roughly corresponds to the number of respondents living within 1 mile of the park.

The park is well regarded, but 82% of respondents wanted to see improvements – primarily increased seating and better maintenance of grounds (both care of plantings and trash pickup). Only 6% said they wanted to see no improvements at all.

In general, people seem to hold great affection for Sunset Park and look forward to light-handed changes that remove invasive species, add high quality native plantings at the edges that will not obscure the view, improve seating opportunities, improve accessibility, and discourage parking on the grass. Due to various concerns expressed by residents, the amphitheater (sunken seating area) is no longer considered as plans move towards the final design phase.

Next, the Village of Cayuga Heights will submit a grant application at the end of July to the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Environmental Protection Fund to seek funding for Sunset Park improvements. Grant awards are announced at the end of December.

