

PART 2 of 3

IV. Public Meeting Background

As part of the “Tier 3” process, a public information meeting is required. The purpose of this meeting is to provide residents with information about the project and to receive their input.

Statistics about the July 22, 2008 Public Meeting

- Fifty-five (55) residents attended the July 22nd meeting.
- Approximately 2,000 postcards were sent inviting owners of properties within a ¼ mile radius from the streets within the proposed project’s scope.
- The Madison Park Homeowners Association website provided information about the meeting.
- The HOA also emailed 350 meeting reminders a week before the meeting.

At the meeting, staff made a presentation which described the Sidewalk Retrofit Policy, the Tier 3 process, proposed project scope and design considerations for sidewalk placement. Residents asked many questions and provided comments.

City staff received public input on the project for the two weeks following the public meeting. Residents were given until August 6, 2008 to submit comments so that City staff could make recommendations on the project scope and limits. Project design is expected to begin in late October.

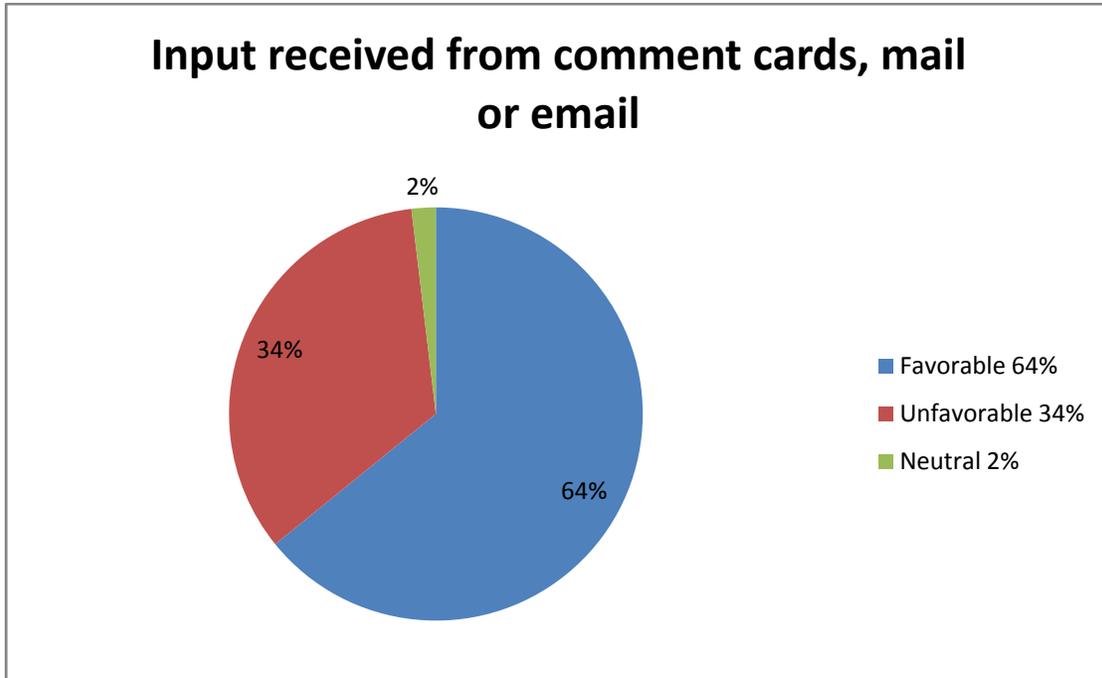
Statistics about Resident Input obtained after the Public Meeting

- 37 residents submitted comments via comments cards
- 16 residents submitted comments via mail or email
- A petition was submitted by those opposed to sidewalks on the 2 easternmost blocks of Murrayhill Road. 58 properties exist on these 2 blocks; signatures from 50 lots on these blocks were ‘not in favor of sidewalks on Murrayhill Road’. The cover letter for the petitions states that “We, the majority (84%) of property owners on the two easternmost blocks of Murrayhill Road, object to the proposed sidewalk on our blocks.” Staff have not validated this petition.
- A petition was submitted by those in favor of the sidewalk project on Murrayhill Rd and Wedgewood Dr. It contained 22 signatures in support of the project. Staff have not validated this petition.
- Though the petition process is not recognized as part of the Tier 3 process of the Sidewalk Retrofit Policy, it was noted that there were objections to sidewalk on the two easternmost blocks.

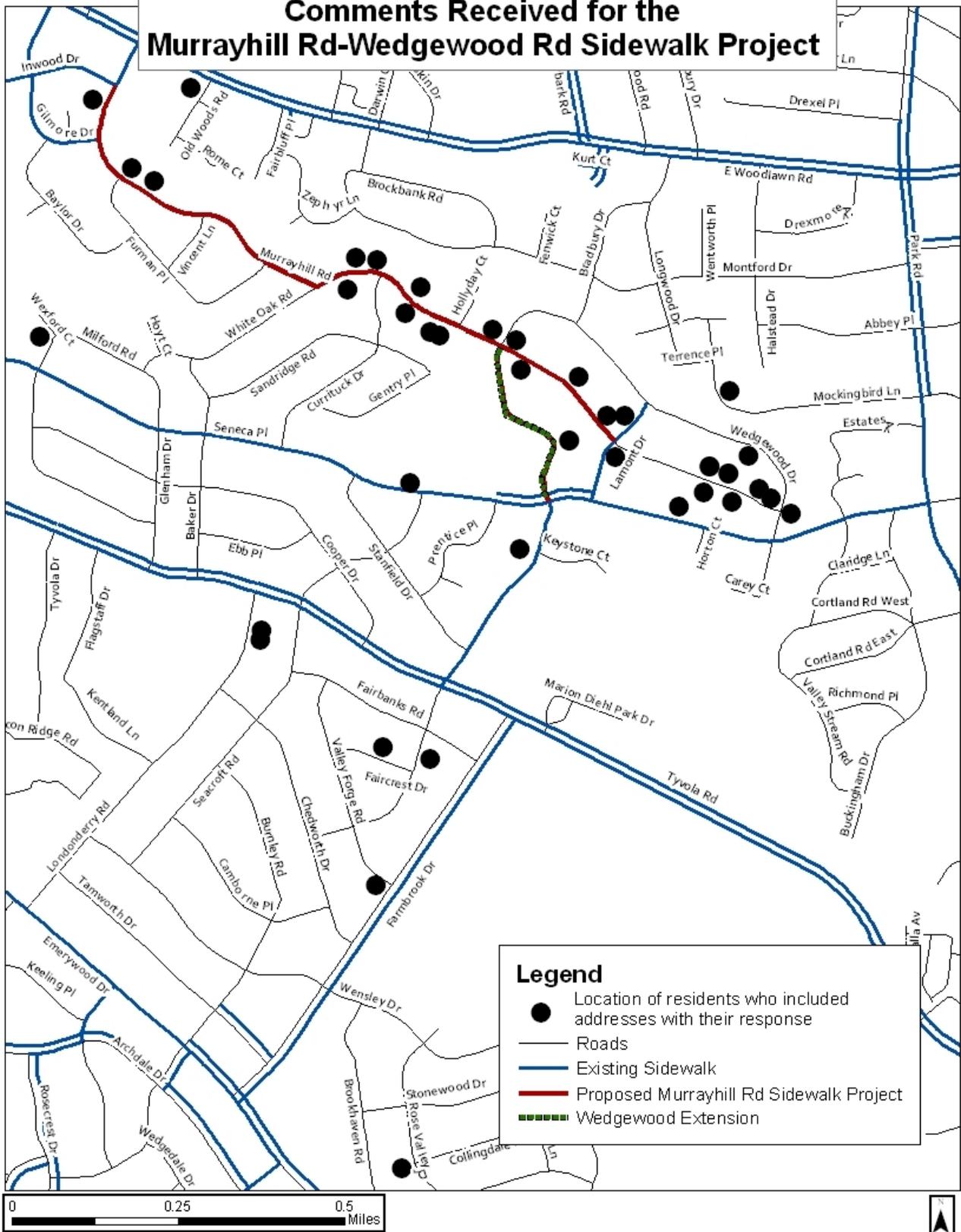
Results from resident input are as follows:

Generally, residents who submitted comments are in support of the project. Of the comments (comment card, mail or email) received on or before August 6, 2008, 64% supported the project. 34% did not support the project or a portion of the project (to remove the two blocks).

The following graph represents all public input received by comment card, mail or email on or before August 6, 2008. The graph does not include responses from the submitted petitions.



Comments Received for the Murrayhill Rd-Wedgewood Rd Sidewalk Project



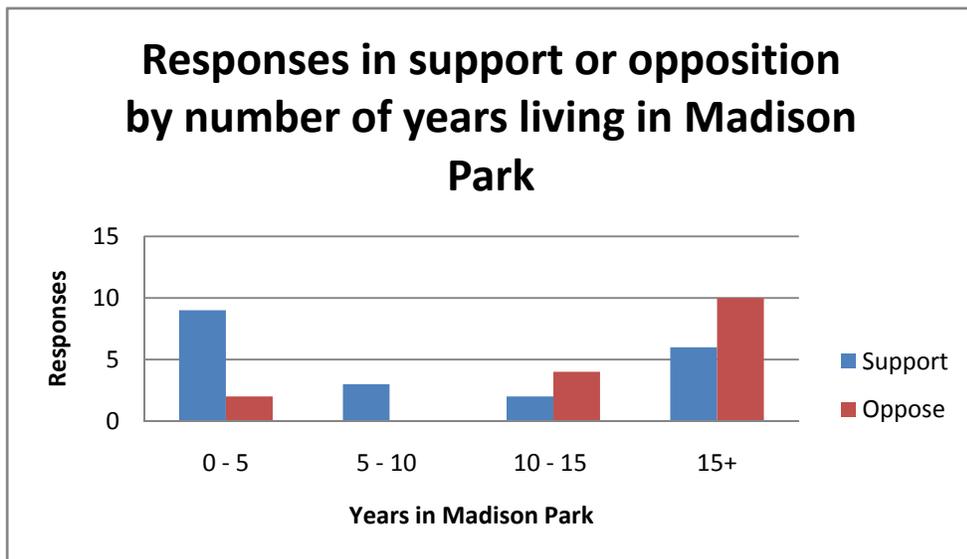
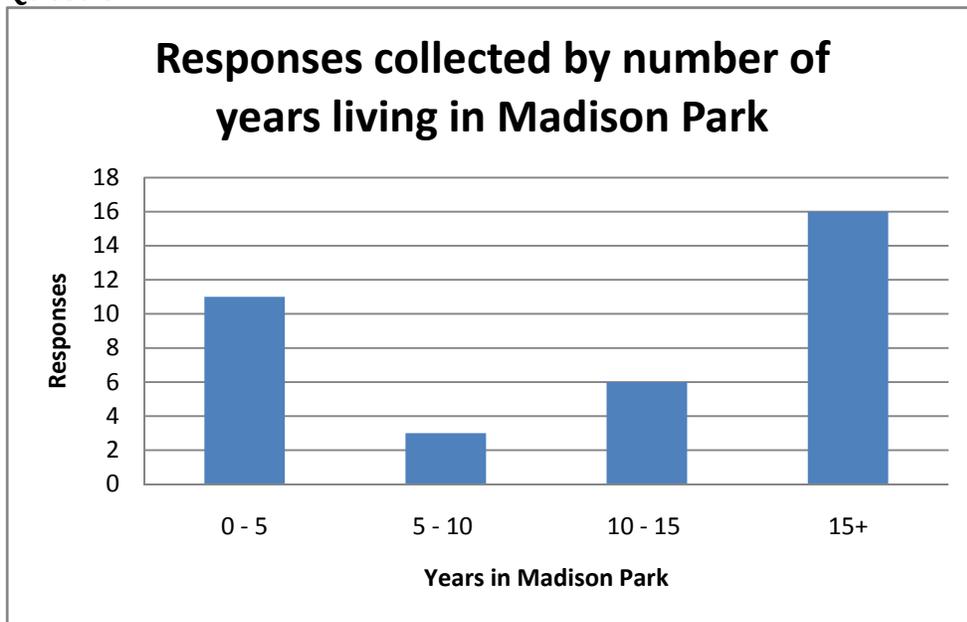
Results of the comment card survey:

Residents were asked a series of questions on the comment card and to provide feedback**. The questions were as follows:

1. How long have you lived in the neighborhood?
2. Do you feel safe from traffic while walking in your neighborhood?
3. Do you think sidewalks will increase the value of your neighborhood?
4. Where do you walk to?
5. Where do you want sidewalks in your neighborhood?

**Please note that results below only include those who submitted comments via the comment card that was distributed at the public meeting on July 22, 2008.

Question 1

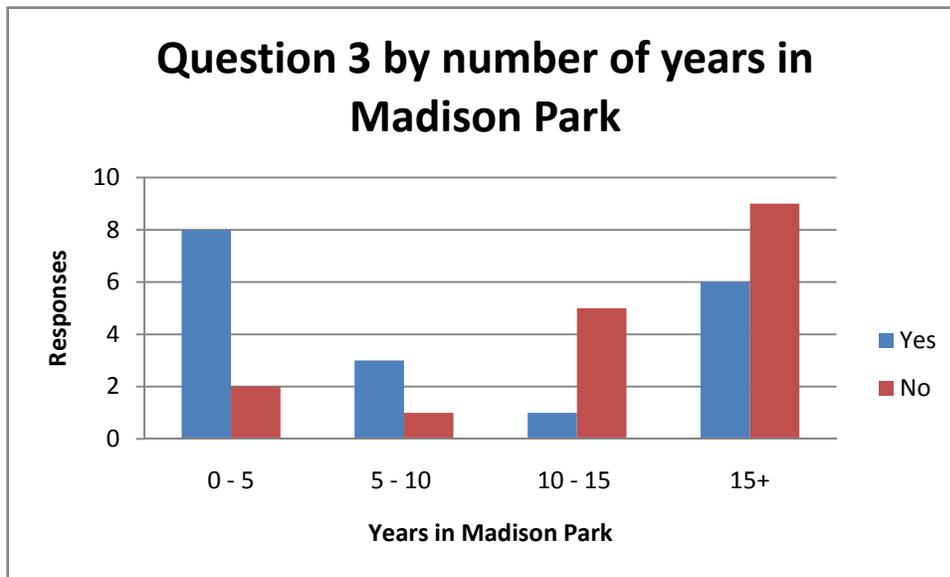
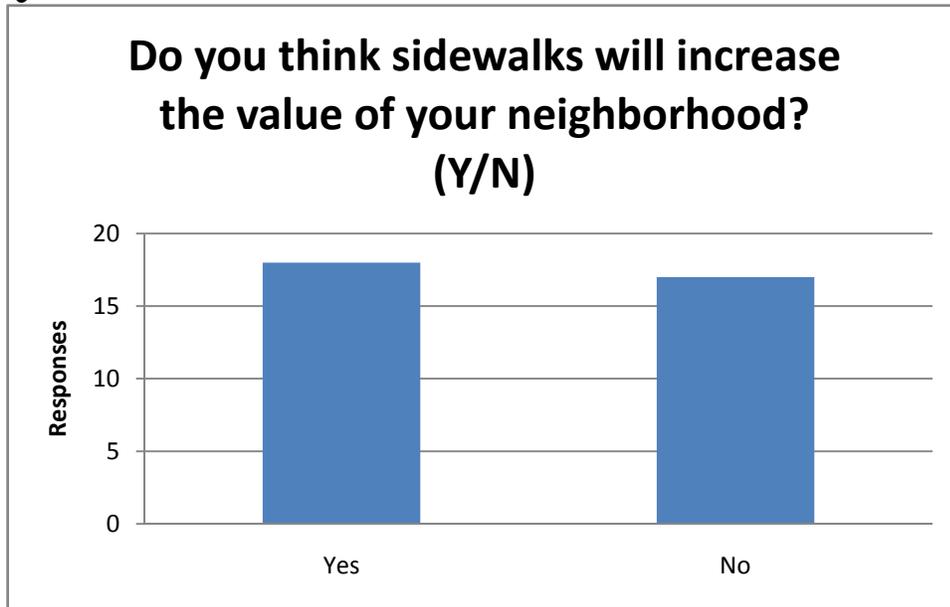


Question 2*

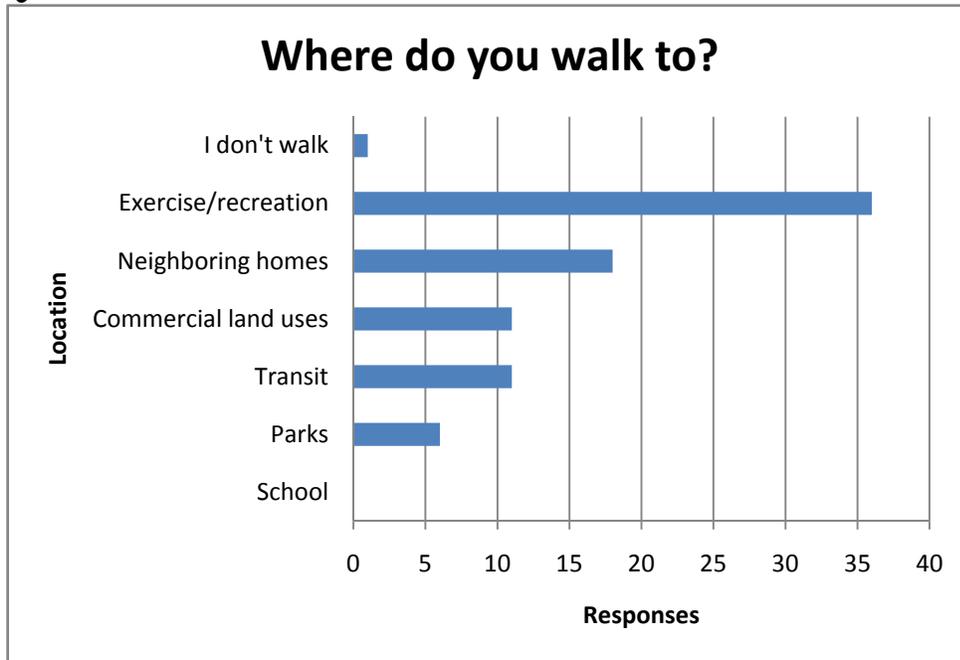


**Residents were able to select multiple responses.*

Question 3

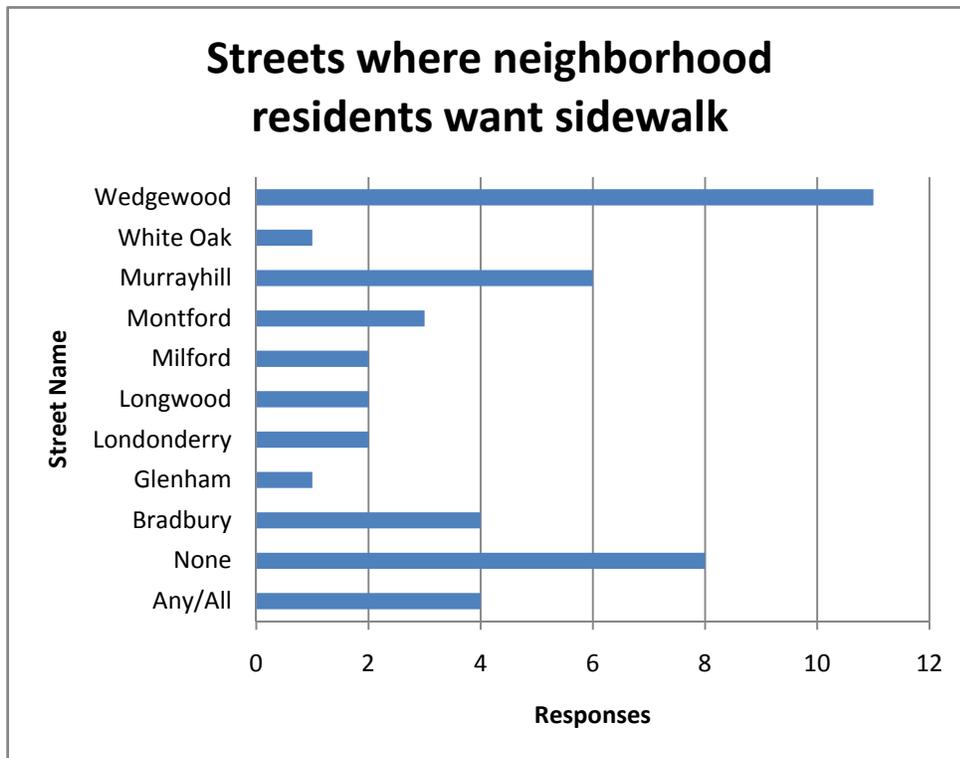


Question 4*



**Residents were able to select multiple responses as many residents walk for multiple reasons.*

Question 5**



***List compiled from comment cards that listed a specific street in response to this question.*

Below are specific issues and concerns raised per all comments received. All comments received on or before August 6, 2008 were reviewed by staff. Comments with three or more similar responses are included below.

Those in favor of the project cited the following in their comments:

- Sidewalks will improve my land values (18 comments)
- Do not let a vocal minority of residents stop the project/Build the entire length of Murrayhill Rd (11 comments)
- Sidewalks will improve pedestrian safety (4 comments)

Those opposed to the project cited the following in their comments:

- Sidewalk will decrease land values (17 comments)
- Remove last two blocks of Murrayhill from project scope (6 comments)
- This project is a waste of tax dollars (5 comments)
- Children are not walking to school (5 comments)
- Traffic is not a problem on Murrayhill (5 comments)
- Other traffic calming is needed (3 comments)
- Sidewalk Policy needs to address sidewalks projects over 1 mile (4 comments)

Many residents both in support of and opposed to this project cited some similar concerns:

- Preserve mature tree canopy & landscaping where possible (15 comments)
- The planting strip needs to be reduced or removed entirely (build back of curb) (10 comments)