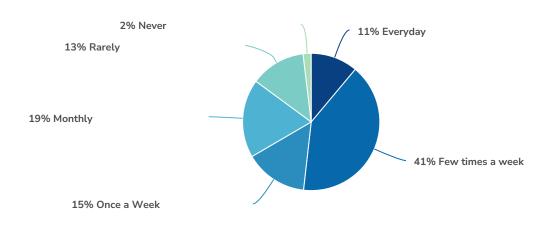
# Report for Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skatepark Survey

# **Response Counts**

Completion Rate:	96.4%		
	Complete		54
	Partial	•	2

# 1. How often do you visit or use the park?



Value	Percent	Responses
Everyday	11.1%	6
Few times a week	40.7%	22
Once a Week	14.8%	8
Monthly	18.5%	10
Rarely	13.0%	7
Never	1.9%	1

Rarely	Count
Rarely	2
1-2 per year	1
2x a year	1
I am a teacher at ACHS and have students who want to start a skateboard club	1
I used to go weekly, gotten a bit older and don't have an much time	1
I visit Duke once in a while	1
Totals	7

# 2. Please explain your frequency of use.

ResponseID	Response
4	1-2 per year when I have down time
5	Rarely
6	It's my local park and I try to use it and help clean up the trash in the park
7	I try to visit the park 2 or more times a week for 2-4 hours depending on availability and weather
8	2-3 times a week
9	I use the skatepark multiple times a week and have been for the last ten plus years.
10	My 4 year old goes for a couple of hours with his scooter and skateboard
11	It's a part of my weekly routine
12	The ramps are in bad condition. The ramps aren't arranged well for skating. The other local skate parks are better.
13	Not a great skatepark, so I dont often use it even though it is closest to my home.
14	longboarding through using a few ramps.
15	I go when weather is good and when I don't have time to go to the skatepark in DC
16	The park is dangerous. The ramps are rusted and cars have landed in the park.
17	As an adult skateboarder now I my schedule doesn't really permit me to frequent the park as much as I would like. I suppose if the park were more adequate compared to our neighboring counties I would feel inclined to make more of an effort. As is stands the park is uninspiring enough to only make an effort of 1 to 2 times a week for a warm up then to another location for an actual session.
18	I use the skatepark daily for exercise
19	I try to get there every week, however I'd go more often if the park had a more exciting layout.
20	Alexandria skate junkie , can't live without the board my dude . I eat and breathe the board .
21	I work close by at Sagre Construction wheeler ave and I use the park to skate during my lunch break when it's nice out cool weather is fine. Has to be dry

# ResponseIDResponse22I go there a lot.23Hours everyday24I come at least twice a week25Closest park to us in Fort Hunt. Son & I like the park rails.

26	I visit this skate park to ride my skateboard and learn the obstacles

- 28 Weekly, bi-weekly I live in Arlington but prefer the Duke st park over Powhatan skate park in Arlington
- 29 I skate this park 1-2 hours two or three times a week.
- 30 I grew up coming to this park, don't come as often anymore.
- 31 Skateboarding for kids class

Rarely

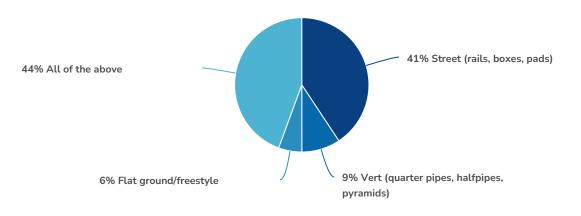
- 32I usually go to Wakefield Skatepark but I switch it up and go to Duke Street sometimes.I've been skating in the area since around 2007 or so.
- 34 This is the closest skatepark to my residence. Hoping this park will one day see a concrete park which is easier to maintain long term.
- 35 1-2x per month

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- 36 Skateboarding
- I am past my skating prime, but I am a teacher who has students who skate and use the park. They are trying to start a skateboard club at school.
- 38 most days after school
- 39 I used to go a few times a week. But have gone a little less recently with more parks popping up that have been renewed. still my favorite park. Wish it could be renovated a little bit, especially after the crash.
- 40 Almost everyday when I was a child now a few times a week whenever I can get out after work.
- 41 Skateboarding.
  - 42 Don't get out quite as much as I would like with the baby but love it when I can!

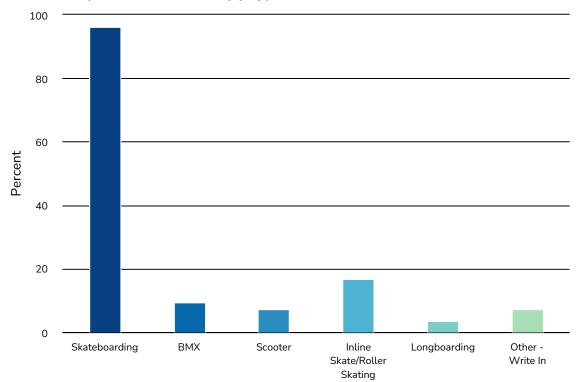
44	I skate almost every day, I just don't get out to this particular park as often as I used to, and spend a lot of my free time skating street.
45	I visit Duke St skatepark every once in a while because I live in D.C.
46	I use the park everyday I get out of school
47	Anytime I have free time from working, I spend my time at the skatepark
48	Often
49	About 3 days a week
50	Well, I've been going to Skyler Jones skate park for over a decade now, almost every day when I was younger and now a couple times a week when I find the time, but it's really hard to without lights because I work later in the day
51	skateboarding
53	Gotten a bit older and don't go as often
54	The bank, the ramps, the rails, the box, no one likes the green kicker next to the rails
55	I've grown up going to this park from age 6, now I'm in my late 20s and still come here pretty frequently when I have the energy after work. I remember when the PNC bank adjacent to the park was a Wendy's.

# 3. What style of skating do you prefer?



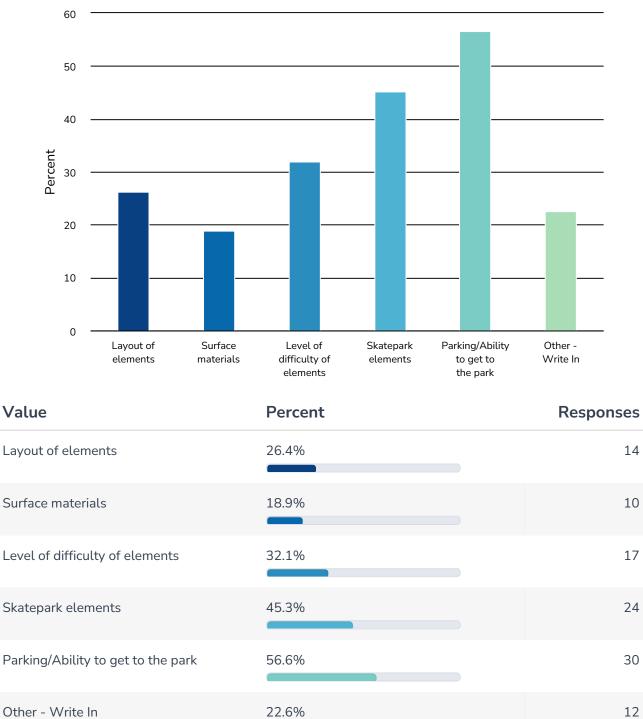
Value	Percent	Responses
Street (rails, boxes, pads)	40.7%	22
Vert (quarter pipes, halfpipes, pyramids)	9.3%	5
Flat ground/freestyle	5.6%	3
All of the above	44.4%	24

4. What kind of sports do you enjoy participating in a skatepark environment? (Select all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Skateboarding	96.2%	51
BMX	9.4%	5
Scooter	7.5%	4
Inline Skate/Roller Skating	17.0%	9
Longboarding	3.8%	2
Other - Write In	7.5%	4

Other - Write In	Count
Electric boarding	1
Parkour	1
Ramp skating/Quad Artistic Dance skating	1
eBoard	1
Totals	4



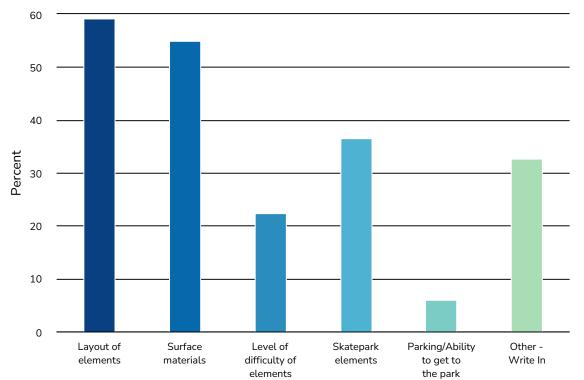
# 5. What do you like about the SHJ skatepark? (Select all that apply)

#### Other - Write In

#### Count

Closest park for me	1
Convenience	1
I At least happy the skate park does exist. It could use an upgrade though.	1
IT is close to where i live	1
LOCATION	1
Location	1
N/A	1
Needs. Higher quality obstacles	1
One especially with the small round rails, great to learn. Enjoy the ramps because of the coping not sticking out much, another element that I enjoy.	1
Park has seen better days	1
The park has an amazing skateboard box. Which is loved by pretty much every skater.	1
it is close to my house	1
Totals	12

# 6. What do you not like about the SHJ skatepark? (Select all that apply)

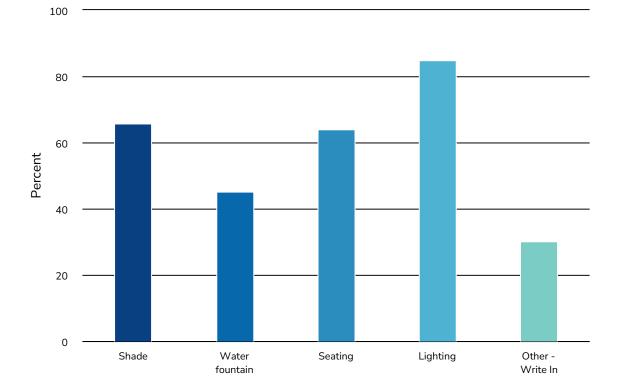


Value	Percent	Responses
Layout of elements	59.2%	29
Surface materials	55.1%	27
Level of difficulty of elements	22.4%	11
Skatepark elements	36.7%	18
Parking/Ability to get to the park	6.1%	3
Other - Write In	32.7%	16

#### Other - Write In

#### Count

NO SHADE	2
Aging vert Ramps with bad transition	1
Danger from cars	1
Ground of the floors isn't smooth. The area of the space can be small especially the park is packed. Would like to extend the skatepark, especially with the long walk path.	1
I don't like the flow up the park. I think the park elements can be set up better so there's flow all through the park and doesn't just send you to one spot.	1
It's outdated compared to other parks in the area. Doesn't have lights, rails and ledges get broken/go missing and never get replaced	1
Maintenance on obstacles	1
N/A	1
No lights, makes it difficult to optimize use in winter when it gets dark at 5	1
Quality of obstacles- old and bad	1
The green kicker, it should also have a bit more stuff, big stuff	1
The new flat rails that were applied are bad. An updated layout and materials would be great. Especially with lights.	1
The park design is outdated in terms of modern skateboarding. Skaters like concrete with a mix of rails, stairs and transition obstacles. The park also wasted a lot of valuable space with how it's laid out.	1
not enough space for flat ground.	1
Totals	15



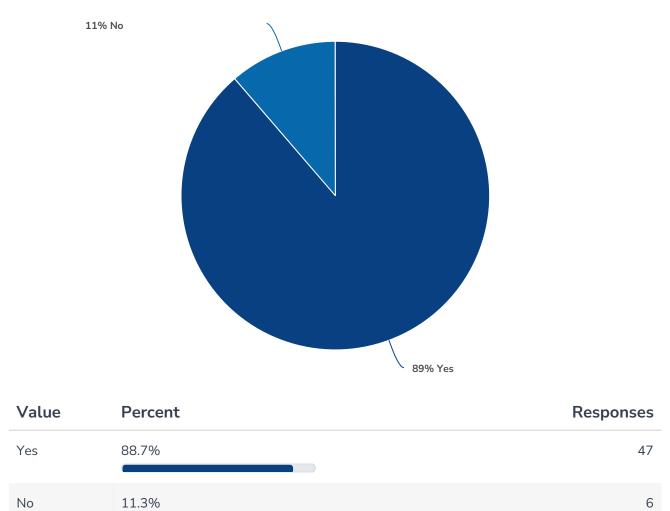
# 7. What amenities would you most like to see at the Skatepark?

Value	Percent	Responses
Shade	66.0%	35
Water fountain	45.3%	24
Seating	64.2%	34
Lighting	84.9%	45
Other - Write In	30.2%	16

#### Other - Write In

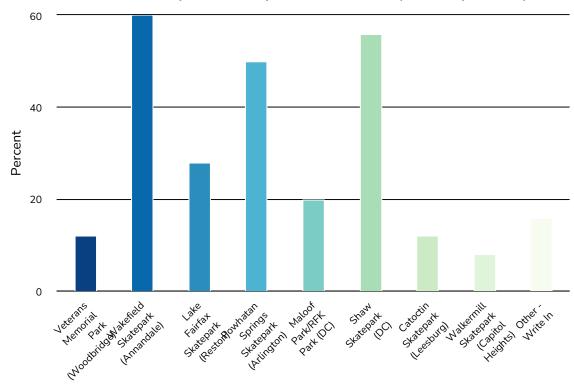
A bowl	1
Addition/deletion/rearrangement of elements	1
All of these sound great!	1
Better obstacles	1
Better skatepark	1
Better water fountain.	1
Bigger	1
Camera For safety	1
Concrete Bowl and or a design that flows	1
Equipment for multi level skaters/ Well thought out skate paths/courses	1
Full renovation	1
LIGHTS PLEASE	1
Safely from the public road, in recent years a car has when over into the park, Damaging the fences and a flat bar. Would like some sort of prevention on that happening. As well as a side walk for some residents in the area to walk to the bus stop. Sometimes citizens will walk into the park	1
Younger or beginners need a wide smaller half pipe. In the 16'+ width and between 4-5' high. The current half pipe is both too narrow and too tall.	1
a mini ramp halfpipe	1
basketball hoop	1
Totals	16

# 8. Do you feel safe at the SHK skatepark?



# 9. If no, what would make it feel more safe?

ResponseID	Response
5	More security appearances
16	The cars having accidents on Duke STreet and ending up in the park
19	The Skate park area is surrounded by heavy trees/bushes etc. It's tucked away in a secluded area of the park. That's very dangerous in this day and age. It needs to be much more visible and open. Keeping in mind the placement of the equipment hides visitors as well as lurkers.
27	Security
38	lights
46	Add lights



# 10. Which DC area skateparks are your favorites? (Pick top three)

Value	Percent	Responses
Veterans Memorial Park (Woodbridge)	12.0%	6
Wakefield Skatepark (Annandale)	60.0%	30
Lake Fairfax Skatepark (Reston)	28.0%	14
Powhatan Springs Skatepark (Arlington)	50.0%	25
Maloof Park/RFK Park (DC)	20.0%	10
Shaw Skatepark (DC)	56.0%	28
Catoctin Skatepark (Leesburg)	12.0%	6
Walkermill Skatepark (Capitol Heights)	8.0%	4
Other - Write In	16.0%	8

#### Other - Write In

#### Count

Ashland skatepark	1
Charm City and Baltimore	1
Cosca Skatepark (Clinton)	1
Landsdown	1
Palisades park	1
Rockville Maryland	1
Trailside Skate Park (Herndon)	1
We need more of a plaza style skatepark not a skatepark like Arlington or Walker mill or catoctin.	1
Totals	8

11. We're looking for your input on both short-term and long-term goals for the skatepark. For short-term goals, share your ideas below for quick improvements, like optimizing equipment for better flow or adding paint and signage. Your feedback will help us achieve this vision!

5	Add shade and spread the ramps and obstacles out more!
6	Shade and water would be the short term. Long term better flow, a variety of obstacles that are optimized for a variety of skill level. The addition of a concrete bowl and obstacles would be great.
7	Some short term improvements could be fixing the placement of the newer green rails (The kinked rail one runs into another rail to quickly after leaving it) and the location of ramptech launch ramp (it has no good runup). Possibly adding a smaller sized box/ledge off to side a quick addition. Long term I like to see more difficult street obstacles and as there are some holes in the ground and decay on the ramps
8	Park needs to be designed by someone who skates. The elements are too close together for actual use of them.
9	The two flat bars and ramp that were added to the park after the car accident are very dangerous. They're bolted to the ground and much to close to one another creating dangerous obstacles. Additional the new ramp that was included also functions as a skateboard box which is not able to be utilized to the fact it's bolted. Those need to be changed. As far as longterm goals, the park is simply too outdated to current skateboarding trends, which is understandable being this park was built 20 years ago and has received no material update. The park has lots of wasted space that need to be utilized, which a gut job and revamp of a concrete park would cure.
11	Either rearrange the flow of the skatepark for all users using the elements you already have or restart and rebuild a concrete part. With bowls, mini half and a better street coarse
12	Replacement of half pipe because of water damage.
13	Remove some elements to create space. Add lights so the park can be accessible later (especially in the winter when the sun sets at 5).
14	• Move equipment for better flow
15	Put high quality rails and ledges - fix these first. But a full renovation is needed.
16	Move around ramps. Remove the ones that can't be repaired to be usable.

17	From what I concluded the most effective immediate, albeit laborious method for a short term project is to reorganize the park with the existing elements to make better use of the real-estate of the park. I've surveyed the area and one of the biggest conflict the park is suffering from is a lack of natural flow and poor integration of elements of the park. From what I've put together the park would be reinvigorated with a renovation of moving things around in a more congruent fashion.
18	I think the skate park should be fully concrete with a bowl and Street course obstacles
19	Smoother floors/ cutting away tree and heavy bushes that surround the skate park. A more open fresh & cheerful look.
20	Fix the stuff that's messed up and plan for a new layout . That park needs a real renaissance
21	A sun shade over half the park like a triangle. Made of AG netting would allow shade to move through the park as the sun moved
22	Lights for skating at night has been discussed for years but never delivered. Flat bars were broken in a car accident and replaced with terrible quality rails that are insulting. Space is wasted with large corners of the park not in use.
23	
24	Add colors!!
25	Bowls, but that isn't really a "quick" improvement Organized demos or events with pro- ridersmaybe an Olympic team member, or a local skate-shop hosted team? Ty for asking for feedback!! Love that there is a parcel close enough to ride on weekends
26	-expand the park layout. Having a hard time why won't the walk path isn't being used as space for skate park -sidewalk for residents to walk around the skate park -safety for citizens on preventing cars getting into the park with the sharp turn at the intersection - some of the existing equipment can be used -would request on pavement to be updated
27	Better flow and shade !
28	Focus on small street features.( ledges, rails, curbs, parking barriers)
29	Quick improvements: cut the old launch ramp in half, which would be the perfect height for all skill-levels. Move the other (new, green) launch ramp to somewhere it can be used, like near the old one.
30	Definitely revamping the ramps. Adding lights and shade

32	Short term, make sure the cracks are properly filled and smoothed. Long term, keep some of the current elements if possible (consult long-time locals on what makes the park nostalgic), consider expanding toward the gas station a bit, create Olympic type street plaza, maybe even use Freedom Plaza as a model for some of the obstacles. Make it something where the obstacles aren't too big but well designed so that people at a pro level could hone their skills but that beginners don't feel intimidated. Hubba, stair set, rails, ledges, etc plus at least one unique obstacle.
33	Very features are too tall for novices. The flow is focused on big drops instead of long smaller verts that are easier for novice skaters. Powhatan is a great example of novice friendly layouts.
34	This park and the current layout is ok but too outdated to accommodate potentially future Olympic athletes or athletes in a higher caliber. A better, functional mini ramp. If concrete in the future, look at Rockville for Inspiration. Alexandria needs a concrete park with a bowl.
35	Have skate clinics for beginner skaters
36	Adding lights to the park so people can enjoy the park in the dark
37	N/A
38	removing some of the obstacles that just get in the way
39	If this park was well lit with the baseball field next door it would be great and used more by the locals as well as feel even safer for families. If the green flat rails could be replaced with the rails that used to be there as well that would be great! There are also a few patches/holes of concrete in the ground that can be considered dangerous for beginners that need to be filled .
40	Lighting would greatly improve the skatepark. Most folks with day jobs (parents of small kids included) tend to go to parks with light especially in the winter when it's dark early even if it may be a farther drive. I feel like the existing flow of the skatepark is good for the most part even though I am a bit bias since it's my local park. My only comment about the park would be to remove the three stair obstacle and replace it with a matching bank identical to the other side, as well as replacing the green rail with something more similar to the original rail that was in the park.
41	Please give this park a whole new upgrade. It's long overdue and the Alexandria scene could use an updated skatepark.
43	Please add lights. And more Street obstacles and more manny pads/small ledges for beginner skaters. And please make the park bigger.
44	Lighting and longer hours would be an incredible improvement.

45	For short term goals you all should add add some new moveable skate obstacles that skatepark users can get creative with.
46	Replacing the rails that were originally there with metal taller ones
47	Short term provide some lighting immediately for evening skate sessions
48	Lighting is most important to me. When the car crash happened rails were replaced with "temporary" rails that are still there and are horrible quality so replace those with proper flat bars like there was before.
49	Make it hybrid concrete and wood. Add A mixture of boxes and manual pads. Better water fountain. Fix the half pipe
50	For the love of God, there's a company that's been building skate parks in nova that's been doing a horrible fucking job. Excuse my language, but their skate parks are falling apart within a year. Please do research on who you hire to build the skate park
51	remove fence, spread obstacles outwards to create more space inside. replace the set up of current rails situation
53	Optimizing flow is a great idea, I think some more open space with shade would be excellent as well
54	There should be street sections like stairs would be cool, a bowl would make it so much better you don't even know.the basic wood looks nice no pain necessary and if y'all add a bowl it should be a concrete color of course!
55	Short term goals: We had two of the best flat ground rails in Northern Virginia at the SHJ skatepark until a couple of years ago when the car burrowed through the park and took the rails with it. The good people at Ramptech provided the city with a couple of green rail substitutes, but they're not very well built. Especially for the skatepark environment where beginners would like to learn. It's only been a year or so since they've been installed and they already have deformations and signs of weathering. The legs extend too far out as well, making approaching the rail difficult. We need good bolted in flat ground rail substitutes for the rails we had pre-car accident of 2022. Please refer to the newly renovated Shaw Skatepark, or the old SHJ skatepark before the accident. Also, if we could include some lights that stay on after dark, I know the community/users of the park would be very pleased. I can't recount how many nights I've been at the skatepark with at least 10 other people enjoying a skate session that has to come to an end because the sun has set. Meanwhile the baseball park adjacent to the skatepark will have its lights beaming while not in use. For this reason, many prefer to go to Wakefield, Arlington, and even Shaw skatepark which have lights that stay on until 9.

# 12. Is there one obstacle you would like to see in a redesigned skatepark?

ResponseID	Response
4	bowl in an expanded park
5	Yes quarter pipe to flat bank and also a kiddy area for beginners
6	The whole park is a hodgepodge of obstacles that don't flow well together. Each individual obstacle besides the half pipe could be rearranged for use, however the current configuration is not set up well
7	A better/more downrails
9	A 3 to 4 foot concrete miniramp. There are none in the DMV area and including such would draw lots of attention.
11	The non street coarse. The flow of that whole area is either build with BMX in mind or just not every well laid out.
12	Grinding box
13	a mini-ramp (small halfpipe)
15	Green rails
16	box
17	The entire dang park. The layout is completely unthought out, and random. It's as if a diagnosed ADHD pre-teen, built it in a video game park editor.
18	A better pyramid
20	Bump to ledge , a long rail, anything really . Look at laurel skatepark and just steal their ideas
21	Idk I don't see a lot of options considering size so. It's good. The items mentioned would be cool
22	Long flat ledge on flat ground. Also a mini-half pipe five feet tall or less.
23	Stairs with a rail and hubba going down them
24	Euro gap
25	Bowl
26	Small round rails, great to learn and great to have fun from all levels of skating

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27	Turtle hump ramp
28	Small ledges.
29	A manny (or manual) pad.
30	Better ledge or a stair set
32	A really nice ledge.
33	Reduce height of most elements.
34	The mini ramp section
36	Square rail in the rail sections
37	N/A
38	a mini ramp. The halfpipe that is in the park is WAY too big. No one can skate it. A mini ramp, like a miniature half pipe, is fun and easy.
39	The middle section of the park has many ramps. I love that there are enough ramps for beginners and intermediate level riders but I think the one or two of the middle section ramps on the side of the park closest to the road could be removed. This would open up space for flatground, the box/ledge that a lot of skaters skate and more laterals and help with the flow of the park.
40	New rails, the green rails recently put in are kinda low quality and short in length I'd like something a bit longer and sturdier, maybe one long flat bar and a long kink rail. The c rail feature is good just talking about the green rails. I also thing the park could do without the three stair feature, it would flow a lot better if there where matching banks on both sides.
41	A bank to slanted down manual pad, or bank to ledges would be nice too.
43	Manny pad with a ledge on top
44	A wide, low (6-8") block, aka manual pad, with grindable edges.
45	A wider ledge flat that's medium size, that can also be used as a manual pad.
46	Handrail
47	Decent sized stair set
48	Manual pad

#### ResponseID Response 49 Half pipe 50 I think a little mixture of everything is great. Gives options to everyone, but I definitely do love a good bowl. 51 wall ride barrier 53 A new hubba or pyramid 54 Bowl, a hip and probably a wall ride 55 The DMV is in lack of a good mini ramp. Wakefield made a slightly decent one, but it definitely takes experience to skate due to the spine in the middle. If we could have a decent mini ramp with two solid sides, coping, and no spine I know it would increase the use of the park. The 3' ones that are there currently are a decent height, but if they could be 8' wide or resemble one you find on a Google image it'd be appreciated. The flat ground portion of the park in the back where no obstacles are is a staple to the park. It's great for beginners to learn new flat ground tricks, and it's great for people to warm up their legs. Please include the flat ground portion out of the way of obstacles to any renovations. A stair set that's 3-7 stairs high would be greatly appreciated as well. It could be a long 3 stair like Wakefield, or a normal 7 like Shaw. Any or all of these would

be nice.

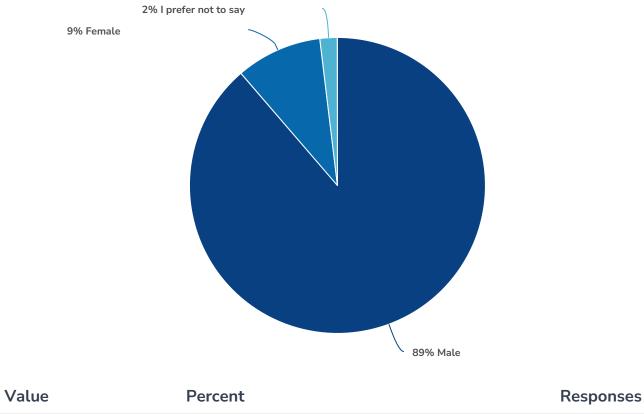
# 13. Any other suggestions on how to improve the park or feedback?

6	Use concrete instead of skate light, redesigned the park from the ground up.
9	The park needs to be designed or have the inclusion of someone who is an experienced skateboarder who understands modern skateboarding. A number of the parks in the area are poorly designed because they did not consult someone who skateboarding know how or who was not in tune enough with modern skateboard culture. This is essential.
11	Shade and lights would be much appreciated
13	Use more concrete and less wood obstacles.
14	• Better materials (cement) used for the whole skatepark.
15	Full renovation.
16	IT needs to have more space for the new skaters
17	If we reach out of other foundations the stipulations are that the park will have to be constructed in concrete in its newer design before they will endorse it. They do incorporate park design surveyors that with work in congruency with city officials and reps to accommodate within the parameters of the existing park. I want to also take this time in making another suggestion of relocating the park to a better location. I've actually found a location that in relative proximity of the existing park. The area I'm suggesting is the deteriorated Ewald Park. The area already has infrastructure for restrooms facilities and meager parking. The deteriorated makeshift soccer field has been left moot and unused as the Brenman and Witter field began renovations. I'm unsure how the city feels about incorporating the basketball court into the real-estate as its barely used but would be optimal. The reason I suggested this area besides the aforementioned reasons are that the existing park has become and increasing safety hazard as cars keep hitting the park. Also because of the shade the area provides compared to the lack of at the existing park. Additionally the area falls within the provisions of being in a low-income area, a stipulation that contributing foundations mandate.
18	Add a manual pad
20	Steal the layout of laurel skatepark in Maryland
21	N/a
22	Lights for skating at night!
23	Lights, shade
24	Na
25	More events

26	- Expanding the park layout. Utilizing the existing walkway path and having that level with the skate park - Safety from cars getting into the park (prevention) - Pavement - Lights (can be used without approval)
27	Smaller quarter pipes for kiddies
29	Lights. In another few weeks it will be too dark to skate at 5PM.
30	More street, less ramps. It seems like most of the skaters in the area like street and not vert. The ledge and rails are the most used elements of the park.
31	Viewing ability, make entrance from Duke more inviting/obvious
32	Re-design the park to be more visible for safety.
37	Is there a contact that I could reach out to to learn more about using the skateboard park with the ACHS Skateboard Club? I can be reached at stephen.erick@acps.k12.va.us
38	lights and more openness . There are too many blind turns.
39	I think a less is more approach could work really well here as that's what's make SHJ park great for years. Minimizing the amount of ramps, but keeping the key ramps and having A LOT of room dedicated to ledges, rails, more obstacles would be great.
40	Lights for night time sessions and some type of overhead shade caster that will provide escape on sunny summer days
41	One of the cornerstones of this park was the small, but mellow quarter-pipe dimensions on the ramps. Please preserve those same dimensions if there is a new layout soon and add more street obstacles along with it (Manual pads/ledges/flat rails/etc).
43	LIGHTS
44	If you renovate the park, please please please DO NOT PUT A LARGE SET OF STAIRS IN THE SKATEPARK. Almost anything that can be skated UP (like a ramp) can also be skated DOWN or OVER or ACROSS - they are multidirectional objects. Large stair sets are monodirectional objects, meaning they can only be skated in one direction (down). This then dictates the flow of every other multidirectional object around it, as other skaters now have to watch out for people jumping down the stairs. On top of that, unlike most skatepark obstacles, stairs can be found all over the place "in the wild" (outside of skateparks). Small sets of stairs (2-3) that can be skated up AND down can actually be lots of fun for people of all skill levels!
46	The park is bad now change the layout and add more metal obstacles. Also add coping to the transition
47	N/a

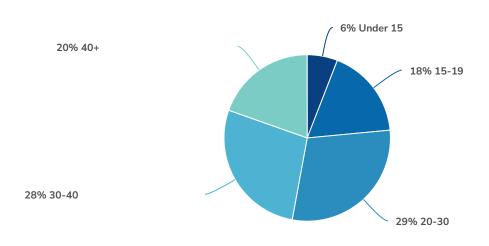
48	Use the space better, currently large corners of the park are empty and useless and the space could be used better
50	Make sure to hire the best people you can to build the skate park really don't want it to fall apart within a year like some of the other ones in the nova area
51	basketball hoop is a great addition to help skateboarders stay active and helps us warm up and exercise
53	Accessibility is pretty good but focusing more on quality of life would improve the park a lot.
54	Light and remove that green kicker, no one's uses it and it's in the way
55	A place for shade and to sit would be nice as well.
57	being able to safely access the park without needing to ask parents for a ride would be good. buses on duke are great but a wider sidewalk or even bike lanes would be awesome

# 14. What is your gender identity?



Male	88.7%	47
Female	9.4%	5
l prefer not to say	1.9%	1

Other - Write In	Count
Totals	0



Value	Percent	Responses
Under 15	5.9%	3
15-19	17.6%	9
20-30	29.4%	15
30-40	27.5%	14
40+	19.6%	10