

Westside Park Public Input Survey

Introduction

Thank you for participating in this survey! The New Jersey Community Development Corporation (NJCDC), in collaboration with the City of Paterson, Passaic County, and other community stakeholders, is developing a master plan to revitalize Westside Park. Public input is a key component of the master plan and ensures that the future of the park will correspond to the needs and vision of the people of Paterson.

Westside Park provides a range of passive and active recreation opportunities and is listed on the Paterson Register of Historic Places. The 28-acre park was purchased by the City of Paterson in 1888 and was once an idyllic place for strolling, boating, and recreation. The Van Houten House, built in 1741 and considered Paterson's oldest structure, is located within Westside Park and is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Although Westside Park has been neglected for a considerable amount of time, there is new momentum to improve the park in a comprehensive and sustainable way that aligns it with the ongoing revitalization efforts by the City of Paterson, Passaic County, and the National Park Service.

Instructions

This survey contains 14 question and should take about 10 minutes to complete. Please respond to each question as indicated. When finished, please hand your completed survey to a member of the project team or place it in the survey response box located on the table.

We appreciate your time, effort, and point of view. *Thank you for helping to guide the future of Westside Park!*

Contact Information *(Optional)*

If you would like to receive updates on the Westside Park Master Plan, please provide your contact information here. If you do not wish to provide contact information, you may skip this section and begin the survey on the next page.

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

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Survey

1. What is your age? *(Please select one)*

Under 18

18-29

30-49

50-69

70+

2. What is your gender? *(Please select one)*

Female

Male

3. Which of the following statements best describes you? *(Please select one)*

I live in Paterson

I work in Paterson, but do not live there

I own a property or business in Paterson, but do not live there

I go to school in Paterson, but do not live there

I visit Paterson, but do not live there

Other:

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4. How often do you visit Westside Park? *(Please select one)*

- Just about everyday
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Rarely
- Never

5. How do you typically get to Westside Park? *(Please select all that apply)*

- I walk
- I ride a bike
- I drive a car
- I ride in a car as a passenger
- I ride a motorcycle
- I take public transit

6. What time of day do you most often use Westside Park on weekdays?
(Please select all that apply)

- 8:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 8:00 pm – 12:00 midnight
- 12:00 midnight – 8:00 am
- Rarely or never

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7. What time of day do you most often use Westside Park on weekends?

(Please select all that apply)

- 8:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 8:00 pm – 12:00 midnight
- 12:00 midnight – 8:00 am
- Rarely or never

8. What are your main reasons for using Westside Park?

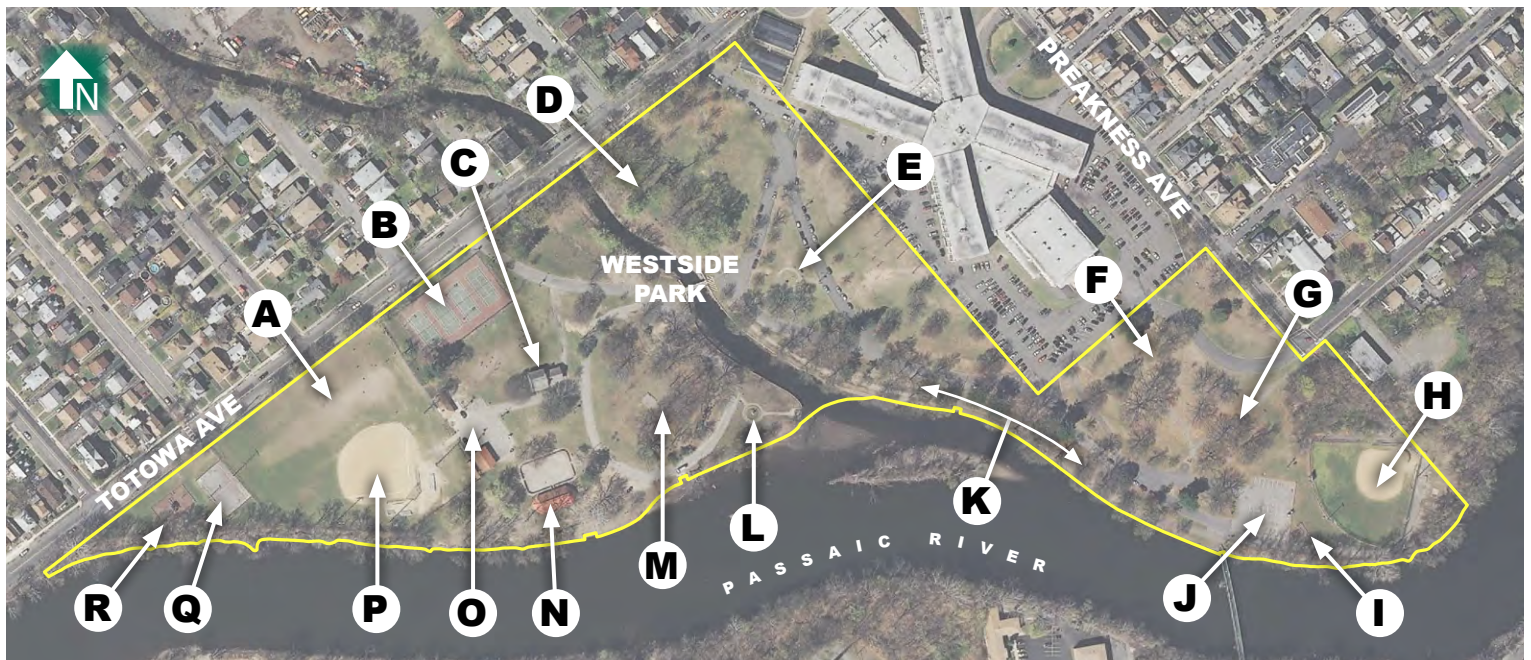
(Please select all that apply)

- To walk or jog
- To ride my bike
- To relax on a bench
- To spend time with friends
- To play organized sports
- To play 'pick-up' sports
- To reach other destinations
- To explore history
- To observe nature
- To exercise my pet
- To go on a picnic
- To go fishing
- To play in a playground
- To take park history tours
- Other:

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9. Where do you spend most of your time at Westside Park?

(Please select all that apply)



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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. Athletic field | J. Parking lot |
| B. Tennis court | K. Waterfront pathways |
| C. Van Houten House | L. WWI Memorial |
| D. Grove | M. The Rocks |
| E. Shohid Minar Monument | N. Picnic pavilion and rink |
| F. JFK Spirit Garden | O. Parking lot |
| G. Slope | P. Ball field |
| H. Ball field | Q. Basketball court |
| I. Playground | R. Playground |

I don't spend time, I just pass through

Other:

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10. What issues or features are most important to making Westside Park a place to use and enjoy every day? *(Please rate the importance of each)*

	very important	somewhat important	not important
Nighttime lighting			
Public art			
Community events on weekends			
Community events after school			
Parking spaces			
Walkable connections to other parks			
Security cameras			
Community gardens			
Restoration of the Van Houten House			
Athletic fields			
Benches and picnic tables			
Free wi-fi			
Outdoor performance space			
Playgrounds			
Walking paths / pedestrian circulation			
Sense of personal safety			
Boat access to the Passaic River			
Repair of the river walls			
General maintenance and upkeep			
Bike paths / bicycle circulation			
Activities for JFK High School students			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

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11. The Van Houten House is considered to be the oldest structure in Paterson, dating to 1741. The building is currently unoccupied and in need of restoration. **What reuses of the building would you like to see in the future?**

12. What do you *like* about Westside Park?

13. What do you *dislike* about Westside Park?

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14. If you could redesign Westside Park for the future, ...

A. ...what features or activities would you ***keep?***

B. ...what features or activities would you ***remove?***

C. ...what features or activities would you ***add?***

Thank you for completing this survey!