

Algonquin-Cary Subarea Plan

Online Survey Summary

CMAAP developed an online survey for the Algonquin-Cary Subarea Plan in order to engage a broader audience on what they would like the quarry sites and surrounding area to be in the future. The survey encouraged residents to provide feedback on themes, strategies, and their vision for the subarea. In total, 871 residents completed the survey, which was open for comment from April 22, 2019 to June 3, 2019.

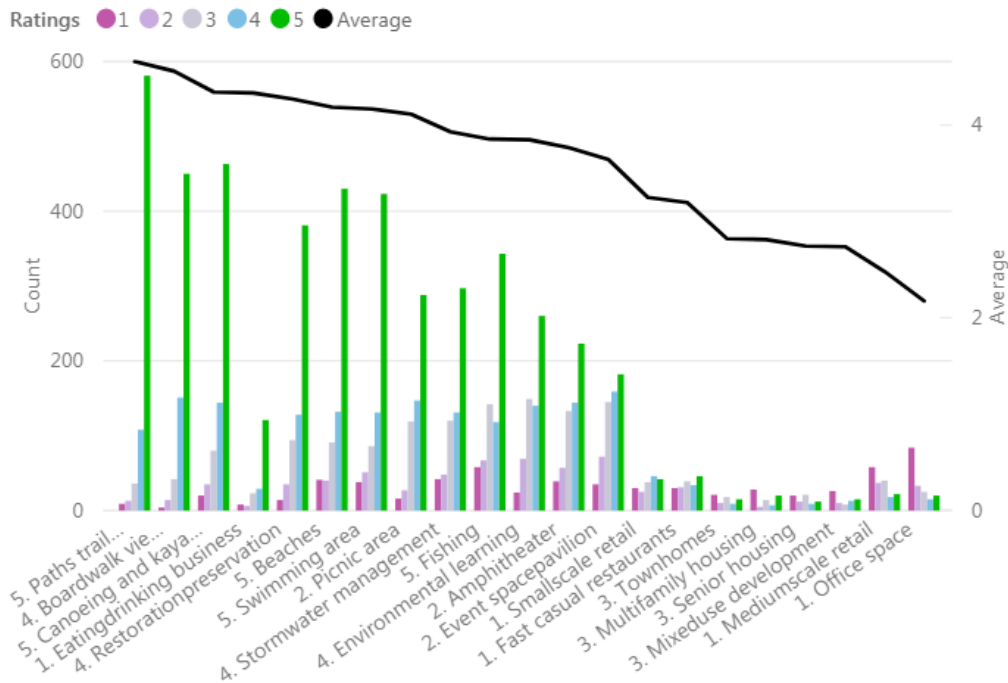
Participants began the survey by identifying their top three themes for the subarea. 'Parks and Recreation' along with 'Nature and Open Space' were ranked overwhelmingly as the top two choices, while 'Entertainment,' 'Economy,' and 'Housing' were third, fourth, and fifth, respectively.

Figure 1. Theme ranking



Participants then ranked corresponding strategies to implement the themes they identified in the prior step. Strategies such as trail connections, boardwalk viewpoints, canoeing/kayaking, restoration and preservation, beaches, and a swimming area all ranked very highly. Additionally, eating/drinking businesses was the highest rated strategy outside of the 'Parks and Recreation' and 'Nature and Open Space' categories.

Figure 2. Strategy ranking based on top three selected themes



The final question of the survey was open-ended and asked participants for their personal vision for the subarea. 510 participants left comments. There were frequent mentions of Three Oaks Recreation Area in Crystal Lake – many respondents view it positively and would like to see something similar in Algonquin or Cary without the fees they pay in Crystal Lake. Alternatively, others favor quieter, more passive recreation opportunities and restored open space. The comments received are represented visually below.

Figure 3. Common words used to describe vision for subarea

