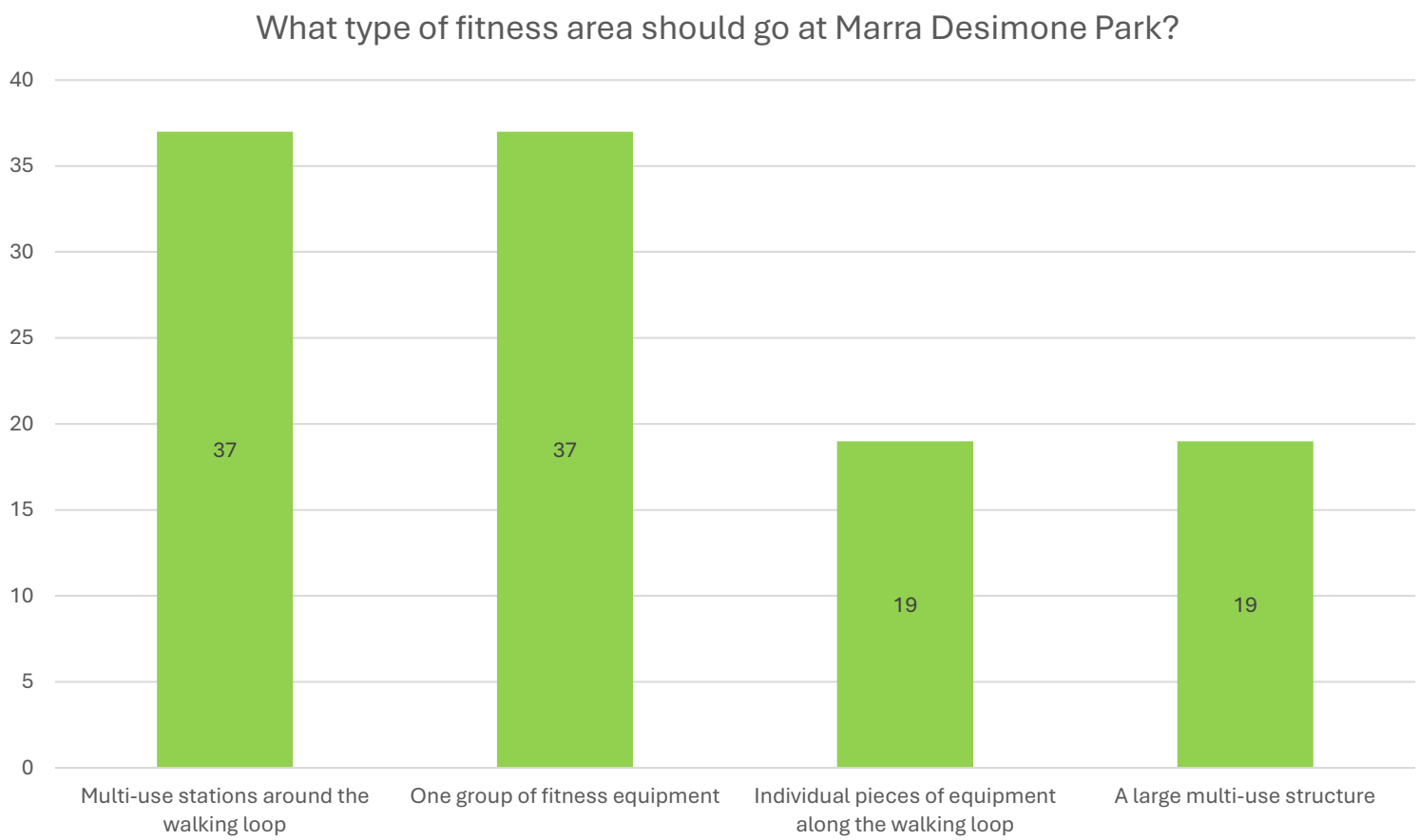
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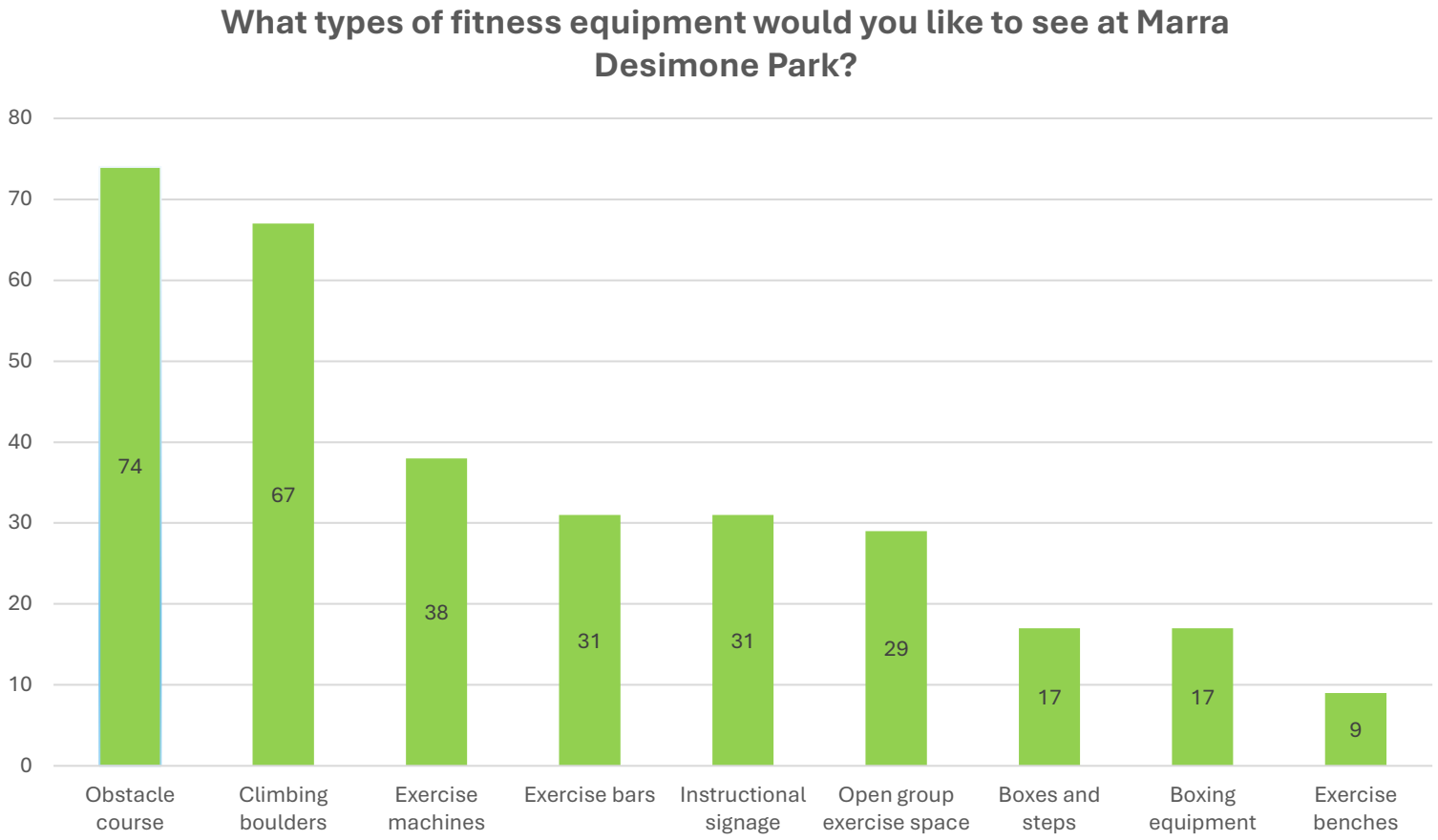
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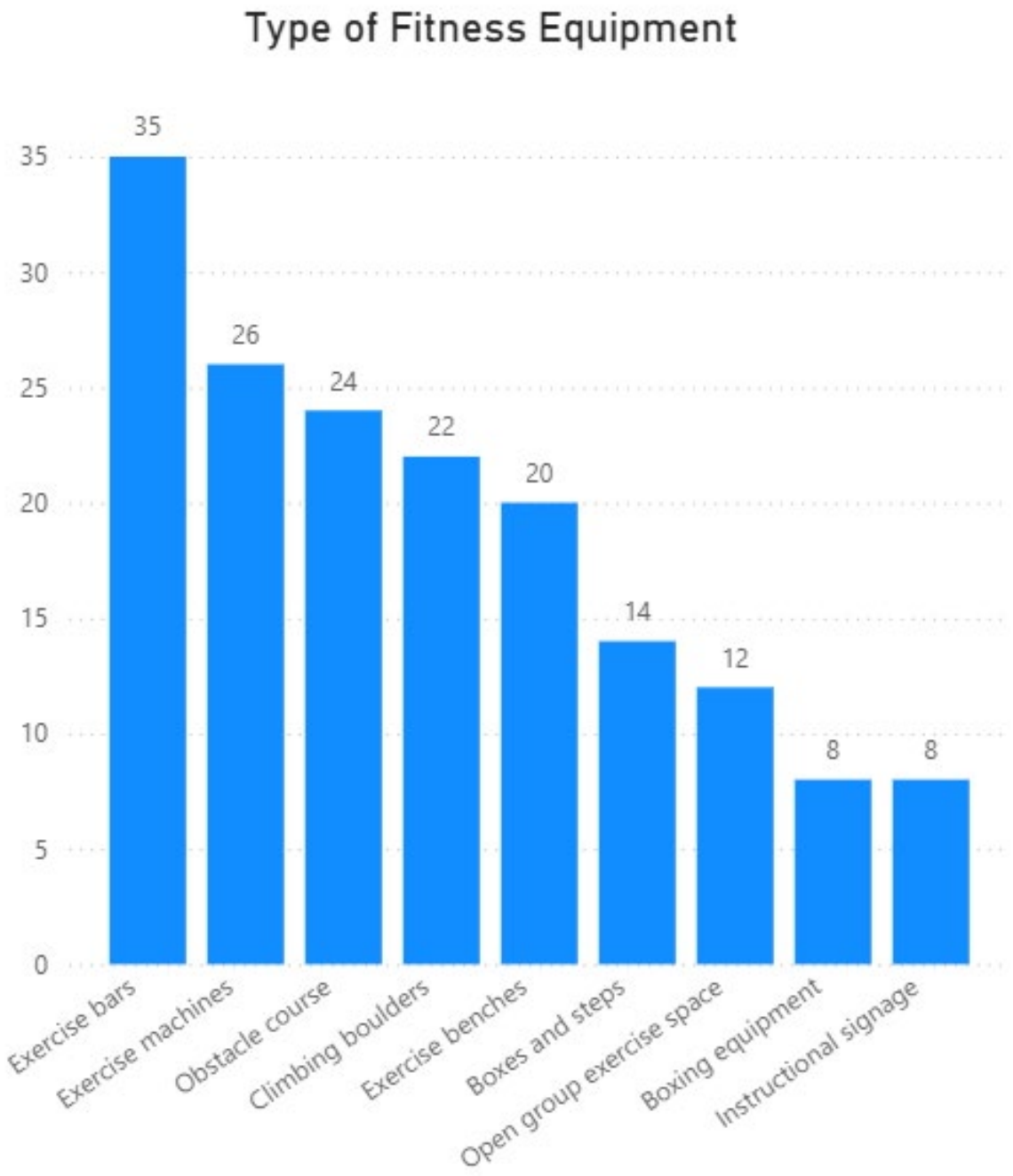
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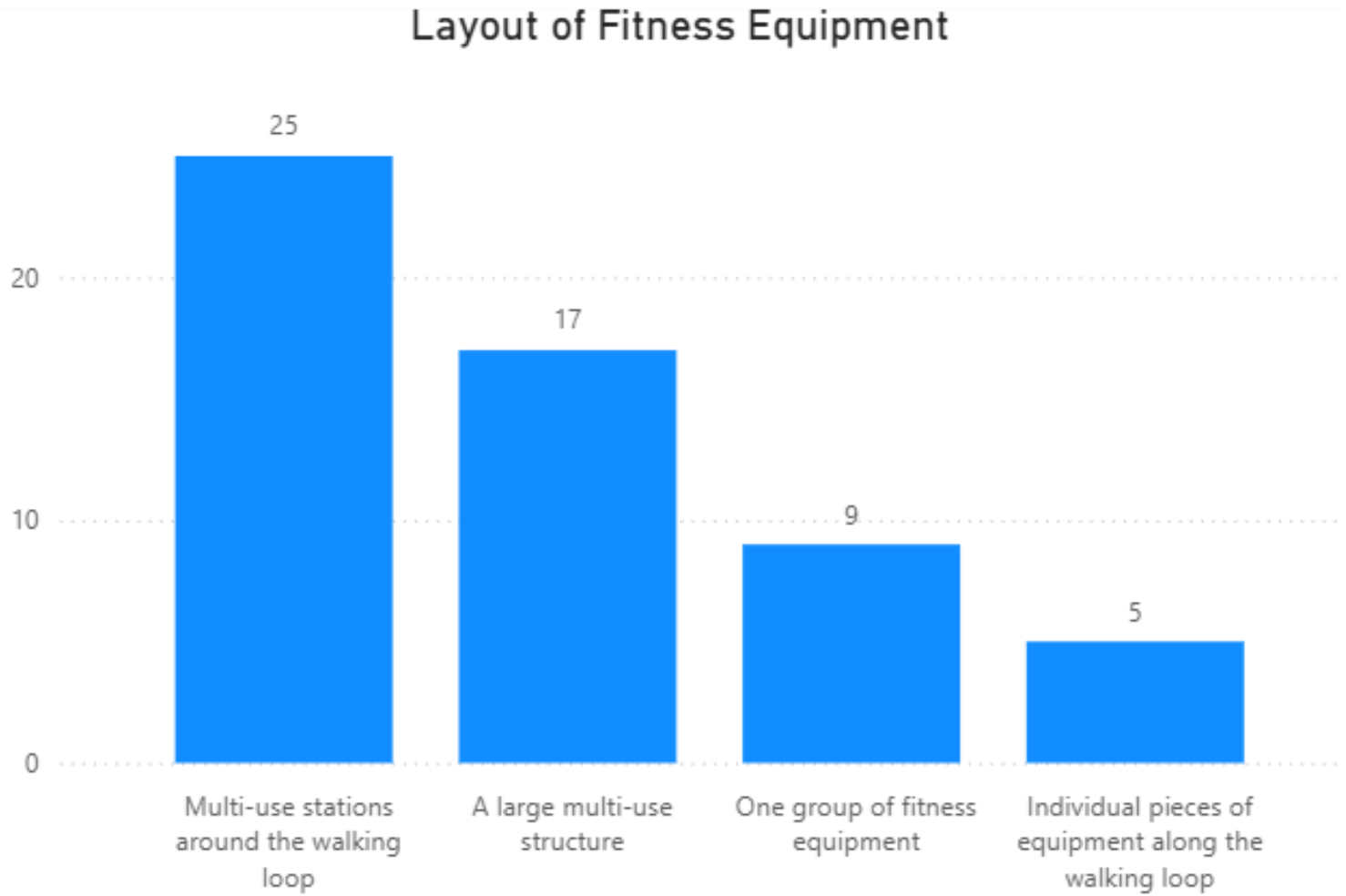


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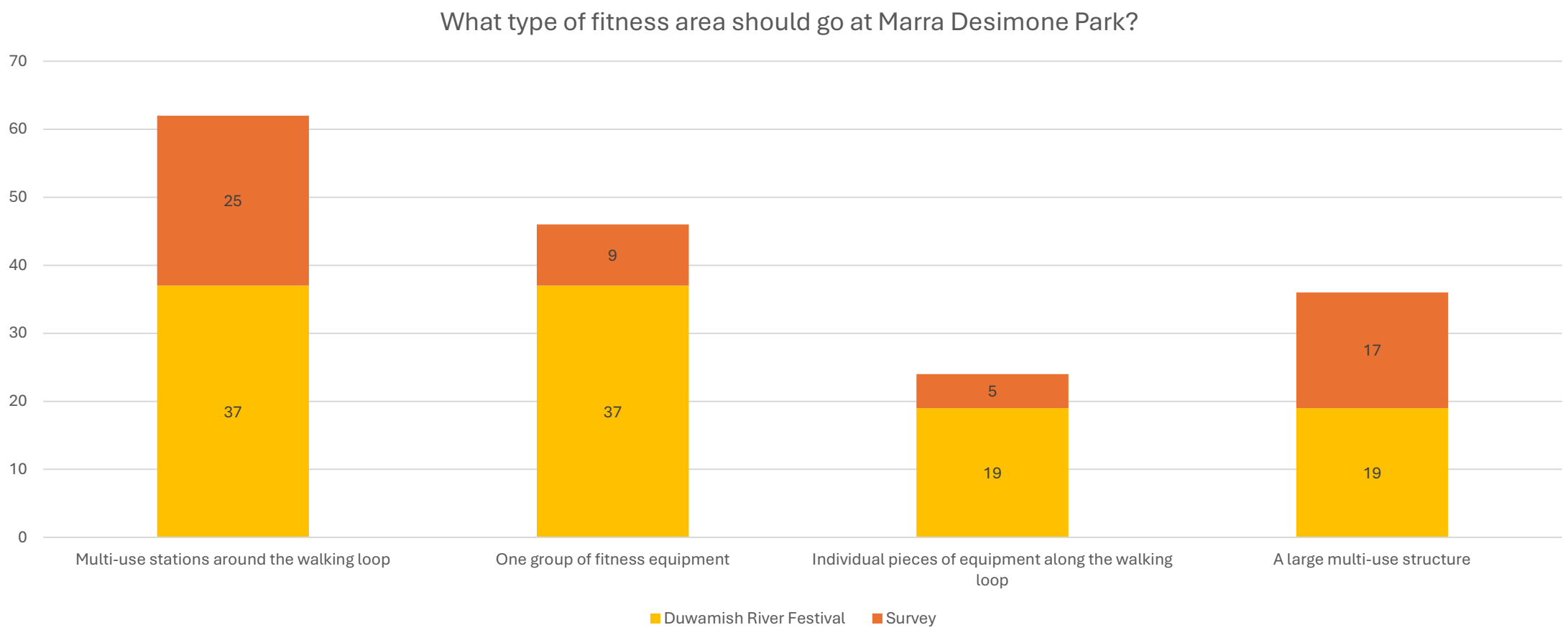
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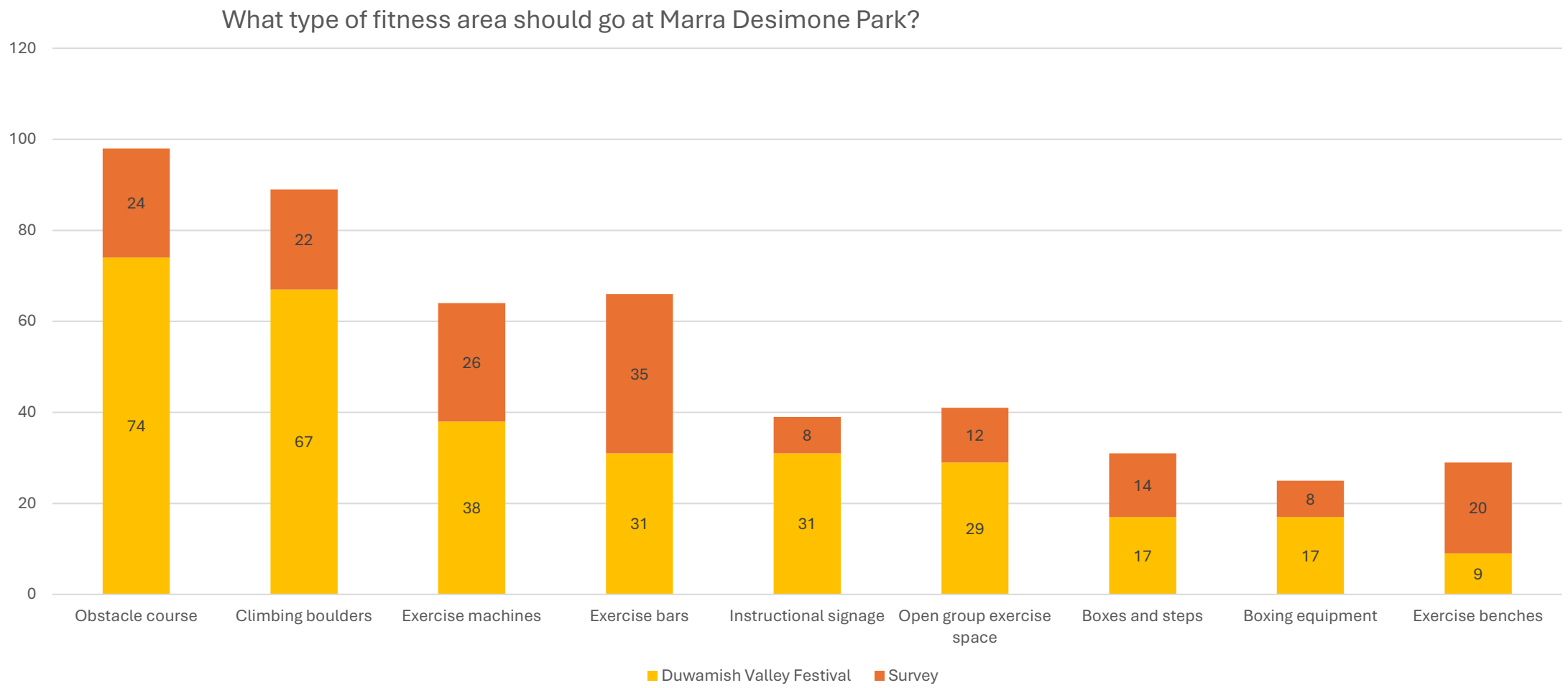
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In person & online engagement – Equipment



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No outreach until this. How was this outcome reached?? Current climbing, exercise equipment and "plazas" go unused. This is a redundancy.

Thank you for making participating easier. Is this also available in other languages or maybe the Browser auto translate....

Why is pray on this server? Love, work, play or pray? This is a city survey- we only have one church in South Park and they don't have a large service. The only other registered church is a fake church. This kind of slide it in language is what makes me distrust all these orgs.

Pullup bars are a must! I love this and I can't wait for it to be implemented

Please make this happen. I really love this place, but right now it's so lack of equipments. Thanks

I walk the loop at Marra twice-daily with my dog, as do many of my neighbors. One of my favorite things about the park is how simple and open the walking loop is. The meadow-like landscape is especially accentuated in the spring and fall, and the loop is a tranquil space full of natural lush green plant life. Please preserve that experience and do not clutter the loop with exercise stations

I strongly prefer one large, centralized multi-use fitness structure rather than individual pieces or multi-use stations spread around the walking loop. I don't think the loop needs to be filled with additional infrastructure in order for the park to be improved. Concentrating fitness equipment in one intentional location adjacent to the loop would provide a significant new amenity without cluttering or fundamentally changing the open, meadow-like character of the existing park. It would also create an actual fitness area where people exercising can congregate rather than having equipment users spread throughout the walking path.

For the equipment itself, I strongly prefer simple, durable, calisthenics-style equipment: pull-up bars at multiple heights, parallel/dip bars, monkey bars or other hanging structures, boxes and steps, and other fixed bodyweight-training features. Please make sure some bars are high enough for tall adults. I am 6'5", and pull-up bars I have encountered at other Seattle parks are sometimes too low for me to use properly.

I would strongly discourage investing in the outdoor exercise "machines" with moving parts that have been installed at some other Seattle parks like the Georgetown playfield. I have used and encountered this type of equipment elsewhere in the city and have generally found it impractical for consistent exercise. It is often limited in what exercises can be performed, does not accommodate different body sizes particularly well, and moving components can be damaged, misused, or simply deteriorate when they are not consistently maintained. In my experience, I see this type of equipment neglected or misused more often than I see people incorporating it into a regular workout.

Fixed calisthenics equipment is much more versatile. It has few or no moving parts to break, can accommodate many different exercises and fitness levels, and is something people can actually build a consistent workout routine around. The large multi-use fitness structure pictured in the survey is much closer to what I would like to see.

Overall, my biggest request is that improvements add to what is already special about Marra-Desimone Park rather than replace it. A centralized, durable fitness structure could be a great addition. But please preserve the open walking loop, meadow-like landscape, agricultural character, and sense of place that have made Marra Farm and Marra-Desimone Park such an important part of South Park for generations.

Qualitative continued

1. Please do NOT put equipment along the walking trail where it will not be visible from the parking lot. Crime is an ongoing concern in this neighborhood, both in and around Marra Farm. If you're walking on the trails, it's best to keep walking in terms of safety, especially during hours when there are fewer people using the park, e.g. early morning and evening. Putting equipment along the trails will provide more sites for the gang-related activity and graffiti that have already challenged usability of this space.

2. Marra Farm is a unique place of beauty where the eyes can rest on gentle fields. It is both adjacent to and part of a working farm. This heritage makes it special and unique from other Seattle parks. To preserve the history and spirit of this space, please group the equipment for the Fitness Zone in one of the flatter areas near the parking lot, between the P-Patch and where the land begins to curve upward into the fields and trails. Please don't clutter up the trails with equipment in areas where it will be less likely to be accessed by users of the park due to crime and visibility issues. (See above comments under item 1.) Thank you.