

Cheasty Mountain Bike Trail Monitoring – South Loop

Year 3 2025 Quarter 3 Monitoring Report

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1. **Introduction**

Seattle Parks and Recreation contracted with EarthCorps in 2020 to develop and implement a monitoring plan prior to the construction associated with the [Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project](#) at the Cheasty Natural Area in South Seattle. This report summarizes the findings for the Year 3 Quarter 3 monitoring period (July-September, 2025).

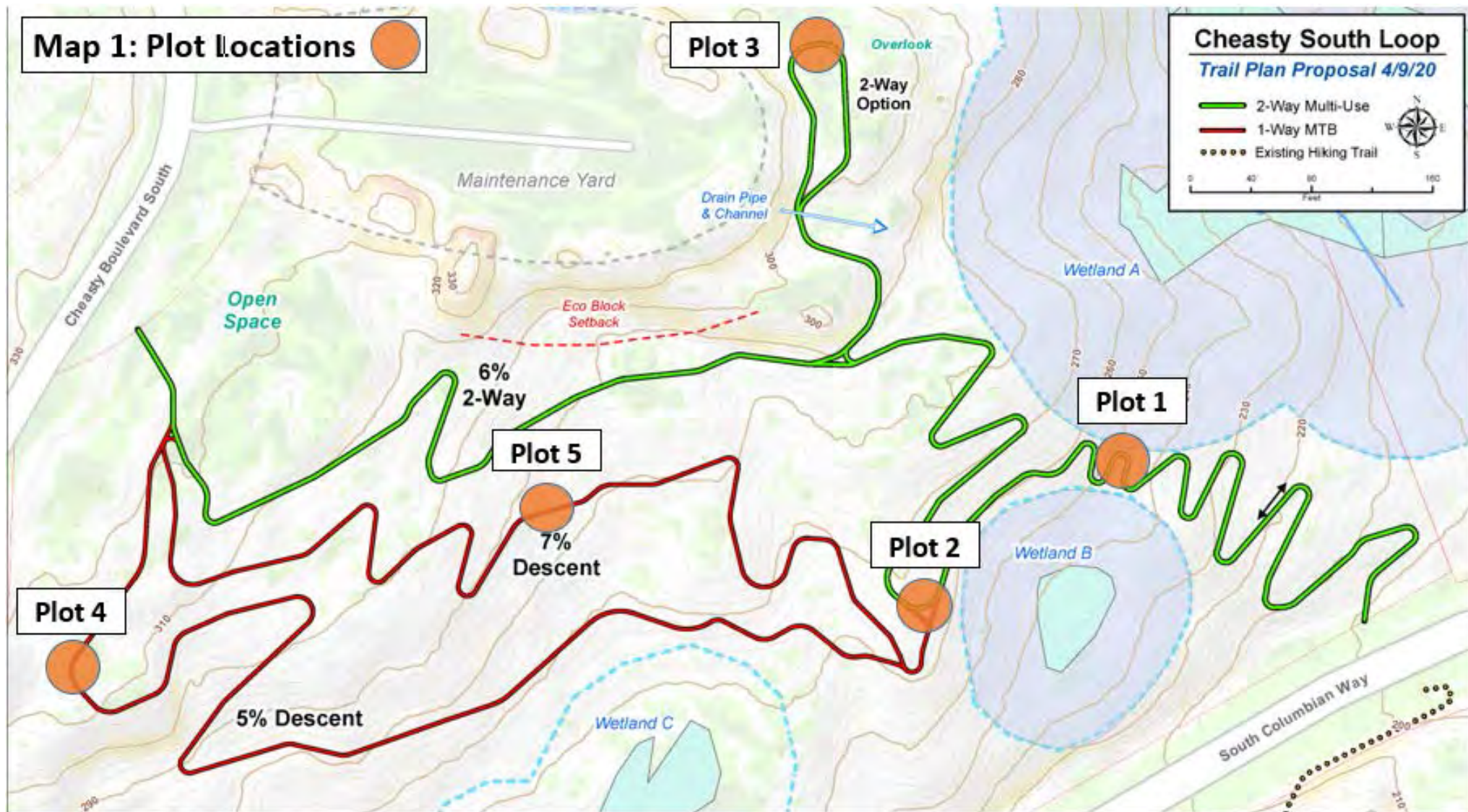
EarthCorps performed the following monitoring tasks for Quarter 1 on September 26, 2025:

- Cheasty Boulevard Car Parking Monitoring
- Plot Level Observational Vegetation Monitoring
- Plot Level Photo Monitoring
- Forest Monitoring Plot Photo Monitoring

The following table describes the proposed monitoring year designations for this three-year reporting period:

Baseline (pre-construction):	2020
Trail construction:	2021
Trail construction continued:	2022
Year 1 monitoring:	2023
Year 2 monitoring:	2024
Year 3 monitoring:	2025

See Map 1 below for plot locations.



2. Cheasty Boulevard Car Parking Monitoring

EarthCorps performed an observational survey for illegal or improperly parked cars along Cheasty Boulevard between Beacon Ave S and S Andover. During the site visit on June 30, 2025, there were no improperly parked vehicles along the monitored road segment (see photos below). No other parking issues were observed at this time. An abandoned encampment was noted just south of the main entrance between Cheasty Boulevard and the cottonwood trail. While not occupied at the time of survey, there was substantial trash and debris noted (see pics).



3. Plot Level Linear Observational Vegetation Monitoring

Qualitative observations of vegetation conditions were noted along the linear trail edges within each plot. These observations are intended to identify and document general conditions and note any damage or decline to the native vegetation along the trail edges and to note any issues or concerns with non-native species within the plot. These observations will be updated at each quarterly visit and compliment the photo monitoring. Trends can be compared over time. The following observations were noted during the site monitoring visit on September 26, 2025.

Plot #1: No substantial changes noted to trail structure or vegetation noted. Native vegetation continues to exhibit healthy growth along trail edges. Non-native common blackberry encroaching on the trail in several places and ivy persists within the plot. Minor signs of linear gully erosion in trail tread persist. General invasive plant management is recommended in the vicinity of plot #1. Small encampment noted last quarter has been cleared in the west portion of the plot and substantial restoration was observed below plot and extending towards Columbian Way.

Plot #2: No substantial changes in vegetation were noted, plant establishment seems healthy, especially the trailing blackberry. Common ivy and blackberry continue to persist within the plot and should be targeted for control, with blackberry particularly heavy in the SE section below the trail. Non-native foxglove is still present and had gone to seed within the plot and should be considered for control in 2026 to reduce spread to other areas of the park.

Plot #3: Vegetation along the trail continues to become overgrown as this section appears to receive less activity or maintenance. Herb bennet (*Geum urbanum*) persists and appears to be spreading, control should be prioritized. Non-native common blackberry growing onto trail in places, with native trees also encroaching. Ivy well established and should also be considered for control. A snag had fallen over the trail south of the plot at the time of survey.

Plot #4: Previously noted trail construction has stabilized. Previously disturbed areas adjacent to trail have been generally revegetated although all transplanted sword fern appear to be dead. Some non-native common blackberry is encroaching onto the trail in places. Some trail modifications were noted outside the plot to the north.

Plot #5: No substantial changes in vegetation were noted. Blackberry is heavy throughout plot and encroaching in places, and ivy continues to establish and spread. Oregon grape is establishing along edges of tread and may require pruning. Blackberry and ivy control is recommended within this area.

4. Trail Plot Level Photo Monitoring

Photos were taken at each plot in the same manner established in 2022 Q4. Generally, photos were taken at the edge of the 1/10 acre plot looking along the trail corridor(s) towards the center of the plot. These photos can be compared to previous photo monitoring (and future iterations) to show change over time. Photos are included in Appendix A.

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Photo monitoring Year 3, Q3 2025

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1. APPENDIX A: PLOT PHOTO MONITORING – SEP 2025.....9



Plot	# of Photos
1	4
3 photo points at: #1 top of trail looking NE (1 photo), #2 southern switchback looking NW and NE (2 photos), and #3 bottom of trail looking N (1 photo)	

Plot 1 Photo Point 1 (NE)



Plot 1 Photo Point 2a (NW)



Plot 1 Photo Point 2b (NE)

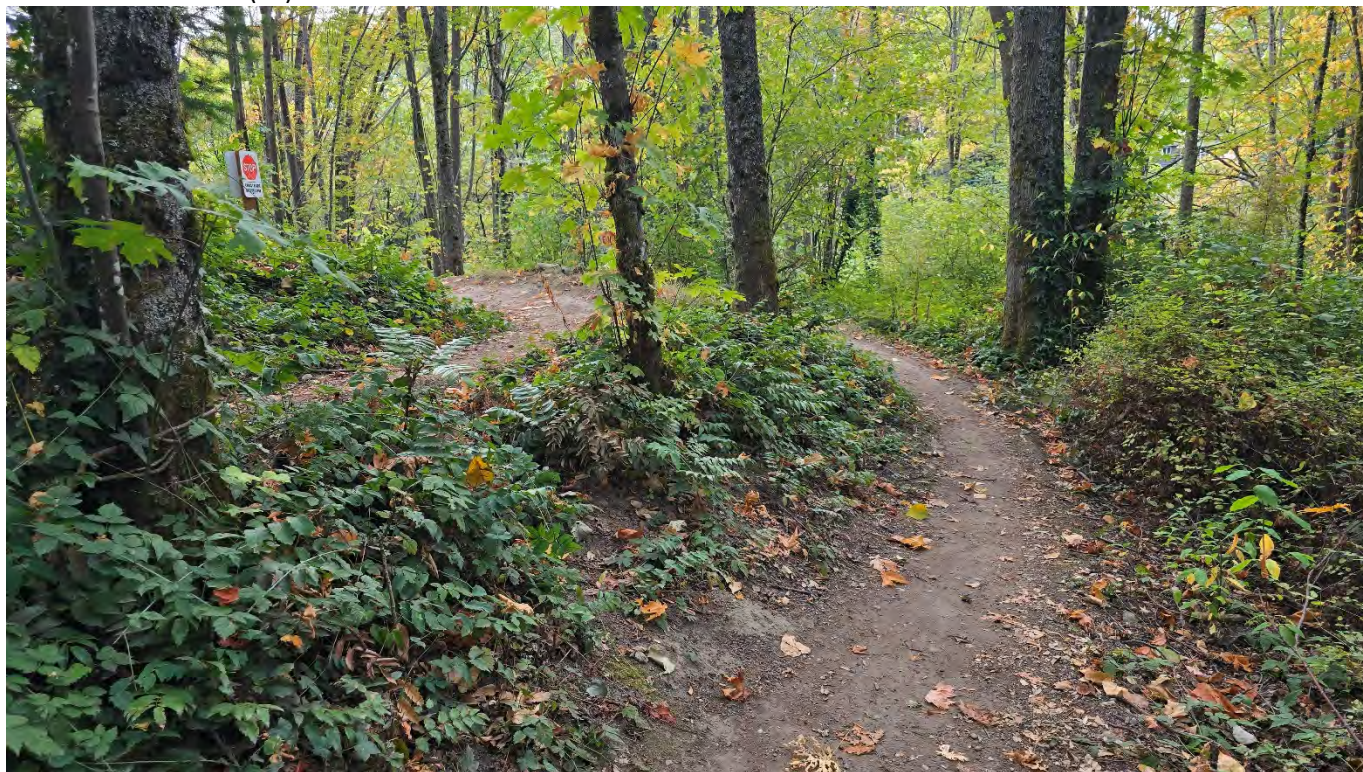


Plot 1 Photo Point 3 (N)



Plot	# of Photos
2	8
4 photos at each of the individual trail legs that enter or exit the plot (3 looking downhill and 1 looking uphill) starting at NW trail and continuing clockwise. #1 top of south leg looking SE. #2 at top of north leg looking SW. #3 at top of 2-way looking S. #4 at bottom of 2-way looking SW.	

Plot 2 Photo Point 1 (SE)



Plot 2 Photo Point 2 (SW)





Plot 2 Photo Point 4 (SW)



Plot	# of Photos
3	4
4 photo points at: #1 looking N (1 photo) along trail from entering plot from the S, #2 looking SW and SE (2 photos) from the trail bend, and #3 looking NE along trail entering plot from the E.	

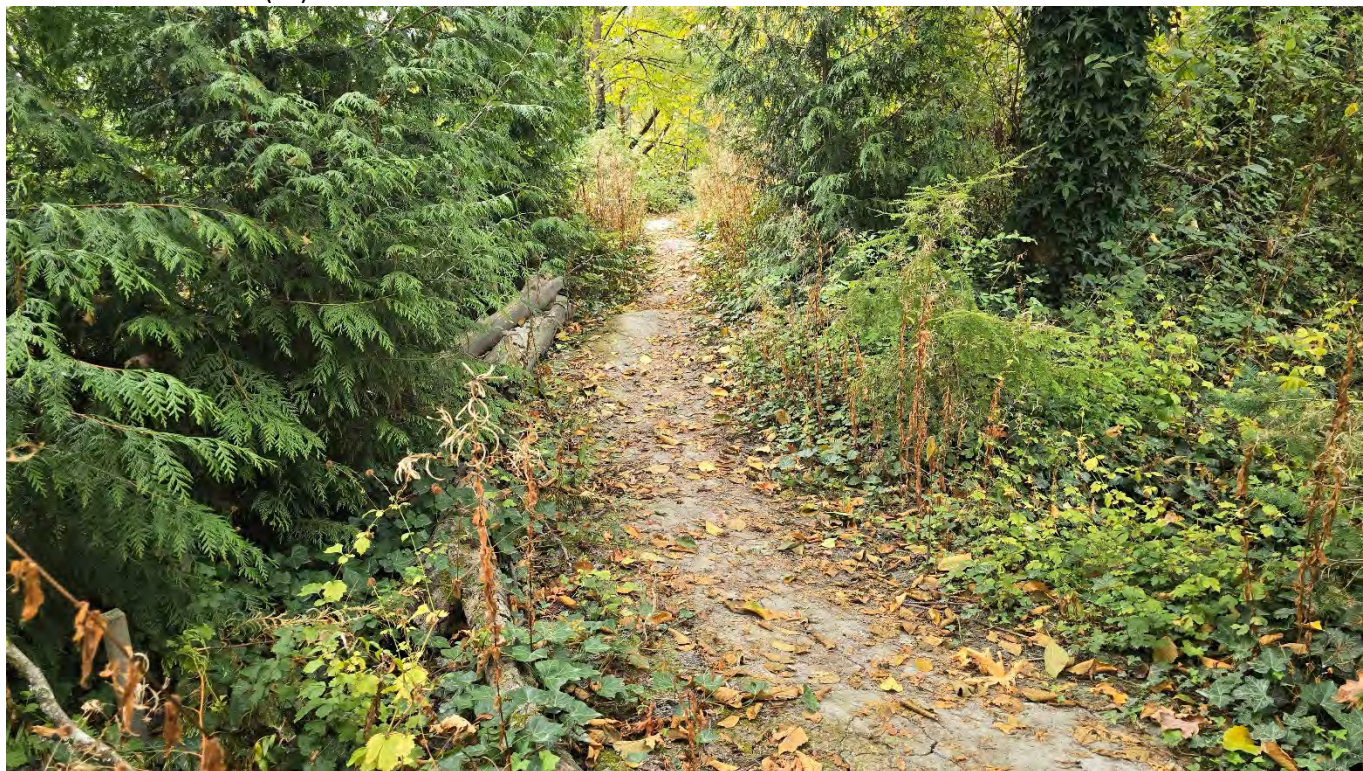
Plot 3 Photo Point 1 (N)



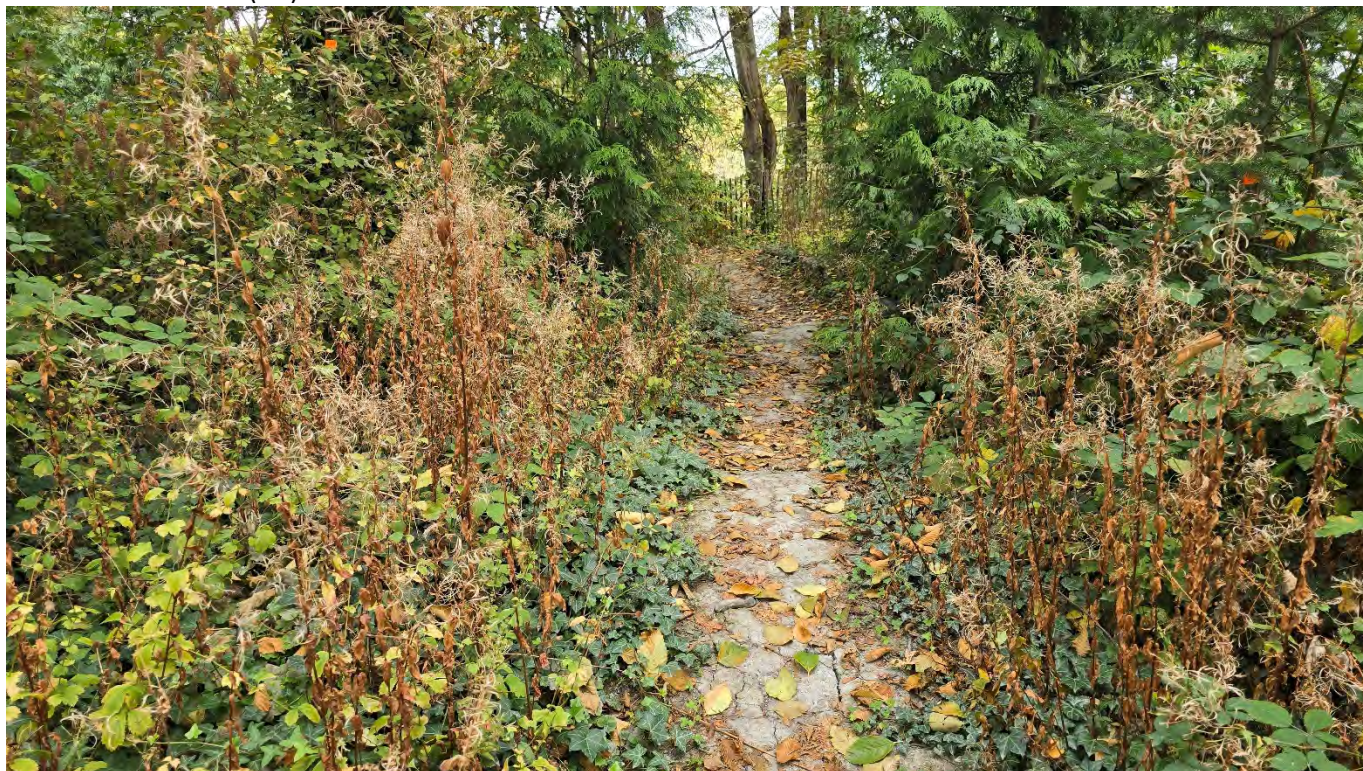
Plot 3 Photo Point 2a (SW)



Plot 3 Photo Point 2b (SE)



Plot 3 Photo Point 3 (NE)



Plot	# of Photos
4	4
3 photo points at: #1 top of trail looking SW (1 photo), #2 at end of line-intercept transect looking N and E (2 photos), and #3 bottom of trail looking SW (1 photo)	

Plot 4 Photo Point 1 (SW)



Plot 4 Photo Point 2a (N)



Plot 4 Photo Point 2b (E)



Plot 4 Photo Point 3 (SW)



Plot	# of Photos
5	2
2 photo points at: #1 top of trail looking NE (1 photo) and #2 bottom of trail looking SW (1 photo)	

Plot 5 Photo Point 1 (NE)



Plot 5 Photo Point 2 (SW)



APPENDIX B: FOREST MONITORING PLOT PHOTO MONITORING – September 26, 2025



Cheasty Yard East (N)



Cheasty Yard East (E)



Cheasty Yard East (S)



Cheasty Yard East (W)



Cheasty Yard (N)



Cheasty Yard (E)



Cheasty Yard (S)



Cheasty Yard (W)



Cheasty Yard-2 (N)



Cheasty Yard-2 (E)



Cheasty Yard-2 (S)



Cheasty Yard-2 (W)



Appendix C

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Form Results Summary

Oct 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025

Project: Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project

Form: Tell Us About Your Experience on the Cheasty Trail!

Tool Type: Form

Activity ID: 12

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Tell Us About Your Experience on the Cheasty Trail!
Cheasty Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project

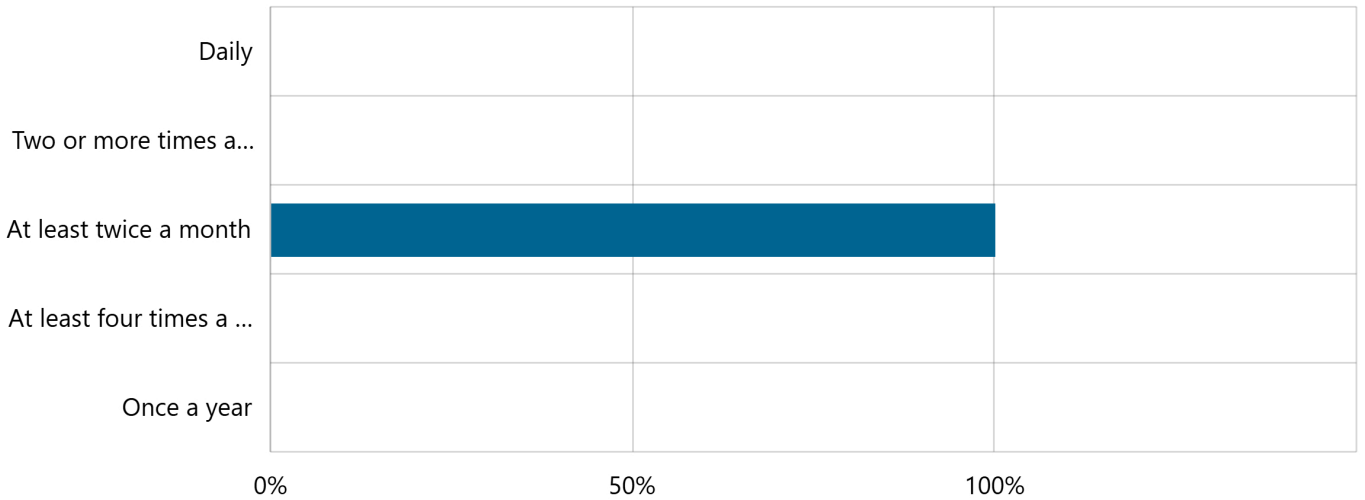
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Contributors

1
Contributions

Contribution Summary

1. How often do you visit the Cheasty Pedestrian and Mountain Bike Trail? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	0%	0
Two or more times a week	0%	0
At least twice a month	100.00%	1
At least four times a year	0%	0
Once a year	0%	0
Total	100.00%	1

2. In what ZIP code is your home located? Enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example: 00544 or 94305 Required

Short Text | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

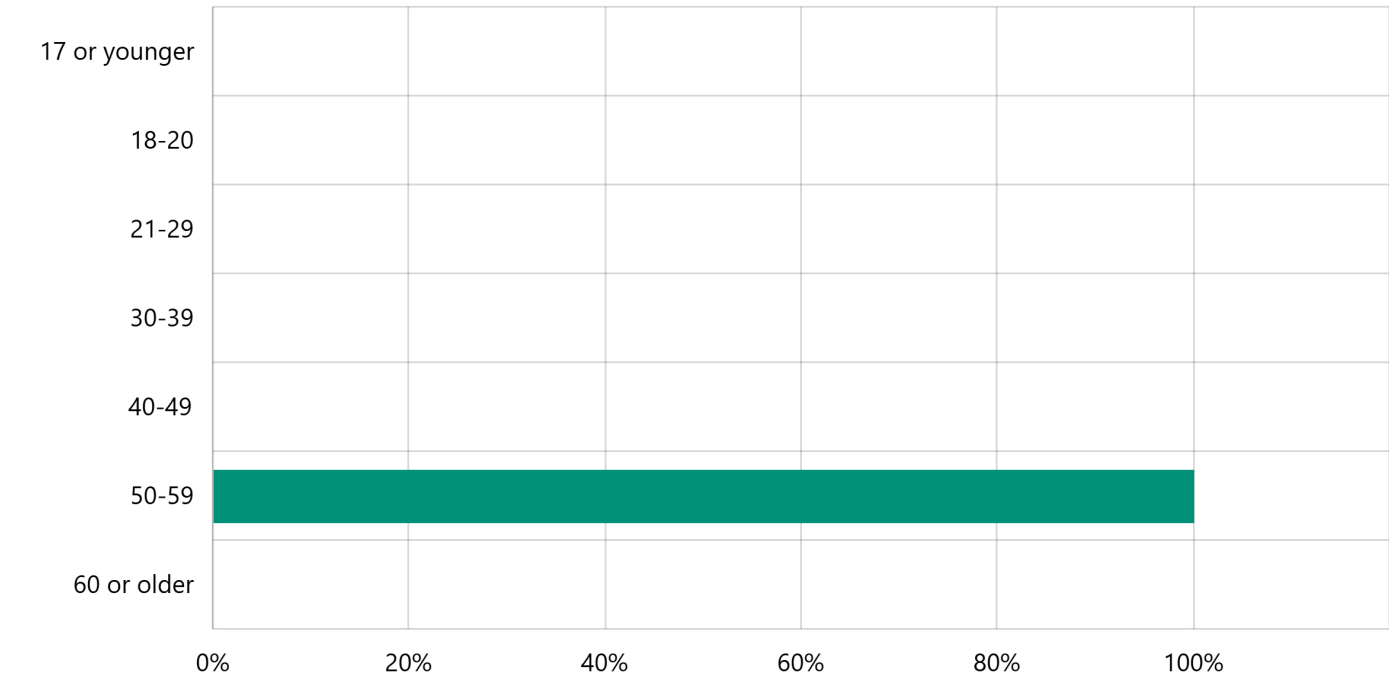
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Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

3. What is your age?

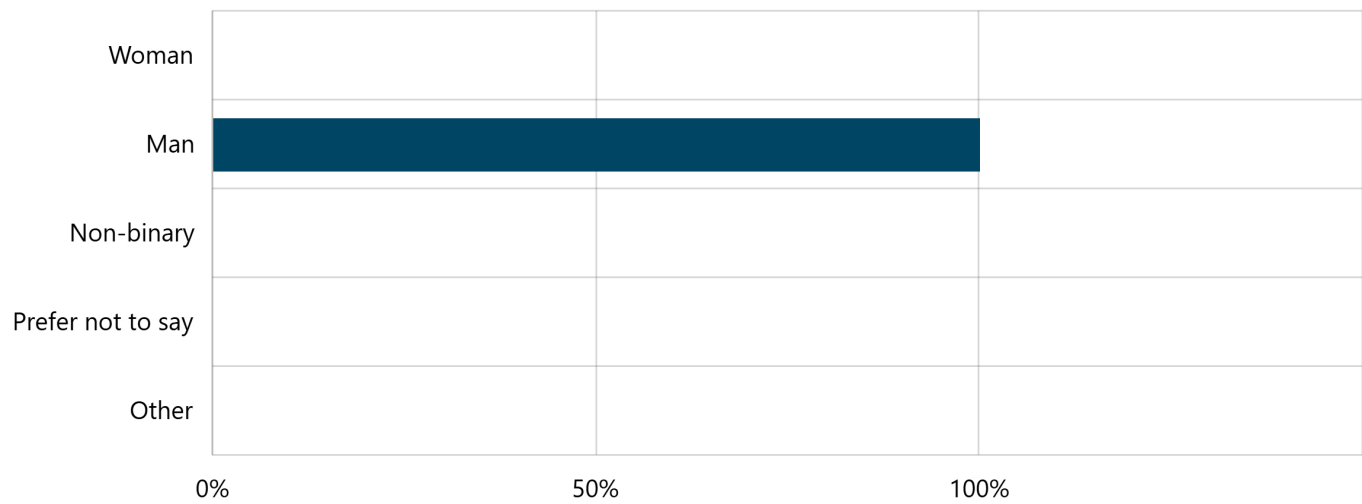
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
17 or younger	0%	0
18-20	0%	0
21-29	0%	0
30-39	0%	0
40-49	0%	0
50-59	100.00%	1
60 or older	0%	0
Total	100.00%	1

4. What is your gender?

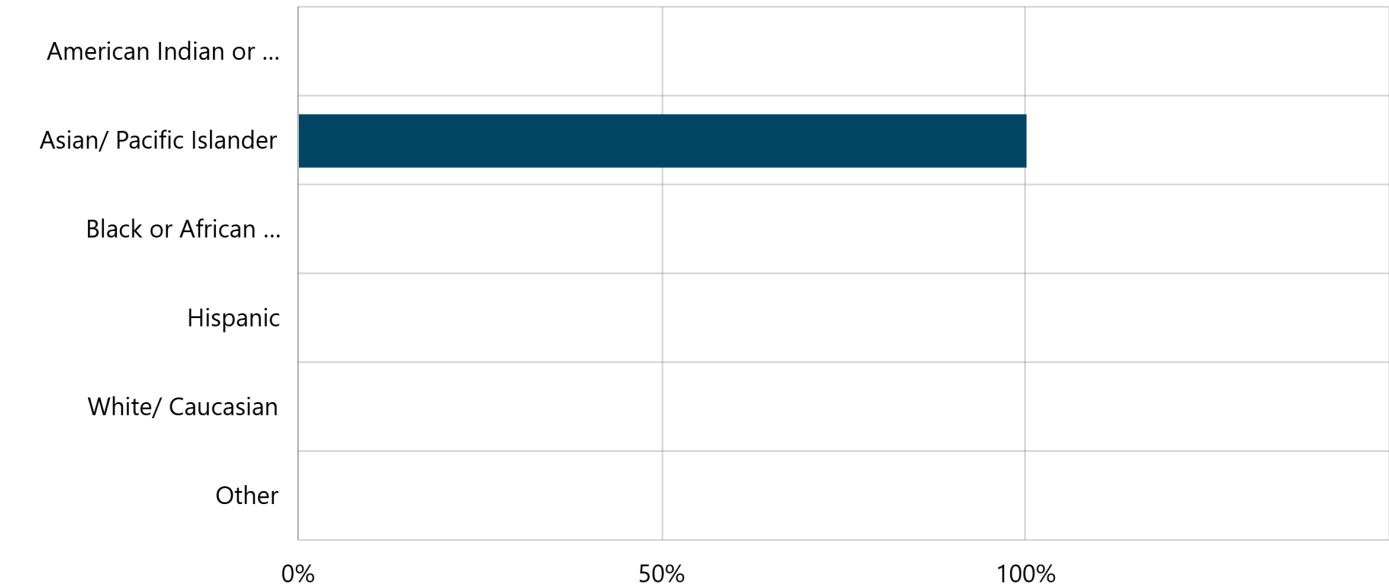
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Woman	0%	0
Man	100.00%	1
Non-binary	0%	0
Prefer not to say	0%	0
Other	0%	0
Total	100.00%	1

5. Which race/ ethnicity best describes you?

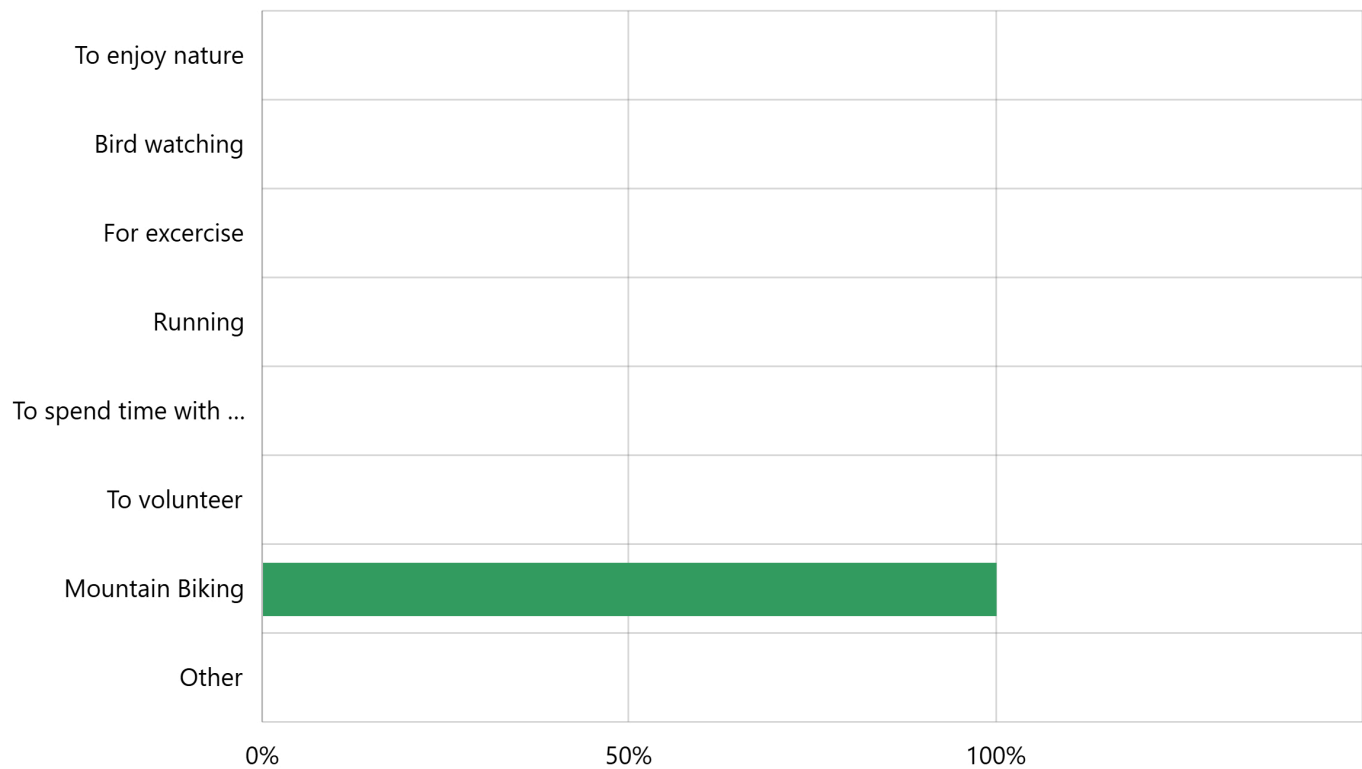
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	0
Asian/ Pacific Islander	100.00%	1
Black or African American	0%	0
Hispanic	0%	0
White/ Caucasian	0%	0
Other	0%	0
Total	100.00%	1

6. Why do you visit the Cheasty Pedestrian and Mountain Bike Trail?

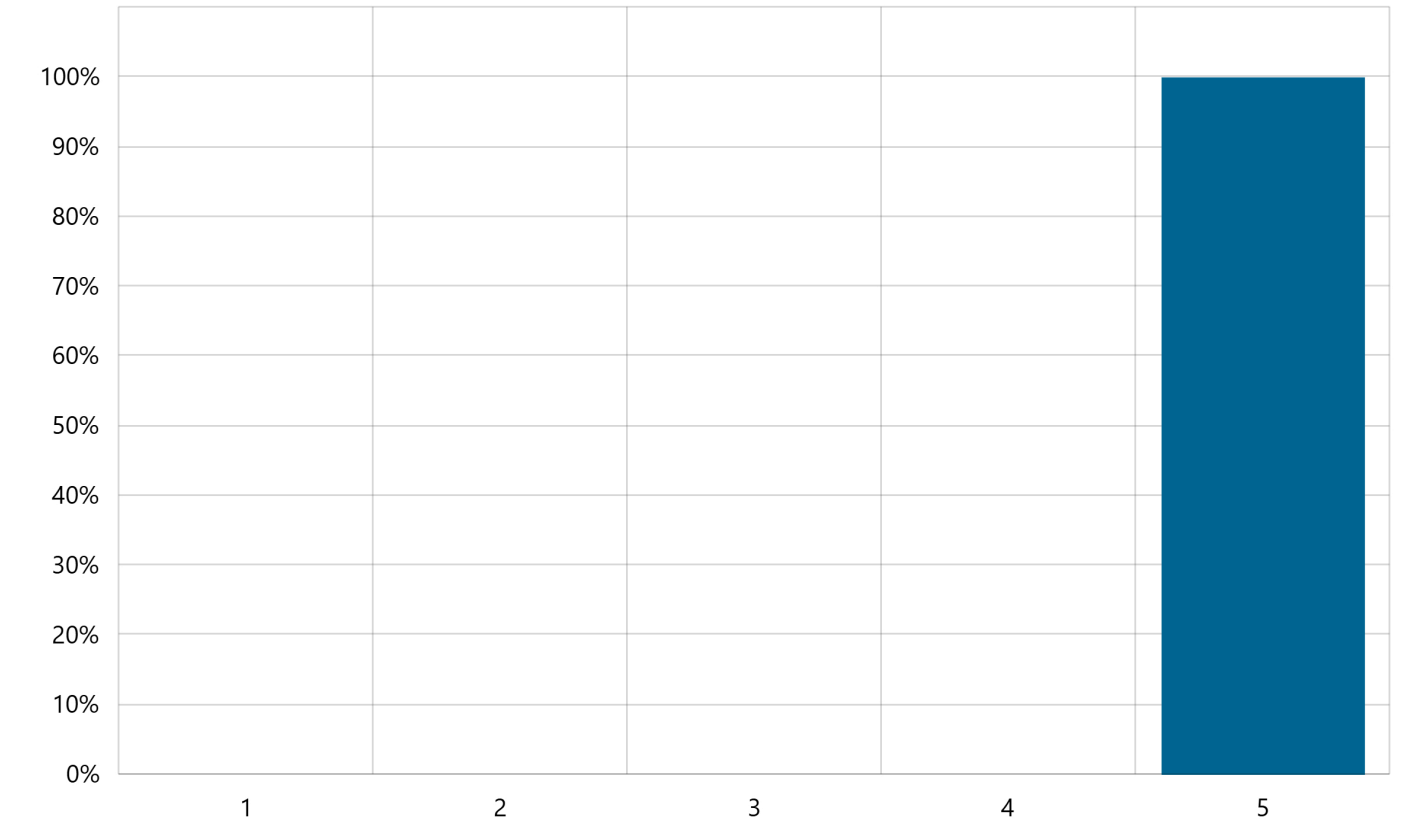
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
To enjoy nature	0%	0
Bird watching	0%	0
For exercise	0%	0
Running	0%	0
To spend time with family	0%	0
To volunteer	0%	0
Mountain Biking	100.00%	1
Other	0%	0

7. Rate your experience of the trail

Rating | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)



1	2	3	4	5	Count	Weighted average
0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	100.00% 1	1	5.00

8. Comments / Describe your experience

Long Text | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1 (100%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

No tag data

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

Appendix D

Cheasty Boulevard FindIt FixIt Data Summary

10/1/22-03/31/23

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	20	0	0	0	2	1	0
Other parts of Blvd	7	0	3	2	0	0	0
On Trails	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	1	3	2	2	1	0

04/01/23-06/30/23

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other parts of Blvd	7	1	1	1	0	5	0
On Trails	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18	1	1	1	0	5	2

7/1/23-09/30/23

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other parts of Blvd	7	1	0	1	1	0	0
On Trails	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total	8	1	0	1	2	2	0

10/1/23-12/31/23

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other parts of Blvd	6	1	1	0	1	1	3
On Trails	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	12	1	1	0	1	2	4

1/1/24-3/31/24

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	7	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other parts of Blvd	9	1	1	1	0	1	1
On Trails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	1	1	1	1	1	1

4/1/24-7/30/24

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other parts of Blvd	7	1	4	0	0	0	2
On Trails	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	12	2	4	0	1	0	2

*Defined as between 4310 Cheasty Blvd and 25th Ave S

7/1/24-9/30/24

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	8	1		1	1	1	2
Other parts of Blvd	10	2	1		1		4
On Trails							
Total	18	3	1	1	2	1	6

*Defined as between 4310 Cheasty Blvd and 25th Ave S

10/1/24-12/31/24

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	12	0	0	0	0	4	2
Other parts of Blvd	4	1	0	1	0	1	1
On Trails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	1	0	1	0	5	3

*Defined as between 4310 Cheasty Blvd and S Bradford St (expanded this quarter with North Loop opening)

1/1/25-3/31/25

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other parts of Blvd	4	3	0	0	0	1	0
On Trails	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	3	0	0	0	1	0

*Defined as between 4310 Cheasty Blvd and S Bradford St

4/1/25-6/30/25

	Report Type						
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	7	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other parts of Blvd	3	4	2	0	0	2	1
On Trails	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	5	2	0	0	3	2

*Defined as between 4310 Cheasty Blvd and S Bradford St

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07/1/25-09/30/25

Report Type							
	Illegal Dumping	Encampment	Pothole	Electrical	Signage	Vegetation	Parking
Near Trails*	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Other parts of Blvd	0	76	0	0	0	0	0
On Trails	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	88	0	0	0	0	0

*Defined as between 4310 Cheasty Blvd and 25th Ave S