



Attachment D: Trail Survey Summary

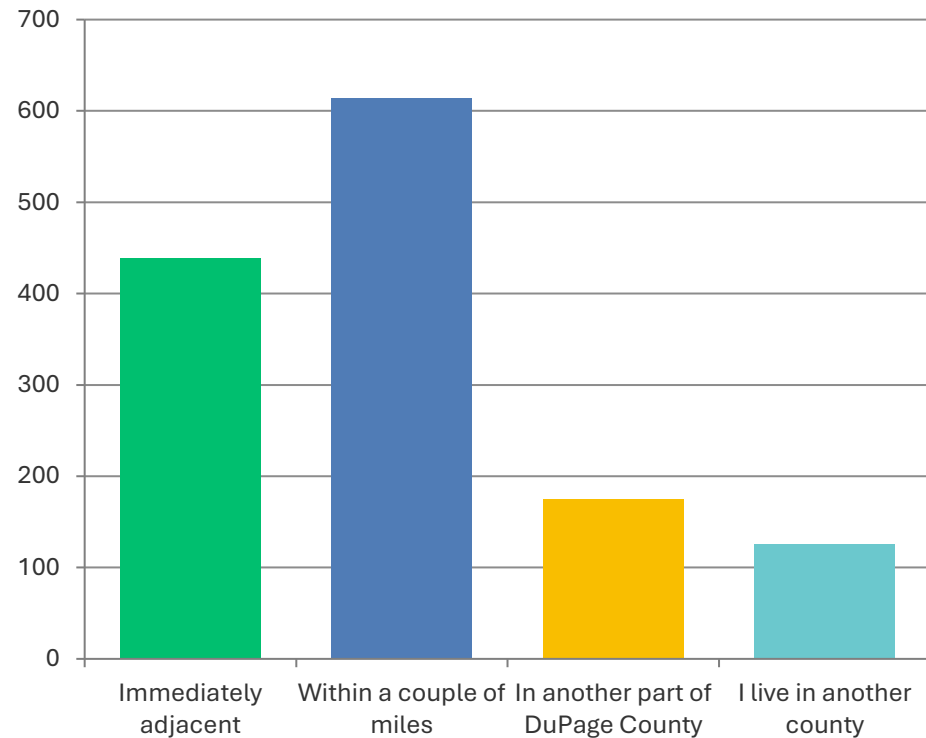
EBDRT Survey Results

As of Monday, May 19, 2025

1,357

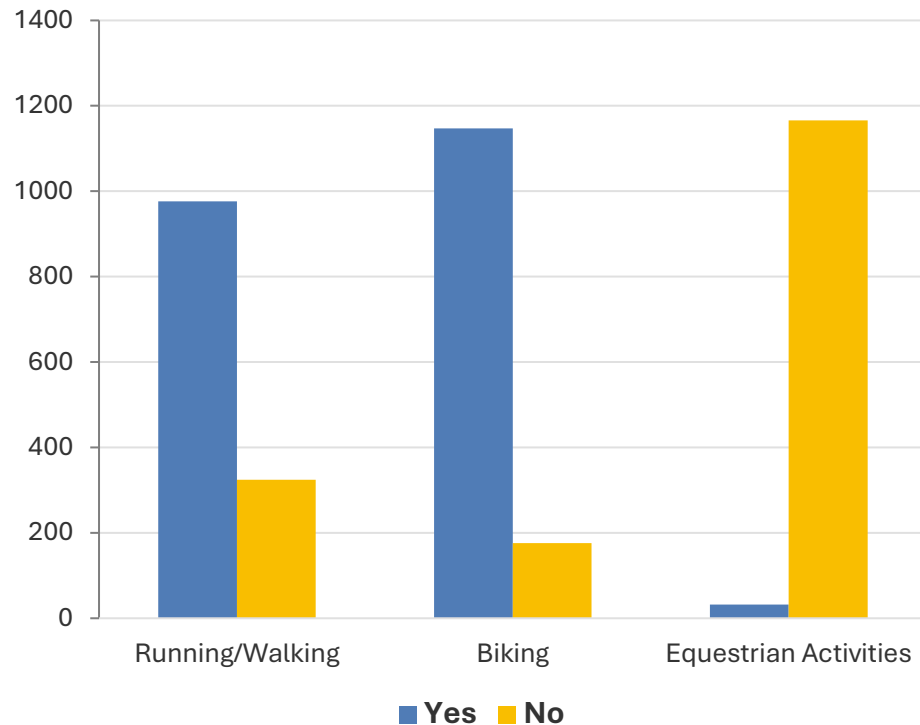
Total Responses

Q1: How close do you live to the project area?



	No. of Responses	Percent
Immediately adjacent	438	32.40%
Within a couple of miles	614	45.41%
In another part of DuPage County	175	12.94%
I live in another county	125	9.25%
TOTAL	1,352	

Q2-Q4: I would use the EBDRT for:



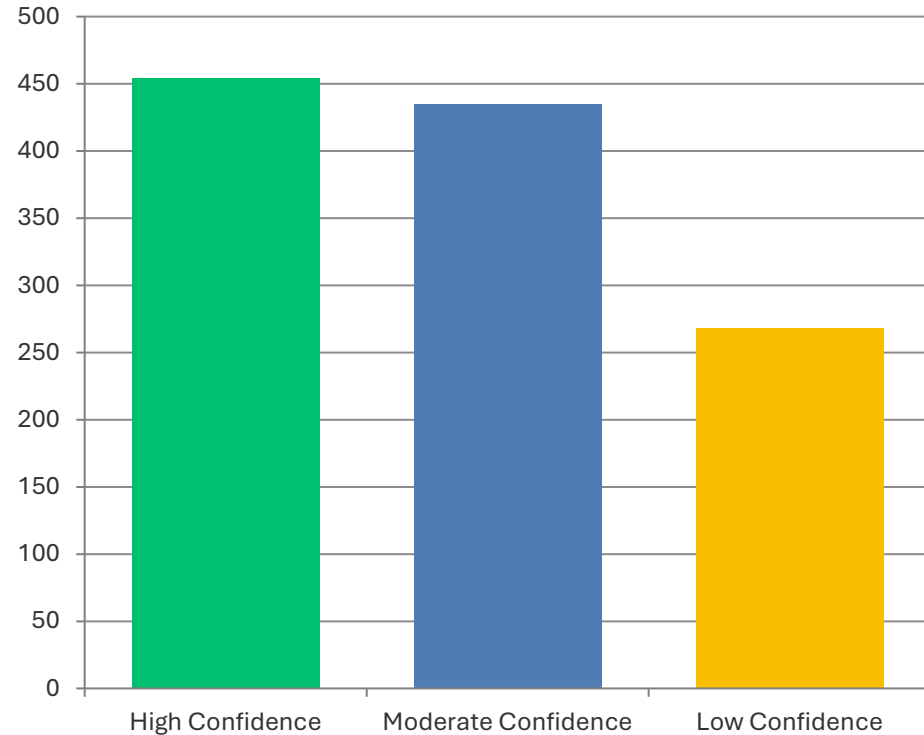
	Yes	No	% Yes	Total
Running/Walking	976	324	75.08%	1,300
Biking	1,147	176	86.70%	1,323
Equestrian Activities	32	1,166	2.67%	1,198

Q5: I would use the EBDRT for (other)

Common themes from 127 open-ended responses

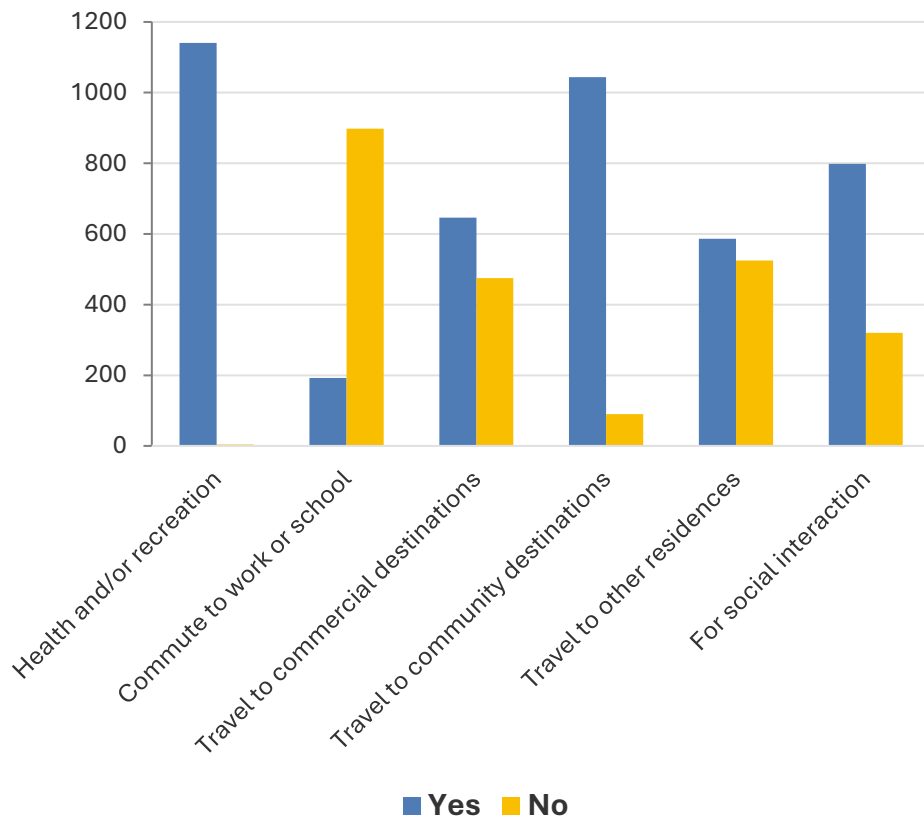
- Opposition to trail alignment through Butterfield West (privacy, safety, property value)
- Strong interest in peaceful nature-based activities (birding, strolling, nature watching)
- Desire for safe, car-free transportation to schools, parks, shops
- Trail seen as a valuable recreational outlet (biking, skating, skiing)
- Widespread dog walking and family usage
- Mixed feedback on trail design (surfaces, accessibility, shared use with horses/dogs)
- Community uses: meetups, group hikes, restoration work
- Concerns about communication and trust in the planning process

Q6: How confident of a bicyclist are you?



	No. of Responses	Percent
High Confidence (e.g., willing to bicycle with no bicycle-specific infrastructure)	454	39.24%
Moderate Confidence (e.g., willing to bicycle on-road with bicycle-specific infrastructure in place, such as bike lanes)	435	37.6%
Low Confidence (e.g., only willing to bicycle on a path separated from motorized vehicles)	268	23.16%
TOTAL	1,157	

Q7-Q12: Why would you use the EBDRT?



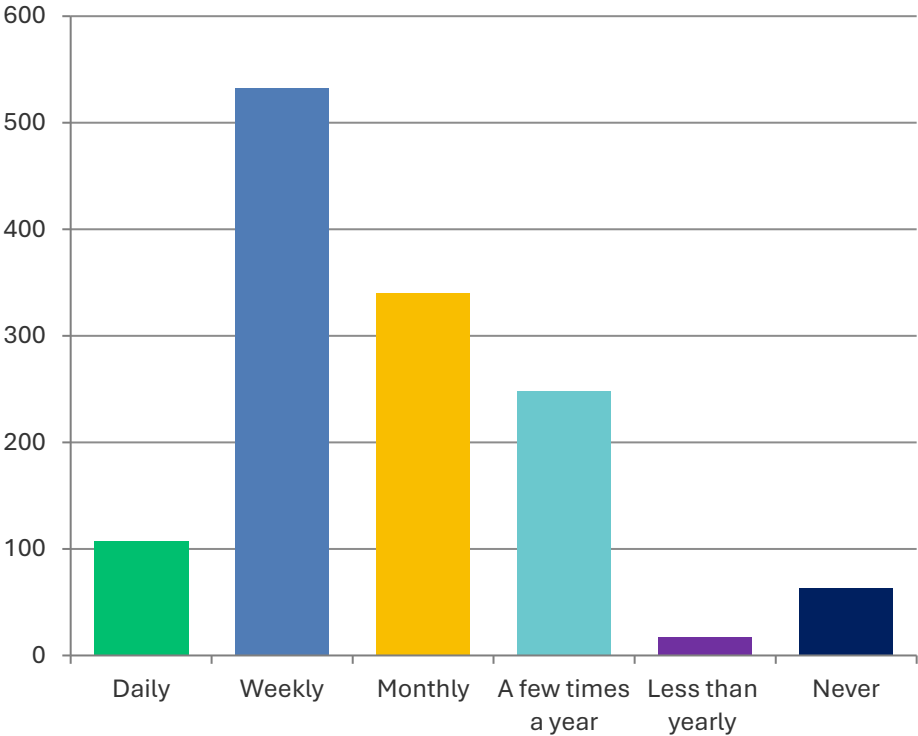
	Yes	No	% Yes	Total
Health and/or recreation	1,141	4	99.65%	1,145
Commute to work or school	192	898	17.61%	1,090
Travel to shopping, restaurants, or other commercial destinations	646	475	57.63%	1,121
Travel to community destinations (parks, forest preserve)	1,044	90	92.06%	1,134
Travel to other residences (e.g., a friend's house)	586	525	52.75%	1,111
For social interaction purposes (walking clubs, etc.)	798	320	71.38%	1,118

Q13: Are there other reasons you would use the EBDRT?

Common themes from 195 open-ended responses

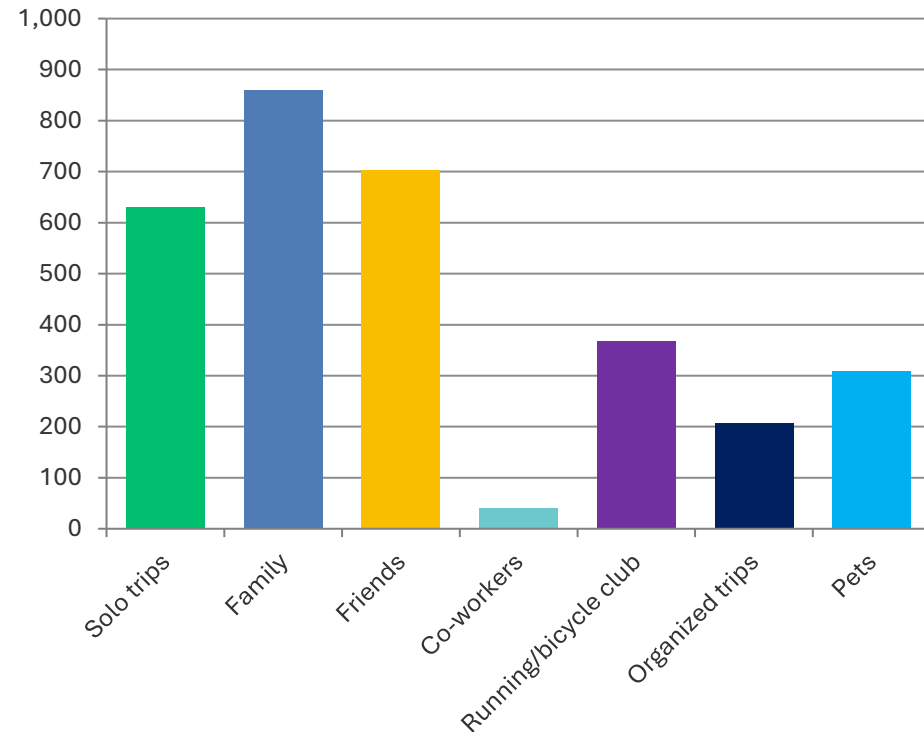
- Desire for safe, car-free transportation (commuting, errands, school trips)
- Interest in connecting to other trails and destinations (Arboretum, Prairie Path, local parks)
- Preference for scenic, natural trail alignment (along river, with native plants)
- Broad recreational use (biking, walking, skiing, dog walking, birding)
- Focus on health and wellness benefits (mental health, fitness, stress relief)
- Need for accessibility (seniors, families, e-bikes, strollers)
- Strong enthusiasm and urgency to build the trail
- Vision for social and family use (group rides, exploring with guests, community connection)

Q14: How often do you envision yourself using the EBDRT?



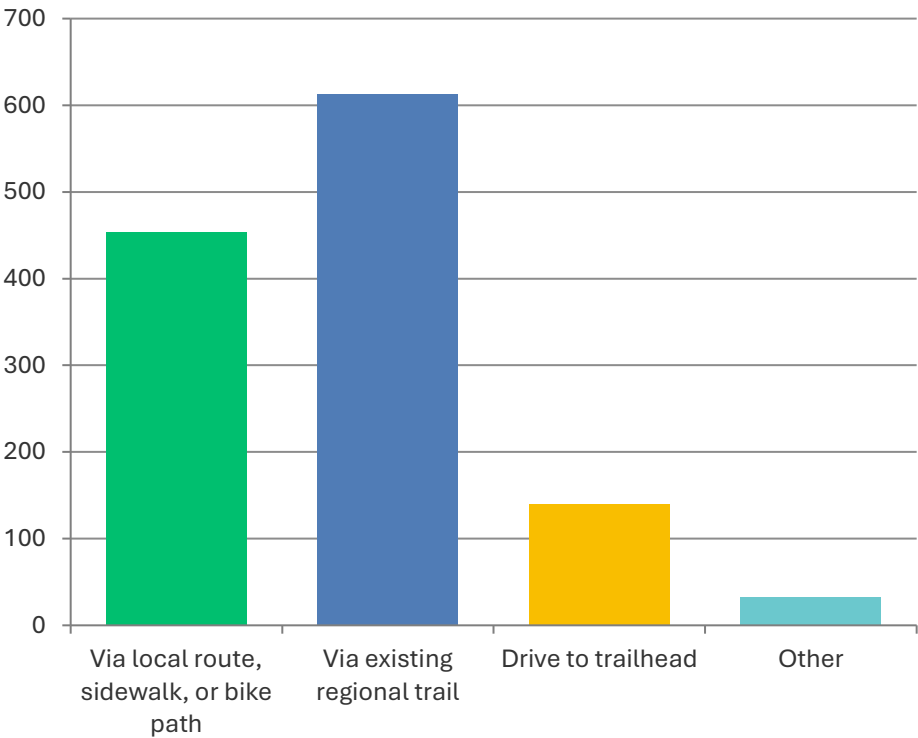
	No. of Responses	Percent
Daily	107	8.18%
Weekly	533	40.75%
Monthly	340	25.99%
A few times a year	248	18.96%
Less than yearly	17	1.30%
Never	63	4.82%
TOTAL	1,308	

Q15: Who would join you on trail trips? Select all that apply.



	No. of Responses	Percent
I typically make solo trips	630	50.24%
My family member(s)	859	68.5%
My friends	703	56.06%
My co-workers	41	3.27%
Running or bicycle club	368	29.35%
I would join organized trips	207	16.51%
Pets	308	24.56%
TOTAL	1,254	

Q16: How would you primarily access the EBDRT?



	No. of Responses	Percent
Via local route, sidewalk, or bike path	454	36.61%
Via existing regional trail (Great Western Trail, Illinois Prairie Path)	613	49.44%
Drive to trailhead	140	11.29%
Other	33	2.66%
TOTAL	1,240	

Q16: How would you primarily access the EBDRT? (other)

Common themes from 33 open-ended responses

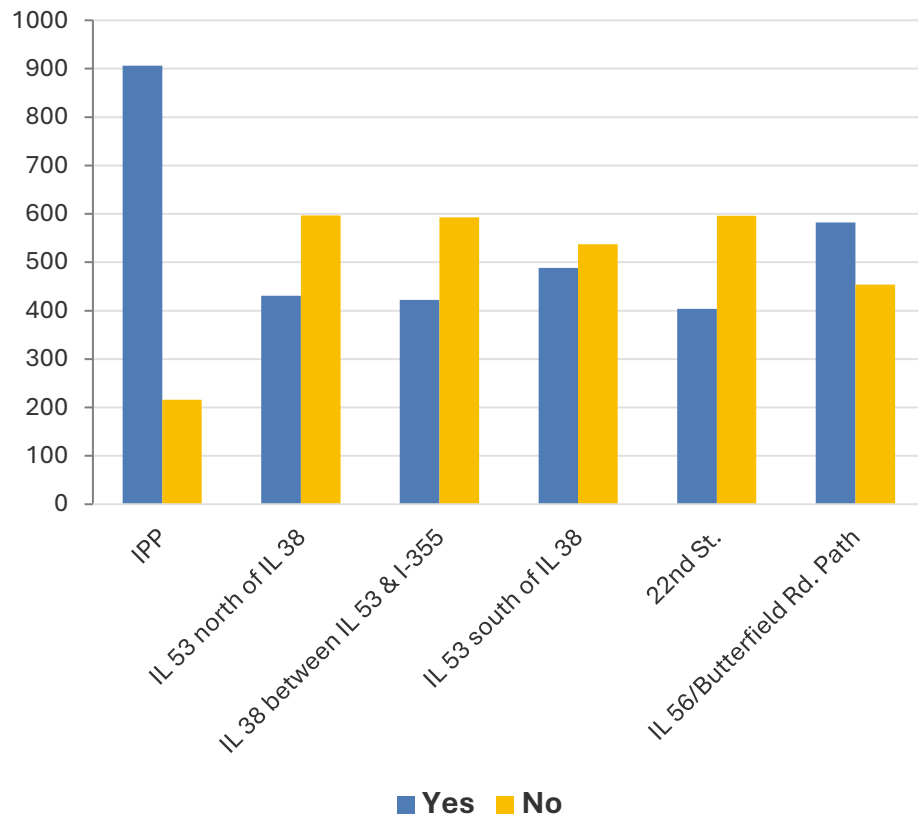
- Ride bike from home, if safe
- Drive and park at trailhead
- Access via Metra (especially Glen Ellyn station)
- Walk from nearby neighborhoods (e.g., Butterfield West, Valley View)
- Connect through existing trails (e.g., Prairie Path, Hidden Lake)
- Desire for safe access from Downers Grove, Lisle, and Westmont
- Avoid trails near busy roads like Route 53
- Want more/better connections to existing infrastructure

Q17: Please describe the location(s) of the trailhead you would drive to.

Common themes from 73 open-ended responses

- Hidden Lake Forest Preserve
 - Butterfield Road/Rt 53 area
 - Downtown Glen Ellyn
 - Churchill Woods
- St. James Farm
 - Illinois Prairie Path access points (e.g., Lombard, Glen Ellyn)
 - A place with safe, accessible parking (gravel or paved)
 - Not sure/depends on final route or map availability

Q18-Q23: Which of the following trail or road segments would you use to access EBDRT?



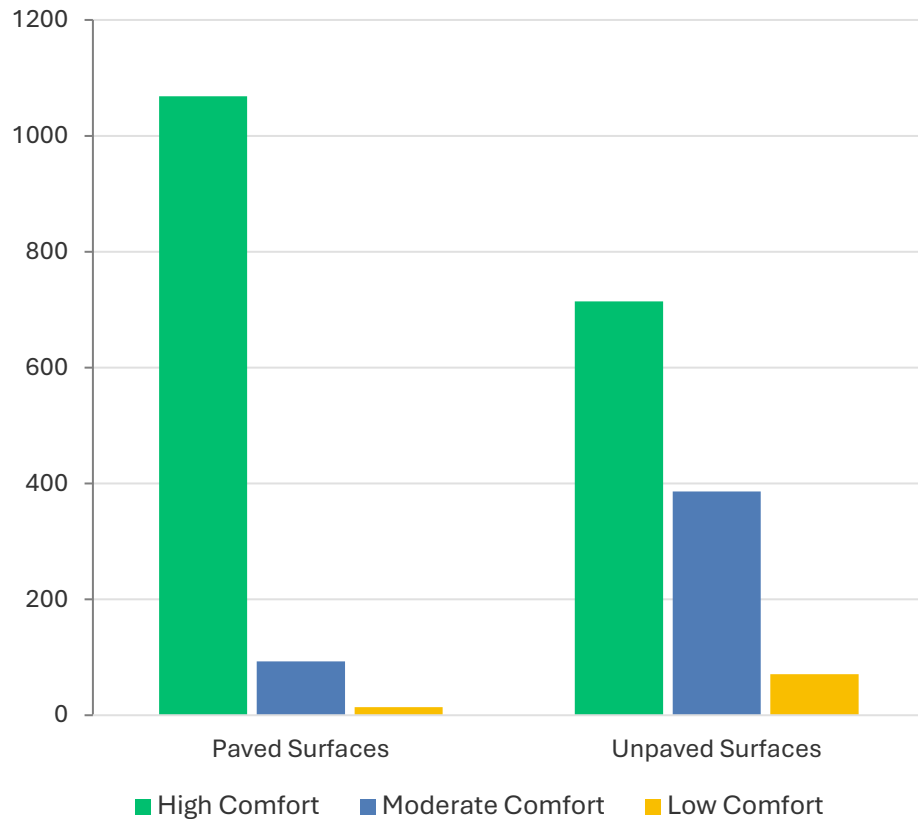
	Yes	No	% Yes	Total
The Illinois Prairie Path	906	216	80.75%	1,122
IL 53 north of IL 38 (Roosevelt Road)	431	597	41.93%	1,028
IL 38 (Roosevelt Road) between IL 53 and I-355	422	593	41.58%	1,015
IL 53 south of IL 38 (Roosevelt Road)	488	537	47.61%	1,025
22 nd Street	404	596	40.40%	1,000
IL 56/Butterfield Rd. Path	582	454	56.18%	1,036

Q24: Are there any other trail or road crossings you want to have improved for you to more easily get onto the EBDRT?

Common themes from 239 open-ended responses

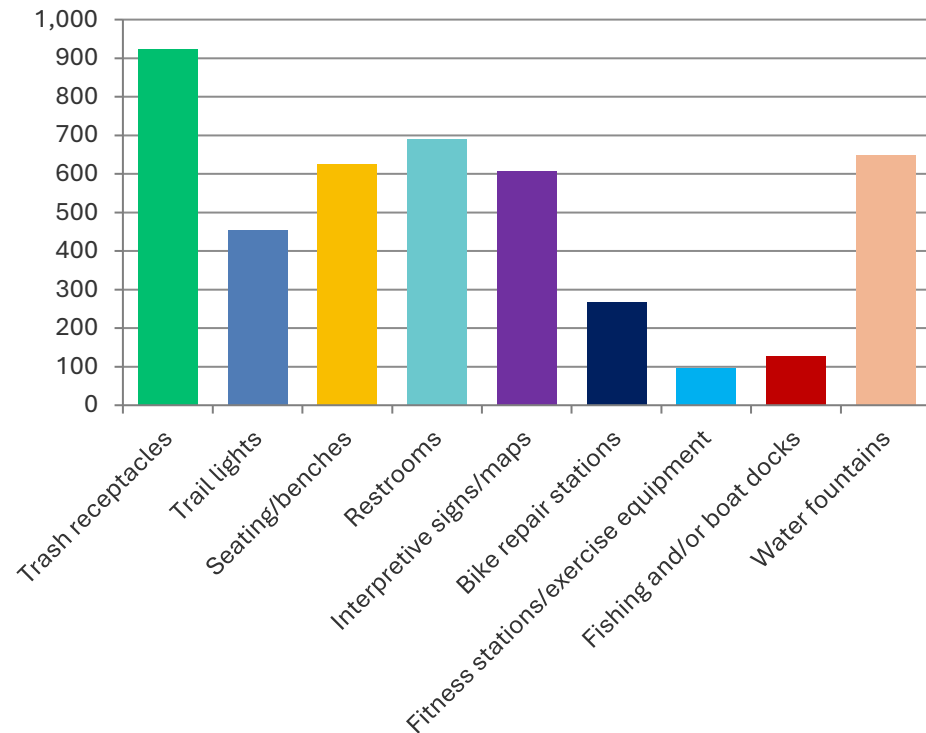
- Butterfield Road, Roosevelt Road, and Route 53 were most frequently cited as in need of safer pedestrian/bike access
- Add protected or separated bike/ped infrastructure, especially along/near high-traffic roads
- Improve access to and from Hidden Lake, Morton Arboretum, and Churchill Woods
- Ensure connectivity to the Great Western Trail, Illinois Prairie Path, and other major trails
- Add bridges or underpasses, especially at 22nd Street
- Provide safe access from surrounding neighborhoods (e.g., Valley View, Butterfield East/West, Spring Ave, Lisle, Lombard, Glen Ellyn)
- Improve intersection crossings and sidewalks (e.g., Finley & 22nd, Lambert & Butterfield, Park Ave)
- Desire for regional expansion south to Lisle/Woodridge and north to connect with more DuPage trails

Q25: What is your comfort level walking/riding on:



	High Comfort	Moderate Comfort	Low Comfort
Paved Surfaces (Asphalt/Concrete)	1,068	93	14
Unpaved Surfaces (Stone/Gravel)	714	386	71
TOTAL	1,177		

Q26: What kind of trail amenities would you like to be included on the EBDRT?



	No. of Responses	Percent
Trash receptacles	923	80.05%
Trail lights	454	39.38%
Seating/benches	626	54.29%
Restrooms	689	59.76%
Interpretive signs/maps	608	52.73%
Bike repair stations	266	23.07%
Fitness stations/exercise equipment	96	8.33%
Fishing and/or boat docks	127	11.01%
Water fountains	649	56.29%
TOTAL	1,153	

Q26: What kind of trail amenities would you like to be included on the EBDRT? (other)

Common themes from 99 open-ended responses

- Restrooms and portable toilets, especially at trailheads
- Benches, covered areas for rain/shade, picnic spots
- Pet waste stations, dog poop bags, dog-friendly water fountains
- Maps, mile markers, emergency call boxes, wayfinding signs
- Trash and recycling bins, with concerns about maintenance and proper placement
- Lighting – Mixed opinions: some request it for safety, others worry about light pollution
- Native plants, prairie buffers, bird/wildlife viewing areas
- Minimalist approach preferred by some – “Just build the trail,” no lights, no pavement, fewer structures

Q27: What other thoughts or comments would you like to share? (Common Themes)

Common themes from 441 open-ended responses

- Strong support for the trail overall
 - Support for East Alternative (near river, more scenic)
 - Support for West Alternative (shortest connection, stay outside neighborhoods)
 - Concerns about West Alternative (Rt 53) – noise, safety, traffic proximity
 - Desire to keep trail natural, quiet, and away from roads
- Need for safe crossings (especially at Butterfield, Roosevelt, Rt 53, and 22nd)
 - Requests for connectivity to other trails and destinations (Morton Arboretum, Prairie Path, Great Western Trail)
 - Interest in expanded access for walking, biking, and families
 - Emphasis on safety, privacy, and minimizing impact on neighborhoods