

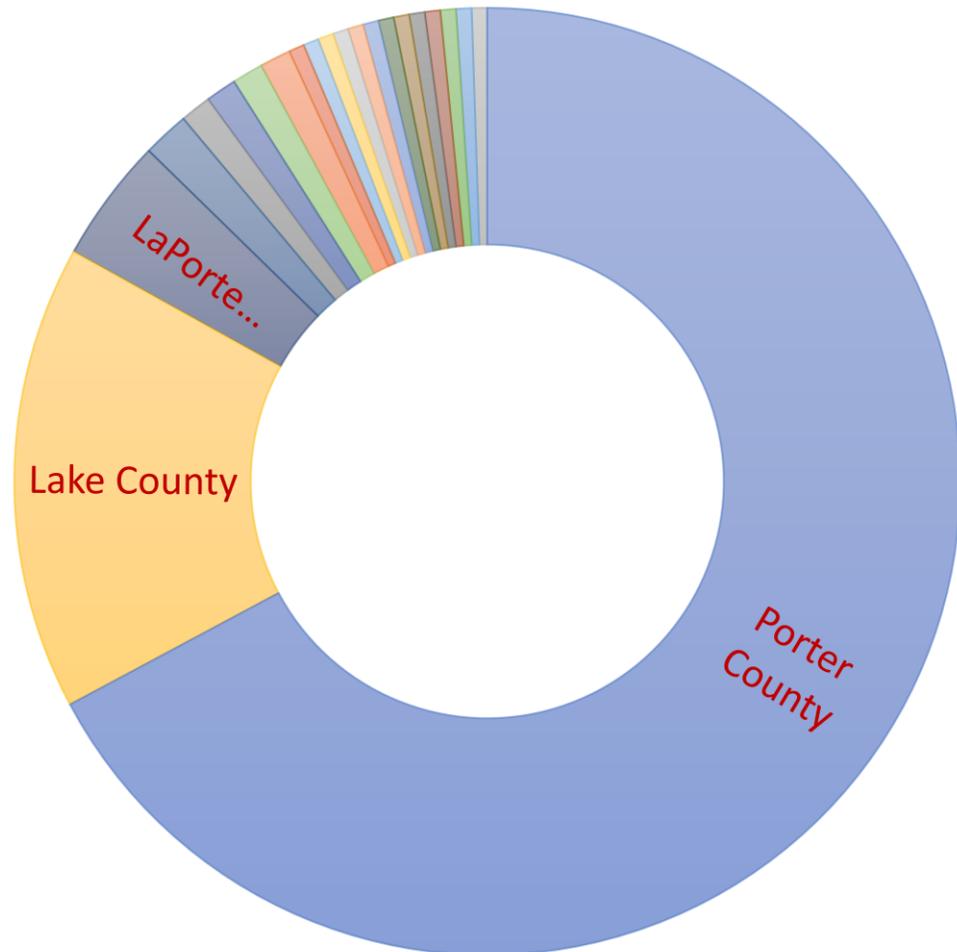
Valparaiso Skatepark Survey



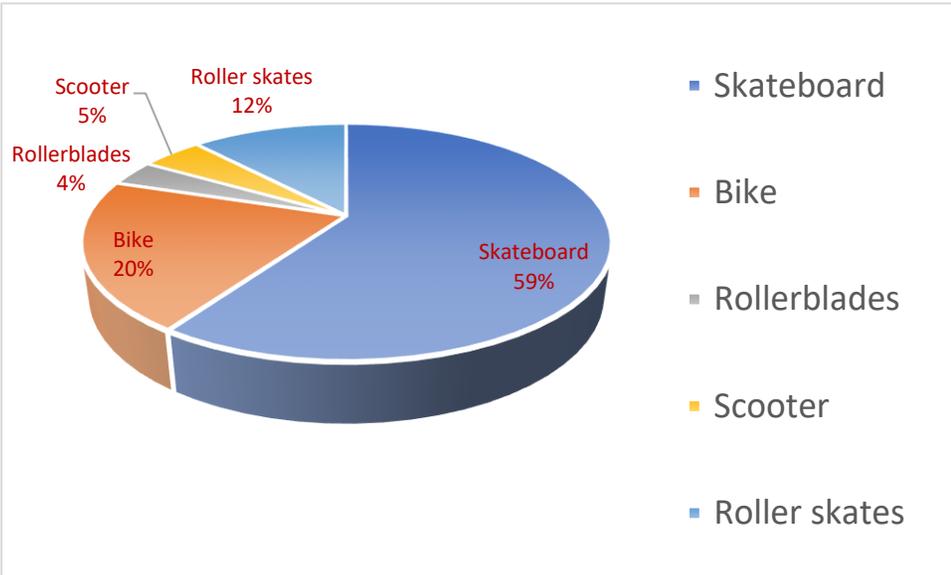
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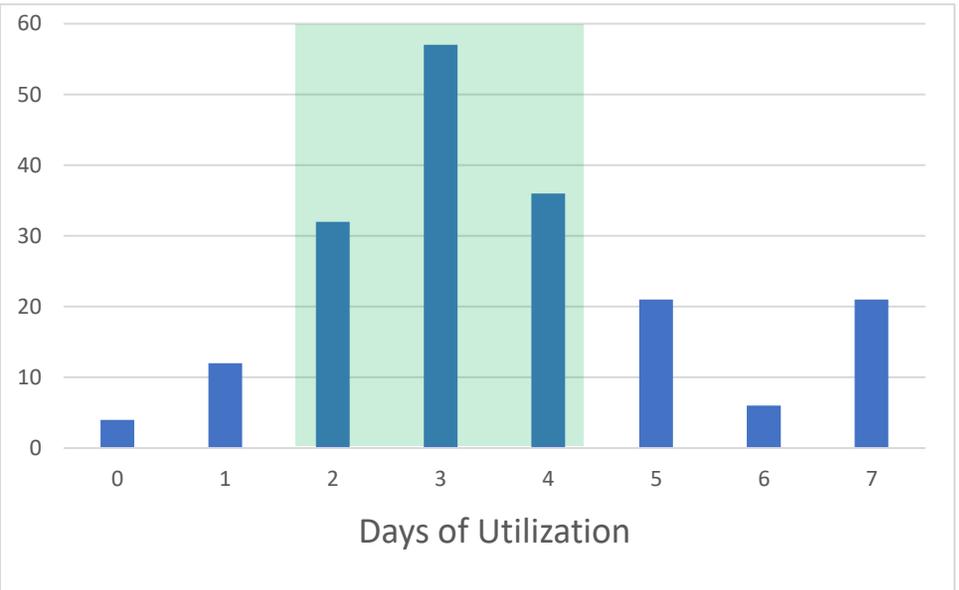
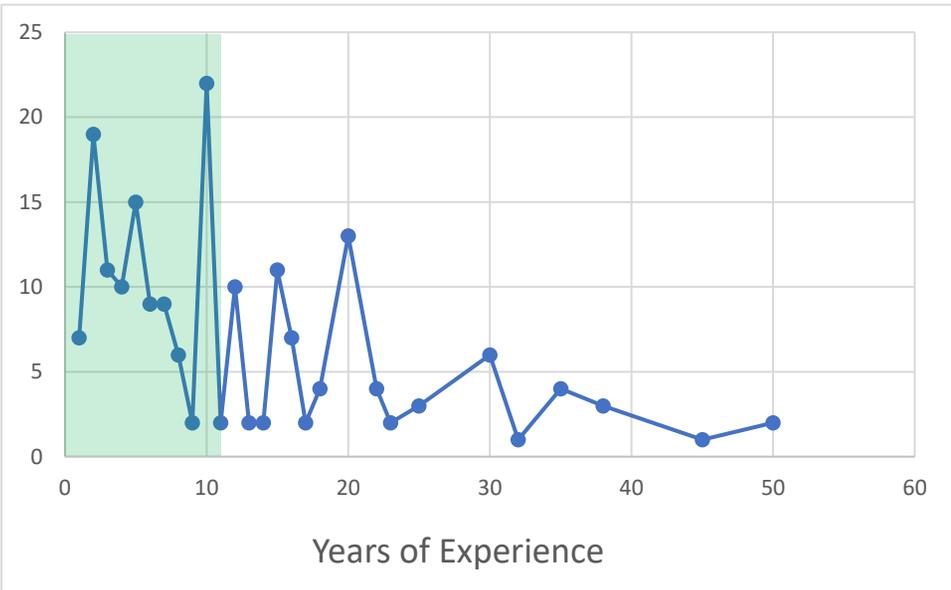
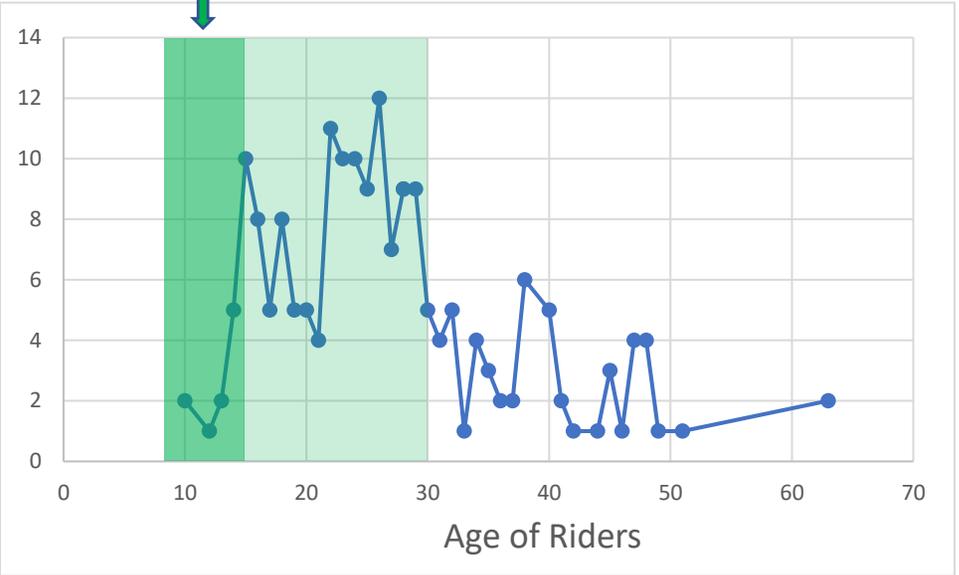
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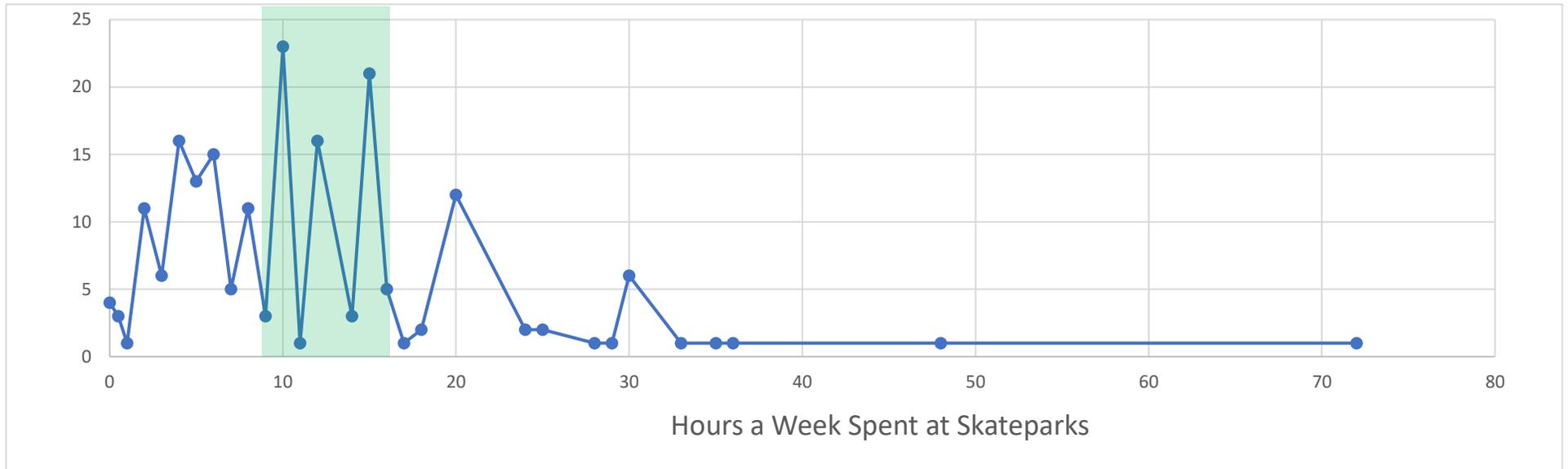
Rider Breakdown



Underrepresented Riders



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Importance of Skatepark Located in a public and accessible location

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Importance of Skatepark being free from Drug Use and Gang Activity

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Special Comments

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All Comments

- 1** A good sized skatepark in an accessible and public area is good for skaters of ages and skill levels. It will prevent destruction of property as skaters will have a place to go that will meet all their creative skateboarding needs. Having the park in an accessible and public place will make it easy to monitor and maintain.
- 2** A lot of people in Valparaiso enjoy skating, biking, rollerblading, etc. But a lot of people have no where to go to really practice and learn or just to do it. Especially sense this is just a small town, but there are alot of kids and even adults Who I think would really appreciate a skatepark.
- 3** A skate park is a great place for people to practice a thing that they truly love.
4 They always serve a purpose as a healthy community that cares about everyone.
- 4** A skate park is a must because it brings attention to the city/town and it brings people together and it can create many friendships that people don't understand about
- 5** A skate park is an important place in the community that not only promotes physical activity through a fun outlet, but also supports togetherness. I've seen complete strangers build friendships at skateparks and I think that is the kind of thing we need more of.
- 6** A skate park is undoubtedly a universal safe place and a home for everyone to come. It's more than just skating or biking it's a place to unwind. It's a place to go when you have no where else to go. It's a necessity.
- 7** A skate park will give people of all ages a place to gather and do something productive
- 8** A skate park would provide a great place for physical activity for all ages.
- 9** A skatepark would mean a lot for the youth in the area because it gives them place to spend their hours getting physically active instead of getting wrapped up in trouble with nothing better to do. Also people like myself will come from a couple towns away to spend time at the park and then spend money on food and shopping in Valpo when we otherwise wouldn't have come to town.
- 10** A well built concrete park will be there for many many years for people to enjoy. It will not need the up keep like a wooden park that starts to deteriorate after its built.
- 11** Action sports are an amazing way for youth to engage athletics on many different levels. With low barriers of entry, these sports allow people to find healthy avenues of expression.
- 12** As a 31 year old dad of two I would love for my kids to have something that I wasn't able to have. Valparaiso has an opportunity to help the youth. Jerry Seinfeld once said if he wished his child did one thing, he would want them to skte because of the lessons it teaches in perseverance.

As an adult skateboarder (27 years old), I remember not having an "appropriate" place to skateboard as a kid. I played plenty of sports in accordance to your typical American, nuclear family, but skateboarding felt like the only activity that belonged to me without judgement from spectators. In that same breath, I learned that very simple, misunderstood activities can quickly make a "good" kid feel bad and criminal if she or he is unable to exercise a passion without the threat of police involvement.

I am a graduate student in electrical engineering that seriously pursues extracurricular studies in math and physics. I do not say that to sound smart or important. I say that because I love skateboarding, yet remember how charged the attitude of the general public was to make kids like me feel stupid, unwanted, and criminal.

I do not think (I hope) things are not as bad for kids nowadays. But as an adult that I think has done everything right, I would like to emphasize how hard it is to become someone with character when a significant portion of what you enjoyed growing up meant feeling like your talent in something is unwanted anywhere and most likely met with a police encounter.

13 Give kids a place to blow off steam. Skateboarding is a physical activity where we don't feel judged by parents. You don't feel bad if you're not the star player because there aren't any. You get to be creative and skate how you want to.

14 As an old man, I prefer not to skate where it is not allowed. I like to skate and be in compliance with local rules and don't like looking over my shoulder. Also, this would provide an environment to skate with my son. Skateboarding is extremely popular and that will only increase after the olympics. The park will be used virtually year round at all times as compared to athletic fields which are unused most of the time.

15 Bikes are awesome

16 Building a skate park is so important to me because it's a place that welcomes everyone. I've been skating for 10+ years and all of my closest friends came from skateboarding. It doesn't matter what age, color, or sex you are. Everyone is welcome and I've never seen a more supportive community in my life. Valparaiso is a PRIME spot for a skatepark and I would love to see skate lessons and seeing kids grow in this wonderful world of skateboarding. It's truly incredible the talent these days.

17 Building this park promotes keeping kids off of the streets and out of trouble. Additionally, it will lower the amount of people skating in downtown and other public areas that are prohibited. For some, skateboarding is very serious and can be considered a sport or even a profession. For others, it is simply a hobby and form of exercise. It is no different than any other activity like football, baseball, or soccer. Therefore it is important to have a quality skatepark where it can be practiced. Like everything, a skatepark will grow old over time and need to be replaced, and that is the point where flounder sits. Ready for a new beginning.

18 **Everyday our kids show up to the skatepark. Not because their parents make them go, because they are driven to the sport and the life lessons that go along with learning a skill and the application of hard work of overtime. This is more than a patch of land, it is an opportunity to shape the lives of the youth in our community and an investment in the quality of life for citizens of Valparaiso**

19 Finding places to skate, even at a small basic level, is difficult in Northwest Indiana without having to drive to neighboring cities and pay to skate in a rink. It's even more difficult to say "let's skate outside" on one of our nicer days and find somewhere legal to street skate. Skate parks have been torn down in the area and haven't been replaced. The ones that have been are thriving places for skaters. We need a place like this in an area closer and safer to home.

20 For such a great city, and nice skate park would be a great addition if properly patrolled by police, and being well maintained by not only the city but skaters themselves. With so many cities building skate parks I believe Valparaiso could build the best park in NWI! So please please build one!

21 Funding for this is important because it has to be well maintained and as well as if any parts break or go bad you will need new parts etc..

22 Funding this park is important because not funding this means funding skate stoppers and police and security and no skating signs etc. Which sounds like a better investment for kids?

23 Funding this skatepark is huge in exposing kids interested in sports like this to an outlet that they are craving. I grew up with many friends, as well as myself, that all skated in some form or fashion. We lived for it. It was an outlet to be creative and push our boundaries. When "Flounder Skate Park" was made, it made new dreams possible. New tricks and innovation in the sport. Please consider this project. Please consider the many lives it will impact in a positive way. Maybe some of these kids go to the skate park to release some stress instead of skating downtown where it's not allowed and they now aren't getting in trouble as a result. Maybe some of these kids go to the skatepark and hone their craft instead of getting into drugs. Maybe some of these kids end up at the X games and hugely impact an entire region. The possibilities are endless. As so are the benefits from this project. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you see the massive benefits to come from such an undertaking. Thank you.

24 Funding this skatepark is very important to me. there is not enough spots in this town where I am allowed to do my passion.

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27 Gives the kiddos and the old men something to do. It's not only essential it should be mandatory.

28 Growing up I loved skateboarding, but had no real way to progress as a kid who grew up in a not so high income family. Scraping by enough money to buy a new deck was hard enough, so buying additional equipment was out of the question. Skateparks also bring people together and create a sense of community that a lot of people don't have access to. Skateboarding is by no means a "fringe culture" but at the same time it can be a challenge to find people who also are interested in it, this would give kids a place to be apart of a community or support that they otherwise may not have access to.

Growing up the street over from Flounder skatepark, I considered it my second home. My friend's and I would meet everyday there after school and would be there close to sunset. We were very fortunate to have Flounder

Over the years, I've gone back and seen how it's gone more and more into decay. It started a little before I moved out of town but it's only gotten worse. There are barely any of the original ramps left and what's there have holes in them making it dangerous to skate

For the next generation of skaters in Valpo, a new park is a must. Somewhere they can call home like we called Flounder ours. Without that there's no where else to go. Other parks are far away and you'll get harassed if you even think of riding your board downtown

29 The skaters of Valpo deserve a new park

30 Growing up this was a place for my friends and I to congregate to hang out and skate for hours. I met a lot of friends through the flounder skatepark. This kept us from spending our time getting into trouble.

31 Growing up without a place to skate made things really hard for us, we would find businesses with good gaps (manual pads or air gaps) cause that's all we had and we got the cops called on us daily, eventually we found an abandoned tennis court and made our own skate park but it was very limited considering we had to find stuff and bring it there which means we had no ramps only manual pads a couple rails to grind and stuff to jump over that was about it but when woodland skate park opened up in Portage we finally had a home! I absolutely agree with making a place for skaters to hang out and be themselves without having the cops called daily for no reason and ruining these kids reputation just for enjoying a sport that isn't supported by the community, they need this!

32 Having a nice skatepark allows kids to have a place to skate and to ride bikes and be off the streets doing something else

33 Having a place that i could go to, to maybe blow off steam; or get away from troubles at home. Or to hang out with friends and have a fun time.

34 Having a skatepark in the are would help a lot of the youth who have nothing better to do.

35 Having a skatepark isn't just for the kiddos to have a safe spot to hang- I'm almost 30 and having a smooth space to roller skate is EVERYTHING to me. It helps me move and stay active while also being outside- the more times I visit a park the more times I'm supporting local shops in the area.

36 Having a Skatepark means alot to the skaters in our area. It gives us all a safe place to go enjoy ourselves and keep us out of trouble

37 Having a skatepark that is accessible in public and just having a skatepark in general is important because it would keep skaters out of buildings and damaging property. It would also be a great place for kids and teenagers to spend a nice day at.

38 Humans need safe access to outdoors as well as places to enjoy their hobbies. A skatepark would build a great community for those who enjoy these sports!

39 I asked when the park wasbeing built and their response was..."whats wrong with rogers" lol.. there are so many kids in this community whose parents can't just hand over money for them to go to the movies every single day of summer for shopping at the mall. This is be such a great oppportunity for them to get invested in this sport and keep them out of trouble and away from bad influences in the town. The skatepark we currently have is unsafe! Not to mention all the kids do is drugs there. We need a skate park that can be seen from the road so the kids can show off their tricks.

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43 I believe it could change an area and bring new great events to the community!

44 I filled out this survey because I believe that a skate park gives kids another thing to do that may keep them out of trouble. Having a place of their own will be nice for them as well.

45 I grew up in skateparks and it really helped me stay on the right track and having a hobby as such really does help kids from going into a bad route in their life.

46 I have a strong passion for skateboarding and the accessibility to a park like this would be considerably helpful to me and my friends to better learn how to trick and skateboard.

47 I have been riding Flounder Skate park since it was first built. Having a well-maintained skate park with durable, accessible obstacles is important to me and my health, both mental and physical. Skateboarding took a significant role in my development into a young professional by helping me develop my confidence, determination, and persistence. Ensuring the same opportunities are available now and in the future will aid in the development of future generations.

48 I have no where to skate. No where to build on my skills, socialize, get exercise, fresh air, and have fun. My mom has to take us out of town and sometimes she can't do that and I'm stuck on my phone watching skate videos.

49 I just want a place to ride

I live in a small town of only 5,000 people. Like most rural places there was a lot of drugs always available so like most people I started to get hooked into it. When I quit, skating was the only thing that I could do day or night and didn't require money other than the initial purchase of a skateboard.

50 Without a park to go to I'm not sure if I would've ever gotten clean.

I own Warped Sportz CP

We can help anyway we can

51 Let's sell t-shirts or have a fundraiser

52 I ride my bike everyday and love going to new skateparks and I think that skate parks help keep kids out of trouble

53 I think that a good sized skatepark with lots of features is important to the skate community and would be great for kids and teenagers to spend their time at. It would also keep skaters and bmxers out of buildings and damaging property.

54 I want Valparaiso to fund a skate park because it would give me something to do and somewhere to go that is fun and where I can meet people. I also like to skateboard for exercise. Building a skate park would also give kids a place to skate- instead of all of the places we CAN'T skate.

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56 I would love a new skate park because the one we have now is falling apart and a little too small

57 I'm 45 I've lived here most of my life. I've been skateboarding and riding bmx since the 80s. Now my two sons ride and skateboard and every time we load up the truck and have to drive to Michigan City, Hammond or Illinois. So it would be great to have a local skatepark. It's a great place for kids and adults to meet up and meet new people. It will also bring people to town to visit for the day.

58 It helps kids get active and helps them stay away from negative activities. Kids don't have cars and don't always have parents to drive them to skateparks in other cities so I feel it's important to have them more easily accessible.

59 It is a great thing to have a public skatepark for kids and young adults to share, plus it will help (but not completely stop) with kids riding/skating on private property.

60 It will give kids (and some adults) a place to go and stay active. Putting it in a location that is easily accessible and free of charge is also a huge deal. If a skate park isn't accessible and if it costs, then it will go to waste.

61 It would mean alot, because the park we have now only has like 5 ramps in, and a nice new skatepark would fit in better at valpo

62 IT would mean everything to me. It is the one activity my doctor is ok with me doing. Thank you

63 It would mean that the kids that like to ride skateboards bikes and scooter don't have to make you made by riding downtown but can have a place to ride without making people mad

64 It's gives people a reason to want to go outside

65 It's important to provide outdoor entertainment spaces for kids. Skates parks provide a safe place to socialize and get exercise. The use of skates parks turn into a life long hobby for many people. They also bring adults into the community that patronize local businesses.

66 It's a good way to keep kids out of trouble and away from just being inside playing video games and it gives them a reason to keep active

67 It's fun and somthing to do for middle aged kids

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69 Its very important to for the city to fund the park. It gives kid a safe place and away from private property. Then keep business owners happy. Law enforcement from comeing out so they can Focus on other more important matters then some kids try to 50-50 the school hand rail.

70 I've been skating in valpo for years mostly street, flounder 1 is okay, really run down, Michigan city park is out of my way, if this park opens I'd be there every weekend

71 Keep kids busy and active! Getting out of the house, and hopefully out of trouble. Put cameras and a opening and closing time

Kids that live in Valparaiso haven't had a nice place to skate since the early 90's. Building a new skatepark will not only provide a safe area to do so, but also grow the skateboarding community. The construction of a skatepark would also attract athletes from the surrounding areas, which can in turn bring in more money to be spent at local businesses. It's important to me to have a nice and safe place to skate because not only do I want to enjoy it for myself, but I want all skaters and new beginners who want to start skating, to enjoy it. Skateboarders have the friendliest community, and was my first group of best friends, a skatepark is an excellent place to make friends and get advice and tips to get better at the sport. Without a skatepark kids are forced to skateboard in public areas near pedestrians and cars, which then leads to police being called and the sport and skaters getting the bad reputation they don't deserve.

72 -josh gatti

73 kids will skate whether or not there is a park. Keep them off your streets and build a sufficient skatepark.

Most of us skate at Rogers skate wood which the park is unsafe and people still show up so it shows that people want to skate even on a unsafe park.

74 Having a new skate park will keep people safe unlike at Rogers

My boys are at an age where they want to be out and have something to do, but are a bit too old for parks and play grounds anymore. We had a very nice skate park where we used to live but it was unfortunately vandalized and abused and eventually was taken away. That was a very sad day when we went to go skate and it was just gone. It's nice to include bigger kids in the planning of outdoor activities. Thank you

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My daughter and her friends have no where to skate. I have to take them to other cities to skate. There shouldn't be fees and it should be accessible for the kids so they can enjoy themselves. We already had a skate park with fees and in a non-accessible area and we saw how well cared for that ended up. Michigan city has a nice park without those things and it's great, the first park we usually consider going besides Hessville for its bowl.

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Our skatepark is extremely old and beat up. Making a new one would mean better places for kids to skate and hang out as well as a place for kids to have fun.

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Parks have helped keep me out of trouble and also meet some of the best friends I've ever had! People correlate drugs to skateparks, but really we just want to ride and get away from that stuff! At 25, id love to see the younger generation get something fresh to kick them into a great athletic activity and keep their heads clear while making friends!

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People yell at skaters for riding downtown and for "destroying property" but we don't have a good place to skate. Flounders park is really old and getting dangerous to ride at, so we need a more sustainable way to enjoy skating.

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81 Provides a place for healthy, safe recreation.

82 Roller derby is an empowering sport that can help bring the community together. It's inclusive and involves people of all ages and genders.

83 Skate park is important to encourage different sports and give skaters a safe place to practice.

84 Skate parks are just as important as baseball, soccer, football fields. Not every kid wants to play in an organized sport, give them and others a place to go and partake and an activity they want to do.

85 Skateboarding has been a staple for communities for decades, but just recently has it really taken off into the mainstream. Due to this, I believe that a new skatepark in Valparaiso must be built.

86 skateboarding is a fun pastime and many people around our community enjoy this, having a new skatepark would bring the skating community together and make valparaiso a more ideal town to live in

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91 Skateparks build busniess! They bring others from outside the community to Valparaiso which would help the economy from people out of town (like me).

92 Skateparks help keep people of all ages active. It's great exercise. Something Indiana in general needs to be better at. It helps some kids stay out of trouble. Some locals may make some type of career out of the sports that are done at a skatepark.

93 Skateparks help teenagers with stress by hoping on whatever they ride and not think about the things going on inside their life's,

Skateparks helped me cope with my messed up family as a kid because it showed me other people

94 Just like me and gave me a place to go to get away and be with people my age and look up to older kids doing cool stuff NOT drugs and gangs. Thank you because you could be saving a kids life like my park In Indianapolis saved my own

Skating is pretty frowned upon in Valpo. Police and city workers don't like when we damage their curbs and other things. Instead of ruining it and making us want to do it even more by putting barricades on curbs, give us a sanctuary, so we're not mad at the city, and you're not mad at us. The

95 Rogers Lakewood skate park is awful and very underfunded with little equipment

96 So everyone can have fun and be safe

97 So kids are not skating in the street or damaging public walkways or stairs.

The flounder skate park can be very intimidating to go ride at due to the small size and the lack of accessability, which allows people to drink and do

98 drugs without the possibility of bystanders to see

The reason skateparks are good for the community is because it gives kids something to do that's not destructive or sitting inside playing video games.. when I got into bmx and going to the skatepark when I was young it kept me out of trouble and kept me away from drugs. All I wanted to do was ride

99 bikes with my friends

100 The skatepark in Valparaiso is old and run down we would greatly appreciate a new one especially with the amount of people that would use it.

101 The skatepark right now is falling apart and dangerous which is leading people to skate things they shouldn't putting in a skate park will limit that

There isnt no more skateparks in are area in general. Iv been taking the local kids from portage with me to skate other places because there aren't anything for them to skate anymore. Kid need something to do and this is something for them to especially with skateboarding/BMXing keeps

102 becoming more and more popular.

This is important to me because there aren't many places where it is comfortable to skate. This will help give local teens something to do, make the community more active, and give a platform to people who don't participate in mainstream sports such as basketball, etc. Valparaiso needs this park.

104 This would be great to keep kids off the streets and have something positive for them to do.

Valparaiso has a large skateboarding community but are very limited by cracked sidewalks and regulations. Having a place where skating is encouraged and you have the amenities to push yourself would do wonders for that community. And it's great exercise!

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106 Valpo NEEDS a new skate park. It is ridiculous to have to pay for what is available at Flounder skate park. Flounder skate park hasn't been kept up with, and as I have been told before the parks department it is at a stage of dilapidation, to skate at your own risk. Skate parks are a great place for socializing and staying active. That is why it is important for a new one to be created.

107 Valpo needs a park. Bad. For years. It's one of the nicest cities we have in the northwest and they have one of the worst parks. Within the last two years, Hessville and HighInad have nothing got brand new cement skate plazas. schererville Got a new cement park about 5 years ago. Crown point is suppose to start a new one later this year and we'll as portage in the near future. Don't let valpo slack what's most important about a town.

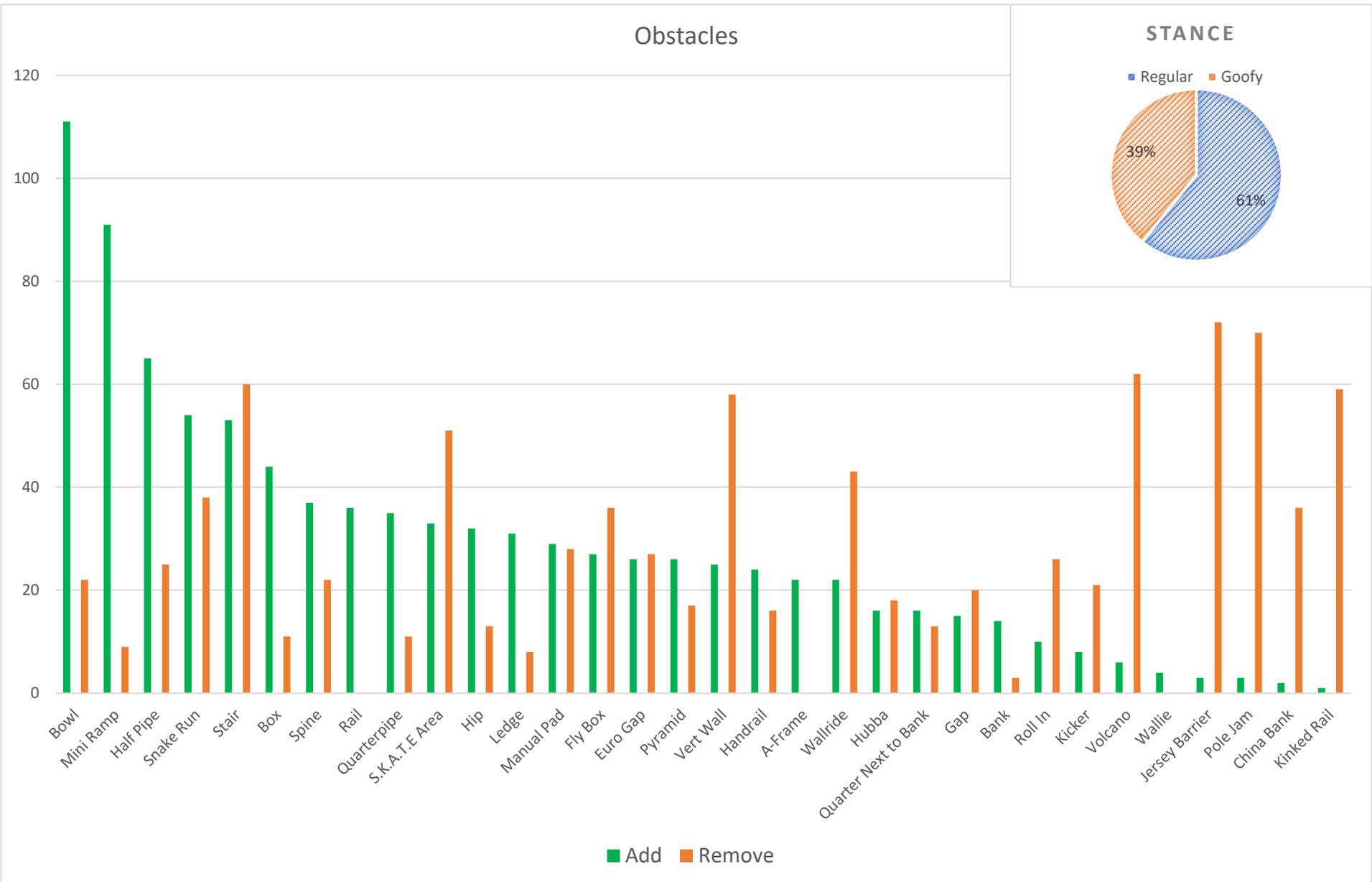
108 We have to many kids sitting inside, this would bring the community together and get kids away from the computer screens.

109 We, skateboarders, need a new home. Skateboarding is a great hobby or sport to get into that teaches commitment and persistence. A new skatepark would keep a majority of the kids off the Valpo streets. A well built and fun park would inspire a new generation of kids to skateboard and frequent the park. Considering what Valparaiso has done with renovating parks, example: new basketball courts at tower park, new baseball fields and playgrounds, it's only fair that they give skateboarders a new and well designed park that we need and deserve.

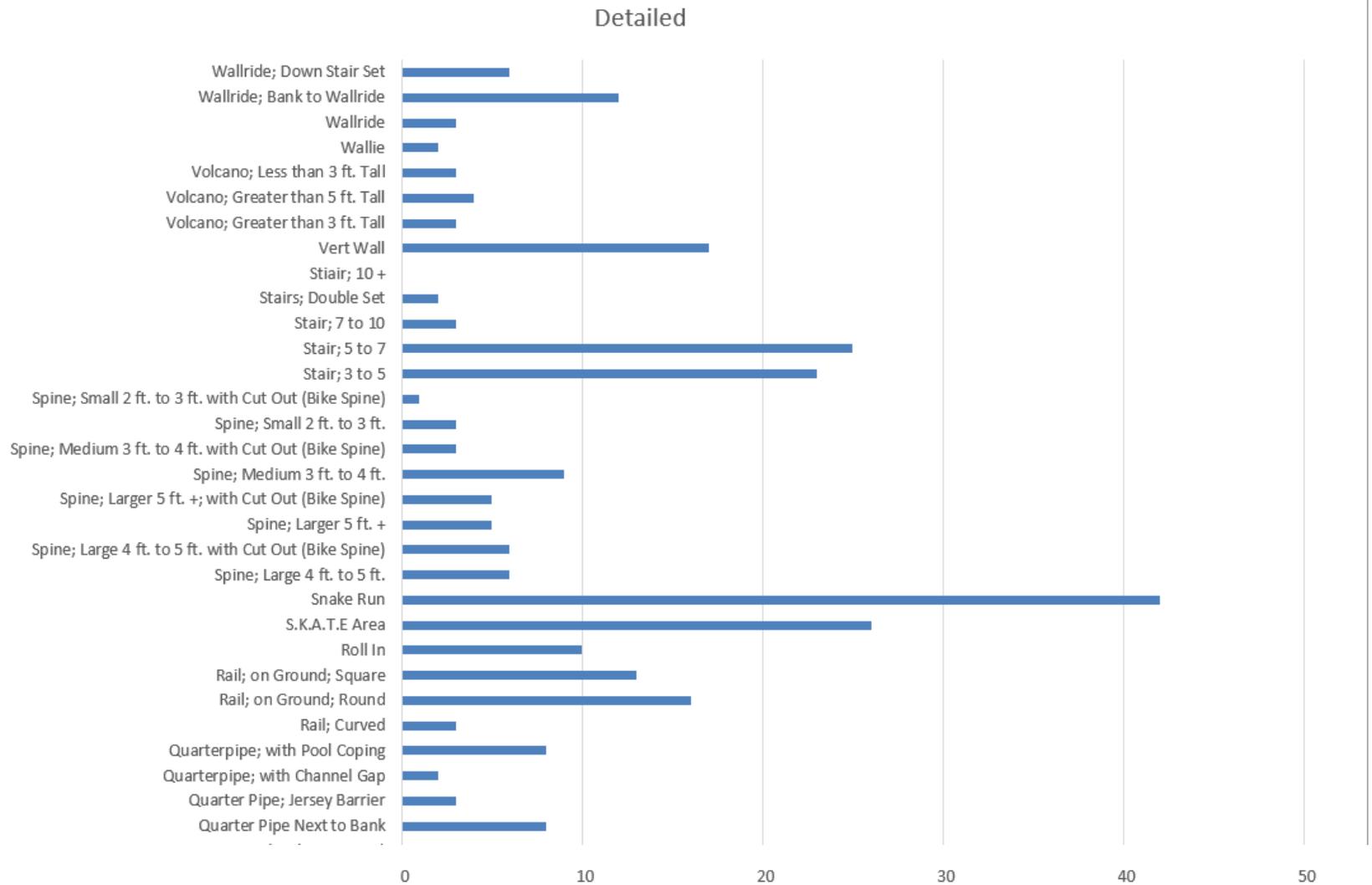
110 With all that has gone on in the past year it would be amazing to have a nice park to skate. Most parks get run down and then ice ones are to far away to be able to enjoy.

111 Would be a great place to keep kids busy and out of the downtown area. Most of our surrounding cities have beautiful parks but not everyone has a way to get to them. Our old skatepark is not anywhere up to par. Most of the individuals that visit the current skatepark do not use it correctly. A new park could bring more people to our beautiful city and continue to bring revenue to our local businesses.

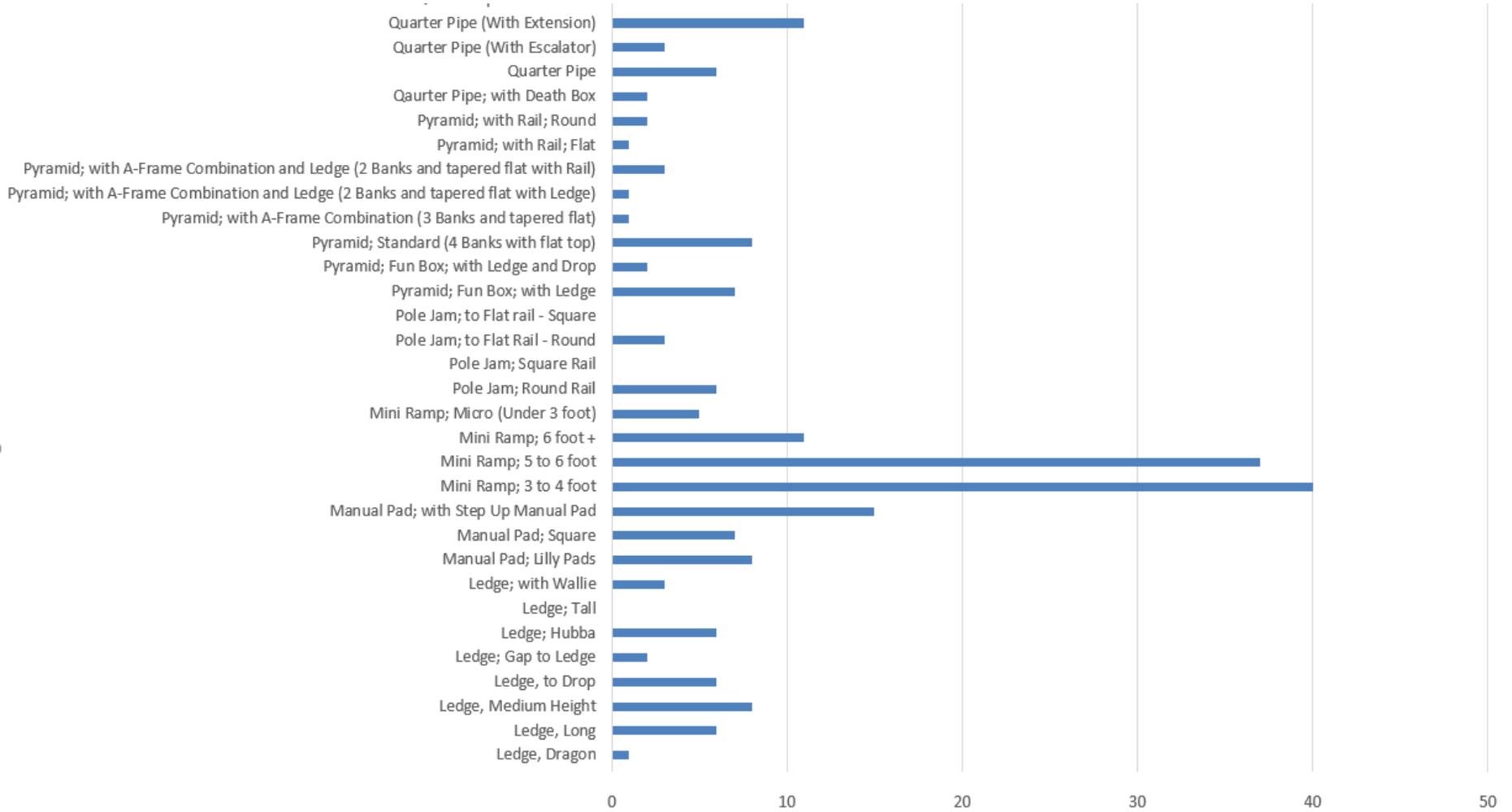
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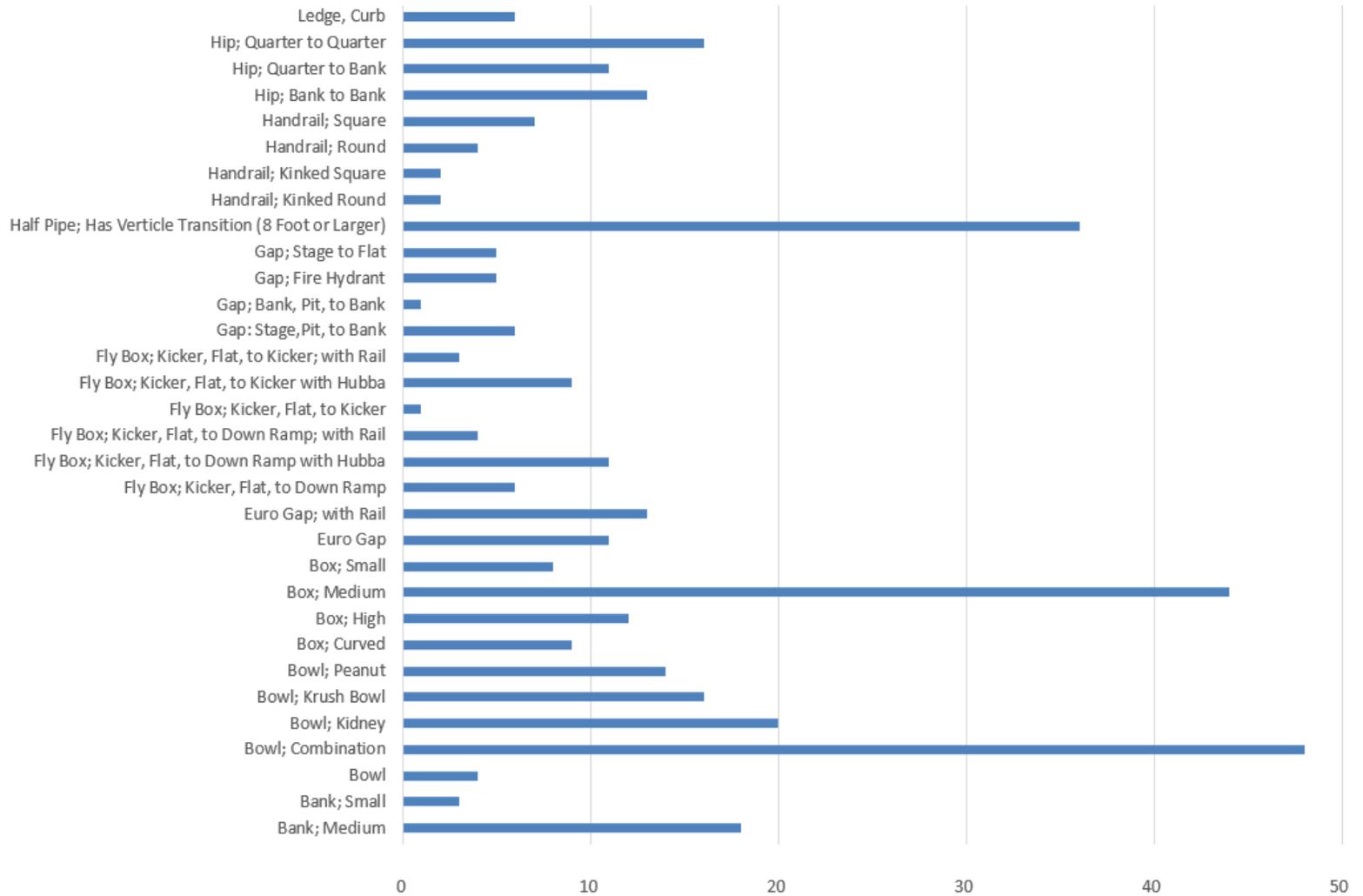
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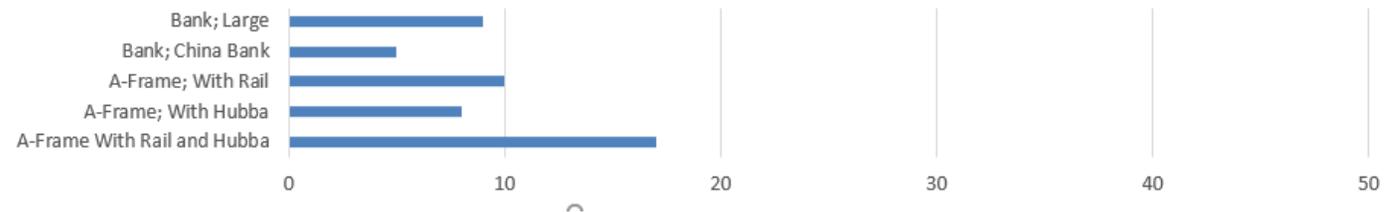
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Valparaiso Skatepark Design Notes

Comments

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Design Notes

A concrete bowl centered park would be amazing. The snake run would also be great for beginners and more experienced skaters

A curb..every other park being built is leaving it out. Stop building parks that look like every other park in the area and put some lights in, would be nice to skate at night especially durning the summer months when it gets a bit hot in that direct sunlight

a focus on the community we are in is paramount. Valparaiso is unique and we must reflect it's culture in our design

Add color to the park

all concrete

All concrete like the one in Hessville/Hammond Indiana or Highland Indiana.

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All to mostly concrete and smooth. Very large and good flat ground around the obstacles.

As much beginner rides as there are advanced

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At least a 3-6 foot half pipe, or maybe a transition from 3 to 6 but would be nice

Bank to ledge. Medium height something legit but easy to skate

Build it like the ones out west. Lots of transition with good flow and alot of different lines.

Check out Cherry Park Long Beach.

Also look at other parks in the area and make it different then those

Concrete

Concrete- long lasting and low maintenance. Just waiting to skate anywhere in Porter Co

Consistent flow throughout the park.

Dirt like trial riding with pallets or wooden bridges and stairs

Ensure durable construction, whole park flow for extended lines should be considered.

First I would like to say that I am a mom answering for two 10 year old boys and I don't know exactly what all the features were aside from googling them really fast. I would like the park to be useful for people of all skill levels. I would like there to be really hard features that novices can try to work up to as well as see higher skilled people use. I would like there to be less intimidating features for the beginners to practice on and gain confidence.

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Full concrete

have pro riders design it. If you dont the transitions wont feel as good.

I believe Flounder should have an enviroment safe for the community. Considering noise and accessibility Flounder should be located in a Park similar to Rogers Lakewood, or somewhere with close proximity to other outdoor activities.

I don't really have any specific ideas. I just hope something very modern and innovative is incorporated in the design.

I don't really know much about skate parks, please take my suggestions for the design with a grain of salt.

I really like the Highland and hestville skateparks.

I skate roller derby for South Shore Roller Girls but also enjoy trail skating and have ventured into ramp and bowl skating as have other member of our team. It would be fantastic if this place was indoors and also had an indoor venue area for a roller derby track set up

I think a China bank and jersey barrier is a MUST because there are so many tech things that can go down on that and it would make the skatepark stand out from other skateparks

I think it should be welcoming to people at all levels of the sport they choose.

I would like it to be flat and decently sized and in a place not to far from most places

I would like to make sure not everything is crammed together in a tiny area. Please have line selections throughout the park

I would love a deep bowl that lets out to a roll in section!

I would love for all input and styles of riding can be accommodated for.

I wouldn't necessarily leave any of that stuff out, but it made me select 5. My bias is toward ramp and less street. That's just me though.

If possible, please do not make park out of bad concrete or black metal. Bad concrete (obrein skatepark) can ruin wheels and hurt more when falling. Black metal burns skin in the summer. Also, no fence. People will climb them to skate the park so minimize injury with no fence.

It would be great to see an area that could be used for roller derby. This is a growing sport that promotes inclusivity. NWI has adult and junior leagues. Many of the people who participate also use skate parks.

Just don't let some random group design it. Have a group of skateboarders sit down and talk and sketch it out. We honestly know more than you think.

Just make something fun everyone can ride

Look at Woodward park for ideas

Make it big fast and flow.

Make it for bikes and skaters

Make it for everyone, beginners and experts, don't tend to one levels need

Make it out of concrete

Make it sick!

Not sure

Open and everything flows nice together

Please consider those that skate on quad skates as a group that will utilize this facility.

Please keep the roller skating and roller derby community in mind. We love skate parks to work on footwork and other skills outside of practice.

Please make it bike friendly this has the potential to be the best park in nwi!

Please make it safe, and in a good place, I love George Roger's but not many people know about it due to location

Please no steep and small quarter pipes for no reason. A layout less like the Hessville park would be best; Less like some stupid art installation and more like an actual skatepark.

Please put in light like the Michigan city skate park has. So many people work till 6 or 7 when the sun starts to go down like myself. Please put in lights!!

Please try to avoid metal ramps.

Possibly have a little picnic area, gazebo, snack station?

Reccomend a 5-6ft mini ramp with a spine in the middle.

Roller derby track!

Skatepark with a lot flow/hit multiple obstacles in a row.

Smooth and mellow. Good spacing so it's not cramped and hard to skate if there a lot of people

Spacious and room to set up for tricks

Steep and deep

Street park within a bowl with lasting materials.

The park design needs to be accommodating to all skill levels, but you guys already know that! You're pros! I love your parks!

there's a lot of different skaters in the region. I've been skating for 15+ years. I think a healthy mix of tradition and street would be great. Also, flow is very important. Being able to smoothly hot multiple obstacles in a line.

This is what I am interested in.

This is where I stay at LOL a beginner medium and extra section I'm around a lot of teenage boys and a lot of younger boys in the one that's can do cool tricks don't want those little ones who haven't learned yet getting in the way. I cannot wait for the skatepark! Good clean fun for the kids!

Well rounded selection, with big and small features to accommodate for all ages and skill levels

Woodward Ramps to reduce the rate of aging, and a half pipe with a spine is a must.
