

Principal findings, responses to the creation of All Saints Neighborhood Park

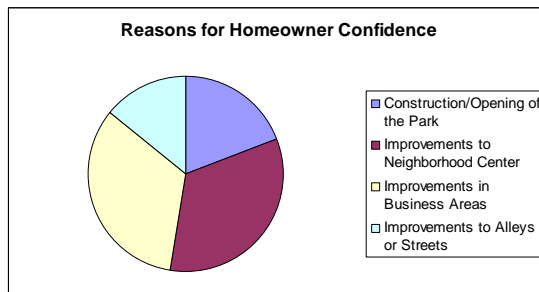
Our agency created, in cooperation with the Wayne County Division of Parks, a neighborhood park out of a stretch of vacant land. Its purpose was to provide an adequate facility for recreation for our youth population and to encourage community reinvestment. Informally we observed very soon that the park was very much loved and appreciated and used very intensively. Three families that recently moved into the neighborhood within a block of the park told us that the park was the key factor in their decision to move here.

The graphics below were created by an undergraduate student, Kelley Powell, participating in the Community-Based Research Fellowship Program of the University of Michigan to illustrate her findings in interviews of park users and nearby residents in a summer research effort conducted in 2006.

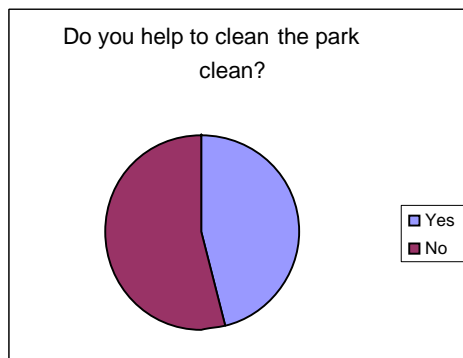
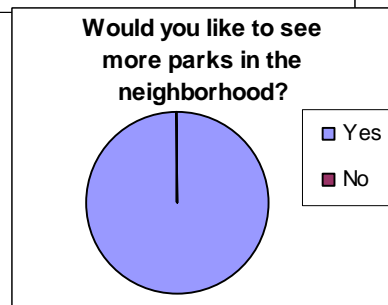
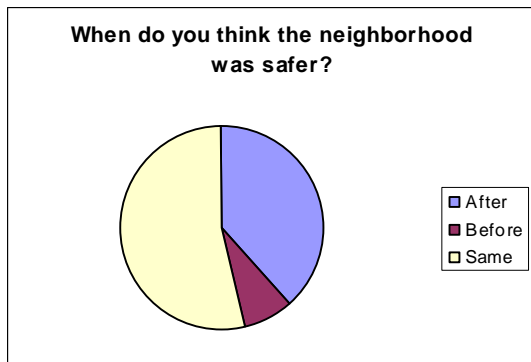
Responses by Adults, N=13

Which of the following have encouraged you to make home improvements?

When do you think the neighborhood was safer before or after the park construction?



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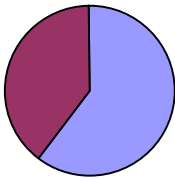


How Often do you use the Park?



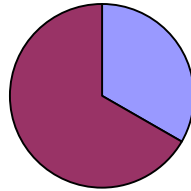
- Never
- A few times since the opening
- One day a week
- One to Three days a week
- More than three days a week

Have you lost weight since you have been using the park?



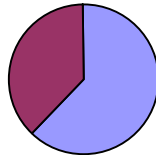
- Yes
- No

How much weight have you lost?



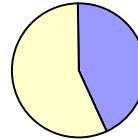
- Less than five pounds
- Five to ten pounds

Are you raising children?



- Yes
- No

Do you go to the park with your child?



- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

How old are your children who use the park?



- Under 5 yrs
- 5 to 9 yrs
- 10 to 14 yrs
- 15 to 18 yrs

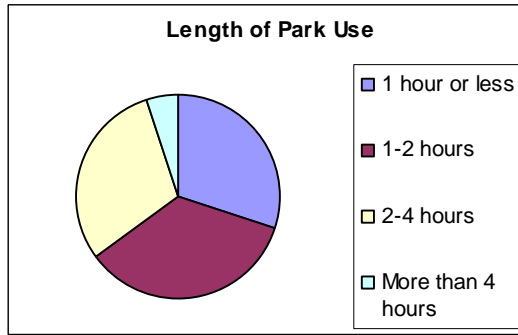
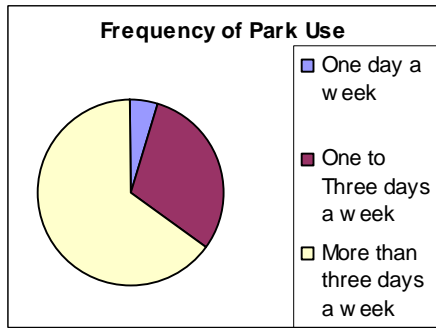
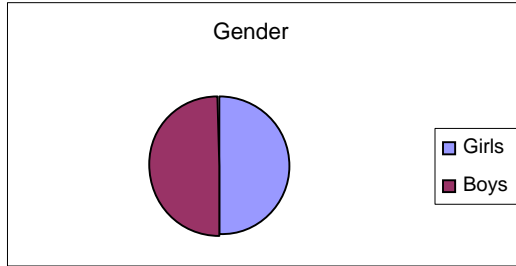
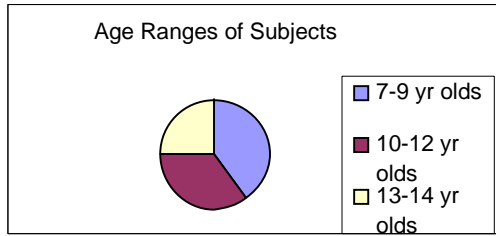
Were Improvements to your home made before or after the park was built?



- Before
- After

Responses by Children

N=20

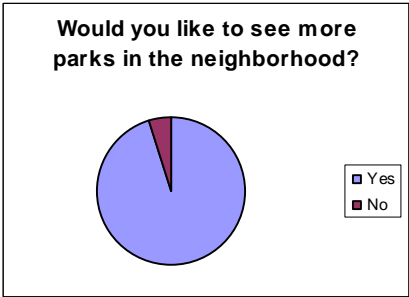
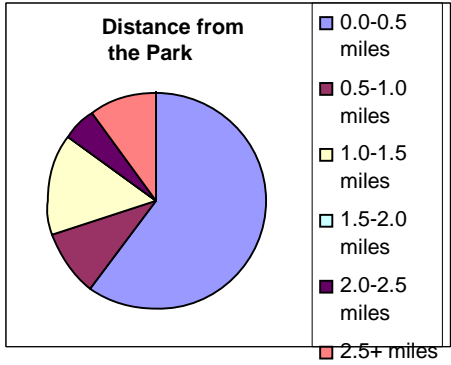
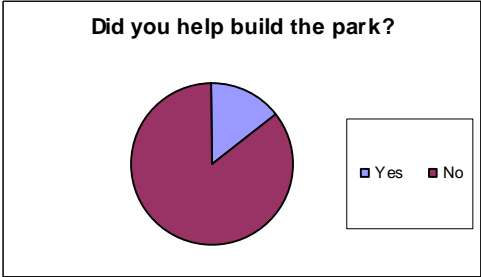
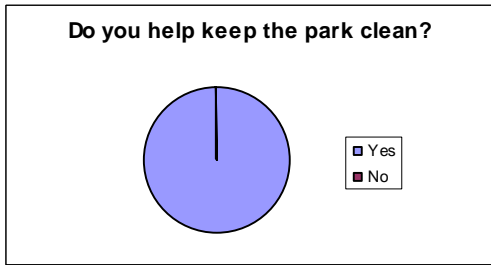


With whom do you usually come to the park?

	Friends	Siblings	Parents	Grandparents	Alone	Program Leaders
N (out of 20)	6	7	6	2	3	20
Percent	30.00%	35.00%	30.00%	10.00%	15.00%	100.00%

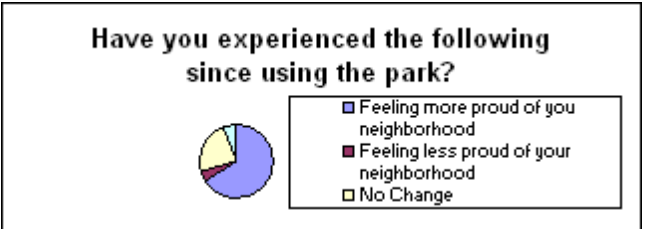
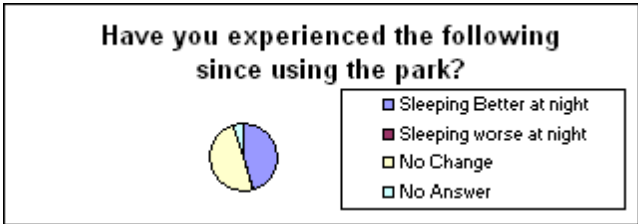
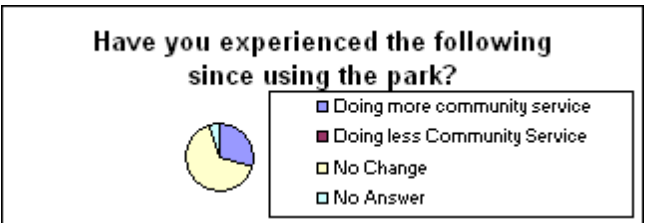
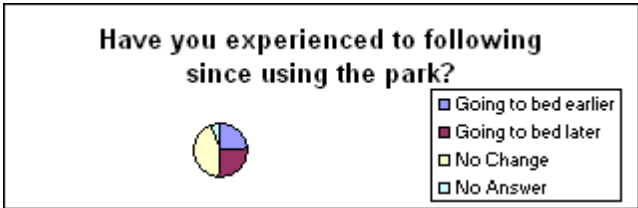
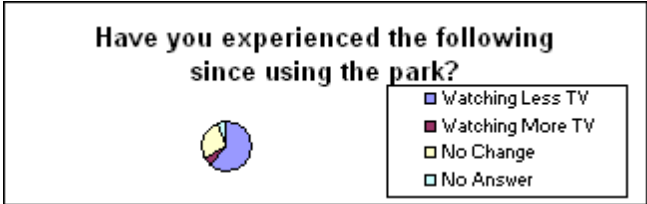
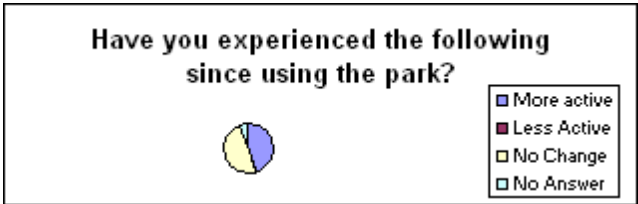
What do you like to do at the park?

Swinging	12	60%	Sliding	9	45%	Rollerblading	4	20%	Bike Riding	7	35%	Playing in the field	1	5%
Talking w/Friends	12	60%	Walking on the track	3	15%	Rock-climbing	1	5%	Dodge ball	1	5%	Soccer	3	15%
									Chin-ups on the plays cape	1	5%	Playing on the playscape	3	15%



Charts for the Lifestyle Changes by Children in the All Saints Neighborhood Park Study

N=20



Have you experienced the following since using the park?



- Feeling safer in the neighborhood
- Feeling less safe in the neighborhood
- No change
- No Answer

Have you experienced the following since using the park?



- Getting along better at home
- Getting along worse at home
- No Change
- No Answer

Have you experienced the following since using the park?



- Making more neighborhood friends
- Making losing neighborhood friends
- No Change
- No Answer