

Budget Advisory Committee Survey October 31, 2018 Results

A total of 18 respondents completed the survey. Of those, 11 (61%) included their name in their responses.

Question 1. The Strategic Plan identifies nine outcomes the bureau wants to accomplish by 2020. PP&R is using the Strategic Plan as a tool to guide development of the FY 2019-20 budget. Please assist us by numbering the list of outcomes below in order of priority.

Of the 18 respondents, 17 completed this question in its entirety. The partial response¹ is not included in the analysis below, because of the missing data. The graph below shows average priority ranking, with a lower average indicating a higher priority.

Average Priority Ranking (1 = Highest Priority, 9 = Lowest Priority)

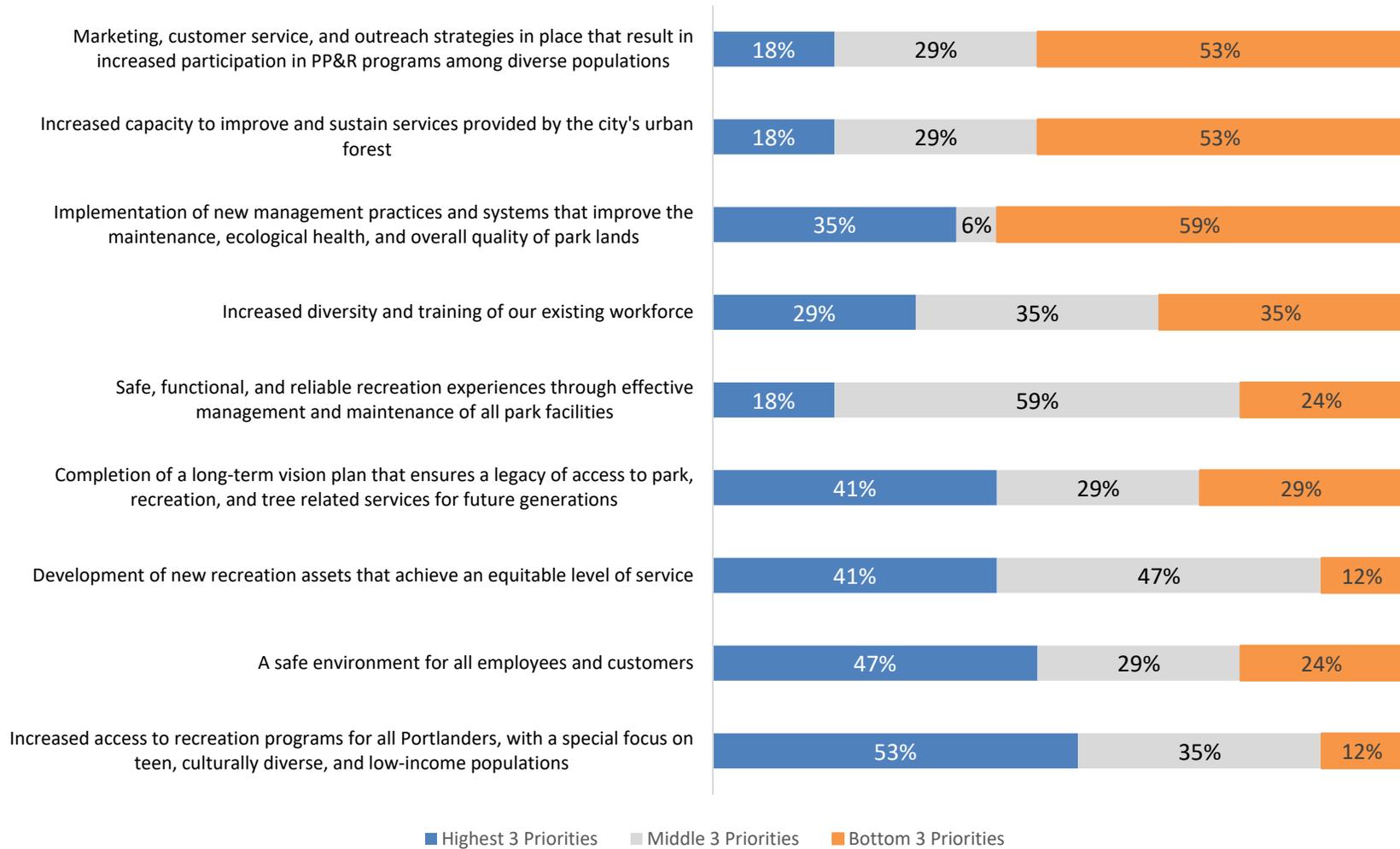


¹ Preferences for the partial response are as follows (ranking): safe recreation experience (1), increased diversity in the workforce (2), safe environment for all (3), marketing and communication (5), increased services of urban forest (8), long-term vision (9).

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As an alternative to averaging the ranking, the distribution of the rankings can be illustrated. The graph below shows the percent of each respondent who ranked the strategic plan outcomes in the highest priorities (1 to 3), middle priorities (4 to 6), and lowest priorities (7 to 9).

Distribution of Priority Ranking

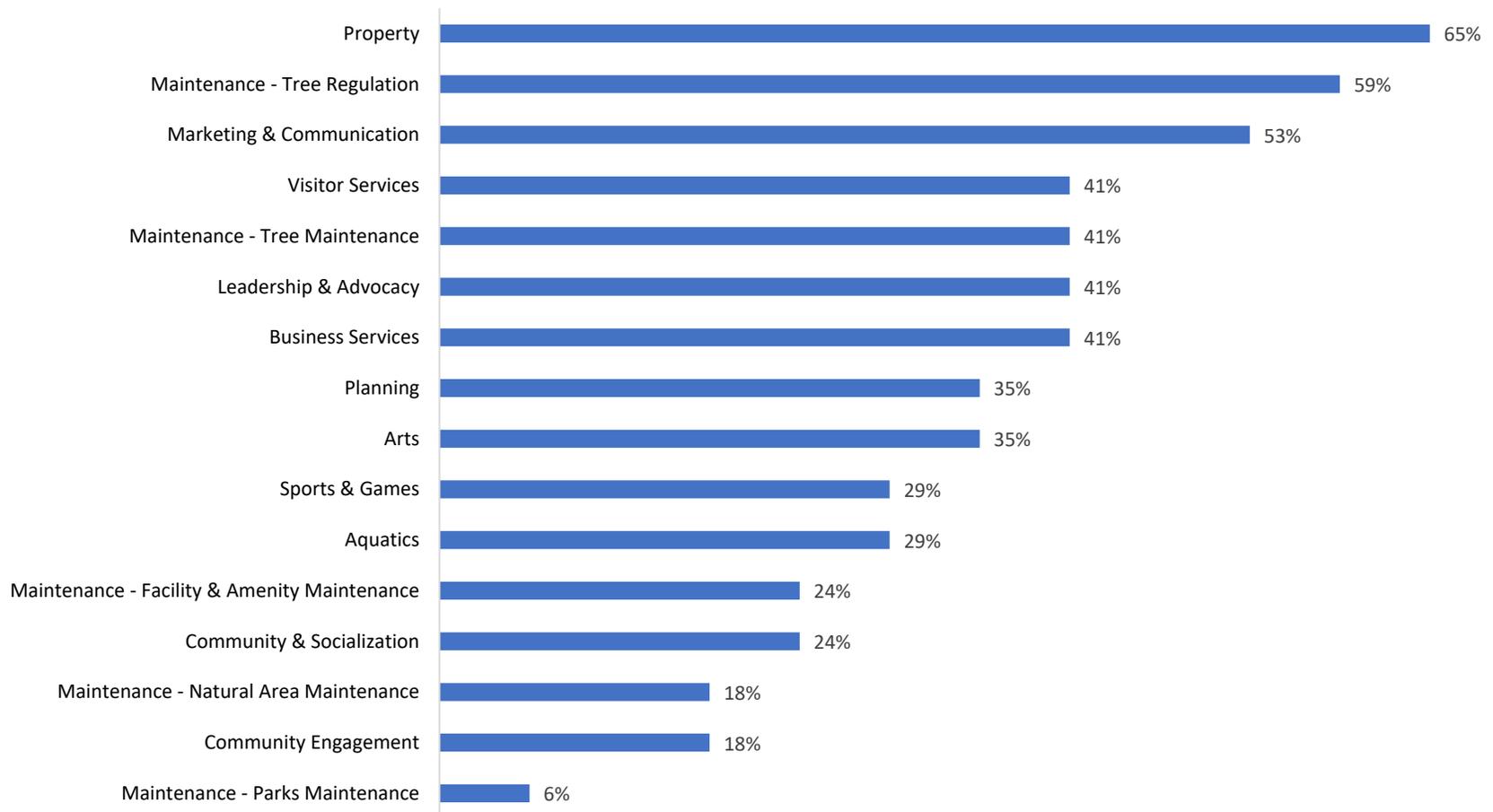


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Question 2. The following list includes PP&R’s draft of program offers with descriptions. Please review and identify 5 areas that you feel PP&R should consider as the lowest priorities. We will use this information to inform how we implement a 1% budget reduction.

The following graph represents the percentage of respondents who considered each program to be a low priority. One respondent chose six areas and their response was excluded from the analysis, leaving 17 respondents.

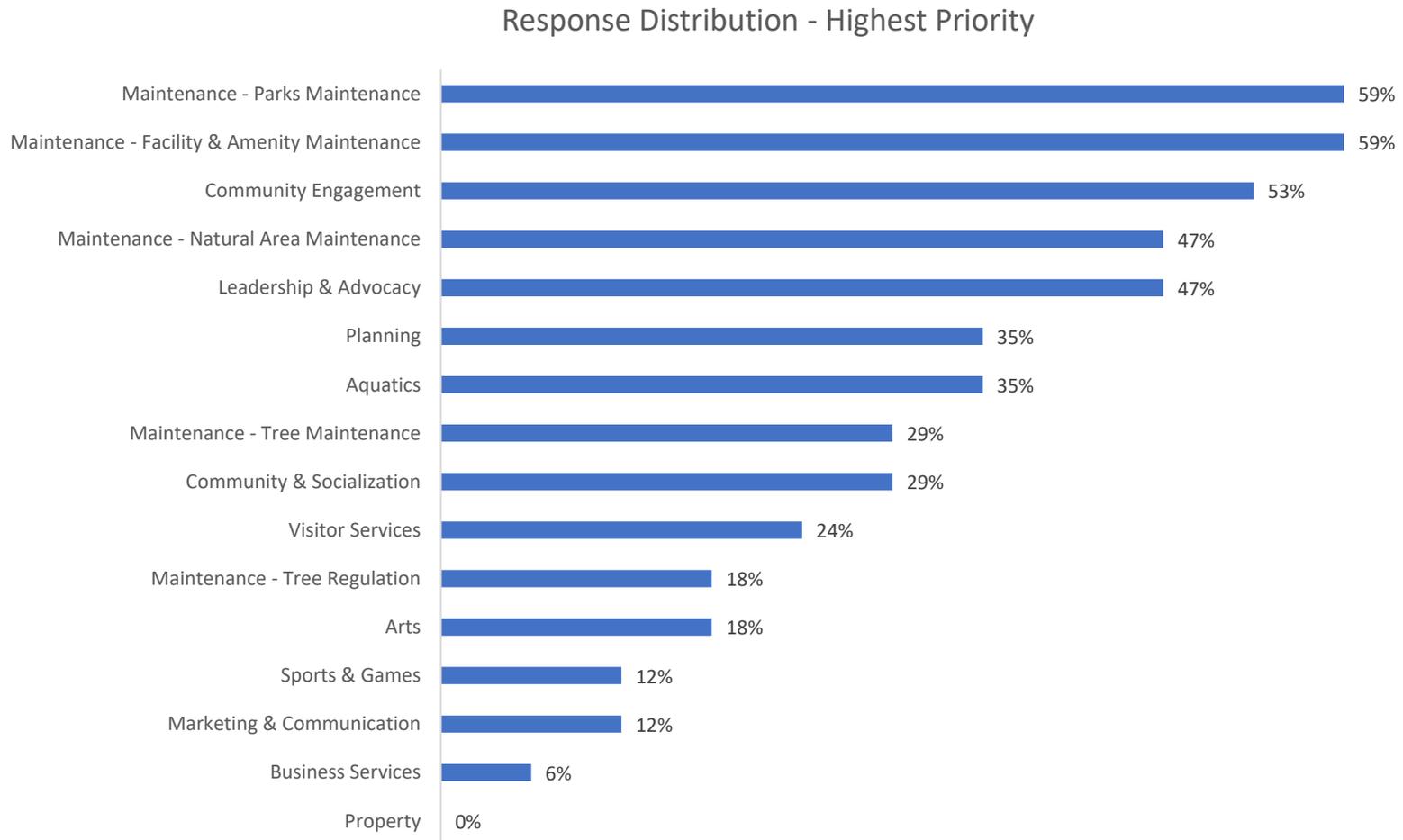
Response Distribution - Lowest Priority



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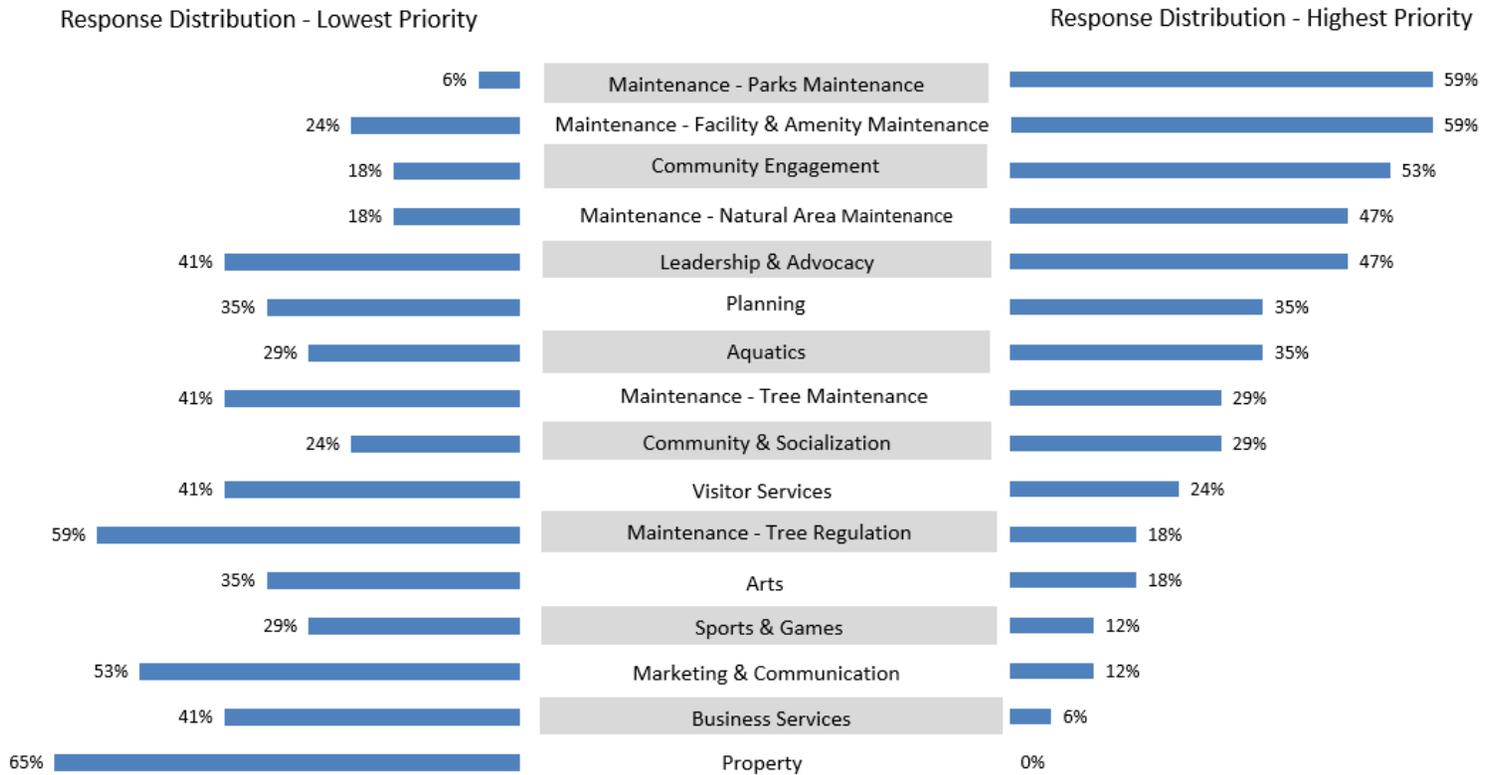
Question 3. The following list includes PP&R's draft of program offers with descriptions. Please review and identify 5 areas that you feel PP&R should consider the highest priorities. We will use this information to inform how we implement a 1% budget reduction.

The following graph represents the percentage of respondents who considered each program to be a high priority. One respondent did not complete this question; therefore 17 responses were included in this analysis.



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The graph below combines responses from Questions two and three. Programs are listed in order of those with the largest percentage of respondents identifying the program as a high priority.



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Comments. Is there anything else you would like to share with us regarding your lowest and highest priorities?

Ten respondents (56%) provided additional comments.

Comment
Choices might be different if more was known about each item.
Finding a good fit for taking care of what's already established, and should be established in neighborhoods (specifically and /or inclusive of East Portland) enveloped in Safety, Health and Equity.
Highest=parks maintenance of existing assets and Lowest=acquisition of new land or additional assets
In the first category i rated outreach low because i'm wondering if some of these activities can be supported by organizations like ours who have greater relationships and access to the communities you're trying to reach.
It may be time to focus on maintenance and improvements of existing facilities rather than expanding the parks system/adding additional activities.
Nothing should be cut that would cause anyone to lose their job. In addition, although Teen Services is housed under Recreation, there are other teen programs that don't fall within Recreation that I don't feel are accurately represented in this survey. The services that PP&R offers to the teen population of Portland include more than recreation and aquatics, it also includes the GRUNT and YCC programs. Unfortunately, for the past number of years, I have seen the YCC and GRUNT programs face stagnant or reduced budgets every year. However, I know that these programs are listed as high priorities in the City's Racial Equity Plan and I hope that these programs also recieve high priority in budget decisions.
Question. Have seasonal jobs been discontinued? I think seasonally jobs have a place in the workforce.
The ranking system does not accurately represent what should be prioritized or deemphasized. In other words, there are aspects of each category that can be emphasized or deemphasized. For example, aspects of equity and inclusion were pulled out for a vote rather than integrated into each point. As a general comment on what should be emphasized or deemphasized, areas that promote equity and inclusion should be emphasized (e.g., increased maintenance and safety in parks in underserved neighborhoods, increasing accessibility and programs in response to community feedback, etc.), whereas areas that are already in good standing do not need to be further emphasized/improved. This applies to nearly all the points in the previous pages. Focus on using the racial equity lens when making decisions about budgeting--so it's not "whether or not to improve, maintain, etc. ___," but where, what, and for whom?
We should be focusing on being an accessible, available, and friendly public service organization. We need the infrastructure, planning, and employee support to be able to provide quality facilities, information, and services. We can't keep doing everything and should focus on our core mission and values as a City Service with General Fund support.
With the cut on the budget, I would recommend to not acquire more property land. There are other forms to provide similar recreation and tree benefits without creating a park facility. Increasing the tree canopy enhances wildlife corridors, air quality, climate comfort, neighborhood beautification, and soil conservation.