

PROJECT HISTORY

In 1995 approximately 13.2 acres of the Hunt property was purchased by the Village with the intention of creating a large public park. Riverfront Park, as it is known today, was designed in 1999 and the general design has remained for the last 20+ years.

As the largest village park in Bourbonnais, Riverfront Park provides public access to the Kankakee River and highlights unique natural features, such as the rocky ravines, large existing trees, and sloped terrain.

The village wants to ensure that the park continues to serve the open space and recreation needs of the community for years to come, and established a master planning process in 2024 to develop a shared vision for the future of Riverfront Park.

An initial workshop was conducted on January 10th, 2024. This was followed up with an online survey that was conducted from February 5th to March 11th of the same year.

Following this process, the Village became aware of a unique opportunity to expand the park. The adjacent 6.63 acres of riverfront land was donated to the Village by the Johnston family, increasing the size of the park to 1-1/2 times its original size.

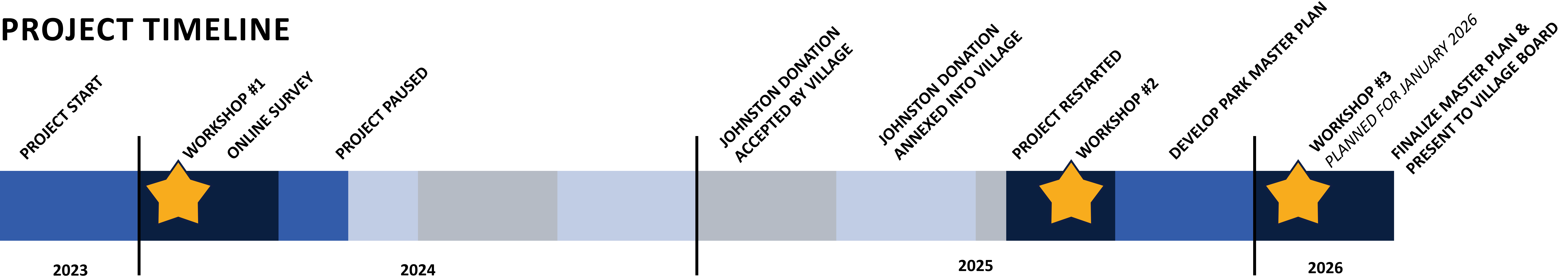
Due to this opportunity, the Village paused the master planning process. The Village has taken the time to approve an ordinance to accept the donation and go through the formal process to annex the land into the Village. Additionally, Senator Patrick Joyce secured a grant of \$110,000 to be used to enhance the park.

The master planning process has now been restarted to include the additional park land. This workshop is a chance to update residents on the process and confirm input received in 2024. The consultant team will then proceed to develop concepts for enhancing the park, which they will bring back for the public to review and provide feedback on at the next workshop.

PROJECT PHOTOS



PROJECT TIMELINE



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The first public workshop for Riverfront Park was held on January 10th, 2024. The public provided responses on a several questions about opportunities, challenges, and most desirable activities and features. Additionally, a series of images were presented at this workshop and the participants were asked to rate each one.

Following the workshop, the materials were translated into an online survey. Between February 5th and March 11th, 2024, a total of 1,149 people participated in the survey.

The charts on this exhibit summarize the answers to the questions asked. The next exhibit highlights the top rated images and the positively rated images.

As we proceed into design we would like to confirm the input we received in 202

Riverfront Park’s Most Desirable Activities or Features

(Ranked in order of popularity)

1.

Picnic Area
2.

Reading
3.

Fishing
4.

Disc Golf
5.

Fishing/Viewing Pier
6.

Playground
7.

Yoga
8.

Kayak Launch
9.

Pavilion
10.

Dog Walking
11.

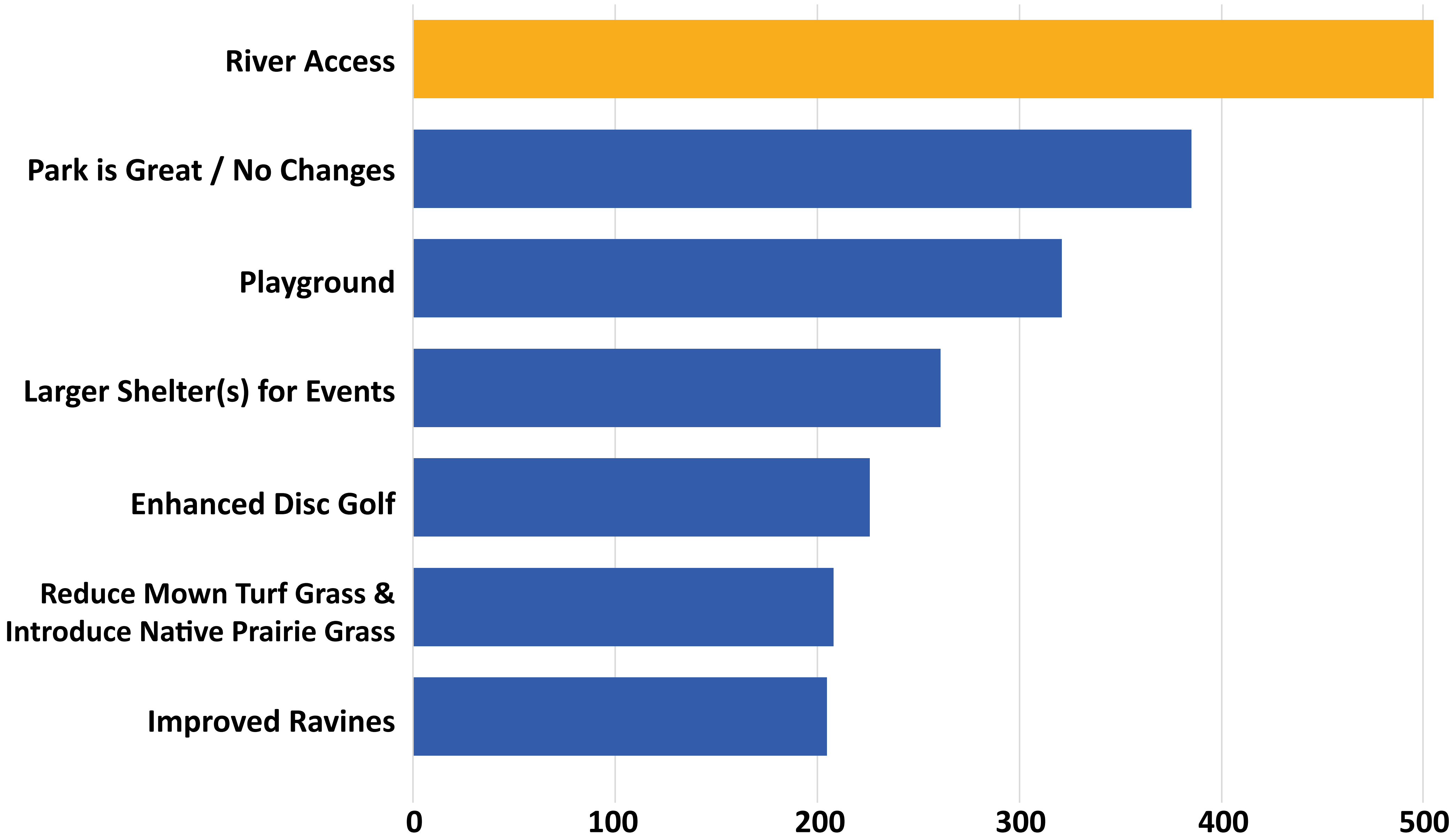
Native Planting
12.

Hopscotch
13.

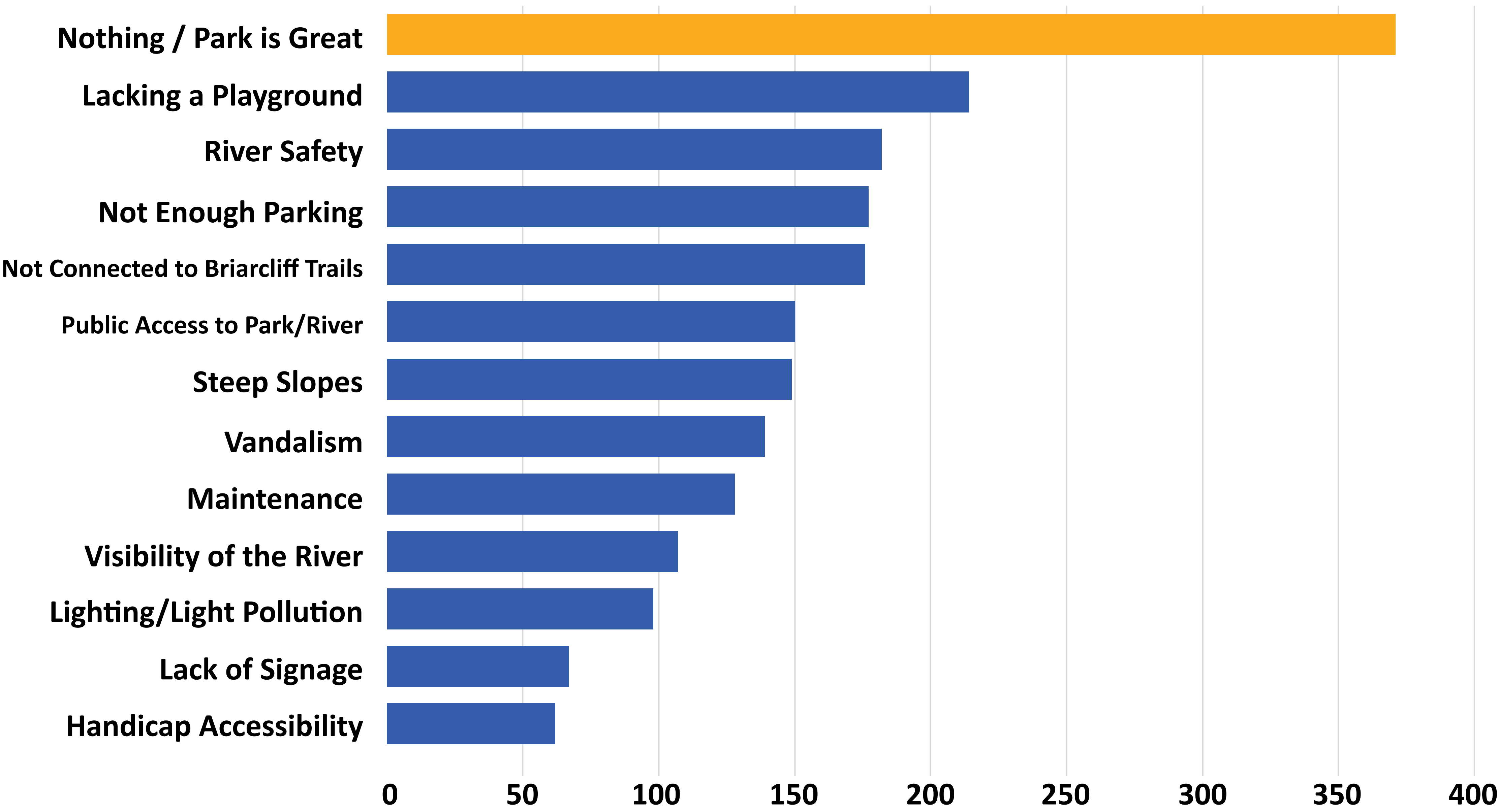
Exercise
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Volleyball

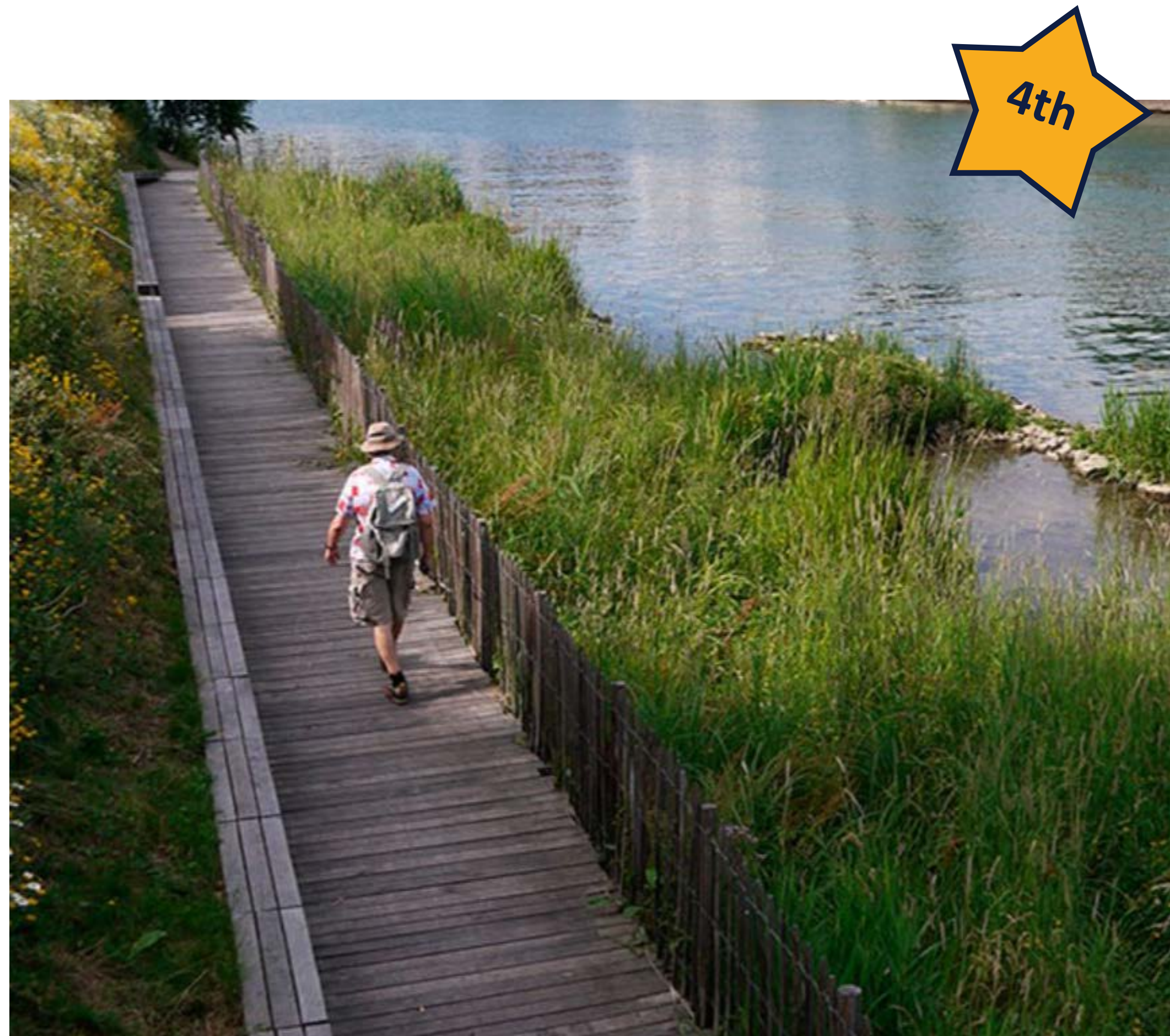
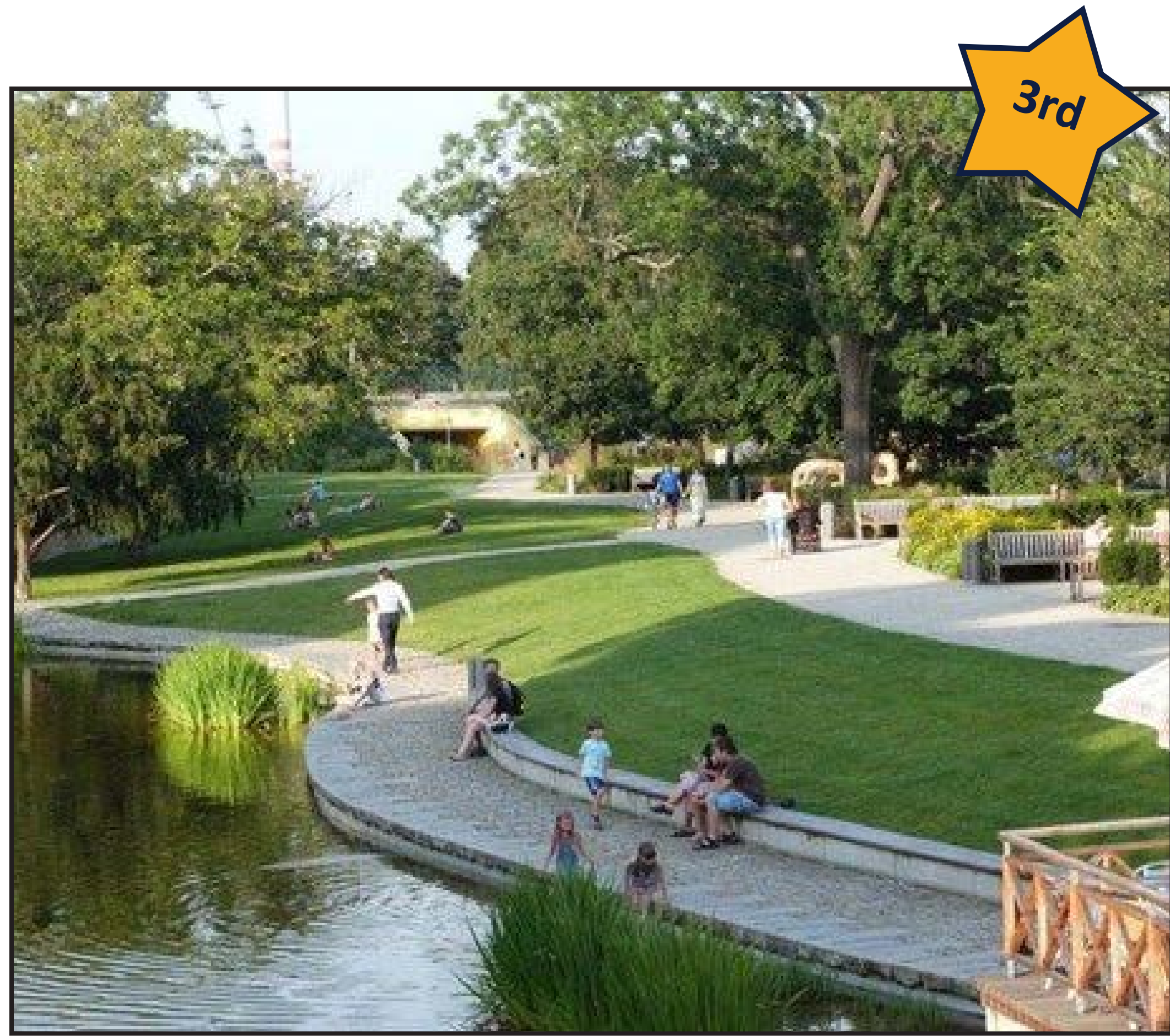
Riverfront Park’s Greatest Opportunities



Riverfront Park’s Greatest Challenges



TOP 4 RATED IMAGES



POSITIVELY RATED IMAGES

