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Survey: Athletic Field Maintenance Practices

| Report: Default Report | | | | | | |
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| Survey Status Respondent Statistics Points Summary | | | | | | |
| Status: | Closed | Total Responses: | 119 | No Points Questions used in this survey. | | |
| Deploy Date: | 02/01/2012 | Completes: | 89 | | | |
| Closed Date: | 02/11/2012 | Partials: | 30 | | | |
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1. What is your annual park & recreation agency budget? Responses Percent <\$15 Million: 102 85.71% \$15-30 Million: 13 10.92% >\$30 Million: 4 Total Responded to this question: 119 Total who skipped this question: 0 Total: 119

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| 2. What is the size of your com | munity? | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent |
| <50,000: | | 93 | 78.15% |
| 50,000-100,000: | | 21 | 17.65% |
| >100,000: | | 5 | 4.2% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 119 | 100% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 0 | 0% |
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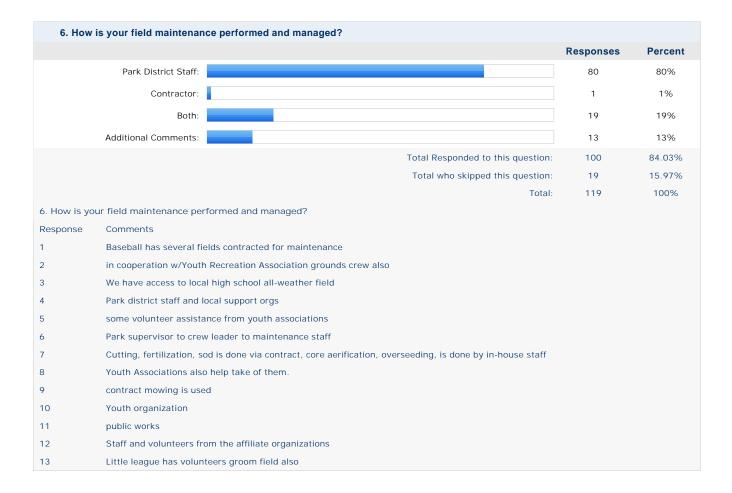
| 3. Please indicate the number of athletic fields your park & recreation agency supports. | | | | | |
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| | 0 | 1-5 | 6-10 | >10 | Total |
| U-9 (T-Ball, R-Ball) Baseball: | 11(10.09%) | 83(76.15%) | 11(10.09%) | 4(3.67%) | 109 |
| U-9 (T-Ball, R-Ball) Softball: | 27(24.77%) | 68(62.39%) | 11(10.09%) | 3(2.75%) | 109 |
| U-11 (Youth Pitch Ball) Baseball: | 10(9.17%) | 71(65.14%) | 19(17.43%) | 9(8.26%) | 109 |
| U-11 (Youth Pitch Ball) Softball: | 17(15.45%) | 71(64.55%) | 15(13.64%) | 7(6.36%) | 110 |
| High School/Adult Baseball: | 34(31.19%) | 70(64.22%) | 3(2.75%) | 2(1.83%) | 109 |
| High School/Adult Softball: | 21(19.09%) | 70(63.64%) | 12(10.91%) | 7(6.36%) | 110 |
| | | Total | Responded to this question | 109 | 91.6% |
| | | Tota | I who skipped this question | 10 | 8.4% |
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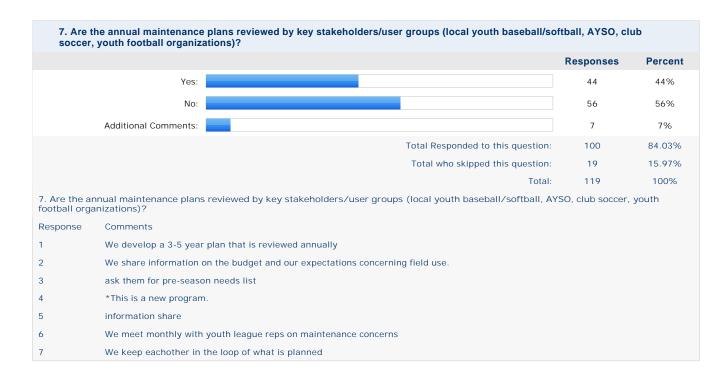
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Please indicate the number of multi--purpose sports fields your agency supports.

| | 0 | 1-5 | 5-10 | >10 | Total |
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| U-8 Turf Grass: | 28(26.92%) | 55(52.88%) | 16(15.38%) | 5(4.81%) | 104 |
| U-8 All Weather Turf: | 93(91.18%) | 9(8.82%) | 0(0%) | 0(0%) | 102 |
| U-10 Turf Grass: | 25(24.27%) | 60(58.25%) | 15(14.56%) | 3(2.91%) | 103 |
| U-10 All Weather Turf: | 93(91.18%) | 6(5.88%) | 2(1.96%) | 1(0.98%) | 102 |
| U-12 (Junior) Turf Grass: | 25(24.27%) | 62(60.19%) | 10(9.71%) | 6(5.83%) | 103 |
| U-12 (Junior) All Weather Turf: | 93(91.18%) | 8(7.84%) | 0(0%) | 1(0.98%) | 102 |
| HS/Adult (Full Size) Turf Grass: | 30(29.13%) | 59(57.28%) | 8(7.77%) | 6(5.83%) | 103 |
| HS/Adult (Full Size) All Weather Turf: | 89(86.41%) | 11(10.68%) | 2(1.94%) | 1(0.97%) | 103 |
| | | Total | Responded to this question: | 103 | 86.55% |
| | | Tota | al who skipped this question: | 16 | 13.45% |
| | | | Total: | 119 | 100% |

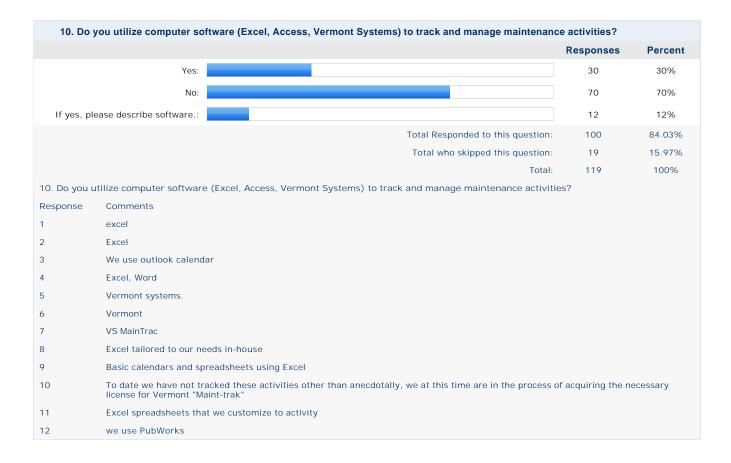
| 5. Are any fields single use? | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent |
| Yes: | | 42 | 40.78% |
| No: | | 61 | 59.22% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 103 | 86.55% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 16 | 13.45% |
| | Total: | 119 | 100% |

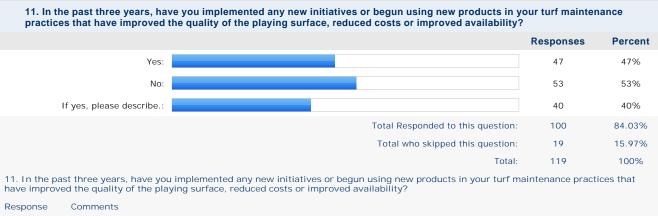










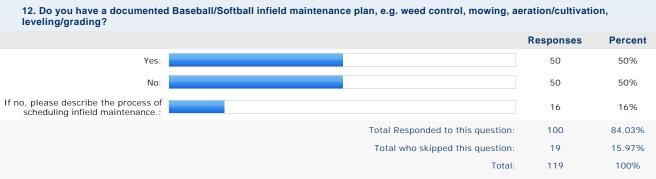


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| 1 | Bio-solids for the turf areas. |
| 2 | deep drilling aerification |
| 3 | Allowing ,major fields to res tin the fall (not allowing fall ball on these fields) |
| 4 | Biosolids from MWRD in the Spring and fall |
| 5 | irrigation control, best practices management |
| 6 | lip repair (where the grass edges and infield mix meet) |
| 7 | Sand and Compost Top Dressing |
| 8 | bio-solids |
| 9 | topdressing w/compost |
| 10 | We get fertilizer from the Metropolitan Sanitary District |
| 11 | Louisville Slugger infield Sand Mix Gypsum applications on soccer fields Starting compost top dress program Central Control Irrigation System Purchased deep tine 3-point unit |
| 12 | Increased aerification, fined tuned pre-emerge and post-emerge herbicide apps, installed drainiage |
| 13 | topdressing w/ compost/sand blend |
| 14 | The use of bio solids and the use of an organic blend fertilizers. |
| 15 | Use of biosloids (free) from the MWRD. We use no chemical fertilizers |
| 16 | We have added a gypsum topdressing to our highly played fields. Also, to improve drainage we have "drill and filled" three soccer fields and one baseball outfield. |
| 17 | The incorporation of a drying agent with the ballfield mix in the off season. Seed inside the hashmarks of the football field DURING the season so that the cleats work in the seed. |
| 18 | Went from an aggreate to an infield mix. |
| 19 | Renovating infields in house to reduce lost time due to rainouts. Implemented a turf management program including fert and herb apps, topdressing overseeding and aerating. |
| 20 | Every 2 weeks we go through a facility maintenance checklist to help us maintain a safe and adequate facility. This checklist is actually mandatory through ASA for insurance purposes. Our Turf maintenance practices our very unique because of our low water table as well as the facility sits on a natural wetland. We use a variety of techniques to help saturate water on both the infields and outfield. One of those techniques is burrying sump buckets in low point and pushing water into them and pumping water out. |
| 21 | Fertilizer, Spraying & aeration plan. |
| 22 | Deep tine aeration and Biosolids |
| 23 | We have implemented the use of Humic Acid as well as several varities of live microbials to aid in root establishment of turf areas. We have also taken steps to better blend multiple cultivars of grass species to aid in drought resistance as well as sustainability. |
| 24 | Soil conditioners |
| 25 | We have begun to use deep core aerification equipment on several of our sites, and followed up with top dressing in calcine clay so as to allow percolation of moisture and oxygen into root zones of highly compacted soils. The next item that has made a significant difference is the use of a specialized soil ammendment formulated to bring down the PH of the soil at several of our sites. |
| 26 | Created a spread sheet for grading our infields on a rotational basis. Every third year the field will be regraded. |
| 27 | We now are renovating our infield with a product called Bryan Rock. Helps with the drainage and is able to be playable 2-3 hours after a rain fall |
| 28 | Biggest change we made was to annually remove 24" of the lip on our skinned infields and resod. |
| 29 | playing surface and drainage |
| 30 | Built two artificial turf fields out doors and one field indoors. |
| 31 | Aerification, topdressing, overseeding, fertilizing, pest mgt, rotating usage. |
| 32 | 1 app fertalizer feeds for 20 wks. Added bricks to batters boxes at all fields. |
| 33 | New ball mix for drainage. |
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- 34 added ability for portable irrigation
- 35 deep core aeration with calcined clay and gypsum backfill
- 36 Added pros choice red
- 37 Laser Grading- Annual rotation of fields
- 38 purchased a laser grader box to regrade all baseball/softball fields. This allows fields to drain better and use less product after rains. New synthetic soccer/ football fields have extended use of fields and reduced maintnenace cost, shift use off turf fields in wet conditions onto synthetic.
- 39 increased frequency of replenishing materials.

40 irrigation



12. Do you have a documented Baseball/Softball infield maintenance plan, e.g. weed control, mowing, aeration/cultivation, leveling/grading? Response Comments

- 1 Nothing documented ... yet. that is a good idea.
- 2 done on an every other day schedule during the season
 - As weather allows our routine is: drag fields 2-3x week, mow 2x week at 2.5 in., fertalize 4x yr, aerate 2-3x yr, irrigate (auto) on 1 field, irrigate others as able with water cannon, grade low spots around bases/plates/mound as needed, re-set bases, dry as needed, renovate edges 1-2x yr, stripe softball fields, clean dugouts, repair fencing, remove trash.
- 4 weather depend, fall preporation, spring tasks and summer tasks. We put together a plan every spring as to what we want to do to the fields.
- 5 This is something that will be developed
- 6 It's not documented. We handle adult athletics. Youth baseball does their own maintenance. Mid-season, Park District does some heavier work aroun bases, home plate and pitchers mound if needed.
- 7 As needed

n/a

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- 8 Just do it when it needs to be done in conjunction with the league and its contractor.
- 9 renovate in fall after season. Mowing on a weekly basis, aerate 3x year, fertilize 3x year, herbicide app 1x year later spring earl; y summer.
- Fields are mowed, cultivated, etc. on as needed basis determined by Supt. of Maintenance and his Asst.
- 12 Baseball fields have a schedule of activities that starts in early spring and continues on throgh the year. This includes discing of infields, dressing the infield perimeter, core aerification of the outfields, and a cooperative program of dragging the infields (leveling) them via Park Staff and volunteer baseball association adults.
- 13 As needed for general maintenance. Mowing is routine as contracted or done by youth associations.
- 14 Simple routine plan. special practices discussed internally with park and golf turf staff
- 15 as needed
- 16 We have a park maintenance manual and also use a weekly inspection sheet to track maintenance.

| 13. Is a copy of the plan available? | | |
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| | Responses | Percent |
| Yes: | 22 | 44% |
| No: | 28 | 56% |
| Total Responded to this question: | 50 | 42.02% |
| Total who skipped this question: | 69 | 57.98% |
| Total: | 119 | 100% |

| 14. Do you have a documented annual turf maintenance plan for the infields and outfields, e.g. fertilization, aeration, weed control, irrigation, mowing, temporary closing for maintenance? | | | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent | | |
| Yes: | | 50 | 51.02% | | |
| No: | | 48 | 48.98% | | |
| If no, please dexcribe in brief your program for turf maintenance - list practice & time frame.: | | 17 | 17.35% | | |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 98 | 82.35% | | |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 21 | 17.65% | | |
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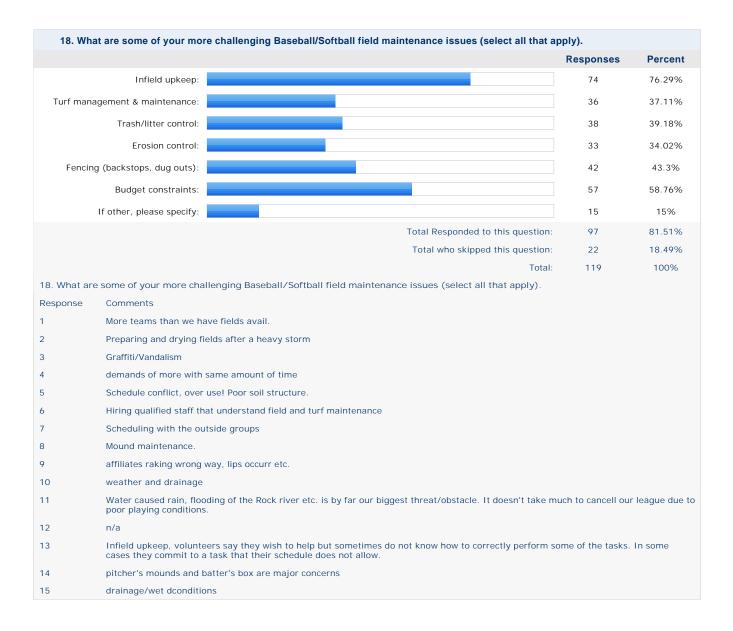
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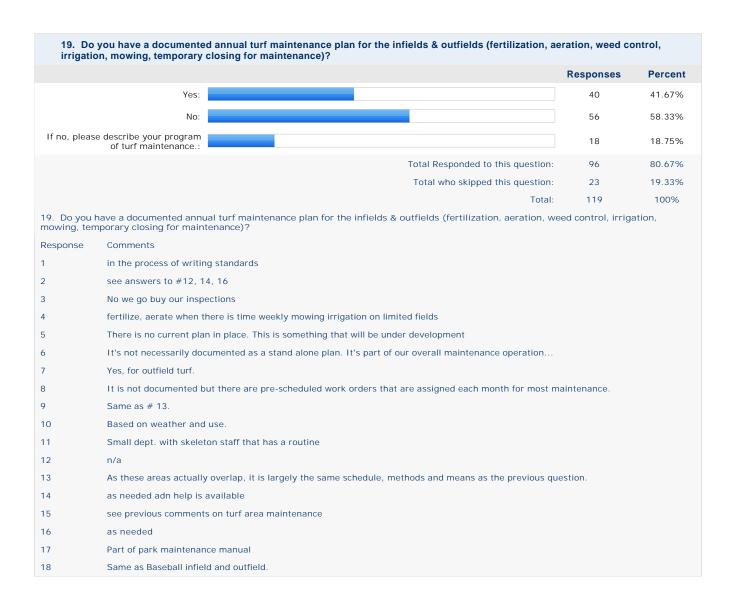
| Response | Comments |
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| 1 | Nee dto put the plan into a beter documet for distribution |
| 2 | apply lawn care products 4x yr, aerate 2-3x yr, irrigate as able/needed, renovate/topdress as needed. |
| 3 | We set a plan every spring for our list of tasks. We work around recreations field rentals and games as to what we do on the fiels maintenance. |
| 4 | This is something being developed |
| 5 | Not documented. It's part of the overall plan but it's not necessarily documented in the strictest sense. |
| 6 | We do not have a documented plan, but we have pre-scheduled work orders that will be assigned for fertlizing (four times a season), aeration (a minimum two times per season) and an annual weed and feed contract. |
| 7 | See #13. |
| 8 | Staff's experience knows when fields need to be aerated, sprayed, fertilized, etc. |
| 9 | n/a |
| 10 | Yes, to most aspects of your question. Fields are fetilized 5-6 times per year as per contract with Landscape Maint contractor. This is occuring basically on a monthly basis April, May, June, July, Sept, Oct. *some of these ops are weather-dependant. Core aerification is happening about 4 times per year, and again this is weather dependant. This function cannot take place when the ground is sodden, nor can it take place when we are getting into drought conditions. In a perfect world, it would happen April, Early June, Mid Sept, and Late Oct. weather permitting, it could also take place in late July. Deep time core aerification 1.25" of water a week. Should we have natural rain, the systems are turned off. Weed control is actually minimal. Mowing occurs via a landscape maint contract and the contract specification . |
| 11 | Timed and blended fertilization according to our soil test results. Daily leveling of low spots when we groom the field - even mixing water and dry material in the filled holes. Closing fields for last 3 weeks in August to perform regrading and lip maintenance. |
| 12 | Yearly feed, boradleaf spary as needed, aeration 4 xs a year. Seed and feed thin aeras. Top dress annualy. Mowing scehudled weekly to 3'. |
| 13 | Spring aeration and calcined clay/gypsum backfill Spring and Fall Fertilize Spring pre-emerge Fall broadleaf. Water as needed |
| 14 | as needed |
| 15 | Part of park maintenance manual |
| 16 | organic based fertilizer program 2-3 times per year |
| 17 | Fertilization occurs 1x per year in June. Additional applied as needed. Aeration is done as needed and usually at least 1x per year. Weed Control is applied 2x's per year in spring and fall. Irrigation is started up and shut down via irrigation contractor in spring and fall Small repairs are made in house throughout the season. Mowing is done 1x per week and additionally as needed. We work with our Athletics supervisor in preparation to any needed closings for field renovation. |
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| 15. Is a copy of the plan available? | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent |
| Yes: | | 25 | 50% |
| No: | | 25 | 50% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 50 | 42.02% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 69 | 57.98% |
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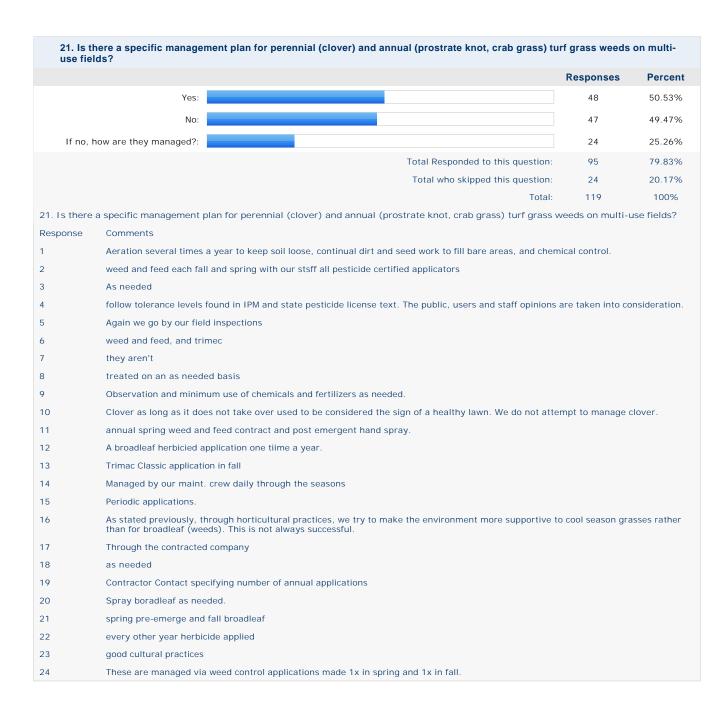


| 17. Is a copy of the plan available? | | |
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| | Responses | Percent |
| Yes: | 23 | 35.94% |
| No: | 41 | 64.06% |
| Total Responded to this question: | 64 | 53.78% |
| Total who skipped this question: | 55 | 46.22% |
| Total: | 119 | 100% |

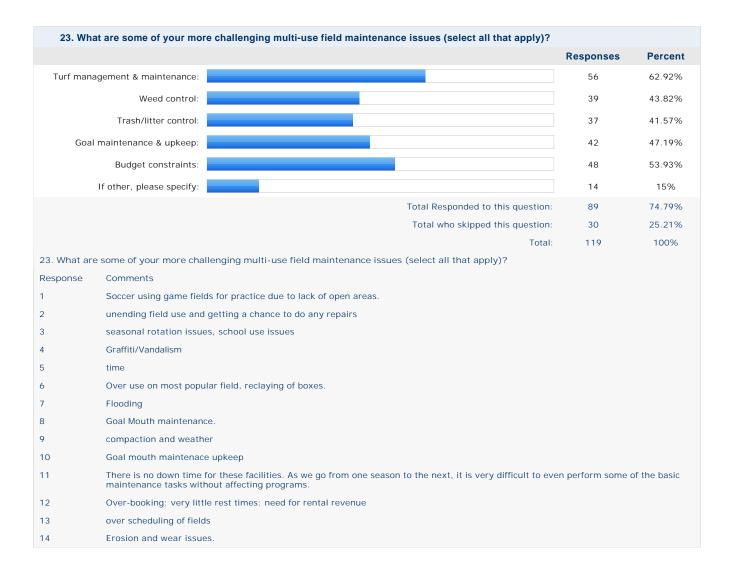




| 20. Is a copy of the plan available? | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent |
| Yes: | | 19 | 47.5% |
| No: | | 21 | 52.5% |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 40 | 33.61% |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 79 | 66.39% |
| | Total: | 119 | 100% |



| 22. Is there a copy of the plan available? | | |
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| | Responses | Percent |
| Yes: | 16 | 33.33% |
| No: | 32 | 66.67% |
| Total Responded to this question: | 48 | 40.34% |
| Total who skipped this question: | 71 | 59.66% |
| Total: | 119 | 100% |



| 24. Please provide your contact information (name, agency, email, telephone.) | | | | |
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| | | Responses | Percent | |
| | Responses: | 51 | 100% | |
| | Total Responded to this question: | 51 | 42.86% | |
| | Total who skipped this question: | 68 | 57.14% | |
| | Total: | 119 | 100% | |
| 24. Pleas | e provide your contact information (name, agency, email, telephone.) | | | |
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