



Future of Ellington Field Survey Result Highlights

Total Responses = 186

Q1 (185 responses): Satisfaction with Ellington Field:

- 88% of respondents said they have sufficient access to Ellington Field
 - About 7% disagreed
 - About 5% were neutral
- More than 74% of respondents said they are satisfied with the current state of Ellington Field
 - About 18% disagreed
 - About 7% were neutral
- 87% of respondents said it was important to have access to and use of Ellington Field
 - 3.8% disagreed
 - 9.2% were neutral

Q2 (185 responses): Your needs: For what purpose do you use Ellington Field?

- Almost 90% of respondents say they use Ellington Field for independent exercise
- About 31% use it for dog-related activities
- 16% for other activities (primarily a place where people bring their kids to play, meet neighbors)
- 9% for organized activities

Q3 (180 Responses) Hours: How important is it for you to maintain access to the field during these times?

- 46% said it was extremely to very important to have access in morning hours
- A more even distribution said it was not at all important to extremely important to access mid-day
- 49% said it was extremely to very important to have access in afternoon hours
- 43% said it was extremely to very important to have access in evening hours
- 56% said it was not at all important to have access at night

Q4 (185 responses) Priority: What groups do you think should have priority access?

- Highest and high priority went to local residents (87%) and DC Public schools (76%)
- Lowest and low priority went to private schools (48%), independent organizations (44%) and dog owners (38%).
- Absolute highest went to local residents (46%); Absolute lowest (28%) went to dog owners
- In the middle were Universities

Q5 (186 responses): Ellington Field Changes:

- An overwhelming number of respondents strongly agreed with the following statements:
 - Mature trees should be maintained (72%)
 - Evaluation of impacts should be made prior to any administrative changes (77%)
 - Formal written evaluation from BCA after survey results, public meetings and reporting should be made prior to any administrative changes (76%)

- 39% Strongly disagreed with adding lights; 14% strongly agreed; 25% somewhat agreed
- 25% strongly disagreed the track should be expanded; 8% strongly agreed; 37% neutral
- 27% strongly disagreed the field should be expanded; 10% strongly agreed; 30% neutral
- 33% strongly disagreed a dog park should be added; 32% strongly or somewhat agreed; 18% neutral

Q6 (186 responses) Parking/Traffic: To what degree would you approve or disapprove of changes?

- An majority of respondents strongly disagreed with:
 - Increasing traffic throughout Burleith streets (65%)
 - Eliminating as many as 12 residential spaces to make room for buses (62%)
 - Increasing demand for parking further from the field (spillover) (56%)
 - Increasing demand for parking within a block of Ellington Field (54%)

Q7 (92 responses): Is there anything else you'd like to share with us regarding Ellington Field?

- Many comments noted the importance of the field as a cherished resource to the neighborhood and a valuable civic-social asset (for old and young), that it should be left as is, trees maintained, with public school access for practice (not games)
- Several noted the area is already busy and congested with enough traffic and do not want that to increase; already issues with Medstar, GU, the International School
- Several said not to fix what isn't broke, less change the better
- Several indicate it is already well used by the community regularly and it's a visually appealing place
- Highest priority should be for local residents, place for children to conduct informal play
- "Improvements" should not come at a cost to the neighborhood.
- A few comments on the need to allow for dogs to use the green space outside of the field as it is the only fenced in place in the neighborhood
- Some mentioned the issue with Jellef and Maret, and the loss of that resource leading to the need for more fields and the interest in Ellington.
- Many concerned with the impact of expansion of the field and increased negative impacts on the neighborhood which is already suffering from impacts from construction and the number of institutions in the area.