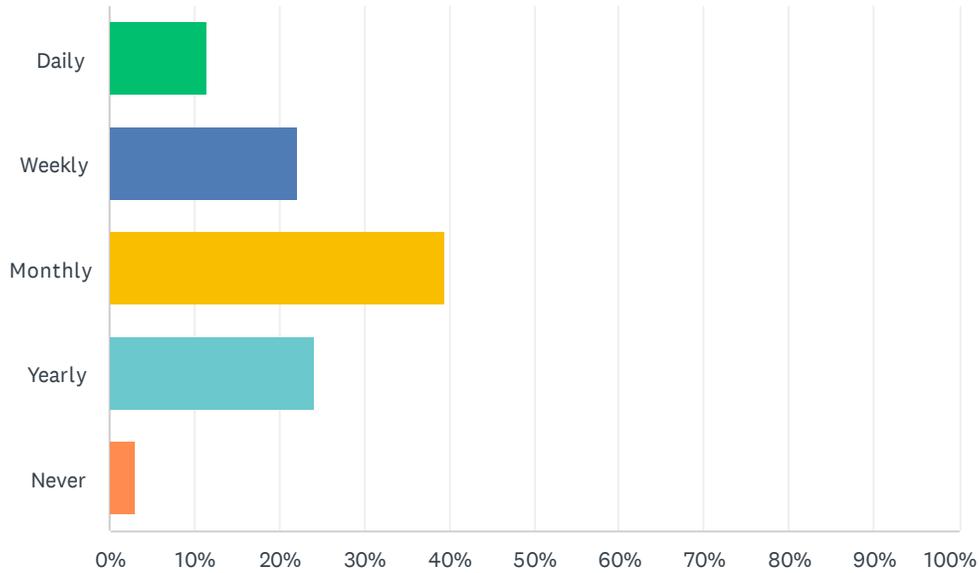


## Q1 How often do you and/or your family visit Buhr Park?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 3

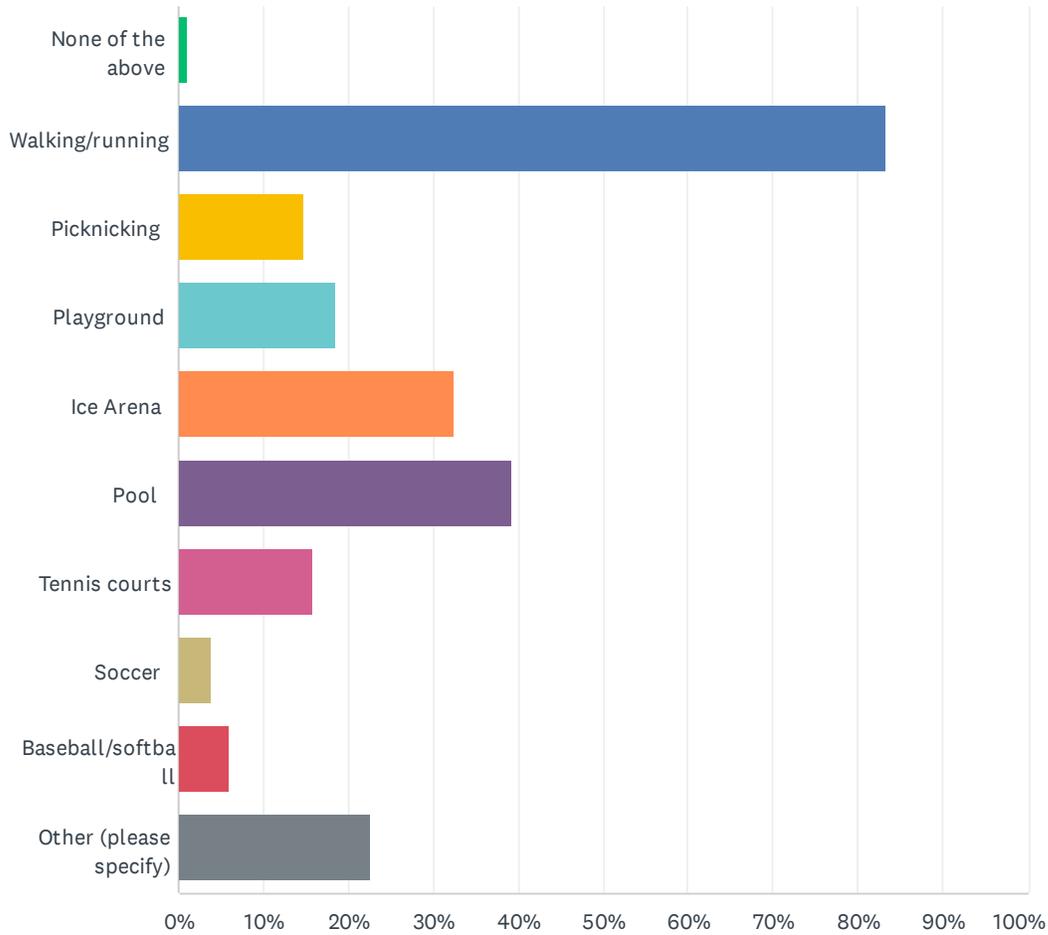


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	11.54%	12
Weekly	22.12%	23
Monthly	39.42%	41
Yearly	24.04%	25
Never	2.88%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>104</b>

## Q2 What activities do you and/or your family do at Buhr Park?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 5

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	0.98% 1
Walking/running	83.33% 85
Picknicking	14.71% 15
Playground	18.63% 19
Ice Arena	32.35% 33
Pool	39.22% 40
Tennis courts	15.69% 16
Soccer	3.92% 4
Baseball/softball	5.88% 6
Other (please specify)	22.55% 23
Total Respondents: 102	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Biking	3/3/2023 3:43 PM
2	Cycling	3/3/2023 11:10 AM

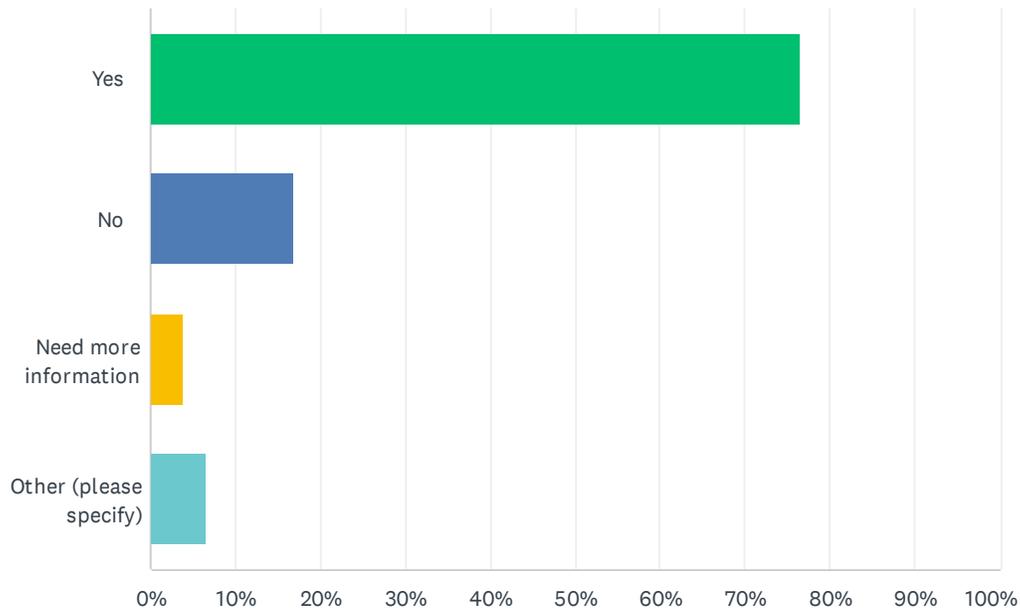
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3	Garden	2/20/2023 5:57 PM
4	Gardens	2/20/2023 11:41 AM
5	Visiting historic farmhouse / farmyard	2/20/2023 8:35 AM
6	biking	2/19/2023 6:43 PM
7	Biking	2/19/2023 5:01 PM
8	Biking	2/19/2023 2:16 PM
9	we live in the neighborhood by Allen School	2/19/2023 1:01 PM
10	Bird watching	2/19/2023 7:41 AM
11	NAP end of year volunteer party	2/18/2023 1:15 PM
12	Riding bikes through	2/18/2023 8:21 AM
13	Cobblestone Farm	2/18/2023 7:06 AM
14	gardening in the Food Forest, and some natural area preservation	2/17/2023 10:20 PM
15	Dog Walking	2/17/2023 10:19 PM
16	Spectator of sports	2/17/2023 9:02 PM
17	Bike riding	2/17/2023 7:08 PM
18	Special events	2/17/2023 6:16 PM
19	Sledding Hill	2/17/2023 5:30 PM
20	I walk my dog there several times a week. Swim during the summers. I love living close to it.	2/17/2023 5:12 PM
21	Visit cobblestone farm	2/17/2023 5:03 PM
22	Biking, voting	2/17/2023 4:59 PM
23	Used to play tennis there	2/17/2023 4:53 PM

**Q3 Do you support 10 Japanese Cherry Trees being planted at Buhr Park?**

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.64%	82
No	16.82%	18
Need more information	3.74%	4
Other (please specify)	6.54%	7
Total Respondents: 107		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	native trees to support insects and birds	2/27/2023 7:27 PM
2	Why choose Japanese cherry trees, a non-native?	2/20/2023 11:41 AM
3	Would like to see native trees planted	2/19/2023 7:41 AM
4	Are there native trees that could be planted instead?	2/18/2023 1:15 PM
5	How about we go ahead with the cherry trees, are a nice symbol of friendship with Japan, but intermix some native trees? Even better symbol of our two countries cooperating.	2/17/2023 7:36 PM
6	There is already one commemorative Japanese Cherry Tree. Now it is time to join some of our beautiful native flowering trees to create a companionable grouping	2/17/2023 7:11 PM
7	Japanese lilac trees. The fragrance will permeate the area	2/17/2023 4:47 PM

### Q4 Do you have any concerns about the Japanese Cherry Trees being planted in the park?

Answered: 65   Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
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1	I think that new plantings on city properties should be Michigan native trees or bushes only, and preferably species that provide food and shelter for wild life.	3/5/2023 11:10 AM
2	Not sure how/if they will thrive, depending on the park area in which they are planted. Also how they will fare in the kind of winter storms we've experienced of late.	3/4/2023 5:00 PM
3	I think it would be wonderful....the more trees, the merrier!	3/3/2023 5:27 PM
4	No!	3/3/2023 11:10 AM
5	During a time of ecological crisis, the city should be spending any tree-planting money on planting native Michigan trees that provide wide-ranging ecosystem services and shore up our climate resiliency, such as oaks. If flowering trees are desired, the native Eastern Redbud would be a beautiful and healthy alternative!	3/1/2023 9:15 AM
6	Only that we so desperately need to keep planting native trees and shrubs . our insects and birds are disappearing and native trees altho beautiful don't help our native environment	2/27/2023 7:27 PM
7	Please plant native flowering trees that support the native ecosystem. A continuation of the edible forest, but in a visible location.	2/22/2023 4:55 PM
8	Nope, I think they would be a beautiful additional and draw more attention to our sister city.	2/20/2023 1:16 PM
9	No	2/20/2023 12:31 PM
10	If there is a compelling reason to choose a non-native tree (and Japanese cherry, specifically), please consider fewer trees (3-5) in front, framed by a larger planting of native trees. This could be done in such a way as to highlight the beauty of the flowering trees in spring and still maximize native flora.	2/20/2023 11:41 AM
11	Please plant native trees that can provide important ecosystem services we desperately need. Planting an Oak tree, for example, can provide home to well over 1,000 species of insects that are in short supply for the birds and other animals we love. Here is a recent systematic review and meta-analysis of the issue: <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/ele.14178">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/ele.14178</a>	2/20/2023 9:12 AM
12	Have you consulted with the Cobblestone Farm Association RE what plans they may have and how this can leverage their own plantings?	2/20/2023 8:35 AM
13	No	2/19/2023 11:55 PM
14	Beautiful, but plagued by multiple diseases —in Michigan - therefor short lived.	2/19/2023 6:49 PM
15	No	2/19/2023 6:43 PM
16	None!	2/19/2023 6:39 PM
17	No	2/19/2023 5:01 PM
18	Is there any impact to the biodiversity in the area? If not, should that be evaluated.	2/19/2023 4:19 PM
19	It has potential to be a lovely improvement. I usually prefer native plantings but with Cobblestone farmhouse nearby it seems appropriate. Perhaps some native trees near the farmhouse would help balance out the cherry tree display.	2/19/2023 1:01 PM
20	The Japanese Cherry Trees are lovely. It is a beautiful gesture. I am a bird watcher and know that declining habitat is impacting birds and migration. If an opportunity to plant trees is available, I would prefer to see trees that support the birds. I tend not to visit this park very much as I tend to go to the parks that bring in more birds especially during migration.	2/19/2023 7:41 AM
21	No	2/18/2023 6:38 PM
22	No, I think it's a great idea!	2/18/2023 3:45 PM
23	None - great idea!	2/18/2023 3:14 PM
24	This the perfect place for them as you already have one and plaque and I think Hikone St. is across Packard. Go for it! Plant as many as you can fit in so it looks like Washington D.C. in the spring.	2/18/2023 3:04 PM
25	No	2/18/2023 3:02 PM
26	No	2/18/2023 2:45 PM

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27	Health of other trees What diseases do they have that could easily spread? What non-native species would be attracted to them that might harm other plants? Where is the ecological information related to the proposal? Where are the forestry experts input? Slapping a tree up just because it would look pretty and, oh, they have them in this other country we like sounds irresponsible.	2/18/2023 2:05 PM
28	Just what I mentioned above.	2/18/2023 1:15 PM
29	Ongoing maintenance -- would love to see them maintained, but expect they might need special attention.	2/18/2023 10:37 AM
30	Only that the planting site is so close to Packard. Though it will be pretty to drive by, which I do a lot of too.	2/18/2023 8:21 AM
31	I would normally object to non-native species being planted in the park. However, these are special circumstances and I believe in this case the value of the project outweighs the need to focus on native plants in our parks.	2/18/2023 7:17 AM
32	No	2/18/2023 7:17 AM
33	Native flowering trees would better support the ecosystem and still provide beauty.	2/18/2023 7:06 AM
34	What is the maintenance involved, and can projected operating funds and skilled staff cover that year after year, realistically? I was on a land management committee for a church, wonderful features were installed, but volunteers aged out of maintenance activities, and budgets have only shrunk, leaving this a lower priority. Much admirable work as come undone. Some would say, do it anyway, such lovely blooms! Better than plain old cliché turf.	2/17/2023 10:20 PM
35	I don't want them to interfere with any existing trees. I assume they will be planted in a grassy area.	2/17/2023 10:19 PM
36	No	2/17/2023 10:18 PM
37	while I think that flowering trees will look pretty in the spring, I'm concerned that they do not provide the proper food and shelter for local wildlife. I would think a native species of trees could be found that would provide color in the spring and also provide food and shelter for butterflies, birds and other wildlife the remainder of the year.	2/17/2023 10:05 PM
38	No	2/17/2023 9:40 PM
39	Yes, they are non-native and doing our ecosystem a disservice.	2/17/2023 9:31 PM
40	Yes there are lovely lovely lovely cherry species that are native to Michigan. Rather than surrounding this commemorative Japanese cherry tree with more of the same, it seems like it would be more beneficial to the park ecosystem as a whole to do a similar Michigan native flowering tree like flowering dogwood or one of the species of cherry trees native to Michigan.	2/17/2023 9:20 PM
41	No	2/17/2023 9:06 PM
42	Yes. I would prefer to see native trees planted.	2/17/2023 9:02 PM
43	No	2/17/2023 8:00 PM
44	This non-native tree is widely used in the U.S. and does support honeybees, however why not use this opportunity space to promote Michigan's native trees? The State of Michigan has a fine site that pictures and describes some likely candidates. Let's make the school area an educational zone--native trees of several varieties with information plaques. See <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/promo/forests/pollinator-friendly-trees">https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/promo/forests/pollinator-friendly-trees</a>	2/17/2023 7:43 PM
45	In general it is better for the environment to plant native trees.	2/17/2023 7:36 PM
46	plant natural Michigan trees only	2/17/2023 7:23 PM
47	no.	2/17/2023 7:20 PM
48	Our native pollinators need native trees. As I just said above, having our native trees join the commemorative tree can create a nice symbolic gesture of global commity.	2/17/2023 7:11 PM
49	Have a professional determine the spacing. People tend to plant trees too close to each other without thinking about future size.	2/17/2023 7:08 PM

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50	I'd like the city to invest in and plant native keystone genera trees	2/17/2023 6:57 PM
51	I'll bet you could find a flowering tree, about the same size, about the same bloom time that offers FAR more benefits to birds, butterflies, caterpillars, and the whole ecosystem.	2/17/2023 6:52 PM
52	No	2/17/2023 6:44 PM
53	Ann Arbor city government needs to be a model for the use of only native plants in its parks! There is a mass die-off going on right now due to lack of native plants that native pollinators like butterflies, moths and bees require to survive. Those pollinators, especially caterpillars, in turn feed birds, which are also in sharp decline.	2/17/2023 6:17 PM
54	No	2/17/2023 6:16 PM
55	None. It is a wonderful plan.	2/17/2023 6:11 PM
56	No concerns	2/17/2023 5:33 PM
57	None	2/17/2023 5:30 PM
58	Yes. We need more native trees that have high value for biodiversity and native species. White oak trees, for example, support a huge amount of animal and plant organisms. Do Japanese cherry trees? I think when we have opportunity to plant vegetation we should choose natives whenever possible.	2/17/2023 5:26 PM
59	No!	2/17/2023 5:22 PM
60	It seems like a fine idea, having a grove of cherry trees there. I hope we can actually harvest them in a few years.	2/17/2023 5:12 PM
61	Main concern is if they're an invasive species. I'd they are I'm not for it. If they're not this is an excellent idea!	2/17/2023 5:08 PM
62	Linear placement would look good	2/17/2023 4:59 PM
63	None! Lovely idea!	2/17/2023 4:53 PM
64	No, I was happy to hear about it.	2/17/2023 4:53 PM
65	No	2/17/2023 4:43 PM

### Q5 Please provide any additional comments/feedback. Thank you.

Answered: 46   Skipped: 61

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Can't wait! :)	3/4/2023 11:16 PM
2	I'm sure the appropriate experts will be involved in the bet decision to be made.	3/4/2023 5:00 PM
3	what with our recent ice storm and the ensuing destruction of so many large trees throughout the city, planting trees anywhere possible can only be a plus for our city's future and for the city's designation as "tree city."	3/3/2023 5:27 PM
4	It's about time.	3/3/2023 11:10 AM
5	A more appropriate place to plant the Japanese cherries is at the entrance to Hikone Community Center - named after our sister city in Japan.	2/22/2023 4:55 PM
6	Wonderful Idea!	2/20/2023 5:57 PM
7	I think this is a great idea!	2/20/2023 12:31 PM
8	It is very important that we prioritize native species whenever possible.	2/20/2023 11:41 AM
9	I would really like to see the city stop planting non-native plants in Ann Arbor. NAP does an amazing job, but the rest of Parks and Recreation and Urban Forestry do not seem to be on	2/20/2023 9:12 AM

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10	Seems a lovely addition : )	2/20/2023 8:35 AM
11	these would be a beautiful addition.	2/20/2023 8:04 AM
12	Sounds like a lovely addition!	2/19/2023 11:55 PM
13	A wonderful idea to beautify the park entrance.	2/19/2023 7:55 PM
14	Would require extensive and expensive maintenance.	2/19/2023 6:49 PM
15	A grove of blossoming cherry trees is a wonder to behold. I say the more the cherrier!	2/19/2023 6:43 PM
16	Had no idea that a single cherry tree had been planted years ago. Rather ridiculous to need a survey to know that a grove should be planted to have any impact at all. Given proximity of Hikone neighborhood, this is truly a no-brainer. And it will contribute visually to Buhr. Suggest that this be expanded in future for yet more trees!	2/19/2023 6:39 PM
17	I think it's a good idea!	2/19/2023 5:01 PM
18	I think this would be beautiful and a special attraction at the park. Also great for the environment.	2/19/2023 2:22 PM
19	This is a lovely sentiment and I am all for peaceful international relations.I hope there will be an educational/social/cultural program to accompany the natural beauty of the trees.	2/19/2023 1:01 PM
20	Sounds like a great idea.	2/19/2023 12:46 PM
21	From Michigan Audubon: Habitat loss and fragmentation are the greatest threats to bird populations. Of our beloved Neotropical migrants, 127 species are in decline, with 60 species experiencing a severe decline. Help reverse these trends by providing a "convenience store" in your yard — a place for migrants to refuel on their long journey. Plant shrubs and trees that bloom early (red oak, willows, elm, hickory, red-osier dogwood) for spring and produce autumn berries (dogwood, red cedar, viburnum, elderberry) for fall.	2/19/2023 7:41 AM
22	The objective of this proposal, to both beautify the park and honor and highlight the long sister city relationship with Hikone Japan is admirable.	2/18/2023 3:45 PM
23	Am a neighbor, willing to plant the trees and complete periodic watering and upkeep.	2/18/2023 3:14 PM
24	Flowering Japanese cherry trees would be a lovely addition to Buhr Park. The blossoms would be beautiful in the spring and the trees would provide shade in other for 3 seasons. As a neighborhood resident, I would very much enjoy these trees.	2/18/2023 2:45 PM
25	I suppose some people object because they aren't native. Don't let the extremists dictate the choice of ornamentals. The cherries are harmless, pretty, and beloved by pollinators.	2/18/2023 1:58 PM
26	Can native wildflowers be planted around the cherry trees so that there is something in bloom all summer long?	2/18/2023 8:09 AM
27	Perhaps American Plum could compliment the existing Japanese Cherry.	2/18/2023 7:06 AM
28	I think it is a meaningful idea, as a way to highlight the sister society relationship, even though they are not native species. Perhaps include a couple native trees as another way to highlight interdependence?	2/17/2023 11:11 PM
29	I wish they would not be planted so close to Packard. I would prefer they be in a quieter part of the park so that one could sit and enjoy them without significant road noise. Packard is so busy, I think the noise and proximity will detract from the project. Could the installation move farther back into the park?	2/17/2023 10:16 PM
30	Maybe the Japanese Cherry Trees would be better someplace downtown where more people would be able to appreciate them.	2/17/2023 10:05 PM
31	Appreciate this!	2/17/2023 9:40 PM
32	Maybe consider native cherry species and add a sign discussing why, but still being respectful to Japan	2/17/2023 9:31 PM
33	Cherry trees will be so beautiful in spring! We will definitely come to see them!	2/17/2023 8:00 PM

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34	There is plenty of space right? How about the cherries alternating with alternate-leaved dogwood ( <i>Cornus alternifolia</i> ), flowering dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> ), or muscle wood ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> ) all nice, tidy, native, small trees.	2/17/2023 7:36 PM
35	we fully support this plan. Buhr Park can be a little bare in the spring and this will make the commemorative cherry tree in that location feel more substantial	2/17/2023 7:34 PM
36	These will be beautiful. I have lived other places with Japanese cherry trees, and their bloom in the spring is wonderful.	2/17/2023 7:20 PM
37	This is an opportunity for the City to make a strong statement in support of native plantings. This is a popular, beautiful park. Please, make it a show-stopper by highlighting the benefits of native trees. Thanks for listening!	2/17/2023 6:52 PM
38	I feel it would beautify the park and add a level of knowledge about our sister city.	2/17/2023 6:16 PM
39	Yes, please plant these trees. This is a beautiful idea which will help our earth & provide support & beauty to the park & Ann Arbor.	2/17/2023 6:11 PM
40	I understand the choice of tree is related to this being a cultural exchange. Still, I'm not sure that justifies planting non-native trees.	2/17/2023 5:26 PM
41	Wonderful idea.	2/17/2023 5:22 PM
42	I trust that someone knows what breed (strain?) will thrive. Thanks for asking. The whole area is so large giving more land to trees seems good...	2/17/2023 5:12 PM
43	wish they were closer to the pool.	2/17/2023 5:10 PM
44	Really enjoyed the goats that used to be at Cobblestone Farm. We would love to see the farm have farm animals again!	2/17/2023 5:03 PM
45	Thanks for all you do! We love Buhr Park!	2/17/2023 4:59 PM
46	Looks like the lone cherry tree could benefit from additional nearby cherry trees. Please let me know if there are any plantings or other commemorations of the other sister cities of A2.	2/17/2023 4:53 PM