

# Sustainable Neighborhoods

Villa Park Neighborhood

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# Welcome, Villa Park Neighbors!

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# *Increasing neighborhood sustainability through community participation and resident action*



# Sustainable Neighborhoods

How does it work?



- Residents complete projects, organize workshops and events, and compete in neighborhood challenges that advance sustainability
- Use the Goal & Target Areas to help guide your project selection:



Make this program your own!

Choose projects that are meaningful to you and beneficial to your neighborhood

# City Support

- The Sustainable Neighborhoods team provides support in the form of:
  - In-kind resources
  - Connections to City agencies and Non-profit organizations
  - Outreach and Promotion
  - Printing
  - Venue and catering fees
  - Park permits
  - Staff time to support projects



# Earning Credits



- Neighborhoods submit **Proposal** and **Credit** forms on the Sustainable Neighborhood Network site\*



- Credits are awarded based on outcomes such as:
  - Participation
  - Hours Committed
  - Activities Completed
  - Goals Reached

\*[www.SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org](http://www.SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org)



# Certification

Participating and  
Outstanding  
Neighborhoods



- Neighborhoods earn credits for these accomplishments towards certification as a City and County of Denver Sustainable Neighborhood
- Certification Levels
  - Based on number of credits earned within one year



# The Benefits

- Get to Know Your Neighbors
- Neighborhood Recognition
- Protect the Environment
- Educate One Another
- Become a Leader
- Beautify the Neighborhood
- Find Shared Interests
- Build a Stronger Community
- Customized Solutions
- Funding Opportunities
- Increase Neighborhood Safety
- Resolve Conflict
- Take Pride in Your Neighborhood
- Have Some Fun!



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# Example Projects



Work Days at the Community Garden



Neighborhood Clean Up Days



Sustainability Festival



Alley Art

# Sustainable Neighborhood Network

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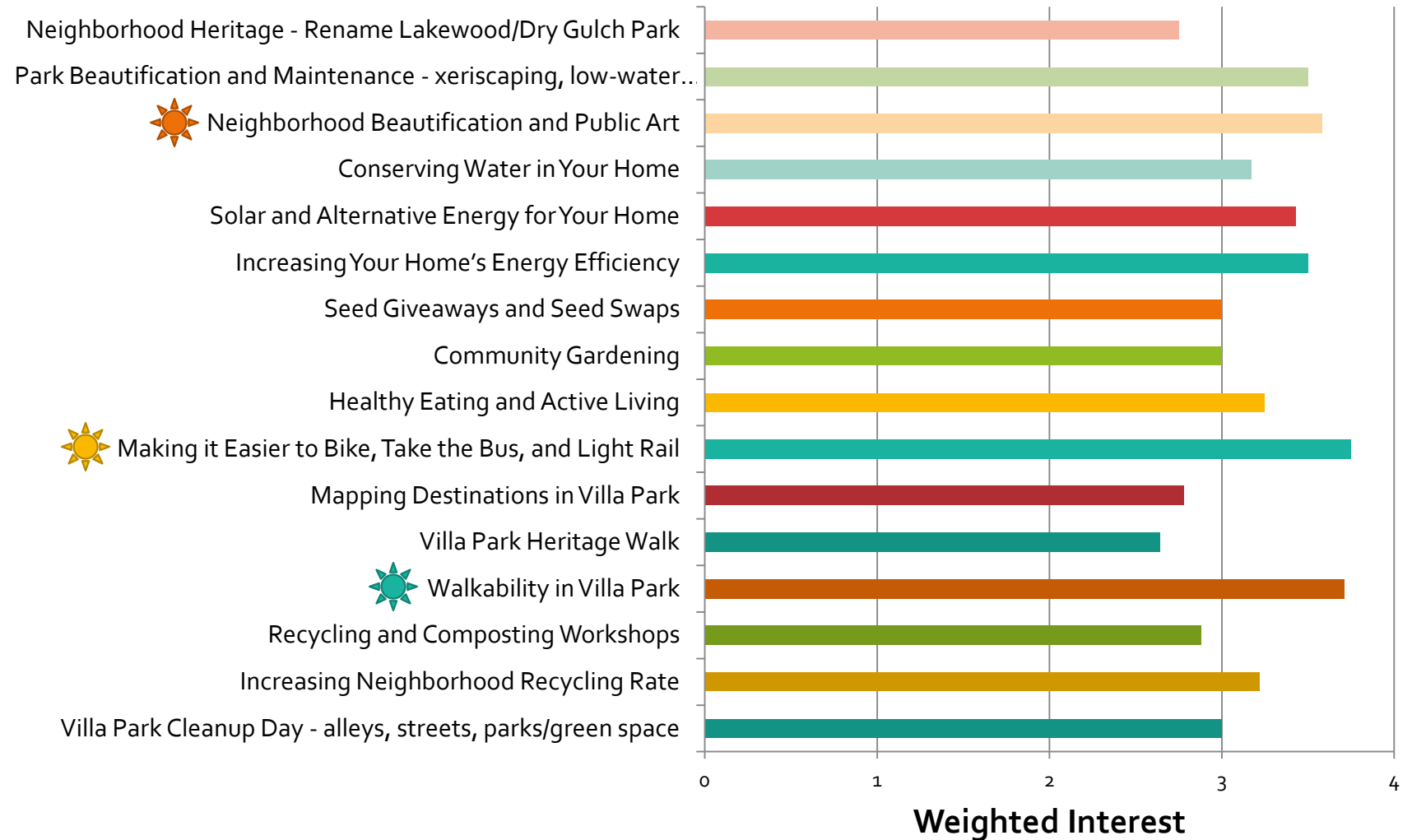
What does  
sustainability in Villa  
Park look like to you?

# The survey results are in...

Here are the topics and projects the neighborhood is interested in



## Please indicate how you would like to be involved in the Villa Park Sustainable Neighborhoods project:







# Beautification

Neighborhood cleanups  
(alleys, streets, Dry Gulch),  
public art, park  
maintenance



# Communications and Outreach

Door-to-door outreach, communicating online and in print, flyers, website, social media



# Gardening Building a community garden



# Walkability and Connections

Multi-modal transportation (walking, biking, public transit), mapping destinations/points of interest in the neighborhood (where do you actually need/want to get to?)



# Group Discussion

What topics are you passionate about?

What projects do you want to take on?

What kind of workshops would you attend?