

**CITY OF IRVINE**  
**BOMMER CANYON RENOVATION PROJECT**  
**ONLINE SURVEY - April 26, 2018 through May 9, 2018**  
**RESULT SUMMARY**

**QUESTION 1:**

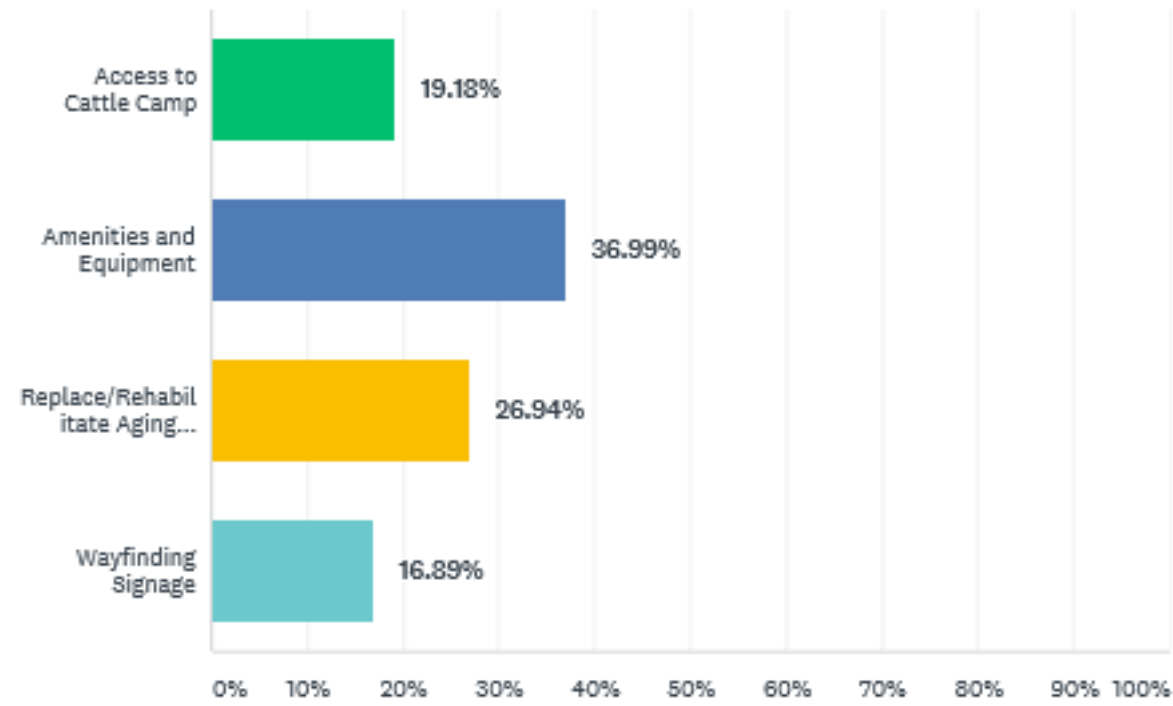
From the following options, please choose your top five preferred uses for the Cattle Camp, and rank them 1-11 (1 being your most preferred use/activity and 11 being your lowest priority use/activity):

- Children’s Play Area
- Fitness Activities
- Outdoor Games
- City -run Programs and Recreational Activities
- Group Parties and Events
- Picnics
- Educational/Historical/Interpretive Events
- Hiking
- Weddings
- Equestrian Activities
- Music and Dance Performances

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL	SCORE
Children’s Play Area	5.88% 10	6.47% 11	6.47% 11	2.35% 4	9.41% 16	7.65% 13	11.76% 20	7.65% 13	5.29% 9	10.00% 17	27.06% 46	170	4.71
City-run Programs and Recreational Activities	10.31% 20	14.95% 29	17.53% 34	17.01% 33	11.34% 22	4.64% 9	4.12% 8	7.22% 14	5.67% 11	5.15% 10	2.06% 4	194	7.43
Educational/Historical/Interpretive Events	17.73% 36	19.21% 39	23.65% 48	10.84% 22	7.88% 16	5.91% 12	4.43% 9	2.96% 6	2.46% 5	2.96% 6	1.97% 4	203	8.27
Equestrian Activities	13.14% 23	9.14% 16	6.86% 12	8.00% 14	6.86% 12	8.00% 14	5.14% 9	7.43% 13	10.29% 18	8.00% 14	17.14% 30	175	6.77
Fitness Activities	4.79% 9	17.02% 32	11.70% 22	15.96% 30	13.83% 26	13.30% 25	5.85% 11	7.98% 15	4.79% 9	3.72% 7	1.06% 2	188	7.16
Group Parties and Events	3.83% 7	4.37% 8	3.28% 6	10.38% 19	11.48% 21	10.93% 20	14.75% 27	14.75% 27	14.21% 26	8.20% 15	3.83% 7	183	6.40
Hiking	47.87% 101	19.43% 41	10.43% 22	7.58% 16	3.79% 8	2.37% 5	4.27% 9	2.37% 5	1.42% 3	0.47% 1	0.00% 0	211	9.62
Music and Dance Performances	0.58% 1	1.75% 3	9.36% 16	9.94% 17	9.36% 16	6.43% 11	8.77% 15	13.45% 23	14.62% 25	16.37% 28	9.36% 16	171	4.75
Outdoor Games	0.60% 1	2.40% 4	3.59% 6	4.19% 7	10.78% 18	15.57% 26	18.56% 31	11.98% 20	16.17% 27	11.38% 19	4.79% 8	167	4.82
Picnics	4.64% 9	12.89% 25	12.89% 25	15.98% 31	18.04% 35	9.28% 18	8.25% 16	8.25% 16	4.12% 8	4.12% 8	1.55% 3	194	7.02
Weddings	0.60% 1	2.38% 4	4.17% 7	5.95% 10	5.95% 10	8.33% 14	5.36% 9	6.55% 11	12.50% 21	21.43% 36	26.79% 45	168	3.67

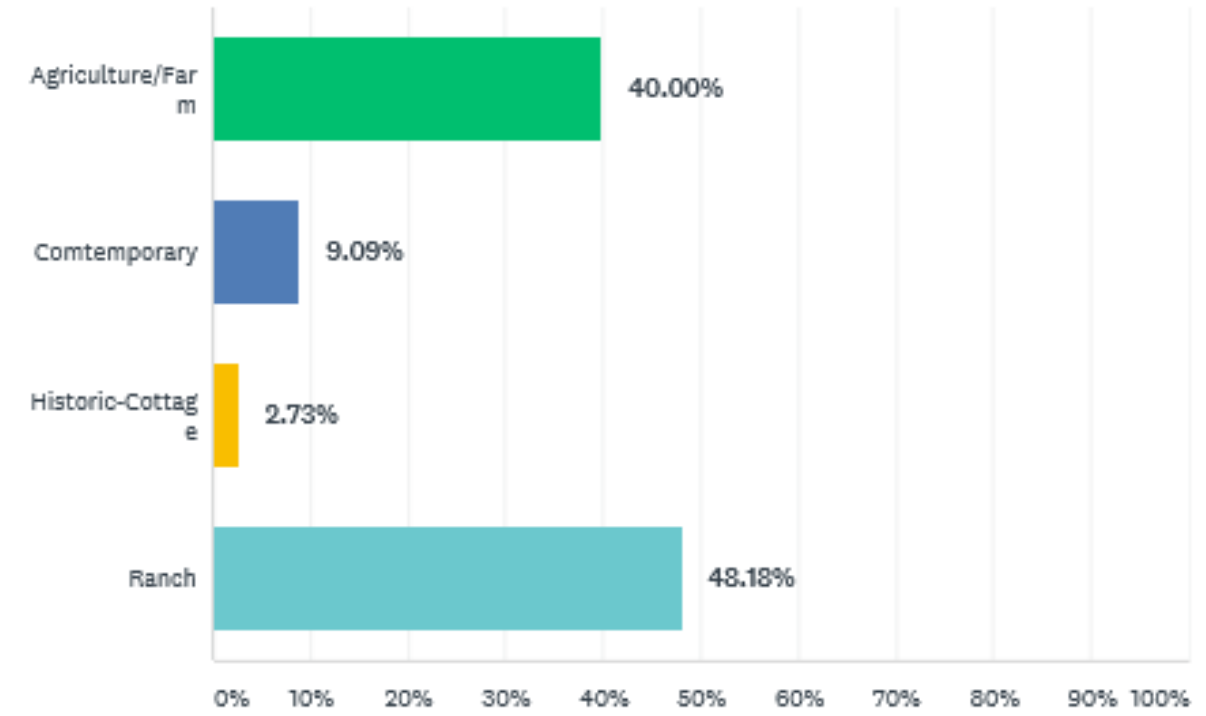
**QUESTION 2:**

What should the City focus on during the rehabilitation project?



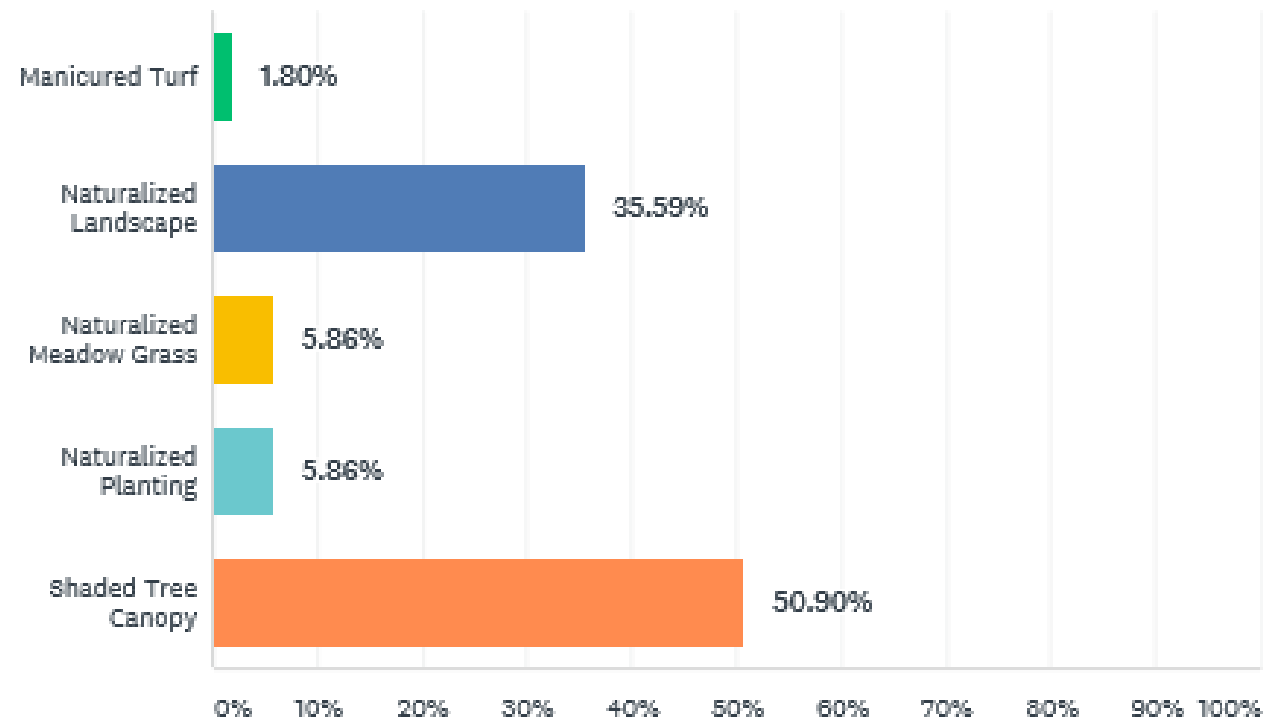
**QUESTION 3:**

Which architecture style is best suited for this site?



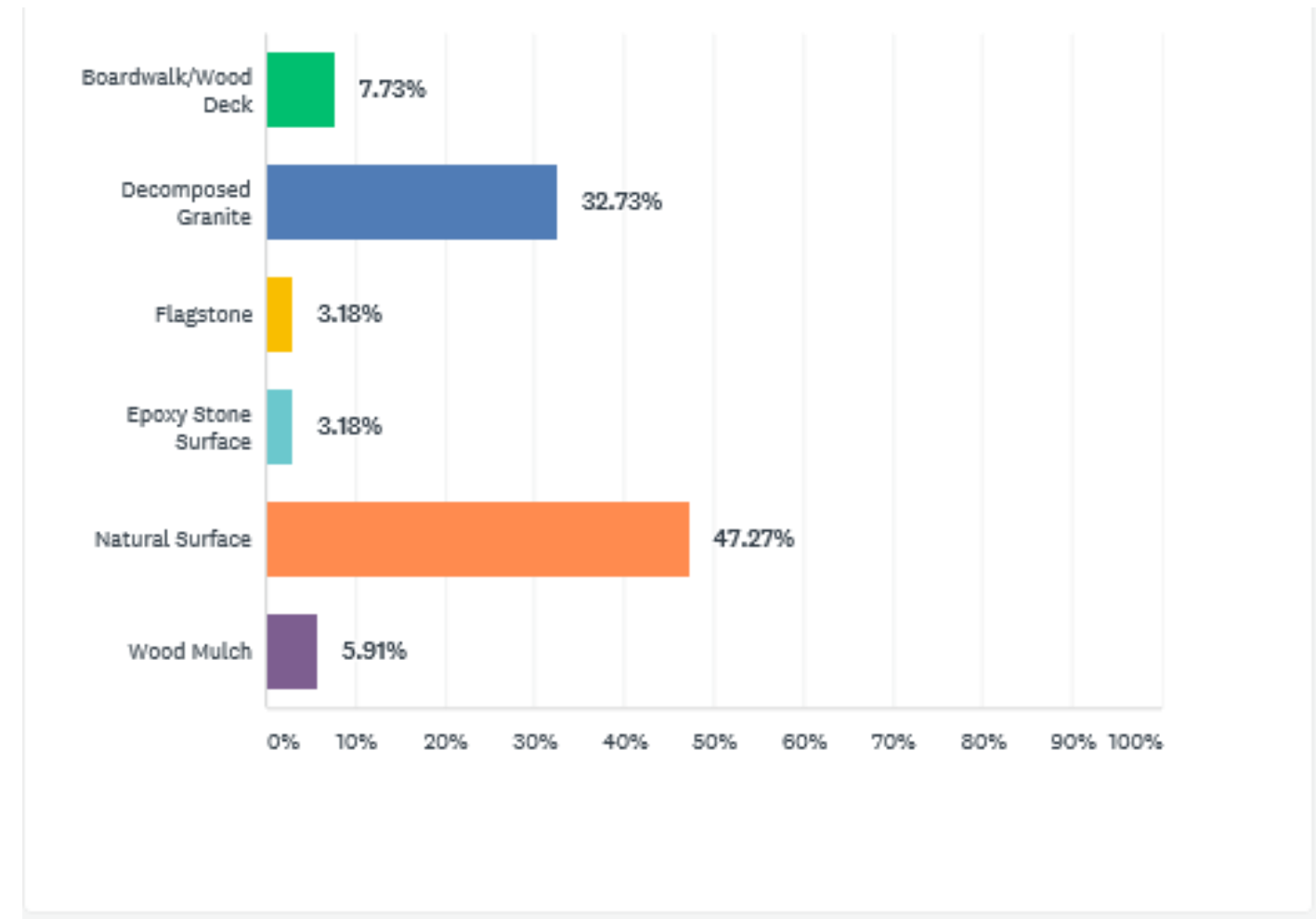
**QUESTION 4:**

Which landscape type is best suited for this site?



**QUESTION 5:**

Which surface material is best suited for this site?



**QUESTION 6:**

It is important that we set the right atmosphere and environment for design and rehabilitation of the Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp. Please provide three words to describe what you would like to see at the site, or what you would like the site to “feel” like after the project is complete.

Serenity; Quiet; Peaceful	Natural; Educational; Functional	Historical; Agricultural/Farm; Homey
Rustic; native; explore	Historical; Natural; Safe	Historic; Nature; Open
Historic; Rehabilitation; History	Native; Coastal; Peaceful	Preserved; Historical; Unchanged
Preserved; Nostalgic; Calm	calm; beauty; shade	ranch; space; enhance
Keep it very natural and rustic; upgraded bathrooms and amenities; more trees	accessible; natural; serene	Historic; Preserve; Natural
Rustic; natural; western ranch	Historic; Relaxing; Natural	nature
Rustic; Unique; Woodsy	Original; Historic; Ranch	Nature; Inviting; Green
Natural; Protected; Community	natural; old; historic	Natural; Options; Safe
Show-Jumping events and Competitions; New Arenas; Horses	Natural; Environmentally friendly; Quiet	Great outdoor; Weekends activities; Great place for adults and kids!
Preserve The Nature; Healthy Activities; Joy and Happiness	Natural; Nature; Historic	Nature; Historic; Out door
Peaceful; Historic; Educational	Historical; Preserved; Natural	Happiness; Relaxation; Outdoor activities
Authentic; Historical; Ranch	Rustic; Not plastic; Natural	Leave the nature intact; Bring the tame animals to the city; healthy activities
Updated; Safe; Natural	Ranch; Cowboy; California	Openness; Natural; Restored
Historic; Natural; Inviting	Natural; Welcoming; Amenitized	natural; wild; beautiful
Natural; Historical; Fitness	natural; minimal; accessible	Rustic; Open; Accessible
Natural; integrated; sustainable	Shade; Paths; Parking	natural; accessible; peaceful
BARN; RESTROOMS; MEETING SPACE	Natural; historic; accessible	Campsite; Ranch; Nature
Nice bathrooms; Rustic	nature; natural; minimal impact	Natural; Ecosystem; Protected
Accessible; historic; green	rustic; historical; natural	historically accurate; clean and safe; blended to support natural flora and fauna
Back; To; Nature	natural; untouched; preserved	Nature; Serenity; Community
Natural landscape; education; access to all	Historic; Ranch; Natural	Natural; Habitat; Original
Rustic; Peaceful; Destination	Activity/A place of recreational purpose; Honors the nature preserve	Rural; Rustic; Authentic
nature; nature; nature	natural; historic; simple	accessible; natural; historical
Nature; Green; Habitat	environmentally kind; Family; Upscale	Natural; Wilderness; Peaceful
serene; native; comfortable	authentic; low carbon footprint in every aspect; educational	Historic; Natural; Ranch
inspirational; wildlife; hand-on	Natural; Historic; Accessible	Integrated; Natural; Historic
Natural; Historic; Social	rustic; nature; historical	Natural; Accessible; Available
Rustic; nature; contemplative	Natural; Historic; Environmental	natural; historic; simple

Historic; Ranch; Wooded  
Authentic; Historic; Special  
Nature; Unspoiled; Beauty  
Quiet; Open; Remote  
Natural; Native/; Historic  
Natural; Sustainable; Water wise  
welcoming; natural; clean  
nature; welcoming; fun  
Rustic; Historical; Curated  
Welcoming; Multipurpose; Available  
natural; environment; preserved  
Remote; Quiet; Rustic  
History; Recreation; Fun  
Tranquility; Nature; Wildlife  
Horse club; Hiking; Picnic  
Upscale; Ranch; Clean  
Sport Horses; Advanced equestrian center; A nice landscape and sightseeing  
peaceful; relaxing; functional  
Shelter; Access; Facilities  
Natural; Historic; Relaxing  
natural; historic; rustic  
natural; rustic; shady  
Natural; open space; relaxed  
Wilderness; Ranch; Open  
Equestrian; Natural; Inviting  
Rustic; Inviting; Useful  
Natural; historic  
natural; quiet; relaxed  
interesting; natural; historic  
Natural; Special; Native-before settlers and ranchers  
Farm; Natural; Ease of access

shade; sitting areas; paths  
natural; free; peaceful/relaxing  
Nature; car-free; sustainable  
open; historical; welcoming  
nature; freedom; animals  
Signs; Paths; Lizards  
History; Learning; Environmental  
Tranquility; Nature; Space  
Farming; History; Natural  
Natural  
nature; natural; farm  
Gathering place; Groomed; Welcoming  
Ranch; Natural; Fun  
natural; beautiful; fresh  
Preservation; Practical Use; Community  
natural; historic; peaceful  
Historic; Natural; Rural  
simple; natural; serene  
nature; a get-away; peaceful  
natural; rustic; old-school  
shady; historic; ranch  
bucolic; rustic; natural  
Historic; Nature; Calming  
"back in time;" natural; peaceful  
Rustic; Wooded; Camp  
Nature; Peace; Quiet  
Accessible; Public; Open  
historic; natural; community  
Historical; Traditional; Self-sustaining  
Nature; Peaceful; Birds  
Historic; Ranch; Character

natural; accessible; preserved  
Authentic; Historical; Restroom  
Natural; Serene; Protected  
Historic; Natural; Living  
Natural; Clean; Safe  
Bathrooms; Nature; Historic  
Remote; Well-kept; Pristine  
Creation; Natural; Agricultural  
Nature; Activities; Learning  
Rustic/natural; Historically preserved; Bathrooms!  
Nature; History; Fun  
Safe; Inviting; Ease  
Outdoorsy; Safe; Shaded  
Rustic; Manicured; Inviting  
Open; Space; Permanent  
Historic; Rugged; Original  
ranch; natural; historic  
Natural; Historical; Ranch  
Relaxed; Calm; Complete

Birds; shade; sightlines

Natural; Unadulterated; Realistic

Preservation; Historical; Rustic

Natural; Beautiful; Historic

Original; Authentic; Nature

1920s era Orange County; Native flora; Unmanicured

historical; natural; inviting

historical; outdoor; recreation

Rustic -rural area no huge lighting at night; Natural - lots of native plants; Historic- feel of cattle ranch

Bird; habitat; natural

Rural; Natural; Historic

Historical; Natural; Open

Farming; Agriculture; Natural

Historic; Natural; Wild

Historical; Clean; Safe

original; historic; condition

Natural, Un-touched; Country-farm-like

Historic; Natural; Inviting

Historic; Natural; Inviting

Natural; Alive; Free. As in the feeling of being away from the city for a minute

Natural; Rustic; Western

Natural; Rustic; Western

Wildlife; Natural; Welcoming

Accessable; Rustic; Natural

## QUESTION 7:

It is important that we set the right atmosphere and environment for design and rehabilitation of the Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp. Please provide three words to describe what you would like to see at the site, or what you would like the site to “feel” like after the project is complete.

- Do not do anything that will add noise, more traffic or take away from the peaceful atmosphere.
- Advance Equestrian Center and equine ethology study.
- Can we bring back the Longine Master Horse Show to CA again? There is a need of having an advanced indoor and outdoor equestrian arenas. we can convince the show runners to bring back the games and the city can cover most of its facility expenses through such this world known competition or other competitions like FEI ! Please look at this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-l6Uej1Flk>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euUaulvaYxw> <https://longinesmasters.com/en/the-series/>
- Irvine needs to invest more on preserving the nature and parks.
- I think it'd be great to see an interpretive center, focusing on the history of the site in an engaging, fun way.
- A nice, clean and natural hicking park is a great idea.
- I grew up in Turtle Rock since 1972 and actually knew the ranch hands. we went to branding and bbq's back there. it was great when they had the chili cook offs back there. It should remain the same as it was.
- Keep it charming.
- Allow access, but not excess. Community education related to the land, the renovation and it's value to the community should precede and follow the update.
- Show Jumping is my passion. Good to have an advanced and new built equestrian center in Irvine with having at least 1 covered arena.
- no
- This is the home of cattle operations for the Irvine Ranch. Let's keep the feel of the little bit of history that we have in Irvine. Turning Bommer Canyon into a vanilla Irvine style park and community center would be a horrible disservice to future generations.
- I would like to see all the buildings be made safe with up-to-date amenities such as bathrooms, kitchen, running water. I would like it to blend into the surrounding area, looking more natural. It is important to tell the history of the Cattle Camp through programs, information on trailheads and placards mounted in strategic places.
- It would be great to have a rentable barn for weddings and mulit-use meeting space. I envision a big open space (15,000SF or more) with air conditioning and modern-day restrooms. It doesn't have to be fancy--in fact, it would be nice if it the barn retained the rustic/farm like feel of Bommer Canyon.
- It should stay true to what it is, a cattle camp. It should feel a little rugged yet fun & interesting.
- Need real flush bathrooms, needs a staffed office with someone in there on weekends either cs staff or open space ranger. Love hiking there
- I'm grateful we have this resource. Thank you for preserving it.
- Yes, I can walk with my friends to see the natural park with beautiful horses.
- I love to see sporty-sturdy horses.
- I just want it to be more accessible instead of only open during docent-led events.
- Preserve it as it is!!!!!! Don't make into another created/planned park!!!!!!

- No Developers!
- This is an important part of Irvine's history, and it needs to be preserved as naturally as possible.
- Keep Shea / Bartlett away from it otherwise it will be sold to 5 Points
- Keep Bommer Canyon focused on hiking and natural beauty.
- Please keep it as historically accurate as possible!
- Have some historic artifacts from what used to be the Irvine Ranch
- Growing up on the Irvine Ranch (70+ years of family history), I have many memories of Irvine Ranch employee picnics at Bommer Canyon. The best memories were the smell of the barbeque, the softball games in the cattle corals and being a kid exploring the caves and natural areas of the canyon. I would hope the City would like to preserve some of that heritage and keep it sort of like Turtle Rock Community Park (where my father's family lived in the 50's) without the tennis courts.
- Irvine has enough manicured parks within 1/2 mile - keep this natural, and enough with the cactus planting.
- Keep it true to itself. Preserve its historic nature. Dont manicure and create a fake site. There are many other recreational areas that serve that purpose.
- Irvine needs a great natural park. "Great Park" and other parks are bared and sporty design in my view! Great Park for kids and teenagers but, Bommer Canyon Cattle Camp for all. how about that?
- Please plan to build a nice and great environment! dont waste the money and the land please! Get a help from the universities to send their suggested designs!
- Irvine city is not just designed for the Kids! Single adults are also leaving too!
- After a busy week we can relax and have some fun there!
- I have 2 horses that I have to keep them in Temecula and its a long drive every day for me, it would be nice to have them beside.
- I'd like to see the camp stay as open and natural as possible. Repair/restore what needs attention while keeping true to the original look and feel from the time it was built.
- The camp should be open daily for folks to enjoy. We shouldn't lock up a beautiful natural area. We should have unlimited trail access every day, not just a few trails.
- Our family and community attended the camps through City of Irvine regularly for past 4 years and miss it dearly! We are looking forward to more camping at the site after renovation
- I'd like to see it stay pretty much the same in terms of buildings, setting, etcetera but maybe just repair/refurbish where needed and add flush toilets with sinks. I love the idea of a rustic old ranch style park with picnic tables, fire pits, old-style bbq, horseshoe pits, etc.
- Bommer Canyon is the access point to one of our very few natural resources in the area. Please keep it rustic and protected.
- Limited access and signs make the area seem off-putting to fun activities. Currently not enough events. Mostly limited to children.
- Evoke the feeling of the Irvine ranch from days gone by. I have been to many parties there and always appreciated it's unique and historic setting.
- Please keep it as rustic and natural as possible.
- No
- Leave it as it is, with necessary access, safety, hygiene, and public safety improvements. We have plenty of 21st century parks in Irvine already.
- I love horses we dont have them around.



- I think if the facilities were remodeled with an upscale party venue in mind, it would be a great community asset. There are so few places for Irvinites to have get together that are well maintained and appropriate for the level of community we are.
- During the past 10 years city has destroyed Irvine nature, Landscapes and also revoked our rights to keep our barns and big size animals! So, we lost our horses and forced to keep them far away because of the urbanization! Now please build us an advanced equestrian center to bring back our horses again and have them close by! It also, can connect the people and young people to this great animal. People can feel and experience being around this great creature who served the human for centuries! Watching the equestrian competition is a fun rare event for the people who are exhausted of the crowd and city noises! Please Please Please construct us a great place for keeping and raising our horses! Somewhere with the new idea of keeping the horses!
- Bommer canyon is a beautiful nature open space. I want to see it kept natural with minimal buildings or concrete. Native plants (no grass!). If a playground is added (which does not seem like a good use of space to me, considering there is one across the street at Turtle Rock), put in a nature park, similar to the Westmoreland Park Nature Playground in Portland, OR. Please have the space open to everyone and not booked by private events/weddings! It would be nice to hang out here in the rain, so a boardwalk trail would be great (as opposed to the trails being closed after a rain). A native plant butterfly garden would be nice. Picnic tables, a bathroom. If a structure is built, maybe a lookout tower could be added to the side of it? Bike parking.
- Please consider allowing leashed dogs in certain areas and/or at certain times.
- use only native plants and preserve the land
- Keep it simple, limited usage. DO NOT turn this into a big place for weddings/parties etc. This should not become a profit center. Simple and basic, the way it is now. Don't ruin the best treasure we still have in Irvine by making it big and commercial.
- Sound travels far in Bommer Canyon and as a resident of Shady Canyon who looks out at Bommer, I worry greatly about noise, especially after 10pm.
- I love Bommer Canyon. I don't want to turn it into a park that is manicured with tons of children's structures next to picnic tables.
- Keep area monitored for safety. One time we used the bathroom and there was a rattlesnake inside.
- no cars
- keep it as natural as possible. everything in irvine is so overly nicely done. keep it wild and natural, old style and get some animals, donkeys horses and chickens to have the feel and contact with nature again. people are losing everything.
- It is a hidden gem and I would love to see a childrens' learning center there as long as it is regulated as to the numbers
- If this is wedding venue approved it should allow alcohol
- This "camp" should harken back to the history of Irvine and the beautiful landscape that we enjoy in this part of the city. Please do not change its character!
- Think restore not replace.
- I hope it can be a place to explore and hike alone more often
- Protecting this wild part of Irvine is so important, especially with all the new growth we are experiencing, it is a welcome haven from the rest of our congested city.
- Keep it smallish
- Any upgrades for flush toilets would be appreciated.
- This should remain as a natural habitat, accessible by hikers or mountain bikers only. Do not disturb the natural habitat and wildlife living in the area. No parties or cars.
- Try to keep it as true to it's original roots as possible. Please don't turn it into a modernized Irvine city park! It's not the place for that!
- The only problem with the CC is the crazy detour up and down the hill that bikers and hikers have to take. Eliminate that and countless users will be overjoyed.

- Please do not turn this place into another beige colored building with sanitary designs. Irvine is already notorious for being beige neutral and what other counties call the Irvine Company look. Keep it looking like natural but fix the rundown fixtures.
- The San Joaquin Nature Preserve is a good example of how to maintain the historic nature of structures and natural environment of the site and provide multi-use flexibility.
- Keep hikers hiking, bikers biking, and runners running before, during, and after the project, please.
- I hike the Bommer Canyon/Turtle Ridge trails frequently and would NOT like to see big improvements that would cater to large groups of people and cars. The natural serenity of the area is rare and highly prized by many.
- My concern is that in "improving" the Cattle Camp is that the result will be a modernized theme setting that will have little relation to the actual history of the site. Keep the cattle chute, the old fencing, and the water tank intact; these things, after all, ARE the camp and what makes it distinct and historically realistic. I don't want to see plaques telling us what used to be on a certain site, or what it looked like; I want to see the actual building, or structure. We don't need another playground or sports setting, Irvine has plenty of these!
- Please do not expand daily parking facilities. I believe status-quo is appropriate to manage this busy urban park.
- Open the Wilderness Access Day to more than just once a month!
- Here's what's needed at Bommer Canyon: 1. Above all else (as in, please don't spend a penny without doing this...), add a FLUSHING toilet to the cattle camp area. I know MANY kids who refused to attend Eco Camp because they didn't want to use the outhouses. I also know a LOT of adults who won't attend the overnight camp with their families for the very same reason. After 20 hours of camping with a big crowd of people, the outhouses are beyond unbearable. 2. Please make the cattle camp area more accessible for "non-weddings." The fire pit area is SO perfect for kid's birthday parties. It's a big dirt area and a fire pit, that's it. The only costs should be for staffing. I was told the fee would be \$700. for two hours, plus the cost to "empty" the outhouse. That's pretty outrageous, and impossible for most to afford. It's not fair to close Bommer Canyon on most weekend nights during the best weather months, just because weddings bring in so much revenue. It's supposed to be for everyone. 3. To this end, please open up the cattle camp area as well as the back trails for more frequent usage. The fire pit is so much fun but the reason so many events are cancelled is that it's too much of a hassle for most people to bother with registration. And of course, no one wants to register and pay, only to get a call that the event was cancelled due to poor turnout. 4. Please, please widen the road leading to the cattle camp! There is absolutely NOT enough room for cars to safely pass each other coming and going from events. It's harrowing to feel like an oncoming (speeding) driver is coming right at you. 5. Please DO NOT close down while you renovate. Work around us. 6. Please do not waste money, time and resources on fancy appointments, like ludicrous stone pathways. Leave things as natural as possible. Thank you!
- Please do not use material that invite rodents or TICKS
- Please maintain natural feel but provide shaded areas where children can play.
- Few Ppl can walk/hike/bike/run into the site, thus that should go into the planning of its use. It would only be open "to the public" when the Rangers open it. But many healthy ppl who hike/bike/run would use/access the site daily.
- Need hitching posts so equestrians can enjoy the camp and then connect with the wonderful trails system
- Area should remain in a natural state. There are plenty of playgrounds around the city. It is the gateway to wonderful hiking and other outdoor activities such as mountain biking. Keep it that way!!
- I hope IRC will be invited to assist in the restoration of the ranch!
- Have some coverage for light rain conditions.
- Please do not destroy the essence of Bommer Canyon and what it stands for: Orange County history. We have very few landmarks left from bygone eras, it would behoove the City to keep the spirit of old Ranching days alive. Please keep agriculture and cattle-related amenities available so that FFA and other agriculture-centric organizations can also use the Camp. Thank you!
- Thank you for preserving this land
- Please leave the natural (not groomed) trees for birds and shade.
- I believe the camp should retain the natural feel relating to the history of the camp and its rural setting. The east fork trail should also be under consideration for becoming a 7 day trail connecting to the county trail from Nix and the ridge trail from Quail Hill.

- I would like to see keeping design similar to existing structures. A lot of emphasis on what that land was. Agriculture and ranching. Signs talking about what that land was used for. I really like the existing signs. Maybe keep what we can and those in bad shape replace with similar signs. The branding signs on site are really interesting and an important part of that land's story.
- I think keeping to the spirit of the historic cattle camp and the natural setting while opening it up for public access to natural and interpretive opportunities would be perfect. As a volunteer trail guide for the IRC and a plein air painter I'm kind of partial to the way it is. :) I suppose if it's going to be improved, I would think adding some sort of nature / historic interpretive center and allowing more regular public access would be good. For example, if I could go up there to paint on a more flexible schedule other than open access days that would be great. Thanks for reaching out for public feedback on this!
- Please preserve the history of this site for current and future generations.
- no organized sports park
- I personally like it how it is and believe that too much change is going to affect the feel that it currently has.
- please keep it rustic!!!
- minimal impact on environment please
- More extensive access at twilight and early evening. Utilization of solar powered + motion detector LED lights to unobtrusively enhance safety?
- Make sure that respect for the natural environment is adhered to. Provide recycle bins, organic waste bins, etc.
- Don't delay
- Flying insects are the only bother. Love Bommer.
- Should be open to the public, and not a little-known place for people with special knowledge and access.
- This site allows us to appreciate the natural beauty of our Irvine Ranch history in a simple, rural manner.
- Restore appearance to ranch days and offer modern facilities to improve utilization for weddings and large group activities
- Availability
- I love the shady sycamore trees among the buildings and over the picnic tables but, I would love to see the landscape around it restored to its native Coastal Sage Scrub habitat.
- Please keep the land in as natural of a state as you can so everyone can enjoy the beauty, history and wonder of the Canyon.
- Bommer Canyon should remain rustic and have that cattle ranch feel. It should be a step back in time to when the cattle and horses roamed. The one place in Irvine that feels country. A place where us city folk can get out of the city.
- I really would like a lot more access to the camp. I don't like that it is gated all the time.