



## The City of Tualatin Veterans Plaza - Survey Results

April 2022



# Introduction

A community survey for the City of Tualatin Veterans Plaza was conducted March 31, 2022, through April 24, 2022. The survey included a total of 10 questions. The purpose of the survey was to receive feedback on which of the three design options presented for the Veterans project was most preferred. Additional questions inquired if the respondent lived in the City of Tualatin, if they were a veteran or family member of a veteran, and about specific design characteristics regarding military branch plaque locations, digital educational content, art locations, preferred project name, and additional feedback. The survey was available online with the option to download digital copies to print and paper copies were available at The Juanita Pohl Center and the Tualatin Public Library.

There was a total of 209 responses. Responses included:

- 203 online English speaking
- 4 online Spanish speaking
- 2 written English speaking

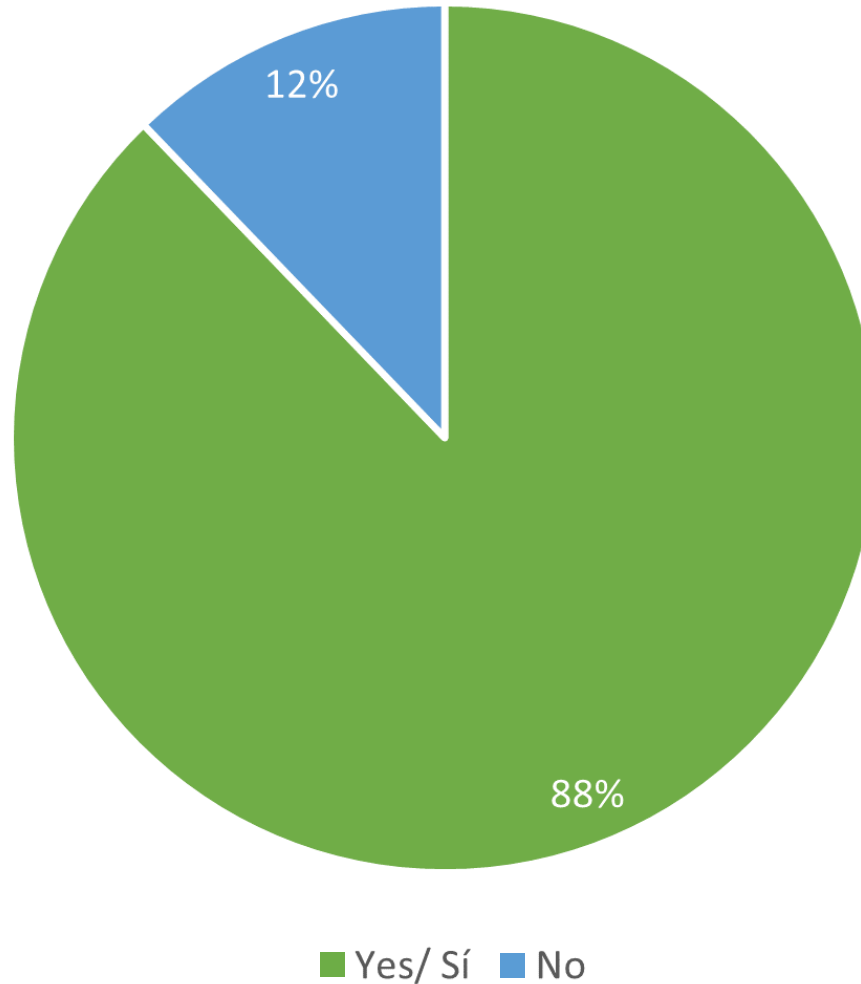
The public survey was advertised through the following means and platforms:

- City of Tualatin Website
- Project Open House Website
- Social Media
- Email Blasts
- Barricade Posters at the Tualatin Commons
- Public Engagement and Focus Group Events
- The Juanita Pohl Center
- Tualatin Public Library
- Local newspaper

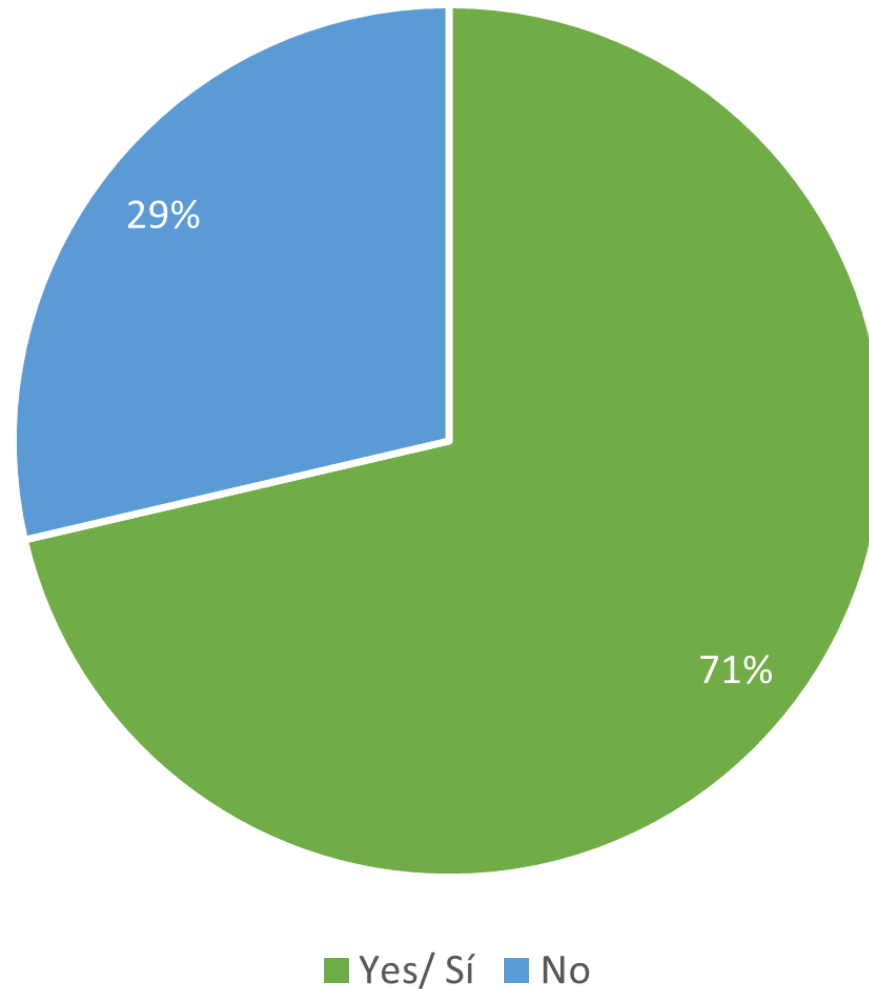
The following information includes data on surveyed questions and responses to open-ended questions.

## Survey Results

Do you live or work in the City of Tualatin?  
¿Vive o trabaja en la ciudad de Tualatin?



Are you a veteran, or a family member of a veteran?  
¿Es veterano o familiar de un veterano?





■ Option/Opción 1

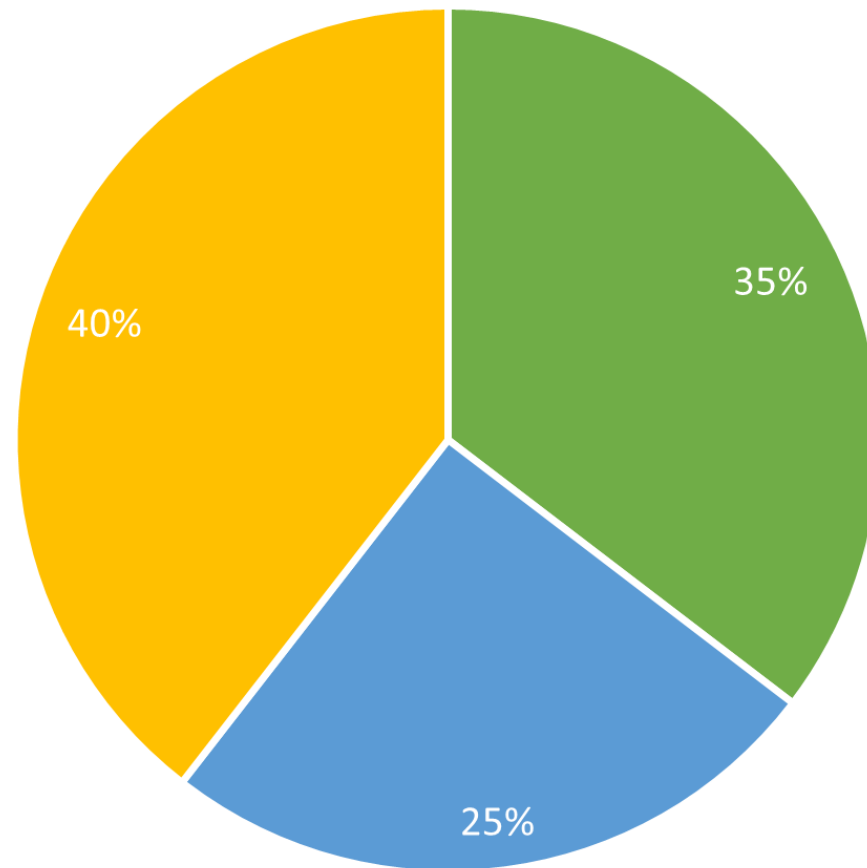


■ Option/Opción 2



■ Option/Opción 3

Which design do you prefer most?  
¿Qué opción de diseño prefiere más?



# Tell us why you selected the design option you did?

## Cuéntenos por qué seleccionó la opción de diseño que eligió?

### Option 1 Comments

Circulation, Openness, Harmony
I like the idea of having lots of picnic tables. I also like the rounder shapes and more open space. I visit Tualatin Commons multiple times a week for walks with friends.
I liked the rounded edges and multiple seating areas
Great combination of plants and trees with a designed purpose.
I find the circle design more pleasing and the water feature next to the lake seems redundant
Provides excellent venue for speeches, readings and education.
lots of seating.. for groups and more intimate conversations, mature trees, room for picnics, rounded like the space it fills and no water feature to waste or defile.
No need for more water (3) why would you put boulders in pond ? You should add water spouts to center of pond with solar power to operate.
Seemed to have better flow and use of space over hardened structures and a 'colder' feel.
Flow , art and seating looked more comfortable and inviting
More usable open space towards the water. Visually appealing.
Although all options are multi-functional, options 2 and 3 give me a sense of messiness and the overtly orderly arrangement of trees isn't my slice of cake.
I liked the rounded edges and multiple seating areas
I like more round shapes they are much more inviting and calming then the sharp angles
I like the rounded edges
Flows well, yet feels open and the movement of a fountain is nice.
Traditional look with ample opportunity for Veterans appreciation.
It seems the simplest with the least amount of military symbolism.
I like the layout of this design
Good things for space..
we liked
Exemplifies honoring veterans
Because it's not the one that Joe is lobbying vets to chose.

## Option 1 Comments Continued

It's not too crowded and more open space.
I like the wooden aspects of the design
Simple
We liked it most.
Felt the most comfortable
I like the seating at the top of the garden and the circular arena for Kids to climb on the steps or to have a coffee or picnic meal with someone.
simple for maintenance purpose
We like the fountain in the lake, shade trees, pollinator garden, and the circular seating area near the drop off.
I like how it is set up to surround the memorial and especially like the circular plan and the seating provided
No particular reason. I have no strong feelings about any of them.
good sitting for older people. but I do like the idea of the small waterfall type feature in the other design.
Prefer Option 1 or Option 3. Both have best use of space for reflection, gathering, and interpretation. Option 1 provides best options for inward (intimate space) and/or outward (peaceful views of lake) reflection, which are equally important; and, also feels very inviting and flexible for the community. While I like the design, Option 3 elements (especially additional fountain elements) may be costly to construct and maintain, which will be more costly for residents overall. Option 2 does not 'flow' well and feels like design elements are 'forced'. Thank you!
The overall set up has a nice flow. I think all the seating would be well used & really like the shaded entry.
I like labyrinth and multiple seating areas
The gathering area design looks nice, and the overall flow is appealing.
best design
seems more accomodating and the sculpture are fits better.
Felt more fluid. I dislike the large amount of boulders for #2 and the many small water art pieces for #3. If I could choose, I would do #3 with the water art piece from #1.
Like it the most of all.
Like the things in this one.
Looks more modern, I would love to see the overhanging lights on this too but a shaded area would be better for the few hot months
Best

## Option 2 Comments

I like the rocks in the lake. Please consider using native plants!
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Even though I'm not sure what they are from these small diagrams, I like the idea of the rock formations in the water - hoping they will contain some significance.
I like both options 2 and 3!
Seems to have the most inviting atmosphere and more opportunity for shade. The seating options seem and I like it more than the others.
The variety of spaces and walkways. Lots of access to trees and plants.
I like more seating and more trees.
Most pleasing to the eye with natural rock features incorporated. Has more greenery to it.
More Trees
I liked the idea of the overhead lights and it just overall seemed cozier.
Sight lines and look
I like the boulder area in the lake and landscaping components.
It looks the best. No option one! We don't need any more stupid bird statues!
the pond
This seems like a simple, yet complex designs that would be enjoyable to all. That area needs something to look at, there are already areas to walk and sit, we don't need any more water features, but a rock design would be an excellent place to sit, look at and enjoy the ducks.
I like the trees with the lights. I also like their being tables with chairs and covering over those tables and chairs.
simple yet effective
I like elements of all three options. The second option has the most natural design elements for water scaping, I appreciate the "continuation of the landscaping" into the water, as it's not a beach or usable swimming lake, it makes the space feel less like a dirty pond and more natural. The separate segments feel like nice smaller gathering places that allow for space, the trees throughout add shade and segmented seating (great for covid life). I also appreciate the stringed light that is a part of the welcoming/entry, that makes the space feel like a party space and welcoming, drawing the eye at night. I do want to challenge that space though. Do we have that many places open into the evening in the commons? I feel like our commons space needs more draw to bring people to a space that will have lights (for evening time illumination) otherwise it might be a less than ideal add to the design option. I would almost prefer option ones design for that space.
I like the natural art in the lake.
Geometric shape
Two areas of art in the lake and seating close to the lake.



## Option 2 Comments Continued

Better aesthetics
It feels very welcoming- I LOVE the overhead lights.
Visual appeal
Seating area near waterfront
Bigger art pieces, entry lights would create atmosphere.
I like the individual tables out by the lake. I love the boulders in the lake feature. It seems like it has the most greenery.
I think good lighting is welcoming and I like the lighting in Option 2. Lighting is good for daytime use and when the sun goes down and businesses are still open as well. I like that Option 2 seems to have the most visual space as well- I don't think hidden or out of view sitting areas are good, because it's not safe and sometimes attracts people who want to conduct "unfavorable activities" because they don't think others can easily see them. We need open welcoming areas for all citizens to enjoy and feel safe using. Thank you!
I like the rock art idea
I prefer the look of the large boulders. It gives a peaceful, yet strong look.
I enjoy how it interacts with the lake feature and prefer it's entry treatment.
I like the natural stones including in the water and the overhead string lighting
I like the natural elements that are included.
I really like the entry (#11) on Option 2.I also like how the flexible space in in the center area. They're all great and I like different elements.

## Option 3 Comments

The pond reminds me of reflecting upon service.
Peaceful connection to space
I'm not sure you guys don't give any details. I think it still has a water park and if it does then that's enough reason. The bigger and better water park we get here the better. So I can take my kids there.
Looks the most interesting and engaging. Multiple places to walk through, reflect, rest.
Like it
As a veteran that lives on the east coast option 3 is the most appealing.
Prefer the overall look and feel of what the finished space will be
It flow better and has more options to honor veterans
I just love the flow of this design
I really liked the water feature elements in this one.
I like the water features and more natural seating areas
Multiple water areas and good spots to sit and reflect.
I like the mixture/combination of Designs 1 & 2. It's modern, yet not too modern and doesn't look like something straight out of the future.
I liked how it included parts of option 1 and option 2. The circular benches were my favorite part, and I prefer a water feature of art rather than the boulder art. I also like the labyrinth idea and I think that should be in a circle. Finally, I think that the reflection pool is a really good idea.
I really like the fountain layout
More public art, I like the idea of circular seating
I liked how there was a lot of water features and felt modern. Also how there was like a walking path too look at the military plaques.
Looked nice. Didn't like option #2's sharp corners. Provides more opportunity for reflection on veteran topics.
I liked having lots of seating areas, but I do like the string lights in the entrance of option two.
It has a more reflective feeling, more conducive to gathering.
Prefer the natural stone benches and fountain ideas.
The fountain area looks nice and calming
Best opportunity for design elements to honor our veterans. Branch plaques should be displayed near entrance.
Chose because the water pool. Seems relaxing, redeeming and reflective.
I liked the main entryway with the pavers with Veteran's names.

## Option 3 Comments Continued

Clean low obstruction and offers nice view of the lake.
It looks way more current and updated.
The seating area looks most inviting to me
I like the reflecting pool and waterfall feature as well as labyrinth. Not so fond of in lake feature as pictured. But hard to tell what it will be.
It has the best flow
I liked the water feature.
I love the water elements. But I also really love the boulder elements in option 2.
Seem like the most open space
cause water pool
very unique
I like the general layout of 3, with the reflection pool and shaded seating areas. BUT from Option 1, I like the idea of a water fountain in the lake. AND from Option 2, I like the entry space with the string lights for night time ambiance.
Looks more user and maintain. friendly with less intrusion into lake. Like overall layout.
Pool of water and many art things in like.
calming, peaceful, reflection
More circular areas, more running water.
Because pool of water.
It is more aesthetically pleasing and I feel it's a design that allows for more relaxation and contemplation; which is good for this area.
I just prefer number 3
Fountain
Love the reflection pool and stone benches in #2. Love the calming circular designs that also fit with the lake area. I like the Seneca entry on #1 though. I don't care for design #2 at all. It is too many straight lines and not calming or matching the commons area design and flow.
Option 3 out of all 3 has the most military look after all it does have the Word Veteran its theme should be Veterans/ military related
It's difficult to visualize a 3D space with a 2D overhead layout, so would much prefer something in 3D that I can move around in a bit to get a feel for how it looks.
The combination of the labyrinth & water features.
It seemed to provide more options to sit and relax. I also liked the water (art) features in option 3.
Just felt better about it.

## Option 3 Comments Continued

My wife told me to
all 3 designs are acceptable but #3 seemed to have more reverence & honor in my opinion.
more military info, etc
Love this design, very welcoming and inclusive and fits on the plaza.
Labyrinth and walking option with the placards
The fountain
Looks like the best one and like the water pool.
Signs depicting the military branches
Like the features in this one.
More mellow. Nice gathering area.
The layout
The elements provide something for everyone.
There are parts and pieces I like from all of them. I wish I could pick my favorite parts and pieces from each. Overall I like three because I like all the circular patterns. I think it is inviting. I also like the lights in the walkway in concept 2. These are very popular and inviting. I think it also draws people in. The lighting under the benches in some of the photos is very nice.
I like to hangout
It's better





■ Seatwall/Respaldo de asientos

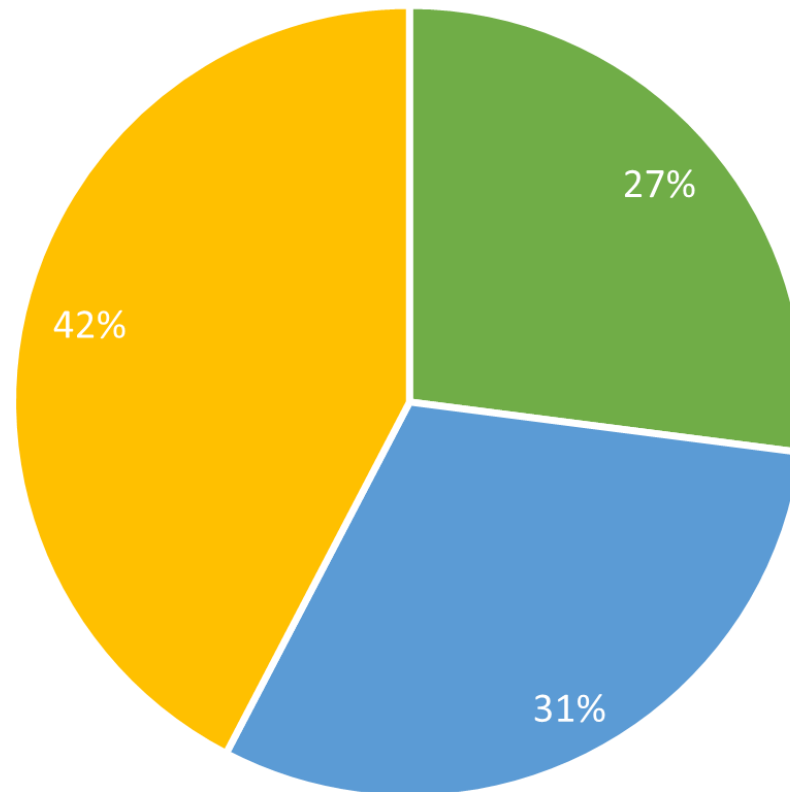


■ Ground inlay/Incrustados en el suelo



■ Face of rock/En una roca

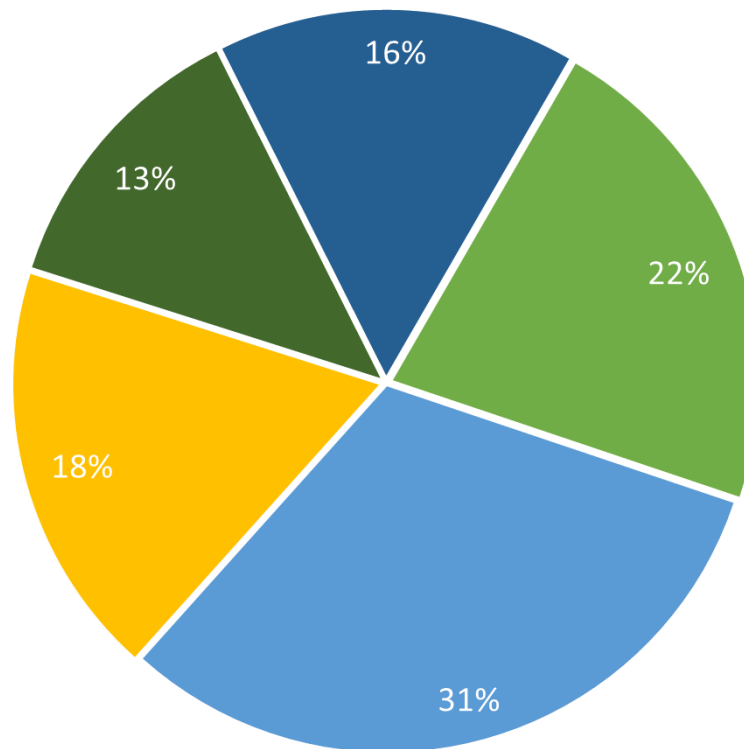
Where would you prefer the military branch plaques to be placed?  
¿Dónde preferiría que se colocaran las placas de las ramas militares?



Military service educational content will be obtained digitally using a QR code.

What content is most important to you?

El contenido educativo del servicio militar se obtendrá digitalmente mediante un Código QR a un sitio web educativo del servicio militar



Local veterans/Veteranos locales

Historical information/Información histórica

Military families and civilian support/Familias de militares y apoyo civil

Military diversity and female veterans/Diversidad militar y mujeres veteranas

Other/Otra

## Other QR code content suggested by survey takers:

Ways to work with other and avoid conflict.
All
History of war and combat service.
Historical as well as diversity including Mwemorial to Women No seals of service branches on ground or as seat backs
local vets with info about diversity and females
Combination of all of the above
All of the above
Conflict resolution
All of these
Content that emphasizes the need to abolish war and promote peaceful alternatives
Peaceful resolution to wars
Military service members and families sacrifice.
Oregon interests
Service Jobs and duties
Military service and not Military conflict
no preference
All of the above
I would like a combo of local veteran stories that shows the diversity of service members, how they served, and better yet why they served.
Oregon veterans and families
Peace and conflict resolution.
minority service members
Combination of military support/ civilian support for mental health and connection services.
Why can't there be local, historical, family and civilian
Horrors of war
Services for Vets in need and how to donate to services that support them.

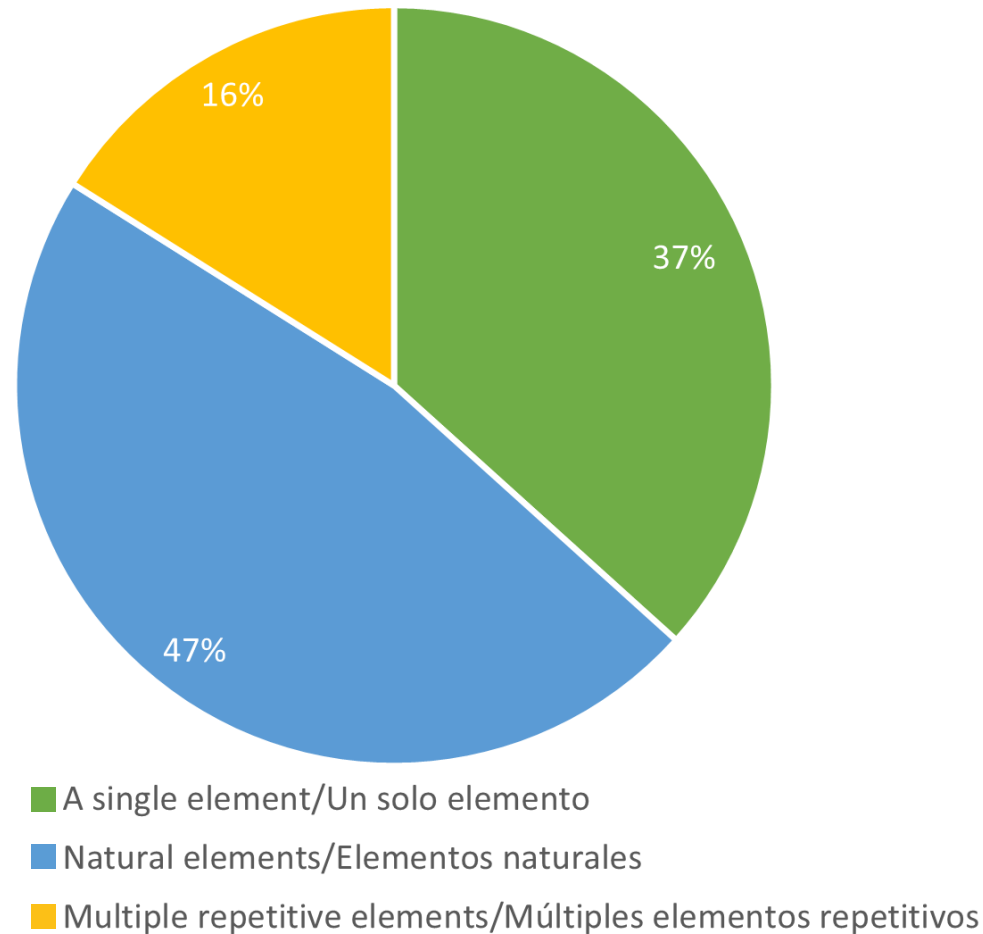
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Branches of service and descriptions of what they contain...such as Army: aviation, infantry, etc (with descriptions) including historical like Army Air Corps
1 and 2 equally important
All of it is important include all
peacemaking to avoid wars
Local veterans and military diversity & female veterans are equally important.
None

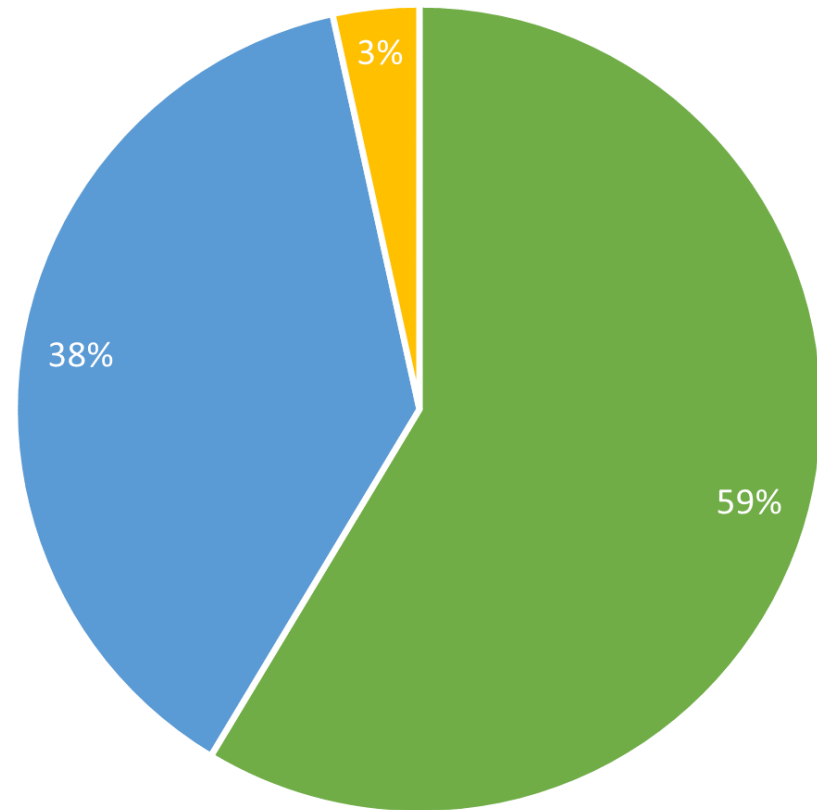


Military service public art will be displayed in the Lake, what do you prefer?

El arte público del servicio militar se exhibirá en el lago, ¿qué prefieres?



What name do you prefer?  
¿Qué nombre prefieres?



- Veterans Plaza/Plaza de los veteranos
- Veterans Memorial Plaza/Monumento a los veteranos Plaza
- Other/Otra

## Other names suggested by survey takers:

Military Memorial Plaza
Military Service Plaza
Veterans Deserve Better
No special name. Keep it just the Tualatin Commons
I believe that depends on question #6 above. If info is more historical, then "Memorial" - but if info is more local and/or present, then no "Memorial". Hope that makes sense.
Tualatin Plaza
Veterans Peace Plaza

## Do you have any other comments or thoughts you would like to share?

### ¿Tiene algún otro comentario o pensamiento que le gustaría compartir?

We on the veterans memorial committee did not take into account the experience and perspective of Native Americans. In some parts of Oregon, the US Army pushed Native Americans from their land by force, and although I don't see a record of this in the Tualatin area, I'm wondering if we need to acknowledge something in the documentation of this memorial. Are we honoring the Native American warriors who fought against the United States, or are we only honoring the victors? If the Veterans Plaza will include a plaque for each branch of the US military, I want to make sure that we are not missing anybody, for example, those who flew for Air America (CIA) during the Vietnam War.
Thanks for appreciation of service members.
Please consider adding signage to the lake and the plaza! Many people drive through Tualatin, and don't even know there is a lake! Mark 4 entry points to the lake possible with Large vertical signage.
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Great designs, thanks for honoring vets
Took survey at vanguard with guys.
Iwo Jima statue that is at national Marine Corps War Memorial.
I hope this area will include some beautiful landscape, unique hard scape, special timeless art (not cheesy), and elements that will age well over time. Reviving this area will be nice. If only we could attract quality cafes and restaurants (not fast food). We are excited about Brix coming to the Hayden's space!
Signage is IMPORTANT both in/near memorial and directional signs for parking and direction from I-5 & T-S Rd.
That you...we can never forget the service and sacrifice.
Honor all services veterans, living and dead.
No military service public art in the lake unless provisions are part of design so that you can walk up to it.
living and dead deserve honor. perhaps an update-able board, or a board where the community can post.
Put large fountains in pond to honor veterans and support homeless veterans.
Please do not take what should be a straight forward Veterans memorial and turn it into a progressive project of singling out people by gender or race. Keep it apolitical, keep it simple - focused on service and historical facts about the military.
Sorry City fighting you on what veterans want but we aren't in oregon and not get involved.
Would like to see bricks sold to remember vets
I like the string lights at entrance in #2 makes it feel safe and lit up
It feels like all options were designed to only be used during the summer or when it's not raining. I feel like there needs to be more, interesting, shelters so that people could enjoy it during the raining days.



## Comments Continued

There's a lot of concrete so it is challenging in terms of maintenance considering that many infrastructures in Tualatin have quite a lot of cracks.
Although I really enjoy Design 3, I think maybe there's something that could be changed. I like the idea of having many seating areas for visitors, however I think that maybe some of the designated seating could be used for something better, such as more information areas. I think the majority of visitors will be there to experience the Memorial and stay for some time, but I think there can be more to take from the memorial when there is more content provided/displayed.
Thanks From veterans
Fantastic designs to choose from. Thanks for your appreciation of vets
I don't like the US military iconography/plaques. For one thing, there are veterans living here who served in non-US military. I'd also like to see acknowledgment of natives and those who may have chosen to not fight in a war (pacifist activists). I think reflection should be on the people, not on the branches of the military.
Memorial in the name has a sad remembrance. The plaza name emphasizes service recognition and appreciation.
Allow food carts! Veterans get hungry too!!!
Call it peace plaza.
How will the public art in the lake have an impact on the Pumpkin Regatta or the boat enthusiasts that put items in the water?
These designs are wonderful and honor Veteran's very well.
nice vets recognition to call veterans appreciation plaza
thanks for honoring us
Would love to see cherry blossoms incorporated into the design
Other names veterans military service plaza or veterans appreciation plaza.
Should have a Memorial Day parade!
I suggested a different name as this is not just for or about veterans but active military and non military as well.
I would like to see the splash pad finished so that I don't have to travel out of town to have a day out with my grand children
I worry about spray paint vandalism---maybe think about materials that can be cleaned.
Surrounding space should be carefully considered when choosing art. Piece should fit "in situ" and not contrast or take away from the memorial aspect of the plaza.
No just looking forward to the completion for our military and first responders veterans being honor.
Thanks for showing appreciation for vets and their families.
No boulders in lake! I feel it would encourage play in lake.. People would want to climb
Nicely done. Good focus on veterans service and honor.
granpa in army

## Comments Continued

thank you for honoring military
Liked Option 1 but thought too many table/chairs. Lake art and fountain should be low maintenance. QR code information should have multiple types of information; history and upcoming events for the space - reason for vets to check the code often.
Prefer no lake intrusion.
Like idea to honor service and not war or conflict.
great designs, very much honors veterans and their families
When will the project to build start and projected finish?
I have found that many current military members, whether active duty, reserve or guard, do not consider themselves to be veterans. A designation like “honoring all military service” may feel more inclusive.
Good project and great job of showing designs.
My spouse suffered a lot of physical and mental health trauma as a young man in Iraq and Afghanistan war. Though I disagree with the idea of war, our soldiers need so much more support once they get back to their families and community.
Is this money well spent? How will this benefit the actual citizens of our city?
Keep it meaningful, cost effective, and low maintenance. These elements/memorials should always look pristine and be well maintained, so be sure City has resources to adequately maintain whatever is installed. Plantings should always appear fresh and vibrant, so site-specific plant selections are very important! Art and design elements should be very durable and vandal-proof. Also consider engaging with a ‘friends’ group to take stewardship over this area for best oversight and care.
Just a little concerned that all 3 options still look very unfinished or plain , not enough details on what military items will be on display . Do not see a place where Women Veterans will be honor as well .
The VFW Auxiliary is looking forward to the Veterans Plaza.
Be careful adding individual names, it is easy to miss people who could be included but then feel left out, which many Vietnam veterans already feel left out.
Hopefully this is just the start of making the lake area more pedestrian friendly- the whole “downtown” area feels under utilized
Beautiful idea and creation all designs are exceptional. Every town needs to have this across America.
None of the designs include flags. All military branch flags should be flown along with US flag.
other names veteran peace plaza and veterans appreciation plaza
Tough decision because all designs are good. Love the calm and reflective Veterans Plaza name and friendly peaceful area.
Many veterans are still alive, and using “memorial” in the name seems to imply it’s for those who have died. I’d also like there to be QR codes with links for suicide prevention & support services for vets.
When I hear the term ‘memorial’, it has a certain context to it that individuals are no longer living. To have a “Veterans Plaza”, in enables you to not only honor those Vets that have passed, but it also provides recognition to living Veterans, as well as their family members.

## Comments Continued

Larger print on plaques and any other objects.
child proof fencing along lake boundry
Add a full bar please
Military art not to be displayed in the lake but within Memorial. None of the three design perferred, see emailed comments Include a pylon containing plaques in honor of Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Silver Star and Bronze Star veterans
thank you for adding this to our city's design.
very well done, we love the different ideas and being able to chose an option. Thank you, we have parents and family members that serve. to include all that serve is wonderful.
Covered area for rain and sun.
Nice project and good job on designs.
As mentioned to you before flags need to be at the site, for it is the US flag, POW/MIA AND Branch flags that all service members follow an honor
Great designs! it was tough to decide on one over the others.
I'm excited for the project! :)
Thank you for your continued efforts on this project. Much appreciated!!!
The labyrinth is a desirable design element for any of the 3 design options and should be included in the final design. Thank you for including outdoor dining tables on all 3 designs.
Where are the flags. At least American flag. But would be best to have American flag with Service Branch flags, including POW flag.
Thank you from veterans
Thank you