



Ridgewood Reservoir Survey Summary

Total of 341 participants, 70% of whom are from Queens & Brooklyn. Top three concerns:

- 64% want to see handicapped-accessible boardwalks that descend into the basins. An additional 20% said maybe, depending on how it was done and noted that it should be ecologically sensitive, monitored and safe.
- 75% want to see the gatehouses repurposed as a nature/interpretive center. An additional 16% said maybe, depending on how it was done.
- 51% are concerned generally about safety, with 56% specifically concerned about better access and pedestrian safety. 47% indicated the need for a public bus stop.

Complete survey results are available at [this link](#) including comments. Another finding of interest is that a high percentage of community residents who wanted to see the Reservoir, in fact had not previously done so, which speaks to community concerns about safe and easy access to the site.

Adapting the Reservoir as a nature center and creating programming will engage more visitors in a constructive and healthy way. At the same time it will help to address many of the safety and access concerns that people have with the site.

ZIP Codes for Survey Respondents, June 2017

