Question 5: Other reasons you like the program?

Honestly, I neither like nor dislike the program. I have a garage at my home (knowing, when I bought, that parking in Portsmouth can be tricky and paid for a home that included parking), so am fortunate to have consistent parking. I never had an issue with guests finding a spot before the program, and haven't found that the permit system makes it any easier.
It is mostly working. There still are businesses on Islington that use the few spaces on our street all day which forces us to park on the street when we are expecting a contractor or visitor.
The number of permits decided on seemed logical and fair. Not more than I needed and not less.

Eliminated the "outsiders" clogging and disrespecting our neighborhood for the sake of free parking for 8-10 hours. Eliminated 90% of transient traffic. Made the neighborhood, a neighborhood again!! We now have returning kids; dog walkers; strollers etc. â€¦.much less chaos!!
Overall!! Itâ€™s been a god send!! The irony: having a place to park is only a very small part of it!!! PLEASE keep the programâ€¦.PLEASE!!! When you start to repair the old garage and folks are forced down here, please donâ€™t give my neighborhood and home to themâ€¦because they WILL take it Iâ€™m afraid.
Thanks

The NPP pilot program worked well overall. It has enabled residents in my neighborhood to find a parking spot within a block or two of their homes which was the purpose of this program. It mostly eliminated non-Portsmouth people from taking parking spots away from Portsmouth residents. There is a lot of freedom for non-Portsmouth people who are free to park in the neighborhood from 6pm to 11am the next day without penalty.

Parking in the past was brutal. If I left for 20 mins to run to the grocery store, more times than not, there would be no parking out front when I came back. This is no longer the case. Drastically improved.

I don't like the program , completely unorganized, Parking manager is not doing his work as suppose, it isnâ€™t synced with our applications and unlawful activities with tickets when parking officers are ticketing cars not looking at rear window of the car where sticker supposed to be, parking manager tells to simply appeal these tickets instead of training people to do their job right.
We have several residents in our association that are either handicapped or have physical limitations and it is a hardship to have caregivers and service providers look for parking outside of the neighborhood.

It's more fair and balances the needs of residents with others who need to park in the neighborhood for a couple of hours without overtaking the neighborhood.
It gives pass holders a fighting chance to park close to their homes.

Though I always found a parking place before the program began.
I am the guest.
When we need snow removed from our condo lot we can just park locally for a couple hours
My customers have less trouble finding spots as well.
I still have trouble finding parking on Fridays and Saturdays. Otherwise it's been useful.
does not allow for special circumstances very well that are temporary such as short term work being completed on a property

It seemed well balanced, at least in the area within a few blocks of Bridge Street. There are usually a couple of spaces, but not so many that parking seems wasted.

Thanks for including businesses. I've worked here for over 20 years and it's nice not to lose what feels like a "legacy" parking arrangement.

I could find a parking space on the street when I needed one even before the program began. I do not like the program at all.

less traffic, fewer people driving around looking for parking

Some times we have an extra car

Pilot program was inexpensive

I could also find a space before the program started. I am not in favor of this program.

The enforcement of parking laws is spectacular....all those people parking in the no parking zones are finally getting tickets...

Flexibility when I have my kids and grandkids over, go out to eat or shopping

People who live and work in the neighborhood can actually find parking now. I have seen no one abuse this program hence my comments about expansion below. We have a driveway so we park in it. But we now have a driveway because we could never find parking. I remember the problem too well. It was miserable with babies and little kids. There are several new houses by the park= more people. The Statie apts being built! Most people do not have off street parking. The problem is gone. You take this away, the problem is back. Then what? There is not enough public transportation for people to not have cars. The surrounding area is too rural.

I also appreciate that parking violators appear to be ticketed when parking longer than the posted hours. I didn't think that that would happen.

There seems to be more of a "shared" attitude among residents and businesses. I have family living in Islington Creek and I am a landlord. I can usually park within the same block. Before the program it could be 2 blocks or more away on most days.

I was not here before the program so I cannot comment on any differences. the only reason I checked a box above was because I couldnt submit the survey otherwise

Gave us back our neighborhood!!! Gone every morning are the 60+ cars looking for a free place to park.

Much less chaos and traffic. Very quiet now. A â€œneighborhoodâ€ again!!

Taxpayers should be the priority for on street parking considering the tremendous amount of money we spend paying portsmouth.

The primary reason I like the program is it has extinguished the scramble for parking in the morning by folks who work in the area. I believe it is driving them to the parking garage (which is very close) thereby benefiting portsmouth revenue.

Portsmouth residents and business owners should get priority.

Must be good for residents on Hanover St where out of towners take up all the parking.

It reduces random parking on residential streets where non resident cars are left for hours at a time and we are unable to park close to our home

Limits the number of business vehicles on the street at one time. I.e. Trigger has upwards of 5 employee trucks and 5-7 of their work vehicles blocking all the parking.

Its free!

No morning traffic chaos by downtown workers looking for free parking.

Much less thru traffic.

Quieter.

Peaceful

My street isn't overrun with people who don't live on it.

It works for all above reasons and ensures portsmouth residents or employees near the area have a place to park where before for DECADES it as a major problem.

PLEASE KEEP THE PROGRAM AND DO NOT BE THE CAUSE TO REINSTATE A DECADES LONG MAJOR PROBLEM!!! Also, PLEASE report on the survey results in the problem areas Brewster to Bridge streets incl Hanover and the side streets closer to downtown.

It's free - this is critical to retain renters in the downtown area. Instating a cost would be a major mistake.

The majority of time, I can find a parking space in the winter months. However this is not always the case in the evening and during the summer months. Too many non residents are parking for 2 hours in NPP spots.
Prior to parking program I would arrive home at 5:30 and all the spaces were occupied by people walking to town on party

Convenient parking for working as needed in office thank you

Flexibility and neighborhood comfort

Model for the south end of Portsmouth

Totally support