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2013

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Data from Citizen Survey

Prepared by Community & Economic Development

March 29, 2013

A citizen survey was conducted as part of the town of Framingham’s update to the 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The survey contained 47 questions and was designed to understand resident needs and concerns. The survey was available in three languages – English, Portuguese and Spanish. Paper copies were available at town hall and at the town Library. The three surveys were also posted online in mid-December 2012 and responses were collected until the end of February 2013. The availability of the survey was announced on the town website, in a local newspaper article, at a public meeting that occurred on February 7, 2013 and via postcards to over 400 residents, including town meeting members and representatives on various town boards and commissions. A total of 584 survey responses were collected (567 via the web site, 13 paper copies and 2 Portuguese and 2 Spanish).

1. In which precinct do you live?

	Response %	Response #
1	11.50%	52
2	6.20%	28
3	7.10%	32
4	11.50%	52
5	8.60%	39
6	8.40%	38
7	7.50%	34
8	6.40%	29
9	4.40%	20
10	2.00%	9
11	10.40%	47
12	4.40%	20
13	6.20%	28
14	1.80%	8
15	1.80%	8
16	0.70%	3
17	0.20%	1
18	0.90%	4
	Answered	452
	Skipped	132

2. On what street do you live? (optional)

Various responses obtained.

3. Does anyone in your household own real estate in Town (other than your home)?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	6.70%	39
No	93.30%	540
Answered		579
Skipped		5



4. Number of people in your household?

	Response %	Response #
1	10.30%	58
2	27.60%	156
3	15.00%	85
4	29.90%	169
5	13.30%	75
6	3.00%	17
7	0.70%	4
8	0.20%	1
	Answered	565
	Skipped	19

5. Number in household under the age of 18?

	Response %	Response #
0	45.70%	258
1	14.00%	79
2	27.80%	157
3	9.60%	54
4	2.10%	12
5	0.70%	4
	Answered	564
	Skipped	20

6. Number in household over the age of 60?

	Response %	Response #
0	72.00%	404
1	12.50%	70
2	15.50%	87
	Answered	561
	Skipped	23

7. Number in household with access problems due to mobility impairments?

	Response %	Response #
0	85.50%	530
1	4.10%	23
2	0.20%	1
3	0.20%	1
	Answered	555
	Skipped	29



8. Which of the following best describes your living situation?

	Response %	Response #
a. Single adult - living alone.	8.80%	48
b. Single adult - sharing living quarters.	4.00%	22
c. Single parent - children at home.	2.60%	14
d. Young Couple - no children.	5.10%	28
e. Young family with young children.	35.50%	194
f. Family with older children.	21.60%	118
g. Family, children no longer at home.	5.70%	31
h. Senior couple or family.	14.10%	77
i. Senior living alone.	2.60%	14
	Answered	546
	Skipped	2

Chart 8

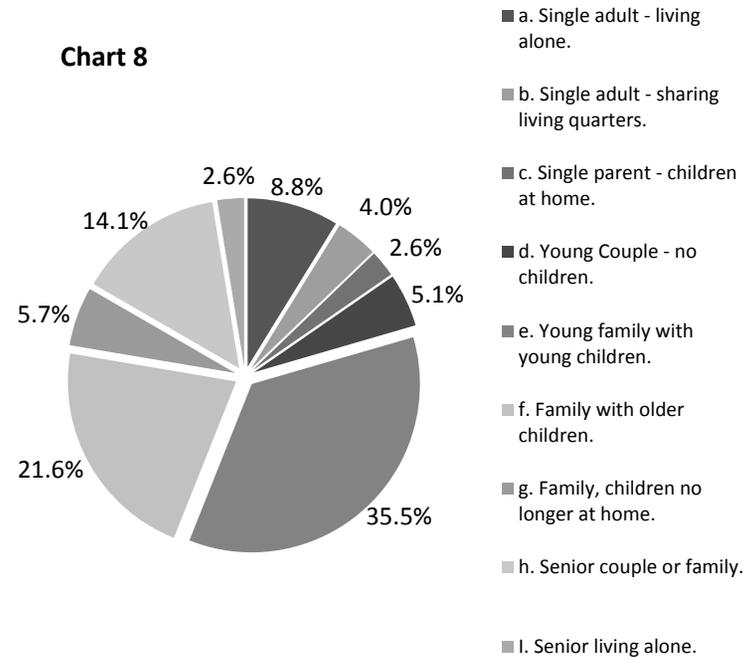
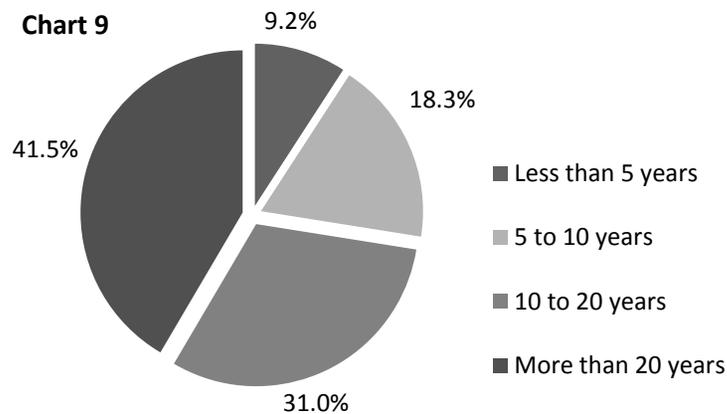


Chart 9



9. How long have you lived in Framingham?

	Response %	Response #
Less than 5 years	9.20%	53
5 to 10 years	18.30%	106
10 to 20 years	31.00%	179
More than 20 years	41.50%	240
	Answered	578
	Skipped	6



10. What do you like MOST about living in Framingham?

	Response #
Diversity	73
Convenience to.....everything, Boston, shopping...	64
Access to ..Boston/shopping/everything, easy access, accessibility	54
Location	48
Proximity	17
Close proximity	16
Schools	15
Central location	14
Affordability	6
Other Responses	219
	Answered 529
	Skipped 55

11. What do you like LEAST about living in Framingham?

	Response #
Traffic	118
Downtown appearance	60
Taxes	13
Crime	12
Congestion	10
Route 9 traffic	10
Schools	8
Other Responses	302
	Answered 516
	Skipped 68

12. What is the most critical problem facing our Town?

	Response #
Taxes	33
Budget, finances	28
Downtown	24
Traffic	22
Attracting more business, families	15
Illegal Immigration	14
Schools	12
Lack of funding...	12
Crime	9
Education	8
Other responses	303
	Answered 481
	Skipped 103

13. Has anyone in your household ever participated in a Town of Framingham sponsored recreational activity?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	73.40%	422
No	26.60%	153
	Answered	575
	Skipped	9



14. Are there sufficient sidewalks or walkways in your neighborhood?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	64.10%	370
No	35.90%	207
Answered		577
Skipped		7

15. Should major roads in Framingham be striped for bike lanes?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	56.50%	315
No	43.50%	243
Answered		558
Skipped		26

16. What do you consider to be our Town's most attractive landscapes or natural features? (Name up to three in order of preference.)

	Response #
Callahan State Park	268
Cushing Park	175
Garden in the Woods	60
Town Common	52
Farm Pond	49
Sudbury River	44
Nobscot area, hill, woods, reservation etc	42
Framingham Centre	40
Lake Cochituate	34
Reservoirs	30
Lakes and ponds	26
North Framingham open lands	23
Aqueduct	17
Bowditch field	16
Eastleigh Farm	15
Parks	12
Macomber	11
Saxonville Beach	11
Tercentennial Park	10
Other Responses	283
Answered	488
Skipped	96



17. What residential growth policy do you favor for Town?

	Response %	Response #
a. No growth.	31.70%	163
b. Growth evenly spread.	38.70%	199
c. Additional residential units in existing developed areas.	21.40%	110
d. Concentrate new residential development in undeveloped areas.	8.20%	42
Other (please specify)		91
	Answered	514
	Skipped	70

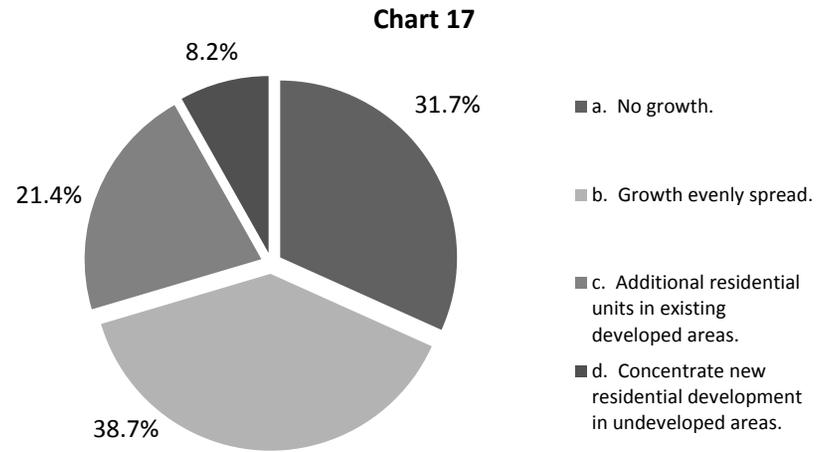
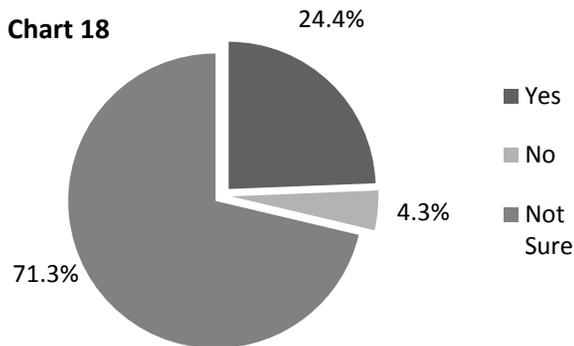


Chart 18



18. Is there privately-owned open space in Town in need of permanent protection?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	24.40%	135
No	4.30%	24
Not Sure	71.30%	395
If Yes, please describe:		118
	Answered	554
	Skipped	30



19. Would you support Town appropriations for acquisition or construction of additional recreational facilities?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	82.90%	462
No	17.10%	95
Answered		557
Skipped		27

20. Would you support seasonal or annual user fees to support specific recreational facilities or conservation areas?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	67.80%	383
No	32.20%	182
Answered		565
Skipped		19

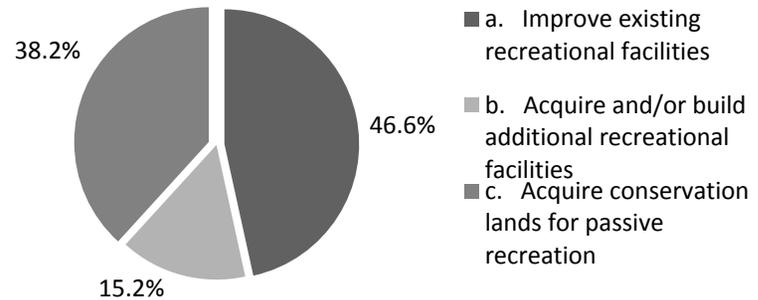
21. Would you support Town appropriations for acquisition of open space?

	Response %	Response #
Yes	78.10%	452
No	16.90%	98
Answered		579
Skipped		5

22. What should be the Town's more important priority?

	Response %	Response #
a. Improve existing recreational facilities	46.60%	257
b. Acquire and/or build additional recreational facilities	15.20%	84
c. Acquire conservation lands for passive recreation	38.20%	211
Answered		552
Skipped		32

Chart 22

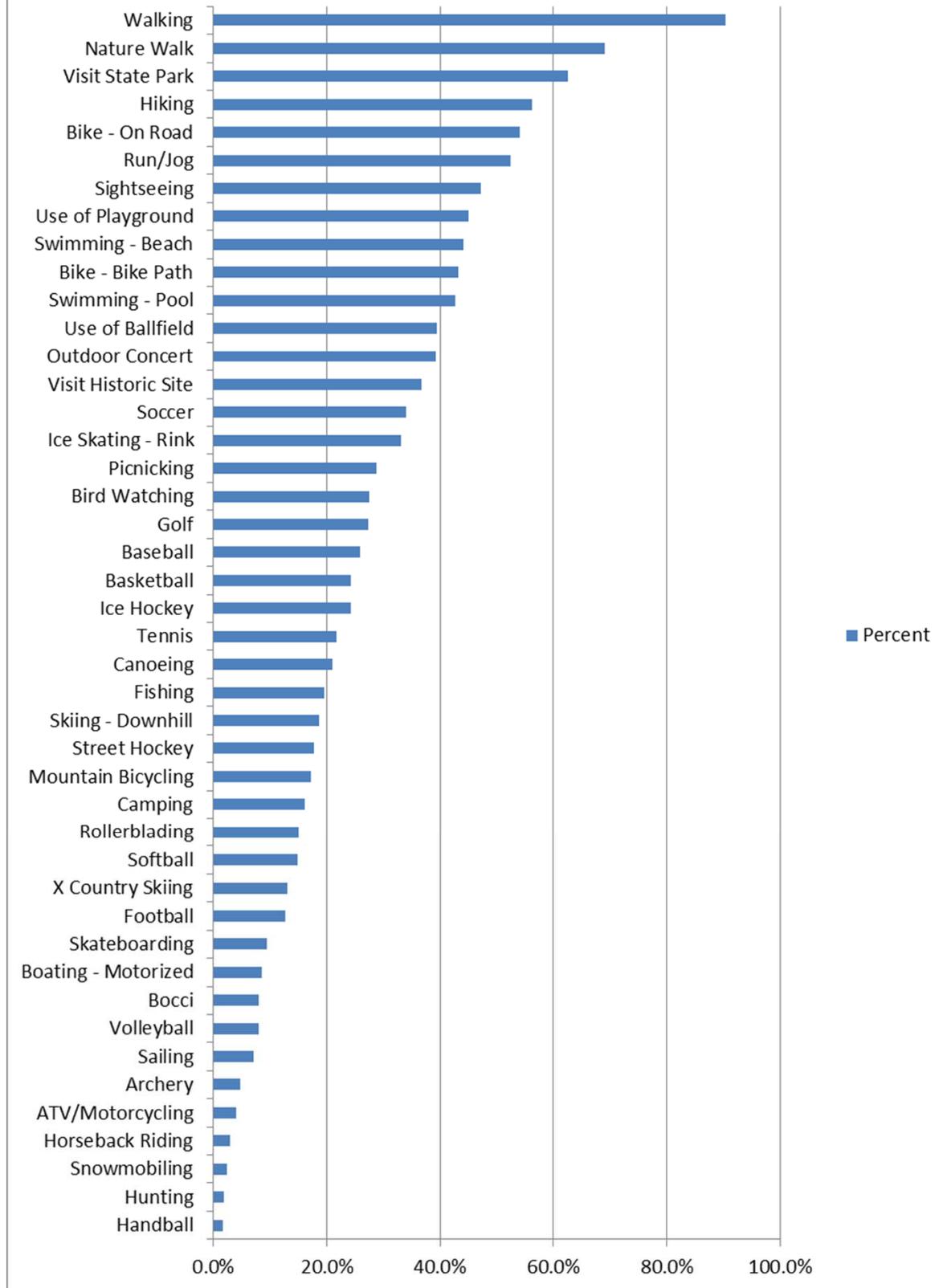


23. Indicate approximately the number of times you or a family member participates in each recreational activity during an average year.

	A	B	C	D	Response #
	1-3 times	4-10 times	10+ times	Zero times	
Use of Playground	121	66	180	179	546
Use of Ballfield	94	48	165	233	540
Boating - Motorized	58	25	21	435	539
Street Hockey	50	22	73	390	535
Ice Skating - Rink	101	47	133	264	545
X Country Skiing	73	42	28	392	535
Horseback Riding	41	4	12	476	533
Swimming - Pool	67	63	166	241	537
Swimming - Beach	119	92	146	182	539
Bird Watching	81	63	84	306	534
ATV/Motorcycling	26	5	16	488	535
Snowmobiling	24	7	6	495	532
Outdoor Concert	234	144	71	98	547
Visit Historic Site	237	142	54	102	535
Visit State Park	144	144	198	60	546
Skiing - Downhill	85	56	44	349	534
Rollerblading	79	41	39	376	535
Bike - On Road	87	114	178	161	540
Bike - Bike Path	112	100	133	194	539
Mountain Bicycling	69	44	46	366	525
Nature Walk	104	120	253	63	540
Skateboarding	47	27	22	428	524
Walking	38	52	447	15	552
Run/Jog	60	65	217	195	537
Hiking	97	104	199	138	538
Baseball	66	29	110	332	537
Softball	55	24	55	395	529
Basketball	88	54	76	317	535
Football	70	32	35	392	529
Soccer	51	24	157	300	532
Canoeing	162	56	55	257	530
Sailing	69	19	19	424	531
Fishing	107	54	50	322	533
Hunting	22	6	4	496	528
Camping	101	56	30	345	532
Archery	46	14	11	458	529
Handball	25	2	7	494	528
Tennis	97	50	66	319	532
Picnicking	185	93	60	195	533
Volleyball	60	24	18	428	530
Golf	89	58	87	298	532
Sightseeing	105	102	146	173	526
Ice Hockey	35	14	116	373	538
Bocci	61	32	10	425	528
Other (please specify)				45	45
				Answered	560
				Skipped	24

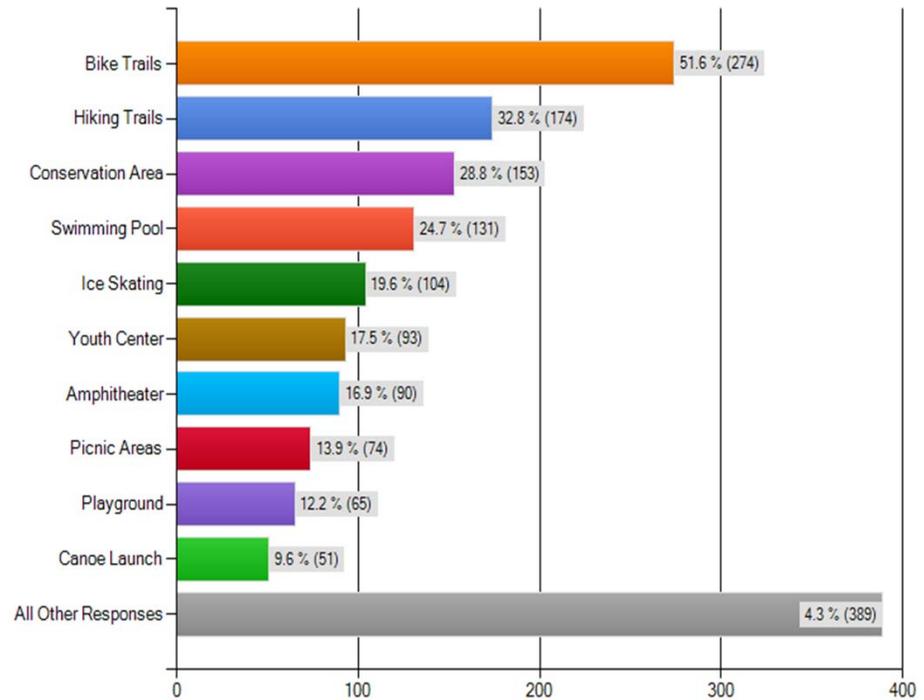


Frequency of Activity (4 or more times)



24. Which of the following does the Town need more? (Check off the top three (3) facilities you feel are needed.)

	Response %	Response #
Bike Trails	51.60%	274
Hiking Trails	32.80%	174
Conservation Area	28.80%	153
Swimming Pool	24.70%	131
Ice Skating	19.60%	104
Youth Center	17.50%	93
Amphitheater	16.90%	90
Picnic Areas	13.90%	74
Playground	12.20%	65
Canoe Launch	9.60%	51
X Country Trail	9.60%	51
Tennis Court	7.20%	38
Town Beach	7.00%	37
Golf Course	6.20%	33
Pocket Park	5.80%	31
Soccer Field	5.50%	29
Senior Center	5.10%	27
Boat Launches	4.30%	23
Skateboard Park	4.00%	21
Track	3.80%	20
Basketball Court	3.60%	19
Camp Ground	3.20%	17
Baseball Field	2.60%	14
Softball Field	2.40%	13
Bocci Court	1.50%	8
Bridle Paths	1.10%	6
Handball Court	0.40%	2
Answered		531
Skipped		53

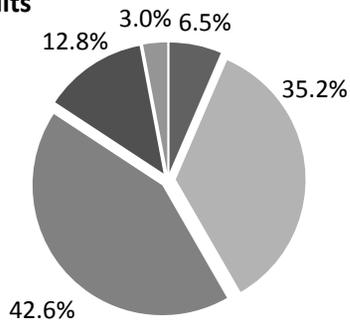


How satisfied are you with the places in town for recreational use by:

	5		4		3		2		1		Answered	Skipped
	(Very Satisfied)		(Satisfied)		(Neutral)		(Dissatisfied)		(Very Dissatisfied)			
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#		
25. Adults?	6.50%	37	35.20%	201	42.60%	243	12.80%	73	3.00%	17	571	13
26. Children?	9.30%	52	36.20%	202	39.60%	221	12.90%	72	2.00%	11	558	26
27. Seniors?	6.80%	36	19.40%	103	61.50%	326	9.80%	52	2.50%	13	530	54
28. People with disabilities?	6.30%	32	12.10%	62	65.80%	336	12.10%	62	3.70%	19	511	73

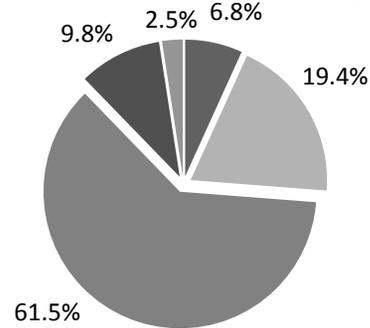
25. Adults

- 5 Very Satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neutral
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very Dissatisfied



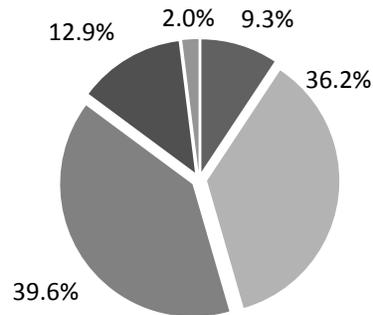
27. Seniors

- 5 Very Satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neutral
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very Dissatisfied



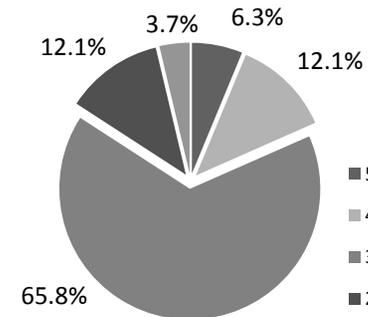
26. Children

- 5 Very Satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neutral
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very Dissatisfied



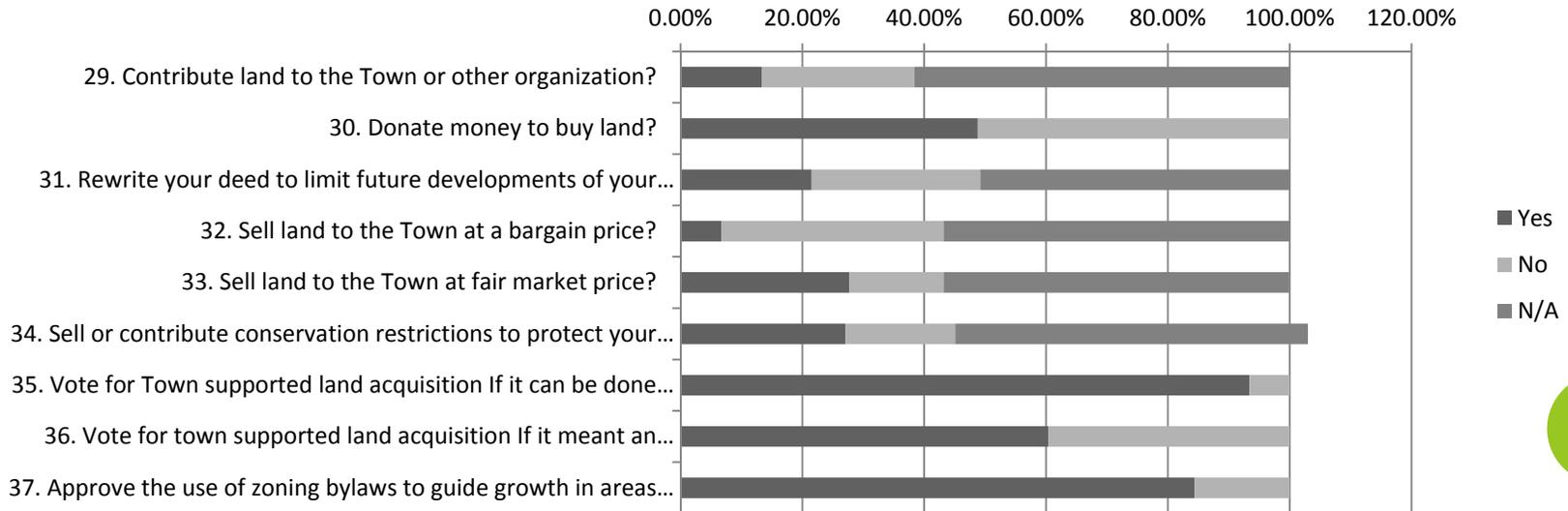
28. People with disabilities

- 5 Very Satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neutral
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very Dissatisfied



To preserve open space in Town, would you:

	Yes		No		N/A		Answered	Skipped
	%	#	%	#	%	#		
29. Contribute land to the Town or other organization?	13.30%	76	25.10%	144	61.60%	353	573	11
30. Donate money to buy land?	48.80%	274	51.20%	287			561	23
31. Rewrite your deed to limit future developments of your land?	21.50%	122	27.70%	157	50.80%	288	567	17
32. Sell land to the Town at a bargain price?	6.70%	38	36.50%	207	56.80%	322	567	17
33. Sell land to the Town at fair market price?	27.70%	157	15.50%	88	56.70%	321	566	18
34. Sell or contribute conservation restrictions to protect your land from future development?	27.10%	151	18.00%	100	57.90%	306	557	27
35. Vote for Town supported land acquisition If it can be done without raising taxes?	93.40%	524	6.60%	37			561	23
36. Vote for town supported land acquisition If it meant an increase of 25 to 50 cents on the present assessed value of real estate per \$1,000?	60.40%	335	39.60%	220			555	29
37. Approve the use of zoning bylaws to guide growth in areas that can support increased development (e.g. areas with municipal water and sewer), and discourage development in areas that are less suitable for development?	84.40%	467	15.60%	86			553	31



How important is it to you to preserve:	Rating					Average	Response #
	5 (Very Important)	4 (Important)	3 (Neutral)	2 (Less Important)	1 (Not at all important)		
38. Historic buildings	241	178	77	39	15	4.07	550
39. Historic or scenic landscapes	295	177	56	15	7	4.34	550
40. Land containing archaeological resources	214	170	109	37	17	3.96	547
41. Farmlands	254	176	86	24	11	4.16	551
42. Wetland areas	269	158	73	37	15	4.14	552
43. Woodland areas	308	173	48	16	8	4.37	553
44. Undeveloped land for future generations	234	168	108	27	15	4.05	552
45. Undeveloped land for future recreational needs	221	191	97	22	19	4.04	550
46. Open space for protection of water resources	316	164	53	10	9	4.39	552
47. Open space for protection of wildlife habitat	294	170	59	19	9	4.31	551
						Answered	556
						Skipped	28

