

Appendix A.

Public Survey

An up-to-date, Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP), approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services, is a requirement to qualify for eligibility to apply for certain state grant programs that fund Open Space (conservation & recreation) land acquisitions and improvements to outdoor facilities such as recreational trails, and parks and playgrounds.

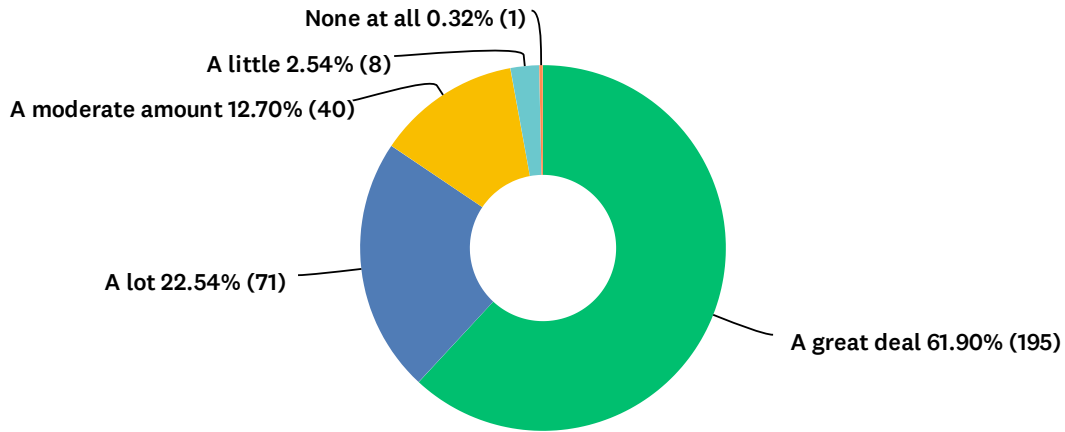
Public participation is an important part of any planning process, especially the establishment and representation of a community's Open Space & Recreation vision, goals, objectives, priorities, and action plan. In addition to public outreach campaigns that include meeting with relevant stakeholders, members of target audiences, and hosting public input and information sessions to gather and share information, open public surveys are a valuable tool for reaching a broad and general population to gather information that is representative of the entire community.

Public surveys, and the results they produce, also help to identify, understand, and describe community needs, desires, expectations, and visions. As part of the planning process for the update of the Townsend Open Space & Recreation Plan (2022 – 2023), a public survey was conducted to garner responses to inform and shape the development of the plan in a way that is both meaningful and representative of the community. Survey questions focused on the degree to which respondents valued open space, their opinions on the importance of various open space landscape features, their knowledge and use of open space (including recreation facilities and amenities), their satisfaction with open space and recreation lands, facilities, and amenities, and, finally, their input on the communities open space and recreation needs.

The survey was conducted between June 1st and June 31st, 2022, and resulted in the collection of information and data from 317 responses. The results of the Townsend Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) public survey are presented below:

Q1 How much do you value open space in Townsend?

Answered: 315 Skipped: 2

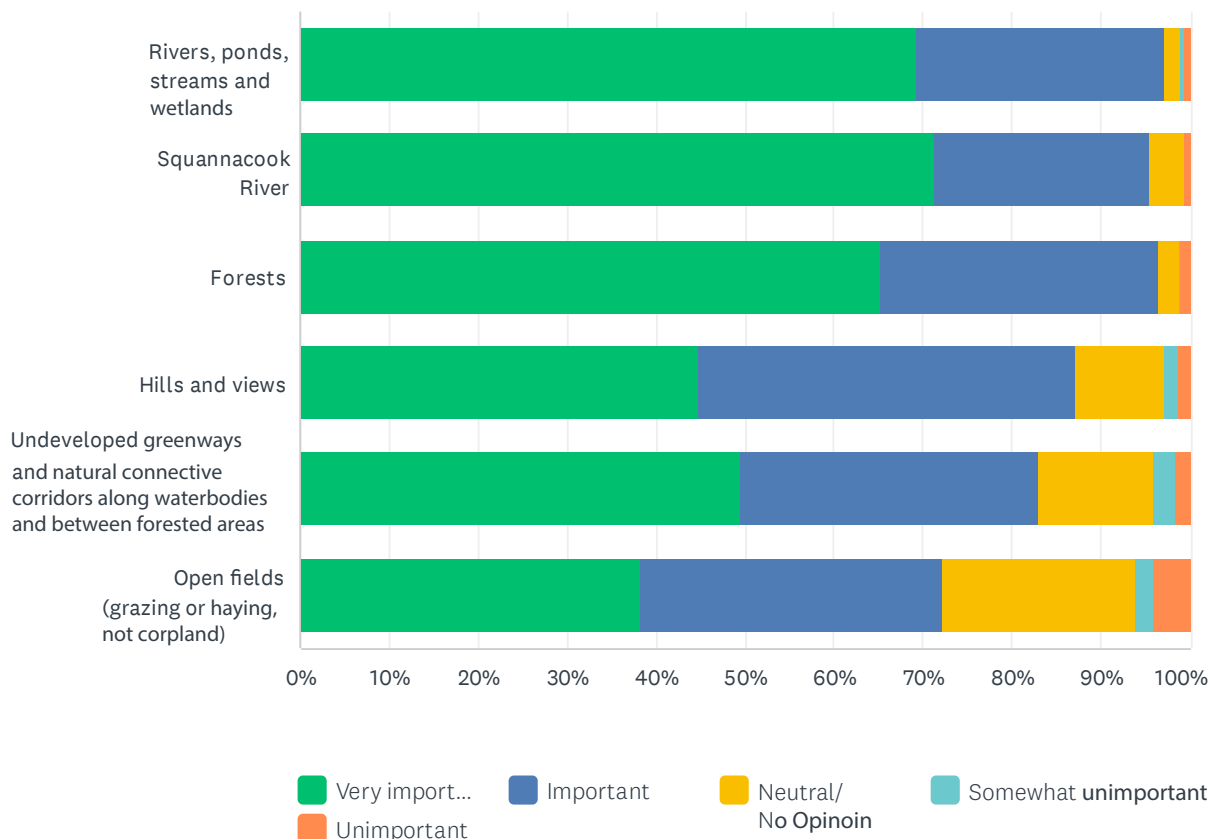


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	61.90%	195
A lot	22.54%	71
A moderate amount	12.70%	40
A little	2.54%	8
None at all	0.32%	1
TOTAL		315

More than 99% of all respondents valued open space in Townsend to some degree. 84% of respondents valued open space *A Lot* or a *Great Deal*. Only a single respondent did not value open space at all.

Q2 Landscape character is defined as those features both natural and man-made that give Townsend its unique character. Rate the importance of the following features of Townsend's unique NATURAL landscape character:

Answered: 314 Skipped: 3



Greater than 70% of respondents considered ALL of the listed features of Townsends "Natural Landscape" to be either *Important* or *Very important*. In particular respondents valued the importance of rivers, ponds, streams, and wetlands, the Squannacook River, and Forests with close to 95% of all respondents considering them to be *Very Important* (65 -71%) or *Important* (24-31%).

Respondents who thought certain features of the Landacape to be *Somewhat Unimportant* or fully *Unimportant* only accounted for a small percentage - less than 5% of the responses in each of the categories and less than 2% of the resonses in a majority of the categories.

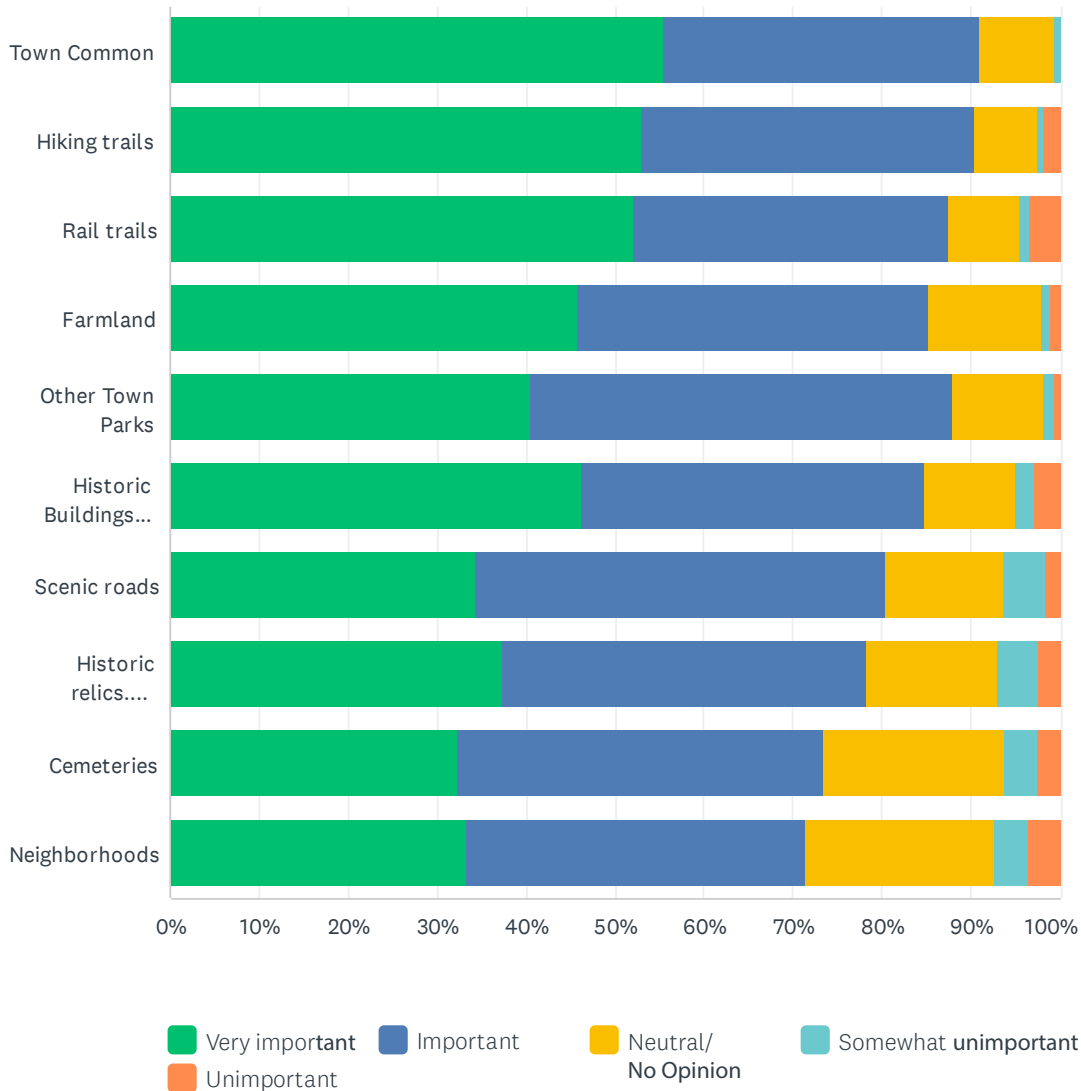
In general, the data indicates that a large majority of respondents consider the Natural Landscape to be *Important* or *Very Important*.

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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL/ NO OPINION	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Rivers, ponds, streams and wetlands	69.23% 216	27.88% 87	1.92% 6	0.32% 1	0.64% 2	312	1.65
Squannacook River	71.34% 219	24.10% 74	3.91% 12	0.00% 0	0.65% 2	307	1.65
Forests	65.27% 203	31.19% 97	2.25% 7	0.32% 1	0.96% 3	311	1.59
Hills and views	44.84% 139	42.26% 131	10.00% 31	1.61% 5	1.29% 4	310	1.28
Undeveloped greenways and natural connective corridors along waterbodies and between forested areas	49.52% 155	33.55% 105	12.78% 40	2.56% 8	1.60% 5	313	1.27
Open fields (grazing or haying, not cropland)	38.34% 120	33.87% 106	21.73% 68	1.92% 6	4.15% 13	313	1.00

Q3 Rate the importance of the following to Townsend's MAN-MADE or BUILT landscape character:

Answered: 315 Skipped: 2



Greater than 70% of respondents considered the listed features of the man-made, built landscape to be *Important* or *Very Important*. In particular, greater than 50% of the respondents considered the Town Common, Hiking Trails, and Rail Trails to be *Very Important*. Similarly, greater than 40% of respondents thought Farmland, Town Parks, and Historic Buildings were *Very important*.

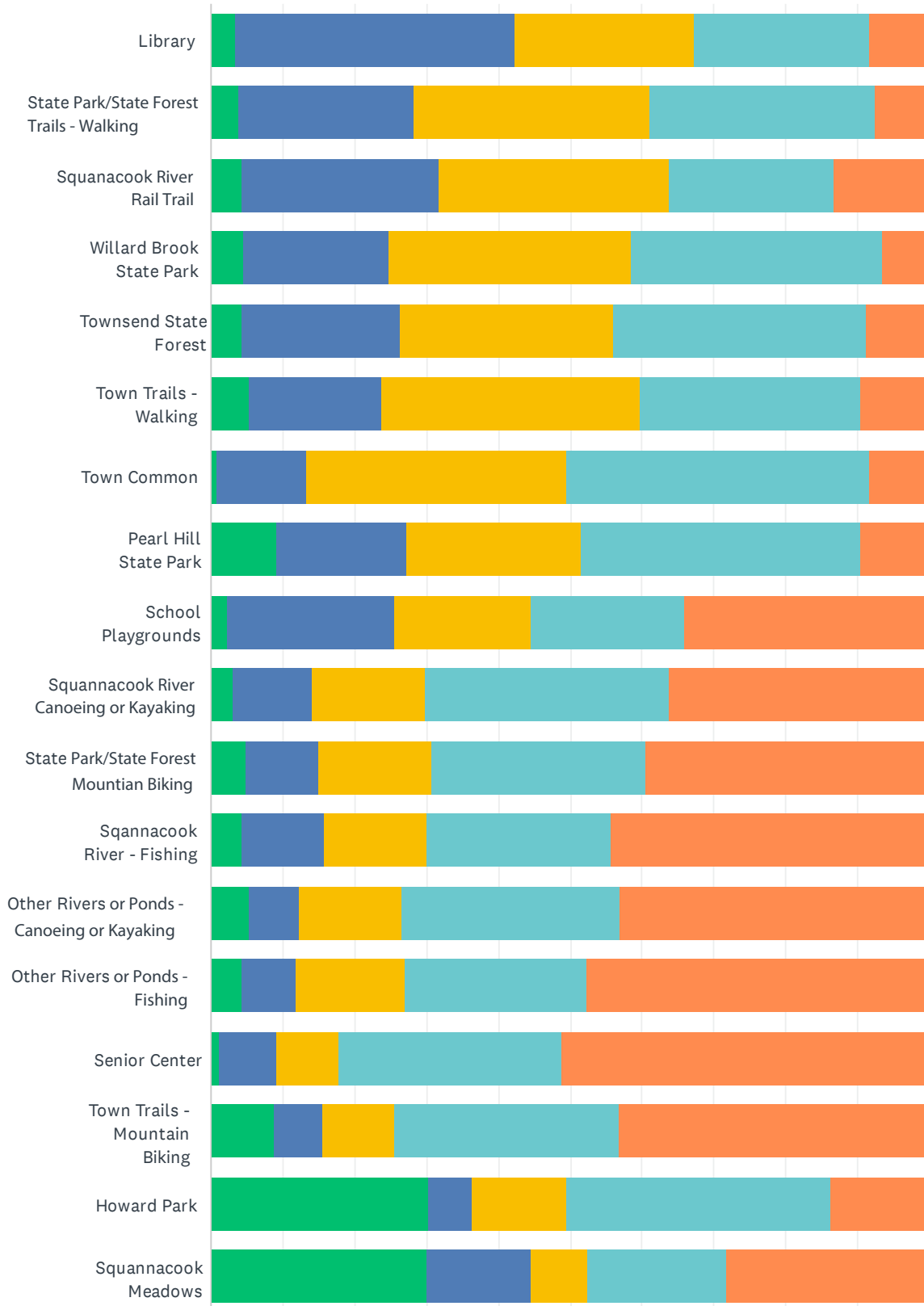
Respondents who considered listed features of the man-made, buit environment to be *Somewhat Unimportant* accounted for less than 5% of the responses in all cases and less than 2% in most cases. Those respondents who considered the listed features to be completely *Unimportant* accounted for less than 3.5% of respondents in all cases.

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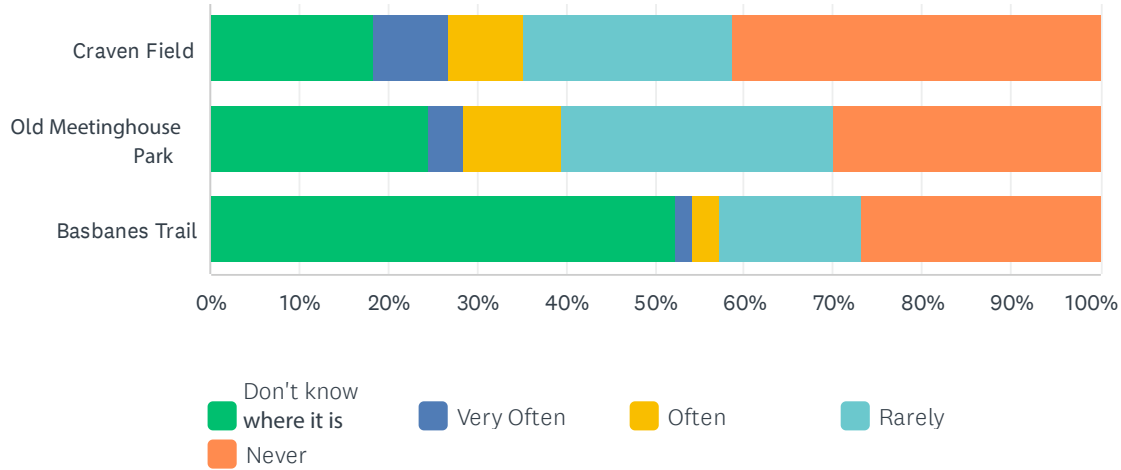
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL/ NO OPINION	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Town Common	55.41% 174	35.67% 112	8.28% 26	0.64% 2	0.00% 0	314	1.46
Hiking trails	53.04% 166	37.38% 117	7.03% 22	0.64% 2	1.92% 6	313	1.39
Rail trails	52.06% 164	35.56% 112	7.94% 25	0.95% 3	3.49% 11	315	1.32
Farmland	45.79% 136	39.39% 117	12.79% 38	1.01% 3	1.01% 3	297	1.28
Other Town Parks	40.58% 127	47.28% 148	10.22% 32	1.28% 4	0.64% 2	313	1.26
Historic Buildings (e.g., Memorial Hall, Spaulding Grist Mill, The Cooperage, Reed Homestead, Harbor Church)	46.30% 144	38.59% 120	10.29% 32	1.93% 6	2.89% 9	311	1.23
Scenic roads	34.29% 107	46.15% 144	13.14% 41	4.81% 15	1.60% 5	312	1.07
Historic relics (e.g. stone walls, railroad trestles, dams)	37.46% 118	40.95% 129	14.60% 46	4.44% 14	2.54% 8	315	1.06
Cemeteries	32.27% 101	41.21% 129	20.45% 64	3.51% 11	2.56% 8	313	0.97
Neighborhoods	33.33% 105	38.10% 120	21.27% 67	3.81% 12	3.49% 11	315	0.94

Q4 How often do you visit the following locations in Townsend for recreation?

Answered: 264 Skipped: 53



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Survey responses indicated that people use Townsends Open space to varying degrees of time between *Very Often*, in some cases, to *Rarely* or *Never*, in other cases. However, it also revealed that at least some respondents are unfamiliar with each of Townsends listed open space areas. Many informative comments were also provided (see public comments below) including several that indicated a need for Open Space/Trail maps and being unaware of many of these areas.

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	DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS	VERY OFTEN	OFTEN	RARELY	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Library	3.46% 9	38.85% 101	25.00% 65	24.23% 63	8.46% 22	260	0.87
State Park/State Forest Trails - Walking	3.80% 10	24.33% 64	33.08% 87	31.18% 82	7.60% 20	263	0.67
Squanacook River Rail Trail	4.20% 11	27.48% 72	32.06% 84	22.90% 60	13.36% 35	262	0.65
Willard Brook State Park	4.58% 12	20.23% 53	33.59% 88	35.11% 92	6.49% 17	262	0.58
Townsend State Forest	4.20% 11	22.14% 58	29.77% 78	35.11% 92	8.78% 23	262	0.57
Town Trails - Walking	5.36% 14	18.39% 48	36.02% 94	30.65% 80	9.58% 25	261	0.52
Town Common	0.76% 2	12.55% 33	36.12% 95	42.21% 111	8.37% 22	263	0.51
Pearl Hill State Park	9.16% 24	17.94% 47	24.43% 64	38.93% 102	9.54% 25	262	0.32
School Playgrounds	2.28% 6	23.19% 61	19.01% 50	21.29% 56	34.22% 90	263	0.27
Squannacook River - Canoeing/Kayaking	3.05% 8	11.07% 29	15.65% 41	33.97% 89	36.26% 95	262	-0.05
State Park/State Forest Trails - Mountain Biking	4.98% 13	9.96% 26	15.71% 41	29.89% 78	39.46% 103	261	-0.14
Squannacook River - Fishing	4.20% 11	11.45% 30	14.50% 38	25.57% 67	44.27% 116	262	-0.15
Other Rivers or Ponds - Canoeing/Kayaking	5.41% 14	6.95% 18	14.29% 37	30.12% 78	43.24% 112	259	-0.26
Other Rivers or Ponds - Fishing	4.23% 11	7.69% 20	15.00% 39	25.38% 66	47.69% 124	260	-0.26
Senior Center	1.15% 3	8.08% 21	8.46% 22	31.15% 81	51.15% 133	260	-0.29
Town Trails - Mountain Biking	8.88% 23	6.56% 17	10.04% 26	31.27% 81	43.24% 112	259	-0.38
Howard Park	30.27% 79	6.13% 16	13.03% 34	36.78% 96	13.79% 36	261	-0.49
Squannacook Meadows	30.15% 79	14.50% 38	7.63% 20	19.47% 51	28.24% 74	262	-0.52
Craven Field	18.39% 48	8.43% 22	8.43% 22	23.37% 61	41.38% 108	261	-0.53
Old Meetinghouse Park	24.52% 64	3.83% 10	11.11% 29	30.65% 80	29.89% 78	261	-0.60
Basbanes Trail	52.29% 137	1.91% 5	3.05% 8	16.03% 42	26.72% 70	262	-1.24

#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	stop letting turtles control our space. some of these naturalist people are worse than the wild life. and the state people buy the land then make it impossible to use it. after all its purchased	6/23/2022 2:01 AM

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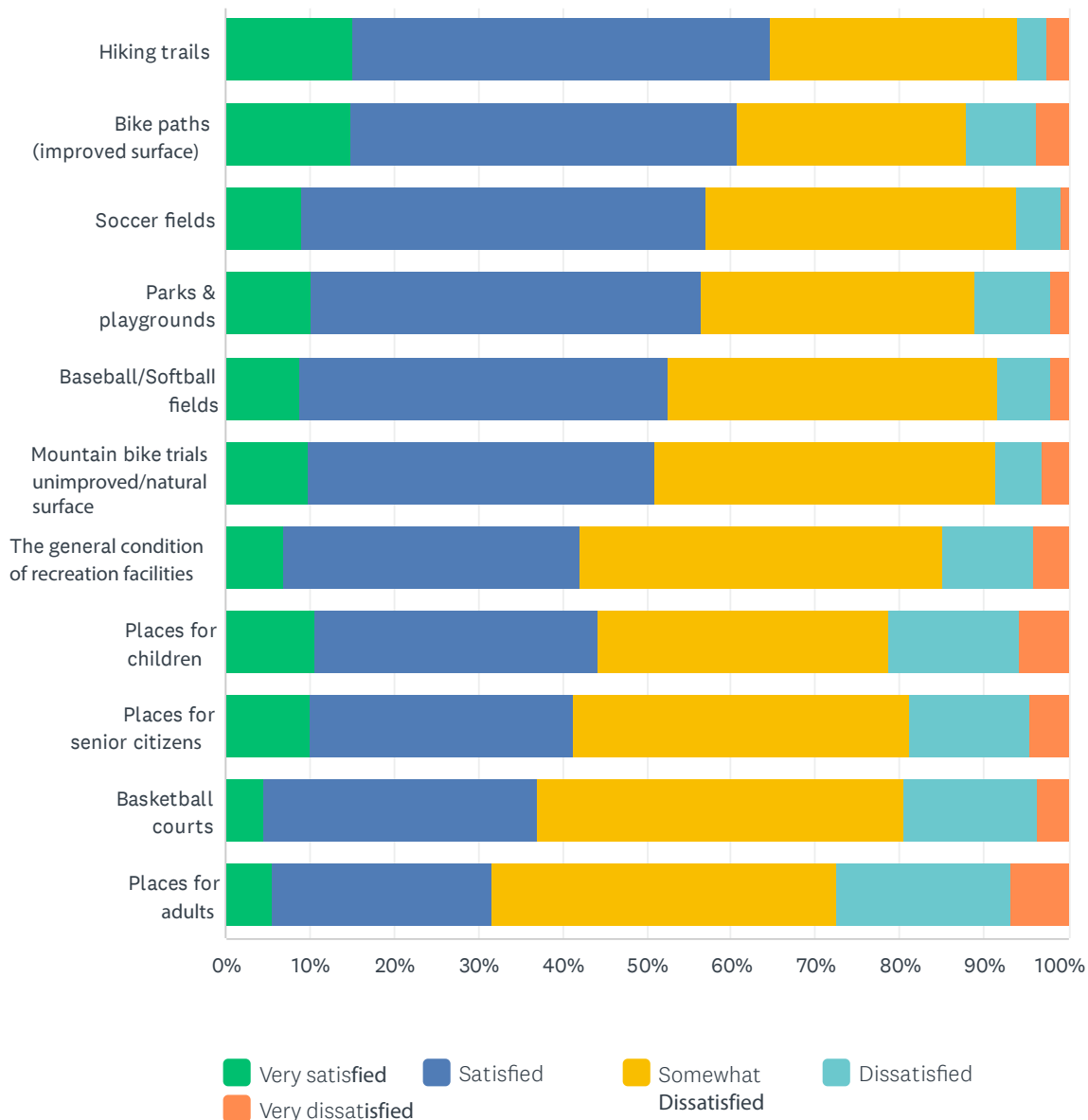
	with tax money directly or indirectly. grrrr	
2	As an active family in this community we use the towns field (soccer and baseball) VERY often and they are very important to us. We also use a lot of space for leisure, fishing, and walking trails.	6/22/2022 1:38 PM
3	I'm a senoir so I don't use many of these as I once did, but I highly value their existance	6/18/2022 12:00 PM
4	dont advertise the wilderness, let people discover it naturally. people are just going to trash the woods surrounding my house because they are advertising it.	6/8/2022 5:59 PM
5	Don't use a lot of these but still value parks and open space Wish there was more assessibility to some	6/8/2022 3:02 PM
6	I'm really hoping to up my activity level, but work and other commitments are currently making this difficult.	6/7/2022 9:07 AM
7	These answers are for pre-COVID. More recently, I am simply walking on my own property or in my neighborhood. (And rail trail is extrapolated from how often I used neighboring town rail trails.)	6/6/2022 11:26 AM
8	in the past, mountain biking at the state forest was considered an activity that "destroyed the resource", and therefore, was not allowed. I'm not sure whether that is still the policy.	6/6/2022 6:42 AM
9	This survey needs a sometimes.	6/5/2022 12:59 PM
10	Not aware of all these parks/trails	6/5/2022 8:31 AM
11	Conservation land is important. People move to towns like Townsend for the environment, the fields, streams, ponds, hiking trails, nature, scenic roads, the scenic views, as well as a good school system. Maintain what is there already, prevent overbuilding and too much construction in such a beautiful scenic, quaint town like Townsend. It is so pretty and filled with scenic roads and views. It is not overdeveloped like cities and some towns are. NOTE: We Need To Prevent Destruction of wet lands, Protect the ecosystems, AND We Need To Protect Our Aquifer Areas for the Safety of Our Drinking Water	6/4/2022 4:15 PM
12	Would utilize these options more but concerned about safety	6/4/2022 6:20 AM
13	the open space land protects the land, the integrity of the community and a space for families to be active and bond. It should be a priority for all	6/4/2022 5:30 AM
14	Are maps available for trails? I don't know where all recreational areas of Townsend are, and I've lived here for over 25 years...	6/3/2022 11:10 PM
15	The playground is in dire need of updating	6/3/2022 11:17 AM
16	The town is half state forest and dirt roads, but not one map is available.	6/3/2022 7:48 AM
17	Dog walkers either a fine or provide trash I hike 4-5 week here and many did pop bags tossed on trails would be better for dogs to poop directly in forest. Plastic bags are killing wildlife	6/3/2022 6:23 AM
18	I did visit common and schools when I had young children, since dogs not allowed on school property I stopped. Not okay IMO	6/2/2022 9:44 PM
19	Once we get kayaks we plan to visit all the Rivers and such	6/2/2022 9:41 PM
20	We should open up the trails with the sand pits up for atvs and dirtbikes like it used to be back in the day	6/2/2022 5:13 PM
21	We recently moved to town, but would love information on where to explore.	6/2/2022 5:10 PM
22	occasionally as an option instead of rarely would be preferred	6/2/2022 4:06 PM
23	Retiring soon so hope to change some of the nevers to oftens	6/2/2022 3:40 PM
24	if this is going to increase taxes i'm totally opposed!!!!	6/2/2022 2:38 PM
25	Can't find entrance to meeting house park.	6/2/2022 1:23 PM
26	Would love to see a dog park somewhere in town	6/2/2022 11:14 AM
27	Do not live in Townsend, but work in Townsend, I am interested in going to the above places.	6/2/2022 9:20 AM

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28	I did not realize there were so many trails in Townsend. Where are the hiking trail maps.	6/1/2022 10:37 PM
29	Wildlife and trail preservation is extremely important to me	6/1/2022 6:01 PM
30	Adams Dam?	6/1/2022 4:46 PM
31	We need places for our kids to ride four wheelers, dirt bikes ,snowmobile's. We need your kids out side riding and having adventure's out side. Get away from the computers and the phones, I am very disappointed in the way the town is for our kids. There is nothing but drugs for the kids now.	6/1/2022 4:36 PM
32	I'm new here so I haven't learned of all the places that are available yet.	6/1/2022 3:33 PM
33	Relatively new to town. Need to learn about these public resources	6/1/2022 1:17 PM
34	NO PUBLIC SWIMMING AREAS! State Park beaches are closed, (health), People need to learn to swim!	6/1/2022 11:59 AM

Q5 Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following types of outdoor recreation facilities in Townsend:

Answered: 261 Skipped: 56



Respondents were generally satisfied with many types of recreation facilities, however a majority of respondents were less than satisfied with places for children, seniors, and adults to play and recreate as indicated by lower levels of satisfaction and higher levels of dissatisfaction (greater than 50%) than most other categories. Responses also indicated a majority of respondents were less than fully satisfied with Basketball Courts and the General Condition of Recreation Facilities, as indicated by greater than 50% combined results of those who were *Somewhat Dissatisfied*, *Dissatisfied*, or *Very Dissatisfied*.

Many informative comments were also provided. (See public comments below.)

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	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Hiking trails	15.08% 38	49.60% 125	29.37% 74	3.57% 9	2.38% 6	252	0.71
Bike paths (improved surface)	14.98% 37	45.75% 113	27.13% 67	8.50% 21	3.64% 9	247	0.60
Soccer fields	9.09% 22	47.93% 116	36.78% 89	5.37% 13	0.83% 2	242	0.59
Parks & playgrounds	10.32% 26	46.03% 116	32.54% 82	9.13% 23	1.98% 5	252	0.54
Baseball/Softball fields	8.75% 21	43.75% 105	39.17% 94	6.25% 15	2.08% 5	240	0.51
Mountain bike trails (unimproved, natural surface)	9.91% 23	40.95% 95	40.52% 94	5.60% 13	3.02% 7	232	0.49
The general condition of recreation facilities.	6.88% 17	35.22% 87	42.91% 106	10.93% 27	4.05% 10	247	0.30
Places for children to play and recreate.	10.61% 26	33.47% 82	34.69% 85	15.51% 38	5.71% 14	245	0.28
Places for senior citizens to play and recreate.	10.00% 24	31.25% 75	40.00% 96	14.17% 34	4.58% 11	240	0.28
Basketball courts	4.56% 11	32.37% 78	43.57% 105	15.77% 38	3.73% 9	241	0.18
Places for adults to play and recreate.	5.56% 14	26.19% 66	40.87% 103	20.63% 52	6.75% 17	252	0.03

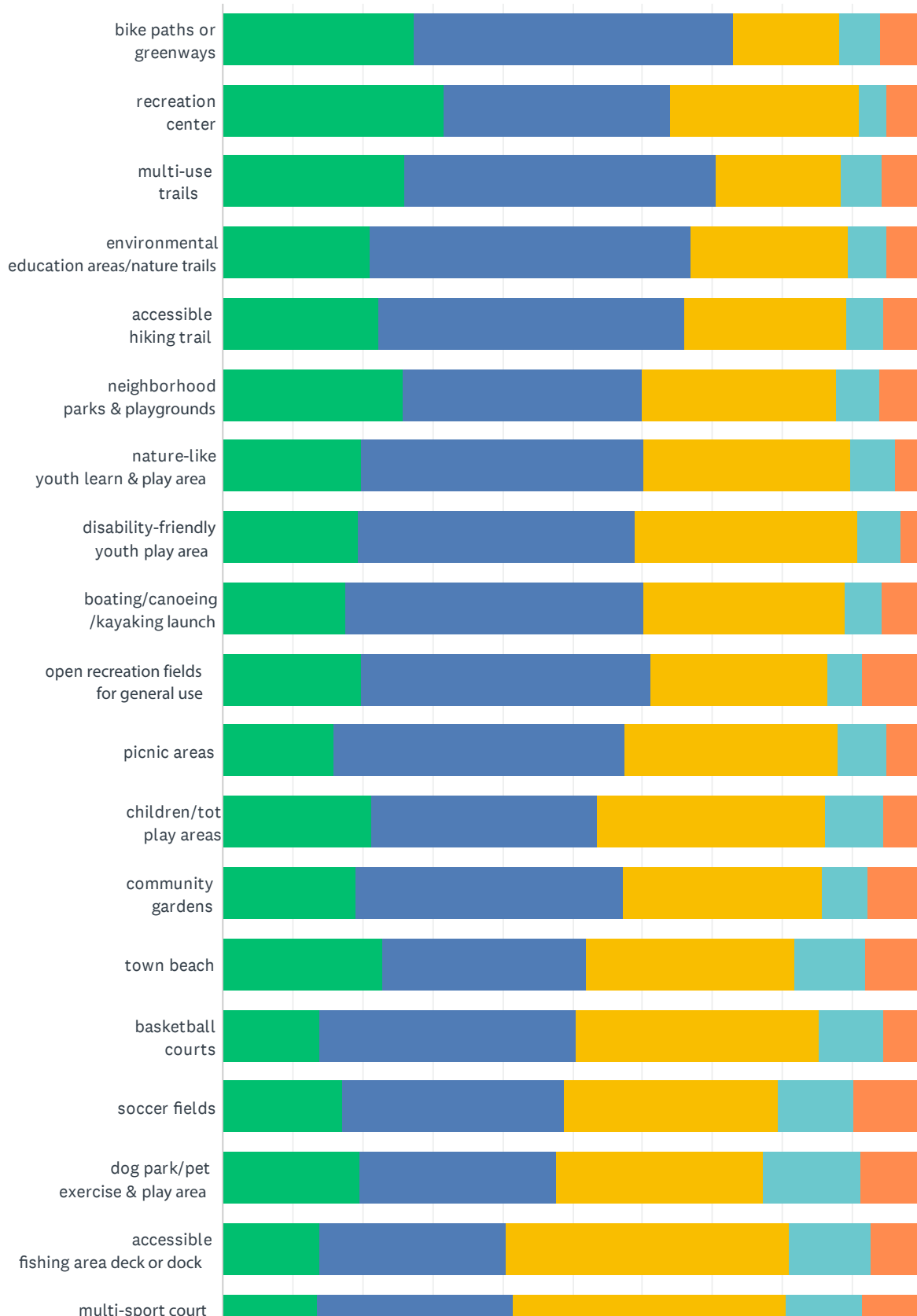
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1	Natural playscapes, natural looking amenities that suit the old world charm of New England. Would not like brightly colored recreation facilities, signs, etc. Keep it tasteful.	6/30/2022 5:02 PM
2	overall Townsend is doing well but why not focus on developing a town feild with future growth potential of a building . lots of good land to build one ie.. near highway garage and cemetery in the center	6/23/2022 2:01 AM
3	Cherry Hill II Soccer field behind Ice Cream stand could use some work to improve the playing surface.	6/22/2022 12:12 PM
4	The soccer field needs a commission stand and lights!!!!	6/22/2022 12:09 PM
5	again, the woods is the woods, and is supposed to be the woods, which is disorganized and natural, and by advertising it to people, it will get destroyed, and the ecosystems will become anihilated like they have in other areas, as we are supposed to form around nature, not make nature form around our whimsical and illogical ideas.	6/8/2022 5:59 PM
6	Playgrounds aren't great Leave town with grandkids for playgrounds	6/8/2022 3:02 PM
7	Very limited placed for teens to play and recreate	6/8/2022 7:13 AM
8	The town must do more for young people, teens, pre-teens, our future leaders. There is a brand new senior center which recently had an addition added. There is nothing for young people!	6/7/2022 5:55 PM
9	Sorry, but I am not familiar with the current condition of most of these places.	6/7/2022 9:07 AM
10	There needs to be trash and portapotty at playgrounds	6/6/2022 1:11 PM
11	find it interesting that no check offs for those of us in equestrian activities	6/6/2022 12:49 PM
12	My daughter is grown, so I didn't comment on anything for children.	6/6/2022 11:26 AM

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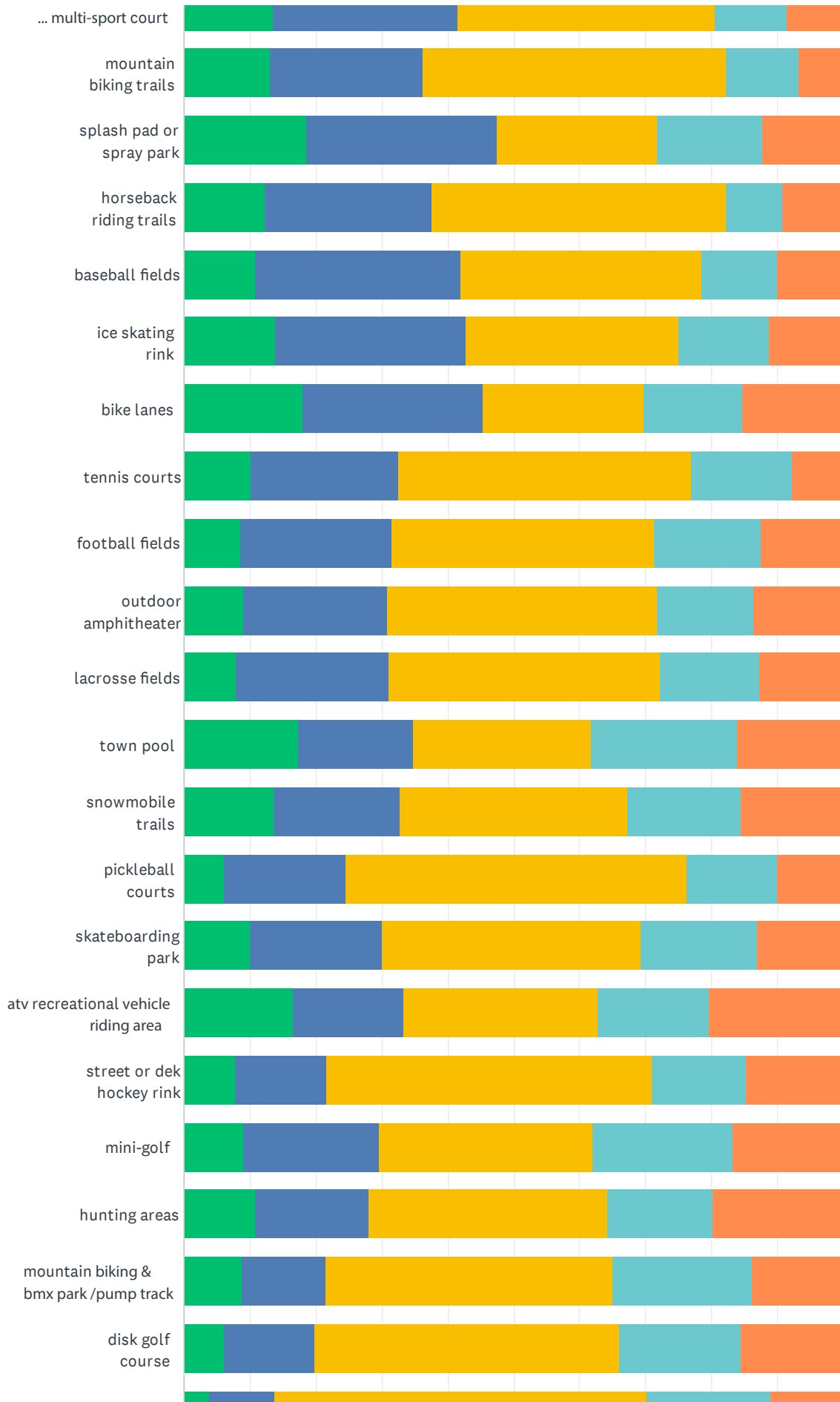
13	Again, there are no official mountain bike trails. Existing ones have been created without permission from DCR.	6/6/2022 6:42 AM
14	You are forcing us to answer, even if we have no knowledge of, or interest in a type of facility.	6/5/2022 12:59 PM
15	It is hard to answer some of these questions as I have not been to the soccer fields, basketball courts, bike baths, etc.	6/5/2022 8:31 AM
16	The rail trail needs to be paved, like the Pepperell rail trail is. The playgrounds could be improved, like the one near Spaulding, the kids kountry playground, such as the sand, more wood chips around the playground equipment or sand around the equipment	6/4/2022 4:15 PM
17	The town needs to allow for more baseball/softball fields	6/4/2022 3:31 PM
18	Everywhere dogs can go needs better signage that dogs need to remain on leashes	6/4/2022 11:24 AM
19	I'd love to see more effort and resources go towards softball fields	6/4/2022 11:20 AM
20	being a dog owner I stick to trails where we don't run into a lot of people. I don't believe the dogs should be on the fields where the kids play. The bacteria is unacceptable. However in the winter, we should be able to walk the perimeter of the high-school during hours the kids aren't there. We all pay for it, we should be able to use it	6/4/2022 5:30 AM
21	A swimming pool and an ice rink would be nice	6/3/2022 10:32 PM
22	Leave the "seniors" out of this survey.	6/3/2022 2:40 PM
23	Should have been a N/A column. No town basketball court available. School court is not regulation size. Thanks to local softball/baseball and soccer groups fields are looking good. Trails could be better marked and maintained by town.	6/3/2022 8:17 AM
24	Confusion on who owns and is responsible for the fields? The youth organizations or the town?	6/3/2022 6:47 AM
25	The older kids would get out more if the trails were open to riding atvs and dirtbikes	6/2/2022 5:13 PM
26	this survey is a waste of time. we can't even use the football field-what is wrong with you peopler why don't you focus are repairing our roads. grants only pay for a portion and the tax payers have to pay the rest. we in townsend are taxed out!!!	6/2/2022 2:38 PM
27	Get rid of bike lanes... they are a danger to all. The bike trail is for bikes!	6/2/2022 2:29 PM
28	1. Tennis courts at HBMS have large cracks and could use some repair for tennis and pickle ball. 2. Hope we can build a sidewalk along Rt. 119 through Townsend Harbor to connect the sections of rail trail. 3. Bravo for the canoe launch on Harbor Pond! 4. The school cross-country teams should be instructed not to spray paint arrows on trees or use any permanent marking in Howard Park.	6/2/2022 1:14 PM
29	I thin the roads should be paved so bikers / joggers/ walkers aren't endangering their lives when they go out!	6/2/2022 11:14 AM
30	Do not live in Townsend, but work in Townsend, I am interested in going to the above places.	6/2/2022 9:20 AM
31	It would be great to have more fields at one location. More than one softball field	6/1/2022 10:37 PM
32	I would like to have more programs and recreational activities for young adults and adults	6/1/2022 4:46 PM
33	I don't have an opinion on these places. I'm new and I have no children	6/1/2022 3:33 PM
34	Wish there were safer options for cyclists to be separated from cars (for the benefit of both). Especially considering those too young to drive.	6/1/2022 11:29 AM

Q6 Please rate Townsend's need for the following recreational facilities:

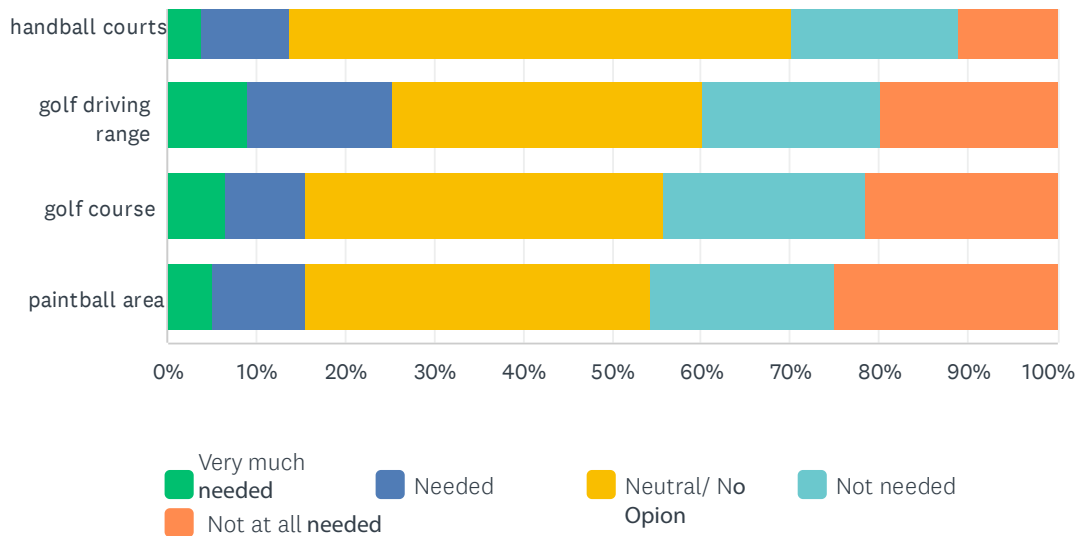
Answered: 262 Skipped: 55



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Respondents expressed a need for a variety of recreational features, facilities, or amenities. In particular, the top 15 categories in the graph above (or talbe below) rated greater than 50% of respondents expressing the level of "need" as either *Needed* or *Very much needed*.

Below are the 15 types of recreational facilities considered by respondents to be "most needed" in Townsend:

Bike Paths or Greenways, Recreation Center, Mulit-use trails, Environmental Education Areas/Nature Trails, and an Accessible Hiking Trail, Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds, Nature-like Learn & Plan Area, Disability-Friendly Youth Play Area, Boating/Canoeing/Kayaking Launch, Open Recreation Fields for General Use, Picnic Areas, Children/Tot Play Areas, Community Gardens, Town Beach, Basketball Courts.

Others outside of the top 15 that showed higher levels of need included: baseball fields, bike lanes, dog park, horseback riding trails, multisport court, pool, recreational vehicle/atv riding area, snowmobile trails, skating rink, soccer fields, and a splash pad/spray park.

Many informative comments were also provided. (See public comments below.)

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	VERY MUCH NEEDED	NEEDED	NEUTRAL/ NO OPINION	NOT NEEDED	NOT AT ALL NEEDED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
bike paths or greenways	27.45% 70	45.49% 116	15.29% 39	5.88% 15	5.88% 15	255	0.83
recreation center	31.78% 82	32.17% 83	27.13% 70	3.88% 10	5.04% 13	258	0.82
multi-use trails (biking, walking running, jogging, rollerblading, etc.)	25.97% 67	44.57% 115	17.83% 46	5.81% 15	5.81% 15	258	0.79
environmental education areas/nature trails	21.09% 54	45.70% 117	22.66% 58	5.47% 14	5.08% 13	256	0.72
accessible hiking trail	22.31% 56	43.82% 110	23.11% 58	5.18% 13	5.58% 14	251	0.72
neighborhood parks & playgrounds	25.87% 67	33.98% 88	27.80% 72	6.18% 16	6.18% 16	259	0.67
nature-like youth learn & play area	19.92% 51	40.23% 103	29.69% 76	6.25% 16	3.91% 10	256	0.66
disability-friendly youth play area	19.38% 50	39.53% 102	31.78% 82	6.20% 16	3.10% 8	258	0.66
boating/canoeing/kayaking launch	17.62% 46	42.53% 111	28.74% 75	5.36% 14	5.75% 15	261	0.61
open recreation fields - general use (e.g. kite flying, remote control hobby)	19.77% 51	41.47% 107	25.19% 65	5.04% 13	8.53% 22	258	0.59
picnic areas	15.89% 41	41.47% 107	30.62% 79	6.98% 18	5.04% 13	258	0.56
children/tot play areas	21.32% 55	32.17% 83	32.56% 84	8.53% 22	5.43% 14	258	0.55
community gardens	19.07% 49	38.13% 98	28.40% 73	6.61% 17	7.78% 20	257	0.54
town beach	22.87% 59	29.07% 75	29.84% 77	10.08% 26	8.14% 21	258	0.48
basketball courts	14.01% 36	36.58% 94	34.63% 89	9.34% 24	5.45% 14	257	0.44
soccer fields	17.19% 44	31.64% 81	30.47% 78	10.94% 28	9.77% 25	256	0.36
dog park/pet exercise & play area	19.62% 51	28.08% 73	29.62% 77	13.85% 36	8.85% 23	260	0.36
accessible fishing area deck or dock	13.90% 36	26.64% 69	40.54% 105	11.58% 30	7.34% 19	259	0.28
multi-sport court	13.57% 35	27.91% 72	39.15% 101	10.85% 28	8.53% 22	258	0.27
mountain biking trails	12.99% 33	23.23% 59	46.06% 117	11.02% 28	6.69% 17	254	0.25
splash pad or spray park	18.53% 48	28.96% 75	24.32% 63	15.83% 41	12.36% 32	259	0.25
horseback riding trails	12.30% 31	25.40% 64	44.44% 112	8.73% 22	9.13% 23	252	0.23
baseball fields	10.89%	31.13%	36.58%	11.28%	10.12%		

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	28	80	94	29	26	257	0.21
ice skating rink	13.85%	28.85%	32.31%	13.85%	11.15%		
	36	75	84	36	29	260	0.20
bike lanes	18.04%	27.45%	24.31%	14.90%	15.29%		
	46	70	62	38	39	255	0.18
tennis courts	10.16%	22.27%	44.53%	15.23%	7.81%		
	26	57	114	39	20	256	0.12
football fields	8.53%	22.87%	39.92%	16.28%	12.40%		
	22	59	103	42	32	258	-0.01
outdoor amphitheater	8.98%	21.88%	41.02%	14.45%	13.67%		
	23	56	105	37	35	256	-0.02
lacrosse fields	7.97%	23.11%	41.04%	15.14%	12.75%		
	20	58	103	38	32	251	-0.02
town pool	17.37%	17.37%	27.03%	22.01%	16.22%		
	45	45	70	57	42	259	-0.02
snowmobile trails	13.62%	19.07%	34.63%	17.12%	15.56%		
	35	49	89	44	40	257	-0.02
pickleball courts	6.23%	18.29%	51.75%	13.62%	10.12%		
	16	47	133	35	26	257	-0.03
skateboarding park	10.00%	20.00%	39.23%	17.69%	13.08%		
	26	52	102	46	34	260	-0.04
recreational vehicle/atv riding area	16.67%	16.67%	29.46%	16.67%	20.54%		
	43	43	76	43	53	258	-0.08
street or dek hockey rink	7.75%	13.95%	49.22%	14.34%	14.73%		
	20	36	127	37	38	258	-0.14
mini-golf	8.95%	20.62%	32.30%	21.40%	16.73%		
	23	53	83	55	43	257	-0.16
hunting areas	10.89%	17.12%	36.19%	15.95%	19.84%		
	28	44	93	41	51	257	-0.17
mountain biking and bmx park/pump track	8.76%	12.75%	43.43%	21.12%	13.94%		
	22	32	109	53	35	251	-0.19
disk golf course	6.23%	13.62%	46.30%	18.29%	15.56%		
	16	35	119	47	40	257	-0.23
handball courts	3.92%	9.80%	56.47%	18.82%	10.98%		
	10	25	144	48	28	255	-0.23
golf driving range	8.98%	16.41%	34.77%	19.92%	19.92%		
	23	42	89	51	51	256	-0.25
golf course	6.64%	8.98%	40.23%	22.66%	21.48%		
	17	23	103	58	55	256	-0.43
paintball area	5.06%	10.51%	38.91%	20.62%	24.90%		
	13	27	100	53	64	257	-0.50

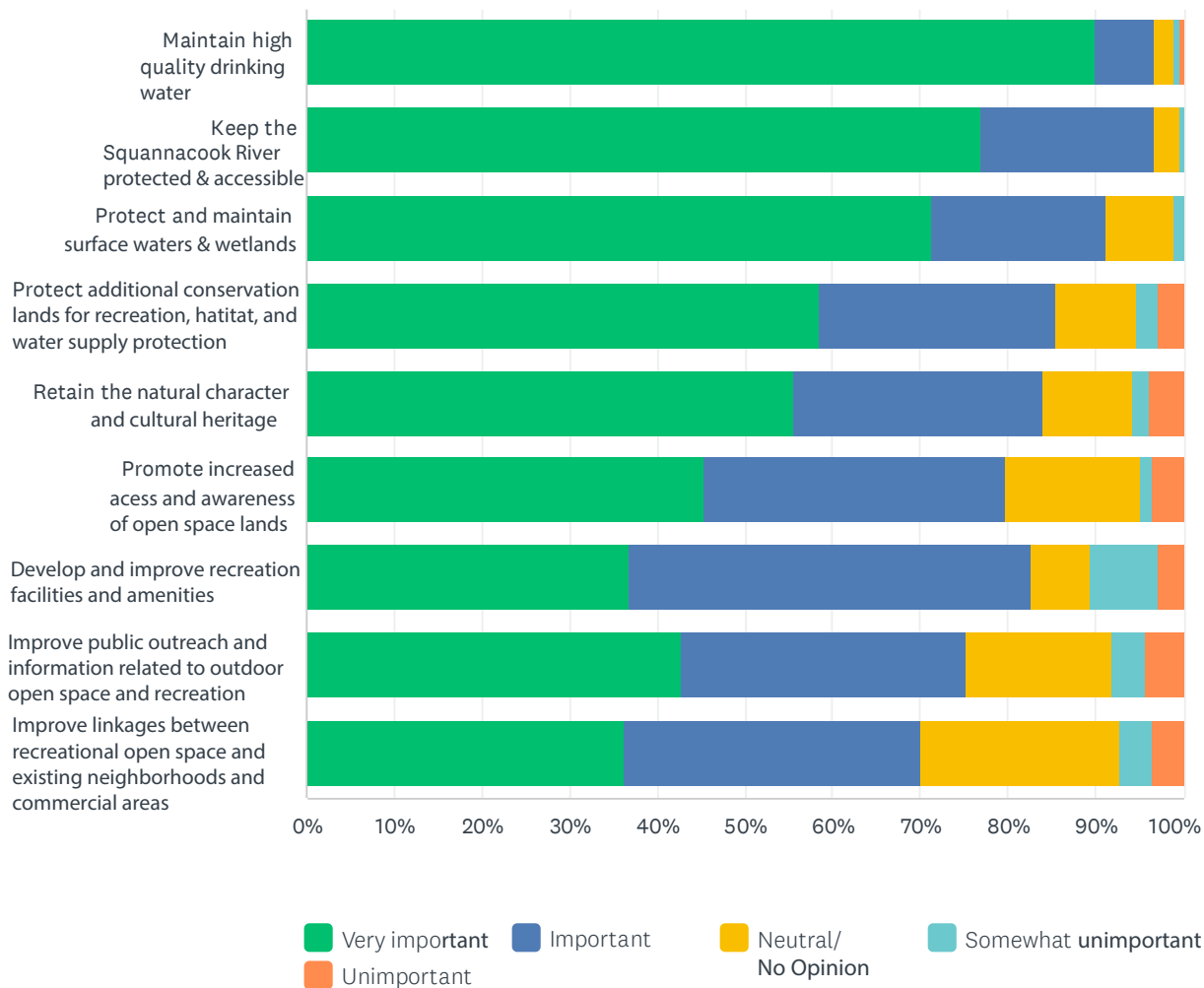
#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	A running track that is open to the public is needed	6/30/2022 11:42 PM
2	we have the land let's use it stop the crazy rules and get the state to pay something for all the non tax generating land that they won't let people use. the state uses our resources to protect said land.	6/23/2022 2:01 AM
3	It would be so great if the beaches we had like at Pearl Hill could be cleaned so we could swim	6/22/2022 1:40 PM

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	in them.	
4	Please note items marked not needed is to represent that the town already has the item therefore the is NOT a current need. It does not mean the I believe these items must be maintained by the town	6/8/2022 7:13 AM
5	Not a fan of the multi-use trails, i.e. rail trail. Families enjoy walking with young children on trikes, etc. There always is a Lance Armstrong wannabe "to your left" - these people should NOT be allowed and take their racing bicycles to the street!	6/7/2022 5:55 PM
6	Our tax dollars shouldn't be used for sport improvements. My kids are in sports and I expect to pay for it. Tax payers shouldn't be forced to pay	6/6/2022 1:11 PM
7	Need batting cages for baseball	6/6/2022 12:51 PM
8	Again, if I don't know anything about what's currently available, I just clicked "neutral"	6/6/2022 11:26 AM
9	You asked many questions about things we already have. Are you trying to get more or less? Improve?	6/5/2022 12:59 PM
10	We do have some nice Hiking trails in Townsend already, a rail trail, a nice playground, a beautiful town common. Please put in park benches again in town common. They Are Greatly Missed!!!! It might be nice to have some of the other things mentioned in this survey, like a skating rink, or a splash oark. We already have pearl hill. A town beach might be nice, but the only place I could see it would be the water in front of the VFW. It used to be a swimming area a long time ago. Splash park might be nice, but where?	6/4/2022 4:15 PM
11	The roads in Townsend are to narrow & winding for bike lanes. It would not be safe	6/4/2022 6:20 AM
12	outside activities are very important	6/4/2022 5:30 AM
13	It would be nice if the high school track was available for use by the tax payers	6/3/2022 10:32 PM
14	Share with other towns	6/3/2022 9:24 PM
15	This is the country not a city. People make up their own recreation.	6/3/2022 2:40 PM
16	I've been saying this town needs a splash pad for the kids for awhile now...cheaper than a town pool and don't need to pay for maintenance that much or life guards. Give the kids more things to keep them busy and out of trouble!	6/3/2022 9:43 AM
17	Many of these are already in place. Just need to update/maintain. Finding suitable space for ones not constructed, is a challenge in this town.	6/3/2022 8:17 AM
18	NH has hundreds of miles of Snowmobile Trail and Townsend could be the eastern most starting point. Go see Brookline NH Ice Breakers Club.	6/3/2022 7:48 AM
19	Who will be responsible for the up keep of these areas? Nice ideas but can be destroyed by trash and upkeep	6/3/2022 6:47 AM
20	Motocross / ATV trails!	6/2/2022 10:17 PM
21	how about a spending freeze, stop wasting our money!!!!	6/2/2022 2:38 PM
22	We have many of these amenities, but rely on volunteers to build and maintain them. Also, many of these activities are available in the state forests and wildlife management areas, but we need better communication.	6/2/2022 1:14 PM
23	I would love to see a disc golf course in townsend	6/2/2022 11:34 AM
24	Needed equals already in town	6/2/2022 9:41 AM
25	Do not live in Townsend, but work in Townsend, I am interested in going to the above places.	6/2/2022 9:20 AM
26	We need atv trails we can register and carry insurance that makes it safer for the town. Atv riders keep the trails open and made them for hikers and dog walkers and horse riders.	6/1/2022 4:36 PM
27	Town beach, not treated water	6/1/2022 11:59 AM

Q7 Please rate the importance of the following potential open space goals. In the space provided at the end of this question, please add one or two additional goals that you think would also be "important" to the community.

Answered: 208 Skipped: 109



Survey respondents placed a high value on all of the listed potential open space goals. Greater than 50% of the respondents considered as *Very Important* the following: Drinking water protection, Protection of the Squannacook River and other water and wetland resources, Protection of wildlife resources and habitats, Protecting additional conservation lands for recreation, habitat, and water supply protection, and Retaining natural and cultural heritage.

All other categories were also considered *Important* or *Very important* by at least 70% of respondents.

Of note is that the responses seemed to be consistently in agreement among respondents, indicating not only agreement on importance but also providing meaningful insights indicative of community agreement in prioritization of the open space potential goals.

Several informative comments were also provided. (See public comments below.)

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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL/ NO OPINION	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Maintain high quality drinking water.	89.90% 187	6.73% 14	2.40% 5	0.48% 1	0.48% 1	208	1.85
Keep the Squannacook River and its tributaries protected and accessible.	76.92% 160	19.71% 41	2.88% 6	0.48% 1	0.00% 0	208	1.73
Protect and maintain surface waters and wetlands.	71.36% 147	19.90% 41	7.77% 16	0.97% 2	0.00% 0	206	1.62
Protect additional conservation lands for recreation, wildlife habitat, and water supply protection.	58.45% 121	27.05% 56	9.18% 19	2.42% 5	2.90% 6	207	1.36
Retain the natural character and cultural heritage of Townsend.	55.56% 115	28.50% 59	10.14% 21	1.93% 4	3.86% 8	207	1.30
Promote increased access and awareness of open space lands.	45.41% 94	34.30% 71	15.46% 32	1.45% 3	3.38% 7	207	1.17
Develop and improve recreation facilities and amenities.	36.71% 76	45.89% 95	6.76% 14	7.73% 16	2.90% 6	207	1.06
Improve public outreach and information related to outdoor open space and recreation.	42.72% 88	32.52% 67	16.50% 34	3.88% 8	4.37% 9	206	1.05
Improve linkages between recreational open space and existing neighborhoods and commercial areas.	36.23% 75	33.82% 70	22.71% 47	3.86% 8	3.38% 7	207	0.96

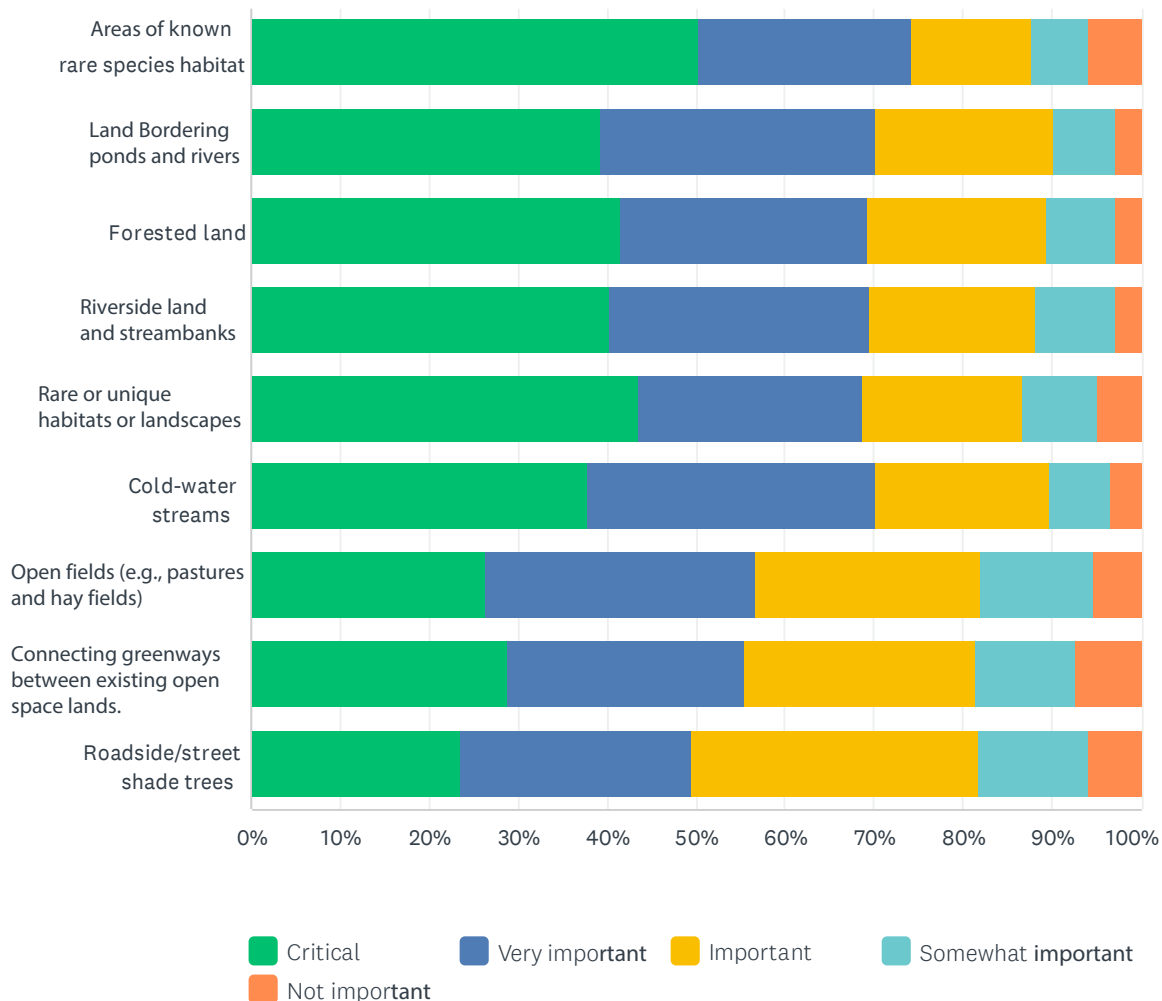
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1	Whatever changes come, they should be charming and add to the quaint, rural life in a tasteful, elegant way	6/30/2022 5:15 PM
2	Conservation of our towns natural beauty is essential.	6/22/2022 8:36 PM
3	Clean up the drinking water	6/22/2022 12:46 PM
4	There are many endangered species that live in Townsend. I think it's very important to do what we can to protect their habitats.	6/9/2022 4:52 PM
5	There is a delicate line between advertising open spaces and overuse/abuse of the open spaces. Overuse leads to degradation of the protected lands	6/6/2022 10:27 AM
6	Keep up with repairing/resurfacing roads, for safety, protection of our vehicles, and for getting to all the places discussed in this survey.	6/5/2022 3:37 PM
7	All of these things are important. The question is, at what cost. What does the Town give up to	6/5/2022 1:04 PM

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	have these things?	
8	There definitely has to be protection of areas for drinking water, like the aquifers, etc. Wetlands need to be continued to be protected. There has to be protection of neighborhood privacy, no one wants increased traffic or noise in their neighborhoods!!!! Progress and change can be beneficial, so as long as it is not harmful to the people around, the neighborhoods and businesses presently established. We have to be mindful of Townsend history and culture, and not overextend or overreach what is already available currently in our lovely and historic town of Townsend. Let us keep the heritage and history of Townsend alive and preserved for all to enjoy. Some change is good, but again, care has to be taken to not substantially change the charm and history of our beautiful, historic, family friendly town of Townsend. It is my uttermost hope and desire for Townsend. I did not grow up here as a child, but I did grow up in a small town similar to Townsend.	6/4/2022 4:32 PM
9	Need more signage that dogs need to be kept on leash in public areas	6/4/2022 11:33 AM
10	Create more family oriented outdoor & indoor activities	6/4/2022 6:33 AM
11	Provide easily accessible trail maps for existing conservation areas (a fee would be okay). The town website has some now, but it would be great to have printed copies. I suppose this would fall under the general goal of better communication about what currently exists. Townsend is full of natural treasures and I feel as though I only know about those that are on major roads. I really really want maps!	6/3/2022 11:43 PM
12	trail maps are needed	6/3/2022 10:43 PM
13	Try economic improvements	6/3/2022 9:34 PM
14	Have trash cans in open spaces that are emptied on a regular basis	6/3/2022 8:33 PM
15	It is all redundant.	6/3/2022 3:00 PM
16	More sidewalks!	6/2/2022 5:22 PM
17	Get rid of bike lanes. Hazard and dangerous for all. Make Rail trail connect to another town.	6/2/2022 2:40 PM
18	Promote/improve safe hunting areas; promote/improve areas and roads for runners/walkers	6/2/2022 11:42 AM
19	n/a	6/2/2022 10:48 AM
20	Bring more businesses to Townsend - restaurants and retail	6/1/2022 10:46 PM
21	This is very important	6/1/2022 6:10 PM

Q8 How important do you feel it is to protect the following aspects of the landscape for Townsend's WILDLIFE?:

Answered: 205 Skipped: 112



Greater than 90% of all respondents responded that they considered all listed landscape features related to Townsend's Wildlife habitat to be at least *Somewhat important* with 80% or more considering them at least *Important* and 50% or more finding them at least *Very Important*. A majority (50.24%) of respondents indicated that they considered Areas of known rare species habitat to be critically important.

The survey indicates that a high level of importance is placed on Wildlife habitat landscape features in Townsend.

Several additional comments were provided. (See public comments below.)

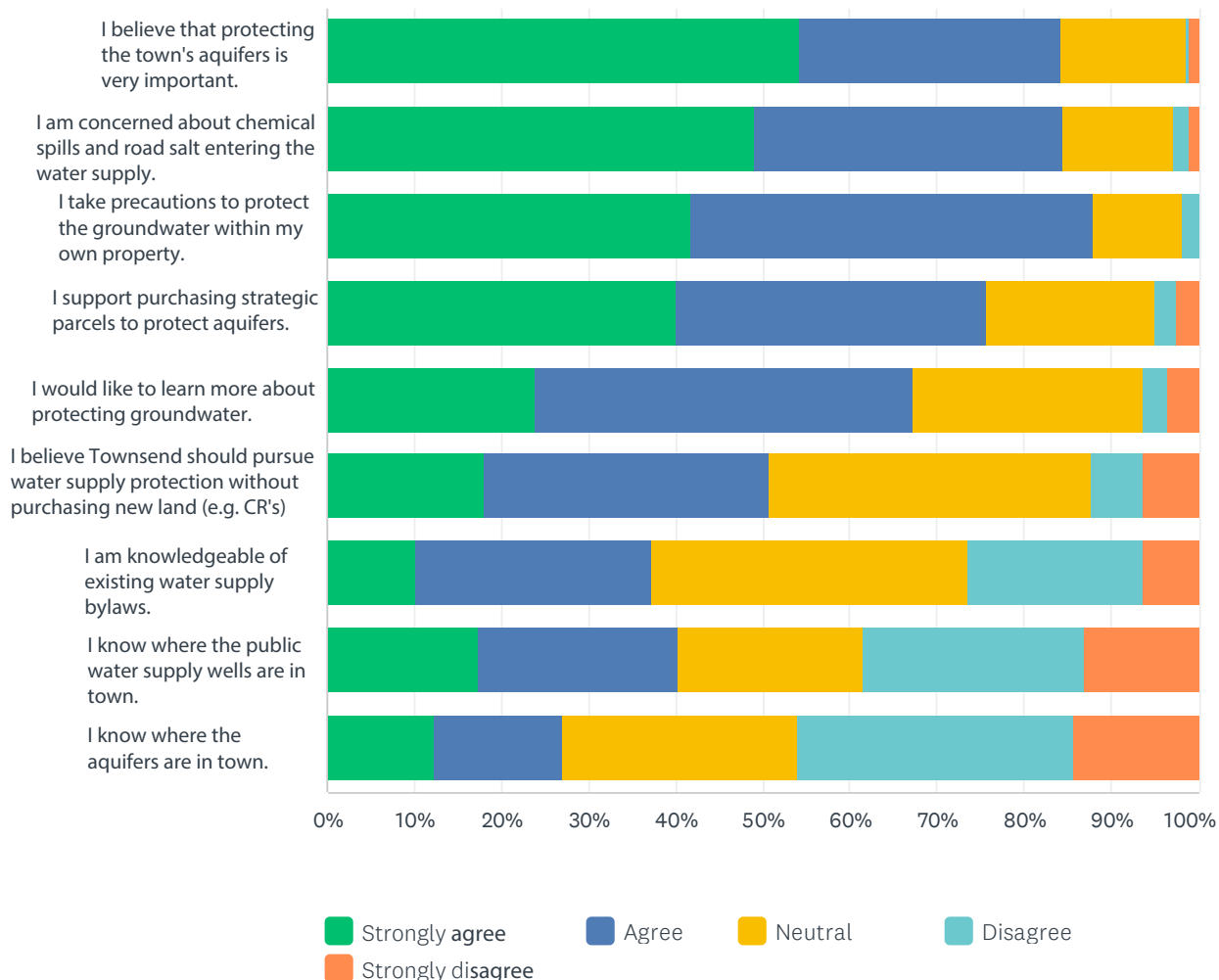
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	CRITICAL	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Areas of known rare species habitat.	50.24% 103	23.90% 49	13.66% 28	6.34% 13	5.85% 12	205	1.06
Land Bordering ponds and rivers.	39.22% 80	30.88% 63	20.10% 41	6.86% 14	2.94% 6	204	0.97
Forested land	41.46% 85	27.80% 57	20.00% 41	7.80% 16	2.93% 6	205	0.97
Riverside land and streambanks.	40.20% 82	29.41% 60	18.63% 38	8.82% 18	2.94% 6	204	0.95
Rare or unique habitats or landscapes	43.63% 89	25.00% 51	18.14% 37	8.33% 17	4.90% 10	204	0.94
Cold-water streams.	37.75% 77	32.35% 66	19.61% 40	6.86% 14	3.43% 7	204	0.94
Open fields (e.g., pastures and hay fields).	26.34% 54	30.24% 62	25.37% 52	12.68% 26	5.37% 11	205	0.60
Connecting greenways between existing open space lands.	28.92% 59	26.47% 54	25.98% 53	11.27% 23	7.35% 15	204	0.58
Roadside/street shade trees.	23.53% 48	25.98% 53	32.35% 66	12.25% 25	5.88% 12	204	0.49

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1	stop using habitat areas as excuse when no evidence of specific species exists	6/23/2022 2:13 AM
2	Hard question - it all seems to be important to some critter or another...	6/7/2022 9:19 AM
3	This survey is way way too long. I cannot imagine someone completing this to the end.	6/4/2022 4:32 PM
4	Restore the river by removing dams	6/4/2022 8:32 AM
5	Ban ATVs.	6/3/2022 9:09 PM
6	Make sure there are side walks on these roads that huge 18 wheelers are going down to protect kids walking	6/3/2022 9:52 AM
7	do you people have nothing better to do than think of ways to spend more money!!!	6/2/2022 2:51 PM
8	Worry about our kids more then the turtles.	6/1/2022 4:51 PM
9	Need wildlife crossing signs. Turtles, amphibians, mammals	6/1/2022 2:33 PM

Q9 Please provide your level of agreement with the following statements related to Water supply protection:

Answered: 208 Skipped: 109



A majority of respondents either *Agreed* with or *Strongly agreed* with all of the value based statements related to water supply protection in Townsend.

However, the results for the "awareness" or knowledge-based portions of the question indicated that respondents had a low level of awareness or knowledge relative to water supply bylaws, and the locations of public water supply wells and aquifers.

Several additional comments were also provided. (See public comments below.)

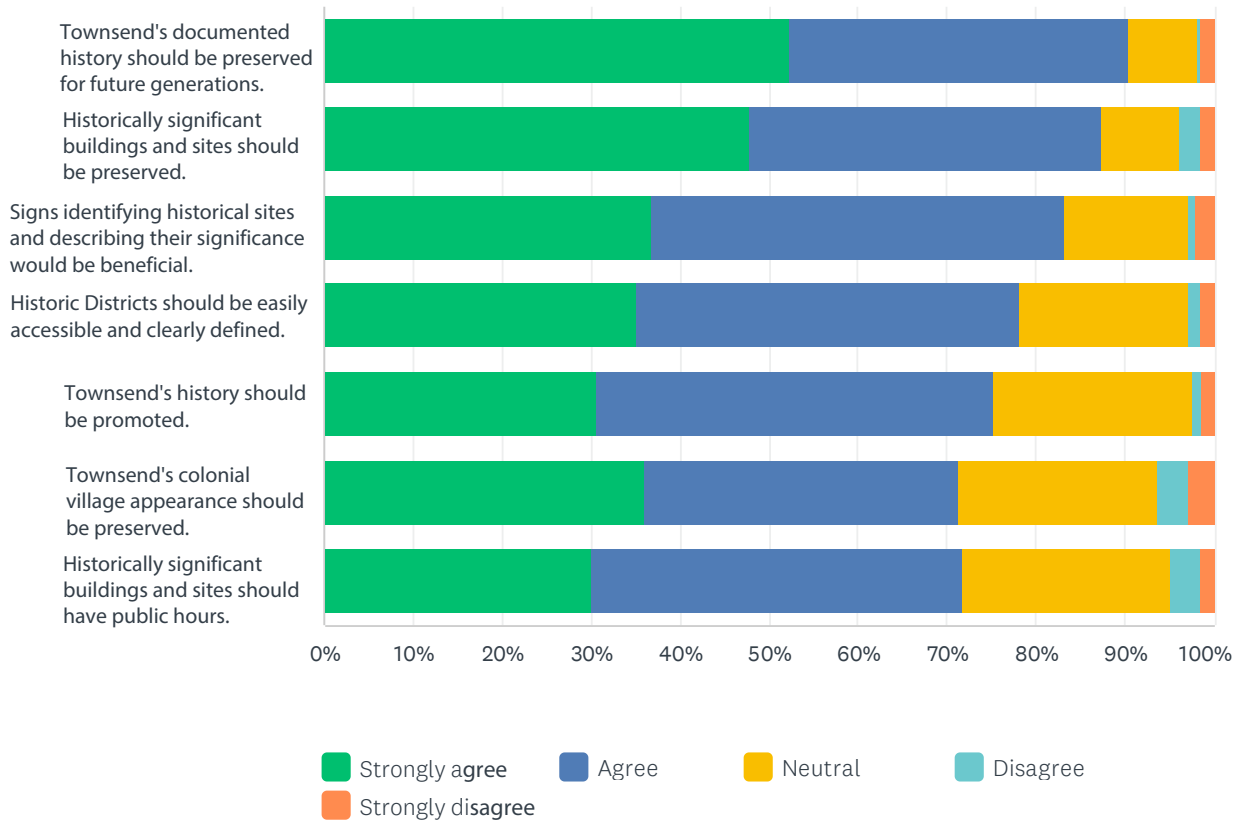
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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I believe that protecting the town's aquifers is very important.	54.19% 110	30.05% 61	14.29% 29	0.49% 1	0.99% 2	203	1.36
I am concerned about chemical spills and road salt entering the water supply.	49.03% 101	35.44% 73	12.62% 26	1.94% 4	0.97% 2	206	1.30
I take precautions to protect the groundwater within my own property.	41.75% 86	46.12% 95	10.19% 21	1.94% 4	0.00% 0	206	1.28
I support purchasing strategic parcels to protect aquifers.	40.00% 82	35.61% 73	19.51% 40	2.44% 5	2.44% 5	205	1.08
I would like to learn more about protecting groundwater.	23.90% 49	43.41% 89	26.34% 54	2.93% 6	3.41% 7	205	0.81
I believe Townsend should pursue water supply protection without purchasing new land (e.g. conservation restrictions).	18.05% 37	32.68% 67	37.07% 76	5.85% 12	6.34% 13	205	0.50
I am knowledgeable of existing water supply bylaws.	10.29% 21	26.96% 55	36.27% 74	20.10% 41	6.37% 13	204	0.15
I know where the public water supply wells are in town.	17.48% 36	22.82% 47	21.36% 44	25.24% 52	13.11% 27	206	0.06
I know where the aquifers are in town.	12.25% 25	14.71% 30	26.96% 55	31.86% 65	14.22% 29	204	-0.21

#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	common sense goes a long ways	6/23/2022 2:13 AM
2	The Townsend Water Department is little more than a bad joke! Citizens have to put up with brown water, particularly Timberlee Park, without any action, warning, of this dysfunctional department.	6/7/2022 6:06 PM
3	We need to maintain tree cover to protect our water resources. More education to public about chemical use and effect on water supply. More education regarding we are sitting on our aquifer and the cost of removing chemicals from our water supply.	6/6/2022 10:27 AM
4	I do believe most people do not know how important it is to maintain and take steps to maintain and preserve our drinking water. I do believe public education	6/4/2022 4:32 PM
5	We are using a private well, but consider water supply and water purity extremely important.	6/3/2022 11:43 PM
6	of course protecting our water is important but the water in townsend is really not safe to drink so why don't we focus on that first	6/2/2022 2:51 PM
7	Stop paying shaws to leak oil all over our roads and into the water supply!!!!!!	6/1/2022 2:33 PM
8	Critical to protect water sources in the town!	6/1/2022 11:57 AM

Q10 Please provide your level of agreement with the following statements related to Townsend's HISTORIC ASSETS:

Answered: 206 Skipped: 111



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Townsend's documented history should be preserved for future generations.	52.43% 108	37.86% 78	7.77% 16	0.49% 1	1.46% 3	206	1.39
Historically significant buildings and sites should be preserved.	47.80% 98	39.51% 81	8.78% 18	2.44% 5	1.46% 3	205	1.30
Signs identifying historical sites and describing their significance would be beneficial.	36.76% 75	46.57% 95	13.73% 28	0.98% 2	1.96% 4	204	1.15
Historic Districts should be easily accessible and clearly defined.	35.12% 72	42.93% 88	19.02% 39	1.46% 3	1.46% 3	205	1.09
Townsend's history should be promoted.	30.58% 63	44.66% 92	22.33% 46	0.97% 2	1.46% 3	206	1.02
Townsend's colonial village appearance should be preserved.	35.92% 74	35.44% 73	22.33% 46	3.40% 7	2.91% 6	206	0.98
Historically significant buildings and sites should have public hours.	30.10% 62	41.75% 86	23.30% 48	3.40% 7	1.46% 3	206	0.96

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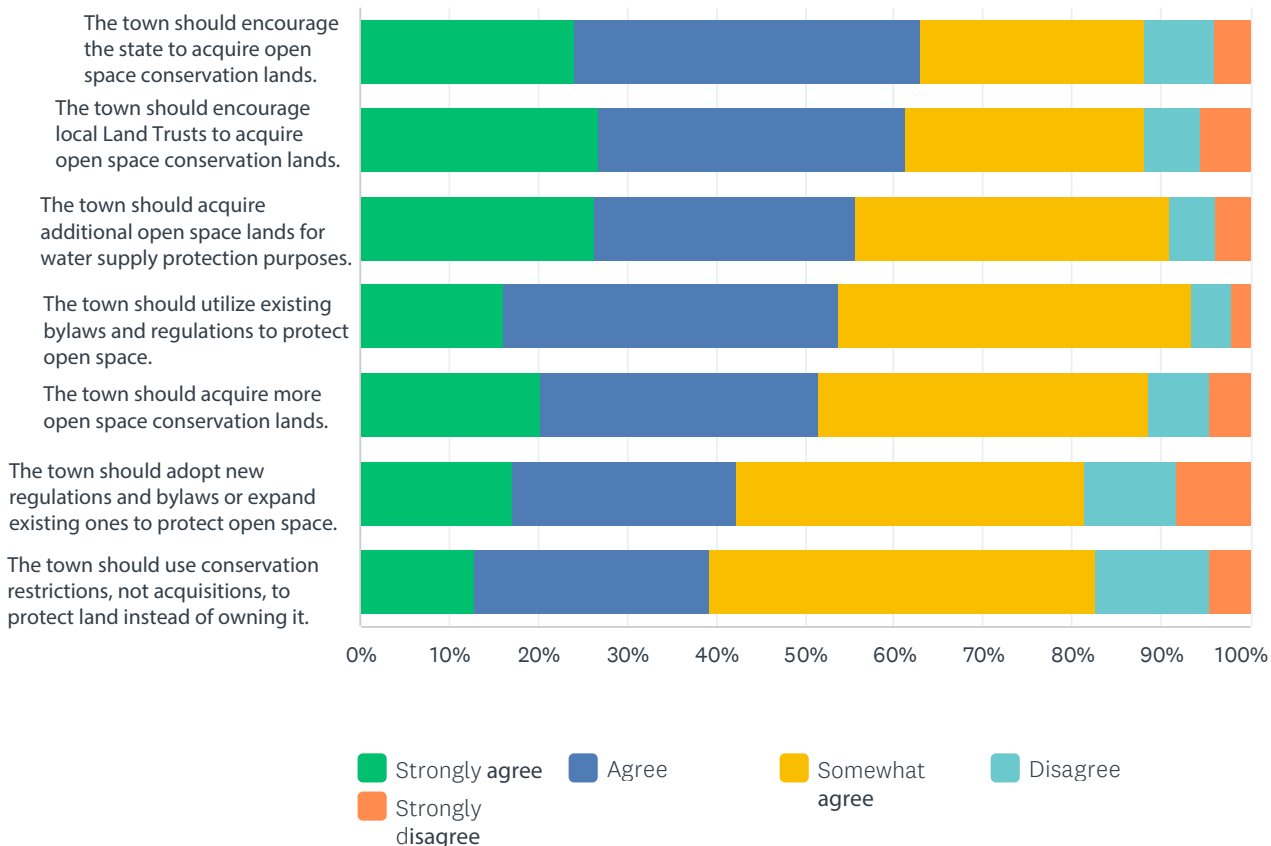
1	Get rid of the dollar store	6/30/2022 5:15 PM
2	We can't always think in the past. If removing a historical building or modifying a site make it life more enjoyable for future generations that needs to be considered.	6/22/2022 12:21 PM
3	The public hours question totally depends on current ownership of property, of course.	6/7/2022 9:19 AM
4	Colonial village appearance ??	6/6/2022 10:44 AM
5	I don't think we need MORE signs! Preserve our historic buildings, common and band stand. Do not put up a bunch of directory signs as they detract from the historic look of the town. Small information signs attached to the structures are okay.	6/6/2022 10:27 AM
6	I don't agree with the statement that Townsend has a colonial village appearance, except for the town common.	6/5/2022 8:33 AM
7	I strongly believe that Townsend has a rich cultural history and should be maintained and promoted	6/4/2022 4:32 PM
8	Get with progress	6/3/2022 9:34 PM
9	For ConCom, you are entering an area that is not under your domain. These points are all being implimented.	6/3/2022 3:00 PM
10	Repairing and preserving all buildings including schools.	6/2/2022 2:40 PM
11	Historic District bylaws should be periodically reviewed to make sure they still support our goals. For example, should we restrict all signs, or just inappropriate signs?	6/2/2022 1:24 PM
12	Help me appreciate it	6/1/2022 2:33 PM

Greater than 70% (72-90%) of respondents beleived that Townsend's historic Assets should be preserved, accessible to the public, and properly identified, defined, and promoted.

Several additional comments were also provided. (See public comments above.)

Q11 Please provide your level of agreement with the following statements related to the acquisition and protection of open space lands for conservation purposes.

Answered: 204 Skipped: 113



With regard to the acquisition and protection of open space lands for conservation purposes, a majority of the respondents (81% or more) at least *Somewhat agreed* with each of the statements. Of those, greater than 50% either *Agree* or *Strongly agree* that the Town should: *Encourage the state to acquire open space conservation lands (63%)*; *Encourage local land trusts to acquire open space conservation lands (61%)*; *Acquire additional open space lands for water supply protection purposes (56%)*; *Utilize existing bylaws and regulations to protect open space (54%)*; and, *Acquire more open space conservation lands (51%)*.

With regard to the Town *adopting new regulations and bylaws or expanding existing ones to protect open space, or using conservation restrictions, not acquisitions to protect land*, those who either *Agreed* or *Strongly agreed* were closer to 40%.

Less than 19% of respondents Disagreed with any of the statements.

Several additional comments were also provided. (See Public comments below.)

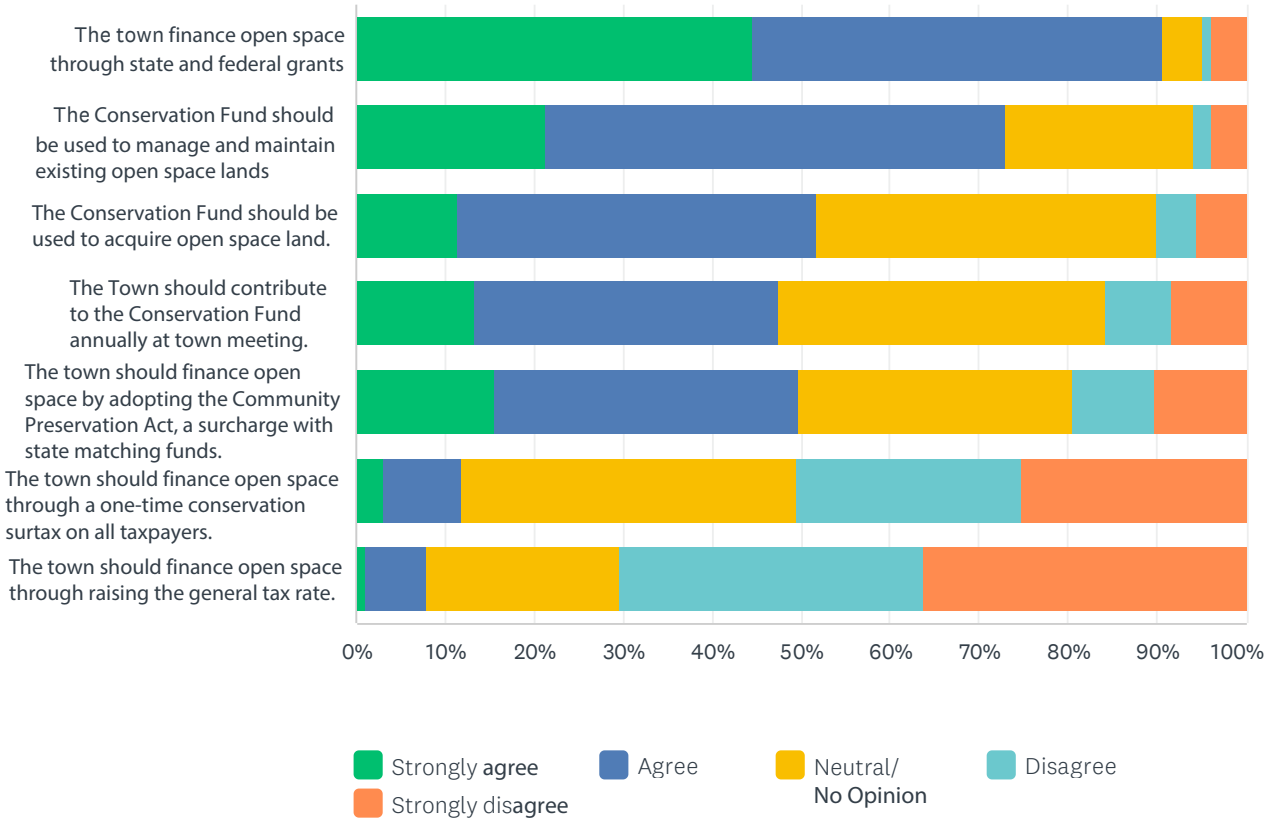
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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The town should encourage the state to acquire open space conservation lands.	24.14% 49	38.92% 79	25.12% 51	7.88% 16	3.94% 8	203	0.71
The town should encourage local Land Trusts to acquire open space conservation lands.	26.73% 54	34.65% 70	26.73% 54	6.44% 13	5.45% 11	202	0.71
The town should acquire additional open space lands for water supply protection purposes.	26.37% 53	29.35% 59	35.32% 71	4.98% 10	3.98% 8	201	0.69
The town should utilize existing bylaws and regulations to protect open space.	16.24% 32	37.56% 74	39.59% 78	4.57% 9	2.03% 4	197	0.61
The town should acquire more open space conservation lands.	20.30% 41	31.19% 63	37.13% 75	6.93% 14	4.46% 9	202	0.56
The town should adopt new regulations and bylaws or expand existing ones to protect open space.	17.17% 34	25.25% 50	38.89% 77	10.61% 21	8.08% 16	198	0.33
The town should use conservation restrictions, not acquisitions, to protect land instead of owning it.	12.94% 26	26.37% 53	43.28% 87	12.94% 26	4.48% 9	201	0.30

#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	I don't feel knowledgeable enough to answer these questions	6/22/2022 2:12 PM
2	Not sure what "conservation restrictions" entail	6/7/2022 9:19 AM
3	I agree that Town should acquire additional open space lands for water supply protection purposes, if necessary. As to by-laws, I would want to know what the proposed changes are before approving.	6/6/2022 10:27 AM
4	more needs to be done to educate the public and the town boards on why open space regulations are critical	6/3/2022 10:43 PM
5	Encourage new building and relax restrictions in line with the State	6/3/2022 9:34 PM
6	We are already land poor for town's tax base. Land Trust buys and sells to the state.	6/3/2022 3:00 PM
7	Go hard, water and natural resources are critical	6/1/2022 2:33 PM
8	Land Trusts do not always serve the town people in the best way, like: loss of homestead exemptions; ownership privacy to mitigate litigation, etc. More information on the impact of these questions should be provided via a website so that residents truly understand the impact of their responses.	6/1/2022 11:57 AM

Q12 A town's open space goals can be achieved in many different ways using a variety of funding sources. Please give your opinion on how you think open space should be FUNDED in Townsend:

Answered: 205 Skipped: 112



Greater than 90% of respondents *Agreed* or *Strongly agreed* that Townsend should fund open space using state and Federal grants. More than 70% *Agreed* or *Strongly agreed* that the Conservation Fund should be used to manage and maintain *existing open space lands*, and greater than 50% *Agreed* or *Strongly Agreed* that the Conservation Funds should be used to *acquire open space land*.

Those *Disagreeing* or *Strongly disagreeing* with the above statements accounted for only 5%, 6%, and 10%, respectively.

47.53% of respondents *Agreed* or *Strongly agreed* that the Town should contribute to the Conservation Fund Annually at Town Meeting, while 15.85% *Disagreed* or *Strongly disagreed*, with the remaining 36.63% being neutral or having no opinion.

49.76% of respondents *Agreed* or *Strongly agreed* that the Town should adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA) to fund open space, while 19.51% *Disagreed* or *Strongly disagreed*, with the remaining 30.73% being neutral or having no opinion.

A majority of respondents, 50.5%, *Disagreed* or *Strongly disagreed* that the Town should finance open space through a one-time conservation surtax on all taxpayers.

Even more overwhelmingly, 70.3% of respondents *Disagreed* or *Strongly disagreed* that the Town should finance open space through raising the general tax rate.

While the results show that respondents are not in favor of financing open space through a one-time conservation surtax on all tax payers or by raising the general tax reate, they do indicate that close to 50% of respondents agree that the town should adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Several additional comments were also provided. (See public comments below.)

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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL/ NO OPINION	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The town should finance open space through state and federal grants.	44.61% 91	46.08% 94	4.41% 9	0.98% 2	3.92% 8	204	1.26
The Conservation Fund should be used to manage and maintain existing open space land.	21.18% 43	51.72% 105	21.18% 43	1.97% 4	3.94% 8	203	0.84
The Conservation Fund should be used to acquire open space land.	11.44% 23	40.30% 81	38.31% 77	4.48% 9	5.47% 11	201	0.48
The Town should contribute to the Conservation Fund annually at town meeting.	13.37% 27	34.16% 69	36.63% 74	7.43% 15	8.42% 17	202	0.37
The town should finance open space by adopting the Community Preservation Act, a surcharge with state matching funds.	15.61% 32	34.15% 70	30.73% 63	9.27% 19	10.24% 21	205	0.36
The town should finance open space through a one-time conservation surtax on all taxpayers.	2.97% 6	8.91% 18	37.62% 76	25.25% 51	25.25% 51	202	-0.61
The town should finance open space through raising the general tax rate.	0.99% 2	6.93% 14	21.78% 44	34.16% 69	36.14% 73	202	-0.98

#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Townsend had been voting down tax increases since I moved here about 30 years ago, which is why I'm not enthusiastic about supporting tax increases. If you think it will fly, by all means go for it--I won't vote against it.	6/6/2022 11:44 AM
2	The tax rate in Townsend is high enough without adding more taxes, especially now with high price of gas, food, heat, etc.	6/5/2022 8:33 AM
3	No to higher taxes. People cannot afford them	6/4/2022 6:33 AM
4	I would be amenable to a one time surface if I could trust ANY tax to be one-time and used for its intended purpose. We live in MA and have learned to be skeptical of taxes and promises.	6/3/2022 11:43 PM
5	Leave things as they are. Enough conservation	6/3/2022 9:34 PM
6	Conservation Fund should be used to preserve HISTORIC buildings.	6/3/2022 3:00 PM
7	We don't need town or state open space the town can't even take care of the roads that we already pay for.	6/1/2022 4:51 PM
8	Don't raise taxes on people. Let a cannabis store in town and use that tax	6/1/2022 2:33 PM

Q13 If Townsend's residents were to consider adopting the Community Preservation Act to help fund Open Space & Recreation, what amount would you be willing to pay annually? If you are not a property-owning tax payer in Townsend please skip this question.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 153

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	49	8,038	164
Total Respondents: 164			

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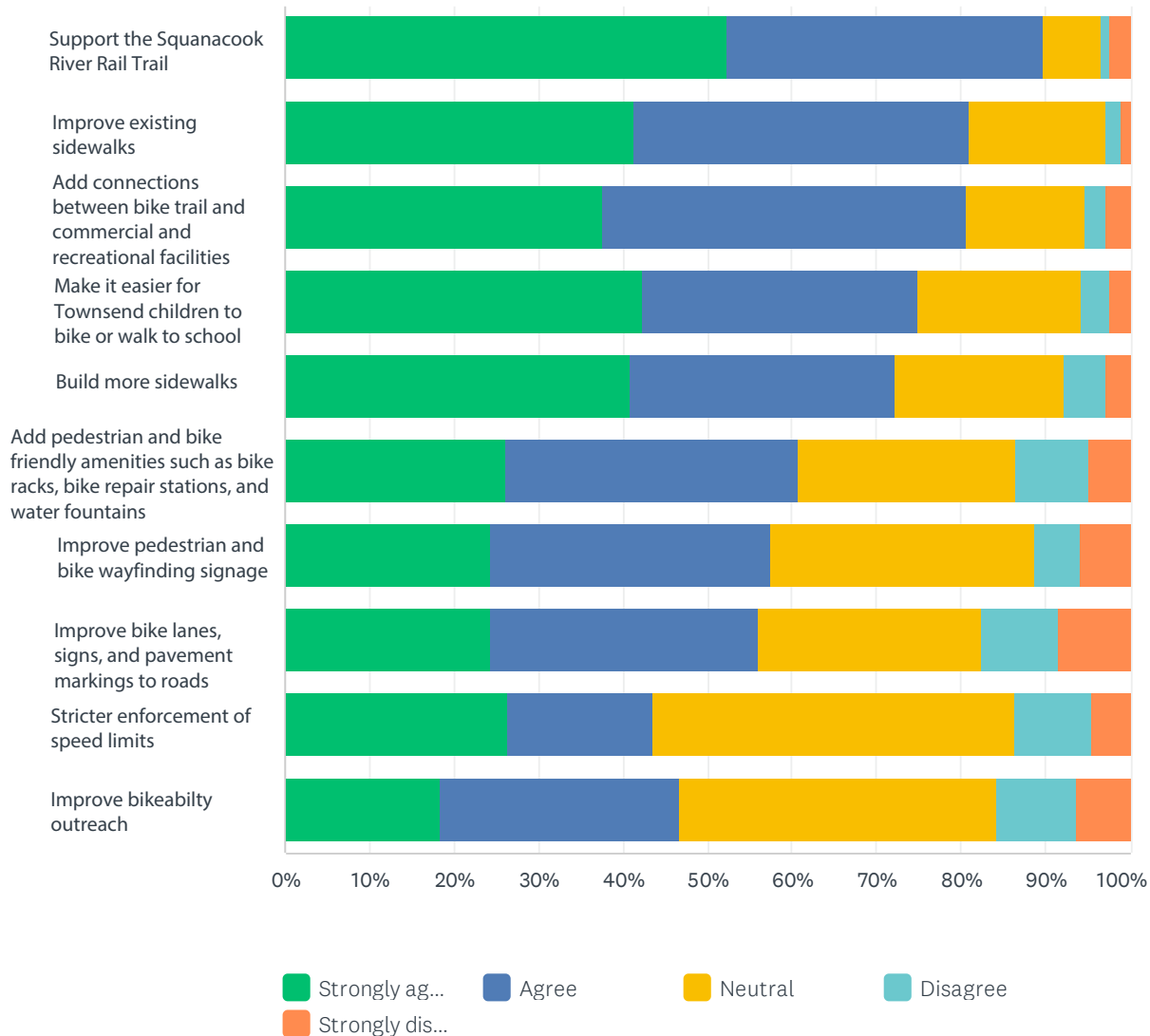
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164	100	6/1/2022 11:42 AM

A considerable number of responses provided were between \$30 and \$100, indicating a willingness to pay a CPA surcharge that would be consistent with the typical surcharge for most homeowners if the CPA was adopted with a 1 - 2% surcharge rate.

In the previous question (Question #12) close to 50% of respondents indicated that they believe Townsend should adopt the Community Preservation Act to fund open space.

Q14 Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements related to BICYCLING & WALKING in Townsend: It is important to...

Answered: 207 Skipped: 110



Close to 90% of respondents Agreed or Strongly Agreed that it is important to support the Squanacook River Rail Trail.

Greater than 70% Agreed or Strongly agreed that it is important to Improve existing sidewalks, Add connections between bike trail and commercial and recreational facilities, Make it easier for Townsend children to bike or walk to school, and Build more sidewalks.

Greater than 50% Agreed that it was important to Add pedestrian and bike friendly amenities such as bike racks, bike repair stations, and water fountains, Improve pedestrian and bike wayfinding signage, and Improve bike lanes, signs, and pavement markings to roads.

Stricter enforcement of speed limits and Improve bikeability outreach received lesser levels of the value of their importance (43% and 47% Agreed or Strongly Agreed, respectively).

Additional comments were also provided. (See public comments below.)

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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Support the Squanacook River Rail Trail	52.43% 108	37.38% 77	6.80% 14	0.97% 2	2.43% 5	206	1.36
Improve existing sidewalks	41.26% 85	39.81% 82	16.02% 33	1.94% 4	0.97% 2	206	1.18
Add connections between bike trail and commercial and recreational facilities	37.56% 77	42.93% 88	14.15% 29	2.44% 5	2.93% 6	205	1.10
Make it easier for Townsend children to bike or walk to school	42.23% 87	32.52% 67	19.42% 40	3.40% 7	2.43% 5	206	1.09
Build more sidewalks	40.98% 84	31.22% 64	20.00% 41	4.88% 10	2.93% 6	205	1.02
Add pedestrian and bike friendly amenities such as bike racks, bike repair stations, and water fountains	26.21% 54	34.47% 71	25.73% 53	8.74% 18	4.85% 10	206	0.68
Improve pedestrian and bike wayfinding signage	24.39% 50	33.17% 68	31.22% 64	5.37% 11	5.85% 12	205	0.65
Improve bike lanes, signs, and pavement markings to roads	24.39% 50	31.71% 65	26.34% 54	9.27% 19	8.29% 17	205	0.55
Stricter enforcement of speed limits	26.47% 54	17.16% 35	42.65% 87	9.31% 19	4.41% 9	204	0.52
Improve bikeability outreach	18.32% 37	28.22% 57	37.62% 76	9.41% 19	6.44% 13	202	0.43

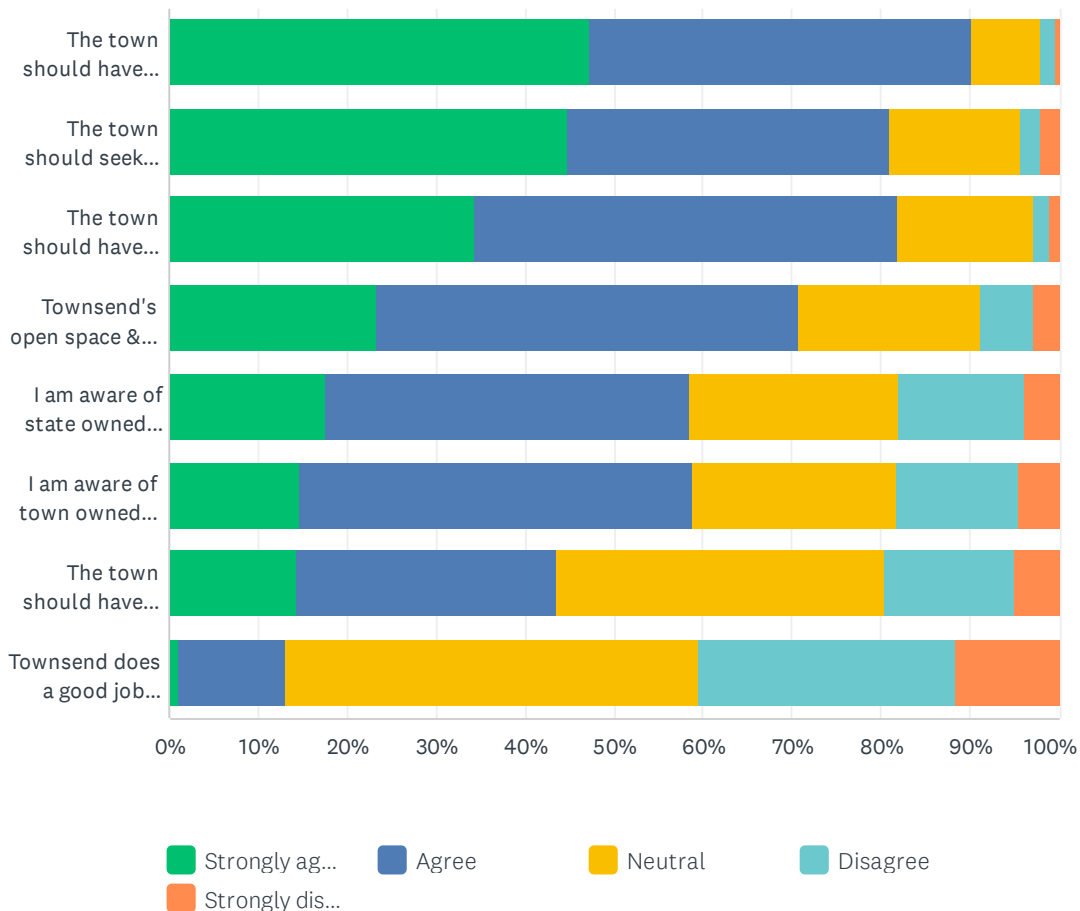
#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	our land is an asset. stop restriction on using it.	6/23/2022 2:13 AM
2	Better signage, like solar powered crosswalks with lights such as at Groton center too many kids hit at road crossings, get state highway approval as needed on main roads	6/22/2022 4:51 PM
3	Rt 119 speed limit needs to be lowered	6/22/2022 2:35 PM
4	Bike lane on RT 119 & 13	6/18/2022 12:09 PM
5	Commercial facilities need more attention before connecting to trails - not enough commerce to attract visitors	6/6/2022 12:59 PM
6	Stop shrinking the width of breakdown lanes in areas without sidewalks. This seems to happen whenever a road is repaved.	6/6/2022 11:44 AM
7	A lot of this work has already been started / done	6/6/2022 10:44 AM
8	For previous question re CPA, that should get funds from real estate transactions, not annual tax increases.	6/6/2022 6:57 AM
9	Re Question 4, dont have anything to connect	6/3/2022 9:34 PM
10	Allthe fluff will not get you anywhere faster.	6/3/2022 3:00 PM
11	Mason rd. Is a death trap for people walking and kids walking home from soccer while you are allowing wide loads and huge 18 wheelers over that bridge flying down the road when it's 20 mph with no side walks for safety to get out of the huge trailers way...extremely unsafe!!! Needs to be addressed immediately!!!	6/3/2022 9:52 AM
12	This is not Arlington, we don't need "bike lanes". Safer, more abundant sidewalks are needed.	6/2/2022 10:23 PM
13	this is a waste of time!!!!	6/2/2022 2:51 PM
14	Bike lanes are for towns with out bike trails! Promote and create the trail- GET THE BIKES	6/2/2022 2:40 PM

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OFF THE ROADS		
15	Review traffic patterns in the center of town and explore solutions such as clearly defining entry/exit points to Honeyland Farms and the gas station.	6/2/2022 1:24 PM
16	PAVE THE ROADS	6/2/2022 11:23 AM
17	The new bike lanes and signage is a nice addition but very confusing, especially going the wrong way down 1 way streets.	6/2/2022 8:50 AM
18	Yes!	6/1/2022 5:06 PM
19	Fill more potholes	6/1/2022 2:33 PM
20	Agree with "Make it easier for Townsend children to bike or walk to school" only if there are sufficient means for them to do so safely or becomes a liability to the town.	6/1/2022 11:57 AM
21	Absolutely in support of the rail trails and sidewalks as safe and accessible transit, especially for the kids but also to draw in visitors from the area.	6/1/2022 11:36 AM

Q15 Please help us identify public outreach and education needs by rating the following statements:

Answered: 205 Skipped: 112



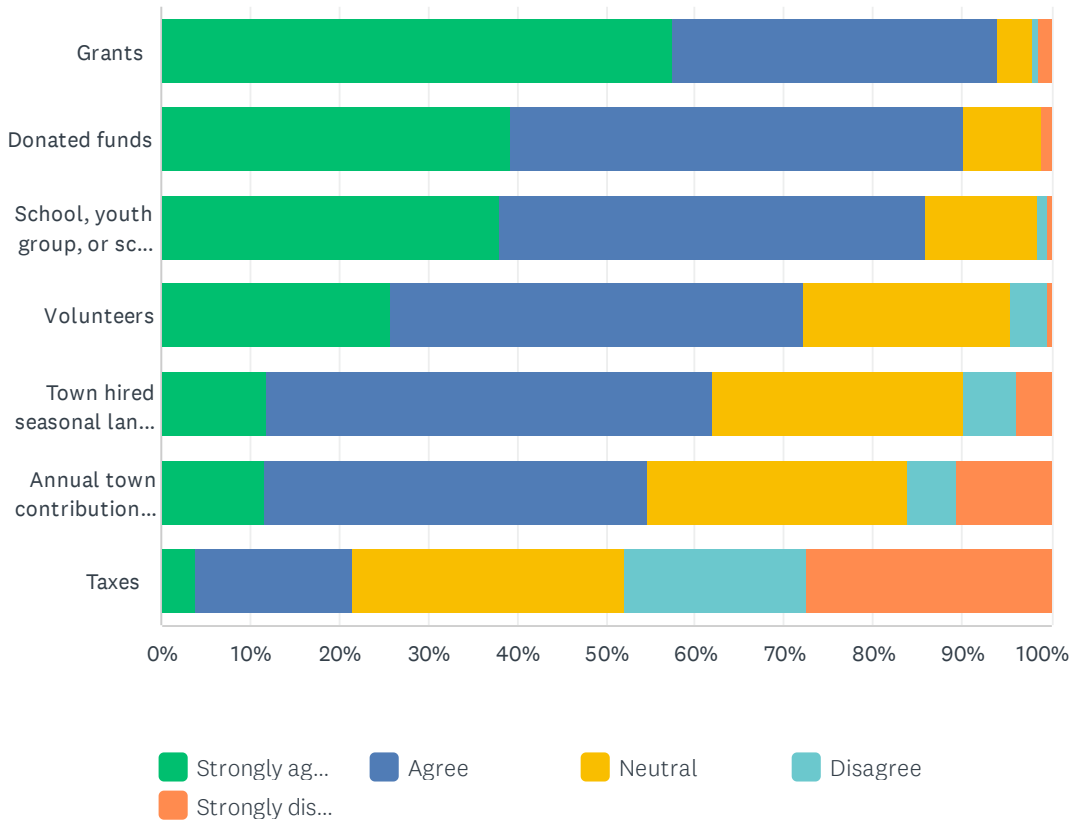
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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The town should have downloadable trail maps and maps of recreation areas available.	47.32% 97	42.93% 88	7.80% 16	1.46% 3	0.49% 1	205	1.35
The town should seek grant funding to create maps, signs, brochures, and other open space outreach and education materials.	44.88% 92	36.10% 74	14.63% 30	2.44% 5	1.95% 4	205	1.20
The town should have more web based information available.	34.31% 70	47.55% 97	15.20% 31	1.96% 4	0.98% 2	204	1.12
Townsend's open space & recreation areas and trails need signs and trail markers.	23.41% 48	47.32% 97	20.49% 42	5.85% 12	2.93% 6	205	0.82
I am aware of state owned conservation & recreation areas within the town.	17.56% 36	40.98% 84	23.41% 48	14.15% 29	3.90% 8	205	0.54
I am aware of town owned conservation & recreational areas within the town.	14.71% 30	44.12% 90	23.04% 47	13.73% 28	4.41% 9	204	0.51
The town should have more brochures available.	14.22% 29	29.41% 60	36.76% 75	14.71% 30	4.90% 10	204	0.33
Townsend does a good job communicating about open space and recreation areas.	0.98% 2	12.20% 25	46.34% 95	28.78% 59	11.71% 24	205	-0.38

#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Go digital as much as possible, or front signs but less paper is less wasteful and less cost over time for the town	6/22/2022 4:51 PM
2	The library would be a great place to have public information available.	6/7/2022 9:19 AM
3	The only reason I am aware of open space areas in Townsend is because I was on the Conservation Commission. Otherwise, I wouldn't be.	6/6/2022 11:44 AM
4	Maps please. Printed maps that I can use when walking (I got seriously lost in Townsend State Forest once). I would PAY for printed trail maps. I would PAY for a map of Townsend recreation areas. I can't carry a computer into the forest, so web based info is helpful but not the complete solution.	6/3/2022 11:43 PM
5	No one reads brochures these days.	6/2/2022 10:41 PM
6	Pdfs	6/1/2022 2:33 PM
7	Relatively new to town, it has been challenging to search this information	6/1/2022 1:28 PM

Q16 Maintenance of existing town Open Space and Recreation Areas should be accomplished through:

Answered: 205 Skipped: 112



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Grants	57.56% 118	36.59% 75	3.90% 8	0.49% 1	1.46% 3	205	1.48
Donated funds	39.22% 80	50.98% 104	8.82% 18	0.00% 0	0.98% 2	204	1.27
School, youth group, or scout projects	38.05% 78	47.80% 98	12.68% 26	0.98% 2	0.49% 1	205	1.22
Volunteers	25.74% 52	46.53% 94	23.27% 47	3.96% 8	0.50% 1	202	0.93
Town hired seasonal land stewardship worker(s)	11.88% 24	50.00% 101	28.22% 57	5.94% 12	3.96% 8	202	0.60
Annual town contribution to the Conservation Fund	11.71% 24	42.93% 88	29.27% 60	5.37% 11	10.73% 22	205	0.40
Taxes	3.98% 8	17.41% 35	30.85% 62	20.40% 41	27.36% 55	201	-0.50

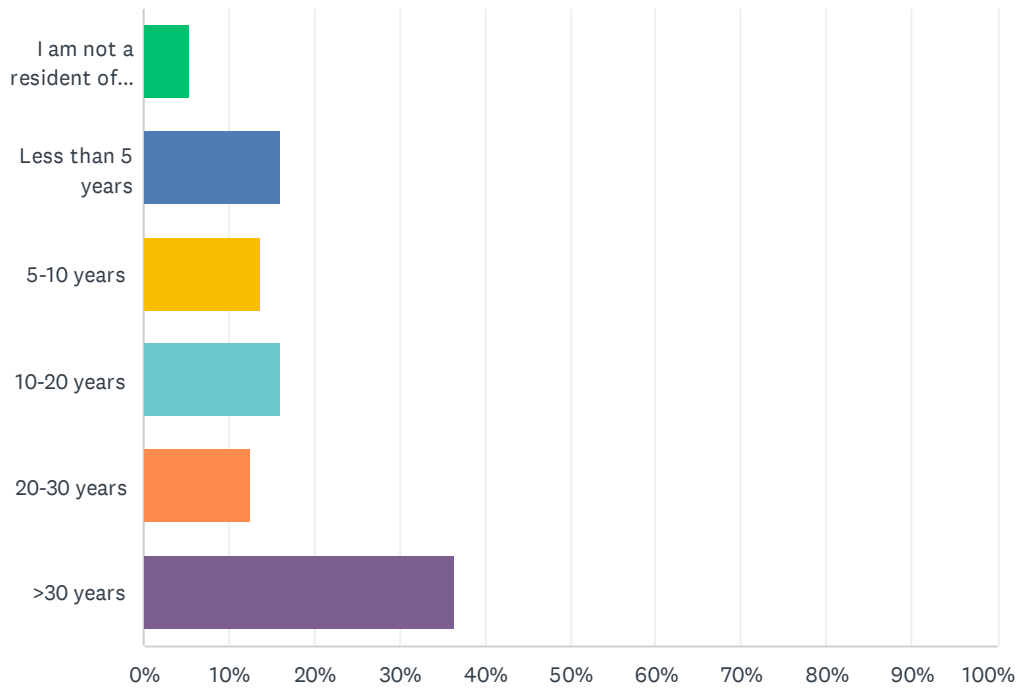
#	OTHER COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Use traffic calming measures at every possible opportunity.	6/23/2022 6:22 PM

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2	I don't know enough about Conservation Fund or proposed taxes to answer about these.	6/3/2022 11:43 PM
3	State money	6/1/2022 2:33 PM

Q17 How long have you been a resident of Townsend?

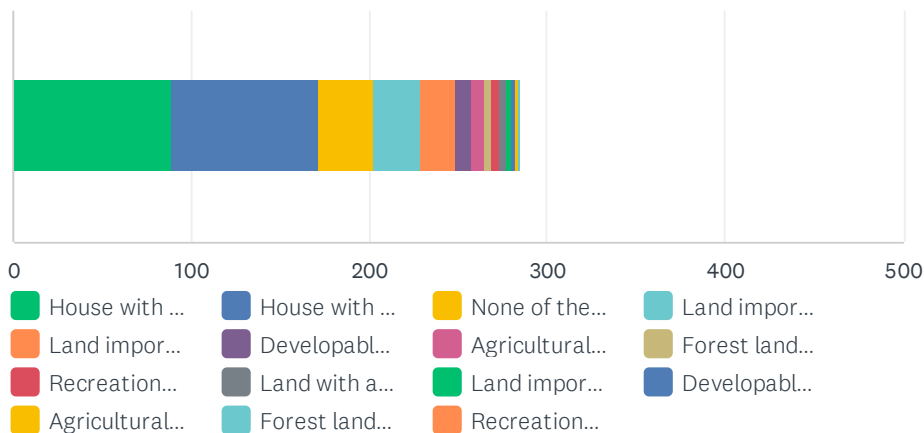
Answered: 206 Skipped: 111



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am not a resident of Townsend.	5.34%	11
Less than 5 years	16.02%	33
5-10 years	13.59%	28
10-20 years	16.02%	33
20-30 years	12.62%	26
>30 years	36.41%	75
TOTAL		206

Q18 Do you or anyone else in your household own property in Townsend which can be described as (check all that apply):

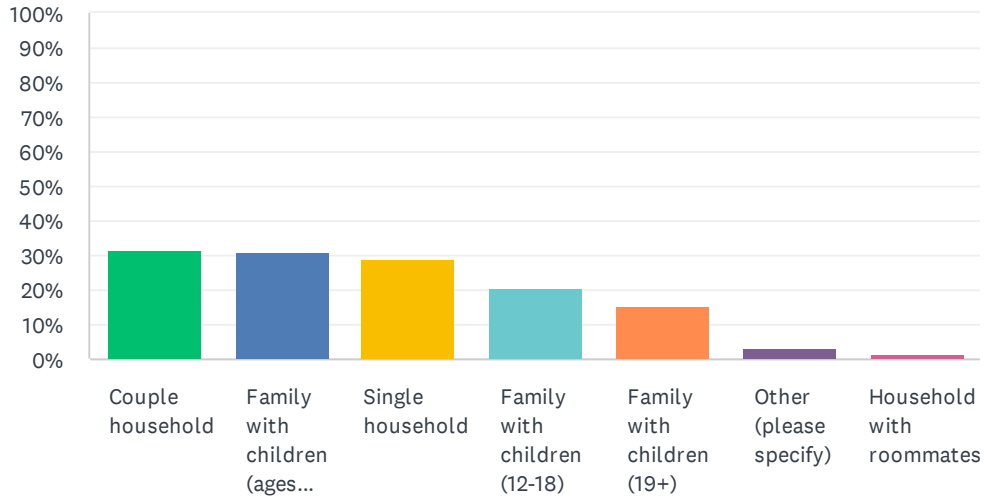
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
House with 2 or more acres	43.41%	89
House with <2 acres	40.49%	83
None of the above	14.63%	30
Land important for wildlife habitat	13.17%	27
Land important for water supply protection	9.27%	19
Developable residential land	4.88%	10
Agricultural or horticultural land >5 acres	3.41%	7
Forest land >10 acres	1.95%	4
Recreational land >5 acres	1.95%	4
Land with any kind of conservation restrictions (other than Ch. 61 Current Use tax program)	1.95%	4
Land important for recreation	1.46%	3
Developable commercial/industrial land	0.98%	2
Agricultural or horticultural land registered in the Chapter 61A Current Use tax program	0.98%	2
Forest land registered in the Chapter 61 Current Use tax program	0.49%	1
Recreational land registered in the Chapter 61B Current Use tax program	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 205		

Q19 Which of the following best describes your current living situation? (Check all that apply):

Answered: 204 Skipped: 113

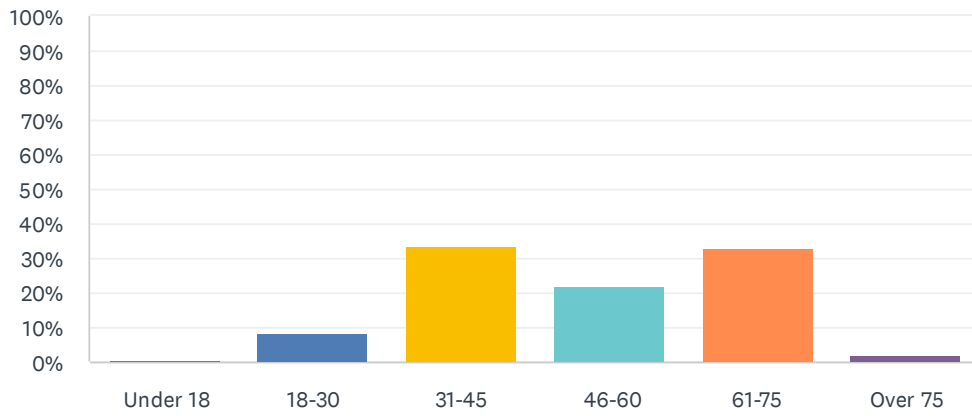


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Couple household	31.37%	64
Family with children (ages 0-11)	30.88%	63
Single household	28.92%	59
Family with children (12-18)	20.59%	42
Family with children (19+)	15.20%	31
Other (please specify)	2.94%	6
Household with roommates	1.47%	3
Total Respondents: 204		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Parent lives at house	6/6/2022 8:17 PM
2	Head of household with dependent child	6/5/2022 8:35 AM
3	2 units, 1 bedroom; 2 bedroom	6/5/2022 8:02 AM
4	Myself and my son only	6/4/2022 4:09 PM
5	Couple and disabled senior household	6/4/2022 11:35 AM
6	Household with one housemate	6/1/2022 3:47 PM

Q20 How old are you?

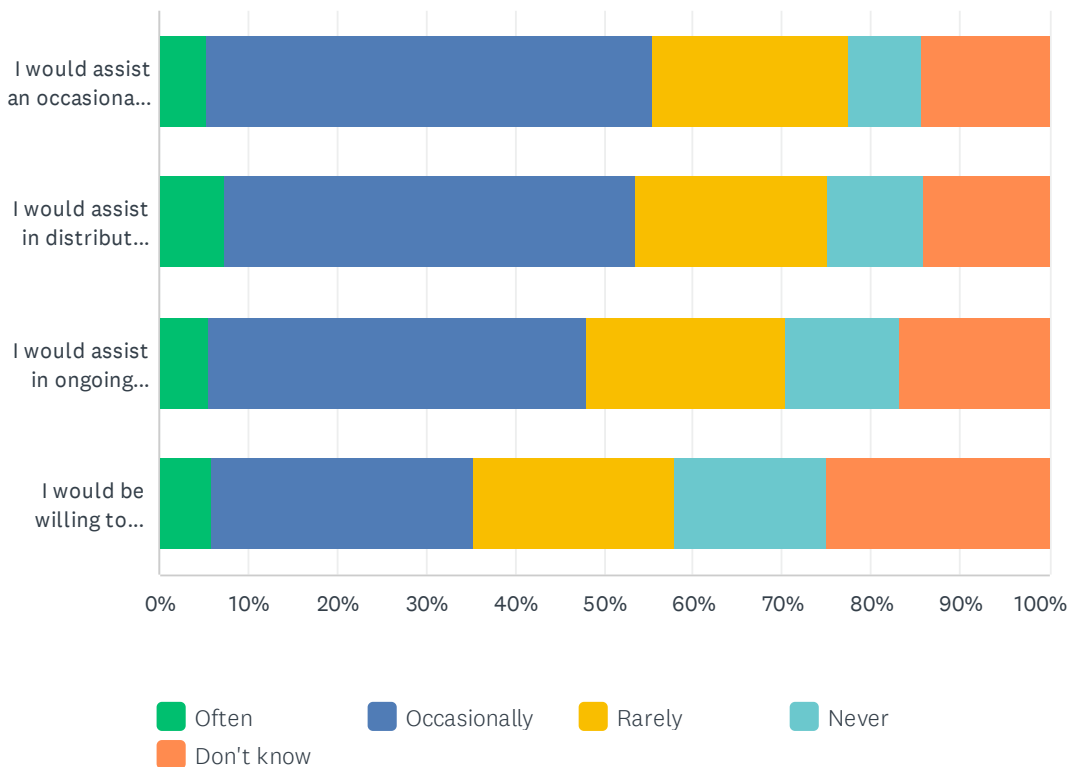
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.49%	1
18-30	8.33%	17
31-45	33.82%	69
46-60	22.06%	45
61-75	33.33%	68
Over 75	1.96%	4
TOTAL		204

Q21 Would you be willing to participate in the maintenance and development of Townsend's recreation and open space facilities?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 112



	OFTEN	OCCASIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
I would assist an occasional work crew.	5.39% 11	50.00% 102	22.06% 45	8.33% 17	14.22% 29	204	0.24
I would assist in distribution of information.	7.32% 15	46.34% 95	21.46% 44	10.73% 22	14.15% 29	205	0.22
I would assist in ongoing maintenance.	5.45% 11	42.57% 86	22.28% 45	12.87% 26	16.83% 34	202	0.07
I would be willing to participate on a committee to manage open space.	5.88% 12	29.41% 60	22.55% 46	17.16% 35	25.00% 51	204	-0.26

#	PLEASE CONTACT TOWNSEND'S LAND USE COORDINATOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT TOWNSEND'S OPEN SPACE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE:	DATE
1	Signage at trail heads (infographics are preferred) with trail etiquette and how to safely share trails with bikes, dogs, horses including best practices for passing and interacting with other parties on the trail,	6/23/2022 6:27 PM
2	use people willing to help even if they have different approaches than state or some so called naturalist opinions. some state land has been maintained some town land not so much. put a bulldozer on the trails in meeting house park before they are so over grown there are no trails for example I	6/23/2022 2:19 AM
3	If you fix the school administration, I'd be happy to donate time to the town for clean	6/22/2022 12:22 PM

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	up/enhancements	
4	I said "never" to the committee only because I am not yet a regular user of the town's recreational/open space areas; seasonal allergies make outdoor activities difficult, but I very much appreciate their benefits for others.	6/7/2022 9:22 AM
5	My willingness to volunteer depends on what's involved. I'm still recovering from my stint on the Conservation Commission.	6/6/2022 11:49 AM
6	No respect is given to people who volunteer. Use and abuse them.	6/3/2022 9:36 PM
7	These questions are a good place to develop a plan. However, to get a better understanding of the replies public meetings/to elicit more specific interests would be very useful, increased utilization of CAT would be an excellent resource as well	6/3/2022 10:39 AM
8	irene_congdon1@yahoo.com scout leader	6/2/2022 3:11 PM
9	Improve and finish the rail trail as a multi use trail- connect to another town- will help businesses!	6/2/2022 2:42 PM
10	Please consider allowing a marijuana establishment to help pay for town improvements instead of raising taxes	6/1/2022 6:12 PM
11	Very disappointed	6/1/2022 4:54 PM
12	Thank you for conducting this survey	6/1/2022 1:30 PM