

Lancaster OSRP Survey

Results and Analysis

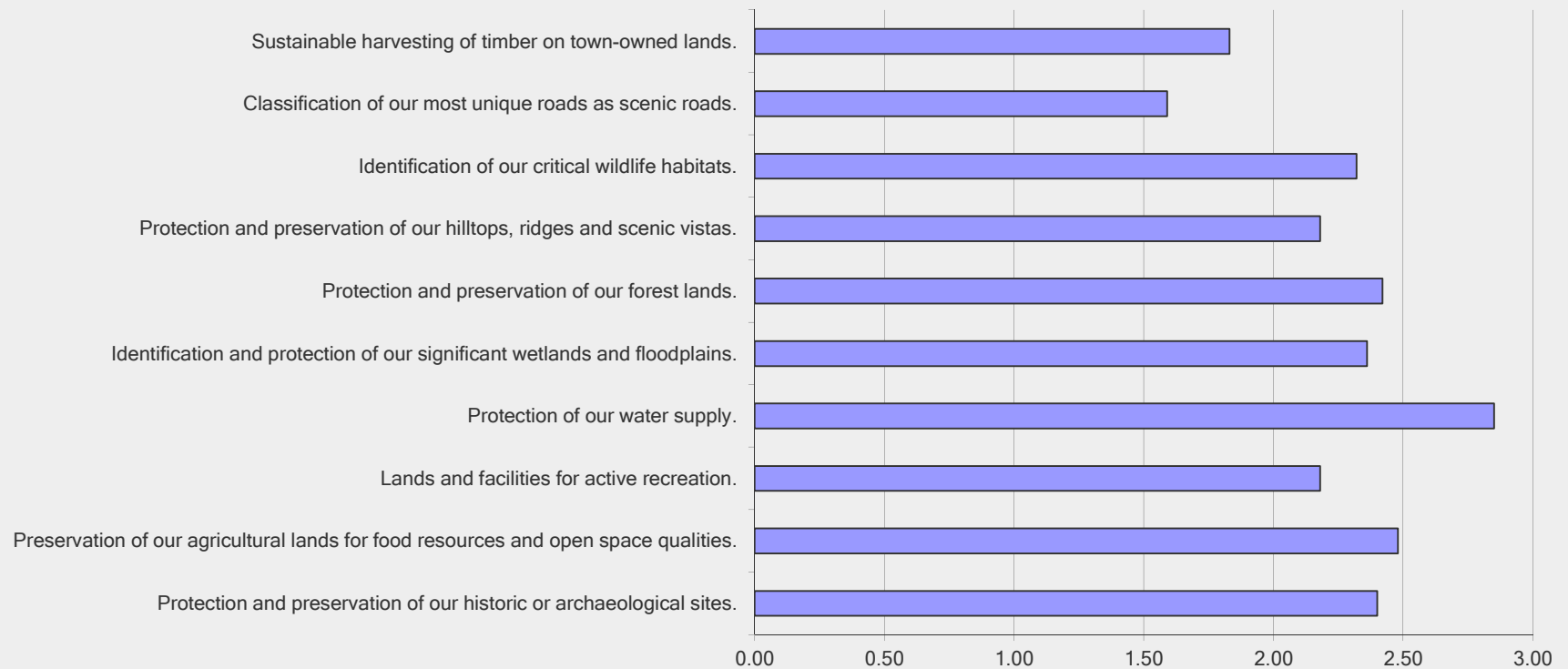
1. Many towns have taken an active interest in managing their natural resources. Should Lancaster begin to take steps to preserve and protect any of the natural resources listed below? Please indicate your priorities: High (H) Medium (M) Low (L)

Answer Options	High (H)	Medium (M)	Low (L)	Rating Average	Response Count
Protection and preservation of our historic or archaeological sites.	115	68	30	2.40	213
Preservation of our agricultural lands for food resources and open space	130	54	28	2.48	212
Lands and facilities for active recreation.	87	78	48	2.18	213
Protection of our water supply.	190	21	6	2.85	217
Identification and protection of our significant wetlands and floodplains.	106	71	31	2.36	208
Protection and preservation of our forest lands.	113	76	23	2.42	212
Protection and preservation of our hilltops, ridges and scenic vistas.	86	75	48	2.18	209
Identification of our critical wildlife habitats.	97	83	30	2.32	210
Classification of our most unique roads as scenic roads.	28	67	115	1.59	210
Sustainable harvesting of timber on town-owned lands.	45	79	79	1.83	203
Other (please explain below):					17
answered question					223
skipped question					4

Other (please explain below):

- 1 Preservation of land for conservation and recreation purposes. P.S.: It would be helpful to know how profitable the sustainable harvesting of timber on town-owned lands is.
- 2 Don't get over zealous
- 3 Rivers
- 4 Towns have no natural resources - private citizens do all town owned lands ought to be privatized. Town is to protect property rights of its landowners!
- 5 Zoning to insure new construction near historic structures is sensitive to the importance of the area
- 6 Adopt "Community Preservation Act".
- 7 I believe all of the above are important tough I believe some are higher priority than others.
- 8 Ban glyphosphate (round up) spraying to protect delicate ecosystem.
- 9 Preventing inappropriate commercial, industrial and solar arrays on residential land tracts.
- 10 We need to keep land viable for food production
- 11 Four ponds - now only three ponds. Arthur Mudget filled in the fourth pond so to make a driveway to his property (nothing done). Should be brought back - charge the Mudget family (Elaine) on Chase Hill Rd. for opening Pond
- 12 Misleading - implication is that we have done nothing - makes it seem extra important that we do something - have we done nothing? If so this needs to be a priority. But if we are already into it well then maybe we do not need to do much more - Question invalid given implication and leading statement. I'm saying all low priority because I do NOT believe your implication we are "beginning"
- 13 While this survey does not cover buildings. Conserving older buildings are just as important as all of the areas above.
- 14 Open space for active recreation, including for hunting should be high priority. Besides our school system, that is what makes Lancaster a desired community to live in.
- 15 Do something with Atlantic Union college. It's just sitting there being used minimally. It could become businesses generating revenue for taxes.
- 16 It is sad to see the historical homes in Lancaster in such a disrepair
- 17 Open space owned by the Town does not pay taxes. Use land to draw and retain businesses who will grow our tax base

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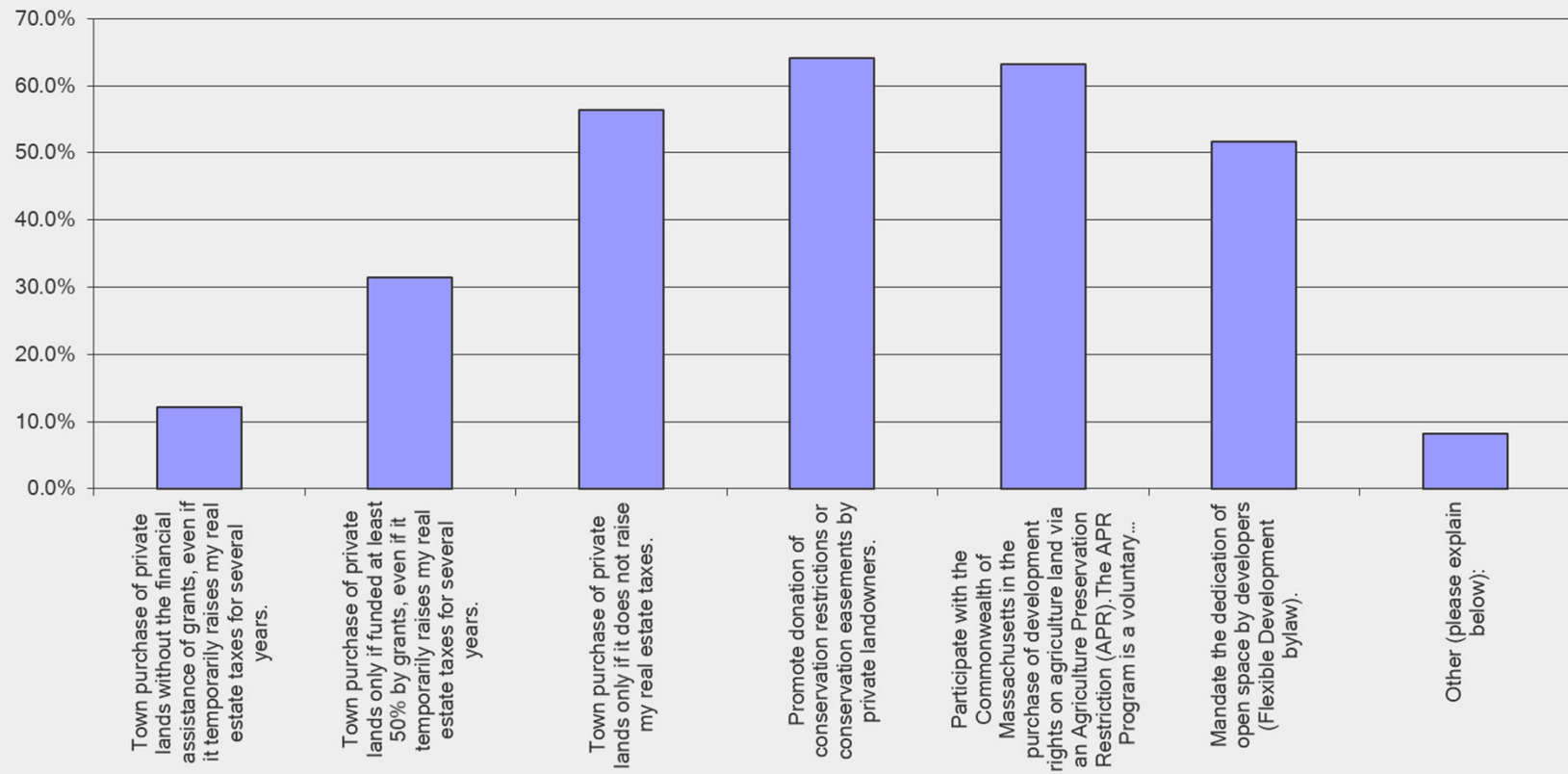
2. What actions by the Town of Lancaster do you favor to preserve open space?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Town purchase of private lands without the financial assistance of grants, even if it temporarily raises my real estate taxes for several years.	12.3%	25
Town purchase of private lands only if funded at least 50% by grants, even if it temporarily raises my real estate taxes for several years.	31.4%	64
Town purchase of private lands only if it does not raise my real estate taxes.	56.4%	115
Promote donation of conservation restrictions or conservation easements by private landowners.	64.2%	131
Participate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the purchase of development rights on agriculture land via an Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR). <i>The APR Program is a voluntary program which is intended to offer a non-development alternative to farmers and other owners of prime and state-important agricultural land who are faced with a decision regarding future use and disposition of their farms. Towards this end, the program offers to pay farmers the difference between the fair market value and the agricultural value of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability.</i>	63.2%	129
Mandate the dedication of open space by developers (Flexible Development bylaw).	51.5%	105
Other (please explain below):	8.3%	17
answered question		204
skipped question		23

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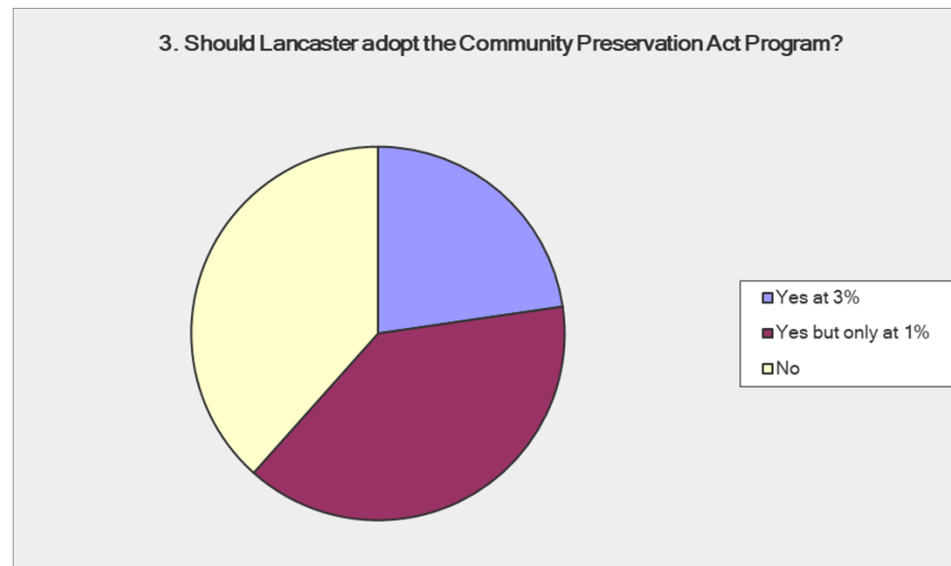
- 1 Use town money to buy land approved by voters to buy land.
- 2 The town of Lancaster did that in the 90's. Yt when the developer wanted to recind his decision the town voted (after a year of fighting) in faor of the developer and a home was built on the open space. Terrible
- 3 There should not be land taken or used for public unless the owner wants to share
- 4 No to all - Town to privatize all land that it owns
- 5 Too much untaxable land now - do not need anymore
- 6 Classification of our most unique roads as scenic roads
- 7 Developers just use unbuildable land to fill req. Perhaps the requirement could allow cash for more sensitive areas.
- 8 This ton has badly misplaced priorities; public safety is on back burner. When I see traffic lights at Lunenburg Road intersection and Rowlandson intersection and only then will I respond to inquiries about other concerns. Robert Bartholomew - 452 Blue Heron Drive.
- 9 The town needs to own less land, not more! The town should start out of the way of land owners
- 10 Push for over 55 development
- 11 Buy lands only if it does not affect taxes
- 12 Priority to get a base up and then we can afford some of this
- 13 Offer conservation easements. It is a divest tax deduction and the difference in values can be redeemed at the time of sale on before.
- 14 Joint efforts with other governmental and non-profit and private entities to protect land regardless of who own it.
- 15 There's no single answer for every situation. This needs to be done in a case by case situation with some of the above being potential options to fund.
- 16 Don't turn Lancaster into a city that allow more developments which mainly add to schools populations and thus higher taxes for all
- 17 Marked trails for hiking

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3. Should Lancaster adopt the Community Preservation Act Program (CPA)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes at 3%	22.7%	48
Yes but only at 1%	38.9%	82
No	38.4%	81
<i>answered question</i>		211
<i>skipped question</i>		16



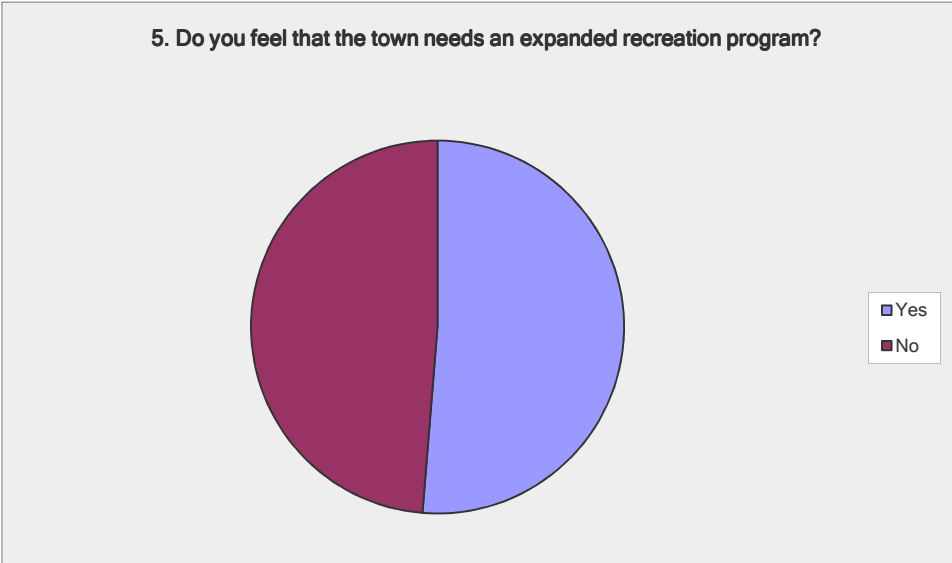
4. Is there any open space in Lancaster (publicly or privately owned) which you would like to see protected (be specific)?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	61
<i>answered question</i>	61
<i>skipped question</i>	166

#	Response Text
1	Farm lands on George Hill, forested areas at Maharishi property
2	Do not have knowledge of what is open space availability
3	The land behind the Town Green, Drumlin Hill, hiking trails along the Nashua River, Open fields near Drumlin Hill
4	All lots in the center of town
5	At the time it was not "what you know but who you know!"
6	Not unless the owner offers.
7	1. Dexter Drumlin fields along Main St. - 2. Open space on Main St. just before MRE (left heading away from Town Hall)
8	Yes,sand that abuts Blue Heron on the Nashua River - Great birds and wildlife pale to walk safely
9	None of your business
10	Quill's Field in Lancaster Rd. Land at end of Old County R.
11	The Lancaster golf course - please do not let a massive development go in!
12	Areas which have historic buildings and areas where historic events occurred
13	Area surrounding Dexter Drumlin
14	Land between Langer Rd. + Marsh St., orchard area on George Hill
15	All existing
16	Dexxter Drumlin, Bolton Flats, Blood Forest, Burial Site off of Main St. (Settler's Cemetery)
17	The sight next to 934 Brokelman Rd and at the read of sand lot.
18	Field on Obershow Rd. on Rt. 117 top of the hill.
19	Fields north of Dexter Drumlin between Langen Rd. and Main St. - Site of Rowlandson Pine/Homestead
20	RFK grounds + buildings
21	Turner Woods, around Turner Pond, located at ends of Kaleva Road and Brian Road.
22	Dexter Drumlin, and surrounding meadow.
23	Dexter Drumlin
24	The big field on Main St., the Drumlin
25	Yes. Part of the K2 farm on Goss Ln.
26	No
27	Ballard Hill near Nashua River (exit on Main St.) - Abutters to Town forest - Anything along the banks of the Nashua
28	Cook Conservation Area, Oxbow, Dexter Drumlin
29	N
30	N

Response Text

- 31 Land in North Lancaster along the Nashua River
- 32 Tax map lot 04-07 - North of Rt. 2 and West of Lunenburg Road
- 33 not sure
- 34 Dexter Drumlin (think it's already protected)
- 35 Greenways and flood plains along the Nashua and inholding in the Town Forest
- 36 Land along the Nashua River
- 37 The town forest - Ballard Hill
- 38 Area around Blood forest as this gives wildlife an excellent area and also allows for recreation like walking, bike riding (non motor), cross country skiing, etc.
- 39 Land around Thayer field, schools, Dexter Drumlin
- 40 Not sure what we have now, so no opinion
- 41 Woods at Thayer field
- 42 The sand dunes behind the railroad truck right before Devens army land
- 43 The fields between Main St., George Hill and Langen Rd.
What is going on with the children's action corp and the state surplus facility? Why aren't they mandated to preserve the historical homes? Also, why isn't Atlantic College mandated to keep up the beautiful old homes along their property?
- 44 old college farmland by Nashua River
- 45 The commons and the woodland behind the community center, Cook conservation area, Town forest
- 46 Use for renewable energy
- 47 Dexter Drumlin, town land behind green w/ proposed park
- 48 The land south of Rte. 70 bridge up to the Thayer Conservatory
- 49 Land at the end of and behind White Pond Rd.
- 50 Area off South Meadow Rd. near Clinton line - Formerly called the Brandli Parcel - Approximately 12 acres - (good for passive recreation) once used for shooting - Could have walking trails
- 51 Dexter Drumlin + field below - Rte. 117 wetlands before B. Orchards (bird watching area?)
- 52 Site of Rowlandson Garrison
- 53 Areas around our lakes and ponds specifically Spec Pond + Fort Pond. We cannot let Kimballs Farms expand and abut these bodies of water
- 54 Work with non profit conservation groups to purchase and/or control Nashua River and wetland abutting properties
- 55 Hell no
- 56 George Hill orchard land
- 57 No
- 58 Kalen Farm Field (formerly Culley's)
- 59 Land along Rt. 70 is getting overdeveloped
- 60 The "interval" area including the Dexter Drumlin

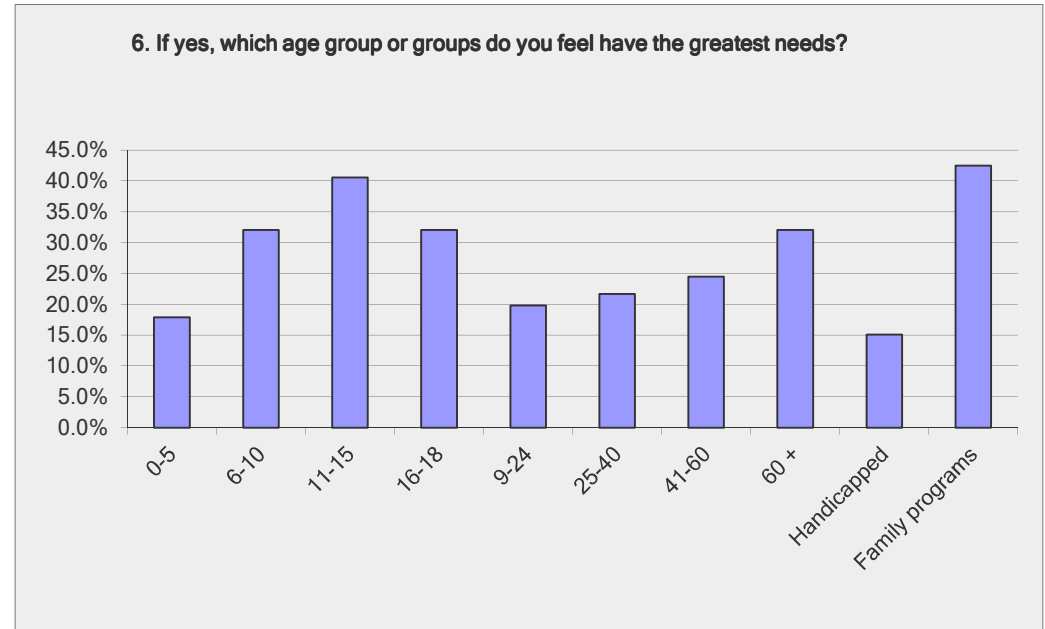
5. Do you feel that the town needs an expanded recreation program?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	51.3%	100
No	48.7%	95
Comments		39
answered question		195
skipped question		32



Comments

- 1 Senior center does a good job
- 2 Not aware of all the programs available
- 3 Define expanded - repair basketball court, tennis, and utility fields. Place play structure closer to utility fields thus keeping the basketball court
- 4 I would like the community center to look more professional and less like a thrift shop. Then I would like programs that are more for a kids and active adults, like zumba, yoga...
- 5 Hiking trails (dog friendly)
- 6 Please restore tennis courts at Thayer Field (not critical)
- 7 Town is to protect property rights of landowners - nothing else should be done
- 8 More young families are moving to town. Promotes town pride and an opportunity to meet other families.
- 9 More area for tennis courts
- 10 Perhaps week night additions at activity for young couples and young families
- 11 I'd love to see a pool and/or public playground
- 12 I'm not familiar enough to comment
- 13 A playground at the Thayer complex. I'd support expanding the town beach complex.
- 14 We have idle facilities at AUC that should be leveraged
- 15 Improved athletic facilities, public park for wide community use.
- 16 Surrounding towns should join together to create regional rec. programs - more offerings sharing costs
- 17 Self supporting
- 18 More use of the river for recreation-better access for boats. Paddle board rentals at Spec Pond for residents conservation lands need hiking trails.
- 19 But only if it can be budget neutral or a source of revenue
- 20 Need to advertise it
- 21 Do not know what current programs are, only been here three years with no kids in school
- 22 The current effort should continue to fruition
- 23 Not sure what this should include?
- 24 Definitely more pickleball courts
- 25 Gyms at rec center should have several hours a week open gym. Cost could be possibly offset by renting time to AAU teams always looking for space to practice spring basketball
- 26 Don't know the current programs
- 27 More activities for children - not necessarily for athletes - but for musically talented children and the arts.
- 28 Only if it's well organized and has a high participation rate, why spend all the money if a dozen or so people show up
- 29 walking trails, dog park
- 30 Doing well in this area
- 31 No significant attachment due to less recreation program run by city
- 32 Out town is too small to fund this
- 33 Not sure
- 34 Town tennis courts - safe bike paths
- 35 I think we do pretty well for a town our size
- 36 Would love to see options for childcare in summer/vacations. I currently send kids to Clinton Parks + Rec but if prices were comparable would consider a program in town.
- 37 Even when I was a kid, teen and beyond there was so little, basically nothing to do in Lancaster. North Lancaster (Rt. 117) to the Old Leominster In has always been the forgotten part of the Town, including Brockelman Rd.
- 38 Develop incentives for people to do "passive recreation" in public lands, including the Town (Blood) forest and land trust lands
- 39 Recreation for inter generational purpose OK, not for particular age group

6. If yes, which age group or groups do you feel have the greatest needs?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-5	17.9%	19
6-10	32.1%	34
11-15	40.6%	43
16-18	32.1%	34
9-24	19.8%	21
25-40	21.7%	23
41-60	24.5%	26
60 +	32.1%	34
Handicapped	15.1%	16
Family programs	42.5%	45
Comments		23
answered question		106
skipped question		121



Comments

- 1 Recreation programs get the kids outside and away from their screens! Rec. programs for adults/all ages promote inter-community bonding.
- 2 Would like more public spaces for young children
- 3 We seem to have robust options for seniors. It would be great to have additional intergenerational, family and youth options.
- 4 Lots of Sr. and kid programs. Nothing for inbetween.
- 5 To avoid problem social behavior
- 6 youth sports very much need improved facilities but all groups would greatly benefit with common open space, pickle ball, tennis, etc.
- 7 Seniors now equal school children in state
- 8 All groups
- 9 Don't know
- 10 All ages included in what we have already
- 11 Programs already exist. No further town money should be spent on 'playtime'.
- 12 This age group still has the flexibility + ability to drive to and any community area and needs recreational activity to stay healthy
- 13 Kids, teens and young adults would benefit as would the community in general if there was a good place for them to spend time for free
- 14 ?
- 15 too many "have to pay" being promoted. This eliminates all but those with \$ to afford
- 16 With the downturn of economy, many teens can't get p/t work - there needs to be things they can participate in close to home
- 17 Need participation
- 18 Seems like there are a lot of programs for kids. Realize that the programs at the senior center (zumba, pickleball) are for all ages, but the times seem to be for seniors (during the day)
- 19 No much places around to be considered as family places/activities
- 20 0-12 could use a playground (simple, nothing elaborate) of their own (not at the school (MRE) or Perkins)
- 21 All could benefit from an expanded program
- 22 Whether in churches or schools/towns and the groups that is signed is after high school and college age kids. Not all college kids stay at college, many commute, especially at community colleges.
- 23 all of the above

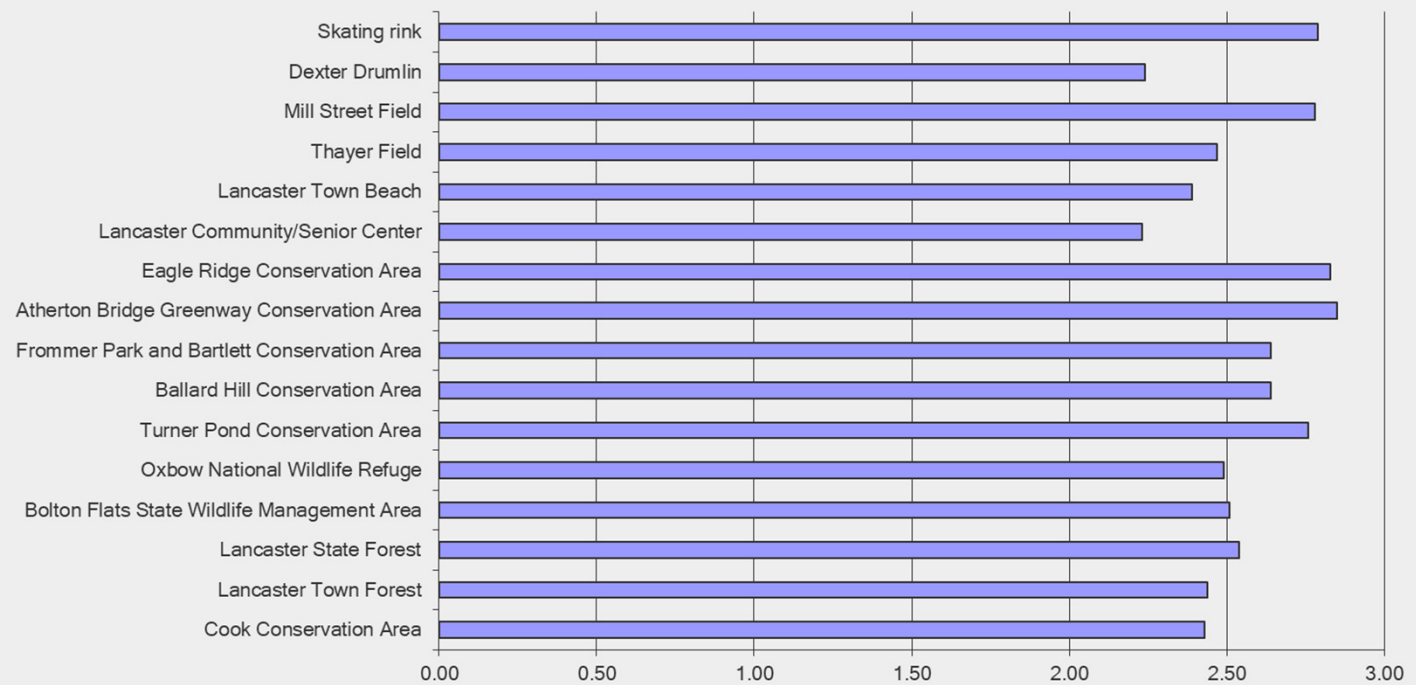
7. What conservation and recreation facilities do you and your family use?

Answer Options	Frequently (F)	Occasionally (O)	Never (N)	Rating Average	Response Count
Cook Conservation Area	18	63	92	2.43	173
Lancaster Town Forest	16	68	95	2.44	179
Lancaster State Forest	12	55	103	2.54	170
Bolton Flats State Wildlife Management Area	12	61	102	2.51	175
Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge	10	69	95	2.49	174
Turner Pond Conservation Area	6	27	129	2.76	162
Ballard Hill Conservation Area	10	40	118	2.64	168
Frommer Park and Bartlett Conservation Area	5	51	114	2.64	170
Atherton Bridge Greenway Conservation Area	3	18	136	2.85	157
Eagle Ridge Conservation Area	3	22	138	2.83	163
Lancaster Community/Senior Center	38	72	81	2.23	191
Lancaster Town Beach	18	78	91	2.39	187
Thayer Field	18	58	102	2.47	178
Mill Street Field	5	26	136	2.78	167
Dexter Drumlin	38	63	83	2.24	184
Skating rink	3	27	130	2.79	160
Other					18
<i>answered question</i>					217
<i>skipped question</i>					10

Other

- 1 Rowlandson Rock
- 2 Didn't know these existed!
- 3 If a conservative or wildlife area exists in town, we have tried to use it. Some we have found inaccessible - unmapped, uncut and overgrown.
- 4 Unanswered slots denote not familiar. Looks like the town has plenty. Make those better, more user friendly and safe.
- 5 Kilbourne Hill
- 6 Perkins Pool - seniors
- 7 Ridiculous that I pay almost \$10,000/year in property taxes but have to pay \$59 to get a sticker to park and use the beach.
- 8 Nature is great to look at. To go into it is not our thing
- 9 Wooded trails behind Thayer field (F)
- 10 I didn't even know about most of these
- 11 Do not know where many of these areas are located
- 12 woods behind the Thayer field
- 13 Bike trails needed
- 14 Haven't used any yet, but plan to this summer
- 15 Excelent library
- 16 We are retired but do walk. Wish we had sidewalks to do so
- 17 Skating rink is never open
- 18 respondents are in their mid-80

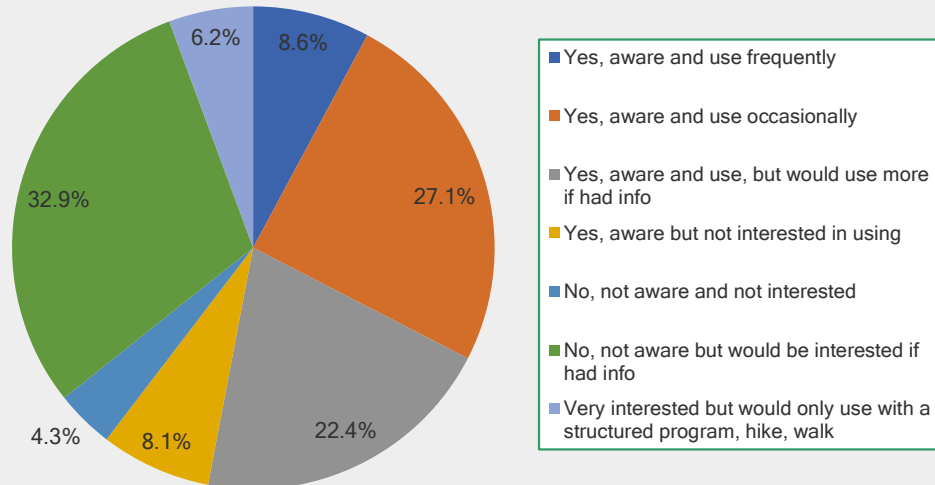
7. What conservation and recreation facilities do you and your family use?



8. Are you aware of Lancaster conservation and recreation areas and properties? Do you know where they are located or how to find them? Are you comfortable walking, hiking and enjoying these areas, and if not, why?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, aware and use frequently	8.6%	18
Yes, aware and use occasionally	27.1%	57
Yes, aware and use, but would use more if had info	22.4%	47
Yes, aware but not interested in using	8.1%	17
No, not aware and not interested	4.3%	9
No, not aware but would be interested if had info	32.9%	69
Very interested but would only use with a structured program, hike, walk	6.2%	13
Comments		28
answered question		210
skipped question		17

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Comments

- 1 Unclear where parking is legal. For x-country ski use parking not cleared of snow. Access points and traits not always clearly shown.
- 2 need to do a formal marketing campaign to get this info out
- 3 Not aware would like to learn more - could benefit from maps and information sent through the mail.
- 4 Those we are aware of which have decent trails
- 5 Trails are sometimes swamped, use Bolton instead.
- 6 Difficulty in long walk from parking area. Clean denoted paths - be aware of safety and danger
- 7 Just moved here in Dec
- 8 New to town, would like info
- 9 Will be helpful to have a booklet with maps available to public - I think a small one would be appropriate.
- 10 I am not aware of all places
- 11 Feel areas a physically unsafe from people and animals (sic)
- 12 Need more paces that allow dogs
- 13 Would not like to be alone. Some places isolated
- 14 We love the hiking trails great family fun but many people don't even know they're there! More information should be put out
- 15 I am unaware of many of the areas but I am unable to use them because of my disabilities.
- 16 Hiking alone is never a good idea
- 17 I would love to know of all those places and go check them out
- 18 Aware - would use only on informal basis with others - could be organized in volunteer basis - not a "pay to participate"
- 19 I know about cook and the forest. Not sure about trails and distance and if dogs allowed, so more info would be helpful.
- 20 Build good community with supportive programs, build school/college - attract talent, companies, institutes
- 21 I hike at Wachusett Mtn. State Res.
- 22 Bike riding is not listed as a priority. All development road improvement get
- 23 Would use more, but their are poorly marked and ruined by all-terrain vehicles, plus I (+ my children) might get shot as hunting is permitted. For these reasons, I drive to Harvard and Bolton to use their trails safely with my family (no all-terrain or hunting)
- 24 I only moved to Lancaster recently, and have not yet found out much about the Town, but I'm very interested in hiking/walking trails
- 25 Some seem quite isolated - Maybe have a seasonal or monthly walks to showcase the locations to residents - maybe school group walks
- 26 Not much info online
- 27 Like comment on the previous page. More side walks would be wonderful, especially for some with balance issues.
- 28 I don't go outside a lot, but I also don't know much about what is available in Lancaster.

9. What activities does your family enjoy in Lancaster (rank in order of importance - 1 being most important, 5 being least important)?

Answer Options	1 Most important	2 Very important	3 Important	4 Somewhat important	5 Least important	Response Count
Biking	31	33	13	13	14	104
Leisure	30	17	11	8	7	73
Nature activities	24	24	17	4	11	80
Riding	6	4	4	6	22	42
Swimming	29	26	9	9	15	88
Snow shoeing	11	13	9	8	19	60
Dog walking	40	34	7	5	17	103
Hiking	28	34	13	4	13	92
Boating	13	19	4	3	15	54
Driving	18	27	5	2	15	67
Hunting	7	9	2	1	28	47
Picnicking	4	11	16	12	19	62
Ice fishing	5	4	6	1	25	41
Ice skating	8	9	6	7	20	50
All-terrain vehicle	4	4	0	0	28	36
Jogging	17	20	8	4	18	67
Walking	77	61	12	2	8	160
Camping	2	10	7	4	20	43
Outdoor ballgames	14	11	9	9	15	58
Snowmobiling	3	3	1	1	29	37
X-country skiing	11	17	3	7	16	54
Sledding	11	18	14	6	13	62
Motorcycling	7	6	1	4	29	47
Fishing	14	22	11	6	12	65
Others						11
answered question						208
skipped question						19

Others

- 1 Painting outdoors in safe and picturesque areas
- 2 Skateboarding
- 3 Pickleball
- 4 Just moved into Town, hoping to visit these places soon
- 5 Kayak (2)
- 6 Each and everyone of the above are very very important
- 7 Pickleball (1)
- 8 see question 8
- 9 Playground at Perkins

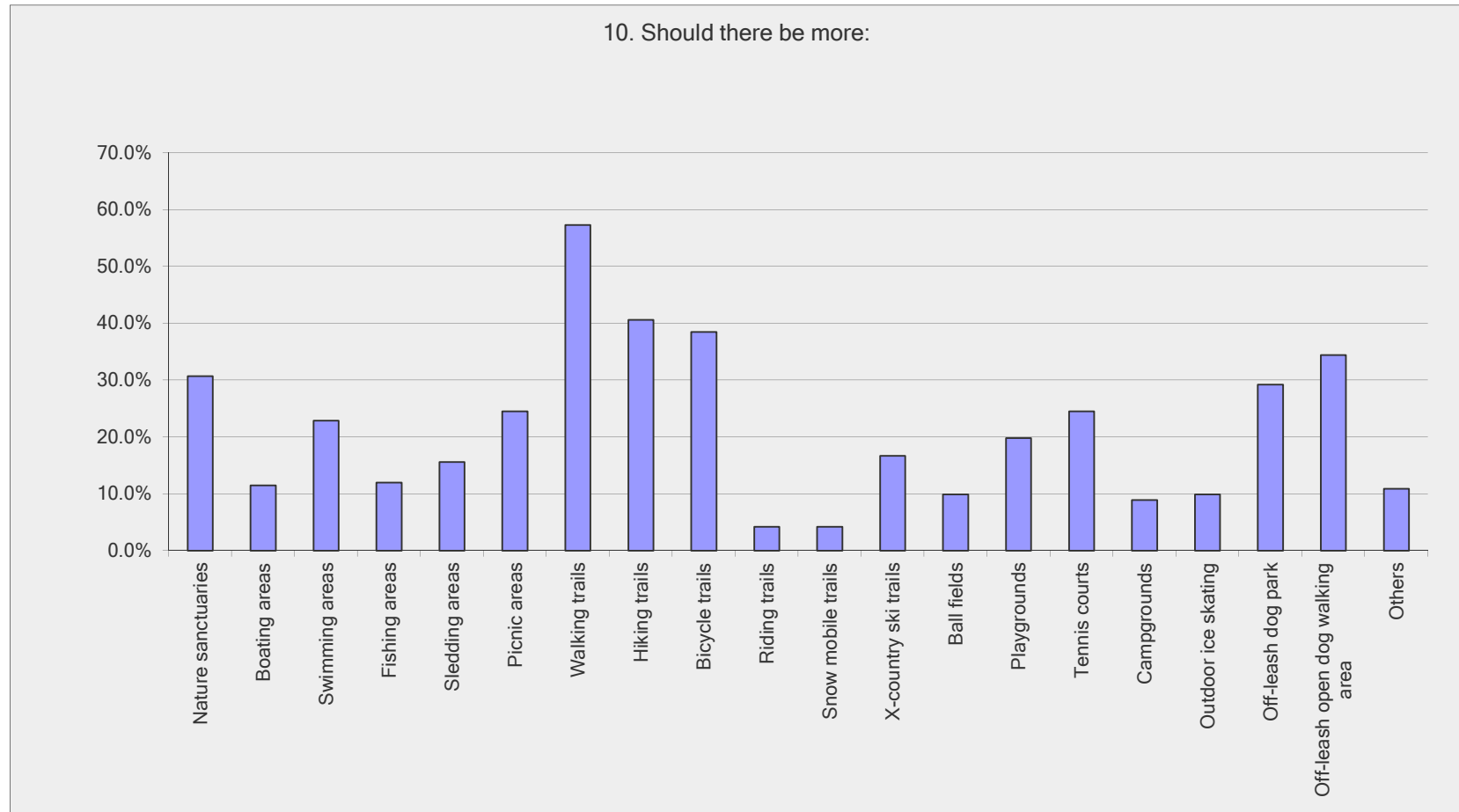
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10. Should there be more:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Nature sanctuaries	30.7%	59
Boating areas	11.5%	22
Swimming areas	22.9%	44
Fishing areas	12.0%	23
Sledding areas	15.6%	30
Picnic areas	24.5%	47
Walking trails	57.3%	110
Hiking trails	40.6%	78
Bicycle trails	38.5%	74
Riding trails	4.2%	8
Snow mobile trails	4.2%	8
X-country ski trails	16.7%	32
Ball fields	9.9%	19
Playgrounds	19.8%	38
Tennis courts	24.5%	47
Campgrounds	8.9%	17
Outdoor ice skating	9.9%	19
Off-leash dog park	29.2%	56
Off-leash open dog walking area	34.4%	66
Others	10.9%	21
<i>answered question</i>		192
<i>skipped question</i>		35

Others

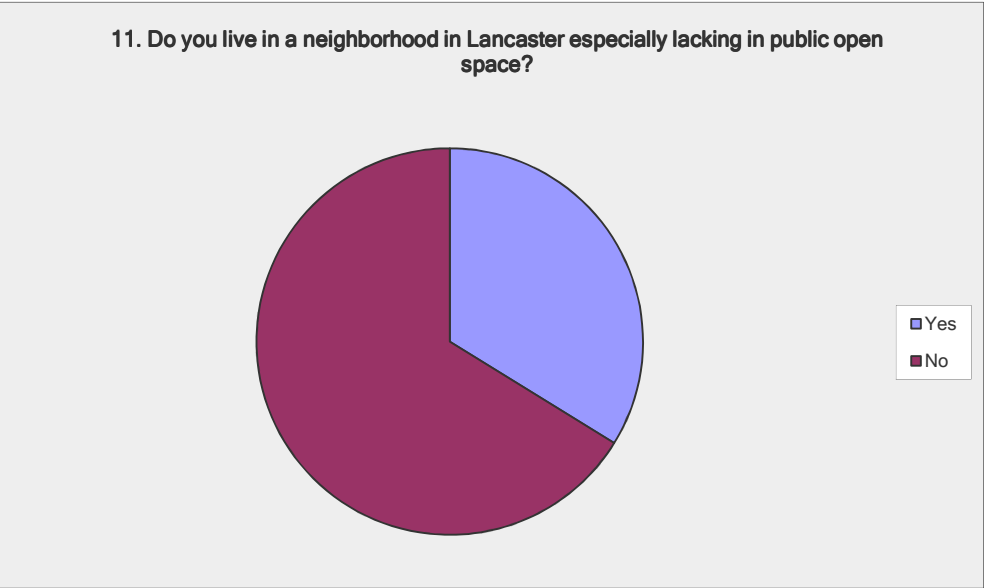
- 1 More areas to hike without dogs.
- 2 Work on what we have already - Where's the benches - put up bluebird houses, they are making a comeback.
- 3 Freedom
- 4 Bicycle routes/lanes
- 5 Pickleball courts
- 6 Less taxes
- 7 Less taxes
- 8 An off-leash dog park (fenced-in so dogs are protected) would be a wonderful asset to the town so dogs and people could socialize.
- 9 Many of these should be regional, not in each town. Join together! Collaborate!
- 10 Leave things like they are.
- 11 Note what we have and try to make use of it
- 12 Not sure
- 13 Fenced (Off-leash open dog walking area)
- 14 Hunting areas
- 15 No town money should be spent on these things
- 16 Pickleball courts
- 17 Town (indoor) pool (grew up in Gardner MA)
- 18 see question 8
- 19 outdoor pickleball + bike trails
- 20 Pickleball
- 21 More business of industry, which would lower taxes



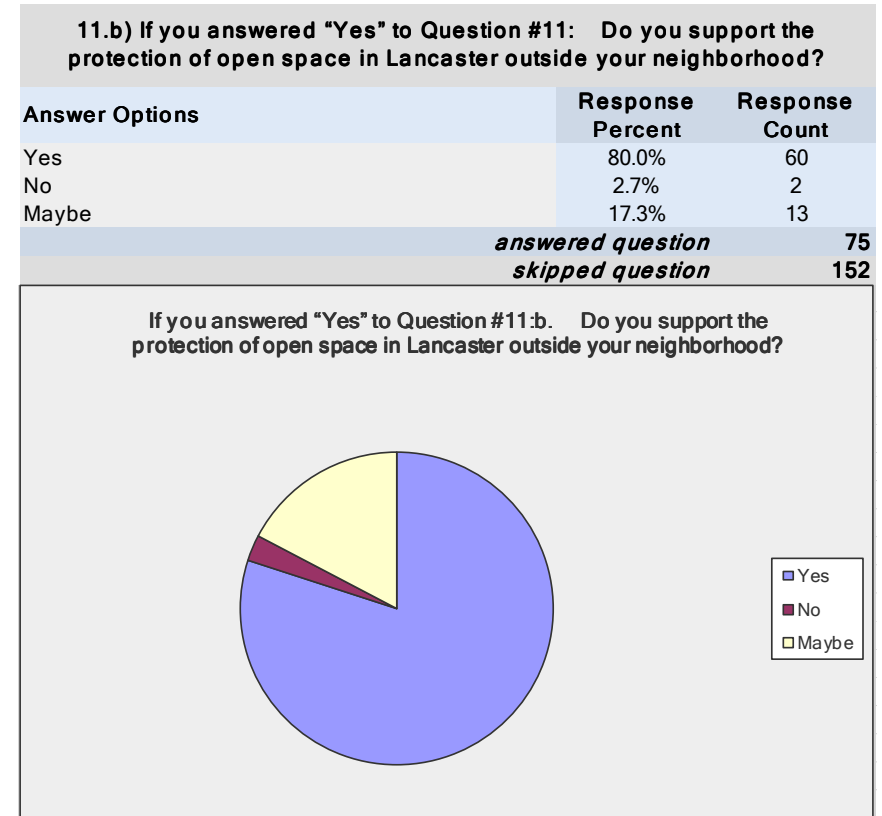
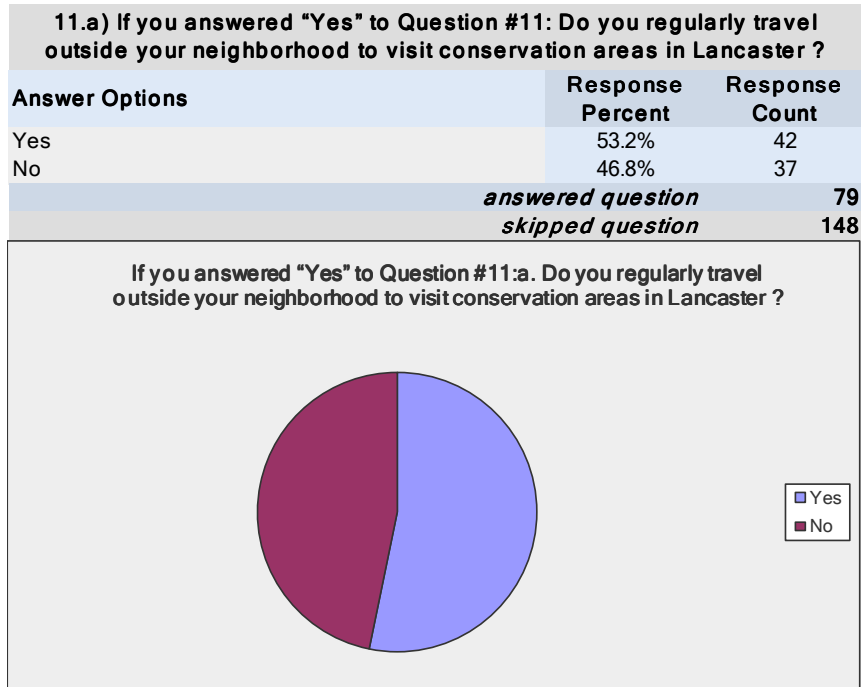
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11. Do you live in a neighborhood in Lancaster especially lacking in public open space?

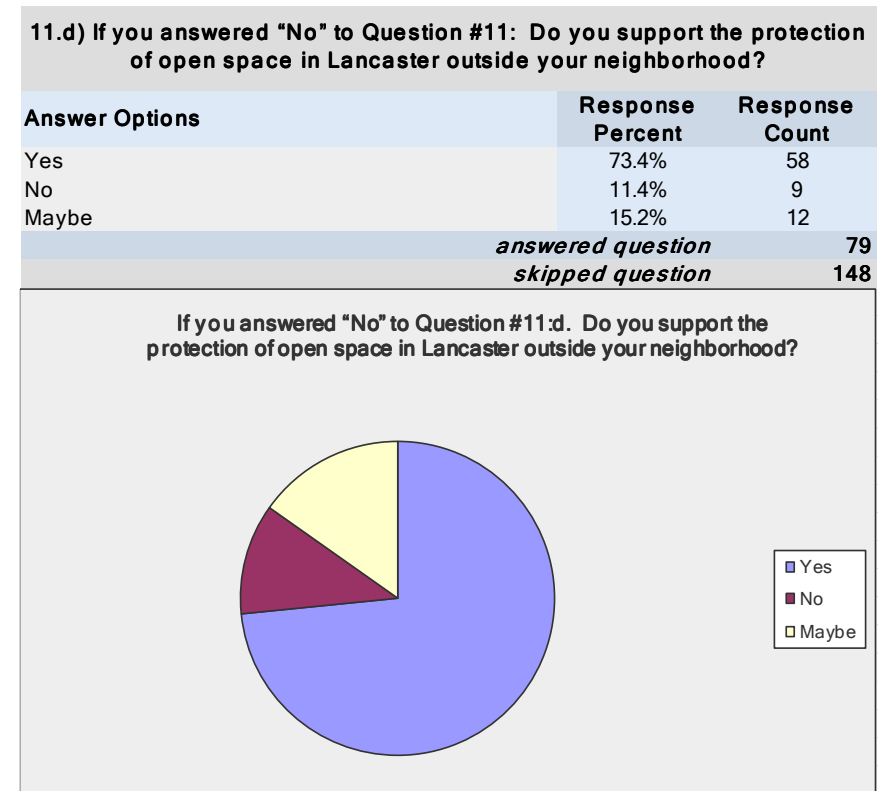
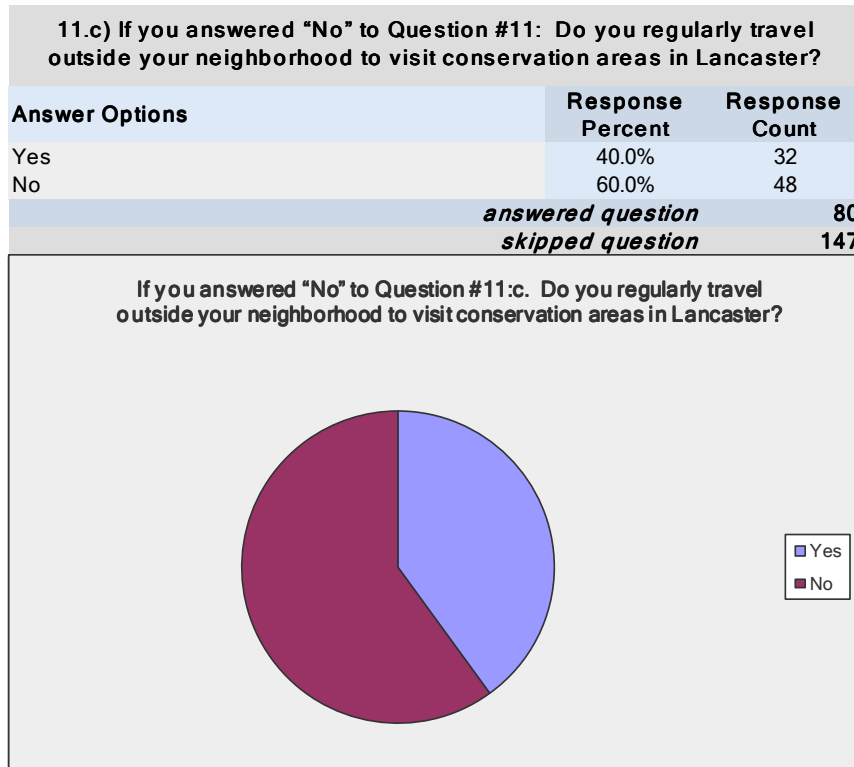
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Yes	33.8%	72
No	66.2%	141
<i>answered question</i>		213
<i>skipped question</i>		14



Q 11



Q 11

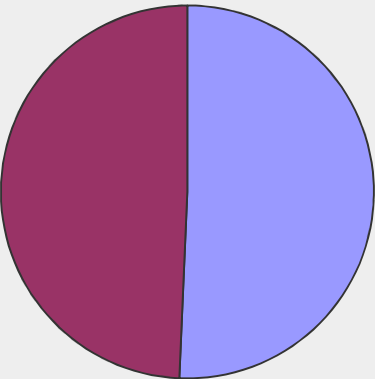


Q 12

12. Do you live in a neighborhood in Lancaster especially lacking in public recreation facilities?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.7%	104
No	49.3%	101
<i>answered question</i>		205
<i>skipped question</i>		22

12. Do you live in a neighborhood in Lancaster especially lacking in public recreation facilities?



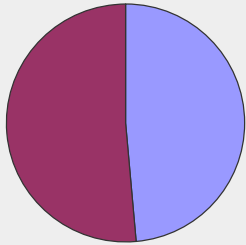
■ Yes
■ No

Q 12

12.a) If you answered "Yes" to Question #12: Do you regularly travel outside your neighborhood to use recreation facilities in Lancaster?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	48.6%	54
No	51.4%	57
answered question		111
skipped question		116

If you answered "Yes" to Question #12.a: Do you regularly travel outside your neighborhood to use recreation facilities in Lancaster?

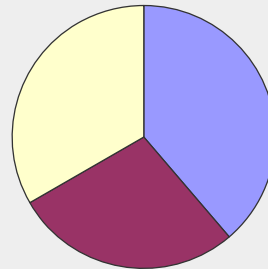


■ Yes
■ No

12.b) If you answered "Yes" to Question #12: Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in your neighborhood?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	38.7%	43
No	27.9%	31
Maybe	33.3%	37
answered question		111
skipped question		116

If you answered "Yes" to Question #12.b: Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in your neighborhood?

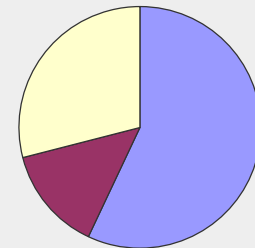


■ Yes
■ No
■ Maybe

12.c) If you answered "Yes" to Question #12: Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in Lancaster outside your neighborhood?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	57.0%	61
No	14.0%	15
Maybe	29.0%	31
answered question		107
skipped question		120

If you answered "Yes" to Question #12.c: Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in Lancaster outside your neighborhood?



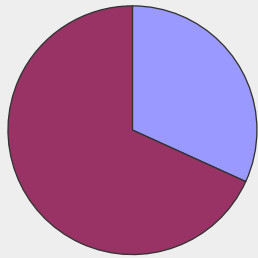
■ Yes
■ No
■ Maybe

Q 12

12.d) If you answered "No" to Question #12: Do you regularly travel outside your neighborhood to use recreation facilities in Lancaster?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	31.8%	21
No	68.2%	45
answered question		66
skipped question		161

If you answered "No" to Question #12:d. Do you regularly travel outside your neighborhood to use recreation facilities in Lancaster?

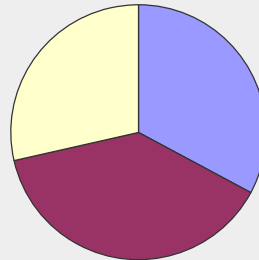


■ Yes
■ No

12.e) If you answered "No" to Question #12: Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in your neighborhood?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	32.9%	23
No	38.6%	27
Maybe	28.6%	20
answered question		70
skipped question		157

If you answered "No" to Question #12:e. Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in your neighborhood?

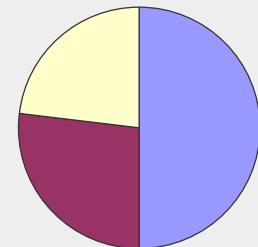


■ Yes
■ No
■ Maybe

12.f) If you answered "No" to Question #12: Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in Lancaster outside your neighborhood?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.0%	39
No	26.9%	21
Maybe	23.1%	18
answered question		78
skipped question		149

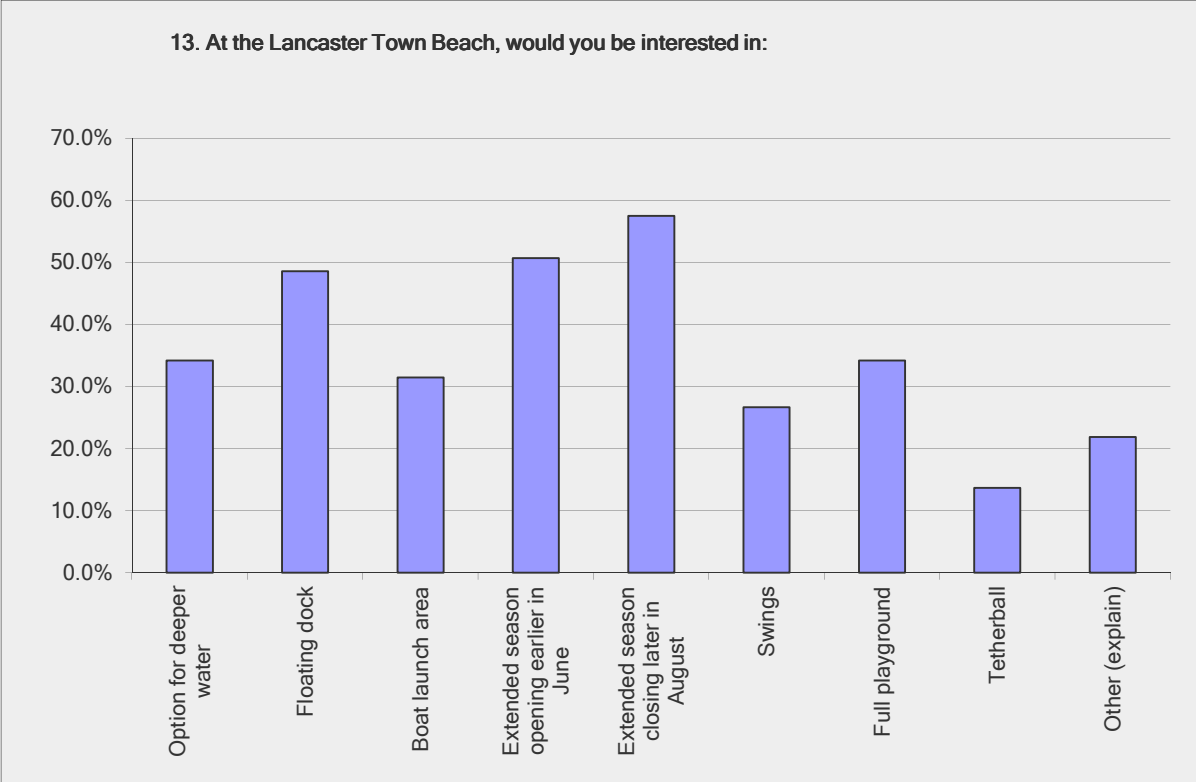
If you answered "No" to Question #12:f. Do you support the expansion of recreation facilities in Lancaster outside your neighborhood?



■ Yes
■ No
■ Maybe

Q 13

13. At the Lancaster Town Beach, would you be interested in:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Option for deeper water	34.2%	50
Floating dock	48.6%	71
Boat launch area	31.5%	46
Extended season opening earlier in June	50.7%	74
Extended season closing later in August	57.5%	84
Swings	26.7%	39
Full playground	34.2%	50
Tetherball	13.7%	20
Other (explain)	21.9%	32
<i>answered question</i>		146
<i>skipped question</i>		81



Other (explain)

- 1 Picnic areas
- 2 Kayak or canoe access spring to fall
- 3 I have never been to the Town Beach but I think it's a wonderful resources for the Town!
- 4 Area for dogs
- 5 Privatize the beach
- 6 Don't go to the beach
- 7 We go swimming and boating in another town or at the ocean.
- 8 Not familiar with town beach
- 9 Have not visited Town Beach
- 10 We use the town beach a great deal and feel strongly about the options indicated. My kids are middle/elementary aged, and shallow water decreases their swim experience. Also, paddle board rentals are a great idea, appropriate for many ages.
- 11 More beach - open a sandier shoreline - we buy a pass for Sterling beach because it is sandier.
- 12 Canoe or kayak rentals
- 13 Bathrooms
- 14 Boat rentals
- 15 Camp with swimming lessons, kayak/paddle board lessons
- 16 None of the above
- 17 N/A
- 18 Horseshoes
- 19 Don't use, relatively small area for much to be done by town. Doesn't seem like a good investment by town
- 20 canoe/kayak rental at no/low cost to residents
- 21 No opinion - don't use
- 22 Paddle ball court area
- 23 Boat launch area for non-motorized boats
- 24 More picnic tables
- 25 keep it open, not cluttered with "stuff"
- 26 Extended times - 6pm is too early to close
- 27 Expand beach
- 28 never used the town beach
- 29 N/A
- 30 Limit access to town residents. Better parking off the street. Less trash
- 31 Boat launch for pond residents only (power boats)
- 32 Disabled accessibility

14. What Youth programs (Ages 6 to 18) would you like to see?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Summer day adventure field trips:	55.7%	78
Summer full-day camp	34.3%	48
Summer half-day camp	30.0%	42
Summer counselor-in-training (CIT) camp	22.1%	31
Swimming lessons	57.1%	80
School vacation childcare	20.7%	29
Parent meet-and-greet group	22.9%	32
School vacation child care (specify # of days)	12.9%	18
Summer basketball clinic	28.6%	40
Fall basketball clinic	20.0%	28
Winter basketball clinic	23.6%	33
Developmental basketball clinic for young	22.9%	32
Indoor soccer clinic	30.0%	42
Development soccer clinic for young ages	24.3%	34
Indoor floor hockey program	25.0%	35
Fitness classes	65.0%	91
Art and crafts classes	45.7%	64
Drawing classes	30.7%	43
Skating lessons	27.1%	38
Ice skating party	18.6%	26
Geocaching	19.3%	27
Golf lessons	23.6%	33
Skills and Drills basketball clinic	17.1%	24
Tennis lessons	32.9%	46
Frisbee golf	12.1%	17
Lacrosse clinic	14.3%	20
Softball clinic	12.1%	17
Golf lessons	7.1%	10
Kayak lessons	33.6%	47
Paddleboard lessons	22.1%	31
Block dance party	24.3%	34
Destination trail hiking	30.7%	43
Recreation programs after school at	20.0%	28
Recreation programs after school at	17.9%	25
Other suggestions/comments for Youth	4.3%	6
Other	8.6%	12
answered question		140
skipped question		87

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Recreation programs after school at MRE? (List)

I have noticed that MRE after school options differ significantly in variety from these offered in Bolton and Stow.

Yes

tennis, drawing

Garden groups

Recreation programs after school at LBM? (List)

All of these

I have noticed that LBM after school options differ significantly in variety from these offered in Bolton and Stow.

Yes

tennis, arts+craft, golf

Other suggestions/comments for Youth Recreation?(List)

Gardening or cooking

Dance, running club

How to play instruments - piano and guitar

There is something to be said for free time recreation, free time, not always organized sports x recreation. Kids need to learn to amuse themselves and play in a group.

Other

1 Outdoor activities promoting nature

2 Would love more active hands-on learning opportunities: STEM, STEAM, Lego, Art, theater

3 Live bands - there are plenty who would play reasonably for the whole family

4 Dance - music

5 Shooting

6 Pickle ball lessons

7 Horse back riding facility

8 After school options for high school students as well

9 Sewing class

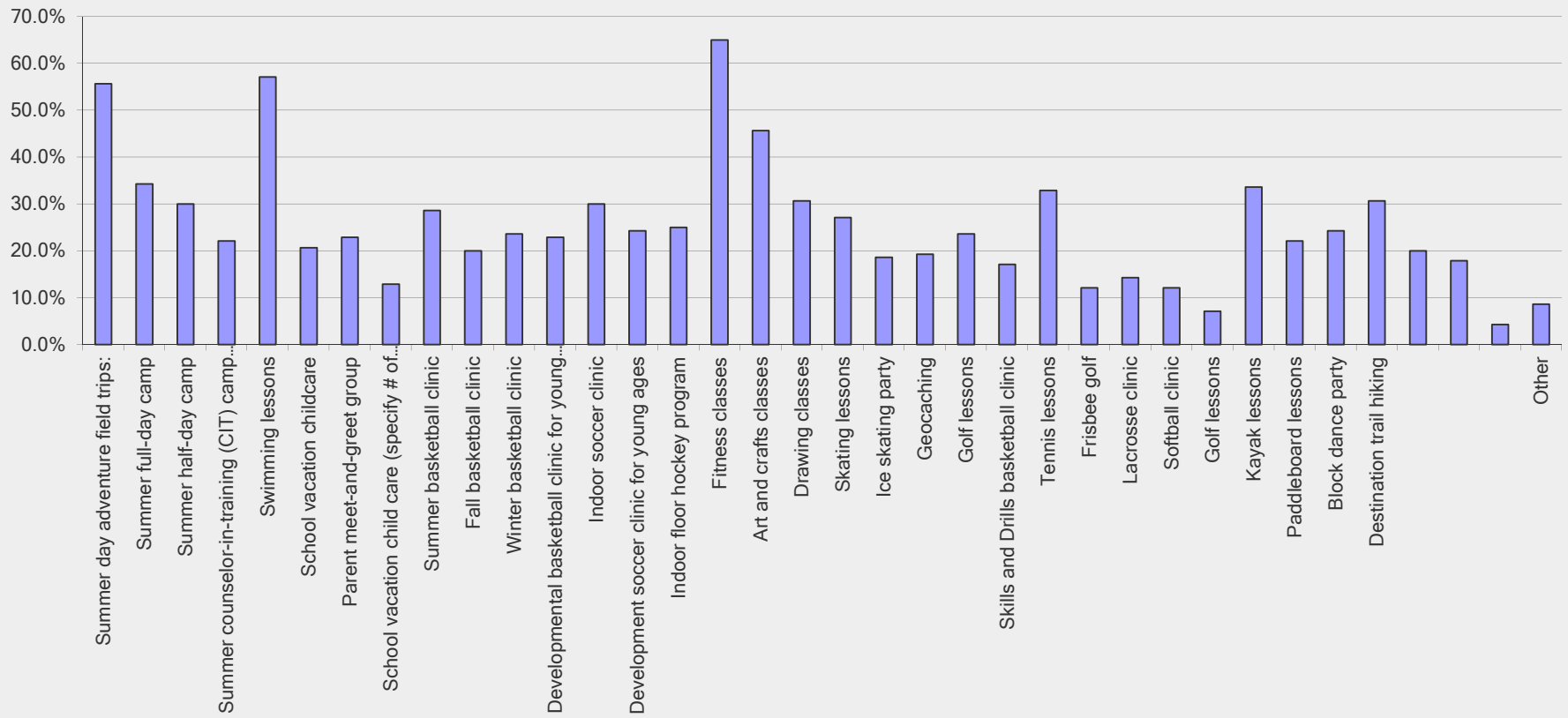
10 Canoeing

Not involved - no kids here - but programs should be more spontaneous and volunteer led + volunteer groups not tax

11 payers expense - we're not a city

12 Pickleball

14. What Youth programs (Ages 6 to 18) would you like to see?

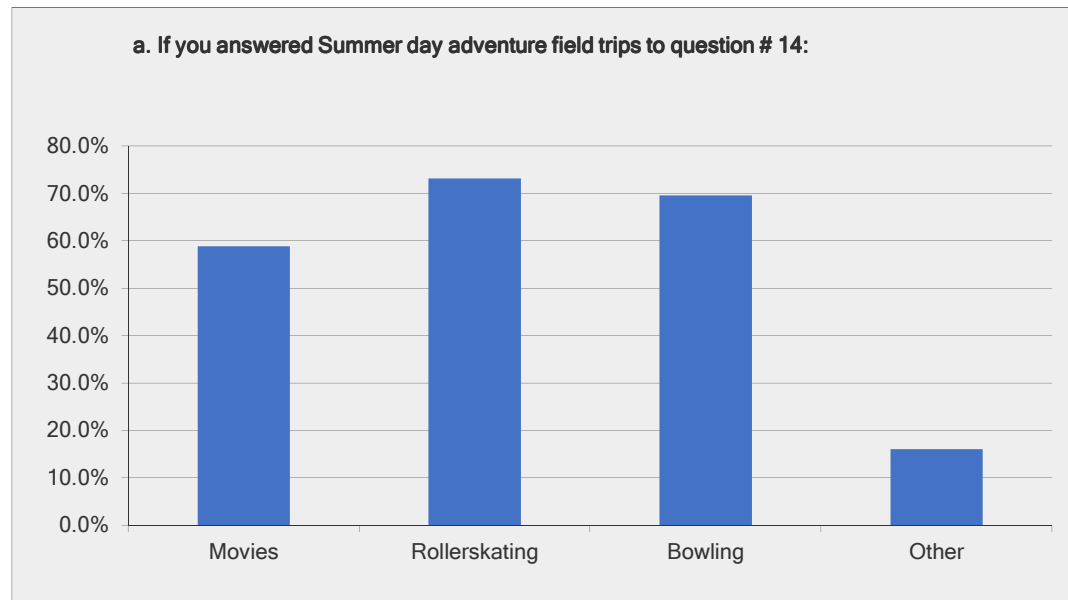


14.a) If you answered Summer day adventure field trips to question # 14:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Movies	58.9%	33
Rollerskating	73.2%	41
Bowling	69.6%	39
Other	16.1%	9
answered question		56
skipped question		171

Response

- 1 Hiking trips
- 2 Art
- 3 Reading
- 4 Museum trips
- 5 Outdoor activities
- 6 nature discovery
- 7 arts and music program
- 8 tennis/golf
- 9 Field trips on school vacations

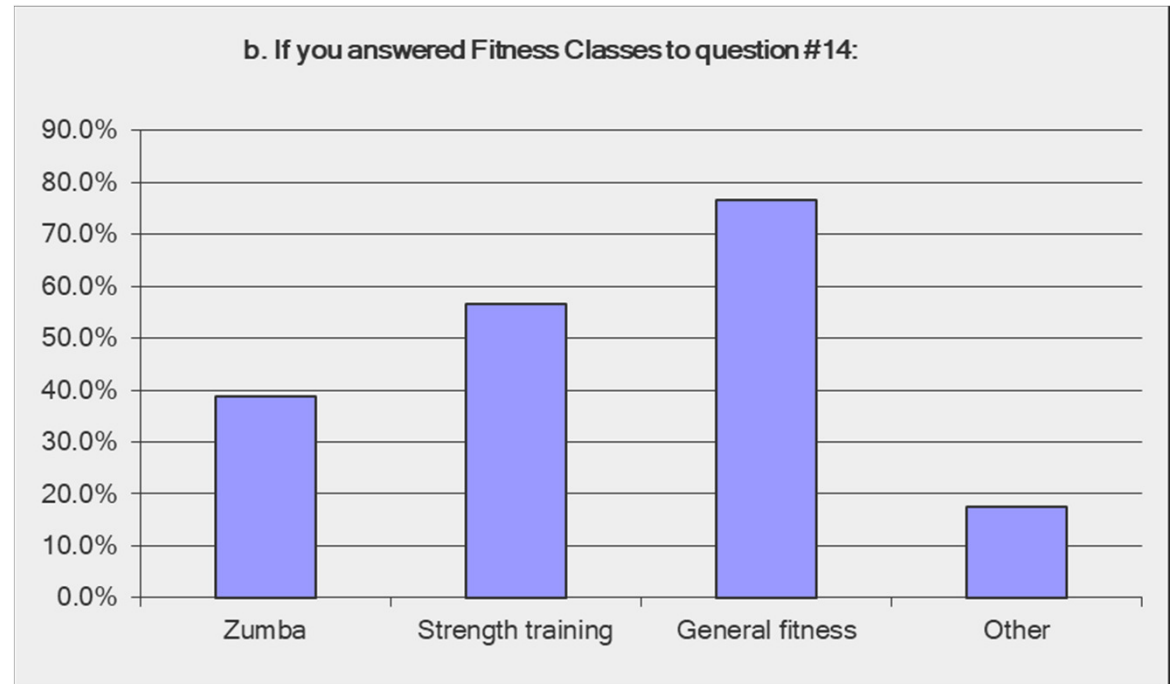


b. If you answered Fitness Classes to question #14:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Zumba	38.8%	33
Strength training	56.5%	48
General fitness	76.5%	65
Other	17.6%	15
<i>answered question</i>		85
<i>skipped question</i>		142

Response

- 1 Dance
- 2 Barre
- 3 Yoga
- 4 Dances
- 5 Anti-obesity
- 6 Martial arts
- 7 Yoga
- 8 Yoga
- 9 Music programs
- 10 Pickup games
- 11 Yoga
- 12 Yoga Tai Chi
- 13 Yoga
- 14 Pilates
- 15 Yoga



15. What Parent and Young Child programs would you like to see?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Morning summer camp	29.9%	26
Summer young child safety program	28.7%	25
Music and movement classes	54.0%	47
Sign and say classes	23.0%	20
Tikes and Trikes playgroup	19.5%	17
Preschool play group	32.2%	28
Developmental "sports" clinic	56.3%	49
Parents Night Out with Kids Night Out	27.6%	24
Stroller walking group	19.5%	17
Stroller fitness classes	12.6%	11
Arts and crafts	28.7%	25
Are you looking for drop-off programs for your child?	13.8%	12
Are you looking for a parent/child program?	5.7%	5
answered question		87
skipped question		140

Are you looking for a parent/child program? (Explain)

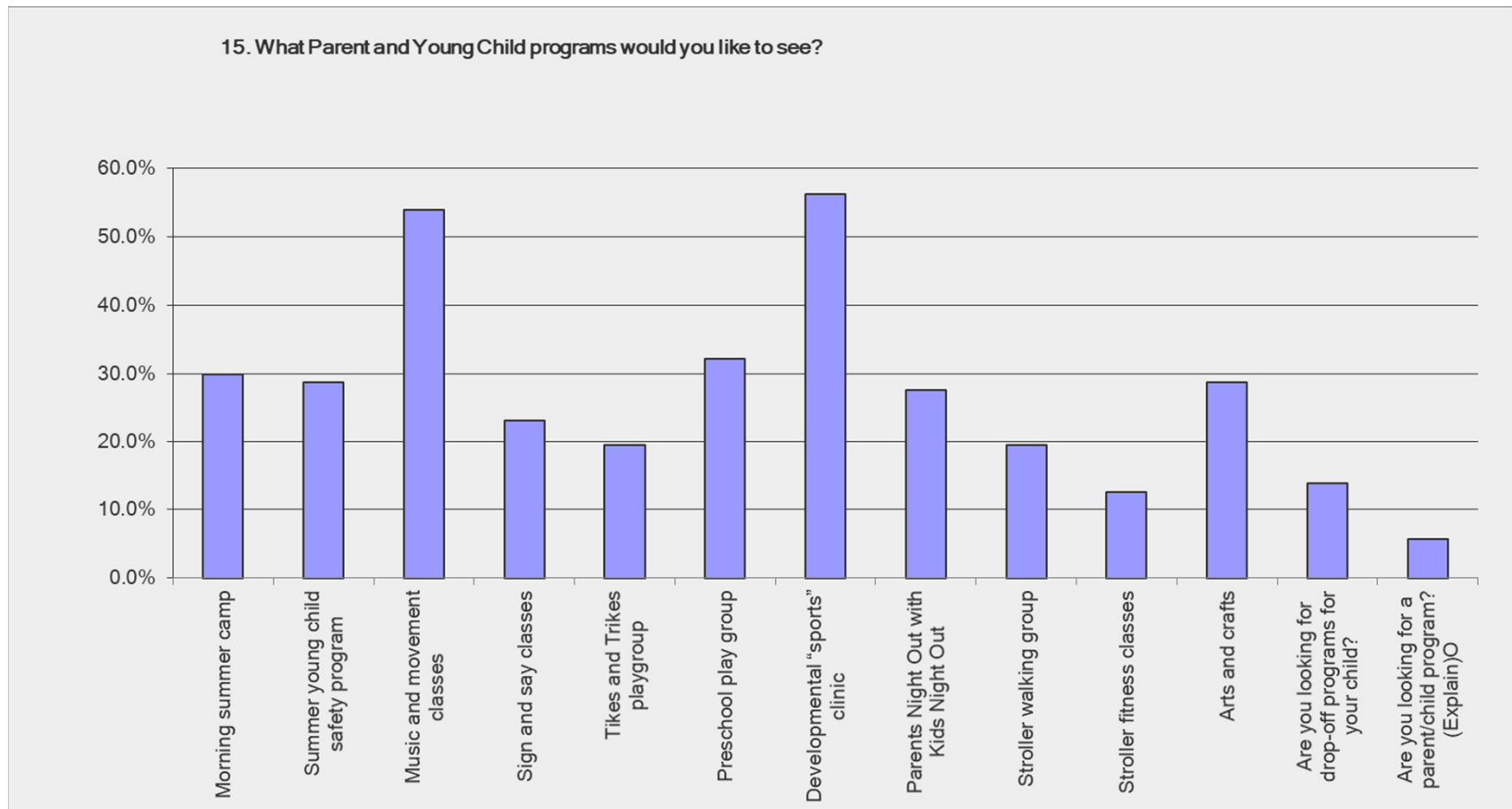
- 1 Swim
- 2 At home with a 3 month old looking to meet young families
- 3 Yes
- 4 Fathers and children - anything - soccer, basketball
- 5 would like to meet other parents of young children

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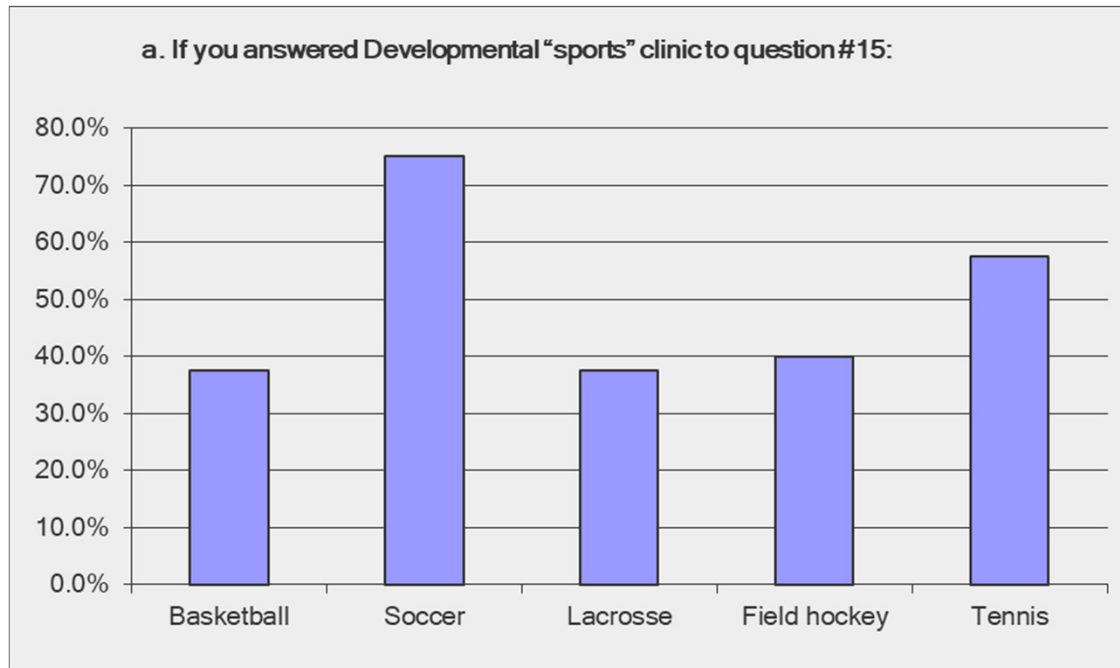
Other suggestions/comments for Parent and Young Child Recreation? (Explain)

STEM, STEAM, options robotics, science, nature

There is a Nashoba Valley playgroup once a month in Bolton. I would like to see this advertised more in town (newsletter, library flyer?). I've only ever seen one other Lancaster mother there. Perhaps the School district playgroup could meet in Lancaster on occasion.



15.a) If you answered Developmental "sports" clinic to question # 15:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Basketball	37.5%	15
Soccer	75.0%	30
Lacrosse	37.5%	15
Field hockey	40.0%	16
Tennis	57.5%	23
<i>answered question</i>		40
<i>skipped question</i>		187



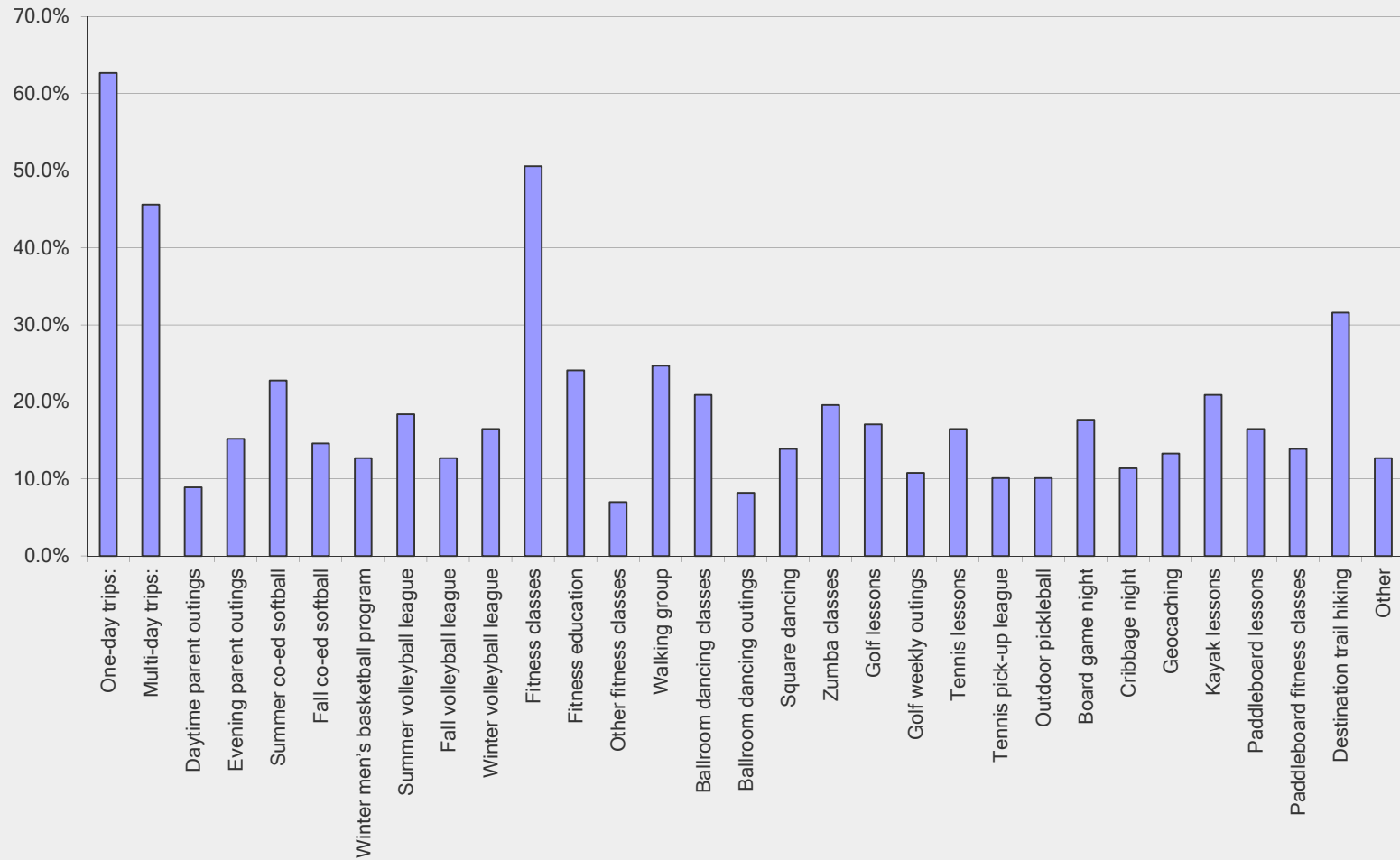
16. What Adult programs would you like to see?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One-day trips:	62.7%	99
Multi-day trips:	45.6%	72
Daytime parent outings	8.9%	14
Evening parent outings	15.2%	24
Summer co-ed softball	22.8%	36
Fall co-ed softball	14.6%	23
Winter men's basketball program	12.7%	20
Summer volleyball league	18.4%	29
Fall volleyball league	12.7%	20
Winter volleyball league	16.5%	26
Fitness classes	50.6%	80
Fitness education	24.1%	38
Other fitness classes	7.0%	11
Walking group	24.7%	39
Ballroom dancing classes	20.9%	33
Ballroom dancing outings	8.2%	13
Square dancing	13.9%	22
Zumba classes	19.6%	31
Golf lessons	17.1%	27
Golf weekly outings	10.8%	17
Tennis lessons	16.5%	26
Tennis pick-up league	10.1%	16
Outdoor pickleball	10.1%	16
Board game night	17.7%	28
Cribbage night	11.4%	18
Geocaching	13.3%	21
Kayak lessons	20.9%	33
Paddleboard lessons	16.5%	26
Paddleboard fitness classes	13.9%	22
Destination trail hiking	31.6%	50
Other	12.7%	20
answered question		158
skipped question		69

Other

- 1 Kick ball
- 2 Horseshoes
- 3 Yoga
- 4 Yoga
- 5 Garden groups, garden tours, house tours, music, bird watching, men's softball, women's softball.
- 6 Pickleball
- 7 Cycling trips + day rides
- 8 Photo walks
- 9 Frisbee golf
- 10 Promote ski program through Rec. Dept.
- 11 Running group
- 12 Women basketball, soccer
- 13 Yoga, cycling, meditation
- 14 Ski program racing adults
- 15 Painting class
- 16 Zentangle
- 17 Bingo
- 18 Yoga
- 19 Drawing, painting, clay sculpture classes
- 20 Council of ages does these

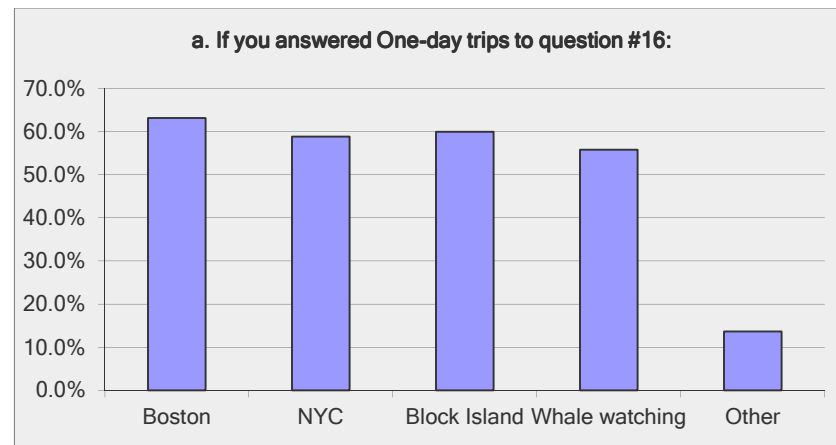
16. What Adult programs would you like to see?



Q 16

16.a) If you answered One-day trips to question #16:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Boston	63.2%	60
NYC	58.9%	56
Block Island	60.0%	57
Whale watching	55.8%	53
Other	13.7%	13
answered question		95
skipped question		132

#	Other
1	Historical trips like the ones Clinton offers.
2	Salem, MA; Mystic, CN
3	Going to museums.
4	Cultural - museums - musical performances - opera
5	Berkshires, White Mountains, York/Walls, ME
6	Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard
7	Rhode Island
8	Somewhere nice in New Hampshire
9	Any one day trip
10	Historical sites
11	Cape Cod trip, Hyannis lunch and dinner train, Plymouth Plantation, Tall ships coming in June (Boston)
12	Council of ages does these
13	Casino

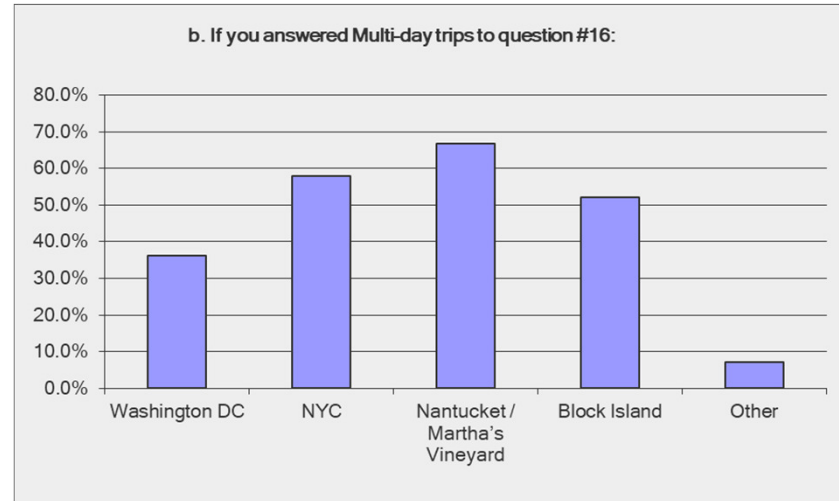


b. If you answered Multi-day trips to question #16:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Washington DC	36.2%	25
NYC	58.0%	40
Nantucket / Martha's Vineyard	66.7%	46
Block Island	52.2%	36
Other	7.2%	5
answered question		69
skipped question		158

Other

- 1 Niagara Falls, Sarasota, NY horse racing
- 2 Niagara Falls
- 3 Weight lifting classes
- 4 depending on price
- 5 Amish Country



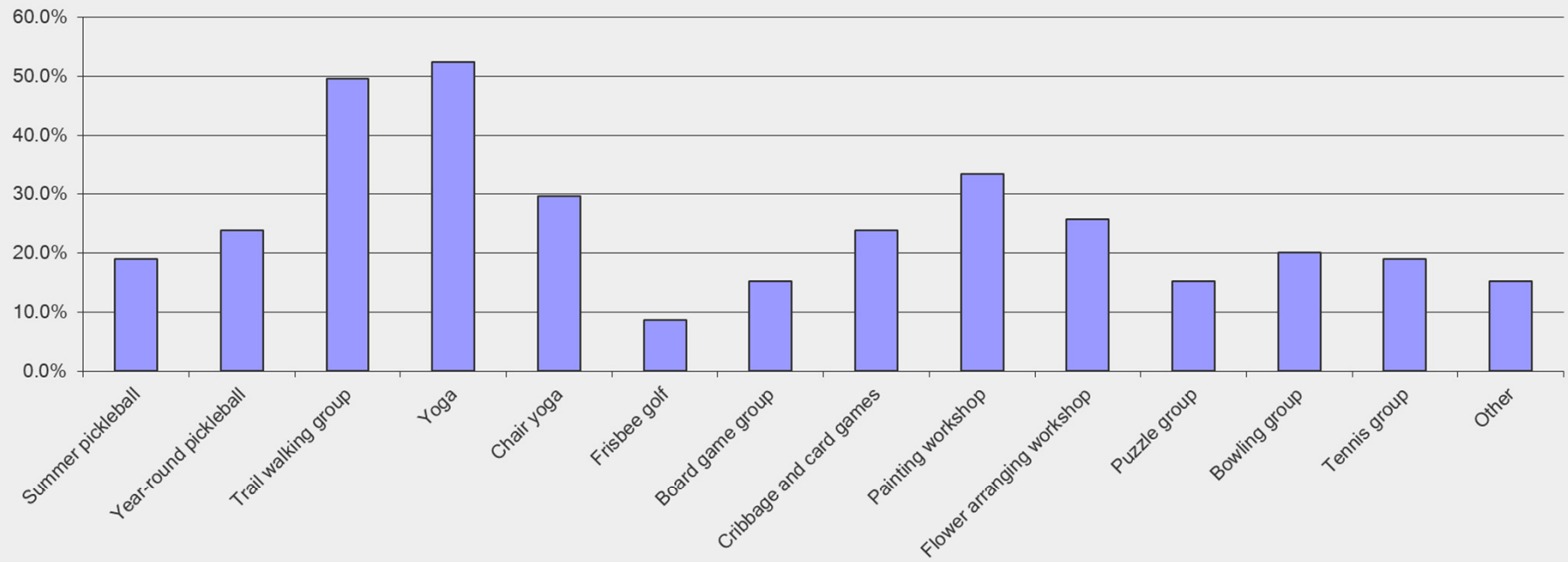
17. What Senior programs would you like to see?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Summer pickleball	19.0%	20
Year-round pickleball	23.8%	25
Trail walking group	49.5%	52
Yoga	52.4%	55
Chair yoga	29.5%	31
Frisbee golf	8.6%	9
Board game group	15.2%	16
Cribbage and card games	23.8%	25
Painting workshop	33.3%	35
Flower arranging workshop	25.7%	27
Puzzle group	15.2%	16
Bowling group	20.0%	21
Tennis group	19.0%	20
Other	15.2%	16
answered question		105
skipped question		122

Other

- 1 PiYo Pilates
- 2 Strength training
- 3 Garden groups, perennial trades, garden tours, house tours, music, bird watching.
- 4 Ballroom dance outings
- 5 Tai chi
- 6 I'm sure I'll want these when I am a senior citizen!
- 7 Cycling outings
- 8 Racketball
- 9 Scrap booking, Card making, Paper crafts
- 10 Not a senior but would love to see many opportunities for that group!
- 11 Tai Chi (already there)
- 12 Skiing
- 13 Swim for seniors
- 14 Bike riding club
- 15 Any one day trip
- 16 Yoga is the opening to Eastern Religion. Why is this allowed to the exclusion of Christians and Jews?

17. What Senior programs would you like to see?



18. Are you aware there is a new part-time Recreation Director in Lancaster?

answered question

200

skipped question

27

If yes, how did you hear about it? (Explain)

Social media? The item?

Newspaper

COA meetings

Televised recreation committee meetings

The item, word of mouth

Word of mouth

I go to rec. meetings

Y

Town website

Internet

News paper

Item

Knew it was budgeted and met her by chance at LCC

Facebook/Lancaster website

I'm on the COA

from pickleball

mailings/newspaper

Newspaper

The item

Friends who are involved w/ town sports, etc.

Newspaper

At the community center

Newspaper

Town web site

Town web site

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Retired after 18 yrs. as chairman of rec. board

Thru library programs + Town clerk newsletter

Tax budget

At community center

Cable tv - SLCT

Met her in person

Through my wife

reading item

From budget talks

Word of mouth

Met her at the meeting

Town meeting

in the paper (item)

Good news travels fast.

Paper Clinton item

Town meeting

Y

Rec meetings

committee meetings, SLCTV, Town meeting that voted for it - i was there

Clinton item

This survey

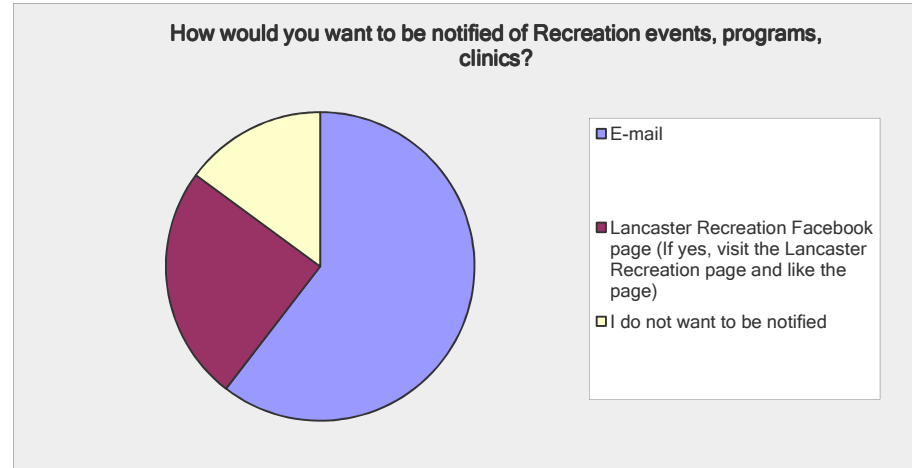
met her at a mtg.

meet her at the center

Item

How would you want to be notified of Recreation events, programs, clinics?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
E-mail	60.4%	81
Lancaster Recreation Facebook page (If yes, visit the Lancaster Recreation page and like the page)	24.6%	33
I do not want to be notified	14.9%	20
What would you like to see		18
<i>answered question</i>		134
<i>skipped question</i>		93

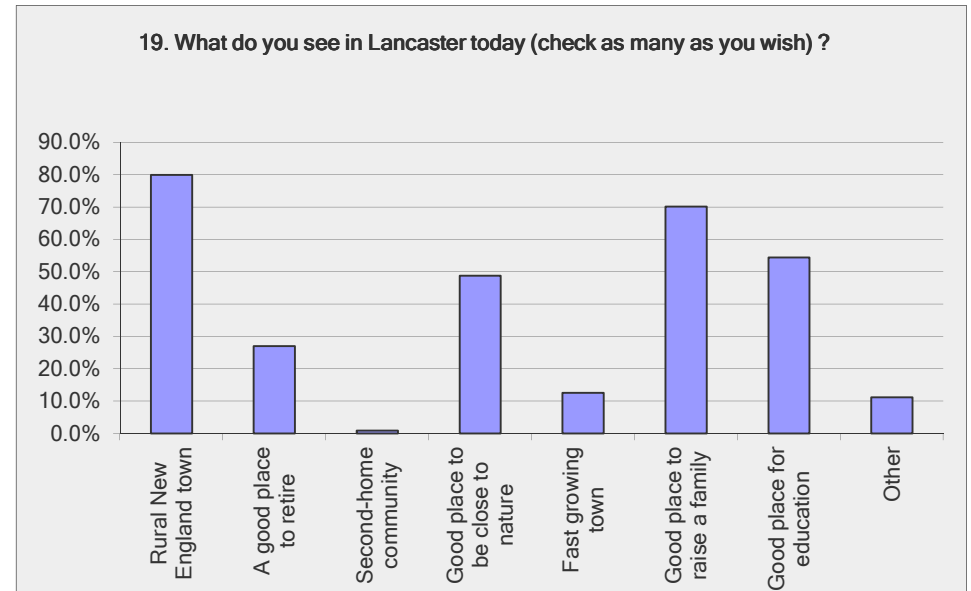


What would you like to see improved/provided/added in Recreation offerings? (List)

- 1 Aren't we already providing many of these activities and trips through the Community Center and Senior Center?
- 2 Flyer in library/post office
- 3 Summer concerts series using local bands as all the surrounding towns do
- 4 Summer programs
- 5 Use of all facilities
- 6 Less
- 7 Outdoor pickleball courts
- 8 More at the beach - More after school for older kids
- 9 boating, hiking excursions, town trips to Boston
- 10 Public use for residents-kayaks - open gym basketball for teen + adults
- 11 More recreational sports for kids + adults. More at town beach
- 12 Fine as is
- 13 Biking support trails and marking on roads
- 14 Notices in The Item
- 15 Nature walk - birds of prey
- 16 Archery, target shooting, fire arms safety, water safety
- 17 Clinton Item
- 18 we follow these activities in The Item

19. What do you see in Lancaster today (check as many as you wish) ?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Rural New England town	80.0%	172
A good place to retire	27.0%	58
Second-home community	0.9%	2
Good place to be close to nature	48.8%	105
Fast growing town	12.6%	27
Good place to raise a family	70.2%	151
Good place for education	54.4%	117
Other	11.2%	24
answered question		215
skipped question		12



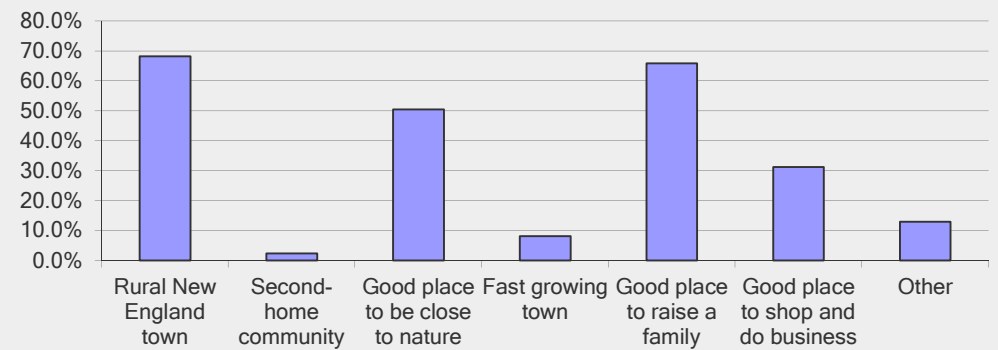
Other

- 1 Suburban New England town
- 2 Fast growth is a problem because planning seems to be unprofessional (example - Sunoco's appearance without design guidelines)
- 3 High Taxes
- 4 High property taxes for what we got.
- 5 Culturally-active and literate community
- 6 A sprawling unnotable suburb in the making
- 7 High Taxes
- 8 incompetently moneyed taxpayer disaster
- 9 High tax town
- 10 Retired people do not want to see real estate taxes going up
- 11 Diverse neighborhoods
- 12 Convenient location
- 13 Easy access to Rt. 2
- 14 A town that resists change - holds fast to old traditions
- 15 Close proximity to Leominster shopping
- 16 A pretty good town all around
- 17 Growing too fast with too many developments, taxes, insufficient businesses in Rt.2 area - or near - to support tax basis of Town
- 18 Taxes too high to retire
- 19 safe + scenic + convenient
- 20 Nice place to live
- 21 A town that needs to invest in its future (and decide what it wants to be)
- 22 Town with high tax rates and few amenities. Most of the top money goes to the schools, which take too much of the budget pie.
- 23 No Town water and sewage and one of the highest tax rates in the state
- 24 Farming community

20. With the increased pressure to develop, Lancaster is changing. In what direction would you like Lancaster to move in the next 10 years?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Rural New England town	68.3%	142
Second-home community	2.4%	5
Good place to be close to nature	50.5%	105
Fast growing town	8.2%	17
Good place to raise a family	65.9%	137
Good place to shop and do business	31.3%	65
Other	13.0%	27
answered question		208
skipped question		19

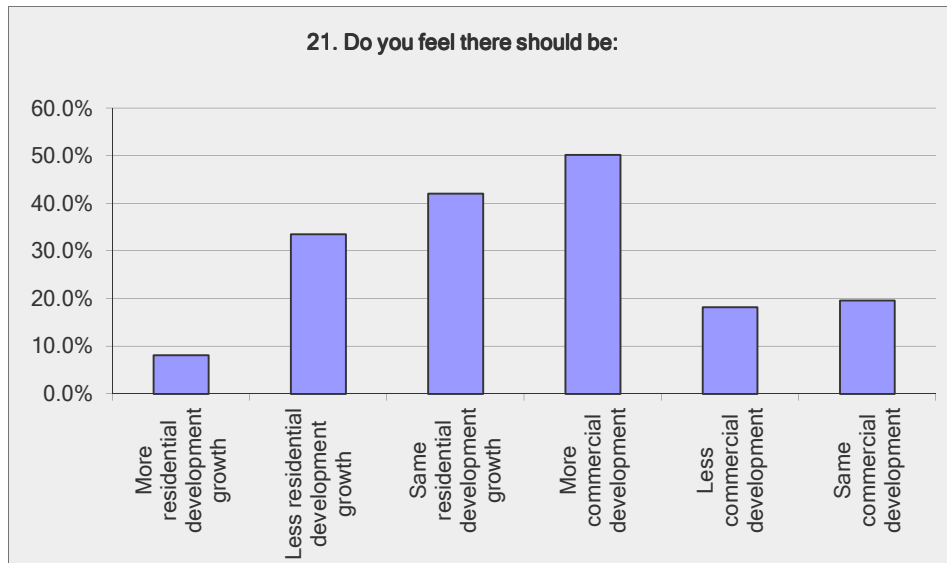
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Other

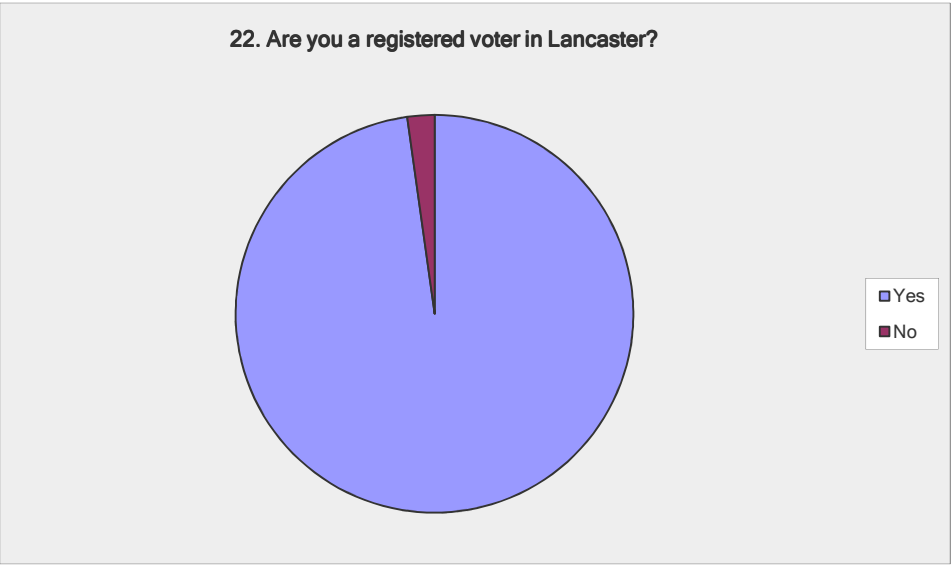
- 1 I think Lancaster could benefit from small business, but I prefer that big business are not a part of Lancaster but rather be in the cities nearby.
- 2 Improve education, building in existing solid foundation. Invst in schools and innovative educational models. More hands-on, experiential learning options.
- 3 Destination (a place people might visit) ie: Concord
More small business - destination shopping - encourage fine artists and craftsmen to put up a shingle - allow cabinet makers and barn builders to open for business and provide destination. Map + description (catalog) even lawyers, musicians, doctors, carpenters, trades antiques, bird house makers, shop-candy:all, etc. Rename North
- 4 Village, etc. parts of originalists called areas of our town. Also provide policing for safety that small business does not have problems with crooks or worse. (Sic) Encourage shop at home town.
- 5 Need a good bakery
- 6 Freedom to live one's life without government coercion
- 7 Good restaurants
- 8 Need more industries and restaurants
- 9 Please don't over develop and lose its charm
- 10 I know it is impossible to go back to rural but I checked it anyway
- 11 Smaller lots for retirement living with lower taxes
- 12 Increase in commercial development. Especially Rte.70/Rte.2 area
- 13 over 55 development
- 14 Increased sophistication with strong education, diversity and tax base (bring in big business)
- 15 Somewhere where working class families can afford to live
- 16 Affordable taxes
- 17 Keep what we have, make improvements to what we have
- 18 More restaurant options - being a dry town puts too many restrictions on possible tax revenue
- 19 A good place to retire
- 20 very little change
- 21 Bike friendly town
- 22 more reasonable taxes - we are being taxed out of here
- 23 Hopefully more diversity
- 24 Nice place to live
- 25 Tax rate and incentives to draw and retain businesses
- 26 Town needs a loud wake-up call
- 27 Farming community

21. Do you feel there should be:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More residential development growth	8.1%	17
Less residential development growth	33.5%	70
Same residential development growth	42.1%	88
More commercial development	50.2%	105
Less commercial development	18.2%	38
Same commercial development	19.6%	41
answered question		209
skipped question		18



Q 22

22. Are you a registered voter in Lancaster?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	97.8%	218
No	2.2%	5
<i>answered question</i>		223
<i>skipped question</i>		4



If you wish, please add additional comments below with regards to open space, natural resources and recreation in Lancaster:

Answer Options	Response Count
	58
<i>answered question</i>	58
<i>skipped question</i>	169

#	Response Text
1	I feel Lancaster has adequate participation in all these categories. Our tax rate is #34 in the state compared to towns that are similar in population size and land area. We need to focus on getting school budget under control and develop more commercial real estate. This program, although desirable, fails lower in priority than what I mention above. (sic)
2	It would be great if existing trails and open areas were promoted. Had to tell where trails diverge to private land, where to park sometimes, etc. Just more public information/education. There are many activities and sports clinics available in town. I'm not sure how the survey looks at those in relation to what people want. Is recreation distinct from these? I prefer Lancaster to retain its small town, open space character, but not if the open space becomes all sports fields and not retaining natural areas.
3	I apologize for not having knowledge regarding what Lancaster has to offer in recreation and land protection opportunities. P.S.: Driving the Pellechia Conservation & Canoe Launch it has been noticed that: 1) Trash on the side of the road way to the canoe launch; 2) The former sign stand discarded and left on the ground; 3) When & why the canoe launch's name was changed to Pellechia, and why is there no notation of "Town of Lancaster's" canoe launch? Thank you for your dedication to the Open Space & Recreation Committee.
4	Lancaster is beautiful and its important to my family that its forest and historic areas are preserved
5	I am a grandparent of two of Lancaster's youth. My husband and I attend all o their games: baseball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse. I feel bad for the town's young people who participate on the town's sport teams or the "Nashua combined" teams when they travel to other towns' facilities and see what other towns have provided for their young sport participants. We don't have the makings of a feel or lacrosse. A lot could be done to make them proud of themselves and their town.
6	The next time you sent out a flyer I suggest you include a map showing existing and proposed open spaces, conservation and recreation areas.
7	Like to see more sidewalks
8	Natural resources are your people and their talents. Highlights the gifts/used to be a puppet theater put a call our to people to see what they come up with invest in your people.
9	Atlantic Union college buildings need maintenance. Can Town get involved at all? Apply any rules about exterior maintenance? Same issue with RFK campus visible from street.
10	More control over development. Rt. 70 can and will be a mess. Who is running the ship here?
11	Restaurants with liquor license + outdoor sitting - dog walking off leash
12	All government owned lands should be privatized. Government is to fulfill its one and only function - protection of individual rights to : life liberty, property and pursuit of happiness
13	Moved to Lancaster from NC due to new job. A beautiful town indeed but residential taxes are high!! But we're still "keeping our heads above water" - just my spouse and me, but we have to be so careful with our spending - paycheck disappears with so many expenses, and the weather is horrible in winter!
14	I do not want to see conservation committees to gain control of the town.
15	I don't have any young children or grandchildren.
16	My kids are grown but did enjoy recreational activities in town. I am not looking for more activities but use walking paths. I would like to see rural vistas maintained development on Rt. 70 area is appropriate.

17	I love that our town has few commercial developments. We are close enough to shipping, etc.
18	So pleased to see this process to update our Open Space Plan for Lancaster! It is a beautiful town on the Nashua and deserves our work to keep it beautiful!
19	Moved to Lancaser from Boston. I love the size of the town and 'nature' settings. Can't imagine raising my daughter anywhere else.
20	Lancaster offers a great deal. My only complaint is the high taxes. Please ease restrictions that discourage business while trying to keep Lancaster looking clean and orderly. We take advantage of a number of rec. programs and facilities and expect to continue to do so. We highly value community connections and consider town recreation a very important touchprint. A small town of fine facilities and well developed and administered programs is very desirable to families like ours. We support the Thayer Field project
21	Lancaster is a beautiful town. I don't know enough about everything it has to offer.
22	The success of Kimball's. the soccer field and the car dealerships have proven that Rte. 70 can be a destination location. There's room and accessibility for a super market, drug store, auto parts, car wash, etc. Potential gold mine for the town.
23	More work needs to be done for people without children who are not seniors but not parents or young people.
24	Lancaster offers so many excellent programs in recreation, Thayer Library, education, senior center programs and others. The DPW does an outstanding job in plowing during storms and street maintenance. Historical buildings and churches are beautifully maintained. Such a wonderful town to live in Central MA.- so close to hospitals and shipping centers. But what office is allowing the owners of a home on Mill St. Ext to break/violate so many law? You can't miss it! Not fair to other property owners as it devalues their property.
25	I do not want to see Lancaster become Clinton (overly commercial). I would not like a focus on residential development, not on commercial development. I love our town's natural beauty and small town charm. I hope to see more young families move to Lancaster and I support anything the town wants to do in service of its residents, even if it means an increase in taxes.
26	Some of the historical homes owned by the SDA church are getting so run down. It is heart breaking to see this happen. Can't the town step in on this? Thayer and the White House are a mess and becoming an eye sore.
27	The rural character of Lancaster should be maintained.
28	Please keep the wooded area + trails in the Thayer Field plan do not expand the athletic fields or put lights there. I think too much emphasis on organized recreation. Do not spend tax money on this - only user fees for participants
29	Lancaster has over 40% of available land protected as open space. We need tax revenue to keep taxes manageable for people on fixed incomes. Lancaster should not be restricting use of land, and should not be in the land ownership business. Lancaster should promote the restriction of development rights for farmland rather than take property ownership.
30	There should be cluster homes for 55+ individual small lots - would be between condo's and Eagle Ridge (lots too big)
31	Need commercial development on Lunenburg Rd. only to keep down taxes (real estate taxes).
32	Tax base is #1 - then we can afford open space
33	A nice park (like Stow has) with a paved trail for strollers/bikes/runners, a playground, maybe grills and a duck pond, picnic sites and trees for shade and that rural feel. That would be a huge blessing to families in Lancaster, you see how well used Perkins park is...
34	Future development of in Lancaster can really occur north of 117. There is lots of land to be repurposed from Earth Products removal activities. Water is very scarce in North Lancaster. No development can occur without water. Water conservation should be primary concern. Finding new sources should be secondary.
35	The Immaculate Conception church's women's organizations is hold a one evening discussion on self protection for women. It is for all ages and it will deal with preventing scamming and guarding yourself by methods that all women can learn. Hopefully you or some other town group could do this for the females of Lancaster (any ages).
36	Thank you

37	About the only two places left (public land) to hunt in Lancaster (the Town forest and Ballard Hill) continue to have developments built which reduces the overall area to hunt. This year during the start of the shotgun season through the end of primitive firearms season, the town forest was closed to hunting because it was being logged. Considering there are 9.5 months in year when hunting for deer is closed, that was a really really bad decision.
38	Overall great town. Want to see the town keep its rural charm, while smartly supporting some additional commercial development to help keep the rural aspect of the town. With the additional tax dollars the town can keep taxes from significantly increasing, fund purchase of open space and make improvements to the area and town building.
39	Lancaster is a wonderful town, but something must be done to increase tax revenue. Business in town is surely lacking. The college is in horrible shape and becoming a blemish on Lancaster's appearance. Business and property owned by the college are in such bad shape - and literally falling apart. It's a shame.
40	Asa stated, would love to see kayaks for use on Nashua and town ponds, open gym for teenagers and adults - men's basketball for adults, town day and multi day trips. Preservation of our small town - preservation of our water
41	I love the idea you guys are asking questions about open space and recreation in Lancaster because it might mean you are intending to do good things and activities on them
42	Need to accept roads in Castle Ridge as we pay a lot of taxes with no road pave, water rights, gas rights, and trash pickup.
43	There should be no boat launch at the Town beach. The park is no big enough for heavy boat use and it would ruin the quiet nature of the pond.
44	As I mentioned before, I'd like more recreation space in the center of town where I'd feel safer being alone. Or more groups options for recreation where I'd be able to bring a young child with me (preschool age).
45	Please do not make our real state taxes go up!
46	Our taxes are already high. It's hard to take this survey seriously as we are in no position to add anything at all to our budget. If we do have money to spare, it should be used to fix our existing recreation areas (mark the trails, clean them up), (repair basketball court, tennis courts, and fields). hat we already have is so poorly maintained it seems absurd to even think about adding to it.
47	Open space should stop commercial development. Taxes need to be lowered
48	I would love a big central playground for kids and more info on hiking. I also think a bike path would be a perfect addition to Lancaster and our family would use it all the time
49	Beautiful town - we're happy to be a part of it
50	Thank you for sending this survey - I actually learned a lot - Right now we basically sleep in Lancaster (long commute) but look forward to retirement in a couple of years and taking advantage of living in Lancaster
51	Very concerned about Lancaster's tired looking Main Street. Too many houses + buildings are not taken care of. Particularly concerned about the former Thayer estates owned by AVC. It is sad + tragic they are so run down.
52	This form is too interested in seeking and keeping open space to the exclusion of leaving some space for commercial development and more business companies having room to come to this town. This town is more interested in being politically correct operating in keeping the town divided with a them against us mentality. This is not the wonderful town I grew up in. Very sad. Open space is being put above expanding recreation, or so this form seems to say.
53	George Hill Orchard is at high risk of becoming highly populated/new constructions. This is the heard of Lancaster beauty + nature habitat and it is being destroyed little by little. It should be protected as a nature sanctuary
54	Spec Pond not large enough to accommodate power boats from non residents of Spec Pond. As of now canoes + kayaks allowed + enjoyed by Lancaster residents + others without problems that would occur if more power boats were allowed on pond. More power boats would impact the cleanliness of the pond along with people enjoying paddle-boarding, kayaking + canoeing + fishing. Some Spec Pond residents with large powerboats already causing problems with erosion on shore lines.

Would you be interested in joining the Open Space & Recreation Committee? If so, please list your name, e-mail address and phone number below:

Answer Options	Response Count
	17
<i>answered question</i>	17
<i>skipped question</i>	210

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