

Public Input Introduction

While the Town and Village have adopted Zoning Laws, as of 2014 they did not have an updated vision or current plan in place to determine whether recently proposed projects in the Town or Village were consistent with a current vision desired by the each community.

During Planning Board and Zoning Committee discussions members discussed a need for an update of the community's vision for future development. Ultimately it was decided that a Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for the Town and Village would be beneficial in planning for the future when addressing projects and community needs.

Plan Purpose

This Comprehensive Land Use Plan seeks to set forth the community vision, goals and objectives, as well as recommended strategies in order to continue to make our Town, Village and its various communities desirable places to work, live and visit. It describes Clayton's historical and cultural history, outlines various demographic, housing and economic trends that have shaped its recent past, notes current natural resource and land use conditions, as well as describes community facilities and transportation systems. The inventory and public input process was used to generate a series of recommendations and policies regarding the community's future. Thus, it illustrates for Town leaders and the public where their community has been, where it is now, and where it may be going, ultimately to help craft the vision for the community's future. This vision, goals, objectives, and

strategies along with recommended implementation steps can be used to realize the community vision over time. By illustrating the desired community direction, potential development projects and priority environmental issues/areas can be identified, supported, and promoted or preserved.

According to New York State Town and Village Law, zoning shall be in accordance with a comprehensive plan. Therefore, after this Plan is completed, a Zoning Law Update should be initiated to ensure both the Town's and Village's Zoning requirements continue to be in compliance with the community Vision and related Strategies.

Comprehensive Plan Benefits

- *Addresses quality of life issues*
- *Builds support for local actions*
- *Process can identify community and town-wide needs*
- *Provides legitimacy for upcoming land use and zoning decisions*
- *Leads to community consensus*
- *Serves to guide community decisions*
- *Allows community to work toward the vision for the area*
- *Helps attract prospective residents and employers to the community*

A comprehensive plan is a written document that identifies the goals, policies and/or standards for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of communities within the Town and the Village.

Well-crafted plans seek to answer the following questions:

Where are we now? This is answered using the community inventory, demographic,

housing, economic profile, land use, and land cover information.

Where are we going? This is answered using various trends, possible development scenarios, infrastructure needs, zoning districts/regulations, and any recommended zoning amendments contemplated, etc.

Where do we want to be? This is answered by relying on citizen input and local leadership, to develop or update the community vision or vision statements.

How do we get there? This is answered by drafting and finalizing a series of priorities including Goals, Objectives or Strategies, and Actions necessary to accomplish the community's vision over the next 5 to 10 years. However, a concerted, committed, and coordinated effort is often required to approach the goals and vision to implement them.

Planning Process

The Committee working on the Plan was comprised of members of the Joint Village and Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Clayton LDC, Village Mayor, and Town Assistant Zoning Officer as well as residents and business owners in the Town. The Committee volunteered it's time to work and complete this Plan to benefit residents, business owners, and visitors of the Town for the next 5 to 10 years.

Process steps included:

- A brainstorming exercise, identifying the community's Assets, Challenges, Vision, Underutilized Assets, and Strategies.
- An online public survey used to gather public opinion regarding several

planning and community issues was also completed. A written and graphic summary is included in the appendix.

- A community inventory which involves a brief history, demographic, housing, and business trends. The inventory I also includes a series of environmental conditions, land use patterns, traffic levels, and bridge crossing information.
- Public input meetings to present the Plan progress, maps, and narrative was used to gather additional input to gauge plan direction and priorities.
- The land use plan portion discusses existing land uses town-wide and village-wide as well as land cover.
- Potential future zoning amendments that were identified consistent with or to implement the community vision and goals will be developed.
- Interim zoning changes may be needed, until a full scale zoning update process can be undertaken.

Community Public Input

Early on in the planning process, planning committee members placed a high priority on gaining public input not only from year-round residents and business owners, but also from seasonal residents and visitors.

Compilation of Issues Community Members/Leaders

An initial step in the process was a brainstorming exercise among local leaders and members of various boards. This was to identify and capture issues and initial thoughts regarding community assets, challenges, community vision, underutilized assets, and strategies to preserve and enhance community assets.

1. What is the community of Clayton’s most attractive asset in the following areas:

Economic

1. The **River** and tourism industry: Museums, Attractions, Seasonal businesses and Restaurants.
2. Senior Housing
3. Low Impact manufacturing
4. Quaintness of our community
5. Taxes somewhat reasonable
6. “Tourism mecca” but also for year-round residents
7. The Canadian dollar
8. Fields

Cultural

1. The Clayton Opera House, the Antique Boat Museum, the Library, & the TI Arts Center keeping our heritage and culture alive. The special programs, like History at Noon, art classes and the many programs at the Opera House and the Antique Boat Museum in keeping with our cultural assets. Frink Development and the Farmers Market
2. Our community culturally diverse.
3. Cultural center of the 1000 Islands
4. Sense of history. Area history; also national, regional, international (Canada).

Environmental

1. Environmental non-profits (TILT & Save the River, IWLC)
2. The River, Islands, and Wildlife in our area – the community taking pride in the Town. The health of the River.
3. Clean water for all uses: swimming, boating, drinking
4. Keeping parks clean, landscaping neat
5. Green energy
6. The Riverwalk (Status: 2650 feet of Riverwalk to be completed by end of 2017)
7. Agriculture
8. Open spaces

2. What is the community of Clayton’s biggest handicap/danger/challenge in the following areas:

Economic

1. Lack of quality hotel rooms (Status: 105 room, 4 diamond hotel open on former Frink property in 2014), seasonality, lack of reliable full time employment, gas prices

2. The lack of businesses that stay open during the evening hours. Our current Village Zoning Laws at times very difficult as well as prohibitive. With joint Zoning and Planning, should have one zoning law that encompasses the entire community of Clayton.
3. Jealousies – Businesses in our Community do not like competition.
4. Parking (proactive, working to remedy)
5. Need to upgrade “hospitality menu” to keep attracting vacationers
6. SHOP CLAYTON commercials need to target locals
7. Stuck in the past /negatively focused
8. Dining experience
9. Canadian dollar
10. Losing young people for lack of employment opportunities

Cultural

1. Lack of year round draws, maintaining donors, overlap of too many non-profits (33) all pursuing the same donor, lack of Ft. Drum involvement. Not cohesiveness
2. Lack programs for our youth, especially those who will be here just a few days or weeks. Need to attract and retain youth that someday will be our future. Bowling alley; arcade; amusement park?
3. Lack of nicer places to stay as in the Bay or Watertown (Status: 105 room, 4 diamond hotel open on former Frink property in 2014).
4. Handicap accessibility currently at very few businesses. Lack of Handicap parking downtown and a lack of Handicap jobs available
5. Stuck in the past /negatively focused.
6. Underutilized Opera House
7. Stay quaint but stay open to growth
8. Affordable entertainment in TIPAF, attractive educational programs at museums
9. Dining experience

Environmental

1. Maintaining water quality, allowing public access to the water, water levels, and invasive species – must protect the River – sewage, water levels, ballasts, etc.
2. Our Waste Water System out-dated, needs to be upgraded. (Status: Major upgrades to the distribution system completed in 2014; additional upgrades continue) Look at the

location of the water plant: best place for it NOW. Upgrading the infrastructure.

3. The impact of “invasive Species.” Must address this problem in a more aggressive manner by cultivating partnerships with other organizations and our Community leaders before it becomes disastrous to our River and our environment.
4. Limited land for development along River
5. Antiquated, underdeveloped agriculture.
6. Alternative energy and transportation.
7. This is a rural area: makes transportation necessary.

3. What is your vision for Clayton in the next ten years in the following areas:

Economic

1. Year round hotel (Status: 105 room, 4 diamond hotel open on former Frink property in 2014), more year round businesses, slightly less seasonality, longer tourist season
2. Our Grand Hotel needs to be able to sustain itself.
3. Golden Anchor needs to be developed. (Status: property fully redeveloped with multi-use property opening in 2016)
4. Small business development and boutique farms
5. Year round dining
6. Balance commerce and tourism
7. Remain accessible to diverse people and families, not just the rich
8. Keep the small-town feeling alive
9. Make a more self-reliant system of supplying water and sewer to residents (Status: Major upgrades to the distribution system completed in 2014; additional upgrades continue)

Cultural

1. Year round Opera House events
2. Develop ecotourism and agro-tourism
3. Use the Arena more: bring in Bigger Name artists & shows that will create more Tourism. Need the Arena for the bigger events.
4. Artists’ creations “Outside” rather than on display in the Museums. Ask local artists to create pieces that could be displayed outside in the weather.

5. Increase arts programming at the Opera House
6. Become an arts center of the North Country. Cultural center of the 1000 Islands. Maintain support of local theater and craft groups.
7. Take care of the elderly

Environmental

1. Better Recreation like Scuba Diving, biking, snorkeling, picnicking, etc.
2. Become a leader in green energy
3. Beach
4. Cleaner River
5. Preserve and protect
6. Frink’s property to be developed and used year round (Status: 105 room, 4 diamond hotel open on former Frink property in 2014; Riverwalk developed on the property providing public waterfront access.)
7. Make community more walkable, commercial district more visible.
8. The renewal of our infrastructure will assure clean water & proper sewage treatment to prevent any River pollution. (Status: Major upgrades to the infrastructure system completed in 2014; additional upgrades continue)

4. What are the most under-utilized assets in Clayton in the following areas:

Economic

1. Docking in Clayton – lack of marketing the regional docks & attracting yachts and large boats (Status: Town of Clayton Transient Docking Facility opened in 2016)
2. Riverside of businesses are not utilized (Status: Riverwalk phase along the riverside of these business will be completed in 2017.)
3. No fiber optic connectivity
4. A transportation system or the lack of one is greatly needed.
5. Dockage for visitors coming for a day or two. (Status: Riverwalk phase along the riverside of these business will be completed in 2017.)Rec park
6. Tourism
7. People’s minds
8. Support of local businesses; longer business hours.

9. Reasonably priced real estate, reasonable tax structure.
10. Businesses other than tourist, which can employ people year round.

Cultural

1. The Thousand Islands Museum at this point is greatly underutilized.
2. Vast history of the area
3. Bring in more concerts, and use the arena more
4. Cerow Recreation Park
5. Businesses other than tourism based, that can employ people year round.

Environmental

1. Lack of a SCUBA Dive Park
2. Beauty of the winter in the area
3. Our River has so much to offer, yet not utilized to its fullest extent. Waterfront.
4. Agriculture
5. French Creek
6. Green energy – municipally owned

6. *What strategies are or can be implemented to preserve and enhance the quality/assets that make Clayton what it is or can be, in the following areas:*

Economic

1. Continue to improve the appearance of shopping district, stores, parks and streets
2. Cohesive planning between all municipal levels; cohesive community vision
3. Businesses should be able to expand onto their sidewalks to allow more room for items.
4. Entertainment should be on the streets at all times to attract more visitors as well as local individuals.
5. Master Plan
6. Town/village grant writer
7. Develop waterfront (Status: 105 room, 4 diamond hotel open on former Frink property in 2014; Riverwalk developed providing public waterfront access.)

Cultural

1. Model other successful communities; continue to support the existing assets
2. Our Youth needs more activities/programs to do. School children working with government

3. Bring Bigger Shows to the area.
4. Citizens educating the community – round table discussions
5. Making sure our cultural offerings include our residents as well as our visitors & marketing by our Chamber of Commerce.
6. Keep the Art classes alive and the Library. Reasonable rates at the TI Arts Center

Environmental

1. Improve the visual appearance of the parks, waterfront and overall community (Status: Rehabilitation of Frink Park, Rotary Park and the Village Wooden Park have all been completed. 2650 feet of construction of the Riverwalk will be completed by the end of 2017.)
2. Separate Sewer System (Status: Underway in 2016 with COS have been identified. Project expected to take several years to complete.)
3. Issues with Wind Mills & Hydrofracking
4. Fostering healthy children
5. Continuing to address water issues (Status: Major upgrades to the infrastructure system completed in 2014; additional upgrades continue)
6. Our waterfront must be brought to the fore-front of our Village. This will happen with the continuation of the Riverwalk. Keep some River visuals open to the public. Grow our Riverwalk so everyone can appreciate the view and not fear they are trespassing on someone’s property. (Status: 2650 feet of construction of the Riverwalk will be completed by the end of 2017.)

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Online Survey

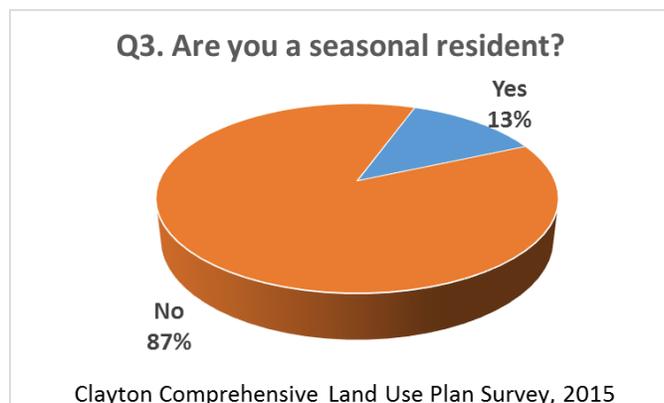
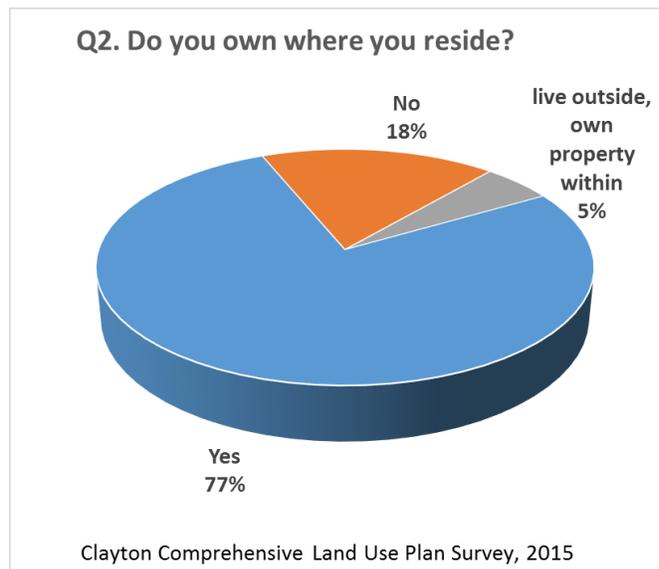
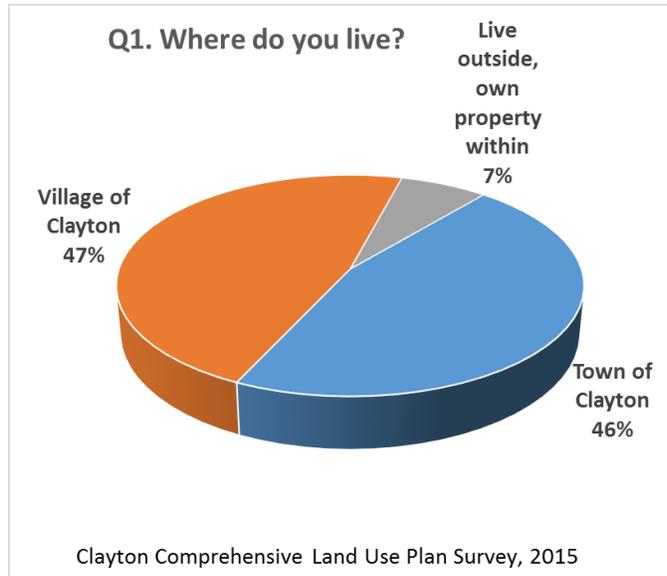
After the issue exercise was completed, an online community survey was compiled and conducted resulting in 230 respondents. Survey questions dealt with demographics, a number of questions regarding area-specific development in the Village and Town, and quality of life. The survey was released in May of 2015 and tallied online as well.

Survey Demographics

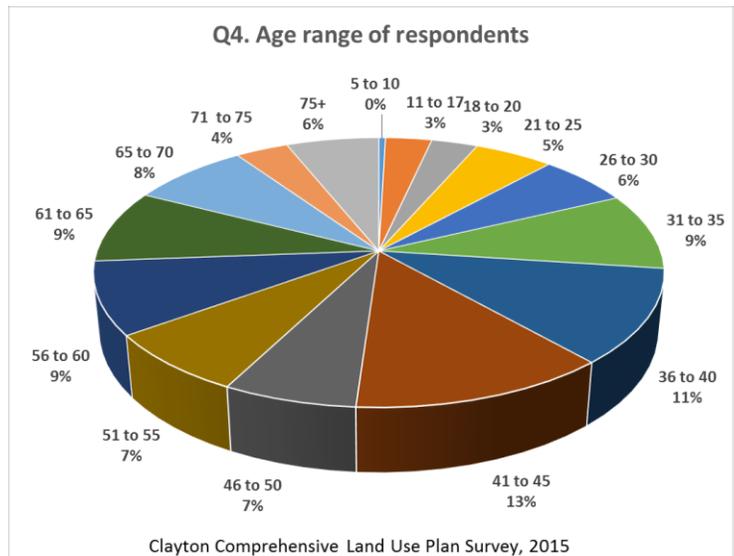
Question 1 started the demographics portion of the survey. Respondents were split fairly evening between the Town (45.9%) and the Village (47.2%), then the remainder lived outside the Village and Town, but owned property within the community (7%).

Respondents to question 2 indicated whether they owned their residence, with 77% indicating they did, while 18% did not, and 5% lived outside the Town but owned property within the community.

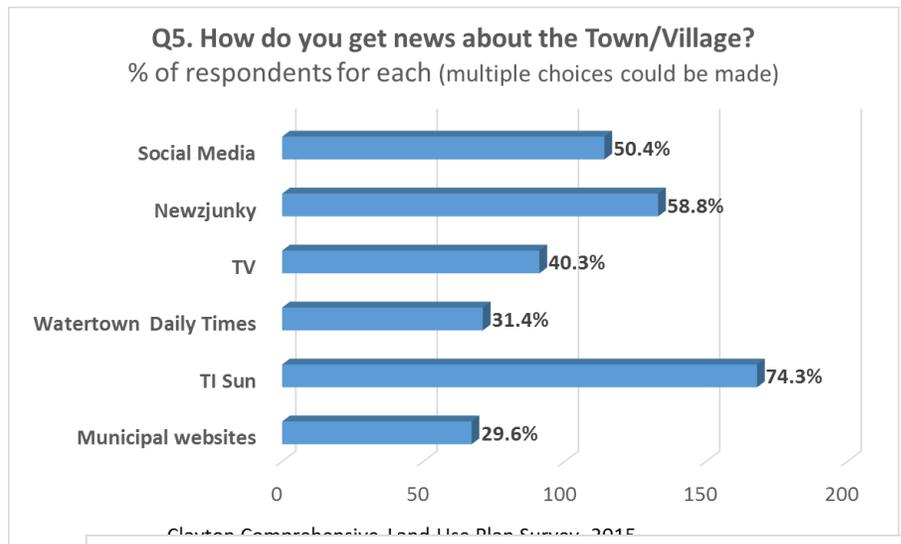
Question 3 posed the question whether they were seasonal residents. Of the respondents, 12.8% were seasonal residents while 87.2% were year round.



Question 4 asked what age range respondents fell into. Somewhat surprisingly, the distribution of ages was fairly even across the spectrum. As expected though, there were slightly larger numbers of respondents within the groups between the ages of 31 to 45, a segment that is more likely to routinely be active on the internet and becoming focused on community needs and priorities. Typically as the population ages, community connectedness often increases, which held true for the 56 to 70 age groups as well.

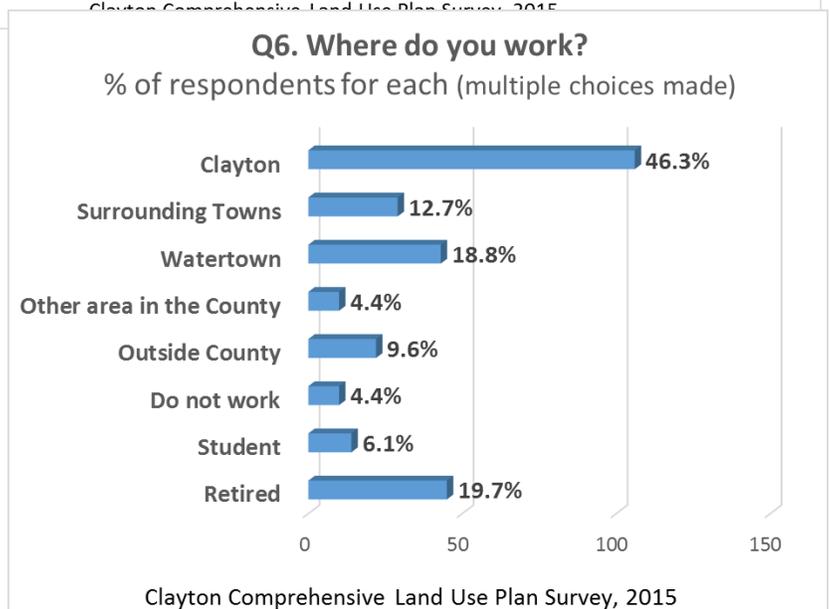


Question 5 dealt with how respondents access the news about the Town/Village. Multiple choices were made, and the TI Sun was the most used for gaining community information (74.3% of respondents). However, several other sources were prevalent as well such as Newzjunky (online local news) with 58.8%, and social media at 50.4%.



However, since this was an online survey, it stands to reason that respondents were more likely to be active online for their news and social media as opposed to those who did not respond to the online survey who would be less likely to be online for other activities.

Question 6 asked where people worked. Multiple choices were allowed, as it is assumed that some retirees or students also work. The most respondents worked in Clayton (46.3%). The second largest group



that worked did so in Watertown (18.8%). Retirees made up 19.7% of the respondents.

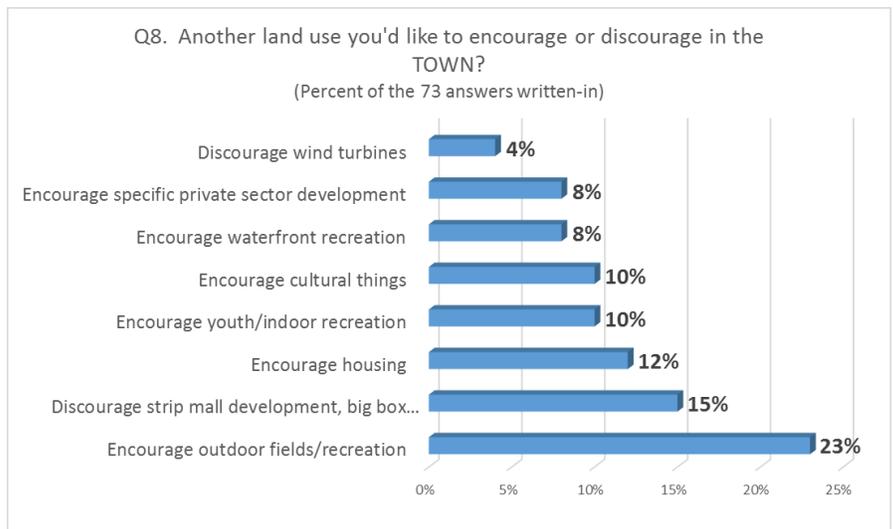
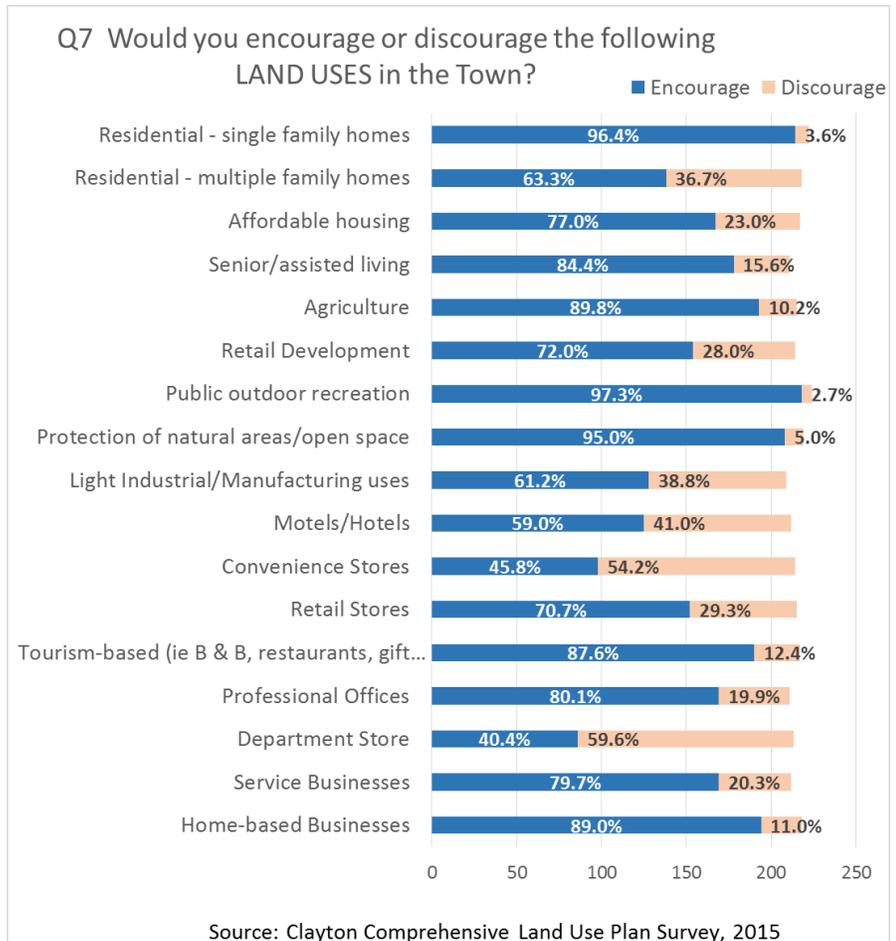
Land Use - Town

The top three rated uses respondents felt should be encouraged were: public outdoor recreation (97.3%); residential – single family homes (96.4%); and protection of natural areas/open space (95%).

The next three, number four, five and six to be encouraged below the top three were agriculture (89.8%); home-based businesses (89.0%); and tourism-based businesses (ie bed and breakfasts, restaurants, gift shops, eco-tourism) (87.6%).

Of note were the lowest two rated to be encouraged, which were department store (40.4%) and convenience stores (45.8%). Therefore, more than half of the respondents felt those uses should be discouraged throughout the Town.

The next two questions were open ended, however, a tally of the most frequent responses are shown. Question 8 asked whether there was another land use you'd like to either encourage or discourage in the Town. Encourage outdoor fields/recreation was the top most indicated by respondents (23% of the total 73 answers written). Second was discourage strip mall development, big box retail, etc. (15% of those written).



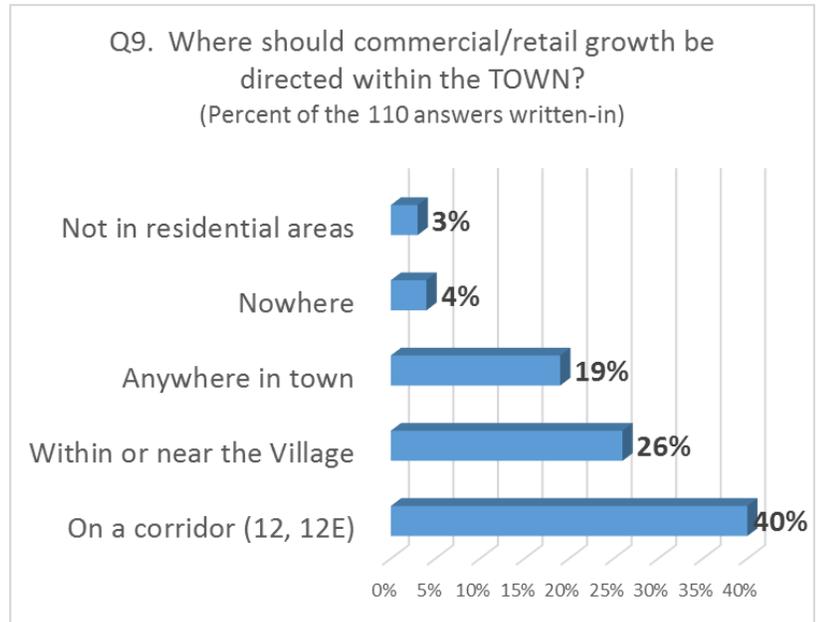
Question 9 asked where commercial / retail growth should be directed within the Town? The most written in response was on a corridor (12 south, 12 east, or 12E) with 40% of the 110 answers written-in. The second most written-in area was within or near the Village (26% of the 110 written).

Land Use - Village

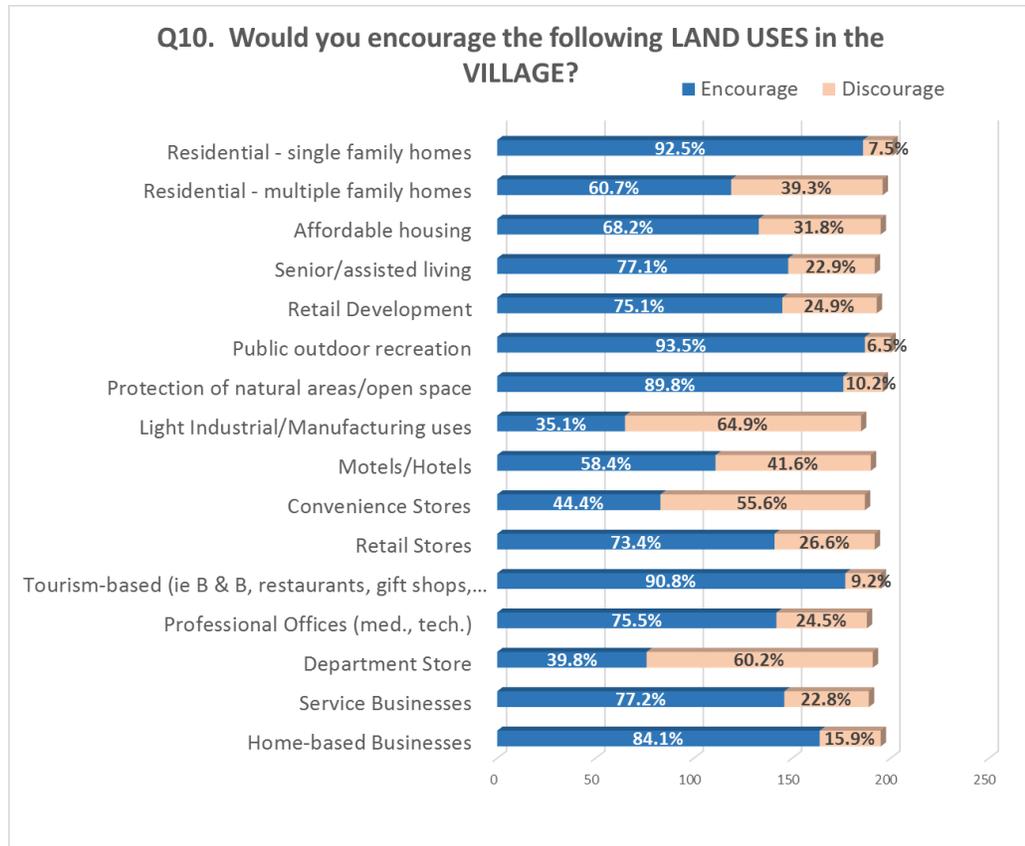
Question 10 asked those completing the survey would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in the Village. Respondents indicated encourage public outdoor recreation (93.5%); residential single family homes (92.5%); and tourism-based (ie Bed & Breakfasts, restaurants, gift shops, and eco-tourism (90.8%); residential single family homes (92.5%); and tourism-based (ie Bed & Breakfasts, restaurants, gift shops, and eco-tourism (90.8%).

The next three to be encouraged in the Village were: home based businesses (84.1%); service businesses (77.2%); and professional offices (medical, technical) (75.5%).

Only three items were rated they should be discouraged, with more than half of respondents indicating to discourage them: light industrial/manufacturing uses (64.9%), department stores (60.2%), and convenience stores (55.6%).

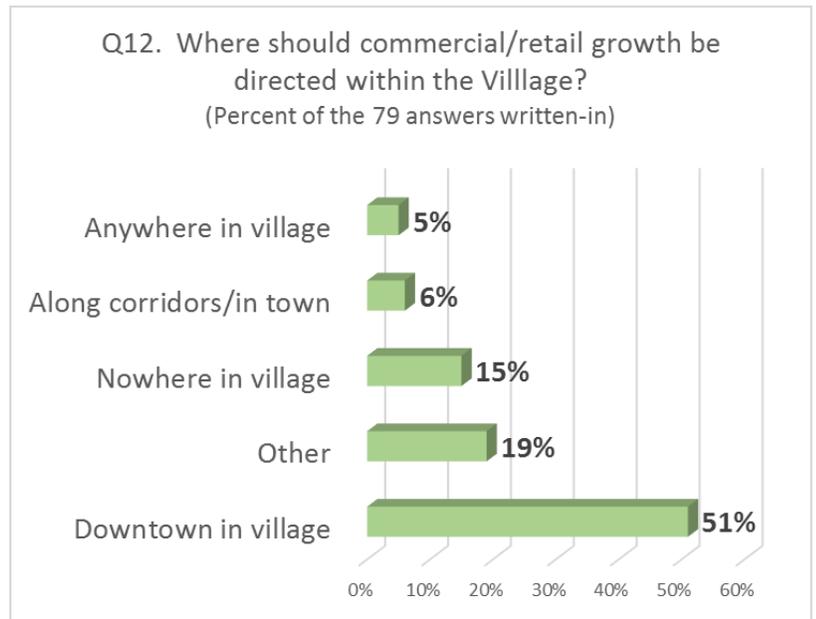
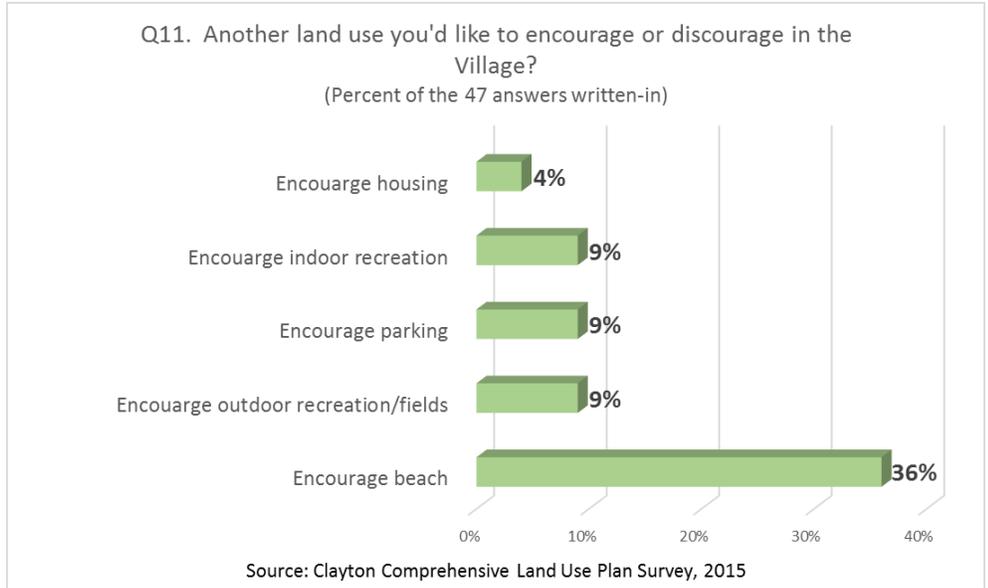


Question 11 dealt with other land uses respondents would like to encourage or discourage in the Village. The highest rated



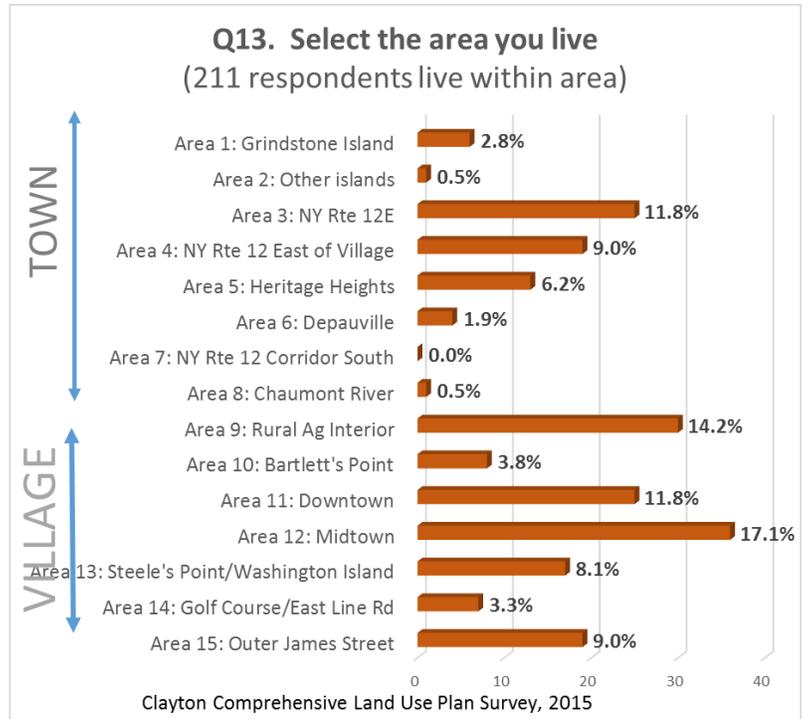
land use indicated was encourage a beach, with 36% of the 47 written-in answers. Other common responses were encourage indoor recreation, encourage parking, and encourage outdoor recreation/fields with 9% of those written responses each.

Question 12 dealt with where commercial/retail growth should be directed within the Village. Of the 79 answers written-in, 51% of them indicated Downtown in the Village.



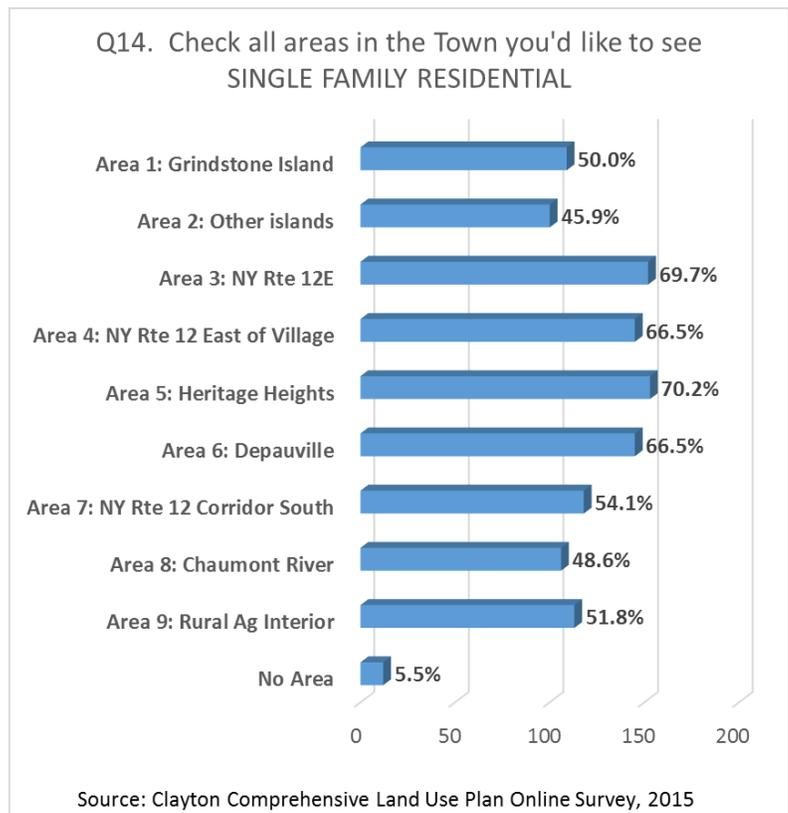
Question 13 asked where people lived among the 9 areas in the Town, or among 6 areas within the Village.

Grindstone Island was considered Area 1, other islands was Area 2, NYS Route 12E was Area 3, NYS Route 12 east of the Village was Area 4, Heritage Heights was Area 5, Depauville was Area 6, NYS Route 12 Corridor South was Area 8, and Area 9 was the rural agricultural interior areas in the Town. Within the Village, Bartlett’s Point was Area 10, the Downtown was Area 11, Midtown was Area 12, Steele’s Point/Washington Island was Area 13, the Golf Course/East Line Road was Area 14, and outer James Street was Area 15.

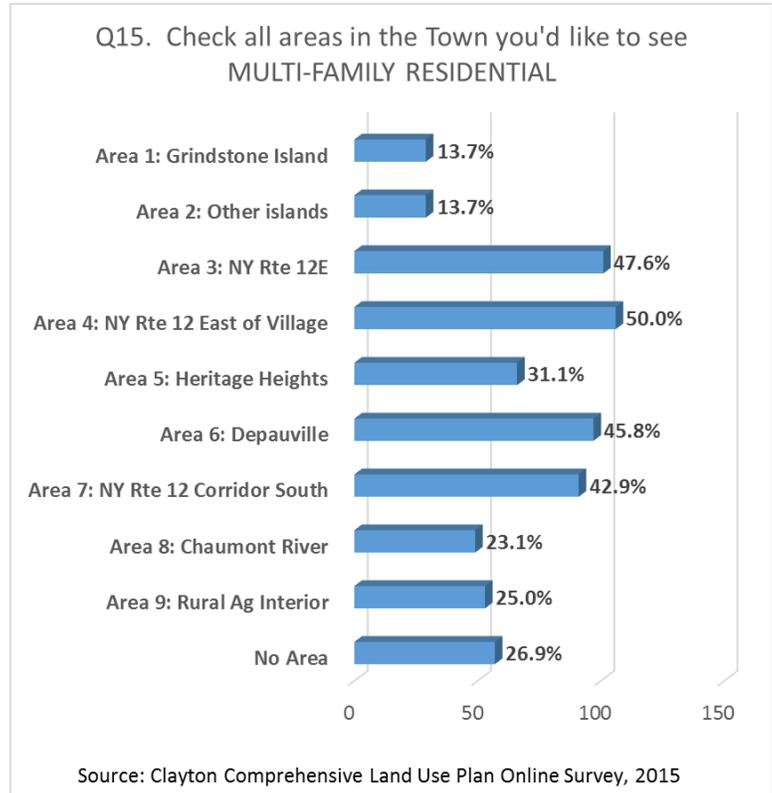


The most respondents to the survey were from the Village (53.1%). However, the top four areas were Area 12: Midtown with 17.1% (Village), Area 9: Rural Ag Interior with 14.2% (Town), Area 3: NYS Route 12E with 11.8% (Town), and Area 11: Downtown in the Village with 11.8%. Other areas well represented were Area 4: NYS Route 12 East of the Village (9%), Area 15: Outer James Street (9%), and Area 13, Steele’s Point/Washington Island (8.1%).

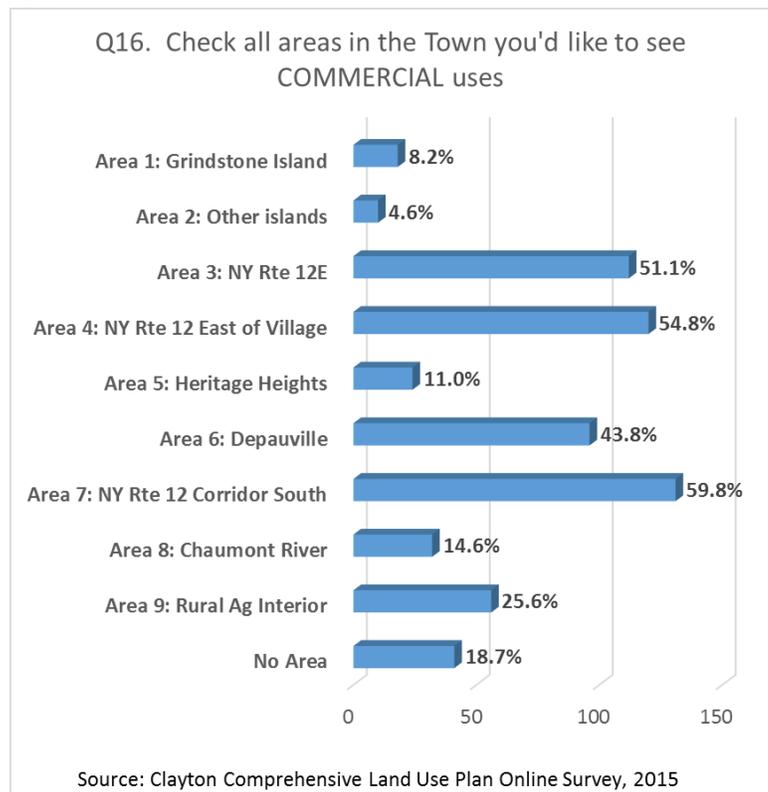
Question 14, asked what areas in the Town respondents preferred to see Single Family Residential. The top five were: Area 5: Heritage Heights (70.2%); Area 3: NYS Rte 12E (69.7%); Area 4: NYS Rte 12 East of the Village (66.5%); Area 6: Depauville (66.5%), and Area 7: NYS Rte 12 Corridor South (54.1%).



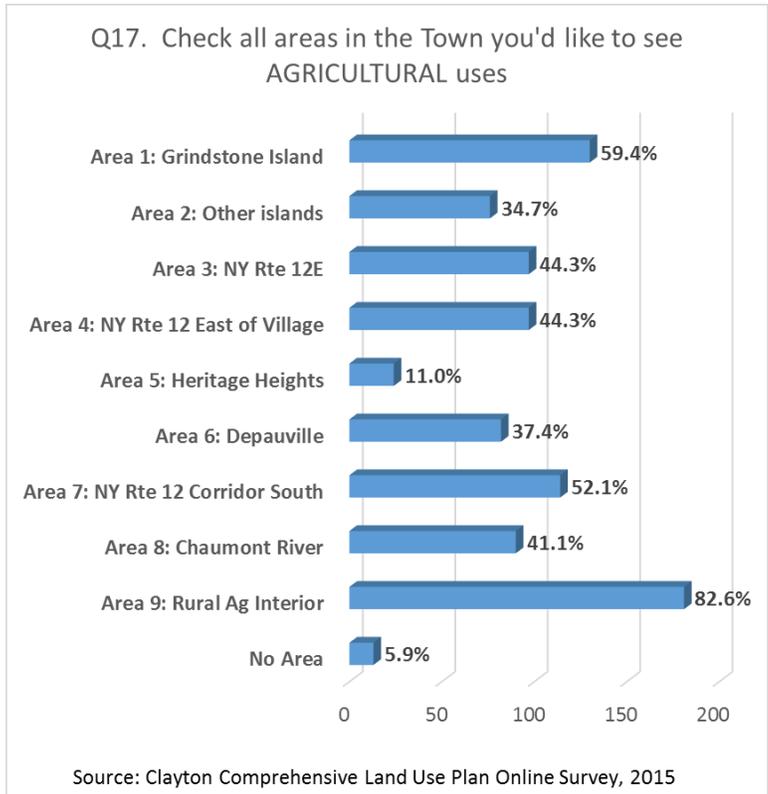
Question 15 asked what areas respondents preferred to see multi-family residential. The top four areas were: Area 4: NYS Route 12 east of the Village (50%), Area 3: NYS Route 12E (47.6%), Area 6: Depauville (45.8%), and Area 7: NYS Route 12 Corridor South (42.9%) of respondents.



Question 16 asked what areas in the Town respondents preferred to see Commercial Uses. The top four areas were: Area 7: NYS Route 12 Corridor South with 59.8% of the respondents, Area 4: NYS Route 12 east of the Village with 54.8% of respondents, Area 3: NYS Route 12E with 51.1% of respondents. The fourth most preferred was Area 6: Depauville with 43.8%.

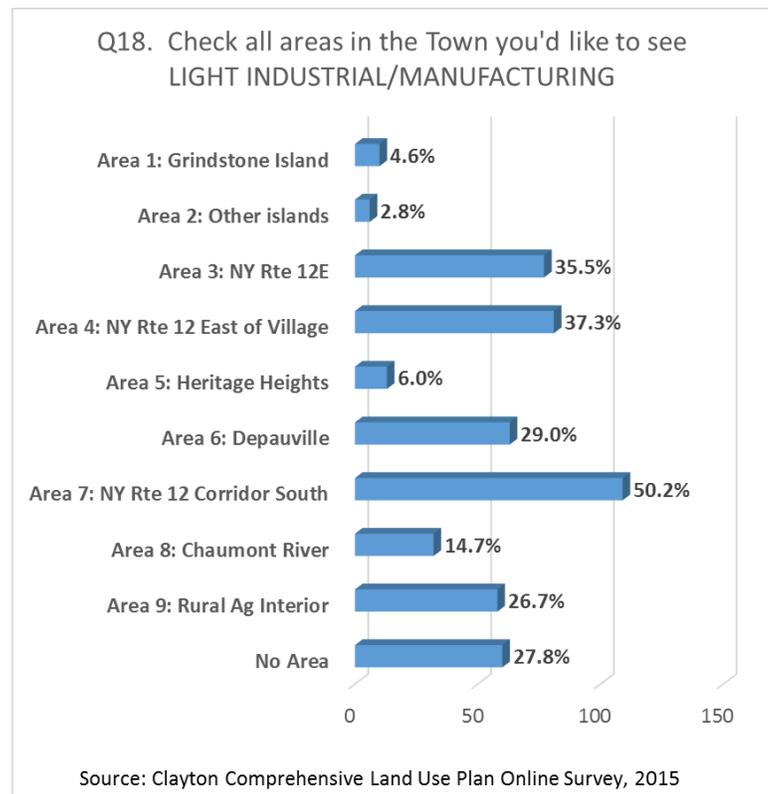


Question 17 asked what areas in the Town you'd like to see Agricultural Uses. The top three areas were: Area 9: Rural Ag Interior with 82.6%, Area 1: Grindstone Island with 59.4%, and Area 7: NYS Rte 12 Corridor South with 52.1% of respondents indicating that area.



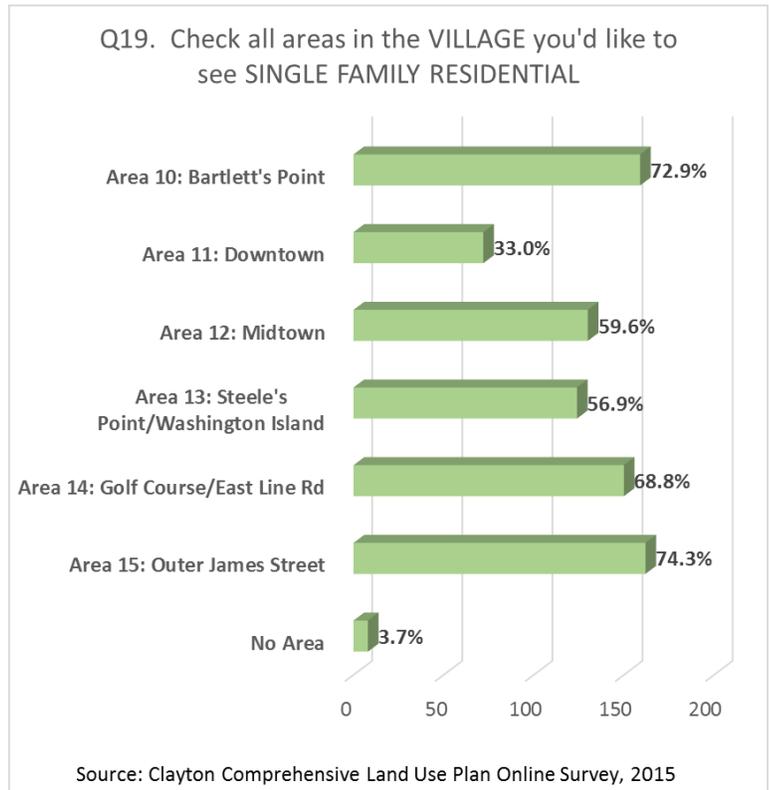
Question 18 asked what areas in the Town you'd like to see Light Industrial / Manufacturing. Area 7: NYS Route 12 Corridor South was chosen by 50.2% of respondents. None of the other areas received more than fifty percent of the responses.

However, the next two highest in terms of percentage were: Area 4: NY Rte 12 East of the Village with 37.3% of the responses, and Area 3: NYS Rte 12E with 35.5% of the responses. Also of note, the No Area choice received 27.8% of the responses indicated.



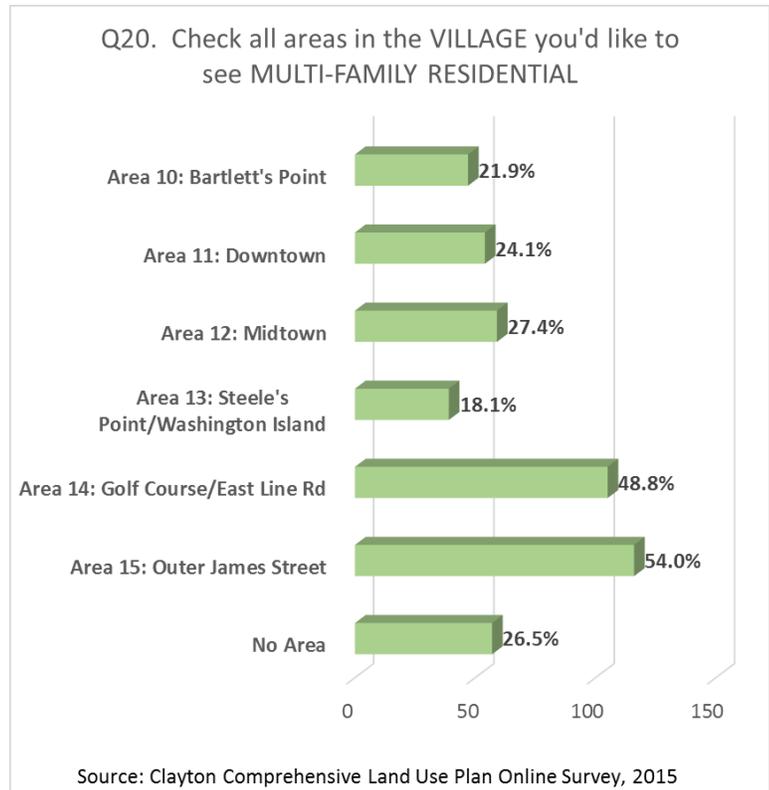
Question 19 asked what areas in the Village you'd like to see Single Family Residential. The highest three areas were Area 15: Outer James Street (74.3%), Area 10: Bartlett's Point (72.9%), and Area 14: Golf Course/East Line Road (68.8%). Two other areas that received more than fifty percent were Area 12: Midtown (59.6%), and Area 13: Steele's Point/Washington Island (56.9%).

Of note was Area 11: Downtown that received only 33.0% of the area responses.



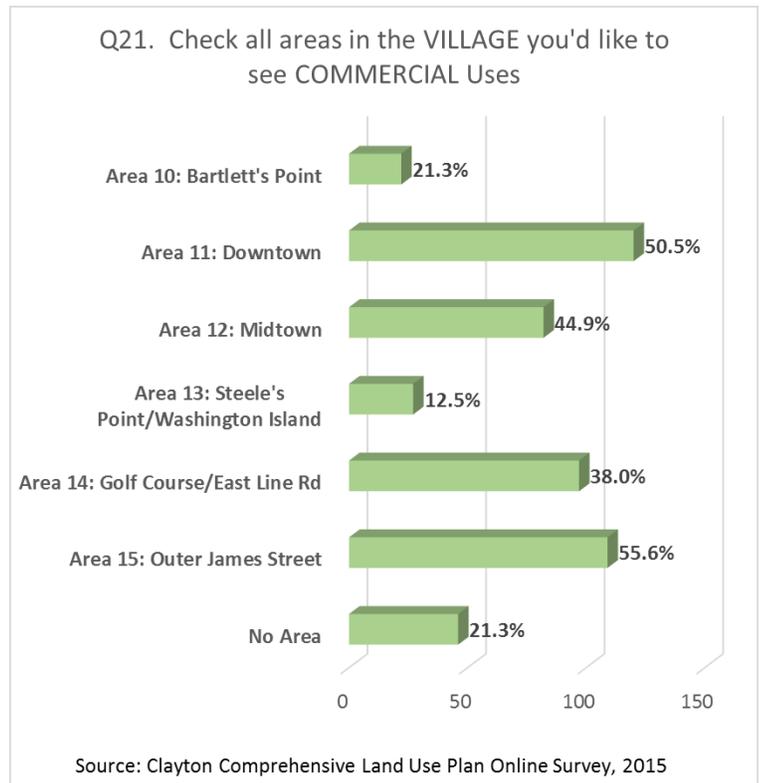
Question 20 asked what areas in the Village you'd like to see Multi-Family Residential. The highest two areas were Area 15: Outer James Street (54.0%) and Area 14: Golf Course/East Line Rd (48.8%).

Of note was the No Area response receiving 26.5% of the responses.

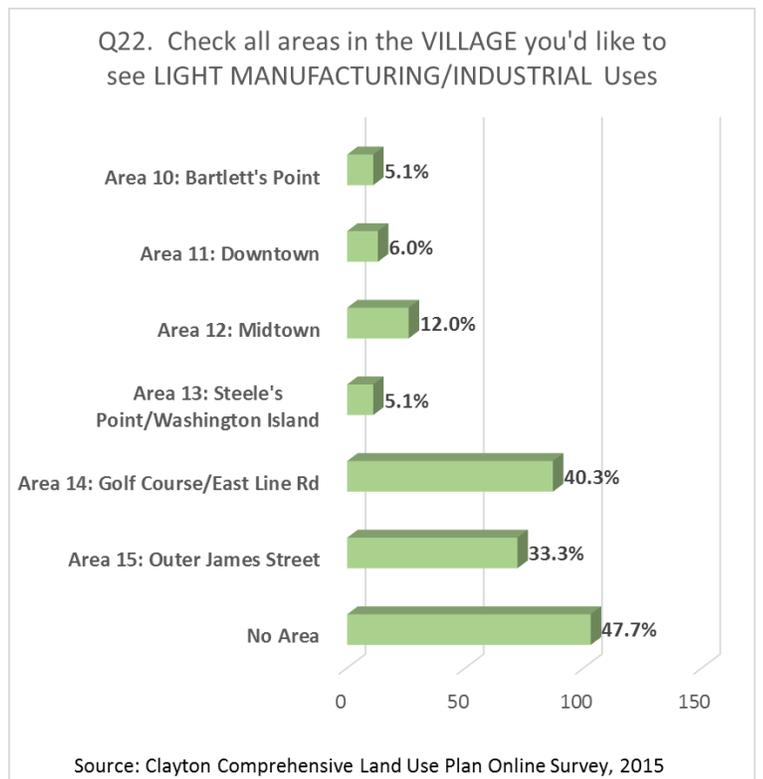


Question 21 asked what areas in the Village you'd like to see Commercial Uses. Area 15: Outer James Street received 55.6% of the responses, while Area 11: Downtown received 50.5%. Midtown received 44.9%, but at less than half it doesn't seem like strong support by the respondents.

Of note was the No Area response with 21.3%.

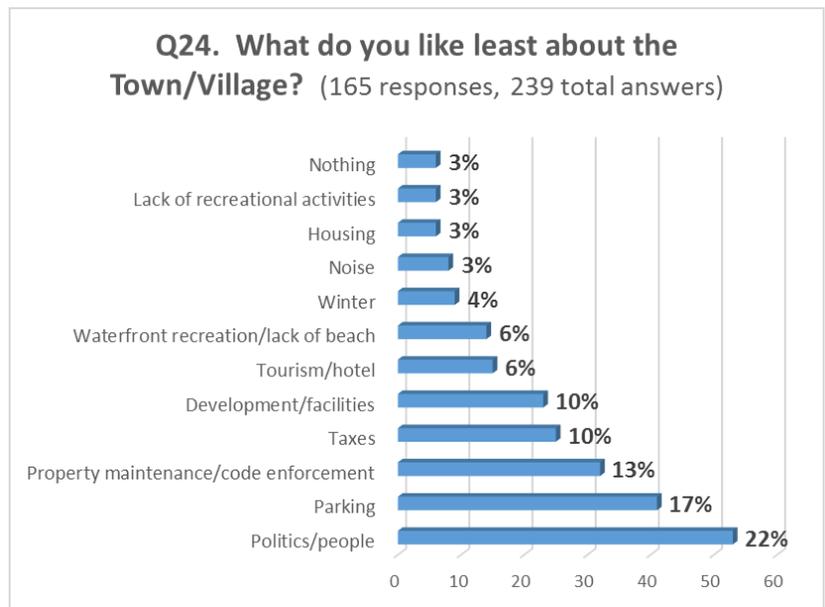


Question 22 asked what areas in the Village you'd like to see Light Manufacturing / Industrial Uses. Perhaps surprisingly the No Area response had the highest number of responses with 47.7%. While Area 14: Golf Course/East Line Rd received 40.3% of the responses, it also is less than half of them.

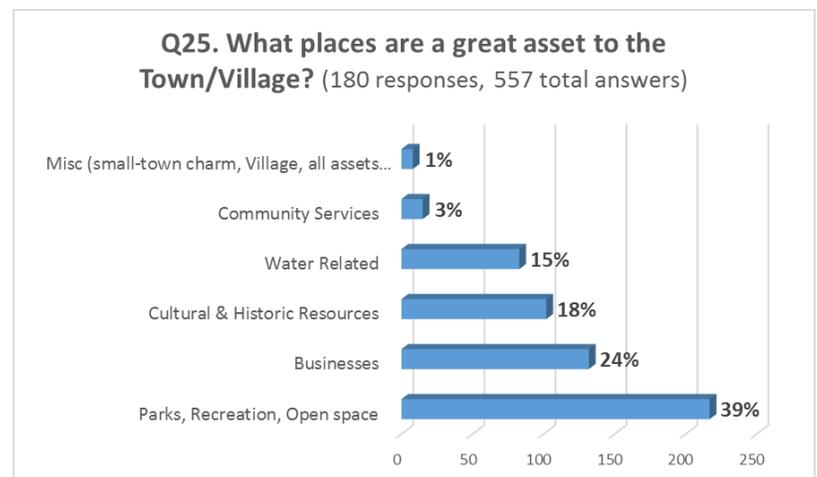


Question 23 posed what respondents liked most about the Town / Village? More than half have liked the Community/small town feel at 59% of respondents. River/waterfront was the next highest response at 18%.

Question 24 asked what do you like least about the Town/Village? The most written-in responses were the politics/people with 22%, and parking with 17%. Third, fourth and fifth were Property maintenance/code enforcement were 13%, Taxes with 10%, and development/facilities which also received 10% of responses.

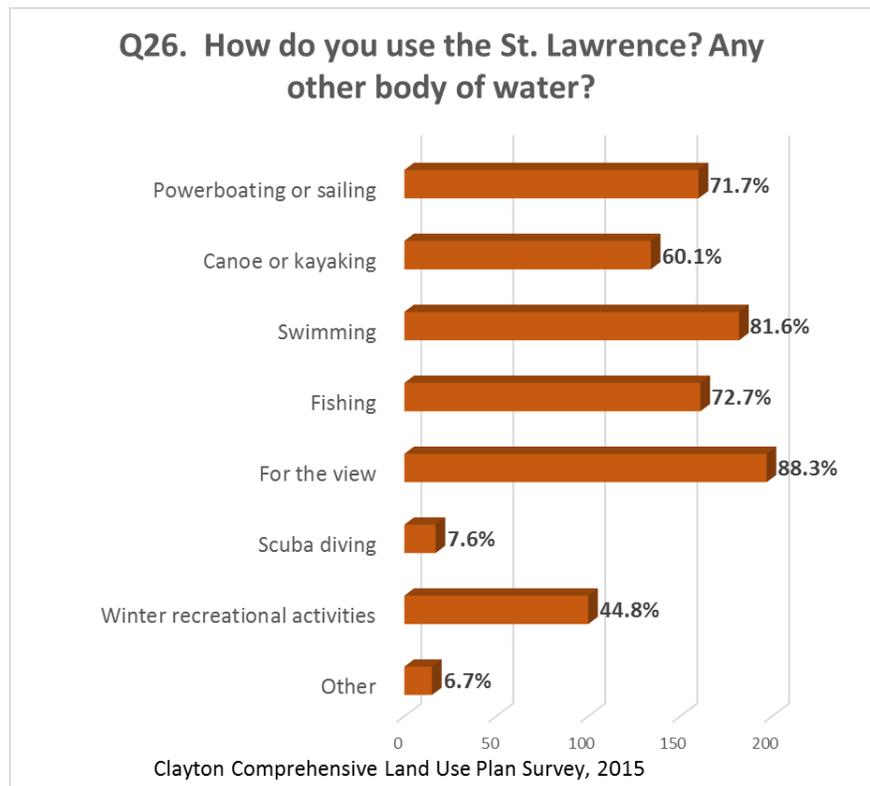


Question 25 asked what places are a great asset to the Town/Village. The most written-in responses were Parks, Recreation, Open Space with 39% of respondents indicating. Businesses were written-in the second most often with 24% and Cultural & Historic Resources receiving 18% of the written-in responses.



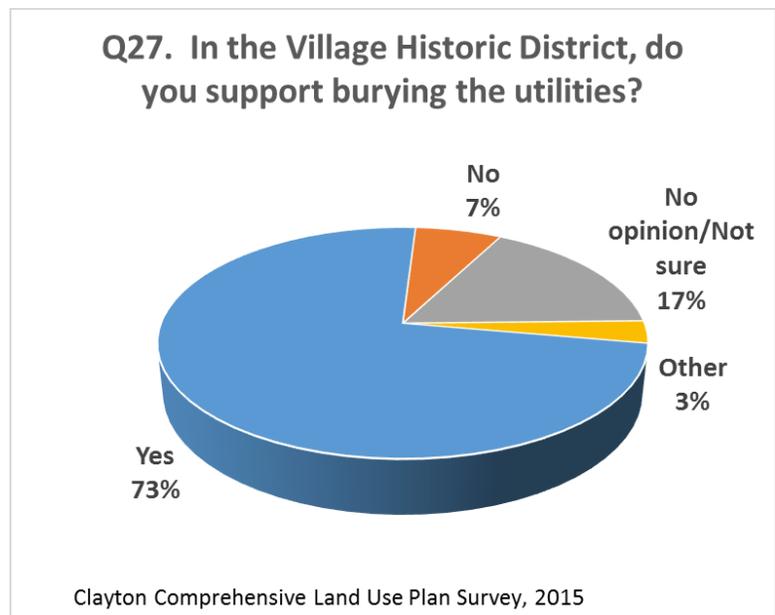
Question 26 asked respondents how they use the St. Lawrence or any other body of water. For the View was indicated by 88.3% of the respondents, with swimming marked by 81.6%, and fishing by 72.7%. A close fourth was powerboating or sailing with 71.7%. Canoe or kayaking was indicated by 60.1% of respondents.

Of note were the number of respondents who indicated winter recreational activities with 44.8%.



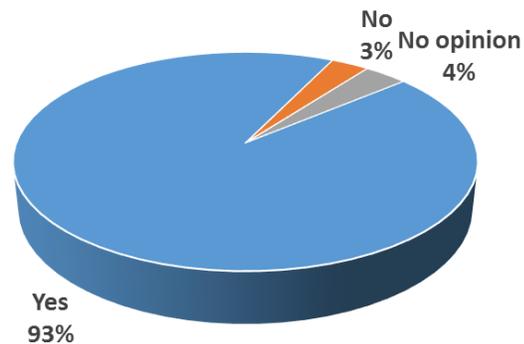
Question 27 asked respondents whether they support burying the utilities in the Village Historic District. Almost three quarters (73%) indicated that yes, they support the project.

However, with 17% indicating No Opinion/Not sure could be interpreted to mean that perhaps more information about the project needs to be publicized to help the remaining undecided members of the public understand the justification and need for the project.



Question 28 asked whether respondents favor the preservation of older historic and architecturally relevant structures. Respondents indicated yes at a rate of 93%.

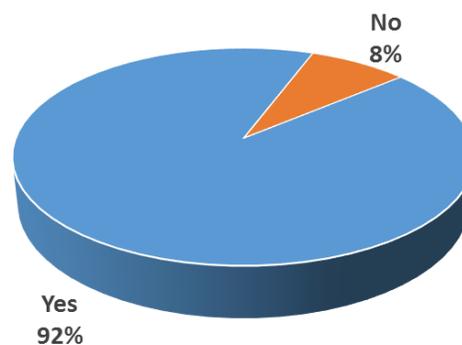
Q28. Do you favor the preservation of older historic and architecturally relevant structures?



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Question 29 asked whether respondents believe agriculture should be supported in the Town. Agriculture also received a high amount of yes responses with 92% indicating affirmatively.

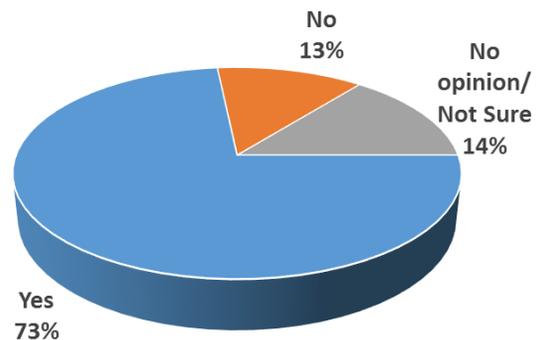
Q29. Do you believe agriculture should be supported in the Town?



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Question 30 asked whether respondents believe that craft beverage industry should be encouraged. Almost three quarters indicated yes (73%). Again, with the percentage of respondents indicating no opinion/not sure at 14% perhaps more information is needed to allow those undecided to form an opinion.

Q30. Do you believe that craft beverage industry (ie breweries, wineries, and distilleries) should be encouraged?

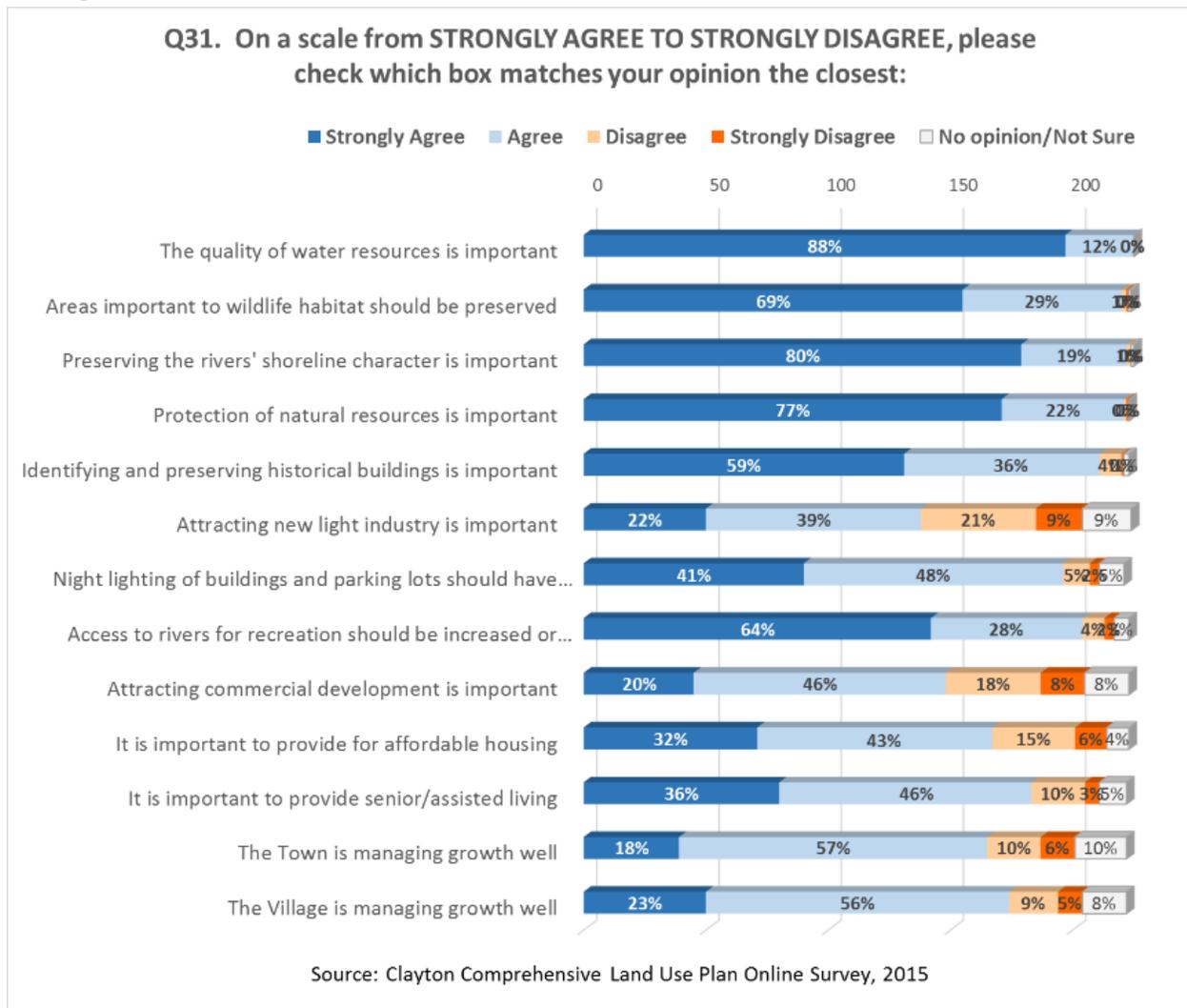


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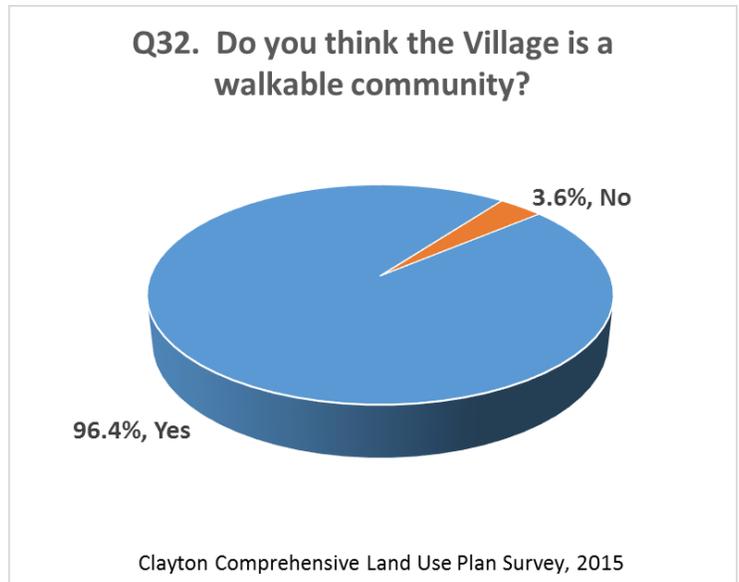
Question 31 dealt with a variety of issues the Town and Village wanted to gauge community support. The quality of water resources received the highest level of support with 88% of respondents indicating they Strongly Agree and the other 12% Agree. Preserving the rivers’ shoreline character was another receiving a high level with 80% of respondents indicating they Strongly Agree, and 19% Agree. Protection of natural resources also received a high level of support with 77% Strongly Agree and 22% Agree. Areas important to wildlife habitat should be preserved also received a lot of support with 69% Strongly Agree and 29% Agree.

Access to rivers for recreation should be increased or enhanced received strong support as well, with 64% Strongly Agree and 28% Agree. Identifying and preserving historical buildings received strong support with 59% Strongly Agree and another 36% Agree. Night lighting of buildings and parking lots should have minimal impact on adjacent properties had pretty strong support, with 41% who Strongly Agree and another 48% who Agree.

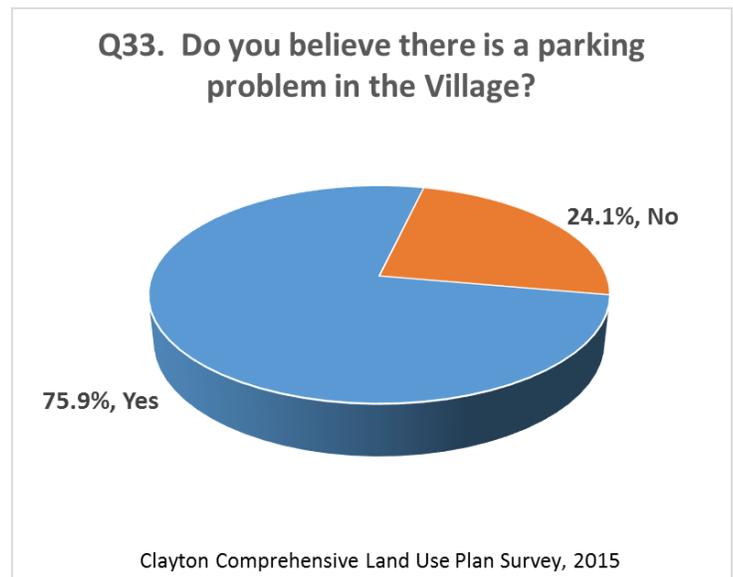
Other categories received support as well, as illustrated on the stacked bar chart.



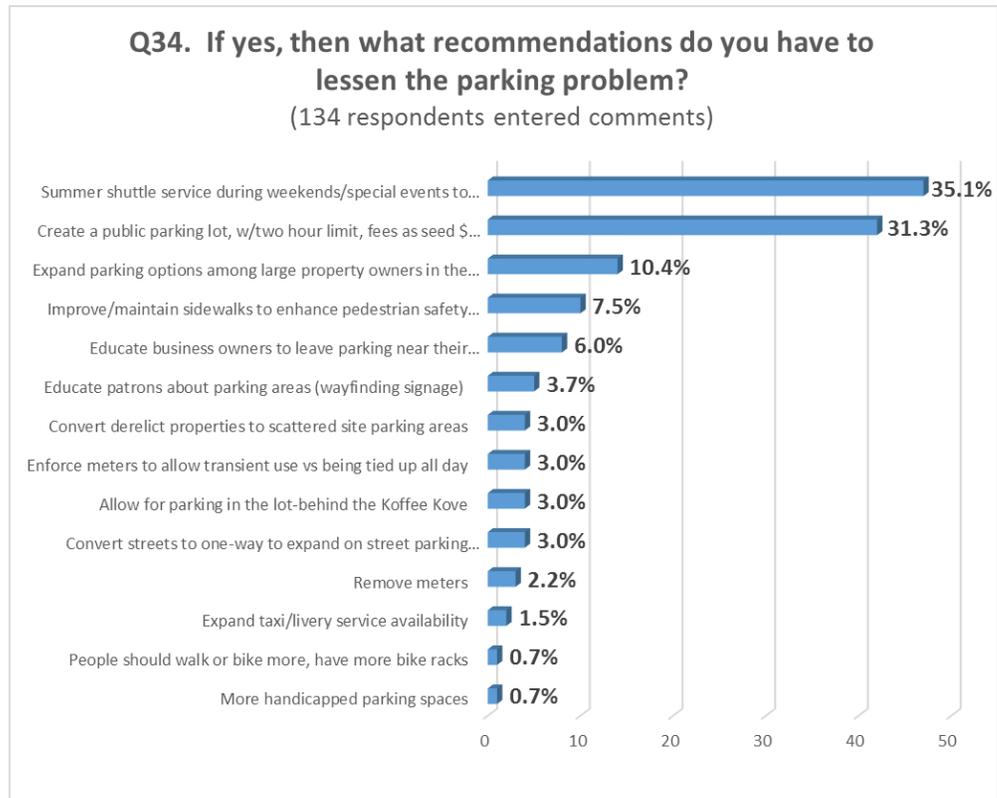
Question 32 asked whether respondents felt the Village is a walkable community. With 96.4% responding Yes and only 3.6% responding No, its pretty hard to dispute the consensus indicated.



Question 33 asked whether respondents felt there was a parking problem in the Village. As expected, 75.9% indicated Yes, with the other 24.1% indicating No.

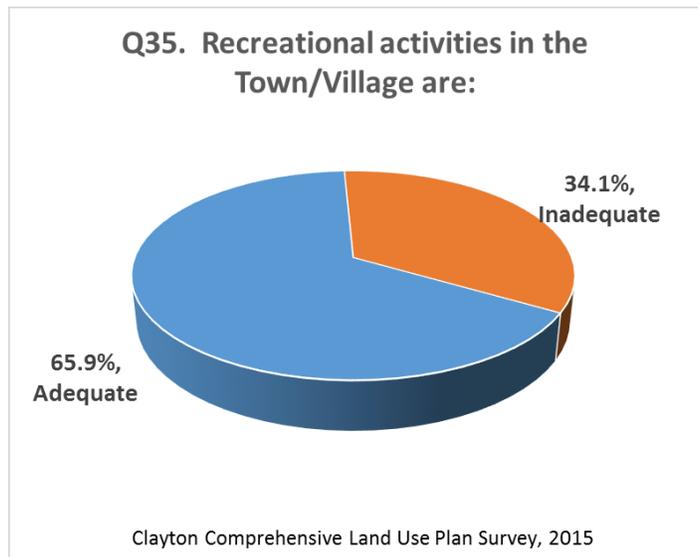


Question 34 asked if yes, then what recommendations do you have to lessen the parking problem? A number of suggestions were made, however, the Summer Shuttle or Trolley Service during the weekends/special events was the most commonly written-in theme (35.1%). Second most written-in comment was to Create a public parking lot, w/two hour limit, using the fees as see money to construct a parking garage in the future (31.3%).

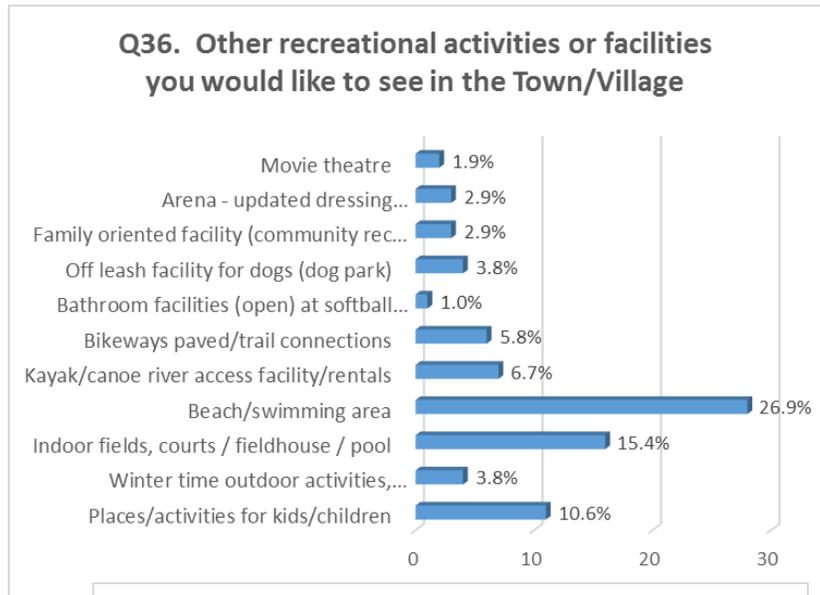


A number of other viable options were written-in as well like expand parking options among large property owners in the Village, expend parking across from Lions Field, use tent factory site for parking (10.4%).

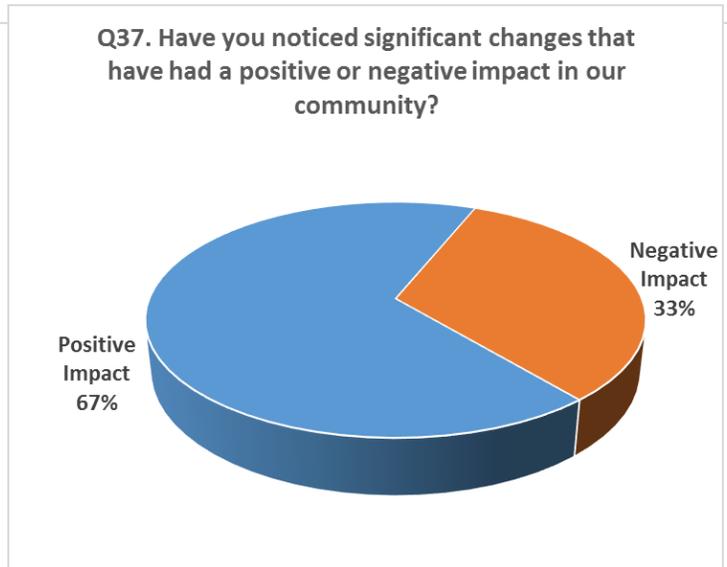
Question 35 asked about the adequacy of recreational activities in the Town/Village. With 65.9% of respondents indicating they are adequate, it would seem that perhaps there might be some room for improvement with the other 34.1% indicating they are inadequate.



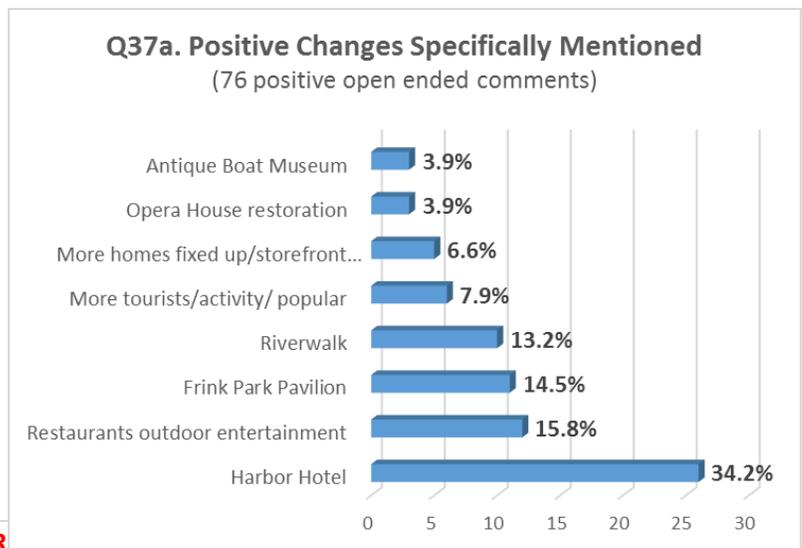
Question 36 asked about other recreational activities or facilities respondents would like to see in the Town/Village. A Beach/swimming area was indicated by the most number of those who wrote a response at a rate of 26.9%. Indoor fields, indoor courts / indoor fieldhouse / indoor pool received the next highest level of response with 15.4% of those writing in a response.



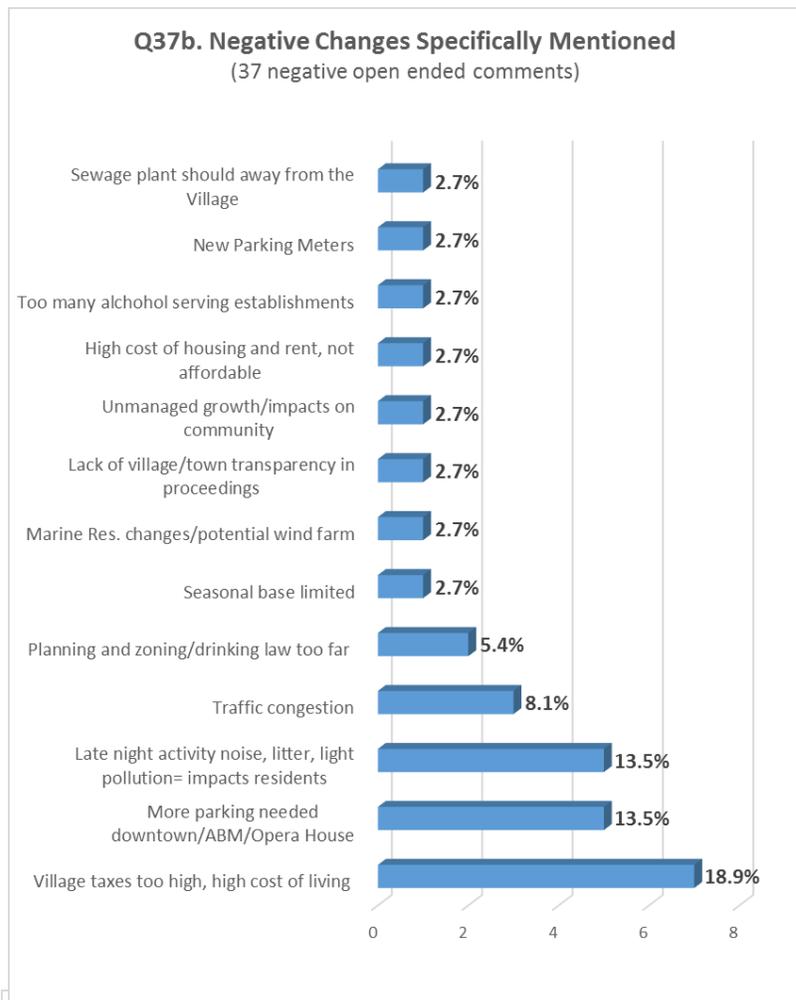
Question 37 asked whether respondents have noticed significant changes that have had a positive or negative impact in our community. A little over two thirds (67%) indicated a Positive Impact, with the other third indicating a Negative Impact (33%).



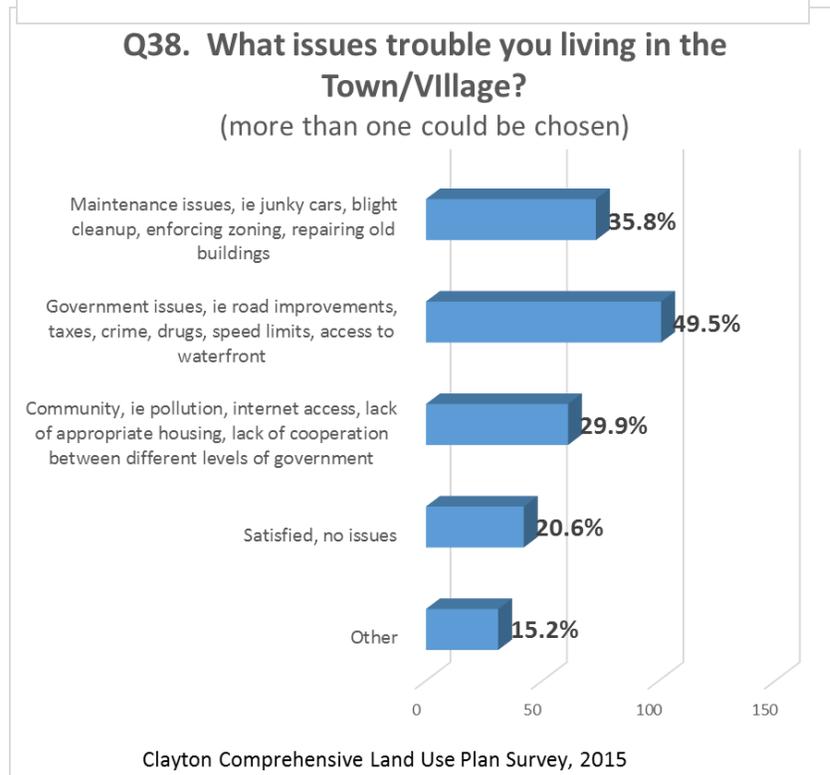
Question 37 allowed respondents to write-in what changes they've noticed. The most prevalent Positive Change specifically mentioned was the Harbor Hotel at 34.2% of the 76 respondents who wrote in positive comments. The next three in terms of prevalence were Restaurants and outdoor entertainment (15.8%), Frink Park Pavilion (14.5%), and the Riverwalk (13.2%)



Question 37 also had Negative Change written responses. Of the 37 Negative responses, 18.9% noted Village taxes too high, and the high cost of living. The next three Negative Change written-in were: More parking needed downtown/Antique Boat Museum/Opera House (13.5%), Late night activity noise, litter, light pollution = impacting residents (13.5%), and Traffic congestion (8.1%).

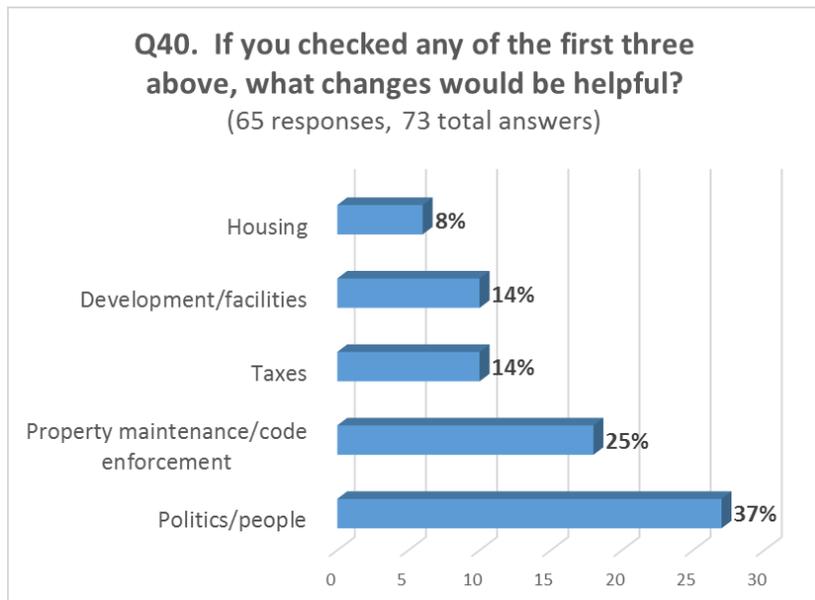


Question 38 asked what issues trouble you living in the Town/Village. Nearly half (49.5%) indicated Government issues, ie road improvements, taxes, crime, drugs, speed limits, access to waterfront. The next two were Maintenance issues, ie junky cars, blight cleanup, enforcing zoning, repairing old buildings (35.8%), and Community, ie pollution, internet access, lack of appropriate housing, lack of cooperation between different levels of government (29.9%). Of note, 20.6% indicated they had no issues.



Question 39 asked if you checked any of the first three above, please elaborate.
(Summary pending)

Question 40 asked if respondents checked any of the first three responses to question 38, what changes would be helpful. Of the 73 total answers, 37% indicated politics/people. Property maintenance/code enforcement was indicated by 25% of those responding to the question, while Taxes was indicated by 14% as was development/facilities (14%).



Question 41 asked what their biggest concern regarding the future of the Town/Village might be. There were 153 answers written in, with development facilities indicated by 50% of those responding. Taxes was indicated by 25%, and property maintenance/code by 21% of responders to the question.

