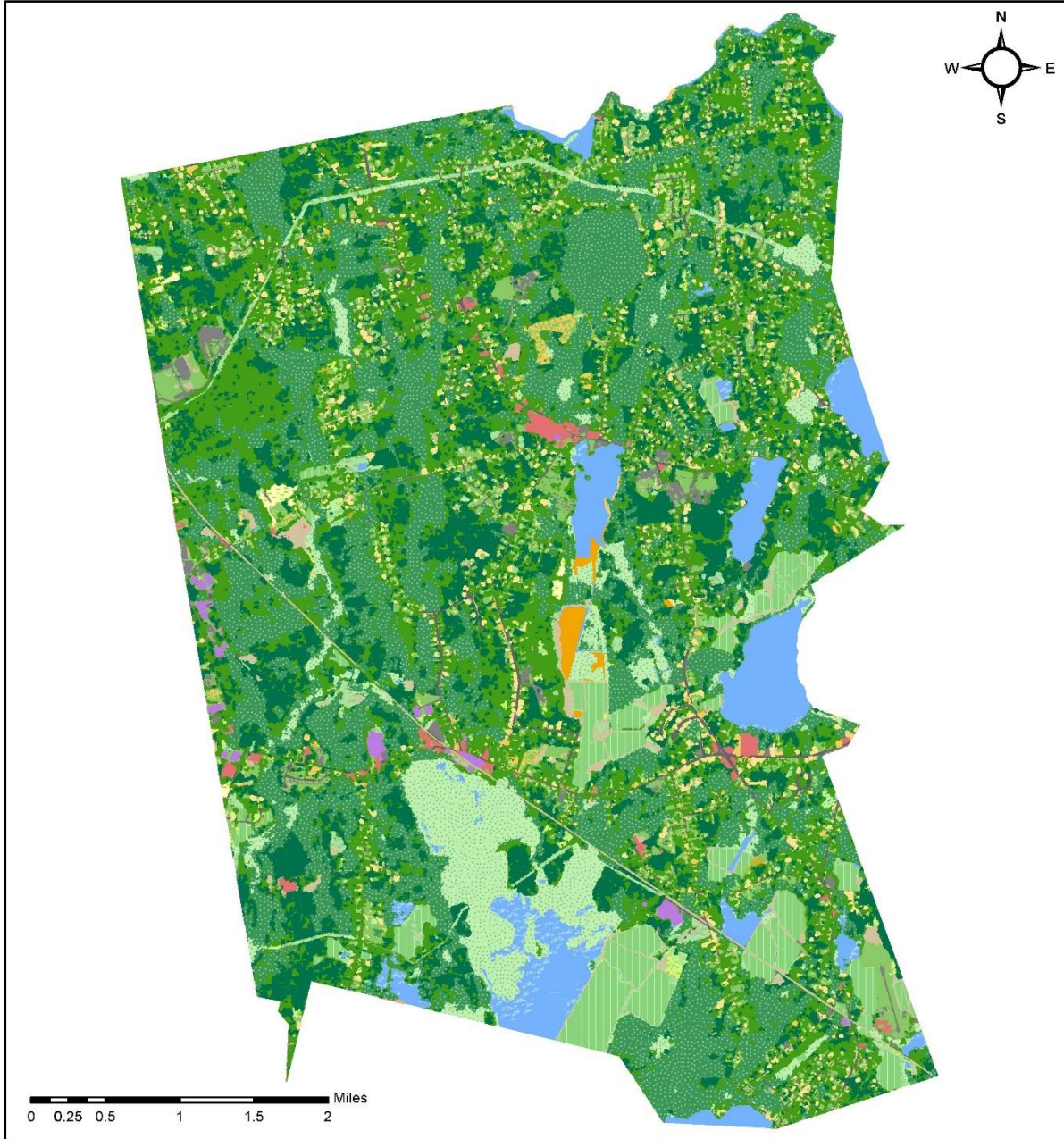


# Appendix A: Maps

## Hanson Land Use

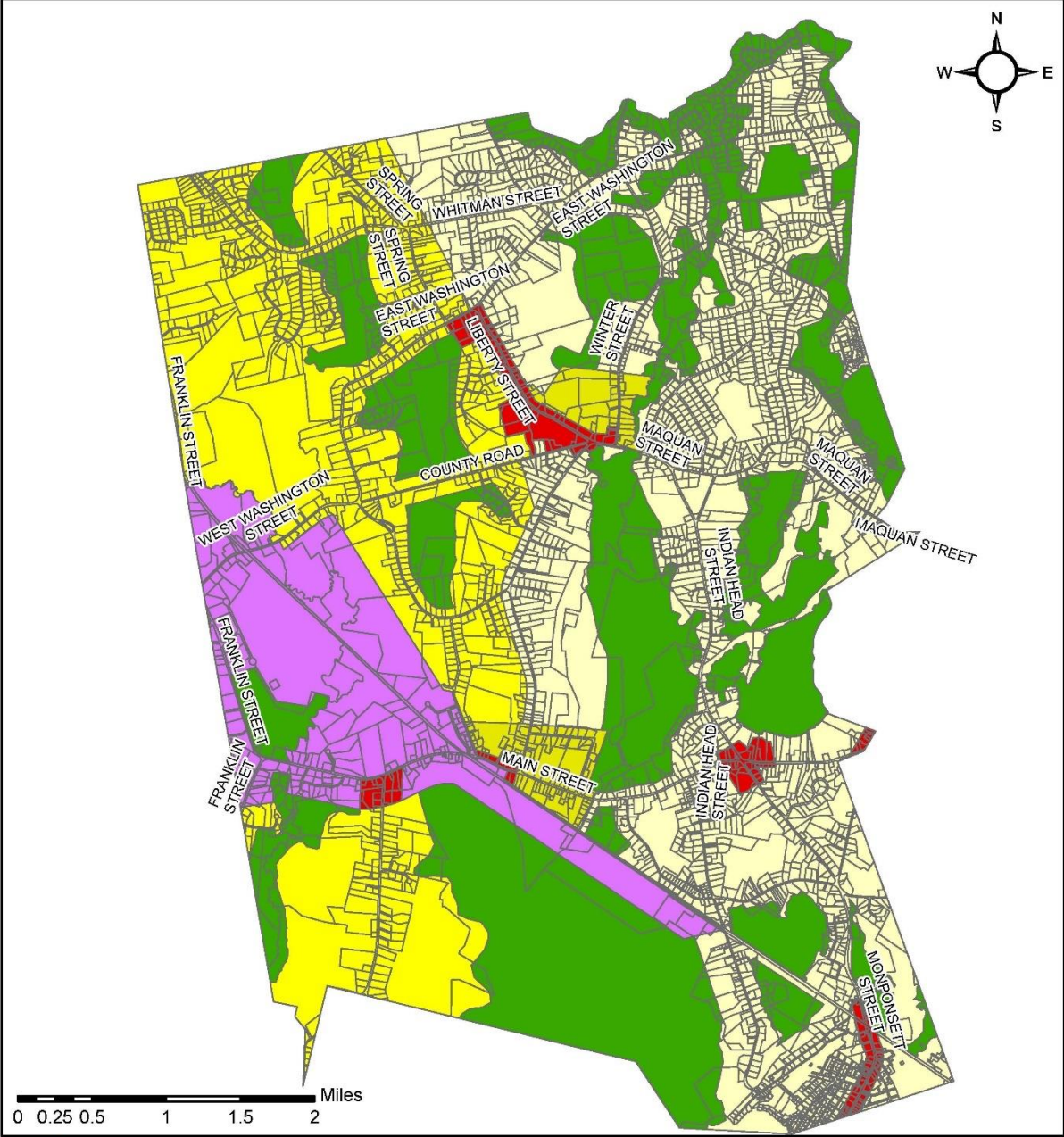


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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Residential - Single Family       | Other Impervious     | Scrub/Shrub          |
| Residential - Multi-Family        | Right-of-way         | Bare Land            |
| Residential - Other               | Cultivated           | Forested Wetland     |
| Commercial                        | Pasture/Hay          | Non-forested Wetland |
| Industrial                        | Developed Open Space | Saltwater Wetland    |
| Mixed Use - Primarily Residential | Deciduous Forest     | Water                |
| Mixed Use - Primarily Commercial  | Evergreen Forest     | Unconsolidated Shore |
| Mixed Use - Other                 | Grassland            | Aquatic Bed          |



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# Hanson Zoning



- Agriculture-Recreation
- Business
- Commercial-Industrial
- Residence A
- Residence AA
- Residence B

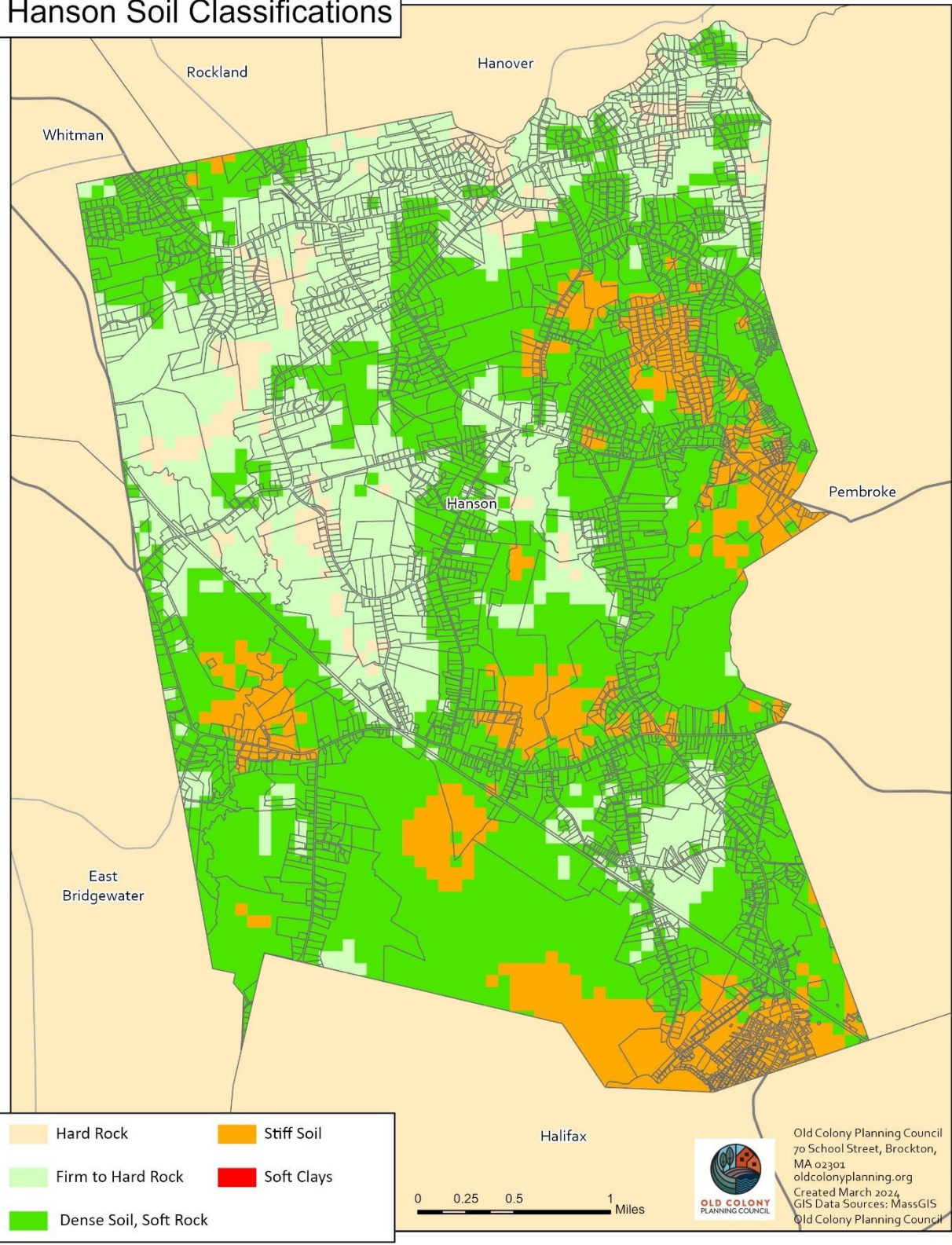


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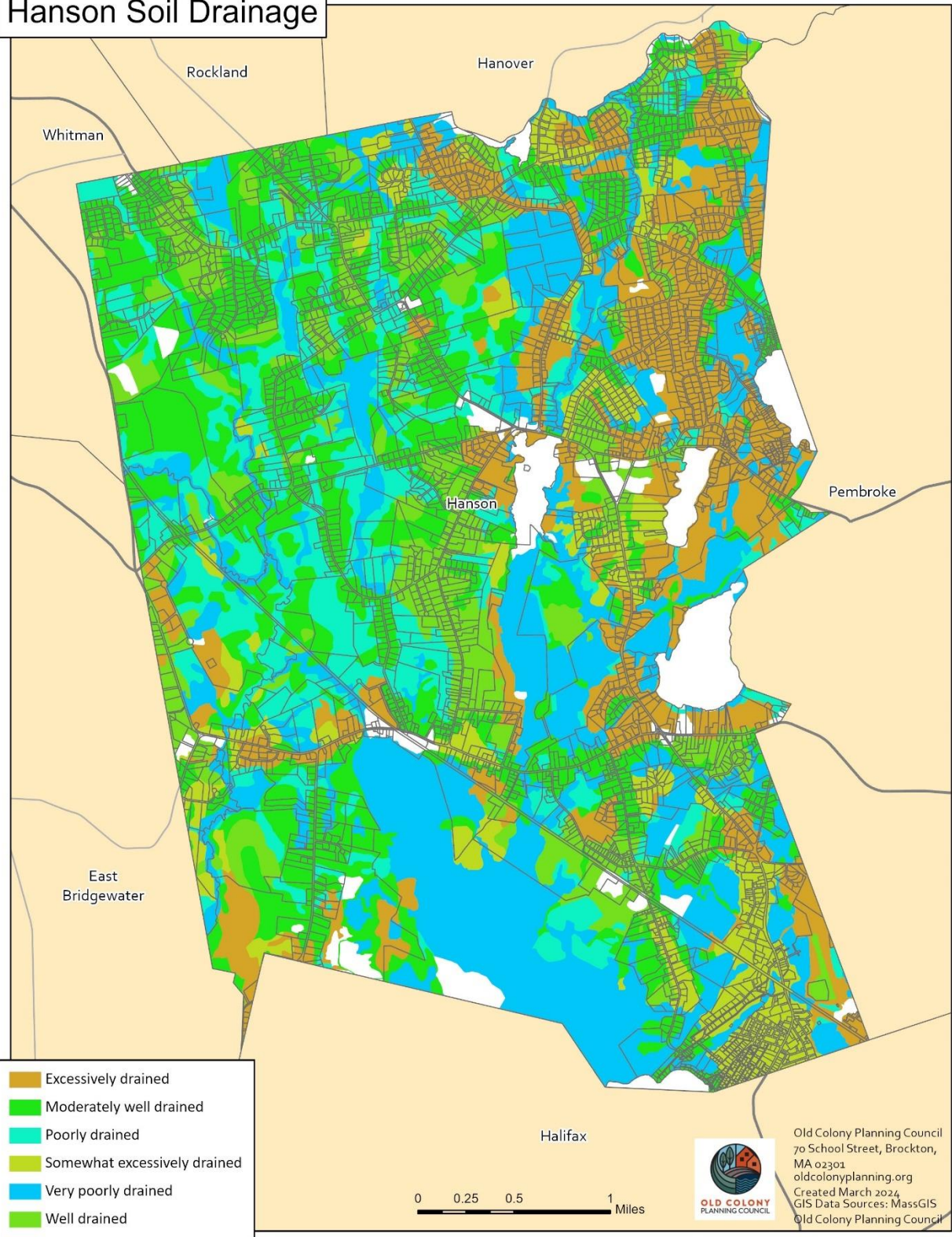
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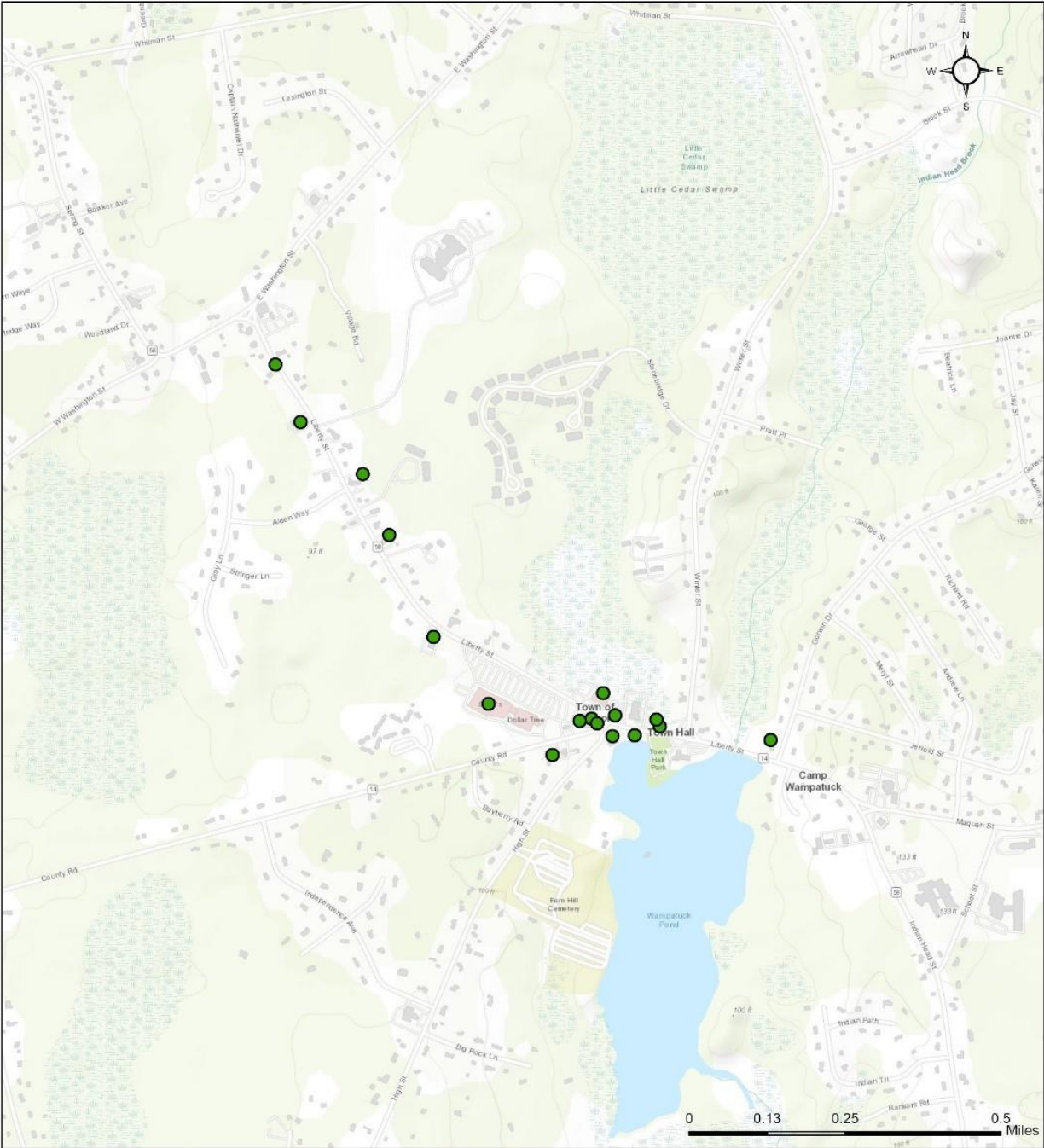
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# Hanson Soil Drainage



# Hanson Business District



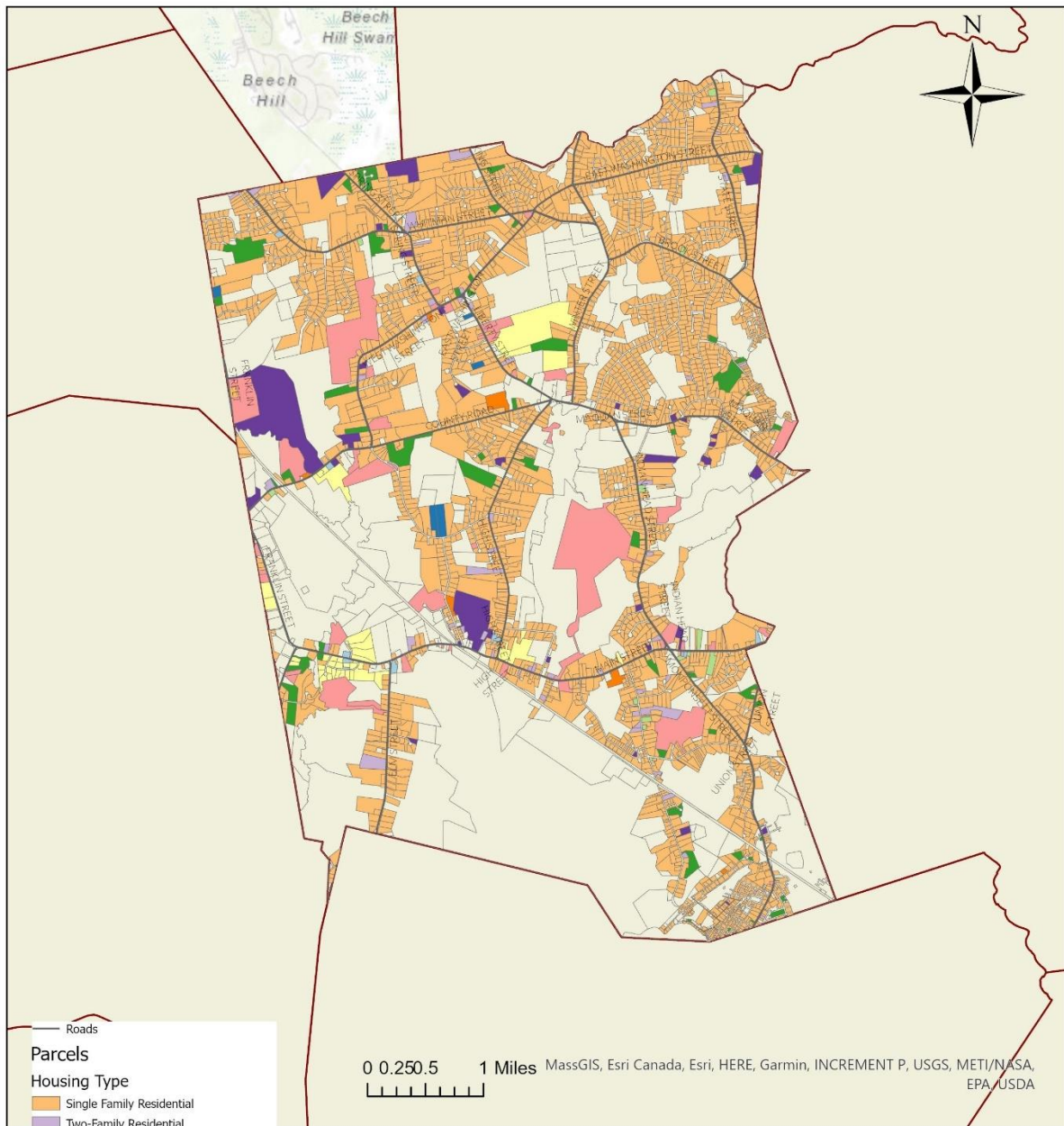
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# Hanson Housing Stock



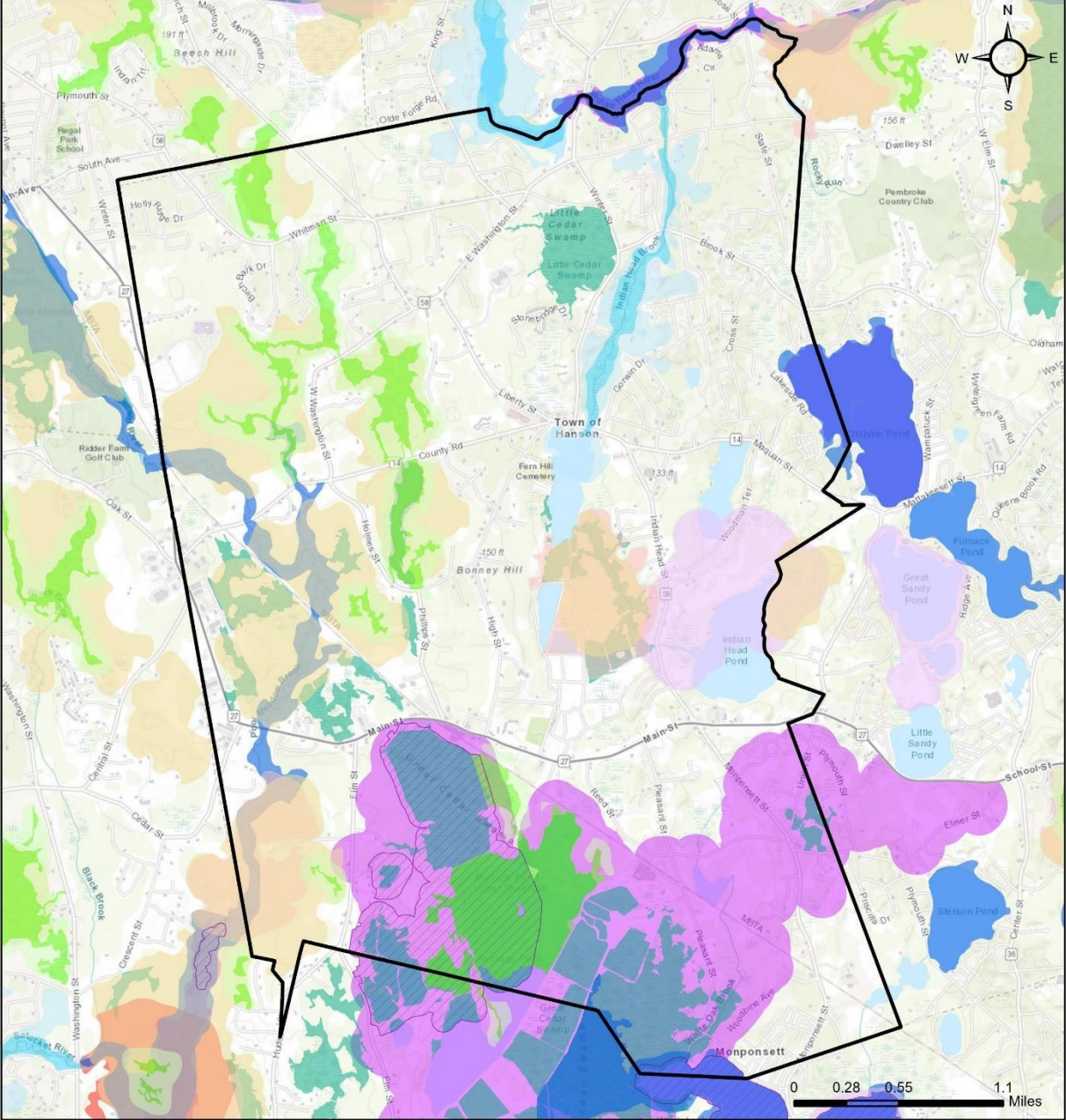
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













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# Hanson BioMap Components



- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Regional Rare Species         |  Local Rare Species                |
|  Local Aquatic Habitats        |  Aquatic Core                      |
|  Local Aquatic Habitat Buffers |  Wetland Core                      |
|  Local Wetlands                |  Priority Natural Communities Core |
|  Local Wetland Buffers         |  Vernal Pool Core                  |
|  Local Landscapes              |  Rare Species Core                 |
|  Local Vernal Pools            |   |

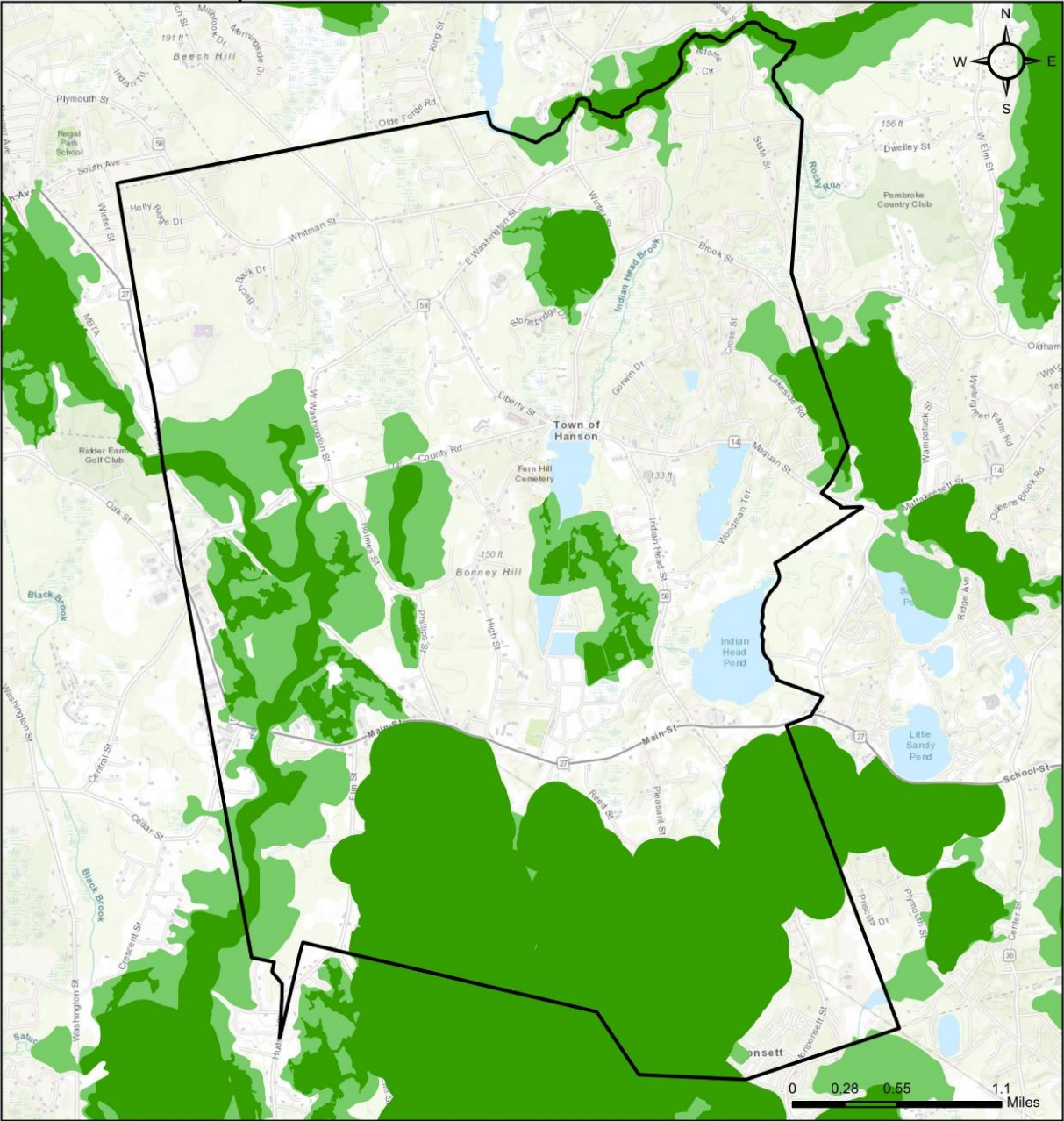


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# Hanson BioMap Elements



- Core Habitat
- Critical Natural Landscape



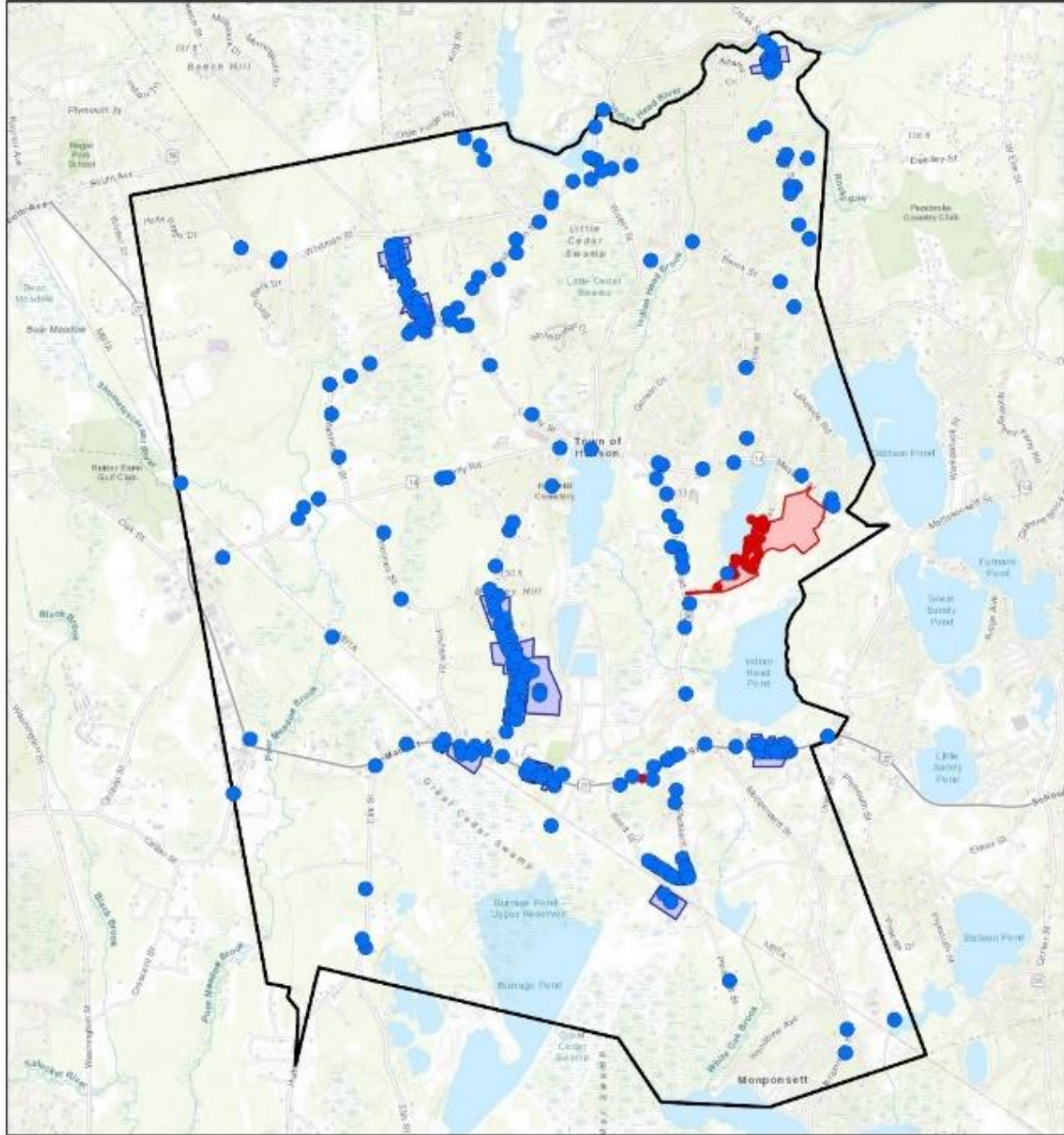
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# Hanson Historical Sites



## MassHistoric Commission Inventory (Points)

- National Register of Historic Places
- Inventoried Property

## MassHistoric Commission Inventory (Areas)

- National Register of Historic Places
- Inventoried Property

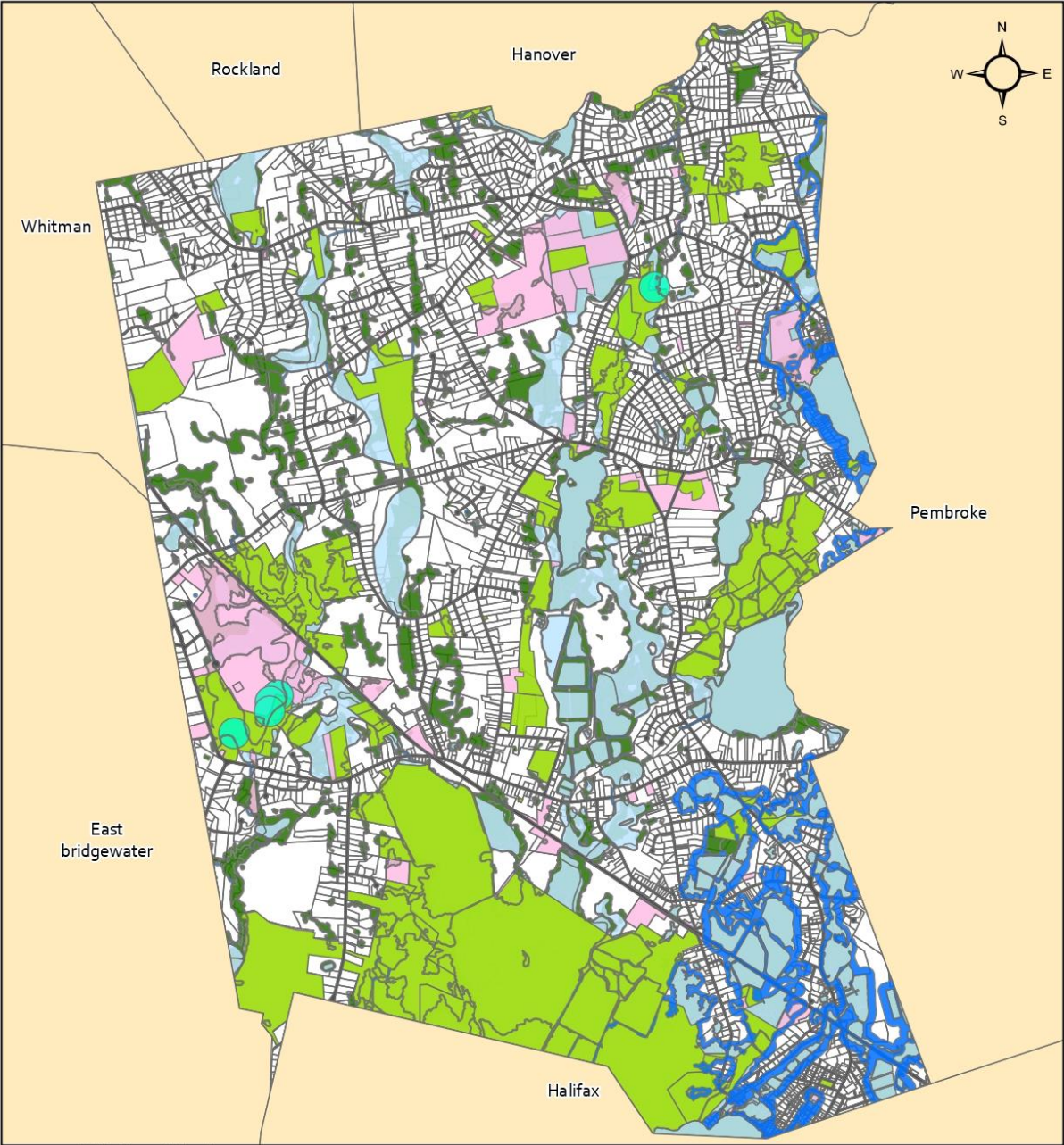


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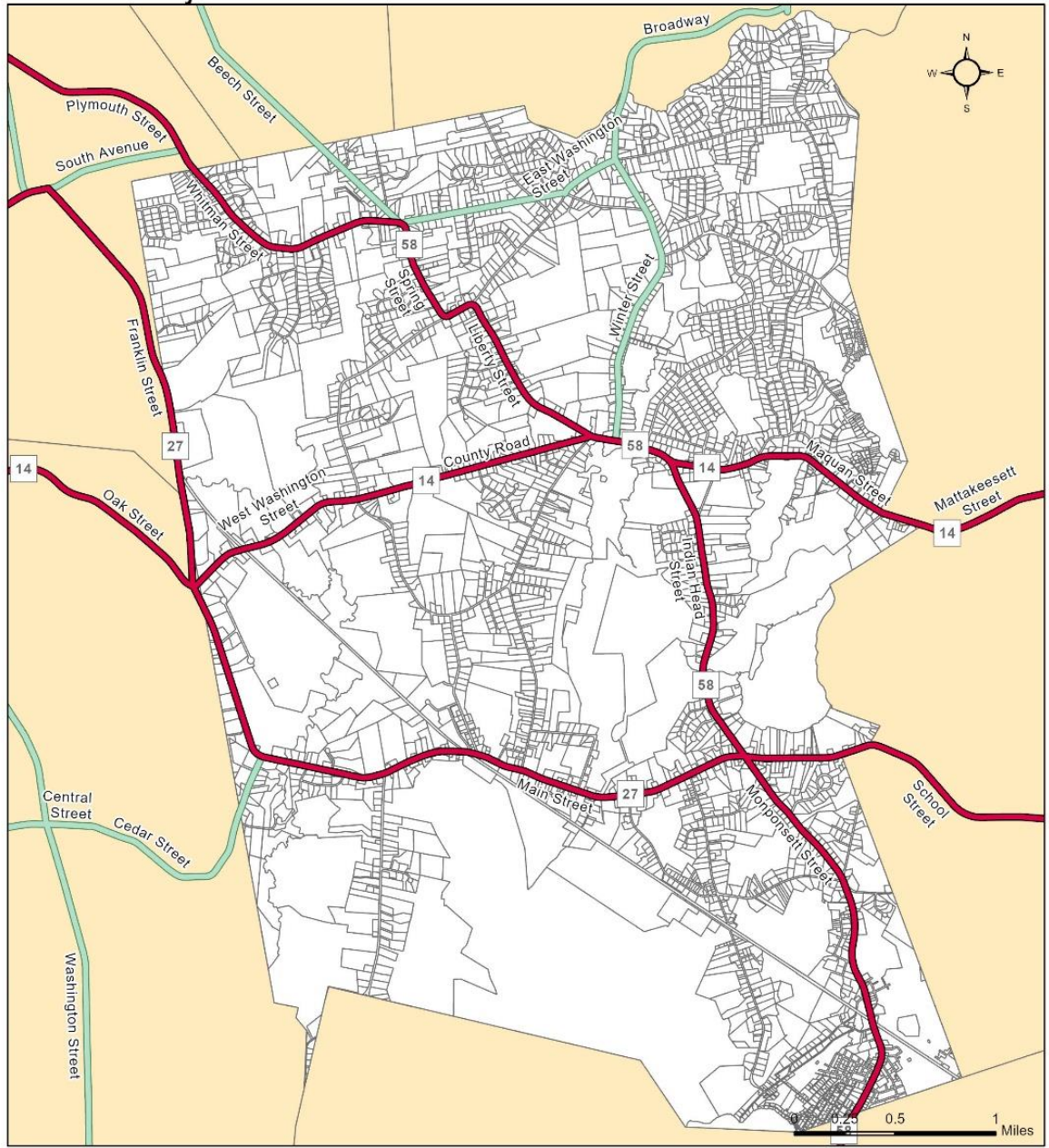


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|---|---|
|  TitleV and Surface Water Protection ZoneA |  Public and Institutional Land |
|  Wellhead Zone1                            |  Hydrography                   |
|  Right of Way                              |  Additional DEP Wetlands       |
|  Restricted Open Space                     |  Parcel                        |




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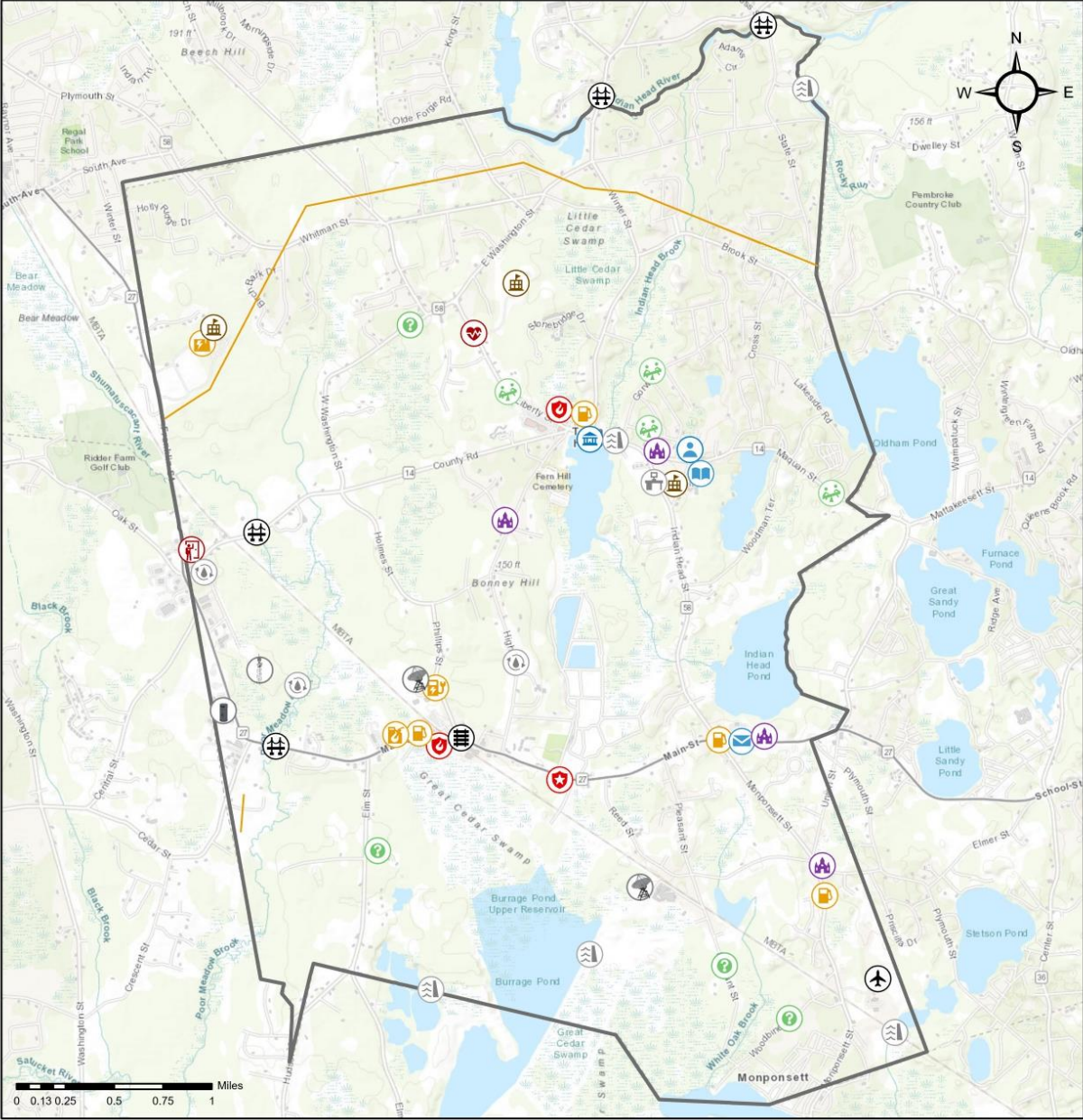
# Hanson Major Routes



- State Route
- Non-numbered Road

  
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# Hanson Critical Facilities



**Emergency Services**

- Fire Station
- Police

**Energy**

- Electric Vehicle Charging Station
- Fuel Station
- Fuel Storage
- Power Generation
- Electrical Infrastructure

**Government**

- Town Offices
- Elder Services
- Library
- Postal Services

**Healthcare**

- Health & Medical Facility

**Institution**

- Assisted Living Facility
- School

**Public Works**

- Dam
- Public Works
- Water Infrastructure
- Waste Disposal

**Services**

- Human Services
- Childcare

**Transportation**

- Airport
- Bridge
- Railroad

**Telecommunications**

- Antenna
- Cell Tower

**Cultural Resources**

- Place of Worship



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## Appendix B: Outreach Materials and Programs

- Flyers



### HANSON MASTER PLAN MEETING RECAP

Stakeholders discussed their goals with OCPC staff about Hanson's Master Plan and next steps

**VISIT THE WEBPAGE:**  
[oldcolonyplanning.org/hanson-master-plan](http://oldcolonyplanning.org/hanson-master-plan)



## Hanson MASTER PLAN

### TAKE THE SURVEY



**WE NEED THE PUBLIC'S INPUT!**  
[surveymonkey.com/r/HansonMP](https://surveymonkey.com/r/HansonMP)

**PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON A RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING TOWN SERVICES, HOUSING, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION AND MORE!**

**NEED A PAPER COPY?**  
Visit the library or planning office

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact OCPC at [rdugan@ocpcrpa.com](mailto:rdugan@ocpcrpa.com)





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# Hanson MASTER PLAN

Second Workshop

**MARCH 5 | 6:30**  
**2024 | PM**  
On Zoom



**WE NEED THE PUBLIC'S INPUT!**

Discuss community identified special topics such as zoning, traffic and pedestrian safety, open space and parks, small businesses and more

### QUESTIONS?

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Final Workshop

**JUNE 20 | 6:00**  
**2024 | PM**

Hanson Public  
Library



**WE NEED THE PUBLIC'S INPUT!**

Review the draft Action Plan for the town. Ask questions and provide feedback!  
<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/hanson-master-plan/>

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# WHITMAN-HANSON SPORTS

## A season's ending

### Baseball knocked out of the playoffs by Masconomet

The spring sports season has come to an end at W-H. The Whitman-Hanson Regional High baseball team was knocked out of the playoffs. The Panthers suffered a 5-4 loss to Masconomet in the first round of the Div. 2 tournament.

W-H took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third when David McNaught hit a sacrifice fly. Masco responded to score five of the next six runs and led 5-2 in the seventh. The Panthers cut it to 5-3 when Preston George drove in Cam Beltrami with an RBI single.

Ryan Baker knocked in Beltrami with an RBI double to make it 5-4 with no one out. But that was as close as W-H would get as Maso ended it by throwing a runner out at second on an attempted steal. Meanwhile, the year's sports All-Stars have been named from the 2023-24 school year.

#### FALL ALL-STARS

Blake Belcher — golf; Caroline Gray — volleyball; McKenna McCarthy — cross country; Alexander Kehayas — cross country; Makenna Marshall — girls' soccer; Brooke McAloney — girl's soccer; Savannah Kamperides — girls' soccer; Ethan Fostello — boys'

soccer; Paige Cosgrove — field hockey; Cam Beltrami — football; Johnny Walker — football.

#### WINTER ALL-STARS

Evan Yakovonis — boys' basketball; Caleb Baker — boys' basketball; Ryan Baker — boys' basketball; Lillie MackInnon — girls' basketball; Taryn Leonard — girls' basketball; Dylan Hurley — girls' basketball; Jenna Mishou — girls' basketball; Emma McKeon Gymnastics; Luke Tropeano — boys' hockey; Zach Boss — boys' hockey; Charlie Lussier — wrestling; PJ Katz — wrestling; Jake Cappelletti — indoor track.

#### SPRING ALL-STARS

Tristan Baker — boys' tennis; Sophie Ennis — girls' tennis; Maddy Morris — girls' tennis; David Marshall — boys' lacrosse; Shannon Balfe — girls' lacrosse; Bailey Kely — girls' lacrosse; Taryn Leonard — softball; McKenna McCarthy — track & field; Sky Anderson — track & field; Brianna Condio — track & field; Ryan Baker — baseball; David McNaught — baseball.

### DFS vehicle donation program

Individuals interested in donating their old vehicle including car, truck, boat, trailer, RV, or motorcycle may do so by visiting [WhitmanAndHanson.DollarsforScholars.org](http://WhitmanAndHanson.DollarsforScholars.org) or contacting Mike at 781-252-9683 for more information. Proceeds benefit graduating high school students in the Whitman and Hanson area.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5*

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We're fully stocked with everything **WEBER** grills! And best of all, just for our loyal customers, we have a few specials: *Free assembly and delivery for any new Weber grill purchased from now through 6/30/24 (up to a \$75 value!).*

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## **-Presentations**



# Hanson

## Creating Your

# 2024-2034 Master Plan

Discovery Workshop

Tony Defrias, Town Planner

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Rhiannon Dugan, Senior Comprehensive Planner OCPC

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# Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Master Plan Who, What and Why?
- Current Data Collection and Maps
- Turning it in to Elements
- Your input: Why do you live in Hanson?

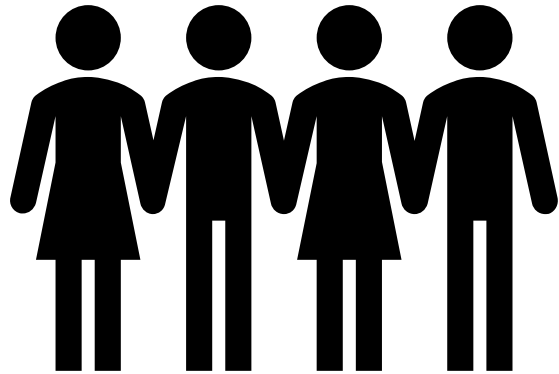


# What is a Master Plan?

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law:

Such plan shall be a **statement**, through text, maps, illustrations or other forms of communication, that is designed to **provide a basis for decision making** regarding the **long-term** physical development of the municipality. The comprehensive plan shall be internally consistent in its policies, forecasts and standards . . . [M.G.L. c. 41, s. 81D]

Long-term typically interpreted as a guide for the next 10 or more years



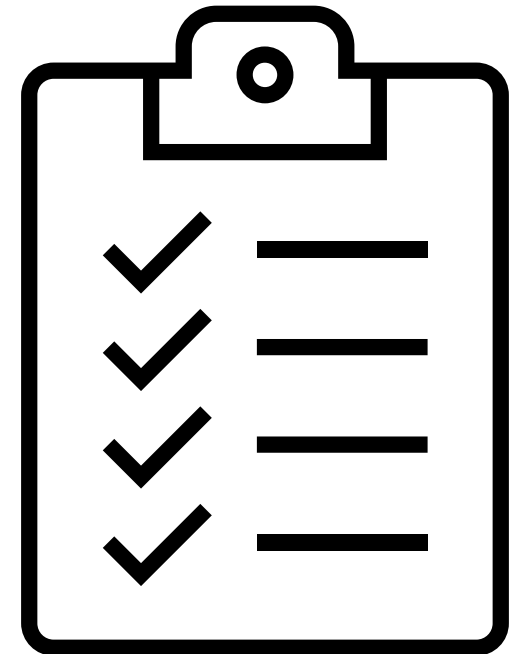
## OCPC Collaboration

- Listen to the community
- Understand the community's goals and priorities for the town
- Gather, analyze, and present information
- Help make a plan that responds to your goals

# State Required Elements

State Requirements - M.G.L. c. 41, s. 81D directs Planning Boards to prepare a Master Plan with the following chapters (aka “elements”):

1. Statement of Goals and Policies
2. Land Use
3. Housing
4. Economic Development
5. Natural and Cultural Resources
6. Open Space and Recreation
7. Sustainability and Climate Change
8. Services and Facilities
9. Transportation and Circulation
10. Implementation Strategies



What does a  
Master Plan  
mean for a  
town?

- A guide for local public policy
- Bylaws
- Land preservation
- Targeted economic development
- Prioritize conservation areas
- Allocate funds for capital improvements
- Advocate for needed services
- Capture the wants and needs of the community



# What type of information do we look at?

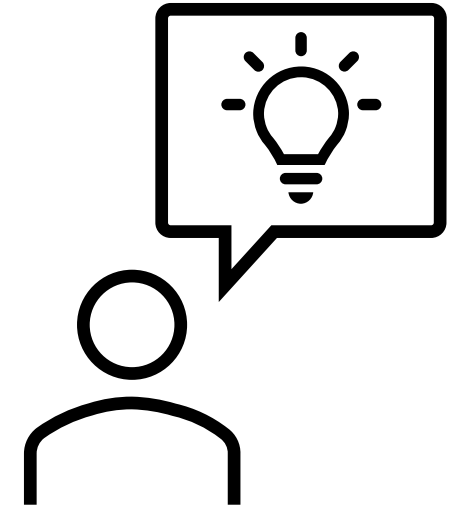
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- Land Use Patterns
- Zoning and Bylaws
- Town Priority Areas
- Municipal Land and Facilities
- Water Resources
- Conservation
- Wildlife Habitat
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Emergency Statistics and Services
- Land Values
- History
- Demographics
- Economy

# And your input!

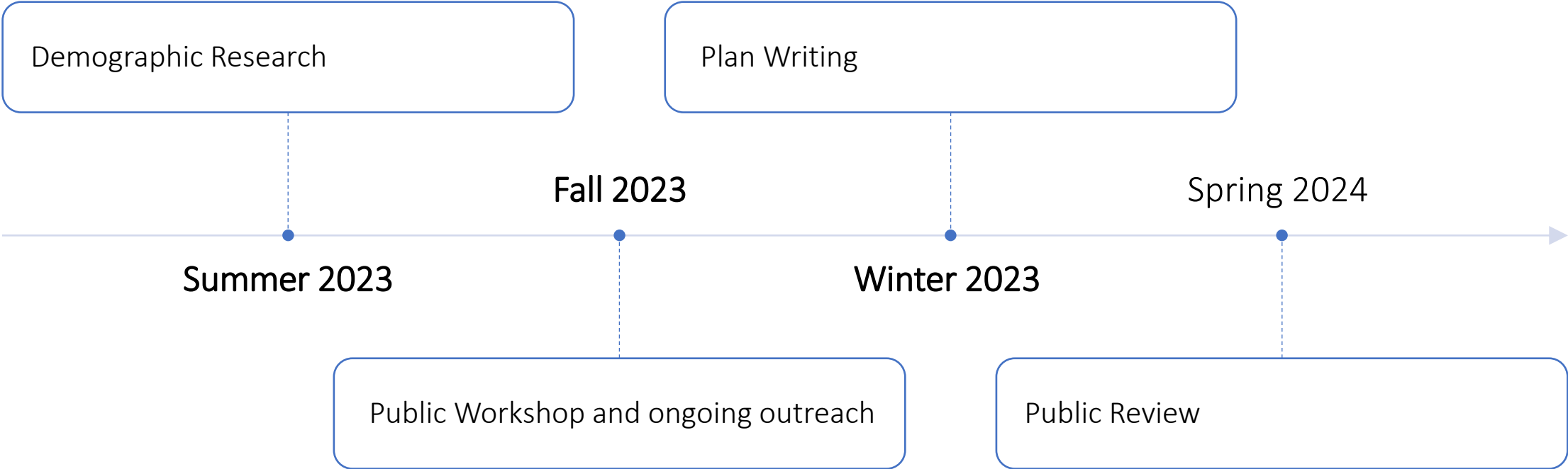
The community's character, input, and goals are the most important part to make the plan unique and effective.

- Public Workshops (Today and more to come)
- Table Events
- Website and Social Media
- Public Comment Submissions
- Master Plan Committee





# Timeline



Data



# Demographics

## Age

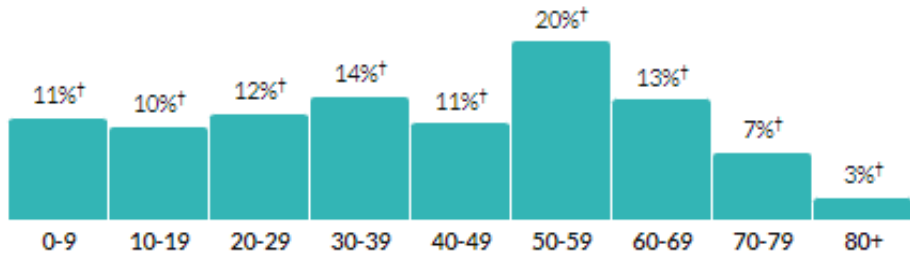
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Median age

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Plymouth County: 42.6

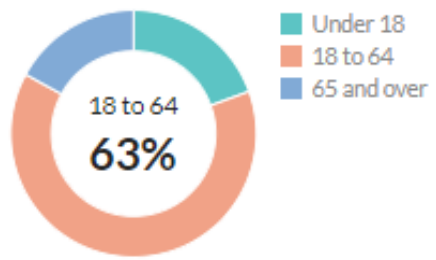
about 10 percent higher than the  
figure in Massachusetts: 39.6

Population by age range



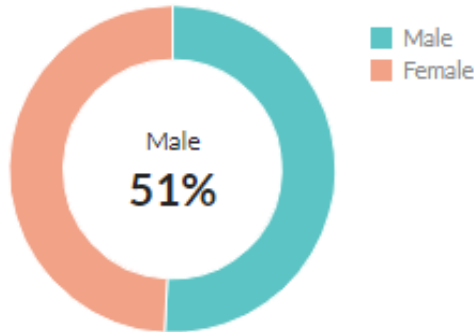
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Population by age category



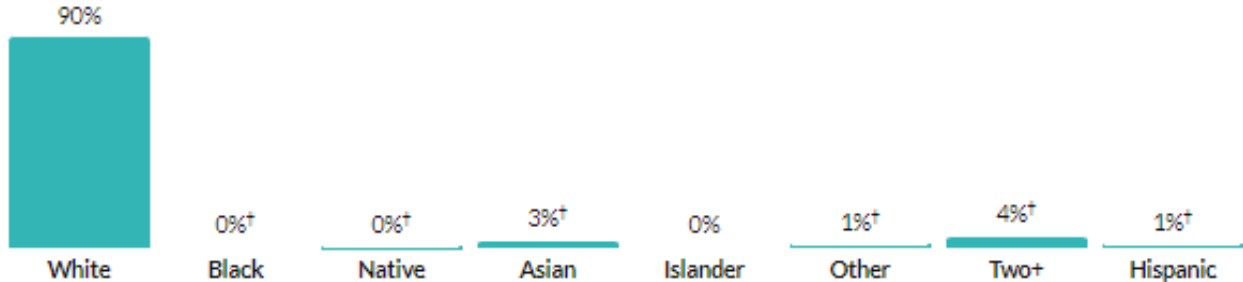
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## Sex



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## Race & Ethnicity



\* Hispanic includes respondents of any race. Other categories are non-Hispanic.

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# Population Trends

the population of the town of Hanson was 10,639, which increased by approximately 1,611 residents since 1990 (17.84%), with growth slowing in recent years.

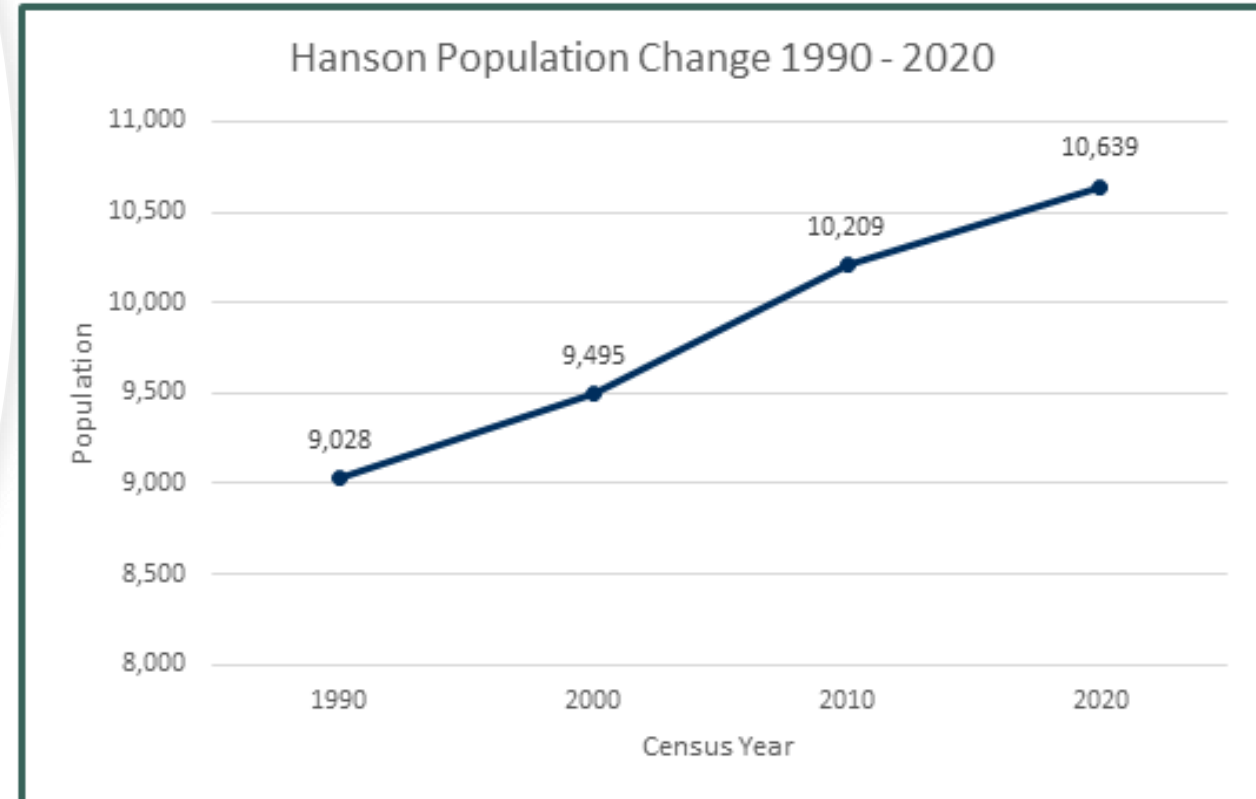
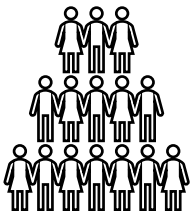
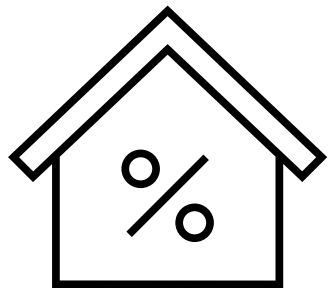


Figure 1: Hanson Population Change 1990 - 2020

# Housing



## Households

**3,920**

Number of households

Plymouth County: 196,307

Massachusetts: 2,714,448

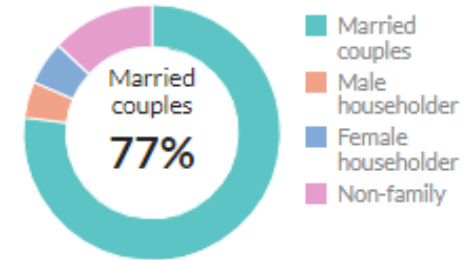
**2.7**

Persons per household

a little higher than the figure in  
Plymouth County: 2.6

about 10 percent higher than the figure  
in Massachusetts: 2.5

## Population by household type



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	Count	Percent
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,227	31.30%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	1,343	34.30%
Average household size	2.7	(X)
Average family size	3.25	(X)

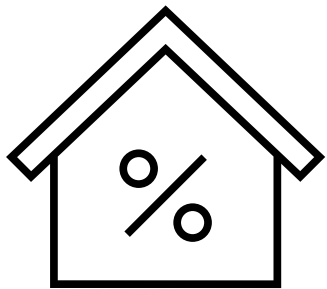
# Housing: Subsidized Housing Inventory



10% of each town's housing stock in Massachusetts must be subsidized units.



*The SHI identified 229 total development units and 188 subsidized housing units, resulting in an SHI of 4.79%.*



How can the town diversify its housing stock?

What types of houses does current zoning support?

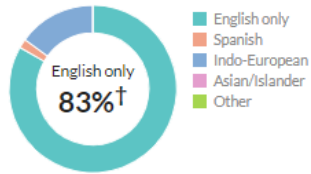
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Language

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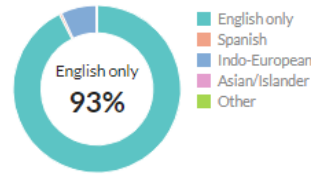
Persons with language other than English spoken at home

Language at home, children 5-17



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Language at home, adults 18+



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Enrollment by Grade (2022-23)																
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SP	Total
<a href="#">Hanson Middle School</a>	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	108	100	127	0	0	0	0	0	449
<a href="#">Indian Head</a>	0	93	101	91	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	485
<a href="#">John H Duval</a>	0	51	75	70	72	82	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	428
<a href="#">Louise A Conley</a>	0	70	82	67	98	80	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	482
<a href="#">The Pre-School Academy at Whitman Hanson</a>	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
<a href="#">Whitman Hanson Regional</a>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	256	256	253	316	12	1,093
<a href="#">Whitman Middle</a>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	175	160	0	0	0	0	0	504
<b>District</b>	100	214	258	228	270	262	275	277	275	287	256	256	253	316	12	3,539

## Educational attainment

94%

High school grad or higher

about the same as the rate in Plymouth County: 93%

a little higher than the rate in Massachusetts: 91.2%

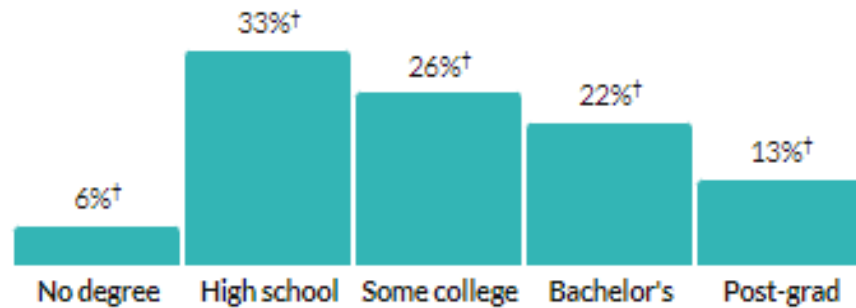
34.8%

Bachelor's degree or higher

about 90 percent of the rate in Plymouth County: 39.3%

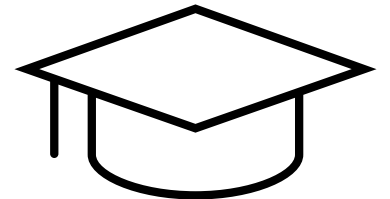
about three-quarters of the rate in Massachusetts: 45.2%

## Population by highest level of education



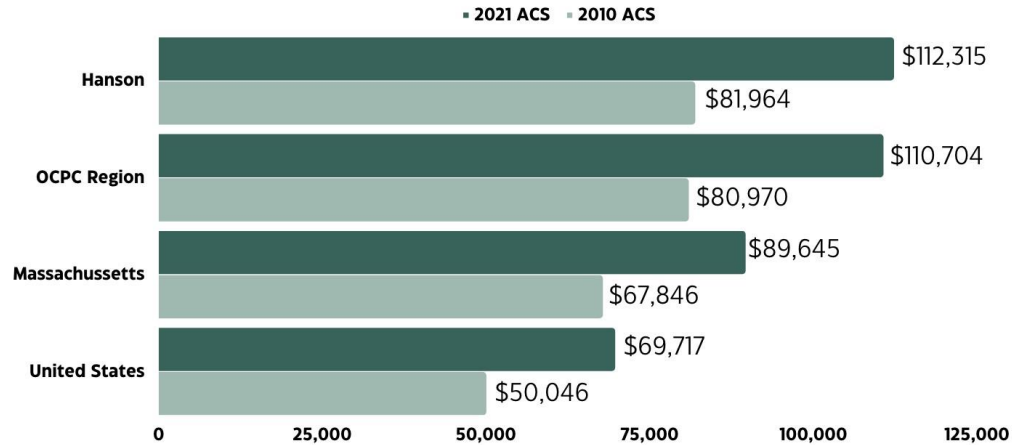
\* Universe: Population 25 years and over

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# Income

## Median Income



## Income

**\$51,071**

Per capita income

a little higher than the amount in Plymouth County: \$48,785

a little higher than the amount in Massachusetts: \$48,617

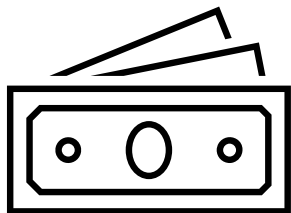
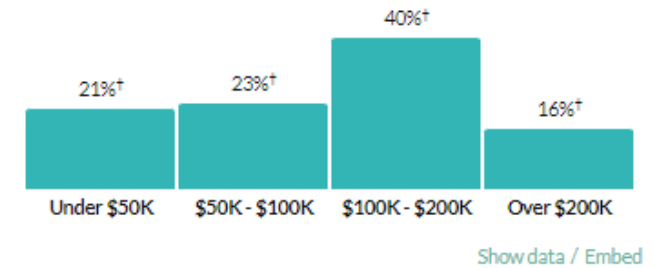
**\$112,315**

Median household income

about 10 percent higher than the amount in Plymouth County: \$98,190

about 25 percent higher than the amount in Massachusetts: \$89,026

## Household income



## Poverty

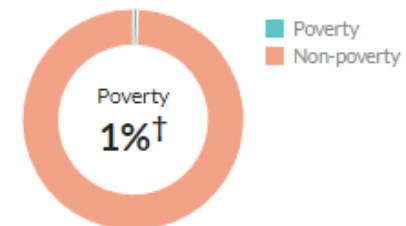
**2.3%**

Persons below poverty line

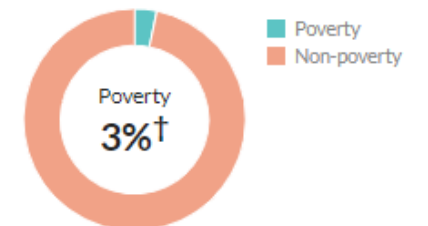
about one-third of the rate in Plymouth County: 6.5%

about one-quarter of the rate in Massachusetts: 9.9%

### Children (Under 18)



### Seniors (65 and over)





# Local Economy



## Transportation to work

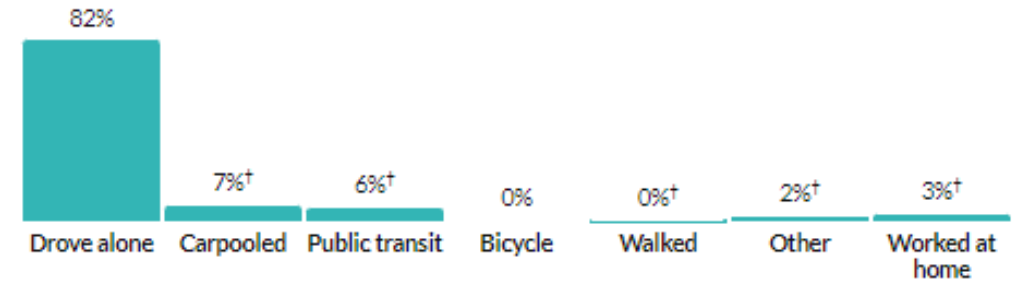
**35.5** minutes

Mean travel time to work

about 10 percent higher than the figure in Plymouth County: 33

about 20 percent higher than the figure in Massachusetts: 29.6

## Means of transportation to work

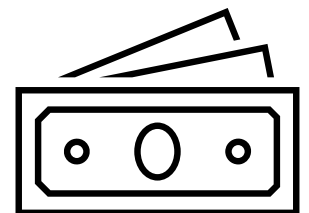


\* Universe: Workers 16 years and over

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## Largest employers

Company name	Number of employees
Shaw's Supermarket	100-249
Hanson Appliance Repair Men	50-99
Hanson Middle School	50-99
Webster One Source	50-99

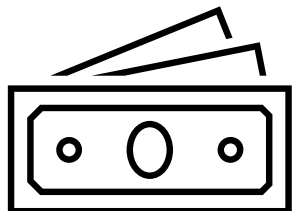


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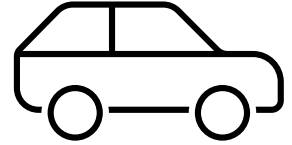
DOR Code	Municipality	Fiscal Year	Residential Levy	Open Space Levy	Commercial Levy	Industrial Levy	Personal Property Levy	Total Levy	RO Levy as a % of Total	CIP Levy as a % of Total
123	Hanson	2023	24,108,707	0	1,038,975	340,147	459,372	25,947,201	92.91	7.09

Commercial and Industrial Levy help reduce the pressure of residential taxes. Increased revenue to the town allows for capital improvement.

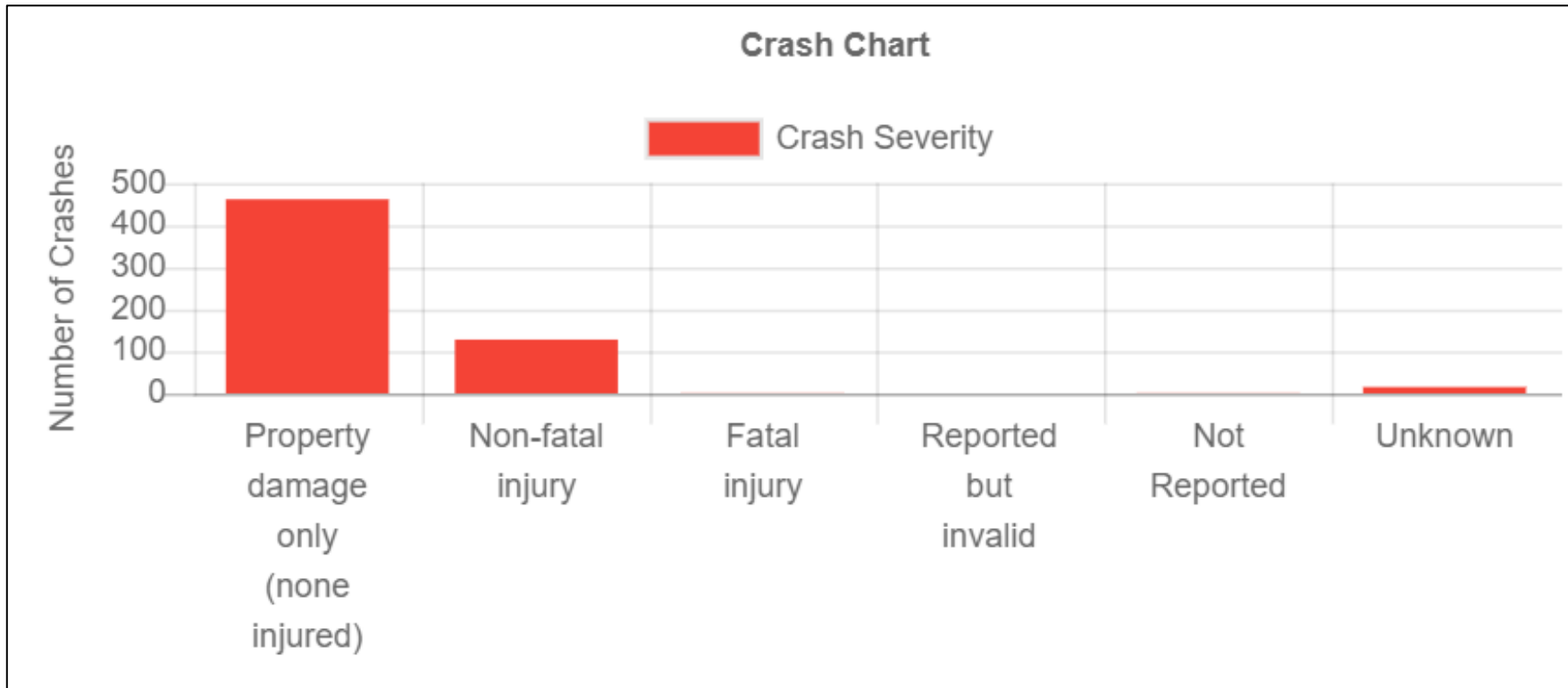
Where in town would residents support more business? What businesses would the residents support?



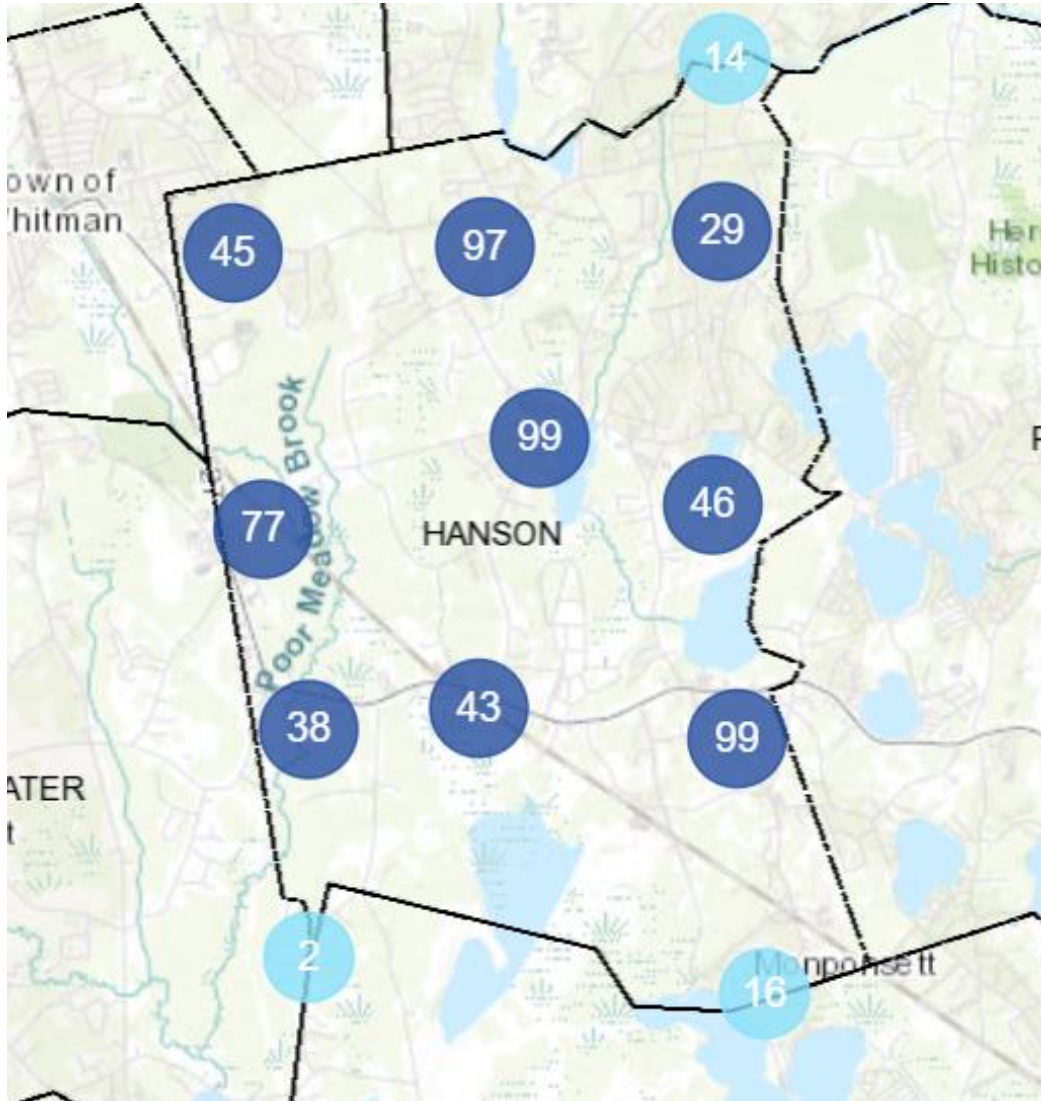
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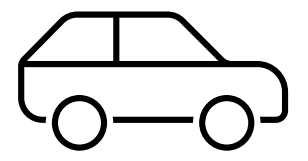
Accidents in town from 2020-2023



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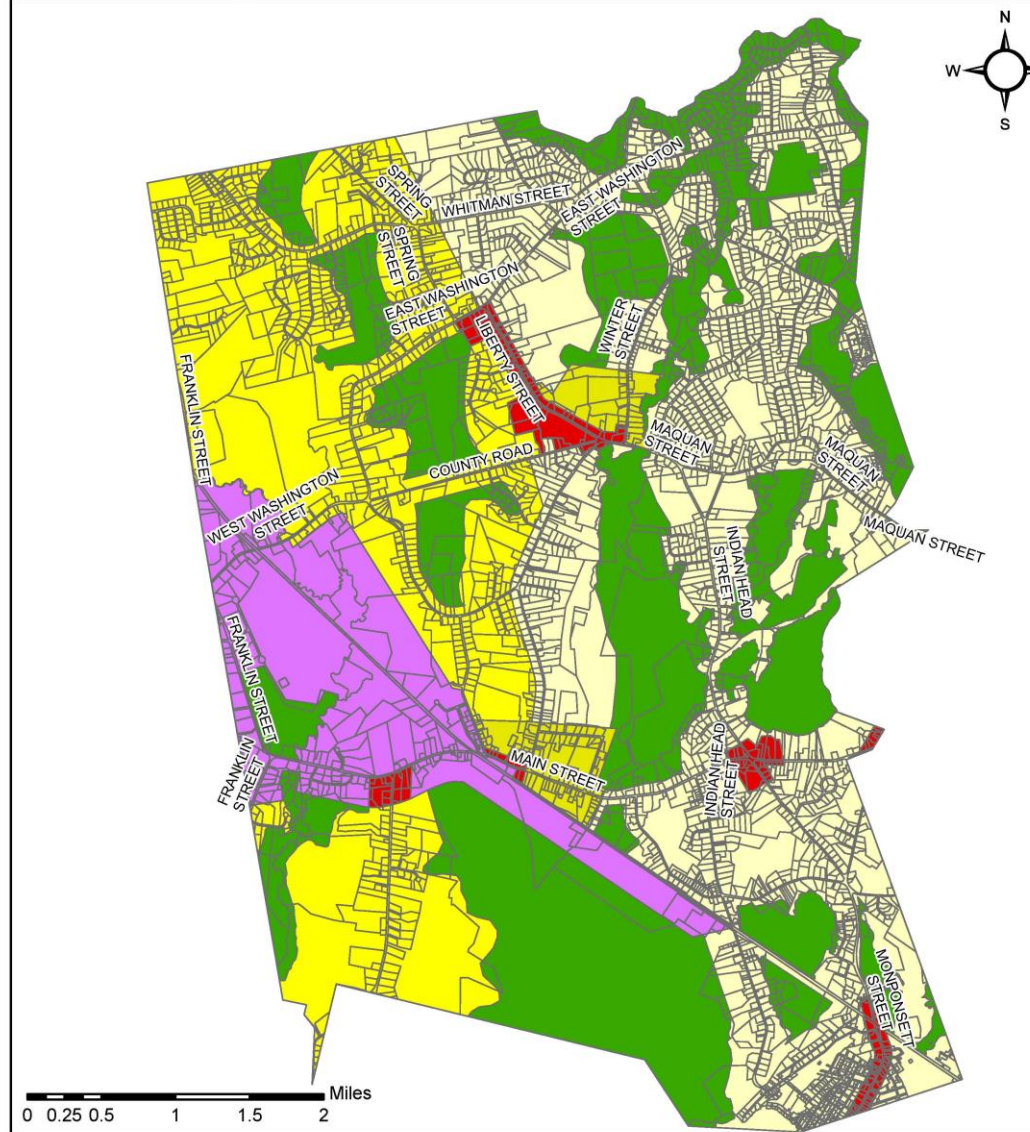


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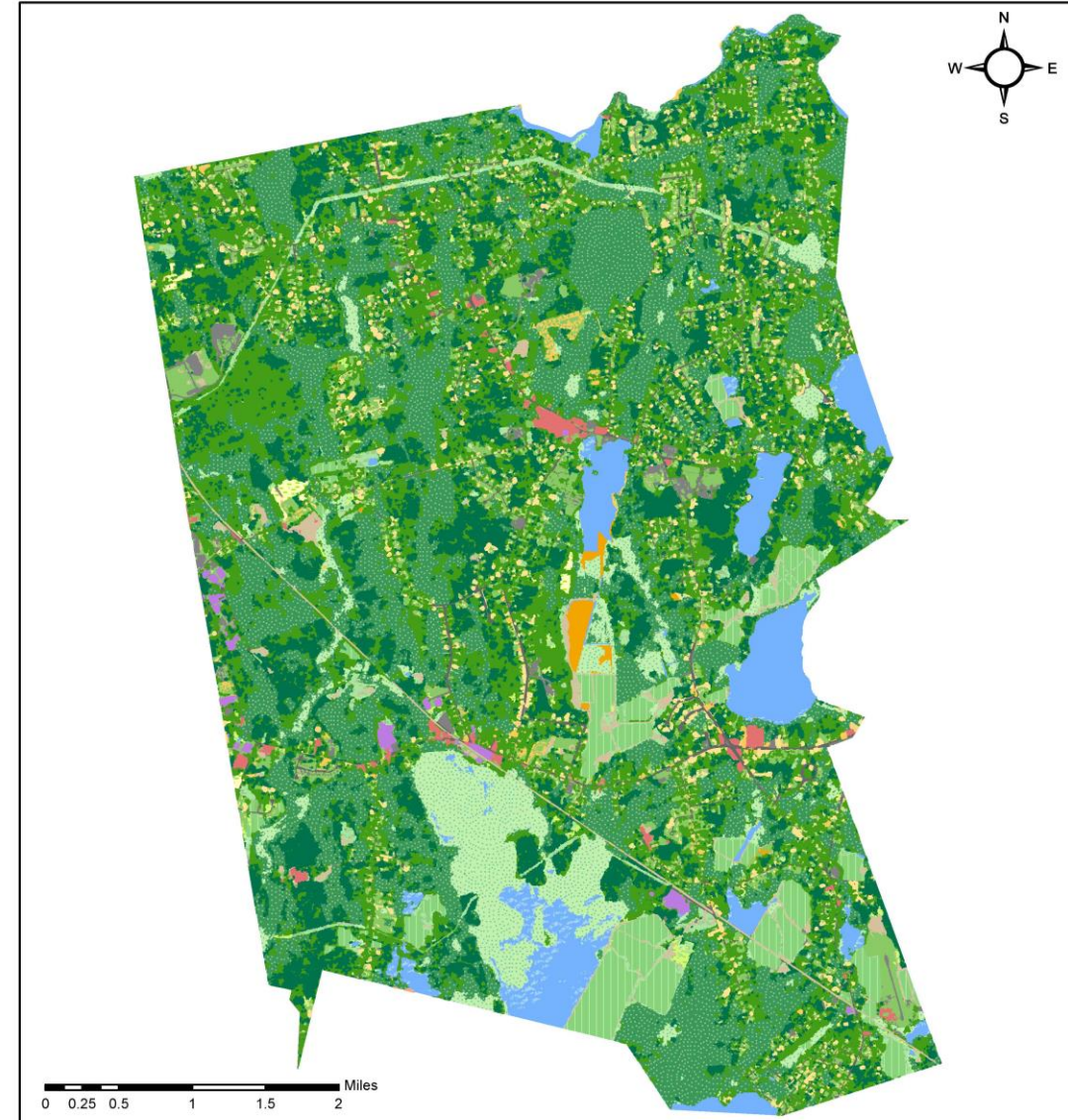


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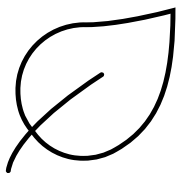


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Mass Audubon uses multiple data sources to compare each of the 351 town and city's conservation land.

The following statistics are from the Losing Ground 2020 report by Mass Audubon. The numbers reflect the values and change in land use between 2012 and 2017. These numbers may have changed since.

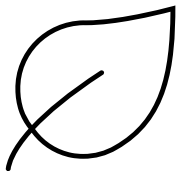


Statistic	Value	Rank in state
Total area of newly developed land from 2012 to 2017 (acres)	48	186
Total area of newly developed land from 2012 to 2017, standardized by town size (acres per square mile)	3.1	162
<a href="#">MAP</a>		
Total area of development (acres)	2,711	155
Total area of natural land (acres)	6,527	228
Total area of open land (acres)	645	243
Percent developed land	26 %	147
Percent natural land	64 %	190
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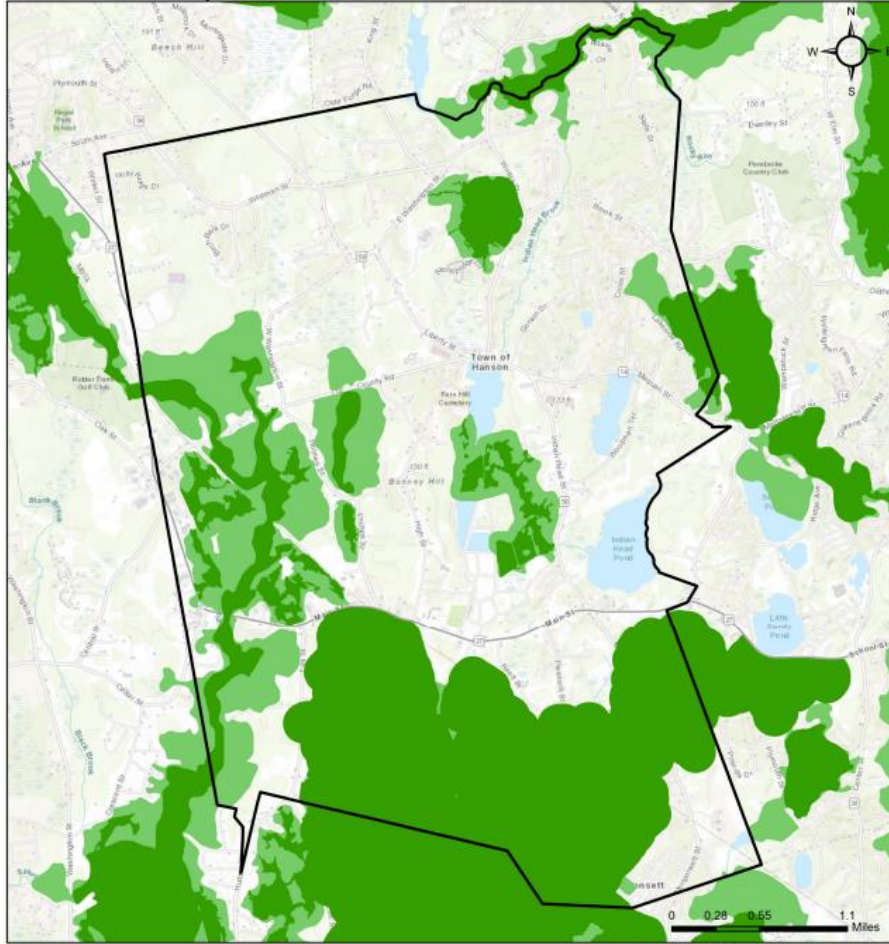


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Overall percent permanently conserved	18 %	223
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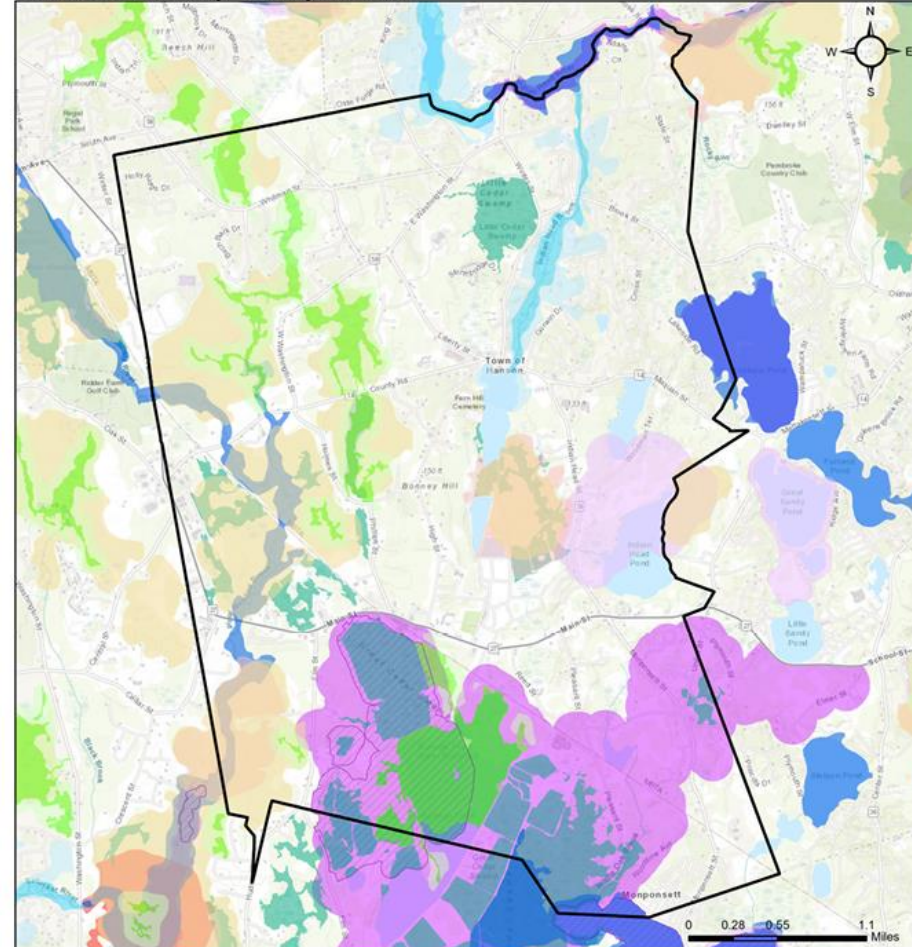


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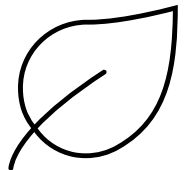
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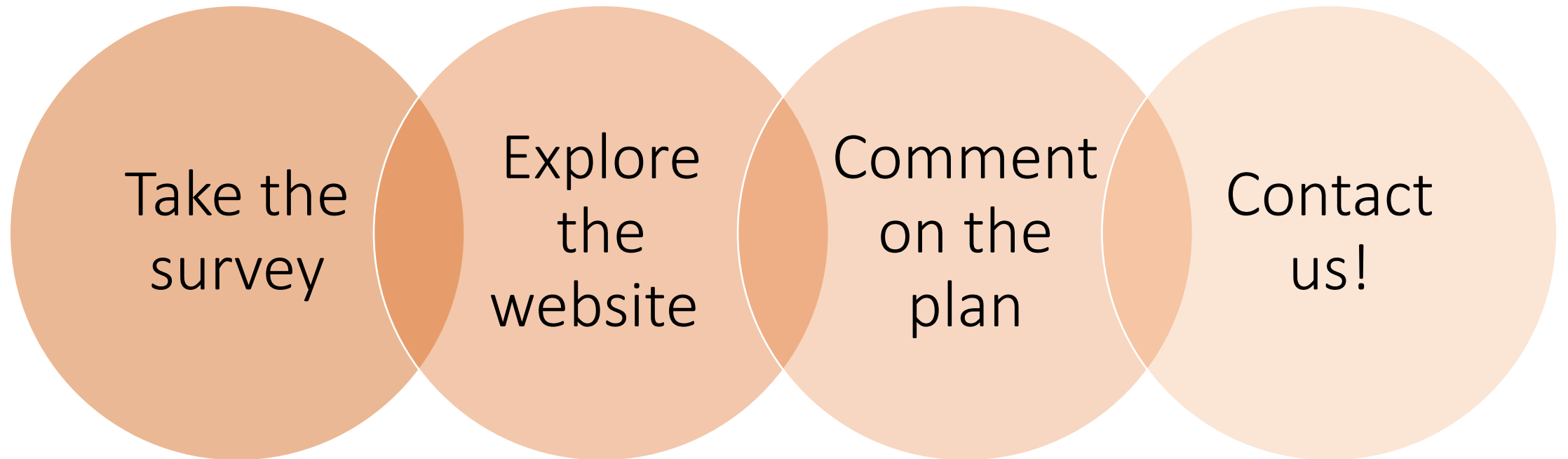
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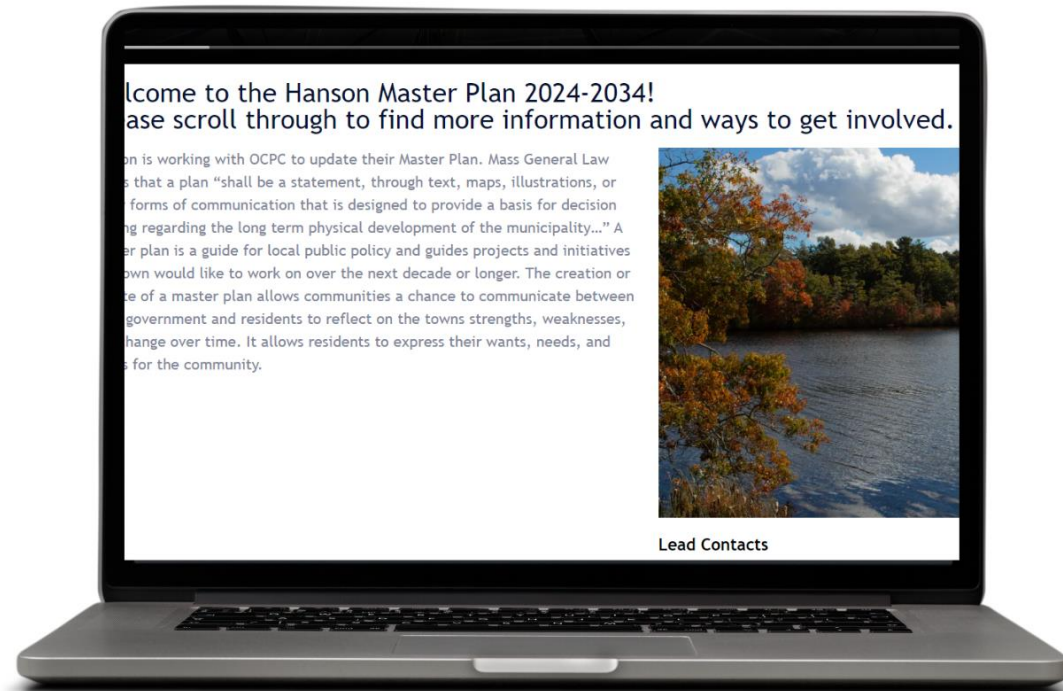
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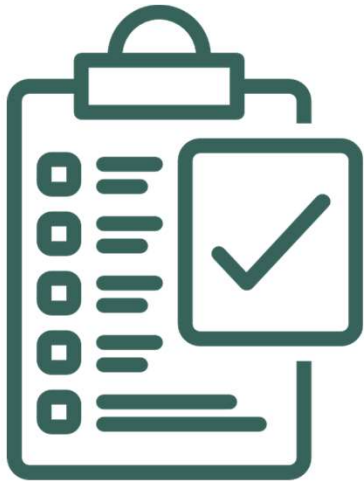


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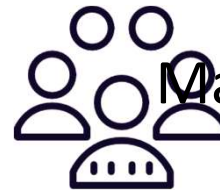
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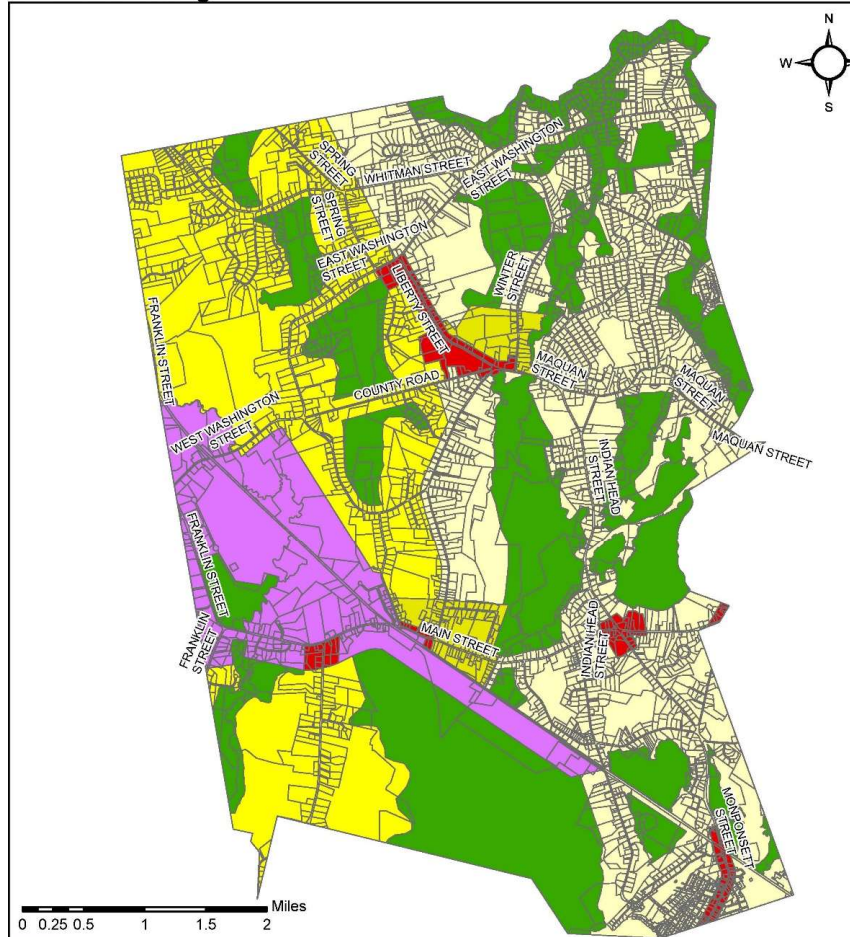
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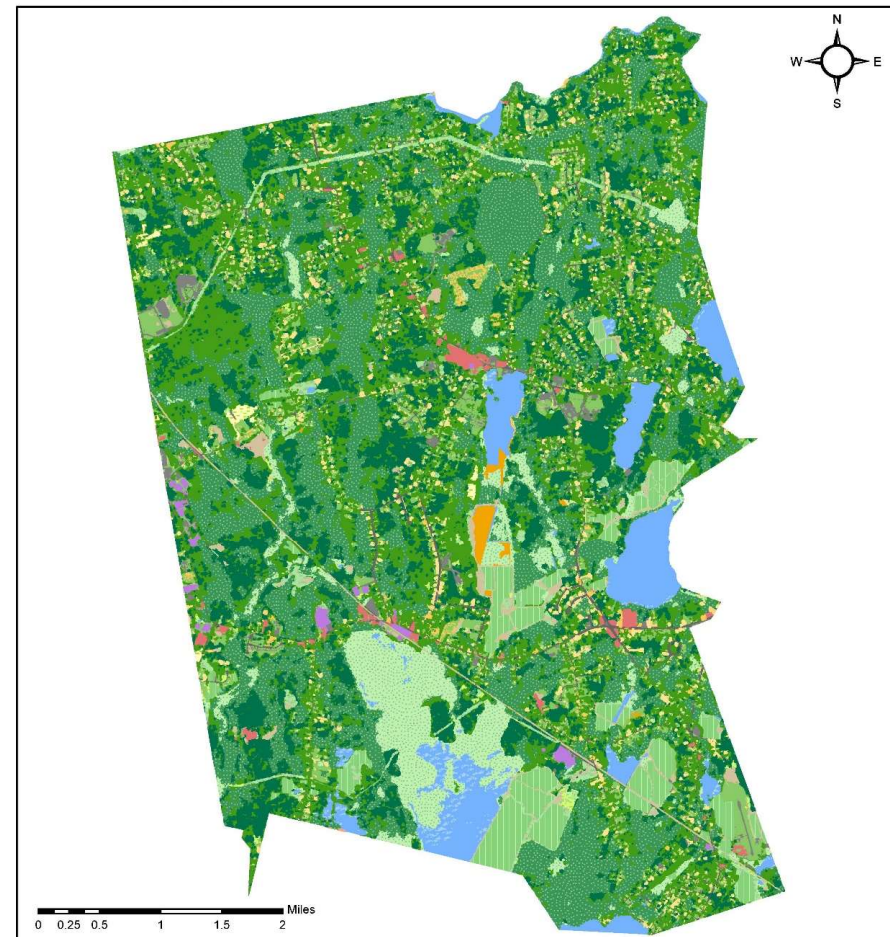


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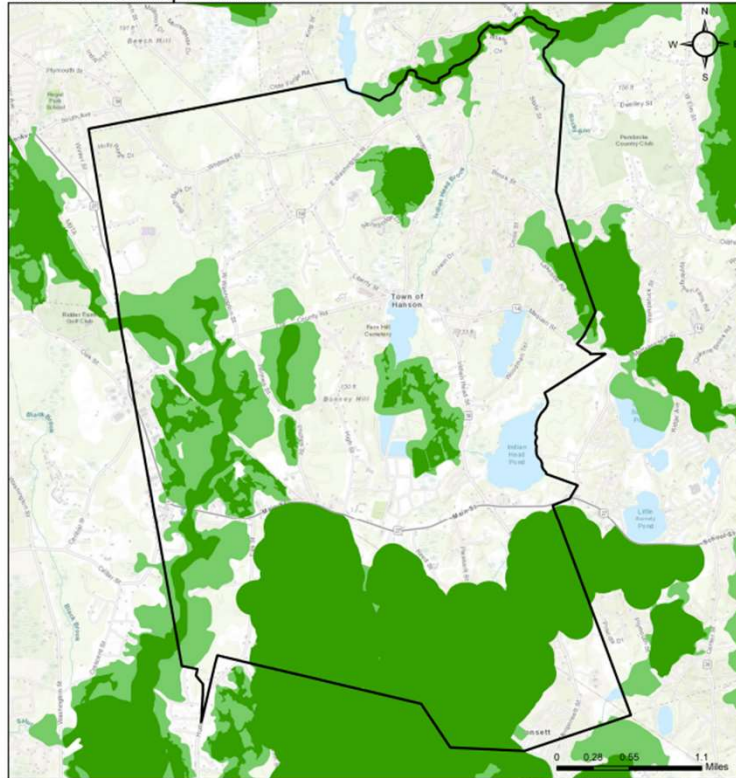
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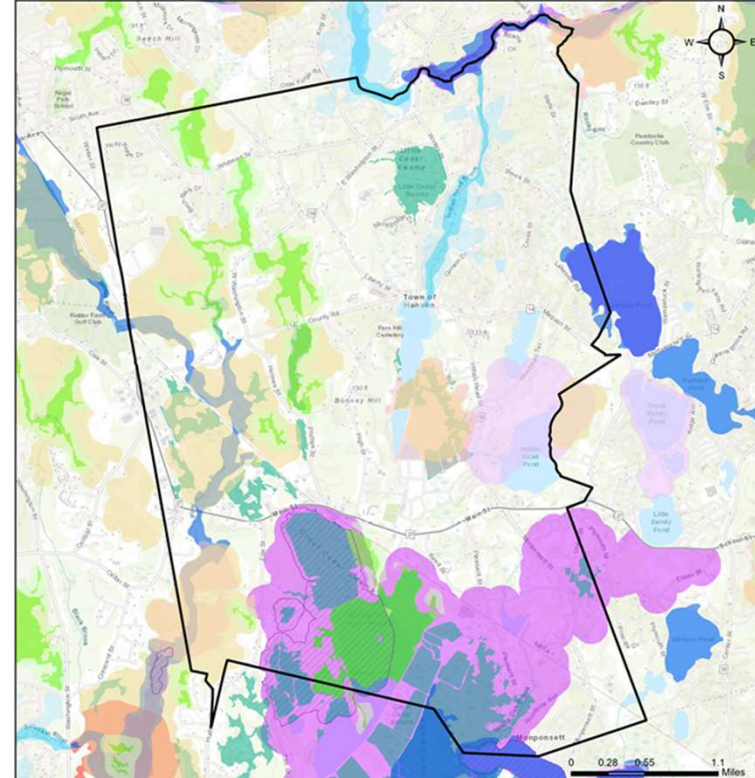


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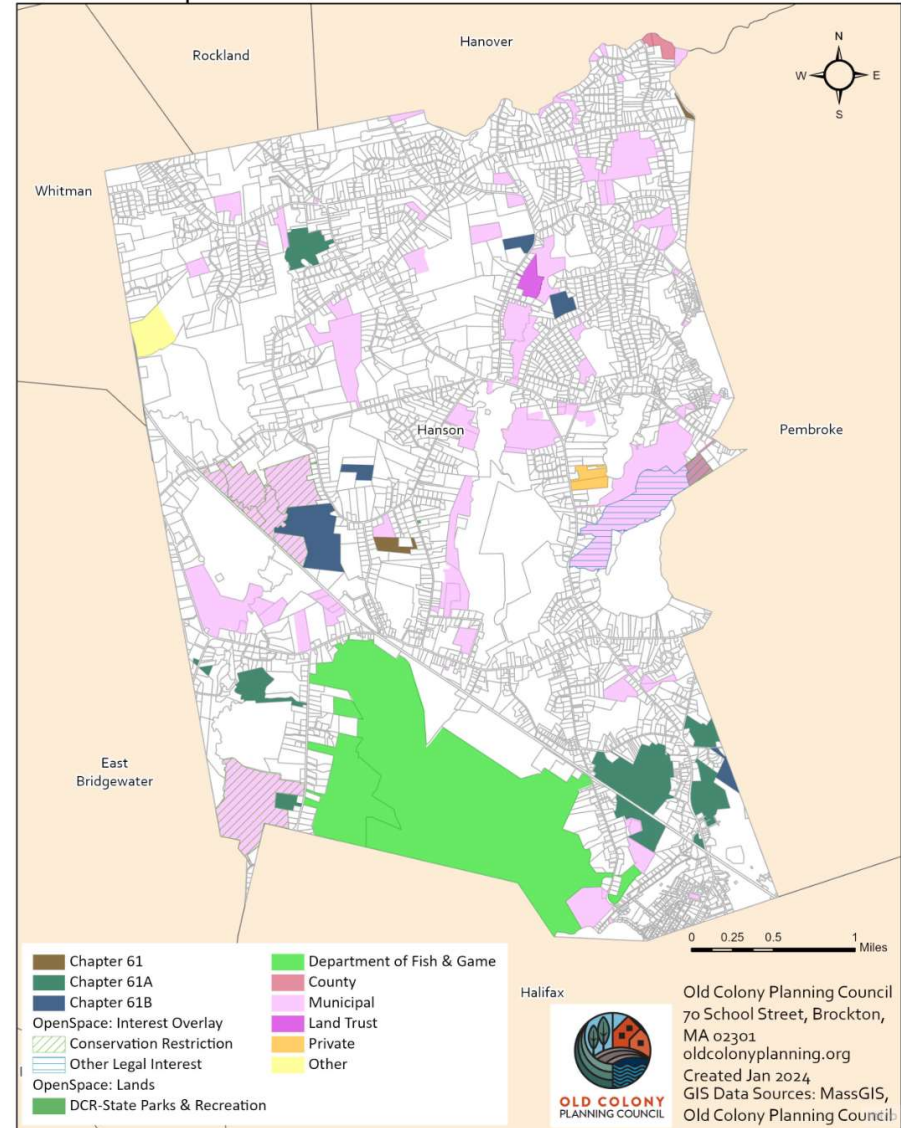


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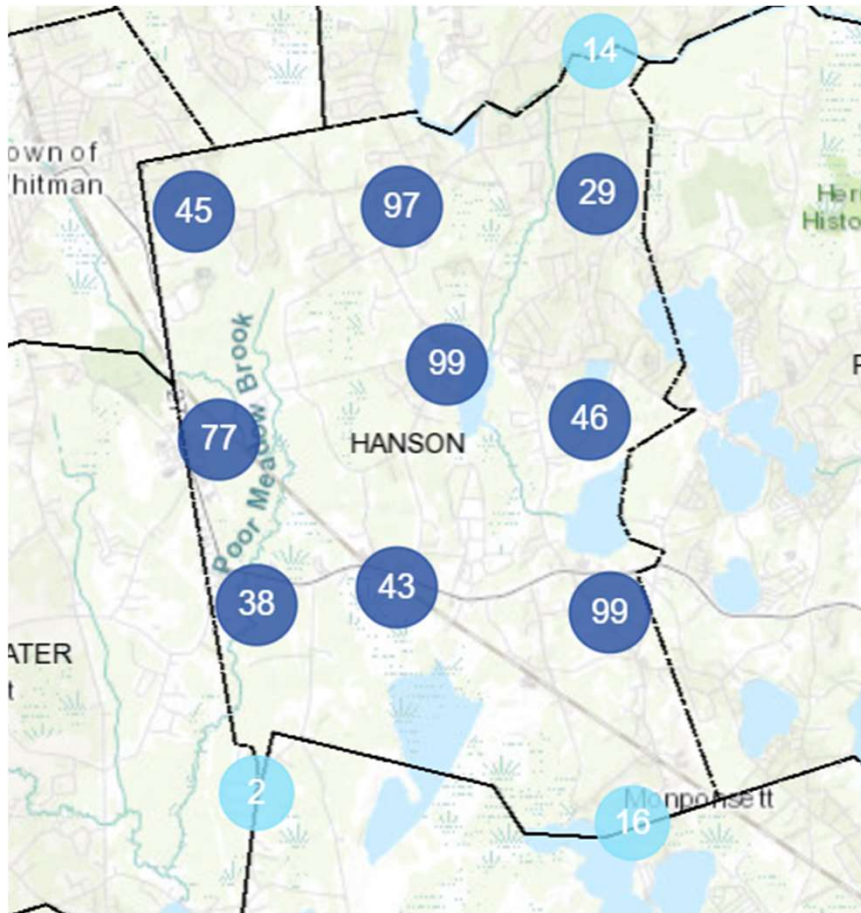


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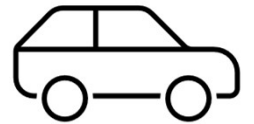
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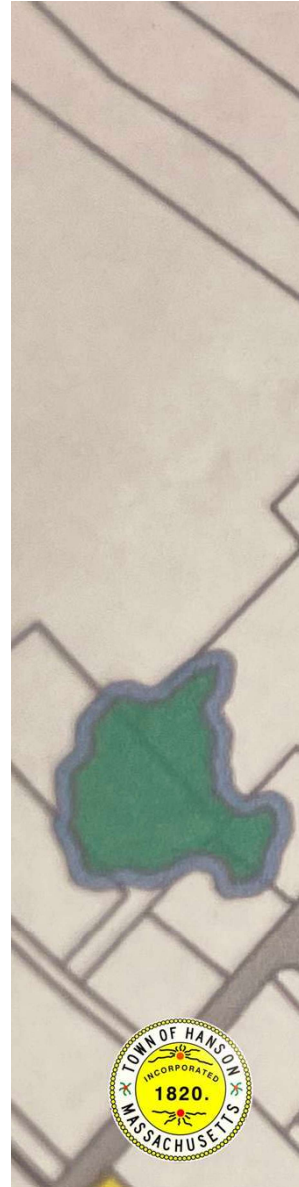




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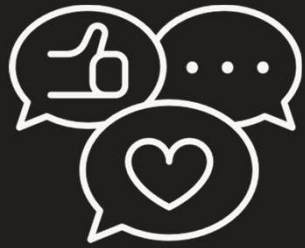




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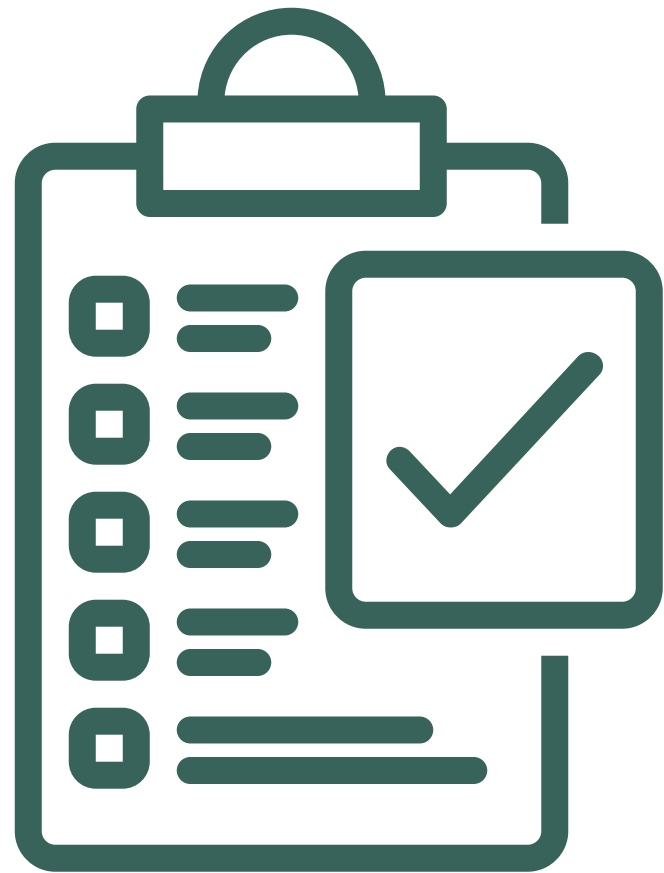
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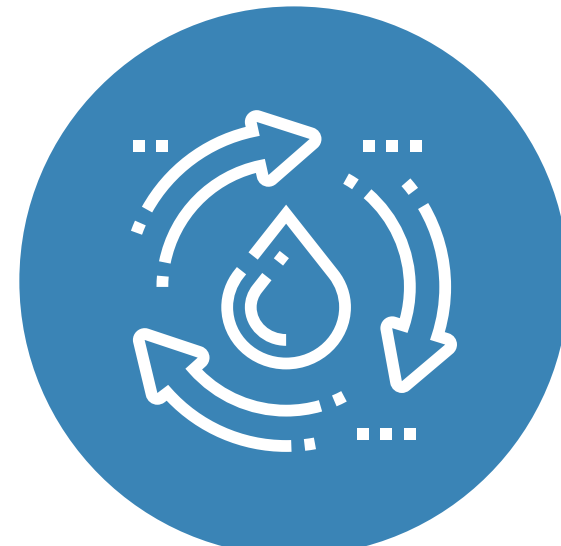




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  - a. Create a Priority Development and Priority Protection Area map to guide future zoning updates.
  - b. Consider the amendment of bylaws to support mixed-use to increase the height of buildings and reduce parking spot minimums to help reduce the footprint of developments and preserve open space.
  
2. Consider mitigating future traffic increases through pedestrian safety efforts, aesthetics, and promotion of public transit.
  - a. Update supporting plans including but not limited to the Open Space and Recreation Plan, Housing Production Plan, and Community Preservation Action Plan.
  - b. Create a schedule to include when plans are set to expire and ways to access funding to limit the burden of updates on the town.
  - c. Maintain a master list of objectives of the town across different themes and plans.
  
3. Schedule regular joint land use committees (Board of Selectboard, Assessors, Planning, ZBA, and Conservation) together to review goals and objectives identified in the Master Plan and evolving needs over time.

# Economic Development Goals and Actions

## 1. Expand Local Zoning to Support Diversifying the Tax Base

Local Zoning in town is currently limited and does not support the expansion of local businesses to diversify the tax base and alleviate residential tax pressure.

- a. Reimagine Main Street Business Districts
- b. Redefine & Intensify the Commercial Value of Hanson Center (Route 14/58)
- c. Expand Commercial-Industrial Development between Hawks Ave and Hanson Commerce Park along Route 27.
- d. Create a Strategy for Developing Large-Scale Infrastructure that Will Leverage Job Creation and Appeal to New Business.
- e. Consider a Flex Overlay that allows for greater use where applicable.

## 2. Prioritize Investment Around South Hanson Station

- a. Implement a Transit-Oriented Development Strategy that Provides Mixed Use Housing Options and a Retail “Business Center.”

## 3. Improve Local Circulation and Streetscape to Create a Vibrant, Compact Corridor that Caters to Pedestrians and Invites Consumers/Patrons.

- a. Prioritize pedestrian infrastructure and connections at South Hanson Station.
- b. Consider design guidelines for Hanson Center that prioritize convenience for shoppers.
- c. Consider basic streetscape enhancements and placemaking ideas for activating the South Hanson Station neighborhood with attractive spaces and/or seasonal activities

# Housing Goals and Actions

1. Staff from the Housing Authority and Housing Committee will work with the planning board on ways to increase housing potential to meet the following needs as defined by the Housing Production Plan and state regulation:
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  - d. Homeownership units for people in a somewhat lower income range than Chapter 40B or inclusionary zoning developments typically serve.
  
2. Increase opportunity for Veteran and Senior Tax Relief programs to keep the most financially threatened residents in their homes.

# Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

## Goals and Actions

1. Conserve farmland and support existing agriculture businesses in town.
  - a. The Assessor's office should continue to keep an up-to-date record of all Chapter 61, farm parcels, to promote permanent protection of working land and share any changes with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.
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2. Work to limit run-off in town to keep drinking water sources clean.
  - a. As the town relies on local water, and in appreciation of the recreational opportunities ponds and lakes provide to the town it is important to protect these resources.
  - b. The design and implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) bylaw to minimize the number of impervious areas.
  - c. Construction improvements and upgrades to existing stormwater infrastructure, such as deep sump basins and infiltrating catch-basins;
  - d. The institution of housekeeping programs to minimize sediment accumulation, including annual catch-basin cleaning and street sweeping.
  - e. Conserve land around existing bodies of water for filtration and increased protection.
  - f. Public education is an important tool in water quality protection. Educating residents on pollution prevention including ecologically safe lawn care helps prevent local pollutants
  
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# Introduction

## Summary:

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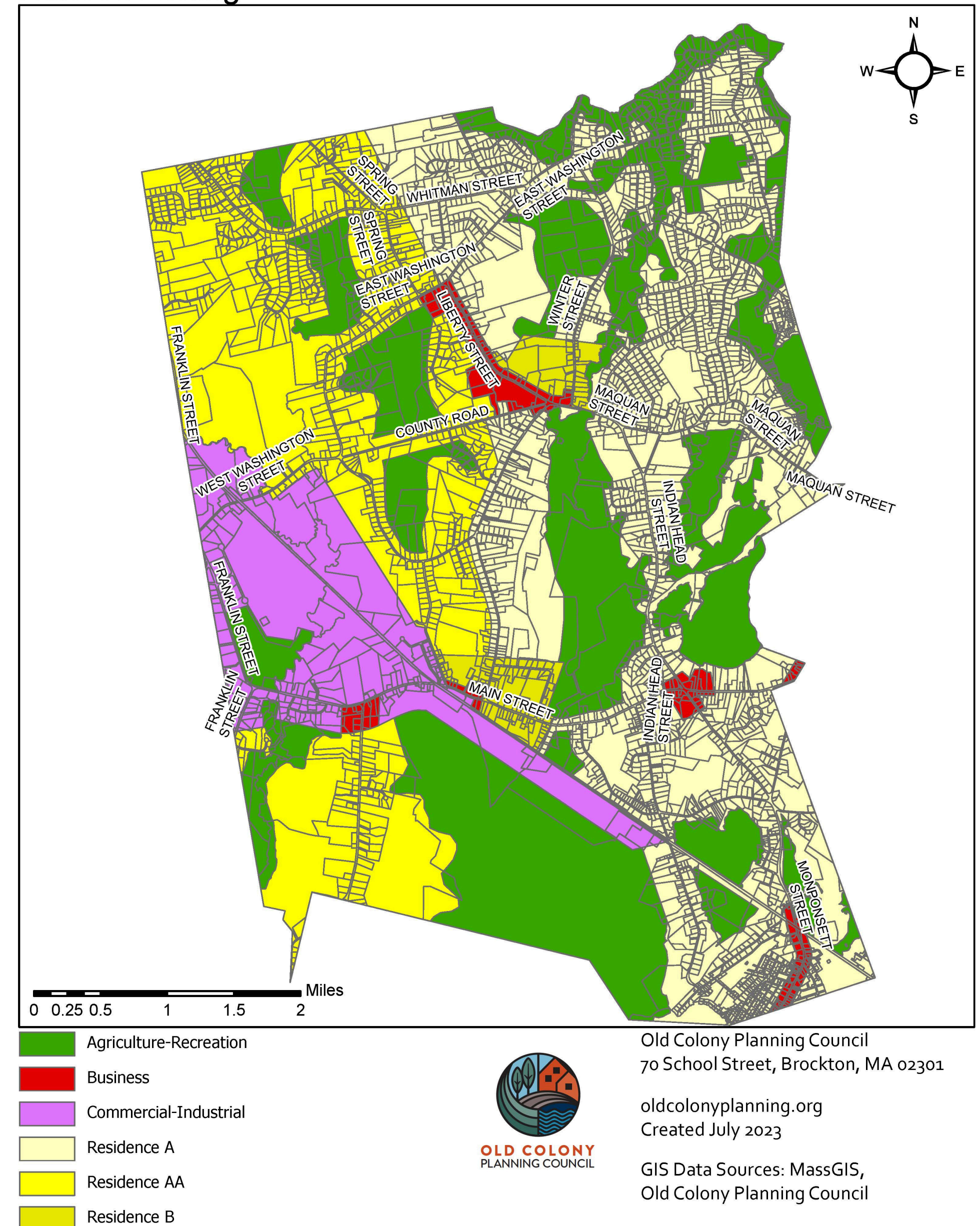
## Relevant Data:

- The Master Plan consists of the following chapters, Introduction, Land Use, Economic Development, Housing ,Natural and Cultural Resources , Open Space and Recreation , Sustainability and Climate Resiliency, Services and Facilities, Transportation , Action Plan for Implementation, Community Profile, and an Appendix.

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## Hanson Zoning



# Land Use

## Summary:

This chapter reviews past and current land use trends in Hanson. Creating a balance between conservation and development will allow the town to thrive. Trends are identified by reviewing zoning, maps and residential experience.

## Relevant Data:

- Mass Audubon (2020), the amount of land that is not developed nor permanently protected is 64% or about 6,444 acres.
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# Goals and Actions

1. Do an in-depth review of current zoning bylaws in town to ensure they are promoting the type of growth Hanson wants to see.
  - a. Create a Priority Development and Priority Protection Area map to guide future zoning updates.
  - b. Consider the amendment of bylaws to support mixed-use to increase the height of buildings and reduce parking spot minimums to help reduce the footprint of developments and preserve open space.
2. Consider mitigating future traffic increases through pedestrian safety efforts, aesthetics, and promotion of public transit.
  - a. Update supporting plans including but not limited to the Open Space and Recreation Plan, Housing Production Plan, and Community Preservation Action Plan.
  - b. Create a schedule to include when plans are set to expire and ways to access funding to limit the burden of updates on the town.
  - c. Maintain a master list of objectives of the town across different themes and plans.
3. Schedule regular joint land use committees (Board of Selectboard, Assessors, Planning, ZBA, and Conservation) together to review goals and objectives identified in the Master Plan and evolving needs over time.

# Economic Development

## Summary:

Economic Development seeks to create a strategic framework that will guide and promote economic growth for attracting investment, creating jobs, and improving the well-being of the community by leveraging its strengths and addressing challenges.

## Relevant Data:

- Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MADOT) Demographic and Socio-Economic Forecast indicated there were 2,653 jobs in town in 2020
- Hanson's two largest sectors being "Leisure & Hospitality" occupying 30% of those jobs, and "Education & Health Services" consisting of 20%.
- Between 2010 and 2020, Hanson added 495 jobs – an overall gain of 23% in 10 years.

## Community Survey Results:

- Should more land in the town be rezoned for commercial or light industrial use? 36.24% answered "No," 32.31% answered "Yes," and 31.44% answered "Not sure." This suggests a relatively balanced distribution of opinions among the respondents regarding the question asked.
- The overwhelming majority (91.19%) expressed support for small local businesses, including retail and restaurants, while other types of businesses received varying levels of support. Farms and agricultural businesses received the second-highest level of support (60.79%).

# Goals and Actions

1. Expand Local Zoning to Support Diversifying the Tax Base  
Local Zoning in town is currently limited and does not support the expansion of local businesses to diversify the tax base and alleviate residential tax pressure.
  - a. Reimagine Main Street Business Districts
  - b. Redefine & Intensify the Commercial Value of Hanson Center (Route 14/58)
  - c. Expand Commercial-Industrial Development between Hawks Ave and Hanson Commerce Park along Route 27.
  - d. Create a Strategy for Developing Large-Scale Infrastructure that Will Leverage Job Creation and Appeal to New Business.
  - e. Consider a Flex Overlay that allows for greater use where applicable.
2. Prioritize Investment Around South Hanson Station
  - a. Implement a Transit-Oriented Development Strategy that Provides Mixed Use Housing Options and a Retail "Business Center."
3. Improve Local Circulation and Streetscape to Create a Vibrant, Compact Corridor that Caters to Pedestrians and Invites Consumers/Patrons.
  - a. Prioritize pedestrian infrastructure and connections at South Hanson Station.
  - b. Consider design guidelines for Hanson Center that prioritize convenience for shoppers.
  - c. Consider basic streetscape enhancements and placemaking ideas for activating the South Hanson Station neighborhood with attractive spaces and/or seasonal activities



# Housing

## Summary:

Housing takes in to account the overall housing stock of the community and how it compares to the wealth and households of the town. The Housing Chapter also complies with the Town's Housing Production Plan and the states Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory program.

## Relevant Data:

- There are 3,960 housing units in Hanson, of which 3,780 were occupied and 180 were vacant.
- Between 2000 and 2010, 411 new housing units were developed (10.7%), and 371 were constructed from 2010 to 2020 (10.3%).
- The median household income in Hanson is \$112,315, and the median family income is \$160,933.
- The SHI identified 229 total development units and 188 subsidized housing units, resulting in an SHI of 4.79%.

## Community Survey Results:

- The potential reasons for moving out of respondents' current homes. The majority of respondents indicated the desire to reduce housing costs (35.81%), followed by the desire for a smaller home with less maintenance (30.23%) and the desire for a warmer climate (29.77%).
- Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less) received the highest level of support for "YES" responses (66.22%), followed by accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments) (57.96%) and green design (low environmental impact) housing (54.95%).

# Goals and Actions

1. Staff from the Housing Authority and Housing Committee will work with the planning board on ways to increase housing potential to meet the following needs as defined by the Housing Production Plan and state regulation:
  - a. Deeply subsidized rental units for low-income families: units rarely built under any form of regulatory relief except by public agencies and private non-profit housing development organizations.
  - b. Subsidized and modestly priced studio apartments and single-room occupancy units for one-person households with low or moderate incomes.
  - c. Deeply subsidized rental units for senior citizens to relieve some of the pressure on the Hanson Housing Authority's waiting list.
  - d. Homeownership units for people in a somewhat lower income range than Chapter 40B or inclusionary zoning developments typically serve.
2. Increase opportunity for Veteran and Senior Tax Relief programs to keep the most financially threatened residents in their homes.

# Agriculture, Natural, and Cultural Resources

## Summary:

Hanson has many natural and cultural resources within the town, including lakes, rivers, parks, trails, and historic properties. These assets are important to both the aesthetic of the town but also provide rich recreational opportunities and are essential to maintaining healthy ecosystems and clean waterways.

## Relevant Data:

- Only 18% is under permanent conservation
- In Hanson, 400 acres of agricultural land is protected to some degree under Chapter 61A.
- Hanson lies within two major surface watersheds: the North River and the Taunton River watersheds.
- As of January 2024, the town has 300 historical site listings in Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System.

## Community Survey Results:

- The majority of respondents (52.02%) support the purchase of new land for either conservation or recreation purposes. Additionally, a significant portion (69.51%) advocate for promoting the use of existing space. Encouraging the donation of land or conservation restrictions on privately owned land also garnered considerable support, with 39.91% of respondents in favor.

# Goals and Actions

1. Conserve farmland and support existing agriculture businesses in town.
  - a. The Assessor's office should continue to keep an up-to-date record of all Chapter 61, farm parcels, to promote permanent protection of working land and share any changes with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.
  - b. Chapter 61 creates temporary land protections on farms in exchange for property tax reduction. Should the land be sold it can come out of Chapter 61. The town can purchase the land first. By keeping a record of parcels and working with farmers to understand their intention in the stewardship of their land we can protect farm land permanently.
  - c. Creating an active Agriculture Commission to work with farmers to figure out ways to promote agribusiness in town to ensure long-term success in town. Keeping farmers working and agribusiness successful is the best way to ensure that farmland is not sold for development. Local food is a resource, nutritional asset and a cultural
2. Work to limit run-off in town to keep drinking water sources clean.
  - a. As the town relies on local water, and in appreciation of the recreational opportunities ponds and lakes provide to the town it is important to protect these resources.
  - b. The design and implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) bylaw to minimize the number of impervious areas.
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## Relevant Data:

- Almost half of all land in town is forested still today.
- There are ten ponds in town that range from 121 acres in size (Indian Head Pond) to 15 acres in size (Factory Pond).
- The town has many natural assets including Camp Kiwanee and Bay Circuit Trail.
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## Community Survey Results:

- Among the respondents, 26.55% reported using the spaces multiple times a week, while 22.57% reported using them at least once a week.
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## Relevant Data:

- Hanson chose to pursue certification from the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness program by creating an MVP plan which identifies Environmental an infrastructural and societal concerns
- Hanson is a Massachusetts Green Community which unlocks access to implementation grants for creating more sustainable municipal buildings and lowering overall municipal costs.

## Community Survey Results:

- When asked what the town should promote or pursue to ensure current and future generations enjoy high quality of life in town, the top selections were “improved walkability throughout town” (52%), “improved access to fresh, locally grown food” (40%), and “improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality”(34%). An additional 30% selected all of the above which additionally included energy efficiency and renewable energy, proactive maintenance and expansion of tree canopy, and the promotion of responsible pesticide and fertilizer use and alternatives.

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- Hanson houses an MBTA Commuter Rail stop for the Kingston line. Residents can take the commuter rail to Kingston or North to Brockton and Boston.
- Only 2.1% reported using public transportation. However, this may be because most residents work close to home. 22% of workers travel 30-34 minutes, and more than half of all workers travel less than 34 minutes.
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## Community Survey Results:

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## Relevant Data:

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## Community Survey Results:

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## **- Survey Results and Report**



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## **2024 Hanson Master Plan Survey Summary of Findings, April 2, 2024**

### **METHOD**

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In collaboration with Old Colony Planning Council, Hanson's Council of Aging, Library, and Town Hall, conducted a community survey between November, 2023 through March, 2024. The survey allowed residents to provide their perspective about living in the Town of Hanson and share their visions for their community for the years to come.

The questionnaire was made available online through SurveyMonkey as well as in hard copy throughout town. Survey participation was broadly encouraged through traditional and social media, word of mouth, and through other outlets:

- The Council on Aging
- The Library
- Town Hall
- Camp Kiwanee
- The Hanson Express
- Visioning sessions





# Hanson MASTER PLAN

## TAKE THE SURVEY



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The Survey was featured on and the survey was promoted on:

- Whitman Hanson Community Access
- Social Media pages of Hanson, and Old Colony Planning
- The Hanson Express
- Various committee meetings
- Posters hung throughout the town.
- Flyers were distributed at local businesses.

Figure 1. Promotional Material

## RESPONDENTS

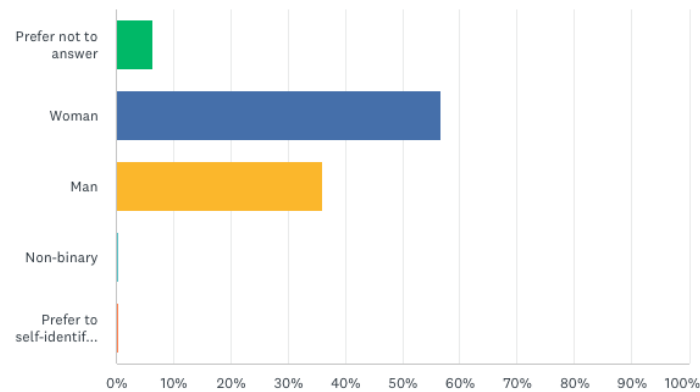
A total of 257 survey responses were received. After filtering, the final sample size analyzed consisted of 253 individuals who indicated they resided, worked, owned property, or operated a business in Hanson. Respondents were allowed to identify with multiple categories. Four responses were excluded from the analysis as they did not align with the intended population.

Survey respondents were a mix of town residents, as shown in the figures below. The age of respondents was mainly 25 years or older. Results may be skewed towards the views of perspectives of those who identify as women.

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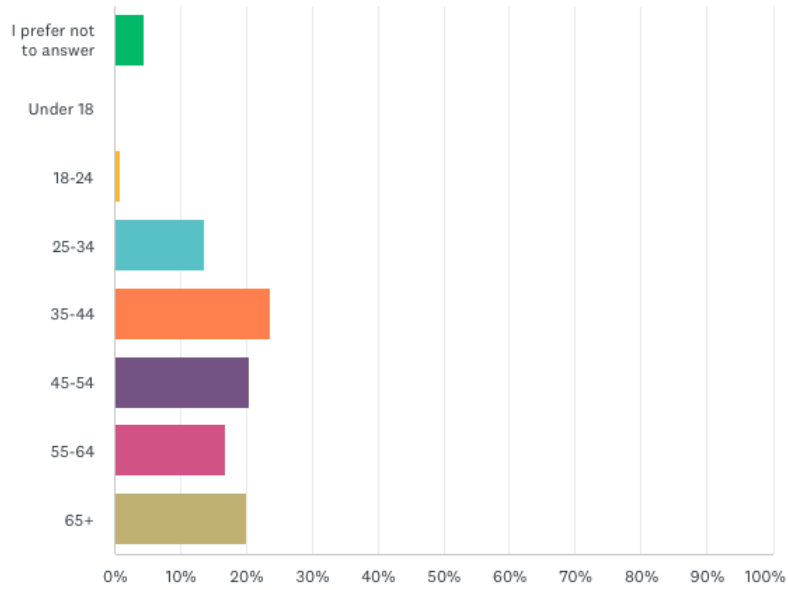
Which of the following best describes your gender?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	6.45%	14
Woman	56.68%	123
Man	35.94%	78
Non-binary	0.46%	1
Prefer to self-identify below:	<a href="#">Responses</a> 0.46%	1

Figure 3. Age Distribution of respondents

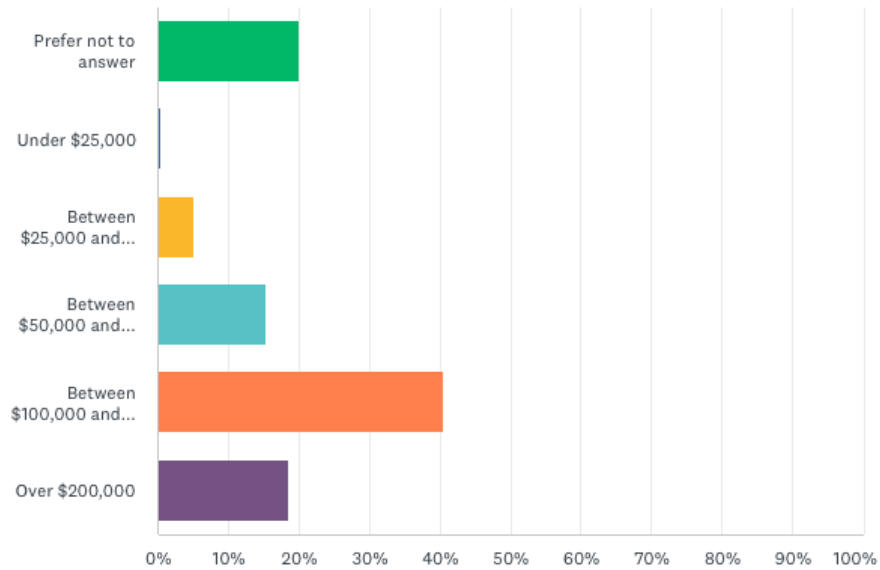


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer not to answer	4.55%	10
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.91%	2
25-34	13.64%	30
35-44	23.64%	52
45-54	20.45%	45
55-64	16.82%	37
65+	20.00%	44
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220</b>

Figure 4. Income of respondents

What was your total household income last year before taxes?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 42

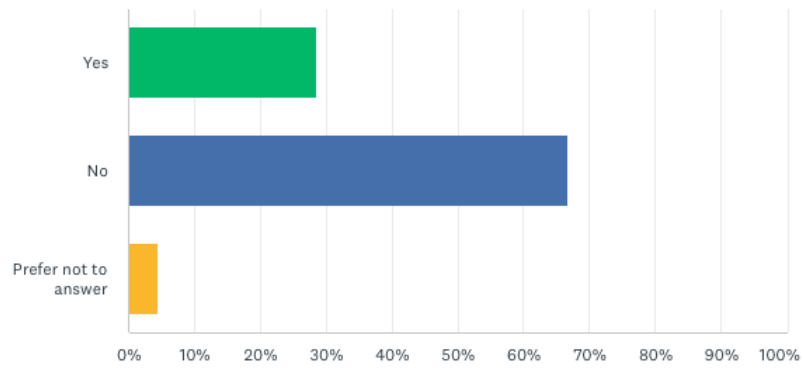


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	20.00%	43
Under \$25,000	0.47%	1
Between \$25,000 and \$49,999	5.12%	11
Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	15.35%	33
Between \$100,000 and \$199,999	40.47%	87
Over \$200,000	18.60%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>215</b>

Figure 5. Multigenerational Household Respondents

Do you live in a multigenerational household?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 37

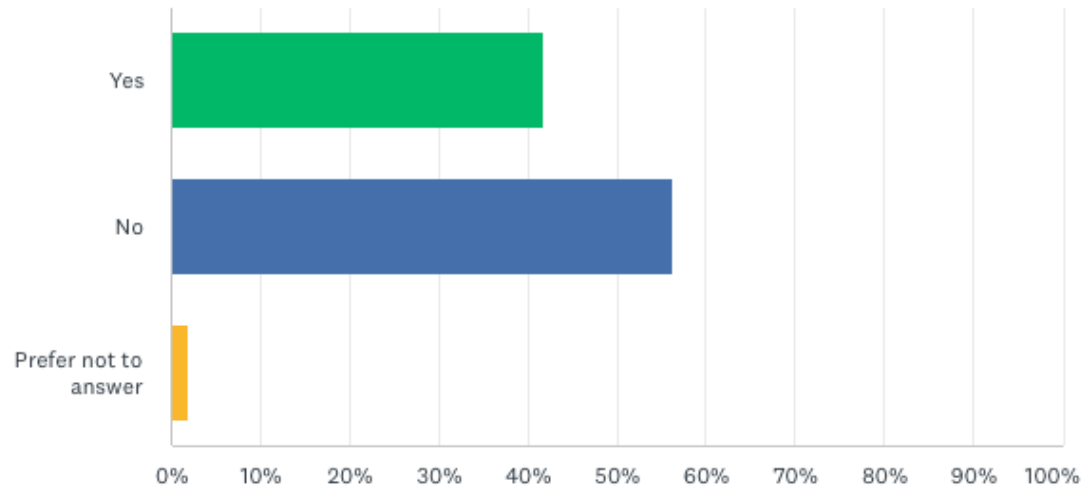


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.64%	63
No	66.82%	147
Prefer not to answer	4.55%	10
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Figure 6. Households with individuals under 18

Is anyone in your household under the age of 18?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 37

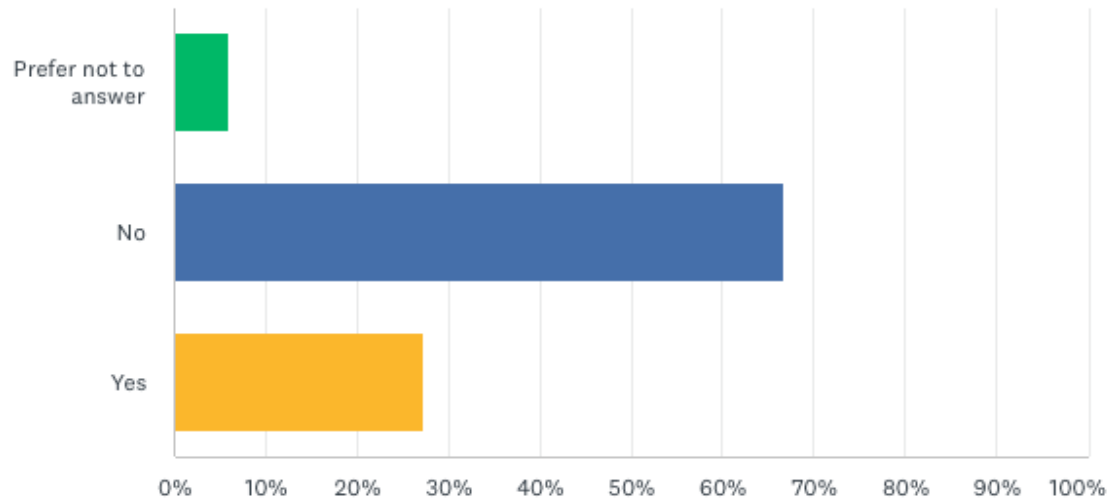


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.82%	92
No	56.36%	124
Prefer not to answer	1.82%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220</b>

Figure 7. Households with disability, handicap, or chronic disease

Do you or does someone who lives with you have any disability, handicap, or chronic disease?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 37

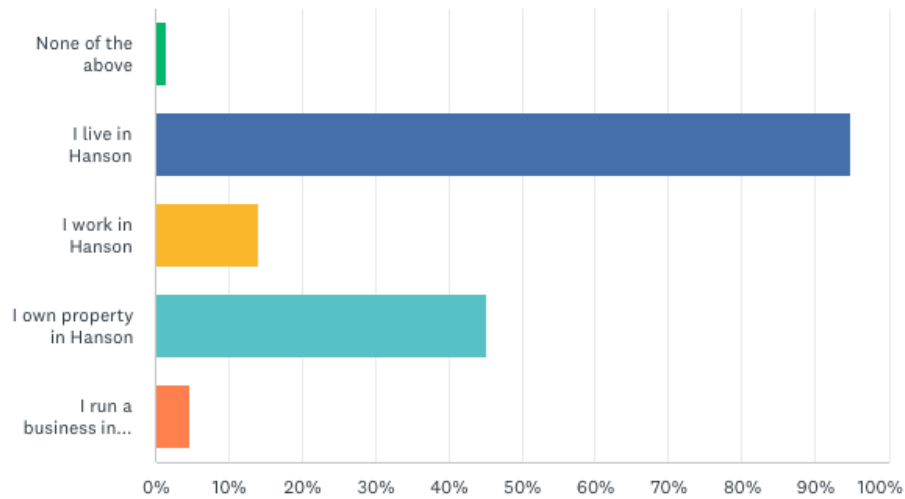


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	5.91%	13
No	66.82%	147
Yes	27.27%	60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220</b>

Figure 8. Relationship to the Town of Hanson

Which of the following apply to you? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 257 Skipped: 0



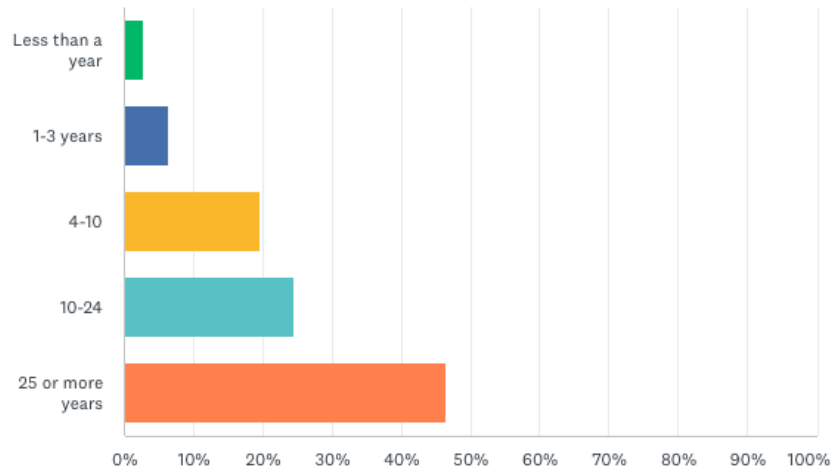
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.56%	4
I live in Hanson	94.94%	244
I work in Hanson	14.01%	36
I own property in Hanson	45.14%	116
I run a business in Hanson	4.67%	12
<b>Total Respondents: 257</b>		



Figure 3. Respondent's residency in Hanson.

If you live in Hanson, how long have you lived here?

Answered: 249 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	2.81%	7
1-3 years	6.43%	16
4-10	19.68%	49
10-24	24.50%	61
25 or more years	46.59%	116
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>249</b>

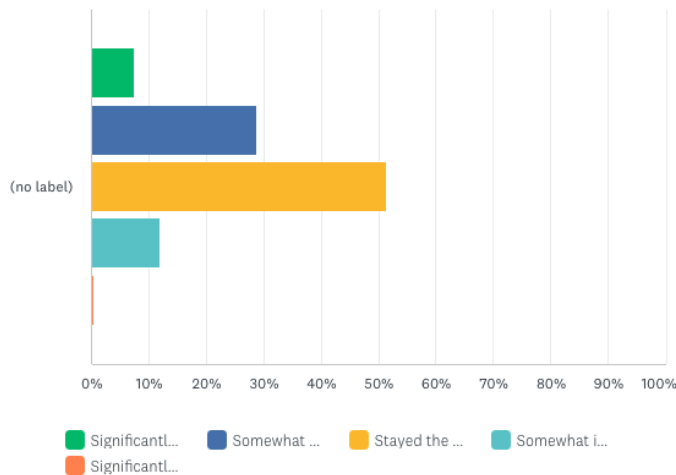
This data indicates that the majority of respondents have lived in Hanson for 25 years or more, with a significant portion having lived there for 10-24 years. Fewer respondents have lived in the town for shorter periods, with the smallest proportion having lived there for less than a year.

## HOME AND COMMUNITY

Figure 4. Responses regarding quality of life in town.

During the past five years or so, how has the quality of life in town changed, if at all? Please choose one answer.

Answered: 226 Skipped: 31



	SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINED	SOMEWHAT DECLINED	STAYED THE SAME (NO CHANGE)	SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	7.52%	28.76%	51.33%	11.95%	0.44%	226	-0.31
	17	65	116	27	1		

roads are almost impossible to drive on”

- Financial Issues and Taxes:** There are multiple mentions of rising property taxes, concerns about tax increases, and dissatisfaction with the allocation of funds, especially regarding school budgets and lack of investment in education.

“Businesses leaving, housing complexes being put up everywhere adding to the towns public servants needs and school burden....taxes soon will force me out of my home”

The comments regarding the question about the improvement of the quality of life in Hanson express a wide range of opinions and concerns:

- Increased Housing Development:** Several comments highlight concerns about excessive housing development, with mentions of condominiums appearing everywhere, increased construction, and the loss of the small-town feel due to urbanization.

“With such high taxes and too many new multiple family condo homes being built it doesn’t feel the same as it used to.”

- Traffic and Infrastructure:** Many respondents express concerns about increased traffic congestion, poor road maintenance, and infrastructure issues such as water quality problems and inadequate trash pickup.

“Infrastructure (road maintenance is poor; many

4. **Community Engagement:** Some respondents note positive aspects such as a strong sense of community and increased involvement in local groups and committees, while others lament a lack of community spirit, leadership, and political discourse.

“I am more involved in the local groups and committees and can actually see changes that are being made from a policy level as well as observing what positive actions people are making. I am concerned at the increased anger and division I witness since 2016, but that is everywhere in the world.”

5. **Mixed Feelings about Development:** While some appreciate certain developments like improved walking trails and expanded library services, others express concerns about overdevelopment, lack of investment in commercial businesses, and the negative impact on the town's aesthetics and natural beauty.

“Wonderful, safe place to live. Fabulous Fire and Police. Fabulous resources such as the Library and local shopping. I feel like I live in Mayberry! Hope it doesn't change too much with a lot of new development”

6. **Other Concerns:** Additional issues mentioned include excessive police activity in apartment complexes, concerns about public safety, dissatisfaction with town government and leadership, and frustrations with the pace of progress and lack of action on various issues.

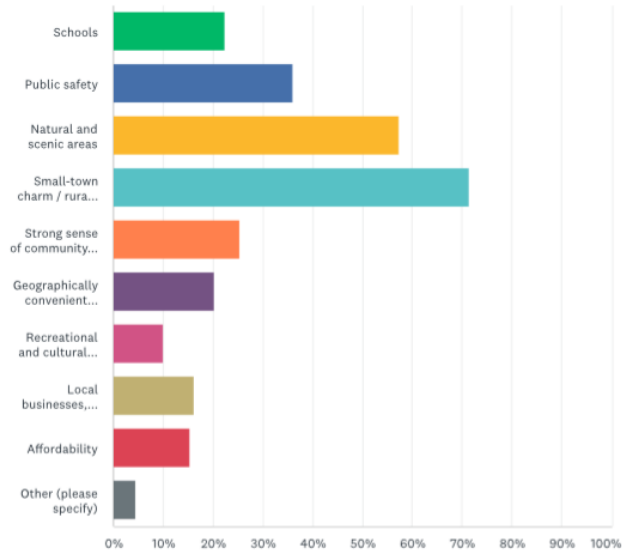
“Lack of leadership, mismanagement of funds and having priorities in the wrong place.”

Overall, these comments reflect a complex mix of perspectives on the state of Hanson's quality of life, highlighting both positive aspects and areas needing improvement.

Figure 5. Responses regarding quality of life in town.

What do you like most about our town? Please tick up to three boxes.

Answered: 228 Skipped: 29



This data indicates that the most favored aspects of the town among respondents are its small-town charm / rural atmosphere, followed by its natural and scenic areas, and public safety. There's also appreciation for the sense of community and belonging, as well as the town's schools. Other factors like the town's location, local businesses, affordability, and recreational/cultural opportunities received lower levels of preference. "Other please specify" responses included the senior center and the library.

Figure 6. Concerns about Hanson

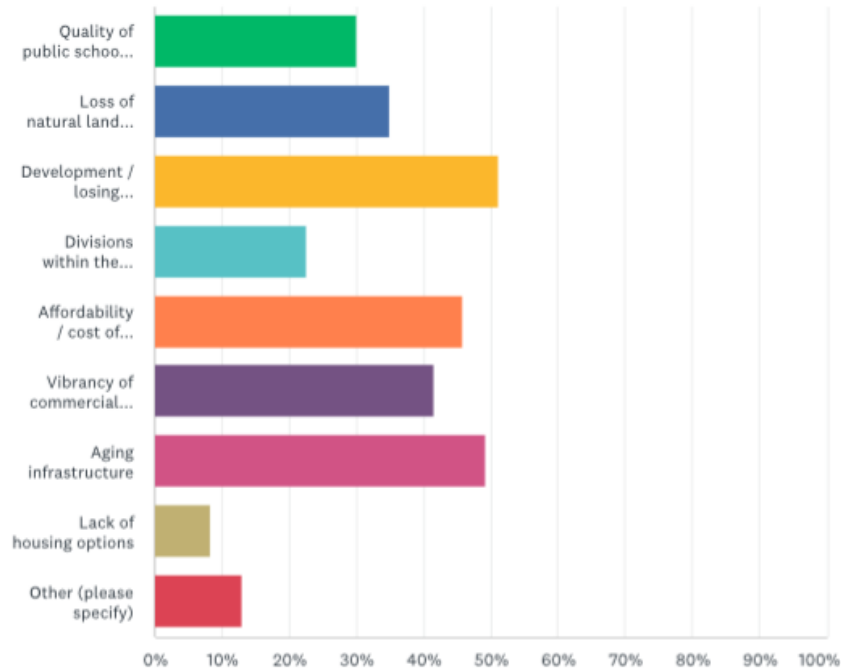
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Schools	22.37% 51
Public safety	35.96% 82
Natural and scenic areas	57.46% 131
Small-town charm / rural atmosphere	71.49% 163
Strong sense of community / feelings of belonging	25.44% 58
Geographically convenient location	20.18% 46
Recreational and cultural opportunities	10.09% 23
Local businesses, including dining	16.23% 37
Affordability	15.35% 35
Other (please specify)	4.39% 10

Q5



What are you most concerned about in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 229 Skipped: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Quality of public school education	30.13%	69
Loss of natural lands / deteriorating environment	34.93%	80
Development / losing small-town feel	51.09%	117
Divisions within the community / lack of inclusivity	22.71%	52
Affordability / cost of living	45.85%	105
Vibrancy of commercial areas	41.48%	95
Aging infrastructure	49.34%	113
Lack of housing options	8.30%	19
Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 13.10%	30
<b>Total Respondents: 229</b>		

These responses indicate that the most prominent concerns among respondents include development and the potential loss of the small-town feel, followed closely by aging infrastructure and affordability/cost of living. There are also notable concerns about the loss of natural lands, divisions within the community, and the vibrancy of commercial areas. Additionally, some respondents provided other specific concerns to the topics above.

**Figure 7. Satisfaction rates**

	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Access to information about what's happening in town	10.13% 23	25.99% 59	30.40% 69	25.99% 59	7.49% 17	227	-0.05
Hanson as a place to raise children	2.22% 5	5.78% 13	22.67% 51	47.56% 107	21.78% 49	225	0.81
Hanson as a place to retire	8.73% 20	16.59% 38	44.10% 101	23.58% 54	6.99% 16	229	0.03
Value of services received for your property tax dollars	16.23% 37	30.26% 69	26.75% 61	21.49% 49	5.26% 12	228	-0.31
Image and appearance of the town	5.24% 12	34.50% 79	24.02% 55	31.44% 72	4.80% 11	229	-0.04
Town government transparency and accountability	16.23% 37	33.33% 76	31.58% 72	16.23% 37	2.63% 6	228	-0.44

This table presents responses to various aspects of satisfaction within the town of Hanson, categorized into five levels ranging from "Very Dissatisfied" to "Very Satisfied." Here's a summary of the findings:

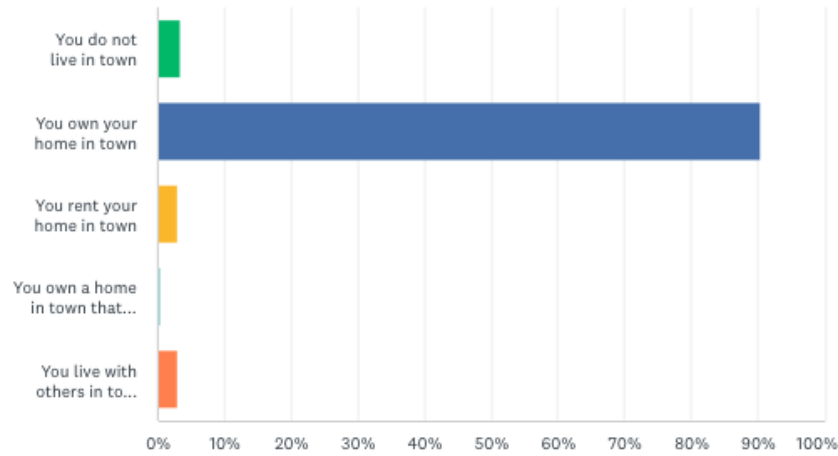
1. **Access to information about what's happening in town:** The weighted average indicates a slightly negative sentiment (-0.05), with the majority of respondents indicating they are either "Somewhat Dissatisfied" or "Neither Dissatisfied nor Satisfied."
2. **Hanson as a place to raise children:** The weighted average suggests a generally positive sentiment (0.81), with a significant proportion of respondents expressing satisfaction, particularly "Somewhat Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied."
3. **Hanson as a place to retire:** The weighted average indicates a slightly positive sentiment (0.03), with a considerable number of respondents expressing satisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied."
4. **Value of services received for property tax dollars:** The weighted average suggests a negative sentiment (-0.31), with a notable portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Dissatisfied" and "Very Dissatisfied."
5. **Image and appearance of the town:** The weighted average indicates a relatively neutral sentiment (-0.04), with a significant proportion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the category of "Somewhat Dissatisfied."
6. **Town government transparency and accountability:** The weighted average suggests a negative sentiment (-0.44), with a notable portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Dissatisfied" and "Very Dissatisfied."

Overall, the responses highlight mixed sentiments across various aspects of satisfaction within the town, with some areas garnering more positive feedback than others, while others show significant room for improvement.

**Figure 9. Which of the following is true about your home?**

Which of the following is true about your home?

Answered: 229 Skipped: 28



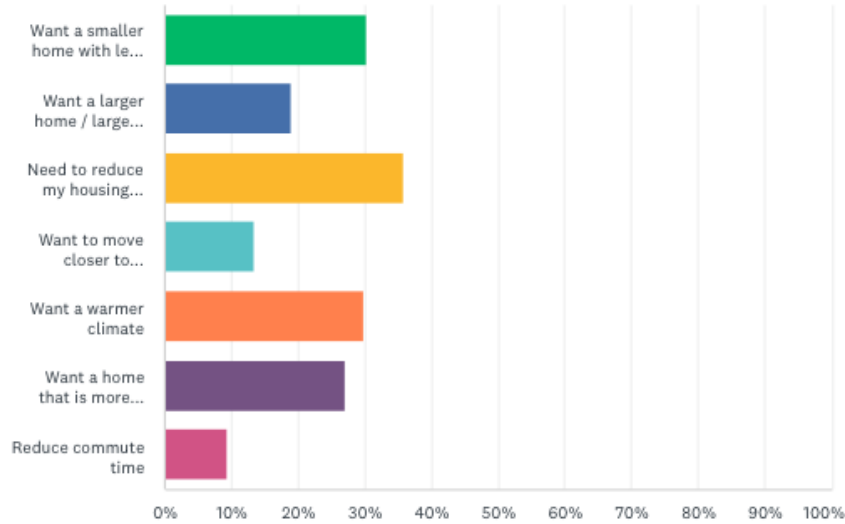
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
You do not live in town	3.49%	8
You own your home in town	90.39%	207
You rent your home in town	3.06%	7
You own a home in town that is used as a rental	0.44%	1
You live with others in town and do not pay rent	3.06%	7
<b>Total Respondents: 229</b>		



**Figure 9. Reasons to move out current house?**

If you were to move out of your current home, why would that be, do you think? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 215 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Want a smaller home with less maintenance	30.23%	65
Want a larger home / larger lot	19.07%	41
Need to reduce my housing costs	35.81%	77
Want to move closer to family/friends	13.49%	29
Want a warmer climate	29.77%	64
Want a home that is more suitable to aging, for example, without stairs	26.98%	58
Reduce commute time	9.30%	20
<b>Total Respondents: 215</b>		

The potential reasons for moving out of respondents' current homes. The majority of respondents indicated the desire to reduce housing costs (35.81%), followed by the desire for a smaller home with less maintenance (30.23%) and the desire for a warmer climate (29.77%). Additionally, significant proportions mentioned wanting a home more suitable for aging (26.98%) and wanting a larger home or lot (19.07%). Other factors cited include the desire to move closer to family or friends (13.49%) and the need to reduce commute time (9.30%). Overall, the responses highlight a variety of factors influencing individuals' decisions to potentially relocate, with financial considerations and lifestyle preferences being predominant.

**Figure 9. Which of the following types of housing would you support in town?**

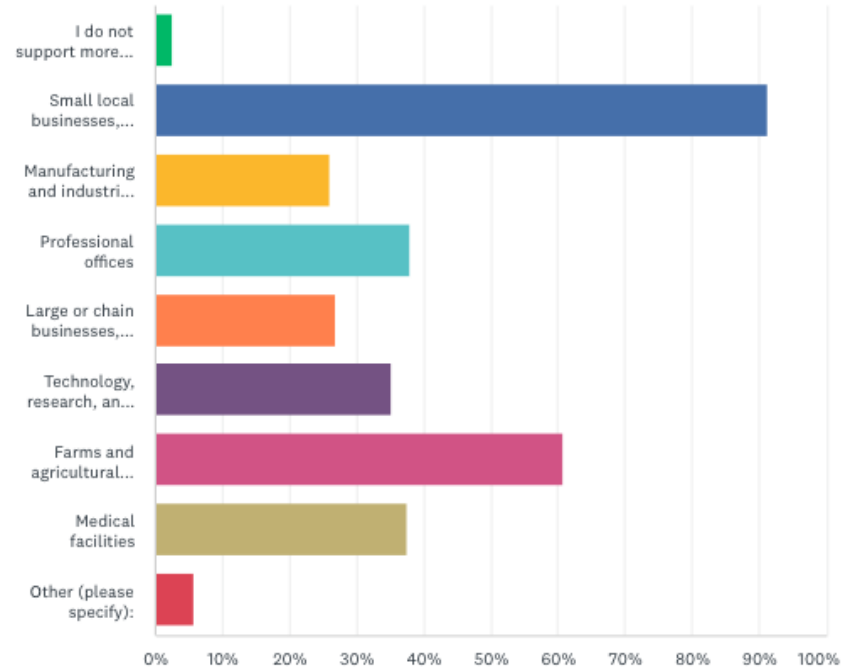
	YES	MAYBE	NO	TOTAL
Converted use buildings (e.g., turning existing non-residential buildings into housing units)	42.04% 95	29.65% 67	28.32% 64	226
Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less)	66.22% 149	20.89% 47	12.89% 29	225
Age-restricted housing for those 55+	44.69% 101	29.65% 67	25.66% 58	226
Affordable Housing (no age restriction)	32.14% 72	32.59% 73	35.27% 79	224
Accessible housing (e.g., no stairs, roll-in showers, handrails, etc.)	48.88% 109	40.81% 91	10.31% 23	223
Assisted living/memory care facilities	38.22% 86	37.78% 85	24.00% 54	225
Rental apartments	24.34% 55	26.55% 60	49.12% 111	226
Townhouses or condos	26.01% 58	37.22% 83	36.77% 82	223
Pocket neighborhoods (small cottage homes centered around a common green space)	42.86% 96	34.82% 78	22.32% 50	224
Open space residential developments (homes closer together with conserved open space)	29.91% 67	33.48% 75	36.61% 82	224
Supportive or transitional housing	14.80% 33	31.39% 70	53.81% 120	223
Mixed-use properties (e.g., commercial first floor with residential above)	41.52% 93	32.14% 72	26.34% 59	224
Green design (low environmental impact; e.g., energy efficient)	54.95% 122	27.93% 62	17.12% 38	222
Accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments)	57.96% 131	30.53% 69	11.50% 26	226

The table presents respondents' preferences regarding various types of housing developments in their community. Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less) received the highest level of support for "YES" responses (66.22%), followed by accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments) (57.96%) and green design (low environmental impact) housing (54.95%). Other popular choices included accessible housing (48.88% "YES"), converted use buildings (42.04% "YES"), and age-restricted housing for those 55+ (44.69% "YES"). Rental apartments garnered the highest "NO" response rate (49.12%), followed by supportive or transitional housing (53.81% "NO"). Overall, the responses indicate a preference for smaller, more sustainable housing options, with less enthusiasm for rental apartments and supportive/transitional housing developments.

**Figure 9. Which of the following would you like to see in town?**

Which of the following would you like to see more of in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

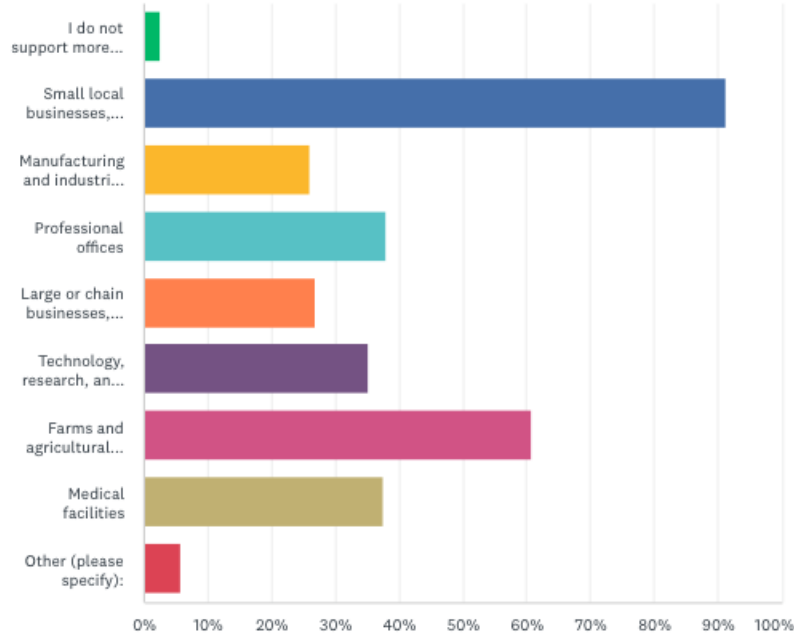
Answered: 227 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not support more businesses in town.	2.64%	6
Small local businesses, including retail and restaurants	91.19%	207
Manufacturing and industrial facilities	25.99%	59
Professional offices	37.89%	86
Large or chain businesses, including retail and restaurants	26.87%	61
Technology, research, and development	35.24%	80
Farms and agricultural businesses	60.79%	138
Medical facilities	37.44%	85
Other (please specify):	<a href="#">Responses</a> 5.73%	13
<b>Total Respondents: 227</b>		

Which of the following would you like to see more of in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 227 Skipped: 30



**Figure 9. How often do you use the following modes of transportation to get around town?**

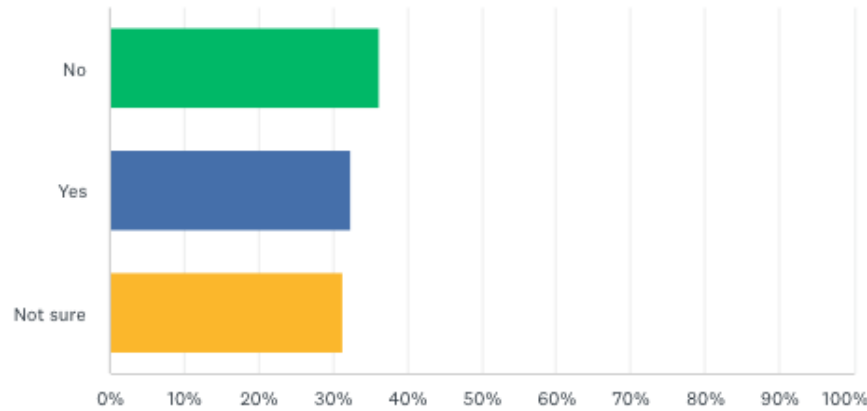
The table reflects respondents' preferences regarding the types of businesses they support in their town. The overwhelming majority (91.19%) expressed support for small local businesses, including retail and restaurants, while other types of businesses received varying levels of support. Farms and agricultural businesses received the second-highest level of support (60.79%), followed by professional offices (37.89%) and medical facilities (37.44%). Technology, research, and development also garnered significant support (35.24%), while manufacturing and industrial facilities (25.99%) and large or chain businesses (26.87%) received relatively lower levels of support. Overall, the responses indicate strong support for small local businesses and a preference for businesses that contribute to the local community and economy. Other comments included the desire for more tax revenue, a walkable downtown, more opportunities for marijuana.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not support more businesses in town.	2.64%	6
Small local businesses, including retail and restaurants	91.19%	207
Manufacturing and industrial facilities	25.99%	59
Professional offices	37.89%	86
Large or chain businesses, including retail and restaurants	26.87%	61
Technology, research, and development	35.24%	80
Farms and agricultural businesses	60.79%	138
Medical facilities	37.44%	85
Other (please specify):	5.73%	13

**Figure 9. Should more land in the town be rezoned for commercial or light industrial use?**

Should more land in town be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use?

Answered: 229 Skipped: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	36.24%	83
Yes	32.31%	74
Not sure	31.44%	72
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>229</b>

Among the respondents, 36.24% answered "No," 32.31% answered "Yes," and 31.44% answered "Not sure." This suggests a relatively balanced distribution of opinions among the respondents regarding the question asked.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

**Figure 9. How often do you use the following modes of transportation to get around town?**

	NEVER	LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK	1-2 DAYS A WEEK	3-6 DAYS A WEEK	DAILY	TOTAL
Walking	48.25% 110	18.86% 43	17.11% 39	6.58% 15	9.21% 21	228
Bicycling	83.63% 189	11.50% 26	3.54% 8	1.33% 3	0.00% 0	226
Driving	0.87% 2	0.43% 1	5.19% 12	12.55% 29	80.95% 187	231
Uber, Lyft, or other private driving service	89.38% 202	10.18% 23	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.44% 1	226
Senior Center driving service	97.79% 221	1.77% 4	0.00% 0	0.44% 1	0.00% 0	226
Ask for a lift from friends or family	81.42% 184	13.27% 30	3.54% 8	1.77% 4	0.00% 0	226

This table presents the frequency of transportation methods used by respondents in Hanson. Here's a summary of the findings:

1. **Walking:** The majority of respondents reported walking less frequently, with 48.25% indicating they never walk, followed by smaller proportions reporting walking less than once a week, 1-2 days a week, 3-6 days a week, and daily.
2. **Bicycling:** The vast majority of respondents (83.63%) reported never bicycling, with only small proportions reporting bicycling less than once a week, 1-2 days a week, 3-6 days a week, or daily.
3. **Driving:** Driving emerged as the most commonly used transportation method, with 80.95% of respondents indicating they drive daily. Smaller proportions reported driving 3-6 days a week, 1-2 days a week, less than once a week, or never.

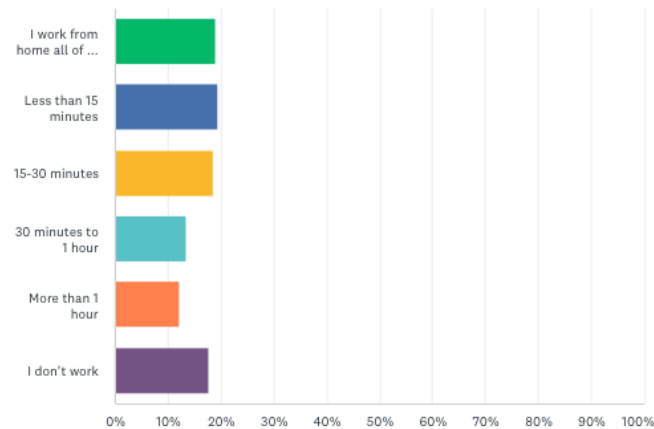
- 4. **Uber, Lyft, or other private driving service:** The majority of respondents (89.38%) reported never using Uber, Lyft, or other private driving services, with only small proportions reporting using them less than once a week or daily.
- 5. **Senior Center driving service:** A significant majority of respondents (97.79%) reported never using the Senior Center driving service, with only small proportions reporting using it less than once a week or 3-6 days a week.
- 6. **Asking for a lift from friends or family:** The majority of respondents (81.42%) reported never asking for a lift from friends or family, with only small proportions reporting doing so less than once a week, 1-2 days a week, 3-6 days a week, or daily.

Overall, the findings suggest that driving is the most commonly used transportation method in Hanson, while walking and bicycling are less frequently used by respondents. Additionally, private driving services and the Senior Center driving service are seldom utilized, and asking for lifts from friends or family is relatively infrequent among respondents.

**Figure 10. Average Commuter Time to Work**

On average, how long is your commute to work?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work from home all of the time or most of the time	18.97%	44
Less than 15 minutes	19.40%	45
15-30 minutes	18.53%	43
30 minutes to 1 hour	13.36%	31
More than 1 hour	12.07%	28
I don't work	17.67%	41
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>232</b>



**Figure 8. Community Feedback on Road Infrastructure and Safety in Hanson?**

	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Road surface conditions	6.96% 16	33.91% 78	20.00% 46	30.00% 69	9.13% 21	230	0.00
Sidewalk conditions	33.04% 75	28.19% 64	16.74% 38	16.30% 37	5.73% 13	227	-0.67
Cleanliness of roads and sidewalks	7.36% 17	20.35% 47	26.84% 62	32.03% 74	13.42% 31	231	0.24
Pedestrian safety	29.82% 68	31.14% 71	21.49% 49	11.40% 26	6.14% 14	228	-0.67
Bicyclist safety	24.00% 54	22.22% 50	45.78% 103	4.00% 9	4.00% 9	225	-0.58
Vehicle speeds	14.85% 34	21.83% 50	33.19% 76	22.27% 51	7.86% 18	229	-0.14
Street lighting	17.03% 39	34.06% 78	23.14% 53	18.78% 43	6.99% 16	229	-0.35
Road signage	3.91% 9	10.00% 23	39.13% 90	33.48% 77	13.48% 31	230	0.43

This table presents responses regarding satisfaction levels with various aspects of road infrastructure and safety in Hanson. Here's a summary of the findings:

1. **Road surface conditions:** The weighted average indicates a neutral sentiment (0.00), with respondents evenly distributed across all satisfaction levels.
2. **Sidewalk conditions:** The weighted average suggests a negative sentiment (-0.67), with a significant portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Very Dissatisfied" and "Somewhat Dissatisfied."
3. **Cleanliness of roads and sidewalks:** The weighted average suggests a slightly positive sentiment (0.24), with a notable portion of respondents expressing satisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied."
4. **Pedestrian safety:** The weighted average suggests a negative sentiment (-0.67), with a considerable portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Very Dissatisfied" and "Somewhat Dissatisfied."

5. **Bicyclist safety:** The weighted average suggests a negative sentiment (-0.58), with a significant portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Very Dissatisfied" and "Somewhat Dissatisfied."
6. **Vehicle speeds:** The weighted average suggests a slightly negative sentiment (-0.14), with a notable portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Dissatisfied" and "Very Dissatisfied."
7. **Street lighting:** The weighted average suggests a slightly negative sentiment (-0.35), with a notable portion of respondents expressing dissatisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Dissatisfied" and "Very Dissatisfied."
8. **Road signage:** The weighted average suggests a slightly positive sentiment (0.43), with a significant portion of respondents expressing satisfaction, particularly in the categories of "Somewhat Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied."

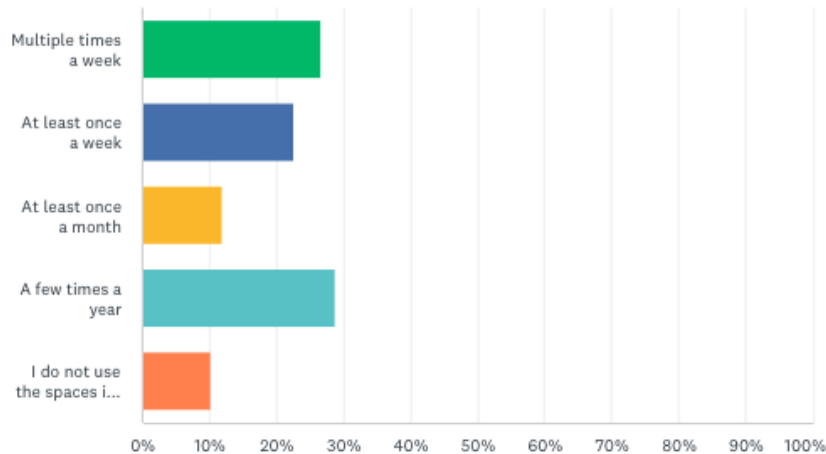
Overall, the responses indicate mixed sentiments regarding various aspects of road infrastructure and safety in Hanson, with some areas garnering more dissatisfaction than others, while others show more satisfaction.

## Conservation and Recreation

**Figure 8. How often do you use open space or recreation space in town?**

How often do you use open space or recreation space in town?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 31

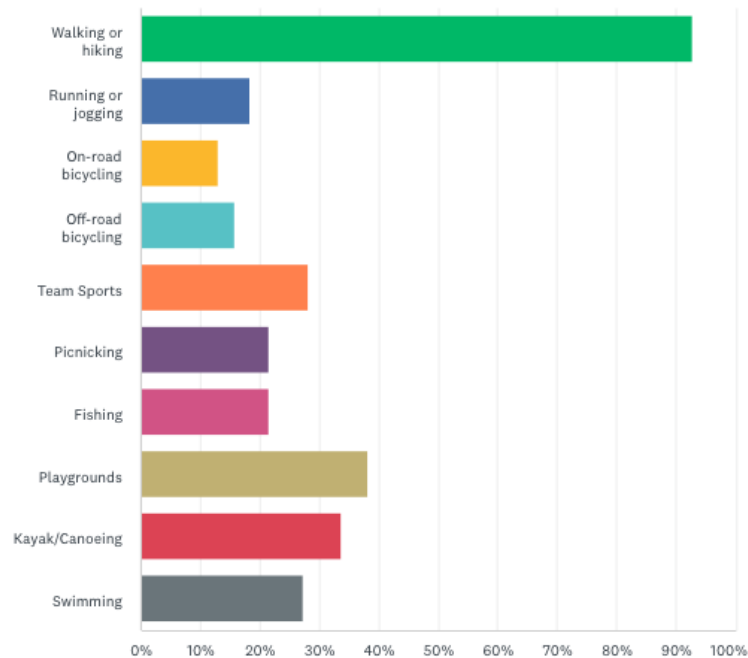


Among the respondents, 26.55% reported using the spaces multiple times a week, while 22.57% reported using them at least once a week. Additionally, 11.95% reported using the spaces at least once a month, and 28.76% reported using them a few times a year. A smaller proportion (10.18%) stated that they do not use the spaces in town. Overall, the responses suggest varied levels of utilization of town spaces, with a significant portion of respondents using them regularly, but also a notable proportion using them infrequently or not at all.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times a week	26.55%	60
At least once a week	22.57%	51
At least once a month	11.95%	27
A few times a year	28.76%	65
I do not use the spaces in town.	10.18%	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226</b>

What outdoor activities do you most enjoy? Please check no more than five boxes.

Answered: 223 Skipped: 34



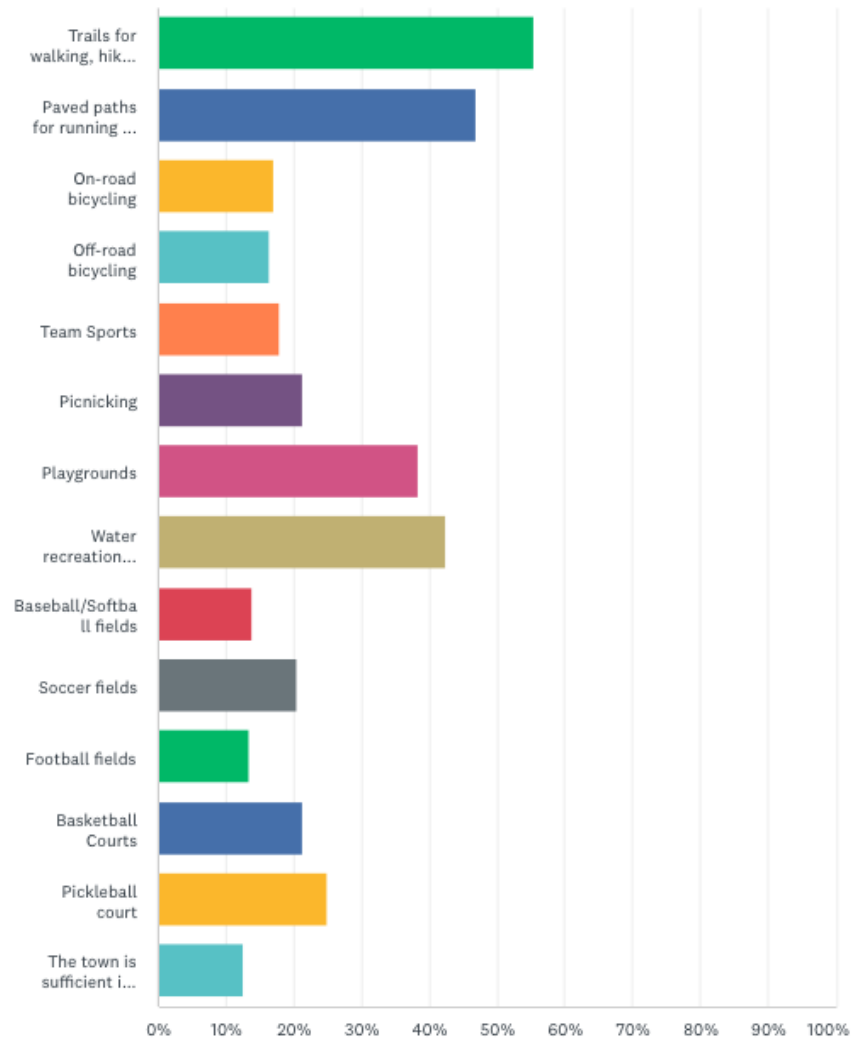
**Figure 8. What outdoor activities do you most enjoy?**

The majority of respondents indicated a preference for walking or hiking (92.83%), followed by playgrounds (38.12%) and kayaking/canoeing (33.63%). Other popular activities included team sports (28.25%), swimming (27.35%), and fishing (21.52%). A smaller proportion of respondents expressed interest in activities such as picnicking (21.52%), off-road bicycling (15.70%), and running or jogging (18.39%). On-road bicycling garnered the lowest percentage of respondents (13.00%). Overall, walking or hiking emerged as the most preferred recreational activity among respondents, followed by various outdoor activities such as playgrounds and water-related activities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking or hiking	92.83%	207
Running or jogging	18.39%	41
On-road bicycling	13.00%	29
Off-road bicycling	15.70%	35
Team Sports	28.25%	63
Picnicking	21.52%	48
Fishing	21.52%	48
Playgrounds	38.12%	85
Kayak/Canoeing	33.63%	75
Swimming	27.35%	61
<b>Total Respondents: 223</b>		

# Which, if any, of the following does our town need more of?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 33



**Figure 8. What type of recreation does the town need?**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trails for walking, hiking or jogging	55.36%	124
Paved paths for running or jogging	46.88%	105
On-road bicycling	16.96%	38
Off-road bicycling	16.52%	37
Team Sports	17.86%	40
Picnicking	21.43%	48
Playgrounds	38.39%	86
Water recreation access points (canoeing, kayaking, fishing or swimming)	42.41%	95
Baseball/Softball fields	13.84%	31
Soccer fields	20.54%	46
Football fields	13.39%	30
Basketball Courts	21.43%	48
Pickleball court	25.00%	56
The town is sufficient in all of these	12.50%	28
<b>Total Respondents: 224</b>		

The most desired amenities include trails for walking, hiking, or jogging (55.36%), followed by water recreation access points (42.41%) and playgrounds (38.39%). Additionally, paved paths for running or jogging (46.88%) and picnic areas (21.43%) are also popular choices. Respondents also expressed interest in amenities like basketball courts (21.43%), pickleball courts (25.00%), and soccer fields (20.54%). However, amenities such as baseball/softball fields (13.84%), football fields (13.39%), and team sports in general (17.86%) received lower levels of interest. A small portion of respondents (12.50%) felt that the town is sufficient in all of these amenities. Overall, the responses indicate a diverse range of recreational preferences among the respondents, with a particular emphasis on walking trails, water recreation access points, and playgrounds.

### Figure 8. Are there recreation spaces in town that need improvements or repairs?

The open responses reveal a multifaceted perspective on the state of recreational amenities and public spaces in Hanson. Several key themes emerge:

1. **Information Accessibility:** Many respondents express frustration with the lack of accessible information about existing sites and trails. They highlight the need for clearer signage, trail maps, and online resources to help residents navigate and access recreational areas.

2. **Maintenance and Upkeep:** Numerous concerns are raised about the maintenance and upkeep of playgrounds, the skate park, and trails. Specific areas such as Maquan playground and Burrage parking lot are mentioned as needing attention. There are calls for regular maintenance, repairs, and improvements to ensure these spaces remain safe and enjoyable for residents.
3. **Development of New Amenities:** Several respondents advocate for the development of new amenities, such as dog parks, skate parks, and walking trails. They emphasize the importance of creating inclusive spaces that cater to various recreational interests and age groups within the community.
4. **Transformation of Unused Spaces:** Many suggest repurposing unused spaces, such as the old hospital property, into parks or community spaces. This reflects a desire to maximize the use of available land and create more recreational opportunities for residents.
5. **Safety and Accessibility:** Concerns about safety and accessibility are prevalent throughout the responses. Issues such as overgrown trails, uneven surfaces, and lack of sidewalks are highlighted as barriers to enjoying recreational activities. There are calls for improvements to infrastructure to ensure that recreational spaces are accessible to all residents, including those with mobility challenges.
6. **Community Engagement:** Some respondents emphasize the importance of community engagement and involvement in shaping the future of recreational amenities. They suggest gathering input from residents through surveys, town hall meetings, or other forms of engagement to ensure that recreational developments align with community needs and preferences.

Overall, the responses underscore the importance of investing in and prioritizing the maintenance, development, and accessibility of recreational amenities in Hanson. By addressing these concerns and priorities, the town can enhance the quality of life for residents and foster a sense of community well-being.

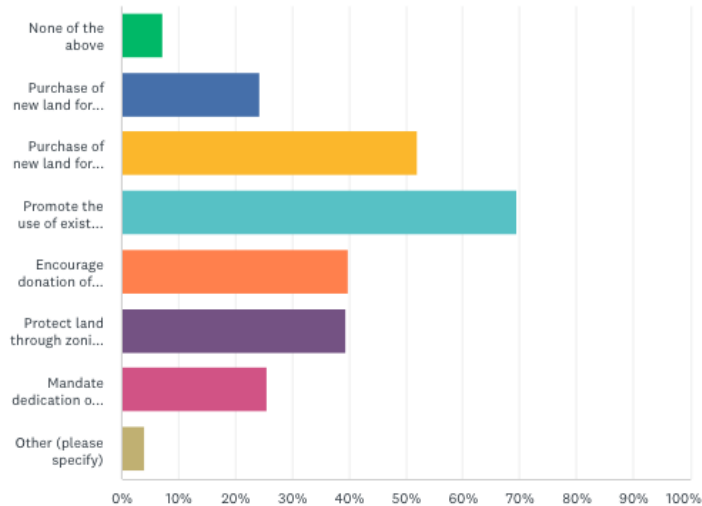
“All of the recreation space need improvement. This town has little to no walk-able access to park space. No where for older children to safely walk to. We could use more park space with basketball courts, street hockey court, playground space. Sidewalk access to get to these spaces safely.”

“The skate park is a wonderful space that has unfortunately been vandalized. This is worth improving and maintaining!”

“I know you’re working on it but accessible information on existing sites with trail maps would be great. Trying to navigate information on what is already available, how to access it, where to go, where to park, etc was non-existent except via word of mouth. Facebook should not be the sole medium for communication.”

### Which of the following approaches to land conservation do you support?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	7.17%	16
Purchase of new land for conservation only	24.22%	54
Purchase of new land for conservation or recreation	52.02%	116
Promote the use of existing space	69.51%	155
Encourage donation of land or conservation restrictions on privately owned land	39.91%	89
Protect land through zoning initiatives	39.46%	88
Mandate dedication of open space by developers	25.56%	57
Other (please specify)	4.04%	9
<b>Total Respondents: 223</b>		

**Figure 8. What outdoor activities do you most enjoy?**

The majority of respondents (52.02%) support the purchase of new land for either conservation or recreation purposes. Additionally, a significant portion (69.51%) advocate for promoting the use of existing space. Encouraging the donation of land or conservation restrictions on privately owned land also garnered considerable support, with 39.91% of respondents in favor. Other options, such as protecting land through zoning initiatives and mandating dedication of open space by developers, received moderate levels of support. Overall, there's a strong inclination toward acquiring new land for conservation or recreation and utilizing existing spaces more effectively to meet community needs.

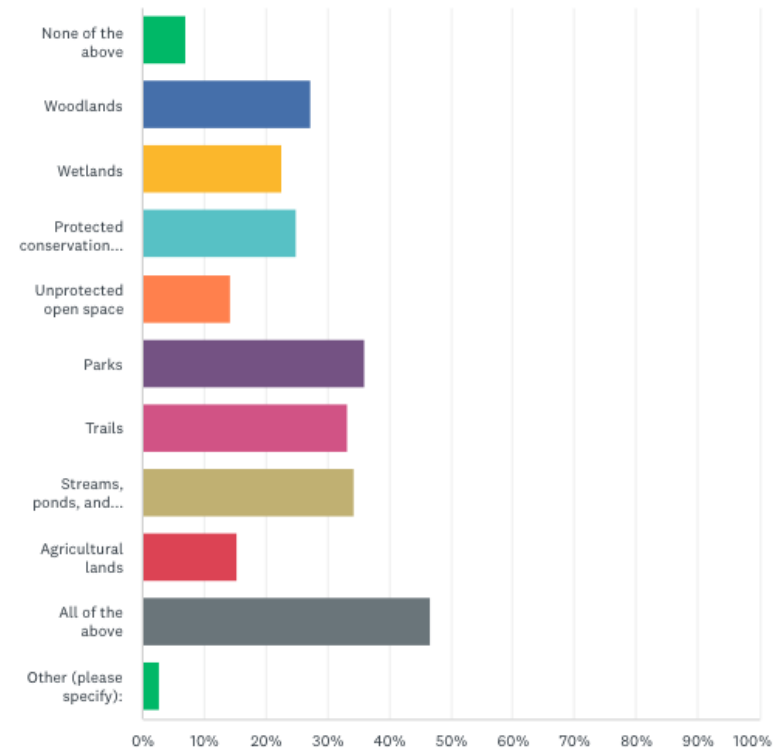
**Figure 8. Which natural resources need the most attention in order to improve or maintain quality of life in town?**



Respondents' preferences regarding areas they believe should be conserved or protected. The majority (46.76%) advocate for conserving "All of the above," including woodlands, wetlands, protected conservation land, unprotected open space, parks, trails, streams, ponds, groundwater, and agricultural lands. Among specific options, parks (36.11%), trails (33.33%), and streams, ponds, and groundwater (34.26%) received notable support. However, a considerable percentage also selected woodlands (27.31%) and wetlands (22.69%) for conservation. The few other responses included concerns about open airspace regarding flight patterns, and advocacy to keep preserving natural resources. Overall, respondents express a diverse range of priorities for conservation efforts, including various natural habitats and recreational areas.

Which natural resources need the most attention in order to improve or maintain quality of life in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

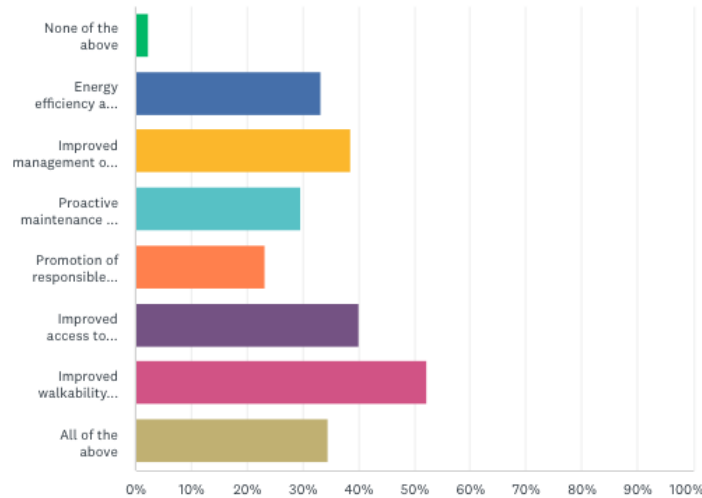
Answered: 216 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.94%	15
Woodlands	27.31%	59
Wetlands	22.69%	49
Protected conservation land	25.00%	54
Unprotected open space	14.35%	31
Parks	36.11%	78
Trails	33.33%	72
Streams, ponds, and groundwater	34.26%	74
Agricultural lands	15.28%	33
All of the above	46.76%	101

Which of the following should the town promote or pursue to ensure current and future generations enjoy high quality of life in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 220 Skipped: 37



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	2.27% 5
Energy efficiency and renewable energy production	33.18% 73
Improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality	38.64% 85
Proactive maintenance and expansion tree canopy	29.55% 65
Promotion of responsible pesticide and fertilizer use and alternatives	23.18% 51
Improved access to fresh, locally grown food	40.00% 88
Improved walkability throughout town	52.27% 115
All of the above	34.55% 76
<b>Total Respondents: 220</b>	

## Future Planning

**Figure 8. Which of the following should the town promote or pursue to ensure current and future generations enjoy high quality of life in town?**

The results illustrate respondents' preferences regarding various environmental initiatives. The majority (52.27%) advocate for "Improved walkability throughout town," indicating a desire for pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. Additionally, significant support is shown for "Improved access to fresh, locally grown food" (40.00%) and "Improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality" (38.64%). "Energy efficiency and renewable energy production" (33.18%) and "Proactive maintenance and expansion of the tree canopy" (29.55%) also garnered notable support. A considerable percentage of respondents (34.55%) favored implementing "All of the above," indicating a comprehensive approach to environmental initiatives.

**Figure 8. Thinking about our town, how important are the following to you?**

Among the amenities, "Libraries" and "Community events and festivals" garnered the highest ratings for being "very important," with 34.09% and 39.73% of respondents considering them as such, respectively. "Sports facilities and events" and "Performing arts facilities" also received notable importance ratings, with 28.24% and 36.70% rating them as "very important."

On the other hand, "Community centers" were perceived as less important, with only 35.00% of respondents rating them as "very important." Other amenities, such as "Historic preservation, historic structures, and museums" and "Places of faith," received varying degrees of importance ratings across the respondent base.

Overall, the data suggest that community events, libraries, and sports facilities are highly valued aspects of community life, according to the perspectives of the respondents.

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Historic preservation, historic structures, and museums	6.85% 15	21.46% 47	29.22% 64	29.22% 64	13.24% 29	219
Libraries	5.00% 11	7.73% 17	12.73% 28	34.09% 75	40.45% 89	220
Community events and festivals	1.37% 3	9.13% 20	27.40% 60	39.73% 87	22.37% 49	219
Performing arts facilities	13.30% 29	18.81% 41	36.70% 80	18.81% 41	12.39% 27	218
Art galleries, studios, and related facilities	17.97% 39	28.11% 61	28.57% 62	17.51% 38	7.83% 17	217
Community centers	0.91% 2	15.91% 35	24.09% 53	35.00% 77	24.09% 53	220
Community atmosphere that welcomes diverse cultures	10.55% 23	12.39% 27	20.64% 45	22.94% 50	33.49% 73	218
Places of faith	17.43% 38	18.81% 41	30.28% 66	19.72% 43	13.76% 30	218
Sports facilities and events	6.94% 15	18.06% 39	31.48% 68	28.24% 61	15.28% 33	216

**Figure 8. How satisfied are you with the follow in town?**

	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Trash and recycling services	35.94% 78	21.20% 46	18.43% 40	15.67% 34	8.76% 19	217	-0.60
Public schools	3.23% 7	16.59% 36	35.02% 76	27.19% 59	17.97% 39	217	0.40
Police services	2.74% 6	2.28% 5	21.00% 46	24.20% 53	49.77% 109	219	1.16
Fire services	1.36% 3	0.91% 2	19.55% 43	19.09% 42	59.09% 130	220	1.34
Responsiveness of town departments	4.59% 10	13.30% 29	40.83% 89	23.39% 51	17.89% 39	218	0.37
Public library	0.91% 2	2.74% 6	23.74% 52	35.62% 78	36.99% 81	219	1.05
Senior Center	1.86% 4	4.19% 9	62.79% 135	14.88% 32	16.28% 35	215	0.40
Veteran's services	1.42% 3	4.74% 10	76.30% 161	10.43% 22	7.11% 15	211	0.17
Code enforcement	5.74% 12	9.09% 19	72.73% 152	8.13% 17	4.31% 9	209	-0.04
Permitting	6.98% 15	11.16% 24	65.58% 141	11.63% 25	4.65% 10	215	-0.04
Town website	10.14% 22	20.28% 44	37.79% 82	25.35% 55	6.45% 14	217	-0.02

The table presents the satisfaction levels of respondents regarding various town services, ranging from "VERY DISSATISFIED" to "VERY SATISFIED."

- **"Trash and recycling services"** received a weighted average indicating dissatisfaction (-0.60), with a notable percentage (35.94%) expressing being "VERY DISSATISFIED."

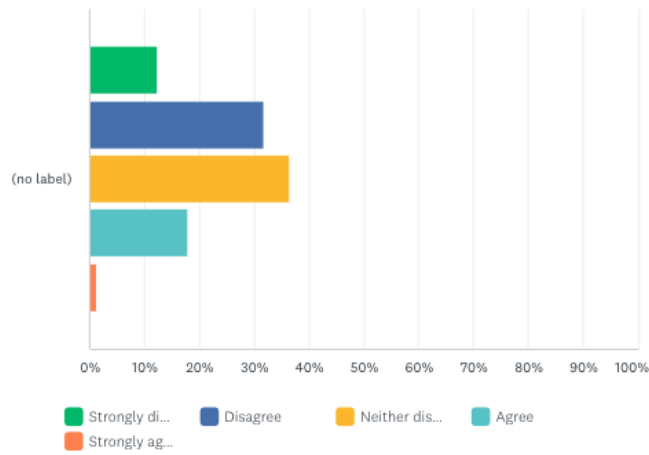
- **"Public schools"** received a positive weighted average (0.40), with a significant portion (35.02%) expressing being "NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED."
- **"Police services"** received a highly positive weighted average (1.16), with the majority (49.77%) expressing being "VERY SATISFIED."
- **"Fire services"** also received a notably positive weighted average (1.34), with the majority (59.09%) expressing being "VERY SATISFIED."
- **"Responsiveness of town departments"** had a moderately positive weighted average (0.37), with the majority (40.83%) expressing being "MODERATELY SATISFIED."
- **"Public library"** received a positive weighted average (1.05), with a significant portion (36.99%) expressing being "VERY SATISFIED."
- **"Senior Center"** and **"Veteran's services"** received positive weighted averages (0.40 and 0.17, respectively), with a substantial majority expressing satisfaction.
- **"Code enforcement," "Permitting," and "Town website"** had slightly negative to neutral weighted averages (-0.04 to -0.02), with varying levels of satisfaction expressed across these services.

Overall, the data suggest that fire services, veteran's services, and the public library are highly satisfactory to respondents, while trash and recycling services are the least satisfactory among the services evaluated.

### Figure 8. Information Satisfaction?

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following: The town does a good job keeping me informed about town priorities and spending, including projects, services, and events.

Answered: 217 Skipped: 40

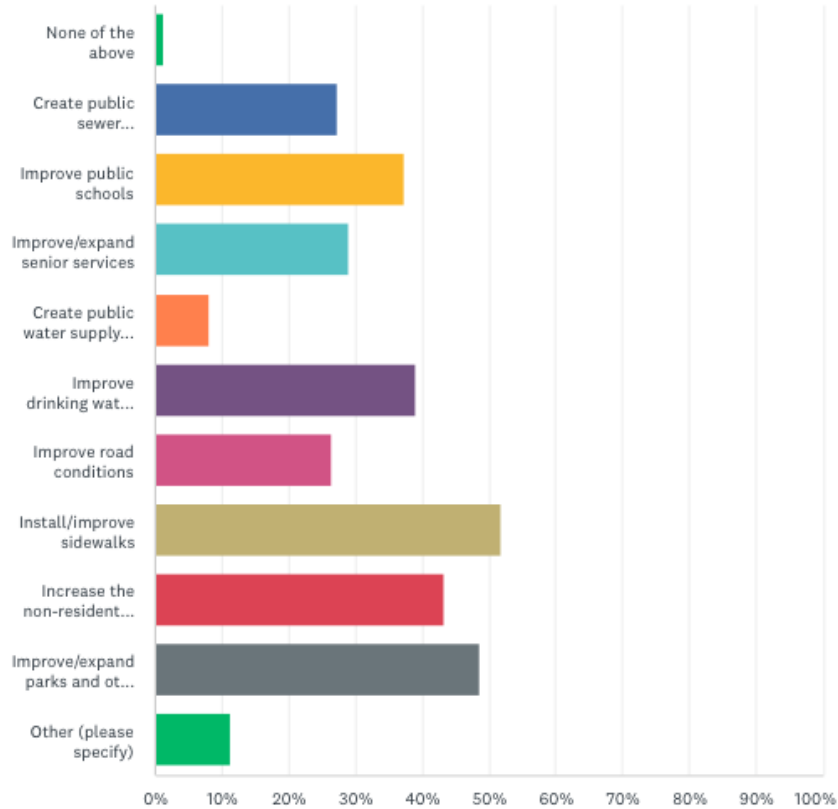


	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	12.44% 27	31.80% 69	36.41% 79	17.97% 39	1.38% 3	217	2.27

**Figure 8. Which of the following are the most important for the town to invest in?**

Which of the following are most important for the town to invest in? Please tick up to three boxes.

Answered: 220 Skipped: 37



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.36%	3
Create public sewer connections	27.27%	60
Improve public schools	37.27%	82
Improve/expand senior services	29.09%	64
Create public water supply connections	8.18%	18
Improve drinking water quality	39.09%	86
Improve road conditions	26.36%	58
Install/improve sidewalks	51.82%	114
Increase the non-residential tax base	43.18%	95
Improve/expand parks and other open spaces	48.64%	107
Other (please specify)	Responses	11.36% 25
<b>Total Respondents: 220</b>		

Responses regarding areas for improvement in the town. "Improve/expand parks and other open spaces" received the highest percentage of responses, with 48.64% of respondents indicating its importance. Following closely behind are "Improve drinking water quality" at 39.09% and "Improve/expand senior services" at 29.09%.

Meanwhile, "Install/improve sidewalks" garnered significant attention, with 51.82% of respondents suggesting its enhancement. Other notable areas for improvement include "Increase the non-residential tax base" at 43.18% and "Improve public schools" at 37.27%.

Overall, respondents highlighted the importance of enhancing infrastructure, public services, and recreational amenities to improve the quality of life in the town.

### Figure 8. Is there anything else?

The open responses reveal a range of concerns and suggestions from residents regarding various aspects of life in Hanson. Here's a summary:



1. **Property Taxes and Commercial Taxes:** Residents expressed a desire for lower property taxes and suggested that commercial properties should contribute more in taxes than residential properties.

"Love living here would like to see lower property taxes commercial property paying more in taxes than residential more money and senior center."

"More affordable help for seniors and handicap."

"There needs to be serious investment in existing infrastructure as well as a budget for maintenance to reduce this investment."

2. **Infrastructure and Development:** Some residents oppose further building of apartments or condos, citing concerns about water supply. Others advocate for more sidewalks, street lights, and cleaner streets, while some highlight the need for curb side trash pick up.

"Adding sidewalks that extend toward the commuter rail should be a priority."

"No more building of apartments or condos. Where is the water going to come from?"

"I really wish the town would consider trash pickup. From my observations, most residents (in my area anyway) are paying for private trash services, why not offer it through the town?"

3. **Community Services and Facilities:** Many residents emphasize the need for improved senior services, expanded libraries, and better recreational facilities. Some suggest investing in businesses to increase revenue and enhance the town's offerings.

"Most local towns have very affordable recreation programs for children to participate in all year long. My children currently attend programs through Rockland Rec. safe outdoor spaces. Children/teens have almost no where to "hang out" Basketball courts, street hockey, - Whitman has a town park with pool. It does not have to be a large beautiful garden. Just a safe, clean space for activities."

"I support expanding the current library. The library offers programs and services for the entire community- from the youngest to the very oldest."

"Senior center should be expanded."

4. **Education:** Several respondents underscore the importance of investing in public schools, advocating for innovative programs and resources to benefit students.

"We need to prioritize the public schools resources and curriculum."

"The elementary school should have a makerspace, a technology coach/teacher, and be more innovative."

"Our students are not given the same opportunities that other towns around us have and that's not fair to our students and their futures."

5. **Environment and Quality of Life:** Concerns about noise pollution, environmental impact, and maintaining the small-town feel of Hanson were also raised. Suggestions include reducing traffic, supporting green initiatives, and preserving natural spaces.

"To have a healthy community, we need to see that each group has the services it needs - children, parents, senior citizens, etc."

"I would really like to see the water situation to be improved."

6. **Communication and Engagement:** There's a consensus on the importance of improved communication between the town government and residents. Suggestions include utilizing social media more effectively, updating the town website regularly, and fostering a sense of community through events and initiatives.

"An aid to how local government works would be helpful. Information is available to those who know what to look for. Many people don't know what they don't know and become reactive when decisions are made they were not even aware were being made."

"Communication is key and Facebook, while reaching many people, is an incredibly divisive platform."

"Would like to see more information through the town on upcoming town meetings. Not everyone has social media."

Overall, the responses reflect a community that values its quality of life, seeks improvements in various services and amenities, and desires a more inclusive and engaged approach to governance.

## Hanson Master Plan Community Survey

The Town of Hanson is seeking your input to help develop a comprehensive Master Plan for our community.

Your time is valuable. Thank you in advance for taking 10-15 minutes to complete this survey. It's only with your feedback that we can know the needs and wants of folks in our community. Responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential.

A Master Plan describes the current state and future vision of a community. It acts as a roadmap, guiding future growth and development while promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of residents. Topics covered include housing, transportation, economic development, parks and open space, and more.

The town planner is overseeing this process and there will be more opportunities to share your thoughts and opinions.

If you have any questions, please contact [tdefrias@hanson-ma.gov](mailto:tdefrias@hanson-ma.gov) . Thank you once again for your contributions toward this process.

\* 1. Which of the following apply to you? Please tick one or more boxes.

- I live in Hanson
- I work in Hanson
- I own property in Hanson
- I run a business in Hanson
- None of the above

2. If you live in Hanson, how long have you lived here?

- Less than a year
- 1-3 years
- 4-10
- 10-24
- 25 or more years

## Your Experience of Our Community

3. During the past five years or so, how has the quality of life in town changed, if at all?

*Please choose one answer.*

Significantly declined	Somewhat declined	Stayed the same (no change)	Somewhat improved	Significantly improved
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you'd like to explain your answer, please do so here:

4. What do you like most about our town? *Please tick up to three boxes.*

- Schools
- Public safety
- Natural and scenic areas
- Small-town charm / rural atmosphere
- Strong sense of community / feelings of belonging
- Geographically convenient location
- Recreational and cultural opportunities
- Local businesses, including dining
- Affordability
- Other (please specify)

5. What are you most concerned about in town? *Please tick one or more boxes.*

- Quality of public school education
- Loss of natural lands / deteriorating environment
- Development / losing small-town feel
- Divisions within the community / lack of inclusivity
- Affordability / cost of living
- Vibrancy of commercial areas
- Aging infrastructure
- Lack of housing options
- Other (please specify)

6. How satisfied are you with the following in town? *Please choose one answer per row.*

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
Access to information about what's happening in town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hanson as a place to raise children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hanson as a place to retire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Value of services received for your property tax dollars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Image and appearance of the town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town government transparency and accountability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Transportation

7. How often do you use the following modes of transport to get around town? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Never	Less than once a week	1-2 days a week	3-6 days a week	Daily
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Uber, Lyft, or other private driving service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Center driving service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ask for a lift from friends or family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. On average, how long is your commute to work?

- I work from home all of the time or most of the time
- Less than 15 minutes
- 15-30 minutes
- 30 minutes to 1 hour
- More than 1 hour
- I don't work

9. How satisfied are you with the following in town? *Please choose one answer per row.*

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
Road surface conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalk conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleanliness of roads and sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicyclist safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vehicle speeds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Housing

10. Which of the following is true about your home?

- You own your home in town
- You rent your home in town
- You own a home in town that is used as a rental
- You live with others in town and do not pay rent
- You do not live in town

11. If you were to move out of your current home, why would that be, do you think? *Please tick one or more boxes.*

- Want a smaller home with less maintenance
- Want a larger home / larger lot
- Need to reduce my housing costs
- Want to move closer to family/friends
- Want a warmer climate
- Want a home that is more suitable to aging, for example, without stairs
- Reduce commute time

12. Is housing affordability an issue for you or anyone you know who lives in town?

- Yes
- No

13. Which of the following types of housing would you support in town? *Please choose one answer for each row.*

	Yes	Maybe	No
Converted use buildings (e.g., turning existing non-residential buildings into housing units)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age-restricted housing for those 55+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable Housing (no age restriction)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessible housing (e.g., no stairs, roll-in showers, handrails, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assisted living/memory care facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Townhouses or condos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pocket neighborhoods (small cottage homes centered around a common green space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open space residential developments (homes closer together with conserved open space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supportive or transitional housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mixed-use properties (e.g., commercial first floor with residential above)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green design (low environmental impact; e.g., energy efficient)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Economic Development

14. Which of the following would you like to see more of in town? *Please tick one or more boxes.*

- Small local businesses, including retail and restaurants
- Manufacturing and industrial facilities
- Professional offices
- Large or chain businesses, including retail and restaurants
- Technology, research, and development
- Farms and agricultural businesses
- Medical facilities
- Other (please specify):

- I do not support more businesses in town.

15. Should more land in town be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use?

- No
- Yes
- Not sure

## Open Space and Recreation

**"Open space" includes parks, playgrounds, trails, conservation areas, athletic fields, and similar places. It's a broad term that refers to conservation land, forested land, recreational land, agricultural land, corridor parks, and amenities such as small parks and playgrounds. Open spaces may be used for passive recreation like walking, for active recreation like baseball, or left in a natural state for drinking water protection or other reasons.**

16. How often do you use open space or recreation space in town?

- Multiple times a week
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- A few times a year
- I do not use the spaces in town.

17. What outdoor activities do you most enjoy? Please check no more than five boxes.

- Walking or hiking
- Running or jogging
- On-road bicycling
- Off-road bicycling
- Team Sports
- Picnicking
- Fishing
- Playgrounds
- Kayak/Canoeing
- Swimming

18. Which, if any, of the following does our town need more of?

- Trails for walking, hiking or jogging
- Paved paths for running or jogging
- On-road bicycling
- Off-road bicycling
- Team Sports
- Picnicking
- Playgrounds
- Water recreation access points (canoeing, kayaking, fishing or swimming)
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Soccer fields
- Football fields
- Basketball Courts
- Pickleball court
- The town is sufficient in all of these

19. Are there recreation spaces in town that need improvements or repairs? (please skip if unsure)

20. Which of the following approaches to land conservation do you support?

- Purchase of new land for conservation only
- Purchase of new land for conservation or recreation
- Promote the use of existing space
- Encourage donation of land or conservation restrictions on privately owned land
- Protect land through zoning initiatives
- Mandate dedication of open space my developers
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

## Natural and Cultural Resources

21. Which natural resources need the most attention in order to improve or maintain quality of life in town? *Please tick one or more boxes.*

- Woodlands
- Wetlands
- Protected conservation land
- Unprotected open space
- Parks
- Trails
- Streams, ponds, and groundwater
- Agricultural lands
- All of the above
- Other (please specify):

- None of the above

22. Which of the following should the town promote or pursue to ensure current and future generations enjoy high quality of life in town? *Please tick one or more boxes.*

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy production
- Improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality
- Proactive maintenance and expansion tree canopy
- Promotion of responsible pesticide and fertilizer use and alternatives
- Improved access to fresh, locally grown food
- Improved walkability throughout town
- All of the above
- None of the above

23. Thinking about our town, how important are the following to you:

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Historic preservation, historic structures, and museums	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community events and festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performing arts facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Art galleries, studios, and related facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community atmosphere that welcomes diverse cultures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Places of faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports facilities and events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Town Facilities and Services

24. How satisfied are you with the following in town? *Please choose one answer per row.*

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
Trash and recycling services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsiveness of town departments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veteran's services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Code enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Permitting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following: The town does a good job keeping me informed about town priorities and spending, including projects, services, and events.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Which of the following are most important for the town to invest in? *Please tick up to three boxes.*

- Create public sewer connections
- Improve public schools
- Improve/expand senior services
- Create public water supply connections
- Improve drinking water quality
- Improve road conditions
- Install/improve sidewalks
- Increase the non-residential tax base
- Improve/expand parks and other open spaces
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

## About You

**We include these questions to help ensure lots of different people in town take part in this survey. Questions 30-33 are optional and will not be affiliated with your answers. However, they help us ensure that all voices in the community are heard. This way we can avoid getting one-sided or biased results, and make sure survey results accurately reflect our entire community.**

\* 27. What age group are you in?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- I prefer not to answer

\* 28. Is anyone in your household under the age of 18?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

\* 29. Do you live in a multigenerational household?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

30. Do you or does someone who lives with you have any disability, handicap, or chronic disease?

- No
- Yes
- Prefer not to answer



31. Which of the following best describes your gender?

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary
- Prefer to self-identify below:

- Prefer not to answer

32. What race and/or ethnicity do you identify with? *Please tick one or more boxes.*

- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian or Asian American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify):

- Prefer not to answer

33. What was your total household income last year before taxes?

- Under \$25,000
- Between \$25,000 and \$49,999
- Between \$50,000 and \$99,999
- Between \$100,000 and \$199,999
- Over \$200,000
- Prefer not to answer

## Thank You

34. Your time and input is valuable to us. If there's anything else you'd like to share about needs and priorities in our community, please do so in the space below:

35. If you would like to receive updates on the Master Plan, including further participation opportunities, please provide your email address below.

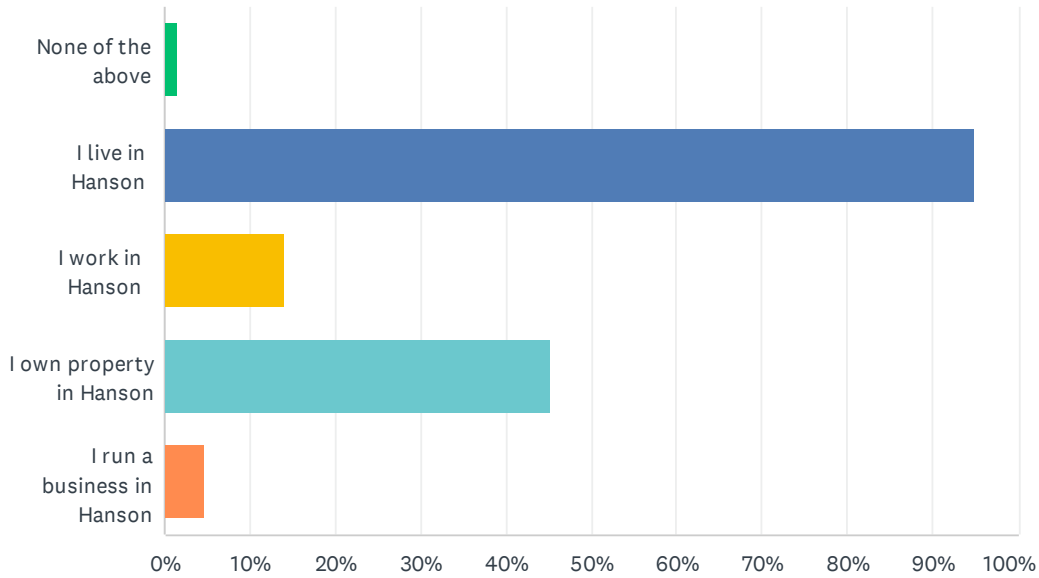
**Email address**

We very much appreciate you taking this time to share your thoughts and opinions with us. It's only with your help that we can develop a Master Plan best-suited for our community. Thank you for your input!

If you have any questions, please contact [tdefrias@hanson-ma.gov](mailto:tdefrias@hanson-ma.gov) . Thank you once again for your contributions toward this process.

Q1 Which of the following apply to you? Please tick one or more boxes.

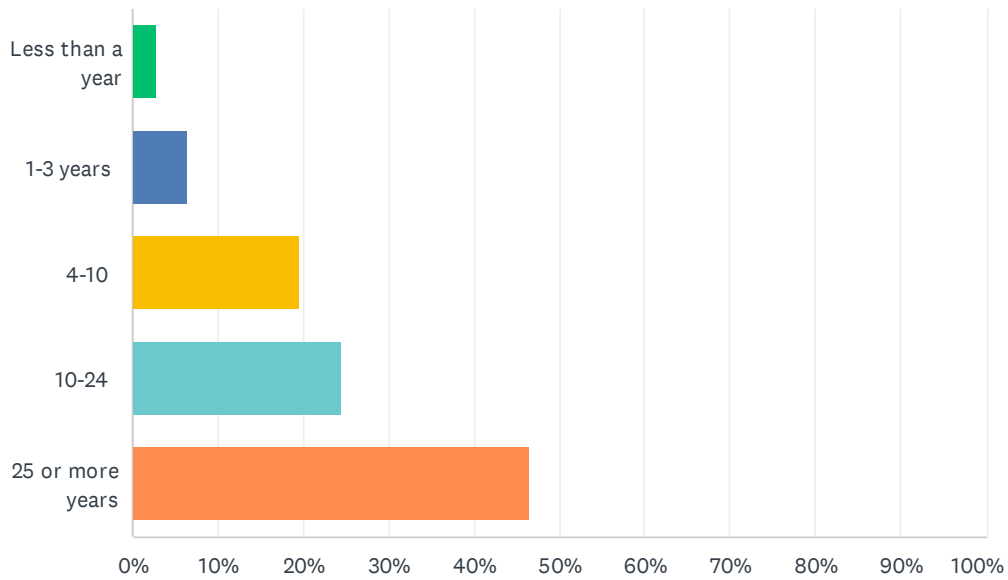
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.56%	4
I live in Hanson	94.94%	244
I work in Hanson	14.01%	36
I own property in Hanson	45.14%	116
I run a business in Hanson	4.67%	12
Total Respondents: 257		

## Q2 If you live in Hanson, how long have you lived here?

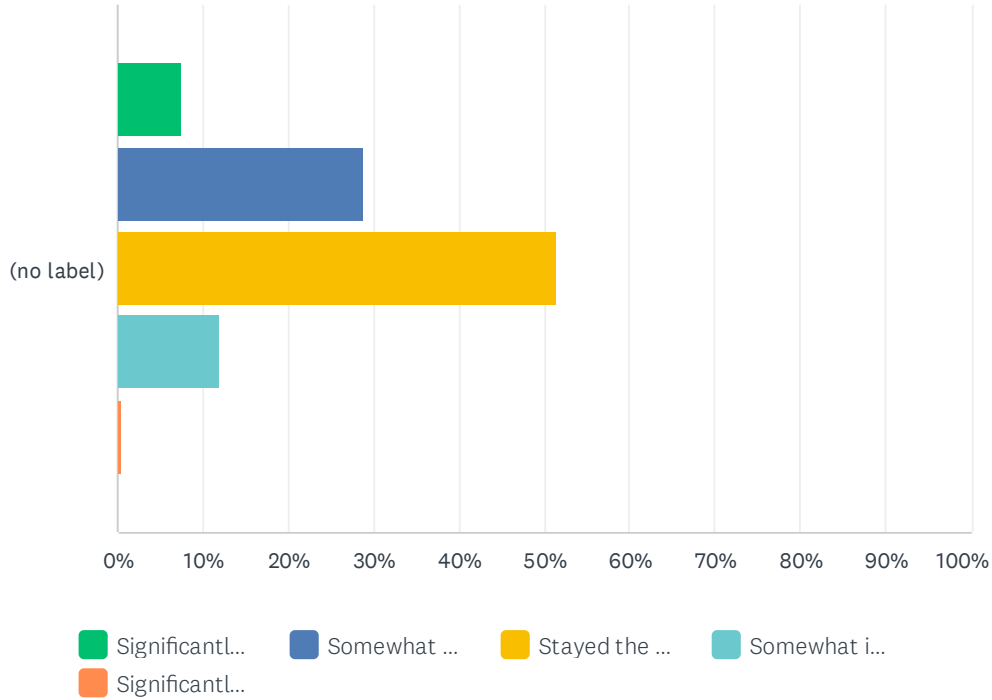
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	2.81%	7
1-3 years	6.43%	16
4-10	19.68%	49
10-24	24.50%	61
25 or more years	46.59%	116
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>249</b>

### Q3 During the past five years or so, how has the quality of life in town changed, if at all? Please choose one answer.

Answered: 226 Skipped: 31



	SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINED	SOMEWHAT DECLINED	STAYED THE SAME (NO CHANGE)	SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	7.52%	28.76%	51.33%	11.95%	0.44%	226	-0.31
	17	65	116	27	1		

#	IF YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE DO SO HERE:	DATE
1	40b condos everywhere	3/24/2024 6:19 PM
2	have not noticed anything	3/24/2024 6:07 PM
3	Some roads have been resurfaced	3/23/2024 11:34 PM
4	Sad to see all the nonsense with the administration at Town Hall and the BOS.	3/13/2024 1:46 PM
5	Increased Traffic Excess Development Out of Control school budgets to the distortion of other departments	3/11/2024 2:44 PM
6	Taxes rising. More and more building taking place. Open space being used up	3/1/2024 5:27 PM
7	Some roads have improved. There is a resurgence of some residents getting more involved. We will see a new library/senior Center plus a park on high street in the near future. The town planner has come up with a great plan for the Maquan site.	2/24/2024 1:07 PM
8	Too many new developments. This puts a burden on water, schools, police, fire and all departments.	2/12/2024 10:22 AM
9	More traffic . Folks in the many new apartments do not have the same community spirit as homeowners.	2/10/2024 1:32 PM
10	The FAA not only shifted the flight path over Hanson, they also changed how planes fly when	2/10/2024 8:07 AM

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arriving to 33L. They shifted the noise burden 25nm from the runway directly over Hanson concentrating both descent and speed change noise onto Hanson then overfly closer in communities with level off for 12-14 miles. The entire purpose of this change was to spare Hull, Hingham, Cohasset the noise the FAA & Massport's noise complaint system would register fewer complaints. By intentionally shifting and concentrating the noise burden onto less populated towns 25nm from the runway, they would have fewer complaints and their numbers would look better. Hanson did not have a voice in the MCAC, the FAA just did it. Hanson needs to rally its citizens and make them aware that by design they are being targeted with the concentrated noise burden and accompanying pollutants.

11	the floodgates have opened with housing units like phillips street school system struggling get zero support from town	2/9/2024 4:08 PM
12	Wonderful, safe place to live. Fabulous Fire and Police. Fabulous resources such as the Library and local shopping. I feel like I live in Mayberry! Hope it doesn't change too much with a lot of new development	2/8/2024 8:26 AM
13	Nothing really new happening around town. Condos have been added but same businesses are around.	2/7/2024 11:30 PM
14	Infrastructure needs repairs.	2/7/2024 2:48 PM
15	Cost of living increasing	2/7/2024 1:46 PM
16	Improved walking trails	2/7/2024 1:26 PM
17	Too much building.	2/7/2024 10:08 AM
18	I am more involved in the local groups and committees and can actually see changes that are being made from a policy level as well as observing what positive actions people are making. I am concerned at the increased anger and division I witness since 2016, but that is everywhere in the world.	2/6/2024 10:10 PM
19	There isn't any affordable income housing. It's all single family zoned. I feel like the zoning for businesses should be reformed. There isn't a lot here in hanson in the first place. It'd be nice if the lots didn't have to be 44ksquare feet. Because there are non conforming lots in business zones. Maybe more flex zones. Zoning should be reevaluated it was created in like the 50s? That world doesn't apply to our world today so it shouldn't sit fixed. That's my opinion. Also there should only be allowed on franchise per franchise. Why do we have three or two now Dunkin's. It takes away from small businesses.	2/6/2024 7:42 PM
20	Im too new to answer	2/5/2024 7:24 AM
21	Better cell service still not great	2/3/2024 7:00 PM
22	Town (entire region) is too expensive to live unless you're wealthy. Building these horrid giant buildings in South Hanson really an eyesore. Corrupt departments at town hall. Overpaid Town Administrator. Police who would rather keep the crime hush hush instead of actually prosecuting and arresting. Got to keep that crime rate artificially low.	2/3/2024 2:10 PM
23	Property tax increase	2/3/2024 8:59 AM
24	Plymouth County hospital area	2/2/2024 8:21 AM
25	Taxes go up, pay more for dump, school manipulates kids to vote for school money where the school is not even ranked in the top 100 and did. It prepare my kids for college	2/1/2024 8:58 PM
26	The building up of Hanson has led to the loss of the small town look & feel that sets Hanson apart, there is now the increased need for public safety (esp at Station Depot) which is only going to get worse with all the building up, schools have begun to sell out education for "DEI", developers are running & ruining the town while admin looks the other way, historical houses/buildings are allowed to be demolished in the name of "housing" instead of the town stepping up to preserve Hanson's history, Camp Kiwanee, one of Hanson's greatest treasures, is going by the wayside (even considered as a "venue") for the sake of quick money. It seems "the town" is more concerned about getting as much money it can, regardless of the true costs (small town feel, natural beauty, historical places, etc) or of what the RESIDENTS want.	2/1/2024 8:15 PM
27	Too much building	1/27/2024 9:14 AM
28	I am against the big push for over development & urbanization of our town	1/26/2024 1:49 PM

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29	Water quality issues, trash pick up situation is poor	1/25/2024 6:34 PM
30	Too populated. Keep building and ruining the woods and nature.	1/24/2024 9:43 PM
31	We had frequent power outages and brown water often and both those issues have pretty much been eliminated!	1/24/2024 9:27 PM
32	It seems like there hasn't been enough money to fund needed services and programs.	1/24/2024 5:52 PM
33	A lot more traffic coming through	1/24/2024 3:35 PM
34	Would like to see possible boutique business and more new construction that integrates well with our older neighbor. Can make affordable housing but limit multi family townhomes (except around public transport such as Hanson train station I think that's a positive).	1/24/2024 2:29 PM
35	Property taxes are high, and road quality is bad.	1/24/2024 1:40 PM
36	I feel like the quality of life has been consistent. There is much room for improvement especially in the area of recreation and family activities. I see no investment in the younger children in this town.	1/24/2024 12:46 PM
37	I've seen towns nearby make improvements in their functionality, town events, and even just basic outside appearance and Hanson seems the same as it did when I was young.	1/24/2024 9:54 AM
38	Urbanization. All the beautiful outdoor spaces are cut to put up uninspired cookie cutter houses. Need more green commons	1/24/2024 9:28 AM
39	Taxes keep going up; the group that is supposed to be working on the special rate for electricity is non responsive; when you go to town hall one office has no idea what the other office is doing.	1/23/2024 8:55 PM
40	Taxes	1/22/2024 10:18 PM
41	Instead of investing in & welcoming commercial business, all that the boards seem to care about is bringing in more apartments & only care about raising taxes on the homeowners. BRING A LARGE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS TO THIS TOWN!	1/21/2024 4:52 PM
42	Have not lived in Hanson long enough to properly comment.	1/21/2024 10:55 AM
43	There is no community in Hanson.	1/21/2024 8:13 AM
44	This town never does anything progressive, lots of talk, no action	1/20/2024 9:11 PM
45	Town government isn't productive.	1/20/2024 6:13 PM
46	Education and spending on education!	1/20/2024 5:17 PM
47	Increased traffic	1/20/2024 2:54 PM
48	Little expansion or improvements	1/20/2024 2:34 PM
49	To many politics. Bylaws not being followed. To much spending on needless ventures.	1/20/2024 2:08 PM
50	No business, lack of safe field space for sports and activities, run down and broken playground, too many condos, barely any funding for schools, lack of community involvement	1/19/2024 7:42 PM
51	Apartment complexes filled with less than desirable, constant police activity	1/19/2024 10:01 AM
52	Lack of leadership, mismanagement of funds and having priorities in the wrong place.	1/18/2024 7:12 PM
53	Due to the lack of leadership and common sense within the towns select board	1/18/2024 3:38 PM
54	Everything is old, and the town appears to outdated and not catching up with times.	1/18/2024 1:47 PM
55	The upkeep around town has declined. The roads are great but general maintenance of business and public lands continue to reduce.	1/18/2024 12:54 PM
56	The construction on East Washington St took a whole year... That was so stressful.	1/18/2024 11:42 AM
57	Not enough development and support of the school system and general support of the children living in the area	1/18/2024 10:06 AM
58	Political discourse continues to be disturbing.	1/18/2024 9:17 AM

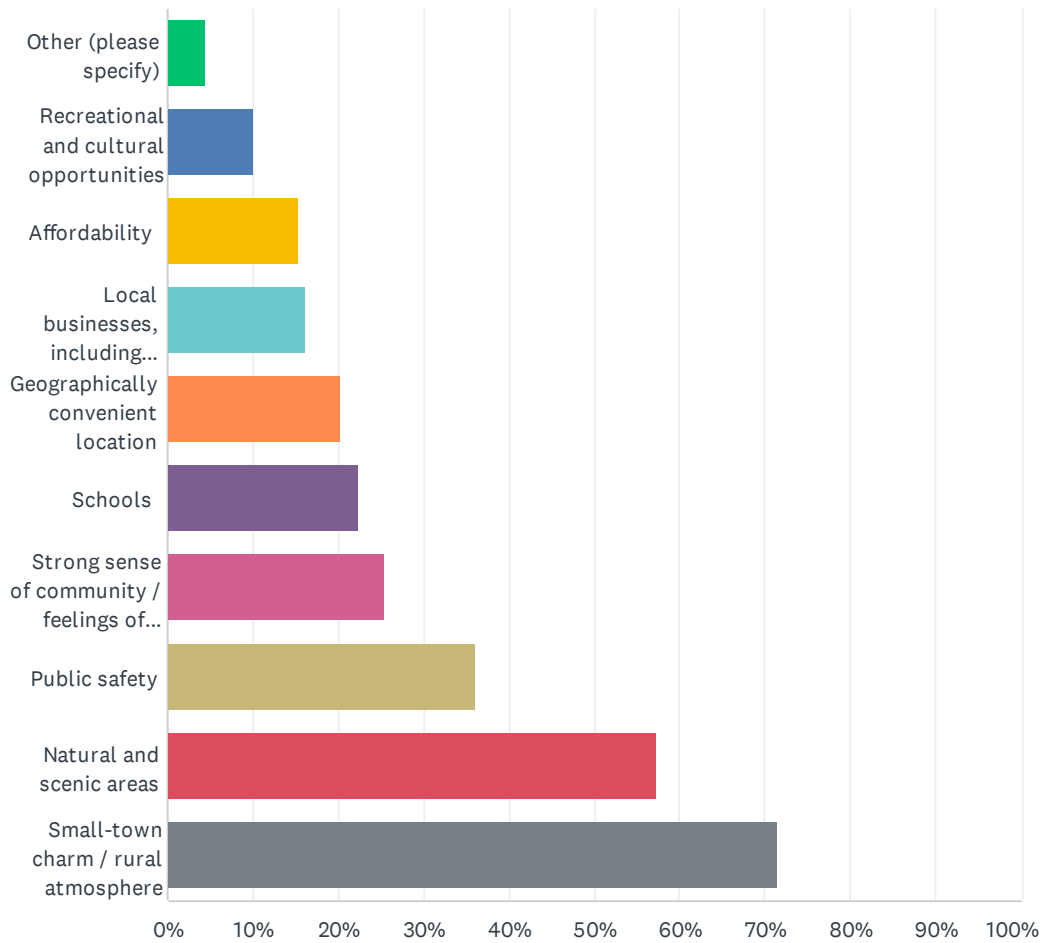
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59	Increased demolition and construction, affecting access to playground, blight of South Hanson	1/18/2024 9:17 AM
60	Feels like the "small city" vibe is leaving, growing the town is great but I'd prefer more small businesses and houses rather than chain restaurants and housing owned by large entities.	1/10/2024 9:16 AM
61	Water restrictions, school funding with Whitnan	1/10/2024 7:38 AM
62	Since enrolling my children in Public school, have gotten an increased appreciation of the strong community bond and helpfulness of neighbors.	1/9/2024 11:01 PM
63	With such high taxes and too many new multiple family condo homes being built it doesn't feel the same as it used to.	1/9/2024 8:33 PM
64	Infrastructure (road maintenance is poor; many roads are almost impossible to drive on)	1/9/2024 12:40 PM
65	Restaurants seem unable to stay open. Multiple locations of shuttered businesses. Added "affordable housing" with zero added infrastructure	1/8/2024 8:25 PM
66	Traffic	12/16/2023 6:26 AM
67	Businesses leaving, housing complexes being put up everywhere adding to the towns public servants needs and school burden....taxes soon will force me out of my home	12/15/2023 8:10 AM
68	Our library have expanded its services so much that it feels like we have a community center that benefits all residents, regardless of age	12/11/2023 9:42 AM
69	Lack of business	12/9/2023 1:03 PM
70	There has been some changes to the town, like a new cell tower (but doesn't seem to have made a difference), a lot of new developments, traffic has seemed to increase, taxes going up. No improvements / added amenities such as new sidewalks, or services to the public.	12/3/2023 2:37 PM



### Q4 What do you like most about our town? Please tick up to three boxes.

Answered: 228 Skipped: 29



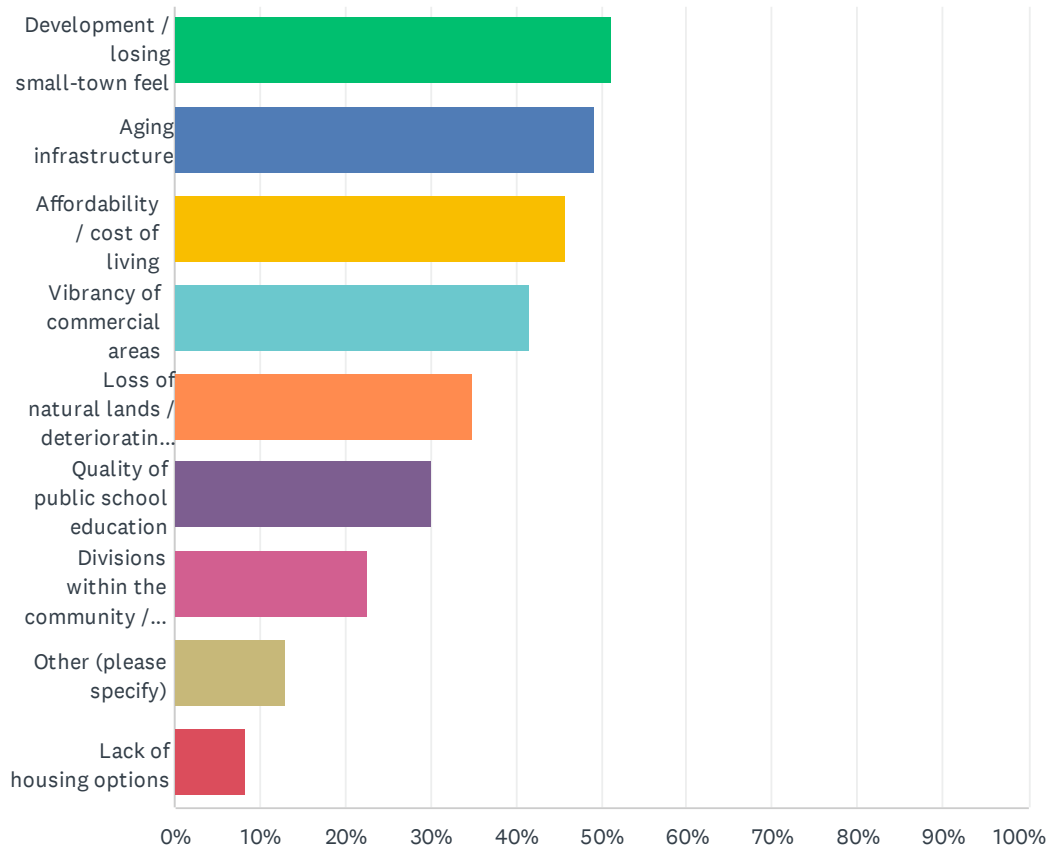
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Other (please specify)	4.39%	10
Recreational and cultural opportunities	10.09%	23
Affordability	15.35%	35
Local businesses, including dining	16.23%	37
Geographically convenient location	20.18%	46
Schools	22.37%	51
Strong sense of community / feelings of belonging	25.44%	58
Public safety	35.96%	82
Natural and scenic areas	57.46%	131
Small-town charm / rural atmosphere	71.49%	163
Total Respondents: 228		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	could use more business they should be paying more than home owners for taxes.	3/24/2024 6:07 PM
2	Abundant open space. land protected from development.	2/10/2024 1:32 PM
3	The Library	2/4/2024 2:54 PM
4	Senior center	1/25/2024 11:26 PM
5	Nothing. This town is awful. I can't wait to get out of here. The taxes are high, there are no services (sewer, trash, etc...) and zero community	1/21/2024 8:13 AM
6	Relatively safe area	1/20/2024 2:34 PM
7	Small town charm is getting further away	1/9/2024 8:33 PM
8	Library and all they have to offer	12/11/2023 9:42 AM
9	library	12/7/2023 12:24 PM
10	I am a product of the schooling so i take pride that all my children are being educated here also . as far as the above listing of recreational opportunities this town has so much potential.Unfortunately it falls short to our surrounding towns who offer more	11/30/2023 6:10 PM

## Q5 What are you most concerned about in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 229 Skipped: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Development / losing small-town feel	51.09%	117
Aging infrastructure	49.34%	113
Affordability / cost of living	45.85%	105
Vibrancy of commercial areas	41.48%	95
Loss of natural lands / deteriorating environment	34.93%	80
Quality of public school education	30.13%	69
Divisions within the community / lack of inclusivity	22.71%	52
Other (please specify)	13.10%	30
Lack of housing options	8.30%	19
Total Respondents: 229		

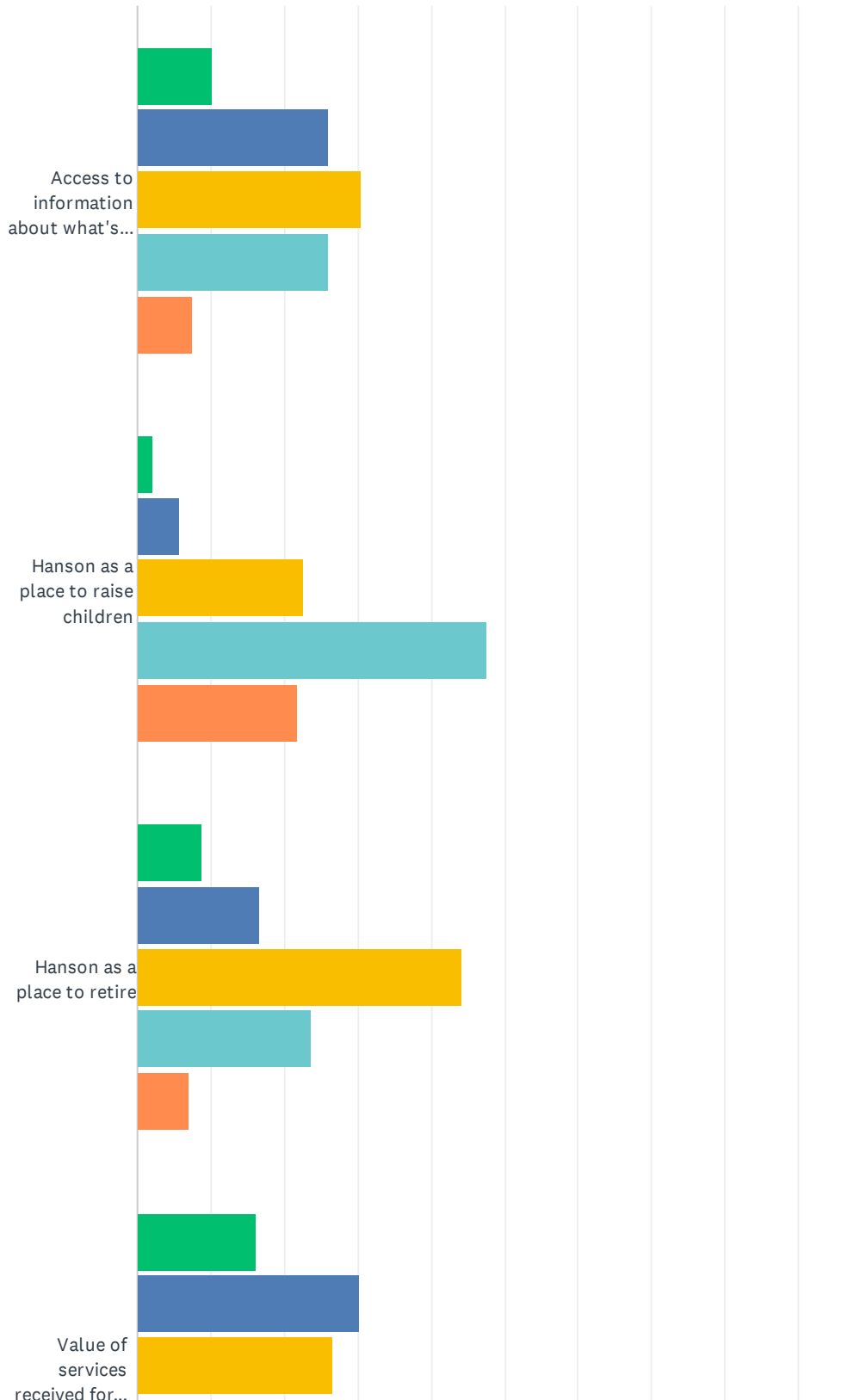
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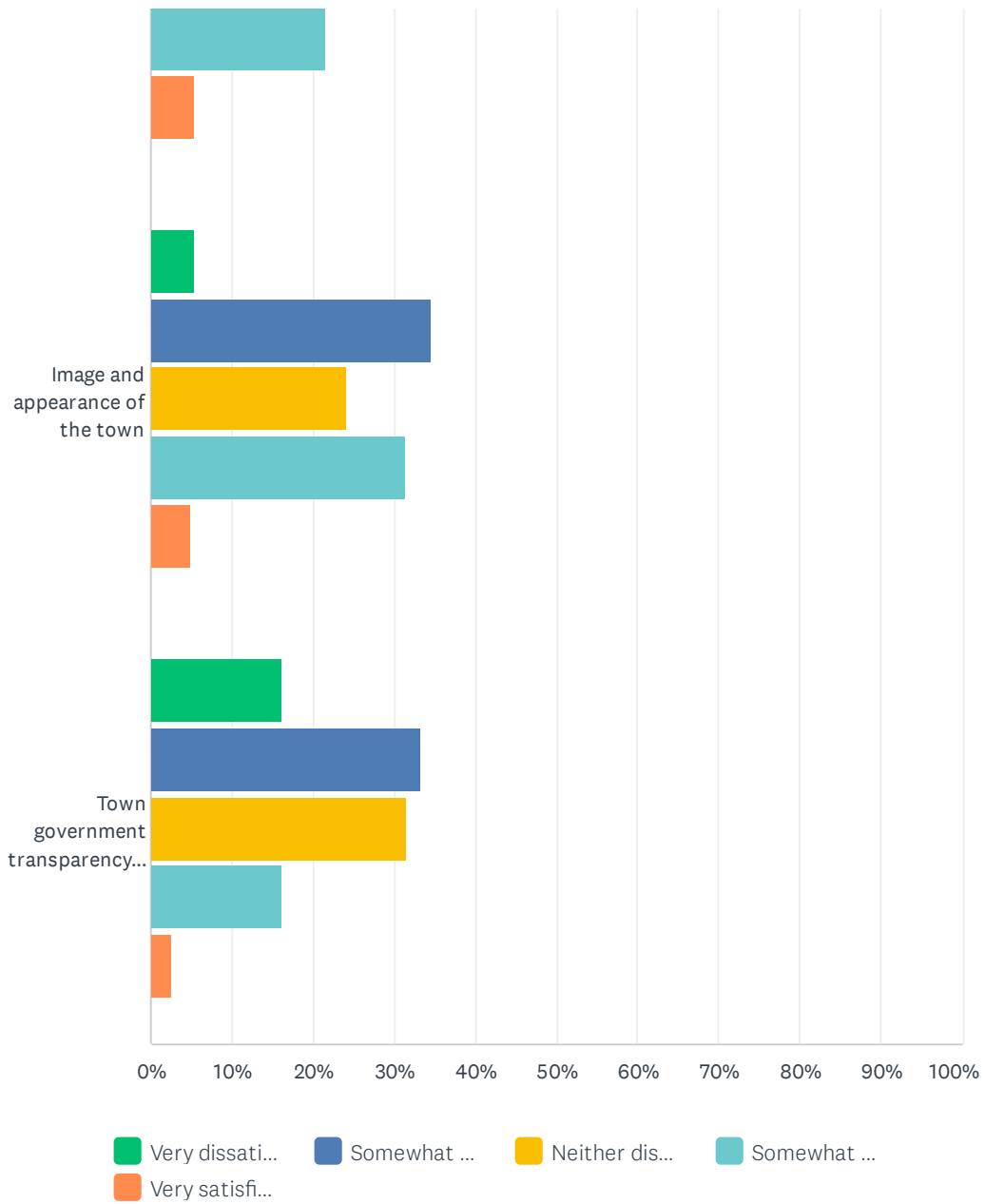
1	seniors being priced out of property	3/23/2024 11:34 PM
2	Removal of Indian head river dam is a terrible idea	3/1/2024 7:43 PM
3	Disregard for wetland protection	2/10/2024 1:32 PM
4	don't need housing projects	2/9/2024 4:08 PM
5	Underdeveloped downtown area. No quaint downtown park area. Big parking lot and grocery store plaza is an eye sore. Very slow development of Main Street near train station. No sidewalks in town yo encourage people walking.	2/7/2024 1:26 PM
6	Public officials lack of transparency	2/3/2024 7:08 PM
7	Healthy close-by restaurant food options. & safe rec area for kids and adults. Ball field location is dangerous location, need more for the kids, like pickleball and rec center.	2/2/2024 11:38 AM
8	Lack of Business opportunities, To many condos	1/24/2024 2:35 PM
9	Public safety staffing	1/24/2024 12:57 PM
10	Lack of investment in the youth of our town.	1/24/2024 12:46 PM
11	Lack of cell service, lack of choice in internet providers (Comcast only)	1/24/2024 8:35 AM
12	In accessable for walking and disabled. It is hard to walk to any store unless you live right next to it. Would love to see sidewalks for safety.	1/20/2024 4:58 PM
13	Paying more per student than Whitman	1/20/2024 2:54 PM
14	Water quality and infrastructure	1/20/2024 2:34 PM
15	Taxes increasing at unsustainable rate	1/20/2024 2:34 PM
16	Lack of commercial buisness	1/20/2024 8:59 AM
17	Need more development	1/19/2024 2:48 AM
18	Continued spending on non essential items.	1/18/2024 7:12 PM
19	It would be nice if businesses would take a little more pride in the outside appearance of their businesses	1/18/2024 4:03 PM
20	The First Responders in this town are amazing and if they aren't paid enough compared to other towns, we will lose great employees and the services the town gets from first responders will suffer.	1/18/2024 1:47 PM
21	Increase in low income housing	1/18/2024 10:38 AM
22	Lack of town run recreational programs/options	1/18/2024 9:19 AM
23	Lack of things to do (kids or community), few communal areas like a community center, bowling alley or similar, no centralized park with playground	1/18/2024 9:17 AM
24	Love the small town feel, don't want to lose that. Would like the business/commercial areas that are in decay to be updated, but not additional building.	1/18/2024 8:16 AM
25	Lack of sidewalks	1/8/2024 11:57 AM
26	Services to people Age 60+	12/16/2023 5:40 PM
27	getting too commercialized	12/11/2023 9:42 AM
28	library	12/7/2023 12:24 PM
29	Town officials who display a general lack of kowledge to the Structure of Town Government, and their actual responsibilities, and the Town Blylaws that they they all take an oath of uphold. It is very troubling. ,	12/4/2023 7:20 AM
30	Developing too quickly without a vision for the town resulting in a sprawling town.	12/3/2023 2:37 PM

### Q6 How satisfied are you with the following in town? Please choose one answer per row.

Answered: 230 Skipped: 27



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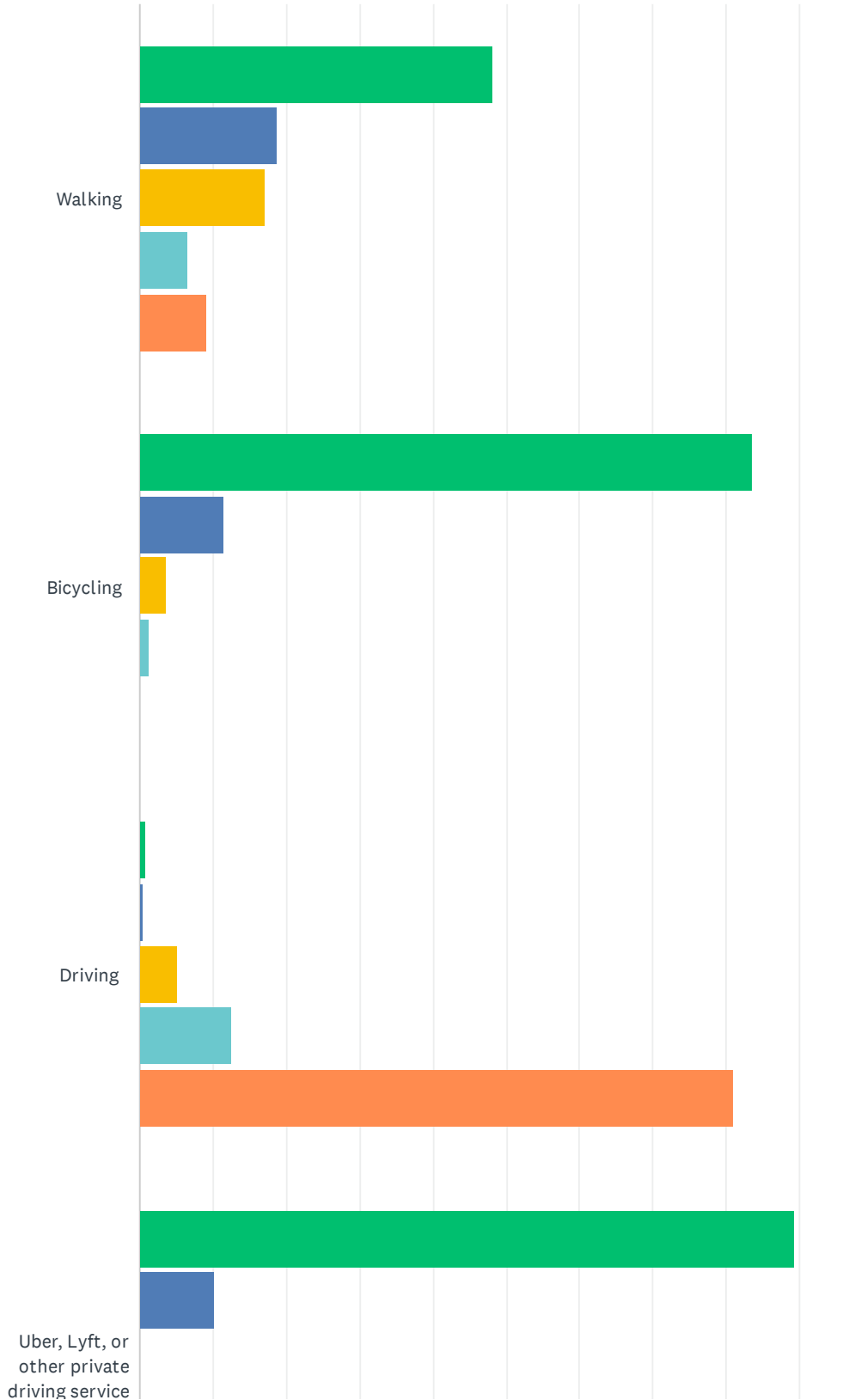


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	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Access to information about what's happening in town	10.13% 23	25.99% 59	30.40% 69	25.99% 59	7.49% 17	227	-0.05
Hanson as a place to raise children	2.22% 5	5.78% 13	22.67% 51	47.56% 107	21.78% 49	225	0.81
Hanson as a place to retire	8.73% 20	16.59% 38	44.10% 101	23.58% 54	6.99% 16	229	0.03
Value of services received for your property tax dollars	16.23% 37	30.26% 69	26.75% 61	21.49% 49	5.26% 12	228	-0.31
Image and appearance of the town	5.24% 12	34.50% 79	24.02% 55	31.44% 72	4.80% 11	229	-0.04
Town government transparency and accountability	16.23% 37	33.33% 76	31.58% 72	16.23% 37	2.63% 6	228	-0.44

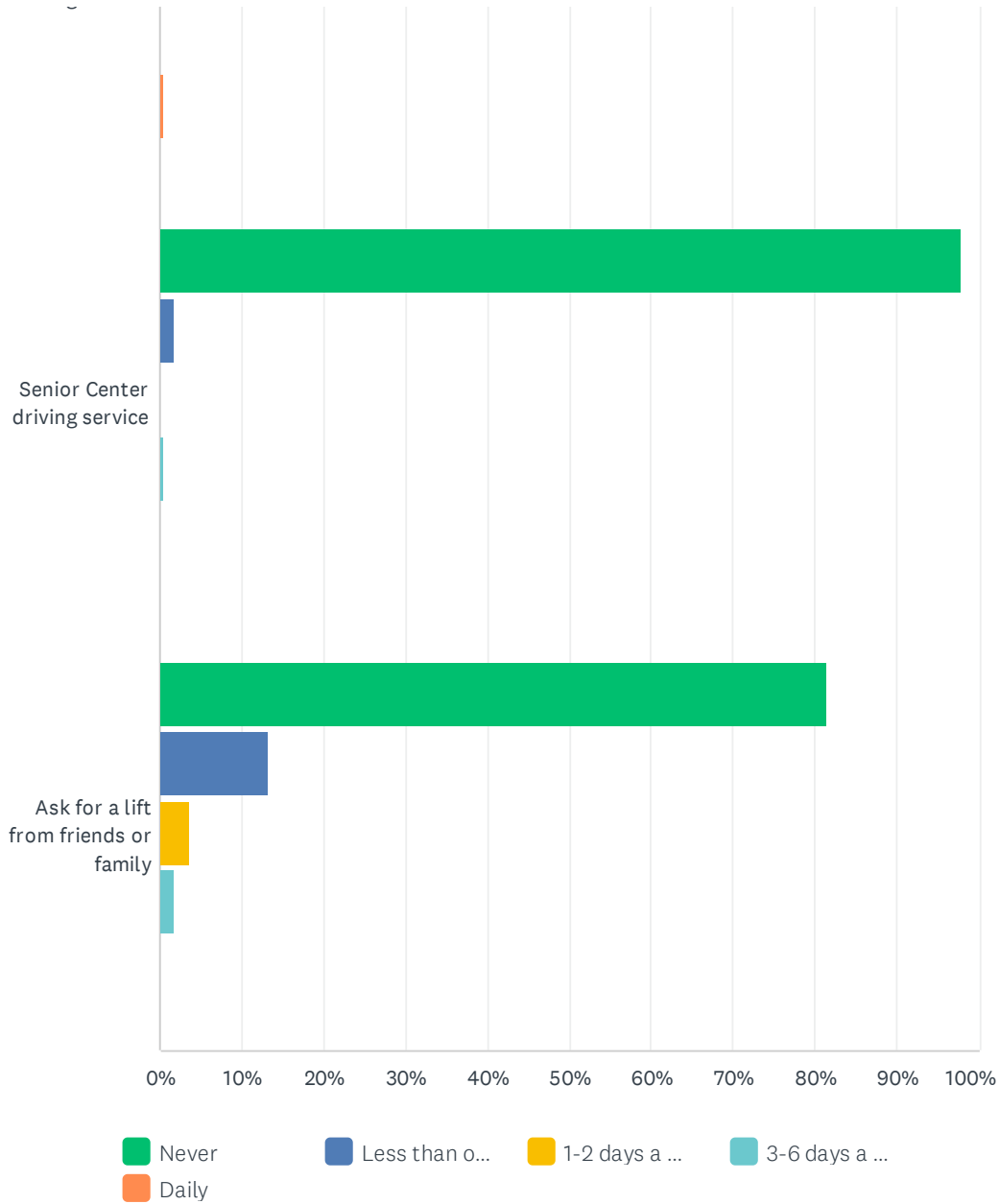
### Q7 How often do you use the following modes of transport to get around town? Please choose one answer for each row.

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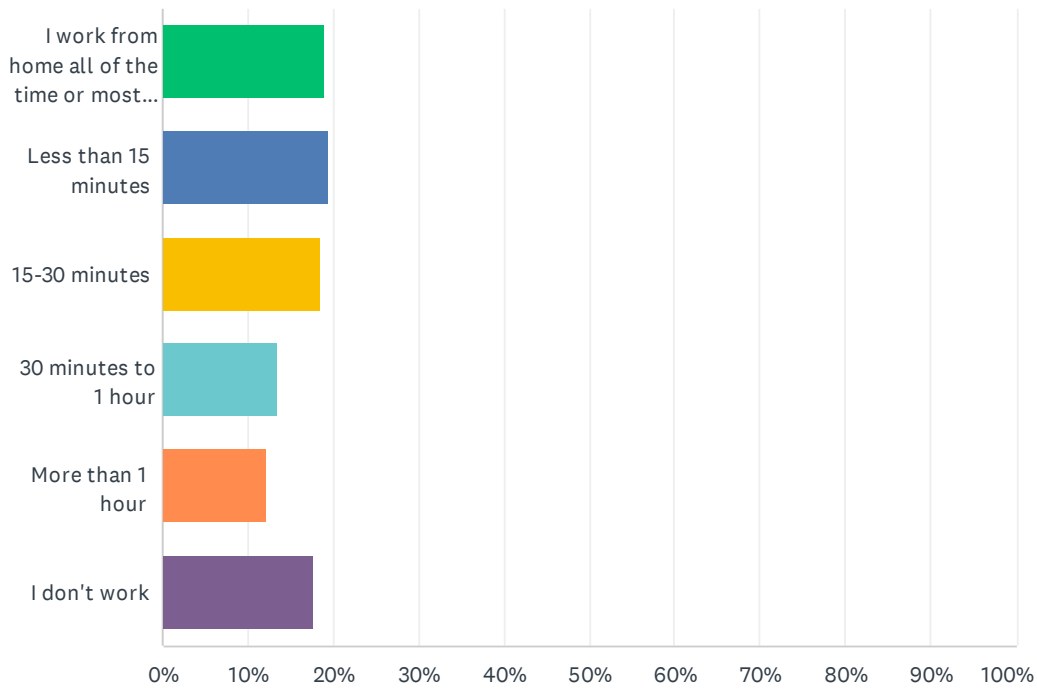
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	NEVER	LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK	1-2 DAYS A WEEK	3-6 DAYS A WEEK	DAILY	TOTAL
Walking	48.25% 110	18.86% 43	17.11% 39	6.58% 15	9.21% 21	228
Bicycling	83.63% 189	11.50% 26	3.54% 8	1.33% 3	0.00% 0	226
Driving	0.87% 2	0.43% 1	5.19% 12	12.55% 29	80.95% 187	231
Uber, Lyft, or other private driving service	89.38% 202	10.18% 23	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.44% 1	226
Senior Center driving service	97.79% 221	1.77% 4	0.00% 0	0.44% 1	0.00% 0	226
Ask for a lift from friends or family	81.42% 184	13.27% 30	3.54% 8	1.77% 4	0.00% 0	226

## Q8 On average, how long is your commute to work?

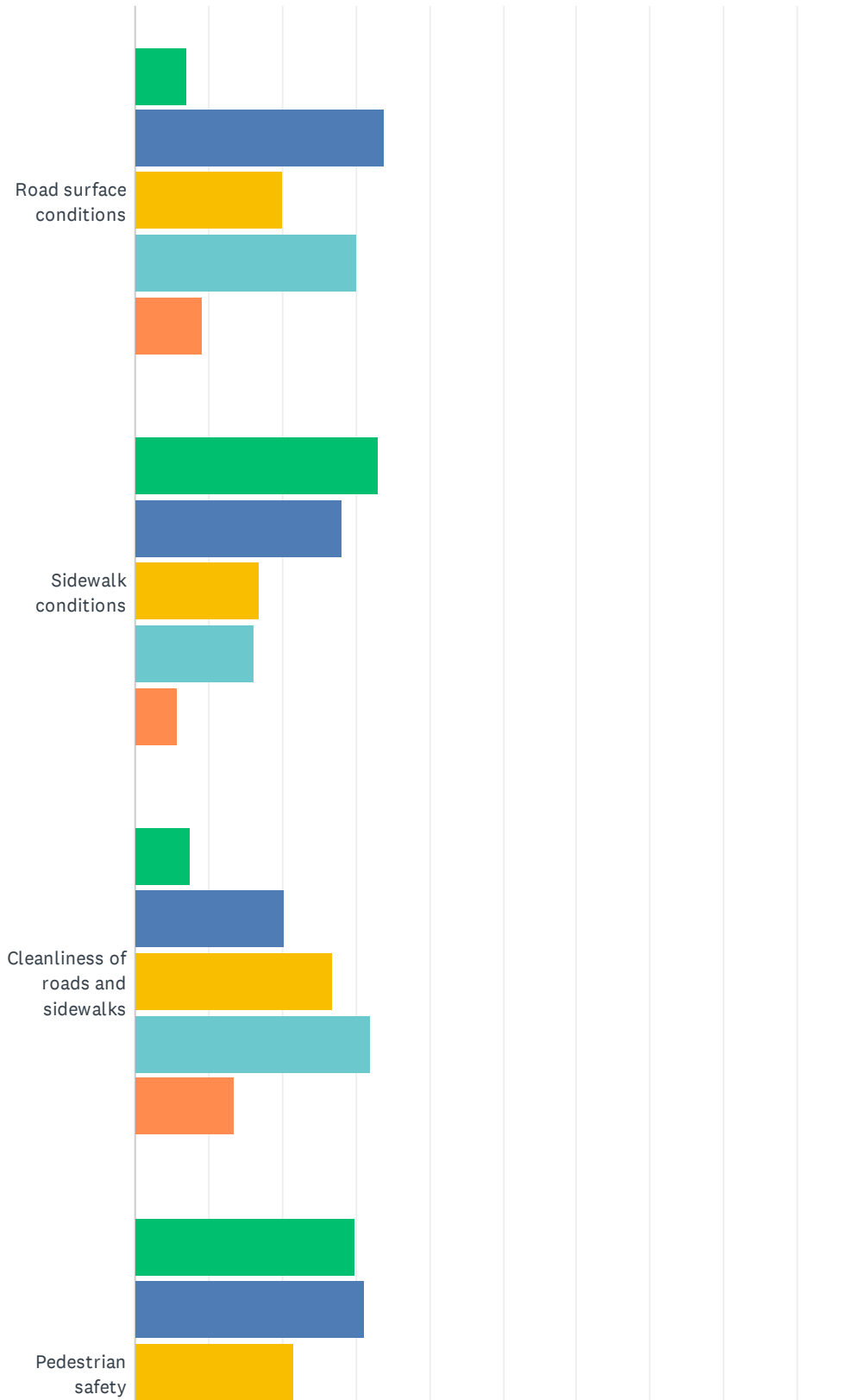
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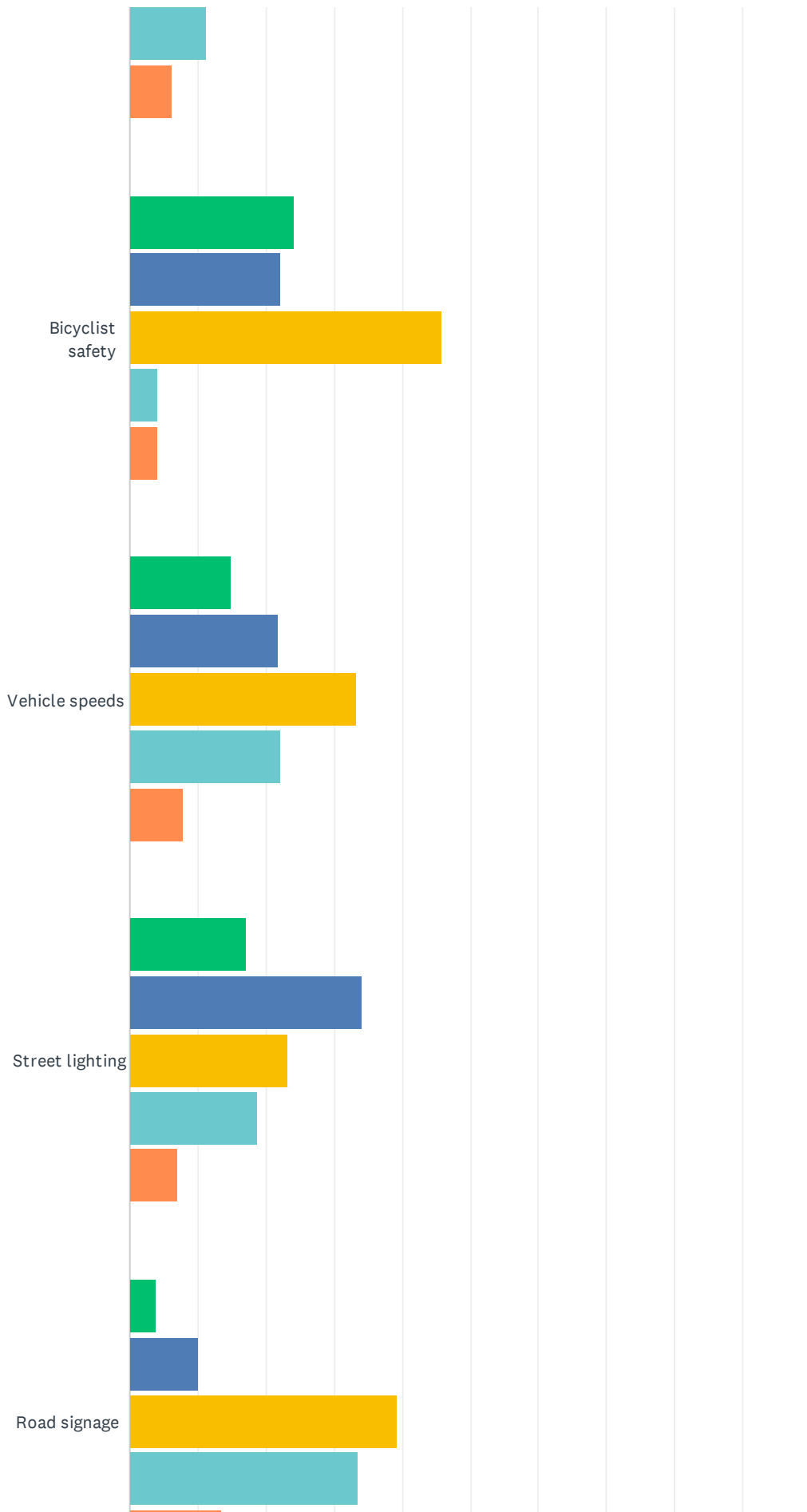
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work from home all of the time or most of the time	18.97%	44
Less than 15 minutes	19.40%	45
15-30 minutes	18.53%	43
30 minutes to 1 hour	13.36%	31
More than 1 hour	12.07%	28
I don't work	17.67%	41
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>232</b>

### Q9 How satisfied are you with the following in town? Please choose one answer per row.

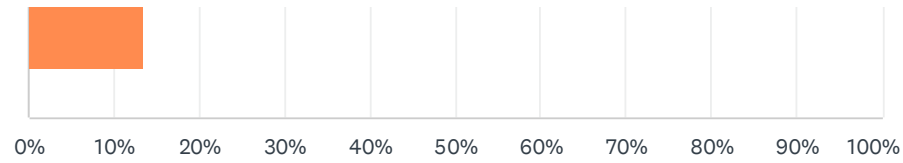
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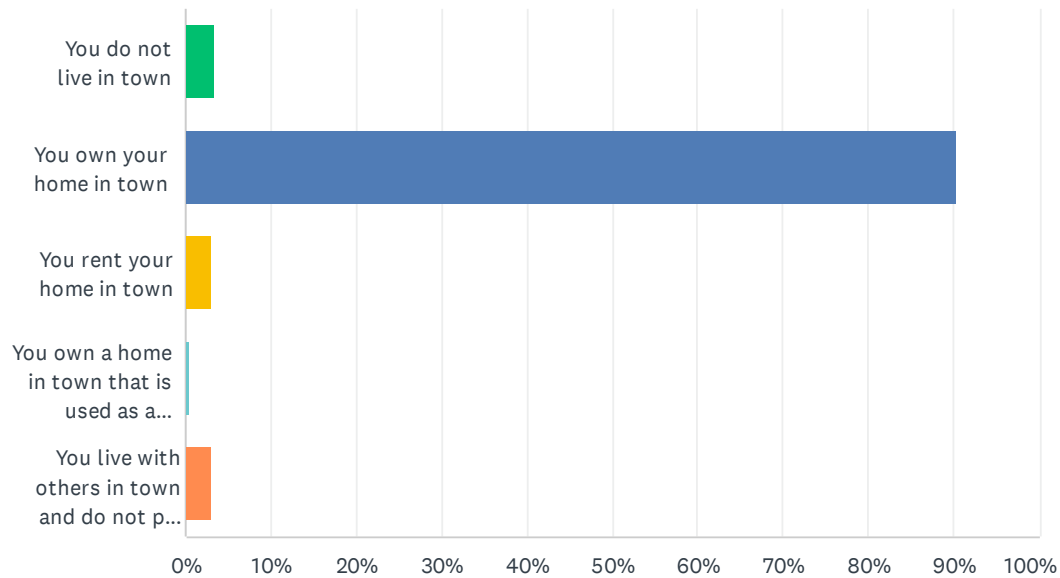
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	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Road surface conditions	6.96% 16	33.91% 78	20.00% 46	30.00% 69	9.13% 21	230	0.00
Sidewalk conditions	33.04% 75	28.19% 64	16.74% 38	16.30% 37	5.73% 13	227	-0.67
Cleanliness of roads and sidewalks	7.36% 17	20.35% 47	26.84% 62	32.03% 74	13.42% 31	231	0.24
Pedestrian safety	29.82% 68	31.14% 71	21.49% 49	11.40% 26	6.14% 14	228	-0.67
Bicyclist safety	24.00% 54	22.22% 50	45.78% 103	4.00% 9	4.00% 9	225	-0.58
Vehicle speeds	14.85% 34	21.83% 50	33.19% 76	22.27% 51	7.86% 18	229	-0.14
Street lighting	17.03% 39	34.06% 78	23.14% 53	18.78% 43	6.99% 16	229	-0.35
Road signage	3.91% 9	10.00% 23	39.13% 90	33.48% 77	13.48% 31	230	0.43

## Q10 Which of the following is true about your home?

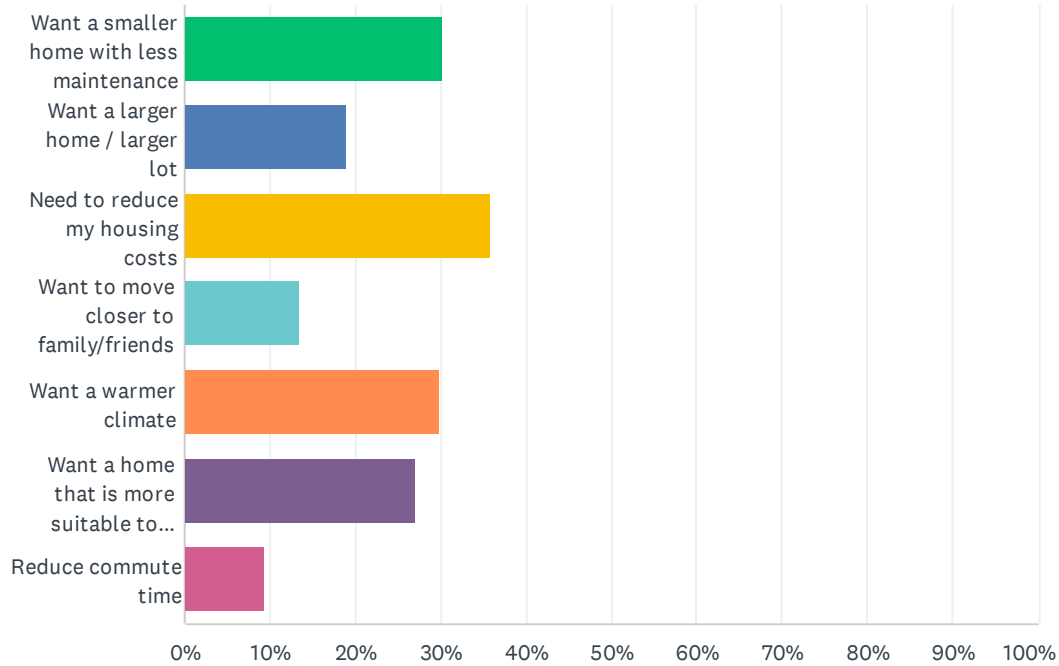
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
You do not live in town	3.49%	8
You own your home in town	90.39%	207
You rent your home in town	3.06%	7
You own a home in town that is used as a rental	0.44%	1
You live with others in town and do not pay rent	3.06%	7
Total Respondents: 229		

### Q11 If you were to move out of your current home, why would that be, do you think? Please tick one or more boxes.

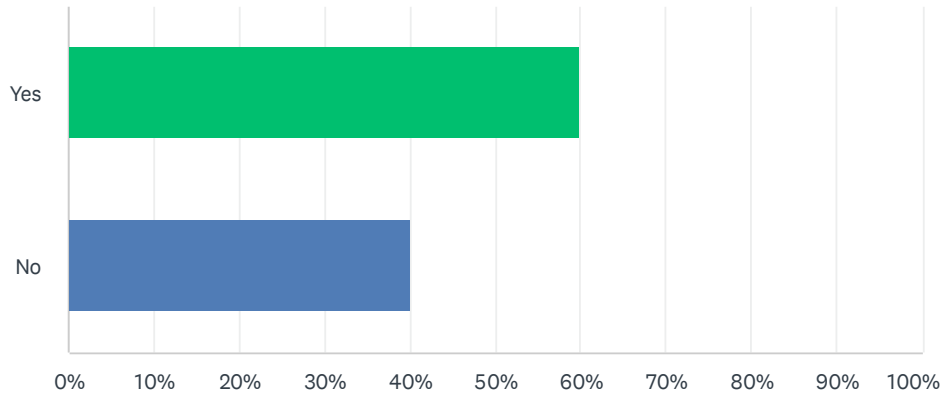
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Want a smaller home with less maintenance	30.23%	65
Want a larger home / larger lot	19.07%	41
Need to reduce my housing costs	35.81%	77
Want to move closer to family/friends	13.49%	29
Want a warmer climate	29.77%	64
Want a home that is more suitable to aging, for example, without stairs	26.98%	58
Reduce commute time	9.30%	20
Total Respondents: 215		

## Q12 Is housing affordability an issue for you or anyone you know who lives in town?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 30

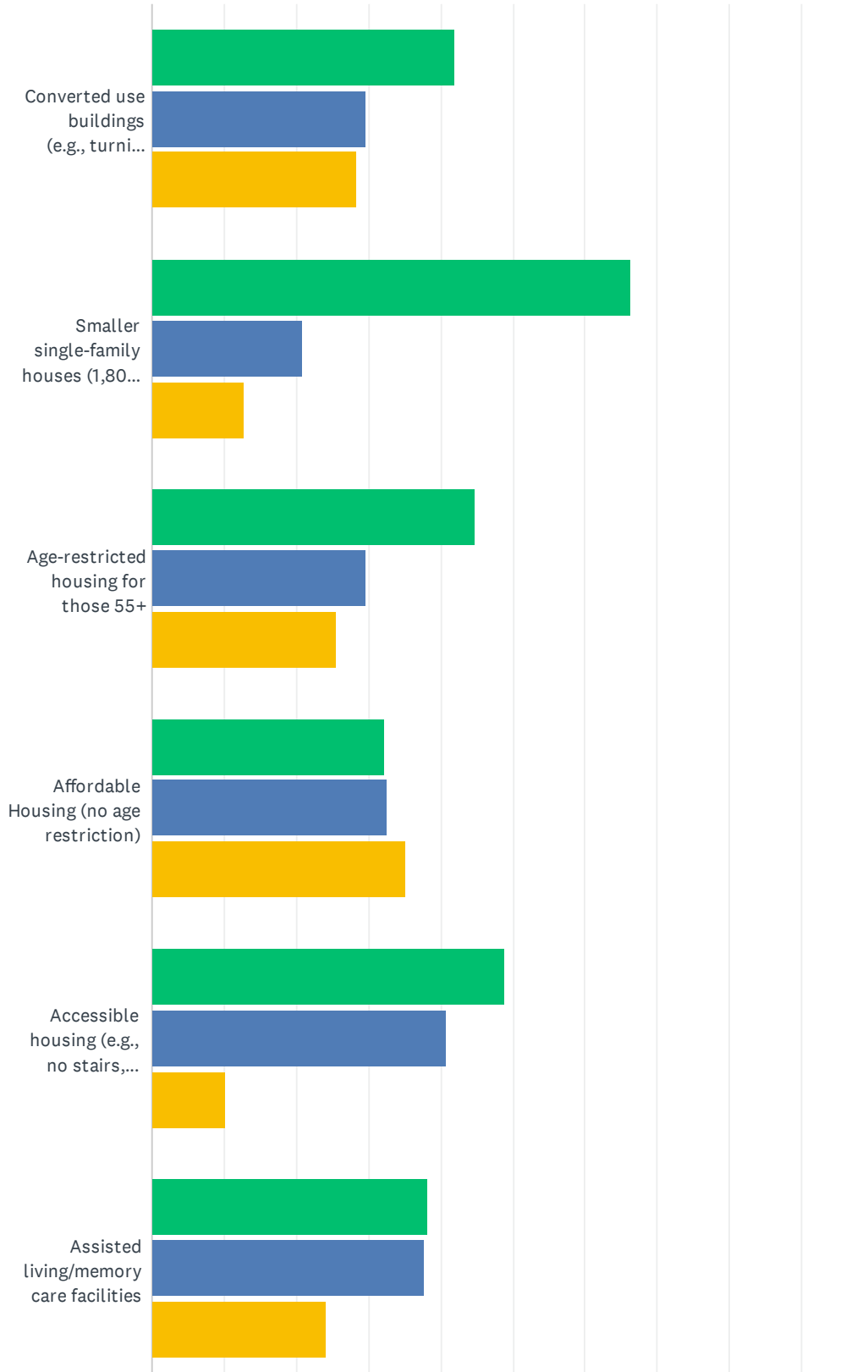


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.91%	136
No	40.09%	91
TOTAL		227

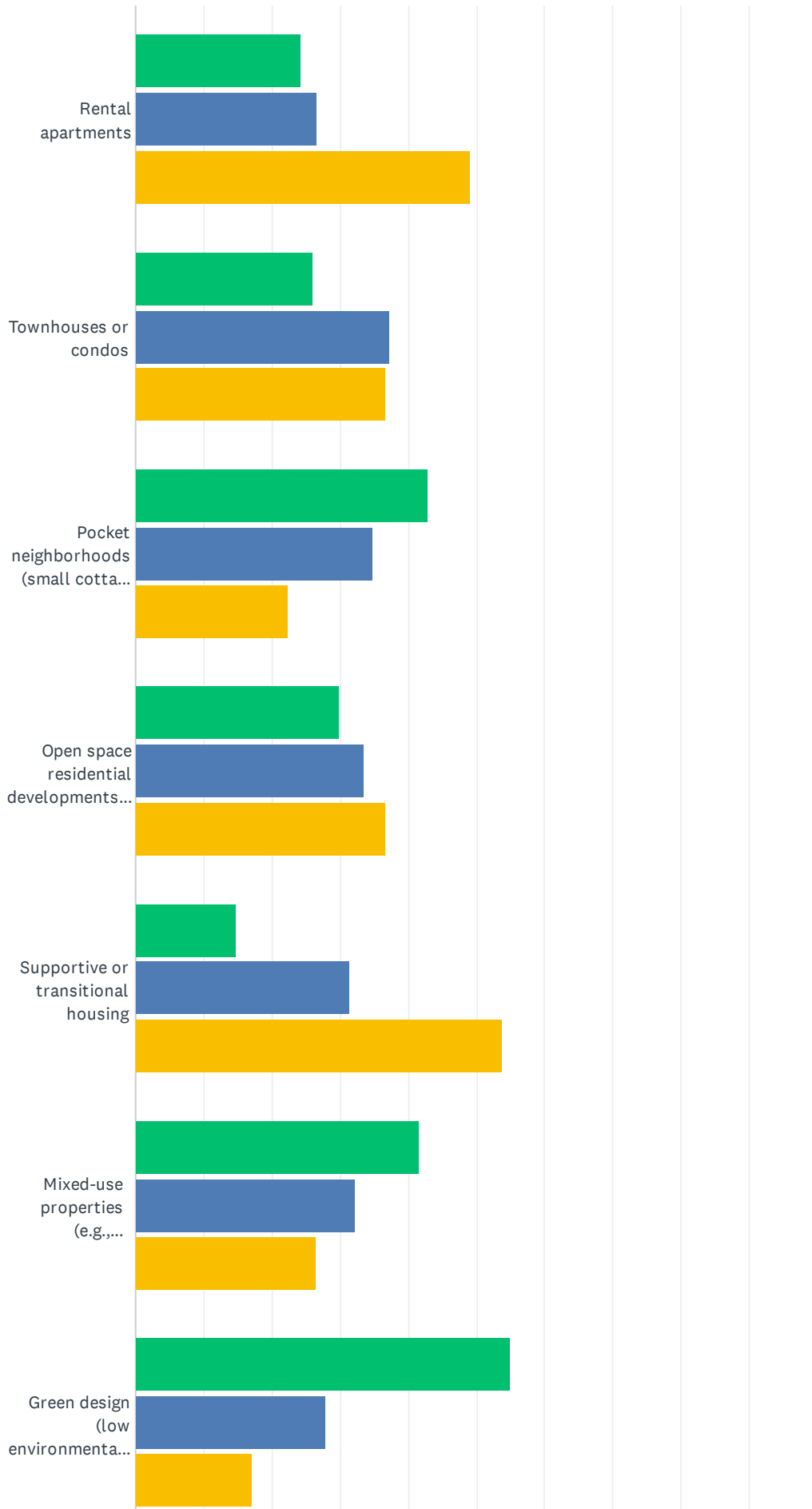


### Q13 Which of the following types of housing would you support in town? Please choose one answer for each row.

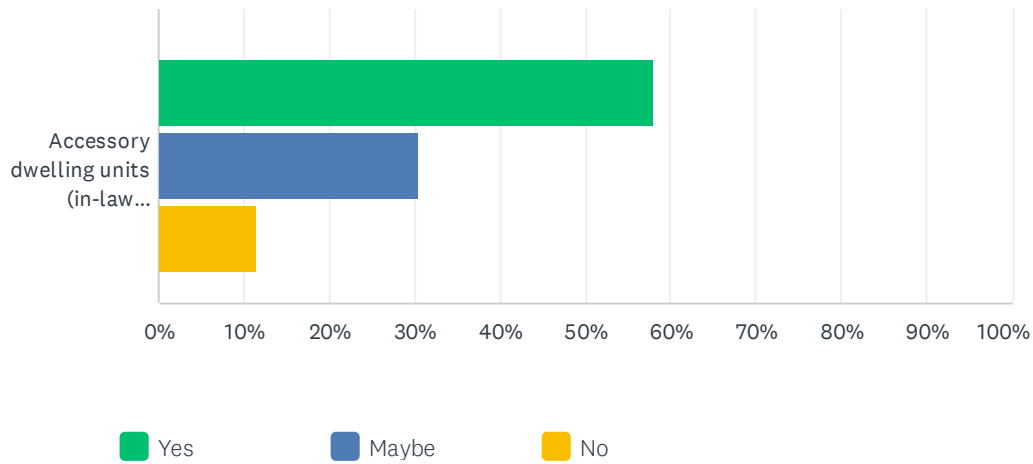
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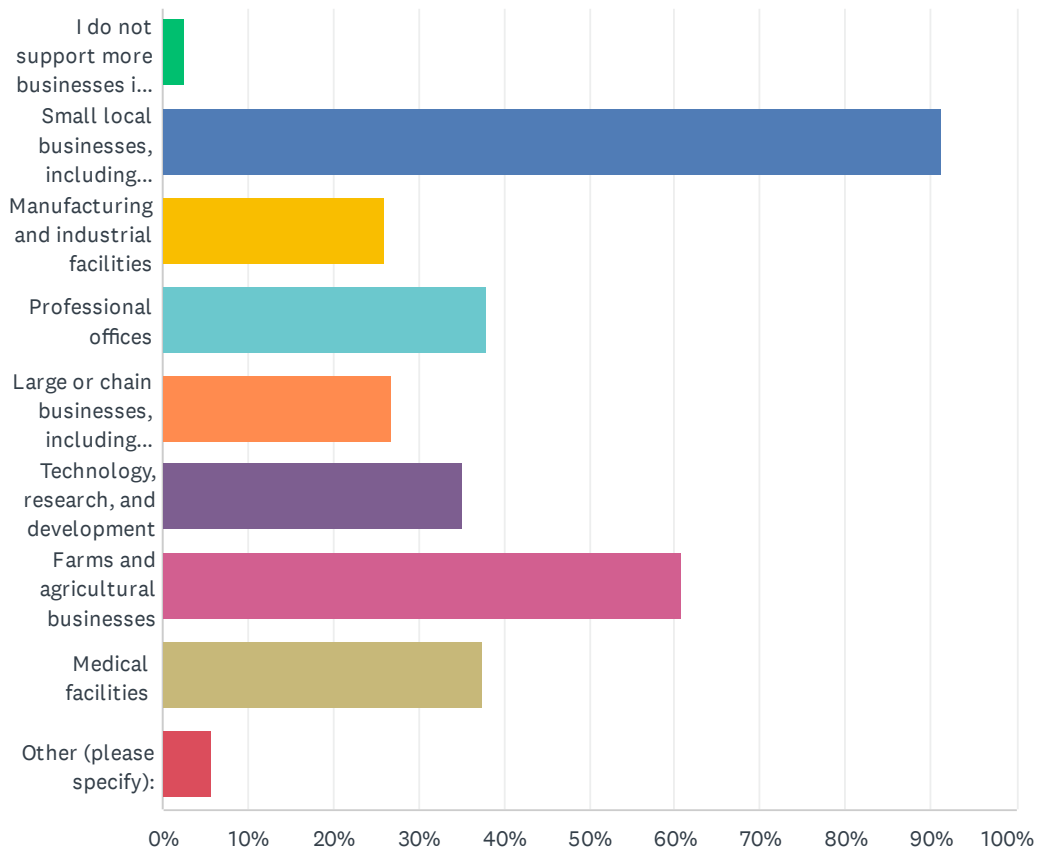
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	YES	MAYBE	NO	TOTAL
Converted use buildings (e.g., turning existing non-residential buildings into housing units)	42.04% 95	29.65% 67	28.32% 64	226
Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less)	66.22% 149	20.89% 47	12.89% 29	225
Age-restricted housing for those 55+	44.69% 101	29.65% 67	25.66% 58	226
Affordable Housing (no age restriction)	32.14% 72	32.59% 73	35.27% 79	224
Accessible housing (e.g., no stairs, roll-in showers, handrails, etc.)	48.88% 109	40.81% 91	10.31% 23	223
Assisted living/memory care facilities	38.22% 86	37.78% 85	24.00% 54	225
Rental apartments	24.34% 55	26.55% 60	49.12% 111	226
Townhouses or condos	26.01% 58	37.22% 83	36.77% 82	223
Pocket neighborhoods (small cottage homes centered around a common green space)	42.86% 96	34.82% 78	22.32% 50	224
Open space residential developments (homes closer together with conserved open space)	29.91% 67	33.48% 75	36.61% 82	224
Supportive or transitional housing	14.80% 33	31.39% 70	53.81% 120	223
Mixed-use properties (e.g., commercial first floor with residential above)	41.52% 93	32.14% 72	26.34% 59	224
Green design (low environmental impact; e.g., energy efficient)	54.95% 122	27.93% 62	17.12% 38	222
Accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments)	57.96% 131	30.53% 69	11.50% 26	226

## Q14 Which of the following would you like to see more of in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 227 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not support more businesses in town.	2.64%	6
Small local businesses, including retail and restaurants	91.19%	207
Manufacturing and industrial facilities	25.99%	59
Professional offices	37.89%	86
Large or chain businesses, including retail and restaurants	26.87%	61
Technology, research, and development	35.24%	80
Farms and agricultural businesses	60.79%	138
Medical facilities	37.44%	85
Other (please specify):	5.73%	13
Total Respondents: 227		

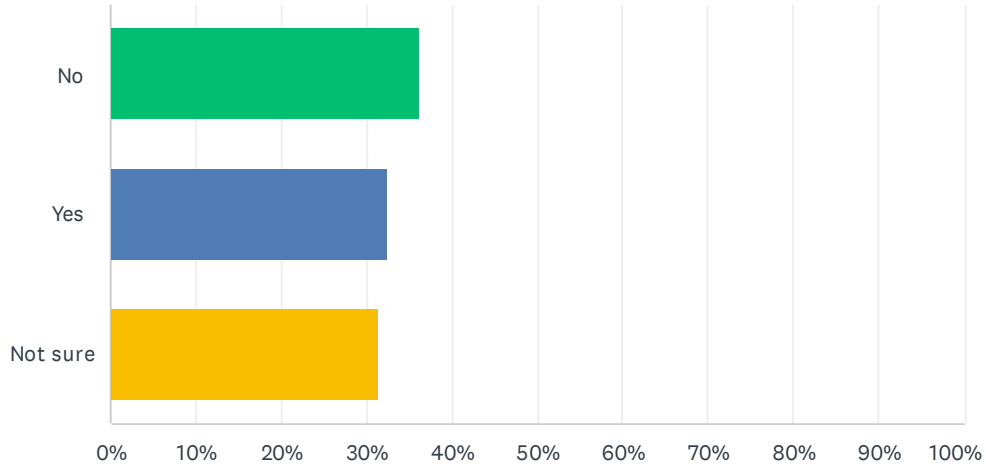
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
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1	sawmill, wood processing	2/10/2024 1:34 PM
2	I'll support almost anything if it helps bring down the incredibly high property taxes	2/10/2024 8:12 AM
3	I would rather small business than industrial or warehouse. Most of them go to the same type businesses with there is a lot of and don't necessarily require those parcels to function. We'll end up like Halifax instead of pembroke	2/6/2024 7:50 PM
4	Bigger libraries	2/4/2024 3:02 PM
5	The town needs more business	2/3/2024 9:04 AM
6	Cannibis dispensary	1/24/2024 1:33 PM
7	Nicer businesses	1/20/2024 3:07 PM
8	Need more large business to bring money into town	1/19/2024 2:52 AM
9	Recreational marijuana	1/18/2024 11:03 PM
10	Any and all for tax revenue	1/18/2024 10:29 AM
11	Designated park with playground, benches, trail, water	1/18/2024 9:22 AM
12	Small home business	1/9/2024 8:39 PM
13	Development that would create a downtown (similar to Whitman/ Brockton) that is walkable	12/3/2023 2:42 PM

## Q15 Should more land in town be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use?

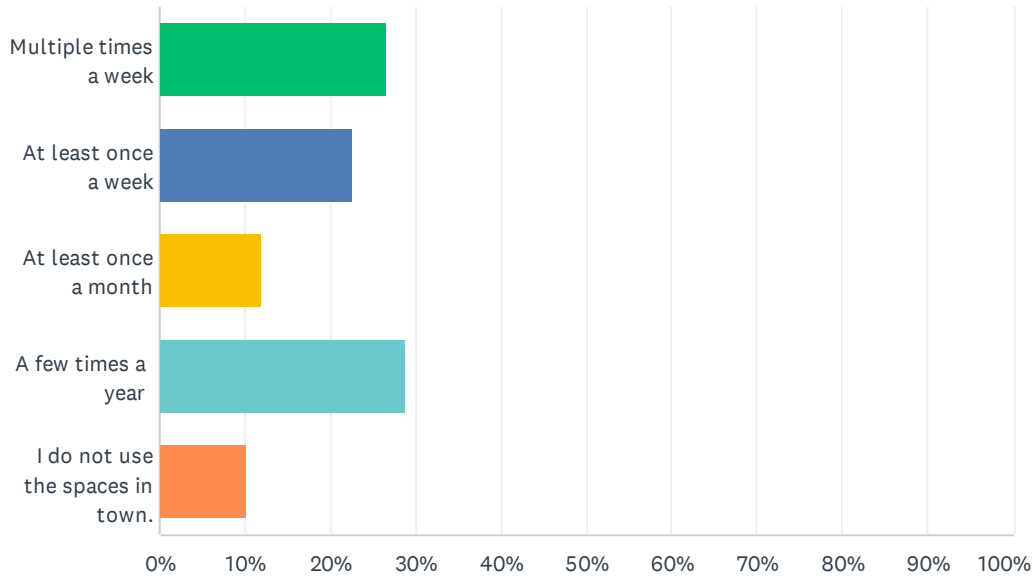
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	36.24%	83
Yes	32.31%	74
Not sure	31.44%	72
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>229</b>

## Q16 How often do you use open space or recreation space in town?

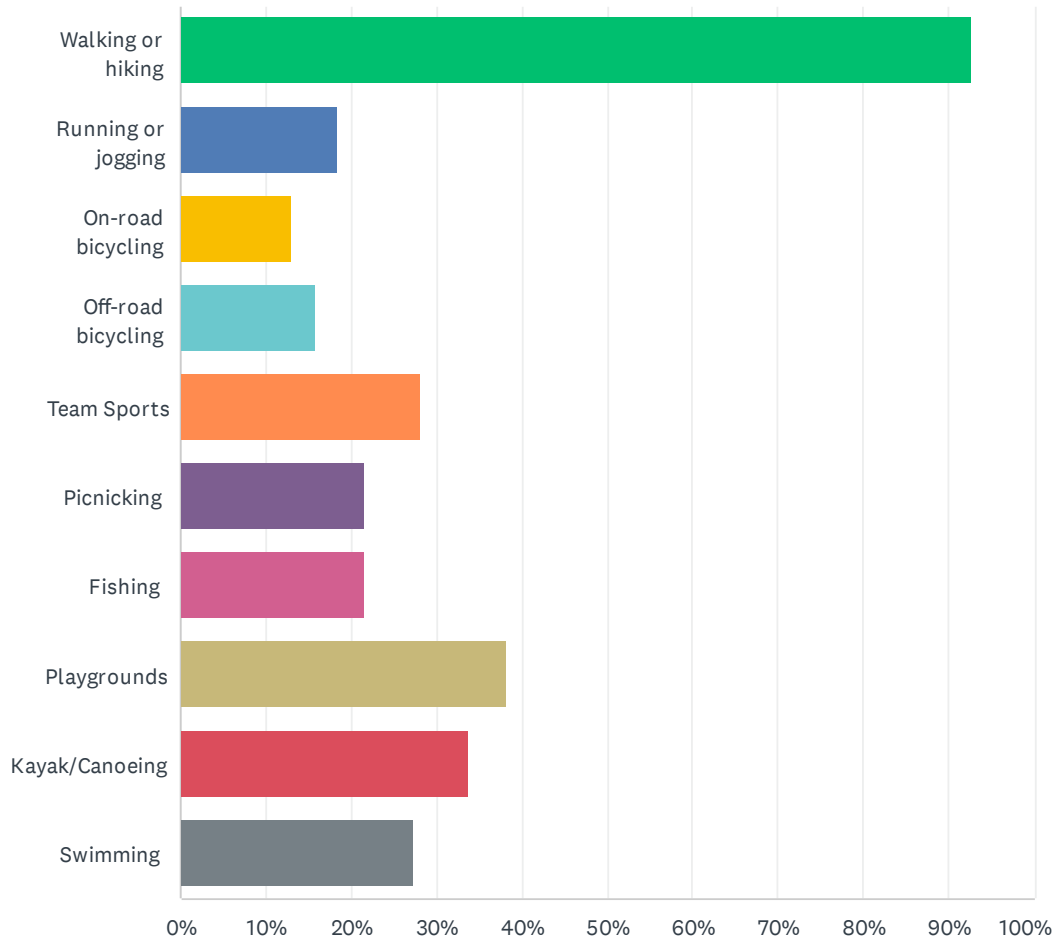
Answered: 226 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times a week	26.55%	60
At least once a week	22.57%	51
At least once a month	11.95%	27
A few times a year	28.76%	65
I do not use the spaces in town.	10.18%	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>226</b>

### Q17 What outdoor activities do you most enjoy? Please check no more than five boxes.

Answered: 223 Skipped: 34



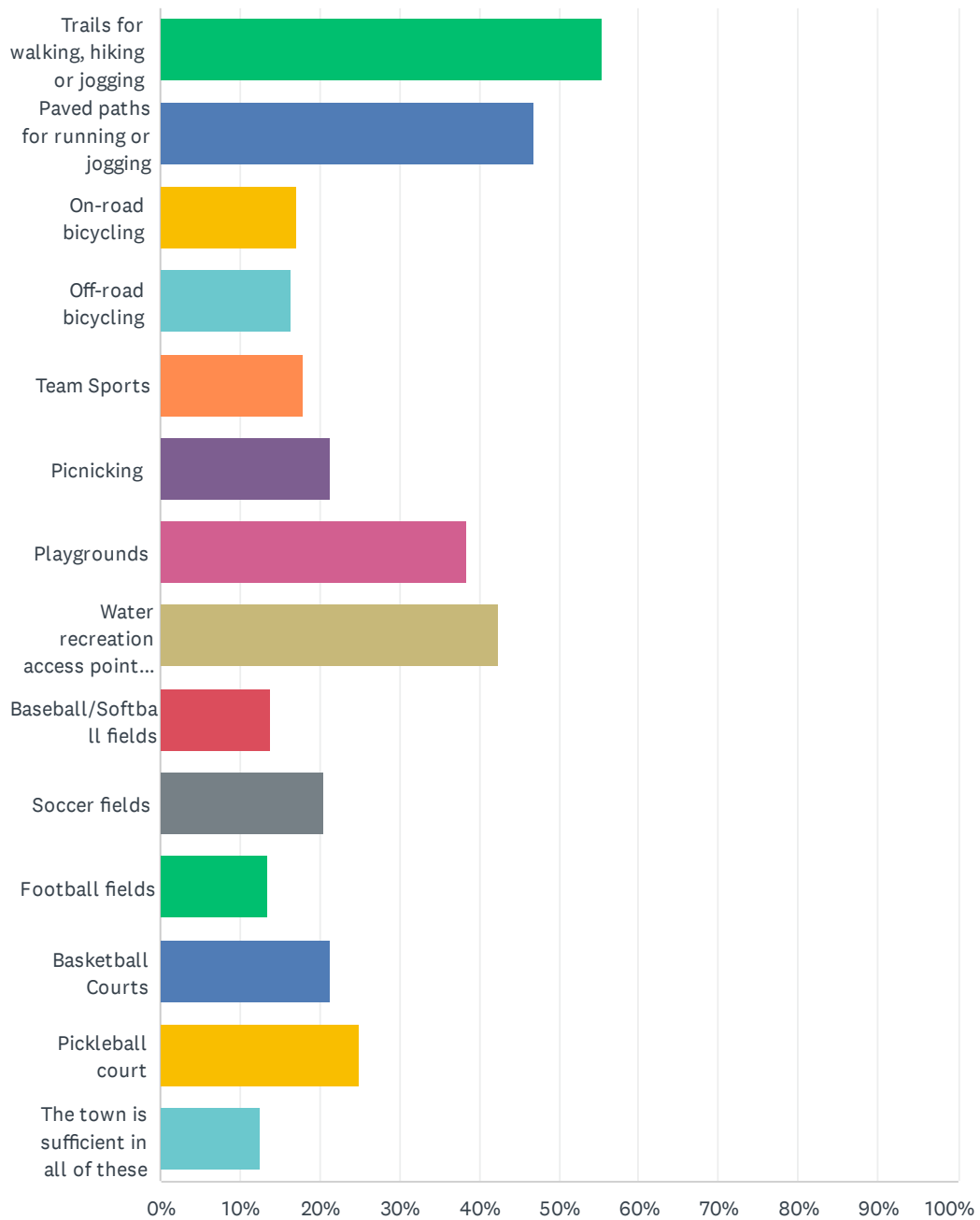


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking or hiking	92.83%	207
Running or jogging	18.39%	41
On-road bicycling	13.00%	29
Off-road bicycling	15.70%	35
Team Sports	28.25%	63
Picnicking	21.52%	48
Fishing	21.52%	48
Playgrounds	38.12%	85
Kayak/Canoeing	33.63%	75
Swimming	27.35%	61
Total Respondents: 223		

### Q18 Which, if any, of the following does our town need more of?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 33



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trails for walking, hiking or jogging	55.36%	124
Paved paths for running or jogging	46.88%	105
On-road bicycling	16.96%	38
Off-road bicycling	16.52%	37
Team Sports	17.86%	40
Picnicking	21.43%	48
Playgrounds	38.39%	86
Water recreation access points (canoeing, kayaking, fishing or swimming)	42.41%	95
Baseball/Softball fields	13.84%	31
Soccer fields	20.54%	46
Football fields	13.39%	30
Basketball Courts	21.43%	48
Pickleball court	25.00%	56
The town is sufficient in all of these	12.50%	28
Total Respondents: 224		

## Q19 Are there recreation spaces in town that need improvements or repairs? (please skip if unsure)

Answered: 54 Skipped: 203

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	unsure	3/24/2024 6:11 PM
2	more government support of senior center	3/23/2024 11:37 PM
3	Sgns & clear access points for conservation land. Police patrols of conservation areas.	2/10/2024 1:35 PM
4	I know you're working on it but accessible information on existing sites with trail maps would be great. Trying to navigate information on what is already available, how to access it, where to go, where to park, etc was non-existent except via word of mouth. Facebook should not be the sole medium for communication.	2/10/2024 8:20 AM
5	basketball courts	2/9/2024 4:13 PM
6	Maquan Area. Indian Head Field.	2/7/2024 11:38 PM
7	Community garden	2/7/2024 2:56 PM
8	Park/playground, or doggie play area at the Plymouth County Hospital site.	2/7/2024 1:33 PM
9	Hunting areas need to be maintained, not diminished.	2/7/2024 10:12 AM
10	Park going in at High Street needs a lot of support and funding. The Bonney Hill entrance needs a bit of build up to make it less muddy and reduce poison ivy at the entrance of it to last meadow.	2/6/2024 10:20 PM
11	Making these areas is a lot less functional without sidewalks. Take monponsett for example. Low speed limit .9 acre lots. Not the best but good starters. With a field and basketball court. It is safe for walking regardless of sidewalks. It experiences foottraffic.. densely populated safe walking. If you turn the old elementary school into a park. That would be good. But. No sidewalks of Andrew lane into foreign or route 14 which is especially dangerous.. minus points for functionality	2/6/2024 8:01 PM
12	May Quinn play ground	2/3/2024 7:06 PM
13	Add off road bike paths	2/2/2024 8:36 AM
14	Skate park	2/1/2024 8:49 PM
15	Playgrounds at old Maquan School. Track behind Indian Head across from the Library. Picnic tables at playground	2/1/2024 5:35 PM
16	Maquan playground is broken in some places and needs to be better upkept	2/1/2024 7:39 AM
17	monponsett public access on ocean ave	1/31/2024 1:23 PM
18	Monponsett neighborhood playground, that idea to make a new Highway and make park/filesd where Marian was	1/31/2024 12:16 PM
19	Burrage parking area and road leading to parking area needs to be better maintained. Constant pot holes. Would love to also see the Pleasant street entry spruced up - more welcoming.	1/24/2024 5:15 PM
20	Love camp Kiwanee, grew up there and worked there, possibly more maintenance in the beach area and possible concession stand, re pave the beach parking and it would feel revitalized.	1/24/2024 2:37 PM
21	Harrington Field in Monponsett needs to have the same attention given as the fields in more affluent neighborhoods.	1/24/2024 2:17 PM
22	We walk in Fern Hill Cemetery	1/24/2024 1:36 PM
23	The parking lot at burrage	1/24/2024 1:04 PM

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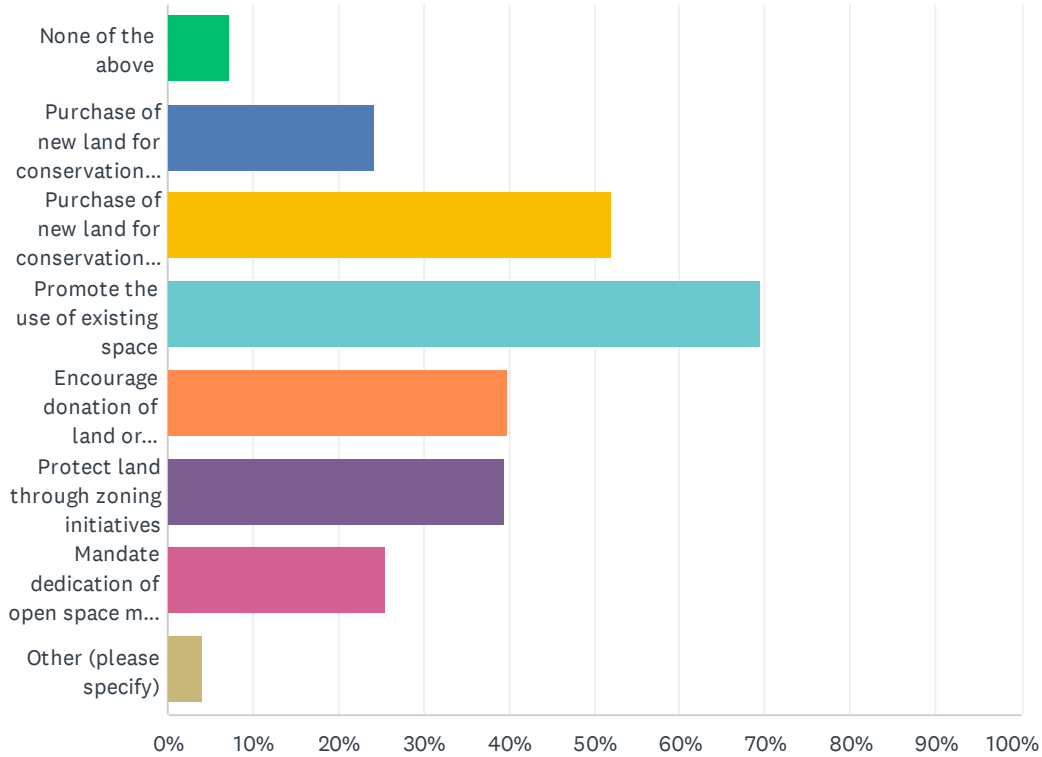
24	The sidewalks are almost non-existent and they don't connect to anything. It's not like you could take a walk around down where you wouldn't end up on the side of the road for a majority of the walk.	1/24/2024 9:58 AM
25	Burrage parking lot could be regraded. Need bike lanes on roads, create bike paths that connect with bike paths in other towns so people can commute by bike this is how it is in western Ma	1/24/2024 9:38 AM
26	Burrage has not had trails maintained. Large trees have fallen and made them largely inaccessible. I've personally reached out to the state about it since they run it and they reported that they do not maintain trails there. A real shame. (I know this is the states fault and not Hanson)	1/23/2024 9:46 PM
27	The road into Smitty's Bog needs to be properly regraded. fill in the holes with gravel & dirt, don't just regrade and think they are fixed.	1/23/2024 9:02 PM
28	Looking forward to the new park on High Street	1/23/2024 7:13 PM
29	Country hospital property would be a large park like forge pond	1/22/2024 1:01 PM
30	The bee situation at Kiwanee	1/21/2024 8:30 AM
31	Maquan playground	1/20/2024 6:08 PM
32	I've only been to the Town Forest Trails once, but they were completely overgrown and we came out completely covered in ticks! I know those are to be expected in the woods, but this was an abnormal amount - enough to make me never go back again. I don't know if other areas are being treated or something to keep the ticks down, or if it was the overgrowth on these trails that caused them, but either way, the trails are unusable in that state.	1/20/2024 5:25 PM
33	Soccer fields	1/20/2024 4:14 PM
34	Cranberry cove is such a naturally existing gift all efforts to protect it and correctly use it should be a priority for the community	1/20/2024 3:04 PM
35	Dog park would be nice	1/20/2024 1:44 PM
36	Veterans Memorial Town Forest. Burrage parking lot.	1/20/2024 1:42 PM
37	Maquan playground and fields, Indian head track and fields, more/better use of Kiwanee	1/19/2024 7:48 PM
38	Old hospital- make it a park already	1/18/2024 11:04 PM
39	Hanson AA Field change infield from gravel to dirt. Control growth in outfield. Better lighting.	1/18/2024 2:53 PM
40	There is only one playground that isn't a school space and it is in a very rusty state. A newer playground close to the library as a community space would be beneficial for both.	1/18/2024 2:44 PM
41	Football Fields	1/18/2024 1:58 PM
42	All field areas around schools (and previous schools) are in need of repairs. They are uneven, can't support grass growing and generally are not maintained at all.	1/18/2024 1:02 PM
43	The skate park is a wonderful space that has unfortunately been vandalized. This is worth improving and maintaining!	1/18/2024 11:52 AM
44	We need a rec center	1/18/2024 10:10 AM
45	All of the recreation space need improvement. This town has little to no walk-able access to park space. No where for older children to safely walk to. We could use more park space with basketball courts, street hockey court, playground space. Sidewalk access to get to these spaces safely.	1/18/2024 9:24 AM
46	Veterans memorial forest Access to skate park	1/18/2024 9:23 AM
47	The information the residents have on recreation spaces is so small that I'm not even aware of what's in the town. I hear whisperings of new trails or parks but can never find information on where they are, how to get to them, what they're like. The only recreation spots I can name off the top of my head are Maquan playground and Camp Kiwanee, and as a young adult neither of those places feel like the correct recreation spot for me.	1/10/2024 9:21 AM

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48	There is currently no field for youth football or lacrosse to use. They rent fields for every home game	1/8/2024 2:14 PM
49	Camp kiwannis	1/8/2024 2:04 PM
50	Maquan playground has a few broken areas	12/30/2023 7:59 AM
51	Senior center space increase and additional senior housing is needed. More elderly citizens in town without affordable facilities.	12/15/2023 10:46 PM
52	youth sport fields	12/11/2023 9:46 AM
53	We desperately need a space for a dog park and walking trails with space for open playing sports fields and picnic areas.	12/7/2023 4:39 PM
54	i cannot confirm some would say the skateboard park needs attention. the fields are coming up to par. the old baseball field at maquan could be redone at some point .	11/30/2023 6:28 PM

## Q20 Which of the following approaches to land conservation do you support?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	7.17%	16
Purchase of new land for conservation only	24.22%	54
Purchase of new land for conservation or recreation	52.02%	116
Promote the use of existing space	69.51%	155
Encourage donation of land or conservation restrictions on privately owned land	39.91%	89
Protect land through zoning initiatives	39.46%	88
Mandate dedication of open space my developers	25.56%	57
Other (please specify)	4.04%	9
Total Respondents: 223		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Forbid development of marginal wetlands	2/10/2024 1:35 PM
2	Hanson would benefit by investigating how to have areas such as Burrage designated as 'quiet zone'. This is what Hingham did for Wampatuck State Park. It is singularly the only thing that	2/10/2024 8:20 AM

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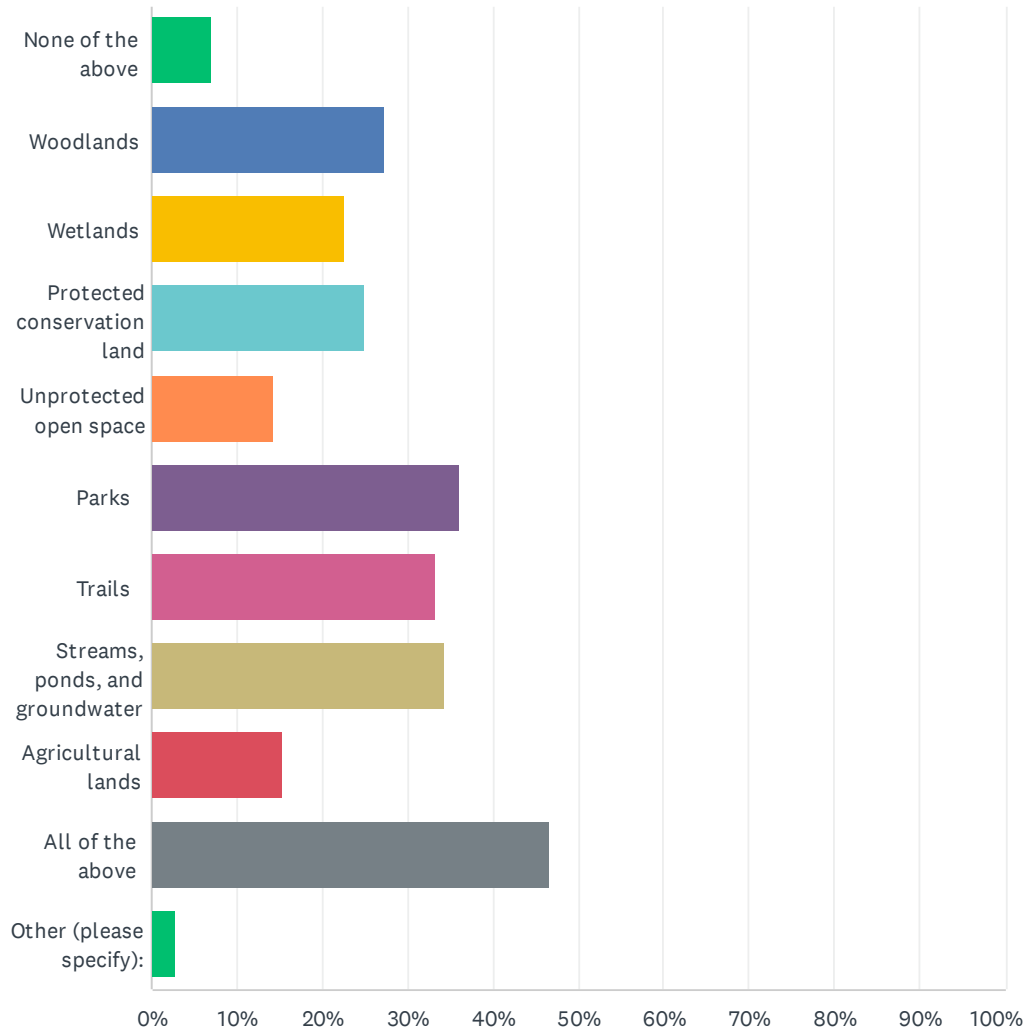
will protect it from becoming a sacrificial community. When Plymouth extends its runway, Hanson will be crucified with airplane (jets not GA) noise.

3	What is "mandate dedication of open space my developers"? Is it "by" developers?	2/8/2024 6:25 PM
4	This is a tough one. Obviously we aren't making anymore land. If we fill in bogs we are killing and destroying natural habitats. And even if we were to move them builders would probably come in and build single family homes because there is no money in small -1800sqft homes as mentioned by builders I know. Plus the herz ratings needing to be so high that the cost of building doesn't make a profit for investors.	2/6/2024 8:01 PM
5	Maintain what the town owns	2/2/2024 8:36 AM
6	I support the creation of conservation land if it will be developed for use; recreation, housing, community use.	1/20/2024 6:21 PM
7	Put money into the maintenance of existing town owned land	1/18/2024 1:02 PM
8	Community preservation spends way too much money on useless land instead of sport fields	1/8/2024 2:14 PM
9	Protection from clear cutting of property to develop a building and only replace 1 tree.	12/3/2023 2:45 PM



### Q21 Which natural resources need the most attention in order to improve or maintain quality of life in town? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 216 Skipped: 41



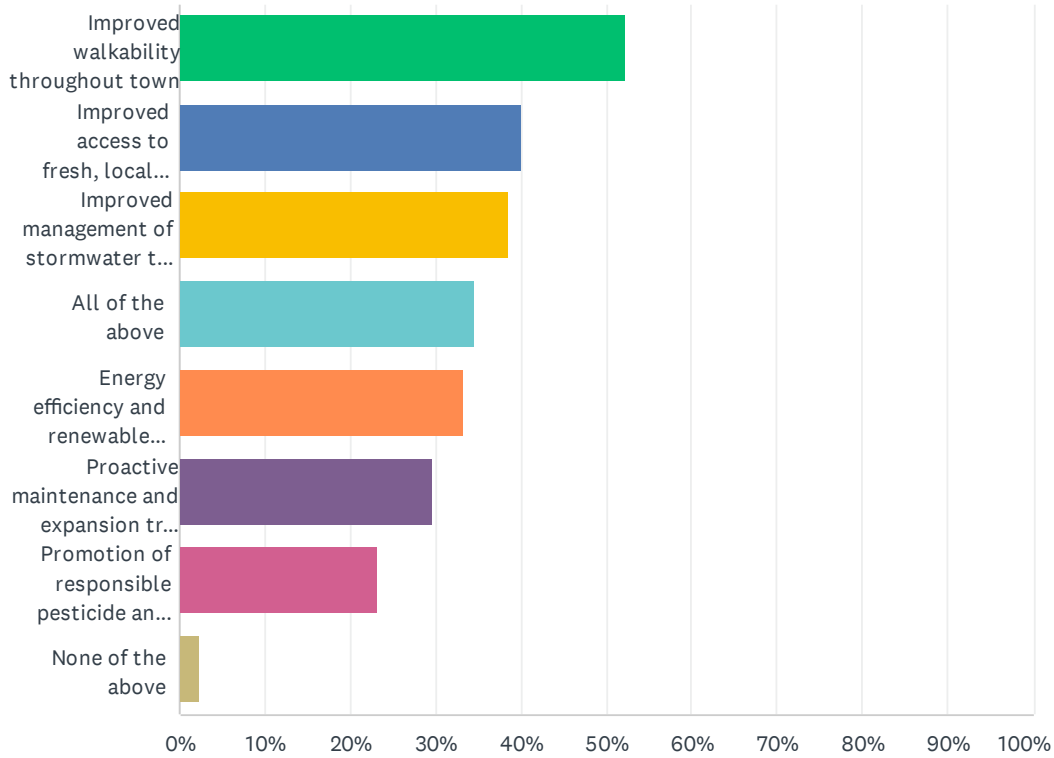
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.94%	15
Woodlands	27.31%	59
Wetlands	22.69%	49
Protected conservation land	25.00%	54
Unprotected open space	14.35%	31
Parks	36.11%	78
Trails	33.33%	72
Streams, ponds, and groundwater	34.26%	74
Agricultural lands	15.28%	33
All of the above	46.76%	101
Other (please specify):	2.78%	6
Total Respondents: 216		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	I cannot repeat this enough....the FAA is making Hanson a sacrificial community in order to spare closer in towns from the noise and pollution burden. It was done along with the MOU for 33L. They decided to shift the flight path south and that is publicly documented with FAA/MIT. What was not publicly documented that at the same time as the flight path shift, they also changed how planes arrive. The noise burden also shifted and a step down procedure was implemented which concentrates the noise burden onto Hanson. It is not a shared burden with gradual approach patterns. It is a clear shift of both descent and speed changes concentrated over Hanson. And now they have implemented a departure path over Hanson that will soon rob this town of quiet space. The FAA targets schools and open spaces as waypoints (visual). This town is being targeted and will soon be decimated unfairly in order to spare closer in communities the burden. You must organize and raise your voice to the injustice.	2/10/2024 8:29 AM
2	Need more commercial industry	1/18/2024 3:18 PM
3	We don't use our natural resources for anything but to continue the clean environment. We need to upgrade our built resources to work more cohesiveness with the natural resources	1/18/2024 1:04 PM
4	Natural water resources/springs	1/18/2024 9:24 AM
5	As much as I'd love more recreation space, I care more about the wild life and would hate to see forests or wetlands removed.	1/10/2024 9:23 AM
6	trees	12/3/2023 2:48 PM

**Q22 Which of the following should the town promote or pursue to ensure current and future generations enjoy high quality of life in town? Please tick one or more boxes.**

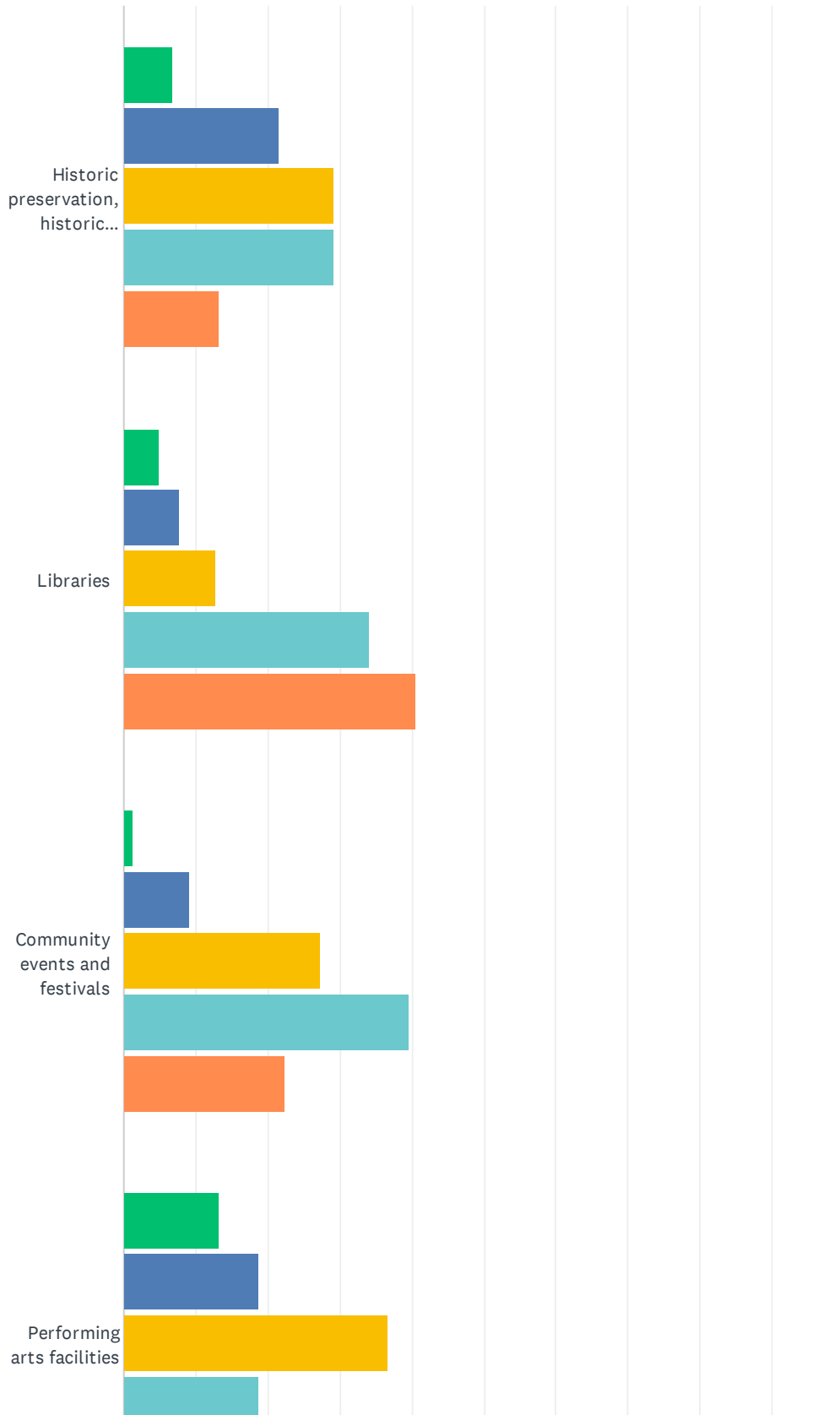
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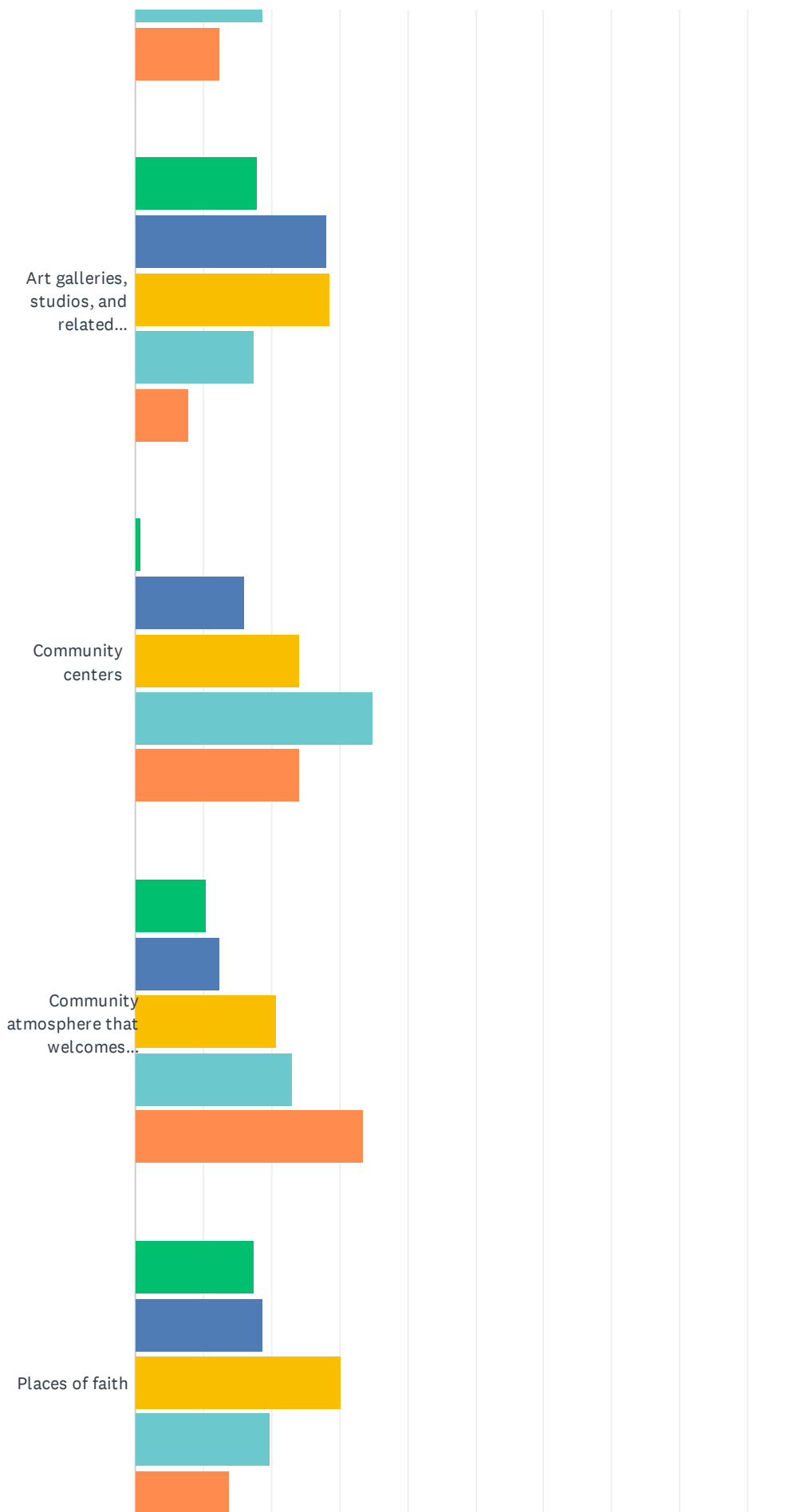
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improved walkability throughout town	52.27%	115
Improved access to fresh, locally grown food	40.00%	88
Improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality	38.64%	85
All of the above	34.55%	76
Energy efficiency and renewable energy production	33.18%	73
Proactive maintenance and expansion tree canopy	29.55%	65
Promotion of responsible pesticide and fertilizer use and alternatives	23.18%	51
None of the above	2.27%	5
Total Respondents: 220		

### Q23 Thinking about our town, how important are the following to you:

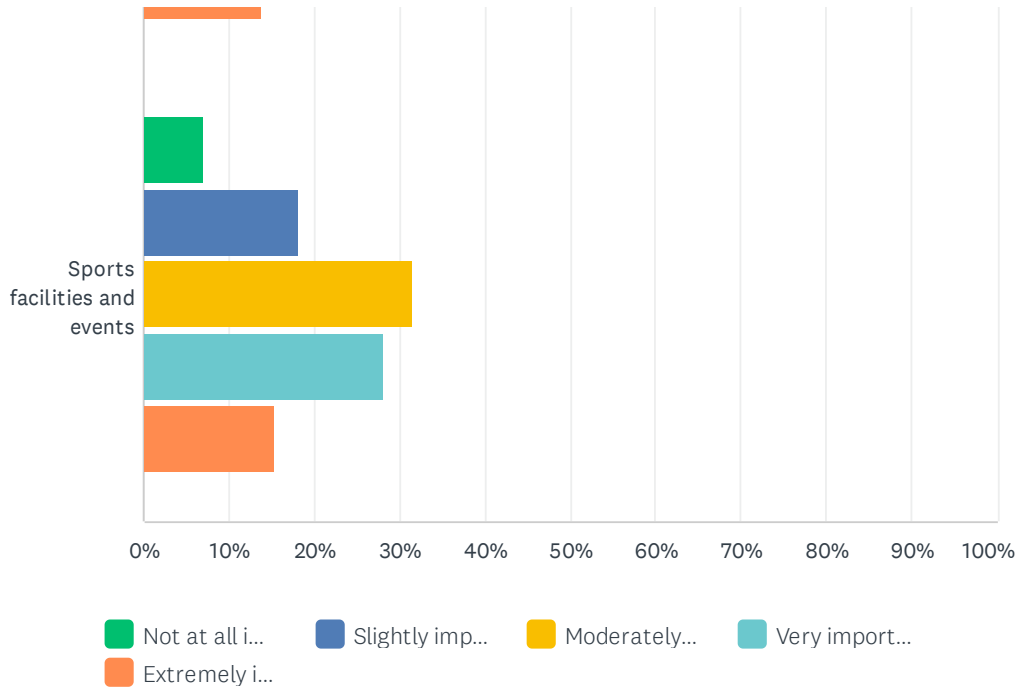
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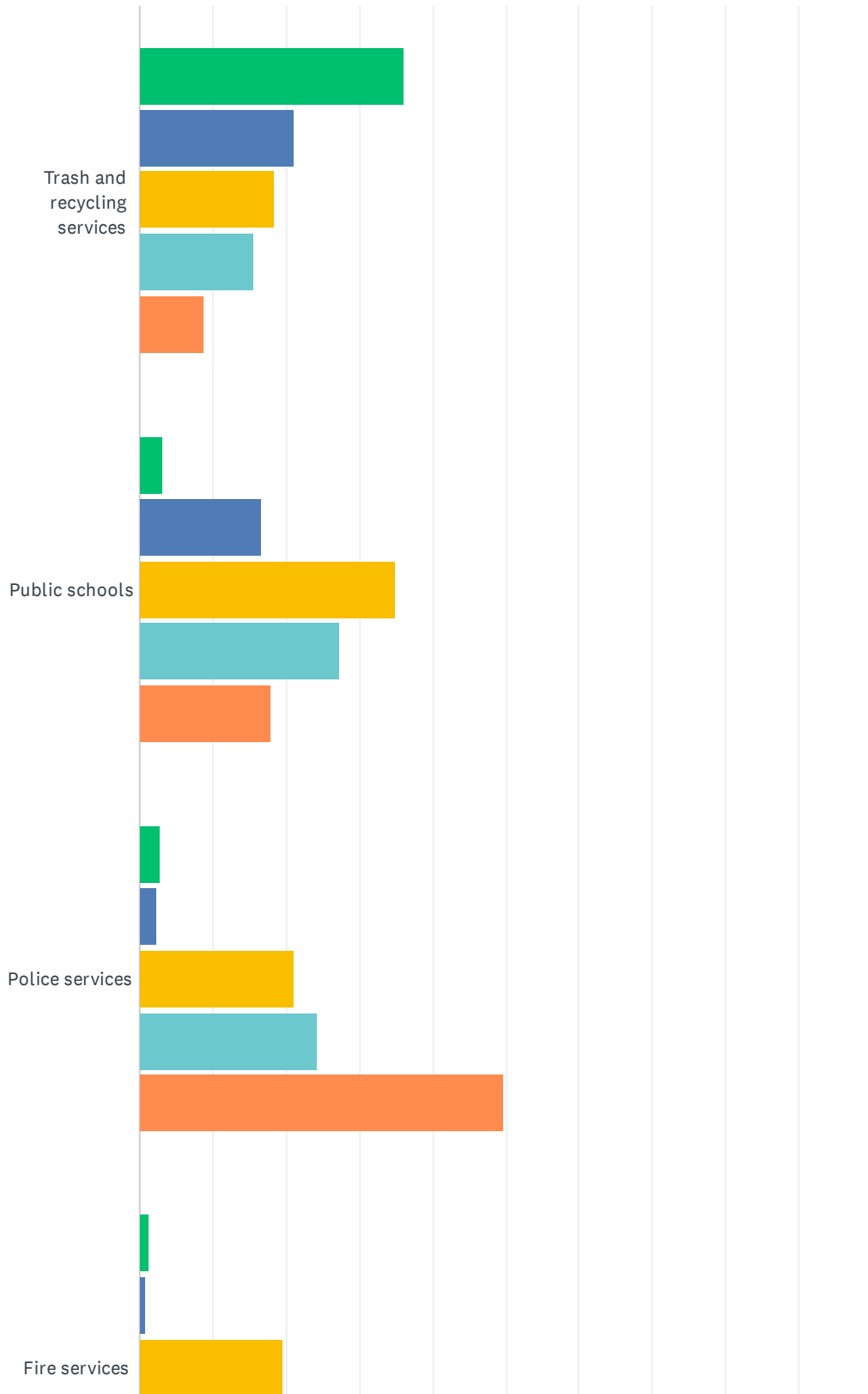
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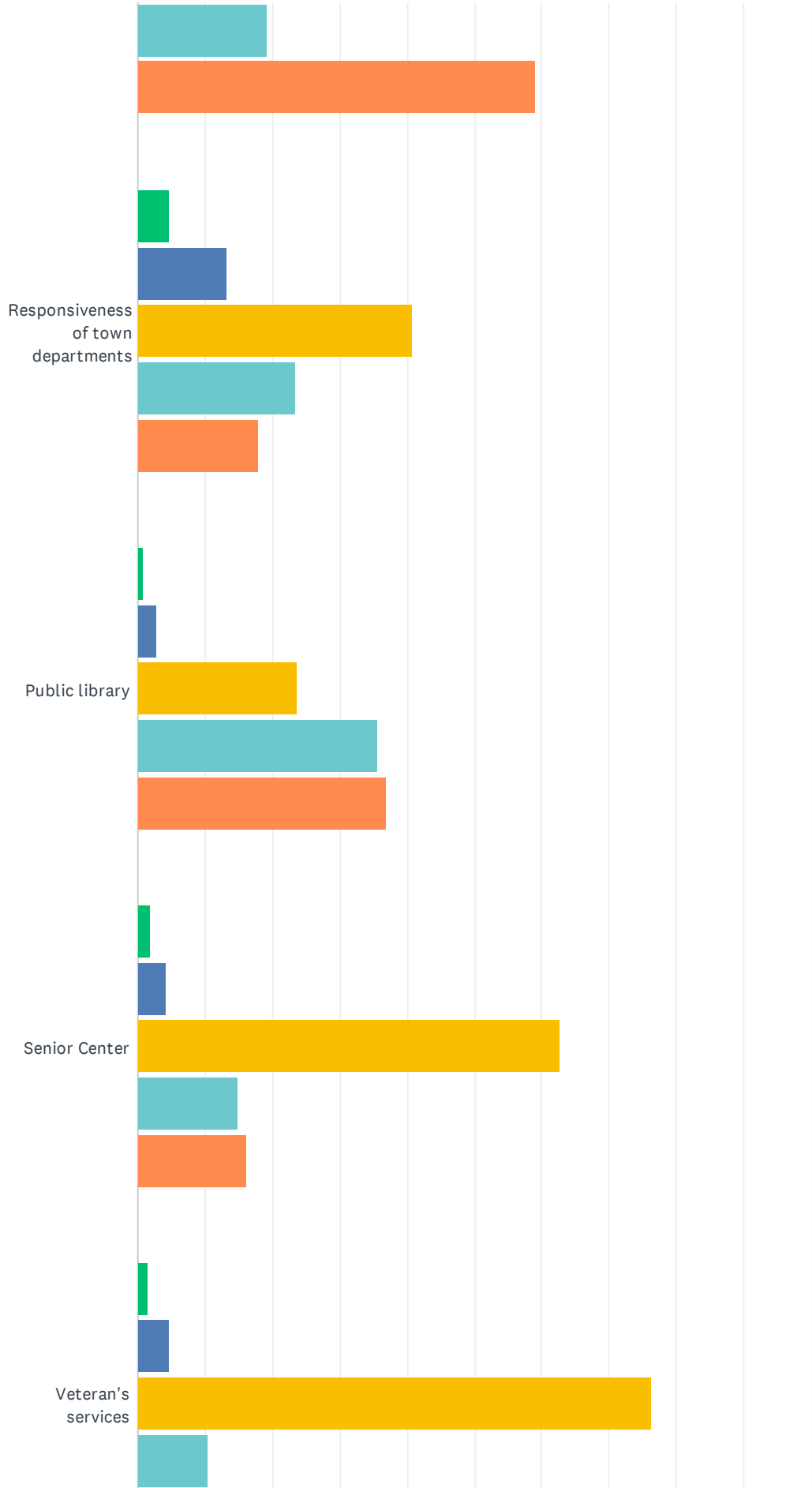
	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Historic preservation, historic structures, and museums	6.85% 15	21.46% 47	29.22% 64	29.22% 64	13.24% 29	219
Libraries	5.00% 11	7.73% 17	12.73% 28	34.09% 75	40.45% 89	220
Community events and festivals	1.37% 3	9.13% 20	27.40% 60	39.73% 87	22.37% 49	219
Performing arts facilities	13.30% 29	18.81% 41	36.70% 80	18.81% 41	12.39% 27	218
Art galleries, studios, and related facilities	17.97% 39	28.11% 61	28.57% 62	17.51% 38	7.83% 17	217
Community centers	0.91% 2	15.91% 35	24.09% 53	35.00% 77	24.09% 53	220
Community atmosphere that welcomes diverse cultures	10.55% 23	12.39% 27	20.64% 45	22.94% 50	33.49% 73	218
Places of faith	17.43% 38	18.81% 41	30.28% 66	19.72% 43	13.76% 30	218
Sports facilities and events	6.94% 15	18.06% 39	31.48% 68	28.24% 61	15.28% 33	216

### Q24 How satisfied are you with the following in town? Please choose one answer per row.

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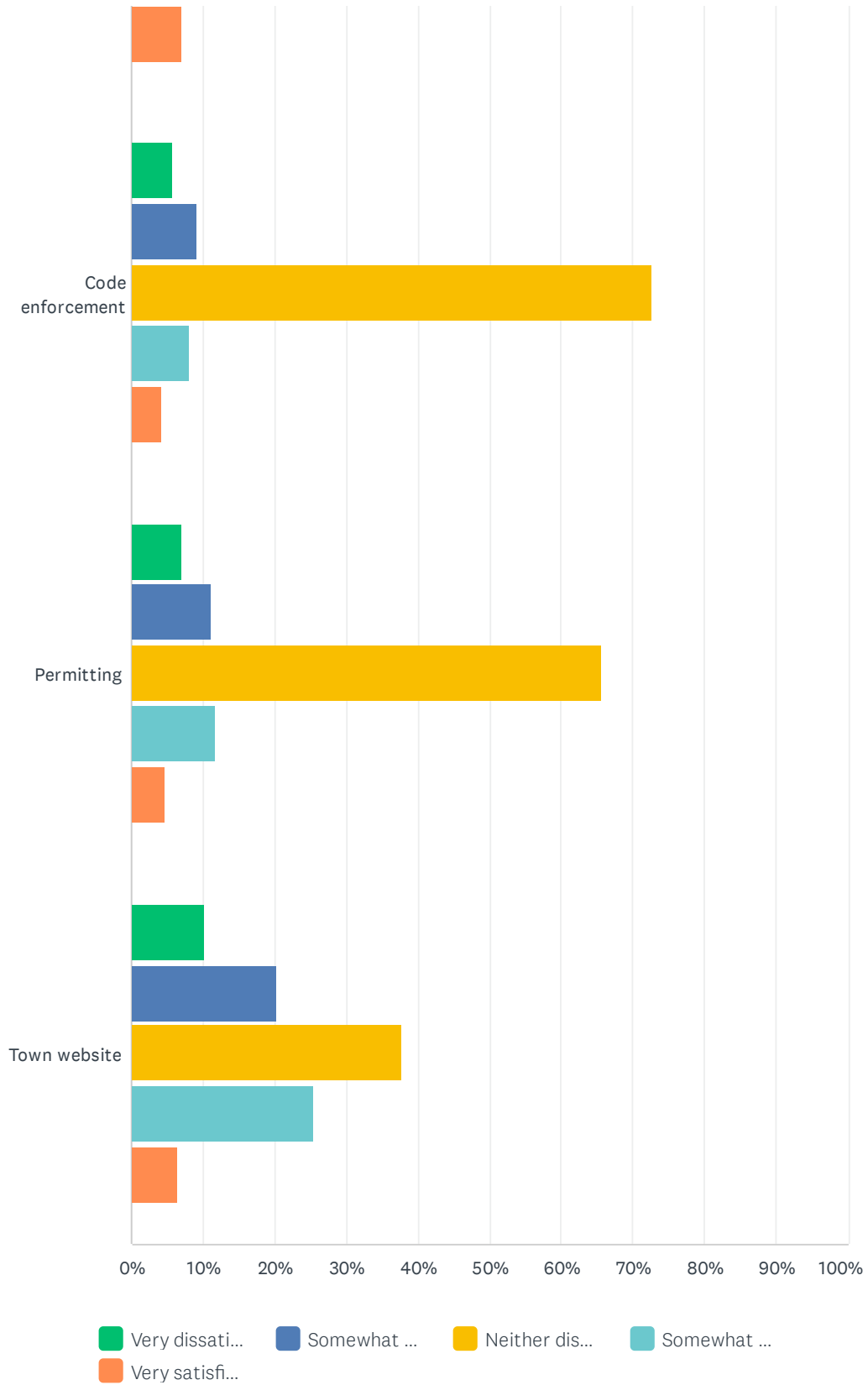


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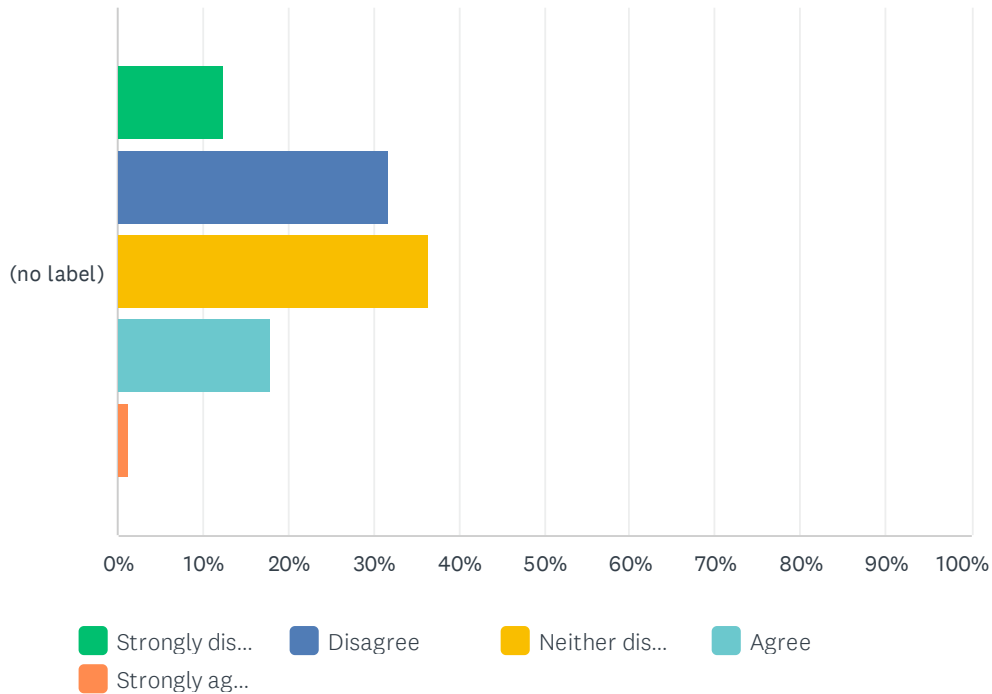


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	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Trash and recycling services	35.94% 78	21.20% 46	18.43% 40	15.67% 34	8.76% 19	217	-0.60
Public schools	3.23% 7	16.59% 36	35.02% 76	27.19% 59	17.97% 39	217	0.40
Police services	2.74% 6	2.28% 5	21.00% 46	24.20% 53	49.77% 109	219	1.16
Fire services	1.36% 3	0.91% 2	19.55% 43	19.09% 42	59.09% 130	220	1.34
Responsiveness of town departments	4.59% 10	13.30% 29	40.83% 89	23.39% 51	17.89% 39	218	0.37
Public library	0.91% 2	2.74% 6	23.74% 52	35.62% 78	36.99% 81	219	1.05
Senior Center	1.86% 4	4.19% 9	62.79% 135	14.88% 32	16.28% 35	215	0.40
Veteran's services	1.42% 3	4.74% 10	76.30% 161	10.43% 22	7.11% 15	211	0.17
Code enforcement	5.74% 12	9.09% 19	72.73% 152	8.13% 17	4.31% 9	209	-0.04
Permitting	6.98% 15	11.16% 24	65.58% 141	11.63% 25	4.65% 10	215	-0.04
Town website	10.14% 22	20.28% 44	37.79% 82	25.35% 55	6.45% 14	217	-0.02

Q25 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following: The town does a good job keeping me informed about town priorities and spending, including projects, services, and events.

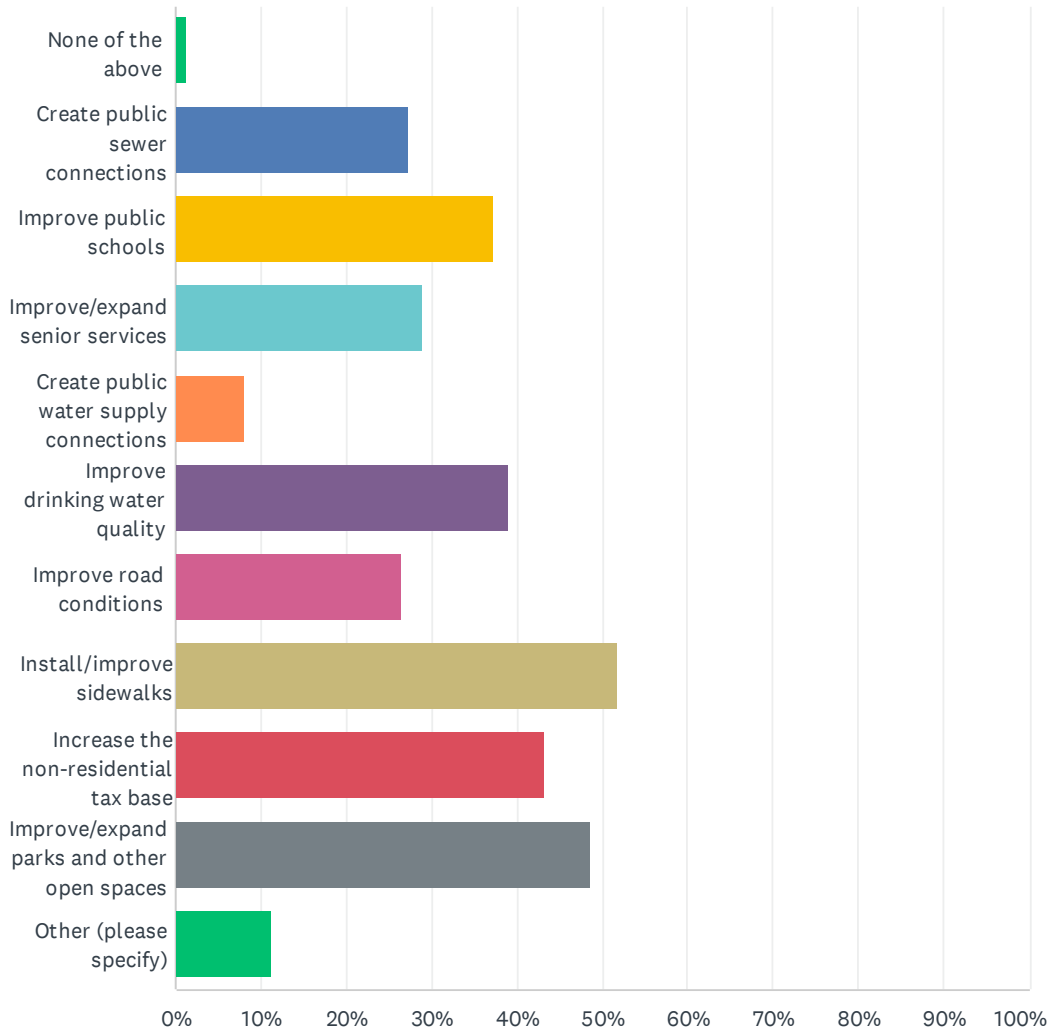
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	12.44% 27	31.80% 69	36.41% 79	17.97% 39	1.38% 3	217	2.27

### Q26 Which of the following are most important for the town to invest in? Please tick up to three boxes.

Answered: 220 Skipped: 37



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.36%	3
Create public sewer connections	27.27%	60
Improve public schools	37.27%	82
Improve/expand senior services	29.09%	64
Create public water supply connections	8.18%	18
Improve drinking water quality	39.09%	86
Improve road conditions	26.36%	58
Install/improve sidewalks	51.82%	114
Increase the non-residential tax base	43.18%	95
Improve/expand parks and other open spaces	48.64%	107
Other (please specify)	11.36%	25
Total Respondents: 220		

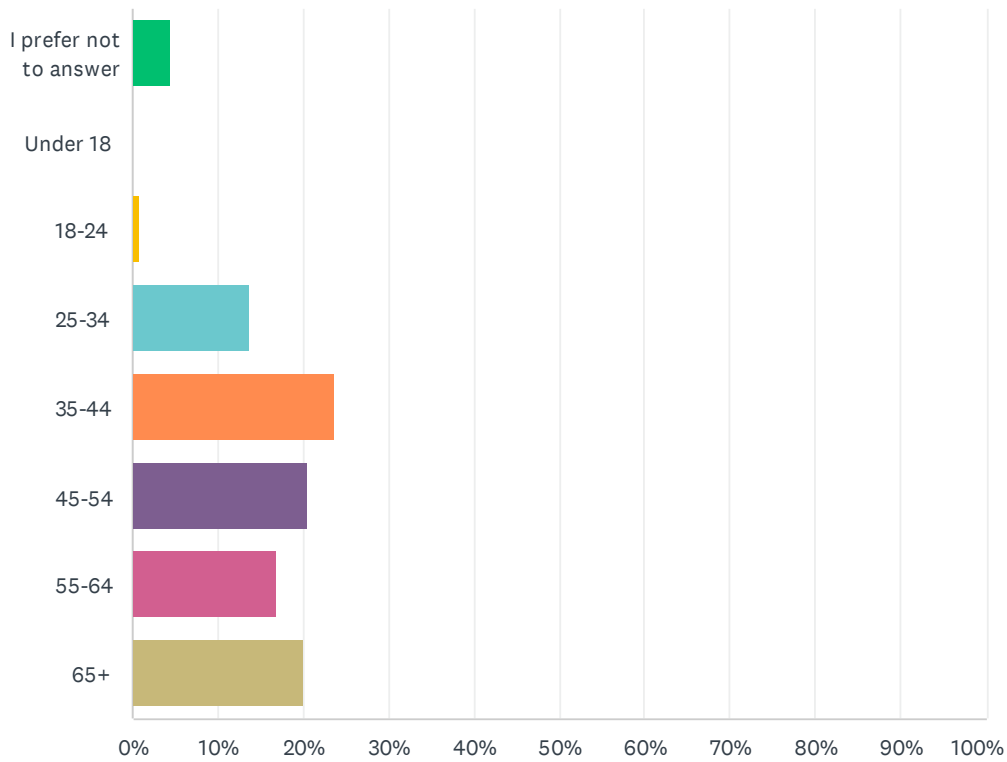
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	expand wifi options --> Verizon Fios	3/23/2024 11:30 PM
2	So much is spent on schools, that little is left over for other needs.	2/10/2024 1:37 PM
3	Preparing the town and residents for the environmental challenges coming due to global warming. To actively pull people of differing political parties together. We expect a very divisive election year.	2/6/2024 10:29 PM
4	Library	2/4/2024 3:09 PM
5	Improve/expand Library AND Senior Center / Community Center	2/4/2024 3:02 PM
6	Stop letting developers ruin good land and historical buildings	2/3/2024 2:17 PM
7	Maintain what the town owns	2/2/2024 8:45 AM
8	More cable options	2/1/2024 9:06 PM
9	Fiscal responsibility	1/27/2024 9:19 AM
10	Improve the quality of education, not physical school buildings	1/25/2024 12:28 PM
11	Expand library	1/24/2024 6:00 PM
12	Expand recreational facilities	1/24/2024 12:52 PM
13	Paved bike paths connecting other towns. It is an investment that pays for itself. It supports businesses, encourages healthy commuting/ recreation and creates opportunities for habitat restoration and enhancement	1/24/2024 9:44 AM
14	Improve Cell service and allow choice of internet provider	1/24/2024 8:44 AM
15	Improve sidewalks	1/22/2024 10:28 PM
16	Improve Internet and cell service	1/20/2024 6:19 PM
17	More commercial industry	1/18/2024 3:20 PM
18	Improve/upgrade library	1/18/2024 9:26 AM
19	Build a dedicated hanson high school	1/8/2024 8:33 PM
20	Ponds such as Indian Head	1/8/2024 2:57 PM

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21	Library and sr. Center building improvement	12/15/2023 8:23 AM
22	expand library services and building	12/11/2023 9:50 AM
23	A New Library, it's the community center for our town and vital to the town but it's too small.	12/7/2023 4:43 PM
24	library	12/7/2023 12:27 PM
25	most roads in hanson are a death trap. unfortunately the very few sidewalks are extremely inadequate	11/30/2023 6:45 PM

## Q27 What age group are you in?

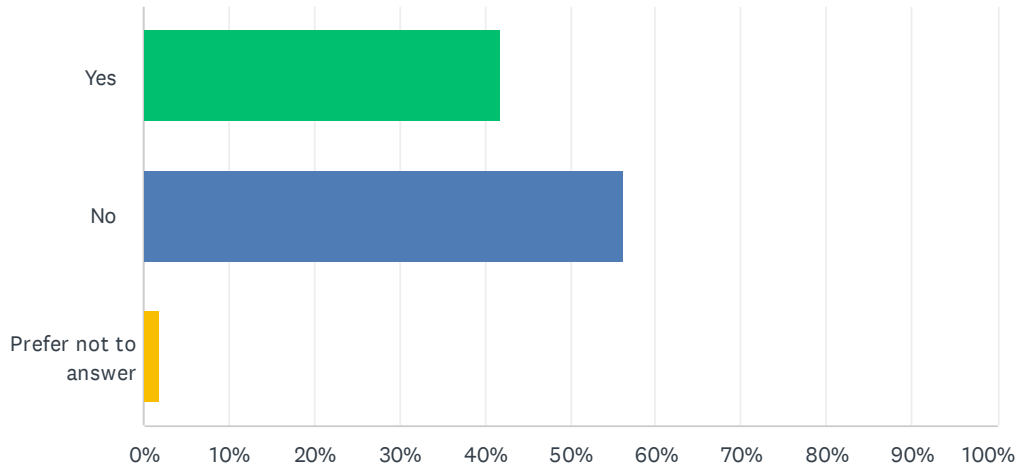
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer not to answer	4.55%	10
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.91%	2
25-34	13.64%	30
35-44	23.64%	52
45-54	20.45%	45
55-64	16.82%	37
65+	20.00%	44
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220</b>

## Q28 Is anyone in your household under the age of 18?

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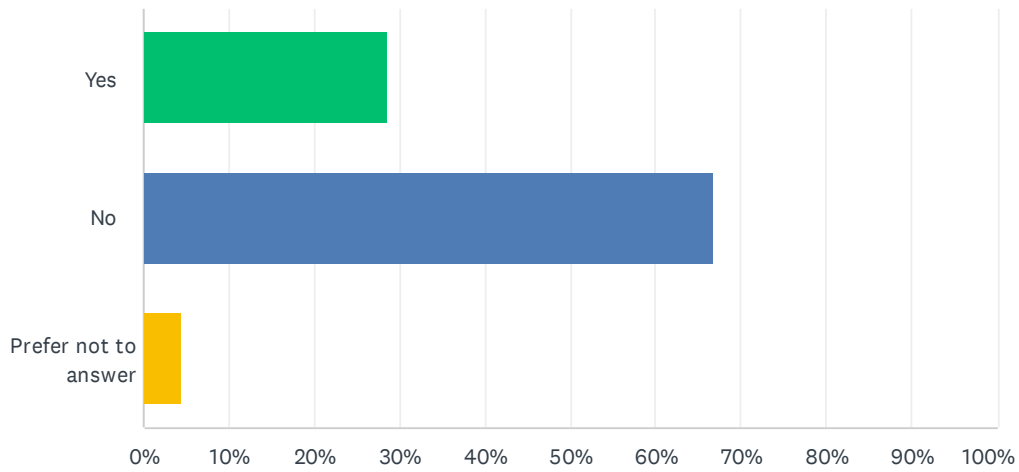


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.82%	92
No	56.36%	124
Prefer not to answer	1.82%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220</b>



## Q29 Do you live in a multigenerational household?

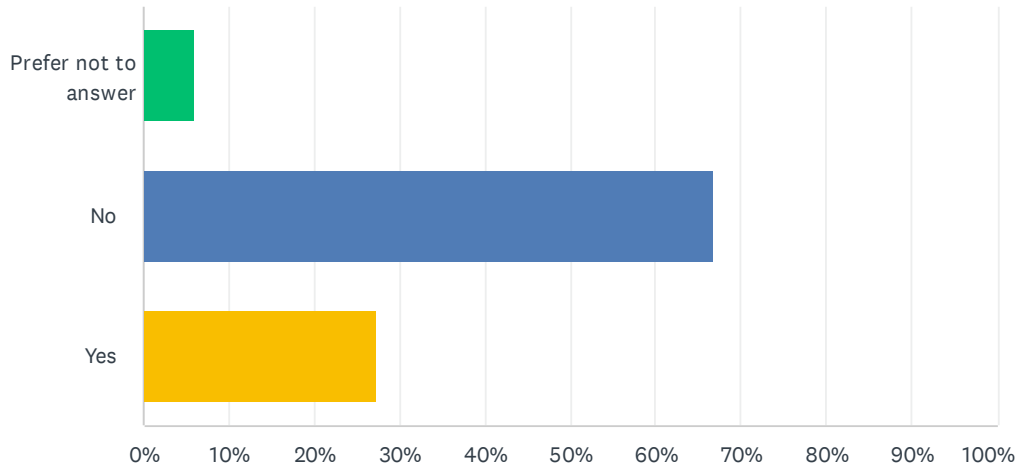
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.64%	63
No	66.82%	147
Prefer not to answer	4.55%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220</b>

### Q30 Do you or does someone who lives with you have any disability, handicap, or chronic disease?

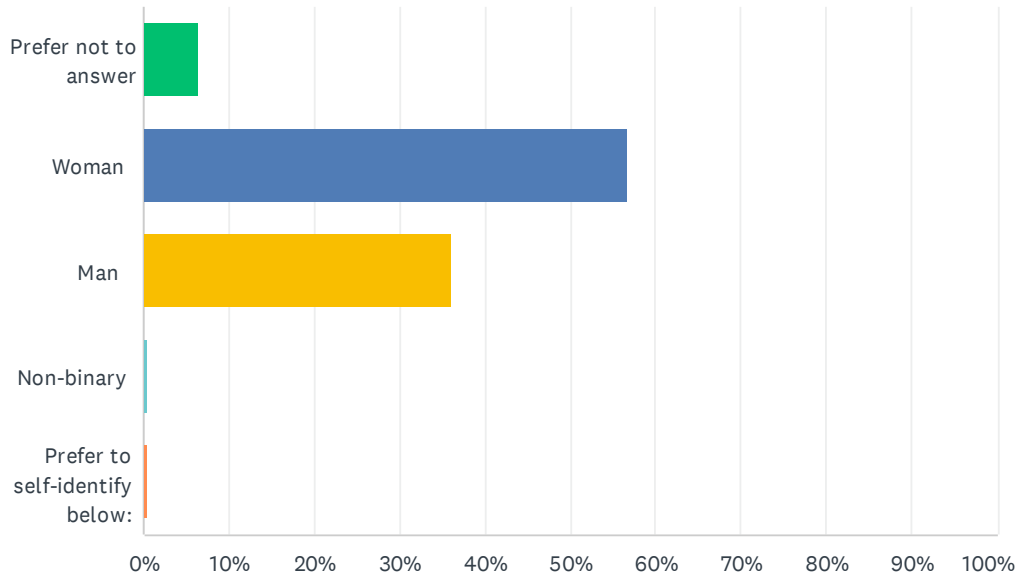
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Prefer not to answer	5.91% 13
No	66.82% 147
Yes	27.27% 60
TOTAL	220

## Q31 Which of the following best describes your gender?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 40

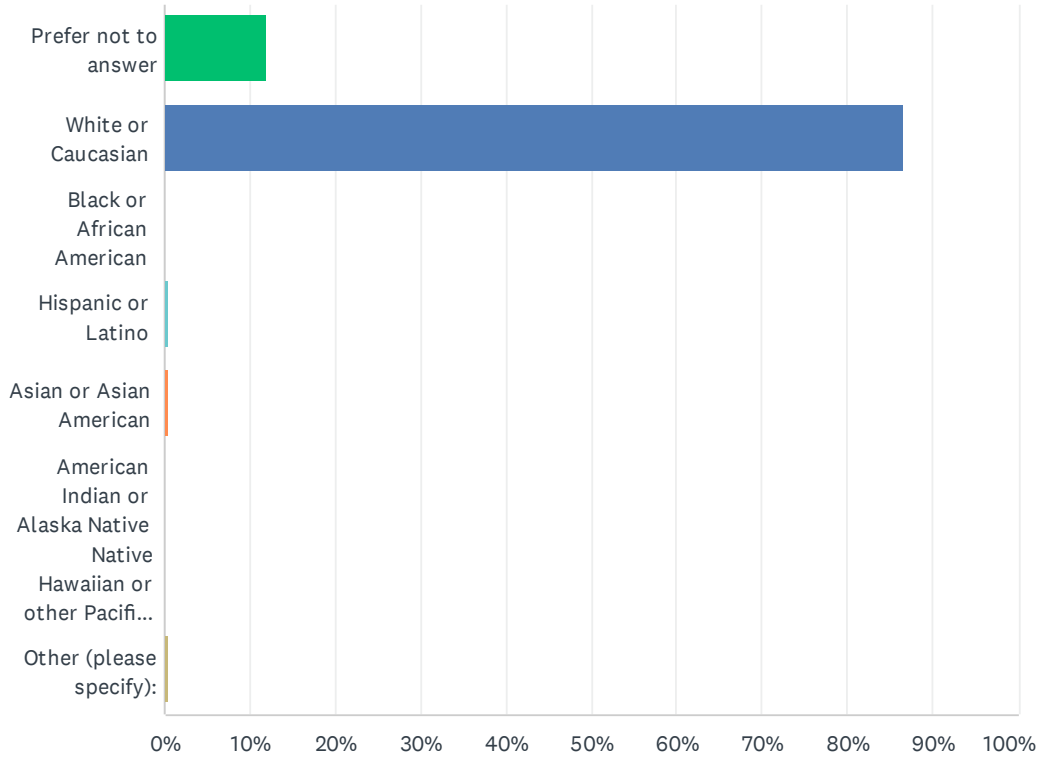


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	6.45%	14
Woman	56.68%	123
Man	35.94%	78
Non-binary	0.46%	1
Prefer to self-identify below:	0.46%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>217</b>

#	PREFER TO SELF-IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	Super friggin handsome	1/24/2024 9:46 AM

### Q32 What race and/or ethnicity do you identify with? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 216 Skipped: 41

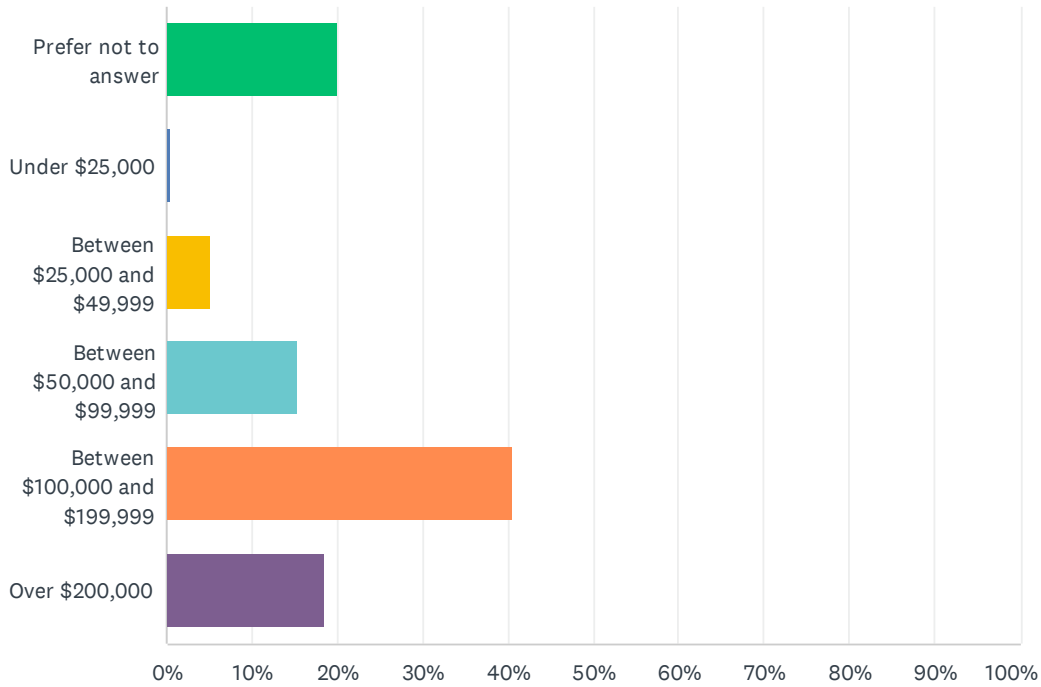


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	12.04%	26
White or Caucasian	86.57%	187
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	0.46%	1
Asian or Asian American	0.46%	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Other (please specify):	0.46%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>216</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	White and Pacific Islander	2/7/2024 11:43 PM

### Q33 What was your total household income last year before taxes?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	20.00%	43
Under \$25,000	0.47%	1
Between \$25,000 and \$49,999	5.12%	11
Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	15.35%	33
Between \$100,000 and \$199,999	40.47%	87
Over \$200,000	18.60%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>215</b>

Q34 Your time and input is valuable to us. If there's anything else you'd like to share about needs and priorities in our community, please do so in the space below:

Answered: 75 Skipped: 182

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Love living here would like to see lower property taxes commercial property paying more in taxes than residential more money and senior center	3/24/2024 6:16 PM
2	senior center should be expanded.	3/24/2024 12:30 AM
3	no more building of apartments or condos Where is the water going to come from?	3/23/2024 11:50 PM
4	More affordable help for seniors and handicap	3/23/2024 11:44 PM
5	This is my main problem I have no newspaper, computer, Iphone, cable, dishwasher, dryer etc so I don't get Hanson "News" as such.	3/11/2024 2:56 PM
6	We need to invest in our community for families. Attracting families to live and raise families is vital to our community. That means investing in our schools, library and recreation and sports programs. We can't be just a town that wants to stay stuck and Or just serve the needs of one age group.	3/5/2024 1:27 PM
7	Don't remove state st dam	3/1/2024 7:53 PM
8	I support expanding the current library. The library offers programs and services for the entire community- from the youngest to the very oldest.	2/17/2024 9:34 AM
9	Due to a lack of adequate water supply, and a municipal sewage system, the town must strongly oppose any state mandate to change our local zoning !!!	2/10/2024 1:38 PM
10	Communication is key and Facebook, while reaching many people, is an incredibly divisive platform. Perhaps Hanson could ask residents for email/phone contact info and update the town's website. Information could be disseminated directly thru an email or text with a summary and link and/or a recorded call with a summary and steps to get more info. This survey is a good example. I saw it only because I accidentally opened FB. If Hanson does not raise its voice to the FAA/Massport, quality of life here will rapidly decline as will property values and public health. Hanson needs its citizens to go onto the Massport complaint line via the website or phone and complain about each and every plane that wakes them or disturbs their peace. It is the only measure that MIT/FAA/Massport has in place to determine if shifting the noise burden is working. Closer in communities noise complaint numbers go down while farther out communities are left wondering what's happening unknowing that they could be and should be registering complaints. But Hanson does not know that because they chose to shift the noise burden onto towns that have no representation in the MCAC and therefore are not organized to raise your voice to the inequity and injustice of the burden shift not share. Know that Hanson now has planes under 4000' altitude with consecutive and concentrated descent rates 1400-2400fpm with concentrated and consecutive speed decreases of 20-40mph that is followed by 12-14miles of complete level off. Level off meaning the plane maintains altitude and speed until reaching Hingham Harbor sparing those closer in communities the noise burden at the expense of Hanson's peace and health.	2/10/2024 8:57 AM
11	Sidewalks on 58 From Whitman to the Middle School.	2/8/2024 12:07 PM
12	More neighborhoods. Less condos and 40B. Need to grow quality of town to compete with neighboring towns. School system is one of reasons people move here. Need to keep that a staple. Can't be afraid of restaurants or other local businesses but agree want to maintain small town feel. Schools are in need of renovation.	2/7/2024 11:45 PM
13	We need more sidewalks in town!	2/7/2024 3:18 PM
14	Please support community.	2/7/2024 3:02 PM

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15	Thank you to our town employees and volunteers that consistently work to better our town.	2/7/2024 1:39 PM
16	I think the town is making some really needed changes. Thank you for the increased efforts to communicate with the residents. Also, please don't put residential units where we need businesses (ex. the 3 houses right across from Dunkin near the train station). The condos down the street with businesses underneath them makes more sense, but taking prime real estate where we need more business and using it to put in three homes that aren't very nice as homes (small, close to the street, no yard, right next to each other) and taking away the chance for another business to come into that area that we are trying to revitalize -- just doesn't make good business sense to me.	2/6/2024 10:34 PM
17	Adding sidewalks that extend toward the commuter rail should be a priority. This would be a major asset for our town. In addition, we should be flexible/creative about what is allowed for in-law and accessory housing to help with housing affordability.	2/6/2024 1:52 PM
18	Question 11 I felt didn't offer all reasons as to why I'd move out of Hanson. I'd move because there's no sidewalks. I'd move because the infrastructure is falling apart. I'd move because buildings aren't taken care of. I'd move because Main St in South Hanson is a complete eye sore and embarrassment to the town with the old cranberry building. I'd move because the those serving on Hanson boards and locks government don't seem to be doing anything to bring revenue to the town or make it a better town to live in.	2/6/2024 1:34 PM
19	Get rid of pay as you throw bags and sticker cost at the transfer station. Our taxes are enough... Repair roads in a timely fashion not months to years.	2/4/2024 6:33 PM
20	I feel that our next project should be the high st park the the town as owned about 20yrs its something that all citizens can use and enjoy this is what we all need a place of tranquility🇺🇸	2/4/2024 3:59 PM
21	Need a bigger Library next to the one we have now	2/4/2024 3:11 PM
22	Spending money the Town doesn't have	2/3/2024 7:21 PM
23	While I enjoy filling this out, Hanson, as always, will not do anything proactive. Town is so expensive now who cares about renewable energy and diversity when everyone regardless of race or gender is struggling here. Town is becoming far too dense and we refuse to welcome industry back here. As an immigrant, it's sad to watch the only town I have lived in in this nation become so unaffordable that seniors can't even pay their bills. I know it's not unique to Hanson but we have no tax income from the types of industry and business needed to support initiatives in town	2/3/2024 2:22 PM
24	If all town employees could just do their jobs honestly try to put put put at least 95%	2/2/2024 8:49 AM
25	Want to know more about the old hospital and why is the town looking into more profitable options	2/1/2024 9:08 PM
26	Hanson is not far off from becoming the next "15 minute city" & the degradation of Hanson as a small town community needs to stop.	2/1/2024 8:36 PM
27	We need to prioritize the public schools resources and curriculum. The elementary school should have a makerspace, a technology coach/teacher, and be more innovative. Students are not digitally literate by the time they go to middle school. The middle school should invest in robotics, coding programs and engineering curriculum. Our students are not given the same opportunities that other towns around us have and that's not fair to our students and their futures.	2/1/2024 7:45 AM
28	We don't need more baseball fields.	2/1/2024 5:27 AM
29	Fix the Highway Dept and make the Water Dept a Town Dept	1/31/2024 12:21 PM
30	I do not support the use of town properties, taxes or any resources to support illegal immigrants.	1/25/2024 12:31 PM
31	Just want to say I think our highway department does a great job on the roads in the winter. We could use some cable/internet companies other than Xfinity if for no other reason than to stop their monopoly pricing.	1/25/2024 11:28 AM
32	Stop building. People move to hanson for the small town feel. We cant make it whitman or hanover.	1/24/2024 9:51 PM
33	I would really like to see the water situation to be improved.	1/24/2024 5:21 PM

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34	Possible implementation of HOA in new construction areas to maintain cleanliness. Definitely more sidewalks and improving road conditions.	1/24/2024 2:42 PM
35	I think it's easy to focus on the HUGE improvement the town needs like sidewalks and community events, but I think there should be focus on little things that are not super costly that can be improved upon. Have better communication through social media presence that's constant and updated and general website fixes. Things like banners and signage for the town that shows Hanson Pride. Even general clean-up that makes town properties and businesses look more presentable. I know volunteering is hard to come by, but having annual events that include majority of the age groups in town would be a game-changer. I remember the annual two-season plays and Halloween events we always looked forward to that have just vanished or are random and sparse. When there are already issues within the communication, the consistency in events is key.	1/24/2024 10:06 AM
36	I really cannot stress the importance of a bike path enough. When I lived in western MA there was a bike path connecting multiple towns and all along it there was a mix of businesses, green spaces, housing and edible plantings along. It was good for the economy, environment and everyone in the area used it. My entire apartment used the path to commute to work daily, I used it to shop and go out to restaurants. I know this is ambitious for Hanson alone but a bike path spanning from western MA's rail trail to the Cape Cod rail trail would be an incredible opportunity for the state for recreation, business and tourism. Perhaps Hanson can be the next link in the chain for a statewide bike path.	1/24/2024 9:52 AM
37	More retail and businesses to offset taxes!	1/23/2024 7:19 PM
38	We need a large commercial business in town, preferably near the train station. Like Primark or something similar that no surrounding towns have. This would bring in so much commercial tax revenue & visitors can get there via train. Instead of filling the commercial area across from the train station with apartments, give the town a chance to thrive by welcoming a large commercial business.	1/21/2024 5:03 PM
39	I'm a very new resident of Hanson. My wife and I just moved into town and are expecting our first child later this year. Please take my answers with a grain of salt given our short time in the community. Municipal trash service would be a welcome addition to town services. Encouraging the opening of local restaurants, bakeries, etc would be welcome.	1/21/2024 11:19 AM
40	Please please please consider adding more sidewalks, especially on main residential roads (this would be huge for us residents on Elm!)	1/21/2024 8:36 AM
41	More recreation space is needed to encourage the sense of community.	1/21/2024 8:23 AM
42	Sidewalks, I am a former member of the previous master plan committee, good luck	1/20/2024 9:29 PM
43	More street lights and more sidewalks! Lack of street signage in town...	1/20/2024 6:21 PM
44	I really wish the town would consider trash pickup. From my observations, most residents (in my area anyway) are paying for private trash services, why not offer it through the town?	1/20/2024 5:30 PM
45	The Whitman Hanson School District is spending way too much money on jobs where people are doing nothing. Teachers are the only ones working. Please take a look at the jobs and job descriptions...wasted money!!!	1/20/2024 5:24 PM
46	I really appreciate these surveys. I just wish I didn't have to find out my information through Facebook. Thank you!!	1/20/2024 5:08 PM
47	More sidewalks please	1/20/2024 4:25 PM
48	Hanson is a good town to live in, but increasing walkability and making it safer to walk or ride bikes in town is important. Creating a more lively area with more businesses and options to live, using land that's already built upon, while still protecting the great nature, trails and history that is here.	1/20/2024 3:23 PM
49	There is ridiculous wasteful spending in the school system. Too many unnecessary positions, filled with people who mostly do nothing all day. Interventionists, department heads, counselors, transition room staff, SEL teacher, sped director and more sped directors, benefits coordinator, technology coach. The number of new job titles that have been created in the past few years speaks for itself. Yet it seems to go unnoticed and unchecked as the district budget keeps increasing.	1/20/2024 2:54 PM



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50	Really need to invest in businesses to increase revenue to achieve improvements. This town has been stagnant for many years.	1/20/2024 2:44 PM
51	Would like to see more information through the town on upcoming town meetings. Not everyone has social media.	1/20/2024 2:19 PM
52	Would like to see increase in commercial business, more chain restaurants, sidewalks, clean up Main Street	1/19/2024 2:58 AM
53	We need a town park	1/18/2024 11:06 PM
54	Although it is important to attract and retain employees it is not prudent to provide double digit increase and inflated benefits to do so. Several years ago decisions were made by the residents on staffing and positions Town. It seems as though the current personnel in leadership positions have no recollection of Town history or being fiscally responsible.	1/18/2024 7:22 PM
55	Start paying the police and fire more money.	1/18/2024 3:45 PM
56	I would like to see commercial industry grow in this town, so not only is there more to offer in The Town of Hanson, but when the town would like to add or grow different parts of town, less money is coming out of the taxpayers pocket. Also the first responders in this town need to continue to get paid equivalent to what other towns pay. If we do not pay them, they will leave/retire and eventually when it's time to hire new first responders, the candidate pool won't be as good, therefore the residents will end up paying for a bad service.	1/18/2024 3:30 PM
57	There needs to be serious investment in existing infrastructure as well as a budget for maintenance to reduce this investment. The library building leaks, most of the child play fields are dangerous to play on. The natural park maintenance has such a dedicated group with Green Hanson and likely others but nobody claims ownership over the school lands.	1/18/2024 1:09 PM
58	Enforcing compliance in low speed limit areas is the best way to keep down development. PLEASE do everything you can to decrease or minimize commerce and industry. Hug a tree!	1/18/2024 12:02 PM
59	Sidewalks - for safe walking/traveling throughout town. I do not feel safe walking from my home to another area of town - main roads are dangerous to walk on. Lack of recreation programs. Most local towns have very affordable recreation programs for children to participate in all year long. My children currently attend programs through Rockland Rec. safe outdoor spaces. Children/teens have almost no where to "hang out" Basketball courts, street hockey, - Whitman has a town park with pool. It does not have to be a large beautiful garden. Just a safe, clean space for activities.	1/18/2024 9:30 AM
60	An aid to how local government works would be helpful. Information is available to those who know what to look for. Many people don't know what they don't know and become reactive when decisions are made they were not even aware were being made.	1/18/2024 9:28 AM
61	To have a healthy community, we need to see that each group has the services it needs - children, parents, senior citizens, etc. The 'us' vs. 'them' mentality is so sad. I'd love to see us all want the best for everyone in Hanson, not just ourselves.	1/18/2024 8:30 AM
62	Thanks! :)	1/10/2024 9:25 AM
63	No more condos ir apartments	1/10/2024 7:48 AM
64	Camp kiwanee is a wonderful asset for the town and should continue to get town support	1/9/2024 11:07 PM
65	Help with noise pollution from excessive motorcycles, gas powered leaf blowers, and businesses like PA Landers.	1/9/2024 9:31 PM
66	Lower taxes somehow	1/9/2024 8:48 PM
67	I've enjoyed living in this town for the past ten years. The only reason I'll leave is to provide a better school system for my young children. My suggestion is to divorce from Whitman by building a dedicated highs school and control the values of the constituents by focusing on single family homes instead of housing complexes.	1/8/2024 8:36 PM
68	I'd like to see Hanson have it's own high school	1/8/2024 7:10 PM
69	I like the fact that selectwoman Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmet puts on facebook Hanson Connection/Network info about our town and that Matt Quimby does the same for the police	1/8/2024 7:09 PM

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and firefighters. It is very helpful. Good to keep the townspeople aware of what's going on in town.

70	A large outdoor sports turf facility would bring in revenue but will never happen as long as Laura Kemmett is around. If it's not her idea she doesn't want to hear it.	1/8/2024 2:20 PM
71	We need a recreation department that does recreational activities for the kids. Classes in arts, different sports, that you pay minimal or free. Bring Cranberry Cove to what it use to be for the kids.	12/31/2023 2:30 PM
72	Please improve the senior center and offer many more services	12/31/2023 1:28 PM
73	Very, very concerned about transparency and consistency about permits issues for building, etc	12/11/2023 9:51 AM
74	An updated Library to accommodate and support the needs of the patrons.	12/9/2023 11:19 AM
75	I am hoping the Maquan school property is repurposed for the community.teen center,senior center,new school ,pool,ice rink anything community friendly .	11/30/2023 6:50 PM

## **Appendix C: Public Comment Period Report**

### **Final Meeting Comments:**

General: Route 27/58 is heavier on businesses and traffic than 14

### **Land Use:**

- Not sure about increase height, especially beyond 3 stories.
- Moving on housing production, put in a grant for open space through one stop for growth but probably CPC.
- Instead of scheduling, need to get to a point of mandating because seems to just go by the wayside.

### **Economic Development:**

- Towns is actively working on many objectives.

### **Housing:**

- Town-owned property on Phillips St is under review with Mass Housing to see capacity to see what it can yield.
- Agriculture, Natural, and Cultural Resources
- Highway and town are working on culvert and drainage issue
- Add High Street Park plan

### **Open Space and Recreation:**

- Resident made comment to the town planner about mowing grass by Plymouth County Hospital Propetery, Highway Department responded immediately. The incident does reconfirm the need for more Highway Department staff.
- Park plan is already solidly far along, make changes to goal #2

### **Sustainability & Climate Resiliency**

- Town hall is getting a hybrid heat pump system
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Hanson and Whitman making active CERT team

### **Transportation:**

- Route 14 contains hardly any town businesses but does have flooding issues (change wording here to focus more on flooding/ traffic flow)
- Last grant app to Complete Streets in October was rejected

**Public Services:**

- Library has submitted an application for design.
- Senior Center has received grant to expand.
- Need clarification to what “all public buildings” in 2b

**By Email:**

Joe Campbell

To:Rhiannon Dugan

Sun 6/23/2024 11:06 PM

Evening Rhiannon

I have noted the following regarding the TOH Master Plan. Please have comments ready for the meeting on Monday.

Page 6 - Local Govt, Hanson has a 5 member Select Board, not 3.

Page 11 - Existing conditions - “With new zoning changes and policy initiatives, there is a renewed interest in development in the Town of Hanson.” (Where did this come from?) (I’ll be asking if the Board supports this statement.)

Page 11 - Land Use Patterns - “to meet housing demands and the states housing goals, the town has seen more demand for more dense housing and apartment buildings.” (I’ll be asking if the Board agrees with this statement.)

Page 17 - South Hanson “but the barrier of not embracing change in the community”. (I’ll be asking if the Board supports this statement.)

Page 21 - “Hanson is an expensive place to buy a house” (I’ll be asking if the Board supports this statement.) (Is there another way to note how Hanson is the same as ever abutting Town instead regarding buying a house?)

Page 33 - Existing Conditions - “Hanson is a relatively affordable Town” - contradicts pg 21. (I’ll be asking if the Board support this statement.)

Page 66 5. “Pleasant Street culvert at Snake River” (where is snake River?) please check as Pleasant Street has a culvert for White Oak Brook but I think this may be a typo.

Page 97 - 9.Cemeteries- town owned tomb-the grand pond-side veranda with a visitor in the enclosed observation booth at the camp Kiwanee lodge. (Is this a typo?)

Best regards and look forward to the TOH Planning Meeting.

Joe

## **Appendix D: Related Plans and Resources**

OCPC Road Safety Audit in Hanson: <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/road-safety-audit-hanson-main-street-route-27-at-franklin-street-and-elm-street/>

OCPC Corridor Study Route 58: <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/corridor-study-route-58/>

Community Preservation Committee 2017 Plan: [https://www.hanson-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3231/f/uploads/community\\_preservation\\_plan\\_1-17.pdf](https://www.hanson-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3231/f/uploads/community_preservation_plan_1-17.pdf)

Hanson Housing Production Plan 2019: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/hanson-plan/download>

Hanson Master Plan 2008 : [https://www.hanson-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3231/f/uploads/hanson\\_master\\_plan\\_-\\_2008.pdf](https://www.hanson-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3231/f/uploads/hanson_master_plan_-_2008.pdf)

Hanson Open Space and Recreation Plan 2017: [https://www.hanson-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3231/f/pages/hanson\\_open\\_space\\_and\\_recreation\\_plan\\_february\\_2017\\_-\\_june\\_2020\\_adobe\\_format.pdf](https://www.hanson-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3231/f/pages/hanson_open_space_and_recreation_plan_february_2017_-_june_2020_adobe_format.pdf)

Hanson Integrated Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Plan (MVP-HMP) <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/hanson-integrated-municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-and-hazard-mitigation-plan-mvp-hmp/>

Hanson Community Profile: <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/hanson-master-plan/>

Losing Ground Report: <https://www.massaudubon.org/our-work/publications-resources/losing-ground>

MassDOT Demographic and Socioeconomic Forecast: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/socio-economic-projections-for-2023-regional-transportation-plans>

Chapter 40B Planning and Information: <https://www.mass.gov/chapter-40b-planning-and-information>

Green Communities: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/green-communities-division>

State of Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan (2025 & 2030) :

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-clean-energy-and-climate-plan-for-2025-and-2030>

MassDOT Highway project on-line tracking system:

<https://hwy.massdot.state.ma.us/projectinfo/projectinfo.asp>