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Appendix A: Maps

Appendix B: Public Outreach Materials

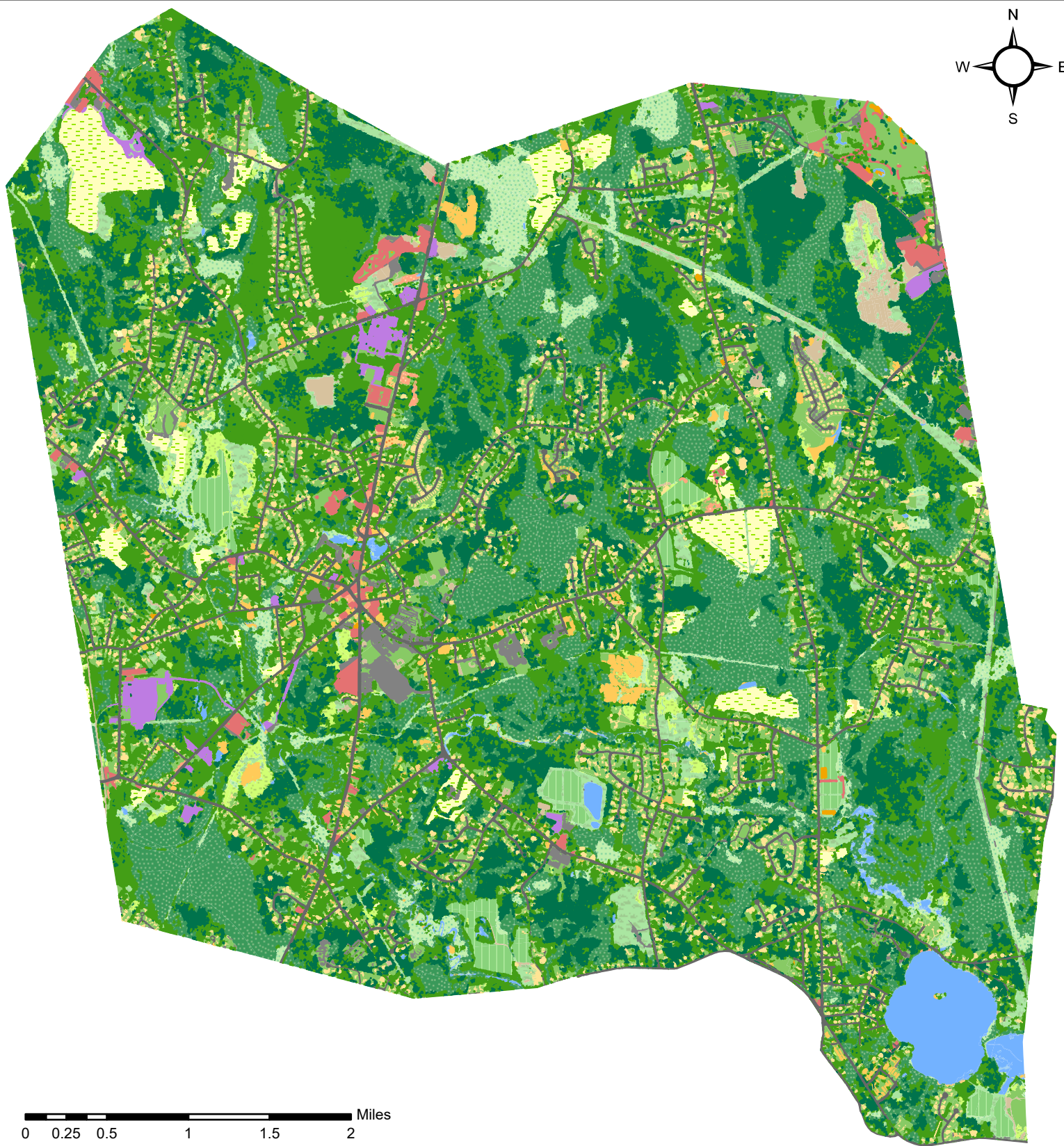
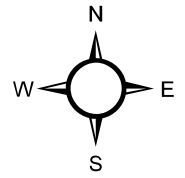
Appendix C: Public Comment Period

Appendix D: Other Plans and Resources

Appendix A Maps

Find full size printed maps at Town Hall

East Bridgewater Land Use



0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles

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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 |

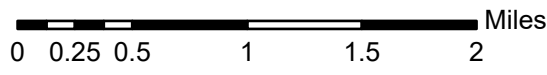
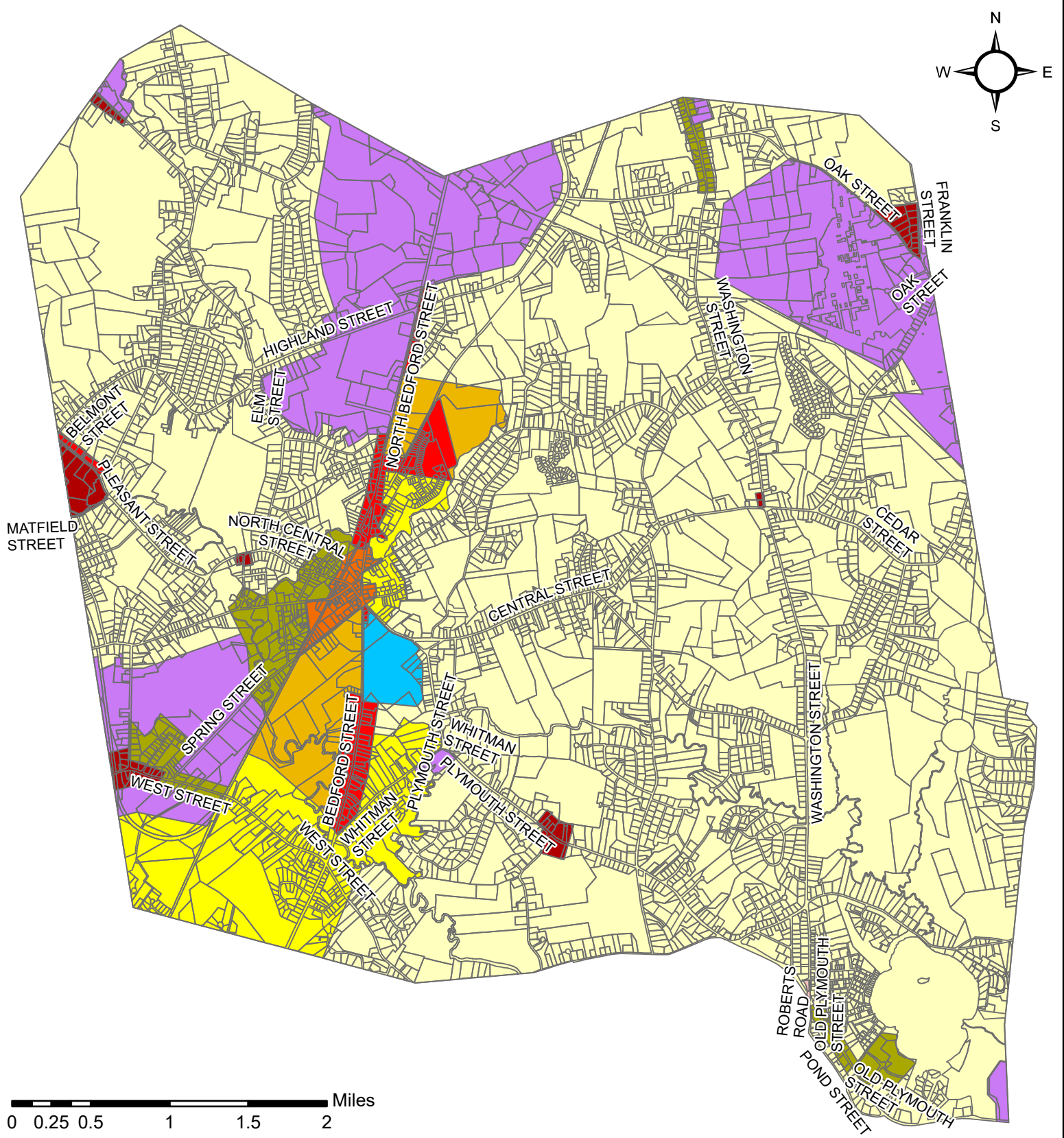
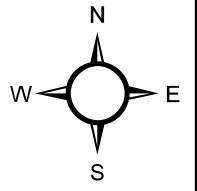




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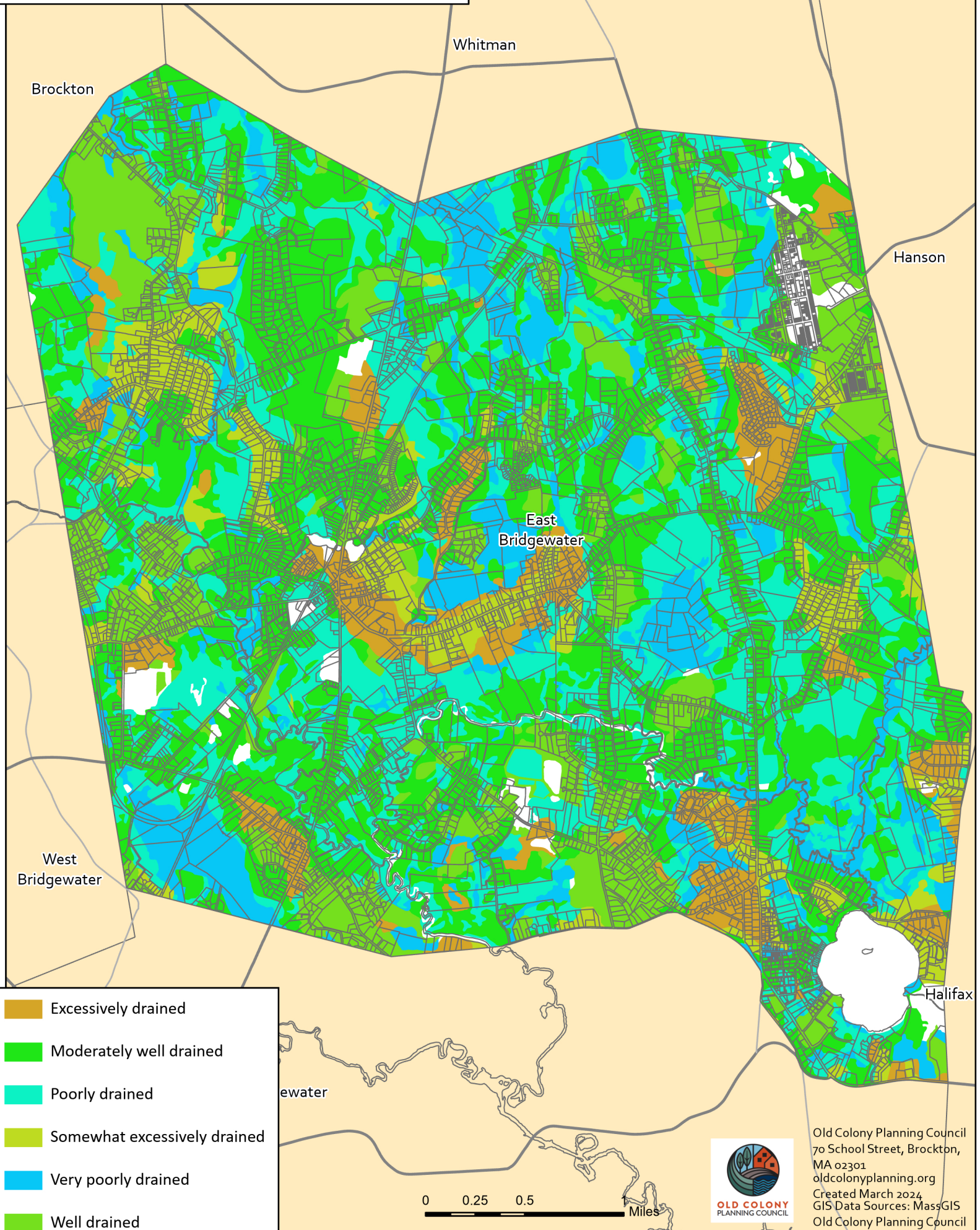


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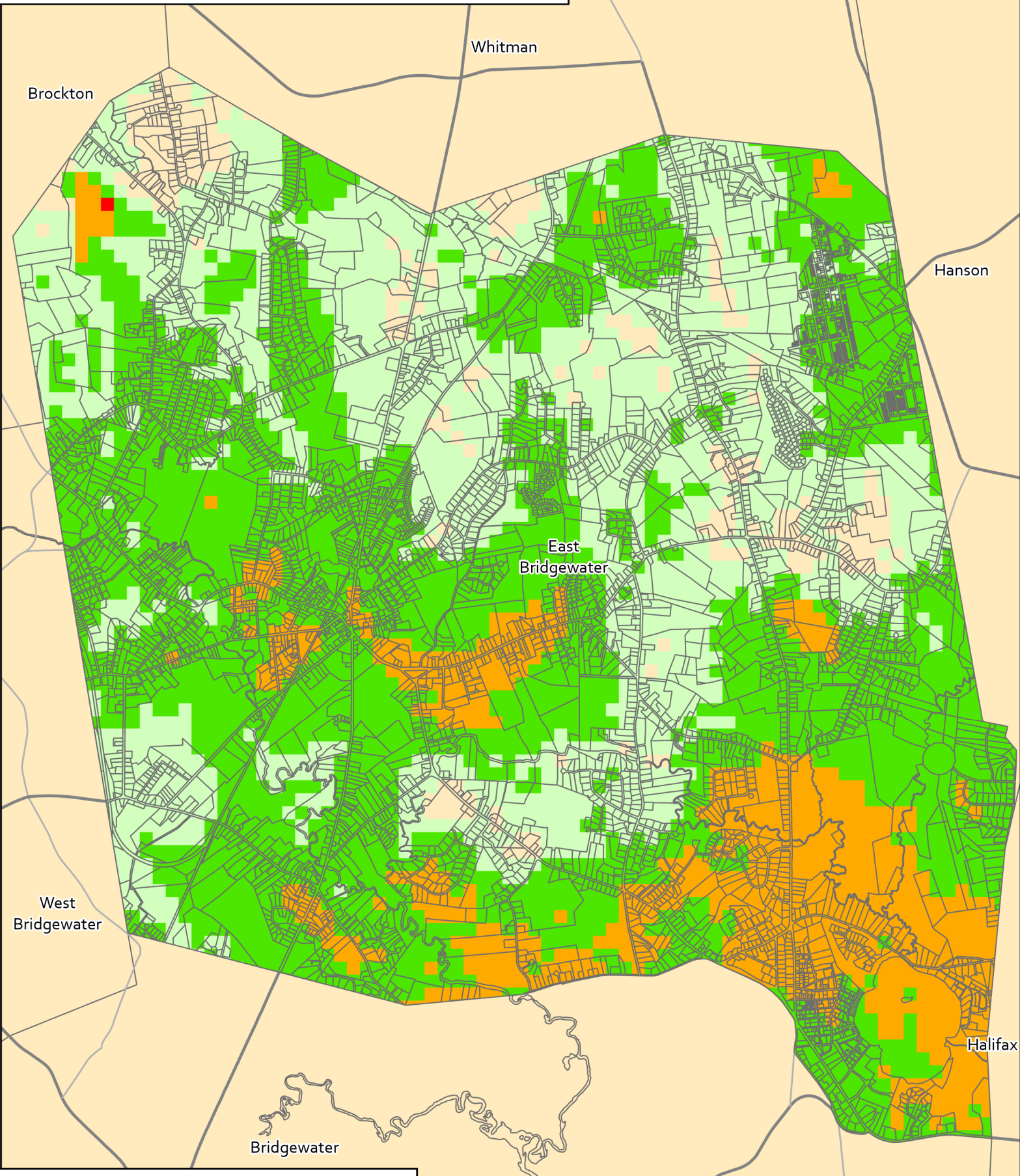
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


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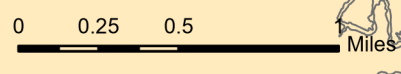
East Bridgewater Soil Drainage



East Bridgewater Soil Classifications

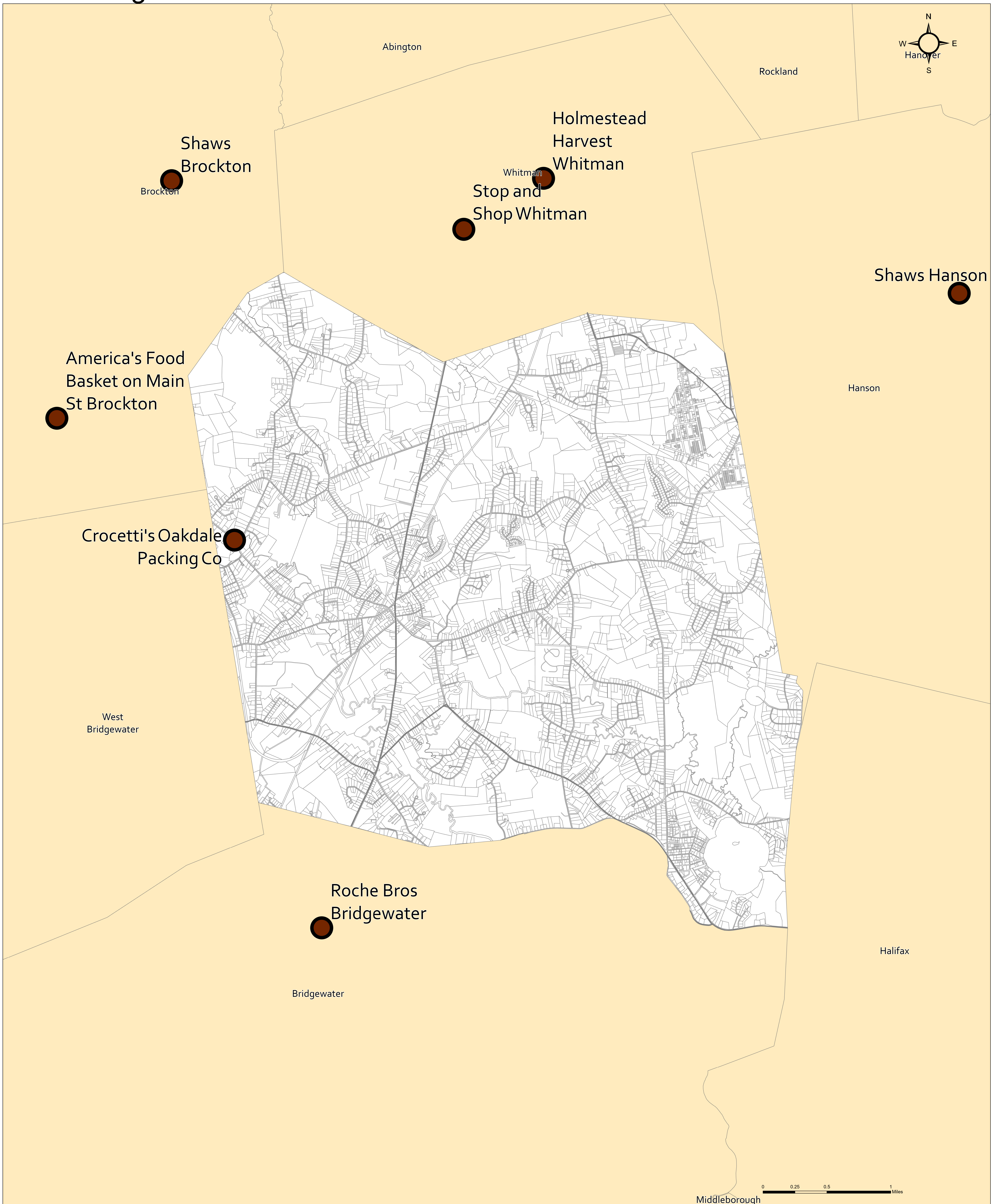


 Hard Rock	 Stiff Soil
 Firm to Hard Rock	 Soft Clays
 Dense Soil, Soft Rock	



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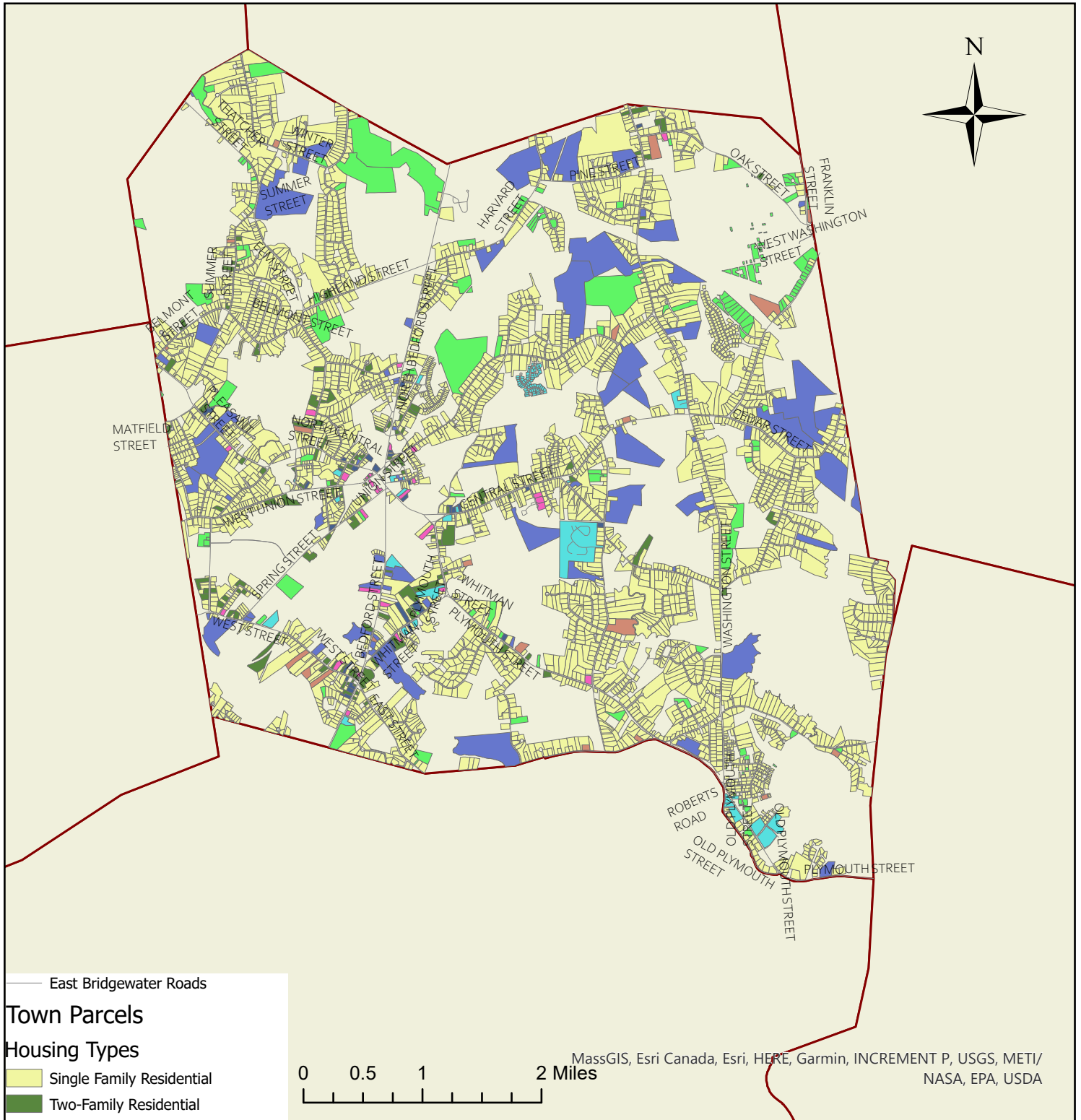


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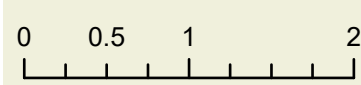


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East Bridgewater Housing Stock



- East Bridgewater Roads
- Town Parcels**
- Housing Types**
- Single Family Residential
- Two-Family Residential
- Three-Family Residential
- Apartments with Four to Eight Units
- Residential Condominium
- Mixed Use
- Developable Residential Land
- Other Types
- <all other values>
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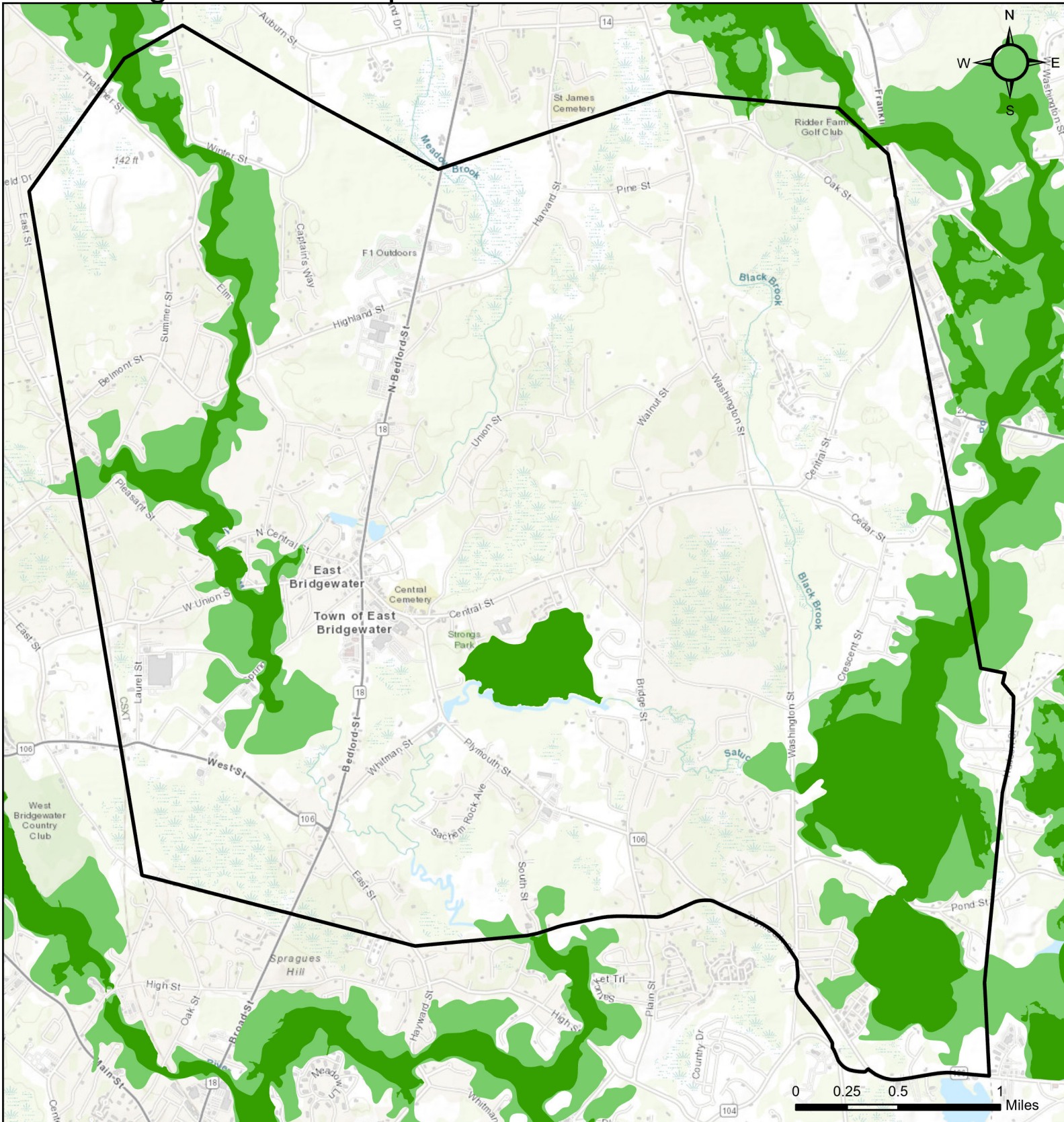




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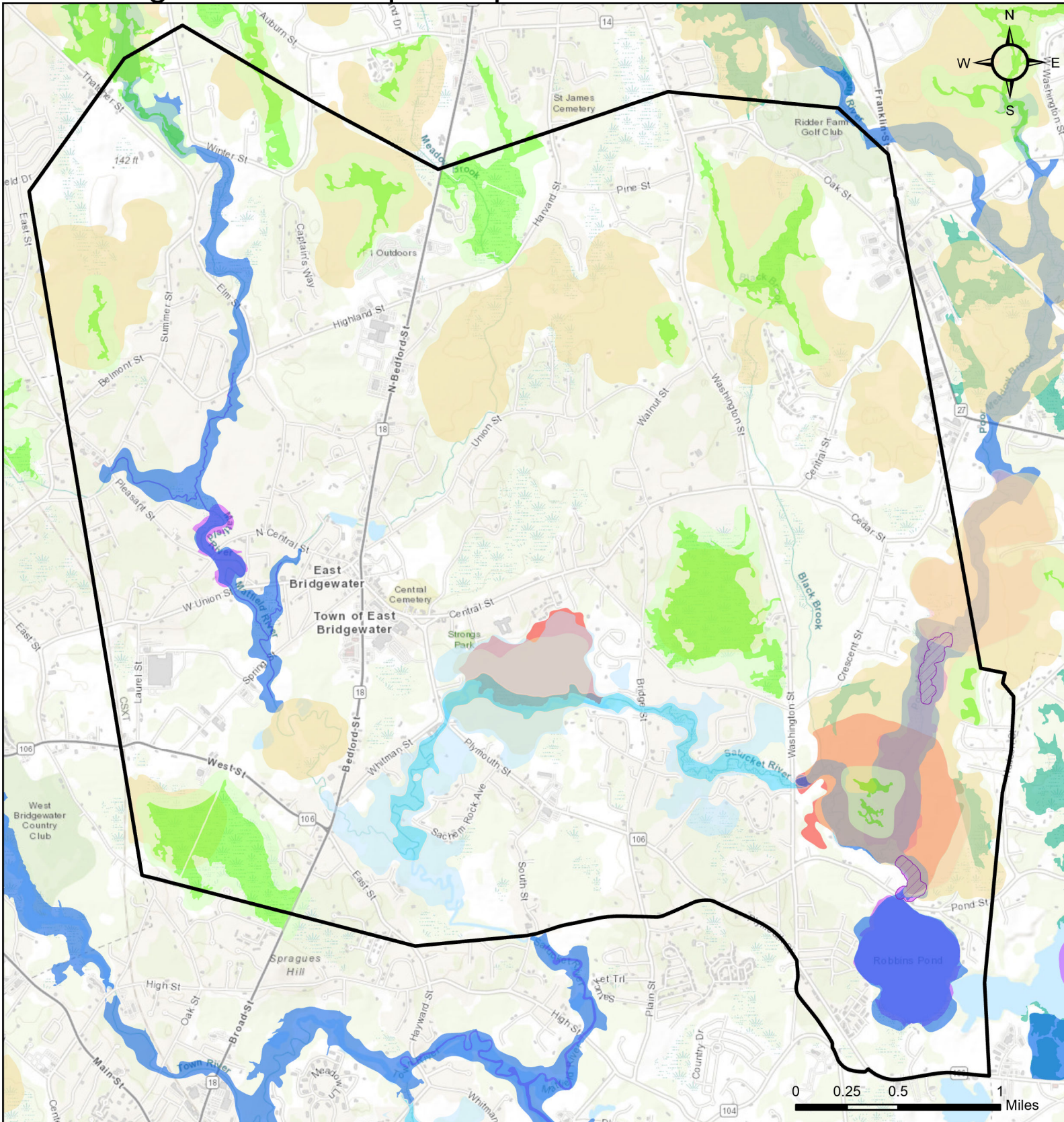
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








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



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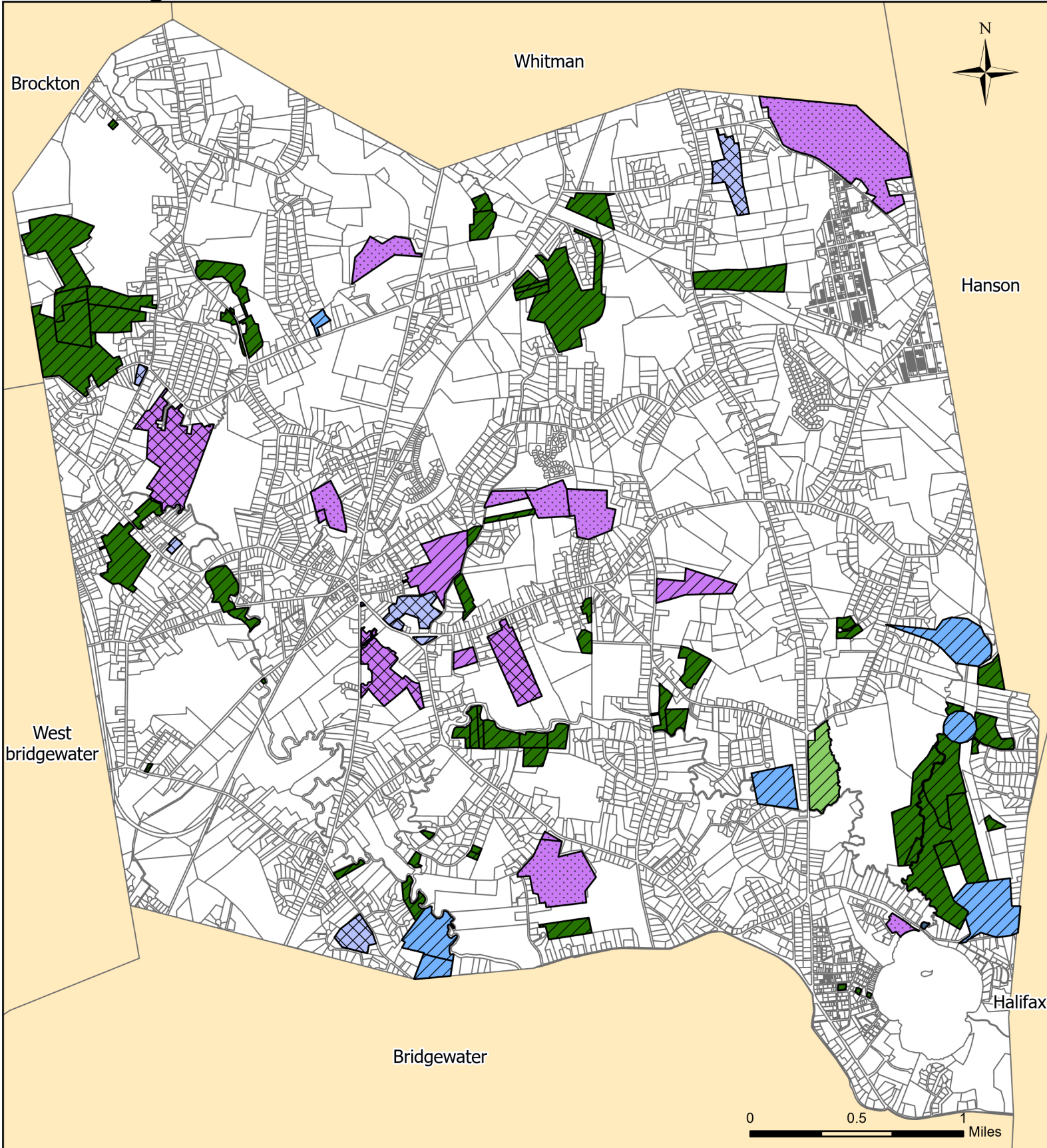
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East Bridgewater Protected Land



LEVEL PROTECTION

Limited

None

In Perpetuity

PRIMARY PURPOSE

Agriculture

Recreation and Conservation

Conservation

Historical/Cultural

Recreation

Water Supply

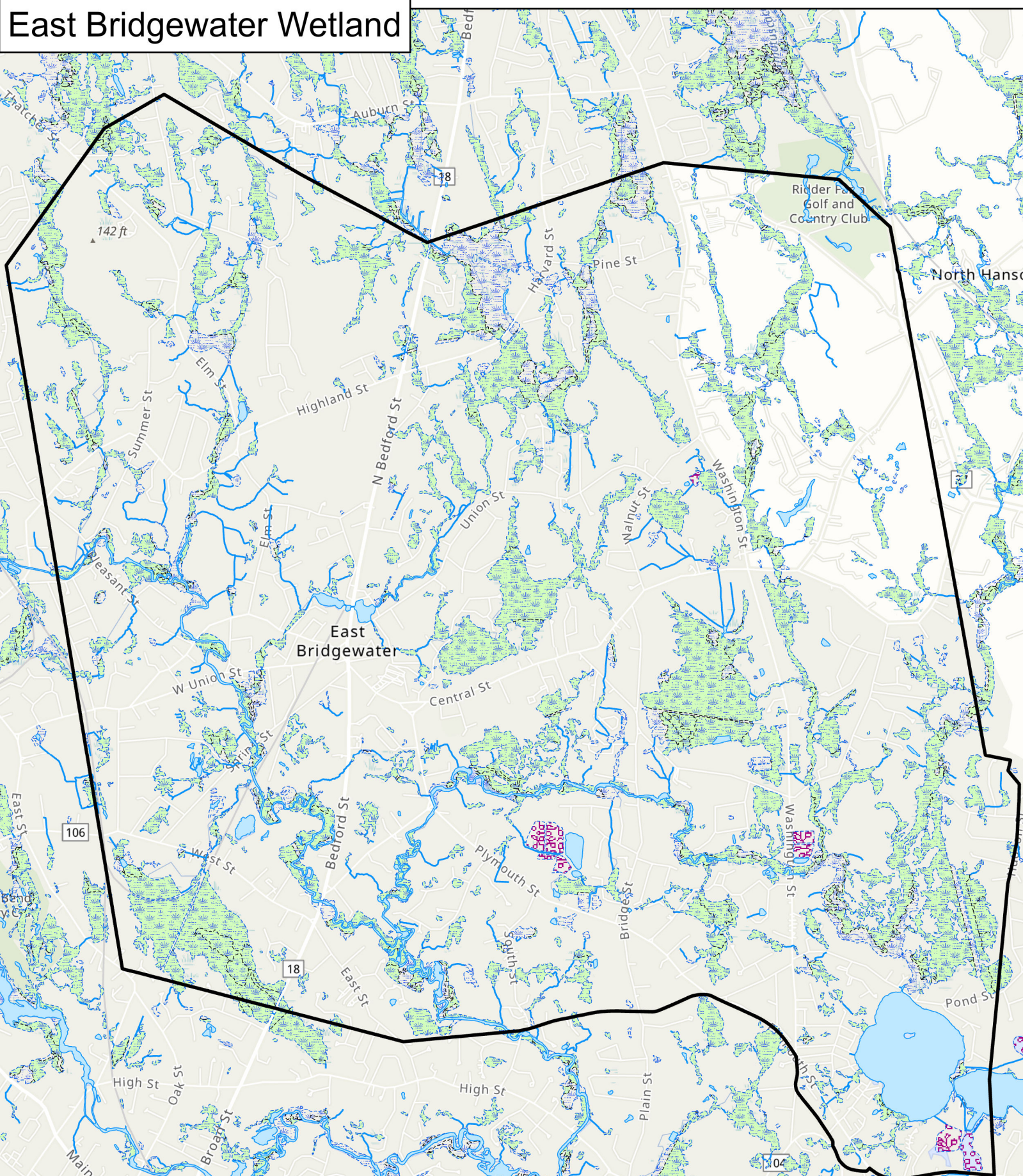










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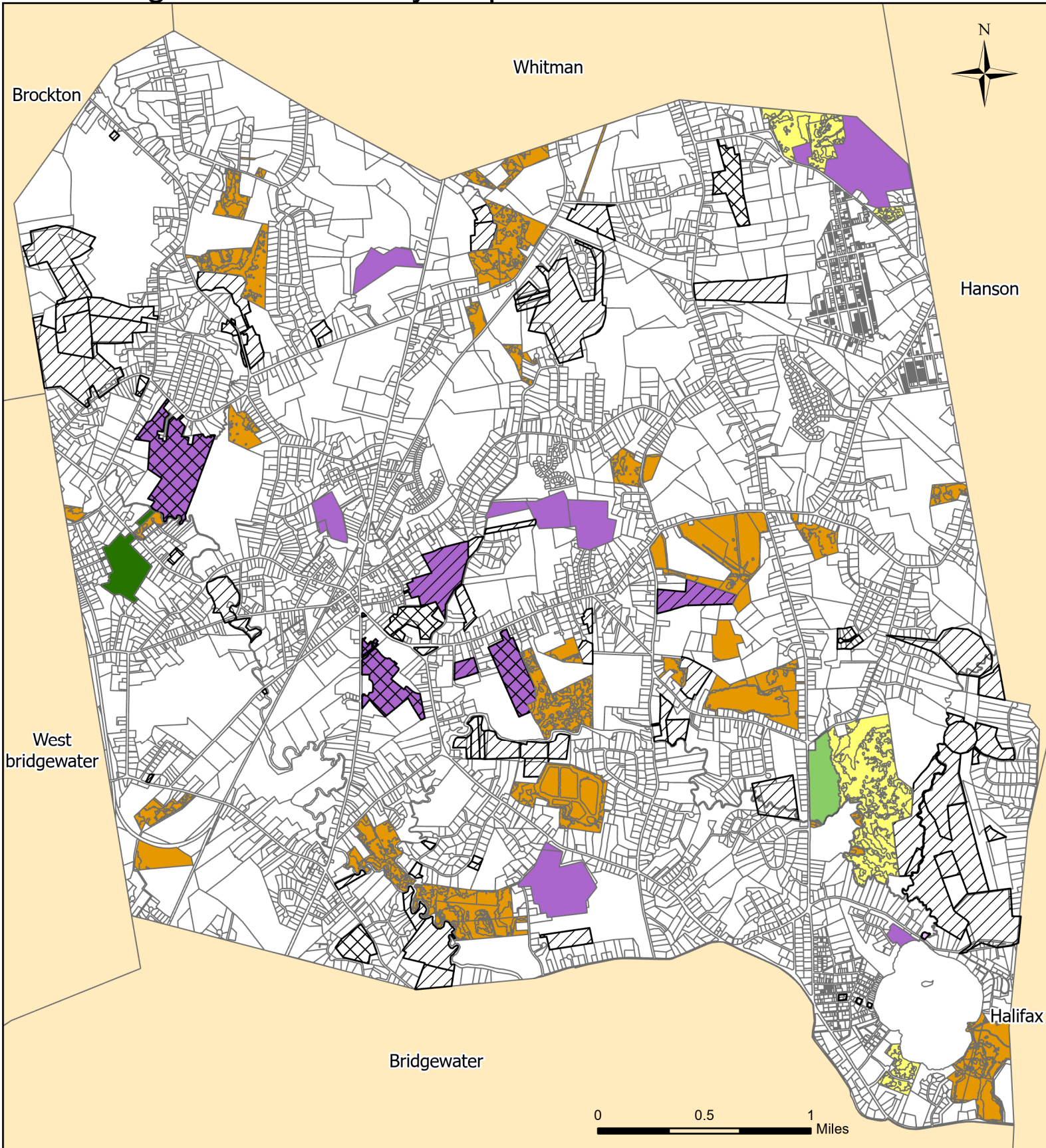
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East Bridgewater Wetland



-  Shoreline
-  Hydrologic Connection
-  Wetland Limit
-  Closure Line
-  Marsh/Bog
-  Wooded marsh
-  Cranberry Bog
-  Open Water

East Bridgewater Inventory Map

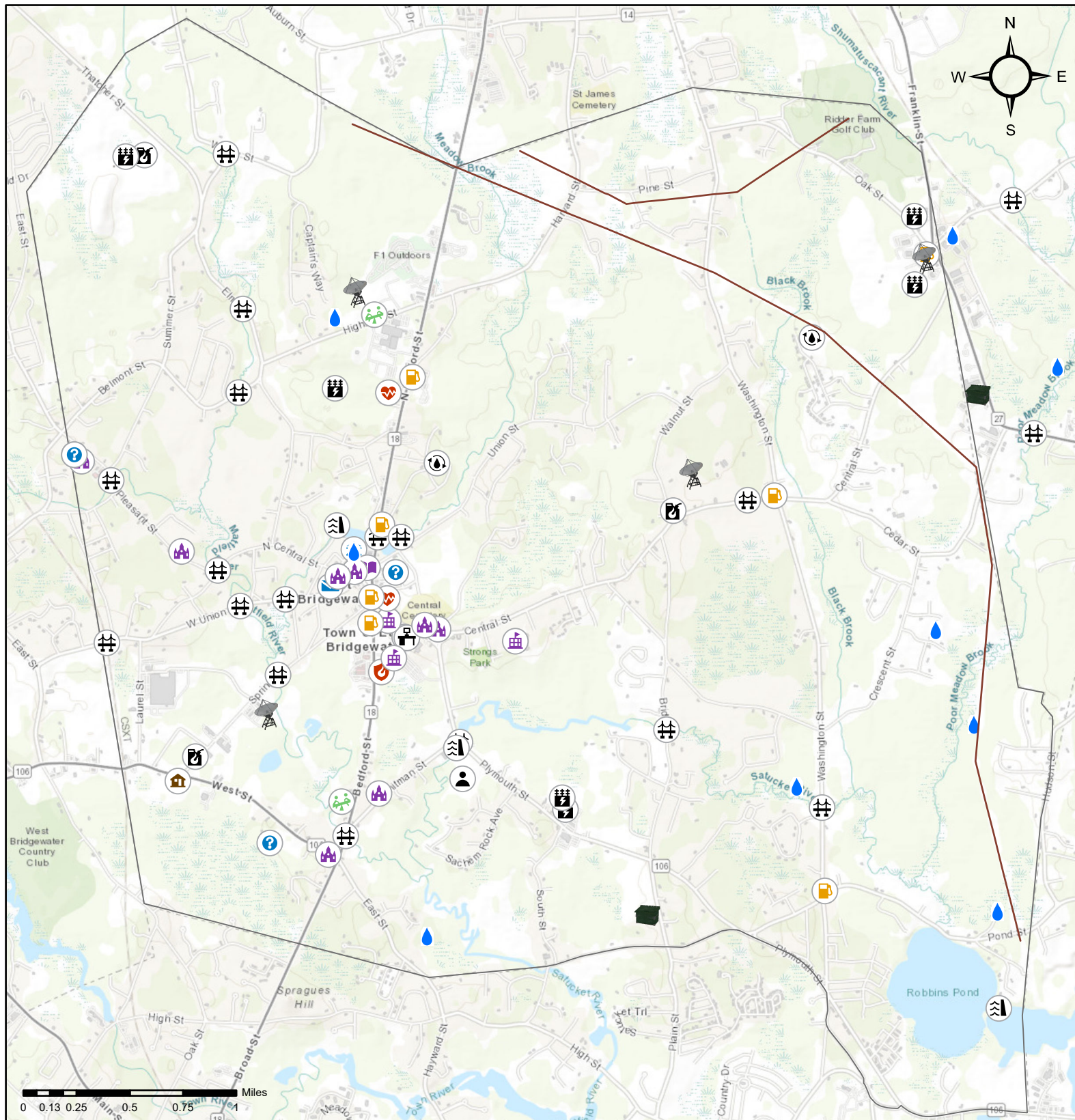


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|  Chapter 61A |  Limited |
|  Chapter 61B |  In perpetuity |
|  Agricultural Preservation Restriction |  Recreation and Conservation |
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East Bridgewater Critical Facilities



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| Antenna | Fire Station | Place of Worship | Town Offices |
| Bridge | Fuel Station | Police | Waste Disposal |
| Childcare | Fuel Storage | Postal Services | Wastewater Facilities |
| Dam | Health & Medical Facility | Power Generation | Water Infrastructure |
| Elder Services | Human Services | Public Works | |
| Electrical Infrastructure | Library | Rest Home | |
| | Nursing Facility | School | |



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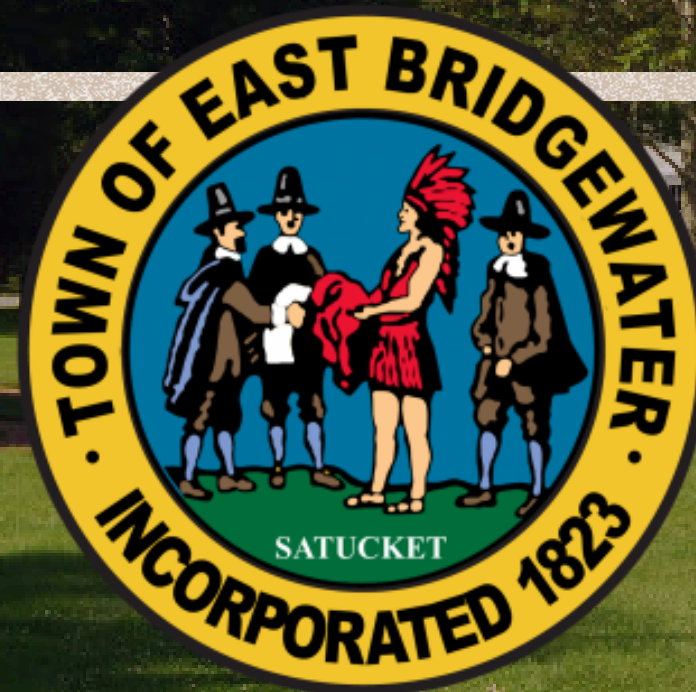
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CREATING YOUR 2024-2034 MASTER PLAN

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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:
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 - Where would you like to see change?



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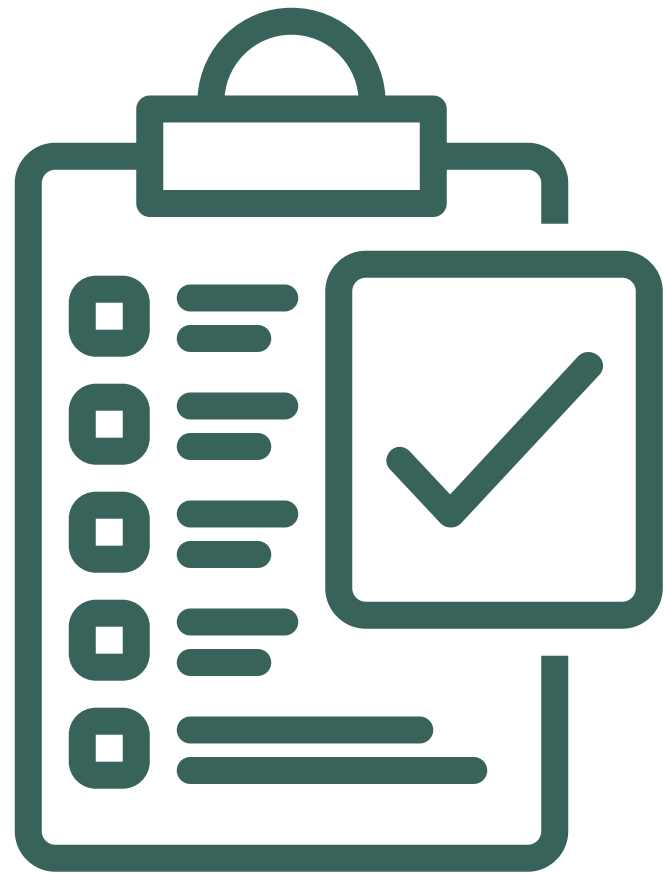
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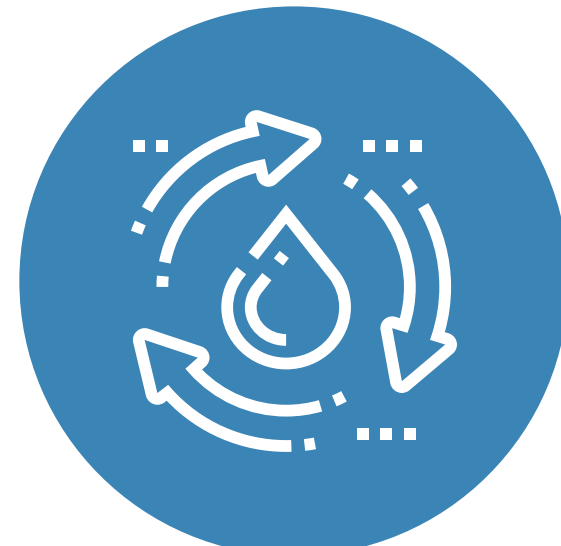


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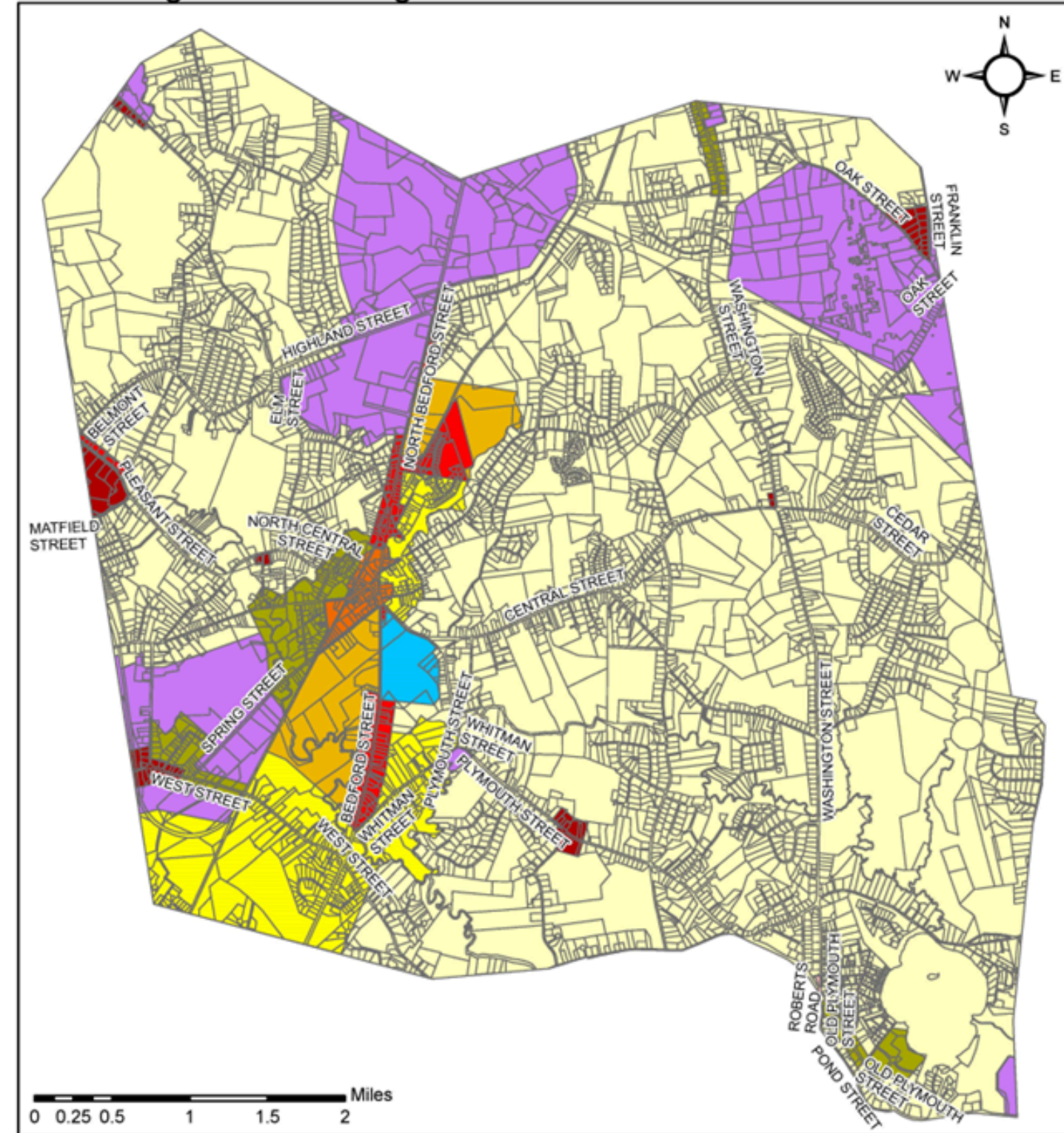
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ZONING & LAND USE MAPS

East Bridgewater Zoning



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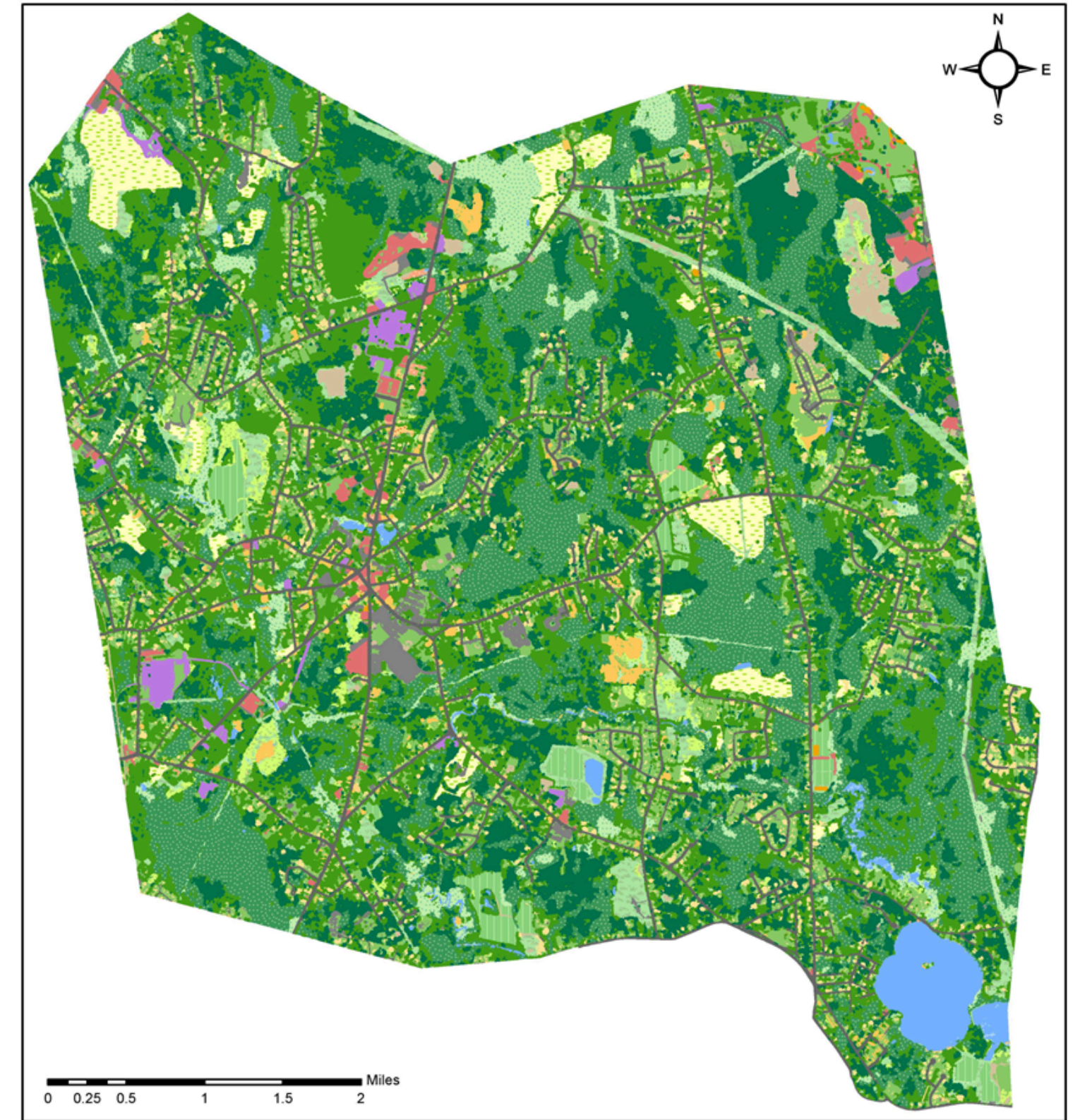


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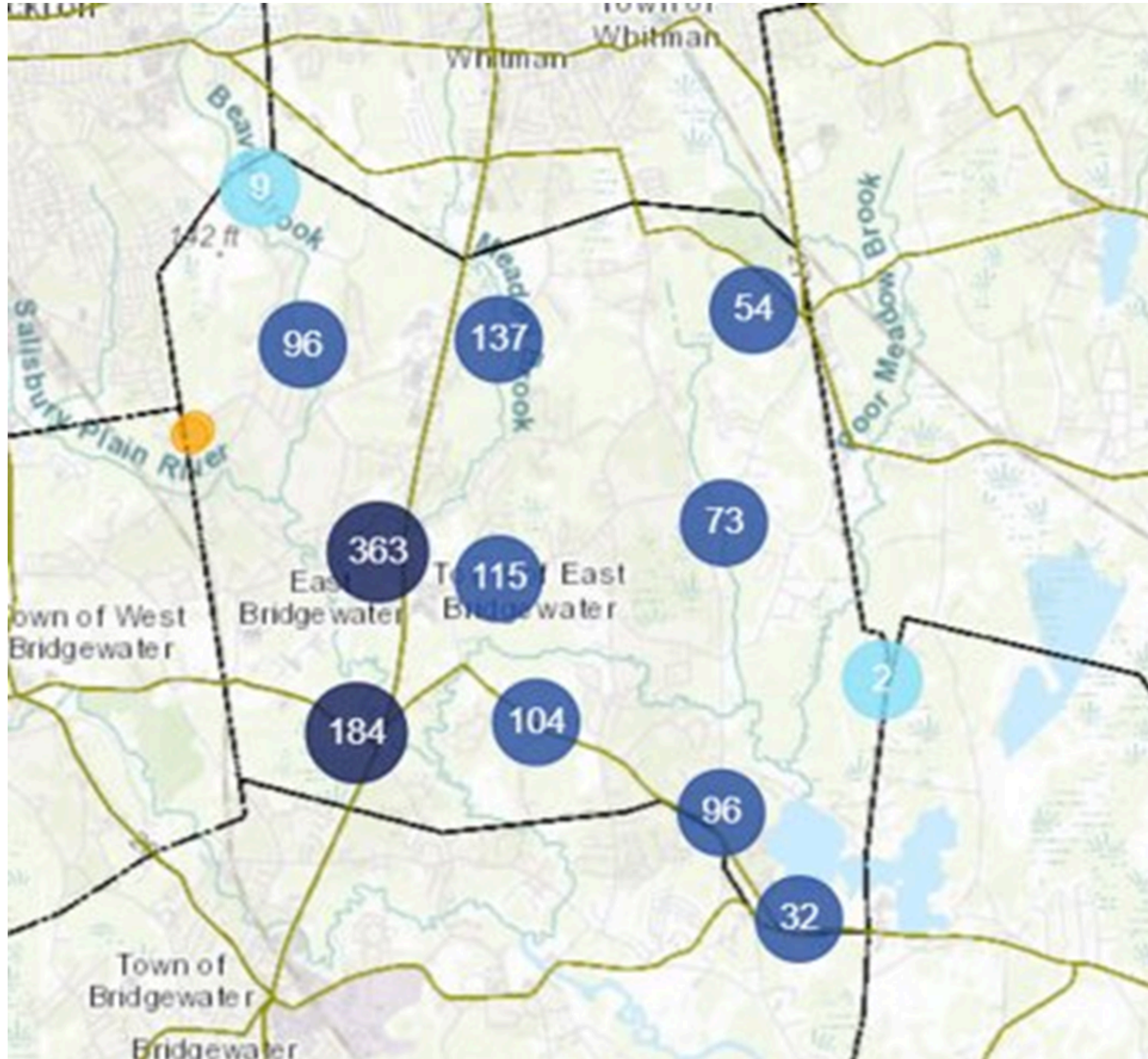


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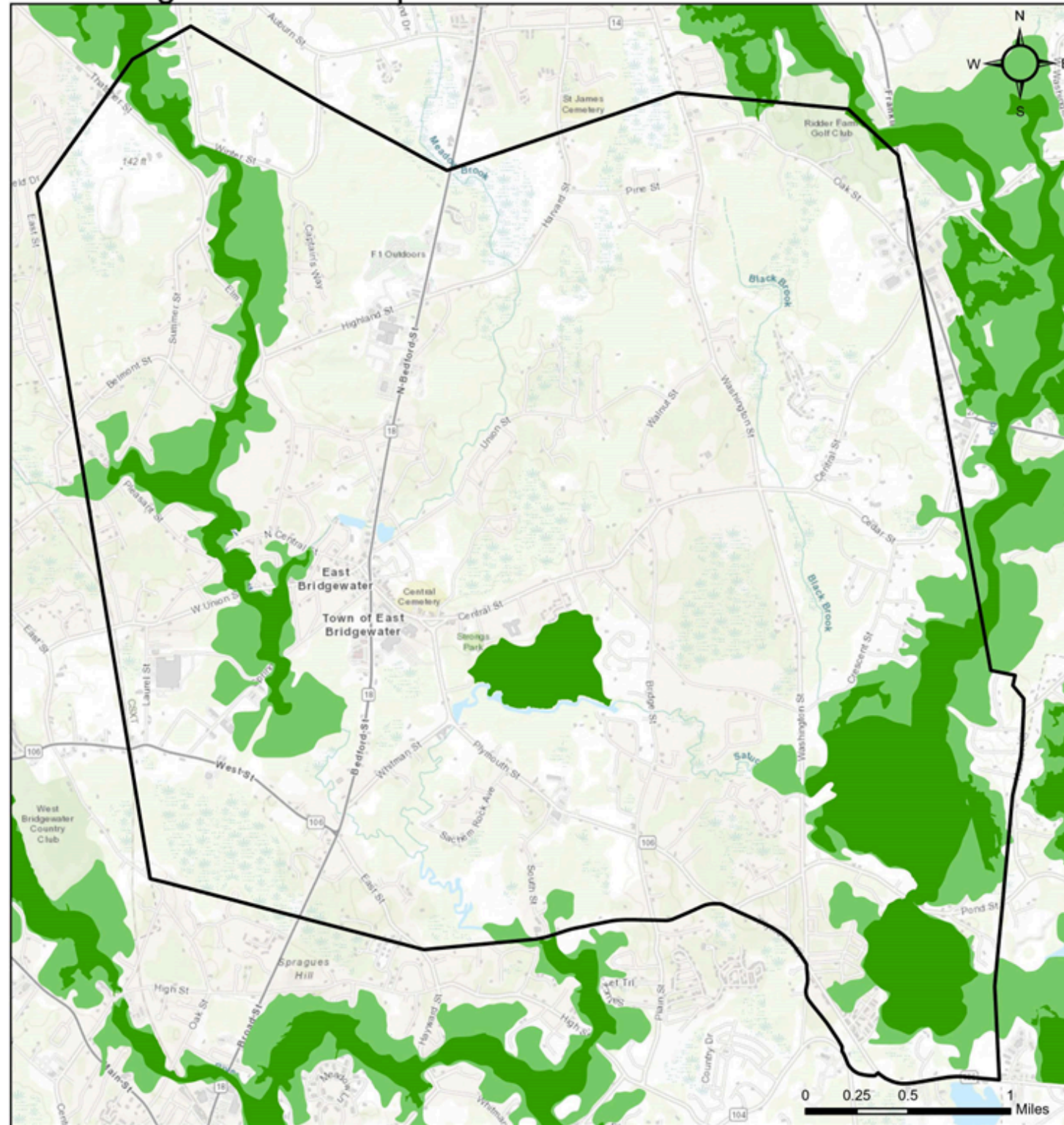


- Where in town are most accidents occurring?
- Are there spots in town you don't feel safe as a driver or pedestrian?
- What intersections cause the most concern for the town?



SIGNIFICANT HABITAT AREAS FROM BIOMAP 2022

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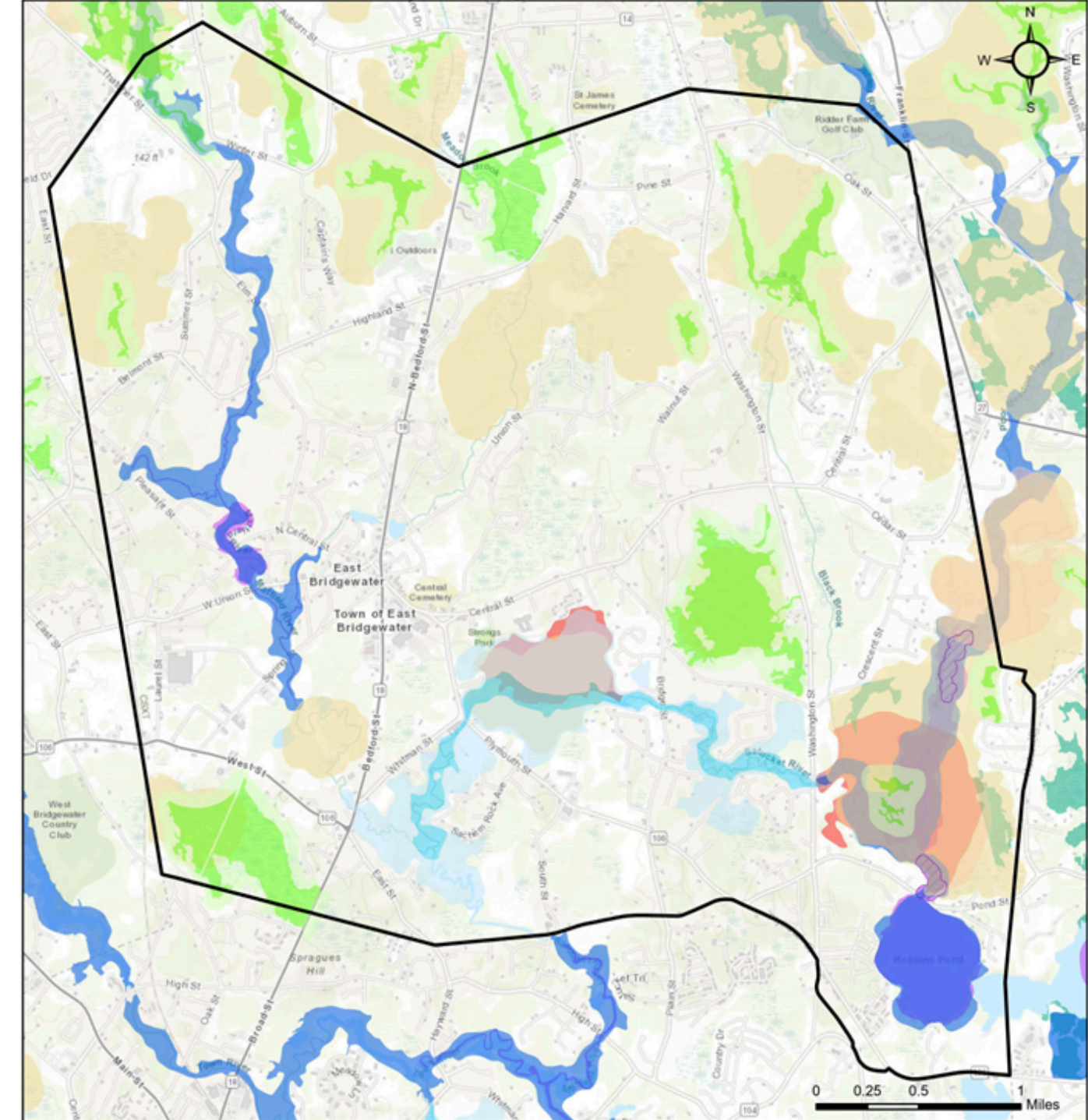


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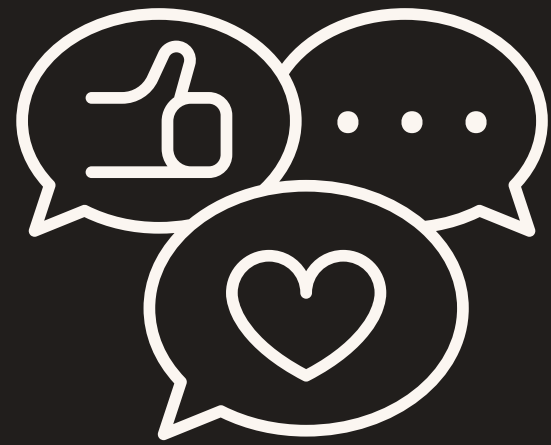




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COMMENT ON THE PLAN



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**STAY
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

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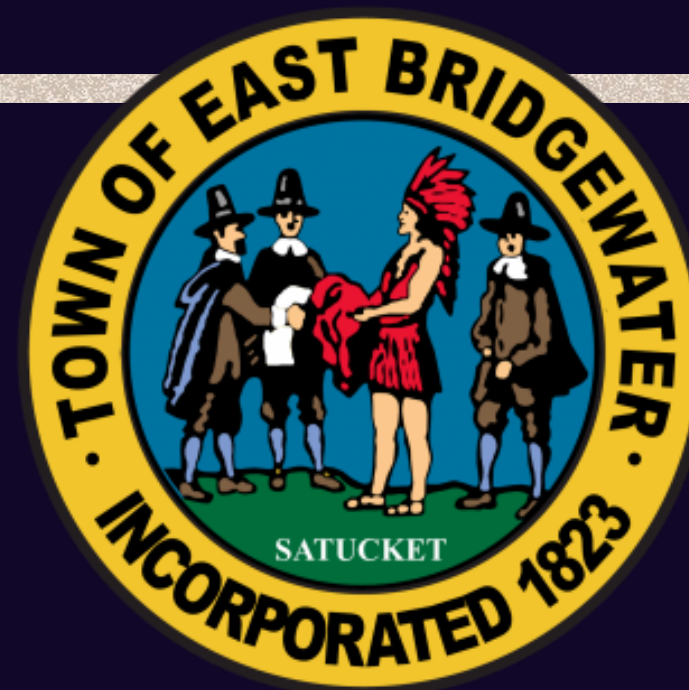
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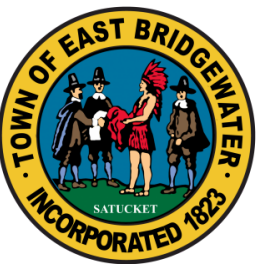
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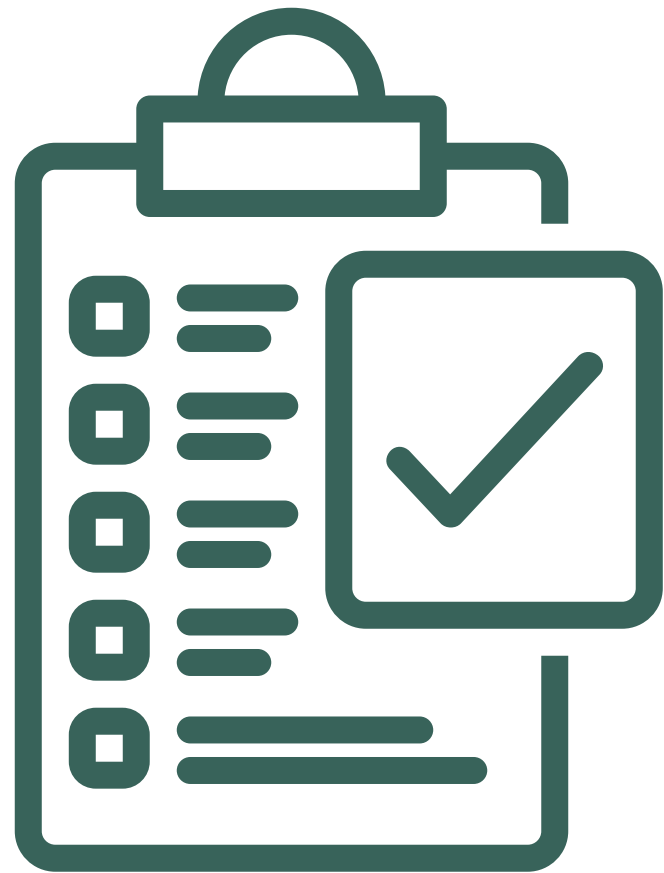
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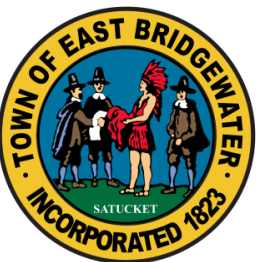


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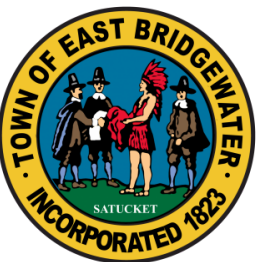
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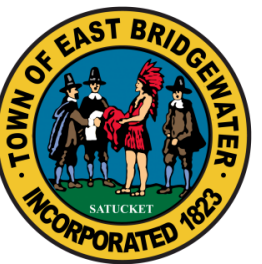
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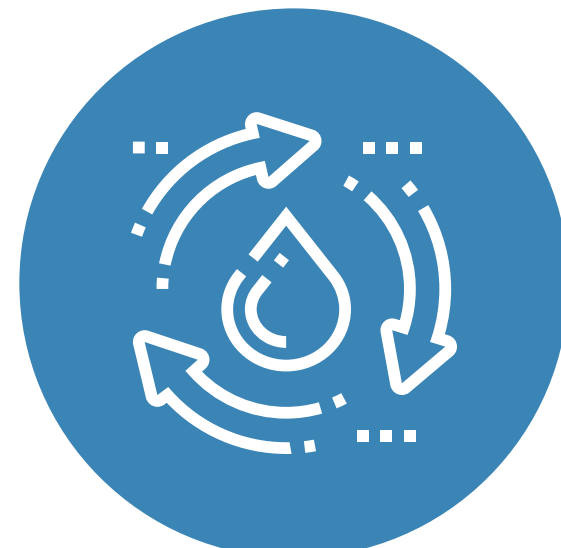


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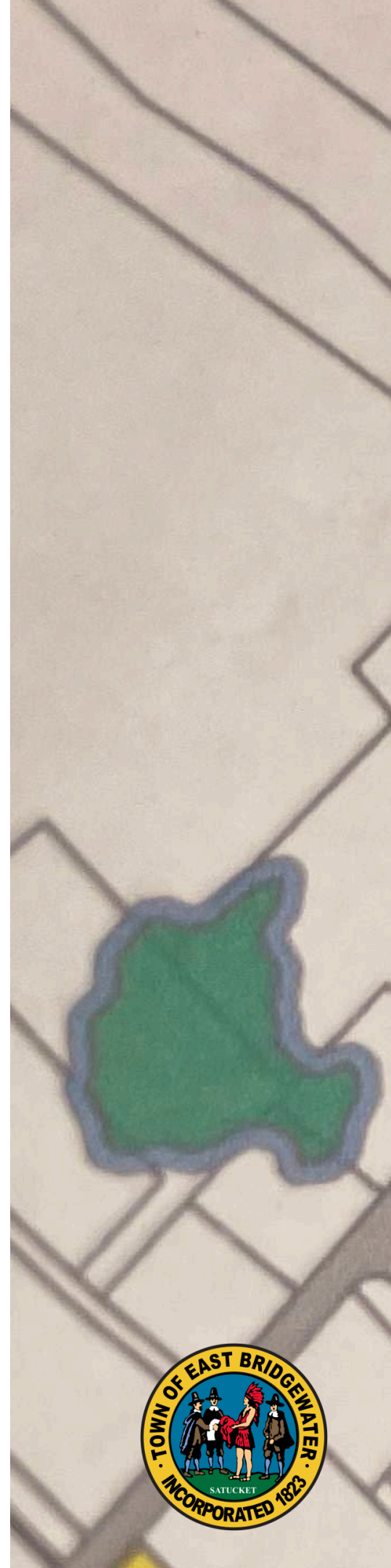
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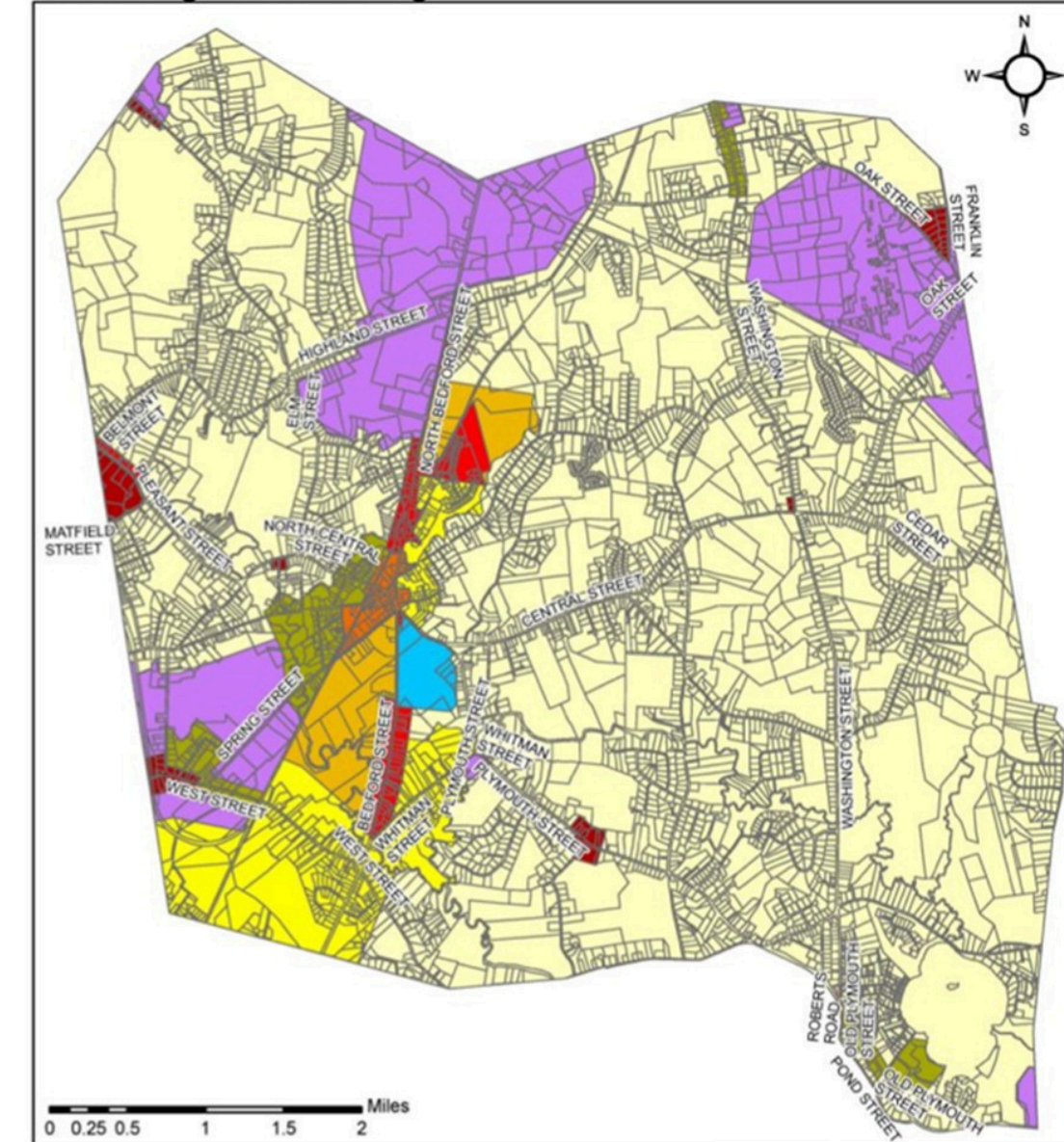
Relevant Data:

- 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.

Community Survey Results:

- When asked what they liked most about living in town, 71% selected “Small-town charm/ rural atmosphere” and 57% chose “Natural and Scenic Areas”. Other common choices were “Public Safety” and “Strong Sense of community / feeling of belonging” .

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Land Use

Summary:

This chapter reviews past and current land use trends in East Bridgewater. 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:

- East Bridgewater has many wetlands that impact where development can happen.
- The town's population will likely peak in 2040 at around 14,835 people.

Community Survey Results:

- When asked what they liked most about living in town, the following received the most selection: Small-town charm/ rural atmosphere 68%, Strong sense of community/ feelings of belonging 33%, Public Safety 30%, and Natural and Scenic areas 30%. When asked what they were most concerned about in town, the following received the most selection: Affordability/Cost of Living 44%, Development / Losing small-town feel 42%, Quality of public school education 42%.

Land Use Goals and Actions:

1. Do an in-depth review of current zoning bylaws in town to ensure they are promoting the type of growth East Bridgewater wants to see.

a. 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 future developments and preserve open space.

b. Create a position for a Town Planner to help with long term consistency and implementation of bylaws.

2. Update supporting plans including but not limited to Master Plan 2035, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and Housing Production Plan.

a. 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.

b. Maintain a master list of objectives of the town across different themes and plans.

c. Create steering committees for each board that remain active after the completion of a plan to help ensure implementation across varying boards and departments.

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:

- The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MADOT) Demographic and Socio-Economic Forecast indicated there were 3,455 jobs in town in 2020, most of which were in “Education & Health Services” concentrated along Route 18 (occupying 27% of those jobs), and “Leisure & Hospitality” that includes retail, restaurants, and other accommodation jobs (consisting of 21%).
- The average commute time for residence is 33.8 minutes.

Community Survey Results:

- Of those who had an opinion (i.e. did NOT select “not sure”) 32.5% would not support more land in town be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use, whereas 10% indicated that they would support such rezoning(s). However, when combined with “yes, but only in specific spots,” 41% would support rezoning certain parcels for commercial and/or light industrial use. “A walkable downtown with small businesses would be lovely. I think we're all set on industrial/warehouse use.”

Economic Development Goals and Actions

1. Enhance the capacity of current Industrially zoned areas
With space as a limiting factor for the town, maximizing industrial areas is important to diversify the tax base.

- a. Remediate Brownfield sites commonly known as Precise Engineering and Eastern State Steel.
- b. Consider working with the Hanson Planning Department to connect abutting industrial spaces
- c. Investigate potential areas of expansion following the sewer district expansion feasibility study.
- d. Consider allowing mixed-use buildings as a means to provide space for more small businesses surrounding existing industrial space.

2. Create a connected commercial space through aesthetics.
The businesses in the center of town and the Carriage Street lot are walkable but lack safety.

- a. Continue working with the state to repair sidewalks and increase pedestrian safety along Route 18
- b. Consider creating a commercial district identity for the stretch of space including and connecting through streetscaping

3. Increase agricultural promotion as a need for both food and economic growth

At this time, East Bridgewater does not have a grocery store. Enhancing local agriculture promotions provides local food while building a customer base for farmers.

- a. The Agriculture Commission and Planning Board should reach out to local farms and existing farmers’ markets to establish a market for East Bridgewater.

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 Commonwealth's Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory program.

Relevant Data:

- The number of households was estimated to be 4,949 in 2021, an increase of 6.59% between 2010 and 2021 East Bridgewater was estimated to have
- 28.3% of households with at least one person over 65, Plymouth County for 35.7%, and the Commonwealth for 31.7%. East Bridgewater's estimated median household income in 2021 was \$110,842. The estimated household
- income for owner-occupied housing was \$127,989; renter-occupied housing was \$43,852 annually.

Community Survey Results:

- If residents were to move out of their current home, 38% would do so for a smaller home with less maintenance; 36% would do so to reduce housing costs; and 32% would want a home that is more suitable for to aging (a home without stairs, for example) 63% of survey respondents think
- housing affordability is an issue for either themselves or anyone they know in town

Housing Goals and Actions

1. The town will address needed zoning amendments to accommodate the growing need for housing across different scales and sizes.
 - a. The town will implement MBTA zoning-mandated requirements.
 - b. The town will consider the need for mixed-use housing that allows for smaller units to be built upon first-floor retail, specifically in areas adjacent to current commercial growth.
 - c. Prepare to bring enrollment in CPA in town meeting with supporting educational materials and cost-effective breakdown.
2. 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:
 - 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 senior citizens' rental units to relieve pressure on the East Bridgewater 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.
3. 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:

East Bridgewater 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:

- The area of permanently conserved land is 827 acres, ranking 30th in the state. This represents approximately 7% of the total land area of the town, which is 11,225 acres or 17.5 square miles. East Bridgewater is home to many unique
- habitats which attract various wildlife, including the rarely seen Sandhill Crane. East Bridgewater's Historic Commission worked to create a Historic
- District in town.

Community Survey Results:

- When asked what approaches the town should pursue for land conservation 63% recommended promoting the use of existing spaces, followed by purchase new land for conservation or recreation at 58%. Protecting land through zoning initiatives rounded out the top three at 47%. Most
- respondents prioritized water sources (streams, ponds, groundwater), woodlands, and trails as natural resources most in need of attention. Wetlands and parks were tied at roughly 40%.

Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources

Goals and Actions

1. Protect agricultural lands and scenic views in town.

a. Conservation Commission will use data identified in the Master Plan process to begin tracking land of significance. These efforts will be continued through the update of an Open Space and Recreation plan.

b. The Conservation Commission and Agriculture Commission will need to work together to create outreach to landowners

2. Protect water resources in town.

a. The Conservation Commission will consider the creation of a Town bylaw regarding wetlands protection and those affecting earth removal.

b. The Conservation Commission will strategize to create public outreach on water resources in town and educate homeowners on reducing runoff.

3. Showcase the history of the town through preservation and education.

The Historical Commission continues to work to maintain historical records in town and engage the public.

a. The Historical Commission will work with the town manager to identify a space available in town that can display local artifacts and safely store those in more fragile conditions.

Open Space and Recreation

Summary:

Open space refers to a relatively continuous area of public or private lands without buildings or highways that holds significant value either for conservation or recreation. To provide a functional network of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for a town's future, the protection of key open space properties is important. Open space comes in varied forms, especially farmland, playing fields, parks, and other types such as golf courses and gravel pits.

Relevant Data:

- Currently, the town does not have a land trust to put town-owned land into conservation.
- The town owns 698 acres of Open Space.
- There is 1,495 acres of permanent conservation space or about 13% in town held by various partners.

Community Survey Results:

- Of the 587 responses, 38%, use open space/recreational spaces regularly (either multiple times per week or at least one per week). Of the outdoor activities respondents most enjoy, walking or hiking was overwhelmingly favored among 87% of respondents. Playgrounds (33%) and team sports (31%) rounded out the top three. When asked about recreation improvements for the town, the majority prioritized sidewalks, trails for walking, hiking and/or jogging, and water recreation access (canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and swimming).

Open Space and Recreation Goals

1. Enhance public awareness of volunteer and recreation opportunities within East Bridgewater.

a. Create a detailed recreation site that lists all fields and park spaces in addition to what is already listed.

b. Work with the town website manager to create a volunteering page under the "How Do I?" tab to increase the number of board members and per diem volunteering.

c. Work with schools, recreation, and youth sports to cross-share information on collaborative events and sports sign-ups.

2. Perform Site Assessments for Leland Farm.

a. There is potential for expanded recreational opportunities at Leland Farm.

3. Create a system for improved land management moving forward.

a. When updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Recreation Committee and Master Plan Implementation Committee should create a database of all parks and trail systems, including conditions, current needs, and gaps in accessibility where appropriate.

b. The town should consider hiring staff to help enhance public spaces. This may include a Town Planner for grant management surrounding parks and trails and a Recreation Director to work with the Recreation Commission and Highway Department to create better management strategies and assist with maintenance.

c. The town should ensure that most of these parcels are placed under Chapter 97 to provide long-term protection for these spaces not used for active recreation. Chapter 97 is a state wide conservation restriction that creates permanent protection of lands.

4. The Planning Board in connection with the Recreation Board should consider selecting a site in town for a playground off of school grounds that is adequate for community needs.

Sustainability and Climate Resiliency

Summary:

Sustainability and Climate Resiliency is building and maintaining a healthy and safe community by reducing climate pollution, adapting to a changing global climate, enhancing natural resources and the environment, fostering a prosperous and just regional economy, and meeting the needs of current and future generations.

Relevant Data:

- The town became a Green Community, earned in June 2022, has allowed the Town to receive \$160,000 in state-funded grants over the first two years. These funds have been instrumental in implementing energy efficiency projects in schools and municipal buildings. East Bridgewater completed a
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan through the Commonwealth. This allows the town to apply for competitive MVP grants to assess concerns identified in the plan such as flooding, local emergencies, and relevant infrastructure.

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 following were ranked the highest: Improved walkability throughout town 70%, Improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality 52%, Energy efficiency and renewable energy production 47%, and Improved access to fresh locally grown food 47%.

Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Goals and Actions

1. Continue working with Green Communities to lower energy usage and bills in the municipality.
 - a. Remain compliant with annual reporting requirements and apply for competitive grants when applicable.
 - b. Make reporting available to the public so that the public can see the town's ongoing efforts to reduce energy usage and GHG emissions.
2. Use the existing MVP plan to guide infrastructure needs in town.
 - a. Flooding poses a large risk for East Bridgewater as identified in the MVP plan and the OCPC Climate Change Transportation Vulnerability Plan. Culverts, bridges, and roads identified in these plans should be key areas for improvement in upcoming years.
 - b. Consider updating the MVP plan with the state's new grant program.
3. Establish clear actions that assist community members, especially the most vulnerable, in building resiliency to the adverse impacts of climate change.
 - a. The Town shall coordinate responses to extreme weather events, such as extreme heat, flooding, storms, and other natural hazards for those most vulnerable. Response actions may include amplifying weather warning systems, establishing cooling centers or emergency shelters, and providing access to social support programs.
 - b. The Town shall encourage community-scale resources such as emergency hubs, community gardens, and local food banks to help increase community resiliency and reduce the adverse impacts of climate and weather events.
4. Continue to protect natural resources, including town forest canopy and water quality.
 - a. Implementing goals from the Master Plan and updating the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan will work to protect land conservation that promotes healthy forests and watersheds.

Transportation

Summary:

Transportation refers to the movement of people, goods, and modes of travel. When reviewing transportation, we must consider necessary infrastructure, maintenance, land use, transportation connections, trip traffic, and movement drivers.

Relevant Data:

- Major routes in town include Route 18, Route 106 and Route 14.
- East Bridgewater is an MBTA-adjacent community with a nearby commuter rail stop in Hanson, Whitman, Brockton and Bridgewater.

Community Survey Results:

- Most respondents reported driving themselves as their main mode of transport, with 79% of respondents saying they use driving as the main source of transport for getting around town on a daily basis, followed by 16% of respondents saying they use driving as the main source of transport for getting around town 3-6 days a week. Bicycling “less than once a week” received 16% of responses and walking “less than once a week” and “1-2 days a week” rounded out the top choices at 27% and 16% respectively.

Transportation Goals and Actions

1. Increase Pedestrian Safety
 - a. The town will continue to work with the Complete Streets program and state initiatives to improve sidewalks and increase the number of sidewalks in town.
 - b. More public outreach could be done to grasp the ongoing priorities of residents in town.
 - c. The town could consider adding longer periods for crossing guards at the town center specifically to aid students using the public library.
2. Assess the potential for public transportation in town.
 - a. The town could have representatives working with the local MPO and BAT directly to consider the expansion of public transportation for access to grocery stores in neighboring towns and health facilities
3. Upgrade infrastructure to meet the needs of increased congestion.
 - a. Continue to work with the State TIP to improve Route 18 driving and walking conditions
 - b. Consider the impact future buildings and industry will have on traffic, specifically along major routes. With increased traffic, Route 18 may need to be diverted.

Public Facilities and Services

Summary:

Community facilities provide essential services and amenities to Town residents and provide the basis for a feeling of belonging and a unique community identity. Community facilities include parks and other recreational facilities, open space, historic buildings, Town services, public safety and emergency services, schools, libraries, infrastructure (such as water and sewer systems and utility corridors), and other cultural resources and programs.

Relevant Data:

- There are several buildings that remain in need of ADA-accessible infrastructure installations, for example the library.
- East Bridgewater's municipally owned buildings and structures have a combined value of approximately \$159,405,108.00.
- Public school facilities have their own maintenance budgets for salaries/wages, supplies, and upgrades.

Community Survey Results:

- Of those who had an opinion (i.e., did NOT select "neither dissatisfied nor satisfied"), the majority rated the following town facilities/services favorably: fire services, police services, and the public library. Trash and recycling services, and public schools received the lowest satisfaction levels. Respondents agreed to some extent that there are many facilities in town that serve important functions and roles for residents. Libraries, community events/festivals, and community centers ranked the highest, Places of faith and art galleries, studios, and related facilities ranked the lowest.

Facilities and Public Services Goals and Actions

1. Balance services with careful short- and long-term budget considerations.
 - a. Create Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for all Town-owned and/or managed municipal buildings to prioritize and address capital needs as they arise.
 - b. Continue to plan for construction of a new Public Safety Campus.
 - c. Analyze the feasibility and costs and benefits of hiring and/or expanding Town personnel, including but not limited to Human Resources, Town Planner, additional staff in offices of need.
 - d. Examine the costs and impact associated with the Plymouth County Retirement System and re-examine the current goal of the program being fully funded by FY2030; refine goals as necessary.
2. Provide adequate support for Town departments to ensure they are equipped to provide public services efficiently.
 - a. Solicit staff input annually to assess and plan for addressing capacity deficits by department.
 - b. Conduct a municipal space needs study to determine space deficits and surplus facilities spaces Town-wide.
 - c. Create, review, and periodically update operational manuals for departments, boards, committees, and commissions.
 - d. Encourage participation in departmental office hours/listening sessions for the public.
3. Commit to environmental sustainability in all Town of East Bridgewater policies.
 - a. Investigate and promote alternative energy production and storage on Town-owned parcels.
 - b. Continually review and implement the Town's Water Conservation Program

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

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APPENDIX B

2024 East Bridgewater Master Plan Survey Summary of Findings, April 3, 2024

METHOD

In collaboration with Old Colony Planning Council, the Town of East Bridgewater conducted a community survey between January and March of 2024. The survey explored residents' and town stakeholder's views about where they live and/or work, thoughts about housing, conservation, and economic development opportunities for the town to pursue over the next 10 years – among other things.

Questions were both broad – for example, asking folks what they liked most about the town – and specific, focusing in on the following domains:

- Housing
- Town Services
- Transportation and Streets
- Rezoning to support higher/better uses for underutilized land
- Outdoor Spaces and Conservation

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:

- Survey links with QR codes were shared through many channels, including the following:
 - Town Hall
 - East Bridgewater Public Library
 - Council on Aging
- Links were digitally shared via OCPC's social media (Facebook, Instagram, and X) as well as the Master Plan webpage and Town website.
- Physical copies of the survey were made available at targeted locations around town, including:
 - Town Hall
 - Library
 - Council on Aging
- Additionally, flyers were dispersed at local businesses and announced during various board and committee meetings

RESPONDENTS

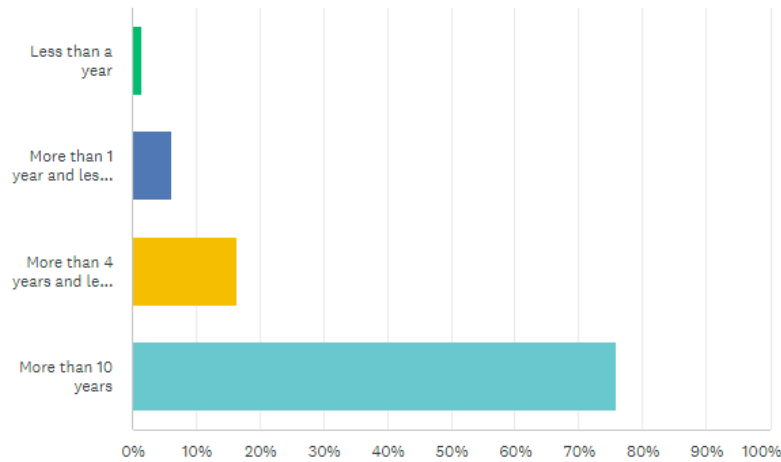
In total, 757 responses to the survey were received. Of these, 7 were not residents of East Bridgewater and so were excluded from analysis. The final sample analyzed was of 750 people who stated they lived in either lived in East Bridgewater (N=593) or were connected to the Town of East Bridgewater in some way - whether worked in town (N=77), own property (N=364) or run a business in town (N=31).

76% of respondents (N=483) stated that they have lived in town for more than 10 years, 16% or 104 respondents who answered stated that they have lived in town for more than four (4) years but less than 10 years – representing 92% of all survey respondents.

Figure 1. How long respondents have lived in East Bridgewater (736 answered)

If you live in East Bridgewater, how long have you lived here?

Answered: 736 Skipped: 21



Overall, survey respondents reflected the population demographics of the town shown in the figures that follow. Results may be skewed, however, toward the views and perspectives of those identifying as women (Figure 2), and homeowners (Figure 6). The greatest diversity in responses came from the various age groups who participated in the survey. 67% of respondents were between the ages of 35-64 and 23% were 65+ (Figure 4). This should be kept in mind when results are considered.

Figure 2. Gender identification (551 answered)

Which of the following best describes your gender?

Answered: 551 Skipped: 206

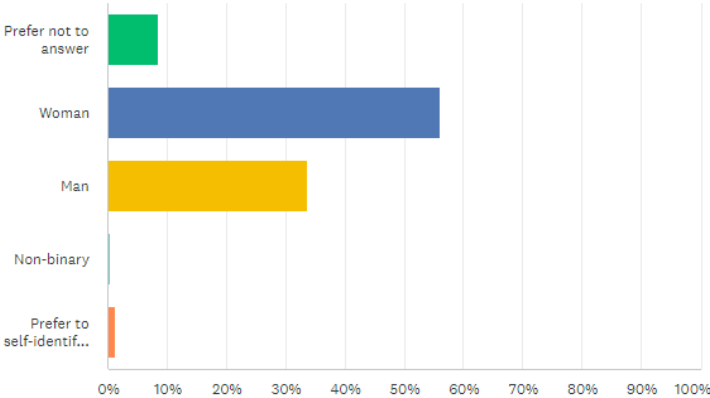


Figure 3. Race/Ethnicity (548 answered)

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

Answered: 548 Skipped: 209

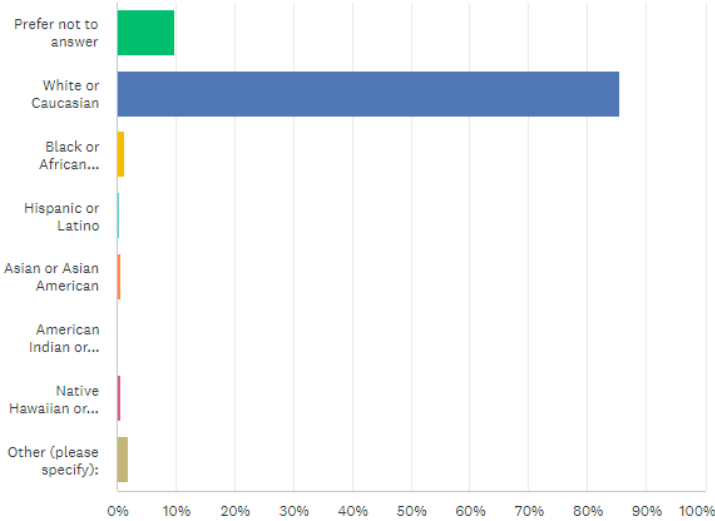


Figure 4. Age of respondents (553 answered)

What age group are you in?

Answered: 553 Skipped: 204

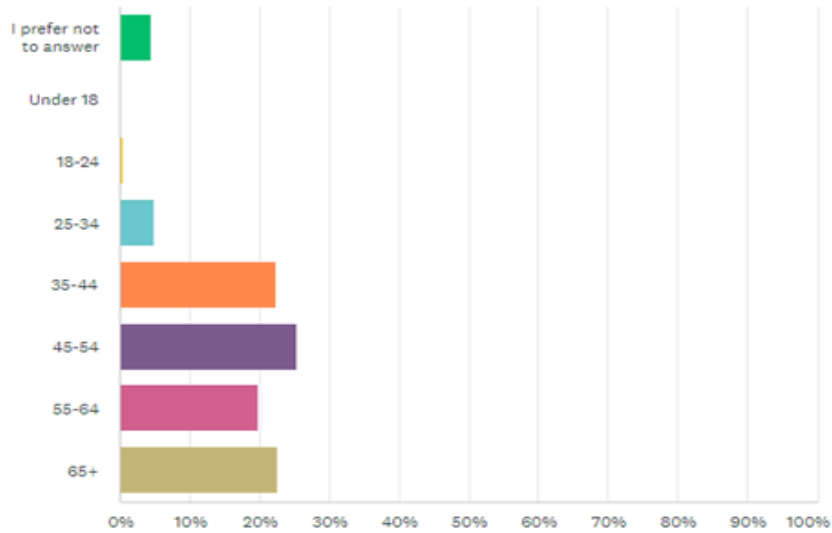


Figure 5. Annual household income before taxes (546 answered)

What was your total household income last year before taxes?

Answered: 546 Skipped: 211

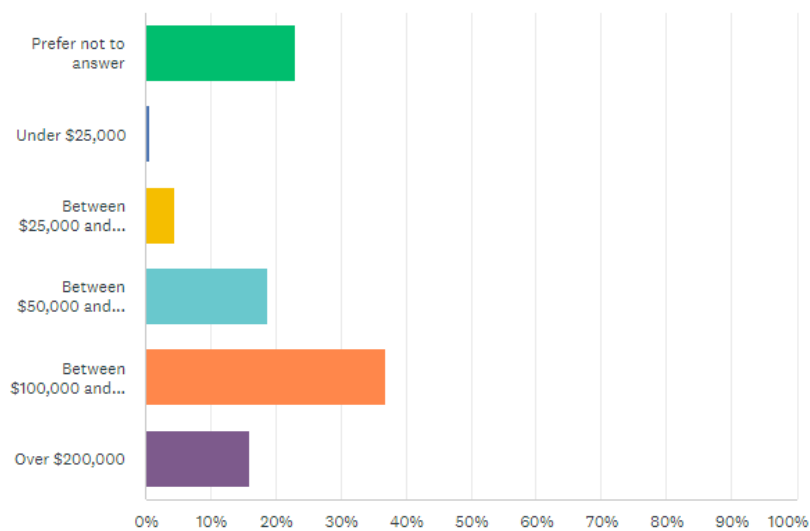
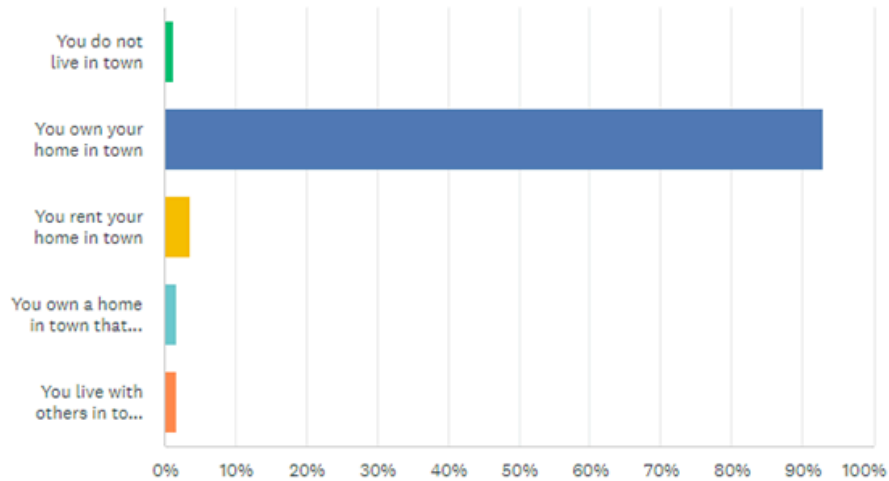


Figure 6. Housing Tenure (608 answered)

Which of the following is true about your home? Please tick all that apply.

Answered: 608 Skipped: 149



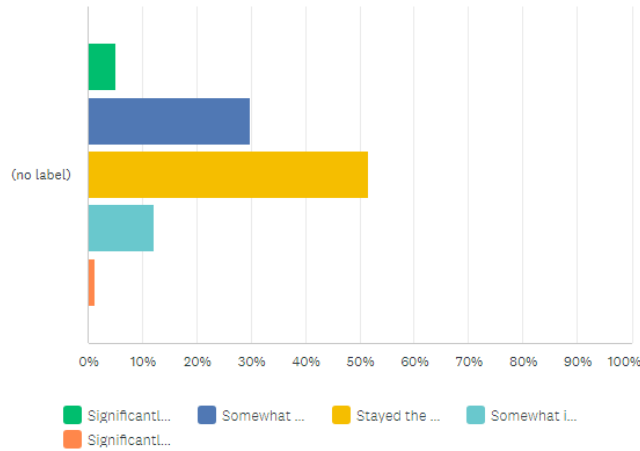
QUALITY OF LIFE/GENERAL THOUGHTS ABOUT TOWN COMMUNITY

1. Most respondents (51%) thought that the quality of life in town has remained the same (no change) during the past five (5) years. 29% thought that quality of life has somewhat declined during this time period, and 12% thought that quality of life has somewhat improved during that time period.

Figure 7.

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

Answered: 617 Skipped: 140



	SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINED	SOMEWHAT DECLINED	STAYED THE SAME (NO CHANGE)	SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	5.02% 31	29.82% 184	51.70% 319	12.16% 75	1.30% 8	617	-0.25

Positive comments provided referenced roadway improvements, renovations and/or maintenance of public spaces, and appreciation towards public servants and services

“Some new paving done, overall looking a little cleaner.”

“Sidewalks on some streets were an improvement. The newly renovated basketball and pickleball courts are a nice upgrade if they’re maintained.”

“While COVID messed things up for a while, I feel like the public services and events really upped their game. The Library is a shining example of what a community organization should be. Many beat-up old roads have been improved. The DPW is highly efficient and provides first-rate services. Events like Christmas on the Common, the Business Expo, Veterans Day parade, and this year in particular the bicentennial have captured the community spirit. These things were always good, but they seem to be getting even better.”

Comments were also left about areas needing improvement. More than any other, with 72 related comments, was expressed dissatisfactions with various transportation related issues around town (including but not limited to traffic/congestion, road conditions, walkability and roadway safety) and 31 comments were left on the loss of East Bridgewater’s “small town feel.” In

addition, 28 comments were left pertaining to the condition and management of East Bridgewater’s public schools.

“Please please, please add more sidewalks”

“Encourage business/mix-use growth in specific areas to support a greater tax source to invest in improving walking trails and sidewalks

“PLEASE add more sidewalks. I feel like I’m taking my life in my hands when I walk on Winter/Summer/Elm St’s. It is awful. I don’t let my kids walk around town.”

“There should be more emphases on reducing vehicle speeds back down to the posted speed limits. On “high use” roads like Belmont Street, there should be speed limit signs installed (posted).

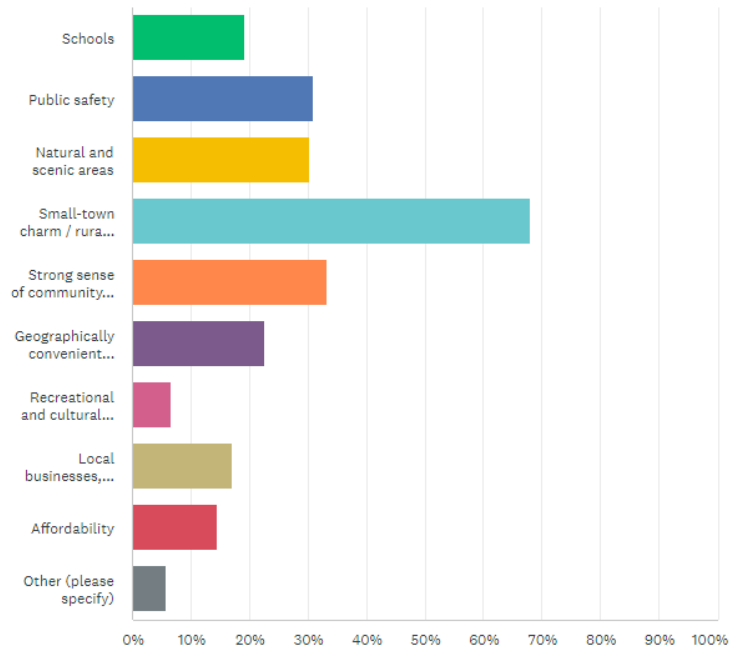
“The town needs to address the lack of safe passage for pedestrians. Sidewalks on roads with heavy traffic basically do not exist. The town needs to do a better job of maintaining natural resources (ie Jones Pond).”

2. When respondents were given the opportunity to choose up to three things they liked most about the town, respondents chose Small-town charm/rural atmosphere (68%; N=360), Strong sense of community/feelings about belonging (34%; N=180) and Public Safety (31%; N=166).

Figure 8.

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

Answered: 613 Skipped: 144

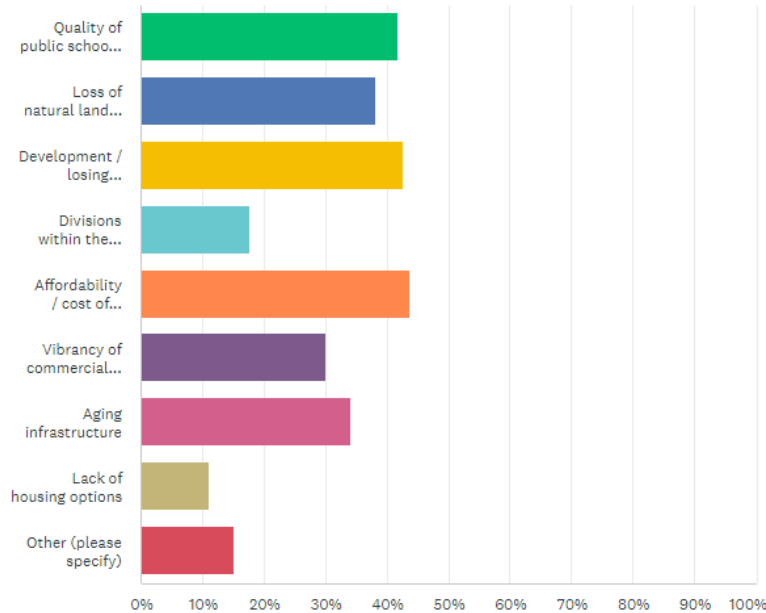


- When asked about what respondents were most concerned about in town, the top three areas of concern were: Quality of public school education (44%; N=238), Affordability/cost of living (44%; N=236), Development/losing small-town feel (42%; N=228)

Figure 9.

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

Answered: 624 Skipped: 133



Satisfaction/Dissatisfaction with Town Services, Facilities, and Conditions

- Of those who had an opinion (i.e., did NOT select “neither dissatisfied nor satisfied”), the majority rated the Town of East Bridgewater favorably (i.e. “somewhat satisfied”) on access to information about what’s happening in town, as a place to raise children, and the image and appearance of the town. Those that received an unfavorable rating (i.e. “somewhat dissatisfied”) were East Bridgewater as a place to retire, and value of services received for property tax dollars. For the area of “town government transparency and accountability” survey respondents were fairly split with 22% responding somewhat dissatisfied and 21% responding as somewhat satisfied

Figure 10.

	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Access to information about what's happening in town	9.65% 60	22.99% 143	28.14% 175	30.06% 187	9.16% 57	622	0.06
East Bridgewater as a place to raise children	3.85% 24	12.34% 77	24.68% 154	35.90% 224	23.24% 145	624	0.62
East Bridgewater as a place to retire	10.97% 68	23.39% 145	39.68% 246	19.19% 119	6.77% 42	620	-0.13
Value of services received for your property tax dollars	16.16% 100	34.57% 214	25.69% 159	18.58% 115	5.01% 31	619	-0.38
Image and appearance of the town	5.45% 34	20.83% 130	25.16% 157	38.94% 243	9.62% 60	624	0.26
Town government transparency and accountability	10.95% 68	21.42% 133	39.77% 247	22.38% 139	5.48% 34	621	-0.10

5. Of those who had an opinion (i.e., did NOT select “neither dissatisfied nor satisfied”), the majority rated the following conditions in town favorably (i.e. “somewhat satisfied”) cleanliness of roads and sidewalks and road signage. Receiving unfavorable ratings (i.e. “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied) were road surface conditions, sidewalk conditions, pedestrian safety, bicyclist safety, vehicle speeds, and street lighting.

Figure 11.

	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Road surface conditions	13.55% 84	33.55% 208	17.74% 110	29.35% 182	5.81% 36	620	-0.20
Sidewalk conditions	27.27% 168	31.82% 196	19.81% 122	15.91% 98	5.19% 32	616	-0.60
Cleanliness of roads and sidewalks	9.39% 58	19.90% 123	22.82% 141	35.28% 218	12.62% 78	618	0.22
Pedestrian safety	17.77% 110	33.44% 207	23.10% 143	20.03% 124	5.65% 35	619	-0.38
Bicyclist safety	14.12% 87	25.81% 159	45.45% 280	10.88% 67	3.73% 23	616	-0.36
Vehicle speeds	19.09% 118	31.39% 194	25.24% 156	18.12% 112	6.15% 38	618	-0.39
Street lighting	8.77% 54	29.87% 184	26.46% 163	25.97% 160	8.93% 55	616	-0.04
Road signage	3.09% 19	13.03% 80	37.46% 230	33.22% 204	13.19% 81	614	0.40

6. Of those who had an opinion (i.e., did NOT select “neither dissatisfied nor satisfied”), the majority rated the following town facilities/services favorably fire services, police services, and the public library. Although most opted to select “neither dissatisfied nor satisfied” for this question, trash and recycling services, and public schools received the lowest satisfaction levels.

Figure 12.

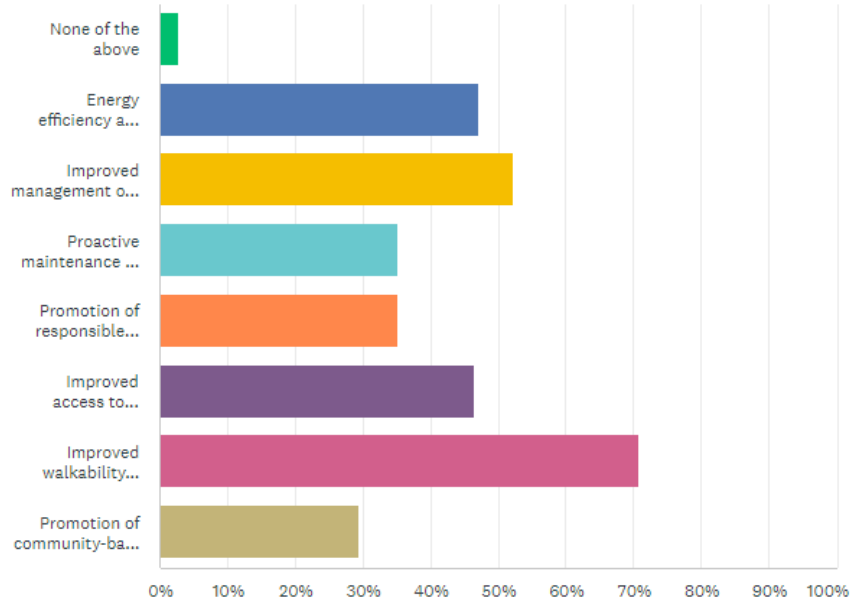
	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Trash and recycling services	7.76% 43	18.59% 103	23.47% 130	30.14% 167	20.04% 111	554	0.36
Public schools	10.89% 60	18.51% 102	31.76% 175	26.50% 146	12.34% 68	551	0.11
Police services	1.45% 8	2.90% 16	23.01% 127	28.62% 158	44.02% 243	552	1.11
Fire services	1.81% 10	0.54% 3	24.59% 136	20.61% 114	52.44% 290	553	1.21
Responsiveness of town departments	3.99% 22	7.97% 44	36.05% 199	28.62% 158	23.37% 129	552	0.59
Public library	1.63% 9	3.25% 18	24.23% 134	31.83% 176	39.06% 216	553	1.03
Senior Center	1.45% 8	2.36% 13	50.91% 280	20.36% 112	24.91% 137	550	0.65
Veteran's services	0.74% 4	2.39% 13	62.50% 340	16.91% 92	17.46% 95	544	0.48
Code enforcement	4.81% 26	6.85% 37	64.07% 346	16.67% 90	7.59% 41	540	0.15
Permitting	3.31% 18	4.05% 22	67.22% 365	16.76% 91	8.66% 47	543	0.23
Town website	5.29% 29	14.60% 80	36.31% 199	31.57% 173	12.23% 67	548	0.31

7. Most respondents identified “improved walkability throughout town” as something the town should promote or pursue to ensure current and future generations enjoy a high quality of life in town at 71%. Improved management of stormwater (52%), energy efficiency and renewable energy production (48.5%), and improved access to fresh, locally grown food (45%) rounded out the top of the list.

Figure 13.

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: 556 Skipped: 201



8. Respondents agreed to some extent that there are many facilities in town that serve important functions and roles of residents. Libraries, community events/festivals, and community centers ranked the highest, Places of faith and art galleries, studios, and related facilities ranked the lowest.

Figure 14.

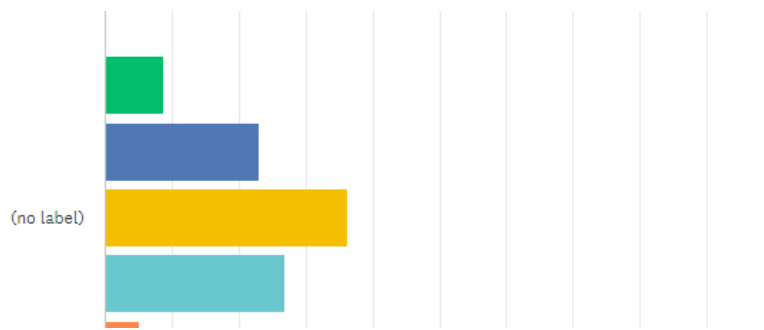
	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Historic preservation, historic structures, and museums	5.12% 29	18.20% 103	27.03% 153	31.27% 177	18.37% 104	566
Libraries	3.54% 20	8.67% 49	15.75% 89	34.69% 196	37.35% 211	565
Community events and festivals	1.77% 10	9.19% 52	24.20% 137	45.58% 258	19.26% 109	566
Performing arts facilities	7.55% 42	18.71% 104	36.15% 201	26.62% 148	10.97% 61	556
Art galleries, studios, and related facilities	15.11% 84	26.62% 148	32.37% 180	18.88% 105	7.01% 39	556
Community centers	3.39% 19	14.44% 81	27.99% 157	34.76% 195	19.43% 109	561
Community atmosphere that welcomes diverse cultures	10.57% 59	11.65% 65	21.33% 119	29.39% 164	27.06% 151	558
Places of faith	14.98% 83	19.68% 109	26.90% 149	23.83% 132	14.62% 81	554
Sports facilities and events	6.99% 39	16.13% 90	32.44% 181	31.00% 173	13.44% 75	558

9. When asked of whether the town does a good job keeping residents and town stakeholders informed about town priorities and spending, respondents were split with 33% disagreeing with the statement and 29% agreeing (62% of respondents selected “neither disagree nor agree”).

Figure 15.

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: 549 Skipped: 208

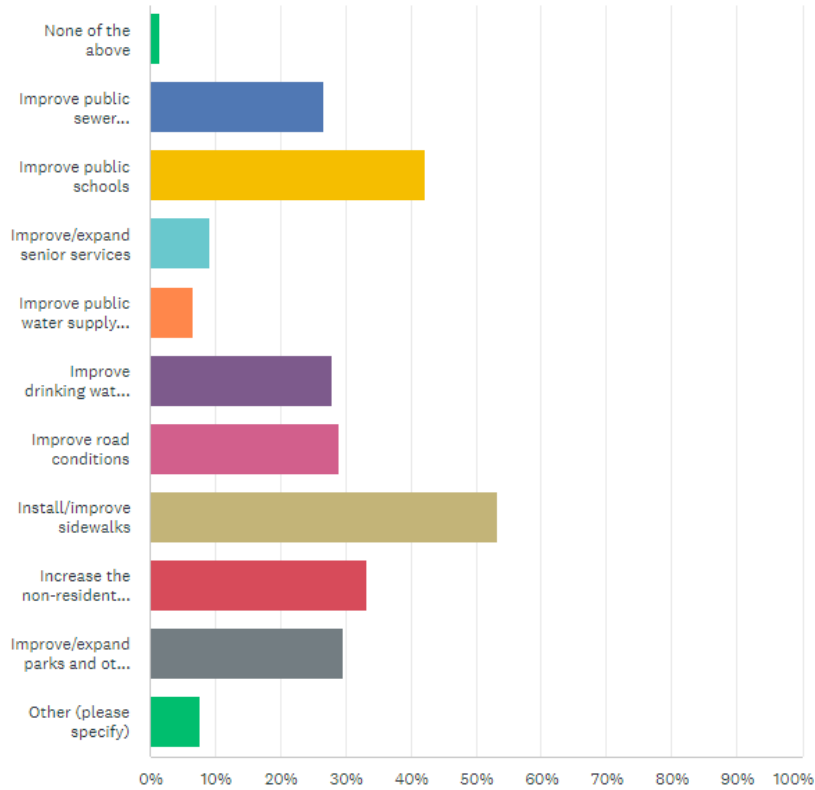


10. Most respondents said that the town should prioritize increased investments in installing/improving sidewalks, improving public schools, and increasing the non-residential tax base.

Figure 16.

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

Answered: 560 Skipped: 197



TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUTE

11. Most respondents reported driving themselves as their main mode of transport, with 79% of respondents saying they use driving as the main source of transport for getting around town on a daily basis, followed by 16% of respondents saying they use driving as the main source of transport for getting around town 3-6 days a week. Bicycling “less than once a week” received 16% of responses and walking “less than once a week” and “1-2 days a week” rounded out the top choices at 27% and 16% respectively.

Figure 15.

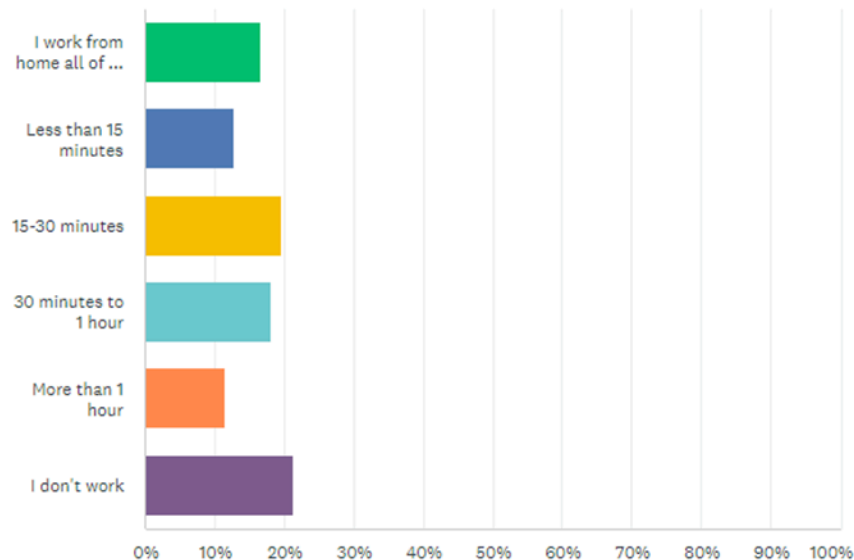
	NEVER	LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK	1-2 DAYS A WEEK	3-6 DAYS A WEEK	DAILY	TOTAL
Walking	41.01% 251	27.94% 171	16.18% 99	8.99% 55	5.88% 36	612
Bicycling	78.48% 474	16.23% 98	3.64% 22	1.32% 8	0.33% 2	604
Driving	0.48% 3	0.96% 6	4.18% 26	15.59% 97	78.78% 490	622
Uber, Lyft, or other private driving service	86.09% 520	12.91% 78	0.66% 4	0.17% 1	0.17% 1	604
Senior Center driving service	97.85% 591	0.99% 6	0.66% 4	0.17% 1	0.33% 2	604
Ask for a lift from friends or family	84.16% 510	13.37% 81	1.32% 8	0.50% 3	0.66% 4	606

12. When asked about commute time to work, 20% stated that they do not work – this was tied with 15-30 minutes. 19% of respondents have a commute time of 30 minutes to an hour, 17% telecommute (working from home all of the time or most of the time).

Figure 16.

On average, how long is your commute to work?

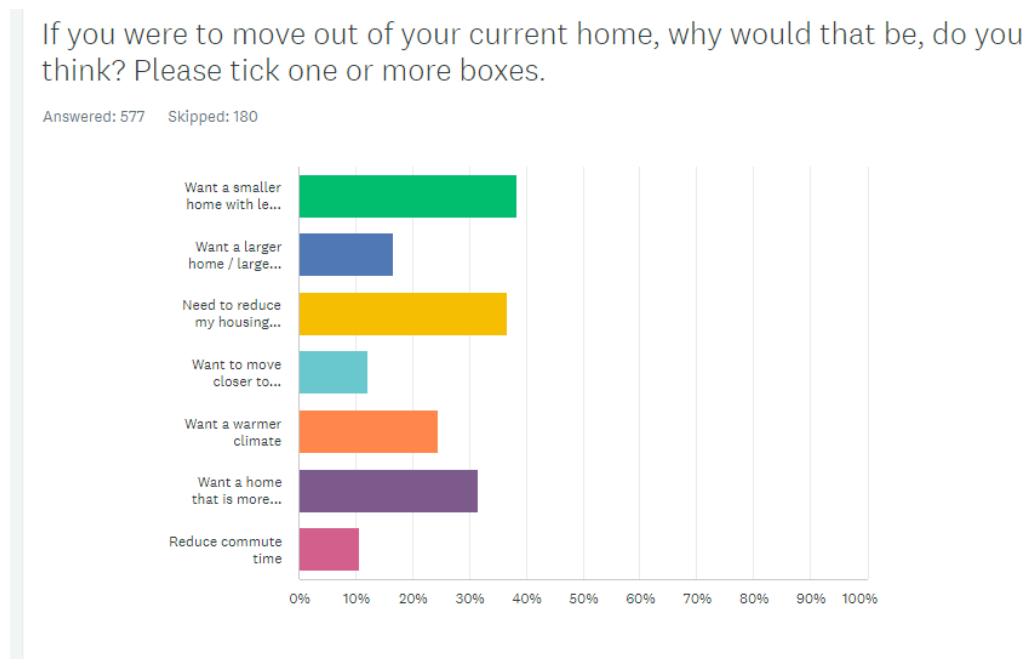
Answered: 622 Skipped: 135



HOUSING STATUS, TENURE, AND DEVELOPMENT

13. Of the 608 responses, 93% own their home in town, 3% indicated they were renters.
14. If they were to move out of their current home, 38% answered that they would do so for a smaller home with less maintenance; 36% would do so to reduce housing costs; and 32% would want a home that is more suitable for aging (a home w/o stairs, for example)

Figure 17.

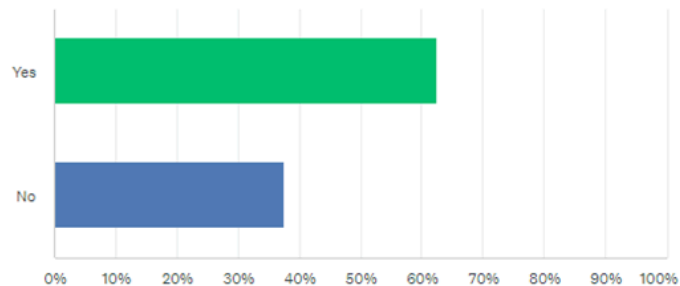


15. Of the 601 responses, 63% think housing affordability is an issue for either themselves or anyone they know in town

Figure 18.

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

Answered: 601 Skipped: 156



16. With housing affordability being a concern for a majority of respondents, the survey asked what types of housing respondents would support in town. Accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments) received the most support at 63% of responses, followed by smaller single-family houses (1,800 sq ft or less) and accessible housing (e.g. no stairs, roll-in showers, handrails, etc.) with 56% and 55% respectively. There was also support for assisted living/memory care facilities, pocket neighborhoods (small cottage homes centered around a common green space), and mixed-use properties (e.g. commercial first floor w/residential above) each at 42% respectively. Supportive or transitional housing (48%) and rental apartments (42%) received the most negative responses. There was support for green design in the construction and operation of new housing (i.e. low environmental impact, energy efficient)

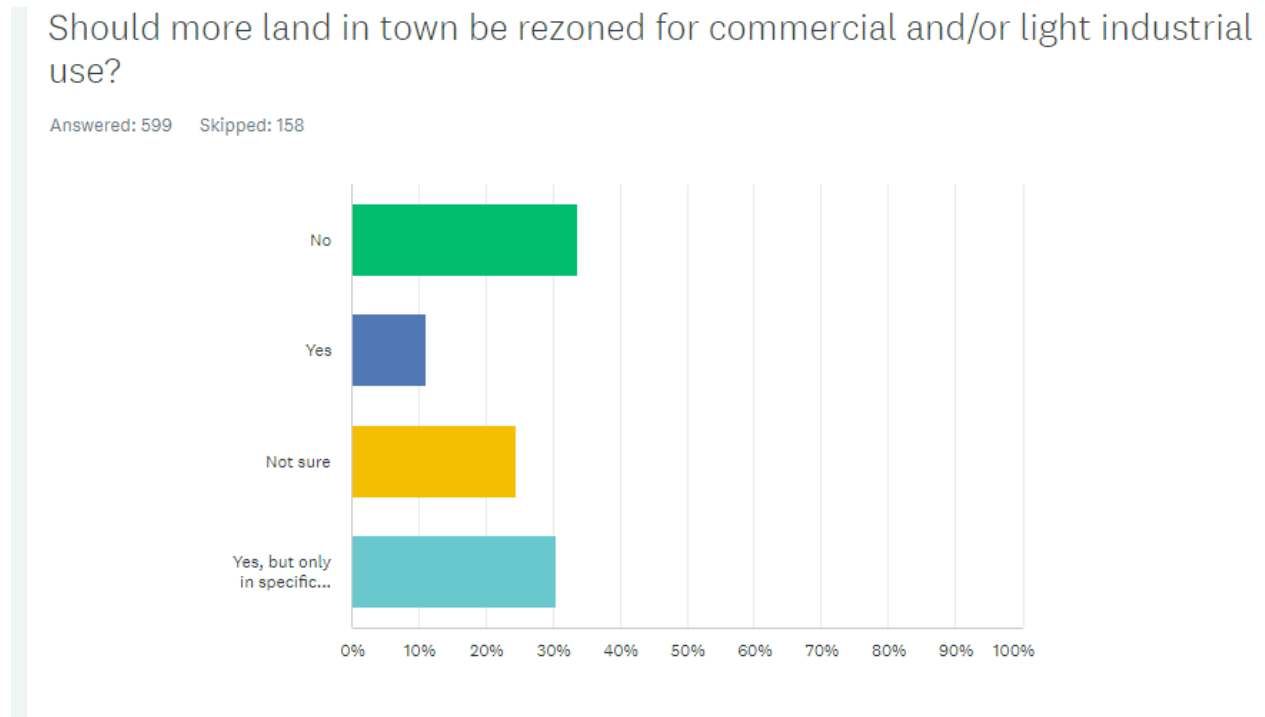
Figure 19.

	YES	MAYBE	NO	TOTAL
Converted use buildings (e.g., turning existing non-residential buildings into housing units)	39.49% 233	34.58% 204	25.93% 153	590
Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less)	56.90% 338	28.79% 171	14.31% 85	594
Age-restricted housing for those 55+	42.11% 248	38.54% 227	19.35% 114	589
Affordable Housing (no age restriction)	35.19% 209	30.30% 180	34.51% 205	594
Accessible housing (e.g., no stairs, roll-in showers, handrails, etc.)	54.70% 326	34.90% 208	10.40% 62	596
Assisted living/memory care facilities	42.37% 250	38.98% 230	18.64% 110	590
Rental apartments	28.84% 171	28.84% 171	42.33% 251	593
Townhouses or condos	34.85% 207	35.69% 212	29.46% 175	594
Pocket neighborhoods (small cottage homes centered around a common green space)	42.90% 257	36.23% 217	20.87% 125	599
Open space residential developments (homes closer together with conserved open space)	31.93% 190	36.97% 220	31.09% 185	595
Supportive or transitional housing	13.63% 80	37.82% 222	48.55% 285	587
Mixed-use properties (e.g., commercial first floor with residential above)	39.80% 236	32.21% 191	27.99% 166	593
Green design (low environmental impact; e.g., energy efficient)	54.21% 322	32.66% 194	13.13% 78	594
Accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments)	62.25% 371	27.68% 165	10.07% 60	596

REZONING TO SUPPORT HIGHER/BETTER USE OF LAND

17. Of those who had an opinion (i.e. did NOT select “not sure”) 32.5% would not support more land in town be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use, whereas 10% indicated that they would support such rezoning(s). However, when combined with “yes, but only in specific spots,” 41% would support rezoning certain parcels for commercial and/or light industrial use.

Figure 20.



If land were to be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use, respondents provided suggestions for placement (i.e. particular streets or intersections, adjacent to current businesses, specific areas).

“A walkable downtown with small businesses would be lovely. I think we’re all set on industrial/warehouse use.”

“Route 18 Highland Street, North Central Street, West Union Street, Spring Street, West Street; Route 18 near Whitman, Thatcher/Belmont St areas; Rt 18, North Central Street, Spring Street.”

“Old Eastern States Steel property”

“Spring St, Bedford St, Union @ Cook St, Oak St near 27 & 14”

“Spring Street, Laurel Street”

“Bedford Street, Oak Street, West Street, Spring Street, Plymouth St.”

“Much of the and off Winter, Thatcher, and North Bedford St. All remaining sections of the Hanson Land Company”

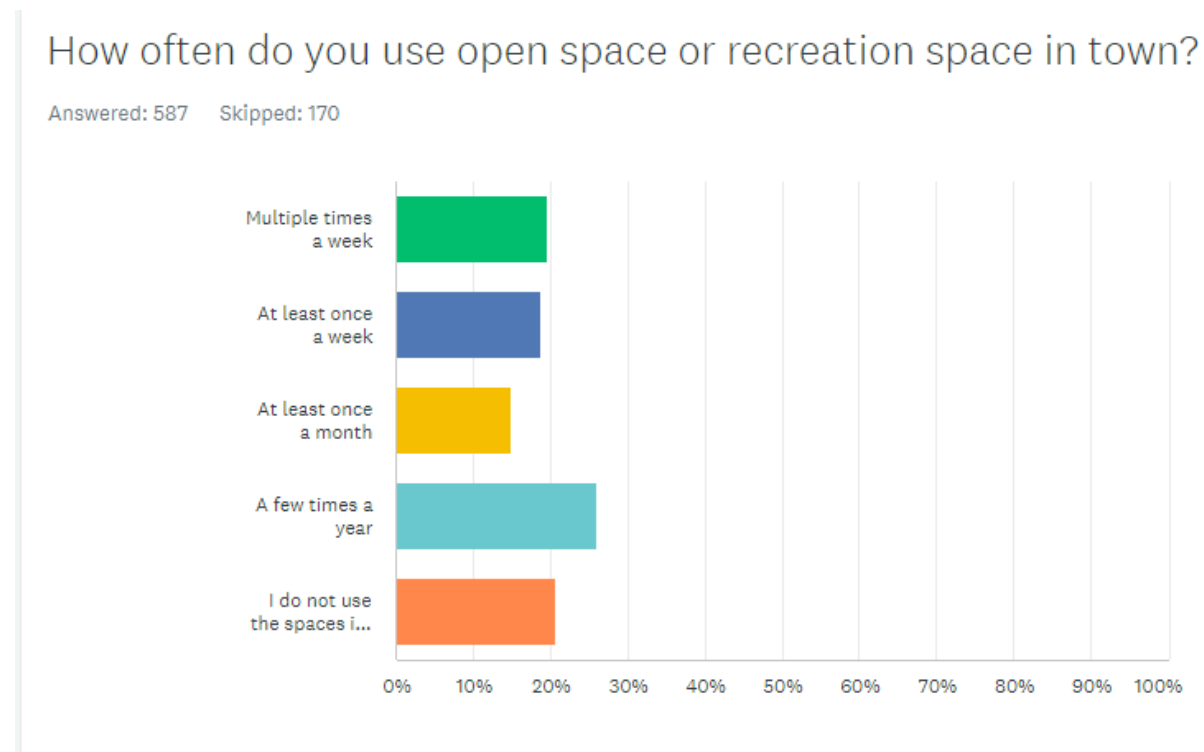
“Route 18 near the old Foxboro company. That side of town seeing as so many businesses are already over there. WB has a commercial area, so doesn’t Bridgewater and Raynham have two areas. EB has nothing.”

“Old mill at Whitman St and 106”

OUTDOOR SPACES AND CONSERVATION

18. Of the 508 responses, 38%, or 195 respondents, use open space/recreational spaces regularly (either multiple times per week or at least one per week). 27% use these spaces a few times per year. 20% do not use the spaces in town.

Figure 19.



Of the outdoor activities respondents most enjoy walking or hiking was overwhelmingly favored among 87% of respondents. Playgrounds (33%) and team sports (31%) rounded out the top three.

Figure 20.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking or hiking	87.17%	496
Running or jogging	15.64%	89
On-road bicycling	17.93%	102
Off-road bicycling	10.37%	59
Team Sports (basketball, baseball, soccer, street hockey, etc.)	29.88%	170
Tennis	4.92%	28
Pickleball	9.14%	52
Picnicking	12.83%	73
Fishing	23.90%	136
Playgrounds	32.51%	185
Kayak/Canoeing	24.96%	142
Swimming	20.56%	117
Other (please specify)	Responses 7.91%	45
Total Respondents: 569		

19. When asked for ideas about active and passive recreation improvements for the town, the majority prioritized sidewalks, trails for walking, hiking and/or jogging, and water recreation access (canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and swimming).

Figure 21.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trails for walking, hiking or jogging	58.69%	331
Sidewalks	78.19%	441
Paved paths for running or jogging	32.45%	183
On-road bicycling	15.07%	85
Off-road bicycling	14.89%	84
Team Sports	10.11%	57
Picnicking	12.06%	68
Playgrounds	25.35%	143
Water recreation access points (canoeing, kayaking, fishing or swimming)	40.43%	228
Baseball/Softball fields	4.79%	27
Soccer fields	3.37%	19
Football fields	3.01%	17
Basketball Courts	6.56%	37
Pickleball court	8.16%	46
Total Respondents: 564		

20. Specific areas identified for improvements or repairs included:

“Landscaping at Council on Aging should increase in spring, summer, and fall. The walking trail should as well and more gardens for residents.”

“Sachem Rock Farm could benefit from improved trails if funded outside of taxes. Also and enclosed Dog Park if founded with Grant/Donation monies.”

“The sidewalks on Pleasant Street are in desperate need of repair. It's safer to walk on the road than it is to use those sidewalks.”

“It would be nice if more of our streets had sidewalks. It would make it easier to walk around town.”

“The church street/ Hobart Street fields has a storage building that needs attention.”

“Behind Harvard St from Whitman to Rt 18 is a beautiful old railroad path. It would be a great place to walk, bring kids so killed in streets, it's beautiful and such a shame people in this town can't access.”

“Playground at Church St little league fields.”

“Court Street fields! Town soccer fields off Belmont could use another entry and exit access point and an expansion.”

“More access to Robins Pond.”

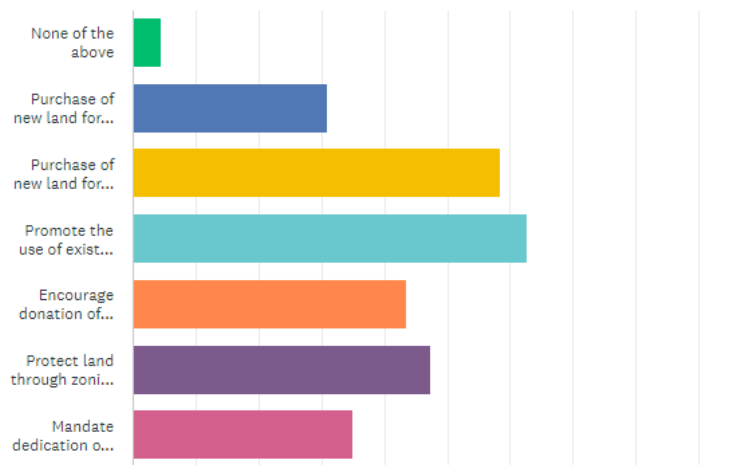
“Maple Street playground.”

21. When asked what approaches the town should pursue for land conservation 63% recommended promoting the use of existing spaces, followed by purchase new land for conservation or recreation at 58%. Protecting land through zoning initiatives rounded out the top three at 47%.

Figure 22.

Which of the following approaches to land conservation do you support?
Select all that apply.

Answered: 560 Skipped: 197

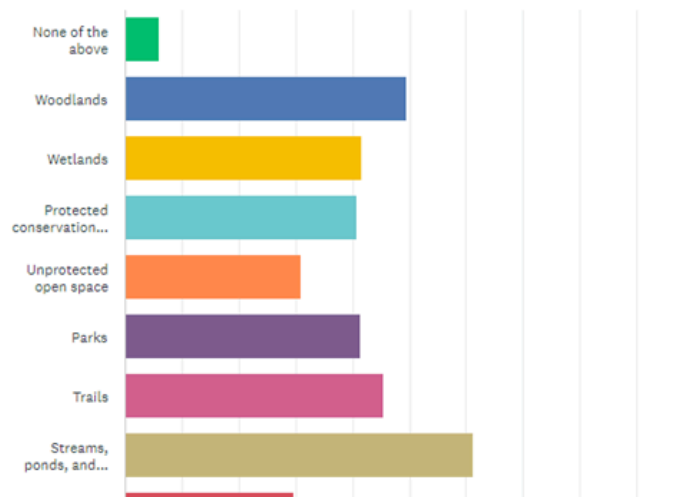


22. Most respondents prioritized water sources (streams, ponds, groundwater), woodlands, and trails as natural resources most in need of attention. Wetlands and parks were tied at roughly 40%.

Figure 23.

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

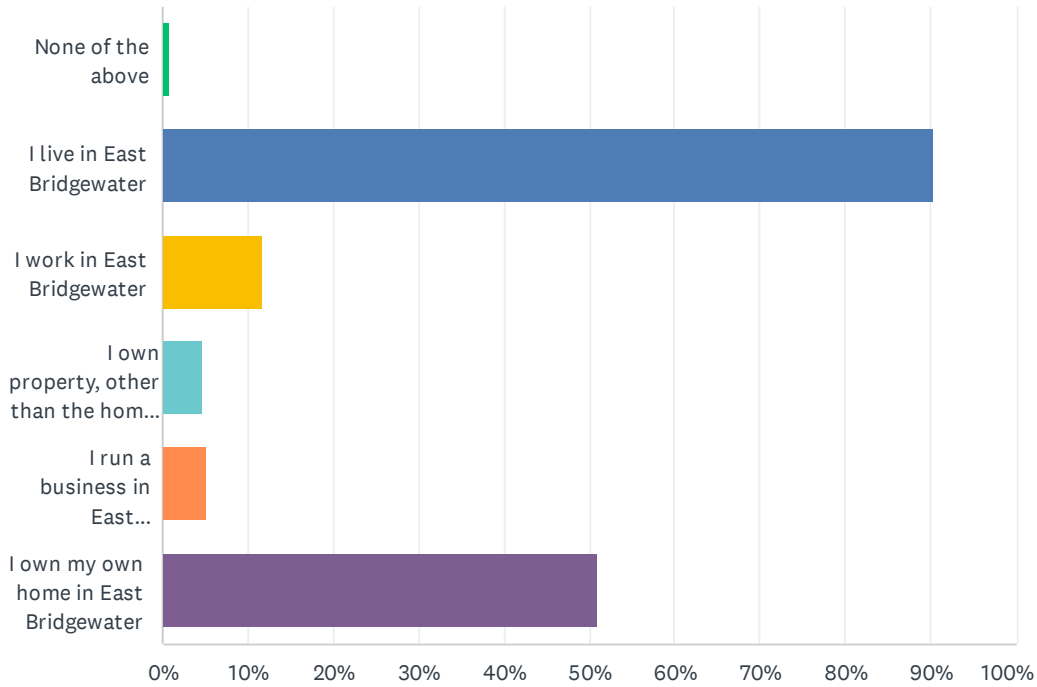
Answered: 547 Skipped: 210





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

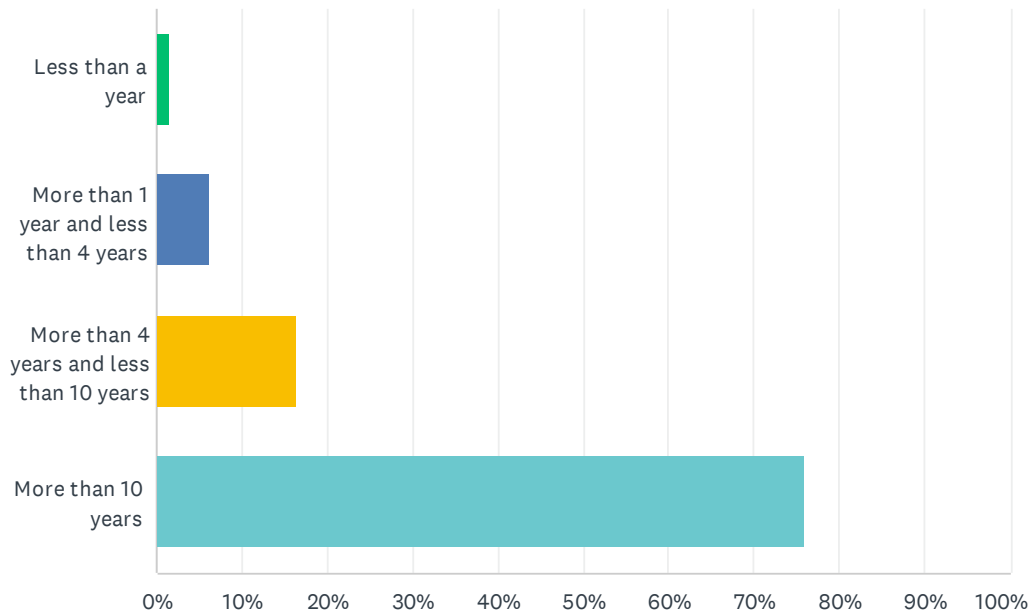
Answered: 757 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.92%	7
I live in East Bridgewater	90.49%	685
I work in East Bridgewater	11.62%	88
I own property, other than the home I live in, in East Bridgewater	4.76%	36
I run a business in East Bridgewater	5.02%	38
I own my own home in East Bridgewater	50.99%	386
Total Respondents: 757		

Q2 If you live in East Bridgewater, how long have you lived here?

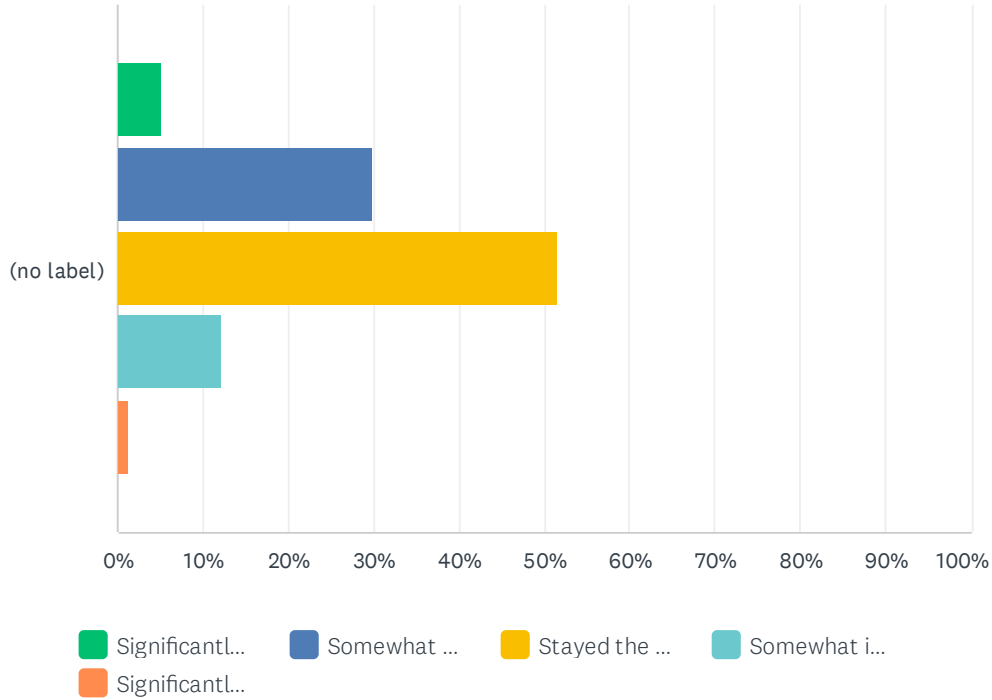
Answered: 736 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	1.49%	11
More than 1 year and less than 4 years	6.11%	45
More than 4 years and less than 10 years	16.44%	121
More than 10 years	75.95%	559
TOTAL		736

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: 617 Skipped: 140



	SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINED	SOMEWHAT DECLINED	STAYED THE SAME (NO CHANGE)	SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	5.02% 31	29.82% 184	51.70% 319	12.16% 75	1.30% 8	617	-0.25

#	IF YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE DO SO HERE:	DATE
1	roads being repaired, less construction, route 18 was a royal mess 7 years ago	3/24/2024 7:04 PM
2	Very poor road conditions, trash, overgrown grass, high taxes	3/24/2024 6:39 PM
3	Too many new houses and other buildings.	3/21/2024 4:18 PM
4	Traffic has increased dramatically,	3/20/2024 4:43 PM
5	Too much traffic with heavy trucks on rt 18	3/16/2024 7:31 AM
6	Schools, continued principal changes.	3/14/2024 11:07 AM
7	increased taxes on homes	3/13/2024 5:40 PM
8	We have more traffic and need sidewalks	3/8/2024 12:00 PM
9	Too much unrestricted building and loss of open space	3/7/2024 7:56 PM
10	Property taxes to high. Water bill cost to High. Excise Taxes to high.	3/7/2024 3:58 PM
11	School issues seem to be driving budget upward without driving up test scores.	3/7/2024 12:50 PM
12	My former career kept me away and less involved. Never made a solid evaluation but happy to be here than Haverhill or Wilmington.	3/7/2024 10:25 AM

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13	The people that are moving in from Brockton , running their dirt bikes around the yard. No pride of ownership.	3/7/2024 7:58 AM
14	Not sure if rate of attrition of HS teachers is trending upward or if number if recent departures without replacement is following normal trajectory.	3/6/2024 10:08 PM
15	Too many new residential developments.	3/6/2024 10:05 PM
16	Traffic has increased. The speed of the traffic has increased	3/6/2024 9:54 PM
17	Poor drainage near home causes basement to flood, called the town multiple times and no fix	3/6/2024 9:32 PM
18	Some new paving done, overall looking a little cleaner.	3/6/2024 9:23 PM
19	There seems to be less activities for families. Less community since covid.	3/6/2024 8:49 PM
20	I particularly enjoyed the 200th activities.	3/6/2024 8:43 PM
21	The politics - the social media- nothing the town can control.	3/6/2024 8:26 PM
22	Too much commercial property and businesses on Rte 18	3/6/2024 8:14 PM
23	The trash situation. There is a high tax rate for homeowners. There should not be such a high trash bill with so many restrictions.	3/6/2024 8:09 PM
24	There was some improvement in road conditions, but it seems like Christmas decorations on the common have significantly been reduced in amount.	2/26/2024 2:49 PM
25	More traffic, less safe for pedestrian travel	2/23/2024 8:03 AM
26	less community feel, schools are not as supportive of families, more bullying in schools	2/20/2024 1:04 PM
27	I'm seeing more black people.	2/16/2024 8:36 PM
28	Roads, traffic is out of control. Limit growth. Protect our water. Bike & walking is dangerous. Route 18 through EB is like Rt 128. Something has to be done to slow it down!!! Our kids cannot walk to libary if you don't live in center. Growing up I & friends lived in the library because we could walk/bike from distances due to NO SIDEWALKs! Not here. Nobody to drive your kids, can't go. Biggest is sewage. Ask any homeowner to come up w \$ 40-50,000 to fix it. They can't. If I look at my neighborhood I know 90% have failed. Funding new systems will not help. one thing this town needs is sewer. If we funded massive school buildings EB can do this!	2/10/2024 4:22 AM
29	the upkeep of the roads/overhanging trees, trash all over the sides of roads hasn't been properly addressed.	2/7/2024 12:19 PM
30	More violent crime	2/4/2024 2:21 PM
31	Over populated lost it's charm ,being destroyed	1/30/2024 6:29 AM
32	East Bridgewater used to be a beautiful town. Now the taxes are out of control with no offerings. The schools don't rank very high nationally. There aren't any desirable businesses. The town center is dumpy. When my family and I want to spend a weekend out we always travel to another town.	1/24/2024 8:04 PM
33	The traffic on Route 18 has worsened.	1/23/2024 10:48 AM
34	Town meeting participation has really declined! Secondary roads need attention.	1/20/2024 12:58 PM
35	More cars, more crowded. Some farms now housing	1/19/2024 12:05 PM
36	Getting too crowded.	1/18/2024 8:59 PM
37	I have not seen any change in gentrification, new businesses, or quality of life.	1/17/2024 7:47 PM
38	Schools are a mess. Drugs prevail. HS has a new principal every 6 months.	1/16/2024 4:38 PM
39	I have only been here for 3 years but haven't seen any significant changes.	1/16/2024 12:45 PM
40	Too many new house equals tons more people.	1/16/2024 12:16 PM
41	Less business, but more houses and the taxes are out of hand	1/15/2024 11:23 AM

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42	Town center is depressing	1/12/2024 11:01 AM
43	We don't have anything in town to draw people to our town. Restaurants like Arby's or Wendy's. There are no shops like outlets. If you walk around the town, there's nip bottles everywhere. Trash is only picked up if an order is put in for it to be picked up other than that the workers will drive By it 100 times until an order has been put in. SMH they should want to take pride in their town.	1/12/2024 10:10 AM
44	Too many make you feel like an outsider	1/12/2024 9:09 AM
45	Over crowded roads in bad shape taxes to high	1/11/2024 2:46 PM
46	Neglectful about trash dumping in lesser affluent neighborhoods in town, Junior Senior High School significantly declining in academics, too much focus on athletics and not enough recognition for successful students and graduates in music and art, bullying issues are swept under the rug and not dealt with accordingly, lack of security and monitoring on busses, in hallways and bathrooms at schools. Teachers are leaving in significant numbers for lack of better leadership, guidance, and positive and effective compitance in their superintendant. Many families are unhappy and seeking other schools for their children to be educated in. Very important town buildings have BLACK mold in them and our most needed officials and persons in blue need a healthy environment to work in and should not be exposed to such hazardous and inhumane working conditions! Our wetlands are being built on and are causing damage to our water tables and green space. Where is all of the wildlife suppose to go?	1/11/2024 9:05 AM
47	I really think some effort should be taken to remove dead trees from road sides and removing the debris, not waiting for trees to fall.	1/11/2024 6:12 AM
48	Real estate taxes are ridiculously high compared to same house in different town	1/10/2024 7:23 PM
49	Too much open space and farms developed	1/10/2024 11:25 AM
50	The leadership from the Schools Superintendent is extremely lacking. Sexual and sensual books don't belong in the school setting. Being inclusive and treating people with respect does not include exposing children to sexual content.	1/10/2024 9:58 AM
51	Would like sidewalk so can I can go walking without dodging cars on Rt 18, or more recently falling on Rt 18.	1/10/2024 6:27 AM
52	The currant BOS is not managing the town with any though to cost savings. As a vendor I see 1st hand the waste in money being spent on projects that could be done at half the cost due to having non-professionals as managers	1/9/2024 10:16 PM
53	The high school is awful. The administrators quitting each year and the superintendent has no communication with parents or teachers. It's her way or the highway.	1/9/2024 6:52 PM
54	Overbuilding.	1/9/2024 3:20 PM
55	Feels the same!	1/9/2024 2:18 PM
56	so many New houses	1/9/2024 11:43 AM
57	Highschool School system can't keep staff members or teachers which makes for no culture in the school or leadership.	1/9/2024 11:24 AM
58	Not sure as I've just moved there	1/9/2024 10:38 AM
59	It seems as though there's much more drug activity and poor behavior amongst young people.	1/9/2024 7:56 AM
60	Roads & sidewalks need to be fixed, plows need to clean the roads better, trash & recycling are expensive, recycling needs to be weekly, trash barrel is too small	1/9/2024 7:46 AM
61	Break ins/ lots of car accidents	1/9/2024 6:27 AM
62	School issues	1/9/2024 5:51 AM
63	School system seems to care more about passing students from grade to grade rather than providing them with a challenging education.	1/9/2024 3:48 AM
64	Sidewalks on some streets were an improvement. The newly renovated basketball and pickleball courts are a nice upgrade if they're maintained.	1/8/2024 10:29 PM

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65	Lots of litter in town. No sense of community. Bullying in our schools	1/8/2024 9:38 PM
66	No grocery store Too many liquor stores No pool in town Quality of school system declined Not much for seniors or teens to do	1/8/2024 9:14 PM
67	More police hired.	1/8/2024 9:02 PM
68	High taxes low services	1/8/2024 8:50 PM
69	Covid and political division.	1/8/2024 8:44 PM
70	Too broad of a question	1/8/2024 7:36 PM
71	Roads need repair.. poor accreditation for school	1/8/2024 7:33 PM
72	Taxes to high	1/8/2024 7:18 PM
73	More buildings and less open spaces for the natural wildlife	1/8/2024 6:59 PM
74	More businesses popping up have taken away the small town feel.	1/8/2024 6:51 PM
75	Having only lived in town for just over three years I can't really address this question.	1/8/2024 6:50 PM
76	It's very hard to get ahold of officials in the town and when you do they don't do anything. Poor roads and sidewalk conditions. We have no commercial business there are so many empty store fronts in the center of town. Allowing sub divisions that have caused flooding on central street and nothing being done about it.	1/8/2024 6:44 PM
77	The traffic is a nightmare, too much building	1/8/2024 6:31 PM
78	Not applicable— just moved here less than 1 yr ago	1/8/2024 6:17 PM
79	Taxes have increased and the school system is not impressive. Both of our children left the system because it was disappointing.	1/8/2024 6:09 PM
80	School system I moved here for does not have a promising future	1/8/2024 5:02 PM
81	Roads are being well taken care of. School is out of control with spending and our percentages are not good with basic subjects. We need to be checking on the accountability from the sup. of schools. Her salary is outrageous for a small town and for the number of kids that are not proficient in important subjects. Accountability with her is needed. She has a history of not performing elsewhere. It well documented. I have messaged her several times about a particular interest. No response. I gave up a few years ago.	1/8/2024 4:54 PM
82	School system	1/8/2024 2:36 PM
83	The schools are falling apart. I can't even walk down central street without spraining my ankle. I have brought it up to the dpw twice and nothing has changed. Position of "power" in this town needs to change. Some long term townies do whatever they want and get their friends to sign off on it. It's frustrating when us regular tax pay citizens can't put a shed up but others can do whatever they want on their property. Also we need more businesses and less subdivisions!! And a town playground/splash pad would be nice for the kids.	1/8/2024 2:34 PM
84	Loss of green space, increased traffic, no redevelopment of center of town	1/8/2024 2:14 PM
85	Improvements have been slow, but I've seen community improvements to surrounding areas (more in Whitman than in our town to be honest!)	1/8/2024 1:36 PM
86	I feel it's not generating revenue for the town. There are so many buildings and businesses that are closed I feel the school system has declined and people of the town are choosing outside of the district. The taxes of the town are going up but nothing is improving. We have a beautiful town common but never really use it. It should be used for generating money for the town. Festivals etc	1/8/2024 1:33 PM
87	Cost of living has almost doubled	1/8/2024 1:30 PM
88	The taxes have become oppressive.	1/8/2024 1:18 PM
89	Taxes are extremely high with nothing to show for it. The school system, especially the high school, is so poorly run I can't even fathom sending my child there	1/8/2024 1:01 PM
90	Not as much community involvement or participation as we used to have	1/7/2024 6:17 PM

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91	We live on Belmont Street, and the traffic has significantly increased in volume, and in speed. Most traffic is traveling past our home at 40 to 45 MPH, with an occasional 50+.	1/7/2024 12:41 PM
92	School system. Turnover and accountability is low.	1/7/2024 9:30 AM
93	Sidewalks, improved parks/fields.	1/5/2024 1:25 PM
94	Not as much community involvement, volunteerism or connection with neighbors	1/2/2024 11:52 AM
95	In the last ten years, it has significantly improved - with a new Community/Sr. Center, New Jr/Sr H.S. and Community Gardens,	12/25/2023 8:50 AM
96	I think the town's population has increased so much that the traffic, obviously in the school and Town Common areas as well as in the center (intersection of Rte. 18 and Central St) have become increasingly dangerous. So many of the roads all over town are so badly damaged and the town cannot keep up with repairs or aesthetic maintenance of them. Our tax rate is so much higher than other towns in our area.	12/24/2023 9:19 AM
97	The roads need work.	12/18/2023 2:06 PM
98	Public schools have taken a hard turn to the left.	12/18/2023 8:36 AM
99	It's probably stayed the same but if we aren't growing or evolving then we are going backwards.	12/12/2023 10:10 AM
100	More traffic tie-ups during peak travel times along Route 18 in the center of town. Loss of supermarket.	12/11/2023 10:02 AM
101	Roads have improved. New HS. Slightly more commercial.	12/10/2023 8:04 PM
102	Community events and inclusivity and free opportunities	12/10/2023 1:54 PM
103	The Senior Center, New High School, The YMCA, etc	12/10/2023 1:33 PM
104	Desperate need for sewerage. Asking residents pay 40-50,000\$ new septic system. Totally out of most families budget in East Bridgewater. This is Endangering our water supply, environment, quality of life, and health. It MUST be First. Too much development causing grid lock traffic & unless sewerage implemented, is a danger to our water, health, and environment. Developing trails. At Harvard & Pine st is an old railway. It is beautiful, quiet, restful and could be one the best things developed for our town & families - for walking, biking, general just a really better way to live in the town Side walks. Can't walk / bike anywhere cause there are none. Yet town is endangering lives without them. Asking children to walk or bike to school endangering their lives Pre-school for all East Bridgewater children Full day kindergarten for all East Bridgewater children & vital for the future of our children to compete & thrive. Cutting off rt. 18 going through the town. It's like a race track cutting our town in half. Think of the possible thing we could do with that reclaimed land. Parks, connecting and putting our town back together. It's like 2 different towns. It would make the quality of life so much better. Affordable housing. My, friends, neighbors children have all left because they cannot buy a home here. Not one has been able to stay in EB	12/9/2023 10:12 AM
105	The school system has declined significantly.	12/8/2023 6:29 AM
106	Traffic and speed of on streets has become frighteningly dangerous. Building permits being issued on what appears to be wetlands (Harvard St i.e). Houses being used as rental properties in residentially zoned areas (597 Elm St).	12/7/2023 6:03 PM
107	More congestion and roads can't handle it. Lack of town sewer and gas in areas are also a big negative	12/7/2023 4:20 PM
108	While COVID messed things up for a while, I feel like the public services and events really upped their game. The Library is a shining example of what a community organization should be. Many beat-up old roads have been improved. The DPW is highly efficient and provides first-rate services. Events like Christmas on the Common, the Business Expo, Veterans Day parade, and this year in particular the bicentennial have captured the community spirit. These things were always good, but they seem to be getting even better.	12/6/2023 10:29 AM
109	We haven't lived in town long enough to see a difference.	12/5/2023 6:55 PM
110	It has gotten too large too quickly.	12/4/2023 10:40 AM

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111	the amount of high school principals that came and went whilst my daughter was a student was appalling	12/4/2023 7:45 AM
112	there are too many housing developments with more and more traffic on all the streets, can hardly get out of the driveways now.	12/3/2023 10:00 AM
113	Adding more apartments is no good. Schools are too small and I don't want taxes raised or the problems the low income housing brings	12/3/2023 7:14 AM
114	The vibe of the town when driving around is not light-hearted. Things seem darker, more run down than even 5 years ago. Grim, at times.	12/2/2023 2:07 PM
115	More crowded, more cars	12/2/2023 7:49 AM
116	Expenses are alot higher	12/1/2023 6:12 PM
117	The ability to bypass the traffic lights at the center of town as well as the hill coming down Plymouth Street from the common by cutting thru the high school is huge.	12/1/2023 4:21 PM
118	The park is nicer and the new CVS is better than the lot that was there.	12/1/2023 12:49 PM
119	Our section of town is quieter And more livable now that the F1 Raceway is gone.	12/1/2023 12:09 PM
120	New school and senior center better youth fields	12/1/2023 11:36 AM
121	The center of town continues to be an embarrassment, looking at other local towns there has to be a plan to fix old buildings, seek out small businesses and shops, figure out parking. Also town wide septic must be done. Roads leading to the center must be paved and sidewalks put in. Diversity, inclusion, equality must be addressed both in schools and in the community. Bullying continues to be an issue in schools. Rapid gunfire not happening in hunting season keeps families out of the beautiful scenic trails we have in town. These are not shotgun sounds or within hunting regulations time periods.	12/1/2023 10:27 AM
122	We need to address the traffic situation in the center of Town. The intersection and Lights need to be fixed.	12/1/2023 10:20 AM
123	Increased fees for trash removal,higher taxes	12/1/2023 8:55 AM
124	Taxes are high, with minimal improvements to schools and one of the lowest per-pupil expenditures in the state.	12/1/2023 8:42 AM
125	Property taxes are high and services are low.	12/1/2023 7:41 AM
126	Heavy commercial and truck traffic on my street (Central Street at Morse Avenue) is constant from 3 am to 8 pm weekdays. It is noisy and we frequently feel the vibrations with our home.	12/1/2023 2:48 AM
127	People drive way too fast on our road with load cars & motorcycles, and they pass on double yellow lines if you do the speed limit.	12/1/2023 12:06 AM
128	went from a farming town to adowntown city	11/30/2023 11:43 PM
129	I haven't seen much change in many years. The roads are in disrepair and the center and surrounding streets looks really dilapidated and depressing. EBwater doesn't seem clean and well taken care of aesthetically.	11/30/2023 10:43 PM
130	It's been the same in the past 1.5 years we've lived here.	11/30/2023 8:23 PM
131	Some improvements and improved social opportunities, but the increase in taxes has been challengeing	11/30/2023 7:48 PM
132	State of the art high school, also very active and friendly senior center while still maintaining the small town atmosphere	11/30/2023 6:46 PM
133	New businesses like Perfectly Flavah'd and Restoration Coffee, to name a few, have brought taste and charm to our town. However, it's "the same old, same old" with lack of interest in school and town positions and elections. Same inept Superintendent, as well. We're not moving forward.	11/30/2023 6:41 PM
134	Much more traffic.	11/30/2023 6:38 PM
135	Traffic jams and lose of open lands	11/30/2023 6:25 PM

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136	New school, track, baseball field, sidewalks and ARPA money for trails	11/30/2023 6:09 PM
137	Traffic, taxes,, water, disappearance of open land. Out of control Planning Board!	11/30/2023 6:08 PM
138	Town seems slightly more willing to change/move into the future.	11/30/2023 5:59 PM
139	Dangerous intersection near my home was reworked making it safer and easier to navigate	11/30/2023 5:12 PM
140	Significant increase in truck traffic. Moderate increase in automobile traffic.	11/30/2023 5:09 PM
141	School system is not reliable, had to send my children to schools outside of the town.	11/30/2023 4:58 PM
142	The new people moving in are Not taking carte of their property.	11/30/2023 4:56 PM
143	Greater community spirit. But less people volunteering to help	11/30/2023 4:31 PM
144	School administration reputation has declined. Elementary school and middle school seem to be improving while HS declines	11/30/2023 4:29 PM
145	Although we have a new jr/sr high school, I think educational leadership has declined in town, despite large increases in salaries at the top.	11/30/2023 4:28 PM
146	Traffic, and uncontrolled taxes.	11/30/2023 4:27 PM
147	I've seen improvements to the High School, new CVS pharmacy. New sense of business in part to social media.	11/30/2023 4:21 PM
148	There is way too much traffic.	11/30/2023 4:20 PM
149	Traffic is worse, taxes going up	11/30/2023 4:19 PM
150	More traffic	11/30/2023 3:46 PM
151	Property taxes are higher, we have no children and we have to pay for trash with every other week recycling.	11/30/2023 3:34 PM
152	No real change, getting to know this wonderful town.	11/30/2023 3:21 PM
153	Taxes are getting crazier and crazier	11/30/2023 3:18 PM
154	Taxes are escalating rapidly and is getting unaffordable for no additional services. Traffic has become a nightmare	11/30/2023 3:12 PM
155	You have to be much more security conscious.	11/30/2023 3:05 PM
156	More traffic - higher taxes - High school rating declined	11/30/2023 2:59 PM
157	North Water Street urgently needs a new drainage system and urgent repaving! Street littered with nip bottles.	11/30/2023 2:55 PM
158	The truck traffic on Central Street, combined with sunken manhole covers creates an unimaginable noise factor. In addition, walking the sidewalk with those 18wheelers whizzing by is enough to give anyone the "willies".	11/30/2023 2:51 PM
159	Everything is run down & there's more crime/drugs and it's not even affordable anymore	11/30/2023 2:50 PM
160	Traffic noise and congestion has affected quality of life in town	11/30/2023 2:49 PM
161	We live on Central St. Dramatic increase in heavy truck traffic. Also quality of sidewalk is declining.	11/30/2023 2:47 PM
162	Crowding. Traffic	11/30/2023 2:43 PM
163	Taxes have doubled and services have not	11/30/2023 2:41 PM
164	A few businesses have closed.	11/30/2023 2:41 PM
165	Over building and added population gas made the town less appealing to stay in.	11/30/2023 2:41 PM
166	its not affordable anymore	11/30/2023 2:40 PM
167	traffic has gotten quite a bit worse, especially in the center of town	11/30/2023 2:39 PM
168	Too much traffic. No grocery stores. The population who commutes through our town has	11/30/2023 12:48 PM

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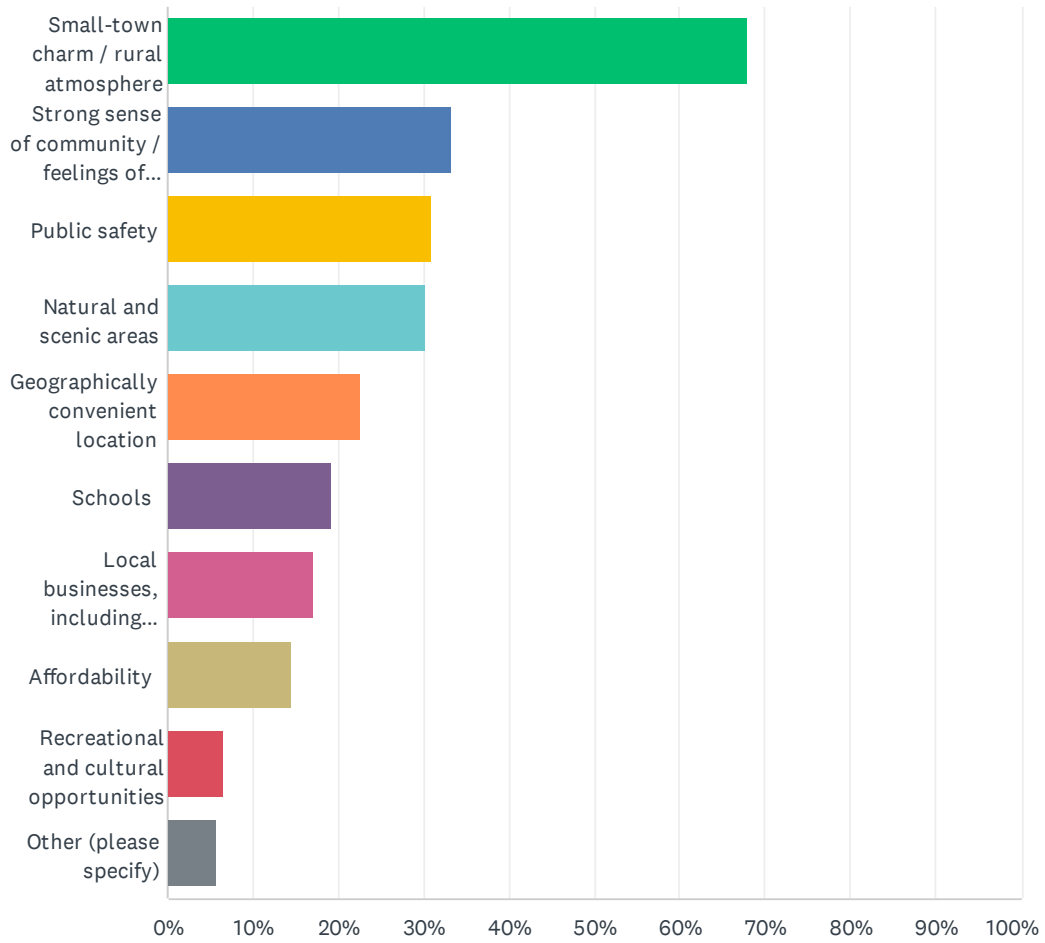
made our center and roadways obsolete and inadequate. in-adherence to zoning bylaws.

169	Town officials unresponsive	11/30/2023 10:45 AM
170	I am nervous about the homes going in on Rte.18 that is basically my backyard. And the traffic light at Sullivan Tire is already a nightmare!	11/30/2023 9:08 AM
171	too much building up, too many businesses shutting down	11/29/2023 10:46 PM
172	Superintendent salary and the close door vote on her salary increase As well as not being able to have recycling each week with town trash	11/29/2023 2:52 PM
173	New high school	11/29/2023 1:30 PM
174	Basing this on the high school. Several principals over a short span.	11/29/2023 1:30 PM
175	Academically, the school system, and particularly the high school, does not seem up to par. Many families are choosing schools outside of EB because of this. The leadership within the school is inconsistent. Lack of hybrid options/edu within the high school. Lack of SMB in EB, including dining. Infrastructure/buildings in the town seem old/run down with a poor aesthetic.	11/29/2023 10:54 AM
176	Sidewalks are a plus, but many businesses are closed	11/29/2023 10:17 AM
177	The school system has been broken. My kids do not feel challenged or safe in the schools. The administration does not spend enough on staff to hire the best teachers and staff.	11/29/2023 10:11 AM
178	Businesses like Restoration Coffee opened.	11/29/2023 10:00 AM
179	More crime	11/29/2023 9:18 AM
180	Mostly due to school systems.	11/29/2023 8:55 AM
181	COVID put a wrench in things, but now that we are on the other side of COVID things are getting better.	11/29/2023 8:55 AM
182	Seems like the town is stagnant	11/29/2023 8:28 AM
183	The 200 year celebration was the best thing this town has done in years and it brought the community together. (fireworks display). More town events like this would be awesome and parades with less horns from fire engines and more floats and town business	11/29/2023 8:19 AM
184	There have been some improvements in community engagement, but most have been centered around a singular large even (the bicentennial). For the most part, this town's benefits are all through volunteer organizations that rely on committed volunteers, with varying levels of support from the cycle of elected town officials that run the town.	11/29/2023 8:18 AM
185	Significant increase in heavy trucks on East St., no major sidewalk improvements on East St. in 50+ years, no noise bylaw (in general), no bylaw (police list) to opt out of door-to-door sales, right to farm bylaw goes too far in non farming parts of town, concerned about EBCAM's future (funding mechanism obsolete). On the other hand, I'm glad to see infrastructure improvements around town.	11/29/2023 8:12 AM
186	Seems there's more crime and drugs seeping into our town	11/29/2023 8:06 AM
187	Taxes	11/29/2023 8:04 AM
188	- New high school - Stronger communication of town events through EBCAM - Clean up and improvement of Church St. Fields - Progress on better roads and sidewalks - Healthier/more transparent financial picture	11/29/2023 8:02 AM
189	Zero effort to control cost, little to no accountability to manage properly.	11/29/2023 8:00 AM
190	Too little commercial business, taxes increased, continued great work by police, fire and those who take care of our roads. I drive back roads to Quincy every day and in snow we are always the best!	11/29/2023 7:51 AM
191	Our town government has become more aware of our needs and have taken on a more aggressive approach to moving forward. ie: accepted roads, applied and received grants and upgraded leadership in departments to name a few.	11/29/2023 7:30 AM
192	For the small businesses that have opened we've had a number shut their doors and remain	11/29/2023 4:05 AM

vacant.

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

Answered: 613 Skipped: 144



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Small-town charm / rural atmosphere	68.03%	417
Strong sense of community / feelings of belonging	33.28%	204
Public safety	30.83%	189
Natural and scenic areas	30.18%	185
Geographically convenient location	22.51%	138
Schools	19.09%	117
Local businesses, including dining	17.13%	105
Affordability	14.52%	89
Recreational and cultural opportunities	6.69%	41
Other (please specify)	5.71%	35
Total Respondents: 613		

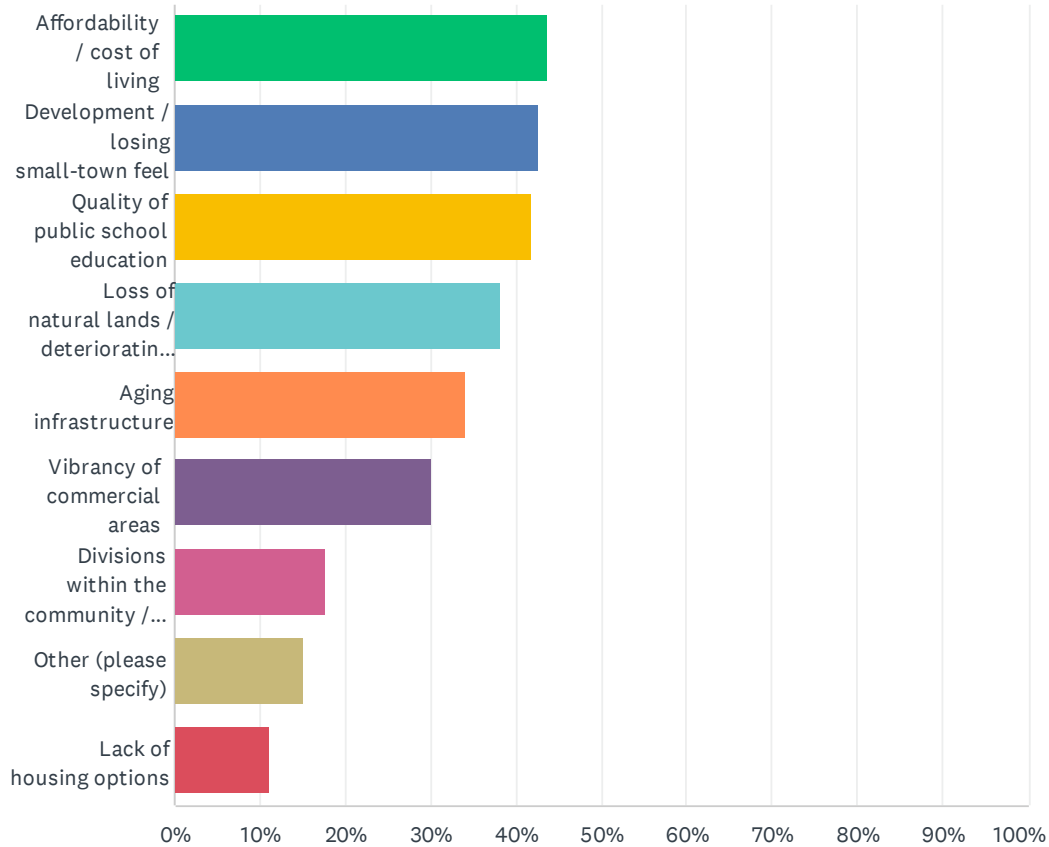
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	council on aging	3/24/2024 7:04 PM
2	4th generation	3/7/2024 7:56 PM
3	Just a general sense that it's a good place to live and residents are uniformly nice	3/7/2024 10:55 AM
4	Council on Aging	3/7/2024 8:32 AM
5	My residential community	3/7/2024 7:09 AM
6	That my family is here	3/6/2024 8:26 PM
7	kids sports	2/20/2024 1:04 PM
8	I have lived in EB 26 years. I moved into a 55 community 4 years ago, the police drive through our small community within EB, makes us feel safe	2/18/2024 1:24 PM
9	Low crime rate.	2/16/2024 8:36 PM
10	At the time ability to build my home. My grown kids can't live here because it's too expensive to own.	2/10/2024 4:22 AM
11	We like the library	1/24/2024 8:04 PM
12	No other reason	1/17/2024 7:47 PM
13	The only town I know. So no idea compared to other places.	1/16/2024 12:16 PM
14	All of the town officials I have dealt with have been friendly and helpful.	1/12/2024 11:06 PM
15	Used to have the small town charm	1/11/2024 2:46 PM
16	It's history and charm	1/11/2024 9:05 AM
17	Small Farm Town love the fields along the roadways.	1/9/2024 11:24 AM
18	Central and Middle are the best!	1/9/2024 6:36 AM
19	Nothing	1/8/2024 9:10 PM
20	Churches	1/8/2024 5:02 PM
21	I liked it for its rural atmosphere but subdivisions are being allowed to be put up everywhere	1/8/2024 2:34 PM
22	Public services like library and restaurants like JMacs and Fiesra	12/10/2023 1:54 PM

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23	When I build it was a better place to bring up a family. Now? I can say unless you are lucky enough to live in a side multi street neighborhood, there is no neighborhood or community.	12/9/2023 10:12 AM
24	Location close to Boston and family	12/6/2023 1:59 PM
25	I like my neighborhood	12/3/2023 8:02 AM
26	I just like my neighborhood.	12/2/2023 2:07 PM
27	We have an excellent community center that houses the outstanding council on aging and we have an excellent library	12/1/2023 4:21 PM
28	Right to farm community	12/1/2023 10:27 AM
29	Our water tastes really good	12/1/2023 12:06 AM
30	That the town and civic leaders and the community care about each other and respect our differences of opinion	11/30/2023 6:09 PM
31	The only town I know. So no idea compared to other places.	11/30/2023 3:58 PM
32	Has lost its appeal	11/30/2023 3:12 PM
33	Our town departments seem to be doing a great job.	11/30/2023 12:48 PM
34	Familiarity	11/29/2023 11:03 PM
35	My husband is the 3rd generation of his family to live here.	11/29/2023 4:05 AM

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

Answered: 624 Skipped: 133



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Affordability / cost of living	43.75%	273
Development / losing small-town feel	42.63%	266
Quality of public school education	41.83%	261
Loss of natural lands / deteriorating environment	38.14%	238
Aging infrastructure	34.13%	213
Vibrancy of commercial areas	29.97%	187
Divisions within the community / lack of inclusivity	17.79%	111
Other (please specify)	15.06%	94
Lack of housing options	11.06%	69
Total Respondents: 624		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	taxes especially property tax increase	3/24/2024 7:04 PM
2	just not pretty too many metal buildings and car dealers	3/24/2024 6:39 PM
3	Lack of side walks on busy streets	3/18/2024 1:14 PM
4	Traffic and lack of safe sidewalks	3/12/2024 10:59 AM
5	No grocery store.	3/9/2024 7:43 PM
6	lack of sidewalks	3/8/2024 12:00 PM
7	Lack of good Restaurants	3/7/2024 8:17 PM
8	Too much housing, ruining open space and costing the town money	3/7/2024 7:56 PM
9	STOP all efforts to build low income complexes.	3/7/2024 3:58 PM
10	Finding the amount of political extremists or sex offenders that live in the area is disheartening but this is home now.	3/7/2024 10:25 AM
11	Lack of industry	3/6/2024 11:12 PM
12	We need more restaurants and retail stores please	3/6/2024 10:26 PM
13	We could use more business	3/6/2024 8:26 PM
14	Other than the feeling of being away from the city there is little here to experience.	3/6/2024 8:09 PM
15	I do not want fields and woods developed	2/18/2024 8:08 AM
16	Rising crime.	2/16/2024 8:36 PM
17	High taxes	2/12/2024 10:57 AM
18	Sewerage	2/10/2024 4:22 AM
19	Over population you are destroying the town greed is a bad thing	1/30/2024 6:29 AM
20	We need gas and sewer services	1/22/2024 7:56 PM
21	The lack of sidewalks. I am an avid walker but the lack of sidewalks makes it difficult to enjoy walking because of having to walk on the streets. Even is a street had one side with sidewalks that would be so much better.	1/21/2024 6:10 PM
22	Streams and brooks are not cleaned; trees and branches that are blocking the flow of water should be removed.	1/20/2024 12:58 PM
23	Traffic and Traffic Light improvements	1/19/2024 4:35 PM
24	Lack of after-school options for teens and tweens.	1/16/2024 12:17 PM
25	Need more sidewalks and business	1/15/2024 11:23 AM
26	Need more side walks	1/13/2024 6:54 PM
27	No plans for town sewer to replace septic systems.	1/12/2024 11:06 PM
28	We need a supermarket and dispensary to help lower taxes in this town	1/11/2024 9:05 AM
29	Allowing CVS to take over that corner was a big mistake, rarely go there now.	1/11/2024 6:12 AM
30	Questions like these, Other than "Aging Infrastructure" the rest a loaded with WOKE	1/9/2024 10:16 PM
31	Development of our beautiful small town is what is mine and many other peoples main concern. People move out here that grew up in or around the city to get that "small town feel" and to get away from the development.	1/9/2024 11:24 AM
32	Flooding everywhere is out of control. Anytime it rains it's a washout for MOST of the towns homes.	1/8/2024 8:06 PM
33	Need a grocery store	1/8/2024 7:36 PM
34	Need town sewerage!!!	1/8/2024 6:39 PM

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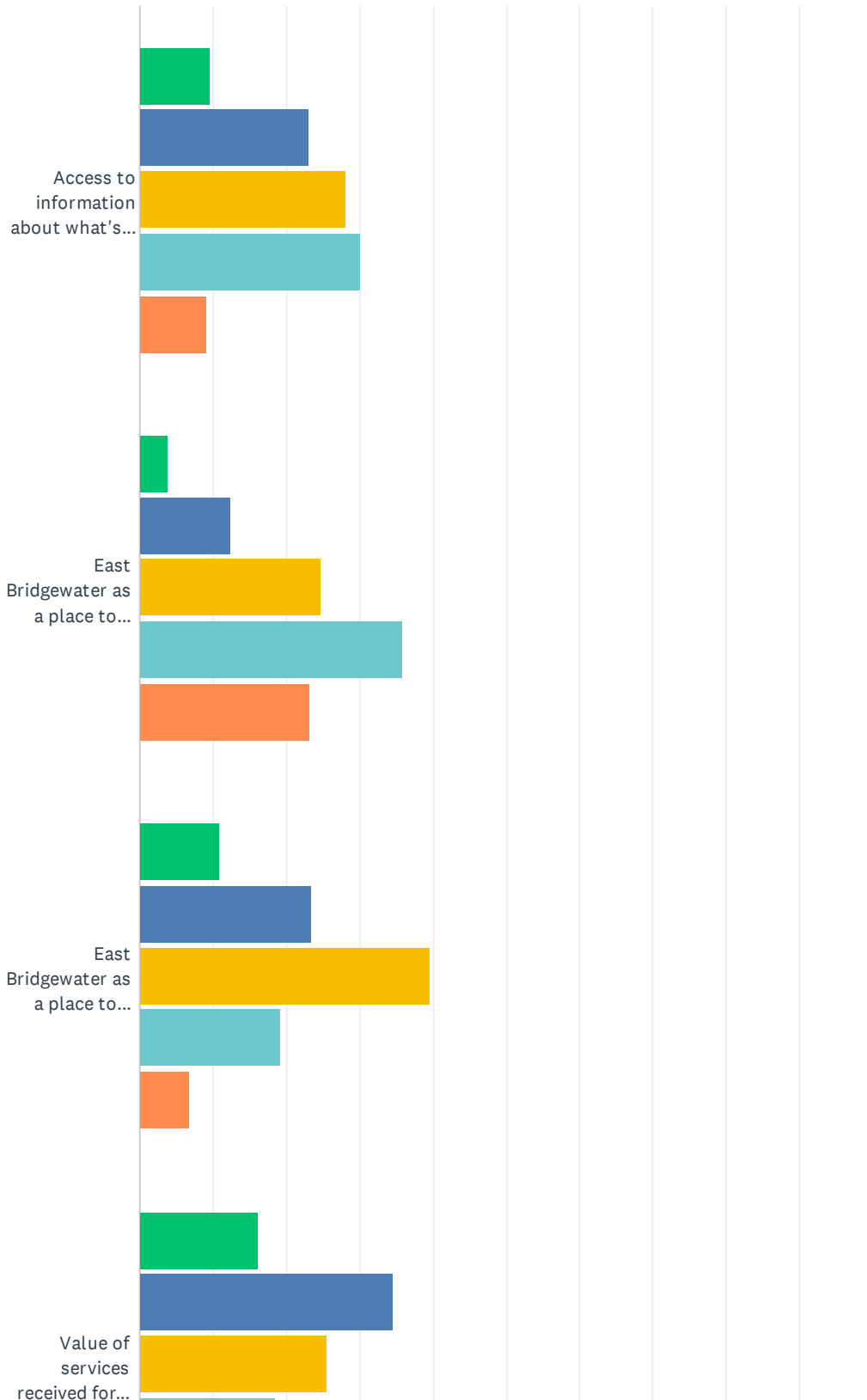
35	I'd love to see our center looking cohesive. More sidewalks. More nature/trail walks, or signage to the affect that they exist. More restaurant options/higher end food options	1/8/2024 5:50 PM
36	Taxes continue to increase- lack of restaurants- lack of industry/shopping center/ stores	1/8/2024 4:39 PM
37	Lack of sidewalks	1/8/2024 3:44 PM
38	Discovered that racism is more prevalent in EB. Lots of white kids throwing around the N word. As a mom to two brown children I find this blatant racism very concerning.	1/8/2024 3:29 PM
39	Traffic flow around central school and library	1/8/2024 2:45 PM
40	Lack of inclusive holiday events ("winter" vs Christmas for example).	1/8/2024 1:15 PM
41	Lack of sidewalks	1/8/2024 1:08 PM
42	Increased traffic/reckless drivers	1/5/2024 1:25 PM
43	Wish there were more recreational and cultural opportunities	12/25/2023 8:50 AM
44	The downtown area and next to the Central School on Central St is unappealing.	12/24/2023 9:19 AM
45	New warehouse built no tenants - taking undeveloped land from wildlife	12/21/2023 11:42 AM
46	sidewalks connecting our town to other towns and for health; available public spaces for public parks, playgrounds, and hanging out areas	12/10/2023 1:54 PM
47	Quality of life.	12/9/2023 10:12 AM
48	not enough housing for new home buyers	12/8/2023 10:55 AM
49	Lack of town sewerage	12/7/2023 4:54 PM
50	Lack of public transportation	12/6/2023 1:59 PM
51	Public transportation for the disabled and elderly	12/4/2023 12:02 PM
52	What is available commercially feels (sorry, I have no other word for it) trashy. No one wants to come to our town, there's no reason to and it's not attractive to visitors or potential future residents. Plus, the jr/sr high school has a terrible reputation.	12/2/2023 2:07 PM
53	Recreational programming. Town communications	12/2/2023 1:18 PM
54	Lack of coordination of recreation- no rec department, only a commission that does not post meeting notes. This creates a lack of organization and cohesion for community events and lack of equity in youth sports and opportunities	12/2/2023 1:09 PM
55	Lack of starter/retiree homes - 1 level, less than 1500 sqft, 2br/1bth cottage style layout for <\$350K	12/2/2023 12:48 PM
56	Over populated already	12/2/2023 6:18 AM
57	The lack of a grocery store is a big negative.	12/1/2023 4:21 PM
58	It feels like a place you drive through not like a real town. Also as a person of color it doesn't feel welcoming to minorities.	12/1/2023 12:49 PM
59	Property taxes are outrageously high.	12/1/2023 12:31 PM
60	Need better restaurant alternatives	12/1/2023 11:36 AM
61	Extreme political divisions	12/1/2023 10:27 AM
62	The lack of diversity in our town leads to a lack of diversity in food options. If you want, pizza or Dunkin' Donuts you're all set. If you're looking for anything else, you're out of luck, you'll have to go into Boston.	12/1/2023 10:18 AM
63	People behaving badly	12/1/2023 12:06 AM
64	no restraunts entertainment -how many times are we going to hear and see Dale and the Duds	11/30/2023 11:43 PM
65	Property, businesses and building a are run down and there doesn't seem to be much interest in making the center and other areas less of an eyesore	11/30/2023 10:43 PM

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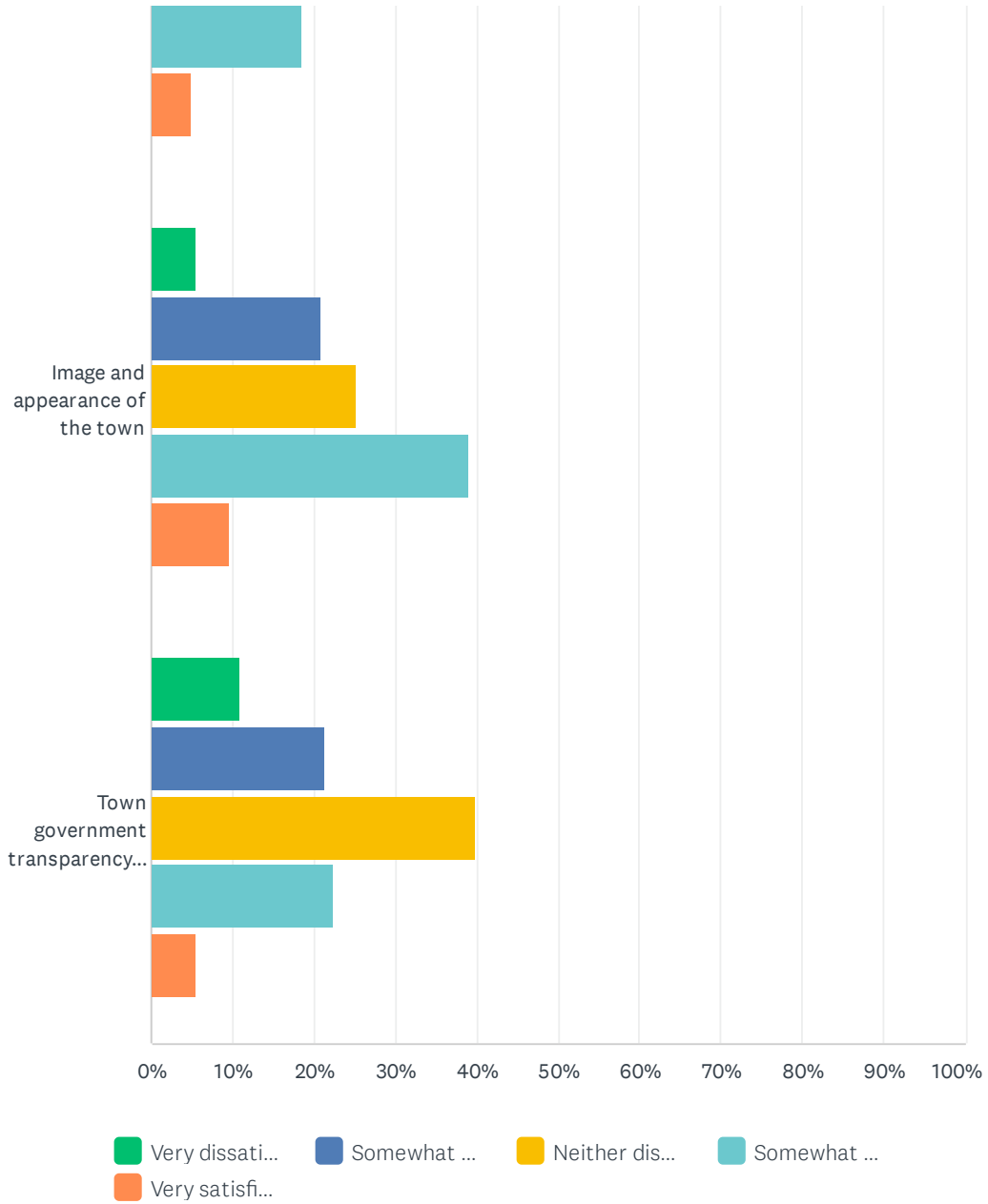
66	Traffic	11/30/2023 9:53 PM
67	Lack of side walks and street lights	11/30/2023 8:23 PM
68	Low income housing	11/30/2023 8:14 PM
69	Property taxes in East Bridgewater are higher than most other communities. The highest of any town during my home search. I'm concerned that they'll get to be too high.	11/30/2023 7:43 PM
70	Traffic on 18 and the center specifically. Need a left turn only light from central school area to left on 18 AND Whitman direction to Central St heading to the central school area.	11/30/2023 6:40 PM
71	Lack of transparency and overspending in school budgeting, school bullying	11/30/2023 6:09 PM
72	lack of public sewerage	11/30/2023 5:09 PM
73	No bike paths and very few walking areas . No Handicap accessible areas. No place to boat. NO public support for creating and sustaining our outdoor space.	11/30/2023 4:31 PM
74	Lack of commercial business and areas that have been run down	11/30/2023 4:29 PM
75	Lacking retail infrastructure	11/30/2023 4:00 PM
76	Traffic. Lack of grocery store	11/30/2023 3:44 PM
77	traffic and dangerous intersections. I live in a street where speeding is a major problem and it filters into a dangerous intersection.	11/30/2023 3:34 PM
78	High Traffic speed on my street, West Union Street near post office.	11/30/2023 3:21 PM
79	Would like to see some more local shops and resturants. Not another nail salon	11/30/2023 3:12 PM
80	speed of truck traffic on rt 106 & Washington st	11/30/2023 3:04 PM
81	Drugs & crime	11/30/2023 2:50 PM
82	Excessive noise on roads. Car accidents.	11/30/2023 2:41 PM
83	the lack of drainage, the beavers have every brook and river dammed up and there is no where for the water to go. The rivers and brooks should be dredged and cleaned of debris to allow water to flow.	11/30/2023 2:39 PM
84	Needs more town events	11/29/2023 11:03 PM
85	Not enough business	11/29/2023 10:34 AM
86	Schools	11/29/2023 9:36 AM
87	Lack of grocery store	11/29/2023 9:29 AM
88	Crime	11/29/2023 9:18 AM
89	Education should be valued, town should contribute more money to education	11/29/2023 8:55 AM
90	High taxes	11/29/2023 8:54 AM
91	Need for more large businesses in town- like a grocery store chain	11/29/2023 8:37 AM
92	Lack of night life	11/29/2023 8:28 AM
93	Inability to adapt to changes in community	11/29/2023 8:18 AM
94	EB DPW that is larger and less effective the larger surround towns?	11/29/2023 8:00 AM

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

Answered: 627 Skipped: 130



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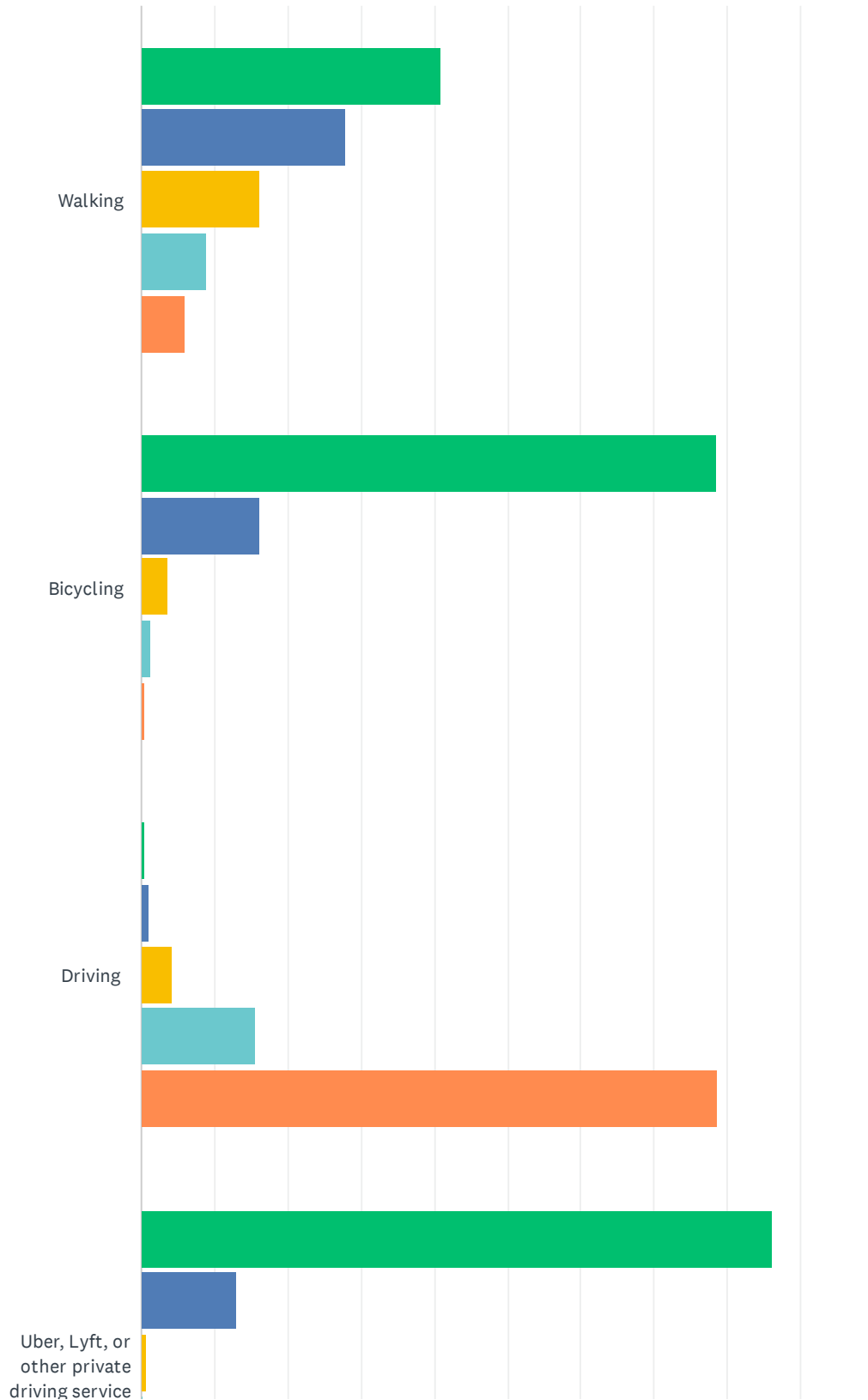


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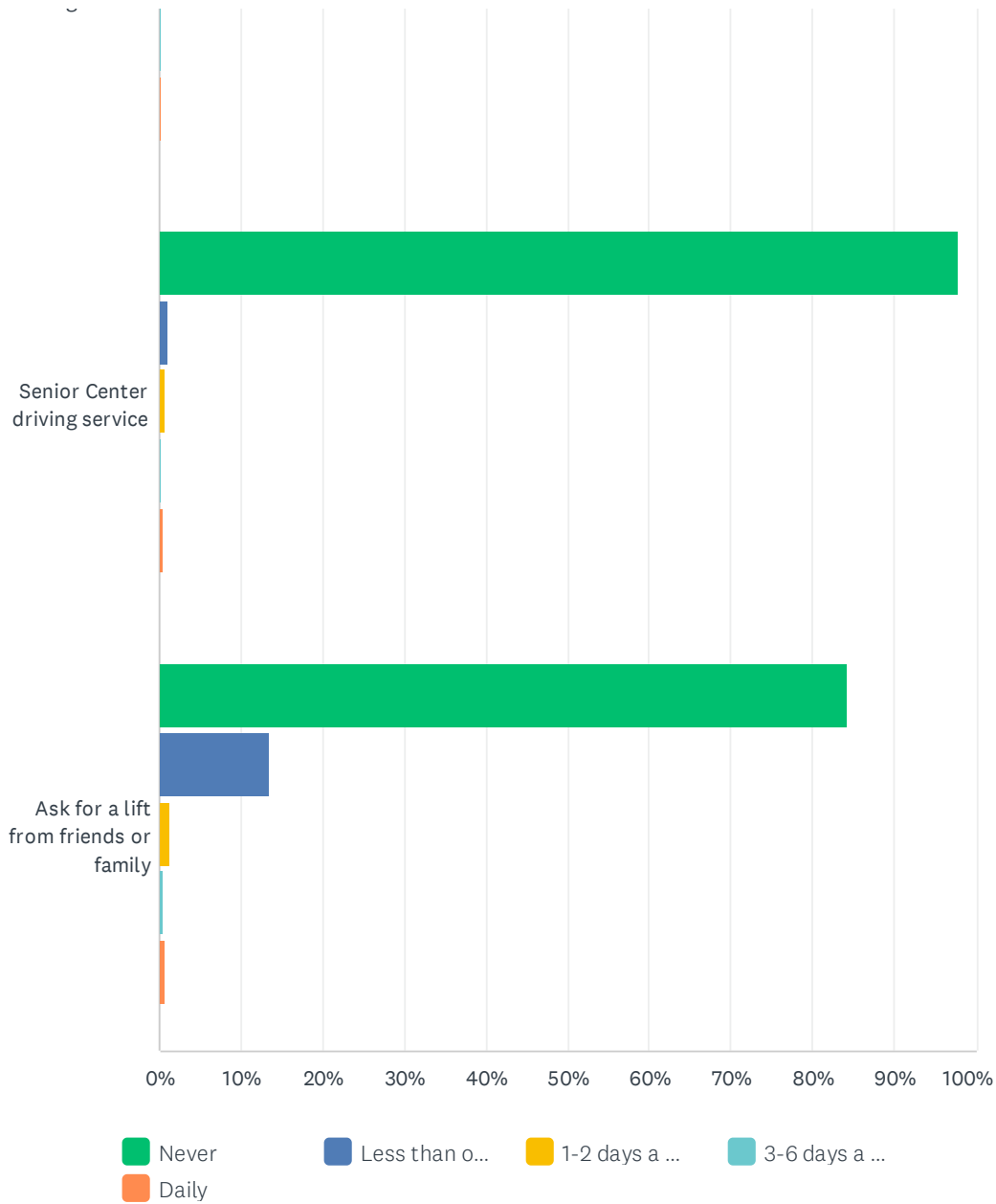
	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Access to information about what's happening in town	9.65% 60	22.99% 143	28.14% 175	30.06% 187	9.16% 57	622	0.06
East Bridgewater as a place to raise children	3.85% 24	12.34% 77	24.68% 154	35.90% 224	23.24% 145	624	0.62
East Bridgewater as a place to retire	10.97% 68	23.39% 145	39.68% 246	19.19% 119	6.77% 42	620	-0.13
Value of services received for your property tax dollars	16.16% 100	34.57% 214	25.69% 159	18.58% 115	5.01% 31	619	-0.38
Image and appearance of the town	5.45% 34	20.83% 130	25.16% 157	38.94% 243	9.62% 60	624	0.26
Town government transparency and accountability	10.95% 68	21.42% 133	39.77% 247	22.38% 139	5.48% 34	621	-0.10

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

Answered: 623 Skipped: 134



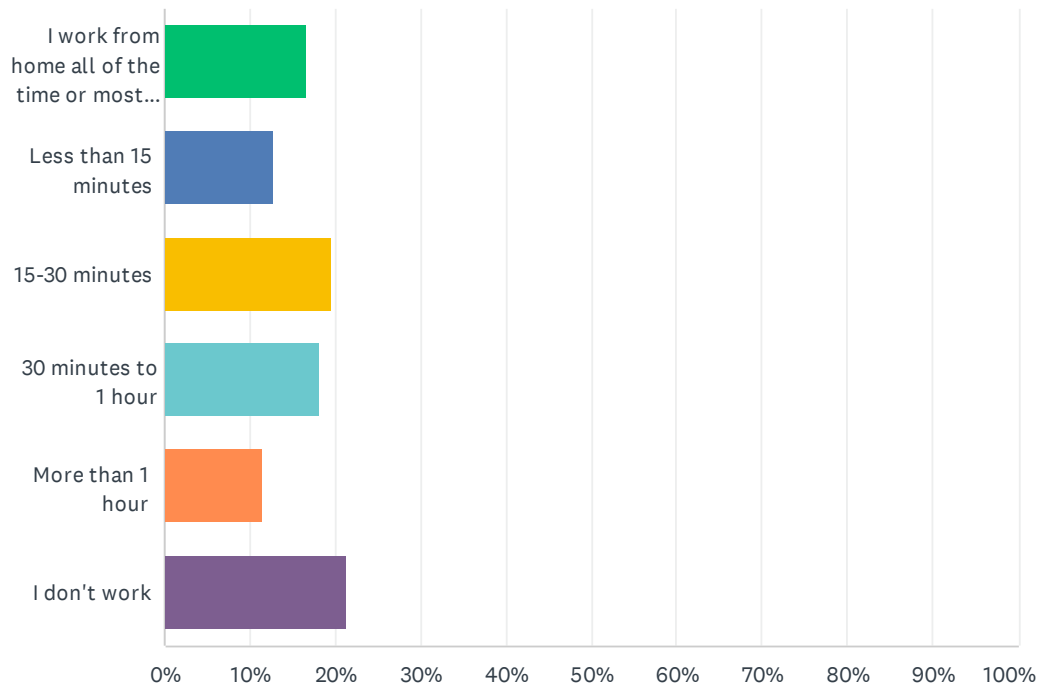
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	NEVER	LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK	1-2 DAYS A WEEK	3-6 DAYS A WEEK	DAILY	TOTAL
Walking	41.01% 251	27.94% 171	16.18% 99	8.99% 55	5.88% 36	612
Bicycling	78.48% 474	16.23% 98	3.64% 22	1.32% 8	0.33% 2	604
Driving	0.48% 3	0.96% 6	4.18% 26	15.59% 97	78.78% 490	622
Uber, Lyft, or other private driving service	86.09% 520	12.91% 78	0.66% 4	0.17% 1	0.17% 1	604
Senior Center driving service	97.85% 591	0.99% 6	0.66% 4	0.17% 1	0.33% 2	604
Ask for a lift from friends or family	84.16% 510	13.37% 81	1.32% 8	0.50% 3	0.66% 4	606

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

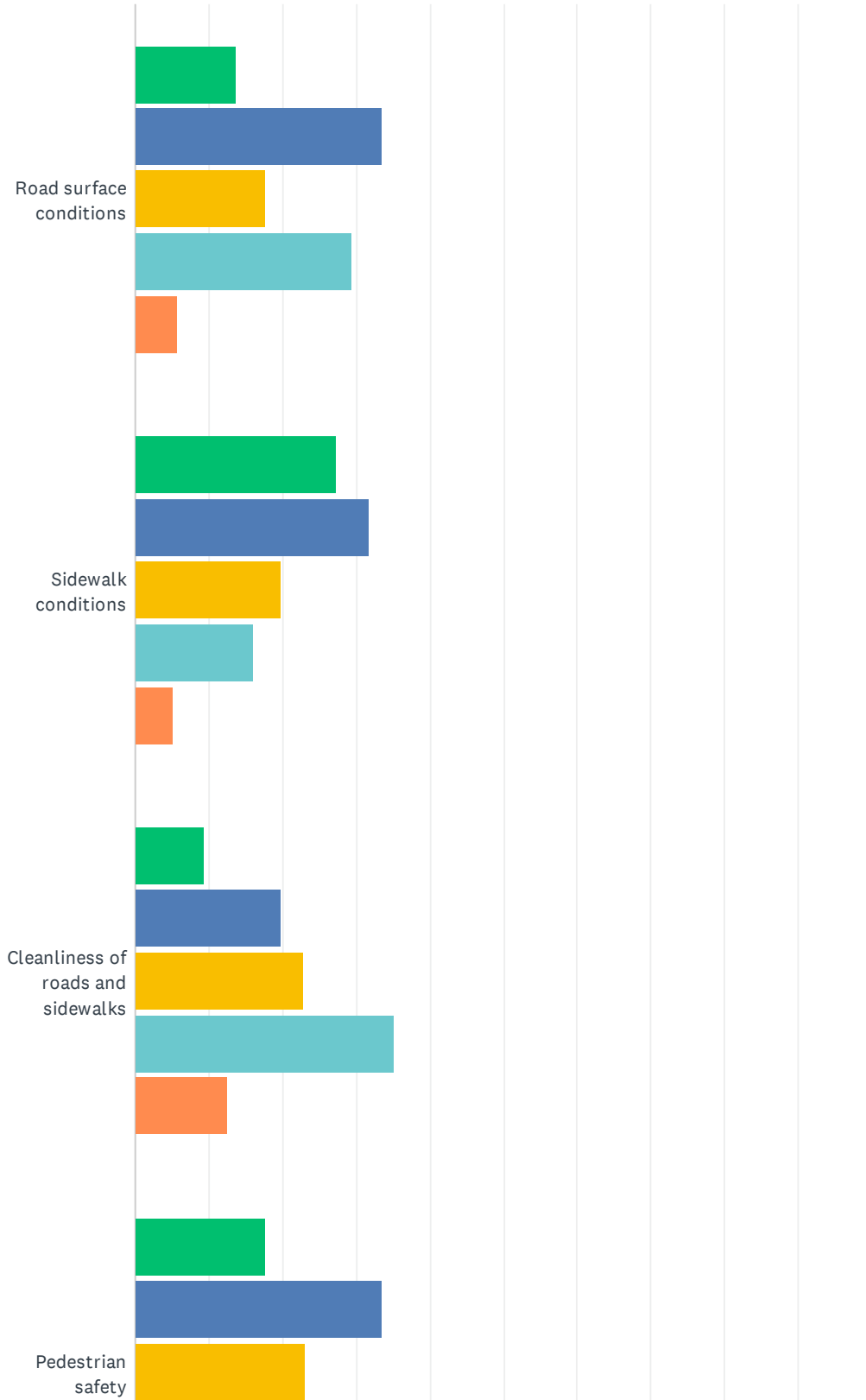
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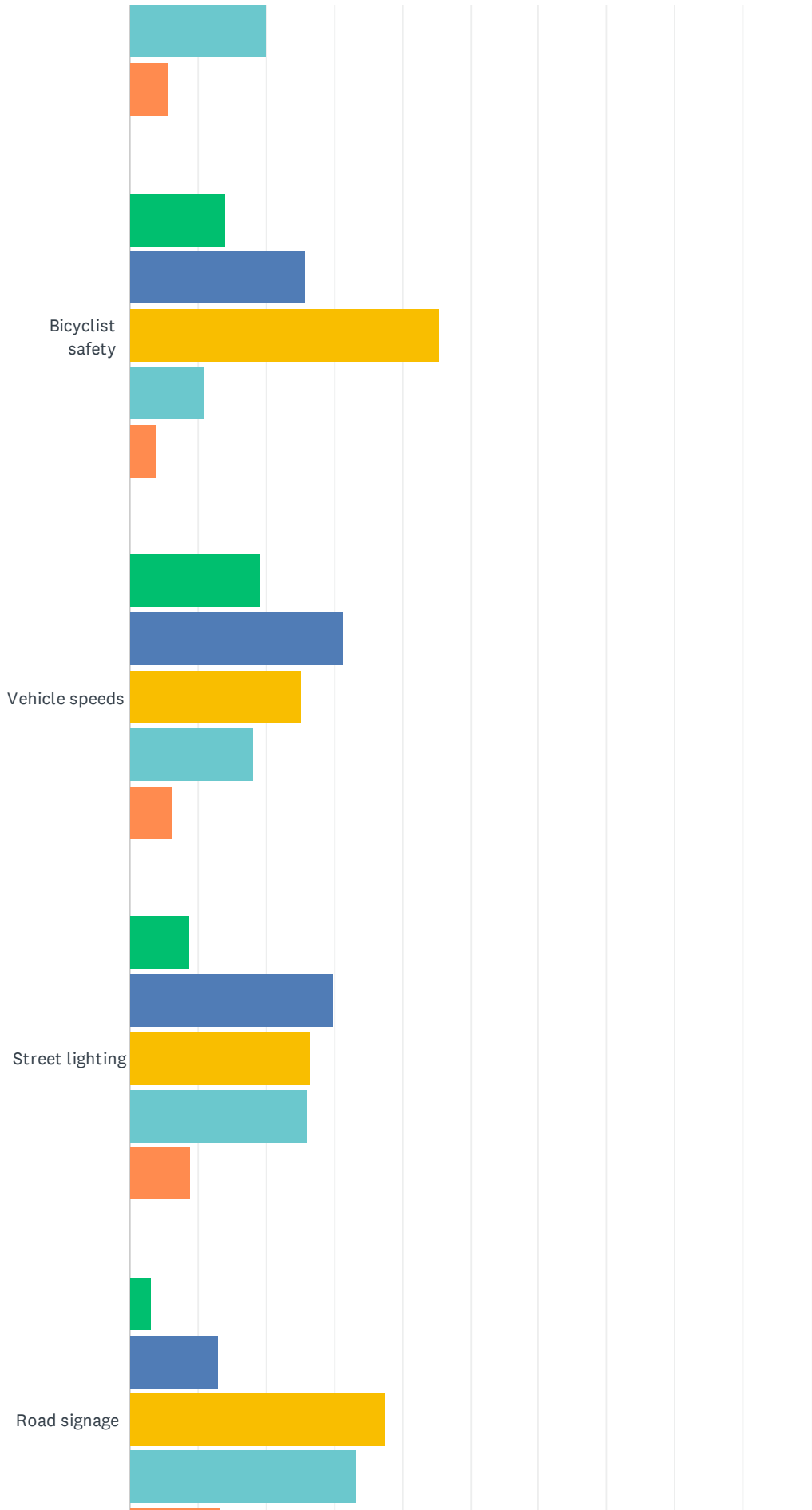
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work from home all of the time or most of the time	16.56%	103
Less than 15 minutes	12.70%	79
15-30 minutes	19.61%	122
30 minutes to 1 hour	18.17%	113
More than 1 hour	11.58%	72
I don't work	21.38%	133
TOTAL		622

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

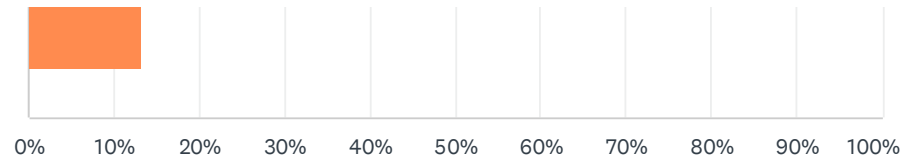
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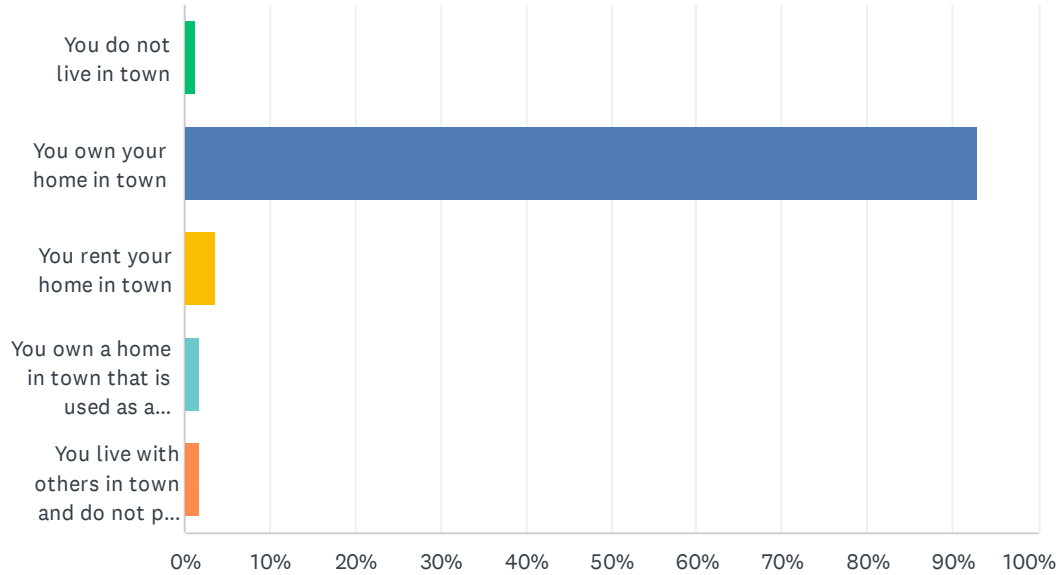
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	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Road surface conditions	13.55% 84	33.55% 208	17.74% 110	29.35% 182	5.81% 36	620	-0.20
Sidewalk conditions	27.27% 168	31.82% 196	19.81% 122	15.91% 98	5.19% 32	616	-0.60
Cleanliness of roads and sidewalks	9.39% 58	19.90% 123	22.82% 141	35.28% 218	12.62% 78	618	0.22
Pedestrian safety	17.77% 110	33.44% 207	23.10% 143	20.03% 124	5.65% 35	619	-0.38
Bicyclist safety	14.12% 87	25.81% 159	45.45% 280	10.88% 67	3.73% 23	616	-0.36
Vehicle speeds	19.09% 118	31.39% 194	25.24% 156	18.12% 112	6.15% 38	618	-0.39
Street lighting	8.77% 54	29.87% 184	26.46% 163	25.97% 160	8.93% 55	616	-0.04
Road signage	3.09% 19	13.03% 80	37.46% 230	33.22% 204	13.19% 81	614	0.40

Q10 Which of the following is true about your home? Please tick all that apply.

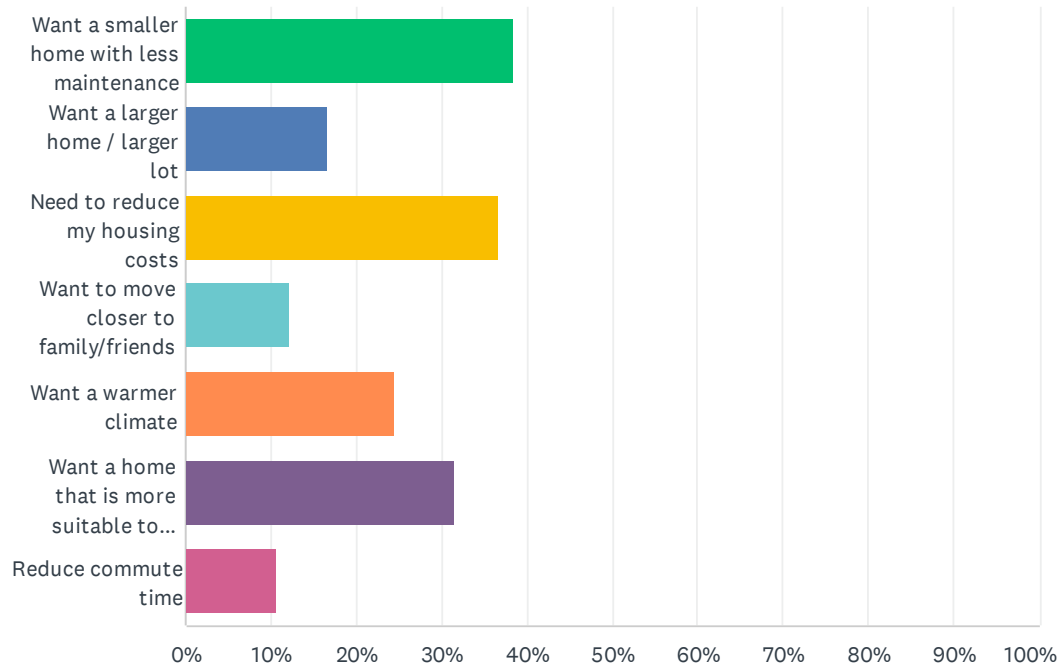
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
You do not live in town	1.32%	8
You own your home in town	92.93%	565
You rent your home in town	3.62%	22
You own a home in town that is used as a rental	1.64%	10
You live with others in town and do not pay rent	1.81%	11
Total Respondents: 608		

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

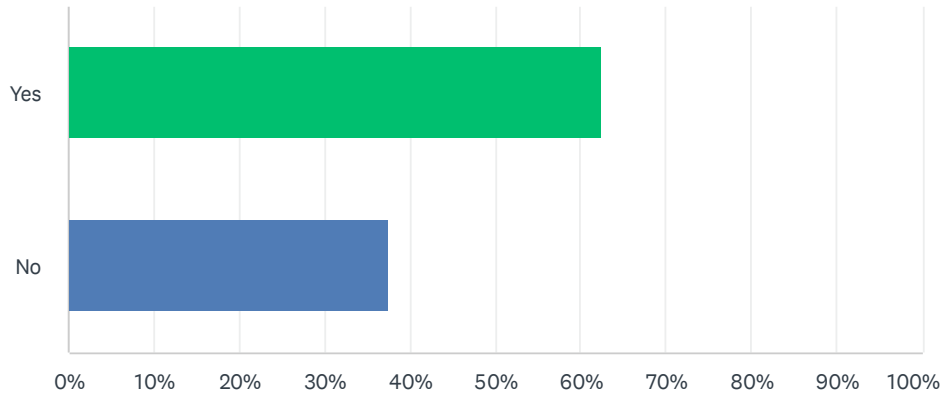
Answered: 577 Skipped: 180



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Want a smaller home with less maintenance	38.30%	221
Want a larger home / larger lot	16.64%	96
Need to reduce my housing costs	36.74%	212
Want to move closer to family/friends	12.13%	70
Want a warmer climate	24.44%	141
Want a home that is more suitable to aging, for example, without stairs	31.54%	182
Reduce commute time	10.57%	61
Total Respondents: 577		

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

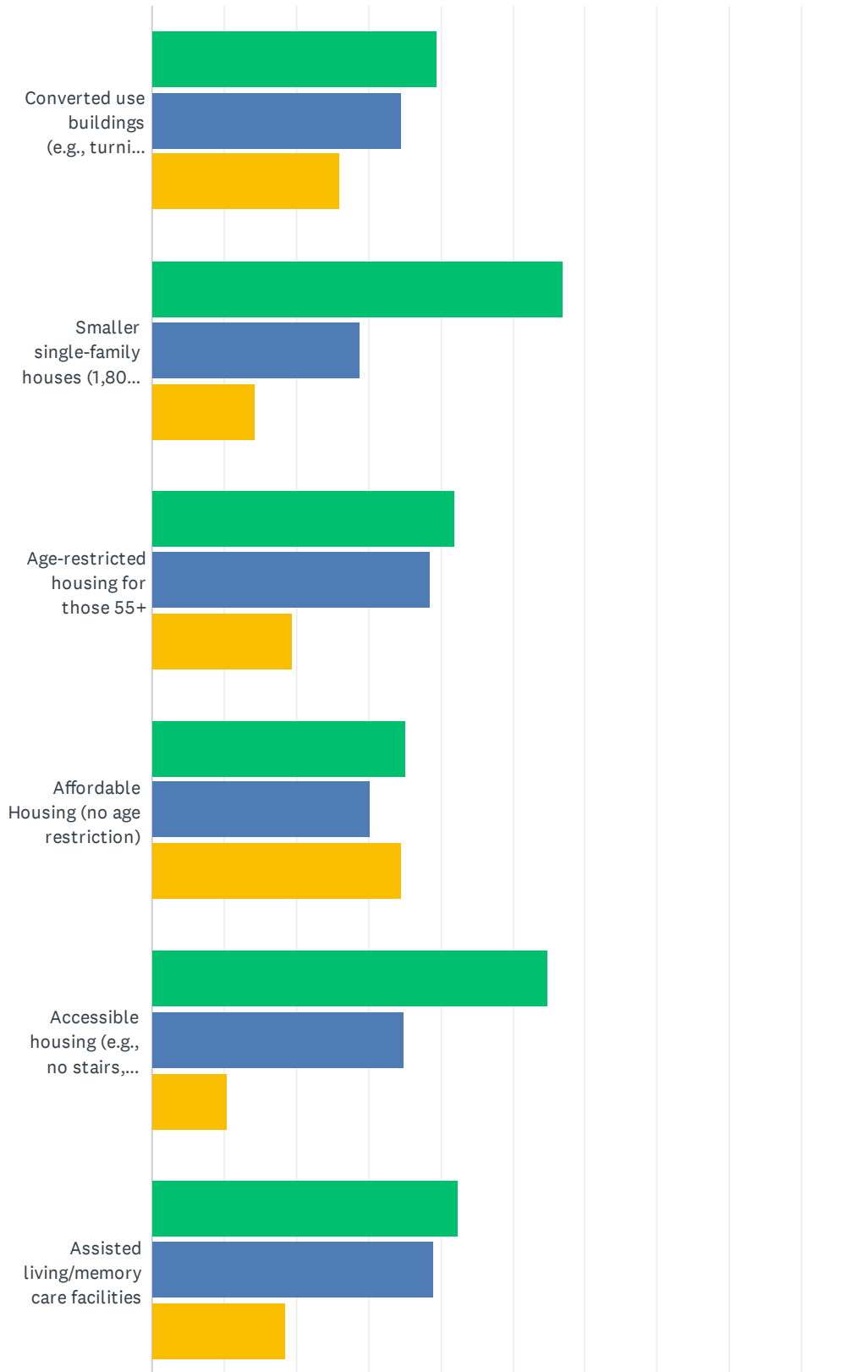
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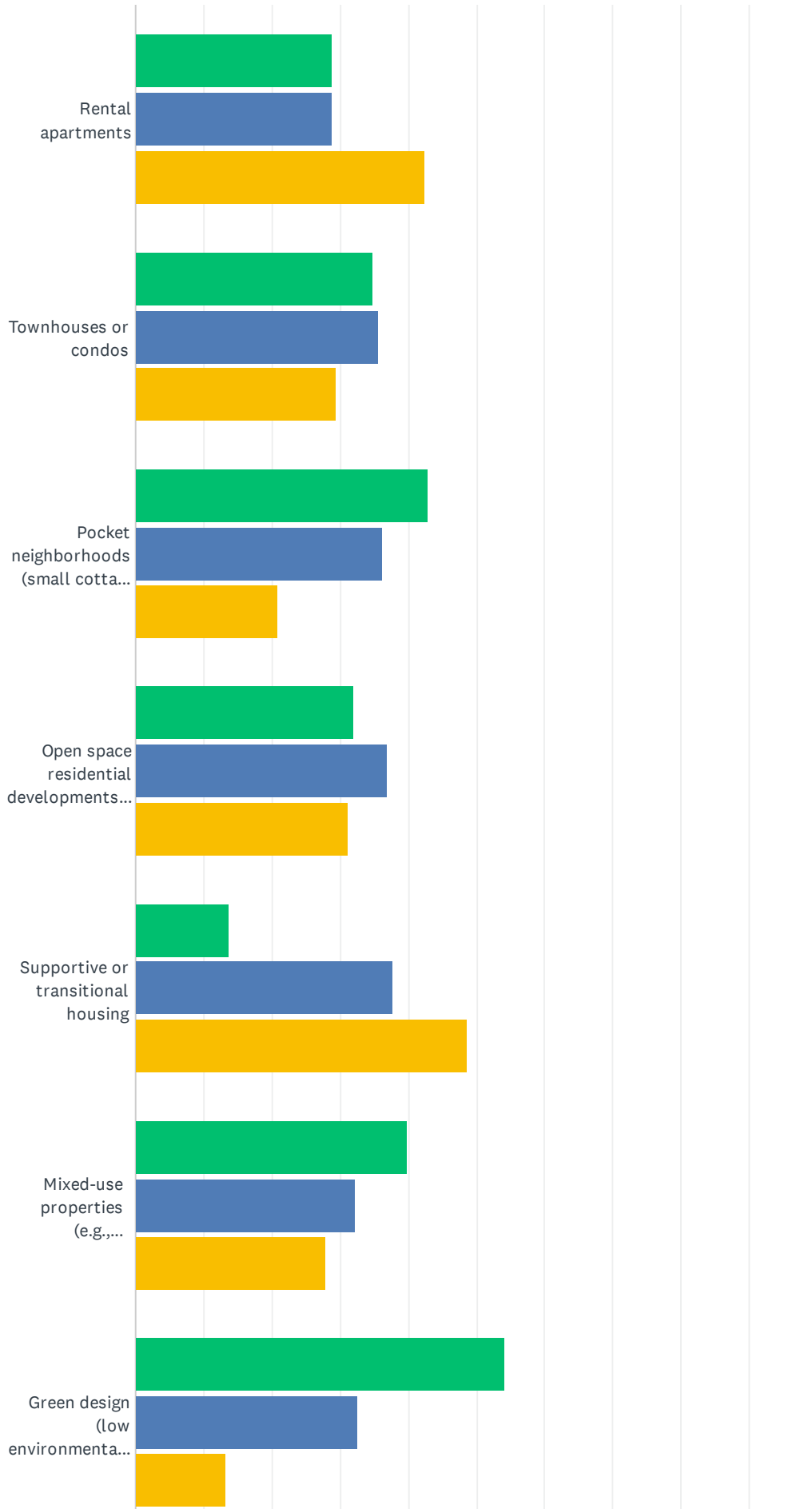
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.40%	375
No	37.60%	226
TOTAL		601

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

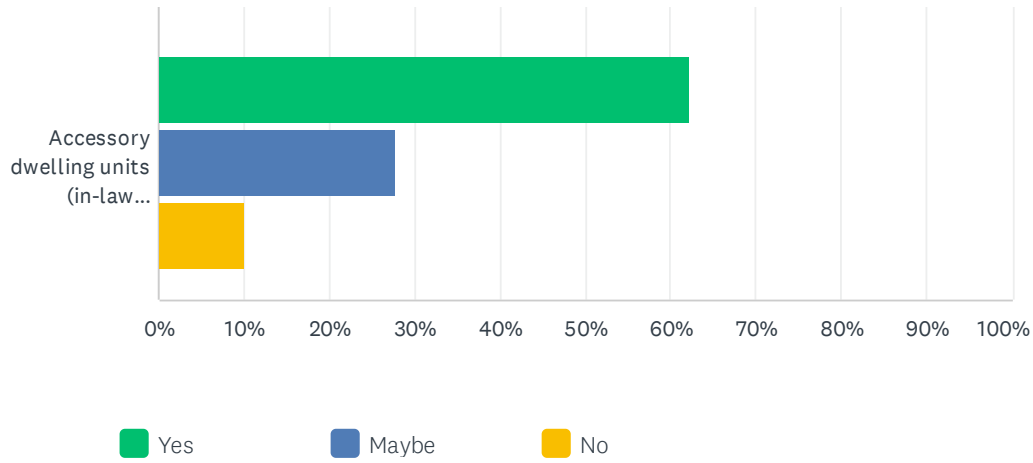
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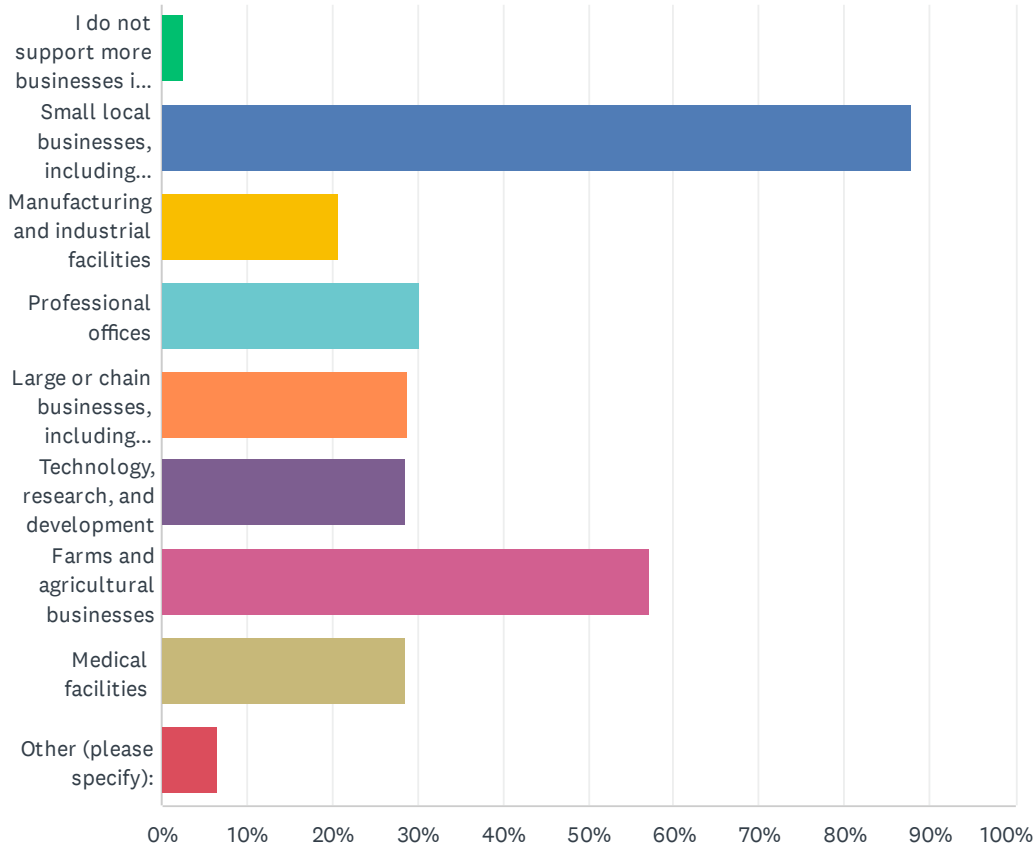
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	YES	MAYBE	NO	TOTAL
Converted use buildings (e.g., turning existing non-residential buildings into housing units)	39.49% 233	34.58% 204	25.93% 153	590
Smaller single-family houses (1,800 square feet or less)	56.90% 338	28.79% 171	14.31% 85	594
Age-restricted housing for those 55+	42.11% 248	38.54% 227	19.35% 114	589
Affordable Housing (no age restriction)	35.19% 209	30.30% 180	34.51% 205	594
Accessible housing (e.g., no stairs, roll-in showers, handrails, etc.)	54.70% 326	34.90% 208	10.40% 62	596
Assisted living/memory care facilities	42.37% 250	38.98% 230	18.64% 110	590
Rental apartments	28.84% 171	28.84% 171	42.33% 251	593
Townhouses or condos	34.85% 207	35.69% 212	29.46% 175	594
Pocket neighborhoods (small cottage homes centered around a common green space)	42.90% 257	36.23% 217	20.87% 125	599
Open space residential developments (homes closer together with conserved open space)	31.93% 190	36.97% 220	31.09% 185	595
Supportive or transitional housing	13.63% 80	37.82% 222	48.55% 285	587
Mixed-use properties (e.g., commercial first floor with residential above)	39.80% 236	32.21% 191	27.99% 166	593
Green design (low environmental impact; e.g., energy efficient)	54.21% 322	32.66% 194	13.13% 78	594
Accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments)	62.25% 371	27.68% 165	10.07% 60	596

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

Answered: 596 Skipped: 161



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not support more businesses in town.	2.52%	15
Small local businesses, including retail and restaurants	87.92%	524
Manufacturing and industrial facilities	20.64%	123
Professional offices	30.37%	181
Large or chain businesses, including retail and restaurants	28.69%	171
Technology, research, and development	28.52%	170
Farms and agricultural businesses	57.05%	340
Medical facilities	28.52%	170
Other (please specify):	6.54%	39
Total Respondents: 596		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
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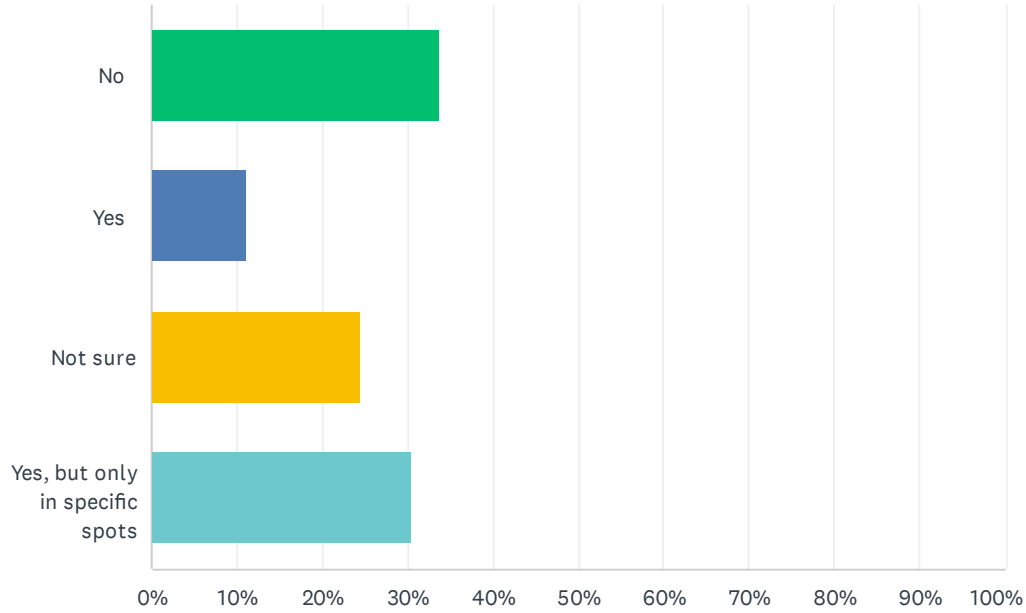
1	Engage youth into working in town	3/24/2024 7:06 PM
2	Stop building new and revamp what we have.	3/21/2024 4:23 PM
3	Double edged sword. More business would help with taxes on residents but change our town state of being.	3/7/2024 10:34 AM
4	Stop destroying the town	1/30/2024 6:34 AM
5	Nothing that makes noise in the surrounding area	1/23/2024 11:05 AM
6	Cannabis dispensaries (medical or recreational) with police presence	1/11/2024 9:12 AM
7	Recreational Marijuana	1/10/2024 10:02 AM
8	Restaurant	1/9/2024 6:57 PM
9	Places for entertainment, bowling, small concert venue,	1/9/2024 7:49 AM
10	lack of accessible night life scene.	1/8/2024 9:37 PM
11	Small family owned businesses and farm to table businesses	1/8/2024 8:12 PM
12	Grocery store	1/8/2024 7:55 PM
13	Grocery	1/8/2024 7:41 PM
14	More community events with police and political people participating also	1/8/2024 5:03 PM
15	Supermarket	1/8/2024 2:49 PM
16	Green spaces and community event opportunities	1/8/2024 1:40 PM
17	Grocery store	1/8/2024 1:22 PM
18	A Natural Health and Food Store	12/25/2023 8:58 AM
19	A main chain grocery store	12/10/2023 1:59 PM
20	A hospital -NON profit	12/9/2023 10:16 AM
21	A grocery store that lasts!	12/2/2023 11:18 PM
22	Grocery store	12/1/2023 4:27 PM
23	Chipotle	12/1/2023 12:53 PM
24	Bring more business into town without losing our small town feel	12/1/2023 12:39 PM
25	A supermarket	12/1/2023 9:03 AM
26	Bowling alley/ skating rink recreation building for kids	11/30/2023 8:44 PM
27	businesses	11/30/2023 8:28 PM
28	Anyone that would contribute to the tax base without increasing the number of school age children	11/30/2023 7:23 PM
29	Sidewalks on 106; bike lanes; speed bumps, measures to reduce speed and invite more walking and biking around town	11/30/2023 7:02 PM
30	Grocery stores	11/30/2023 6:47 PM
31	Grocery store	11/30/2023 6:30 PM
32	Anything that will bring in more taxes, really; but NOT industrial	11/30/2023 6:03 PM
33	More parks for children. the one in Bridgewater is awesome!	11/30/2023 4:25 PM
34	Stop building new and revamp what we have.	11/30/2023 2:47 PM
35	We are too removed from major routes to support manufacturing.	11/30/2023 12:54 PM
36	Grocery store such as Trader Joes	11/30/2023 6:46 AM

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37	Activity based entertainment	11/29/2023 11:06 PM
38	Restaurants	11/29/2023 6:08 PM
39	Anything that will lower our property taxes	11/29/2023 10:18 AM

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

Answered: 599 Skipped: 158



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	33.72%	202
Yes	11.19%	67
Not sure	24.54%	147
Yes, but only in specific spots	30.55%	183
TOTAL		599

Q16 If land were to be rezoned for commercial and/or light industrial use, do you have suggestions for placement? i.e. particular streets or intersections, adjacent to current businesses, specific areas

Answered: 187 Skipped: 570

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	3/25/2024 2:02 PM
2	No	3/24/2024 6:51 PM
3	Just stop cutting down the wooded areas. There's plenty of buildings and houses we can work on already!	3/21/2024 4:23 PM
4	the cotton gin	3/13/2024 5:45 PM
5	A walkable downtown with small businesses would be lovely. I think we're all set on industrial/warehouse use.	3/11/2024 1:13 PM
6	Route 18, Highland Street, North Central Street, West Union Street, Spring Street, West Street	3/8/2024 7:51 AM
7	Not especially but not farmland	3/7/2024 8:21 PM
8	Old eastern states Steel property	3/7/2024 8:02 PM
9	Not in residential areas	3/7/2024 6:50 PM
10	No	3/7/2024 3:47 PM
11	Route 18 near Whitman, Thatcher/belmont St areas	3/7/2024 11:00 AM
12	Perhaps in those areas where rundown, condemned, or burned down places make eye sores already.	3/7/2024 10:34 AM
13	Route 18 corridor only	3/7/2024 9:58 AM
14	no	3/7/2024 8:36 AM
15	Spring street.	3/7/2024 8:34 AM
16	Restaurants and Retail	3/6/2024 10:30 PM
17	No	3/6/2024 10:16 PM
18	No	3/6/2024 9:58 PM
19	Ridder Golf land	3/6/2024 9:25 PM
20	no	3/6/2024 8:55 PM
21	no idea	3/6/2024 8:33 PM
22	Rt 18, north central street, spring street,	3/6/2024 8:29 PM
23	W union street	3/6/2024 8:15 PM
24	All of rt 18	3/6/2024 8:14 PM
25	Let wetlands be used for agricultural use	3/6/2024 8:09 PM
26	Near current businesses only - rte 18	3/4/2024 12:44 AM
27	Spring St, Bedford St, Union @ Cook St, Oak St near 27 & 14	2/23/2024 8:09 AM
28	keep businesses in a central area, where it already exists, not among residential neighborhoods	2/20/2024 1:07 PM

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29	Where shaws used to be. Where joblot is. Looks like Rt 1 in Saugus.	2/10/2024 4:27 AM
30	STOP DESTROYING THE TOWN	1/30/2024 6:34 AM
31	Please rezone the area near Wayside Farm and Captains way to residential use only. The noise from businesses in this area has subtracted from the quality of life in EB for literally hundreds of people.	1/23/2024 11:05 AM
32	I do not	1/21/2024 6:15 PM
33	Bedford Street, Oak Street, West Street, Spring Street, Plymouth St.	1/20/2024 1:10 PM
34	Adjacent to current businesses	1/19/2024 1:35 PM
35	Bedford Street, downtown area	1/18/2024 9:03 PM
36	Bedford st.	1/18/2024 8:32 PM
37	In order to keep the farm/agricultural like charm people favor and love about this town I would build near town centers/commuter train areas. People move here for the appeal.	1/17/2024 8:46 AM
38	Spring Street, Laurel Street	1/16/2024 1:14 PM
39	Already commercial areas along Rt 18	1/16/2024 12:30 PM
40	Not really	1/16/2024 12:20 PM
41	Continue expanding route 18 to two lanes and there is more than enough room in 18 for more commercial business. Route 106	1/15/2024 11:28 AM
42	No	1/13/2024 11:33 AM
43	No	1/12/2024 10:16 AM
44	Do not resone	1/11/2024 2:54 PM
45	Wherever it doesn't interfere with wetlands and already heavily flooded areas	1/11/2024 9:12 AM
46	Where this already exists, such as Shaws warehouse	1/11/2024 6:16 AM
47	No	1/10/2024 7:29 PM
48	Rt 18.	1/10/2024 11:30 AM
49	No	1/10/2024 6:31 AM
50	Much of the and off Winter, Thatcher, and North Bedford St. All remaining sections of the Hanson Land Company	1/9/2024 10:23 PM
51	Route 18 near the old foxboro company. That side of town seeing as so many businesses are already over there. WB has a commercial area, so doesn't bridgewater and Raynham had 2 area. EB has nothing	1/9/2024 6:57 PM
52	No more commercial use.	1/9/2024 3:25 PM
53	No	1/9/2024 12:19 PM
54	Route 18/106	1/9/2024 11:30 AM
55	No	1/9/2024 11:30 AM
56	no	1/9/2024 10:42 AM
57	Sewerage	1/9/2024 8:00 AM
58	No	1/9/2024 7:25 AM
59	Rt 18	1/9/2024 7:15 AM
60	Stop building, too many vacancies now. Work on modifying/filling existing buildings.	1/9/2024 6:26 AM
61	None	1/9/2024 5:57 AM
62	Use currently unoccupied former business areas	1/9/2024 5:55 AM

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63	Spring st where other like properties are located	1/8/2024 10:36 PM
64	No	1/8/2024 10:22 PM
65	Not anywhere near the center of town. Traffic is brutal now central West Union route 18 a mess. Around the center definitely need a stoplight to allow people to access route 18 from Union Street nobody let you out and the traffic is brutal and very dangerous to turn onto Route 18	1/8/2024 9:21 PM
66	Spring st to 106	1/8/2024 9:06 PM
67	We need town sewer	1/8/2024 8:47 PM
68	All along 18 and Spring	1/8/2024 8:40 PM
69	Move the lights back to make space for people turning onto 18 from the cross streets near Sullivan tire so that intersection isn't such a hazard.	1/8/2024 8:12 PM
70	Old mill at Whitman St and 106	1/8/2024 7:55 PM
71	None!	1/8/2024 7:49 PM
72	Rt 106 and/ or Rt 18	1/8/2024 7:39 PM
73	No. Please slow down on destroying our environment	1/8/2024 7:02 PM
74	Spring st	1/8/2024 7:02 PM
75	If the town had to add commercial/industrial areas, I would keep it along route 18 and in the center.	1/8/2024 6:56 PM
76	No	1/8/2024 6:55 PM
77	Do NOT rezone land	1/8/2024 6:37 PM
78	Rt 18: keep it centralized and out of neighborhoods	1/8/2024 6:34 PM
79	Space along the main road in town like route 18 or 106	1/8/2024 6:30 PM
80	Central street/Plymouth street	1/8/2024 6:30 PM
81	Cannabis sales	1/8/2024 6:19 PM
82	down across from the post office. Spring Street.	1/8/2024 6:00 PM
83	Route 18	1/8/2024 5:57 PM
84	Off of route 18, lots of abandoned commercial spaces already in town that could be revamped for new business. Preferably local but commercial as well. More stores and restaurants would be nice.	1/8/2024 5:55 PM
85	Route 18, 106	1/8/2024 5:20 PM
86	Shaw's distribution center-Rt18 across from Sullivan tire (blue bldg)	1/8/2024 4:56 PM
87	Where there is existing business or commercial properties	1/8/2024 4:34 PM
88	We have areas that aren't being utilized. Instead of adding, why not revitalize what we have.	1/8/2024 3:33 PM
89	Near the library and schools are a bustling area but with underserved applications!	1/8/2024 1:40 PM
90	No	1/8/2024 1:33 PM
91	abutting or adjacent to current commercial or business areas keeping the areas of residential free from heavy business traffic	1/7/2024 6:21 PM
92	Unfortunately the center layout and current industry holds their spots. Maybe a revised downtown to better accommodate foot traffic and building use.	1/7/2024 9:37 AM
93	Not sure where at this point - but current residents should be notified and approve	12/25/2023 8:58 AM
94	Route 18	12/24/2023 9:28 AM
95	No can you rezone wildlife, native plants and trees etc. NO stop building on undeveloped land	12/21/2023 11:51 AM

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	and save our wet lands!!	
96	no	12/18/2023 2:13 PM
97	The Route 18 aand 106 corridors	12/18/2023 8:40 AM
98	Spring, Laurel and Bedford (south of the center)	12/12/2023 10:19 AM
99	Route 18	12/11/2023 10:22 AM
100	Route 18. Intersection of Central & Washington Streets and undeveloped areas near this intersection.	12/11/2023 10:20 AM
101	Between 18 and Spring could be made into more commercial	12/10/2023 8:09 PM
102	Area across from post office, which is in walking distance from the schools could be cleaned up and repurchased. Seems like a waste of good space near 18	12/10/2023 1:59 PM
103	Not near any neighborhood, where industry is now.	12/9/2023 10:16 AM
104	No	12/9/2023 3:29 AM
105	Across from post office	12/8/2023 5:39 PM
106	The new sewerage district is obvious	12/8/2023 11:00 AM
107	As near as possible to major roadways. Restrict to reuse of previously developed land; do NOT develop currently virgin land. Protect the environment.	12/7/2023 5:13 PM
108	Main roads and close to center of town	12/7/2023 4:28 PM
109	Bedford Street	12/5/2023 8:08 PM
110	In appropriate areas that do not disturb residential areas.	12/5/2023 10:25 AM
111	away from wetlands	12/4/2023 7:47 AM
112	No	12/3/2023 7:17 PM
113	Spring, Laurel, west, Washington, Plymouth, Bridge, Highland, crescent, cook, west Union	12/3/2023 2:09 PM
114	a grocery store would be nice, maybe down near ocean state job lot	12/3/2023 10:12 AM
115	If you most put more do it closer to Brockton where the people will be coming from	12/3/2023 7:17 AM
116	?	12/2/2023 8:07 AM
117	Adjacent to current	12/2/2023 7:01 AM
118	Stop destroying the town	12/2/2023 6:24 AM
119	Away from town center	12/1/2023 7:42 PM
120	No opinion	12/1/2023 4:27 PM
121	Where there are already dilapidated structures like on Plymouth Street	12/1/2023 12:53 PM
122	Thatcher Street area	12/1/2023 12:39 PM
123	Away from private homes.	12/1/2023 12:14 PM
124	Route 18 only	12/1/2023 11:59 AM
125	RT 106, Rt 18, Spring ST possibly parts of Washington ST	12/1/2023 11:42 AM
126	All of our zoning needs to be updated to allow for progress and future development. We don't want to be continually behind the 8 ball!	12/1/2023 10:25 AM
127	Would need more information to answer this question. ie, where are properties that might be refined.	12/1/2023 9:03 AM
128	we need more commercial tax by in the industrial park area, job lot area, etc.	12/1/2023 8:48 AM
129	drivers are driving recklessly	11/30/2023 11:49 PM

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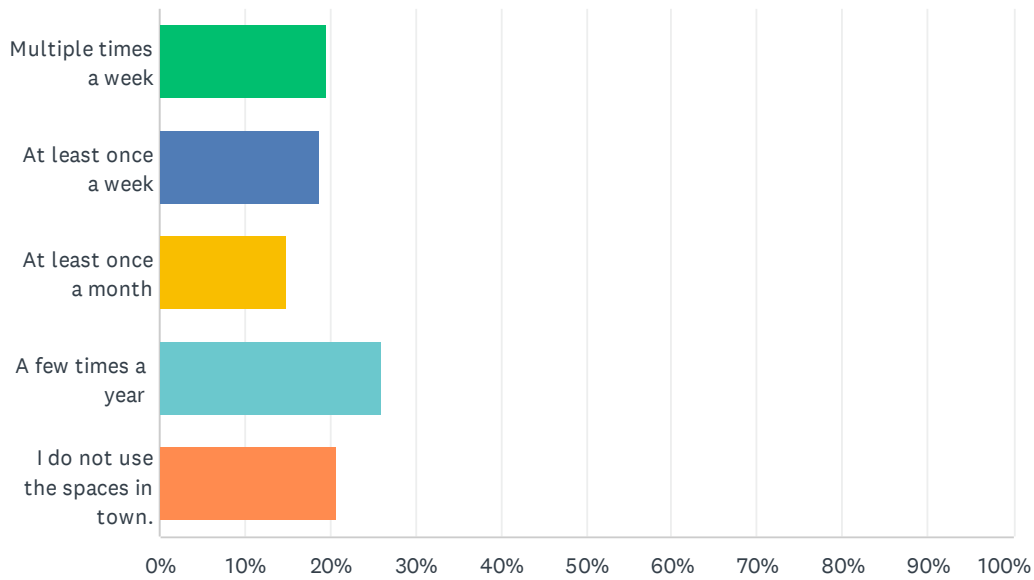
130	Can we clean up the existing buildings and business first?es	11/30/2023 10:48 PM
131	Spring street only	11/30/2023 9:34 PM
132	between Cumberland Farms and Dewhurst lumber. Across the street from land of electronics, where that putt putt golf place used to be. The industrial area also near land of electronics.	11/30/2023 8:20 PM
133	All of Rte 18. Need more space like Spring street, or Highland	11/30/2023 7:54 PM
134	Route 106, central street	11/30/2023 7:23 PM
135	Change areas currently zoned for industrial use to less intensive uses	11/30/2023 7:21 PM
136	Don't place where it will add commercial vehicles clogging up the only access roads out or into town	11/30/2023 6:30 PM
137	Old junk lots such as across from the post office	11/30/2023 6:03 PM
138	None	11/30/2023 5:45 PM
139	along Spring Street	11/30/2023 5:17 PM
140	Not near me !	11/30/2023 5:02 PM
141	Only near thatcher street no	11/30/2023 4:37 PM
142	Main intersections with buildings not being used, Union street, pockets on and just off 104 and 106 that	11/30/2023 4:34 PM
143	Available area near the center of town	11/30/2023 4:34 PM
144	Corridors of Rt106 and Rt18.	11/30/2023 4:30 PM
145	Along Rte. 18, Spring Street, and areas where light industry already exists.	11/30/2023 4:25 PM
146	Along state roads	11/30/2023 4:23 PM
147	Not really	11/30/2023 4:09 PM
148	no	11/30/2023 4:09 PM
149	Town center area on route 18	11/30/2023 4:06 PM
150	No	11/30/2023 3:54 PM
151	No	11/30/2023 3:51 PM
152	Not sure	11/30/2023 3:31 PM
153	The section of Rt 18 by the Whitman town line is one area that could be zoned commercial/industrial. Also sections along Highland St could be in that type of zoning district.	11/30/2023 3:30 PM
154	No idea	11/30/2023 3:25 PM
155	Anywhere to lower the taxes	11/30/2023 3:22 PM
156	Adjacent to others	11/30/2023 3:12 PM
157	Spring St.	11/30/2023 3:12 PM
158	Around like type existing use	11/30/2023 3:10 PM
159	Route 18 corridor or Route 106	11/30/2023 3:05 PM
160	Close to Route 18 / 106 only and traffic has to be consideration.	11/30/2023 3:03 PM
161	Re-zone Central Street to commercial or light industrial so more businesses will be in need of trucking. Might as well do it up right.	11/30/2023 2:57 PM
162	Adjacent to current businesses or town center	11/30/2023 2:54 PM
163	West union street	11/30/2023 2:50 PM
164	Adjacent	11/30/2023 2:48 PM

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165	Just stop cutting down the wooded areas. There's plenty of buildings and houses we can work on already!	11/30/2023 2:47 PM
166	Near current businesses and away from residential areas	11/30/2023 1:05 PM
167	along numbered routes.	11/30/2023 12:54 PM
168	Where the old iron structure and storage facility is located	11/30/2023 6:46 AM
169	Route 18 and Plymouth Street	11/29/2023 11:50 PM
170	Not sure	11/29/2023 11:06 PM
171	Along main streets in town to minimize traffic impacts	11/29/2023 8:15 PM
172	Rt18	11/29/2023 6:29 PM
173	It would be nice to have some semblance of a town center where there is space to walk safely (i.e. sidewalks AND slow traffic) as well as shops to visit. Ideally, a redesign of the space near the library through to the Ocean state shopping center and expanding back towards the post office that didn't involve dodging three lanes of traffic and continuously run red-lights.	11/29/2023 6:13 PM
174	Spring st. Rt 106. Rt 18 maybe more light commercial on those roads	11/29/2023 5:17 PM
175	I'd love to see the cotton gin building redeveloped, not torn down	11/29/2023 1:34 PM
176	Re-design the whole center of town to allow more parking and easier access to current and future businesses.	11/29/2023 10:48 AM
177	No one wants it in their own backyard. It is unfair but true.	11/29/2023 10:04 AM
178	Route 18	11/29/2023 9:38 AM
179	Areas that are already cleared	11/29/2023 9:18 AM
180	Bedford Street and Central/Washington Street	11/29/2023 9:05 AM
181	Adjacent to current businesses	11/29/2023 9:01 AM
182	We need town sewer and that will bring in more businesses. Small businesses can't afford astronomically priced football field sized septic systems. They will just go to the surrounding towns for the ease of town sewer	11/29/2023 8:34 AM
183	Any rezoning would require significant roadwork. Our roads are already handling more traffic than they were ever designed for. If expansion of the roads in town were an option, the area along Franklin street, Oak street, and Central Street (at the Hanson end) could all be developed, but traffic loads on all of those roads are of concern.	11/29/2023 8:24 AM
184	The least impact on homeowners while increasing the commercial tax base.	11/29/2023 8:17 AM
185	Route 18 and Central Street	11/29/2023 7:35 AM
186	The street leading to Massasoit. Halifax town line.	11/29/2023 4:09 AM
187	Rt 106 from Washington Street to Halifax town line	11/28/2023 7:36 PM

Q17 How often do you use open space or recreation space in town?

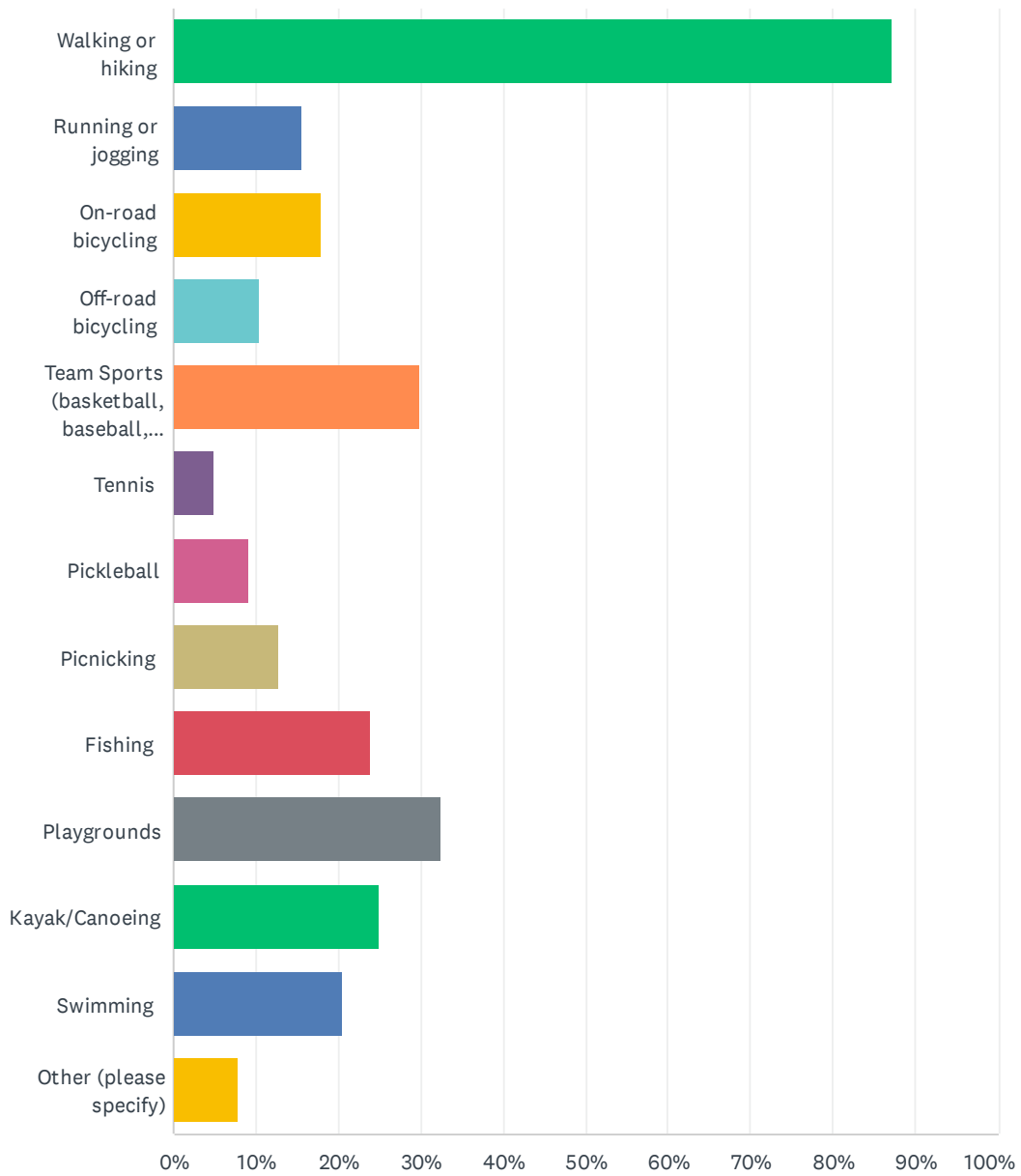
Answered: 587 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times a week	19.59%	115
At least once a week	18.74%	110
At least once a month	14.99%	88
A few times a year	26.06%	153
I do not use the spaces in town.	20.61%	121
TOTAL		587

Q18 What outdoor activities do you most enjoy? Select all that apply.

Answered: 569 Skipped: 188



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking or hiking	87.17%	496
Running or jogging	15.64%	89
On-road bicycling	17.93%	102
Off-road bicycling	10.37%	59
Team Sports (basketball, baseball, soccer, street hockey, etc.)	29.88%	170
Tennis	4.92%	28
Pickleball	9.14%	52
Picnicking	12.83%	73
Fishing	23.90%	136
Playgrounds	32.51%	185
Kayak/Canoeing	24.96%	142
Swimming	20.56%	117
Other (please specify)	7.91%	45
Total Respondents: 569		

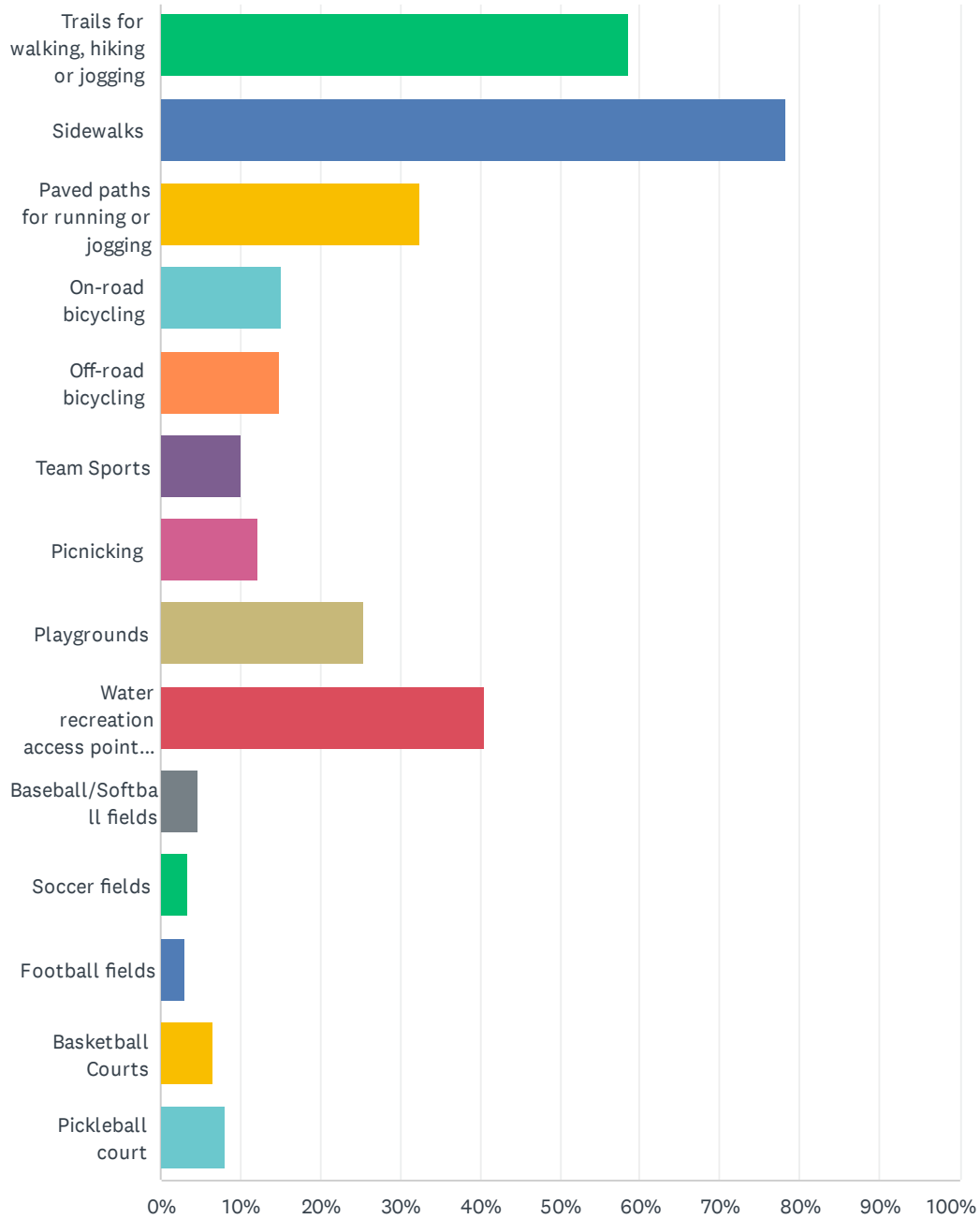
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	ymca membership as well, support them	3/24/2024 7:08 PM
2	Shaded areas are lacking. I like to read outside.	3/21/2024 4:27 PM
3	Nothing in town to do, unlike other bwr towns	3/20/2024 4:56 PM
4	Hunting	3/10/2024 8:16 PM
5	Gardening	3/8/2024 11:05 AM
6	Hunting, equestrian activities, farming	3/7/2024 8:06 PM
7	Golf	3/7/2024 12:57 PM
8	Hunting	3/7/2024 10:01 AM
9	Sidewalks	3/7/2024 9:17 AM
10	Attending grandchildren's recreation activities	3/7/2024 7:15 AM
11	Golf	2/16/2024 8:48 PM
12	There is NO free place to swim	2/10/2024 4:31 AM
13	Baseball	1/18/2024 9:05 PM
14	Bird watching, nature viewing, photography	1/11/2024 9:16 AM
15	hunting	1/11/2024 7:05 AM
16	Gardening	1/11/2024 6:18 AM
17	Dog walking. Archaeology	1/10/2024 11:33 AM
18	Bird watching	1/9/2024 12:22 PM
19	DOG PARK!!!	1/9/2024 11:31 AM
20	Hunting	1/8/2024 7:24 PM

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21	Gardening	1/8/2024 6:22 PM
22	Gardening	1/8/2024 3:25 PM
23	Splash pad	1/8/2024 2:45 PM
24	Golf	1/8/2024 1:35 PM
25	Outdoor Education (any and all)	12/25/2023 9:01 AM
26	Geocaching	12/18/2023 8:41 AM
27	Stand-up paddleboarding	12/11/2023 10:24 AM
28	Trail walking that we have land for but don't do it	12/9/2023 10:18 AM
29	We need a dog park	12/7/2023 9:51 PM
30	Going out for lunch - going for ice cream	12/2/2023 11:23 PM
31	A town that is not overcrowded	12/2/2023 6:27 AM
32	Walking my dog in trails	12/1/2023 12:58 PM
33	Camping	12/1/2023 10:28 AM
34	Camping	11/30/2023 8:40 PM
35	Tai Chi	11/30/2023 8:22 PM
36	Golf	11/30/2023 7:22 PM
37	Soccer	11/30/2023 6:33 PM
38	X County skiing, playgrounds,	11/30/2023 4:41 PM
39	gardening	11/30/2023 3:20 PM
40	Shaded areas are lacking. I like to read outside.	11/30/2023 2:49 PM
41	hunting	11/30/2023 2:44 PM
42	Town sports	11/29/2023 6:18 PM
43	Off road riding of ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, etc	11/29/2023 10:06 AM
44	Being outside with my kids	11/29/2023 9:22 AM
45	golf	11/29/2023 8:13 AM

Q19 Which, if any, of the following does our town need more of? Select all that apply.

Answered: 564 Skipped: 193



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trails for walking, hiking or jogging	58.69%	331
Sidewalks	78.19%	441
Paved paths for running or jogging	32.45%	183
On-road bicycling	15.07%	85
Off-road bicycling	14.89%	84
Team Sports	10.11%	57
Picnicking	12.06%	68
Playgrounds	25.35%	143
Water recreation access points (canoeing, kayaking, fishing or swimming)	40.43%	228
Baseball/Softball fields	4.79%	27
Soccer fields	3.37%	19
Football fields	3.01%	17
Basketball Courts	6.56%	37
Pickleball court	8.16%	46
Total Respondents: 564		

Q20 Are there recreation spaces in town that need improvements or repairs? (please skip if unsure)

Answered: 96 Skipped: 661

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Landscaping at council on aging should increase in spring, summer, and fall. The walking trail should as well and more gardens for residents	3/24/2024 7:08 PM
2	More shaded areas that don't have to be rented.	3/21/2024 4:27 PM
3	The sidewalks on Pleasant Street are in desperate need of repair. It's safer to walk on the road than it is to use those sidewalks.	3/8/2024 7:55 AM
4	The church street/ Hobart street fields has a storage building that needs attention.	3/7/2024 8:41 AM
5	Unsure	3/6/2024 10:18 PM
6	The trails behind the community center could use work. Lot of stumpy areas that could be a tripping hazard.	3/6/2024 8:55 PM
7	nice work happening down at the basketball courts, could use more of this type of updating on Belmont St. and repairs at all the facilities, more playing space/fields	2/20/2024 1:11 PM
8	Sidewalks are needed	2/18/2024 8:15 AM
9	some sidewalks	2/12/2024 10:49 AM
10	Behind Harvard st from Whitman to Rt 18 is a beautiful old railroad path. It would be a great place to walk, bring kids so killed in streets, it's beautiful and such a shame people in this town can't access.	2/10/2024 4:31 AM
11	Robbin's pond access	1/22/2024 7:59 PM
12	Sidewalks are deplorable!	1/16/2024 4:45 PM
13	It would be nice if more of our streets had sidewalks. It would make it easier to walk around town.	1/16/2024 3:53 PM
14	Playground at Church st little league fields	1/16/2024 12:33 PM
15	Court street fields! Town soccer fields off Belmont could use another entry and exit access point and a expansion	1/15/2024 11:31 AM
16	Not sure	1/12/2024 10:21 AM
17	Maple ave playground needs attention	1/10/2024 11:33 AM
18	More access to Robin's pond.	1/10/2024 10:03 AM
19	It would be nice if we could access a nice Playground during the day with well maintained equipment	1/10/2024 12:13 AM
20	Playground near the baseball fields	1/9/2024 10:53 PM
21	Sachem Rock Farm could benefit from improved trails if funded out side of taxes. Also and enclosed Dog Park if founded with Grant/Donation monies	1/9/2024 10:27 PM
22	Baseball fields are impassable after a rainfall. Also need lighting in that area.	1/9/2024 3:27 PM
23	Street hockey rink and field maintenance	1/9/2024 7:17 AM
24	Soccer fields - parking lot is awful.	1/9/2024 6:50 AM
25	Constant maintenance	1/8/2024 10:38 PM
26	Absolutely	1/8/2024 10:24 PM

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27	Field at commercial club is a sink hole	1/8/2024 8:14 PM
28	Church Street Fields (both sides) needs at least once a week clean up on the off season and more frequent during peak season.	1/8/2024 7:54 PM
29	Trails need to be maintained half are overgrown and/or not paved. The roller hockey rink (located near the baseball fields) was in bad condition and then taken down. My son always wanted to use the skate area and couldn't because of cracks in the pavement and now it has been replaced with another type of court. But unfortunately there are no other skate areas for the kids and no sidewalks or paved paths. There is really no area where kids can safely rollerblade or play hockey/skate. The playgrounds are outdated, small, have rust, and some of the equipment is broken including the playground at Central School. This presents risks for children to get hurt. We usually go to out of town playgrounds because the ones in EB are old, outdated, and don't have much to offer compared to those in other towns. It would be nice to have bike/walking trails that are paved in some areas. I don't use the areas with water because the access to the water areas are unknown. Which are private? Which are not? There is not great access to any of the areas either so one who hasn't lived here long would not know unless told.	1/8/2024 7:51 PM
30	Kayak launch behind senior center.	1/8/2024 7:44 PM
31	Robins pond, forge pond	1/8/2024 7:24 PM
32	Yes there are multiple playgrounds that are in need of repair. Town forest on bridge street is being destroyed by a subdivision.	1/8/2024 6:49 PM
33	Robins pond: remove invasive weeds to improve water quality and recreational use	1/8/2024 6:35 PM
34	Yes, the playground at Church St Conservation area needs better drainage. It floods after rain storms and we have seen the entire playground with greater than 4 inches of standing water entirely throughout.	1/8/2024 6:25 PM
35	Playground on Maple Street (Church Street conservation area) needs better drainage. It is often flooded and unusable for many days after rain.	1/8/2024 6:22 PM
36	The areas around Robbin's Pond need to be developed for public use. The town needs to purchase the land over by the old restaurant and bring it back to its historical use. It would be beautiful.	1/8/2024 5:59 PM
37	All of them should be kept up to date and refreshed annually for safety reasons.	1/8/2024 4:36 PM
38	The current baseball fields are always full of trash and the "playground" there is damaged, small and needs to be upgraded. That space has a lot of potential especially for extra money for the town like a splash pad.	1/8/2024 2:45 PM
39	Soccer field and the parking area it's all filled with trash and muddy holes that cause damage to a vehicle. A playground should be used there	1/8/2024 1:40 PM
40	Where East turns to Oak there are no sidewalks and people speed. It's not safe to walk there.	1/8/2024 1:20 PM
41	The high school football field	1/8/2024 1:05 PM
42	Belmont St soccer fields, keep working on church st area complex	1/7/2024 6:23 PM
43	Church st Baseball and Belmont soccer	1/7/2024 9:41 AM
44	Trash removal and field cleanups at Church St.	1/5/2024 1:32 PM
45	Belmont St fields, finish areas of Church St would like to see something constructive recreationally at the old Leland Farm	1/2/2024 12:00 PM
46	Unsure	12/25/2023 9:01 AM
47	town roads in need of serious help.	12/18/2023 2:16 PM
48	A dog park	12/12/2023 10:25 AM
49	The constant trash and glass around Sylurs playground is awful especially during baseball season. Whoever mows it should clean that up.	12/10/2023 5:50 PM
50	hiking trails	12/10/2023 1:43 PM

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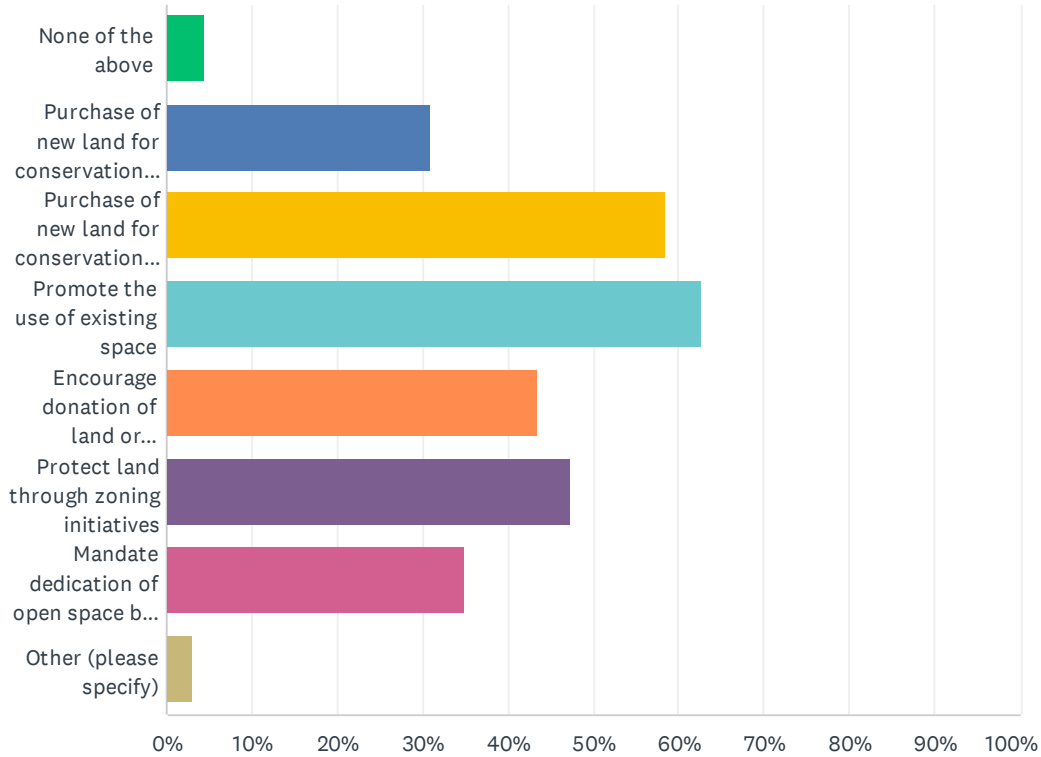
51	We need a dog park	12/7/2023 9:51 PM
52	Trails need grooming as well as cleaning up the river overgrowth	12/7/2023 8:43 PM
53	Jones Pond	12/7/2023 6:08 PM
54	There is none so how can they be improved	12/3/2023 2:46 PM
55	Robins Pond	12/2/2023 11:23 PM
56	The ones behind Viking Pizza need to be friendlier to you kids. In general, there really are no good playgrounds in EB so we leave town. I'm not proud of my town's outdoor recreation options.	12/2/2023 2:14 PM
57	Yes- church st playground is not well maintained. Sidewalks needed on bridge st and south street	12/2/2023 1:13 PM
58	Really	12/2/2023 6:27 AM
59	As to the above I realize there is a new outdoor pickleball court but an indoor space for this activity would be more useful.	12/1/2023 4:31 PM
60	Bridge over poor meadow brook on bay circuit trail	12/1/2023 2:10 PM
61	Dam at intersection of 106 and Whitman St. And better access to Satucket River	12/1/2023 11:46 AM
62	i wish we could use the community center without having to pay for it for local groups (town scouts, parent groups, etc).	12/1/2023 8:49 AM
63	The playgrounds near the ball fields. Always filthy.	11/30/2023 9:47 PM
64	Play ground at Central School is terrible	11/30/2023 9:16 PM
65	The area where the bridge is on Robbins Pond, on Pond Street, it's always filled with young and old people trying to fish. Unfortunately, whoever bought the island I am told fenced off the area around the shore. That would be an ideal area for picnicking, etc. also across the pond where that big restaurant is could be a swimming area. .	11/30/2023 8:22 PM
66	Soccer field parking lot and road	11/30/2023 6:33 PM
67	Most of them. No one goes to much drug use out in the open while children are around. More policeing of the playgrounds	11/30/2023 5:48 PM
68	Trailhead on 106	11/30/2023 5:02 PM
69	Dog parks	11/30/2023 4:25 PM
70	Central school playground is still broken!!!!	11/30/2023 3:48 PM
71	BEHIND BIG BRICK BUILDING AT WHITMAN AND PLYMOUTH STREETS	11/30/2023 3:34 PM
72	The sidewalks on Central Street need a lot of repair.	11/30/2023 3:32 PM
73	Maybe utilize the areas for more common areas. It should not be just "soccer" or baseball fields. Maybe football fields where the soccer fields are so our leagues are paying the town astronomical prices for areas we already paid for	11/30/2023 3:24 PM
74	Church street good start - but definitely need more green space parks.	11/30/2023 3:10 PM
75	Forge pond could become a major recreational area.	11/30/2023 3:02 PM
76	Hiking trails need improvement. Improved signage.	11/30/2023 2:56 PM
77	The nature trails need love. And cleaning.	11/30/2023 2:49 PM
78	The Emerald Necklace trails and bridge over the river.	11/30/2023 1:08 PM
79	If Leland Farms had paved bike/walking trails it may get more use.	11/30/2023 12:58 PM
80	Playgrounds	11/30/2023 10:54 AM
81	Baseball fields so games can be held - games currently cancelled repeatedly due to fields being flooded	11/30/2023 6:48 AM

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82	Roberts Pond	11/29/2023 9:17 PM
83	All recreation spaces in town need improvements	11/29/2023 8:16 PM
84	Playground at the end of Hobart St- lots of trash and kids smoking pot	11/29/2023 7:47 PM
85	Church street/Hobart st	11/29/2023 5:51 PM
86	Sidewalks generally are in disrepair	11/29/2023 3:56 PM
87	Yes Church Street fields need better maintenance and constantly are littered with trash. Field itself has not been re-graded or new dirt since it was built	11/29/2023 10:22 AM
88	Playground off Hobart street needs care. Need football field for youth with snack bar.	11/29/2023 9:39 AM
89	Skylar spagone playground	11/29/2023 9:22 AM
90	We need wheelchair accessible playgrounds. My son is a wheelchair user in second grade. Not even the school playgrounds are accessible for him.	11/29/2023 9:12 AM
91	Better access to launch kayaks, rtc on Robbins Pond.	11/29/2023 9:07 AM
92	Elmwood Cemetery, including the undersized, crumbling, tree root damaged, bumpy, dilapidated East St. sidewalk leading to it.	11/29/2023 8:21 AM
93	Most, a significant amount of funds are allocated for the DPW, to maintain, poor management and direction.	11/29/2023 8:13 AM
94	We need more side walks	11/29/2023 8:10 AM
95	Yes, but they have improved tremendously	11/29/2023 7:37 AM
96	The hiking trails could be expanded.	11/29/2023 4:10 AM

Q21 Which of the following approaches to land conservation do you support? Select all that apply.

Answered: 560 Skipped: 197



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	4.46%	25
Purchase of new land for conservation only	30.89%	173
Purchase of new land for conservation or recreation	58.39%	327
Promote the use of existing space	62.68%	351
Encourage donation of land or conservation restrictions on privately owned land	43.57%	244
Protect land through zoning initiatives	47.32%	265
Mandate dedication of open space by developers	35.00%	196
Other (please specify)	3.04%	17
Total Respondents: 560		

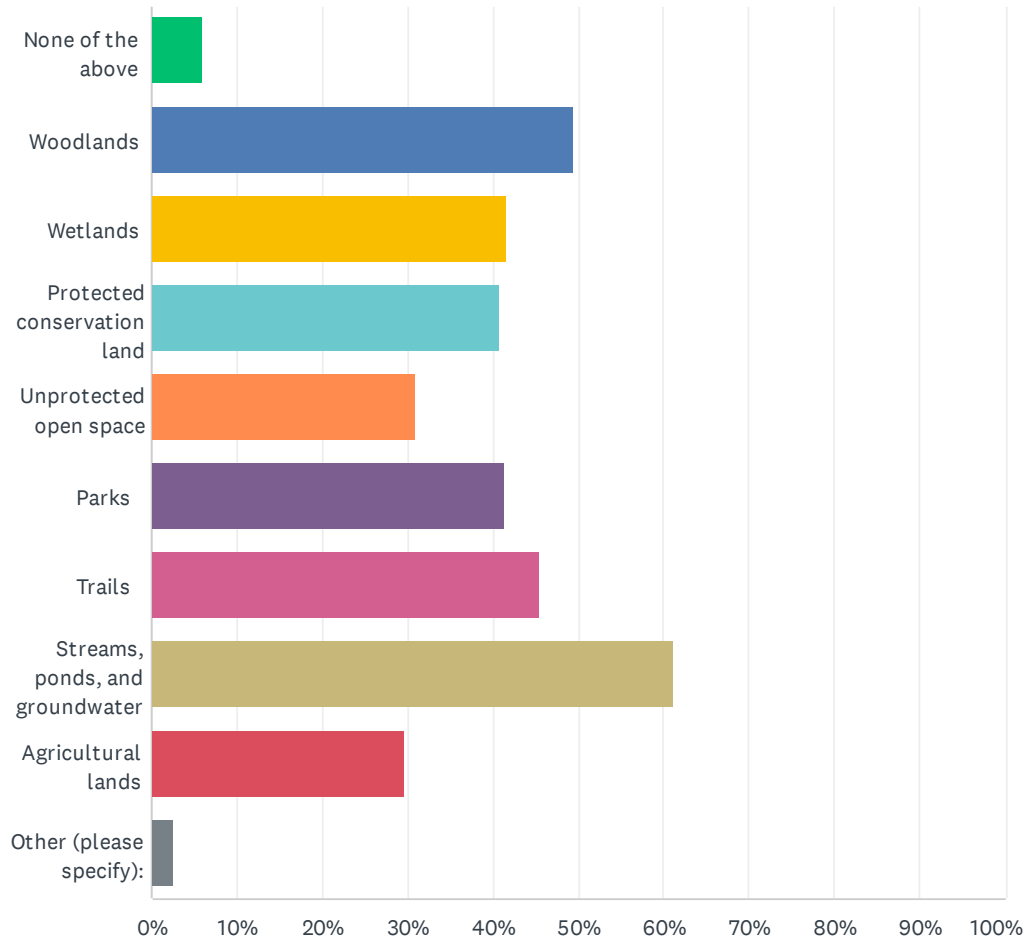
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Clean up Murray Carver building and property. Could open it as office space or artist lofts.	3/21/2024 4:27 PM
2	Not allowing large developments. More open space requirement	3/7/2024 8:06 PM
3	protect our open spaces and our conservation land so they can't be used by developers, too	2/20/2024 1:11 PM

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	much building, and too many new projects pending already	
4	Just leave the little that is left for wildlife	1/30/2024 6:38 AM
5	Update the Open Space Plan and reference that Plan that is suppose to updated every 10 years	1/20/2024 1:17 PM
6	No need for more conservation land!!! There is way to much already	1/15/2024 11:31 AM
7	Restrict development and new building.	1/8/2024 11:15 PM
8	Land taken by town for unpaid taxes	1/8/2024 8:33 PM
9	Do not let subdivisions and people who have no idea how to manage a job site complete a subdivision project. Zoning laws are specifically put in place for a reason, not to be waived.	1/8/2024 2:45 PM
10	Involve residents more directly in the conservation (through education and programming)	12/25/2023 9:01 AM
11	Again stop destroying the towm	12/2/2023 6:27 AM
12	Education and information for the community so that people feel like taking care of the land is part of being a good citizen. Dont take Away the trash cans in winter because then people leave poop bags around. Also put up signs telling people about the church street conservation area so they know it's intentionally there not just "unused" land	12/1/2023 12:58 PM
13	I'm just unsure of the others, not that I'm against them outright	12/1/2023 10:23 AM
14	Don't make wetland exceptions for more building	11/30/2023 7:25 PM
15	We have to protect our land before we over develop	11/30/2023 4:41 PM
16	Generally, I don't like govt telling people what to do. Purchase for open space is different	11/30/2023 2:52 PM
17	"open space" subdivisions do not meet their expectations, they simply save the developers money. Make R-1 zoning a 2 acre minimum and you will stay rural.	11/30/2023 12:58 PM

Q22 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: 547 Skipped: 210



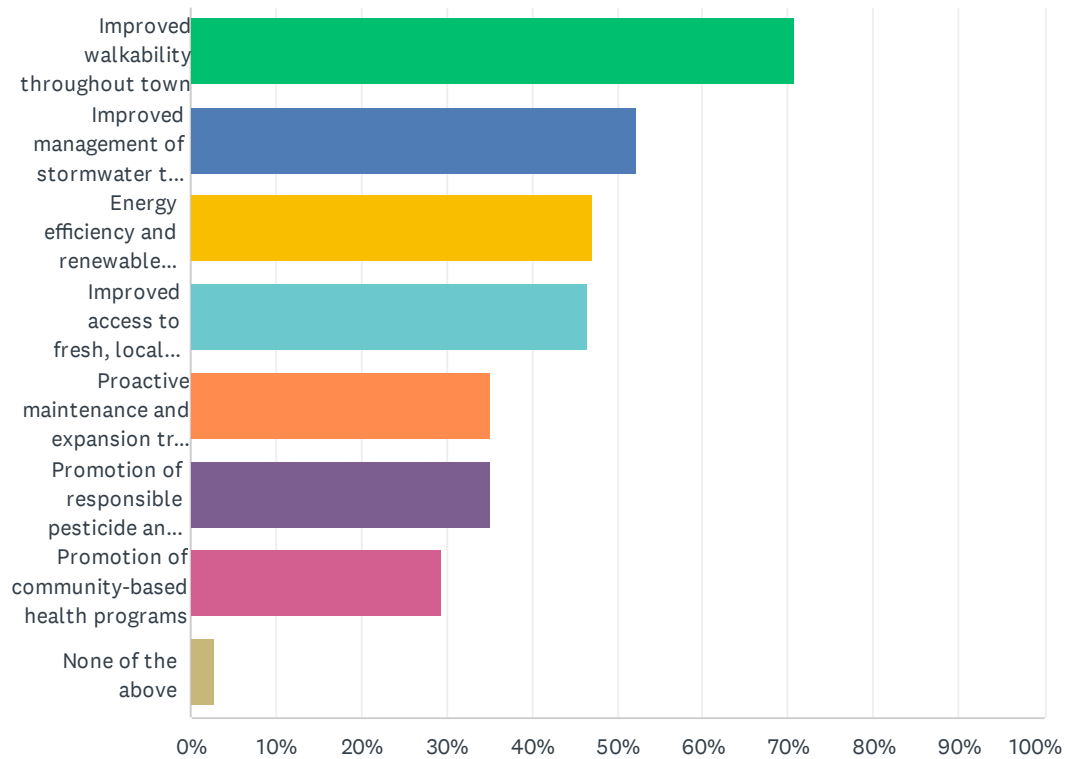
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.03%	33
Woodlands	49.54%	271
Wetlands	41.50%	227
Protected conservation land	40.77%	223
Unprotected open space	30.90%	169
Parks	41.32%	226
Trails	45.52%	249
Streams, ponds, and groundwater	61.24%	335
Agricultural lands	29.62%	162
Other (please specify):	2.56%	14
Total Respondents: 547		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Add: Paved Biking/Jogging trails	2/23/2024 8:28 AM
2	Retention Ponds- cleaned up	2/12/2024 6:44 PM
3	Trails if you have them	2/10/2024 4:33 AM
4	Just leave it alone	1/30/2024 6:41 AM
5	Current Mass DEP rules are doing OK, we DO NOT NEED additional regulations written by amateurs' with an "let's do this because it looks good" agenda. What is being done today is working compared to what was happening in the 60's and 70's.	1/9/2024 10:33 PM
6	Ground water on the streets	1/9/2024 12:24 PM
7	All above	1/9/2024 10:53 AM
8	Flooding issues due to poor drainage and road run off from unlevel lands	1/8/2024 8:16 PM
9	Town wide sewer system	1/8/2024 7:48 PM
10	Robins Pond is in need of being dredged. It is so overgrown with weeds you cannot see bottom	1/8/2024 6:22 PM
11	Clean up Forge pond. It was pretty and fishable when we moved here 49 years ago now its turning into swamp	12/3/2023 2:14 PM
12	Stop destroying the town	12/2/2023 6:29 AM
13	Always soooo much trash at ponds!	11/30/2023 3:18 PM
14	Streets are in terrible condition	11/29/2023 9:31 AM

Q23 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.

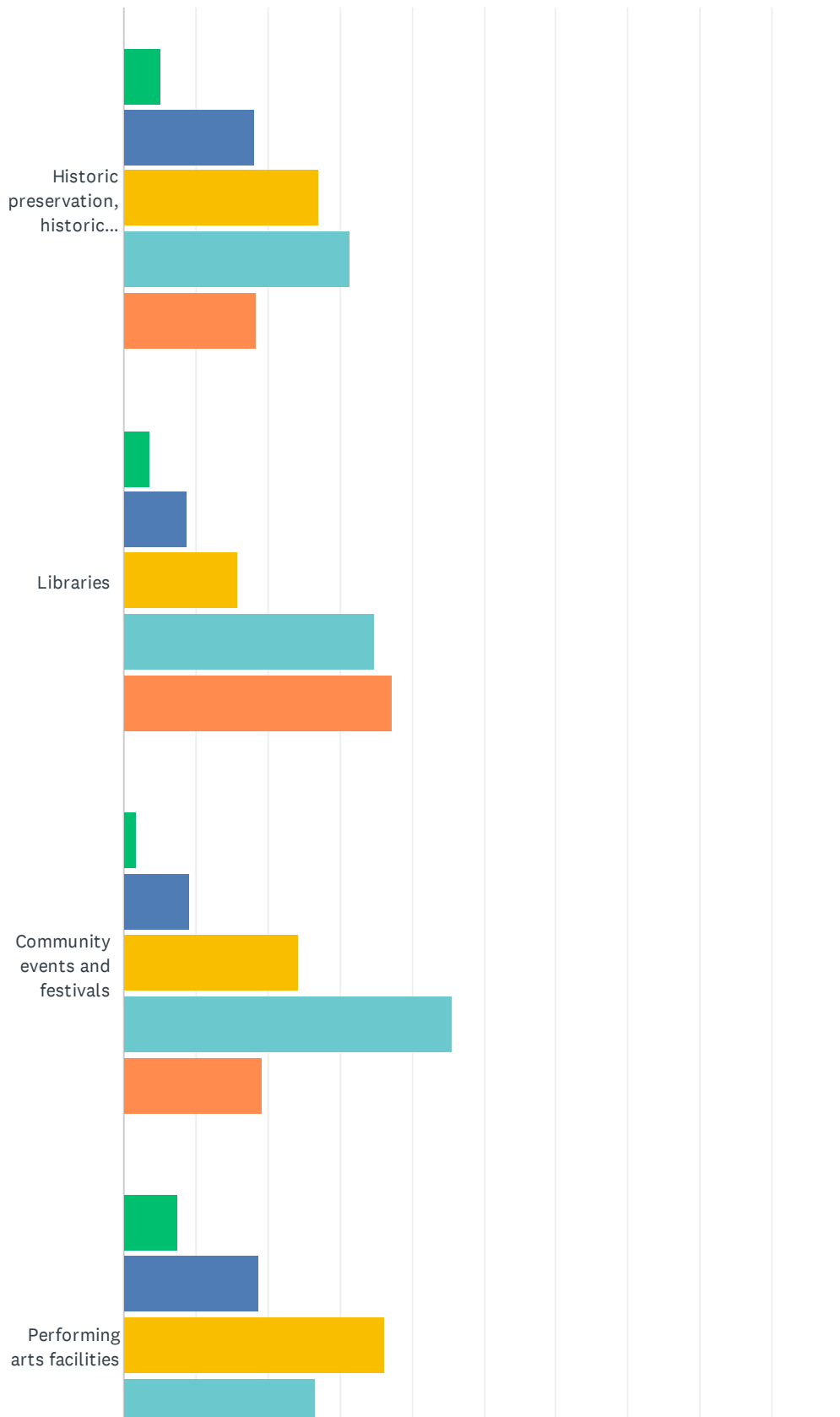
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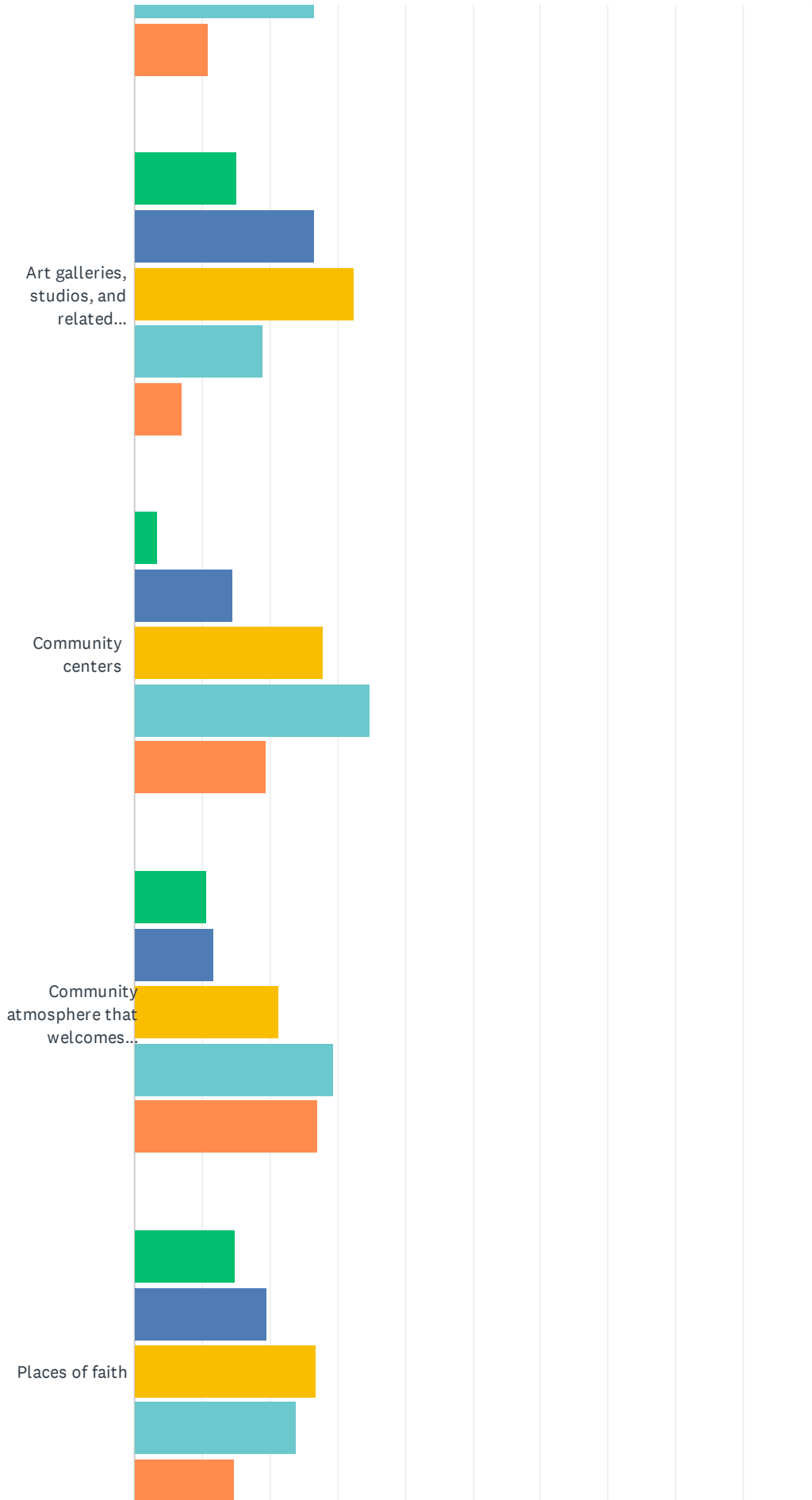
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improved walkability throughout town	70.86%	394
Improved management of stormwater to prevent flooding and improve water quality	52.16%	290
Energy efficiency and renewable energy production	47.12%	262
Improved access to fresh, locally grown food	46.58%	259
Proactive maintenance and expansion tree canopy	35.25%	196
Promotion of responsible pesticide and fertilizer use and alternatives	35.25%	196
Promotion of community-based health programs	29.50%	164
None of the above	2.88%	16
Total Respondents: 556		

Q24 Thinking about our town, how important are the following to you:

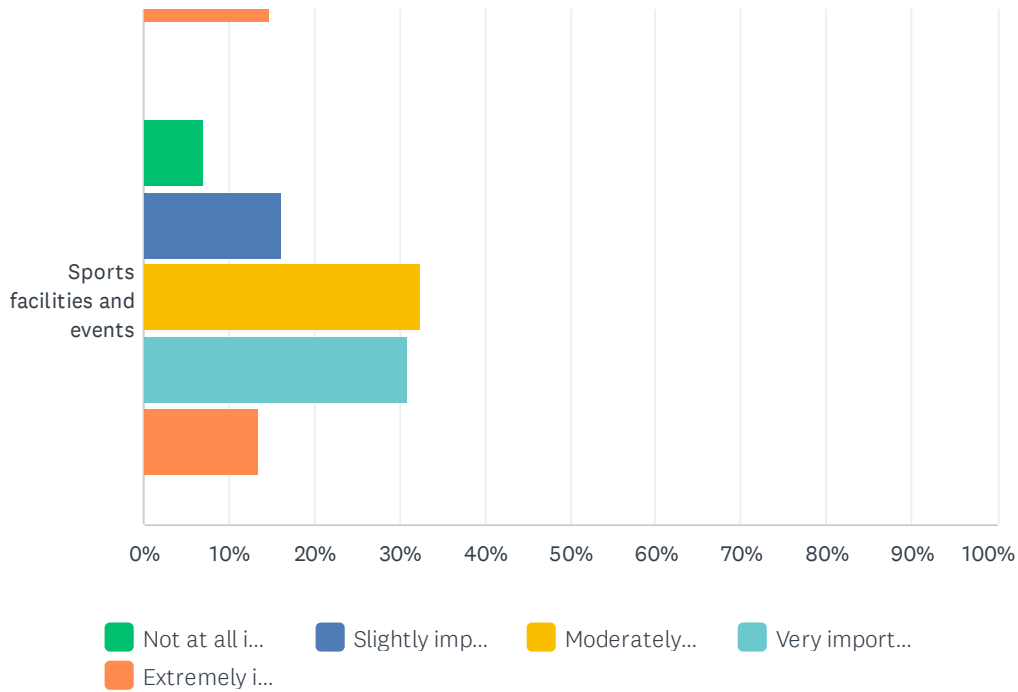
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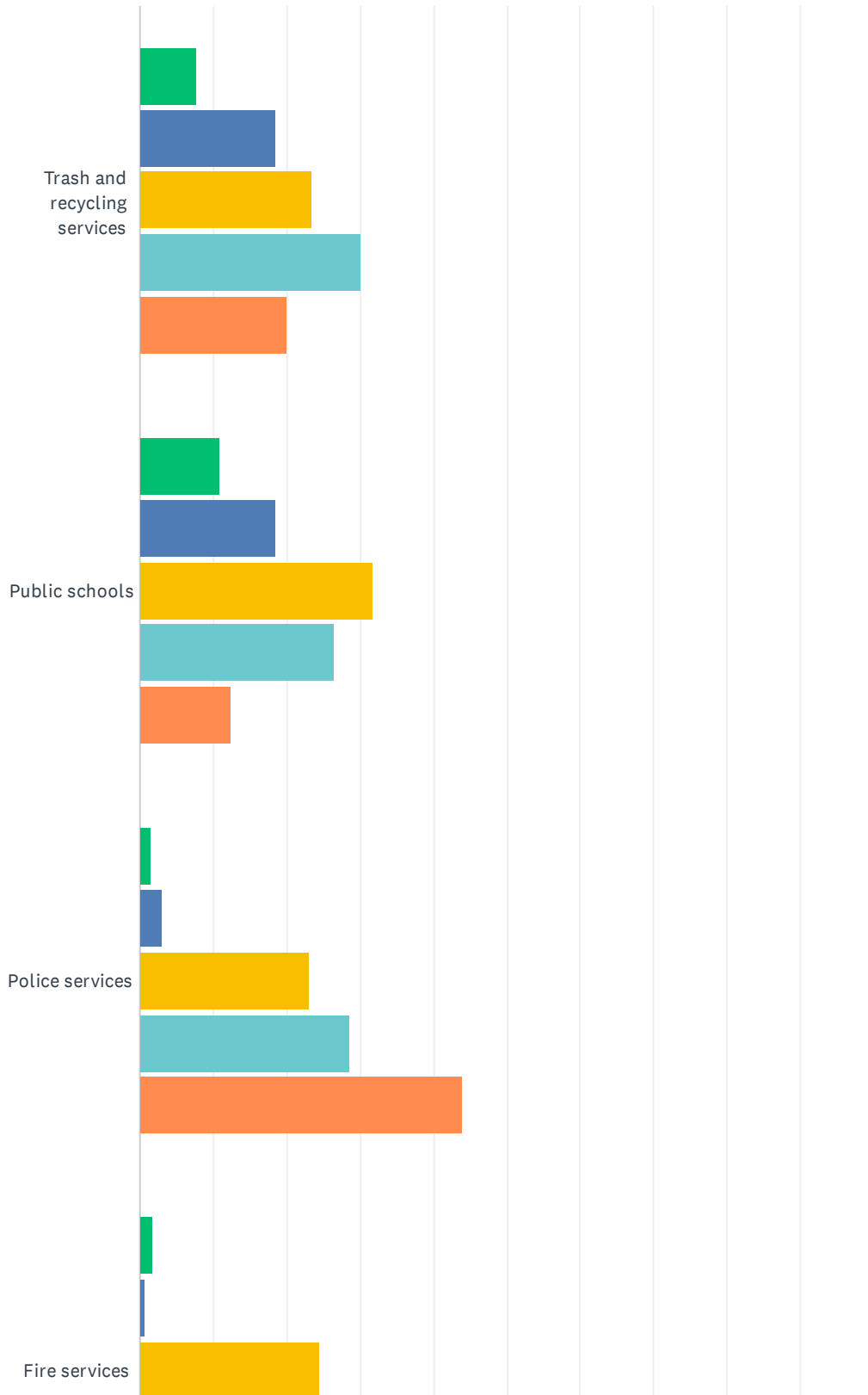
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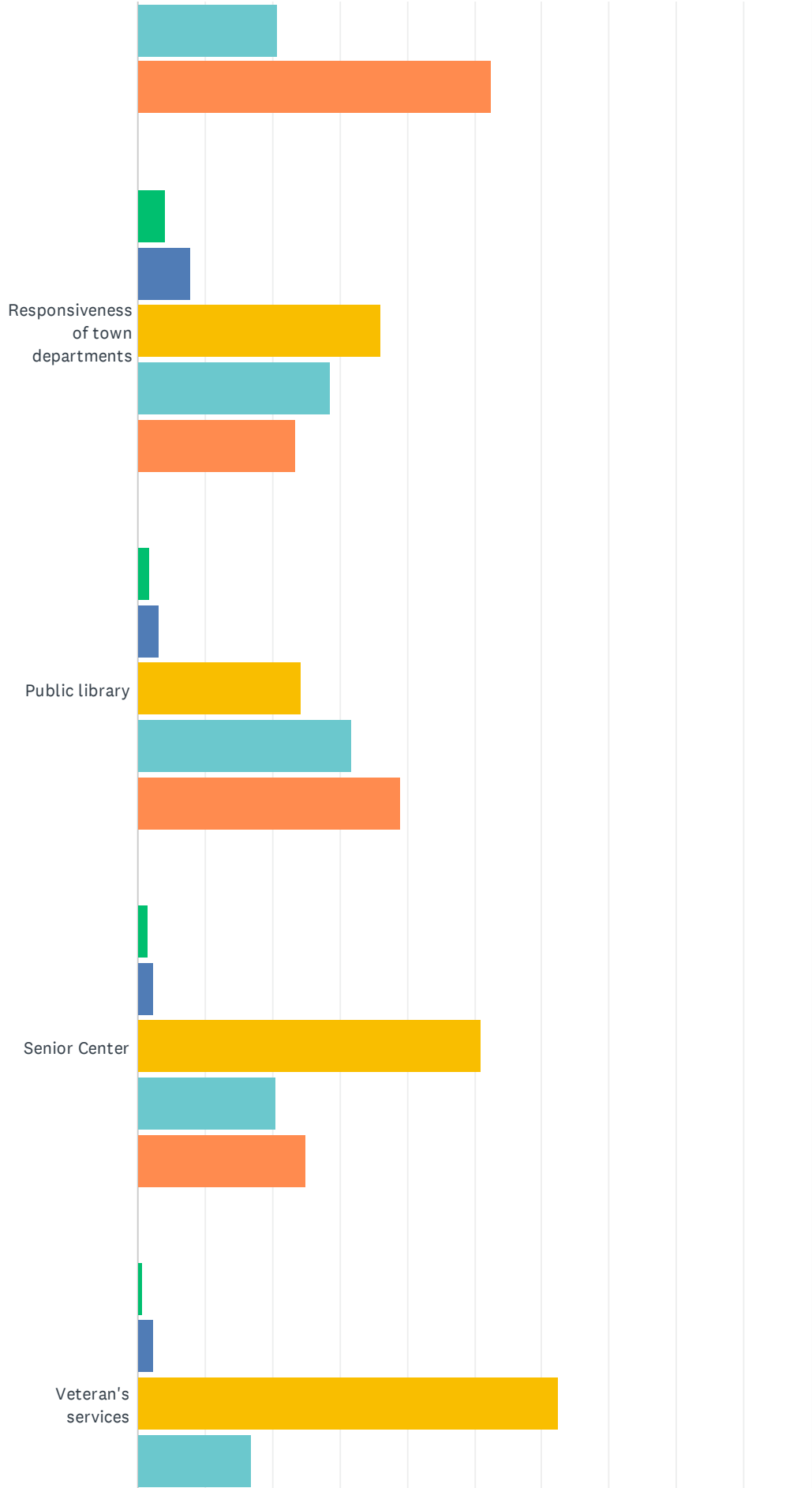
	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Historic preservation, historic structures, and museums	5.12% 29	18.20% 103	27.03% 153	31.27% 177	18.37% 104	566
Libraries	3.54% 20	8.67% 49	15.75% 89	34.69% 196	37.35% 211	565
Community events and festivals	1.77% 10	9.19% 52	24.20% 137	45.58% 258	19.26% 109	566
Performing arts facilities	7.55% 42	18.71% 104	36.15% 201	26.62% 148	10.97% 61	556
Art galleries, studios, and related facilities	15.11% 84	26.62% 148	32.37% 180	18.88% 105	7.01% 39	556
Community centers	3.39% 19	14.44% 81	27.99% 157	34.76% 195	19.43% 109	561
Community atmosphere that welcomes diverse cultures	10.57% 59	11.65% 65	21.33% 119	29.39% 164	27.06% 151	558
Places of faith	14.98% 83	19.68% 109	26.90% 149	23.83% 132	14.62% 81	554
Sports facilities and events	6.99% 39	16.13% 90	32.44% 181	31.00% 173	13.44% 75	558

Q25 How satisfied are you with the following in town? Please choose one answer per row.

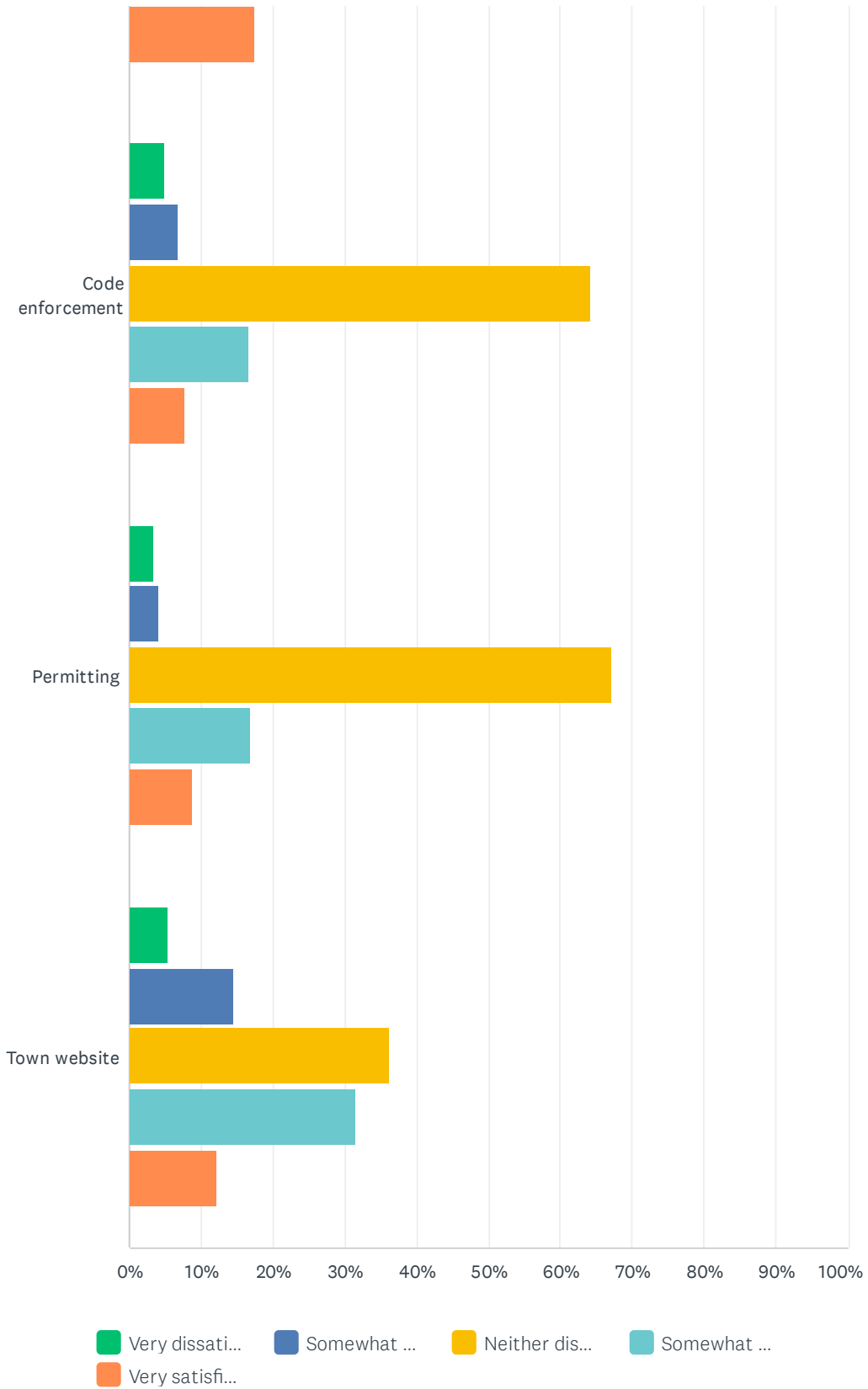
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	VERY DISSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	NEITHER DISSATISFIED NOR SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Trash and recycling services	7.76% 43	18.59% 103	23.47% 130	30.14% 167	20.04% 111	554	0.36
Public schools	10.89% 60	18.51% 102	31.76% 175	26.50% 146	12.34% 68	551	0.11
Police services	1.45% 8	2.90% 16	23.01% 127	28.62% 158	44.02% 243	552	1.11
Fire services	1.81% 10	0.54% 3	24.59% 136	20.61% 114	52.44% 290	553	1.21
Responsiveness of town departments	3.99% 22	7.97% 44	36.05% 199	28.62% 158	23.37% 129	552	0.59
Public library	1.63% 9	3.25% 18	24.23% 134	31.83% 176	39.06% 216	553	1.03
Senior Center	1.45% 8	2.36% 13	50.91% 280	20.36% 112	24.91% 137	550	0.65
Veteran's services	0.74% 4	2.39% 13	62.50% 340	16.91% 92	17.46% 95	544	0.48
Code enforcement	4.81% 26	6.85% 37	64.07% 346	16.67% 90	7.59% 41	540	0.15
Permitting	3.31% 18	4.05% 22	67.22% 365	16.76% 91	8.66% 47	543	0.23
Town website	5.29% 29	14.60% 80	36.31% 199	31.57% 173	12.23% 67	548	0.31

Q26 If you are less than satisfied with any of the services listed above, please elaborate here.

Answered: 177 Skipped: 580

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Website could provide more information.	3/25/2024 2:08 PM
2	Excellent 911 response	3/24/2024 7:10 PM
3	more intuitive town website	3/24/2024 6:54 PM
4	recycling very expensive, schools don't consider the town needs, monopolize the budget	3/24/2024 6:46 PM
5	The library expansion project is far more important than a pickle ball court or new astro turf. Study rooms and a updated conference room would be beneficial.	3/21/2024 4:33 PM
6	School ratings	3/14/2024 11:19 AM
7	need to review the town bi laws that might be outdated- like outdoor seating. (some lifted because of covid).	3/13/2024 5:55 PM
8	The communication in town is awful. Special town meetings are more likely known about through social media. The schools can suck every penny out with a 10 million dollar football field, that ultimately will not make the students using it any more successful in life	3/7/2024 8:11 PM
9	Building inspector incompetent, Fire department too slow to get to burning homes.	3/7/2024 4:13 PM
10	The cost of trash collection. It should be free.	3/7/2024 12:34 PM
11	The town website is hard to navigate and some of the information appears outdated. Need better links. I pulled my child out of the school system because they could not accommodate a really really smart kid. There seems to be a commitment to rampant mediocrity.	3/7/2024 11:09 AM
12	Cost of town services is too high. Sticking with the alternative service provider.	3/7/2024 10:44 AM
13	The school has gone through a multitude of principals, vice principals and teachers. With no explanation. The students don't know how to write cursive and or print neatly. They mostly use computers to do their work on. Allowing for the lack of these skills. And the trash services are expensive but seems to be comparable to other towns.	3/7/2024 8:50 AM
14	The Senior center is a Dog Park, You need to build one elsewhere	3/7/2024 8:11 AM
15	Zoning variances are too easy too obtain. Buy a property with the intent to utilize/ build a structure that will not meet code and claim the code is a hardship without a variance.	3/6/2024 9:12 PM
16	We need more/better recycling	3/6/2024 9:11 PM
17	Trash is too expensive in a town that already charges me too much to live here. The water has too much fluoride or other chemical in it. The water tastes like pool water.	3/6/2024 8:25 PM
18	growing class size and aging facilities are a concern	2/23/2024 8:30 AM
19	schools have deaf ears to problems, drugs, bullying, kids mental health issues, not enough is done to support emotional well being	2/20/2024 1:16 PM
20	There are issues with bullying at the schools	2/18/2024 8:20 AM
21	Information to be delivered in a timely manner	2/12/2024 6:46 PM
22	trash and recycling is fine but christmas tree and leaf pick up would be nice	2/12/2024 11:15 AM
23	I do not have cable or internet services	2/12/2024 10:51 AM
24	Trash we pay! For private pickup as we have more recycling than garbage. Private picks up every week & town does not. We responsible Town is not. 1. Can't walk/ bike library. 2. Timely	2/10/2024 4:51 AM

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permitting like 1-7 days. Roads, pot hole so big you keep filling DO THE JOB fix it! 3. Have called multiple times about people speeding on Pine st to get too Whitman train. I've almost been hit several times cause there trying to get Whitman train center. It's now a cut off route in a residential area. Not once in 10 years have I seen a response to this public safety. Last trash. We pay for private pickup cause we have more recycling than trash. Private picks up every week.

25	The town trash/recycle services prices are astronomical.	2/7/2024 1:15 PM
26	STOP DESTROYING THE TOWN	1/30/2024 6:45 AM
27	Improve responsiveness	1/24/2024 8:13 PM
28	Code enforcement regarding sound pollution has been woefully lax. People in Wayside must pay for private trash services even though we are subject to the same property tax system as everyone else. This is inherently unfair.	1/23/2024 11:21 AM
29	Trash service is expensive	1/22/2024 8:06 PM
30	People going through the traffic lights in the center of town when then- are yellow then red	1/20/2024 1:25 PM
31	Police, especially traffic control near high school, can be very rude. Town Web site needs work. Schools aren't as good as they should be.	1/18/2024 9:10 PM
32	I do not have experience with most of the services listed. I don't like that the trash services do not offer weekly recycling and/or leaf pickup. The town website doesn't always have all the information about events, groups or happenings around town.	1/17/2024 8:31 PM
33	Recycling center shouldn't have a fee if you want me to recycle	1/16/2024 5:20 PM
34	I can't comment on the schools -- I don't have children.	1/16/2024 3:55 PM
35	Not enough services in schools to provide for kids with mental health issues. Too many people having issues with the Superintendent of schools. The trash/recycling services are very expensive and don't provide pickup every week.	1/16/2024 12:26 PM
36	The schools are understaffed at the junior and high school level.	1/15/2024 12:55 PM
37	To much code enforcement. Trash could definitely be cheaper. And just give people the permits to do what they want on our own land	1/15/2024 11:37 AM
38	Lots of families leaving for other high schools due to academics and sports. We can not compete with bigger schools with more money	1/14/2024 5:43 PM
39	The fact that the "community center" is referred to above as "Senior Center" speaks for itself.	1/13/2024 8:13 AM
40	Take pride in town & clean up trash on sides of the road. Near the pond. Why do they need a work order. You see it see own it. Do the right thing.	1/12/2024 10:27 AM
41	School accreditation, diversity and acceptance, availability & infrastructure for sports/recreation for a variety of girls/boys sports	1/11/2024 1:29 PM
42	The public schools need a new superintendant, the teachers need better pay, the police should learn from Officer Eldridge and his amazing demeanor and compassion towards other while doing an amazing job as an upstanding officer and gentlman, also speed limits need to be better enforced throughout many neighborhoods, recycling needs to be once a week with trash program and not every other week as it will encourage more recycling and less waste overflow	1/11/2024 9:24 AM
43	Needed to call dept of public works every week for a year to get trees trimmed, this was many years ago. More recently a quicker response but dead tree was beside road.	1/11/2024 6:22 AM
44	Vhigh taxes should equal free trash pick up	1/10/2024 7:37 PM
45	Senior Center is supposed to be a "Community Center". Trash services are expensive and require purchasing terrible quality bags. We changed to private services because of this.	1/10/2024 5:06 PM
46	The teachers in the school are held back from a truly learning environment. The teachers need more support with title 1 teachers and more support from higher when dealing with students and parents.	1/10/2024 10:07 AM
47	Recycling needs to take some big items at designated times, not everyone has trucks	1/10/2024 6:36 AM

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48	The town needs to remove itself from the trash and recycling program. Open a transfuer station, and let others decide/pay for their own trash disposal. Get out of this business now!	1/9/2024 10:39 PM
49	There is to much fighting involved to get our kids what they need. My daughter is dyslexic and Neuropsych screen which the school told us to do. Then the school doesn't follow what the doctor has suggested that they do to help her.	1/9/2024 8:39 PM
50	Superintendent of schools is overpaid and doesn't respond to emails to	1/9/2024 7:20 PM
51	High school is awful	1/9/2024 7:04 PM
52	The trash increases prices massively this year was financially tough. They also don't post the holidays and you have to guess what day trash it coming. The time for trash pick up is also extremely variable. One week it's close to 7 am and the next it could be 3 pm.	1/9/2024 2:23 PM
53	We pay property taxes, but do not receive town trash/recycling pickup, because we live in a 55+ community. I believe if you pay your own taxes you should receive free trash pickup.	1/9/2024 10:59 AM
54	have not lived in town long enough to comment	1/9/2024 10:45 AM
55	Recycling should be weekly. Trash barrel needs to be bigger. Explain textiles because I'm clueless. High School needs to be able to keep a principal more than a year.	1/9/2024 8:01 AM
56	Younger schools are good but the Jr Sr high needs work, should be separate 7 & 8 then 9 & 12	1/9/2024 7:24 AM
57	Public school very difficult to get special education accommodations. Minimal outside school activities for central elementary. Cost of before and aftercare is very high.	1/9/2024 6:36 AM
58	Trash service is overpriced, my child attending school in another district because of school quality	1/9/2024 6:34 AM
59	The public school system has been declining for years. There is a lack of competitive programs offered and strong academic students are not challenged. If a teacher is out on short or long term leave there is often no replacement leaving the students without an educator in what could be a critical subject.	1/9/2024 4:09 AM
60	Public schools need improved leadership	1/9/2024 12:15 AM
61	Too many trash and recycling trucks on the roads	1/8/2024 10:44 PM
62	Town website needs to be kept up to date	1/8/2024 10:28 PM
63	Town services can be difficult to deal with. Issues in the past.	1/8/2024 9:53 PM
64	Poor school reputation. Poor leadershi	1/8/2024 9:30 PM
65	School bullying is problem.	1/8/2024 9:13 PM
66	Not everyone is on facebook. It was nothing about the bicentennial festivities on the town website. I missed everything because I learned later they were on Facebook	1/8/2024 8:39 PM
67	Accountability in the schools needs to be addressed for the safety of everyone. Special education needs more funding and the teacher retention rate is atrocious.	1/8/2024 8:18 PM
68	Library. Children's room and conference room are completely outdated and dingy. Veterans services inexperience of veterans agent in availability	1/8/2024 8:03 PM
69	Need to be able to get sticker for Bridge St. without any other trash services	1/8/2024 7:49 PM
70	I feel there needs to be more traffic control. Lots of speeding and running of red lights.	1/8/2024 7:46 PM
71	V	1/8/2024 7:18 PM
72	Trash service is getting more expensive and we're not getting anything new for the fee hike.	1/8/2024 7:06 PM
73	Not enough room here to list all the issues: especially at the JR/SR Highschool	1/8/2024 6:39 PM
74	Between taxes and fees for trash, water and things like that, I feel as though we are paying for more than we recieve each year. Costs are on the rise but the quality we recieve is slipping. I love how often and how much we can trash and recycle but I struggle with the price overall.	1/8/2024 6:35 PM
75	I'm very disappointed in the school system. There are numerous staff and administrative changes at the high school. Many students once they complete eighth grade, many students	1/8/2024 6:30 PM

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	look at private or vocational school.	
76	Website has many dead links as well as incomplete and stale information. Example: when / where can I get a permit for the recycling center is extremely hard to find.	1/8/2024 6:27 PM
77	Special needs services have been a long time issue	1/8/2024 6:20 PM
78	Schools have serious issues with communication, bullying, and staff retention.	1/8/2024 6:16 PM
79	Lack of teacher retention especially in high school. Quality of roof/leaking in rainy weather in multiple spots in main hallway with significant amount of water stains at Mitchell. Age and quality of Central School.	1/8/2024 5:58 PM
80	As a new person in town less than 5 yrs I never get town notices had no idea where post office or churches are. I don't have time to check website for everything.	1/8/2024 5:16 PM
81	Taxes cover trash services- over paid executive staff	1/8/2024 5:04 PM
82	The online tax payment system needs updating. I have a home in Hannsen and Rockland, and both of them have better systems for paying taxes online.	1/8/2024 4:39 PM
83	Town departments are almost impossible to get ahold of and are not accountable for anything. Police department refuses to fix the major speeding issue we have in town, also, if an officer in town know somebody they seem to get away with anything.	1/8/2024 2:58 PM
84	School bullying	1/8/2024 2:42 PM
85	Schools especially HS is awful bullying is out of control superintendent favors certain few non inclusive kids leave I'll prepared	1/8/2024 2:22 PM
86	Too much to list here but the schools are really not great. Too much turn over for one. MANY other reasons.	1/8/2024 2:22 PM
87	I've had issues with my water and my trash/recycling services more than a couple times. We seem to pay a premium but get substandard answers to questions and problems that arise. Trash costs especially just went up in price!	1/8/2024 1:46 PM
88	The library doesn't offer a lot of events for grade school aged kids like the bordering town libraries do.	1/8/2024 1:22 PM
89	The superintendent is paid all this money and yet students are not learning. Teachers are not in school and they're looking for a new school to be built build a new school yet. Nothing will change.	1/8/2024 1:18 PM
90	The Library Staff does a fantastic job with insufficient resources.	1/5/2024 1:38 PM
91	bullying and admin response or lack thereof	1/2/2024 12:06 PM
92	There are repeated efforts to build on wetlands and people get around the restrictions supposedly protected through the Conservation Commission	12/25/2023 9:10 AM
93	Trash cost is to high. School system is broken!	12/21/2023 12:02 PM
94	allowing private busses in a residential area !!!!!	12/18/2023 12:20 PM
95	Our public schools have taken a sharp turn to the left. Our children should be taught, not programmed	12/18/2023 8:44 AM
96	trash costs are way too high	12/13/2023 10:01 PM
97	For the tax dollars you have to dive deeper into valuation and if the dollars are being spent appropriately.	12/12/2023 10:34 AM
98	Went to private trash service because recycling needs to be every week since 90% of my waste is recycling.	12/10/2023 8:13 PM
99	Schools can use more money and care for educators and students and I'm not sure if the website is always updated	12/10/2023 2:17 PM
100	recycling center should be open more often	12/10/2023 1:48 PM
101	Homes that are dumping grounds years nothing nothin is ever done about it.	12/9/2023 10:22 AM

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102	Need to put more money into the school system. EB has one of the lowest \$ spent per teacher in the state for its size. This, coupled with the national teaching shortage, will make it difficult to find quality educators in the upcoming years.	12/9/2023 8:51 AM
103	Building and Planning Departments do not enforce rules equally.	12/8/2023 11:09 AM
104	transfer station hours	12/8/2023 9:01 AM
105	It is difficult to find information on the town website. The school system has seen a decline in recent years with multiple changes in leadership at the schools. The recent cost increase for trash services will be a strain on family budgets.	12/8/2023 7:05 AM
106	We need to address facilities and up keep of grounds and buildings ...examine curriculum and class sizes	12/7/2023 8:47 PM
107	I don't use several of the services so it is difficult to rate them.	12/7/2023 5:22 PM
108	Clicky town if you don't grease the palms you can't get permits. No for one yes to the local crownies.	12/7/2023 4:35 PM
109	the public library needs the town's support, particularly in regards to the 1970s building	12/4/2023 7:51 AM
110	Web site is not well done. Almost impossible to find answers to most basic questions. This is especially true for DPW	12/3/2023 2:17 PM
111	The turnover of staff at the jr/sr high school as well as lack of discipline amongst students is extremely unfortunate. A bad reputation turns off prospective educated, responsible residents.	12/2/2023 2:21 PM
112	Communication of town information needs improvement. Cars should not be allowed to park on sidewalks in neighborhoods and we shouldn't have to make a call the police to have it enforced. Central school needs more resources to challenge high achieving children not only those struggling. After school enrichment opportunities are needed.	12/2/2023 1:28 PM
113	The towns website should be a location for groups/clubs to post events in a calendar format. Requiring less work but town to update and more responsibility placed in clubs to content info.	12/2/2023 10:55 AM
114	Yours	12/2/2023 6:31 AM
115	Website UI has a long way to go	12/1/2023 7:56 PM
116	recycle sticker - online form is useless	12/1/2023 4:45 PM
117	As to code enforcement I feel that a lot of business is conducted in residential neighborhoods	12/1/2023 4:37 PM
118	The school has enormous resources for athletics, but almost nothing for extracurricular academic pursuits. No robotics clubs or science Olympiad, or anything like that.	12/1/2023 2:15 PM
119	There's a house on the corner of Burr and Union that has been overgrown for a year and never been addressed. I don't think we have code enforcement for homes that has trash or chaos in the front. No trash cans in the park in the winter lead to more litter. I tried to call animal control and the mailbox was full.	12/1/2023 1:05 PM
120	Loud and speeding motorcycles on route 18 seem to be unchecked.	12/1/2023 12:22 PM
121	Took 3 years to get town to fix road outside my home and they still did not do a great job.	12/1/2023 11:51 AM
122	Roads and sidewalks need repair, schools are not inclusive and there is excessive bullying,	12/1/2023 10:42 AM
123	The website has a lot of information, but I can't always easily find what I'm looking for. Also, it's hard to know if the information is up-to-date. A last updated date on each page might give me confidence that the information I'm Looking at was reviewed recently when it comes to elections and things, I'm always searching for up-to-date information	12/1/2023 10:28 AM
124	Is there no noise ordinance on bike/car mufflers? So many are ridiculously loud!	12/1/2023 12:14 AM
125	Trash collection leaves debris from bins on roadway regularly	11/30/2023 10:13 PM
126	Need to trim brush along roadways better, called and emailed but no response to my request. Dangerous.	11/30/2023 10:02 PM
127	The admin staff at the public school lack communication and does not know how to keep staff. They often don't have teachers or teachers end up resigning or walking out. They've had 4+	11/30/2023 9:48 PM

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new high school principals in less than 6 years...since we had a new superintendent and a new position of an assistant superintendent. You'd think it would have created a better public school.

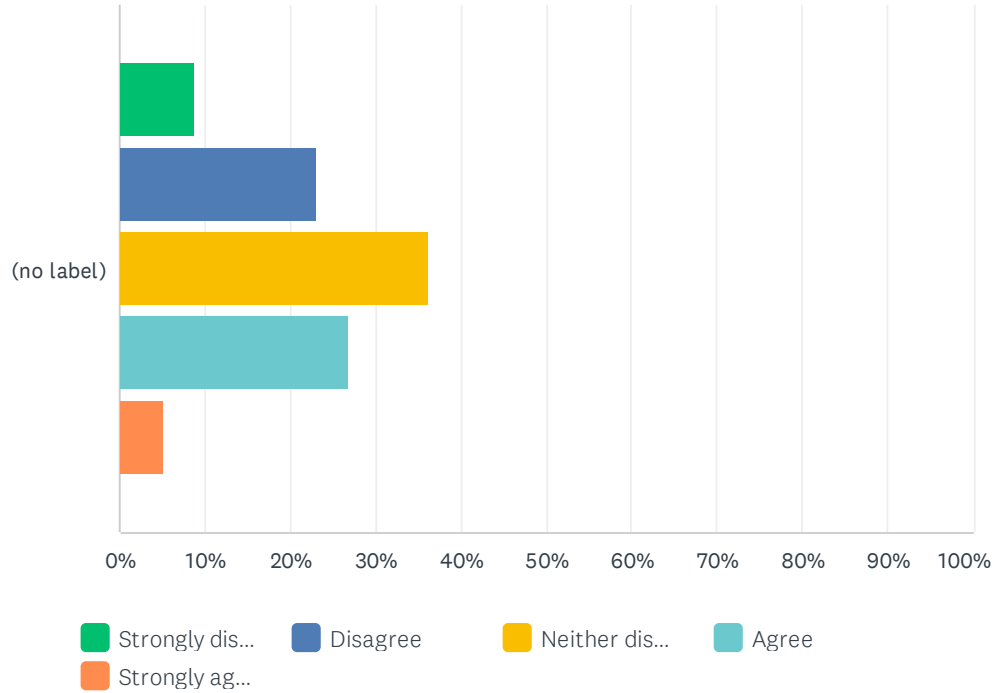
128	The turnover of faculty and staff at the schools continues to be a problem . An overpaid superintendent that is not a curriculum leader is a problem. The racial and lack of support for lgbtq students is in 2023. The lack of response to continuing racial slurs and incidents in the schools is despicable and discouraging.	11/30/2023 9:20 PM
129	The trash fee has become expensive, it would be easier to pay if it were broken down monthly or perhaps by monthly. The town website is OK, but it certainly could be more comprehensive and interactive.	11/30/2023 8:27 PM
130	Navigation of the page to get relevant detailed information is difficult unless on the email chains. Even then it is hard to follow.	11/30/2023 7:55 PM
131	Trash is too expensive	11/30/2023 7:47 PM
132	The town web site info is a joke	11/30/2023 7:30 PM
133	Town town website should be expanded to have more information.	11/30/2023 7:29 PM
134	My family uses the Halifax or Whitman library because they are more child-friendly.	11/30/2023 7:18 PM
135	Please redesign the DPW website, maybe make it part of the township site instead of its own	11/30/2023 7:08 PM
136	Trash very expensive . Would like opportunity to have a sticker at a reduced price for seniors.	11/30/2023 6:51 PM
137	Recycling should be weekly	11/30/2023 6:37 PM
138	Collecting recycling each week would be better. Town website and school sites are difficult to navigate and not mobile friendly.	11/30/2023 6:24 PM
139	Town website is clunky and not updated with important current info	11/30/2023 6:08 PM
140	Too many Dogs at the senior center, Is it a Dog Park ??	11/30/2023 5:11 PM
141	Lack of teachers, subs, student discipline, rotating administration at schools. Lack of trash and recycling options. No published police log.	11/30/2023 5:06 PM
142	Info is hard to get out to town	11/30/2023 4:47 PM
143	See previous comment about school managers.	11/30/2023 4:40 PM
144	The town's website is not always updated, and sometimes takes a few tries to find the information needed.	11/30/2023 4:28 PM
145	The senior center was built with community use included. Yuu need to jump through hoops and pay to much money to use something that has been paid for by taxpayers already	11/30/2023 3:28 PM
146	Cost is so high for bins	11/30/2023 3:19 PM
147	Some of the town department websites look and act like they were designed in the early 2000's	11/30/2023 3:16 PM
148	Town website gives very little info or up to date	11/30/2023 3:14 PM
149	Took long time to get roads accepted; rude traffic cop in front of high school, no reason why school scores should be so low	11/30/2023 3:10 PM
150	Street approved three months ago - still no street lights turned on	11/30/2023 3:08 PM
151	Too expensive	11/30/2023 3:01 PM
152	The town website doesn't work well.	11/30/2023 3:01 PM
153	The Town Recycling isn't the best value, and unfortunately the Sr Center was promoted as a Community Center and it ISN'T and the cost to use it for functions is excessive. As well as the "rules" to use prohibitive	11/30/2023 2:55 PM
154	The library expansion project is far more important than a pickle ball court or new astro turf.	11/30/2023 2:55 PM
155	There is a retention problem in the public schools with teachers and administrations. I believe	11/30/2023 2:53 PM

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	the Superintendent is a problem.	
156	School system is subpar. Sent my child to private high school.	11/30/2023 2:51 PM
157	I realize that we have the best Zoning enforcement officer around, but his hands are tied. Too many businesses being run in R-1 creating a negative impact on abutter's values and peaceful enjoyment.	11/30/2023 1:09 PM
158	Information exchange is either poor or hard to navigate	11/29/2023 11:16 PM
159	should not have to send my kids out of district for school	11/29/2023 10:53 PM
160	Schools and library need more funding.	11/29/2023 8:19 PM
161	The senior center feels hostile to outside use (including being on the land at Sachem at all).	11/29/2023 6:18 PM
162	Fire dept responded to 911- long response time for transport and EMT didn't seem very experienced. HS principals constant changing	11/29/2023 2:36 PM
163	I opted for private trash collection rather than town pick up.	11/29/2023 2:33 PM
164	Excessive permitting required for use of private property near wetlands and conservation land.	11/29/2023 10:52 AM
165	I already wrote about the schools. There needs to be a change at Superintendent. She is one of the highest paid in the state and we spend one of the lowest amounts per student. She is promoting woke policies that are ruining our schools and culture. There is way too much turnover in the staff at schools (principal). We need to challenge the kids that are high achievers and not change the curriculum to cater to underachievers. The cost for trash pickup is too high.	11/29/2023 10:31 AM
166	Too many properties that are not kept up with around town. The town should enact or enforce maintenance/upkeep requirements.	11/29/2023 9:10 AM
167	The school system has gone down the tube! Continuing to increase salaries for Superintendent while we have one of the lowest student spending ratios in the state. School committe doesn't allow public comment. Families are taking advantage of school choice and Vocational schools in masses because they are so dissatisfied.	11/29/2023 9:05 AM
168	The town's website feels cluttered and unintuitive. Information is available, but always seems to be hidden behind unnecessary layers. The schools always seem to be the focus of attack from the other departments (and finance committee and town administrator). It's like we want a good school system until we have to pay for it, then we'd rather cut it entirely. It's hard to have faith in the system that consistently being attacked and undercut by the town's government.	11/29/2023 8:39 AM
169	Though our librarians are excellent, the facility requires significant upgrades just to be on par with surrounding communities.	11/29/2023 8:26 AM
170	Animal control officer is not responsive.	11/29/2023 8:26 AM
171	DPW is a drain on the budget, over 20 employees, while we outsource almost all of their services, paying twice, poor senior management,	11/29/2023 8:23 AM
172	The library needs an overhaul and more space for people to go study	11/29/2023 8:14 AM
173	BOH does not answer the phone	11/29/2023 8:14 AM
174	Enforcement of allowed uses at business zoned property, example of trolley house on north central street, there are many violations at this business that have been reported and ignored such as no bathroom at a place of employment and several broken down vehicles which are also not allowed	11/29/2023 8:13 AM
175	Elected leadership needs much improvement	11/29/2023 8:00 AM
176	Too much turnover at highschool in leadership roles. Not enough use at expensive senior center. Working with town for my pool was a nightmare.	11/29/2023 7:58 AM
177	Too many different trash services. I don't want to call dpw and wait on hold forever just to get enrolled in the services.	11/29/2023 4:14 AM

Q27 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.

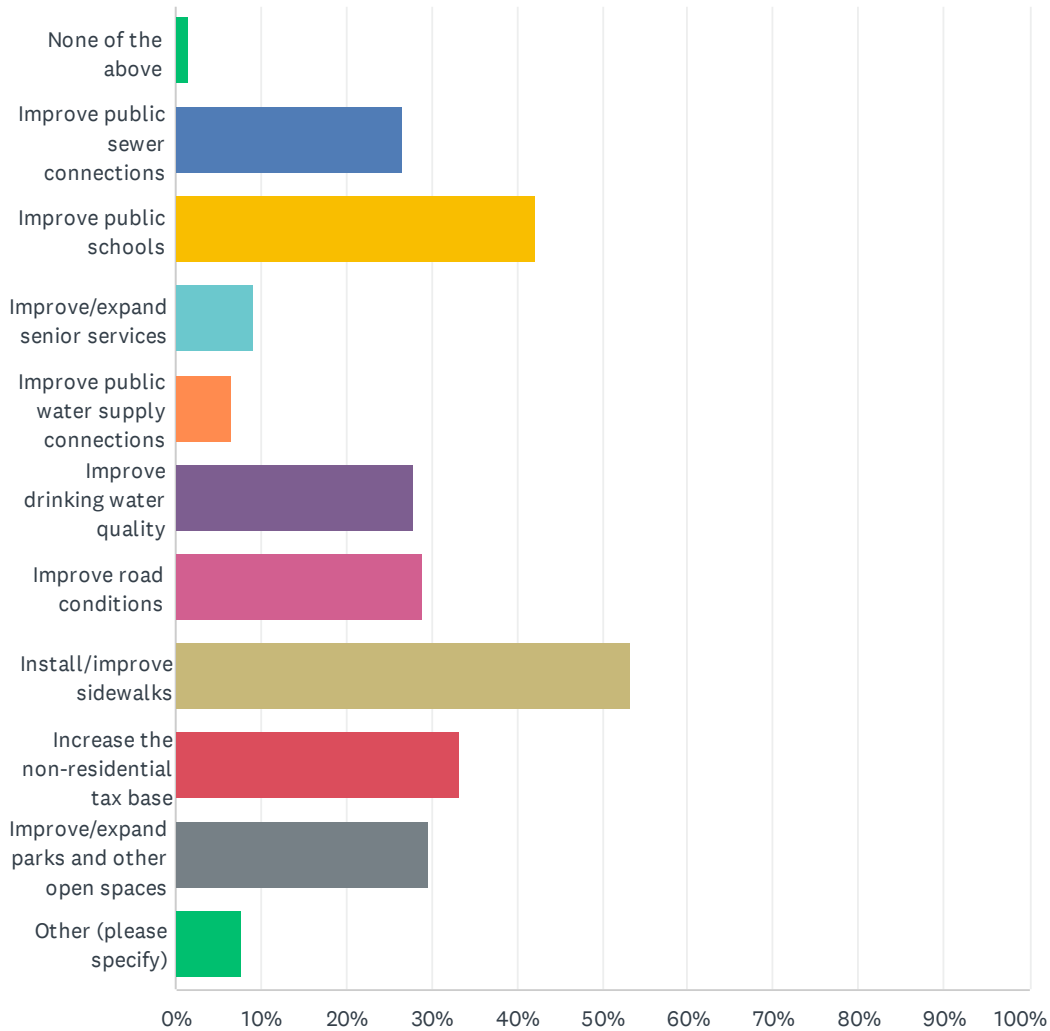
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	8.74% 48	22.95% 126	36.25% 199	26.96% 148	5.10% 28	549	2.70

Q28 Which of the following are most important for the town to invest in? Please tick up to three boxes.

Answered: 560 Skipped: 197



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.43%	8
Improve public sewer connections	26.61%	149
Improve public schools	42.32%	237
Improve/expand senior services	9.11%	51
Improve public water supply connections	6.61%	37
Improve drinking water quality	27.86%	156
Improve road conditions	28.93%	162
Install/improve sidewalks	53.21%	298
Increase the non-residential tax base	33.21%	186
Improve/expand parks and other open spaces	29.64%	166
Other (please specify)	7.68%	43
Total Respondents: 560		

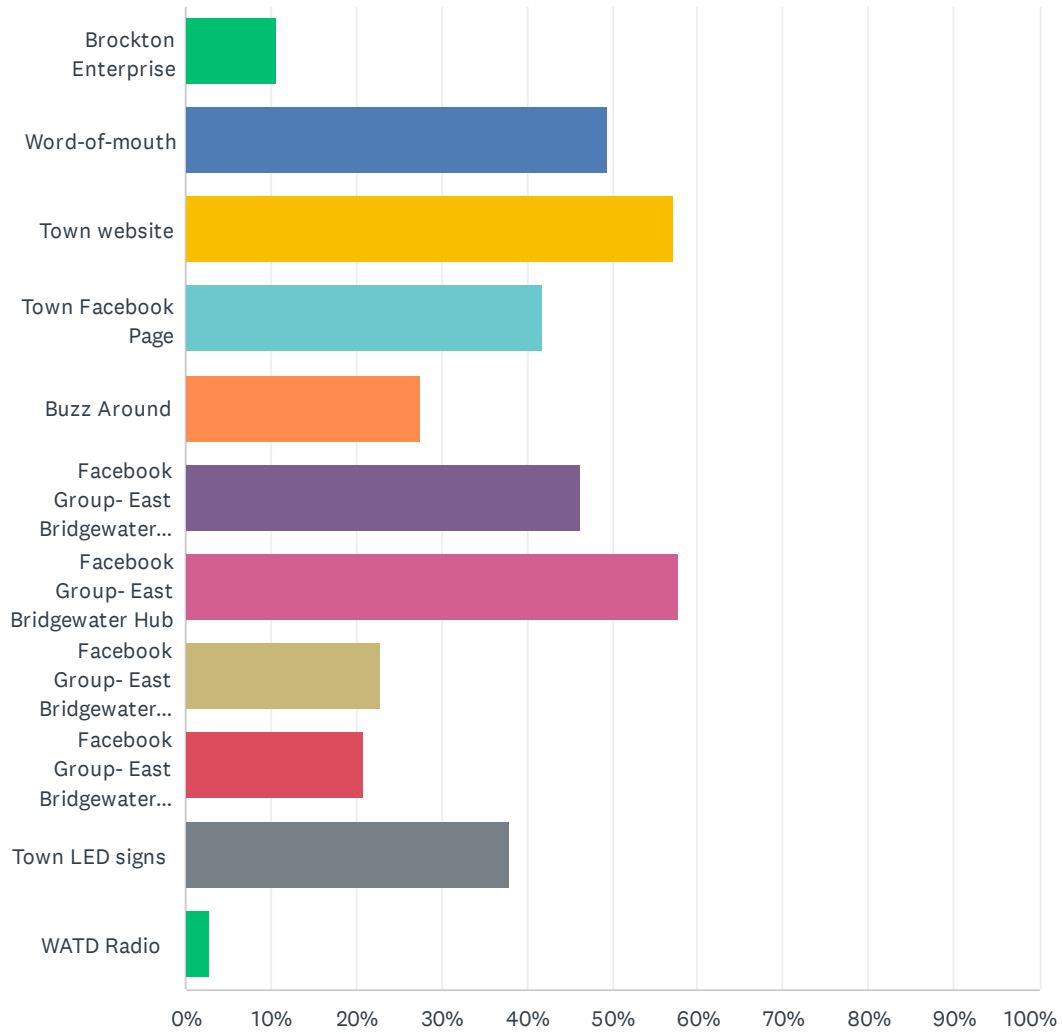
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Improve small business acceptance. Improve rent control. Mental health services for all ages.	3/21/2024 4:33 PM
2	Amend zoning to permit smaller parcels buildable.	3/7/2024 4:13 PM
3	Increase public sewer in areas that are most likely to encourage large chain, new retail and Restaurants.	3/6/2024 9:12 PM
4	Pay the teachers better so they don't leave	3/6/2024 8:28 PM
5	Take over the trash situation. Perhaps a new dump where the windmills are going to be.	3/6/2024 8:25 PM
6	Bike lanes new bike paths are there any abandoned rail beds for bike trails like Abington and rockland	3/6/2024 8:21 PM
7	Sachem Rock especially at the end of the street needs a new road, the patching in the last 13 years doesnt work , it never did, for what we pay in taxes we deserve a new road.	2/12/2024 11:02 AM
8	bike paths	2/12/2024 10:51 AM
9	Over population stop	1/30/2024 6:45 AM
10	There are NO sidewalks on Route 18 north of Sullivan Tire. This forces people to walk very close to fast moving vehicles.	1/23/2024 11:21 AM
11	Better oversight of schools.	1/18/2024 9:10 PM
12	Get sewer throughout town!!!	1/10/2024 5:06 PM
13	Maintain what we have today, do not invest in what you can't afford to maintain now!	1/9/2024 10:39 PM
14	More oversight and accountability with spending especially with regards to school budget	1/9/2024 7:20 PM
15	PUBLIC SEWAGE PLEASE!!!	1/9/2024 2:23 PM
16	Town sewer ruins small towns	1/9/2024 11:39 AM
17	Implement public sewer system	1/9/2024 11:13 AM
18	More sidewalks	1/9/2024 6:53 AM
19	We need a dog park	1/8/2024 10:28 PM
20	Fix school playgrounds	1/8/2024 8:52 PM

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21	Senior housing	1/8/2024 8:39 PM
22	Street lighting	1/8/2024 3:27 PM
23	Lower taxes/spending	1/8/2024 1:55 PM
24	Slowing down the speed of traffic.	1/7/2024 1:12 PM
25	More vibrant downtown. The town center is shameful.	12/12/2023 10:34 AM
26	Parks, trails, protecting environment	12/9/2023 10:22 AM
27	Transportation for the disabled	12/4/2023 12:11 PM
28	Recreational programming	12/2/2023 1:28 PM
29	A community center with after school programs and activities. Targeted ages 10-16 yo	12/2/2023 10:55 AM
30	Stop destroying the town	12/2/2023 6:31 AM
31	Fix this Question it wont allow to continue	12/1/2023 4:45 PM
32	Make the town more unified and less like a place to pass through. There's no town center really or place where you could meet up and have lunch and enjoy the scenery.	12/1/2023 1:05 PM
33	peexpand public sewer not just for another 400 apartment units built in the wetlands	11/30/2023 11:55 PM
34	Reduce taxes for over 55 developments. We do not get roads plowed, hydrants flushed, do not use the schools, no road maintenance by town.	11/30/2023 6:51 PM
35	Bike paths	11/30/2023 4:47 PM
36	More money should be allocated to the schools!!	11/30/2023 3:35 PM
37	Services for those suffering with Mental Health and Addiction	11/30/2023 2:55 PM
38	The water tastes like the chemicals added to it.	11/30/2023 2:55 PM
39	Improve small business acceptance. Improve rent control.	11/30/2023 2:55 PM
40	Keep funding in place for Police and fire. Without them, we become an extension of Brockton. Our schools are great but don't let them consume 80% of the town budget. If you don't want to lose our rural feel, don't put in town sewer.	11/30/2023 1:09 PM
41	The public sewer connections and installation of sidewalks are equally important to the safety/improvement of town	11/29/2023 6:18 PM
42	Improve interdepartmental relations and overall government transparency. I have no faith that elected officials and department heads care about the town as an investment in it's community above how much money we can strangle out of each other.	11/29/2023 8:39 AM
43	A comprehensive study to compare EB town funded services, to other communities with the same demographics, revenues population etc.	11/29/2023 8:23 AM

Q29 What sources do you use to learn about town events and news?

Answered: 539 Skipped: 218

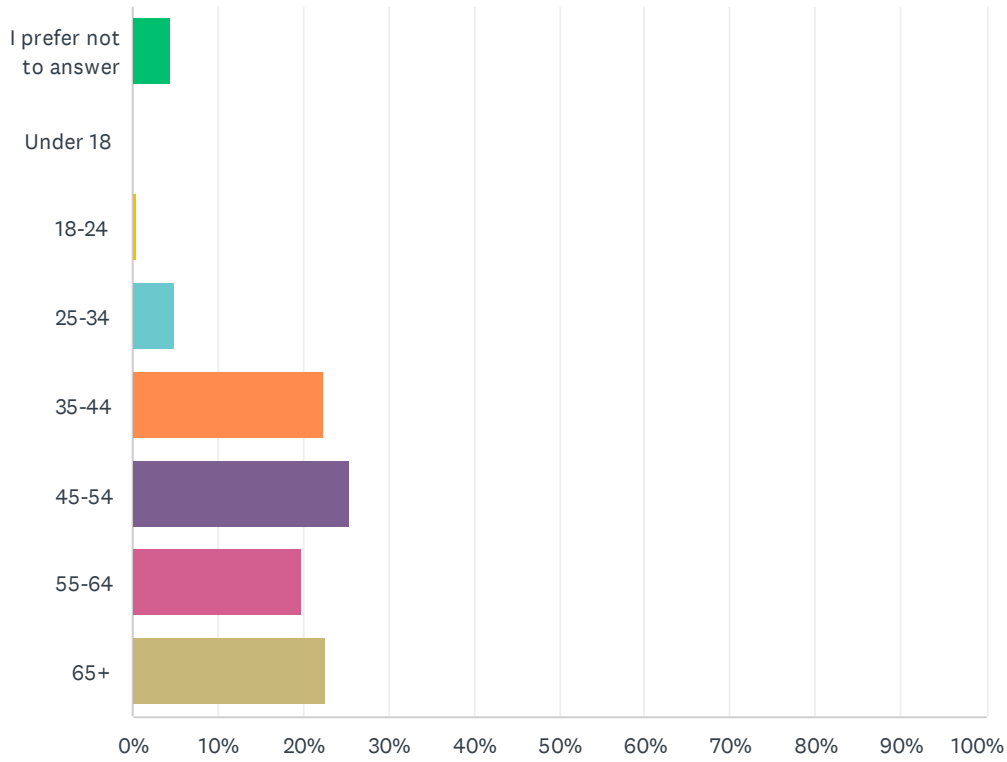


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Brockton Enterprise	10.76%	58
Word-of-mouth	49.54%	267
Town website	57.14%	308
Town Facebook Page	41.74%	225
Buzz Around	27.46%	148
Facebook Group- East Bridgewater Free Hub	46.20%	249
Facebook Group- East Bridgewater Hub	57.88%	312
Facebook Group- East Bridgewater Social	22.82%	123
Facebook Group- East Bridgewater Local Politics	20.96%	113
Town LED signs	38.03%	205
WATD Radio	2.78%	15
Total Respondents: 539		

Q30 What age group are you in?

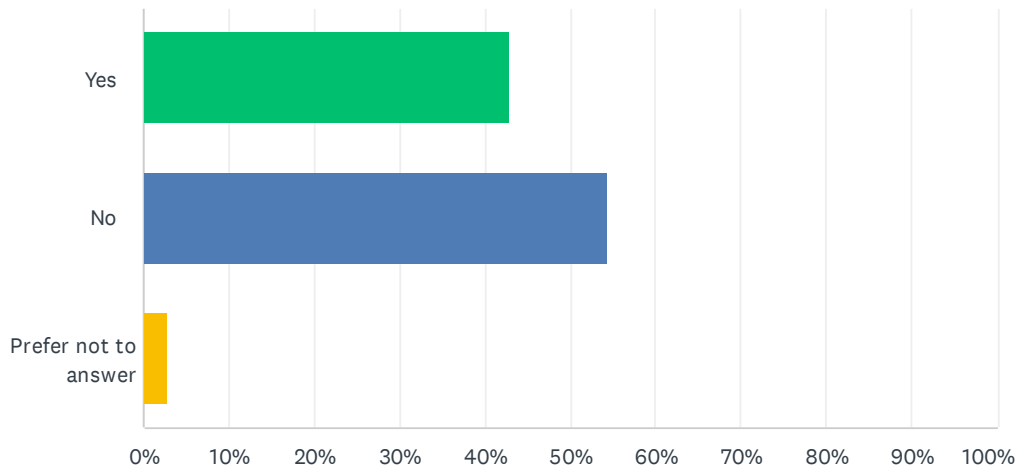
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer not to answer	4.52%	25
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.36%	2
25-34	4.88%	27
35-44	22.42%	124
45-54	25.32%	140
55-64	19.89%	110
65+	22.60%	125
TOTAL		553

Q31 Is anyone in your household under the age of 18?

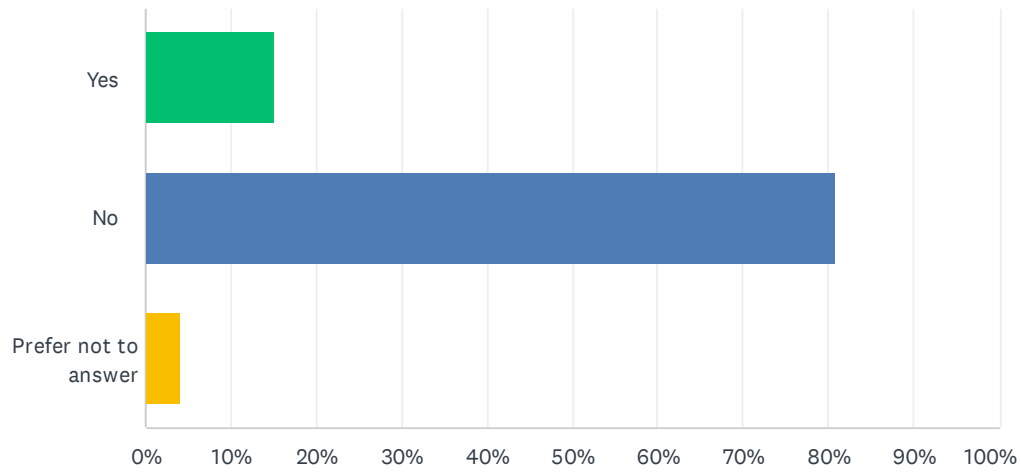
Answered: 553 Skipped: 204



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.86%	237
No	54.43%	301
Prefer not to answer	2.71%	15
TOTAL		553

Q32 Do you live in a multigenerational (3 or more) household?

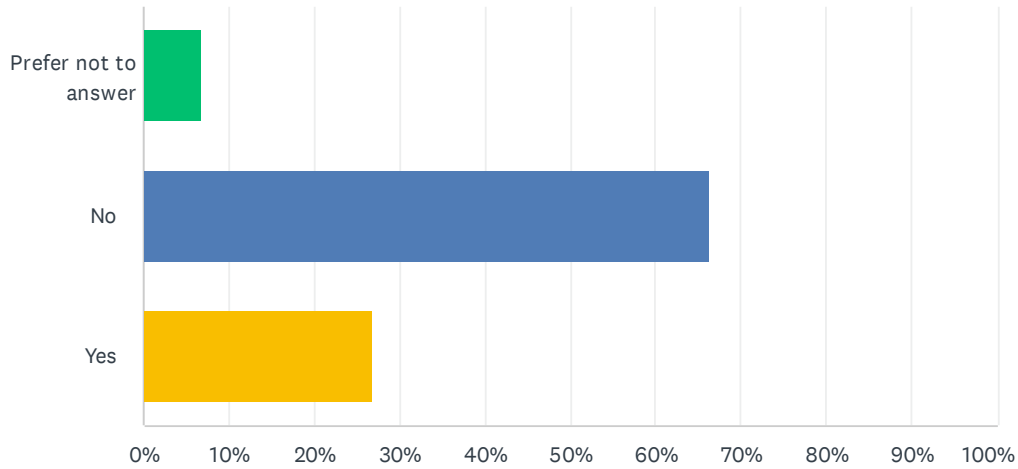
Answered: 553 Skipped: 204



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.19%	84
No	80.83%	447
Prefer not to answer	3.98%	22
TOTAL		553

Q33 Do you or does someone who lives with you have any disability, handicap, or chronic disease?

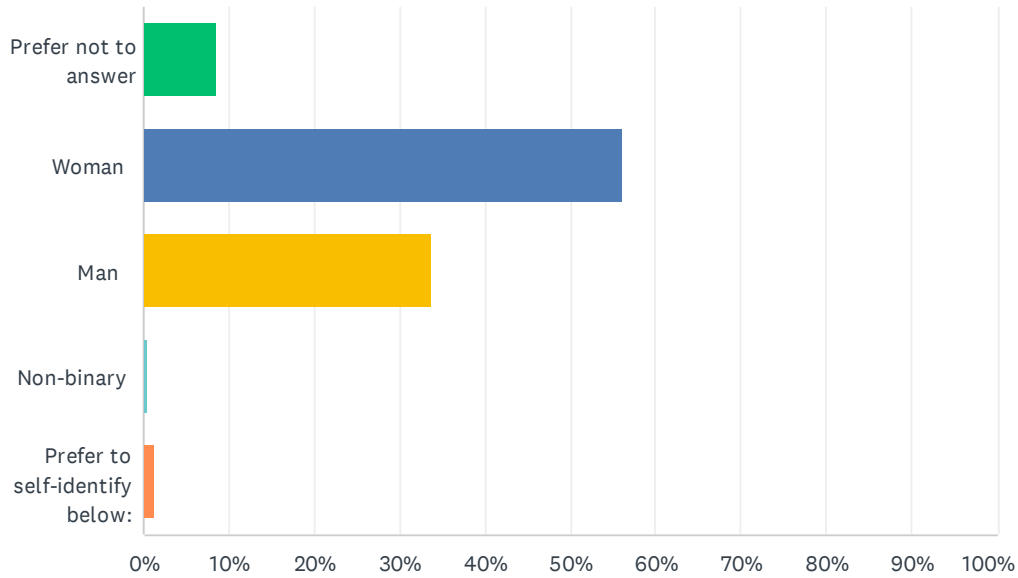
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Prefer not to answer	6.74% 37
No	66.30% 364
Yes	26.96% 148
TOTAL	549

Q34 Which of the following best describes your gender?

Answered: 551 Skipped: 206

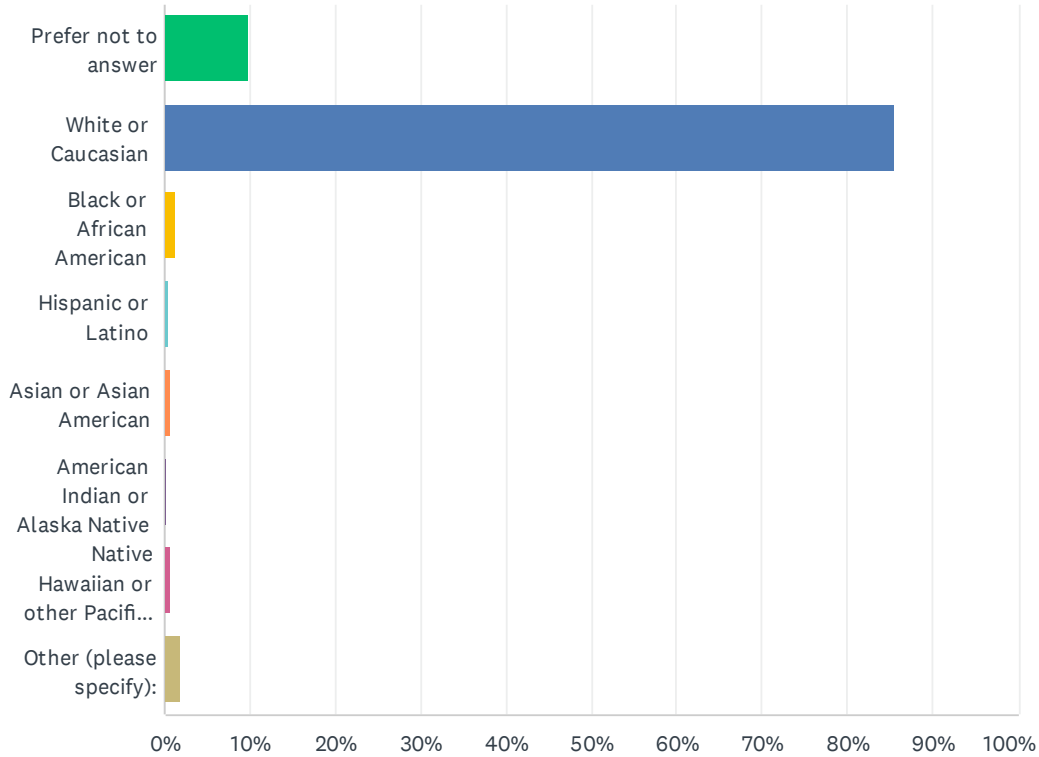


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	8.53%	47
Woman	56.08%	309
Man	33.76%	186
Non-binary	0.36%	2
Prefer to self-identify below:	1.27%	7
TOTAL		551

#	PREFER TO SELF-IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	Gay/lesbian	3/20/2024 5:06 PM
2	Doesn't make difference	2/10/2024 4:53 AM
3	God created men and women	1/30/2024 6:48 AM
4	I identify as a Viking	1/9/2024 11:44 AM
5	Female	12/21/2023 12:04 PM
6	Gender is a construct	12/1/2023 12:17 AM
7	You are either XX or XY	11/30/2023 11:04 AM

Q35 What race and/or ethnicity do you identify with? Please tick one or more boxes.

Answered: 548 Skipped: 209



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	9.85%	54
White or Caucasian	85.40%	468
Black or African American	1.28%	7
Hispanic or Latino	0.36%	2
Asian or Asian American	0.55%	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.18%	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.55%	3
Other (please specify):	1.82%	10
TOTAL		548

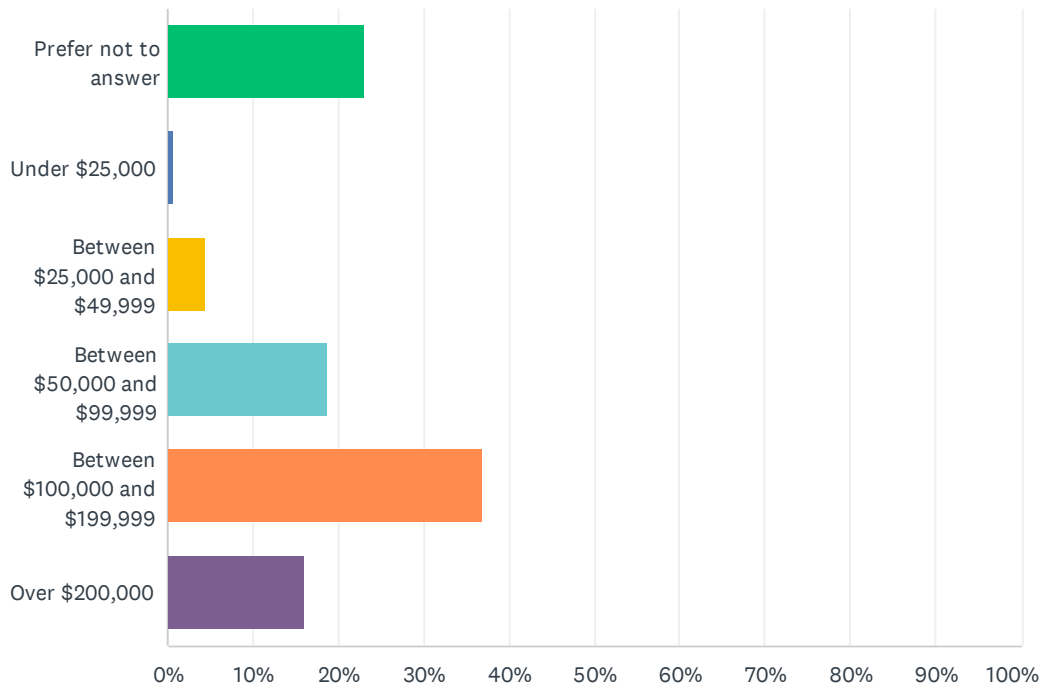
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	American	1/16/2024 12:36 PM
2	middle eastern	1/12/2024 6:43 PM
3	Mixed	1/10/2024 10:08 AM

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4	Multi	1/9/2024 3:33 PM
5	Biracial	1/9/2024 11:15 AM
6	Two or more races	1/8/2024 5:59 PM
7	Mixed races	1/8/2024 1:48 PM
8	Race is a construct	12/1/2023 12:17 AM
9	American	11/30/2023 3:09 PM
10	White & Black	11/29/2023 7:51 PM

Q36 What was your total household income last year before taxes?

Answered: 546 Skipped: 211



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	23.08%	126
Under \$25,000	0.73%	4
Between \$25,000 and \$49,999	4.58%	25
Between \$50,000 and \$99,999	18.86%	103
Between \$100,000 and \$199,999	36.81%	201
Over \$200,000	15.93%	87
TOTAL		546

Q37 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: 147 Skipped: 610

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Look into installing traffic light on Route 18 and Wildwood. Heavy traffic area. Cars speeding coming from Boston makes it impossible to get onto route 18. Look into police records to see where the most accidents have occurred in past 5 years. Please leave further surveys at council on aging.	3/24/2024 7:12 PM
2	Truck drivers, both retired and active, should be the majority of the truck route committee. Mental health services for students are lacking.	3/21/2024 4:36 PM
3	Put a round about in center Center of town is horrible It works up in Scituate on 3A great	3/20/2024 5:08 PM
4	Why concerns about inclusivity? All are already welcome	3/16/2024 7:37 AM
5	Center of town, 6 lights, the common to the banks/ Sofia's/ Cappacaonie corner Library... review options to make this a better safer area for driving and walking-	3/13/2024 5:59 PM
6	The 40 mile an hour speed limit on Washington Street is to fast. If it says 40 people will drive 45-50. We need more sidewalks in town so people can walk and get exercise.	3/8/2024 12:09 PM
7	I've a rear piece of land that is landlocked and designated as commercial which is crazy. I'd like to see it changed back to residential. 22 Washington St	3/8/2024 11:11 AM
8	This town needs more restaurants and sidewalks.	3/8/2024 7:59 AM
9	Would like to see reduced speed limits on back roads 35 is to high they do 45 to 50 on them . Restrictions on tractor trailers on back roads.	3/7/2024 7:00 PM
10	Cut all waist under Town management. STOP wasting tax dollars. Remove school superintendent, End CRT, and bring back traditional teaching.	3/7/2024 4:19 PM
11	I think the biggest thing hurting town from what little I know are the slew of previous financial decisions going back several years. Keep hearing vague bits. I don't understand so many folks major beef with the education system. My son went through 7-12 well and is slotted for success at BSU. Perhaps I'm just obvious to what's been going on other than hearing how disgusting money the superintendent makes and the teachers are under paid. Especially after touring Central School.	3/7/2024 10:52 AM
12	Limit growth in congested areas. Do not comply with state mandated housing initiatives.	3/7/2024 10:12 AM
13	Please please please add more sidewalks	3/7/2024 9:23 AM
14	We need to be more forward thinking to be able to leverage funding opportunities such as Brownfields grants, CPA funds, etc to support opportunities when they arise that would be beneficial for the entire community.	3/6/2024 10:27 PM
15	Should have a five member Selectman/Selectwoman board.	3/6/2024 9:21 PM
16	It is getting harder to live here. Financially, the burden is greater. Waste material can not be discarded unless approved by the town, or taken to the recycle yard with a sporadic timetable. Otherwise the town seems to mind it's business.	3/6/2024 8:34 PM
17	East Bridgewater and Bridgewater storefronts and businesses look very run down. Restaurants and shops are going out of business. I had expected the area to be more vibrant when I moved here - especially with the connection to and location of the college. Thank you for moving towards reviving the town.	3/6/2024 8:31 PM
18	Bike trails	3/6/2024 8:23 PM

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19	East Bridgewater is a right to farm community, conservation needs to get off their high horse	3/6/2024 8:14 PM
20	Encourage business/mix-use growth in specific areas to support a greater tax source to invest in improving walking trails and sidewalks.	2/23/2024 8:33 AM
21	We don't need more apartments, no complexes, no big multi family homes. Our schools have enough trouble managing with the current number of enrolled students. We can't keep the small town feel if we keep building more apartments and bringing in so many people to town.	2/20/2024 1:23 PM
22	We'd love to bike or walk around town but there needs to be better and more sidewalks and bike lanes not directly on the road.	2/12/2024 11:16 AM
23	This town is not cohesive. We are not together. Why not have music in field where elderly house is on Rt 106? So many people would come together meet each other, listen music, town news, celebrate 4th, make it feel like where a town!	2/10/2024 4:57 AM
24	Stop building, stop overpopulation of the town and when people wake up your 15 minute cities will be denied God has the last word !!!	1/30/2024 6:53 AM
25	Please do not add anymore rental properties. The schools are crowded. I would like the school system to not be a "choice" school. Make the center of town nice and presentable. Bring in more business. Restaurants. Lower taxes.	1/24/2024 8:16 PM
26	The Toll Road site (across from the old Mocking Bird) is an extraordinary eyesore. Rusted, hulking vehicles, machinery and metal drums are just feet from Route 18. No town I have ever lived in would allow such flagrant disregard. There is also deserted machinery and old rusting vehicles on a private property just north of Toll Road. Aren't there any means of enforcing a cleanup? Also, the noise from Toll Road is unacceptable, especially when they grind up old asphalt.	1/23/2024 11:32 AM
27	We need to further develop our utilities to promote development in order to update areas	1/22/2024 8:08 PM
28	The Massachusetts Community Preservation Act is funded by mandatory fees at the Registry of Deeds for every transaction. Currently our citizens are paying these fees and other communities get the money; because our community has not adopted the CPA! Is the East Bridgewater Open Space Plan up to Date?	1/20/2024 1:45 PM
29	We need to vote in CPA!! It is shameful that we have contributed to it for years through mandatory fees and are not eligible to get anything back while most of the rest of the state taps into the fund. In fact we are ineligible to even apply for some state grants because we are not part of The Community Preservation Act!	1/19/2024 1:47 PM
30	Don't want town sewer, because that would spur super-growth. Don't want to be Brockton. Need to preserve safe, small-town environment.	1/18/2024 9:13 PM
31	I would like to see more entertainment and nightlife. I don't have many activities for my children. I must go to neighboring towns to find places to eat, shop, and spend money.	1/17/2024 8:51 PM
32	I would really like to see town sewer expanded to more areas.	1/17/2024 9:45 AM
33	Need more restaurants.	1/16/2024 5:22 PM
34	we need sidewalks! Especially on Washington Street!	1/16/2024 1:55 PM
35	As more cars are on the roads each year, sidewalk expansion is critical to allowing the community currently without sidewalks to enjoy getting outdoors in the community without having to drive to a safer area. Vehicles routinely travel near 50MPH on Washington street. Without sidewalks, residents are never able to safely walk near their homes. Sidewalks instill a greater sense of community as neighbors interact outdoors.	1/16/2024 1:26 PM
36	Schools — leadership and overall structure	1/15/2024 12:58 PM
37	Lower taxes!!! Or stop increasing them it's been out of hand!	1/15/2024 11:39 AM
38	better sidewalks better roads.	1/12/2024 6:44 PM
39	We need a red/yellow/green arrow at the center for central street turning left.	1/12/2024 6:38 PM
40	Thank you 😊	1/12/2024 10:30 AM
41	Offering town sewer would be a huge benefit. Focus on improving school system.	1/11/2024 7:35 PM

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42	cleaning of brooks, streams and rivers so water can flow which will improve drainage of the town.	1/11/2024 7:09 AM
43	I am very dismayed at empty lots, abandoned properties while we who pay keep getting taxes raised every year....there are 3 such properties within sight of my home. So many eye sores.	1/11/2024 6:27 AM
44	Hey sewer throughout town. Septic systems are failing and unless people are selling you won't know and it's tainting the ground water. Need sidewalks on all major streets.	1/10/2024 5:07 PM
45	More events driven towards community and kids. Many events are starting to turn more pc, driven from news and social media.	1/10/2024 10:09 AM
46	Need to put more arrows at lights to prevent accidents. Too many accidents in town	1/10/2024 6:38 AM
47	Our manager approves spending like the federal govt spends. Our family doesn't spend what we dont have. We will be lucky if we can stay in our home with the property tax bill that the are forced to pay every year in this little town that cant stop spending. You guys keep spending ridiculously and our tax bill goes up about 300 every years. Everything that every department asks for...they get. And our suotbof schools is a failure. You all know it and you keep giving her raises. We need big changes with that issue. No one wants to work for her. Accountability is needed with school spending and accreditation. It's obvious and everyone in town knows it. If you're going to pay her like that make sure you get great results.	1/9/2024 7:31 PM
48	Public septic is critically important. With high ground water and it makes residential septic a nightmare. Please put to priority #1.	1/9/2024 2:25 PM
49	Keep EB a small town. Don't make us like Whitman or Abington.	1/9/2024 11:45 AM
50	Looking forward to learning more about our new community	1/9/2024 10:47 AM
51	There are still streets that need to be repaved; Folsom, Water, North Water	1/9/2024 8:06 AM
52	Need more sidewalks and speed control on Elm Street.	1/9/2024 6:56 AM
53	very concerned about building commercial and residential. Need open space, better use of public space we have, the town common school auditoriums and senior center which was supposed to be a community center when new high school was voted in Let's make better use of the facilities we have.	1/8/2024 11:29 PM
54	We need a dog park, and playground accessible during school hours.	1/8/2024 10:29 PM
55	A lot of things I. Town are a popularity contest	1/8/2024 9:54 PM
56	I would like to safely bike around town. Speed is definitely a problem on Central, Union and Washington Sts especially on weekends I would also like our center of town to have more viable shops. Mom and pop types	1/8/2024 9:17 PM
57	We should put a public pool on the grounds of the senior center similar to the one in Whitman.	1/8/2024 9:01 PM
58	Expand sewer to bring in business.	1/8/2024 8:51 PM
59	The town should take the indicative to get all the "unapproved" roads in town approved. People are buying houses not knowing they are unapproved roads until the road is falling apart and the town won't fix it. Then they send all this information on what the homeowner has to do. That's crap.	1/8/2024 8:50 PM
60	Getting sewer for the town. Consistent senior leadership within the school district. Improve the drinking water. Improve drainage due to the climate changes this seems to only be getting worse. Explore EB possibly getting it's own electric company (like Middleboro) which would assist residents with the skyrocketing, monopoly prices that National Grid currently charges.	1/8/2024 8:32 PM
61	Would love a public playground/park as the school playgrounds are not available during certain times.	1/8/2024 6:51 PM
62	The condition of roads and sidewalks are awful. They are done poorly when redone or done in a way that it feel like a bandaid that isn't a full solution. Like the new pavement used that is rocky after and require signs to drive slow. Sidewalk are not cared for and falling apart. After this last storm, I found our snow removal appalling. The roads are never great to drive on but this was bad when neighboring towns were light-years ahead of snow removal	1/8/2024 6:38 PM
63	We should have a more centralized (outside of Facebook) place to call for volunteers to make	1/8/2024 6:29 PM

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it easier to contribute back to the community. Thank you for all your effort.

64	Education on: wild-life safety, TNR of feral cats, care of wild-life, feral cats.	1/8/2024 6:13 PM
65	EB needs industry, restaurants and convenience of shopping. (Target, Walmart, TJMax, Homegoods, Hobby Lobby)	1/8/2024 5:09 PM
66	I believe this community needs to be more inclusive and respond more appropriately to concerns of racism and prejudice. I've seen inadequate responses in both the schools and community.	1/8/2024 3:39 PM
67	Storm drains	1/8/2024 2:53 PM
68	PLEASE add more sidewalks. I feel like I'm taking my life in my hands when I walk on Winter/Summer/Elm st's. It is awful. I don't let my kids walk around town.	1/8/2024 2:27 PM
69	The town spends the money of others' without consideration if our personal budgets. There's so much pressure to vote yes on literally everything, even utilizing limping projects together to get support (high school, community center). Just like residents of EB, if you have to borrow to buy YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT. Let's promote saving rather than borrowing.	1/8/2024 2:00 PM
70	I would really love to see improvement and attention to the quality of drinking water in EB, as well as the need for sidewalks and public events! I think this would positively impact so many other aspects of living for EB.	1/8/2024 1:49 PM
71	The sidewalks on North Bedford St and Union St are in desperate need of repairs. They are unsafe for families with strollers to walk on.	1/8/2024 1:29 PM
72	The town writes blank checks to the school. The superintendent makes way too much money for the job that's being done.	1/8/2024 1:19 PM
73	There should be more emphases on reducing vehicle speeds back down to the posted speed limits. On "high use" roads like Belmont Street, there should be speed limit signs installed (posted).	1/7/2024 1:22 PM
74	Probably, but I can't think of it right now	12/25/2023 9:13 AM
75	Center of town needs improvements such as sidewalk mowing and litter maintenance. Traffic in center would flow better if lanes were clearly marked such as Left only, right and straight. Etc. Maintenance on median area next to common going down Plymouth Street. Landscaping in it is too high and lush. Overgrown so that all traffic isn't visible from each direction causing high possibility of accidents, collisions and personal harm to school walkers. Landscaping should be kept to a minimum in each median in town, especially this one with high traffic and close to all school traffic.	12/24/2023 9:50 AM
76	We DON'T need solar panel in the recycle center on Bridge St. This was once the dump & there are gases in the ground & I am sure Aerosole cans as well. among other stuff.	12/18/2023 2:26 PM
77	Question 11 should have included the public schools/education as a potential reason for leaving our home.	12/18/2023 8:47 AM
78	The town needs to create a director of HR and the funds need to come from the departments budgets. Some of the department heads are wonderful as their chosen profession but need help with the business and HR side of running a business. We/the departments need help running the business side of the town.	12/12/2023 10:40 AM
79	Please sidewalks connecting us to places around town and to other towns (like continuing down 106 with sidewalks) would greatly improve the health of our residents.	12/10/2023 2:20 PM
80	The town needs more walkability.	12/10/2023 1:51 PM
81	The number one and Frist place to start is sewerage. It is the one thing that will do so much; protect our water supply, protect wetlands, increase quality of life, not worrying about how your going to pay for a new septic system? If your retired, elderly, how do you expect them to come up with 40-50,000\$? To fix their system? They cant and I have seen it in multiple areas of the town.	12/9/2023 10:28 AM
82	please dont use facebook or social media	12/8/2023 9:03 AM
83	We need a dog park in town. I had spoken to the recreation committee about available grant from the Stanton Foundation	12/7/2023 10:02 PM

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84	Thank you for an amazing 209 year celebration the fireworks were amazing a lot of work went in to the events	12/7/2023 8:49 PM
85	The town needs to address the lack of safe passage for pedestrians. Sidewalks on roads with heavy traffic basically do no exist. The town needs to do a better job of maintaining natural resources ie Jones Pond.	12/7/2023 6:14 PM
86	I would like to see more 'green' initiatives including recycling, better maintained trails for walking, and signing up Massachusetts green energy options.	12/6/2023 2:10 PM
87	Can't emphasize sidewalks enough. Making this town more walkable outside of Central Street would change everything for the better.	12/6/2023 10:36 AM
88	Need transportation like the RIDE services for the disabled.	12/4/2023 12:12 PM
89	Post office doors need to be made automatic. Almost impossible for someone with disabilities to get in or out. Town needs to work with USPS to make this happen,	12/4/2023 10:50 AM
90	I would like to see sidewalks on Central Street from the town up and past cedar street as the street is dangerous to walk on also to fix up the historic old houses and farm houses as they are historic. We don;t need anymore huge houses. we need more open spaces.	12/3/2023 10:45 AM
91	I think we need to think about attracting future residents. We need to focus on the things that families want when choosing a town: schools with good reputations, places for kids to play, restaurants beyond pizza or takeout, a walkable and attractive downtown...we need a tasteful, elegant town!	12/2/2023 2:26 PM
92	Stop destroying the town !!!! Stop overpopulating the town!!! Master Plan ????????	12/2/2023 6:40 AM
93	Please make sure that your questions have proper spelling.	12/1/2023 7:10 PM
94	If you aren't on Facebook you miss out on a lot of what is happening in town. For example, the 200 th anniversary committee could have done a better job of spreading the word about events throughout the year.	12/1/2023 4:41 PM
95	We need climate change action such as green municipal power, aggregation, habitat preservation, and better education!	12/1/2023 2:19 PM
96	It feels like we're in the middle of nowhere and there's nothing to do unless you leave the town. All new construction seems to have bay doors and lean into this town being the garage of better town like Whitman and Brockton instead of a home with I trest of it's own. I'd like to see the town lean into being a small town and having so much natural areas by promoting trails and field trips and Informational signage	12/1/2023 1:11 PM
97	Rework RT 18 so that it is wider with more lanes and flows better. Expand sewage to include business districts to entice comercial tax revenue projects. Start to expand sewage to residential areas near downtown with a 10 - 15 year plan to cover most of the town.	12/1/2023 11:55 AM
98	We need to attract a Supermarket. We need to improve (fix) the intersections in town that have traffic lights. They are on a timer cycle and need to be on a trip cycle especially during the overnight hours. Lights should stay green on Rt. 18 until tripped by a vehicle on the cross street. Not on a consistent timer. Same for East and West Street and Whitman Street. Washington and Central should be on a trip with Washington being green constantly and Central being the trip.	12/1/2023 10:38 AM
99	I would love to see more transparency. I see some meetings are posted to YouTube which is awesome! Would love to see more of that.	12/1/2023 10:12 AM
100	Removal of dead tree ear power line. Too many outages in my area each year	12/1/2023 9:13 AM
101	I'd like to see a town playground, our own rec center for the kids. central school is amazing.	12/1/2023 8:52 AM
102	Residential property taxes are driving us out of our homes. Residents don't have money for proper property maintenance because so much goes to paying taxes and town services. Seniors in particular can't afford to stay in the homes where they raised there families.	12/1/2023 8:10 AM
103	I wish we had more sidewalks	12/1/2023 12:17 AM
104	Please clean up the spaces. Enforce that there is a need for businesses to take pride I. Their properties and maintenance. CLean up the buildings and areas in the center of town.	11/30/2023 10:55 PM

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105	I think the town should acquire land on Robins Pond to use as a park with picnics and community events.	11/30/2023 9:52 PM
106	businesses	11/30/2023 8:39 PM
107	I really appreciate the opportunity to provide input. Thank you for all the work that you do, I love living in East Bridgewater. (I am from Brockton originally)	11/30/2023 8:30 PM
108	Bedford St / Rye 18 is increasingly a nightmare. Lack of sidewalks, particularly on Bedford St, making walking in this community impossible.	11/30/2023 8:01 PM
109	As a former extreme sports enthusiast, a dedicated area for skateboarding and BMX biking would be nice to see in town.	11/30/2023 7:20 PM
110	Fix the DPW website, redesign the center, and add/fix sidewalks on Big 3, then walking trails, education and infrastructure	11/30/2023 7:11 PM
111	We need a Teen Center or Community space for young residents that could potentially offer extra curricular classes or skills for kids, a space for preteens/teens to safely congregate or tutor younger kids. A summer Recreation Program funded by the town that employs qualified teenagers at local parks/open space to be Rec leaders who play with kids who show up/sign up for a set time each day, say 8-12. Quincy has an excellent summer Recreation Program if you need a good model.	11/30/2023 7:11 PM
112	The agricultural arrow one way signs are awful and confusing to everyone.	11/30/2023 6:55 PM
113	Absolutely need to be more proactive on infrastructure and support of "green" initiatives (sidewalks/bike lanes, solar on municipal buildings, sewer etc)	11/30/2023 6:10 PM
114	Motorcycles with LOUD mufflers , Pull them over and Write them up !	11/30/2023 5:15 PM
115	As a land owner and property owner who when retiring might need to sell some land to survive financially. It is too challenging to do this with so many guidelines. Need help.	11/30/2023 4:51 PM
116	We need sidewalks and speed limit enforcement on busy residential roads!!!	11/30/2023 3:53 PM
117	MORE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN APPROPRIATE AREAS TO LESSEN RESIDENTIAL TAXES. TAXES WILL DRIVE ME OUT OF MY HOME- OVER 10K PER YEAR. THE LIGHTS IN CENTER NEED A LEFT GREEN ARROW COMING FROM TOWN HALL TO CVS. CAUSES TOO MUCH TRAFFIC AND ABILITY TO MAKE THROUGH LIGHT.	11/30/2023 3:41 PM
118	We chose EB in 2012 to raise our children based on schools, small town but access to trains/highway. Been happy with Central/Middle, but hope to see improvements at High School given the tremendous slip in ratings and believe this improvement needs to be made at superintendent level. Sidewalks need to be made beyond the center - any road within 2 miles of schools needs a side walk since they are not considered "bus" eligible.	11/30/2023 3:41 PM
119	Yes, we built a school the roof leaks we were stuck paying for it, and we want to build another school. We built a senior center that again is like jumping through hoops to use and added bocce courts that are not proper for use "edged stone" We put in the baseball field at high school and now want to or have paid 10 of thousands of dollars to move fencing etc. or discuss moving it. we want to spend millions on a library where most stuff is online.	11/30/2023 3:36 PM
120	Improved Traffic lights and proper turn signals along RT 18 between: Peaceful Meadows farm area and RT 106.	11/30/2023 3:33 PM
121	Please don't let planes spray the skies.	11/30/2023 3:23 PM
122	The center of town is a nightmare to drive thru.	11/30/2023 3:23 PM
123	Think the town is doing a wonderful job and love living here. Just would like the water quality and roads to improve.	11/30/2023 3:22 PM
124	Would like more selectmen/select women or go to district reps. This is not a small town anymore and we need more representation. We need more leaders out in the community listening to citizens needs. Open forum before selectmen meetings doesn't fulfill that need.	11/30/2023 3:22 PM
125	Fix the intersection at 18/East street.	11/30/2023 3:20 PM
126	Don't let us become Brockton!	11/30/2023 3:13 PM

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127	I think it is important for any development to stay architecturally connected with the historic character of the town.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
128	Please stop building new homes and focus on redevelopment of what we have. Poor noise control in town, and high car accident numbers are ridiculous. And do we really need an outdoor theater over assisting small businesses financially?	11/30/2023 3:02 PM
129	Taxes are too high. The water tastes like fluorides. There is no viable public transportation. All the teenagers need cats in order to work.	11/30/2023 2:57 PM
130	To stay rural, increase required land volume per lot. Town sewer will only allow non perc-able lots to be developed. Keep your police, fire, and DPW well funded as those aspects keep our town's property values up and EB a desirable and safe place to live. PS- your stormwater runoff bylaw is a joke. it is simply a revenue producer. (On residential, not commercial)	11/30/2023 1:15 PM
131	Would like more events like those during bicentennial celebration	11/29/2023 11:17 PM
132	Participation in town meetings would be better if it was possible to vote without being present.	11/29/2023 8:20 PM
133	Taxes are far too high.	11/29/2023 7:23 PM
134	A dog park would be a real asset!	11/29/2023 4:48 PM
135	Central School project should be built with the projection of population increase in mind.	11/29/2023 2:35 PM
136	Sidewalks all along Plymouth street and Washington to allow kids to safely bike and walk outside of their neighborhoods would be great.	11/29/2023 10:55 AM
137	More sidewalks and better road condition. Student spend per capita, stop giving raises to the superintendent and put it into the student curriculum.	11/29/2023 10:34 AM
138	Thanks for attempting to make the town better.	11/29/2023 10:10 AM
139	I wish they were more community events for kids and more safe places for kids to go after school in the community. I live on Union Street and we have no sidewalks, I feel uncomfortable, having my kids walk anywhere in town.	11/29/2023 9:25 AM
140	The master plan should be updated on the town website for all to access. We should not have to submit our email in order to obtain an update.	11/29/2023 9:11 AM
141	Please consider extending sidewalks all the way up Route 106 to Halifax. There is no safe area to walk once the sidewalk ends.	11/29/2023 8:46 AM
142	This town has so much to offer, but it's stifled by an antiquated form of town governance that hasn't changed with the changing community. We are flat footed and slow to adapt. That has been changing, but we are allowing a small, but vocal segment of our community stall that change. An adjustment away from town meeting style of governance can make a difference in how well the town can manage projects like the ones presented here.	11/29/2023 8:43 AM
143	The town should have a stronger official social media presence in terms of notifying residents about meetings, issues, and events. The open meeting law (the minimum legal requirement) is outdated in this regard.	11/29/2023 8:35 AM
144	Dpw 2nd Largest budget in town, We employee more employees than larger surrounding communities, with rotten results. Zero direction.	11/29/2023 8:32 AM
145	More sidewalks Union Street!!! a light at the top of Union Street where 18 meets by library!!!	11/29/2023 8:28 AM
146	I love this town. I have lived here my entire life. I have seen many changes and I'm excited for the future.	11/29/2023 8:23 AM
147	Perhaps looking into a splash pad would be nice for the kids	11/29/2023 8:16 AM

Appendix C Public Comment Period

Questions asked at public meeting:

Who is interested in building on the new sewer district?

How does the Losing Ground report compare towns?

How does the master plan impact taxes?

Can we add information regarding the tri-town trail initiative Bridging the Bridgewaters?

Is anyone looking in to the intersection at Tri-Town Gas Station?

By Email

Cc: Diane Phillips

Sat 6/8/2024 7:18 PM



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Hello Rhiannon and Charlie,

Please see below an email I received from Kitty Doherty who represents the “Bridging the Bridgewaters” group. She has been working on getting grants, creating trails, and protecting green spaces. She mentioned that there is a need to include a Tri-town Blue-green trail network as a town’s future goal for it to be fundable. Is it too late to include this? Charlie – can we appoint someone from town (Town Administrator) to represent EB. I have only attended one meeting and their next meeting is on June 17th.

Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks,

Diane Phillips

Email from Kitty Doherty.

As a spin - off from the Old State Farm Trail collaboration, our regional discussion group has been well attended with a lot of shared ideas and information coming forth. What we need to do at this point is to firm up the community groups from each of the 3 towns with a mix of grassroots volunteers and also the town administration. Each town needs to have a handle on what the people in that community are dreaming of in order for us to pull together a common Action Plan that will benefit the tri-town region.

*I don't know how East Bridgewater is putting together their Master Plan update, but do know **that this tri-town blue-green trail network must be included in that plan as part***

of the town's future goals for it to be fundable. There needs to be both grassroots and municipal administration awareness, involvement, so that there is unity in what EB does with its blue-green trail system, and so that the town budget might also be used as well as grant funding with 'outside' money (not raised via town taxes).

Is there a way that the FEBT can rally the East Bridgewater people, expand your FEBT group, and encourage Charlie Seelig (who supports what we are doing) to appoint a town administration liaison to the Bridging the Bridgewaters discussion group? That way the Master Plan will include what all of the people want, not only the grassroots or municipal staff.

Our Bridging the Bridgewaters Action Plan needs to be driven by the people in the tri-town area themselves. A single nonprofit cannot be the engine that drives that effort; we can support, encourage, advise, but the momentum must stem from the people themselves.

APPENDIX D: Related Plans and Resources

East Bridgewater Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP):

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/east-bridgewater-report/download>

East Bridgewater Center Market Analysis:

<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/east-bridgewater-center-market-analysis/>

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>

Road Safety Audit Central Street

<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/road-safety-audit-east-bridgewater-n-central-street-north-central-street-at-union-street-west-union-street/>

Road Safety Audit Route 18

<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/road-safety-audit-east-bridgewater-n-bedford-street-route-18-from-whitman-street-to-central-square/>

Road Safety Audit Belmont St to Summer Street

<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/road-safety-audit-east-bridgewater-n-belmont-street-at-summer-street/>

Road Safety Audit Plymouth Street Route 106 Washington St

<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/road-safety-audit-east-bridgewater-n-plymouth-street-route-106-at-washington-street/>

Road Safety Audit Thatcher St

<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/document/road-safety-audit-east-bridgewater-n-lane-departure-road-safety-audit-for-thatcher-street/>

Other Resources not available online

Open Space and Recreation Plan
1988 Master Plan
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan