

Summary of October – December 2019 Survey for Town of Beverly Shores Comprehensive Plan

Note: 236 responses total

1. Persons in Household:

1 person	15%
2 people	60%
3 or more people	25%
2. 52% of households are full-time residents
3. 93% of residents have at least one person aged 50 or greater years old
4. 58% of homes are a primary residence
5. 86% of households without children living at home
6. 32 households have children attending school in the following locations:

0 attend Michigan City Area School District
13 attend a school in Indiana
18 attend a school in Illinois
7. Why did you move to Beverly Shores or what do you value most about living here? (225 responses).

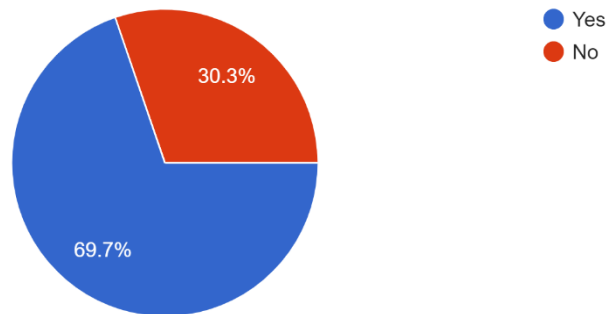
Typical responses: nature, woods, environment, beach, National Park, convenient to Chicago, family ties, friendly people here, lower cost than IL, low density, close to work, grew up here
8. For each person in the household who works outside the home, in what city or town does the person work?

Chicago – 28
Chicago Suburbs – 24
Indiana – 37
Beverly Shores including at home - 9
9. For each person who works, what is the primary method of transportation to the job?
146 responses

Single-occupied vehicle	100	72%
South Shore Line or other rail system	18	12%
Carpools	5	3%
Teleworks or has home office	11	6%
Walks	5	3%
Bicycle	2	1%

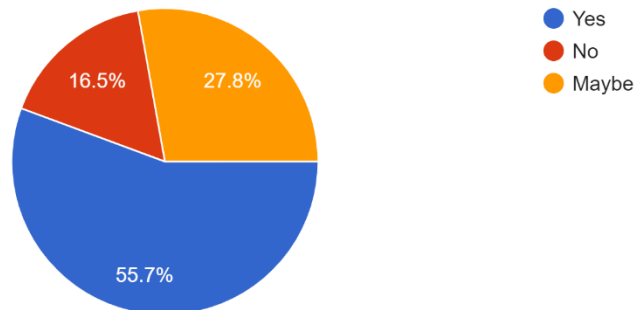
12. Do you use the South Shore Railroad for purposes other than a primary method to get to work?

228 responses



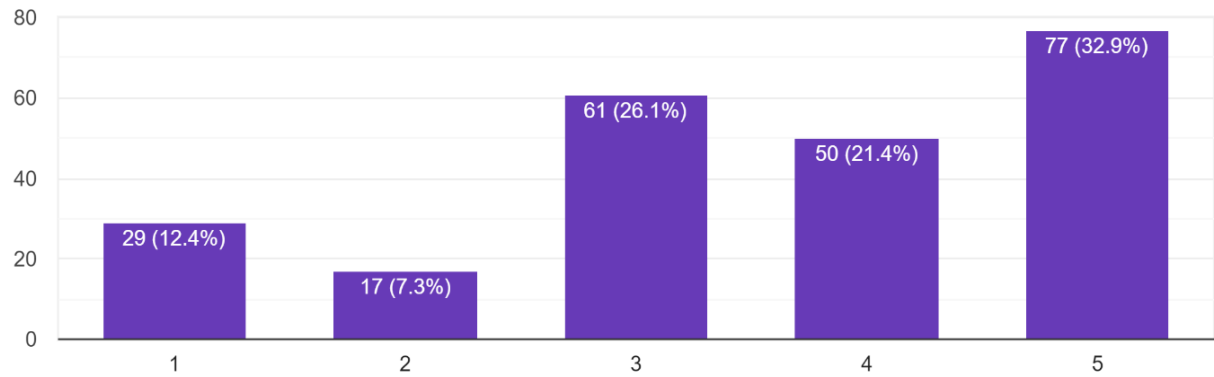
13. Will you be more likely to ride the South Shore Railroad once double-tracking is completed, considering that the time to travel to Chicago and other points west may become shorter?

230 responses



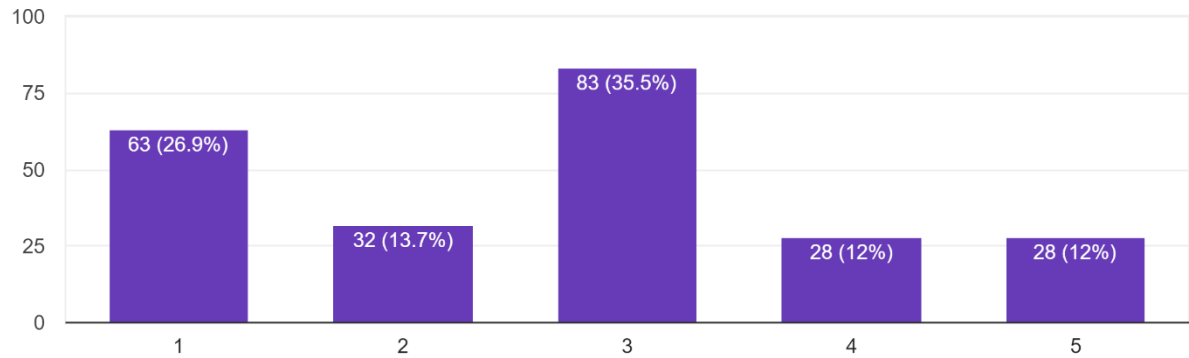
14. Beverly Shores' only commercially-zoned district is along US Hwy 12. Business development is restricted by the lack of a sewer system. How strongly do you support the town looking in to the feasibility of providing a sewer system along US Hwy 12 to support some business expansion that may increase tax revenue to benefit the town?

234 responses



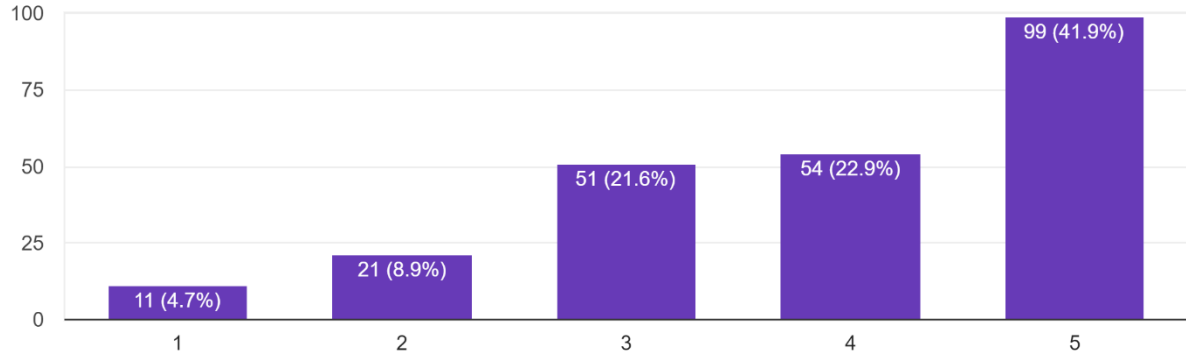
14.a. Do you support the sewer system if Beverly Shores had to cover most of the costs?

234 responses



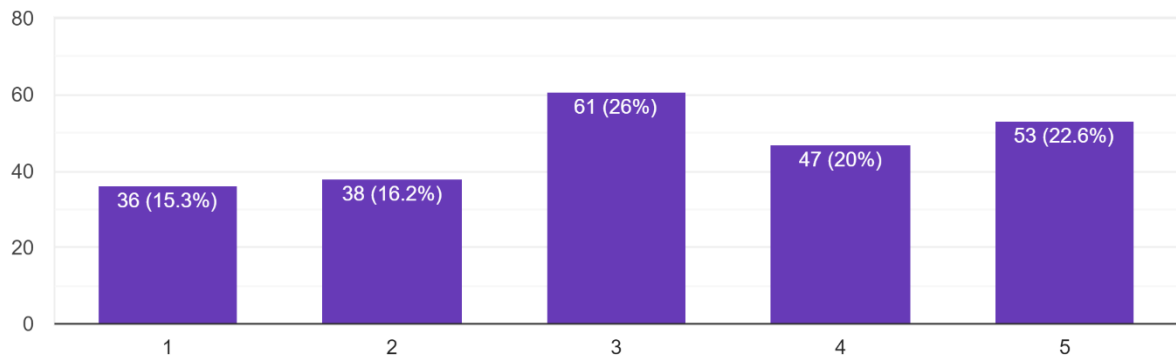
15. How strongly do you support the town improving the safety of the intersection of US Hwy 12 and Broadway for pedestrians and others who utilize the campground, church, businesses, and the train depot near the corner?

236 responses



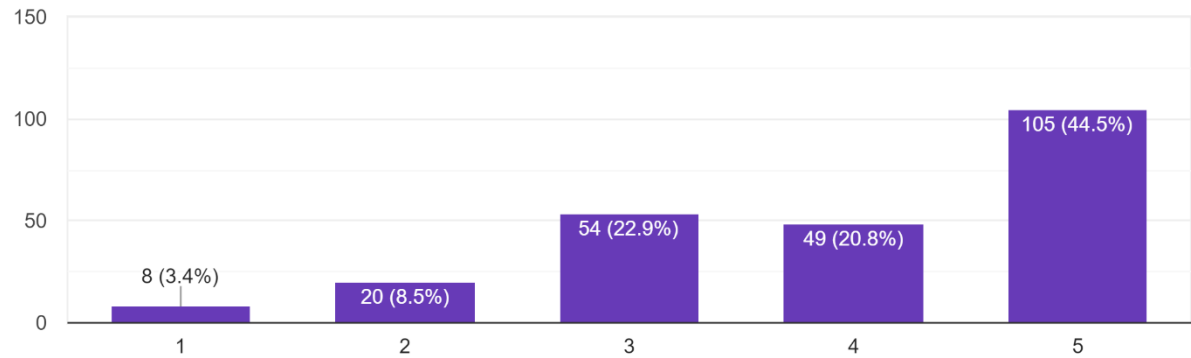
15.a. Do you support improvements if Beverly Shores had to cover most of the costs?

235 responses



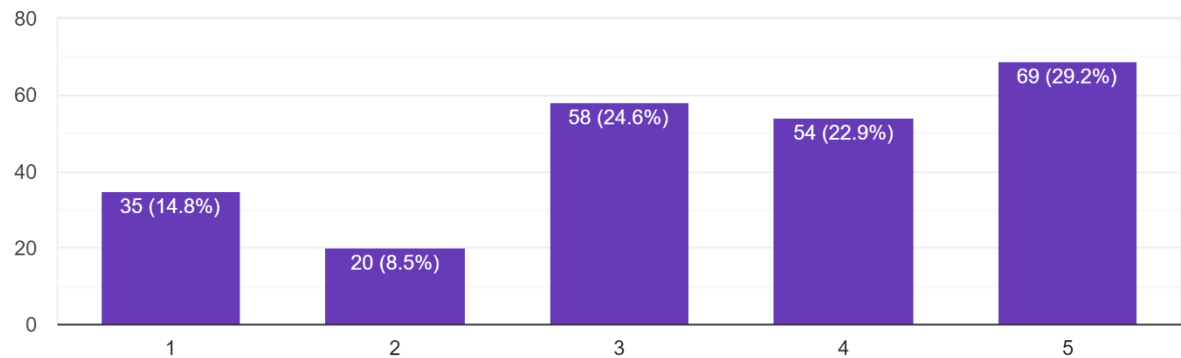
16. ...How strongly do you support the town working with INDOT and nearby jurisdictions like Pines, Michigan City, Porter County, or the National Park to reconstruct the Calumet Trail into an all-weather bicycle trail or to construct a bike lane along US Hwy 12?

236 responses



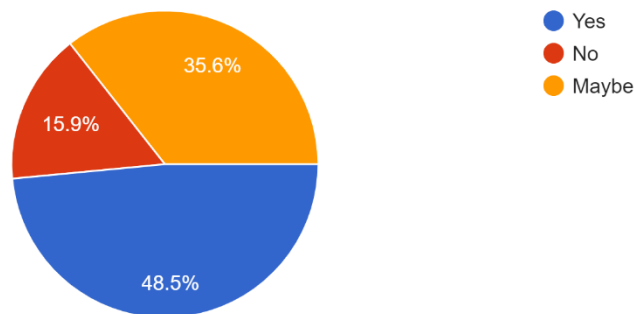
16.a. Do you support a bikeway if Beverly Shores had to share in the cost?

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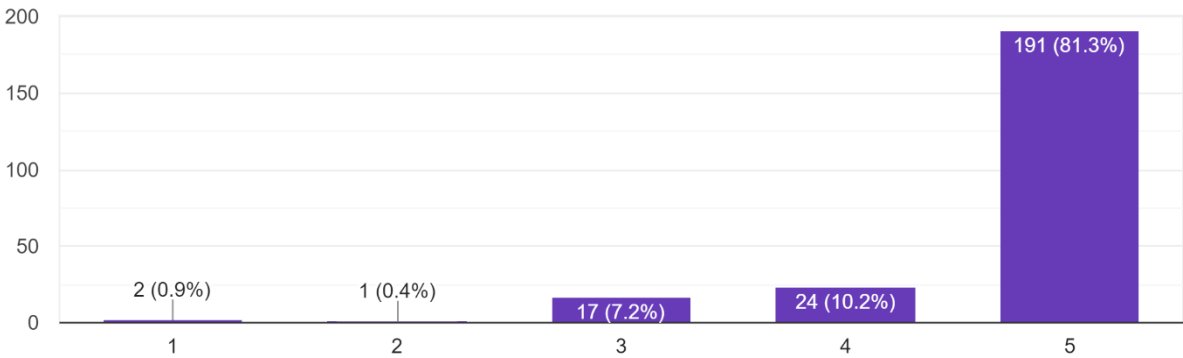
17. Should the town annex unincorporated land adjacent to our boundaries (that is not inside the national park) in order to control land use consistent with our current zoning and density limitations?

233 responses



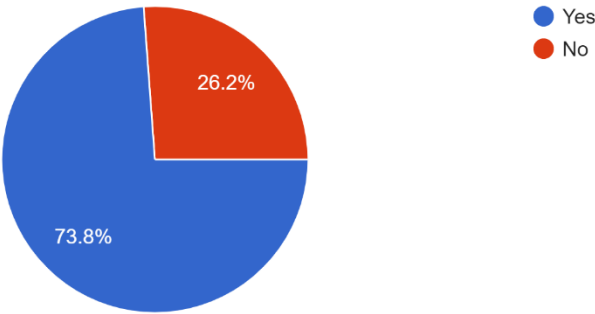
18. How important is it for Beverly Shores to maintain its present character as a low density, single family lot community?

235 responses



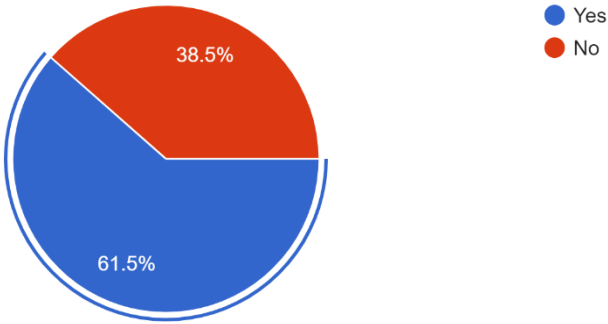
19.a. In 2012, the town Plan Commission conducted hearings to determine whether short term rentals should be permitted in Beverly Shores. Based upon strong resident feedback the Plan Commission determined that short term rentals should not be permitted in the residential district. The current comprehensive plan provides: "It is the Town's strong belief that short-term rentals of less than thirty consecutive days should not be permitted in the residential district." Do you support the Beverly Shores short term rental policy?

233 responses



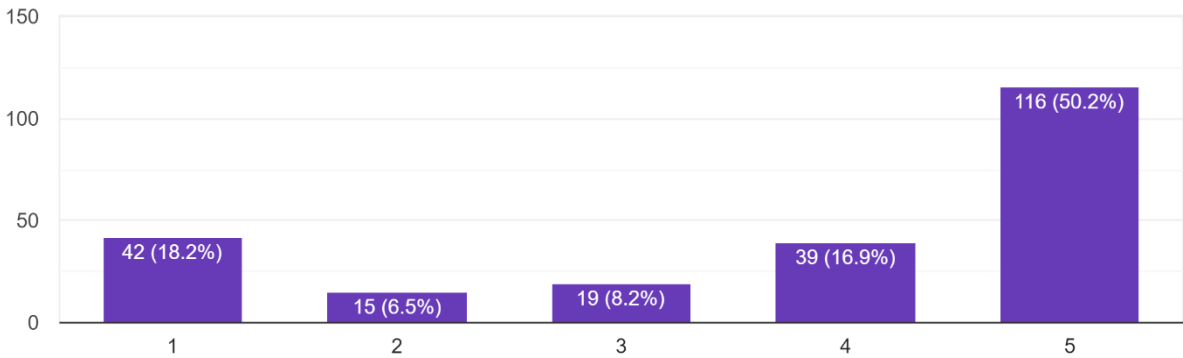
19.c. Does potential loss of the exemption make you more likely to support the town's short-term rental policy?

218 responses



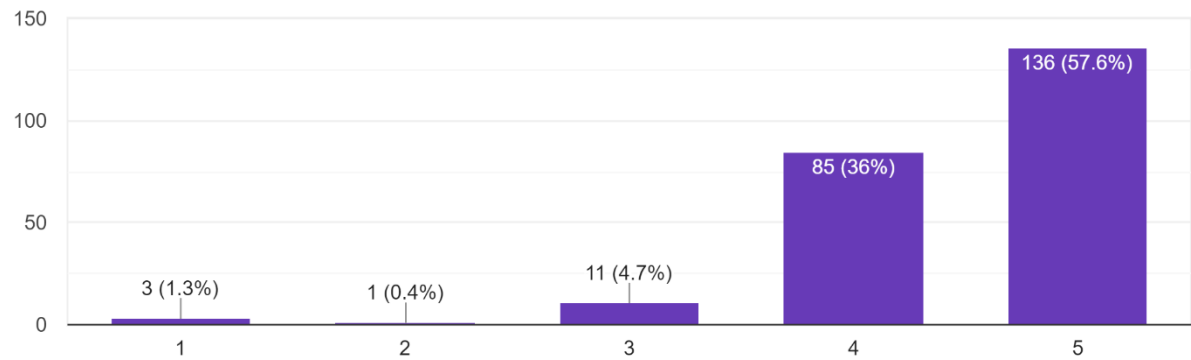
19.d. How important is it for Beverly Shores to continue to restrict short-term home rental in the residential district?

231 responses



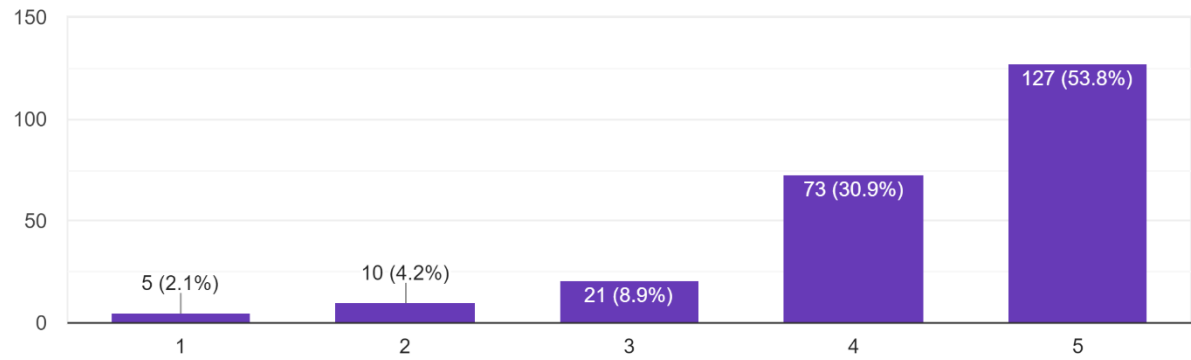
21. How important is it for the town to collaborate with the Indiana Dunes National Park to address issues of mutual concern or to leverage resources to implement improvements?

236 responses



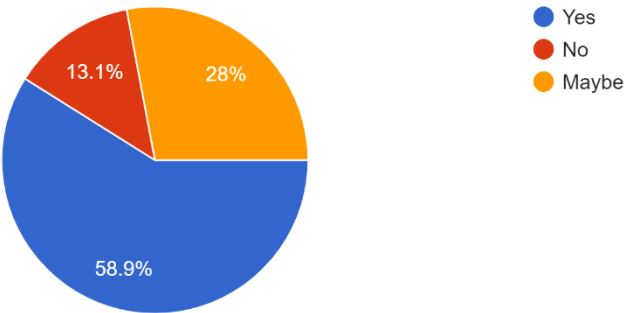
22. Should Beverly Shores work with regional planners, the national park, and local government to designate US 12 in our vicinity as a scenic highway, with a goal of traffic calming and reduced thru-traffic by trucks?

236 responses



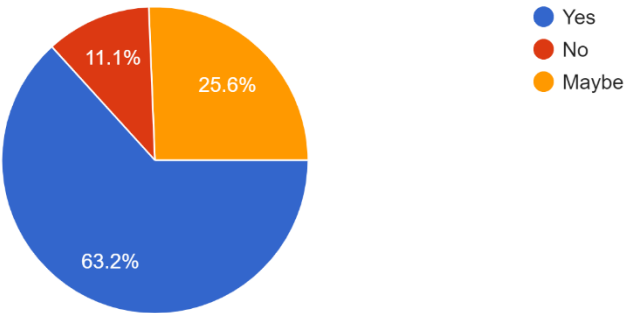
23. Do you support improving the links between Beverly Shores and the Indiana Dunes National Park with trails or bikeways on town closed roads?

236 responses



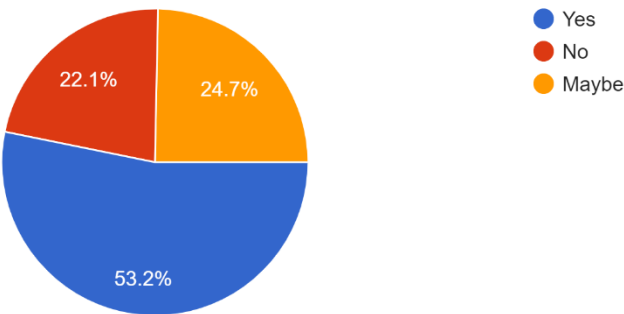
24. Should Beverly Shores re-purpose West Beverly Drive (between Kemil Rd and Eaton Ave) with a smaller, less wide footprint for walking and biking access?

234 responses



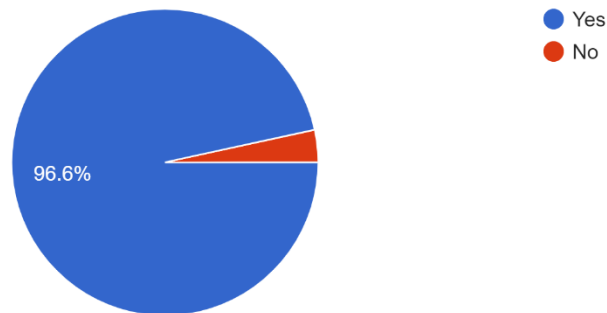
24.a. Should Beverly Shores also allow golf cart access if West Beverly Drive is re-purposed?

235 responses



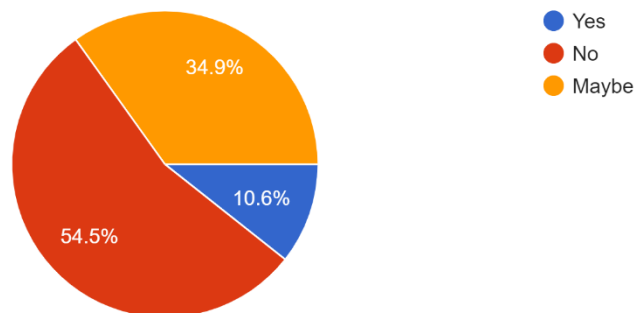
25. Our comprehensive plan supports property donations to the town for use as Green Space or public parks. The plan provides that if donated, property will be permanently protected. Do you support this concept?

234 responses



26. Should Beverly Shores limit the acceptance of properties into the Green Space program?

235 responses

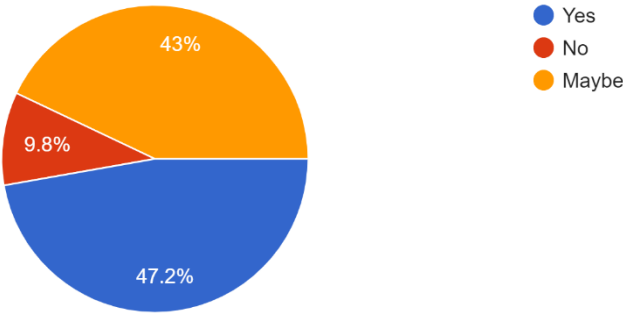


26.a. If yes, what restrictions or limitations do you think the town should consider before accepting Green Space properties? (43 responses)

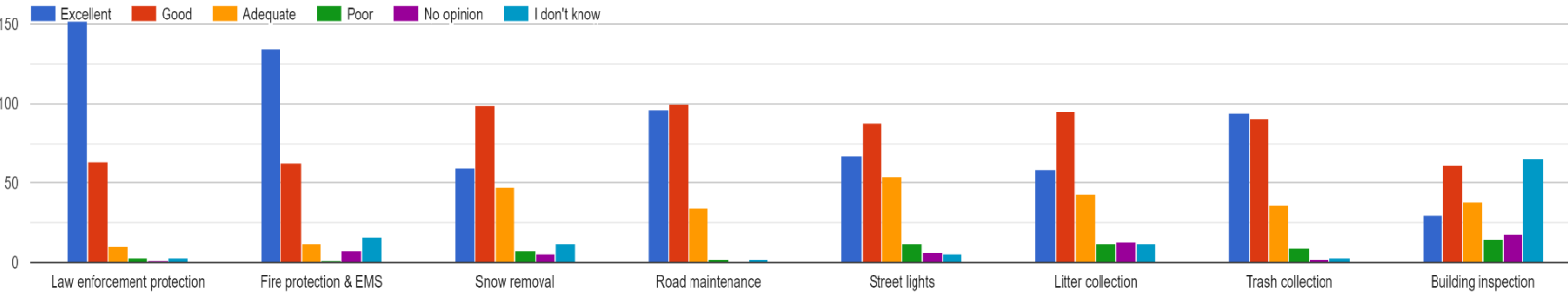
- 5 – don't take in property without some purpose
- 4 – set minimum parcel size and proximity or adjacency to other protected properties
- 8 – consider liability such as need for environmental cleanup or maintenance costs to town
- 3 – ensure no future development occurs if town takes the lot
- 4 – exclude buildable lots from being greenspace or if it is sellable to adjacent lot owner who would need more space to build
- 1 – use greenspace for parkland or dog park;
- 3 – consider taking in properties that are wetlands/flood or where wildlife is valuable

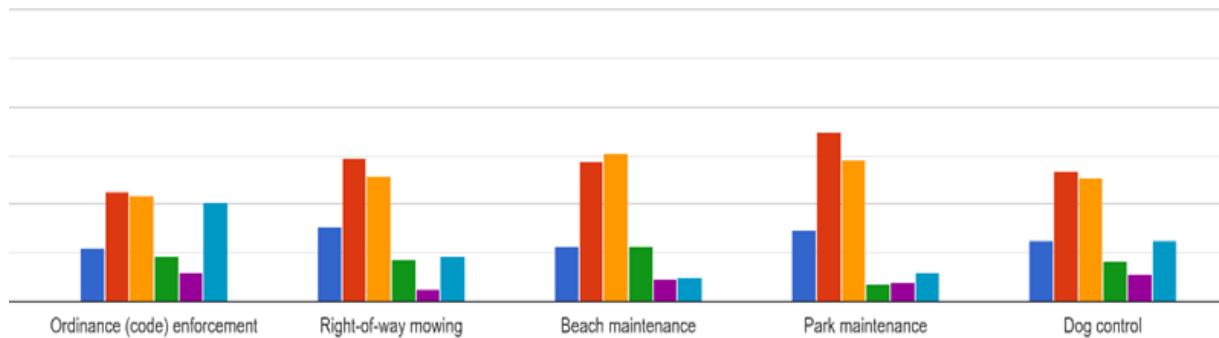
27. Should the town solicit not-for-profit organizations in the town to help steward these properties?

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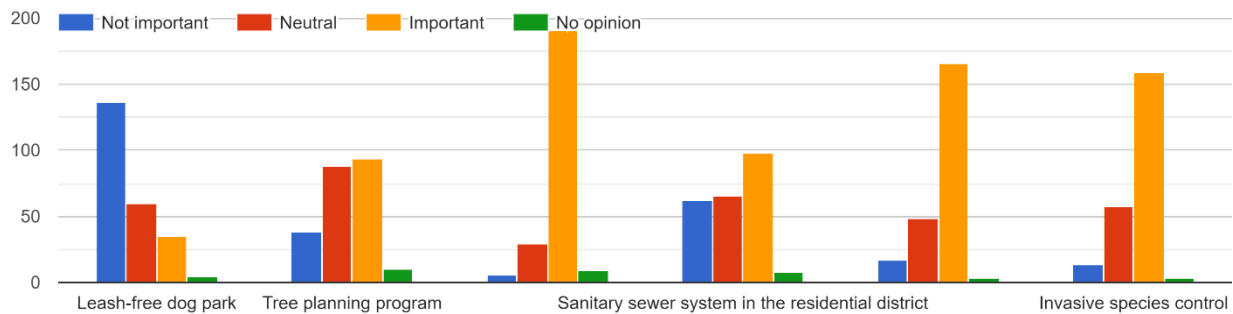


28. Rate the present town services by checking the appropriate column

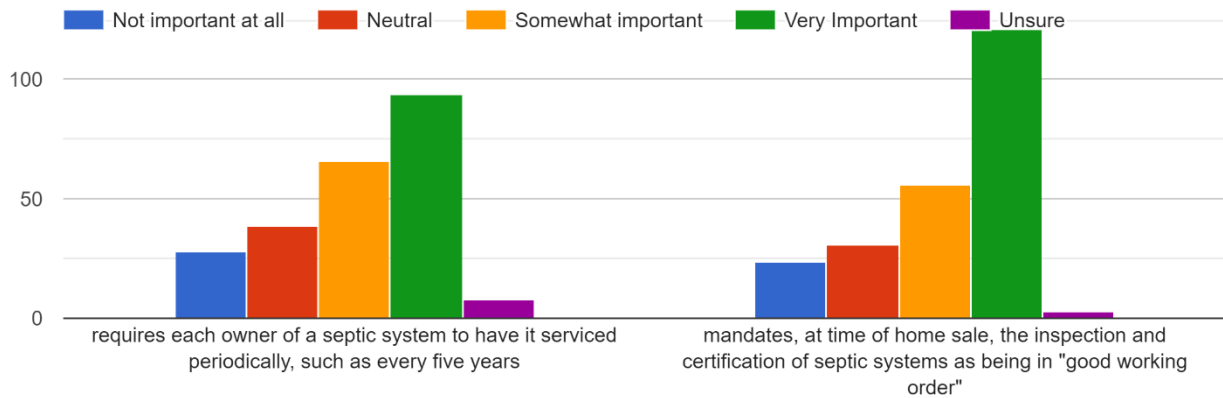




29. How important is it to you for Beverly Shores to publicly-finance the following town services or infrastructure improvements? (Note that third bar refers to “drainage system maintenance” and fifth bar refers to “burying overhead power lines”)

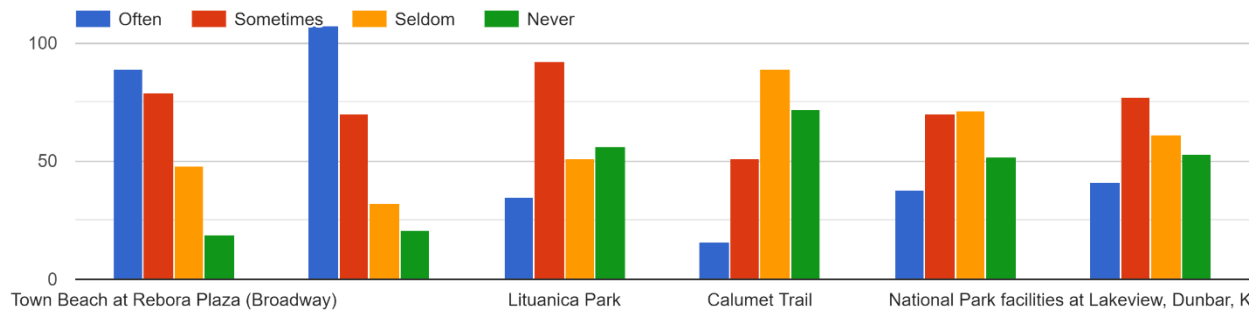


30. Septic systems owned by residents and businesses should be regularly serviced (and repaired or replaced if faulty) to ensure sewage does not overflow, back up, or seep into nearby marshes, channels, the lake, or groundwater. For each of the following initiatives, tell us how strongly you feel about a town ordinance that:



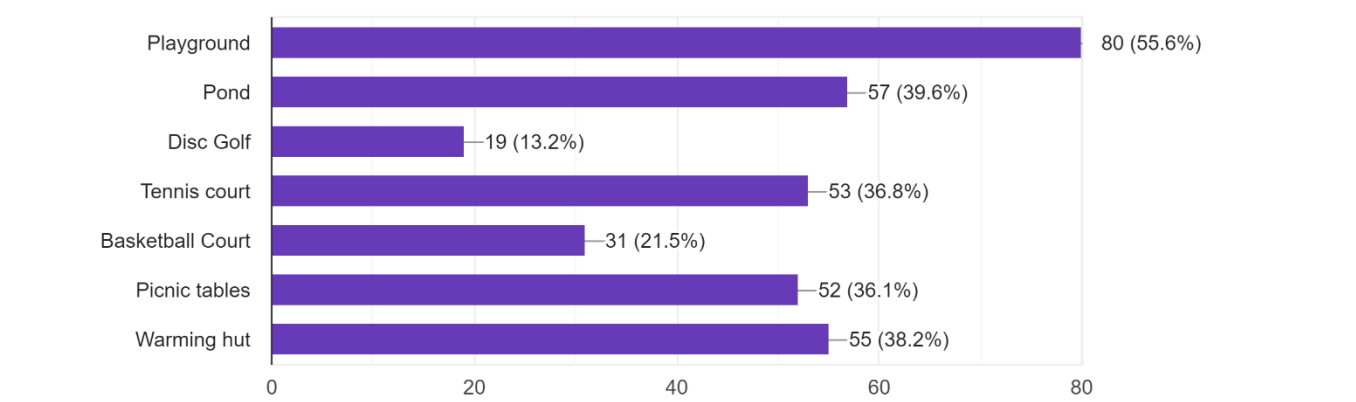
31.

During the last 12 months, have you or any member of your household used any of the following recreation sites and how often? (Note: 2nd bar refers to "Other Town-owned beaches", 5th bar refers to "Great Marsh Observation Deck and trail", and 6th bar refers to NP facilities at Lakeview, Dunbar, Kemil, and Central Ave")

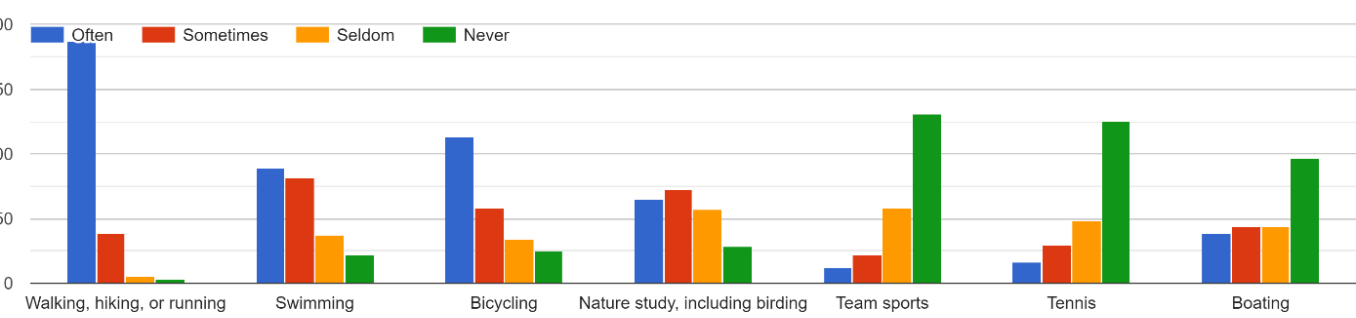


31. If you or someone in your household visited Lituanica Park in the last 12 months, check the amenities used

144 responses



32. Which outdoor recreation activities do you or your household participate in and how often?



33. Should enhancements or improvements, if any, be considered at the following town properties?

199 responses

