

Bristol, New Hampshire Community Survey Opinion Report



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Introduction

Feedback and direction from residents, business owners, and other community members is a critical component of any master planning initiative. Identifying community priorities, desires, and feedback on key issues Bristol is currently facing or will be facing, will help to create an inclusive comprehensive plan that is shaped by the community. The input collected and presented in this report is intended to inform and guide the creation of the Bristol Master Plan.

This Bristol Community Opinion Survey Report includes a summary and analysis of each of the survey questions asked of Bristol community members. This survey was made available as an online survey that went live on September 15, 2022 and was closed on November 21, 2022. In total, there were about 350 responses collected. Though this survey was primarily an online tool, in order to include all interested community members the Town of Bristol also accepted hard copy surveys that were dropped off at the Land Use Department in the Bristol Town Hall. The hard copy surveys received were then input into the online survey tool by Town staff to ensure all feedback and commentary be included in this analysis.

Summary of Survey Results

Question 1 – What is the best thing about living and/or owning property in Bristol?

- Respondents identified a variety of reasons they enjoy living in or owning property in Bristol. The top five themes that emerged include:
 - Bristol has a sense of community and a rural, small-town feel.
 - Access to Newfound Lake and surrounding natural resources for recreation.
 - Relatively low tax rates.
 - Within close proximity to services and needs.
 - The community programs and activities provide the town with a unique community spirit and are enjoyed by many.

Question 2 – What do you think is the one most important change that needs to happen to improve Bristol?

- The top five themes that emerged include:
 - Though many respondents felt that the tax rate in Bristol was low, many others felt that the taxes should be lowered further.
 - Respondents value the rural small-town community however, many respondents felt that more economic development, without over developing, would create more jobs for the community.
 - Majority of the respondents identified the need for better internet and cellphone service in Bristol.
 - Sewer connections and infrastructure was also identified as a need in the community.
 - Respondents felt that the existing parking and sidewalk infrastructure should be improved for better connectivity around town.

Question 3: What is the one thing most important to you not to change about Bristol?

- The top five themes that emerged include:
 - Preserve the rural character and small town feel of the community.
 - Preserve the scenic, historic, and natural beauty
 - Do not allow over commercialization including chain and large company commercial developments. Encourage local businesses.
 - Continue providing dynamic community events and activities to keep the community spirit alive.
 - Preserve the quality and cleanliness of the Newfound Lake as it was identified in this survey as one of Bristol's biggest assets.

Question 4 – Please rate the following town services: Police, Condition of Roads, Health Services, Recreation Areas, Fire, Town Offices, Trash/Recycling, Library, Cemeteries, Emergency/Rescue, and Water/Sewer.

- The top three town services that were rated as excellent by respondents are as follows:
 - Many respondents rated the library as an excellent or very good town service.
 - About 33% of respondents rated the emergency/rescue services in Bristol as excellent.
 - 32% of respondents rated the town's fire services as excellent, and another 36% rated it as very good.
- There were not a significant number of respondents that rated the town services as fair or poor.
- About 52% of respondents selected no opinion for cemeteries, and about 40% selected no opinion for health services.
- Other town service needs respondents identified are the following:
 - The Town Beaches needs to be cleaned up daily,
 - Better sidewalk infrastructure, and
 - Better recycling services.

The following table shows the response percentages to question 4. This table is also included in the complete survey record in the Appendix with a bar graph visual.

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
police	29.60% 103	35.92% 125	19.25% 67	5.46% 19	0.86% 3	8.91% 31	348
condition of roads	7.76% 27	31.61% 110	39.37% 137	19.83% 69	1.44% 5	0.00% 0	348
health services	6.63% 23	14.41% 50	23.34% 81	11.53% 40	4.32% 15	39.77% 138	347
recreation areas	26.93% 94	38.97% 136	24.64% 86	5.44% 19	1.15% 4	2.87% 10	349
fire	32.00% 112	36.29% 127	17.43% 61	1.14% 4	0.86% 3	12.29% 43	350
town offices	25.79% 90	41.26% 144	22.64% 79	5.73% 20	0.57% 2	4.01% 14	349
trash/recycling	15.85% 55	31.70% 110	21.61% 75	13.26% 46	6.63% 23	10.95% 38	347
library	44.93% 155	23.19% 80	8.41% 29	1.74% 6	0.00% 0	21.74% 75	345
cemeteries	12.79% 44	16.86% 58	13.95% 48	3.20% 11	0.87% 3	52.33% 180	344
emergency/rescue	33.43% 116	29.68% 103	8.65% 30	0.86% 3	0.58% 2	26.80% 93	347
water/sewer	16.47% 57	25.14% 87	19.94% 69	6.94% 24	3.18% 11	28.32% 98	346

Question 5 – Are there enough of the following types of housing in Bristol? Single-family homes, rental units, workforce housing, senior housing, and low-income/subsidized housing.

- Most respondents (56%) rated that there are enough single-family houses in Bristol.
- 42% of respondents feel there are enough rental units, but 31% had no opinion.
- 47% of respondents had no opinion when asked if enough workforce housing is available.
- 45% of respondents had no opinion when asked if there is enough low-income/subsidized housing in Bristol.
- The responses for senior housing and workforce housing were somewhat divided between yes and no, and many people had no opinion and that may mean there is room for further discussion.
- The write-in option also revealed that a number of respondents did not feel they knew enough about the housing type terms utilized in the question to comfortably and confidently answer.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
single-family homes	56.10% 193	18.31% 63	25.58% 88	344
rental units	42.73% 147	25.58% 88	31.69% 109	344
workforce housing	27.78% 95	25.44% 87	46.78% 160	342
senior housing	28.90% 100	33.24% 115	37.86% 131	346
low-income /subsidized	39.00% 133	15.84% 54	45.16% 154	341

Question 6 – Should Bristol encourage more multi-family housing?

- The respondents were split on encouraging buildings of two-four units.
- About 69% of respondents do not think that Bristol should encourage building multi-family housing developments of five-eight units.
- Majority of respondents (82%) do not think the town should encourage nine or more-unit multi-family housing.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
buildings of 2-4 units	46.99% 164	40.11% 140	12.89% 45	349
buildings of 5-8 units	18.02% 62	68.60% 236	13.37% 46	344
9 or more units	5.26% 18	82.16% 281	12.57% 43	342

Question 7 – Should multi-family housing be encouraged in the following ways: Constructing new rental apartment buildings, converting large houses, building new condos, or developing new mobile home parks.

- 59% of respondents do not support the construction of new rental apartment buildings.
- 80% of respondents do not think multi-family housing should be encouraged by developing new mobile home parks.
- Respondents were split on encouraging the conversion of large houses to multi-family housing.
- 61% of respondents do not encourage building new condos.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
constructing new rental apartment buildings	32.66% 114	59.31% 207	8.02% 28	349
converting large houses	43.55% 152	48.14% 168	8.31% 29	349
building new condos	29.39% 102	60.52% 210	10.09% 35	347
developing new mobile home parks	8.09% 28	80.35% 278	11.56% 40	346

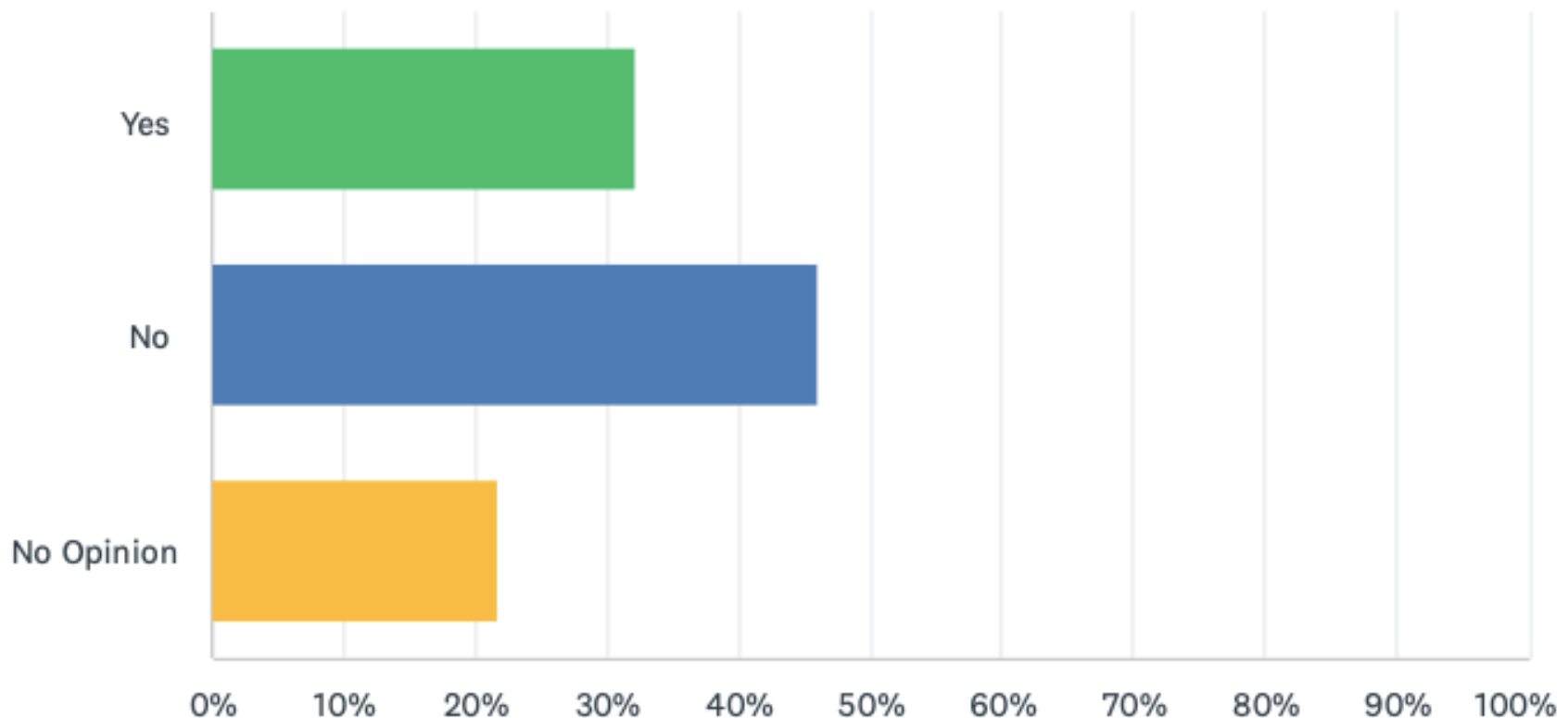
Question 8 – Should new residential construction be encouraged?

- Majority of respondents (about 81%) do not think new residential construction should be developed near Newfound Lake.
- About 66% of respondents think new residential construction should be encouraged along existing roads.
- About 57% of respondents think new residential construction should be distributed over less-populated parts of town.
- A little more than half (57%) do not think new residential construction should be distributed over more-populated parts of town.
- The responses to in or near downtown or in new neighborhoods were both somewhat split.
- Majority of respondents who submitted a comment to this question think that residential development should only be encouraged if:
 - There is a proper amount of land and proper permitting, zoning, and planning requirements.
 - There are enough sidewalks, new roads, and good parking available.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
in or near the downtown	49.42% 169	47.37% 162	3.22% 11	342
near Newfound Lake	13.33% 46	81.45% 281	5.22% 18	345
along existing roads	65.78% 223	26.55% 90	7.67% 26	339
distributed over more-populated parts of town	35.21% 119	56.51% 191	8.28% 28	338
distributed over less-populated parts of town	56.98% 196	36.63% 126	6.40% 22	344
new neighborhoods	46.92% 160	41.94% 143	11.14% 38	341

Question 9 – The Town of Bristol follows the New Hampshire State Building Code. Would you favor adoption of a local building code and hiring a building inspector (to replace the Enforcement Officer)?

- Almost half (46%) of respondents were not in favor of the town adopting a local building code and hiring a building inspector.
- However, the other half of respondents were a combination of those in support (32%) and those with no opinion (22%) so this issue may need further discussion locally.



Question 10 – The Town of Bristol Master Plan includes the objective to preserve Bristol’s rural and historic character. At Town Meeting in 2005, the Town voted in the Historic District Ordinance that established the current Historic District. With this in mind, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements?

The Town of Bristol should: encourage the preservation of historic buildings, add demolition review to the Historic District Ordinance to protect building in the district, expand the Historic District, provide tax incentives for improving or preserving historic properties, preserve farmland/encouraging working farms, purchase preservation land or easements, preserve open space lands.

Overall there was a great deal of support for these historic and rural character initiatives.

- 65% of respondents strongly agree that the Town should encourage the preservation of historic buildings.
- A majority of respondents are in support of adding a demolition delay provision, and expanding the Historic District.
- 65% of respondents also strongly agree that the Town should preserve farmland/encourage working farms.
- A majority of respondents agree or strongly agree that the Town should purchase preservation land or easements and preserve open space lands.
- A majority of respondents agree or strongly agree that the Town should provide tax incentives for improving or preserving historic properties.

The table on the following page shows the response percentages this question. This table is also included in the complete survey record in the Appendix with a bar graph visual.

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
encourage the preservation of historic buildings	65.23% 227	30.17% 105	3.74% 13	0.86% 3	348
add demolition review to the Historic District Ordinance to protect buildings in the district	43.15% 148	42.27% 145	12.24% 42	2.33% 8	343
expand the Historic District	23.89% 81	34.22% 116	36.87% 125	5.01% 17	339
provide tax incentives for improving or preserving historic properties	41.74% 144	42.32% 146	12.75% 44	3.19% 11	345
preserve farmland /encouraging working farms	65.14% 228	33.14% 116	1.43% 5	0.29% 1	350
purchase preservation land or easements	48.70% 168	33.33% 115	14.20% 49	3.77% 13	345
preserve open space lands	59.08% 205	35.73% 124	4.90% 17	0.29% 1	347

Question 11 – Do you favor the preservation of the: Historic Town Hall (45 Summer Street), Historic Fire Station (15 High Street)

- A majority of respondents (78%) favor the preservation of the historic town hall located at 45 Summer Street.
- 67% of respondents favor the preservation of the historic fire station located at 15 High Street.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
historic Town Hall – 45 Summer St.	78.10% 271	12.68% 44	9.22% 32	347
historic Fire Station – 15 High St.	67.24% 234	17.82% 62	14.94% 52	348

Question 12 – Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

The Town of Bristol should preserve: areas of scenic or natural beauty, recreation trails, wetlands, forested land, ridgelines/steep slopes, area rivers, areas of important wildlife habitat, the Newfound Lake shoreland, the Pemigewasett River and Newfound Lake Watershed, and the J. Plankey Spring (Lake Street).

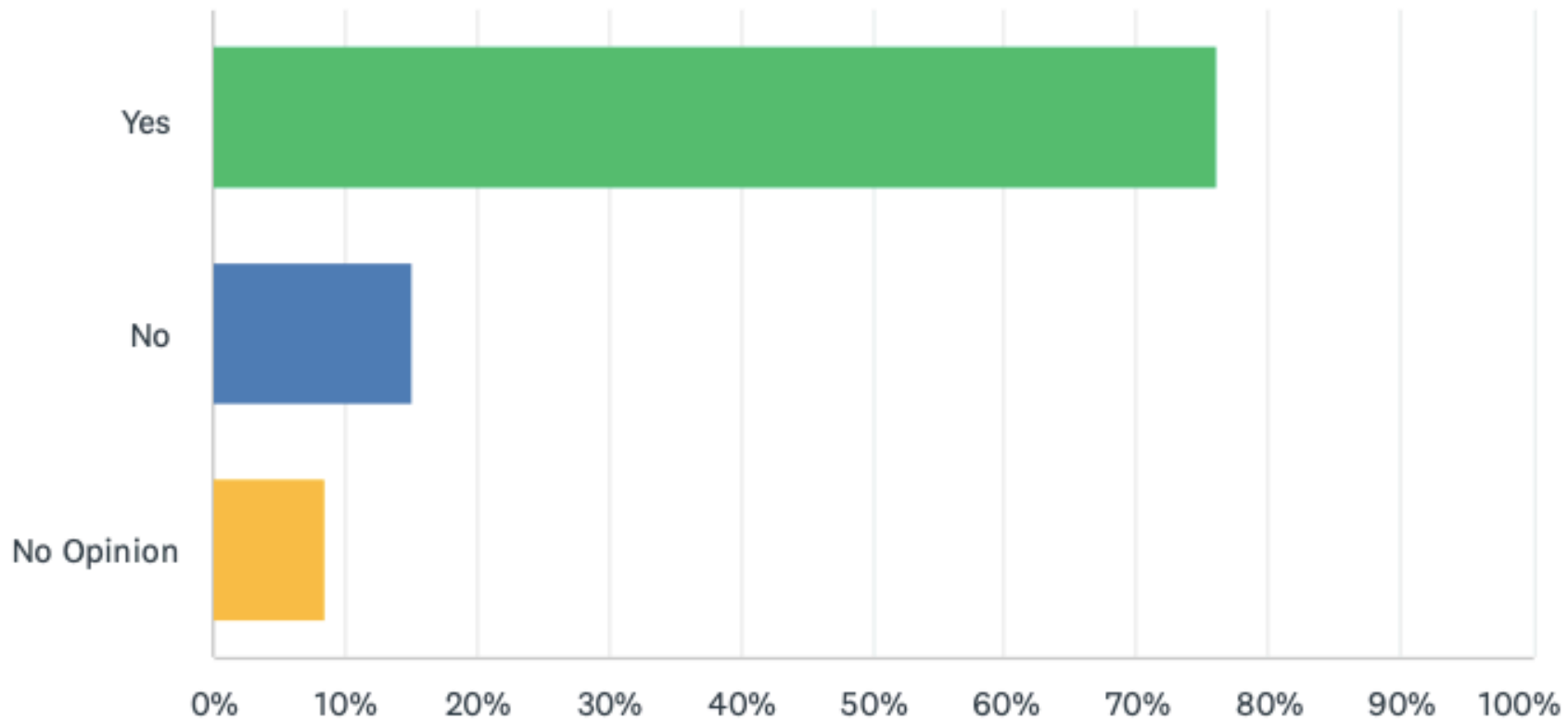
- A majority of respondents answered *strongly agree* to all of these statements indicating strong interest in preservation. However, the top three identified to preserve were:
 - Areas of scenic or natural beauty at 85%
 - The Newfound Lake shoreland at 85%
 - Recreational trails at 80%
- The remaining resources were not far behind in ranking when you consider the responses for agree and strongly agree together.

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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
areas of scenic or natural beauty	85.14% 298	13.14% 46	0.86% 3	0.00% 0	0.86% 3	350
recreational trails	80.29% 281	17.43% 61	0.00% 0	0.29% 1	2.00% 7	350
wetlands	67.91% 237	26.93% 94	2.01% 7	0.00% 0	3.15% 11	349
forested land	67.91% 237	26.93% 94	2.01% 7	0.29% 1	2.87% 10	349
ridgelines /steep slopes	63.40% 220	24.50% 85	3.17% 11	0.86% 3	8.07% 28	347
area rivers	78.63% 276	18.80% 66	0.57% 2	0.28% 1	1.71% 6	351
areas of important wildlife habitat	75.00% 261	22.70% 79	1.15% 4	0.00% 0	1.15% 4	348
the Newfound Lake shoreland	85.39% 298	12.03% 42	0.57% 2	0.29% 1	1.72% 6	349
the Pemigewasett River and Newfound Lake Watershed	79.71% 279	18.57% 65	0.86% 3	0.00% 0	0.86% 3	350
j. Plankey Spring (Lake Street)	68.86% 241	20.00% 70	0.57% 2	0.86% 3	9.71% 34	350

Question 13 – Do you favor town purchase of property for land conservation (town parks, town forests, etc.)?

- About 76% of respondents are in favor of the town purchasing property for land conservation.



Question 14 – Should the town provide/improve the following recreational opportunities?

The Town of Bristol should provide/improve: Boat trailer access to Newfound Lake, cartop access (canoe/kayak) to Newfound Lake, community recreation building, hunting areas, fishing areas, hiking trails, biking trails, Pemi River kayaking ramps, and winter sports/activities.

- 89% of respondents think the Town should provide/improve the hiking trails
- 81% of respondents think the Town should provide/improve biking trails
- About 75% of respondents think the Town should provide/improve Pemi river kayaking ramps.
- Over half (55%) of respondents think the Town should not provide/improve boat trailer access to Newfound Lake.
- Almost half (48%) of respondents think the Town should not provide/improve hunting areas.
- Respondents who submitted a write-in option think that:
 - The Town should improve rather than provide a new kayak ramp on the Pemi River.
 - The Town should add an ice-skating rink.
 - The Town already has a lot of recreation provided by Wellington State Park.

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	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
boat trailer access to Newfound Lake	34.87% 121	54.76% 190	10.37% 36	347
cartop access (canoe / kayak) to Newfound Lake	62.64% 218	29.60% 103	7.76% 27	348
community recreation building	61.43% 215	24.29% 85	14.29% 50	350
hunting areas	29.65% 102	48.26% 166	22.09% 76	344
fishing areas	60.40% 209	21.39% 74	18.21% 63	346
hiking trails	89.37% 311	6.61% 23	4.02% 14	348
biking trails	81.32% 283	10.92% 38	7.76% 27	348
Pemi River kayaking ramps	75.07% 262	14.90% 52	10.03% 35	349
winter sports/activities	74.93% 260	10.95% 38	14.12% 49	347

Question 15 – Would you favor encouraging more of the following businesses in Bristol?

The Town should encourage: Hotels and motels, small inns/bed & breakfasts, outdoor sporting good shops, supermarkets, pubs/taverns, restaurants, fast food restaurants, convenience stores, dollar stores, gas stations, banks, antique/gift shops, professional services, farmers markets, breweries/distilleries/wineries, spas, independent/assisted living facilities, manufacturing businesses, home occupations, shopping centers/malls, mixed-use/multi-use development(s).

- The respondent statements below reveal the majority who are in favor of encouraging the following businesses:
 - 85% of respondents are in favor of encouraging farmers markets in Bristol.
 - About 79% of respondents are in favor of encouraging small inns/bed & breakfasts.
 - 76% of respondents are in favor of encouraging more restaurants in Bristol.
- The respondent statements below also reveal that a majority are not in favor of encouraging the following businesses:
 - 89% of respondents discourage dollar store businesses in Bristol.
 - About 88% of respondents discourage shopping centers and malls in Town.
 - About 84% of respondents discourage fast food businesses in Bristol.
- A majority of respondents who submitted a write-in option think that:
 - Bristol should keep the rural small-town character.
 - The Town should encourage more locally run businesses.
 - The Town should discourage big chain businesses.

The table on the following pages shows the response percentages to this question. This table is also included in the complete survey record in the Appendix with a bar graph visual.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
hotels and motels	21.76% 74	71.76% 244	6.47% 22	340
small inns / bed & breakfasts	78.55% 271	16.81% 58	4.64% 16	345
outdoor sporting goods shops	62.57% 214	26.32% 90	11.11% 38	342
supermarkets	41.28% 142	51.45% 177	7.27% 25	344
pubs / taverns	59.06% 202	32.75% 112	8.19% 28	342
restaurants	76.45% 263	18.31% 63	5.23% 18	344
fast food restaurants	13.58% 47	83.82% 290	2.60% 9	346
convenience stores	17.68% 61	77.10% 266	5.22% 18	345
dollar stores	6.69% 23	88.95% 306	4.36% 15	344
gas stations	13.95% 48	78.78% 271	7.27% 25	344

banks	20.47% 70	68.71% 235	10.82% 37	342
antique / gift shops	55.81% 192	34.88% 120	9.30% 32	344
professional services	63.64% 217	21.41% 73	14.96% 51	341
farmers markets	84.84% 291	10.50% 36	4.66% 16	343
breweries / distilleries / wineries	57.80% 200	32.08% 111	10.12% 35	346
spas	41.11% 141	41.40% 142	17.49% 60	343
independent / assisted living facilities	59.37% 206	23.63% 82	17.00% 59	347
manufacturing businesses	47.81% 164	40.82% 140	11.37% 39	343
home occupations	63.05% 215	17.01% 58	19.94% 68	341
shopping centers / malls	7.27% 25	87.50% 301	5.23% 18	344
mixed-use / multi-use development(s)	27.41% 94	56.27% 193	16.33% 56	343

Question 16 – Do you favor adopting the following actions or policies?

Property tax credits for use of renewable energy sources, incentives to encourage recycling.

- About 82% of respondents favor adopting incentives to encourage recycling.
- About 72% of respondents also favor adopting a property tax credit for the use of renewable energy sources.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
property tax credits for use of renewable energy sources	71.76% 249	20.46% 71	7.78% 27	347
incentives to encourage recycling	81.56% 283	13.83% 48	4.61% 16	347

Question 17 – How important is it to you that the town participates in clean energy by investing in renewable sources such as solar?

- Almost half (46%) of respondents think it is very important that the Town participates in clean energy by investing in renewable energy sources.
- And another 22% of respondents think that it is slightly important.
- 16% of respondents are neutral to the topic.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	45.56%	159
Slightly important	22.35%	78
Neutral	16.05%	56
Low importance	6.30%	22
Not at all important	9.74%	34
TOTAL		349

Question 18 – Which statement most closely reflects your opinion about energy code standards and how they should apply to construction in Bristol?

The Town should apply energy code standards to construction by: Compliance with the existing state energy code is adequate, the Town should encourage higher energy standards than those that exist, but should not require them, the Town should require energy standards than those that exist and enforce them, or no opinion.

- 38% of respondents felt that compliance with the existing state energy code is adequate.
- 39% felt the Town should encourage higher energy standards than currently exist, but not require them
- Only 11% of respondents felt higher energy standards should be required, and 12% of respondents had no opinion to this question.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Compliance with the existing state energy code is adequate	37.61%	132
The Town should encourage higher energy standards than those that exist, but should not require them	39.32%	138
The Town should require higher energy standards than those that exist and enforce them	10.83%	38
No Opinion	12.25%	43
TOTAL		351

Question 19 – Which statement most closely expresses your opinion regarding renewable energy updates to municipal facilities?

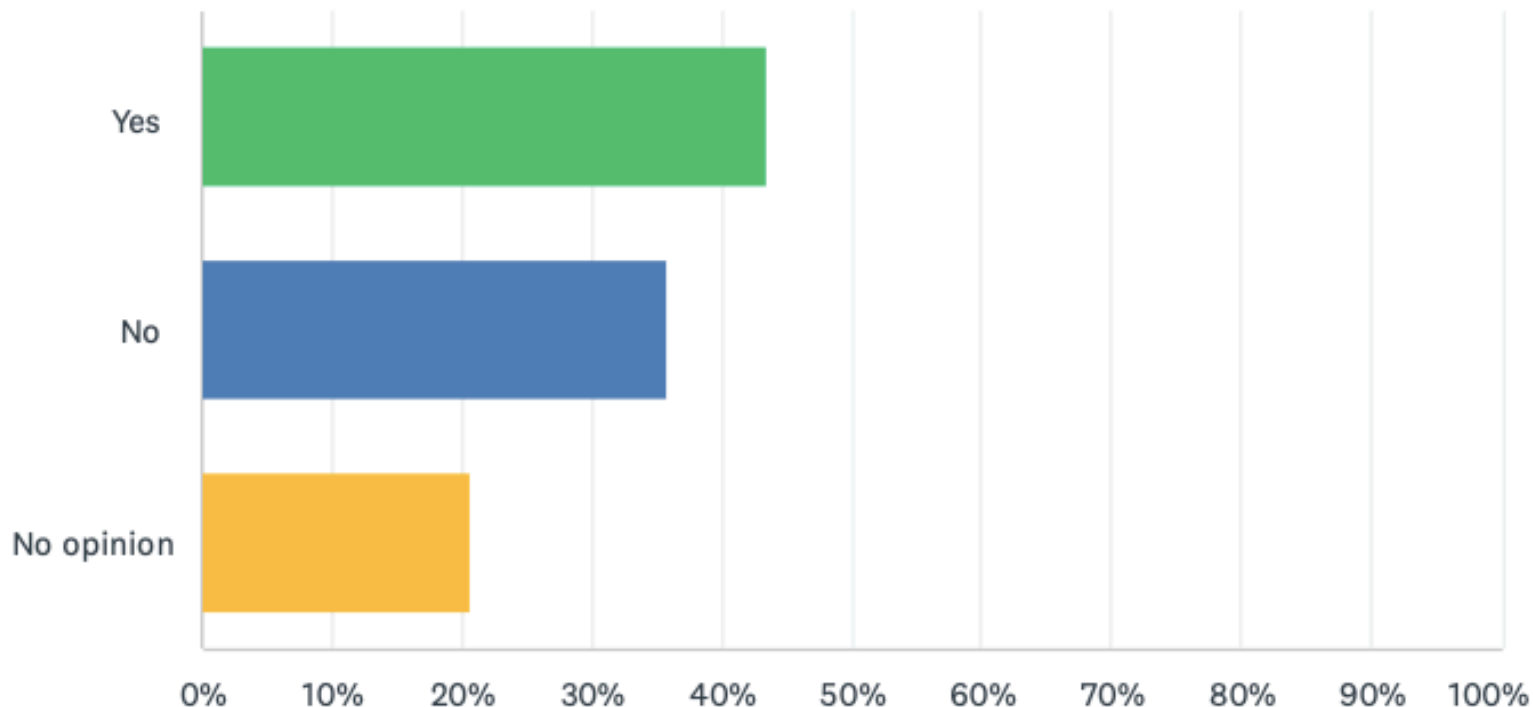
Opinions regarding renewable energy updates to municipal facilities: These are always worth doing regardless of the payback period, these are worth doing only if they pay for themselves in less than 20 years, these are worth doing only if they pay for themselves in less than 10 years, these are never worth the investment, or no opinion.

- About 31% of respondents believe renewable energy updates to municipal facilities are worth doing only if they pay for themselves in less than 10 years.
- Only about 11% of respondents believe renewable energy updates to municipal facilities are not worth the investment.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
These are always worth doing regardless of the payback period	22.29%	78
These are worth doing only if they pay for themselves in less than 20 years	25.43%	89
These are worth doing only if they pay for themselves in less than 10 years	31.14%	109
These are never worth the investment	11.43%	40
No Opinion	9.71%	34
TOTAL		350

Question 20 – Would you be interested in attending an event in Bristol to look at how our community could improve our use of renewable energy?

- Almost half (43%) of respondents would be interested in attending an event in Bristol to understand how the community could improve its use of renewable energy.
- A little over one third (36%) of respondents would not be interested in attending such an event in Bristol.
- About 21% of respondents has no opinion on this question.



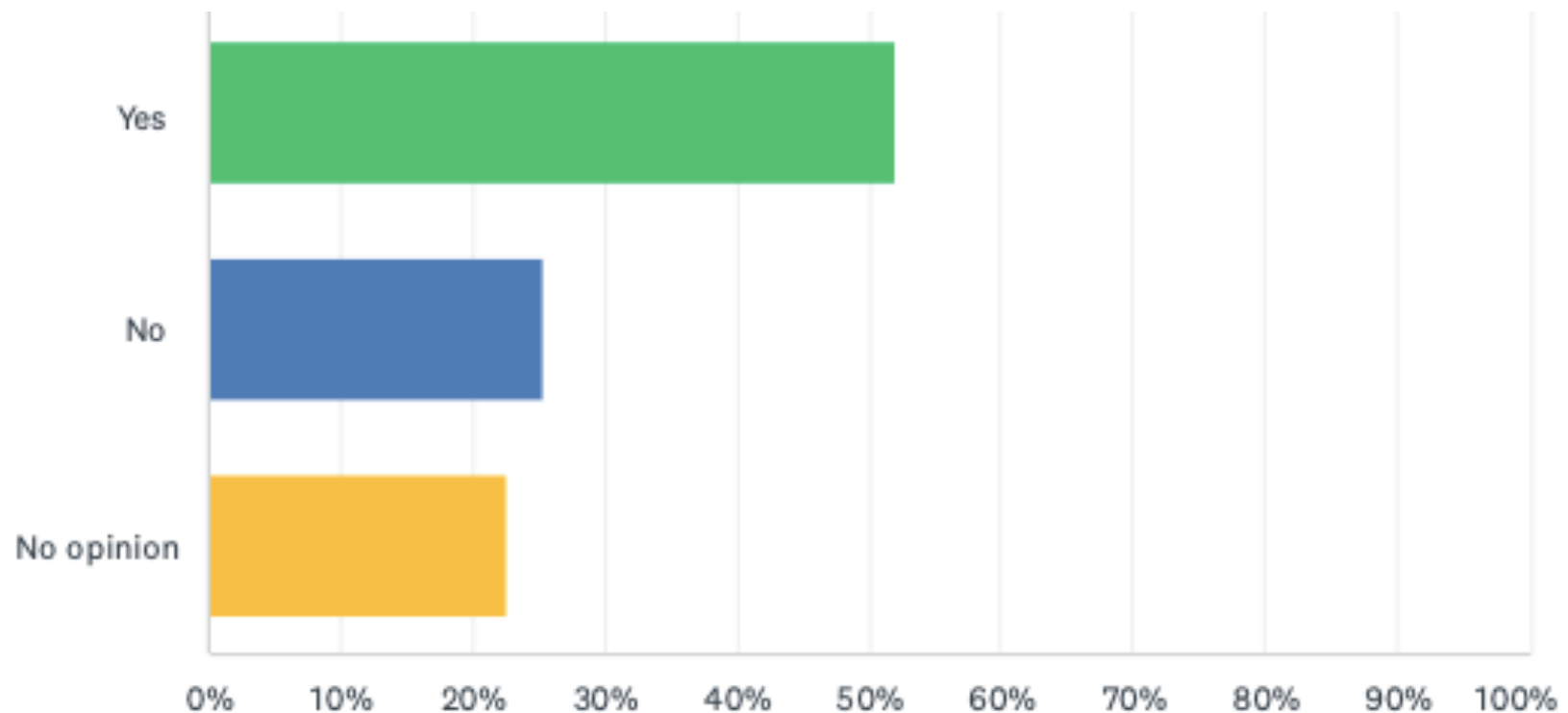
Question 21 – Do you think you will start investing in clean energy projects over the next 5 years?

- 50% of respondents are not sure if they will start investing in clean energy projects over the next 5 years.
- Almost one third (29%) of respondents think that they will start investing in clean energy projects over the next 5 years.
- About 14% of respondents would definitely not start investing in clean energy projects over the next 5 years.
- 7% of respondents have already invested in clean energy projects.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Definitely Yes	28.94%	101
Not Sure	50.14%	175
Definitely No	13.75%	48
I already have	7.16%	25
TOTAL		349

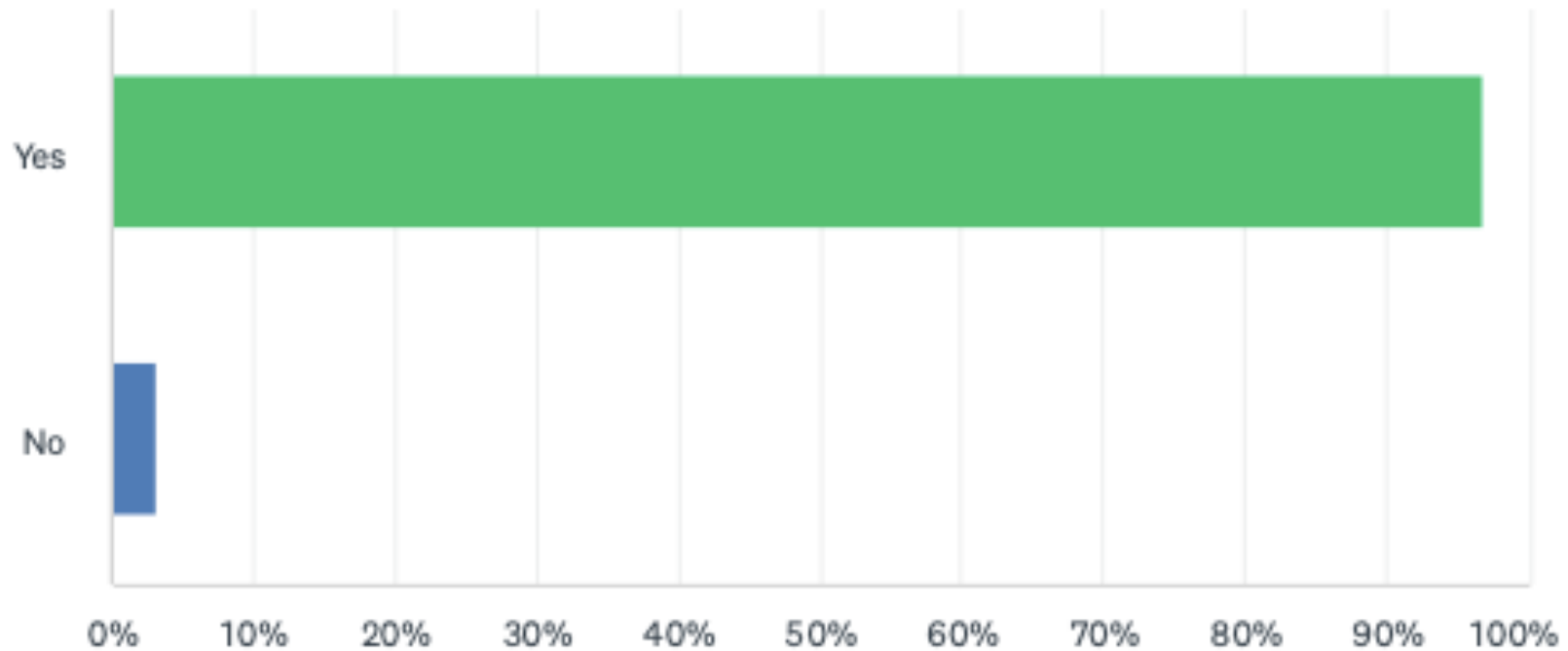
Question 22 – Would you be interested in attending an event in Bristol to look at how our community could improve our use of internet services?

- A little over half (52%) of respondents would be interested in attending an event in Bristol about improving internet services.
- Respondents responding No or No Opinion were almost tied.



Question 23 – Do you have internet access at home?

- The majority of respondents (97%) reported that they do have internet access at home.



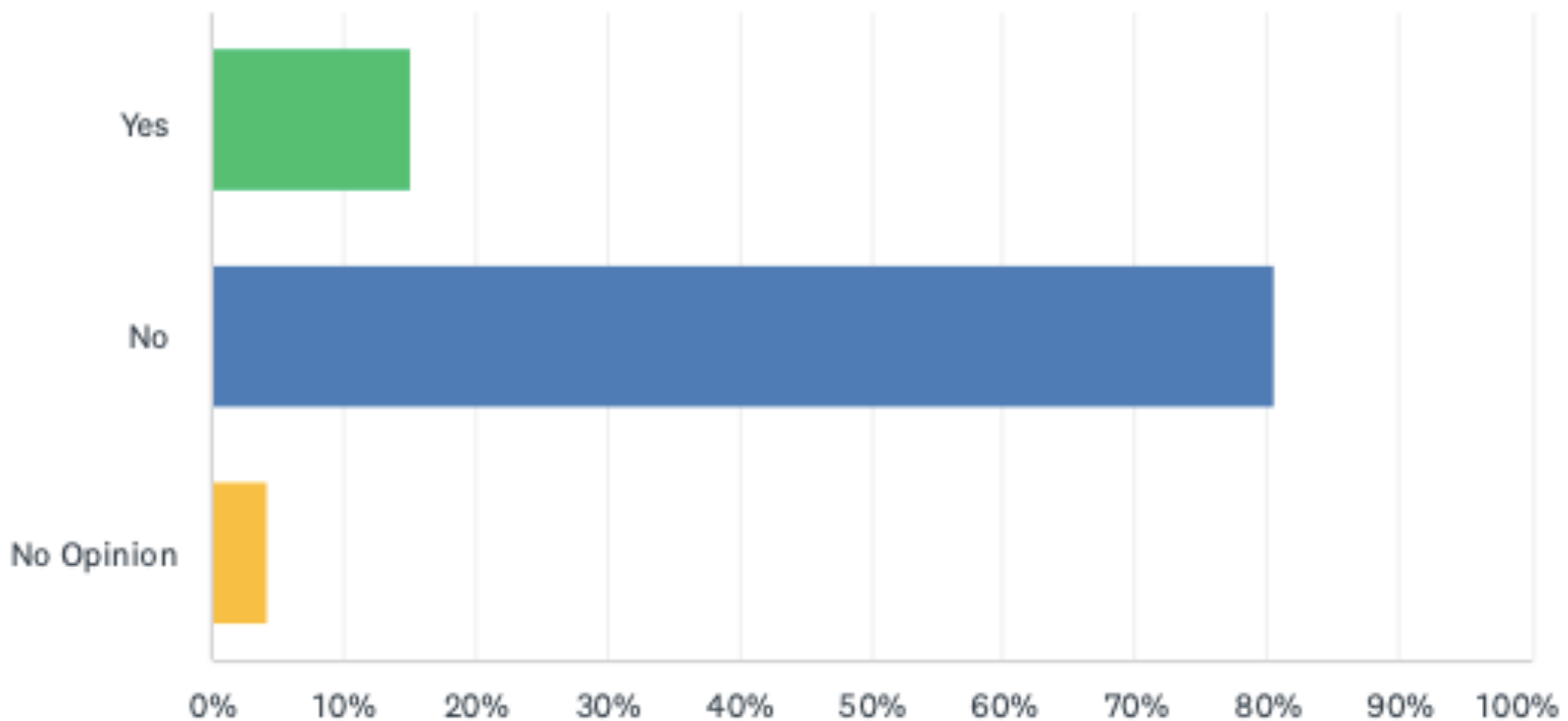
Question 24 – How much do you estimate you pay monthly for internet service at home?

- 58% of respondents estimate that their monthly expense for internet service at home is between \$50-\$99.
- On third of respondents estimate their internet service at home is between \$100-\$199 per month.
- For respondents who submitted other feedback, most of these comments reveal that respondents have a bundle service with Cable Television, phone and internet service. Not just solely internet services.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nothing	2.33%	8
Less than \$50	3.49%	12
\$50 - \$99	58.14%	200
\$100 - \$199	29.94%	103
Other (please specify)	6.10%	21
TOTAL		344

Question 25 – Can the day-to-day home activities you do in Bristol function without internet access?

- About 81% of respondents cannot perform day to day activities in Bristol without internet access.
- Only 15% of respondents could perform their day-to-day home activities in Bristol without internet access.



Question 26 – When you use the internet, what kind of activities do you do online?

- 39% of respondents use the internet for entertainment/personal use.
- About 17% of respondents use the internet for working from home.
- 37% of respondents use the internet for a combination of working from home, home schooling/distance learning, and entertainment/personal use.
- Other comments submitted revealed that respondents also utilize the internet for banking services.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work from home	16.67%	58
Home schooling / Distance Learning	1.44%	5
Entertainment / Personal Use	39.08%	136
All of the above	37.07%	129
Other (please specify)	5.75%	20
TOTAL		348

Question 27 – Please rate the current parking at the following town facilities/locations:

Town facilities/locations include: Cummings Town Beach, Avery-Crouse Town Beach, Downtown, Kelley Park, Minot-Sleeper Library, and Town Offices.

- Overall, the majority of respondents between 39% - 60% felt that the parking at town facilities was adequate, but it appears respondents feel there could be room for improvements.
- 16% of respondents felt that the Avery-Crouse Town Beach parking was not adequate at all.
- About 12% of respondents also felt that parking downtown was not adequate at all, and about 39% of respondents thought that parking downtown was somewhat adequate.

	VERY ADEQUATE	ADEQUATE	SOMEWHAT ADEQUATE	NOT ADEQUATE AT ALL	TOTAL
Cummings Town Beach	21.02% 70	49.55% 165	21.92% 73	7.51% 25	333
Avery-Crouse Town Beach	14.63% 48	43.60% 143	25.61% 84	16.16% 53	328
Downtown	9.54% 33	39.88% 138	38.73% 134	11.85% 41	346
Kelley Park	15.98% 54	53.85% 182	23.67% 80	6.51% 22	338
Minot-Sleeper Library	20.87% 72	59.42% 205	15.65% 54	4.06% 14	345
Town Offices	31.50% 109	60.12% 208	7.51% 26	0.87% 3	346

Question 28 – The Town of Bristol Master Plan includes specific recommendations regarding recreational opportunities/facilities. Would you support the Town doing the following:

Should the Town support: Acquiring, through purchase or lease, land to provide additional parking for Avery-Crouse Beach, providing space for a dog park, acquiring, building, and maintaining a skate park, acquiring, building, and maintaining an outdoor skating rink, extending the multi-purpose path from downtown to Profile falls along the river, reconfiguring Kelley Park to make it more user-friendly for all ages, installing a multi-use path to Kelley Park, creating facilities and signage to connect Kelley Park with the downtown and other recreational areas, and creating a Historic District walking tour.

- The majority of respondents would not support the Town acquiring, through purchase or lease, land to provide additional parking for Avery-Crouse Beach (54%), providing space for a dog park (44%), or acquiring, building, and maintaining a skate park (53%).
- A majority of respondents were in support (between 52% and 78%) of acquiring, building, and maintaining an outdoor skating rink, extending the multi-purpose path from downtown to Profile falls along the river, reconfiguring Kelley Park to make it more user-friendly for all ages, installing a multi-use path to Kelley Park, creating facilities and signage to connect Kelley Park with the downtown and other recreational areas, and creating a Historic District walking tour.

The table on the following page shows the response percentages to this question. This table is also included in the complete survey record in the Appendix with a bar graph visual.

	YES	NO	NO OPINION	TOTAL
acquiring, through purchase or lease, land to provide additional parking for Avery-Crouse Beach	26.44% 92	53.74% 187	19.83% 69	348
providing space for a dog park	42.12% 147	43.55% 152	14.33% 50	349
acquiring, building, and maintaining a skate park	26.36% 92	53.30% 186	20.34% 71	349
acquiring, building, and maintaining an outdoor skating rink	52.14% 183	32.76% 115	15.10% 53	351
extending the multi-purpose path from downtown to Profile Falls along the river	78.86% 276	14.57% 51	6.57% 23	350
reconfiguring Kelley Park to make it more user-friendly for all ages	61.49% 214	19.83% 69	18.68% 65	348
installing a multi-use path through Kelley Park	54.60% 190	25.00% 87	20.40% 71	348
creating facilities and signage to connect Kelley Park with the downtown and other recreational areas	61.43% 215	21.43% 75	17.14% 60	350
creating an Historic District walking tour	55.01% 192	22.35% 78	22.64% 79	349

Question 29 – To help us get a current view of the make-up of the respondents to our survey, please answer the following question about Age.

- More than half of respondents (66%) are between the ages of 56-79 years old.
- About 23% of respondents are between the ages of 41-55 years old.

	UNDER 25	26-40	41-55	56-79	OVER 80	TOTAL
Age	1.16% 4	5.81% 20	22.97% 79	66.28% 228	3.78% 13	344

Question 30 – To help us get a current view of the make-up of the respondents to our survey please answer the following question about education.

- 37% of respondents attended a four-year college. .
- 33% of respondents went to graduate school.
- No respondents reported having less than a high school education.

	LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT	TWO YEAR COLLEGE	FOUR YEAR COLLEGE	GRADUATE SCHOOL	TOTAL
Education	0.00% 0	11.34% 39	18.31% 63	37.21% 128	33.14% 114	344

Question 31 – To help us get a current view of the make-up of the respondents to our survey, please answer the following question about the time lived in or as a property owner in Bristol.

- Almost half (49%) of respondents have lived in or owned property in Bristol for more than twenty years.
- Almost one third (28%) of respondents have lived in or owned property in Bristol for one to ten years.
- 23% of respondents have lived in or owned property in Bristol for eleven to twenty years.

	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1 - 10 YEARS	11 - 20 YEARS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	TOTAL
Time in Bristol	0.58% 2	27.78% 95	23.10% 79	48.54% 166	342

Question 32 – To help us get a current view of the make-up of our town, please indicate the option that most closely applies to you:

Are you a: Summer resident, rental resident, own your own home, year-round resident, non-resident, property owner, Bristol business owner.

- 47% of respondents own their own home in Bristol.
- 24% of respondents reported being year-round residents.
- About 15% of respondents are summer residents only.
- About 11% of respondents are property owners.
- Only 2% of respondents are business owners in Bristol.

The table on the following page shows the response percentages to this question. This table is also included in the complete survey record in the Appendix with a bar graph visual.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
summer resident	14.81%	52
rental resident	1.42%	5
own your own home	47.01%	165
year-round resident	23.65%	83
non-resident	0.28%	1
property owner	8.55%	30
property owner	2.56%	9
Bristol business owner	1.14%	4
Bristol business owner	0.57%	2
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		351

Question 33 – Which of the following would you be willing to contribute to bring changes you have indicated you support:

Time, materials, money, facilities, serve on a board/committee, support public funding, other.

- About 31% of respondents would support changes in Bristol by giving their time.
- 30% of respondents would support changes to Bristol by supporting public funding.
- 15% of respondents would support changes to the Town by serving on a Town board or committee.
- Of the respondents who submitted feedback for the ‘other’ option, respondents indicated the following
 - That they currently or have in the past served on a Town board or committee.
 - Other respondents feel they already support Bristol through their tax payments to the Town.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
time	30.87%	92
materials	0.34%	1
money	8.39%	25
facilities	0.34%	1
serve on a board / commission / committee	15.44%	46
support public funding	29.53%	88
Other (please specify)	15.10%	45
TOTAL		298