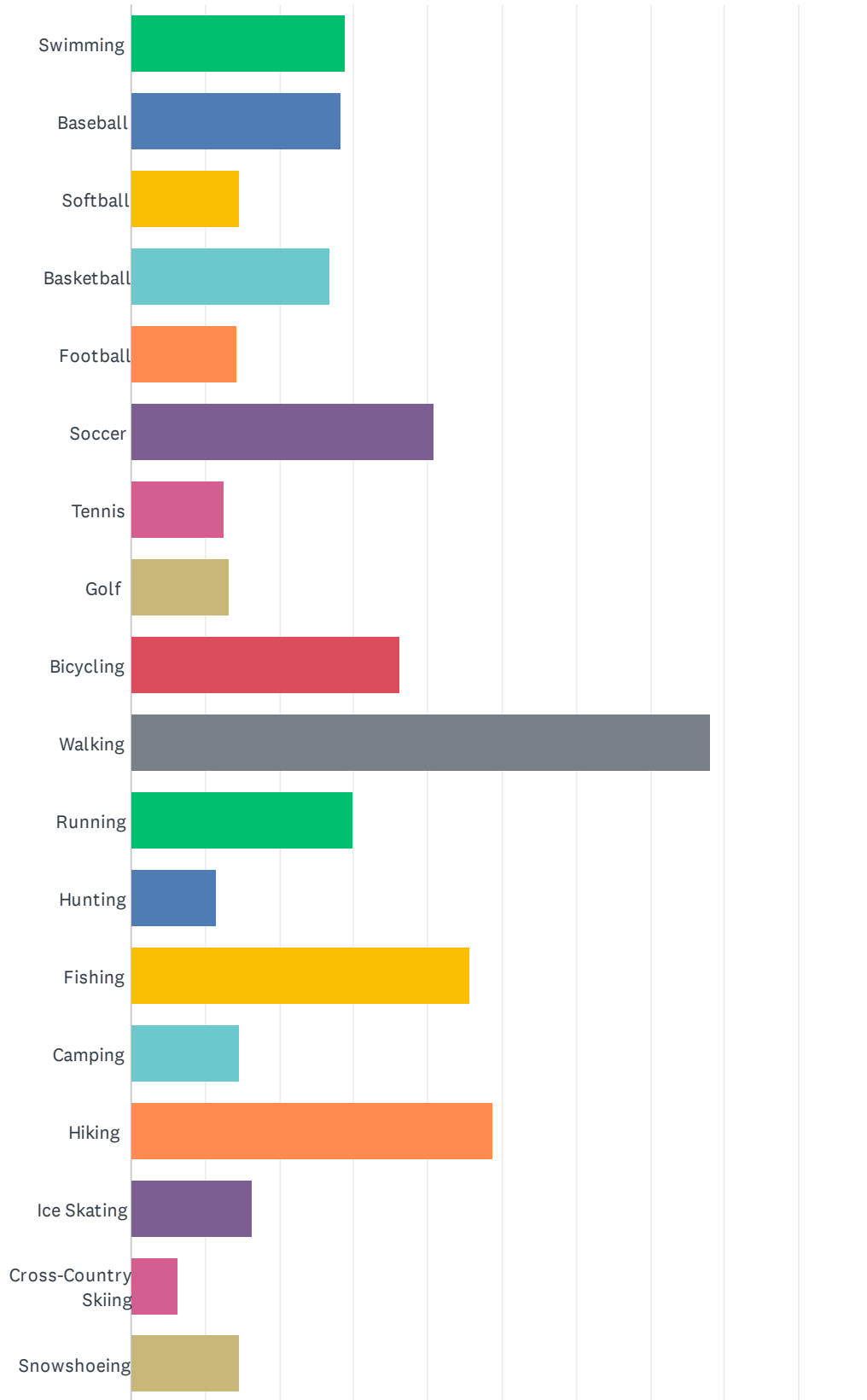


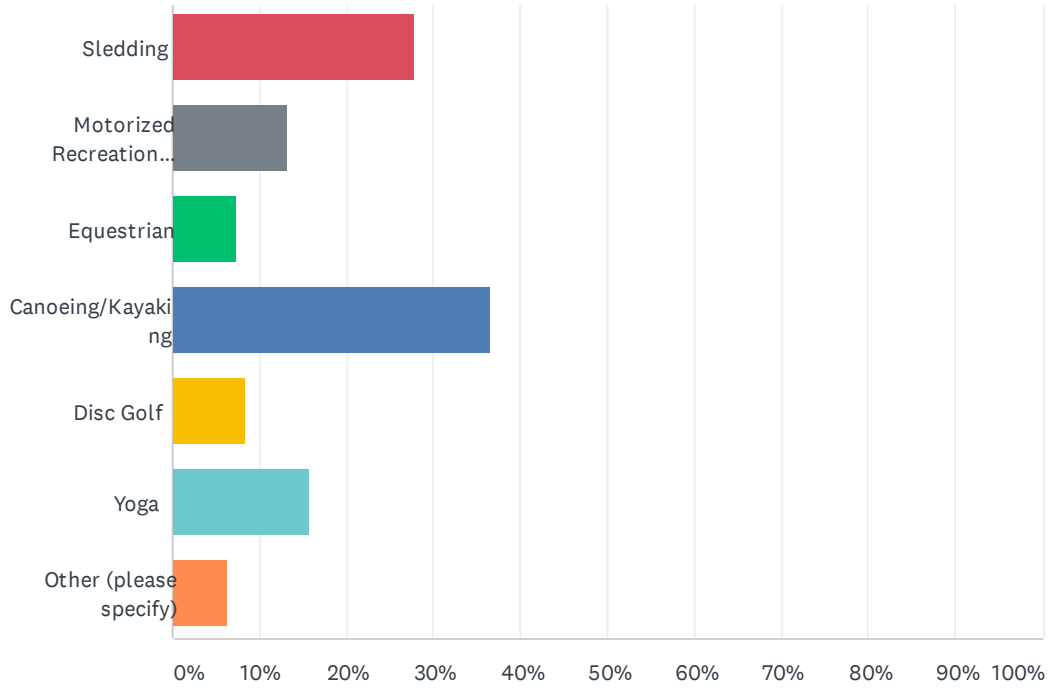
# Appendix B: Community Survey Results

# Q1 What type of recreational activities do you and/or your family participate in here in Palmer? Check all that apply.

Answered: 191 Skipped: 5



# Palmer Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming	28.80%	55
Baseball	28.27%	54
Softball	14.66%	28
Basketball	26.70%	51
Football	14.14%	27
Soccer	40.84%	78
Tennis	12.57%	24
Golf	13.09%	25
Bicycling	36.13%	69
Walking	78.01%	149
Running	29.84%	57
Hunting	11.52%	22
Fishing	45.55%	87
Camping	14.66%	28
Hiking	48.69%	93
Ice Skating	16.23%	31
Cross-Country Skiing	6.28%	12
Snowshoeing	14.66%	28
Sledding	27.75%	53
Motorized Recreation (ATVs, snowmobiles)	13.09%	25
Equestrian	7.33%	14
Canoeing/Kayaking	36.65%	70
Disc Golf	8.38%	16
Yoga	15.71%	30
Other (please specify)	6.28%	12
Total Respondents: 191		

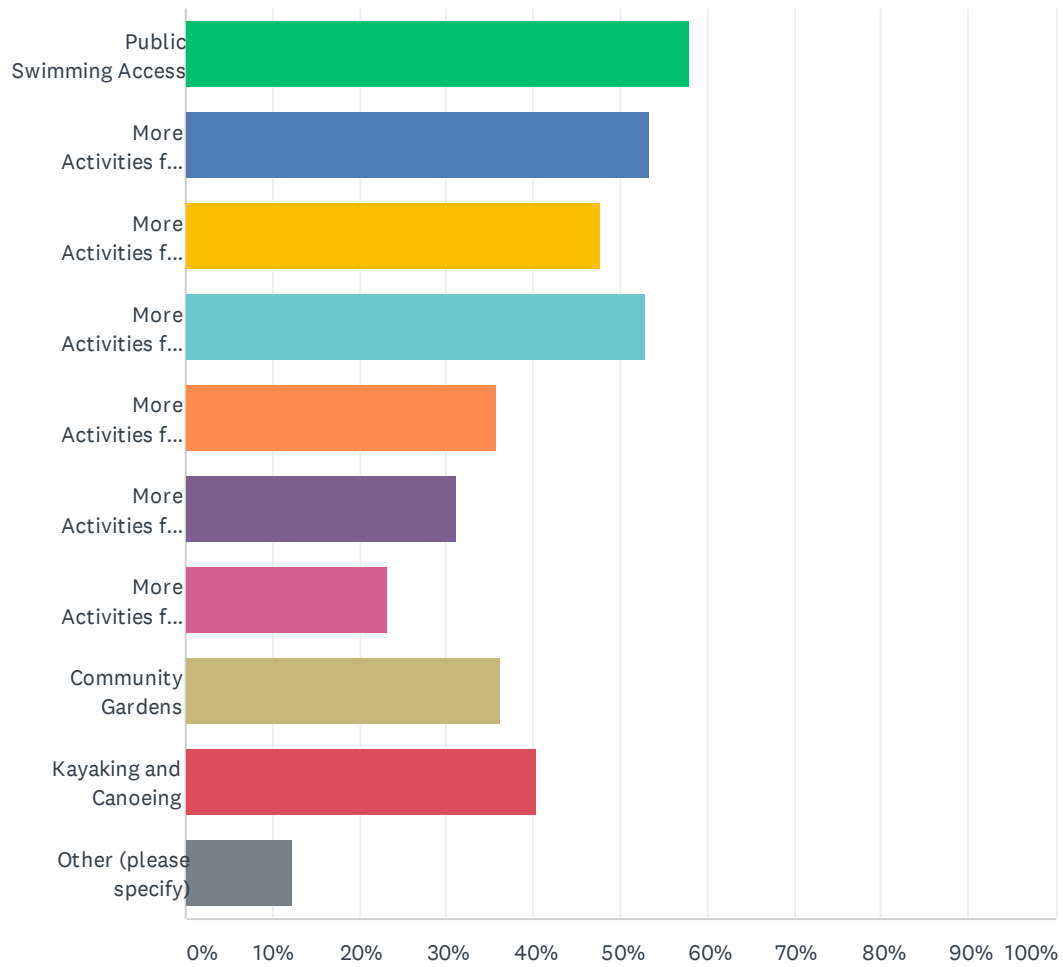
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dog Walks	8/10/2021 1:05 PM
2	Track	8/10/2021 12:49 PM
3	Cross fit	6/24/2021 11:13 PM
4	Playground, Palmer Rocks, Chalk	6/24/2021 9:22 PM
5	gardening	6/23/2021 11:46 PM

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6	Working out	6/23/2021 11:10 AM
7	Field hockey	6/23/2021 9:11 AM
8	Pickleball	6/23/2021 7:32 AM
9	Paddle boarding	6/23/2021 5:52 AM
10	Bocci ball	6/22/2021 10:21 PM
11	Playground	6/8/2021 8:34 AM
12	dance	6/4/2021 2:42 PM

## Q2 What additional recreational activities would you like to see the Town of Palmer offer? Check all that apply.

Answered: 193 Skipped: 3



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Swimming Access	58.03%	112
More Activities for Families	53.37%	103
More Activities for Children	47.67%	92
More Activities for Teens	52.85%	102
More Activities for Adults	35.75%	69
More Activities for Senior Citizens	31.09%	60
More Activities for Disabled Citizens	23.32%	45
Community Gardens	36.27%	70
Kayaking and Canoeing	40.41%	78
Other (please specify)	12.44%	24
Total Respondents: 193		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Trails	8/10/2021 1:05 PM
2	Golf course, Hiking trails	8/10/2021 12:21 PM
3	More dog friendly spaces.	8/9/2021 2:39 PM
4	Our "recreation" department is non existent which the administrators should be embarrassed about. Our family is. Yoga and pickleball are great activities but are very limited to who would be involved. I've been to cornhole tournaments which all ages participate in and lots of money is made!	8/9/2021 1:32 PM
5	Teen center	6/28/2021 10:21 AM
6	Dog park	6/26/2021 3:00 AM
7	Well kept hiking trails	6/25/2021 7:05 AM
8	Safer roads to run/bike	6/24/2021 11:13 PM
9	Turf soccer fields	6/24/2021 11:00 PM
10	Swim classes for children	6/24/2021 9:25 PM
11	Bike path, resort	6/24/2021 1:28 PM
12	Summer camp for kids in town. Especially soccer and baseball clinics	6/23/2021 9:29 PM
13	I want a tennis backboard installed. I will donate some \$\$\$\$	6/23/2021 6:13 PM
14	Music Venues	6/23/2021 1:59 PM
15	More shore fishing spots to bring the family. We can only go to forest lake at the moment.	6/23/2021 11:34 AM
16	Walking trails	6/23/2021 8:02 AM
17	(1) Mass Central Rail Trail; (2) longer hiking trails.	6/21/2021 9:09 PM
18	Indoor winter facility for active adults	6/9/2021 3:40 AM
19	Designated trails for motor cross	6/8/2021 10:55 PM
20	Sailing program, boat rentals, a recreation center like other towns, more availability at our PHS pool	6/8/2021 10:01 PM
21	Full service, traditional rec sports	6/8/2021 3:18 PM

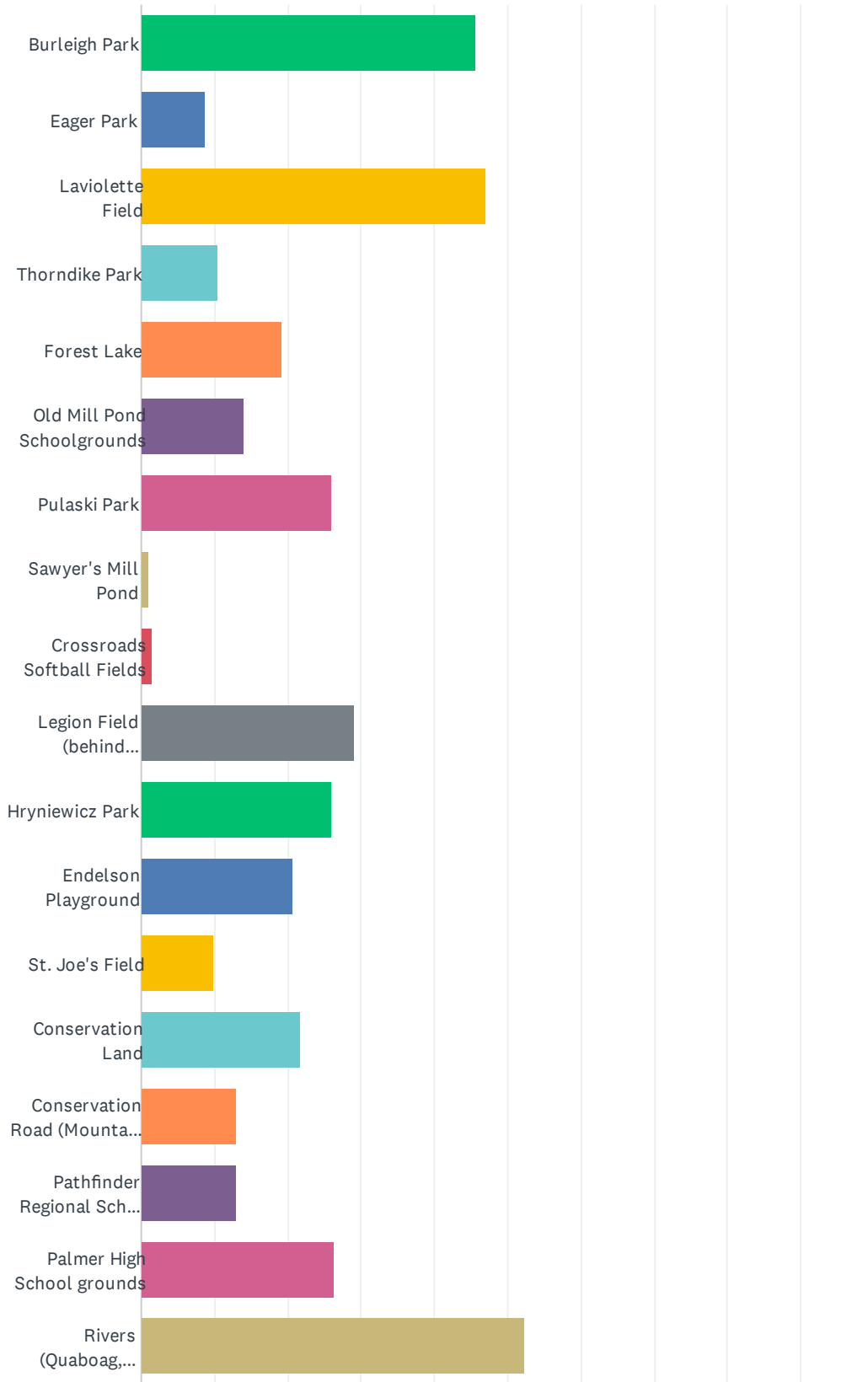
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22	Youth Recreation/community center	6/7/2021 11:21 PM
23	Golf	6/7/2021 9:38 PM
24	Bicycling - places to lock bikes and also ride recreationally	6/4/2021 2:42 PM

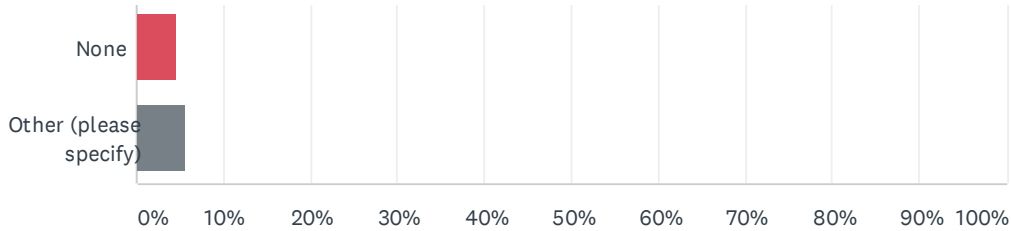


### Q3 Which parks and playgrounds does your family regularly use in Palmer? Check all that apply.

Answered: 193 Skipped: 3



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Burleigh Park	45.60%	88
Eager Park	8.81%	17
Laviolette Field	47.15%	91
Thorndike Park	10.36%	20
Forest Lake	19.17%	37
Old Mill Pond Schoolgrounds	13.99%	27
Pulaski Park	25.91%	50
Sawyer's Mill Pond	1.04%	2
Crossroads Softball Fields	1.55%	3
Legion Field (behind Converse Middle School)	29.02%	56
Hryniewicz Park	25.91%	50
Endelson Playground	20.73%	40
St. Joe's Field	9.84%	19
Conservation Land	21.76%	42
Conservation Road (Mountain St. John, Bacon, Tavern, McMaster, Rondeau)	12.95%	25
Pathfinder Regional School grounds	12.95%	25
Palmer High School grounds	26.42%	51
Rivers (Quaboag, Swift, Ware, Chicopee)	52.33%	101
None	4.66%	9
Other (please specify)	5.70%	11
Total Respondents: 193		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Bondsville Water Park	8/10/2021 2:11 PM
2	Private Pond	8/10/2021 12:09 PM
3	Activities planned by other residents.	8/9/2021 1:32 PM
4	Bondsville Park	6/25/2021 7:29 PM
5	Bondsville park	6/24/2021 11:13 PM
6	Our yard because the sidewalks are awful and the parks are unsafe.	6/24/2021 9:22 PM

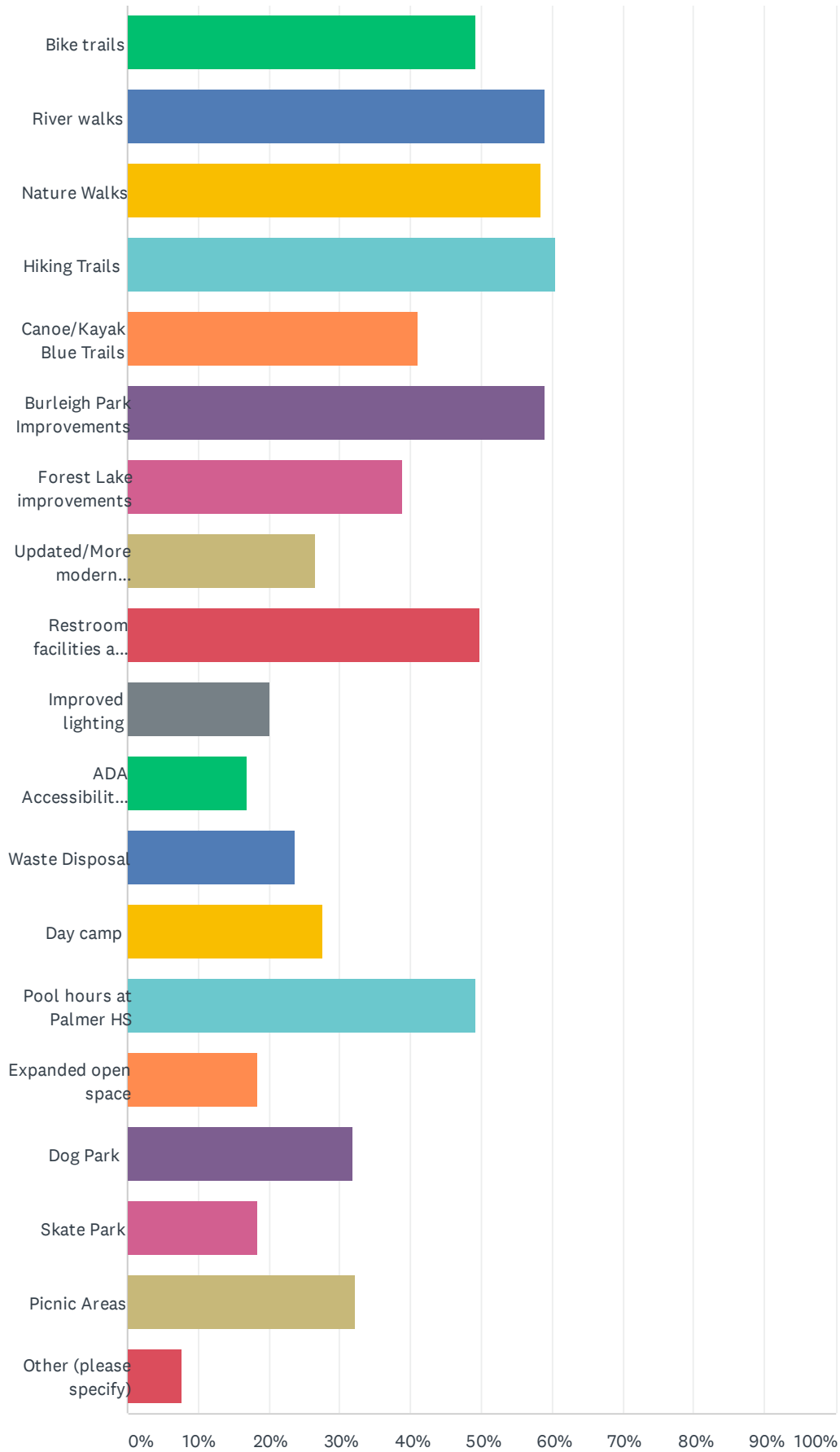
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7	Converse middle school gym	6/23/2021 1:42 PM
8	Would love to see the Palmer High school and Old Mill pond fields better maintained and updated. It's a shame we rely on legion fields. Also Laviolette fields could be better maintained and being able to bring back and update the bathrooms would be nice.	6/23/2021 8:56 AM
9	Mongo Pond (i-90 pond)	6/23/2021 7:47 AM
10	Forest Lake	6/23/2021 5:52 AM
11	Bondsville First St walking, Chase Field (not on list as selections)	6/9/2021 3:40 AM

**Q4 What improvements, additions, or changes would you like to see at Palmer's recreational facilities? Check all that apply:**

Answered: 195 Skipped: 1

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bike trails	49.23%	96
River walks	58.97%	115
Nature Walks	58.46%	114
Hiking Trails	60.51%	118
Canoe/Kayak Blue Trails	41.03%	80
Burleigh Park Improvements	58.97%	115
Forest Lake improvements	38.97%	76
Updated/More modern playgrounds	26.67%	52
Restroom facilities at open spaces	49.74%	97
Improved lighting	20.00%	39
ADA Accessibility Improvements	16.92%	33
Waste Disposal	23.59%	46
Day camp	27.69%	54
Pool hours at Palmer HS	49.23%	96
Expanded open space	18.46%	36
Dog Park	31.79%	62
Skate Park	18.46%	36
Picnic Areas	32.31%	63
Other (please specify)	7.69%	15
Total Respondents: 195		

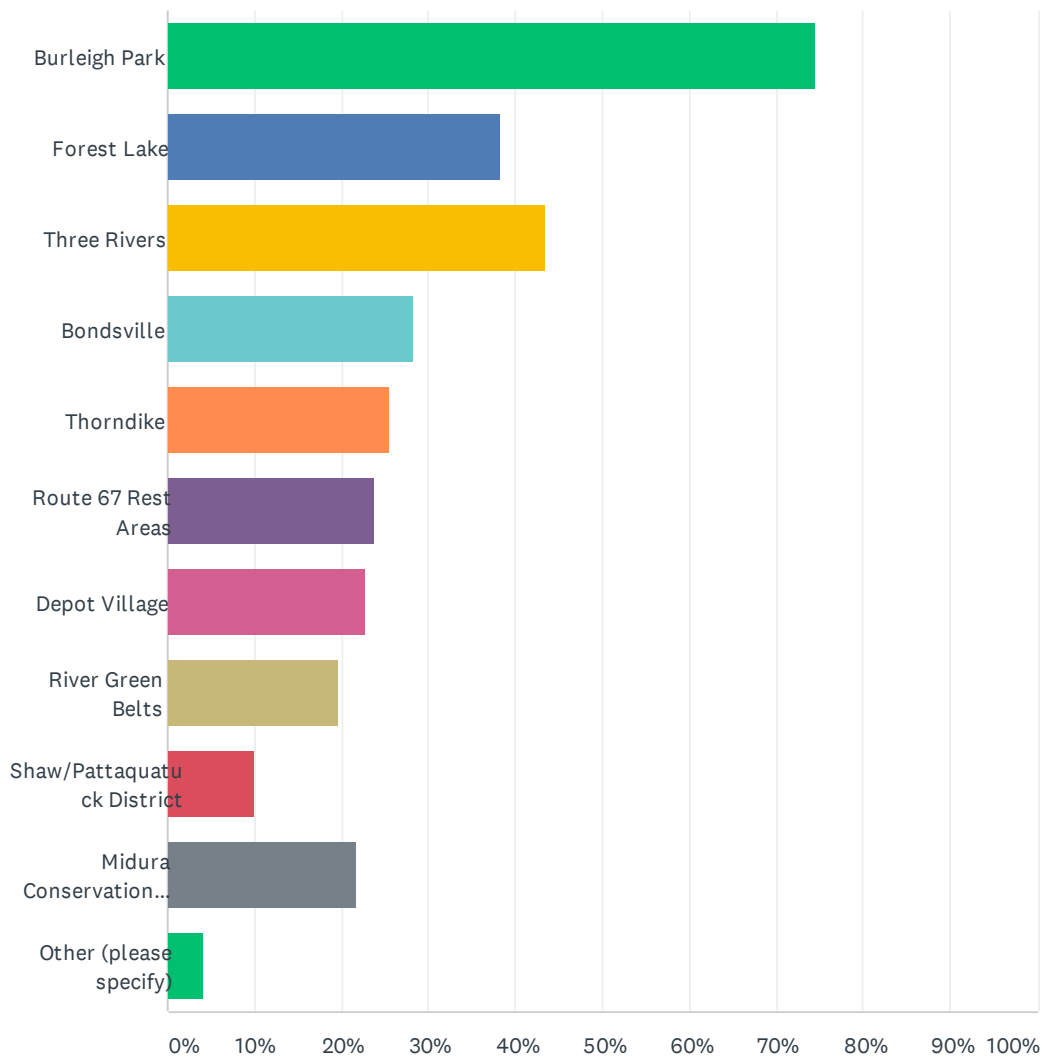
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	"Most good trails have signs to take out what you bring"	8/9/2021 1:32 PM
2	Lavolette field grounds improvement	6/28/2021 7:22 AM
3	I would love an area of picnic tables and outdoors grills near a park for family picnics.	6/24/2021 9:22 PM
4	ice skating	6/23/2021 11:46 PM
5	Soccer fields reseeded and taken care of properly	6/23/2021 9:29 PM
6	Tennis backboard	6/23/2021 6:13 PM
7	Lavolette field grass field improvements	6/23/2021 1:57 PM
8	Outdoor workout spaces	6/23/2021 11:10 AM
9	I would love to see Burleigh Park updated and even a playground for younger siblings	6/23/2021 9:20 AM
10	New basketball court	6/23/2021 9:11 AM
11	S	6/23/2021 7:53 AM
12	Leave Forest Lake as a Great Pond with public access on all shores	6/23/2021 5:52 AM
13	Lavolette field replacement	6/22/2021 9:59 PM

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14	Sail boat kayak canoe rentals	6/8/2021 10:01 PM
15	again - secure areas to lock bicycles	6/4/2021 2:42 PM

# Q5 Where in Palmer would you like to see additional recreation facilities and programs provided?

Answered: 188 Skipped: 8





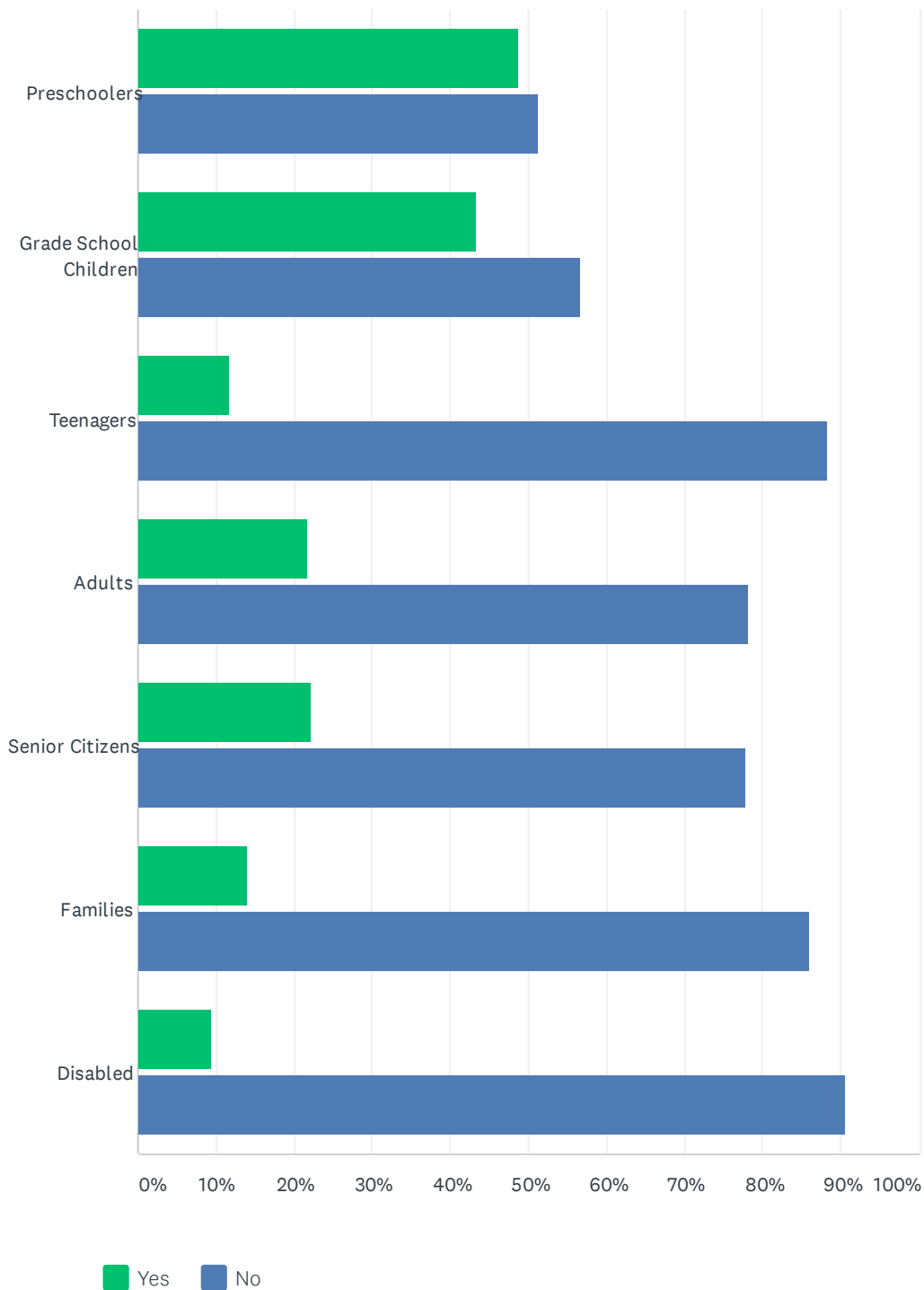
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Burleigh Park	74.47%	140
Forest Lake	38.30%	72
Three Rivers	43.62%	82
Bondsville	28.19%	53
Thorndike	25.53%	48
Route 67 Rest Areas	23.94%	45
Depot Village	22.87%	43
River Green Belts	19.68%	37
Shaw/Pattaquatuck District	10.11%	19
Midura Conservation District	21.81%	41
Other (please specify)	4.26%	8
Total Respondents: 188		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Anywhere	8/10/2021 1:05 PM
2	Laviolette	6/28/2021 9:21 PM
3	Laviolette	6/24/2021 9:15 PM
4	Laviolette field	6/24/2021 1:28 PM
5	Chase field, laviolette	6/23/2021 7:22 AM
6	All of the above	6/22/2021 6:56 PM
7	Wherever it makes sense and works!	6/9/2021 7:32 PM
8	Use State Funds for Handicapped fishing access at Forest Lake	6/9/2021 3:40 AM

# Q6 Do you think the following groups have sufficient recreational opportunities in Palmer?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 9

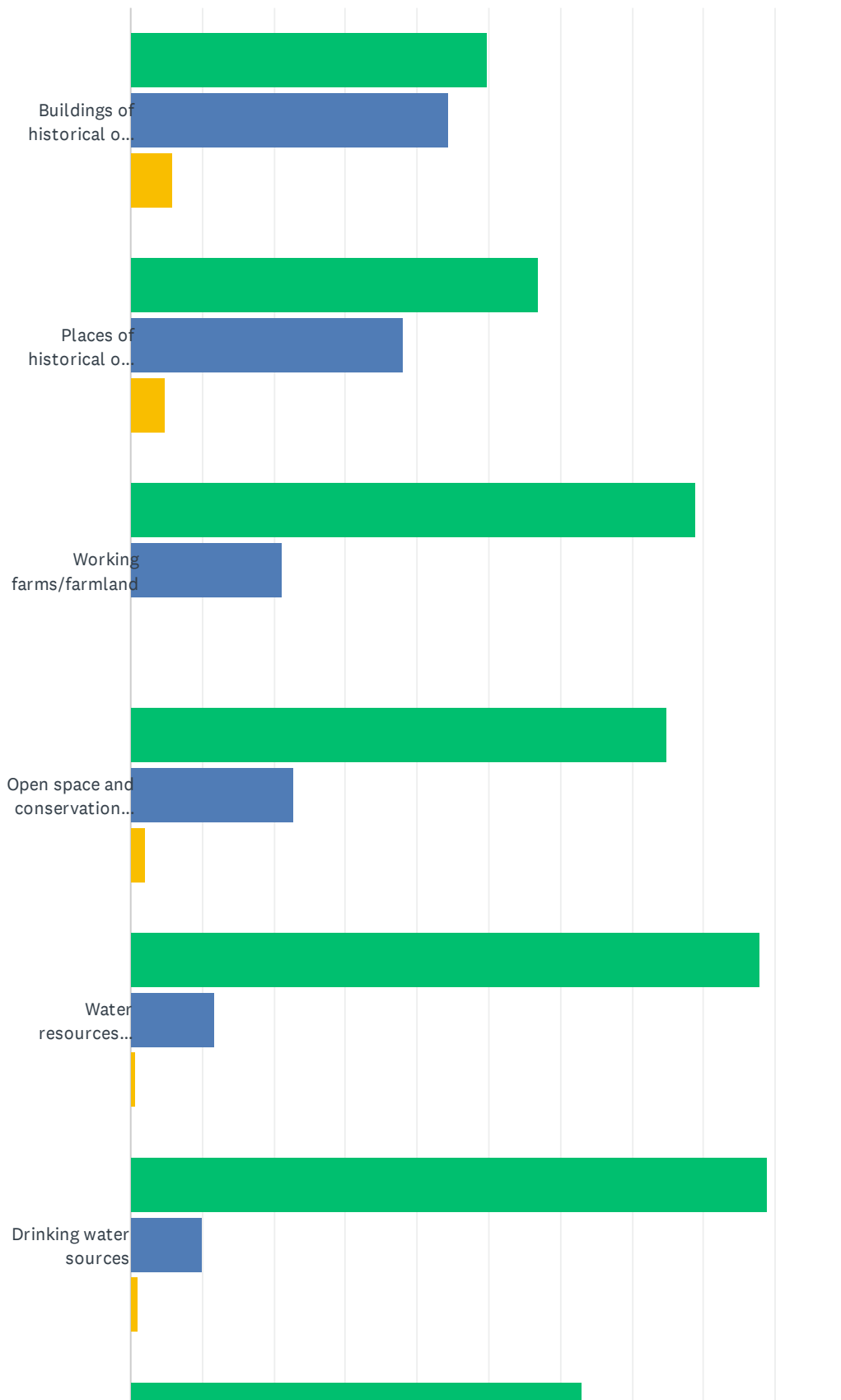


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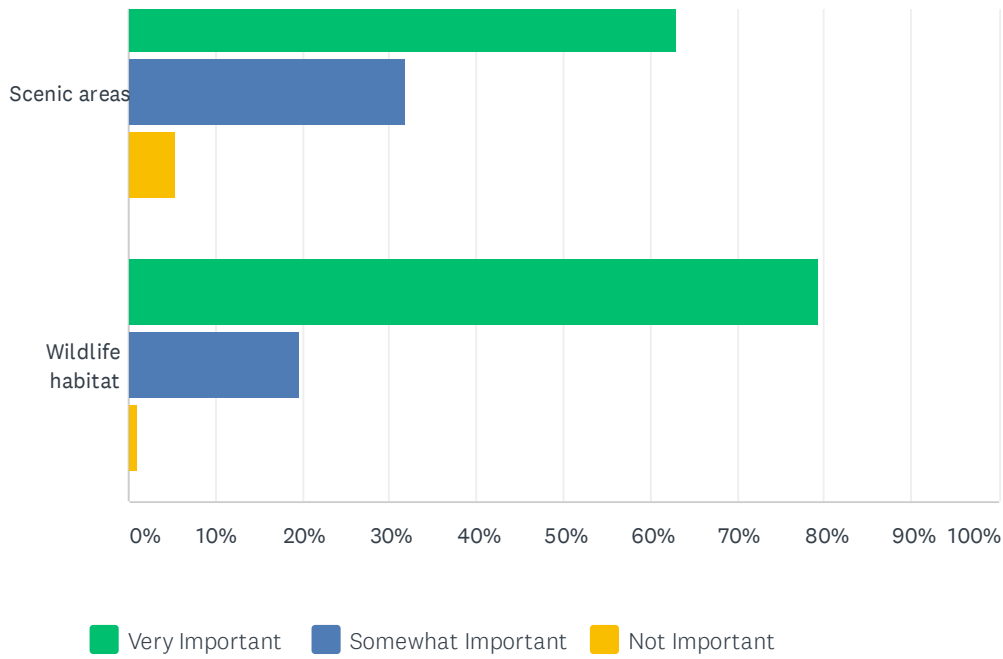
	YES	NO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Preschoolers	48.80% 81	51.20% 85	166	1.51
Grade School Children	43.27% 74	56.73% 97	171	1.57
Teenagers	11.73% 21	88.27% 158	179	1.88
Adults	21.69% 36	78.31% 130	166	1.78
Senior Citizens	22.09% 36	77.91% 127	163	1.78
Families	13.94% 23	86.06% 142	165	1.86
Disabled	9.49% 15	90.51% 143	158	1.91

# Q7 How important is it to conserve the following community features?

Answered: 194 Skipped: 2



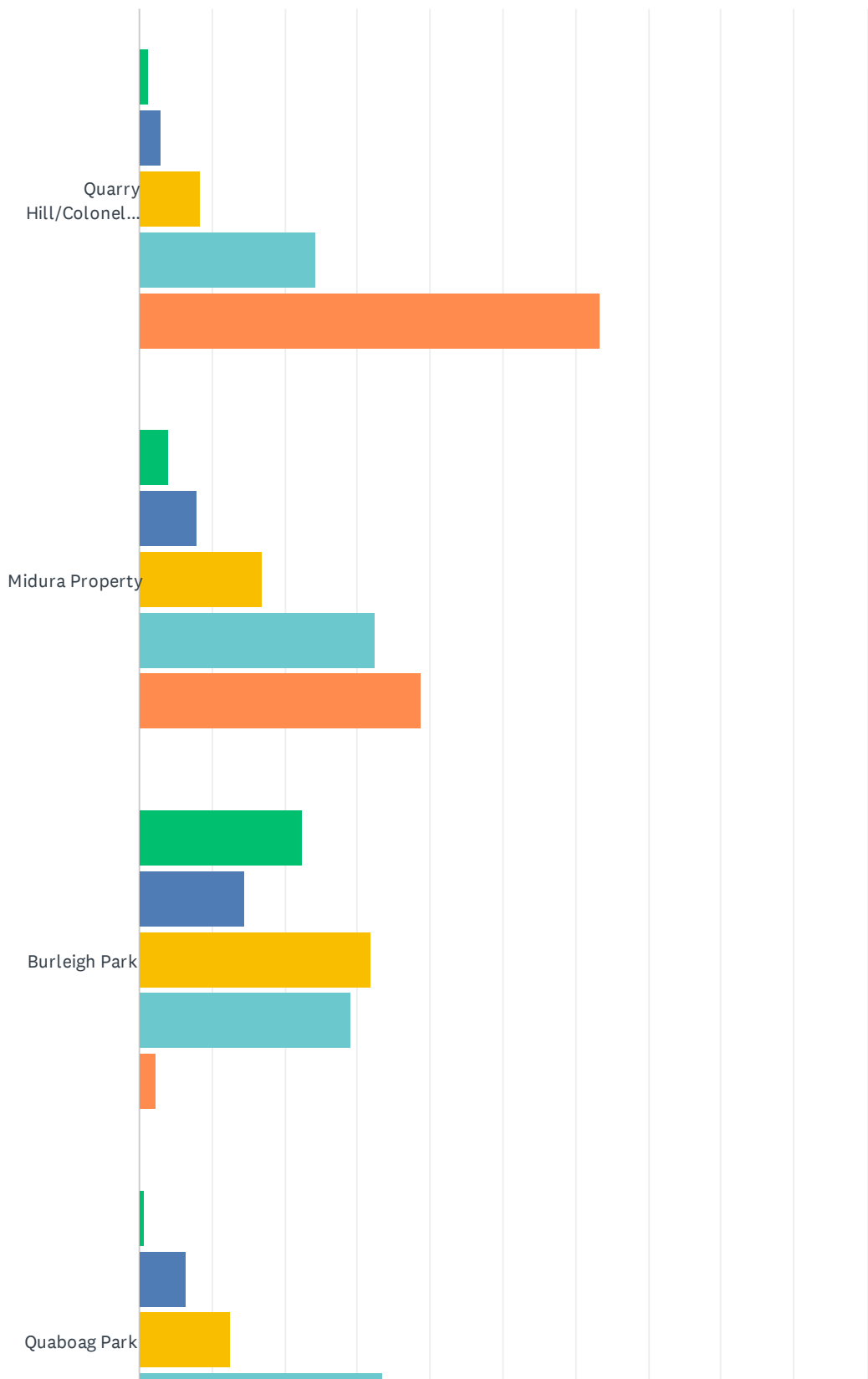
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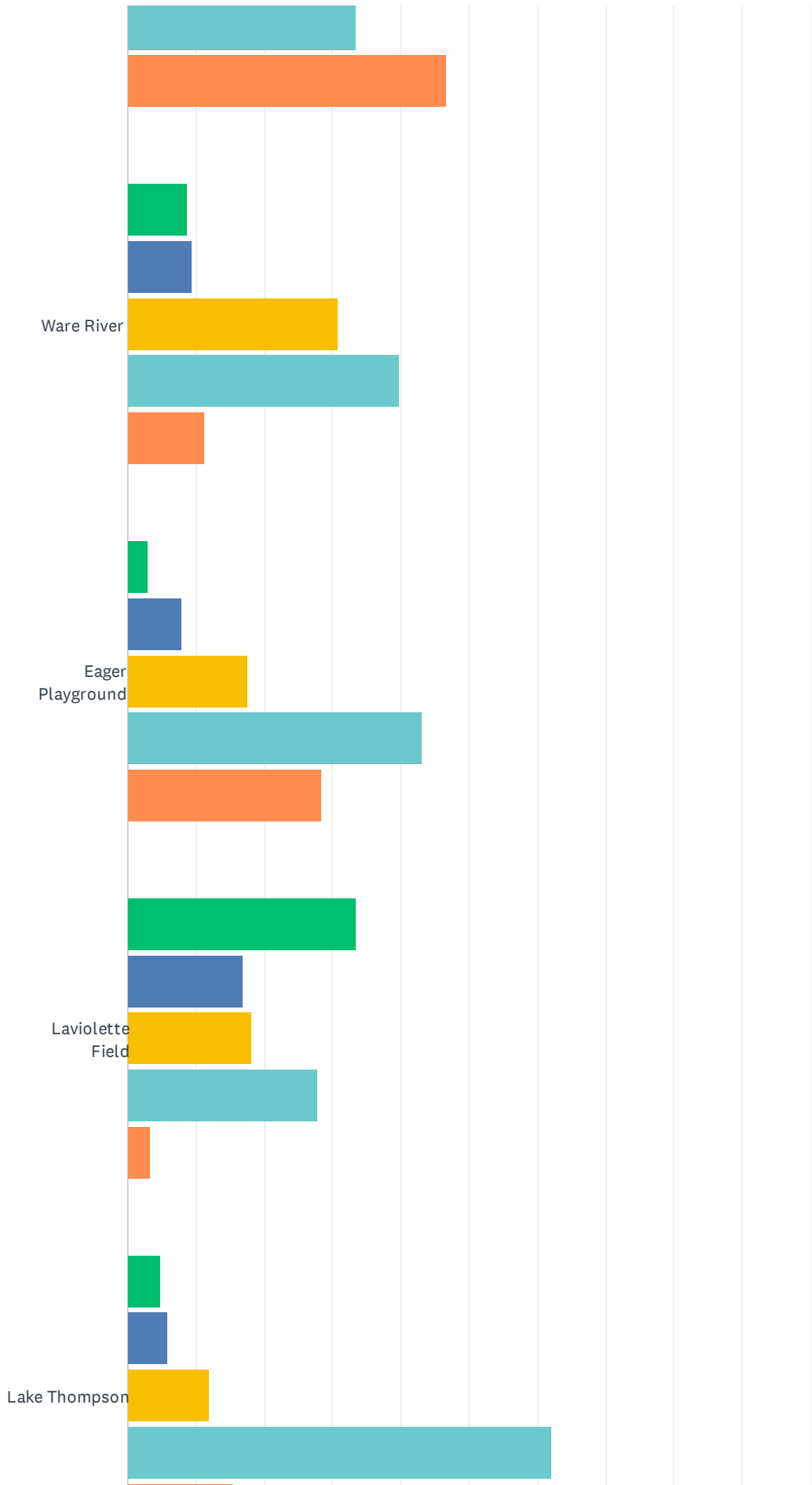
	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Buildings of historical or architectural interest	49.74% 94	44.44% 84	5.82% 11	189	1.56
Places of historical or archaeological value	56.99% 106	38.17% 71	4.84% 9	186	1.48
Working farms/farmland	78.84% 149	21.16% 40	0.00% 0	189	1.21
Open space and conservation lands	75.00% 141	22.87% 43	2.13% 4	188	1.27
Water resources (natural/recreational)	87.77% 165	11.70% 22	0.53% 1	188	1.13
Drinking water sources	88.89% 168	10.05% 19	1.06% 2	189	1.12
Scenic areas	62.90% 117	31.72% 59	5.38% 10	186	1.42
Wildlife habitat	79.26% 149	19.68% 37	1.06% 2	188	1.22

# Q8 How often do you and/or your family utilize the following open space areas in Town?

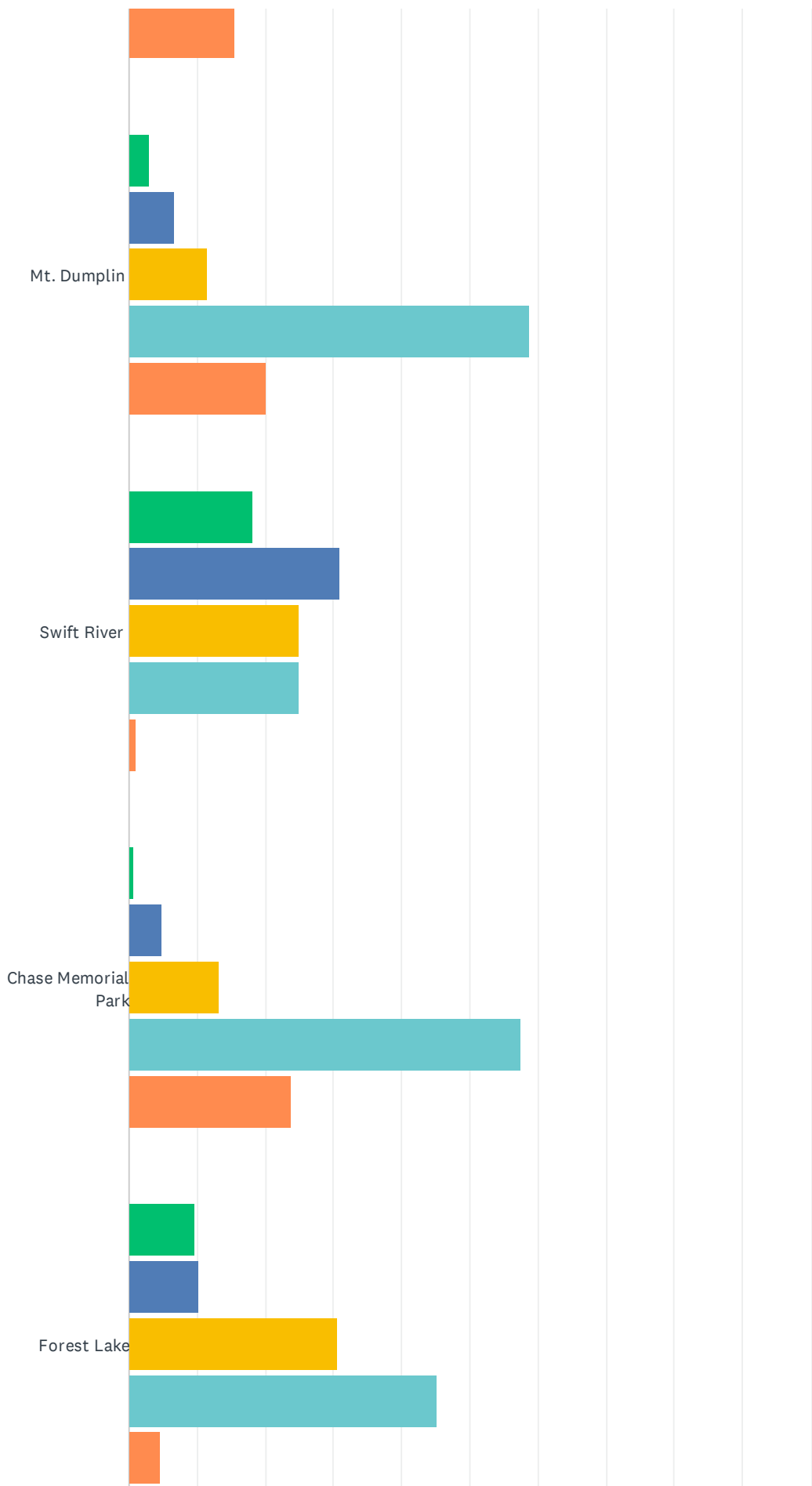
Answered: 192 Skipped: 4



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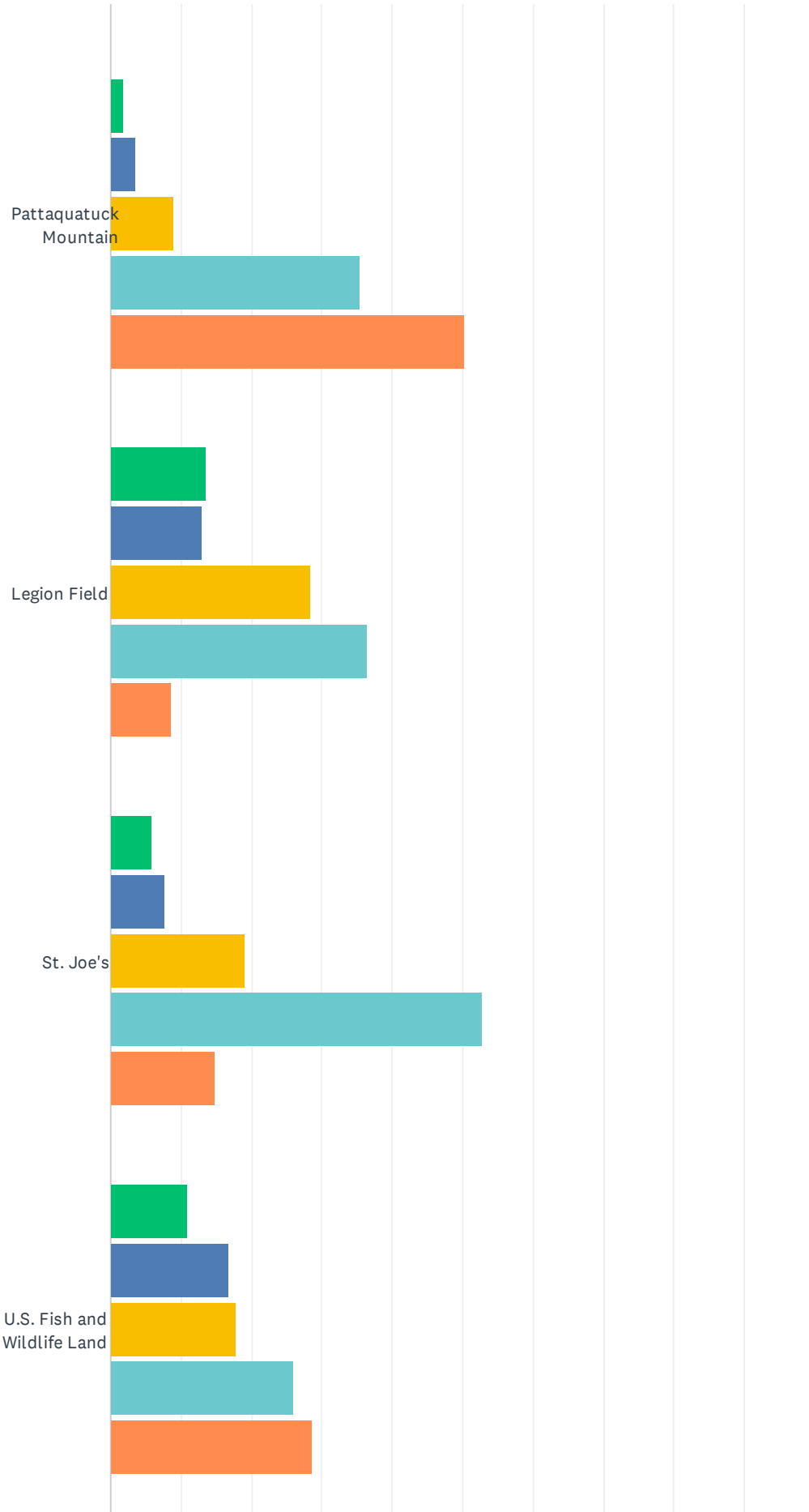


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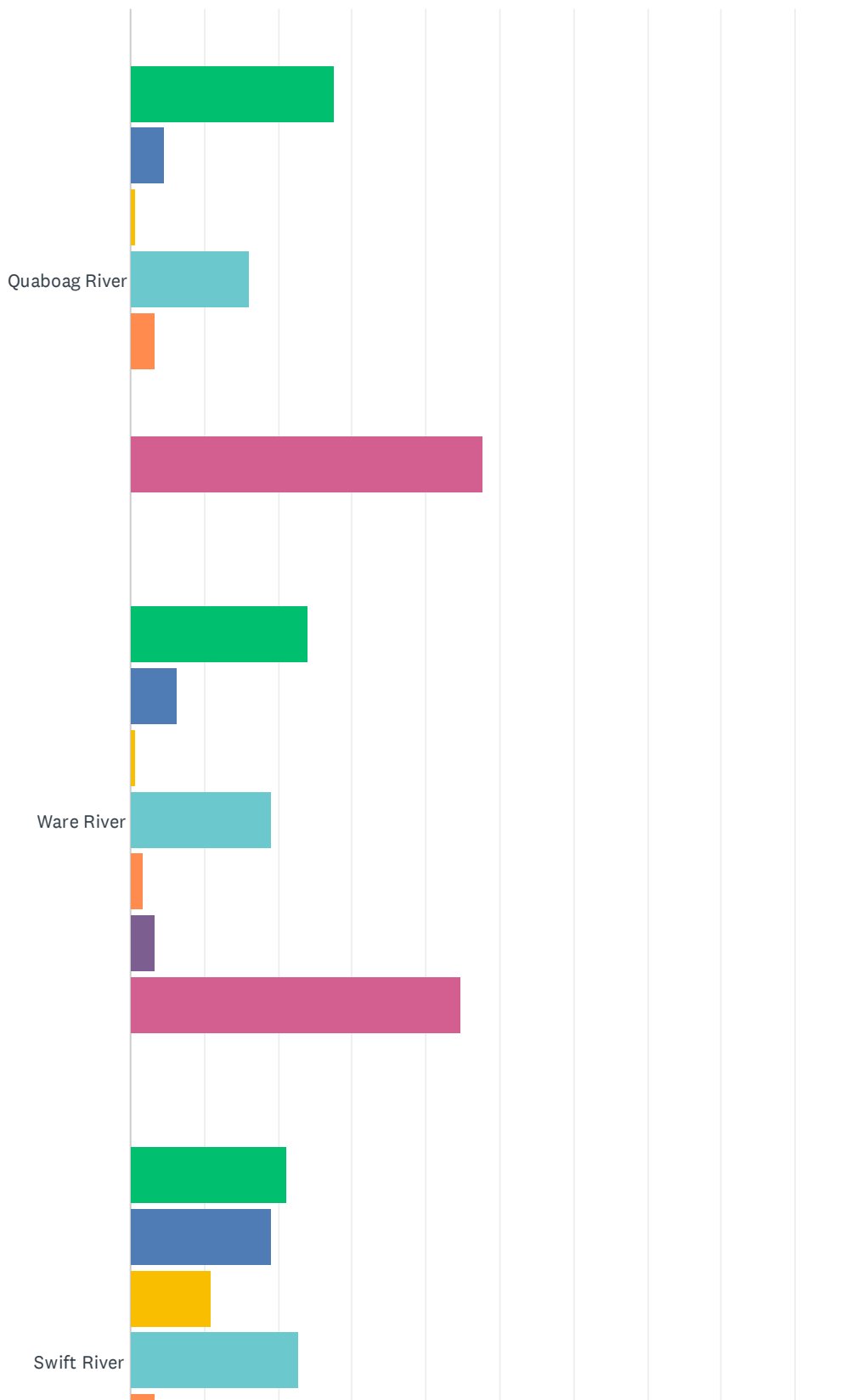
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

■ Daily or Weekly   
 ■ At least once per month   
 ■ A few times per year  
■ Rarely or never   
 ■ I don't know this resource

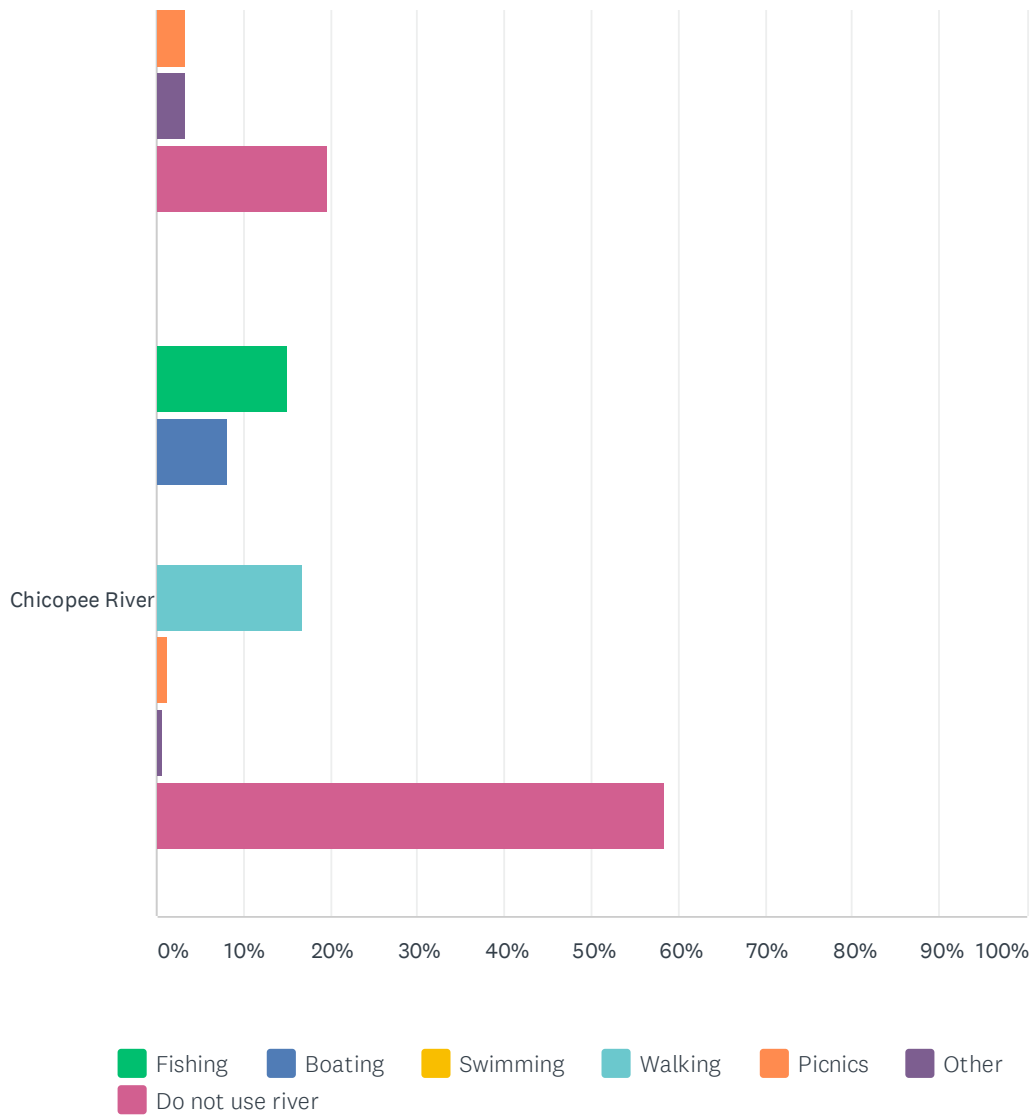
	DAILY OR WEEKLY	AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH	A FEW TIMES PER YEAR	RARELY OR NEVER	I DON'T KNOW THIS RESOURCE	TOTAL
Quarry Hill/Colonel Mountain	1.18% 2	2.96% 5	8.28% 14	24.26% 41	63.31% 107	169
Midura Property	3.98% 7	7.95% 14	17.05% 30	32.39% 57	38.64% 68	176
Burleigh Park	22.35% 40	14.53% 26	31.84% 57	29.05% 52	2.23% 4	179
Quaboag Park	0.60% 1	6.59% 11	12.57% 21	33.53% 56	46.71% 78	167
Ware River	8.88% 15	9.47% 16	30.77% 52	39.64% 67	11.24% 19	169
Eager Playground	3.03% 5	7.88% 13	17.58% 29	43.03% 71	28.48% 47	165
Laviolette Field	33.52% 59	17.05% 30	18.18% 32	27.84% 49	3.41% 6	176
Lake Thompson	4.73% 8	5.92% 10	11.83% 20	62.13% 105	15.38% 26	169
Mt. Dumplin	3.03% 5	6.67% 11	11.52% 19	58.79% 97	20.00% 33	165
Swift River	18.23% 33	30.94% 56	24.86% 45	24.86% 45	1.10% 2	181
Chase Memorial Park	0.60% 1	4.79% 8	13.17% 22	57.49% 96	23.95% 40	167
Forest Lake	9.60% 17	10.17% 18	30.51% 54	45.20% 80	4.52% 8	177
Pattaquatuck Mountain	1.80% 3	3.59% 6	8.98% 15	35.33% 59	50.30% 84	167
Legion Field	13.64% 24	13.07% 23	28.41% 50	36.36% 64	8.52% 15	176
St. Joe's	5.92% 10	7.69% 13	18.93% 32	52.66% 89	14.79% 25	169
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Land	10.92% 19	16.67% 29	17.82% 31	25.86% 45	28.74% 50	174

### Q9 If you use any of the rivers in Palmer for recreation, which do you use and for which activities?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 10



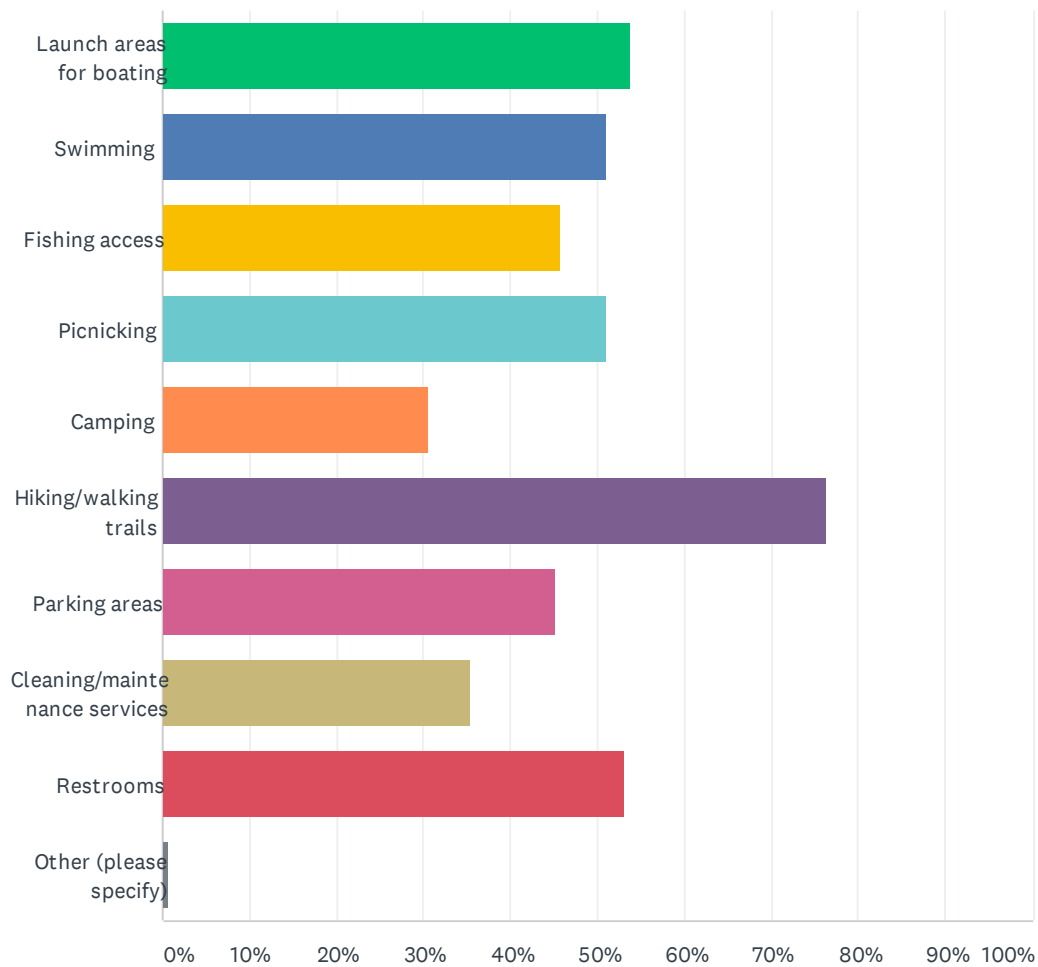
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	FISHING	BOATING	SWIMMING	WALKING	PICNICS	OTHER	DO NOT USE RIVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Quaboag River	27.59% 48	4.60% 8	0.57% 1	16.09% 28	3.45% 6	0.00% 0	47.70% 83	174	4.54
Ware River	24.14% 42	6.32% 11	0.57% 1	18.97% 33	1.72% 3	3.45% 6	44.83% 78	174	4.57
Swift River	21.20% 39	19.02% 35	10.87% 20	22.83% 42	3.26% 6	3.26% 6	19.57% 36	184	3.56
Chicopee River	15.03% 26	8.09% 14	0.00% 0	16.76% 29	1.16% 2	0.58% 1	58.38% 101	173	5.16

### Q10 Which of the following activities would you like to see made more available on the rivers?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 6



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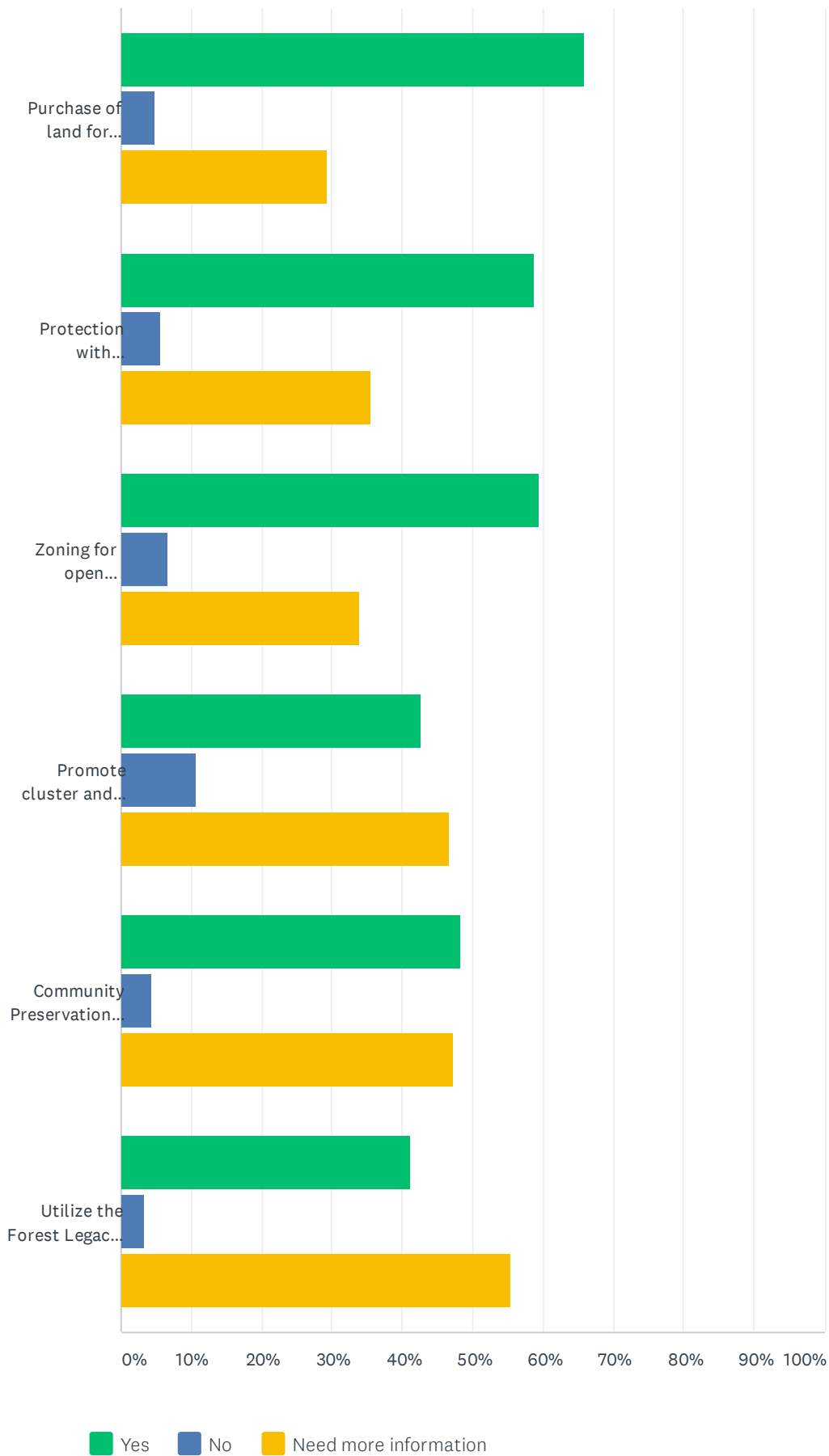
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Launch areas for boating	53.68%	102
Swimming	51.05%	97
Fishing access	45.79%	87
Picnicking	51.05%	97
Camping	30.53%	58
Hiking/walking trails	76.32%	145
Parking areas	45.26%	86
Cleaning/maintenance services	35.26%	67
Restrooms	53.16%	101
Other (please specify)	0.53%	1
Total Respondents: 190		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Less people	6/23/2021 8:47 AM

**Q11 Which of the following actions do you think the Town should take to conserve open space?**

Answered: 187 Skipped: 9

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	YES	NO	NEED MORE INFORMATION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Purchase of land for conservation and/or recreation	65.95% 122	4.86% 9	29.19% 54	185	1.63
Protection with conservation or agricultural restrictions	58.89% 106	5.56% 10	35.56% 64	180	1.77
Zoning for open space/conservation	59.44% 107	6.67% 12	33.89% 61	180	1.74
Promote cluster and open space development	42.70% 76	10.67% 19	46.63% 83	178	2.04
Community Preservation Act	48.33% 87	4.44% 8	47.22% 85	180	1.99
Utilize the Forest Legacy Program	41.24% 73	3.39% 6	55.37% 98	177	2.14

**Q12 Please list the landscapes, views, locations, or other outdoor experiences that you think most symbolize Palmer's unique character, and that you would "show off" to visitors and guests.**

Answered: 110 Skipped: 86

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Uniqueness of the Swift River.	8/10/2021 2:04 PM
2	Burleigh park has great horse shoe pits. Also Forest Lake could be a gem. Expand beach for town residents.	8/10/2021 1:14 PM
3	Fields/Rivers along 181, 1st Street park and rivers, Hill area across from Rondeau's	8/10/2021 1:05 PM
4	Steaming Tender to show the railroad atmosphere & restaurant. Gazebo at the Three Rivers park.	8/10/2021 12:49 PM
5	River/Woods walk behind well field on 181.	8/10/2021 12:24 PM
6	-Forest Lake. -Endelson playground with it's water feature. -Tennis courts at Palmer Public School campus. -Trails along Swift River in Bondsville. -Laviolette Field Trail and Soccer.	8/10/2021 12:21 PM
7	The river behind the splash park in Bondsville.	8/10/2021 12:12 PM
8	-1st Street Trail. -Forest Lake. -Midura Property.	8/10/2021 12:09 PM
9	I like running the trails between St. John and Rondeau Streets. Also the Swift River for trout.	8/9/2021 2:47 PM
10	Burlingame St.	8/9/2021 2:42 PM
11	The walking trail in Bondsville.	8/9/2021 1:51 PM
12	Point of rocks, Forest Lake, Palmer Public Library.	8/9/2021 1:48 PM
13	Swift River, Quaboag River, Pattaquattic Hill, Forest Lake.	8/9/2021 1:38 PM
14	Most well kept hiking, walking trails: Browns farm area. *I think it would be very easy to show off our rivers by minimal cutting &clearing with nice fences...but not chain link.	8/9/2021 1:32 PM
15	Hosting and advertising several craft fairs, food trucks, and similar events in parks would ge a great way of bringing attention to other Palmer businesses. Even an annual event like a "Palmer Day" could be an exciting way to get several businesses, school groups, and entertainers to present themselves to the community and beyond.	7/16/2021 11:37 PM
16	Woods behind d burleigh park	7/5/2021 10:06 AM
17	Midura Conservation trails and the network of trails on the Fish and Game land off of Rondeau Rd	6/28/2021 5:49 PM
18	Three rivers convergence could be cleaned up to show off. Laviolette field walking trail and playing fields need improvement,however are a nice starting point.	6/28/2021 7:22 AM
19	Railway	6/27/2021 4:40 PM
20	Ponds, Swift River walking trails	6/26/2021 3:00 AM
21	Don't know	6/25/2021 7:29 PM
22	Swift river	6/25/2021 8:15 AM
23	The cute downtown area minus the abandoned gas station. Turn it into open space for farmers markets or something. We need more good businesses that stay	6/25/2021 6:31 AM
24	Lavallette field, Tree Rivers bridge and rivers and Train depo.	6/25/2021 5:45 AM
25	The view from the top of Mt Dumplin	6/25/2021 1:00 AM

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26	Swift river	6/24/2021 11:13 PM
27	Swift ricer	6/24/2021 11:12 PM
28	Tuft soccer fields, picnic areas, another spray park, skate park, and more activities for teenagers.	6/24/2021 11:00 PM
29	Na	6/24/2021 9:53 PM
30	Bondsville and thordike play grounds not much else, sadly. We have so much potential though!	6/24/2021 9:22 PM
31	I think we should paint the bridge in three rivers and make it a community art project. Have different families paint different sections.	6/24/2021 9:22 PM
32	Swift	6/24/2021 9:15 PM
33	Unsure	6/24/2021 9:07 PM
34	Not sure	6/24/2021 9:06 PM
35	Rivers	6/24/2021 9:01 PM
36	The train depot, swift river,	6/24/2021 7:39 PM
37	Lavolette field area, burleigh park, depot village, town center	6/24/2021 1:28 PM
38	Swift River	6/24/2021 1:16 PM
39	Bondsville walking trail, Bondsville Park, Steaming Tender	6/23/2021 11:46 PM
40	We wish burleigh park was in better condition	6/23/2021 6:29 PM
41	Our guests always want to go swimming, but there is no where to swim outdoors	6/23/2021 6:13 PM
42	Steaming Tender	6/23/2021 6:13 PM
43	I think downtown and downtown Three Rivers could be a great place and could be an attraction if they were cleaned up and businesses came in.	6/23/2021 6:11 PM
44	White Rock hiking trail and view; Burleigh Park wood trails to Lake Thompson	6/23/2021 4:56 PM
45	All the rivers.	6/23/2021 4:03 PM
46	Burleigh Park	6/23/2021 3:58 PM
47	Train Depot	6/23/2021 3:30 PM
48	the four rivers, lavolette field, hrynewicz park,	6/23/2021 2:57 PM
49	Lavolette Park is used by a large population of the Youth in all the Palmer Villages and is seen by 1000's of out of town visitor for soccer matches annually	6/23/2021 1:57 PM
50	Midura trails, King's Brook, Rondeau's Dairy, Steaming Tender, Palmer Library	6/23/2021 1:48 PM
51	Bondsville Trail along the swift river, beautiful.	6/23/2021 1:47 PM
52	steaming tender, gazebo in three rivers, library, burleigh park cemetery, historical center,	6/23/2021 1:42 PM
53	Forrest lake and maybe crystal lake.	6/23/2021 11:34 AM
54	Lakes, Rivers, railroads.	6/23/2021 11:10 AM
55	Burleigh is nice to show "visiting" teams as it's been fixed	6/23/2021 9:48 AM
56	Forest Lake, trains going through steaming Tenders, view from my front porch	6/23/2021 9:38 AM
57	Forest Lake, Swift River ,Quaboug River	6/23/2021 9:35 AM
58	Swift River	6/23/2021 9:20 AM
59	Legion field, swift river, Mt dumplin	6/23/2021 9:11 AM
60	The center of Palmer	6/23/2021 9:11 AM

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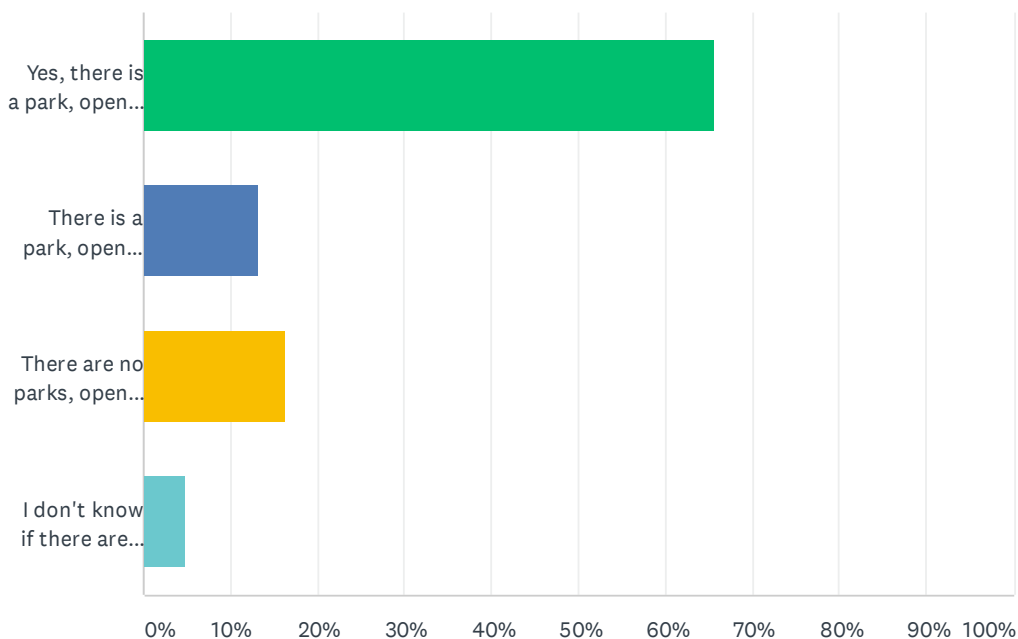
61	idk	6/23/2021 9:01 AM
62	Nothing at this time, unfortunately we have let out parks get run down and neglected. Burleigh park could and should be as nice as spec pond....	6/23/2021 8:58 AM
63	Any of our lakes, rivers, trails and views that overlook Palmer are great. However I would like to see less independent solar fields!	6/23/2021 8:56 AM
64	Swift river, chickadee trail	6/23/2021 8:47 AM
65	I would say don't advertise. Palmer is great. People will come here and ruin it by trying changing it.	6/23/2021 8:47 AM
66	River system, rail and history, Forest lake & wildlife management area, rt 67	6/23/2021 8:16 AM
67	Kings lookout	6/23/2021 8:02 AM
68	Honestly I can't think of any	6/23/2021 7:57 AM
69	The bald eagle soaring above forest lake and viewing the cool wild ducks over in the wetlands are quite a site! On nights like these it's also very enjoyable watching the fish jump with the sun setting in the background. The old industrial building in bondsville on the Swift River is also a cool place to fish and hike around.	6/23/2021 7:47 AM
70	Mt. Dumplin, specifically the hike from PHS to "White Rock" overlooking the Mass Pike/Wing Hospital	6/23/2021 7:46 AM
71	Taking care of the area near steaming tender and cleaning up the bridges would be a great start	6/23/2021 7:44 AM
72	Railroad system	6/23/2021 7:37 AM
73	Sports complex or upkeep on fields and recreational areas	6/23/2021 7:22 AM
74	N/a	6/23/2021 6:55 AM
75	Swift river has a beautiful walking trail (chickadee) unfortunately part of the trail has been posted with no trespassing signs because a small fraction of the trail is now private property. There is another trail behind Dunkin' Donuts in Bondsville that's very nice it would be nice to see the town add to the walking path with gravel or make it more family friendly.	6/23/2021 6:50 AM
76	Down town	6/23/2021 6:49 AM
77	Swift River for boating Kayaking The new playgrounds	6/23/2021 6:46 AM
78	X	6/23/2021 6:37 AM
79	Swift river	6/23/2021 6:35 AM
80	I would take guests to the rivers to walk and fish. Nothing else to do or see in this town.	6/23/2021 6:33 AM
81	Burleigh park, Downtown Palmer, Legion field	6/23/2021 6:31 AM
82	Railroads, rivers, and Depot Village	6/23/2021 5:31 AM
83	We need to go back to paying attention to burleigh Park, that is the biggest location that has seen many outsiders from many different areas. Most of the parks are fairly new and forest park lake is trying to go private. Please put the funds where we desperately need them! We got lucky this year and had an amazing group of parents who took the time to do what they could to bring burleigh back to what it used to be!	6/23/2021 5:20 AM
84	Rivers	6/23/2021 12:40 AM
85	First Street Hiking Trail, Native American Fishing Weir	6/22/2021 11:34 PM
86	N/a	6/22/2021 9:59 PM
87	Would love to see development of any waterfront and river walks etc. that can be used by families and for birdwatching. I go to bird watch near the Connecticut River Quabbin, Hadley and Longmeadow that attract wildlife and birds.	6/22/2021 9:43 PM
88	Three rivers park needs to be redone and cleaned up, Pulaski is a great place love the activities there, other fields should hold more outdoor things for families	6/22/2021 6:56 PM

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89	Burleigh park, midura conservative area	6/22/2021 6:26 PM
90	Laviolette walking trail while the train is going by across the river	6/22/2021 3:23 PM
91	Mt. Dumplin, Forest Lake, Union Station building & grounds, and Quaboag River at Three Rivers.	6/21/2021 9:09 PM
92	river walks and trails like along the Swift River in Bondsville	6/21/2021 12:46 AM
93	Landscapes, views	6/10/2021 7:37 PM
94	Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, Burleigh Park Trails, Midura Trails, Town Cemetery at Burleigh Park	6/9/2021 7:32 PM
95	Conservation Areas	6/9/2021 10:02 AM
96	Laviolette field, forest lake, the swift	6/9/2021 5:53 AM
97	Forest Lake. Also, get rid of the junk yard next door to Macdonald's. It such an eye sore! Makes the town look trashy.	6/9/2021 4:13 AM
98	Walks along the Ware River via access through St Joe's Field and District Court area. We've lost the character of Burleigh Park but the trails are still wonderful for walking and biking. Definitely, walking and kayaking at the new wildlife mgmt area at Forest Lake to see Eagles and fish that side of lake, utilizing new launch area.	6/9/2021 3:40 AM
99	Forest Lake	6/9/2021 3:19 AM
100	Our beautiful mountains and valleys along with our rivers. Definitely the trails for hiking and biking.	6/8/2021 10:01 PM
101	Forest lake , small walking park near river behind the shell	6/8/2021 9:52 PM
102	Rt 67 waterways, more developed rail trails	6/8/2021 9:35 PM
103	Forest Lake, Midura Conservation, Burleigh Park	6/8/2021 8:55 PM
104	Na	6/8/2021 8:34 AM
105	The rivers are such a beautiful part of our towns, although there is limited spaces (that I know of) to truly enjoy and take in the beauty of them. We do frequently walk along the swift in Bondsville. Those trails are safe, clean and easy to navigate. I'd love to see or learn about access to other rivers in our town. The railroads are so important in Palmer! I'd love to see the retired railways used in a new way. On Aquidneck Island in RI you can have a railway experience through the company Railway Explorers, using pedal powered rail bikes! What an amazing way to have an outdoor adventure and utilize the old rails! I love the farm, fields and mountains off of route 67 in Palmer.	6/7/2021 11:21 PM
106	Pattaquic Mountain, hiking and kayaking along Swift River, trails behind Burleigh Park, Midura Conservation land	6/7/2021 9:38 PM
107	So many rivers can be a real draw to the community	6/7/2021 7:19 PM
108	Railroads, village centers, walking trail along Chicopee river, crossroads (if it were to reopen), 67 as a scenic route you could stop to picnic or fish on, forest lake hiking/fishing/swimming, walking trail in bondsville although unfortunately part of the swift river is inaccessible due to private property.	6/7/2021 6:38 PM
109	Views of rivers near mills, playground in Bondsville, area near Steaming Tender (railroads & architecture), Swift River dam in Bondsville	6/4/2021 2:42 PM
110	Utilizing the rivers for hiking, canoeing and swimming	6/3/2021 12:30 PM

### Q13 Is there a park, open space, or conservation area within a 10-minute walk from your home that you can use?

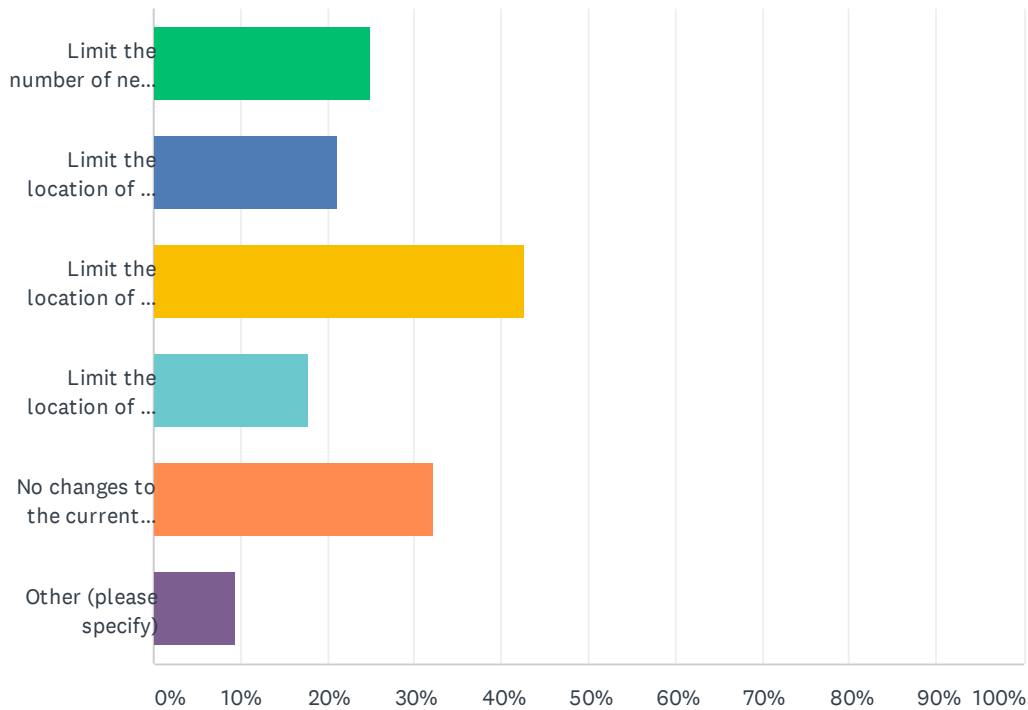
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, there is a park, open space, or conservation area within a 10-minute walk from my home and I use it.	65.61%	124
There is a park, open space, or conservation area within a 10-minute walk from my home but I do not use it.	13.23%	25
There are no parks, open spaces, or conservation areas within a 10-minute walk from my home.	16.40%	31
I don't know if there are parks, open spaces, or conservation areas within a 10-minute walk from my home.	4.76%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>189</b>

### Q14 The term "residential growth" refers to new housing development. Which residential growth policies do you support for the Town of Palmer?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Limit the number of new houses built per year.	25.00% 45
Limit the location of new houses on slopes greater than 15%.	21.11% 38
Limit the location of new houses to more than 200' from any wetland.	42.78% 77
Limit the location of new houses on vista slopes.	17.78% 32
No changes to the current policies governing residential growth in Town.	32.22% 58
Other (please specify)	9.44% 17
Total Respondents: 180	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	More information needed.	8/9/2021 1:48 PM
2	Limit the number of low income housing.	8/9/2021 1:32 PM
3	Limit solar panel fields added everywhere and use the open areas for more outdoor activities. Let's keep our kids active	6/24/2021 10:54 PM
4	No more section 8 buildings	6/23/2021 4:30 PM
5	no limit, need more housing	6/23/2021 11:06 AM
6	I'm not proficient on the current policy enough to express my opinion	6/23/2021 8:56 AM
7	Let people build where they want we need more tax bases and homes in this town we need	6/23/2021 7:57 AM

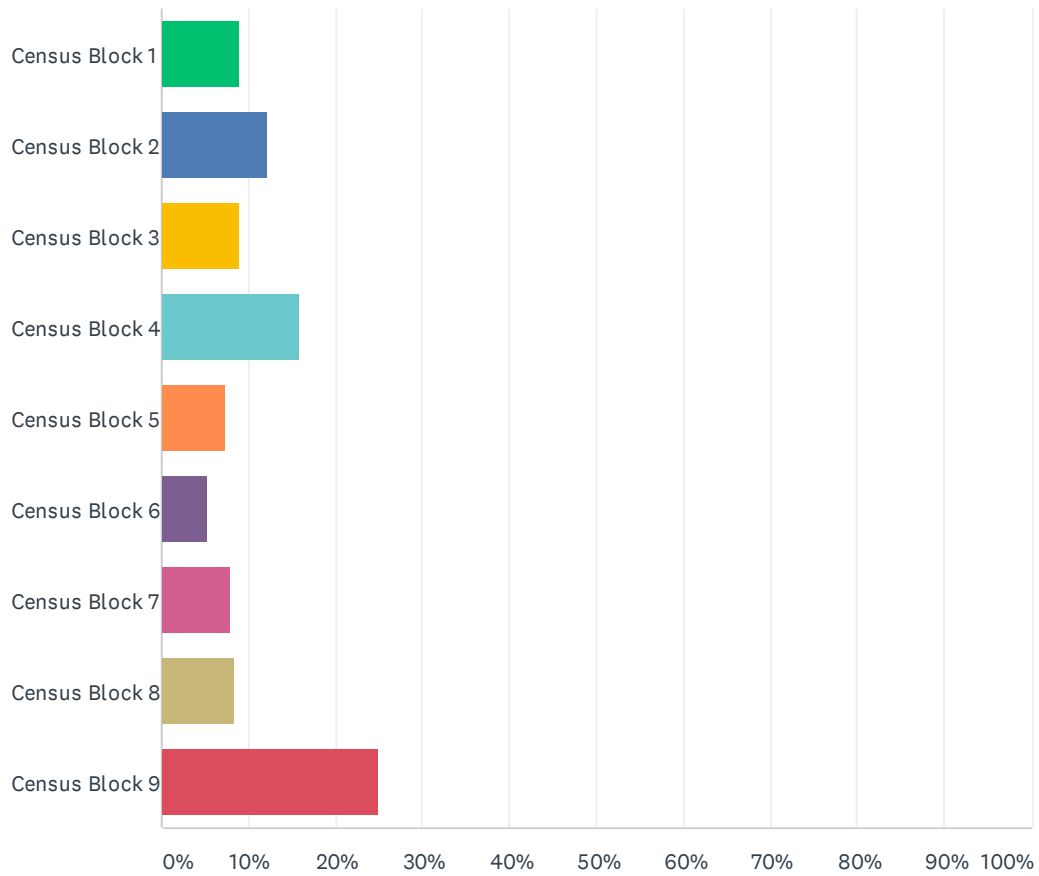
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	development	
8	Need more info	6/23/2021 7:22 AM
9	I'm not familiar with current policy	6/23/2021 12:40 AM
10	We need MORE housing development at this point.	6/22/2021 11:34 PM
11	Where are the increase choices for the above?	6/9/2021 7:32 PM
12	Need additional information	6/9/2021 3:40 AM
13	I don't know enough about current restrictions or lack there of to answer this	6/8/2021 11:15 PM
14	Clean up the junk, abandoned houses	6/8/2021 10:21 PM
15	Better review for special zoning	6/8/2021 9:52 PM
16	Na	6/8/2021 8:34 AM
17	Would need more information. I would like to see only single family homes to be built. We have too many multi family dwellings.	6/7/2021 6:38 PM



### Q15 Which Palmer Census Block do you live in? Choose the number based on the map shown below.

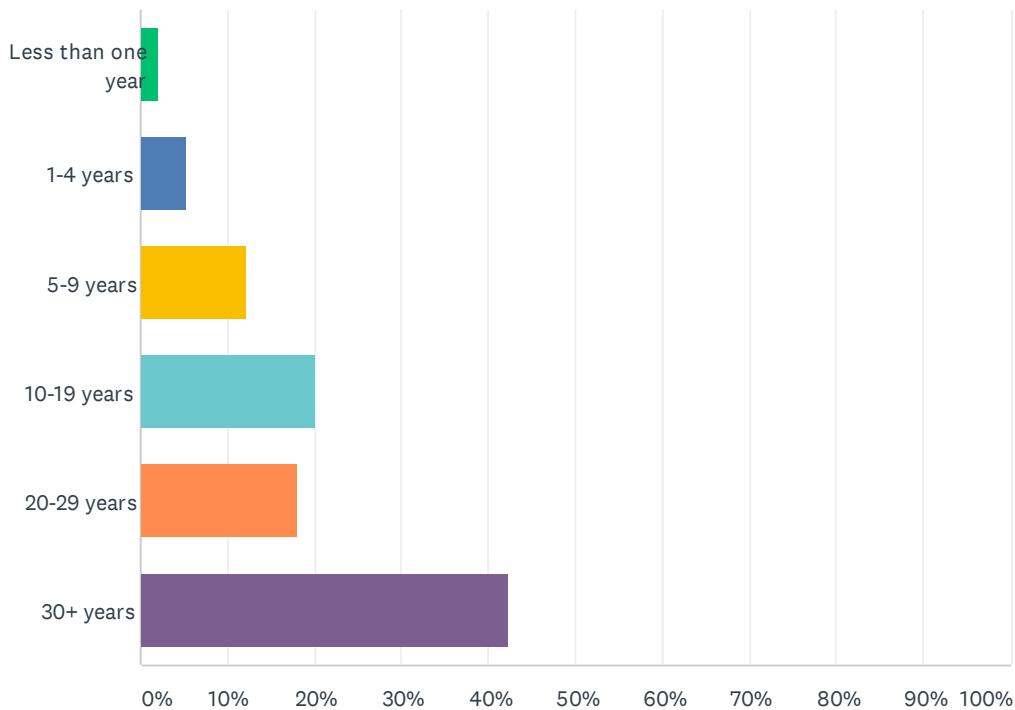
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Census Block 1	8.99%	17
Census Block 2	12.17%	23
Census Block 3	8.99%	17
Census Block 4	15.87%	30
Census Block 5	7.41%	14
Census Block 6	5.29%	10
Census Block 7	7.94%	15
Census Block 8	8.47%	16
Census Block 9	24.87%	47
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>189</b>

## Q16 How long have you lived in Palmer?

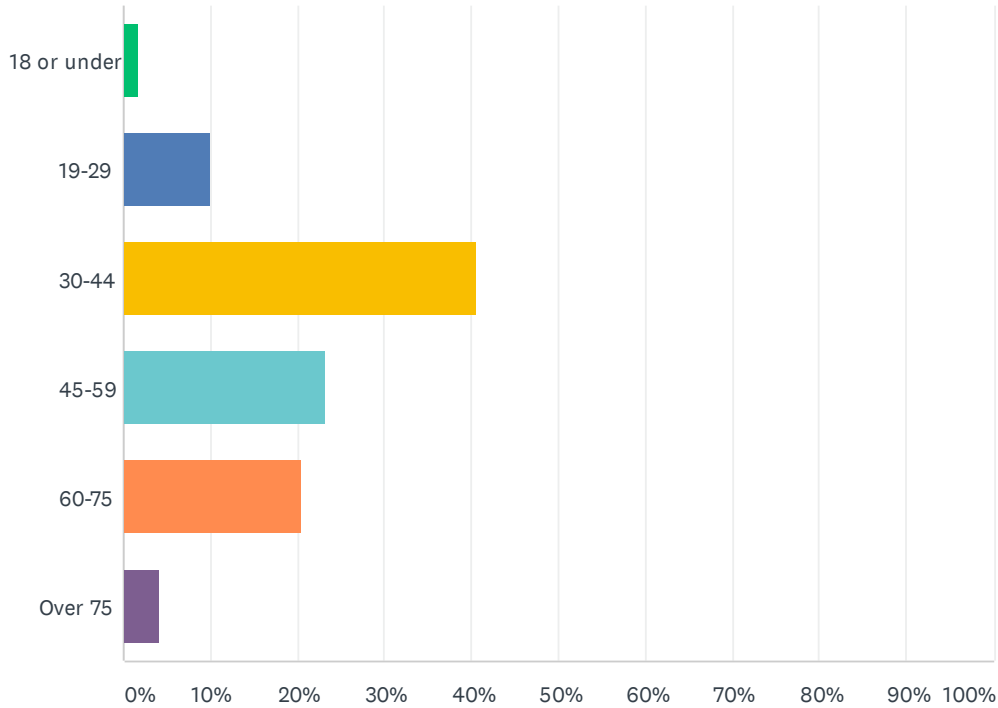
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than one year	2.12% 4
1-4 years	5.29% 10
5-9 years	12.17% 23
10-19 years	20.11% 38
20-29 years	17.99% 34
30+ years	42.33% 80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189</b>

## Q17 What is your age?

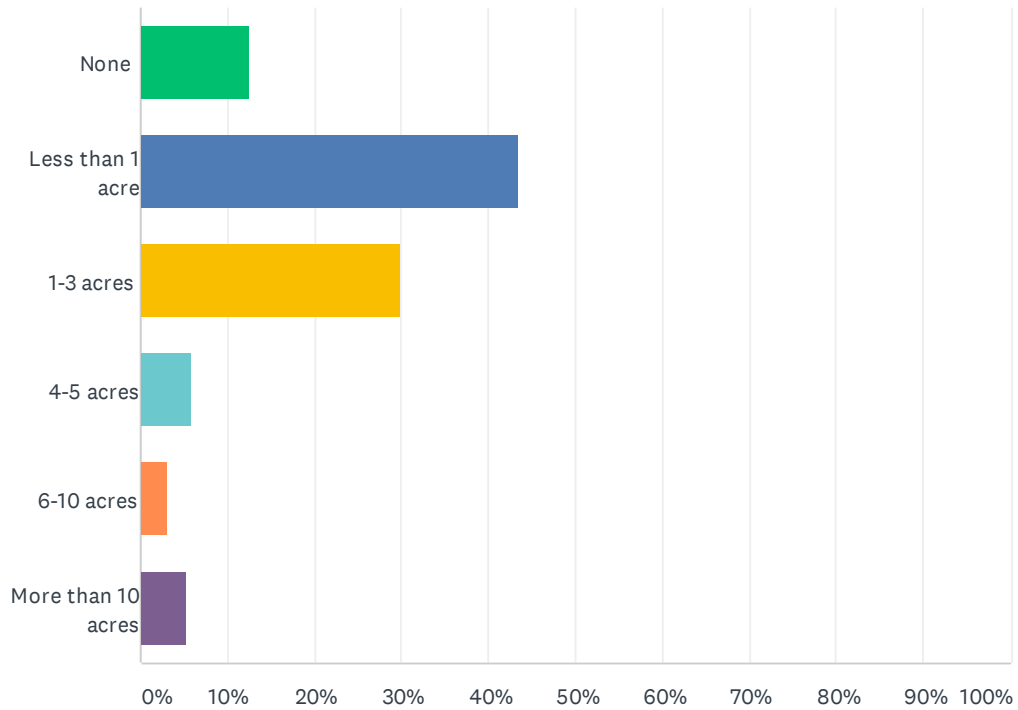
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
18 or under	1.58% 3
19-29	10.00% 19
30-44	40.53% 77
45-59	23.16% 44
60-75	20.53% 39
Over 75	4.21% 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>190</b>

## Q18 Approximately how many acres do you own in Palmer?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	12.57%	24
Less than 1 acre	43.46%	83
1-3 acres	29.84%	57
4-5 acres	5.76%	11
6-10 acres	3.14%	6
More than 10 acres	5.24%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>191</b>

## Q19 Do you have any more thoughts about Palmer's open space and/or recreational opportunities that you would like to share?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 108

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There should be a really nice dog park.	8/10/2021 1:58 PM
2	I would like to see Palmer's great resources preserved. We have plenty of large solar panel fields. I would like to see a stop to the large fields. Burleigh park was once a great place to take my children, the trails and fields are great. Where is the playground equipment? We used to play in that brook, but it's very overgrown now with little access. The buildings are being misused, the pavilion has holes in the roof. The little building has holes kicked in the wall and the trash is piling up. Looks like a homeless person is or was staying in it.	8/10/2021 1:14 PM
3	Please save our space!!! Thank you for what you do!	8/10/2021 1:05 PM
4	I don't know many of the locations. It would be nice to have an updated booklet listing all activities with directions & restrictions. It would be beneficial to have an activity for the whole community. All four seasons of the year.	8/10/2021 12:59 PM
5	Maps with the hiking trails available at the post office, town hall and library. Also better info on what is available to use in this town like where swimming is available and hours. A pamphlet on the town to hand out. Improvements are great, but you need to know what is available. Perhaps a section on the town of Palmer website.	8/10/2021 12:21 PM
6	-Disc golf would be awesome. -Need an athletic park maintained as well. -Lots of options to play a variety of sports.	8/9/2021 2:47 PM
7	There needs to be a moratorium on multiunit condo housing projects. These do not belong in established single family neighborhoods. Property values drop next to subsidized housing. People move to single family areas to get away from the noise and traffic multi-units generate.	8/9/2021 2:39 PM
8	The Palmer Motorsports park has been a big disappointment for me. It had the potential for great entertainment and job opportunity for service people. Alas it was structured as a play place for people on the top tier of society. This is wrong and needs to be fixed.	8/9/2021 2:31 PM
9	More access to information about all the recreational areas and where they are, are they kept up, where can you access them?	8/9/2021 2:14 PM
10	-Open Palmer High School Pool. -More advertising needed to promote sites to access them. - Access to Colonel Mountain/Lake Thompson are private also St. Joe's. -Chase Park is totally underused. -Bring back Little Girls softball league.	8/9/2021 1:48 PM
11	Community Preservation Act is critical to move forward with most of these programs!	8/9/2021 1:38 PM
12	-Invest in a good recreation director (we lost a good one) -Invest in a good conservation leader (I hope Sarah proves herself) -Use funds for activities, not new studies. -Survey is too long for most people and most people do not even know it exists! Sorry.	8/9/2021 1:32 PM
13	Palmer has a lot of opportunities to offer more open space and recreational programming for residents, especially younger kids. One idea I hear often is the need for a skate park. The town should look at that as a future possibility.	8/9/2021 1:20 PM
14	Here's an idea, clean up this town. No one wants to move here. This town has nothing but run down homes and blight. We have tons of homes with no parking, so everyone parks on the sidewalks. Police take notice. This town has lots its pride in home ownership. Out of town rental owners would never pass inspection in any other town. The town manager has done nothing. Let's start there. Get of your.....and do something.	8/9/2021 1:12 PM
15	I would be most interested in public access to the Pool in Palmer HS. However, I would also be interested in a reduced rate program for Palmer residents to use the Scantic Y in Wilbraham	7/16/2021 11:37 PM

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if that is possible. However, it would be exciting for more events to be present in Palmer to promote businesses, artists, etc.

16	We need more adult recreational opportunities like adult rec soccer, basketball, kickball, softball, volleyball, coed and over 21.	6/28/2021 9:21 PM
17	Better access to rivers and lake thompson. Better field conditions at laviolette field.	6/28/2021 7:22 AM
18	No.	6/25/2021 7:29 PM
19	No	6/25/2021 8:15 AM
20	I understand Burleigh park has hiking/ walking trails but not maintained or marked. Could interested groups be creating to be a steward? Having moved here recently, I struggle to get information on where hiking trails exist.	6/25/2021 6:31 AM
21	We feel we need to out of town for most activities because of better facilities or lack of knowledge on where these places are. We are trying to grow roots in this town but it seems like this town cares about taxes more then community at times.	6/25/2021 5:45 AM
22	No	6/24/2021 9:53 PM
23	I would like to see softball fields made. It always seems that baseball is the priority and it should be equal.	6/24/2021 9:51 PM
24	I would happily volunteer to be a part of this committee. Natasha Bell 413-218-5015 Natashamariebleau@gmail.com	6/24/2021 9:22 PM
25	Utilize and renovate Burleigh!!!	6/24/2021 9:19 PM
26	No	6/24/2021 9:15 PM
27	Not at this time	6/24/2021 9:07 PM
28	No	6/24/2021 9:06 PM
29	Increase hiking and get the bike trail going	6/24/2021 9:01 PM
30	Would love to volunteer! Moving from Burlington CT I truly missed the opportunities for my.kids to do rec sports and activities!	6/24/2021 7:39 PM
31	Stop rejecting businesses and let our town bring in more revenue to lower residential taxes	6/24/2021 1:28 PM
32	No	6/23/2021 11:46 PM
33	Mostly updating Burleigh park for camps for basketball leagues etc. Also crossroads is big for revenue if updated right	6/23/2021 9:53 PM
34	Please put fencing around the park in Three Rivers. I know the playgroup and preschool would love to use it more for meetups, but they need it to be fenced. Also, the soccer fields at Laviolette field really need to be kept up better. I know kids that have gotten hurt because of the splotchyness of the grass. They need to be better maintained. Burleigh park baseball fields also need to be kept up better by the town and not members of the baseball league.	6/23/2021 9:29 PM
35	Not only is saving and improving the areas important, but MAINTAINING them is crucial. Citizens shouldn't have to mow fields for baseball games at Burleigh Park to happen. It's a travesty that the town has let it get to this point.	6/23/2021 9:28 PM
36	Nno	6/23/2021 7:44 PM
37	Please work on burleigh park for palmer youth baseball	6/23/2021 6:29 PM
38	I would LOVE to see more rec areas in Palmer. We are constantly going elsewhere...there is a handicap park in belchertown, there is a pickle ball court in belchertown, there is a bike trail in belchertown, Amherst, Hadley, there is a tennis backboard in Wilbraham, there is a pool in ware. Wouldn't it be great if people could access those activities here in town!?	6/23/2021 6:13 PM
39	I would love to see more recreation, but there needs to be a plan in place for upkeep and maintenance	6/23/2021 6:11 PM
40	Bike trail that connects to the Norwottuck Trail in Belchertown/Amherst/Noho	6/23/2021 4:56 PM

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41	The girls facilities, fields and grounds provided to them for sports should get just as much attention and funding as the boys teams. The softball fields at Burleigh..Legion... are a disgrace...and they don't have dugouts. Need to be supportive of both girls and boys equally. It's long overdue. Palmer can do better.	6/23/2021 3:58 PM
42	I would suggests that we the town focuses on Investing and improving the existing areas first before starting new projects.	6/23/2021 1:57 PM
43	Maybe some picnic tables at the park in depot village. Across from Angel's.	6/23/2021 11:34 AM
44	It would be really nice to see the parks updated, and better maintained. The kids need more to do. Outdoor spaces are a great investment!	6/23/2021 11:10 AM
45	running trails and use for families please	6/23/2021 11:06 AM
46	No 200 cottages on Forest lake!	6/23/2021 9:35 AM
47	Updates to Burleigh Park, would be ideal. Often times there are several games going on there, through out the baseball season	6/23/2021 9:20 AM
48	I would like to see more nature walk opportunities such as in Amherst	6/23/2021 9:11 AM
49	no	6/23/2021 9:11 AM
50	no	6/23/2021 9:01 AM
51	After coaching youth sports for over 10 years I can unfortunately say that this town dose very little to support the groups that keep youth sports going in Palmer. It's sad to see what little support the town gives to the youth outside of the school. When volunteer coaches have to take time off year after year to get fields ready to be playable for the season because the town just hands out empty promises there is a real problem.	6/23/2021 8:58 AM
52	Better fields for our children to play on and be proud of-. Update the schools basketball court-restrooms upkeep and opened - disc golf area would be nice-snack bars( for families at games) - scoreboards -bleachers/ benches Laviolette, Burleigh -NO more solar fields	6/23/2021 8:56 AM
53	Stop clearing the trees along the rivers and building silly gravel walking paths and shade structures in the middle of dirt bike trails.	6/23/2021 8:47 AM
54	Co-operative management agreement with the state At forest lake	6/23/2021 8:16 AM
55	No thank you.	6/23/2021 8:02 AM
56	I would love to see additional public access to currently unaccessable waterways (Knox pond & Pattaquawattic pond). I am also very concerned in regards to the future health of forest lake.	6/23/2021 7:47 AM
57	Love the improvements to hiking areas, hope to see more improvement to town fields (other than Legion) as well!	6/23/2021 7:46 AM
58	We need sports facilities large enough to hold town wide tournaments	6/23/2021 7:44 AM
59	Improvements at school outdoor space. Converse into community center	6/23/2021 7:37 AM
60	We spend our money to utilize other towns pools, camps etc, our coaches are volunteering to clean and mow fields and line them for games, we can do better esp with the amount of taxes we pay.	6/23/2021 7:22 AM
61	No	6/23/2021 6:55 AM
62	It would be nice to do more movie nights during the summer, have a bike trail that's paved, food truck festivals etc	6/23/2021 6:50 AM
63	No	6/23/2021 6:49 AM
64	X	6/23/2021 6:37 AM
65	Keep on fighting the good fight!	6/23/2021 6:35 AM
66	Development more commercial and retail so we can have the \$ to protect our open space. Stop developing housing projects that don't bring in revenue and destroy the natural habitat of animals and instead focus on attracting retail/businesses so we can have the \$ to improve our town.	6/23/2021 5:52 AM

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67	Bring burleigh Park back to the great place it used to be!	6/23/2021 5:20 AM
68	Palmer has always had such potential, it's high time we reach it.	6/22/2021 11:34 PM
69	Fix Laviolette field, there are holes, and rocks and stone all over the playing surface, and stop putting so much money to Legion field, where most residents can't use due to dave hanzel saying we can't use	6/22/2021 9:59 PM
70	I would like to see more open space developed for family use and to draw families to Palmer thereby people using the restaraunts and stores in town. I want to see the open space we have be better taken care of and not just turned into huge fields of weeds. The new parks we have for childern are weed covered. I also feel we need more surveillance whether it be cameras or not to deter vandalism. Case in point the disgusting drawings and vandalism in Bondsville at the gazebo.	6/22/2021 9:43 PM
71	None	6/22/2021 6:56 PM
72	More money for conservation!	6/22/2021 6:26 PM
73	Get rid of the Seasonal Cottage Ordinance which currently applies to all parts of town that are zoned rural. This kind of development should never have been allowed at Forest Lake.	6/21/2021 9:09 PM
74	no	6/21/2021 12:46 AM
75	We have an amazing asset with our rivers but limited access and limited amenities surrounding them!	6/9/2021 7:32 PM
76	The impact of new construction must be evaluated. This includes solar plants. The open feeling of life in Palmer must not be lost.	6/9/2021 10:02 AM
77	There isn't anywhere for families to go and swim. The town is truly missing out on the opportunity to charge fees for summer passes while families are missing out on the chance to be have somewhere clean and safe to go within town to swim.	6/9/2021 6:26 AM
78	Everyone should have access to Forest lake, no private beach, fix the field at Laviolette, the playing surface is terrible. Take money from Legion( where not all town residents have access) and put that to Laviolette where tons of kids have access	6/9/2021 5:53 AM
79	The river question should have allowed for multiple answers (eg walking/ Fishing/picnics); open space improves a communities ability to attract new families and visitors and obtain potential funding from the State. It's needed.	6/9/2021 3:40 AM
80	I think the planning board should be more involved with the community in person and the areas with conservation before making ANY decisions.	6/9/2021 3:19 AM
81	I feel like I never know what's happening in Palmer until it's too late. I wish the town would communicate to the residence better. This should probably start with the town web page. It's actually a disgrace. No one updates ANYTHING. Palmer needs to catch up with the times.	6/8/2021 10:55 PM
82	No	6/8/2021 10:21 PM
83	I would like to see our small town preserve what we have. DEFINITELY add an actual designated building or large space for a functioning recreation department with humans running it that are easily accessible to the public.	6/8/2021 10:01 PM
84	Town resident parking spaces at Forest lake. Cost of residential passes would provide specific #resident parking spaces and help defray the cost of Sani-can maintenance and maybe a trash container balance of marked parking spaces would be open public.	6/8/2021 9:35 PM
85	Palmer would benefit from a full scale rec department and facilities to support it, as well as open space and rec opportunities that are well maintained and that offers activities that are well marketed to its citizens. I know so many parents that take their families and kids to other towns for sports, day camps, swimming, and outdoor family activities. They pay for these services, in addition to random things like lunch, quick shopping, etc... when they are in the other towns. I am confident people would use these services if they were in Palmer.	6/8/2021 3:18 PM
86	Na	6/8/2021 8:34 AM
87	Thank you for requesting community input! There are so many people that care about our town. It's been wonderful to see positive changes and growth over the past few years. A community Rec center would be a welcomed addition to our town along with bringing back	6/7/2021 11:21 PM



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summer day camp at Burleigh Park. 😊. Check out the Railway Explorers...it would be worth looking into whether they would be interested in adding another location in our town!

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88	Invest in kayak launch on the Ware River, clean up in the Ware River and invest in the bike trail that is a part of the Mass Central Rail Trail.	6/7/2021 9:38 PM
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