

# Town of Sandy Creek, NY Community Survey - Summary Analysis

**3100 Surveys sent out – 698 Returned (23% Response Rate)**

*What did the community survey data tell us?*

## **DEMOGRAPHICS (who is Sandy Creek, and what is important to us)**

About 79% of the respondents to the community survey receive their information about Sandy Creek either from the local newspaper. A full 12% of survey respondents were 15 – 18 yrs of age. Only 3% were between 19 and 35, and 27% of the respondents were between the ages of 36 and 55 years. 56% of the survey respondents were over the age of 55.

69% of survey respondents have lived in Sandy Creek for over ten years, however; it was notable that over 25% have lived in Sandy Creek less than 10 years, reflecting the recent population growth of the Town of Sandy Creek. 51% live on a public road and 20% on a private road. 18% living in the Village of Sandy Creek, 16% in the Village of Lacona, and 5% living on farms. 30% of respondents live on the waterfront, and 34% are part-time residents of the Town. 92% are home owners in the Town. Over 60% enjoy swimming and boating, over 30% biking, hunting and hiking, 28% snowmobile, and 14% ski.

The issues that most concerned survey respondents were: loss or lack of public access to the waterfront and speeding (58%), loss of open space/natural areas (56%), loss of farmland (51%), lack of code enforcement or insufficient regulation (50%), and water quality (47%). **79% of respondents want to see preservation of scenic views and natural areas in the Town, and protection of natural resources (air, water, wetlands, sand dunes, etc.). 74% would like the Town to retain its rural character.**

## **Sandy Creek (what defines Sandy Creek as a Place)**

There were many reasons listed by respondents for **living in Sandy Creek, but the most common reasons chosen were Family (44%), and Proximity to the Lake (37%). Natural Environment and Rural Character were each listed by 35% of respondents as reasons for living in Sandy Creek**, with Recreation at (31%). 81% of respondents judged the air quality in Sandy Creek to be good along with Drinking Water (42%). Most respondents (54%) rated Employment opportunities as poor. 19% of survey respondents commute over 20 miles one way to work each day from Sandy Creek with 43% employed in the Town.

**Some important findings from the survey:** 10% of survey respondents indicated that they have no treatment of sewage waste (55 gallon drum or similar), and 58% would like to see an inventory of failing septic systems conducted.

Nearly 80% would like to preserve the Town's scenic views and natural areas, want protections for natural resources (air, water, wetlands, sand dunes, etc.), would like to encourage restaurant facilities and single family housing in the Town, and encourage Lake Ontario public access and farmer's and artisan's markets.

Over 70% would like to encourage professional services, shopping (retail) business, senior citizen housing, renewable energy (wind, solar, bio-energy), hiking, biking and skiing paths, and outdoor athletic fields.

Over 60% would like to see snowmobile trails, a Town park/picnic area/playground, enhanced stewardship of Lake Ontario and Sandy pond watersheds , light manufacturing, cottage (in home) business, preservation of historic buildings and the Villages, a community center, protection of environmental quality via local laws (buffers, setbacks).

Nearly 60% of survey respondents would like to see a Town historical society/museum, planning for climate-change impact (flooding, erosion, invasive species), and tax reductions for undeveloped land (open space/agriculture).

### **THE FUTURE (what does the Sandy Creek community want for the town in the future?)**

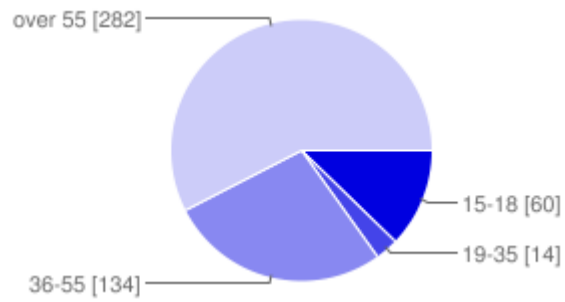
Although only 44% of survey respondents answered “yes” to the question “Should the Town of Sandy Creek consider zoning?”, respondents had stronger positive responses to whether specific land use regulations should be developed or revised by the Town to address particular issues. 66% of survey respondents answered “yes” to whether or not to develop or revise local laws and regulations related to rental housing inspections and landlord registration. On the new or revised local laws and regulations question: 65% said “yes” regarding land use that adversely impacts environmental quality; 63% said “yes” regarding mobile home placement and site requirements, and land use that significantly lowers surrounding land use values; 58% said “yes” regarding degradation of environmentally sensitive areas; 56% said “yes” regarding loss of rural character, scenic views and open space, siting for cellular towers, and siting for commercial and residential wind towers; and over 50% said “yes” regarding routine septic system inspections, and negative visual impacts (setbacks, visual buffers or architectural design standards for signage, etc. for commercial development).

From these survey responses, some clear conclusions can be drawn. Sandy Creek is a rural/agricultural town with valuable natural resources, some of which, the community is well aware have already been compromised. **Sandy Creeks’ future depends on the protection of its resources, both natural and cultural, and on improving land use regulation and town policies with an eye toward accomplishing specific goals and objectives identified in the 2011 community survey.**

Summary See complete responses

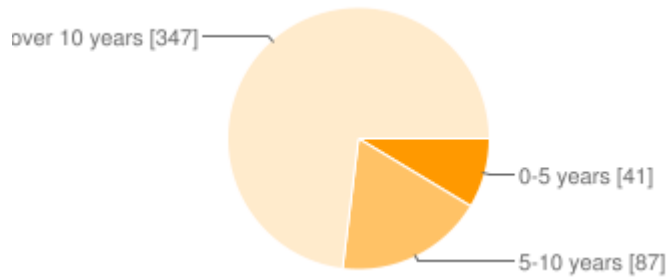
About you

1. What is your age group?



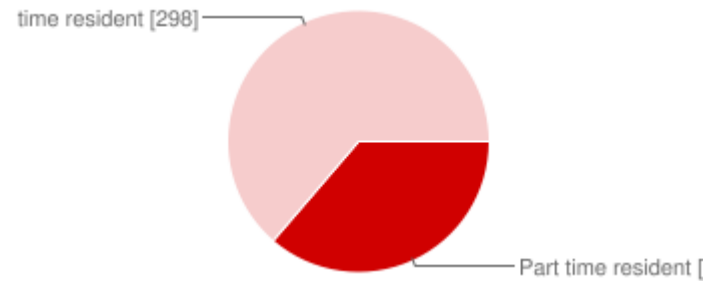
15-18	60	12%
19-35	14	3%
36-55	134	27%
over 55	282	56%

2. How long have you lived in the Town of Sandy Creek?



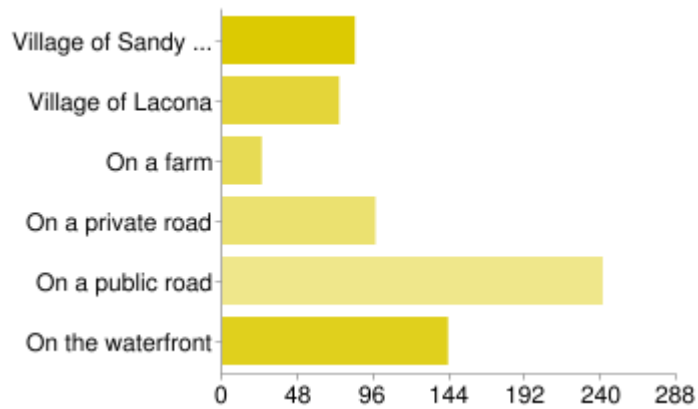
0-5 years	41	8%
5-10 years	87	17%
over 10 years	347	69%

3. Please specify your residency status in Sandy Creek.



Part time resident	170	34%
Full time resident	298	60%

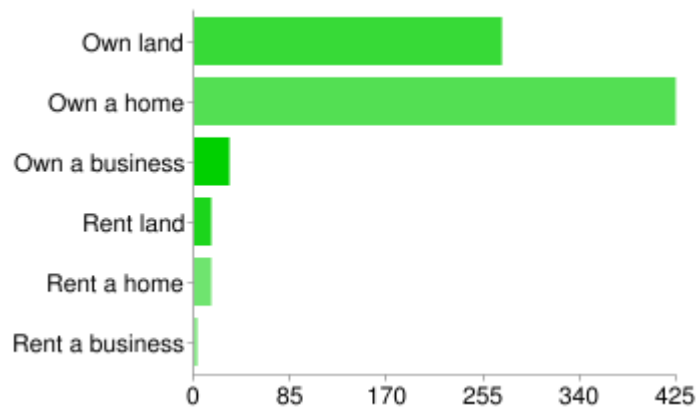
**4. Where do you live (check all that apply)**



Village of Sandy Creek	<b>84</b>	18%
Village of Lacona	<b>74</b>	16%
On a farm	<b>25</b>	5%
On a private road	<b>97</b>	20%
On a public road	<b>241</b>	51%
On the waterfront	<b>143</b>	30%

People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.

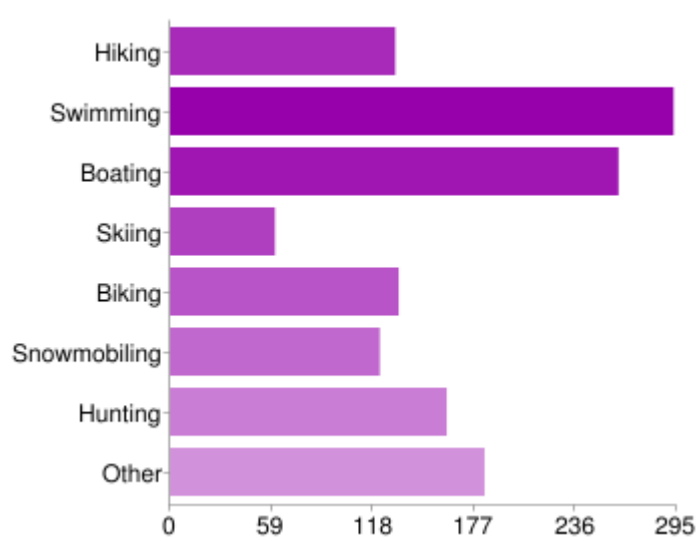
**5. Your association with Sandy Creek**



Own land	<b>271</b>	59%
Own a home	<b>424</b>	92%
Own a business	<b>31</b>	7%
Rent land	<b>15</b>	3%
Rent a home	<b>15</b>	3%
Rent a business	<b>3</b>	1%

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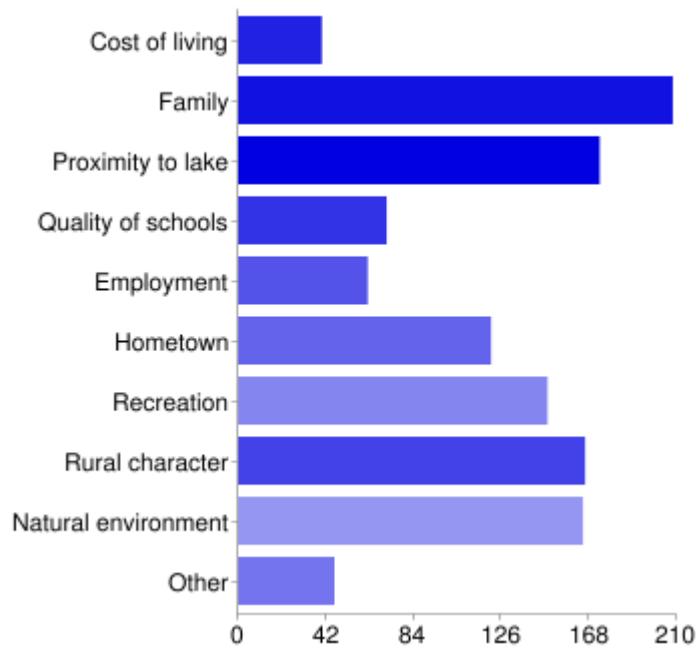
**6. What types of recreational activities do you engage in, in or near Sandy Creek?**



Hiking	<b>131</b>	30%
Swimming	<b>293</b>	68%
Boating	<b>261</b>	60%
Skiing	<b>61</b>	14%
Biking	<b>133</b>	31%
Snowmobiling	<b>122</b>	28%
Hunting	<b>161</b>	37%
Other	<b>183</b>	42%

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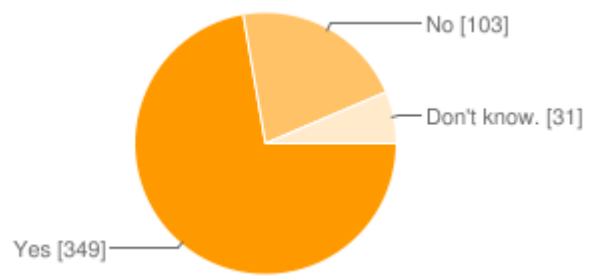
**7. What are the main reasons you live in Sandy Creek?**



Cost of living	<b>40</b>	8%
Family	<b>208</b>	44%
Proximity to lake	<b>173</b>	37%
Quality of schools	<b>71</b>	15%
Employment	<b>62</b>	13%
Hometown	<b>121</b>	26%
Recreation	<b>148</b>	31%
Rural character	<b>166</b>	35%
Natural environment	<b>165</b>	35%
Other	<b>46</b>	10%

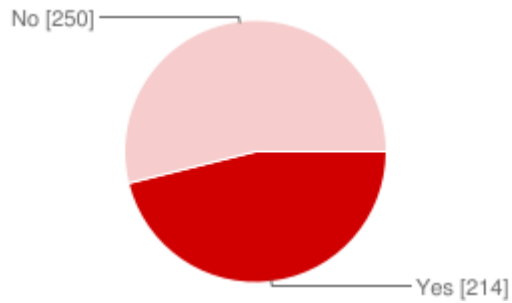
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**8. Do you plan to be living in your current home 5 years from now?**



Yes	<b>349</b>	70%
No	<b>103</b>	21%
Don't know.	<b>31</b>	6%

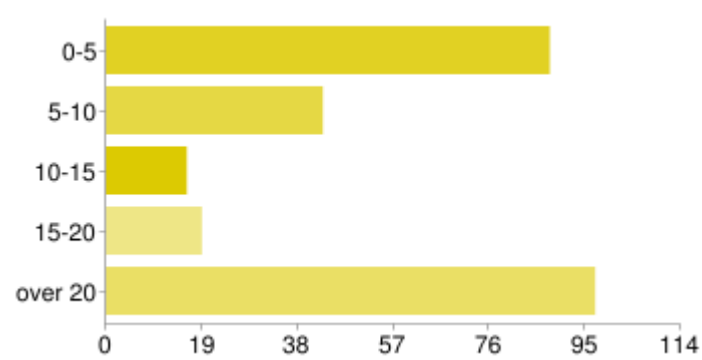
**9. Are you employed outside of the Town of Sandy Creek?**



Yes	<b>214</b>	43%
No	<b>250</b>	50%

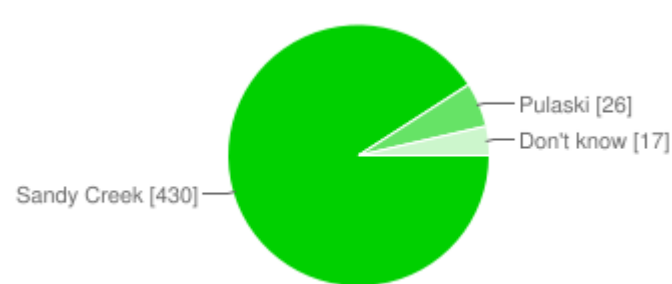
**About your community**

**11. Approximately how many miles do you commute (one way) to work each day?**



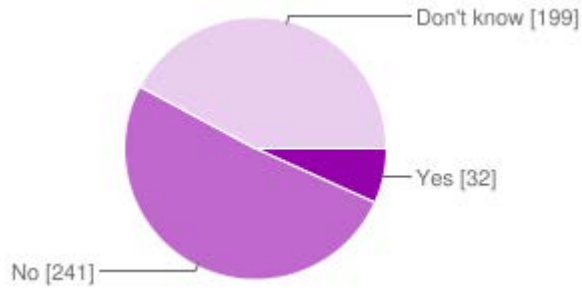
0-5	88	18%
5-10	43	9%
10-15	16	3%
15-20	19	4%
over 20	97	19%

**12. What school district do you live in?**



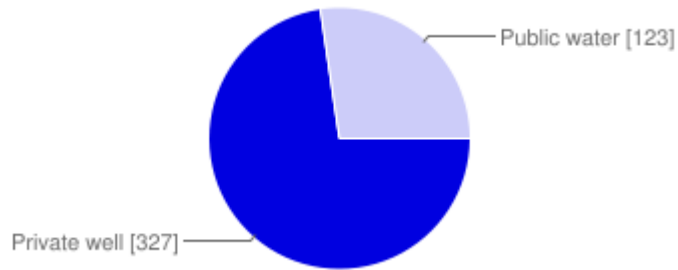
Sandy Creek	430	86%
Pulaski	26	5%
Don't know	17	3%

**13. Is your residence located in a federal flood zone?**



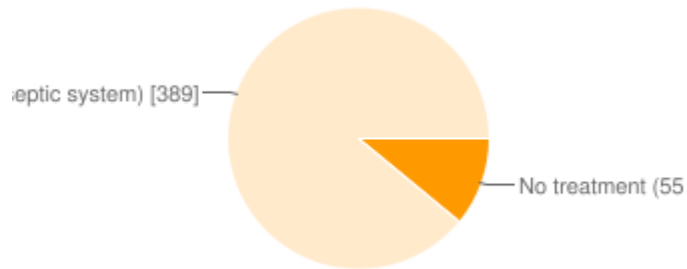
Yes	<b>32</b>	6%
No	<b>241</b>	48%
Don't know	<b>199</b>	40%

**28. Where does your drinking water come from?**



Private well	<b>327</b>	65%
Public water	<b>123</b>	25%

**29. How is your sewage treated?**

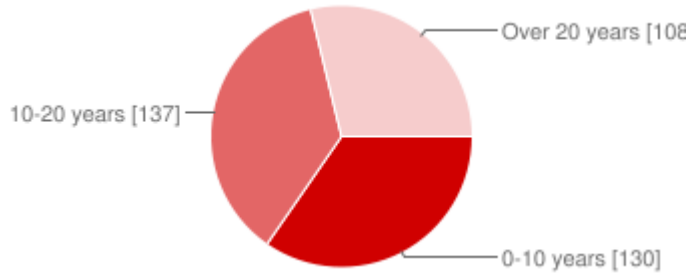


No treatment (55 gallon drum or similar) (This will skip to question 32.)	<b>48</b>	10%
On-site treatment (septic system)	<b>389</b>	78%



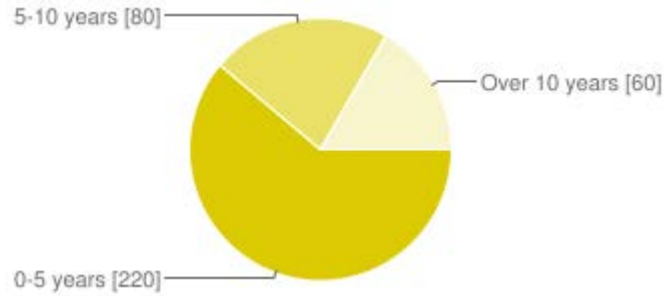
**If you have a septic system...**

**30. How old is your septic system?**



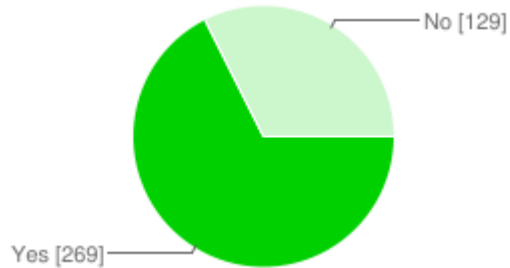
0-10 years	<b>130</b>	26%
10-20 years	<b>137</b>	27%
Over 20 years	<b>108</b>	22%

**31. How recently has your septic system been inspected?**



0-5 years	<b>220</b>	44%
5-10 years	<b>80</b>	16%
Over 10 years	<b>60</b>	12%

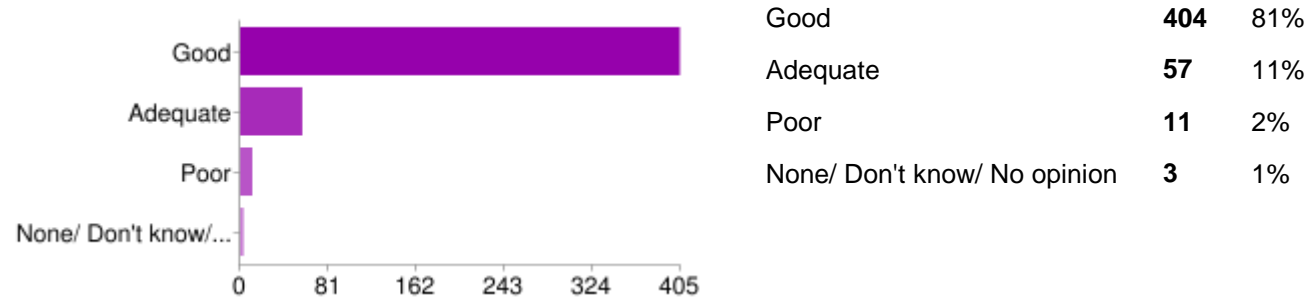
**34. Do you want more retail/service-related businesses in the Town of Sandy Creek?**



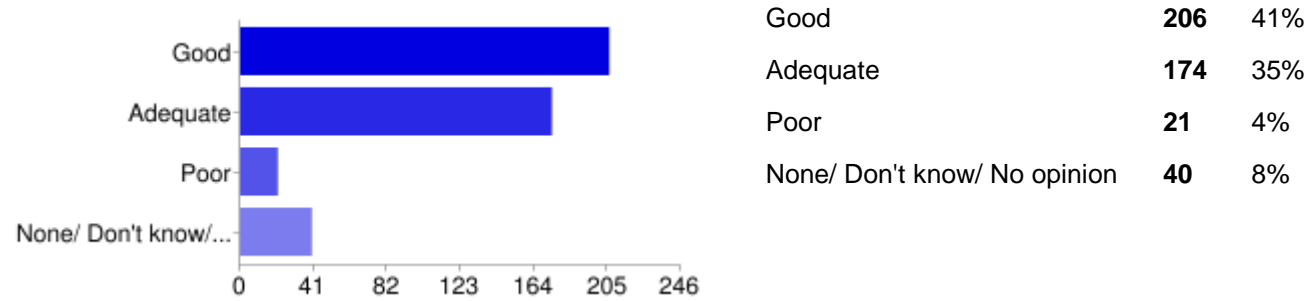
Yes	<b>269</b>	54%
No	<b>129</b>	26%

**Sandy Creek at Present**

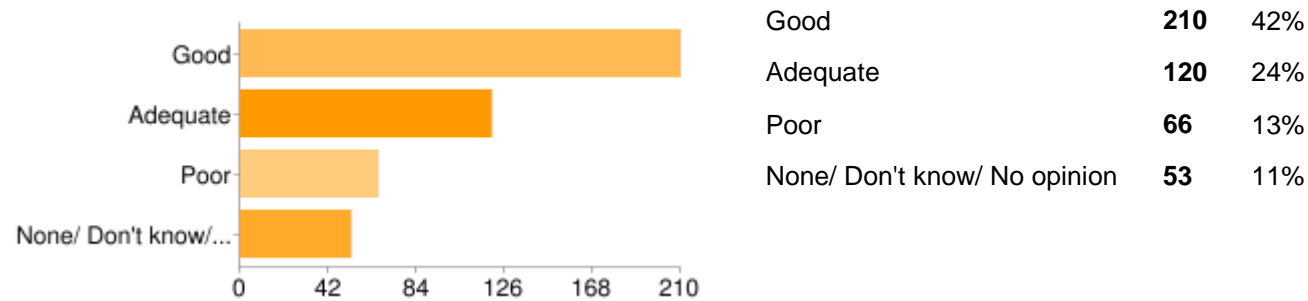
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Air quality**



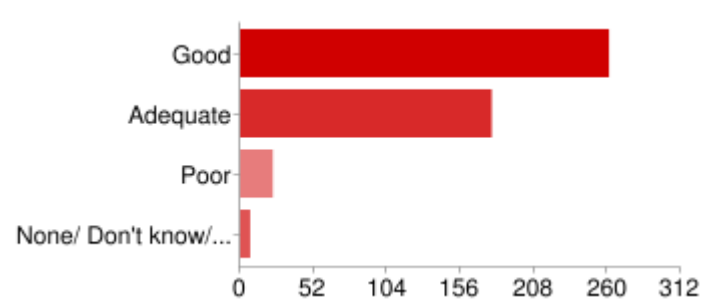
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Ambulance service**



**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Drinking water quantity and quality**

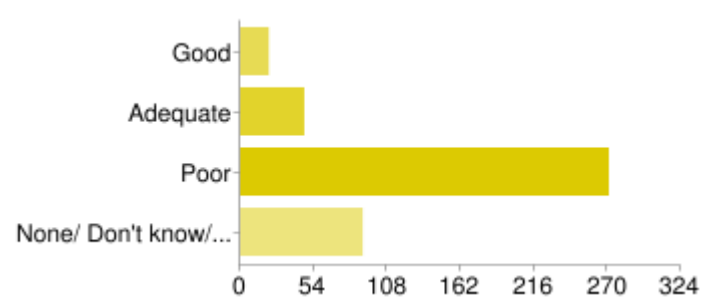


**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Electrical service**



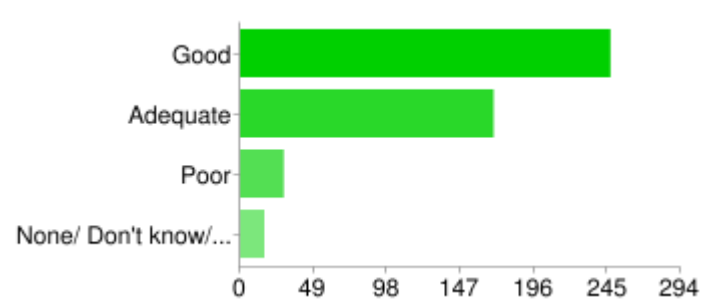
Good	<b>261</b>	52%
Adequate	<b>178</b>	36%
Poor	<b>23</b>	5%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>7</b>	1%

**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Employment opportunities**



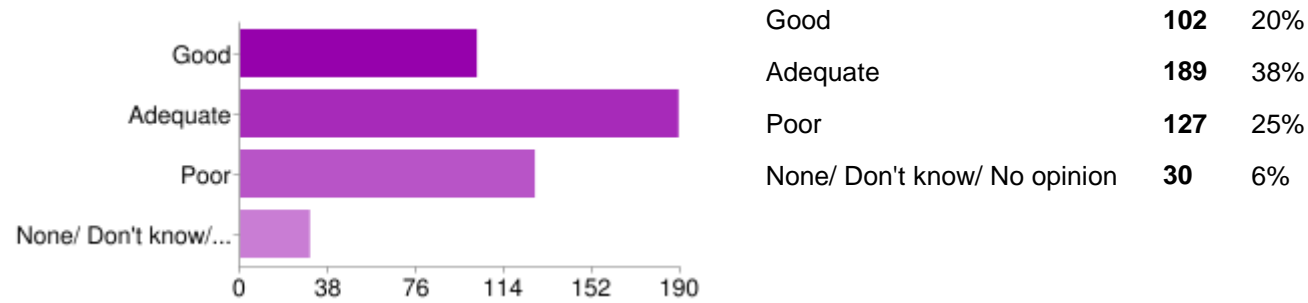
Good	<b>21</b>	4%
Adequate	<b>47</b>	9%
Poor	<b>271</b>	54%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>90</b>	18%

**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Fire protection**

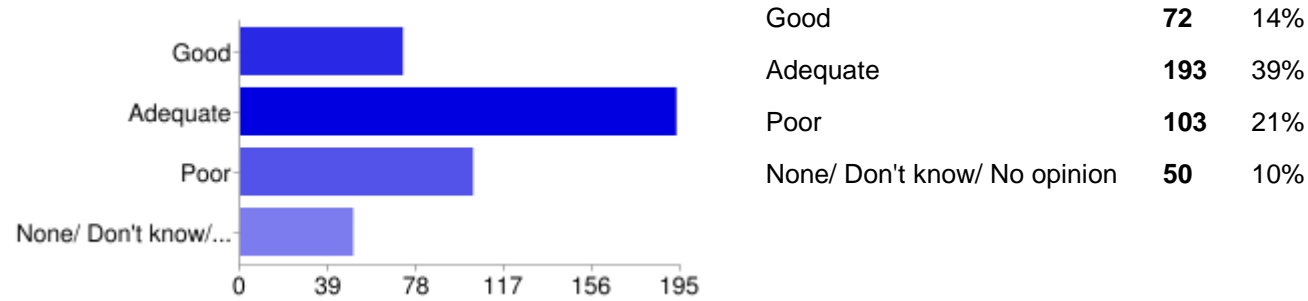


Good	<b>247</b>	49%
Adequate	<b>169</b>	34%
Poor	<b>29</b>	6%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>16</b>	3%

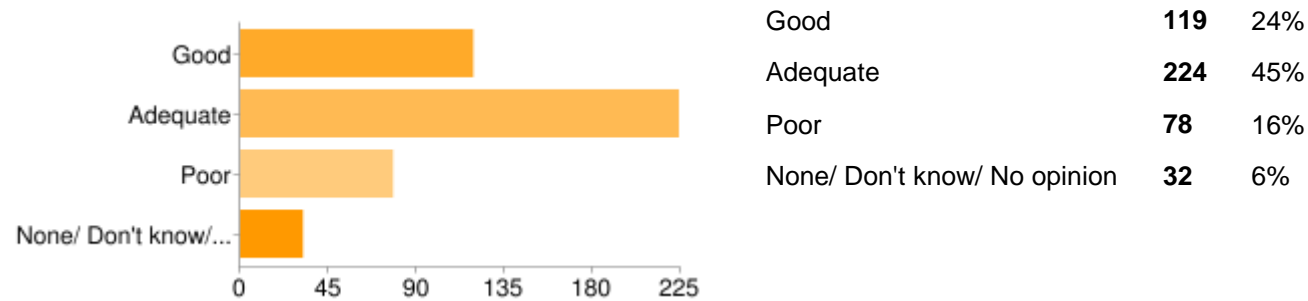
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Health services availability**



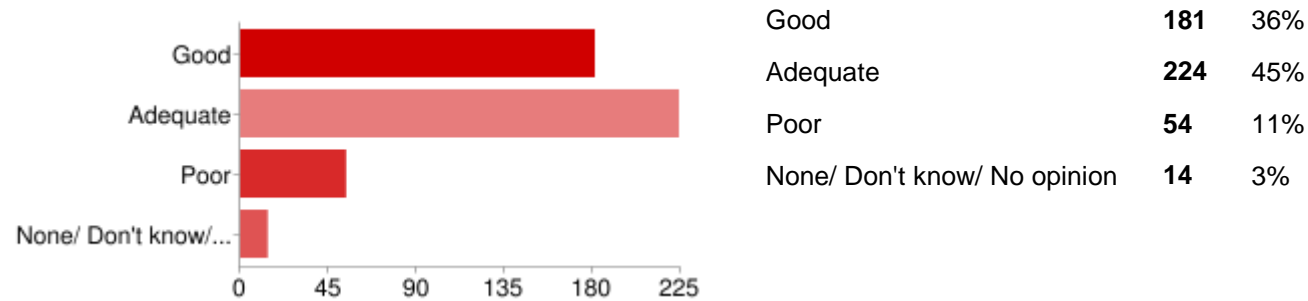
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Affordable housing availability and quality**



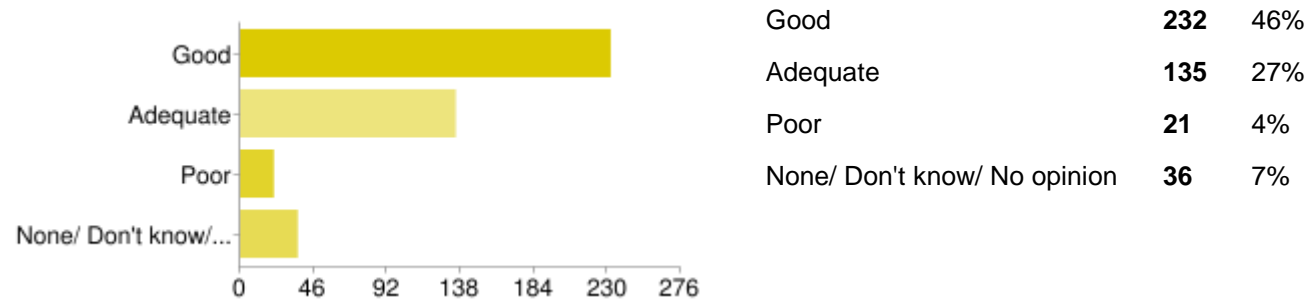
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Police protection**



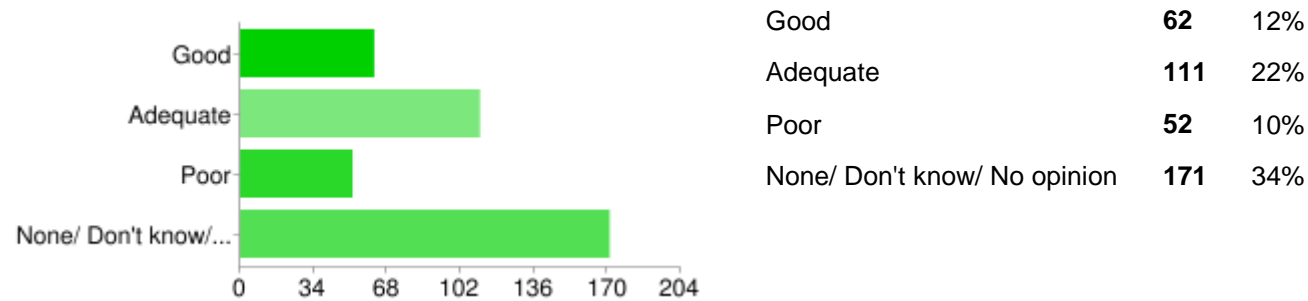
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Public road maintenance**



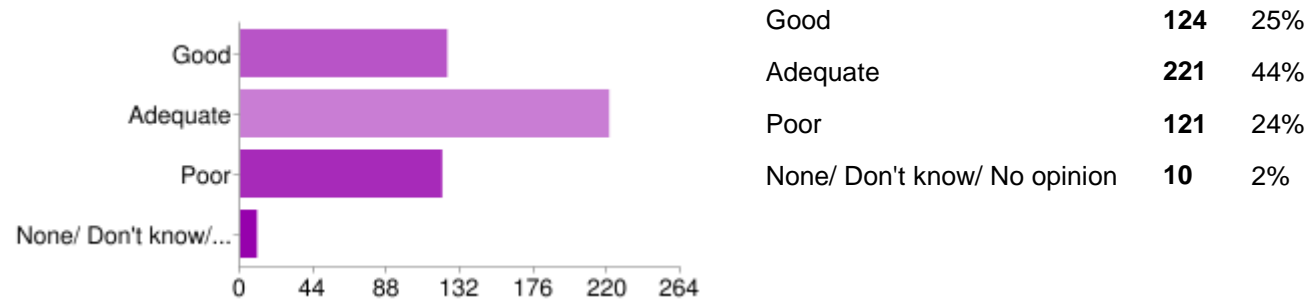
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - School district quality**



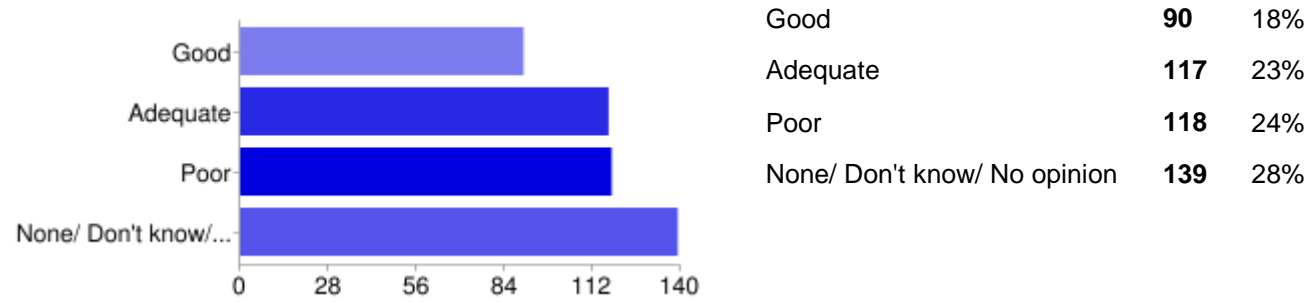
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Sewage treatment and disposal**



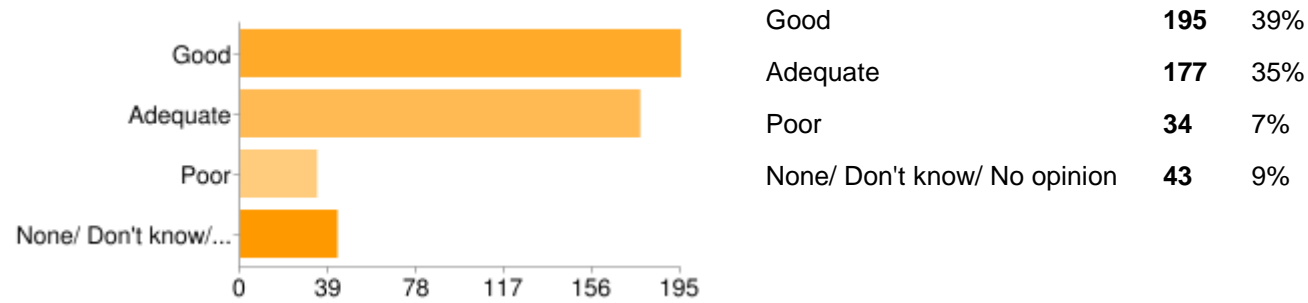
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Groceries availability**



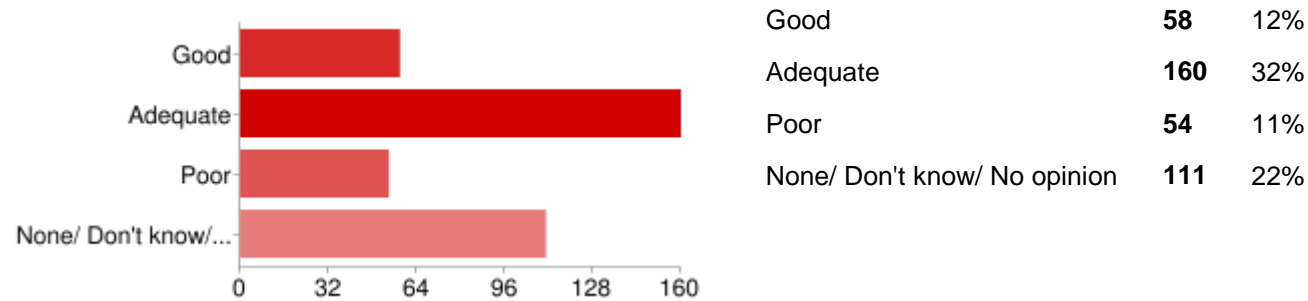
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Pharmacy availability**



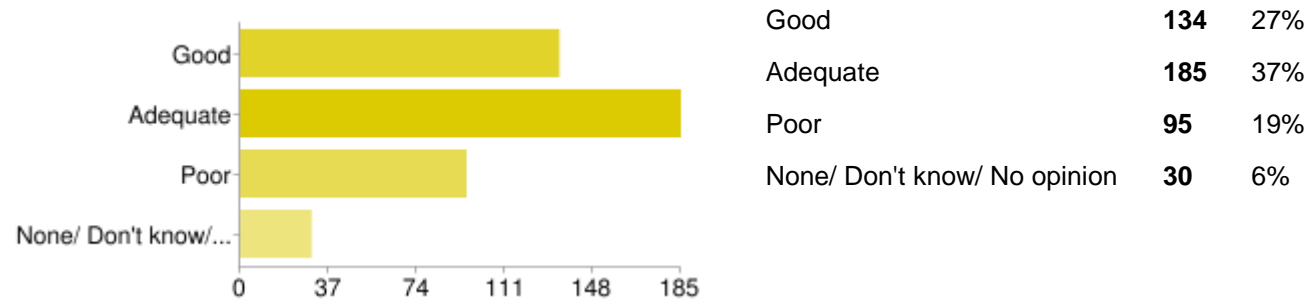
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Snow removal**



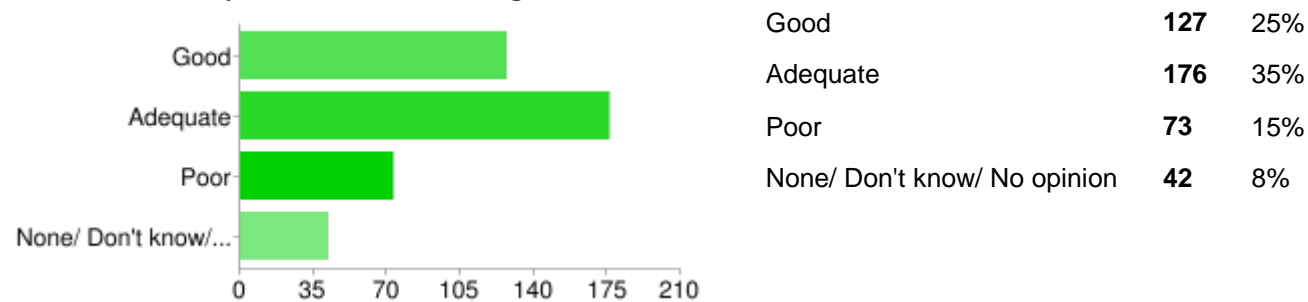
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Social services availability**



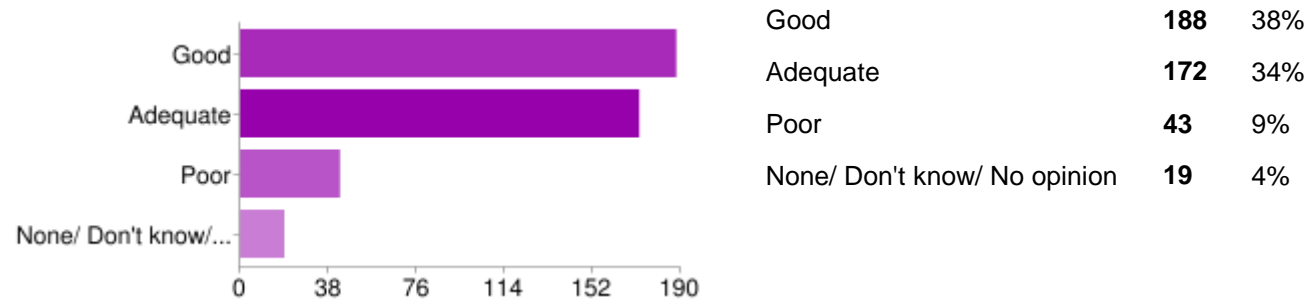
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Sports and recreational facilities**



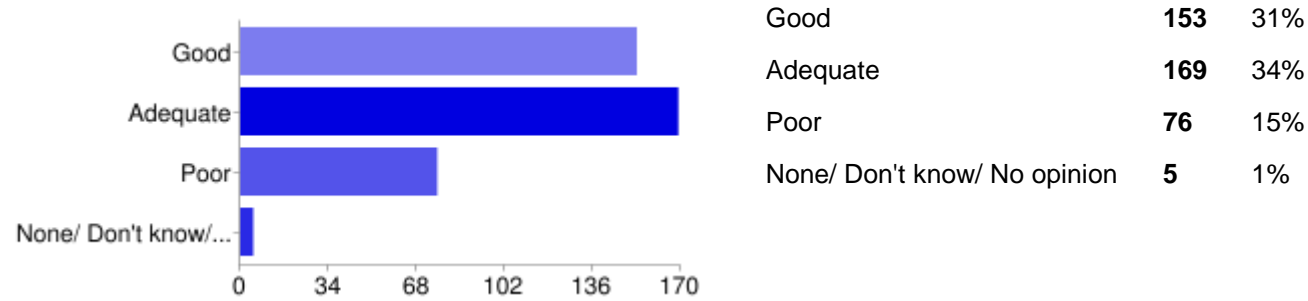
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Internet service**



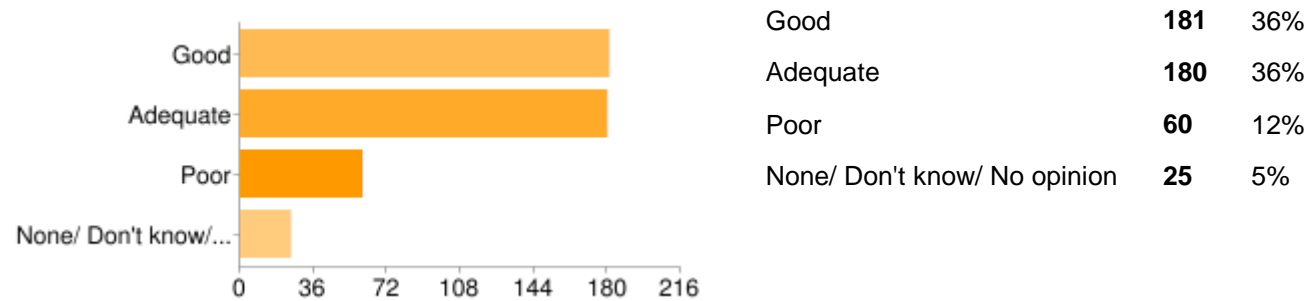
**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Phone (land line)**



**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Phone (cellular)**

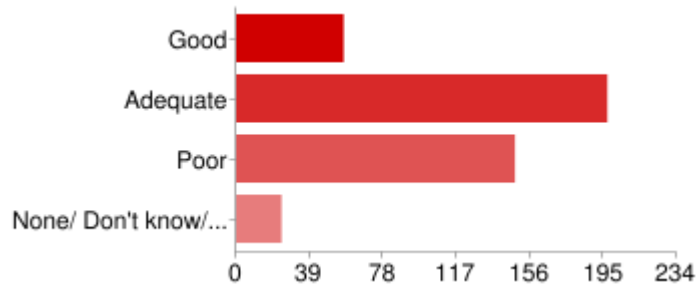


**Please rate Sandy Creek in the following areas - Television service**



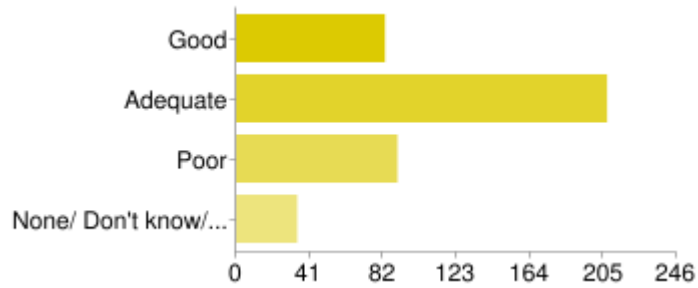


**Town Operations - Assessment process**



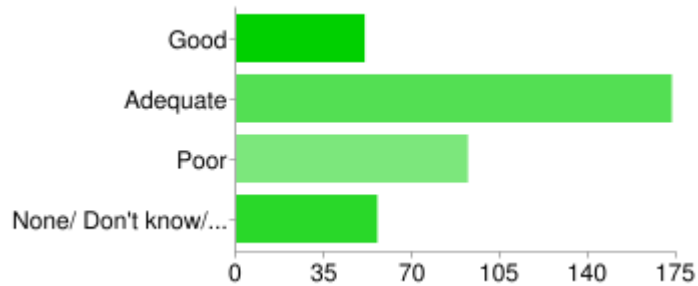
Good	<b>57</b>	11%
Adequate	<b>197</b>	39%
Poor	<b>148</b>	30%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>24</b>	5%

**Town Operations - Code enforcement**



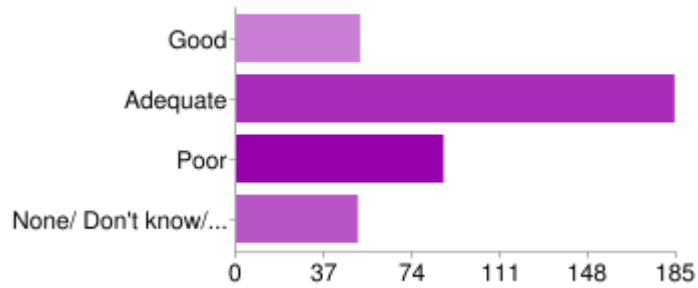
Good	<b>83</b>	17%
Adequate	<b>207</b>	41%
Poor	<b>90</b>	18%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>34</b>	7%

**Town Operations - Planning Board procedures**



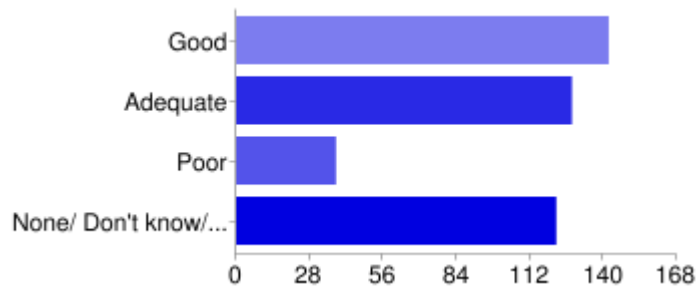
Good	<b>51</b>	10%
Adequate	<b>173</b>	35%
Poor	<b>92</b>	18%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>56</b>	11%

**Town Operations - Town Board procedures**



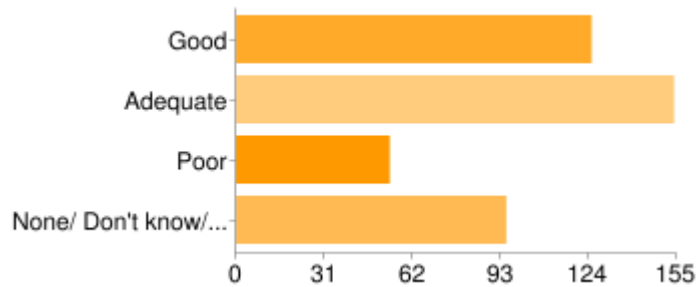
Good	<b>52</b>	10%
Adequate	<b>184</b>	37%
Poor	<b>87</b>	17%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>51</b>	10%

**Town Operations - Trash collection**



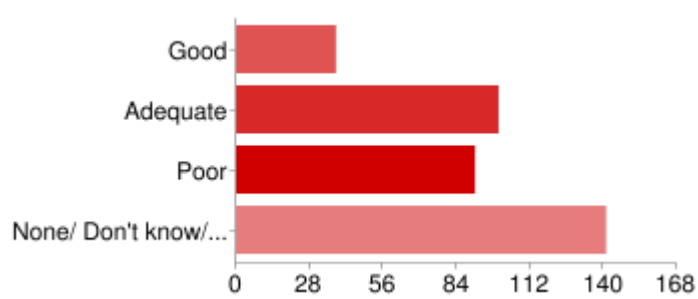
Good	<b>142</b>	28%
Adequate	<b>128</b>	26%
Poor	<b>38</b>	8%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>122</b>	24%

**Town Operations - Recycling**



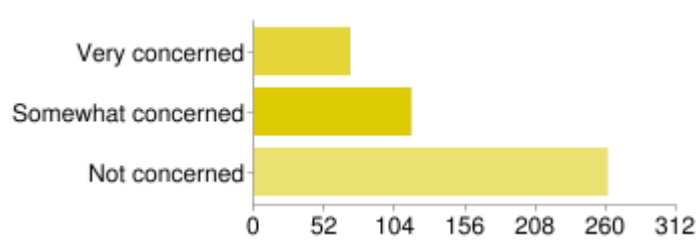
Good	<b>125</b>	25%
Adequate	<b>154</b>	31%
Poor	<b>54</b>	11%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>95</b>	19%

**Town Operations - Town sponsored clean- up days**



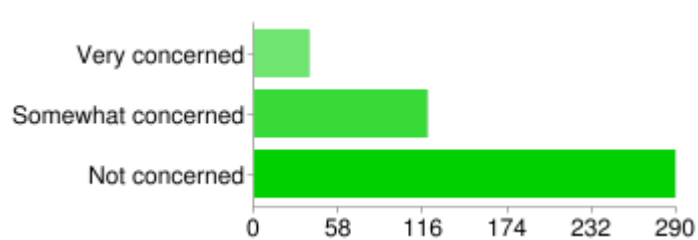
Good	<b>38</b>	8%
Adequate	<b>100</b>	20%
Poor	<b>91</b>	18%
None/ Don't know/ No opinion	<b>141</b>	28%

**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Big truck traffic**



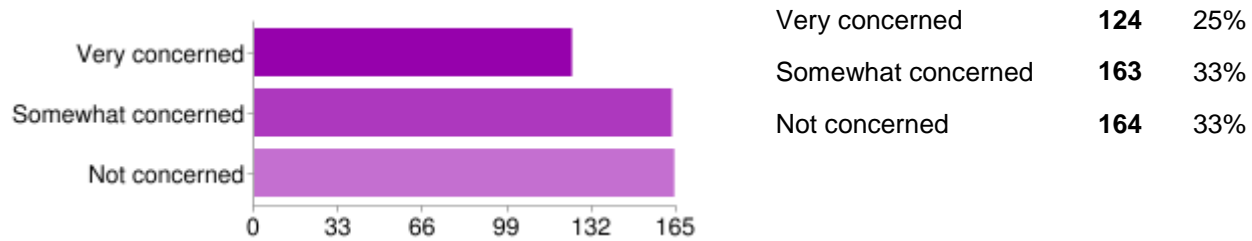
Very concerned	<b>71</b>	14%
Somewhat concerned	<b>116</b>	23%
Not concerned	<b>261</b>	52%

**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Increased traffic**

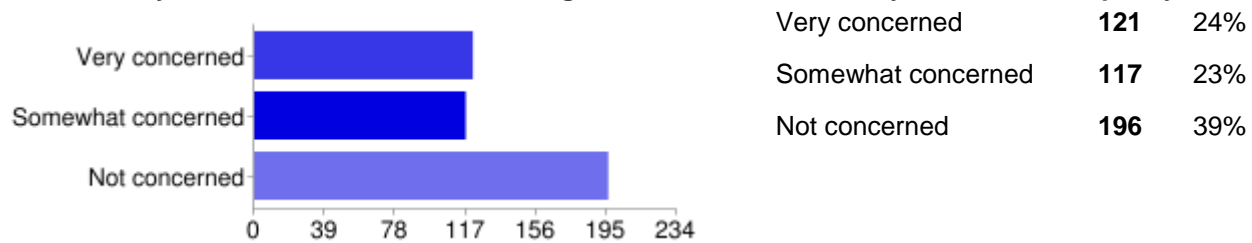


Very concerned	<b>38</b>	8%
Somewhat concerned	<b>119</b>	24%
Not concerned	<b>289</b>	58%

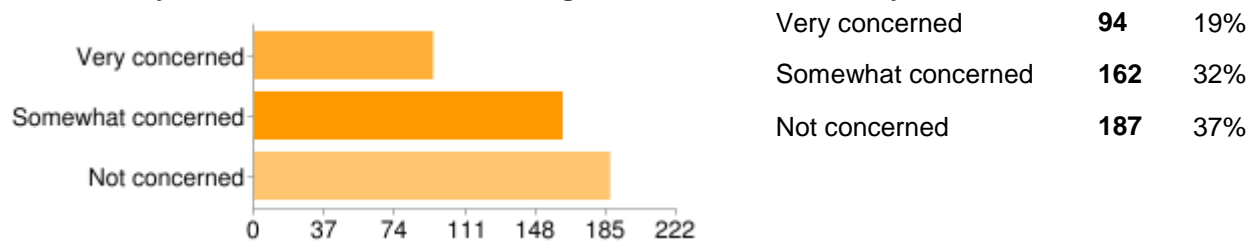
**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Speeding**



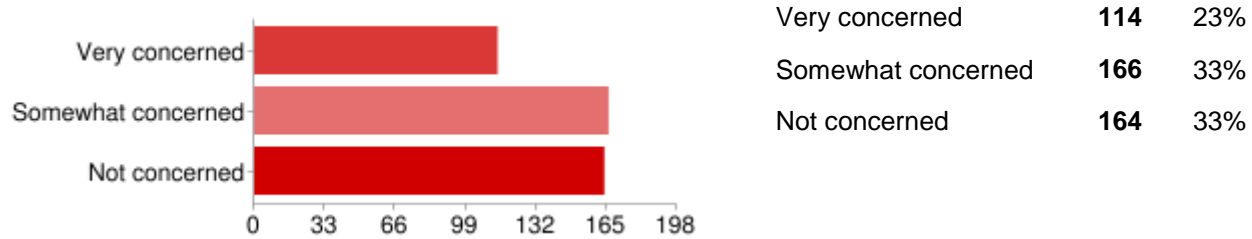
**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Water quality**



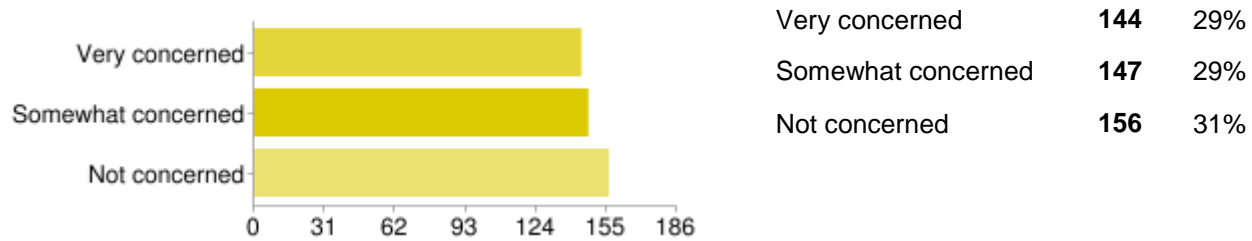
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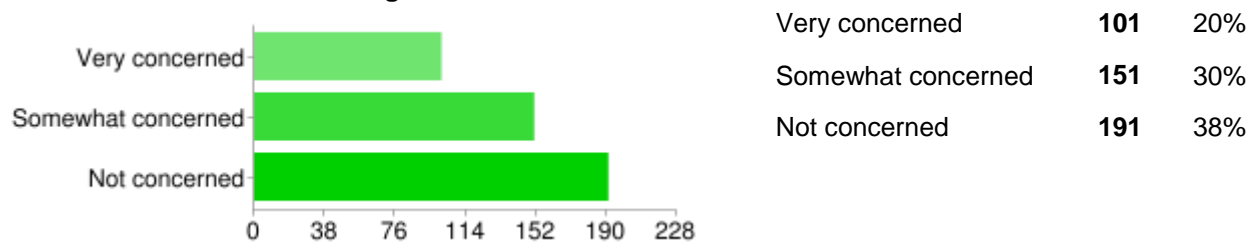
**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Loss of open space/natural areas**



**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Loss (or lack) of public access to waterfront**

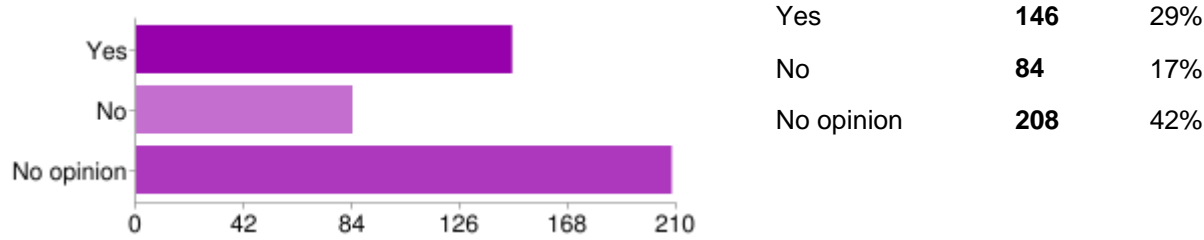


**Please rate your concern about the following within the Town of Sandy Creek - Lack of code enforcement or insufficient regulation**

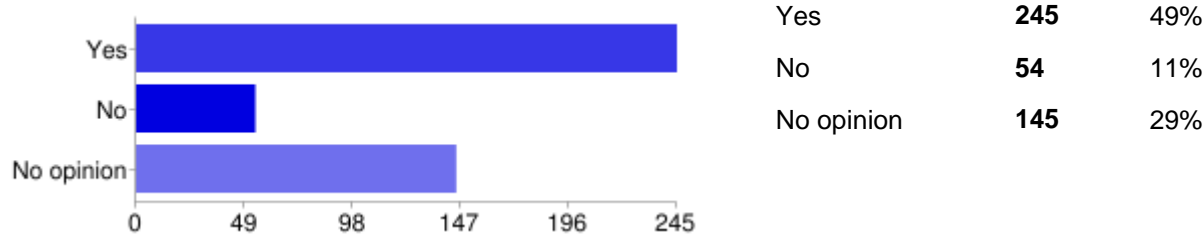


**Sandy Creek Looking Ahead**

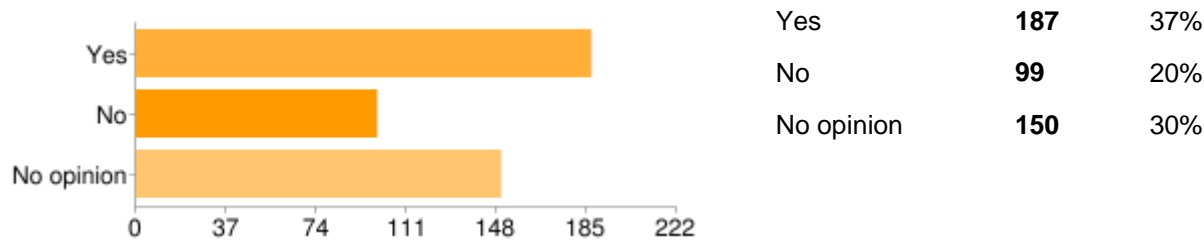
**Agricultural Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Adopting new policies to minimize neighbor conflicts**



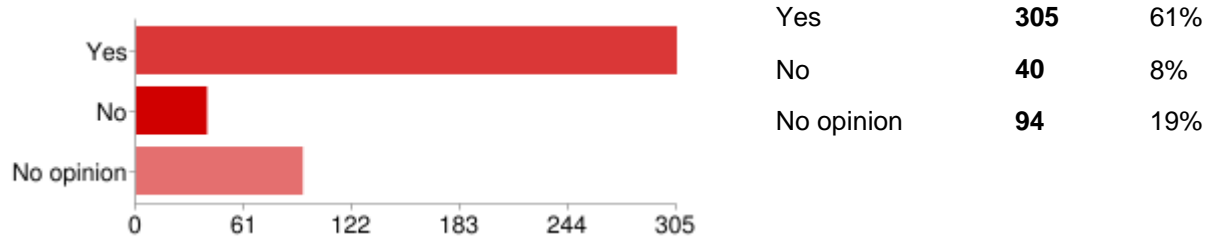
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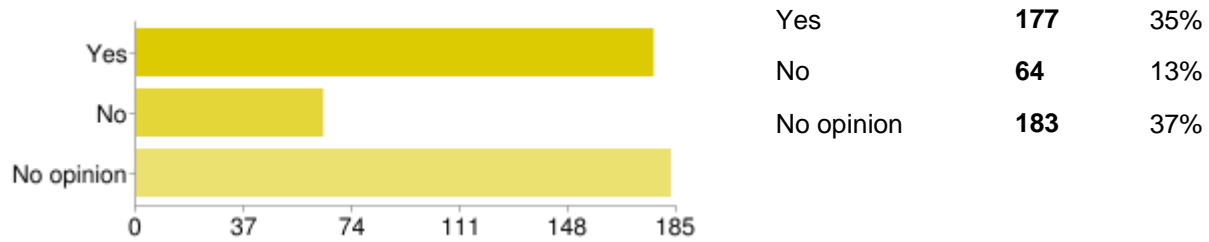
**Agricultural Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Limiting the conversion of farmland**



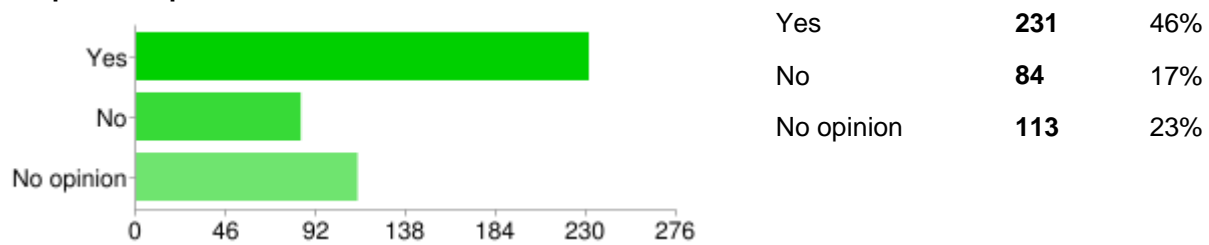
**Agricultural Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Keeping the Town’s rural character**



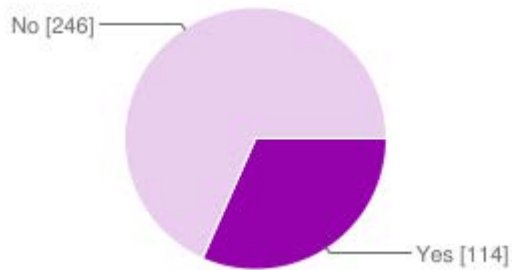
**Agricultural Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Niche-farming and agri-tourism**



**Agricultural Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Offering tax incentives to keep land in production**

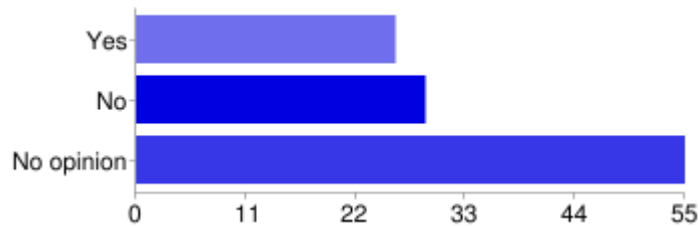


**Do you farm in the Town of Sandy Creek?**



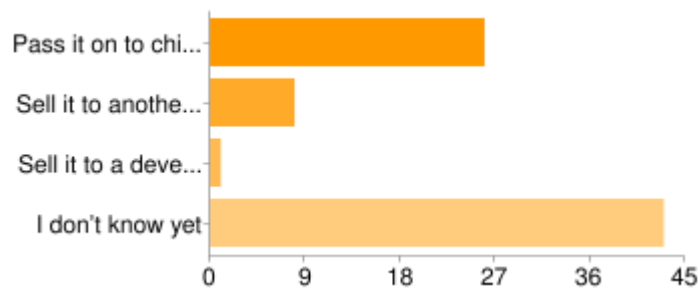
Yes	<b>114</b>	23%
No	<b>246</b>	49%

**If you farm in the Town of Sandy Creek... - Would you be interested in selling your development rights to permanently protect your land from development?**



Yes	<b>26</b>	5%
No	<b>29</b>	6%
No opinion	<b>55</b>	11%

**What do you plan to do with your farm upon retirement?**

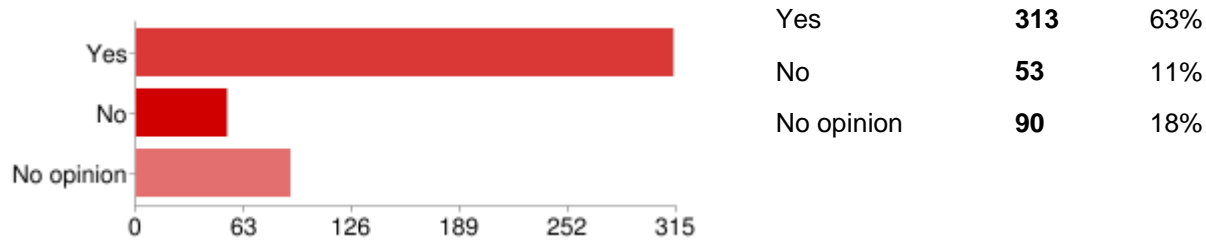


Pass it on to children or other family members	<b>26</b>	36%
Sell it to another farmer	<b>8</b>	11%
Sell it to a developer	<b>1</b>	1%
I don't know yet	<b>43</b>	60%

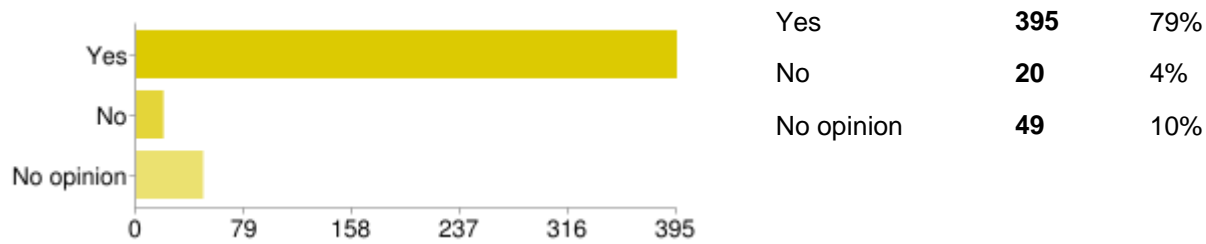
People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.



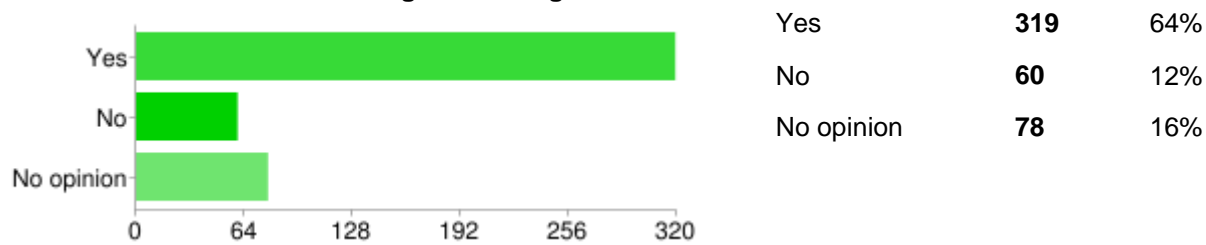
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? -  
Enhanced stewardship of Lake Ontario and Sandy Pond watersheds**



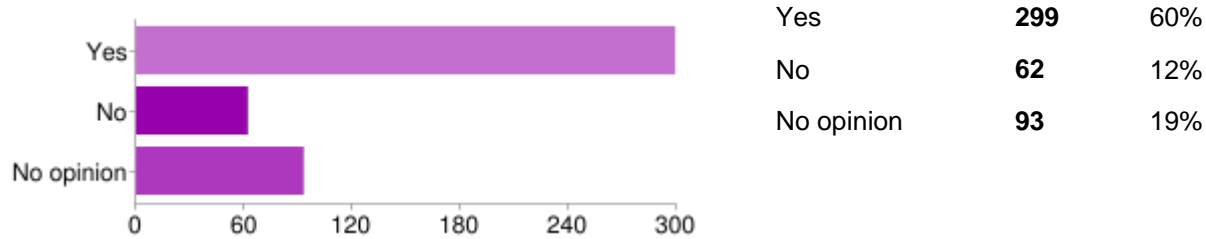
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? -  
Preservation of scenic views and natural areas**



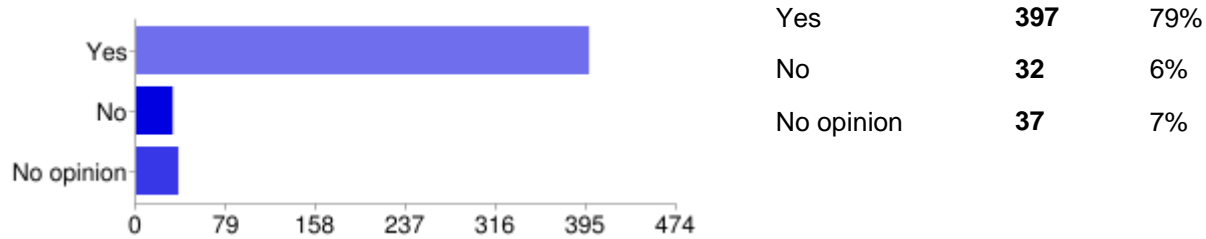
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Preservation of historic buildings and Villages**



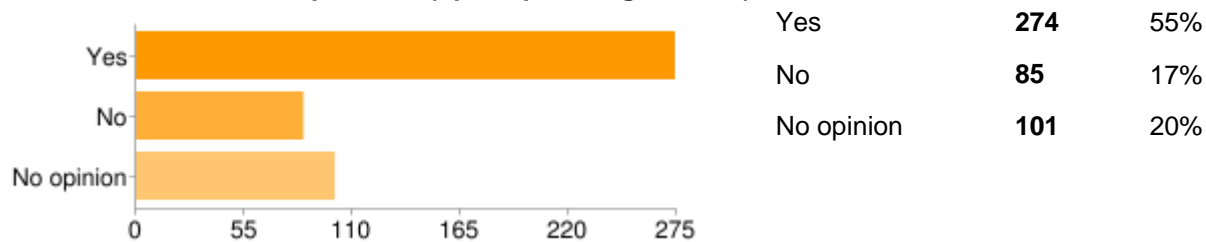
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Protection of environmental quality via local laws (buffers, setbacks)**



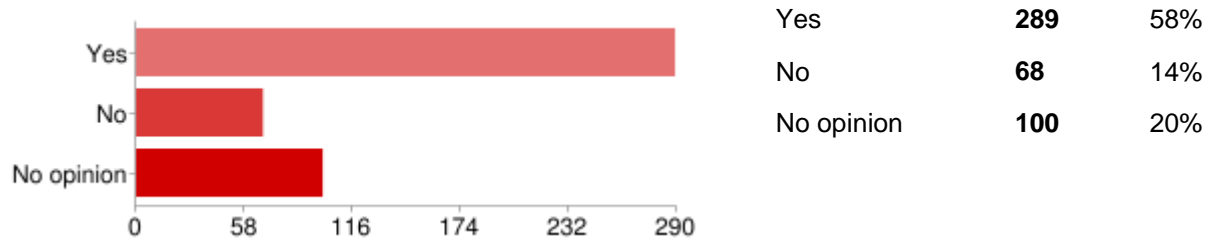
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Protection of natural resources (air, water, wetlands, sand dunes, etc)**



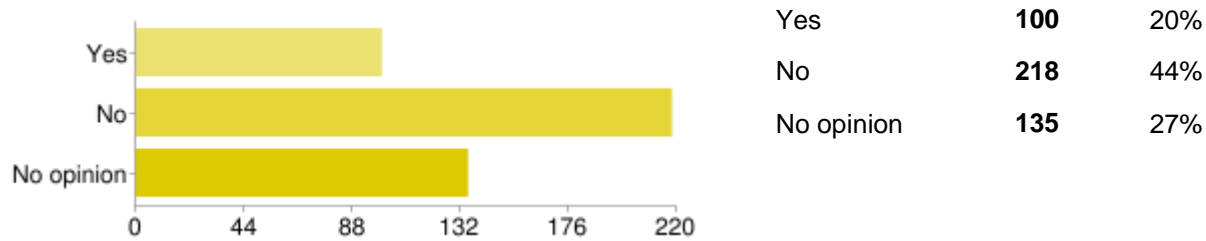
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Tax reductions for undeveloped land (open space / agriculture)**



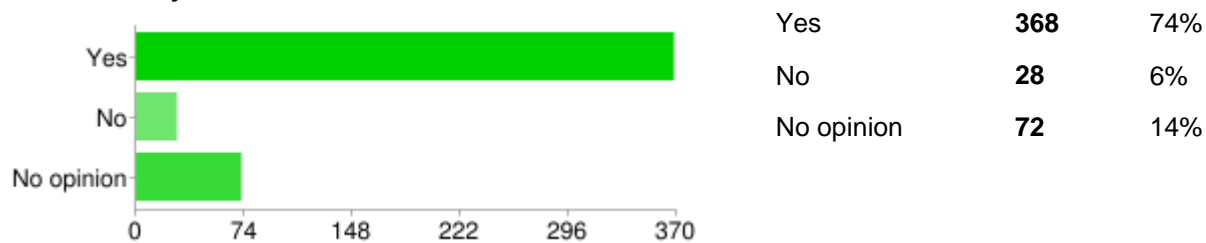
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? -  
Planning for climate-change impact (flooding, erosion, invasive species)**



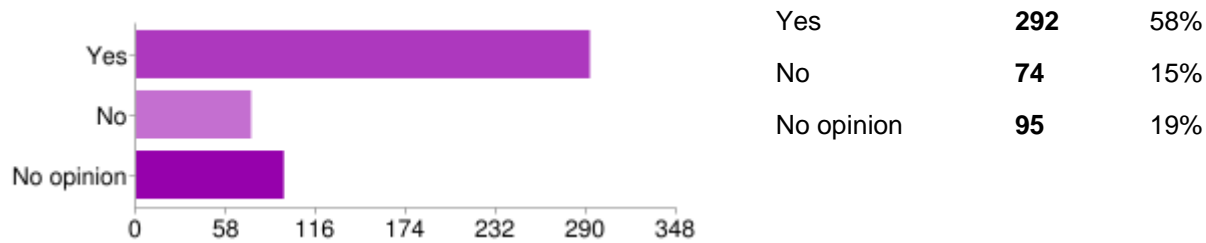
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? -  
Should commercial mining be allowed in the Town of Sandy Creek?**



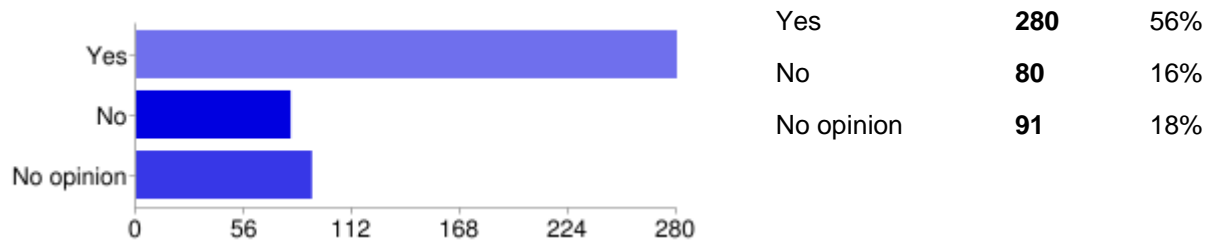
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? -  
Should Sandy Creek retain its rural character?**



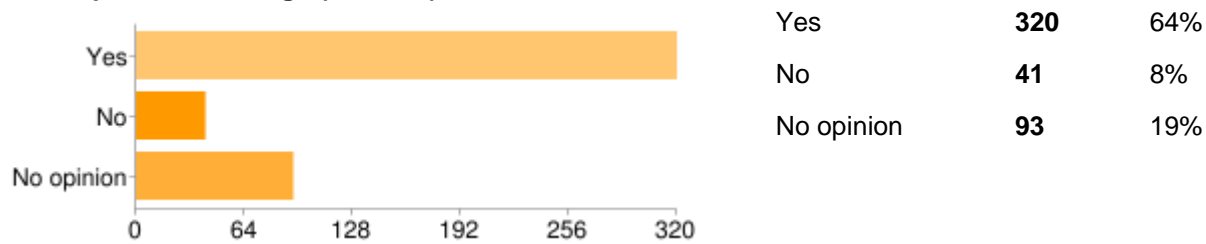
**Environmental and Cultural Preservation – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? -  
Should an inventory of failing septic systems be conducted to assure water quality protection in  
Sandy Pond and Lake Ontario?**



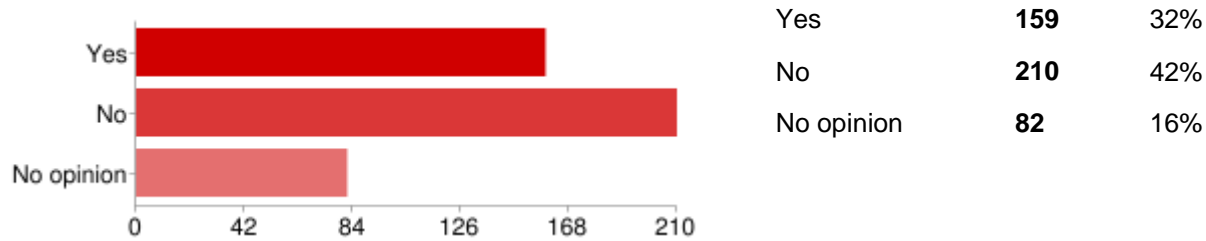
**Industrial and Commercial Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following types of  
development? - Commercial facilities**



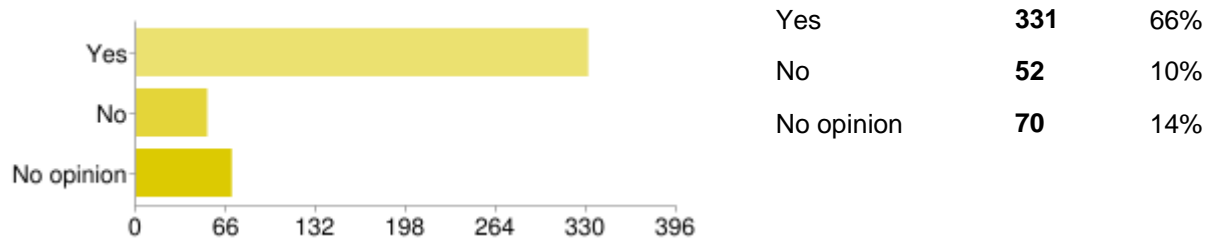
**Industrial and Commercial Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following types of  
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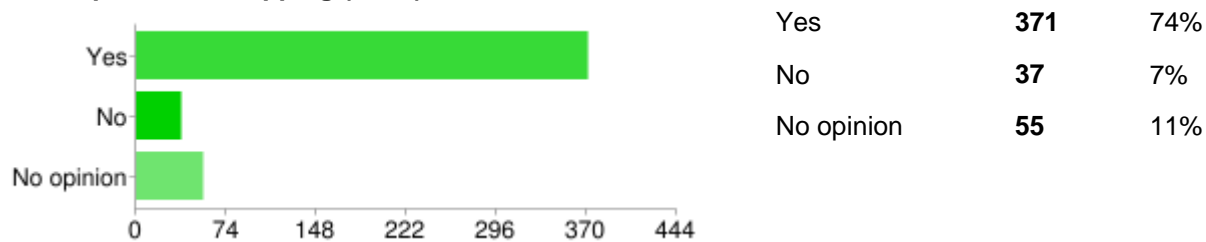
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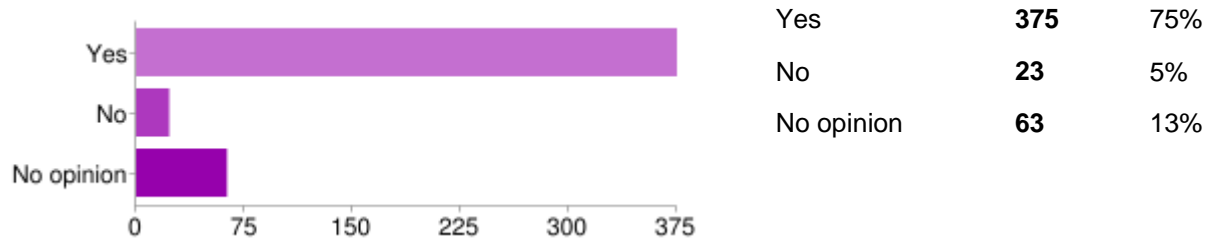
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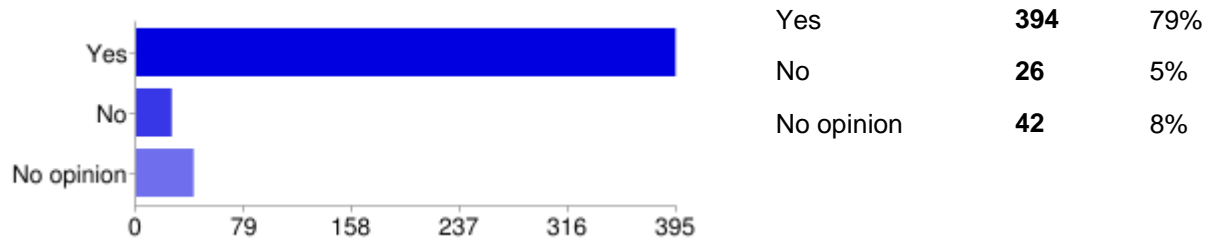
**Industrial and Commercial Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following types of development? - Shopping (retail) businesses**



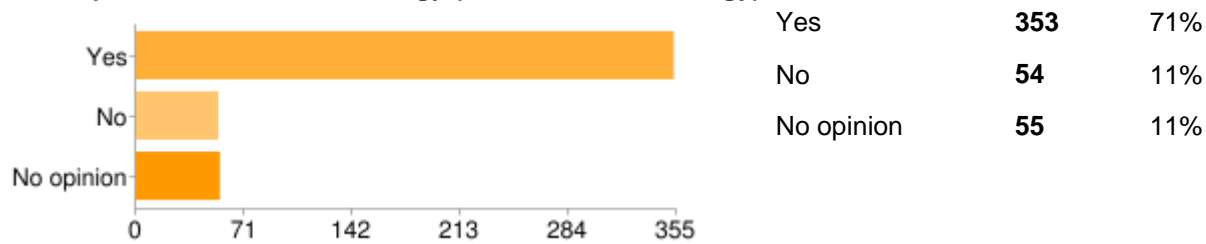
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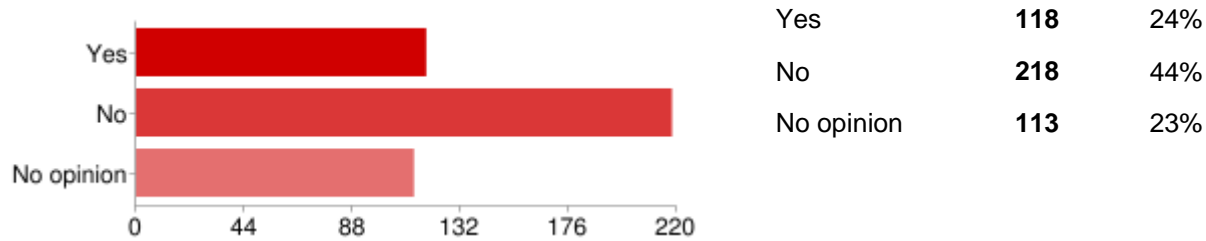
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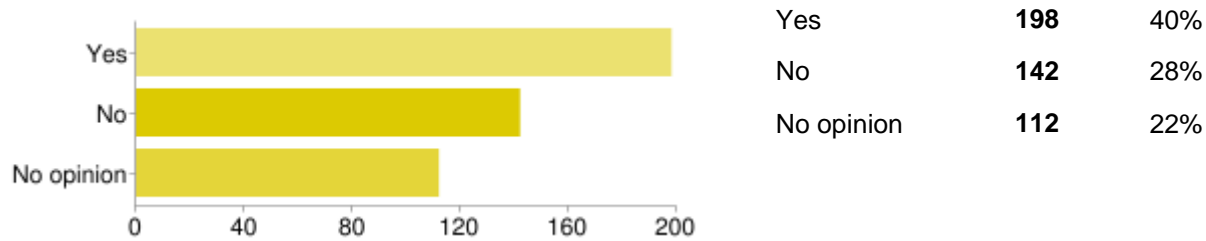
**Industrial and Commercial Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following types of development? - Renewable energy (wind, solar, bio-energy)**



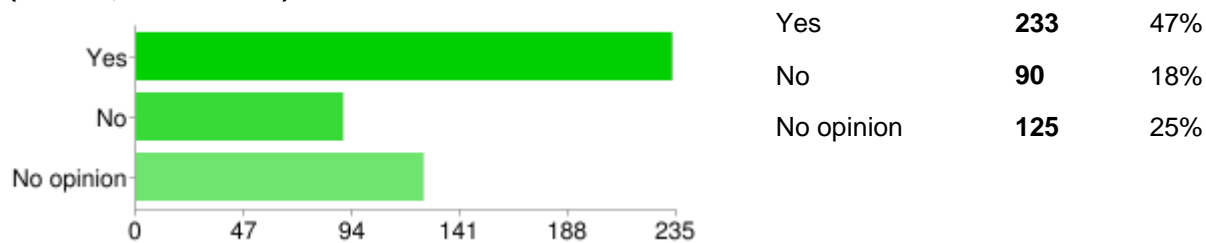
**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Mobile homes on individual lots**



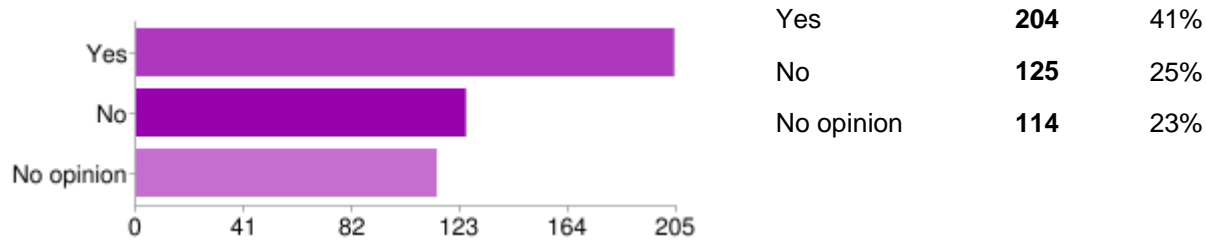
**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Mobile homes in parks only**



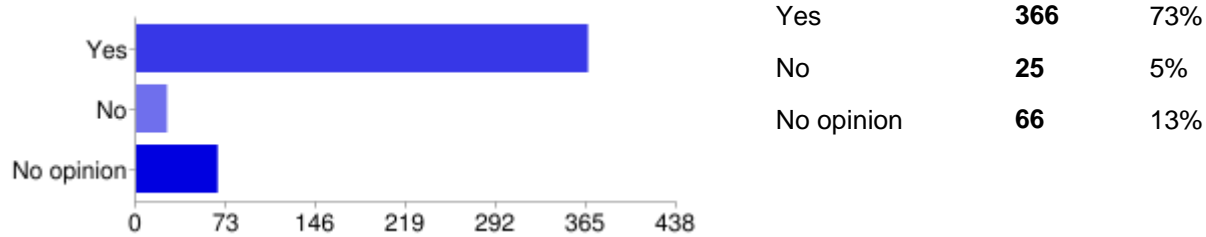
**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Owned, multi-unit houses (condos, town homes)**



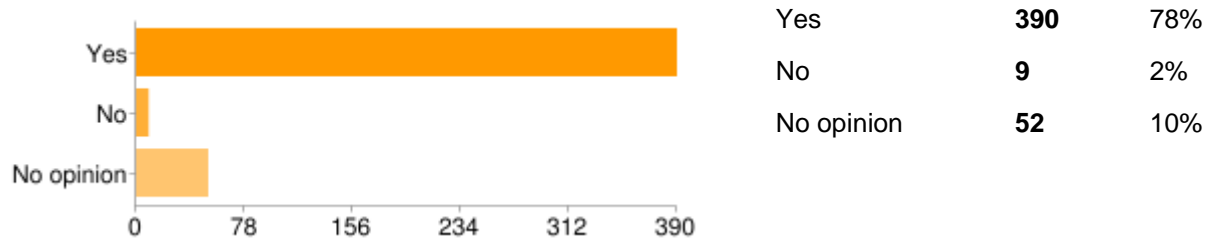
**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Rental, multi-unit housing (apartments, town homes)**



**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Senior citizen housing**

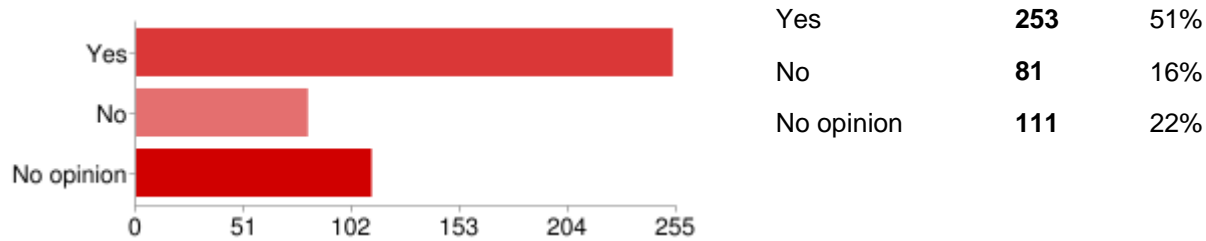


**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Single family housing**

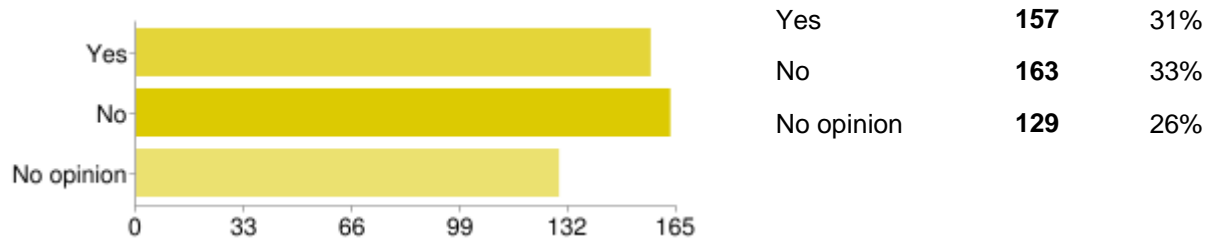




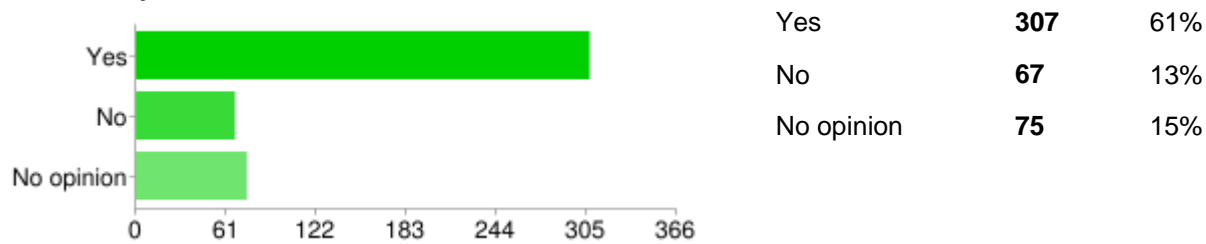
**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Two family housing (duplexes)**



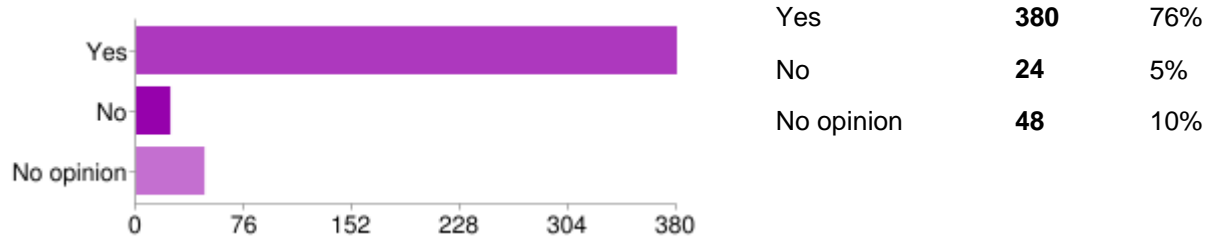
**Residential Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Clustered housing (houses on smaller lots with shared green space)**



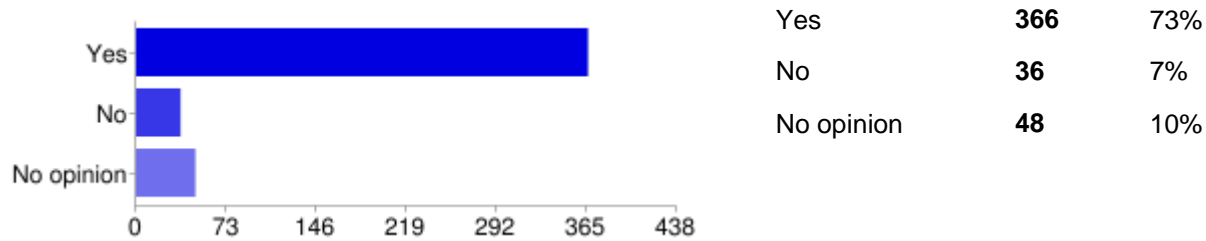
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Community center**



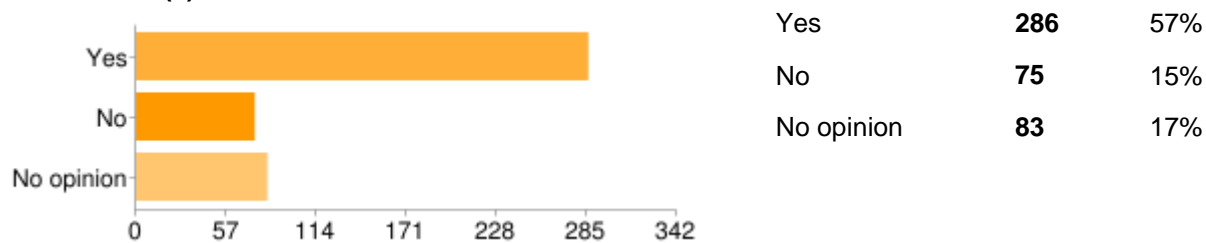
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Farmers' and artisans market**



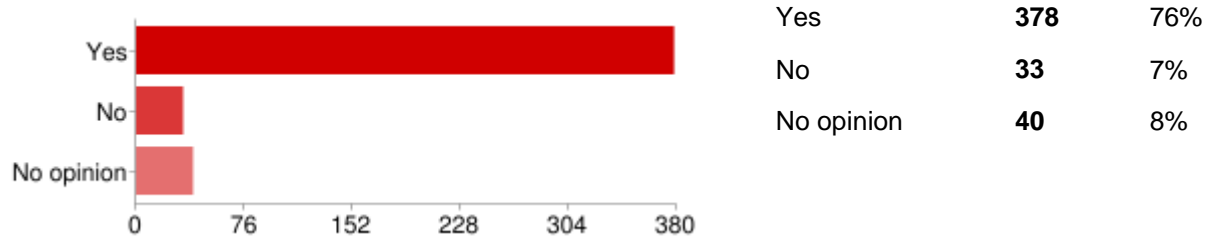
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Hiking, biking, skiing paths**



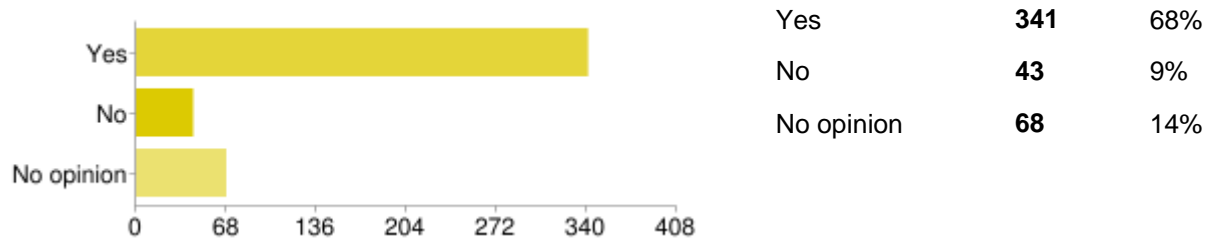
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Outdoor athletic field(s)**



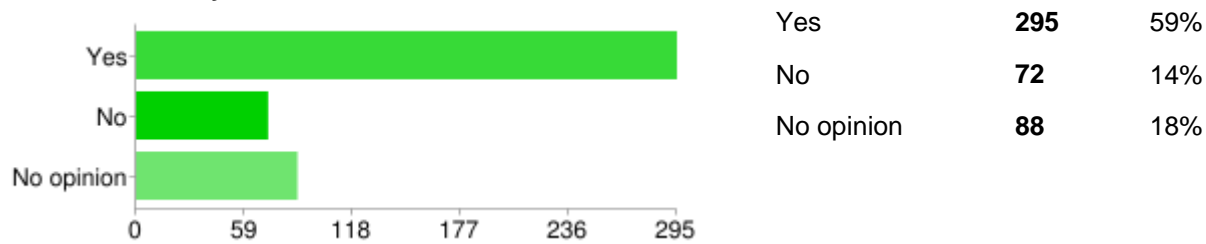
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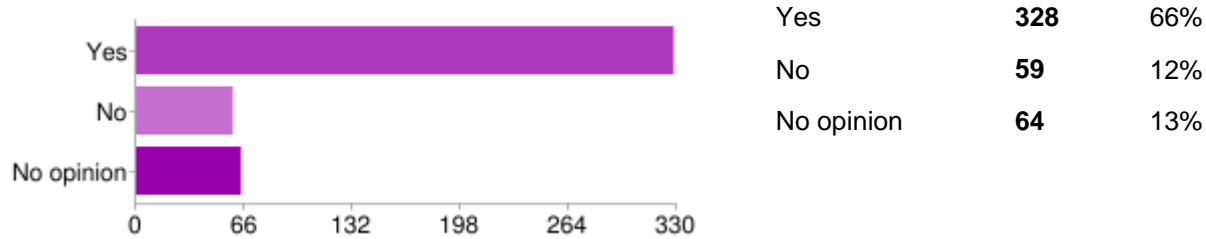
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Snowmobile trails**



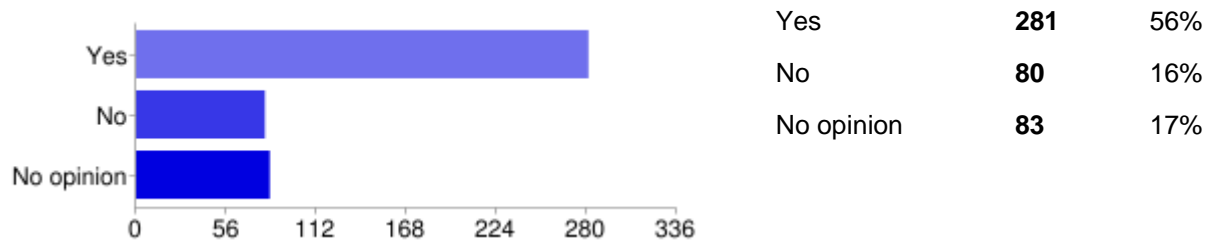
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Town historical society/museum**



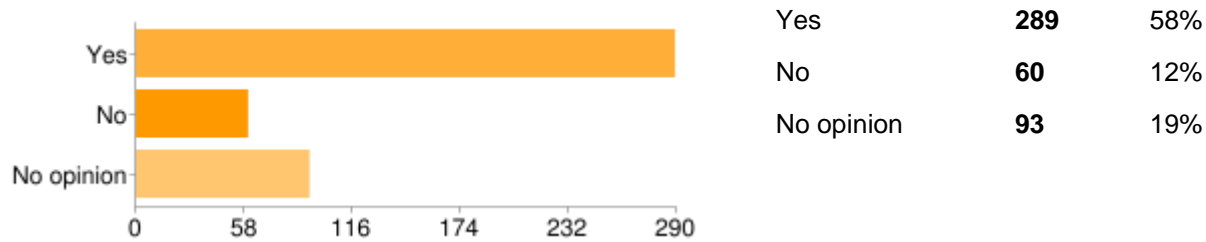
**Sports, Recreation and Civic Land Use – Should Sandy Creek encourage the following? - Town park – picnic area/playground**



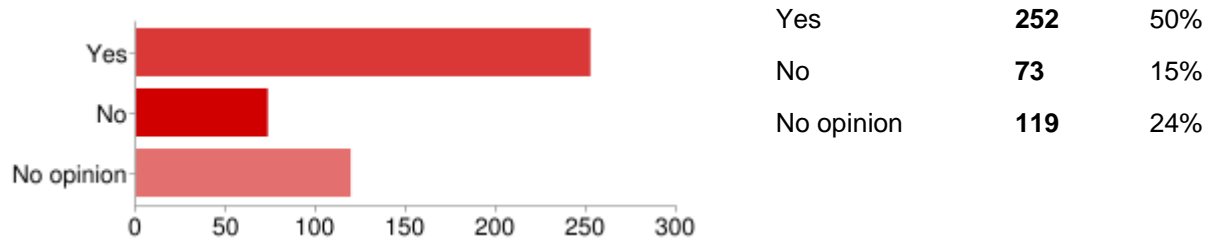
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Loss of rural character, scenic views and open space**



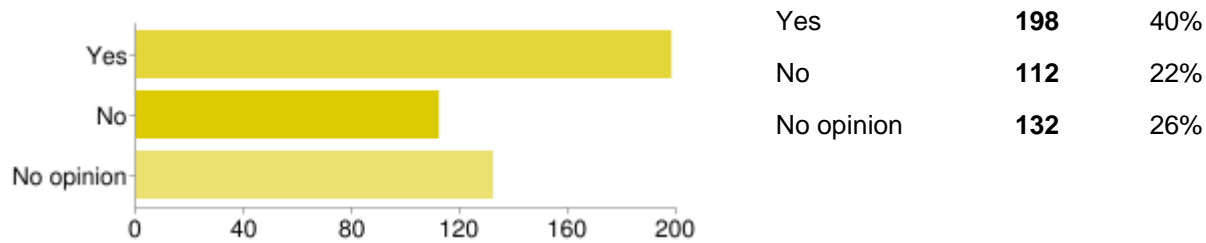
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Degradation of environmentally sensitive areas**



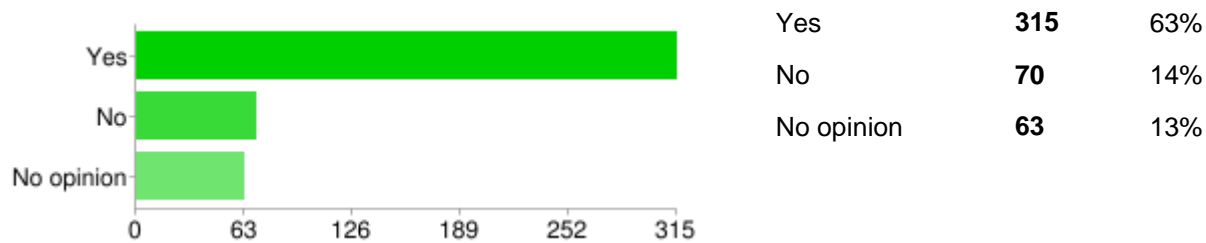
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Negative visual impacts (setbacks, visual buffers or architectural design standards for signage, etc. for commercial development)**



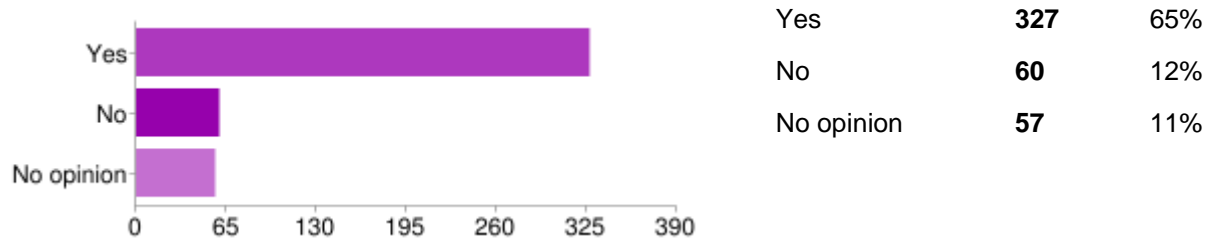
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Future subdivision of larger parcels**



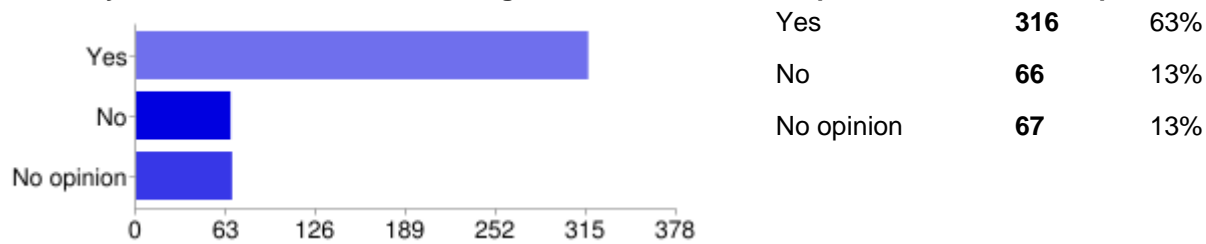
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Land use that significantly lowers surrounding land values**



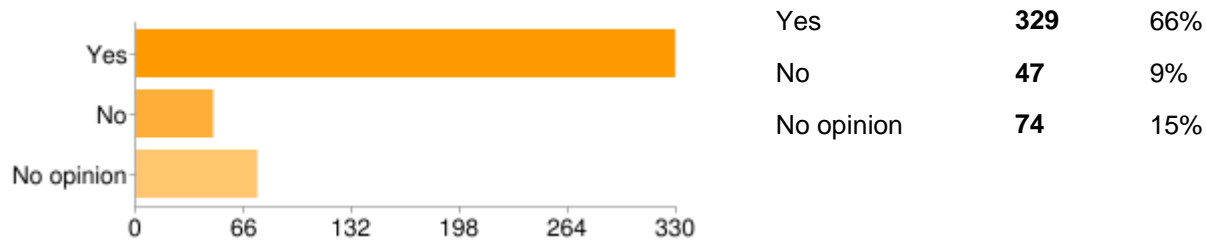
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Land use that adversely impacts environmental quality**



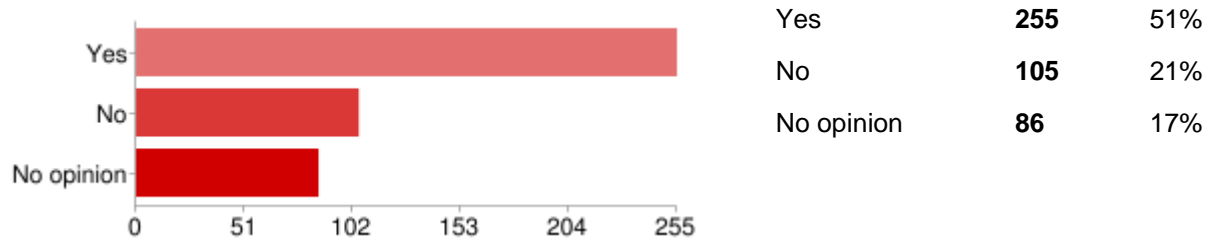
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Mobile home placement and site requirements**



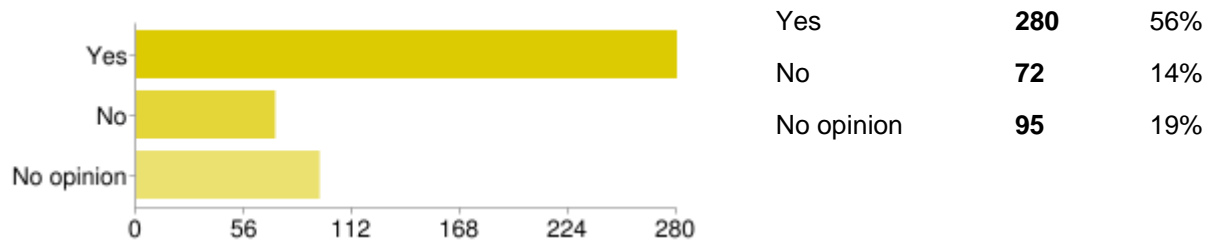
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Rental housing inspections and landlord registration**



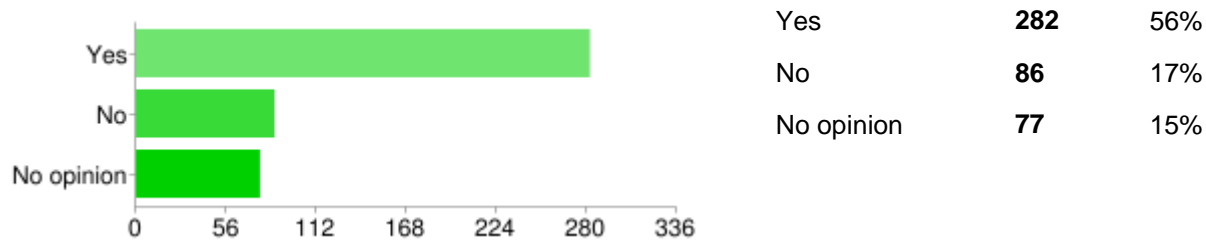
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Routine septic system inspections to protect water quality**



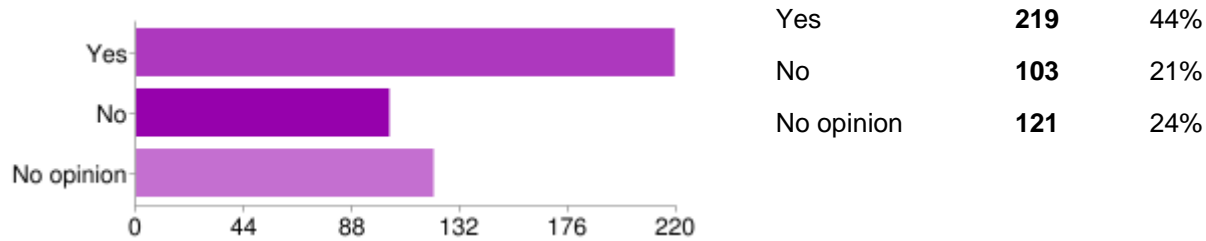
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Siting for cellular towers**



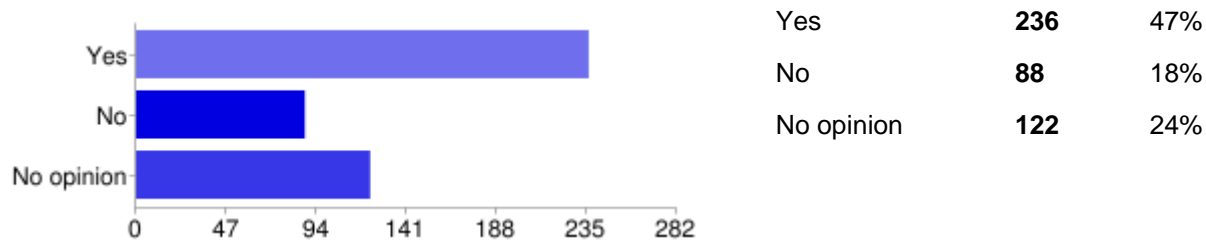
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Siting for commercial and residential wind power facilities**



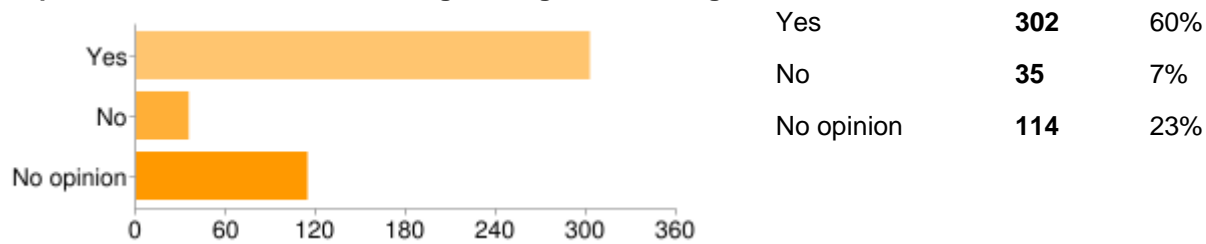
**Local Laws and Regulations – Should land use regulations be developed or revised by the Town of Sandy Creek to address the following issues? - Should the Town of Sandy Creek consider zoning?**



**Town Informational Activities – Should the Town of Sandy Creek undertake the following? - Conduct an inventory of historical sites**

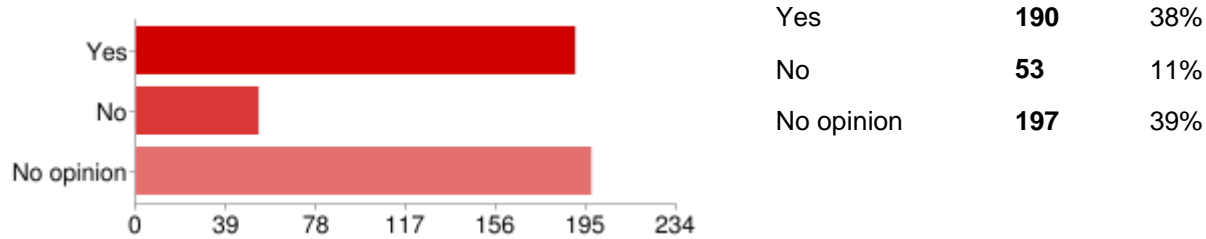


**Town Informational Activities – Should the Town of Sandy Creek undertake the following? - Improve communications with neighboring Towns/Villages**

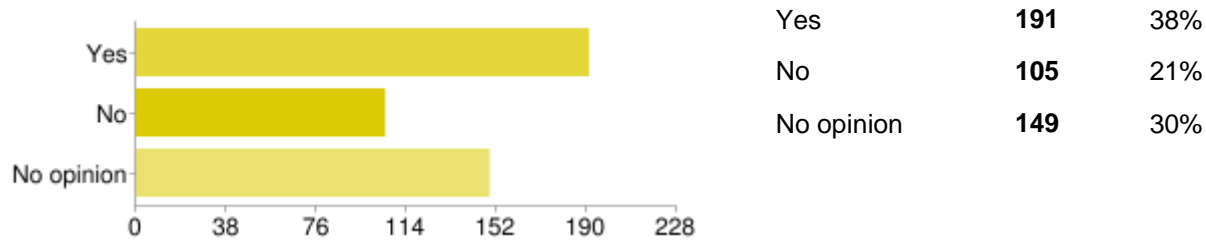




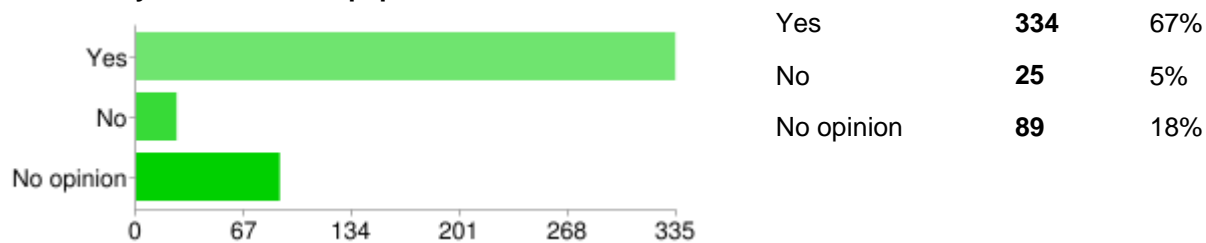
**Town Informational Activities – Should the Town of Sandy Creek undertake the following? - Improve the Town’s website**



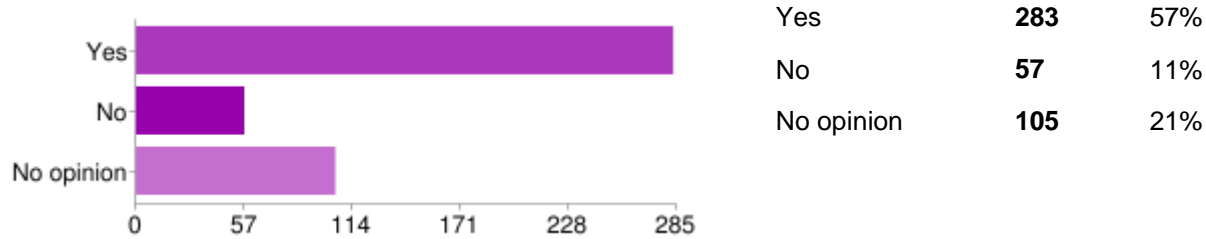
**Town Informational Activities – Should the Town of Sandy Creek undertake the following? - Establish a community newsletter**



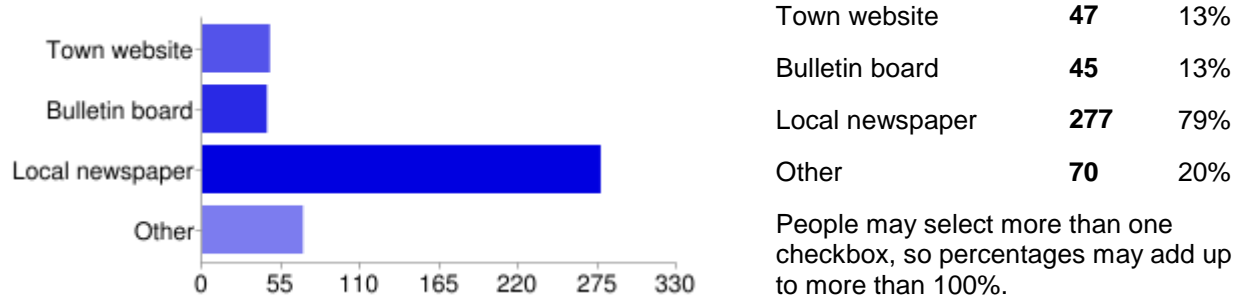
**Town Informational Activities – Should the Town of Sandy Creek undertake the following? - Place community events in local papers**



**Town Informational Activities – Should the Town of Sandy Creek undertake the following? -  
Publish a periodic community events calendar**



**How do you receive information about the Town of Sandy Creek?**



## **Issues /Other Comments From Survey:**

### ***What Changes would you like to see in the Town of Sandy Creek?***

Consolidate public services  
Public water at sandy pond  
Public sewer / Sandy Pond / Village  
No water or sewer districts  
Better zoning protections  
Lower taxes / tax representation for seasonal owners  
Town to take over private roads  
Promote events to bring visitors  
Places / activities for youth / teen center  
Better fire / emergency protection  
Restoration / preservation of old / historic buildings  
Pharmacy  
Better code enforcement  
Business / economic development plan  
More local retail business / restaurants  
Better internet services  
Bike and walking trails  
Public boat launch / lake access  
Renewable energy development  
Less strictly regulated public swimming access  
Recreation-related small business / small boat rentals / shops

### ***Why won't you be living in your current home 5 years from now?***

Lack of housing for seniors  
High taxes  
College  
Lack of jobs  
Poor schools  
Lack of zoning  
Decline of fishery  
Lack of anything to keep me here  
Drug dealers

### ***Additional comments:***

We have a new Town Hall that can house a community center.

Regarding mobile home parks. I would like to see Sandy Creek augment the existing New York State Real Property Law Section 233, regarding the definition of a mobile home park as having 3 or more manufactured homes occupied for year-round living to include any business that charges a rental or lease amount for the parking of mobile homes regardless of full-time or seasonal usage be defined as a mobile home park and that they be regulated by NYS Real Property Law Section 233. Many of these so-called 'mobile home parks', particularly in recreational areas are abusing the rights of mobile home owners that lease lands, or pay rent, by hiding behind the 3 or more full-time resident clause in the state statutes.

Encourage the development of ATV trails

Keep ATVs out of forests and farmland.

Walking or biking in the winter is not feasible for local population.

Sports/recreation (summer & winter) should be developed. There is much interest in Snowmobiling in Greater Syracuse area. Sandy Creek would be a much closer recreation area than further north areas.

Definitely need an area where kids and families can walk/bike for community events and recreation.

Planning more community races (running, biking)

We should be encouraging tourism for the area

Town and or state boat launches for the lake

Code enforcement needs to be more diligent in identifying and citing homes and mobile homes that are in disrepair with yards cluttered with junk and trash.

It would be nice to have a park and picnic area. I would be there a lot.

I think if Pulaski can develop as a retail "hub" then Sandy Creek could develop as more of a "destination" for recreation - snowmobiling, boating, fishing, xcountry ski.

Make better use of the fairgrounds

Discourage slumlords

Drugs are a big issue with the school district.

Keep the town rural

We came here and bought a small summer cottage close to the lake because of the fishing on Lake Ontario. New Hampshire relies heavily on tourism which generates millions of dollars for the state, and local economy. The town of Sandy Creek has Lake Ontario in its backyard and it seems to me that there are opportunities for Sandy Creek missed time and again. The town and state could generate so much money if the lake were better managed.

Use of geo-tubes to establish channel will allow several year study of impact. Very substantial impact on recreational commerce along North Oswego County Lakeshore, especially City of Oswego. Lack of safe harbour greatly diminishes recreational traffic from Kingston, Ontario to Rochester.

A free boat ramp would be nice

Set-up standards for rental property and make landlords keep property up.

More access for fishing to Salmon River

Community center with basketball and tennis park, or park with basketball and tennis courts. A dog park.

Redevelopment of Community Park should take place. Strict zoning enforcement which specifies quality and location.

There is nothing for children and young adults to do here.

Towns like Louisville and Camden maintain rural atmosphere but openly encourage business and development!

Incorporate the waterworks into the Town of SC instead of both villages.

Rental units should be regulated by established codes and be affordable and maintained.

Do not pass laws or regulations that prevent land owners from using their property as they choose. DO NOT force people to participate in any type of water district.

***Additional Comments about Industrial and Commercial Land Use***

All things coming into the area would increase tax base, work force, and over boost in Sandy Creek

We should be able to develop wind energy that would power the entire town. Go up on Wheat Hill and sit for a while. You'll see what I mean. We could even combine resources with neighboring towns in this venture. Even with the economy and the federal and state government in the state that they are in, there should be grants available for a project like this. To draw in business, cheap energy would be a huge asset. We can encourage development in a responsible way and still keep the rural atmosphere as other communities across the country have done.

No business should be allowed that discharge chemicals or smoke into the water, ground or air.

To ensure a more uniform tax base the more land use by bigger companies would benefit this community.

Support for organic farming should be given. Grindstone Farms is a huge success and delivers to many local villages. Small local farms should be supported!

There is enough vacant land area to support some light business & industry especially along the Rt.3 corridor.

Any manufacturing or retail development should be done in areas that are NOT residential. The quality of residential living in the town is bad enough with the lack of zoning.

Given Sandy Creek's proximity to the Salmon River, Sandy Creek and Lake Ontario as well as the Tug Hill Region, I think it would not be prudent to encourage heavy or light manufacturing facilities.

More parks, places for recreation

Regarding inventory of failing septic systems is was noted "This will be painful but necessary and may lead to composting toilets".

Manufacturing is great as long as you do not have to destroy the beauty here to get it.

Would like to see yearly updated papers with all emergency #'s for local town and cities nearby including hospitals.

There is a mining company that owns-pays taxes and renews mining permits regularly on approximately 800 acres of land in the township of Sandy Creek.

We need more businesses and homes for elderly people.

Open channel and kill weeds in Sandy Pond.

We need to improve houses and keep the town clean. All I see are dumpy apartments and crappy houses. Charge the landlords fines if they don't keep their apartments in good condition.

Commercial development should be encouraged in Village Centers - both Sandy Creek and Lacona.

Loss of Lake Ontario and Sandy Pond for environmental reasons will cost even more as businesses close and families move away. We should do all we can to protect our tourism (least service requiring industry).

I would like to see zoning. At first I didn't care about it, but now I can see that I don't want a business just anywhere in town.

***Additional Comments about Sandy Creek at Present***

There are too many "private" roads that therefore are not cared for, and they in winter (and sometimes summer) they can be a deterrent for emergency services to truly respond appropriately.

Water expenses outside the village are ridiculous.

Issues of water rights-of-way must be enforced to maintain property values.

We just voted on the public water issue recently and luckily it passed. Now we need to get the ball rolling and get the system installed. As more and more people are making the pond area into year round homes the water quality and quantity will become a major concern.

Why don't we have access to Lake Ontario as resident's of Sandy Creek?

As for School District Quality-we have extremely high school taxes without anything to show for it. The School District should be much more accountable for the money it gets and the results it produces.

I am very concerned about the possibility of large powerlines coming through our town, and my property. I feel that there are better options for these lines.

Burning barrels have been outlawed, yet high numbers remain in use even by town officials.

We need more access to public waterfront

I'd like to see the current stop signs at the intersection of Hardwood Dr and Ridge Rd removed and one placed where Hardwood Dr. meets Ridge Rd. Most people run through the stop signs anyway and I've seen so many near misses because of it. It's also difficult to see when headed South on Ridge Road at that intersection. If the stop sign was at the T, it would alleviate this issue as well."

Ambulance services over priced

Judges need to start being strict and fining those found guilty of local laws, not just traffic violations.

The drug sales and use in our community HUGE concern!

The big trucks on County Route 22 and 48 are a hindrance to safety and peacefulness. Speeding on these two roads is also problematic.

Need recreational areas within the villages that kids can walk/bike to.

A lot of speeding on Salisbury Street

The fire men use East First Street as a cut off. And then it becomes a race track. Town clean-up days should be twice a year, instead of once.

Keep tractor-trailers off county roads heading to Oswego. They are beating up the roads for us, so they have short-cut ot Oswego.

Would like to see side streets plowed at regular intervals. One and a half feet of snow in the road for more than 12 hours is not acceptable!! Also, pot holes get ignored during summertime!!

I do not like our farmland being sold to out of town farmers for the purpose of dumping their liquid manure from their inhumane milk factories!!! which endangers our water table!!!"

Because of no zoning laws tow homeowners in this residential neighborhood have opened motel facilities and campsites with no controls.

Lazer transit and other truckers have made Lacona/SC a quasi-intersection. Infrastructure will be affected. Let's take advantage of the situation. Let's use it to our communal advantage!!

Need more zoning laws

Channel to lake from Sandy Pond filling in - hurts fishing and recreation industries!

I would like to see a stop to the trucking in of manure from other towns. The smell turns people off and I have problems breathing it. Not what you want for your living area.

People live in the pond-they pay for privacy. We need to improve the crappy apartments and houses. Need more strict housing codes.

Many properties look like junk heaps

Major concern is our water quality and amount - it's depleted by Labor Day

Need to STOP truck traffic. Trucks zoom up and down RT 15. The noise is terrible and someone is going to get killed by a speeding truck!!!

Can we make I-81 easier to attract tourists by connecting the two ramps to provide easy on-off access?

Concerned about large truck traffice over village bridges. Long term effects of overweight trucks using these bridges. Route 15 Sandy Pond sections posted at 45 mph, Spring thru late Fall, heavy foot traffic along sections of road that are 45 mph, some vehicles are going in excess of 65 mph!!!

There is a large drug problem & rental properties that house them. I don't let my children near these areas which means they can't even walk to school and it is a short distance.

We need industry. Open spaces are about all we have. We have good code enforcement and are already overregulated. SC doesn't have much to offer. let's see what we can do to bring business here. Less tax and less regulation will help.

Extremely concerned about big truck traffic and water quality. There are too many tractor trailers in town.

We need to clean up Village - junk, cars and junk period!!