

# Town of New Paltz Community Preservation Ad Hoc Committee Survey Results Summary



## On-line Survey Conducted Using Survey Monkey Questions Created by Task Force

Goal: To Determine Public Priorities for Preservation  
Distributed using Social Media, Town Web Site, and Postcards  
Survey Ran from March 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup> (5 weeks)





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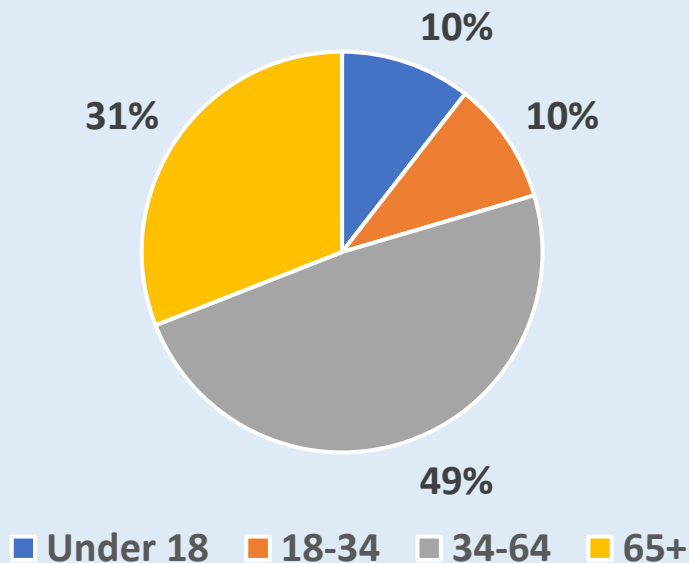
## Q1 Residence

- 100% in the Postcard Group were Residents
- 92% in Non-Postcard Group were Residents.

## Q2 Age

- Postcard Group Trended to be Older (No respondents under 18 )
- 14% of Non-postcard Group were Under 18
- Overall, 79% of Respondents were in the Upper Two Age categories: 34 and Older.

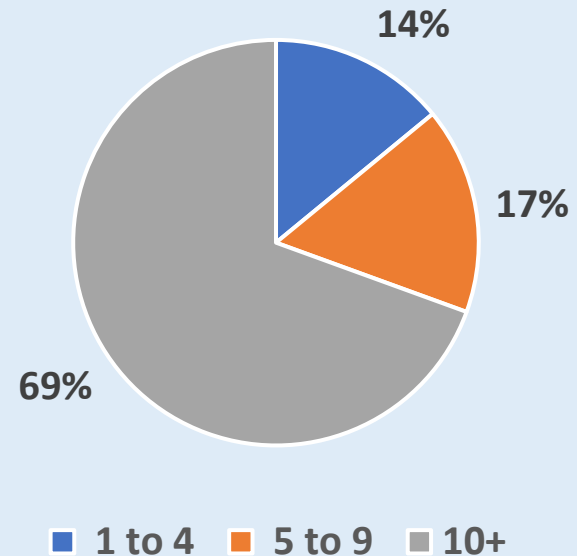
## Combined Age Distribution



## Q3 Years in New Paltz

- Larger Percentage of Postcard Group Lived in New Paltz Ten or More Years (77% vs 67%).
  - 16% lived in New Paltz 5 to 9 years
  - 14% lived in New Paltz 1 to 4 years.
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- 15 didn't answer this question; presumably non-residents.
  - 15 non-residents did answer; may have been former residents or SUNY students

Combined Years Lived in New Paltz

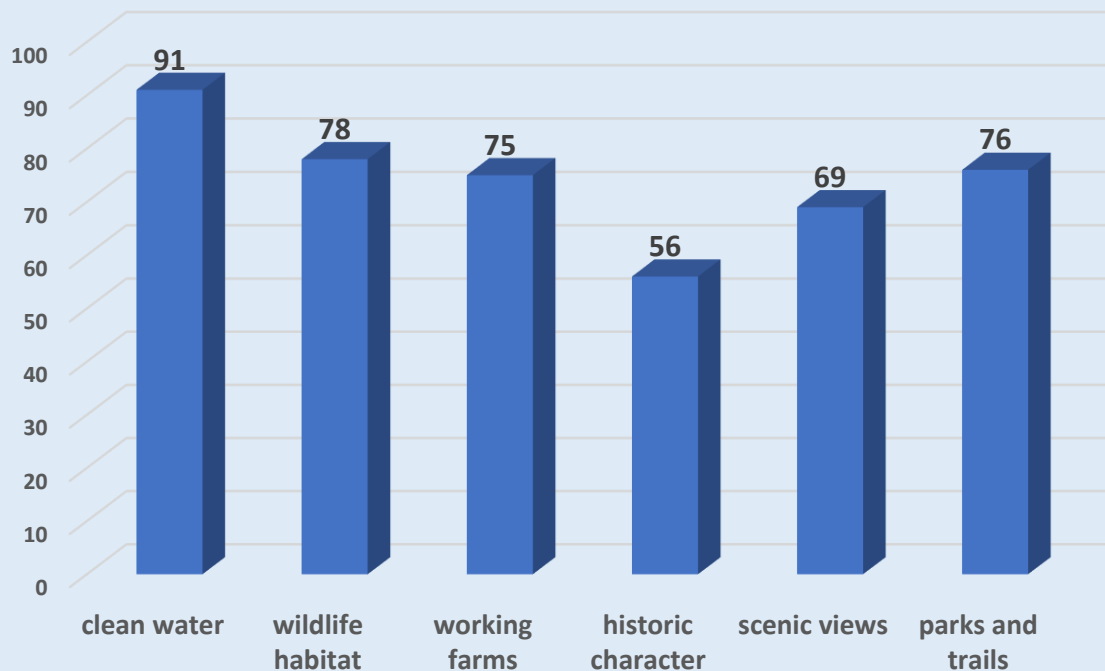


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## Q4 Importance of Conserving Resources

	Very important		Very important
Clean water	91%	Working farms	75%
Wildlife/Habitat	78%	Scenic views	69%
Parks/Trails	76%	Historic character	56%

### Resources Considered Very Important (%)

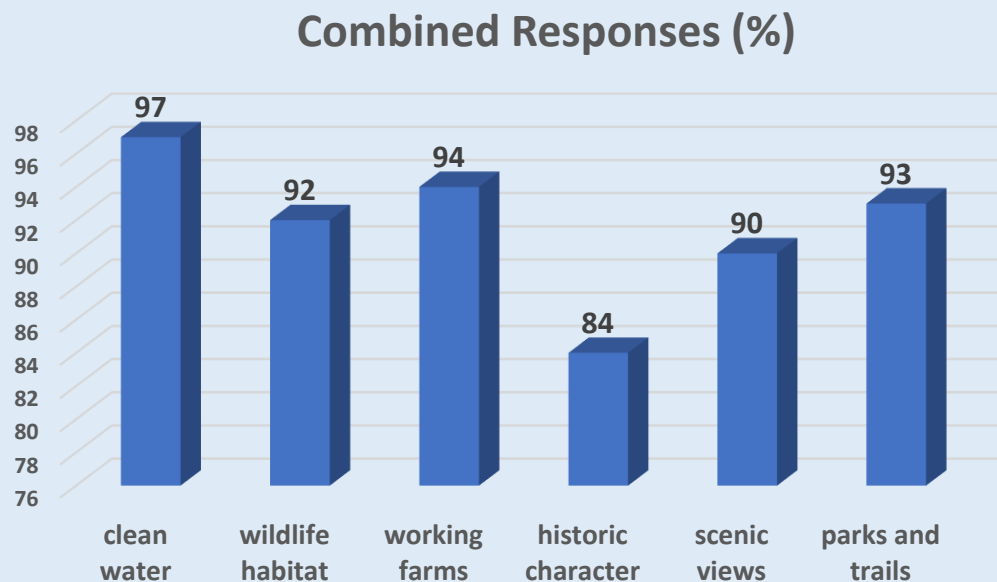


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## Q4 important of Conserving Resources

When considering the top two responses together (“important” and “very important”) the results are the following:

Clean water	97%
Wildlife/Habitat	92%
Working farms	94%
Historic character	84%
Scenic views	90%
Parks/Trails	93%



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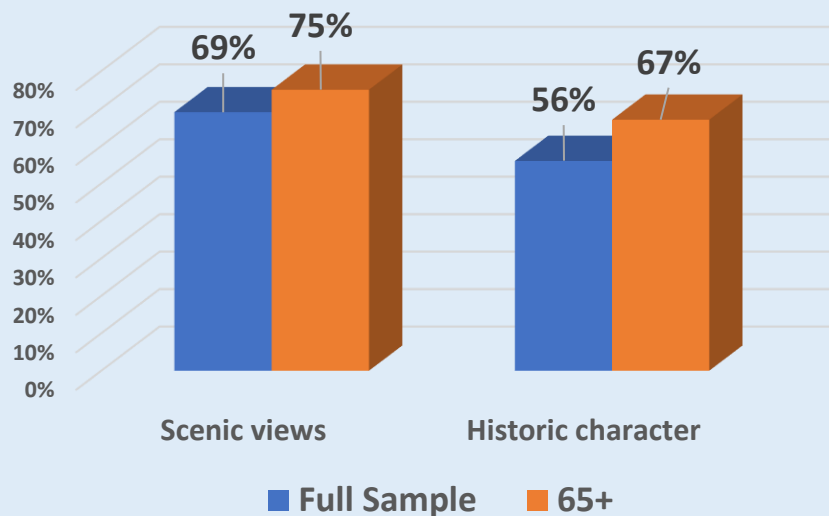
## Q4 Importance of Conserving Resources: Filtered by Age 65+

Older respondents were more likely to live in New Paltz ten years or more, 86% compared to 69%.

They were more likely to say it was “very important” to preserve scenic views and historic character.

Importance of Conserving Resources:  
Filtered by Age: 65+

Category	Full Sample	65+
Scenic views	69%	75%
Historic character	56%	67%

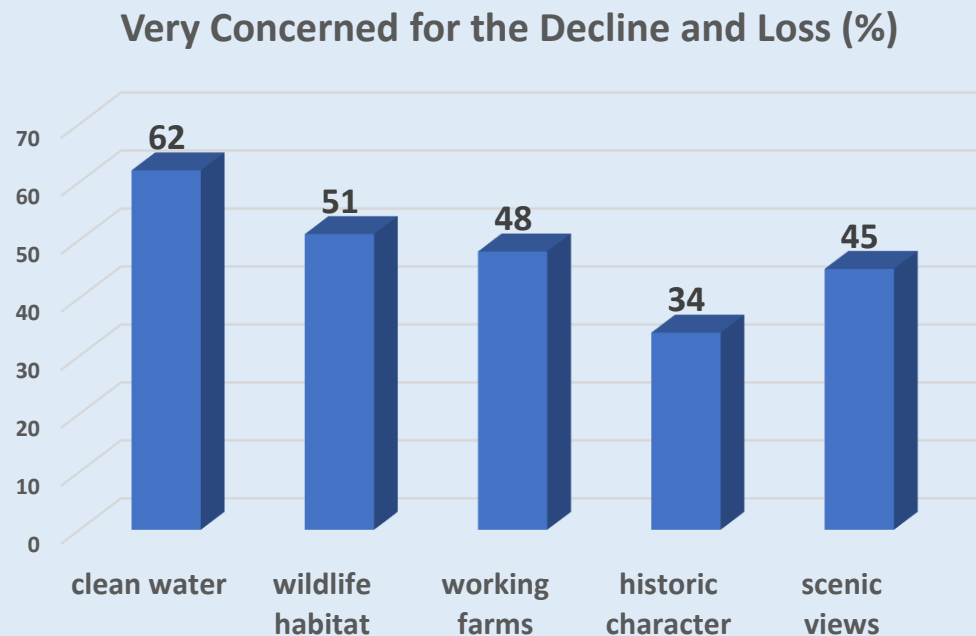


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## Q5 Concern for the Decline or Loss of Resources

Again, clean water came out on top:

	Very concerned
Clean water	62%
Wildlife/habitat	51%
Working Farms	48%
Historic character	34%
Scenic views	45%





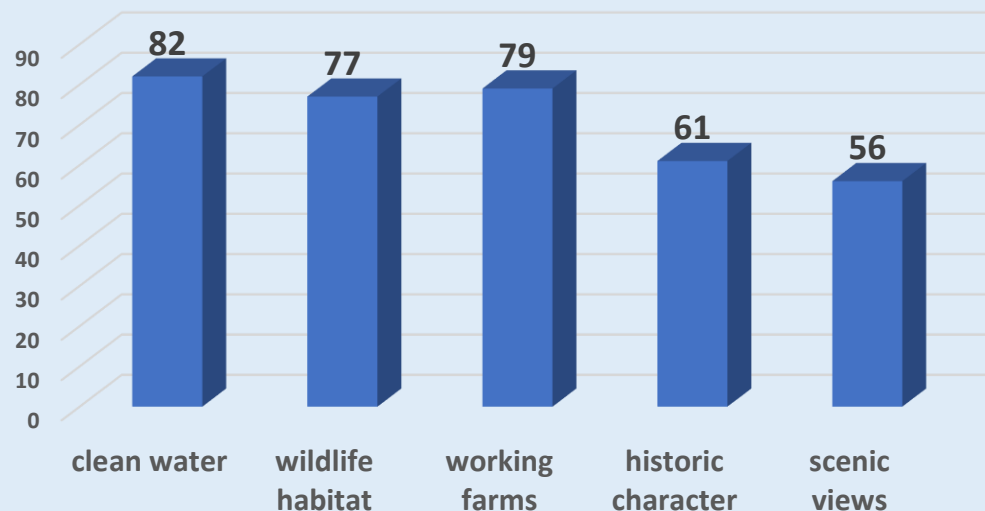
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## Q5 Concern for the Decline or Loss of Resources

When considering the top two responses together (“concerned” and “very concerned”) the results are the following:

Category*	Very Concerned Concerned
Clean water	82%
Wildlife/habitat	77%
Working Farms	79%
Historic character	61%
Scenic views	56%

Concern for the Decline and Loss Combined (%)



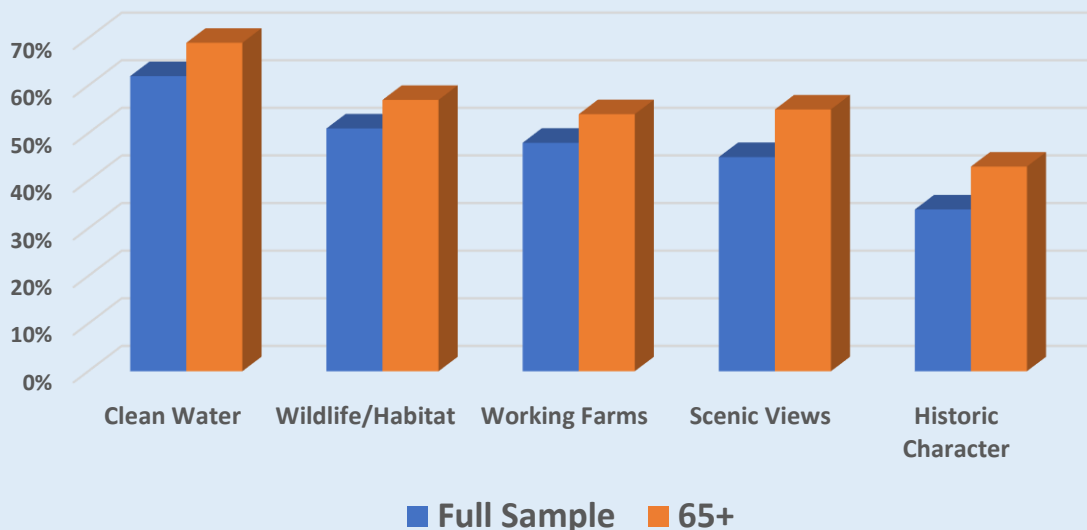
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## Q5 Concern for the Decline or Loss of Resources

Generally the older respondents were more concerned about New Paltz's resources.

	Full Sample	65+
	Very concerned	Very concerned
Clean water	62%	69%
Wildlife/habitat	51%	57%
Working Farms	48%	54%
Scenic views	45%	55%
Historic character	34%	43%

### Concern for the Decline or Loss of Resources, Filtered by 65+



## Q6 Sprawl

**62% were “concerned” or “very concerned” about sprawl in New Paltz.**

## Q7 Satisfaction with Town -- Are they “doing enough”

Respondents asked if the Town is doing enough to preserve natural areas, farms, and local historic character....

- The largest group was the category **“not certain/no opinion” 43%.**
- Remaining split between yes and no, 28% and 29% respectively.

Likely a number of respondents don't know what the Town is doing.

Importantly, it's possible that some were thinking about the Town residents, rather than the Town government, as it wasn't specified.

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## Q9 Sources of information

The following is how respondents learn about local issues:

Word of mouth	66%
New Paltz Times	65%
Social Media	65%
Town Website/email	39%
Bulletin boards	7%

## Q10 How did you hear about the survey?

Postcard group		Non-postcard group	
Postcard	93%	Social Media	44%
Social media	8%	Other	34% (mainly “teacher” or email from Town group or WVLT)
NP Times	2%		
Word of mouth	2%	Word of mouth	14%
Town website	1%	Town website/email	6%
		Postcard	6%
		New Paltz Times	4%

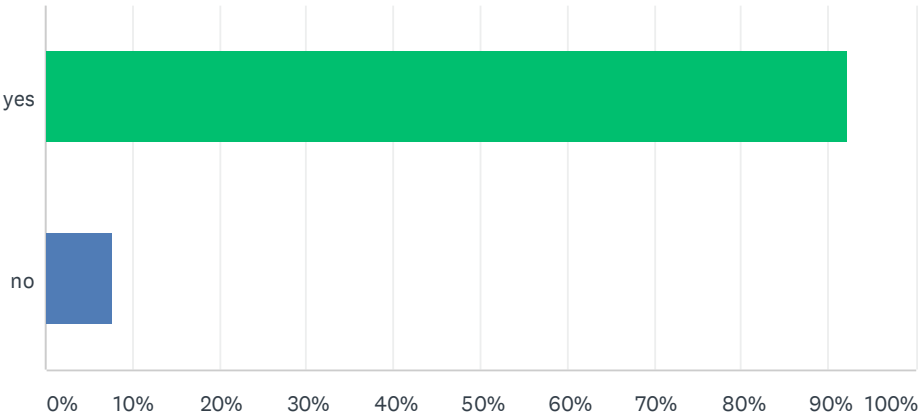
## Open Ended Responses

Please see full survey results provided below for open ended responses.

The full survey responses are broken in two groups - those who replied to the public survey link shared on the Town website and social media (392 respondents), and those who replied to the survey link found on a post card mailed to 1440 randomly-selected households (112 respondents).

Q1 Are you a New Paltz resident?

Answered: 392    Skipped: 1

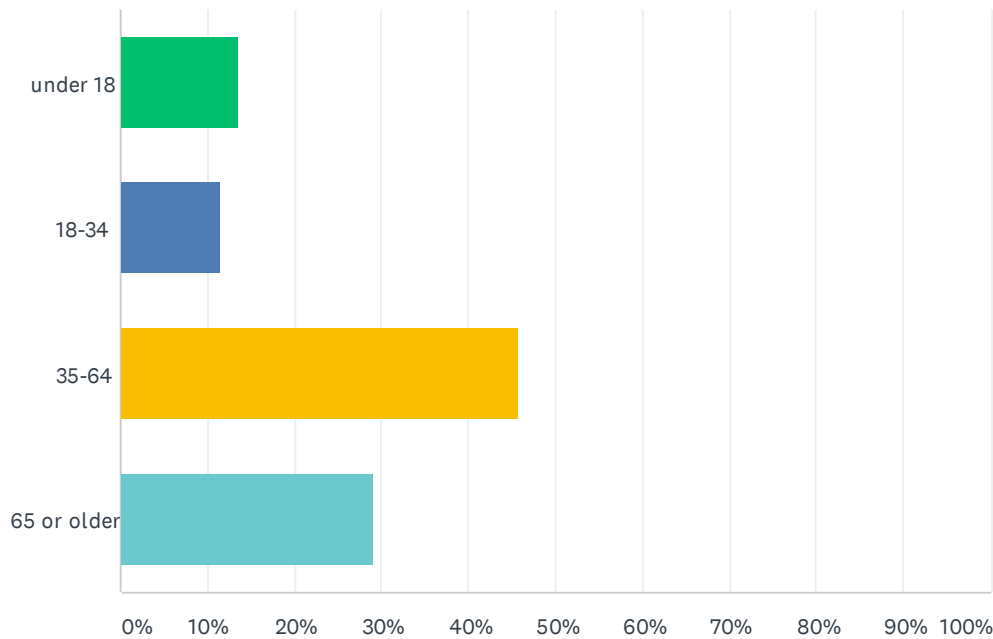


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
yes		92.35%	362
no		7.65%	30
TOTAL			392



## Q2 How old are you?

Answered: 392    Skipped: 1

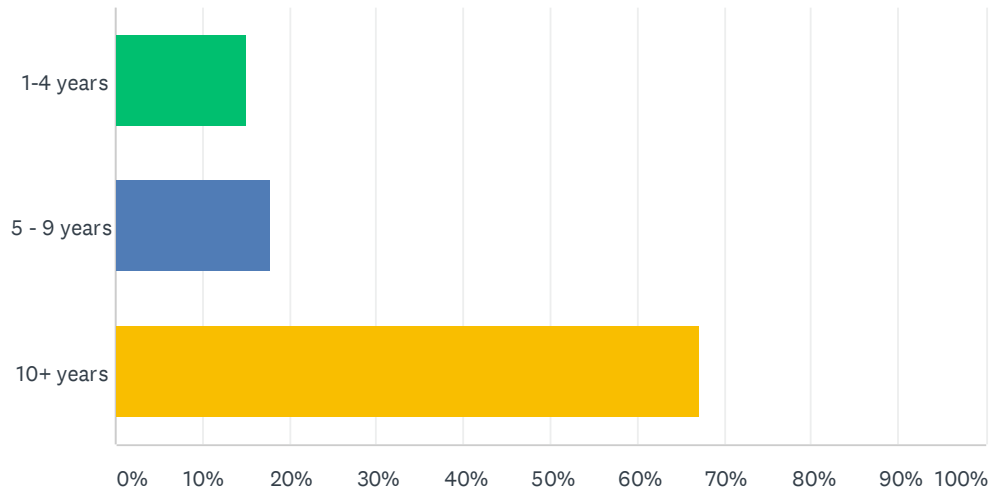


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under 18	13.52%	53
18-34	11.48%	45
35-64	45.92%	180
65 or older	29.08%	114
TOTAL		392

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Town of New Paltz Community Survey  
(392 responses from publicly-shared survey link)

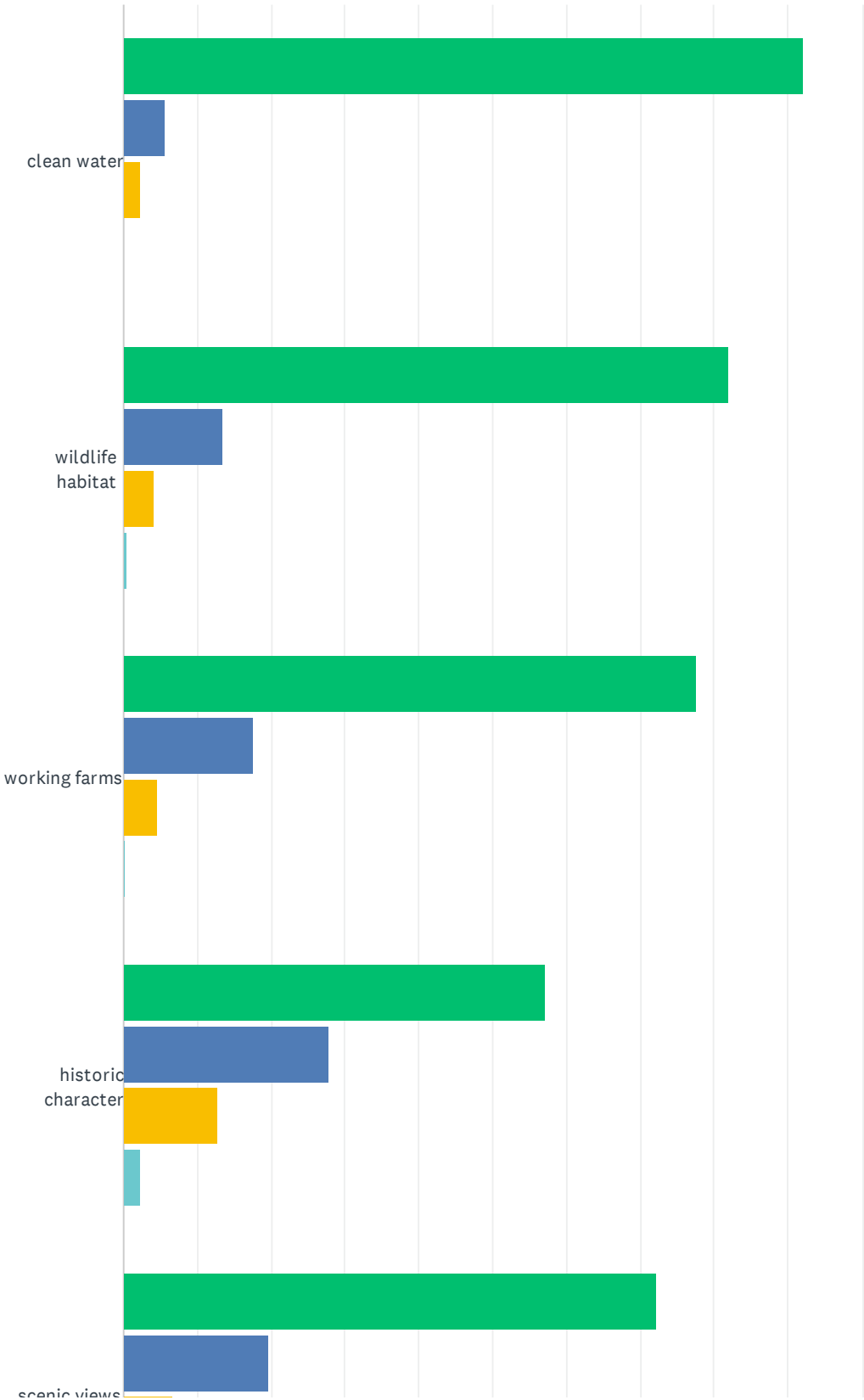
Answered: 378   Skipped: 15



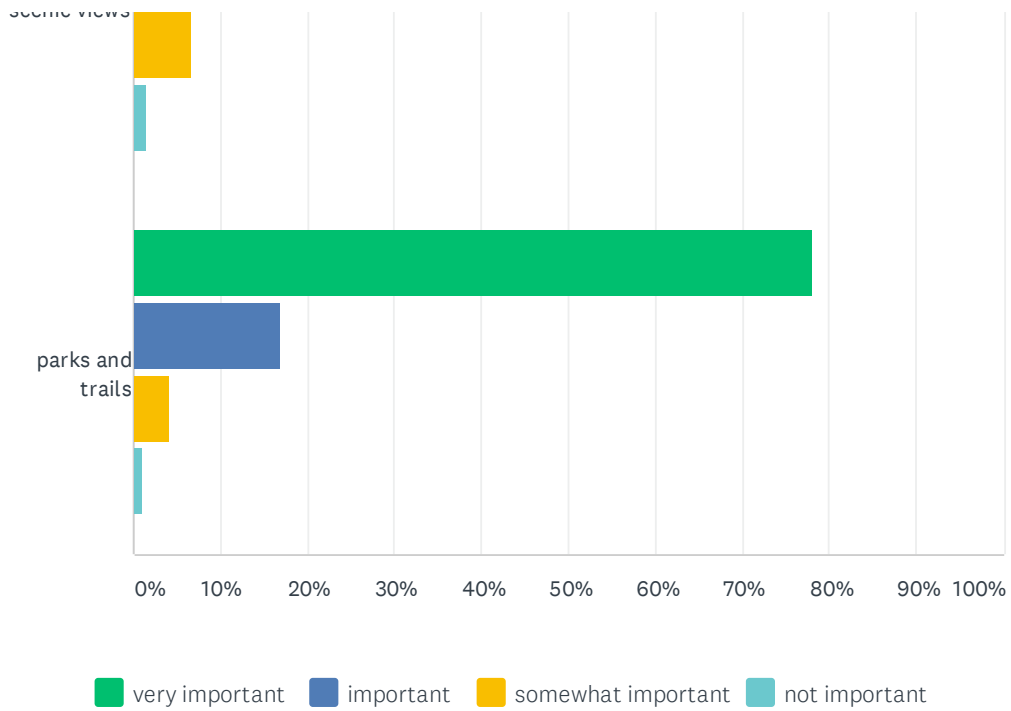
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-4 years	15.08%	57
5 - 9 years	17.72%	67
10+ years	67.20%	254
TOTAL		378

Q4 How important is it in your opinion to conserve the following resources in New Paltz?

Answered: 392    Skipped: 1



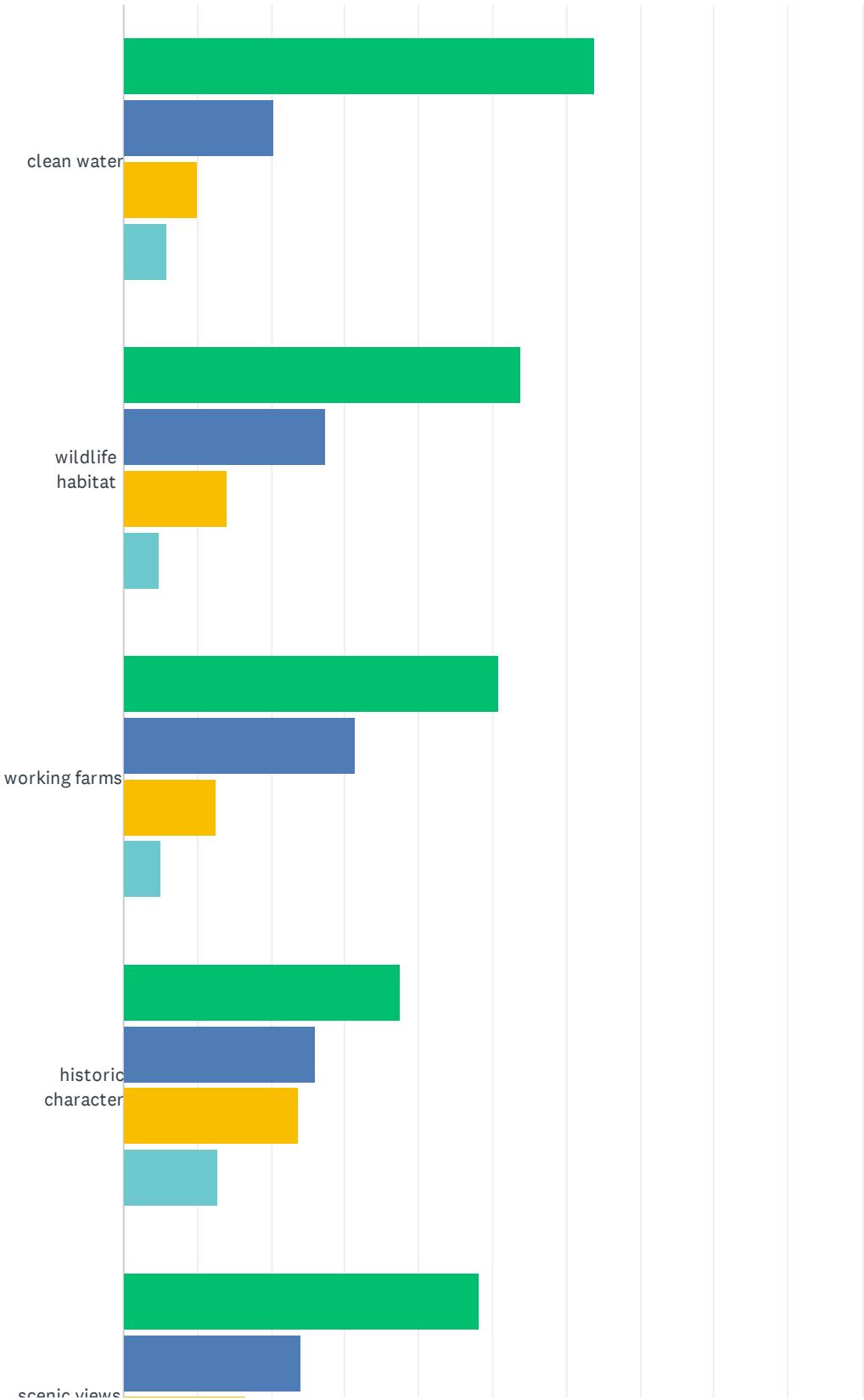
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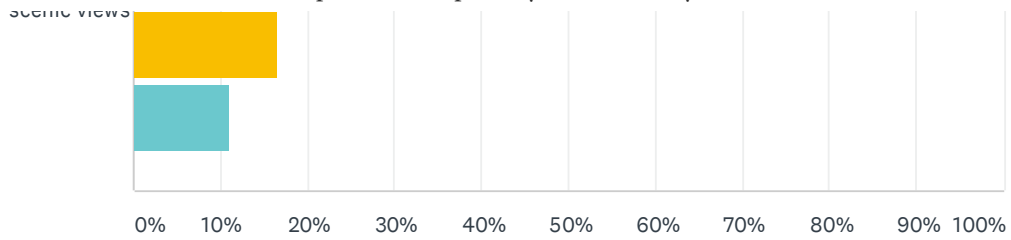
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
clean water	92.09% 361	5.61% 22	2.30% 9	0.00% 0	392	3.90
wildlife habitat	82.10% 321	13.30% 52	4.09% 16	0.51% 2	391	3.77
working farms	77.55% 304	17.60% 69	4.59% 18	0.26% 1	392	3.72
historic character	57.03% 223	27.88% 109	12.79% 50	2.30% 9	391	3.40
scenic views	72.12% 282	19.69% 77	6.65% 26	1.53% 6	391	3.62
parks and trails	77.95% 304	16.92% 66	4.10% 16	1.03% 4	390	3.72

Q5 How concerned are you about the decline or loss of the following resources in New Paltz?

Answered: 391    Skipped: 2



Town of New Paltz Community Survey  
(392 responses from publicly-shared survey link)



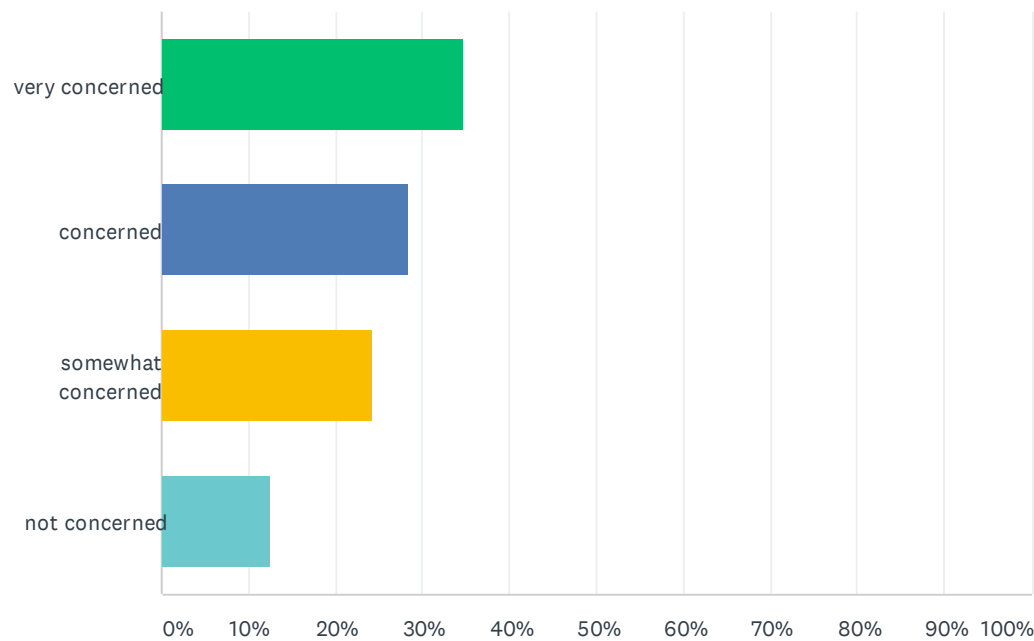
very concerned concerned somewhat concerned not concerned

	VERY CONCERNED	CONCERNED	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
clean water	63.75% 248	20.31% 79	10.03% 39	5.91% 23	389	3.42
wildlife habitat	53.87% 209	27.32% 106	13.92% 54	4.90% 19	388	3.30
working farms	50.90% 199	31.46% 123	12.53% 49	5.12% 20	391	3.28
historic character	37.53% 146	25.96% 101	23.65% 92	12.85% 50	389	2.88
scenic views	48.19% 186	24.09% 93	16.58% 64	11.14% 43	386	3.09



Q6 How concerned are you about sprawl in New Paltz?

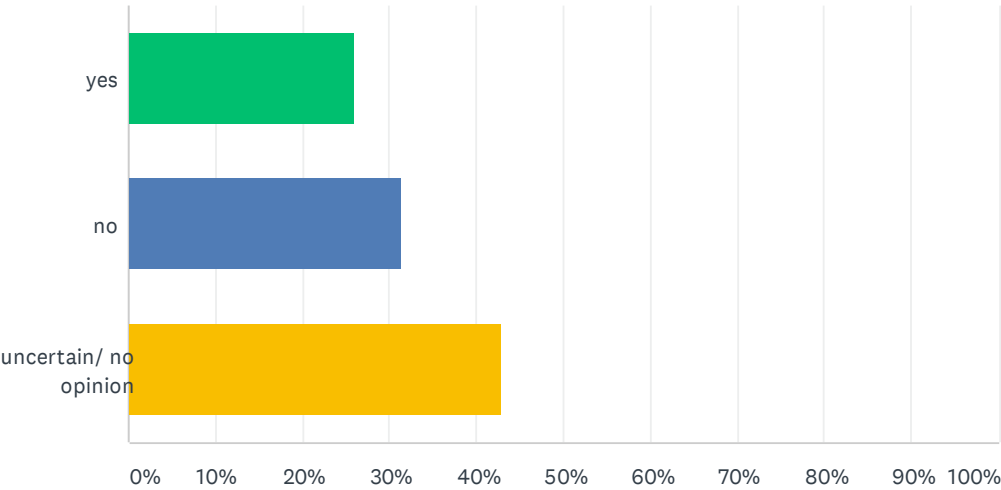
Answered: 389    Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
very concerned		34.70%	135
concerned		28.53%	111
somewhat concerned		24.16%	94
not concerned		12.60%	49
TOTAL			389

Q7 Do you think the Town is doing enough to preserve natural areas, farms, and local historic character?

Answered: 390   Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
yes		25.90%	101
no		31.28%	122
uncertain/ no opinion		42.82%	167
TOTAL			390

## Q8 What do you think should be the top priorities for conservation and preservation in New Paltz?

Answered: 283   Skipped: 110

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Conserve/ prevent adverse emissions. Dissolve and densify village; significantly drop zoning density west of wallkill, W o W only allow multifamily clustering based on sensitivity analysis when there is buildings. Also need a buffer drawn outwards 1,000 feet of the outer edge of swartekill 500-year floodplain all the way up through south ohioville, with drop in density within that polygon. In both places establish ability to send TDR rights into core to preserve property values and provide relief to "land'owners loss of income tied to land development potential there, and also to help establish market for density in core; Allow and enable multifamily and mixed-use in broader area around Town core. Consolidate Highland and New Paltz School districts and use some of the savings on OSP; rigorously evaluate and report on the implementation status of the current Open Space Plan, including the degree the Buildout analyses was correct; reinvigorate/ resurrect the Scenic Byway - New Paltz has not done a good job stewarding/ aiding / and enhancing it through regulating its corridor and views. Actively enforce building codes, including stormwater, grading, building additions without permits, as well as really regulate historic preservation; try to regulate college to hold them accountable and to force them to grow smart, right on edge of village in current parking lots. Conserve energy - boces on 32 n is wasteful w lighting and the middle school is ridiculous. Get access under power line and establish trail from MBPreserve to Clearwater and to Bruderhof. but most of all, 1) conserve energy/ emissions at all costs - we have to pick up the pace; 2) dramatically lower densities west of wallkill; 3) develop a full community strategic plan so that a plan to save 1/2 to 65% is tied to a smart infill notion	4/30/2020 9:27 PM
2	Comprehensive land use planning	4/30/2020 3:23 PM
3	Educated planning for population growth.	4/30/2020 12:23 PM
4	water, roads, parks and scenic views	4/29/2020 9:27 PM
5	The natural, recreational, social and economic values of the space and/or building under consideration. How it will positively impact the lives of the residents of the town. Decisions should not be driven by a tourist/visitor based economy which is a low-income, seasonal economy.	4/29/2020 3:06 PM
6	Thinking of what your thoughts will do if it happens.	4/28/2020 5:22 PM
7	Building design guides, establishing green belts around the town.	4/28/2020 9:46 AM
8	Continuing to keep chain stores and corporations out of the village area.	4/28/2020 5:47 AM
9	Water!!!!!!	4/27/2020 11:00 PM
10	Wildlife habitats!!	4/27/2020 9:35 PM
11	Land	4/27/2020 9:25 PM
12	Pesticide use Sprawl Bee populations	4/27/2020 5:29 PM
13	Natural Resources and Historic Huguenot Street.	4/27/2020 4:26 PM
14	Open Space	4/27/2020 3:39 PM
15	Transfer of development rights and/or conservation easements.	4/27/2020 3:16 PM
16	I think land acquisition and transfer of development rights should be at the top of the list along with limiting residential development West of the Wallkill. Focus development in the urban area and restrict development towards the foothills and beyond.	4/27/2020 12:26 PM
17	CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, TRAFFIC CONTROL	4/27/2020 11:47 AM
18	Maintain more acreage free from development. For example, do NOT allow Walmart or any other large development at the entrance to the town, on Rte 299. That would only accerate "sprawl".	4/27/2020 10:07 AM
19	Protection of animals	4/27/2020 9:29 AM
20	Clean water and views	4/27/2020 9:24 AM
21	Scenic areas. Cohesive village architecture and character.	4/27/2020 8:36 AM
22	Lowering mortgages	4/27/2020 5:37 AM

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23	Disposals for garbage ( masks and gloves) on trails and Hugenut St.	4/27/2020 4:45 AM
24	working farms, public trails & parks, wildlife habitat	4/26/2020 11:01 PM
25	I am concerned less with residents and more with tourism including Airbnb type rentals. I know that a large part of our budget is supported by tourism but it seems to be exceeding the limits of our water and infrastructure.	4/26/2020 10:52 PM
26	Wildlife protection, less traffic especially 18 wheelers on Main Street. Please more fines for littering	4/26/2020 9:19 PM
27	Clean water and preserving open space	4/26/2020 9:18 PM
28	Maintaining outdoor historical opportunities, such as hunting and fishing, on conserved land. Don't automatically discount outdoor sporting, for passive recreation such as hiking, walking, and biking.	4/26/2020 9:06 PM
29	The wetlands, lakes, views, wildlife, my right to hunt (duck, deer, turkey...)	4/26/2020 8:52 PM
30	Water conservation	4/26/2020 8:46 PM
31	Keeping open and wild places.	4/26/2020 8:45 PM
32	Protecting prime land from city dweller buy out and their thought that they can negate historic values and opportunities for local people.	4/26/2020 8:38 PM
33	Farms and open space	4/26/2020 8:25 PM
34	retention of character of village and surrounding area as well as protection of environment and landscape	4/26/2020 8:24 PM
35	N/a	4/26/2020 6:10 PM
36	Stop pandering to tourism.	4/26/2020 5:36 PM
37	Vote real conservationists and environmentalists into office, not the fake ones like Rogers, Bettez and Irwin.	4/26/2020 5:34 PM
38	Keep large chains out it	4/26/2020 5:30 PM
39	Join forces with local environmental groups to develop a plan for conservation	4/26/2020 5:16 PM
40	clean water, access to the outdoors, supporting small business	4/26/2020 5:06 PM
41	Not sure	4/26/2020 3:40 PM
42	Preservation of wetlands Pure water for all	4/26/2020 2:32 PM
43	Protecting wildlife habitat and scenic views	4/26/2020 2:20 PM
44	Clean environment, water, protecting water and food shed, protecting farms, reducing pesticides, encouraging organic farming and produce and other food, reducing waste including food waste, building a sustainable food system, mandating food donation to people or farm animals, or composting, using compost for engineering purposes, using a closed loop model for products and "wastes", conserving and sharing resources, building a sharing economy including car shares, tool shares, etc., cluster housing ideally in or close to village to reduce sprawl, taking care of our seniors and making sure they have access.	4/26/2020 12:47 PM
45	(not necessarily in order of highest priority, but somewhat) 1. Minimize light pollution using low light street lights and rules/laws. 2. Eliminate use of pesticides on lawns. If possible (it probably isn't, but worth a try) regulate use of loud lawn maintenance machines like leaf blowers, lawn mowers. 3. Institute shuttle bus from thruway exit and other parts of town to Minnewaska and other parks, to reduce traffic. 4. The promised bike lane on Rte. 299! 5. No new chain stores, including proposed CVS, but also any others that want to come into town. Save small businesses and reduce traffic and pollution (including light pollution - see # 1!)	4/26/2020 9:30 AM
46	increase pedestrian and bike access, minimize sprawl	4/25/2020 10:45 PM
47	Farms and clean water are the most important.	4/25/2020 8:45 PM
48	No new apartment-complex or apartment building developments.	4/25/2020 11:31 AM

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49	Hold SUNY accountable for putting in an east to west road (to replace the one they took when Mohonk Avenue was closed during one of their various eminent domain programs.)	4/25/2020 10:58 AM
50	Clean water and education	4/25/2020 10:34 AM
51	New Paltz needs to address the youth baseball and softball fields. There is no running water near the fields. The Softball field has horrible drainage and many games are cancelled because the field conditions.	4/25/2020 10:13 AM
52	cleaning up the river, i don't think it's something that's man caused, but I could definitely do without harmful algae blooms. I think that's just rainfall or something, but I'd like to be able to confidently fish	4/24/2020 5:33 PM
53	Don't drill for water within the millbrook preserve. Ever.	4/24/2020 4:41 PM
54	Keeping all the trails and farms	4/24/2020 11:55 AM
55	Natural habitats and lakes	4/24/2020 11:26 AM
56	Protect the wildlife and ecosystems in our area	4/24/2020 11:10 AM
57	Clean water/ Wallkill river Preserve unique rural character of New paltz	4/24/2020 9:15 AM
58	I tend to think that open space preservation and historic architecture are the priorities (assuming clean water as a constant and not entirely under our own control)	4/24/2020 8:22 AM
59	keeping New Paltz clean and safe not just for humans, but for wildlife as well	4/23/2020 5:16 PM
60	Everything.	4/23/2020 4:49 PM
61	Purchase development rights, require clustering for any developments	4/23/2020 1:49 PM
62	Keeping our trails and parks clean. And our historic buildings in good and safe condition.	4/23/2020 1:21 PM
63	clean water	4/23/2020 10:39 AM
64	clean water, peoples health	4/22/2020 5:12 PM
65	I would like to see more green areas within New Paltz (parks), and a way to utilize abandoned, empty buildings first before allowing new construction. Maintaining our historic sites and scenic views and trails is very important - they are a unique, nationally recognized resource that needs to be protected and enhanced.	4/22/2020 3:27 PM
66	wildlife	4/22/2020 12:56 PM
67	Clean water	4/22/2020 11:03 AM
68	growing more crops	4/22/2020 9:20 AM
69	Our trails and scenic views	4/22/2020 8:29 AM
70	I am not very sure.	4/22/2020 1:17 AM
71	kill car culture.	4/21/2020 10:03 PM
72	Preserving historical sites and nature preserves.	4/21/2020 5:04 PM
73	idk	4/21/2020 4:19 PM
74	Our beautiful land, rolling hills, farms, etc. The landscape here is beautiful and I would hate to see it ruined by unchecked development.	4/21/2020 3:07 PM
75	wildlife and hughenot street and also the river	4/21/2020 2:19 PM
76	The wildlife and natural beauty of the town.	4/21/2020 1:28 PM
77	Habitat connectivity; trail creation; buffering of water sources; working farms.	4/21/2020 1:06 PM
78	To conserve land one needs to cluster housing. There is resistance to places like ZERO PLACE which will help reduce climate change. Conserving land needs to think of wildlife corridors not just saving someones viewscape.	4/21/2020 1:04 PM
79	Covid-19	4/21/2020 11:50 AM



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80	Everything	4/21/2020 11:48 AM
81	Small town character. Freeze the college size.	4/21/2020 11:40 AM
82	The land/trees due to climate change, but also historical factors like building names, buildings, etc	4/21/2020 11:16 AM
83	Wildlife habitats and clean water supply	4/21/2020 10:39 AM
84	uncertain	4/21/2020 10:28 AM
85	1. More trails/infrastructure connecting our current parks and green spaces. 2. More oversight over the built environment. Buildings on Main St. should be much more sensitive to the historic character of the town. We don't want any more buildings like the one next to Lola's!	4/21/2020 8:29 AM
86	preserving wildlife	4/21/2020 8:15 AM
87	whatever the priority respecting the property rights of landowners should be part of the plan	4/21/2020 7:33 AM
88	Apple orchards should not fall to developers. At the same time, waterways should be protected from agricultural runoff.	4/21/2020 6:49 AM
89	Flood control on hilly streets & at Wallkill River, resurface railtrail (it's bumpy & unsafe), eliminate & prevent bright overnight lights, preserve Rt 299 corridor west of New Paltz	4/21/2020 6:14 AM
90	Open space and historic preservation	4/21/2020 12:21 AM
91	Stop the constant building. No large businesses allowed in New Paltz	4/20/2020 10:36 PM
92	tourism as long as we get tax money back from tourists who spend it here	4/20/2020 9:24 PM
93	existing large areas of undisturbed land	4/20/2020 8:11 PM
94	Clean water and wildlife habitat.	4/20/2020 6:32 PM
95	I think the top priority are the rivers. The Wallkill and Hudson Rivers are filthy and are filling up with algae which is a big problem.	4/20/2020 6:32 PM
96	Water	4/20/2020 2:54 PM
97	Ensuring that the town keeps families and full-time residents instead of part-time residents, airbnbs, and poorly-maintained rental properties	4/20/2020 2:03 PM
98	Keeping working farms more profitable than turning them into mass housing. Keeping our wildlife habitats protected.	4/20/2020 1:33 PM
99	Not sure at this time	4/20/2020 1:23 PM
100	Controlling urban spread. Preserving the original character Of the village by restricting the types of architecture and their placement in the town. ( for example building design in keeping with original town and placement contiguous to sidewalk With parking behind for a start.	4/20/2020 1:13 PM
101	Idk	4/20/2020 1:10 PM
102	Clean water, both drinking and in the Wallkill River. Too many people living along the river still dump household fluids into the watercourse.	4/20/2020 1:01 PM
103	Open spaces. Improve zoning requirements for ugly commercial buildings	4/20/2020 12:58 PM
104	water, limiting development and expansion into wildlife areas, protect our parks, trails and views from development/obstruction.	4/20/2020 12:42 PM
105	stopping the sprawl of big tall buildings and overcrowded shopping areas....	4/20/2020 12:33 PM
106	I think top priorities should be to make sure we have consistent clean water. As well as protecting wildlife, I love all the trails and hiking paths but i want to make sure none are impeding too much on the wildlife.	4/20/2020 12:28 PM
107	Farms and small town feel of our community. Water is also an issue. The aquifer on Plains Rd. should be put into use for emergency back up	4/20/2020 12:26 PM
108	Wildlife habitat	4/20/2020 12:21 PM

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109	I have a problem with the proposed solar site at the recycling center. I think it crazy to cut down trees when there are other open options.	4/20/2020 12:20 PM
110	Preservation of our natural beauty in new paltz, and that of preserving clean water.	4/20/2020 12:07 PM
111	by pass the heart of the village to maintain the small town and reduce traffic	4/20/2020 12:01 PM
112	Population density of village, rezoning, increased infrastructure.	4/20/2020 12:01 PM
113	Don't develop the property at the corner of Main Street and Putt corners Road.	4/20/2020 12:00 PM
114	Stop drawing in tourists and letting them ruin trails and what we have. Promote local farms. Increase size of farmers market. Make things more accessible snd affordable for locals	4/20/2020 11:58 AM
115	Architectural consistency through out the village. No vacant storefronts on Main Street	4/20/2020 11:53 AM
116	Mohonk, Wildlife.	4/20/2020 11:46 AM
117	Recognition that maintaining the rural/historic character of the town and its surrounds are essential to its ongoing economic wellbeing.	4/20/2020 11:41 AM
118	Clean water & working farms.	4/20/2020 11:37 AM
119	Support Village efforts to maintain a vibrant central business district. Preserve open space. Safety for pedestrians and bicycles. Expand shoulders on all roads.	4/20/2020 11:34 AM
120	farmland protection	4/20/2020 11:17 AM
121	The health and well being of the residents in New Paltz	4/20/2020 11:14 AM
122	making sure we keep the trials nice and kept up.	4/20/2020 10:26 AM
123	Space between houses	4/16/2020 10:24 PM
124	farms and wildlife habitat	4/15/2020 8:35 PM
125	Land, that covers water and animals	4/15/2020 2:07 PM
126	clean water, sustainable farming	4/15/2020 11:36 AM
127	Natural areas	4/14/2020 8:51 PM
128	clean water scenic views working farms	4/13/2020 9:40 PM
129	Keep the gateway area to downtown New Paltz, meaning the patch of undeveloped land on the corner of So. Putt and RT 299 free of development, home to flora, fauna...	4/13/2020 8:14 PM
130	WALLKILL RIVER, WETLANDS/VERNAL WETLANDS, SHAWANGUNK VIEW-SHED, WILDLIFE CORRIDORS	4/13/2020 4:41 PM
131	No more building	4/11/2020 8:21 AM
132	tighten up the building requirements on the main corridors in the Town/Village - 299, 32, 208	4/10/2020 12:51 PM
133	open spaces for wildlife habitat.	4/10/2020 12:27 PM
134	Beauty	4/10/2020 9:07 AM
135	Control of Water pollution in runoff. Pedestrian access to town and wild areas	4/10/2020 8:01 AM
136	Minimize sprawl. Maximize conservation while allowing careful access to our beautiful, natural surroundings.	4/9/2020 6:59 PM
137	Water and green spaces	4/9/2020 3:44 PM
138	Open spaces	4/9/2020 1:34 PM
139	Preserve and provide resources to manage the protected spaces.	4/9/2020 12:54 PM
140	Don't make Rules or Laws that you will not live by or enforce. Stop putting Salt and other Chemicals on all the Roads.	4/9/2020 11:43 AM
141	support local farms, integrating those products as the standard in New Paltz food service businesses.	4/9/2020 8:39 AM

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142	Cleaning up the Wallkill River. It should be an alternative water source for our town.	4/8/2020 11:59 PM
143	Stop building new buildings in new Paltz Currently to much traffic at r2r people are starting to litter on trail. Mostly tourists	4/8/2020 10:50 PM
144	Traffic	4/8/2020 10:49 PM
145	Removal of no parking signs along the most Butternut Rd bet 209 and the Lenape bridge.	4/8/2020 10:32 PM
146	Clean water and clean parks and safe driving.	4/8/2020 10:28 PM
147	Open space and historical character	4/8/2020 10:25 PM
148	Water quality, given its importance to humans, animals, and plants! Also, lands necessary to provide wildlife migratory corridors in the face of climate change.	4/8/2020 9:02 AM
149	Natural habitat for wildlife and humans- water, air, land come first. If we lose them, nothing else matters.	4/7/2020 11:14 AM
150	limiting the amount of construction on state parks like Minnewaska. And limiting the amount of construction and new infrastructure around town especially near farms.	4/6/2020 1:12 PM
151	Implement more laws to conserve land and wildlife	4/6/2020 1:09 PM
152	clean water and wildlife habitat	4/6/2020 1:00 PM
153	Farms	4/6/2020 11:53 AM
154	Preserving natural areas Clean water for all.	4/6/2020 11:10 AM
155	Wildlife Habitat and a litter free environment.	4/6/2020 11:10 AM
156	Conservation of wildlife habitat and parks and trails.	4/6/2020 11:04 AM
157	Clean water	4/6/2020 10:30 AM
158	We don't want huge tourist attractions such as water parks.	4/6/2020 10:27 AM
159	land conservation	4/6/2020 10:26 AM
160	water quality, unsightly building, recreation space.	4/5/2020 5:45 PM
161	Water&roads	4/5/2020 5:34 PM
162	Clean water, wetland protection, wildlife habitat, open space recreation opportunities	4/5/2020 4:41 PM
163	Water and open space with public access.	4/5/2020 8:06 AM
164	1) Burying the electric poles/lines over the bridge on 299 and Springtown to get the money shot of the ridge. 2) somehow making sideline bigger in village. 3) building local bypass for main streets in busy tourist day	4/4/2020 7:12 PM
165	An attempt to reduce plastics; whatever necessary to ensure we have clean potable water, protection of Open Space and Forests. Prevent any more Big Box Stores. Do not cut down any more trees. We need as many as of them as we can get. They help us to breather.	4/4/2020 1:01 PM
166	Planning for sustainability, common open space, wildlife conservation, ending franchises over local businesses.	4/4/2020 7:44 AM
167	Huguenot Street and Walkill River	4/3/2020 11:56 AM
168	Top priority should be the traffic and too many crosswalks. As a lifelong resident the town has grown too fast And nothing done about the roads through town.	4/3/2020 10:07 AM
169	Houses on mt clearing views for themselves; makes scar on Mt, pathways for wildlife, cluster Neighborhood communities w parks and trails, playgrounds, and wild space So kids don't need to drive into village for recreation and finding friends. Playgrounds at edge of school districts so that kids meet their neighbors who they might not meet in school. Experts to help w planning. \$ spent in beginning w good planners can create these little cluster neighborhoods.	4/3/2020 9:50 AM
170	Continuation of "Forever Land" and protection of Main St. Not allowing Main St to decline is (obviously) extremely important to our community.	4/3/2020 8:36 AM

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171	Clear town master plan. All new development should be carbon negative.	4/2/2020 9:19 PM
172	Working farms. No farms, no food. And huge mega conglomerate farms are not the long term sustainable answer for the environment.	4/2/2020 6:59 PM
173	Maintaining open spaces, local farms and update zoning to maintain appropriate business, not ones New Paltz does not need like CVS or Burgers and Fries.	4/2/2020 6:06 PM
174	Open land either farm or park	4/2/2020 3:56 PM
175	Make sure that our water supply, sewer system and disposal, roads, parking and general infrastructure is updated regularly and maintained. Worry less about "protecting small business" by prohibiting the entry of more efficient large stores, but tax any entering large business in such a way as to compensate fully for additional burdens they bring to the community, including congestion and job losses,	4/2/2020 3:25 PM
176	Unsure	4/2/2020 3:08 PM
177	preserving working farms, preserving wildlife corrior connectivity to enable adaptation to climate crisis (mitigation)	4/2/2020 2:42 PM
178	Too much building going on. The horror on Main St. next to The Moonlight Cafe and the new building going up on Rt 32 across from Stewart's are detrimental to the community. How did these things get passed into reality??	4/2/2020 2:21 PM
179	I think we need can balance conservation with reasonable development. We should have apartments for median income families and senior citizens. I would like to see more development with a mixture of commercial/retail on the first floor and condos or apartments on upper floors.	4/2/2020 1:47 PM
180	Keep the college from getting bigger	4/2/2020 1:06 PM
181	There's plenty already done. Focus on what we have currently and improve & upgrade	4/2/2020 1:03 PM
182	1. Preserving historic character. 2. Preserving scenic views. 3. Preserving working farms.	4/2/2020 11:30 AM
183	Keeping new construction of businesses in center of New Paltz Village, as with Zero Place new building;	4/2/2020 11:25 AM
184	Public access to open space, with conservation of natural areas and wildlife	4/2/2020 11:24 AM
185	Preserve open space.	4/2/2020 9:37 AM
186	-ID any remaining larger undeveloped areas and farm areas for protection via easements, zoning, CEAs, etc... (revisit/update open space plan, if needed) in conjunction with IDing new smart growth development opportunities in the village and already developed/lower enviro quality areas. -Pass the Community Protection Act to raise funding to buy parcels. -Work with partners to provide more public access like the R2R trail. -Apply for more state grants and build municipal capacity to manage projects and gain more funding. -Take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic leading more people to get outside and appreciate nature.	4/2/2020 9:32 AM
187	Historic character. Concerned that some of the current/recent building projects in the town and village have not been appropriated scaled or regulated and detract from the unique visual character of our community.	4/2/2020 9:28 AM
188	Don't know about this.	4/2/2020 9:22 AM
189	Continue the focus - and keep trying for grants	4/2/2020 9:21 AM
190	Maintaining open space and historic character of town/village	4/2/2020 7:21 AM
191	NP should have an Open Space and Parks division, as per Boulder City and Boulder County in Colorado. They have their own budgets, initiate referendums for votes on bond issues etc.	4/2/2020 6:59 AM
192	We already have some protections but historic properties need much greater protections and natural areas need additional means to preserve them in places where they are not already protected (critical environmental areas, wetlands, riparian areas, places of environmental stress etc etc etc) See below for contact info about the important of these features	4/1/2020 10:51 PM
193	Approve proposed Critical Environmental Areas in their entirety Preventing habitat fragmentation	4/1/2020 10:37 PM
194	Healthy Aquifer	4/1/2020 9:42 PM

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195	Protecting and putting into 'forever wild' as much land as already exists in an undeveloped state i.e. RIGHT NOW! Contitil	4/1/2020 9:36 PM
196	water, wildlife, working farms	4/1/2020 8:55 PM
197	Making more of our current open spaces more accessible by making the roads safer for cyclists and reducing speeds so pedestrians can more safely walk on shoulders.	4/1/2020 8:19 PM
198	Sell all land held by the Town to reduce tax burden on residents.	4/1/2020 7:49 PM
199	Allow all citizens to have open space without having to pay. Continue to expand the bike lane on 299 west of the wallkill.	4/1/2020 7:44 PM
200	Huguenot St, open space of foothills	4/1/2020 7:35 PM
201	Controlling the development of sites within historic and natural areas to preserve the essence of what makes New Paltz unique and a desirable place to live and do business. The intrusive and piecemeal development of the past has significantly damaged this and it needs to be more thoughtfully controlled before it is gone completely.	4/1/2020 7:26 PM
202	Farmland, sanctuaries and nature trails.	4/1/2020 7:10 PM
203	land for agricultural uses, large parcels of open land	4/1/2020 7:02 PM
204	Our gateways, working farms, creating trail linkages	4/1/2020 7:01 PM
205	Wildlife preservation	4/1/2020 6:15 PM
206	Land preservation	4/1/2020 6:03 PM
207	clean water and publicly accessible nature	4/1/2020 5:59 PM
208	Trails, historic buildings, beautiful landscapes	4/1/2020 5:42 PM
209	The water crisis showed that we have inadequate access to clean water and that you all aren't doing enough to be proactively ensuring the safety of our youngest residents (babies toddlers). The farms, trails need to be a focus but also revitalizing Main St. It looks ugly and crippled. We have no parking infrastructure. There needs to be a balance between preservation and making sure our millennials and Gen Z residents have places to work outside of restaurants and bars or we will leave. Also, the town is aging and doesn't focus on the future. What will be left for US when you all have barred all development of main st and surrounding areas? Also, the NYCers are coming. How are we protecting our land from that? Overuse? When was the last time that the sidewalks were fixed? So much of the village and town are crumbling and there doesnt seem like any attention to infrastructure is given.	4/1/2020 3:23 PM
210	Walkill River, protester encampment	4/1/2020 3:06 PM
211	Conserve the taxpayers money instead of wasting on frivolous things.	4/1/2020 2:56 PM
212	Protecting wildlife corridors, wetlands and forest that are considered "marginal" but can return to a more productive condition if undisturbed.	4/1/2020 1:19 PM
213	Working farms, access to trails, open space	4/1/2020 1:10 PM
214	Money for management of preserved lands, such as Mill Brook Preserve.	4/1/2020 12:19 PM
215	Stop subdivisions of large properties. Add to Open Space for all to use and enjoy.	4/1/2020 12:01 PM
216	Keeping farms in operation.	4/1/2020 10:44 AM
217	conservation and preservation that is affordable so that the average income family can afford to live here.	4/1/2020 9:00 AM
218	Natural areas	3/31/2020 9:28 PM
219	Parks and open spaces. Plus the clean up and improving of main strip. It is losing it charm and appeal. Property owners need to make improvement and upkeep to their properties. To many slum lords. This is not Brooklyn, at least not yet.	3/31/2020 9:27 PM
220	Having a stable clean water supply.	3/31/2020 8:51 PM
221	Clean water	3/31/2020 5:05 PM

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222	Water. Parks. Trails, wildlife,	3/31/2020 2:46 PM
223	Every "gateway" approach to the Town and every scenic view that includes pastoral farmland.	3/31/2020 2:37 PM
224	Even balance of clearing lots for development with preserving or planting trees and landscaping to preserve green areas and a healthy ecosystem.	3/31/2020 2:28 PM
225	New Government	3/31/2020 1:28 PM
226	Clean water	3/31/2020 11:03 AM
227	Open spaces and arkland	3/31/2020 9:48 AM
228	Create young healthy forests, actively manage those forests. Protect the land so it cannot be built on, plant pollinator fields in old farms, for land animals focus on ruffed grouse and woodcock, for water, make sure you have clean water and fish. Plant as many wildflowers as possible to increase The bees and biodiversity.	3/31/2020 7:48 AM
229	Get control of single-room occupancy rentals in both village and town.	3/31/2020 12:08 AM
230	Wildlife habitat and farms	3/30/2020 11:57 PM
231	Wildlife habitat.	3/30/2020 11:44 PM
232	moderation without killing us tax payers	3/30/2020 9:54 PM
233	Preserve Mill Brook Preserve (done). Block Trans Hudson project. Restore Wallkill River. Build resiliency in the face of climate crisis and shrinking economy.	3/30/2020 9:43 PM
234	Keeping new paltz and Ulster county affordable	3/30/2020 8:50 PM
235	Need a master plan of what building should look like. The historical area of NP should be an inspiration of all new buildings.	3/30/2020 8:46 PM
236	Clean water, wildlife and farms	3/30/2020 8:27 PM
237	Tourist Frequented areas	3/30/2020 7:45 PM
238	Stop selling out the town as a marketing scheme to the city and long island. It's disgusting how you people have destroyed this place	3/30/2020 7:44 PM
239	The Stone Houses. Minniwaska, The Ridge.	3/30/2020 7:39 PM
240	1.Clean water 2. Litter/trash/pollution 3. Code enforcement against dilapidated, energy inefficient, and dangerous properties.	3/30/2020 7:27 PM
241	#1: Conscientious infrastructure maintenance (i.e. Water and sewer lines)	3/30/2020 7:21 PM
242	History and open space	3/30/2020 6:52 PM
243	Clean water.	3/30/2020 6:51 PM
244	Cost of living and conservation.	3/30/2020 5:56 PM
245	Plant more trees and green areas.	3/30/2020 5:16 PM
246	Stop the walking/bike trails we have enough now, you are disrupting, frightening & harming the wildlife.	3/30/2020 5:08 PM
247	conservation: definitely a better water system! preservation: all about the wilderness	3/30/2020 5:07 PM
248	Water, more trails, sewer	3/30/2020 4:58 PM
249	Limit development to low-value environmental, historic and scenic areas. Repurpose existing structures to accommodate new business as much as possible. Plant trees on every available bit of land (including downtown New Paltz). Protect existing forest land (and expand). Rehabilitate ecologically damaged areas such as the Wallkill river.	3/30/2020 4:07 PM
250	Preserve original architecture. New construction must be harmonious with older buildings. Plant trees! Keep drinking water clean, test monthly.	3/30/2020 3:05 PM
251	Large contiguous open and forested spaces, prevent build up on S. Putt, limit sprawl especially west of the Wallkill (the still unprotected areas)	3/30/2020 1:04 PM



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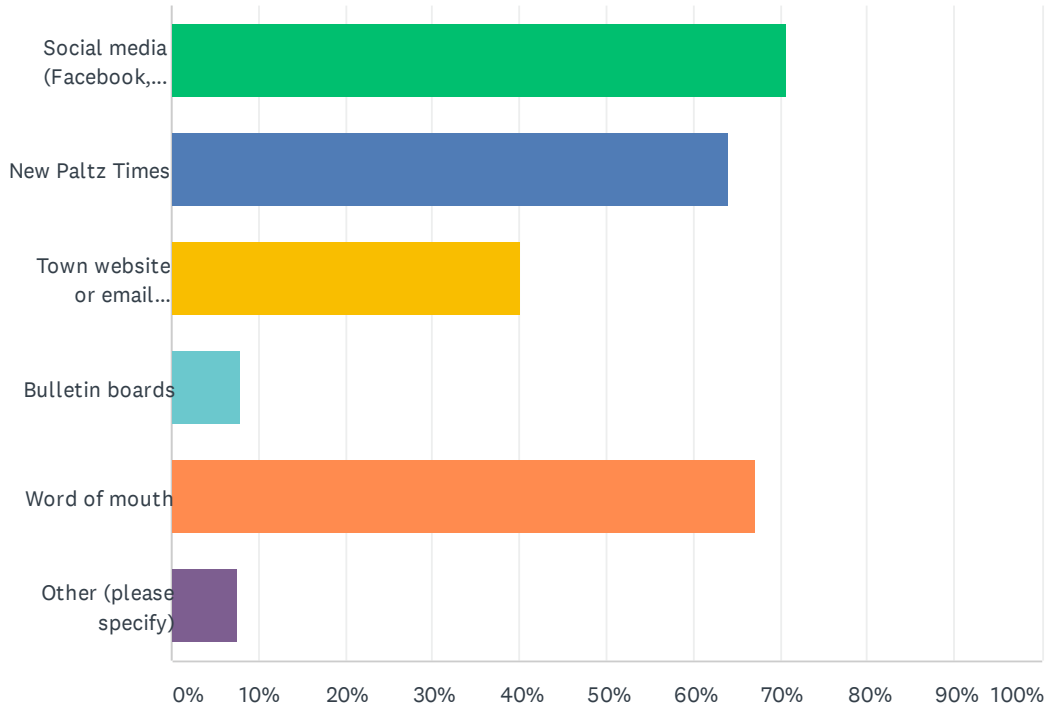
252	Limit traffic, establish a tax base	3/30/2020 12:44 PM
253	scenic views open space/working farms	3/30/2020 12:23 PM
254	Preserving large blocks of undisturbed forest and wetland habitat and connections between them. Preserving the viewsheds whose beauty gives pleasure and a sense of well-being to beholders. Preserving and enhancing a diverse and walkable core area for businesses and residences, with trail linkages to and through natural areas.	3/30/2020 12:11 PM
255	Balance development with open space. We currently do not allow enough/appropriate development (e.g., with all the space available in our area, why shoehorn a CVS & Five Guys in that proposed small space?!?). The Town needs to be mindful of density.	3/30/2020 11:36 AM
256	Trails. I am happy that there is a sidewalk now from here to Highland, and I also appreciate the new walkway west of town. I would like to see access to the Rail Trail improved a bit; currently for me living on Route 208, it is a bit difficult to get to without driving (which defeats the purpose).	3/30/2020 11:34 AM
257	Trail signage and safety lights/stop lights for traffic at crossings	3/30/2020 11:26 AM
258	Parks and trails	3/30/2020 11:21 AM
259	Maintaining and cleaning up waterways and natural drainage areas (by tracking runoff into storm drains and creeks, deterring littering/dumping, encouraging neighborhood clean-up, etc), which all directly influences the various habitats within the surrounding area.	3/30/2020 11:16 AM
260	Water	3/30/2020 11:13 AM
261	Preserve Farms first, encourage new farms	3/30/2020 11:07 AM
262	Stop building in New Paltz. To much building going on. New Paltz doesn't need a new Stewart's or a new hotel. Need to be concerned about local business being pushed out. Like the dollar store by shoprite. Terrible. It was a great store and employed special needs to work there. Very discouraging. Also what is going on with that empty building on Main Street ny lolas? Really no new construction. Just maintaining historic and current buildings here. If there is constant construction it makes like every other place.	3/30/2020 11:04 AM
263	increase population density, increase pedestrian & bike access to goods and services, including to recreational areas; create more sidewalks into town and to rail trail access points, such as the last stretch of Jansen road as it approaches Rt 208	3/30/2020 10:51 AM
264	To maintain the integrity of our natural world we need to preserve what we have here. It makes our community such a great place to live!!	3/30/2020 10:24 AM
265	clean water and green spaces	3/30/2020 10:22 AM
266	Support for reducing reliance on fossil fuels	3/30/2020 10:18 AM
267	Scenic views Clean water and wild life	3/30/2020 10:10 AM
268	Care and maintenance of the rail trail is also top of mind. With the start of the Empire State Trail coming, how will the trail be cared for and preserved? Managing our historic resources. How can we best support and maintain our historic resources. Beyond character in the downtown business corridor, how do we foster a better relationship with Huguenot Street? Can the historic preservation commission do a workshop on historic preservation tax credits? Lastly, on sprawl, the community needs to decide if it wants density - and how that looks within our historic character, or more horizontal development into our open spaces (and how we maintain our farms and scenic landscapes). Many people want to live in New Paltz - which is good - but it will only be more expensive for renters and buyers if we shoot down both.	3/30/2020 10:02 AM
269	It's trees there in bad shape a lot of them need drastic help.	3/30/2020 9:59 AM
270	Clean water and nature recreation	3/30/2020 9:45 AM
271	Farms	3/30/2020 9:36 AM
272	No new apartment building complexes. New Paltz population is large enough. Too many stores on Main Street are permanently closed (long before Corona virus). These family stores are important. I assume the problem is rents are too high, but I dont know what can be done about that.	3/30/2020 9:34 AM

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273	Special protected areas	3/30/2020 9:30 AM
274	the downtown needs some love. Need to do more to encourage and support small business owners, especially now.	3/30/2020 9:30 AM
275	Clean water, open space.	3/30/2020 9:28 AM
276	Cleaning the Wallkill, safeguarding drinking water, creating safe corridors for wildlife and native species	3/30/2020 9:13 AM
277	Farms and clean water	3/30/2020 9:12 AM
278	Stop the rampant development, where every commercial enterprise is seen as a "win." It may be too late, frankly. The character of NP is already majorly compromised. It's more like a crowded suburb now.	3/30/2020 9:08 AM
279	access to outdoor spaces	3/30/2020 9:07 AM
280	Family Farms by a mile	3/30/2020 9:05 AM
281	Adapting to climate change. Local flooding. Maintaining connectivity for wildlife.	3/29/2020 11:21 PM
282	preserve open space	3/29/2020 10:37 PM
283	Water open space	3/29/2020 5:57 PM

## Q9 How do you learn about issues or events in New Paltz? Check all that apply.

Answered: 390 Skipped: 3



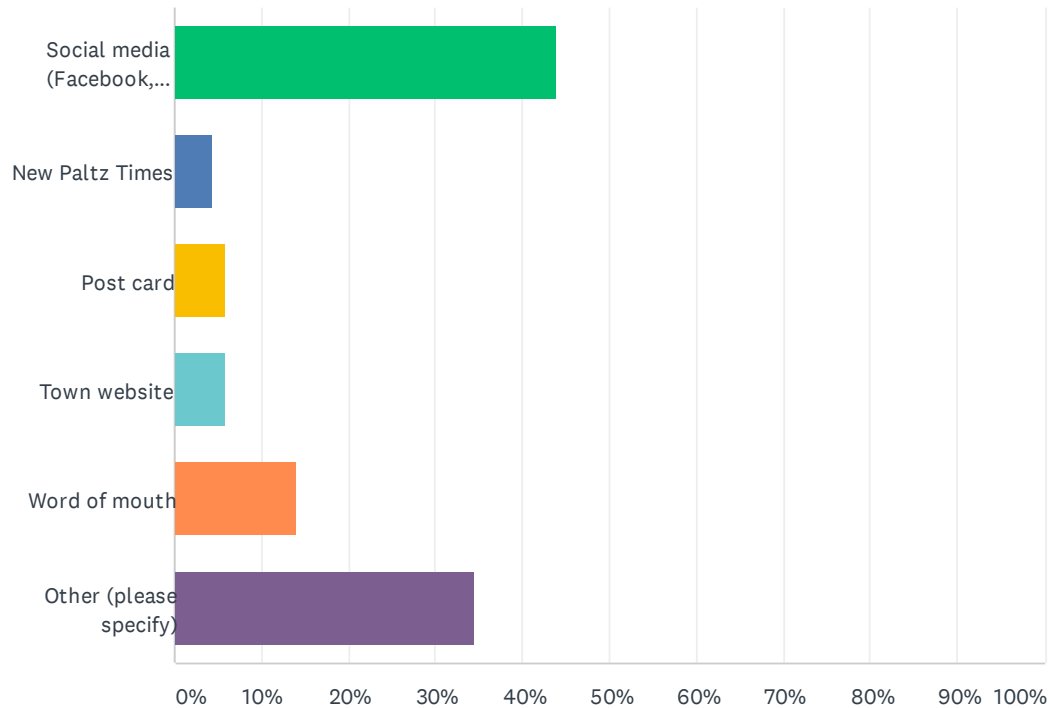
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social media (Facebook, Instagram)	70.77%	276
New Paltz Times	64.10%	250
Town website or email notifications	40.26%	157
Bulletin boards	7.95%	31
Word of mouth	67.18%	262
Other (please specify)	7.44%	29
Total Respondents: 390		

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(392 responses from publicly-shared survey link)

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	radio Kingston; wdst; public radio (college radio son is amazing atrocious); Very occasionally Public access cable; tax bills have surprisingly little info/ updates with them	4/30/2020 9:27 PM
2	Local Radio (WGHQ, WKIP), TV (Channel 6) Area Newspapers	4/27/2020 3:39 PM
3	Friends and acquaintances	4/27/2020 10:07 AM
4	Town/village workers	4/27/2020 5:37 AM
5	HPC	4/26/2020 8:24 PM
6	Channel 23	4/24/2020 4:41 PM
7	science class	4/22/2020 12:56 PM
8	Teachers at school	4/21/2020 5:04 PM
9	Emails from knowledgeable residents	4/21/2020 1:06 PM
10	Poughkeepsie Journal	4/20/2020 12:00 PM
11	NPClimate Action Coalition, NP Climate Smart Taskforce, Post Card, NP Interfaith Earth Action	4/15/2020 8:35 PM
12	Zoning board	4/15/2020 2:07 PM
13	I work for the Village	4/15/2020 11:36 AM
14	Emails from different organizations	4/13/2020 9:40 PM
15	local dailies	4/10/2020 12:51 PM
16	School/ teachers	4/6/2020 1:12 PM
17	AP environmental science class	4/6/2020 1:00 PM
18	school	4/6/2020 10:37 AM
19	My eyesight is not good, and I used a magnifier to read postcard.d.	4/4/2020 1:01 PM
20	Newspapers	4/2/2020 9:22 AM
21	personal contacts with community leaders	4/1/2020 10:51 PM
22	Village board meetings	4/1/2020 9:42 PM
23	Long term property owner on DFprd Rd	4/1/2020 9:36 PM
24	Neighborhood	3/31/2020 9:27 PM
25	Kimiko's car	3/30/2020 8:50 PM
26	Utilizing open spaces, trails, historical sites and purchases from local farms	3/30/2020 8:27 PM
27	I have google news set up to provide local stories	3/30/2020 10:51 AM
28	Pure observation	3/30/2020 9:59 AM
29	Original research.	3/30/2020 9:08 AM

## Q10 How did you hear about this survey?

Answered: 392 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social media (Facebook, Instagram)	43.88%	172
New Paltz Times	4.34%	17
Post card	5.87%	23
Town website	5.87%	23
Word of mouth	14.03%	55
Other (please specify)	34.44%	135
Total Respondents: 392		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Town email	4/30/2020 9:27 PM
2	historical society art exhibit request	4/29/2020 9:27 PM
3	On the town's email list.	4/29/2020 3:06 PM
4	Participating in annual community event	4/27/2020 3:39 PM
5	FRIENDS/NEIGHBORS	4/27/2020 11:47 AM
6	Town email	4/27/2020 10:21 AM
7	I got an email	4/27/2020 10:15 AM
8	Sent by friend	4/27/2020 10:07 AM
9	Climate action email	4/27/2020 4:45 AM
10	HPC	4/26/2020 8:24 PM
11	email	4/26/2020 2:48 PM
12	email	4/26/2020 2:20 PM
13	lea	4/26/2020 12:47 PM
14	email	4/26/2020 9:30 AM
15	email	4/25/2020 10:45 PM
16	email from civicplus.com	4/25/2020 11:31 AM
17	Notification from Town of New Paltz	4/25/2020 10:58 AM
18	school work said i had to do this	4/24/2020 5:33 PM
19	earth science teacher	4/24/2020 11:59 AM
20	Shared on school google classroom	4/24/2020 11:26 AM
21	My Earth Science teacher	4/24/2020 11:10 AM
22	Teacher	4/23/2020 8:43 PM
23	My earth science teacher	4/23/2020 5:16 PM
24	Ms Cohn	4/23/2020 4:49 PM
25	my teacher asked the class to complete it	4/23/2020 1:39 PM
26	My teacher.	4/23/2020 1:21 PM
27	teacher	4/23/2020 10:39 AM
28	my science teacher	4/22/2020 5:12 PM
29	school	4/22/2020 3:00 PM
30	science teacher	4/22/2020 12:56 PM
31	Teacher	4/22/2020 11:03 AM
32	teacher	4/22/2020 9:20 AM
33	New Paltz High school staff	4/22/2020 8:29 AM
34	school	4/22/2020 1:17 AM
35	My teacher gave it to me	4/21/2020 5:04 PM
36	my teacher	4/21/2020 4:19 PM
37	WVLT email	4/21/2020 3:07 PM

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38	Teacher assigned	4/21/2020 1:28 PM
39	teacher told us to take it	4/21/2020 11:50 AM
40	Teacher	4/21/2020 11:48 AM
41	School Project for Earth Day.	4/21/2020 11:16 AM
42	My science teacher	4/21/2020 10:39 AM
43	My earth science teacher told me to do it	4/21/2020 10:28 AM
44	Science teacher	4/21/2020 8:15 AM
45	email	4/21/2020 7:33 AM
46	WVLT	4/21/2020 12:21 AM
47	HPC Meeting	4/20/2020 8:23 PM
48	WVLT e-mail	4/20/2020 8:11 PM
49	WVLT email	4/20/2020 6:52 PM
50	It was an assignment for Earth science.	4/20/2020 6:32 PM
51	My teacher has put it on her google classroom.	4/20/2020 6:32 PM
52	School	4/20/2020 2:54 PM
53	email	4/20/2020 2:33 PM
54	School	4/20/2020 1:10 PM
55	WVLT newsletter	4/20/2020 12:58 PM
56	wallkill valley land trust	4/20/2020 12:33 PM
57	High school teacher	4/20/2020 12:28 PM
58	HHV	4/20/2020 12:21 PM
59	teacher told us to take this	4/20/2020 12:16 PM
60	NPHS	4/20/2020 12:07 PM
61	WVLT	4/20/2020 12:01 PM
62	Email from Wallkill Valley land trust	4/20/2020 12:00 PM
63	School	4/20/2020 11:46 AM
64	Wallkill Valley trust	4/20/2020 11:41 AM
65	WVLT Newsletter	4/20/2020 11:37 AM
66	email	4/20/2020 11:35 AM
67	Ulster Small Business Development Center-link from their website.	4/20/2020 11:34 AM
68	My earth science teacher had us do it for schoolwork	4/20/2020 11:14 AM
69	school	4/20/2020 10:26 AM
70	i have to for class	4/20/2020 9:31 AM
71	Teacher	4/20/2020 9:25 AM
72	Email	4/16/2020 10:24 PM
73	New Paltz Climate Action Coalition Minutes	4/15/2020 8:35 PM
74	Zoning board	4/15/2020 2:07 PM
75	Email from EnCB	4/13/2020 9:40 PM

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76	posted on Nextdoor	4/13/2020 8:14 PM
77	Found it on my computer	4/10/2020 12:27 PM
78	Nextdoor Neighbor site	4/7/2020 11:14 AM
79	teacher	4/6/2020 5:36 PM
80	teacher	4/6/2020 1:12 PM
81	Teacher	4/6/2020 1:09 PM
82	teacher	4/6/2020 1:00 PM
83	teacher sent link	4/6/2020 12:57 PM
84	Teacher	4/6/2020 11:10 AM
85	A teacher posted it on his website.	4/6/2020 11:04 AM
86	school	4/6/2020 10:37 AM
87	teacher	4/6/2020 10:26 AM
88	email from friend.	4/5/2020 5:45 PM
89	Neighbor	4/5/2020 5:24 PM
90	Nextdoor app	4/4/2020 2:10 PM
91	Nextdoor App	4/3/2020 11:56 AM
92	NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP	4/3/2020 11:16 AM
93	Email	4/3/2020 9:50 AM
94	Nextdoor	4/3/2020 8:36 AM
95	Email	4/2/2020 9:19 PM
96	Nextdoor App	4/2/2020 6:59 PM
97	Neighbourhood email	4/2/2020 6:48 PM
98	email from Town of New Paltz	4/2/2020 3:25 PM
99	email	4/2/2020 2:42 PM
100	From a friend.	4/2/2020 9:22 AM
101	Reminder from a friend online	4/2/2020 9:21 AM
102	friend in NP	4/2/2020 6:59 AM
103	email message from community leader	4/1/2020 10:51 PM
104	neighbour website	4/1/2020 9:48 PM
105	Email	4/1/2020 9:36 PM
106	email	4/1/2020 7:35 PM
107	To	4/1/2020 7:26 PM
108	direct email	4/1/2020 7:08 PM
109	email	4/1/2020 7:02 PM
110	Sent to me	4/1/2020 7:01 PM
111	Email	4/1/2020 6:10 PM
112	email newsletter from town	4/1/2020 5:59 PM
113	Friend	4/1/2020 5:42 PM



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114	Next Door social media	4/1/2020 1:19 PM
115	I was involved in the making of it.	4/1/2020 12:19 PM
116	Nextdoor site.	4/1/2020 10:44 AM
117	email	3/31/2020 9:32 PM
118	Neighborhood	3/31/2020 9:27 PM
119	Message from a certain somebody	3/31/2020 8:51 PM
120	email	3/30/2020 9:43 PM
121	received an email from NP government.	3/30/2020 5:16 PM
122	Town e-mail	3/30/2020 1:04 PM
123	e-mail	3/30/2020 12:23 PM
124	Participation in the CPTF; also got email from the Town.	3/30/2020 12:11 PM
125	Email	3/30/2020 11:36 AM
126	Email	3/30/2020 11:33 AM
127	email	3/30/2020 11:07 AM
128	emailed to me	3/30/2020 10:51 AM
129	Email	3/30/2020 10:18 AM
130	Email	3/30/2020 10:10 AM
131	email from town	3/30/2020 9:34 AM
132	e-mail from the TOWN	3/30/2020 9:13 AM
133	Email	3/30/2020 9:13 AM
134	Email	3/30/2020 9:03 AM
135	committee emails	3/29/2020 11:21 PM

## Q11 Please provide any additional comments here.

Answered: 108   Skipped: 285

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cycles on earth are imploding - prioritize and focus, focus, focus	4/30/2020 9:27 PM
2	Protect what we have here!	4/30/2020 12:23 PM
3	For the most part I am completely happy with our town officials decisions. More clean up maybe.	4/28/2020 5:22 PM
4	Water!!!!!!	4/27/2020 11:00 PM
5	Concerned about Henry W Dubois Drive and taking property away from homeowners	4/27/2020 9:25 PM
6	As a resident for over 60 years we have seen the inevitable growth and the difficulties of keeping our space open. We applaud the pace thus far. The need for convenience however makes us comfortable here and hopefully growth will not stop, but be wisely controlled, especially our mountain beauties!	4/27/2020 3:39 PM
7	The town's open space commission and first open space bond was a great start and I'd love to see it continue to be funded and expanded. I think that this has to go hand in hand with stricter zoning West of the Wallkill. The Village and Town need a synchronized approach to allowing growth in our more urban area (where there is existing water and sewer) and limiting that growth West of the Wallkill which only serves to ruin scenic vistas, wildlife corridors, drain resources and add to traffic and sprawl. Thank you for doing this survey and I completely support your efforts towards open space preservation, the support of our municipal park and pool and our public parks for passive recreation.	4/27/2020 12:26 PM
8	WE HAVE LIVED IN NEW PALTZ FOR 56 YEARS. We don't want this town to lose it's country charm with a view of the Shawangunk and Catskill mountains. We must not lose sight of the Huguenots, our founding fathers.	4/27/2020 11:47 AM
9	Standing firm against the pressures for development is not easy, but it crucially important for our future.	4/27/2020 10:07 AM
10	Mayor is doing a great job of keeping us informed. I'd like to see more road repair, but understand about the budgets now.	4/27/2020 8:36 AM
11	Reroute automobiles On main st from P&G's to the Bistro for pedestrians only.	4/26/2020 9:19 PM
12	I think we should focus more on the presentation and conservation of New Paltz, and the land around us.	4/26/2020 8:52 PM
13	I don't feel knowledgeable enough about what's already being done. I love NP for it's natural beauty, accessibility of parks & trails. There are definitely too many over-sized homes...	4/26/2020 8:20 PM
14	Thank you for the job that you are doing.	4/26/2020 5:16 PM
15	High Falls resident, former New Paltz resident	4/26/2020 5:06 PM
16	Keep up this important work	4/26/2020 3:40 PM
17	Thank you.	4/26/2020 2:20 PM
18	Thank you for doing this survey!	4/26/2020 9:30 AM
19	I think the town is doing a good job monitoring our environment, but am concerned about future growth that would cause overpopulation and strain on our resources. (I am VERY concerned about the town's lazy policemen who drive away from complaints/problems after doing nothing, but that's not the concern of this survey. Maybe send around one on that subject?)	4/25/2020 11:31 AM
20	Stop being influenced by outside entities.	4/25/2020 10:58 AM
21	The baseball/softball field at Hasbrouck Park needs to return. The Tee-Ball and rookie kids currently do not have a place to play.	4/25/2020 10:13 AM
22	(REMOVED FOR VULGARITY)	4/24/2020 5:33 PM

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23	Don't drill for water within the millbrook preserve.	4/24/2020 4:41 PM
24	Thanks for doing this work!	4/24/2020 8:22 AM
25	happy earth day!	4/21/2020 2:19 PM
26	New Paltz is blessed with tremendous protected open spaces, but we should not be complacent. Demand on these spaces is growing in the current pandemic. We need to be proactive in conserving more special places for people, wildlife and water.	4/21/2020 1:06 PM
27	I am not a resident but own a house on Huguenot Street. I am a DuBois whose family has lived there for ten generations...so I care about New Paltz....	4/21/2020 1:04 PM
28	Do better in some parts	4/21/2020 11:48 AM
29	Make SUNY pay it's fair share for water and remediation. Stop rampant building and driving out home owners and residents with ever increasing taxes.	4/21/2020 11:40 AM
30	New Paltz has changed in the past few years. Traffic congestion. A lot of building. Needs to slow down.	4/20/2020 10:36 PM
31	I used to live in New Paltz. I now only work in New Paltz, but still live in Ulster County.	4/20/2020 8:11 PM
32	We need the zoning board to be as concerned with design integrity as they are with building codes etc. This is why so many of us are attracted to villages in Europe where there is an aesthetic integrity, design homogeneity . This is why the oldest village section of lower Main Street is by far the most appealing part of the village.	4/20/2020 1:13 PM
33	With the NYC reservoir pipeline running through town, clean water for drinking is a non issue. Cleaning up the wallkill and making it accessible to residents would be a great achievement.	4/20/2020 12:58 PM
34	i have lived in new paltz in an 18th century house for fifty years .....very sad about some of the new buildings in town that do not contribute to the area for its history or location	4/20/2020 12:33 PM
35	There are too many deer which are causing damage- car collisions, feeding on private property, farmlands, everywhere. Somehow the population should be controlled.	4/20/2020 12:26 PM
36	have a really good day	4/20/2020 12:16 PM
37	I have concerns about this survey as it basically asks, do you care about good things, rather than engage citizens on balances and quality of life, or work through the best way to ensure there isn't a conflict around conservation.	4/20/2020 12:01 PM
38	I no longer enjoy all the great places we have. They are overrun by tourists and rules not followed	4/20/2020 11:58 AM
39	So glad New Paltz is participating in developing a long view approach to these important environmental issues.	4/15/2020 8:35 PM
40	Thanks for gathering this info!	4/15/2020 11:36 AM
41	Thank you for the work you are doing for the environment in our town.	4/13/2020 9:40 PM
42	Reduce the Taxes, Reduce the Budget by 10% each year, The Taxes are KILLING the Home and Business Owners	4/9/2020 11:43 AM
43	To much going on in New Paltz. A lot of change in the past few years. Wish it was quieter	4/8/2020 10:50 PM
44	I'd love to see a walking tour with signs show what new paltz used to look like. A 'museum in the streets' kind of thing. This is motivated from my recent reading of Th Gunks Through Time.	4/8/2020 10:32 PM
45	Having lived in NP for 40+ years and children raised here it saddens us to find that our kids are not able to afford housing here in NP or in Ulster County. Combined with fewer really well paying jobs means they are leaving the area/ region with all of their talents, friendships and kids	4/8/2020 4:11 PM

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of their own. As we retire we too will need to find a more affordable home town - but we will never replace NP in our hearts.

46	I work and play in New Paltz and live close by. To maintain New Paltz's wonderful natural areas, we need to take aggressive action!	4/8/2020 9:02 AM
47	I appreciate the work that has been going on for a long time in New Paltz- preservation of nature and natural areas for recreation and environmental protection. That's a big part of our decision to move here. How much is enough? As much as we can afford, I guess. The natural beauty of the area has been a priceless resource to help make the current "Pause" more tolerable. Such a wise investment for now and the future!	4/7/2020 11:14 AM
48	no one gives a shit about the historical look	4/6/2020 5:36 PM
49	I think New Paltz is better than other towns and cities near us in taking part in green acts and preserving nature. I think we just need to keep that intact in our town while it grows.	4/6/2020 1:12 PM
50	My worry is that as more city folks come to New Paltz, and buy up the land to use either for second homes or for a new start in a rural town, less and less will be left in its natural and beautiful state and some aspects of our community life will be lost.	4/6/2020 11:04 AM
51	Disappointed in attempts to turninh New Paltz is turning into a tourist trap it takes 30 minutes to drive through New Paltz when it should only take a few at times.	4/6/2020 10:27 AM
52	Our town needs free cable or wifi. That is the most progressive change we could make to level the playing (and working) field for all.	4/5/2020 5:24 PM
53	As of 4/5/2020: Since Jan/Feb 2020 our well water now smells intensely of sulfur or something worse? Not just on occasion, but now it is all of the time. It has never done this before. What happened to the water table? Is there contamination? It's time we get it tested but Covid 19 has put that on hold. We are scared about our water. Our location is 292 state route 32 north. Wasn't a pipeline recently put in along the thruway nearby? I'm afraid something has gone wrong with that work that may have ruined our well,	4/5/2020 8:06 AM
54	I thank you for the layout of this survey. It was big enough, print dark enough, and well spaed enouh that I was able to read it wih ease. Thanks to ever designed it as well as for the questions asked.. It's nice when something comes into your mailbox, that makes you feel good these sad days. Joyce Scheffey Woodland Pond, New Paltz.	4/4/2020 1:01 PM
55	Lowering Taxes and infrastructure should be paramount to environmental preservation. It seems the Town has it all backwards. Too many not for profits not contributing to revenue and occupying valuable land and buildings in town. Too many tourists also degrades the towns allure and is detrimental to the environment.	4/3/2020 11:56 AM
56	Cut down on isolation by making smaller lots in "developments" w open space surrounding. Don't Clear cut older treeS before construction. Smaller houses. Rewards for efficient and smaller construction	4/3/2020 9:50 AM
57	I really done want new Paltz to look like any town south of here. More development equals higher taxes. Show me a town with more development and lower taxes. More farms equals lower taxes.	4/2/2020 9:19 PM
58	Please revisit zoning to maintain appropriate business choices as well as site issues.	4/2/2020 6:06 PM
59	Require rental residence owners to provide sufficient off-street parking for all renters. Upgrade internet infrastructure. Pay adequately for fire-protection services via taxation.	4/2/2020 3:25 PM
60	Let's promote NP very judiciously in context of COVID - balanced land use. There will be enormous pressures - on parklands, and real estate shopping spree for folks leaving NYC metro. This will dwarf post 9/11 surge. Never mind zero place and fake new urbanism infill, permit abundant well regulated use (and construction) of accessory apartments, but only in owner occupied buildings.	4/2/2020 2:42 PM
61	I am not sure what is being targeted when we talk about "historic character." Yes, we've got Huguenot St. Ok, big deal. What about the historic character of Main and surrounding streets? Yes, we are a college town but look at towns like Saratoga, Rhinebeck, Ithaca... you don't see the wide-spread destruction of "historic" viewshed like we have in New Paltz.	4/2/2020 2:21 PM
62	Town planning board practices are chasing away young families, senior citizens and sustainable commercial/retail opportunities. It shouldn't take YEARS for these approvals.	4/2/2020 1:47 PM

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63	There should be a way to get the SUNY students involved in conservation and preservation	4/2/2020 1:06 PM
64	The infrastructure definitely needs improvement as well as welcoming businesses to our area to replace the closed locations. Also this town is lacking senior housing and businesses to offset the continuous increasing of our taxes. The high taxes are pushing families out of this town. The seniors are on fixed incomes and it's pushing them out as well.	4/2/2020 1:03 PM
65	I don't quite know how you are defining "sprawl" in Question 6, above. If you mean malls, big box stores, and more blacktop (e.g., think Paramus, NJ), then I am very concerned. However, if it's "code" for promoting "density" (e.g., higher than 2-story structures), then I am much more concerned. Efforts to increase density would have a negative impact on so many aspects of life in our community. For example, it would increase (i) traffic, (ii) pollution, (iii) size of school classes, and (iv) the need for additional services .... Translation: More taxes. And more taxes will lead to more unaffordable housing (given the resulting higher property taxes). Another major reason to avoid "density" is just take a look at what is happening in the world today. Areas with sizable dense populations are suffering during the current COVID-19 pandemic. There are people who are petrified to even step out into a common hallway ... let alone ... enter an elevator or venture down multiple staircases having to grasp onto handrail after handrail. At least, here, in the Village and Town of New Paltz, most of us can step outside and walk around while maintaining safe social distancing. And look at what has happened to the SUNY dorm students (who normally live under dense conditions) .... they were told to leave for (obvious) safety reasons! So, please, do not go down that false path of "vision". Let's keep our town exactly what it is ... a diverse town with historic character and unparalleled scenic beauty.... a community that people want to flock to rather than flee from because of taxes, traffic, and "density".	4/2/2020 11:30 AM
66	We should work to identify and expand open spaces and wildlife preservation areas such as the Millbrook Preserve.	4/2/2020 11:24 AM
67	Thanks!	4/2/2020 9:32 AM
68	No	4/2/2020 9:22 AM
69	I grew up on Butternut Road and graduated from the Campus School and NPHS (1971). Both my parents were born in NP and went to the Campus School as did my siblings. My parents were active in NP life: My mother was the first woman on the Town Board and its Secretary, and my father was the chair of the Elting Memorial Library. His father taught math and history at the Normal School for his entire career (@ 1917-1950s).	4/2/2020 6:59 AM
70	I have been involved in helping to plan for New Paltz' future since the mid 1980s when I chaired a joint Town and Village Board group that created a Comprehensive Plan that took over 3 years and has been useful in shaping New Paltz planning since that time. Many of our innovative ideas have taken decades to be used. One of our biggest successes in that plan was the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. The 1990 draft plan contained recommendations for conservation, scenic roads and vistas and a listing of historic properties which I am happy to supply to Cara Lee if she does not already have them. Jo Margaret Mano (jomargaretmano@gmail.com or call 845-255-6722)	4/1/2020 10:51 PM
71	A potential recession should not be used as a reason to defer conservation measures	4/1/2020 10:37 PM
72	Now is the time For conservation before human materialism.	4/1/2020 9:36 PM
73	Make State Bike Routes that pass through New Paltz have "Bike In Lane" signage if they don't have bikeable shoulders.	4/1/2020 8:19 PM
74	Conservation and preservation sites should be walkable or bikeable with safe access.	4/1/2020 7:10 PM
75	As a senior citizen living in New Paltz, I treasure the natural an historic beauty around us, but also worry that we find a way to preserve all this without driving out folks like me because of the tax load. I have tried to be a responsible member of this community, but find that it is unlikely that I will be able to afford to stay in my home.	4/1/2020 7:02 PM
76	Environmental protections for water, wetlands, habitat, trees, fauna are essential to all life. They require protections beyond economic considerations ie.. less profits for development and stricter adherence to critical environmental areas(CEA's)!	4/1/2020 6:10 PM
77	Beautiful scenery	4/1/2020 5:42 PM

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78	I really don't like some of the modern looking buildings that have been built in the Village over the past few years. The historic look should have been taken into consideration like the Ulster Savings Bank.	4/1/2020 5:04 PM
79	Have young people that have vested interest in the future of New Paltz on your planning boards and meetings. The 30s and 40s something's need to be more engaged. Our kids go to school here and we are homeowners. We need to be welcomed at the table and paid attention to as the future. "Bc we have always done it this way" is unfair and we really need to consider sustainable development, design and revitalizing our area in a green/LEED adherence manner.	4/1/2020 3:23 PM
80	Urge the state legislature to amend the Recreation Statute to allow for maintenance of open space acquired through recreation fee subdivision fees.	4/1/2020 1:19 PM
81	The people should have more say. Less political and more community.	3/31/2020 9:27 PM
82	People will automatically ask if the Town is somehow planning to raise taxes for preservation. Find an unequivocal way to answer "no."	3/31/2020 2:37 PM
83	It's good see towns looking at conservation. It is incredibly important and we all need to have a bigger role in it	3/31/2020 7:48 AM
84	Natural resources and historic features are what make New Paltz so special	3/30/2020 11:57 PM
85	We have a great "historic" town, but building denser housing and commercial spaces will enable us to leave what's wild, wild.	3/30/2020 11:44 PM
86	here since 1957	3/30/2020 9:54 PM
87	Thank you. I oppose being taxed (hidden or obvious) to protect Our scenic parks, trails, farms etc. Find another way!	3/30/2020 8:50 PM
88	Please continue to protect the natural beauty and open space of the area/community.	3/30/2020 8:27 PM
89	New Paltz needs industry, and shopping that provides for it's residents and their needs!	3/30/2020 7:44 PM
90	With the loss of Ames over a decade ago, New Paltz does not have a place to buy many items. We need a store like Target to come into our town. This will in no way impact downtown small business stores, because none of those stores sell Laundry baskets or underpants.	3/30/2020 7:39 PM
91	We're moving in the right direction in terms of smart infrastructural investment and preservation, but need to HEAVILY focus on taking better care of existing properties and structures via code enforcement. There also needs to be a better way to enforce rules pertaining to large amounts of litter and pollutants inundating village streets. We are a town that is very concerned with discussing responsible environmental planning and surveying while our streets are covered in misplaced garbage. It's an easily correctable issue that I believe everyone can agree on. We live in such a beautiful place, it's a shame to ruin it with garbage and mismanaged rental properties.	3/30/2020 7:27 PM
92	Be VERY careful how you spend our tax dollars and remind yourself EVERY MORNING that your job impacts the quality of life, health and safety of tens of thousands. WORK SMARTER AND DO MORE WITH LESS. Your citizenry is already tapped out. If you lack the fiscal genius, inner resources, vision and creativity, hire someone who has them (after this virus thing is over) and get yourself a job compatible with your skills. Raising taxes means you don't know what you are doing, nothing else. Do not look for excuses, i.e. this survey, and say things like: "well people want clean water (or whatever else) so we need more money...". Remember, if you can't do the job with what you already have, you may just need a qualified new mind to run the shop. Regards.	3/30/2020 7:21 PM
93	None	3/30/2020 6:52 PM
94	I live in Gardiner but work and play in New Paltz--it matters that it is taken care of.	3/30/2020 5:07 PM
95	Planning board must carefully assess impact of all new building. Church Street is an example of how a neighborhood can be wantonly destroyed with overbuilding.	3/30/2020 3:05 PM
96	Make this happen!	3/30/2020 1:04 PM
97	The Town's Comprehensive Plan must be updated, with careful thought given to how and where residential and business growth can be accommodated while still preserving and	3/30/2020 12:11 PM



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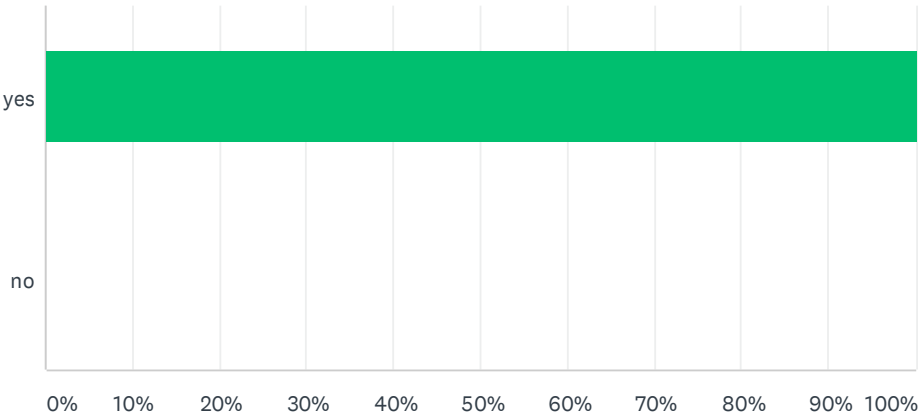
enhancing our environmental assets. Climate change will strain many things, but having a good plan in place will help and make a lot of ad-hoc scrambles unnecessary.

98	See above	3/30/2020 11:36 AM
99	The preservation of scenic views , history, parks and trails are secondary to preserving water and farms. Without potable water and a variety of farms human life is not sustainable so that should be the priority.	3/30/2020 11:07 AM
100	I love this town and it's very concerning what's going on. In the short time I've lived here I have seen major changes in the town.	3/30/2020 11:04 AM
101	consider eliminating some dead end streets, creating traffic circles, increase population density at the core and expand protected space in the outlying areas of the community	3/30/2020 10:51 AM
102	Save new paltz and let's keep it the way it is!	3/30/2020 10:24 AM
103	I am a former New Paltz home owner, renter and SUNY NP grad.	3/30/2020 10:18 AM
104	Traffic both. Pedestrian and car is out of hand parking is out of hand graffiti is out of hand and sidewalks are not uniform and safe all the Wired's in downtown are ugly as sin and there is no attempt to beautify the town it's very college but it's all not pretty to look at. In some spots it's too modern looking and tall and other spots it's old and archaic and industrial and dated. Nothing is cute and charming and inviting the town needs a face lift and it needs better flow for cars build another road from 87 to mountains and build another to commuters just trying to get to work to the midhudson bridge. Tunnels or small pedestrian bridges need to be made like at Marist for downtown it's too busy to stop start to go then stop then start to go then stop I mean come on and that happens to almost every other car on a busy day. And it's a busy car day to but then where do you park. Build a parking garage empty lot right behind the old police station and court house connect to existing lot and auto print tickets offer passes have meters sidewalks need to be butter it's almost impossible to walk through up and through down make it safe and uniform and pretty face lift all buildings in town and get rid of all the extra wasted signage and wires Bury them and most people have gps the trails are fine but why so many stupid fences that detract then parking lots all over your staring to make us look like a city we're not no more enough stop farms from excessive fertilizing and spraying of chemicals that are killing us and bees and creating algae blooms in the wallkill river shed. We can do better we must start to try you collect exorbitant amount of taxes trim that school one down way to high there not that good I went through it and I have a child who's in it they are grossly over payed no more building extra crap repair fine but enough that middle school is taking for ever and it's not that great and it doesn't warrant it there's not that many kids I see busses driving practically empty but passing other kids then the next bus gets them and they go to the school it needs to be severely looked into for mismanagement. Step up your game concerning kids with disabilities or that don't fit the mold and have severe psychological issues because you leave them behind. Also deal with the empty lot after the thruway maybe another plaza build get somebody like TJMaxx HomeGoods etc to come in I'm telling you and have a something come in that can do some real good what else are we missing we need something industrial or like that that makes jobs. I'd like to also suggest artist studios and music related things cultural enrichment and even a venue similar to UPAC	3/30/2020 9:59 AM
105	I love New Paltz.	3/30/2020 9:34 AM
106	I put a lot of faith in CWOSP and the ENCB! I think we should slow development and when it happens cluster it in logical zones of human habitation (e.g. Zero Place being in an already built up corridor). I think we should accept and pass into law the ENCB's recommended special conservation zones.	3/30/2020 9:30 AM
107	Some side streets are dangerous to the elderly and visiting families, especially north front street, right off of main street.	3/30/2020 9:12 AM
108	You dont want my opinions, believe me.	3/30/2020 9:05 AM



Q1 Are you a New Paltz resident?

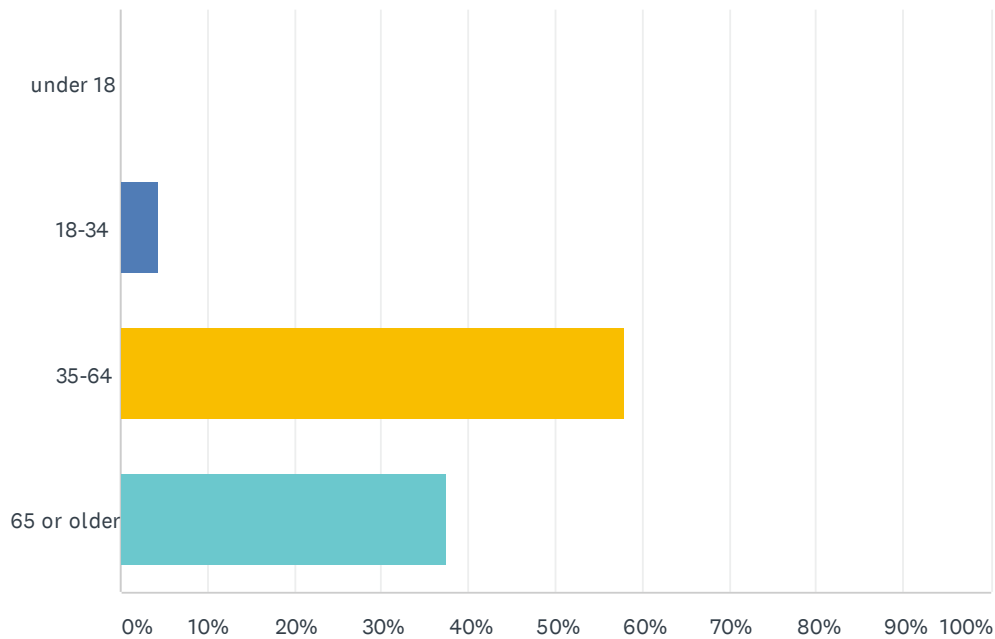
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
yes	100.00%	112
no	0.00%	0
TOTAL		112

## Q2 How old are you?

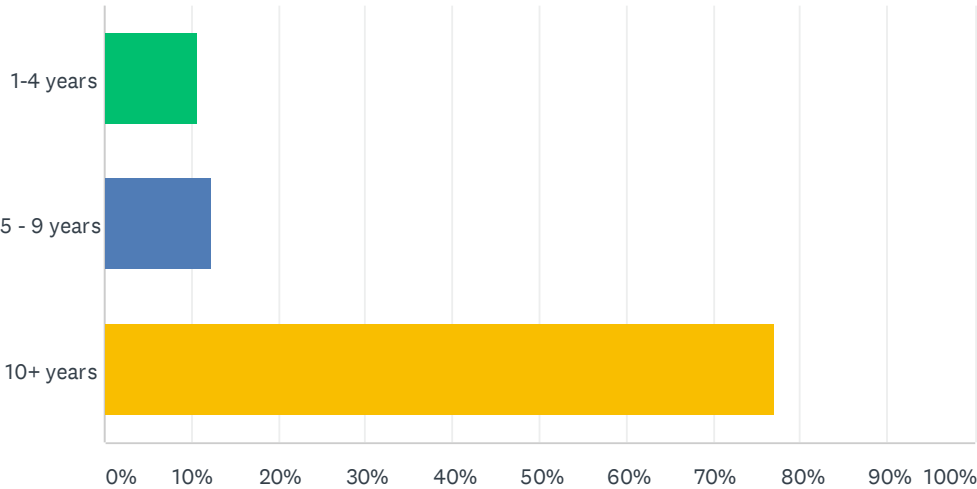
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under 18	0.00%	0
18-34	4.46%	5
35-64	58.04%	65
65 or older	37.50%	42
TOTAL		112

Q3 How long have you lived in New Paltz?

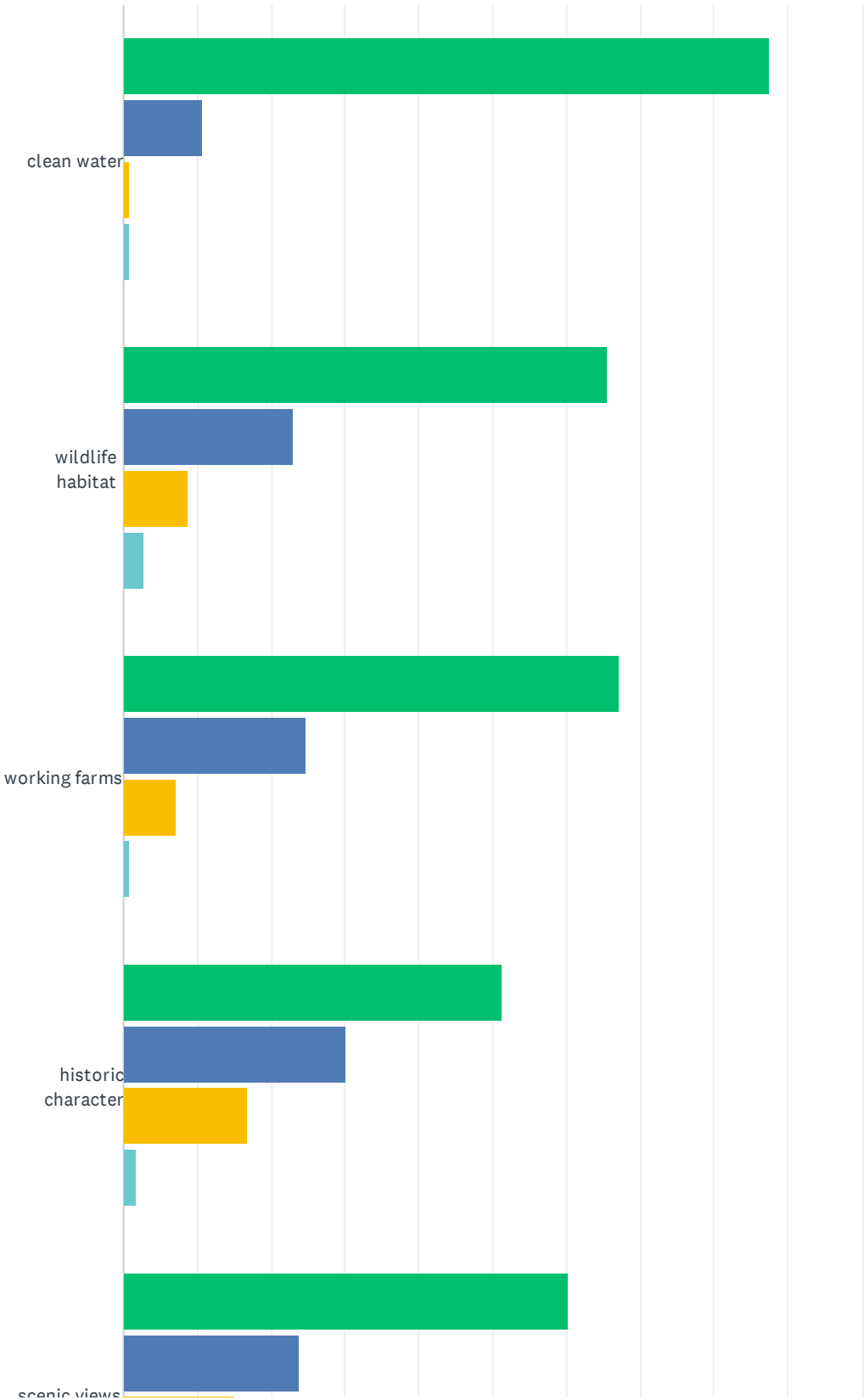
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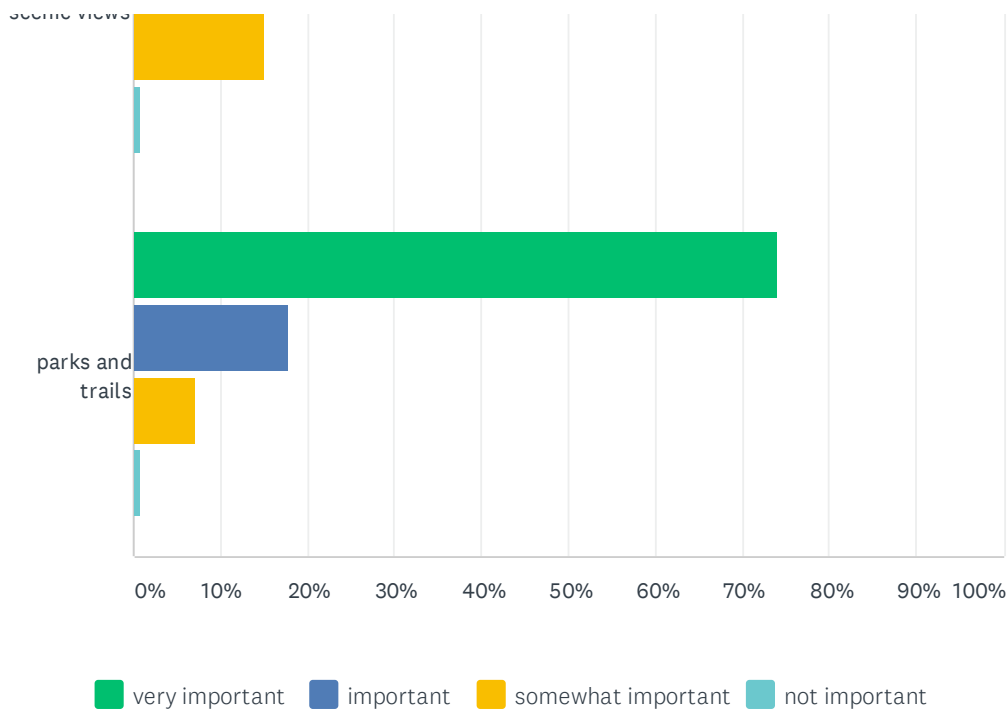
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-4 years	10.62%	12
5 - 9 years	12.39%	14
10+ years	76.99%	87
TOTAL		113

Q4 How important is it in your opinion to conserve the following resources in New Paltz?

Answered: 113   Skipped: 0



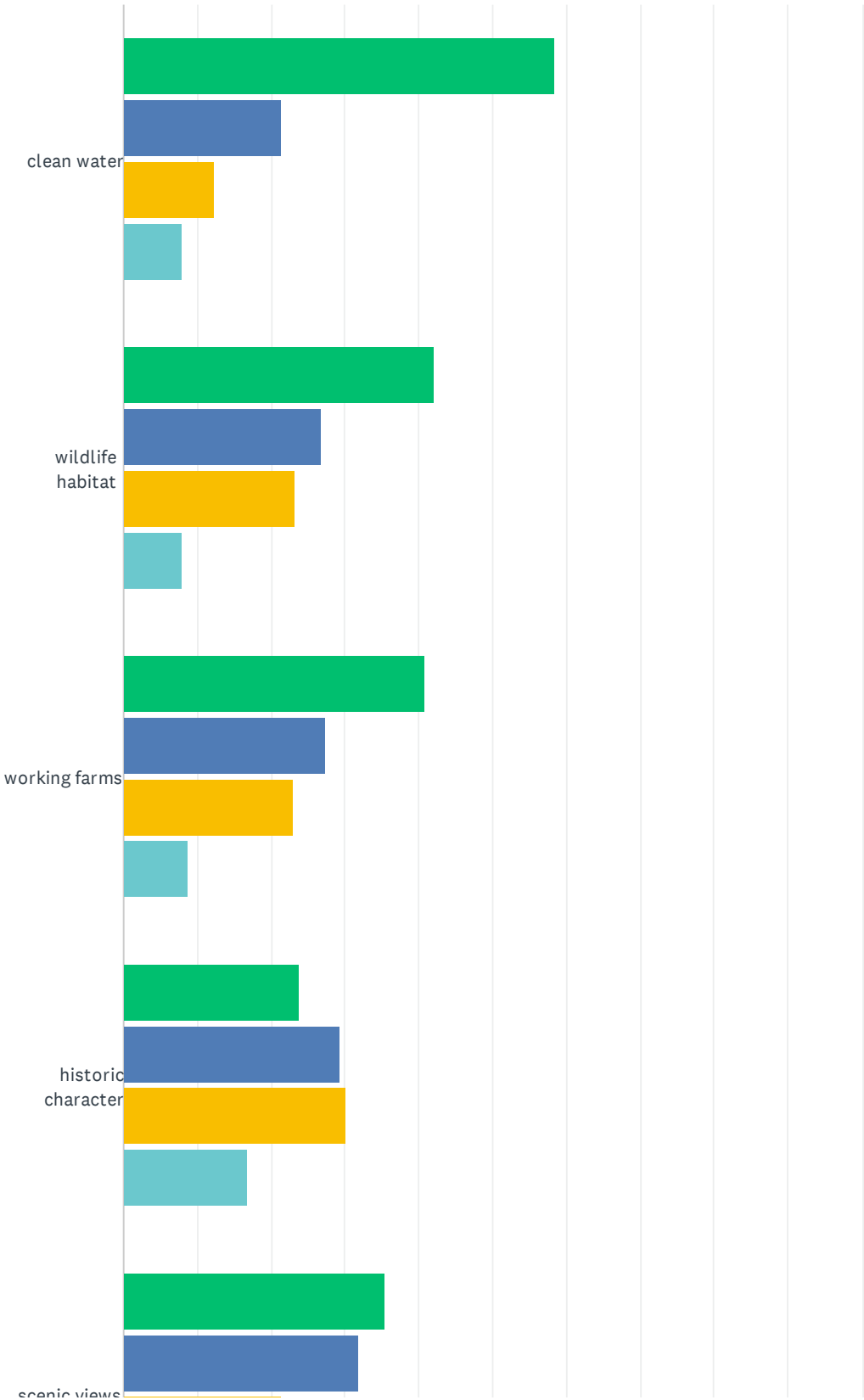
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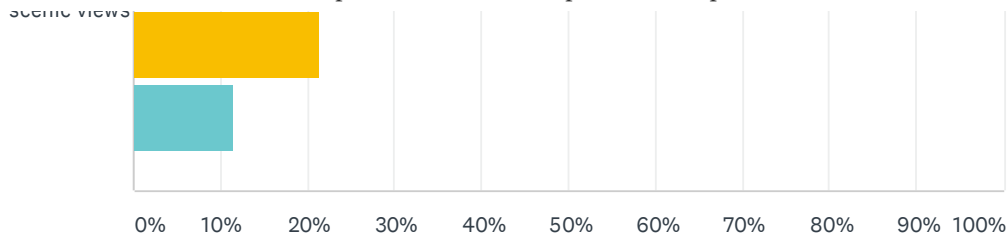
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
clean water	87.50% 98	10.71% 12	0.89% 1	0.89% 1	112	3.85
wildlife habitat	65.49% 74	23.01% 26	8.85% 10	2.65% 3	113	3.51
working farms	67.26% 76	24.78% 28	7.08% 8	0.88% 1	113	3.58
historic character	51.33% 58	30.09% 34	16.81% 19	1.77% 2	113	3.31
scenic views	60.18% 68	23.89% 27	15.04% 17	0.88% 1	113	3.43
parks and trails	74.11% 83	17.86% 20	7.14% 8	0.89% 1	112	3.65

Q5 How concerned are you about the decline or loss of the following resources in New Paltz?

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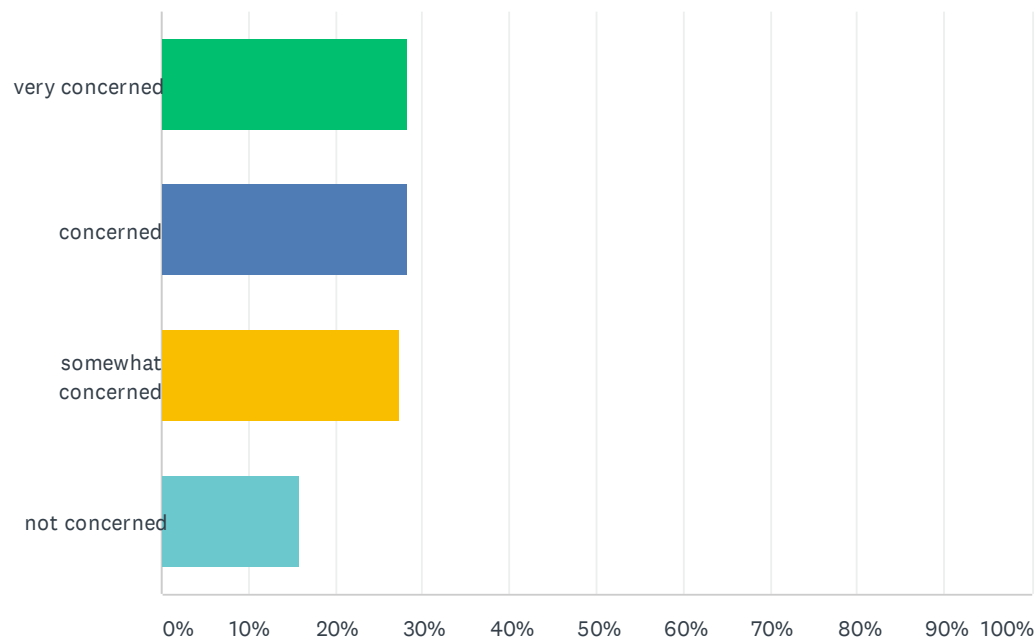


very concerned concerned somewhat concerned not concerned

	VERY CONCERNED	CONCERNED	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
clean water	58.41% 66	21.24% 24	12.39% 14	7.96% 9	113	3.30
wildlife habitat	41.96% 47	26.79% 30	23.21% 26	8.04% 9	112	3.03
working farms	40.71% 46	27.43% 31	23.01% 26	8.85% 10	113	3.00
historic character	23.89% 27	29.20% 33	30.09% 34	16.81% 19	113	2.60
scenic views	35.40% 40	31.86% 36	21.24% 24	11.50% 13	113	2.91

Q6 How concerned are you about sprawl in New Paltz?

Answered: 113    Skipped: 0

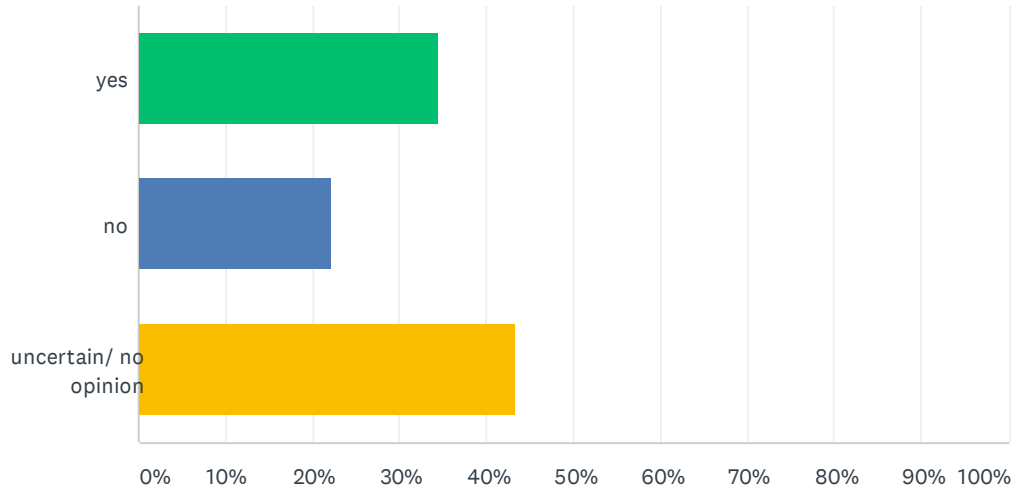


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
very concerned		28.32%	32
concerned		28.32%	32
somewhat concerned		27.43%	31
not concerned		15.93%	18
TOTAL			113



## Q7 Do you think the Town is doing enough to preserve natural areas, farms, and local historic character?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
yes		34.51%	39
no		22.12%	25
uncertain/ no opinion		43.36%	49
TOTAL			113

## Q8 What do you think should be the top priorities for conservation and preservation in New Paltz?

Answered: 79   Skipped: 34

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Non-toxic solutions; reduce greenhouse gases; attention to science of climate change & solutions	5/1/2020 5:40 PM
2	farms and clean water	4/30/2020 11:32 PM
3	Keeping the character and architecture of New Paltz. Keeping art and music alive in town.	4/30/2020 7:01 PM
4	Maintaining and enhancing historic sites, small town character, and natural beauty of the town.	4/30/2020 3:06 PM
5	Clean water is basic to quality of life and survival for those of us who live here. Tourism, a main engine of our economy, depends on the preservation of historic character and beautiful scenery.	4/30/2020 10:08 AM
6	Clean waterSteps	4/22/2020 12:50 PM
7	New Paltz is a tourist area. Continued building and clearing of natural landscapes and disrupting the local farms is jeopardizing this. The allure of the area is deteriorating.	4/22/2020 10:16 AM
8	I'm fairly new to the town, I moved here from a town 30 miles south of New Paltz. I've noticed some odd choices of new buildings that were approved and don't go with the town, one not even finished due to height issue. Something is definitely off with building permits, zoning and planning department. The Middle school design is strange as well, it's like it's 2 different schools and the back is the front, nothing cohesive. Also billing residents for water they didn't know they used due to faulty meters is absurd, especially when the water isn't even clean.	4/21/2020 1:36 AM
9	I'd like to see more food in our local supermarkets coming from local farms. I'd also be interested in educational programs for creating back yard farms in the Village.	4/18/2020 9:28 AM
10	Expanding and connecting our existing parks and preserves and protecting large forest areas from fragmentation by new development. In general, maintaining the integrity of the proposed Critical Environmental Areas. A park/trail in the northeast corner of Town/east of the Thruway would be wonderful.	4/15/2020 10:40 PM
11	Support for the re-establishment of local, small businesses during and post pandemic.	4/13/2020 11:32 AM
12	clean water; traffic reduction on Main Street; parks & trails; control of short-term rentals; enforcement of housing regs (V); encouragement of small business	4/12/2020 11:00 PM
13	public access to wildlife and recreation like the railtrail and river to ridge trails!	4/12/2020 10:05 PM
14	A balance between conservation, preservation and human existence can be reached.	4/12/2020 7:10 PM
15	Millbrook Preserve	4/10/2020 6:10 PM
16	Water and wildlife habitat are most important, followed by farms, but that assumes the farms are operating in a regenerative way.	4/10/2020 11:59 AM
17	-clean up the wallkill river. -traffic : not fond of roundabouts at all as a way to control or circumvent traffic. -support firemen and police town and village employees and get their opinions not happy with the 3 story bldg on main st OR the other 3 story bldg on 32 north. -am not a proponent of a cvs or anything constructed at the intersection of main st and n putt corners rd.	4/9/2020 6:48 PM
18	Maintain historic building. Provide funding if necessary to keep the look. Stricter planning of the Main street store front. Maintain historic small town feel/look to the Main street, which seems to start failing around the time when the construction of the incomplete brick building next to Lola's began. The look of the store front looks out of place and it looks like one in office areas in midtown Manhattan.	4/8/2020 5:21 PM
19	preserving clean water; work on cleaning the Wallkill River; keeping major chain stores out in order to maintain the small town character; switch to an electric loop bus	4/8/2020 10:38 AM
20	The original character of New Paltz is disappearing more each day. Interesting stores being replaced with run of the mill stores on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie. Building an apartment complex with stores on the ground level, is an eyesore.	4/7/2020 9:18 PM
21	Farms and open space	4/7/2020 1:13 PM
22	Keep corporate chain stores out of New Paltz.	4/6/2020 9:31 AM

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23	Clean water, wildlife habitat, farmland, scenic views, local history	4/5/2020 6:08 PM
24	For the entirety of New Paltz being home to my family, the sewage treatment facility has been broken, resulting to frequent discharges of poop and household chemicals and waste being over-flowe of ineptd into the Wallkill River. 39+ YEARS of ineptness. For all but a couple of those years, the methane capture system has also been busted. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas.	4/5/2020 2:51 PM
25	I believe New Paltz needs to designate the CEAs, fully commit to being a Climate Smart Community, and pass a Community Preservation Act to achieve these goals.	4/5/2020 1:01 PM
26	clean water outdoor accessibility agriculture sites	4/5/2020 10:53 AM
27	Preserve watersheds	4/4/2020 5:25 PM
28	maintaining family farms and the rural character of the town.	4/4/2020 12:03 PM
29	Fewer agendas by newcomers to instill what they came here from. If they liked their "old way" they should have stayed there.	4/4/2020 9:45 AM
30	Keep sufficient wild areas wild.	4/4/2020 8:58 AM
31	More wildlife habitat	4/3/2020 8:53 AM
32	See 4 above	4/2/2020 11:20 PM
33	We would like to keep this town Just as beautiful as it is. I live in this town for 30 years. We don't want to see water parks low income housing projects shopping malls. This is a beautiful historical town don't turn it into new York city	4/2/2020 2:22 PM
34	Continuing to preserve the historical and natural areas we have so far preserved. Let's not lose what we already have.	4/1/2020 7:29 PM
35	clean water and historic property and built environment	4/1/2020 2:54 PM
36	non-human life	4/1/2020 2:40 PM
37	Recycling, composting, community clean ups	3/31/2020 11:37 AM
38	Removing the DEC's omnipotent power to dictate our lives.	3/31/2020 11:36 AM
39	Improvement of Main Street and N Chestnut intersection area. Especially the resolution of the unoccupied abomination at 51 Main Street.	3/31/2020 10:50 AM
40	Clean water and farms	3/31/2020 10:46 AM
41	Critical open space and environmental areas. This will ensure preservation of clean water, wildlife, scenery and other important resources.	3/31/2020 7:52 AM
42	Balanced growth we need to support conservation with tax rateables	3/31/2020 7:50 AM
43	Bike trails connecting all areas of town to the village. This would reduce the reliance on cars and improve the environment, which in turn would help all the initiatives mentioned above.	3/30/2020 10:26 PM
44	Stand up to SUNY expansion! - some expansion is good but where was this survey when Suny bulldozed the woods on 32 south to build a parking lot. Not one of my neighbors was notified! Town govt should have alerted residents.	3/30/2020 5:42 PM
45	Deer control: I oppose efforts focused on wildlife habitat because it just means more deer to damage woodlands, farms, home plantings, and vehicles and more Lyme disease. Also, concerns about clean water too often lead to micro-managing questionable "wetlands" on private properties. Focus on preserving the historic aspects of the town and preventing unsightly developments, but not all development. Unsightly would be illustrated by the out-of-character building at 215 Main St.	3/30/2020 1:32 PM
46	Stop NYC from taking our water!	3/30/2020 12:31 PM
47	I think we have done a good job with conservation and preservation. I am concerned about keeping the Town affordable for median income working families. I am also concerned about passing laws that are not enforced like those about tree removal.	3/30/2020 12:26 PM
48	New Paltz needs to balance preservation issues with the need to maintain a balanced tax base.	3/30/2020 10:32 AM

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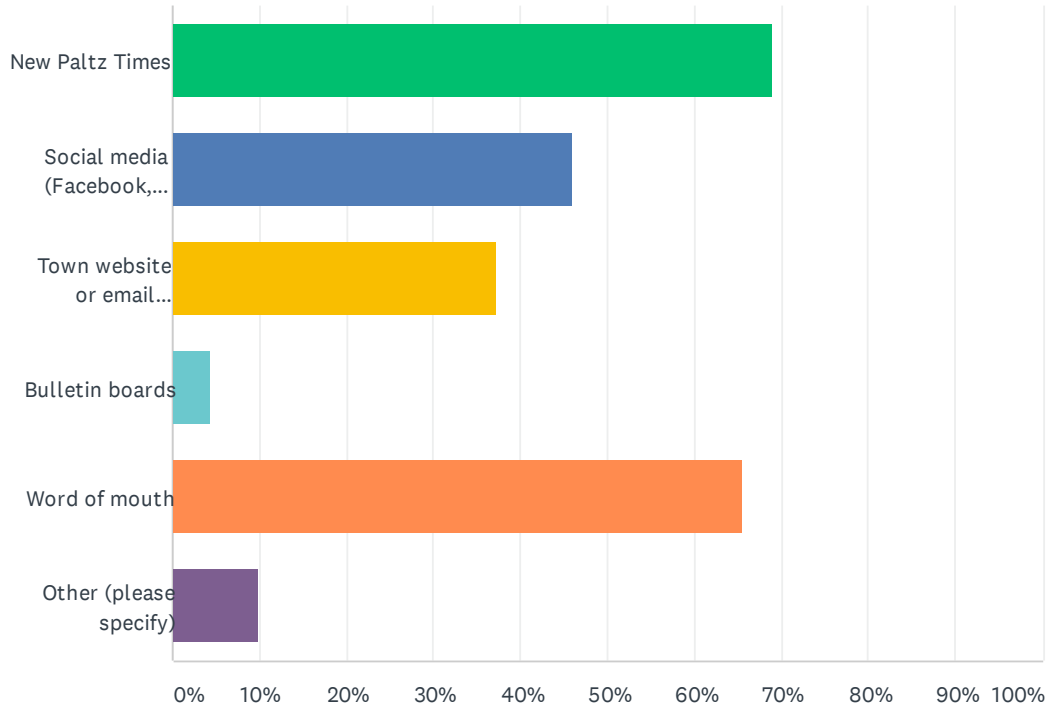
	Continuing large tax increases every year eventually destroy this town.	
49	Maintenance of the rail trail; particularly the area from Village Pizza heading towards The Station. Managing the flow of vehicular traffic more efficiently to keep small town feel.	3/29/2020 10:07 PM
50	Clean water and working farms	3/29/2020 8:34 PM
51	Clean water, views, wildlife habitat	3/29/2020 7:58 PM
52	Protected Open spaces and vistas, request that NYS DEC cleans up the Wallkill River	3/29/2020 7:39 PM
53	Protecting views of the Ridge.	3/29/2020 5:17 PM
54	Wallkill River	3/29/2020 5:02 PM
55	Conserve open space/nature/wild life, conserve our historic look, deter sprawl, keep our local farms going	3/29/2020 4:36 PM
56	The farms	3/29/2020 2:59 PM
57	Get funding for millbrook preserve to eradicate poison ivy and tick control. Also keep open spaces like river to ridge trail free for locals	3/29/2020 2:10 PM
58	stop building residential developments.	3/29/2020 1:44 PM
59	Parks and trails. Come up with a way to have visitors without chocking the town.	3/29/2020 12:45 PM
60	Maintain the small town atmosphere. Prevent large enterprises from ruining our character by buying their way in; by promising benefits we don't need. Confining commercial growth to the village boundary will automatically maintain the right proportion.	3/29/2020 12:02 PM
61	expand mohonk preserve	3/29/2020 11:30 AM
62	prevent sprawl - preserve farms and natural areas	3/29/2020 10:45 AM
63	paying close attention to building and zoning laws	3/29/2020 9:50 AM
64	Not parkifying the Millbrook Preserve	3/29/2020 9:16 AM
65	Encourage development in the Village and Town core. Mixed use buildings with commercial on the bottom floor and residential apartments above. Allow development in new buildings up to four floors to incentive developers. Further restrict development outside the Village and Town core. Expand the footprint of the Millbrook Preserve through tax breaks for neighboring landowners or land purchases.	3/29/2020 9:13 AM
66	Conservation: Water , need water to survive Preservation: Keeping a good balance between preservation and development.	3/29/2020 9:09 AM
67	Wetlands and forests.	3/29/2020 12:10 AM
68	Avoid sprawl, keep farms and rural character (especially west of the Walkill), and develop a cohesive village/downtown plan for smart and visually pleasing development.	3/28/2020 10:37 PM
69	Keeping the tax burden on openspaces in control so that the property can be maintained in its; natural state which will reduce the need to sell off these lands for development.	3/28/2020 8:19 PM
70	regulate building code to preserve historic character - make parking a priority (bring back the trolley!) - support local small businesses with events (what happened to the xmas in NP event) Encourage local shopping over Amazon.	3/28/2020 7:00 PM
71	Maintain Open spaces for the public with adequate parking (R2R trail is a good example). Clean the Wallkill river (improve water quality).	3/28/2020 6:38 PM
72	Clean water source.	3/28/2020 6:31 PM
73	Water, including the Wallkill. (For example, we should stop polluting it)	3/28/2020 6:05 PM
74	Clean drinking water. Safe sewer system. Much less drive thru traffic. Less parking on all streets. More parking lots out side of the village. Color code for building exteriors.	3/28/2020 5:19 PM
75	Lots of great things happening- keep it up!	3/28/2020 4:42 PM
76	Open land	3/28/2020 3:57 PM

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77	Clean water and wildlife	3/28/2020 3:20 PM
78	Wildlife, passive rec, evn. education	3/28/2020 3:16 PM
79	Taking all possible steps to preserve our natural areas and continue measures to make our town green.	3/28/2020 11:27 AM

## Q9 How do you learn about issues or events in New Paltz? Check all that apply.

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
New Paltz Times	69.03%	78
Social media (Facebook, Instagram)	46.02%	52
Town website or email notifications	37.17%	42
Bulletin boards	4.42%	5
Word of mouth	65.49%	74
Other (please specify)	9.73%	11
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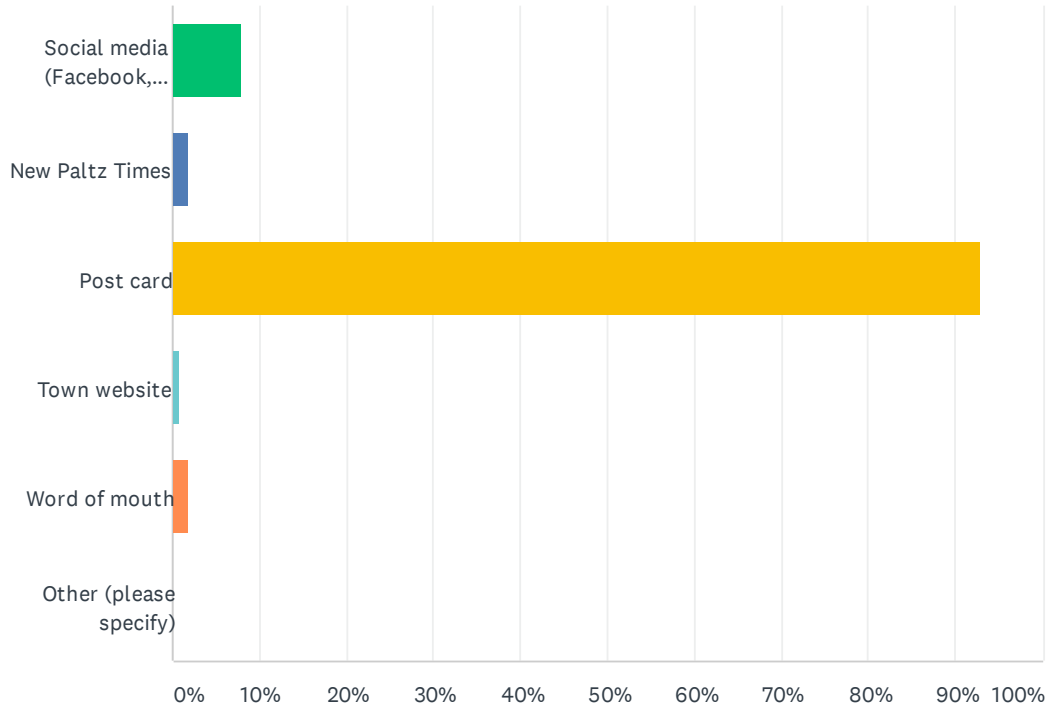
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Just By Walking Around	4/7/2020 9:18 PM
2	Sr. Citizen Meetings and the Lifetime Learning Program	4/1/2020 7:29 PM
3	Middletown Record	3/30/2020 1:32 PM
4	Watching meetings on cable access	3/30/2020 12:26 PM
5	My wife	3/29/2020 8:34 PM
6	A public mailing would be best	3/29/2020 2:10 PM
7	Post Card	3/29/2020 12:45 PM
8	google local news	3/29/2020 11:30 AM
9	P A TV	3/29/2020 9:50 AM
10	New Paltz Times	3/29/2020 9:16 AM
11	Public Access	3/28/2020 6:56 PM



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## Q10 How did you hear about this survey?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social media (Facebook, Instagram)	8.04%	9
New Paltz Times	1.79%	2
Post card	92.86%	104
Town website	0.89%	1
Word of mouth	1.79%	2
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 112		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

## Q11 Please provide any additional comments here.

Answered: 44   Skipped: 69

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I enjoy living in New Paltz because of all the benefits in number one and our community of residents.	4/30/2020 11:32 PM
2	We liked the nice upstate town we moved to , but it's slowly making the ugly transition to Westchester, between what the college is doing, that empty eyesore on Main St, and that ghastly ZERO Place (as in zero place in New Paltz) the colonial and early American look of this town is being destroyed.	4/30/2020 7:01 PM
3	New Paltz needs to make it's tax base more reasonable, to maintain a diverse population.	4/24/2020 5:32 PM
4	Town should protect our environment but also consider controlled development to ease the tax burden on our residents.	4/22/2020 12:50 PM
5	I am concerned that we are about to see a wave of new development pressure in New Paltz as COVID-19 measures are eased. Current zoning does not go far enough to preventing sprawl in many parts of the Town. The Town should adopt the proposed Critical Environmental Areas and revisit the subdivision regulations to enact stricter open space preservation requirements. I am also concerned about our high local taxes and the state of housing affordability. We need appropriate economic development and an affordable housing strategy.	4/15/2020 10:40 PM
6	H2O is the limit factor of ALL civilizations. We need a good hydrogeological survey to explore ALL options within our borders, for a projected 200-year timeframe, w or w0 NYC And MUCH better, and EXPANDED sewers/sewage processing for T/outsideV.	4/12/2020 11:00 PM
7	thank you for doing the survey hope people respond all the volunteers are a treasure of resources here in new paltz	4/9/2020 6:48 PM
8	Renewable energy via an electric coop would help with less \$\$\$ lost to Central Hudson G&E. Also community internet service, free from the Spectrum/Verizon monopoly is necessary. Clean water survey?testing and enforcement needs to end usage of pollutants like glysophate/Roundup and other pesticides/herbicides.	4/9/2020 10:40 AM
9	I love this town!	4/8/2020 10:38 AM
10	NP is a unique blend of small town, college and Mohonk preserve. This is difficult to balance student housing and the need for businesses to cater to the tourist traffic. Too often the full time residence are not the priority considering the cost we shoulder through taxes and fees to live here.	4/6/2020 9:31 AM
11	We capped the dump but never captured the methane it generates. Methane is a clean burning fuel. Cutting down 20 acres of forest to build a solar farm that will only provide 25% of our current electric consumption, with no known way to recycle the solar panels, like the non-functional panels on the Village Hall, is irresponsible.	4/5/2020 2:51 PM
12	none	4/5/2020 10:53 AM
13	Taxes are killers. Consolidate...MORE.	4/4/2020 9:45 AM
14	This is a beautiful town I am proud to live in it . Let's try to keep it that way ♡♡♡	4/2/2020 2:22 PM
15	I love the diversity of backgrounds for the residents - education, cultures, ages, vocations, hobbies, etc. and the way they share their gifts with the community. This is a unique town.	4/1/2020 7:29 PM
16	Post card had wrong email address and I had to call Town for correct info	4/1/2020 2:54 PM
17	If you could stop capitalizing words that feel important, like "town" and "board," that would be nice. It's a common noun unless it's the actual name, no matter what your attorneys tell you.	4/1/2020 2:40 PM
18	i continue to be concerned about trash pick up which is unreliable and more expensive than service provided by my previous locally owned company.....royal carting services.	3/31/2020 3:13 PM
19	This survey needs to be distributed off line also so that people who do not have internet access can participate and have their opinions counted.	3/31/2020 11:37 AM
20	Keep our village alive. Once and for all resolve the parking issue that has been ongoing since I moved here in 1979.	3/31/2020 10:46 AM
21	Misinformation/disinformation can divide and destroy a community. Please do your best to prevent the spread of falsehoods dealing with the results of this survey	3/31/2020 7:52 AM

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22	I am concerned about development of Moriello orchard/Apple Hill farm. I'm not concerned about a CVS pharmacy/5 Guys at Putt Corners	3/30/2020 5:42 PM
23	I favor strict zoning codes to maintain community character but I am appalled at the expense and time required to get zoning compliant buildings approved by the bureaucracy or the time required to implement legal improvements such as Water District #5.	3/30/2020 1:32 PM
24	Now that we have a rail trail the Town needs to maintain it, especially in the winter. I would like to see more housing for medium income families and senior citizens.	3/30/2020 12:26 PM
25	Although I am a Mohonk Preserve member, the new entrance at the memorial arch on 299 will be extremely dangerous on weekends. It eliminates the bike lane and traffic will be backed up on 299 in both directions. That access needs to be modified before the parking opens.	3/29/2020 7:39 PM
26	Please come to some resolution with the owner of 51 Main Street. It's a big eyesore and the fact that it's in an unfinished state now for many years is simply unacceptable. It should be torn down completely.	3/29/2020 5:17 PM
27	I could have answered VERY concerned for all of the questions above. Only put less than VERY concerned for a few where it seems we are doing well. I put less concern for farms and historic character, because I have not noticed major impact to those characteristics in our community (at least not yet). The one exception to historic character is the huge eye sore of a modern building next to Lola's a main street. It is TOO large for Main street and WAY too modern for its location. It should be refaced to be more in character with that historic area of our village.	3/29/2020 4:36 PM
28	Regarding Mohonk Preserve trails, I really resent the closing off of land that taxpayer dollars pay for. (Gatehouse trail). When it does open it will cost \$60 for a family of 4 to walk there, each time. I suggest a family package, AND a discount to New Paltz residents, much as Gardiner does for their local residents for their local parks. The tax burden is extreme to keep our open spaces. We should get some consideration for that. I love the new R2R trails. There does need to be some trailhead parking Albany Post Road and across from Walkill View Farms.	3/29/2020 4:17 PM
29	There should be public mailings and not so much reliance on social media as many people do not partake in the often times misleading information posted on public media. Regardless of the forum	3/29/2020 2:10 PM
30	We also could use some commercial businesses along 299 and Rt.32 North. This would help ease the ridiculous cost of our school and property taxes.	3/29/2020 1:44 PM
31	Thank you for the survey and concern	3/29/2020 12:45 PM
32	Preserving our existing wetlands is our top priority! Discouraging attractions that appeal to the masses will help maintain our character.	3/29/2020 12:02 PM
33	I appreciate how difficult it is to balance the desire for conservation with the need for economic growth. I think the town has done a good job. It is one of the reasons I moved here.	3/29/2020 11:23 AM
34	We need to ease up restrictions on what people can do, what livestock they can keep, on the property surrounding their homes, in the interest of food security	3/29/2020 9:16 AM
35	Balance of land preservation and development is key to keeping the middle class in New Paltz. Total preservation does not support the Tax base. As we approach retirement, we are considering moving because of the consistent increase of taxes...	3/29/2020 9:09 AM
36	The wetlands on 299 near Highland were destroyed for a bike path. That was foolish management, and resulted in the extinction of the Northern Cricket Frog.	3/29/2020 12:10 AM
37	rural and agricultural properties which provide most of the clean water and wildlife areas within the Town are under great pressure to be sold off and developed for Town houses and Condos' Taxes must be adjusted to allow these lands to remain intact.	3/28/2020 8:19 PM
38	local business owner (food) producing with 95% local ingredients	3/28/2020 7:00 PM
39	What about offering residents the possibility to listen to meetings by videoconferencing, whenever applicable?	3/28/2020 6:38 PM
40	I am also very concerned about the high cost of living for those of us in the lower income brackets. Many of us contribute to the culture of the community, but are struggling to remain	3/28/2020 6:31 PM

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	living here.	
41	A balance between development and environmental conservation is very important to me.	3/28/2020 5:48 PM
42	Zero Place is a welcome addition. 51 Main Street, how the heck did that happen!? Too many ugly buildings!	3/28/2020 5:19 PM
43	Millbrook Preserve, good so far, ggod model, let me know how i can help!	3/28/2020 3:16 PM
44	Even though I checked uncertain to question 7 above, I do think our mayor is doing a good job overall with regard to conservation and environmental issues.	3/28/2020 11:27 AM