

Starksboro Community Survey

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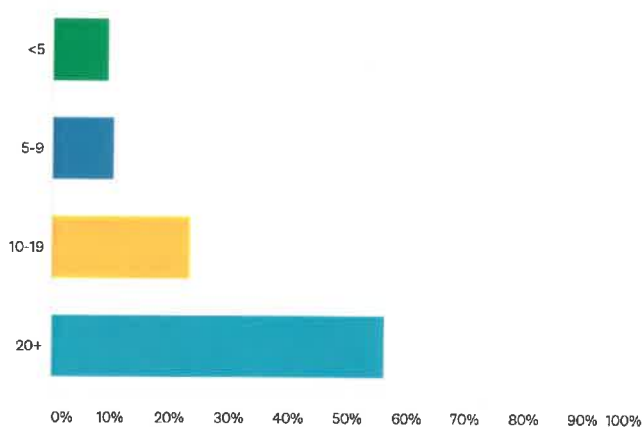
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Q1

How many years have you lived in Starksboro?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 1

RESPONSES **222** VIEWS **22**
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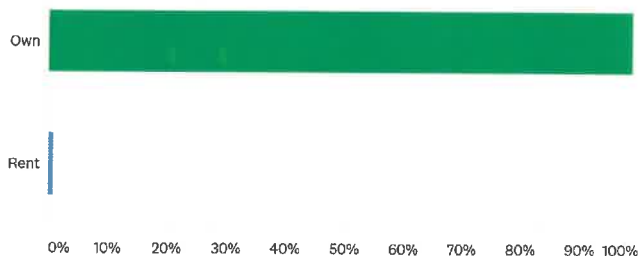
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<5	9.50%	21
5-9	10.41%	23
10-19	23.53%	52
20+	56.56%	125
TOTAL		221

Q2

Do you own or rent your home in Starksboro?

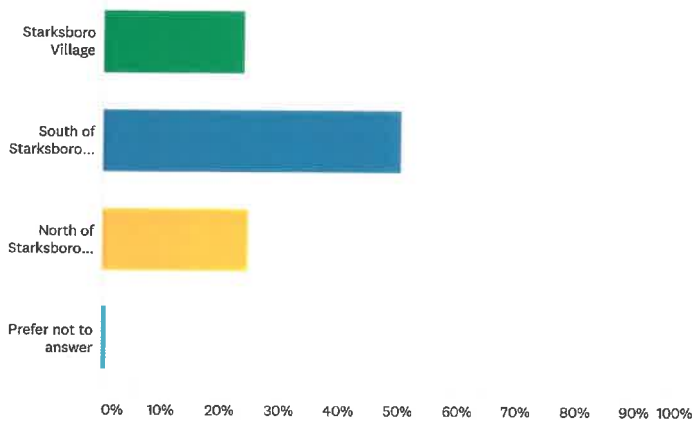
Answered: 219 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	99.09%	217
Rent	0.91%	2
TOTAL		219

Q3 What general area of town do you live in?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 0

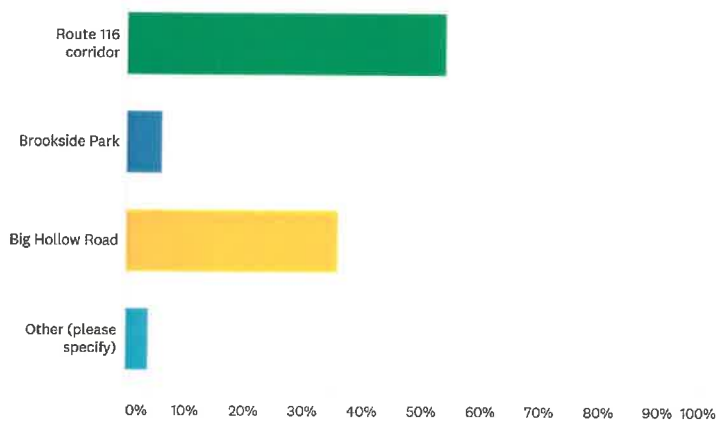


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Starksboro Village	23.87%	53
South of Starksboro Village	50.45%	112
North of Starksboro Village	24.77%	55
Prefer not to answer	0.90%	2
TOTAL		222

Q4

What specific area of town do you live in?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 172

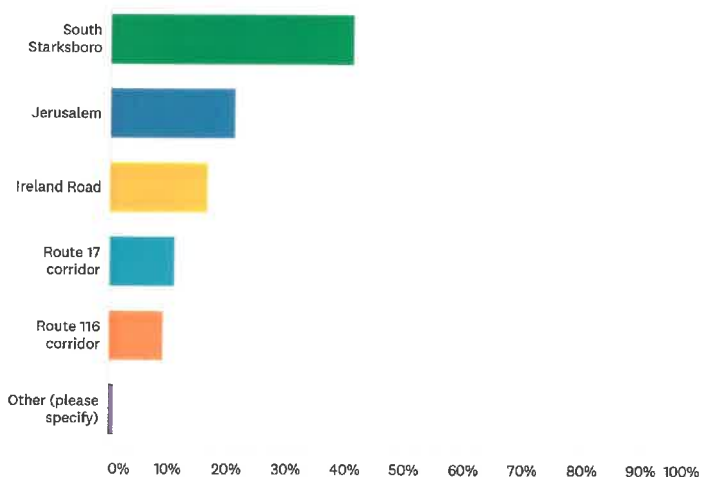


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Route 116 corridor	54.00%	27
Brookside Park	6.00%	3
Big Hollow Road	36.00%	18
Other (please specify)	4.00%	2
TOTAL		50

Q5

What specific area of town do you live in?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 113

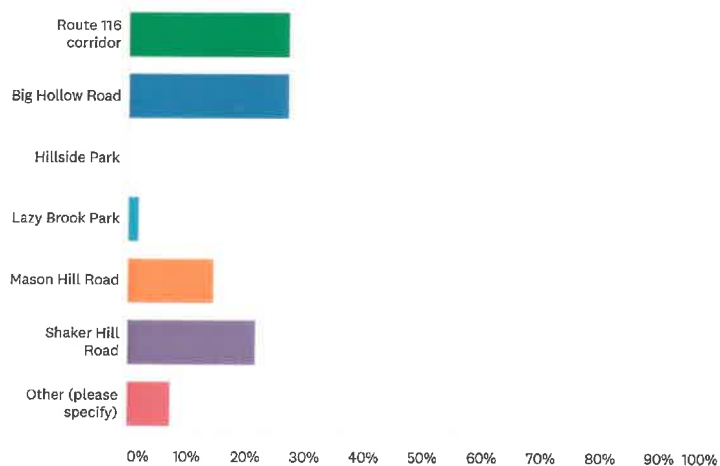


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
South Starksboro	41.28%	45
Jerusalem	21.10%	23
Ireland Road	16.51%	18
Route 17 corridor	11.01%	12
Route 116 corridor	9.17%	10
Other (please specify)	0.92%	1
TOTAL		109

Q6

What specific area of town do you live in?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 167



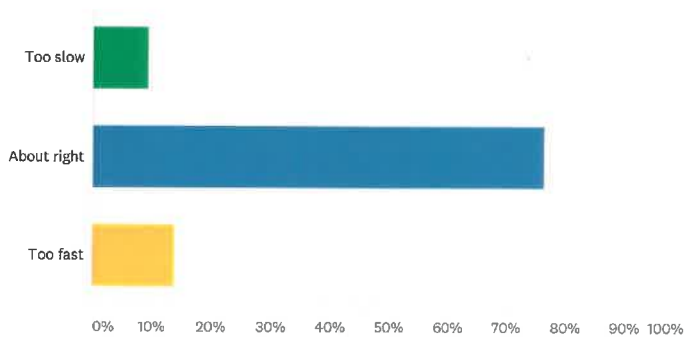
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Route 116 corridor	27.27%	15
TOTAL		55

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Big Hollow Road	27.27%	15
Hillside Park	0.00%	0
Lazy Brook Park	1.82%	1
Mason Hill Road	14.55%	8
Shaker Hill Road	21.82%	12
Other (please specify)	Responses	7.27%
TOTAL		55

Q7

How would you describe the rate of residential development?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 8

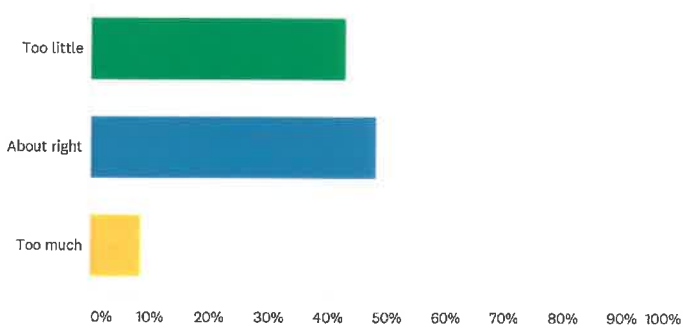


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too slow	9.35%	20
About right	76.64%	164
Too fast	14.02%	30
TOTAL		214

Q8

How would you describe the amount of land protected from development?

Answered: 211 Skipped: 11

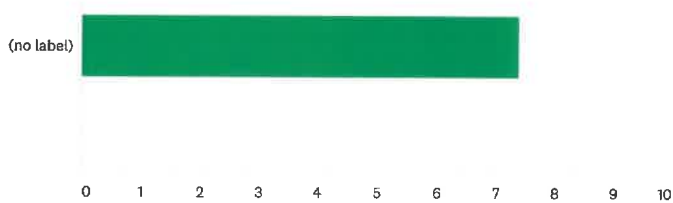


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too little	43.13%	91
About right	48.34%	102
Too much	8.53%	18
TOTAL		211

Q9

What is your level of support for home-based businesses?

Answered: 212 Skipped: 10



	DO NOT SUPPORT	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	STRONGLY SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	2.83% 6	0.94% 2	1.42% 3	1.42% 3	1.89% 4	9.43% 20	6.13% 13	14.62% 31	14.15% 30	47.17% 100	212	7.40

Q10

What types of small businesses do you think are appropriate in town?

Answered: 212 Skipped: 10

Vehicle or equipment sa...

Personal service (hai...

Professional service...

Restaurant, cafe, coffee...

Retail store - necessities...

Retail store - speciality...

Gasoline station

Nursery

Light industry (furniture,...

Warehouse or self-storage

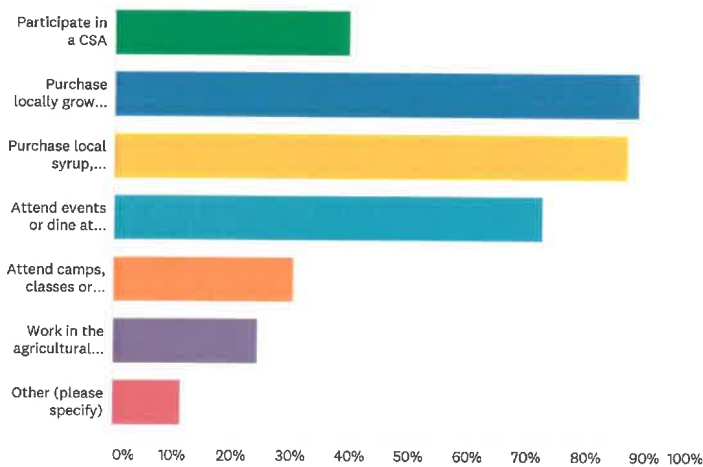
Other (please specify)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Vehicle or equipment sales and repair	56.13% 119
Personal service (hair salon, laundry, etc.)	67.45% 143
Professional service (doctor, lawyer, accountant, etc.)	84.43% 179
Restaurant, cafe, coffee shop or deli	76.42% 162
Retail store - necessities (food, hardware, etc.)	70.75% 150
Retail store - speciality (crafts, antiques, etc.)	57.55% 122
Gasoline station	43.87% 93
Nursery	76.89% 163
Light industry (furniture, machinist, manufacturing etc.)	61.79% 131
Warehouse or self-storage	29.72% 63
Other (please specify)	Responses 11.79% 25
Total Respondents: 212	

Q11

Have you done any of the following to support local farming and forestry?

Answered: 209 Skipped: 13

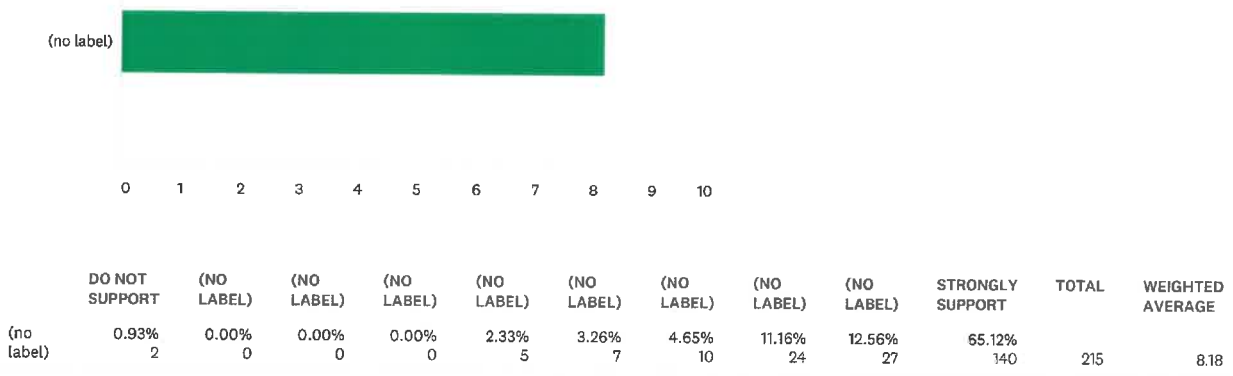


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Participate in a CSA	39.71% 83
Purchase locally grown produce, fruit, meat, dairy, etc.	89.00% 186
Purchase local syrup, firewood, lumber, chips, etc.	87.08% 182
Attend events or dine at places that feature local food	72.73% 152
Attend camps, classes or programs that connect people to farming, forestry or natural resources	30.62% 64
Work in the agricultural/forestry industry	24.40% 51
Other (please specify)	Responses 11.48% 24
Total Respondents: 209	

Q12

What is your level of support for on-farm businesses?

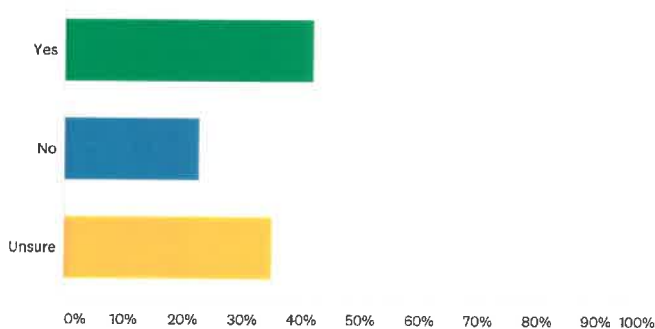
Answered: 215 Skipped: 7



Q13

In an effort to reduce the tax burden on residents, would you support development that adds significantly to the tax base while minimizing any increase in demand for municipal services?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.06%	90
No	22.90%	49
Unsure	35.05%	75
TOTAL		214

Q14

Should the town continue to limit the type or intensity of development that would require a municipal wastewater system?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 7

Yes

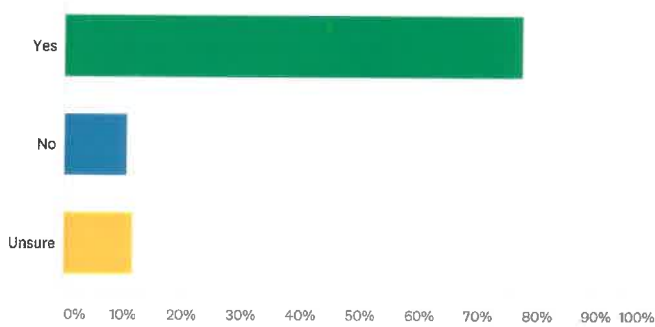


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.28%	164
No	6.98%	15
Unsure	16.74%	36
TOTAL		215

Q15

Should the town continue to limit development the FCD?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.57%	166
No	10.75%	23
Unsure	11.68%	25
TOTAL		214

Q16

Do you support this practice to conserve working lands and open space?

Answered: 212 Skipped: 10

Yes

No

Unsure

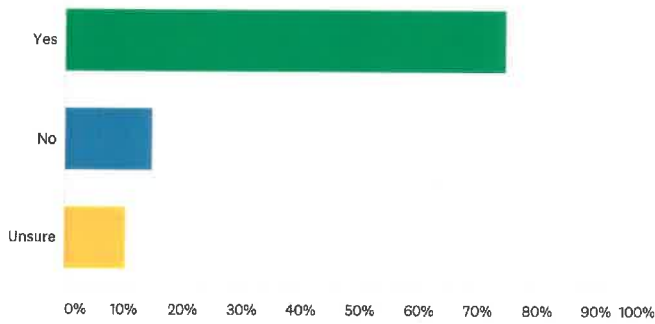


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.53%	158
No	13.68%	29
Unsure	11.79%	25
TOTAL		212

Q17

Do you support this practice to limit fragmentation of working lands and open space?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 12

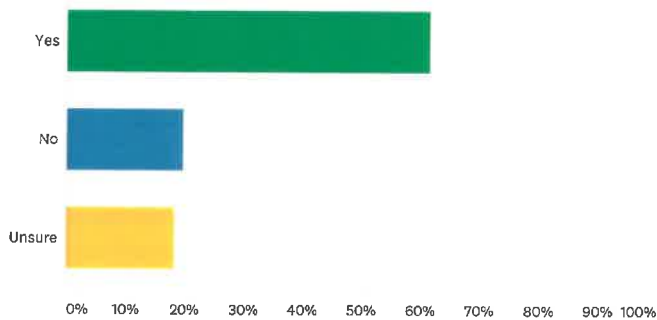


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.76%	157
No	14.76%	31
Unsure	10.48%	22
TOTAL		210

Q18

Do you agree that this is where more intense development should take place?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 16

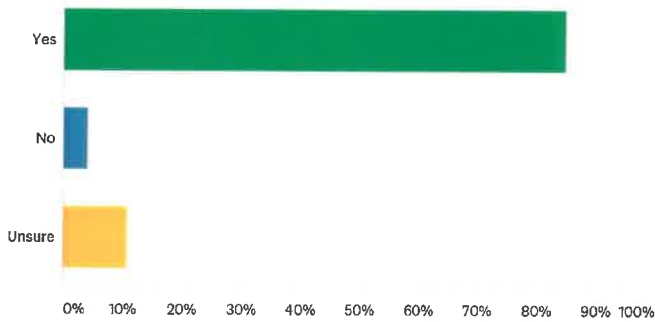


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.65%	127
No	19.90%	41
Unsure	18.45%	38
TOTAL		206

Q19

Do you support building housing that would allow seniors to continue to live in town?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.98%	181
No	4.23%	9
Unsure	10.80%	23
TOTAL		213

Q20

Any comments related to land use and development?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 162

Question 8 - small gasoline station like J store, not like big [?] Question 10 - depends on the type of development Question 13 - I support zoning that minimizes development on ag land Question 14 - I support cluster - I question large subdivisions Question 15 - Not necessarily on ag land Question 16 - but size and [?] that fits with the character of the town need to be a [?]

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Question 8 - "in town" - should we "no" to any of these in the whole of Starksboro? Question 14 - How close together is clustered? Question 16 - Does town always have the same meaning? Is it sometimes used to mean village?

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Question 8 - gasoline station is not appropriate, self-storage depends on the location Question 13 - not sure of impact of this regulations Question 14 - Depends on where it is Question 15 - Not in agreement with new zoning Question 16 - Depends on where

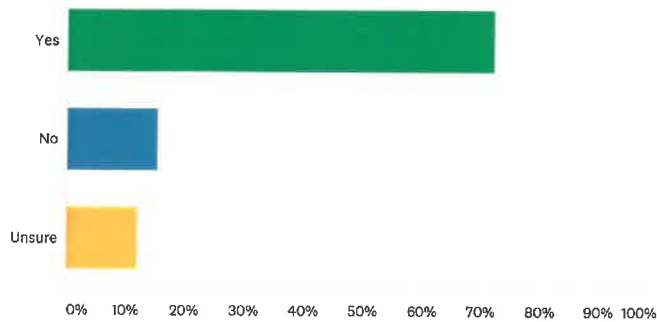
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Question 1 - Rate has to correspond with increases in expenses. Question 2 - Review land trust deals. Question 10 - Increase tax base Question 11 - we have good soils Question 12 - 66% + 10% land trust = problem Question 13 - Working to What? Pay no taxes? Question 14 - How did [?] project work? Question 15 - Spread it out Question 16 - Help seniors

Q21

Would you support efforts to explore alternative routes, reduce traffic speed, and improve pedestrian safety?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 9

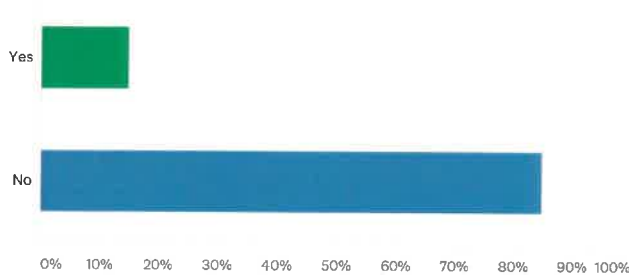


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.30%	154
No	15.49%	33
Unsure	12.21%	26
TOTAL		213

Q22

Have you used this system?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 7



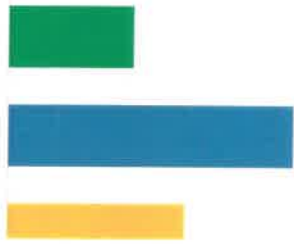
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	14.88%	32
No	85.12%	183
TOTAL		215

Q23

Would you use public transportation more regularly if it ran more frequently?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 6

Yes

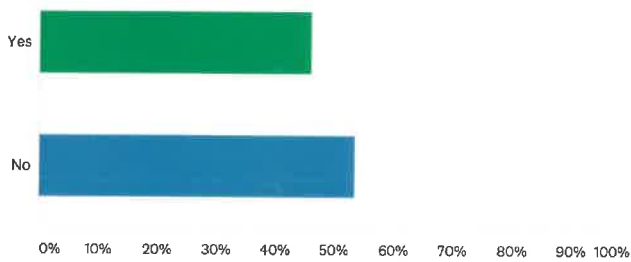


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21.30%	46
No	48.61%	105
Unsure	30.09%	65
TOTAL		216

Q24

Have you used the nature trail loop at Cota Field?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 6

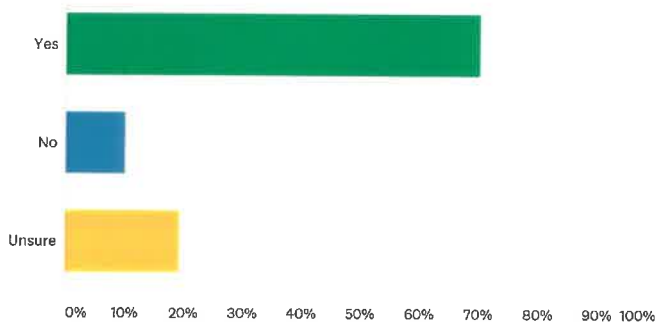


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.30%	100
No	53.70%	116
TOTAL		216

Q25

Would you support connecting "Cota Trail" to the Village?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 6

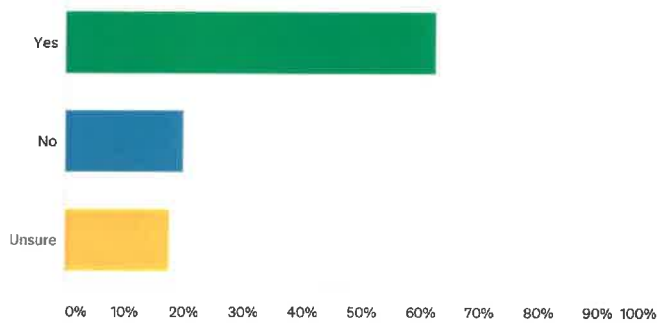


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.37%	152
No	10.19%	22
Unsure	19.44%	42
TOTAL		216

Q26

Would you support developing a trail between Brookside Mobile Home Park and Robinson School?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.50%	135
No	19.91%	43
Unsure	17.59%	38
TOTAL		216

Q27

Any comments related to transportation?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 179

Question 17 - first what are ideas for alternative routes

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Question 17 - Slow down traffic Question 19 - train system

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Question 20 - but it needs to be maintained regularly

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Question 17 - I would not want the speed reduced to 25 mph unless pedestrians are being hit by cars!

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Question 22 - Safety first.

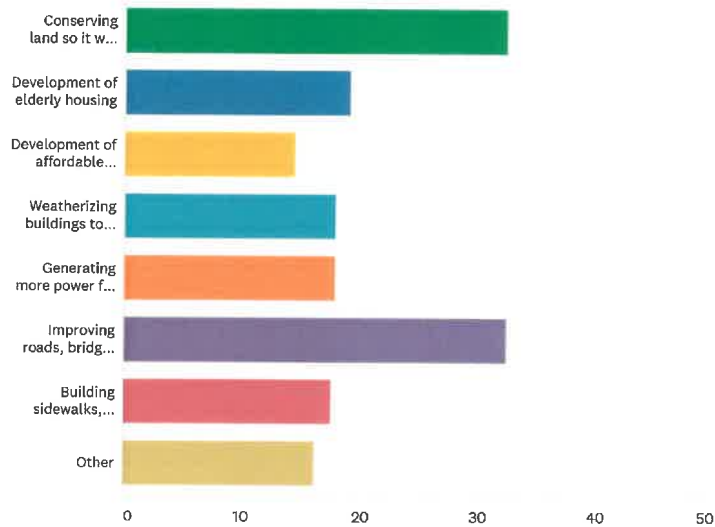
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Question 17 - no to alternative routes.

Q28

Starksboro’s town plan includes many goals and objectives, this question is intended to help prioritize between them. If you had \$100 to spend on the following, how would you allocate the money? (write in amounts totalling \$100)

Answered: 208 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES	
Conserving land so it will not be developed	Responses	32	4,722	146
Development of elderly housing	Responses	19	2,382	125
Development of affordable housing	Responses	14	1,469	102
Weatherizing buildings to make them more efficient	Responses	18	2,218	124
Generating more power from renewable energy	Responses	18	2,131	119
Improving roads, bridges and culverts	Responses	32	5,184	160
Building sidewalks, trails or paths	Responses	18	2,304	131
Other	Responses	16	390	24
Total Respondents: 208				

Q29

If other priorities, what are they?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 202

conserving land for agriculture

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Town hall and JSH ADA accessible upstairs

5/14/2017 7:44 AM

Housing that houses all ages



Q30

VIEWSHED 1 - near Willsey, views to the north and south

Answered: 190 Skipped: 32



0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	66	12,611	190

Total Respondents: 190

Q31

VIEWSHED 2 - looking north along the Rt 116 corridor on either side of Varney Hill Rd

Answered: 187 Skipped: 35



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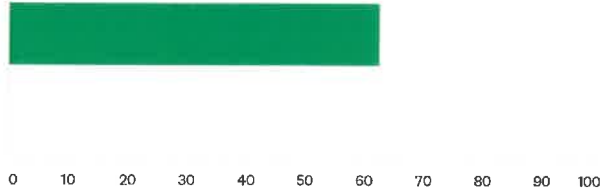
ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	67	12,527	187

Total Respondents: 187

Q32

VIEWSHED 3 - on States Prison Hollow Rd, looking north and east

Answered: 192 Skipped: 30



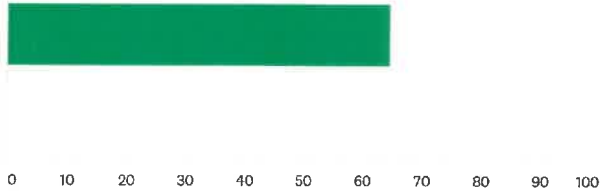
ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	63	12,035	192

Total Respondents: 192

Q33

VIEWSHED 4 - On Big Hollow Rd, looking west over Starksboro Village

Answered: 194 Skipped: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	65	12,575	194

Total Respondents: 194

Q34

VIEWSHED 5 - looking north and west along the Rt 116 corridor south of Tatro Rd

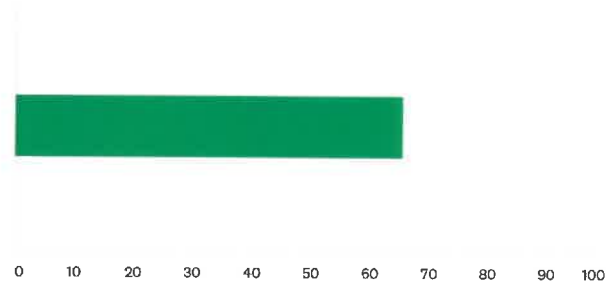
Answered: 188 Skipped: 34

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	64	12,121	188
Total Respondents: 188			

Q35

VIEWSHED 6 - looking west along the Rt 116 corridor, south of Kelly and Russell Farms

Answered: 191 Skipped: 31

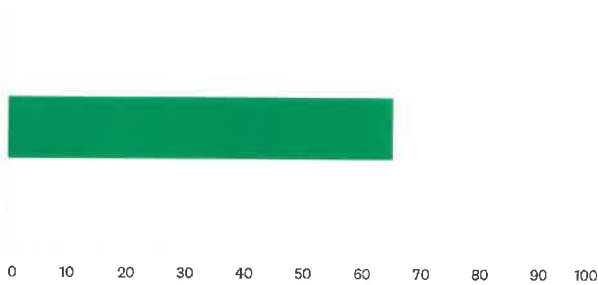


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	66	12,537	191
Total Respondents: 191			

Q36

VIEWSHED 7 - On Ireland Rd near Olsons

Answered: 187 Skipped: 35

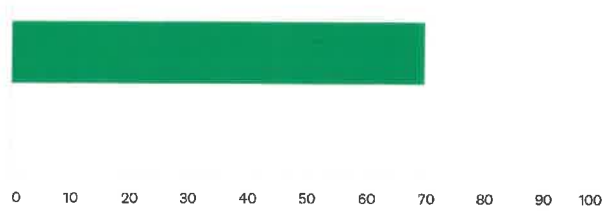


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	65	12,214	187
Total Respondents: 187			

Q37

VIEWSHED 8 - looking east and west from Rt 17 near former Stokes (now Norris) Farm

Answered: 190 Skipped: 32



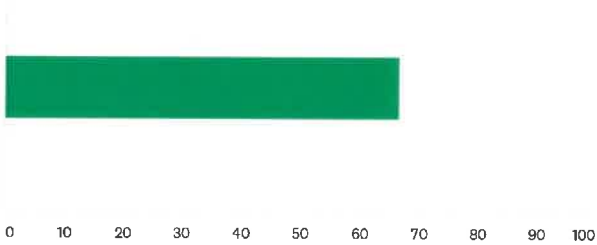
ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	70	13,293	190

Total Respondents: 190

Q38

VIEWSHED 9 - around Jerusalem Store

Answered: 191 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Responses	67	12,763	191

Total Respondents: 191

Q39

Are there other locations where you would NOT want renewable energy projects to be sited in Starksboro? (identify the general area of town using the A-Z lettered grid on the map above and describe the location and direction of the view as specifically as possible)

Answered: 33 Skipped: 189

In the village - makes our little town look ugly

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Between Big Hollow Road and Ireland Road, especially around Baldwin Pond

5/16/2017 2:28 PM

10 view to north and west

5/16/2017 1:17 PM

Not on ridgelines

Q40

Any other comments related to siting renewable energy facilities in Starksboro?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 159

Lumping renewable energy projects together is tricky. Some places might look OK with solar panels and not wind towers, and vice-versa.

5/16/2017 2:47 PM

I think renewable energy is super important and if its just view being considered, do not see view as a huge issue. Of course, impacts on land use and habitat must be considered too.

5/16/2017 2:41 PM

Are there plans for renewable generation projects that are not well known to the general public? If so, the horse is already before the cart.

5/16/2017 2:03 PM

Solar and wind farms have no place. To me subsidizing solar panels on homes and barns makes much more sense. Only the developer makes money from the "farms."

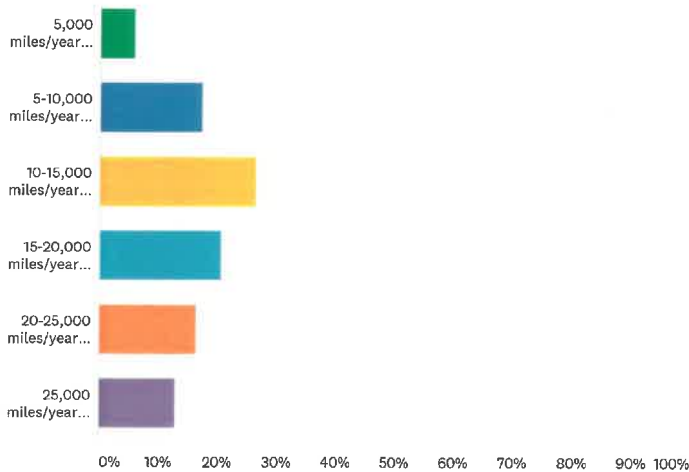
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I do not support any development of ratepayer subsidized renewable energy projects. Legislated rate guarantees over market price benefit a small pool of investors. Although these projects "feel good" they do little to benefit residents in terms of savings, jobs, etc.

Q41

How many miles does your family drive?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 15



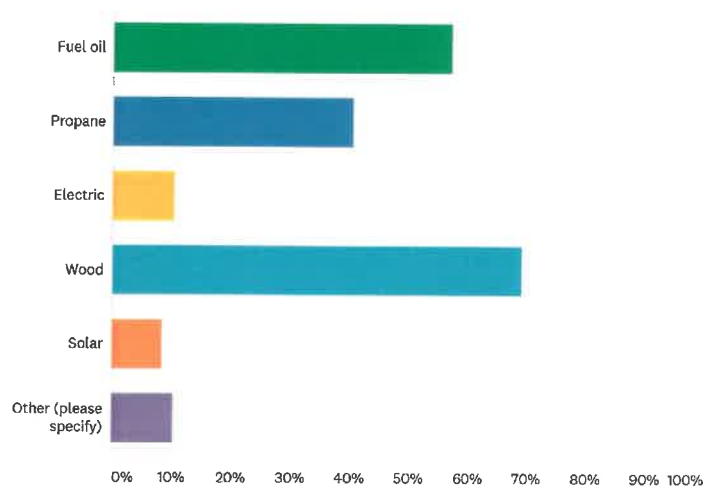
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
5,000 miles/year (about 100 miles/week) or less	5.80%	12
5-10,000 miles/year (about 100-200 miles/week)	17.39%	36
10-15,000 miles/year (about 200-300 miles/week)	26.57%	55
15-20,000 miles/year (about 300-400 miles/week)	20.77%	43
TOTAL		207

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
20-25,000 miles/year (about 400-500 miles/week)	16.43%	34
25,000 miles/year (about 500 miles/week) or more	13.04%	27
TOTAL		207

Q42

What type of fuel(s) do you heat your home with?

Answered: 212 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fuel oil	57.08%	121
Propane	40.57%	86
Electric	10.38%	22
Wood	69.34%	147
Solar	8.49%	18
Other (please specify)	10.38%	22
Total Respondents: 212		

Q43

What is the primary type of fuel you heat your home with?

Answered: 209 Skipped: 13

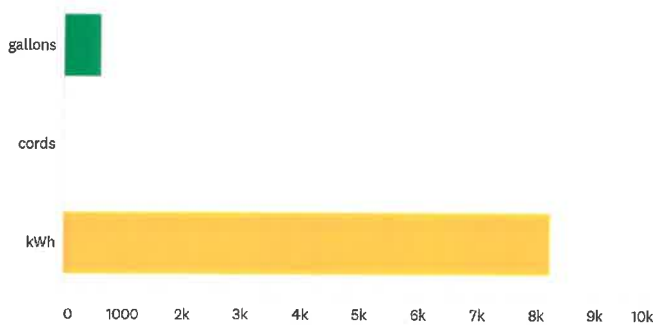
- Fuel oil
- Propane
- Electric
- Wood
- Solar
- Other (please

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fuel oil	37.32%	78
Propane	11.00%	23
Electric	0.48%	1
Wood	41.63%	87
Solar	0.96%	2
Other (please specify)	Responses 8.61%	18
TOTAL		209

Q44

How much of each fuel source do you use to heat your home in a year?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
gallons Responses	618	87,196	141
cords Responses	4	508	135
kWh Responses	8,257	173,405	21

Total Respondents: 179

Q45

How many kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity does your family use in a year? (this information can be found on your electric bill)

Answered: 164 Skipped: 58

- 3,600 kWh/yr (300 kWh/mon...)
- 3,600-4,800 kWh/yr (300-...)
- 4,800-6,000 kWh/yr (400-...)
- 6,000-7,200 kWh/yr (500-...)

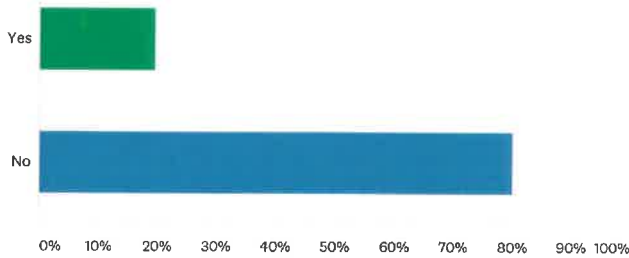


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
3,600 kWh/yr (300 kWh/month) or less	25.61%	42
3,600-4,800 kWh/yr (300-400 kWh/month)	22.56%	37
4,800-6,000 kWh/yr (400-500 kWh/month)	15.85%	26
6,000-7,200 kWh/yr (500-600 kWh/month)	12.80%	21
7,200-8,400 kWh/yr (600-700 kWh/month)	10.98%	18
8,400 kWh/yr (700 kWh/month) or more	12.20%	20
TOTAL		164

Q46

Do you generate any of your electricity from renewable sources like solar or wind?

Answered: 209 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.62%	41
No	80.38%	168
TOTAL		209

Q47

If yes, how many kWh of electricity do you generate from renewable sources in a year?

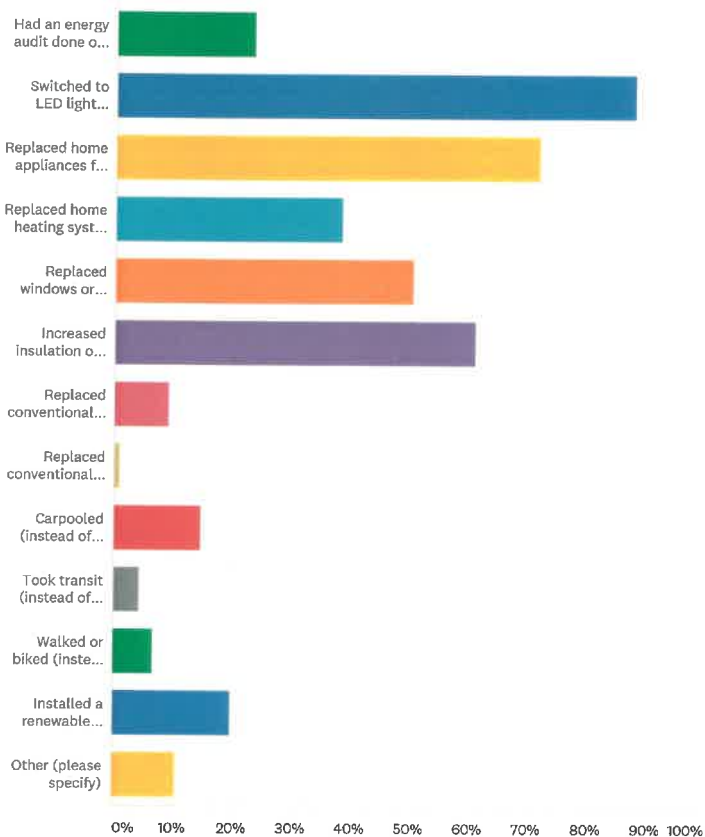
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Q48

Have you done any of the following to reduce or change your energy use in the last 10 years?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Had an energy audit done on your home	23.30%	48
Switched to LED light fixtures or bulbs	87.86%	181
Replaced home appliances for more efficient models	71.84%	148
Replaced home heating system to be more efficient	38.35%	79
Replaced windows or doors to be more efficient	50.49%	104
Increased insulation or fixed leaks in home	61.17%	126
Replaced conventional vehicle with a hybrid one	9.22%	19
Replaced conventional vehicle with an all-electric one	0.97%	2
Carpooled (instead of driving alone) on a regular basis	14.56%	30
Took transit (instead of driving) on a regular basis	4.37%	9
Walked or biked (instead of driving) on a regular basis	6.80%	14
Installed a renewable energy system	19.90%	41

Total Respondents: 206

ANSWER CHOICES

Other (please specify)

Total Respondents: 206

RESPONSES

Responses | 10.68% 22

Q49

Any other comments?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 163

I am very wary of development that doesn't fit with the rural character of Starksboro (except renewable energy) and am highly supportive of supporting ag and forest lands and businesses.

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Question 15 - I would want the village to remain working farmland as it is now.

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Question 30 - summer kwh usage low but I don't have a summer bill for actual usage. I just remember the statement I use less than my neighbors. Question 32 - The doors turned out to be less efficient.

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Is there anything the zoning can do to lower property taxes?

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Has the idea of energy generation been brought up and discussed at town meeting? Or any other recent meetings?

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