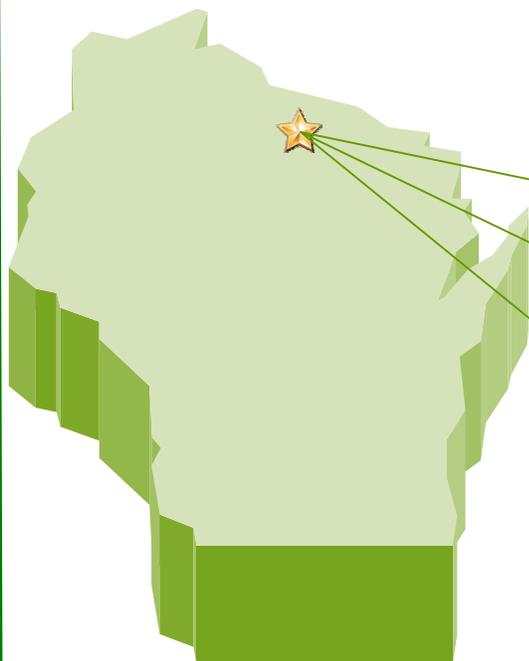


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Lake Tomahawk

TOWN PLANNING SURVEY REPORT

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SURVEY SUMMARY INTRODUCTION

March 2009

The population of the Town of Lake Tomahawk identified in the 2000 United States Census was 1160. The projected population by the year 2010 will be 1255 and in the year 2020, Lake Tomahawk is projected to have 1370 inhabitants. Like the State of Wisconsin itself, Lake Tomahawk should experience slow, but steady growth. Unlike other parts of the United States which are predicted to have large population swings in both increasing and decreasing directions, Lake Tomahawk is fortunate to have a predicted population growth which is desirable and manageable.

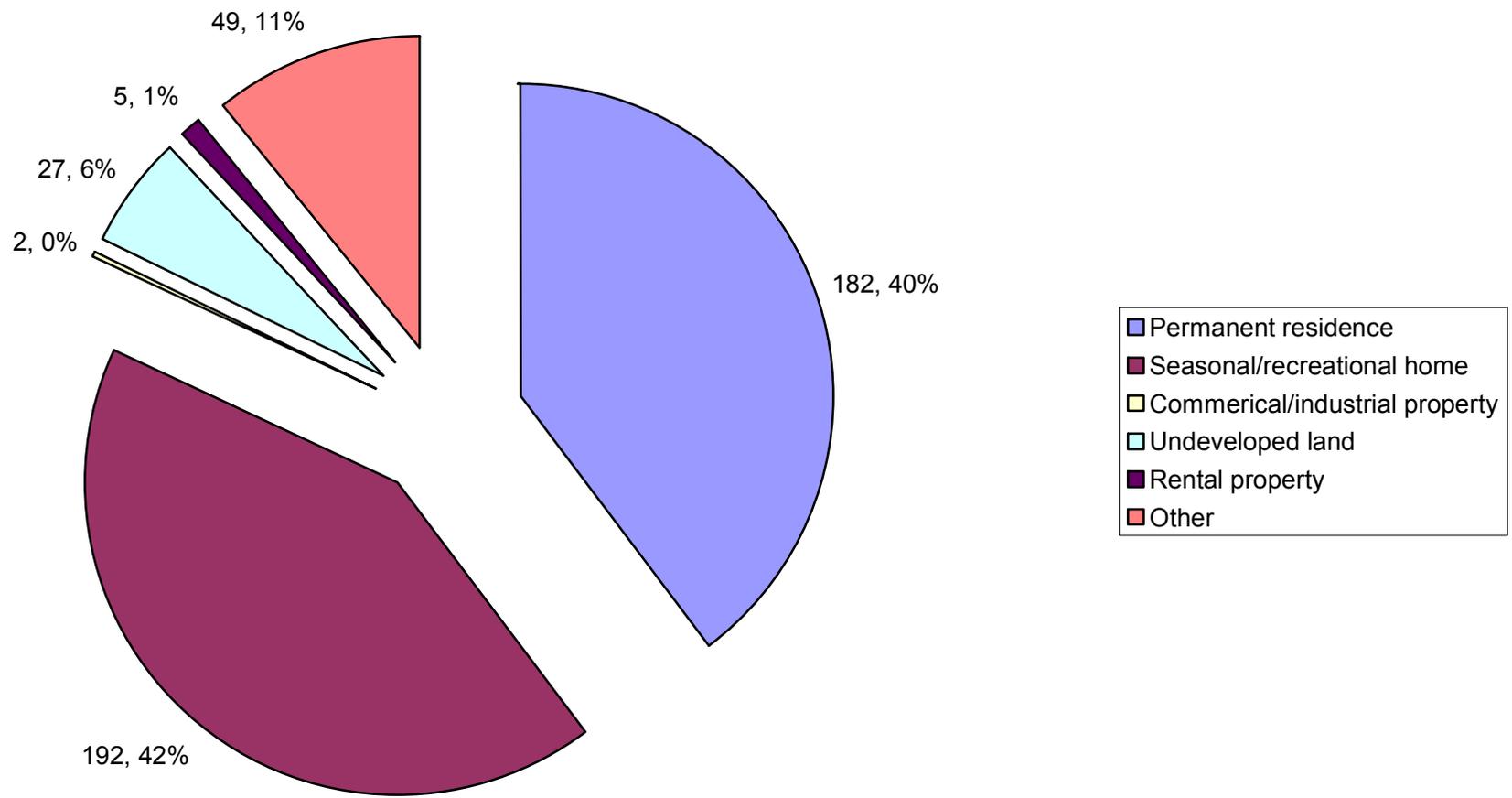
To assist elected officials of Lake Tomahawk plan for this growth, the Lake Tomahawk Town Planning Survey was developed, implemented, compiled and analyzed by the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Oneida County at the request of the Lake Tomahawk Comprehensive Planning Committee in the late fall of 2008. The results of that survey can be found in the following pages.

While you as a reader of this document can make your own determination regarding the results of the survey data, there are several inarguable trends to be noted. First and foremost is that the beauty and tranquility of the abundant natural resources of the Town of Lake Tomahawk is what attracted current residents and will also be responsible for attracting future residents. This sentiment is supported by 85% of survey respondents who say that Lake Tomahawk is a good or excellent place to live. Because of that fact, the overwhelming number of those completing the survey do not want town leaders to do anything that would negatively affect these natural resources. While respondents supported the idea that slow growth is necessary for economic sustainability, these same respondents want to protect the unique qualities of their town that make living here desirable.

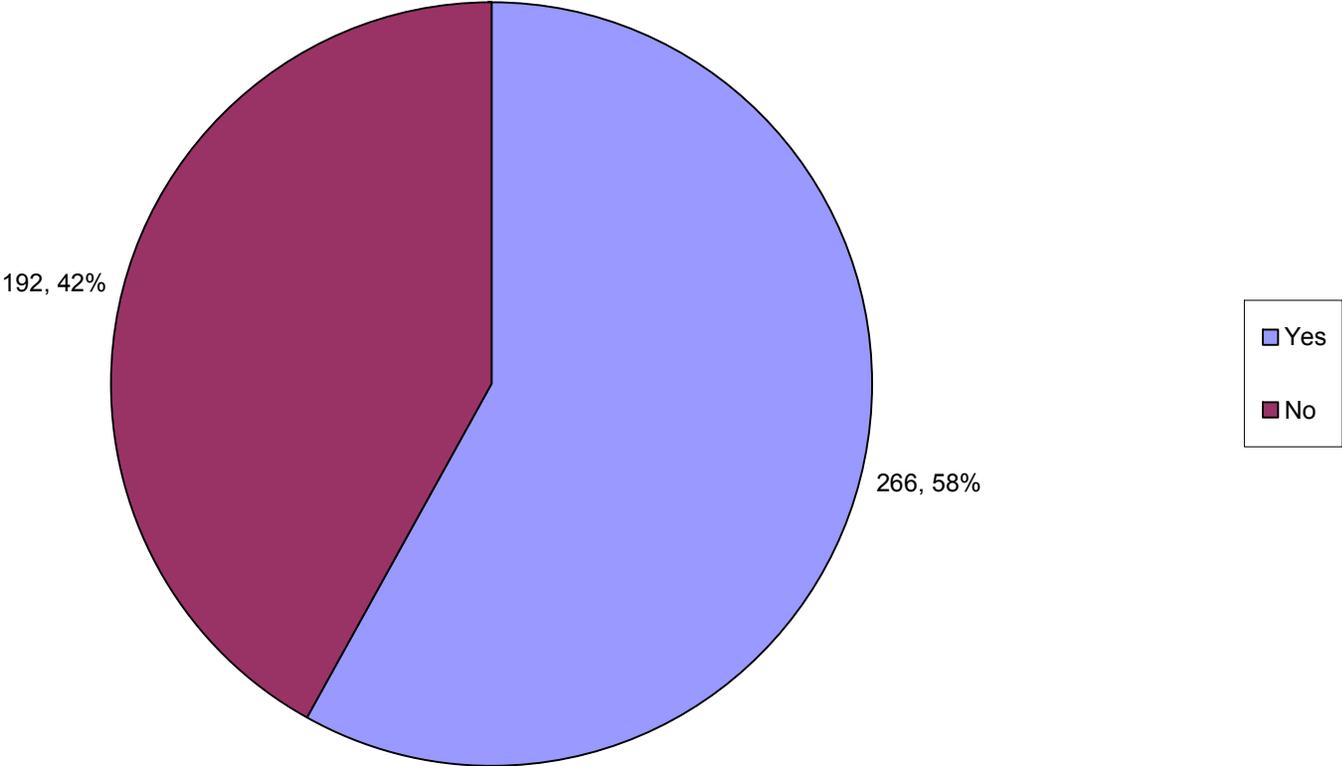
Our country was founded on the democratic principle that populations should have input on decisions that affect their quality of life. To that end your Town's leaders have gathered this data to use as a blueprint to develop a plan and to guide them in developing local land use regulations. As one survey respondent stated in the additional comments section of the survey, "Thanks for asking !".

Dan Kuzlik, Assistant Professor
Community Resource Educator
University of Wisconsin-Extension
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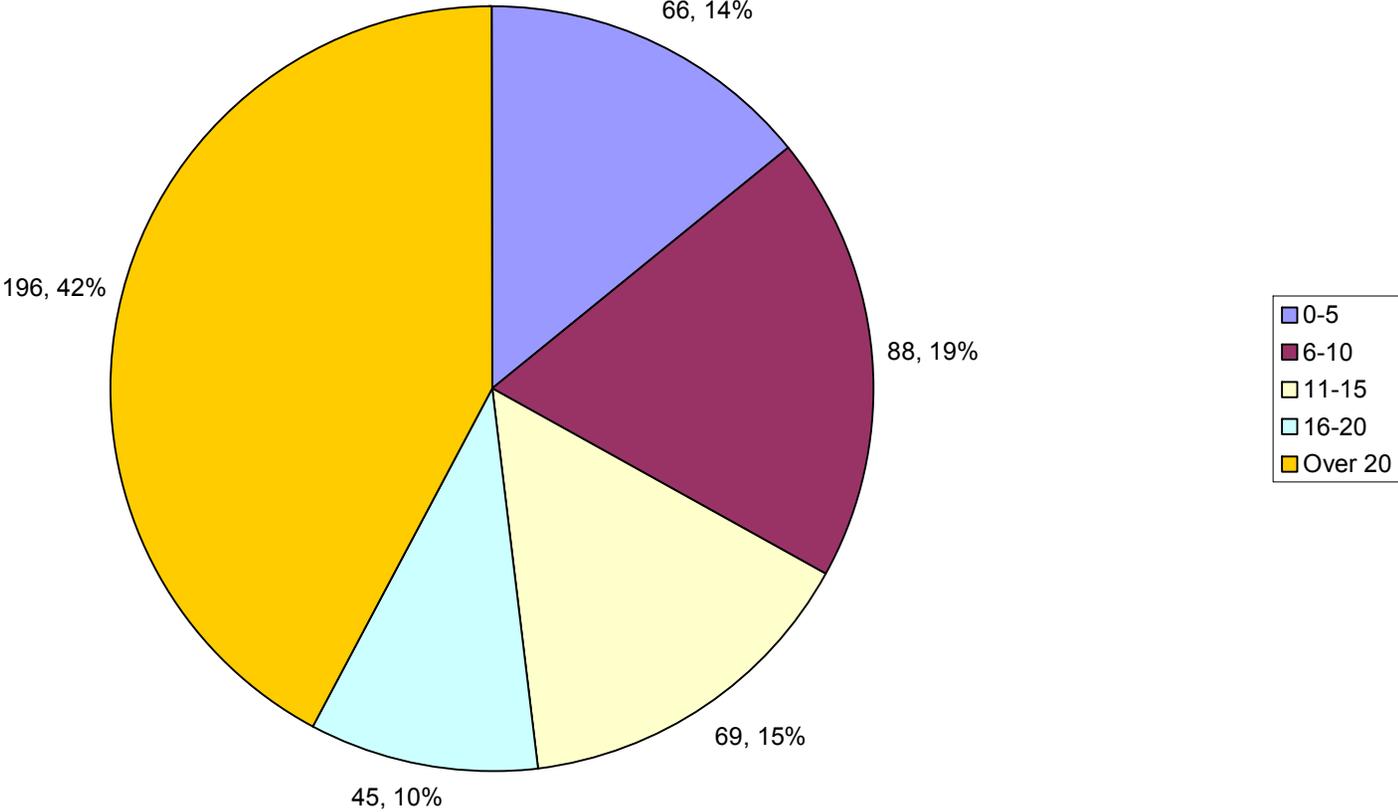
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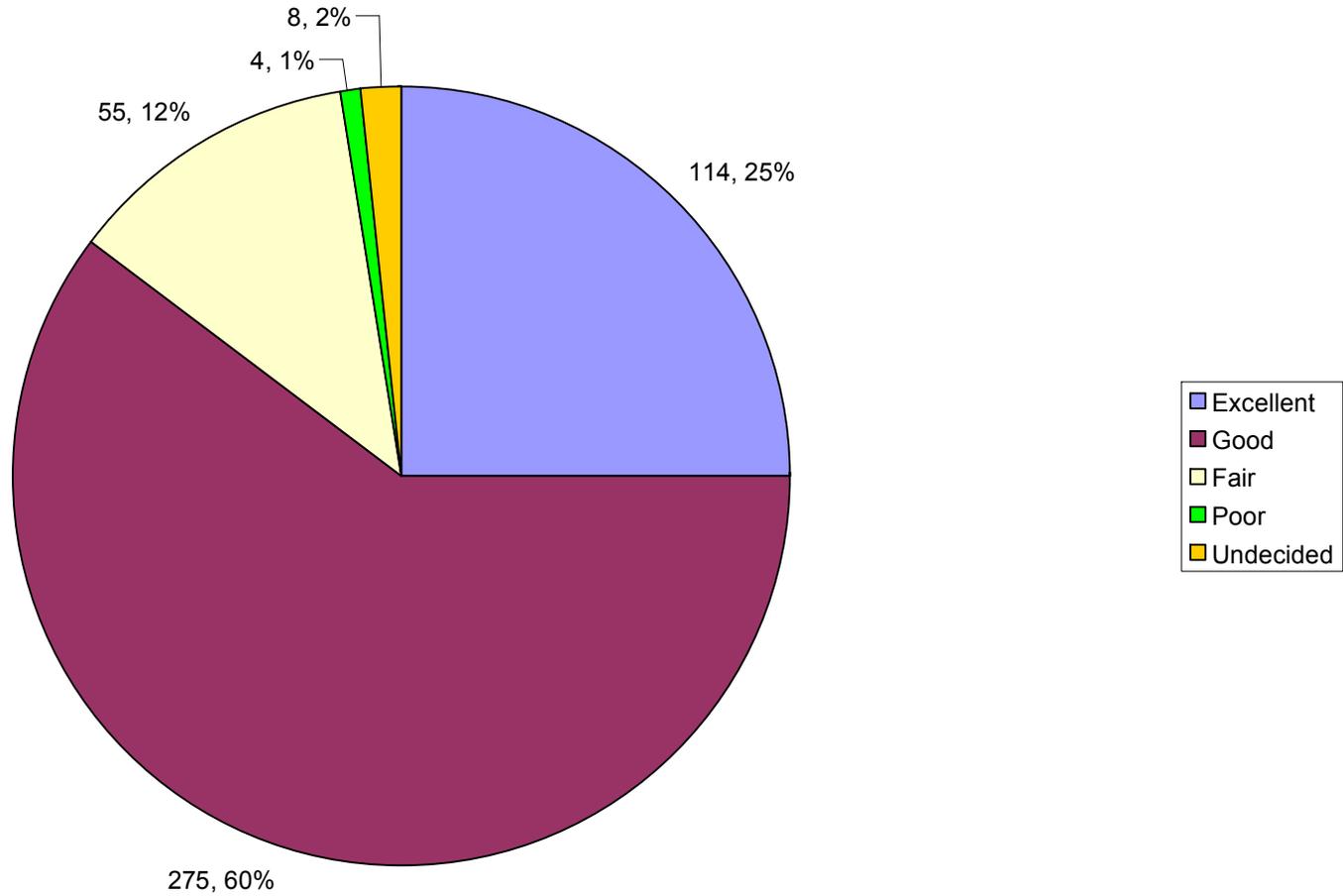
Does the property you own have water frontage?



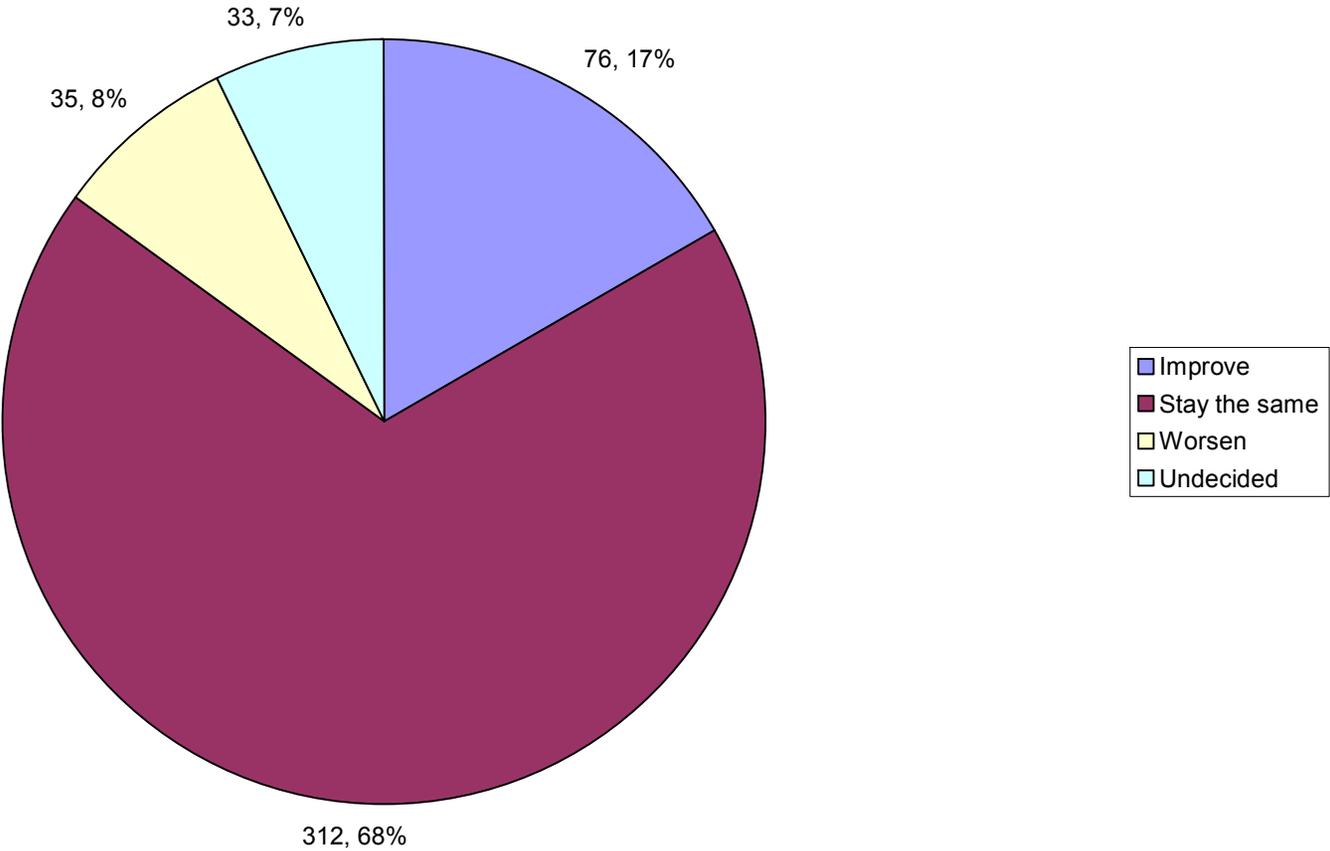
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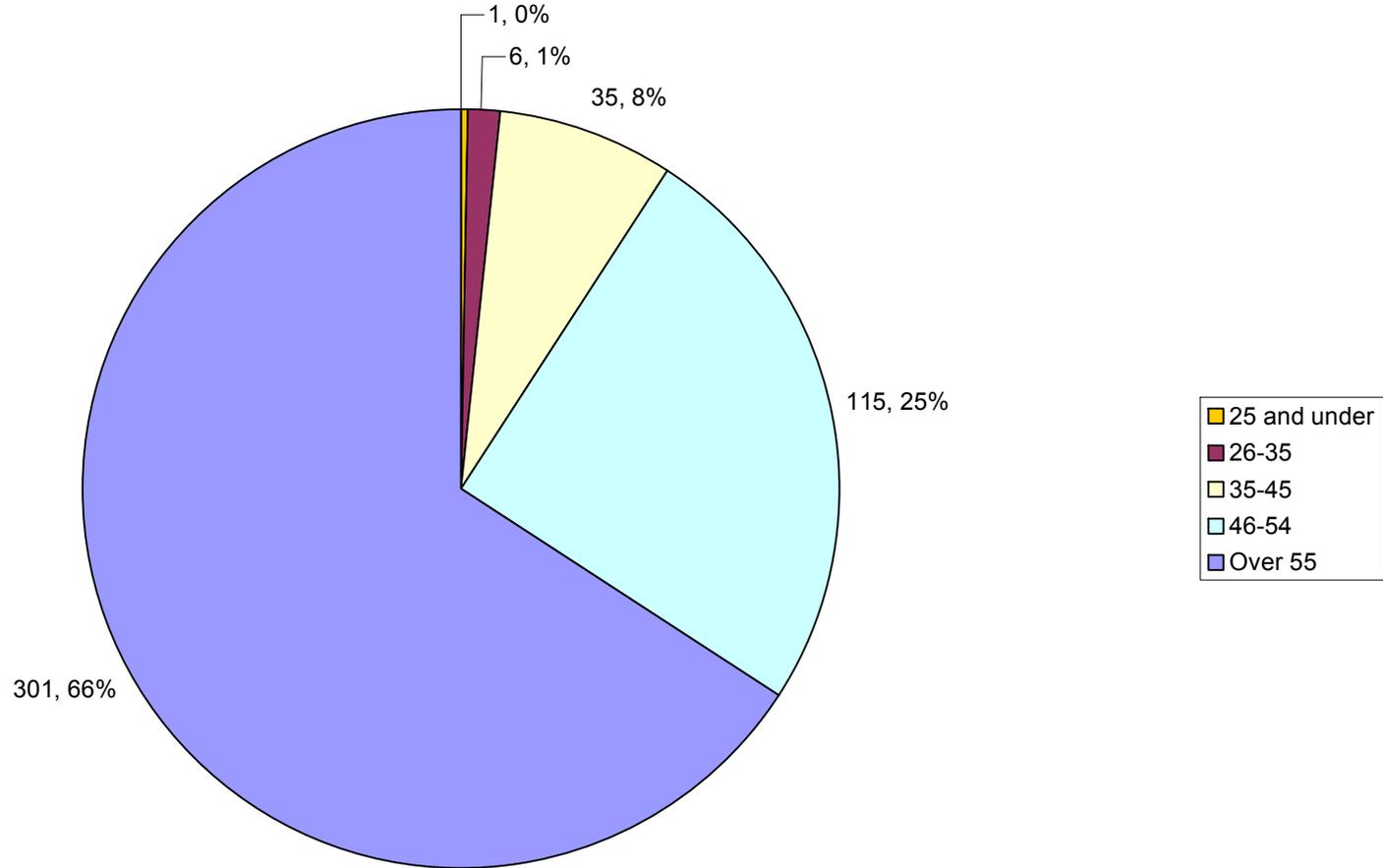
How would you rate the quality of life in Lake Tomahawk?



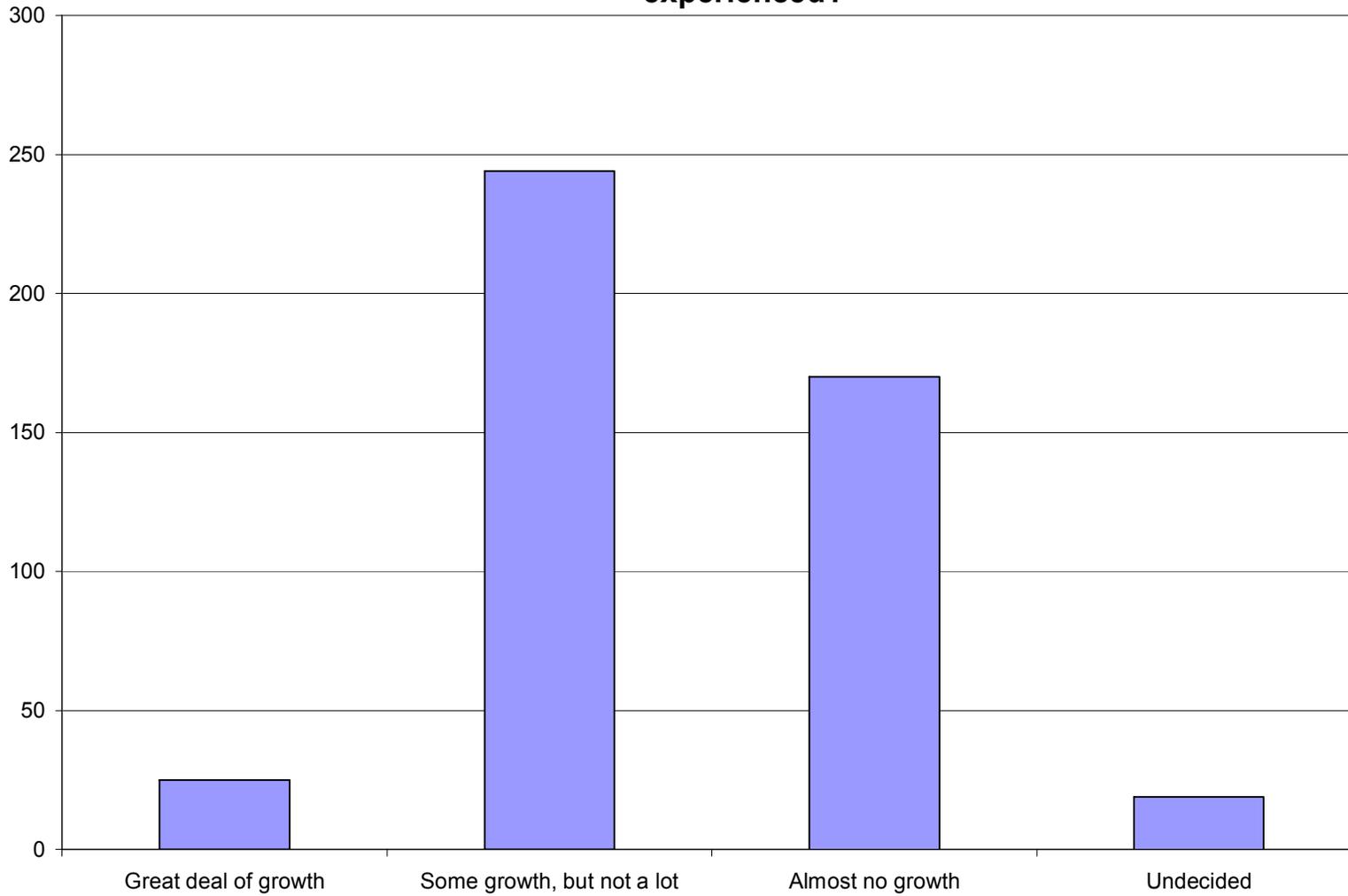
During the next 5 years, do you expect that things in Lake Tomahawk will:



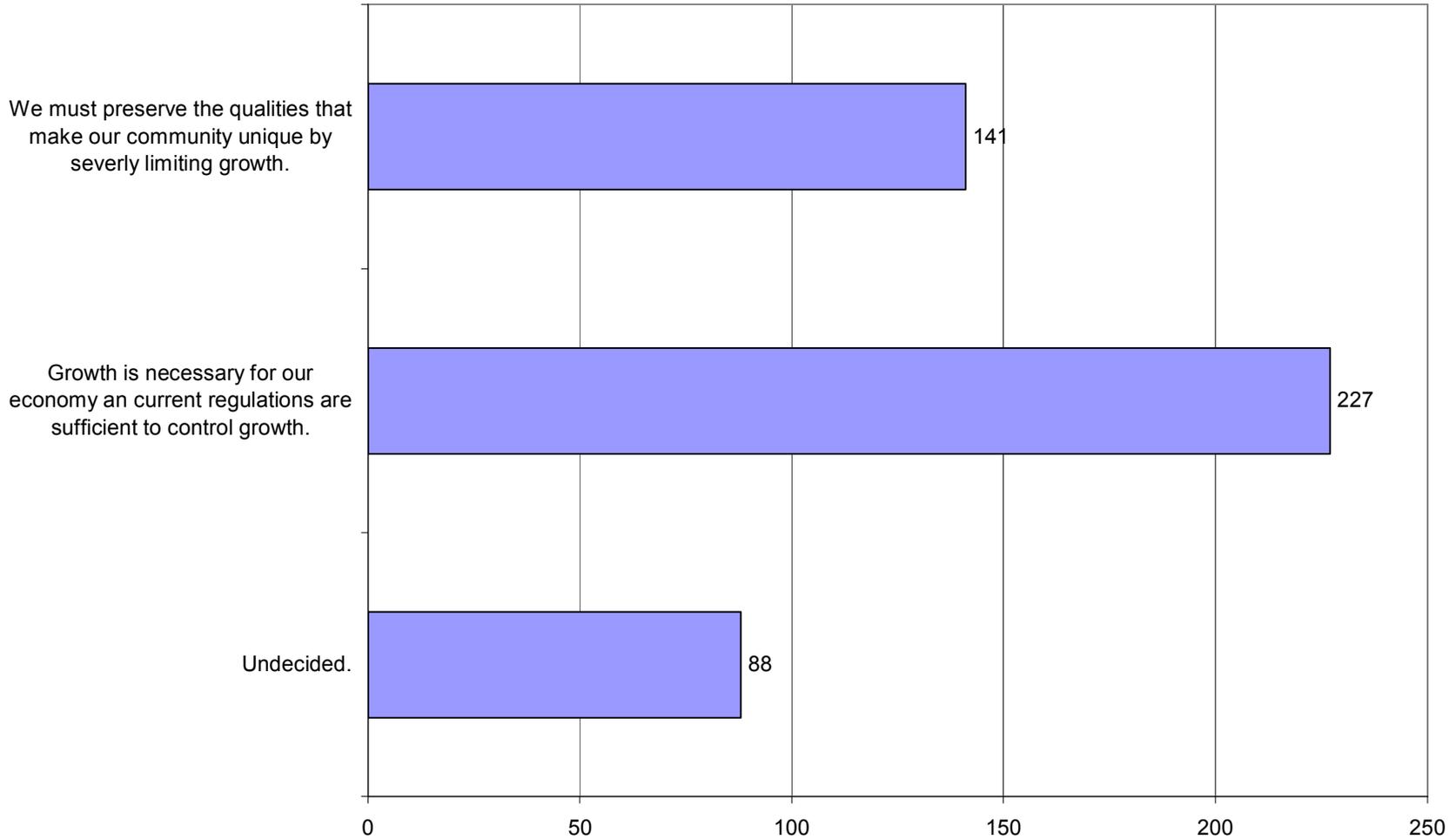
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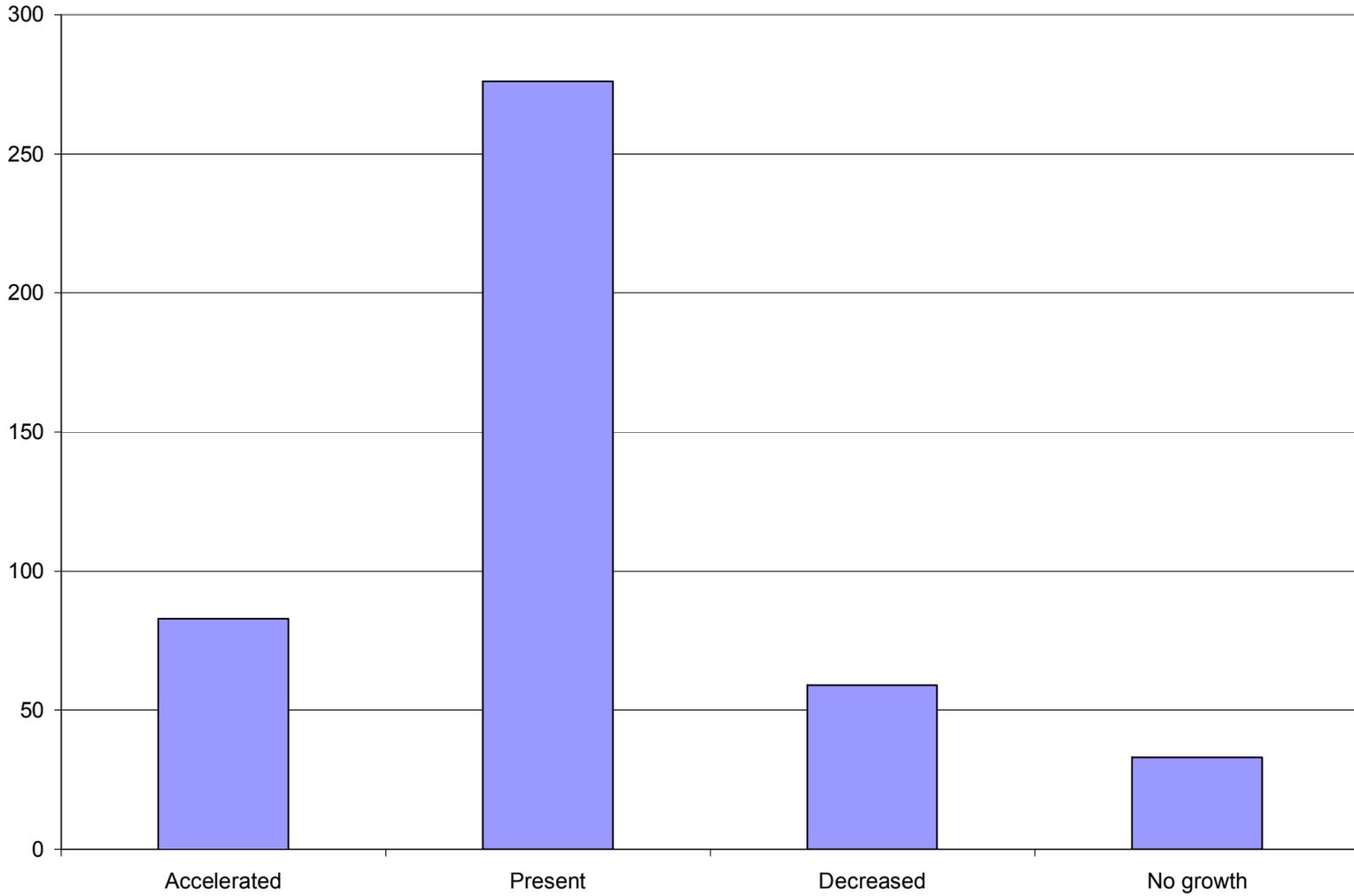
Over the past 10 years, how much growth do you feel Lake Tomahawk has experienced?



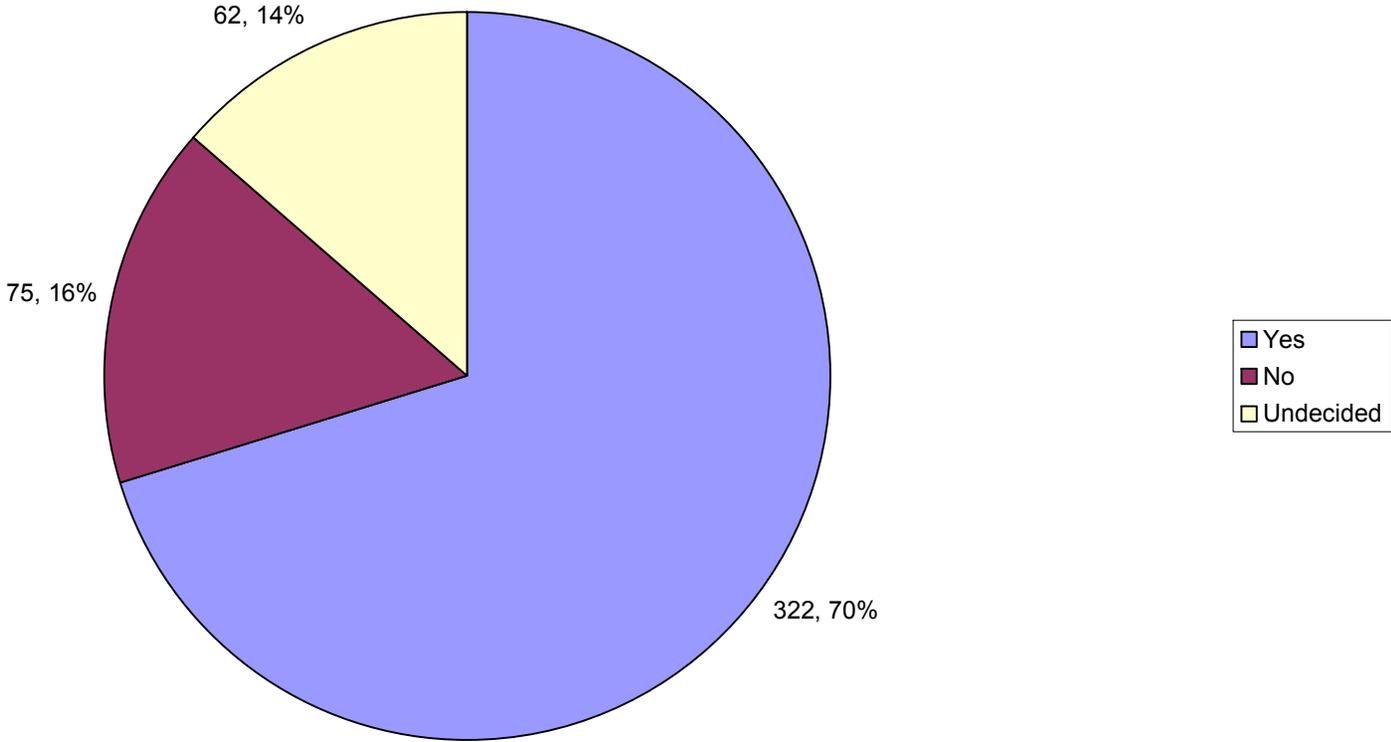
Which of the following statements best describe your point of view regarding growth in Lake Tomahawk?



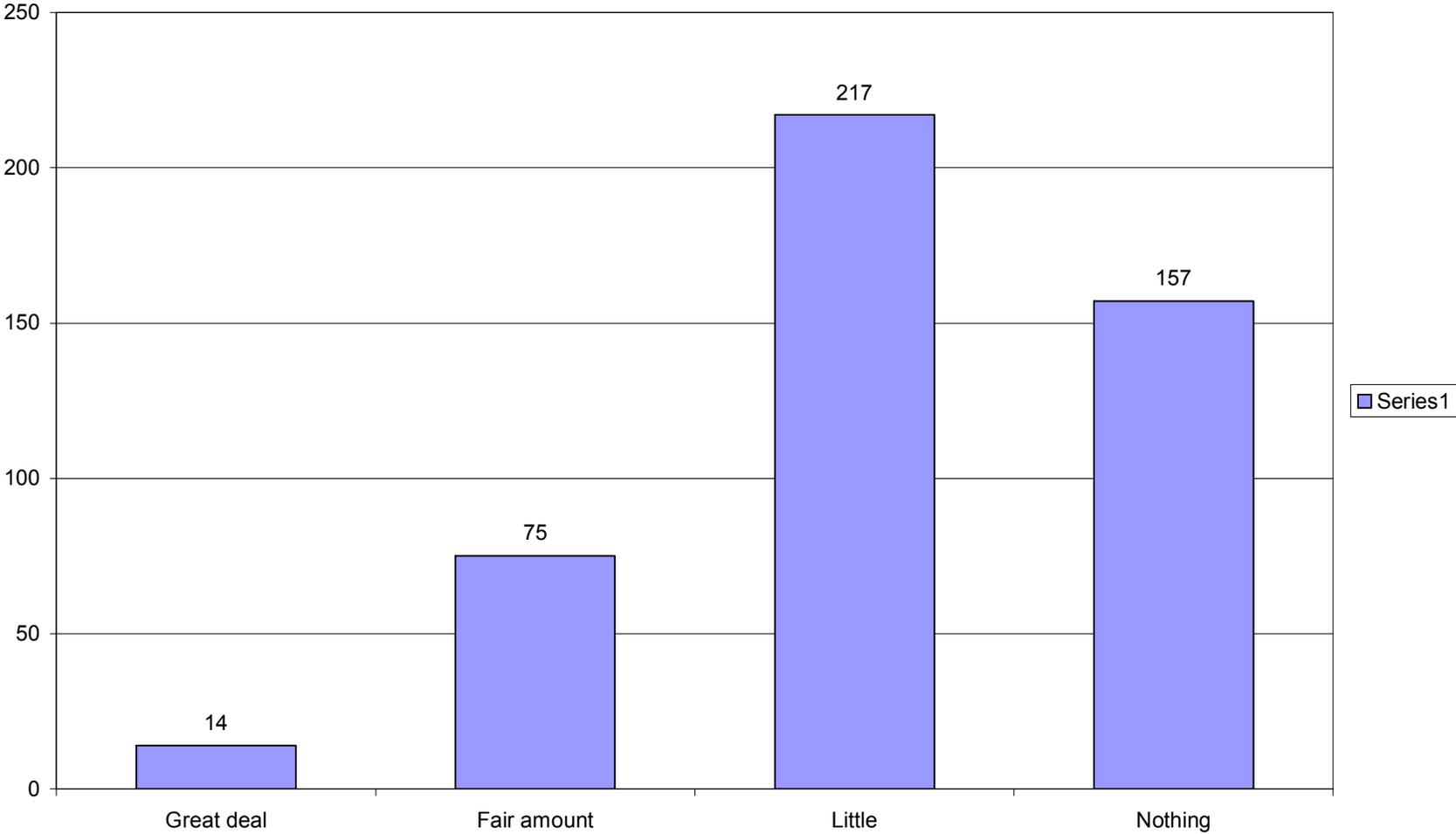
At which level do you favor future growth?



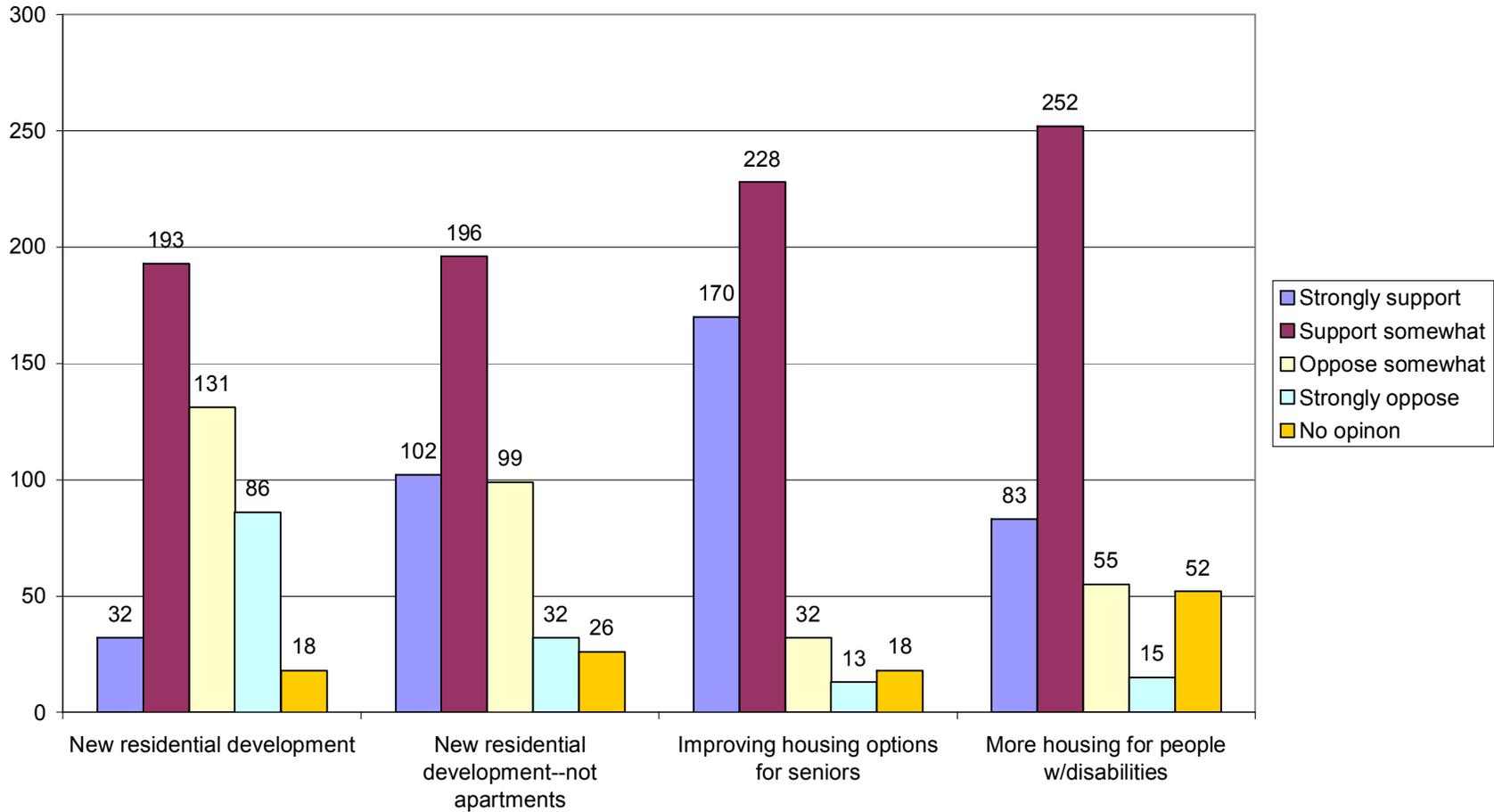
Should Lake Tomahawk have regulation in place to control where new growth should occur?



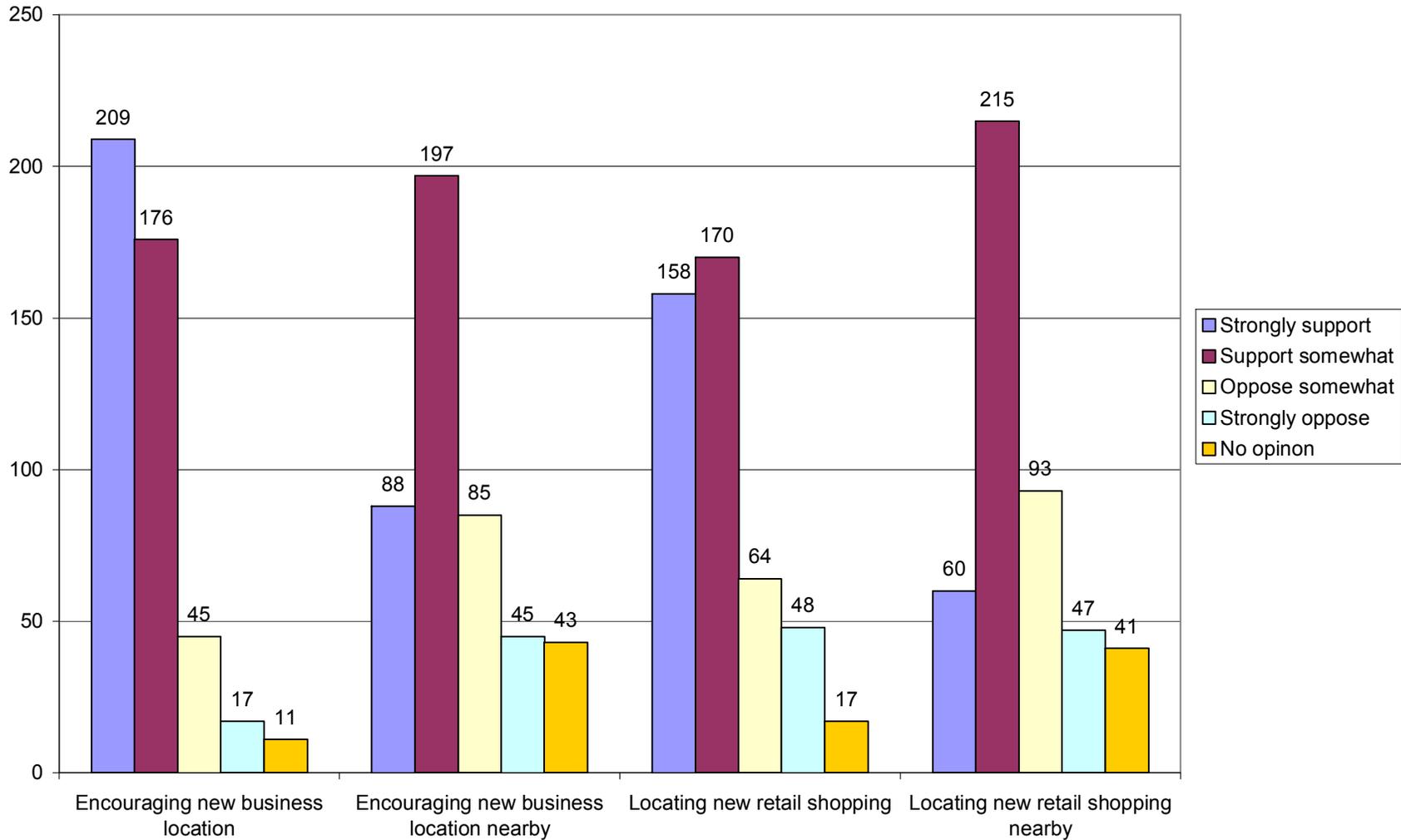
How much have you heard or read about growth related issues over the past year?



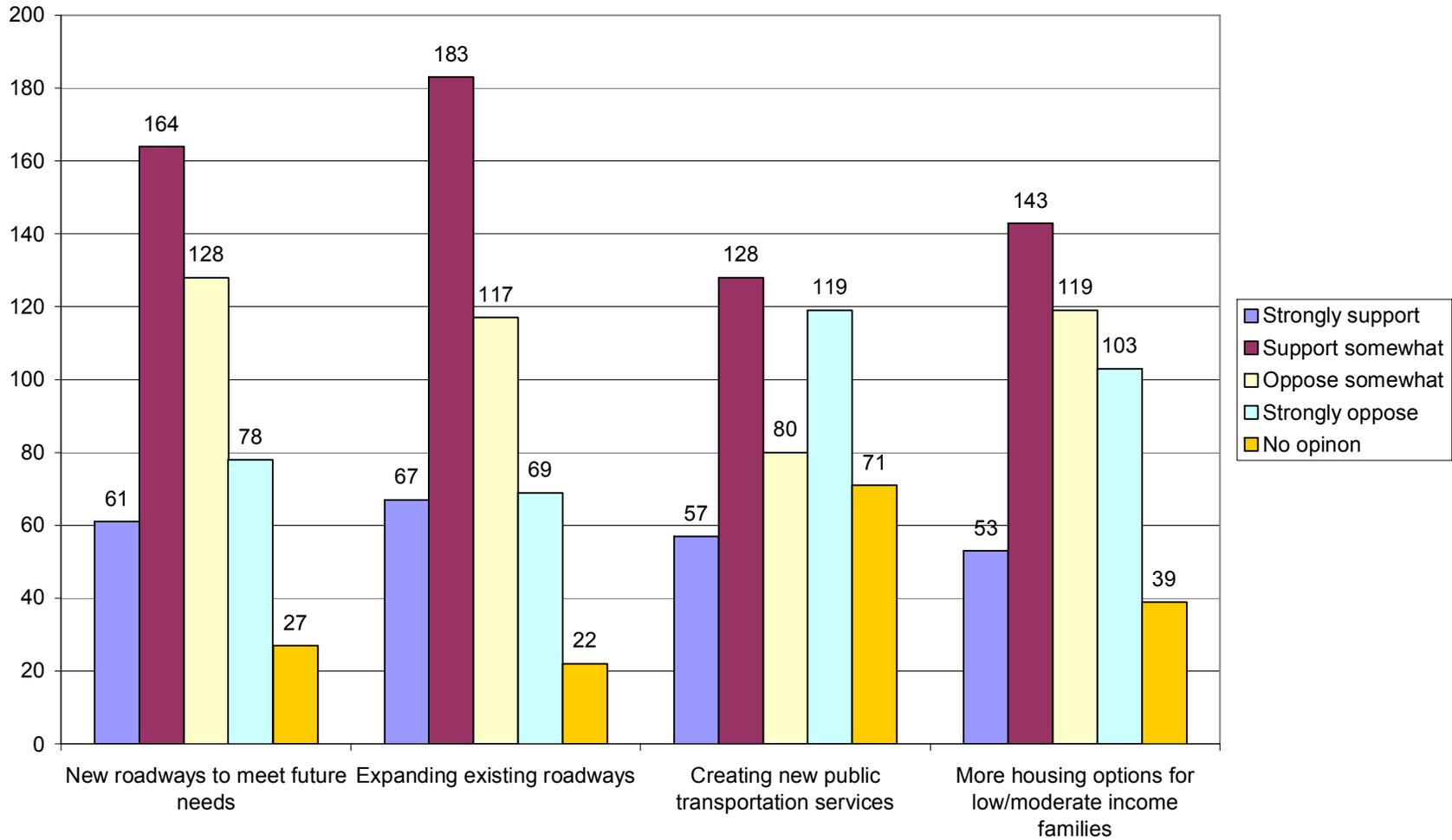
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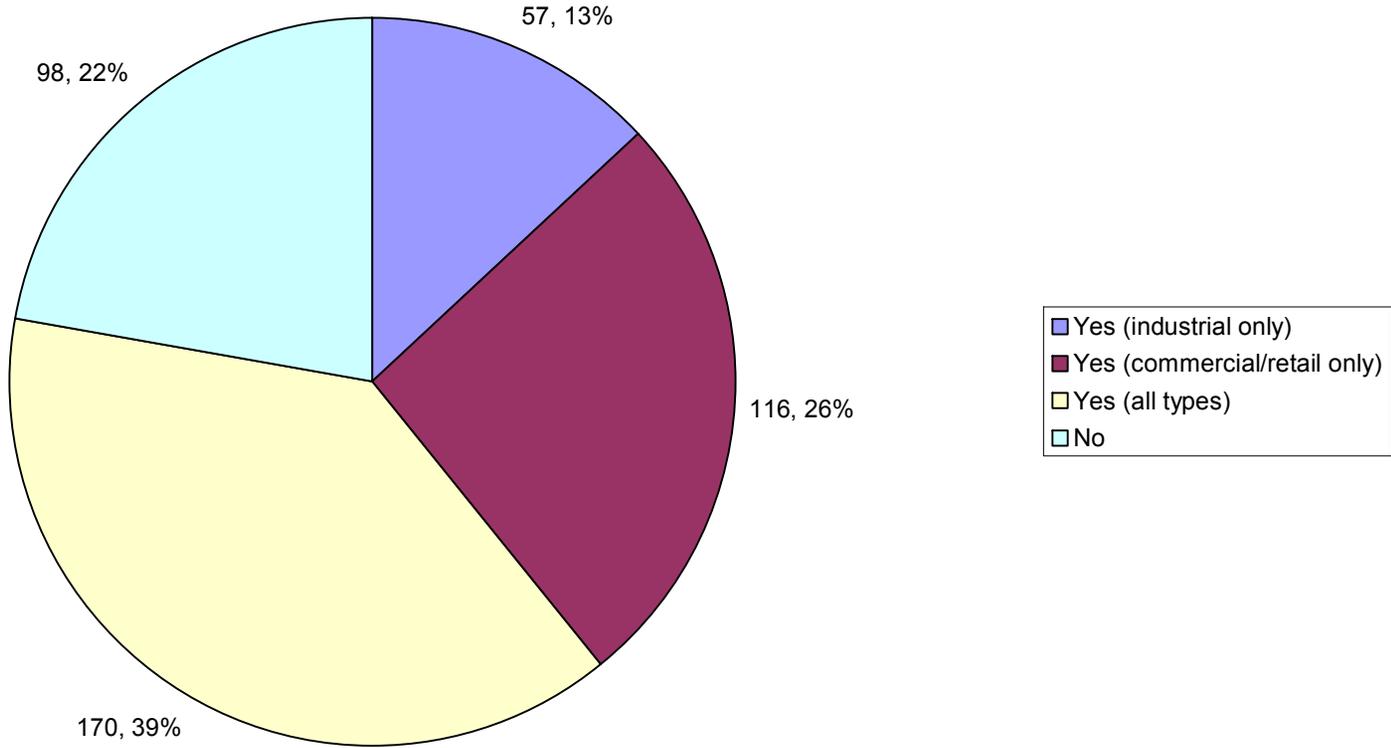
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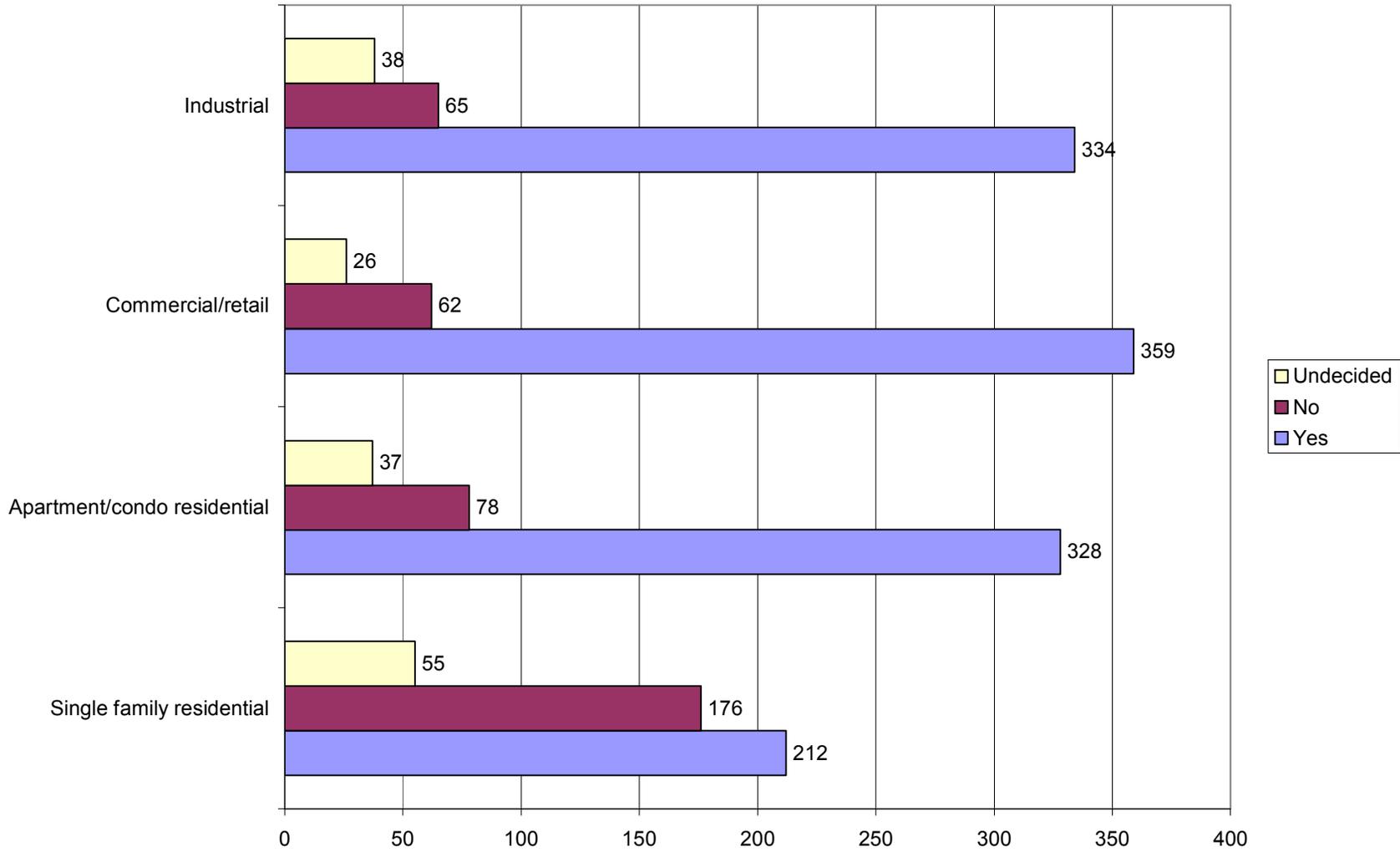
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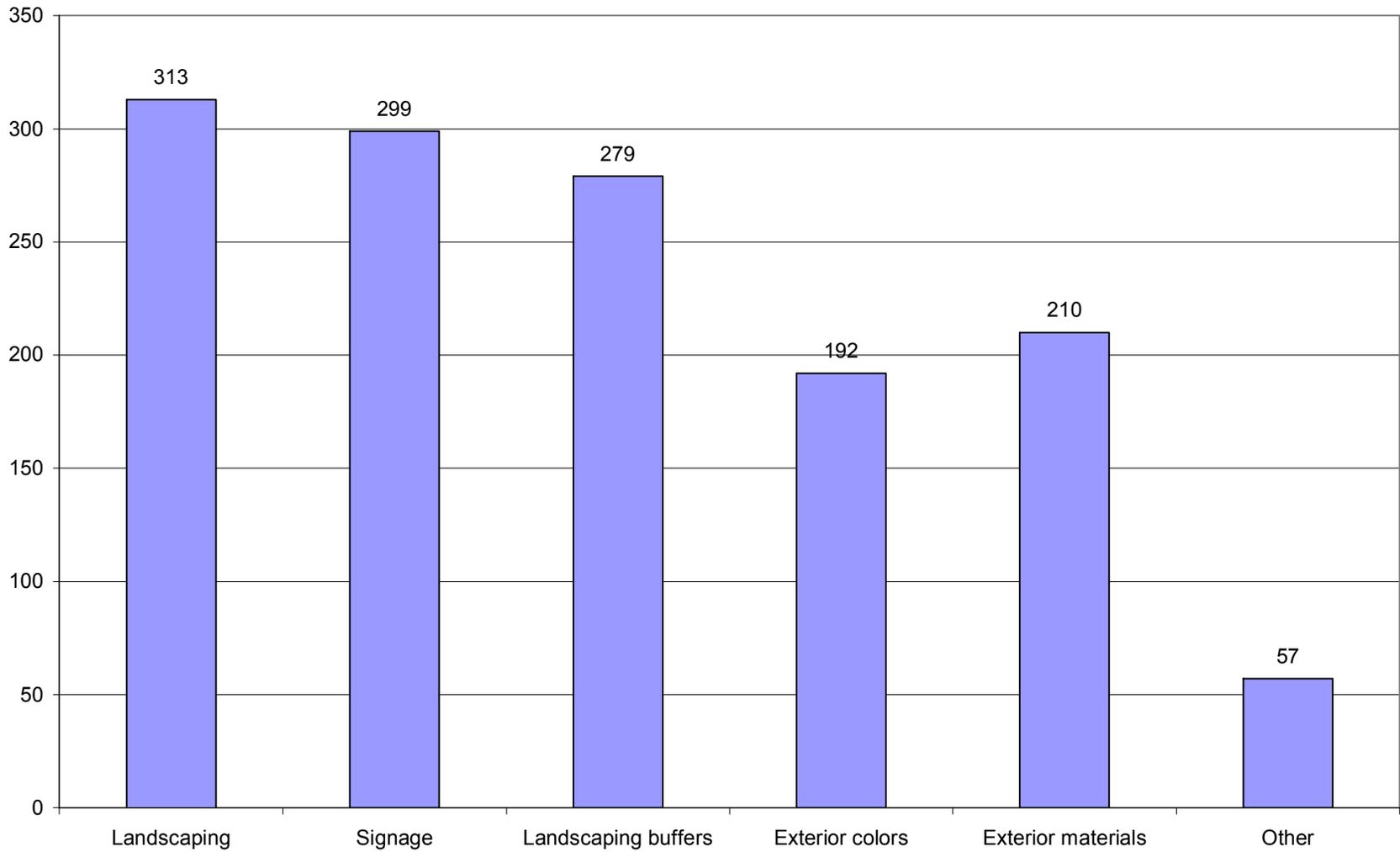
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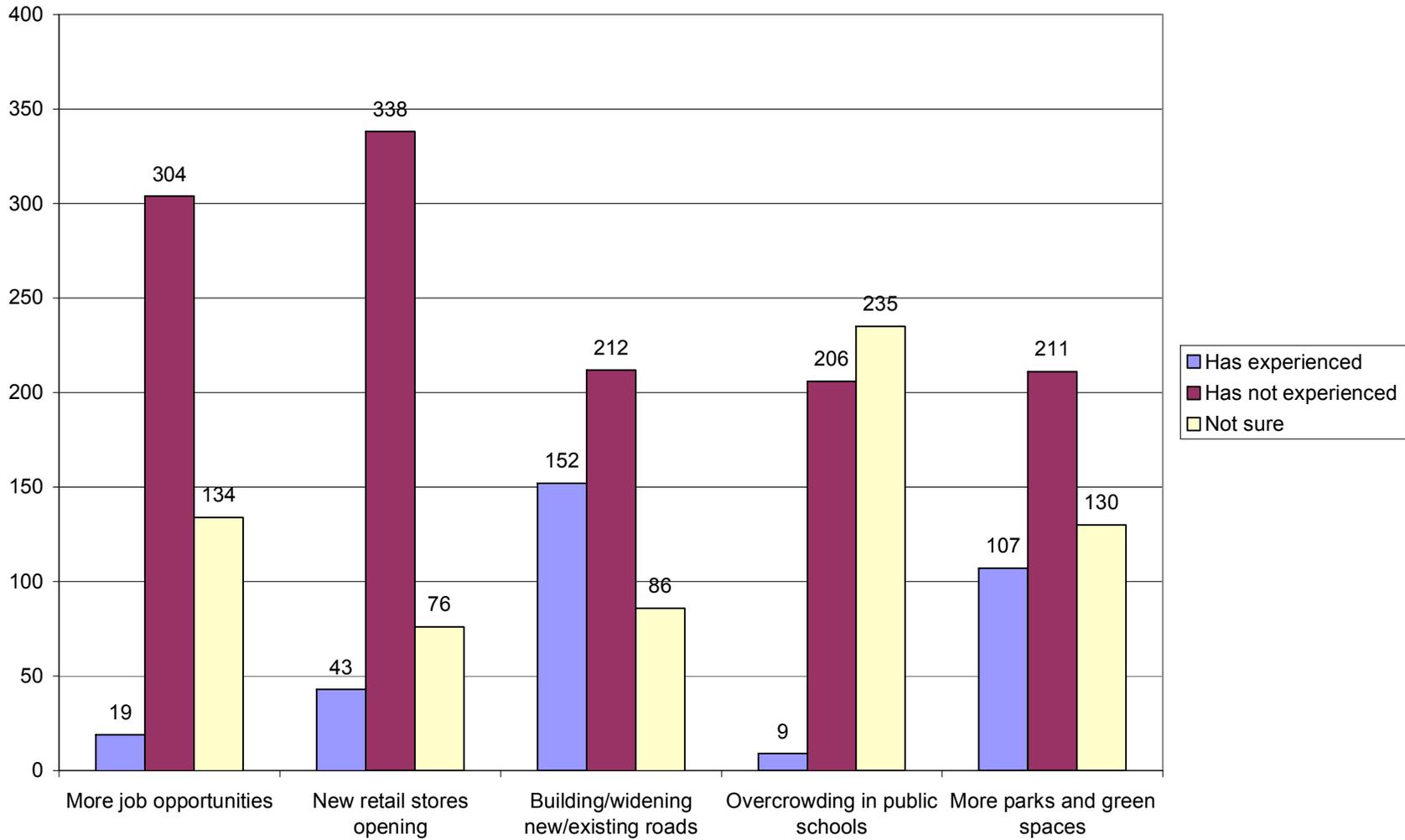
Should there be an appearance code or aesthetic requirement for buildings?



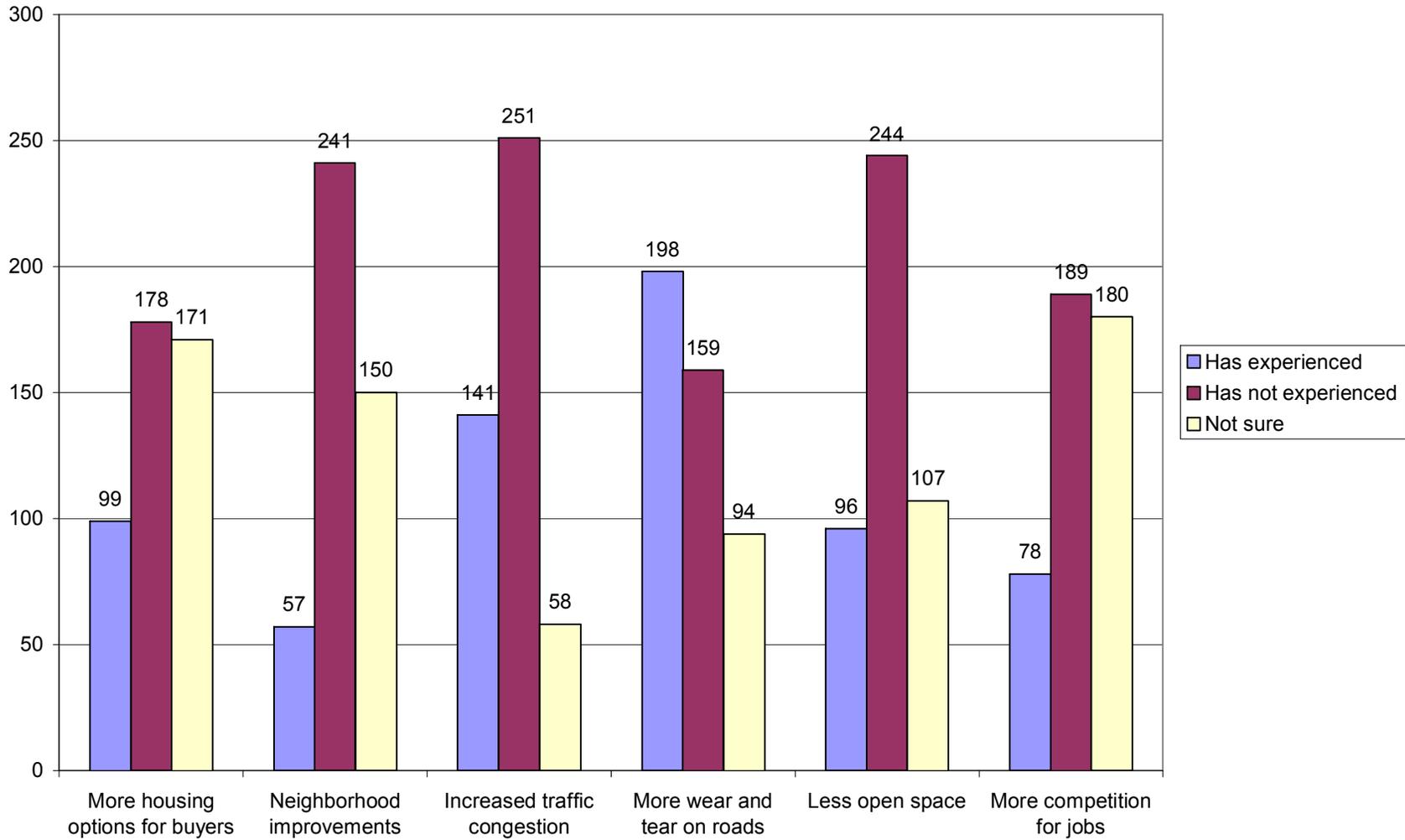
If yes, which aesthetic standards should be required?



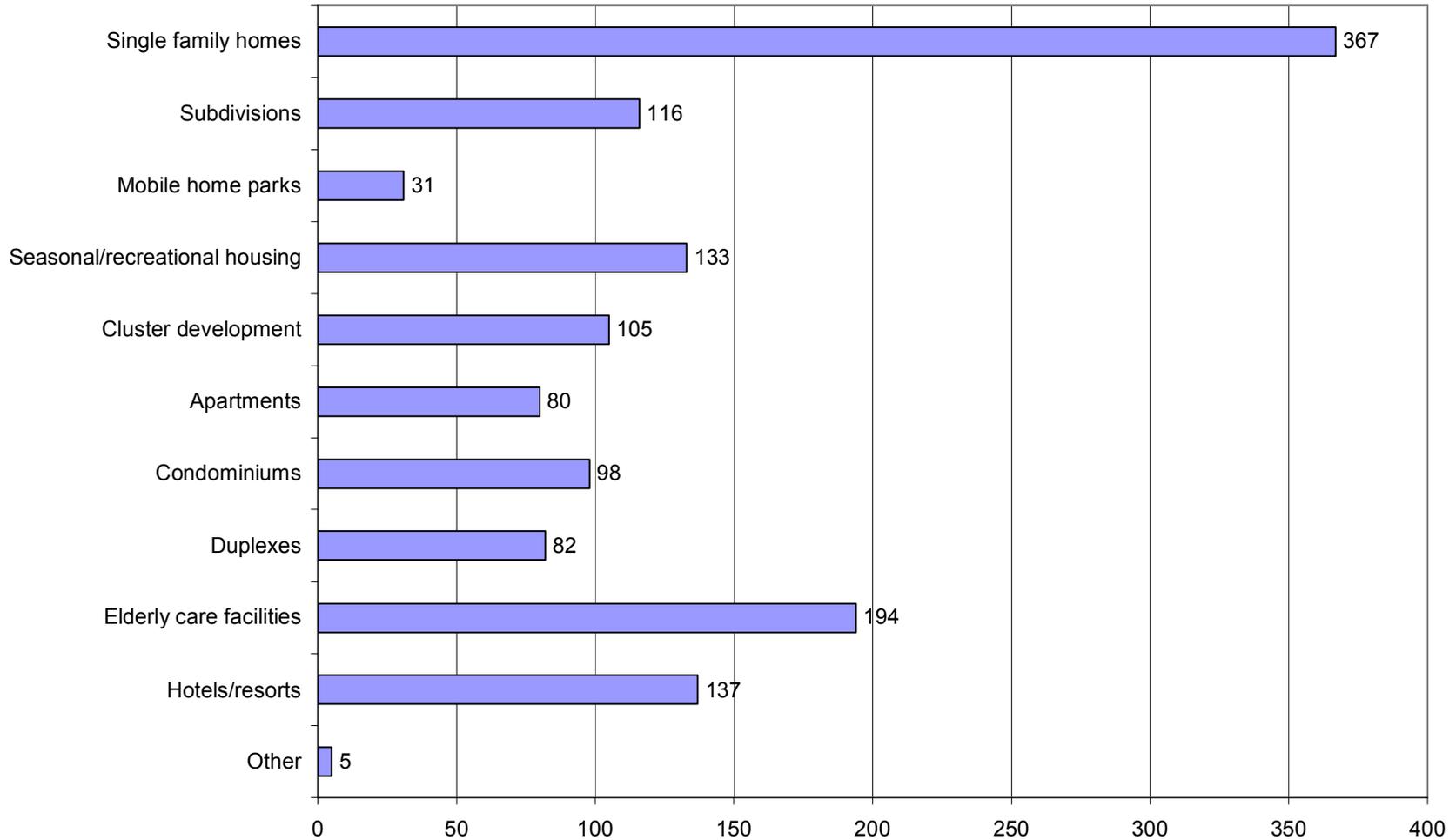
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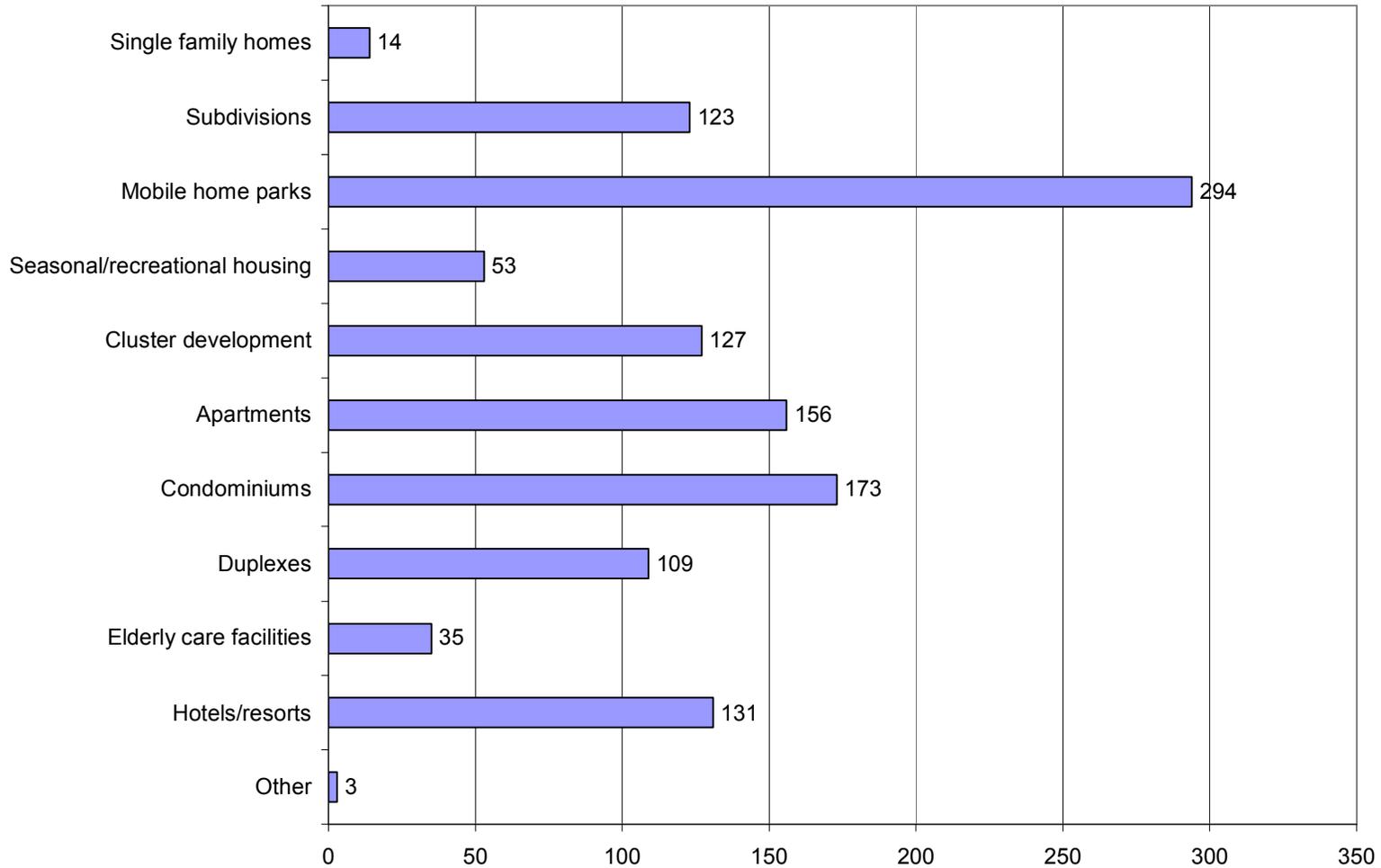
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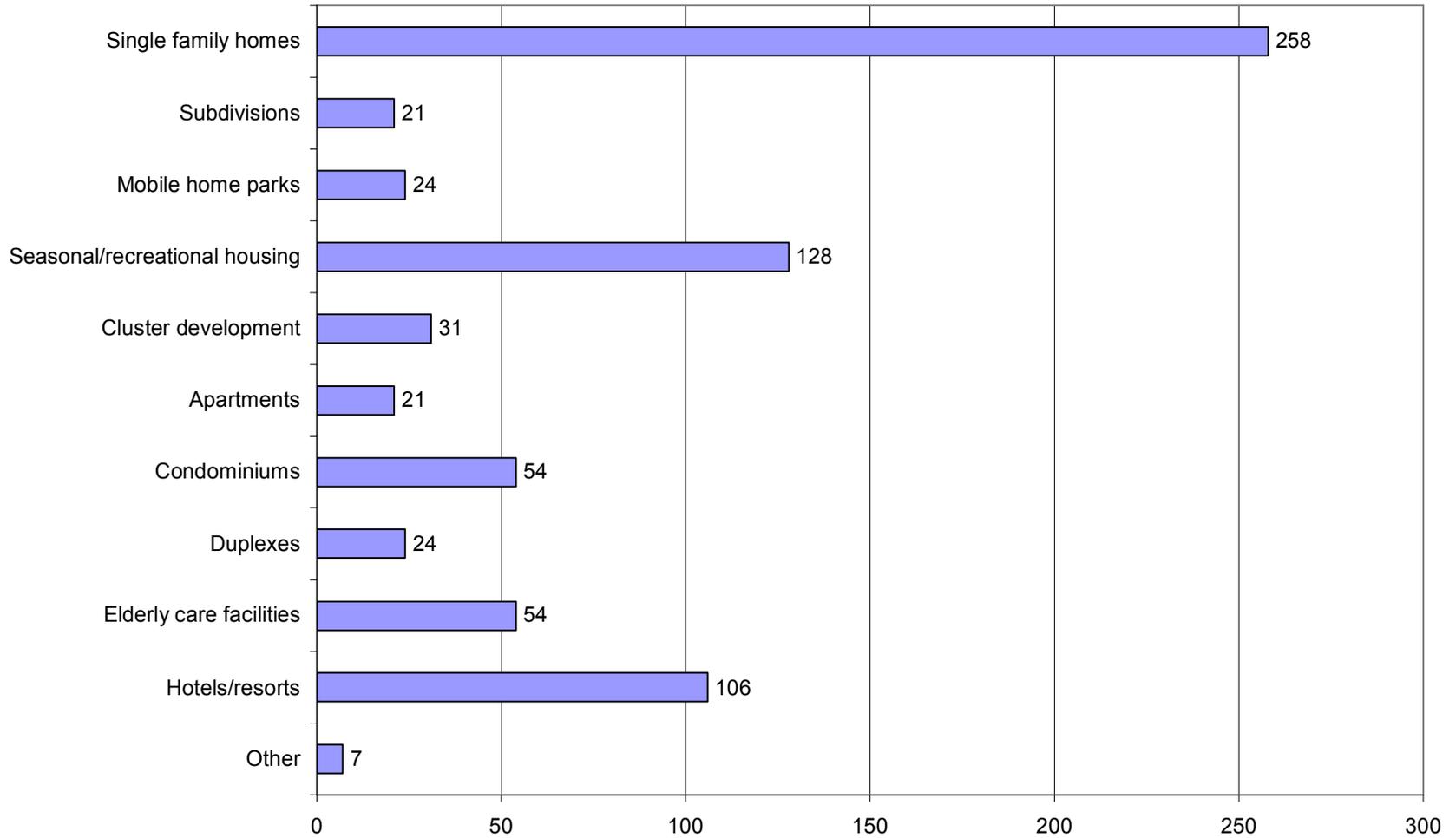
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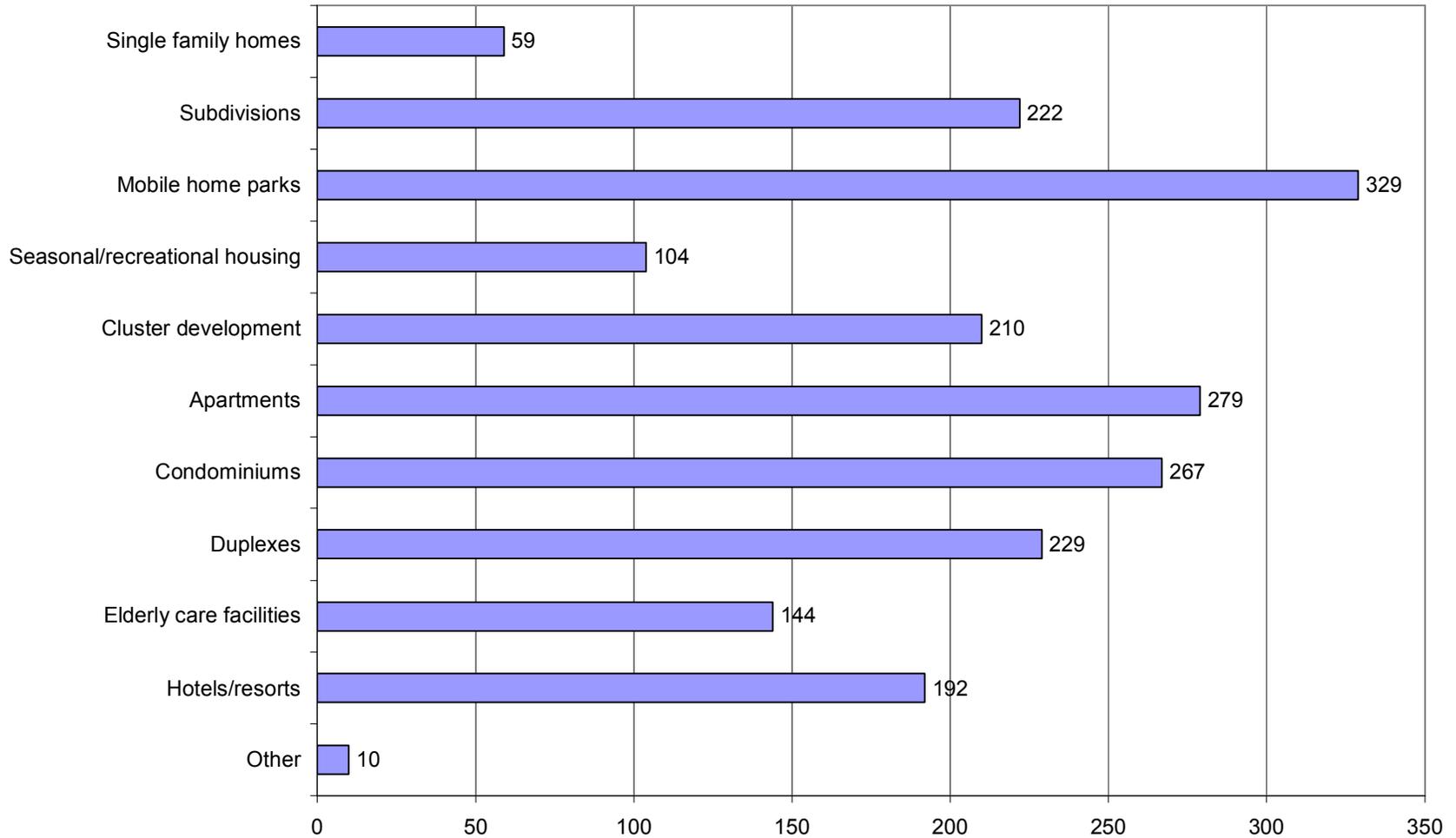
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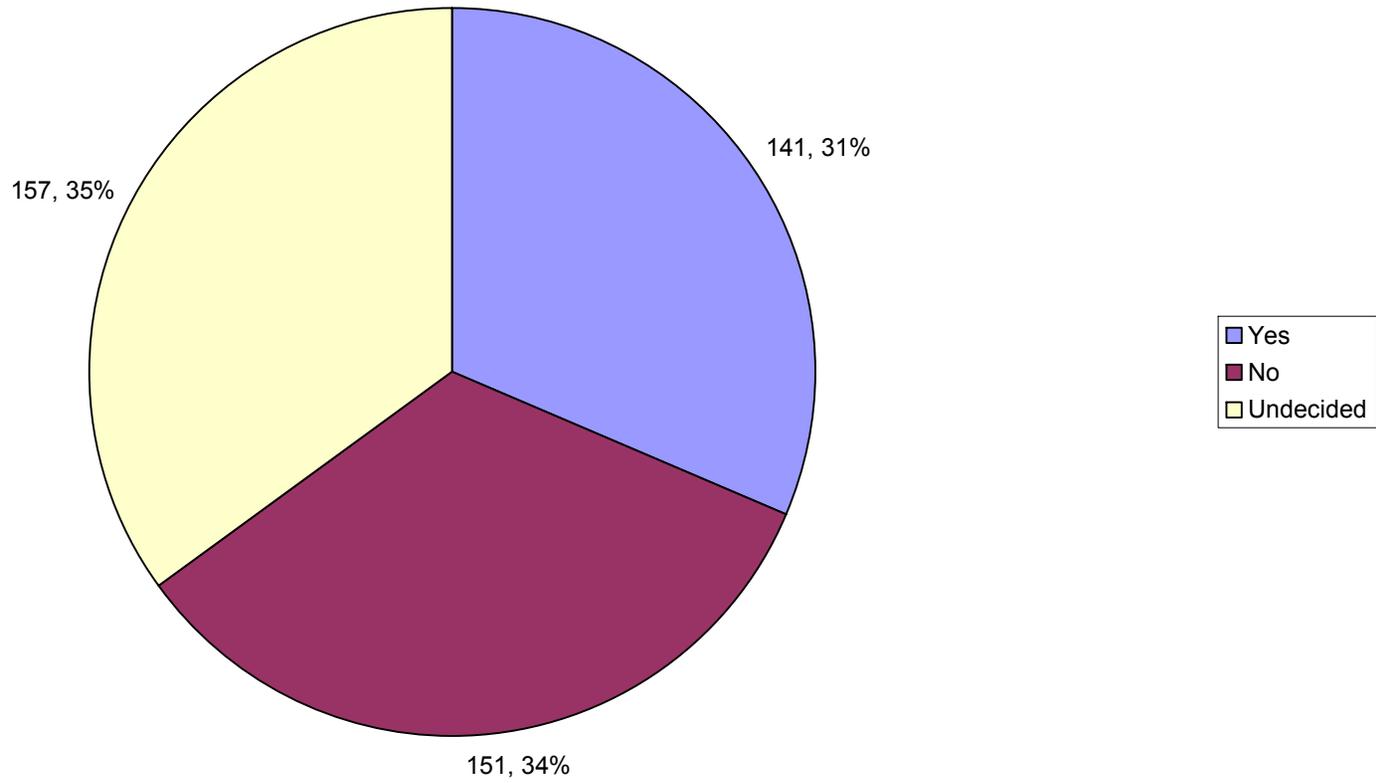
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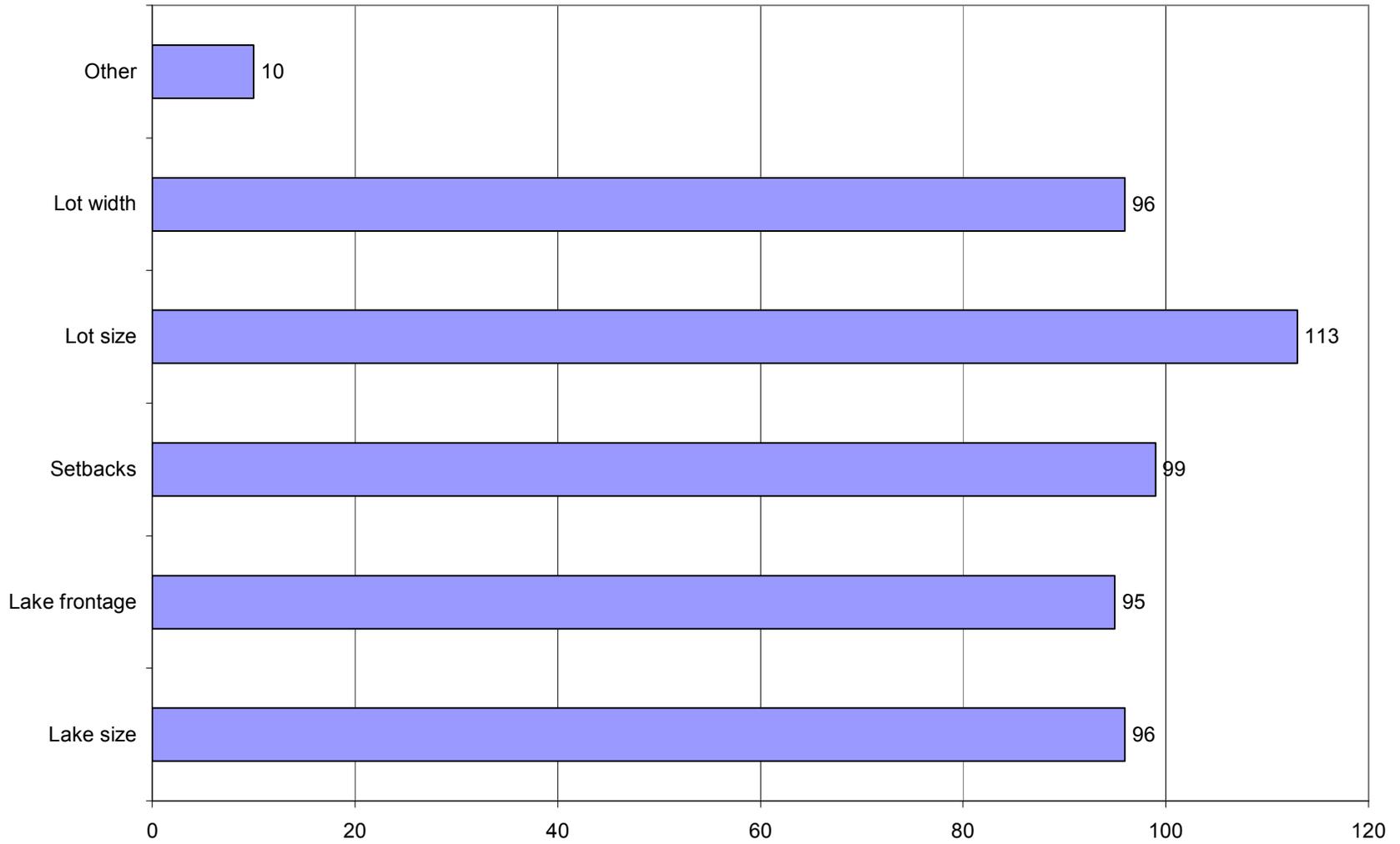
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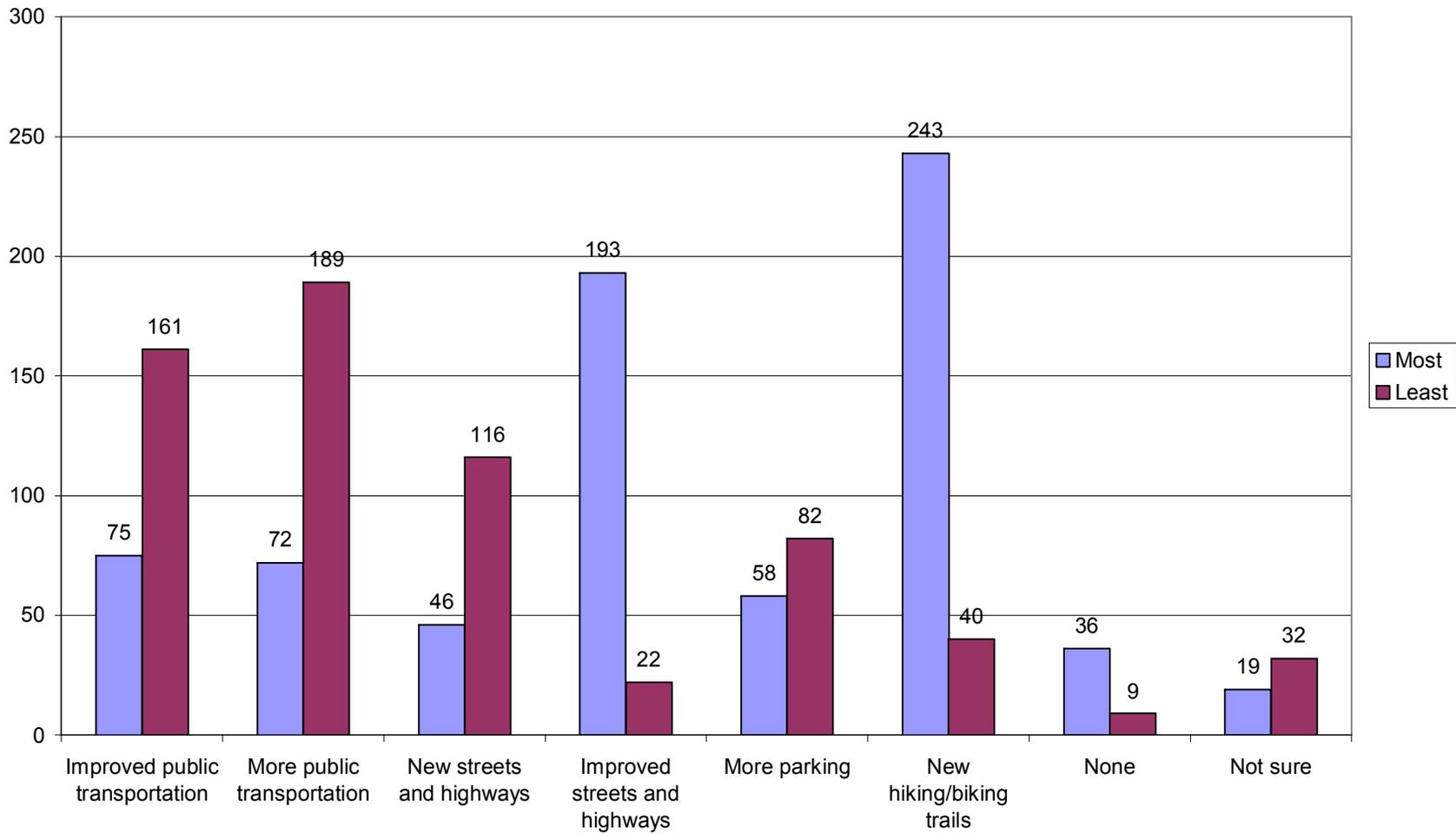
Should Lake Tomahawk adopt a more restrictive land use ordinance than currently exists for future development?



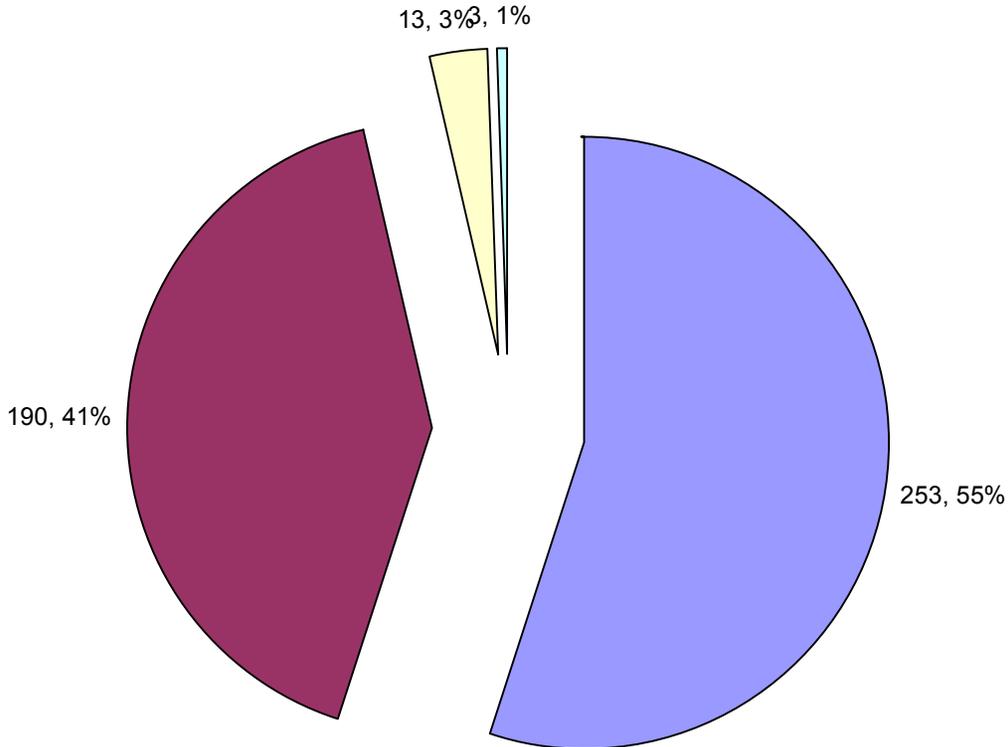
If yes, should future restrictions be based on:



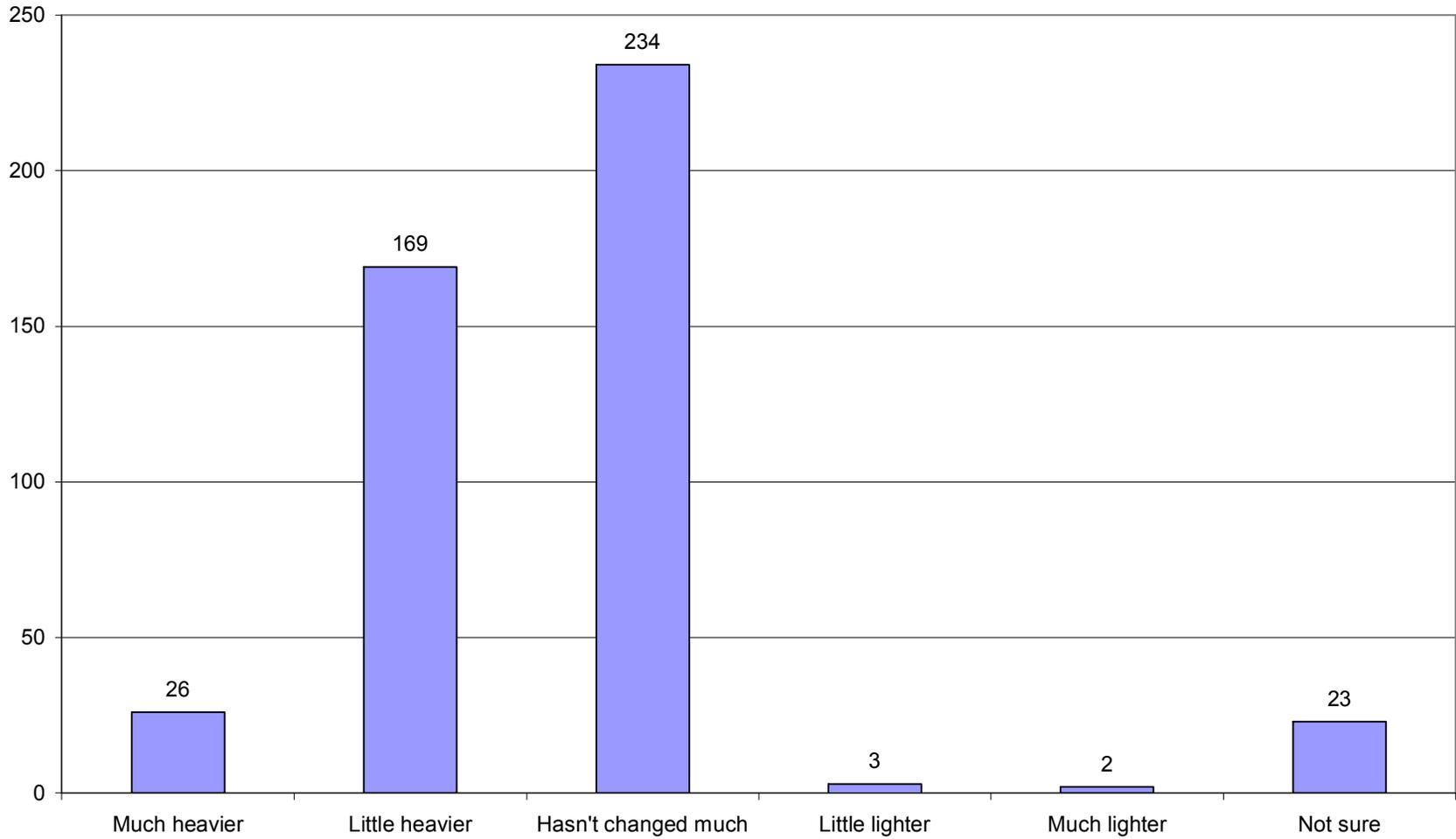
During the next five years, which of the following transportation investments do you think would benefit Lake Tomahawk the most/least?



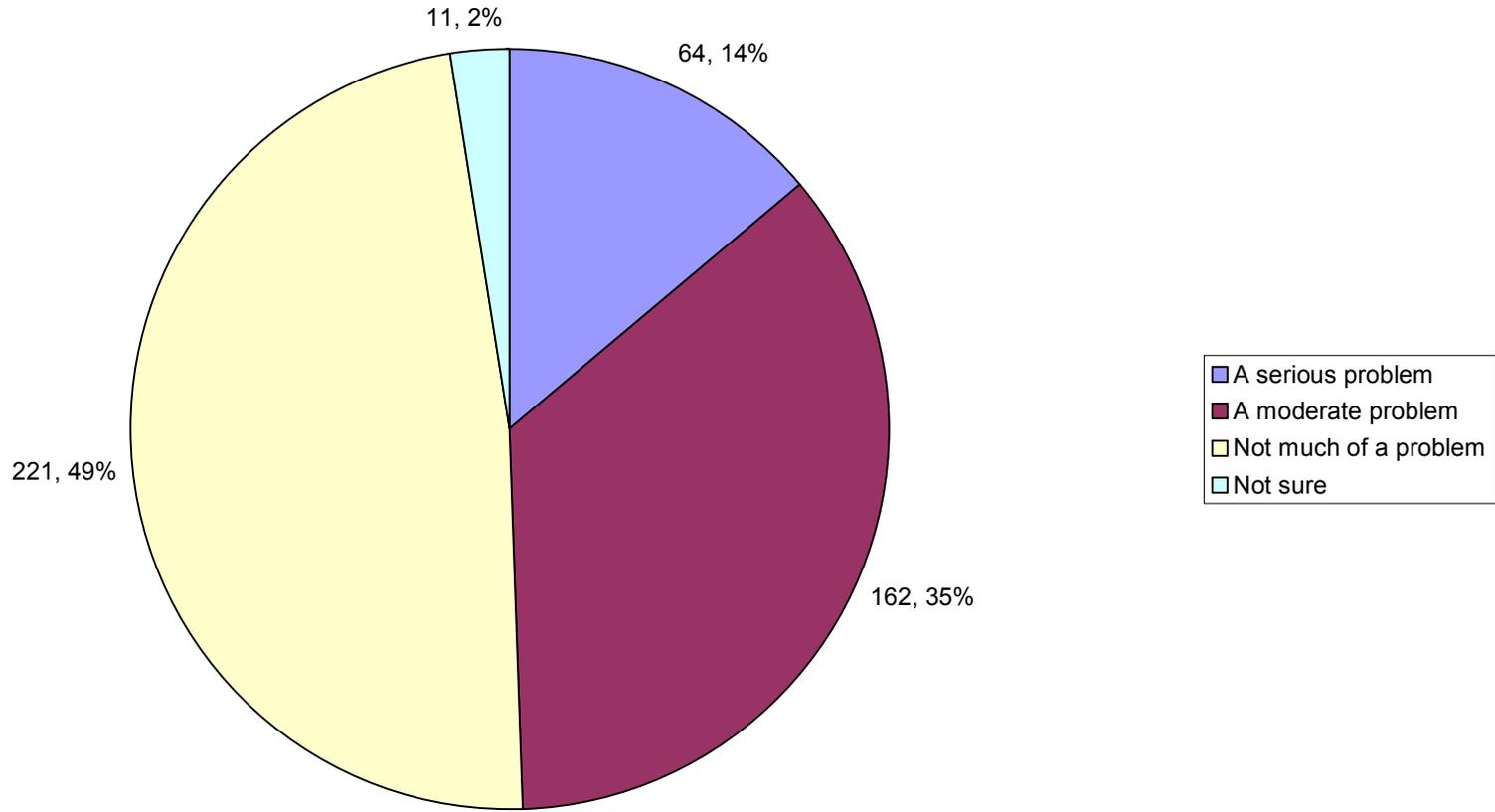
When you travel around in Lake Tomahawk, do you usually find the traffic is...



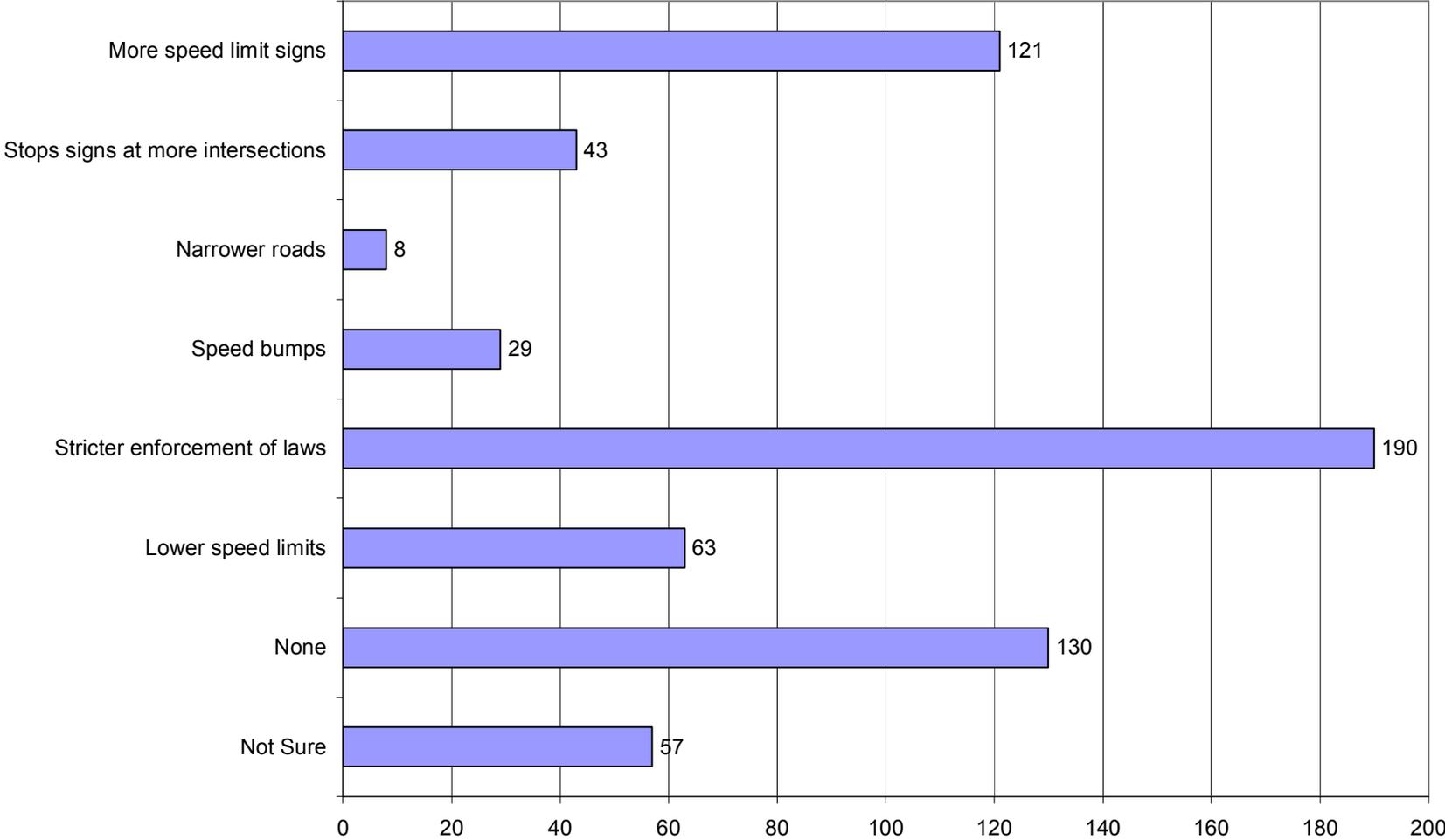
How do you think traffice volume has changed in Lake Tomahawk over the past five years?



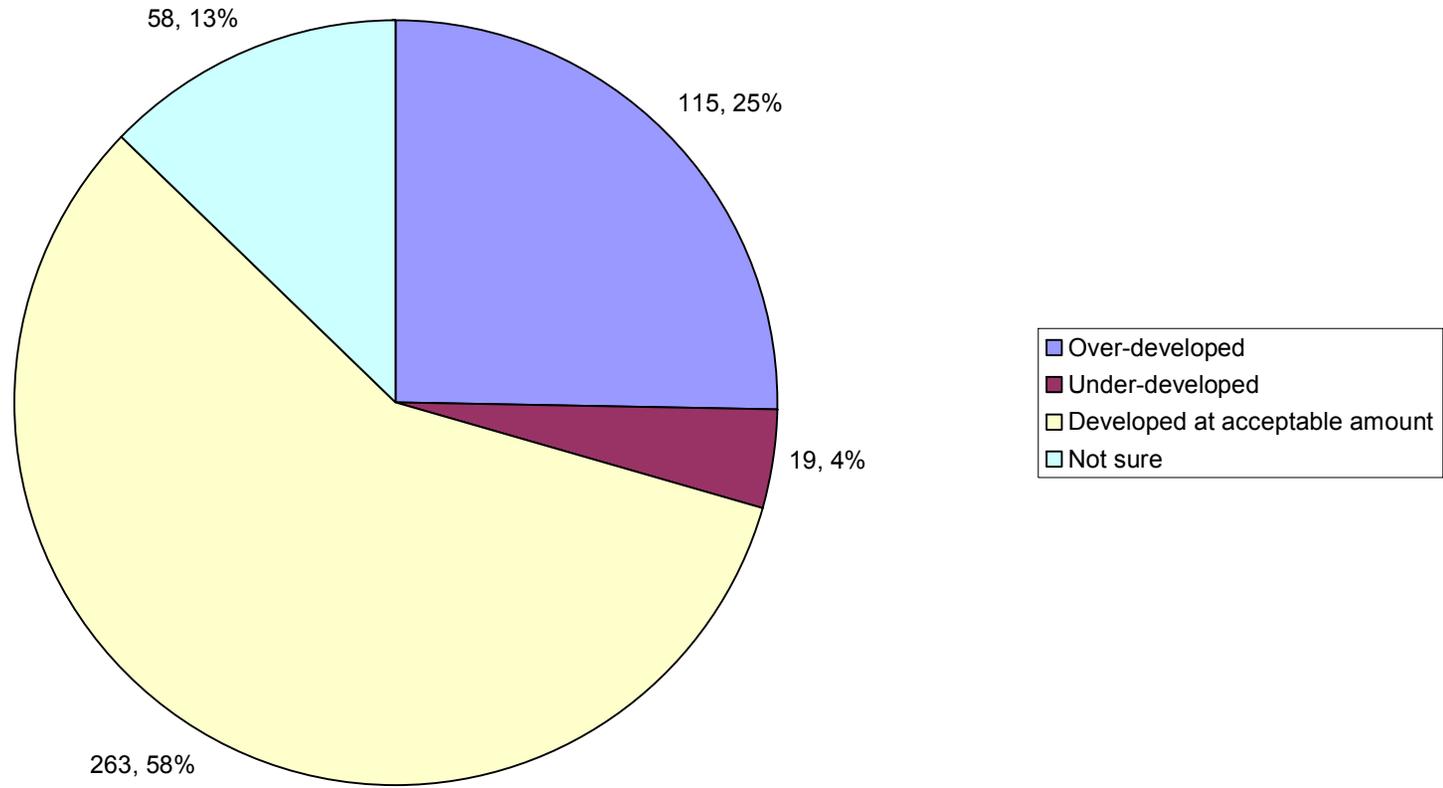
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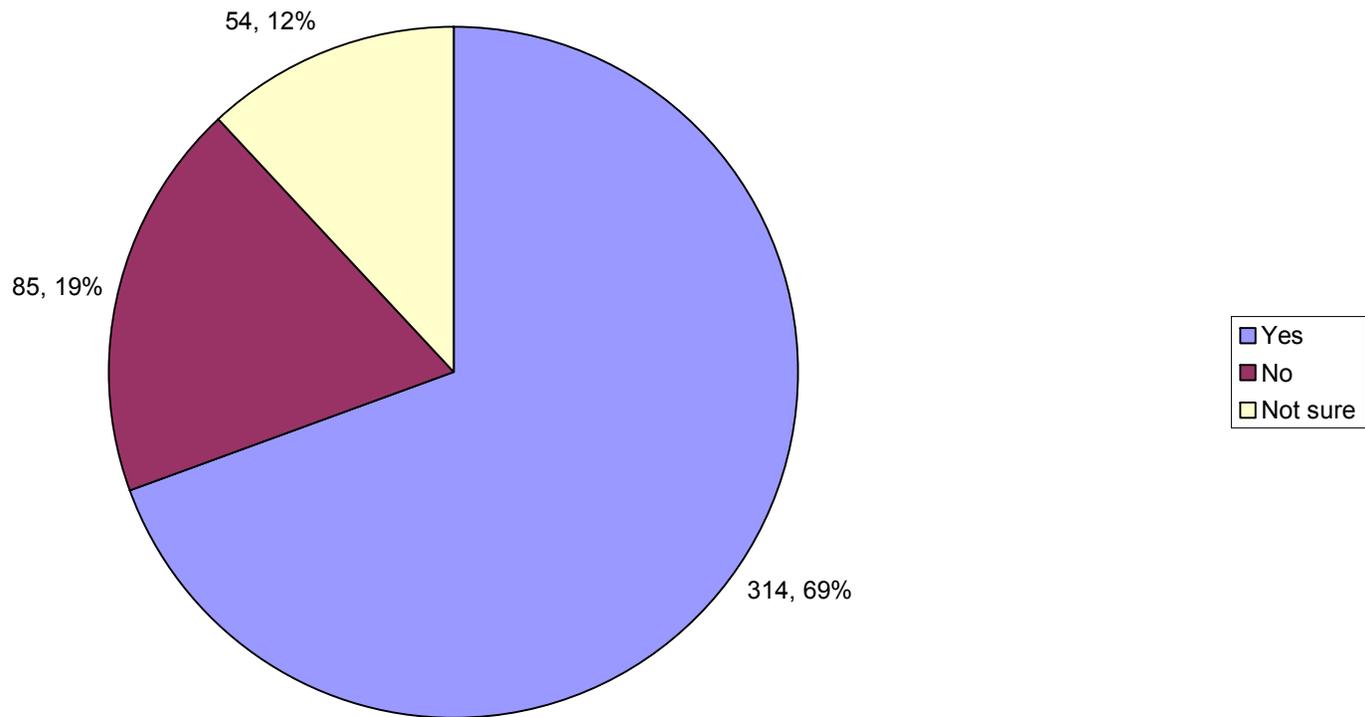
Which would you support to address the problem of excessive speed on local roads?



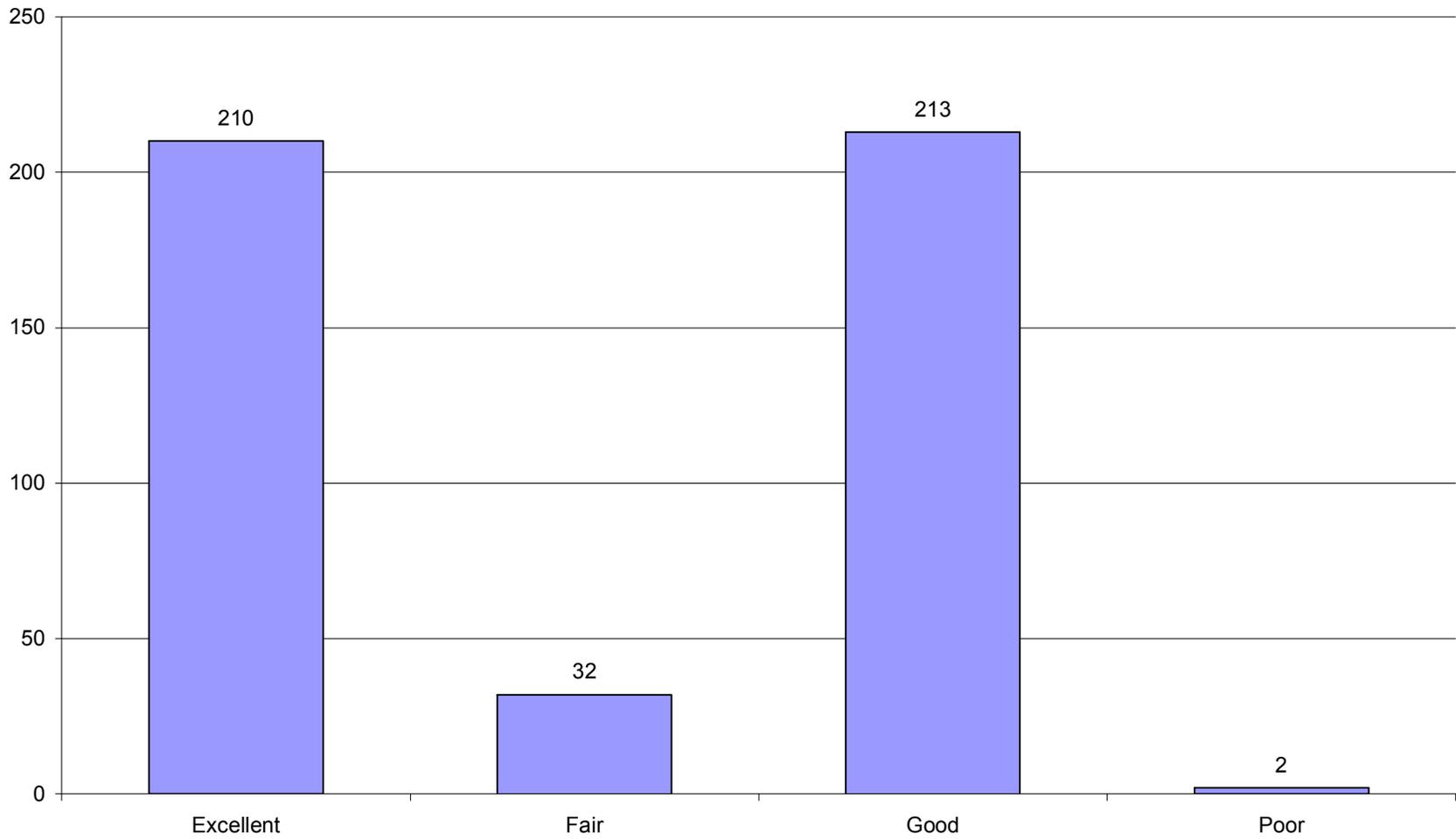
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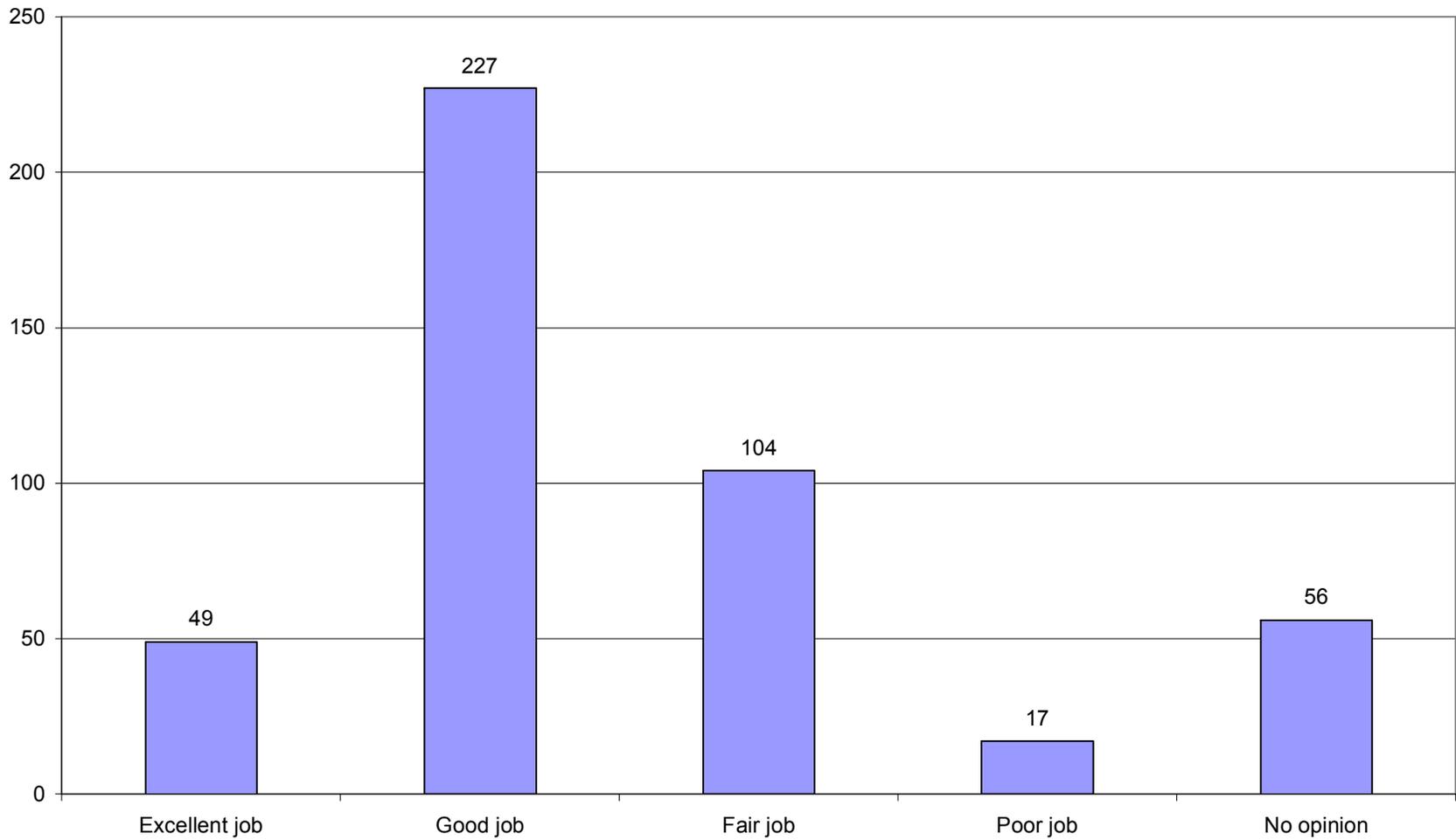
Should Lake Tomahawk adopt an ordinance to control the construction, placement and expansion of temporary dwellings such as hunting shacks, seasonal trailers, mobile homes, etc.?



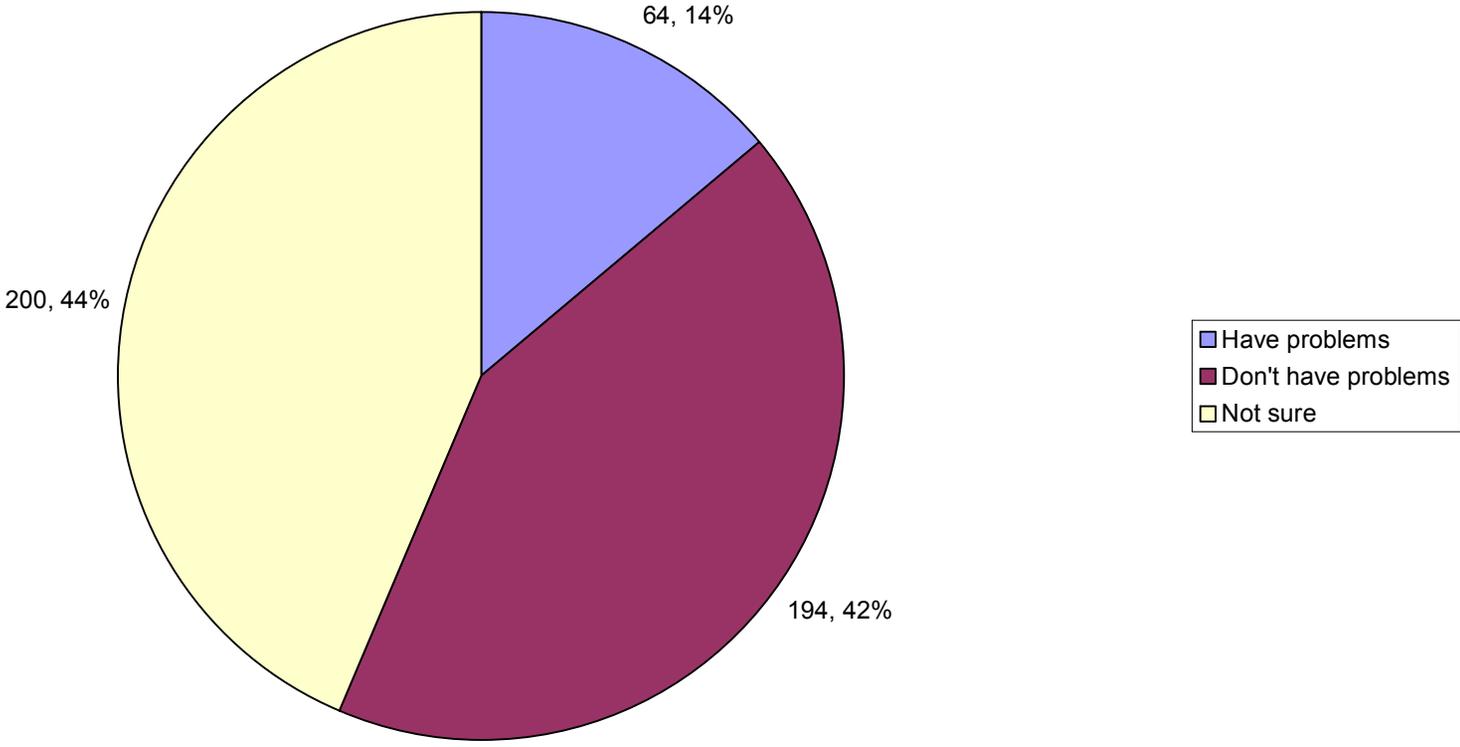
**Overall, how would you rate the quality of the environment in Lake Tomahawk.
That is, the air quality and the quality of our lakes and streams?**



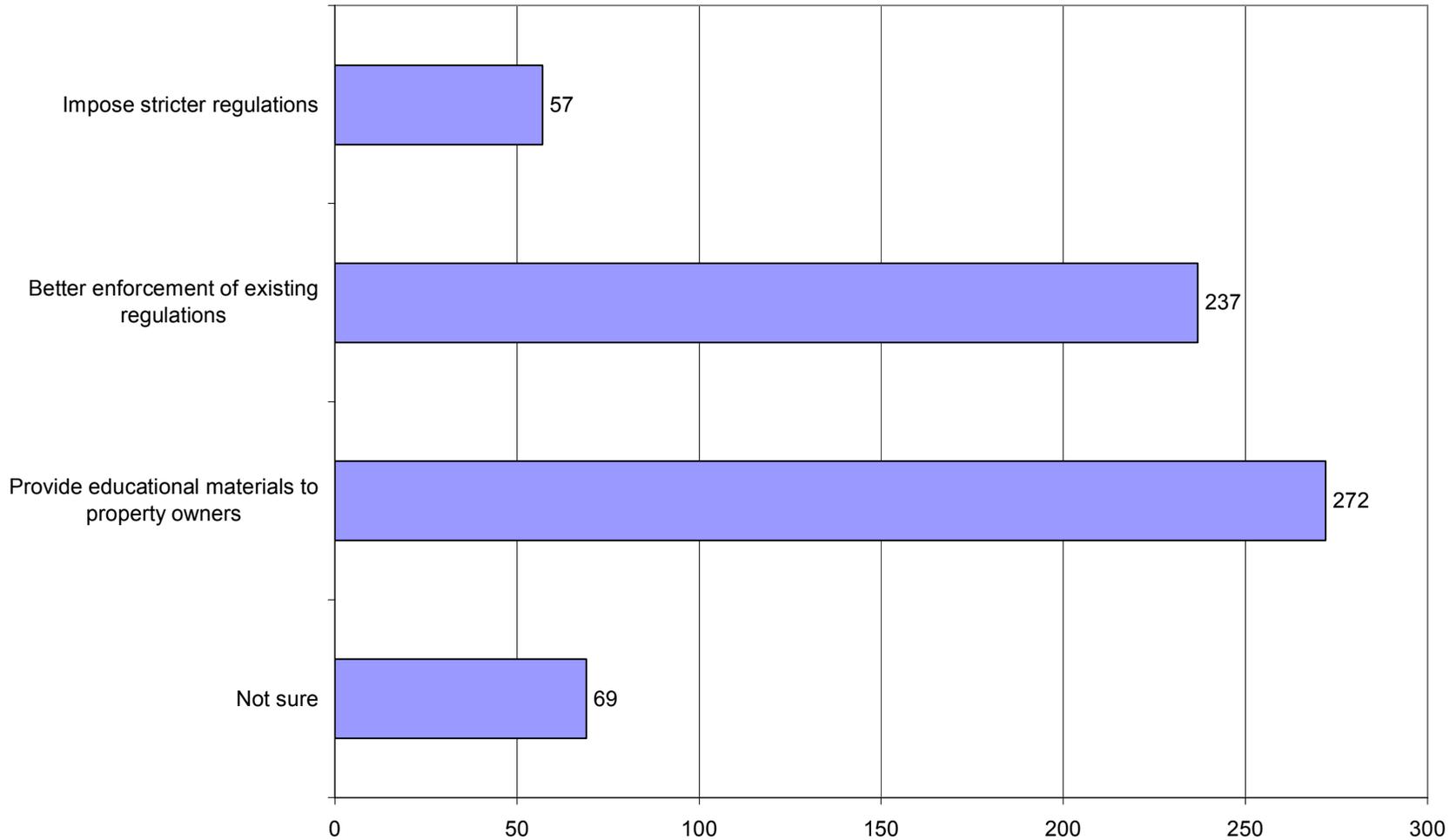
How would you rate our current environmental laws in protecting our environment in Lake Tomahawk? Would you they they are going a/an:



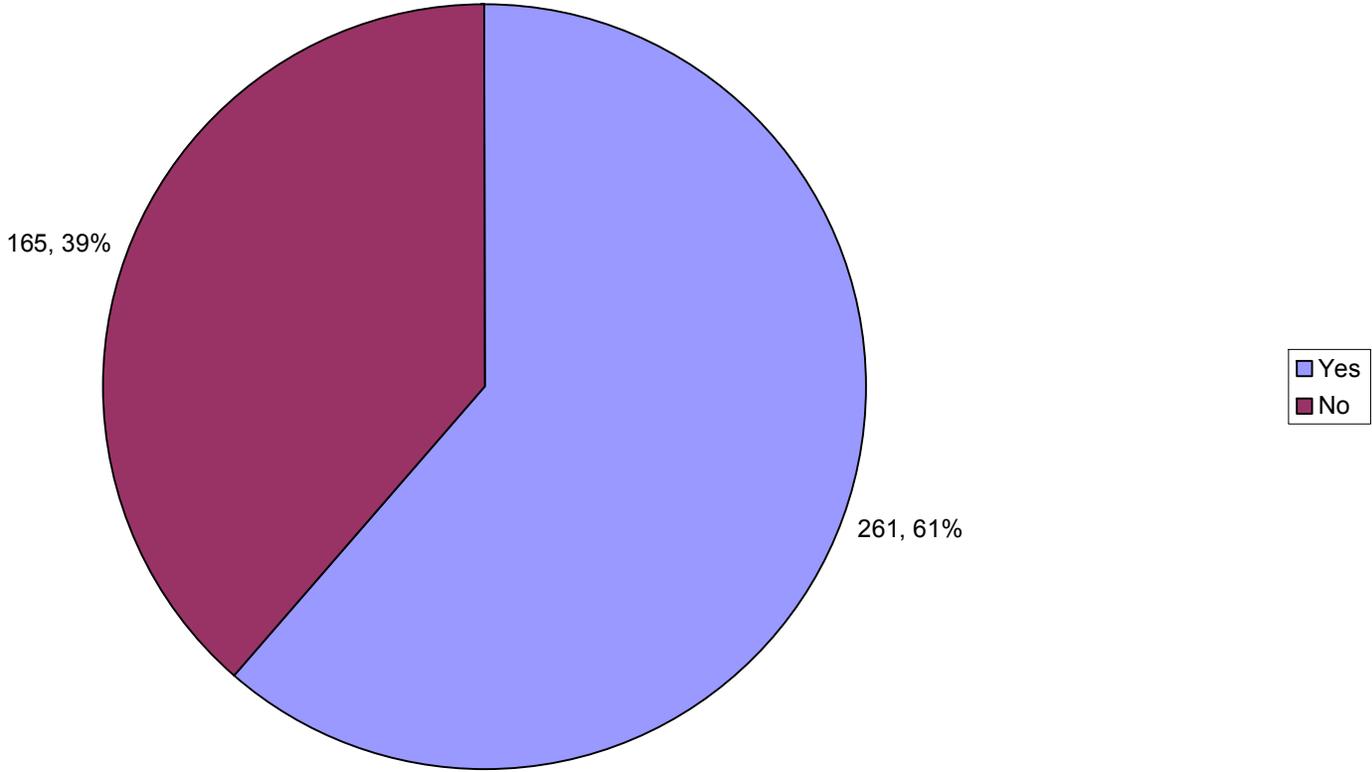
Would you say that this area has problems with groundwater quality, or do you think that we have not real problems with groundwater quality?



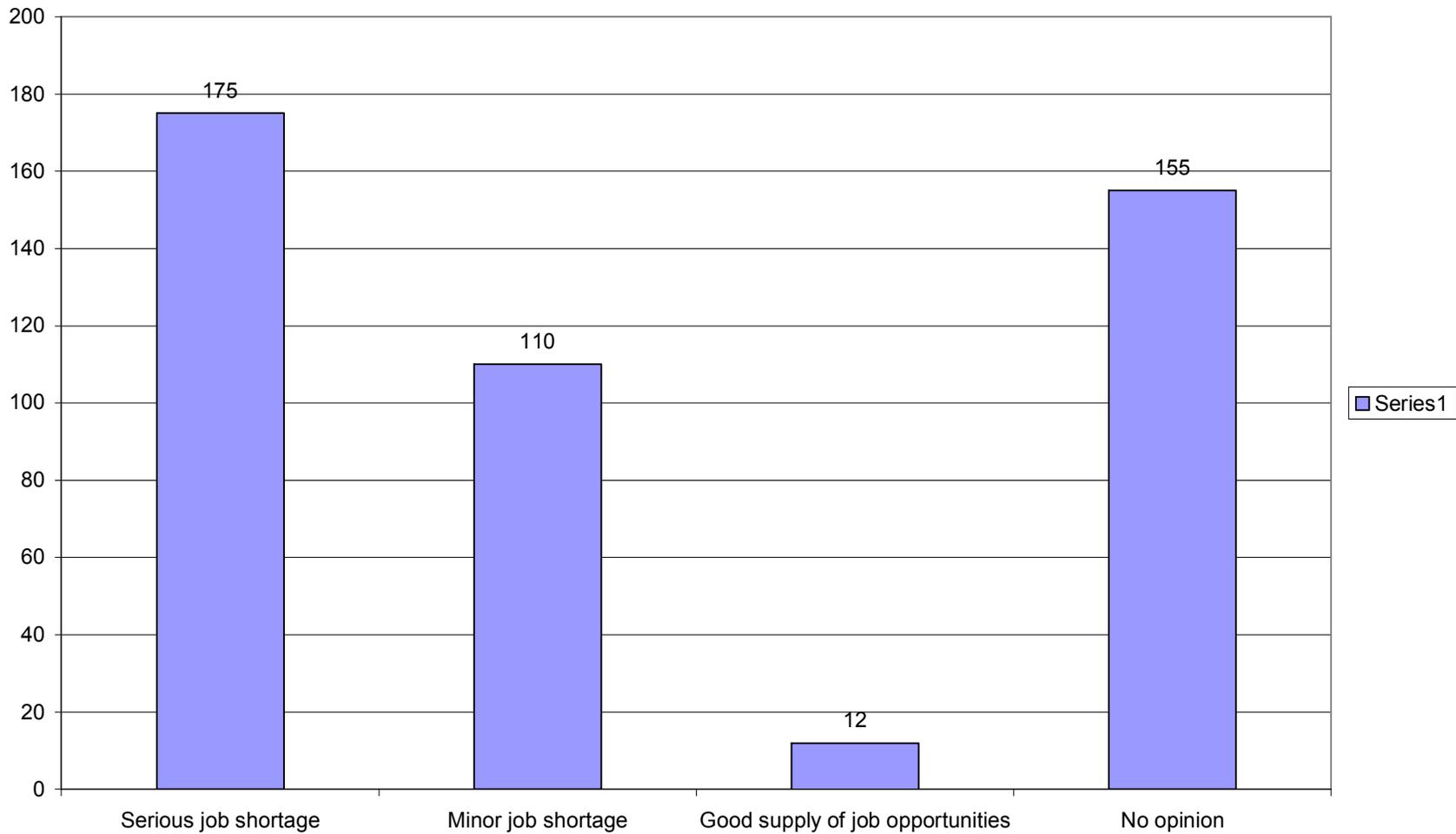
What do you think is/are the most effective thing(s) we can do to protect the groundwater in our area?



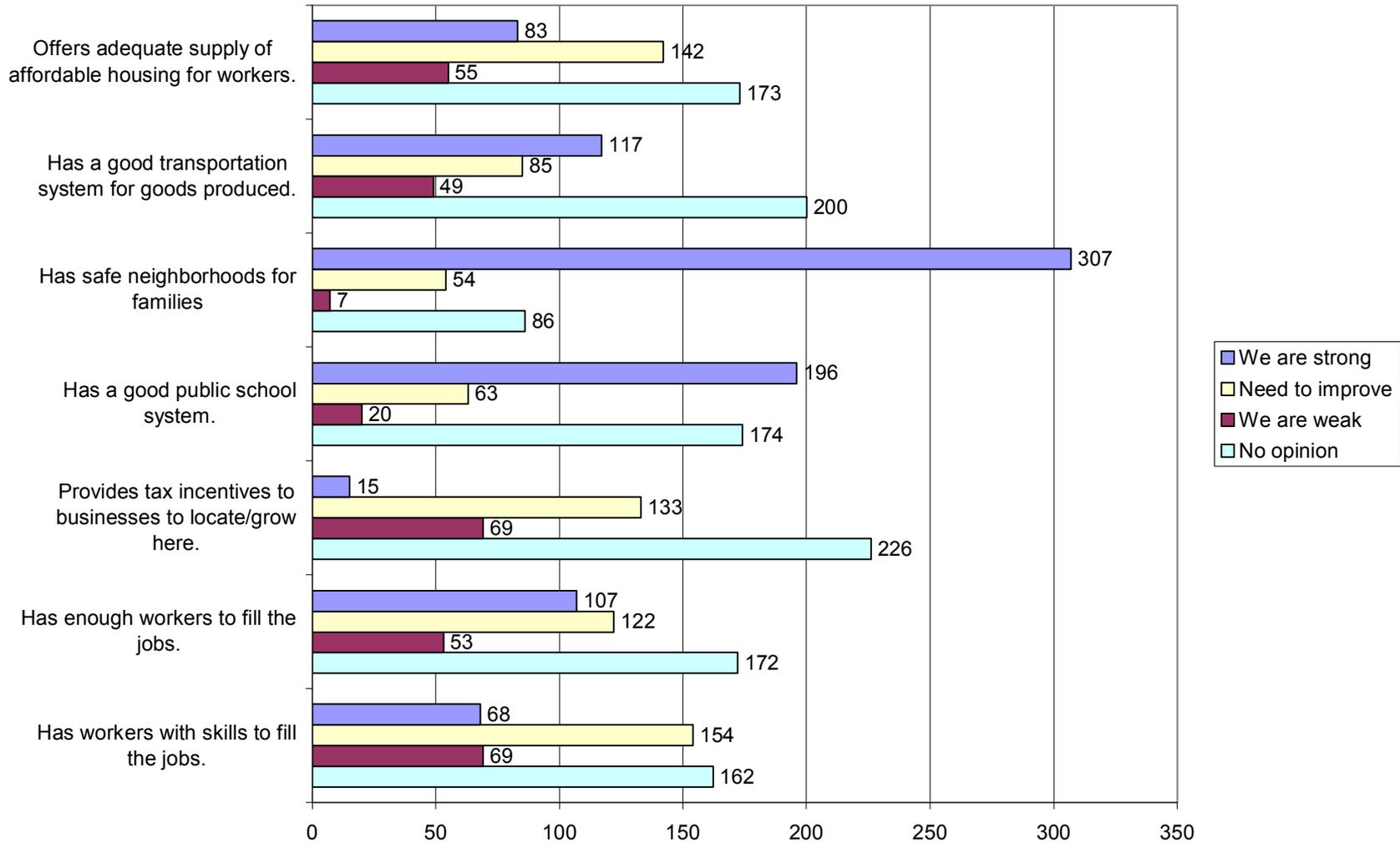
Should the Town be responsible for developing a Recycling Transfer Station?



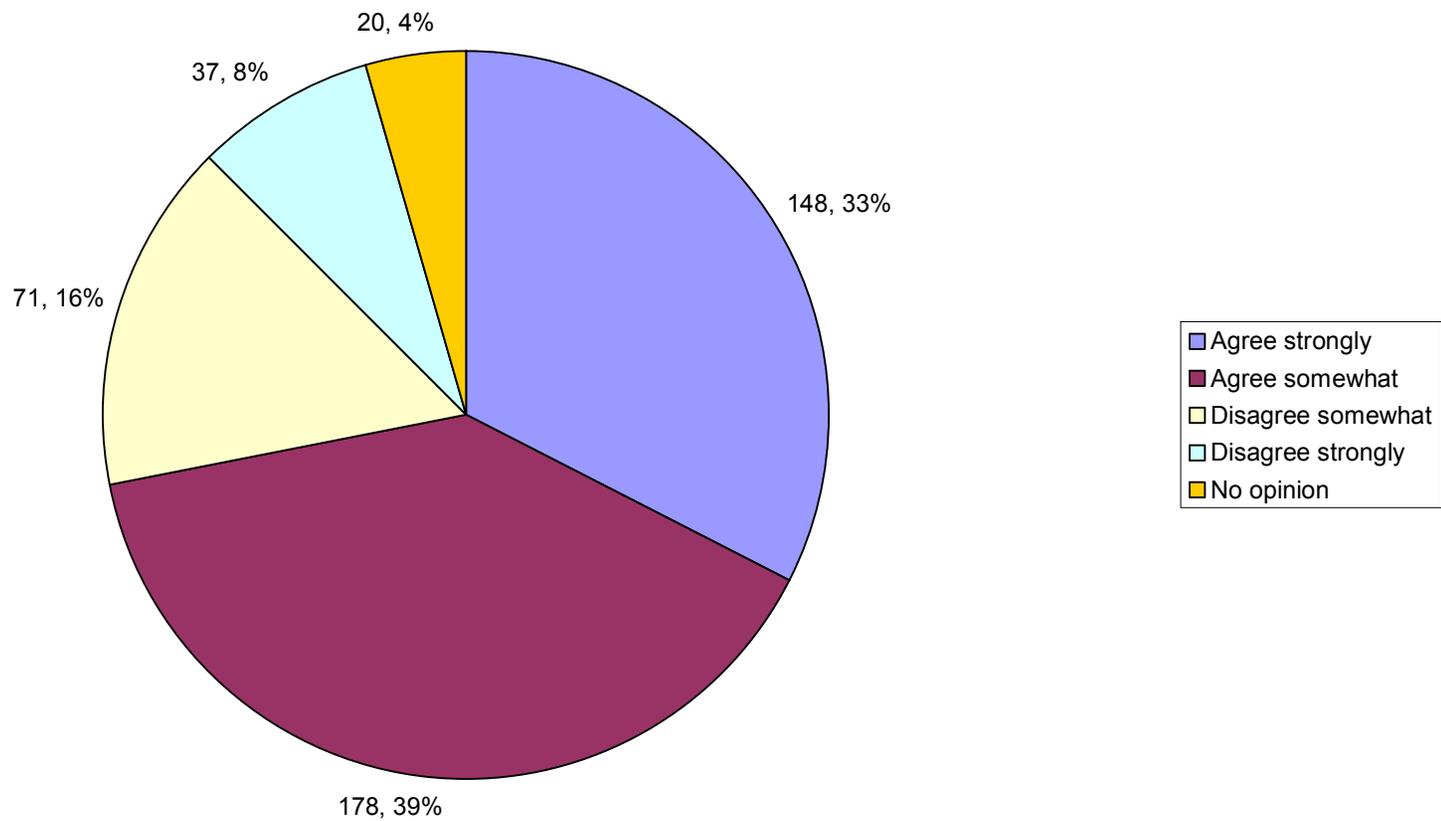
Based on what you have heard and read, how would you describe the job opportunities we have in Lake Tomahawk?



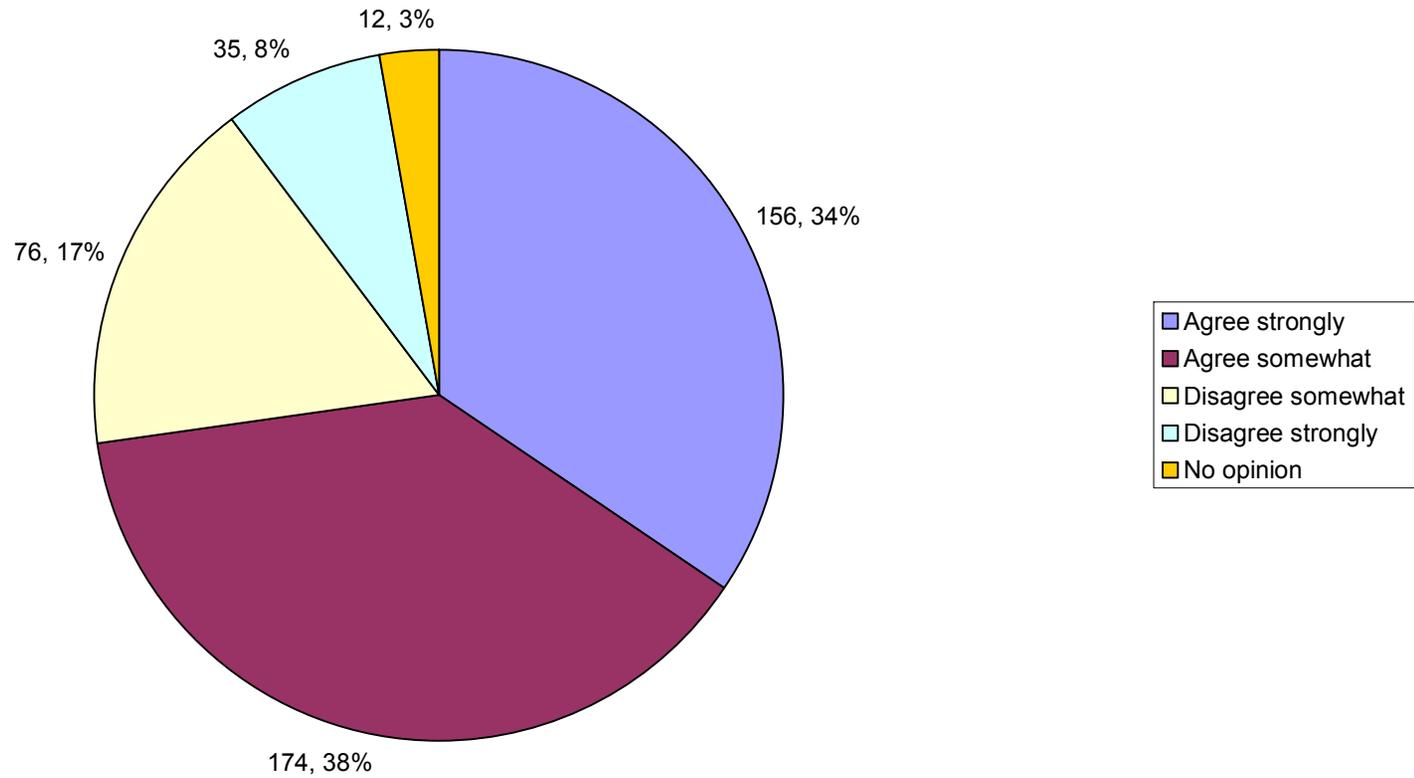
In terms of attracting buisnesses and jobs, Lake Tomahawk...



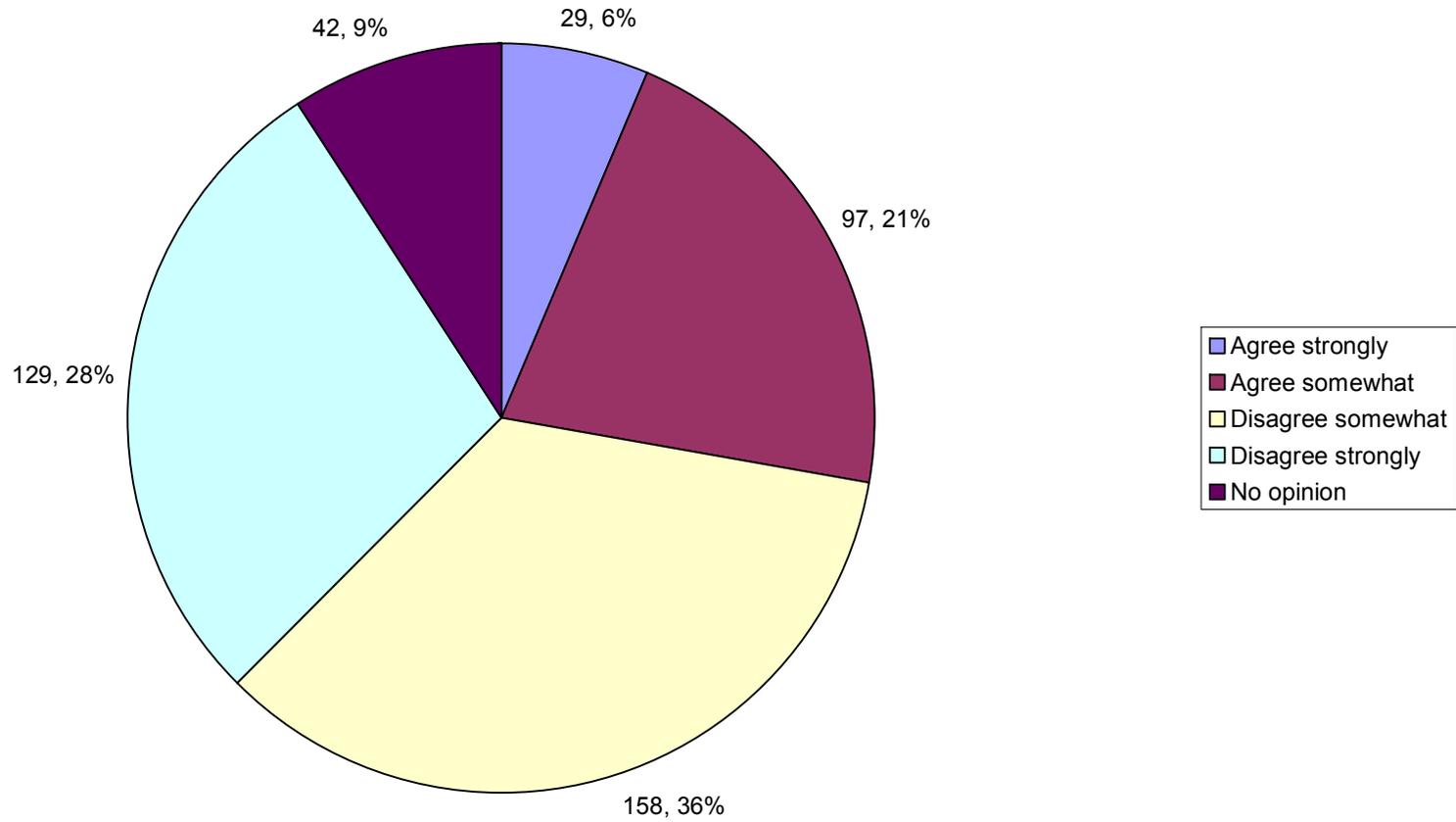
It is important to attract new businesses and new jobs to this area to make our economy stronger.



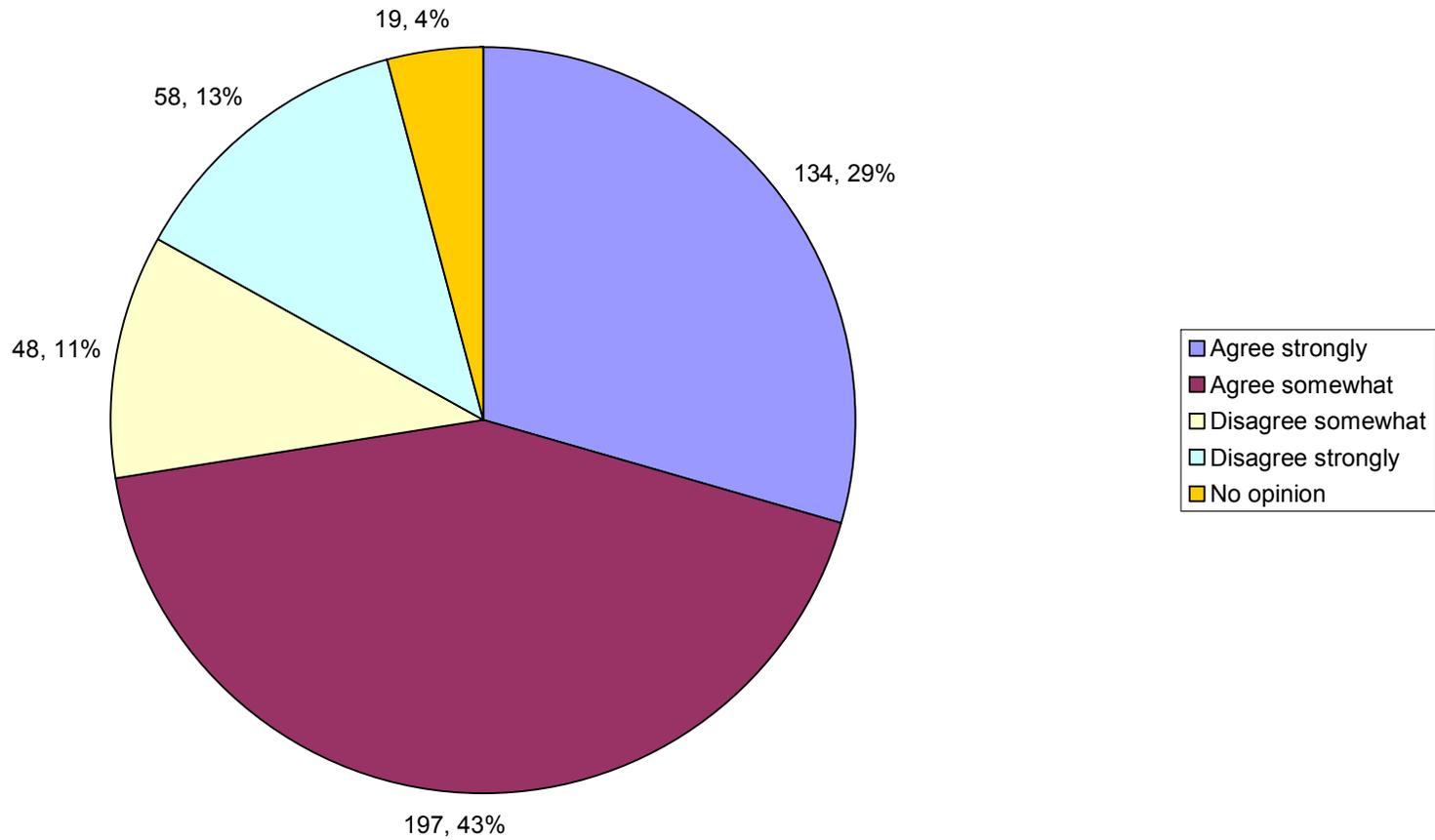
We need to plan to make sure that new housing developments in our area include parks and green space even if it means that houses will cost more to buy.



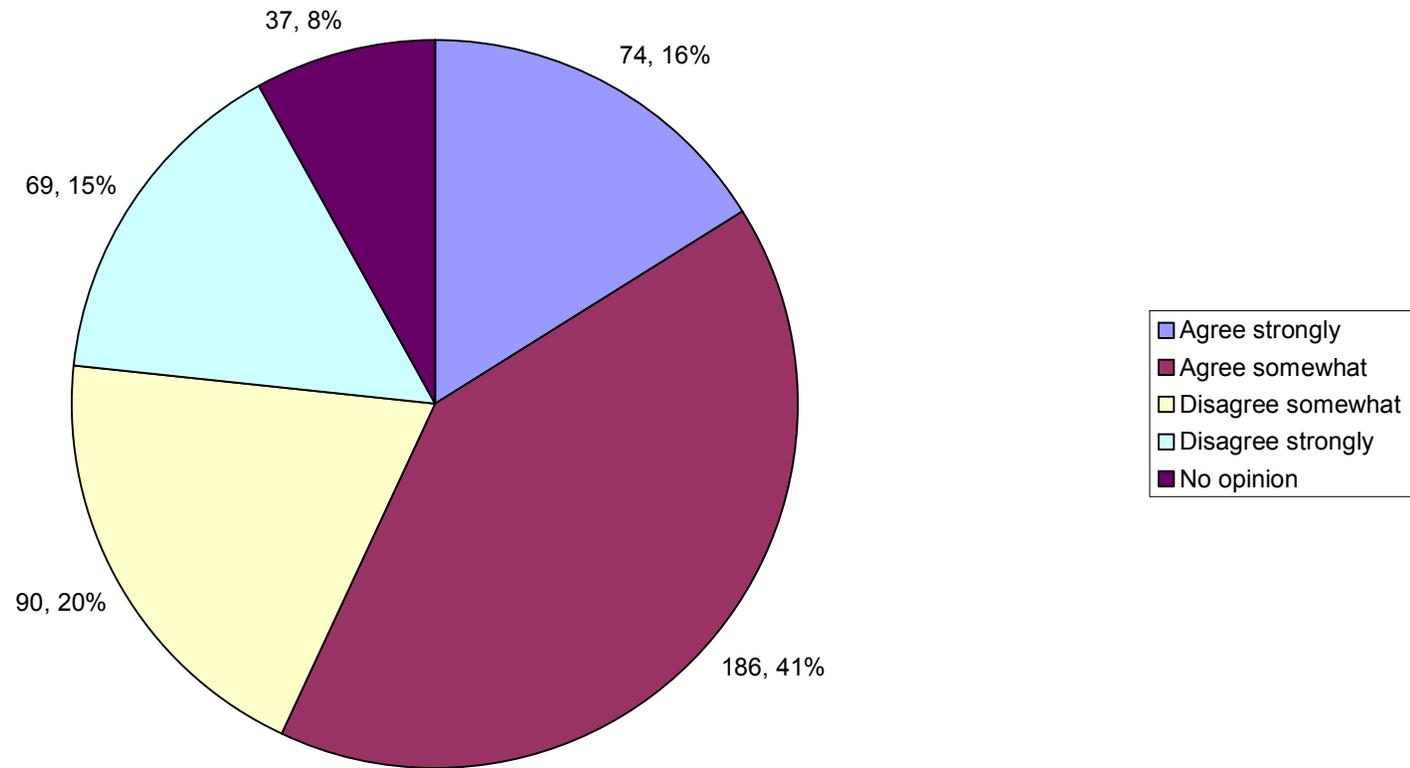
We need to widen some of our streets and roads to ease traffic congestion.



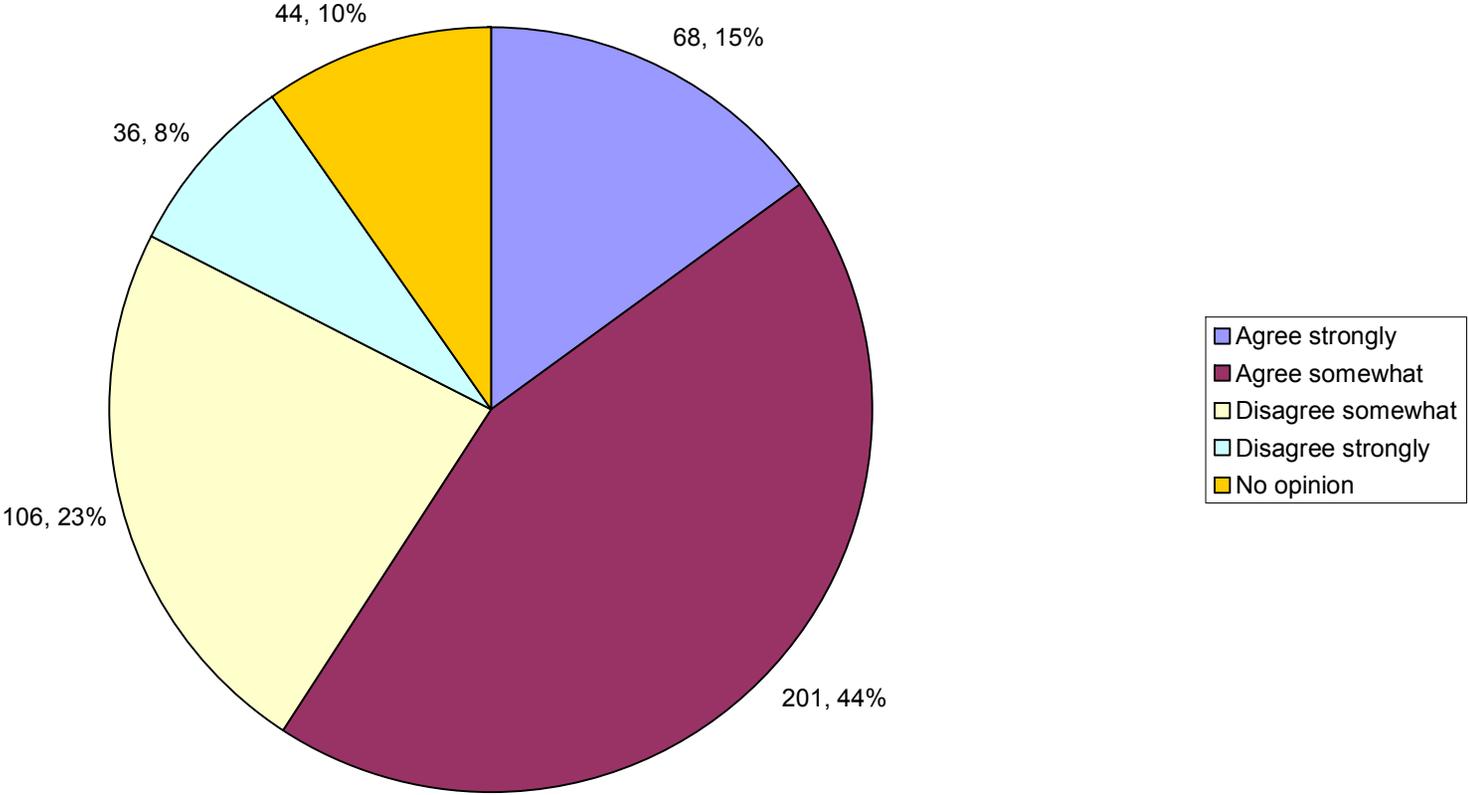
We need to develop more pedestrian and bicycle paths.



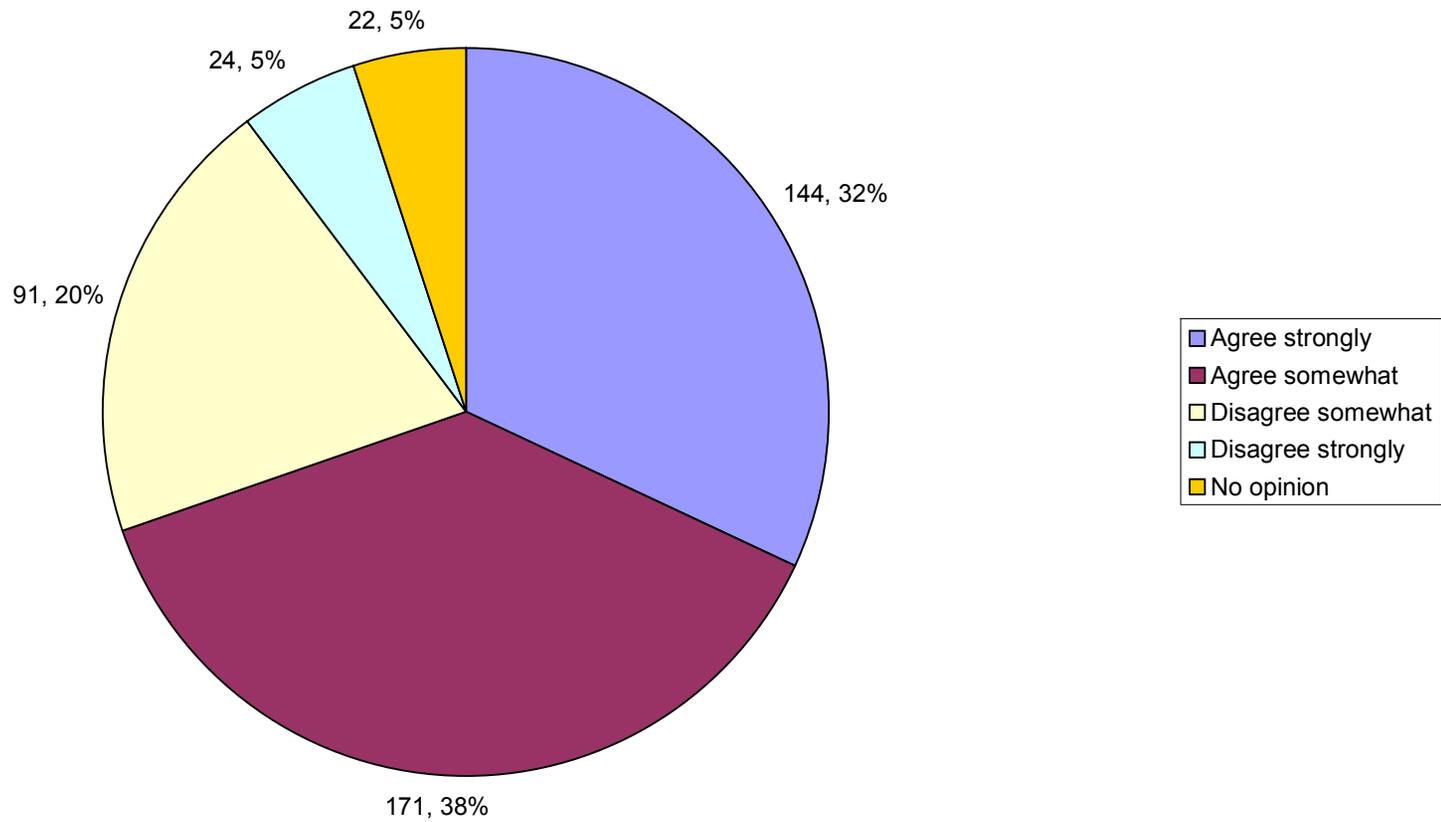
We should encourage new businesses to locate in our community by offering tax incentives.



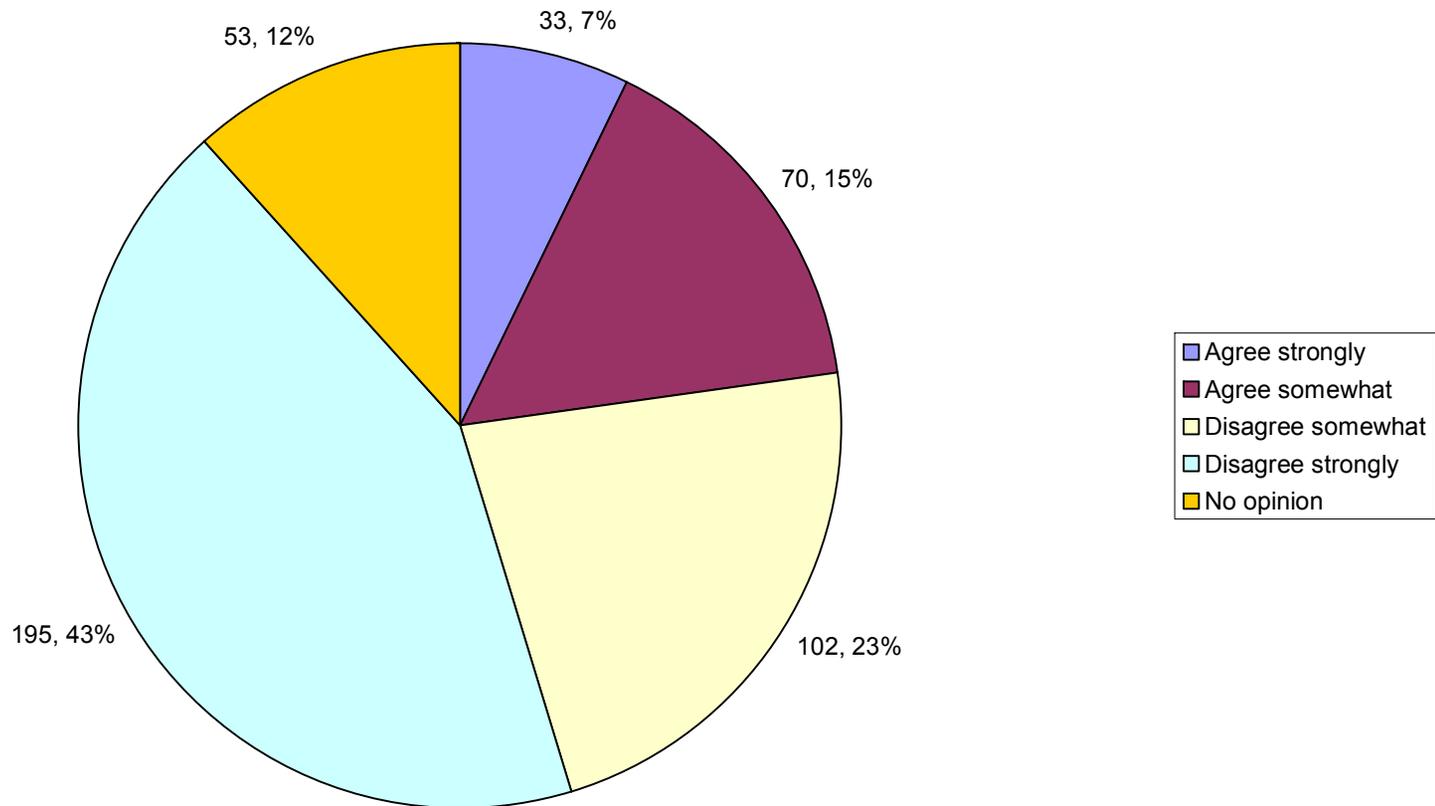
Our roadways are the backbone of our economy.



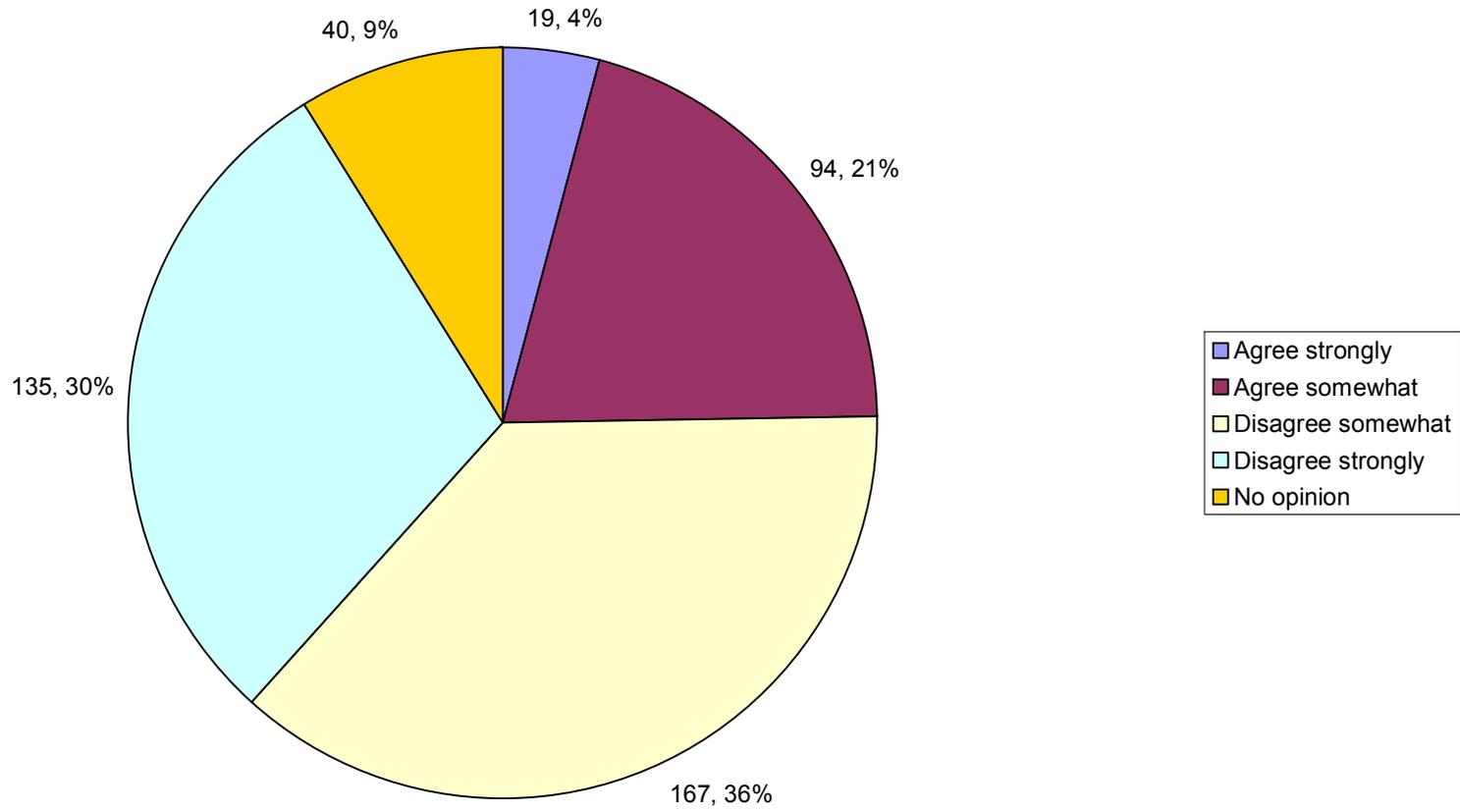
We need to protect the unique qualities of our community more than we need more jobs.



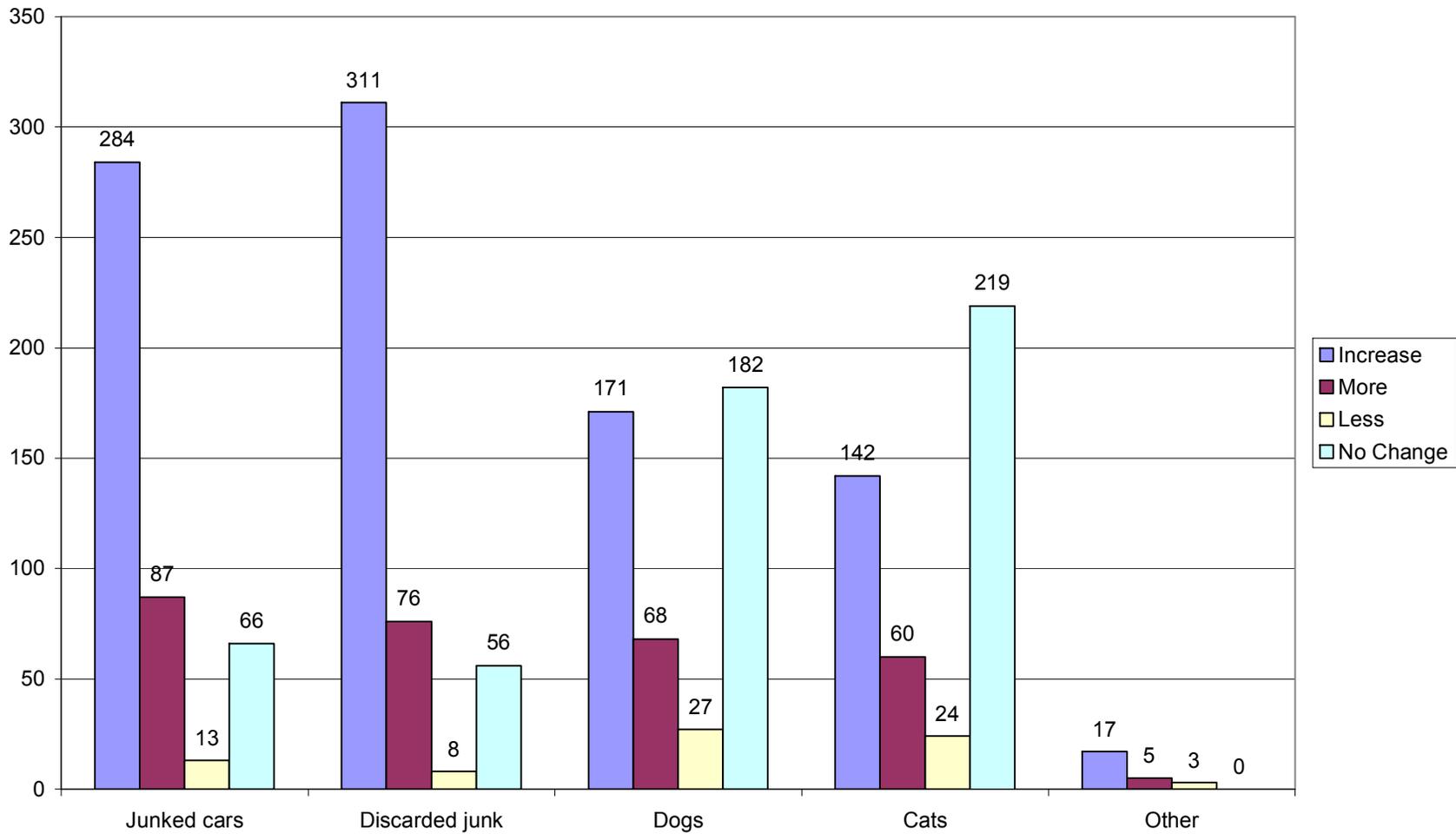
We should invest in public transportation rather than new or improved streets.



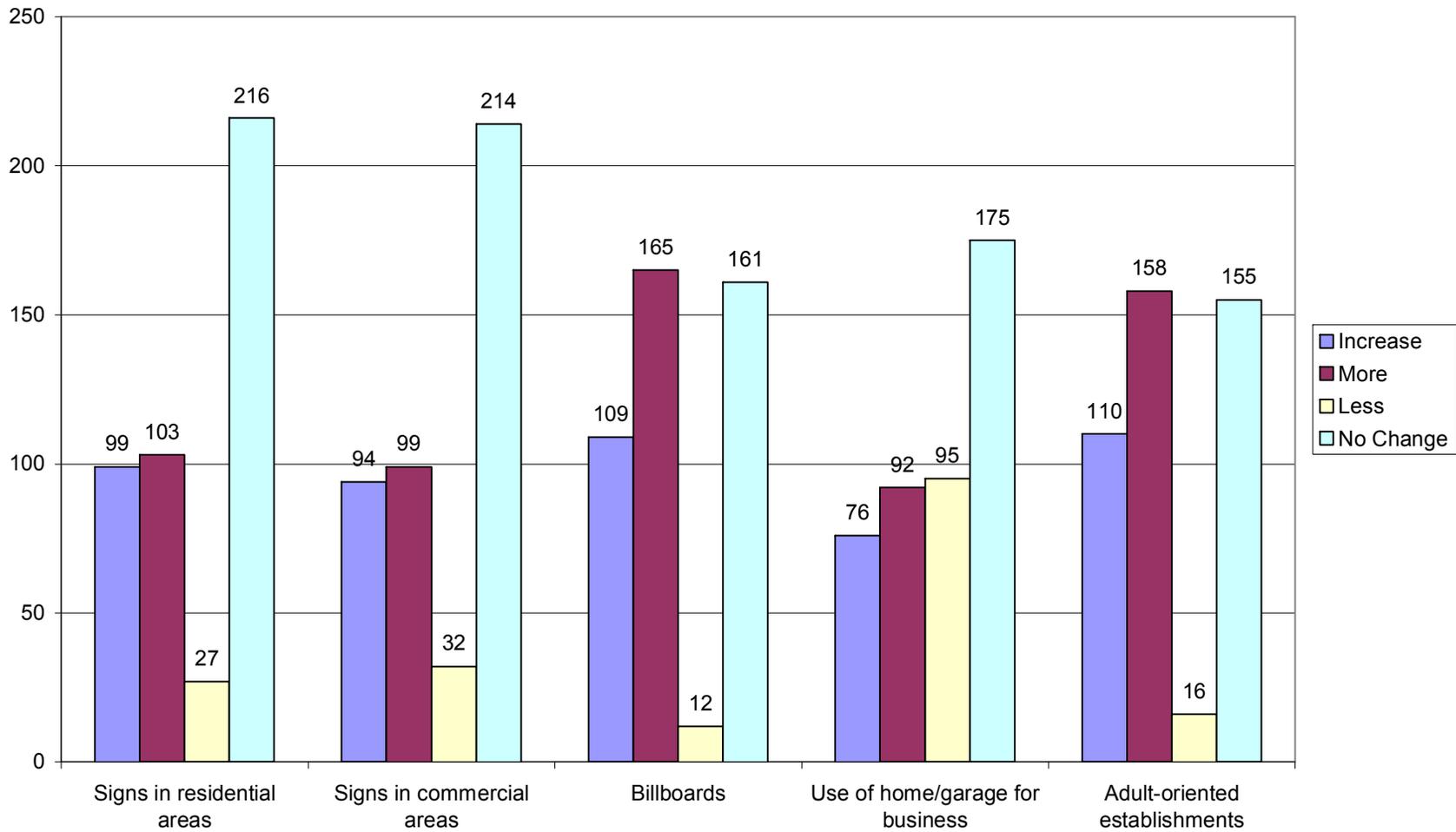
We need a lot more parking.



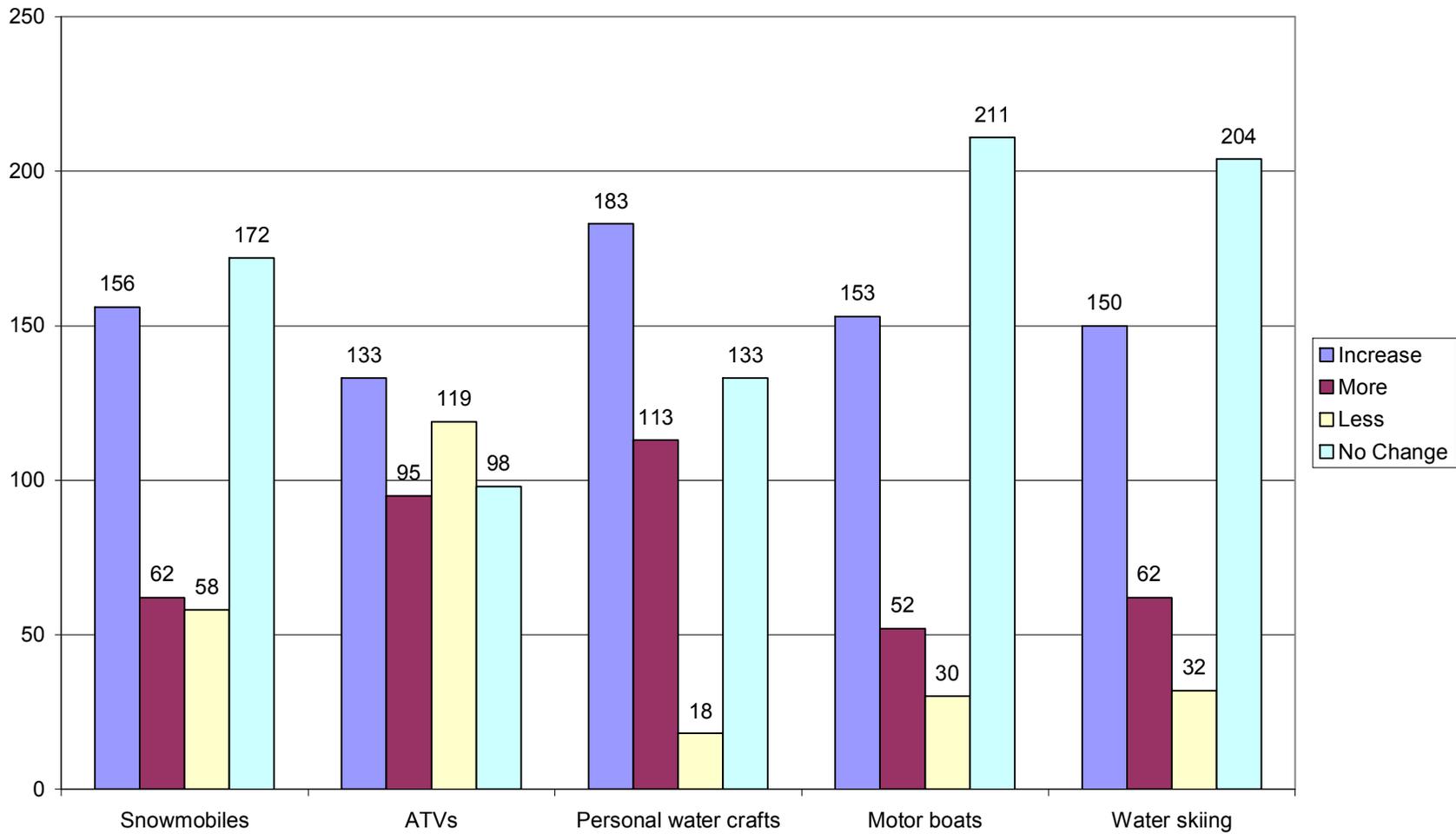
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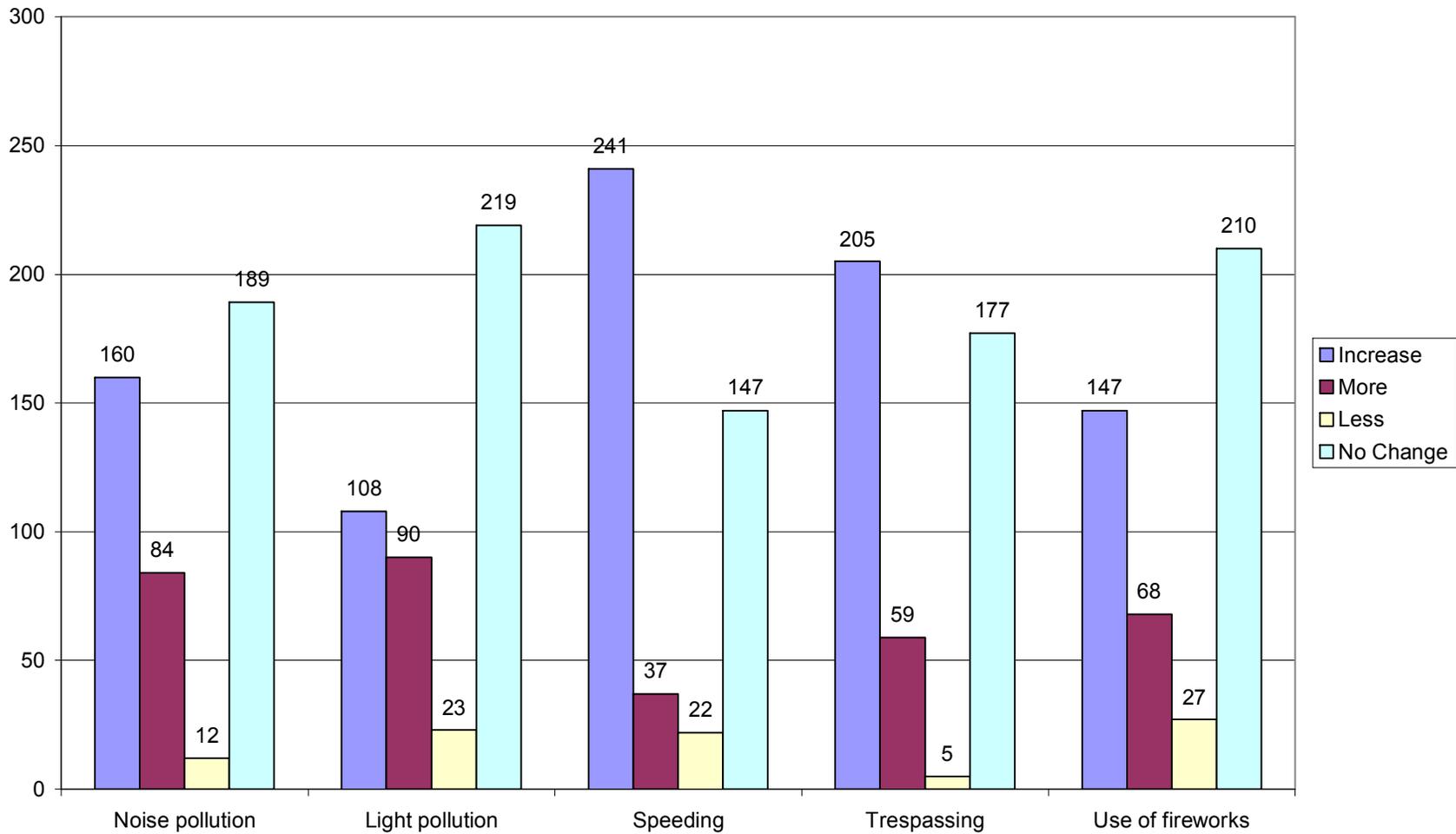
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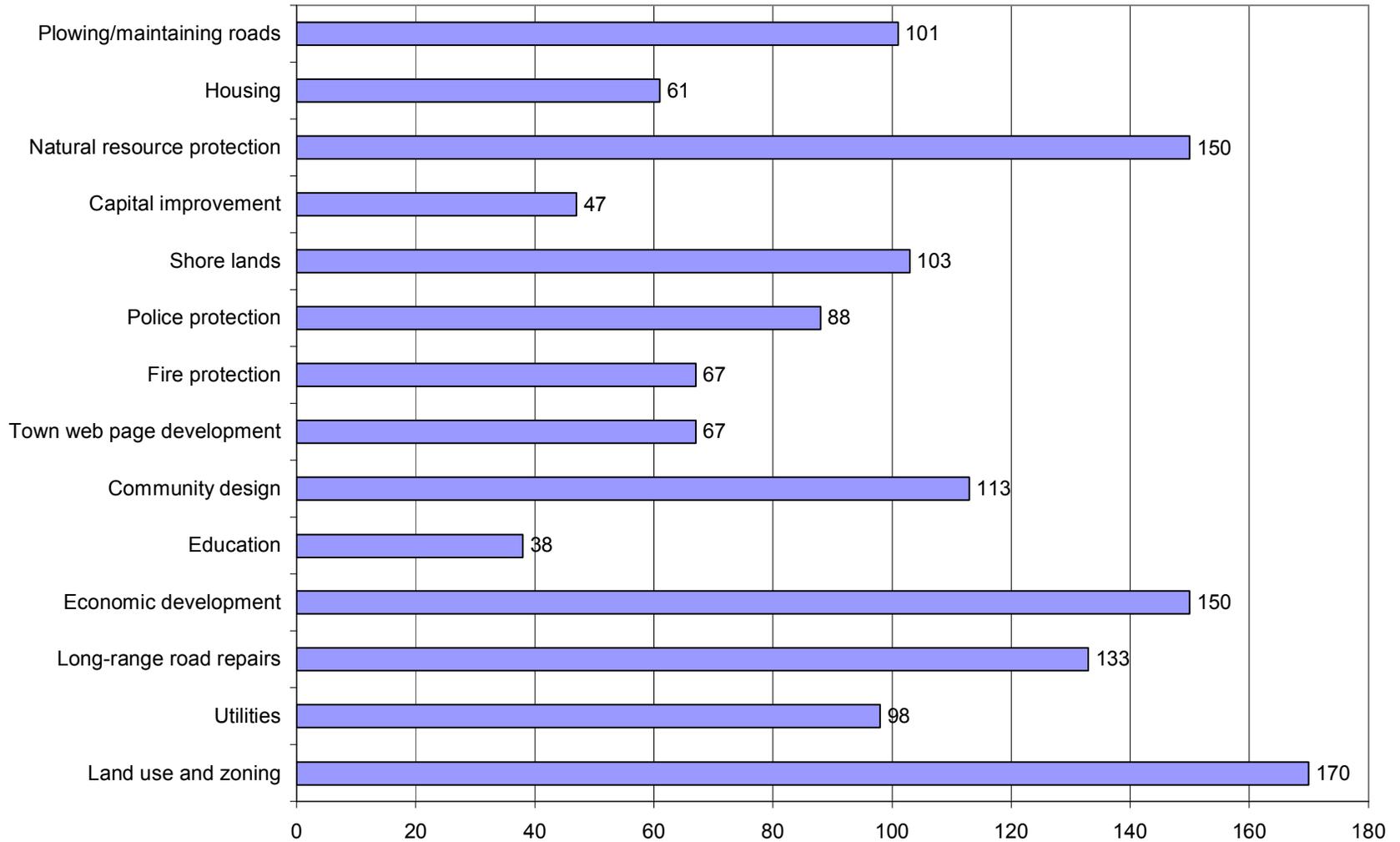
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In which areas should Lake Tomahawk do more planning?



Question #38
What do you like MOST about living in Lake Tomahawk?

The people – area business owners.	Peaceful living and friendly neighbors and good clubs to be involved with.	Small town.
The area – community events.	Beautiful area – all year around.	Tranquility, relaxing, scenic beauty, nature, fresh air.
Everyone knows you if you take the time to get to know them.	Small town, great fishing/hunting.	Quiet, serene feeling outside of town.
Spring time clean up drop off.	Waterfront and seasonal changes.	The lake, the woods.
Secluded.	Lack of industry and pollution. Quietude of the woods. Low volume of tourists.	Knowing it's a place to get away from the hustle of work and everyday life.
Natural resources – water, forest, clean air.	Natural environment.	Pace of life, quality of living, pride in community, tax base.
Snow.	It's like living in the real Northwoods. Not like Eagle River or Minocqua.	Small town living.
Not congested, friendly.	Quiet, peaceful, friendly small town.	The peacefulness and life style. The people.
Slower pace of living.	I like here.	The people and the small town feel. Snowshoe baseball—something different and unique. Rural atmosphere, open spaces, clean air, clean water, environmental integrity.
Recreational opportunities.	The people, the lakes, the trails. Snowshoe baseball. Small town atmosphere.	Peace and quiet, small town atmosphere, quality of life.
Small size and population.	The beauty of the area. The people are great.	A great place.
Slow, laid back pace.	Clean air and forest lands. Quietness.	The small town atmosphere – beautiful part of the state.
The serenity of the forests and waterways.	Our permanent home is a village of 1,500 in northern Illinois. We feel Lake Tomahawk has much or more going for it than our village. We love it!	The Town of Lake Tomahawk, boat launch, Captain Hooks, Corner Drive Inn, Festivals, snowshoe baseball.
The location of the town; 8-10 miles from Woodruff/Minocqua; 18 from Rhinelander; 60 from Wausau.	Small, quiet, road improvement (gravel to asphalt), air quality.	Quiet, slow paced, recreational facilities such as ice rink, volleyball court, sled hill.
Peace and quiet of the woods.	The natural, undeveloped areas.	It is not over-developed or commercial. It is close to larger communities for
Very beautiful North country.		
Lake quietness, atmosphere.		
Low tax rate.		
To have woods, hiking and open areas.		
Rural atmosphere.		

access to good health care and shopping. We have a good hardware store/lumber yard, meat market and post office! Good roads and maintenance. Good town crew and snowplowing.

Small town atmosphere – friendly!

Clean, quiet, friendly.

The quiet and peaceful environment with pretty woods, lakes and clean air. Friendliness.

Kind of quiet.

No large retail stores. Peacefulness, safety, store owner's friendliness, no fast food chain restaurants.

Peaceful, clean, unspoiled nature, friendly people, slow pace of life.

An escape from the places and development that is described in this survey. Public housing, public transportation, etc. all bring problems not only with the people that use them, but tax liabilities and all the issues that come with them. Small town atmosphere. Laid back, you can decompress from life in the city or where we live.

Freedom, peacefulness, fresh air, natural beauty, wilderness.

Quiet and safe.

Low taxes. Lots of public hunting land. Lots of public boat launches.

Nothing--because there is nothing here. Our local clubs should be working together to bring something into this

town, but they only worry about themselves.

It is still somewhat "Northwoods".

I feel safe here and I enjoy the quiet scenery and animal life. The people are very friendly and willing to help neighbors.

Not applicable.

When there – I love the small town feel, snowshoe baseball, running into people I know, fishing in the area lakes.

The people. The convenience of being so close to so many different lakes, rivers and public (state) land. The closeness to Minocqua and Rhinelander.

Quality of life – quiet and quaint lake living.

We have a year round lake home that we use for recreation 5-10 days per month. We will use it more in retirement (5 years). Lake Tomahawk is a friendly, safe, uncongested community. Any other recreational (food, golf, casino, etc.) are close enough to Lake Tomahawk without bringing them into town.

The people and the small town feeling.

Restaurants, meat market, liquor store, lakes, small town atmosphere and the 4th of July celebrations.

Small town - not busy.

Being a fairly pristine small Northwoods community with

good outdoor recreational appeal and just the right amount of amenities.

Safe – natural beauty.

The peace and quiet.

The beauty, quietness and lack of development along Hwy. 47 which people come to see! Tourists want to see trees and wildlife, not signs and buildings. Lake Tomahawk will always be a tourist place, not a manufacturing center. Let Rhinelander have the manufacturing jobs. People can drive 15-25 minutes to work. Don't ruin what tourists come to see!

The beauty of the lakes and forests! The peace and quiet and respite from the big cities. The lack of development along Hwy. 47 south of Lake Tomahawk. The wildlife the tourists come to enjoy.

Beautiful outdoor living!

The quiet environment.

Peace and quiet most of the time. Overall friendliness of people.

The superior quality of life. Lake Tomahawk has been and should remain a recreational and retirement community. Any improvements should support the retirement or recreational atmosphere. Lake Tomahawk should not try and be something its not (i.e. industrial development).

Small community environment, basic services/businesses (lumber, gas/grocery, mail, tavern,

meat market). Friendly people and atmosphere. Lakes, rivers, woods, outdoors.

Friendly, easy going people; peace and quiet; no air pollution.

The friendliness of the few business owners that we have in town.

Nature, lakes, forests, fresh air.

Rural atmosphere. A sense of open space.

Quiet and peaceful.

No traffic, no big city noise. Like the small town feel. I love the big state forest. The people—everyone is so nice and friendly. The air quality; that great Northwoods smell.

The small town atmosphere; friendly people and the amount of undeveloped shoreline.

The slow pace. The friendliness of the people.

Not a lot of traffic and congestion; small town atmosphere; a lot of friendly, nice people.

Simplicity, peace, quiet. Rhinelander and Wausau are close enough if you want a city.

The friendly people you meet. The small home town feel but it is also great to see the town boost when the tourists come. Quiet.

It's relatively quiet and low-stress.

Nature and wildlife; seasons.

It's usually nice and quiet where I live. The town is only about ¼ mile from my cottage. My neighbors are quiet and not crowded.

Small community, all lakes in the area, and state land.

We like the small town, Northwoods, natural – lots of trees and wildlife. Quiet and darkness at night of the woods.

I like the quiet, small town.

Quiet, serenity, pleasant and courteous neighbors.

The small town feeling; not a lot of traffic; being close to nature; lake activities with little competition; central location to other activities; friendly people; reasonable distance to health care; good emergency services.

It is a quiet bedroom community. We do have to travel some distance for work.

That it is small; love the lakes; not busy.

The laid back character that is the Northwoods.

Small town atmosphere.

The area is quiet, friendly, clean, pollution free and has excellent snow removal on roads.

Most people are friendly and help each other. Solitude of living in the woods and on the river.

The fact that it is a small and unique community.

It has not changed much over the many years. Peaceful area.

Lakes, location mostly rural. But not too far from Minocqua or Rhinelander.

The peace, quietness, friendly. Small town feel.

The uniqueness, retirement community. Enforce ordinances more especially on 47 and on side streets – such as junked vehicles, etc.

It's the quiet of the "North" woods.

We have a good school system compared to many other small communities. Lake Tomahawk does a very good job on plowing roads during the winter months. Would like to know what the Fire Department needs are.

Nothing.

Quiet, friendly people.

Beauty of the area; position between Minocqua and Rhinelander. Lake Tomahawk meat market. Quiet!

Small town feeling with only a manageable amount of growth.

Small town living.

I live in a large city. Lake Tomahawk offers a different lifestyle to relax, unwind. The people are very friendly. The events – 4th of July, etc. are great.

Having seasonal home – we like getting out of the tension zone and into the peace and quiet of the Northwoods.

Good living.	Peacefulness and recreation.	Two excellent sport shops and lumber yard / hardware, park and boat landing.
Small town atmosphere.	An honest, friendly Northwoods atmosphere.	Friendly rural community.
Friendly people, out door recreation.	Quiet, friendly, family-like atmosphere. The beauty of natural environment, slow paced lifestyle, lakes and trees.	Small town atmosphere – safety – the lake. Small town friendly atmosphere.
Clean and peaceful living and friendly neighbors.	The kinds of people I'm privileged to live around and solve any problems that come along while enjoying the life that living here provides.	Small town life, numerous lakes, a national forest which provides recreation and also limits new development.
Low crime rate, for the most part, a quiet community.	The people and the quiet. The forests and lake are great to enjoy.	The recreational opportunities, the quaintness of the town – not as congested as Minocqua. The Northern Highland Legion State forest! It's our treasure worth preserving.
The scenic beauty.	It is a small town.	I love living on the lake with having only 3 miles to drive into Lake Tomahawk. I love the Northwoods. I enjoy the 4 th of July in Lake Tomahawk and all the activities that the community has (i.e. fall fest and December festivities.) The people are friendly and the town does a great job!! Keep up the great work and hopefully, Lake Tomahawk will grow and flourish!!
It's a retirement-type town. The quiet.	The rural Northwoods atmosphere along with its friendly citizens and merchants. We enjoy the fact that Lake Tomahawk has not fallen to the life of the ATV crowd that has turned other quiet Northwoods towns such as Mercer, into places that the usual Northwoods visitors avoid.	Safe, peaceful, friendly.
Quietness.	Small town, nice community, friendly people.	It is quaint! It is up North! It is safe! It is Northwoods.
Access to natural resources, friendliness of many residents, the diversity of people, peacefulness.	Proximity – close knit, relaxed.	There is a friendly, small-town atmosphere. Unlike near by tourist meccas that cater to Illinois Yuppies! It's private and quiet and we have many beautiful lakes.
That it is small and quiet with no big business.	The natural setting and recreational activities, the people, the 4 th of July festivities.	Meat market and boat landing the best. Boat landing, store, bar friends, breakfast diner and friendly people (most of them).
Atmosphere of natural surroundings.	The small town feeling yet able to drive north or south on Hwy 47 to do large shopping and medical care. Quiet, peaceful environment, providing fishing, hunting and outdoor experiences with wild life etc.	
The quietness of the woods and the small town atmosphere. Small town atmosphere, natural beauty, slow pace.		
Peace and quiet small community.		
Location, peaceful.		
Quiet.		
We moved here to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. We do not want to give that up. So far we have found the peace and quiet that we love.		
It's quiet. Small is good but we need the retail area for residents so we don't have to leave the area for everything. Peace and quiet.		

I like Lake Tomahawk just the way it is.

Lake Tomahawk is beautiful little town removed from the chaos of big towns. It has always been a safe, friendly place to bring my friends and family.

People are friendly.

The great feel of the Northwoods! Makes a person/family so appreciate being away from the city. Keep the wilderness feel.

It's quiet, mostly state owned property – small community.

The many lakes in the area.

Rural living, small town.

Small town atmosphere – local ordinances are not too restrictive for property owners and property owners seem to respect that. Established/long time locals are active in town government. Small town – Northwoods atmosphere.

Peace and tranquility.

Peaceful woods, enjoying nature, water recreation, slower pace, friendly people, fresh air, maintained roads, health services, emergency services.

Small town, quiet, non-industrialized, environment, friendly, recreational opportunities.

We like that it is a quiet community to live in without a lot of bustling gift stores and businesses. We are in a great location to choose to shop in Minocqua or

Rhineland. We are close to recreational trails.

Peace and quiet and the lake.

No fast food, traffic lights and the people are nice.

Small community. Feeling safe, exceptional meat market.

The people who live here, how quiet it is and how dark it gets at night.

Community people and environment.

Peace and quiet, local people, small town, nature – scenery, natural open public forests.

Lots of state land, small and quiet.

It's a beautiful, relatively unmolested place with wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities.

Our lake home and the small town presence. Great people, simple living.

Small community in the Northwoods.

It's a small and quiet community.

Quietness, friendly people, snowshoe baseball, 4th of July snowmobile trails.

Peace and quiet, natural beauty, proximity to recreation, history.

Great escape from my real world!

Quiet, quaint, private, open container law and lakes and wilderness.

Up north – old town feeling, quaint.

Would we could live here year round.

I don't live there, but I appreciate the smallness of the community (size, not small minded); quaint downtown, etc. Small quiet community with everything we need, friendly people, beautiful area!

The size, we like to see it stay the way it is, not any larger.

Friendliness of people and tranquil lifestyle.

Quiet area, good neighbors / neighborhood, small town charm, everyone is friendly.

The small size of the town. Natural beauty, four seasons, quiet and peace.

Small town, friendly. lovely woods.

Fifteen years ago we moved to Lake Tomahawk from Chicago IL suburban area to get away from all the hassle and lack of neighborly friendships. Lake Tomahawk is a wonderful little town. Everyone is so friendly. We will maybe do a little growing, but don't need to become Rhineland, Minocqua or Woodruff; if that happens, Lake Tomahawk would lose its charm and not attract people like it does. Anything we don't need is to become incorporated and have our lakes going zooming up and

have our town lose its charm and down-home atmosphere, - a couple new businesses would be fine.

The Northwoods is at our back door and there is a lake no more the 5 minutes in every direction.

Small town atmosphere, the amount of wooded areas/public hunting areas, the community and the people in it have been very warm and welcoming to us as seasonal occupants. The boat dock improvements are awesome. Snowshoe baseball is fun.

Quiet, clean air and water, easy to get around, friendly people.

Small town atmosphere. Generally clean appearance.

My family has lived here 8 generations and is still part of the town. Quiet, low or no crime area; safe environment.

The unique small town appeal and large amount of public land to use for recreation.

Small town feel.

We do not live in Lake Tomahawk – just own property. Not sure if we will build on our land or live up there. Need some improvements. Love the clean air, clean lakes and open lands. The outdoors. Northwoods environment and lifestyle.

Small towns you get to know more people and learn to

work and help each other out, whenever there is a need.

Quiet town, good quality of life.

Northwoods, small town, great people.

Small town, friendly environment.

Quiet, lakes, fishing, friendly people. Lake Tomahawk Meat Market, July 4th fireworks.

The people and quiet.

Its small town atmosphere and feel of being away from the big city. I don't care for "big government" or micromanagement of our lives.

Privacy.

Natural beauty of the area. Close community ties.

Quiet living in a beautiful setting.

Small town, quaint atmosphere of the town. The fact that the town is located near a major forest is a great lure that should be taken advantage of on a higher level. This is why we have land there and why we continue to come back.

Community and safety.

It's quiet and safe and beautiful here or it feels that way! Snowshoe baseball and the friendliness it brings and represents. It epitomizes what a small town can be if only for 1 night a week all summer.

It's not crowded, it's peaceful, most people here are respectable people.

Several things, its proximity to lakes and state and county forests, its convenience - located between overly busy Minocqua and Rhinelander, its small town atmosphere with a "real" main street providing just the right amount of services, friendly people, and a catering to both local citizens and visitors without becoming overly commercial. Lake Tomahawk has a good near perfect balance of what a small Northwoods community should have.

That it is stable and doesn't change much.

The quietness of the area.

Beauty, peace and quiet, nice snowmobile trails.

Ability to enjoy our natural environment.

Good little town, good people.

Peace and quiet, recreational opportunities.

I enjoy the true "up north" feeling. Not a commercial type environment. Reminds me of the "up north" style of the 50's and 60's. I strive to pass this along to my future generations.

Quietness, nature.

Peace and quiet.

Clean lakes, clean air, low crime rate, friendly businesses in town.

Small town.

Quiet, serene, clean air,
wonderful hometown people.

It has not changed much in
the last 25 years.

Environment.

Less neighbors and lower
taxes.

It's a nice small town – I feel
for the elderly that live there.
Could be more services (i. e.
plowing driveways, maybe
shoveling walks, bingo at
town hall and transport to
doctor appointments.

I like the size and the
closeness I feel to nature. It's
peaceful and relatively free
from stress. People are
friendly and helpful. I love
being there. If it were more,
much more, developed as far
as the downtown businesses
area is concerned, it would
lose some of its peaceful
attractiveness.

A nice place to spend the
summer.

The beauty of the area, lakes
and the forest.

When the tourists go back to
Illinois and it gets quiet again.

Lake Tomahawk is a safe,
quiet community.

Peace and quiet. Ability to
run my business in the
country. Ability to raise meat
and vegetables on our own
property. We don't have
neighbors.

Peace and quiet, laid back
lifestyle.

Quiet and friendly.

Good neighbors, friendly
atmosphere. The

improvements made at the
boat landing in the area.

Natural resource – small
town welcome.

Peace and quiet and clean
air.

Quiet and small.

We like small town
atmosphere. Peace and
quiet.

Water and woods.

Quiet.

Like summer and fall – hate
winters.

Small town/rural feel of
setting. We're not trying to
be Minocqua, Eagle River,
Boulder Junction, or St.
Germain.

Peace and quiet. Nature,
clean water.

Tranquility of area.

Friendly – strong clubs and
good people. Natural
resources = no condos, no
Wal-Mart or McDonalds.
Boat landing and 4th of July.

#1 – quiet living and nature;
#2 Lake Tomahawk meat
market.

Quiet and peaceful.

Small community life.

Peace and quiet, beautiful
land.

Small town feel; laid back;
slower pace of life.

Peacefulness of the
Northwoods, small quaint
town, close to Minocqua and

Rhineland, town is not
growing out of control.

Pristine “out of doors”.

Gateway to a fantastic lake.

Quality of life, beauty.

Quiet and peaceful and not
over crowded.

Small town feel and the
neighborly way we watch out
for each other and we watch
out for our lakes.

Clean air and water, friendly
people, quiet time. 4th of July
parade and fireworks.

The quiet, small town
atmosphere, families, fishing
and snowshoe baseball.

Small town USA attitude.

The small town feel, too
much growth will ruin the
small town feel.

It's peaceful and quiet.
People are generally friendly
and neighborly.

Just purchased in September
08, I have been coming for
30 years love laid back
feeling.

Wide open spaces – good
clean environment.

We love the small town
atmosphere of Lake
Tomahawk. Snowshoe
baseball, bait shops, antique
stores, flea market, etc, all
add to the atmosphere. You
should identify the “character”
of the town and then allow
only new businesses that
support that rather than
taking away from it. For
example, Mt. Horeb WI has
killed themselves as a

Norwegian heritage site, New Glarus emphasizes its Swiss heritage, etc. You already have snowshoe baseball, try to capitalize on the Northwoods character even more.

Small town atmosphere, good quality of life with clean air and water.

Steve hardware is handy and the snowshoe baseball has been interesting. Nothing else. We really should be in Cassian.

Quiet, peaceful, friendly local people.

Small town living with just a hint of tourism (not like Minocqua)

Small town atmosphere, nature, quiet.

I'm happy that going "up north" till means something when we come to our cabin. We now spend about 8-10 weeks a year in Lake Tomahawk and it still has an "up north" feel to it. We're not sure why the town feels it has to do something to change this – let the free market take care of growth needs – it usually does just fine without government intervention.

Wide open spaces – no subdivisions.

Up north atmosphere – not crowded like Minocqua.

The quiet unique atmosphere.

The pace of life, the ability to escape commercialism.

As a seasonal resident, I enjoy each of the seasons. Lake Tomahawk is a wonderful community where as an out-of-state landowner, I have never felt discriminated against. I have owned my property for 30 years and have no intention of ever selling. I wish that the woods could see less growth but with 6½ billion people on this planet, they've got to go somewhere.

That it is generally quiet except 4th of July. People are friendly and helpful.

Rural roads, Big Carr lake, outdoor activities, meet market, quiet, relatively safe.

Clean air, all good neighbors, friendly atmosphere throughout business area.

Peace and quiet, greenery and lakes.

I love that it is a small community. I wish it did have a grocery store so that I wouldn't have to go to Minocqua to shop. I would go to the meat market more, but I find it very unsanitary – they handle meats after coming in from outside and do not wash their hands. . . and wear no gloves. I love driving around the area especially on the roadways where the trees have been left uncut. I think River Road is awful – and it used to be beautiful. I think the tree removal makes people drive faster, thus making it unsafe.

Lake, friendly community.

Nothing has physically changed much in 40 years. Change isn't always good. I like the small town

atmosphere, camaraderie, predictability of living here quietly.

The unique township simple way of living – nice people, small town – no billboards – companies – pollutants – no noise from factories. Keep it consistently the same. A place to escape from all the things you think are progress – minimal control over owner's ability to use property.

It is quaint. Please don't turn Lake Tomahawk into a "little Minocqua".

Quality of life – the natural appearance of the current landscape.

Quiet and peaceful.

The size. We don't need growth. If you're looking for more employment there are jobs in Rhinelander, Minocqua .

Who's paying for this survey. We all have to pay just to use our own parks as it is.

Small town feel – community group. It's quaint, unique, small town.

Summer climate – forest ecology – 1,000 lakes rivers and streams – historically developed from logging and trains – Lake Tomahawk continues to be held together by a handful of hard working families with a history in the area. Lake Tomahawk has (so far) not found a clear concise and inexpensive way to change.

Small town atmosphere – no chain/corporate retailers.

The quality of life and the natural resources.

I/We just love it up north – so peaceful. People very friendly – almost like a Garden of Eden.

Easy going, relaxed atmosphere.

Peace and quiet.

Friendly – small – quiet – good clubs – lakes and trails and hiking.

I think Lake tomahawk has been doing very well as it is. Simply taking care of what we presently have, without growth is excellent. Exponential growth kills good communities.

I like living in a rural community surrounded by state lands.

We like the small town atmosphere.

It's a nice small town area with a beautiful setting.

The peace and solitude, the good environment.

It's not crowded. It's small enough to get to know the business owners and to get personal help from them when buying items.

Quiet community, natural resources.

The quiet open space, the one street town. It is off the beaten path – secluded – not easy to get to, so only those who want to be here are. It is a rural, Northwoods environment, not overly given to tacky tourism.

The friendly family events.

Peace and quiet, small town living.

The privacy/wide open spaces, the non-suburban feel, boating opportunities.

It's a small community and I want it to stay that way.

The Northwoods wildlife and peace and quiet.

Accessibility to hiking and ski trails. The friendliness of the people, wonderful roads and trails for biking.

People, friendly for the most part. Small town atmosphere and the size.

Small town atmosphere.

Friendly people, good service.

Small town – rural area, lakes and Northwoods, enough of the basic needs available, parks.

Beautiful nature.

Clean air, water, state land.

Quiet, lakes, no crime, good place to raise our children.

The way it is.

Low crime rate and lots of state land.

I own undeveloped land – do not live in Lake Tomahawk.

Small town atmosphere – forests – woodlands.

Quality of life.

Small northern community.

The peace and quiet, the low crime rate, the clean air and the small population and most of the people that live here.

It's small and quiet.

We like a small town and we like the mix of people who have retired here as we have. Easy access to recreation and post office.

Question #39
What do you like LEAST about living in Lake Tomahawk?

Seasonal property owners have no say on what can be done in the area. We pay for the community but cannot vote on area changes or improvements or directions some things should go.

People going too fast on my access road.

Taxes—constant reassessment of property. Poor communication of assessment methodology.

Winter.

Homes and businesses that look like garbage dumps.

I have lived here for most of 50 years and it's the same now as it was then. Lots of negative people. What I have is good enough. Why change horse and buggy, roads, etc.

Less gossip.

Septic system and well water.

There are too many jet skis for lake. Water fowl.

Speeders.

I like living here but the downtown appearance could improve.

I first started to come up around 1964 – so much has changed. I guess watching the change the past 10 years – it's moving too fast. It will be a paradise lost before too long.

No 4-wheeler trails.

School taxes.

Unoccupied buildings that have been dilapidated for years in town.

Changing the natural environment to accommodate more people. People come to the Northwoods because of the environment, not wider roads with fewer trees!

Nothing.

Neighbors shooting and killing everything that walks for flies. Taxes too high.

The "good ole boys" town board. Need a 5 man board. Need more stores/shops to draw tourism. No transportation for the elderly.

Doubled logging trucks on side residential roads and heavy commercial dump trucks on residential roads.

Zoning seems to be an issue – do not like to see junk cars and trash on private property. Everyone should be proud of their homes. Enforce more zoning.

Lake water pollution being ignored. Too many large power boats. No speed limit on water. High taxes on small lakes with no enforcement of watercraft rules. Too much bickering at town meetings. Allowing condominiums on lakes.

The fact that year-round residents can alter local laws without actual notice to seasonal residents. If the seasonal residents don't get the paper, we can be left out of the decision making.

Speeders and tailgaters.

Looking at junk.

I don't get up there often enough.

Nothing.

Distance to jobs and shopping. Community communications low.

The growth, property division – clustering. People who abuse the natural resources.

Buildings need to be improved.

Unrealistic taxes and lack of benefits for out-of-state owners.

Downtown's appearance is an embarrassment.

Barking dogs can be annoying. No ATV trails!!

Neighbors, tourists.

We need a small grocery store.

The empty building at the edge of town. Also I feel there should be more restrictions about selling pornographic magazines at the gas station. That is a very poor reflection on our community.

No ATV routes.

Speeding on some roads like River Road for example.

Rough roads.

Over-serving bar patrons, distance for police, distance for any 911.

I can't return as often as I would like.

Illinois license plates; homes-cottages-cabins way too big and high end, they are eyesores on the lakes.

Road noise, traffic, ATV's and snowmobiles.

Very few job opportunities.

I hate paying higher taxes to have a town road crew sit on their asses in the town garage most of the day when our roads need so much work such as patching holes and cutting brush.

Not much enforcement or concern about noise, speed, light pollution or enforcement of zoning violations or shoreland development.

The high taxes and lack of job opportunities for young families. The taxes on property make it difficult for seniors on a fixed income to keep their homes.

No small grocery store. Lot size.

People who trespass and damage others property.

Those who manage the town.

No competition (business) for food and gas. We were taken advantage of on food and gas prices in 2008. Above ground power lines in front of house. Would like them buried.

Seeing empty business buildings.

Concern for increased pressure on and loss of quality Northwoods environment.

Dick Differt.

The downtown area is ugly; lack of food shopping.

The "hodgepodge" architecture of the buildings in the downtown area. Too many advertising signs at the liquor store and the gas station. Too much "stuff" on display outside the bait and gift stores. No grocery store.

No grocery store.

The poor planning and self-serving nature of many of the Town Board's decisions. Little consideration giving to seasonal taxpayers.

Jet skis and loud boats.

No paved bicycle and waling paths.

There seems to be a "we" and "them" attitude between the lake Tomahawk born residents and folks moving into the area (town). The town should foster an "us" attitude. No grocery store.

No place to go with your garbage and recyclables nearby. Don't like going 7 or 8 miles to get rid of it – or 18 miles to Rhinelander.

The junk and unkempt business storefronts. I HATE seeing all the dead deer carcasses and skins during hunting season piled up next to the meat market. It is vile. I no longer visit my cabin during that time.

Nothing.

No grocery store.

Really nothing.

Having to drive to Woodruff/Minocqua for groceries (i.e. needs beyond the mini-mart).

I think we need strong enforcement of stricter ordinances concerning jet skis and water skiing, particularly on the smaller lakes!

We need to do more to bring the tourists to town—bike trails, hiking trails and ATV trails to connect nearby towns.

And all the wasteful spending on the town's part. Example: the plow truck that is for sale. Putting money into committees that don't seem to accomplish much.

Town leadership that thinks their a** don't stink—try on the table, not under.

Crowds.

Lack of local grocery store. Also, summer noise levels; when Harley riders leave downtown and rev their "too loud" motors.

Increased taxes.

No disposal of yard waste and garbage. Sanitary district is too expensive. Must get more residents to share expenses.

The "good ol' boys" type of atmosphere in government and area.

No ATV trails or roads open to ATVs.

The amount of money spent by road department and still wasted time by employees. A town this small should only have one full time and a part-timer. We have too much road equipment to maintain. We are not in a road building business.

Nothing.

Over restrictive zoning on properties.

Property tax rates and dubious assessment.

Since the state controls 74% of land in town, we don't have areas for development.

No grocery store.

The traffic.

Lack of shopping.

No grocery store.

We miss the grocery store in town. Would like a closer competing grocery store nearby. We would also like a recycling station.

Get rid of the drugs. Lake Tomahawk is worse than some big cities.

Poor roads – River Road.

No area for recyclables or garbage. No competition for gas station.

No grocery store. Better class C store and filling station.

Old buildings in towns. (Next to Post Office, next to BP, old gas station.)

Sleazy bars, no entertainment.

Long drive for shopping.

No grocery store. "good old boy" board. Run down look of downtown. No thoughts.

Grocery shopping (It is disappointing how the fishery has downsized – this was a major attraction.)

No grocery store. Noise (noisier).

High taxes.

The gas light hunk yard.

Narrow roads or one way alleys. High property taxes.

None.

Lack of jobs.

The addictive, unhealthy culture of significant substance abuse and related social problems. Smoking in businesses. General unhealthy habits or lack of good modeling for children.

Not having a grocery store.

Having to go elsewhere for grocery shopping. Overabundance of taverns.

The never ending political disputes, non-direction of town government, the "good old boy" system.

Small size of town board tends to concentrate power on 1 or 2 people should be at least 5 members.

Can't think of anything.

Old cars and mobile homes in the woods.

Old and outdated.

We like everything about Lake Tomahawk as it is now.

Nothing.

TAXES!
Snow plowing – traffic lights.

The racing speeding traffic on Hwy 47. People drive through way too fast with little consideration of pedestrians. They need to slow down substantially. The lack of biking paths (paved) or hard packed.

N.A.

The appearance of some of the houses. Need to be cleaned up and repaired.

People trying to tell other people how they should live, impairing unnecessary restrictions. The don't change, don't know, don't I got mine you can't have yours. The ability of the few with agendas to stall the income or ambitions of others. No fresh thoughts, no new ideas. This path will lead to decline not healthy.

That I can't get up there enough! Limited restaurant service. No trash / recycling service. Losing the local Catholic church.

TAXES!

Constructive youth activities.

Local residents pay the same high prices that are created for tourists. For people who are on a limited budget the auto prices are just too high.

Locals could have a permanent discount card that could be used anywhere in town.

Main drag looks junky – upholstery shop, gas light, closed gas station.

Road noise from Hwy 47.

Winter is too long.

Certain roads need rebuilding and repair.

Our town is quaint, however, looks worn out in certain areas on main street. High taxes!!

Not a lot to do for young people. No jobs – most move away.

When people nit-pick. When people don't respect their own property, then being a neighbor is difficult looking at trash.

Could use a few more businesses – a good bakery, pizza place or McDonalds, Walgreens or other drugstore. The worst thing about the town is taxes.

Growing taxes that are mainly due to rich people moving in and grabbing all lake lots.

Inadequate flea market. Everything closed, closing or for sale in town – does not promote the town.

I like it fine.

Main street needs better parking, less businesses like air conditioning and upholstery – clean up and repair of old buildings.

The roads (especially River Road) are dangerous and not kept up in a proper way.

The population who has lived in Lake Tomahawk for years act like they are better than the other tax payers. They appear to think they are above the rules/regulations and can do what they please.

Eating establishments and overall look of the town. All the people that move here from the city trying to change the town to make it more like the city. Post office and bank hours – for people that work out of town.

Little choices in shopping – high taxes.

People who come to the Northwoods for short periods and don't respect the environment or the community. Noisy water craft (jet skis), gas prices, fly by night contractors.

Hwy 47 noise.

The missed opportunity for local clubs by not selling beer at snow-shoe games and by not having a good band and beer on the 4th of July like in past years.

No least – I choose to live here.

There is no grocery store here. The lack of respect of the speed limit on Hwy 47 in the downtown area.

High taxes!

Dogs barking (noise), jet ski and skiing – not regulated, light pollution, forest land being developed, lake lots too small and marginal.

No ATV use yet – small town politics, the good old boys, you do me a favor and I will do you a favor within departments., we need to settle the sanitary problems now!!! Too many town crew employees. Their union contract needs a better review. 100% medical is insane.

Lack of local services/shopping, no grocery store, major difference in priorities of year round residents vs. seasonal home owners.

The property taxes – really, there are no least likes.

Lack of grocery stores.

Need to attract more tourism dollars.

The messy storefronts on main street and abandoned buildings – It could be such a cute town, but is not right now. Sidewalks need improvement – mainly a good clean-up and improvement store fronts and windows.

Noise from recreational vehicles or machines. Personal – neighbors setting off fireworks at will, occasional traffic congestion, non-compliant ATV or jet ski use.

Something in restaurants, no ATV trails.

Lack of businesses, food, etc. There is nothing for younger kids to do.

No grocery store.

Too much motorized vehicle traffic i.e. motor boats, snowmobiles, etc.

Short summers!

Nothing, it's a great place we don't need change.

Need more commercial businesses in town, increase fire department budget and town road maintenance.

Politics.

Commuting to work, lack of broadband (high speed Internet), trespassing by ATVer's and damage to land.

No amenities (grocery).

Road planning – in the winter. Building up the snow and ice in front of driveway – blocking me in, leave on 47 S and this has become a big problem for me to get out, plus they knock down my mail box every year.

The town is dumpy – it needs to be fixed up, cleaned up. Town board needs to be comprised of 5 members to balance the thought process. Snowhawk field is supported by town for one event only. That needs to stop; that is a town park and needs to be available to the town. No grocery store (even small) nearby or small store for general purchases.

No shopping, no grocery store, the sanitary district.

Some homes and businesses with excessive junk left out in plain view to the public.

No local grocery shopping.

Downtown looks dumpy.

All the elders on the same committees that can not

change their ways or opinions.

The noise level on our lake. The very big boats on our lakes.

Nothing is dislike as it's our seasonal location.

Speed – danger on local roads. I walk after on local roads, but it's almost like a death wish.

Misuse of salt i.e. salt carried on to frozen lakes, plowed and blown to roadside, lawns and beaches.

Website – should have town meeting agendas, minutes, schedule of town events. Parking – almost non-existent. Some town board decisions (upkeep of roads) is going to suffer because of budget cuts.

Nothing.

I've had a summer home for 30+ years on Big Carr Lake and watched other areas develop. Even in more remote areas, with space development but new roads and pavement. Our pavement must be well over 50 years old. We'd like it replaced!

No growth.

Snowmobiles, jet skis and ATVs.

During the winter, Lake Tomahawk seems isolated and suppressed with very little to do except snowmobiling or ice fishing. There is nothing cultural associated with the town.

Main Street needs a face-lift.

We can be a little backwards at times, some areas look a little dumpier than they should.

Nothing yet. But if it were to expand like Minocqua, Rhinelander, etc., then I would say I would not like that.

I have no complaints – government service, retail businesses, area recreational opportunities, etc. have been outstanding. If it is possible, maintain and preserve what you have – if against growing demands of a modern society, you will have done much.

People are always trying to change things that are okay the way they are and wasting taxpayer's money.

People that won't make changes to help town/close minded. Town government – doesn't progress.

Personal water craft.

Increasing number of people who have no respect for the environment and for the well-being of their neighbors - hostile attitudes of some long time residents toward those who have moved here more recently.

It took 11 years for us to get High Speed internet; cell coverage; clinic – health care options, cost of items compared to other areas in the state.

Nothing, again I feel it is a perfect "up north" small town 50's and 60's atmosphere!

Town politics! Inability of various groups to work

together due to jealousy of committee members. Some long-time residents refuse to change and accept new ideas.

Property taxes.

Rising taxes.

The city has no shopping and it looks like a ghetto – we have to go into Minocqua for groceries and when we did have a grocery store – they gouged your eyeballs.

Abandoned gas stations.

No grocery store.

Dogs and cats running loose – junk in yards.

Nothing.

Taxes are getting higher. More and more people are coming to use the new boat landing. Sometimes it's had to get a chance to use it for the locals. The catholic church is moved. There is no grocery store in town. Too much junk sitting around.

Dogs running loose. People doing remodeling without permits.

Too many high powered boats speeding around on small lakes in the summer. Noisy jet skis (PWCs). Snowmobiles running over my tip ups and making noise in the middle of the night when the nearest trail is almost 2 miles from any home. On purpose. . . we live as far as possible from snowmobile trails.

We need more public transportation for the elderly residents especially for medical appointments.

Too many people still tinging their horse to the same hitching post, they don't want change and fight those that do. There's no high-speed internet.

Snowmobiles not staying on trails including lake trails. Only should be off if fishing!

Small minded thinking town will change one way or the other. Times change more people moving into our area with great business ideas – retail businesses came in town and left.

No grocery store.

Our downtown needs to be improved to look better and have curb appeal. . . Fix the sidewalks so visitors can walk safely!

Non-residents determine the direction of the town.

Complaining OLD people.

Dogs running around loose.

Boat traffic on lake is out of control, water ski at night (no enforcement); jet skis noise and speed; no grocery store, no shopping.

Property taxes.

Not much more entertainment is movie – etc. but don't expect with this small a town. Restaurants – hotel for relatives – or resort B & B's.

The streetlight on my neighbor's property.

Cannot get my road resurfaced – Need a garbage collection site for seasonal

locals and residences. Recycling location also.

Noise from boats and snowmobiles and jet skis. Lack of public transportation.

Mobile homes, apartments, condos, senior housing, the apartments you see on the south side when you are entering the town – have more trees planted to hide them.

Nothing.

My family has been a lake property owner since 1945. The town has changed very little over that amount of time.

No grocery store.

We should be more informed on what decisions are being made at town meetings.

Personal water craft noise – over sized boats running on small lakes and large craft causing wakes that wash out shorelines when water is high.

I sometimes feel snowmobiles and ATVs are a majority and I prefer the quiet areas that don't allow those activities.

A town board that thinks more ATVs are the future – arrogant town crew.

Nothing, I love it!

Run down housing left for years to deteriorate. I also dislike the "us versus them" attitude that pops up occasionally.

Do something about filling stations on south end of town.

BP station gouging customers on the price of ice cream.

No good grocery store options.

Your street department. They did an awful job the last summer with their involvement in replacing conduits on the Birch Lake outlet stream under our road. Everyone out here feels they were responsible for lowering our lake level (with the help of the DNR). you take our taxes and provide almost nothing for us. Just fill a few potholes and shovel snow in the winter for the 25 years we have been here. Not one child has ever been in your school system from Bertland Road. Yes, we are very angry out here!

Jack Hudson, Bertland Road

It would be nice to see some of the business properties perked up a bit.

Nothing.

The town thinking that it has to do something to encourage change. Let's just let the Town grow as it will for the next 5-10 years. At this point, we don't even have a grocery store in town.

Development of subdivisions off of Mill Road.

The taxes will force many of us to sell our property. I built my cabin with my hands with the hope of passing it on to my children. But due to fixed income we can no longer afford the cost.

No grocery stores.

No grocery store.

Nothing or I would have sold long ago.

Concerned about drug use and drinking – drinking is not a good match with families.

The number of bars – smoking in bars.

Hard question, but it really needs a grocery store, but times are tough. Lake Tomahawk is small and people our age shop competitively (70 years old we are). I would rather have our unique town, than have a big box store.

How all the businesses are bars, for one, though, it has always been like that. Would like to see more diversity there. Would like a grocery store, another gas station, and that the town was attractive. I find it unattractive and old–run-down looking. Depressing, the upholstery shop front is so ugly. I can't believe a store front like that could be allowed.

Difficulty getting cable and high speed internet, cell phone reception.

Increase in vandalism – kids have nothing to do.

Progressive thoughts of wrecking the land with companies, highways, hotels, Lake Tomahawk is a place to enjoy. Progress is for cities – you want it...move.

Garbage removal.

There are some businesses in town closed – gas stations – clean it up. Upholstery Shop – clean it up. Lumber yards.

When the new fire station being built so the motel can go in at no cost to us.

Holiday boat traffic town is too crowded.

No shopping malls close by.

I'm a seasonal resident, family been here since 1912. I don't like short timers telling me it's not good to change with the times.

Tax rate.

Too many people running noisy ATV's snowmobiles and water craft without respect for others and the environment.

I hate to see it being built up.

Lack of cultural opportunities.

Entertainment – lack of - Hotels and motels and taxes.

Too many taverns.

New transplants from the city trying to make Lake Tomahawk into a city.

We need a larger gas station.

Hard place to make a living.

If you aren't a lake person, there's not much to do if you don't like power vehicles.

Availability of affordable shopping for necessities. Restaurant availability.

Taxes.

No definitive town center (of course there is a town center, but maybe something more.) No railroad connection. Perhaps a light rail system from the nearest train station

would be appropriate. This is the future.

The bickering among town officials and town residents.

None.

The tax increases, and the number of business that are going out of business.

The lumbering in the state forest. A hiking place should be made available where no hunting is allowed.

The locals speeding through town on Hwy 47 and flat out ignoring the 25 mph speed limits at both ends of town. Terrible!!

Roads.

Nothing.

No grocery store.

Retired people not spending any money with local businesses – shopping elsewhere, no sense of community any more.

Community design.

Property taxes. **YOU** raise them at will!

Cheap retired people.

Junked cars around some of the houses.

Lack of enforcing ordinances – dogs roaming the woods.

Because of the majority of people living in area being over 50, the people of that body control what they like, not necessarily what is best to help our town grown.

No good accessible gas station.

All the visible trash and the fact that there is no garbage pick up and almost no place to take the garbage and trash.

No ATV trails to ride on – this would bring business to our little town.

The tourists.

The high speeds of vehicles coming through town. The gossiping and pettiness especially those in public jobs or businesses. . .it's hard to believe.

Question #40

What type of additional business would you like to see developed in Lake Tomahawk?

Grocery store (92)	Recreational and retail shops, physical fitness, "green" business, recycling	Recreational – more tourism related.
None (25)		Retail stores.
Food store (8)	based businesses in an industrial zone away from residential.	Restaurants (no chain restaurants), retail (small).
Bakery (6)	Gas stations.	High tech, retail.
Local business – small and medium. Local retail shops, restaurants. But commercial and industrial to improve jobs. No chain business.	Food stops/restaurants.	I think that any other types of businesses are easily accessible by driving 10-15 minutes. No need for them to be directly in Lake Tomahawk.
Small shops.	Resort shopping, restaurants.	
Should use lakefront on Lake Tomahawk for recreation with lodging accommodations instead of town garage.	Grocery chain, full sporting goods.	More eating places.
Light industry employing 30-50 people with decent wages.	Only small owner operated...no chains.	Gas station at end of town large enough to accommodate boats and campers and to stop traffic congestion at current gas station. Gas station near boat drop and docks.
That creates well paying jobs with benefits.	More artist's galleries, a nice (non-bar/tavern) restaurant, boutique businesses.	
If I knew I wouldn't be sitting here.	<u>Small</u> retail.	Like to see the Mobil Station open again.
Larger business outside of town that could create many jobs.	Small grocery store. A non-smoking family restaurant.	Retail stores to attract tourism.
I would be nice to have a grocery store but I'm sure that won't happen.	Clothing store.	Restaurants, farmer's market, food co-op.
Adult education from Nicolet Library.	Nothing.	Hotels/motels, restaurant, tings to attract year-round people and tourists.
Art galleries, restaurants.	Don't know.	More retail and convenience.
A nice big gas station with room for cars, trailers, boats and snowmobiles. Perhaps a big convenience store connected.	Arts/culture: music, theater, yoga, dance classes.	Gas station.
Smaller shops, motel.	The town should decide what they want to become—stay small and attract business that suits that model or become a Boulder Junction, Minocqua with stores and shopping for all the high rollers and tourists.	Improved access to gas station.
Hotel or resort, retail business.	Book store, fabric store.	Restaurants.
	More industry.	If anything, a new hotel would help support the recreational atmosphere the town is known for.
	Anything that would benefit the town.	

Light manufacturing, selective retail. High-end restaurant, wine bar, boutique, organic groceries, coffee shop, gardening center, trail guide/outfitter.	Cottage industries, hotel/motel, restaurant.	Business that would provide jobs for young adults.
Hamburger place.	Motel, bed and breakfasts, dining establishments.	Any business to support a vibrant community.
Not sure.	Restaurants, retail shops, small business.	I don't shop here.
Pharmacy, restaurants, doctor offices or a medical branch.	Shopping center, small manufacturing.	Hotel / Resort / Restaurant
Family grocery store.	Inexpensive motel.	A very good restaurant and a hotel or motel.
Maybe a place to go for dinner—something beyond the backroom of a bar.	Small mom and pop shops; no Wal-Marts.	More shop type businesses.
A small diner on Hwy. 47 and maybe a hotel/motel on Hwy. 47 but on the outskirts of town so it won't hurt the businesses that have been here awhile.	Gas; a town center with centralized small shops around a medium sized grocery store.	Hotel/Motel, artist enclave, restaurant.
A big ballroom for weddings, dances, clubs, etc.	Hotel conference center.	Unknown.
Another bank or smaller locally-owned businesses.	Small old village types similar to Minocqua. Amish type stores.	Any.
Senior center.	Small shops.	Cannot think of any as of now.
Should be a grocery store not owned by foreigners.	Fast food; mall.	Gas, choice, small shops.
Fleet Farm.	Small manufacturing.	Gas stations.
Manufacturing.	Ma and Pa businesses; light manufacturing.	I would like to see unique businesses come to Lake Tomahawk. We could use a hotel / motel.
General retail.	Hotel-Motel.	Some kind of business that would provide a place where people living here could work and not have to travel long distance to earn a wage.
Retail; light commercial.	Restaurant that stays open longer!! Grocery store.	Sales of recreational equipment. Bikes, boats, ATV's shops also. Service what they sell.
With Minocqua and Rhinelander in close proximity, there is no economic need for business expansion above the current level.	Competitive shopping, drug store / unique restaurant (i.e. ribs, barbeque) seasonal retail, active natural resource center – world's largest _____?	Any type of manufacturing.
	2-gas station, family dollar store.	Motel, large restaurant.
	Light industrial to take burden off the property taxes for individuals.	A motel and hotel and some B & Bs.

encourage small business to storefronts or combination of both.

Light manufacturing, small food shop (7-11 style), maybe BP gas station could expand what they offer. Food stores, on open mind, retail stores, Burger King, medical clinic – dental clinic.

Grocery store, not a convenience store.

Hotel.

Grocery store / full service with fresh fruit and vegetables.

Anything! We have a great meat market, liquor store, lumber store, gas station, a few shops, great bank Yvonne and Barb and great at the bank. Shamrock and Sunrise Bar great food and fun. Maybe some more shops.

Good question. . . probably some kind of an industry.

Gas station, service, competition easy in/out. Coffee shop.

It's nice like it is.

Nicer laundry, nicer park in town in addition to what was done at boat landing (which is "nice"). Outlet mall will bring lots of shoppers.

Full service restaurant.

Not interested in more businesses. . . we are close enough to Minocqua and Rhinelander to go to those businesses.

Small retail shops and resorts – not condos

Light industry, more functioning businesses downtown.

Family restaurant open evenings, preferably with a great fish fry.

Related to the natural resources, hiking, biking, food services.

Maintaining the reasons people come to the area; peaceful woods, less traffic, low crime, family outings and activities.

Farm markets – organic foods.

Another gas station to relieve congestion during summer and snowmobile season.

Dedicated grocery/general store.

Good restaurants

Small manufacturing.

Any – hotel and motel with a restaurant.

Saturday morning farmers market and grocery store.

More tourism dollars, I think we are barking up the wrong tree with industry. You should give the small business owner a break so we could get more small tourist shops in town.

Maybe a hotel or motel. Bed and breakfast opportunities. Convention center – we have so many positive attractions to encourage such events. Good restaurants/café.

More retail.

Larger food stores, commercial business in general, local artist shops.

Hardware.

The meat market is nice but a real (full-line) grocery store would be a tremendous plus.

Restaurants.

Restaurants and shopping.

Gas station.

Motel / lodging.

Farmer's market, grocery store, good restaurant, resorts, bed and breakfasts, small locally owned business, sustainable economy.

Donut shop.

Business that would capitalize on our resources – Lakes state forest. We need a hotel and decent restaurant / lounge. We don't have the infrastructure (water, sewer) to support large industry. We need to focus on what we can support.

Small grocery or general store. Small retail. Arcade or some place for kids or teens to hang out.

Hotels, motels, restaurants.

More tourism oriented business, small shops, restaurants, etc.

Kwik Trip gas station.

Hotel – gift shop.

Quality restaurants.

Only small business retail and food / bar service.

Silicone (Valley / forest) type.

Dining, small industrial, rural “homey” stores.

Better gas station, smaller super market.

Possibly a grocery store. Only of size that could be supported by the community.

Businesses that are supportive of the recreational strong point of the community.

Home construction, landscaping.

Maybe a motel not too big, but not too small. One like a Super 8 or close to it. Nothing with a supper club it would take away from the area bars in town.

Maybe a small grocery store, although I know it’s been tough to keep one going in the past. The gas station/store combination works out okay, but is limited and some folks no doubt travel north or south for this service.

Household items.

Lodging, industrial park.

Convenience stores. One-stop shopping, electronics or tech-heavy retail and support.

Maybe business that would be outdoor related. Such as outfitter type for hunting, fishing; outdoor-type activities.

Hotel/motel.

Supper club – mid-price range.

A hooters (just kidding), actually a bakery would be nice.

Clinic(s).

Maybe a hotel/motel with restaurant and boat docking.

A restaurant open longer, boat/small engine repair.

I would like clean industry and small shops. High tech, medical supplies, any other non-polluting industry.

Undecided.

People don’t come to Lake Tomahawk because there’s no place to stay. (e.g., hotel, mote.)

Retail tourist’s need to stay and shop.

Family restaurant.

We need a motel or hotel for overnight guests on Lake Tomahawk.

Northwoods home developers, landscapers, resorts.

Good restaurant.

Motel, clean Laundromat, coffee house opened all day and year round.

Hotel, golf course, grocery. Dentists – lawyer perfect location for professionals but ½ way between Minocqua and Rhinelander – but lower taxes. Campgrounds weekly. One small grocery store with reasonable prices.

Soft industry which provides a living wage and benefits to employees.

Very small grocery store, 2nd gas station, pizza place.

Any “low impact on the environment” business.

More town housing, would need businesses that service the basic needs of the people: grocery, drugstore, cleaning, restaurant. The businesses doing any sales are the taverns.

The arts – less drinking establishments.

No more bars. A motel.

Quality restaurant.

A restaurant (like Island Café), fitness gym, pool/track, doctor, dentist, boat sales/storage/repair.

Another gas station.

A little bakery and pie shop – the snowshoe baseball pies are great. Maybe a pottery shop specializing in “natural” designs with leaf, pine cone imprints. A small restaurant with Northwoods food (wild rice soup, berry pies). Be a destination for day travelers that live elsewhere so that if people come they can do a variety of things before they go to snowshoe baseball in the summer. The bingo on Sunday should be maintained and publicized. Concentrate on things that can make Lake Tomahawk special, then do good marketing. Maybe a restaurant could highlight a “gourmet box lunch” for day hikes, bikes or canoe trips.

Nothing industrial, no log home manufacturing sites.

It would be nice to see the burger stand take off or the

butcher shop become a small general store/grocery – on a small scale.

Cell phone towers.

And, no we don't want to use taxpayer dollars to attract a grocery store! When there's enough demand, someone will open a full grocery store.

Arts, crafts, restaurants, antiques.

Anything that does not destroy our unique atmosphere.

Grocery store – small specialized type, good quality coffee and sandwich shop, a retro drive-in for ice cream, burgers.

A larger gas station with more space when I trailer my boat. A more convenient convenience store.

Any 'green' small type of a support business, coffee shop – upscale.

A real good restaurant.

Gas, gifts, art galleries – art/craft fairs that don't compete with ones from other areas – there are only so many vendors to go around. The Lake Tomahawk harvest fest was so nice when it first started. Now it is just lousy. Junk, apples, and more junk. Need quality vendors, artists: it should be a juried fair/festival.

More service related.

Skate board park – motel is number one priority – grocery store – shuttle service to Minocqua and Rhinelander.

None - like small town for a reason – don't mess with perfection.

Restaurants, drug store.

Lake Tomahawk in my opinion currently has sufficient business development.

None. There is everything you need and if you need other stuff, there is Rhinelander, Minocqua or Woodruff.

No tax payers have any say.

Shopping mall.

I don't think Lake Tomahawk has to add additional businesses.

Outdoor education programs.

No mall for sure. Large grocery store.

Hotel – resorts – small shops – retail and a dentist.

None and the ones that are here, should clean up around their places – they are pig sties.

Lake Tomahawk is a beautiful rural community. We have plenty of businesses within 10 miles to service anything we need.

A nice supper club.

Outdoor sports and recreation business.

Better restaurants.

Restaurants and manufacturing.

Businesses that relate directly to the resources at

hand. The forests, hunting, fishing and enjoying the wildlife, etc. and to support local needs. Small scale furniture manufacturer, building trusses – stone cutting, local clothing manufacturer – renewable forests, free framing. Wood stove manufacturer.

We should maintain what we have to make the town look better.

General grocery store and roasted chicken take-out.

A second, alternative gas station, garbage, recycle station, and hotel.

More food places.

Adequate – could use a motel.

Any type of business. Youth organization.

Industry other than construction, retail tourism and medical.

Hotel and resorts, condominiums.

Hotel / motel.

Hotel or vacation rentals. ATV trails to increase the type of tourism that spends money in local businesses.

Gas station and mini mart.

Recreational business like ATV trails and water recreation business.

Motels.

Question #41

What do you think the BIGGEST CHALLENGE facing the Town of Lake Tomahawk will be in the next ten (10) years?

Controlled growth.	Condos and apartments in excess.	Sounds like you are already planning to build. Don't ruin a good thing.
Keeping tourist and season people coming to the area, but keeping locals happy.	Finding adequate space to expand business locations without encroaching on the amounts of state lands we currently have available for public recreation.	Business development outside of town.
Providing more services for the tax dollar.	Controlled, planned growth to maintain Northwoods environment while encouraging economic development.	Growth and development without losing the quiet and small town charm we love.
Expenses, especially labor, increasing faster than revenue.	Keeping it rural. It always feels like being in Canada.	Uncertain.
Lake pollution, especially Eurasian water milfoil.	Staying small.	Growth control. Deterioration of natural resources. Not raising taxes/eliminate services and costs to maintain budget.
Keeping the next generation living in the area. Too many young people leave for college and never come back.	We need to work towards a "green" mentality. Adding more tourism draws. Motel, ATV trails, sewer district, transportation for elderly. Town beautification—stores should be 100% presentable.	Jobs.
Land availability to allow major growth.	The lack of town land to expand and the economy. More democratic township government. Less "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours"; good old boys and old timers vs. newer residents issues or under the table deals.	As an out-of-state owner, I am not asked about town changes and so have no opinion.
"Wake up" times are changing.	Over pollution of lakes. Loss of trees—drought. Being prepared for forest fire as we are getting less rain every year. Need forest fire evacuation plan. Lake water levels going down.	Getting rid of the good old boy politics. Entering the 21 st Century in technology.
Increasing the population of the town to support the activities that are listed on #42.	Over development.	Taxes.
To keep the environment from getting into trouble.		Keeping the same small town feel but managing population and business growth acceptably.
Maintaining economic stability.		Maintaining roads with depleted state support.
Probably just making improvements in already existing business places – appearance wise. Growth.		Decrease in population due to economy. Hopefully the businesses will remain.
Getting all the lakes back up to normal water levels.		Roads and transportation.
Downtown businesses being able to keep going, economically.		Controlling taxes and expenses.
		Property ownership, rising real estate taxes.

Promoting the area for recreation without destroying it.

Deciding on what the township wants to be. With growth there are many issues. If you live in a town like ours you can see the increased development, increased population and its problems, tax increases, service decreases, school growing pains. All this falls back on the taxpayer who is getting taxed to death.

Minimizing growth. Keeping Lake Tomahawk from becoming overly populated and city-like.

Taxes, services.

People finding a decent job and being able to live year-round. Keeping taxes low.

Business growth. This town needs another campground like years ago. This would bring people into town. Let's get with it.

Sprawl, pollution.

The economy.

Controlling growth to be a positive effect in both commercial and residential.

Retired baby boomers.

Gas prices, reducing vacationers, people selling their cabins with no one buying.

Staying small.

Over-development.

Maintaining the friendly small town image which is why

most people are living in Lake Tomahawk.

Getting people to visit with the economy the way it is. Expanding the RT. 47 roadway between meat market and gas station (maybe a turning lane to lake).

Keeping the businesses open and filling empty buildings.

It is all about quality of life issues from different perspectives. Maintaining the balance between (a) being a fairly pristine small Northwoods community with good outdoor recreational appeal and just the right amount of amenities and (b) expansion of business and residential growth which assures jobs and adequate income for year-round residents.

Being able to support community growth with jobs to keep people here.

Keeping property taxes down. Keeping the size of government in check. Cutting spending.

Taxes are out of hand! Keeping the town a Northwoods tourist attraction.

Keeping Hwy. 47 free from the commercial development that has ruined parts of Hwy. 51 south of Minocqua. Keeping the area's natural beauty with the forests, trees and lakes which the tourists want to see. Restricting commercialization along Hwy. 47.

Attracting business which will provide jobs thus increasing

tax bases for other improvements.

Community support and participation.

Planned growth.

Money, without raising taxes except for inflation.

Trying to maintain the high quality of life standard by not allowing the town to become something it isn't.

Invasives.

Economic development. Changing sewer bills to gallon usage not punishing the business which stops economic development.

Keeping taxes low!!!

The economy. Attracting people/consumers to Lake Tomahawk. Cleaning up the main stretch from old cars, junk, abandoned businesses.

Better roads.

Taxes and revenues because so much land in town is government forest land.

Fuel price, taxes.

Keeping business up and running.

Developing the downtown to draw more businesses and people.

Maintaining the unique small town atmosphere.

Something has to be done to clean up the face of downtown Lake Tomahawk. While some buildings are well taken care of there are many that have very "junky" looking

fronts. Buildings don't have to be totally replaced but couldn't their "faces" be given some fresh look. (How about demolishing the old coffin station?) What about the old log buildings behind the Shamrock—do they have historical significance?

Maintaining the aspects of life making Lake Tomahawk quaint, attractive and safe.

The Minocqua or Rhinelander will eat us up because of nothing here and not major growth in this town.

Keeping tourists in the town if we don't make some changes to bring the tourists here.

Facelift the "downtown" part. Update buildings to make more attractive.

Finding better people to run the town.

Natural resource protection.

There will be increased difficulty for property owners/seniors to afford to live here. Property taxes and cost of housing are increasing too rapidly.

Controlling growth.

Trying to recover the money stolen from the sanitary district, which I paid for.

Housing develop to control.

Lack of jobs; high taxes.

Attaining growth.

Control development of housing in subdivisions and condos.

Maintaining and protecting the natural quality of life in the area.

The fact that 80% of the property in the town is state owned and pay no real estate taxes.

Development of lake shore property with large condo or subdivision developments. Finding areas for development.

Getting the state to release some land for local development.

Maintaining Northwoods feel and tourist industry while providing good economy for local full-time residents.

Preservation of undeveloped water frontage/scenic beauty, in general.

Traffic from Woodruff/Minocqua to Rhinelander.

Crime, traffic, waste collection.

Lack of change.

To attract more business to provide more jobs yet maintain our Northwoods atmosphere. To supply closer grocery shopping and recycling. Garbage pickup should be provided for all citizens based on the high taxes we pay.

Road repair.

Trying to keep our community from becoming a Minocqua south.

Keeping the small town atmosphere while encouraging growth.

Getting new business. Clean up downtown. Reduce new construction on lakes.

Don't know.

Keeping taxes down, avoiding more government regulation. Reasonable growth, property taxes, providing jobs for young people, fixing up look of downtown.

Development as Rhinelander and Minocqua get more crowded.

No children, nothing to keep them here.

Having adequate land for continued growth.

Attracting manufacturing / light industry as in log home manufacturers and electronics. Attracting more visitors, younger "stable" population and job growth.

Being able to be competitive and provide needed services.

Tourist. Without a motel or rooms for people we won't have any tourists. They will go to the bigger towns. Keeping property taxes low!

Improving economic development and keeping taxes down.

To be as is.

Attracting businesses that can provide good paying jobs for the young people in the area.

Not sure.

We're land locked by state and American Legion State

Forest and with super Wal Marts only 10 to 20 minutes south or north of town and big super markets. it's a challenge. We had 3 grocery stores here. We owned one. It's an excellent retirement community. Had a business In old community building years ago, they moved out.

Bringing quality jobs to town.

Don't know.

The world economy and it's impact on the ability of people to travel/vacation to this area.

Are we or do we want to grow?

Improving appearance of business district – landscape/store fronts, etc.

Developing a governing body that will set their personal agendas aside and serve the people's needs in the community. Get rid of the current political reputation the town has.

Bringing in business and sustaining them.

Growth.

Keeping the property taxes down.

Developing and improving the cosmetic appeal.

Trying to keep it the wonderful town that it is now. Where everyone you talk to will still say that it is a very nice and lovely town.

What area to develop and still keep the area "country."

No idea.

Economy.

Housing, road maintenance.

People's wages not keeping pace with housing costs and taxes.

Now to expand with all the state owned land around.

Getting businesses to come to town. A lot of people want development but not change.

Growth – we are surrounded by state land.

To not bite off more than it can chew (i.e. develop plans and goals that can never be realized.

To reasonably grow and change to retain families working in service industries, i.e. trades, landscape – etc. families that need equipment and can't afford but to work from home. To avoid the deadening of a retirement and vacation land zoning world. To instill and protect the sanctity of private land ownership and use - i.e. freedom to use as desired – within reason.

Population demographics (aging), losing the Tru Value lumber yards, Retaining young people.

Having an open mind for new business to move here.

Sewage treatment, water and lake quality.

Encourage people to use local businesses instead of Menards and Wal Mart.

Jobs.

Preventing businesses from closing.

Money problems.

Staying "quaint" while providing necessary services.

Hold the personal property taxes down so we can afford to live on the lake front property.

Being progressive yet maintaining our small town appeal.

Keeping young people involved, motivated. Ex. Need jobs to keep them out of trouble. Need services like Halloween Party for older kids to help younger ones.

The economy.

Along with question #8, growth is necessary and Lake Tomahawk does not adequately promote to ensure growth. Without growth we will not keep business. If appearance and aesthetic codes are imposed, allow low interest loans/grants for such requirements. Work well for town and the people.

Getting too big.

Matching educated workers with new growth in local industry.

Staying small and unique. To keep it the unique Northwoods town that it is.

To stay a quiet, quaint community.

Water utility, highway.

Paying for the expanding services that many people

want and expect. Many expect services like they got in larger towns/cities.

Maintaining the current small town atmosphere.

The apathy of those of us who are elderly and or aren't full time residents and don't get involved. We could be a resource – get us involved.

Keep taxes low.

Maintaining the reasons people come to the area; peaceful woods, less traffic, low crime, family outings and activities.

Having enough volunteer members on our fire department.

Keeping the small home town feeling/atmosphere while maintaining a tax base. Find new business owners to relocate here.

Keeping current business/residents.

Maintaining the sewer system, finding honest town employees.

Developing fair tax for everyone.

Keep growth slow. Keep paper company forest land open to public. Stop the development of small forest land tracts.

Developing a hotel/motel.

Managing budget/inflation increases against flat/declining property values.

Expansion.

Tourism or lack of due to economy and energy costs. Keeping property taxes down.

Maintain a reasonable mill rate. Improve appearance of town, encourage/attract new businesses, provide tax incentives for businesses.

Balancing development and preservation of nature; water quality.

Staying in a budget, attracting new businesses.

Not sure.

Restricting deforestation.

Lake Tomahawk (and nearby communities) need to keep the beauty and charm of “up north.” That includes keeping local businesses and keeping out big box chain companies.

Trying to keep it the size it is.

Attracting new businesses.

Keeping small town charm while dealing with increased population. Keep area safe and crime free.

Problems with the sanitary district.

Climate change, economic difficulty and not enough young people.

Proper distribution of finances by the town government to support the growth of Lake Tomahawk and its recreational opportunities. Not just the growth of roads and graders.

Preservation of character of the town and preservation of open land.

Getting the DNR to sell us or trade us land to develop.

Dealing basically with older residents trying to keep the town looking and acting young.

Trying to get land from the state to develop business area in the town.

Keeping development for business improvements in town.

Maintaining small town atmosphere.

Ability to maintain services without taxing out elderly.

To stop over development.

Enforcing noise pollution, enforcing boat size and type, managing growth.

Maintaining Northwoods lifestyle and environmental cleanliness.

Continue to provide services and keep taxes reasonable.

Rebel youth.

Maintaining and improving roads.

Getting businesses to come in.

Controlling over-development and deforestation. Also ensuring that our lakes are not polluted.

Growth and attracting new business.

Environmental quality.

Keeping or maintaining the town's special quaintness.

Property tax relief.

Land use changes, decreased income of locals (vs. those owning seasonal places) leading to increased tax burden on locals who can't afford taxes as easily.

Keeping local people here.

See my answer to #39. I think you have to do what you can (we can) to support the existing small businesses that have done well to create the atmosphere of Lake Tomahawk. Look at "preservation" as progress in this era of "Northwoods" development

To accept it's a small town and not a metropolis. Small has it's own charm.

Commercial growth – too much state land, no room to expand.

Keeping lakes clean and void of invasives.

Maintaining essential services in the face of a recession and at the same time, maintaining the quality of the Northwoods experience in the face of increasing development.

Development.

Local repercussions to the National recession.

Trying to keep the true "up north" less commercial environment. Need to keep this environment during the probably increase in pressure for commercial development.

Population retention.

Preserving the natural beauty and limiting development.

Keeping taxes low, yet provide good services, get the most out of the taxes collected.

Development.

Keeping and attracting the business already here.

Caring for aging citizens.

Supporting a grocery store.

Money needed for infrastructure improvements.

Land and lake lot restrictions.

To keep its unique peacefulness; develop small business and light mfg., provide for the housing and daily needs of its new work population while keeping peace and order in the community, transportation will also be a challenge.

Keeping taxes at a respectable level and infrastructure up keep.

Getting natural gas lines to all homes, getting sewer lines and a sewer plant built serving all homes.

Keeping visitors from ruining the environment for residents.

Keep government out of our town business - we don't need Madison, Milwaukee and others using the Northwoods as their private playground, telling us who-what-where-when. Repair roads with chip seal.

Staying the same and keeping snowmobiles on trails.

Getting rid of the old white garage (gas station) on Hwy 47 next to butcher shop and certainly the old semi next to the garage.

Change – it hasn't changed since the 50's.

Getting people to think "positive" with our changes in the community. I would hate to see the town become a ghost town, because of non-progressive thinking.

Not enough growth.

Not sure.

How to stop Lake Tomahawk from becoming an old folk's home of selfish people.

Controlling personal water craft on lakes.

Getting new business, public transportation. I do use the airline out of Rhinelander but only goes to Milwaukee, what about Madison? Doing something with empty church property.

Environmental impacts of residential housing development both off and on the water.

Employment.

Balance growth/keeping small town charm. Finding room for growth.

Keeping the town from developing into a large business town and a tourist area which would create lower nature and peace and higher taxes and stress.

Like everyone – finances.

Drawing commerce to the area that provides good wages and benefits.

Taxes getting too high – tax the business property.
Roads.

Balance growth and environmental changes.
Growth being held back by people who do not want change.

Taxes.

Expansion of seasonal property owners.

Job market and taxes

Controlling expansion, limiting condo development.

Taxes.

Balancing tourism and keeping the purity of our environment.

Growth.

Keeping it a small town.

Tourism.

Getting rid of political cronyism. Agreement on a solid plan for economic development. Paying for services, insurance, public service employees

Keeping your atmosphere. We have watched other small towns completely lose their character and turn into just another strip mall for Wal Mart, Walgreens, PDQs, gas stations, Pizza Hut, etc. You can find that stuff everywhere. Concentrate on keeping your small town atmosphere. That's what makes you unique. Be a destination for uniqueness.

Money for fixed costs without raising taxes.

Maintaining costs (taxes).
Fine as it is.

Attracting good wage paying jobs.

If the town leaders feel that they have to do something, expand hiking and biking trails, build a few outhouse stops along them, and you'll attract visitors. The rest of the growth will take care of itself.

Controlling growth.
Restricting lake water levels.

Hold costs on school taxes these will eventually destroy property ownership by those of us on fixed limited incomes. I have no problem with town maintenance expenses.

Keeping taxes down to affordable levels.

Maintaining the quality of life while providing employment for the year-round residents.

Progressive vision for all citizens. Adequate facilities, housing, recreation, medical for increased senior population.

Increased population, with a revised infrastructure of our sewage system and hopefully water works, which with a tower, will enhance our fire protections.

I don't know, it will depend mostly on the general economy. If it continues down, expect decrease in growth and prices of land and homes. If it gets strong again, expect the reverse.

Cleaning up the fronts of local business so that they look clean, smart and cohesive. The Lake Tomahawk signs as you enter the town are wonderful – exciting. Then you get to town and it's just so-so. Plant trees, put in new sidewalks, clean up storefronts, have hanging planters from the lights, maybe even one of it's Christmas village themes year round. Lighted with white lights at night on the trees, could be lovely plus the other towns don't do it.

Economy.

Keeping property taxes low so we can afford to live there!!

Increasing year round residents there is nothing to attract or keep them here.

Paying for additional sewer, water, septic treatment plants. Perhaps paying for additional schools also, without raising property taxes!!

Controlling/maintaining quality life on lakes. Restrict new construction on open property on lakes. Encourage renovation of existing structures. Ease building codes.

Local government having too much power. Keeping it small.

All terrain vehicles – personal water craft.

Housing for tourists in Lake Tomahawk, recreation for kids and teens, assisted living for aging population and transportation.

Keep the town as it is – unchanged.

Maintaining a stabilized property tax rate.

Keeping it a nice little town that it is.

Finances.

Taxes.

Getting plans for a mall close to town to handle the needs for the people.

Breaking the drought – effectively advertising the park, beach and boat launch. Keeping taxes low and services high, resisting the urge to compete with Minocqua, Eagle River and Rhinelander

Maintaining service levees with reduced budgets.

Shoreline development. . .too much development too fast. Business and industry development too fast and without proper review and planning.

Development of land and housing restrictions.

Keeping our lakes clean.

Balancing growth and maintaining small town, keep existing businesses.

Keeping it like it is.

Trying to work together to keep what we have instead of trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

Controlling/ maintaining quality of life on lakes. Restrict new construction on open property on lakes.

Encourage renovation of existing structures. Ease building codes.

Paying for additional sewer, water septic treatment plants. Perhaps paying for additional schools also, without raising property taxes.

Increasing year-round residents, there is nothing to attract or keep them here.

Keeping property taxes low!! So we can afford t live here.

Economy.

Development of large forest tracks.

Jobs for those who live there full time. Sewing existing homes, bringing in new jobs, not raising taxes for home owners.

Keeping things simple.

Keeping existing businesses going, the economy, the housing market.

Developing new and supporting existing retail so that they not only survive but grow and flourish.

Economic development.

Enough money to do all the work – services.

Keep taxes low.

No jobs. Being able to create jobs to keep younger people in the area.

Keeping developers out!

Keeping property taxes low.

More and more people are moving up here to die not to live and raise a family. How are we going to keep young people here to serve retired people when young people can't afford t live here. There is no hope for young families to prosper here.

Keeping people in town for more than a few hours. Like overnight so they will spend more money. Retaining profitable businesses.

Keeping our town from turning into a ghost town when we rely a lot on tourism and are losing that group to more developed areas.

Rising costs.

Getting the snowmobile clubs to let ATVs use the trails.

Pollution, overcrowding on lakes, small property owners on lakes being pushed out by large, expensive housing, trying to grow when we're surrounded by public land.

Question #42

Are there recreational opportunities (e.g. multi-purpose trails, outfitters, parks, trail guides, bike routes) that you would like to see developed in Lake Tomahawk? If so, please list them.

ATV trails (75)	Walking and hiking trails, parks.	Anything that takes advantage of Lake Tomahawk's natural beauty.
Multi-purpose trails (16)	Limited trails with strict enforcement. Multi-purpose trails.	All above are good.
Bike trails/routes (60)		None.
Hiking. (16)	Less is better. No outfitters, or recreational parks. No ATV's.	A trail system, bike lanes, parks.
Outfitters?		All the above.
No.	No ATV trails.	
Fishing tournament (i.e. Eagle River)	Parks, trails, Frisbee golf.	Hwy. D bike/walking trail from town to Rainbow Flowage along road.
Motorcycle/off road trails.	Bicycle trails (not on the roads).	Recreational opportunities are nicely in place for those seeking them.
Don't know.	Less restrictions on ATV use. A hiking trail or park would be great!!	Rentals: kayak, canoe, X-ski, ice shack.
None, there are plenty in the surrounding area.	Walking trails, snowshoe trails.	Trails throughout the township.
Okay.	More snowmobile access.	The hike and bike trail from Rhinelander to Woodruff.
Some nice trails close by. Raven Trail and others not too far away.	Bicycle paths, walking paths, boat landing on Lake Tomahawk.	Bike rental shop, canoe and kayak rental shop.
Handicapped access to piers in the form of a stable (not floating) pier for fishing.	More canoe/kayak outfitters, marked jogging trails, good restaurants/coffee houses.	Trails, parks.
Bike path on Hwy. D between Bearskin Trail from Lakewood/Fawn Lake Road to Lake Tomahawk.	No—there are too many 4 wheelers, snowmobiles, ATV's, etc. now.	Bike routes – <u>paved</u> .
Open trails and roads to bring in tourism.	Horse riding trails, x-country skiing, tubing/sledding hill, hunting. Quiet recreation!	A "controlled" ATV trail.
Public parks and beaches, walking trails and bike trails, cross-country ski trails.		Paved bike routes.
Non-motorized trails. Public beaches.	Need more bicycle-friendly roadways. It's very dangerous to ride on Hwy. D.	Trail guide/outfitter, biking, cross-country skiing, learning about the local animal habitats.
They are nice the way they are. Great improvement at the boat landing – "very nice".	Bike trails, there is nothing here for people to do for recreation.	Bike routes like in Boulder Junction. Festivals.
		Trail guides; multi-purpose trails.

Walking trails.	We have enough trails, parks and bike routes – none of the above.	rafting outfitter to take advantage of the town's proximity to the Wisconsin River.
Paved bike trails.	Bike routes on more county roads.	
None.		
Maybe another boat landing somewhere else on the lake. Not enough parking during the holidays.	Snowmobile, hiking and biking trails.	Better parks (the ones we have upgraded) bike trail from flowage to town.
Try to get a grant from DNR to get ATV trails and bike trail to Hazelhurst-Rhineland-St. Germain.	No.	Connect a bike trail from Hilldear Road to the trail in town.
Try to widen town/county roads for bike riders to go places.	Expand the tracks into a more durable bike trail to Woodruff. A canoe / kayak outfitter and a tennis court! Bike trails.	Old church for baseball parking. Turn off street lights during fire works.
None needed, given what's currently available.	Marked bike and walking trails.	Bike trail to Woodruff and Rhineland and along "D" to St. Germain.
Paved bike path that connects with Woodruff.	ATV trails (restricted).	No.
More parking for boat landing.	Horse riding trails.	Bike routes that join up with statewide trails.
Connect from L.T. down 47 to path going toward Rhineland.	Parks, more development using the great snowmobile trails.	Parks, trails.
Trail guides.	Walking trails.	ATV's in town and town roads.
Educational/walking trails – NO ATV's. Don't know. None.	Multi-purpose trails limited and regulated, and ski trails.	Bike routes...not on town roads; hiking trails.
Walking trails, bike trails – connect to McNaughton / Rhineland bike trail.	Tennis courts.	Create a fishing buddy system especially for elders. Bait shop sponsor a fishing club. A program to take children/families fishing who can't go now – get those with boat to volunteer to take them.
Skate board park.	Bike routes – to Woodruff / Hazelhurst. * If our nation goes into a depression we will need to bike to Minocqua as an alternative to spending gas money and car payments. This could happen in the next 10 years as world markets force lower wages in the U.S.A.	All of the above.
I would say bike trails and snowmobile trails.	Better care of the snowshoe park we have.	Oneida County D & E bike trail to connect to Hwy J bike path. Possible ATV permission to use roadways for ice fishing purposes only. None in other seasons.
Some trails possibly multi-purpose for the ATV's.	Walking trails, outfitters and youth sports.	
All.	Off road bike / walking trail system to connect with those of other Northwoods communities. A canoe /	Hay by sled hill tree at boat landing.
No.		

Fix the bike trail. Get the sand out, and add gravel.	I'm in favor of any type of parks and or trail development.	Bike trails in state forest; no ATVs. More \$ in town camping.
Developing fair tax for everyone.	Alternative winter recreation for less snowy winters.	Trail guides.
Bike trails, walking trails that can be used for snowshoeing, snowmobiling in winter months.	Trails.	Resorts, hotels.
Paved bike trail/walking trail.	None.	Year-round shelter house by Boat landing. more lighting on south end of town.
Cross country ski, hiking trails and camping sites. Not sure.	I am happy with numerous existing opportunities – would like to see towns, counties and states cooperate to prevent the “dicing” up of the northern forests into small parcels of private land and development that will destroy the very environment we all depend on.	More bike and cross country ski trails and snow shoe and hiking trails, NO ATV please. Parks.
Cross country ski trails.		Snowmobile trails.
Enough exist now.	Bike lanes on Highways and county trunk roads.	Bike trails connecting to others nearby and hiking trails.
None.		Silent sports, no more ATVs.
Parks, trails, bike routes. Dog park (summer).	A nice bike trail like Boulder Junction has.	Bike route to Minocqua; fitness gym/pool/track; library.
Year round recreational vehicle trail system along with trail system for the silent sports.	Bike paths! Especially along County D – connect Lake Tomahawk to Bearskin and to the State Park Campgrounds.	Yes, and let people about what you have. If you expand any local roads, be sure to include bike lanes, let people know how they can get to state parks; provide a good map of all bike routes in the area, also all canoe trips.
Possibly specific trails for ATV's (not logging roads).	Public beaches.	Bike route maintenance could be improved.
Trail guides, cross country ski trails.	Hiking trails (wilderness) and bike trails (wilderness).	Fine as it is.
Camping.	Parks.	Canoe/kayak outfitter related to the Wisconsin River. Park overlooking the Rainbow Rapids.
Yes, trails would bring in business – help economy. They all snowmobile but not ATVs Why? They are no more destructive than snowmobiles.	More parks.	
Summer time use of woods, trails, NO ATV use on trails – that causes erosion.	No.	
Trails for use with horses and dogs.	Promote snowmobile trails. Multi-purpose trails.	Trails – similar to Falisol Lake trail in Sayner, paved bike trails – similar to the Boulder Junction to Sayner route. A 'Mel's' outfitter type store in Lake Tomahawk. Trail guides would be helpful, bike routes.
None.	Better bike trails, hooked to St. Germain and Rhinelander and surrounding areas.	
	Possible additional trails. Bike routes.	

Would like – motorcycle trails and ATV trails through woods, hiking trails, ski trails in winter (more) and bicycle routes.

I wonder what happened to the money we donated to develop the trail when Dennis Buhs was in office. I wish the trail could be multipurpose.

Snowmobile trails used as multi-purpose trails.

ATV outfitters.

Multi-purpose walking and biking trail. Access to all lakes.

More seeded grouse trails to hunt.

Skateboard park for the children.

A paved bike trail along Hwy. 47. A hiking trail free of hunters during hunting season.

Snowshoe trails. A dog park with swimming for dogs.

Bike trail like Boulder Junction's.

I would like to see extensive bicycle trails (paved and unpaved). Four-five feet wide, each direction.

Bike trails – connect to others in Woodruff and McNaughton, skate board park and camp sites on water.

Repair/dredge/control weed growth on our lakes – keep tourism alive without hotels.

Parks.

No, I don't think the development and maintenance costs serve enough people.

Hiking programs, kayak and canoe and outdoor equipment rentals.

Golf course?

We have plenty.

Question #43

What other activities would you like to see in Lake Tomahawk?

An effort to improve the look of Main Street (Hwy. 47) businesses. Looks shoddy and run down now.

I don't know what would work here.

Enforce dog rules of leaving or keeping on own property. Limit number per cottage or home.

Due to the size of the town and its population, there are plenty of activities to meet the town's population.

You are doing a great job now—keep it up!

Maybe a nice exercise or dance exercise class program to help keep up physically fit.

Our summer snowshoe baseball is great and our 4th of July parade and fireworks also.

Ice skating rink.

More community activities such as bands, street dances, 4th of July celebrations.

Have enough!

Enhance existing.

Eco friendly tours. Events/activities which would benefit existing businesses.

We oppose commercial development in the Lake Tomahawk area.

All around the "Northwoods" communities are opening their roadways to ATV's, golf

carts, etc. This would increase tourism, which is important to these communities.

Performing arts events, craft fairs.

We would like to see the ice cream store remain. It was so nice to see the candy store open. Hopefully the two sporting goods stores can remain open.

Exercise equipment at the Senior Center similar to Woodruff.

Do not change.

Look at other towns and you will get ideas. Look at Three Lakes with all their shops—their town is booming all summer.

More parks and trails. More public green spaces.

An athletic center with a pool.

Very satisfied with current activities!!

Suggestion: landowners from out of state paying taxes. Reduce fees for hunting and fishing license.

Indoor flea market instead of outdoor (with a nice building and designated space and parking we would be able to attract more business and people) and be more profitable.

Beauty, peace and quiet. Bike, canoe, kayak rental. Grocery store.

Aesthetic restaurant, wine bar and store.

Big fry outs, street days, more.

Big tent community dances—*polka fest, country week, rock week, teen dances.*

More fishing derbies.

A community summer event other than snowshoe baseball.

ATV rides and more ATV clubs.

Motorcycle rides and more ATV clubs.

A better looking Christmas tree downtown with great lights. Ours is SICK.

Roads open to ATVs.

Bike lanes on busy county highways.

More tourist attractions to bring in and expose more people to the area.

Educational opportunities, link up with local college. Courses could easily be given at Sloan Building.

Would like to see more local support for our museum. Right now, no one seems to care. If the town does not support this facility it may well be turned over to the state. They will take what they want and divide assets with other museums.

Can't think of any.

More family oriented activities.

None.

Bring Bingo back during summer months.

Planned monthly activities, sidewalk sale, July 4th, Labor Day, Beef o Rama, Memorial Day Parade,

Bowling, indoor ice skating, bingo, card games once a week.

Activities that draw outsiders to Lake Tomahawk like snowshoe baseball, festivals, fireworks (4th of July), farmers markets, exhibit local hand-made art and crafts. Hold the event and they will come.

Concerts, races.

More special events like 4th of July or Fall Fest. Anything that encourages healthy behaviors.

Art fair, craft shows. Anything!!

More family oriented.

Nothing.

Motor cycle parking.

Summer attractions on weekends *snowshoe baseball is great. . .we need more successful events and gatherings such as this. Town picnics for the community. Educational seminars at the community center.

Youth sports programs, craft and art shows.

Hold more community sponsored activities.

No jet skiing after 6 p.m. – time to fish.

Advertisement about our “fall” festival. Should we have a “Winter” festival? We don’t live here year round yet so not able to provide more input.

An arcade or similar recreational place for kids, teens, etc to do without alcohol or one where beverage options available for adults to partake as well.

In conjunction with July 4 and Fall harvest fest, have street dances, ATV pull, chain saw cutting contests, lawn mower races, etc. Something to draw and keep people in town for a while.

I would like to see Lake Tomahawk be a local leader in sustainable economy (learn from Sweden the Natural Step), pioneering in small-scale, renewable energy – powered. Good jobs that support families. ATV trails and ATV friendly campgrounds.

Ice skating rink and lights and warming house.

ATV trails, camping, beer fest, spring fling (crafts, street party, etc.)

How about annual events like bike/racing marathons. Snowmobile racing and events for children of all ages.

Outdoor movie night, do you sell snowshoe baseball logo wear anywhere else; like the information booth.

Keep snowshoe baseball. Great fun for the Northwoods.

It would be fun to have a 4th of July – like event each month in the summer.

ATV’s on town roads and a trail system.

Preserve the 4th of July traditions.

More activities like snowshoe baseball; better flea markets facilities.

None.

No need for more activities.

Have something special to draw people to the community similar to snowshoe baseball. Do it more than just summer and 2-3 nights/days a week. Having a community event calendar with real community events would be good.

A winter festival.

Cards for 50-55 at a senior center – activities for singles.

More summer and especially winter events held in this area.

Library branch or bookmobile.

More advertisement of snowshoe baseball. Family activities. Better parade for 4th of July and ATV trails.

Family oriented fun!

More shopping opportunities – antiques and dining businesses such as those found in places like Door County.

We like everything already going on – the snowshoe baseball, parade in July, flea market, etc. We're happy with this as it I guess. Keep it up.

Extension classes.

A nice bike trail from McNaughton to Lake Tomahawk.

Dances for middle and older age groups. Annual town garage sale to attract visitors.

4th of July Parade and fireworks.

A brew/beer fest. A pet parade at 4th of July activities.

Fishing contests, road races, running races, cross country ski racers, snowshoe races.

A link to a senior center and activities for group activities, especially in winter.

Don't spoil it, it's pretty.

Cross country skiing

Fireman's dance and or picnic/

Senior center.

More fishing tournaments.

Resorts on water front.

Clubs do a great job – maybe more events like a winter festival.

None.

Use the community building (gym) for pick of basketball and volleyball – maybe dance classes.

Dinner boat tours, theater events, music events, more cultural arts/fine arts.

Town rummage sale, keeping the lakes clean.

There are enough.

Library-adult and children's.

Move community events/festivals.

A larger well-organized flea market on a weekend basis – the one we have is okay but could be improved.

Why are our taxpayer dollars being used for this survey? Lake Tomahawk is a wonderful quiet township with enough opportunity for recreation and shopping available within a reasonable drive. There is no need to do anything at this time.

Why can't businesses have slot machines etc. again different laws for different people.

Jazz in the park event, large art fair – good juried artists, food festivals i.e. a pig roast. Winter bonfire festival with a cookout between the holidays.

Bird watching guide, group and trails.

5-10 K runs and walks and fun run on 4th of July. Also inline skate race in September for American legion camp/facility.

Children's activities.

Art fair/festival that wouldn't compete with others. Lake Tomahawk has be best fireworks on the 4th of July – keep it up. How about up the

winter carnival activities that are going on in the bay, and also have fireworks then as well. Nobody else does that either. I wish we could get the county fair back like we had a long time ago. What a blast.

Skiing and bike trails and hiking. More events.

More festivals.

Remodel town hall so it could be used for more than just BINGO and rummages. Perhaps a small observatory to view the night sky. Could be combined with a small technology museum that relates to the biology of the lakes and forests, and the industries that the lakes and forests support.

Volleyball and horseshoe.

It's overall a great recreational area!

ATV trails, ATV access, fishing and hunting expos.

Something more for youth. Local sports groups?

ATV rallies, street dances, fishing and hunting expos.

Start by cleaning up the old downtown area. The location on the chain should be good as gold for all water sports. Give them a place to sleep. Continue snowshoe softball. Street dances, more festivals like Fall Harvest Fest.

BINGO, more active fall festival—more vendors. Welcome new business on the marquee.

We do well for a small town and no motel for tourists -

could use post July 4 parade activities in park i.e. music, dancing, food, etc.

Fishing, hunting boating, hiking, snowshoe baseball – 4th of July festival fire works – ‘Octoberfest’, keep the small town innocence alive – keep the town comfortable and predictable and real. Improve sport facilities and parking , tennis, etc.

Fishing and hunting contests that pay big dollars or equipment. I would like to see the owner/operator of the gas station open the other gas station on the south side of town. The town should give the guy some incentive to expand.

Commuter parking or transit bus. Senior outdoor programs (we will all be old someday).

Nothing that I can think of – everything we need, if not in town, exists within a few miles.

Bowling.

**Question #44
Additional Comments**

On #36, by increased enforcement, I mean just enforce the laws we have. I believe what we have is good.

Little services for larger taxes.

Without lodging accommodations, Lake Tomahawk isn't a destination and can't compete with other localities.

Please use controlled growth when planning. With growth taking priority over preserving natural resources. Too much of Lake Tomahawk is under DNR control.

Good luck.

None.

This is a special area which we have enjoyed for 20+ years and I hope future generations will be able to have the same enjoyment. Nature! Woods! Quiet! Animals!

We like living in Lake Tomahawk and one can be as involved as they want to be by joining the many clubs available.

It's nice to keep our town a little quiet – we can always go to Minocqua or Rhinelander if we like.

Good shopping in Minocqua or Rhinelander.

Improvements made on existing parks. I think we should have 4-wheeler trails to connect with other trails in the area to get

year-round use of this beautiful area.

None.

Sidewalk repairs in town area in front of Shamrock.

Better ice and snow removal at Tru-Value.

Less junk behind Gaslite to Smiley's.

Tear down unplumbed buildings behind main strip.

Improve unsightly area around meat market and deer processing garage.

Since this is a planning survey...plan to put some water back in Birch Lake. If the DNR screwed up the new culvert, they pay to replace it. If the township screwed up, they pay to replace it. Fix it. Make it right. We've paid a lot of money to the township in property taxes the last 12 years without asking anything. All we ask now if for someone to claim responsibility for the water draw-down and restore it.

The hardware store draws people. The meat market draws people. How about a high end small bakery? Boulder Junction could be a great model – classy little town.

Our town is considered old school compared to other communities. We need to become more creative in our spending and allocations of monies for future projects.

Our Board only seems to care about our town roads. Become part of the Minocqua Chamber vs. information booth.

We don't have any roads for ATV's.

What are current growth regulations and what is the land use ordinance?

We have vacationed and lived in the same home for over 54 years. Over that period we have seen little growth in town, or a need for it, or any real interest in it. Small businesses can't make it through the winter. Rhinelander and Minocqua are close enough to provide all the necessary services and will always be cheaper. The best thing we can do is to preserve the recreational activities provided by the natural resources we have and people desire.

Thanks for asking!

Snowplow drivers need to slow down and stay in their own lane of traffic--been forced over the shoulder more than once.

Please keep Lake Tomahawk a quiet, retirement type of community. Let business go to larger towns.

We do not live in Lake Tomahawk proper, but on the north two lakes so do not interact with the town to any great extent.

Thanks for asking.

This is an excellent project—good luck!

Please don't let it turn into an over-populated tourist trap. Keep it what it has always been, "a diamond in the rough". Do everything necessary to not raise taxes.

Hopefully the rural atmosphere and environmental integrity of the Lake Tomahawk area will be preserved. The close proximity of the Minocqua/Woodruff city area should serve business and industrial needs and Lake Tomahawk should retain its rural status.

We need a 5 member Town Board – i.e. 4 supervisors.

The Fourth of July celebration and snowshoe baseball are great events for a small community.

Love Lake Tomahawk!

Need wintertime ATV route in town to get to local businesses legally.

We really love Lake Tomahawk!! Snowshoe baseball is a real boost to the community. I guess our main concern is that the businesses will remain. It is so sad to see empty stores and gas stations. Also the flea market adds a lot.

We already are the destination for the area with snowshoe baseball, Fourth of July activities. There should be more to do and see here. Ex: clothing boutique such as Sayner attracted. People come from through out the area for meat market. It's too bad we couldn't have a similar grocery store!

You need to slow traffic speeds down before somebody gets killed.

Be careful on what you wish for as far as growth. I understand that new economic growth is a good thing for all. But with it comes problems that are not anticipated until they are on the doorstep. Be careful on public transportation, more welfare/social programs. Those are all black holes for the taxpayer. Hold the line on taxes, spend efficiently the taxpayer's money. Maintain essential services first before spending carelessly.

This survey appears to be developed by young people who lack experience to the qualities of life in the Northwoods. It looks like someone wants to increase taxes and turn Lake Tomahawk into a city-like environment. Let's not waste money on changing the Northwoods. Increases in population will decrease the enjoyment of the north. Do not look for ways to spend taxpayer's money.

We should promote "green" activities not just in recreation, but in building and business propositions. Sustainable industry and growth. We need to protect the environmental resources- that is why people have moved here. Yes I have been a Lake Tomahawk resident for 20 years, however I have been a resident of Oneida County since childhood and a graduate of Three Lakes High School. I have watched the lakeshores disappear behind wall-to-wall houses. Unless you enjoy traffic

noise, you cannot leave your windows open on summer nights. The winter is filled with the incessant roar and stink of snowmobiles. Promote quality of life—do not turn into Lake Mills, Lake Geneva or for that matter, Minocqua.

Traffic control on Hwy. D by Camp American Legion before someone is killed. Very dangerous--these are old people and there's a blind spot to go across Hwy. D.

If this town doesn't get going on something very soon, it will be a ghost town in 10 years.

Because of economic pressures, this will be a challenging thing for Lake Tomahawk. It will require focusing on assets of natural beauty, rather than giving into powerful developers who will push to make us like Lake Geneva. I'm still hoping we can preserve some of the uniqueness of the Northwoods, through careful planning of growth. I would like to add that I have almost been hit dozens of times making a left hand turn onto 47 from Rainbow Road. There are always trucks, vans, SUVs parked too close to the corners by the bank and the bar to see oncoming traffic and the traffic is usually coming too fast, especially in the summer.

Since we are not year-round residents we feel we can't answer questions 33-34.

This summer, as a person driving around, I notice less people and area with little development. Even the fish hatchery closed and is

nothing but weeds. The Northwoods is starting to look poverty stricken. With taxes, bills going up it is hard to keep up. Especially as wages go down statewide.

We purchased our home on Kelly Drive in Lake Tomahawk because we liked the community just the way it is now!!

This survey is a great idea. You should encourage this across the country. It is a good way to hear the people. Just be careful that special interest groups do not provide a disproportionate number of replies. Have open council hearings to give all people a voice in major decisions. Thank you. Keep the out-of-state people in touch what's happening.

Spruce up businesses along Hwy. 47. Buildings starting to look old and worn out.

This is an excellent, well thought survey. It is difficult to answer some questions in either strong negative or positive ways without seeming to be insensitive or more spirited. Different people have different needs. Many of these issues will evoke strong emotions especially in time of economic decline.

Thank you for letting us voice our opinion. We love "up north" and want to keep it the beautiful, quiet "respite" that we enjoy. Thank you for this survey. Keep up the good work!

Greater consideration and concern for the needs of seasonal residents and taxpayers needs to be given

by the town board. Tourism and seasonal people are the backbone of the economy of Lake Tomahawk.

As a seasonal resident I do not have an opinion on most questions. Sorry.

We are part-time residents so questions are answered with limited local knowledge. Thank you.

Purchased land in 1967 or 1968 and haven't been back since then. Pay taxes and that's all.

The land and lakes around Lake Tomahawk are beautiful, but the main stretch on Hwy. 47 is nothing short of an eyesore. The main stretch needs a cleanup, a facelift, and then interesting, tourist-oriented businesses need to go in. I like the new signs for Lake Tomahawk. They set a nice tone that should be followed throughout the streets and buildings.

I think national chain stores and fast food places ruin the uniqueness of small towns.

I'm really upset about the jet ski and water skiing activity on a small lake such as Hodstradt. It's bad enough the uncontrolled activity on both of these by lake property owners but then when people come in from the public landing, it really gets out of control in these two areas. How do we limit improper use of public landings?

It's a very sad fact that all communities, of all signs, at one time or another, elect officials who insist that the community grow and become

more modern. Lake Tomahawk is a beautiful, peaceful little village and there's no reason why it should ruin itself by changing. We're not four hours away from "civilization"—Rhineland, Wausau are relatively close. If you want growth, you'd better be ready to accept a rising crime rate.

I think all the older senior citizens are fooled in this town of how the tax dollars are spent in this town for some things that are not needed.

We also need to bring in more outlook from the younger generation to expand the growth of this town. Too many regular people have been instructing the town not for the town's benefit. We need to see changes which are not being made.

A better job cleaning the streets in the spring—with all the sand and gravel.

Let's not get too carried away with more regulations and ordinances. This is a rural area, not a major city. As long as neighbors are not endangered, leave property owners to their own choices of how to use their property. Publish what the boat launching fees go for, to whom and how much.

Make town employees accountable for their time (every minute for what activity).

We live on Two Lakes North and are seasonal residents. We purchased our property in 2000 and our entire family has enjoyed the

area greatly. Our selection of the area was based on the natural setting of woods, water and wildlife. The silence and darkness at night are awesome.

Our concerns are over development that results in loss of the wooded, up-north look of the area. Development and improvements that clear new parcels of land of trees would degrade the natural appearance and habitat for wildlife. We think the woods and wildlife is the town's greatest asset and should be preserved and utilized to attract tourism. Development and jobs will follow tourism as people seek the natural environment that is diminishing rapidly in many other areas of the state and nation.

Why would Lake Tomahawk want to become another suburb? There are plenty of new developments in the southern Wisconsin area. New developments in the Milwaukee to Madison corridor are sprawling across the farm land. They offer low cost housing, shopping, medical services and the prospect of jobs in neighboring cities. BUT THEY DON'T HAVE WOODS AND LAKES LIKE LAKE TOMAHAWK! Trying to compete with them would be doomed to failure. Developing the town's unique natural resource of woods, lakes and wildlife, is what will set you apart from dozens of other southern towns make you an attraction.

Preservation of wooded areas should be primary. Development of parks, bike and hiking trails would add to the area's attractions. Encourage more tourist type

businesses in town. Any new housing or facilities should be done carefully to preserve habitat and natural appearance.

---John & Sandy Anspach

We should develop a recycling center.

Survey appears to be constructed to lead into answers. Answer choices are not pertinent in many questions.

We need more commitment from our younger residents. Right now our young people seem content to let the older residents do whatever needs doing. Younger residents need to step up and be more active in our community.

Lake Tomahawk is a diamond in the rough and there are advantages to keeping it that way, even if some of its facets are under appreciated.

Restrict ATV use.

Do not allow ATV's on our roads at any times.

Keep Lake Tomahawk similar to what it is, with some development as needed to extend tax base.

None.

No more government rules, regulations, intervention. There are enough laws on the books. If you are going to put any regulation law on the books, first ask "Is this going to take away someone's liberty to do as they wish?" - especially property rights.

Like integration of subdivisions, recreational, agricultural – diversity.

When there are (no) volunteers to run children's Halloween party or other activities, why not call on senior citizens to help! Need more to keep our young people here.

Need to promote the city! Web design, do not increase taxes.

Motel for overnight people with a swimming pool, McDonalds.

Take advantage of our resources – Lake Tomahawk and American Legion Forest, hold fishing and hunting seminars and contests and educational events.

Keeping dogs restricted to their own yards.

Thanks for asking our opinion. Good luck!

Thanks for creating this very thorough survey.

The business district could probably benefit from a common theme – Northwoods style exteriors, logging theme, etc.

Don't get too commercial but some industry for jobs to keep younger families here.

Don't have any.

My personal list of toy things I'd like to see: biking route with paved surface to Minocqua/Woodruff. Hotel/Motel near the downtown section. A business association which

encourages familyism instead of competitive capitalism.

We have a need to work together to make any economic development possible. There are those in this town who probably won't buy into that thinking.

Our family has enjoyed coming to Lake Tomahawk and North Tow Lakes for more than 65 years. It is our favorite place for living on vacation, working on improving our property, enjoying the general environs and the people we know here. We patronize the local merchants as much as we can. Lake Tomahawk has improved much in the last few years. We are happy to be here. We don't feel that we know enough about how the town is run or the educational system to fill out most of the survey. We are concerned about our lake. The water level gets lower all of the time. We don't understand why our lake is being used to keep Horsehead lake's level high. There must be a time or a way to at least slow the flow down. Our lake is suffering while most around are not. We would like to keep residential areas residential and safe from the other businesses like the Gravel Pit that was proposed several years ago. Good luck,
John & Pat Wineman

The town needs to get its political act together. The 3 person town board is too small to ensure any meaningful dialogue and too often, an election sees the board pursue an entirely new agenda leaving long-term plans by the wayside. As

long-term residents, we have seen as many "road plans" as town boards.

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Thanks!

St Germain and Sayner way ahead of Lake Tom on bike-trails.

No ATVs.

Since the sewer system discharges the treated water into the Wisconsin River, the river below the discharge is becoming weed choked. At source points small channels are open to canoes and tubers the rest of the river is a weed bed.

Posting signs / literature about quiet Nature enthusiasts and higher-energized sportsmen must respect each other's right to enjoy the woods / outdoors in their particular way. Nothing like enjoying the outdoors on a quiet beautiful winter day cross-county skiing to be interrupted by noisy snowmobilers!

Most people I know; friends, family and myself, enjoy the quiet nature of Lake Tomahawk. The town has changed little over the years. The area growth has been moderate. The slow pace and close community is what makes it so great. Occasional big events take place in town and these are nice, but there are plenty of big towns. Lake Tomahawk should be different by staying the same.

I have just moved to Lake Tomahawk last year

permanently. I have owned my home on the lake since 1989. I love the Northwoods just the way it is. That's what makes it so unique. We need to enforce regulations in order to keep our clean air and water. Thank you for doing this survey.

I love it here.

To stress the out-of-line taxes we pay on a non-year-round cabin – this is the one thing that will cause us to sell out and lose the family place I have gone to for over 50 years. When the economy is in a slump and housing values plummet, property taxes should be adjusted accordingly. The assessor is quick to raise the taxes and never goes the other way.

#27 – ability to use snowmobiles/modular homes but regulate their exterior, landscaping, and overall good condition. #28 – get rid of the smell on the back road to the prison, right by the sharp curve. It is disgusting. #37 – In planning and expecting growth, plan for police protection.

Stop trying to turn Lake Tomahawk into Chicago.

The need for marked crosswalks on Hwy 47.

Please take the curves and hills away on River road from Hwy 47 to the wooden bridge. That road needs a complete overhaul . . . it is so dangerous and someone is going to be injured or killed.

Thank you for giving town residents an opportunity to voice opinions.

People are still burning garbage.

In order to attract business and single family homes, we must spend wisely and we must keep taxes low.

No gravel pits and such in the middle of communities and at the sacrifice of the environment. Please no ATV's.

We feel that Lake Tomahawk is a "bedroom" community with plenty of services available nearby in Rhinelander or Minocqua, and we should preserve the quiet living status.

Alternative town road to town buildings so snow shoe area could be strictly designated for snow shoe with wood chips to the fence to protect players. We need to protect snow shoe baseball for years to come.

The business along 47 need to clean up – fix up their appearance.

Lakes are becoming very overdeveloped . There seems to be no regulation of power boats, skiing and get skis on lakes smaller than 100 acres. Our lake has been newly developed with smaller lots. Lots should be 200 feet min. like Vilas County. We feel development has been at our expense, our enjoyment of the area decreases as development increases. May be time to move on! Since we live abroad and have visited our cottage on Big Carr Lake very little, it has not been possible to provide informed answers to most questions. We do,

however, support all efforts to improve the quality of life in Lake Tomahawk and environs and appreciate that all citizens concerned apparently are being included in your work.

Thomas R. Holman

There's an interesting challenge in balancing the needs of the town – vs. the lake-dwellers. I imagine you'll get very different answers from each group. I hope that both groups are heard fairly.

I would like to see panfish limits reduced from 25 to 15 per day.

We need to attract younger people to run for office, etc. But most of us work 5 days a week during the day and can't go to most of these meetings, etc.

Thank you to the planning committee members for their time.

Nice Community – don't over regulate it. We raise our children in a great community but there is nothing to make them want to stay. I would like to see small lakes dredged. . .the bogging in of small lakes is criminal! Little Carr lake comes to mind.

Lots of the questions address growth, including industrial growth. Lake Tomahawk is a quiet vacation community. No industry is desirable. We have nearby towns for jobs, no industrial transportation is needed.

We don't want to see another Minocqua, Woodruff or Rhinelander. We don't need anymore Wal Mart, Menards,

Home Depot Walgreens Kohl's – they are close enough. If people are looking for jobs then they could live in Chicago, DePere, Madison, Milwaukee, Stevens Point not Lake Tomahawk.

Keep Madison politics out of small town business Let the local politicians figure it out the Lake Tomahawk way.

Wild Idea: For people who have paid their property taxes for 20-40 years and are, say, 80+ years old, grant property tax amnesty so they can live out their lat years at home in the town they love.

The small town community with affordable near water property is what attracted us to Lake Tomahawk. An area where we are in town but have the woods at our backdoor and many opportunities for fishing and boating nearby.

Lake Tomahawk needs to focus on improving its "small town appeal". People are not moving to Lake Tomahawk to work – they will work in a surrounding community and that's okay since their tax base is still in Lake Tomahawk.

We have been going up to Lake Tomahawk for 30 years and have liked the development so far in the roads and improvement at Rainbow flowage. Do something better with the Flea market in town. Same old thing. Eye sore.

Let's keep Lake Tomahawk the Northwoods town it is.

Overall the town does an excellent job!

Overall, the town is great to live in. I would like to see more better-paying jobs for the area et keep the natural woodsy feeling. Too much growth promotes loss of identity.

We like it up there and plan to retire up there in a few years.

We don't like people camping at Big Carr boat landing and swimming and bathing their dogs in the boat launching area. A launching fee would be great so they could upgrade the condition of the landing which has a huge prop wash-out hole. It was nice to get this so we feel we have some input.

Let's keep our Northwoods outdoors. New housing should be on a minimum of 3-5 acres.

I would like Lake Tomahawk to remain unchanged.

Avoid over commercializing the area and limit cheap housing i.e. trailer courts and duplexes.

Lake Tomahawk needs more competition as far as internet and TV options. Frontier can rip us off because there is, in general, no cable competing against it.

Thanks so much for the opportunity for input. The future integrity of the Northwoods is very important to my family and me. I am proud of Lake Tomahawk's efforts to preserve and maintain our Northwoods and a "Northwoods" lifestyle.

Combine parks department with beautification department. Get rid of Bearfoot Park – costly to maintain – only used for parking lot for business currently.

A former resident of Lake Tomahawk made the comment, you drive through Lake Tomahawk and you drive to Boulder Junction. Maybe we have to take a hard look at what Boulder Junction is doing.

We plan on moving permanently to this area because it is not metropolitan. Lake Tomahawk is 15 minutes from Rhinelander or Minocqua/Woodruff. We should not strive for everything. Select a few areas of growth not covered by these larger communities as growth for Lake Tomahawk.

My family and I truly enjoy the current Lake Tomahawk. The small town "up north" 50's and 60's feeling is what attracted me to purchase property here. I would hate to loose it. More commercial development in this area will have a detrimental effect. There is plenty of convenient commercial opportunities nearby. Please strive to keep the "up north" feeling.

Shame that area merchants in Woodruff and Minocqua and Rhinelander gouge local residents with higher food, gas prices than are necessary.

Please keep the charm of Lake Tomahawk. Let Minocqua rape the land, put

up Rynder condos and box stores.

Thank you for giving us a voice in planning the town's future.

Bertrand Road culvert replacement is a disaster. Birch Lake is drawing away (along with those upstream) Who is responsible? Any plans to fix it???

I would like to see a new Lake Tomahawk fire # sign (address). I have property on Fox Road.

I think there should be a time limit on campers and trailers on a lake if you own the property set in place. Say for example, you own property on a lake – you have so many years and you either have to build a home or sell it.

Keep the town out of the Minocqua spotlight. The town should be a quieter get-a-way and not change the "character" it currently has.

Too much government control...is too costly and problematic. Keep regulation at a minimum.

Before implementing any changes that may become apparent from this survey, I think the property owners should be re-surveyed asking how much they are willing to pay in additional taxes to get these improvements and to prioritize a list of improvements. Update your website with information i.e. contacts, ordinances, maps, zoning maps, etc. Increase town board to 5.

Promote the area in magazines, etc. besides snowshoe baseball. We need a chamber director for example: Boulder Lake, Three Lakes and St Germain.

I've made many good friends at Lake Tomahawk and I've had many wonderful experiences – hunting fishing, enjoying nature and sharing other good things with my family and friends.

The proceedings from the town council meetings be published in the Lake Land Lines paper. We (the summer residents) should be informed of what is happening at the meetings.

I believe people who live here by choice do not want to be exposed to crowds and noise or they would live in a city. We need to preserve peace and quiet here to maintain this advantage and give a reason to people to live here. People who need to make noise, go fast, pollute the air, and disturb others to enjoy themselves should be discouraged from moving here.

The average home owner doesn't know they are polluting. 1. lawn fertilizers, 2. burning of plastic and other garbage and 3. heavy materials from paint, used engine oil. Note: 30 years of asphalt maintenance has shown me: chip seal all asphalt roads and double chip seal new roads – do not pave them.

The ice rink is a good idea and close the sledding hill to all snowmobile traffic – it is not a trail.

Removal of old ford truck on Rainbow Road – also abandon hot tub – lawn tractor and landscape ties would help considerably when trees come down if they could be removed to dump – whatever, instead of just laying on the side of the road.

More activities for seniors.

Restriction of watercraft on Lake Tomahawk and skiers set hours of use from noon to 5 p.m.

We need to attract tourists by improving downtown with new ornamental lighting, new sidewalks and spruce up all the buildings in our town.

Full-time residents must decide the direction of Lake Tomahawk not the Oneida County Board or part-time residents.

Need to repair old garage next to Meat Market, need to get a business into empty gas station, repair Laundromat or tear it down. Old building in back of Umlauf Art looks really bad.

Lake Tomahawk offers something all over the Northwoods area. It doesn't have slower growth and a local older feel. It's not full of t-shirt shops, fast food places, hotels, outfitters and developments. Let's think about minimizing our impact and use our natural resources rather than maximizing them.

We're glad we're here! Controlled, planned growth. Best wishes to you in your work to prepare the comprehensive plan – it's a

big job! Thanks for taking on the challenge – we appreciate it.

Do not allow any "big box" stores. Do not allow any more low income housing – people will start to move away if you keep allowing it.

A comprehensive town plan requiring development of the main street first for instance, Tru-Value Lumber would probably do as well one street off the Hwy. The auto repair is also linear. More depth should be added to those properties to encourage development.

Pretty much opposed to development of 40s or 80s for residential use unless they are close to the village.

I am only a seasonal property owner. We use our place as a getaway. Service in your town are very limited. We have used your lumber/hardware store often. A place with more grocery selections would offer more convenience.

Many of these questions cannot be answered yes/no right/wrong. There is much to be considered. Do we as a town want to or can be afford to regulate and enforce ordinances? How much can we do with the large amount of public land in our town? Does the state have a say? Where is the base for the land use plan coming from? If this is state mandated are they funding, why not? Land use at the town level is a good thing but smart growth at the state level needs to die. Towns should not be held hostage by the state.

Thank you for asking for my opinion. I really like that. What took so long?

We need, a motel, hiking biking trails extended, snowboard park, something for young people may cut down on vandalism and green energy.

Too much growth and Lake Tomahawk could turn into another Minocqua. I'd rather have Lake Tomahawk stay the way it is.

Since we have only had a home in Lake Tomahawk for a very short time, this was a difficult survey to answer. We love it here because we feel it is out of the heavy traffic area (Minocqua). We feel secluded and comfortable. I know that towns grow, but if Lake Tomahawk stayed just the way it is would be fine with use.

Development along Hwy 47(north or South) would seriously detract from Lake Tomahawk's #1 asset – which is the environment. While some people complain that opportunities for development in Lake Tomahawk are so limited because state forest encircles the tow, I disagree. The “gem” waiting to be polished is the downtown area. Tourism is naturally the number one economic strength because so many people pass through here. Geography (roads, forests, lakes) have made it that way. Clean up, paint up, fix up, need to be Lake Tomahawk's motto. To get started, there's quite a bit of property in the downtown area that could be used for commerce. Right

now there are plenty of reasons for men to spend money here. Somehow the town needs to develop a plan that would attract businesses that cater to women. They have money too. I think trying to entice industrial development is a waste of time. Rhinelander and Minocqua are too close by. Also, it would be a mistake to squander the positive environmental assets the town now possesses. It make the most sense to enhance the town's most positive asset, which is its location and proximity to the lakes/cottages. Concentrate on the downtown.

Though we have answered a few of the questions, we feel that, overall, we are unqualified to answer most of them. Our time spent in Lake Tomahawk is very limited. We realize that a certain amount of development is crucial to every community. But we feel we must state clearly that we chose to purchase land in the area because it is a quaint, friendly town unspoiled by massive tourism and all that it represents. We do hope that the planners deal with the development projects in a well-informed, caring and somewhat conservative manner. Don't let Lake Tomahawk lose all that it is.

Being a part time resident of Lake Tomahawk, I do not hear all about local issues and problems. When you don't hear about anything, you assume officials are doing their job correctly. My association with Town officials has been pleasant. I pretty much like things just the way they are.

Please let development take place as it will. We're dealing with a difficult economy right now, and there's absolutely no sense in adding more government restrictions on growth or economic development. Please let the free market determine how growth will take place. Keep the roads in good repair, perhaps expand some of the town's hiking and biking trails, and we'll be just fine.

We can not exist as a nation if we have different laws for different groups.

The meat market is a signature business. We need a few more specialty type businesses and a better quality restaurant that is unique and priced for families – like the 19th hole – no more smoky bars!

Community pot luck -Sloan building. Community wide garage sale – community food pantry – community action team – 4-5 people working on various needs for elderly, needy – community projects.

When I stated Lake Tomahawk was a unique town, I surely meant it. Lake Tomahawk was even too small to support our catholic church. I have been all over the world and have not found any town to compare to Lake Tomahawk.

Could a fair/carnival take place again here. Have a fair with rides for adults as well as kids. Couple that with an art fair with food and crafts. Have it be a big fair – out at Rainbow field for instance with shuttle services to and

from town. Big fair – could draw from all the areas. Make it an annual thing – bands at night people never hear good bands anymore.

The most important issue for our family is that we can afford to keep visiting and soon live there. Property taxes are so high in all of Wisconsin that we are considering different places to retire in.

I have been studying the concepts of sustainable communities for the past three years. Lake Tomahawk could be a wonderful sustainable community and a remote place that people will want to see and visit—if your community does it right! And, without losing its charm—but building on it. The development of the community must be done for its current residents—with little outside influence. I will be happy to share my knowledge with the town and will send a paper I am almost finished with that describes what I think must happen, along with a bibliography of books that the town planners should read before doing anything. Please call if you would like me to share my thoughts with you.

--Bill Heine, PE (#309)

The town needs more eye appeal for appearance—look how other towns have fixed and cleaned up for more eye appeal.

Empty closed windows need neat signs or posters to invite tourists. Planters should all be planted and kept up. New sign of Lake Tomahawk at both ends of town. Lawn mowed all the way into town.

D&R and unused building, also keep lawns mowed. No blue tarps covering items all week or summer. All old cars and trucks taken away.

The town cannot try to make their budget work by continuing to increase taxes of homeowners. Another tax base must be established.

I like things just the way they are.

Plans for Charter to expand cable service in area?
Repave Fawn Lake Road.

The driving speed through town starting at Bluebird Road on the south end and continuing to the Meat Market area has to be forced down. Radar, mobile trailer unit showing speed w/radar. Something has to be done NOW to get driver's attention. At worse, put in 3-4 speed bumps on the pavement. Someone is going to get hit crossing our roads.

Thank you for asking!!

I am very happy that the planning committee is trying to get feedback. There are a lot of things to consider.

Am curious why the parked semi by the Meat Market is still allowed with no aesthetic input!

I do not want to see a lot of development because we like the quiet old time atmosphere here. So do visitors – they don't want a lot of "busy ness" just peace and quiet. That's a big seller too.

Why do you want to play with perfection – Lake Tomahawk has it all – keep the tradition

alive – you need money, raise taxes, people will be glad to pay to keep status quo – don't ruin our town with real estate that will be empty from failing businesses – learn from the mistakes of other small towns. Control the weed growth in lakes and promote tourism.

Please blacktop north and south Windpudding Drive. The current gravel road is unacceptable. Every spring property owners are removing gravel from grass – sue to plowing and summer grading.

I moved here from the big city and don't want change to my area. I live 3 miles back in the woods. I like it just fine as is.

Get more volunteers to do some of the work instead of charging the people of the communities to pay for their wants and desires.

From time to time I may have some.

Philip Schneider
Sherman TX

The welcome to Lake Tomahawk signs on Hwy. 47 are great.

Thanks for the survey. Although I now live in Montana, Wisconsin is home to me. When we are down here, we will be back to enjoy the beautiful Northwoods. I want to encourage planned development to protect our quality of life there.

Please fix the Sloan Building.

The taverns should clean up around their premises. They are a sight! Semi trailers

should NOT be allowed
additions to business
properties – they are
absolute eyesores.

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