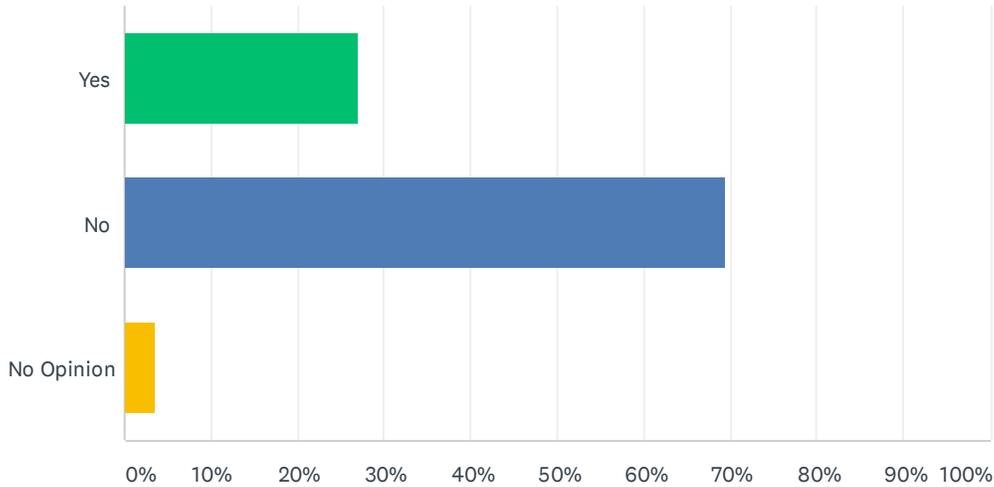


Q1 Are you aware of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership’s Road to 1 Million Plan? (Growing Northeast Indiana to a region of one million people by developing the quality of life needed to attract top talent and expand our business landscape)

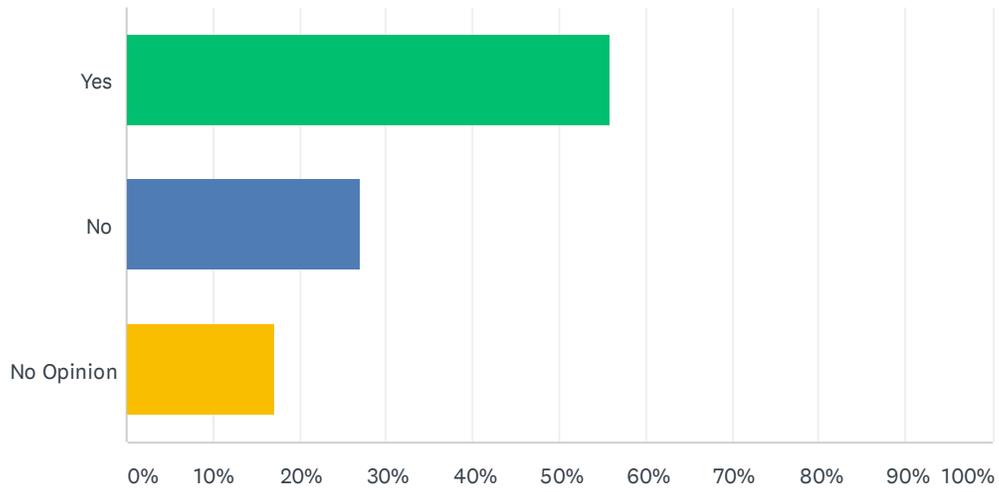
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.00%	209
No	69.51%	538
No Opinion	3.49%	27
TOTAL		774

Q2 Should our community have a county-wide building inspection program?

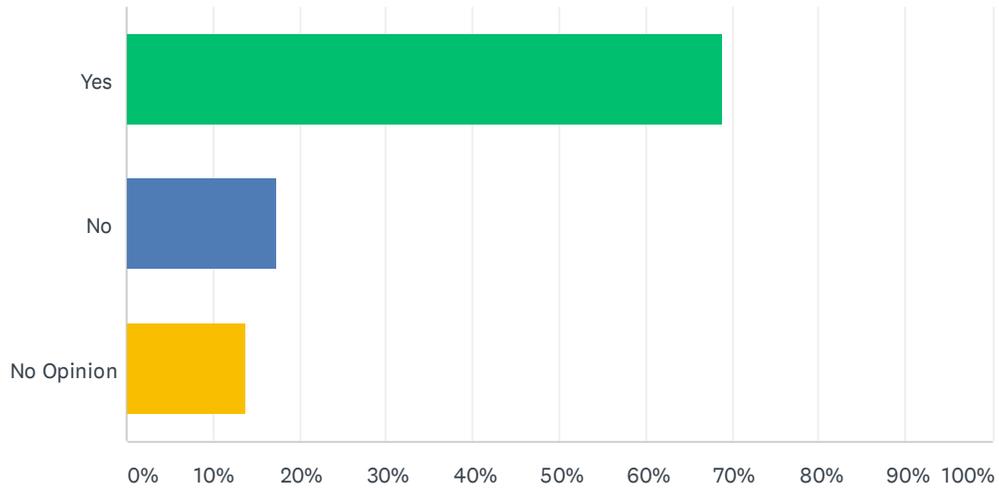
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.87%	433
No	26.97%	209
No Opinion	17.16%	133
TOTAL		775

Q3 Should our community have a county-wide unsafe building program?

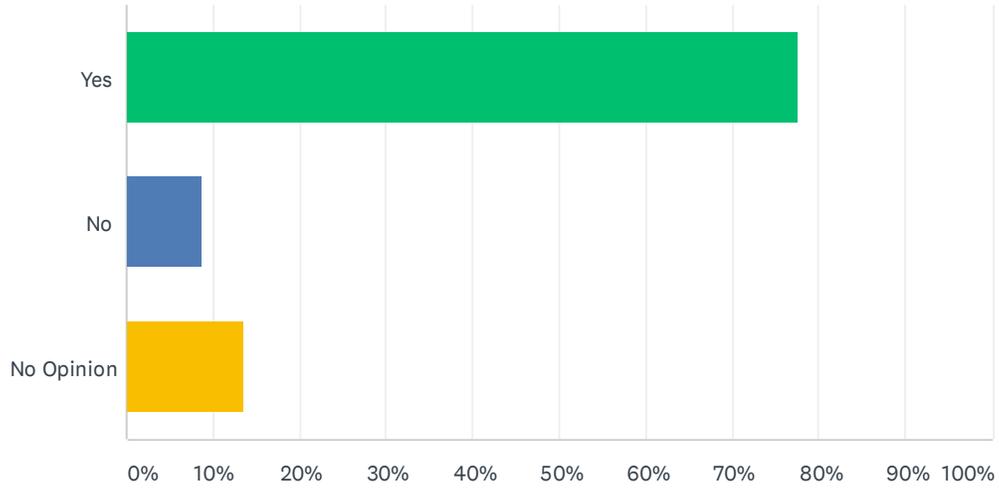
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.77%	533
No	17.42%	135
No Opinion	13.81%	107
TOTAL		775

Q4 Should our community support farm ground preservation?

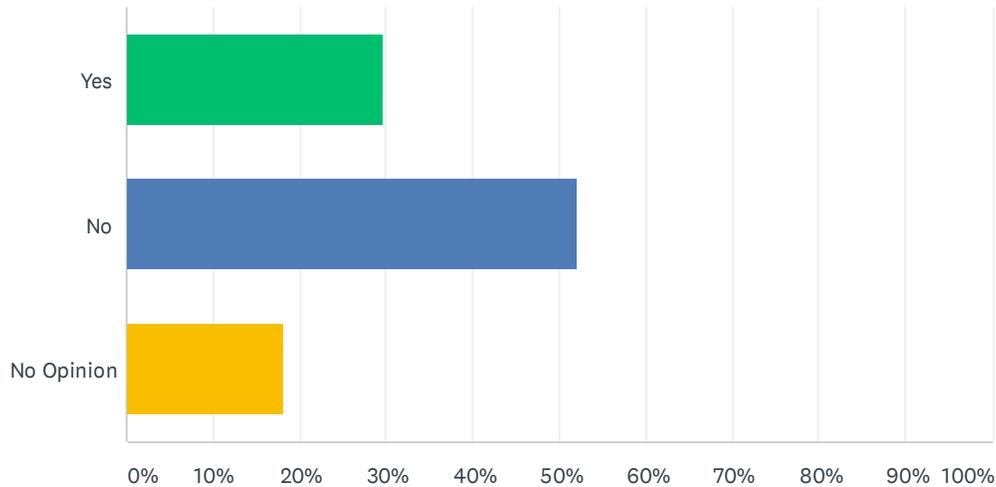
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.54%	604
No	8.86%	69
No Opinion	13.61%	106
TOTAL		779

Q5 Should our community consider reducing the number of rural residences that can be developed to help alleviate future issues with septic systems and rural roadways?

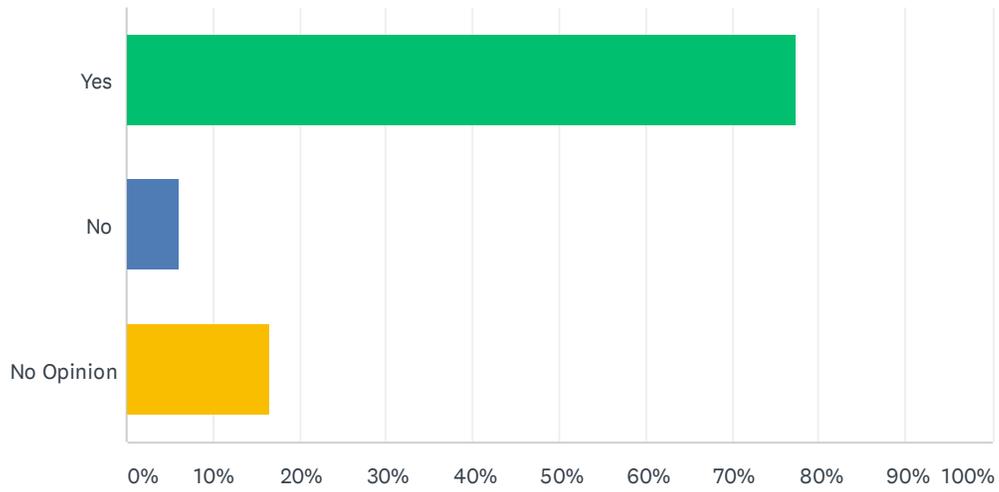
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.75%	230
No	52.01%	402
No Opinion	18.24%	141
TOTAL		773

Q6 Should our community make it easier to start a home-based business in Wells County?

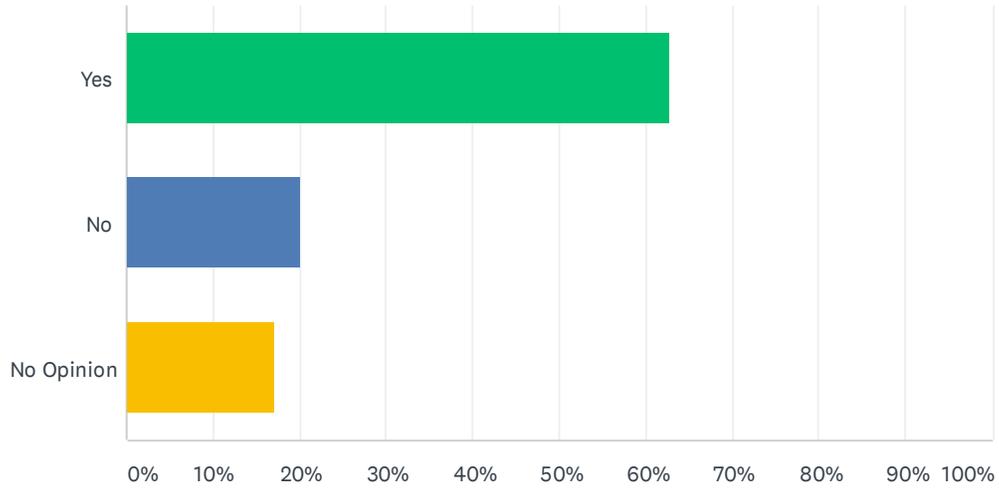
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		77.45%	601
No		6.06%	47
No Opinion		16.49%	128
TOTAL			776

Q7 Should our community actively promote the development of solar projects in Wells County?

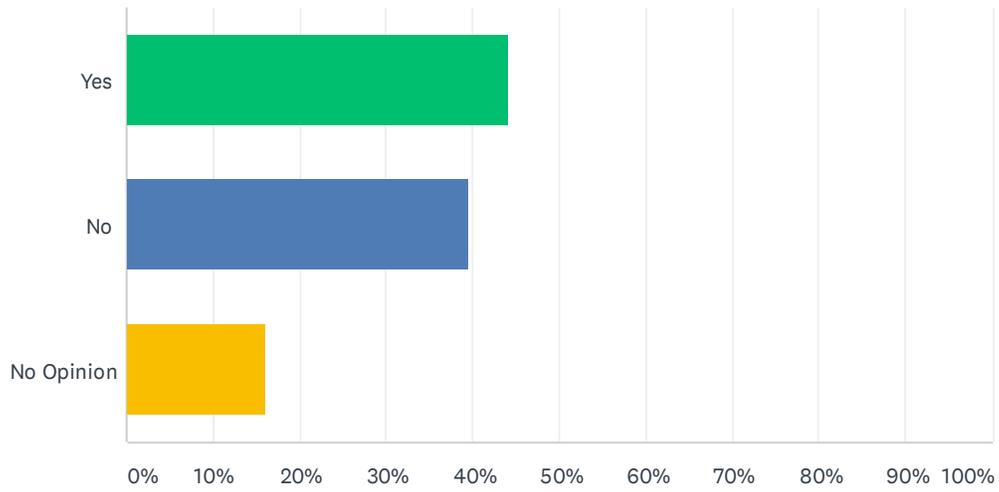
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.77%	489
No	20.15%	157
No Opinion	17.07%	133
TOTAL		779

Q8 Should our community continue to discourage the development of commercial wind projects in Wells County?

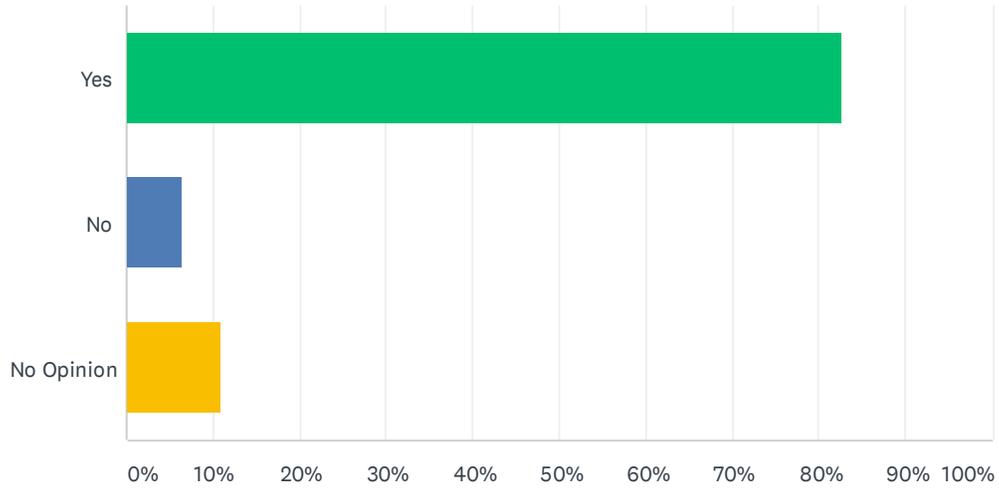
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.22%	344
No	39.59%	308
No Opinion	16.20%	126
TOTAL		778

Q9 Should our community develop a master road plan consisting of necessary projects and future road extensions?

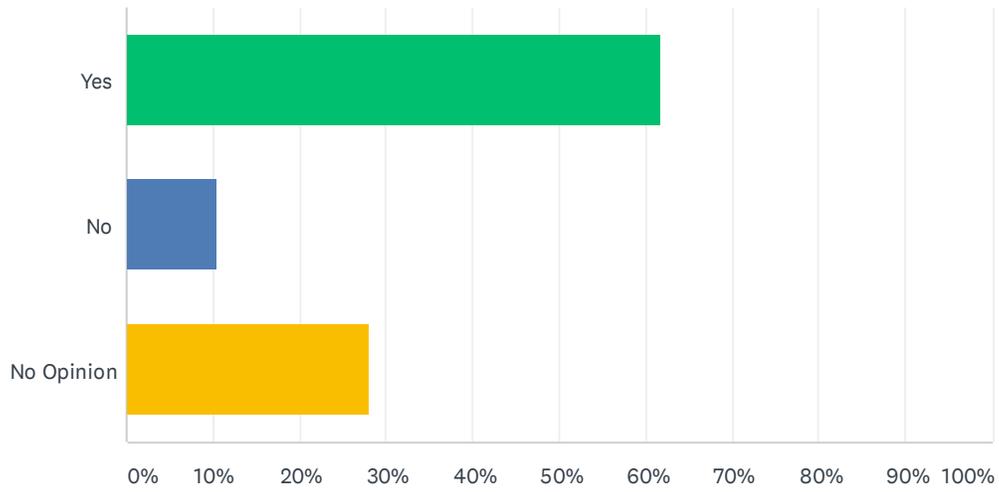
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.60%	641
No	6.44%	50
No Opinion	10.95%	85
TOTAL		776

Q10 Should our community develop a master right-of-way plan based on current and projected road usage?

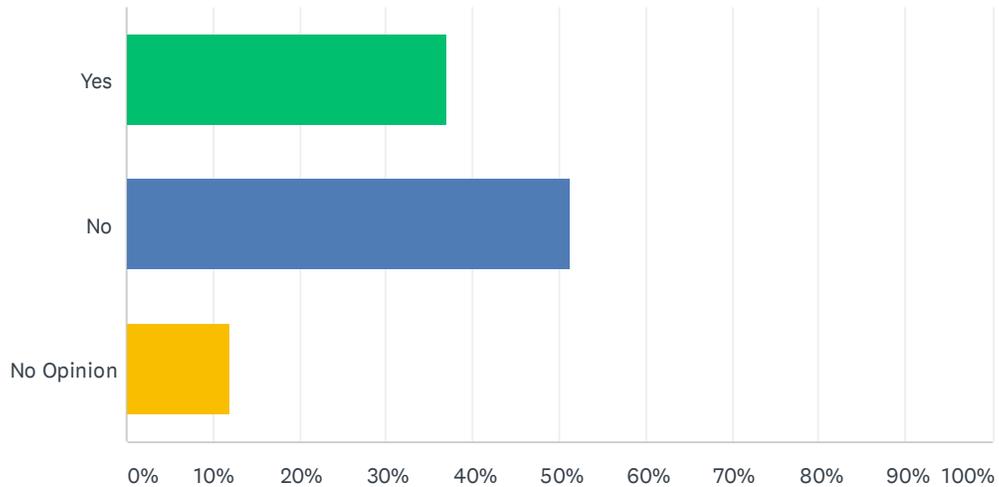
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.64%	474
No	10.40%	80
No Opinion	27.96%	215
TOTAL		769

Q11 Would you support increasing the gas tax, wheel tax, or other local road improvement revenues to make necessary improvements in a more timely manner?

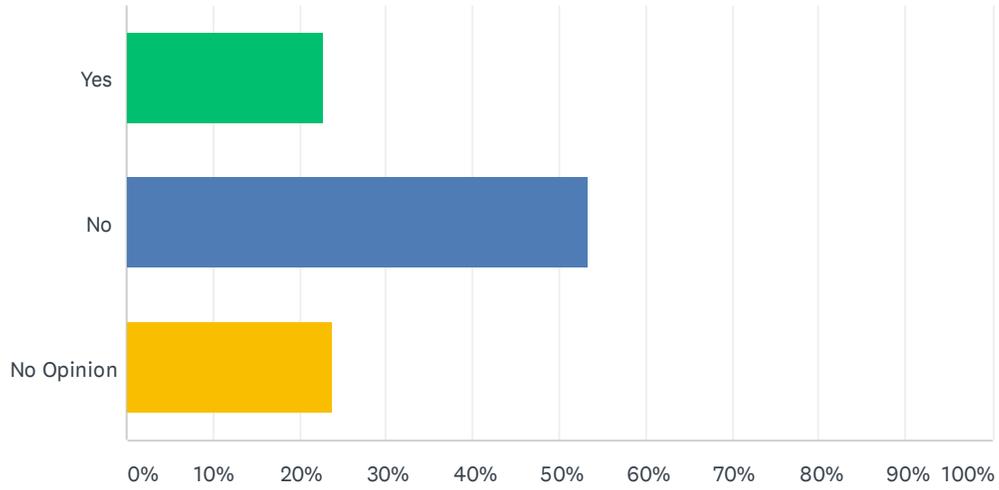
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	36.98% 287
No	51.16% 397
No Opinion	11.86% 92
TOTAL	776

Q12 Do you support the use of eminent domain to do high prioritized road projects in our community?

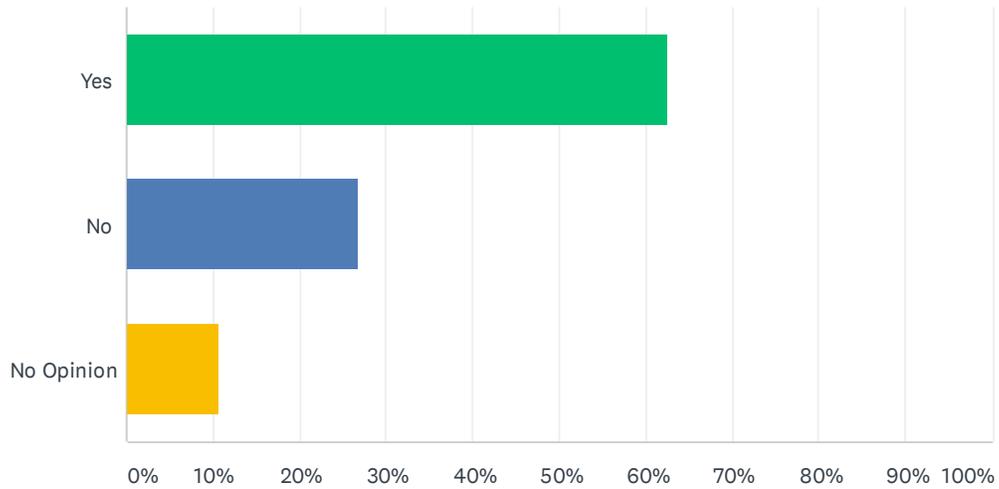
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.77%	176
No	53.30%	412
No Opinion	23.93%	185
TOTAL		773

Q13 Is there a need for capacity improvements to improve speeds and traffic flow on State Road 1 heading north from Bluffton to the Allen County line?

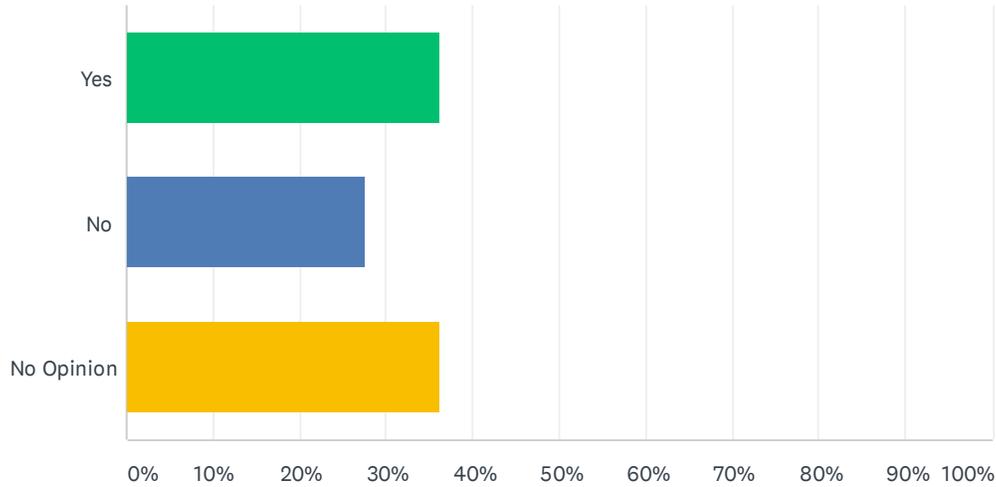
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	62.53% 484
No	26.87% 208
No Opinion	10.59% 82
TOTAL	774

Q14 Do you support the development of a north-south roadway to connect Dustman Road to County Road 300 N (Jackson St.) located east of SR 1 (Main St.)?

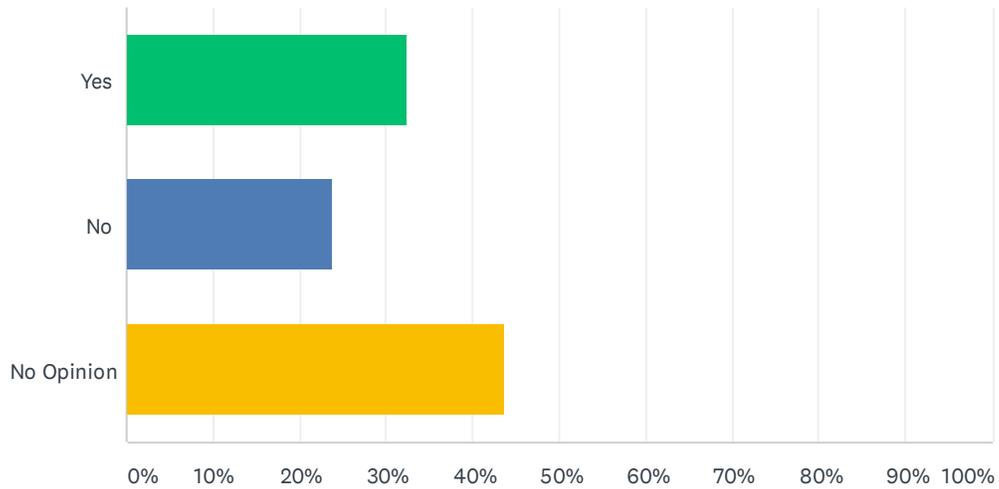
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.14%	279
No	27.59%	213
No Opinion	36.27%	280
TOTAL		772

Q15 Do you support the development of the extension of Mills St. in Ossian east to County Road 450 E (Thiele Rd)?

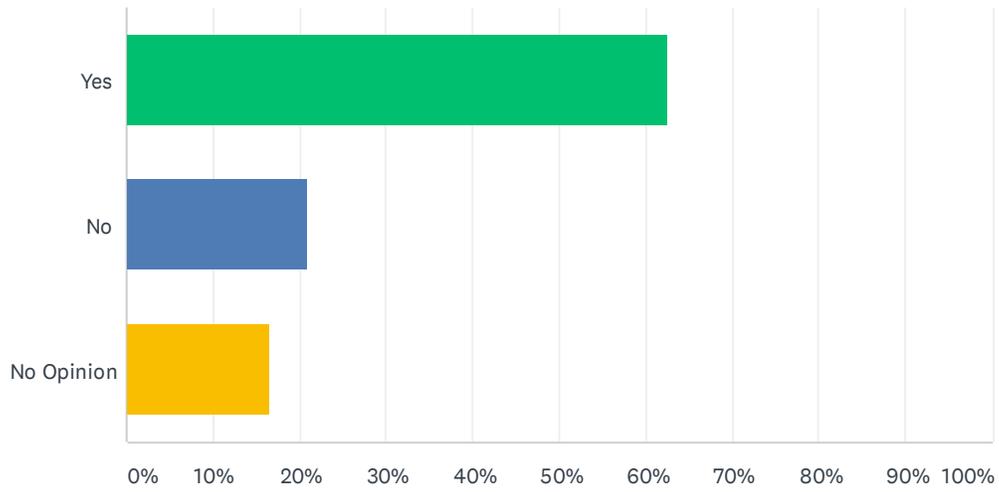
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.47%	251
No	23.80%	184
No Opinion	43.73%	338
TOTAL		773

Q16 Should ways to expand existing public transportation offerings throughout Wells County be explored?

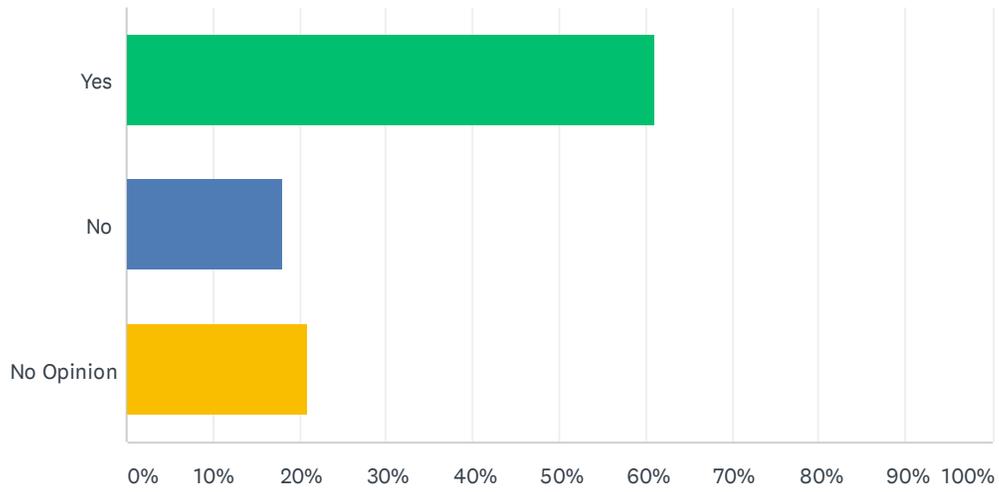
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.60%	487
No	20.82%	162
No Opinion	16.58%	129
TOTAL		778

Q17 Should companies such as Uber/Lyft be encouraged to have a presence in our community?

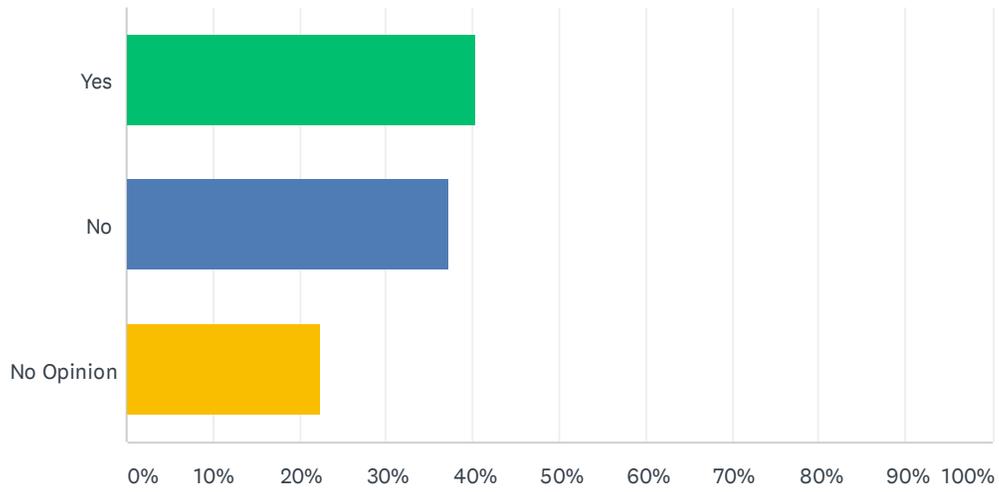
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.13%	475
No	17.89%	139
No Opinion	20.98%	163
TOTAL		777

Q18 Should bike share and scooter share companies be invited to have a presence in our community?

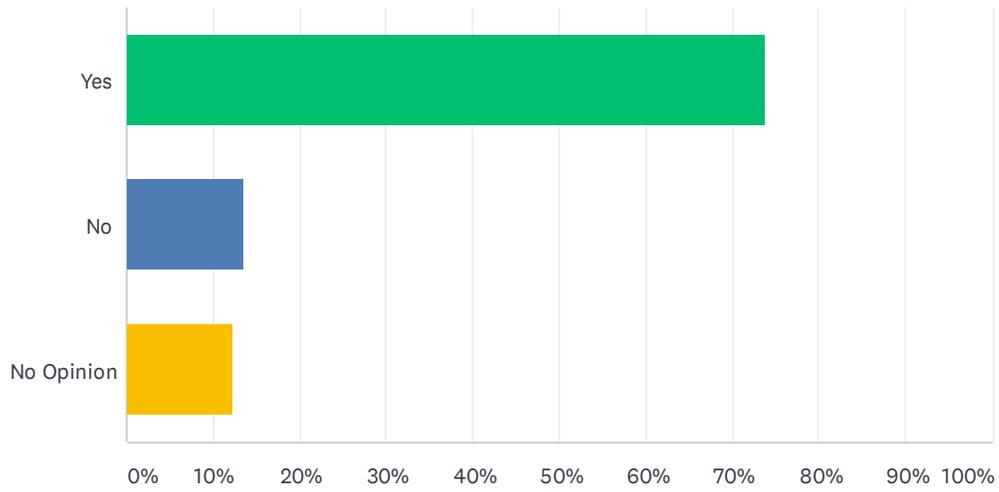
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.31%	312
No	37.34%	289
No Opinion	22.35%	173
TOTAL		774

Q19 Should trails be an infrastructure and quality of life priority for our community?

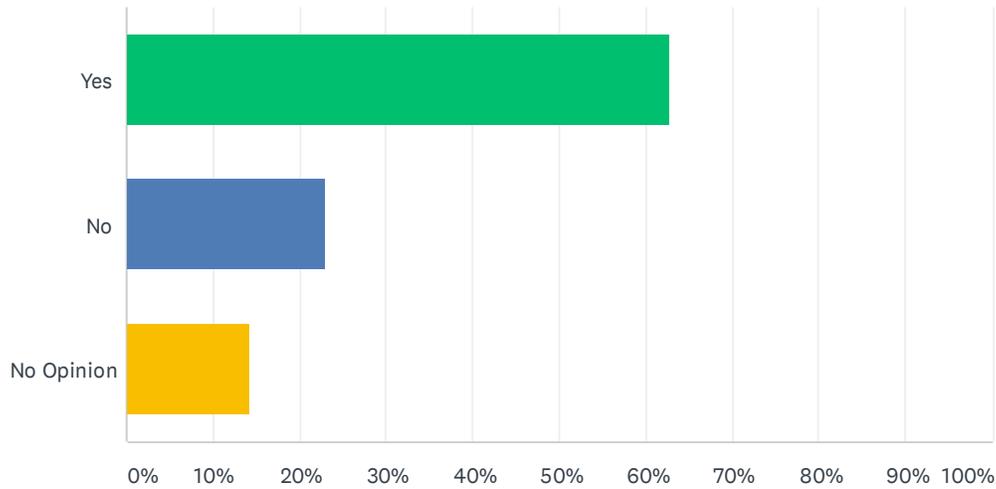
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.94%	573
No	13.68%	106
No Opinion	12.39%	96
TOTAL		775

Q20 Should the county develop a county parks department to take care of programming, park development, park maintenance, and trails outside city and town limits?

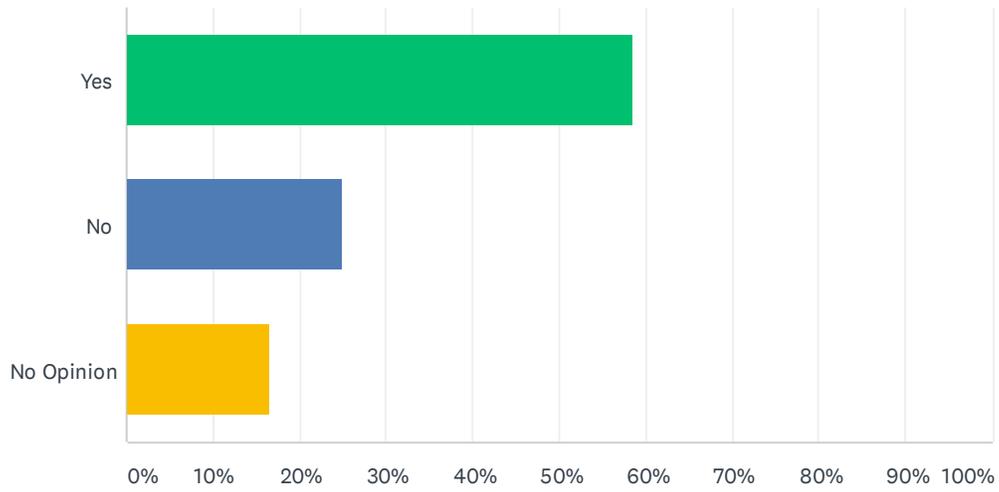
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	62.79% 486
No	23.00% 178
No Opinion	14.21% 110
TOTAL	774

Q21 Should trail maintenance and construction be a budgetary priority for our community?

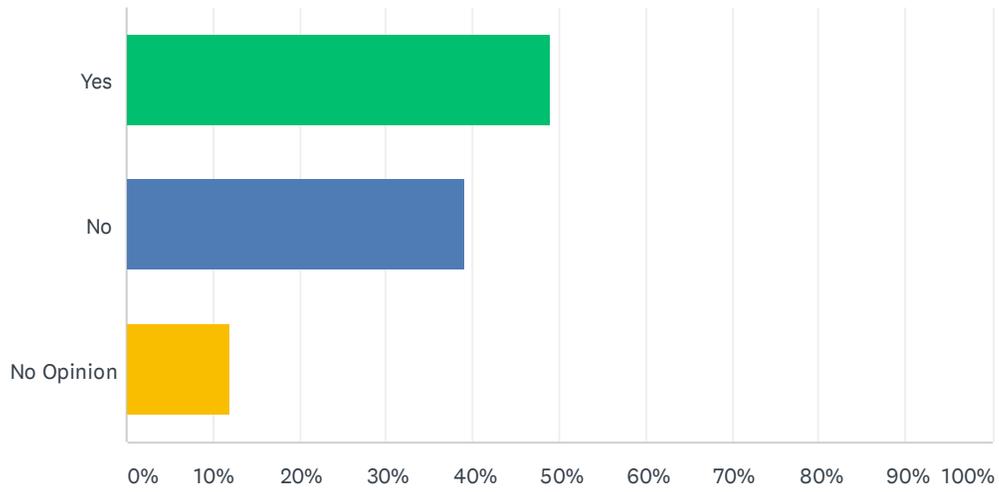
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.55%	452
No	24.87%	192
No Opinion	16.58%	128
TOTAL		772

Q22 Would you support an increase in local tax spending to improve and expand sidewalks in our communities?

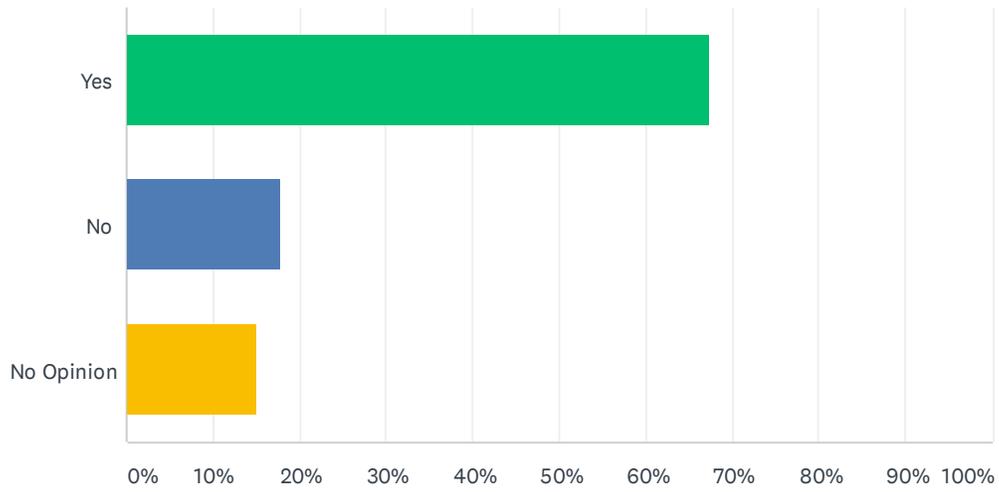
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.90%	379
No	39.23%	304
No Opinion	11.87%	92
TOTAL		775

Q23 Should residential streets be designed to be more pedestrian and bike-friendly?

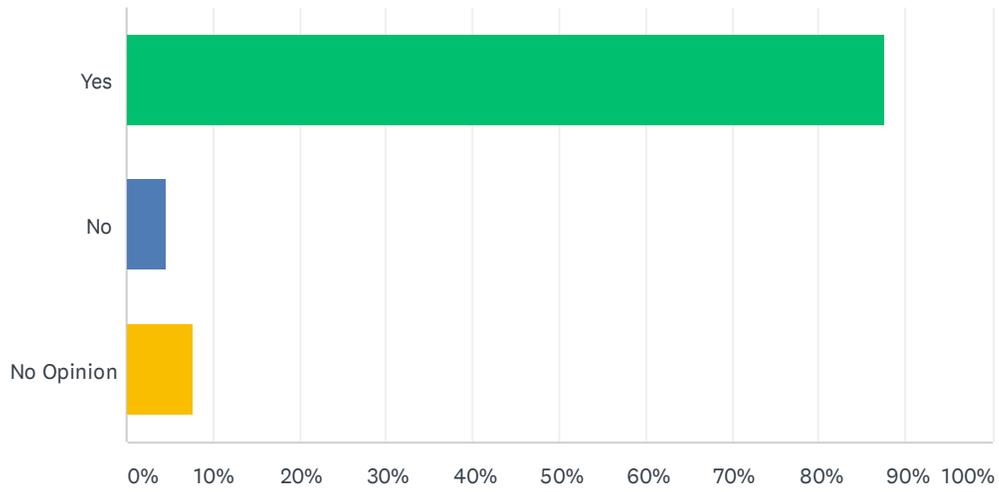
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		67.27%	520
No		17.72%	137
No Opinion		15.01%	116
TOTAL			773

Q24 Should cleanup efforts for our rivers and streams be actively supported?

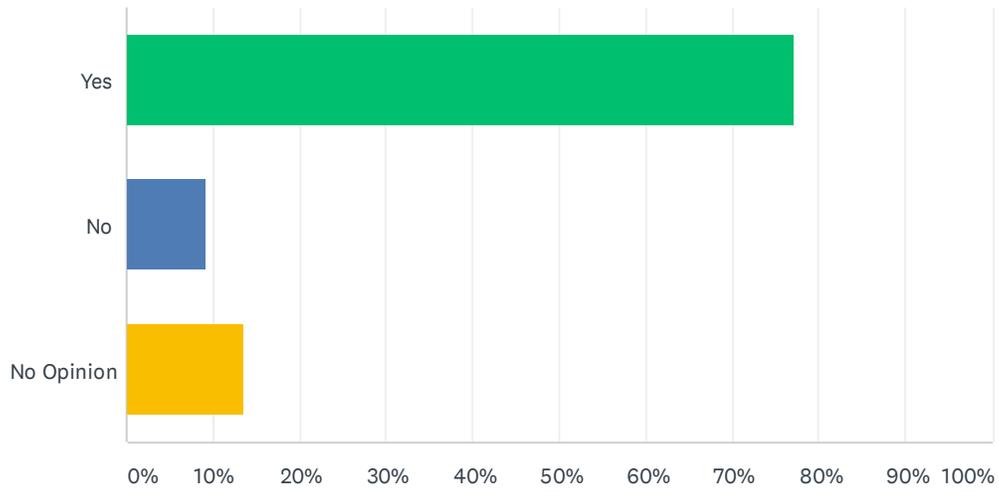
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.76%	681
No	4.51%	35
No Opinion	7.73%	60
TOTAL		776

Q25 Should river access sites be developed to improve accessibility for canoes and kayaks?

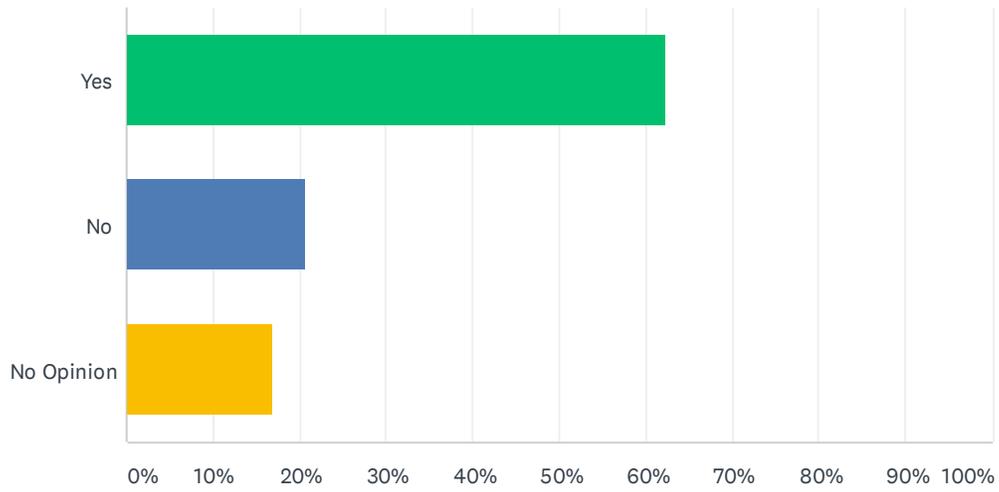
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.19%	599
No	9.28%	72
No Opinion	13.53%	105
TOTAL		776

Q26 Should waterfront attractions be developed to increase interaction with our rivers and streams?

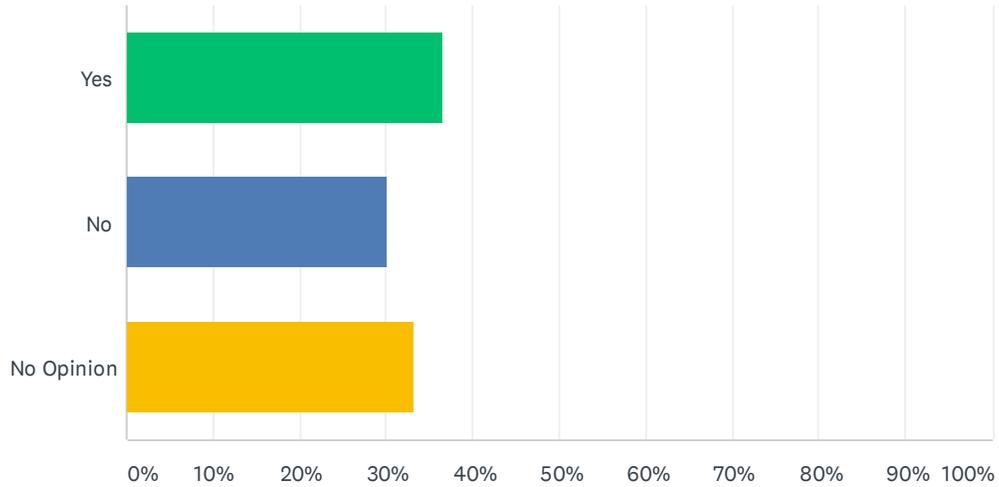
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.27%	482
No	20.80%	161
No Opinion	16.93%	131
TOTAL		774

Q27 Should public sewer connections be expanded to our small unincorporated communities such as Murray, Tocsin, Liberty Center, Petroleum, Keystone, etc.?

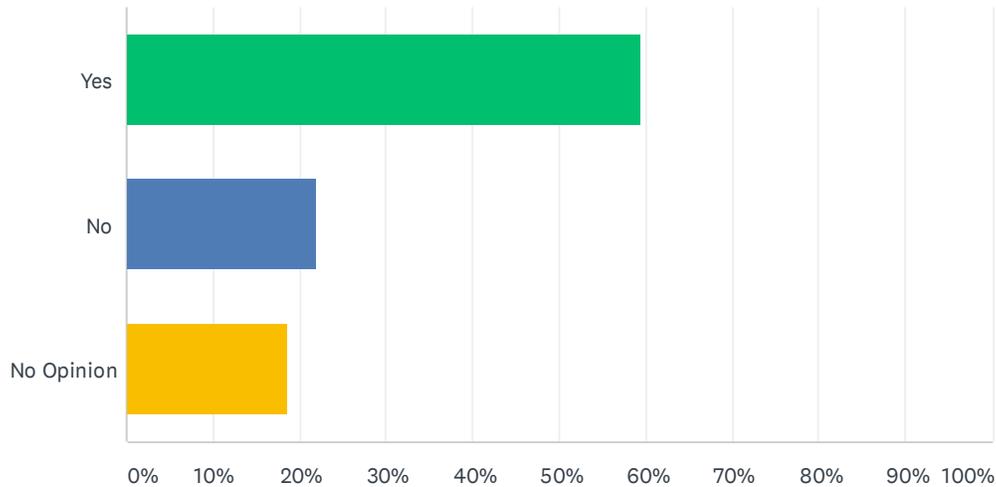
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.58%	282
No	30.09%	232
No Opinion	33.33%	257
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Q28 Should the Wells County Regional Sewer District actively work toward the elimination of known septic issues versus waiting for reported violations?

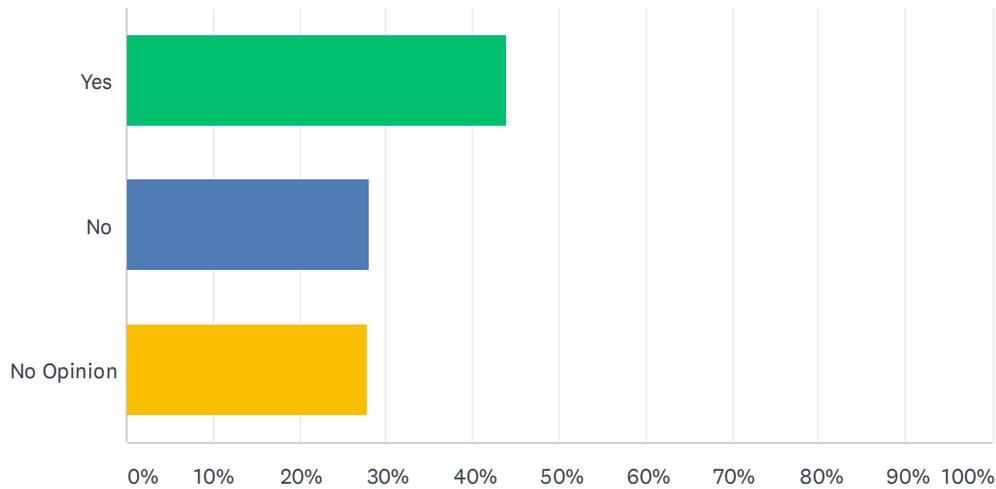
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.46% 459
No	22.02% 170
No Opinion	18.52% 143
TOTAL	772

Q29 Since on-site sewer (septic) systems do not outlast the houses that they are serving, should there be special conditions made to verify that there is ample room for future septic sites on the property or reasonable proximity to an existing public sewer system before issuing permits?

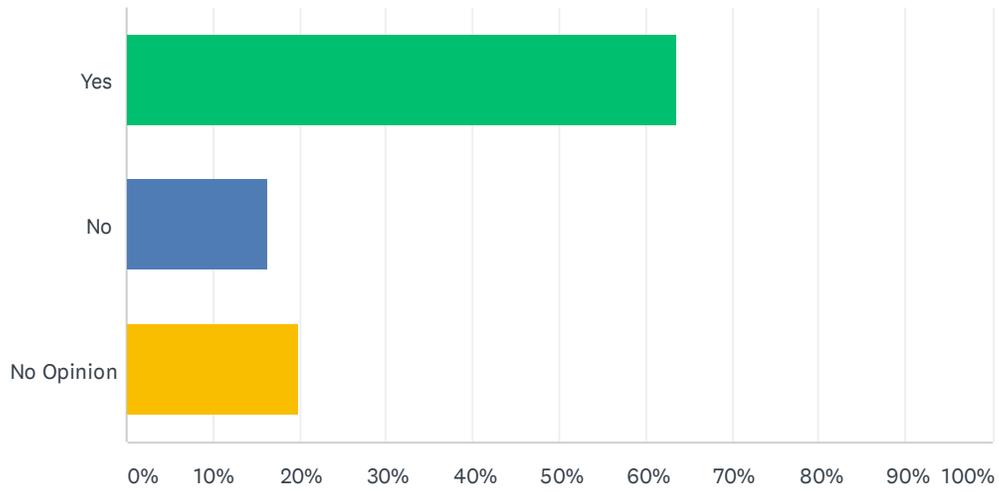
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.01%	338
No	28.13%	216
No Opinion	27.86%	214
TOTAL		768

Q30 Should there be educational opportunities to teach homeowners about the proper maintenance and operating procedures for a septic system?

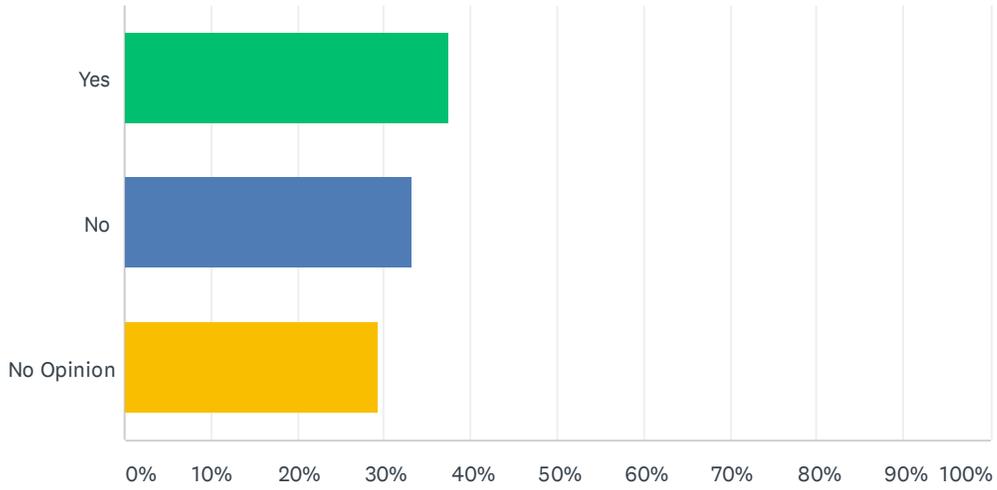
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.67%	489
No	16.41%	126
No Opinion	19.92%	153
TOTAL		768

Q31 Should municipal water be expanded to areas served by public sewers in rural areas?

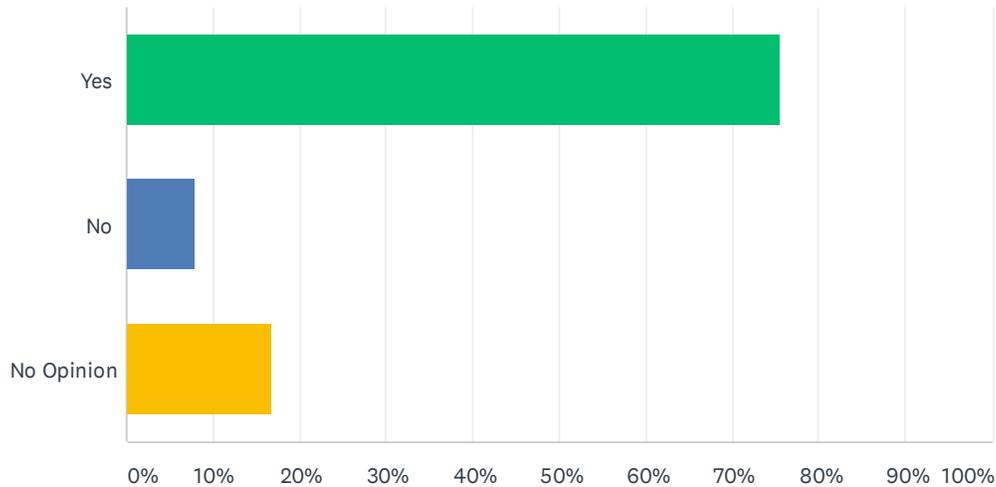
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.45%	288
No	33.16%	255
No Opinion	29.39%	226
TOTAL		769

Q32 Should a simplified process with local electric providers be promoted to allow our local residences, businesses, industry, and public facilities to create their own electricity? (example: solar)

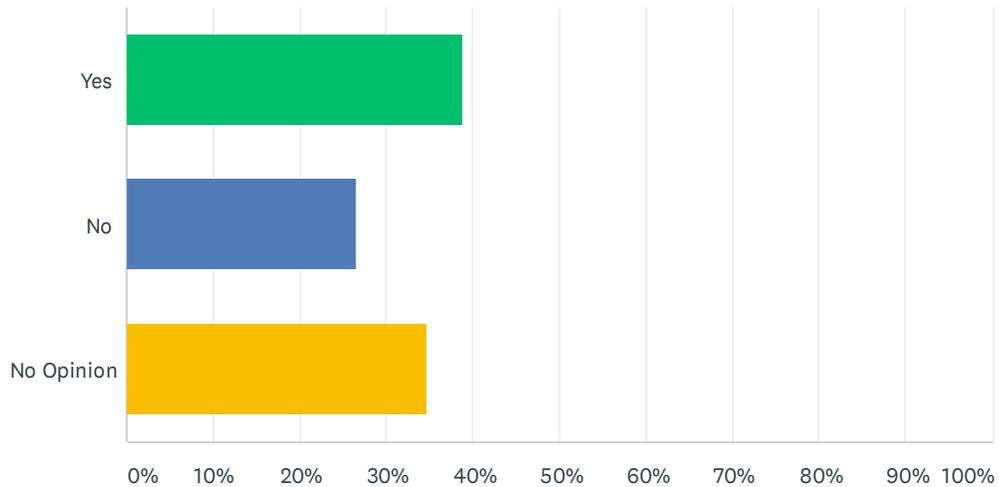
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.42% 580
No	7.93% 61
No Opinion	16.64% 128
TOTAL	769

Q33 Should stormwater fees be adopted for all our cities and towns similar to what Ossian and Zanesville currently do to help fund critical stormwater projects?

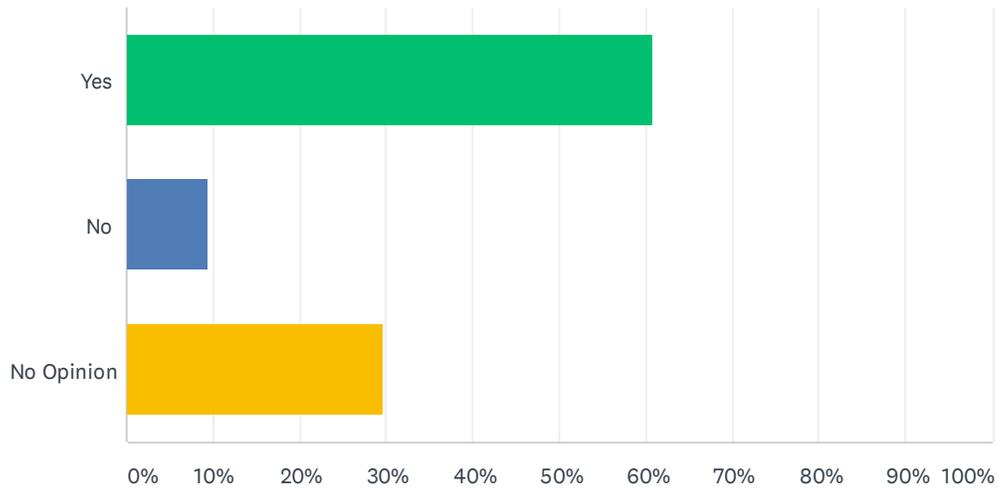
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	38.82% 297
No	26.54% 203
No Opinion	34.64% 265
TOTAL	765

Q34 Should we actively work on fixing stormwater infiltration into our sewer systems to help increase our treatment capacity?

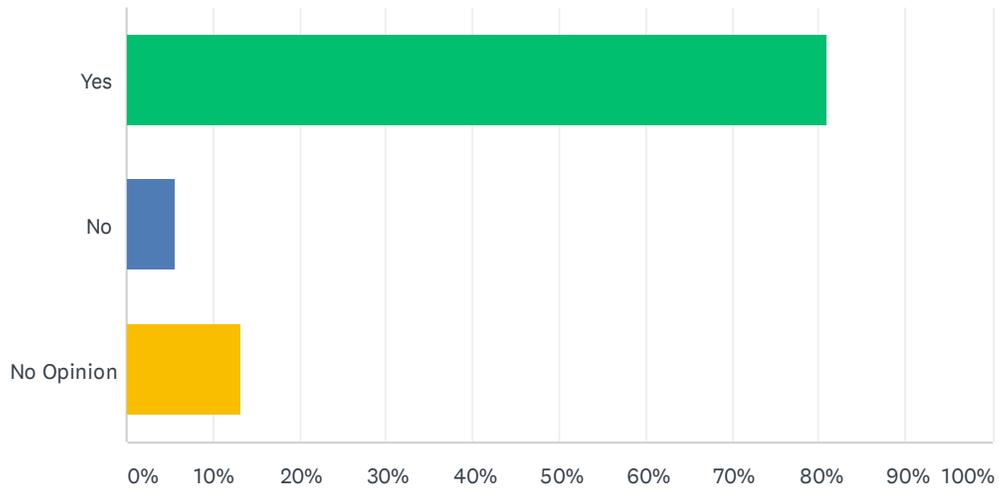
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.94%	465
No	9.44%	72
No Opinion	29.62%	226
TOTAL		763

Q35 Should our community have long term plans for the maintenance and expansion of our public utilities?

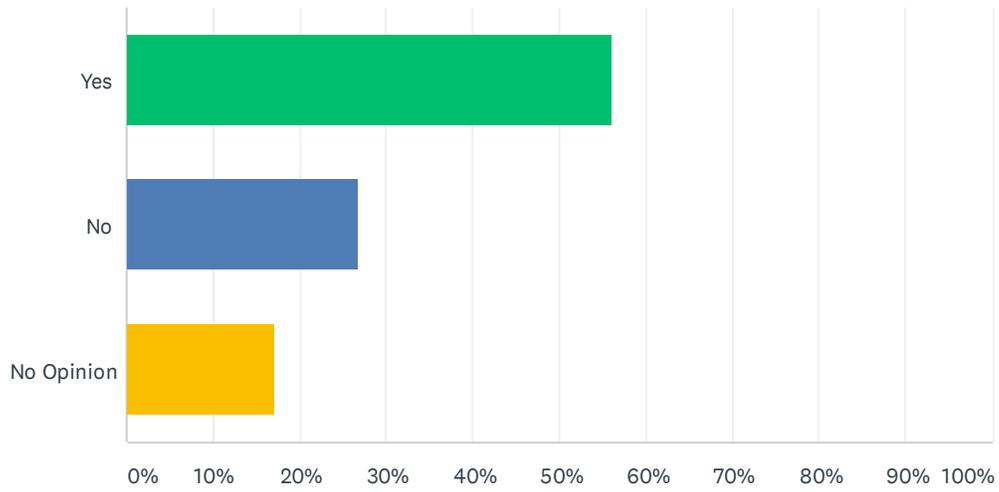
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		81.04%	624
No		5.71%	44
No Opinion		13.25%	102
TOTAL			770

Q36 Should our community have public WIFI in downtown Bluffton and Ossian?

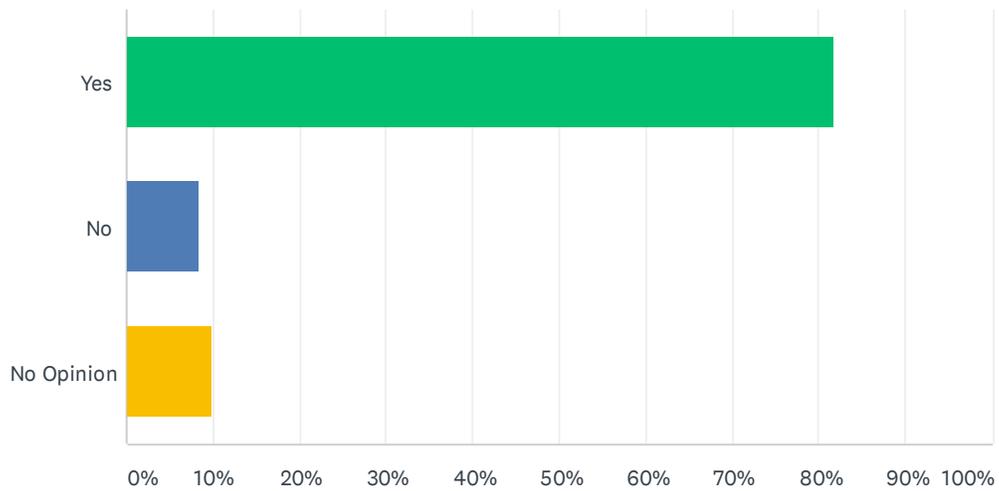
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.02%	433
No	26.78%	207
No Opinion	17.21%	133
TOTAL		773

Q37 Should our community actively promote improvements to better access cellular communication and broadband internet?

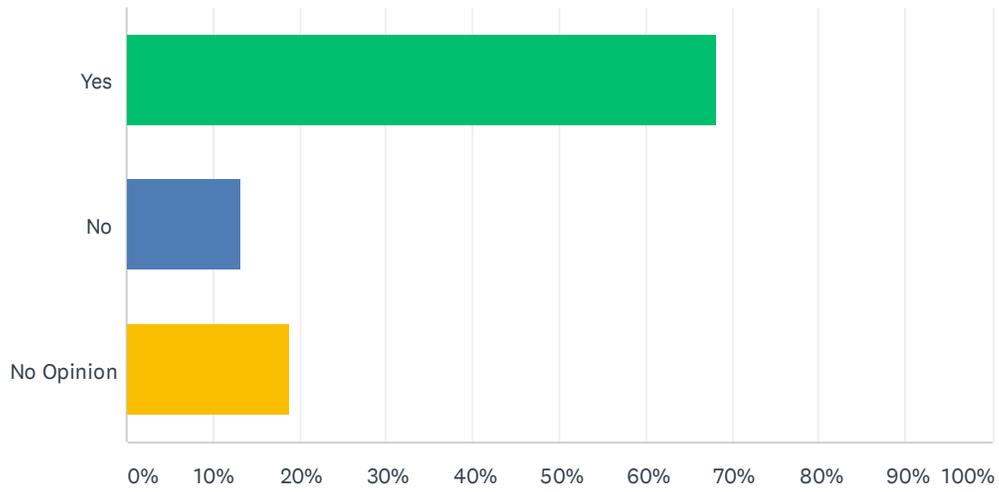
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.78%	633
No	8.40%	65
No Opinion	9.82%	76
TOTAL		774

Q38 Should our community look at ways to combine government buildings to make services more efficient?

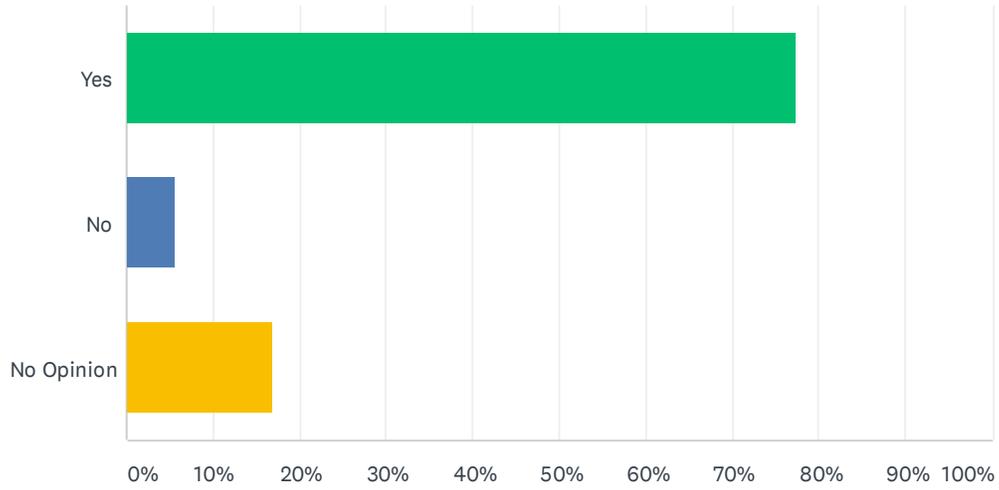
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		68.13%	526
No		13.08%	101
No Opinion		18.78%	145
TOTAL			772

Q39 Should our community actively complete structural reviews to make sure that adequate maintenance of our county courthouse is being done?

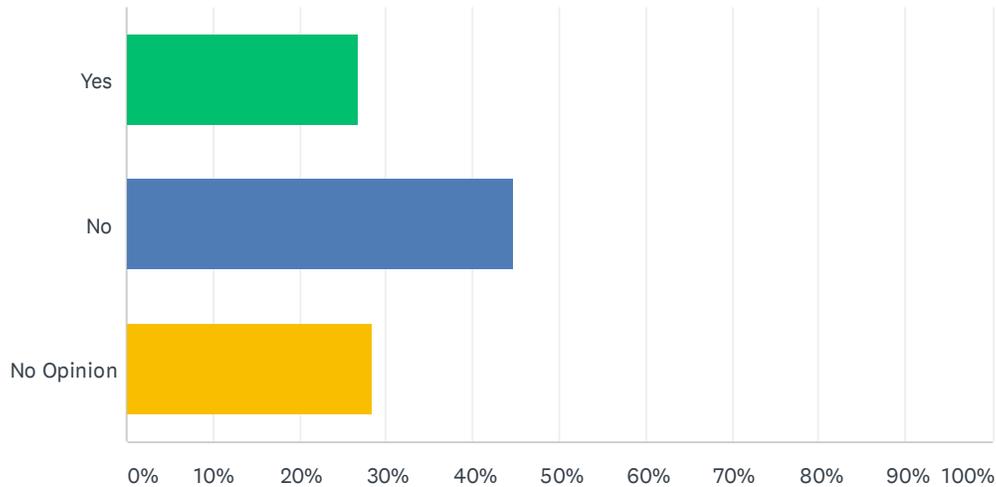
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.37%	595
No	5.59%	43
No Opinion	17.04%	131
TOTAL		769

Q40 Should our community develop Cumulative Capital Development Funds (a form of property tax) to help pay for the maintenance and construction of our government buildings?

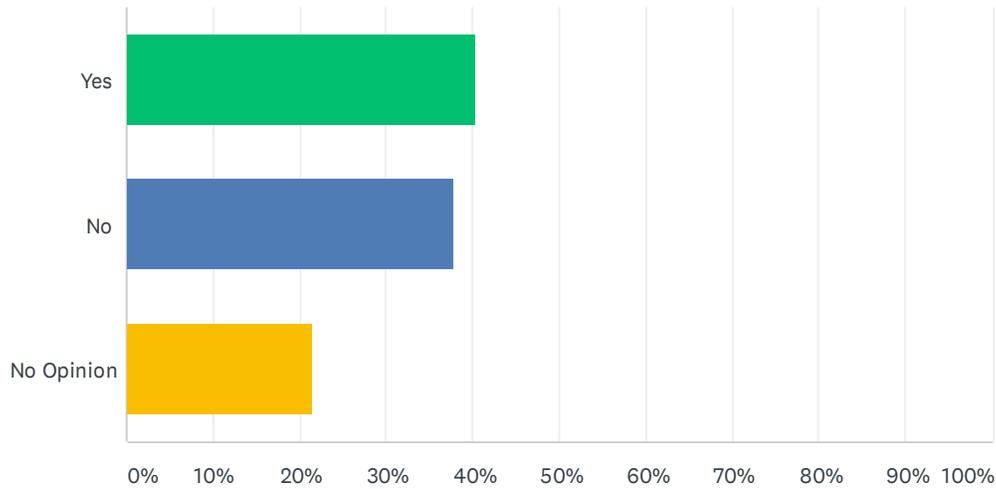
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.80%	205
No	44.84%	343
No Opinion	28.37%	217
TOTAL		765

Q41 Do you support using local tax funds to buy properties that are consistently being damaged by flooding and have a high risk of loss of life or property?

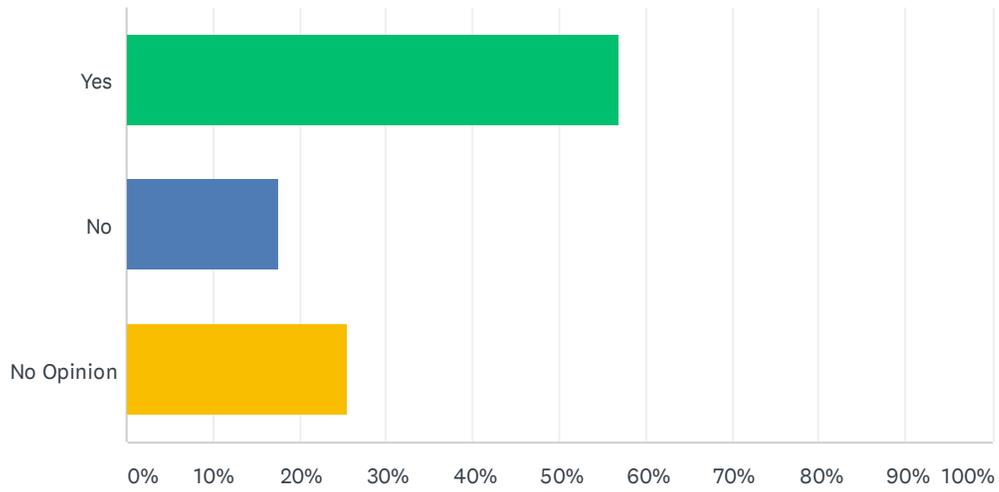
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	40.42% 310
No	37.94% 291
No Opinion	21.64% 166
TOTAL	767

Q42 Should our community increase local requirements regarding projects occurring in the floodplain?

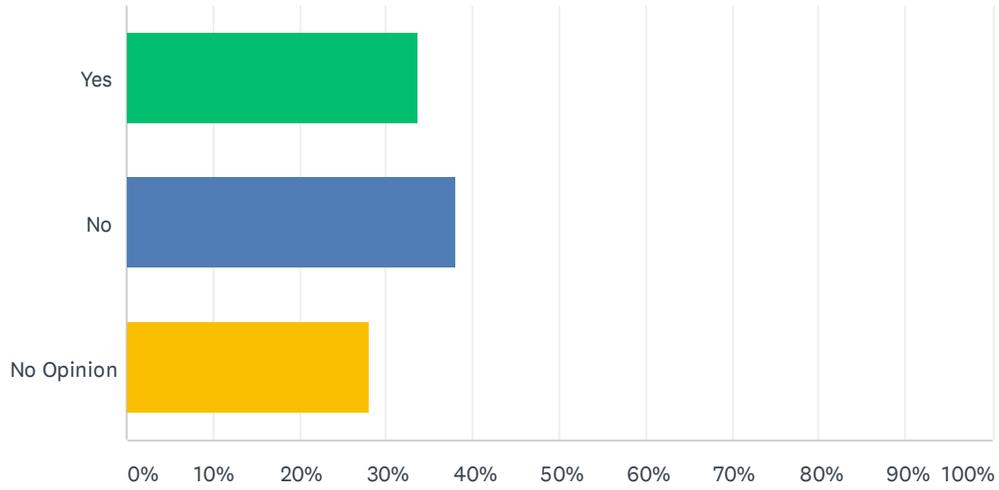
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.88%	434
No	17.56%	134
No Opinion	25.56%	195
TOTAL		763

Q43 Should our community actively work toward placing permanent barriers on roads that frequently close due to flooding?

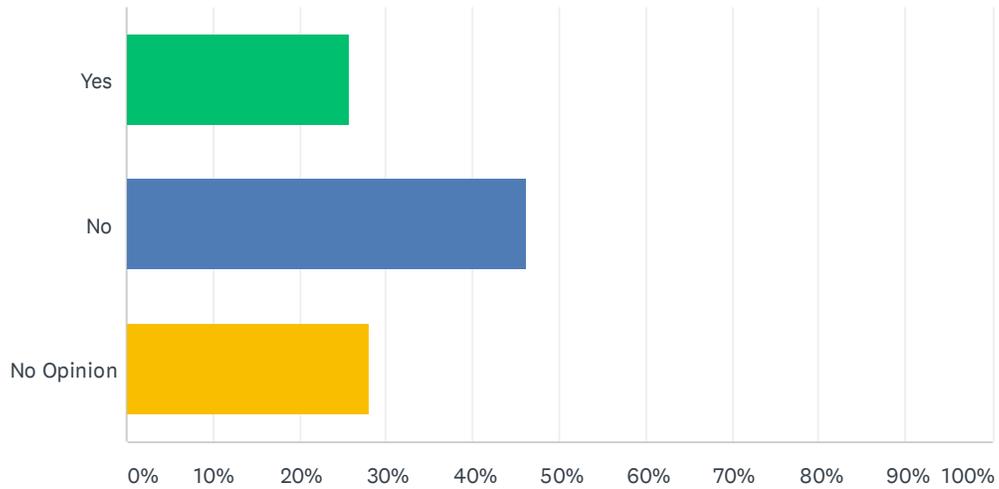
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.73%	258
No	38.17%	292
No Opinion	28.10%	215
TOTAL		765

Q44 Should our community actively do road improvement projects (even if they come with a substantial cost) to reduce the likelihood that a road would be closed due to flooding?

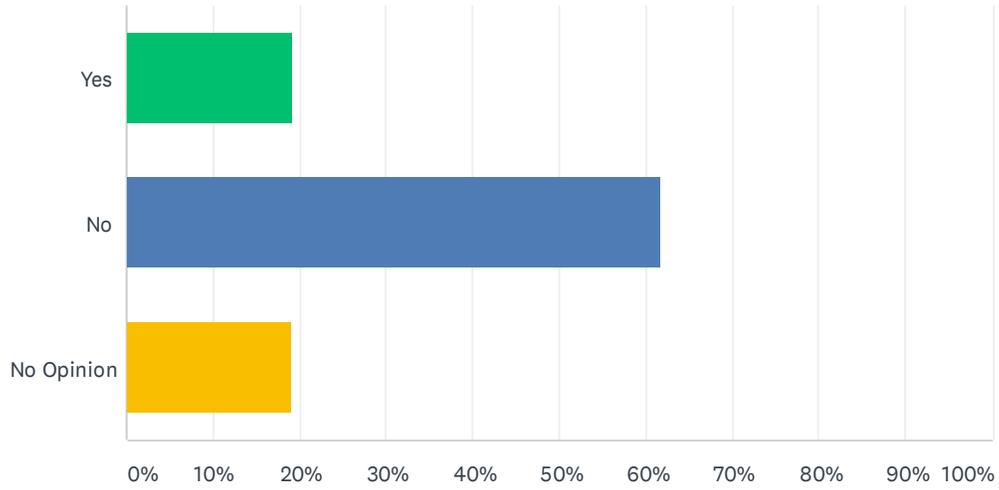
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	25.69% 196
No	46.26% 353
No Opinion	28.05% 214
TOTAL	763

Q45 Do you support raising taxes to reduce flooding risks in our community?

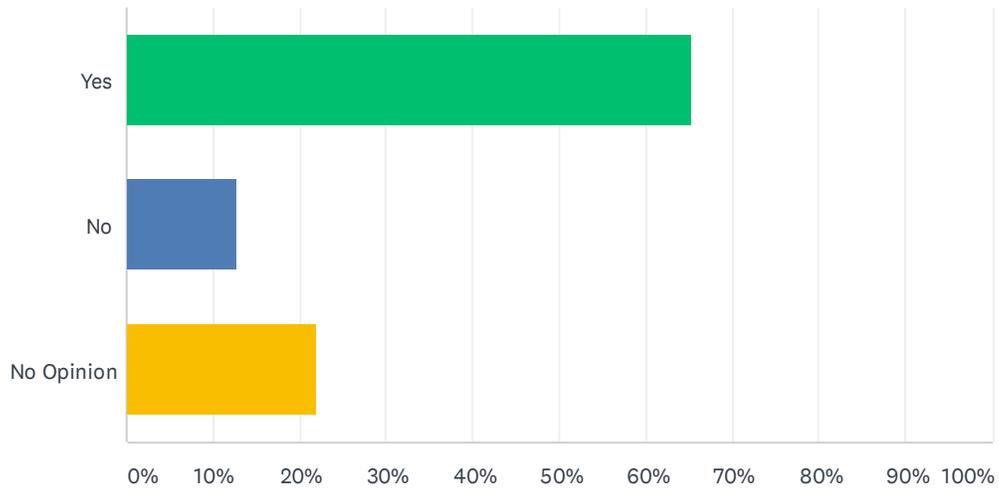
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.32%	148
No	61.62%	472
No Opinion	19.06%	146
TOTAL		766

Q46 Do you want our community to be considered a pro-growth community?

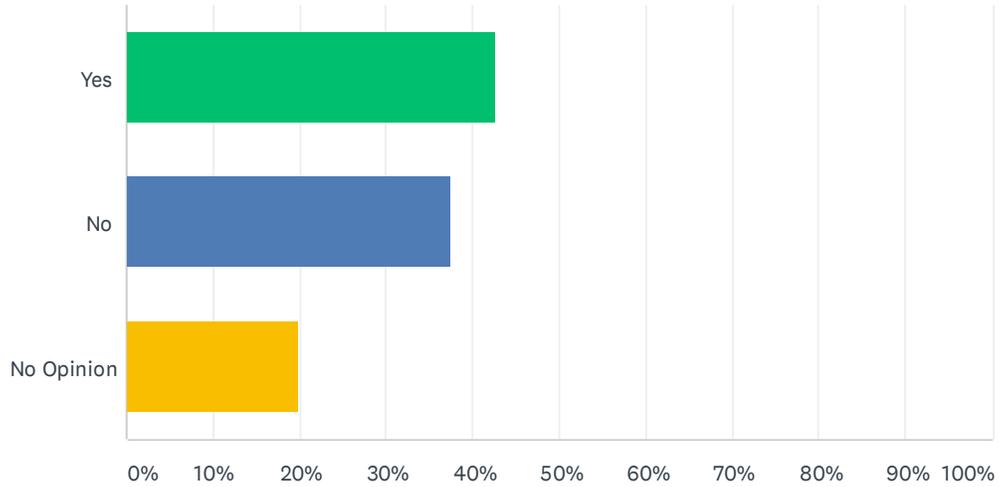
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.23%	499
No	12.81%	98
No Opinion	21.96%	168
TOTAL		765

Q47 Do you believe there is a housing shortage in Wells County?

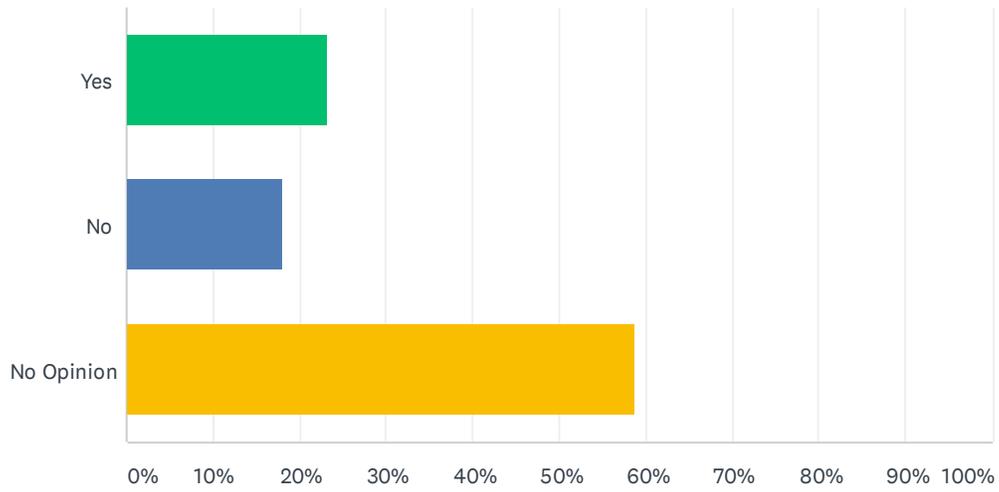
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.63%	327
No	37.55%	288
No Opinion	19.82%	152
TOTAL		767

Q48 Do you believe that our community's Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) requirements are adequate?

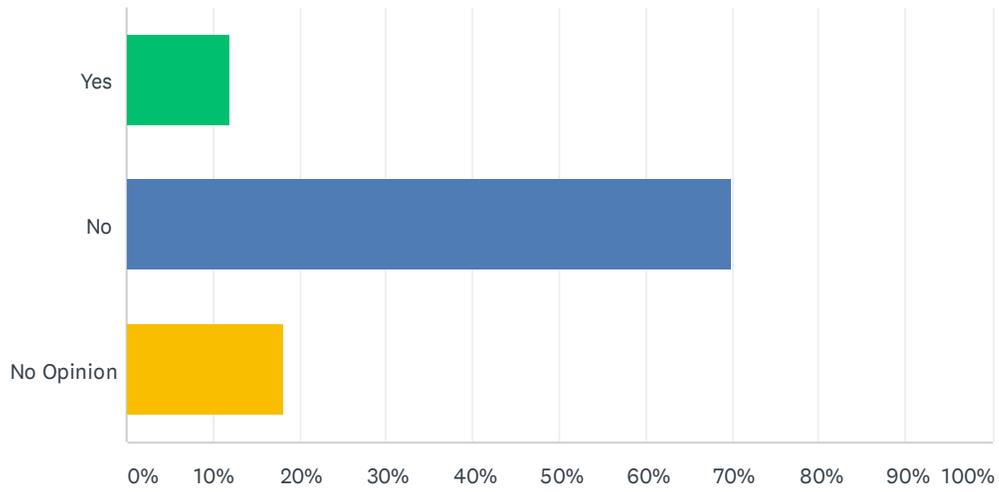
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.29%	177
No	18.03%	137
No Opinion	58.68%	446
TOTAL		760

Q49 Are you familiar with the 2017 Wells County Housing Assessment & Growth Strategy?

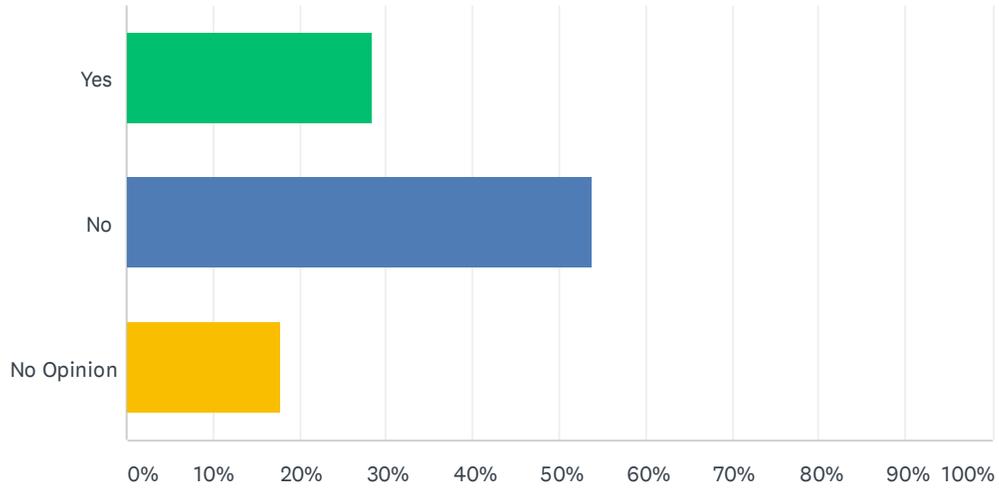
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.90%	92
No	69.86%	540
No Opinion	18.24%	141
TOTAL		773

Q50 Do you support local tax funds being used to help create affordable housing options?

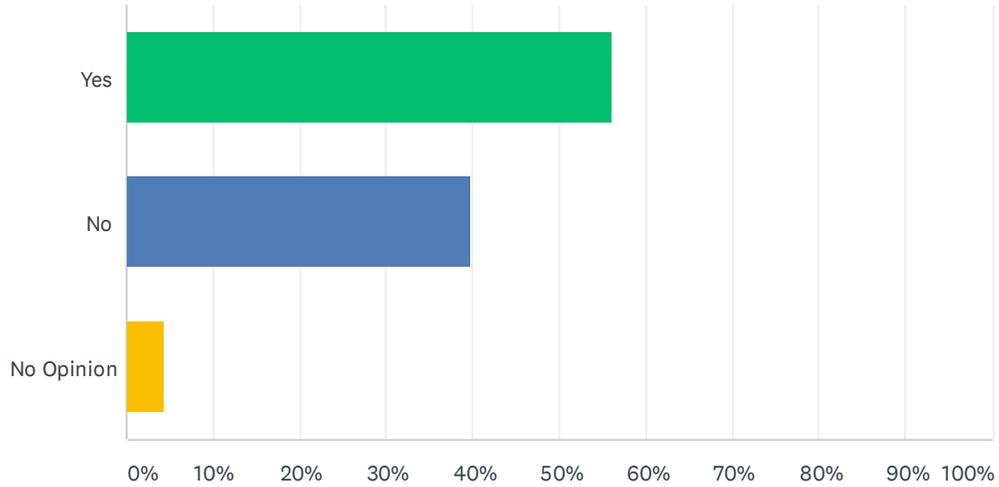
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.53%	218
No	53.66%	410
No Opinion	17.80%	136
TOTAL		764

Q51 Are you familiar with the Wells County Trails organization?

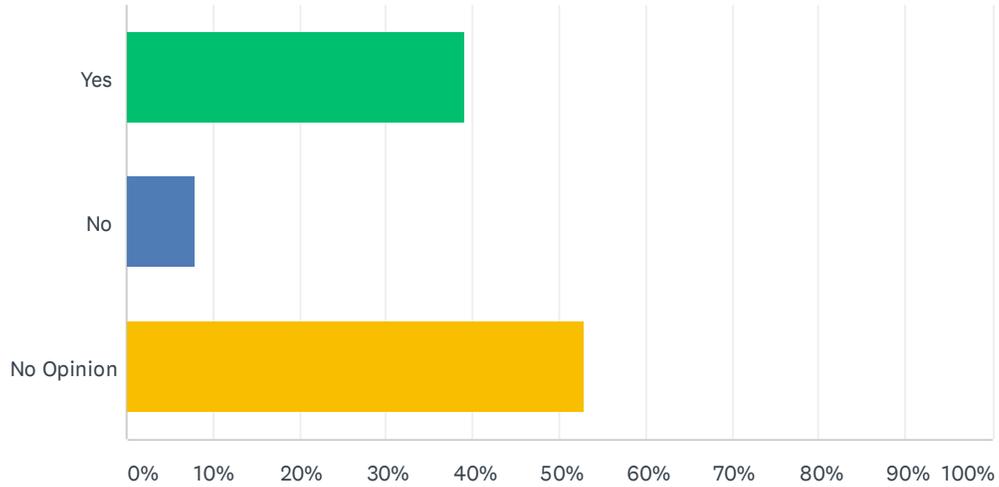
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.05%	431
No	39.66%	305
No Opinion	4.29%	33
TOTAL		769

Q52 If YES, do you support their vision and goals?

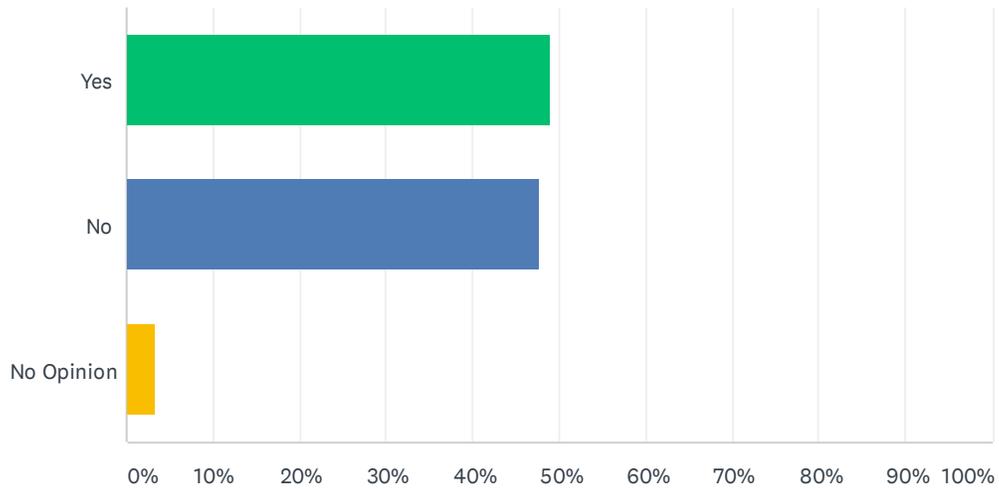
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.22%	291
No	7.95%	59
No Opinion	52.83%	392
TOTAL		742

Q53 Are you familiar with the Poka-Bache Trail project that would create a regional trail from Ouabache State Park to Pokagon State Park?

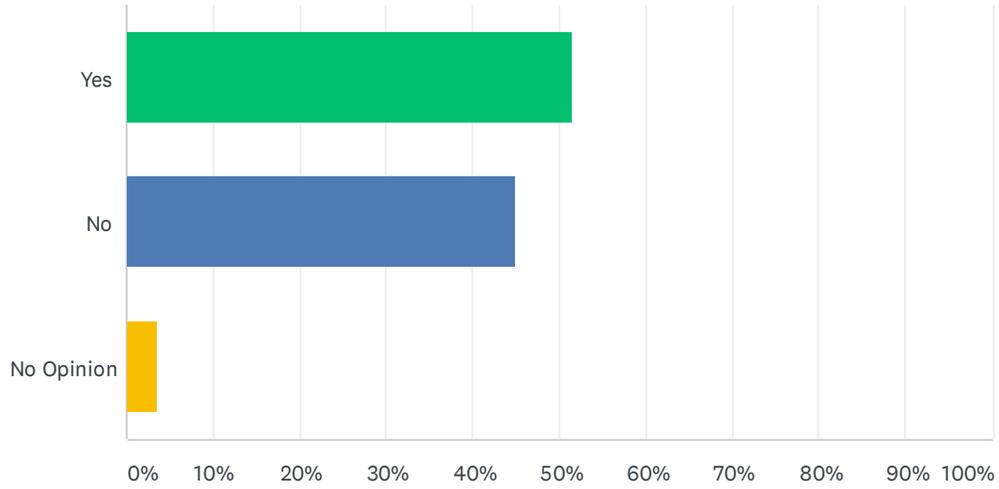
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.03%	378
No	47.60%	367
No Opinion	3.37%	26
TOTAL		771

Q54 Are you familiar with the Ossian Revitalization organization?

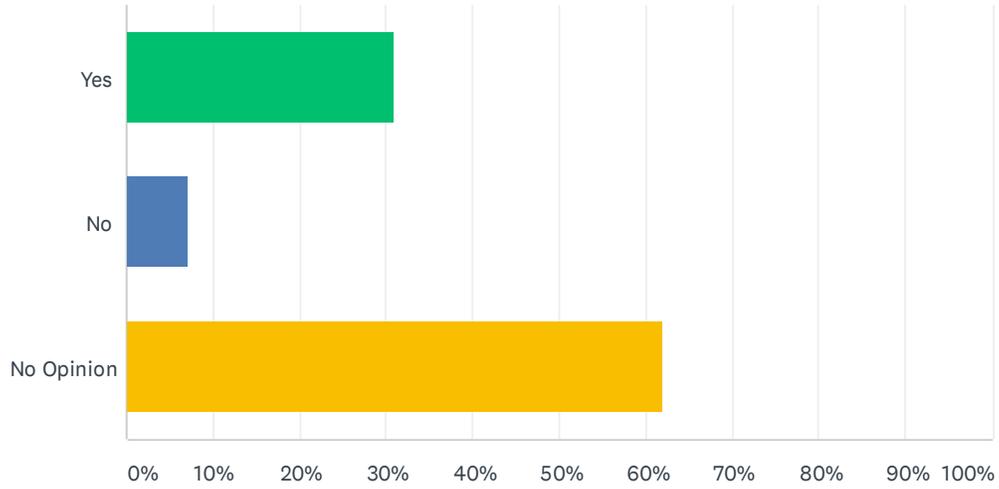
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.36%	396
No	45.01%	347
No Opinion	3.63%	28
TOTAL		771

Q55 If YES, do you support their vision and goals?

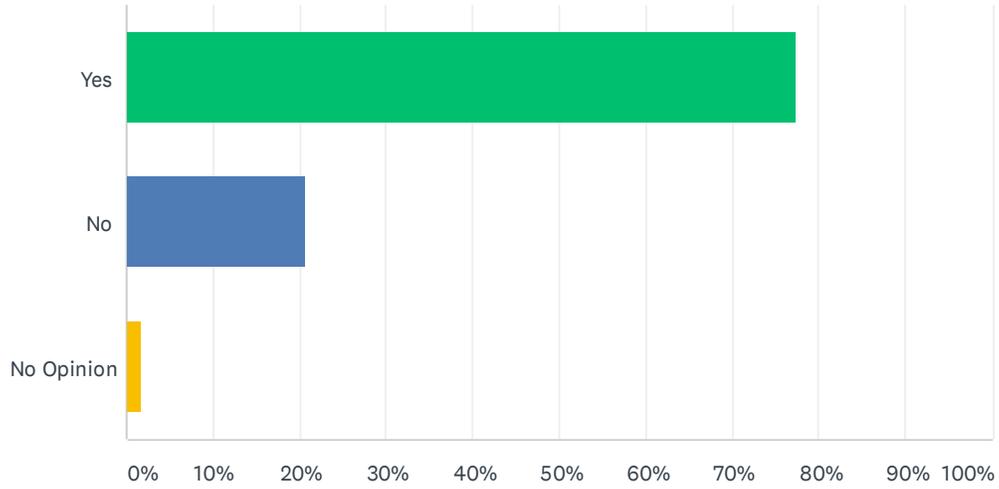
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.97%	231
No	7.10%	53
No Opinion	61.93%	462
TOTAL		746

Q56 Are you familiar with the Bluffton NOW! organization?

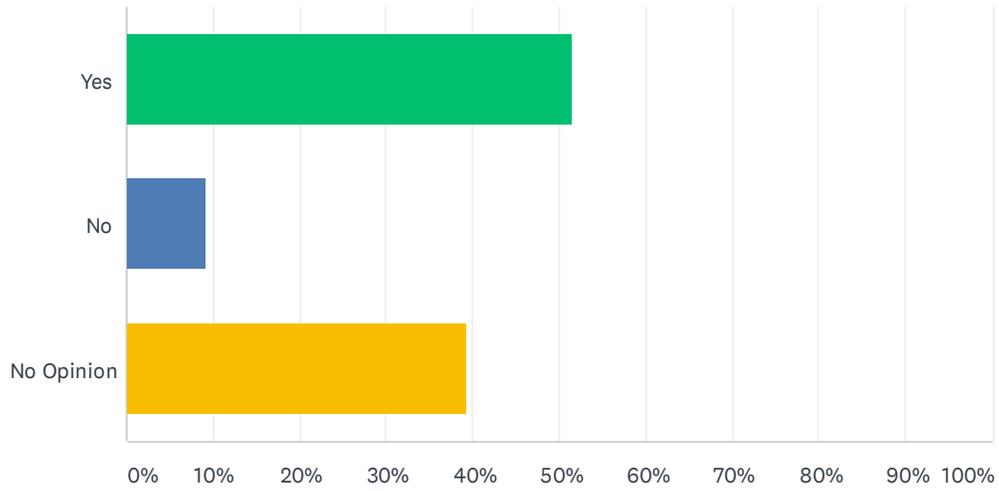
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.50%	596
No	20.81%	160
No Opinion	1.69%	13
TOTAL		769

Q57 If YES, do you support their vision and goals?

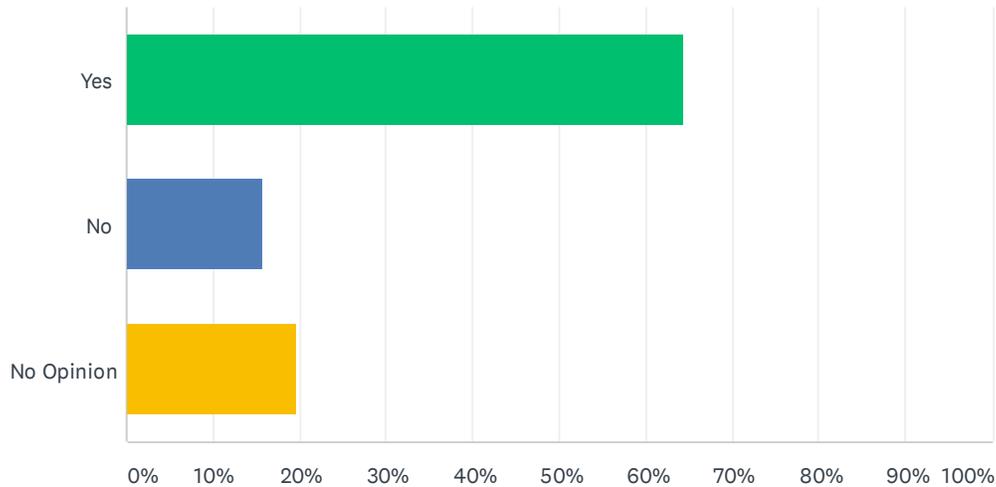
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.53%	388
No	9.16%	69
No Opinion	39.31%	296
TOTAL		753

Q58 Should alleys and other spaces throughout downtown Bluffton be improved to the quality of the Parlor City Plaza to promote a more pedestrian-friendly downtown?

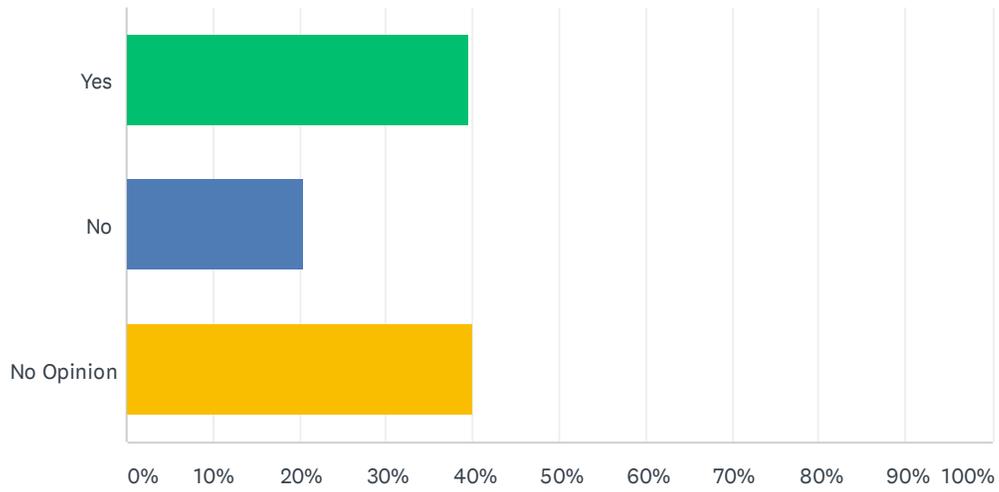
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.54%	495
No	15.78%	121
No Opinion	19.69%	151
TOTAL		767

Q59 Should our community develop a coworking space (shared office space) in downtown Bluffton?

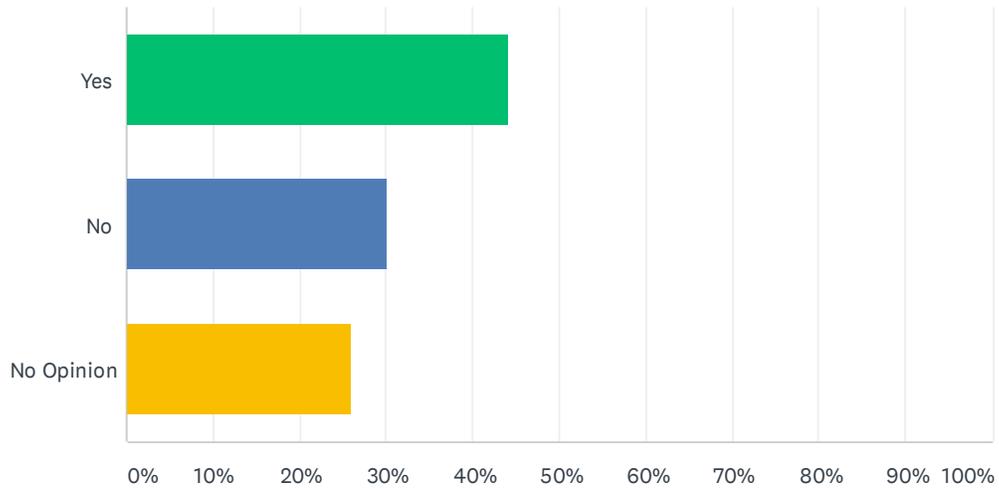
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.56%	303
No	20.50%	157
No Opinion	39.95%	306
TOTAL		766

Q60 Should our community make it a priority to help our rural communities such as Uniondale, Poneto, Tocsin, Liberty Center, Petroleum, Zanesville, and others grow?

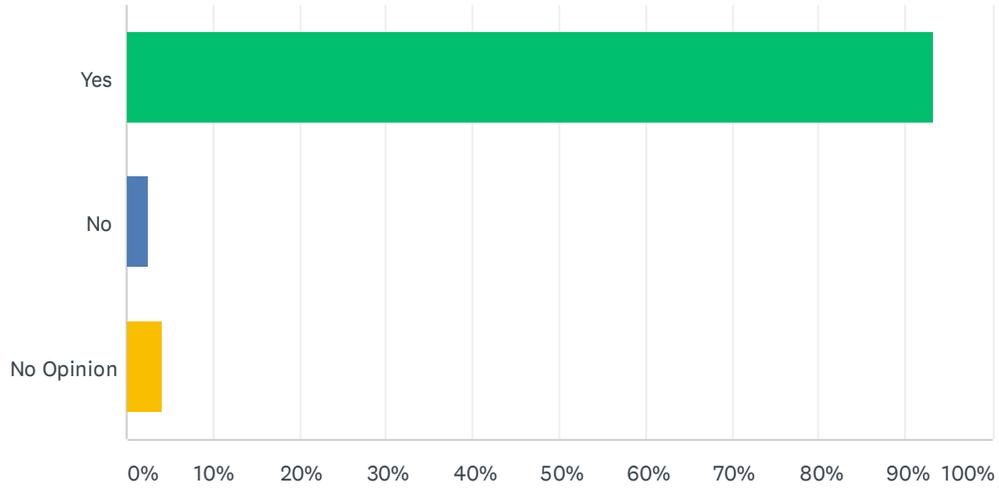
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.05%	337
No	30.07%	230
No Opinion	25.88%	198
TOTAL		765

Q61 Do you feel shopping local is important?

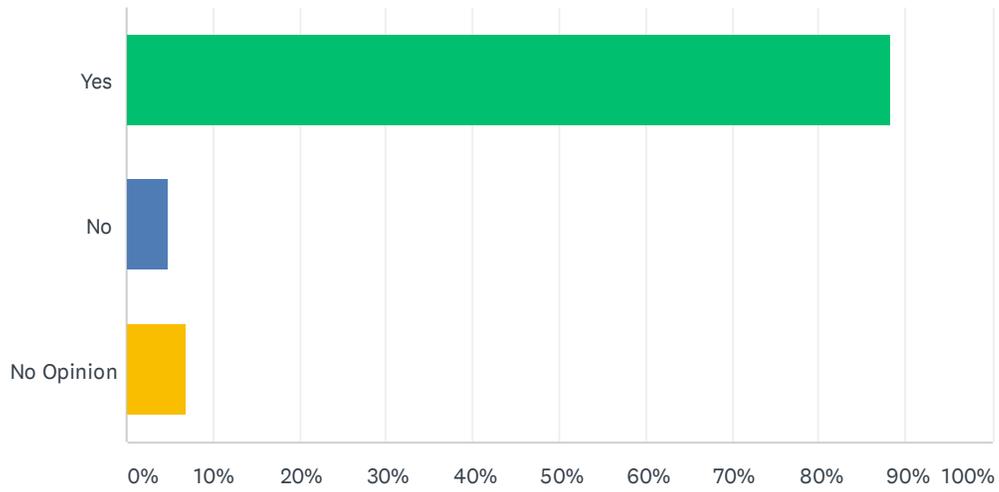
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.32%	726
No	2.57%	20
No Opinion	4.11%	32
TOTAL		778

Q62 Should programs to support locally owned businesses be emphasized?

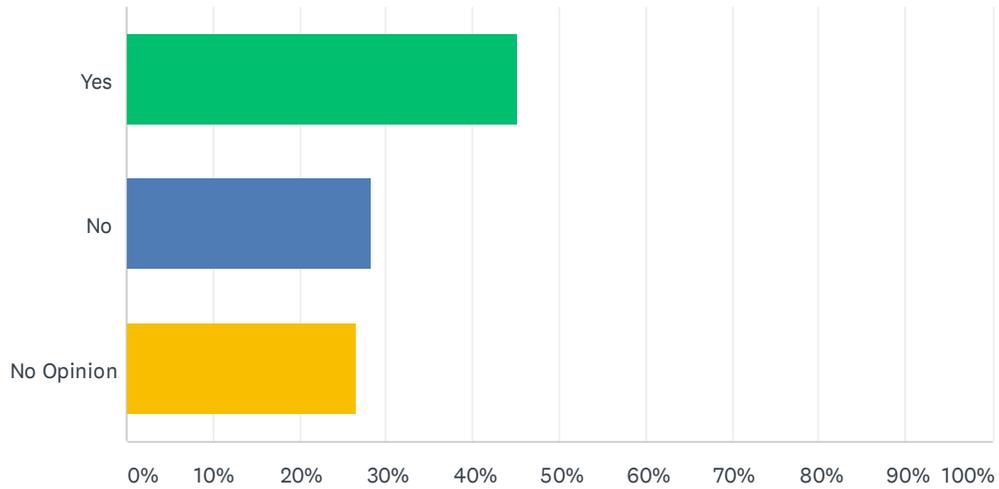
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.34%	682
No	4.79%	37
No Opinion	6.87%	53
TOTAL		772

Q63 Is finding adequate, affordable housing an issue in our community?

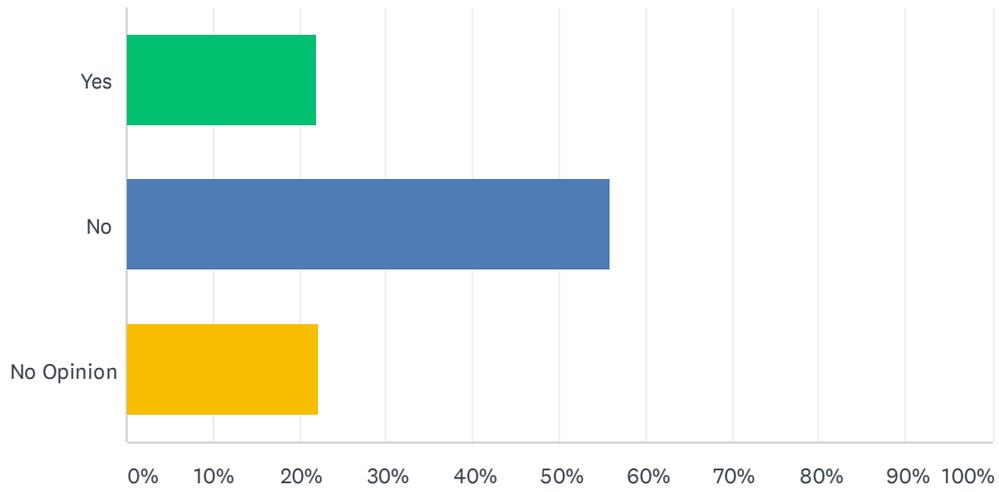
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.19%	348
No	28.31%	218
No Opinion	26.49%	204
TOTAL		770

Q64 Do you support using tax funds to help lower the cost of certain types of housing that fit our affordability needs?

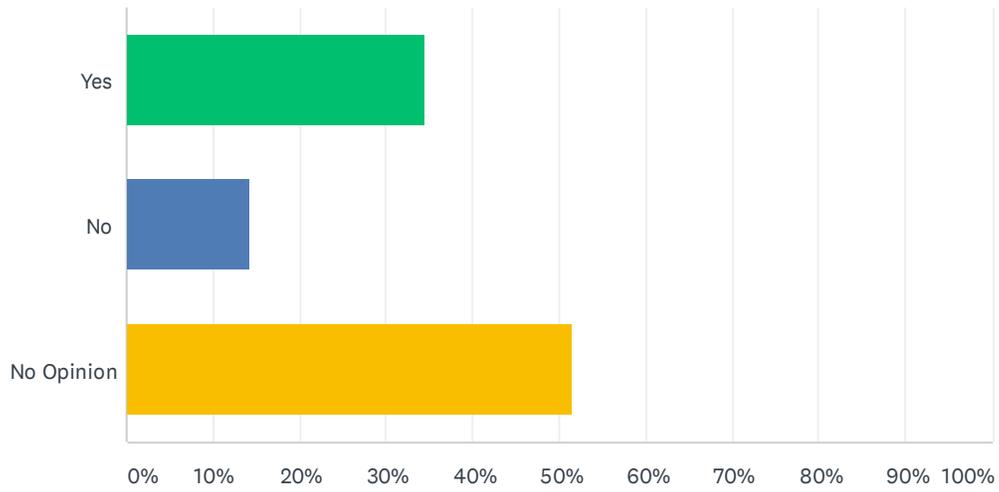
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.03%	169
No	55.80%	428
No Opinion	22.16%	170
TOTAL		767

Q65 Do you feel that our community works with our regional partners throughout Northeast Indiana?

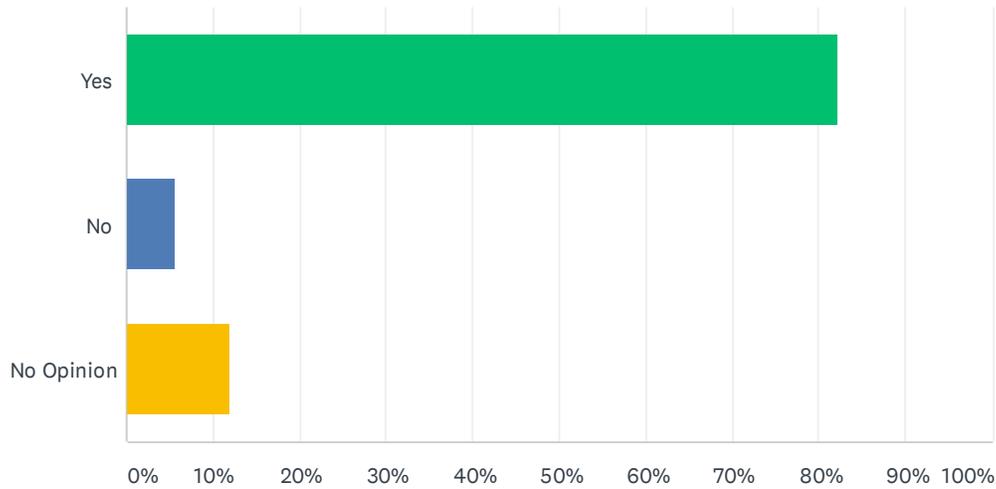
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.42%	263
No	14.14%	108
No Opinion	51.44%	393
TOTAL		764

Q66 Should our community actively work to recruit and support individuals and businesses that want to bring in new entertainment options to our community?

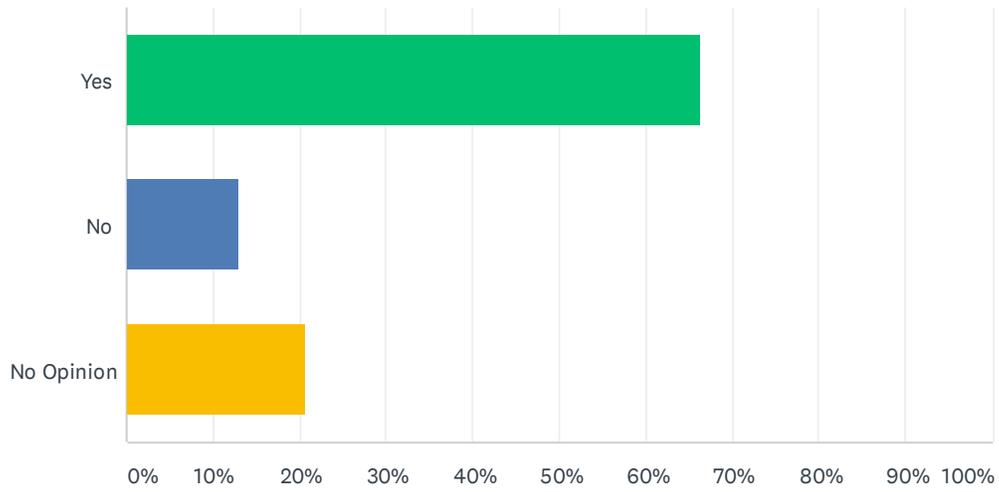
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	82.31% 633
No	5.72% 44
No Opinion	11.96% 92
TOTAL	769

Q67 Should an emphasis on the arts and cultural improvements throughout our community be promoted?

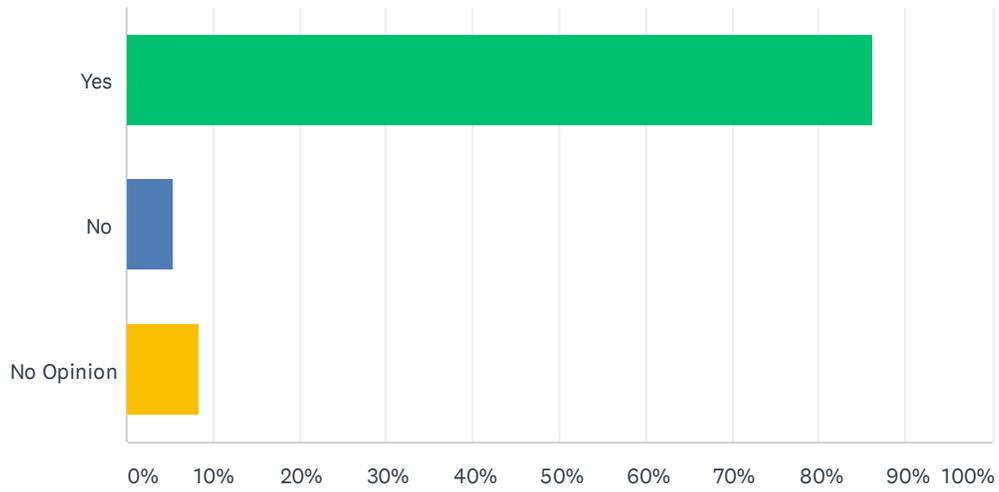
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.41%	510
No	12.89%	99
No Opinion	20.70%	159
TOTAL		768

Q68 Should making our community attractive toward our youth and young adults be actively pursued?

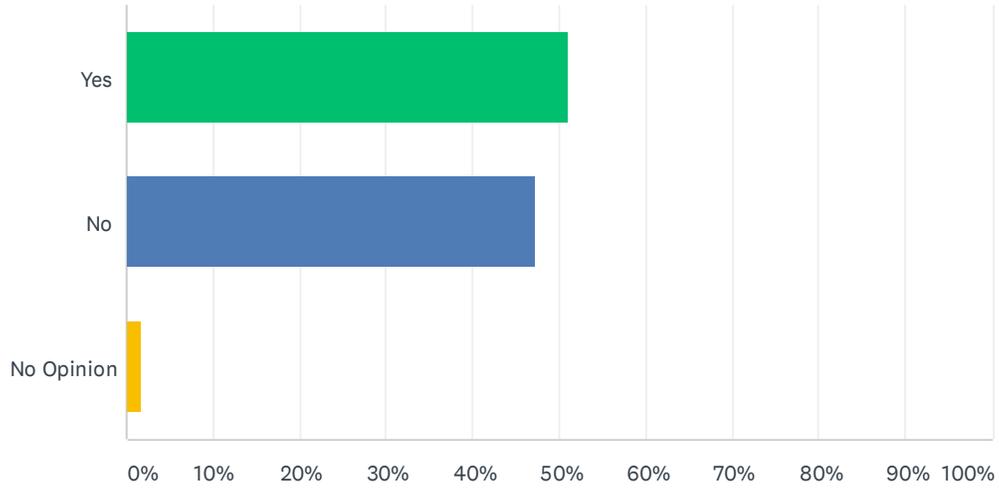
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		86.25%	665
No		5.45%	42
No Opinion		8.30%	64
TOTAL			771

Q69 Have you been to the Wells County Historical Museum?

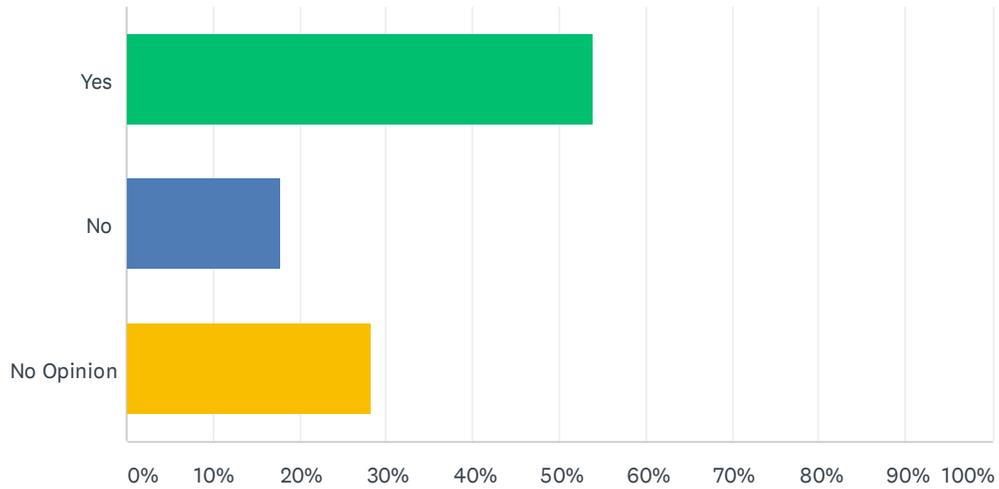
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	51.04% 394
No	47.28% 365
No Opinion	1.68% 13
TOTAL	772

Q70 Should our community's history be a focus of our attention?

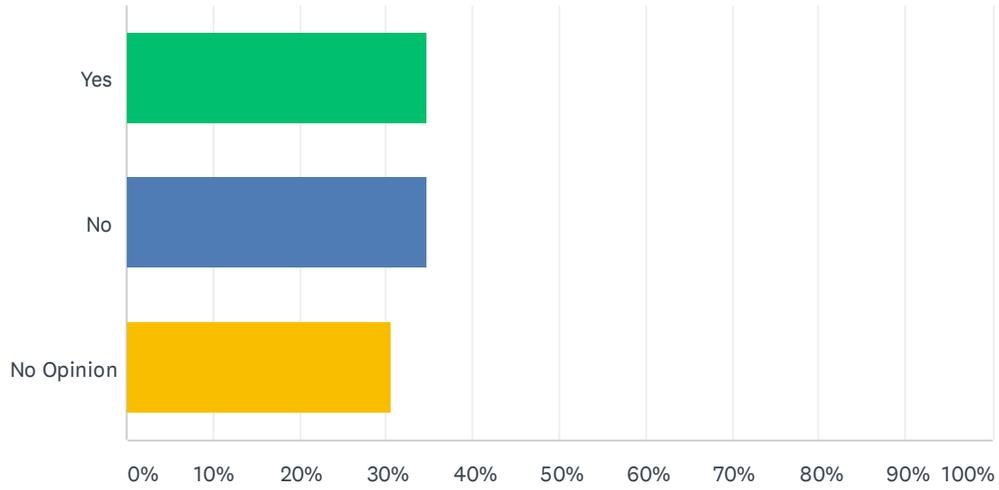
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.03%	416
No	17.79%	137
No Opinion	28.18%	217
TOTAL		770

Q71 Should a tourism office be created to help our community be recognized in our region and beyond?

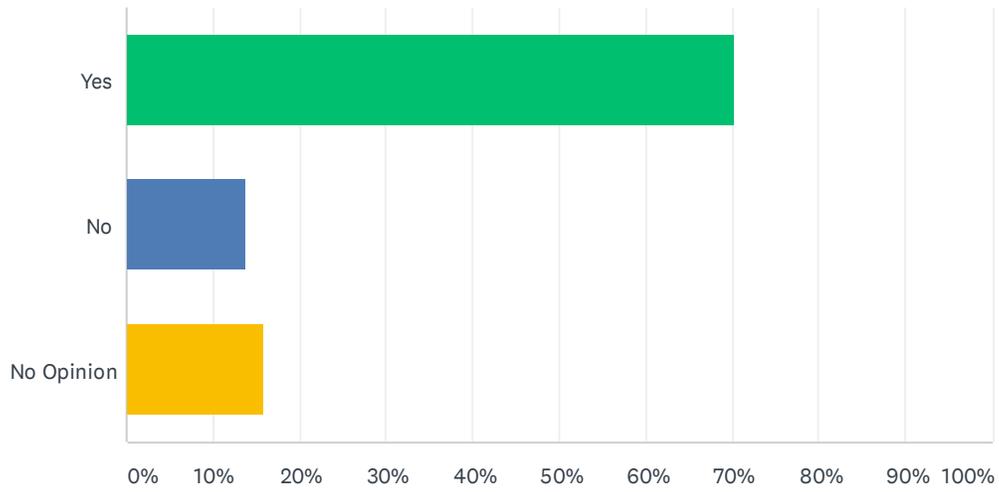
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.69%	265
No	34.82%	266
No Opinion	30.50%	233
TOTAL		764

Q72 Should our marketing efforts to tell our citizens and neighbors about what is going on in our community be expanded?

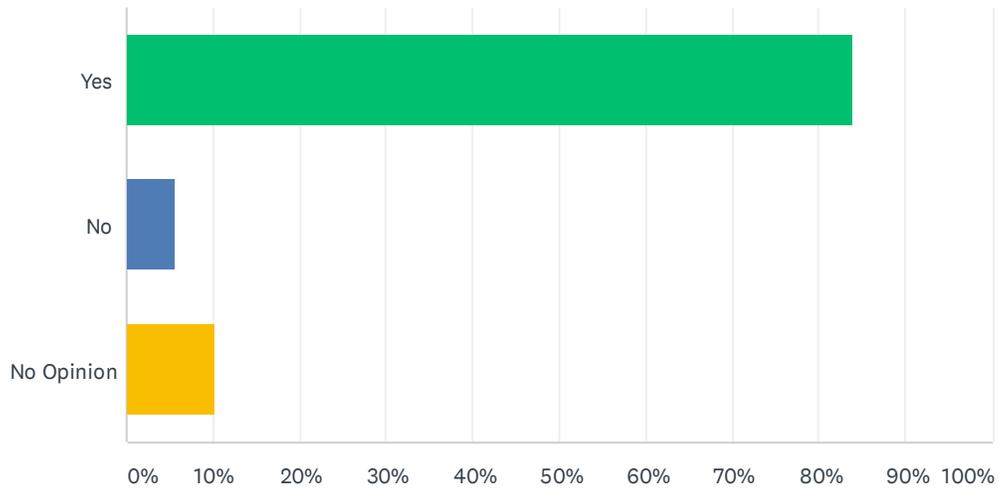
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.31%	540
No	13.80%	106
No Opinion	15.89%	122
TOTAL		768

Q73 Should having college and trades classes available in Wells County be pursued?

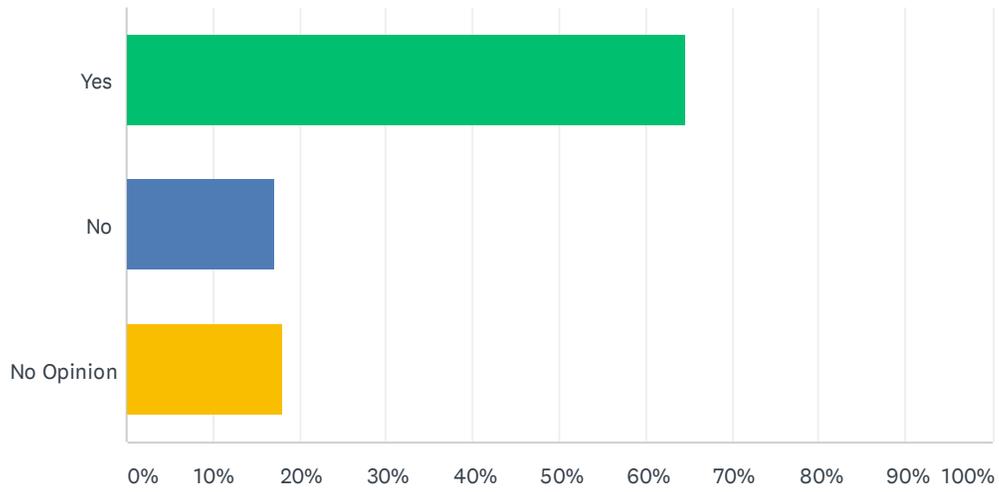
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.96%	649
No	5.69%	44
No Opinion	10.35%	80
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Q74 To better attract families to our community, should the promotion of our local schools be increased?

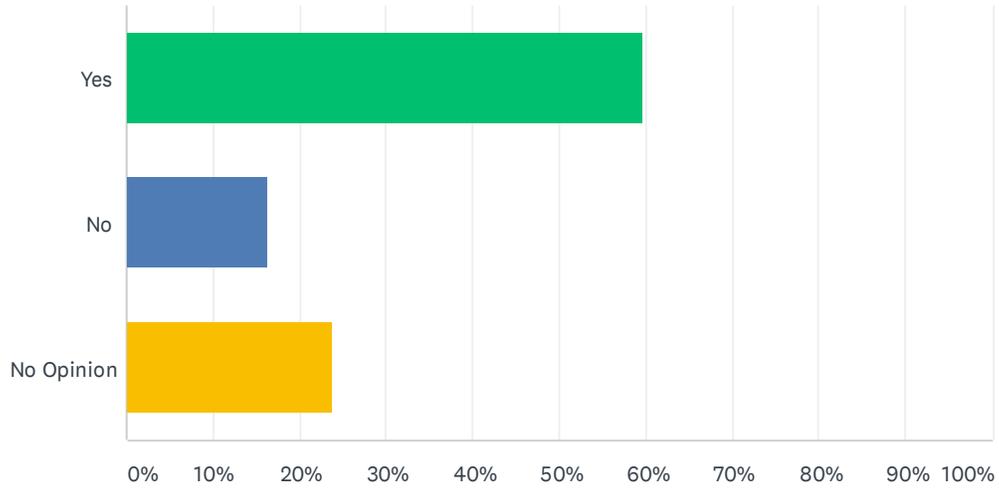
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.71%	495
No	17.25%	132
No Opinion	18.04%	138
TOTAL		765

Q75 Should our nature preserves and community open space be expanded?

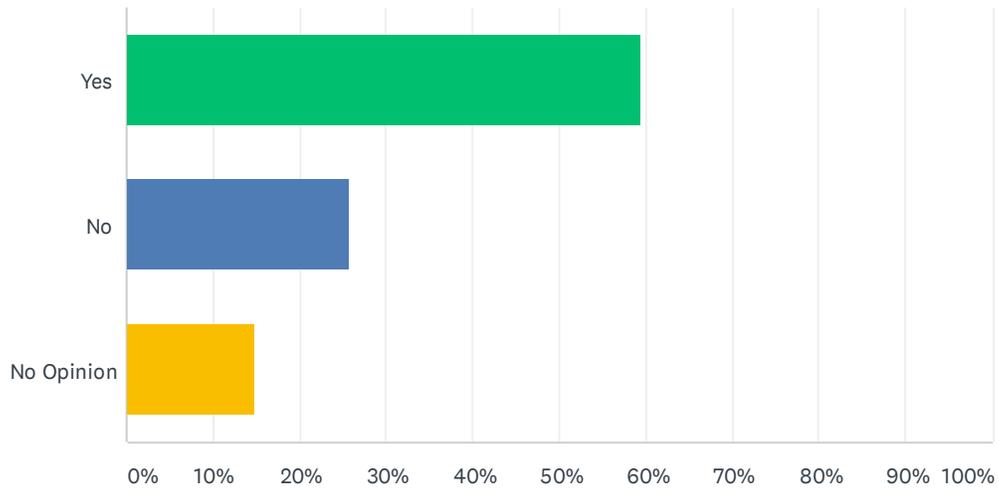
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.71%	455
No	16.40%	125
No Opinion	23.88%	182
TOTAL		762

Q76 Do you support tax funds going to help combat mental health and substance abuse issues in our community?

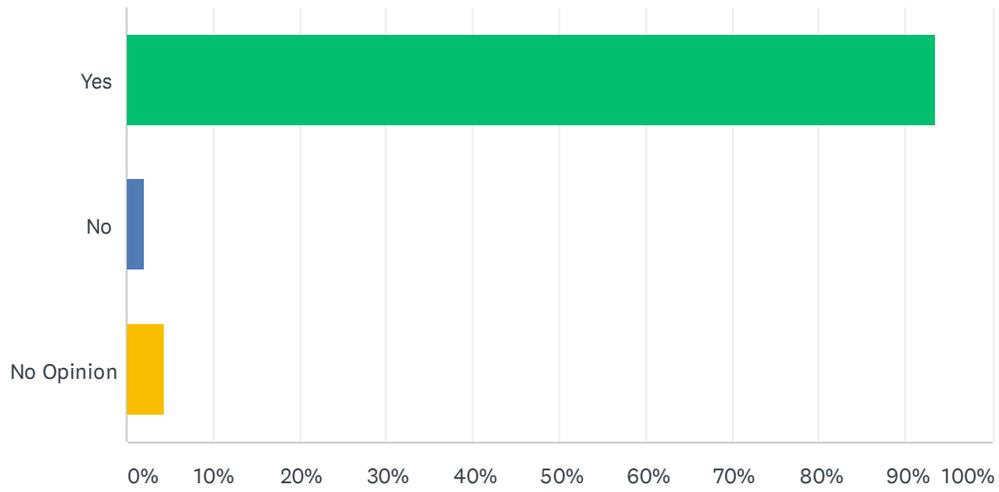
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.35%	457
No	25.71%	198
No Opinion	14.94%	115
TOTAL		770

Q77 Do you support the growth of local community cleanup days to reduce junk accumulation in our community?

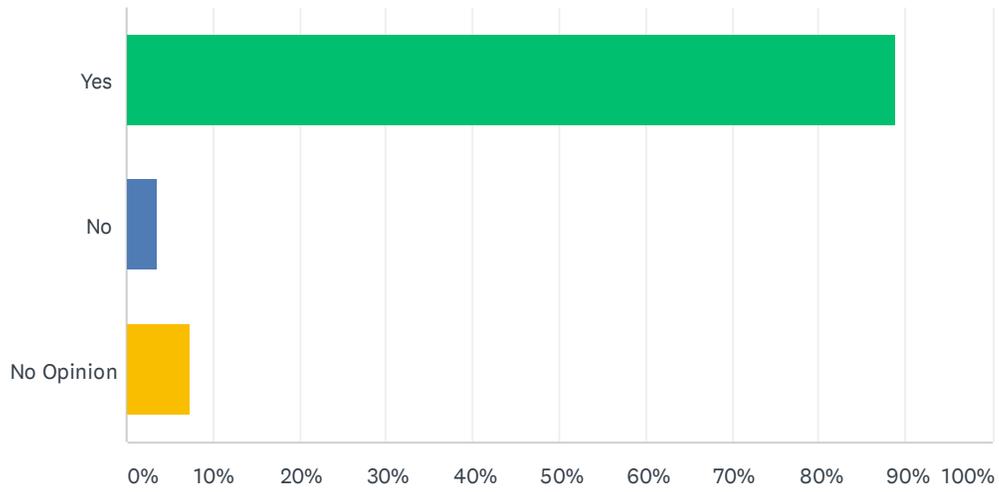
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		93.54%	724
No		2.07%	16
No Opinion		4.39%	34
TOTAL			774

Q78 Do you support increasing applying for grants and funding resources to help meet our community's goals?

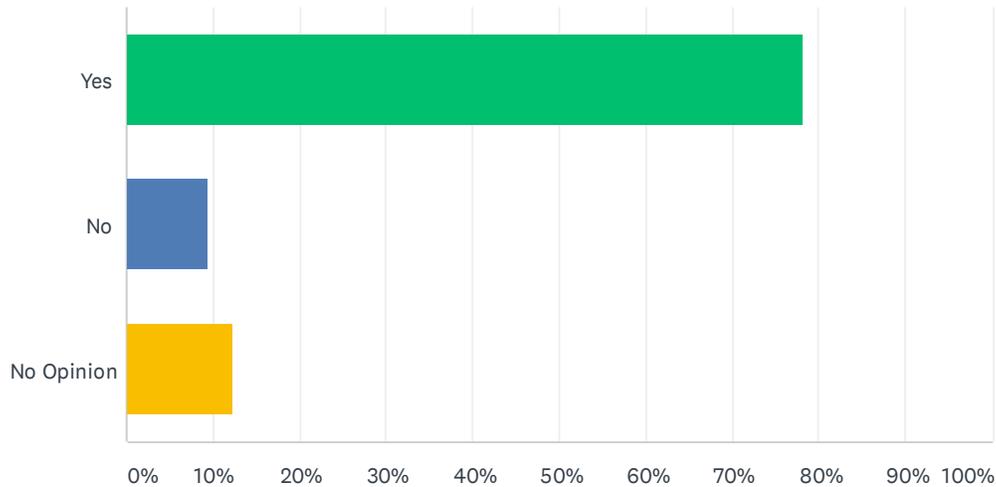
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.96%	685
No	3.64%	28
No Opinion	7.40%	57
TOTAL		770

Q79 Do you support applying for grants and funding assistance when local tax funds are being used as the local match when the projects involve trail projects and quality of life improvements?

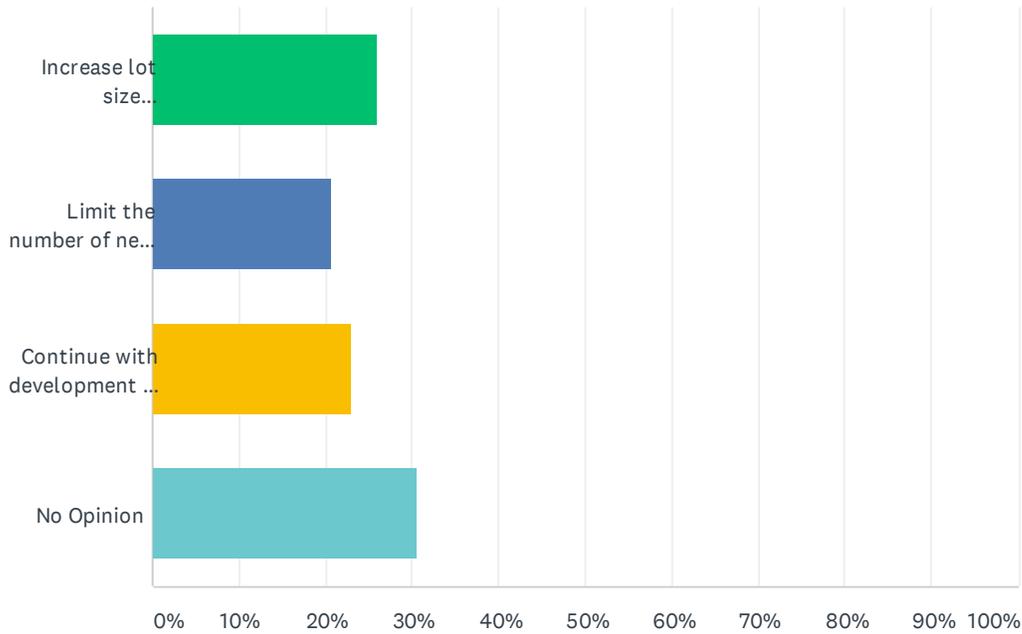
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	78.20% 599
No	9.40% 72
No Opinion	12.40% 95
TOTAL	766

Q80 Due to the known issues with septic system failure and waterway pollution along with the high cost of resolving these issues, what option should our community take to combat these issues?

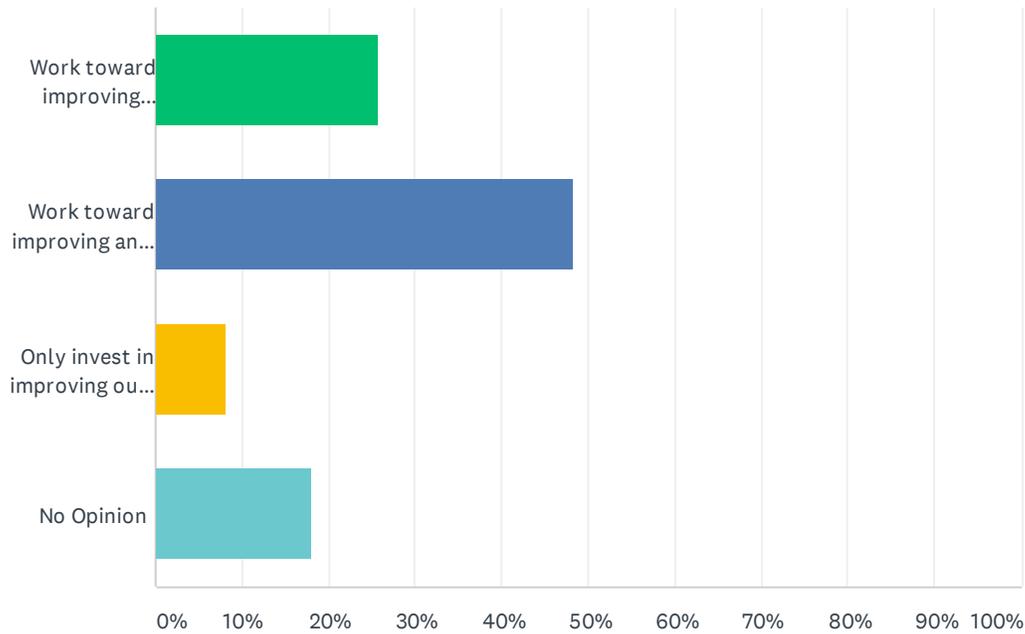
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase lot size requirements to allow for additional septic system sites	25.86%	196
Limit the number of new homes that can be built using septic systems	20.71%	157
Continue with development as normal	22.96%	174
No Opinion	30.47%	231
TOTAL		758

Q81 How should our community review and approve gravel roads to chip-n-seal roads conversion requests?

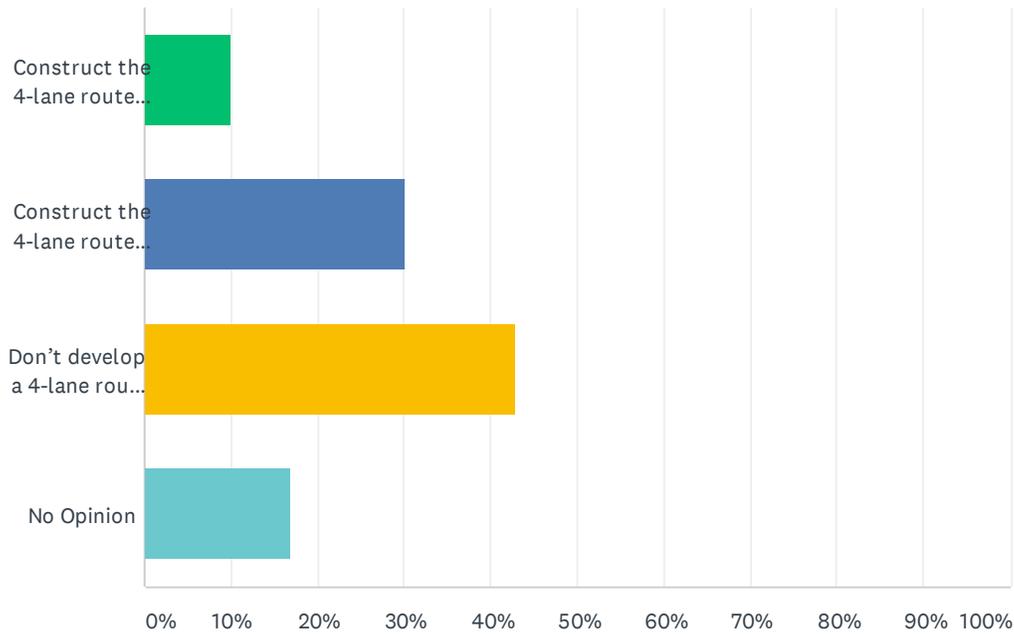
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work toward improving gravel roads only designated on a master road plan	25.69%	196
Work toward improving any gravel road requested by the public	48.23%	368
Only invest in improving our existing chip-n-seal roads	8.13%	62
No Opinion	17.96%	137
TOTAL		763

Q82 If State Road 1 would change to a 4-lane highway from the north side of Bluffton to I-469, what route would you support?

Answered: 762 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Construct the 4-lane route through Ossian knowing that buildings and properties would have to be purchased and demolished to make this improvement	9.97%	76
Construct the 4-lane route around the east side of Ossian knowing that it would split farm fields and change how some county roads function	30.18%	230
Don't develop a 4-lane route; instead, invest in capacity improvements on CR 100 E, CR 450 E, and CR 600 E to handle the growing traffic numbers	42.91%	327
No Opinion	16.93%	129
TOTAL		762

Q83 If you would like to make any comments regarding the subject matter covered in this survey, or about the development of our community, please write them below.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 630

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Don't keep raising farmers taxes,they pay for most of the school and road projects while if you rent or own low house don't pay much if anything.	7/31/2020 6:57 PM
2	Why would you obliterate Ossian? Obviously going around through other means is a solution	7/31/2020 12:36 PM
3	None	7/29/2020 10:13 PM
4	I would like to see Lancaster Park developed as proposed by the planners of that project. It is definitely needed in the northern part of Bluffton.	7/29/2020 9:34 AM
5	I live directly on the river, and have noticed so much pile up of brush and tree trunks. I really feel like some of the flooding issues and buildup around bridges could be mitigated by the cleanup of these piles so that the river can freely flow. I also don't like how certain individuals can hold county or city government seats and also be involved in large real estate development projects personally. It seems like a large conflict of interest and I feel like favoritism and abuse of power is shown.	7/29/2020 9:28 AM
6	If we don't develop something in Wells County to attract tourism, this will never be an "inclusive community". I also don't believe in using County funds to help finance city projects.	7/29/2020 8:47 AM
7	Thank you	7/27/2020 11:25 AM
8	Only comment is that several of these questions are not yes or no questions. More info needed on some of these because of repercussions they could cause.	7/26/2020 12:59 PM
9	A 4 lane would be nice on st rd 1, but going around Ossian or tearing down buildings would hurt their community business'. Could it be a 4 lane before and after them? I know it may cause some congestion through Ossian, but I don't want their town to get hurt from it.	7/26/2020 8:03 AM
10	Please make highway 1 a 4 lane.	7/25/2020 6:34 PM
11	Even though Bluffton is a small town, I believe it would be beneficial to look at improvements cities like Fort Wayne have done with a grain of salt. To apply what we can to improve the quality of life of our community & attract young adults/businesses.	7/24/2020 2:39 PM
12	There should be no gravel roads	7/23/2020 10:36 PM
13	I believe there is a need for more attractions for the younger crowd. Everyone goes to Fort Wayne for entertainment. Ie skatepark, drive in , restaurants serving alcohol, etc etc	7/23/2020 4:05 PM
14	Stop trying to raise property taxes!	7/23/2020 2:02 PM
15	I believe many if these issues need additional information to give an educated opinion. There needs to be a more effective way of presenting information to the general public.	7/23/2020 1:34 PM
16	Passing lanes on hwy 1 instead of full 4 lanes from 469 to Bluffton	7/23/2020 12:57 PM
17	Help Ossian!	7/23/2020 8:00 AM
18	Many answers listed as "no opinion" could be listed as "not sure". Need to discuss in depth to provide an answer different than the two listed (yes/no). Thanks	7/22/2020 12:31 PM
19	Please don't bring in more section 8 housing... it ruins our town with down & out people... let people find affordable housing somewhere else... if BLUFFTON isn't affordable let them take themselves and their issues somewhere else. A county inspector would be nice to oversee the messes that people live in downtown and around... clean up the slumlords... nobody wants to hang out in downtown with trashy people! Clean up what we have here before spending time and money on anything new! We don't need Uber... we have nothing to Uber to or from! Free WiFi downtown will make it a haven for trashy people who can't afford WiFi.... this was the sweet version of what I'd like to say!	7/21/2020 9:48 PM
20	I think it should turn into a 4 lane highway after the town of Ossian. No need to go around Ossian or tear buildings down in Ossian. I don't mind the slowed traffic through Ossian on highway 1. The traffic tends to continue to be slow when heading north on highway 1 after getting through Ossian	7/21/2020 4:16 PM
21	Don't get too big for your britches, Bluffton! Calm down.	7/20/2020 8:53 PM
22	re: increasing taxes to pay for projects - too many times taxes have been increased to pay for	7/20/2020 4:12 PM

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road, school, and other projects, then the funds are diverted to pay for unrelated items that they were never intended to pay for (even our own CEDIT funds). This happens over and over again. Instead of increasing taxes, funnel the taxes already raised back to their intended purposes. Re: eminent domain - any government entity having this kind of power is a scary thing. yes, it can have its purpose, but too often its used inappropriately. Road improvements to Ft Wayne - Yes it would be nice to see Hwy 1 expanded, but at what cost? Expanding to four lanes thru Ossian could have terrible effects on the downtown if that route is taken, and to be honest I'm not sure how well a bypass would be used. A bypass would be nice for truck traffic. Expanding 100E, 450E, and 600E could allow for growth and development on those roads, but they would have to have major upgrades to allow for increased traffic. Road from dustman to Jackson - why just that stretch? why not extend Stodgill to Jackson? Another north/south road from even the south side of Bluffton would allow for increased development as well as help traffic flow on main st. Scooter share - I am not a fan of these services. One of our children went to college in a town where these were popular. The scooter operators were often reckless and collided with walkers. The town finally banned the use because of the number of accidents. I have also seen this in downtown Ft Wayne this spring - scooters darting into the crosswalks against the light, being careless around walkers, etc. I don't feel there is space for walkers and scooters on the sidewalks. County parks dept. - Do we really need ANOTHER govt entity to pay for? It would be nice if the rural areas could be divided and assigned to the current parks depts. for management. I understand could be confusing and complicated with a city entity deciding for rural areas. If a county parks dept was established, there would have to be clear separation of funds and power so that one could not overrule or impose their will over another. Residential streets more walker friendly - The county and city should require that all residential development include proper sewer and sidewalk construction. Solar power - I would love to see Bluffton be a leader in solar power. I'm not a fan of the windmills; my understanding is that the cost and energy to build them far exceeds any benefits, and we should never turn food into fuel (ethanol). Solar energy however, is a great alternative. And we already have a solar company in town! Buying flood properties - Wasn't this already addressed following the last big flood? Why has this not already been resolved? Pro-growth community - It would have been nice to have a definition. Growth can mean different things to different people, and there are different areas and types of growth. I checked no opinion because of the lack of clarity of what you are asking. Housing shortage - YES!!!! There is a severe housing shortage in Wells County, for all income levels. Unfortunately most of the developments in Wells Co are to the north of town. From what I understand from speaking with our local developers, there is 1) an attitude that anything south of the Main St bridge isn't worth the effort (their words, not mine, which I think is a shameful attitude), and 2) it's just too complicated to try to develop land within the city limits (again, their words). There is a prime spot for residential development across the street from the Bluffton schools that would make a great location for a nice, upper scale subdivision. Apartment projects have been shot down, esp if they would focus more towards lower income. If Bluffton wants to be considered inclusive or pro-growth, residential development must move forward, and not just in the Norwell school district. Tourism - This is an awesome idea! Chip and Seal roads - I will never understand the concept of taking a paved road and turning it into a gravel road. It's just dangerous. We recently took a road trip to Ohio, and their roads are so nice. I have never seen a chip and seal road in any state other than Indiana. It would be nice to see how Ohio keeps their roads so nice. I apologize for the length of my replies. I love Bluffton and want to see it grow and improve. I hope my comments were respectful and informative.

23	One size does not fit all. Each subject has its own standards. There are exceptions to each rule or law, especially when it comes to private property & changing its use. Change does not always benefit all.	7/20/2020 1:35 PM
24	Be prepared for more crime, drugs, with bringing more people here. You cannot handle it now. I moved my business because of clients complaining about a drug rehab beside me. And the bluffton now only supports a lot of down town business..its still a who you know community. Not everyone is treated the same	7/20/2020 10:05 AM
25	Some questions seemed leading toward certain answers. Some questions just are not well defined. I didn't understand what was being asked because I'm not familiar with the situation. Some issues, like substance abuse are not helped or solved using tax money. They are heart problems requiring relationships. Helping Hands reaches people better than a tax supported agency would.	7/20/2020 7:50 AM
26	Do not increase traffic on CR 100E!	7/19/2020 9:49 PM
27	Nate Rumschlag has done more harm than good. He needs to be replaced. Hoosier Highway	7/19/2020 5:01 PM

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	needs to remain completely open.	
28	I do not want wind farms in Wells County.	7/19/2020 4:34 PM
29	I say no more parks until the parks maintenance crew learns how to trim trees and take care of Wabash River Park. I saw two wonderful ladies pulling weeds and taking care of one section of it. If the master gardeners can't do it, the parks department should or hire a landscaping company to take care of it.	7/19/2020 2:34 PM
30	BEFORE WE SPEND ANY MONEY ON A BIKE TRAIL TO ANGOLA LETS CHIP AND SEAL ALL OF OUR GRAVEL ROADS. PAVED ROADS WILL BENEFIT US ALL YEAR LONG WHERE AS A BIKE TRAIL WILL BE SEASONAL AND USED BY A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF WELLS CO RESIDENTS.	7/18/2020 3:44 PM
31	I did not like the choices for the 4 lane highway ! We need to have less input from the County Engineer- he is costing us too much money.	7/17/2020 10:19 PM
32	U have a lot of stupid plans	7/17/2020 10:16 PM
33	None	7/17/2020 8:55 PM
34	.	7/17/2020 6:05 PM
35	No	7/17/2020 5:09 PM
36	If making a trail from park to park, it seems counter intuitive to put a 4 lane road through Ossian. Ossian would make a good stopping point for a north-south trail. How about getting some stop-lights in Ossian that ticket speeders automatically. Trucks fly through Ossian at over 60 MPH at night. There does not seem to be a way to have homeowners repair existing sidewalks that break down in their front yard. Just south of Ossian School there is a sidewalk broken down due to a broken down drain running under it. It seems as if some homeowners might need financial assistance to make the needed repairs. Housing repair assistance might increase the number of housing options available, as well. I have seen rental places that should no longer actually be rentals due to the needed repairs. Rentals needed to be inspected so that they are maintained to a higher standard, which would assist in having available rentals of a higher quality.	7/17/2020 3:50 PM
37	Many area cities the size (or even smaller) of Bluffton have Goodwill and Salvation Army. Our city should pursue businesses like these which are incredibly helpful to families in financial difficulty.	7/16/2020 11:42 PM
38	.	7/16/2020 6:24 PM
39	Stop the promotion of building on the north side of Bluffton. Instead, promote growth on the south side, especially when it comes to new affordable housing developments. I get that developers have the final say however, the city and local authorities have some pull and influence on these decisions too. There are an abundant amount families on the south side waiting for an affordable housing addition to break ground on the south side. Price range that would be ideal is \$160,000-\$220,000. This is one of the main reasons of how you can retain and keep millennials from leaving Bluffton and going elsewhere.	7/16/2020 5:46 PM
40	Why would anyone think it was a good idea to destroy downtown Ossian to put in a 4 lane road? This is the worst idea I have ever heard.	7/16/2020 4:03 PM
41	All gravel roads should be converted to chip and seal. Farm land in Wells County should be used for raising food, not for making foreign wind power companies wealthier.	7/15/2020 10:04 PM
42	Please synchronize the stop lights in town.	7/15/2020 8:37 PM
43	Evidently, wind mills are trying to "sneak" back into Wells County. They were defeated once, please be up front with the intentions this time. The only people wanting them are the property owners that benefit from the income and people that don't live near them!	7/15/2020 8:01 PM
44	Windmills are bad for our rural community. For many reasons, including the potential damage their construction and operation of would cause to septic systems that, judging by the number of questions on this survey concerning septic systems, seem to be in poor shape	7/15/2020 6:57 PM
45	#17&18: Uber and bike share companies "encouraged"? No, but not hindered either. ... #71: We don't need a Tourism "Office" but certainly need an effort. Start out with a committee and establish some funding. ... Many of my "No Opinions" would be better answered "It depends."	7/15/2020 4:44 PM

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46	We should concentrate on maintaining the good condition of what we already have instead of trying to build more and more that will only have to be maintained also.	7/15/2020 4:04 PM
47	Wells county is the only county around with so many gravel roads. We have done all the leg work that the county has asked us to do, and still no chip and seal on 400 North.	7/15/2020 12:22 PM
48	Thank you for all the hard work each of you put into the improvements of Wells county.	7/15/2020 9:03 AM
49	N/A	7/14/2020 10:58 PM
50	N/a	7/14/2020 8:39 PM
51	Thank You for this survey.	7/14/2020 7:46 PM
52	Keep property taxes low. It is the most unfair tax of all.	7/14/2020 6:26 PM
53	Keep investing in the riverfront	7/14/2020 4:32 PM
54	1. If you are going to support local businesses, then support all outside of bluffton too... and not just the ones owned by the rich, there are a lot of individuals that own some pretty fabulous businesses that are constantly over looked because the big companies take presidents! 2. Leave the gravel roads alone, a very large amount of people love living on those roads, it's the minority that speak the loudest that get their roads paved... then they regret it, because traffic picks up exponentially and they project takes an enormous amount of their property... which is something not disguised when the plans are put in place to pave!	7/14/2020 3:16 PM
55	Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion.	7/14/2020 3:05 PM
56	When topics like wind turbines have been defeated in Wells County...why are they constantly being brought back up. People living in the cities should not make those life changing decisions for people that live in the country. Living around wind turbines is no laughing matter. Wells County has clearly said no to that project, keep it that way. A few people should not make the decisions for all....a good example is the recent removal of the trees in downtown....big mistake. Septic systems in rural areas should be the business and concern of the property owner. The county as a whole needs to be cleaned up....if there's areas that have old buildings, junk cars or machinery, junk in general...then those areas should be issued a letter to have so much time to get said properly cleaned up or be fined. If we want the city and county to be beautiful, then let's make these people accountable. Raising taxes is not always the answer (accountability is)! Thank you for your efforts in these areas.	7/14/2020 3:00 PM
57	I personally do not want any wind turbines in my area, I sincerely hope if this becomes an issue again it is handled better than last time.	7/14/2020 12:02 PM
58	I don't agree with raising any taxes. I don't believe it is the governments responsibility to purchase flooded/flooding houses there are flood plains laid out for people to know this information, if they have purchased a house in that area, its on them not the tax payers or government to bail them out. I guess there needs to be more information on why the sewers are being expanded to the out lying small towns. Has it been requested by citizens or is it just to continue developments and is it really necessary to do. The next question is who is paying for these developments as a tax payer not living in any of these small towns my taxes should not be funding any of these improvements. I have read a letter that was received by a citizen in regards to possibly raising sewer cost \$200 a month (how is this affordable for anyone or even right to do). If you want to improve the city of Bluffton, start with the run down houses that are scattered throughout town. Another big eye sore that I notice almost everyday is at the corner of Washington St and Jersey St take out the concrete and make a park there or a green space but that area has been that way for at least 10 years. In regards to the side walk program that needs to be on the city to improve sidewalks. In my opinion this is the responsibility of the city to improve and maintain, not the homeowner. There has to be grants/funds out there to help in this effort rather than relying on the citizens/home owners to pay for it.	7/14/2020 8:59 AM
59	The questions marked "no opinion" , mean, we do not know enough about this subject to make an informed decision, or this matter does not affect the area where we live and should be decided by those who live there.	7/14/2020 8:48 AM
60	I do not support anything that causes taxes to be raised. This turnip is dry and doesn't have any extra blood to give! And with all the shutdowns this year, it is the worst possible time to even consider it. You all need to figure out how to live within the lower taxes you are likely	7/14/2020 2:50 AM

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receiving now due to job losses which lead to less taxes being collected. Grants are ok as long as there are no strings attached that locks our county or towns into following oppressive rules that could limit freedom or the ability to make our own decisions as individuals. Government needs to have less responsibility for the things people want instead of more. Let people volunteer to do these things instead of involving gov't systems. Really need to limit gov't, not expand it.

61	quit paving gravel roads that have relation on elected borads	7/13/2020 6:26 PM
62	Please do what is possible to eliminate the possibility of ANY new CAFO facilities in the county. Also eliminate all incoming waste from outside Wells County being applied to farm ground within Wells County. Thank You for taking the time to have this survey available!	7/13/2020 3:42 PM
63	I am glad to see this survey. I would like to know if information on these issues is available to review. I had to chose no opinion on several issues because I know little to nothing about them or any preexisting plans the commission may have.	7/13/2020 11:30 AM
64	Regarding using tax funds to address drug abuse, it is more of a cultural issue--where they are living, the quality of life. Their environment needs to change too. If substance abusers receive help but continue to return to poor living conditions it is likely they will just resume their initial habits.	7/13/2020 11:18 AM
65	Property taxes are already a burden. Don't think that owning property equals the ability to pay a property tax. In the case of farm income of a rented farm. The landowner pays income tax on the land rent, the landowner has already paid income taxes on the money used to buy the farm, pays property tax on the assessed value of the land, pays capital gain tax if forced to sell the farm in order to live in assisted living and then pays tax on the necessary items consumed to live. That family farm owner only has one or two votes to vote for or against a taxing policy. Do a complete and thorough analysis of the effect of any taxes that you're going to expect to implement on the tax paying public. Survey each and every one of them for their opinion before it's implemented. Anything less is unfair.	7/13/2020 8:50 AM
66	This survey was too long and exhausting. Also the questions tended to encourage a single answer by only giving one side of the issue. I appreciate that there is an effort to solicit public information though.	7/13/2020 7:49 AM
67	Absolutely no wind turbines in Wells County ever!!!	7/12/2020 9:12 PM
68	Need some information to go along with questions.	7/12/2020 8:24 PM
69	I would like to see all gravel roads changed to chip and seal.	7/12/2020 6:21 PM
70	Cut out waste	7/12/2020 4:58 PM
71	As far as the development of the small communities like Poneto, Petroleum and such, I think that needs to be left up to the communities to decide. I moved to Wells county last year because of the small town atmosphere, the charm of the rural communities, the low crime rate, etc. Let's not do anything to put that at risk. Growth is good, don't get me wrong, and I feel that the area strongly supports the local businesses. I know I do. But let's not lose sight of what makes this area such a wonderful place to live. Be careful what you wish for.	7/12/2020 12:21 PM
72	The survey is a great idea. We need to know more about our community and its needs.	7/11/2020 8:37 AM
73	PLEASE Shop Local!!! Bluffton NOW Hired a company out of Wells county when we have 2 great Contractors in town!! Jackson and Briner!! How do these companies out of town hear about this bidding???? We have at least 5 great landscape companies that could do the courthouse work that was done by out of town landscaper!! WOW! VISION??? They advertise SHOP LOCAL!!! Really?? Wells County IS a GREAT place to live but PLEASE Take a look at these projects done and vehicles bought and many things that can be done locally... Actions speak loader than words!	7/10/2020 5:30 PM
74	Four lanes to Fort Wayne would be awesome. Better utilization of the state park and surrounding trail system and green space. It would be nice to have more lodging options here as well. More restaurants in downtown would be nice. The brewery is a huge addition. Secondary education options would be good to Help keep the kids here.	7/10/2020 1:56 PM
75	I don't support the Lancaster park/baseball field agenda. The Parks Department (or any created County Parks Dept) should only have to manage and take care of property owned by the City or County. If the Lancaster/Baseball field agenda wants to donate their land to the city or	7/10/2020 1:25 PM

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county for the proceeds to go back into the county or city that is fine. However, if they want to have parks dept take care of their field, etc, while they gets to keep their private funds, I think that would be a huge conflict of interest and improper use of our parks department and improper use of tax payer monies.

76	do not take anymore farm ground for a route to fort wayne! the traffic can go down road 1 like always!	7/10/2020 1:01 PM
77	I would like to emphasis how much we need safe sidewalks! And if the golf cart trend is going to continue, maybe make them paths to keep them off the road. Too many kids driving sharing the space with cars, it's unsafe!	7/9/2020 10:23 PM
78	Please do not waste tax money on these tried and failed schemes to "attract younger families" or alternative energy in Bluffton. Those are old ideas that have been tried in counties all around us and they have all been abysmal failures. Just take a look at Delaware County where I moved from. Millions wasted in river front development, "quality of space" development, pocket parks (1 park for every square mile now) and more waste. Bluffton is wonderful the way it is. Please, don't turn into another Muncie.	7/9/2020 6:00 PM
79	All of these questions, if answered in a positive way and implemented, would result in more taxes. No new taxes! We need less government, not more. We have been waiting for our gravel road to be chip n sealed for 15 years. That shows us that taxes assessed are not being spent on the road, but on creating a position in government. We need less government interference.	7/9/2020 5:28 PM
80	Any changes that are considered being made to down town area should be published mire before action is taken by BLUFFTON NOW (our trees are gone & downtown looks awful without them).	7/9/2020 1:51 PM
81	Why would you want to spend money on providing college and trade classes when its available only 20 minutes away. That money could be spent on some other need out there. I feel helping our smaller communities become a thriving place to live will only make the rest of us look better.	7/9/2020 12:26 PM
82	River access sites(as well as reducing pollution) , trails, public sidewalks are all high priority to me.	7/9/2020 11:51 AM
83	So many generalized questions without details.	7/9/2020 11:28 AM
84	A sports complex at Lancaster Park would be an incredible waste of resources and tax dollars.	7/9/2020 11:05 AM
85	A lot of these items seem to be a cash grab. The residents of Wells County pay enough! As far as enlarging the schools, our schools function well because they are small. Bringing more students into the schools won't improve educational opportunities.	7/9/2020 11:00 AM
86	Many of the questions reference "our community;" in practice, though, that often translates to mean "Bluffton." I would like to see more focus on development, activities, grant monies, and general attention to the communities of Wells County beyond and besides Bluffton. It's also important to note that quite a few of these questions are not ones well-suited to the opinion vote of the general public, but were better suited to ask someone with expertise in the area. I don't recall all of them but one that stands out was whether the courthouse should be actively checked to see if it's being maintained properly — that shouldn't be a popular vote, but the determination of someone with an expertise in the preservation of historic buildings. Some of the questions about septic systems were similar. There were others I know I'm forgetting. Finally, the last question of the survey, about the bypass, was written with apparent bias in favor of the bypass. It should have been written neutrally. As it is, it is likely to skew the responses.	7/8/2020 7:39 PM
87	There is more of a problem with Cafo spreading manure on fields that drain directly into waterways than any septic problem could pose. Stop the CAFOs	7/8/2020 1:12 PM
88	Seems like all the concentration of funds is diverted to Bluffton city. There are other areas of the county that could benefit from ideas and funding. Those areas get only the leftovers from Bluffton's projects, and just enough to allow the powers that be, ability to say they have spent money outside of Bluffton. Bluffton gets way too much and always gets priority over ALL other areas of the county. Many of the questions were asked about Wells County and yet I am certain that Bluffton will take the results of the questions to show that respondents want more	7/8/2020 12:06 PM

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money and ideas spent in Bluffton. Not true!! Make projects Wells County based, NOT Bluffton based.

89	Keep up the good work...	7/8/2020 10:58 AM
90	Utilize common citizens for input not just the community leaders.	7/8/2020 10:43 AM
91	No to CAFO's, No to WIND, Expand the parks,	7/8/2020 9:09 AM
92	I really felt like I didn't know enough about many of these questions to have an informed opinion. You needed to give more information on these topics if you really wanted people to make good decisions. Also for #82 I wish there was an option to only widen SR 1 between Ossian and I-469. I would hate for Ossian to lose its businesses along SR 1 and I would also hate to see the town get by-passed but traffic between Ossian and 469 can be very heavy at times.	7/7/2020 1:50 PM
93	Attention needs to be paid to attract more shopping opportunities besides Walmart. They are the only place to buy home goods. We can't shop local if there isn't any variety of stores to shop. We should have stores that provide the items we need not more car lots and restaurants. I have to shop elsewhere to even purchase a decent pair of shoes. We want more choices for our families. We have no entertainment here and again have to go out of town for that and spend dollars somewhere else. How can you support shopping locally when there are no choices? Our youth need to have things to do. Look into what they would be interested in. Nothing to do equals trouble.	7/7/2020 1:18 PM
94	Many questions did not have a clear yes or no answer. More info was needed.	7/7/2020 9:37 AM
95	Nope	7/7/2020 9:37 AM
96	I believe our rural Area septic issues are due to old homes not updates to today's standards. Not the new homes being built. Increasing lot size is not the answer. Sewer treatment or septic inspection is the answer.	7/6/2020 11:37 PM
97	Is the Wells County Courthouse at the end of its useful life given the money it takes to maintain it presently?	7/6/2020 8:37 PM
98	None	7/6/2020 8:34 PM
99	N/a	7/6/2020 8:00 PM
100	There are plenty of vacant homes around the city. A plan to acquire them and turn into affordable housing would be nice.	7/6/2020 7:52 PM
101	Improve snow removal downtown sidewalks.	7/6/2020 6:58 PM
102	I feel top priorities should be making Wells County and especially Bluffton more appealing to young adults and new families by making the town easily accessible we have a great parks department and now with the Plaza and local businesses I feel we are headed in the right direction. Second I think that making this County more self sufficient and eco minded is very important to our future. I also believe in investing in existing infrastructure. I am willing to pay more in taxes so that this happens. Also, expanding utilities is a great idea. I would love it if Wells County had more access to not just sewer but also internet as many of our schools already have "eLearning Days" and many of the students homes do not have internet (mostly rural areas) and have to come into town to either a business or the library and many are not able to do so. I am concerned about the septic issues however I feel that if there are issues and there is someone already residing in the home and the county/town wants them to pay to connect to the sewer I feel that it should be covered by the county/city as many residents of Wells County simply do not have the funds to pay for such a service. I would love more information about these issues before I formulate an opinion. Thank you for this survey, and your time.	7/6/2020 6:51 PM
103	Widen artery routes through the city. West wiley and east wiley are cramped. Work with local railroads to fix or eliminate unused railroad crossings on wiley. Why hasnt an overpass been constructed over the tracks that split our community. Merge wells county sheriffs dept with the city.	7/6/2020 6:44 PM
104	Keep doing good work! There's a lot to be done to get our City to where it needs to be. Literally anything in here is an improvement. I'd like to see it all. Thanks!	7/6/2020 5:23 PM
105	The people who live at the corner of Garr Street and State Road 116 have an old junk pickup	7/6/2020 4:55 PM

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truck without plates sitting in the front yard. The bed of that truck is also in the front yard with the liner haphazardly positioned on top of it, there are old tires stacked in front of the garage and they have two pigs being raised in the garage. There is random trash and junk/tree limbs cut up and stacked in the front yard. This needs to be cleaned up.

106	The County government should develop more parks, etc and take care if them themselves. The Bluffton Parks Dept should not be taking care of County areas.	7/5/2020 10:17 AM
107	Would like to see a 4th of July parade. Could be as simple as doing the golf cart parade then but inviting those with classic cars, trucks etc. Everyone decorates their vehicles. I know some people go on vacation during this week, but many people come here to camp. Many people also stay in town. Would LOVE to see Olde 303 Music Festival back and growing every year. Would like to see a Parlor City Live ...maybe acoustic music on Fridays at the plaza like they have at Jefferson Pointe. I would love to see tables with canopies on the plaza like was shown in some of the early pictures of the plaza project. As far as stores...I think we need some type of restaurant downtown where you can get a regular iced tea or pop along with a hamburger. I usually go to Hardees. A sporting goods store would be wonderful! I am only in my 40s, but I remember going to get goggles, swimsuit...for swim team, and tennis shoes and hiking boots there. Kayak and canoe rental would be awesome! Sure wish the state park would build a few cabins too. This is one of our huge assets in Bluffton.	7/5/2020 8:31 AM
108	I believe that good things are being done to promote small businesses, downtown, events, etc. Keep up the good work and continue with these plus the growth needed to bring others into our community. We have an EXCELLENT parks department who organizes awesome events for our community. Also Bluffton NOW is doing a great job of promoting on social media. We need to find a draw for our community. For example, Decatur has the sculpture tour, and focuses on the arts. Having educational opportunities in Wells County would save lots of folks from driving to PFW. Good survey questions covering a large variety of needs.	7/5/2020 7:39 AM
109	Love our Parks Department	7/5/2020 7:11 AM
110	Open the pool!	7/5/2020 1:02 AM
111	82. Just make the 4 lanes go from bluffton to Ossian, the Ossian to 469 . Leave Ossian alone people can slow down and enjoy a small town. It won't kill them.	7/3/2020 8:50 AM
112	Stop spending money on landscaping the downtown to only cut the trees down a few years later. Bluffton Pool needs to be opened every summer. Increase the fees if necessary. Movie theater in old Pamada building. More restaurants brought to the town. Parking lot for Pizza King should be developed. We have a water view but waste it on parking spaces and undesirable neighborhoods. The views would be better used as restaurants and walkways. Build up river banks for less flooding and more development of homes and businesses. Increase and restore sidewalks. Add turn lane from Dustman onto St Rd 1.	7/3/2020 12:28 AM
113	We need to help the local small business owners get to the next level. Need to get them information on how to grow their business as some of them do not know who to ask and what to ask for. We should really spotlight pitroad collectibles and parlor city brewing. Also we need to develop youth based activities. The parks dept has excelled in recent years but I think there is more low hanging fruit on the tree. Also we still have many kids in the community that don't have adequate food, clothing and living accommodations that we need to really put emphasis on getting help. Some of their parents can't help it due to circumstances but other parents need their hand forced to straighten up or lose their children.	7/2/2020 10:19 PM
114	No new taxes	7/2/2020 3:16 PM
115	I would like to see our state park be better utilized and grown. We should have more lodging options here to promote stay and use of the state park. Would love to have cabins like koa. Clean up the river and work with someone to offer kayak and canoe rentals. Vera Cruz to white bridge or old cemetery, and another to Murray. I support growth in downtown. I think new housing/retail would be embraced and catalyst for more growth downtown. A new county/city office building would be nice as well. Multi use co working space/space for training/certification/secondary education. Four lanes to fwa would be great. I think by passing Ossian would be a better solution for Ossian. If not it will be too costly to purchase and bulldoze the properties. Housing is a huge problem here. No one wants to build new homes in bluffton schools.	7/2/2020 12:00 PM
116	Thank you for including the Historical Museum in your survey. The museum is the best kept secret in Wells County. I noticed in the latest tabloid that the Museum was never mentioned.	7/2/2020 10:24 AM

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Why? History is the road to our past and to our future why is it being ignored in Wells County?
We are a country style County not a big city. Let's keep "home town" in our vision.

117	Bluffton has done a wonderful job with their revitalization efforts. Ossian's, on the other hand, are out of touch and not what the town needs. Our household spends nearly all of our discretionary income in Bluffton or Fort Wayne due to lack of options in Ossian. We also choose to frequent Bluffton or Fort Wayne parks and trails over Ossian, despite living in Ossian.	7/1/2020 4:49 PM
118	Please have a public view before Bluffton N.O.W does any more silly shit	7/1/2020 4:14 PM
119	The expansion of post-secondary education, whether college classes, trade courses, or apprenticeships within Wells County could do much to improve our workforce and both entice and retain young people in being active members of our community.	7/1/2020 2:42 PM
120	Are we still using the tire tax to pave our gravel roads? I never hear anything about it.	7/1/2020 2:29 PM
121	Stop the dumping of trash along our roadways with large fines	7/1/2020 1:17 PM
122	I would email this to all folks you have emails for. Thanks!! A lot of these I put no opinion on because I don't know details.	7/1/2020 1:08 PM
123	I understand that factory jobs are a necessity and help bring families to our communities. I believe we should work on getting more jobs that will bring college age students back to bluffton. After graduation, most college grads move to Fort Wayne (or further away) to find higher paying /prestigious jobs. There are very few 18-30 year olds that either live or work in Bluffton. That age group is going to support the downtown, they will have families that will grow schools, ect.	7/1/2020 12:46 PM
124	None	7/1/2020 11:57 AM
125	No new Taxes!!! You need to learn to spend money wisely with out raising taxes. Focus on projects that have to be done and stop all this pet projects and save back money for those types projects.	7/1/2020 11:21 AM
126	Slow and steady wins the race.	7/1/2020 11:06 AM
127	In regards to question 82, I'd suggest making the county roads safer for vehicles to travel at a higher speed limit. CR450E is terrible in even the best traveling conditions.	7/1/2020 11:01 AM
128	Leave rural areas alone as much as possible. No new housing developments until a better handle on improving housing downtown and businesses. Need to work on more food establishments especially in the Wells County area.	7/1/2020 10:56 AM
129	Really upset about cutting down the beautiful trees on the downtown area. They could of been trimmed. It took away the beauty away from the downtown.	7/1/2020 10:51 AM
130	Bluffton needs more shopping options. Encourage more stores to come to Bluffton. I drive to other towns to shop on a weekly basis because there is only a Wal-Mart and kroger in town. It stinks that I have to spend my money in other counties because ours didn't offer much. Also something for kids to do such as a movie theater, go carts, laser tag, more sit down restaurant's, ect. Would be great. Its 2020 lets step it up! There was lots of shopping available when I was a kid in the 80's, let make Bluffton great again!	6/30/2020 9:39 PM
131	Na	6/30/2020 2:20 PM
132	Thank you	6/30/2020 12:24 PM
133	Our county's 'gravel' roads are so unsafe. We live in Jackson Township and have seen a HUGE increase in traffic on our road, including mega barn's semis. We need chip and seal roads everywhere there is a gravel road.	6/30/2020 11:53 AM
134	Sounds like a Democrat wrote this. Some of us appreciate small town living and country life and don't want it all taken away and tax us to death.	6/30/2020 10:38 AM
135	Make every government entity online with no need for buildings and maintenance. Change the courthouse into a downtown mini-mall. Pave (not chip and seal) every street in every small town. Chip and seal every gravel road in the county. Plant more trees downtown. Coordinate stop lights, so traffic flows steadily through Bluffton. Buy the railroad line that runs from Craigville to Liberty Center and turn it into a bike path. Extend Oak street to the bypass and	6/29/2020 9:49 PM

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pave or chip and seal Rose road (road that parallels the Wabash River west of Murray) and 400n to Oak road for a bike path to Markle. Junk/junk vehicles and eternal garage/yard sales need to be minimized or eliminated.

136	Since this was a multiple choice survey, the options of the answers to the questions were not exactly how I would have answered.	6/29/2020 9:40 PM
137	The APC was very one sided and unwilling to listen to other options regarding the connecting of a new apartment complex to a long existing housing community. Maple drive goes nowhere and all the roads of North Oaks Addition will need improved along with additional stop signs to ever make this addition safe with the increased traffic that will be allowed into their addition.	6/29/2020 9:33 PM
138	NO 4 LANE ON ST RD 1	6/29/2020 9:14 PM
139	Please leave gravel roads alone, if the residents don't want it to be chip and sealed, then leave it alone, most moved to these locations for the rural, solidarity setting and by chip and sealing a road(especially close to a major state road) it creates a super Highway for drivers... perfect example of this is oak road... the residents on this road were flabbergasted on how crazy traffic is and how fast people go!	6/29/2020 7:39 PM
140	Many of these are far too vague to be able to give a yes or no toward support. They also are not easily understandable by most people. Work toward more community outreach in these matters. The only way to hear about these things and the issues therein should not be via a paid subscription to the local newspapers. You need more community involvement not more community class divides and exclusivity.	6/29/2020 6:30 PM
141	Fix up the community for those who currently live in and around Bluffton without trying to get more people to move to Bluffton. Do for those that already live here.	6/29/2020 4:53 PM
142	I feel like Bluffton Now has a lot of attention and can really put our community in a good spot if handled right. I feel right now their priorities are steering in the direction of helping the elite of the community. " Those willing to buy a \$8 cup of coffee". I feel that some have used their position in the group for personal benefit when it may come to their buisness such as realty. I understand that the removal of trees was necessary due to the health of these trees. But it is naked now and how it appears to the public, is that the trees were removed to help shops be noticed. Put something there! There are people with a hard time to find clothes at walmart, and instead you want them to spend \$40 on a shirt !?!?! Our parks department is great for younger kids. It's been said FOR YEARS, bring something to Bluffton for teens. We dont need another church or another boutique or park right now. The mental state of these kids is crashing right now. Especially after shutting down school, these kids are bored. Many are from broken homes and have no hope at home. They need something. Even jobs, heck a job at McDonald's, they are hiring adults instead because adults would rather work fast food so they dont have to drug screen. I understand that a full capacity theature would be hard to keep up and running. But a small one. Showing maybe a different film every other night would be feasible. And not charging \$20 a person! Our community is so hungry and driven for a dollar, that we are crippling ourselves. The pool. Needs updated. There is enough money in this community. It's time we help that. We have a new mayor With new vision and such. Many are already disappointed. I hope he makes some good changes or that he gets some competition for that title.	6/29/2020 4:05 PM
143	I am in favor of promoting the arts, culture, and trails. However, I do not want historical or natural aspects of Bluffton to be destroyed to do it. I am also not in favor of a trail to Pokagon. This does not seem a responsible use of money when Bluffton Now is usually asking for funds for projects. I am also not in favor of a trail extension down North Marion Street. This would absolutely ruin the natural beauty that already exists there. I think our Creative Arts Center needs to do more outreach to everyone... Not just the ballet or theater crowd. I also think they need to do a better job of promoting Indiana artists and providing programs and information on the history of various Bluffton and Indiana artists. I look at their FB page and website and both are completely uninspiring. I feel the same about the Historical Museum. More local history should be explored. For example, I would love to see a Native American Festival or at least lectures on Native Americans who lived in this area and various tools they used. There are many many people who collect Indian implements and know Native American history and culture. I would love to be able to attend an actual dance/Pow Wow in this area. I also think we need to do a better job with things like Veterans Day Parades, etc. Also, please expand the Parlor City Market to extend around the courthouse and invite more than one food truck. When we got the plaza, I thought the sky would be the limit. It is almost embarrassing that people	6/29/2020 3:27 PM

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are being excluded (or so I've heard) and only one food truck is invited. Please let Bluffton shine!

144	With the potential increase in traffic coming to North Oaks, please use road funds to drastically improve the street that currently exist. It will not be sufficient in its current state.	6/29/2020 2:30 PM
145	I'm not sure why I even completed this survey, since the plan commission and commissioners don't seem to care what the people think...they will do what they want to do. But I'm ever and optimist and hopeful they might of enough people give their input.	6/29/2020 2:03 PM
146	Thank you for this survey and the opportunity to voice my opinion on the matters of Wells County	6/29/2020 12:31 PM
147	I'm extremely happy with how hard Bluffton Now group has worked to improve our downtown. They are doing a great job! I was NOT happy with how our city paid outrageous amounts of money (prior to Bluffton now) to consultants...which accomplished nothing!	6/29/2020 12:01 PM
148	Landlord regulations are necessary. It is too expensive to rent here. We paid \$1000 a month for a duplex house with no AC and outdated hot water baseboard heaters. Regulations on what landlords should be able to charge tenants should be put into place. Regulations on what landlords should be able to offer tenants should be put into place. Too many slum lords with unlivable properties. These are the only places most families can afford if they are unable to purchase a house.	6/29/2020 11:58 AM
149	none	6/29/2020 11:40 AM
150	The survey covers many needs. This is a great idea. It will be interesting to see the results.	6/29/2020 11:32 AM
151	I feel the trail in Bluffton I'd dangerous. I know there is a huge amount of signage but when making a left turn, watching for 2 lanes of on coming traffic plus the walkers or bikers is huge. I've turned and had to slam on my brakes because of a bike that came out of nowhere. Scared me to death. I believe there have been accidents	6/29/2020 11:24 AM
152	I would really like to see four lanes to 469. I wish the county/city would work with developers or offer incentives to develop housing additions , not just north of 124. There are many fields and areas that can be developed to the west and East. Bluffton has affordable housing, we just need more housing options than what we have. Also by not having enough single family houses available, your a driving the prices so high up that some people may not get that back out of it when they go to sell. It does not have to be along hwy 1 also... Secondary education is huge as well. Your coworking space and secondary education space could be in the same building. I see bluffton post secondary education being more techy, industry, health/medical, and maybe food service sense we have access to food industry manufacturers here. Cleaning up the river is a no brainer. More and more people everyday are using the wabash, including myself, and it is very refreshing to see no matter how green or brown the river appears that day. Although it has taken some time, and there is still quite a bit yet to do, if you sit back you can actually see some of the progress that has and is being made all through out the county. I hope bluffton and Ossian look at what other communities are doing, but don't copy word for word. Make us stand out and be different like we always have.	6/29/2020 11:13 AM
153	Being one of the lowest taxed counties in the state is NOT something to be proud about. It means we are not collectively pooling our resources and our leaving ourselves unable to invest in a community-wide manner. Like it or not, the pragmatic thing to do would be to have higher taxes and to invest in many areas. It will take leaders with convictions and spines who are willing to simply acknowledge to our citizens that a tax hike is the medicine our community needs and they are going to administer it. Given our agricultural heritage, I see no reason why an organized and concentrated effort to became some sort of regional agritourism leader couldn't take place. It would take a substantial amount of planning, thought, and time, but there is no reason we couldn't use our resources to offer that type of experience. Other areas have done it. We be a small-scale Lancaster, PA, or something like that, in time.	6/29/2020 11:09 AM
154	Wells County needs to look at the whole County when developing plans, the county line does end at 218. Limiting rural home development is a detriment to both the county and our small communities. Limiting development near a floodplain also takes away from individuals rights to make decisions, give them the information then they assume the risk. Personal responsibility needs to be encouraged in our society instead of developing more laws and ordinances that take away from that. Allowing for personal freedom on individuals properties will attract more college educated and young families who are self sufficient. However with our current road blocks to development in our smaller communities we are driving many young families to other	6/29/2020 10:42 AM

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counties. When promoting schools we need to promote ALL Southern Wells is actively growing, yet many times I read in the paper where various projects continue to be denied in our area for home and business development. We need more input from the whole County not just Bluffton and Ossian, Southern Wells area can not even get a local library branch yet we all still pay taxes for it.

155	Sad that the trees were cut down in the downtown area. Trees provide so much benefits and beauty. New pool house and reopen the pool next year. Sometimes the quality of life is more important than the cost. A guarded pool is a safe pool. Right now every backyard pool is used and is unguarded which could result in increased drowning rate.	6/29/2020 10:28 AM
156	None	6/29/2020 10:13 AM
157	Your survey question 82 should probably say "Construct the 4-lane route around the East side of Ossian knowing that it would split farm fields and change how some county roads function."	6/29/2020 9:57 AM