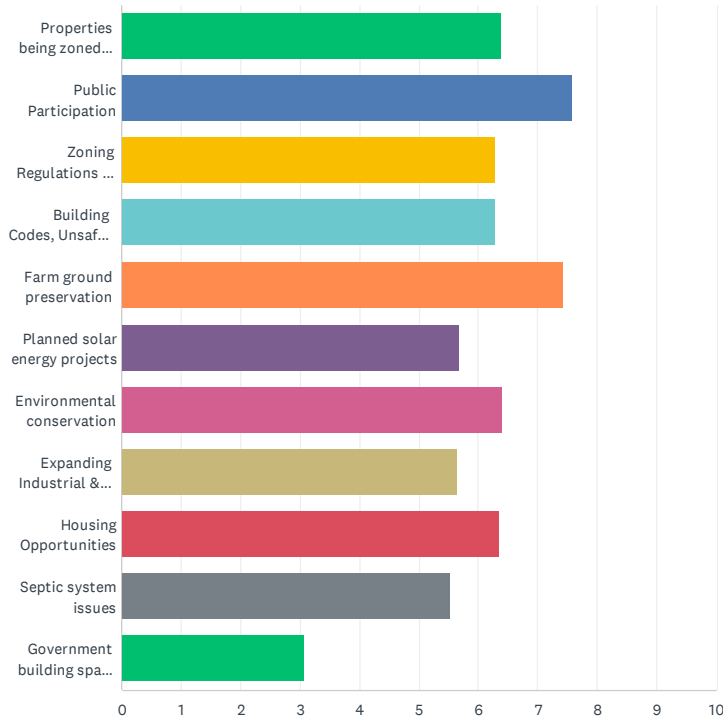


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**Q1 Please rank the land use topics below 1 being the biggest issue - 11 being not an issue over the next 10 years. If you have no opinion on a topic click N/A and skip the item.**

Answered: 219 Skipped: 3



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL	SCORE
Properties being zoned improperly	10.63% 22	10.14% 21	12.08% 25	6.76% 14	11.59% 24	10.63% 22	6.76% 14	7.73% 16	7.25% 15	9.18% 19	7.25% 15	207	6.38
Public Participation	12.92% 27	19.14% 40	13.40% 28	10.05% 21	9.09% 19	11.00% 23	10.53% 22	5.74% 12	2.87% 6	3.83% 8	1.44% 3	209	7.57
Zoning Regulations and Procedures	2.90% 6	4.83% 10	15.46% 32	15.94% 33	11.59% 24	11.11% 23	12.08% 25	6.76% 14	10.14% 21	5.80% 12	3.38% 7	207	6.28
Building Codes, Unsafe Building Laws & Building Inspection	8.13% 17	6.70% 14	7.18% 15	12.92% 27	15.79% 33	10.53% 22	9.57% 20	11.00% 23	8.13% 17	5.74% 12	4.31% 9	209	6.30
Farm ground preservation	21.70% 46	12.74% 27	11.79% 25	10.38% 22	8.02% 17	6.60% 14	6.13% 13	7.08% 15	7.08% 15	3.77% 8	4.72% 10	212	7.43
Planned solar energy projects	7.69% 16	8.65% 18	8.65% 18	6.25% 13	7.21% 15	12.98% 27	9.62% 20	9.13% 19	8.65% 18	8.17% 17	12.98% 27	208	5.67
Environmental conservation	6.19% 13	11.43% 24	9.52% 20	12.38% 26	8.57% 18	9.52% 20	17.14% 36	9.05% 19	6.19% 13	5.24% 11	4.76% 10	210	6.40
Expanding Industrial & Commercial Growth	4.29% 9	9.05% 19	5.71% 12	7.62% 16	9.05% 19	10.95% 23	9.52% 20	22.86% 48	9.05% 19	8.10% 17	3.81% 8	210	5.65
Housing Opportunities	19.44% 42	10.19% 22	8.80% 19	4.63% 10	5.56% 12	4.63% 10	4.63% 10	8.80% 19	18.06% 39	8.80% 19	6.48% 14	216	6.35
Septic system issues	6.54% 14	7.94% 17	8.41% 18	10.75% 23	9.35% 20	6.54% 14	5.14% 11	7.48% 16	9.81% 21	22.43% 48	5.61% 12	214	5.53
Government building space and upkeep	0.94% 2	1.89% 4	2.36% 5	3.30% 7	6.13% 13	5.19% 11	7.08% 15	3.77% 8	9.91% 21	16.98% 36	42.45% 90	212	3.08

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### Q2 List other land use-related issues that you think should have been in the list above?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 146

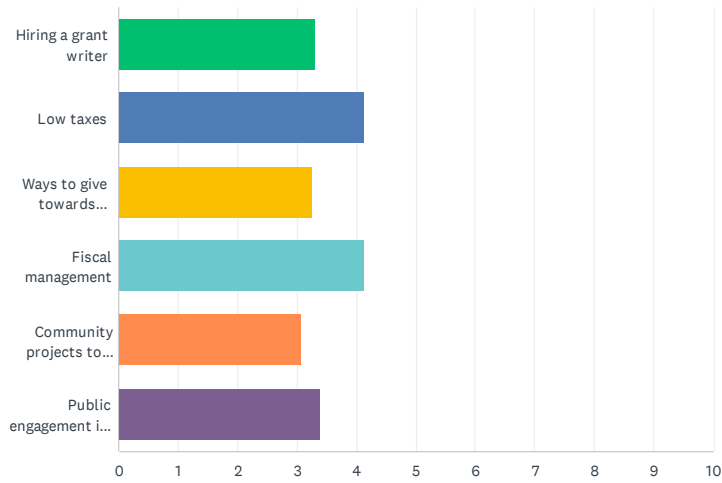
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None - too many non-essential things already on it , government needs to keep it's nose out	10/23/2021 12:55 AM
2	N/A	10/18/2021 6:51 PM
3	Community garden for in town residents to grow their fresh fruits and vegetables.	10/10/2021 11:24 PM
4	Na	10/7/2021 10:34 PM
5	N/A	10/7/2021 4:09 PM
6	Highway right-a-way issues for increasing traffic on highways.	10/7/2021 2:43 PM
7	Recreation	10/7/2021 3:45 AM
8	Power line right of ways. eminent domain	10/5/2021 3:41 PM
9	None	10/1/2021 11:05 AM
10	N/A	9/28/2021 10:31 AM
11	Proposed school building building while teachers are asking for donations for recess toys.	9/28/2021 8:54 AM
12	parks and recreation	9/27/2021 7:37 PM
13	Land outside city limits should not be able to be taken from an owner by eminent domain rules.	9/27/2021 4:14 PM
14	Promotion of Wells County. The small towns, their festivals, beautiful country life. How to bring interest to Wells county.	9/27/2021 7:48 AM
15	The use of the river for commerce	9/26/2021 3:09 PM
16	Water & Sewer COST IS TO HIGH	9/26/2021 1:54 PM
17	Restrictions on under 2 acre properties.	9/24/2021 8:27 PM
18	Using farm land for other uses	9/24/2021 5:13 PM
19	Property tax rates on non-income agricultural ground (aka horse pastures)	9/24/2021 9:37 AM
20	Na	9/23/2021 11:32 PM
21	I think the 3 sell off rule should be changed. If I own land, I should be able to sell it off as I see fit. I understand that there should be some guidelines to follow, but other counties do not have these rules. Maybe address it as so many sell offs can happen in a certain amount of time. Also, I think that farmers should not be able to completely clear cut a woods off the map. I understand why they do it. Buy \$4,000 per acre woods, and turn it into profitable farm land that will then be worth \$8,000. However, when the woods are gone...they will be gone forever. Nobody will ever buy \$8,000 acre farmland and plant trees on it, and make it worth \$4,000 per acre. I feel that farmers should be allowed to apply for a permit, and a percentage can be removed based on the total acreage of their farm. This way the farmers can still push back brush, and clean up fence rows, but not completely clear cut.	9/23/2021 2:59 PM
22	None	9/22/2021 3:47 PM
23	N/A	9/22/2021 11:00 AM
24	Downtown buildings fall apart and not up to code.	9/22/2021 10:44 AM
25	n/a	9/22/2021 7:51 AM
26	N/a	9/21/2021 9:27 PM
27	Government overreach of land grabs	9/21/2021 5:06 PM
28	The AEP issues going on where they want to put huge electric lines in farmer's field making a new path instead of using an old path. It a property value issue and a health issue the latter being most important.	9/21/2021 5:02 PM
29	I can't think of any	9/20/2021 7:29 AM
30	Natural habitat preservation	9/20/2021 6:50 AM
31	Drainage for flooding	9/20/2021 3:43 AM
32	Parks	9/19/2021 9:50 PM
33	Wind power. We lost the small foot print and now we are looking at a large foot print of solar.	9/19/2021 7:04 PM
34	Unnecessary road expansion taking private property	9/19/2021 3:36 PM
35	Affordable housing for low income families	9/19/2021 8:22 AM
36	None	9/19/2021 8:11 AM
37	AEP upgrade. Why can't the lines be buried?	9/19/2021 4:48 AM
38	Please don't bring wind turbines to Wells County and overtake our farm land that is greatly decreasing as it is.	9/18/2021 8:51 PM
39	Low income housing is much needed but not dumps. 3 bedroom rentals are also very much needed	9/18/2021 8:18 PM
40	Eliminating gravel roads and finish converting them all to chip and seal	9/18/2021 5:25 PM

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41	Parks and recreation	9/18/2021 4:58 PM
42	N/a	9/18/2021 3:57 PM
43	Road improvements on the West side of town, especially given that it is close and connect to downtown.	9/18/2021 3:20 PM
44	N/o	9/18/2021 5:55 AM
45	New business opportunities	9/17/2021 11:41 PM
46	Redevelopment of blighted areas	9/17/2021 12:34 PM
47	Development of the south end of Bluffton as the north end has.	9/17/2021 12:15 PM
48	Recreation	9/16/2021 9:53 PM
49	Utilizing the Wabash river like they have in Fort Wayne's downtown area.	9/16/2021 11:58 AM
50	People should not be forced into city sewerage and water.	9/16/2021 10:14 AM
51	Infrastructure maintenance! Safe bridges, paved roads	9/16/2021 7:38 AM
52	Na	9/16/2021 7:07 AM
53	Upkeep of property get rid of junk. Vacant buildings and houses falling into trash.	9/16/2021 6:40 AM
54	Environmental reclamation. #1	9/16/2021 12:20 AM
55	N/A	9/15/2021 9:51 PM
56	No bypasses around the towns	9/15/2021 9:37 PM
57	Added bike lanes and improved sidewalks. Add additional river access points Try to prevent urban sprawl	9/15/2021 8:08 PM
58	Parks	9/15/2021 5:43 PM
59	Government overreach in land use, private property should be allowed to be developed by the landowner without Government stepping in unnecessarily.	9/15/2021 2:01 PM
60	NA	9/15/2021 7:02 AM
61	Public Entertainment, drag strip, road course, off road park, motocross track, go karts, Motorsport	9/15/2021 6:26 AM
62	Na	9/14/2021 9:49 PM
63	N/a	9/14/2021 8:43 PM
64	Permanent, significant reduction of property taxes in order to attract individuals and companies to Wells County, and new rates to be applied equally across all land in the county.	9/14/2021 7:45 PM
65	Preparing areas for industrial growth. Utilities on site, tif districts on them, zoned properly, expedite the process for a company to come in with incentives.	9/14/2021 7:04 PM
66	Local elected officials who make zoning rules and changes should not also be personally benefiting from those rules and changes.	9/14/2021 2:09 PM
67	Land being rezoned for personal gain due by elected officials that benefit only a certain group of people.	9/14/2021 1:58 PM
68	Flooding	9/14/2021 1:22 PM
69	Corrupt local politicians coordinating with with the apostolic church !!	9/14/2021 1:15 PM
70	I love whats going on in downtown bluffton. The renovations. More community type things. Wasnt sure what that would be listed as.	9/14/2021 12:38 PM
71	Keeping rural life rural.	9/14/2021 11:30 AM
72	Parks, trails, waterways.	9/14/2021 11:28 AM
73	N/a	9/14/2021 11:19 AM
74	Park expasions	9/14/2021 11:03 AM
75	Two little interest in using and developing existing natural features as attractions to Wells County.	9/14/2021 10:01 AM
76	Public area for all uses for all people and larger areas for handicapped parking play area ext.	9/14/2021 9:52 AM

Q3 Please rank the project funding topics below 1 being the biggest issue - 6 being not an issue over the next 10 years. If you have no opinion on a topic click N/A and skip the item.

Answered: 185 Skipped: 37



	1	2	3	4	5	6	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Hiring a grant writer	15.08% 27	14.53% 26	13.97% 25	14.53% 26	10.06% 18	25.14% 45	6.70% 12	179	3.30
Low taxes	33.33% 60	17.78% 32	14.44% 26	7.22% 13	8.89% 16	15.56% 28	2.78% 5	180	4.13
Ways to give towards community projects	8.33% 15	11.11% 20	20.00% 36	26.11% 47	19.44% 35	11.11% 20	3.89% 7	180	3.27
Fiscal management	22.35% 40	26.26% 47	15.64% 28	13.97% 25	11.73% 21	6.70% 12	3.35% 6	179	4.14
Community projects to support	5.62% 10	9.55% 17	19.66% 35	24.72% 44	26.40% 47	11.24% 20	2.81% 5	178	3.07
Public engagement in project funding	14.21% 26	19.13% 35	15.30% 28	9.84% 18	17.49% 32	20.22% 37	3.83% 7	183	3.40

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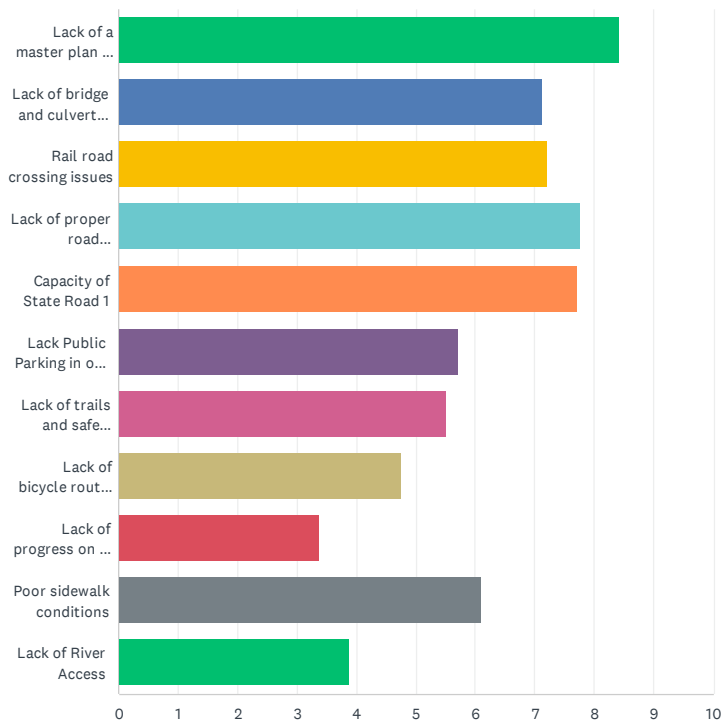
### Q4 List other project funding-related issues that you think should have been in the list above?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 182

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None - too much money wasted on non-essential projects that are going to require tax dollars to maintain!	10/23/2021 12:59 AM
2	Teen activities program	10/11/2021 8:35 AM
3	Take advantage of the grants out there that are already available that we are currently not taking advantage of.	10/7/2021 6:59 PM
4	N/A	10/7/2021 4:11 PM
5	New survey company. Above, when one item is checked, the previous one drops off.	10/7/2021 2:46 PM
6	None	10/1/2021 11:06 AM
7	State highways and by passes	9/26/2021 10:45 PM
8	Schools	9/26/2021 2:34 PM
9	A MAYOR IS NEEDED! NOT RUN THE TOWN BUT TOWN FOLKS.	9/26/2021 1:55 PM
10	Na	9/23/2021 11:33 PM
11	I wrote 6 for grant writer, but I feel like that could be much higher, if you hire someone in or train someone who is going to really go after a great deal of grants. I feel like you should have had something in there about maintaining our current community. Have two tox - a - way days. Get the community more involved in cleaning our community. Look at how well the kayak launch site is working out. People want to use and be around nice things. They want to clean the river etc.	9/23/2021 3:04 PM
12	None	9/22/2021 3:50 PM
13	Na	9/22/2021 11:00 AM
14	Non profit organizations asking for public funds	9/22/2021 10:46 AM
15	n/a	9/22/2021 7:54 AM
16	N/a	9/21/2021 9:29 PM
17	None I can think of	9/20/2021 7:31 AM
18	Why are there so many police cars just sitting there unmoved for days and days on end? I've been watching for a few years now.	9/19/2021 7:06 PM
19	NA	9/19/2021 8:23 AM
20	None	9/19/2021 8:12 AM
21	What ever it takes to help the elderly and disabled	9/18/2021 8:21 PM
22	N/A	9/18/2021 3:22 PM
23	Not sure	9/17/2021 11:43 PM
24	Utilizing human resources already within the community that have not been tapped into yet	9/17/2021 12:17 PM
25	Everyone low taxes, but our taxes are lower than most of all of the surrounding Counties. That is nice for a while, then you start to fall behind on funding.	9/16/2021 12:02 PM
26	N/A	9/16/2021 10:16 AM
27	Environmental reclamation. #1	9/16/2021 12:21 AM
28	There are lots of excellent requests competing in a small community all at the same time. If you get a grant writer, take your time to look for one that only charges you when you get the grant.	9/15/2021 8:12 PM
29	NA	9/15/2021 7:04 AM
30	NA	9/14/2021 9:50 PM
31	N/a	9/14/2021 8:45 PM
32	Future infrastructure right of way planning	9/14/2021 8:43 PM
33	More equal access for citizens across the county, mostly distance from rural communities.	9/14/2021 7:47 PM
34	Shady deals that the Wells County Commissioners/Council members engage in.	9/14/2021 2:13 PM
35	Seems like projects are funded by relationship to select elected officials and affiliations with the church more so than they are in the interest of the taxpayers.	9/14/2021 2:01 PM
36	N/A	9/14/2021 1:23 PM
37	Corrupt local politicians are not honest about costs of projects and engage in quid pro quo's with vendors which drive costs up.	9/14/2021 1:18 PM
38	Transparency with funding usage.	9/14/2021 11:21 AM
39	Methods to create more public engagement.	9/14/2021 10:03 AM
40	Donations and make it a challenge of some kind between neighborhoods towns and or townships	9/14/2021 9:54 AM

Q5 Please rank the transportation topics below 1 being the biggest issue - 11 being not an issue over the next 10 years. If you have no opinion on a topic click N/A and skip the item.

Answered: 172 Skipped: 50



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	N/A	TOTAL	SCOR
Lack of a master plan for roadway improvements and maintenance	28.14% 47	12.57% 21	13.17% 22	14.97% 25	5.99% 10	6.59% 11	1.80% 3	4.19% 7	2.40% 4	4.19% 7	0.60% 1	5.39% 9	167	8.4
Lack of bridge and culvert maintenance	2.96% 5	16.57% 28	14.20% 24	11.83% 20	13.02% 22	10.06% 17	8.28% 14	6.51% 11	3.55% 6	2.37% 4	2.96% 5	7.69% 13	169	7.1
Rail road crossing issues	8.82% 15	9.41% 16	17.65% 30	11.76% 20	15.88% 27	8.82% 15	5.88% 10	4.12% 7	5.88% 10	3.53% 6	2.94% 5	5.29% 9	170	7.2
Lack of proper road maintenance	11.70% 20	19.30% 33	10.53% 18	21.05% 36	8.77% 15	5.26% 9	4.09% 7	5.26% 9	3.51% 6	5.26% 9	0.58% 1	4.68% 8	171	7.7
Capacity of State Road 1	25.88% 44	12.35% 21	8.82% 15	5.29% 9	14.71% 25	8.24% 14	4.12% 7	4.71% 8	5.88% 10	2.94% 5	4.12% 7	2.94% 5	170	7.7
Lack Public Parking in our Downtowns	2.35% 4	5.88% 10	5.88% 10	7.06% 12	12.94% 22	20.00% 34	12.35% 21	7.65% 13	10.00% 17	5.88% 10	5.29% 9	4.71% 8	170	5.7
Lack of trails and safe pedestrian use areas	2.37% 4	8.88% 15	3.55% 6	5.33% 9	5.33% 9	8.88% 15	24.85% 42	18.93% 32	7.69% 13	4.73% 8	2.96% 5	6.51% 11	169	5.5
Lack of bicycle routes and use areas	1.75% 3	1.17% 2	7.02% 12	5.85% 10	7.02% 12	7.02% 12	11.11% 19	15.79% 27	20.47% 35	11.70% 20	3.51% 6	7.60% 13	171	4.7
Lack of progress on the Poka-Bache trail (From Ouabache State Park to Pokagon State Park)	1.76% 3	1.76% 3	1.76% 3	2.94% 5	2.94% 5	4.12% 7	5.29% 9	11.76% 20	15.29% 26	17.06% 29	24.71% 42	10.59% 18	170	3.3
Poor sidewalk conditions	10.53% 18	9.94% 17	8.77% 15	7.60% 13	5.85% 10	9.36% 16	11.11% 19	7.02% 12	8.19% 14	12.28% 21	6.43% 11	2.92% 5	171	6.0
Lack of River Access	2.96% 5	1.18% 2	5.92% 10	5.33% 9	4.73% 8	5.92% 10	7.10% 12	7.10% 12	7.10% 12	15.98% 27	27.81% 47	8.88% 15	169	3.8

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## Q6 List other Transportation issues that you think should have been in the list above?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 172

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	10/23/2021 1:03 AM
2	Traffic lights on State rd 1 should be synchronize to keep Traffic flowing. Especially in the downtown area to St rd 124	10/11/2021 8:41 AM
3	A stop light at 116 and SR 1 south.	10/11/2021 7:51 AM
4	Over spending on hoosier highway. The curve at 500S . Two stop sign would of been way cheaper an a safer fix. An put in a four way stop at Meridian Rd an hoosier highway. corner is very hard to see going south or north	10/7/2021 4:16 PM
5	none	10/7/2021 2:48 PM
6	# of lanes for State Rd 1 through town and north	10/5/2021 4:18 PM
7	Lack of available public transportation.	10/1/2021 11:09 AM
8	The downtown transportation flow	9/28/2021 7:28 PM
9	As much thought and care should be used in maintaining our roads as there is when a new road is proposed.	9/27/2021 4:20 PM
10	expend lanes on state road 1, 124, 224.	9/26/2021 10:50 PM
11	Na	9/24/2021 8:29 PM
12	Na	9/23/2021 11:34 PM
13	Common sense. I live on 700 E. (Old st rd 301). Last fall the county patched quite a bit of the road. They patched the road in the middle and on the edges mostly. Thats great, I agree totally. But it would have been really nice if they painted the lines back on the road! It was hell driving in the winter time when you can't even tell where the road is. Fast forward...now they chip and sealed it. So there are no lines whatsoever. Will lines be painted on the road before winter...??? The county got a ton of money from the state to take over that road, and can't buy paint!?	9/23/2021 3:09 PM
14	None	9/22/2021 3:52 PM
15	Traffic lights are horrible.	9/22/2021 10:47 AM
16	n/a	9/22/2021 8:03 AM
17	N/a	9/21/2021 9:31 PM
18	I think the bus stops for children need to be properly maintained so they have places to stand waiting on the buses. Bushes can be an issue also when trying to see in town.	9/20/2021 7:36 AM
19	Public transit	9/20/2021 3:47 AM
20	Rd 1 bottle neck southbound at bridge. Fix it. Also, you have been talking about 4 lanes to ftw for 30 plus yrs. I'll retire before you get it done. Poop or get off the pot. Do it or drop the whole idea. Stop using it for an election vote!	9/19/2021 7:13 PM
21	Ability to drive through town without having to stop at all 3 lights downtown.	9/19/2021 10:36 AM
22	Speed limits are too high in residential neighborhoods	9/19/2021 8:52 AM
23	NA	9/19/2021 8:25 AM
24	Ossian bypass	9/19/2021 2:52 AM
25	Public transportation availability/cost for those who need this.	9/18/2021 8:54 PM
26	Lack of salt application and snow removal on marzane rd old 303.	9/18/2021 5:31 PM
27	Better turn lights downtown	9/18/2021 5:02 PM
28	Stop allowing semi trucks to use roads in town such as Wabash St. And Bond St.	9/18/2021 3:25 PM
29	Need public transportation	9/18/2021 11:14 AM
30	Stop giving tickets for parking downtown!	9/17/2021 11:51 PM
31	MAKE STATE ROAD 1 A FOUR LANE HIGHWAY!	9/17/2021 1:05 PM
32	Actually I feel all of the above projects are important. Some would be easier, quicker fixes than others	9/16/2021 10:01 PM
33	NA	9/16/2021 12:05 PM
34	It would be nice to have a bus route between Ossian and Bluffton.	9/16/2021 11:07 AM
35	I'd rather pay more to have roads done right, rather than a year after they're done and they're back to bad condition again.	9/16/2021 10:19 AM
36	Trash cans being left on the sidewalks make them inaccessible and pedestrians must walk in the street to avoid them. Trash should go back to the alley or a rule should be made to pull the cans away after pick up. Strollers and people using mobility scooters can use the trail to get to Walmart/ Walgreens only to cross the street and not be able to get in the parking lot. This puts them on a heavy traffic road. WOW stops at night. Maybe encourage Uber drivers or ride sharing.	9/15/2021 8:26 PM



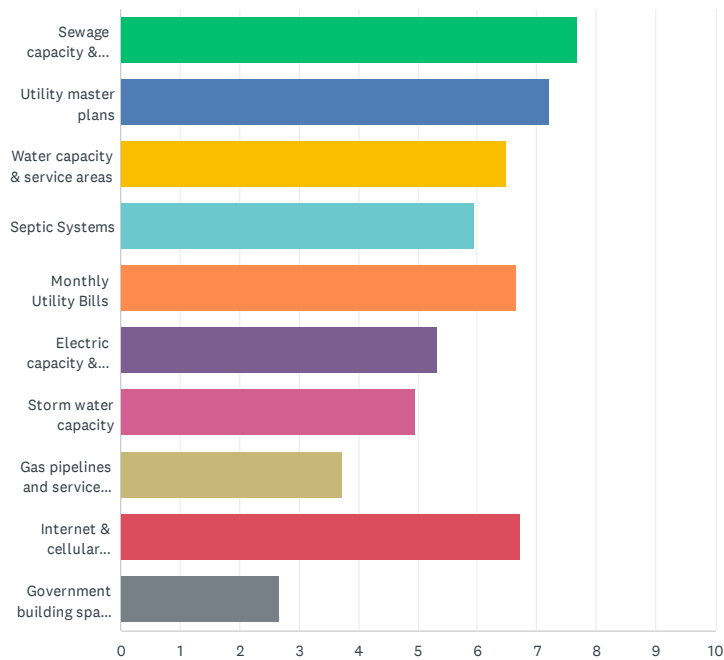
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37	There has been conversation about bypassing Ossian with Ind. 1. The city and county are cooperating on a bridge study. Those will color the conversation about transportation for a long time.	9/15/2021 3:29 PM
38	NA	9/15/2021 7:06 AM
39	Down town stop light timing is a problem	9/15/2021 6:34 AM
40	The biggest issue I run into is at Walmart where the sidewalk just ends with no access to Walmart or the Lowes and Walgreens without using grass or roadway	9/14/2021 9:55 PM
41	Enforcement of traffic laws	9/14/2021 9:05 PM
42	Safe walkway along 124 E to Bluffton Woods. I drive that way daily and am just waiting for a pedestrian/bicycle/wheelchair vs. car collision	9/14/2021 8:49 PM
43	Faster speed limit on 218, 124, 224 when outside of town. Expansion of Hoosier Highway as a diagonal to the south to 18/Montpelier.	9/14/2021 7:52 PM
44	Highway Garage project should be halted and investigated due to fraud. County engineer should be fired .	9/14/2021 2:16 PM
45	Lets talk about the budget for the highway garage if you want to talk transportation or the shady land deal that happened, roads are fine and I wouldn't want river access due to the chemical spills that get brushed under the rug.	9/14/2021 2:06 PM
46	N/A	9/14/2021 1:26 PM
47	Relationships between corrupt local politicians, county employees and consultants they hire cause money to be wasted on senseless projects and actual needed maintenance doesn't get done.	9/14/2021 1:25 PM
48	Better truck routes and truck route enforcement.	9/14/2021 11:23 AM
49	Old and broken tiles under roadways	9/14/2021 10:10 AM
50	A special handicapped parking area or garage for those who have trouble in walking . no place close to take in downtown shopping.	9/14/2021 9:58 AM

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**Q7 Please rank the infrastructure topics below 1 being the biggest issue - 10 being not an issue over the next 10 years. If you have no opinion on a topic click N/A and skip the item.**

Answered: 145 Skipped: 77



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Sewage capacity & service areas	24.64% 34	18.84% 26	18.84% 26	7.25% 10	3.62% 5	3.62% 5	5.07% 7	2.90% 4	3.62% 5	2.17% 3	9.42% 13	138	7.68
Utility master plans	10.07% 14	21.58% 30	17.99% 25	16.55% 23	6.47% 9	2.88% 4	3.60% 5	5.76% 8	3.60% 5	1.44% 2	10.07% 14	139	7.21
Water capacity & service areas	1.43% 2	7.86% 11	17.86% 25	19.29% 27	18.57% 26	11.43% 16	5.71% 8	2.14% 3	2.14% 3	0.71% 1	12.86% 18	140	6.49
Septic Systems	3.62% 5	8.70% 12	8.70% 12	22.46% 31	14.49% 20	10.14% 14	2.17% 3	8.70% 12	6.52% 9	3.62% 5	10.87% 15	138	5.95
Monthly Utility Bills	24.11% 34	7.80% 11	3.55% 5	10.64% 15	13.48% 19	12.06% 17	7.80% 11	6.38% 9	4.96% 7	2.13% 3	7.09% 10	141	6.65
Electric capacity & service areas	0.00% 0	7.80% 11	7.80% 11	3.55% 5	17.02% 24	18.44% 26	23.40% 33	8.51% 12	1.42% 2	1.42% 2	10.64% 15	141	5.32
Storm water capacity	2.84% 4	7.80% 11	6.38% 9	4.26% 6	8.51% 12	14.18% 20	19.15% 27	19.86% 28	7.09% 10	1.42% 2	8.51% 12	141	4.95
Gas pipelines and service areas	2.11% 3	4.23% 6	4.23% 6	4.23% 6	2.11% 3	2.82% 4	11.27% 16	21.83% 31	25.35% 36	7.04% 10	14.79% 21	142	3.73
Internet & cellular service	28.87% 41	12.68% 18	10.56% 15	4.23% 6	2.82% 4	7.04% 10	4.93% 7	2.82% 4	12.68% 18	7.04% 10	6.34% 9	142	6.72
Government building space and maintenance	2.08% 3	2.78% 4	1.39% 2	3.47% 5	4.86% 7	4.86% 7	2.78% 4	5.56% 8	13.19% 19	47.92% 69	11.11% 16	144	2.66

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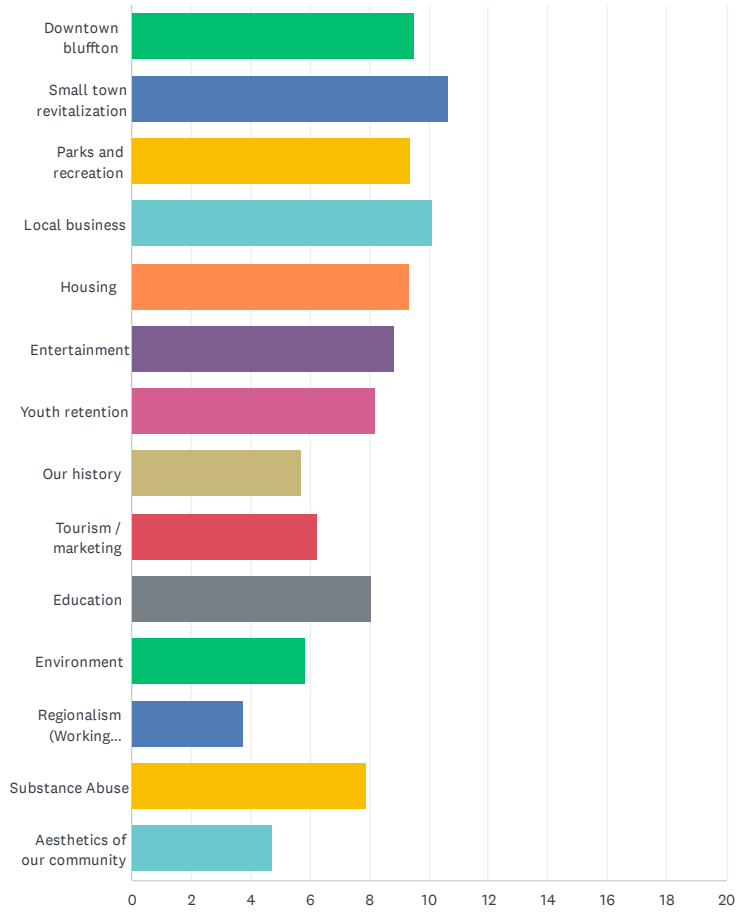
## Q8 List other infrastructure-related issues that you think should have been in the list above?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 192

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	10/23/2021 1:07 AM
2	Reinstate to force railroads to keep set crossings opened. Blocking tracks makes it hard to navigate across town to/from work, or even worse for emergency responses as needed.	10/8/2021 10:35 PM
3	Get Zanesville (Wells County) off the horribly expensive Fort Wayne sewer!!!	10/1/2021 11:13 AM
4	n/a	9/26/2021 10:53 PM
5	Rural community internet service	9/24/2021 9:48 AM
6	We have a housing shortage. So we are putting in the Premier Flats project, as well as several new housing additions on the north side. I think we need to make sure we have the proper utilities before we over load them. Again...I live on 700 E, 1/2 mile south of U.S. 224. I can't get good reliable internet, because I only have one provider (Century Link) which comes from Decatur. That makes no sense to me, considering I have a Craigville address, but Craigville Telephone won't provide internet services north of 500N because of 8 mile ditch. And my 5 neighbors will never make it profitable, so I have terrible communications. This is just one example. Southern Wells Co...wow. Thats even worse	9/23/2021 3:14 PM
7	None	9/22/2021 3:53 PM
8	N/a	9/21/2021 9:33 PM
9	The issue of Main Street flooding during storms needs to be addressed.	9/20/2021 7:38 AM
10	Fix man holes on city streets where car tires drive	9/19/2021 7:17 PM
11	NA	9/19/2021 8:26 AM
12	Preparing for an greener energy future	9/19/2021 2:53 AM
13	I stated earlier about full conversion of all gravel roads to chip and seal.	9/18/2021 5:34 PM
14	Trash and recycling pick up...rising rates, less service is unacceptable.	9/18/2021 5:06 PM
15	NA	9/16/2021 12:08 PM
16	People shouldn't be forced into connecting to city sewage and water if they don't want to.	9/16/2021 10:22 AM
17	PLAN for future. Seems like we're play good catch up.	9/16/2021 1:56 AM
18	We need a public restroom downtown.	9/15/2021 8:33 PM
19	I'm smarter than the average bear on some of these things, and the city has taken on a lot recently when it comes to addressing infrastructure. Will Liberty Center and Murray be transformed by sewer service? We shall see, but it's good to know that they — and soon the other six communities, we hope — will be able to put plans together. (We must realize, however, that not everybody wants more people in Wells County. That will require a sales job.)	9/15/2021 3:29 PM
20	Oversight by elected officials for the RSD	9/15/2021 2:06 PM
21	NA	9/15/2021 7:08 AM
22	Master plan for fixing the sewer problems including possibly charging homeowners on a septic system to build up funds to fix the problems instead of forcing the city to pay for all the sewer problems	9/14/2021 9:57 PM
23	Rural bus service.	9/14/2021 8:04 PM
24	Our infrastructure is fine its the misuse of taxpayer money that should be looked at.	9/14/2021 2:19 PM
25	Seems utility rates constantly rise for projects but never come back down when wss the last rate cut, and with all the new projects what elite group or church affiliation will get all those contracts	9/14/2021 2:10 PM
26	RSD sewer projects are a scam on county citizens put forth by corrupt politicians and local large land owners to control future development and violate people's property rights.	9/14/2021 1:32 PM
27	Price of water	9/14/2021 1:27 PM
28	N/a	9/14/2021 11:23 AM
29	cable service	9/14/2021 10:42 AM
30	The discouragement of anonymous reporting.	9/14/2021 10:12 AM

Q9 Please rank the Quality of Life topics below 1 being the biggest issue - 14 being not an issue over the next 10 years. If you have no opinion on a topic click N/A and skip the item.

Answered: 135 Skipped: 87



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Downtown bluffton	16.28% 21	13.18% 17	5.43% 7	8.53% 11	11.63% 15	10.08% 13	5.43% 7	3.10% 4	4.65% 6	3.88% 5	3.88% 5	1.55% 2	3.10% 4	4.65%
Small town revitalization	9.30% 12	20.16% 26	16.28% 21	14.73% 19	9.30% 12	10.85% 14	6.20% 8	3.10% 4	3.88% 5	1.55% 2	0.00% 0	0.78% 1	2.33% 3	0.00%
Parks and recreation	5.43% 7	6.98% 9	14.73% 19	8.53% 11	12.40% 16	17.05% 22	9.30% 12	8.53% 11	4.65% 6	2.33% 3	1.55% 2	3.10% 4	1.55% 2	0.78%
Local business	8.46% 11	12.31% 16	10.00% 13	16.15% 21	13.08% 17	6.92% 9	13.08% 17	10.00% 13	4.62% 6	1.54% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.77%
Housing	16.41% 21	5.47% 7	9.38% 12	7.03% 9	8.59% 11	12.50% 16	7.81% 10	9.38% 12	4.69% 6	5.47% 7	0.78% 1	1.56% 2	2.34% 3	3.91%
Entertainment	5.38% 7	8.46% 11	4.62% 6	11.54% 15	10.77% 14	10.00% 13	10.77% 14	13.08% 17	10.00% 13	6.15% 8	1.54% 2	1.54% 2	0.00% 0	2.31%
Youth retention	5.34% 7	6.11% 8	9.92% 13	7.63% 10	6.11% 8	6.11% 8	12.98% 17	12.98% 17	7.63% 10	7.63% 10	4.58% 6	4.58% 6	4.58% 6	0.76%
Our history	0.77% 1	1.54% 2	1.54% 2	0.77% 1	5.38% 7	3.85% 5	4.62% 6	10.77% 14	19.23% 25	13.08% 17	9.23% 12	5.38% 7	4.62% 6	8.46% 1
Tourism / marketing	1.54% 2	1.54% 2	5.38% 7	2.31% 3	5.38% 7	5.38% 7	3.08% 4	6.15% 8	16.92% 22	16.92% 22	8.46% 11	12.31% 16	3.85% 5	2.31%
Education	6.92% 9	9.23% 12	8.46% 11	7.69% 10	6.92% 9	6.15% 8	6.15% 8	3.08% 4	3.08% 4	12.31% 16	15.38% 20	3.85% 5	5.38% 7	0.00%
Environment	4.55% 6	6.06% 8	1.52% 2	6.06% 8	0.76% 1	1.52% 2	7.58% 10	2.27% 3	3.03% 4	11.36% 15	20.45% 27	17.42% 23	9.09% 12	3.79%
Regionalism (Working together with Northeast Indiana communities)	0.00% 0	1.53% 2	1.53% 2	1.53% 2	0.76% 1	3.05% 4	1.53% 2	3.82% 5	1.53% 2	7.63% 10	11.45% 15	22.90% 30	17.56% 23	16.03% 2
Substance Abuse	18.46% 24	5.38% 7	10.00% 13	6.15% 8	4.62% 6	1.54% 2	5.38% 7	3.85% 5	4.62% 6	1.54% 2	4.62% 6	8.46% 11	14.62% 19	7.69% 1
Aesthetics of our community	3.03% 4	3.79% 5	1.52% 2	2.27% 3	5.30% 7	3.79% 5	4.55% 6	6.82% 9	4.55% 6	1.52% 2	7.58% 10	3.79% 5	15.15% 20	30.30% 4

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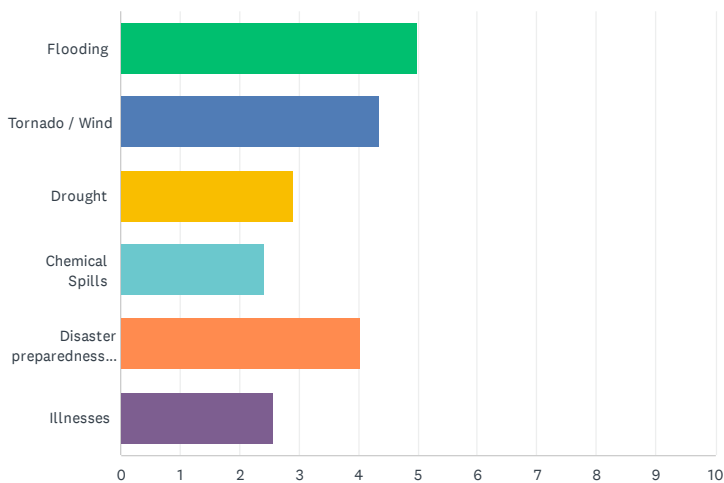
## Q10 List other quality of life issues that you think should have been in the list above?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 194

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Too much government	10/23/2021 1:12 AM
2	High speed internet access for all and high quality tv available.	10/5/2021 4:26 PM
3	affordable senior housing and care. For common and lower income.	9/26/2021 10:58 PM
4	All of these are all very high on the list. We need to do a better job across the board. And I know this isn't an easy one to tackle	9/23/2021 3:17 PM
5	None	9/22/2021 3:55 PM
6	South end and north end needs support not just downtown	9/22/2021 10:51 AM
7	Bluffton needs more nice "sit-down" restaurants	9/21/2021 9:35 PM
8	?	9/20/2021 7:41 AM
9	Childcare providers	9/19/2021 8:54 AM
10	NA	9/19/2021 8:28 AM
11	We need so much improvement to our park with softball and baseball fields. The fields are in crummy condition. We could host tournaments and increase business for our community but not with our parks currently.	9/19/2021 7:33 AM
12	Homeless population. Many have to camp because of lack of housing and then they face hardship by being told they can't.	9/18/2021 8:57 PM
13	More people to help the elderly and disabled and no cost to them. Many want to continue living in their homes but need help with things like mowing, trimming, shoveling snow, weed control, perhaps a handicap ramp, small home repair, etc.	9/18/2021 8:31 PM
14	I thing the monkey face General Wells on the side of the building should be reworked. It looks bad. People talk about that one feature more than anything else, and not in a positive way.	9/16/2021 12:13 PM
15	Get bike path out to apartments please.	9/16/2021 2:02 AM
16	Behavioral health support	9/15/2021 8:42 PM
17	I marked N/A on all of these because I think ranking them is off the point. A revitalized downtown Bluffton is good for quality of life and the economy (local business, for instance). Preserving our history is important, as it enticing tourists to our community (Ouabache's buffalo and the Five Points School, from the study done a couple of years ago). We want our youth to stay here. We want good education for our children (and I think we've got it). To quote the line from Queen's great song, "I want it all, and I want it now."	9/15/2021 3:34 PM
18	Ways to attract more businesses to retain our youth and make Wells County a desirable place to raise a family. Access to quality healthcare in our area.	9/15/2021 2:09 PM
19	Fixing the bird problem downtown.	9/14/2021 9:59 PM
20	Affordable housing that is not run down and based on income.	9/14/2021 8:58 PM
21	Small business grants, affordable co-working spaces, addressing food deserts outside of Bluffton and Ossian.	9/14/2021 8:08 PM
22	The community being controlled by a certain church is the biggest problem with quality of life.	9/14/2021 2:20 PM
23	There will be no real quality of life until we allow competition in and stop letting the apostolic church dictate what goes on in our community	9/14/2021 2:14 PM
24	The Apostolic Church's efforts to deter people of means from conducting business in wells county so that there is less competition to them acquiring all the property.	9/14/2021 1:37 PM
25	N/A	9/14/2021 1:28 PM
26	Air pollution from local factories	9/14/2021 11:25 AM
27	we need nice restaurants (more choices)	9/14/2021 10:46 AM
28	Business attraction.	9/14/2021 10:21 AM

Q11 Please rank the Natural Disaster topics below 1 being the biggest issue - 6 being not an issue over the next 10 years. If you have no opinion on a topic click N/A and skip the item.

Answered: 130 Skipped: 92



	1	2	3	4	5	6	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Flooding	40.48% 51	28.57% 36	16.67% 21	6.35% 8	0.79% 1	2.38% 3	4.76% 6	126	4.99
Tornado / Wind	10.16% 13	33.59% 43	33.59% 43	13.28% 17	1.56% 2	1.56% 2	6.25% 8	128	4.35
Drought	2.36% 3	5.51% 7	16.54% 21	35.43% 45	18.11% 23	12.60% 16	9.45% 12	127	2.90
Chemical Spills	4.80% 6	4.80% 6	8.00% 10	12.00% 15	40.80% 51	22.40% 28	7.20% 9	125	2.42
Disaster preparedness / planning	29.37% 37	12.70% 16	15.87% 20	15.08% 19	15.08% 19	7.94% 10	3.97% 5	126	4.02
Illnesses	9.30% 12	11.63% 15	4.65% 6	10.08% 13	13.95% 18	41.09% 53	9.30% 12	129	2.56

Q12 List other natural disaster-related issues that you think should have been in the list above?

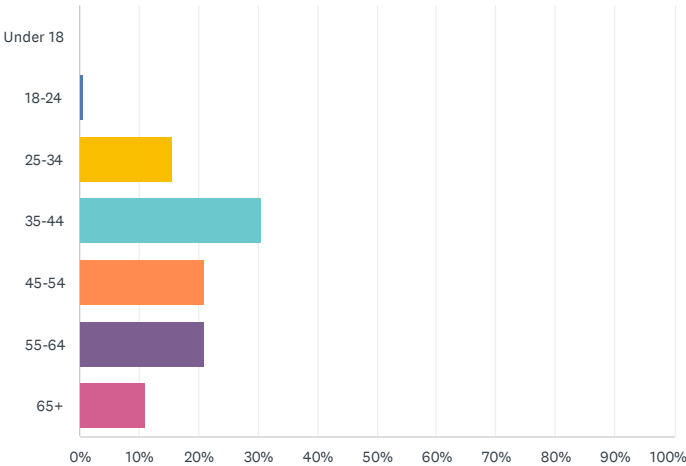
Answered: 21 Skipped: 201

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	10/23/2021 1:14 AM
2	plane crash, needs of more public services, more volunteers, more rural fire depth. Power outage, supply of gasoline, and pricing.	9/26/2021 11:03 PM
3	Blizzard? Again, take trees and woods off and guess what, snow blows across roads more. And it gets a lot windier	9/23/2021 3:19 PM
4	None	9/22/2021 3:57 PM
5	We should have Tornado bunkers built on each side of town for people in apts.	9/22/2021 11:13 AM
6	N/a	9/21/2021 9:36 PM
7	?	9/20/2021 7:41 AM
8	Na	9/19/2021 8:29 AM
9	Just need to be prepared infrastructure wise to be able to constitute offering services if a big natural disaster occurs	9/19/2021 2:56 AM
10	Mitigation and grant efforts along with multi-jurisdictional training events.	9/17/2021 1:17 PM
11	NA	9/16/2021 12:14 PM
12	Get a better ema director that actually has a plan for disasters	9/15/2021 9:44 PM
13	I'm backing out of this one, too. In an era of climate change, I wonder how much the past is prologue. Nevertheless, we have had flooding here and it's been a while since we've had a disastrous tornado. Drought is not something you can do much about, either before it happens or as it's happening. (Do we know any Native Americans who have productive rain dances?) Again, the essence of emergency planning is to figure out what could happen here and be prepared for it.	9/15/2021 3:37 PM
14	Na	9/14/2021 10:00 PM
15	Power failures; fire industrial accidents	9/14/2021 9:00 PM
16	Covering up chemical spills the Apostolics have is the level of gross negligence this county shows towards our environment so why bother asking	9/14/2021 2:27 PM
17	We do nothing to combat mental illness within our community or drug related illness, lets not talk about the most recent chemical spill and how we tried to hide it and make it go away, wonder which corrupt elected official helped with that.	9/14/2021 2:16 PM
18	The Fiechter family has proven to be the most dangerous thing to our local environment and the corrupt authorities that they pay off are also a threat.	9/14/2021 1:44 PM
19	N/A	9/14/2021 1:29 PM
20	N/a	9/14/2021 11:26 AM
21	None	9/14/2021 10:23 AM



### Q13 What is your age?

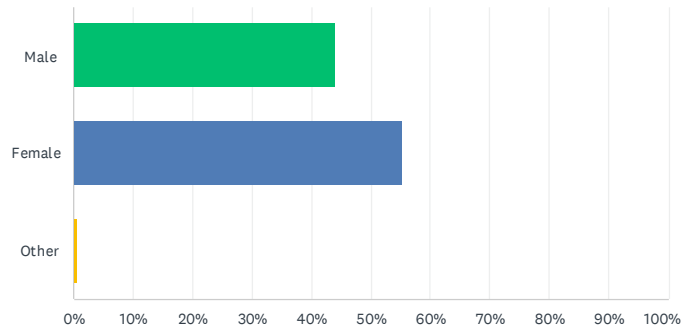
Answered: 134 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.75%	1
25-34	15.67%	21
35-44	30.60%	41
45-54	20.90%	28
55-64	20.90%	28
65+	11.19%	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>134</b>

### Q14 What is your gender?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	44.03% 59
Female	55.22% 74
Other	0.75% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>

#	OTHER	DATE
1	This has no bearing on my answers	9/14/2021 9:34 AM