

APPENDIX A

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TOWN OF COLONIE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) administered a survey to registered voters in the Town of Colonie to learn about their activity in the town, what their beliefs of the Town's priorities should be and how initiatives should be funded.

TOWN OF COLONIE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overall, voters within the Town of Colonie are satisfied with where they live with 95 percent of respondents saying that Colonie is either an excellent or good place to live. A majority engage in or perform activities within the Town of Colonie utilizing the amenities available. Eighty-six percent of registered voters believe that property taxes are about right considering the services they receive. Respondents are mostly satisfied with the Town's services. Ninety-one percent say where they live feels like a neighborhood, and more than three quarters say they feel safe walking or biking in their neighborhood.

The top three supported initiatives in the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan are construction of new sidewalks along main roads, designing local roads to slow speeds and investing in improvements to Town Parks. Respondents feel that it is very important to protect environmental resources, provide incentives for reuse of old commercial sites, preserve historic sites, strengthen clearing undeveloped land regulations and to actively conserve farmland.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Nearly all respondents rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live as either excellent or good. More than half, 54 percent, rate the town as excellent with another 41 percent indicating good. The remaining 5 percent said the Town of Colonie was a fair place to live. When asked if the overall quality of life in the Town of Colonie is improving, staying the same or getting worse, 31 percent of respondents say that the quality of life is improving, 43 percent report that it is staying the same, and 23 percent report it is getting worse.

TOWN OF COLONIE

The Town of Colonie is located within Albany County in New York State. The Town of Colonie is broken up into the hamlets of Latham, Loudonville, South Colonie, Westside, and North Colonie. The Town of Colonie (not including the villages) has a population of approximately 70,000 and is home to historic sites, recreation areas, and businesses.

When asked about issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years, a substantial majority of respondents say the following are very significant: feeling safe and secure in the area around your home (71 percent), the quality of life in your neighborhood (70 percent) and traffic congestion (62 percent).

Activity engagement in town

Respondents report that they perform the following activities within the Town of Colonie:

- Grocery shopping (93 percent)
- Personal business like running errands (93 percent)
- Shopping for things other than groceries (85 percent)
- Engage in physical exercise (85 percent)
- Go to restaurant or bars (78 percent)
- Attend entertainment venues (56 percent)
- Go to their primary physician (53 percent)
- Attend religious services (50 percent)
- Go to work (26 percent)

Respondents report that they engage in the following activities in the Town of Colonie very or somewhat often:

- Gone to The Crossings (66 percent)
- Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library (43 percent)
- Gone to Colonie Town Park (23 percent)
- Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center (21 percent)
- Volunteered in the town (19 percent)
- Attended public meetings (13 percent)
- Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course (11 percent)

Property Taxes

In regards to property taxes, respondents were asked to respond to the following statement: Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive. Eighty-six percent indicate that this is completely (33 percent) or somewhat descriptive (53 percent).

Neighborhoods

Respondents report that the following statements are somewhat or completely descriptive of their neighborhood:

- It is easy to get to stores and services (95 percent)
- It is easy to get to parks (90 percent)
- Where I live feels like a neighborhood (91 percent)
- Housing costs are reasonable (85 percent)

- I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood (78 percent)
- People tend to drive safely on roads in my neighborhood (65 percent)
- Roads are in good condition (63 percent)
- Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhood where I live (44 percent)

Town Services

Respondents report that they are somewhat or completely satisfied with the following town services:

- Police services (91 percent)
- Parks and recreation (89 percent)
- Sewer services (88 percent)
- Fire Services (87 percent)
- Water services (87 percent)
- Emergency services (85 percent)
- Library services (79 percent)
- Community relations (69 percent)
- Road maintenance (59 percent)
- Code enforcement (59 percent)
- Responsiveness of local government (57 percent)
- Senior services (50 percent)
- Youth services (43 percent)
- Development approval process (37 percent)
- Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs (24 percent)

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

More than half of respondents indicate that they either somewhat or strongly support the following initiatives that may be included on the Town's Comprehensive Plan:

- Construction of new sidewalks along main roads (85 percent)
- Design neighborhood and local roads to slow speeds (81 percent)
- Invest in improvements to Town Parks (80 percent)
- Reduce the amount of new residential development (71 percent)
- Improve public transportation options (69 percent)
- Reduce the amount of new commercial development (68 percent)
- Update the Library (67 percent)
- Construct additional off-road recreation trails (66 percent)
- Create additional public access to the Mohawk River (65 percent)
- Widen existing thru-roads (65 percent)
- Create bicycle lanes on existing thru-roads (65 percent)

When asked their opinion of investing in updating Town Hall, respondents are split: 42 percent are in support and 41 percent are opposed.

Respondents were also asked to state their opinion about how important the following initiatives should be moving forward. Percentages denote either somewhat or very important:

- Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife habitat (91 percent)
- Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites (90 percent)
- Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures (88 percent)
- Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land (87 percent)
- Actively conserve open land including farmland (85 percent)
- Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses (78 percent)
- Reevaluate commercial design standards (76 percent)
- Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town (69 percent)
- Reevaluate standards for commercial signs (63 percent)
- Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing (61 percent)
- Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing (58 percent)
- Promote the development of more multi-family housing (34 percent)

Town Growth

Nearly half (48 percent) of respondents report that the rate of growth within the town has been too fast, while 49 percent believe it is acceptable, and two percent say it is too slow.

Funding Amenities & Aspects of Comprehensive Plan

Respondents indicated they would be willing to financially support these amenities at various rates:

- Conservation of open and environmentally sensitive land (55 percent)
- Construction of new sidewalks on main roads (51 percent)
- Conservation of farmland (39 percent)
- Construction of off-road recreation (27 percent)

When asked how much they would be willing to pay, the majority of respondents (65 percent) stated that they would be willing to pay something, but less than one hundred dollars annually to support the amenities. Another 14 percent said they are willing to pay more than one hundred dollars.

Support for alternative methods of raising the funds to pay for amenities included:

- Requiring developers to contribute to offset the potential impacts of their project (92 percent)
- Increasing the Real Estate Transfer Tax (51 percent)

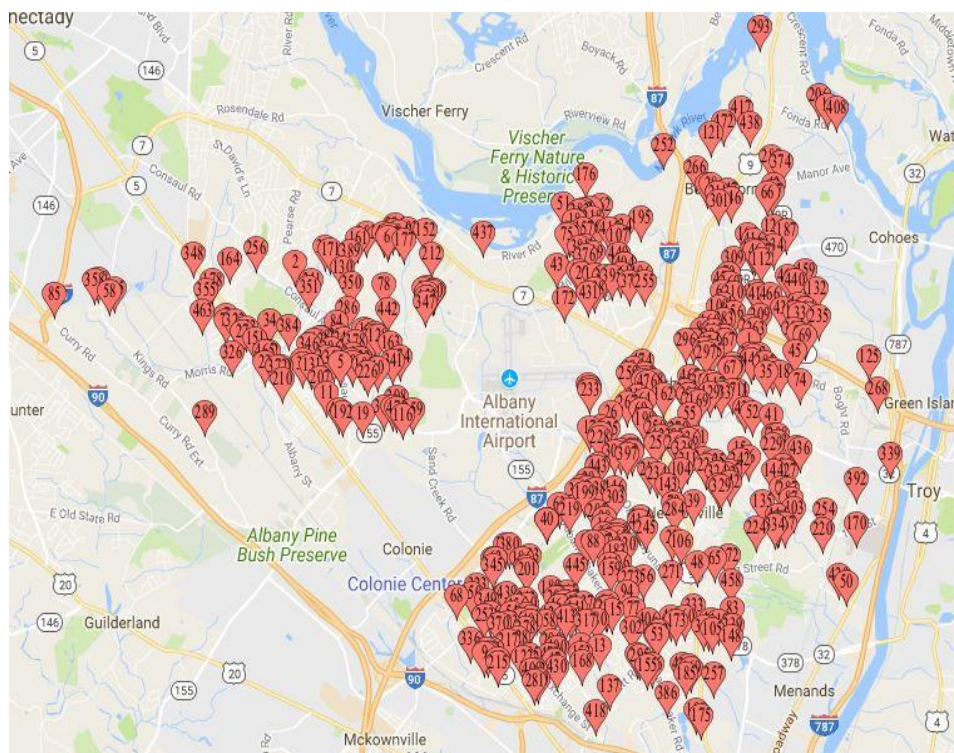
- Borrowing of the money necessary (42 percent)
- Increasing the Town property taxes (38 percent)

Preferred Information Sources

The top three ways to reach people in the community with updates on the Comprehensive Plan are by mail (71 percent), the local newspaper (66 percent) or the Town Website (55 percent).

METHODOLOGY & NATURE OF THE SAMPLE

The Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) conducted a survey of 607 Town of Colonie registered voters (excluding the villages of Colonie and Menands) between the dates of April 3 and June 12, 2017. The survey was conducted by mail, web and phone to obtain the highest possible response rate. The demographics of the final sample of respondents is similar to the demographic profile of those who voted in 2015. Below is a map indicating the geographic location of those who completed the survey from throughout the Town of Colonie.





Town of Colonie

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

SIENA COLLEGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

DR. DON LEVY

JUNE 21, 2017

Methodology



Total sample of 2,000 Town of Colonie Registered Voters



607 Completed Surveys



April 3 - June 12, 2017



Multi-methodological: Mail, Web and Phone

Methodology Continued

On each attempt, respondents were offered the option to complete the survey via mail, phone or web.



First Wave

Original Sample



1,600

Sent to 100%

Survey Mailed



Called non-responders

Phone



Sent to non-responders

1-Page Letter



Final response rate just under 40%

Second Wave

Supplemental Sample



400

If had number

Phone

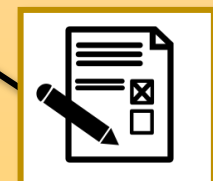


Sent to non-responders

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If no number



Survey Mailed

Sent to non-responders

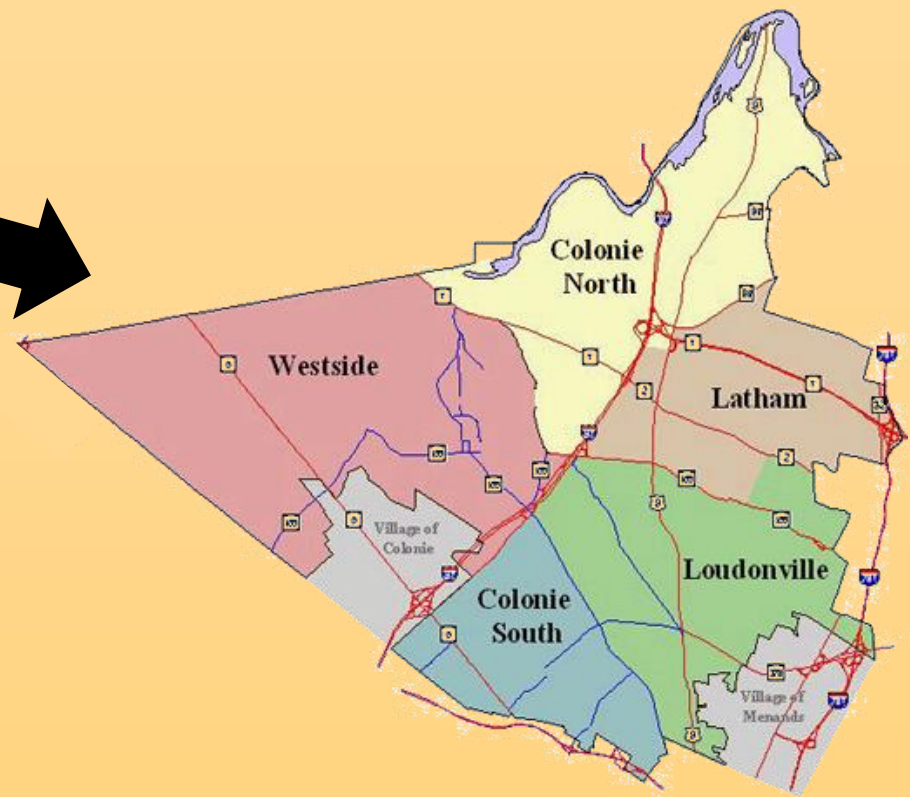
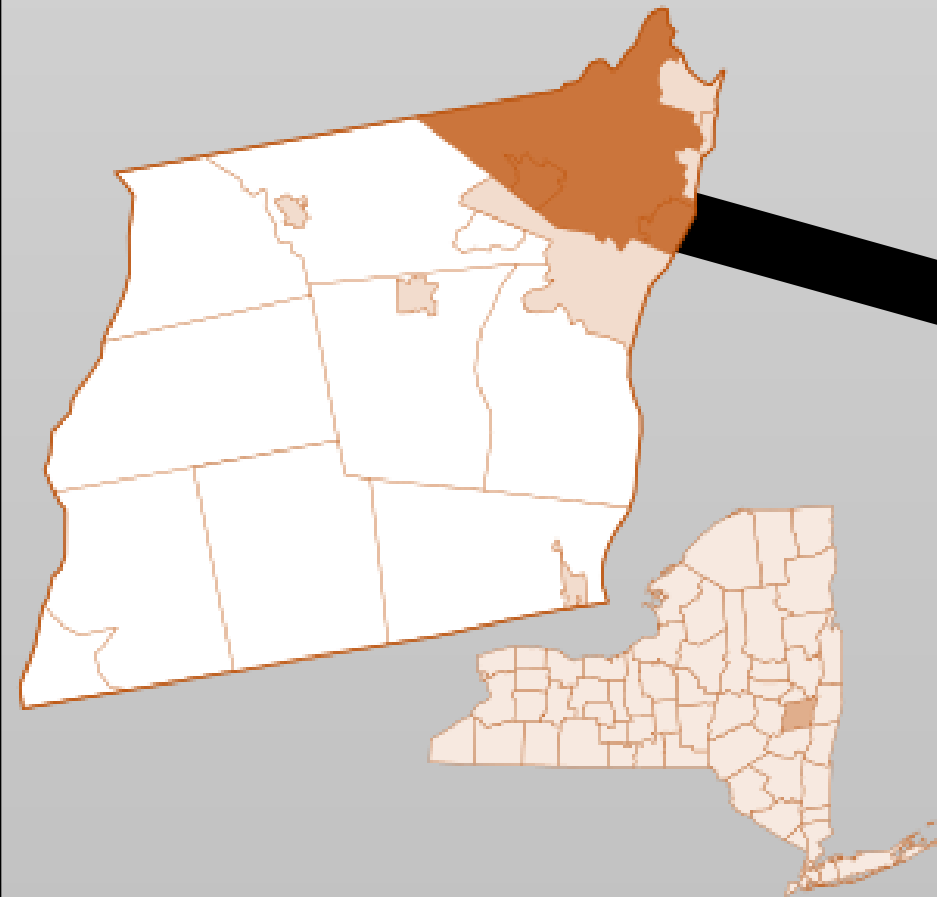
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Town of Colonie Geography

Albany County

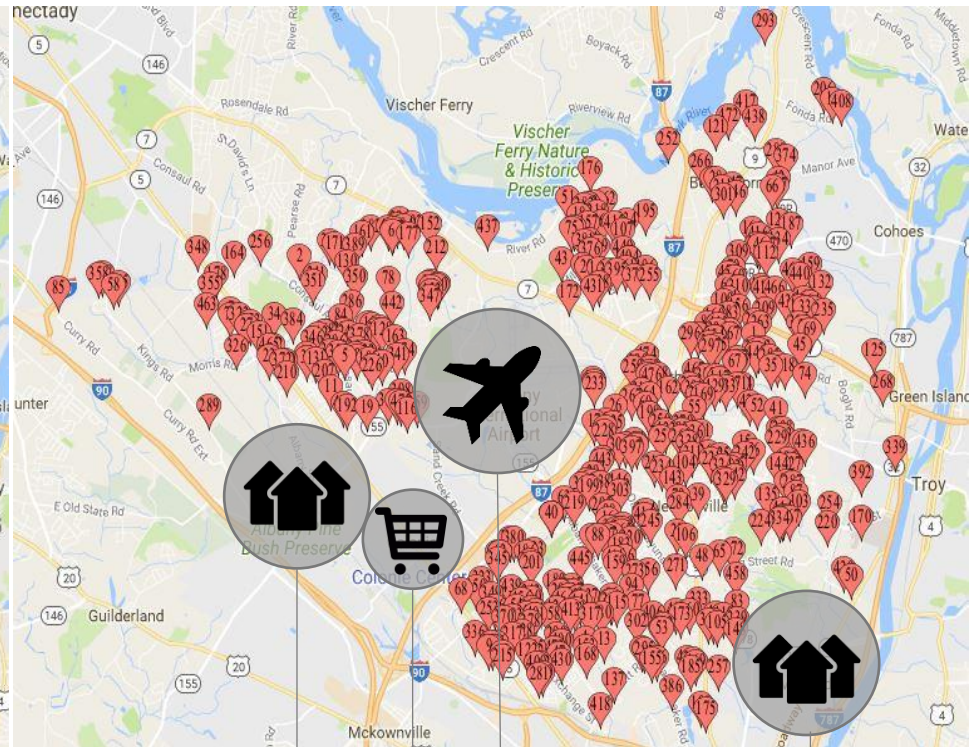
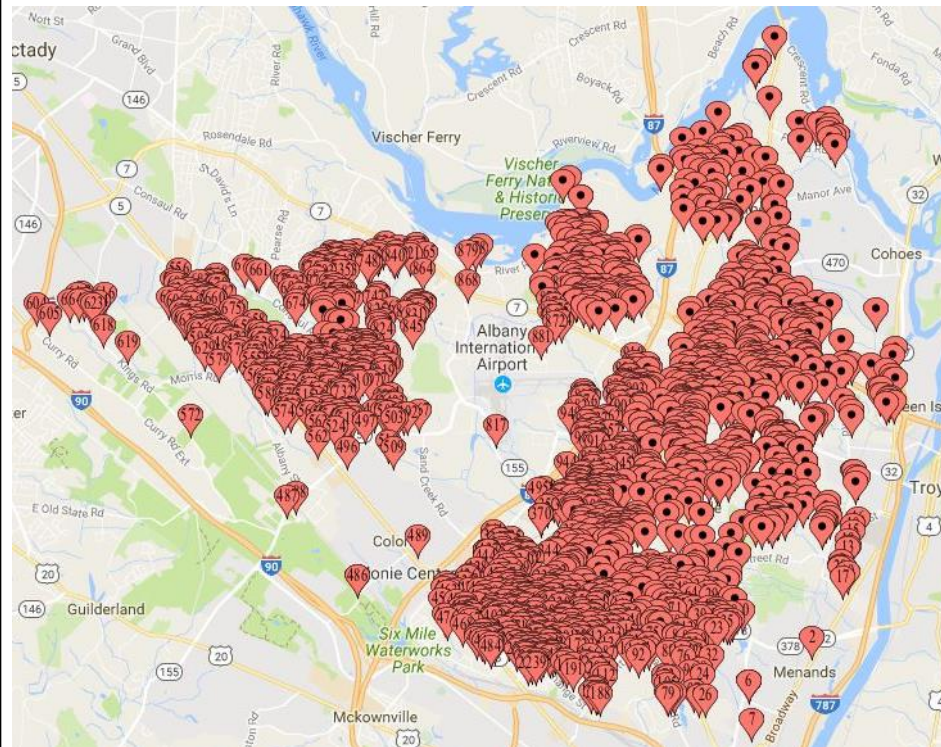
Town of Colonie



Town of Colonie Geography

SAMPLE

COMPLETES



Village of
Colonie

Colonie
Center

Airport

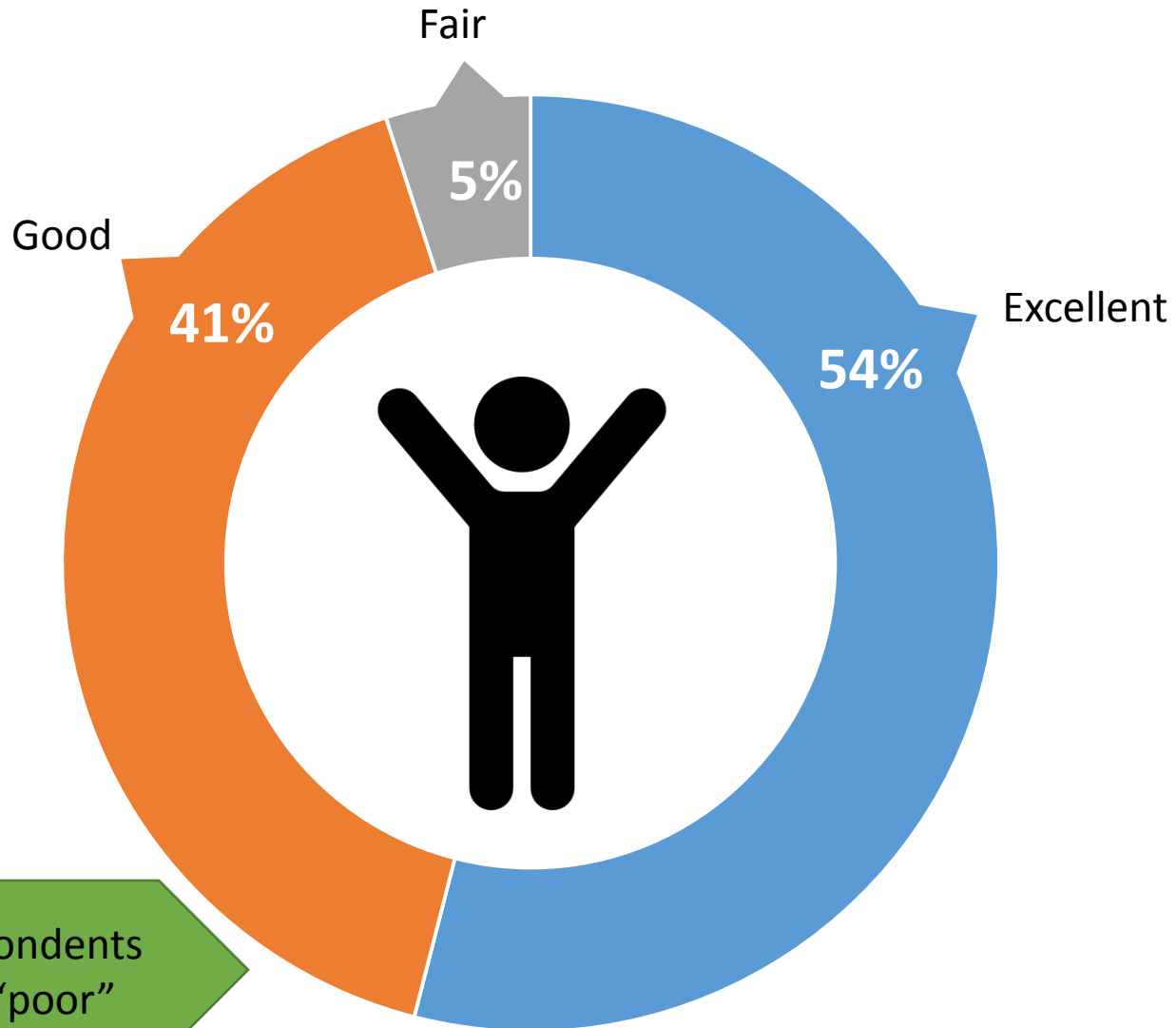
Village of
Menands

Nature of the Sample

	Respondents	Registered Voters	Voted 2015
Gender			
Male	42%	46%	48%
Female	51%	54%	52%
Age			
18-34	7%	20%	6%
35-49	16%	21%	15%
50-64	34%	31%	37%
65 and older	37%	28%	42%
Years lived in Town of Colonie			
Less than 5 years	8%		
5-10 years	9%		
10-20 years	19%		
20 years or more	64%		
Education			
Some college or less	38%	44%	40%
Bachelor's degree	26%	31%	31%
Graduate/Professional degree	32%	25%	28%
Household Size			
One person	15%		
Two people	44%		
Three or more people	37%		
Income			
Less than \$50,000	14%	11%	12%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	34%	50%	49%
\$100,000 or more	39%	39%	39%
Home			
Own	88%	78%	87%
Rent	8%	22%	13%

Town of Colonie Rating

How would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?



0% of respondents answered "poor"

Activity Engagement in Town

For each of the following activities that people engage in, please indicate if you engage in this activity almost always in the Town of Colonie, usually in the Town, usually out of the Town, or almost always out of the Town:

0 Almost always out of town	1 Usually out of town	2 Usually in town	3 Almost always in town
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Activity	Score	Don't know
Grocery shopping	2.72	1%
Engage in physical exercise, including walking, biking, or working out	2.48	9%
Conduct personal business, including running errands	2.38	2%
Shopping for things other than groceries	2.24	3%
Attend religious services	2.21	33%
Go to restaurants or bars	2.07	7%
Attend entertainment venues, including movies, or live entertainment	1.76	10%
Go to your primary physician	1.75	4%
Go to work	1.35	39%

Frequency of Engaging in Town Activities

Tell me if you have visited these places or engaged in these activities in the Town of Colonie very often, somewhat often, not very often, or not at all.

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Not at all

1
Not very often

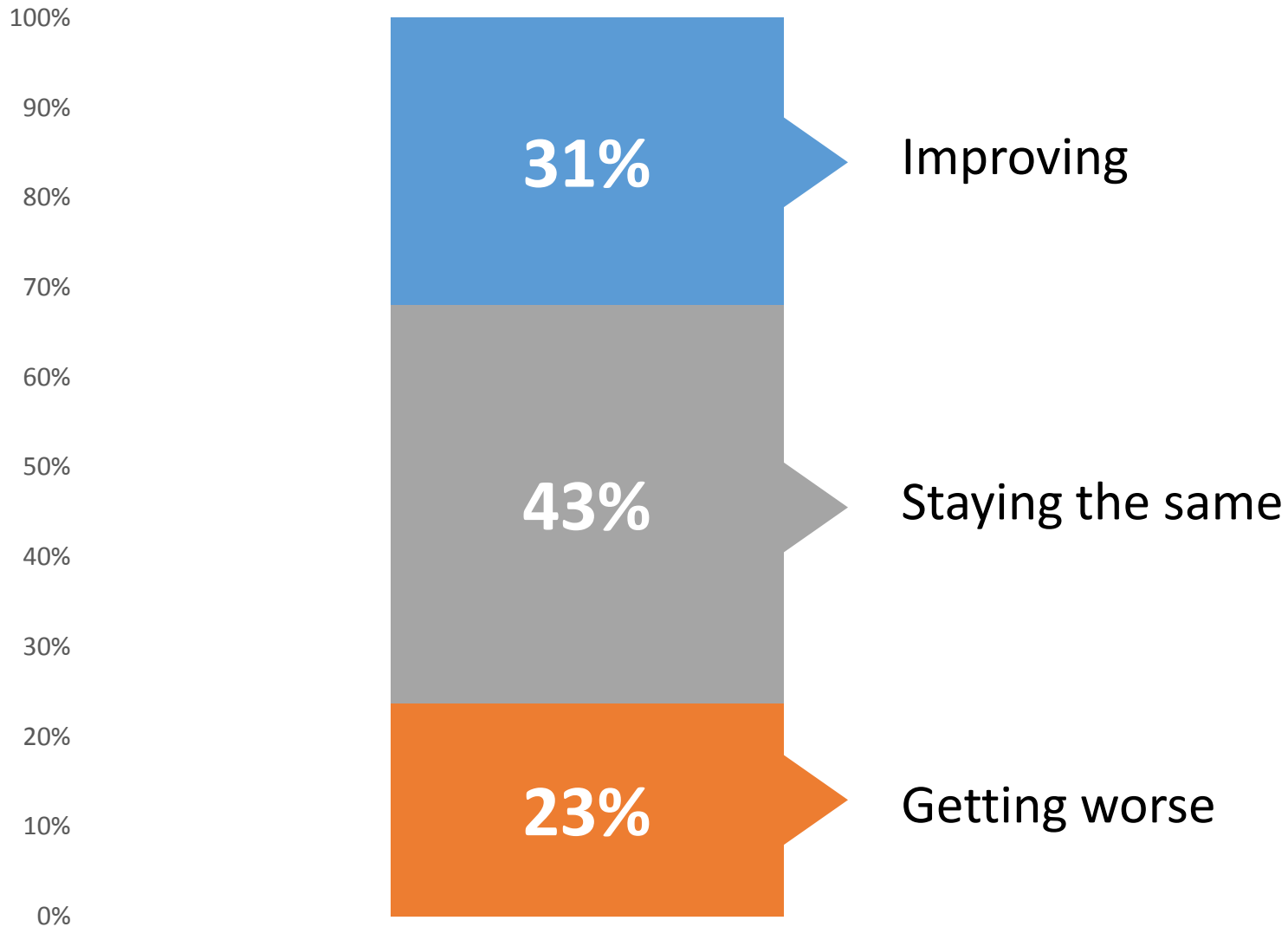
2
Somewhat often

3
Very often

Activity	Score	Very / Somewhat Often
Followed Town news through sources like the Colonie Spotlight or the Times Union	2.18	78%
Gone to The Crossings	1.88	66%
Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library	1.46	43%
Used the Town of Colonie's website (www.colonie.org) to get information	1.18	36%
Gone to the Mohawk River Park and Pool (also known as Colonie Town Park)	0.87	23%
Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center	0.78	21%
Volunteered in the Town of Colonie for or through an organization	0.75	19%
Attended any public meetings in the Town of Colonie in which there was a discussion of neighborhood or school affairs	0.69	13%
Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course	0.50	11%

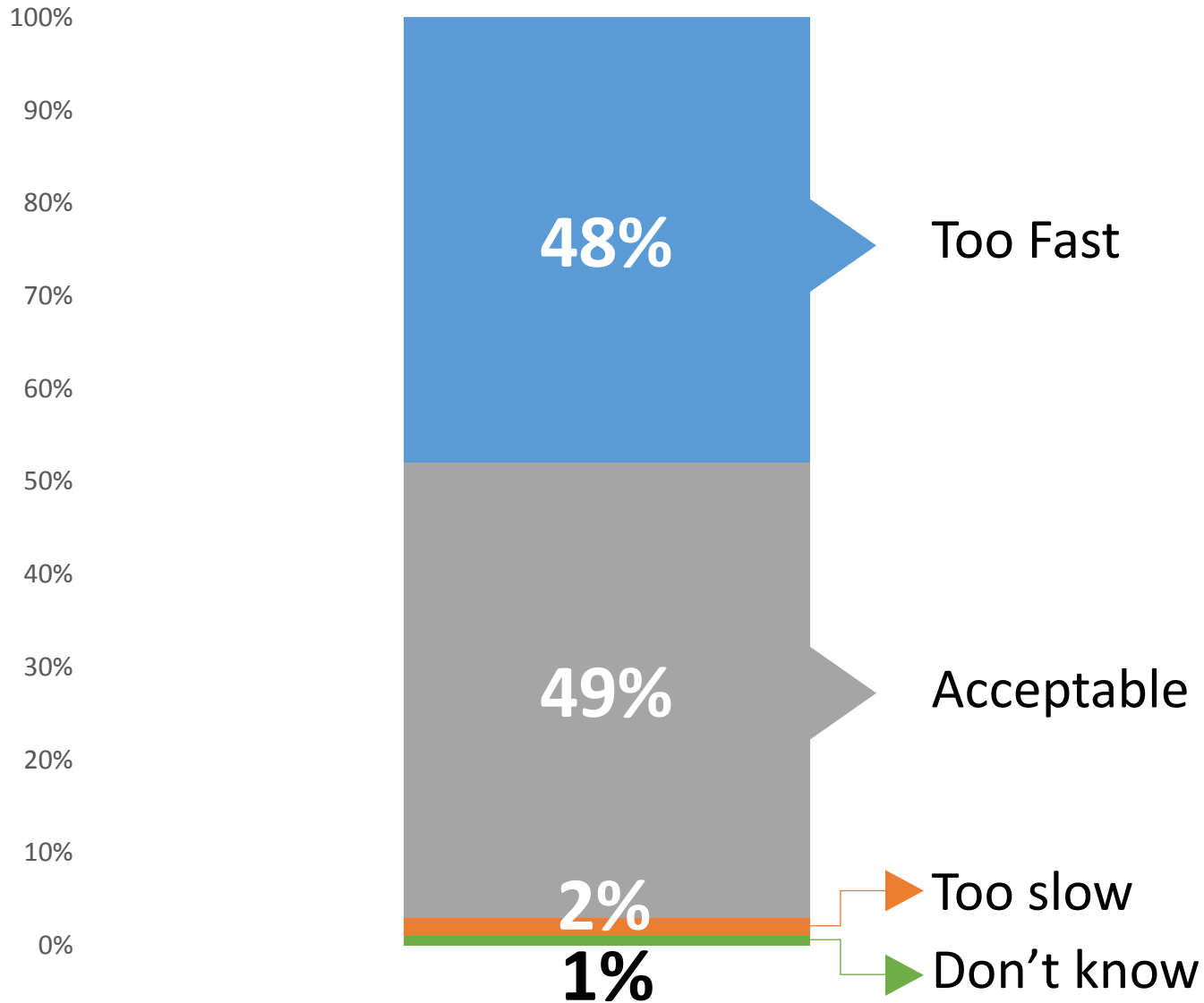
Quality of Life

Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is...



Town Growth

In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been...



Quality of Life vs Overall Town Rating vs Town Growth

In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?



Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is...

Quality by Change	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor
Improving	30	<1
Staying the same	43	1
Getting worse	19	5

In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?



In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been...

Quality by Rate of growth	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor
Too fast	44	4
Acceptable	48	1
Too slow	2	1

Quality of Life vs Rate of Growth

Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is...



In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been...

	Improving	Staying the same	Getting worse
Too fast	8	18	21
Acceptable	22	24	2
Too slow	1	1	<1

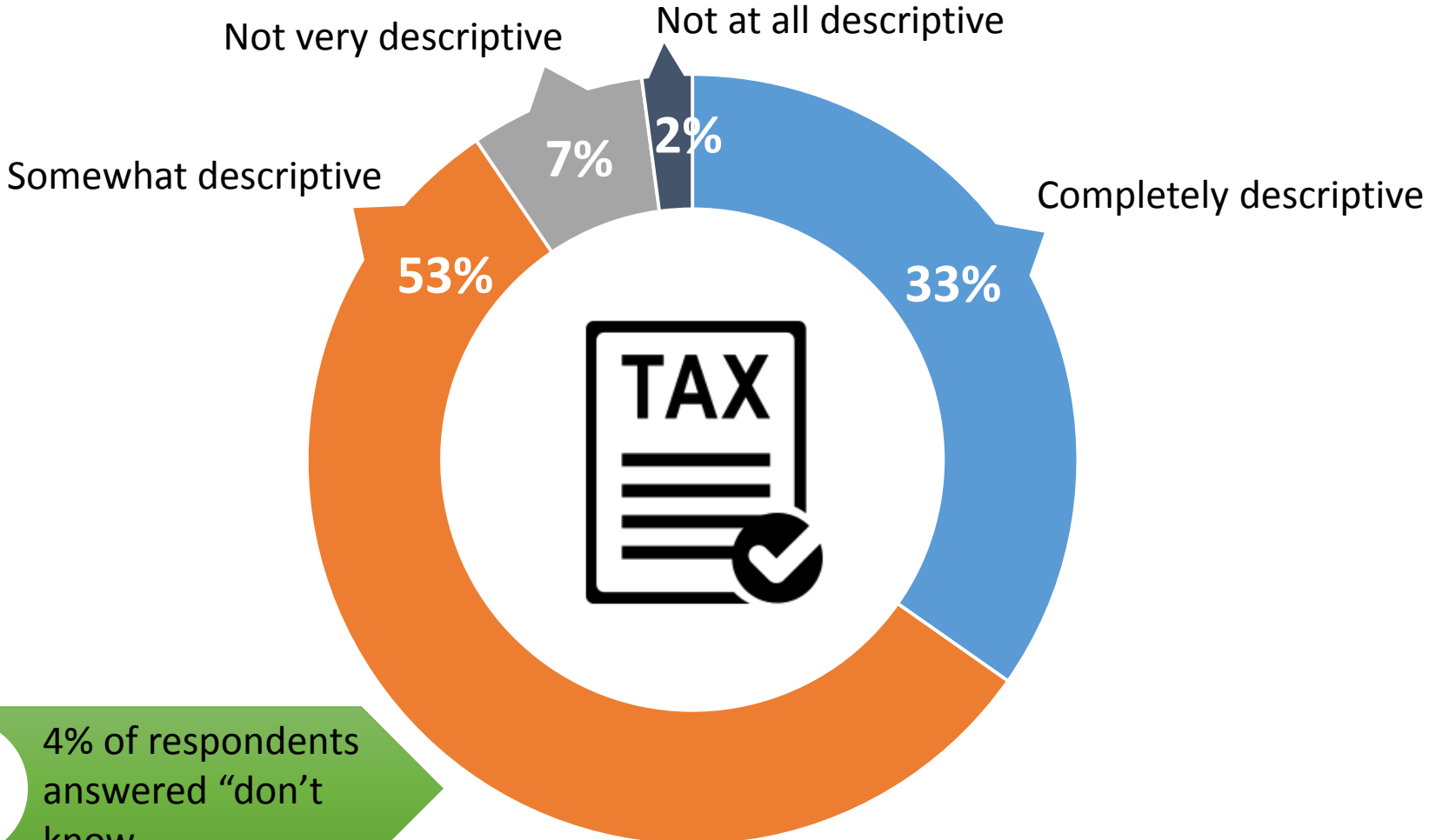


Colonie is perfect as is. I hope the goal would be to maintain it rather than expand it. It has an ideal mix of residential and commercial already.

- 65+, Female

Property Taxes

Is the following statement completely descriptive, somewhat descriptive, not very descriptive, or not at all descriptive of the Town of Colonie? Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive.



? 4% of respondents answered "don't know"

Town of Colonie Neighborhoods

I am going to read you a list of statements. Please tell me if each of the following statements is completely descriptive, somewhat descriptive, not very descriptive, or not at all descriptive of your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home.

Activity	Score
It is easy to get to stores and services	87%
It is easy to get to parks	83%
Where I live feels like a neighborhood	82%
I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood	73%
Housing costs are reasonable	73%
People tend to drive safely on local roads in my neighborhood	59%
Roads are in good condition	56%
Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhoods where I live	48%



I would support none of these [amenities] until our roads are fixed.
– 50-64, Female



Construct new sidewalks along main roads – especially along Spring Street road! – 65+, Male

Satisfaction With Town Services

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Activity	POP Score	Don't know
Fire services	94%	12%
Emergency services	94%	14%
Police services	92%	6%
Sewer services	87%	9%
Water services	85%	7%
Responsiveness of local government	65%	25%



With all the new housing developments in the Town of Colonie, there must be much, much new taxes coming in! Update the water lines and sewer lines and roads! The landfill everyone knows is a geyser of money incoming into the Town with it we could rebuild many new roads in the Town if it was handled properly! **“DO IT” – 65+, Male**

Satisfaction With Town Services

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Activity	POP Score	Don't know
Code enforcement	73%	29%
Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs	68%	70%
Development approval process	54%	38%



Living in South Colonie for over 22 years now, I feel at times that our Town Supervisor and our decision making staff forget about our “end of town” and concentrate more on North Colonie. South Colonie needs work. Especially on Central Avenue from Route 155 to Balltown Road. There are many eye sores and ugly looking buildings. The Sky Lane Motel being one. It’s all one town, right??? How about some attention in South Colonie??

- **50-64, Female**

Satisfaction With Town Services

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Activity	POP Score	Don't know
Library services	86%	19%
Parks and recreation	84%	8%
Senior services	83%	47%
Youth services	78%	52%
Community relations / public information	69%	17%



Like previous meetings held at the “Crossings.” Paula does a great job with these [meetings] – very informative and helpful to understand the issue(s)

- Age unknown, Female

Quality of Life: Land Use & Development

There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don't know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Activity	Score	Don't know
The impact of development on natural resources (trees, waterways, wetlands, wildlife, etc.)	84%	8%
The rate of commercial development	82%	8%
The rate of construction of new housing developments	81%	6%
The quality (look and feel) of new development	78%	8%
Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities	77%	5%
Open space including farmland	74%	11%
The supply of affordable housing	70%	12%

Quality of Life: Services

There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don't know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Activity	Score	Don't know
The quality of infrastructure including buried water and sewer lines	87%	12%
The availability of services for seniors	78%	18%
The availability of services for youth	76%	27%
Available options for walking or biking	74%	5%
The maintenance of public facilities including Town Hall and the Library	72%	7%
The availability of public transportation	64%	11%



I feel the West End of the Town, Stanford Heights Fire District is neglected. Our side streets haven't been repaired in years, especially streets between Albany St. and Central Ave. While streets in Loudonville seem to be repaved every two years. – **65+, Male**

Quality of Life: Other

There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don't know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Activity	Score	Don't know
Quality of life in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home	88%	3%
Feeling safe and secure in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home	87%	2%
Traffic congestion	86%	3%
The amount residents pay in Town taxes	84%	6%
Communication between the Town and its residents	84%	5%



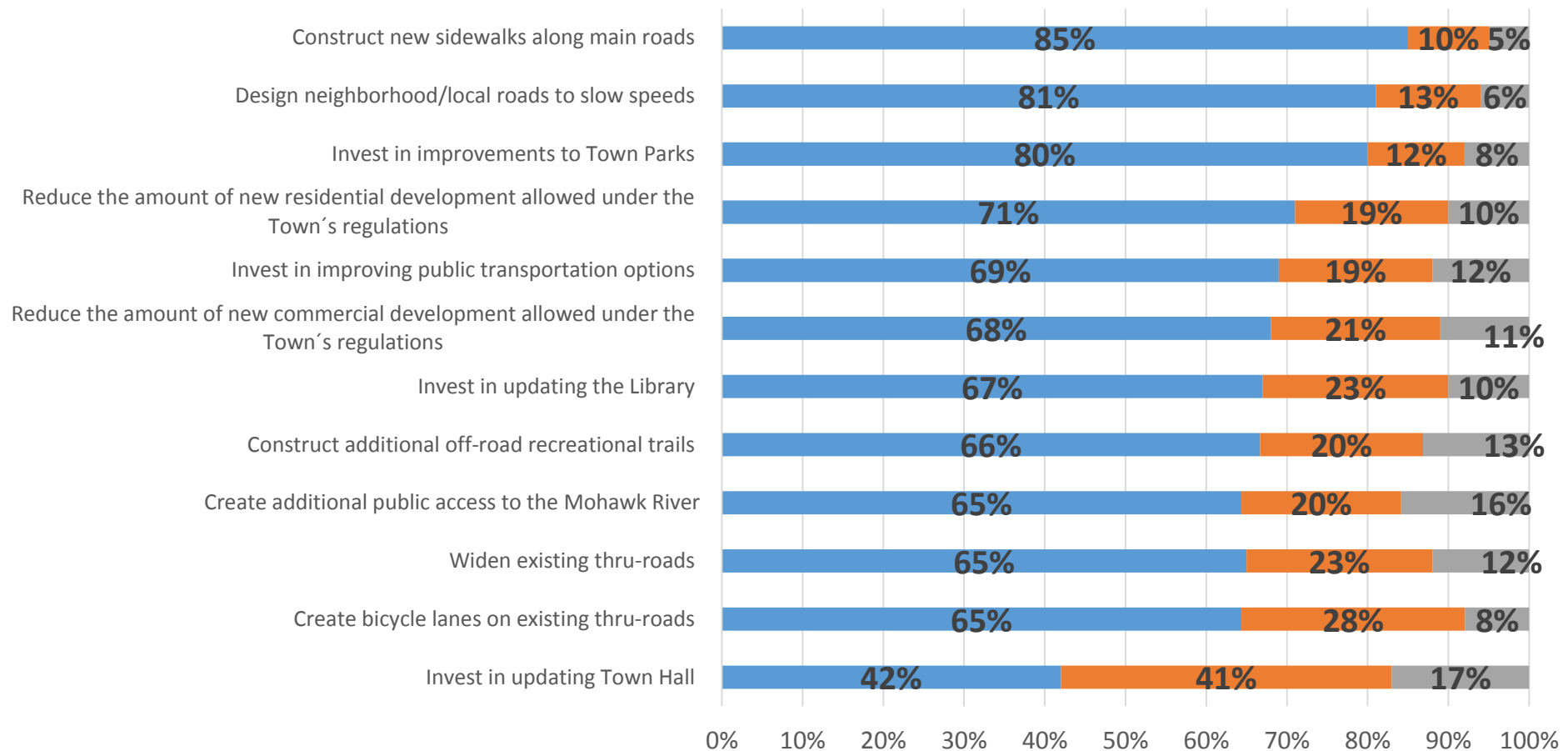
Traffic Congestion should be the Town's top priority. Roads are congested all times of the day. Entrance to the Crossings is the worst.

- **65+, Female**

Support for Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan

Many programs and initiatives may be considered for inclusion in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. For each of the following, please tell me whether you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose it, or don't know.

■ Support ■ Oppose ■ Don't know/No opinion



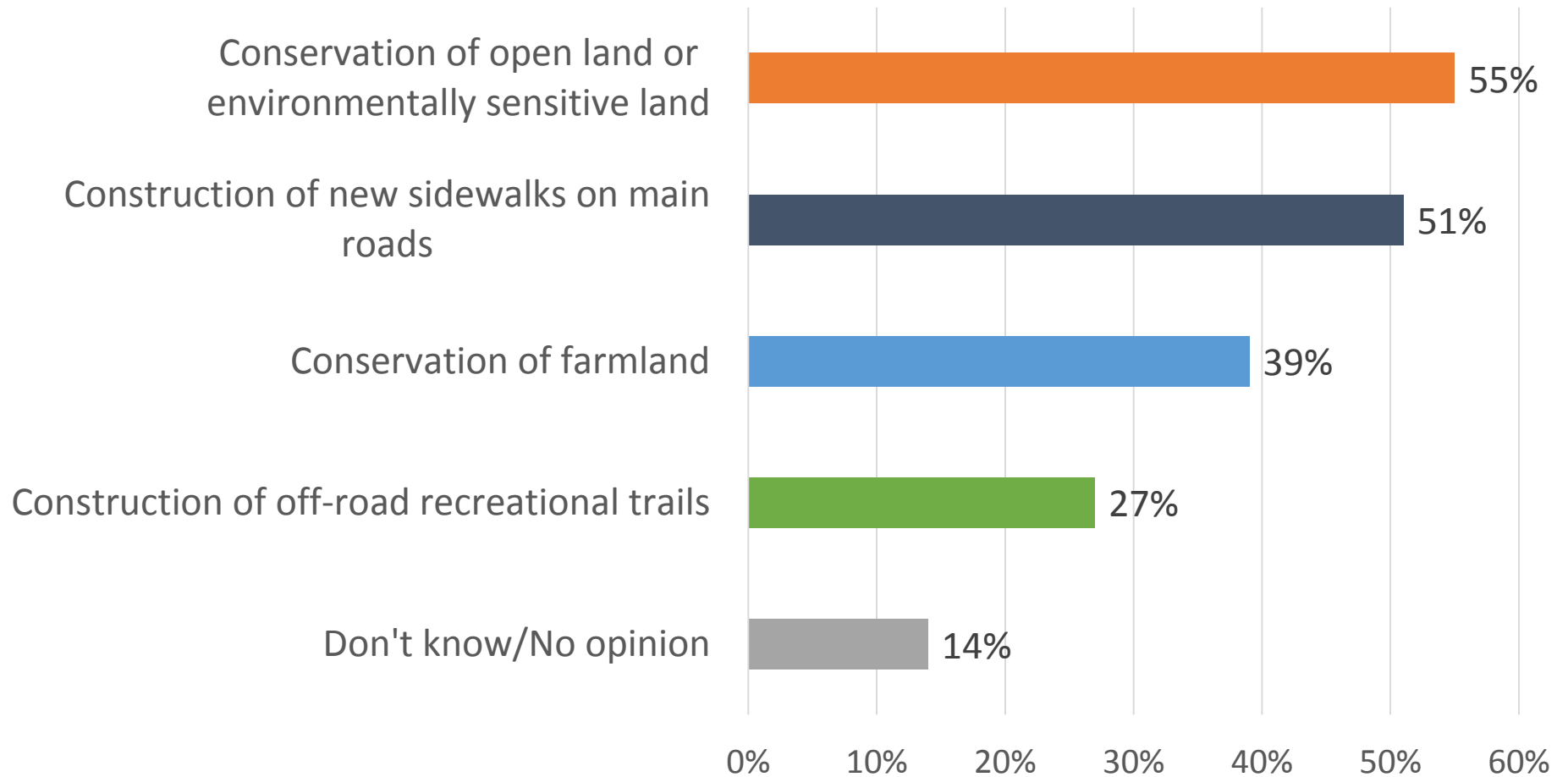
Town of Colonie Planning

And for each of the following, tell me if it is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important to be part of the Town of Colonie's planning moving forward.

Activity	Score	Don't know
Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites	85%	3%
Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife hab	85%	2%
Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures	81%	3%
Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land	80%	4%
Actively conserve open land including farmland	80%	4%
Reevaluate commercial design standards	72%	7%
Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses	69%	3%
Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town	65%	6%
Reevaluate standards for commercial signs	61%	5%
Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing	59%	4%
Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing	57%	4%
Promote the development of more multi-family housing (apartments and townhomes)	39%	4%

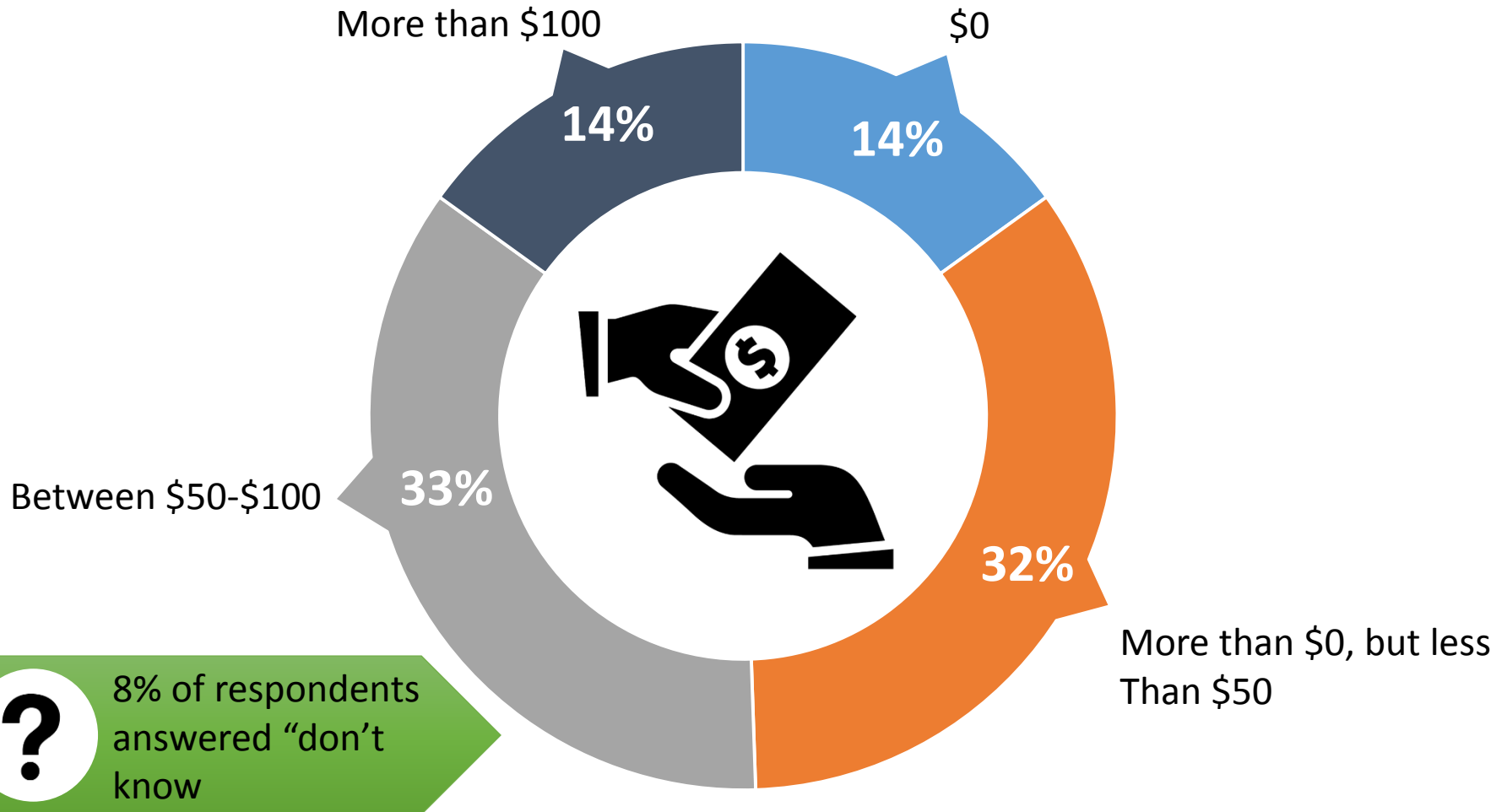
Financially Supporting Amenities

Though the Town will look for outside sources of funding (grants or other state/federal funds) to reduce costs, implementing some aspects of the comprehensive plan will likely cost the Town of Colonie additional money. Which of the following amenities might you be willing to support financially?



Amount Willing to Pay for Amenities

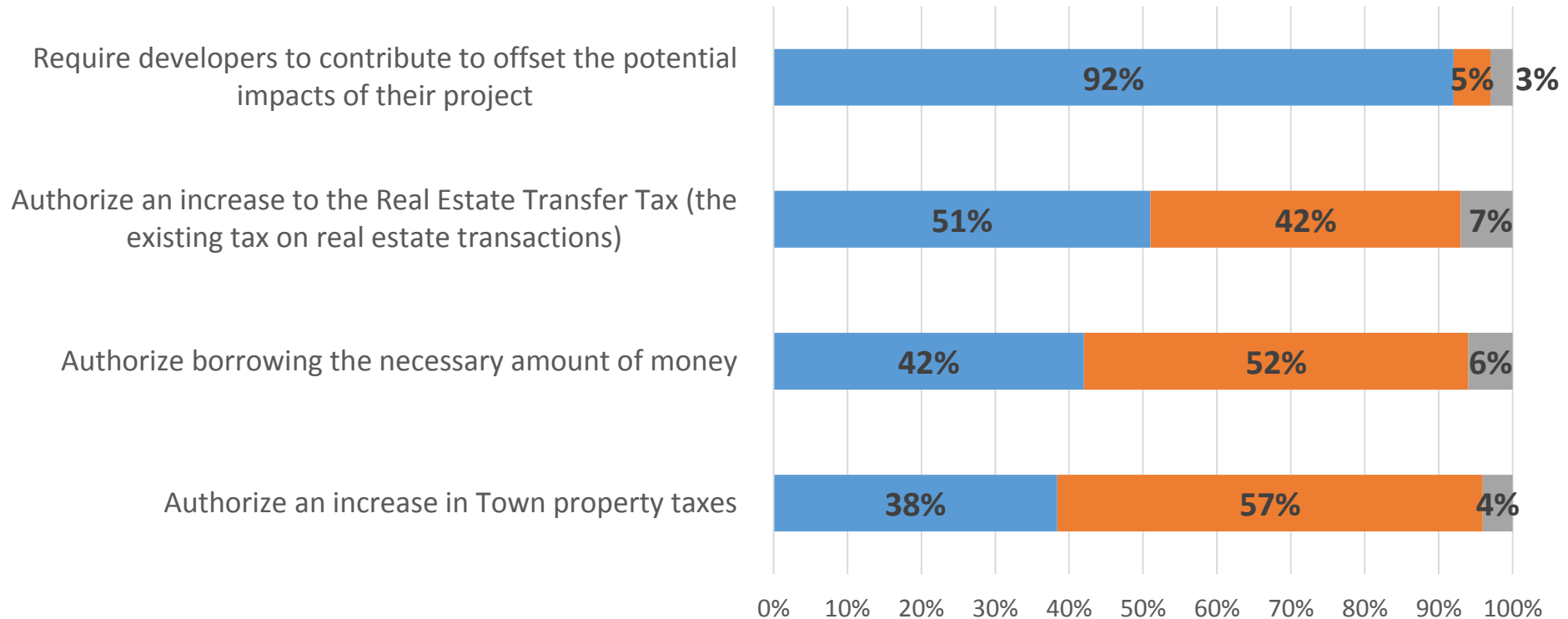
For the types of amenities I just mentioned, how much in total might your household be willing to pay on an annual basis?



Funding for Amenities

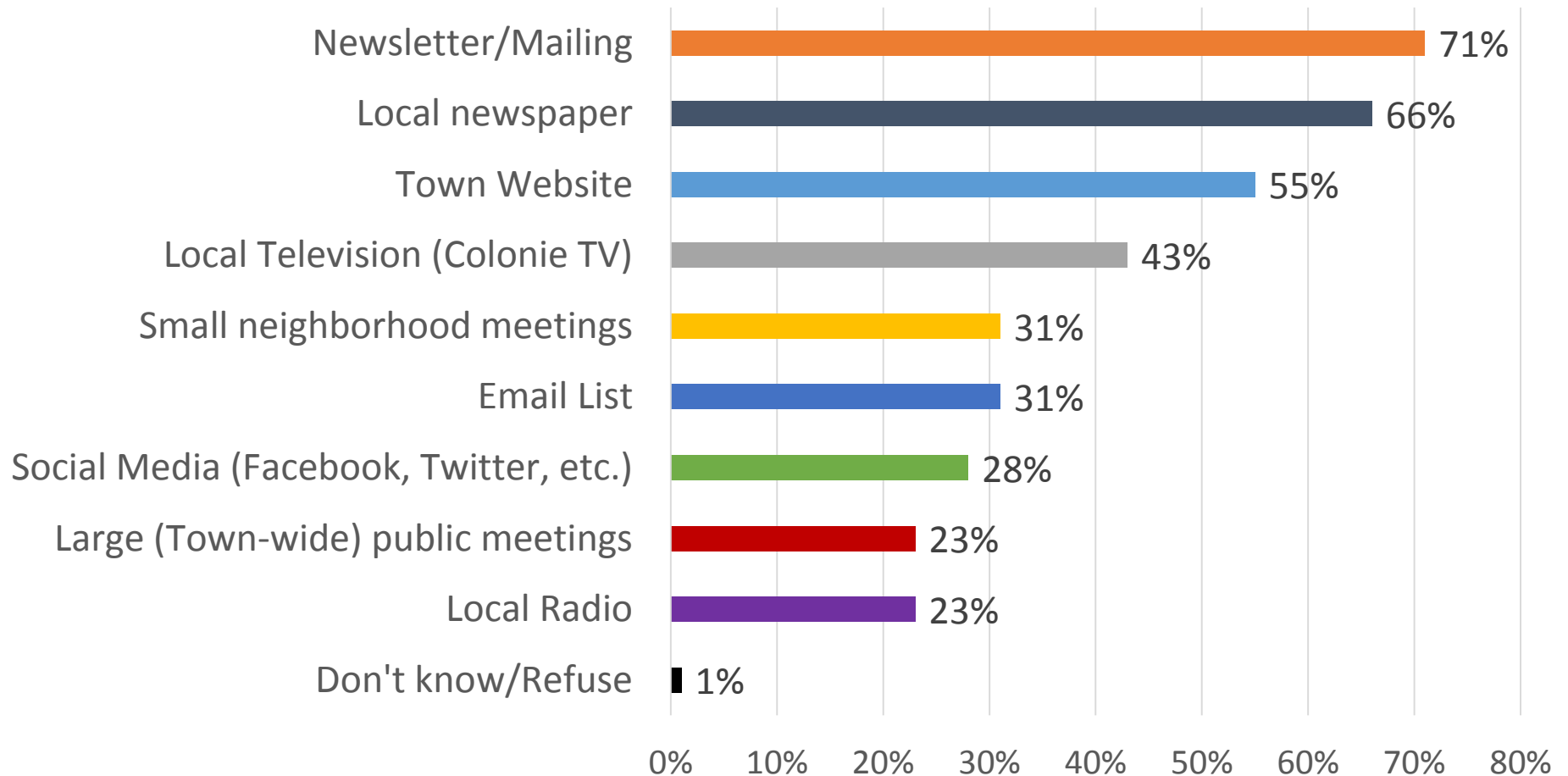
There are actually several ways that communities can raise money to pay for amenities such as Conservation of open land or environmentally sensitive land, Conservation of farmland, Construction of new sidewalks on main roads, and Construction of off-road recreational trails. If the Town of Colonie decides to pursue these amenities it would likely create a dedicated fund for this purpose. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following methods of raising money for such a fund?

■ Support ■ Oppose ■ Don't know/No opinion



Preferred Information Sources

As we prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update, and if we conduct follow-up studies or plans regarding some of the topics described in this survey, the Town of Colonie will continue to reach out to the community for input. Which of the following sources would you like to use to get information from the Town of Colonie?



Discussion



TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



April 3, 2017

Dear [Voters_FirstName],

You have been selected at random to take part in a survey that will inform the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Planning Process.

Please take just a moment to read on.

Periodically, the Town of Colonie, evaluates its planning priorities, sort of like when a business or institution writes a strategic plan or when a family meets to work out plans for its future. The Town is currently working on a new plan, and in order to get input from a representative sample of residents, we are working with the Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) to do just that.

We are asking you, as part of scientific process designed and managed by SCRI, to be one of those representative citizens. In addition to the opportunity for any citizen to express their opinions at public meetings or by contacting me at any time, this survey is being sent to a small, randomly selected sample of citizens from around town. Some may regularly attend town meetings, some may never have been to a meeting or event. We need the input of each of you regardless of your experience with town government or town services.

It will only take a short time to sit down and fill this survey out and return it to SCRI. SCRI, will tabulate the results and present those results to the Town and all citizens in ways that summarize the results. Your name and your responses will not be made public and SCRI will guarantee both your anonymity and confidentiality.

SCRI has put a coding number on the survey in order to keep track of who has completed the survey. You can complete the survey by 1) filling out the copy that accompanies this letter and sending it back to SCRI in the envelope, or by going to www.siena.edu/scri/townofcoloniesurvey, entering your coding number (CODING #) and proceeding, or 3) calling SCRI at 783-6808 to make an appointment to take the survey on the phone.

This really is important. Your voice matters and in reality, you actually represent many other citizens that live in our community. We hope to hear from you so that we have an accurate picture of what citizens across our Town think about our Town as we move forward. I will warn you that our friends at SCRI are persistent: if you don't initially have time to respond to the survey, they will politely contact you and ask again for you fill it out.

Thanks for your help and certainly you are invited to call me with any questions. Please keep your eyes posted for announcements upon the survey's completion as to when and where you can see the results.

All the best and again, thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula A. Mahan".

Town Supervisor

1. How long have you lived in the Town of Colonie?

- Less than 2 years
- At least 2 but less than 5 years
- At least 5 but less than 10 years

- At least 10 but less than 20 years
- 20 or more years

2. Do you live in...

- A single family home
- An apartment
- Some other living situation [describe] _____

3. Do you own or rent your home?

- Own
- Rent
- Other

4. For each of the following activities that people engage in, please indicate how often you engage in this activity in the Town of Colonie.

	Almost Always IN Town	Usually IN Town	Usually OUT of Town	Almost Always OUT of Town	Not Applicable
a. Grocery shopping					
b. Shopping for things other than groceries					
c. Go to your primary physician					
d. Go to restaurants or bars					
e. Engage in physical exercise, including walking, biking, or working out					
f. Attend entertainment venues, including movies, or live entertainment					
g. Conduct personal business, including running errands					
h. Attend religious services					
i. Go to work					

5. For each of the following, please indicate how often you have visited these places or engaged in these activities in the Town of Colonie.

	Very Often	Somewhat Often	Not Very Often	Not At All
a. Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library				
b. Attended any public meetings in the Town of Colonie in which there was a discussion of neighborhood or school affairs				
c. Volunteered in the Town of Colonie for or through an organization				
d. Gone to The Crossings				
e. Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center				
f. Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course				
g. Gone to the Mohawk River Park and Pool (a.k.a. Colonie Town Park)				
h. Followed Town news through sources like the Colonie Spotlight or the Times Union				
i. Used the Town of Colonie’s website (www.colonie.org) to get information				

6. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

7. Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is...

- Improving
- Staying the same
- Getting worse
- Don't know

8. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been...

- Too fast
- Acceptable
- Too slow

9. To what degree is the following statement descriptive of the Town of Colonie?

Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive.

- Completely Descriptive
- Somewhat Descriptive
- Not Very Descriptive
- Not At All Descriptive

10. To what degree is each of the following statements descriptive of your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home?

	Completely Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Not Very Descriptive	Not At All Descriptive
a. Where I live feels like a neighborhood				
b. Housing costs are reasonable				
c. Roads are in good condition				
d. I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood				
e. People tend to drive safely on local roads in my neighborhood				
f. It is easy to get to stores and services				
g. It is easy to get to parks				
h. Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhood where I live				

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11. How satisfied are you with the following Town services?

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Very Satisfied	Not At All Satisfied	Don't Know
a. Police services					
b. Fire services					
c. Emergency services					
d. Road maintenance					
e. Parks and recreation					
f. Water services					
g. Sewer services					
h. Code enforcement					
i. Development approval process					
j. Responsiveness of local government					
k. Community relations / public information					
l. Senior services					
m. Youth services					
n. Library services					
o. Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs					

12. There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell us whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don't know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

	Very Significant	Somewhat Significant	Not Very Significant	Not At All Significant	Don't Know
a. Traffic congestion					
b. Available options for walking or biking					
c. Open space including farmland					
d. Feeling safe and secure in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home					
e. The supply of affordable housing					
f. The availability of services for youth					
g. The quality of infrastructure including buried water and sewer lines					
h. The availability of public transportation					
i. The amount residents pay in Town taxes					
j. The rate of commercial development					
k. The rate of construction of new housing developments					
l. The maintenance of public facilities including Town Hall and the Library					
m. The availability of services for seniors					
n. The impact of development on natural resources (trees, waterways, wetlands, wildlife, etc.)					
o. The quality (look and feel) of new development					
p. Quality of life in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home					
q. Communication between the Town and its residents					
r. Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities					

13. Many programs and initiatives may be considered for inclusion in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. For each of the following, indicate whether you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose it, or don’t know.

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don’t Know
a. Invest in improving public transportation options					
b. Construct new sidewalks along main roads					
c. Construct additional off-road recreational trails					
d. Create bicycle lanes on existing thru-roads					
e. Widen existing thru-roads					
f. Invest in updating Town Hall					
g. Invest in updating the Library					
h. Invest in improvements to Town Parks					
i. Create additional public access to the Mohawk River					
j. Reduce the amount of new residential development allowed under the Town’s regulations					
k. Reduce the amount of new commercial development allowed under the Town’s regulations					
l. Design neighborhood/local roads to slow speeds					

14. And for each of the following, indicate how important you think it is that each be part of the Town of Colonie’s planning moving forward. Very, somewhat, not very, not at all.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a. Reevaluate commercial design standards				
b. Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town				
c. Actively conserve open land including farmland				
d. Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites				
e. Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing				
f. Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing				
g. Promote the development of more multi-family housing (apartments and townhomes)				
h. Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife habitat				
i. Reevaluate standards for commercial signs				
j. Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses				
k. Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land				
l. Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures				

Though the Town will look for outside sources of funding (grants or other state/federal funds) to reduce costs, implementing some aspects of the comprehensive plan will likely cost the Town of Colonie additional money.

15. Which of the following amenities might you be willing to support financially? Check all that apply.

- Conservation of open land or environmentally sensitive land
- Conservation of farmland
- Construction of new sidewalks on main roads
- Construction of off-road recreational trails

16. For the types of amenities described above, how much in total might your household be willing to pay on an annual basis?

- \$0
- More than \$0 but less than \$50
- \$50 to \$100
- More than \$100

17. There are actually several ways that communities can raise money to pay for amenities such as those described above (see question 15). If the Town of Colonie decides to pursue these amenities it would likely create a dedicated fund for this purpose. To what degree do you support or oppose each of the following methods of raising money for such a fund?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
a. Authorize an increase in Town property taxes				
b. Authorize borrowing the necessary amount of money				
c. Authorize an increase to the Real Estate Transfer Tax (the existing tax on real estate transactions)				
d. Require developers to contribute to offset the potential impacts of their project				

18. As we prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update, and if we conduct follow-up studies or plans regarding some of the topics described in this survey, the Town of Colonie will continue to reach out to the community for input. Which of the following sources would you like to use to get information from the Town of Colonie? (Check all that apply.)

- Town Website
- Email List
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Newsletter/Mailing
- Local newspaper
- Local Television (Colonie TV)
- Local Radio
- Large (Town-wide) public meetings
- Small neighborhood meetings

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Please tell us a little bit about yourself:

19. How old are you?

18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

20. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your home?

Yes No

21. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

High school or less Bachelor's Degree
 Some college or trade school Graduate/Professional Degree

22. Which of the following represents your annual household income?

Under \$50,000 More than \$100,000
 \$50,000-100,000

23. What is the size of your household?

1 Person 3 or 4 People
 2 People 5 or more People

Thank you for your participation!