



MEMORANDUM

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To: Town of Hammond Board of Supervisors, Plan Commission, Clerk
From: Nicole Peterson, Planner
Date: October 8, 2025 (Revised from October 1, 2025)

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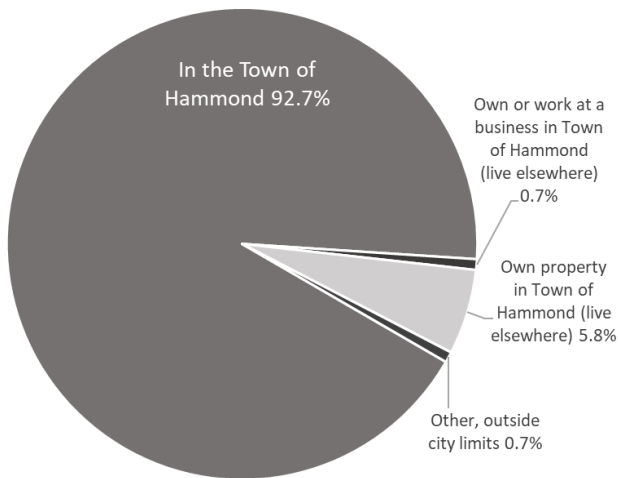
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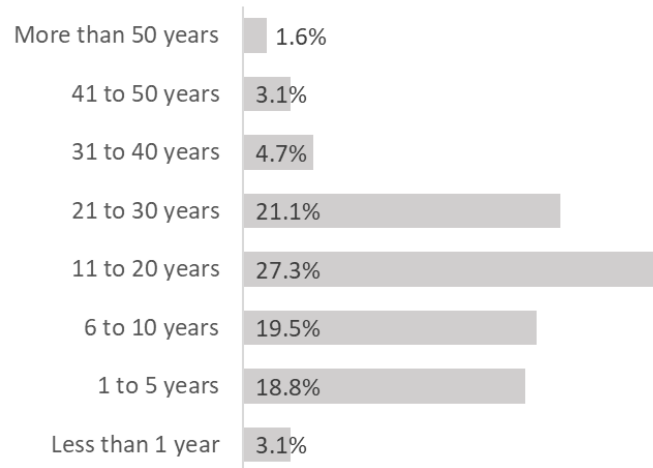
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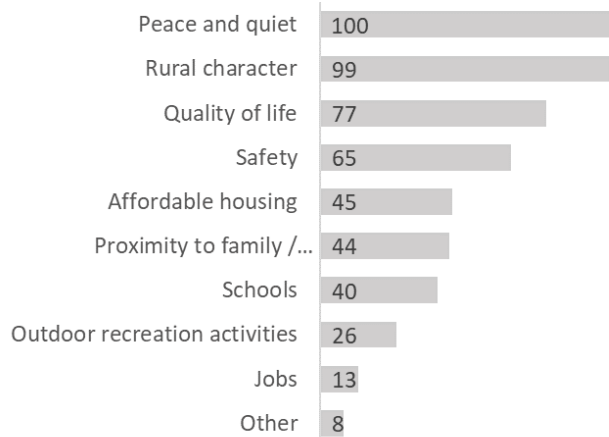
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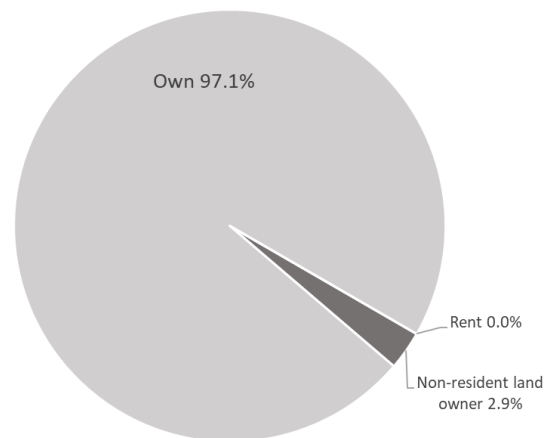
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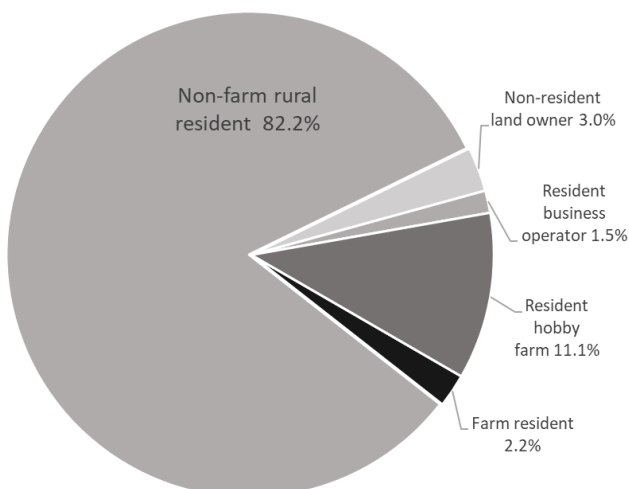
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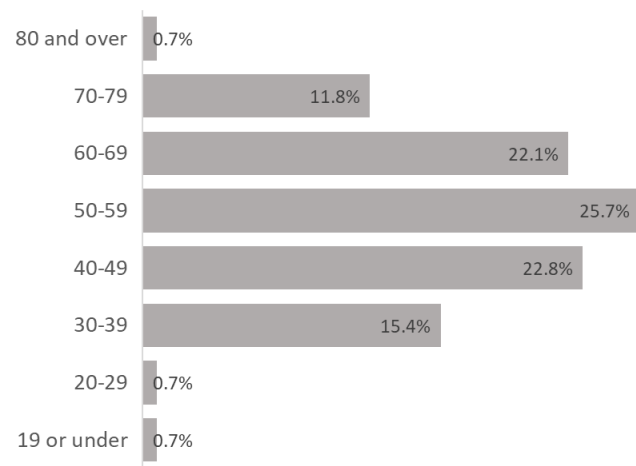
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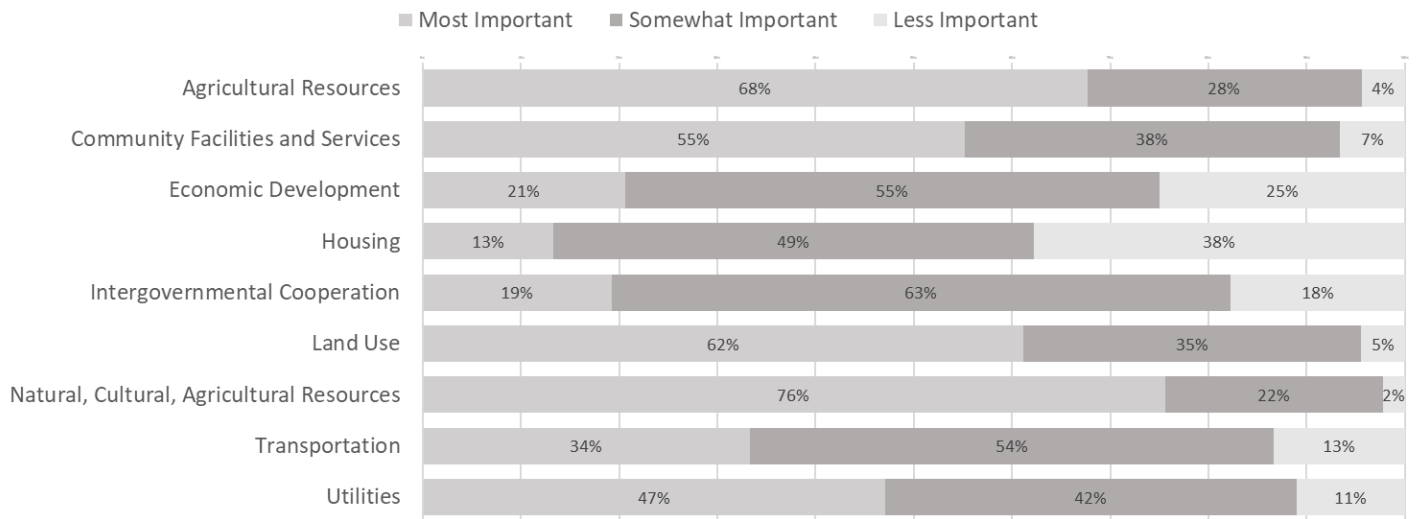
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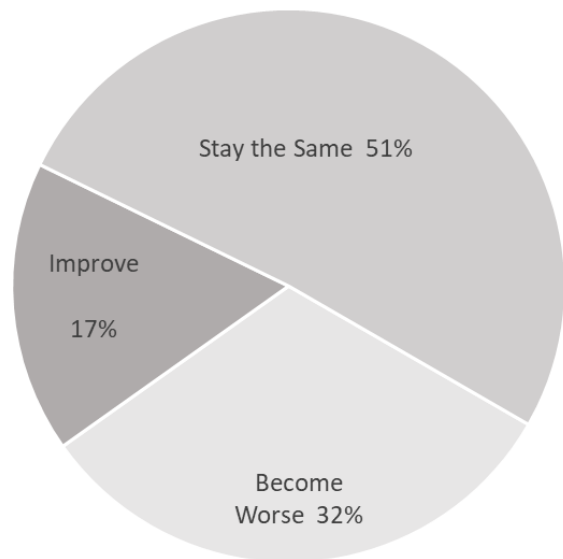
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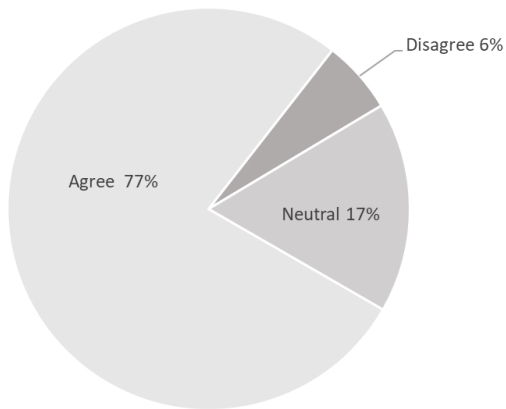
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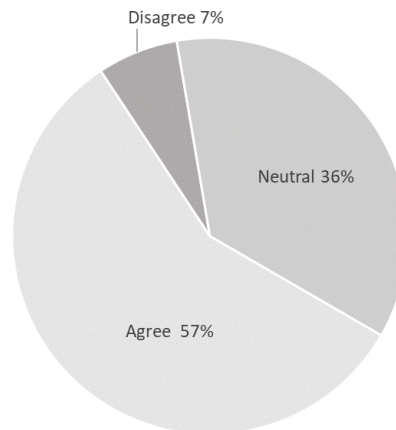
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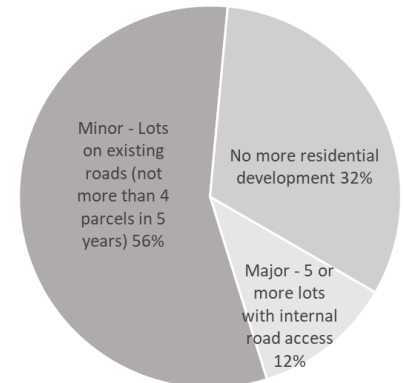
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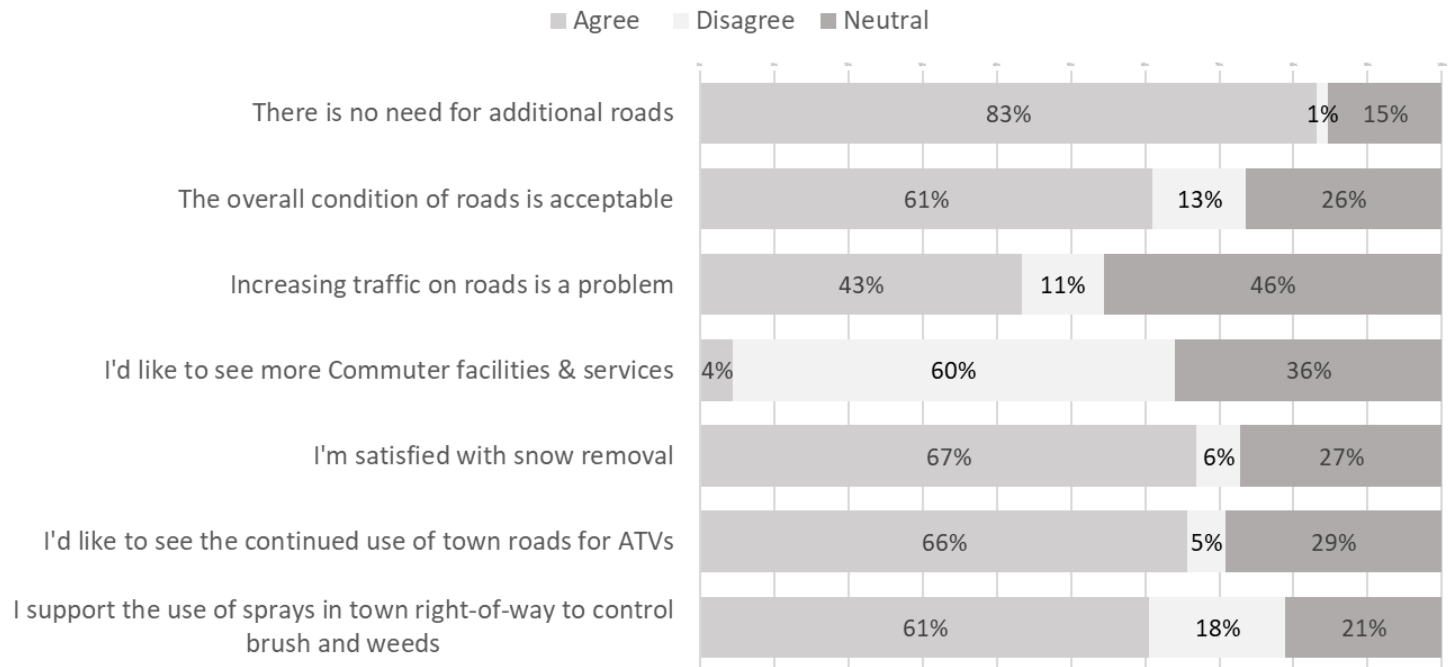
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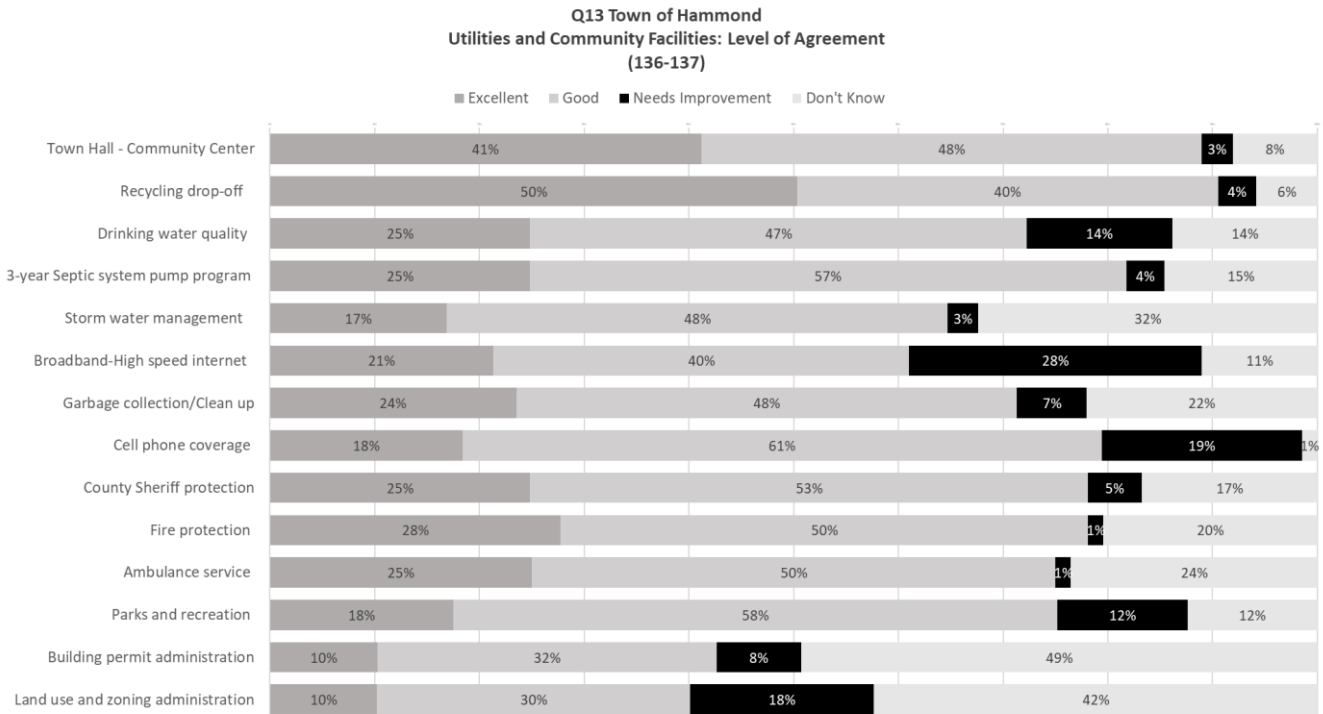


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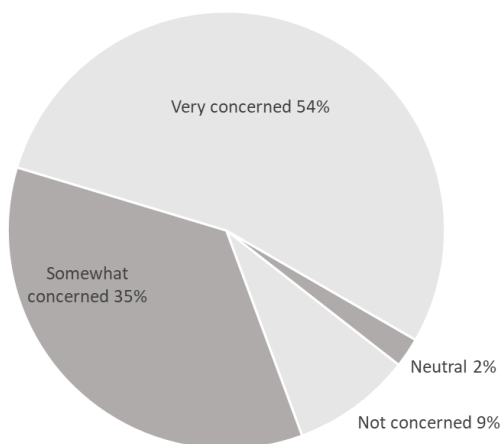
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 - a. Must implement ordinances restricting large scale green energy projects (solar panels on farms)
 - b. Regarding the current Xcel solar project: Please go above and beyond what is normally done and do what is best for our county. Tell us what is good about this project.
 - c. If Hammond will encourage tech businesses, must prohibit monstrosity solar farm.
 - d. Must have reliable, affordable energy
 - e. No solar farms!
 - f. No wind turbines
 - g. Limit solar panel installations to rooftops of residential and not on land
 - h. Questions about solar ordinance: Are there restrictions on size, placement of res. solar panels?
Looking at ordinance for distance to homes/subdivisions, water for groundwater and surface water.
10. Fire, Ambulance, Sheriff Protection Very good
11. Building permit administration
12. Schools, Library

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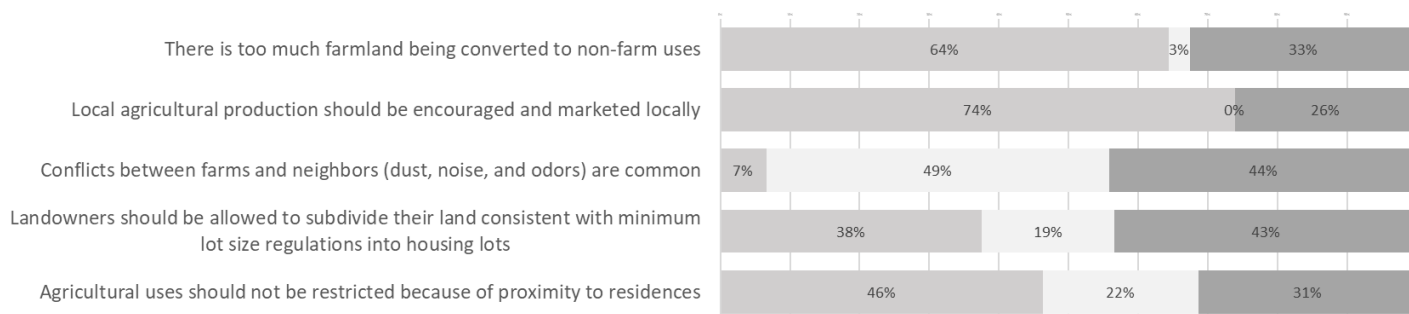
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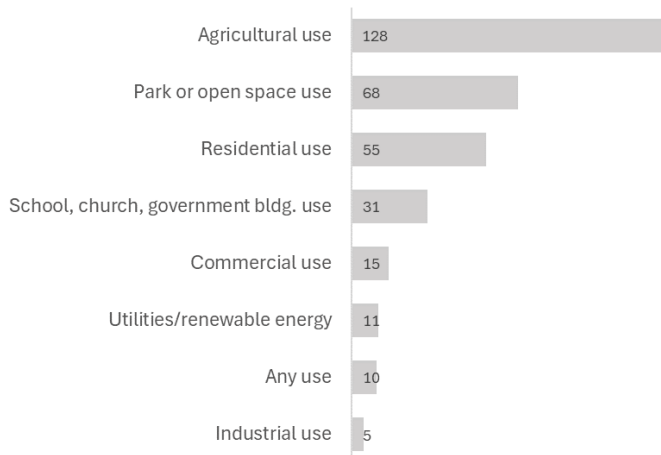
Q15 Town of Hammond Agricultural Resources: Level of Agreement (133-135)

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Neutral

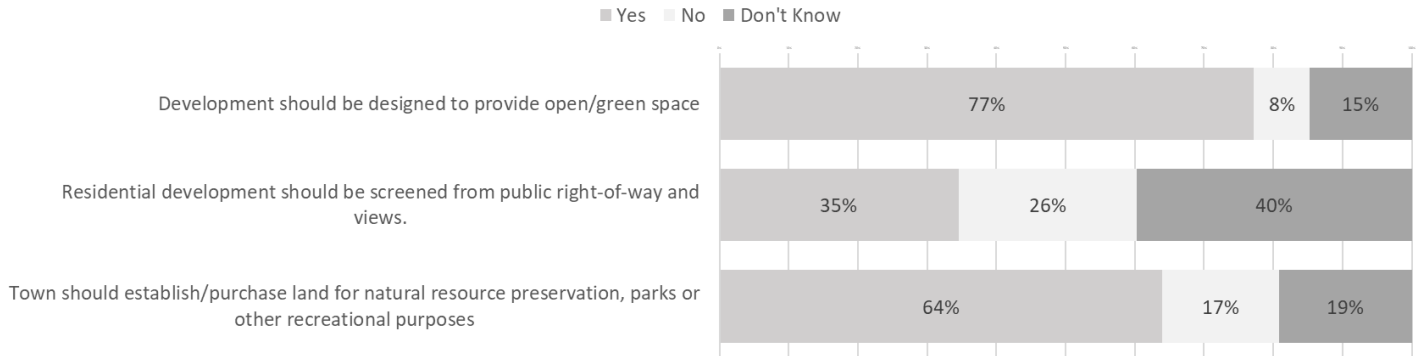


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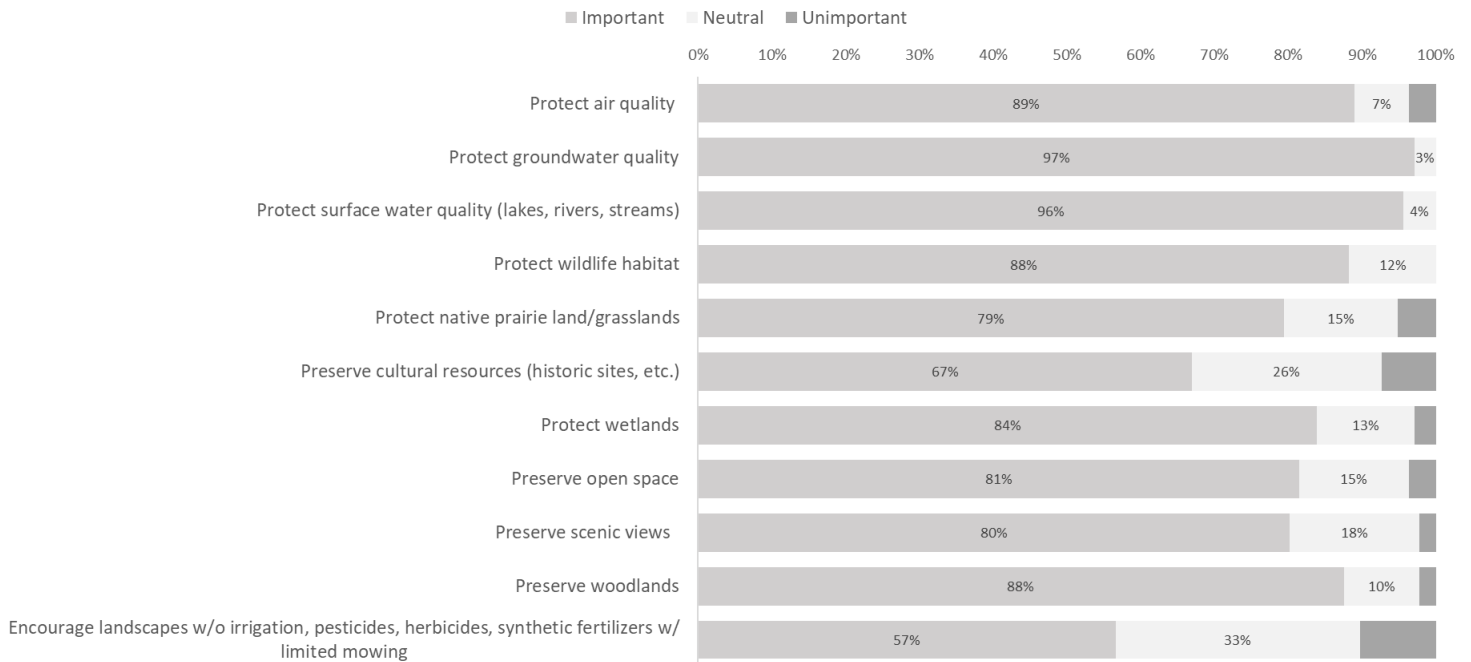
Productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for (Select all that apply) (136)



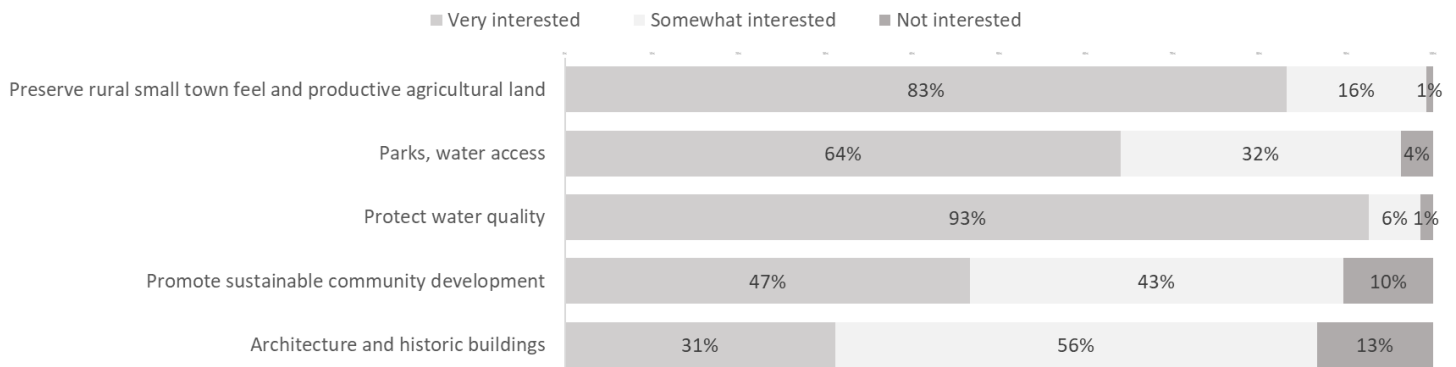
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Natural Resources: Please share your opinion about the following statements:
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Q18 Town of Hammond
How important is it for planning and zoning regulations to protect
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Q19 Town of Hammond
What natural and cultural resources would you like to preserve or
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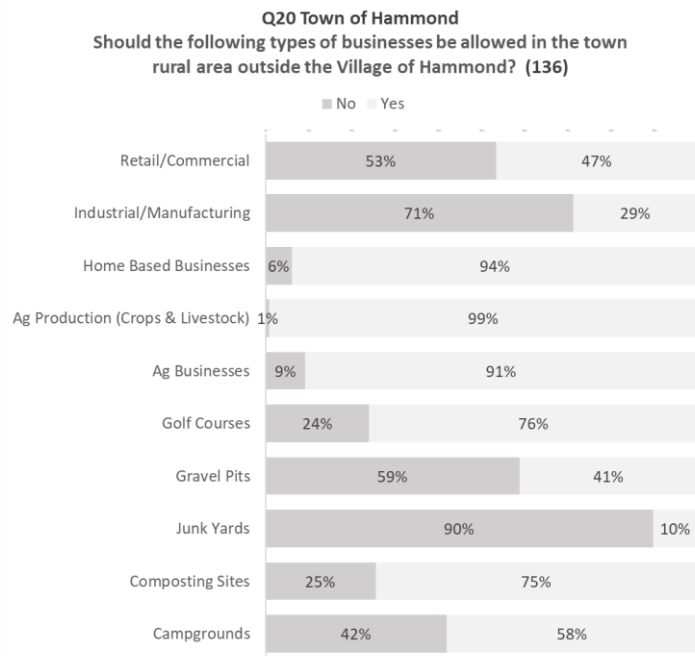


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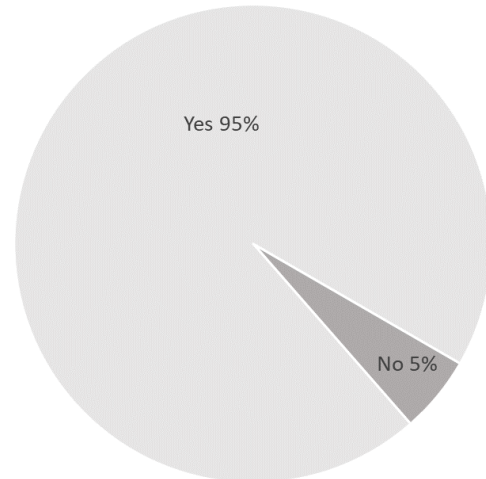
1. Agricultural, Forest areas
 - a. Conserve as much as possible
 - b. Don't allow large solar on productive farm land
 - c. People want open space, that's the reason to move here
 - d. Love agricultural land preservation, working in agricultural restoration
 - e. Too much agricultural land is lost to development
 - f. Keep open space for hunting, recreation, hiking
 - g. Important to have a variety of tree species in forests due to diseases such as ash borer, dutch elm
 - h. Difficult balance between private property ownership and conservation of natural resources including agricultural and forest lands
 - i. Questions about rural residential guide book: Does it still exist? Could we use it for new residents?
 - j. Farmers markets are good! Local farmers encouraged to participate.
 - k. Family farms are active in town. Should encourage retention of agricultural land.
2. Ground- Surface water, Wetlands, Stream, River
 - a. Nitrates are an issue in groundwater, concern about drinking water quality
 - b. The town participates in the county well water testing
 - c. Don't allow large solar due to affects on surface and groundwater
 - d. Like County water testing programs
3. Shoreland, Floodplain, Environmental sensitive areas
 - a. Some flooding issues south Pine Lake
4. Endangered species, wildlife habitat
 - a. Current residential development is halting construction during bird breeding months
 - b. Have lots of wildlife including: bears, deer, pheasants, fox, turkeys, kyote
 - c. Wildlife populations have improved since 1970s
5. Cultural: Historic Preservation, Archeology
 - a. Hawkins Cemetery
 - b. Farmhouse on 12
 - c. Important to preserve history
 - d. Maintain cultural heritage events where possible

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the Economic Development section is to document, analyze, and promote the stabilization, retention or expansion, of the economic base and quality employment opportunities.



Q21 Town of Hammond
Are you supportive of agricultural entertainment and tourism? (134)

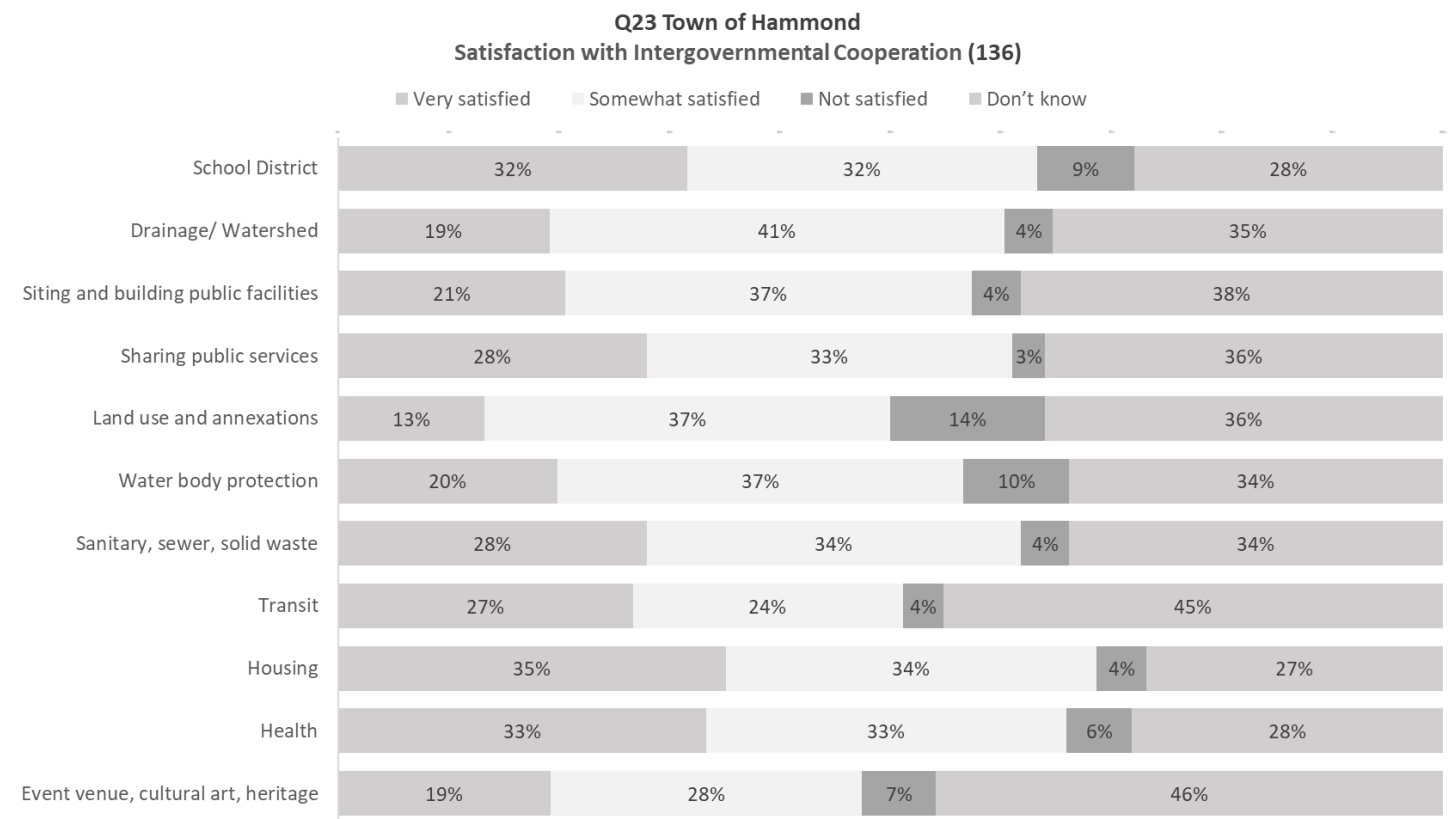


Economic Development Vision Session Summary:

1. Employment
2. Education
3. Commute patterns
4. Agriculture
5. Property values, equalized valuations
 - a. Question: What does property values and equalized values mean in terms of definition and relation to home owners?
6. Brownfields
7. Tax base
 - a. If Hammond will encourage tech businesses, must prohibit monstrosity solar farm.
8. Role of town in promoting business
9. Partner organizations and programs
10. Home occupations

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

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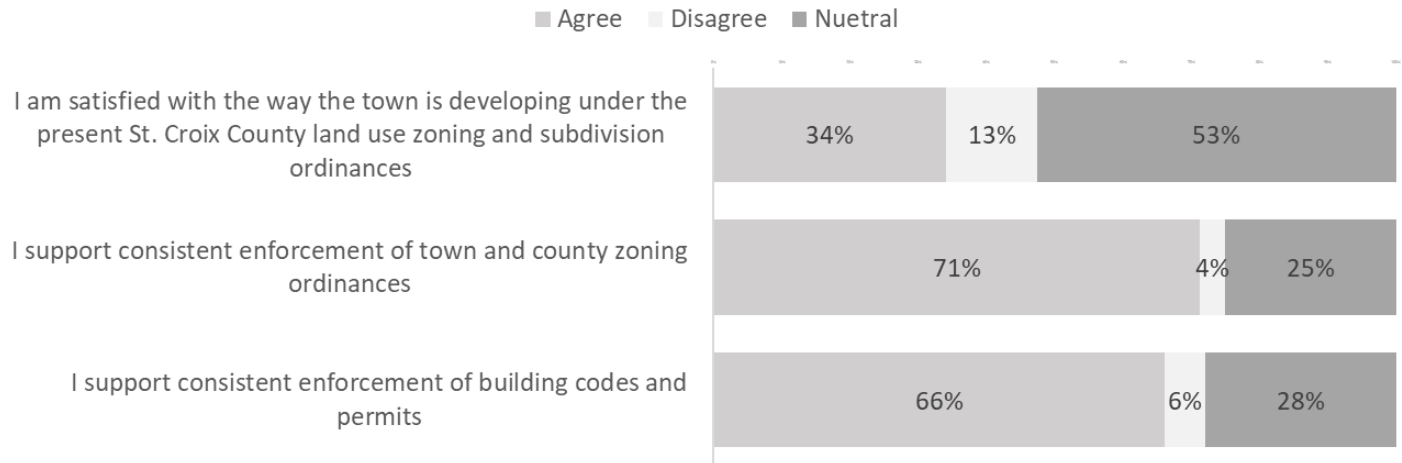
Cooperation in the following:

1. Drainage, Watershed
2. Water body protection
3. Health
4. Housing
5. Land use and annexations
6. Sanitary sewer, recycling, solid waste, water service
7. School districts, library system
8. Emergency services
9. Siting and building public facilities
10. Transit
11. Event venues, cultural art, heritage

LAND USE

The purpose of the Land Use section is to document, analyze, and guide the future development and redevelopment of public and private property.

Q22 Town of Hammond Land Use: Level of agreement (136)



Land Use Vision Session Summary:

1. Rate of growth
 - a. Question: How many new homes can be built within a specific time period?
 - b. Question: Any restriction on the number of housing units and/or development areas?
 - c. Control population
2. Enforcement of land use regulations
3. Lot size and density
4. Supply, demand and price of land
5. Redevelopment opportunities
6. Existing and potential land-use conflicts
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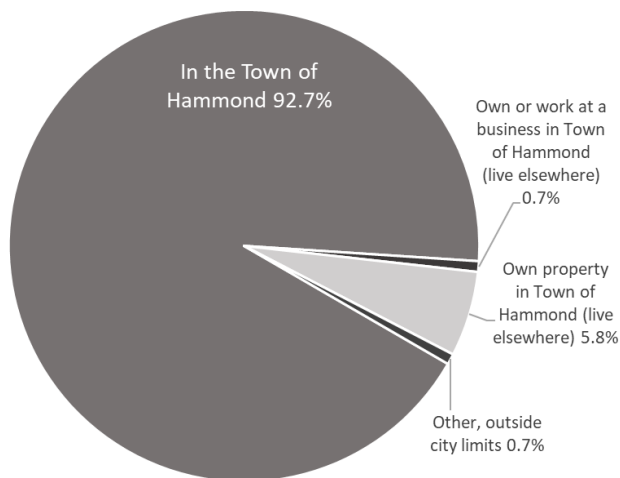
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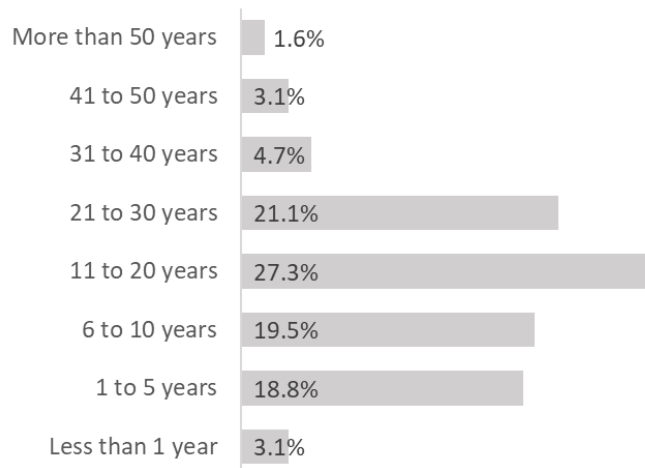
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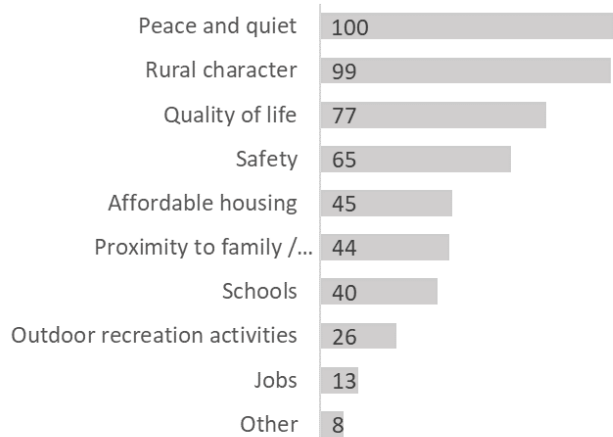
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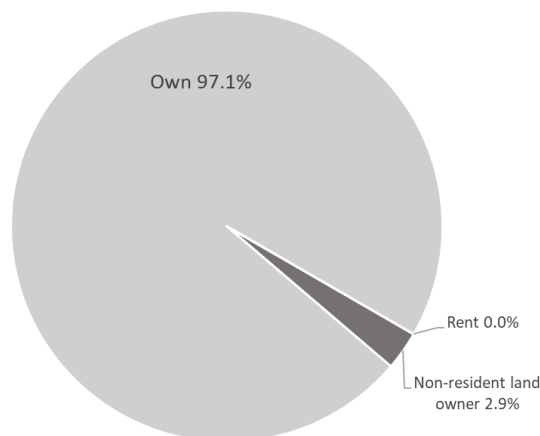
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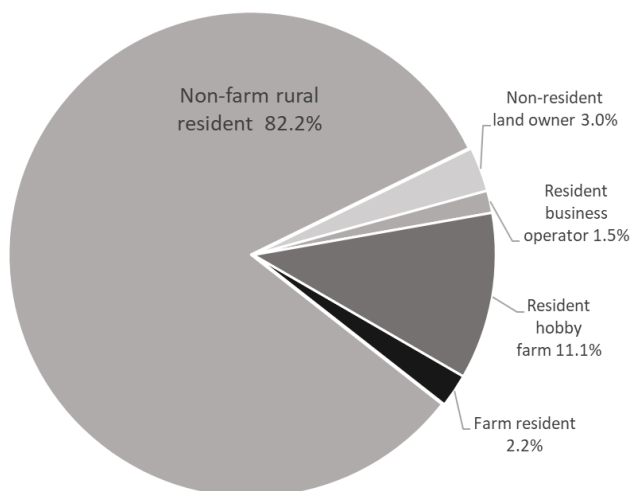
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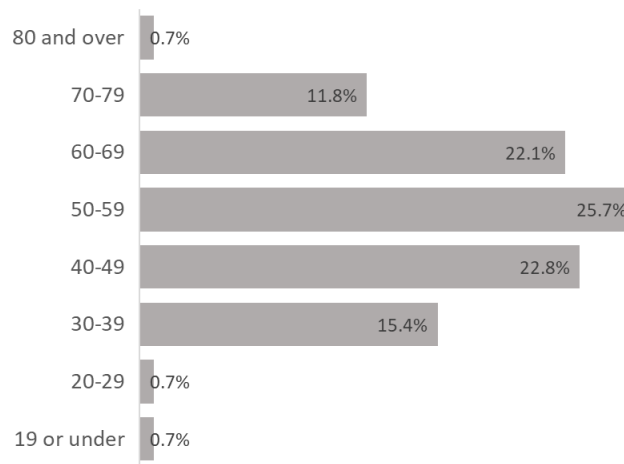
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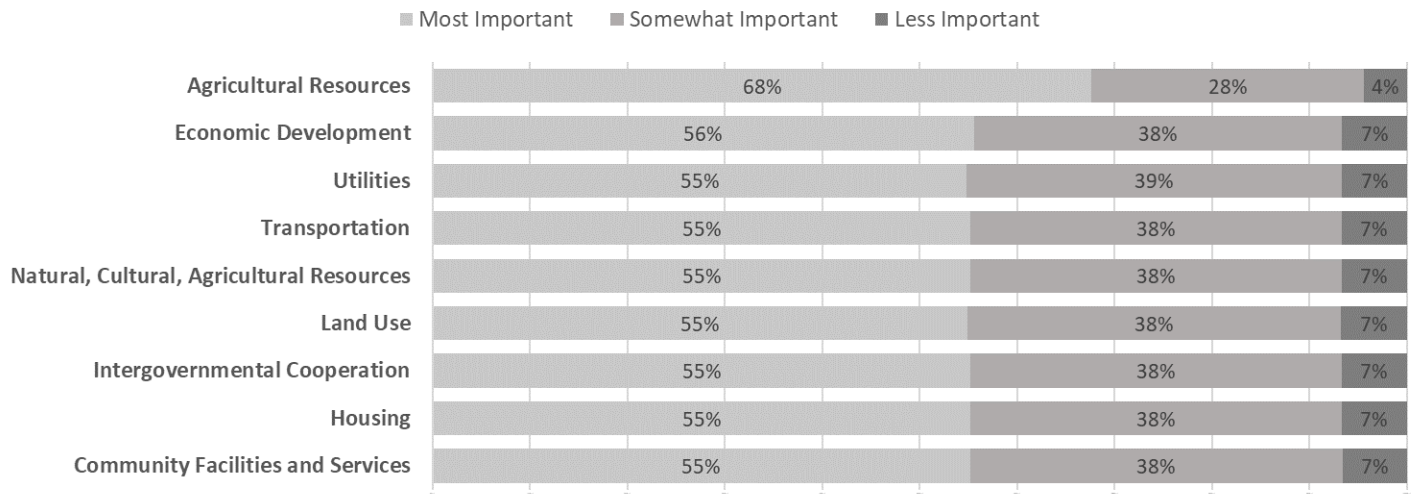
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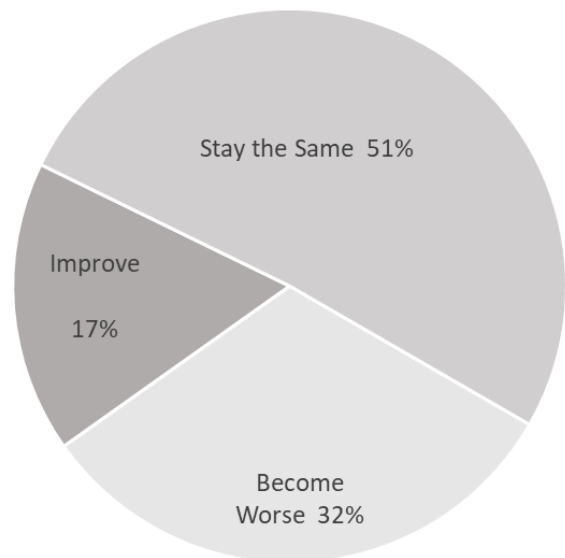
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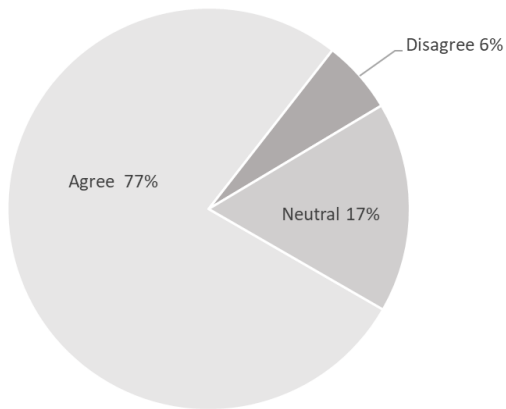
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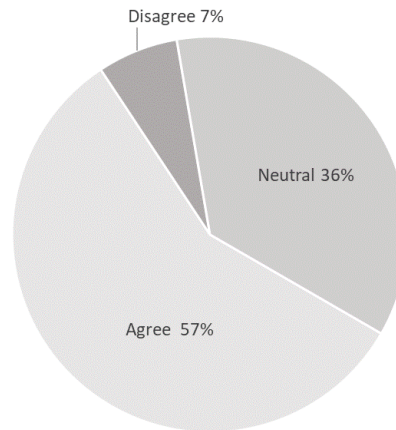
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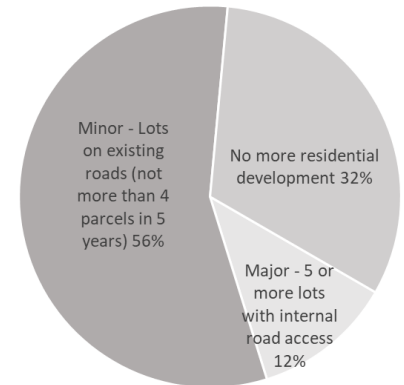
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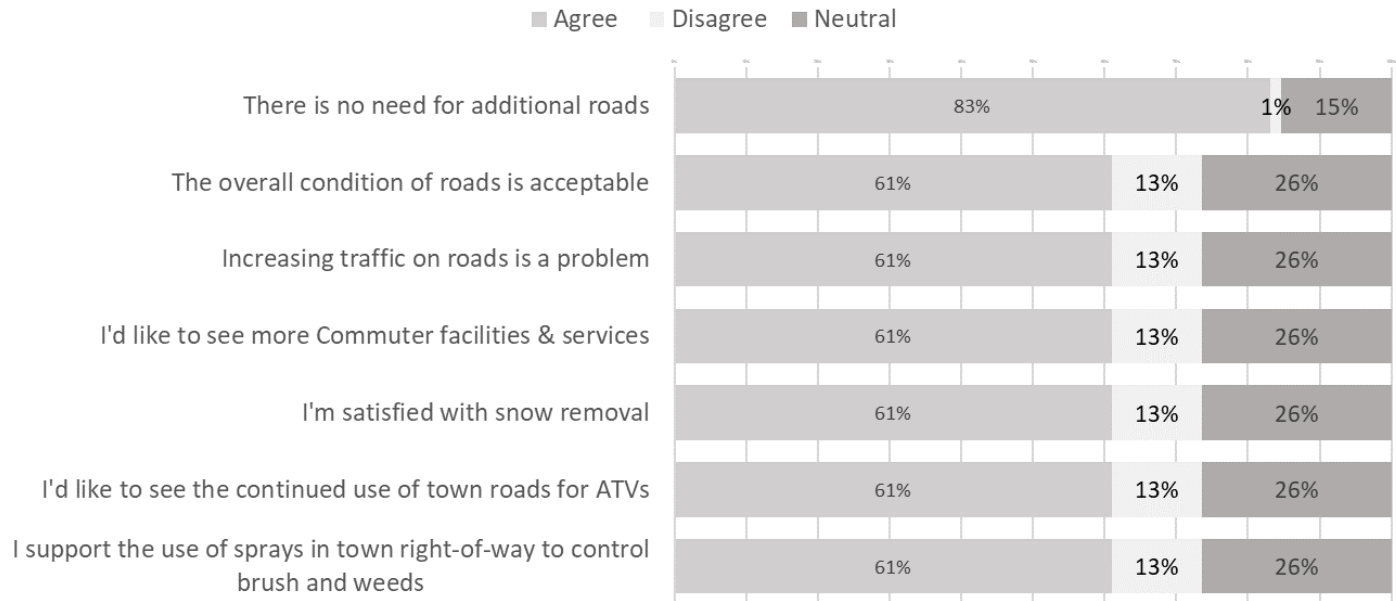
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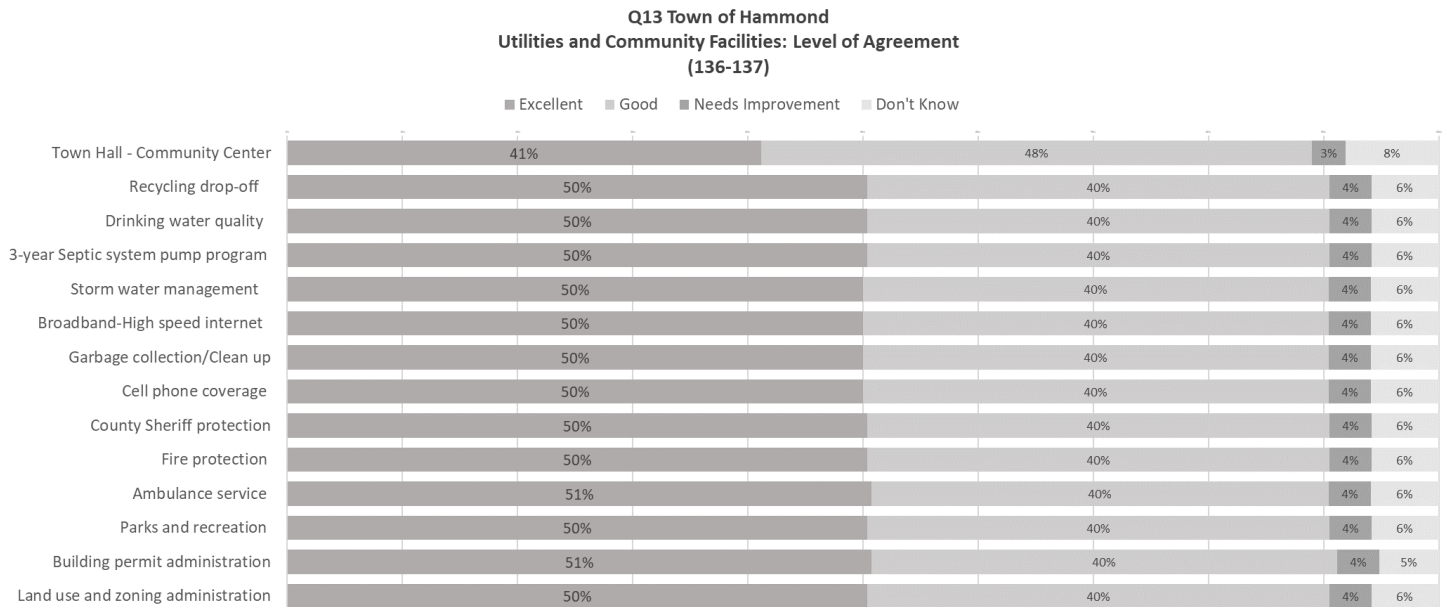


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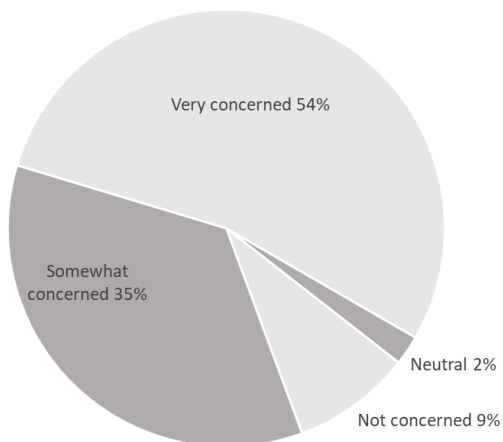
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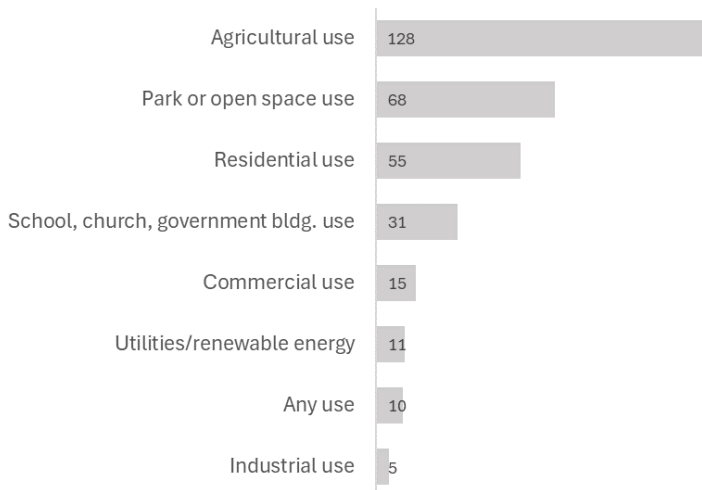
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Q14 Town of Hammond
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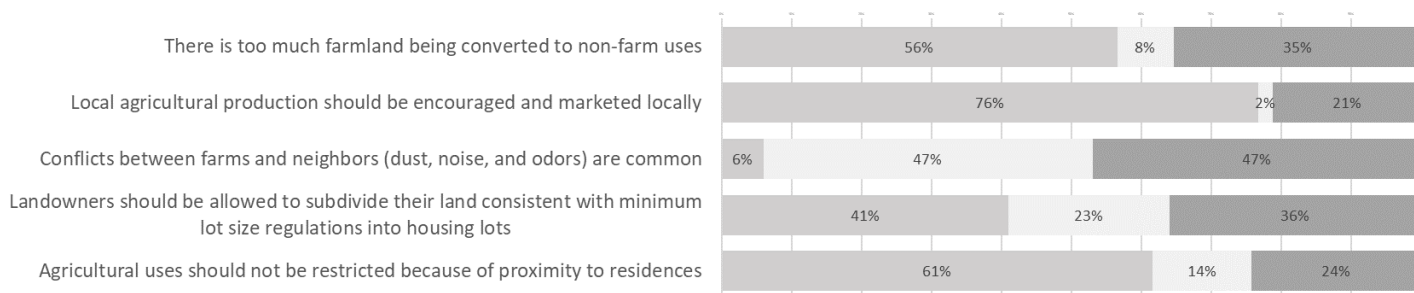


Q16 Town of Hammond
Productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for (Select all that apply) (136)

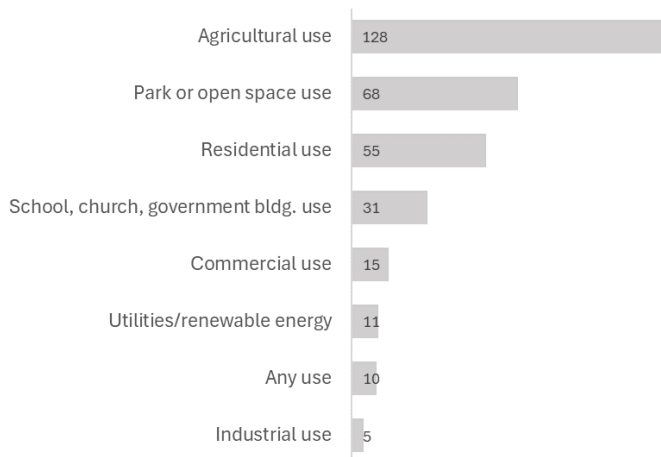


Q15 Town of Hammond
Agricultural Resources: Level of Agreement (133-135)

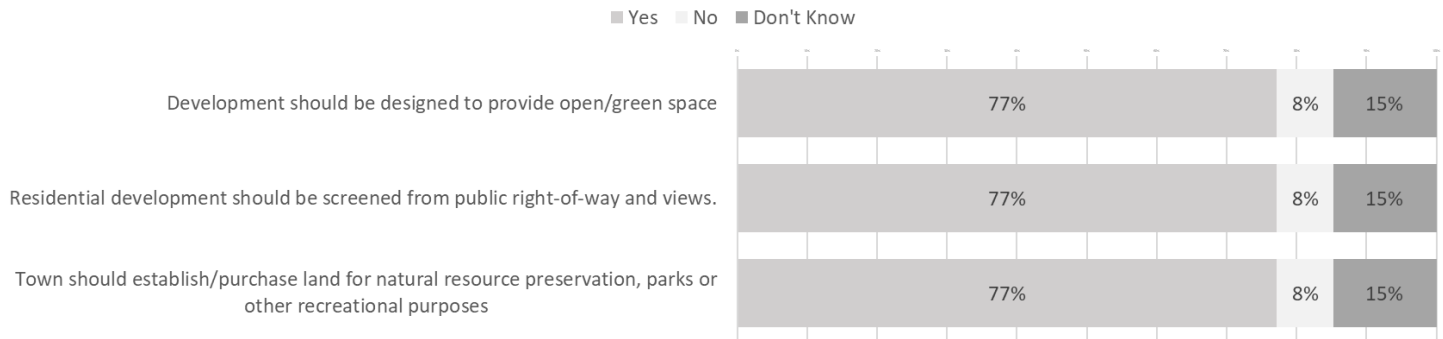
■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Neutral



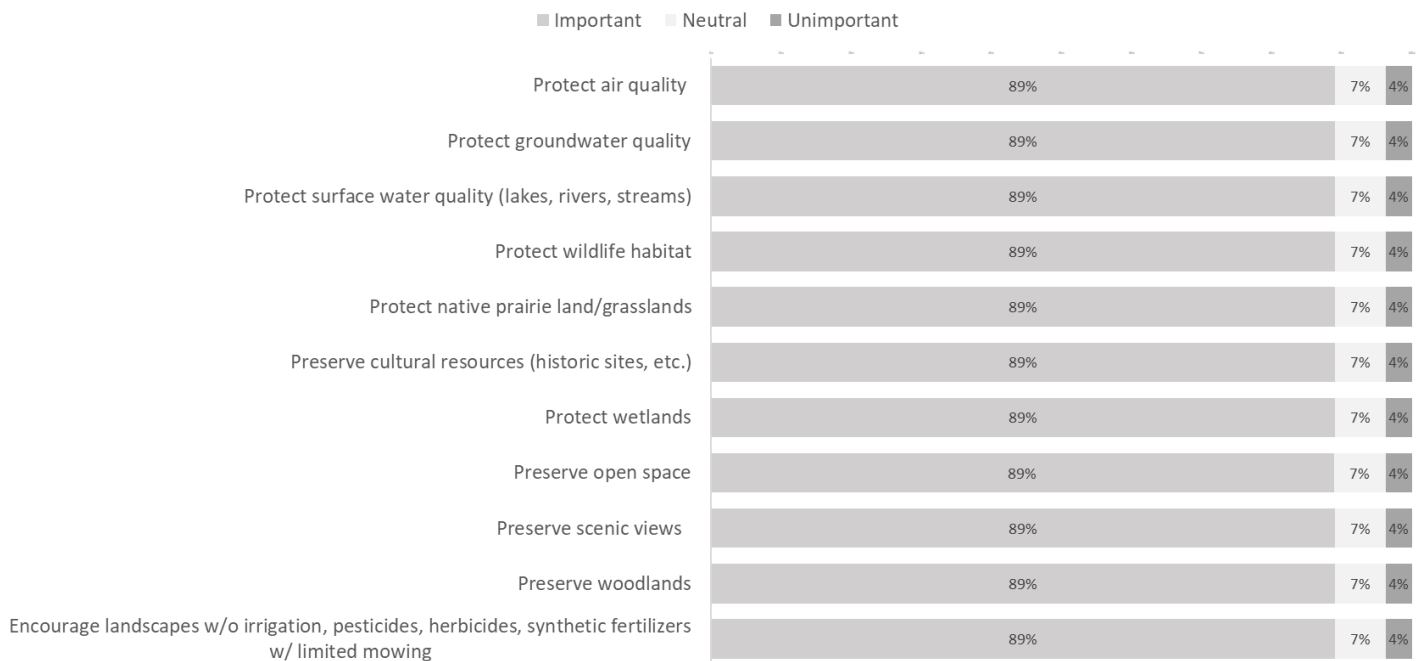
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Productive agricultural land should be allowed to be used for (Select all that apply) (136)



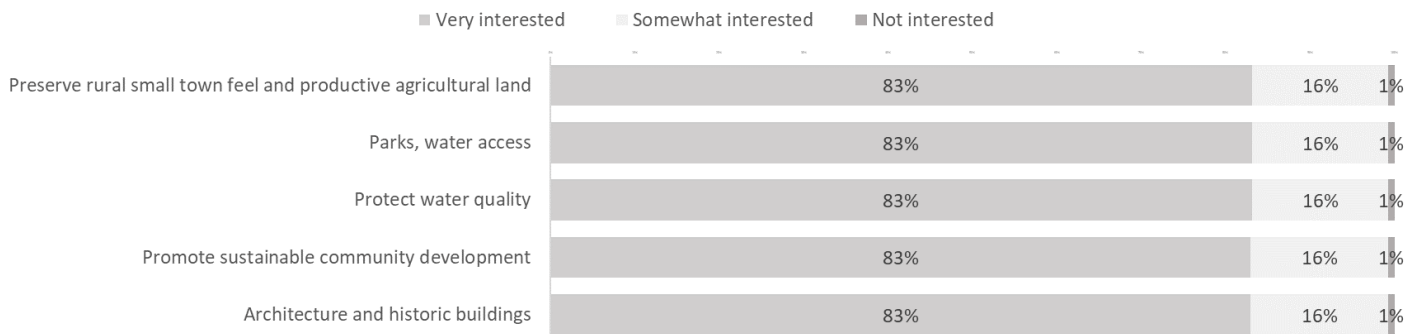
Q17 Town of Hammond
Natural Resources: Please share your opinion about the following statements:
(136)



Q18 Town of Hammond
How important is it for planning and zoning regulations to protect
the following natural and cultural resources? (136)



Q19 Town of Hammond
What natural and cultural resources would you like to preserve or
see in your community in the future? (136)

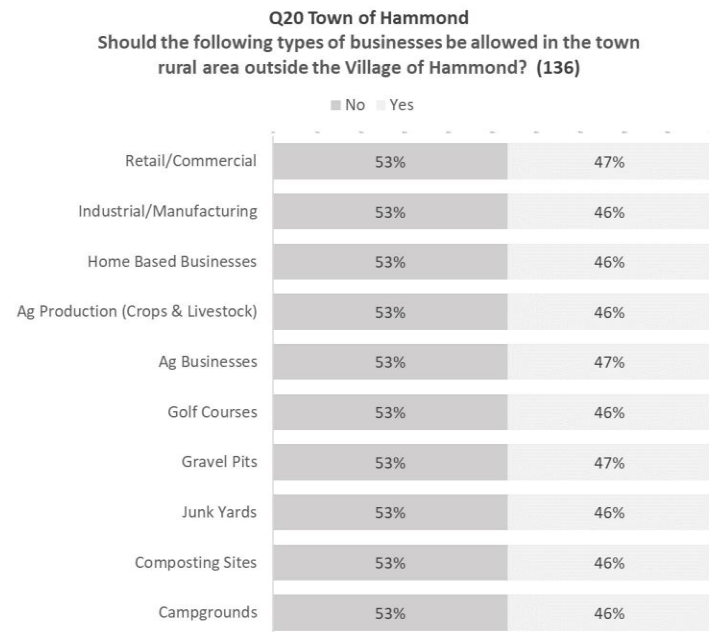


Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources Vision Session Summary:

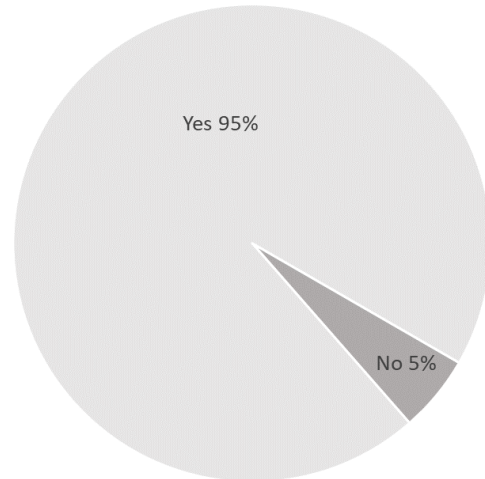
1. Agricultural, Forest areas
 - a. Conserve as much as possible
 - b. Don't allow large solar on productive farm land
 - c. People want open space, that's the reason to move here
 - d. Love agricultural land preservation, working in agricultural restoration
 - e. Too much agricultural land is lost to development
 - f. Keep open space for hunting, recreation, hiking
 - g. Important to have a variety of tree species in forests due to diseases such as ash borer, dutch elm
 - h. Difficult balance between private property ownership and conservation of natural resources including agricultural and forest lands
 - i. Questions about rural residential guide book: Does it still exist? Could we use it for new residents?
 - j. Farmers markets are good! Local farmers encouraged to participate.
 - k. Family farms are active in town. Should encourage retention of agricultural land.
2. Ground- Surface water, Wetlands, Stream, River
 - a. Nitrates are an issue in groundwater, concern about drinking water quality
 - b. The town participates in the county well water testing
 - c. Don't allow large solar due to affects on surface and groundwater
 - d. Like County water testing programs
3. Shoreland, Floodplain, Environmental sensitive areas
 - a. Some flooding issues south Pine Lake
4. Endangered species, wildlife habitat
 - a. Current residential development is halting construction during bird breeding months
 - b. Have lots of wildlife including: bears, deer, pheasants, fox, turkeys, kyote
 - c. Wildlife populations have improved since 1970s
5. Cultural: Historic Preservation, Archeology
 - a. Hawkins Cemetery
 - b. Farmhouse on 12
 - c. Important to preserve history
 - d. Maintain cultural heritage events where possible

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the Economic Development section is to document, analyze, and promote the stabilization, retention or expansion, of the economic base and quality employment opportunities.



Q21 Town of Hammond
Are you supportive of agricultural entertainment and tourism? (134)

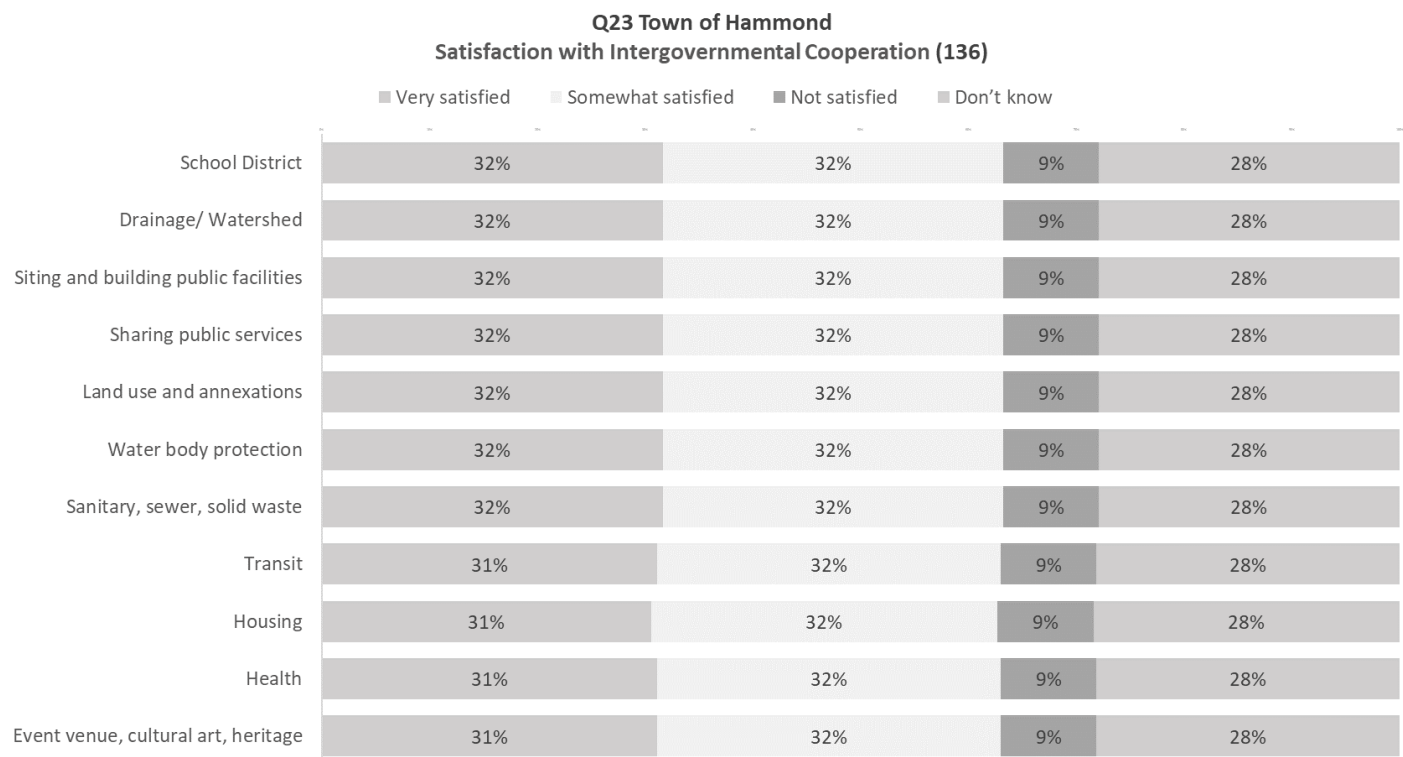


Economic Development Vision Session Summary:

1. Employment
2. Education
3. Commute patterns
4. Agriculture
5. Property values, equalized valuations
 - a. Question: What does property values and equalized values mean in terms of definition and relation to home owners?
6. Brownfields
7. Tax base
 - a. If Hammond will encourage tech businesses, must prohibit monstrosity solar farm.
8. Role of town in promoting business
9. Partner organizations and programs
10. Home occupations

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Cooperation section is to document and analyze joint planning and decision making with other jurisdictions.



Intergovernmental Cooperation Vision Session Summary:

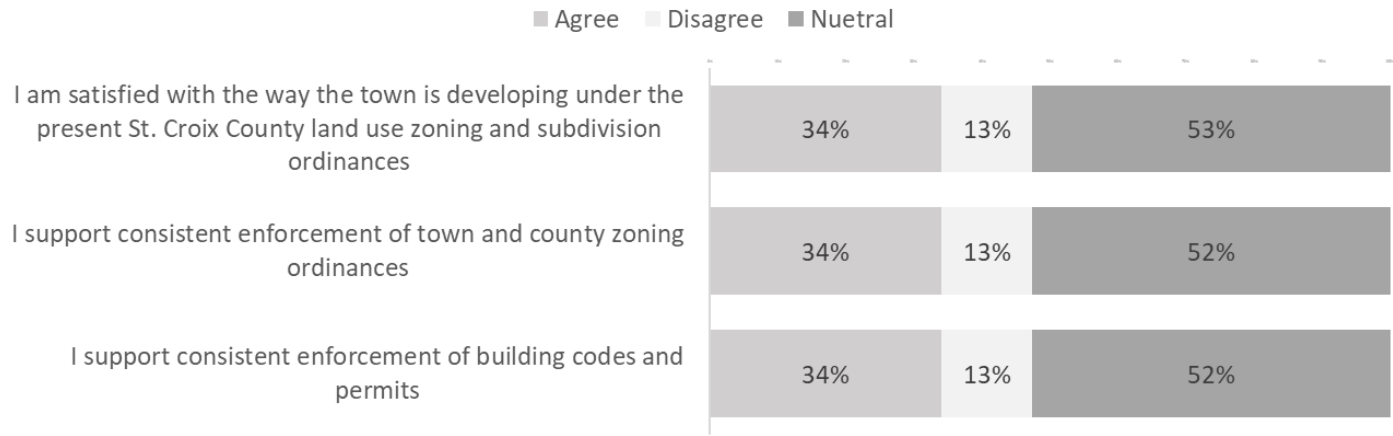
Cooperation in the following:

1. Drainage, Watershed
2. Water body protection
3. Health
4. Housing
5. Land use and annexations
6. Sanitary sewer, recycling, solid waste, water service
7. School districts, library system
8. Emergency services
9. Siting and building public facilities
10. Transit
11. Event venues, cultural art, heritage

LAND USE

The purpose of the Land Use section is to document, analyze, and guide the future development and redevelopment of public and private property.

Q22 Town of Hammond Land Use: Level of agreement (136)



Land Use Vision Session Summary:

1. Rate of growth
 - a. Question: How many new homes can be built within a specific time period?
 - b. Question: Any restriction on the number of housing units and/or development areas?
 - c. Control population
2. Enforcement of land use regulations
3. Lot size and density
4. Supply, demand and price of land
5. Redevelopment opportunities
6. Existing and potential land-use conflicts
7. Zoning and land use consistency
8. Demographic impacts on land use