

Community Survey Results  
Update of the Comprehensive Plan  
Brunswick, Maine

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## Introduction

As part of the process of updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee felt that it was important to provide the citizens of our community with a variety of opportunities to have their views considered. One method used to gather this input was through a mail survey of a sample of the Town's households. This report presents the results of the community survey.

The community survey provides a snapshot of the opinions of residents at a point in time. No effort was made in the questionnaire to "educate" the respondents to the issues facing our community nor the possible merits of various approaches for addressing these issues. Therefore, the responses represent the current opinions and perceptions of the respondents without additional information.

The results of the survey need to be interpreted and used in this context. In some cases, respondents may have had considerable knowledge about the subject of a question as a result of recent public discussions while, in other cases, respondents may have had little or no prior familiarity with the topic. This disparity needs to be considered in interpreting the results.

In particular, the survey shows that where the town has discussed capital or other municipal needs, respondents are generally supportive of addressing those needs. However, where needs have not been presented to the public or widely discussed, support for addressing those needs appears to be lacking.

## Methodology

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee identified the topics to be covered in the survey. Market Decisions then worked with the committee to develop the questionnaire that was used in the survey.

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee decided that a mail survey of a sample of Brunswick households provided the best balance between the reliability of the results and the cost of doing the survey. Market Decisions collected the data via multi stage mailings of a survey booklet and computerized scanning of survey results.

Market Decisions mailed the survey booklet to a sample of Brunswick households. A list of all Brunswick residential addresses was obtained from a commercial mail firm. Market Decisions randomly selected 1500 addresses from this list to receive survey mailings. Each address was first mailed a package consisting of a survey booklet with an introductory letter, instructions and a business reply envelope. One week after the initial mailing, a postcard reminder was sent to all addresses. Two weeks after the initial mailing, a second survey package with all elements of the first package was sent to all addresses that had not yet returned a survey.

Market Decisions scanned all survey data was using in-house scanners and the data was automatically tabulated. Any surveys that had multiple responses to questions or had unclear markings had responses visually validated. Since all surveys were marked with unique codes, only one response per residence was tabulated.

In total, 116 surveys of the original 1,500 were returned due to bad addresses. This resulted in a usable sample of 1,384 households. Of these, 523 households returned questionnaires with responses, resulting in an overall response rate for the survey of 38%. Response rates for similar surveys conducted by Market Decisions in other Maine communities have ranged from 25% to 36%.

The results presented in this report have been weighted to reflect the actual distribution of Brunswick residents with respect to their age, education, and annual household income. Other differences between the population and the characteristics of those who returned surveys were not significantly different.

The weights were calculated by dividing the percentage of the actual Brunswick population (based on the 2000 US Census) in a given group by the percentage of the sample belonging to the same group. Because percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number, they do not always sum exactly to 100%.

The overall precision (sampling error) of the weighted results is plus or minus 4.3%. Therefore we can say with 95% confidence that the answers from the entire population would be within plus or minus 4.3% of the survey results. A 95% confidence level means that if the survey were repeated, the results would be within the margin of error 95% of the time.

## Executive Summary

The Update Committee focused the community survey on a number of major topics that are being addressed in the Update of the Comprehensive Plan. These included the rate of growth in the community, the desired pattern of future residential and economic development and possible ways for achieving it, affordable housing, open space, public facilities, and the school system. The following section provides an overview of the results. The final section of the report provides the detailed, weighted responses for each question.

## 1. Rate of Growth

A sizable group of respondents feel that the community is growing too fast from a residential perspective (see Question 2) while a slightly smaller group feels that the rate of residential growth is about right. About 45% felt residential development is too fast, 40% felt it is about right, and 15% felt residential growth was too slow.

In contrast, respondents felt that commercial and industrial growth and development has been somewhat too slow (see Question 9). About 38% felt commercial and industrial development was too slow, 44% felt it is about right, and 18% felt it was too fast.

## 2. Pattern of Development

More than half of the respondents (53%) indicated support for the Town's policy of encouraging growth in "growth areas" and discouraging growth in "rural areas" (see Question 3). About 25% of respondents opposed this policy while 22% were neutral, neither supporting nor opposing the policy.

## 3. Support for Residential Growth Management Actions

The survey asked respondents to indicate their support or opposition for a range of possible activities that could be used to manage how Brunswick grows and develops residentially (see Question 5). The highest levels of support were for the options that limit the number of new units that can be built either anywhere in town (59%) or in the rural area (58%). Just over half of the respondents supported providing financial incentives for the extension of sewer and water service (53%), allowing townhouses to be built in growth areas now limited to single-family homes (51%), and allowing property owners in the growth area to build more units in return for preserving natural areas (51%). About 43% of respondents supported the concept of requiring developers to build at least a certain minimum number of units on a property. Only a third of respondents supported allowing owners within the growth area to develop a higher density than currently allowed by the zoning.

## 4. Affordable Housing

Four out of every five respondents (80%) agreed with the statement that "There is a lack of housing in Brunswick that lower and middle income families can afford" (see Question 6). In terms of priorities among age groups for providing affordable housing, all groups were rated similarly (see Question 8) with over 80% of respondents supporting providing adequate affordable housing for all ages (82%), young families (84%), and elderly households (88%).

When asked about the Town's role with respect to providing affordable housing, just over half (51%) of respondents felt that the town should support affordable housing but should not spend local tax money on it (see Question 7). About 20% felt the Town should not be

involved in the issue while almost 30% felt that the Town should support affordable housing by using local tax money.

## 5. Commercial and Economic Development

The survey asked respondents to indicate their support or opposition for various policies dealing with how Brunswick grows and develops from an economic perspective (see Question 10). The highest level of support was for the option that called for support for efforts to maintain the economic vitality of downtown (85%) followed by supporting a wider diversity of activity at Cook's Corner (64%). Over half (55%) supported limiting retail growth to existing commercial areas. Opinion about providing financial assistance for extending water and sewer service had 44% supporting and 32% opposing.

When asked about what types of businesses should be able to locate in a new business park if one were developed (see Question 12), more than half (54%) of the respondents selected the option that limited occupancy to businesses that create quality jobs. About a quarter (24%) felt any business should be allowed to move into the park while 14% supported limiting occupancy to businesses that pay significant taxes.

## 6. Support for Economic Development Activities

The survey asked respondents to indicate their support or opposition for a range of possible activities that could be used to encourage economic growth (see Question 11). The highest levels of support were for the options supporting farming (73%) and natural resource based businesses (73%). Over 2/3's (69%) supported the construction of a "perimeter road" at Cook's Corner. The remaining possible actions (developing an incubator building, providing tax rebates for start-ups, building a parking garage downtown, and developing a new business park) were supported by 43% to 47% of respondents.

## 7. Open Space Preservation

Between two-thirds and three-quarters of respondents supported various options for preserving additional natural and scenic areas and trails in both rural and growth areas (see Question 13). At the same time, there were low levels of support for most options suggested for doing this. While over half (53%) supported expanded property tax rebates for the protection of these areas, support for other actions was lower – 35% for requiring property owners to set aside part of their land as open space if they develop it, 28% for buying development rights from rural land owners, 26% for acquiring the land with property taxes, and 23% for regulation.

## 8. Consolidated Services

Just over half of respondents supported consolidating or coordinating services or facilities with other communities to reduce costs.

## 9. Facility Priorities

Respondents were asked to rank the relative priority of a number of possible new or improved facilities (see Question 16). Renovation of the Central Fire Station and construction of a fire sub-station at Cook’s Corner received the highest priority. Expansion of police facilities and improved sidewalks were the next highest priorities followed by building a new elementary school and developing a multipurpose community/recreation center. Other possible projects including a recreation area in East Brunswick, expanded bicycle facilities, developing a business park, creating a “Land for Brunswick’s Future” fund, building a parking garage, and developing playing fields ranked lower. Modernizing Town Hall was the lowest priority project.

## 10. Schools

Only 24% of respondents have children attending Brunswick schools (see Question 19). Most respondents gave the school system a grade of 3 or 4 on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is excellent on the quality of school facilities and quality of school programming and offerings (see Question 18). About one in five respondents gave the system an excellent rating on these factors. Almost a half of the respondents with children in Brunswick schools said they were very satisfied with the overall quality of their child’s educational experience while an additional 32% indicated they were somewhat satisfied. Over one in five indicated a level of dissatisfaction with the experience.

## Detailed Results

The following tables and charts show the weighted total response to each question in the survey.

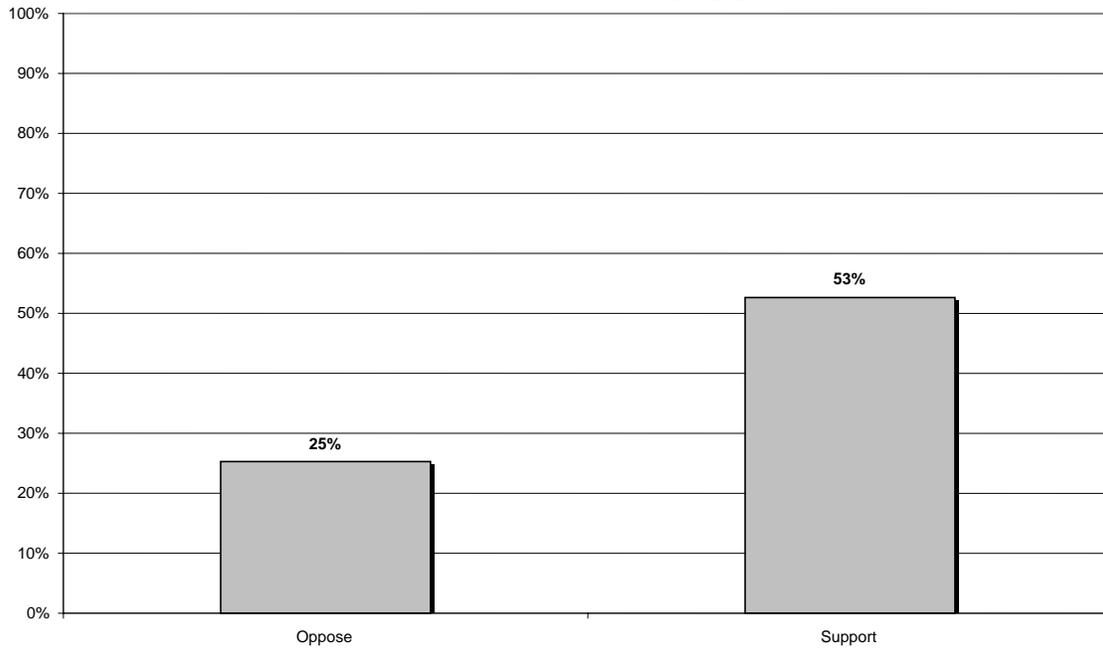
**Q02. Thinking about residential growth in Brunswick over the past five to ten years, how would you describe the rate of residential development in our community?**

Response	Count	%
Much too fast	93	19%
Somewhat too fast	124	26%
About right	192	40%
Somewhat too slow	42	9%
Much too slow	30	6%
Total	481	100%

**Q03. Please indicate your support or opposition to the policy of encouraging growth in 'growth areas' and discouraging growth in rural areas.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	40	8%
Somewhat Oppose	83	17%
Neither Support nor Oppose	108	22%
Somewhat Support	122	25%
Strongly Support	135	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q03. Please indicate your support or opposition to the policy of encouraging growth in growth areas' and discouraging growth in rural areas.**



**Q05. Please indicate your support or opposition to the following potential possible actions:**

**a. Limiting the number of new units that can be built anywhere in Brunswick in any year**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	74	15%
Somewhat Oppose	73	15%
Neither Support nor Oppose	56	11%
Somewhat Support	187	38%
Strongly Support	102	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

**b. Limiting the number of new units that can be built in the rural area in any year**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	70	14%
Somewhat Oppose	67	14%
Neither Support nor Oppose	71	15%
Somewhat Support	125	26%
Strongly Support	156	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>100%</b>

**c. Allowing property owners within the designated growth area to build more units on their land than zoning restrictions currently allow**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	162	33%
Somewhat Oppose	76	16%
Neither Support nor Oppose	92	19%
Somewhat Support	76	16%
Strongly Support	80	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>100%</b>

**d. Allowing townhouse style units to be built in areas within the growth area that are now limited to single-family homes**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	105	22%
Somewhat Oppose	75	15%
Neither Support nor Oppose	59	12%
Somewhat Support	155	32%
Strongly Support	95	19%
Total	489	100%

**e. Allowing property owners within the growth area to build more units on their land than zoning restrictions currently allow in return for preserving natural areas**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	109	22%
Somewhat Oppose	63	13%
Neither Support nor Oppose	71	14%
Somewhat Support	134	27%
Strongly Support	121	24%
Total	497	100%

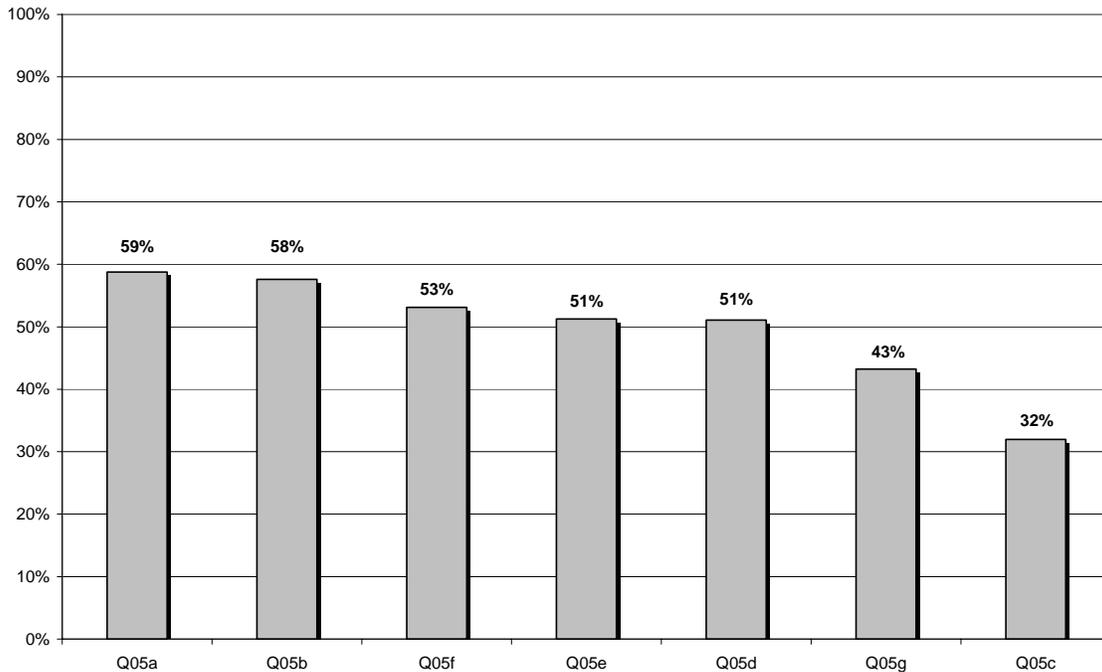
**f. Providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to residential development within the growth area**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	80	16%
Somewhat Oppose	57	12%
Neither Support nor Oppose	94	19%
Somewhat Support	135	27%
Strongly Support	127	26%
Total	494	100%

**g. Requiring developers in the growth area to build at least a certain number of units on the property (minimum density)**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	62	13%
Somewhat Oppose	75	15%
Neither Support nor Oppose	143	29%
Somewhat Support	134	27%
Strongly Support	79	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q05. Percent Who Support Residential Growth Option**



**Q05a.** Limiting the number of new units that can be built anywhere in Brunswick in any year

**Q05b.** Limiting the number of new units that can be built in the rural area in any year

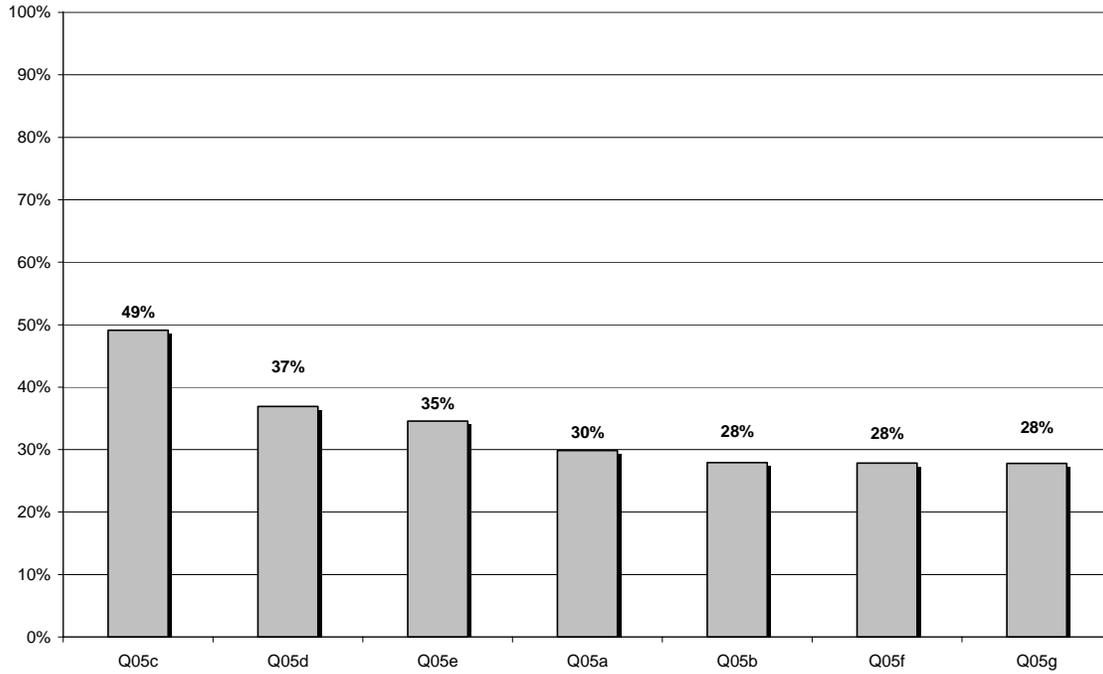
**Q05c.** Allowing property owners within the designated growth area to build more units on their land than zoning restrictions currently allow

**Q05d.** Allowing townhouse style units to be built in areas within the growth area that are now limited to single-family homes

**Q05e.** Allowing property owners within the growth area to build more units on their land than zoning restrictions currently allow in return for preserving natural areas elsewhere

**Q05f.** Providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to residential development within the growth area

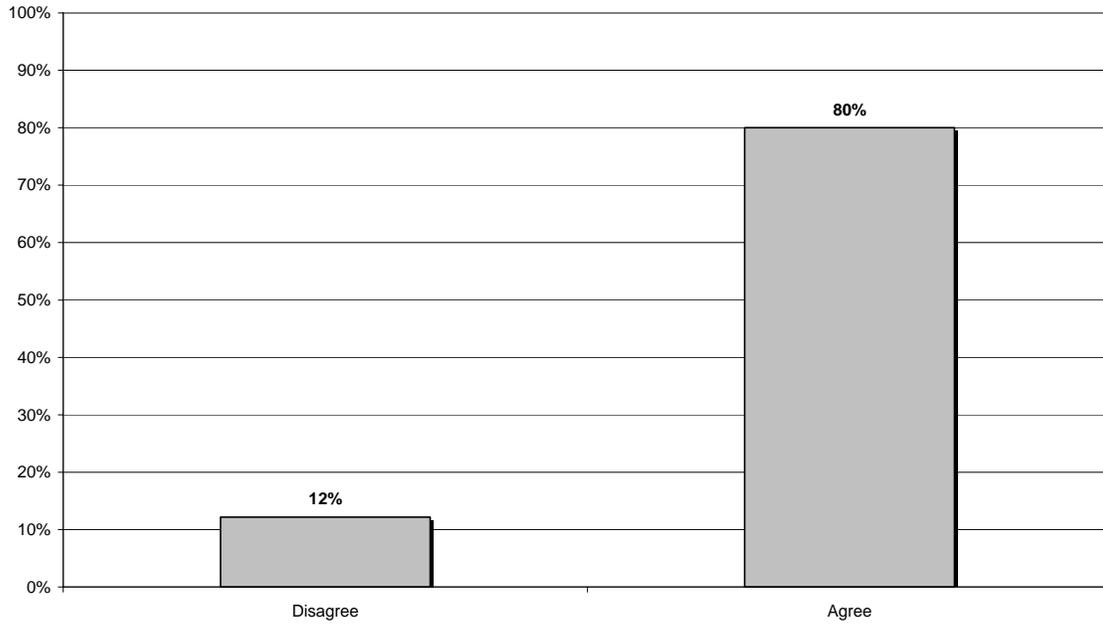
**Q05. Percent Who Oppose Residential Growth Option**



**Q06. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'There is a lack of housing in Brunswick that lower and middle income families can afford.'**  
**Note: A middle income family of four in Cumberland County can have a household income of**

Response	Count	%
Strongly Disagree	26	5%
Somewhat Disagree	35	7%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	39	8%
Somewhat Agree	107	22%
Strongly Agree	288	58%
Total	494	100%

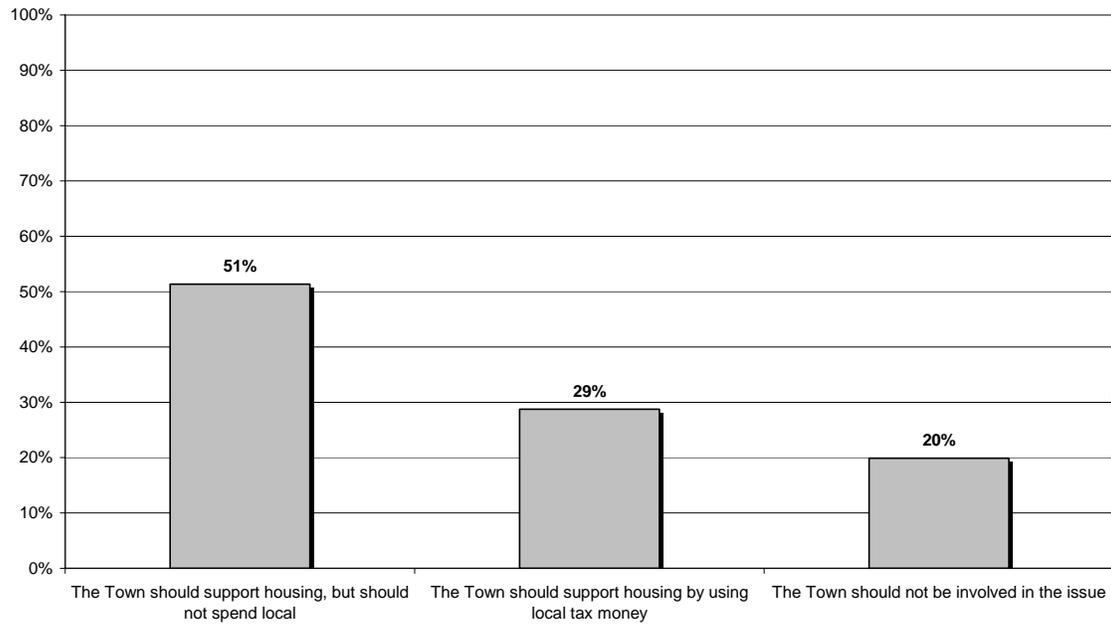
**Q06. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'There is a lack of housing in Brunswick that lower and middle income families can afford.' Note: A middle income family of four in Cumberland County can have a household income of**



**Q07. Which of the following statements best represents your view of what the Towns role should be with respect to providing housing that lower and middle income families can afford?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
The Town should not be involved in the issue	97	20%
The Town should support housing, but should not spend local tax money	250	51%
The Town should support housing by using local tax money	140	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q07. Which of the following statements best represents your view of what the Town's role should be with respect to providing housing that lower and middle income families can afford?**



**Q08. Please indicate your support or opposition to possible lower and middle income housing priorities for the Town:**

**a. Assuring adequate affordable housing for lower and middle income households of any age**

Response	Count	%
Strongly Oppose	14	3%
Somewhat Oppose	30	7%
Neither Support nor Oppose	32	7%
Somewhat Support	129	30%
Strongly Support	220	52%
Total	426	100%

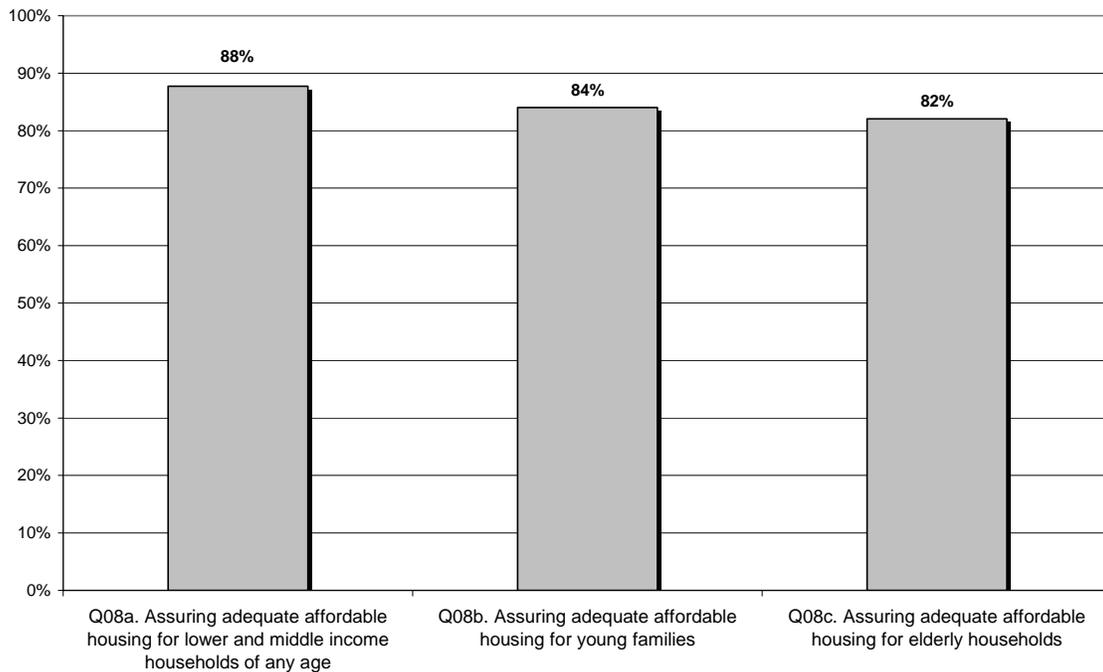
**b. Assuring adequate affordable housing for young families**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	10	3%
Somewhat Oppose	18	5%
Neither Support nor Oppose	36	9%
Somewhat Support	130	32%
Strongly Support	209	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>100%</b>

**c. Assuring adequate affordable housing for elderly households**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	8	2%
Somewhat Oppose	9	2%
Neither Support nor Oppose	34	8%
Somewhat Support	101	25%
Strongly Support	260	63%
<b>Total</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>100%</b>

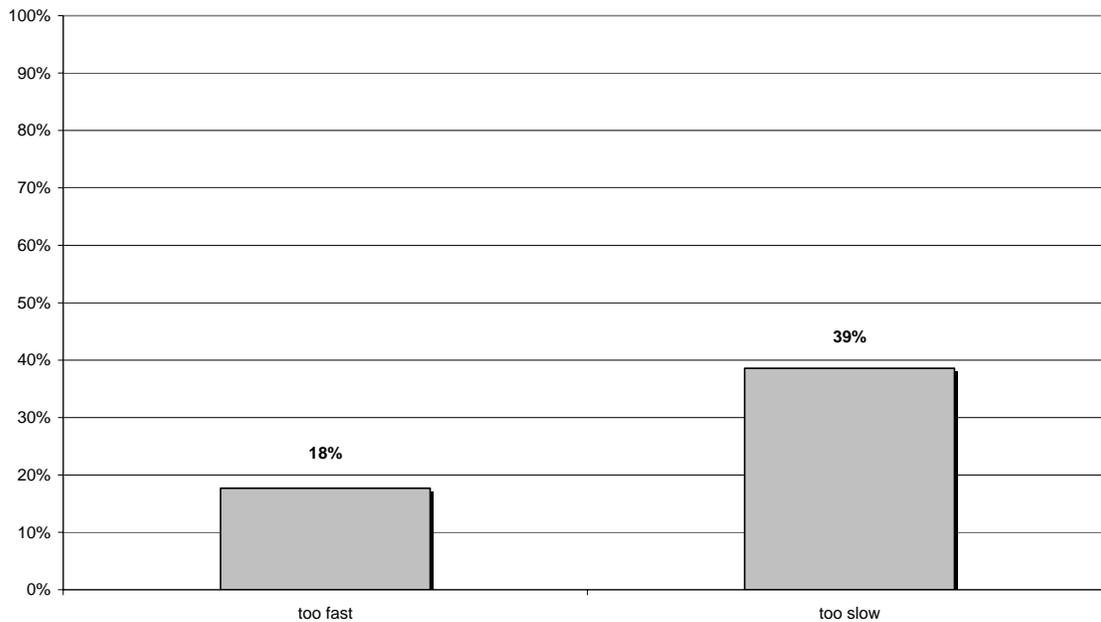
**Q08. Percent Supporting Possible Lower and Middle Income Housing Priorities for the Town**



**Q09. Thinking about commercial and industrial growth & development in Brunswick over the past five to ten years, which of the following statements best represents your view of the rate of commercial and industrial growth & development?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Much too fast	37	9%
Somewhat too fast	39	9%
About right	189	44%
Somewhat too slow	88	20%
Much too slow	78	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q09. Thinking about commercial and industrial growth & development in Brunswick over the past five to ten years, which of the following statements best represents your view of the rate of commercial and industrial growth & development? The rate of commer**



**Q10. Please indicate your support or opposition to the following potential actions:**

**a. Limiting retail growth to existing areas such as downtown, Pleasant Street, Bath Road or Cooks Corner**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	93	19%
Somewhat Oppose	66	13%
Neither Support nor Oppose	66	13%
Somewhat Support	146	29%
Strongly Support	128	26%
Total	498	100%

**b. Supporting efforts to maintain the economic vitality of downtown Brunswick**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	23	5%
Somewhat Oppose	8	2%
Neither Support nor Oppose	44	9%
Somewhat Support	136	27%
Strongly Support	290	58%
Total	500	100%

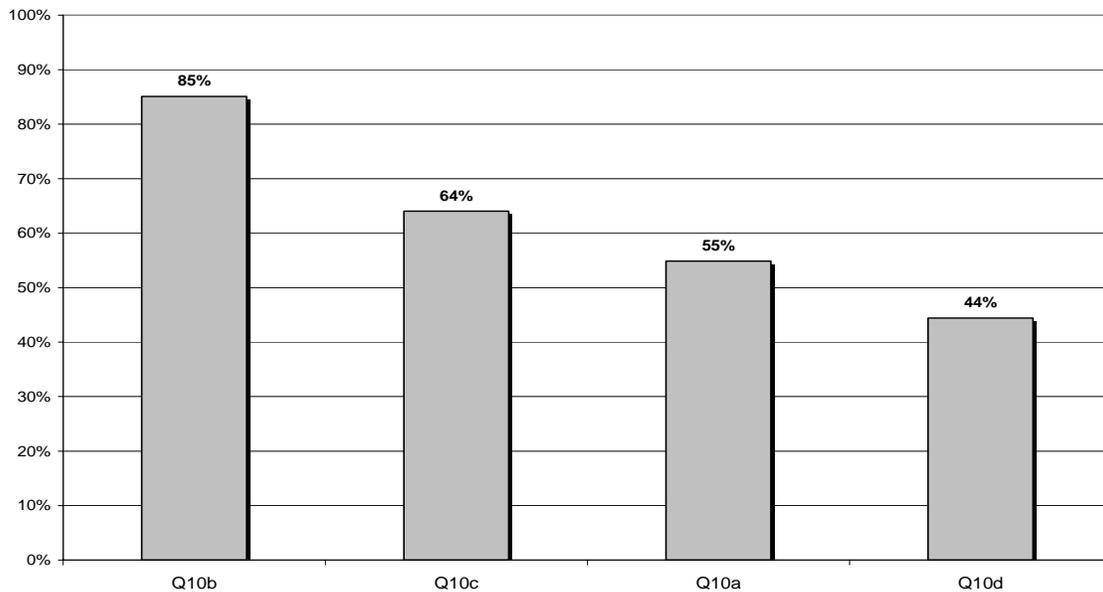
**c. Supporting development of a wider diversity of activity at Cooks Corner including more office and residential uses**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	30	6%
Somewhat Oppose	51	10%
Neither Support nor Oppose	98	20%
Somewhat Support	168	34%
Strongly Support	151	30%
Total	498	100%

**d. Providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to commercial and industrial development within the growth area**

Response	Count	%
Strongly Oppose	75	15%
Somewhat Oppose	84	17%
Neither Support nor Oppose	116	23%
Somewhat Support	106	21%
Strongly Support	114	23%
Total	495	100%

**Q10. Percent Who Support Commercial and Industrial Growth&Development Option**



**Q10b.** Supporting efforts to maintain the economic vitality of downtown Brunswick

**Q10c.** Supporting development of a wider diversity of activity at Cook's Corner including more office and residential uses

**Q10a.** Limiting retail growth to existing areas such as downtown, Pleasant Street, Bath Road or Cook's Corner

**Q10d.** Providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to commercial and industrial development within the growth area

**Q11. Please indicate your support or opposition to the following potential actions:**

**a. Building a new business park**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	67	14%
Somewhat Oppose	70	14%
Neither Support nor Oppose	121	25%
Somewhat Support	126	26%
Strongly Support	101	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>100%</b>

**b. Constructing a perimeter road at Cooks Corner to relieve traffic congestion**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	37	7%
Somewhat Oppose	54	11%
Neither Support nor Oppose	60	12%
Somewhat Support	149	30%
Strongly Support	193	39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

**c. Developing an 'incubator' building with subsidized space to assist start-up businesses**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	73	15%
Somewhat Oppose	58	12%
Neither Support nor Oppose	145	29%
Somewhat Support	138	28%
Strongly Support	84	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>100%</b>

**d. Providing property tax rebates for start-up businesses**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	84	17%
Somewhat Oppose	81	16%
Neither Support nor Oppose	115	23%
Somewhat Support	123	25%
Strongly Support	93	19%
Total	495	100%

**e. Building a parking garage in downtown**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	137	27%
Somewhat Oppose	90	18%
Neither Support nor Oppose	59	12%
Somewhat Support	114	23%
Strongly Support	102	20%
Total	502	100%

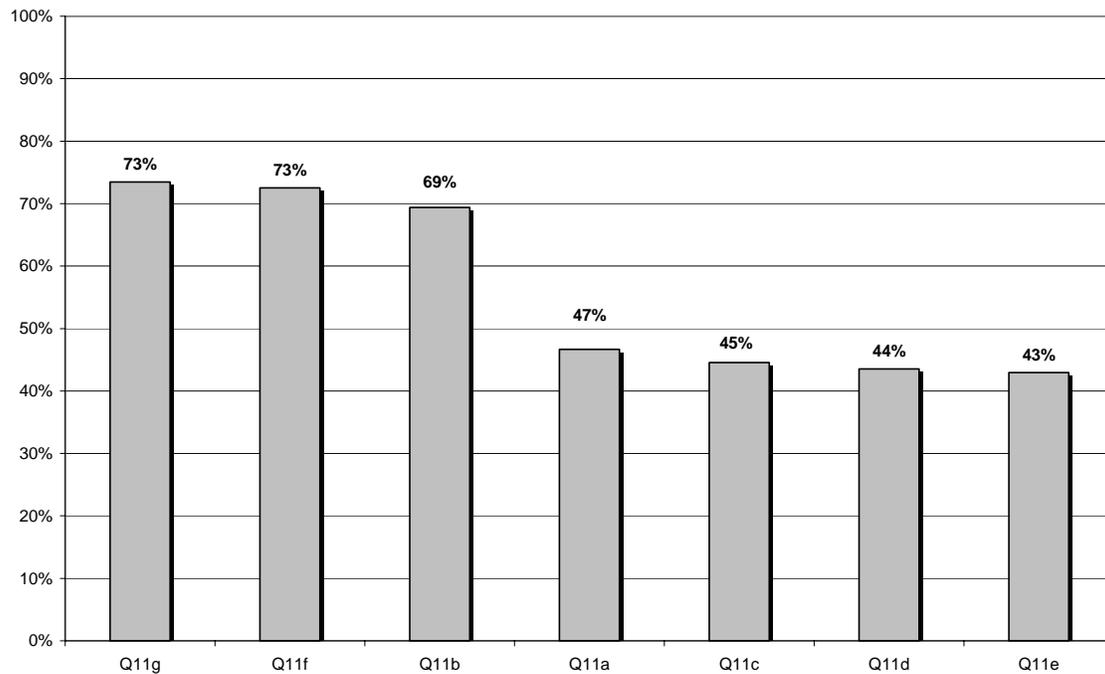
**f. Expanding support to natural resource-based businesses such as clamming and fishing,**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	19	4%
Somewhat Oppose	28	6%
Neither Support nor Oppose	90	18%
Somewhat Support	177	35%
Strongly Support	186	37%
Total	500	100%

**g. Expanding support to farming.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	26	5%
Somewhat Oppose	20	4%
Neither Support nor Oppose	87	17%
Somewhat Support	162	32%
Strongly Support	206	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q11. Percent Who Support Option to Encourage Economic Development**



**Q11a.** Building a new business park

**Q11b.** Constructing a perimeter road at Cook's Corner to relieve traffic congestion

**Q11c.** Developing an 'incubator' building with subsidized space to assist start-up businesses

**Q11d.** Providing property tax rebates for start-up businesses

**Q11e.** Building a parking garage in downtown

**Q11f.** Expanding support to natural resource-based businesses such as clamming and fishing,

**Q11g.** Expanding support to farming.

**Q12. If the Town and economic development corporation were to develop a new business park, which of the following statements best represents your view of what businesses should be able to locate in the park?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Any business willing to move into park	114	24%
Only businesses that pay significant taxes	68	14%
Only businesses that create quality jobs	264	54%
Other	40	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q13a. Please indicate your support or opposition to the following potential actions:**

**a. Preserving additional natural and scenic areas and trails**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	26	5%
Somewhat Oppose	36	7%
Neither Support nor Oppose	56	11%
Somewhat Support	115	23%
Strongly Support	267	53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>100%</b>

**b. Focusing conservation efforts for natural and scenic areas and trails in rural areas**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	26	5%
Somewhat Oppose	48	10%
Neither Support nor Oppose	85	17%
Somewhat Support	158	32%
Strongly Support	181	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>100%</b>

**c. Focusing conservation efforts for natural and scenic areas and trails in both growth areas and rural areas**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	28	6%
Somewhat Oppose	27	5%
Neither Support nor Oppose	89	18%
Somewhat Support	145	29%
Strongly Support	204	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

**d. Acquiring additional for natural and scenic areas and trails with Town funds even if this raises property taxes**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	216	43%
Somewhat Oppose	98	20%
Neither Support nor Oppose	56	11%
Somewhat Support	69	14%
Strongly Support	60	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>100%</b>

**e. Preserving natural and scenic areas and trails by regulating uses of land- even if this restricts owner's use of the land**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	202	42%
Somewhat Oppose	110	23%
Neither Support nor Oppose	64	13%
Somewhat Support	67	14%
Strongly Support	43	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>100%</b>

**f. Buying the right to develop property from rural land owners**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	148	30%
Somewhat Oppose	74	15%
Neither Support nor Oppose	133	27%
Somewhat Support	82	17%
Strongly Support	56	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

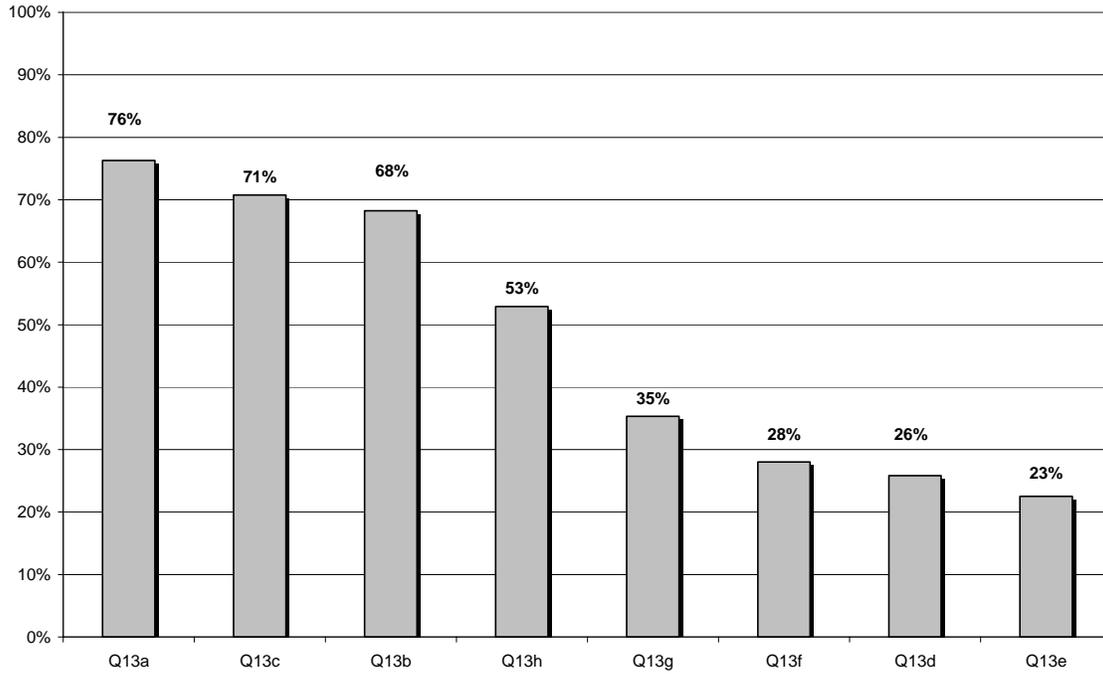
**g. Requiring rural property owners to set aside part of their land for natural and scenic areas and trails if they develop it**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	179	36%
Somewhat Oppose	56	11%
Neither Support nor Oppose	88	18%
Somewhat Support	79	16%
Strongly Support	97	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100%</b>

**h. Expanding property tax rebates for protection of natural and scenic areas and trails**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	86	17%
Somewhat Oppose	39	8%
Neither Support nor Oppose	107	22%
Somewhat Support	142	29%
Strongly Support	119	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q13. Percent Who Support Natural and Scenic Areas and Trails Option**



**Q13a.** Preserving additional natural and scenic areas and trails

**Q13b.** Focusing conservation efforts for natural and scenic areas and trails in rural areas

**Q13c.** Focusing conservation efforts for natural and scenic areas and trails in both growth areas and rural areas

**Q13d.** Acquiring additional for natural and scenic areas and trails with Town funds even if this raises property taxes

**Q13e.** Preserving natural and scenic areas and trails by regulating uses of land- even if this restricts owner's use of the land

**Q13f.** Buying the right to develop property from rural land owners

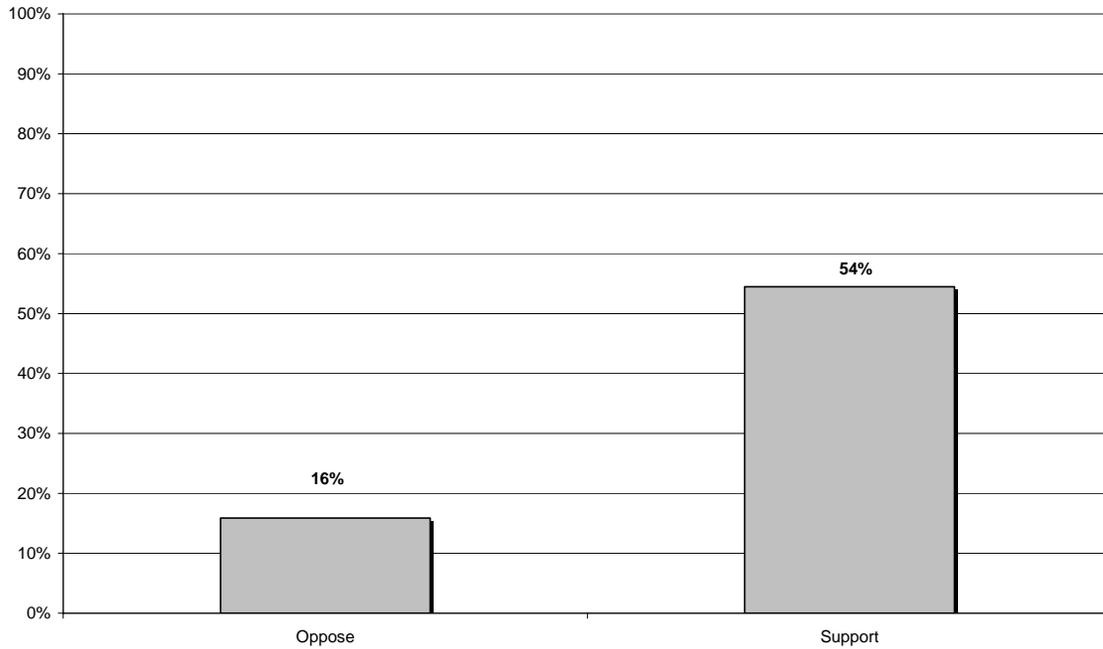
**Q13g.** Requiring rural property owners to set aside part of their land for natural and scenic areas and trails if they develop it

**Q13h.** Expanding property tax rebates for protection of natural and scenic areas and trails

**Q14. Consolidating or combining services or facilities with other communities are seen by some as a means to reduce costs. How strongly do you support or oppose such efforts?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Strongly Oppose	35	7%
Somewhat Oppose	42	9%
Neither Support nor Oppose	143	30%
Somewhat Support	148	31%
Strongly Support	115	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q14. Consolidating or combining services or facilities with other communities are seen by some as a means to reduce costs. How strongly do you support or oppose such efforts?**



**Q16. Please indicate your view of the priority of each of the following potential new facilities or facility improvements, some of which the Town Council has already agreed to proceed with:**

**a. Renovating the Central Fire Station**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	43	9%
Low Priority	114	24%
High Priority	208	43%
Highest Priority	117	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>100%</b>

**b. Expanding police facilities**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	59	12%
Low Priority	142	30%
High Priority	208	44%
Highest Priority	68	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>100%</b>

**c. Developing a multipurpose community/recreation center**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	98	20%
Low Priority	183	38%
High Priority	123	26%
Highest Priority	78	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>100%</b>

**d. Modernizing Town Hall**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	124	27%
Low Priority	256	55%
High Priority	77	16%
Highest Priority	11	2%
Total	468	100%

**e. Creating a 'Land for Brunswick's Future' fund to help buy natural areas**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	141	29%
Low Priority	185	38%
High Priority	89	18%
Highest Priority	75	15%
Total	490	100%

**f. Developing a recreation area in East Brunswick with playing fields**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	93	19%
Low Priority	210	43%
High Priority	135	28%
Highest Priority	49	10%
Total	487	100%

**g. Developing playing fields in other areas of town**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	91	19%
Low Priority	243	50%
High Priority	117	24%
Highest Priority	33	7%
Total	484	100%

**h. Building a fire substation at Cooks Corner**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	49	10%
Low Priority	113	23%
High Priority	178	37%
Highest Priority	141	29%
Total	482	100%

**i. Building a parking garage in Downtown**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	215	45%
Low Priority	110	23%
High Priority	105	22%
Highest Priority	52	11%
Total	482	100%

**j. Building a new elementary school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	117	25%
Low Priority	148	32%
High Priority	136	29%
Highest Priority	62	13%
Total	464	100%

**k. Developing a new business park**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Lowest Priority	127	27%
Low Priority	190	40%
High Priority	104	22%
Highest Priority	57	12%
Total	478	100%

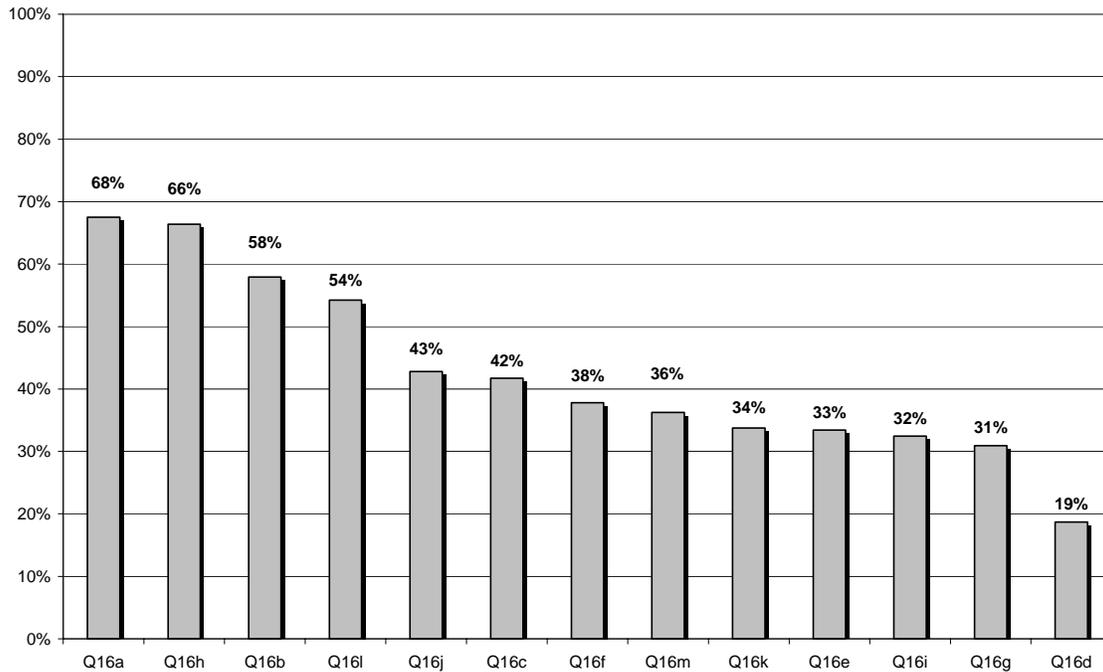
**l. Repairing and expanding sidewalks**

Response	Count	%
Lowest Priority	58	12%
Low Priority	165	34%
High Priority	135	28%
Highest Priority	129	26%
Total	487	100%

**m. Expanding bicycle facilities**

Response	Count	%
Lowest Priority	161	33%
Low Priority	147	30%
High Priority	115	24%
Highest Priority	60	12%
Total	483	100%

**Q16. Percent Indicating Potential New Facilities or Improvement Improvement Is High Priority**



- Q16a.** Renovating the Central Fire Station
- Q16b.** Expanding police facilities
- Q16c.** Developing a multipurpose community/recreation center
- Q16d.** Modernizing Town Hall
- Q16e.** Creating a 'Land for Brunswick's Future' fund to help buy natural and scenic areas and recreational land
- Q16f.** Developing a recreation area in East Brunswick with playing fields in East Brunswick
- Q16g.** Developing playing fields in other areas of town
- Q16h.** Building a fire substation at Cook's Corner
- Q16i.** Building a parking garage in Downtown
- Q16j.** Building a new elementary school
- Q16k.** Developing a new business park
- Q16l.** Repairing and expanding sidewalks
- Q16m.** Expanding bicycle facilities

**Q18. On a scale of one to five, where 5 is excellent and 1 is very poor please rate the following aspects of school quality.**

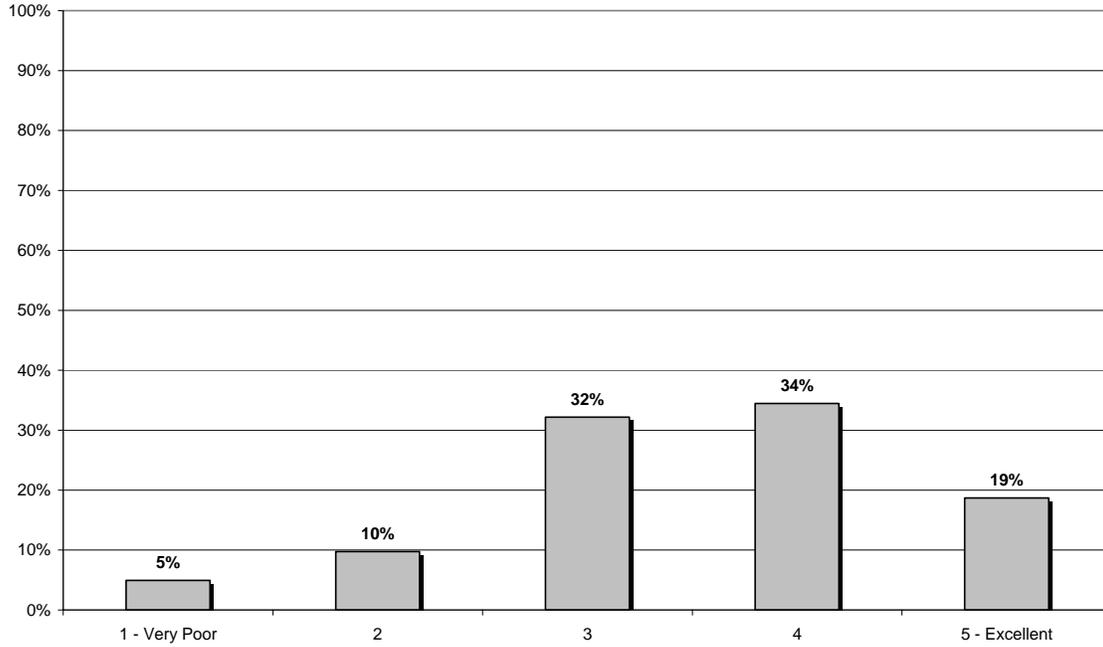
**a. The quality of school facilities?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
1 - Very Poor	20	5%
2	40	10%
3	132	32%
4	142	34%
5 - Excellent	77	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>100%</b>

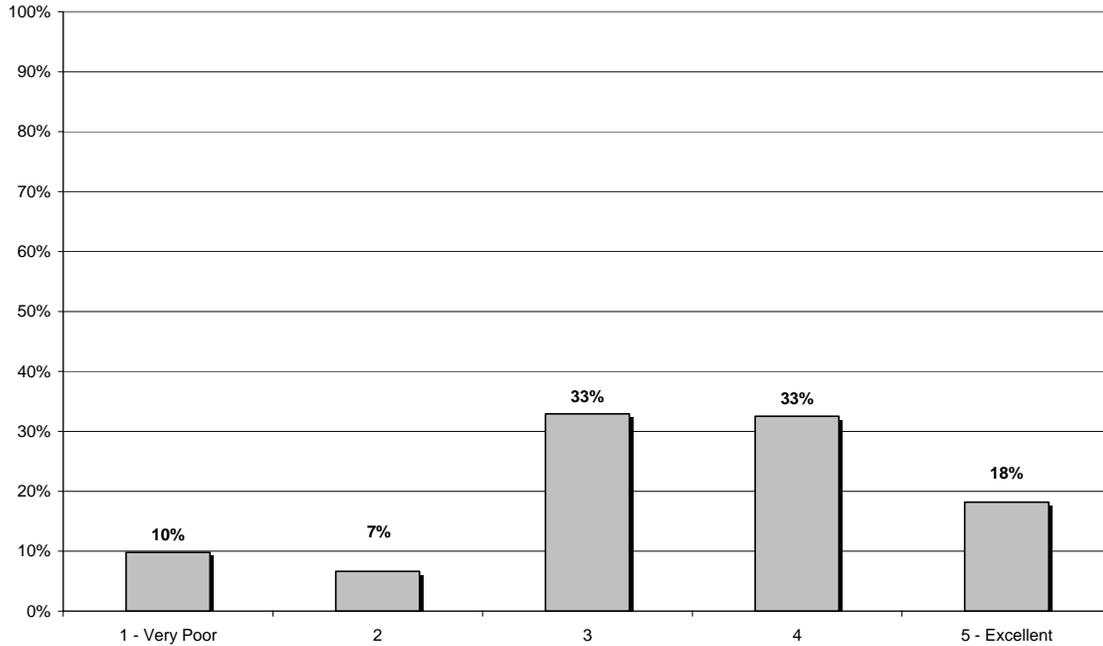
**b. The quality of the school programming and offerings?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
1 - Very Poor	39	10%
2	27	7%
3	133	33%
4	131	33%
5 - Excellent	73	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q18a. On a scale of one to five, where 5 is excellent and 1 is very poor please rate the following aspects of school quality. a. The quality of school facilities?**



**Q18b. On a scale of one to five, where 5 is excellent and 1 is very poor please rate the following aspects of school quality. b. The quality of the school programming and offerings?**



**Q19. Do you have school-age children that attend any of Brunswick’s public schools?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	113	24%
No	362	76%
Total	403	100%

**Q20. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the educational experience your children receive in the Brunswick public school system?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>%</b>
Very Satisfied	74	47%
Somewhat Satisfied	50	32%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	21	14%
Very Dissatisfied	11	7%
Very Satisfied	74	47%
Total	156	100%