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2008 Comprehensive Plan Update Report

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To find where you are going, you must know where you are.

--- John Steinbeck

Executive Summary

The State of Maine's Growth Management Act (GMA), M.R.S. Title 30-A, Chapter 187, is specific in what is required from a comprehensive plan:

1. Inventory and analysis addressing state goals and issues of regional or local significance that the municipality considers important.
2. Policies that relate the findings contained in the inventory and analysis section to the state's goals.
3. Implementation strategy with a timetable ensuring that the goals are met.
4. Regional coordination program.

Upon their review of a Maine municipality's comprehensive plan the State may issue a letter stating that the plan is consistent with the GMA. This "finding of consistency" is important to the Town because State Law and various agencies have established incentives, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Loan Fund, for communities with GMA-consistent comprehensive plans. Additionally, a consistent comprehensive plan offers legal protection for the Town's ordinances and allows the Town to impose its zoning ordinance, create an impact fee ordinance, or create a rate of growth or building cap ordinance.

The Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee ("Steering Committee") began their work in August 2019 with the tenet that to plan for the future of the Town of Brunswick will require an understanding of its past and present status. This report explores the objectives of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update ("2008 Plan") and the progress made, or not made, relative to implementing the actions that were recommended. The Steering Committee hopes that analysis of the successes and setbacks of the 2008 Plan, along with an understanding of what conditions have changed since the 2008 Plan was written, will allow the incorporation of the lessons learned from previous experiences into its future planning efforts.

Although adopted by the Town Council in 2008, work on the document began in 2003. During this time, the Town faced two (2) significant economic challenges. In 2005, the President of the United States and U.S. Congress accepted the recommendation of the U.S. Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission that Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS) be closed by 2011. BNAS was commissioned in 1943 and except for a brief period of deactivation between 1947 and 1951, had operated continuously. At the time of the closure announcement, BNAS occupied a land base of approximately 3,300 acres and was the employment center for over 5,200 military and civilian personnel. The closure announcement was followed in 2007 by the worst national economic downturn, now referred to as the Great Recession, since the Great Depression. Although the full impact of these economic events would not be felt until after the adoption of the 2008 Plan, the simultaneous experience of the BNAS closure and the Great Recession created a degree of uncertainty about the Town's long-term planning initiatives.

Despite the precarious economic situation at the time, the 2008 Plan was confident and ambitious. Shortly after the BNAS closure announcement, the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) was established to create a BNAS Reuse Master Plan. In December 2007, within two (2) years of the closure announcement,

the BLRA had a plan for the conversion of the BNAS to civilian reuse. Incorporating the BNAS Reuse Master Plan into the 2008 Plan, the Town expressed a strong belief that the BNAS property would be reintegrated into the fabric of the community and would ultimately be a catalyst for long-term economic growth while also providing for recreation and conservation opportunities. At a time when future housing demand was cloudy at best, the 2008 Plan was confident in a recovery of the housing market as it took a strong position regarding the Town's desired development pattern by recommending higher density development in some parts of the Growth Area and limiting the role of residential development allowed in the Rural Area. Furthermore, the 2008 Plan benefitted from the visions of other long-term planning documents that had been developed since the last Comprehensive Plan update in 1993. These documents included the 1997 Downtown Master Development Plan, 1998 Cook's Corner Master Plan, 2001 Downtown Brunswick Parking Study, 2003 Brunswick Housing Study, 2003 Rural Brunswick Smart Growth Study, 2004 Brunswick Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan, and 2005 Transportation Study.

Demonstrating its ambitious scope, the 2008 Plan established eight (8) key policy areas covering a broad spectrum of topics, refined the Town's land use policies in regards to growth management (which would later be used as a basis for the 2017 Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and Map Amendment), and provided an implementation and regional coordination strategy. The bulk of the 2008 Plan, and this report, focuses on the key policy areas. Each key policy area identified a vision, proposed objectives, actions necessary to achieve the vision, and performance targets by which to evaluate progress. Specifically, the key policy areas of the 2008 Plan are:

1. Maintain and financially support a quality public education system.
2. Require long range planning for municipal facilities including replacement and expansion.
3. Promote the desired Growth/Rural pattern of development.
4. Support the development and maintenance of infrastructure that promotes livable neighborhoods and the desired pattern of residential and commercial growth.
5. Encourage a diversity of housing types in the designated Growth Area and facilitate preservation and development of affordable and workforce housing.
6. Provide clear mechanisms and incentives to protect significant open space and natural resources.
7. Promote an economically viable, attractive downtown.
8. Promote a diverse and healthy local economy.

After a review of the 2008 Plan, the Steering Committee intends to incorporate the following elements into the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update ("2021 Plan"):

1. Frequent Reviews and Updates

The 2008 Plan did not suggest or require any type of annual or biennial progress report to the Planning Board or Town Council. The Steering Committee found that the Town Council and other Town boards, commissions, and committees were generally unaware of the status of the 2008 Plan's objectives and action items. Also, it was discovered that the 2008 Plan was not usually reviewed in conjunction with the Town's annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Finally, the length of time between updates

coupled with significant economic, environmental, and technological changes made the 2008 Plan outdated in some areas and made it difficult to address emerging issues such as: an aging population; innovations in housing such as “tiny houses,” accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and homeless shelters; “sharing economy” uses such as short-term rentals; electric vehicles; Town-wide broadband; sustainability; and climate change. Also, impactful projects such as the train station redevelopment were ideated and constructed after the 2008 Plan was adopted. Finally, the 2020 emergence of the global COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impact has emphasized the need for the 2021 Plan to incorporate resiliency planning.

Regularly scheduled reviews and updates to the 2020 Plan will prevent the document from becoming outdated and will reduce the amount of work needed when it is time for the next update. Reviewing the 2021 Plan annually during the CIP development process will also ensure a close alignment between Town goals and project funding.

2. Refined Implementation Strategy

The 2008 Plan’s implementation timeline used general terms such as short-, mid-, and long-term goals, but did not identify what those terms mean in so far as the number of years associated with the goal’s completion. Accountability for implementing the 2008 Plan was identified by the Town board, commission, or committee that was most closely associated with the objective. For example, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was tasked with the action item, “continue implementing the improvements listed in the 2004 Brunswick Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan relating to Downtown, particularly regarding crosswalks and sidewalks, on a regular basis.” Although most action items are clear in direction, some action items were not implemented because the responsible boards, commissions, or committees were unaware of their responsibility, or consisting entirely of volunteers, did not have the time or budgetary resources to implement the action item. Other times there was a mismatch between the action item and responsible party. For example, the Planning Board was identified as the responsible party for the installation of benches, information kiosks, trash receptacles, and public toilets when they do not have jurisdiction over such improvements.

The implementation strategy in the 2021 Plan will provide an estimate for action item completion in months and/or years, identify relevant Town departments and key staff positions to be accountable for implementation of action items, and provide a rough estimate as to potential costs of action items, when applicable, to ensure their feasibility for the Town Council, who is ultimately responsible for their funding.

3. Recognition of Interrelated Topics

The 2021 Plan will acknowledge the interrelatedness of many of the issues facing the community. For example, in 2019 the Town Council approved a Climate Emergency Resolution. This climate emergency is the result of a myriad of policy decisions covering economics, energy, land use planning, and transportation. Identifying how community issues can be addressed holistically will be a strength of the 2021 Plan.

4. Focus on Connections Between Policy Areas and Growth Management

The 2008 Plan is overly broad at times and too narrowly focused at other times. For example, the inclusion of School Department and School Board academic, equity, and programming goals was problematic in that these educational policy goals have no discernable relation to land use issues or

growth management. Such topics are more appropriately discussed in the School Department's strategic planning documents, but topics such as growth projections and facilities planning are appropriate for the 2021 Plan. Not only are growth projections and facilities planning important for the School Department, but for all municipal facilities and other educational institutions such as Bowdoin College and Southern Maine Community College. The needs of these institutions will be considered for incorporation into the 2021 Plan.

The 2008 Plan grouped open space, natural resources, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitats as if these varied categories were a singular topic. For land use planning and management, each of these areas pose unique challenges. Although the proposed holistic approach to the 2021 Plan will acknowledge the interrelatedness of each of these elements, it will be important to provide an in-depth analysis of each distinctive element.

As opposed to the broad focus on open space, natural resources, etc. described above, the discussion of infrastructure was narrow in focus as it primarily referenced only sewer, stormwater, and water service.

The 2021 Plan will include the consideration of other infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, street lighting, and public transportation. The 2021 Plan will also address the environmental impact of such infrastructure and provide guidance for "green infrastructure."

Consideration of the Town, Brunswick Sewer District, and Brunswick-Topsham Water District's financial planning and capacity will be included in infrastructure-related action items within the 2021 Plan. Similar to Item 3 above, a focus on how recommendations are interrelated, particularly to land use and growth management, will produce clear and concise action items.

5. Incorporate More Data-Based Quantitative Goals

Many action items and performance targets in the 2008 Plan were tied to quantitative goals that made them convenient for measuring progress. However, some of the goals associated with these items and targets did not provide the basis as to why the standard was selected and if it is reflective of best practices or other widely accepted standards. For example, Policy Area 4, Performance Target 3 established a goal of a 50% reduction in vehicular and pedestrian accidents at high accident and injury locations, but the origins of the 50% goal are unknown and a member of the Police Department expressed concern that it was an unreasonable expectation.

Ultimately, a review of the 2008 Plan has provided the Steering Committee with insight that will guide the next step in the update process. Building on this analysis and with an understanding of the 2008 Plan, the Steering Committee will seek to create a holistic vision, objectives, and goals in the 2021 Plan that are: informed by extensive public outreach; data-driven; aspirational yet realistic; flexible and adaptable to the dramatic economic, environmental, physical, and social changes in the decade ahead; and are respectful of future generations of Brunswick residents.

Chapter 13 – Housing:

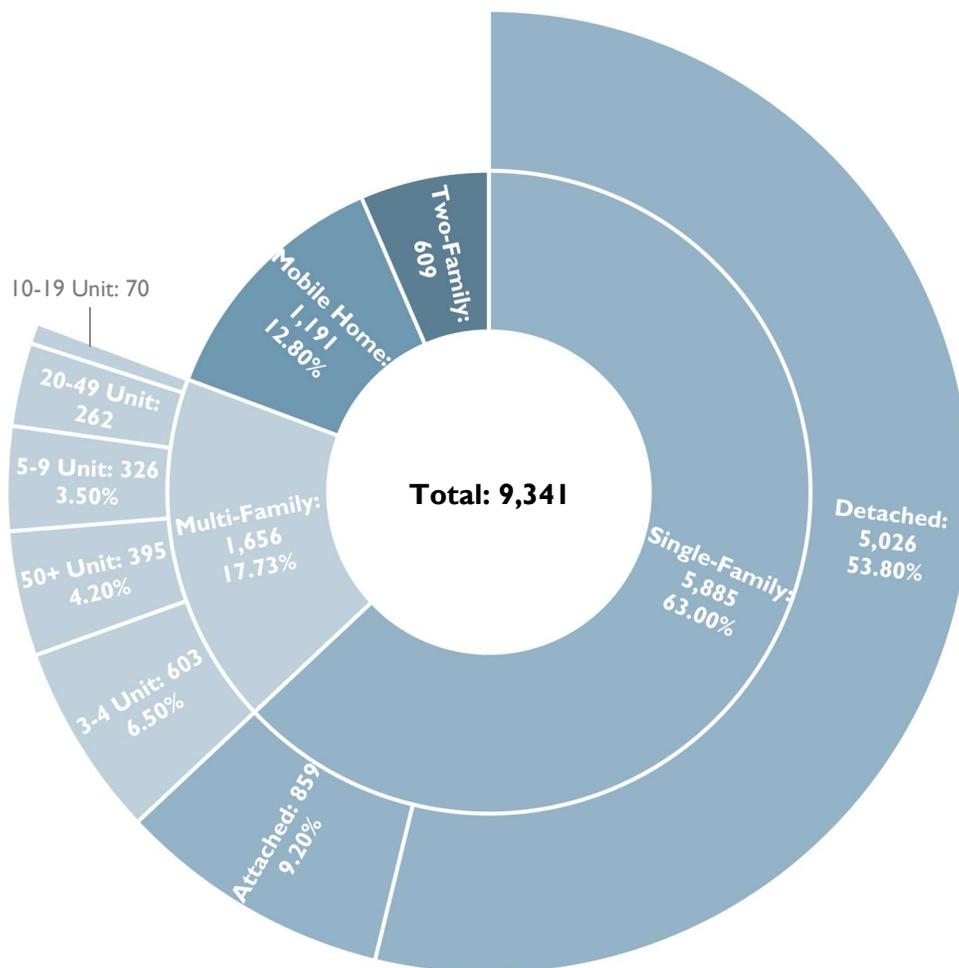
I. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND TRENDS

Policy Area 5 of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update is dedicated to encouraging, “a diversity of housing types in the designated growth area and facilitate the preservation and development of affordable and workforce housing.” The 2008 Plan’s objectives, action items, and performance targets are summarized in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update Report, pages XX – XX. Using primarily the United Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimate data (Census Tracts 111, 112.01, 112.02, and 113) released between 2009 to 2018, Department of Planning and Development permits, and Town assessor records, the following information demonstrates how changes in the housing market and Town policy over the last ten years have affected the Town’s housing stock and the Town’s efforts to further the State’s goal, “to encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens.”

A. Housing Units – Quantity and Typology:

As of 2018, there were 9,341 housing units within the Town. *Chart 13.1 – Total Housing Units by Type* depicts the distribution of the various housing types.

Chart 13.1 – Total Housing by Type (2018):



The majority, 63%, of the Town’s existing housing units are single-family dwelling units. Of those single-family dwelling units, detached homes comprise 85.40% of the single-family units and attached single-family homes make up the remaining 14.60%.

Multi-family dwelling units, accounting for 17.73% of all housing units, are the second most common type of housing in the Town. The distribution of multi-family dwelling units is unique in that 36.41% of these units are in smaller, 3- to 4-unit structures and 23.85% of the multi-family dwelling units are in large structures with 50 or more units. Combined, structures with between five (5) to 49 units account for 39.74% of all multi-family units.

Comprising 12.75% of the total housing units in Town, mobile homes also have a significant presence in the Town.

Finally, two-family dwelling units are the least common, accounting for only 6.52% of the Town’s total housing units.

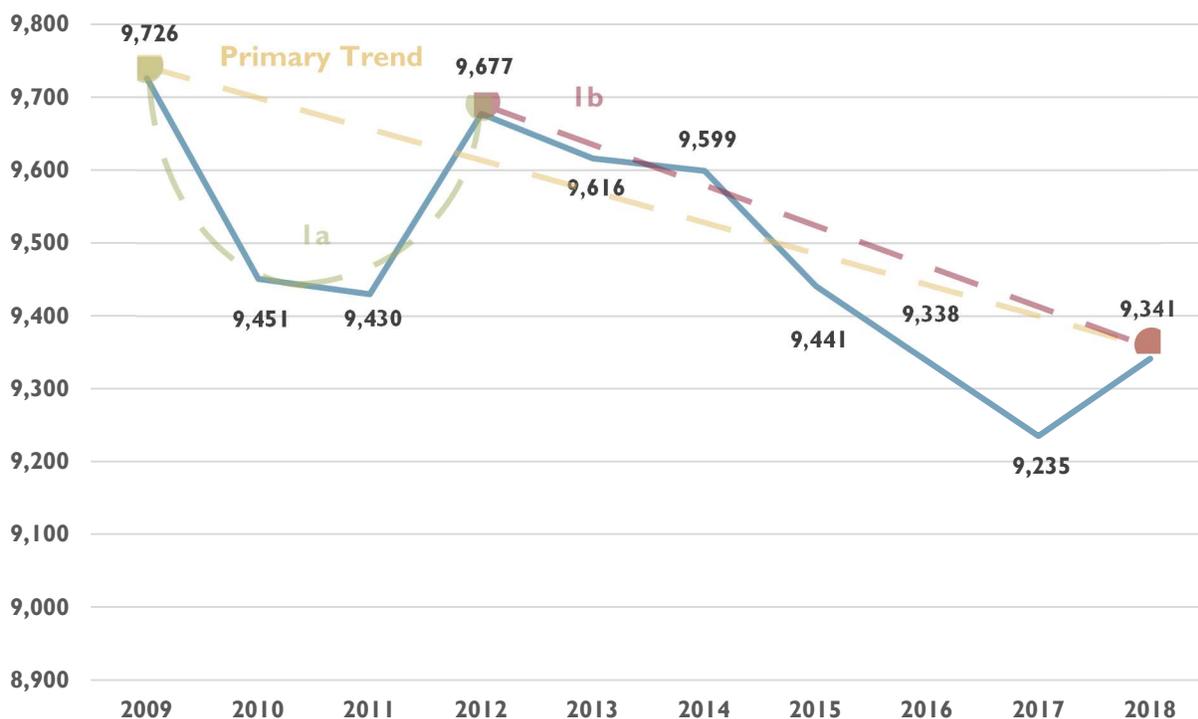
In comparison to 2009, the total number of housing units in 2018 decreased by 3.96% (-385 units). The decrease in housing units is perplexing in consideration that Department of Planning and Development demolition and new construction data for the same time period shows that there were 320 new units constructed and only ten (10) residential demolition permits issued that had no associated replacement structure.

In order to better understand this trend an analysis of what types housing of units were lost, when units were lost, and where they were lost is necessary.

I. Housing Units Over Time: 2009 – 2018

Chart 13.2 – Total Housing Units by Year, depicts the primary trend in the decrease of total housing units. There are also two noticeable (2) sub-trends, Ia from 2009 to 2012 and Ib continuing from 2012 to 2018.

Chart 13.2 – Total Housing Units by Year



The slope of the Primary Trend depicts a housing loss rate of 38.50 units per year. Although there was a drastic 275-unit decrease between 2009 and 2010, the subsequent rebound in Trend 1a resulted in a housing loss rate of 12.25 units per year. Trend 1b's steeper slope depicts a housing loss rate of 48.00 units per year. Finally, a 106-unit increase from 2017 to 2018 and a 43-unit increase in 2019 may be an indication of a new upward trend, but it is too early to confirm.

2. Housing Units by Type: 2009 – 2018

The Primary Trend in *Chart 13.2* shows that the decrease in housing units was not evenly distributed among housing types. *Chart 13.3 – Housing Units by Type Over Time: 2009 – 2018* below demonstrates the total composition of housing by type and the percent of which each housing type accounted for in the overall number of housing units in 2009 and 2018 respectively.

Chart 13.3 – Housing Units by Type Over Time: 2009 – 2018

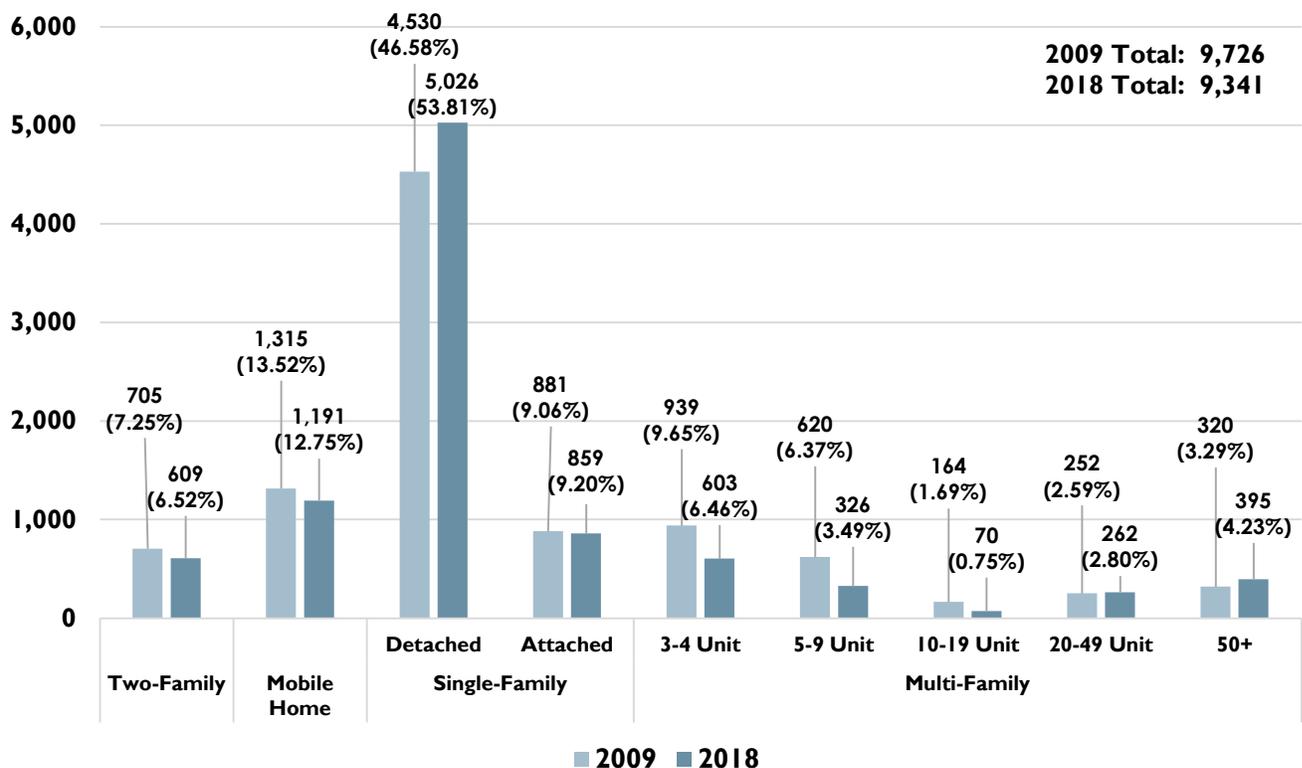
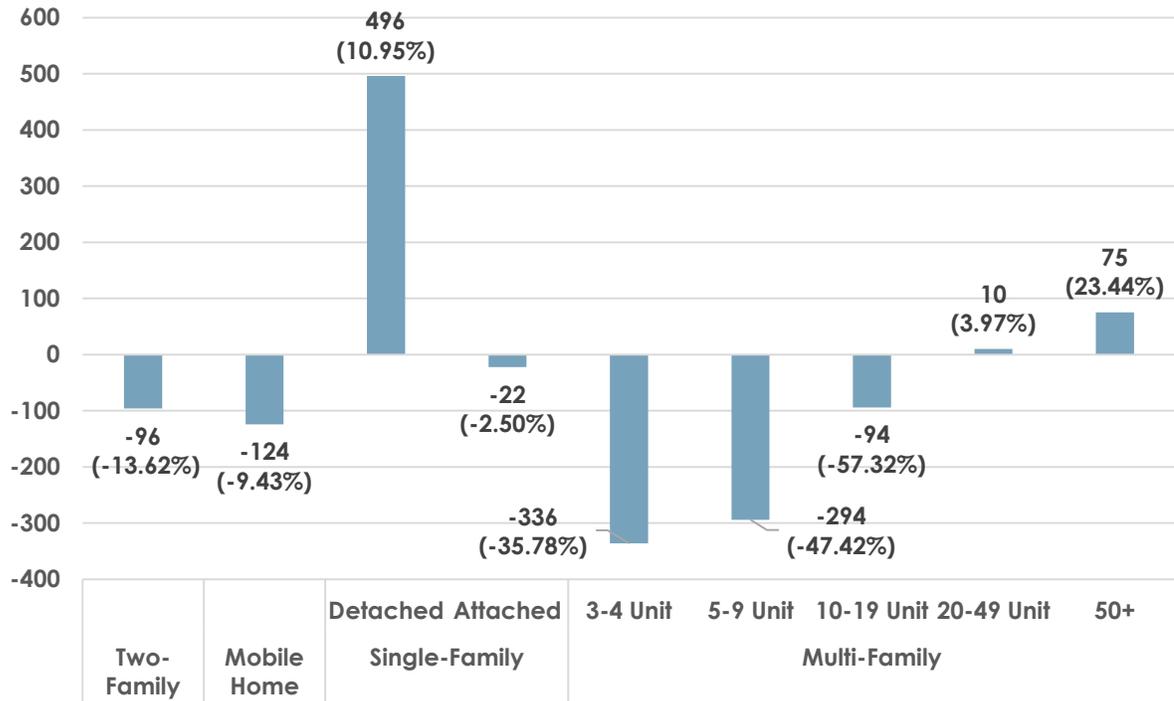


Chart 13.4 – Net Changes in Housing Units by Type: 2009 – 2018 below illustrates the net changes that occurred and the percent increase or decrease during the 2009 to 2018 time period.

Chart 13.4 – Net Changes in Housing Units by Type: 2009 – 2018



Although there was an increase (10.95% / 496) in detached single-family dwelling units this growth was more than offset by noticeable decreases in the total number of multi-family dwelling units (-27.84% / -639 units), two-family homes (-13.62% / -96 units), and mobile homes (-9.43% / -124 units). Within the multi-family housing category, the most significant losses occurred in the 3- to 4-unit (-35.80% / -336 units), 5- to 9-unit (-47.4% / -294 units), and 10- to 19-unit (-7.30% / -94 unit) subcategories.

Table 3.1 – Overall Growth / Contraction by Housing Type illustrates how the changes in the number of housing units over time contributed to the overall decrease in the total number of housing units.

Table 13.1 – Overall Growth / Contraction by Housing Type				
Housing Type	2009	2018	Change	% of All Housing
Single-Family	5,411	5,885	474	4.87%
Single-Family (Detached)	4,530	5,026	496	5.10%
Single-Family (Attached)	881	859	-22	-0.23%
Two-Family	705	609	-96	-0.99%
Multi-Family	2,295	1,656	-639	-6.57%
3-4 Unit Multi-Family	939	603	-336	-3.45%
5-9 Unit Multi-Family	620	326	-294	-3.02%
10-19 Unit Multi-Family	164	70	-94	-0.97%
20-49 Unit Multi-Family	252	262	10	0.10%
50+ Unit Multi-Family	320	395	75	0.77%
Mobile Homes	1,315	1,191	-124	1.27%
TOTAL:	9,726	9,341	-385	-3.96%

Within the Primary Trend, the u-shaped curve (1a in Chart 13.1) that forms in the time period between 2009 and 2012 is unique in that it depicts a decrease (3.04% / -296 units) in housing units from 2009 to 2011 followed by an immediate increase (2.62% / 247 units) in the number of units from 2011 to 2012. Ultimately, the u-curve

results in a net 0.50% decrease (-49 units) in the number of housing units. Although the net decrease is minimal in Trend 1a, a closer analysis reveals there were noticeable shifts in the quantities of housing types.

Housing Type	2009	2012	Change	Change %
Single-Family	5,411	5,519	108	2.00%
<i>Single-Family (Attached)</i>	4,530	4,529	-1	-0.02%
<i>Single-Family (Detached)</i>	881	990	109	12.37%
Two-Family	705	563	-142	-20.14%
Multi-Family	2,295	2,131	-164	-7.15%
<i>3-4 Unit Multi-Family</i>	939	977	38	4.05%
<i>5-9 Unit Multi-Family</i>	620	478	-142	-22.90%
<i>10-19 Unit Multi-Family</i>	164	143	-21	-12.80%
<i>20-49 Unit Multi-Family</i>	252	161	-91	-36.11%
<i>50+ Unit Multi-Family</i>	320	372	52	16.25%
Mobile Homes	1,315	1,408	93	7.07%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	56	56	---
TOTAL:	9,726	9,677	-49	-0.50%

By percentage, the largest decrease in housing units occurred in 20-49-unit multi-family housing, 5-9-unit multi-family housing, and two-family housing. The largest percentage increase occurred in 50+ unit multi-family housing, single-family detached housing, and mobile homes. In general, the u-shaped curve in housing supply between 2009 to 2012 indicates a shift away from moderate-density housing in favor of either of the two extremes of low-density or high-density housing.

Due to the time period in which this occurred, the Great Recession is a possible explanation for the housing unit decrease from 2009 to 2011 and subsequent increase as a start of a recovery in 2012. However, the Census data for housing unit type includes both occupied and vacant housing units, meaning any foreclosures that occurred due to the recession should still be counted as housing units. Furthermore, the Department of Planning and Development's building and demolition permit data does not support the initial loss of 296 housing units from 2009 to 2011 nor does it support the subsequent 247-unit increase from 2011 to 2012.

Another potential cause of the u-shaped curve from 2009 to 2012 is the closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS), announced in 2005 and completed in 2011. As a result of the closure, 573 housing units in Brunswick were at least temporarily vacated. A total of 239 housing units were also identified for demolition between 2010 and 2011 in Brunswick and neighboring Topsham. However, the number of units demolished as well as the specific number of units demolished in Brunswick versus the number of units demolished in Topsham is unavailable. It is possible that the 296 unit decrease in housing units from 2009 to 2011 is a result of a combination of demolishment, conversion to other uses, and/or vacated units that may have been omitted due to their uncertain future.

The second sub-trend, a gradual decrease (-3.47% / -336 units) in the number of housing units between 2012 and 2018, shows that noticeable increases in the detached single-family (10.97% / 497 units) and two-family (8.17% / 46 units) categories were offset by noticeable decreases in the multi-family (-22.29% / -475 units) and mobile home (-15.41% / -217 units) categories. Within the multi-family category there was a substantial increase (62.73% / 101) in the 20- to 49-unit subcategory. However, there were decreases in the 3- to 4-unit (-38.28% / -374), 5- to 9-unit (-31.80% / -152) subcategories.

Table 13.3 - Change in Housing Unit Type (2013-2018)				
Housing Type	2012	2018	Change	Change %
Single-Family	5,519	5,885	366	6.63%
<i>Single-Family (Detached)</i>	4,529	5,026	497	10.97%
<i>Single-Family (Attached)</i>	990	859	-131	-13.23%
Two-Family	563	609	46	8.17%
Multi-Family	2,131	1,656	-475	-22.29%
<i>3-4 Unit Multi-Family</i>	977	603	-374	-38.28%
<i>5-9 Unit Multi-Family</i>	478	326	-152	-31.80%
<i>10-19 Unit Multi-Family</i>	143	70	-73	-51.05%
<i>20-49 Unit Multi-Family</i>	161	262	101	62.73%
<i>50+ Unit Multi-Family</i>	372	395	23	6.18%
Mobile Homes	1,408	1,191	-217	-15.41%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	56	0	-56	-100.00%
TOTAL:	9,677	9,341	336	-3.47%

Although the decrease in these units is perplexing, it is possible that some of these units were lost to conversions to other types of dwelling units and/or demolition due to substandard housing conditions. The growth of single-family detached housing in the Town is evident in the construction of several new single-family subdivisions such as... The construction of new two-family dwelling units, such as those in the Botany Place subdivision, and the gradual absorption of vacated units by the general public starting in 2012 may explain the increase from a low of 399 two-family units in 2011 to a total of 609 two-family units in 2018.

It is hopeful that the 2020 Census, once completed, may bring more clarity to the Town's existing housing stock.

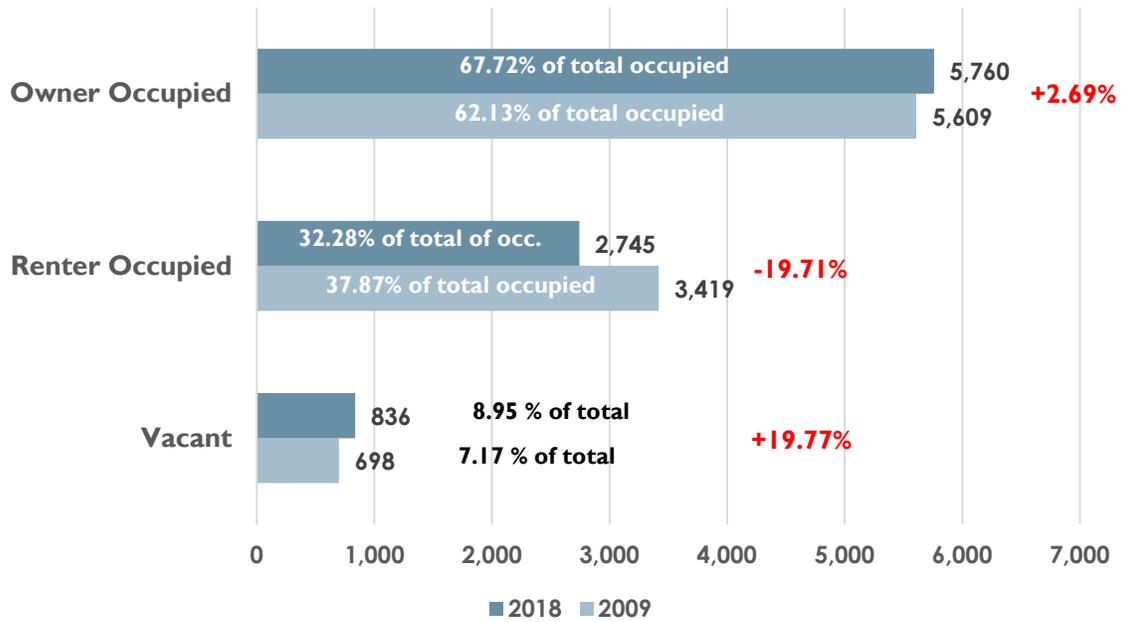
3. Housing Unit Growth / Contraction by Location: 2009 – 2018

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B. Housing Tenure & Occupancy Status

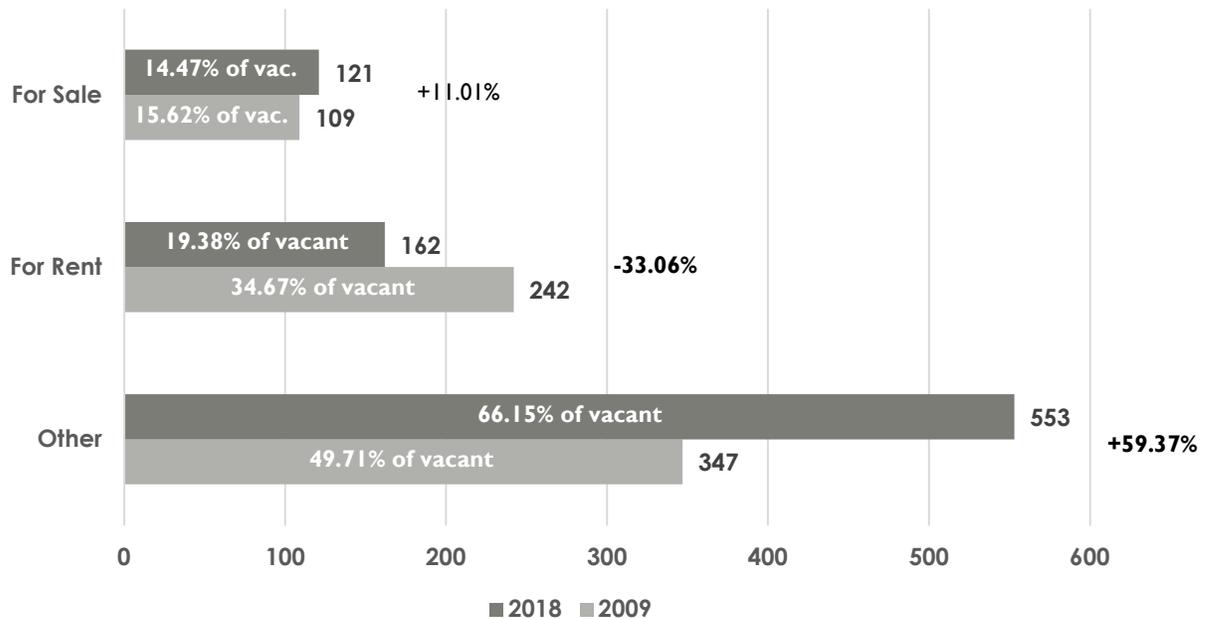
As seen in *Chart 13.5 – Change in Housing Tenure Over Time*, in 2018 the Town's owner-occupied to renter-occupied housing ratio was approximately 2:1 in favor of owner-occupied housing units. Based on the data, between 2009 and 2018 there was an overall 5.79% shift in the total number of occupied housing units away from renter- to owner-occupied units. The number of vacant units in 2018 grew 19.77% in comparison to the number of vacant units in 2009. However, based on the total number of housing units, the 138 additional vacancies account for only a 1.42% growth in the number of vacant units from 2009 to 2018.

Chart 13.5 – Change in Housing Tenure Over Time



Of the vacant housing units, the percent share of each housing tenure type, owner or renter, and the changes that occurred between 2009 and 2018 are illustrated in *Chart 13.6 – Change in Residential Vacancies by Type Over Time*.

Chart 13.6 – Change in Residential Vacancies by Type Over Time



The combination of increased demand for rental housing and a decreased supply of both vacant- and occupied- rental units suggests an imbalance in the available housing choices for existing and prospective residents. The dramatic increase in the amount of “other” vacancies is concerning, especially due to the lack of specific information regarding what types of residential units comprise this broad category. According to the definition of the Census Bureau, the other category, “includes units held for occupancy by a caretaker or janitor, and units held for personal reasons of the owner.” Additional research may be necessary to determine if seasonal rentals

and/or short-term rentals are being included within this category. If so, regulatory action may be necessary to encourage or require short-term rentals to return to long-term rental status.

C. Housing Stock Age & Condition:

The range of the age of the Town’s housing stock is vast, ranging from pre-Revolution Colonial-style homes to recently constructed homes with sustainable elements such as energy-efficient passive house design. Although the 1980s saw the largest number of new housing construction (1,544 units / 18.15% of total), the pre-World-War II era, 1939 or earlier, is second (1,425 units / 16.75%) of total. The decades that experienced the least amount of new residential construction were 2010 or later (273 units / 3.21% of total) and the 1940s (366 units / 4.30% of total). It should be noted that the data regarding the age of vacant housing units is unavailable and that the 2010 or later time period data is incomplete until the 2020 Census is completed.

The broad distribution of housing age is reflected in the 57-year median age of the Town’s housing stock. *Chart 13.7 – Occupied Housing Stock by Year Built* further depicts this wide distribution of housing construction throughout the decades.

Chart 13.7 – Occupied Housing Stock by Year Built

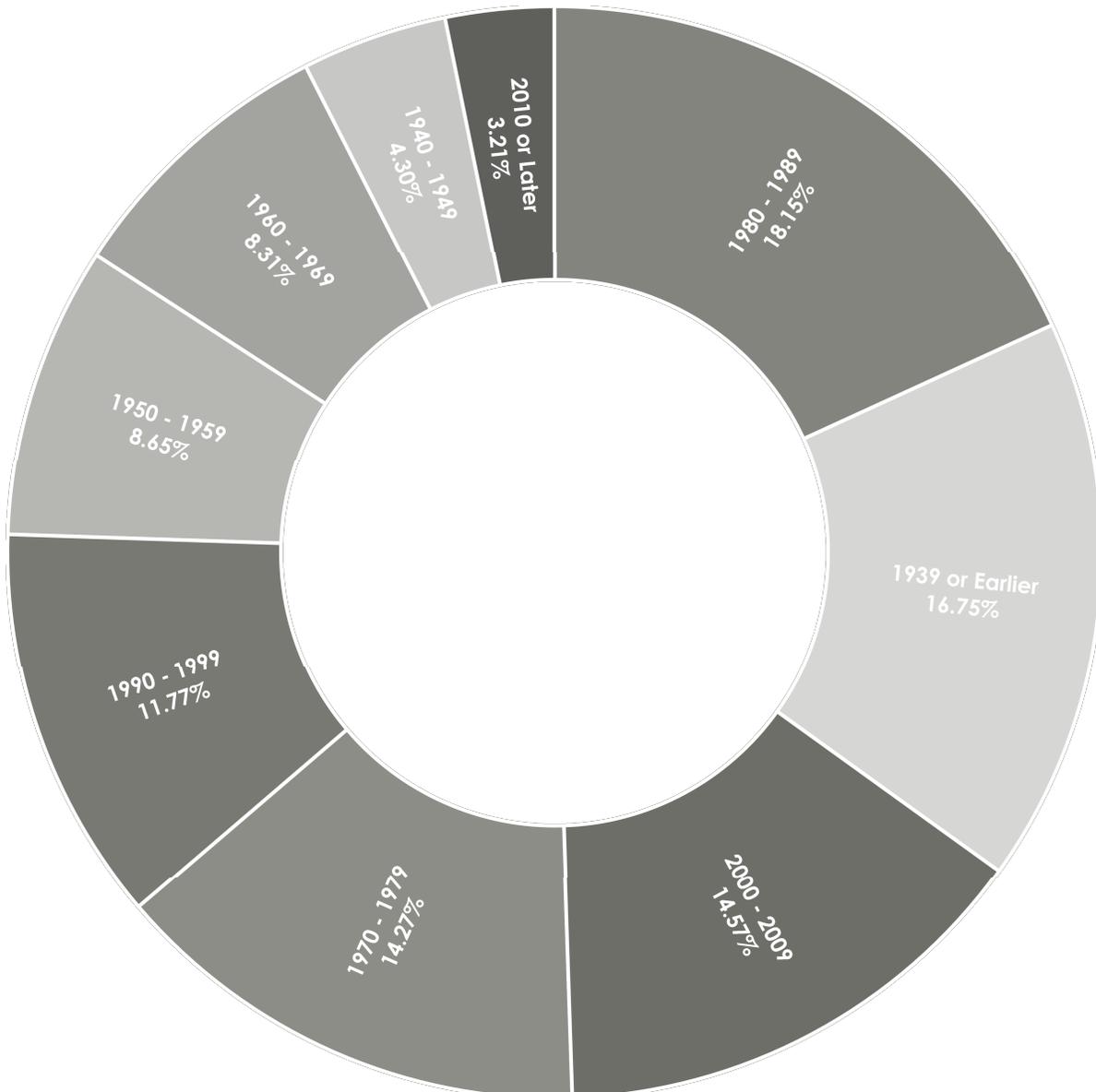
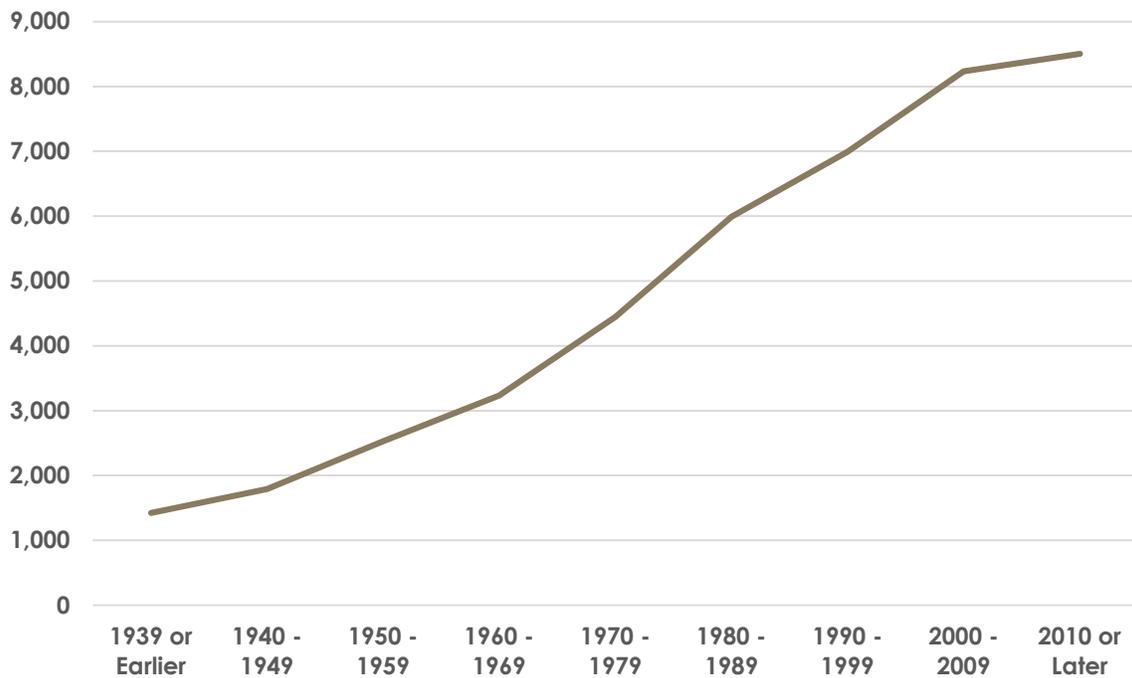


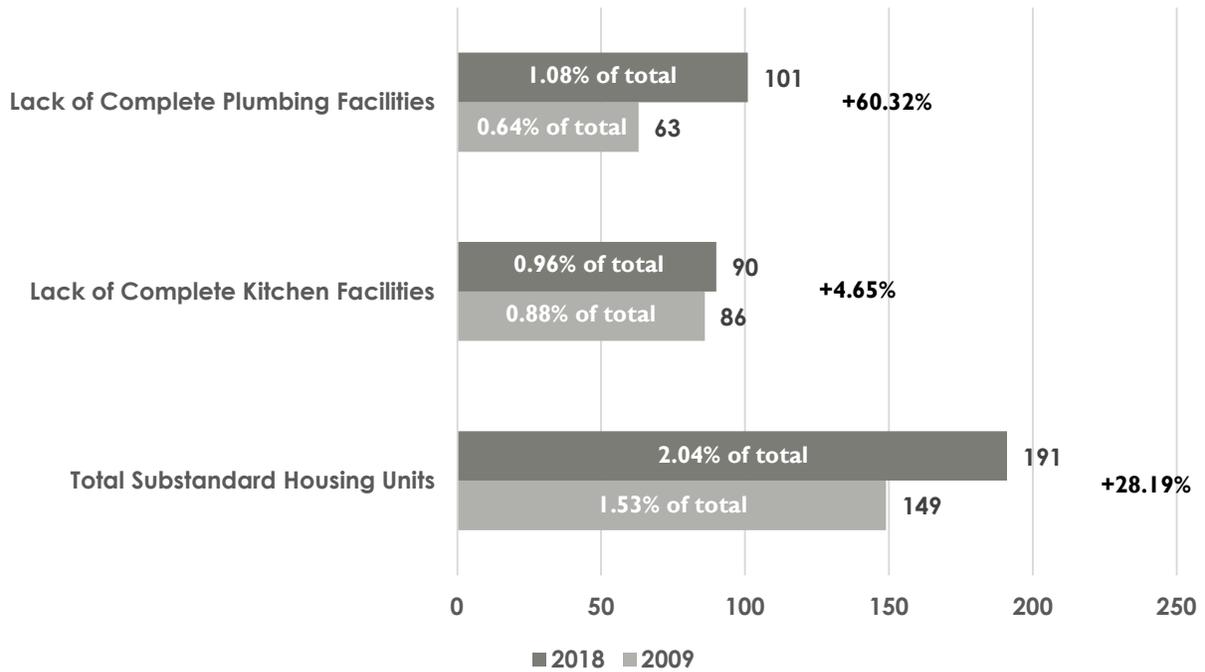
Chart 13.8 – *Increase in Housing Units Over Time* depicts a relatively linear progression of housing construction for the second half of the twentieth century. In combination with previously referenced housing data demonstrating a net loss of housing between 2009 and 2018, there is a preliminary indication that this growth in the number of residential units is plateauing.

Chart 13.8 – Increase in Housing Units Over Time



The amount of substandard housing, as defined by the Census Bureau as, “the lack of complete kitchen or bathroom facilities,” has increased since 2009, but remains a low percentage of the Town’s total housing units

Chart 13.9 – Change in Substandard Housing Units Over Time

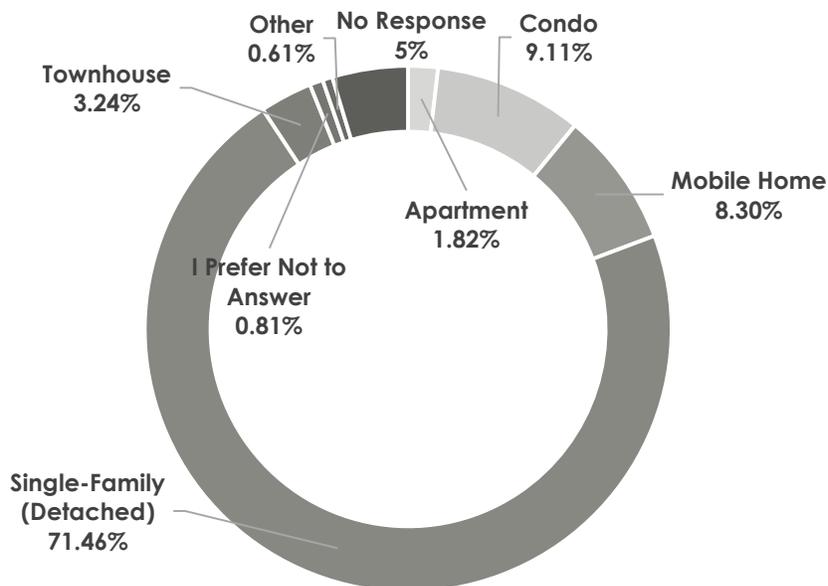


D. Community Survey Results:

The Comprehensive Plan Update’s public participation process included a community survey. Some of the questions included in the survey were repeated from the last community survey conducted in 2005 and incorporated into the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update. A comparison of data for both 2005 and 2020 will be provided when available. The following questions and results pertain to the Town’s existing housing stock:

Chart 13.10 – Community Survey, Housing Type (2020)

Question: *What type of housing do you live in?*

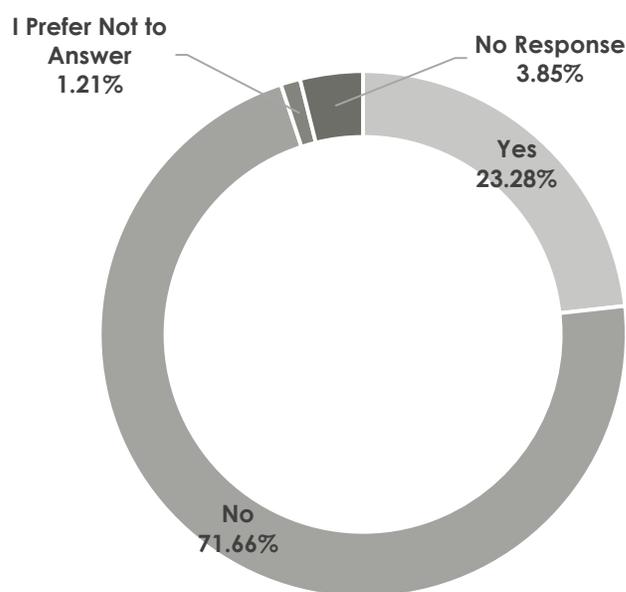


In comparison of the random distribution of surveys by housing type, the responses to this basic question reveals that residents in single-family (detached and attached/townhouse) housing made up a larger percentage of respondents than the percentage of surveys distributed to said housing types. The condo response rate was nearly the same as the condo survey distribution. The response rate for mobile homes and apartments was lower than the percent of surveys distributed to said housing types.

Table 13.5 – Community Survey – Housing Type Distribution vs. Response Rate			
	Distribution	Responses	% Change
Apartment	3.13%	1.82%	-1.29%
Condo	9.93%	9.11%	-0.82%
Mobile Home	17.13%	8.30%	-8.83%
Single-Family Home (Detached)	67.47%	71.46%	3.99%
Townhouse (Attached Single-Family)	2.33%	3.24%	0.91%
I Prefer Not to Answer	---	0.81%	---
Other	---	0.61%	---

Chart 13.11 – Community Survey, Multi-Generational Housing (2020)

Question: Do you live in a multi-generational household (ex: children / parents / grandparents)?



There is no local data by which to compare the responses of this question, but a 2018 Pew Research Center concluded that as of 2016 (the most recent available data at the time) that 20% of all households in the country were multi-generational. The community survey depicts the Town as having slightly more (3.28%) multi-generational households than the national average. The overall number of multi-generational households nationwide has been steadily increasing since an all-time low of 12% in 1980. This trend indicates that careful attention is necessary to ensure new housing types and designs adequately accommodate residents of all ages.

II. Affordable Housing

A. Cost-Burdened Households

A residential dwelling unit is considered affordable by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) if it can be obtained for 30% or less of the household income. If a household pays more than 30% of their income to housing costs, the household is considered, “cost-burdened.” Based on this definition, the number of cost-burdened residential units, both rental- and owner-occupied has decreased since 2009. In 2018, 71.03% of owner-occupied residential units, and 53.30% of renter-occupied residential units spent less than 30% of their household income on housing costs.

Chart 13.12 – Cost-Burdened Households Over Time: (2009 – 2018)

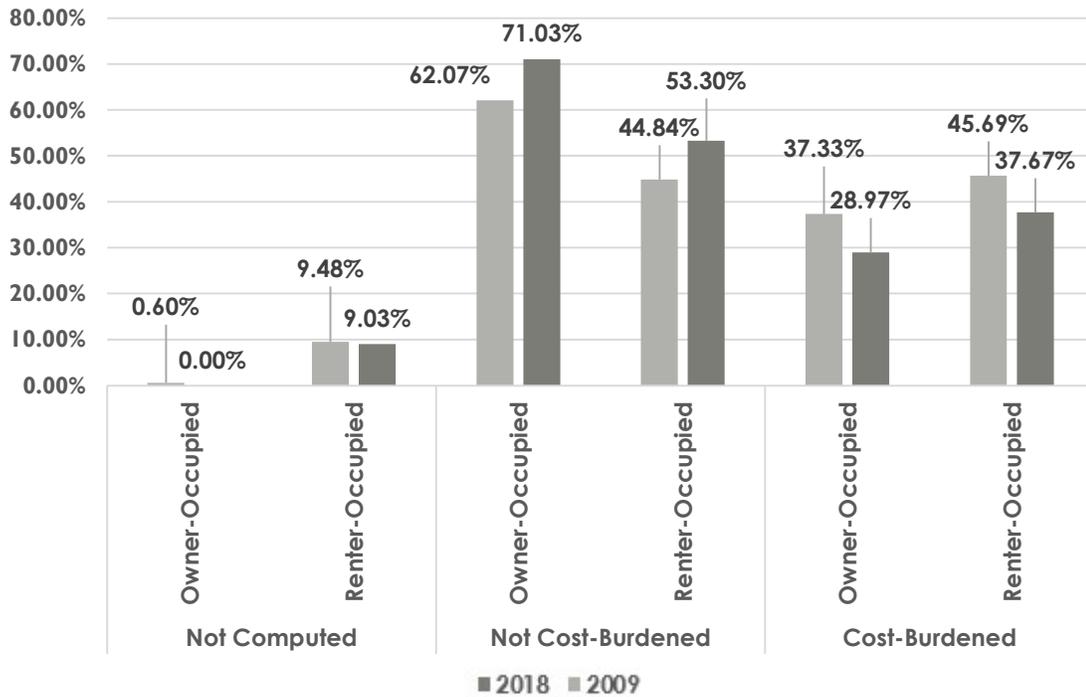
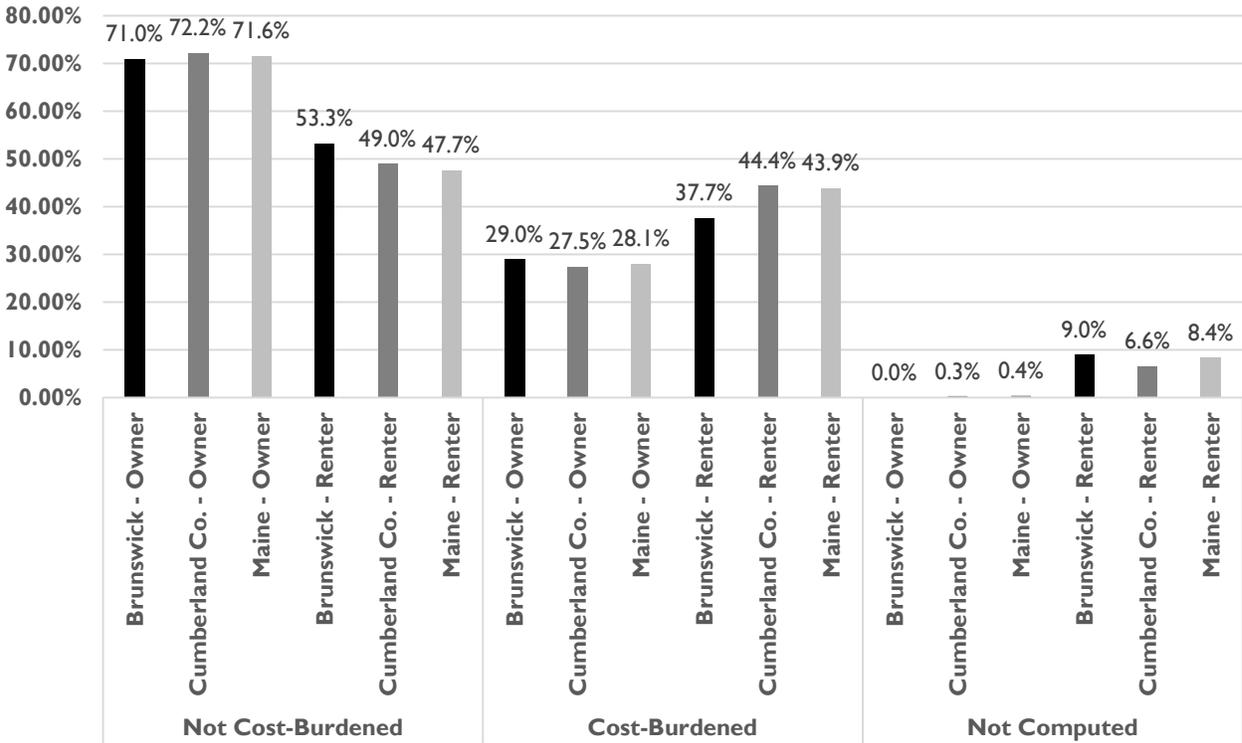


Chart 13.13 – Cost-Burdened Households Regional Comparison: (2018)



For the percentage of owner-occupied households that are defined as cost-burdened, the Town, Cumberland County, and the State of Maine varies by less than 2%. For renter-occupied units the Town has between 4.3% - 6.7% less cost-burdened households than the County and State. Although it is tempting to conclude that housing affordability in Town has improved since 2009 and that housing is slightly more affordable than the surrounding area, further analysis is required.

The percentages above indicate that within the Town there are 1,034 renter-households and 1,003 owner-households that are cost-burdened. In order to reduce the number of cost-burdened households and thereby achieve the State goal, “to encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens” and meet the legislative requirement to achieve a level of at least 10% of new residential development, based on a 5-year historical average, that meets the definition of affordable housing a review of household income and housing costs are warranted.

B. The Housing Cost and Household Income Connection

HUD establishes different levels of an area’s average median income (AMI – the income level where one-half of households earn more and the other half of households earn less) to address affordable housing needs. These incomes levels are:

Table 13.6 – HUD Income Levels	
HUD Income Levels	AMI
Extremely Low Income	30% or Less
Very Low Income*	31% to 50% of AMI
Low Income*	51% to 80% of AMI
Moderate Income*	81% to 120% of AMI
Middle Income	121% or More of AMI

* In conducting an affordable housing inventory, only very low income, low income, and moderate-income levels are suggested for analysis.

Based on the 2018 American Community Survey, the AMI for the Town is \$60,226. This represents a 9.05% increase in the AMI since 2009. Applying the 2018 AMI to the above referenced income levels results in:

Table 13.7 – AMI Levels in Brunswick		
HUD Income Levels	2009*	2018
Very Low Income	≤ \$27,614.50	≤ \$30,113.00
Low Income	\$27,614.51 - \$44,183.20	\$30,114.00 to \$48,180.80
Moderate Income	\$44,183.21 - \$66,274.80	\$48,180.81 to \$72,271.20

* Adjusted for Inflation to 2018

Although the HUD-defined income ranges for the above three (3) income levels do not match Census-defined income levels it is possible to demonstrate, by income level, what percentage of households pay more than 30% of their income toward housing costs.

Table 13.8 - Cost-Burdened Households by Income Level						
Household Income	Rental (% Cost-Burdened)			Owner (% Cost-Burdened)		
	2009	2018	% Change	2009	2018	% Change
< \$20,000	21.31%	19.22%	-2.09%	13.52%	11.08%	-2.44%
\$20,000 to \$34,999.99	16.05%	11.78%	-4.27%	11.59%	8.34%	-3.25%
\$35,000 to \$49,999.99	7.98%	4.51%	-3.47%	6.29%	4.93%	-1.36%
\$50,000 to \$74,999.99	1.94%	2.34%	0.40%	4.88%	4.08%	-0.80%
> \$75,000	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.89%	0.56%	-1.33%

The data in Table 13.9 – Cost-Burdened Households by Income Level demonstrates:

1. The lower the household income, the higher percentage of it is dedicated to housing costs.
2. Except for renter-occupied households earning \$50,000 to \$74,999.99, there was an overall decrease between 2009 and 2018 in both rental-occupied and owner-occupied housing units that were cost-burdened.
3. Owner-occupied households are less likely to be cost-burdened than rental-occupied households for those with an income less than \$35,000 per year; and
4. Conversely, owner-occupied households are more likely to be cost-burdened (albeit slightly) than rental-occupied households for those with an income greater than \$35,000 per year.

In comparison to Cumberland County and the State, the Town has less cost-burdened renter-occupied households than both the County and State. In comparison to owner-occupied cost-burdened households, the Town falls within 1.5% of the County and is nearly identical to the State:

Table 13.9 - Cost-Burdened Households by Income Level by Region (2018)						
Household Income	Rental			Owner		
	Town	County	State	Town	County	State
< \$20,000	19.22%	19.17%	24.03%	11.08%	9.67%	11.99%
\$20,000 to \$34,999.99	11.78%	12.78%	13.31%	8.34%	7.53%	7.89%
\$35,000 to \$49,999.99	4.51%	8.16%	4.69%	4.93%	5.48%	4.30%
\$50,000 to \$74,999.99	2.34%	3.71%	1.60%	4.08%	4.83%	3.23%

> \$75,000	0.00%	0.59%	0.26%	0.56%	2.94%	1.54%
TOTALS:	37.70%	44.41%	43.89%	28.99%	30.45%	28.95%

--- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ADD, BUT NOT REQUIRED BY STATE --

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- C. The Housing Cost and Transportation Cost Connection
- D. Housing Affordability and Town Employees
- E. Mobile Home Analysis
- F. Tiny Homes

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – DRAFT 2
MARCH 3, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larissa Darcy (Steering Committee Chair), Catherine Ferdinand, Alison Harris (Planning Board), Fred Koerber, Elizabeth Kohler, Marcy McGuire, John Perreault (Town Council Chair, District 4), Anthony Sachs, Jacqueline Sartoris, Sande Updegraph (Planning Board), Christopher Watkinson (Town Council, District 5), and Kathy Wilson (Town Council, At Large)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development
Laurel Margerum, Administrative Floater

A meeting of the Town of Brunswick Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 85 Union Street. Steering Committee Chair, Larissa Darcy, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Chair Darcy opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

The Steering Committee reviewed the Share Your Vision Community Workshop Draft Meeting Report. The report, prepared by Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions, summarized two (2) public workshops held in January 2020. Matt Panfil stated that the report did not provide specific direction toward a draft vision statement, but the Steering Committee should be close to being able to formulate a draft vision statement and identifying and prioritizing topics. He spoke of using three (3) filters to prepare the recommendations for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update: 1.) public participation, including the community survey; 2.) the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update Report; and 3.) inventories required by the State that are being drafted by staff.

Councilor Watkinson asked if there will be a similar summary report for the climate change and housing panel discussions held at Curtis Memorial Library held on February 19 and 20, 2020 respectively. Matt Panfil responded that there will not be a similar report, but he will try to prepare meeting summaries and post the presentation slides online.

Jacqueline Sartoris asked when the Steering Committee would begin reviewing inventories. Matt Panfil stated that there are thirteen (13) inventories and wanted input from the Steering Committee as to whether or not they preferred to review each inventory collectively or divide the review process by topic-based subcommittees.

Chair Darcy asked for Steering Committee members' comments on the community workshops and panel discussions. Councilor Wilson stated that she was impressed by how informative the events were. Chair Darcy agreed about the depth of information provided

and comments received. However, she had hoped the summary report would provide more analysis that would lead to forming a draft vision statement. Councilor Watkinson stated that he attended the second community workshop and was pleased by the attendance and the public's general consensus as to where future development should and should not occur. Jacqueline Sartoris stated that she believed Craig Freshley did a good job moderating the meeting and ensuring that everyone's voice was heard. She was also pleased to hear that the panel discussions were well attended. She disagreed with how the mapping exercise was conducted and believed that more information should have been provided on the base maps so that the public could account for natural resources and other pertinent information. She is concerned about taking too much of value from the map comments. Councilor Watkinson added that he felt utilities should have been included on the maps and the term "development" should have been better defined for the public. Councilor Wilson felt that more public input is important as her experience at the events with the public helped inform her opinions on various topics. Catherine Ferdinand stated that she was disappointed that the attendance was not better for the community workshops, but those that participated were representative of the community. She added that the public input from the events is just the beginning of the dialogue with the community. She also was hopeful that the community workshop summary report provided more analysis rather than just a presentation of the data. Liz Kohler agreed with Catherine Ferdinand regarding the attendance and stated that to ensure more public input, an effort must be made to bring the Steering Committee's work to the people rather than hope they will attend the Committee's meetings and events. She suggested moving on from broad public input and start narrowing it down to solicit feedback on specific themes. Fred Koerber agreed that the attendance was less than he had hoped. He also agreed that it would be helpful to pull themes from the community workshop summary report.

Matt Panfil responded to the comments by stating that the base maps were completed as requested by the meeting facilitator, but staff could take the public maps and overlay them on maps with information such as natural resources and utilities.

Marcy McGuire stated that people are more interested and likely to attend events when there are specific topics for discussion, such as those held at the library.

Chair Darcy suggested the next step in the update process should be to review the public feedback, analyze it, and identify important areas that the Steering Committee can bring back to the public for more specific input.

Acknowledging the arrival of members of the public to the meeting, Chair Darcy reopened the meeting for public comment. Cindy Lloyd stated her belief in the importance of comprehensive planning and thanked the Steering Committee for their efforts. She expressed her interest in being able to participate in more public workshops and events.

The Steering Committee discussed the results of the community survey. Laurel Margerum stated that the results of more than 500 surveys have been calculated. The results for questions pertaining to schools and demographics were not included in the packet provided to the Steering Committee members, but she stated that the schools received

positive feedback and the demographics of respondents was mostly those over 50 years old with at least a master's degree. She further described the process by which the data was analyzed and presented and then reviewed some of the responses. Liz Kohler asked if the additional qualitative comments included by some of the respondents would be available for Steering Committee review. Laurel Margerum stated that there are still hard copies of these materials, but no summary or analysis has been provided to date. Matt Panfil stated that they would try to scan the comments and provide them to the Steering Committee.

Jacqueline Sartoris asked how the survey information would be distributed to the public. Matt Panfil responded that he still needed to review the digital survey submissions and provide a comparison of 2008 and 2020 results.

The Steering Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding their role and ability or inability to address issues such as increased property taxes and potential economic decline that were identified as the biggest threats to the Town's long-term livability. It was generally agreed that prioritization of recommendations should consider the potential impact on property taxes rather than being an impractical "wish list."

Matt Panfil stated that the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update Report Subcommittee has met twice for three (3) each time. The subcommittee making edits when applicable but is also identifying items that require further discussion among the whole Steering Committee. He stated that he was hopeful to have a draft ready for the next Steering Committee meeting.

Chair Darcy summarized that for the next meeting she would like to see inventories and a draft of the updated 2008 Report to begin the next steps of the process. Matt Panfil stated that staff would be working toward providing this information over the next few weeks. He suggested that once the Steering Committee identified opportunity areas they could hold meetings with the relevant boards, commissions, and committees to assist in the development of goals and action items. Jacqueline Sartoris recommended policy area-based "joint-listening sessions" with the Steering Committee, boards, commissions, committees, and public.

Alison Harris suggested moving the date of the April meeting to allow staff more time to complete their work and for the Steering Committee to have more time to review the materials. Policy-area based meetings could then be held in May. Matt Panfil suggested two (2) meetings in April: a meeting to review the 2008 Report in early April and another meeting to review inventories mid-April.

Chair Darcy stated that it would be helpful to review all the materials to identify top priorities before drafting a vision statement. Liz Kohler agreed and stated that it would be helpful to make sure that the Steering Committee has reached out as widely as possible to identify priorities and then to make sure to include organizations such as non-profits to participate in meetings focused on those priorities. Catherine Ferdinand agreed and mentioned that the 2008 Update included an appendix of non-profit organizations. Chair Darcy asked Fred Koerber for more information on the "cottage meetings" held as part of the 2008 Update. He responded that they were informal and held in homes or other public

spaces outside of the Council Chambers. He felt that they provided access to a variety of voices, especially those who need to be heard from, but do not have the awareness of the process or ability to participate. Jacqueline Sartoris agreed and felt possibly more time is needed for more public participation. The Steering Committee generally agreed that more public input is desirable and acknowledged that the timeline would likely need to be extended by a few months.

Jacqueline Sartoris recommended bringing in experts, such as Evan Richert, to educate the Steering Committee on land use issues, especially identifying the costs and benefits of land use decisions. Matt Panfil indicated that he could start looking into her suggestion.

Fred Koerber stated that he spoke with Rick Wilson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Brunswick High School, and some of the students have formed a group to adapt the community survey for high school students. There was approximately a 50% response rate and they plan to present the data to the high school and the Steering Committee. Chair Darcy suggested that the social media accounts could be used not just for outreach, but also to gather input from the public.

Chair Darcy asked the other Steering Committee members to accept the December 3, 2019 Draft 2 Meeting Summary, January 7, 2020 Draft 2 Meeting Summary, and January 15, 2020 Draft 2 Meeting Summary. All meeting summaries were approved. Steering Committee members were asked to provide Matt any comments on the February 4, 2020 Draft 1 Meeting Summary prior to the April meetings.

Matt Panfil announced that he recently updated the website to include the presentation slides from the climate change panel discussion, updated the quick poll, and posted new residential data in the form of a time-lapse video. He added that he has provided additional readings for the Steering Committee to review, including previous quick poll results and articles from the Maine Municipal Association.

Chair Darcy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – DRAFT 1
AUGUST 13, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larissa Darcy (Steering Committee Chair), Catherine Ferdinand, Alison Harris (Planning Board), Fred Koerber, Elizabeth Kohler, Marcy McGuire, Anthony Sachs, Jacqueline Sartoris, Christopher Watkinson (Town Council, District 5), and Kathy Wilson (Town Council, At Large)

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Perreault (Town Council Chair, District 4) and Sande Updegraph (Planning Board)

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Panfil, Director of Planning and Development

A meeting of the Town of Brunswick Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, via electronic devices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Steering Committee Chair, Larissa Darcy, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Chair Darcy opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

Matt Panfil provided an update from the 2008 Plan Report Subcommittee. Chair Darcy asked if there is a Subcommittee Chair to which Matt Panfil responded no. Matt Panfil stated that the Steering Committee's packet for the meeting included a draft of the report that consolidated the members' comments that he had received. He stated that there were over 150 comments. The Subcommittee has not yet completed a full review of the report but intends to do so now that the Steering Committee has resumed its work. According to Matt Panfil, the 2008 Plan Report will be edited to remove references to whether an action item as achieved or not achieve. Instead, the 2008 Plan Report will focus on providing the background information and the efforts that were made to address each action item. Matt Panfil added that he not yet updated the website but will work on completing an update within the next couple of weeks. He reminded the Steering Committee members that they can still submit comments to him for the 2008 Plan Report. He acknowledged that the first draft was not well received by some and he is open to suggestions as to how to improve the format and content.

Chair Darcy agreed the 2008 Plan Report could benefit from simplification and provide an update as to where the Town is now versus where the 2008 Plan thought it would be. She felt the original draft tended to attempt to rewrite the 2008 Plan rather than provide a basic update.

Matt Panfil stated that the subcommittee would try to meet at least once prior to the next Steering Committee meeting on September 1, 2020. He agreed that the need was to provide a basic update without getting slowed down over debate over past policies and actions.

Catherine Ferdinand agreed that the report could be simplified. Matt Panfil stated that there are also certain sections of the document are redundant and the report can be shortened.

Alison Harris agreed that the 2008 Plan Report did not need to follow the same format as the 2008 Plan.

Chair Darcy asked if altering the format would affect the State's review of the Plan Update. Matt Panfil stated that the 2008 Plan Report is not necessary for State review, but it is helpful to understand where the 2008 Plan left off and what can be incorporated into the current Plan Update.

Marcy McGuire asked if the State's checklist was available to the Steering Committee. Matt Panfil responded that he would email the checklist to the group. Chair Darcy added that the Steering Committee's intention is to go beyond the checklist requirements, especially for public participation. She also asked that the 2008 Plan Report Subcommittee meet at least once prior to the next meeting and attempt to make progress on revising the report's executive summary.

The Steering Committee reviewed the draft Share Your Vision Community Workshop Report. Chair Darcy felt that although there were not as many participants as were hoped for, the participants that did attend provided a lot of diverse information. She added that the report received did not meet expectations in that it was just a presentation of raw data and lacked analysis of the data. Matt Panfil agreed that although the workshops were scheduled in winter the level of participation did not meet expectations. Chair Darcy suggested that the Steering Committee could use social media to promote the videos of the meetings and include questions from the workshops for the new viewers to respond.

Liz Kohler stated that the Steering Committee can get more public input without having to restart or reuse the community workshops. She suggested brief videos with Steering Committee members summarizing key topics they received during the workshops and include a feedback option.

Fred Koerber stated that it did not need to be done immediately, but the Steering Committee should start identifying the five (5) or six (6) key takeaways from the workshops. Jacqueline Sartoris agreed with previous comments about the low participation for the community workshops and supported Liz Kohler's idea to create video summaries with an opportunity for more participation.

Jacqueline Sartoris stated that she is concerned about moving forward too quickly due to COVID-19 influenced changes. For example, the real estate market in southern Maine is still growing and that the Planning and Development Department has stated that they have yet to experience a slow down in permits and development review. She is also concerned about the results of the map exercise from the community workshops because she felt that they did not show enough information for participants to make fully informed decisions. She would like to try to engage the public again in the visioning process through some of

the methods Liz Kohler suggested. Chair Darcy agreed that considering the COVID-19 pandemic there are proven methods to engage the community via online technology.

Anthony Sachs stated his agreement that the community workshop report was only raw data and that he would like to see additional analysis performed. Chair Darcy stated that she has been respectful of the preparer of the report's timeline for their sabbatical and asked Matt Panfil if the agreement was for raw data or for an analysis of the raw data. Matt Panfil stated that he believed the agreement was for a full analysis. The group agreed that they would try to follow up with the report's author to see if a complete analysis can still be performed.

Catherine Ferdinand concurred with the others regarding low turnout at the community workshops as well as Liz Kohler's ideas for video participation and allow for continued virtual public input.

Alison Harrison asked for suggestions as to how to incorporate the recent changes, especially local development pressures during a global pandemic and economic downturn, into the information and public input already received and moving forward in the process. Chair Darcy agreed there has been a dynamic shift that will need to be addressed.

Liz Kohler stated that there may be an opportunity to utilize college students that are skilled in information visualization that might be able to display different planning scenarios in a more easily understood format. Alison Harris added that visuals for housing development patterns would be helpful.

Marcy McGuire stated that the group needs to know how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected resident responses and opinions since the completion of the community survey. Chair Darcy added that the changes in the public's increased ability to work remotely may also have an impact. Matt Panfil stated that he is not sure that even by November of 2021 there will be a grasp of how the pandemic has affected everyday life and the different elements of the Comprehensive Plan update. He emphasized the need for vigilance in reevaluating and updating the plan often as the data collected to date and subsequent data may be frequently changing. He suggested a recorded webinar or other format that residents can watch and then provide comments. Chair Darcy stated her preference for a series of short, three- to five- minute videos. The Steering Committee concurred. A motion was made by Chair Darcy and seconded by Kathy Wilson to develop the project.

The Steering Committee then discussed the community surveys, including the mail survey, digital survey, and high school survey. Matt Panfil apologized that the mail survey and digital survey results spreadsheet did not print properly and that he would have to correct it before the next meeting. He stated that the response rate for the mail survey surpassed the 2008 survey response rate. He also added that staff would scan in the written comments that some respondents included that went beyond the survey questions. Catherine Ferdinand stated that the comparative charts and tables could use improvement. Chair Darcy agreed with Catherine Ferdinand and Liz Kohler suggested that a one-page summary would be helpful for residents. Matt Panfil agreed that staff would try to provide

such a document. He added that if any Steering Committee members had any examples or recommendations for documents and visuals that they find helpful he would review them for assistance in formatting the update.

The Steering Committee then discussed alternative methods for public outreach. Catherine Ferdinand suggested a “virtual Town Hall” or webinar format where administrators can either relay information on a specific topic or include an interactive option where questions are submitted in real time. She suggested that an hour is a preferred maximum length. Matt Panfil added that Zoom can include polls for the audience.

Anthony Sachs stated that it is important to plan for outreach methods to get people to watch any of the videos, webinars, etc. Options suggested by the group included TV3, Facebook advertisements, Curtis Memorial Library, email announcements like the Brunswick Downtown Association’s “Brunswick Blast” newsletter, QR codes, tax bill inserts, and vacant store window displays. Liz Kohler added that October is National Planning Month and there could be an opportunity to provide some associated activities and events.

Chair Darcy asked the Steering Committee members to review the inventories that were included in their packet and provide comments to Matt Panfil. Matt added that housing or transportation inventory will most likely be included in the packet for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Marcy McGuire and seconded by Catherine Ferdinand to approve the Draft 2 February 4, 2020 meeting summary. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Darcy asked the Steering Committee was asked to forward comments on the Draft 1 March 3, 2020 meeting summary to Matt Panfil prior to the next meeting.

Alison Harris asked Matt Panfil to include the State’s Comprehensive Plan Checklist on the planbrunswick.org website. Chair Darcy and Matt Panfil agreed that the website needed an update.

Chair Darcy adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Question No.	Question Text	Responses							
1	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?	Much Too Fast	Somewhat Too Fast	About Right	Somewhat Too Slow	Much Too Slow	No Response	Totals / Response Rate	
		2005 Survey							
		Number of Responses	93	124	192	42	30	0	481
		Percentage	19.33%	25.78%	39.92%	8.73%	6.24%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
		Number of Responses	30	95	286	53	10	20	494
		Percentage	6.07%	19.23%	57.89%	10.73%	2.02%	4.05%	95.95%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)									
Number of Responses	2	13	25	7	2	0	49		
Percentage	4.08%	26.53%	51.02%	14.29%	4.08%	0.00%	100.00%		
2	Please indicate your support or opposition to the policy of encouraging growth in "growth areas" and discouraging growth in rural areas.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate	
		2005 Survey							
		Number of Responses	40	83	108	122	135	0	488
		Percentage	8.20%	17.01%	22.13%	25.00%	27.66%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
		Number of Responses	33	60	102	125	165	9	494
		Percentage	6.68%	12.15%	20.65%	25.30%	33.40%	1.82%	98.18%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)									
Number of Responses	1	8	8	13	19	0	49		
Percentage	2.04%	16.33%	16.33%	26.53%	38.78%	0.00%	100.00%		
3	Please indicate your support or opposition to limiting the number of new dwelling units that can be built anywhere in Brunswick in any year.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate	
		2005 Survey							
		Number of Responses	74	73	56	187	102	0	492
		Percentage	15.04%	14.84%	11.38%	38.01%	20.73%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
		Number of Responses	84	60	87	129	130	4	494
		Percentage	17.00%	12.15%	17.61%	26.11%	26.32%	0.81%	99.19%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)									
Number of Responses	4	8	15	14	8	0	49		
Percentage	8.16%	16.33%	30.61%	28.57%	16.33%	0.00%	100.00%		
4	Please indicate your support or opposition to limiting the number of new units that can be built in the rural area in any year.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate	
		2005 Survey							
		Number of Responses	70	67	71	125	156	0	489
		Percentage	14.31%	13.70%	14.52%	25.56%	31.90%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
		Number of Responses	74	64	74	122	155	5	494
		Percentage	14.98%	12.96%	14.98%	24.70%	31.38%	1.01%	98.99%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)									
Number of Responses	3	5	10	13	18	0	49		
Percentage	6.12%	10.20%	20.41%	26.53%	36.73%	0.00%	100.00%		
5	Please indicate your support or opposition to allowing property owners within the designated growth area to build more units on their land than zoning restrictions currently allow.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate	
		2005 Survey							
		Number of Responses	162	76	92	76	80	0	486
		Percentage	33.33%	15.64%	18.93%	15.64%	16.46%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
		Number of Responses	204	86	54	74	69	7	494
		Percentage	41.30%	17.41%	10.93%	14.98%	13.97%	1.42%	98.58%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)									
Number of Responses	16	9	8	7	9	0	49		
Percentage	32.65%	18.37%	16.33%	14.29%	18.37%	0.00%	100.00%		
6	Please indicate your support or opposition to 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.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate	
		2005 Survey							
		Number of Responses	109	63	71	134	121	0	498
		Percentage	21.89%	12.65%	14.26%	26.91%	24.30%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
		Number of Responses	125	58	47	150	104	10	494
		Percentage	25.30%	11.74%	9.51%	30.36%	21.05%	2.02%	97.98%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)									
Number of Responses	12	8	5	11	13	0	49		
Percentage	24.49%	16.33%	10.20%	22.45%	26.53%	0.00%	100.00%		

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7	Please indicate your support or opposition to allowing townhouse style units to be built within the growth area that are now limited to single-family homes.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	105	75	59	155	95	0	489
	Percentage	21.47%	15.34%	12.07%	31.70%	19.43%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	106	58	50	140	135	5	494
	Percentage	21.46%	11.74%	10.12%	28.34%	27.33%	1.01%	98.99%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	8	7	8	10	16	0	49
	Percentage	16.33%	14.29%	16.33%	20.41%	32.65%	0.00%	100.00%
8	Please indicate your support or opposition to requiring developers in the growth area to build at least a certain number of units on the property (minimum density).	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	62	75	143	134	79	0	493
	Percentage	12.58%	15.21%	29.01%	27.18%	16.02%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	106	65	114	132	72	5	494
	Percentage	21.46%	13.16%	23.08%	26.72%	14.57%	1.01%	98.99%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	3	22	16	8	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	6.12%	44.90%	32.65%	16.33%	0.00%	100.00%
9	How much 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: The median household income for Brunswick was \$58,125 in 2017.	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	26	35	39	107	288	0	495
	Percentage	5.25%	7.07%	7.88%	21.62%	58.18%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	40	23	50	133	240	8	494
	Percentage	8.10%	4.66%	10.12%	26.92%	48.58%	1.62%	98.38%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	1	1	2	12	33	0	49
	Percentage	2.04%	2.04%	4.08%	24.49%	67.35%	0.00%	100.00%
10	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 individuals and families can afford?	The Town should not be involved in the issue.	The Town should support housing, but not spend local tax money.	The Town should support housing by using local tax money.	The Town should support public, private, and non-profit help to build affordable housing.*	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	97	250	140	---	---	0	487
	Percentage	19.92%	51.33%	28.75%	---	---	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	55	178	21	231	--	9	494
	Percentage	11.13%	36.03%	4.25%	46.76%	---	1.82%	98.18%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	11	3	35	---	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	22.45%	6.12%	71.43%	---	0.00%	100.00%
11	Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town assuring adequate affordable housing for young families.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	10	18	36	130	209	0	403
	Percentage	2.48%	4.47%	8.93%	32.26%	51.86%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	65	52	67	142	160	8	494
	Percentage	13.16%	10.53%	13.56%	28.74%	32.39%	1.62%	98.38%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	2	1	5	14	27	0	49
	Percentage	4.08%	2.04%	10.20%	28.57%	55.10%	0.00%	100.00%
12	Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town assuring adequate affordable housing for elderly households.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	8	9	34	101	260	0	412
	Percentage	1.94%	2.18%	8.25%	24.51%	63.11%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	33	27	48	152	233	1	494
	Percentage	6.68%	5.47%	9.72%	30.77%	47.17%	0.20%	99.80%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	2	0	3	12	32	0	49
	Percentage	4.08%	0.00%	6.12%	24.49%	65.31%	0.00%	100.00%

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13	Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town assuring adequate affordable housing for lower and middle income households of any age.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey*							
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
	Number of Responses	57	49	77	147	158	6	494
	Percentage	11.54%	9.92%	15.59%	29.76%	31.98%	1.21%	98.79%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
Number of Responses	2	1	3	15	28	0	49	
Percentage	4.08%	2.04%	6.12%	30.61%	57.14%	0.00%	100.00%	
14	Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town assuring adequate affordable housing for the homeless and marginal income population.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey*							
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
	Number of Responses	66	61	64	141	150	12	494
	Percentage	13.36%	12.35%	12.96%	28.54%	30.36%	2.43%	97.57%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
Number of Responses	2	3	2	11	31	0	49	
Percentage	4.08%	6.12%	4.08%	22.45%	63.27%	0.00%	100.00%	
15	Thinking about commercial and industrial growth and 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 and development?	Much Too Fast	Somewhat Too Fast	About Right	Somewhat Too Slow	Much Too Slow	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey							
	Number of Responses	37	39	189	88	78	0	431
	Percentage	8.58%	9.05%	43.85%	20.42%	18.10%	0.00%	100.00%
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
	Number of Responses	17	42	288	88	31	28	494
	Percentage	3.44%	8.50%	58.30%	17.81%	6.28%	5.67%	94.33%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
Number of Responses	0	5	27	14	3	0	49	
Percentage	0.00%	10.20%	55.10%	28.57%	6.12%	0.00%	100.00%	
16	Please indicate your support or opposition to supporting efforts to maintain the economic vitality of downtown Brunswick.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey							
	Number of Responses	23	8	44	136	290	0	501
	Percentage	4.59%	1.60%	8.78%	27.15%	57.88%	0.00%	100.00%
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
	Number of Responses	10	8	30	90	356	0	494
	Percentage	2.02%	1.62%	6.07%	18.22%	72.06%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
Number of Responses	0	1	1	3	44	0	49	
Percentage	0.00%	2.04%	2.04%	6.12%	89.80%	0.00%	100.00%	
17	Please indicate your support or opposition to supporting development of a wider diversity of activity at Cook's Corner including more office and residential uses.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey							
	Number of Responses	30	51	98	168	151	0	498
	Percentage	6.02%	10.24%	19.68%	33.73%	30.32%	0.00%	100.00%
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
	Number of Responses	28	31	80	109	239	7	494
	Percentage	5.67%	6.28%	16.19%	22.06%	48.38%	1.42%	98.58%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
Number of Responses	1	2	5	10	31	0	49	
Percentage	2.04%	4.08%	10.20%	20.41%	63.27%	0.00%	100.00%	
18	Please indicate your support or opposition to providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to residential development within the growth area.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey							
	Number of Responses	80	57	94	135	127	0	493
	Percentage	16.23%	11.56%	19.07%	27.38%	25.76%	0.00%	100.00%
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)							
	Number of Responses	76	48	84	141	128	17	494
	Percentage	15.38%	9.72%	17.00%	28.54%	25.91%	3.44%	96.56%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
Number of Responses	1	7	7	15	19	0	49	
Percentage	2.04%	14.29%	14.29%	30.61%	38.78%	0.00%	100.00%	

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19	Please indicate your support or opposition to providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to <u>commercial and industrial development</u> within the growth area.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	75	84	116	106	114	0	495
	Percentage	15.15%	16.97%	23.43%	21.41%	23.03%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	119	81	88	116	79	11	494
	Percentage	24.09%	16.40%	17.81%	23.48%	15.99%	2.23%	97.77%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	12	6	11	10	10	0	49
	Percentage	24.49%	12.24%	22.45%	20.41%	20.41%	0.00%	100.00%
20	Please indicate your support or opposition to providing financial assistance in extending water and sewer service to providing property tax rebates for start-up businesses.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	84	81	115	123	93	0	496
	Percentage	16.94%	16.33%	23.19%	24.80%	18.75%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	86	60	80	180	80	8	494
	Percentage	17.41%	12.15%	16.19%	36.44%	16.19%	1.62%	98.38%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	6	7	9	18	9	0	49
	Percentage	12.24%	14.29%	18.37%	36.73%	18.37%	0.00%	100.00%
21	Please indicate your support or opposition to building a parking garage downtown.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	137	90	59	114	102	0	502
	Percentage	27.29%	17.93%	11.75%	22.71%	20.32%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	149	49	46	113	134	3	494
	Percentage	30.16%	9.92%	9.31%	22.87%	27.13%	0.61%	99.39%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	8	4	4	16	17	0	49
	Percentage	16.33%	8.16%	8.16%	32.65%	34.69%	0.00%	100.00%
22	Please indicate your support or opposition to expanding support of natural resource-based businesses such as clamming and fishing.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	19	28	90	177	186	0	500
	Percentage	3.80%	5.60%	18.00%	35.40%	37.20%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	23	21	83	163	199	5	494
	Percentage	4.66%	4.25%	16.80%	33.00%	40.28%	1.01%	98.99%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	1	9	15	24	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	2.04%	18.37%	30.61%	48.98%	0.00%	100.00%
23	Please indicate your support or opposition to expanding support of farming.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	26	20	87	162	206	0	501
	Percentage	5.19%	3.99%	17.37%	32.34%	41.12%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	12	14	61	132	274	1	494
	Percentage	2.43%	2.83%	12.35%	26.72%	55.47%	0.20%	99.80%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	0	4	9	36	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	0.00%	8.16%	18.37%	73.47%	0.00%	100.00%
24	Please indicate your support or opposition to preserving additional natural and scenic areas and trails.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	26	36	56	115	267	0	500
	Percentage	5.20%	7.20%	11.20%	23.00%	53.40%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	25	20	29	91	323	6	494
	Percentage	5.06%	4.05%	5.87%	18.42%	65.38%	1.21%	98.79%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	0	1	4	44	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	0.00%	2.04%	8.16%	89.80%	0.00%	100.00%

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	Please indicate your support or opposition to preserving additional natural and scenic areas and trails in <u>rural areas</u> .	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
25								
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	26	48	85	158	181	0	498
	Percentage	5.22%	9.64%	17.07%	31.73%	36.35%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	25	30	57	94	281	7	494
	Percentage	5.06%	6.07%	11.54%	19.03%	56.88%	1.42%	98.58%
	2020 Community Survey (Digital)							
Number of Responses	1	4	1	10	33	0	49	
Percentage	2.04%	8.16%	2.04%	20.41%	67.35%	0.00%	100.00%	
26	Please indicate your support or opposition to focusing additional natural and scenic areas and trails in <u>both growth and rural areas</u> .	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	28	27	89	145	204	0	493
	Percentage	5.68%	5.48%	18.05%	29.41%	41.38%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	27	21	49	118	275	4	494
	Percentage	5.47%	4.25%	9.92%	23.89%	55.67%	0.81%	99.19%
	2020 Community Survey (Digital)							
Number of Responses	0	0	3	8	38	0	49	
Percentage	0.00%	0.00%	6.12%	16.33%	77.55%	0.00%	100.00%	
27	Please indicate your support or opposition to acquiring additional land for natural and scenic areas and trails with Town funds even if this raises property taxes.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	216	98	56	69	60	0	499
	Percentage	43.29%	19.64%	11.22%	13.83%	12.02%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	174	57	48	105	97	13	494
	Percentage	35.22%	11.54%	9.72%	21.26%	19.64%	2.63%	97.37%
	2020 Community Survey (Digital)							
Number of Responses	7	8	8	8	18	0	49	
Percentage	14.29%	16.33%	16.33%	16.33%	36.73%	0.00%	100.00%	
28	Please indicate your support or opposition to preserving natural and scenic areas and trails by regulating uses of land - even if this restricts owner's use of the land.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	202	110	64	67	43	0	486
	Percentage	41.56%	22.63%	13.17%	13.79%	8.85%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	163	95	66	73	76	21	494
	Percentage	33.00%	19.23%	13.36%	14.78%	15.38%	4.25%	95.75%
	2020 Community Survey (Digital)							
Number of Responses	12	6	5	17	9	0	49	
Percentage	24.49%	12.24%	10.20%	34.69%	18.37%	0.00%	100.00%	
29	Please indicate your support or opposition to buying the right to develop property from rural land owners.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	148	74	133	82	56	0	493
	Percentage	30.02%	15.01%	26.98%	16.63%	11.36%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	146	69	102	88	60	29	494
	Percentage	29.55%	13.97%	20.65%	17.81%	12.15%	5.87%	94.13%
	2020 Community Survey (Digital)							
Number of Responses	10	11	11	9	8	0	49	
Percentage	20.41%	22.45%	22.45%	18.37%	16.33%	0.00%	100.00%	
30	Please indicate your support or opposition to requiring rural property owners to set aside a part of their land for natural and scenic areas and trails if they develop it.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	179	56	88	79	97	0	499
	Percentage	35.87%	11.22%	17.64%	15.83%	19.44%	0.00%	100.00%
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	130	48	64	93	144	15	494
	Percentage	26.32%	9.72%	12.96%	18.83%	29.15%	3.04%	96.96%
	2020 Community Survey (Digital)							
Number of Responses	7	3	6	12	21	0	49	
Percentage	14.29%	6.12%	12.24%	24.49%	42.86%	0.00%	100.00%	

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31	Please indicate your support or opposition to expanding property tax rebates for protection of natural and scenic areas and trails.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	86	39	107	142	119	0	493
	Percentage	17.44%	7.91%	21.70%	28.80%	24.14%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	75	39	51	153	166	10	494
	Percentage	15.18%	7.89%	10.32%	30.97%	33.60%	2.02%	97.98%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	4	3	20	22	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	8.16%	6.12%	40.82%	44.90%	0.00%	100.00%
32	Please indicate your view of the priority of creating a "Land for Brunswick's Future" fund to help buy natural areas.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	141	185	89	75	---	0	490
	Percentage	28.78%	37.76%	18.16%	15.31%	---	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	94	171	173	44	--	12	494
	Percentage	19.03%	34.62%	35.02%	8.91%	---	2.43%	97.57%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	5	10	28	6	---	0	49
	Percentage	10.20%	20.41%	57.14%	12.24%	---	0.00%	100.00%
33	Please indicate your support or opposition to consolidating or combining services or facilities with other communities.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	35	42	143	148	115	0	483
	Percentage	7.25%	8.70%	29.61%	30.64%	23.81%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	37	23	90	146	183	15	494
	Percentage	7.49%	4.66%	18.22%	29.55%	37.04%	3.04%	96.96%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	4	9	20	16	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	8.16%	18.37%	40.82%	32.65%	0.00%	100.00%
34	Please indicate your view of the priority of developing a recreation area on East Brunswick with playing fields.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	93	210	135	49	---	0	487
	Percentage	19.10%	43.12%	27.72%	10.06%	---	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	73	231	143	17	--	30	494
	Percentage	14.78%	46.76%	28.95%	3.44%	---	6.07%	93.93%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	9	27	10	3	---	0	49
	Percentage	18.37%	55.10%	20.41%	6.12%	---	0.00%	100.00%
35	Please indicate your view of the priority of developing playing fields in other areas of town.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	91	243	117	33	---	0	484
	Percentage	18.80%	50.21%	24.17%	6.82%	---	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	76	272	101	11	--	34	494
	Percentage	15.38%	55.06%	20.45%	2.23%	---	6.88%	93.12%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	6	33	7	3	---	0	49
	Percentage	12.24%	67.35%	14.29%	6.12%	---	0.00%	100.00%
36	Please indicate your perception of safety as a pedestrian or bicyclist in the <u>growth</u> area.	Very Safe	Somewhat Safe	Somewhat Unsafe	Very Unsafe	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	37	198	162	77	--	20	494
	Percentage	7.49%	40.08%	32.79%	15.59%	---	4.05%	95.95%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	4	15	25	5	---	0	49
	Percentage	8.16%	30.61%	51.02%	10.20%	---	0.00%	100.00%

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37	Please indicate your perception of safety as a pedestrian or bicyclist in the <u>rural</u> area.	Very Safe	Somewhat Safe	Somewhat Unsafe	Very Unsafe	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	32	155	184	90	--	33	494
	Percentage	6.48%	31.38%	37.25%	18.22%	---	6.68%	93.32%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	3	8	27	11	---	0	49
	Percentage	6.12%	16.33%	55.10%	22.45%	---	0.00%	100.00%
38	Please indicate your view of the priority of repairing and expanding sidewalks in the <u>growth</u> area.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	26	120	279	61	--	8	494
	Percentage	5.26%	24.29%	56.48%	12.35%	---	1.62%	98.38%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	2	6	27	14	---	0	49
	Percentage	4.08%	12.24%	55.10%	28.57%	---	0.00%	100.00%
39	Please indicate your view of the priority of repairing and expanding sidewalks in the <u>rural</u> area.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	114	233	107	18	--	22	494
	Percentage	23.08%	47.17%	21.66%	3.64%	---	4.45%	95.55%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	5	31	12	1	---	0	49
	Percentage	10.20%	63.27%	24.49%	2.04%	---	0.00%	100.00%
40	Please indicate your view of the priority of expanding bicycle facilities in the <u>growth</u> area.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	53	161	196	64	--	20	494
	Percentage	10.73%	32.59%	39.68%	12.96%	---	4.05%	95.95%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	1	13	27	8	---	0	49
	Percentage	2.04%	26.53%	55.10%	16.33%	---	0.00%	100.00%
41	Please indicate your view of the priority of expanding bicycle facilities in the <u>rural</u> area.	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	86	198	145	48	--	17	494
	Percentage	17.41%	40.08%	29.35%	9.72%	---	3.44%	96.56%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	2	19	21	7	---	0	49
	Percentage	4.08%	38.78%	42.86%	14.29%	---	0.00%	100.00%
42	Do you have school age children that attend any of Brunswick's public schools?	Yes	No	---	----	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	113	362	---	---	---	0	475
	Percentage	23.79%	76.21%	---	---	---	0.00%	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	78	407	---	---	--	9	494
	Percentage	15.79%	82.39%	---	---	---	1.82%	98.18%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	14	35	---	---	---	0	49
	Percentage	28.57%	71.43%	---	---	---	0.00%	100.00%
43	On a scale of one to five, where five is excellent and one is very poor please rate the quality of school facilities.	1	2	3	4	5	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
		2005 Survey						
	Number of Responses	20	40	132	142	77	0	411
	Percentage	4.87%	9.73%	32.12%	34.55%	18.73%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	5	7	23	28	21	---	84
	Percentage	5.95%	8.33%	27.38%	33.33%	25.00%	---	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	1	2	5	7	1	0	16
	Percentage	6.25%	12.50%	31.25%	43.75%	6.25%	0.00%	100.00%

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44	On a scale of one to five, where five is excellent and one is very poor please rate the quality of the school programming and offerings.	1	2	3	4	5	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey							
	Number of Responses	39	27	133	131	73	0	403
	Percentage	9.68%	6.70%	33.00%	32.51%	18.11%	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	5	7	23	28	21	---	84
	Percentage	5.95%	8.33%	27.38%	33.33%	25.00%	---	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	1	2	3	7	3	0	16
	Percentage	6.25%	12.50%	18.75%	43.75%	18.75%	0.00%	100.00%
45	How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the educational experience your children receive in the Brunswick public school system?	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey							
	Number of Responses	74	50	21	11	---	0	156
	Percentage	47.44%	32.05%	13.46%	7.05%	---	0.00%	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	38	27	10	6	---	---	81
	Percentage	46.91%	33.33%	12.35%	7.41%	---	---	100.00%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	6	8	1	0	---	0	15
	Percentage	40.00%	53.33%	6.67%	0.00%	---	0.00%	100.00%
48	Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town taking local measures to reduce the impact of climate change.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey*							
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	66	19	72	80	232	25	494
	Percentage	13.36%	3.85%	14.57%	16.19%	46.96%	5.06%	94.94%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	2	0	2	5	40	0	49
	Percentage	4.08%	0.00%	4.08%	10.20%	81.63%	0.00%	100.00%
49	Please indicate your support or opposition to providing new Mainers with services such as job skills training, adult education, affordable housing, etc. in order to augment the workforce and reduce the median age.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey*							
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	47	41	61	128	188	29	494
	Percentage	9.51%	8.30%	12.35%	25.91%	38.06%	5.87%	94.13%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	2	0	4	16	27	0	49
	Percentage	4.08%	0.00%	8.16%	32.65%	55.10%	0.00%	100.00%
50	What is your perception in the change in vehicular traffic over the past five to ten years?	There is less traffic today than in the past.	There is not a noticeable change in traffic.	There is more traffic than in the past, but it is still not too much of a problem to me.	There is much more traffic than in the past and it has become a noticeable inconvenience to me.	---	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey*							
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	1	45	251	165	---	32	494
	Percentage	0.20%	9.11%	50.81%	33.40%	---	---	93.52%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	3	26	21	---	0	50
	Percentage	0.00%	6.00%	52.00%	42.00%	---	0.00%	100.00%
51	Please indicate your support or opposition to expanding Brunswick Explorer service.	Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
	2005 Survey*							
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2020 Community Survey (Mailed)								
	Number of Responses	19	10	117	129	177	42	494
	Percentage	3.85%	2.02%	23.68%	26.11%	35.83%	8.50%	91.50%
2020 Community Survey (Digital)								
	Number of Responses	0	0	3	12	34	0	49
	Percentage	0.00%	0.00%	6.12%	24.49%	69.39%	0.00%	100.00%

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	Please indicate your perception of how accessible the Town is for people with physical disabilities.	Needs Significant Improvement	Needs Some Improvement	No Opinion	Somewhat Accessible	Very Accessible	No Response	Totals / Response Rate
53		2005 Survey*						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
	Number of Responses	51	154	143	110	23	13	494
	Percentage	10.32%	31.17%	28.95%	22.27%	4.66%	2.63%	97.37%
		2020 Community Survey (Digital)						
	Number of Responses	10	20	12	6	1	0	49
	Percentage	20.41%	40.82%	24.49%	12.24%	2.04%	0.00%	100.00%
	60	Do you live in a multi-generational household (ex: children / parents / grandparents)?	Yes	No	I prefer not to answer.	No Response	Totals	
		2005 Survey*						
Number of Responses		---	---	---	---	---		
Percentage		---	---	---	---	---		
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)						
Number of Responses		115	354	6	19	494		
Percentage		23.28%	71.66%	1.21%	3.85%	96.15%		
		2020 Community Survey (Digital)						
Number of Responses		10	37	2	0	49		
Percentage		20.41%	75.51%	4.08%	0.00%	100.00%		

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Question No.	Question Text	Responses															Others: Written						
		I was born here.	I work in Brunswick and want to be closer to my job.	It is convenient for my work commute.	The school system.	It is affordable.	It is family friendly.	Being on the coast is important to me.	Downtown	My specific neighborhood attracted me to Brunswick.	Bowdoin College	Proximity to services (healthcare facilities, shopping, or transportation)	Recreational opportunities	Access to undisturbed nature, scenery, and other natural resources	None, I am thinking of moving from Brunswick	Other	Totals	It is clean.	Live in Harpswell, but proximity to job in Brunswick.	I do not live in Brunswick.	I came here for work.	I own and operate a small business in Brunswick.	Welcoming community.
46	Please indicate why you live in Brunswick (select up to three).																						
	2005 Survey*																						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																						
Number of Responses	56	81	84	77	25	87	136	133	93	94	174	42	135	27	37	1,281							
Percentage	4.37%	6.32%	6.56%	6.01%	1.95%	6.79%	10.62%	10.38%	7.26%	7.34%	13.58%	3.28%	10.54%	2.11%	2.89%	100.00%							
2020 Community Survey (Digital)																							
Number of Responses	3	10	7	10	1	8	9	15	7	5	11	2	14	0	7	109							
Percentage	2.75%	9.17%	6.42%	9.17%	0.92%	7.34%	8.26%	13.76%	6.42%	4.59%	10.09%	1.83%	12.84%	0.00%	6.42%	100.00%							
47	Please rank in order of importance (1 being most important) what topic is most important to you (not all topics need to be ranked, please rank only those for which you have a strong view).	Affordable housing	Aging population / demographic shift	Agriculture	Aquaculture	Arts and culture	Bicycle and pedestrian safety	Climate change	Downtown vitality	Economy and jobs	Education / school system	Environmental / habitat protection	Healthcare facilities	Homelessness	Municipal facilities and services	Open space, parks, trails, and water access	Property taxes	Public transportation	Recreational facilities	Roads and sidewalks	Traffic	Other	Totals
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																						
	Number of #1 Votes	34	10	1	0	10	8	40	27	28	49	19	25	7	7	16	115	4	0	11	8	0	419
	Percentage of #1 Votes	8.11%	2.39%	0.24%	0.00%	2.39%	1.91%	9.55%	6.44%	6.68%	11.69%	4.53%	5.97%	1.67%	1.67%	3.82%	27.45%	0.95%	0.00%	2.63%	1.91%	0.00%	100.00%
	#2 Vote	37	18	2	1	15	11	21	34	47	29	37	21	10	14	21	35	7	6	22	17	0	405
	#3 Vote	23	19	4	3	12	18	16	35	32	41	16	30	8	16	34	30	17	5	21	10	0	390
	#4 Vote	19	16	6	4	15	19	15	29	30	15	16	21	15	18	27	29	11	13	29	15	0	362
	#5 Vote	17	14	8	5	10	17	8	27	21	22	24	20	18	17	20	22	17	7	18	23	0	335
	#6 Vote	8	11	14	7	12	13	4	29	14	12	23	17	16	9	24	12	13	11	17	18	0	284
	#7 Vote	8	9	7	4	12	12	18	12	22	10	13	14	9	13	13	15	10	9	17	7	0	234
	#8 Vote	10	9	6	4	13	17	6	19	6	6	15	5	4	8	9	6	22	11	8	14	0	198
	#9 Vote	6	4	10	2	15	10	3	6	6	4	10	8	6	11	17	4	5	11	16	10	0	164
	#10 Vote	8	8	13	6	9	8	3	3	5	3	7	7	2	10	7	6	8	8	16	10	0	147
	Average Ranking	3.86	4.69	6.79	6.44	5.46	5.36	3.62	4.28	3.95	3.43	4.63	4.30	4.91	5.27	4.78	3.00	5.68	6.30	5.22	5.35	0	---
	Final Rankings	4	9	20	19	16	15	3	6	5	2	8	7	11	13	10	1	17	18	12	14	21	---
2020 Community Survey (Digital)																							
Number of #1 Votes																							
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Only 2 of 49 Surveys Were Completed Properly. Attributed to unclear directions that survey takers cannot give multiple topics the same ranking and/or difficulty with the online ranking format.																							
52	Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town's existing marijuana land use policies (only allowed in the Growth Industrial Zoning District)	Marijuana Uses should not be allowed at all.	Marijuana uses are ok, but they need stricter regulations or there should be a limit to the number of business in town.	Marijuana uses are ok, but only if the town can somehow financially benefit from their operation.	I think the existing policy is about right.	Marijuana uses should be allowed in more zoning districts.	I have no opinion on the matter.	No Response	Totals / Response Rate														
	2005 Survey*																						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---														
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---														
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																						
Number of Responses	87	102	84	50	66	83	22	494															
Percentage	17.61%	20.65%	17.00%	10.12%	13.36%	16.80%	4.45%	100.00%															
2020 Community Survey (Digital)																							
Number of Responses	3	5	7	4	13	17	0	49															
Percentage	6.12%	10.20%	14.29%	8.16%	26.53%	34.69%	0.00%	100.00%															
54	Please indicate your perception of the rate and character of the redevelopment of Brunswick Landing.	I see a lot of negative changes.	I see some changes, but I think it is moving in the wrong direction.	I see little to no change.	I see some progress, and I think it is moving in the right direction.	I see a lot of positive progress.	I am unsure.	No Response	Totals / Response Rate														
	2005 Survey*																						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---														
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---														
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																						
Number of Responses	5	21	12	197	184	61	14	494															
Percentage	1.01%	4.25%	2.43%	39.88%	37.25%	12.35%	2.83%	100.00%															
2020 Community Survey (Digital)																							
Number of Responses	0	6	0	16	23	4	0	49															
Percentage	0.00%	12.24%	0.00%	32.65%	46.94%	8.16%	0.00%	100.00%															
55	On average, you visit Brunswick Landing:	Almost Daily	Weekly	2-3 Times Per Month	Once Per Month	Rarely (a Few Times a Year)	Never	No Response	Totals / Response Rate														
	2005 Survey*																						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---														
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---														
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																						
Number of Responses	24	75	101	69	186	23	16	494															
Percentage	4.86%	15.18%	20.45%	13.97%	37.65%	4.66%	3.24%	100.00%															
2020 Community Survey (Digital)																							
Number of Responses	4	13	6	9	17	0	0	49															
Percentage	8.16%	26.53%	12.24%	18.37%	34.69%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%															
56	When you visit Brunswick Landing, it is most often because (select up to 3):	I am attending an event.	I am visiting friends or relatives that live there.	I am visiting a business.	I go to school there or I have children that go to school there.	I live there.	I use the airport.	I use the indoor recreation facilities.	I use the outdoor recreation facilities.	I work there.	I rarely, if ever, visit Brunswick Landing.	Other	No Response	Totals									
	2005 Survey*																						
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---									
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---									
	2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																						
Number of Responses	90	28	232	16	0	1	109	78	10	114	36	---	714										
Percentage	12.61%	3.92%	32.49%	2.24%	0.00%	0.14%	15.27%	10.92%	1.40%	15.97%	5.04%	---	100.00%										
2020 Community Survey (Digital)																							
Number of Responses	16	2	22	3	1	0	8	9	2	8	4	0	75										
Percentage	21.33%	2.67%	29.33%	4.00%	1.33%	0.00%	10.67%	12.00%	2.67%	10.67%	5.33%	0.00%	100.00%										

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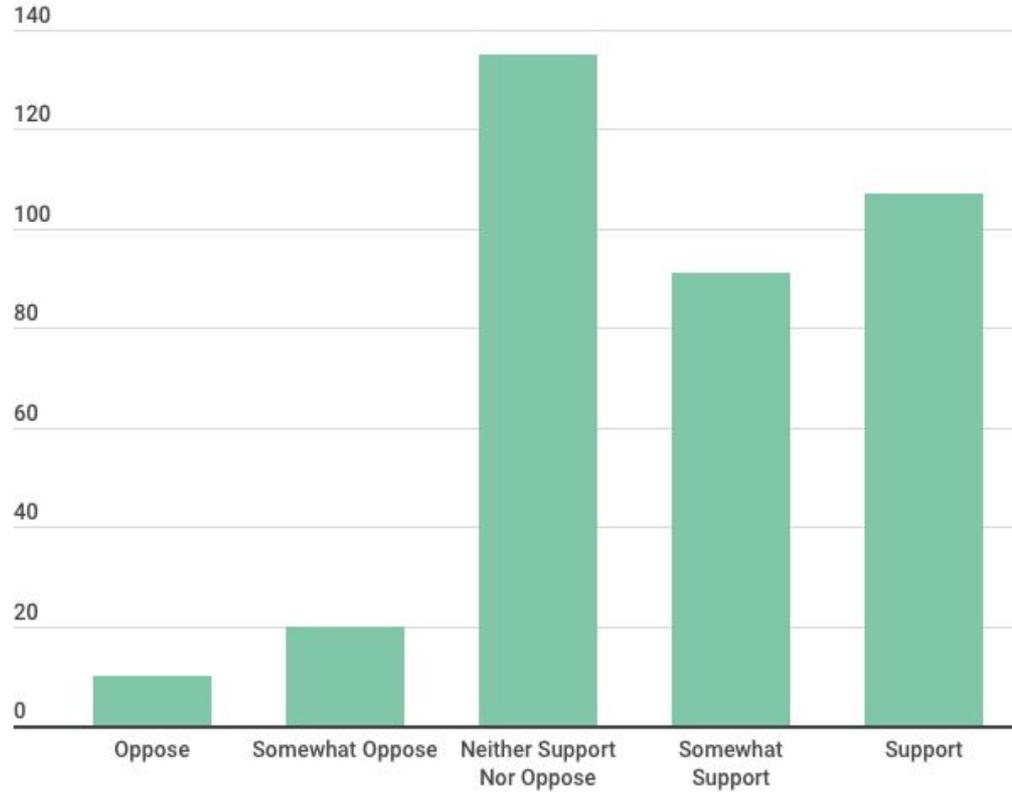
	Please indicate what you believe to be the biggest threat to maintaining the quality of life in Brunswick (select up to three).	Aging population / demographic shift	Climate change and other environmental degradation	Crime / public safety	Economic decline	Local economy (as part of overall economy)	State economy (as part of overall economy)	National economy (as part of overall economy)	Global economy (as part of overall economy)	Inadequate educational facilities	Lack of affordable housing	Lack of municipal and/or social services	Poor infrastructure	Property taxes	Traffic	Other	No Response	Totals
57		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																
	Number of Responses	108	92	59	169	63	68	27	9	23	178	20	54	290	110	30	---	1133
	Percentage	9.53%	8.12%	5.21%	14.92%	37.28%	40.24%	15.98%	5.33%	2.03%	15.71%	1.77%	4.77%	25.60%	9.71%	2.65%	---	100.00%
	Overall Rank	5	6	7	3	2	1	3	4	10	2	11	8	1	4	9	---	---
		2020 Community Survey (Digital)																
	Number of Responses	13	18	2	6	---	---	---	---	2	27	5	12	19	13	0	---	117
	Percentage	11.11%	15.38%	1.71%	5.13%	---	---	---	---	1.71%	23.08%	4.27%	10.26%	16.24%	11.11%	0.00%	---	100.00%
Overall Rank	14	3	19	7	---	---	---	---	19	1	8	6	2	14	11	---	---	
58		2005 Survey*																
	Number of Responses	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Percentage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																
	Number of Responses	0	43	93	234	100	12	12	494									
	Percentage	0.00%	8.70%	18.83%	47.37%	20.24%	2.43%	2.43%	100.00%									
		2020 Community Survey (Digital)																
Number of Responses	0	14	15	17	3	0	0	49										
Percentage	0.00%	28.57%	30.61%	34.69%	6.12%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%										
59		Please indicate your level of education.	Some high school, no diploma	High school graduate or the equivalent (ex: GED)	Some college credit, no degree	Trade / technical / vocational training	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Professional degree	Doctorate degree	I prefer not to answer.	Other	No Response	Totals			
		2020 Community Survey (Mailed)																
	Number of Responses	1	35	44	21	22	148	139	35	46	13	0	---	---	504			
	Percentage	0.20%	6.94%	8.73%	4.17%	4.37%	29.37%	27.58%	6.94%	9.13%	2.58%	0.00%	---	---	100.00%			
		2020 Community Survey (Digital)																
Number of Responses	0	1	6	1	0	19	18	1	3	0	0	0	0	49				
Percentage	0.00%	2.04%	12.24%	2.04%	0.00%	38.78%	36.73%	2.04%	6.12%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%				

Brunswick Comp Plan Student Survey Results

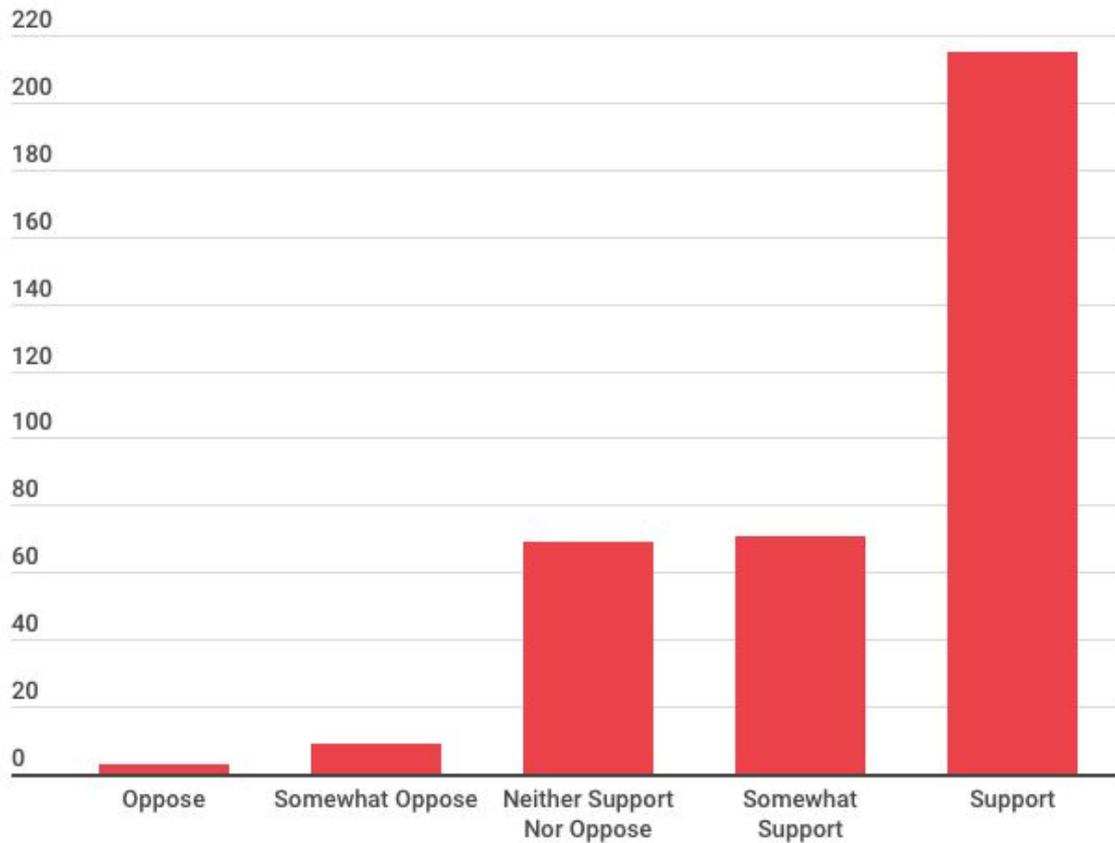
Results of a survey given to approximately 360 students at Brunswick High School in March 2020.

Section One: Support or Opposition

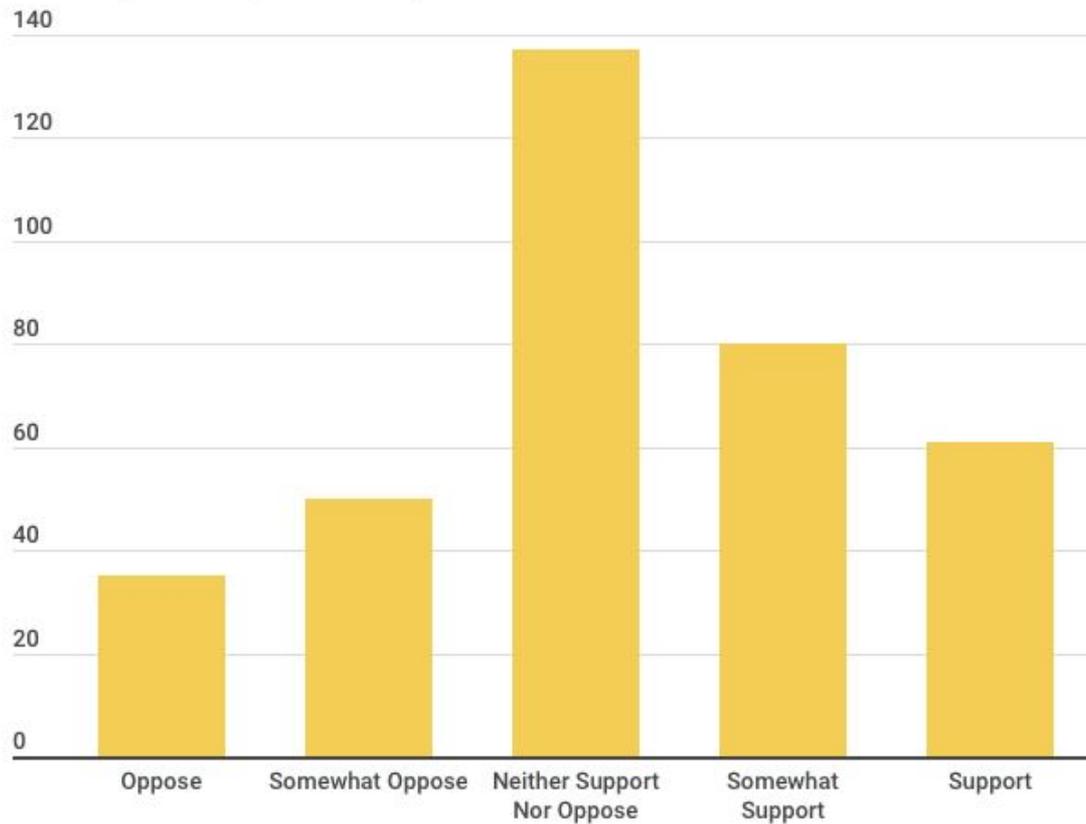
Question 1: What is your support or opposition for expanding natural marine-based businesses such as clamming and commercial fishing?



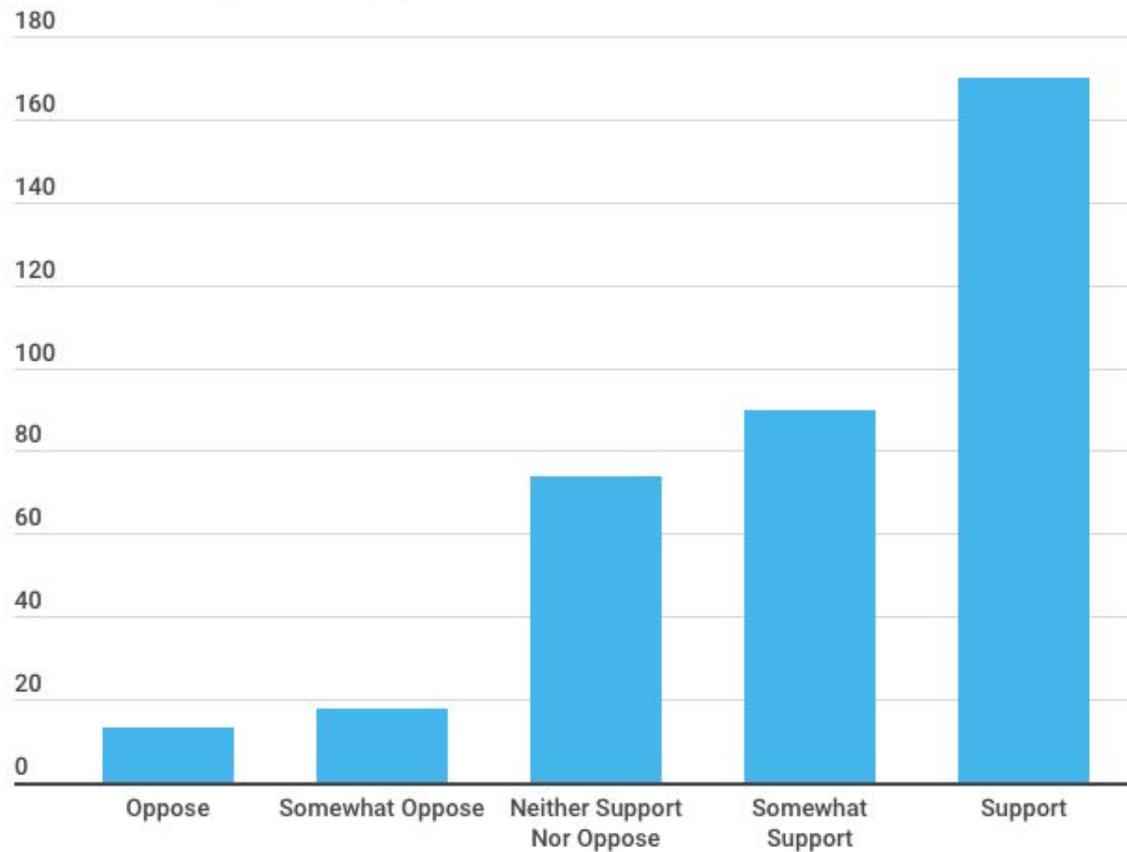
Question 2: Please indicate your support or opposition to preserving additional natural and scenic areas and trails.



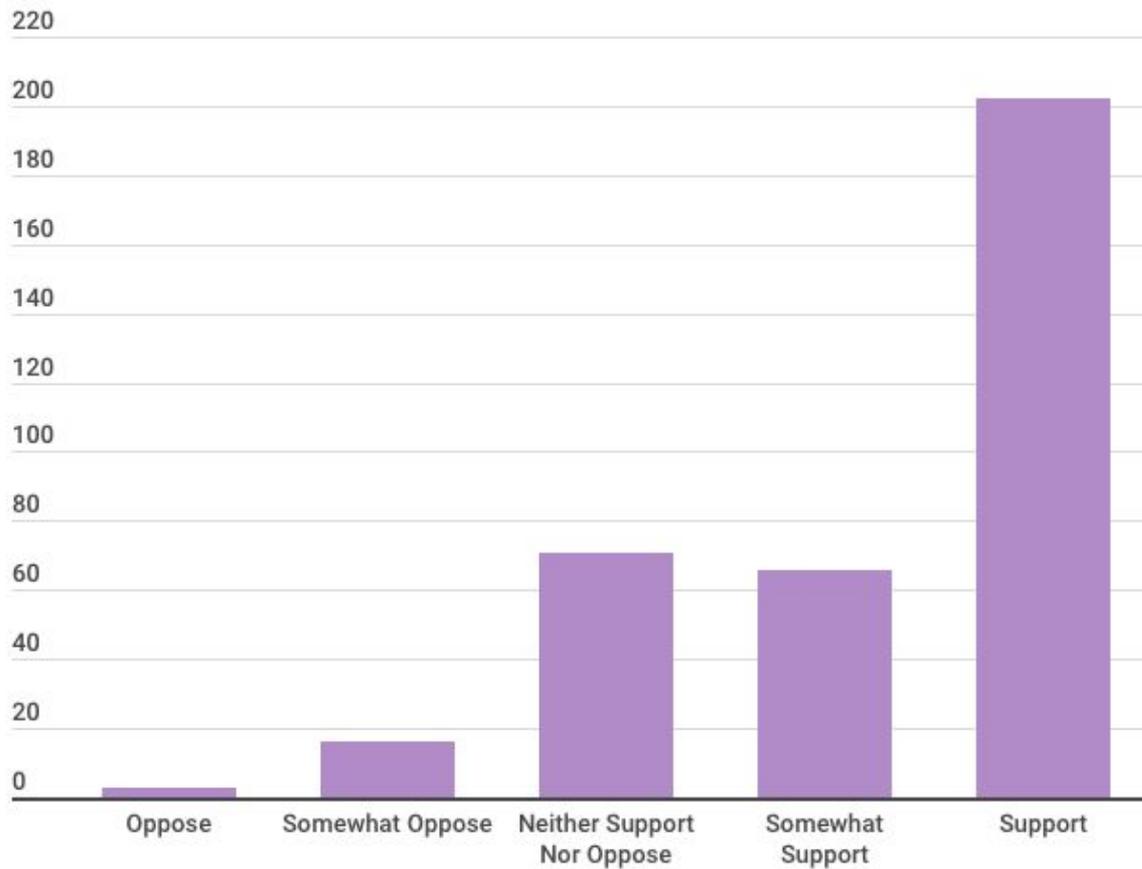
Question 3: Please indicate your support or opposition to consolidating or combining services or facilities (such as fire, police, schools) with other communities.



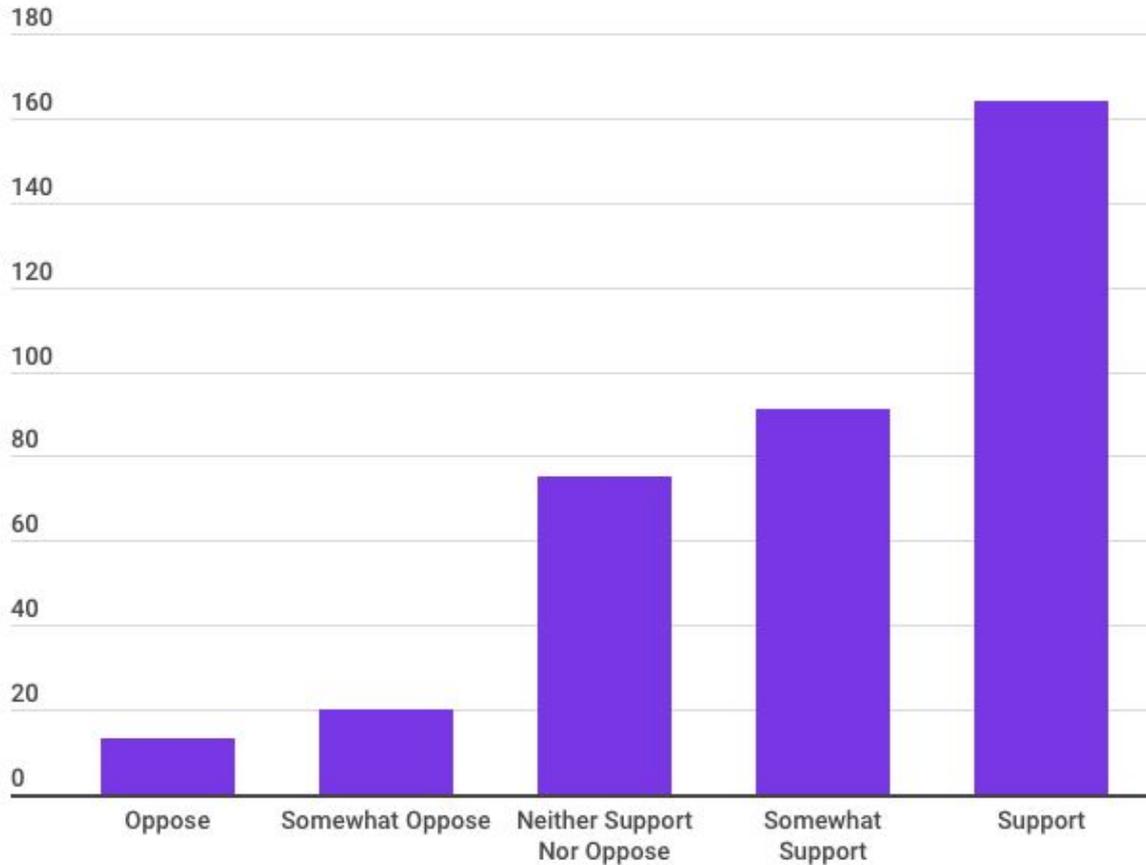
Question 4: Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town assuring adequate housing for the homeless and marginal income population.



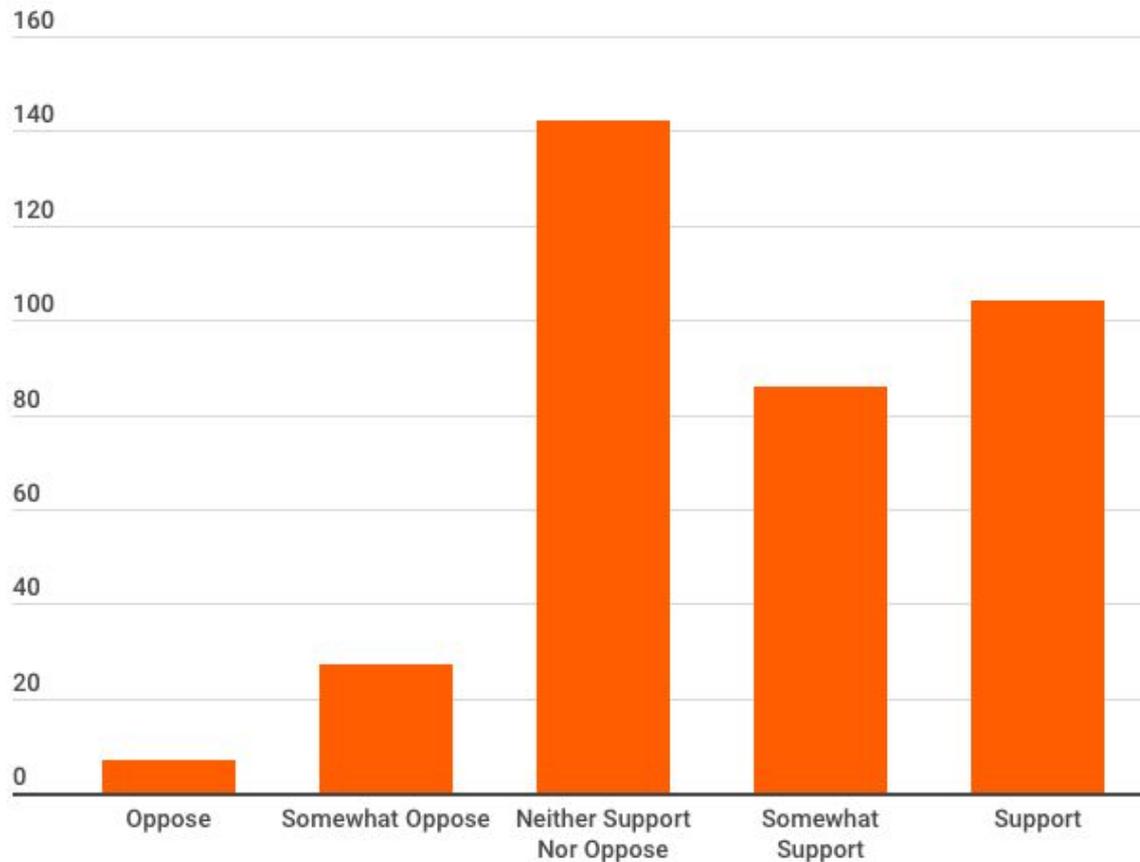
Question 5: Please indicate your support or opposition to the Town taking local measures to reduce the impact of climate change.



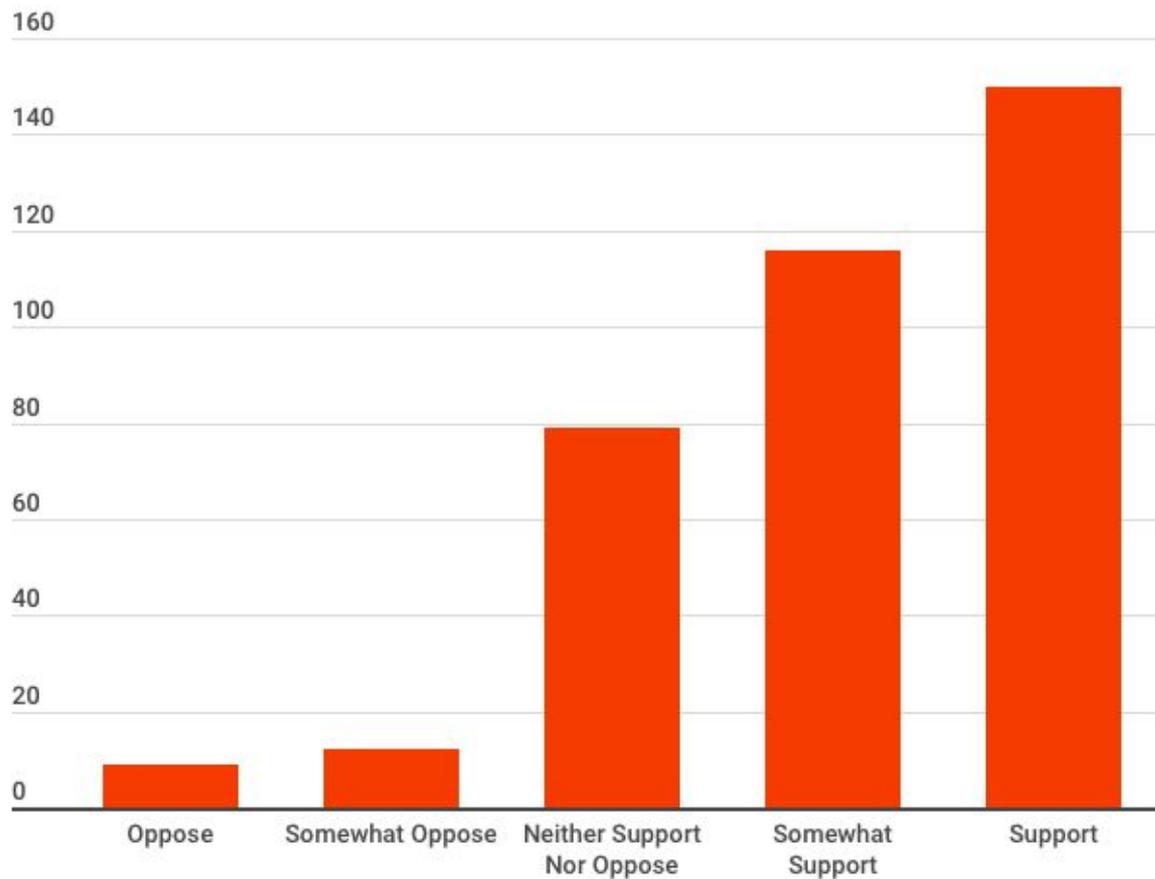
Question 6: Please indicate your support or opposition to providing New Mainers (immigrants and refugees) with services such as job skills training, adult education, and affordable housing



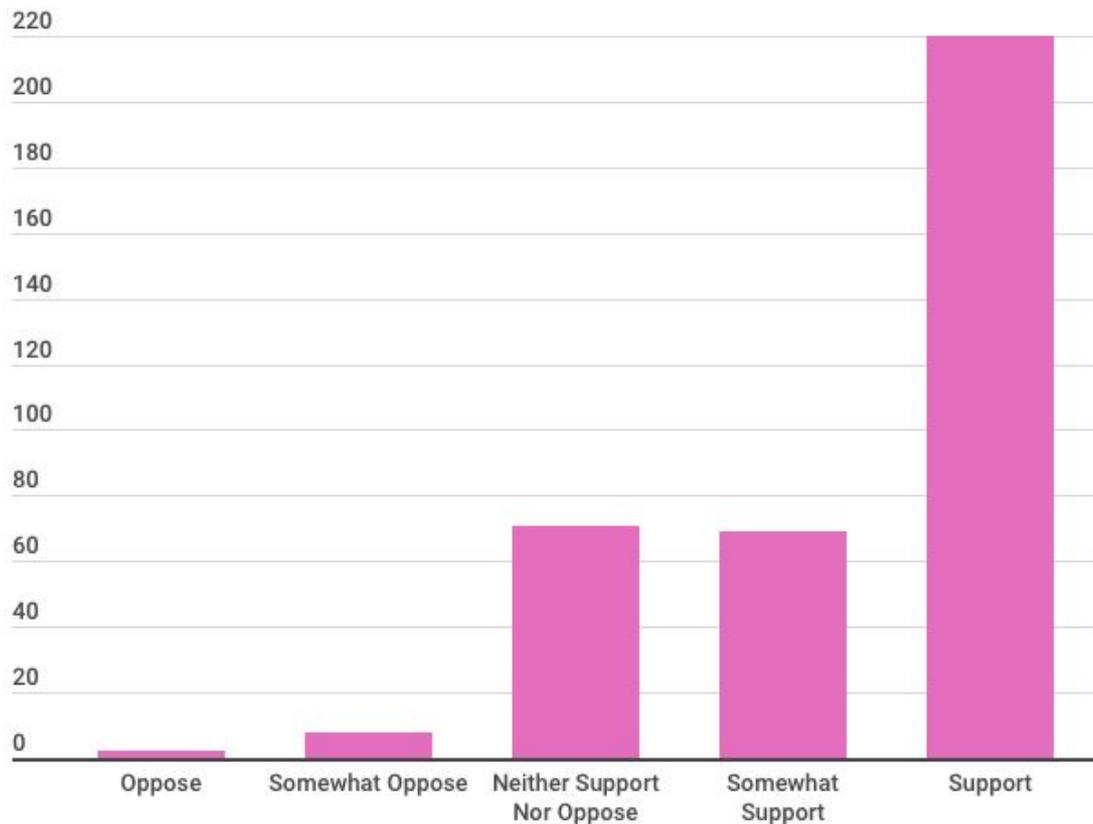
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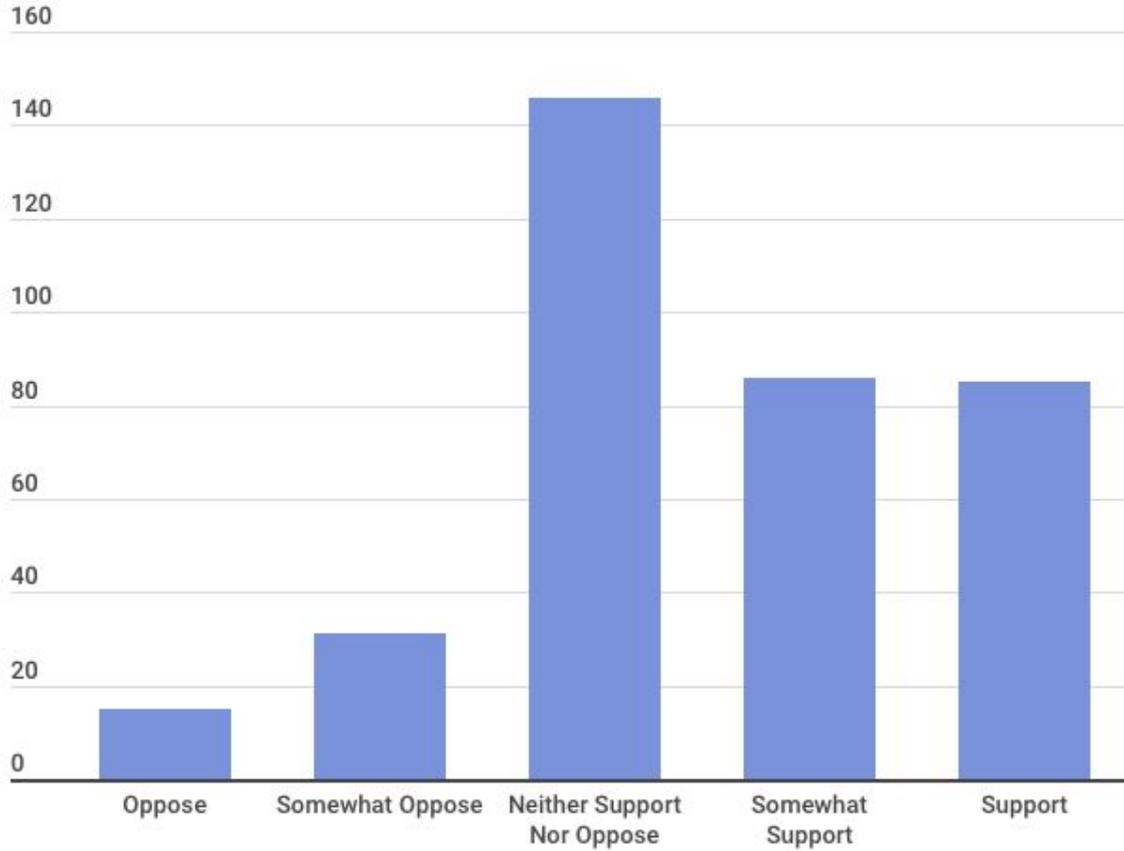
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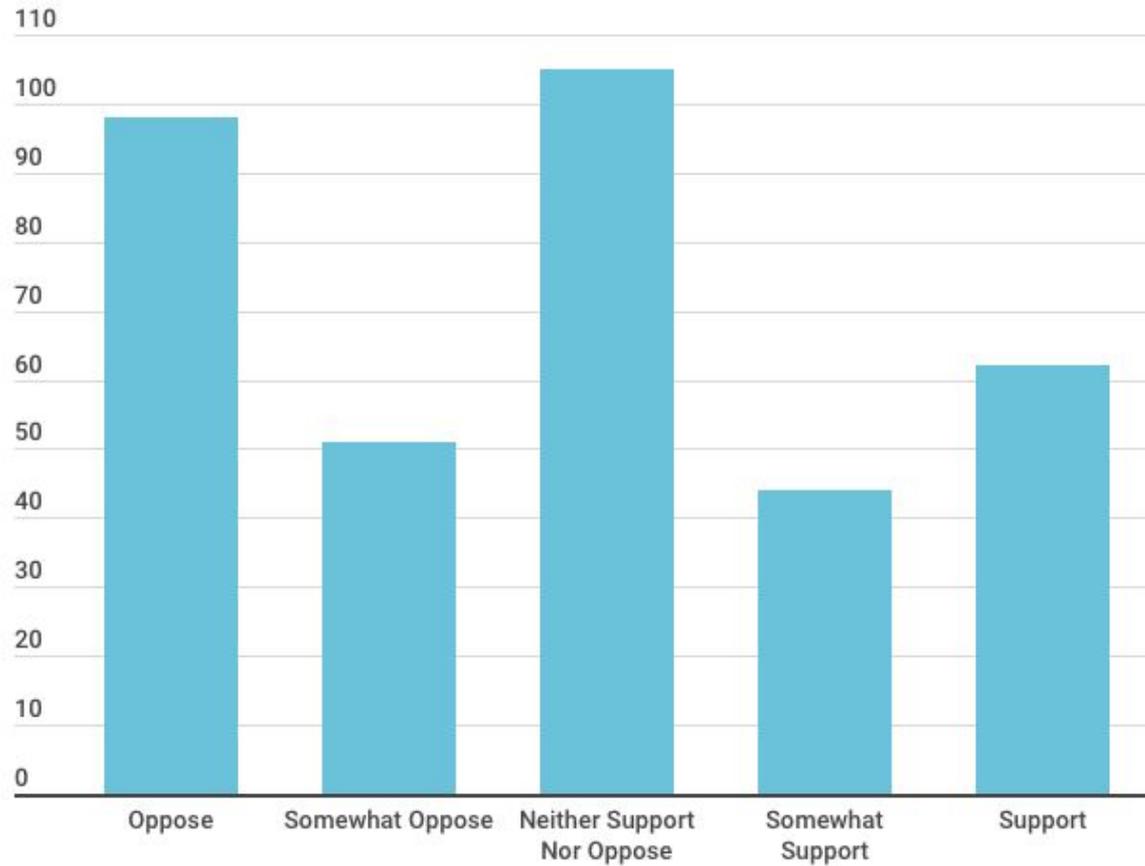
Question 9: Please indicate your support or opposition in supporting efforts to maintain a vibrant and prosperous downtown Brunswick.



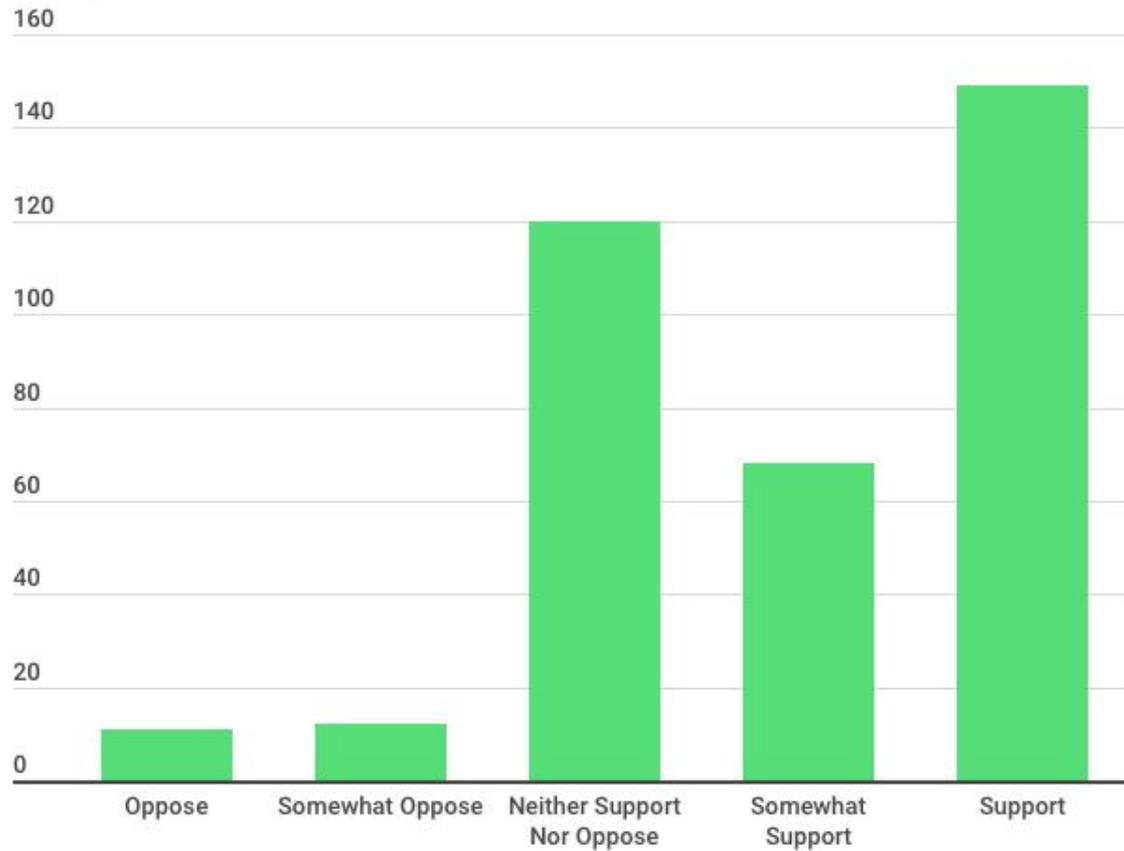
Question 10: Please indicate your support or opposition to supporting the development of more housing and office space at Cook's Corner.



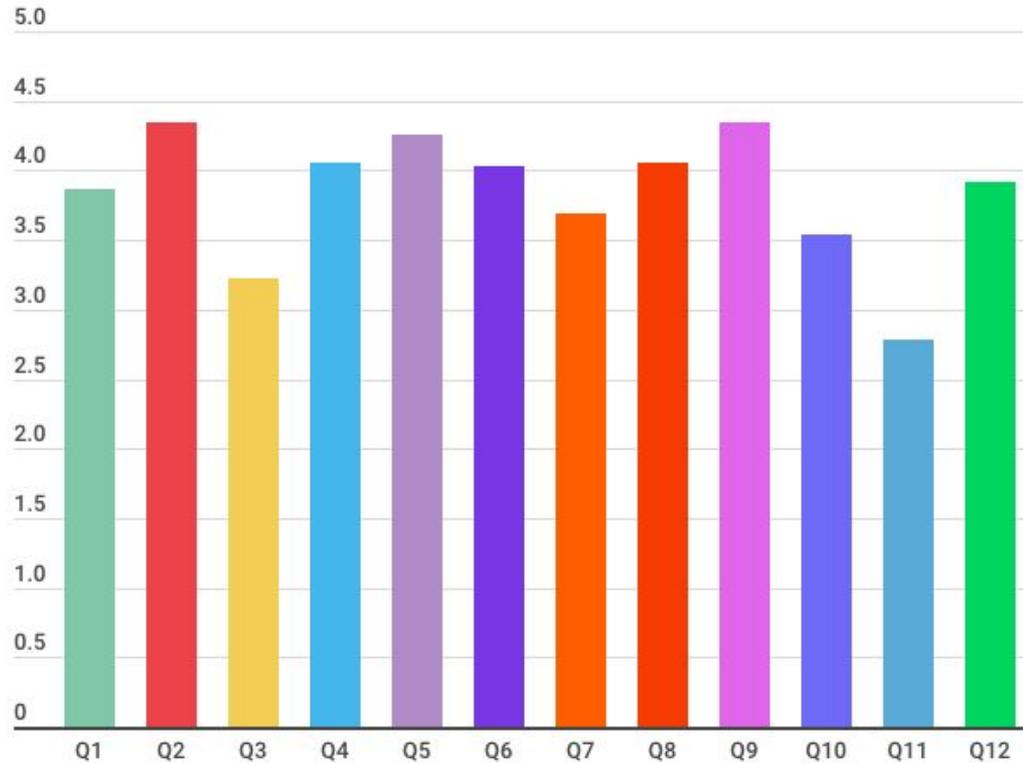
Question 11: Please indicate your support or opposition to building a parking garage in downtown.



Question 12: Please indicate your support or opposition to taking steps to combat climate change within your own school.



Comparison of Support on Questions 1-12:



Graph Key:

5 = support. 4= somewhat support. 3= neither support nor oppose. 2= somewhat oppose.
1= oppose

Conclusions:

The issues that gathered the most support were:

Q2 - The preservation and addition of sonic areas and trails

Q5 - The town taking local measures to reduce the impact of climate change

Q9 - Maintaining a vibrant and prosperous downtown Brunswick

The issues that gathered the least support were:

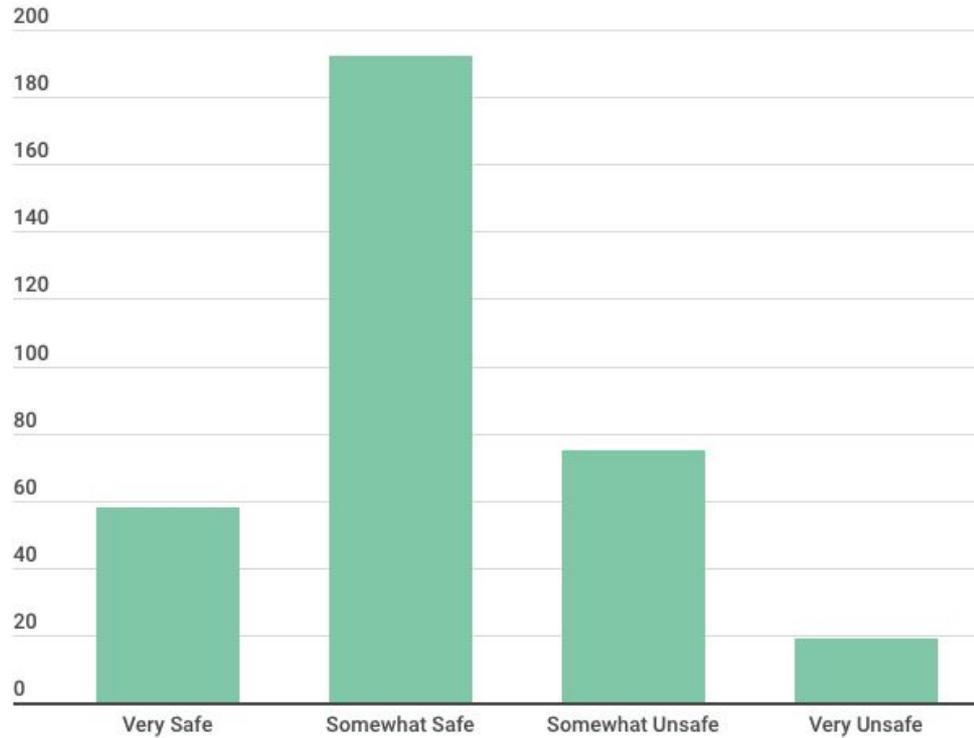
Q3 - Combining services and facilities (such as fire, police, schools) with other communities

Q10 - Developing more housing and office space at Cooks Corner

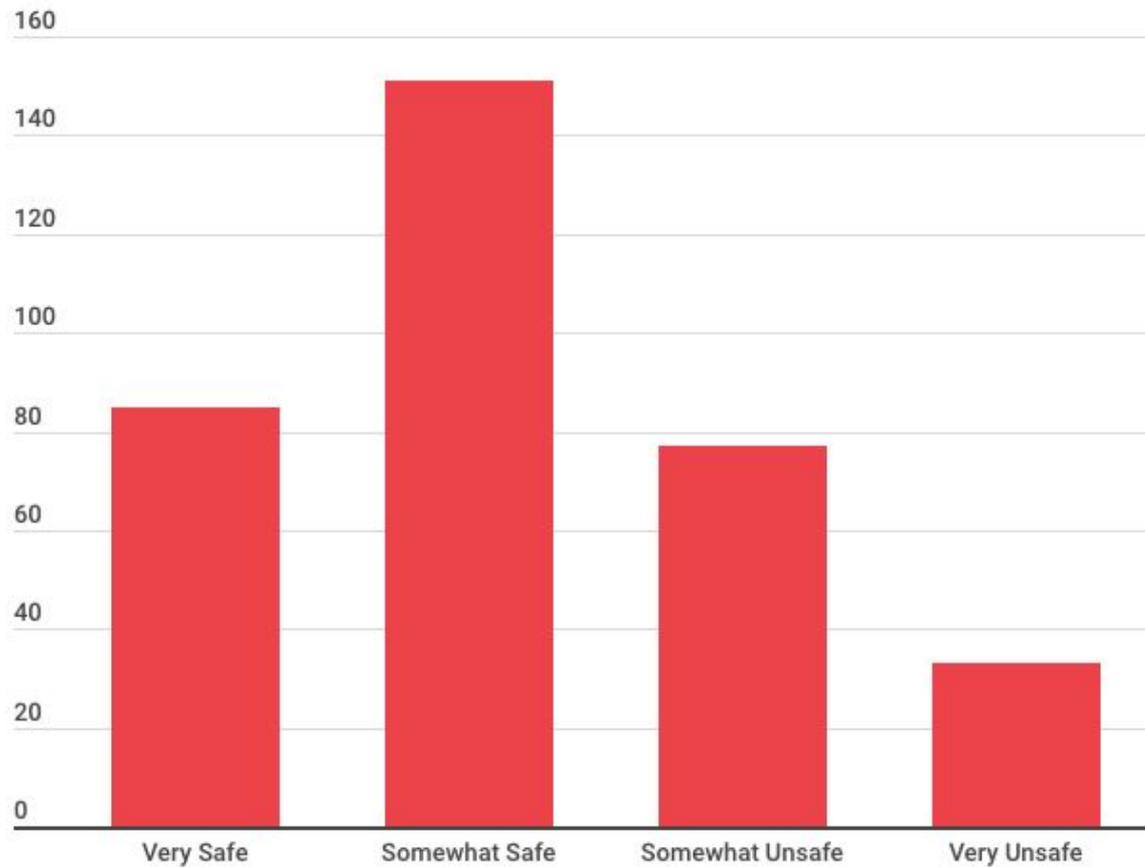
Q11 - Building a parking garage downtown

Section Two: Perception of Safety

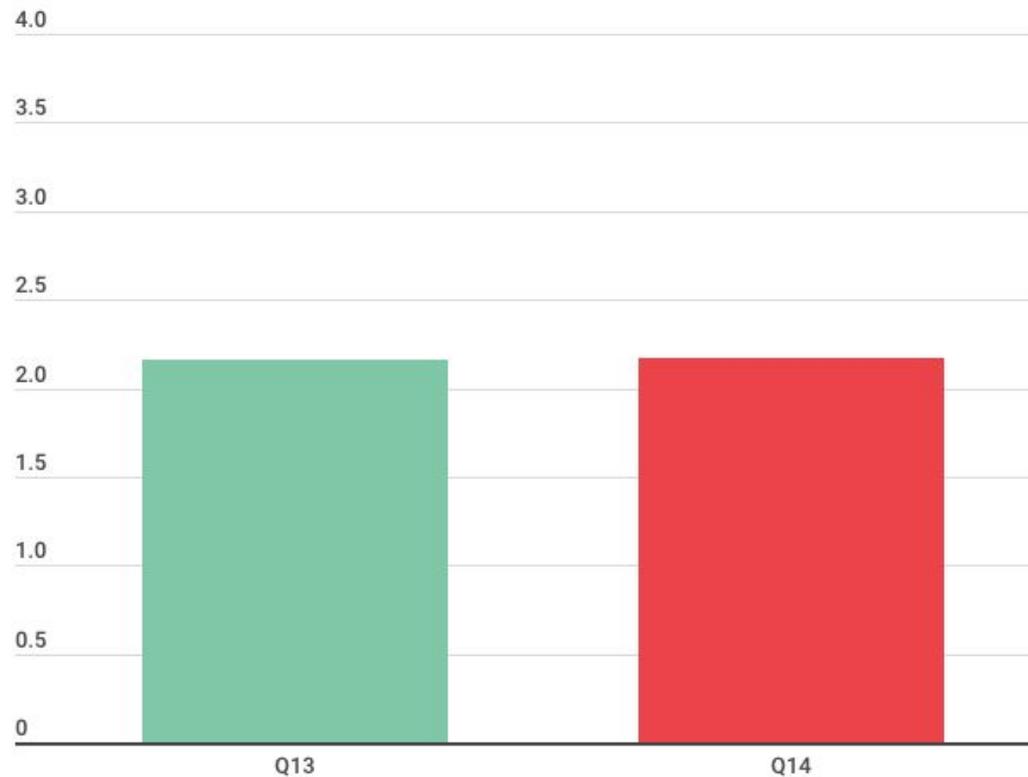
Question 13: Please indicate your perception of safety as a pedestrian or bicyclist in the GROWTH area.



Question 14: Please indicate your perception of safety as a pedestrian or bicyclist in the RURAL area.



Comparison of Perception of Safety Questions 13-14:



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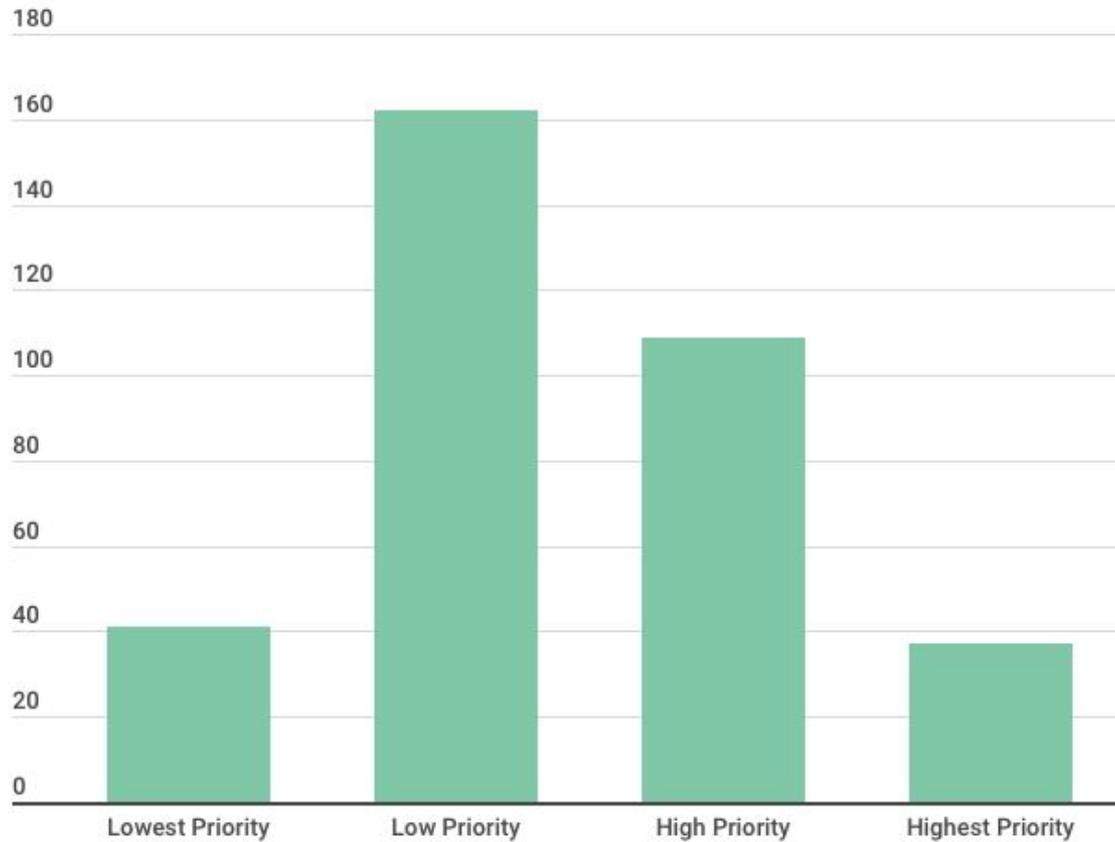
4= Very Unsafe 3= Somewhat Unsafe. 2= Somewhat Safe. 1= Very Safe

Conclusions:

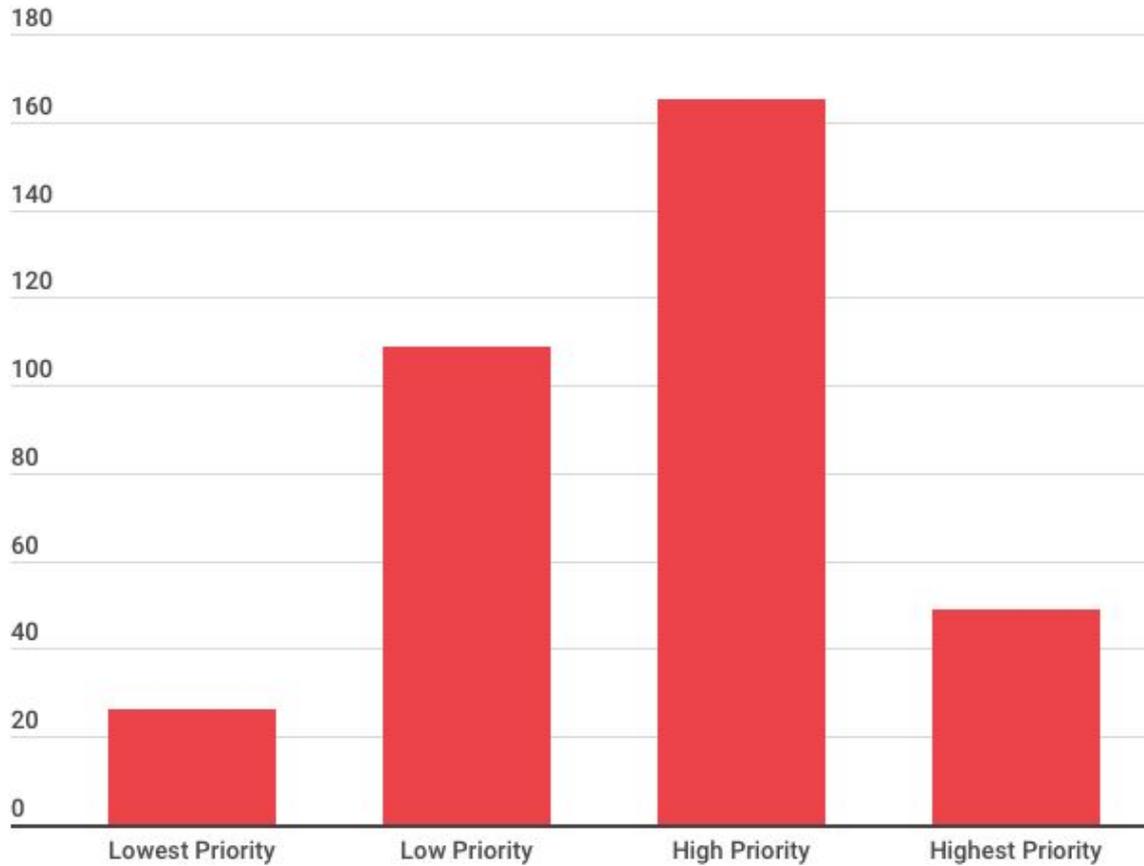
Pedestrians and cyclists feel somewhat safe when they are in the rural and the growth areas of Brunswick.

Section Three: Priority of Town Projects

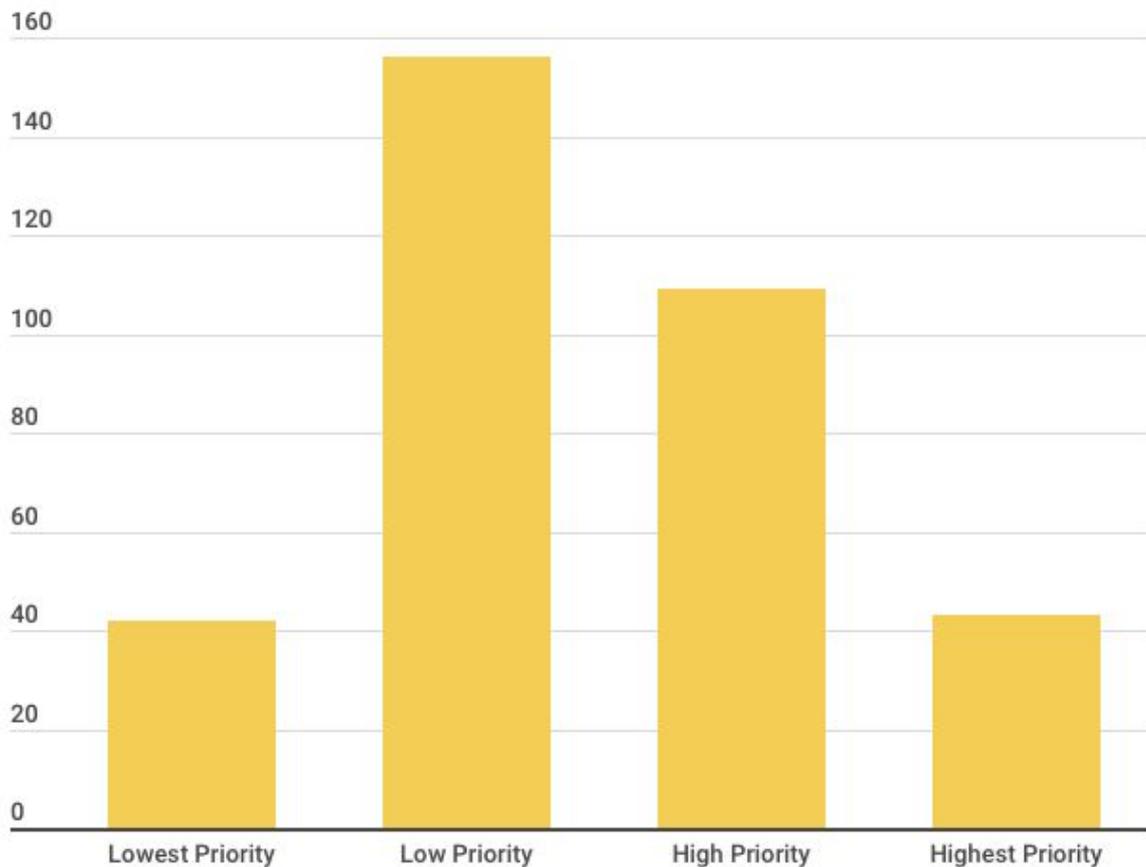
Question 15: Please indicate your view of the priority of developing playing fields in other areas of town.



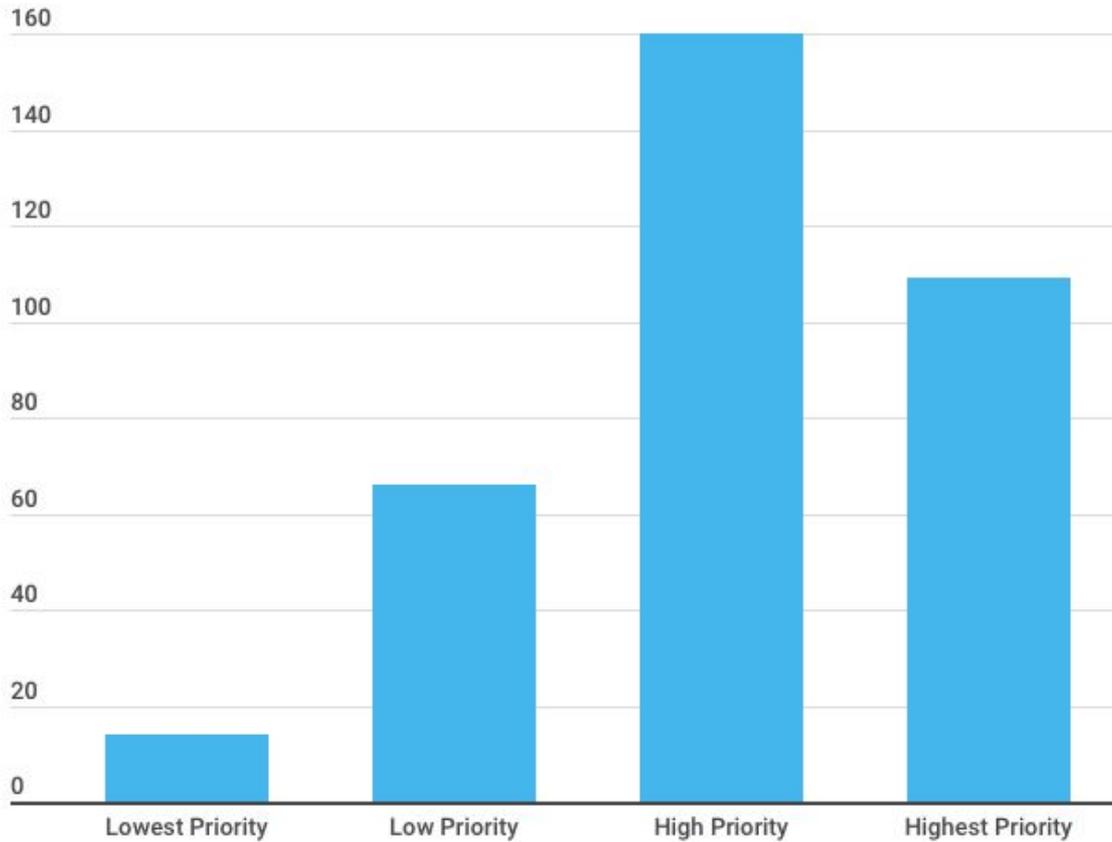
Question 16: Please indicate your view of the priority of repairing and expanding sidewalks in the GROWTH area.



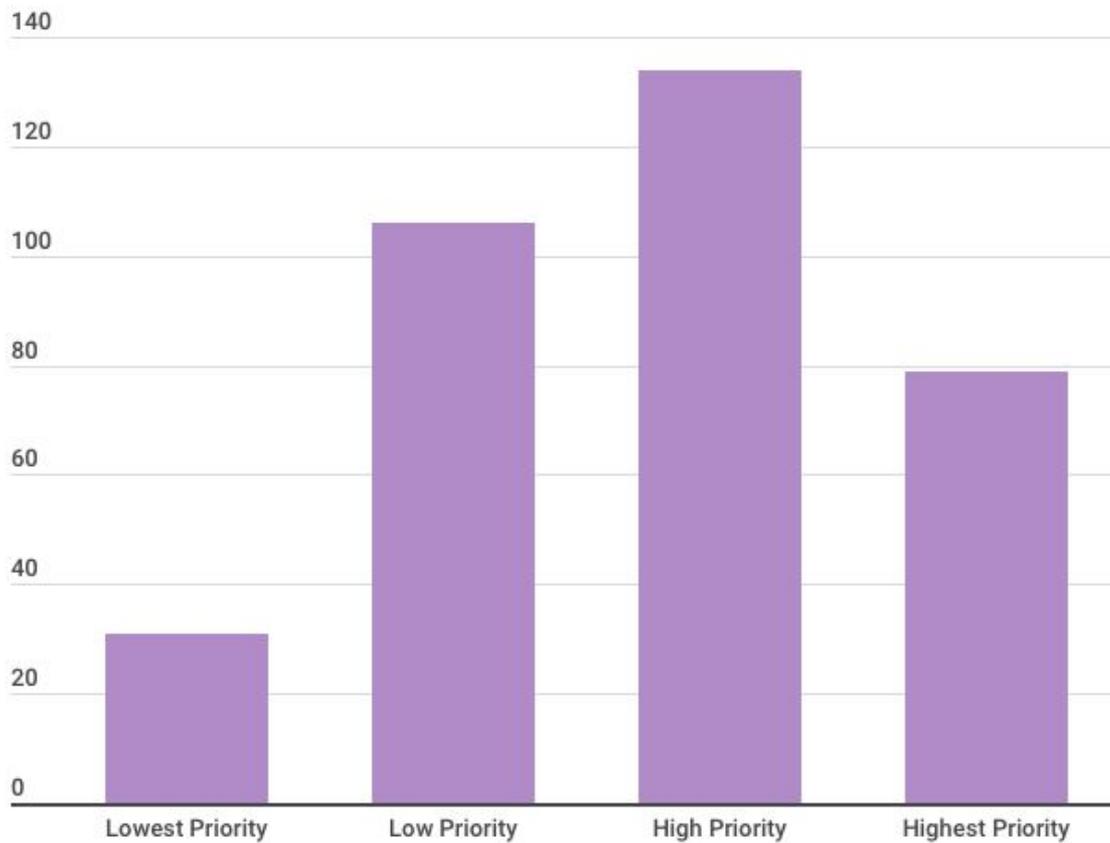
Question 17: Please indicate your view of the priority of repairing and expanding sidewalks in the RURAL area.



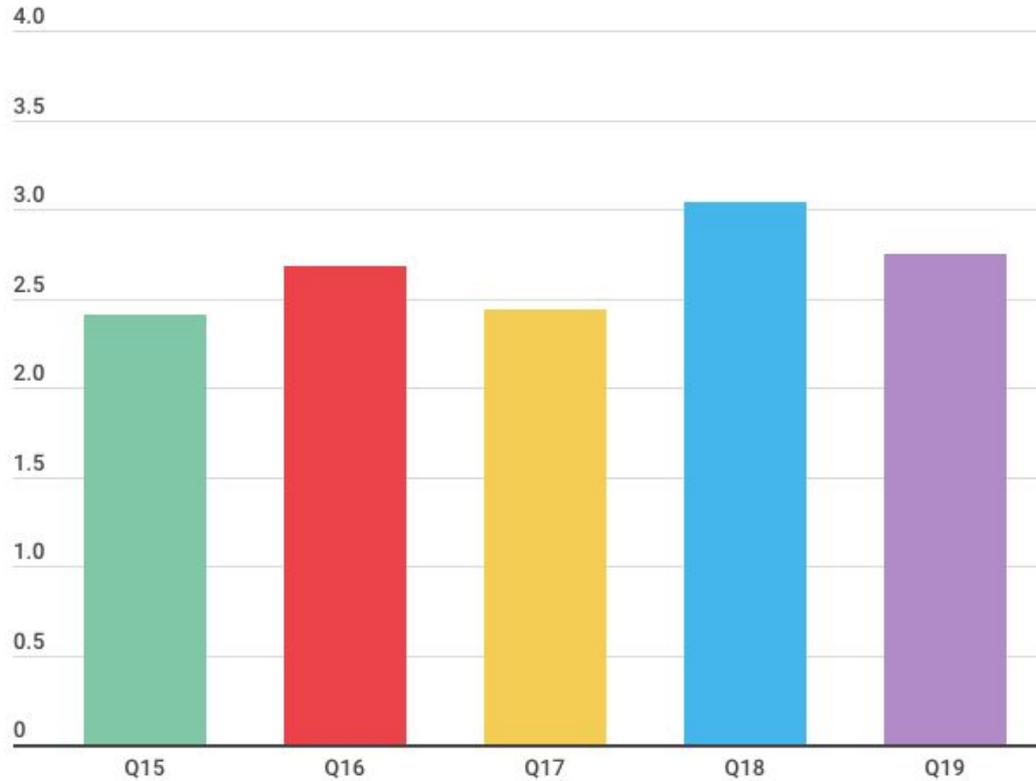
Question 18: Please indicate your view of the priority of creating a town fund to help buy and preserve natural areas.



Question 19: Please indicate your view of the priority of expanding bicycle facilities in the Town to promote environmentally-friendly transportation.



Comparison of Priority of Town Projects Section Questions 15-19:



Graph Key:

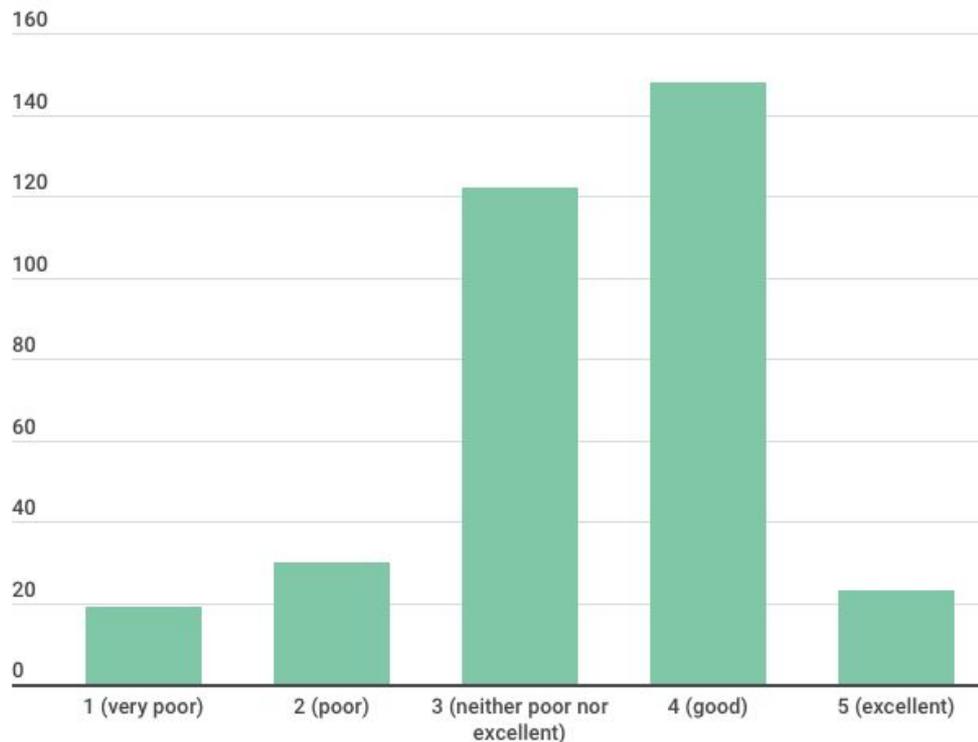
1 = Lowest Priority 2 = Low Priority 3 = High Priority 4 = Highest Priority

Conclusions:

The students of Brunswick high School Believe that Q18 regarding the town buying and preserving natural areas should be the highest town priority. They believe that Q15 regarding the development of plying fields should be the lowest town priority.

Section Four: Perceived Quality of Brunswick School Facilities

Question 20: On a scale of one to five, where five is excellent and one is very poor please rate the quality of school facilities.

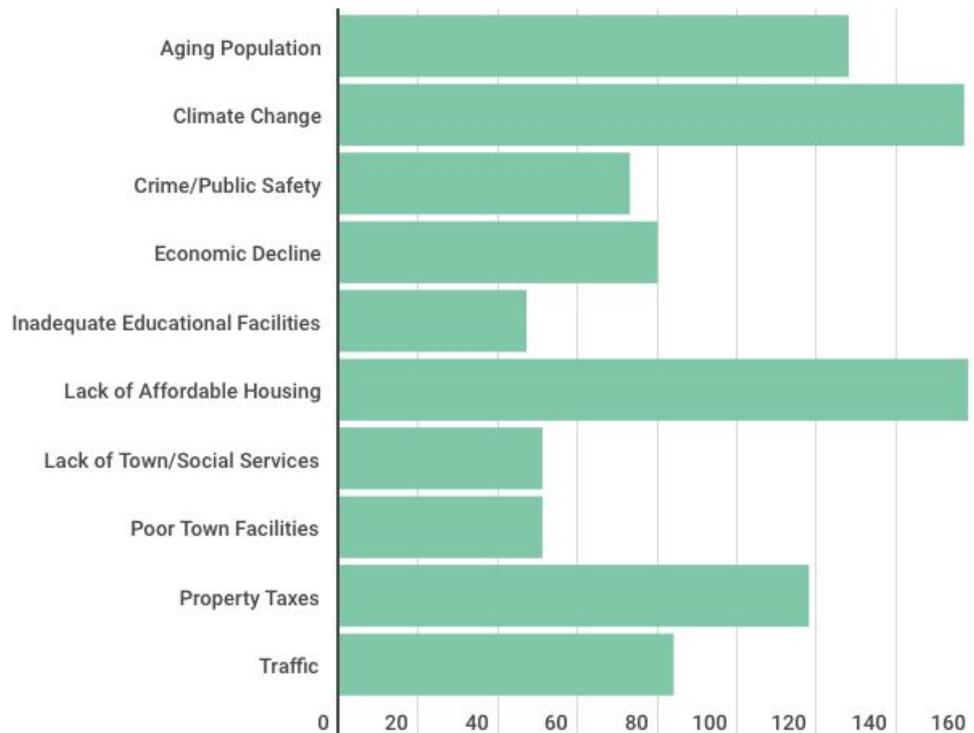


Conclusions:

On average the students of Brunswick High School rate the quality of the Brunswick school facilities as 3.368 out of 5. This translates to the quality of the schools falling between being neither poor nor good and good.

Section Five: Miscellaneous Information

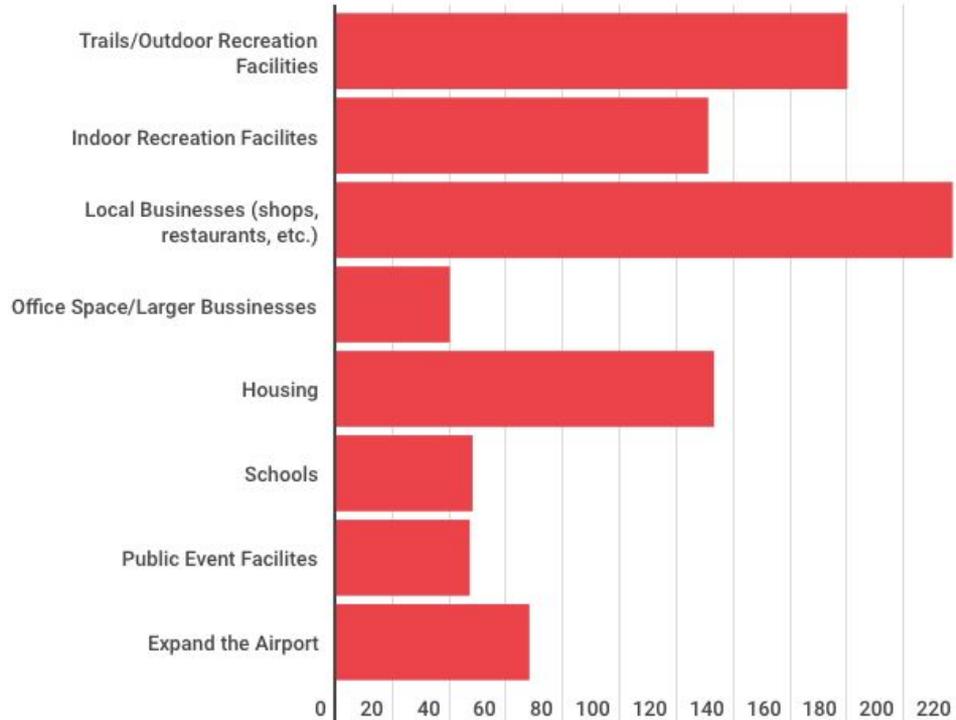
Question 21: Please indicate what you believe to be the biggest threat to maintaining the quality of life in Brunswick. (students were asked to select up to three answers)



Conclusions:

The students of Brunswick High School believe that the biggest threats to the future of Brunswick are climate change, lack of affordable housing, and the aging population.

Question 22: What would you like to see a development in on the Brunswick Landing? (students were asked to select up to three answers)



Conclusions:

The students of Brunswick High School believe that Brunswick should focus on developing the following projects on the Brunswick Landing: more local businesses, trails/outdoor recreation facilities and more housing.