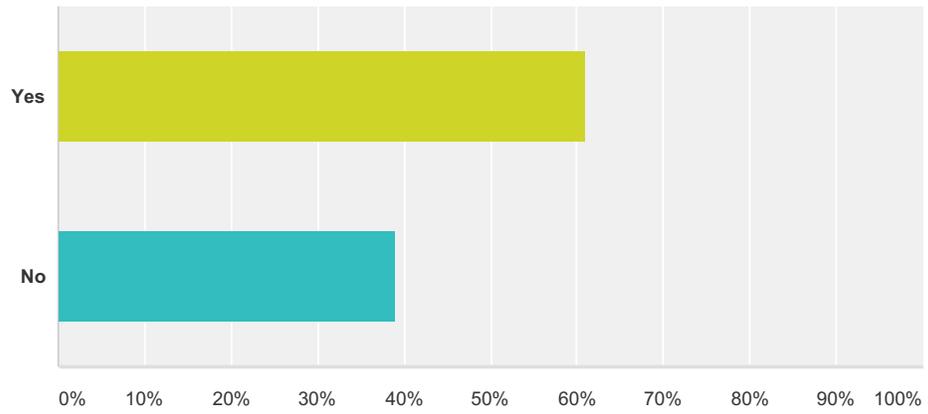


Q1 Do you live in Ellsworth?

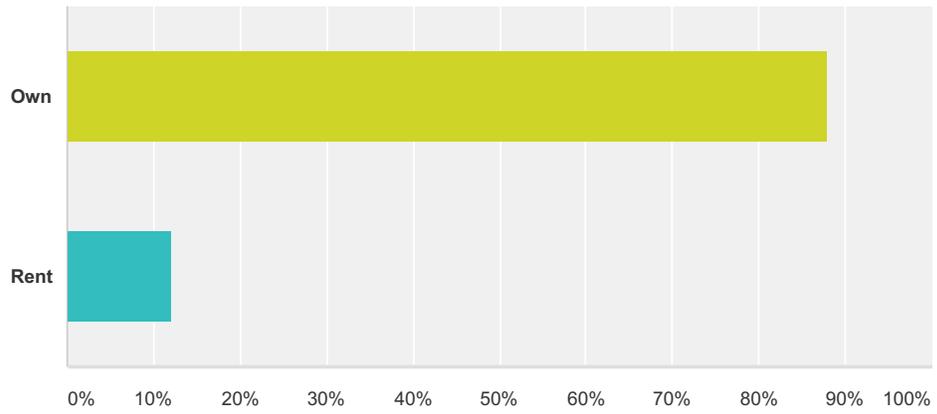
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	61.01%	133
No	38.99%	85
Total		218

Q2 Do you own or rent your home?

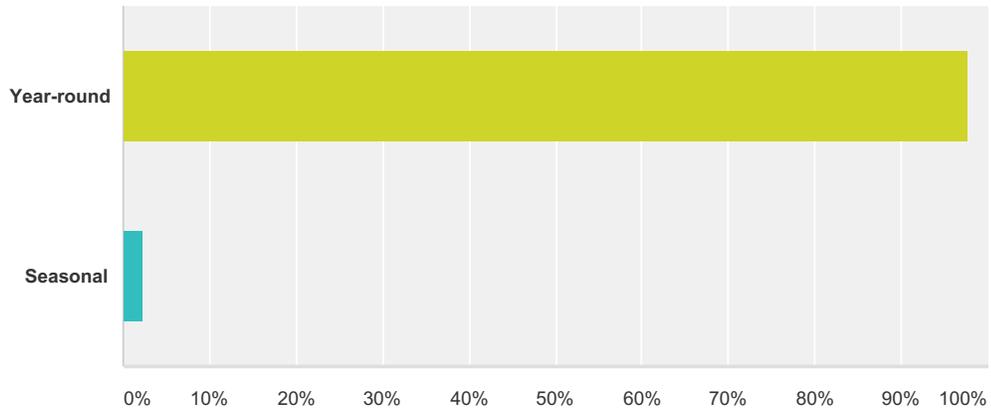
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Answer Choices	Responses
Own	87.88% 116
Rent	12.12% 16
Total	132

Q3 Do you live in your home year-round or only for part of the year?

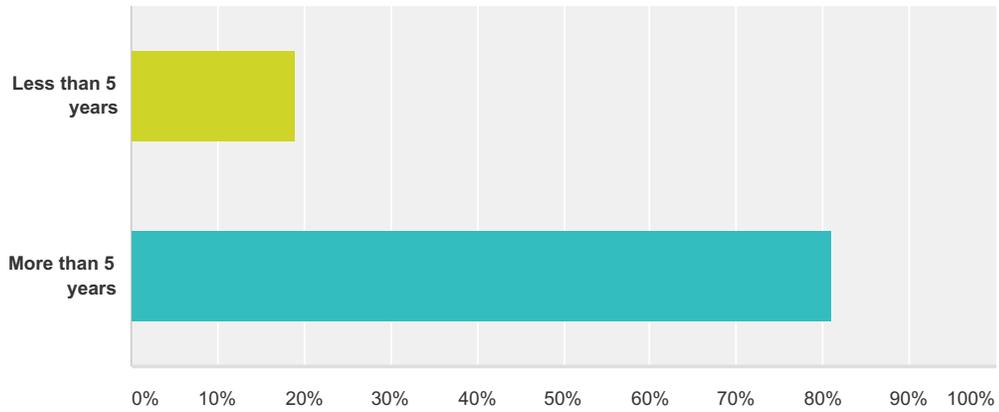
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Answer Choices	Responses
Year-round	97.73% 129
Seasonal	2.27% 3
Total	132

Q4 How long have you lived or owned property in Ellsworth?

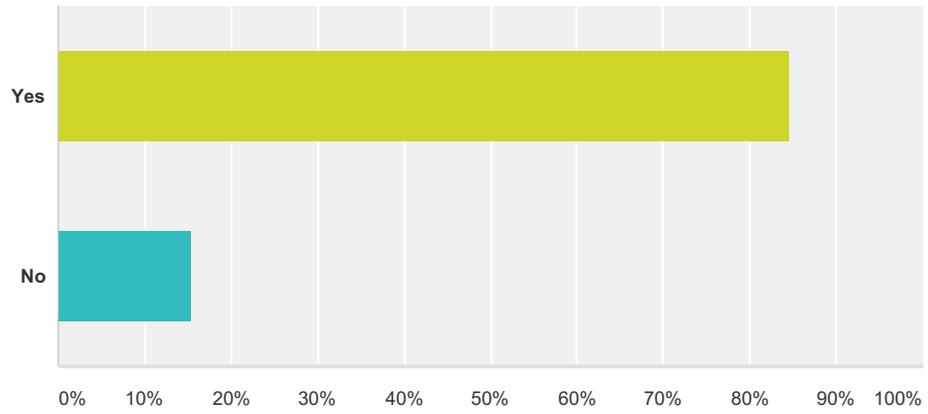
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	18.94% 25
More than 5 years	81.06% 107
Total	132

Q5 Do you live in a town within 25 miles of Ellsworth?

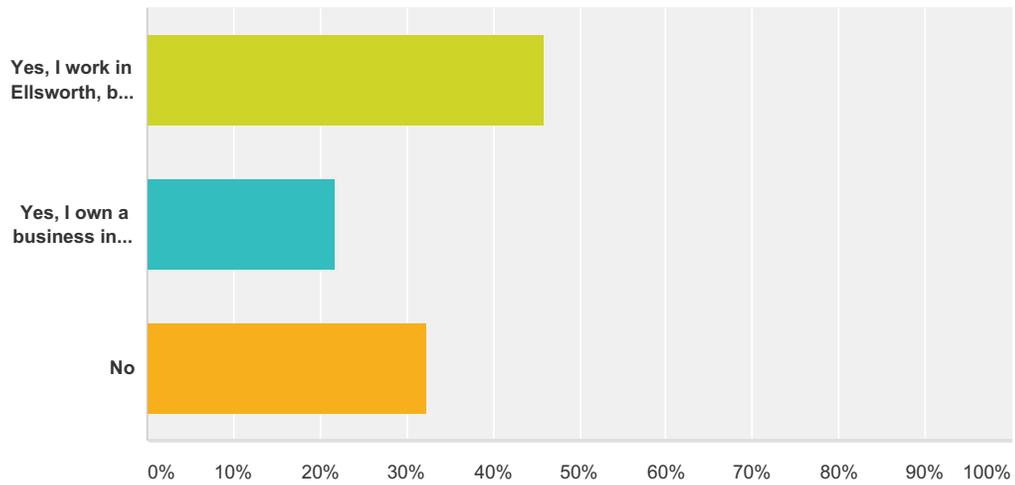
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	84.52%	71
No	15.48%	13
Total		84

Q6 Do you currently work/own a business in Ellsworth?

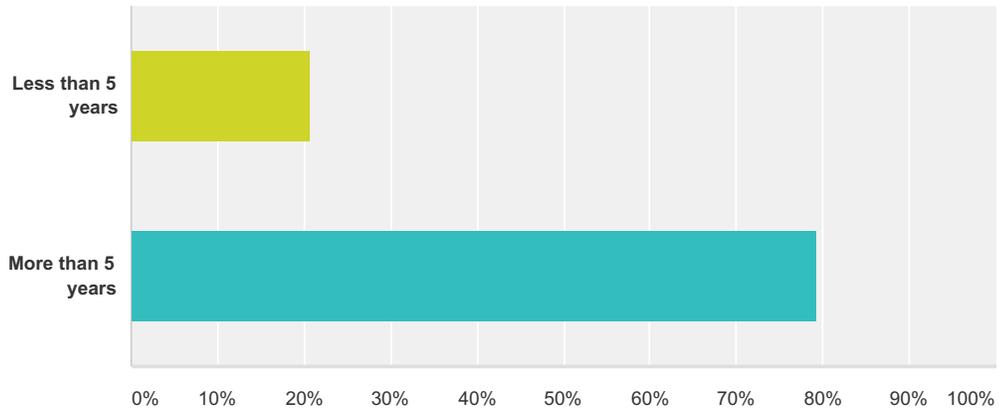
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I work in Ellsworth, but do not own a business	45.83% 99
Yes, I own a business in Ellsworth	21.76% 47
No	32.41% 70
Total	216

Q7 How long have you worked/owned a business in Ellsworth?

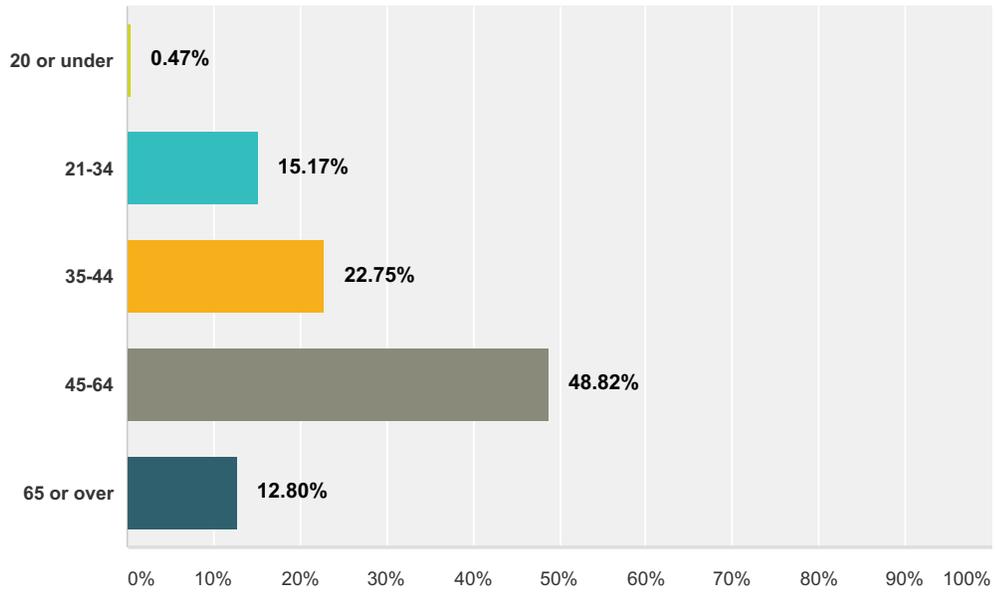
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	20.69% 30
More than 5 years	79.31% 115
Total	145

Q8 What is your age group?

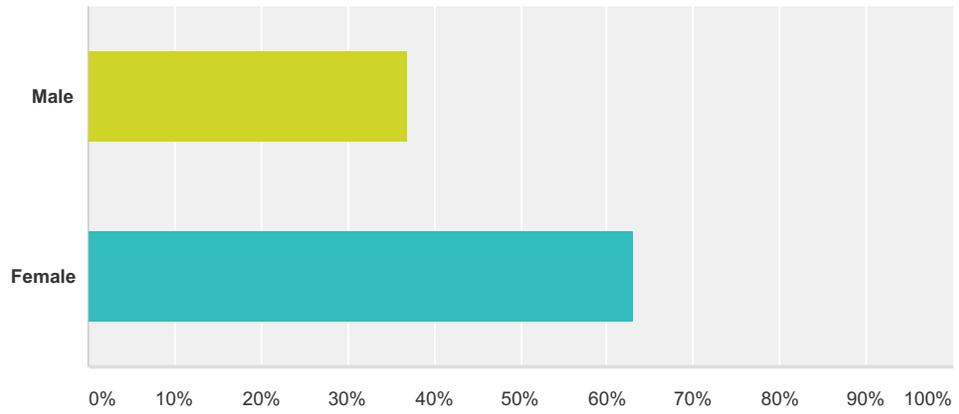
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Answer Choices	Responses
20 or under	0.47% 1
21-34	15.17% 32
35-44	22.75% 48
45-64	48.82% 103
65 or over	12.80% 27
Total	211

Q9 What is your gender?

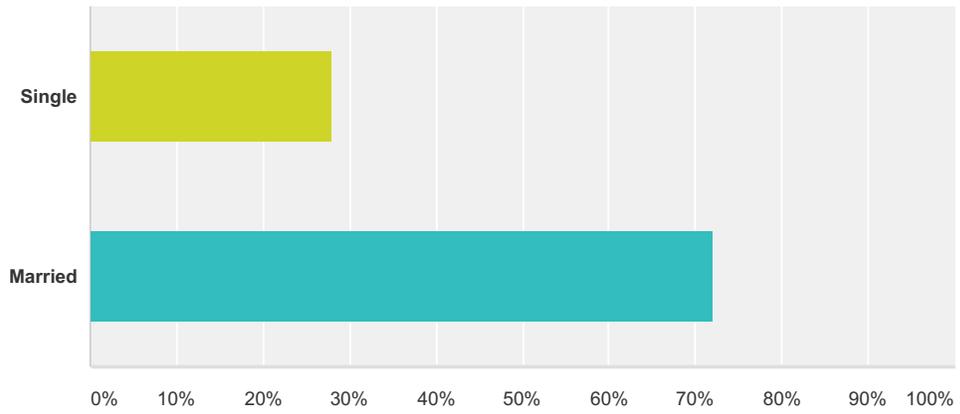
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Answer Choices	Responses
Male	36.97% 78
Female	63.03% 133
Total	211

Q10 What is your marital status?

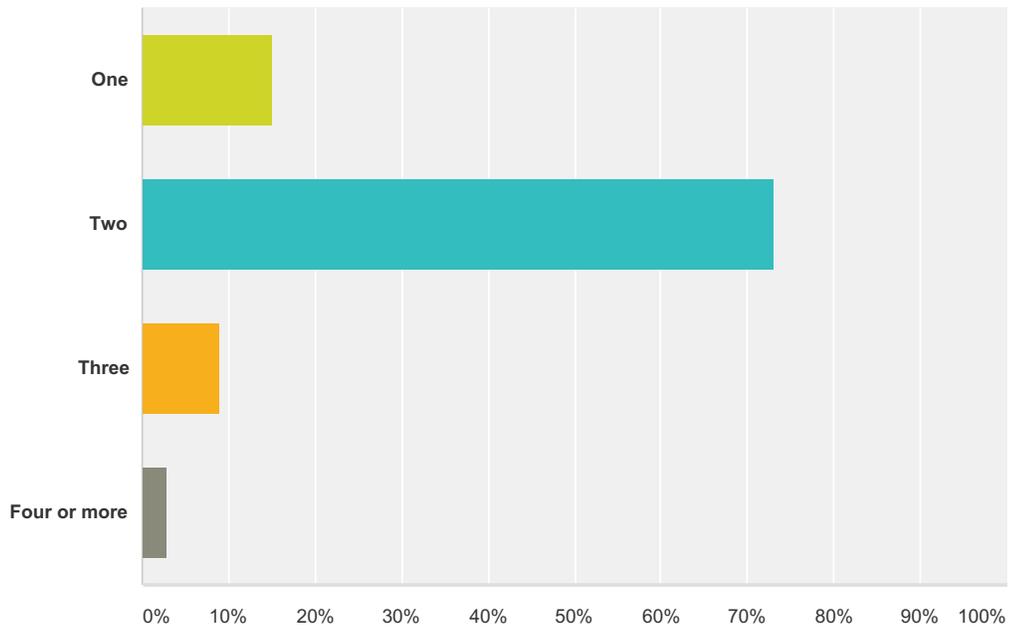
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Answer Choices	Responses
Single	27.96% 59
Married	72.04% 152
Total	211

Q11 How many adults live in your household?

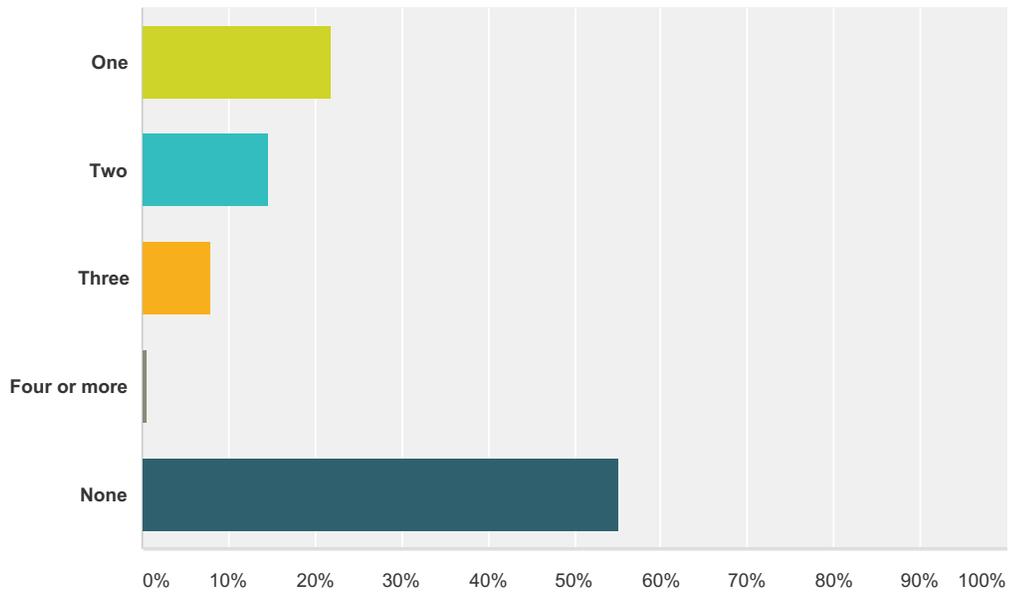
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Answer Choices	Responses	
One	15.09%	32
Two	73.11%	155
Three	8.96%	19
Four or more	2.83%	6
Total		212

Q12 How many children or teenagers live in your household?

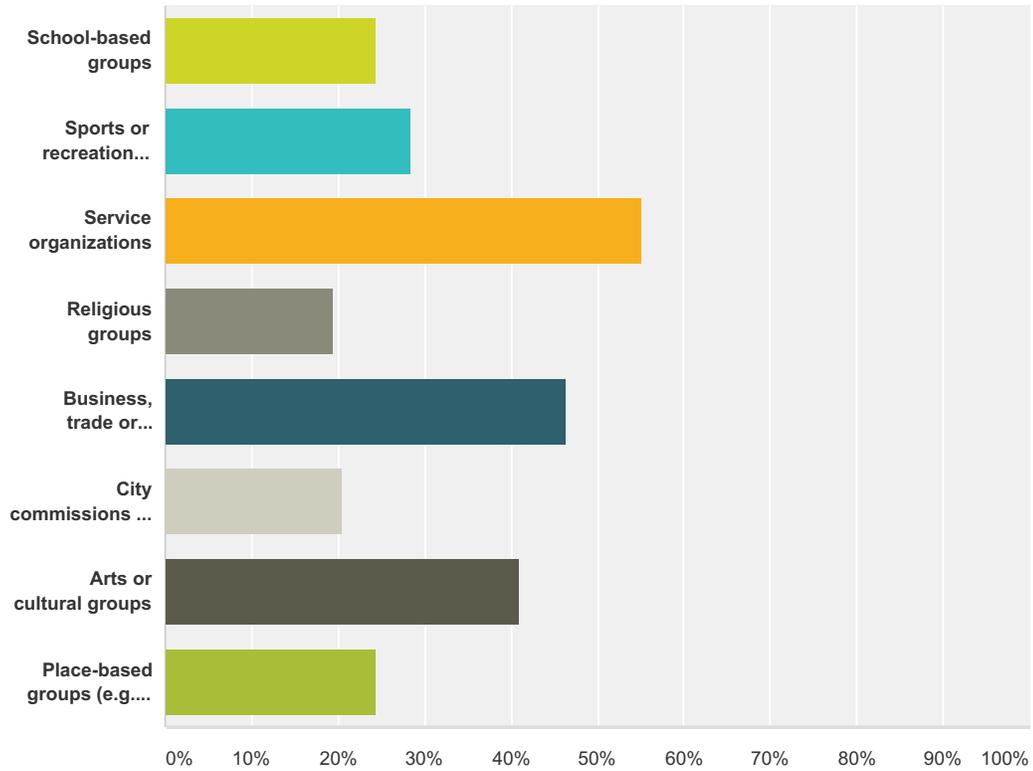
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Answer Choices	Responses	
One	21.91%	39
Two	14.61%	26
Three	7.87%	14
Four or more	0.56%	1
None	55.06%	98
Total		178

Q13 Which of these groups are you most likely to be involved with in Ellsworth?

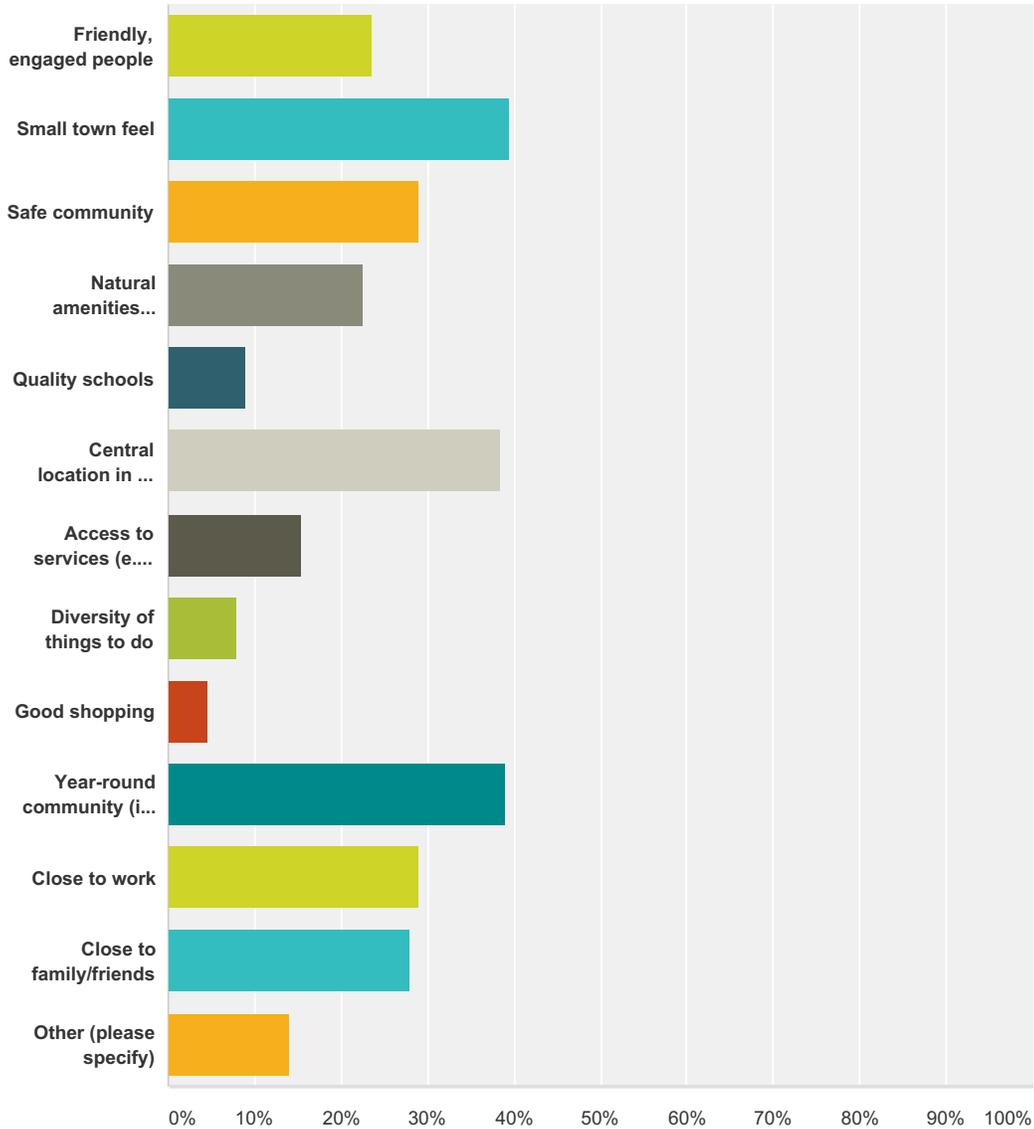
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Answer Choices	Responses
School-based groups	24.39% 50
Sports or recreation groups	28.29% 58
Service organizations	55.12% 113
Religious groups	19.51% 40
Business, trade or professional groups	46.34% 95
City commissions or committees	20.49% 42
Arts or cultural groups	40.98% 84
Place-based groups (e.g., neighborhood or lake associations, park-friends groups, etc.)	24.39% 50
Total Respondents: 205	

Q14 What are the top three reasons you chose to live, work, own a business and/or own property in Ellsworth?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses
Friendly, engaged people	23.50% 47
Small town feel	39.50% 79
Safe community	29.00% 58
Natural amenities (e.g., lakes, riverfront)	22.50% 45
Quality schools	9.00% 18
Central location in the region	38.50% 77

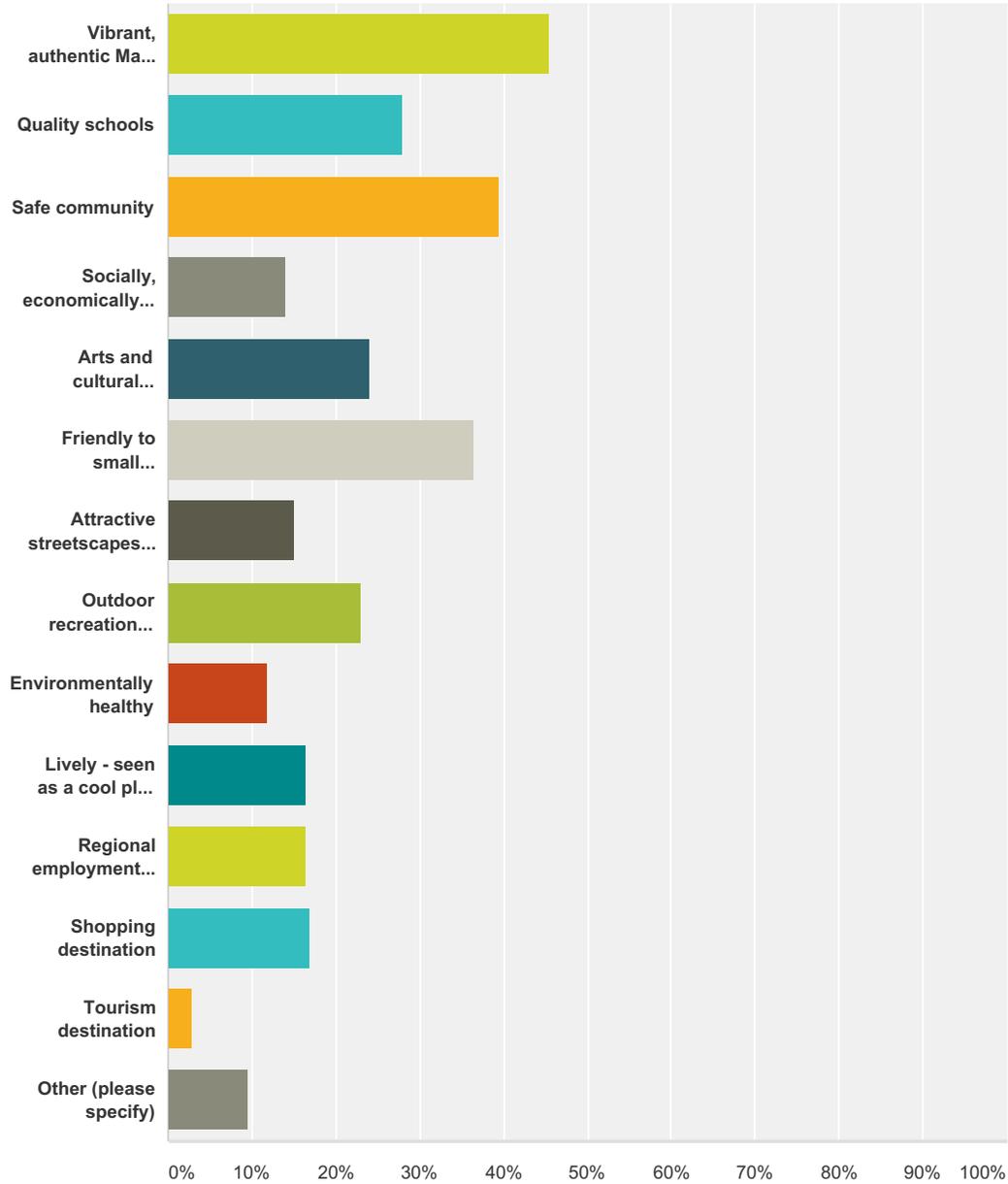
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Access to services (e.g., healthcare)	15.50%	31
Diversity of things to do	8.00%	16
Good shopping	4.50%	9
Year-round community (it doesn't "close up" in the winter months)	39.00%	78
Close to work	29.00%	58
Close to family/friends	28.00%	56
Other (please specify)	14.00%	28
Total Respondents: 200		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Great lower cost vacation area	11/29/2015 5:20 PM
2	Grew up	11/20/2015 10:48 PM
3	grew up in Ellsworth	11/20/2015 6:43 PM
4	reasonable tax rate until the last tax hike	11/14/2015 5:07 AM
5	Close to Acadia National Park	11/13/2015 4:01 PM
6	1. Educated, professional community. 2. Access to nature, waterfront, bicycle trails.	11/13/2015 8:17 AM
7	Proximity to Acadia	11/10/2015 4:54 PM
8	Can't afford to live on MDI	11/9/2015 6:58 PM
9	Moved to be with partner	11/9/2015 6:35 PM
10	vegan friendly food options	11/9/2015 6:19 PM
11	affordability	11/9/2015 10:32 AM
12	Our family has long roots in Ellsworth Falls. We have moved to the family home.	11/9/2015 10:28 AM
13	work on MDI but couldn't afford a house there	11/8/2015 8:19 AM
14	born here	11/4/2015 10:25 PM
15	Larger town/city in region	11/2/2015 4:13 PM
16	the home was given to us	11/2/2015 3:41 PM
17	Came to Ellsworth in 1976 for full time employment.	11/2/2015 1:48 PM
18	Where my office is	11/2/2015 11:15 AM
19	had no option	11/2/2015 9:12 AM
20	quality restaurants	11/1/2015 7:44 PM
21	born and raised in this town	11/1/2015 8:18 AM
22	My husband doesn't want to move	10/31/2015 5:36 AM
23	Personal	10/30/2015 8:13 PM
24	I moved here several years ago and am now considering moving.	10/30/2015 3:41 PM
25	Born here	10/30/2015 2:55 PM
26	Historic Downtown's coastal Maine vibe and river development potential.	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
27	Hometown	10/30/2015 1:58 PM
28	job opportunity, great community, economic development potential	10/29/2015 8:04 PM

Q15 Imagine Ellsworth as you would like to see it in 10 years. For you, what are the three (3) most important attributes of your picture of Ellsworth 10 years from now?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses
Vibrant, authentic Maine downtown	45.50% 91
Quality schools	28.00% 56
Safe community	39.50% 79

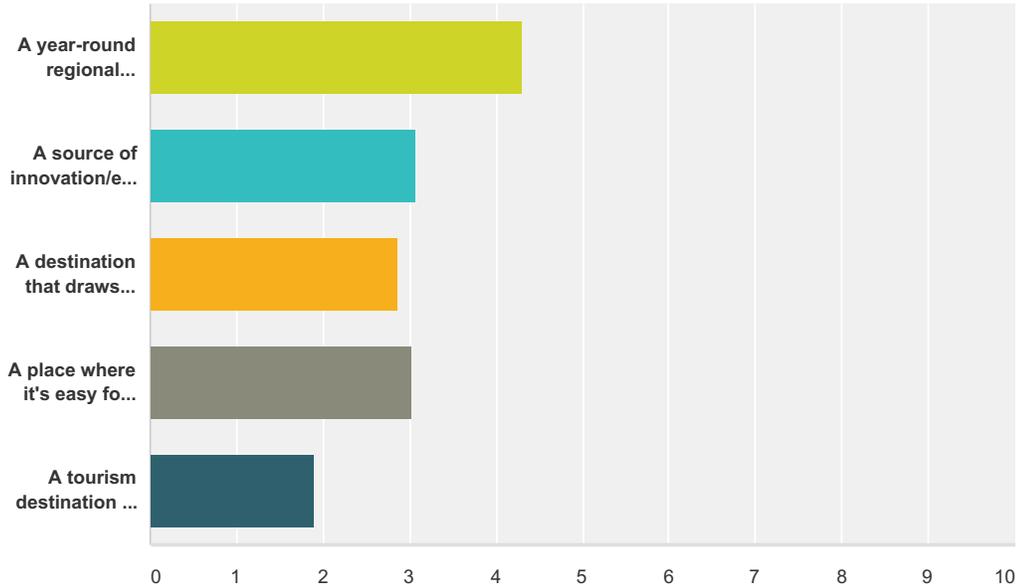
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Socially, economically and ethnically diverse	14.00%	28
Arts and cultural attractions	24.00%	48
Friendly to small businesses and entrepreneurs	36.50%	73
Attractive streetscapes and landscaping	15.00%	30
Outdoor recreation opportunities	23.00%	46
Environmentally healthy	12.00%	24
Lively - seen as a cool place to live	16.50%	33
Regional employment center	16.50%	33
Shopping destination	17.00%	34
Tourism destination	3.00%	6
Other (please specify)	9.50%	19
Total Respondents: 200		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Low taxes	11/21/2015 8:28 PM
2	Lower taxes. I love Ellsworth, but the city uses money like crazy, and it doesn't necessarily go to the schools. I can't live here in 10 years if the City of Ellsworth doesn't get this under control.	11/21/2015 9:56 AM
3	public transportatin	11/21/2015 8:32 AM
4	Economically secure	11/20/2015 10:48 PM
5	Conservatively run city	11/20/2015 8:29 AM
6	real estate taxes are kept at a reasonable rate	11/14/2015 5:07 AM
7	Affordable .. Keeping our taxes in line! Don't put condos in single family neighborhoods. With ALL the land Ellsworth has .. It shouldn't be necessary.	11/13/2015 4:01 PM
8	Dedicated bicycle trails.	11/13/2015 8:17 AM
9	Small businesses thriving	11/11/2015 10:21 AM
10	Attracting business with high paying jobs, instead of fast food minimum wage kind of businesses	11/10/2015 1:04 PM
11	Get rid of Maine Coast Mall owner and start bringing in stores!	11/10/2015 8:32 AM
12	keeping the integrity of small single family homes	11/5/2015 11:58 AM
13	Strong LOCAL businesses, like we used to have!	11/3/2015 9:06 AM
14	More housing for retirees on fixed income	11/2/2015 8:37 PM
15	Affordable	11/2/2015 3:41 PM
16	Reasonable property taxes	11/2/2015 1:48 PM
17	Truly business friendly. Ellsworth isn't business friendly the closing of so many shows this.To much spending we should just put the town up For Sale and let more educated people run it. Not butt kissing cronisim.	11/1/2015 8:18 AM
18	Lower taxes much much lower taxes	10/30/2015 4:25 PM
19	Plenty of indoor and outdoor recreational activities.	10/30/2015 2:16 PM

Q16 Rank order from one (1) to five (5) the statements below, where "1" fits best how you would like to describe Ellsworth's economic role/identity in 10 years, "2" fits next best, and so on.

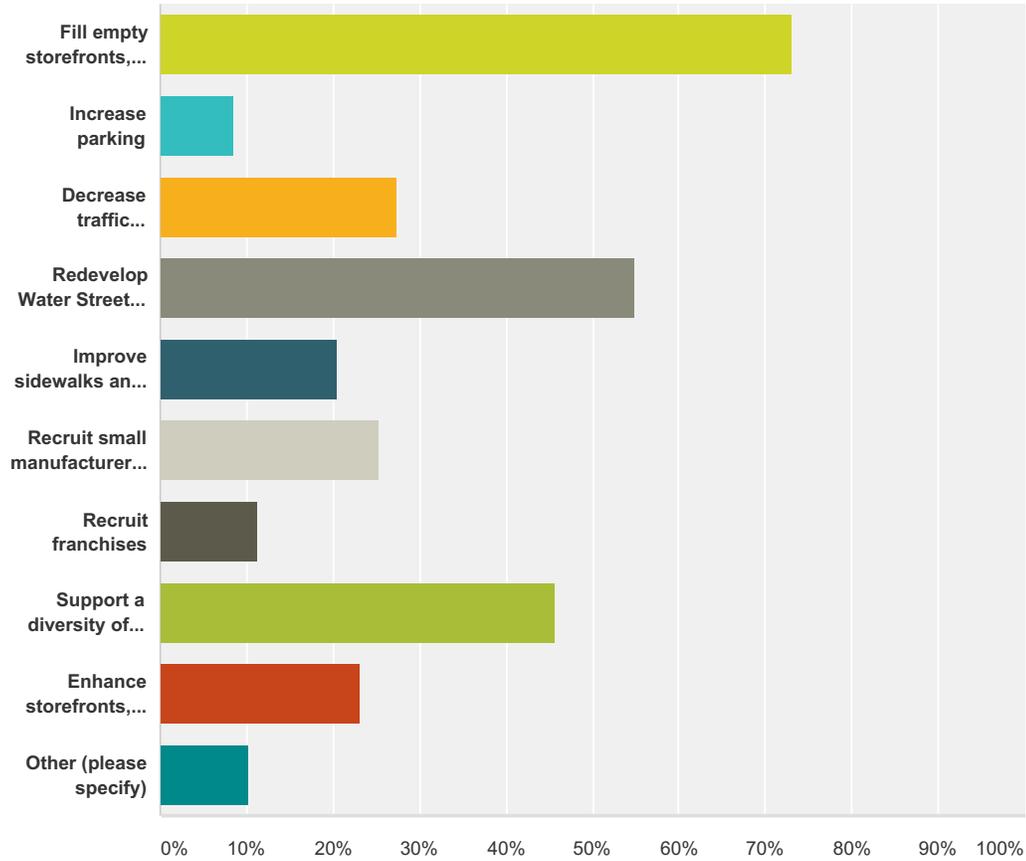
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	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Score
A year-round regional service hub where people can live, work and buy most of their goods and services	59.06% 101	24.56% 42	7.60% 13	5.85% 10	2.92% 5	171	4.31
A source of innovation/entrepreneurial activity in the region	14.37% 25	22.99% 40	31.61% 55	17.24% 30	13.79% 24	174	3.07
A destination that draws people for shopping or entertainment	8.33% 14	23.21% 39	26.79% 45	29.76% 50	11.90% 20	168	2.86
A place where it's easy for businesses to do business	16.67% 30	25.56% 46	18.89% 34	21.11% 38	17.78% 32	180	3.02
A tourism destination for visitors wanting an authentic Maine experience	4.97% 9	4.42% 8	16.57% 30	22.65% 41	51.38% 93	181	1.89

Q17 What do you believe should be Ellsworth's top three (3) priorities for improving its business districts (e.g., Main Street, High Street, Industrial Park, etc.)?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses
Fill empty storefronts, malls, and the industrial park before any further expansion/sprawl	73.12% 136
Increase parking	8.60% 16
Decrease traffic congestion	27.42% 51
Redevelop Water Street with emphasis on riverfront access, visibility and public uses	54.84% 102
Improve sidewalks and crosswalks	20.43% 38
Recruit small manufacturers and service firms	25.27% 47
Recruit franchises	11.29% 21
Support a diversity of retail shopping and businesses	45.70% 85
Enhance storefronts, streetscapes and landscaping	23.12% 43
Other (please specify)	10.22% 19
Total Respondents: 186	

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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Support artists and art organizations, i.e. visual arts, dance, and music	11/22/2015 9:18 PM
2	fix the rt3 cluster from the one way embarrassment	11/21/2015 2:01 PM
3	Attract businesses where people work and stay downtown for lunch/ dinner	11/13/2015 8:26 AM
4	Maybe more grants for small businesses	11/11/2015 10:24 AM
5	No "right on red" allowed at the Main/Water Street intersection to make it easier for pedestrian to cross.	11/10/2015 1:51 PM
6	Get rid of Maine Coast Mall owner and start bringing in stores!	11/10/2015 8:36 AM
7	no more big box stores please!	11/9/2015 8:28 PM
8	Think about what ellsworth needs so folks want to live there-maby incredible edible?	11/7/2015 7:06 AM
9	get the huge dumptrucks out of downtown	11/4/2015 7:57 AM
10	There is no third choice	11/3/2015 9:10 AM
11	affordability	11/2/2015 3:44 PM
12	public restrooms	11/2/2015 11:47 AM
13	In what town have you ever not scene business grow around home depots or super walmart? Only in Ellsworth, Maine we need to yet go some of the dumb rules and regs and yet business grow. Get off the high horse and act like a large town not a small city	11/1/2015 8:36 AM
14	Consider more expansion on Rt 1	10/30/2015 8:18 PM
15	Stop spending money and lower taxes	10/30/2015 4:27 PM
16	Update and bring some common sense into Fire and building code to better utilize vacant buildings.	10/30/2015 3:47 PM
17	Develop coastal Maine aesthetic taking advantage of year-round community and service offerings and move away from strip mall mentality that characterizes most people's impression of Ellsworth from High Street and develop the Riverfront/Waterstreet/State street corridor to be a focal point for the city's image and vibe.	10/30/2015 2:25 PM
18	REPAIR THE ROADS!!!!	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
19	Take down old unused builds & fix up used lots.	10/30/2015 1:51 PM

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Q18 What types of new businesses or services would you like to see in Ellsworth in 2025?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 89

#	Responses	Date
1	Higher end retail	11/29/2015 5:23 PM
2	IT. Business services	11/27/2015 8:29 AM
3	Really nice conference center and vibrant, cultural waterfront.	11/25/2015 2:09 PM
4	Office supply store, more ethnic restaurants, a bookstore	11/24/2015 5:53 PM
5	An Ellsworth Arts Commission	11/22/2015 9:18 PM
6	Outlets.. Ellsworth would be a great outlet destination for downeast. We would pull tourism, farther downeast shoppers, and we wouldn't have to go to Bangor to shop	11/21/2015 8:31 PM
7	STEM positions that pay a decent wage, JAX salaries are too low to retain people	11/21/2015 12:09 PM
8	Local artists, good and not crazy expensive grocery/deli, ethic restaurants	11/21/2015 11:37 AM
9	Restaurants and retail clothing stores	11/21/2015 10:00 AM
10	restaurants, hobby shops.	11/21/2015 7:19 AM
11	"Hannaford To Go", large chain restaurants, Movie Theater back up and running	11/21/2015 7:15 AM
12	A small college	11/20/2015 10:53 PM
13	Movie theater. Shuttle to Bangor Airport. Public rest station downtown!	11/20/2015 10:04 PM
14	More retail and restaurants.	11/20/2015 9:42 PM
15	Shopping destination for Downeast. Club shopping and outlet stores.	11/20/2015 9:33 PM
16	More restaurants and dining.	11/20/2015 9:09 PM
17	bookstore	11/20/2015 6:46 PM
18	.	11/20/2015 10:10 AM
19	Some good restaurants	11/20/2015 8:30 AM
20	Retail, retail retail	11/18/2015 8:13 AM
21	Any business that encourages the youth to receive the highest quality education and then remain in the area in successful jobs to give back to the community	11/17/2015 3:30 PM
22	a town that provides what local people need outside of big box emptiness: because of our location Ellsworth can support surrounding areas with small businesses: captains and crews, quality landscapers, printing companies, green clothing manufacturers, food services, legal services, medical facilities hub, sports hub and retail (like Cadillac is a good example).	11/16/2015 12:01 PM
23	local, sustainable,	11/16/2015 10:13 AM
24	Boat tours, office supplies, bookstores.	11/16/2015 7:11 AM
25	large employers, such as the Jackson Lab	11/15/2015 6:35 AM
26	natural food center	11/14/2015 5:15 AM
27	Expansion of JAX Lab.	11/13/2015 4:07 PM
28	More activity in the theater/ music venues. Boutique hotel. Coffee shop. Artisinal restaurant. Like to see the kind of local based, quality development that has been happening in Rockland (and somewhat in Belfast and Camden) move on up the coast into Ellsworth. Not more big boxes. Not chain stores or chain hotels.	11/13/2015 8:26 AM
29	RESTURANTS	11/12/2015 6:35 PM

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30	Bigger Variety of Restaurants, a large scale meeting venue/conference center, bigger regional university presence (ie. EMCC, Husson, etc.0	11/12/2015 3:51 PM
31	call centers, insurance/ legal processing IT hubs, manufacturing, energy R/D	11/12/2015 2:13 PM
32	LOCAL businesses. Not so many chains. Target would be nice, though. More outdoor activities. SAFE. More stuff on the waterfront. PARKS	11/11/2015 4:49 PM
33	Retirement Condominium Development on Water Street	11/11/2015 11:19 AM
34	Healthy eating places, nice clothing stores and event centers for teens	11/11/2015 10:24 AM
35	Niche Services based business, less focused on the tourists	11/10/2015 3:28 PM
36	restaurants (not fast food), cafes, pubs, bakery, clothing stores, art galleries, evening art school	11/10/2015 1:51 PM
37	Clothing stores	11/10/2015 12:48 PM
38	Ellsworth needs more shopping. Wal Mart isn't cutting it. We also need more popular franchise restaurants, names that everyone recognize but NOT fast food	11/10/2015 12:26 PM
39	Public transportation in metro/business area w/hubs at Washington Jct, Bar Harbor Rd, Ells Falls, No Ells & Bkspt Rd.	11/10/2015 12:24 PM
40	More diverse shopping/eating	11/10/2015 12:22 PM
41	Restaurants, retail, theater..	11/10/2015 11:59 AM
42	Increased independently-owned dining/bar options; independently-owned clothing/shoe stores.	11/10/2015 10:50 AM
43	Call centers and small production	11/10/2015 9:00 AM
44	bookstore restaurants	11/10/2015 8:43 AM
45	Indian restaurant, casino, and "LOWES"	11/10/2015 8:36 AM
46	Bakery, Grasshopper-type stores, book/magazine store	11/10/2015 8:32 AM
47	A real conference and events center with break out rooms. Much like SERC. Places for recreational activities indoors, an Ice Skating rink. Investments in high quality activities and education for very young children, childcare, (Families won't stay if they don't believe their children have opportunities) and teen-agers - invest in the Grand, the Y, CFO, arts activities, etc.	11/10/2015 8:28 AM
48	Small businesses to fill downtown and mall. Like Bass outlet	11/10/2015 6:20 AM
49	Kayaking, food trucks, small shops and cafes.	11/9/2015 9:00 PM
50	More diverse selection of restaurants. A good/unique movie theater.	11/9/2015 8:53 PM
51	Small businesses, independently owned restaurants, food stalls.	11/9/2015 8:28 PM
52	more technology companies	11/9/2015 8:22 PM
53	More elderly housing. Better quality restaurants.	11/9/2015 7:04 PM
54	Technology, outdoor recreation goods and services/manufacturing.	11/9/2015 2:24 PM
55	Retail and recreational opportunities for all ages	11/9/2015 12:32 PM
56	Medical and Biomedical	11/9/2015 12:30 PM
57	bio tech healthcare and small industry	11/9/2015 12:26 PM
58	clothing home goods fabric stores	11/9/2015 12:24 PM
59	restaurants, movie theaters,	11/9/2015 10:46 AM
60	Small family owned businesses to support "local" products and services	11/9/2015 10:32 AM
61	kayak racks on the waterfront would be nice for locals to pay a fee to store their kayaks there monthly, weekly or seasonally wooded, paved bike paths that connect Bayside Road with High Street and Maine Street and don't endanger bicyclists	11/8/2015 8:28 AM
62	A wider variety of retail - higher end stores and goods. More businesses that involve activity/creativity - not just recreation rentals like boats, etc, but a nice sports bar/restaurant with space for people to gather and enjoy community; something like a "color me mine."	11/8/2015 8:07 AM
63	Nice dinner resteraunt , unique shops	11/7/2015 7:26 AM

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64	Need to think about this- milbridge is doing interesting actions to shape their town to be a place people want to live nt trying fora touist destination. They started the community gardens, have the whrc etc	11/7/2015 7:06 AM
65	Everything that negates the need to go to Bangor!	11/6/2015 9:43 AM
66	I would like to see some smaller businesses which can compete with the larger stores like Wall Mart and offer better quality clothing, shoes, etc.	11/5/2015 5:43 PM
67	manufacturing, niche businesses,	11/5/2015 12:02 PM
68	Outlets, Trades and products indigenous to the area/Maine, Satellite support stations (call centers, distributors) to global, Tech industry (all types), Educational centers expanding on Maine and National programs, becoming a part of a pipeline for existing entrenched and successful platforms.	11/5/2015 9:44 AM
69	Manufacturing, Wholesale distribution, Marine Services	11/5/2015 7:14 AM
70	variety of retail stores, movie theater, more restaurants	11/4/2015 10:32 PM
71	Senior Housing...much like Birch Bay in Bar Harbor...independent living, beautifully landscaped...close to downtown.	11/4/2015 6:46 PM
72	New eateries, different choices. Clothing stores. Planet Fitness or another type of gym	11/4/2015 2:41 PM
73	Target, a Bullmoose type store, less chain restaurants, more locally owned shops and businesses.	11/4/2015 1:55 PM
74	I would love to see a Brewery move into the riverfront. More stores to fill in empty storefronts both big box (like Target) and one of a kind stores. I love to see more biomedicine companies. I'm excited for Jackson Labs to fully utilize their Ellsworth space.	11/4/2015 1:39 PM
75	Office supply store, a couple more restaurants (non fast food), more clothing stores, new cinema.	11/4/2015 12:12 PM
76	More department stores or restaurants	11/4/2015 10:41 AM
77	small retail stores	11/4/2015 8:29 AM
78	more diverse shopping downtown	11/4/2015 7:57 AM
79	Big Chain Restaurants (Olive Garden, Applebee's, Ruby Tuesday's, STARBUCKS, etc)	11/3/2015 8:46 PM
80	Retail shopping.	11/3/2015 2:24 PM
81	More clothing stores	11/3/2015 2:24 PM
82	More restaurants, pubs, social places	11/3/2015 12:25 PM
83	Office support services such as printing and office supplies.	11/3/2015 10:46 AM
84	Retail clothing	11/3/2015 10:23 AM
85	Retail, including clothing.	11/3/2015 9:10 AM
86	more retail based stores, not food more small manufacturers more entrepreneurs	11/2/2015 4:15 PM
87	a decent restaurant.	11/2/2015 3:44 PM
88	a major retail catalog company that shipped and warehoused in Ellsworth. Mid toHigh end hotel with restaurant on site Conference/Event Center	11/2/2015 3:03 PM
89	Specialty clothing	11/2/2015 2:52 PM
90	Tech industries, professional services, businesses promoting clean energy	11/2/2015 2:27 PM
91	Small manufacturing/food business; artist co-op work space	11/2/2015 2:00 PM
92	Light manufacturing or industrial uses	11/2/2015 1:51 PM
93	Manufacturing, as it would create many jobs in one area. More small businesses for clothing, home goods, etc	11/2/2015 1:03 PM
94	Card store/gifts (like Mr. Paperback). Clothing! A true health food store.	11/2/2015 1:00 PM
95	Retail	11/2/2015 12:17 PM
96	More small independent shops.	11/2/2015 11:51 AM
97	any	11/2/2015 11:47 AM
98	Major employers, type doesn't matter.	11/2/2015 11:32 AM
99	More restaurants, shopping, and creative economy jobs	11/2/2015 11:26 AM

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100	small -mid size businesses.	11/2/2015 11:09 AM
101	Movie theater, clothing store	11/2/2015 11:08 AM
102	Waterfront restaurant and marina at the town dock	11/2/2015 11:03 AM
103	public transportation,	11/2/2015 9:15 AM
104	Ethnic restaurants, More Breakfast options, Better bike/run/walk access around ALL of Lake Leonard (particularly the rte 1A portion)	11/1/2015 7:49 PM
105	small, upscale shops & restaurants bookstore movie theatre	11/1/2015 10:11 AM
106	Any, at the rate the official's are going this town will be broke and up for sale in no time. A change of the official's are long past do. We need a City Manager to call Ellsworth home and not live out of town. We also don't need a puppet that the official's can use. WE also need to replace dep't heads that use Ellsworth for personal gain.	11/1/2015 8:36 AM
107	Small manufacturing, biotech, retail	10/31/2015 7:44 PM
108	publications	10/31/2015 9:39 AM
109	Something like the Grasshopper, small shops, NOT big box stores!!! I have never stepped foot into the Ellsworth Walmart and hope I never will.	10/31/2015 5:45 AM
110	I would like to see a Target, a Hannaford supermarket, a large bookstore like BAM!, and a more conveniently placed McDonald's.	10/30/2015 10:26 PM
111	more upscale stores	10/30/2015 8:13 PM
112	Bookstore, office supplies, Target	10/30/2015 5:07 PM
113	Lower taxes so small businesses can stay in business	10/30/2015 4:27 PM
114	more businesses needing skilled workers that get decent benefits and pay, non big box retail	10/30/2015 3:51 PM
115	Movie Theatre with stadium seating, an Olive Garden and a Community Center for everyone.	10/30/2015 3:47 PM
116	a bigger variety of shops, more small businesses	10/30/2015 3:35 PM
117	Tech firms (start ups, consulting companies), locally owned and operated businesses created by residents.	10/30/2015 3:24 PM
118	more clothing stores-specialty stores-not grocery stores	10/30/2015 3:07 PM
119	Convention center	10/30/2015 2:56 PM
120	Tech/Bio tech & more retail outlets to draw outside dollars and foot traffic. Compete more directly with Bar Harbor.	10/30/2015 2:25 PM
121	recreation based businesses. There is nothing to do in Ellsworth.	10/30/2015 2:20 PM
122	Something that stays open past 8pm...	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
123	Bakery, clothing	10/30/2015 2:03 PM
124	More small business in down town. The large businesses on high street should be of a better quality. Perhaps the university of Maine could have a campus. Or other higher education options	10/30/2015 1:57 PM
125	movie theater, kid friendly stores and activities, family friendly museum, men's clothing, women's clothing,	10/30/2015 1:48 PM
126	Book store, more entertainment-related venues	10/30/2015 1:43 PM
127	Restaurant/pub/brewery on the Riverfront	10/30/2015 9:23 AM
128	STEM based businesses, back-office operations, and individual entrepreneurs	10/29/2015 8:09 PM
129	National chain restaurants Movie theaters Ice skating arena/trade show space	10/29/2015 7:51 PM

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Q19 If you had to choose one area of Ellsworth to encourage business development and one area to encourage housing development, where would these areas be and why?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 89

Answer Choices	Responses
Business development area	97.67% 126
Residential development area	90.70% 117

#	Business development area	Date
1	Current downtown, under-utilized as currently configured	11/29/2015 5:23 PM
2	Foster Street	11/27/2015 8:29 AM
3	Fill the storefronts which already exist	11/24/2015 5:53 PM
4	NA	11/22/2015 9:18 PM
5	Rte 3 from Mcdonalds to Myrick St, it used to be a core business segment for the city and since the one way almost all of the businesses there are struggling from reduced traffic and increased difficulty for people to enter and exit the businesses	11/21/2015 2:01 PM
6	Industrial park	11/21/2015 12:09 PM
7	the area where Jordan and the Shellfish company is: what about a boardwalk, and some small shops there, with restaurants and stuff: those big companies can move outside downtown, making traffic easier too	11/21/2015 11:37 AM
8	Put something where the Grasshopper Shop was, and work on the downtown area	11/21/2015 10:00 AM
9	develop the waterfront and downtown main street	11/21/2015 8:46 AM
10	Route 1a Bangor road	11/21/2015 7:19 AM
11	Walmart area	11/21/2015 7:15 AM
12	Area behind Hampton Inn and medical offices with improved road access	11/20/2015 10:53 PM
13	downtown of course..this could be a beautiful little NewEngland village if you close main street off to traffic!!#	11/20/2015 10:04 PM
14	Maine Coast Mall- the movie theater and several businesses have recently moved out. It's no longer a desirable shopping place.	11/20/2015 9:42 PM
15	High St and Myrick St. These are already used for businesses and should be developed to their fullest potential.	11/20/2015 9:33 PM
16	as per the question above, fill vacant buildings first, i.e. Maine Coast Mall	11/20/2015 6:46 PM
17	Main street	11/18/2015 8:13 AM
18	we have that already, and Merrick streets landscape was all destroyed with the idea of creating more business locations there.... why destroy more of Ellsworth's landscape when we got the areas underutilized... we as tax payers are eventually paying the toll of sewer, traffic lights, more police, fire hydrants.... we do not want to be Bangor or Thomaston!	11/16/2015 12:01 PM
19	Commerce park and Bangor and Bucksport roads more room for expansion and good highway access and utilities.	11/16/2015 7:11 AM
20	along the union river the river is a under utilized area that has been dredged and it you should encourage a waterfront area for restaurants and working waterfront	11/15/2015 6:35 AM
21	close to downtown	11/14/2015 11:54 AM
22	highlight downtown area	11/14/2015 5:15 AM
23	Don't know	11/13/2015 4:07 PM

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24	Main Street - to maintain and foster unique Maine experience that will attract talent.	11/13/2015 8:26 AM
25	Myrick Street	11/12/2015 6:35 PM
26	Walmart/Home Depot area	11/12/2015 3:51 PM
27	along the 3 arteries: Bangor Dr, Bucksport Rd and the Bar Harbor Rd	11/12/2015 2:13 PM
28	Waterstreet	11/12/2015 2:05 PM
29	Main Street	11/11/2015 4:49 PM
30	Main Street, Historically the most logical and attractive alternative	11/11/2015 11:19 AM
31	address parking and accessibility	11/10/2015 5:44 PM
32	Manufactures: outskirts of Ellsworth, Cafes, etc: walking distance to downtown	11/10/2015 1:51 PM
33	Maine Coast Memorial	11/10/2015 12:26 PM
34	Ellsworth Falls, No. Ellsworth-there is nowhere else to go, Bar Harbor Rd is full, and it makes sense to develop the road to Bangor..	11/10/2015 12:24 PM
35	Ellsworth Falls - a area of high traffic volume, but in need of economic renewal and upgraded urban development. Area definitely needs to be reviewed for road widening also.	11/10/2015 12:22 PM
36	Commerce Park	11/10/2015 11:59 AM
37	Kingsland Crossing; Maine Coast Shopping Center; Mill Mall (to fill and redevelop vacant locations)	11/10/2015 10:50 AM
38	Beckwith Hill	11/10/2015 9:00 AM
39	rt 1 north	11/10/2015 8:43 AM
40	Get rid of Maine Coast Mall owner and start bringing in stores!	11/10/2015 8:36 AM
41	Fill existing empty store fronts.	11/10/2015 8:32 AM
42	Fill empty shops	11/10/2015 6:20 AM
43	Main street	11/9/2015 9:00 PM
44	Spruce St - expand the walkable downtown area	11/9/2015 8:22 PM
45	Ellsworth Falls	11/9/2015 2:24 PM
46	Myrick street area - central to outlying towns.	11/9/2015 1:52 PM
47	Myrick street area	11/9/2015 12:32 PM
48	behind timeshares	11/9/2015 12:30 PM
49	Bucksport road, Urban core, business parks	11/9/2015 12:26 PM
50	off main street to make a more complete downtown	11/9/2015 12:24 PM
51	High St./Beckwith Hill (to contain sprawl)	11/9/2015 10:46 AM
52	High Street Rte 1 and 3	11/9/2015 10:32 AM
53	High Street because so many storefronts are empty which gives the wrong message to people passing through	11/8/2015 8:28 AM
54	Main st	11/8/2015 8:20 AM
55	Main St. and High St. - we have so many open stores and people are still building new structures. It's incredibly wasteful and the sprawl is not conducive to city development/community feel.	11/8/2015 8:07 AM
56	Downtown Main Street historic and cultural reasons	11/7/2015 7:26 AM
57	Downtown, High Street because it's already the main shopping/dining area	11/6/2015 9:43 AM
58	Ellsworth Falls in the High Street area.	11/5/2015 5:43 PM
59	beck with hill, already developed but has room for growth	11/5/2015 12:02 PM
60	High street and surrounding areas	11/5/2015 9:44 AM
61	Waterfront, Bucksport Road, Industrial Park	11/5/2015 7:14 AM
62	maine coast mall	11/4/2015 10:32 PM

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63	Main Street...It's the heart of the city.	11/4/2015 6:46 PM
64	beckwith hill	11/4/2015 5:56 PM
65	Reuse existing structures, minimize vacancies	11/4/2015 5:30 PM
66	High Street near the Walmart super center, that area is empty around the Walmart building	11/4/2015 1:55 PM
67	We need to fill in the vacant stores along high street and by Home Depot so that Ellsworth does not look abandoned.	11/4/2015 1:39 PM
68	The maine coast mall is destitute - sad to see it so empty. There is already parking and space there, would make sense to save money on infrastructure by starting there.	11/4/2015 12:12 PM
69	Technology	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
70	Myrick Street	11/4/2015 8:31 AM
71	downtown	11/4/2015 8:29 AM
72	downtown area	11/4/2015 7:57 AM
73	Lots around Walmart because they are shovel-ready.	11/3/2015 2:24 PM
74	myrick way, it's already slightly established and it's a large area	11/3/2015 12:25 PM
75	Downtown	11/3/2015 10:46 AM
76	Myrick Street. Vacant too long	11/3/2015 10:23 AM
77	High Street, due to its accessibility	11/3/2015 9:10 AM
78	Stick with the Myrick area for large busniesses, unless it is one that will fill a storefront downtown or in the malls.	11/2/2015 8:44 PM
79	water street	11/2/2015 4:15 PM
80	main street, the core of the town	11/2/2015 3:44 PM
81	Hlgh Street and Route 1A Bangor road	11/2/2015 3:03 PM
82	Downtown	11/2/2015 2:52 PM
83	Beckwith Hill	11/2/2015 2:27 PM
84	upper main street - provide walk-able retail and food to hospital vistors and staff, room for more "downtown" feel to go with lower main street	11/2/2015 2:00 PM
85	Expansion of High Street corridor; main business section now	11/2/2015 1:51 PM
86	Revitalize the Maine Coast Mall!	11/2/2015 1:00 PM
87	High Street	11/2/2015 12:17 PM
88	Main Street Downtown	11/2/2015 11:51 AM
89	diwntown	11/2/2015 11:47 AM
90	Water Street	11/2/2015 11:32 AM
91	main street	11/2/2015 11:26 AM
92	Our existing commercial properties! No need to add new ones when we have many vacant.	11/2/2015 11:09 AM
93	main street/downtown	11/2/2015 11:08 AM
94	Just beyond Mardens near the town line of Trenton	11/2/2015 11:03 AM
95	downtown and waterfront area	11/2/2015 9:15 AM
96	Intersection of 1A, Christian Ridge and Rte 82	11/1/2015 7:49 PM
97	Main Street	11/1/2015 10:11 AM
98	High Street. Look at it. Common sense. Also who in hell allowed U.S. Cellular to build so close to high st. That was a one dumb ass mistake.	11/1/2015 8:36 AM
99	Existing business and industrial parks,Bucksport Road	10/31/2015 7:44 PM
100	Myrick St.	10/31/2015 10:39 AM
101	downtown	10/31/2015 9:39 AM

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102	There is plenty already, keep it where it all is now.	10/31/2015 5:45 AM
103	Bucksport Road, to expand city out that direction, very underutilized though so close to Main St.	10/31/2015 5:22 AM
104	Rt 1 to wards Bucksport to divert more traffic from 1A	10/30/2015 8:18 PM
105	Main Street	10/30/2015 8:13 PM
106	in outer areas	10/30/2015 5:07 PM
107	Myrick Street-fill slated retail space	10/30/2015 4:13 PM
108	Bangor Road	10/30/2015 3:51 PM
109	Fill the vacant spaces in the malls and empty buildings. Stop the insane fire codes building codes for 1 and 2 story buildings.	10/30/2015 3:47 PM
110	rt 180 and the myrick st area	10/30/2015 3:44 PM
111	State Street: empty fronts that can be filled	10/30/2015 3:24 PM
112	waterfront	10/30/2015 3:07 PM
113	Downtown	10/30/2015 3:06 PM
114	Bangor Road, some infrastructure already there could extend. attractive to traffic coming into town.	10/30/2015 2:56 PM
115	Improve aesthetic and foot traffic of High Street and develop coastal Maine vibe along Downtown River corridor.	10/30/2015 2:25 PM
116	High Street - empty stores in the "Mall"	10/30/2015 2:20 PM
117	Bangor road, It is a main artery to bangor(business)and Bar Harbor(recreation) ease of shipping/recieving	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
118	Walmart -Home Depot area	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
119	Bucksport Road	10/30/2015 2:01 PM
120	downtown is the future for ellsworth it will set it apart	10/30/2015 1:57 PM
121	Keep in the Walmart and Home Depot plazas	10/30/2015 1:51 PM
122	High Street, Main Street, there is still plenty of room to put new business in these areas.	10/30/2015 1:48 PM
123	Myrick St area	10/30/2015 1:43 PM
124	Myrick Street Area - make it more of a commercial shopping area (bring in a Target and an Olive Garden).	10/30/2015 9:23 AM
125	waterfront	10/29/2015 8:09 PM
126	Main; High; Water; Beechland; Myrick; State; Bucksport Rd.	10/29/2015 7:51 PM
#	Residential development area	Date
1	Waterfront- would be a magnet for more people to come to Ellsworth	11/29/2015 5:23 PM
2	North Main	11/27/2015 8:29 AM
3	Out toward Ellsworth Falls within walking distance of downtown	11/24/2015 5:53 PM
4	NA	11/22/2015 9:18 PM
5	Rt 1A corridor	11/21/2015 12:09 PM
6	around the lake/reservoir	11/21/2015 11:37 AM
7	Not sure at the moment	11/21/2015 10:00 AM
8	housing for the elderly and also transitional and permanent housing for the homeless.	11/21/2015 8:46 AM
9	Beechland road	11/21/2015 7:19 AM
10	East Main St to Washington jct	11/20/2015 10:53 PM
11	Apartments above the downtown businesses	11/20/2015 10:04 PM
12	Housing could easily be developed along the new stretch of 180	11/20/2015 9:42 PM
13	Affordable housing is desperately needed in this area. Within walking distance to businesses is best.	11/20/2015 9:33 PM
14	the new Rt 180 toward Otis - because there's lots of space	11/20/2015 6:46 PM

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15	High density closer to town to prevent bottlenecks, having everyone drive to get this or that.... there are plenty of examples in this nation of small towns that function well that seek function rather than sprawl. Can't we follow? We need to sit down with the zoning books and really reinforce that.	11/16/2015 12:01 PM
16	Existing properties for sale in the city. Encourage with programs that rebate new owners for energy and structural upgrades and help avoid the "slumlord syndrome" that seems to take place.	11/16/2015 7:11 AM
17	lakes lane area towards school near the walking path	11/15/2015 6:35 AM
18	washington junction area	11/14/2015 11:54 AM
19	emphasize the small friendly neighborhood atmosphere	11/14/2015 5:15 AM
20	Don't know	11/13/2015 4:07 PM
21	no opinion	11/13/2015 8:26 AM
22	North ellsworth	11/12/2015 6:35 PM
23	North Ellsworth, Branch Pond, Autumn Rd area	11/12/2015 3:51 PM
24	in subdivisions off those same roads	11/12/2015 2:13 PM
25	North Ellsworth	11/12/2015 2:05 PM
26	Water Street, View	11/11/2015 11:19 AM
27	Affordable living for hard working young adults, not low income	11/11/2015 10:24 AM
28	make downtown as accessible as possible to neighborhoods	11/10/2015 5:44 PM
29	Within walking distance of Main Street	11/10/2015 1:51 PM
30	?	11/10/2015 12:26 PM
31	Maine Coast Mall, no new retail business, perhaps apartments will be desirable.	11/10/2015 12:24 PM
32	Bayside Road or Route 1 towards Bucksport	11/10/2015 12:22 PM
33	North Ellsworth	11/10/2015 11:59 AM
34	I don't feel well-informed to answer this section.	11/10/2015 10:50 AM
35	Out Rt. 1A	11/10/2015 9:00 AM
36	riverside	11/10/2015 8:43 AM
37	None	11/10/2015 8:36 AM
38	Don't know	11/10/2015 8:32 AM
39	Church street - able to walk to to retail and services in the urban core	11/10/2015 6:20 AM
40	Close to schools	11/9/2015 9:00 PM
41	bridge hill - easy access to downtown, and easy to avoid tourist traffic in summer	11/9/2015 8:22 PM
42	near downtown for easy access	11/9/2015 6:21 PM
43	Western Ellsworth	11/9/2015 2:24 PM
44	near downtown, park etc	11/9/2015 1:52 PM
45	Bangor and bucksport road areas	11/9/2015 12:32 PM
46	behind Birdsacres	11/9/2015 12:30 PM
47	urban core , Bangor and Bucksport Road	11/9/2015 12:26 PM
48	not sure	11/9/2015 12:24 PM
49	Along State St./Rt. 1A (close to services without crowding existing neighborhoods)	11/9/2015 10:46 AM
50	Ellsworth Falls	11/9/2015 10:32 AM
51	Washington Jnc. Road	11/8/2015 8:28 AM
52	Water st	11/8/2015 8:20 AM

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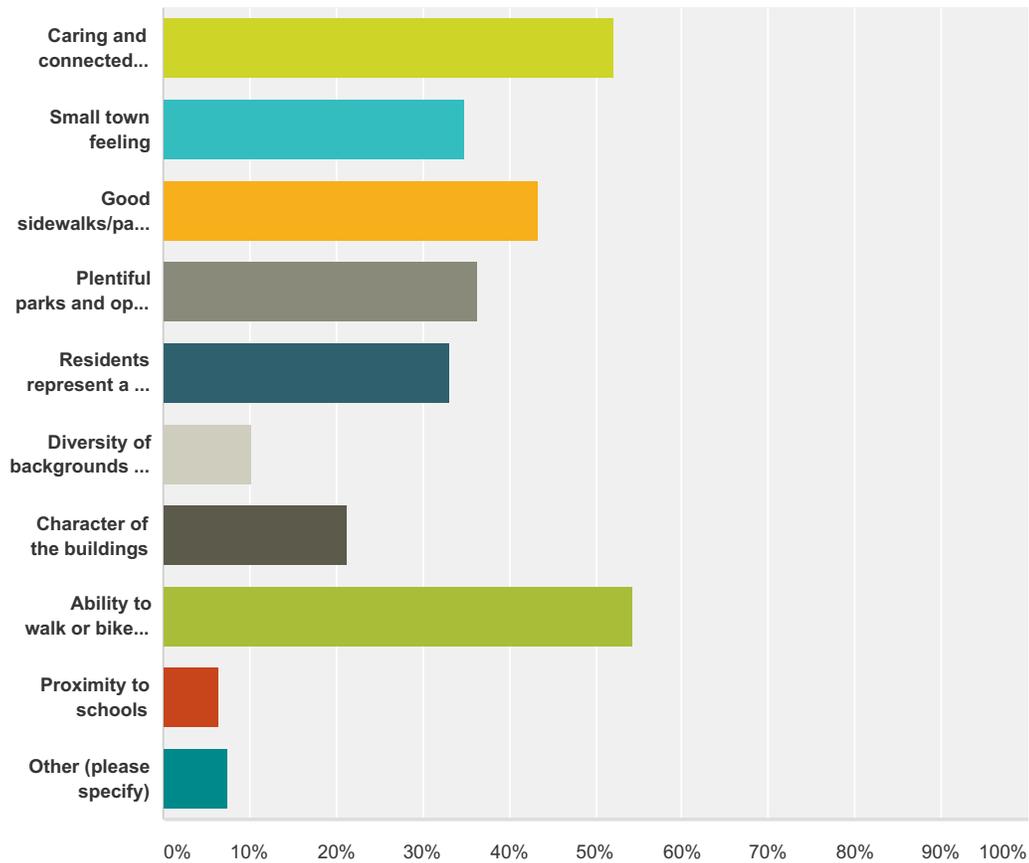
53	The water front - if we can open up residential space on the water front we could increase property value and attract people with more disposable income. Many people commute from Ellsworth to other cities for work, having nice housing near downtown/walking distance would increase business.	11/8/2015 8:07 AM
54	West Ellsworth because there's space to sprawl	11/6/2015 9:43 AM
55	Ellsworth section of the Surry Road.	11/5/2015 5:43 PM
56	am not sure	11/5/2015 12:02 PM
57	Downtown and waterfront	11/5/2015 9:44 AM
58	Christian Ridge Road, Bangor Road	11/5/2015 7:14 AM
59	along river	11/4/2015 10:32 PM
60	Not sure, but I would like to walk into downtown area.	11/4/2015 6:46 PM
61	Christian ridge	11/4/2015 5:56 PM
62	In urban core, encourage a walkable city	11/4/2015 5:30 PM
63	There is definitely a need for more affordable rentals. I'm not sure where to do this, but I would not want to encourage further sprawl.	11/4/2015 1:39 PM
64	Bangor rd has some good possibilities, and would put some commuters more central	11/4/2015 12:12 PM
65	Schools	11/4/2015 11:48 AM
66	Bucksport Road	11/4/2015 8:31 AM
67	Water St/Beechland Rd.	11/4/2015 8:29 AM
68	branch pond area	11/4/2015 7:57 AM
69	Bucksport road because there is plentiful land there.	11/3/2015 2:24 PM
70	Water front	11/3/2015 10:46 AM
71	City Core. People want to walk	11/3/2015 10:23 AM
72	Vicinity of hospital. It's close to town, plenty of room to build	11/3/2015 9:10 AM
73	attractive, safe, with lots of green space whether it is for condos or single family dwellings.	11/2/2015 8:44 PM
74	don't know	11/2/2015 4:15 PM
75	I do not know	11/2/2015 3:44 PM
76	More intown development and along waterfront	11/2/2015 3:03 PM
77	Indian point	11/2/2015 2:52 PM
78	North Ellsworth	11/2/2015 2:27 PM
79	"North Ellsworth", Nicolin to Dedham - create residential development to attract new town residents from Bangor Metro area	11/2/2015 2:00 PM
80	North Ellsworth; accessible to Ellsworth and Bangor	11/2/2015 1:51 PM
81	????	11/2/2015 1:00 PM
82	Water Street	11/2/2015 12:17 PM
83	route1	11/2/2015 11:47 AM
84	Bayside Road	11/2/2015 11:32 AM
85	do we really need more residential?	11/2/2015 11:26 AM
86	again, infill developments.	11/2/2015 11:09 AM
87	urban core	11/2/2015 11:08 AM
88	beyond hospital towards Jordans property	11/2/2015 11:03 AM
89	just outside of town	11/2/2015 9:15 AM
90	Lake Leonard/Lake Street/Around Tradewinds	11/1/2015 7:49 PM

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91	downtown	11/1/2015 10:11 AM
92	Anywhere outside of town shopping limits. Makes common sense	11/1/2015 8:36 AM
93	urban areas and within easy access to services	10/31/2015 7:44 PM
94	North Ells. Rt 1a	10/31/2015 10:39 AM
95	central are	10/31/2015 9:39 AM
96	Off the Bucksport and Surry Rd, beautiful land there.	10/31/2015 5:45 AM
97	Off the new extension of 180 to the Bangor Road, near the lake but quick access to Bangor Rd for commuters.	10/31/2015 5:22 AM
98	RT 1 towards Bucksport	10/30/2015 8:18 PM
99	Between Water and High Streets	10/30/2015 8:13 PM
100	near downtown	10/30/2015 5:07 PM
101	North Ellsworth-access to Bangor/Bar Harbor	10/30/2015 4:13 PM
102	Up both sides of Graham Lake	10/30/2015 3:51 PM
103	On the Bangor Road, Bucksport Road or by EMTC.	10/30/2015 3:47 PM
104	between the high school and union street	10/30/2015 3:44 PM
105	Apartments in the downtown area so that people can have an affordable place to live.	10/30/2015 3:41 PM
106	Bayside Road: residential development less likely to congest the route compared to other development	10/30/2015 3:24 PM
107	outskirts of ellsworth	10/30/2015 3:07 PM
108	Bucksport Road	10/30/2015 3:06 PM
109	both the Bucksport Road and the Bangor Road, lots of space.	10/30/2015 2:56 PM
110	Stop locating low income and senior care housing along River corridor.	10/30/2015 2:25 PM
111	Bucksport Rd	10/30/2015 2:20 PM
112	Bucksport Road, is more of a pass through area that has alot of land area available to build communities	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
113	Bangor road	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
114	unsure how to answer this	10/30/2015 1:57 PM
115	I don't know	10/30/2015 1:43 PM
116	Close to Downtown - Apartments and Townhouses	10/30/2015 9:23 AM
117	Central core (near downtown); outskirts (Bangor Rd. & Bucksport Rd)	10/29/2015 7:51 PM

Q20 For you, what are the three (3) most desirable aspects of a great neighborhood?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 34



Answer Choices	Responses
Caring and connected neighbors	52.17% 96
Small town feeling	34.78% 64
Good sidewalks/pathways and safe crosswalks	43.48% 80
Plentiful parks and open spaces	36.41% 67
Residents represent a mix of ages from children to seniors	33.15% 61
Diversity of backgrounds and income levels	10.33% 19
Character of the buildings	21.20% 39
Ability to walk or bike safely to meet daily needs	54.35% 100
Proximity to schools	6.52% 12
Other (please specify)	7.61% 14
Total Respondents: 184	

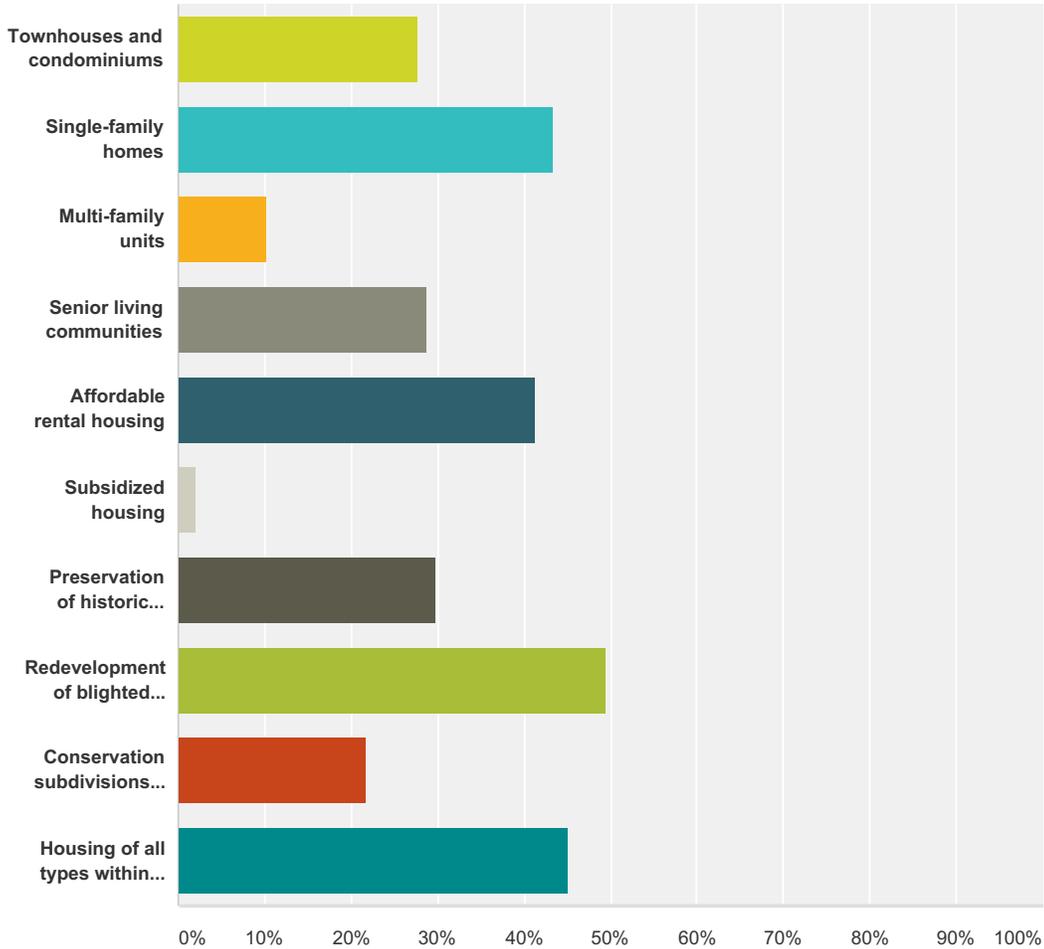
#	Other (please specify)	Date
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1	public transportation system	11/21/2015 8:49 AM
2	all of the above, how can one chose 3?	11/16/2015 12:02 PM
3	clean and well kept homes	11/14/2015 5:17 AM
4	alturnative educational opportunities	11/12/2015 2:51 PM
5	Middle to high income with well kept yards	11/10/2015 6:25 AM
6	preservation of the natural surroundings	11/9/2015 12:26 PM
7	Diverse Entertainment venues	11/5/2015 9:46 AM
8	appearance of buildings and neighborhoods	11/4/2015 2:41 PM
9	Speed tables are necessary to discourage speeding and improve safety in Ellsworth neighborhoods	11/4/2015 1:40 PM
10	Close, but private	11/4/2015 12:13 PM
11	Activity engaging neighbors, creating community	11/4/2015 10:14 AM
12	Close to local ammenities (restaurants, healthcare, grocery store, etc.). The choices above do NOT make a neighborhood desirable to me.	11/2/2015 1:05 PM
13	The cost of living. The more spending that is allowed by the town official's the last people will live in Ellsworth. The people already are moving out. WAKE UP.	11/1/2015 8:41 AM
14	Stop spending money lower taxes	10/30/2015 4:30 PM

Q21 To accommodate Ellsworth residents in the coming 10 years, what three (3) types of housing would you most like to see the City of Ellsworth encourage or allow?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 34



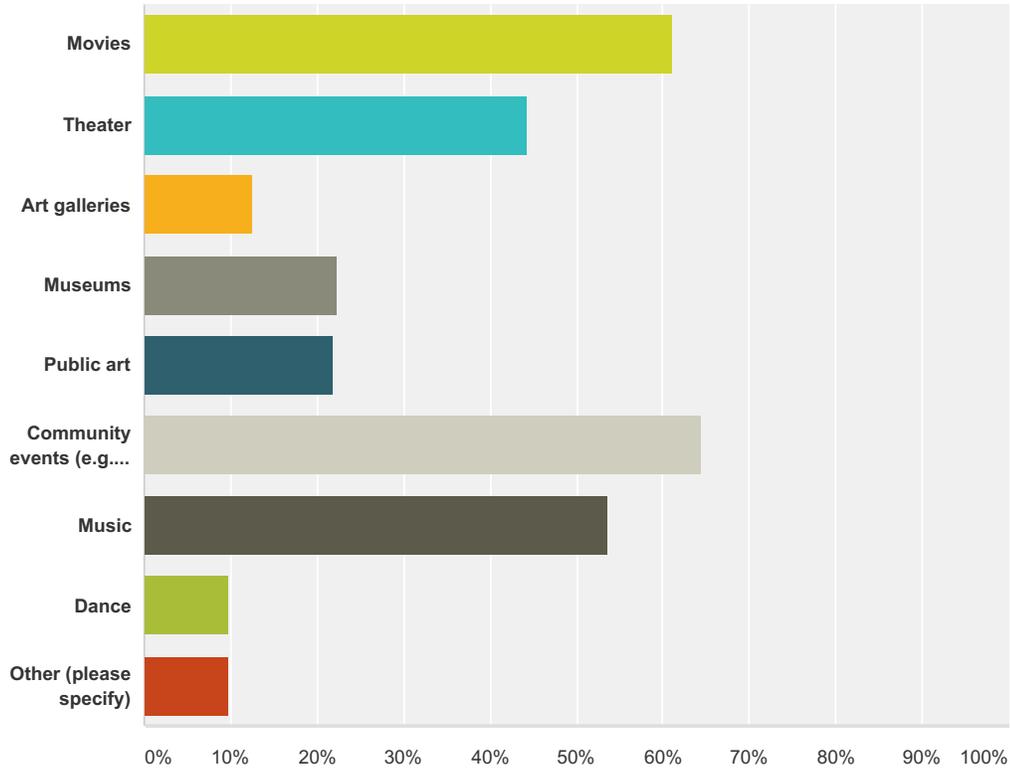
Answer Choices	Responses
Townhouses and condominiums	27.72% 51
Single-family homes	43.48% 80
Multi-family units	10.33% 19
Senior living communities	28.80% 53
Affordable rental housing	41.30% 76
Subsidized housing	2.17% 4
Preservation of historic properties	29.89% 55
Redevelopment of blighted properties	49.46% 91
Conservation subdivisions (homes on small lots with the remaining land left open and protected)	21.74% 40

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Housing of all types within walking distance of Downtown	45.11%	83
Total Respondents: 184		

Q22 What three (3) arts and cultural activities would you most like to see more of in Ellsworth in 10 years?

Answered: 183 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
Movies	61.20% 112
Theater	44.26% 81
Art galleries	12.57% 23
Museums	22.40% 41
Public art	21.86% 40
Community events (e.g., Autumn Gold, Winter Carnival)	64.48% 118
Music	53.55% 98
Dance	9.84% 18
Other (please specify)	9.84% 18
Total Respondents: 183	

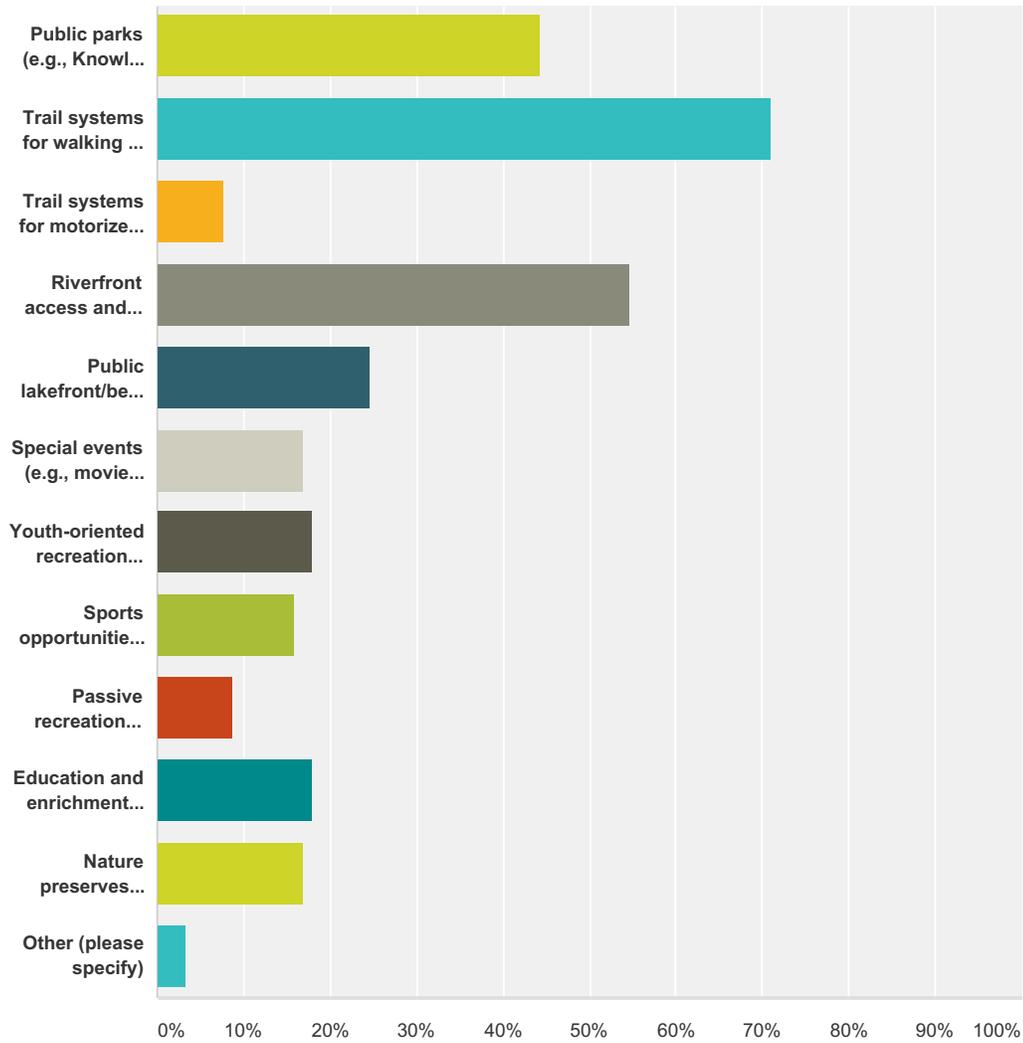
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Ellsworth Public Library renovated and expanded	11/24/2015 6:01 PM
2	Community outreach /service	11/21/2015 8:33 PM

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3	a bar where good live music is played, such as jazz, maybe even classical music: can't we have a place that is not trashy where we can drink and hear good music? :)	11/21/2015 11:49 AM
4	Art education	11/20/2015 10:56 PM
5	we have a vibrant theater.... next option is museum	11/16/2015 12:05 PM
6	The Grand is a valuable Asset	11/13/2015 4:16 PM
7	library	11/11/2015 11:23 AM
8	A Children's Museum! Like the one in Dover NH	11/10/2015 8:31 AM
9	Outdoor music, fairs, celebrations	11/9/2015 8:32 PM
10	a childrens science museum	11/9/2015 8:26 PM
11	Sports arenas/laser tag family entertainment	11/9/2015 5:52 PM
12	Sports Venues, Race Track, Drag Strip, Motocross	11/5/2015 7:18 AM
13	Sporting events.	11/3/2015 2:27 PM
14	Reuse Main street like it use to be. Events Ellsworth use to be the go to place at one time. I remember as a child. Just in the last 10 to 15years Ellsworth has gone down hill. The outside towns see it as a dying town, just a means of travel lanes OUR MILE LONG 4 WAY HIGHWAY that the officials are so proud of and ends as a one road to out of town.	11/1/2015 8:57 AM
15	We have enough of all of these leave it to the private sector	10/30/2015 4:33 PM
16	history	10/30/2015 2:06 PM
17	i would say community events but the ones you list were just really lame. I work in down town and its really ajoke every year it doesnt really draw in the people look to other towns like belfast and bangor i go to those events nevwr the ones in ellsworth	10/30/2015 2:03 PM
18	Downtown outdoor activities (set up outdoor mall areas)	10/29/2015 7:53 PM

Q23 What three (3) aspects of Ellsworth's parks and recreation amenities do you believe are most important to maintain or improve over the next 10 years?

Answered: 183 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
Public parks (e.g., Knowlton Park)	44.26% 81
Trail systems for walking and biking	71.04% 130
Trail systems for motorized uses (e.g., snowmobiling)	7.65% 14
Riverfront access and public usage	54.64% 100
Public lakefront/beach access for swimming/boating	24.59% 45
Special events (e.g., movies in the park)	16.94% 31
Youth-oriented recreation (e.g., playgrounds, skate parks, "bounce house" places)	18.03% 33

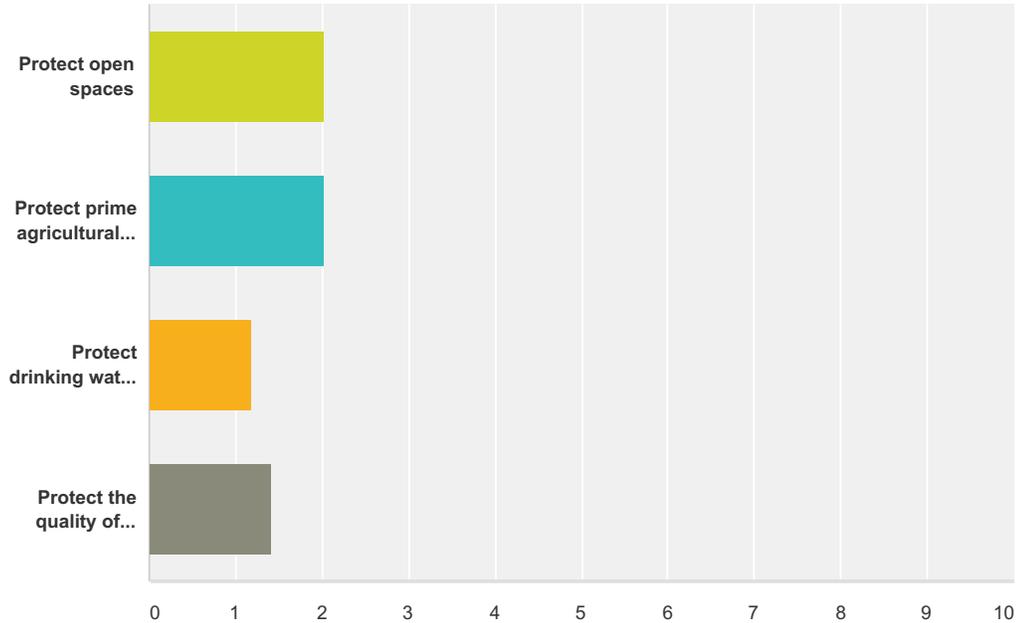
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Sports opportunities (e.g., intramural sports teams, tennis courts, ice skating arena)	15.85%	29
Passive recreation (e.g., picnic areas, bird watching)	8.74%	16
Education and enrichment (e.g., community gardening, arts and crafts)	18.03%	33
Nature preserves (e.g., Birdsacre)	16.94%	31
Other (please specify)	3.28%	6
Total Respondents: 183		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Develop a trail around Ellsworth including a pedestrian bridge at Infant Street. Consider making the Shore Road one way and safer for walkers & runners.	11/24/2015 6:01 PM
2	None.. We have wasted enough money on this	11/21/2015 8:33 PM
3	really all of the above, this is a diverse community.	11/16/2015 12:05 PM
4	Woodlawn	11/2/2015 11:28 AM
5	The officials already give a way water front that could have been used for parking and a nice park. Its time to stop the butt kissing. Stop the cronisim wake up. Stop using Ellsworth for personal gain. This Town belongs to the Towns people not for you to use as you wish. Keep it up and the people will take it back.	11/1/2015 8:57 AM
6	It looks like you want to spend more money	10/30/2015 4:33 PM

Q24 Please check the box that corresponds to the level of importance that you believe the City of Ellsworth should place on the following:

Answered: 180 Skipped: 38



	Very important	(no label)	Moderately important	(no label)	Not important	Total	Weighted Average
Protect open spaces	40.78% 73	24.58% 44	27.93% 50	5.03% 9	1.68% 3	179	2.02
Protect prime agricultural land	41.01% 73	25.84% 46	25.84% 46	3.93% 7	3.37% 6	178	2.03
Protect drinking water supply	86.59% 155	8.94% 16	3.91% 7	0.56% 1	0.00% 0	179	1.18
Protect the quality of surface waters (e.g., lakes and ponds)	69.27% 124	20.11% 36	10.06% 18	0.56% 1	0.00% 0	179	1.42

#	If the City could purchase one area for permanent protection from development, what or where would you like it be and why?	Date
1	Anywhere near water.	11/29/2015 5:29 PM
2	Purchase RF Jordan property and develop a trail along the waterfront.	11/24/2015 6:08 PM
3	NA	11/22/2015 9:24 PM
4	Riverfront	11/21/2015 12:15 PM
5	the waterfront downtown: it is a great area that currently really drags down the downtown: trucks coming and going, plus a look that makes you feel the world ends at the traffic light. Purchasing Jordan and the shellfish and dead river and make that an extension of the downtown - with small art shops, take-away food stands, restaurants, bars, public art, skateboard/ice rink park, and overall a great place to hang out year around will revitalize downtown, bring tourists, and boost economy for small business. It's a key area to make Ellsworth a great place to live and to visit.	11/21/2015 11:57 AM
6	Branch Pond because it's really the only place to swim in clean water in the immediate Ellsworth area.	11/21/2015 10:05 AM

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7	Waterstreet waterfront!!!! Lets turn this area into a park like setting...bird watching, seal watching, boating..etc. Today that whole street riverside is UGLY!!!! and could be so lovely!	11/20/2015 10:20 PM
8	Branch Pond	11/20/2015 9:11 PM
9	riverfront from State St to Bayside	11/20/2015 6:50 PM
10	R F Jordan on the river	11/18/2015 7:46 AM
11	open farm spaces that have huge potential for Ellsworth's future... we are more than just a super store for everyone else, how about if we also recover our historic role of producing food, serving education, having this close to urban space as ancestors did?	11/16/2015 12:17 PM
12	I don't know enough about this to comment	11/16/2015 10:18 AM
13	Waterfront since hardly any "historical use" takes place there it should be devoted to public recreation and tourism. Maybe a museum, even a small one, might be appropriate there.	11/16/2015 7:33 AM
14	branch lake area	11/15/2015 6:38 AM
15	renew and refresh Birdsacre	11/14/2015 5:21 AM
16	Jordan's Construction Co. on Water Street.	11/13/2015 4:22 PM
17	More land by public riverfront harbor, to make it more accessible.	11/13/2015 8:35 AM
18	Downtown area on Waterstreet adjacent to the Union River	11/12/2015 3:55 PM
19	Make parks by the waterfront, but don't build and ruin it. Make it a beautiful place for people to enjoy and relax or walk.	11/11/2015 4:54 PM
20	Not a city responsibility	11/11/2015 11:26 AM
21	waterfront, because it is so beautiful and I like it trash free	11/11/2015 10:27 AM
22	some close to downtown to ensure a small town feel with open spaces	11/10/2015 5:50 PM
23	Riverfront	11/10/2015 12:33 PM
24	Riverfront- look at the hotels sprouting like dandelions in Bar Harbor and Portland, we don't need that.	11/10/2015 12:30 PM
25	Riverfront Access.	11/10/2015 12:01 PM
26	Further protection of land adjacent to Branch Lake Public Forest: To avoid the possibility of future over-development.	11/10/2015 10:59 AM
27	none	11/10/2015 10:01 AM
28	riverfront	11/10/2015 8:50 AM
29	Waterfront	11/10/2015 8:42 AM
30	Reclaim our Waterfront - it is a lovely place and we have the three largest trucking firms there. Just think what an in town hotel would do for the community there Move RF Jordan Maine shellfish Dead River	11/10/2015 6:39 AM
31	In town riverfront. Take advantage of our location and expand the park to include a river walk and bike trail. We need to stop hiding the river behind industrial development.	11/9/2015 9:08 PM
32	The City should have protected the waterfront area now owned by RF Jordan when it had the chance. The Farmland now covered with the new trade with the new Tradewinds should also have been protected. A focus should be on any large undeveloped areas along the Union River.	11/9/2015 9:02 PM
33	Riverfront	11/9/2015 8:35 PM
34	behind High School	11/9/2015 12:36 PM
35	River front property or properties on Water St.	11/9/2015 12:31 PM
36	not sure	11/9/2015 12:28 PM
37	The big farm on East Main Street. We already lost one open field (to Tradewinds) it would be a shame to lose another.	11/9/2015 10:57 AM
38	The Village of Ellsworth Falls, the very history of the community has all but disappeared from Ellsworth's radar. Why, even Mill Street has had it's made changed to Shore Road. Presently there is a piece of land owned my Webber Group. This is a perfect opportunity to take charge of the history of the Falls. I am fearful of allowing Webber to "develop" our Ellsworth Falls community.	11/9/2015 10:39 AM
39	Waterfront because the end toward Maine Street is rather an eyesore from the road, as well as from the water.	11/8/2015 8:41 AM
40	Dont know	11/7/2015 7:10 AM

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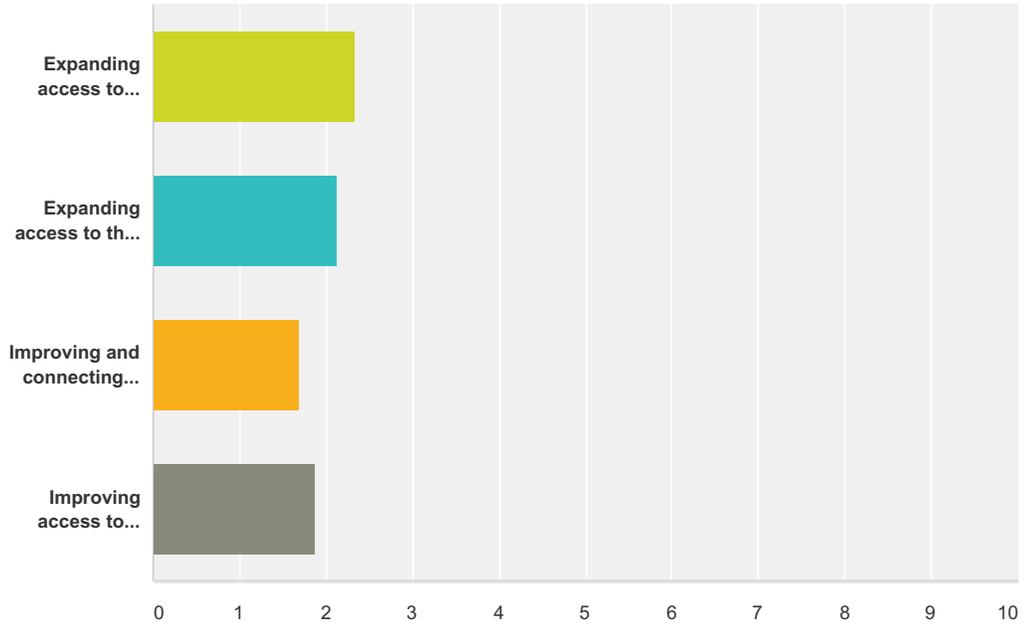
41	Along the Union River!	11/5/2015 5:52 PM
42	Waterfront or forested area for recreational usage.	11/5/2015 9:54 AM
43	The City SHOULD NOT be purchasing more property	11/5/2015 7:25 AM
44	With public access permissible, I would like the river front to be developed sensibly.	11/4/2015 6:53 PM
45	Union river from Graham lake to Harbor	11/4/2015 6:00 PM
46	riverfront	11/4/2015 5:37 PM
47	Something on the riverfront would be amazing.	11/4/2015 1:44 PM
48	Perhaps out on the Bucksport Rd, there are some nice wetlands out that way, a little bog walk idea would be nice...	11/4/2015 12:23 PM
49	the city should concentrate on property to produce tax income while continuing to maintain the quality of the surrounding properties	11/4/2015 8:47 AM
50	Drinking water supply	11/3/2015 10:58 AM
51	Whitney Field. Open area that would compliment residential development around it.	11/3/2015 10:38 AM
52	don't know	11/2/2015 4:17 PM
53	idk	11/2/2015 3:49 PM
54	Water street for park	11/2/2015 2:54 PM
55	Union River shorefront -- from commercial development -- to preserve it for all to use.	11/2/2015 2:43 PM
56	City does not need to purchase any more property.	11/2/2015 1:58 PM
57	The Black House (Woodlawn) estate. However, I believe that IS already protected.	11/2/2015 1:10 PM
58	lake watersheds	11/2/2015 11:52 AM
59	The city already owns enough property.	11/2/2015 11:38 AM
60	The City does not need more land	11/2/2015 11:31 AM
61	RF Jordan and Maine Shellfish and Dead River and every thing in between	11/2/2015 11:13 AM
62	Jordans garage but develop it for retail and restaurants	11/2/2015 11:08 AM
63	Get rid of business blight in the downtown union river area and open it up to tourism and recreation including boating and kayaking. Its Ellsworth's greatest asses representing both historic and Visual significance	11/1/2015 7:57 PM
64	more land in our drinking water watershed	10/31/2015 7:52 PM
65	central area	10/31/2015 9:44 AM
66	Any property along the Union River that becomes available. Keep expanding the Harbor Park. It is already pretty and it could be so much more with walking trails. Very easy to access.	10/31/2015 6:00 AM
67	Leonard lake, having a walking/jogging path that starts at Shore Rd (behind Elementary school) goes to where the bridge used to cross at Infant St/Mill St connection, cross on walking gridge and down Infant St side to end in the middle of Grant St. (Go as far along Grant St as possible until power plant then can walk rest of way into town on safe sidewalk on Grant St). Making a walking loop around Leonard Lake.	10/31/2015 5:32 AM
68	waterfront	10/30/2015 8:21 PM
69	along the Union River	10/30/2015 5:09 PM
70	Stop spending money!	10/30/2015 4:35 PM
71	Riverfront-Make a nice area similar to Bucksport's River walk.	10/30/2015 4:20 PM
72	Water Street from the bridge to the Harbor Park. Most of its an eyesore now.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM
73	waterfront-this is an untapped area with great potential-would love to have a walking path along the river	10/30/2015 3:12 PM
74	RF Jordan property on Water Street and turn it into a park / community events area.	10/30/2015 3:10 PM
75	Realty of Maine location and make it into an entrance way to the city.	10/30/2015 2:32 PM
76	Stabawl Road	10/30/2015 2:10 PM
77	Riverfront behind library	10/30/2015 2:08 PM

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78	The union river because it is beautiful and it needs it	10/30/2015 2:07 PM
79	Water Street Riverfront	10/30/2015 1:52 PM

Q25 Please check the box that corresponds to the level of importance you believe the City of Ellsworth should place on the following:

Answered: 180 Skipped: 38



	Very important	(no label)	Moderately important	(no label)	Not important	Total	Weighted Average
Expanding access to lakefront/beaches	23.16% 41	33.33% 59	32.20% 57	9.04% 16	2.26% 4	177	2.34
Expanding access to the river for boating and other forms of recreation	34.83% 62	30.90% 55	24.72% 44	6.74% 12	2.81% 5	178	2.12
Improving and connecting trail systems	51.40% 92	31.28% 56	14.53% 26	1.68% 3	1.12% 2	179	1.70
Improving access to trails through parking at trailheads and signage	45.81% 82	27.37% 49	22.35% 40	2.23% 4	2.23% 4	179	1.88

#	If the City could expand or improve one area of Ellsworth for outdoor recreation, what or where would you like it be and why?	Date
1	Improvements in all of the above will bring tourism dollars and jobs	11/29/2015 5:29 PM
2	More safe places to walk...loops and circles...a walking trail around Ellsworth.	11/24/2015 6:08 PM
3	Water Street	11/22/2015 9:24 PM
4	Lakefront beaches	11/21/2015 12:15 PM
5	The lake and the area behind the elementary school: there is a beautiful area there, and a sort-of- trail that should be boosted and possibly connected with other trails - going from there, maybe after a swim, to Machias, through the existing trails, would be such an amazing project	11/21/2015 11:57 AM
6	It would be great to have a safer beach in the summer - one that doesn't have crack pipes from the night before. It would really be great to use our park on Water Street on the river and have more events there!	11/21/2015 10:05 AM
7	Along the river	11/20/2015 10:59 PM

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8	Again..the downtown river front!!!! Lets turn this area into a waterfront PARK..for us and tourists!	11/20/2015 10:20 PM
9	Water street	11/20/2015 9:50 PM
10	We got two important corridors - these can be connected now (before we turn into more cement and then have to do more to recover what is possible at this moment) 1 one would be the amazing Water St/Shore Road/Grant Road and Lake with bike safe paths, these corridor can educate about the shellfish that lives in the Union River Basin, so important, it is also a historic site few residents know about, value on that, and it is an integrated waterway that connects Library, State St. all defined by river and its relevance (ecological, human ecology of it, historical, recreational, exercise). The other corridor is BirdsAcre with Bayside Rd and farmland - plenty of assets in the area where Jackson lab could be a part - connecting neighborhoods, preserving green land, connecting farmland and providing agricultural opportunities - those our children need to move up to Washington to find farmland? Can't they stay close to home and produce food and have pathways?	11/16/2015 12:17 PM
11	The existing trail by the rr tracks could have some loops and spurs - maybe partly on existing streets. Could a trail loop that linked Maddocks ave with the Commerce park and the existing trail be an option. A "trail" that circled downtown Ellsworth might be a fun thing that included residential and wooded areas.	11/16/2015 7:33 AM
12	Don't know	11/13/2015 4:22 PM
13	Bicycle trails. There are tons of snowmobile/ ATV trails elsewhere. A "down-east" bike trail will benefit local health, attract professional workers, and high-end tourists. More like Colorado or Oregon, less like Massachusetts.	11/13/2015 8:35 AM
14	Access to the many lakes in the area.	11/12/2015 3:55 PM
15	Harbor Park and boating opportunities	11/12/2015 2:55 PM
16	The riverfront	11/12/2015 12:28 PM
17	Parks.	11/11/2015 4:54 PM
18	As far away from downtown as possible	11/11/2015 11:26 AM
19	expanding access to waterfront.	11/10/2015 5:50 PM
20	Riverfront	11/10/2015 12:33 PM
21	Riverfront-look at Bangor, Belfast, and Portsmouth NH- we could have that.	11/10/2015 12:30 PM
22	As described above: a more cohesive, collaborative and publicized set of trail systems.	11/10/2015 10:59 AM
23	riverfront	11/10/2015 8:50 AM
24	River walk - started but never finished	11/10/2015 6:39 AM
25	The river. It's there, it's beautiful, it's our heritage and should be cared for as such.	11/9/2015 9:08 PM
26	Trails along the Union River.	11/9/2015 9:02 PM
27	Riverfront.	11/9/2015 8:35 PM
28	Water St	11/9/2015 12:36 PM
29	Demeter fields	11/9/2015 12:35 PM
30	Walking and biking paths, signage (way finding) recreation on Waterfront	11/9/2015 12:31 PM
31	not sure	11/9/2015 12:28 PM
32	Where Union River passes under Route 1A. It is a beautiful area there and should be protected and more accessible.	11/9/2015 10:57 AM
33	Bayside Road to Downtown, as well as up through woods to Marden's area/High Street	11/8/2015 8:41 AM
34	The Shore Road.	11/5/2015 5:52 PM
35	Riverfront paths with connectivity to downtown area because it would be a beautiful trail and provide access to options.	11/5/2015 9:54 AM
36	More opportunities for youth recreation, ice skating,skateboarding, cross country skiing, down hill skiing, snowmobiling, bmx bicycling, after-school facilities.	11/5/2015 7:25 AM
37	river front	11/4/2015 10:45 PM
38	riverfront	11/4/2015 5:37 PM

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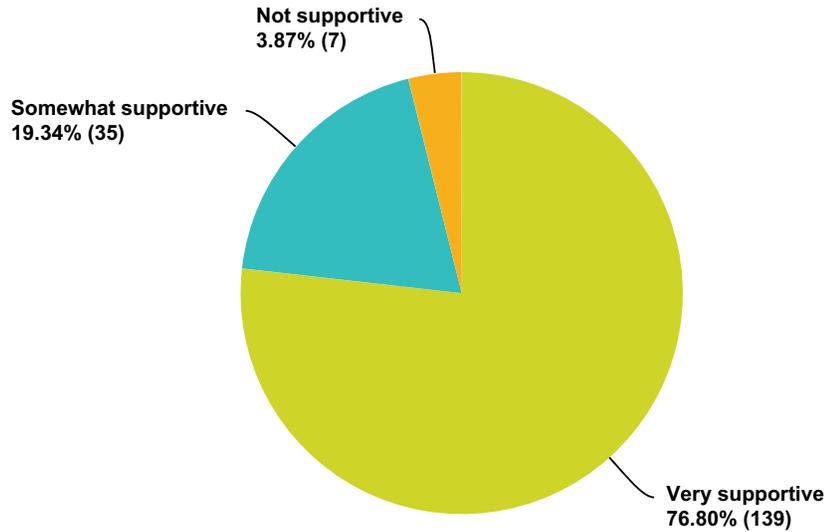
39	The walking trail is excellent. It would be nice if it were expanded more into town.	11/4/2015 1:44 PM
40	Parking for trails, and maybe a better advertising/ map on facebook or the webpage.	11/4/2015 12:23 PM
41	waterfront-it has the potential to draw people making Ellsworth a destination rather than just passing through	11/4/2015 8:47 AM
42	Red Bridge Road. All access trails to Branch Lake.	11/4/2015 8:36 AM
43	riverfront which is non exisitent	11/4/2015 7:58 AM
44	Year round walking trails. Encourage healthy lifestyle	11/3/2015 10:38 AM
45	Water Street because it is such a detracton. Bucksport has done a beautiful job with their waterfront, as well as Bangor and Brewer.	11/2/2015 8:53 PM
46	idk	11/2/2015 3:49 PM
47	Connecting Waterfront to Downtown, so that its a seamless walk with views, and mix of shops housing and food establishments	11/2/2015 3:39 PM
48	Water street	11/2/2015 2:54 PM
49	Union River shorefront	11/2/2015 2:43 PM
50	City does not need to spend any money for this effort. Sufficient access exists now.	11/2/2015 1:58 PM
51	Better use of the Union River.	11/2/2015 1:10 PM
52	waterfront	11/2/2015 11:52 AM
53	Access to Sunrise Trail for ATVs and snowmobiles	11/2/2015 11:38 AM
54	The waterfront/marina	11/2/2015 11:31 AM
55	Waterfront Park. Boating is growing in popularity. Day trippers and overnighters should be encouraged to come by boat.	11/2/2015 11:13 AM
56	The new Schoodic trail system is fantastic and making something along those lines to bike the outskirts of town and maybe connect to the Sunrise Trail. Another one that I've always thought to be important would be to make a bridge across from the Shore Road to Infant Street so you could do that loop without hitting 1A	11/2/2015 11:08 AM
57	See answer to 22. Ellsworth needs to realign business areas to replace with year round recreation area where people live, work and play. Remove strip mall blight - plant trees in the lots and promote smaller rather than big box in the downtown area. Move big box to the outskirts and create neighborhood grocery stores.	11/1/2015 7:57 PM
58	Again as you look at the budget of Ellsworth the cost is to high. WE are not Rockland or Bar Harbor or Portland. These towns and city make more income in a month then Ellsworth makes in a year. Raising tax's will not help it will and you have scene will drive people away. It already has, and there will be more.	11/1/2015 9:21 AM
59	fields for all Ellsworth teams to play and pratice in Ellsworth	10/31/2015 7:52 PM
60	Bike trails! I vacation in areas that have safe bike trails like Fredericton New Brunswick and Northampton Massachusetts.	10/31/2015 6:00 AM
61	Connect the ped/ bike path to Demeyer field. Get kids/adults to walk/ride to the games.	10/31/2015 5:32 AM
62	More playgrounds for children please. Knowlton Park is great, I think there should be another park kind of like that one.	10/30/2015 10:31 PM
63	walking trail along Union River	10/30/2015 8:21 PM
64	Trail systems already in place expanded	10/30/2015 5:09 PM
65	Get rid of the rail road and make an atv trail	10/30/2015 4:35 PM
66	Water Street and around Branch Lake.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM
67	The Blackhouse trails need attention and should be protected.	10/30/2015 3:53 PM
68	Walking trails along the river or help Birdsacre/Black House expand their trails. I prefer to walk/jog in a nature setting.	10/30/2015 3:46 PM
69	I think the only place I've really explored locally has been Branch Lake, because I haven't been familiar enough with any place that's public to go.	10/30/2015 3:40 PM
70	more community advents-festivals	10/30/2015 3:12 PM
71	Develop a high quality signature riverfront park.	10/30/2015 2:32 PM

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72	Lengthening the bike/ped paved path on both ends. At least Main Street to the Rec area fields at the Falls.	10/30/2015 2:10 PM
73	Series of walking paths around the city	10/30/2015 2:08 PM
74	Not sure	10/30/2015 1:47 PM

Q26 How supportive would you be of efforts by the City to redevelop the riverfront with an eye toward ultimately making the riverfront an integral part of the downtown?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 37



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very supportive	76.80%	139
Somewhat supportive	19.34%	35
Not supportive	3.87%	7
Total		181

#	Please tell us why you chose your answer.	Date
1	It will bring tourism to area, and jobs. It's a no brainer.	11/29/2015 5:29 PM
2	I wish for waterfront place to walk and hold public events that is not full of dog poo, condoms and needles. :(11/25/2015 2:14 PM
3	Our waterfront has such wondrous potential. I still deeply regret that the city did not buy the Morrison chevrolet property. Having Jordan downtown is an embarrassment.	11/24/2015 6:08 PM
4	It's the core of the City. If we want people to feel that Ellsworth is more than "that long, straight piece of highway with tons of big-chains stores" we need to develop the riverfront. We need it badly.	11/21/2015 11:57 AM
5	It's a wonderful area, and I feel like I don't go there enough because there isn't much going on.	11/21/2015 10:05 AM
6	The Union River has eagles & osprey flying and fishing , seals swimming, boating, and more. It's a very exciting place to stop and watch but downtown the only place you can do this is standing on the bridge. This is not a very pleasant place to stand for long with the traffic flying by...noise, fumes, and impossible to get to the other side. Oh and the downtown crossing gives one about 5 seconds to get across the street!!!!	11/20/2015 10:20 PM
7	An active waterfront, if done right, can bring the community together. I personally feel more at peace near the water.	11/20/2015 9:45 PM
8	it's a great resource, let's not waste it	11/20/2015 6:50 PM
9	Anytime you can encourage development, that is good. The Riverfront is a beautiful place to start.	11/20/2015 8:32 AM
10	we own a house with land on Water street and use the Marina weekly when we are in Ellsworth	11/17/2015 3:34 PM

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11	Because I was one of those people that actually showed up to one of the hearings about the possibility of developing the Riverfront- there was not much support because of a week vision presented - this idea requires groundwork and support in a community like Ellsworth which likes "business as usual" rather than "business with a vision" - I do not see a whole park on the riverfront, but a mixture of assets owned by community members that maximizes on beauty, that gives public access, and that builds on community - that says we care.... look at Belfast and their walking bridge, more than anything is working towards a concept that guarantees the green healthy access to current young generation - we do not need to choke on what we got so later we can see how to break the tar down - we can start by looking at what we want to preserve and how we direct our own future rather than having businesses directing our own future.	11/16/2015 12:17 PM
12	I answered that in above comments	11/16/2015 7:33 AM
13	the waterfront is an overlooked golden asset	11/15/2015 6:38 AM
14	The Jordan lot would be a natural. They said, they would be willing to move if the City was in a position to include it as a waterfront site.	11/13/2015 4:22 PM
15	It's a very special resource, very close by, but impossible to notice unless you already know it's there. Will bring in boaters and nature-lovers, both to visit and to locate here.	11/13/2015 8:35 AM
16	The riverfront in Bucksport is a good local example. Need space to enjoy the river and celebrate the unique experience.	11/12/2015 3:55 PM
17	The river/Harbor areas represent opportunities for all that make Ellsworth unique. Historical reference/ business development and recreational use.	11/12/2015 2:55 PM
18	The riverfront should have shops and restaurants which I believe would attract many people to the area.	11/12/2015 12:28 PM
19	Waterfront is always an attraction. Something to enjoy. Lets make it more that way. Ellsworth is now just seen as an in between to get to MDI, lets make it beautiful, too.	11/11/2015 4:54 PM
20	only access to the water that we have	11/11/2015 11:26 AM
21	I think it would recapture the feeling of downtown and I think it would draw visitors to patronize businesses in the local businesses.	11/10/2015 5:50 PM
22	Our riverfront is not utilized to the fullest advantage. It is beautiful and should be used as one of the city's best assets for residents and tourists.	11/10/2015 12:33 PM
23	It makes sense.	11/10/2015 12:30 PM
24	Waterfronts are typically integral components of downtown environments. Ellsworth's is underutilized and obscured.	11/10/2015 10:59 AM
25	money	11/10/2015 10:01 AM
26	river is gorgeous; adjacent land often ugly	11/10/2015 8:50 AM
27	It is beautiful and would draw people to visit and live here if I was done well	11/10/2015 6:39 AM
28	It would make Ellsworth a much more attractive place to live and visit.	11/9/2015 9:08 PM
29	Every great city has a river with public access, it is an investment for locals who will use it, and it would make the town more attractive for visitors.	11/9/2015 8:35 PM
30	Parking a bunch of trucks on the riverfront is pretty silly, that land could be much better used by the community.	11/9/2015 8:29 PM
31	perhaps a museum that highlightd Ellsworth's golden past as boat building capital of the world!	11/9/2015 12:36 PM
32	Aesthetics	11/9/2015 12:35 PM
33	the riverfront area could become a destination and needs to be included more in the city as a whole	11/9/2015 12:28 PM
34	The river and its wildlife are exceptional, including the section downtown. Improving access to it & protecting it from development & pollution would make Ellsworth the kind of destination it should be.	11/9/2015 10:57 AM
35	This would depend on what areas of the river we are talking about. Trails along the river would provide for more local activity.	11/9/2015 10:39 AM
36	The riverfront is a key aspect in town that is certainly not being utilized enough. We need to capitalize on what helps make our town unique to the immediate area.	11/8/2015 8:41 AM
37	Its beautiful and i believe access to water should not be limited	11/7/2015 7:10 AM
38	Water street and the Bayside Road have some lovely areas, and with the increase of summer traffic through Ellsworth it would give locals a place to enjoy the beauty of the woods and the Union River.	11/5/2015 5:52 PM

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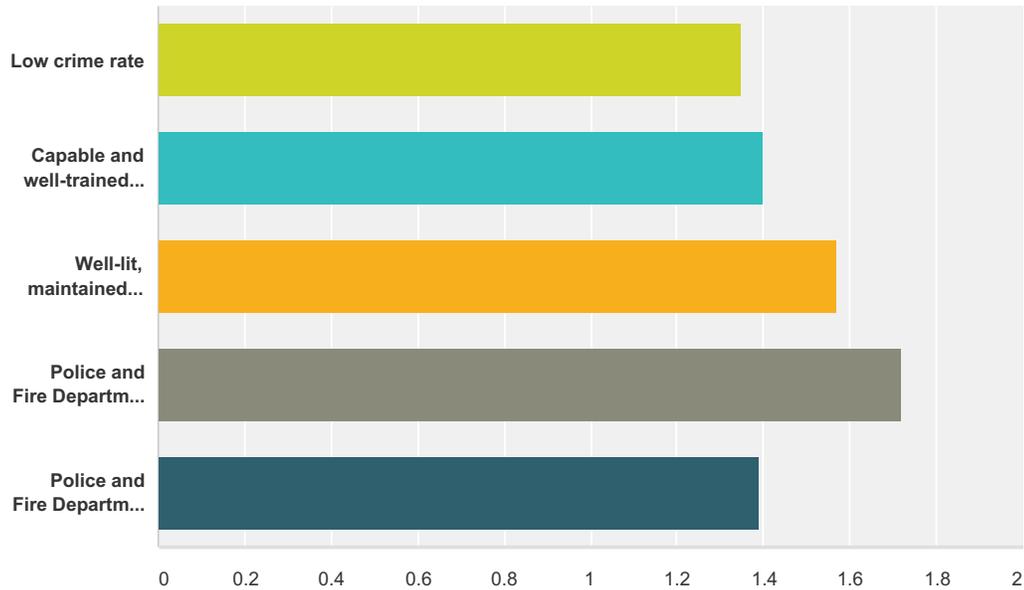
39	People love waterfront paths and accessibility of eateries/shopping. This would provides them with both.	11/5/2015 9:54 AM
40	I would not support anything that would inhibit business use of the waterfront	11/5/2015 7:25 AM
41	I think it would beautify the city and draw people to the city	11/4/2015 10:45 PM
42	Under utilized Downtown resource	11/4/2015 6:00 PM
43	Bucksport, Bangpr. Belfast and other communities have developed their waterfronts. We envy them!	11/4/2015 5:37 PM
44	I feel that it's a waste with the current construction and fuel businesses stationed there.	11/4/2015 1:44 PM
45	The cost of such a plan scares me, our property taxes are already high. If it is done, Ellsworth should cordinate but not really finance (sidewalks etc aside) the project. Also the devoloment should be for businesses to bring year round jobs or industry not just another park. Like a river side restaurant or cafe...	11/4/2015 12:23 PM
46	the waterfront is an undeveloped jem	11/4/2015 8:47 AM
47	ITs a beautiful area with industrial businesses along the riverbank. Town should have bought the property that RF Jordan now owns.	11/4/2015 8:36 AM
48	The inter-connectedness of the river and the downtown is not apparent and is obstructed by the downtown's through-traffic vs pedestrian friendly bend.	11/3/2015 10:58 AM
49	partnership with commercial development combined with river. Hotel with river walking trail would support downtown business/restaurants	11/3/2015 10:38 AM
50	The draw would be immense. Any waterfront community with access to shopping dining lodging or living areas is always a draw for visitors. To connect it to the downtown only benefits both areas.	11/2/2015 3:39 PM
51	Would be terrific	11/2/2015 2:54 PM
52	The riverfront is constantly changing; it is a daily treat to watch the shorefront through the seasons and it would be great to have it more accessible for everyone.	11/2/2015 2:43 PM
53	Good luck getting the Jordans to agree to that	11/2/2015 2:02 PM
54	Towns that are on the ocean in Maine simply do better than those that are not. We may not be on the ocean, but at least there IS waterfront here. There needs to be better access to parking at waterfront park in order to do this.	11/2/2015 1:10 PM
55	should be obvious	11/2/2015 11:52 AM
56	The riverfront is the most beautiful part of Ellsworth full of wildlife that everyone should be able to enjoy.	11/2/2015 11:38 AM
57	It is the past and future economic heartbeat of Ellsworth	11/2/2015 11:31 AM
58	The City had an excellent opportunity to do just this when Morrison Chevrolet moved off Water Street. They let that opportunity get away from them. Let's not let that happen again. We have a beautiful river. We could make a lot more money from it without the commercial blight along its banks.	11/2/2015 11:13 AM
59	Seems to fit this town well for why people would want to spend time here. The river has always been important here	11/2/2015 11:08 AM
60	Its beautiful and completely destroyed by the trucking industries operating in the most visited part of the city.	11/1/2015 7:57 PM
61	Ellsworth once was the largest working water front during the logging industry. Now with that said logging has changed. But if you won't to compare Rockland, Bar Harbor, Portland to Ellsworth by size for salaries, Ellsworth needs to get the water front working. Will the cost out way the means? yes it will. So budget cuts are past due and need to be done on the salaries of dep't heads. These people have been living to high on the backs of the town tax payers for way to long. Its time to put a stop to it. If the officials don't start working for the tax payer, the tax payers will take control just like many towns in Maine has done. Watch out. If you don't think it will happen, keep it up what your doing and you will find out what will happen in the next few years. People are getting out now you just don't want to see it. look at all the empty buildings and store fronts. Look at the Home Depot and Walmart areas. The town isn't people or business friendly. The officials may laugh at this, but that just shows their stupidity and ignorance.	11/1/2015 9:21 AM
62	The riverfront is an incredible asset waiting to be used to the maximum level	10/31/2015 7:52 PM
63	other objectives	10/31/2015 9:44 AM
64	It is potentially a very beautiful area and wonderful attraction. It could be so much more than it is now. Look at Belfast, Bangor and Bucksport! I go to all of these places just to walk along the Penobscot and Passy.	10/31/2015 6:00 AM
65	Another natural resource that we do not fully utilize/appreciate.	10/31/2015 5:32 AM
66	Support only if there is NO increase in taxes!	10/30/2015 8:23 PM
67	Riverfront is one of the most attractive aspects of the city, still undeveloped and possible	10/30/2015 8:21 PM

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68	Who is going to pay for it	10/30/2015 4:35 PM
69	I think most of Water Street is pretty ugly now. It could be a huge asset to Ellsworth.	10/30/2015 4:09 PM
70	They need to stop borrowing and spending money we don't have and quit increasing our property taxes. They spend like there is no limit to our ability to pay for it. Perhaps they should better manage themselves and do more with less. Like their population.	10/30/2015 3:53 PM
71	I like the water!	10/30/2015 3:46 PM
72	When walking or driving through downtown, I generally stick to the section of Main Street between the post office and the intersection at State/Water. It doesn't seem like there's enough by the river to make it worth it to walk around and find out if I'm right or wrong about that. If it were better integrated or if there were more I knew about there, I would make more effort.	10/30/2015 3:40 PM
73	again this is a beautiful area with so much potential	10/30/2015 3:12 PM
74	I think this is a good venture but want to make sure it fits with other priorities.	10/30/2015 3:04 PM
75	Single most important thing the city can do to positively impact all of its other objectives, including economic growth.	10/30/2015 2:32 PM
76	Outdoor recreation	10/30/2015 2:10 PM
77	Right now...all business	10/30/2015 2:08 PM
78	I think it's a great idea as long as you don't just put a playground on it and I fear you will	10/30/2015 2:07 PM
79	It would depend on where and how it was going to be redeveloped; would not want to see it overly developed. Would want to see it blend into the environment and natural surroundings!	10/30/2015 1:59 PM
80	Underutilized asset, great view and recreational value	10/29/2015 8:14 PM
81	The back to the river experiment has been VERY successful in many other towns. real revitalization. So much of our history revolves around the Union River.	10/29/2015 7:56 PM

Q27 Please rate how much each of the factors below will contribute to your feeling of safety in Ellsworth over the next 10 years.

Answered: 174 Skipped: 44



	Very much	(no label)	Somewhat	(no label)	Not at all	Total	Weighted Average
Low crime rate	75.86% 132	16.67% 29	4.60% 8	2.30% 4	0.57% 1	174	1.35
Capable and well-trained Police and Fire personnel	69.54% 121	22.99% 40	6.32% 11	0.00% 0	1.15% 2	174	1.40
Well-lit, maintained sidewalks and walking paths	60.34% 105	25.29% 44	11.49% 20	2.87% 5	0.00% 0	174	1.57
Police and Fire Department visible in the community	51.45% 89	30.64% 53	13.29% 23	4.05% 7	0.58% 1	173	1.72
Police and Fire Department response times	71.26% 124	20.69% 36	5.75% 10	2.30% 4	0.00% 0	174	1.39

#	What else will contribute to your feeling of safety?	Date
1	By bringing in more tourism, it creates more jobs, brings in more revenue, and will reduce crime by being a more educated and diverse town.	11/29/2015 5:37 PM
2	Dealing with the ever growing drug problem.	11/21/2015 8:36 PM
3	Drug reduction efforts	11/21/2015 12:19 PM
4	Lower speeds limit on Oak st, higher speed limit on High st. No engine brakes for trucks on Oak st (the noise is so bad you feel something bad is happening). High st needs also to be redesigned: cars should not be allowed to turn left unless entry and exit lanes are provided. It should become more like Route 1 after the Hampton Inns, where a central lane makes possible to people to get out of the way so traffic can flow. More roundabouts: they are way more efficient than traffic light, and ultimately safer (no stop and go).	11/21/2015 12:07 PM
5	More support of concealed carry and/or open carry by local businesses.	11/20/2015 9:10 PM
6	More firefighters on duty.	11/20/2015 10:18 AM

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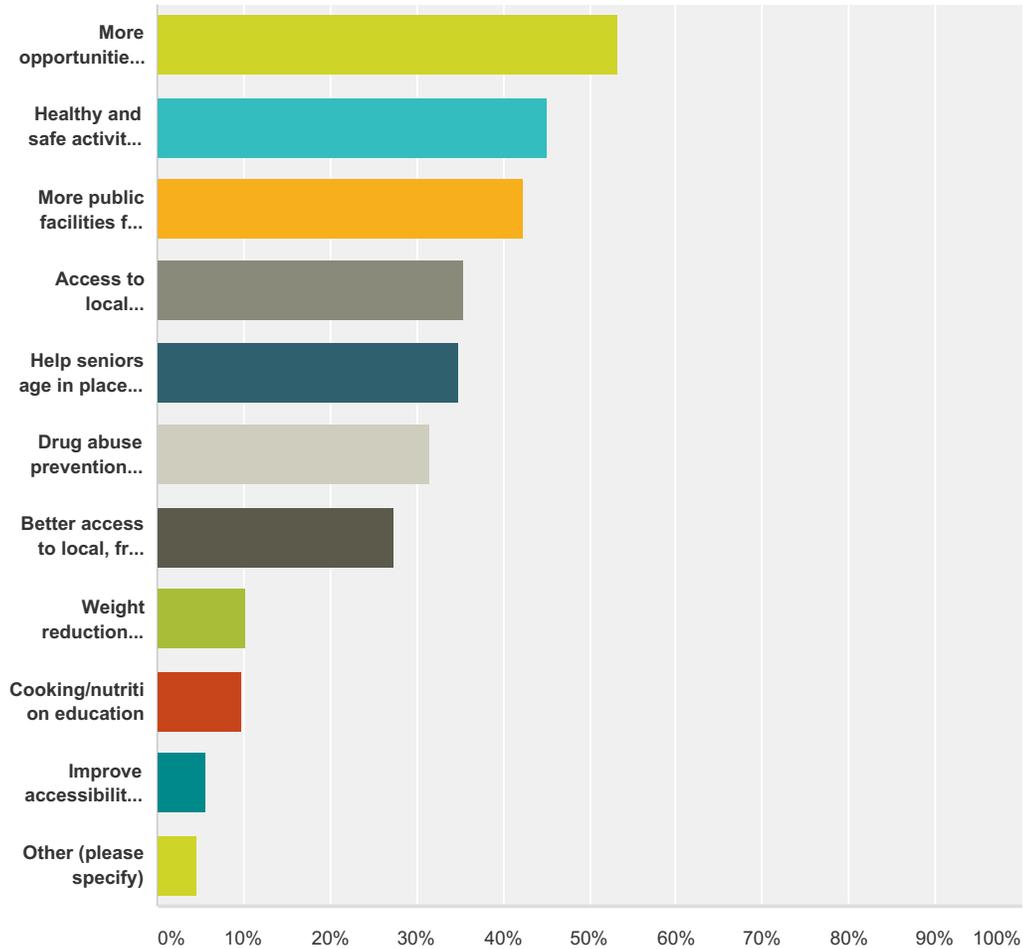
7	more support for drug related illness	11/17/2015 3:36 PM
8	Well lit areas add to light pollution. A safe community does not need to be in daylight during the night.	11/16/2015 12:30 PM
9	C	11/16/2015 10:45 AM
10	Getting to know neighbors and their feelings on this. Maybe results of surveys like this might be "mapped out" for respondents.	11/16/2015 7:43 AM
11	Decrease in the Drug scene !!!!	11/13/2015 4:32 PM
12	Don't feel it's bad. Keep drug rehab facilities out of downtown areas.	11/13/2015 8:42 AM
13	Neighborhood watch	11/12/2015 6:29 PM
14	Getting to know the officers like Chief Coleman has done in the past year.	11/12/2015 3:58 PM
15	Drugs off the street. Far fetched, I know. But higher punishment for them or get them help	11/11/2015 5:01 PM
16	Nothing	11/11/2015 11:32 AM
17	high level of awareness adult sexual violence on the part of all members of the community, particularly police.	11/10/2015 5:56 PM
18	traffic improvements	11/10/2015 8:55 AM
19	Keep up the Facebook presence - it's great.	11/9/2015 8:32 PM
20	good code enforcement building & health inspections	11/9/2015 12:41 PM
21	Rehabilitation approach to drug problem, not aggressively penal.	11/8/2015 8:31 AM
22	A knowledge most folks are working together to make a good home	11/7/2015 7:14 AM
23	Controlling the speeding along City streets like the Surry Road traffic coming through Bridge Hill right into downtown. It's dangerous for walkers and children even with sidewalks in place!	11/5/2015 6:09 PM
24	Community involvement in activities where there is a focus on building "it" together.	11/5/2015 10:05 AM
25	adequate lighting, secure parking facilities. Aggressive control, prevention and prosecution related to drug trafficking activities	11/5/2015 7:32 AM
26	More substance abuse programs for those hooked on prescription drugs. Integrating prevention with enforcement.	11/4/2015 5:50 PM
27	Tackling the drug problem/no drugs in Ellsworth.	11/4/2015 1:59 PM
28	Speed tables in the smaller neighborhoods	11/4/2015 1:47 PM
29	Everyone looks out for each other	11/4/2015 12:27 PM
30	Control of homeless issues	11/4/2015 10:34 AM
31	Less sex offenders and felons in town.	11/3/2015 9:00 PM
32	The people in our community look after each other and I believe that will continue and help to make people feel safe.	11/2/2015 2:51 PM
33	I am very impressed with our local police department! Am very sad to see our Chief of Police leave Ellsworth.	11/2/2015 1:15 PM
34	ending meth use	11/2/2015 11:53 AM
35	Police department doing more to slow down speeding traffic especially on side streets.	11/2/2015 11:43 AM
36	Being able to afford to live here. Not being afraid that taxes will rise 7%+ a year	11/2/2015 11:21 AM
37	Lights - no excuse with LED options available for lighting the whole city and feeder routes. Makes walking/running/biking after dark a much needed option.	11/1/2015 8:03 PM
38	Look all the questions that are asked are all important. Its not going to improve by spending more money for new buildings or equipment.	11/1/2015 10:23 AM
39	good lighting	11/1/2015 10:16 AM
40	An EMS delivery system run by the City not a private business with NO accountability to the community.	10/31/2015 7:58 PM
41	family nearby	10/31/2015 9:49 AM
42	Decreasing congestion on roads in the summer. It is too bad the bypass never happened.	10/31/2015 6:05 AM

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43	Neighborhood annual gatherings (social/pot luck, get to know your neighbors. Agree to watch out for each other. Too many drug busts, someone in these neighborhoods knew this was happening but thought they should 'mind their own business'. Safety is everyones business.	10/31/2015 5:40 AM
44	Better public transportation	10/30/2015 8:27 PM
45	There are too many questionable people walking around, especially downtown. Can be threatening to women.	10/30/2015 5:12 PM
46	Knowing my neighbors. Additional comment is that I believe both police and fire departments are currently understaffed. I feel the schools need a full time resource officer.	10/30/2015 4:18 PM
47	Crack down on drug houses and better police the park for night time drug deals.	10/30/2015 3:57 PM
48	Large community events with city support, like Rotary pancake breakfasts, races, Autumn Gold.	10/30/2015 3:55 PM
49	Knowing there is sufficient personal fir both fire and police department to respond to an incident.	10/30/2015 3:13 PM
50	More constructive things for kids/teens to do after school, etc. to lower the drug/alcohol use, contributing to public safety	10/30/2015 2:04 PM

Q28 What three (3) factors will most contribute to improving the health of our community in the next 10 years?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses
More opportunities to walk and bike rather than drive	53.14% 93
Healthy and safe activities for children	45.14% 79
More public facilities for exercise/recreation	42.29% 74
Access to local healthcare that addresses our highest needs	35.43% 62
Help seniors age in place with safety and dignity	34.86% 61
Drug abuse prevention programs	31.43% 55
Better access to local, fresh produce	27.43% 48
Weight reduction programs	10.29% 18
Cooking/nutrition education	9.71% 17
Improve accessibility for people with disabilities	5.71% 10

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Other (please specify)	4.57%	8
Total Respondents: 175		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Value education and teachers. Our teachers get paid squat for what they do..	11/21/2015 8:36 PM
2	Healthy and safe activities for ALL	11/20/2015 11:01 PM
3	Common sense gun laws	11/20/2015 9:55 PM
4	Educating our kids on the risks of drugs and alcohol - school police.	11/20/2015 8:33 AM
5	all of the above, yet I am not sure why all these options are related to the City. I marked the ones that fall on their realm.	11/16/2015 12:30 PM
6	none	11/10/2015 8:42 AM
7	Public transportation system that accesses all areas	11/2/2015 3:43 PM
8	Who is going to pay for these	10/30/2015 4:38 PM

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Q29 What is the BEST thing about Ellsworth?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 76

#	Responses	Date
1	The downtown can be so much more. If there was a reason for people to come there nightly they would. Movies anyone?	11/29/2015 5:37 PM
2	Vibrant, year-round community	11/25/2015 2:16 PM
3	Small town feel	11/25/2015 1:32 PM
4	It has a small town feeling with a vibrant downtown. It is convenient living here.	11/24/2015 6:50 PM
5	Downtown	11/22/2015 9:26 PM
6	The people	11/21/2015 12:19 PM
7	Small shops downtown, with a year round community	11/21/2015 12:07 PM
8	The small-town, supportive feeling	11/21/2015 10:10 AM
9	Wide open green spaces, trees,	11/21/2015 7:32 AM
10	School	11/21/2015 7:20 AM
11	Us! The people!	11/20/2015 11:01 PM
12	Close to downeastsmall coastal communities.	11/20/2015 10:26 PM
13	Small, safe year round town	11/20/2015 9:55 PM
14	Sense of community.	11/20/2015 9:51 PM
15	Small town	11/20/2015 9:12 PM
16	its size	11/20/2015 6:51 PM
17	It's a good combination of small town and city.	11/20/2015 10:18 AM
18	Business friendly and its potential!	11/20/2015 8:33 AM
19	Economic hub	11/18/2015 8:18 AM
20	The Union River	11/18/2015 7:48 AM
21	The people	11/17/2015 8:58 PM
22	The location to MDI	11/17/2015 3:36 PM
23	The new people that have had the courage to moved in with their small business. The many that have adopted Ellsworth because they want to cut commute time, because of lack of childcare options in rural areas, but that at the same time have shown a new fresh care for making this their community.	11/16/2015 12:30 PM
24	Location to river and Acadia National Park.	11/16/2015 10:45 AM
25	The caring people.	11/16/2015 7:43 AM
26	the community	11/15/2015 6:41 AM
27	small town	11/14/2015 11:59 AM
28	small community neighborhoods	11/14/2015 5:26 AM
29	Downeast village close to Acadia National Park without being on MDI	11/13/2015 4:32 PM
30	Main Street right by the water.	11/13/2015 8:42 AM
31	People	11/12/2015 6:41 PM
32	The enthusiasm for our youth	11/12/2015 6:29 PM
33	as it sits now, Downtown.	11/12/2015 3:58 PM

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34	Harbor Park and community events like Autumn Gold, Rotary pancake Breakfast/ Auction	11/12/2015 2:58 PM
35	the people	11/12/2015 12:31 PM
36	I moved here because its close to everything: groceries, walmart, eye doctors, dentist, crossfit, lakes, etc.	11/11/2015 5:01 PM
37	Its Newspaper	11/11/2015 11:32 AM
38	Small town feel	11/11/2015 10:29 AM
39	A small town that has diverse opportunities and businesses and organizations that work together to strengthen the sustainability of individuals, families, and the community.	11/10/2015 5:56 PM
40	The community truly cares about the success of the area	11/10/2015 3:34 PM
41	Rooster Brother, John Edwards Market, Woodlawn, proximity to Acadia National Park & the ocean, Union River.	11/10/2015 2:20 PM
42	innovative and alive feeling	11/10/2015 1:44 PM
43	Main St.	11/10/2015 12:54 PM
44	Hub of Downeast Maine	11/10/2015 12:36 PM
45	Caring community.	11/10/2015 12:35 PM
46	Sense of community	11/10/2015 12:03 PM
47	Small town feel/sense of connectivity due to it being a regional hub.	11/10/2015 11:02 AM
48	Down town	11/10/2015 10:01 AM
49	Downtown	11/10/2015 9:07 AM
50	Downtown	11/10/2015 9:06 AM
51	old neighborhoods with nice old houses	11/10/2015 8:55 AM
52	Shopping opportunites	11/10/2015 8:45 AM
53	Close proximity to Acadia Nat'l Park	11/10/2015 8:42 AM
54	It has energy and pride. It is willing to look towards the future.	11/10/2015 8:39 AM
55	It's a friendly town	11/10/2015 6:51 AM
56	Main Street	11/9/2015 9:11 PM
57	Central location	11/9/2015 9:06 PM
58	Downtown	11/9/2015 8:41 PM
59	You can get a lot of stuff downtown without driving all over.	11/9/2015 8:32 PM
60	Location.	11/9/2015 7:13 PM
61	The rich history, and beautiful town.	11/9/2015 5:43 PM
62	Small Town	11/9/2015 1:56 PM
63	YMCA	11/9/2015 12:41 PM
64	Community	11/9/2015 12:38 PM
65	people	11/9/2015 12:34 PM
66	charming community (store fronts, historic homes, unique shops) with a small town feel	11/9/2015 12:31 PM
67	The convenience of living here.	11/9/2015 11:06 AM
68	Small town with beautiful natural resources.	11/9/2015 10:45 AM
69	The Grand, restaurants on Main Street, Christmas Parade, Autumn Gold, new walking path (although I wish it were plowed in the winter) and Knowlton Park	11/8/2015 8:53 AM
70	Main st.	11/8/2015 8:31 AM
71	I think that we have the opportunity to preserve the sense of community that is starting to leak away from this community - it is not too late.	11/8/2015 8:12 AM

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72	Small town feel but close to everything	11/7/2015 1:38 PM
73	Cultural growth downtown	11/7/2015 7:38 AM
74	Main st has an improving feel to it-morelike whe n the A&p was there	11/7/2015 7:14 AM
75	Sense of Community	11/6/2015 9:48 AM
76	It's location because it can serve so many small communities whose citizens can enjoy shopping, the restaurants and the Grand Theater.	11/5/2015 6:09 PM
77	Small town, close caring neighbors. vibrant downtown. available services	11/5/2015 12:10 PM
78	Hub location.	11/5/2015 10:05 AM
79	Strategic location as a service and business hub.	11/5/2015 7:32 AM
80	the small town feeling	11/4/2015 10:53 PM
81	It's a year round community. Local businesses and the Grand offer so many opportunities to interact with neighbors and friends.	11/4/2015 6:58 PM
82	Our city government is engaged, inclusive and caring.	11/4/2015 5:50 PM
83	A busy City that is constantly growing.	11/4/2015 1:59 PM
84	It's history and sense of community	11/4/2015 1:47 PM
85	The people	11/4/2015 12:27 PM
86	Community, strong volunteerism	11/4/2015 10:34 AM
87	small town feeling	11/4/2015 8:51 AM
88	Small town feel	11/4/2015 8:39 AM
89	big town that feels like a small town	11/4/2015 8:00 AM
90	The community	11/3/2015 9:00 PM
91	Small town feeling.	11/3/2015 2:34 PM
92	Safe, caring community	11/3/2015 2:27 PM
93	a strong, supportive community	11/3/2015 12:30 PM
94	The small town feel of downtown.	11/3/2015 11:05 AM
95	Its always been home	11/3/2015 10:47 AM
96	It's safe and relaxed.	11/3/2015 9:20 AM
97	caring community and work force	11/2/2015 8:57 PM
98	It has a lot going for it, there are many there with a passion to see the community thrive and grow	11/2/2015 4:19 PM
99	City Amenities with a small town feel.	11/2/2015 3:43 PM
100	Small town feel	11/2/2015 2:56 PM
101	The people	11/2/2015 2:51 PM
102	Downtown	11/2/2015 2:04 PM
103	Small town feel with nearly all amenities available in the city.	11/2/2015 2:03 PM
104	When our local nonprofit organizations need help, folks in Ellsworth always come through. The local radio station, Star 97.7, is always out and about, promoting Ellsworth activities. The people here are just VERY helpful!	11/2/2015 1:15 PM
105	It's downtown.	11/2/2015 12:02 PM
106	the people	11/2/2015 11:53 AM
107	Downtown and riverfront	11/2/2015 11:43 AM
108	Sense of community	11/2/2015 11:33 AM
109	The Ellsworth American. How lucky we are to have a community newspaper. It is the single most important factor in the community's growth and solidarity. Behind every great community is a great community newspaper.	11/2/2015 11:21 AM

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110	Its been a great hometown for me!	11/2/2015 11:15 AM
111	Small town with character	11/2/2015 11:10 AM
112	small town feel with big town ammenities	11/2/2015 9:25 AM
113	Accessibility.	11/2/2015 6:51 AM
114	It is a city with opportunity. It can become so much more.	11/1/2015 8:03 PM
115	At this time its the large town feel. Because that is what we are. We are not a city as much as the official's think we are, just on paper. We need to start acting like a large town and not a city. We are a city going out of business. The store fronts show this. Also there was a statement about the transfer station showing low rates in poundage. Maybe that's because of the empty store fronts and business's that have left or closed in Ellsworth. Think about it, don't put your head in the sand, city official's wake up. Theirs enough of you on the council to out way a few. Its time to step up and do the job you wanted to do. Don't be afraid of the few. Together you have to power to change the path of this town. DO IT for the towns people not for yourselves.	11/1/2015 10:23 AM
116	downtown	11/1/2015 10:16 AM
117	Community that cares	10/31/2015 7:58 PM
118	climate	10/31/2015 9:49 AM
119	Small town feel with a wonderful library.	10/31/2015 6:05 AM
120	Sense of ownership by the people who live here.	10/31/2015 5:40 AM
121	The Ellsworth Public Library!	10/30/2015 10:33 PM
122	Location	10/30/2015 8:27 PM
123	Lots to do in a year round community, especially in arts and culture.	10/30/2015 5:12 PM
124	Location	10/30/2015 4:38 PM
125	Access to goods and services	10/30/2015 4:24 PM
126	Library and The Grand anchoring downtown	10/30/2015 4:18 PM
127	The best thing is the location and proximity to surrounding towns such as Bar Harbor, Blue Hill and Bucksport.	10/30/2015 3:57 PM
128	The strong community outreach efforts of local businesses. Businesses feel very connected to the city, and the outreach efforts are a big part of fulfilling needs and enriching the city	10/30/2015 3:55 PM
129	love the community feeling-some great people here	10/30/2015 3:14 PM
130	Small town feeling.	10/30/2015 3:13 PM
131	Great small town feel, and some great people!	10/30/2015 3:13 PM
132	Year-round community and economic center, with potential to develop and capitalize on coastal Maine aesthetic that draws millions through Ellsworth on their way to find that coastal vibe in Bar Harbor.	10/30/2015 2:41 PM
133	the location	10/30/2015 2:28 PM
134	small town feel	10/30/2015 2:26 PM
135	It's downtown neighborhoods.	10/30/2015 2:16 PM
136	Natural beauty surrounding it, but run down, empty, or unattractive lots and buildings take away from its surroundings.	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
137	People and main street	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
138	Small town feel	10/30/2015 2:11 PM
139	It's location	10/30/2015 2:10 PM
140	It's a growing city	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
141	Quaint community feel and Downtown area (which needs a boost!)	10/30/2015 9:24 AM
142	location	10/29/2015 8:16 PM

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Q30 What is the WORST thing about Ellsworth?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 75

#	Responses	Date
1	Can't seem to get out of it's own way sometimes, taxes are very high, and the return of services to residents is low.	11/29/2015 5:37 PM
2	High Street traffic	11/27/2015 8:32 AM
3	Current use of riverfront	11/25/2015 2:16 PM
4	Development of high density housing in single family areas.	11/25/2015 1:32 PM
5	The box stores and the indiscriminate building of new businesses with so many empty storefronts. It makes no sense. Read "The Working Waterfront" for December to learn the mistakes Ellsworth has made and continues to make. More buildings is NOT recommended.	11/24/2015 6:50 PM
6	High Street fast food chains	11/22/2015 9:26 PM
7	Traffic congestion	11/21/2015 12:19 PM
8	The traffic around Oak st-High St: it feels like a passage-city rather than a proper city.	11/21/2015 12:07 PM
9	The astronomical taxes - really, it's ridiculous!	11/21/2015 10:10 AM
10	Water street ... Beautiful river hidden by businesses.	11/21/2015 7:32 AM
11	Lack of things we have to go to Bangor for	11/21/2015 7:20 AM
12	Access to higher education	11/20/2015 11:01 PM
13	Too much traffic running through the downtown area and the 3 lane highway running up Bridge Hill has ruined that neighborhood! !!!!	11/20/2015 10:26 PM
14	Lack of nightlife and cultural activities	11/20/2015 9:55 PM
15	Not a lot of activities available.	11/20/2015 9:51 PM
16	Drug use	11/20/2015 9:12 PM
17	The rapidly growing drug problem.	11/20/2015 9:10 PM
18	summer traffic	11/20/2015 6:51 PM
19	Drug abuse	11/20/2015 8:33 AM
20	Depressed retail environment.	11/18/2015 8:18 AM
21	That all of the Union River is not preserved in downtown Ellsworth	11/18/2015 7:48 AM
22	Drugs/ illegal activity	11/17/2015 3:36 PM
23	Its focus on "business as usual", a mode that is easy to perceive and that explains lack of citizen participation in the last decade. We need new faces in leadership. The lack of people interested in serving in public posts is indicative at how many of us feel that everything around here is a done deal despite other opinions.	11/16/2015 12:30 PM
24	Big box development	11/16/2015 10:45 AM
25	Unattractive commercial development	11/16/2015 7:43 AM
26	low income housing bringing layabouts into the city to have them in turn become a problem for the police force.	11/15/2015 6:41 AM
27	Taxes too high	11/14/2015 11:59 AM
28	tax rate increase yearly	11/14/2015 5:26 AM
29	Decent year round jobs.	11/13/2015 4:32 PM
30	Hard to say. Absence of a real destination feature - restaurant, hotel, gallery, theater, hiking park, biking. We go there to work, or to pass through usually. What's there is OK, but could be better.	11/13/2015 8:42 AM
31	Drugs	11/12/2015 6:41 PM

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32	The flow of traffic; Closing of businesses	11/12/2015 6:29 PM
33	distressed properties on the Bangor rd coming into town.	11/12/2015 3:58 PM
34	taxes and traffic	11/12/2015 2:58 PM
35	No good restaurants	11/12/2015 12:31 PM
36	Drugs, violence, restaurants are suffering, businesses are closing. High taxes for living.	11/11/2015 5:01 PM
37	Route 1	11/11/2015 11:32 AM
38	roads and curb appeal	11/11/2015 10:29 AM
39	The 'commercial and generic nature of high street and the Walmart mall area.	11/10/2015 5:56 PM
40	The people are very closed to people who live out of town, as a chamber member I feel very much like an outsider because I didn't grow up here. Chamber meetings a clique gatherings, no real business usefulness happens at them.	11/10/2015 3:34 PM
41	1.No job prospect for our college educated children. Most of them have to leave the area to find decent career opportunities. 2. Too many low-paying jobs. 3. Because of very high taxes, more people will move to the surrounding communities making it even more difficult for the ones remaining to support the city. 4. The city needs to stop focusing mostly on services tailored to low income citizens. Low income cannot support our local businesses. We need to attract citizens who can support a vibrant, healthy economy.	11/10/2015 2:20 PM
42	high street traffic	11/10/2015 1:44 PM
43	Shopping	11/10/2015 12:54 PM
44	Traffic flowtraffic flowtraffic flow	11/10/2015 12:36 PM
45	The mess on High Street and traffic congestion, empty Maine Mall, empty Main Street, limited public transportation.	11/10/2015 12:35 PM
46	Gateway to all other places.	11/10/2015 12:03 PM
47	Not pedestrian-friendly (lights, crosswalks, etc.). Ex: Crosswalk and safety light between city hall and courthouse.	11/10/2015 11:02 AM
48	High street	11/10/2015 10:01 AM
49	High Street	11/10/2015 9:07 AM
50	Traffic	11/10/2015 9:06 AM
51	very car oriented--traffic is scary for pedestrians	11/10/2015 8:55 AM
52	Myrick Street!!!	11/10/2015 8:45 AM
53	Maine Coast Mall.....THERE ARE NO STORES THERE :(11/10/2015 8:42 AM
54	It is difficult to "break-in" to the Ellsworth decision-making processes for people who have moved to Ellsworth from other areas in the state or from other states. There is an impression, real or not, that very specific people get to weigh in on Ellsworth activities, and others are not included or honored.	11/10/2015 8:39 AM
55	The "nay Sayers" those who don't believe that Ellsworth can be great. People shoot down ideas with ""that will never happen " there is a lack of vision in city government positions	11/10/2015 6:51 AM
56	High street	11/9/2015 9:11 PM
57	Terrible crosswalks/not pedestrian friendly. I'm constantly seeing people putting themselves in danger just to walk from one place to another. Existing crosswalks are often ignored. Also, High Street traffic and congestion is terrible. That area is also an eye sore.	11/9/2015 9:06 PM
58	SPRAWL	11/9/2015 8:41 PM
59	Almost no sidewalks	11/9/2015 8:32 PM
60	Taxes.	11/9/2015 7:13 PM
61	The increasing commercialization of this beautiful town!	11/9/2015 5:43 PM
62	Small Town	11/9/2015 1:56 PM
63	drugs	11/9/2015 12:41 PM
64	Limited retail	11/9/2015 12:38 PM
65	not as walkable as it should be. Old infrastructure	11/9/2015 12:34 PM

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66	insufficient public safety	11/9/2015 12:31 PM
67	Sprawl and overwhelming dominance of retail economy.	11/9/2015 11:06 AM
68	Route 1A goes right through the town, rather than bypassing it. Huge trucks, trucks, trucks, going down Bridge Hill, racing through residential areas. I feel it is only a matter of time before there is a tragedy.... huge trucks losing brakes, crashing into something or God forbid someone.	11/9/2015 10:45 AM
69	Property taxes, empty storefronts, and the traffic backup on Water Street around 5-5:30pm	11/8/2015 8:53 AM
70	Bangor road.	11/8/2015 8:31 AM
71	People leaving the area at an alarming rate for jobs and opportunities, as well as quality affordable housing and entertainment.	11/8/2015 8:12 AM
72	The lack of using a beautiful riverfront	11/7/2015 1:38 PM
73	Open storefronts downtown	11/7/2015 7:38 AM
74	High street strip malls and franchise chain stores	11/7/2015 7:14 AM
75	Lack of shopping options, empty storefronts and malls	11/6/2015 9:48 AM
76	High Street traffic.	11/5/2015 6:09 PM
77	cost of trash disposal, sprawl, change in the integrity of small neighborhoods with inclusions of developments that do not match with existing residential standards	11/5/2015 12:10 PM
78	Not enough entertainment venues available.	11/5/2015 10:05 AM
79	Traffic congestion, lack of a bypass, one-way traffic to Rte. 3, Bar Harbor Rd.	11/5/2015 7:32 AM
80	lack of recreational facilities for children and adults, condition of fields	11/4/2015 10:53 PM
81	High Street is an eyesore. Let's fix it up.	11/4/2015 6:58 PM
82	Industrial (noisy and polluting) businesses) in C1 zones right next to residential homes and uninviting properties along riverfront on Water Street.	11/4/2015 5:50 PM
83	Lots of older people, not many young people. Not many affordable housing options.	11/4/2015 1:59 PM
84	Abandoned, vacant lots along with lack of job opportunities outside of food service	11/4/2015 1:47 PM
85	The empty stores and buildings	11/4/2015 12:27 PM
86	Traffic, variety of stores,	11/4/2015 10:34 AM
87	sprawl	11/4/2015 8:51 AM
88	Downtown congestion in summer. Traffic options need to be discussed in earnest.	11/4/2015 8:39 AM
89	small town cronyism	11/4/2015 8:00 AM
90	The pan handlers	11/3/2015 9:00 PM
91	City government does not seem to be transparent. A much-improved website would be helpful.	11/3/2015 2:34 PM
92	Traffic congestion	11/3/2015 2:27 PM
93	Lack of retail and restaurants	11/3/2015 12:30 PM
94	The visual pollution and car oriented nature of High Street.	11/3/2015 11:05 AM
95	After traveling around the state, people here are not as friendly as they think	11/3/2015 10:47 AM
96	Ellsworth is becoming a retirement community, and its city leaders are encouraging this. There are NO reasons for young adults to stay and live here. This MUST be fixed!	11/3/2015 9:20 AM
97	transients / homeless	11/2/2015 8:57 PM
98	Downtown businesses, not really open for businesses. put no effort into customer service however they expect the dollars to come into the stores	11/2/2015 4:19 PM
99	run down areas, empty malls and storefronts.	11/2/2015 3:43 PM
100	Small town politics	11/2/2015 2:56 PM
101	Summer traffic	11/2/2015 2:51 PM

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102	1A	11/2/2015 2:04 PM
103	Out of control city council in regards to spending. They have no regard for the taxpayer especially seniors who are on a fixed income. Much of this disregard comes as a result of rubber stamping former city manager Michelle Beal's expensive and unnecessary projects.	11/2/2015 2:03 PM
104	The Maine Coast Mall. Ellsworth always stood out as a shopping hub - you COULD buy things here locally and NOT go to Bangor. That has changed dramatically. A closed down mall makes the town look like it is closed for business.	11/2/2015 1:15 PM
105	The sprawling businesses that continue to spread shoppers thin.	11/2/2015 12:02 PM
106	the use of space	11/2/2015 11:53 AM
107	Taxes that continue to rise	11/2/2015 11:43 AM
108	high taxes and a lack of a clear vision	11/2/2015 11:33 AM
109	Sidewalks, parking lots and roads.	11/2/2015 11:21 AM
110	at the moment the looming spaces at the maine coast mall and the wonder of what will be built and potentially abandoned up on the hill all while downtown has many open spaces at street level	11/2/2015 11:15 AM
111	Sometimes the traffic but it obviously could be worse	11/2/2015 11:10 AM
112	the drugs	11/2/2015 9:25 AM
113	It does not market itself as a destination. Merely a supply city for drive through tourists. Make a walkable city with sidewalk cafes, recreational businesses that rent biki/kayaks/Segways and generate paths where they can be used. Need more Brew pubs with great food.	11/1/2015 8:03 PM
114	Official's that run this town and the department heads that are ignorant. Define " lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated" There are many that disrespect this town in their position. From the head to the assistant level. I may not have a college education, But I have common sense. define "Good sense and sound judgement in practical matters" this is what's lacking in the town's official's and department heads. Maybe not all, but enough to cause Ellsworth to fail. Again Ellsworth official's and Department heads, wake up and smell the failure you're causing for the tax payers of this town and where this town is going. " TO BANKRUPTCY" completely lacking in a particular quality or value or is unable to repay its outstanding debts. Raising tax's for overspending or lack of revenue are not the tax payers problem, its the decision making by the towns official's that have put this burden "A load, Especially a heavy one " on the townspeople of Ellsworth. Start the change Mr. Ellsworth and all the followers " A person who follows another in regard to his or her own ideas or beliefs" Time to change.	11/1/2015 10:23 AM
115	sprawl	11/1/2015 10:16 AM
116	traffic	10/31/2015 7:58 PM
117	bad sidewalks	10/31/2015 9:49 AM
118	Allowing fireworks anywhere in City limits. It is just awful!	10/31/2015 6:05 AM
119	Drug activity here.	10/31/2015 5:40 AM
120	Nowhere to shop except Walmart!	10/30/2015 10:33 PM
121	Unfriendliness	10/30/2015 8:27 PM
122	Taxes without a doubt!	10/30/2015 8:26 PM
123	Provincial attitude	10/30/2015 5:12 PM
124	TAXES!!!!!! STOP SPENDING MONEY!!!	10/30/2015 4:38 PM
125	Roads	10/30/2015 4:24 PM
126	Drugs	10/30/2015 4:18 PM
127	City management and public works. And high property taxes. NOT business friendly.	10/30/2015 3:57 PM
128	Segmentation of the city as a result of inability to walk/bike from one place to another. I grew up in Tempe, AZ, and even though the Phoenix Metro area was enormous, I felt like I had access anywhere simply by being able to walk or bike where I wanted or needed to be. I was familiar with several parts of the city, because it was safe to get there however I wanted.	10/30/2015 3:55 PM
129	too many abandoned buildings-look at the mainecoast mall-that has been mostly empty for a long time	10/30/2015 3:14 PM
130	Traffic congestion. We need interconnectivity obetween streets or a bypass to get "around" town	10/30/2015 3:13 PM

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131	The decline in shopping and retail options, an almost empty mall on High Street, empty stores on Main Street and many undeveloped lots make the City looked depressed.	10/30/2015 3:13 PM
132	Lack of competent plan and gumption to develop and manage Riverfront corridor.	10/30/2015 2:41 PM
133	High Street	10/30/2015 2:28 PM
134	Nothing for kids to do.	10/30/2015 2:26 PM
135	High St overhead utilities. Bury them.	10/30/2015 2:16 PM
136	Run down, empty, or unattractive lots and buildings take away from its surroundings. The road from the light at Main St to Sunrise glass is awful and overused for the condition of the road.	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
137	State/High street look terrible	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
138	Spending by the City Council out of control...property taxes	10/30/2015 2:11 PM
139	Drugs lack of art	10/30/2015 2:10 PM
140	Drug problems, nothing productive for kids to do	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
141	Traffic congestion and sterile atmosphere of High Street - needs beautification to street and parking lot areas.	10/30/2015 9:24 AM
142	traffic	10/29/2015 8:16 PM
143	Vibrancy! A fast growing city with something for everyone to enjoy.	10/29/2015 7:59 PM

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Q31 What would make Ellsworth even better than it is today?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 97

#	Responses	Date
1	Do everything better. It's a town that CAN be great. With great vision and leadership, good things will come.	11/29/2015 5:37 PM
2	By pass	11/27/2015 8:32 AM
3	Riverfront awesomeness!!!!	11/25/2015 2:16 PM
4	More services provided to improve downtown such as picking up bags of leaves, which would help keep leaves out of drains. We do not know what to do with our leaves. It is ridiculous!	11/24/2015 6:50 PM
5	Developing downtown	11/22/2015 9:26 PM
6	efforts to reduce the traffic congestion that would make it more enjoyable for those that choose to go into town. We often shop in Brewer because access is so much easier.	11/21/2015 12:19 PM
7	A proper downtown that is not just a road, rather a network of streets each with character and something to offer. Plus the riverside.	11/21/2015 12:07 PM
8	Controlling the increasing drug problems	11/21/2015 10:10 AM
9	Riverfront park.	11/21/2015 7:32 AM
10	A small college	11/20/2015 11:01 PM
11	Again.get the heavy traffic out of the downtown shopping area !!!!#	11/20/2015 10:26 PM
12	More cultural opportunities, restaurants and shopping.	11/20/2015 9:55 PM
13	Focus on eliminating drugs	11/20/2015 9:12 PM
14	Business development	11/20/2015 8:33 AM
15	More drug prevention programs	11/17/2015 3:36 PM
16	A town where people feel like they can be heard and where they want to participate and give because Ellsworth feels part of them, not just the resident that makes sense to cut on commute time. A place were people can live because they feel proud of it, because of its access to education, health and recreation. A place were they feel it is important to vote, fill out surveys like this in the hope that it all cares, a place were school boards, library boards, and city posts have several to chose from rather than the write in or the usual. A true leadership of building today with a look far into the future.	11/16/2015 12:30 PM
17	More vibrant downtown.	11/16/2015 10:45 AM
18	Arts commission similar to Bangor, that promotes the arts.	11/16/2015 7:43 AM
19	stop spending money on public parks that you rarely see anyone in.	11/15/2015 6:41 AM
20	more small businesses owned by local people	11/14/2015 5:26 AM
21	Year round employment that would encourage our young people to settle here with a decent wage.vs. the high cost of living.	11/13/2015 4:32 PM
22	address #27	11/13/2015 8:42 AM
23	Better public knowledge of community activities that are offered in the community.	11/12/2015 6:29 PM
24	More involvement by local residents in the planning of the future.	11/12/2015 3:58 PM
25	more employment and educational opportunities	11/12/2015 2:58 PM
26	A riverfront with shops and restaurants	11/12/2015 12:31 PM
27	More public events, less crime, more free events for people and kids to get involved in.	11/11/2015 5:01 PM
28	A bypass	11/11/2015 11:32 AM
29	more businesses working together instead of competing	11/11/2015 10:29 AM

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30	More indoor exercise facilities to help keeping our citizen healthy in winter months - indoor walking track.	11/10/2015 2:20 PM
31	Filling up all of the empty buildings with businesses	11/10/2015 12:54 PM
32	A bypass to Bar Harbor	11/10/2015 12:36 PM
33	Public transportation, occupied storefronts-Maine Coast Mall and Main Street. Improved traffic flow.	11/10/2015 12:35 PM
34	Downtown development	11/10/2015 12:03 PM
35	All that has been described above. Thanks!	11/10/2015 11:02 AM
36	Bea ble to safely walk or bike almost everywhere.	11/10/2015 9:07 AM
37	Greater business diversity	11/10/2015 9:06 AM
38	sidewalks, bike lanes, other walking opportunities	11/10/2015 8:55 AM
39	Filling empty stores	11/10/2015 8:45 AM
40	Bring back "LOWES" and FILL ALL THE STORES at Maine Coast Mall	11/10/2015 8:42 AM
41	Investment in businesses to attract young families. Investment in arts and education (from childcare to teenagers) and recreational spaces to retain them once they are here.	11/10/2015 8:39 AM
42	a bustling downtown fully linked with our waterfront.	11/10/2015 6:51 AM
43	Riverfront beautification and improved access	11/9/2015 9:11 PM
44	Encourage walking, a feeling of community	11/9/2015 9:06 PM
45	River developement that would benefit waterfront business as well as provide an open public walking path. Bike lanes. More sidewalks. And no more big box stores please, we need to support small business. Thanks for offering this survey and good luck!	11/9/2015 8:41 PM
46	More sidewalks and less traffic	11/9/2015 8:32 PM
47	Lower taxes for property owners.	11/9/2015 7:13 PM
48	The community becoming more involved in helping others.	11/9/2015 5:43 PM
49	better employment opportunities for young and low income	11/9/2015 12:41 PM
50	Economic development t	11/9/2015 12:38 PM
51	More industry, waterfront improvements, connectivity, developers that understand risk taking	11/9/2015 12:34 PM
52	growing the business while ensuring that store fronts and malls are not left empty and revitalizing the ones that look outdated	11/9/2015 12:31 PM
53	Continue to create more outdoor recreation opportunities (parks, sidewalks, trails, etc.) and encourage growth of arts/entertainment.	11/9/2015 11:06 AM
54	Have routes 1A and 3 bypass Ellsworth.	11/9/2015 10:45 AM
55	A thriving waterfront with eclectic shops, pubs, and walking/biking paths connecting it to other areas of the city.	11/8/2015 8:53 AM
56	Getting rid of 2/3 of the pavement on the Bangor road "downtown".	11/8/2015 8:31 AM
57	Looking to engage all members of the community - young and old, and across a spectrum of income levels, to learn what we need to do to keep our community diverse and thriving.	11/8/2015 8:12 AM
58	Make a river walk. Have restaurants or stores along the river.	11/7/2015 1:38 PM
59	Growing cultural events in downtown main street	11/7/2015 7:38 AM
60	Liit traffic on main street- get people outof their cars	11/7/2015 7:14 AM
61	Some actual effort for business development	11/6/2015 9:48 AM
62	Keep the huge trucks off Maine Street. Look at the road bumps in front of the stores and restaurants on Main Street. That is not very impressive to visitors.	11/5/2015 6:09 PM
63	More community involvement on "making it better" projects.	11/5/2015 10:05 AM
64	Creation of a bypass to High Street	11/5/2015 7:32 AM
65	take pride and maintain our public places such as schools and athletic fields.	11/4/2015 10:53 PM

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66	I have to do more thinking about this. Thank you.	11/4/2015 6:58 PM
67	Continue focus on parks, trails and connections. Make city walkable. Redevelop downtown waterfront. Encourage mixed use neighborhoods where poeple can live, work and play.	11/4/2015 5:50 PM
68	Growing businesses and more community events	11/4/2015 1:47 PM
69	Fill the empty buildings, and maybe a little more push for businesses to landscape/have a little curb appeal.	11/4/2015 12:27 PM
70	Lets not forget the young adults as we plan for Ellsworth's future. The questions often discuss children and seniors. Please don't widen the gap for this vital age group, they provide a growth	11/4/2015 10:34 AM
71	concentrating on improving the assets we have	11/4/2015 8:51 AM
72	More businesses on Myrick St. Better educator on the high school level. Current faculty not doing a good enough job.	11/4/2015 8:39 AM
73	bi partisan support	11/4/2015 8:00 AM
74	Better access to local grown, healthier foods.	11/3/2015 9:00 PM
75	More retail shopping would be nice.	11/3/2015 2:34 PM
76	Find a way to visually scale down High Street. Make downtown more interconnected with High Street and pedestrian friendly,more Freeport like. Improve the downtown's relationship to the river.	11/3/2015 11:05 AM
77	Finish proposed retail development	11/3/2015 10:47 AM
78	Affordable housing for singles and young families. Strong, locally-owned retail. Cultural activities for people under the age of 40.	11/3/2015 9:20 AM
79	Refill the Maine Coast Mall, Develop downtown and water street Continue development water front	11/2/2015 4:19 PM
80	More open space downtown	11/2/2015 2:56 PM
81	Filling our empty storefronts	11/2/2015 2:51 PM
82	3k to 5k more people, with all the amenities and tax money that comes with them	11/2/2015 2:04 PM
83	A city council more in touch with the public instead of their egos.	11/2/2015 2:03 PM
84	A revitalized Main Street and a revitalized Maine Coast Mall.	11/2/2015 1:15 PM
85	A strong marketing campaign for it's downtown. Offering help with first months rent for new small businesses will to try opening on Main Street. Check the storefront rent in the downtown compared to other small cities.	11/2/2015 12:02 PM
86	fix myrick street	11/2/2015 11:53 AM
87	If we could get the cost of doing business in our town lower to encourage growth.	11/2/2015 11:43 AM
88	As a basic start, improved signage	11/2/2015 11:33 AM
89	More open mindedness. Townies - of which I am one - often are negative and closed minded. They poo poo progressive ideas like Knowlton Park and the beautiful little park where the old Dunkin Donuts because of the mistaken belief that they rob the city of property taxes. And, many locals don't think any money should be spent to quality of life issues/ideas.	11/2/2015 11:21 AM
90	small & mid size businesses thriving! (the trickle down in our community would be amazing!!)	11/2/2015 11:15 AM
91	More chain retail and restaurants on the outskirts of town	11/2/2015 11:10 AM
92	more stores and art	11/2/2015 9:25 AM
93	Leaders with a vision. We can either cater to the retired or the active. One way leads to stagnation, the other to revitalization and sustainable, smart growth.	11/1/2015 8:03 PM
94	Sound judgement Define "The capacity to assess situations or circumstances shrewdly and to draw sound conclusions" and common sense define "Good sense and sound judgement in practical matters" In the leadership that is in place at this time. I'm not saying their bad people, some of them have agenda not for Ellsworth but for themselves. Thank god one left on their own.	11/1/2015 10:23 AM
95	more ways to bring people together	11/1/2015 10:16 AM
96	more development to increase tax base so the city can reduce/stabilize the mil rate for our citizens on fixed income can remain in their homes	10/31/2015 7:58 PM
97	improved sidewalks	10/31/2015 9:49 AM

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98	Get rid of fireworks.	10/31/2015 6:05 AM
99	More quality employment opportunities, (hoping Jackson lab helps). More promotion of healthy living i.e. Move & Improve	10/31/2015 5:40 AM
100	Affordable housing in trailer park communities.	10/30/2015 10:33 PM
101	Better schools and preschools	10/30/2015 8:27 PM
102	Controlled spending that looks beyond the initial cost of doing something!	10/30/2015 8:26 PM
103	Vibrant water front, full downtown, more active arts and culture scene, availability of professional level rental housing.	10/30/2015 5:12 PM
104	It would be nice to own your land not lease it from the city because it spends to much money	10/30/2015 4:38 PM
105	Expansion of infrastructure	10/30/2015 4:24 PM
106	Get a much more economically balanced housing inventory. It isn't all low income and Section 8. Something needs to be done about the transients. Way to many in a community this size.	10/30/2015 4:18 PM
107	New representation on City council, planning board and school board.	10/30/2015 3:57 PM
108	Good bike lanes. (Somewhat unrelated: my biggest concern for Ellsworth's growth would be that growth is centered over supporting Ellsworth's current residents. I don't want anyone to have to leave Ellsworth or get priced out of the city because growth increased the cost of living without increasing the incomes and support for our most vulnerable neighbors. This is part of why I like bike lanes. It could decrease the necessary expenses required to work by providing a cheaper alternative method of transportation, which would enable people to put money toward other expenditures and investment as well as support local banks with more business.)	10/30/2015 3:55 PM
109	more festivals-more retail stores and bigger food chains	10/30/2015 3:14 PM
110	Some manufacturing for jobs and tax base.	10/30/2015 3:13 PM
111	Focus on developing coastal Maine aesthetic that draws millions to to coast of Maine and develop our Riverfront corridor. Change aesthetic and dynamic of High Street accordingly.	10/30/2015 2:41 PM
112	Safe cross walks.	10/30/2015 2:28 PM
113	An engaged, knowledgeable public works director with vision. Not just another "maintain the status quo" person. A person with the energy of Micki Sumpter.	10/30/2015 2:16 PM
114	Some areas have been improved along the roads, landscaped very nice, but the areas that aren't really take away from those that are.	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
115	ability to support year round buisness	10/30/2015 2:12 PM
116	Repair roads and infastructure...take care of existing facilities before building new ones...	10/30/2015 2:11 PM
117	More Dow town business	10/30/2015 2:10 PM
118	More activities for kids/teens; breaks for small businesses; more entertainment & diverse things for people to do	10/30/2015 2:04 PM
119	Major renovation to The Grand, more parking in downtown, more niche stores/unique restaurants in Downtown, more beautification of Downtown, more events in Downtown, more sidewalks all leading to Downtown!	10/30/2015 9:24 AM
120	marketing	10/29/2015 8:16 PM
121	Careful planning for future growth. Citizens staying connected and involved.	10/29/2015 7:59 PM