

# Town of Meridian Hills Resident Survey RESULTS 6-12-06

Approximately 700 surveys were sent to households in Meridian Hills in late April 2006. The surveys were to be submitted prior to June 5, 2006. A total of 351 surveys were received. Four of those surveys were not included in the results because they were not originals, a decision that was made prior to distributing the surveys.

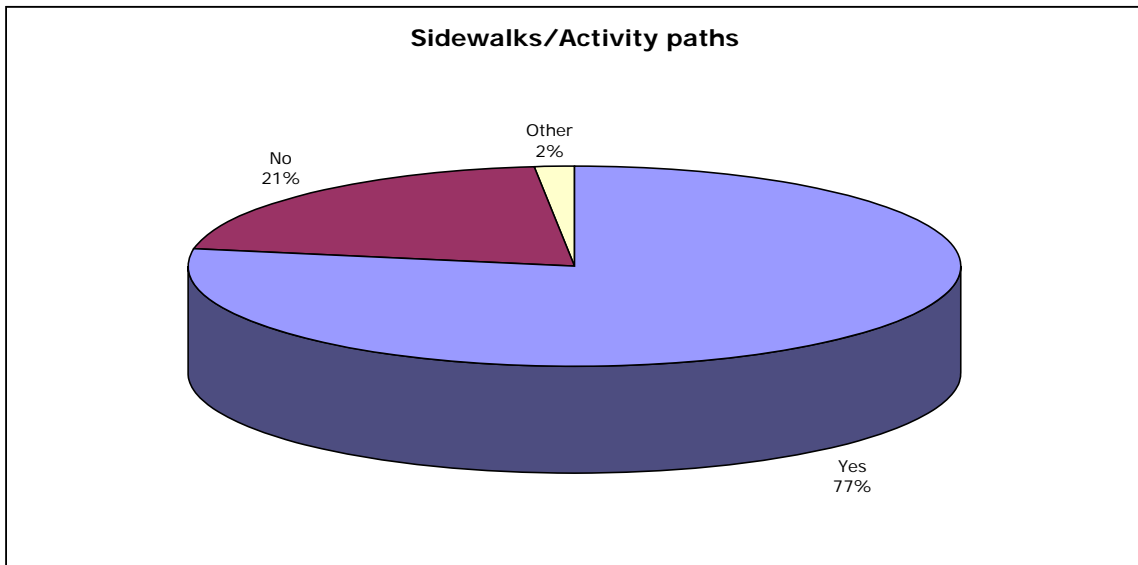
The results of the survey responses are included in this report. The appendix to this report includes the comments that were made on individual surveys and copies of any letters or notes submitted with the survey responses.

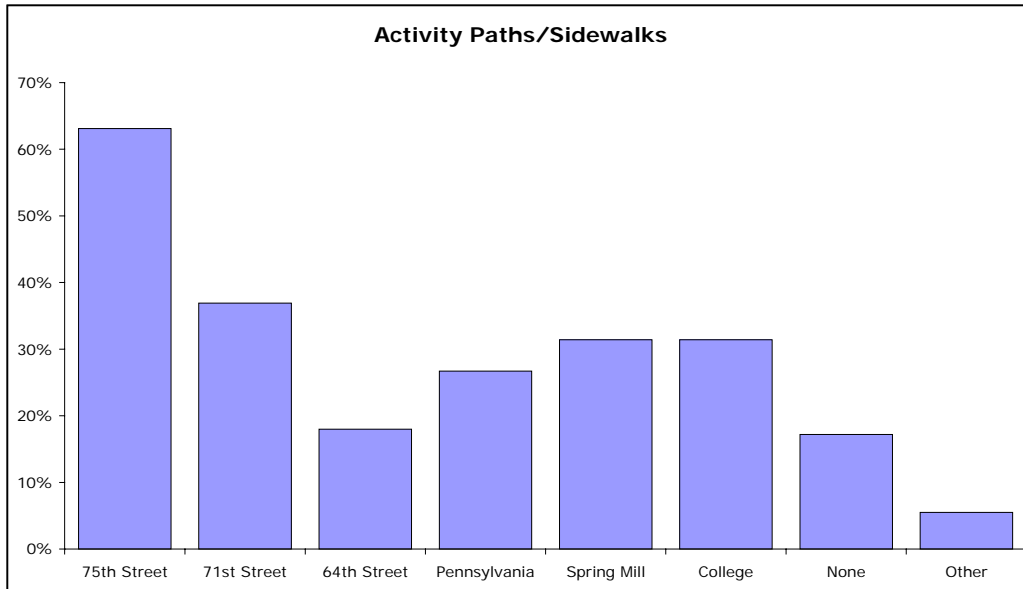
### Findings

Question 1: Activity paths/sidewalks on major streets would improve public safety and provide better connectivity and safer access to the Monon, Marrott Park, and Holliday Park along the following streets:

- A) 75<sup>th</sup> Street
- B) 71<sup>st</sup> Street
- C) 64<sup>th</sup> Street
- D) Pennsylvania
- E) Spring Mill
- F) College
- G) None, activity paths/sidewalks are inappropriate for Meridian Hills
- H) Other streets \_\_\_\_\_

The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. The only choice with a mode indicating “yes” was 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The percent of respondents favoring any sidewalk/activity path is presented in the top chart. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:

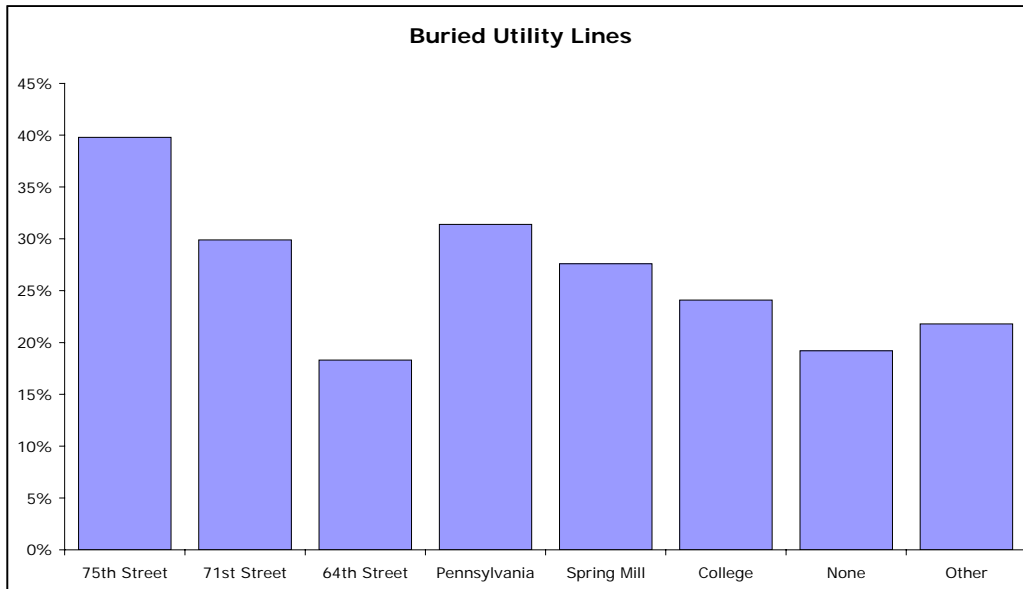
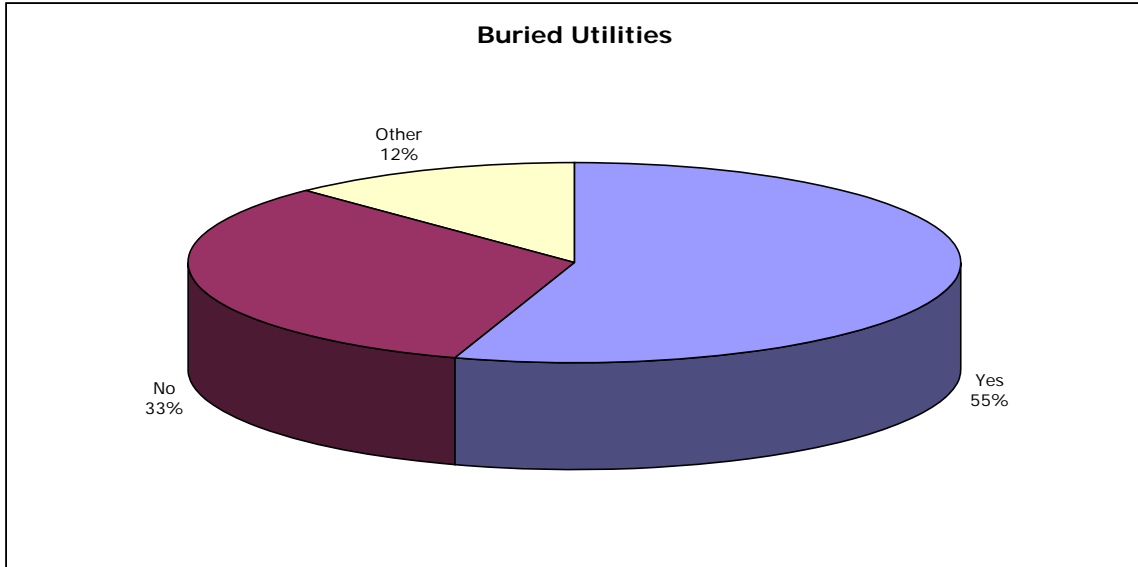




Question 2: Burying utility lines would reduce unnecessary power outages, reduce possible traffic hazards, and improve the visual character of the community along the following streets:

- A) 75<sup>th</sup> Street
- B) 71<sup>st</sup> Street
- C) 64<sup>th</sup> Street
- D) Pennsylvania
- E) Spring Mill
- F) College
- G) None
- H) Other streets \_\_\_\_\_

The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. None of the choices yielded a “yes” mode response. The percent of respondents favoring any buried utilities is presented in the top chart. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:

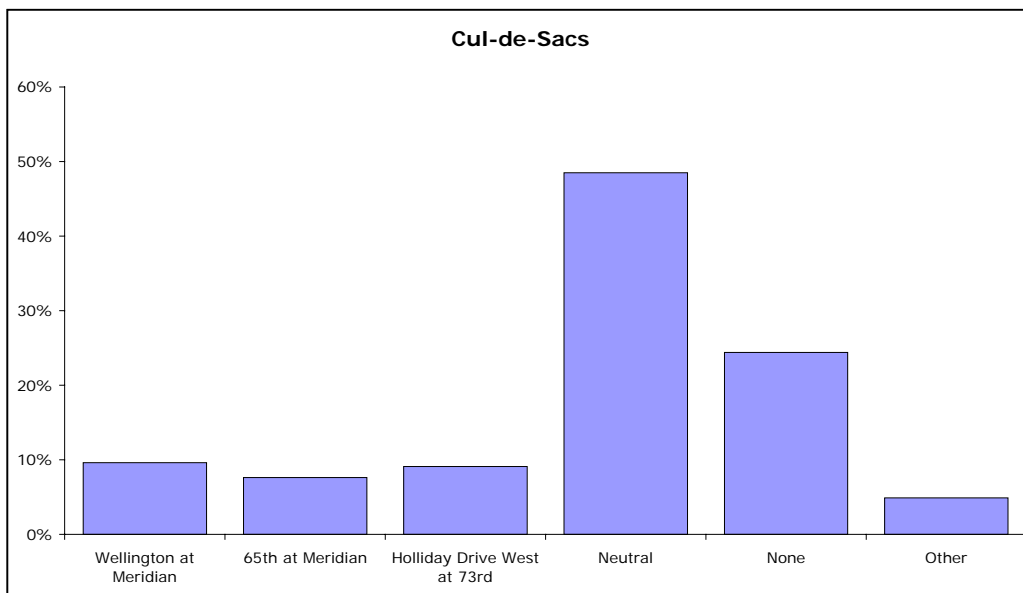
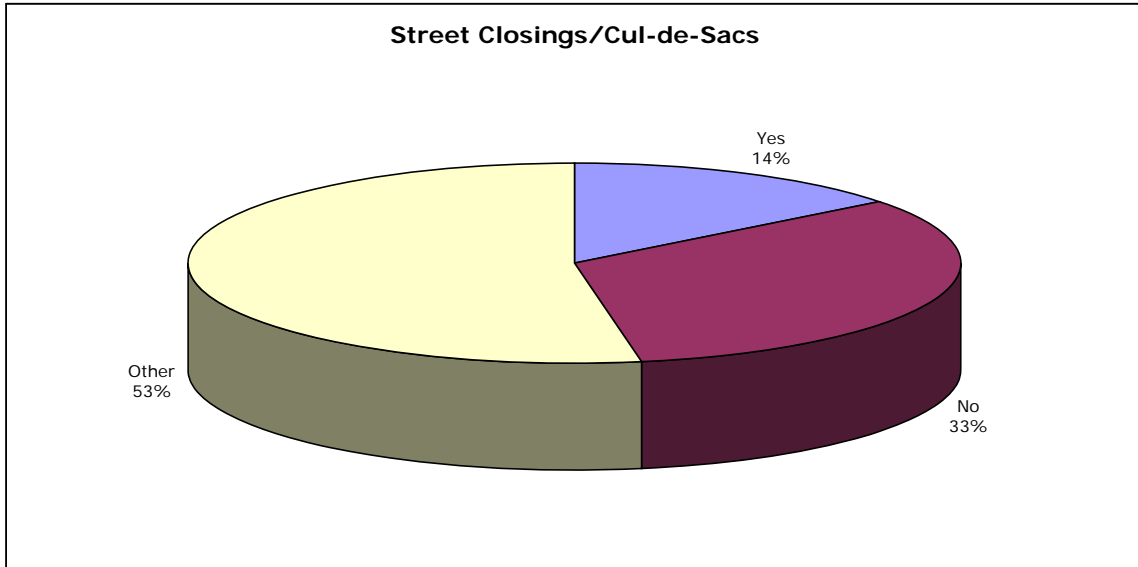


Question 3: Closing the following streets to through traffic (using cul-de-sacs) would improve safety and the character of those streets:

- A) Wellington at Meridian Street
- B) 65<sup>th</sup> Street at Meridian Street
- C) Holliday Drive West at 73<sup>rd</sup> Street
- D) Neutral, this issues doesn't apply to my neighborhood or affect me
- E) None
- F) Other streets \_\_\_\_\_

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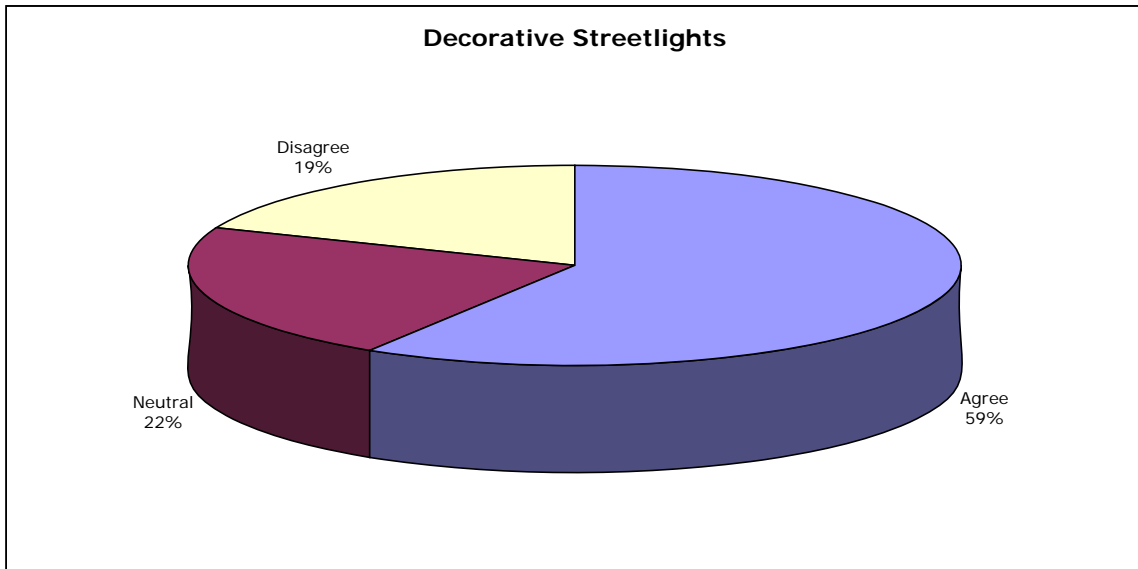
street closing/cul-de-sac is presented in the top chart. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:



Question 4: A single style decorative streetlight to replace the various existing streetlights within the town (not adding additional lights) would improve the image and identity of the town creating a unique character:

- A) Agree
- B) Neutral
- C) Disagree

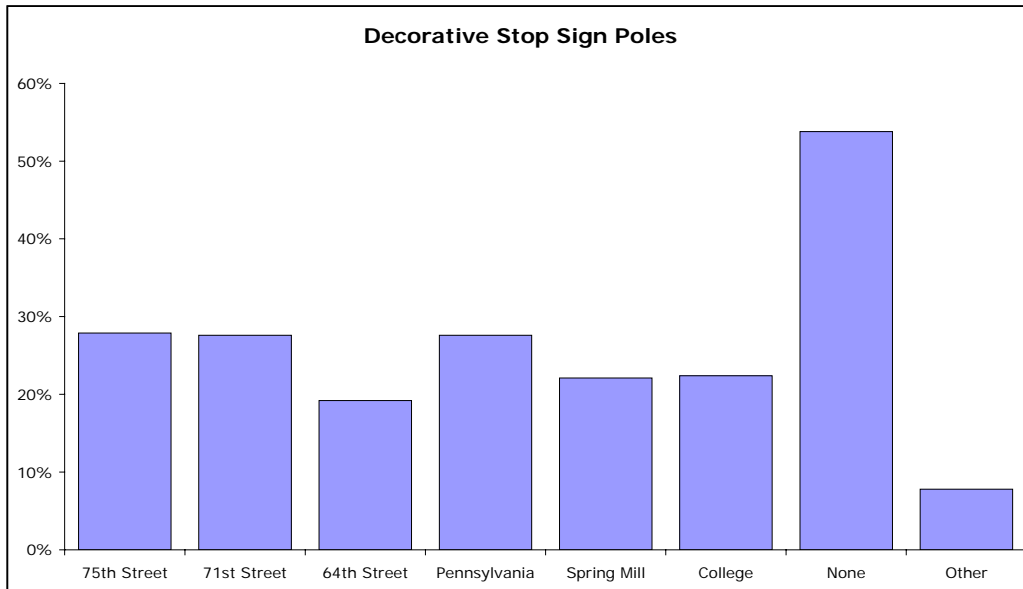
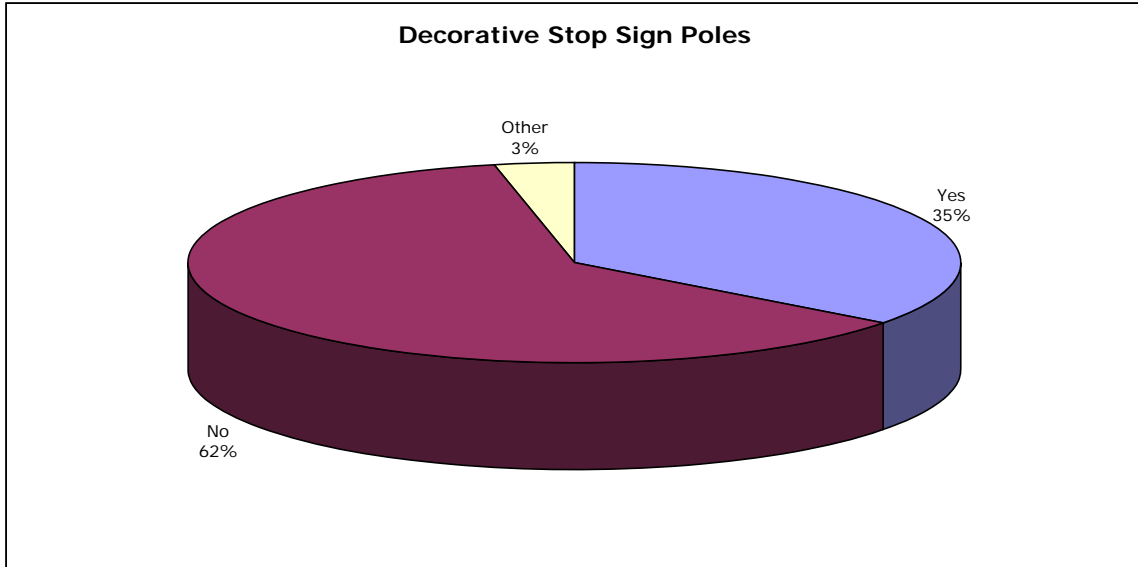
The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. Most respondents agreed with the statement. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:



Question 5: Decorative stop sign poles would improve the image and identity of the town, creating a unique character if installed along the following streets:

- A) 75<sup>th</sup> Street
- B) 71<sup>st</sup> Street
- C) 64<sup>th</sup> Street
- D) Pennsylvania
- E) Spring Mill
- F) College
- G) None, decorative stop sign poles are not needed in Meridian Hills
- H) Other streets \_\_\_\_\_

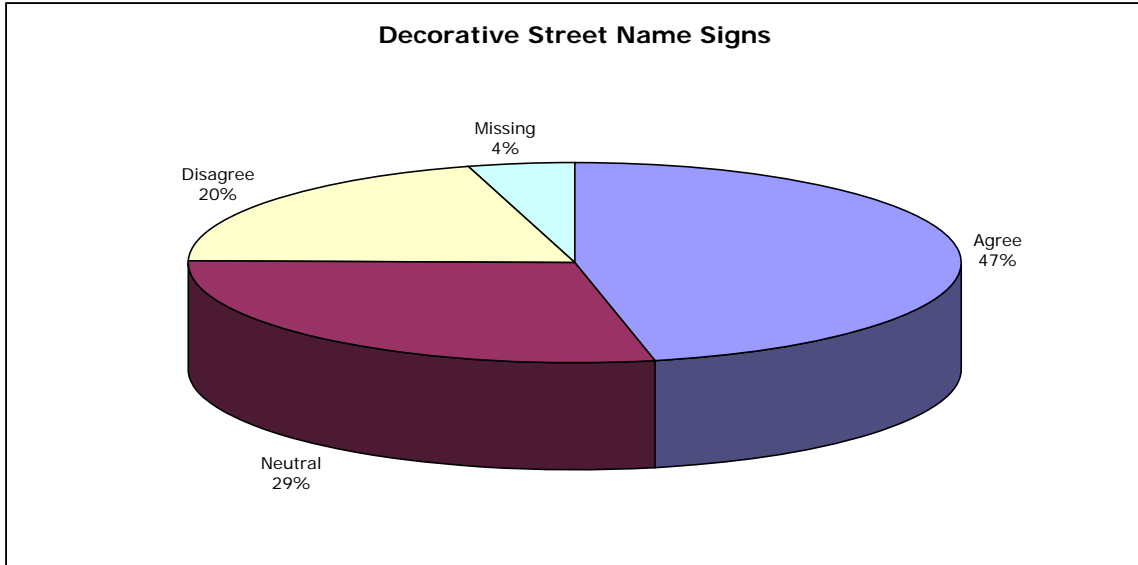
The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. Most respondents felt that decorative stop sign poles were not needed in Meridian Hills. The percent of respondents favoring any decorative stop sign poles is presented in the top chart. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:



Question 6: Decorative street name signs unique to the Town of Meridian Hills would improve the image and identity of the town.

- A) Agree
- B) Neutral
- C) Disagree

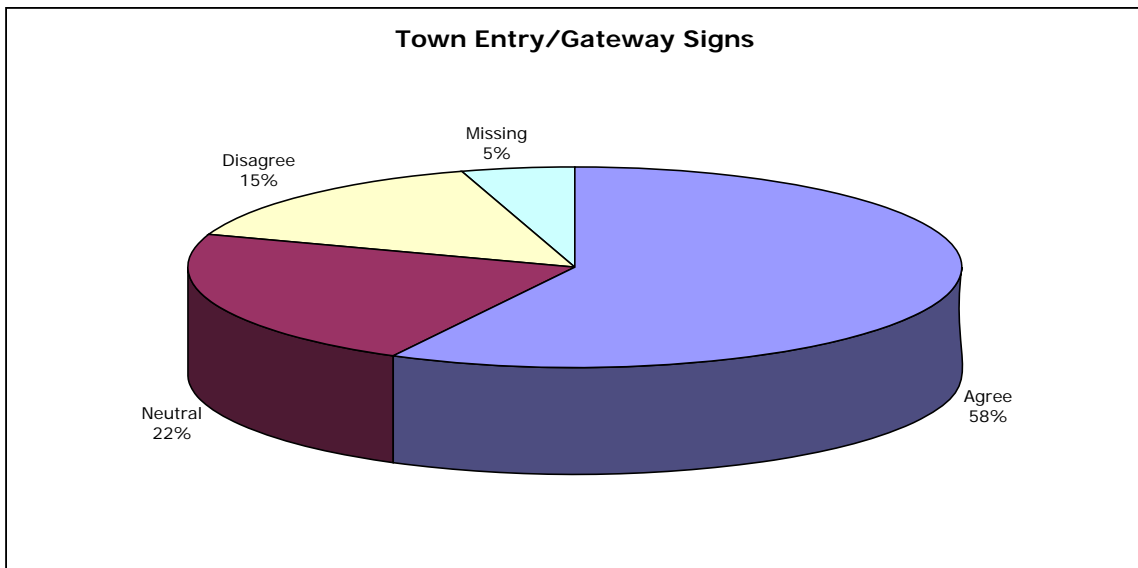
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Question 7: Improved town entry signs (gateway signs) with professional landscaping would improve the image and identity of the town.

- A) Agree
- B) Neutral
- C) Disagree

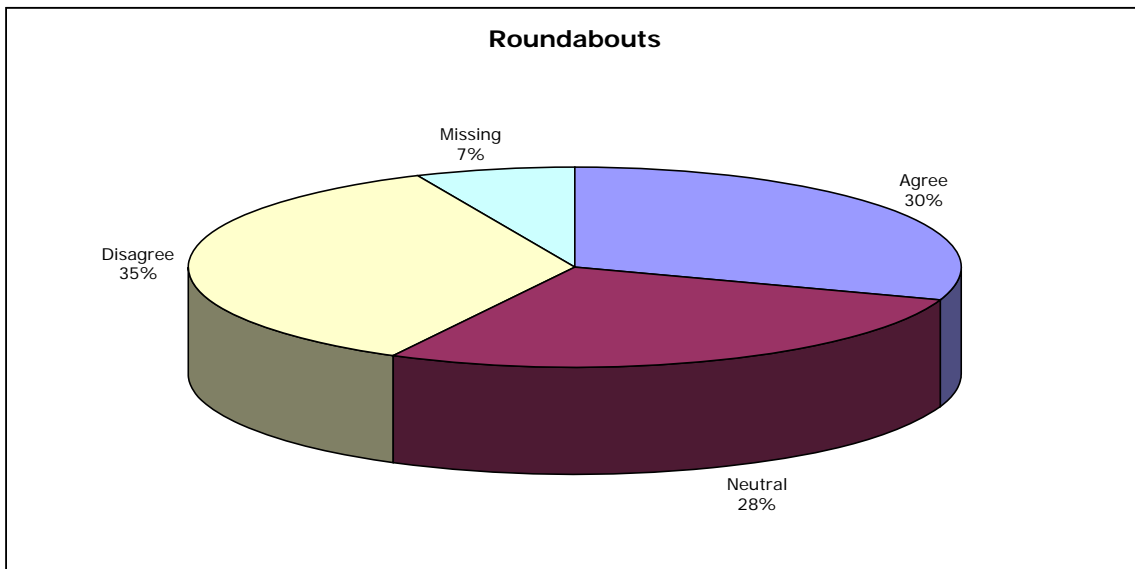
The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. Most respondents agreed with the statement. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:



Question 8: Appropriately sized, landscaped roundabouts that fit within the town right-of-way could improve speed control, calm traffic, reduce the number of traffic accidents, and be an improvement to the town.

- A) Agree
- B) Neutral
- C) Disagree

The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. There was no clear consensus on roundabouts. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:

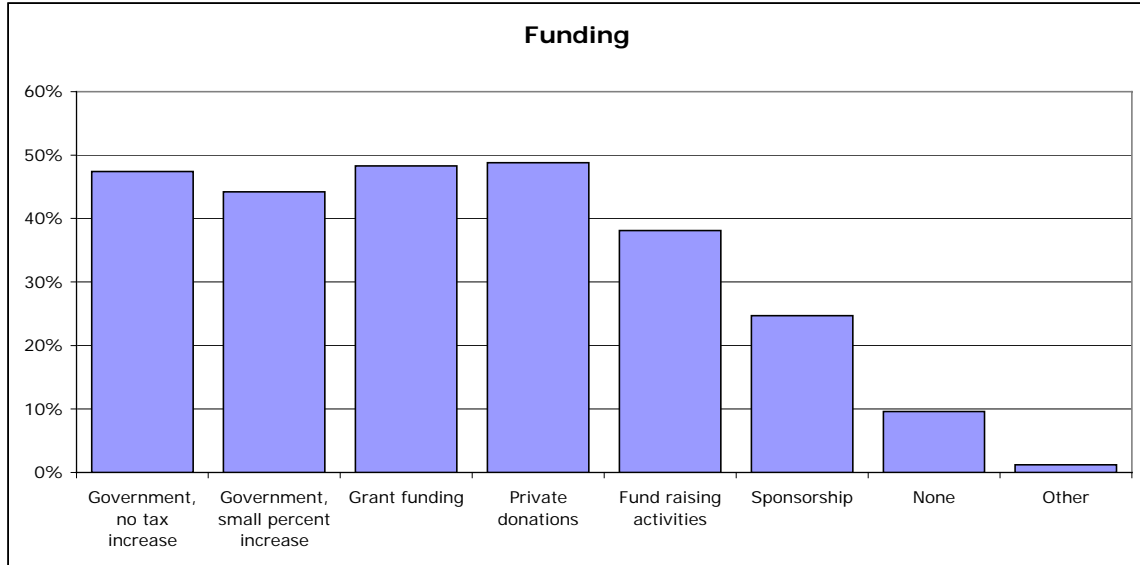


Question 9: How would you support funding these improvements:

- A) Government (town) funding, no tax increase
- B) Government (town) funding, small percentage increase
- C) Grant funding (town match required in most cases)
- D) Private donations
- E) Fund raising activities
- F) Sponsorship
- G) None, these improvements are not appropriate
- H) Other \_\_\_\_\_

The surveys were entered with a “yes” or “no” response to each of the above choices. The mode (most frequently reported number) was used to determine the response. Additionally the percentage of “yes” responses to each choice was examined. The mode did not indicate a clear funding preference. The “yes” responses for each choice are presented in the chart below:





Question 10: Choose your top six priorities:

- A) Activity paths/sidewalks
- B) Roundabouts
- C) Buried utility lines
- D) Decorative street lights
- E) Decorative stop sign poles
- F) Decorative street name signs
- G) Public drainage improvements
- H) Closing select streets to through traffic
- I) Town entry (gateway) signs with professional landscaping
- J) Police protection
- K) Snow removal

For each priority slot (1-6, 1 is the highest priority, 6 is the lowest priority), the respondents choice was entered. The results are as follows:

**#1 Priority**

- Police protection (36%)
- Activity paths/sidewalks (26%)
- Public drainage improvements (15%)
- Buried utility lines (12%)

**#2 Priority**

- Snow removal (23%)
- Police protection (19%)
- Public drainage improvements (16%)
- Buried utility lines (12%)
- Activity paths/sidewalks (11%)

#3 Priority

Snow removal (17%)

Activity paths/sidewalks (14%)

Police protection (12%)

Public drainage improvements (12%)

Buried utility lines (11%)

#4 Priority

Snow removal (14%)

Activity paths/sidewalks (11%)

#5 Priority

None above 10%

#6 Priority

Gateway Signs (11%)