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The first public meeting for the Village of Campton Hills Comprehensive Plan update was held at Wasco Elementary School from 7pm-9pm on May 2, 2011. This meeting was intended to introduce the project to the community and to gather input about the issues and priorities to be addressed in the comprehensive plan. Several activities were conducted to gather input:

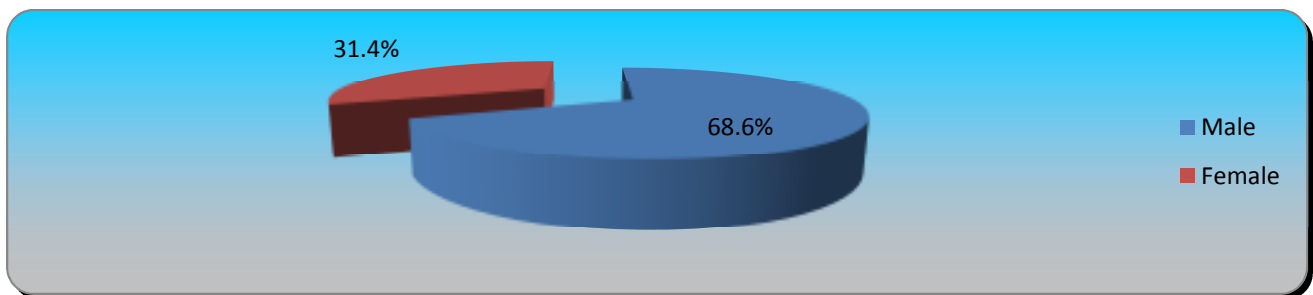
- **Identification of issues** – Participants listed the most important issues they would like to be addressed in the comprehensive plan, which were then combined with previous input and categorized for a later keypad polling exercise. Participants also wrote down their top three priority issues they would like addressed in the plan.
- **Keypad polling** – Participants responded to survey questions through keypad polling to identify: 1) who was in the room (age, gender, etc.), 2) their travel behavior, and 3) the issues they feel are most important to address on a variety of topics, as summarized below.
- **Mapping exercise** – Participants used maps and dots to mark the location of places they like and would like to see improved in the Village or surrounding area.

## Keypad Polling Results

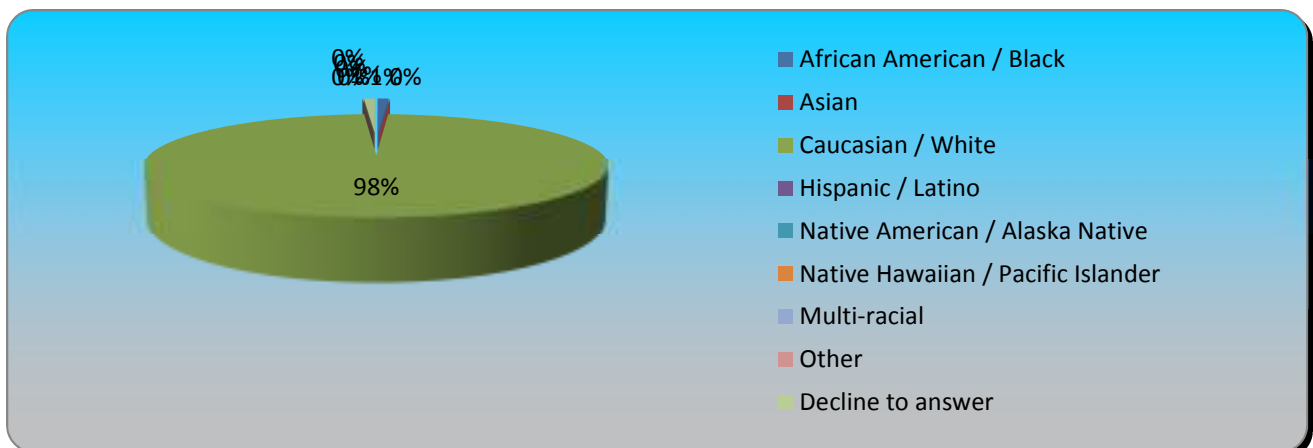
### Basic Demographics

The charts that follow show the results of the keypad polling during the meeting. Approximately 100 residents and eight non-residents attended the meeting. The majority of attendees were male (69 percent), Caucasian (98 percent), and between the ages of 50 and 69 (70 percent). Not every attendee answered every question.

What is your gender? (multiple choice)	Responses	
Male	70	68.63%
Female	32	31.37%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100%</b>

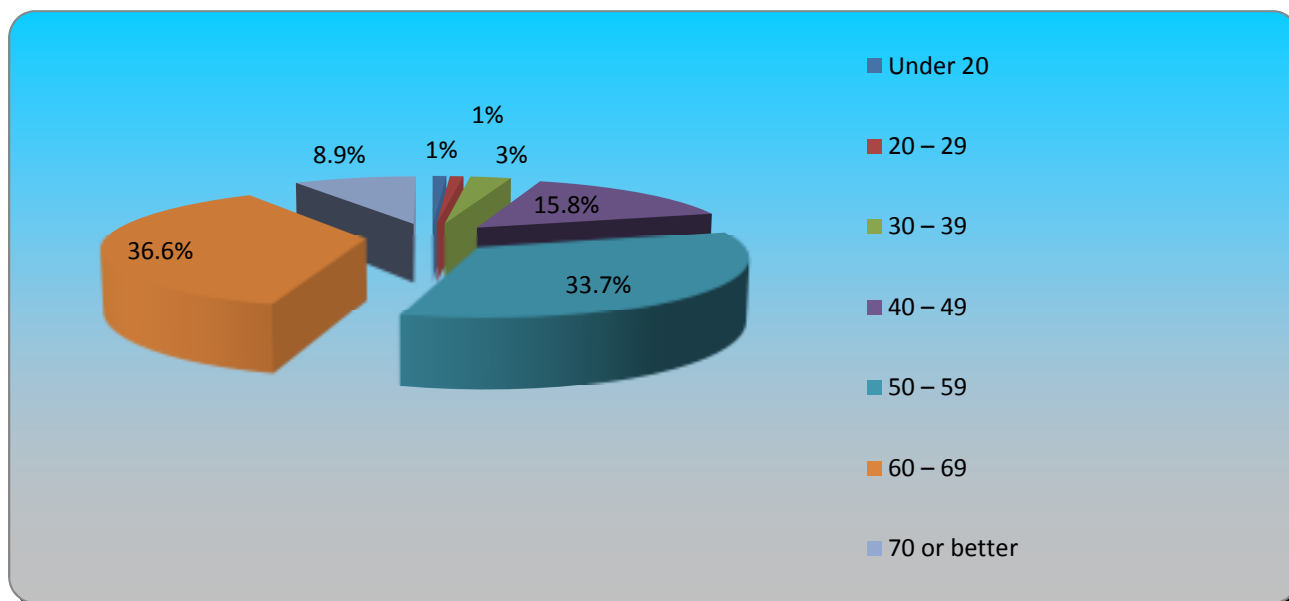


What is your race? (multiple choice)	Responses	
African American / Black	1	1.02%
Asian	0	0%
Caucasian / White	96	97.96%
Hispanic / Latino	0	0%
Native American / Alaska Native	0	0%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0	0%
Multi-racial	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Decline to answer	1	1.02%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100%</b>



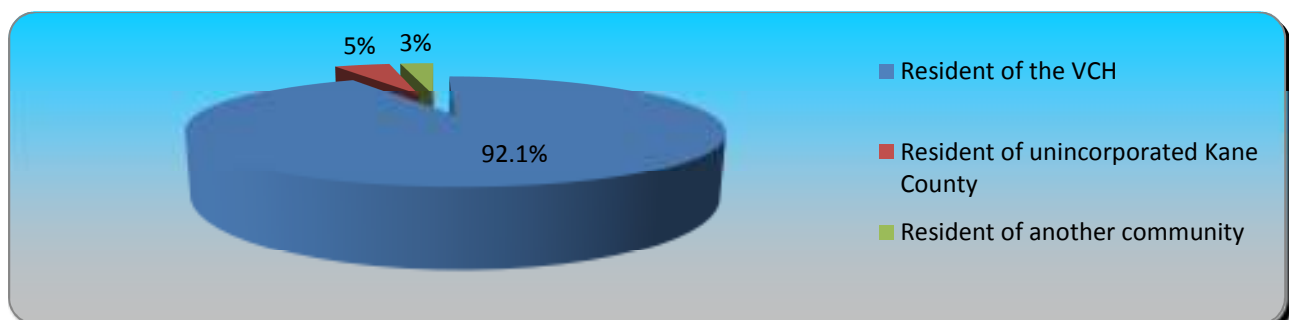
### What is your age?

	Responses	
Under 20	1	0.99%
20 – 29	1	0.99%
30 – 39	3	2.97%
40 – 49	16	15.84%
50 – 59	34	33.66%
60 – 69	37	36.63%
70 or better	9	8.91%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Are you a...

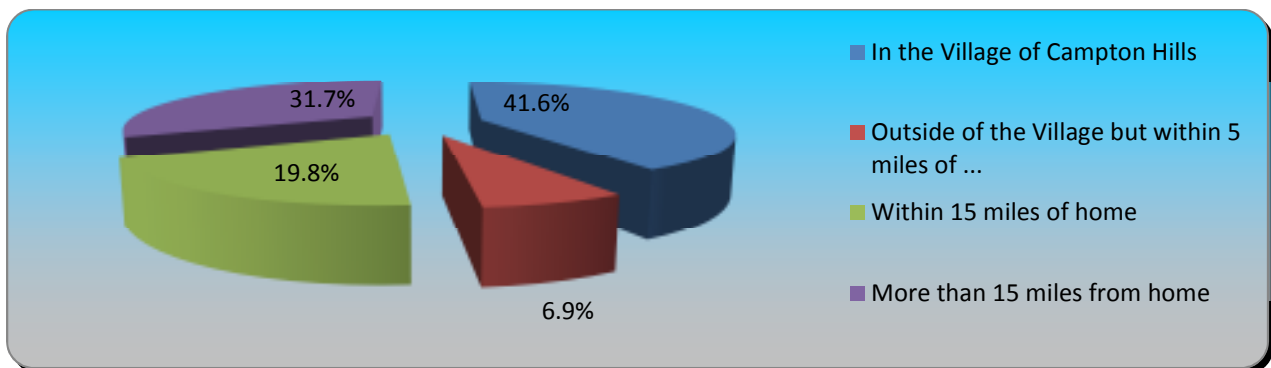
	Responses	
Resident of the VCH	93	92.08%
Resident of unincorporated Kane County	5	4.95%
Resident of another community	3	2.97%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>



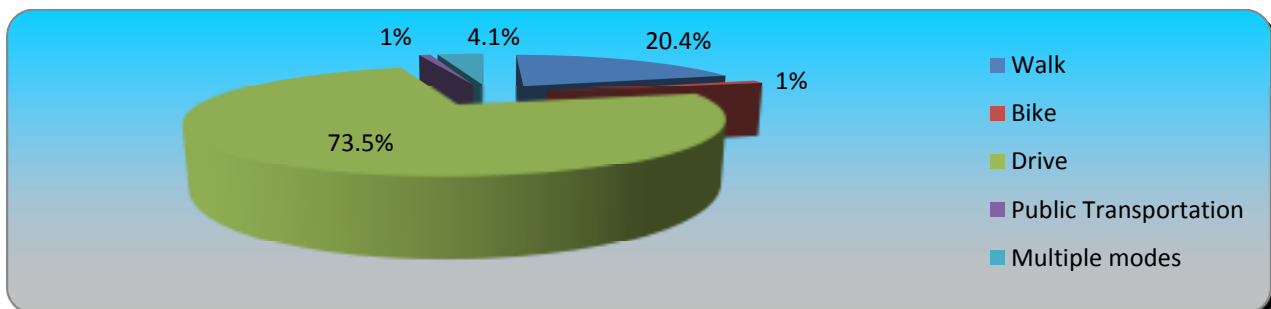
## Travel Behavior

Participants were asked how far away they go to school, how they get there, and where they go to shop for their daily needs. Nearly 60 percent of the participants at the meeting work or go to school outside the Village limits, with about one-third travelling more than 15 miles from home. Most (73 percent) drive to get to work or school. None of the participants said they buy their daily needs in the Village, although 42 percent travel within five miles of home, and over half said they shop within fifteen miles of home.

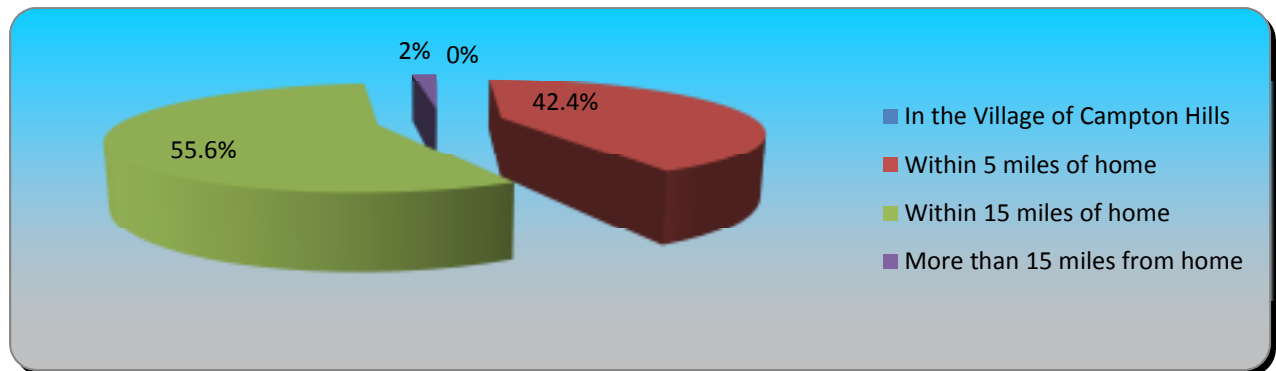
How far away do you work / go to school?	Responses	
In the Village of Campton Hills	42	41.58%
Outside of the Village but within 5 miles of ...	7	6.93%
Within 15 miles of home	20	19.80%
More than 15 miles from home	32	31.68%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>



How do you get to work / school?	Responses	
Walk	20	20.41%
Bike	1	1.02%
Drive	72	73.47%
Public Transportation	1	1.02%
Multiple modes	4	4.08%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100%</b>



Where do you usually shop for daily needs?	Responses	
In the Village of Campton Hills	0	0%
Within 5 miles of home	42	42.42%
Within 15 miles of home	55	55.56%
More than 15 miles from home	2	2.02%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100%</b>



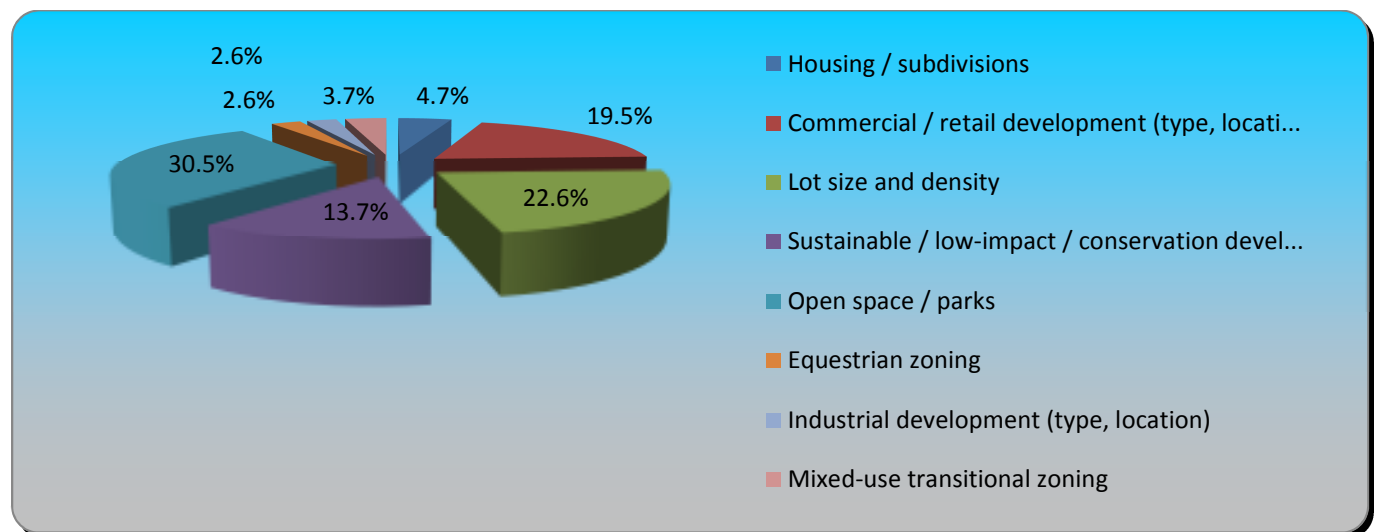
## Priority Issues

Participants were asked to vote on the top two issues that were most important to them in the categories of land use and zoning, transportation and infrastructure, community services, facilities, and amenities, housing, water resources, natural resources and green infrastructure, agriculture, historic preservation/community character, economic development, and other issues.

### Land Use and Zoning

Of the land use and zoning categories, open space and parks topped the list at 30 percent, followed by lot size and density issues at 23 percent, then the type and location of commercial and retail development around 20 percent. Housing and subdivisions, mixed use transitional zoning, equestrian zoning, and industrial development scored in the single digits.

<b>What land use / zoning issues are most important to you?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	
Housing / subdivisions	9	4.74%
Commercial / retail development (type, location)	37	19.47%
Lot size and density	43	22.63%
Sustainable / low-impact / conservation development	26	13.68%
Open space / parks	58	30.53%
Equestrian zoning	5	2.63%
Industrial development (type, location)	5	2.63%
Mixed-use transitional zoning	7	3.68%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100%</b>



Additional land use and zoning issues raised during the public meeting that were either assumed to be included within the issue categories above or at a level of detail that will be addressed later in the process:

- Rate of growth
- Quality of development
- Big box and strip malls
- Balance of land uses
- Annexation policy/open space
- Development buffer zone
- Impact fees for education

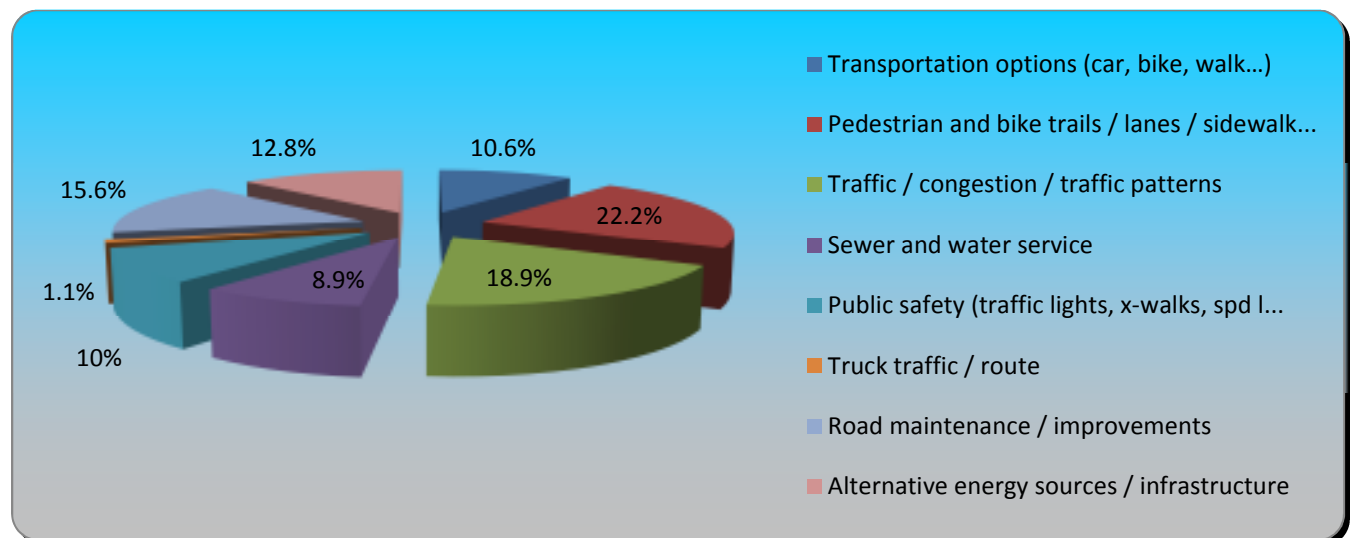


## Transportation and Infrastructure

In this category, pedestrian and bike facilities topped the list of important issues for participants at 22 percent, followed by traffic congestion and patterns, road maintenance and improvements, and alternative energy sources and infrastructure, all under 20 percent. Transportation options, public safety, and sewer and water service were the next group of issues of importance, coming in around 10 percent. Truck traffic/route was only listed by 2 participants as an important issue.

### What transportation and infrastructure issues are most important to you?

	Responses	
Transportation options (car, bike, walk...)	19	10.56%
Pedestrian and bike trails / lanes / sidewalks	40	22.22%
Traffic / congestion / traffic patterns	34	18.89%
Sewer and water service	16	8.89%
Public safety (traffic lights, x-walks, speed limits)	18	10%
Truck traffic / route	2	1.11%
Road maintenance / improvements	28	15.56%
Alternative energy sources / infrastructure	23	12.78%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100%</b>



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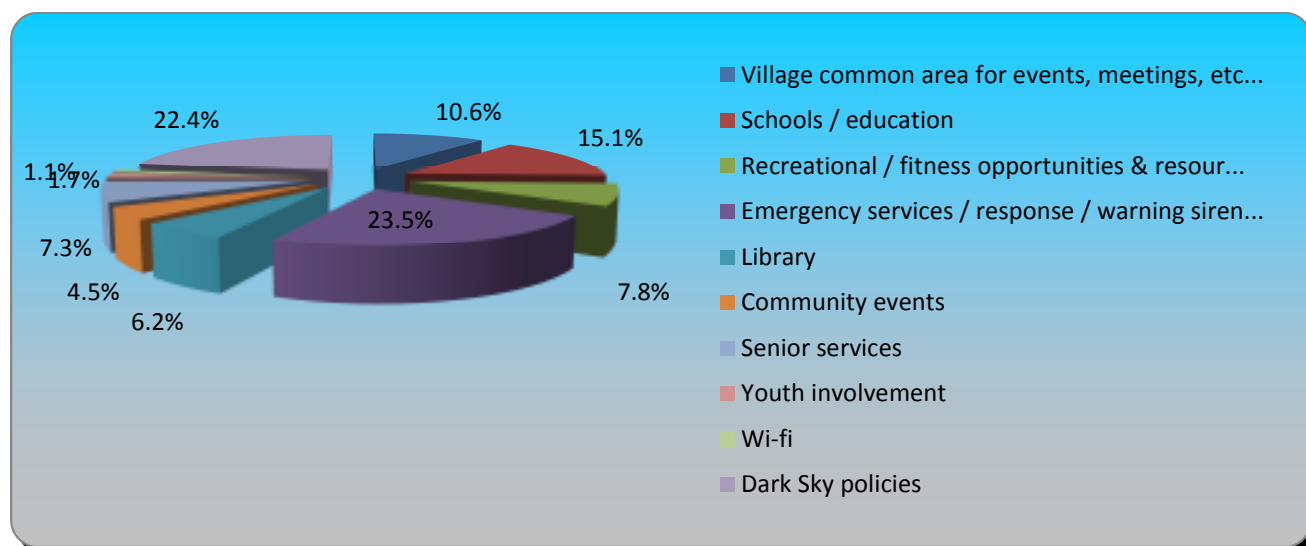
- Bike safety
- Equestrian trails
- Paratransit
- Rural roads
- Transportation technology
- Sewage lagoons/land application
- Rideshare technology

## Community Services, Facilities, and Amenities

The top issues of importance to participants were emergency services at 23 percent and dark sky policies at 22 percent. The next highest scoring issues were education at 15 percent, and village common areas at 10 percent. Recreation, senior services, the library, and community events came in under 10 percent, and just a few voted for youth involvement and wi-fi as issues of importance.

### What community services, facilities & amenities issues are most important to you?

	Responses	
Village common area for events, meetings, etc.	19	10.61%
Schools / education	27	15.08%
Recreational / fitness opportunities & resources	14	7.82%
Emergency services / response / warning sirens	42	23.46%
Library	11	6.15%
Community events	8	4.47%
Senior services	13	7.26%
Youth involvement	3	1.68%
Wi-fi	2	1.12%
Dark Sky policies	40	22.35%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>100%</b>



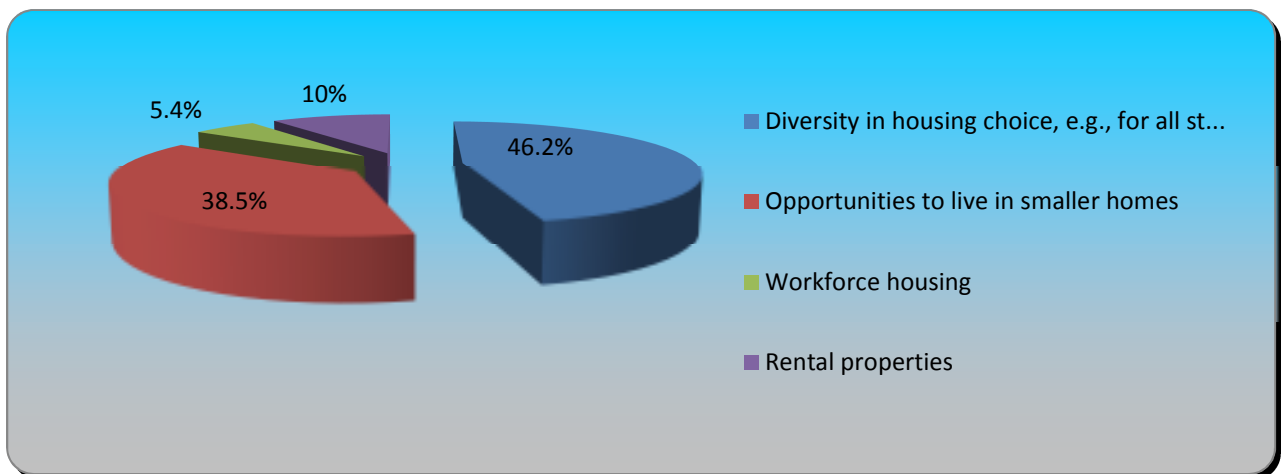
Additional community services, facilities, and amenities issues raised during the public meeting that were either assumed to be included within the issue categories above or at a level of detail that will be addressed later in the process:

- Community involvement/volunteerism
- Energy response plan (This may refer to energy emergency response plan that applies to a loss of energy supply – such as California’s program)
- Health clinic
- Indoor public pool
- Mosquito abatement
- Wildlife control

## Housing

The highest number of participants ranked diversity of housing choices and opportunities to live in smaller homes as top issues of importance, at 46 and 38 percent respectively. Ten percent ranked rental properties as most important, followed by 5 percent for workforce housing.

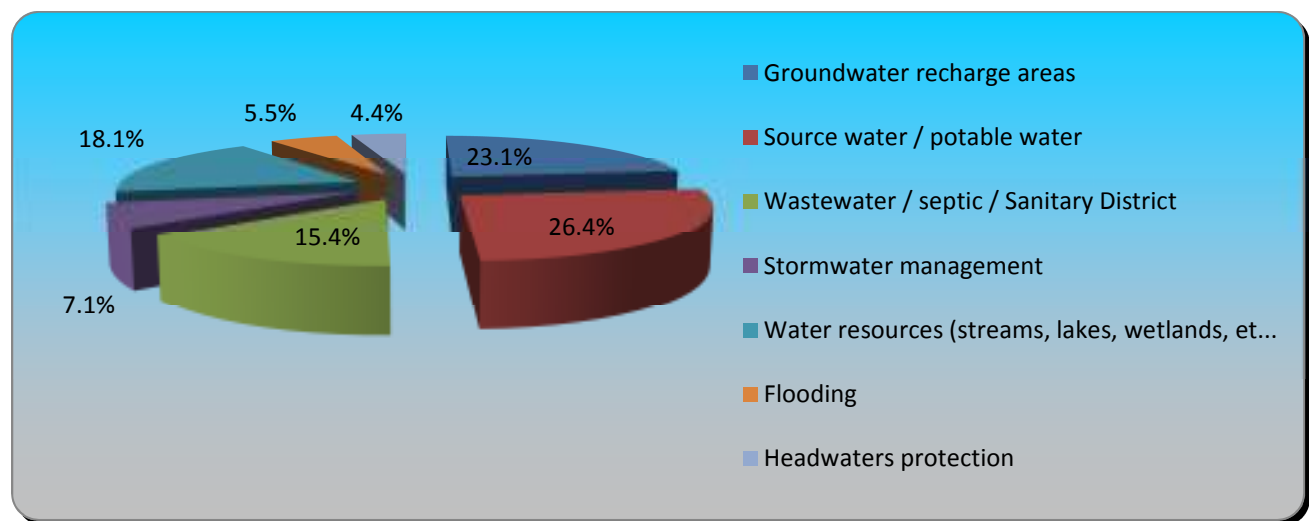
What housing issues are most important to you?	Responses	
Diversity in housing choice, e.g., for all stages of life	60	46.15%
Opportunities to live in smaller homes	50	38.46%
Workforce housing	7	5.38%
Rental properties	13	10%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Water Resources

The most important issue in the water resources category was drinking water at 26 percent, followed by groundwater recharge areas at 23 percent, then streams, lakes, and wetlands at 18 percent, then wastewater/septic/sanitary district at 15 percent. Stormwater management, flooding, and headwaters protection were less frequently voted as important, all scoring under 8 percent.

What water resources issues are most important to you?	Responses	
Groundwater recharge areas	42	23.08%
Source water / potable water	48	26.37%
Wastewater / septic / Sanitary District	28	15.38%
Stormwater management	13	7.14%
Water resources (streams, lakes, wetlands, etc)	33	18.13%
Flooding	10	5.49%
Headwaters protection	8	4.40%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100%</b>



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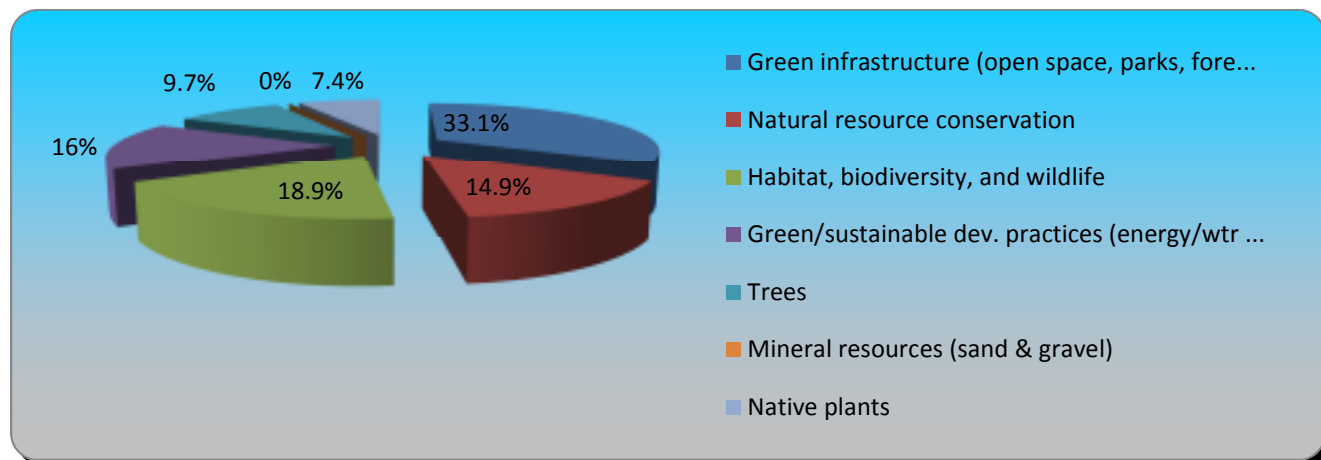
- Water Quantity

## Natural Resources and Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure (open space, parks, forest preserves) was most commonly voted as the most important issue, at 33 percent, followed by habitat, biodiversity and wildlife just under 19 percent, green/sustainable development practices (energy, water) at 16 percent, and natural resource conservation just under 15 percent. Fewer than 10 percent of participants voted for trees and native plants as top issues of importance, and none voted for mineral resources (sand and gravel).

### What natural resources & green infrastructure issues are most important to you?

	Responses	
Green infrastructure (open space, parks, forests)	58	33.14%
Natural resource conservation	26	14.86%
Habitat, biodiversity, and wildlife	33	18.86%
Green/sustainable dev. practices (energy, water, etc.)	28	16%
Trees	17	9.71%
Mineral resources (sand & gravel)	0	0%
Native plants	13	7.43%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100%</b>



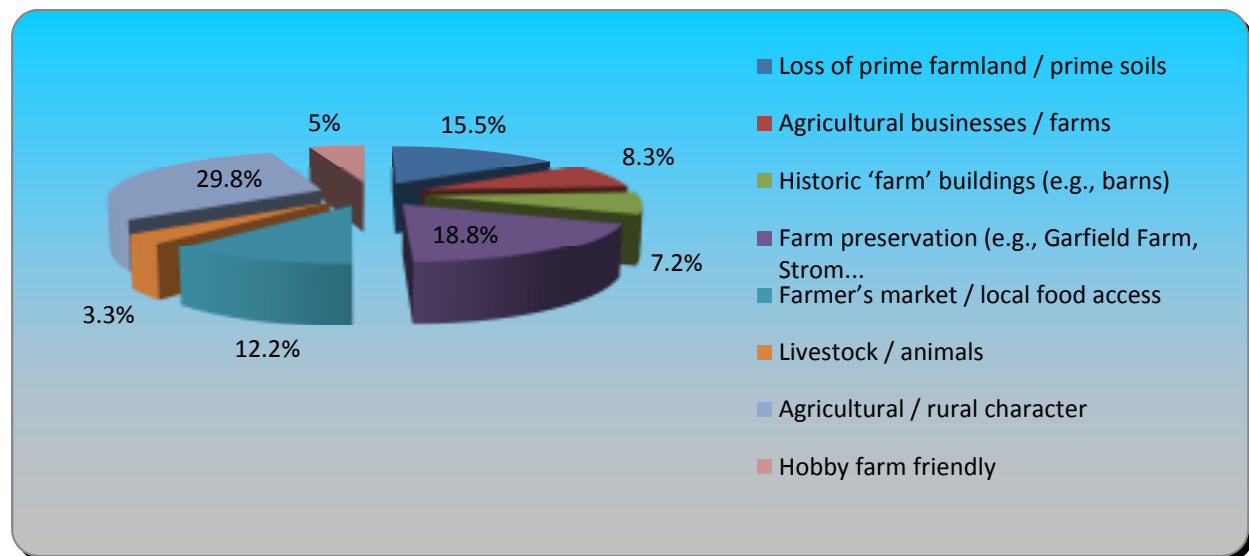
Additional natural resource issues raised during the public meeting that were either assumed to be included within the issue categories above or at a level of detail that will be addressed later in the process:

- Park, recreation, open space management plan

## Agriculture

Of the agricultural issues listed, largest percentage of participants (30 percent) ranked the rural character of the Village as most important to them. Between 19 and 12 percent ranked, in order of importance, farm preservation, loss of farmland/prime soils, and access to local food/farmer's markets as highest in importance, and fewer than 10 percent ranked agricultural businesses/farms, historic farm buildings, hobby farming, and livestock/animals as most important.

What agriculture issues are most important to you?	Responses	
Loss of prime farmland / prime soils	28	15.47%
Agricultural businesses / farms	15	8.29%
Historic 'farm' buildings (e.g., barns)	13	7.18%
Farm preservation (e.g., Garfield Farm)	34	18.78%
Farmer's market / local food access	22	12.15%
Livestock / animals	6	3.31%
Agricultural / rural character	54	29.83%
Hobby farm friendly	9	4.97%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100%</b>



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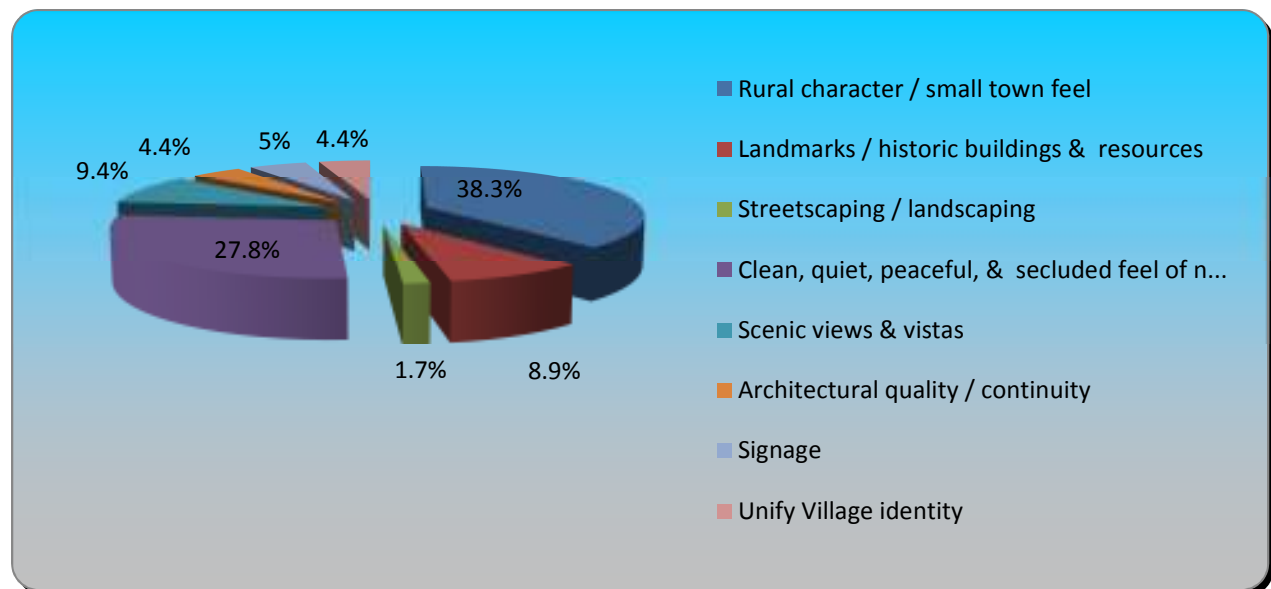
- Organic farming

## Historic Preservation and Community Character

In this category, the top issues of importance were by far the rural character/small town feel of the Village (38 percent) and the clean, quiet peaceful and secluded feel of the neighborhoods (28 percent). Just under 10 percent of participants listed scenic views and landmarks as issues of highest importance, and 5 percent and under voted for signage, unified village identity, architectural quality and continuity, and streetscaping as issues of top importance.

### Which historic preservation / community character issues are most important to you?

	Responses	
Rural character / small town feel	69	38.33%
Landmarks / historic buildings & resources	16	8.89%
Streetscaping / landscaping	3	1.67%
Clean, quiet, peaceful, & secluded feel of n...	50	27.78%
Scenic views & vistas	17	9.44%
Architectural quality / continuity	8	4.44%
Signage	9	5%
Unify Village identity	8	4.44%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100%</b>



Additional historic preservation and community character issues raised during the public meeting that were either assumed to be included within the issue categories above or at a level of detail that will be addressed later in the process:

- Restoration of downtown Wasco

## Economic Development

In the category of economic development, the highest number of participants voted the Wasco downtown area as the top issue of importance (30 percent). The next highest were the Route 47 corridor at 16 percent, locally owned businesses at 15 percent, retail and commercial development at 14 percent, and the marketing/promotion/support of new and existing businesses at 13 percent. Local jobs and employment opportunities were of top importance to 10 percent of the participants. Only 3 voted for industrial development as a top issue.

### What economic development issues are most important to you?

	Responses	
Wasco commercial area/downtown /main street	55	30.39%
Retail and commercial development	25	13.81%
Locally owned businesses	28	15.47%
Industrial development	3	1.66%
Local jobs /employment opportunities	18	9.94%
Marketing /promotion /support of new & existi...	23	12.71%
Route 47 corridor	29	16.02%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100%</b>



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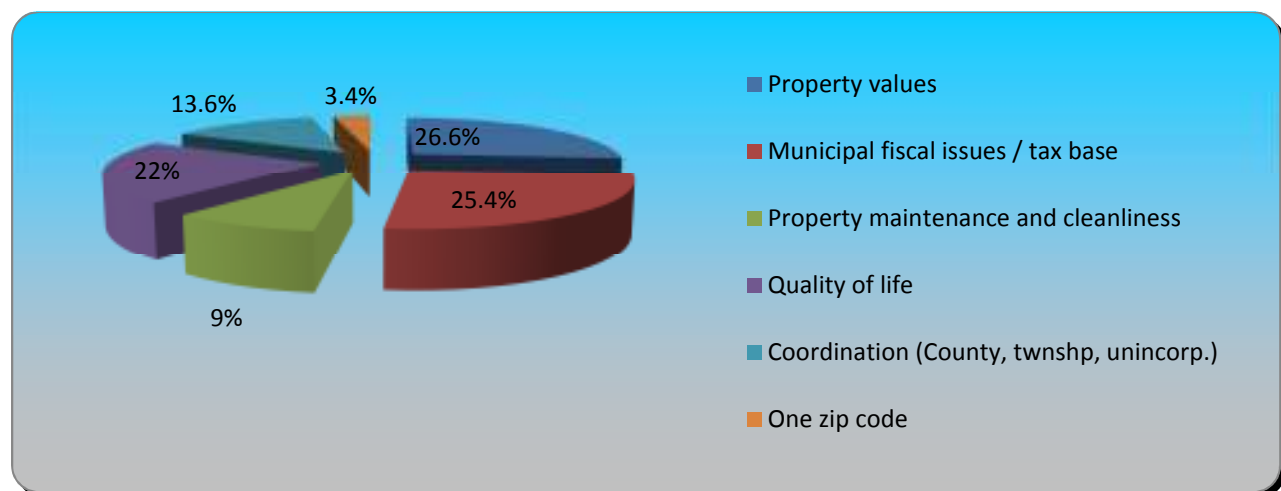
- Strategic plan for research and development and clean industry development



## Other Issues

Other issues, in order of priority votes, include property values at 27 percent, municipal fiscal and tax base issues at 25 percent, quality of life issues at 22 percent, and coordination of county, township and unincorporated areas at 14 percent. Property maintenance and cleanliness and the issue of one zip code were voted as top priorities by fewer than 10 percent of the participants.

Other issues	Responses	
Property values	47	26.55%
Municipal fiscal issues / tax base	45	25.42%
Property maintenance and cleanliness	16	9.04%
Quality of life	39	22.03%
Coordination (County, twnshp, unincorp.)	24	13.56%
One zip code	6	3.39%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>100%</b>



Additional 'other' issues raised during the public meeting that were either assumed to be included within the issue categories above or at a level of detail that will be addressed later in the process:

- Gas station
- Grocery store
- Property and sales taxes
- Size of municipal government
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) construction

## Mapping Exercise – Summary of Likes and Dislikes

Participants were asked to use dots and maps to locate and label areas that they did and did not like in the Village. The following is a summary of the mapped results.

### *Participants Liked...*

- **Open Space and Trails** - The preserved open spaces and Great Western Trail were very popular among participants, especially the Corron Farm, Garfield Farm, and the Gray Willows open space and community center. The Meisner Corron Forest Preserve, Headwaters Conservation Area, Anderson Park, Mongerson Farm were also noted.
- **Downtown** - Many participants indicated they liked the downtown / town square area near Old LaFox and Wasco for its history, architecture, shopping, and walkability.
- **Scenic Roads** - Many rural and rustic roads were noted on the map, including stretches between Bieth and Campton Hills Road in the southeast section of the Village, Crawford Road north of Stony Creek in the north side and some areas of Campton Hill and Town Hall Roads.

### *Participants Disliked...*

- **Traffic Issues** - Many participants noted problems at Old Burlington Road west of Gray Willows open space. Other issues noted include the intersections of Burlington and Silver Glen Roads; Campton Hills Road at LaFox Road; and McDonald Road and 47 on Burlington. Also noted were the high speed of traffic on South Corron Road near the community center and on LaFox Road, the need for traffic control at LaFox and Bolcum Roads, and congestion at LaFox Road and IL Route 64.
- **Biking and Walking Problems** - Problems included difficulties with biking along Campton Hills Drive (along north end of Garfield Farm), Bieth Road, Town Hall Road, and IL 64. IL 64 could also use a pedestrian crossing sign near the downtown and sidewalks where they are missing, according to some participants. It was also noted that better bike access is needed to enter Anderson Park near Brown Road and the Great Western Trail and to link from Campton Hills Road and LaFox Road to the Great Western Trail.
- **Flooding** - Flooding issues were noted on one map near Fairview Court and Palomino Drive.
- **Aesthetics** - The fire station near Wasco Elementary School was unpopular for a number of participants.
- **Sanitary District** - Many participants indicated they didn't like the sanitary district property north of Campton Hills Drive, south of IL 64 along LaFox Road.
- **Density** – There was a general dislike of areas of higher density, especially the Norton Lakes Subdivision, but also the areas west of Corron Farm and south of Wasco Elementary School.
- **Elgin and South Elgin** – A significant number of participants noted on the maps that they did not like Elgin and South Elgin.



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