

TOWN OF WINCHENDON



NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25 of the General Laws, as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following board, committee, or commission will be held on the date and time specified below. Said meeting will be open to the public and press.

BOARD/COMMITTEE: **Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee –
Organizational Meeting**

DATE: **Thursday February 19, 2015** **TIME:** **10:00 a.m.**

LOCATION: **Town Hall – 4th floor 109 Front Street Winchendon MA 01475**

1. **Introductions**
2. **What is an OSRP and why do we need ours updated?**
 - Plan Summary and Introduction
 - Community Setting
 - Environmental Inventory
 - Inventory of Lands
 - Community Goals
 - Analysis of Needs
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Five-Year Action Plan
 - Public Comments
3. **Survey** – Review example surveys, develop questions for on-line survey, discuss review process, schedule
4. **Schedule** – Committee Meetings; Workshop
5. **Identify and Prioritize Goals** – Review Goals and Objectives from 2007 OSRP
6. **Adjourn**

Notice- The above topics do not prohibit additional last-minute or unforeseen matters.

The meeting room is handicapped accessible. With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodation for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance; contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-3308.

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Open Space and Recreation
Plan Committee



Telephone (978) 297-5414
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109 Front Street
Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475-1758
Robinson Broadhurst Conference Room 4th Floor
Master Plan Minutes
February 19, 2015

Members Present: Gerry White, Director of Development
Tracy Murphy, Planning Agent
David Koonce, Conservation Agent
Guy Corbosiero, Planning Board
David Romanowski, Winchendon Enhancement
Ken LaBrack, Winchendon Enhancement
Greg Vine, Planning Board

Members Absent: Lionel Cloutier, Conservation Commission, Board of Health
John Walker, Resident & Environmental Consultant

Others: Tracy Adamski, Tighe and Bond
Tracy Adamski opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

1. Introductions

- The Committee introduced themselves to each other and outlined their respective board affiliations.
- Tracy Adamski: introduced herself and thanked the group for their participation in the update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

2. What is an Open Space and why do we need ours updated

Tracy A: Outlined the factors within the Open Space and Recreation Plan and those that are required to be updated. Discussion included what resources currently exist such as the recent Master Plan survey that will be useful towards the update.

- Goal is to make this a 7 year action plan.
- Need up date for eligibility for grant funding.
- Goal to have completion for grant funding through DCS in June of this year.

3. Survey

Tracy A: Discussed utilizing Survey Monkey for the Open Space survey.

- Online, check the boxes – ease in use/user friendly
- Easy to tabulate results.

Hard copies can be made available to those without use of computer and distributed at locations throughout town.

Survey Questions

Some overlap with Master Plan survey and functions (public forum) of Master Plan Committee may occur as their information is relevant to the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The committee went over surveys from the 2007 plan as well as surveys that have been conducted by other communities.

Results from the 2007 Plan survey highlight preservation of Historic and Farm lands as a high priority with Recreation lands in the middle ground.

Some items discussed were addressed in MP survey. Discussion included crafting questions that go to the next level such as to target certain properties and ask, "What would you like to see here?" Incorporate Ingleside into questions without excluding other properties to ensure those properties are listed for future grant opportunities as well as provide for a stronger grant applications. Some duplicate questions from the Master Plan survey will be included as they are in a different context utilizing the South Hadley example for wording.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) question should be addressed in the survey despite the current financial situation of the town. It was suggested to provide link with explanation and examples of CPA projects. Education and outreach is needed for CPA.

Include relevant recreational opportunities, i.e. snowmobiling and omit those that don't apply, i.e. golf courses.

Distribution of the survey is projected within the next month through the Winchendon Courier.

A draft of the survey will be distributed by Tracy M. to committee members for comment at the next meeting.

Municipal Open Space

Processes and benefits were discussed for the identification of both unprotected and protected municipal lands.

Discussion included:

- The importance of compiling a plan for an open space network.

- Procuring unbuildable tracks of land suitable to compliment open space networks while providing tax incentives for property owners.

Tracy A. Will compile a map through MassGIS data that identifies protected and unprotected municipal owned lands for committee members to confirm the "truth" of the status as well as identify those needing protection.

Committee members will forward comments to Tracy M.

4. Schedule

Committee meetings – Tracy A. as per contract is available for 3 meetings

Public forum – proposal to run concurrent with the Master Plan vision forum, date in April to be Determined. Location at Murdock Jr. Sr. High School.

Consensus of the committee is that it would make sense to combine the forums to include the Winchendon Enhancement Collaborative (WEC) in the public forum.

Meeting times were discussed and agreed that late in the day Thursdays was when the majority could attend. Specific dates were not determined.

Next meeting will be Thursday march 5 at 4:30 pm to discuss the surveys as well as sec 8 Goals and section 9 the Action Plan of the 2007 plan keeping in mind the goals of open space and recreation moving forward.

5. Identify and prioritize goals

Postponed for discussion at the Mar 5, 2015 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am

Lucy Murphy
David M. Koonce
Leonel C. Chas
[Signature]
Joshua Abstant

Kenneth LaBrack

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DJ & 2:05

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BOARD/COMMITTEE: Open Space and Recreation Plan

DATE: March 5, 2015

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 4th Floor Conference, Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

AGENDA – March 5, 2015

4:30 p.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

Open Meeting

Public Forum

Goals and Objectives Discussion

Set Date for Next Meeting

Adjourn

Correspondence

None for this meeting.

Public Comment

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Open Space Plan Committee Minutes
March 5, 2015



Members Present: Gerry White, Director of Development
Tracy Murphy, Planning Agent
David Koonce, Conservation Agent
Guy Corbosiero, Planning Board
Lionel Cloutier, Conservation Commission
Ken LaBrack, Winchendon Enhancement
John Walker, Resident & Environmental Consultant
David Romanowski, Winchendon Enhancement Committee

Members Absent: Greg Vine, Planning Board

Not Present: Tracy Adamski, Tighe and Bond

Tracy Murphy opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

1. Public Forum

The Committee discussed participating in the Master Plan Vision Session with the Master Plan Committee and the Winchendon Enhancement Committee. The Vision session is scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 6pm at the Murdock High School. All agreed that it would be an appropriate time to gather information for the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Tracy A. will attend to lead discussion at the Open Space and Recreation table.

2. Goals and Objectives Discussion

Tracy Adamski relayed through the office of Planning and Development that the feedback from the survey that will be distributed and comments on the draft Open Space map discussed at the last meeting is a priority and that the discussion regarding the Goals and Objectives could be continued at the next meeting. As a result, discussion started regarding the survey and maps.

Survey

Concerns were brought up regarding where the survey would be found. It was discussed that a link would be provided on the "main page" of the town's website for a period of 2-3 weeks.

Edits to the proposed survey were discussed at length. Careful consideration was given to ensuring that ALL Open Space and Recreation resources that are available are listed under question 5 and that those listed are clear. (Example, Marvin School edited to read "Marvin School field")

An option to list "Other" was included on Question 8.

The rewarding of questions was discussed, specifically Question 9 regarding future preservation initiatives. A link to information about the Community Preservation Act (CPA) will be included under the "Where do I go to find?" section of the main page on the Town Web Site.

Suggested edits to the survey are attached to these minutes as exhibit A.

Maps

It was suggested that Tighe and Bond start with the Maps from the 2007 Plan and update accordingly. In addition, it was suggested that 3 protected Open Space Maps be made. One for Open Space, one for Chapter lands, and one for municipally owned unprotected open space. Once completed, the map will be distributed for additional comments.

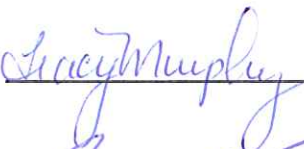
3. Minutes

A motion was made by Guy C. and seconded by Ken L. to accept the minutes of February 19, 2015. The minutes were accepted.

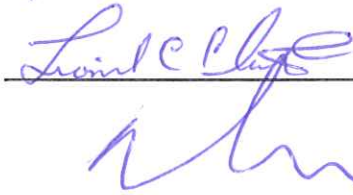
3. Set Date for Next Meeting

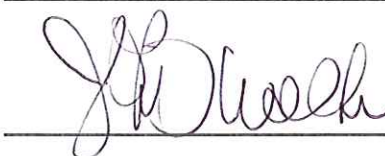
The next meeting to Finish the Goals and Objectives (section 8 & 9) will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 4:30 pm. Comments can be sent to the Office of Planning and Development prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm









Welcome to the Open Space and Recreation Survey

The Town is in the process of updating its 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan to identify and plan for its recreational facility and open space needs. Open space and recreation resources are essential to Winchendon's quality of life and also to attracting the visitors and new businesses that will bring new vitality to the local economy. To minimize the cost to local taxpayers, obtaining funding from other sources is vital for maintenance of our recreational and open space opportunities. An update is necessary to qualify for State reimbursement programs for acquisition and protection of important open space, as well as recreational facility development. This survey is being conducted as part of the update in order to understand the needs and concerns of the citizens of Winchendon regarding open space protection and recreational opportunities and facilities.

Please take a few minutes to answer all of the applicable questions. **All responses are needed by April 15, 2015.**

Thank you for your help!

*1. Do you view Winchendon as a recreational tourist destination that attracts visitors from the region and beyond?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No, but we should

*2. ~~Do you feel you are~~ Are you aware of the complete range of Winchendon's Recreational Facilities and Open Space Areas?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Sure

Comments (optional)

*3. ~~Do you feel you or your family use Winchendon's~~ Do you or your family use Winchendon's Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas? in or around the Winchendon area ?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not aware of the facilities/areas

Comments (optional)

4. If not in Winchendon, where do you and your family like to go for recreation?

5. If you or your family use ~~Winchendon's~~ Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas, in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

	Weekly	Monthly	1 to 4 times per year	Never	Excellent condition	Good condition	Fair condition	Poor condition
Memorial School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toy Town Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marvin School field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murdock Middle/High School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warren Bentley Athletic Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Murdock Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G.A.R. Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Center Common Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Militia Training Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocking Horse Monument	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WWI Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lake Dennison Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter River State Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Central Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webster Street Park (proposed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whites Mill Pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Winchendon School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clark Memorial YMCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eugene M. Connor American Legion Field (Little League)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Add to list: Legion Park
Lake Monomonic
Winchendon Rod & Gun
Town Forest
Winchendon School Facilities

6. What recreational facilities would best serve you and your family?

Check as many as apply:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater | <input type="checkbox"/> Art classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross/racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Road biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums/heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/home tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Single, multi-use recreation facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | (Ingleside) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

7. What would you most like to see additional public dollars spent on for recreation?

Check as many as apply:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater | <input type="checkbox"/> Art classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross/racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | (Ingleside) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

8. Where would you like to see additional public dollars spent for open spaces?

Check as many as apply:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> River and stream bank protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Community vegetable gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat/water access | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife conservation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and greenways | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic vista protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks or pocket parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical heritage sites | |

Other (please specify)

*9. What additional actions ^{can be taken by} ~~shall~~ ^{take} Winchendon take to protect/conserv

natural resources or to create or maintain recreational areas?

Do you

Support a Town purchase of land for such purposes?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Need More Information

☐

Would you

Donate money to buy land or donate land?

☐☐☐

Do you

Support a 1 to 3% surcharge on your real estate taxes to contribute to a designated fund (Community Preservation Act*) for the purposes of open space, recreation, or historical preservation?

☐☐☐

Do you

Support mandatory dedication of open space by developers?

☐☐☐

Other ? (please specify)

*The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a law which allows communities to create a local fund specifically for historic preservation, open space protection and outdoor recreation, and affordable housing. The state provides a percentage match from fees collected by the registries of deeds. So far it has been adopted by 158 communities including Royalston, Templeton and Phillipston. Community preservation money is raised locally through a surcharge of between 1% and 3% on the real estate tax. Exemptions can include the first \$100,000 valuation as well as homes of low and moderate income citizens. Town meeting has to vote on all expenditures. It has great discretion as to how to spend the money for each of the categories, though a minimum of 10% of the money is reserved for each of the 3 categories (open space, historic preservation, affordable housing). Money that is not spent in one year is invested for use in later years. For more information on the Community Preservation Act, including projects that have been funded through this program see the Community Preservation Coalition website at <http://www.communitypreservation.org/>.

*10. Winchendon is:

- ☐ My place of residence
- ☐ Where I own a second home
- ☐ Where I own a vacation home
- ☐ My place of business
- ☐ Where I own land but do not reside

The group would like this question broken down into Municipal action, individual action, and developer action. I'm not quite sure that it needs to be three separate questions or reworded????
CPA Link being put on town web site ASAP

***11. How long have you lived in Winchendon?**

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ 11 to 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

Thank you for your participation. Please look on the Town website (http://www.townofwinchendon.com/Pages/WinchendonMA_PlanDev/index) for tabulations of the survey results and meetings on the new Open Space and Recreation Plan.

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Any additional comments?
text box

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JOINT MEETING OF:

BOARD/COMMITTEE: The Winchendon Master Plan Committee
The Winchendon Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee
Winchendon Enhancement Committee

DATE: Thursday March 26, 2015

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street Winchendon MA 01475

Agenda

- 1. New Business: April 28, 2015 Joint Public Forum**
Vision Session Format & Participation Strategies
- 2. Other Business**
- 3. Adjourn**

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We need your input!

at the

Winchendon
2025

Master Plan

Vision Session

Tuesday April 28, 2015
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Murdock High School
3 Memorial Dr.



Hosted by: The Winchendon Master Plan Committee

The Winchendon Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

The Winchendon Enhancement Committee, subcommittee of The Toy Town Partnership

Winchendon working together !

Questions?

Contact The Dept. of Planning & Development 109 Front St Dept. 17
at: 1-978-297-5414 or planning@town.winchendon.ma.us

Winchendon 2025 – Building a Master Plan

Building a master plan provides residents of Winchendon an opportunity to consider what kind of community we are going to be and to make choices about the place that we live. It is important that people come forward and say what is important to them.

On April 28, 2015, the first public master plan vision session was held at Murdock High School. People assembled into seven topic areas, each corresponding to a chapter in our Town's most current master plan. These are: economic development, housing, circulation and transportation, services and facilities, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, and land use.

They were asked to consider the future and what they would like the Town of Winchendon to be in 2025. The responses and ideas of these groups of citizens are on the following pages. These pages are a work in progress. You may see contradictions; you may have questions. Please speak up. You will see that ideas under one topic often relate to another topic and that these relationships need to be considered as we make decisions and plans for our Town.

This is just the first step in building a master plan. There will be many opportunities to add your ideas and experiences to this work. We encourage you to stay informed, get involved and to spread the word to other people you know. Our master plan and our Town will be stronger and more viable if it reflects the ideas and voices of the many different people who live in Winchendon.

What do you want for Winchendon and for the people who live, work or play in our Town ...?

Winchendon 2025 - Economic Development

Economic development identifies policies, strategies and actions for the expansion or stabilization of the Town's economic base and the promotion of employment opportunities.

- Meetings of town officials with business owners
- Image of town (*relates to Natural & Cultural Resources; Outdoor Space & Recreation*)
- Tax incentives for property owners re downtown beautification
- Review environmental restrictions (*relates to Land Use*)
- Revisit Town by-laws
- Special events
 - Attract townspeople and outsiders to local events
 - Tie events together
- Winchendon Business Alliance (moribund). Business Roundtable, Local Chamber. Need the vision of local business people
 - What benefits?
 - Host events
 - Coop ads
 - Customer outreach
 - Social media – businesses need help
- Cost of rent for businesses
- Workforce (education)
- Research business grants
- Better accessibility; drive traffic, our residents and visitors, into town; get people from Route 2 and southern NH to Winchendon. (*relates to Circulation & Transportation*)

Winchendon 2025 - Housing

Housing identifies and analyzes housing needs and objectives including programs for preservation, improvement and development of housing. It identifies policies, strategies and actions to provide a balance of local housing opportunities for all the Town's citizens.

- Housing quality and appearance
- Home preservation (older homes)

- Energy efficient homes (more green building codes)

- More apartments above businesses on Central Street or downtown

- Age appropriate housing
 - Elderly
 - Middle Age (over 55 community-gated)
 - Congregate senior communities (AI4??)

- Veterans congregate housing
- Single parent homes and neighborhood
- Home zoning to match neighborhoods (*relates to Land Use*)
- More single family affordable homes/neighborhoods to attract younger families
- More and creative condo living

- Improved sidewalks and walkability (*relates to Circulation & Transportation*)

Winchendon 2025 - Services & Facilities

Services & Facilities identifies and analyzes needs for facilities and services used by the public and provided by the Town. It identifies policies, strategies and actions to meet these existing and future needs.

Public Safety

<u>Police</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police station: to meet the needs of the police and provide service to the public; a public presence that shows pride• Civil Defense and emergency management – a place and plan to house and mobilize resources. A place for Town Manager and BOS to oversee events.• Do we plan for a public safety complex or for substations close to users?• More visibility in the community, starting with the Chief; a Community Resource Officer (the Chief) for community-police education
<u>Fire Department/Ambulance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep infrastructure, equipment and training up-to-date; need capital plan and budget• Keep up with/expand mutual aid across towns in the region
<u>Emergency Dispatch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology is up-to-date and able to track the town's geography; Emergency medical personnel are up-to-date• Build collaboration and partnering inside and outside of the town• As population ages, the needs increase

Public Works

<u>Trash disposal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessible and affordable disposal and recycling options for the various people/demographics who live here.• What are best options: privatize; increase transfer station usage; curb-side pick up as town service? How promote?
<u>Water & Wastewater</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Money/capital plan for water infrastructure repair, modernizing, expansion This has impact on making this a good place to live and do business• Wastewater system stays up to code/requirements• Evaluate cost/charge of enterprise fund; institute a percentage increase each year for enterprise fund services. Be sure money is available to sustain the investments already made• Evaluate where, geographically, we provide service and where we do not; what's the rationale
<u>Dams</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital planning to fix and/or maintain what we have• Use town dams for hydro power/energy, recreation (water level); fix dam by bike path (<i>relates to Open Space & Recreation</i>)

Education

Schools

- Winchendon is a place kids want to stay. What will this take? Why do they leave? (bullying, behavior, curriculum, perception/pride?)
- Our schools (and our whole community) is a safe and nurturing environment
- Revisit the relationship with Monty-Tech. What is the best focus for Winchendon Public Schools and its students? Consider vocational-technical in town; develop a rationale and plan.
- Birth to age 5 – recognize the importance of early childhood education and act on this for future success in our schools (*Relates to Community Health*)

Library

- Accessibility; library becomes an important resource to everyone in Town; a community center
- Users are connected to technology
- Lots of interaction with senior center
- Critical role in birth to 5

Community Health (and wellness programs)

Overall

- We need goals and a plan (*relates to Open Space & Recreation*)
- Coordinate more community resources, groups, area colleges to make a difference (Winchendon working together for community health and wellbeing)
- Overcome/address issues of access, stigma, exclusion

Senior Center

- Has a master plan, start with this
- Seniors are a growing demographic. Increase staff in order to expand services to meet the growing demand.
- Capital plan for building

Health Care & Mental Health

- Services are accessible; address mobility of our seniors and broader transportation needs (*relates to Circulation & Transportation*)
- Services are currently in Gardner – how expand to here?

Substance Abuse/Drugs Abuse

- A growing problem
- Resources to address this

Winchendon 2025 – Circulation & Transportation

Circulation & Transportation identifies and analyzes the Town's circulation and transportation needs and objectives. It identifies policies, strategies and actions to meet these needs.

- 3 Areas: Downtown, Suburban, Rural
- Circulation characteristic for all 3 areas
 - Safety
 - Aesthetics
 - Road conditions - accessibility
 - Sidewalks
 - Accommodate multi-modes/users of transportation, public transportation
 - Crossroads to NH and Central MA
- Downtown
 - Slow down/safety/vehicular respect for other transportation modes; welcoming; foot traffic
 - Blair Square – safety and aesthetics
- Suburban
 - Get folks to downtown instead of out of town (*relates to Economic Development*)
- Rural
 - Scenic
- Connect areas, i.e.
 - Dennison to Downtown
 - Neighborhoods
 - Access to recreation
- Bridges
 - Functional
 - Aesthetically pleasing
- Recreation
 - Bike trails
- Public Transportation
 - Buses
 - Commuter rail
- Accommodations for handicap

Winchendon 2025 - Open Space & Recreation

Open Space & Recreation provides and inventory of recreational resources and open space areas of the Town and identifies policies, strategies and actions for the management, protection and best use of these resources and areas.

- Recreation, the new industry. Use recreation as a catalyst for economic development/arts (*relates to Economic Development*)
 - Rental shops
 - Related flagship
 - Identify parcels and property, i.e. Glenallen Mills reuse
- Use and/or develop resources we have to draw people (*relates to Economic Development, Natural & Cultural Resources*)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Free picnic areas○ Disc Golf Course○ Exercise park○ Town beach○ Canoe and kayak○ Skate park○ Outside movies○ Recreation area for youth○ More activities for seniors○ Ball Room dancing○ Bike path connection from downtown to NH, Rindge/Troy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hub for bike paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dams for water based recreation, i.e. Whitney Pond repaired<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Paddle boats○ Picnic Areas○ 7 acre parcel along Whitney Pond/NCP○ Parcel behind Rite Aid○ Ingleside○ Development of Converse Gardens; Town owns entrance 36 River Street
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- Work with private property owners to protect land - Mount Grace
- Map old roads and existing trail systems for mountain biking, hiking (*relates to Natural & Cultural Resources*)
- Advertise what we have
 - Use local cable channel and mass media class at the high school to publicize OS&R and other Town efforts
 - Promote outdoor recreation for children through schools, Clark/YMCA (*relates to Community Health*)

Winchendon 2025 – Natural & Cultural Resources

Natural and Cultures Resources provides an inventory of the Town's significant natural, cultural and historic resources and identifies policies, strategies and actions for the management, protection and best use of these resources.

Winchendon is a wealthy community in terms of its natural, cultural and historic resources. *(relates to Open Space & Recreation; Economic Development; Land Use; Circulation & Transportation; Services & Facilities)*

1. Use historic buildings (town hall, library) and churches for cultural concerts, public/civic events (3)
2. Access grants, NIA to National, for cultural resource (2)
3. Develop historic and natural tours of the town with guides (2)
4. Make use of Winchendon's location in Central NE as a jumping off spot (2)
5. Capitalize on the use Ingleside and its potential as a makerspace (2)
6. Restoration of boating; public boating access (2)
7. Intentional inclusion of churches in civic life (1)
8. Tour guide program with publicity (1)
9. Statewide publicity of natural and cultural resources
10. Develop 4-H-ish program/organization
11. [Develop or promote] berry and orchard farms
12. Promote and build on existing tree farms

What do we have (Resources identified at vision session)

1. Farms	17. Town histories written
2. Farmers Market	18. Historical society
3. Fishing	19. Historical commission
4. Cranberry bogs	20. Historic Districts/Ingleside
5. Edible plants/berries	21. Olde Centre
6. Wildlife	22. Old documented cemetery
7. Sand & gravel	23. Civil War Reenactments
8. Whitney Pond	24. Old factories/buildings
9. Lake Dennison	25. Town schools
10. Monomonic	26. Winchendon School
11. Millers River	27. Church buildings
12. Stoddard Pond	28. Churches
13. Springs	29. Toy Town Horse
14. Hill 19, Indian Ground	30. VA Cemetery
15. Bike Trail	31. Location in NE
16. Forestall snowmobile trails	

Winchendon 2025 - Land Use

Land use identifies current land use and analyzes the proposed distribution, location and inter-relationship of public and private land uses. It identifies policies, strategies and actions that reinforce how the Town wants its land to be best used.

- Top 3 ideas
 1. Zoning to promote the land use we want
 2. Green living
 3. Recreational Tourism -- Commerce
- Zoning changes to entice commerce (*relates to Economic Development*)
 - Overly restrictive; loosen uses of Industrial land
 - Keep bedroom community
 - Limit industrialization; attract commerce
 - Encourage green development
- Residential (*relates to Housing*)
 - Large lots
 - Denser residential areas with access
 - Congregate housing; communal living
 - Incentives
 - Develop plan to get to 10% affordable housing
- Agriculture (*relates to Natural & Cultural Resources*)
 - Free community farms; encourage agriculture
 - Farm to School; Greenhouses
 - Encourage agriculture as industry
 - Encourage green living
 - Promote Winchendon as Agricultural Community
 - Pursue Green Community Status
- New England Character/Patterns of Villages (*relates to Economic Development; Natural & Cultural Resources; Circulation & Transportation*)
 - Through zoning and incentives
 - Proactive preservation of historic structures
 - Christmas in Toy Town for tourism
 - Investigate how others have done it
 - Support and encourage small business
- Recreation (*relates to Open Space & Recreation; Circulation & Transportation; Natural & Cultural Resources*)
 - Minimize regulation on recreation: ice racing, biking, snowmobiling etc.
 - Encourage traditional recreation
 - Basketball Courts, Skate Parks etc. easily accessible, no cost
 - Promote recreation for tourists
 - Green Recreation
 - All centrally located
 - Sidewalks
 - Swimming in Whitney's pond, swan boats, boat rental
- Wildlife Ecology Preservation

- o Outdoor Museums, Audubon
- o Identify, promote and protect what we have

TOWN OF WINCHENDON



NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25 of the General Laws, as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following board, committee, or commission will be held on the date and time specified below. Said meeting will be open to the public and press.

BOARD/COMMITTEE: **Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee –**
Organizational Meeting

DATE: **Thursday May 7, 2015** **TIME:** **5:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Town Hall – 4th floor 109 Front Street Winchendon MA 01475**

1. Identify and Prioritize Goals – Review results from MP Vision Session

Review Survey Results

Review Implementation from 2007 OSRP

2. Adjourn

Notice- The above topics do not prohibit additional last-minute or unforeseen matters.

The meeting room is handicapped accessible. With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodation for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance; contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-3308.

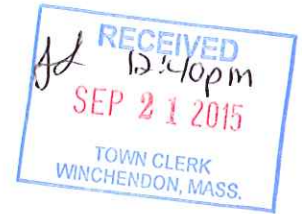
TOWN OF WINCHENDON

Open Space and Recreation
Plan Committee



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Robinson Broadhurst Conference Room 4th Floor
Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee Minutes
May 7, 2015



Members Present: Tracy Murphy, Planning Agent
David Koonce, Conservation Agent
David Romanowski, Winchendon Enhancement
Ken LaBrack, Winchendon Enhancement

Members Absent: Lionel Cloutier, Conservation Commission, Board of Health
John Walker, Resident & Environmental Consultant
Guy Corbosiero, Planning Board

Others Present: Tracy Adamski, Tighe and Bond
Austin Cyganiewicz, Board of Selectmen

Tracy Adamski opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Tracy A: It is hoped that a draft of the plan will be available in 2-3 weeks but wanted to know if it was expected that an application would be submitted this year. Tracy A. stated that a draft is sufficient for an application. Dave R. stated that he did not believe an application would be filed. At this time it was clarified that this will in fact be a 2 year plan.

Tracy A: Will be out on leave until Sept. 1, 2015. A contact at Tighe and Bond will be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Development for the interim.

1. Review from the Master Plan Vision Session

The Committee discussed the Vision Session of April 28, 2015. Feedback at the session:

1. Recreation is the new industry. Use recreation as a catalyst for economic development.
2. Use and/or develop resources we have to draw people.
3. Work with private owners to protect land.
4. Map old roads and existing trail systems.
5. Advertise what we have.

2. Review Survey Results

The most popular Open Space and Recreation Resources as specified in the survey:

1. North Central Pathway
2. State and Federal land (Lake Dennison)

Town forest/resources not utilized as much.

Survey results are attached as exhibit A.

3. Goals and Objectives: Section 8 & Implementation/Action: Section 9

Section 8:

Goals and Objectives were discussed at great length.

It was suggested that the results of the vision session should be introduced. The Committee felt that there is great importance in including the community and economic development benefit bringing people into the downtown area through the agricultural and recreational opportunities that not only exist but are possible.

It was also suggested to incorporate recreational opportunities for all ages and income types be included as a goal.

Section 9:

The Five Year Action Plan from the 2007 plan was gone over at great length. Items were added, deleted or edited as appropriate. Suggested changes:

Goal 1

Objective #2.

Action Item 1 deleted.

3 amended to "Develop a process to enforce erosion control."

5 deleted reducing impermeable surfaces, completed through Zoning bylaw.

Goal 2

Objective #1

Action Item 2 Develop access for Canoe and Kayak on Lake Monominac.

Objective #2 edited to remove North Central Pathway and a landing at Jameson parcels as recreational improvements.

Action Item 1 & 2 Combined into one.

3 removed

Objective #3

Action Item 1 edited to include working with Millers River Watershed

Goal 3

Objective #1

Action Item 1 removed

2 protect environmentally sensitive area was included

Objective #2

Action Item 1 Biodiversity Day changed to read Earth Day

3 Combined with Item 1

6 Removed

Objective#3

- Action Item 3 in our school system removed
- 4 with the Town's elementary school removed
- 6 edited to read "Promote" a tree planting program
- 8 Work with local non profits included

Objective #4 removed

Goal 4

Objective #1

- Action Item 1 &2 Removed

Objective #2

- Action Item 1 edited to designate Toy Town Partnership with this task
- 4 Deleted

Objective #3

- Action Item 3 edit to read Identify Scenic Roads

At 7:00 pm work on the Action Plan stopped with Goal 5. It was discussed that Tracy M. would send out an email to members of the committee requesting that goals 5 and 6 be looked at on their own time and send in any comments to the Department of Planning and Development as soon as possible. Any comments will be forwarded to Tracy Adamski to be included in the updated plan.

Next meeting TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Tracy Murphy

John

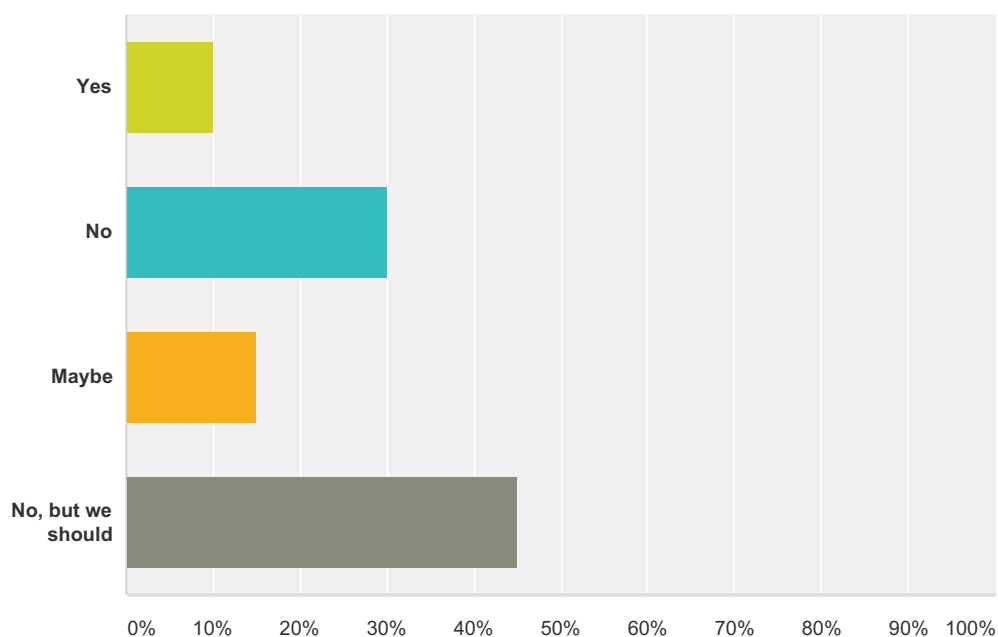
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Q1 Do you view Winchendon as a recreational tourist destination that attracts visitors from the region and beyond?

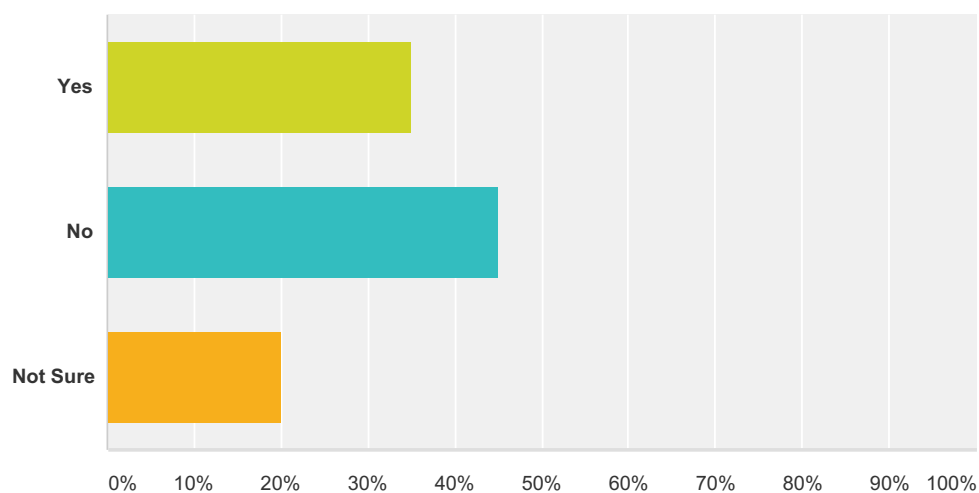
Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	10.00% 2
No	30.00% 6
Maybe	15.00% 3
No, but we should	45.00% 9
Total	20

Q2 Are you aware of the complete range of Winchendon's Recreational Facilities and Open Space Areas?

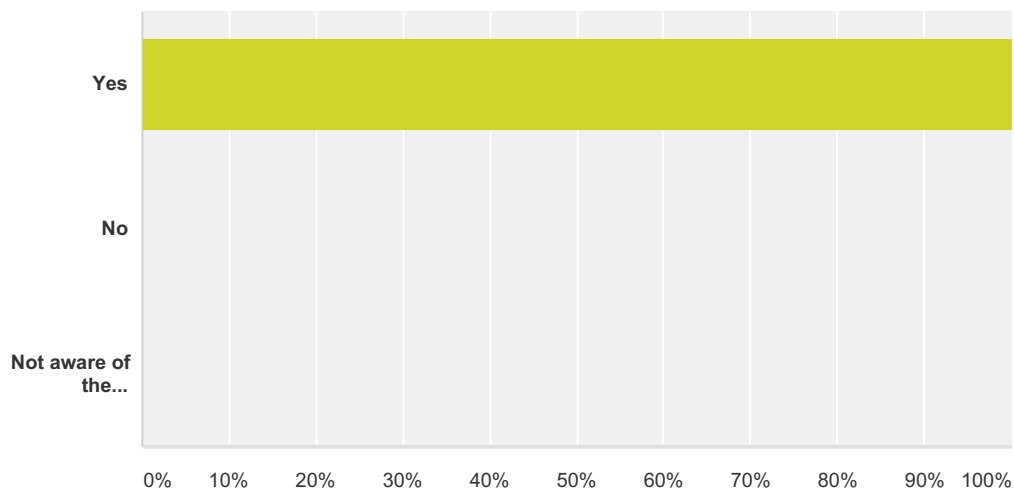
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	35.00%	7
No	45.00%	9
Not Sure	20.00%	4
Total		20

Q3 Do you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



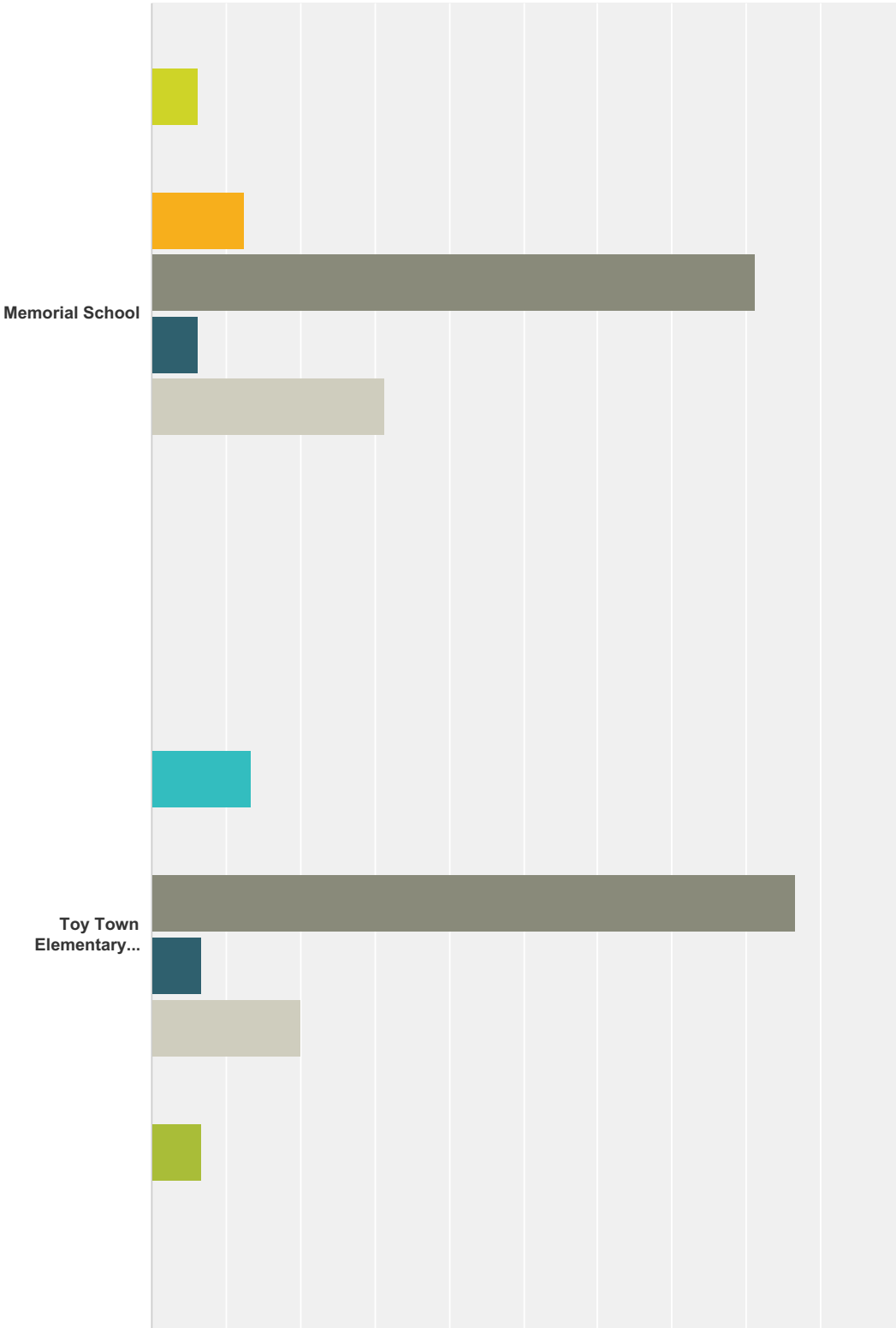
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	100.00%	20
No	0.00%	0
Not aware of the facilities/areas	0.00%	0
Total		20

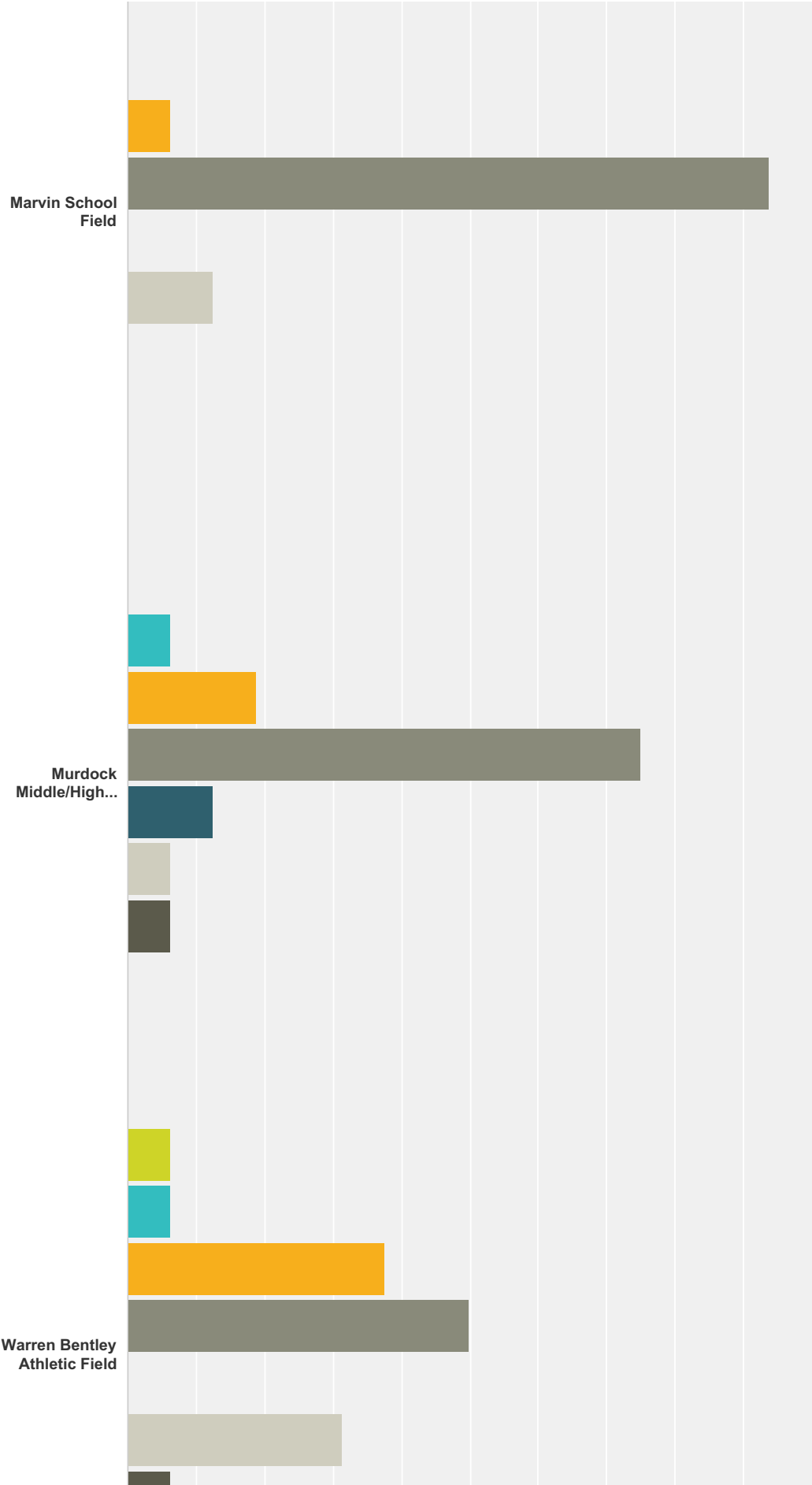
Q4 If not in Winchendon, where do you and your family like to go for recreation?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 11

Q5 (Part 1 of 2) If you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

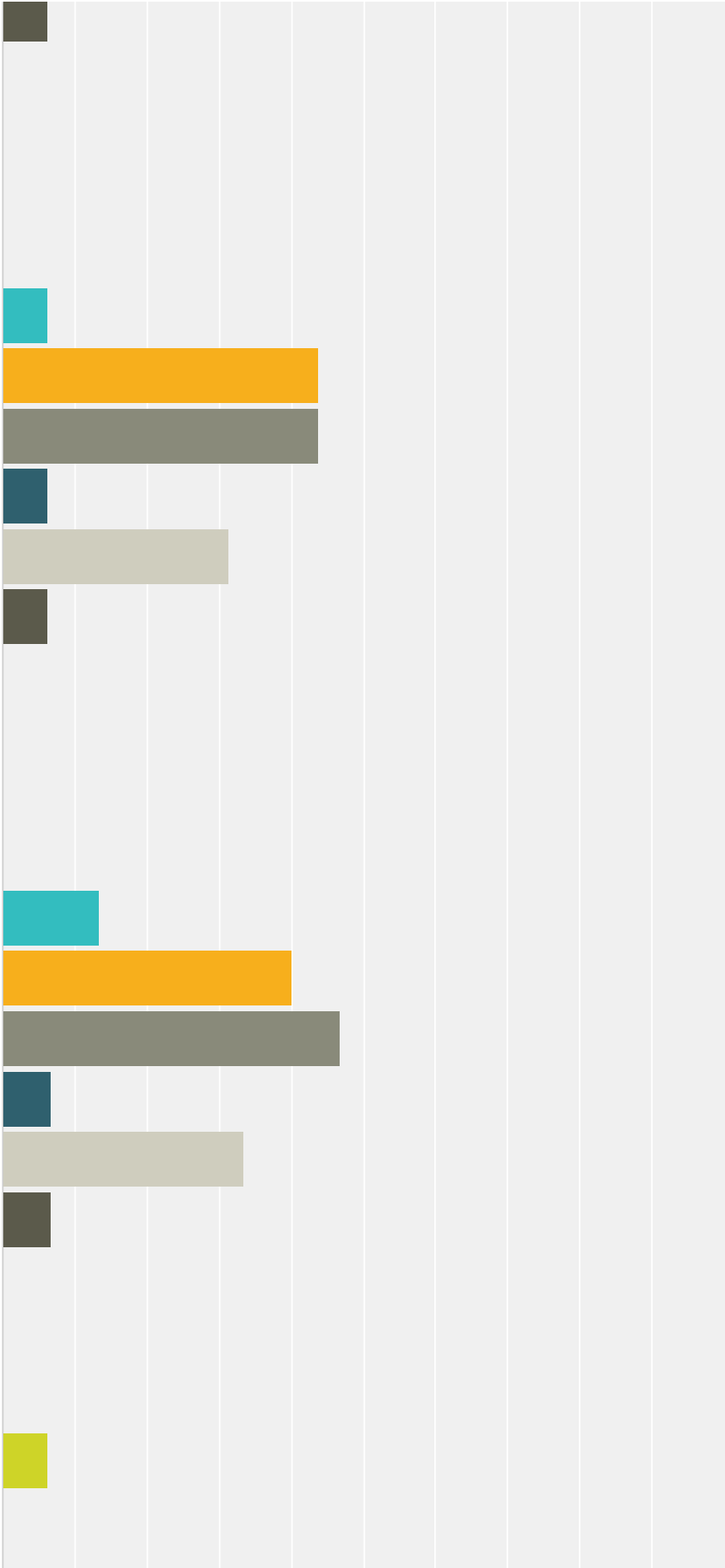
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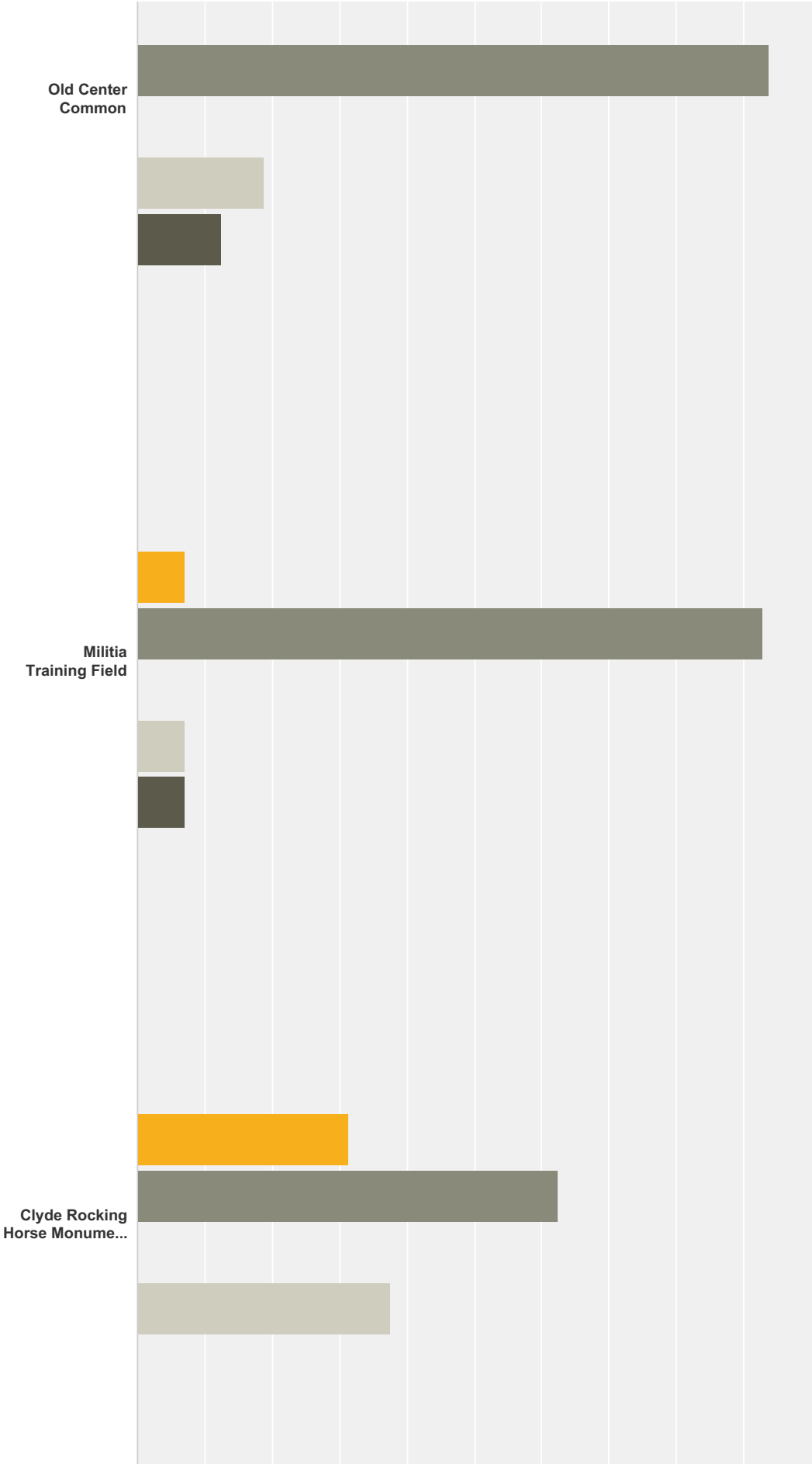


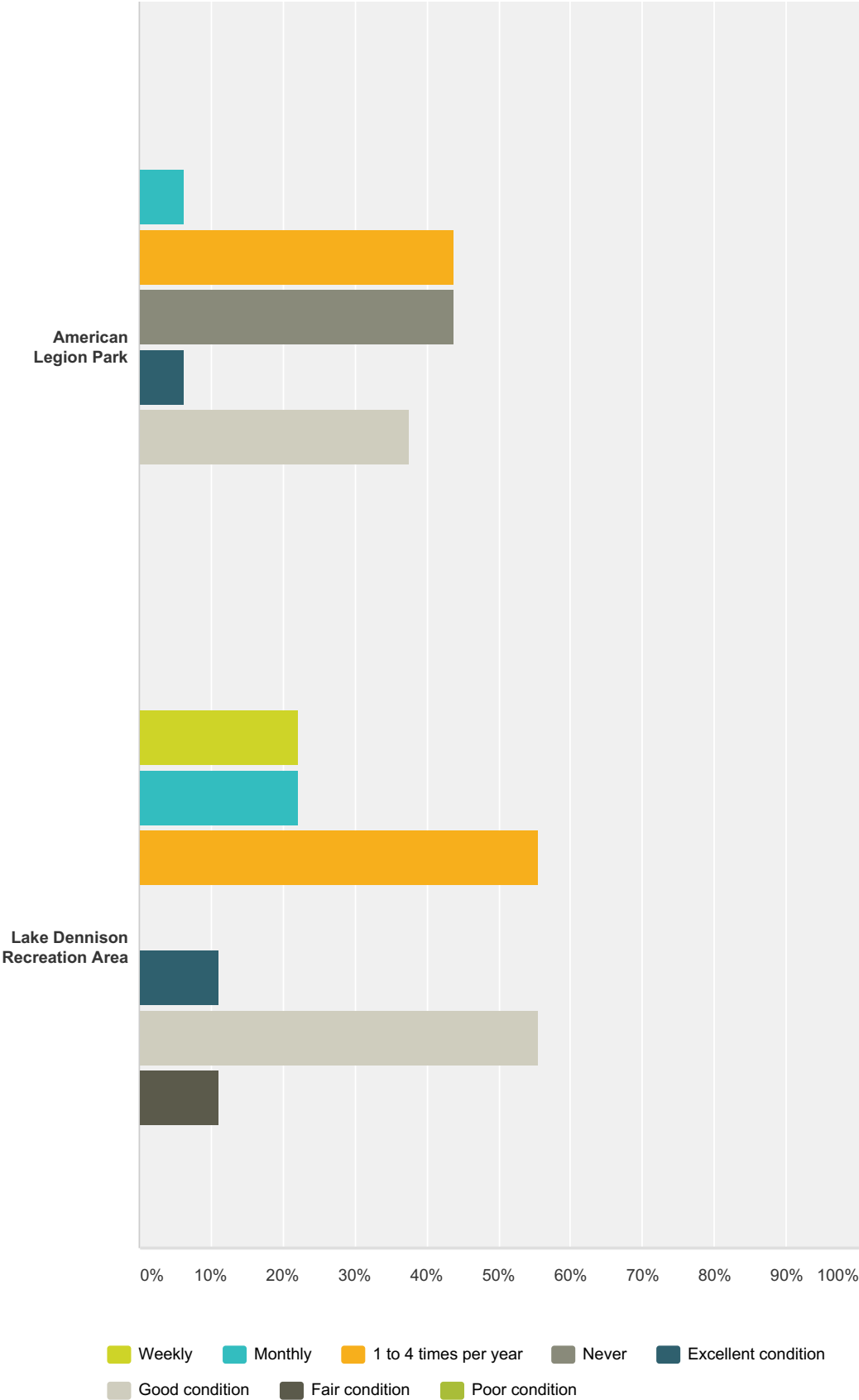


Old Murdock
Senior Center

G.A.R.
Memorial Park





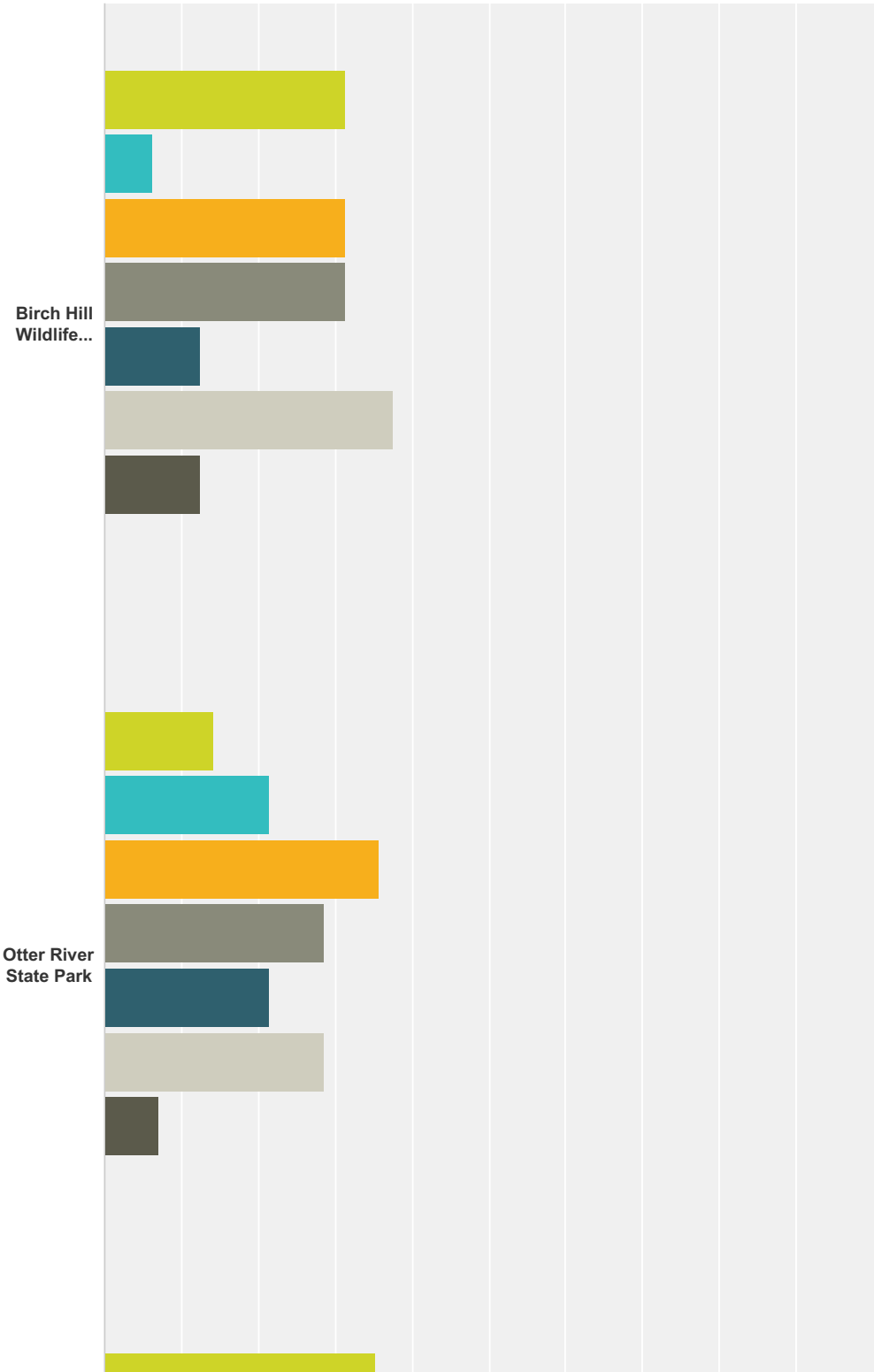


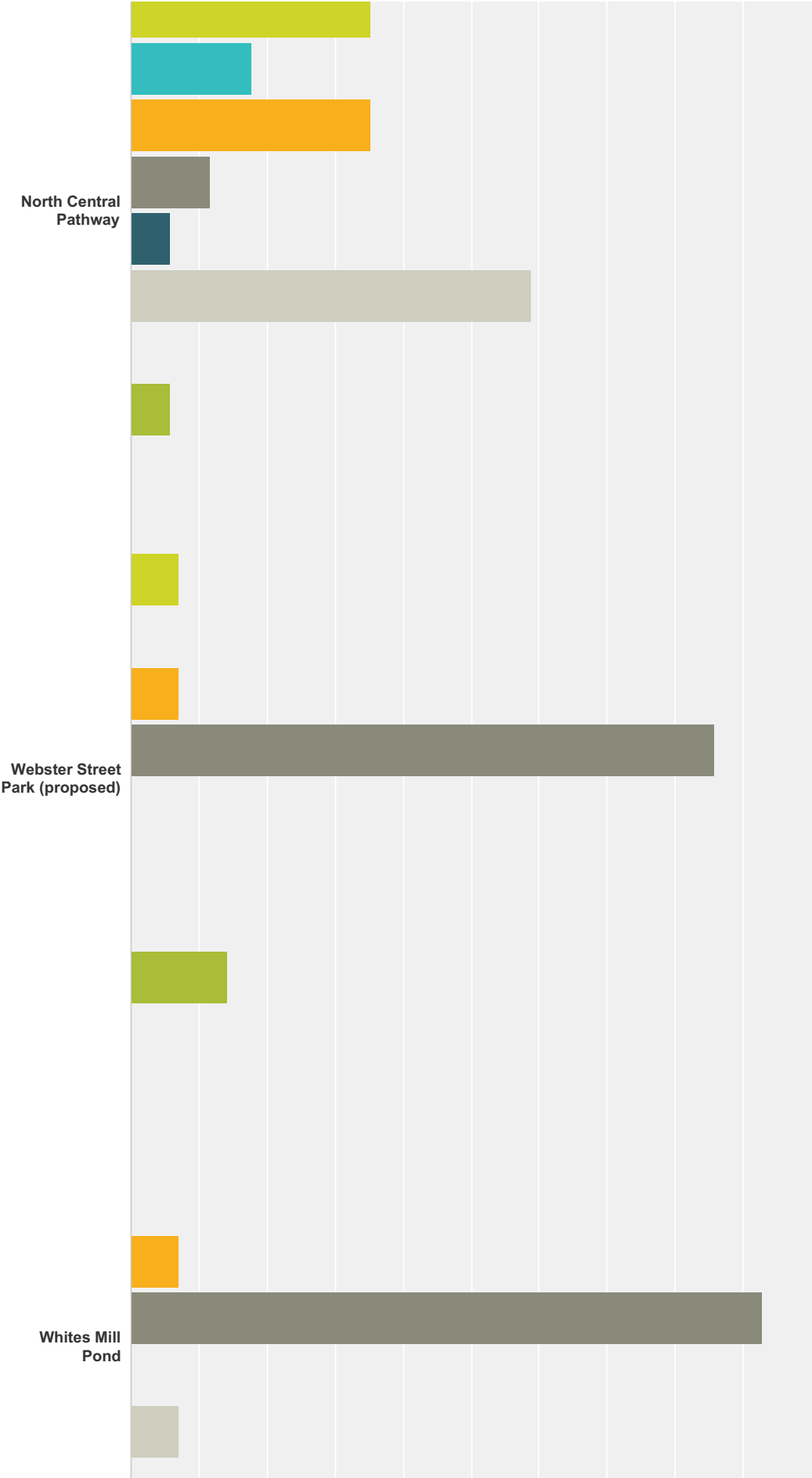
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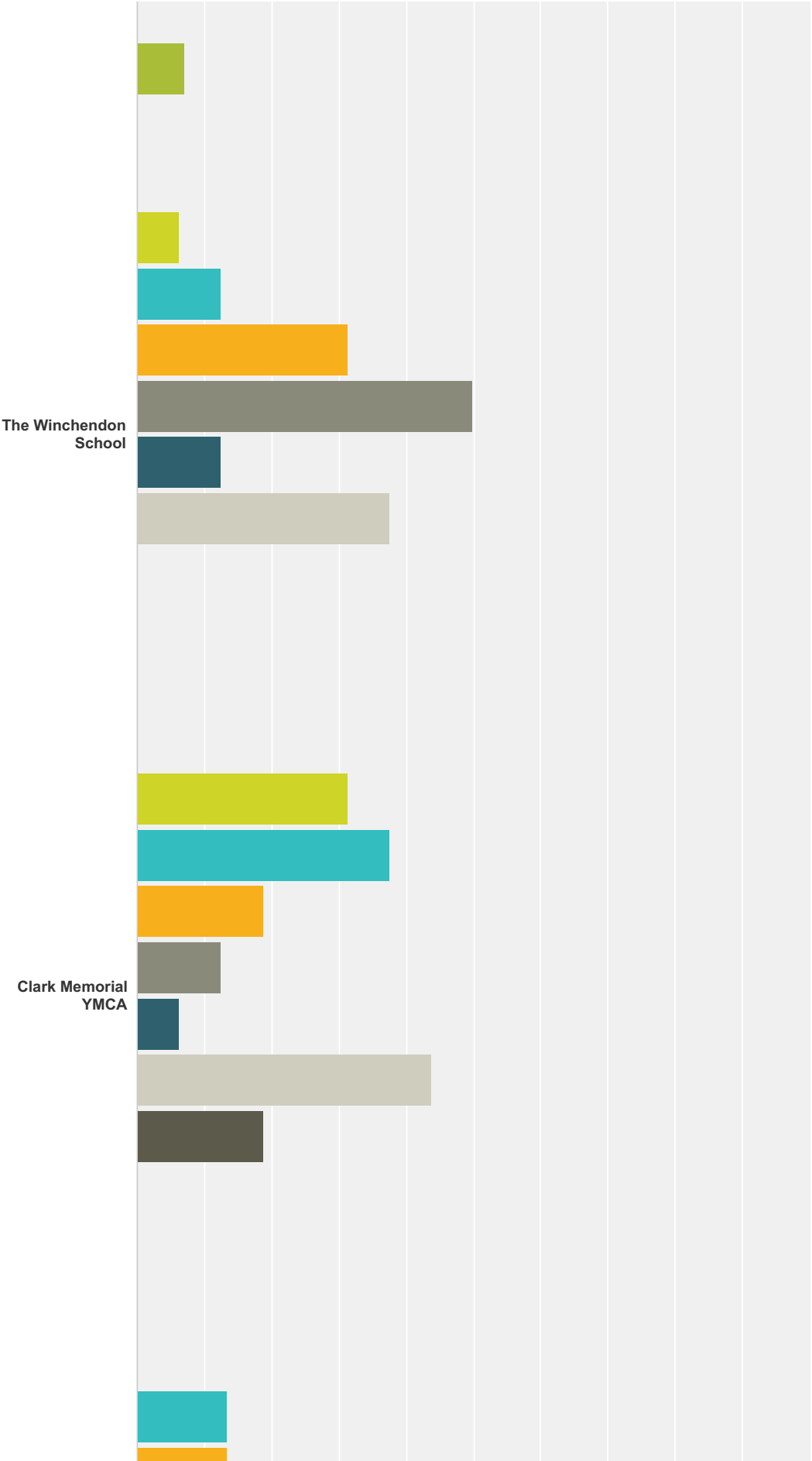
Memorial School	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	81.25% 13	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Toy Town Elementary School	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	86.67% 13	6.67% 1	20.00% 3	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	15
Marvin School Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	93.75% 15	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Murdock Middle/High School	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	75.00% 12	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
Warren Bentley Athletic Field	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	37.50% 6	50.00% 8	0.00% 0	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
Old Murdock Senior Center	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	43.75% 7	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
G.A.R. Memorial Park	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	40.00% 6	46.67% 7	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15
Old Center Common	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	93.75% 15	0.00% 0	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	16
Militia Training Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	92.86% 13	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14
Clyde Rocking Horse Monument Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	31.25% 5	62.50% 10	0.00% 0	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
American Legion Park	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	43.75% 7	6.25% 1	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Lake Dennison Recreation Area	22.22% 4	22.22% 4	55.56% 10	0.00% 0	11.11% 2	55.56% 10	11.11% 2	0.00% 0	18

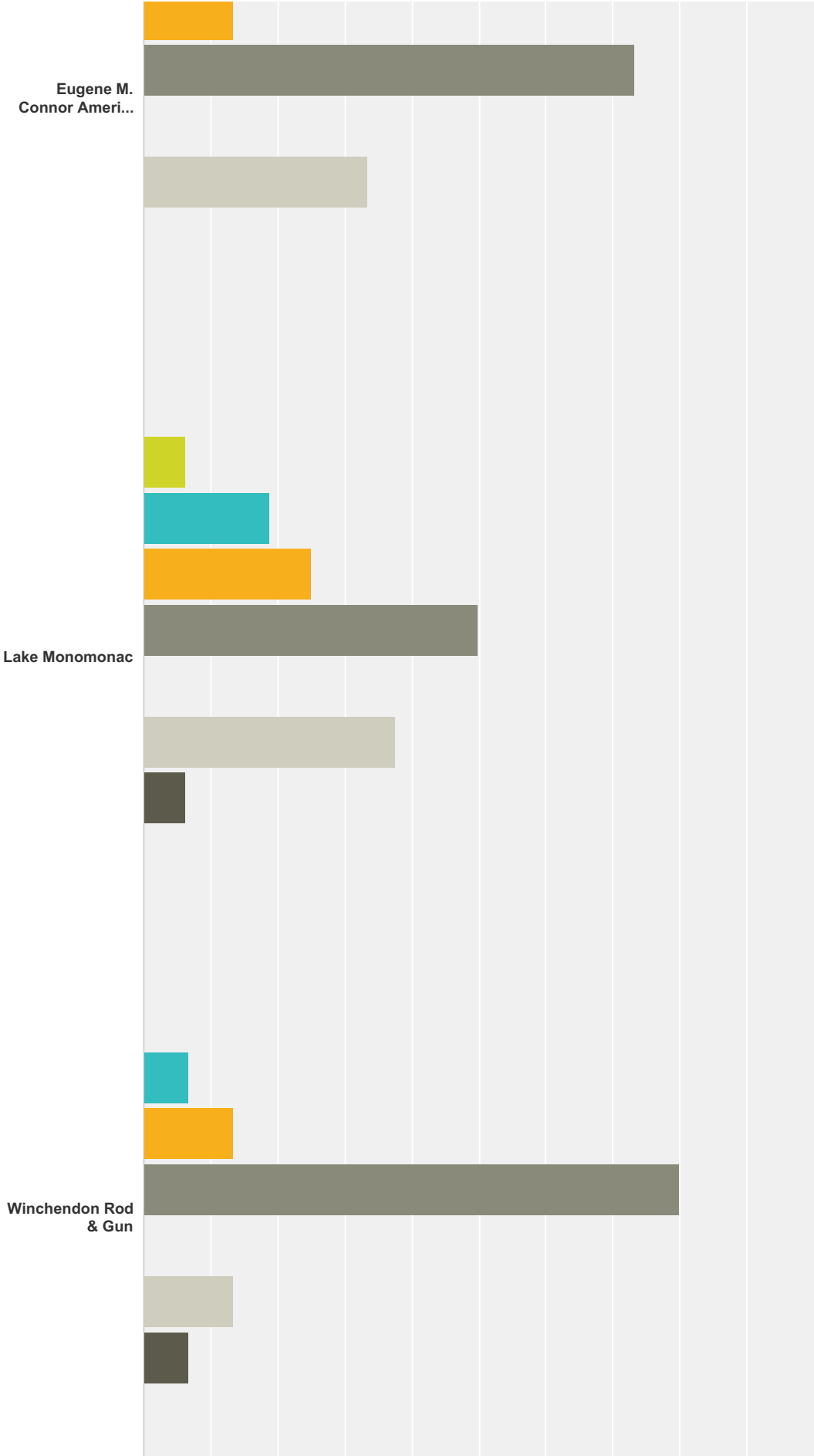
Q6 (Part 2 of 2) If you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

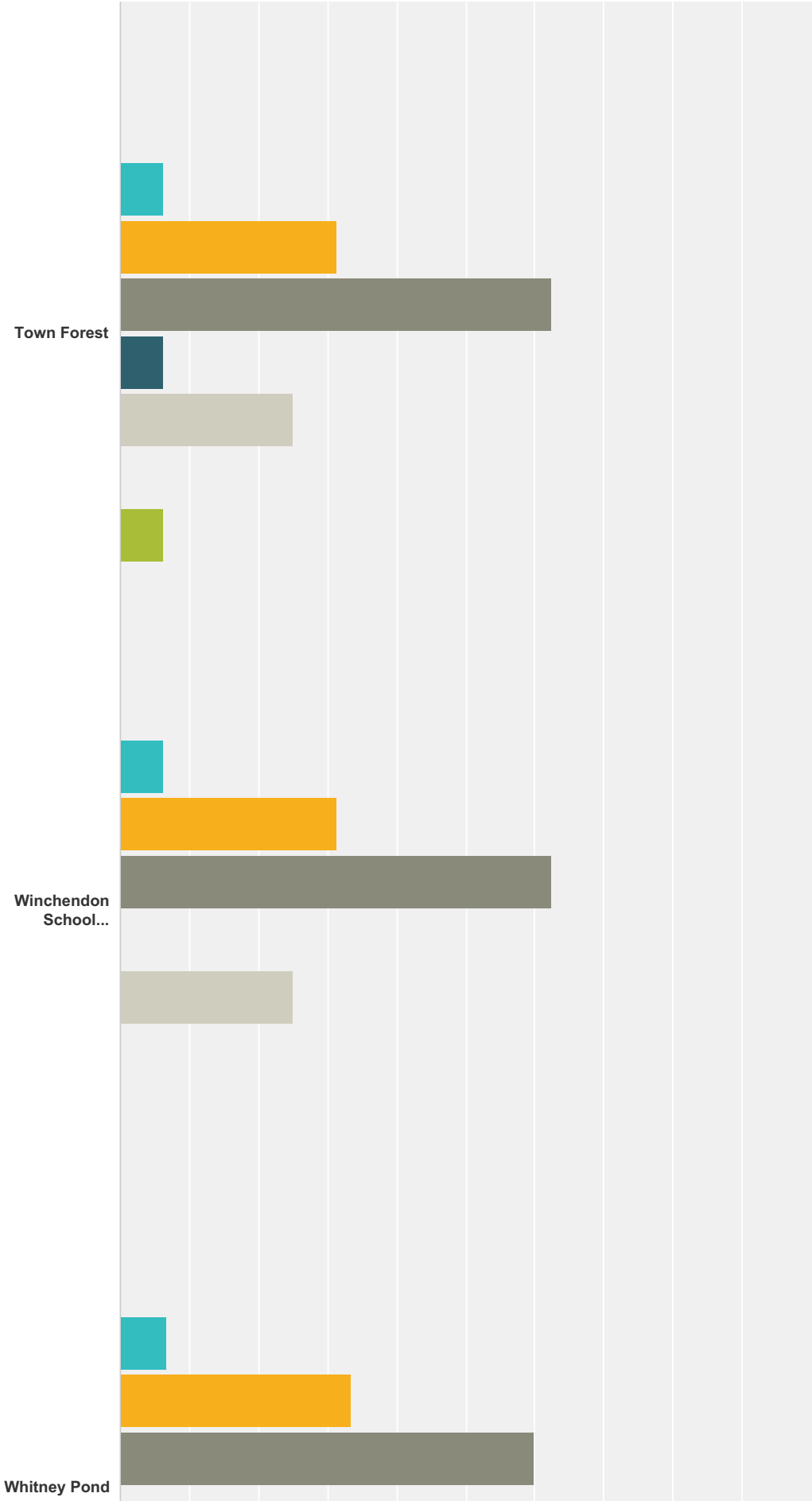
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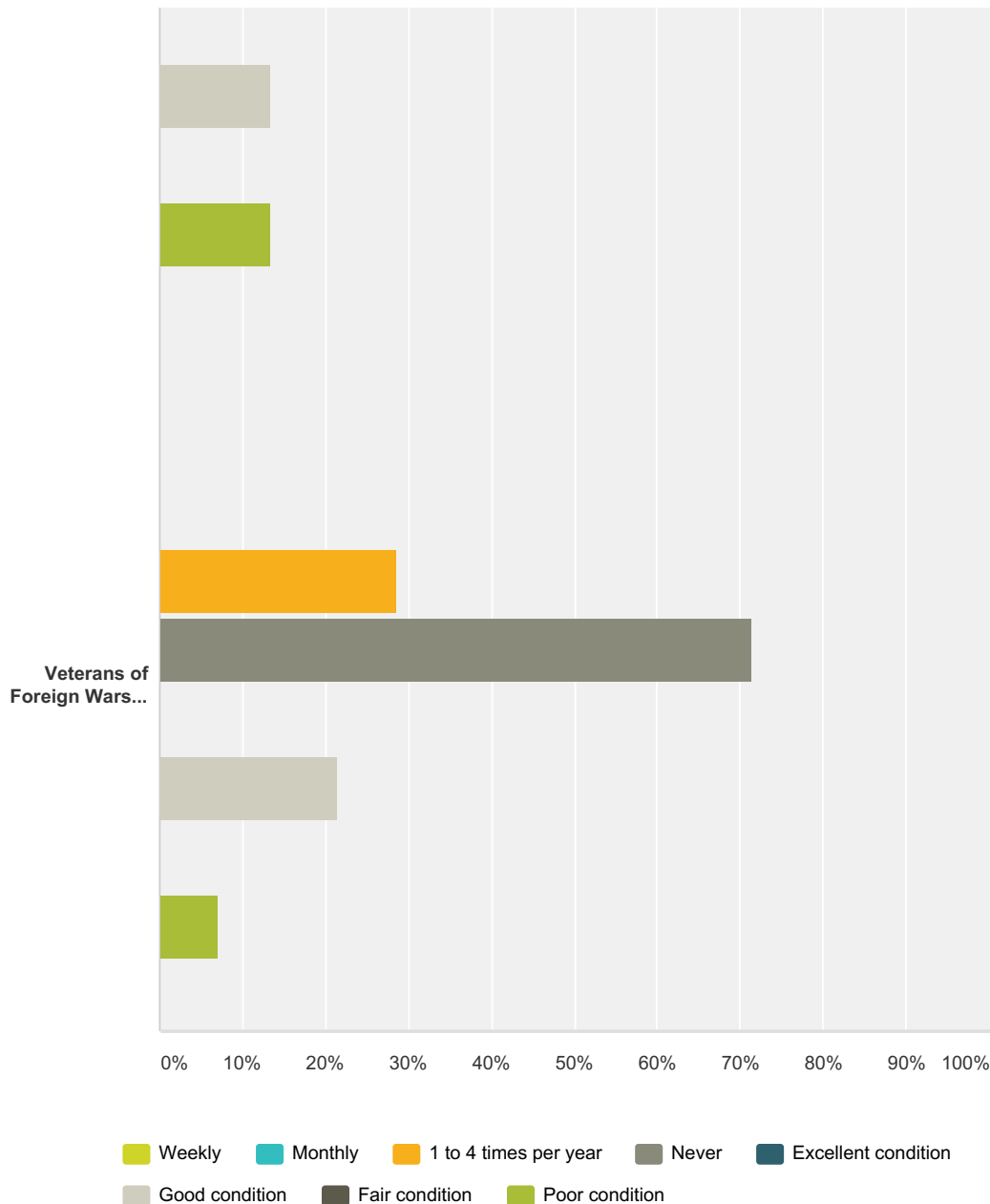










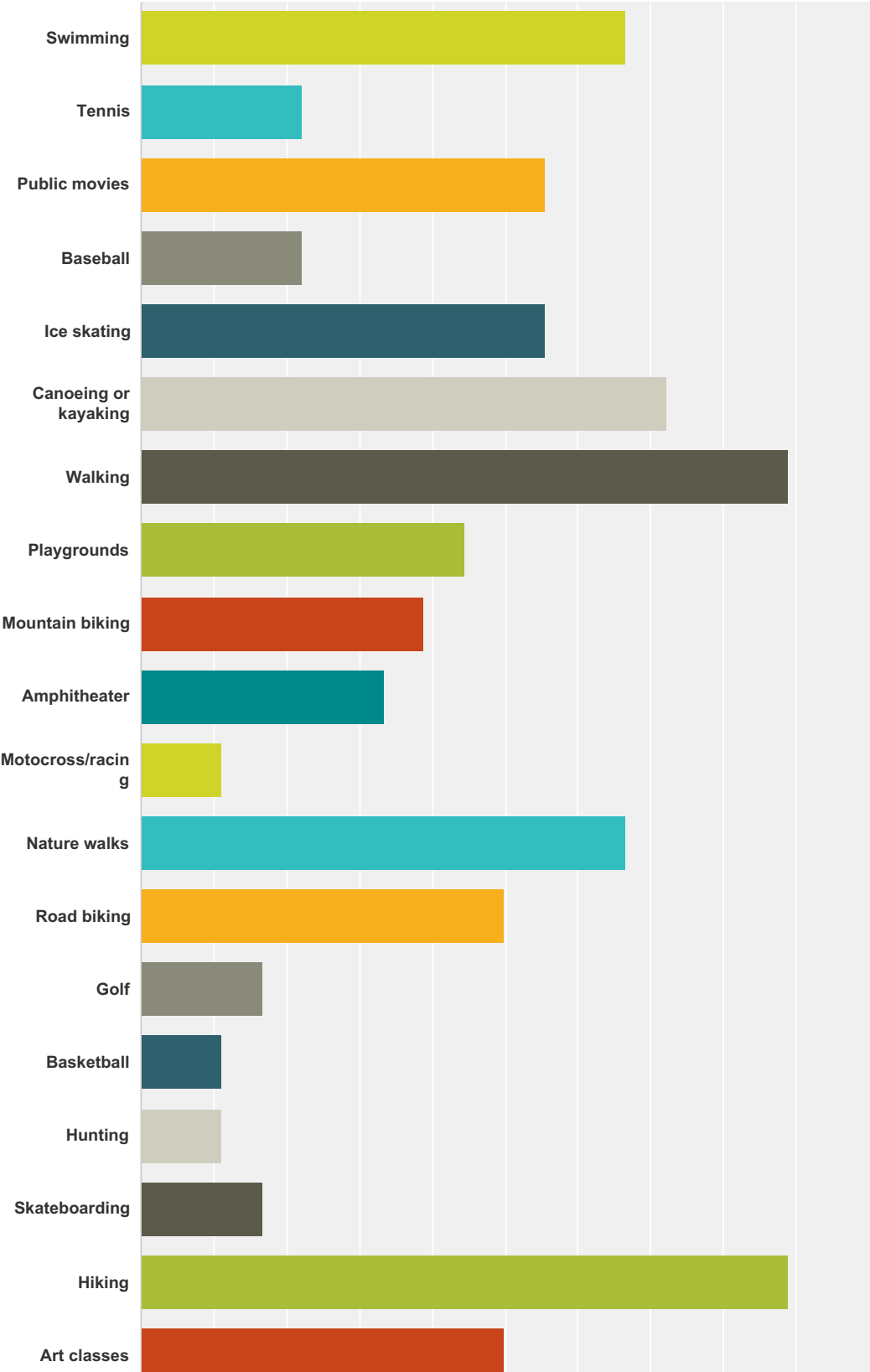


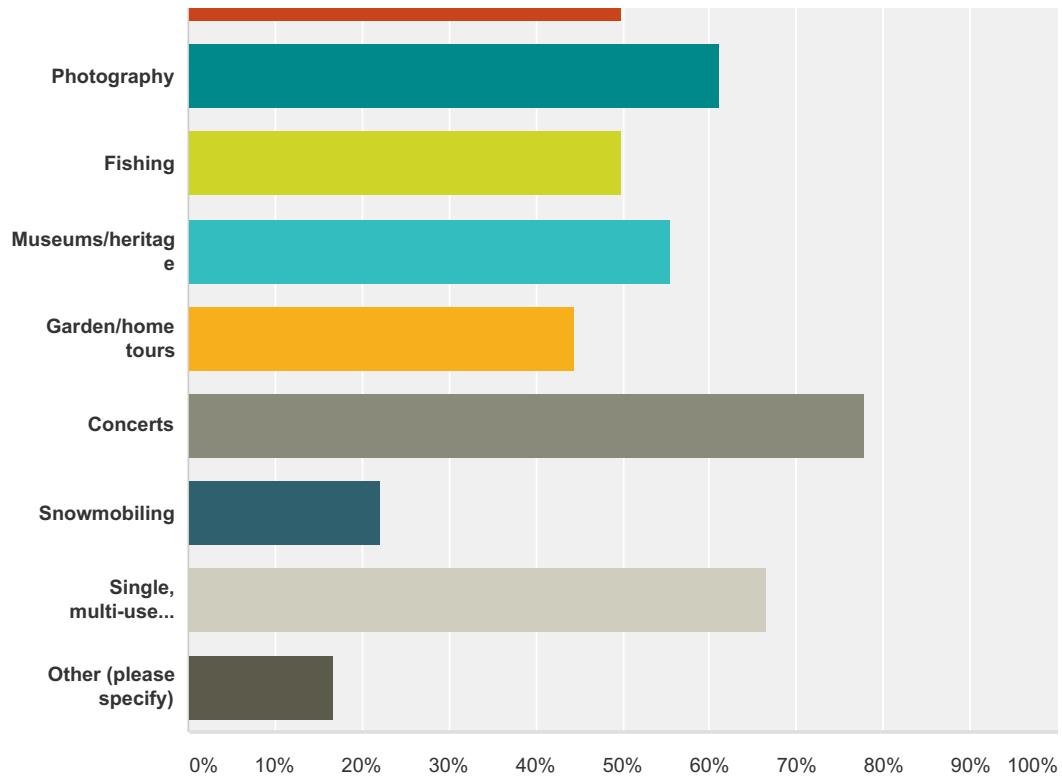
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Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	31.25% 5	12.50% 2	37.50% 6	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	16
Otter River State Park	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	35.71% 5	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14
North Central Pathway	35.29% 6	17.65% 3	35.29% 6	11.76% 2	5.88% 1	58.82% 10	0.00% 0	5.88% 1	17
Webster Street Park (proposed)	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	85.71% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14
Whites Mill Pond	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	92.86% 13	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14

The Winchendon School	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	31.25% 5	50.00% 8	12.50% 2	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Clark Memorial YMCA	31.25% 5	37.50% 6	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	18.75% 3	0.00% 0	16
Eugene M. Connor American Legion Field (Little League)	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	73.33% 11	0.00% 0	33.33% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15
Lake Monomonac	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	25.00% 4	50.00% 8	0.00% 0	37.50% 6	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
Winchendon Rod & Gun	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	80.00% 12	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15
Town Forest	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	62.50% 10	6.25% 1	25.00% 4	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	16
Winchendon School Facilities	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	62.50% 10	0.00% 0	25.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Whitney Pond	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	60.00% 9	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	15
Veterans of Foreign Wars Park (Hyde Park Triangle)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28.57% 4	71.43% 10	0.00% 0	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14

Q7 What recreational facilities would best serve you and your family?Check as many as apply:

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



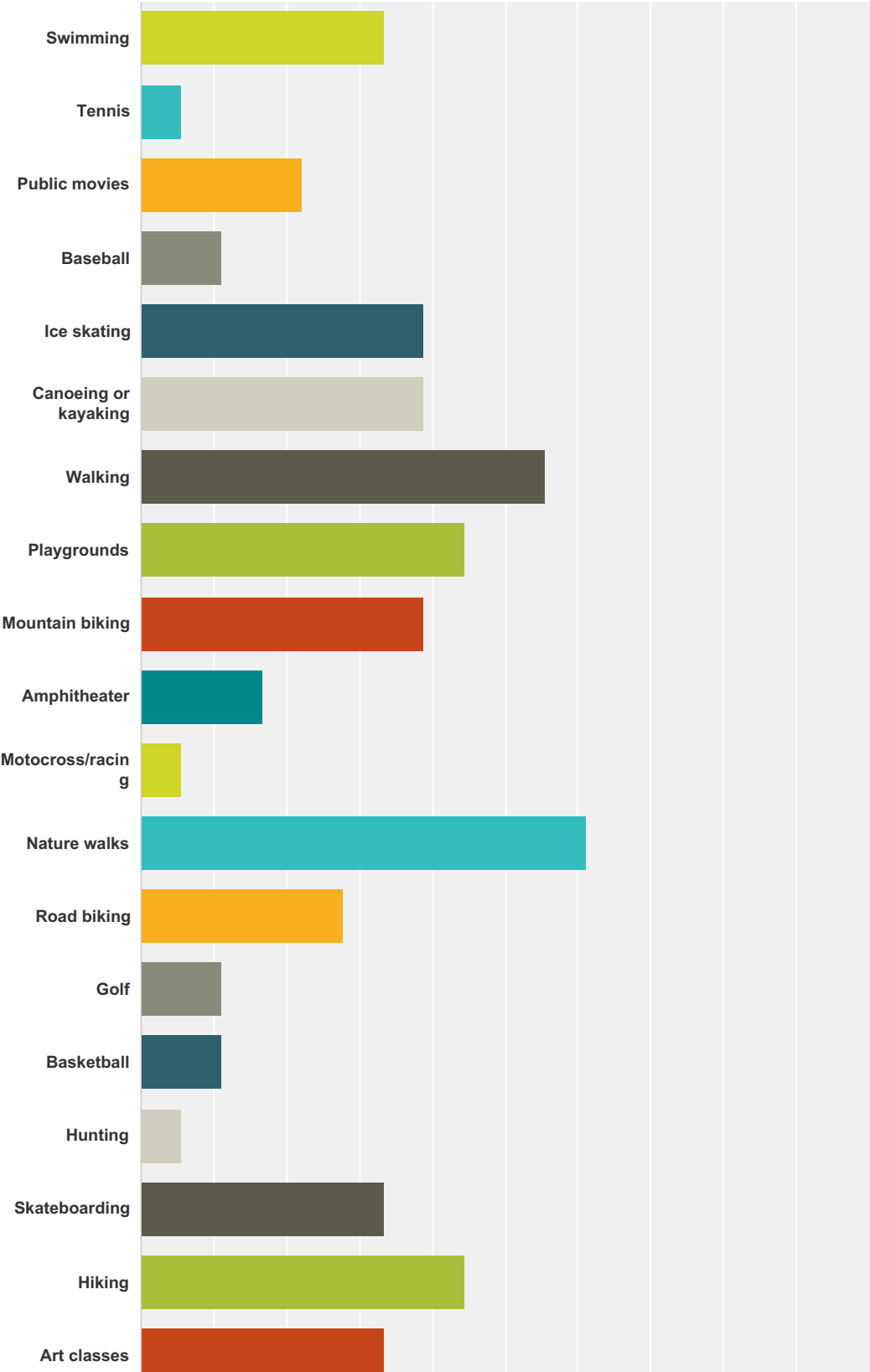


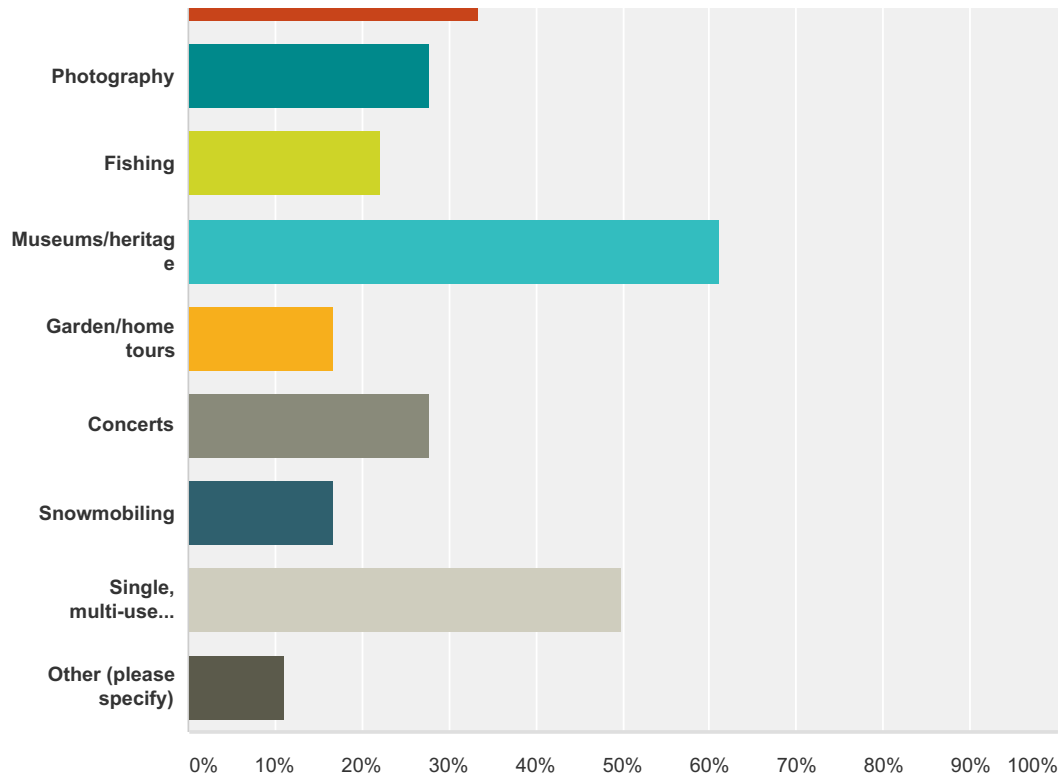
Answer Choices	Responses
Swimming	66.67% 12
Tennis	22.22% 4
Public movies	55.56% 10
Baseball	22.22% 4
Ice skating	55.56% 10
Canoeing or kayaking	72.22% 13
Walking	88.89% 16
Playgrounds	44.44% 8
Mountain biking	38.89% 7
Amphitheater	33.33% 6
Motocross/racing	11.11% 2
Nature walks	66.67% 12
Road biking	50.00% 9
Golf	16.67% 3
Basketball	11.11% 2
Hunting	11.11% 2

Skateboarding	16.67%	3
Hiking	88.89%	16
Art classes	50.00%	9
Photography	61.11%	11
Fishing	50.00%	9
Museums/heritage	55.56%	10
Garden/home tours	44.44%	8
Concerts	77.78%	14
Snowmobiling	22.22%	4
Single, multi-use recreation facility (Ingleside)	66.67%	12
Other (please specify)	16.67%	3
Total Respondents: 18		

Q8 What would you most like to see additional public dollars spent on for recreation? Check as many as apply:

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



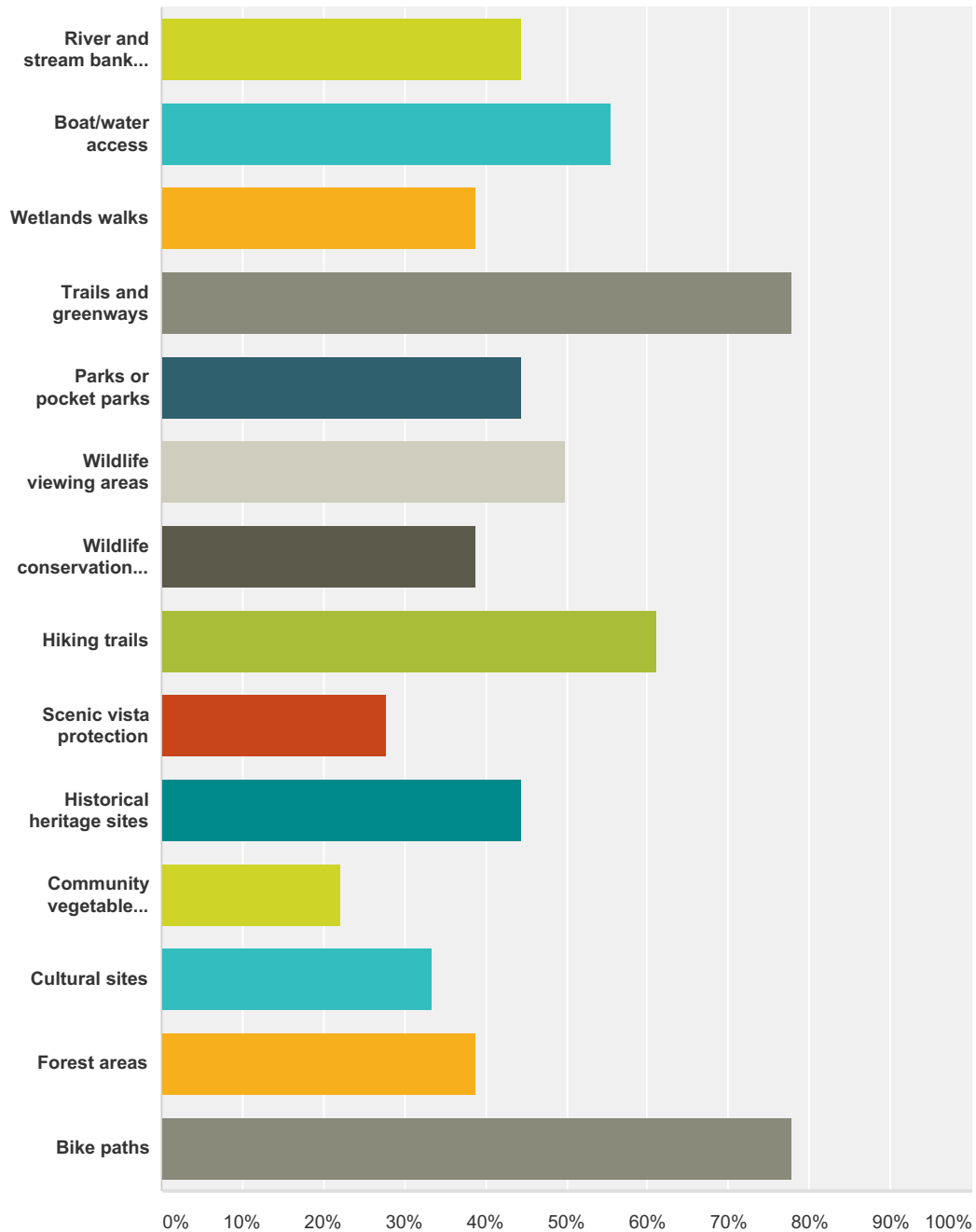


Answer Choices	Responses
Swimming	33.33% 6
Tennis	5.56% 1
Public movies	22.22% 4
Baseball	11.11% 2
Ice skating	38.89% 7
Canoeing or kayaking	38.89% 7
Walking	55.56% 10
Playgrounds	44.44% 8
Mountain biking	38.89% 7
Amphitheater	16.67% 3
Motocross/racing	5.56% 1
Nature walks	61.11% 11
Road biking	27.78% 5
Golf	11.11% 2
Basketball	11.11% 2
Hunting	5.56% 1

Skateboarding	33.33%	6
Hiking	44.44%	8
Art classes	33.33%	6
Photography	27.78%	5
Fishing	22.22%	4
Museums/heritage	61.11%	11
Garden/home tours	16.67%	3
Concerts	27.78%	5
Snowmobiling	16.67%	3
Single, multi-use recreation facility (Ingleside)	50.00%	9
Other (please specify)	11.11%	2
Total Respondents: 18		

Q9 Where would you like to see additional public dollars spent for open spaces? Check as many as apply:

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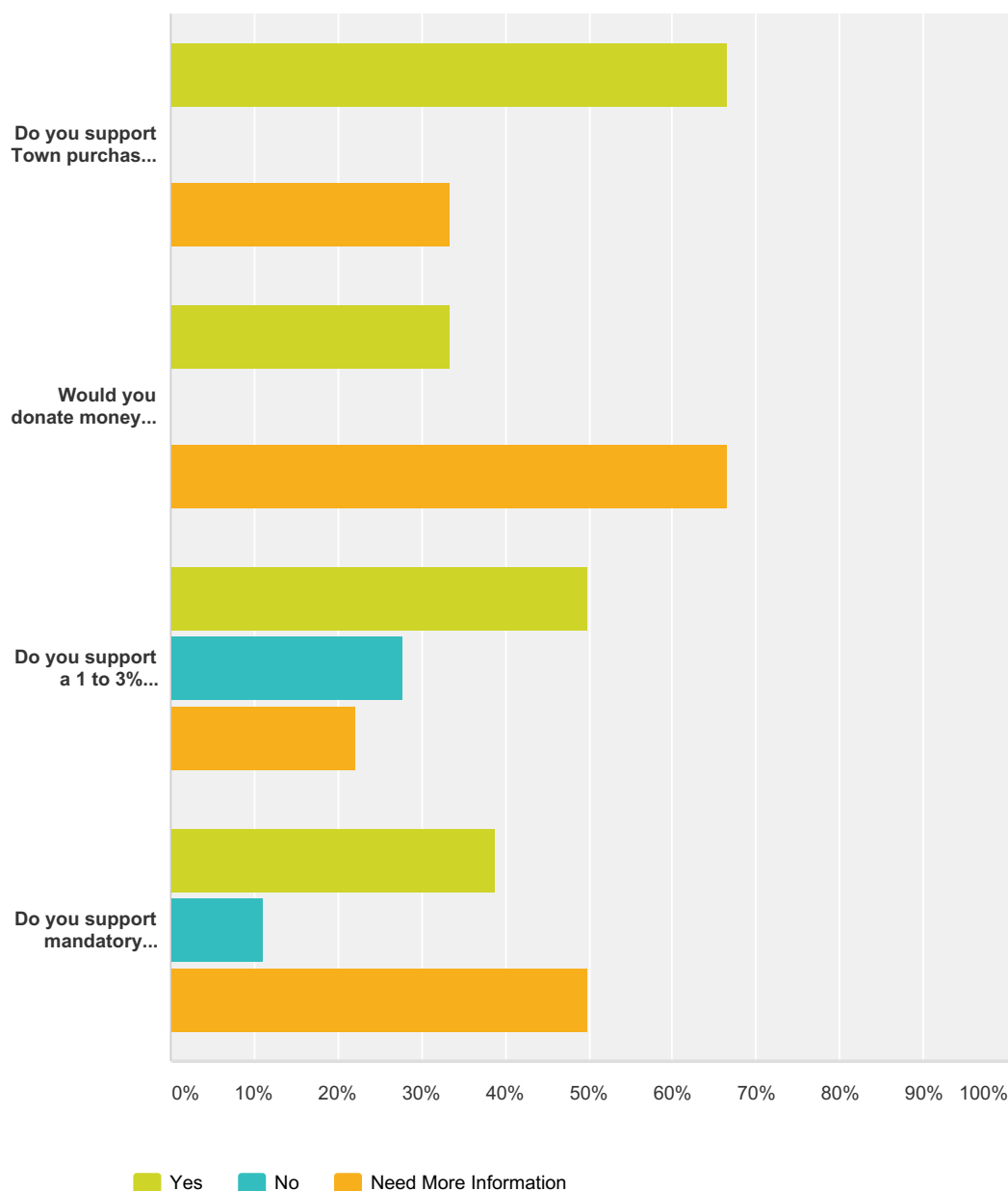


Answer Choices	Responses
River and stream bank protection	44.44% 8
Boat/water access	55.56% 10
Wetlands walks	38.89% 7

Trails and greenways	77.78%	14
Parks or pocket parks	44.44%	8
Wildlife viewing areas	50.00%	9
Wildlife conservation areas	38.89%	7
Hiking trails	61.11%	11
Scenic vista protection	27.78%	5
Historical heritage sites	44.44%	8
Community vegetable gardens	22.22%	4
Cultural sites	33.33%	6
Forest areas	38.89%	7
Bike paths	77.78%	14
Total Respondents: 18		

Q10 The Town, individuals, and developers can all take actions to protect Open Space. What additional actions can be taken by these entities to protect/conserv open space and natural resources or to create or maintain recreational areas?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2

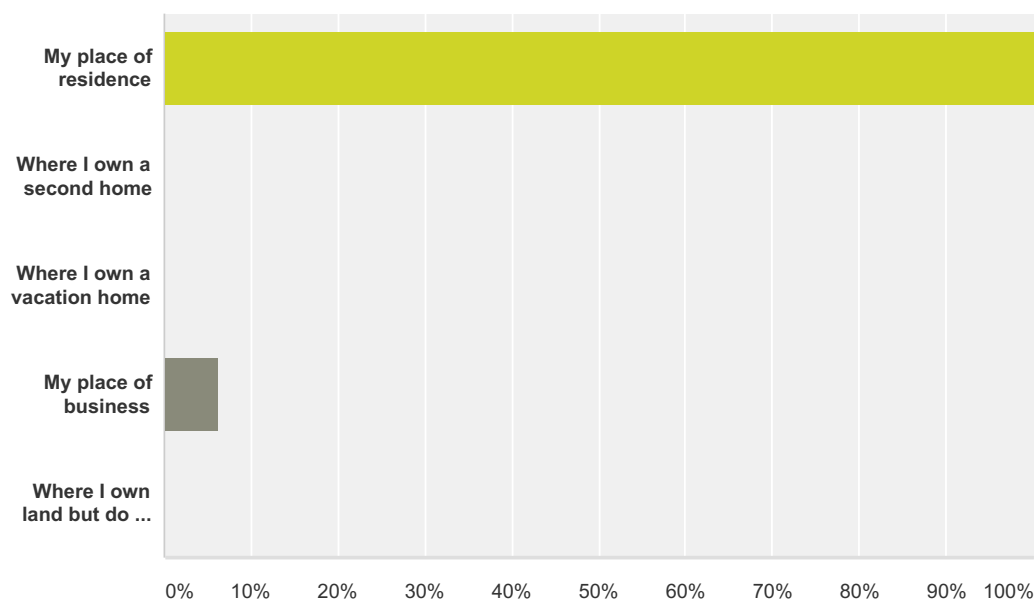


	Yes	No	Need More Information	Total
Do you support Town purchase of land for such purposes?	66.67% 12	0.00% 0	33.33% 6	18

Would you donate money to buy land or donate land?	33.33% 6	0.00% 0	66.67% 12	18
Do you support a 1 to 3% surcharge on your real estate taxes to contribute to a designated fund (Community Preservation Act*) for the purposes of open space, recreation, or historical preservation?	50.00% 9	27.78% 5	22.22% 4	18
Do you support mandatory dedication of open space by developers?	38.89% 7	11.11% 2	50.00% 9	18

Q11 Winchendon is:

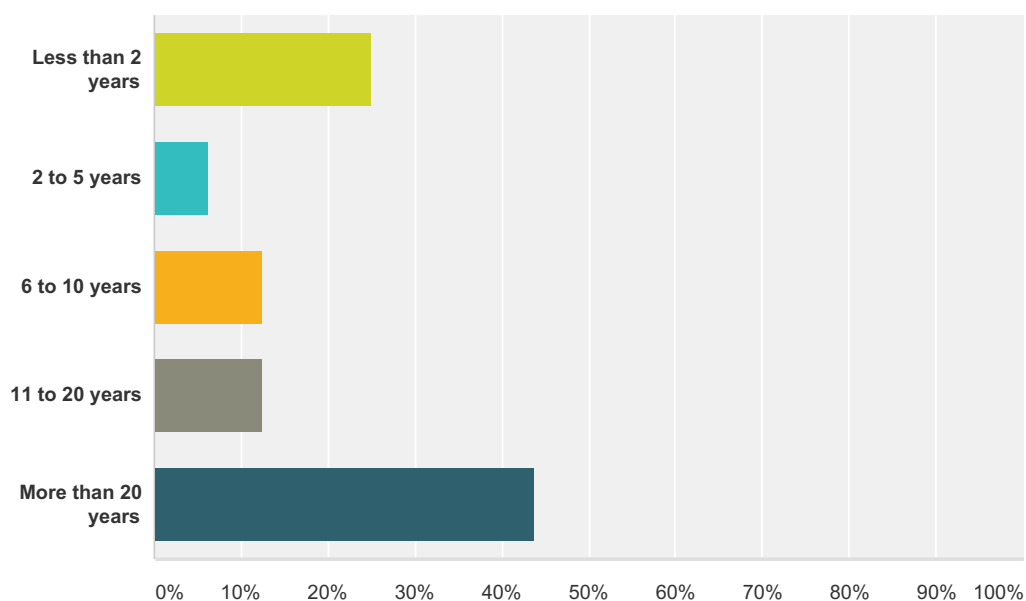
Answered: 16 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses	
My place of residence	100.00%	16
Where I own a second home	0.00%	0
Where I own a vacation home	0.00%	0
My place of business	6.25%	1
Where I own land but do not reside	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 16		

Q12 How long have you lived in Winchendon?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 2 years	25.00% 4
2 to 5 years	6.25% 1
6 to 10 years	12.50% 2
11 to 20 years	12.50% 2
More than 20 years	43.75% 7
Total	16

Q13 Any additional comments?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 19



Tighe & Bond



Recreation and Open Space Survey: 2015

Welcome to the Open Space and Recreation Survey

The Town is in the process of updating its 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan to identify and plan for its recreational facility and open space needs. Open space and recreation resources are essential to Winchendon's quality of life and also to attracting the visitors and new businesses that will bring new vitality to the local economy. To minimize the cost to local taxpayers, obtaining funding from other sources is vital for maintenance of our recreational and open space opportunities. An update is necessary to qualify for State reimbursement programs for acquisition and protection of important open space, as well as recreational facility development. This survey is being conducted as part of the update in order to understand the needs and concerns of the citizens of Winchendon regarding open space protection and recreational opportunities and facilities.

Please take a few minutes to answer all of the applicable questions. All responses are needed by May 2, 2015. Thank you for your help!

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* 1. Do you view Winchendon as a recreational tourist destination that attracts visitors from the region and beyond?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No, but we should

* 2. Are you aware of the complete range of Winchendon's Recreational Facilities and Open Space Areas?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Sure

Comments (optional)

* 3. Do you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not aware of the facilities/areas

Comments (optional)

4. If not in Winchendon, where do you and your family like to go for recreation?

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5. (Part 1 of 2) If you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

	Weekly	Monthly	1 to 4 times per year	Never	Excellent condition	Good condition	Fair condition	Poor condition
Memorial School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toy Town Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marvin School Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murdock Middle/High School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warren Bentley Athletic Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Murdock Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G.A.R. Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Center Common	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Militia Training Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clyde Rocking Horse Monument Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lake Dennison Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6. (Part 2 of 2) If you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

	Weekly	Monthly	1 to 4 times per year	Never	Excellent condition	Good condition	Fair condition	Poor condition
Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter River State Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Central Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webster Street Park (proposed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whites Mill Pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Winchendon School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clark Memorial YMCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eugene M. Connor American Legion Field (Little League)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lake Monomonac	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winchendon Rod & Gun	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winchendon School Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitney Pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans of Foreign Wars Park (Hyde Park Triangle)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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7. What recreational facilities would best serve you and your family?

Check as many as apply:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater | <input type="checkbox"/> Art classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross/racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Road biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums/heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/home tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Single, multi-use recreation facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | (Ingleside) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

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8. What would you most like to see additional public dollars spent on for recreation?

Check as many as apply:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater | <input type="checkbox"/> Art classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Motocross/racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Road biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums/heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/home tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Single, multi-use recreation facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | (Ingleside) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |



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9. Where would you like to see additional public dollars spent for open spaces?

Check as many as apply:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> River and stream bank protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Community vegetable gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat/water access | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife conservation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and greenways | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic vista protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks or pocket parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical heritage sites | |

Other (please specify)

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* 10. The Town, individuals, and developers can all take actions to protect Open Space. What additional actions can be taken by these entities to protect/conservate open space and natural resources or to create or maintain recreational areas?

	Yes	No	Need More Information
Do you support Town purchase of land for such purposes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you donate money to buy land or donate land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you support a 1 to 3% surcharge on your real estate taxes to contribute to a designated fund (Community Preservation Act*) for the purposes of open space, recreation, or historical preservation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you support mandatory dedication of open space by developers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

*The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a law which allows communities to create a local fund specifically for historic preservation, open space protection and outdoor recreation, and affordable housing. The state provides a percentage match from fees collected by the registries of deeds. So far it has been adopted by 158 communities including Royalston, Templeton and Phillipston. Community preservation money is raised locally through a surcharge of between 1% and 3% on the real estate tax. Exemptions can include the first \$100,000 valuation as well as homes of low and moderate income citizens. Town meeting has to vote on all expenditures. It has great discretion as to how to spend the money for each of the categories, though a minimum of 10% of the money is reserved for each of the 3 categories (open space, historic preservation, affordable housing). Money that is not spent in one year is invested for use in later years. For more information on the Community Preservation Act, including projects that have been funded through this program see the Community Preservation Coalition website at <http://www.communitypreservation.org/>.

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* 11. Winchendon is:

- ☐ My place of residence
- ☐ Where I own a second home
- ☐ Where I own a vacation home
- ☐ My place of business
- ☐ Where I own land but do not reside

* 12. How long have you lived in Winchendon?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ 11 to 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

13. Any additional comments?

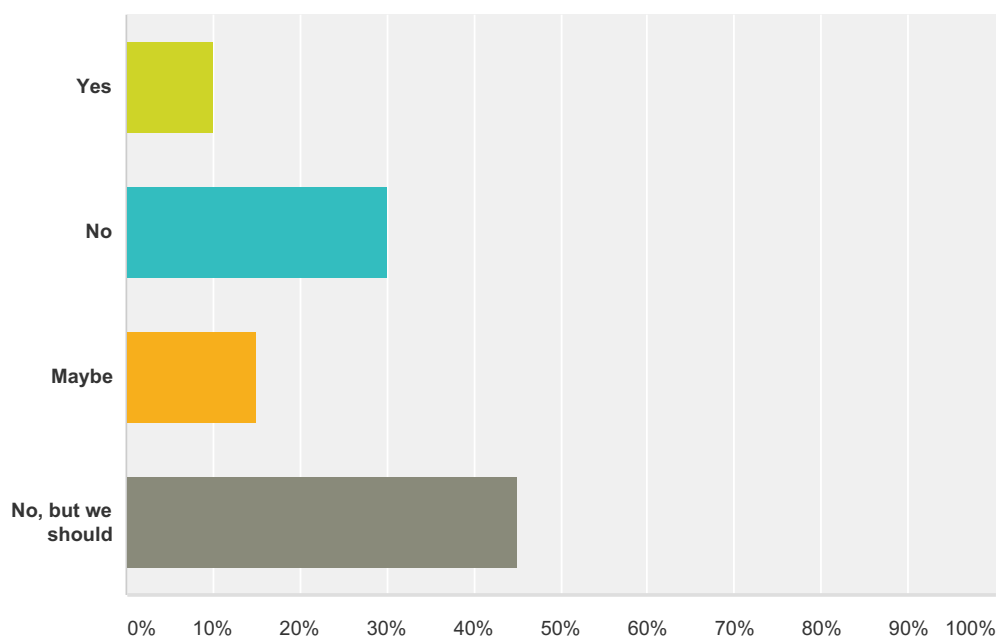
Thank you for your participation. Please look on the Town website

(http://www.townofwinchendon.com/Pages/WinchendonMA_PlanDev/index) for tabulations of the survey results and meetings on the new Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Town of Winchendon
Planning and Development
109 Front Street
Winchendon, MA 01475

Q1 Do you view Winchendon as a recreational tourist destination that attracts visitors from the region and beyond?

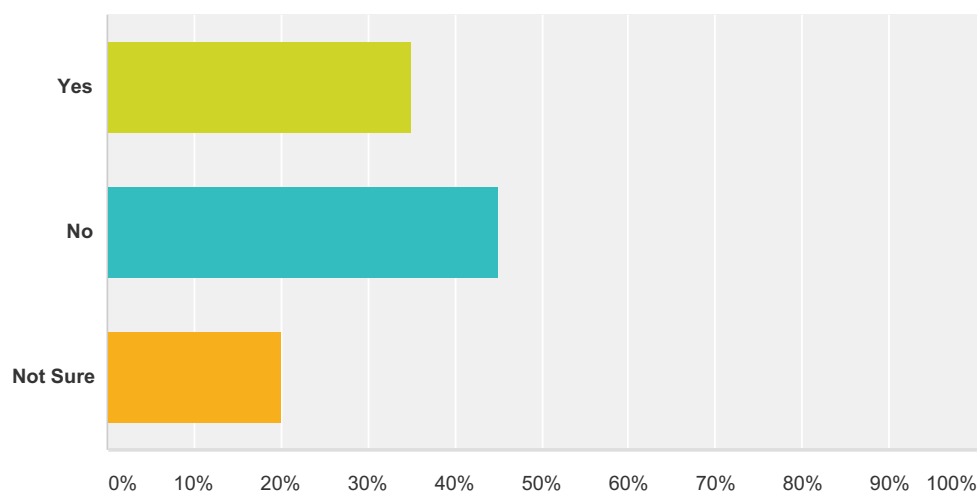
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	10.00% 2
No	30.00% 6
Maybe	15.00% 3
No, but we should	45.00% 9
Total	20

Q2 Are you aware of the complete range of Winchendon's Recreational Facilities and Open Space Areas?

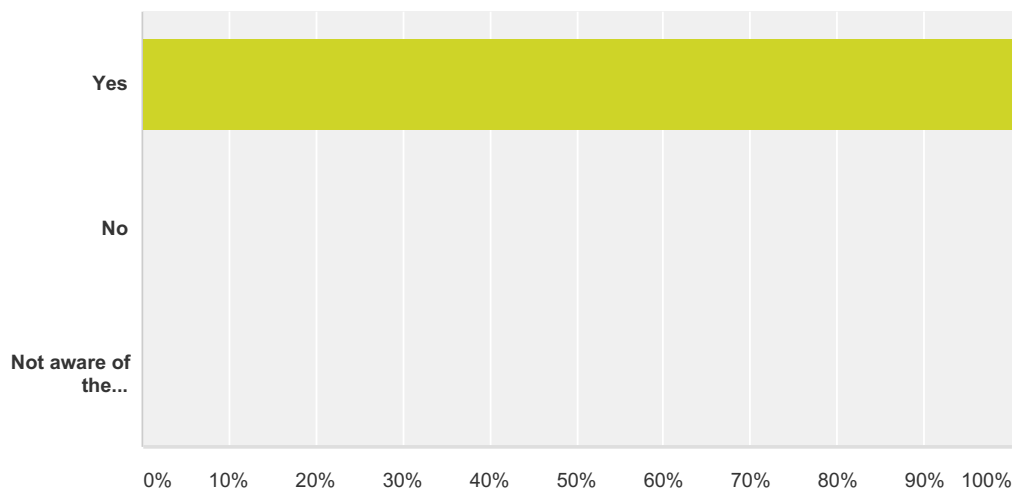
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	35.00%	7
No	45.00%	9
Not Sure	20.00%	4
Total		20

Q3 Do you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



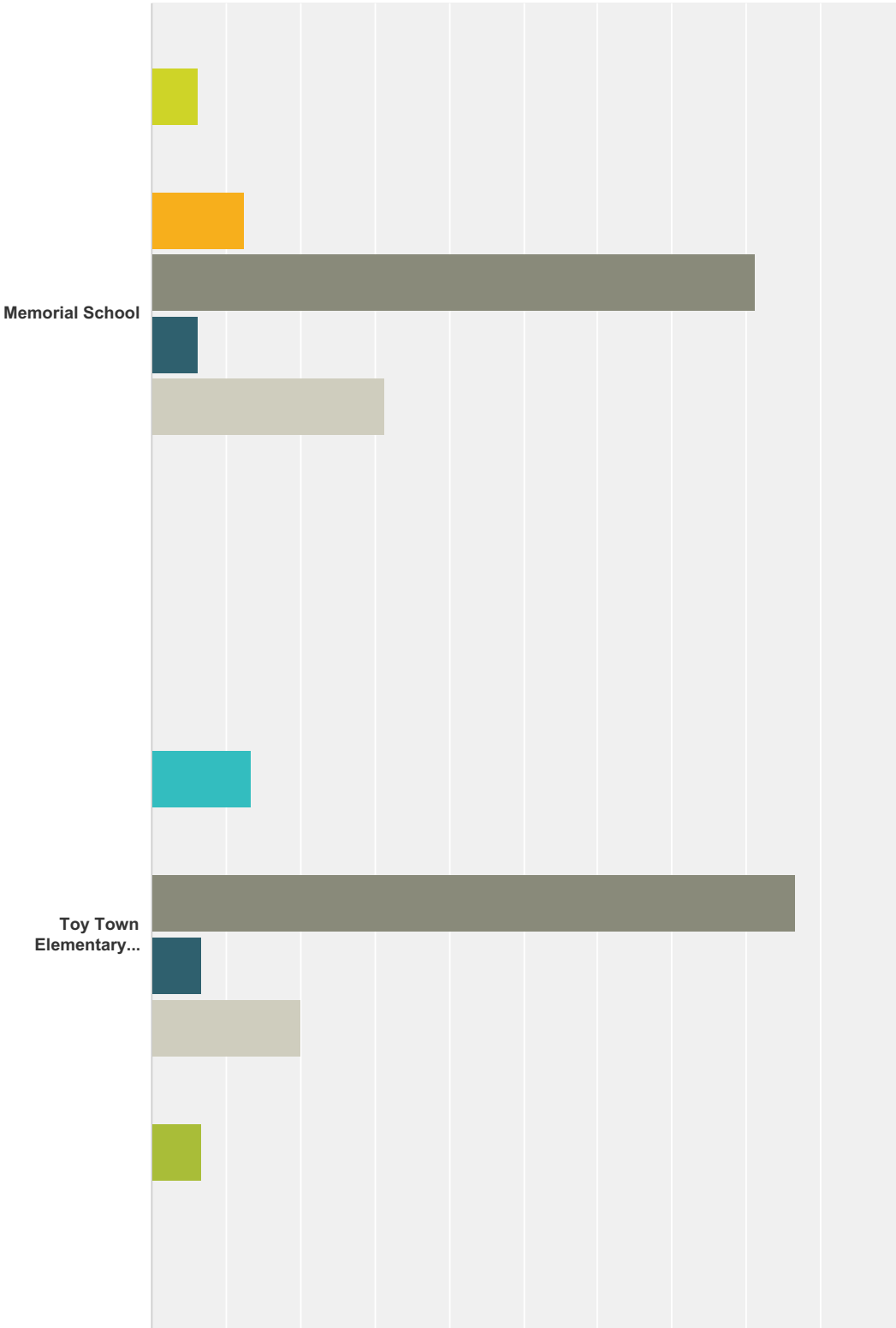
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Yes	100.00%	20
No	0.00%	0
Not aware of the facilities/areas	0.00%	0
Total		20

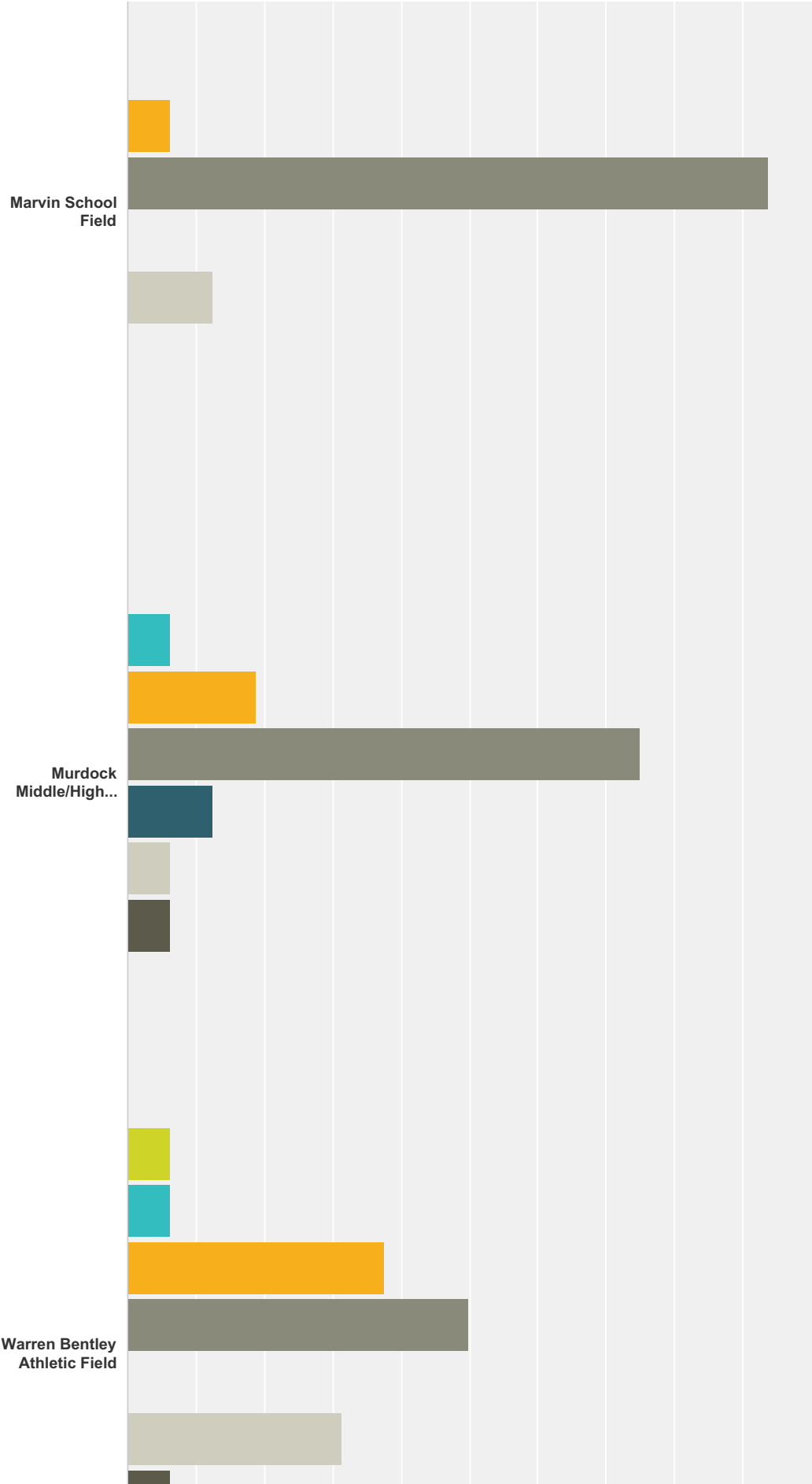
Q4 If not in Winchendon, where do you and your family like to go for recreation?

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Q5 (Part 1 of 2) If you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

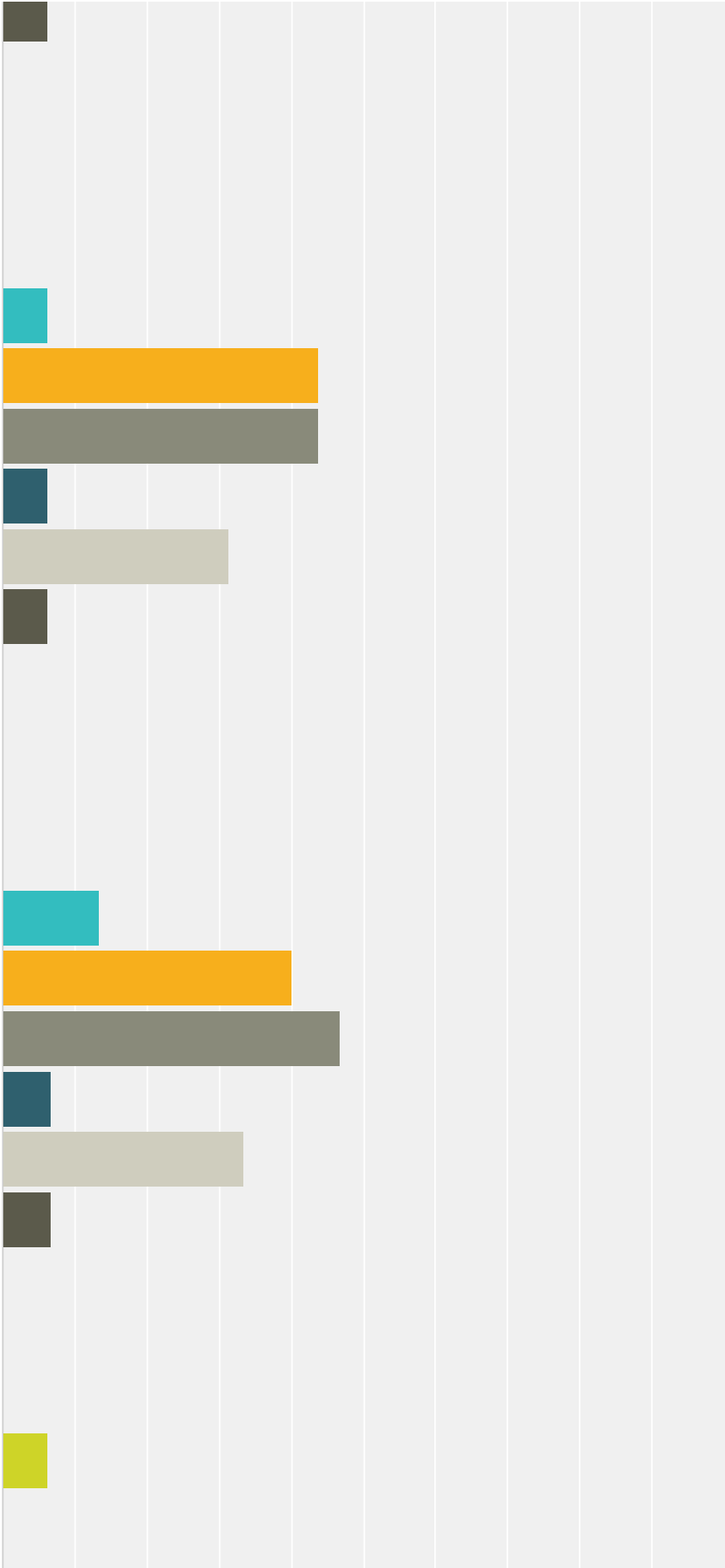
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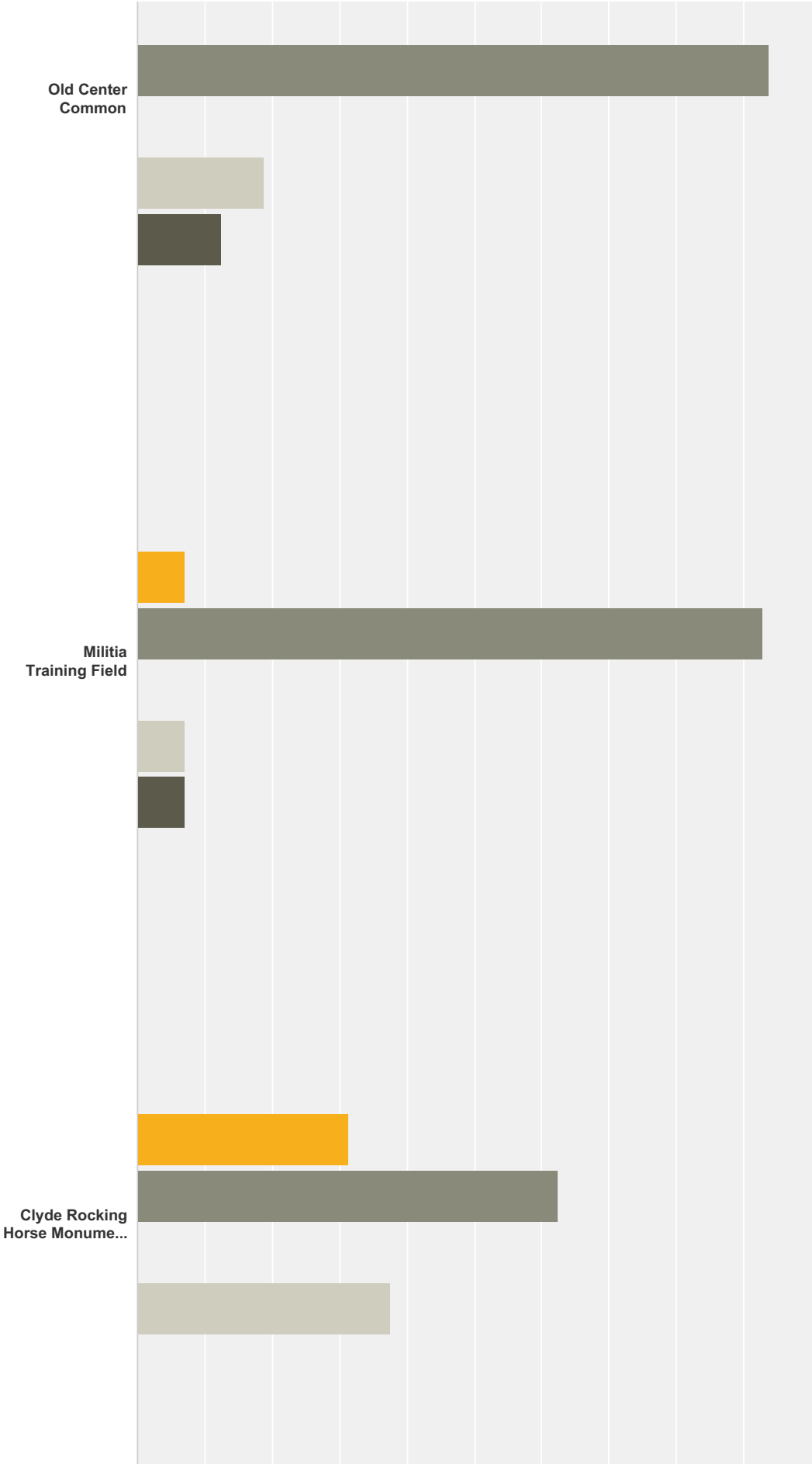


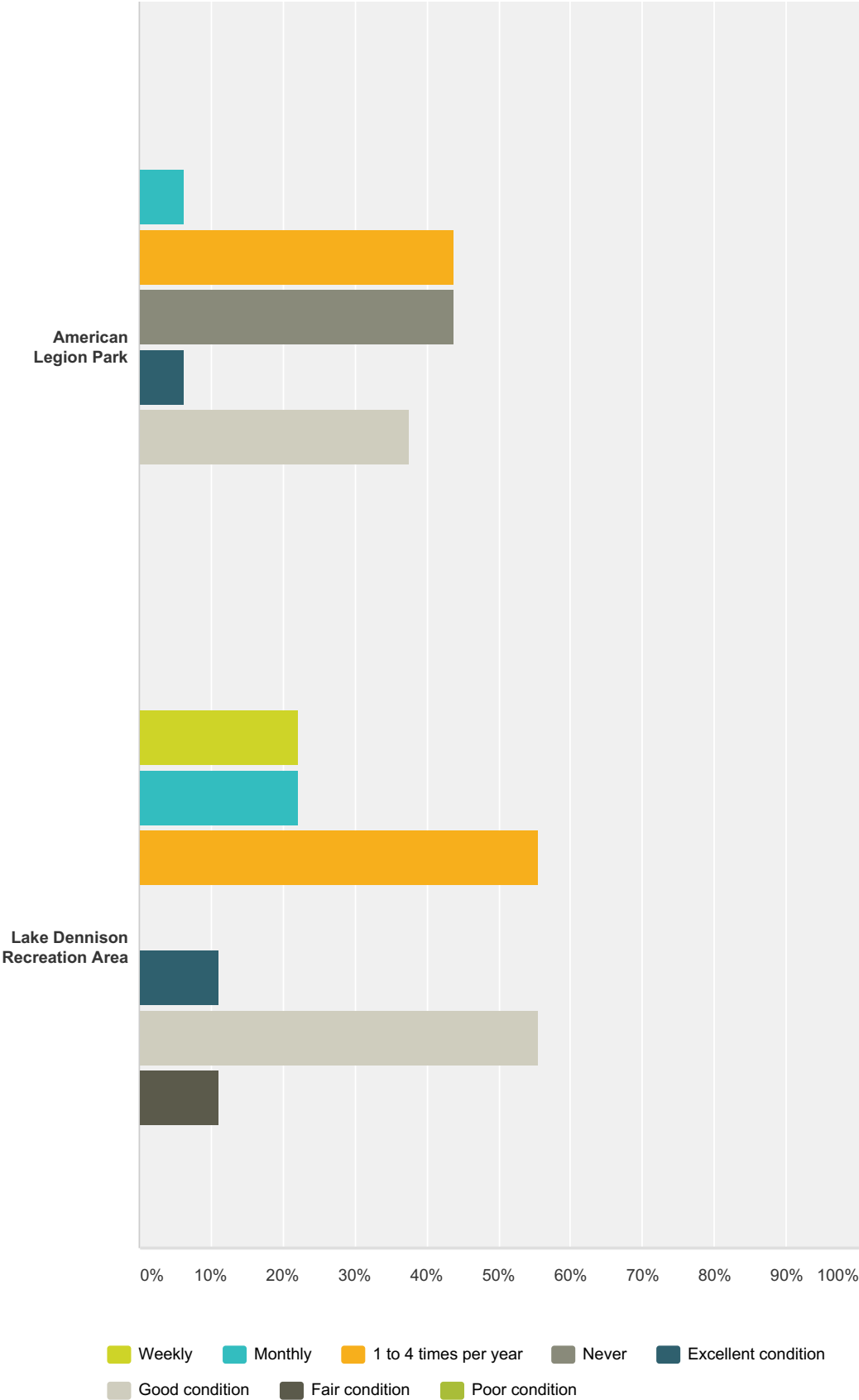


Old Murdock
Senior Center

G.A.R.
Memorial Park





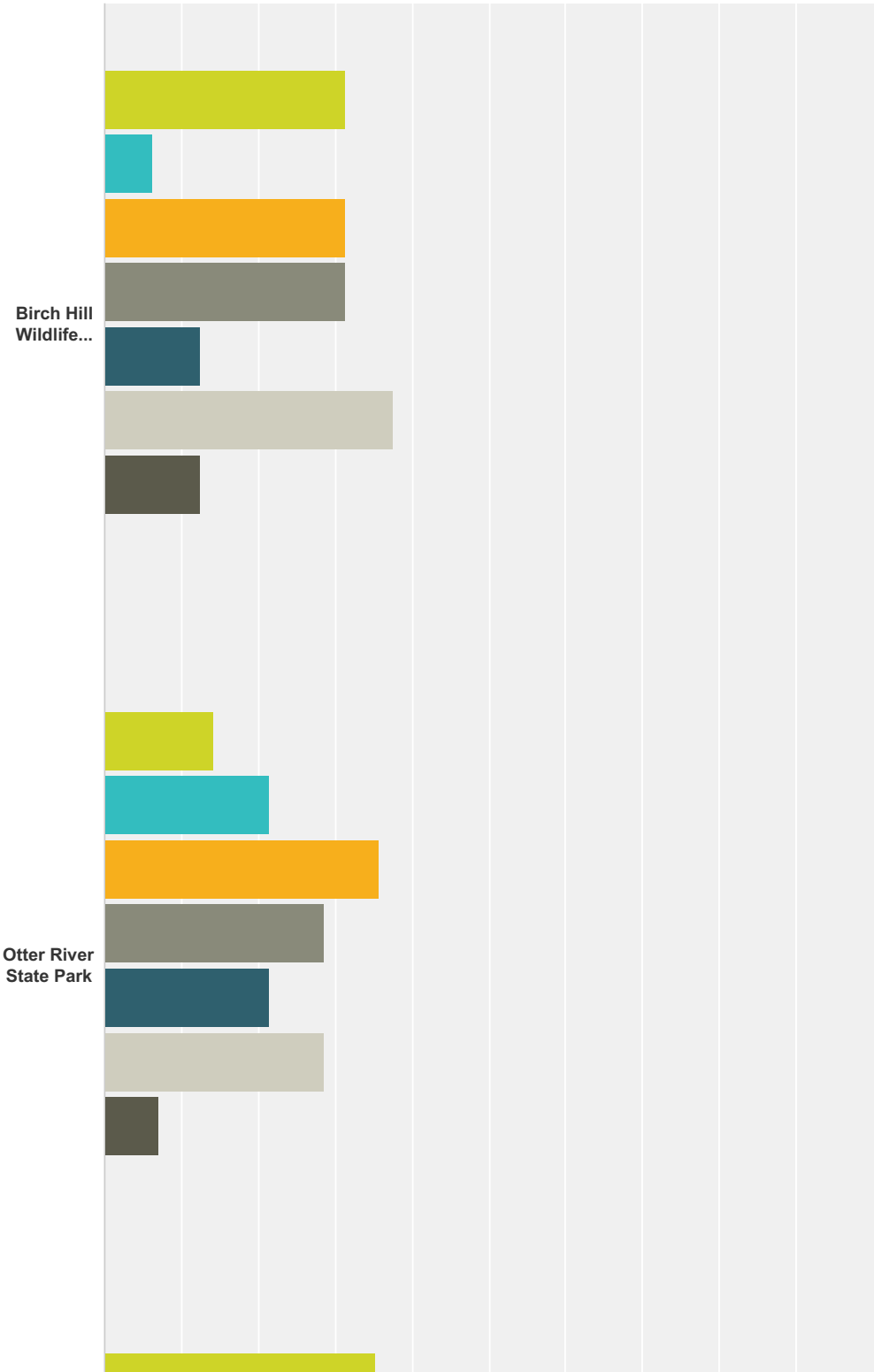


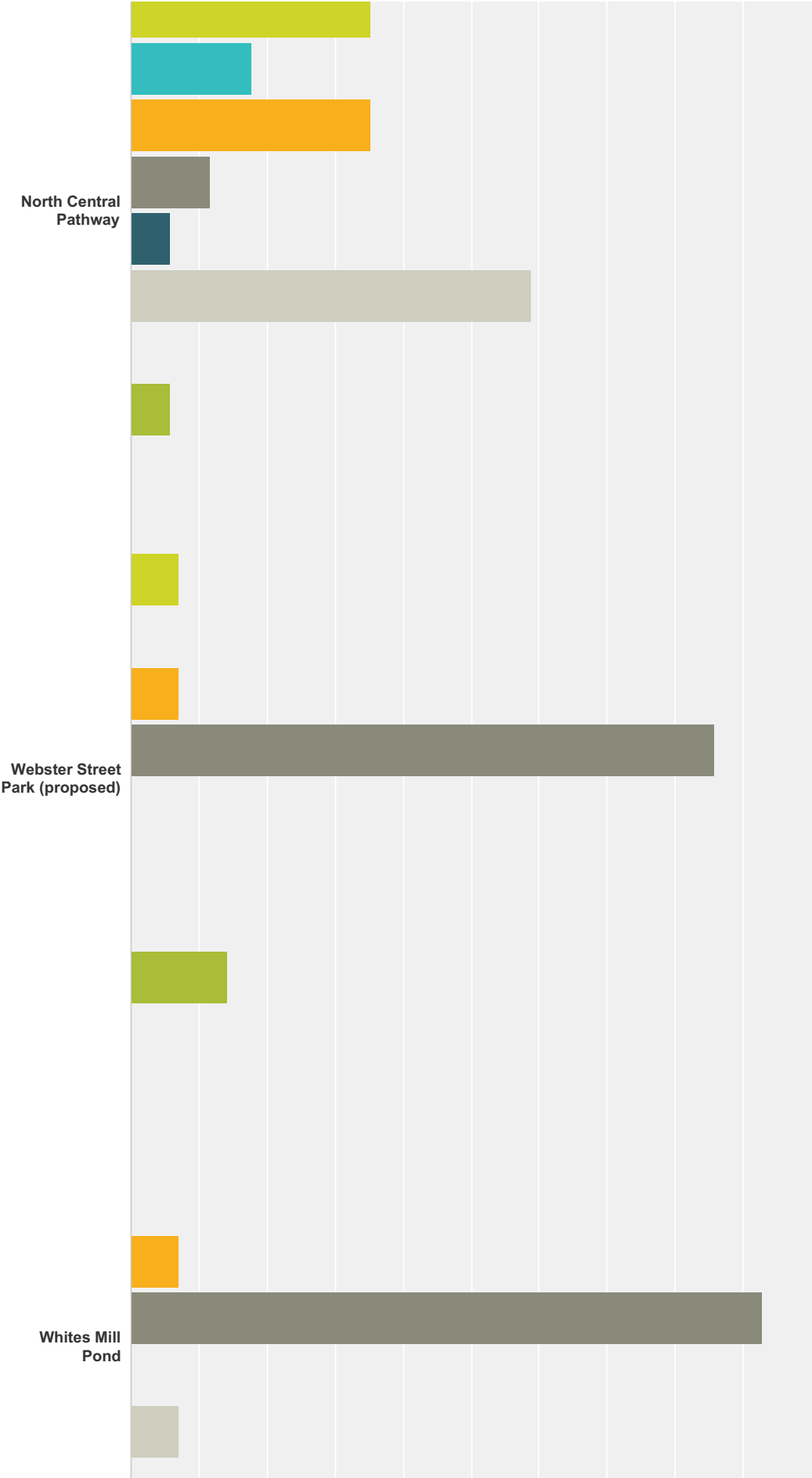
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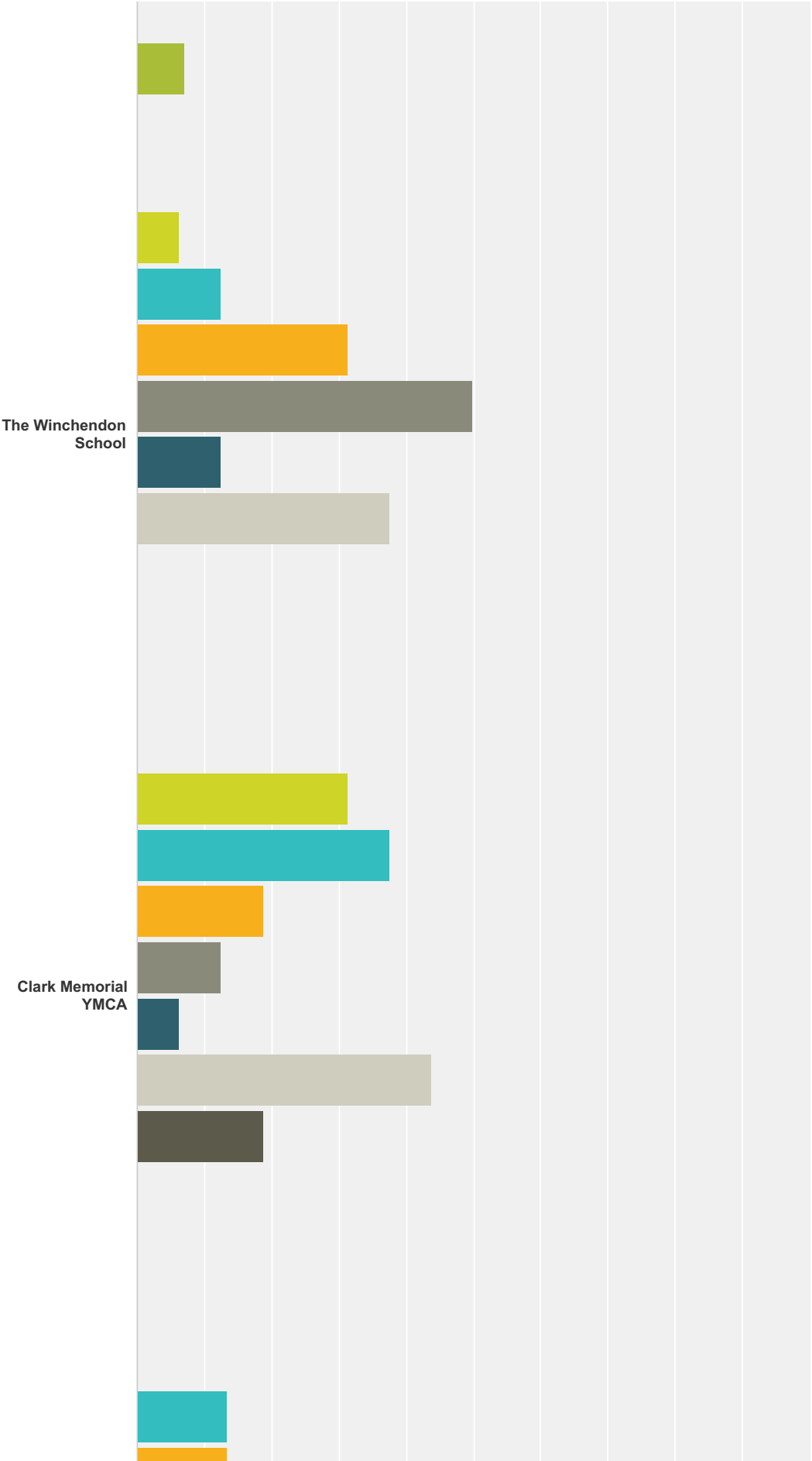
Memorial School	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	81.25% 13	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Toy Town Elementary School	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	86.67% 13	6.67% 1	20.00% 3	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	15
Marvin School Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	93.75% 15	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Murdock Middle/High School	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	75.00% 12	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
Warren Bentley Athletic Field	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	37.50% 6	50.00% 8	0.00% 0	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
Old Murdock Senior Center	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	43.75% 7	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
G.A.R. Memorial Park	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	40.00% 6	46.67% 7	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15
Old Center Common	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	93.75% 15	0.00% 0	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	16
Militia Training Field	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	92.86% 13	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14
Clyde Rocking Horse Monument Park	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	31.25% 5	62.50% 10	0.00% 0	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
American Legion Park	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	43.75% 7	6.25% 1	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Lake Dennison Recreation Area	22.22% 4	22.22% 4	55.56% 10	0.00% 0	11.11% 2	55.56% 10	11.11% 2	0.00% 0	18

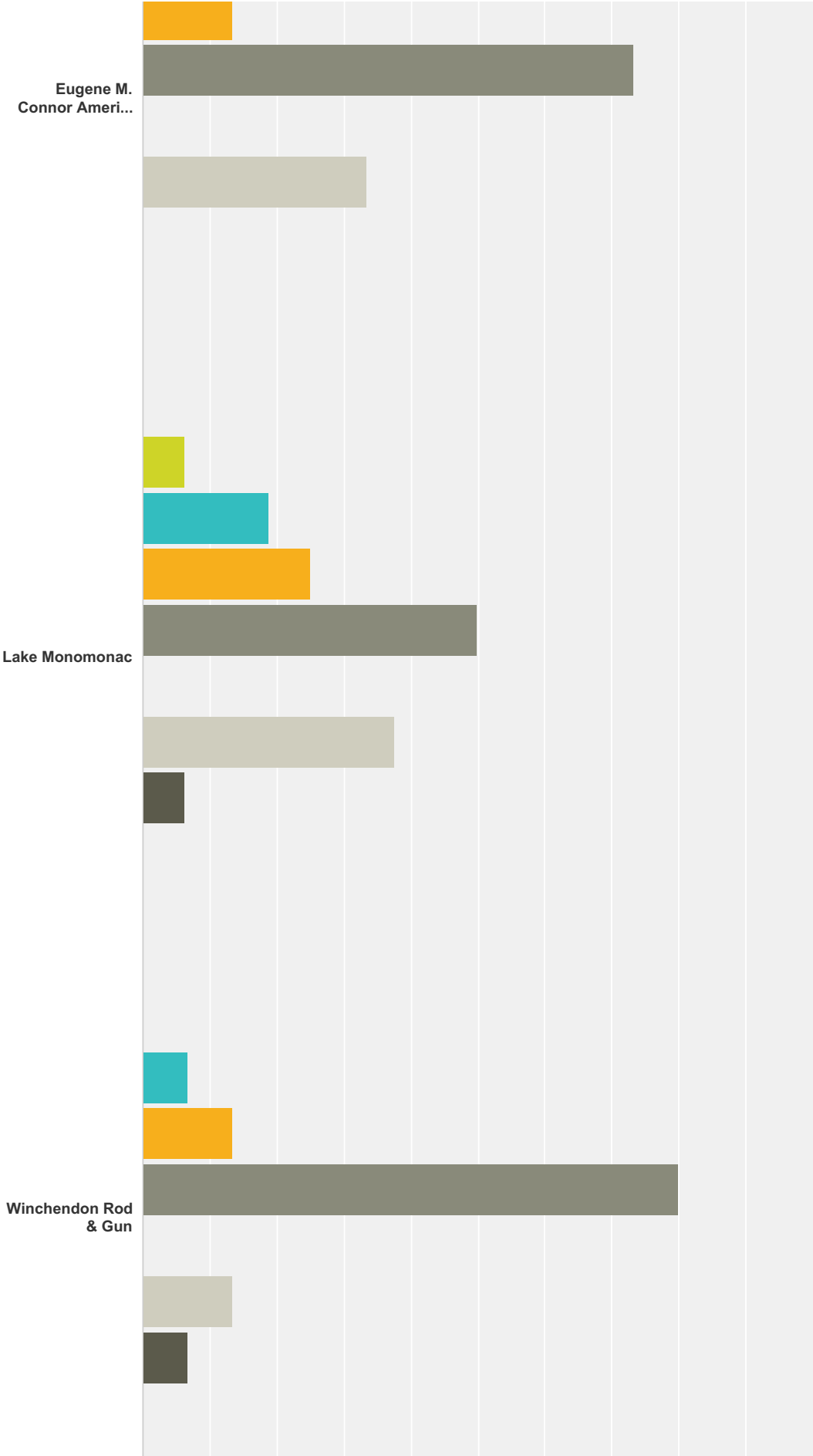
Q6 (Part 2 of 2) If you or your family use Recreational Facilities or Conservation Areas in or around the Winchendon area, please indicate which facilities you use, how often, and their condition.

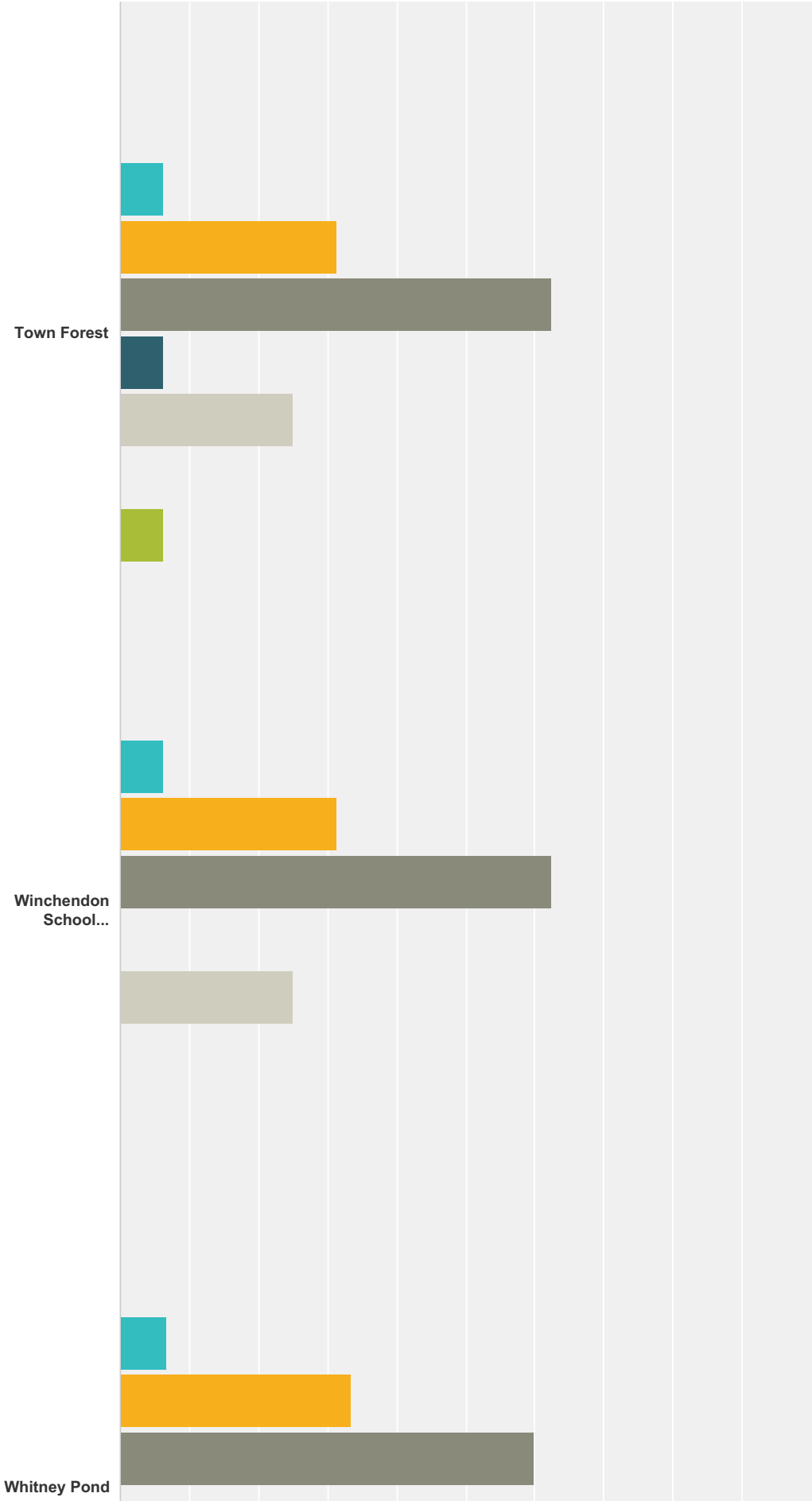
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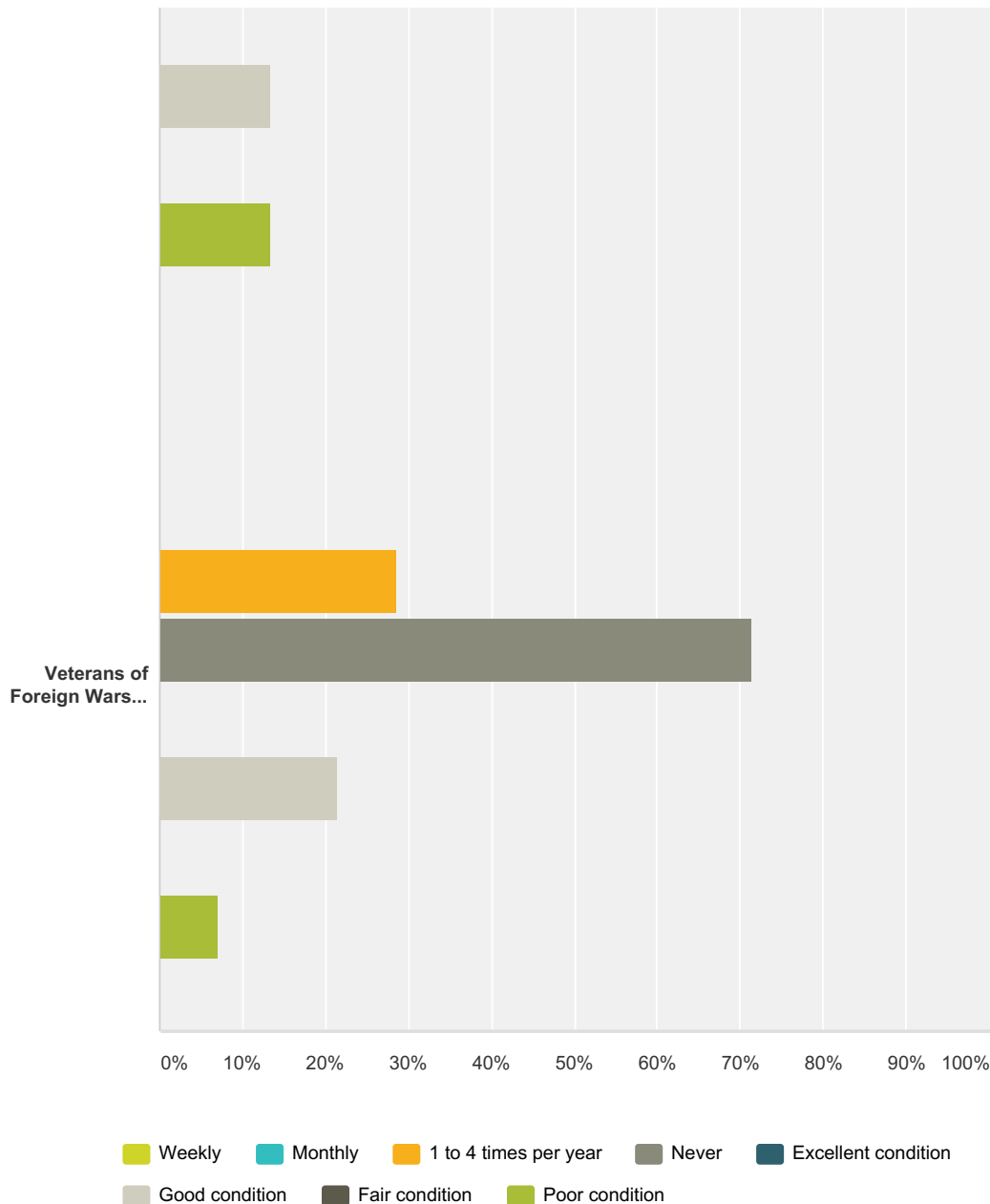










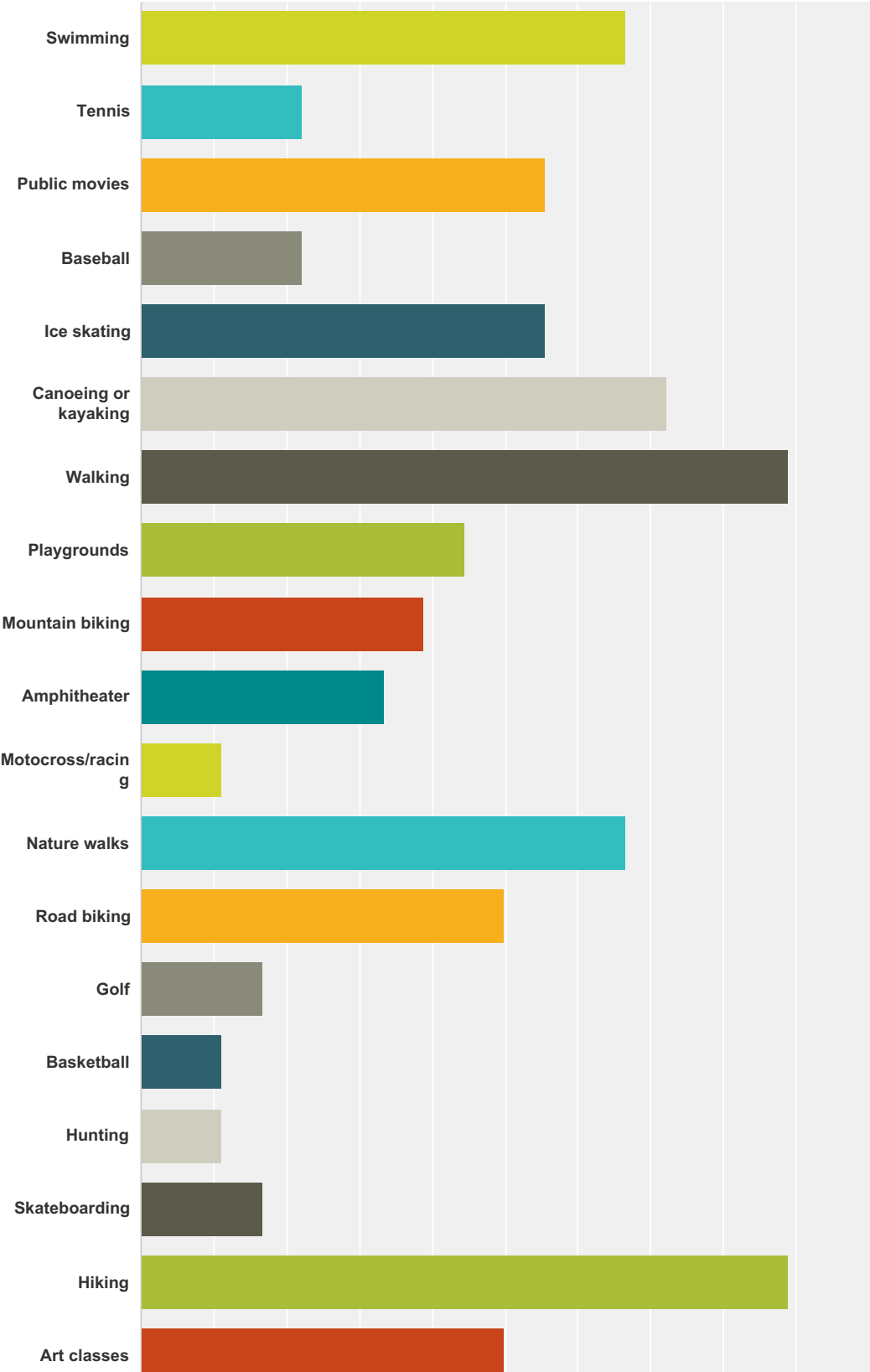


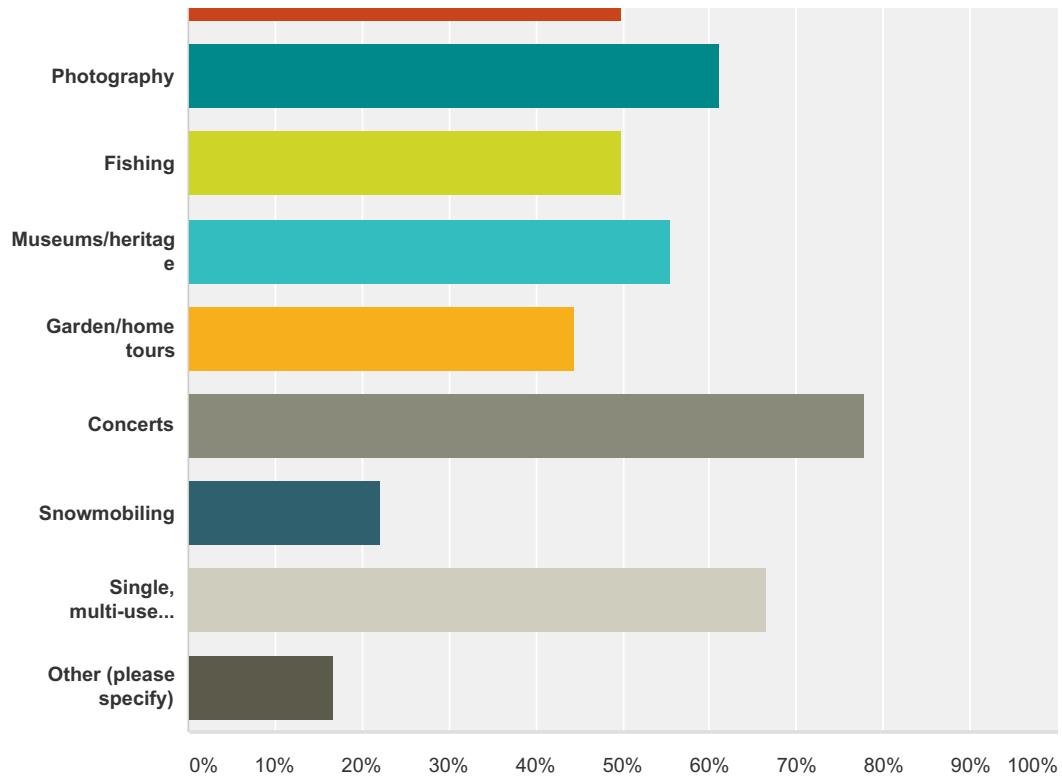
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Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	31.25% 5	12.50% 2	37.50% 6	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	16
Otter River State Park	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	35.71% 5	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14
North Central Pathway	35.29% 6	17.65% 3	35.29% 6	11.76% 2	5.88% 1	58.82% 10	0.00% 0	5.88% 1	17
Webster Street Park (proposed)	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	85.71% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14
Whites Mill Pond	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	92.86% 13	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14

The Winchendon School	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	31.25% 5	50.00% 8	12.50% 2	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Clark Memorial YMCA	31.25% 5	37.50% 6	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	18.75% 3	0.00% 0	16
Eugene M. Connor American Legion Field (Little League)	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	73.33% 11	0.00% 0	33.33% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15
Lake Monomonac	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	25.00% 4	50.00% 8	0.00% 0	37.50% 6	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	16
Winchendon Rod & Gun	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	80.00% 12	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15
Town Forest	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	62.50% 10	6.25% 1	25.00% 4	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	16
Winchendon School Facilities	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	31.25% 5	62.50% 10	0.00% 0	25.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16
Whitney Pond	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	60.00% 9	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	15
Veterans of Foreign Wars Park (Hyde Park Triangle)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28.57% 4	71.43% 10	0.00% 0	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	14

Q7 What recreational facilities would best serve you and your family?Check as many as apply:

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



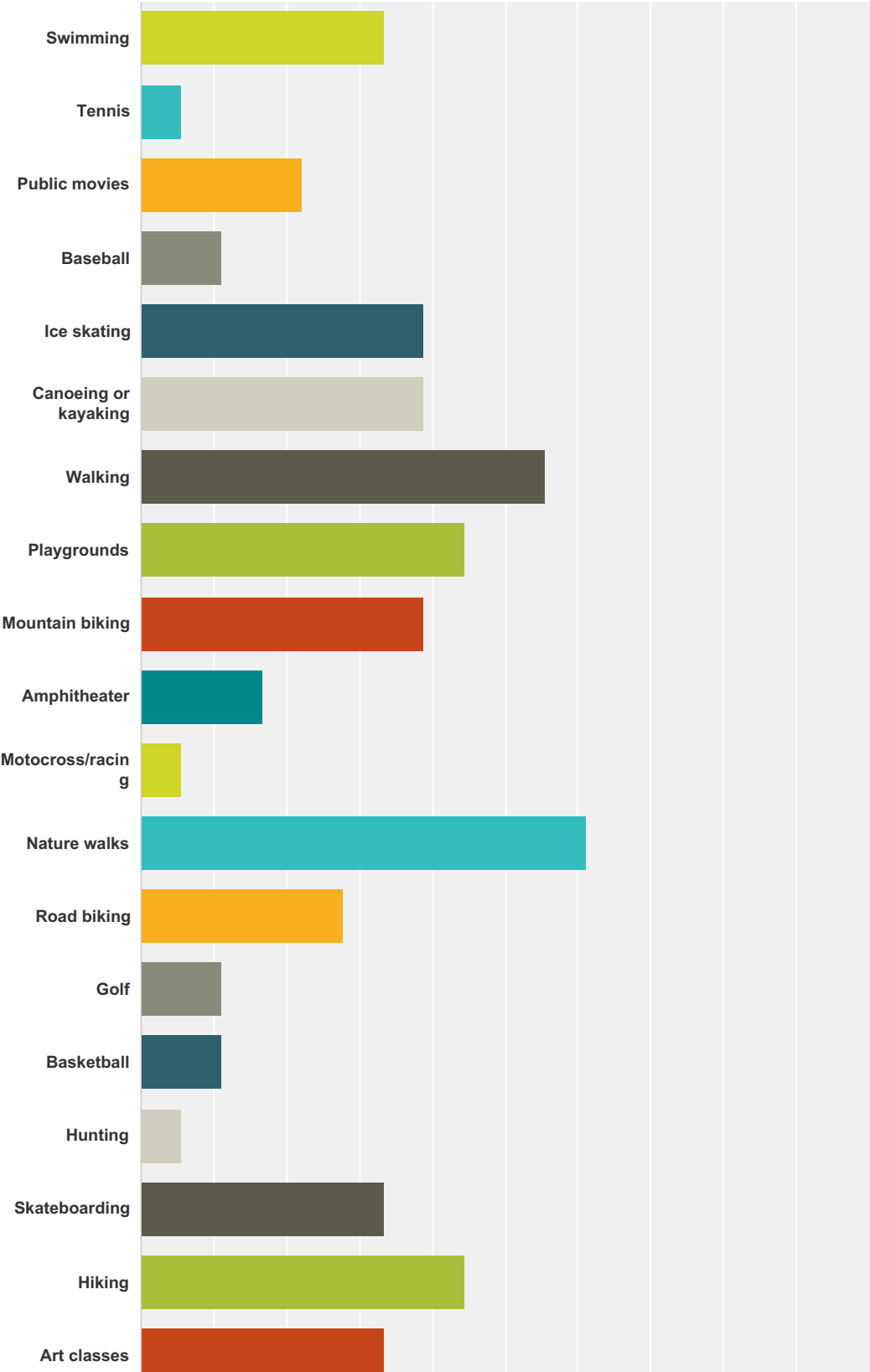


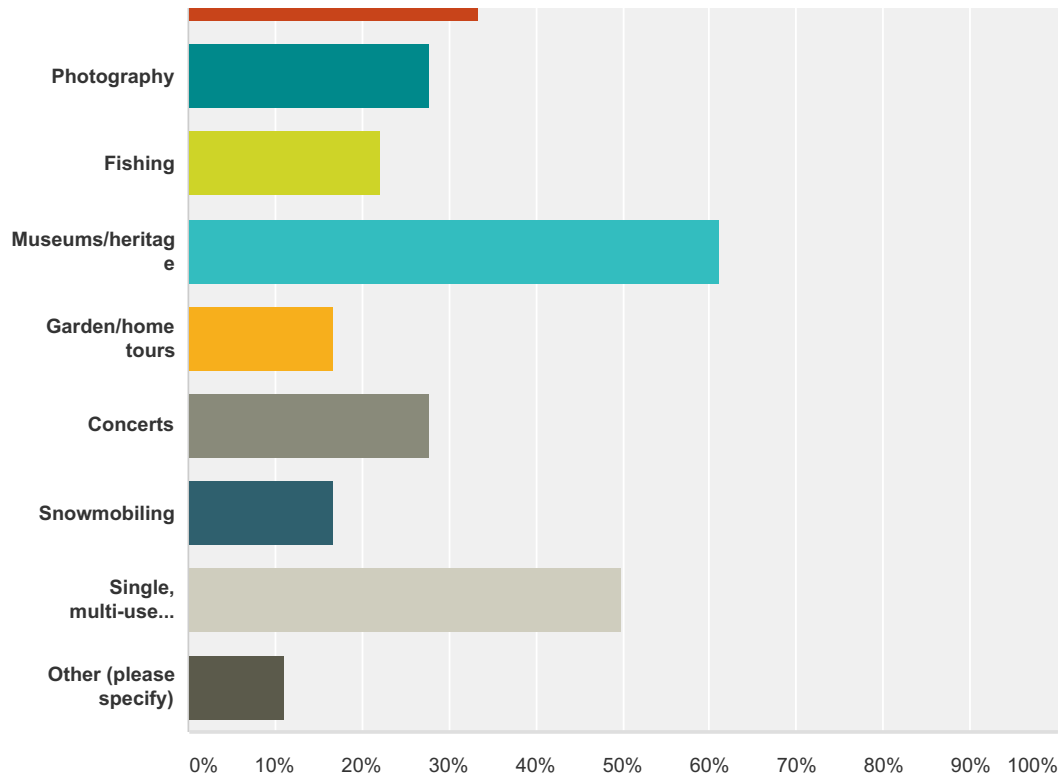
Answer Choices	Responses
Swimming	66.67% 12
Tennis	22.22% 4
Public movies	55.56% 10
Baseball	22.22% 4
Ice skating	55.56% 10
Canoeing or kayaking	72.22% 13
Walking	88.89% 16
Playgrounds	44.44% 8
Mountain biking	38.89% 7
Amphitheater	33.33% 6
Motocross/racing	11.11% 2
Nature walks	66.67% 12
Road biking	50.00% 9
Golf	16.67% 3
Basketball	11.11% 2
Hunting	11.11% 2

Skateboarding	16.67%	3
Hiking	88.89%	16
Art classes	50.00%	9
Photography	61.11%	11
Fishing	50.00%	9
Museums/heritage	55.56%	10
Garden/home tours	44.44%	8
Concerts	77.78%	14
Snowmobiling	22.22%	4
Single, multi-use recreation facility (Ingleside)	66.67%	12
Other (please specify)	16.67%	3
Total Respondents: 18		

Q8 What would you most like to see additional public dollars spent on for recreation? Check as many as apply:

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



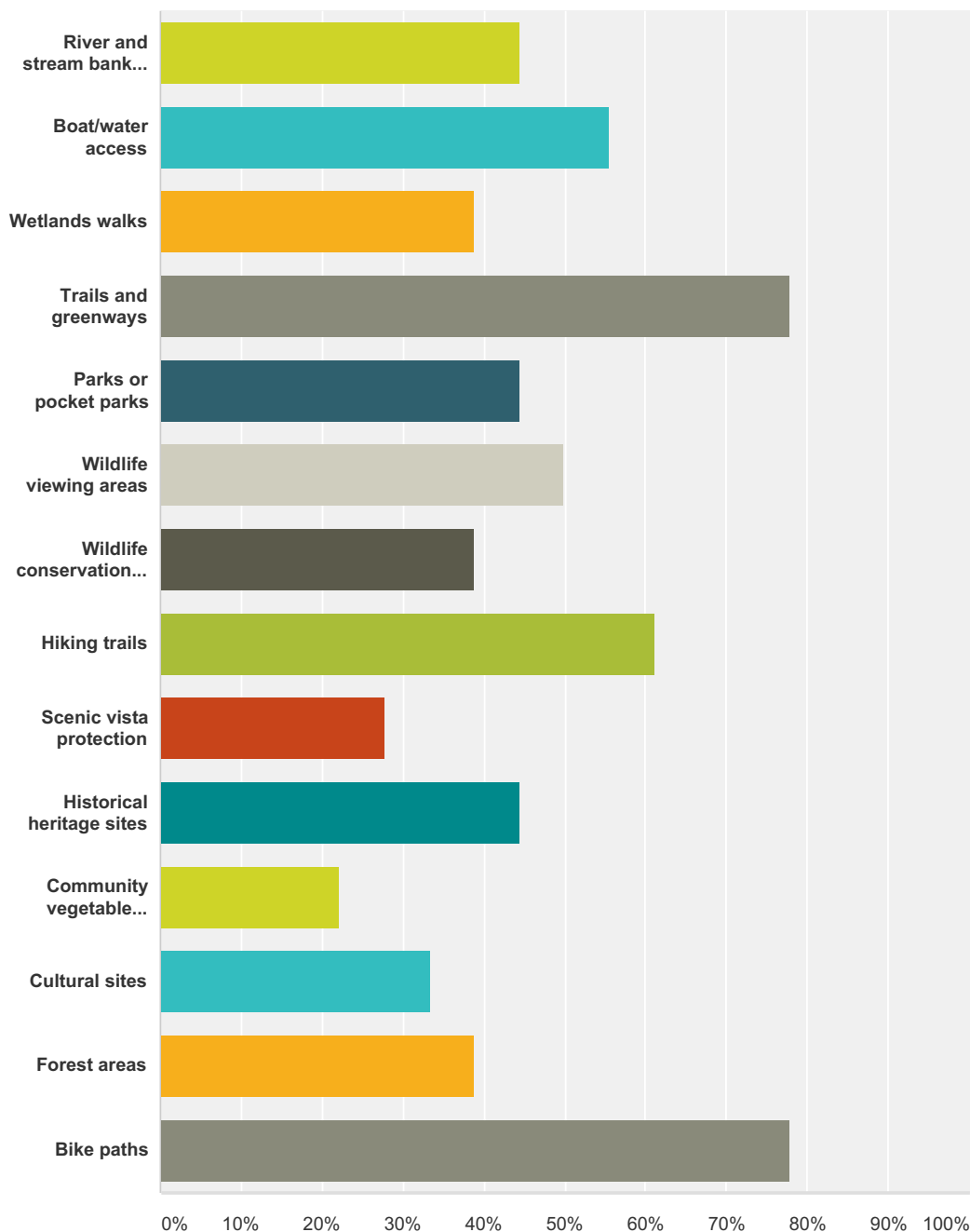


Answer Choices	Responses
Swimming	33.33% 6
Tennis	5.56% 1
Public movies	22.22% 4
Baseball	11.11% 2
Ice skating	38.89% 7
Canoeing or kayaking	38.89% 7
Walking	55.56% 10
Playgrounds	44.44% 8
Mountain biking	38.89% 7
Amphitheater	16.67% 3
Motocross/racing	5.56% 1
Nature walks	61.11% 11
Road biking	27.78% 5
Golf	11.11% 2
Basketball	11.11% 2
Hunting	5.56% 1

Skateboarding	33.33%	6
Hiking	44.44%	8
Art classes	33.33%	6
Photography	27.78%	5
Fishing	22.22%	4
Museums/heritage	61.11%	11
Garden/home tours	16.67%	3
Concerts	27.78%	5
Snowmobiling	16.67%	3
Single, multi-use recreation facility (Ingleside)	50.00%	9
Other (please specify)	11.11%	2
Total Respondents: 18		

Q9 Where would you like to see additional public dollars spent for open spaces? Check as many as apply:

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2

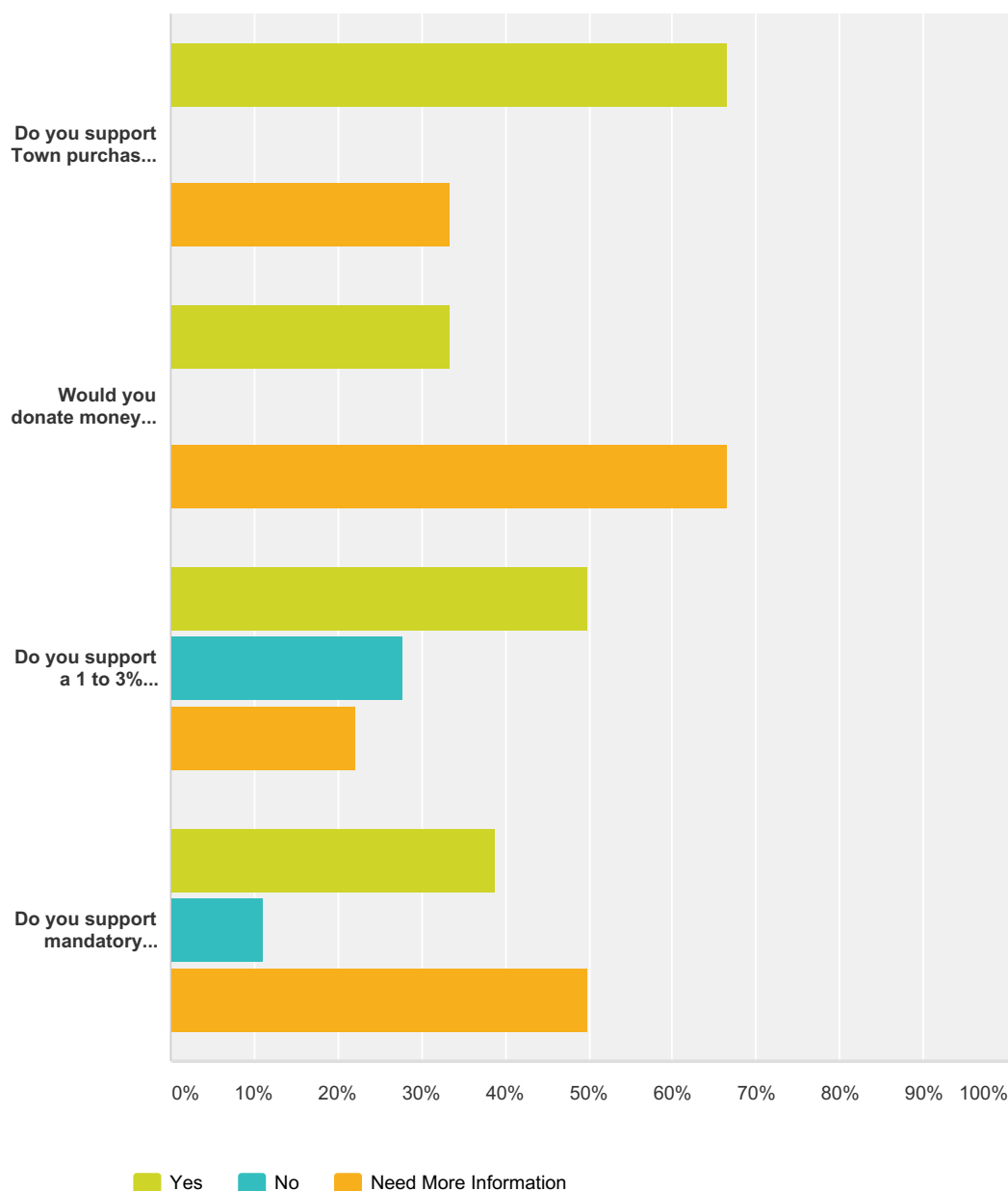


Answer Choices	Responses
River and stream bank protection	44.44% 8
Boat/water access	55.56% 10
Wetlands walks	38.89% 7

Trails and greenways	77.78%	14
Parks or pocket parks	44.44%	8
Wildlife viewing areas	50.00%	9
Wildlife conservation areas	38.89%	7
Hiking trails	61.11%	11
Scenic vista protection	27.78%	5
Historical heritage sites	44.44%	8
Community vegetable gardens	22.22%	4
Cultural sites	33.33%	6
Forest areas	38.89%	7
Bike paths	77.78%	14
Total Respondents: 18		

Q10 The Town, individuals, and developers can all take actions to protect Open Space. What additional actions can be taken by these entities to protect/conserv open space and natural resources or to create or maintain recreational areas?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2

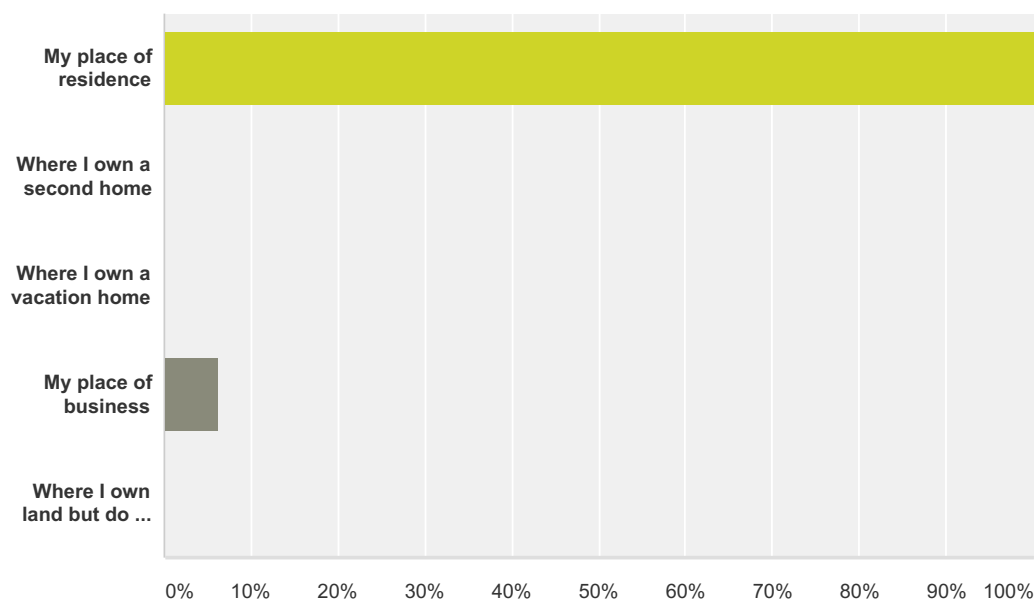


	Yes	No	Need More Information	Total
Do you support Town purchase of land for such purposes?	66.67% 12	0.00% 0	33.33% 6	18

Would you donate money to buy land or donate land?	33.33% 6	0.00% 0	66.67% 12	18
Do you support a 1 to 3% surcharge on your real estate taxes to contribute to a designated fund (Community Preservation Act*) for the purposes of open space, recreation, or historical preservation?	50.00% 9	27.78% 5	22.22% 4	18
Do you support mandatory dedication of open space by developers?	38.89% 7	11.11% 2	50.00% 9	18

Q11 Winchendon is:

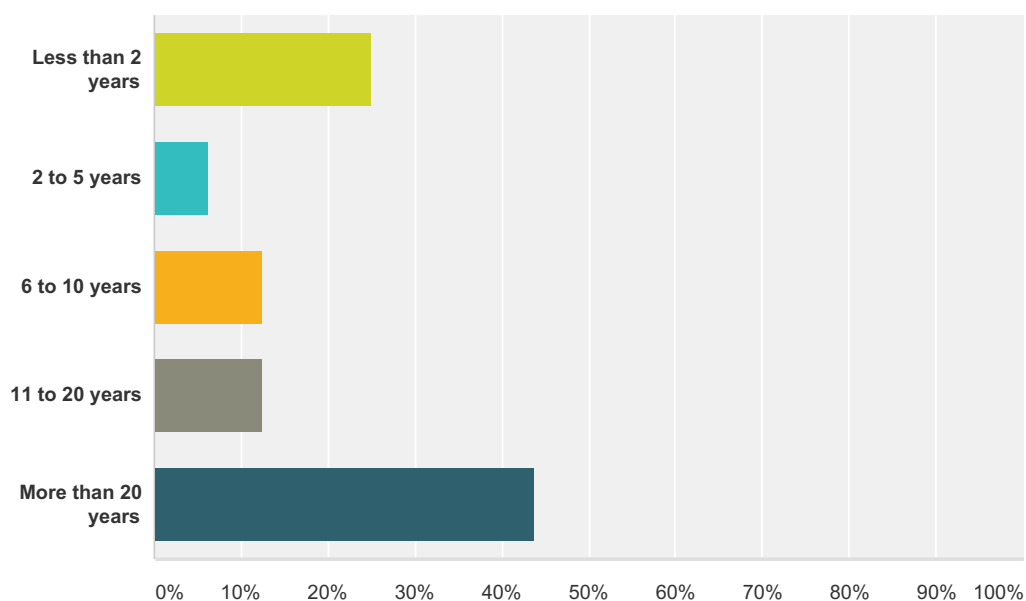
Answered: 16 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses	
My place of residence	100.00%	16
Where I own a second home	0.00%	0
Where I own a vacation home	0.00%	0
My place of business	6.25%	1
Where I own land but do not reside	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 16		

Q12 How long have you lived in Winchendon?

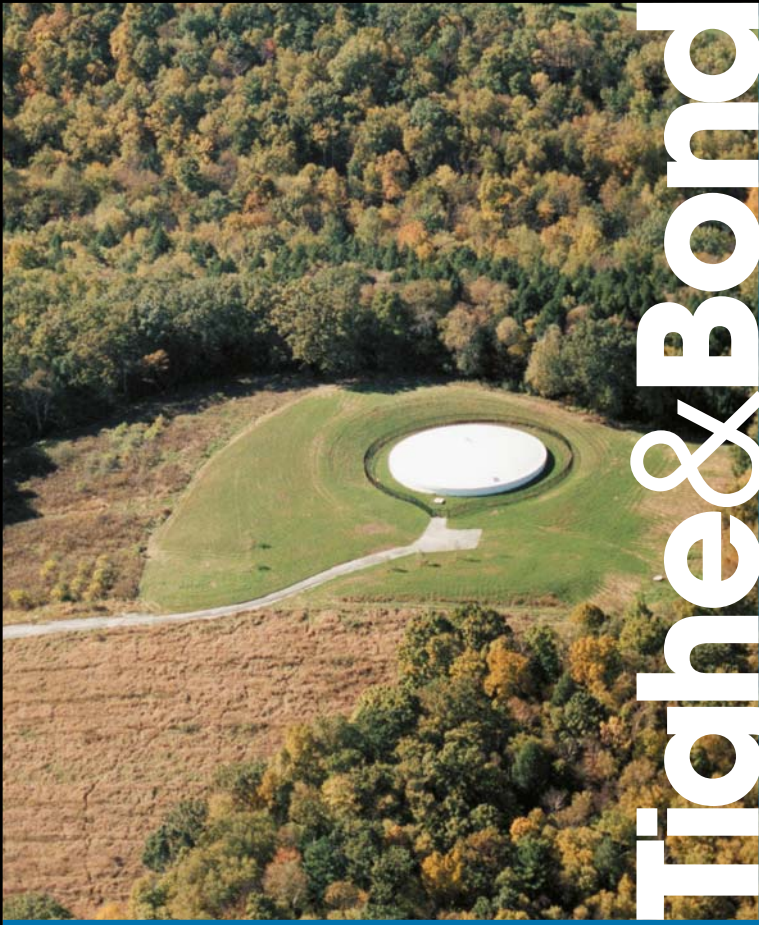
Answered: 16 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 2 years	25.00% 4
2 to 5 years	6.25% 1
6 to 10 years	12.50% 2
11 to 20 years	12.50% 2
More than 20 years	43.75% 7
Total	16

Q13 Any additional comments?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 19



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Town of Winchendon

ADA/504 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update - JUNE 2006 -

Introduction

It is the goal of the Town of Winchendon to make all property and activities under its control accessible to all of its residents regardless of any physical or mental condition. It is the policy of the Town's to identify and mediate any physical barrier so as to comply with State and Federal laws.

While the majority of the parcels are ADA compliant, there are a couple that can be improved upon. The Town takes a positive and proactive approach to adherence to the intent of this law.

Park and Recreation Areas:

North Central Pathway: Three miles constructed and ADA compliant with one mile scheduled for construction and will be ADA compliant. There are two miles that are undeveloped at this time with plans to be ADA compliant. There is parking at two trail end including handicapped accessible parking spaces.

American Legion Park: Located adjacent to the Town Hall, there is plenty of available parking along Pleasant Street to include handicapped accessible spaces. The area is flat and grassy and poses no accessibility problems.

G.A.R. Memorial Park: Located between Grove and Park Street this park is fully accessible from all sides. The terrain features towards the center and adjacent to the statue of a Republic soldier incline slightly, however it doesn't pose any barrier for out handicapped citizens.

Old Center Common Park: This area is completely accessible from all sides with roadside parking available. Only several small areas have slightly uneven areas which might challenge on foot traversing.

Militia Training Area: This historic area which was used as a training area during the revolutionary war timeframe is in general accessible to the public; however there is limited parking available. Slightly rolling terrain features might prove to be a challenge for some handicapped persons. This area is more of a historic feature rather than for recreational purposes with the exception of an occasional family picnic.

Rocking Horse Monument: Home to "Clyde" the world's largest rocking horse commemorates Winchendon's manufacturing history.

WWI Memorial Park: This small parcel is located between Route 2 and West Street. It is accessible from all sides with street side parking. As with most of our park areas, the only foreseeable problems might be slight degree of incline/decline in the terrain.

Conservation Commission Areas

There are currently no parcels under the control of the Conservation Commission at this time. The Commission is aware of the requirement for ADA compliance should any lands come under their control.

Programs and Meetings

Occasional concerts are held in GAR Park. The Conservation Commission and the Parks and Recreation meeting are held in the Town Hall. Reasonable accommodations can be made by advance notification.

Grievance Policy

Formal Grievance Procedures have been established to process complaints regarding compliance with federal handicapped regulations and to recommend appropriate action on any such complaints. Policy is attached.

Town Manager, James Kreidler, has appointed Anne Marie Blake, Financial Manager, Department of Planning and Development, as the Town's ADA/504 Coordinator. The ADA Coordinator will conduct periodic public meetings giving the community the opportunity to address the Town's ADA issues in regards to progress and identification of barriers and actions required to remediate them.

Conclusion

The Town of Winchendon has made significant progress in recent years towards meeting the needs of it handicapped citizens. Strained municipal budgets in past years are the primary reason that the 100% compliance standards have eluded this historic community in the realm of Parks and Recreation. As noted above however, you can see that the Town has a solid grasp on this objective with "Continuous Improvement" as a motto as we move towards a greater community.

The ADA coordinator is working vigorously and in coordination with the Town management and its citizens towards successful completion of this vitally important goal. As concerns are raised, they are investigated and plans are implemented to make Winchendon a place for all to live.

TABLE 1

Town of Winchendon
ADA Self Evaluation

Location	Barriers	Recommended Actions
Buildings		
<i>Town Hall</i>		
Public meetings, including Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission; various services	Accessible from parking area Elevator Handicapped parking	Provide TTY
<i>Senior Center – Old Murdock</i>		
Proposed Senior Center	No elevator No accessible bathrooms	Proposed project will include ramp, elevator; accessible bathrooms & other barrier removal items. Provide local transportation for seniors directly from the center.
Park and Recreation Areas		
<i>North Central Pathway</i>		
Multi-use paved pathway	Handicapped accessible Handicapped parking spaces	Maintain trail for accessibility
<i>American Legion Park</i>		
Open space	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<i>G.A.R. Memorial Park</i>		
Open space, gazebo, public movies and concerts	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<i>Old Center Common Park</i>		
Open space; historic	Roadside parking	Provide handicapped parking
<i>Militia Training Center</i>		
Open space; historic	Limited parking No paved access ways	Consider accessible path
<i>Rocking Horse Monument</i>		
Historic	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<i>WWI Memorial Park</i>		
Open space	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<i>North Royalston Road Property</i>		
Conservation Commission property, open space, wetlands		Handicapped parking Consider providing accessible trail

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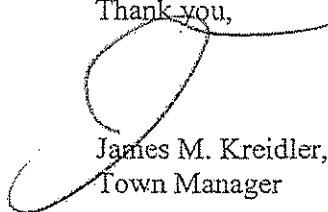
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June 7, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby designate Anne Marie Blake, Planning and Development Financial Manager, as
ADA Coordinator for the Town of Winchendon.

Thank you,



James M. Kreidler, Jr.
Town Manager

TOWN OF WINCHENDON MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The following grievance procedure is established to meet the requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices or the policies or the provision of services, activities, programs and benefits by the Town of Winchendon.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date and description of the problem. Reasonable accommodations such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities who are unable to submit a written complaint.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to the ADA Coordinator:

**Anne Marie Blake, Financial Manager, Department of Planning & Development
109 Front Street
Winchendon, MA 01475
Phone # 978-297-3308**

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint the ADA Coordinator will meet the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting the ADA Coordinator will respond in writing, and where appropriate in a format accessible to the complainant such as audiotape. The response will explain the position of the Town of Winchendon and offer options for the substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/designee may appeal the decision of the ADA coordinator within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Town Manager or his designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Town Manager or his designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting the Town Manager or his designee will respond in writing and where appropriate in a format accessible to the complainant such as audiotape with a final resolution of the complaint

All complaints received by the ADA Coordinator, appeals to the Town Manager or his designee and responses from the ADA Coordinator and the Town Manager or his Designee will be kept by the Town of Winchendon for at least three years.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Winchendon advises applicants, participants and the public that it does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to programs and facilities, treatment or employment in its programs, services and activities.

The Town of Winchendon has designated the following individual to coordinate efforts to comply with these requirements. Inquiries and complaints should be directed to:

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<i>Old Center Common Park</i>		
Open space; historic	Roadside parking	Provide handicapped parking
<i>Marvin School Field</i>		
Playing Fields	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<i>Militia Training Center</i>		
Open space; historic	Limited parking No paved accessways	Consider accessible path
<i>Murdock Middle/High School</i>		
Playing Fields	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<i>Rocking Horse Monument</i>		
Historic	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<i>Toy Town Elementary School</i>		
Playing Fields	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<i>Warren Bentley</i>		
Athletic Fields	Accessible from adjacent parking area	None
<i>WWI Memorial Park</i>		
Open space	Handicapped accessible	Provide handicapped parking
<i>North Royalston Road Property</i>		
Conservation Commission property, open space, wetlands	Handicapped accessible	Handicapped parking Consider providing accessible trail
<i>Nineteenth Hill WCE</i>		
Conservation commission property, open space	Handicapped accessible	Handicapped parking Consider providing accessible trail
<i>Beals Memorial Library</i>		
Library	Stairs to all levels	Barrier removal recommended