

Town of Clayton, WI

Comprehensive Plan Citizen Opinion Survey Results Summary

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Survey Overview

The Town of Clayton is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, a long-range planning document that addresses a variety of subjects including land use, transportation, community facilities, economic development, housing, and more. As part of this public process, this Citizen Opinion Survey was developed to gather up-front information and perspective from residents on these and other topics. Citizen engagement has been a priority of the Town during this process and the opinions of its residents and businesses are important to evaluating the past and future trends that have, or will, shape the community.

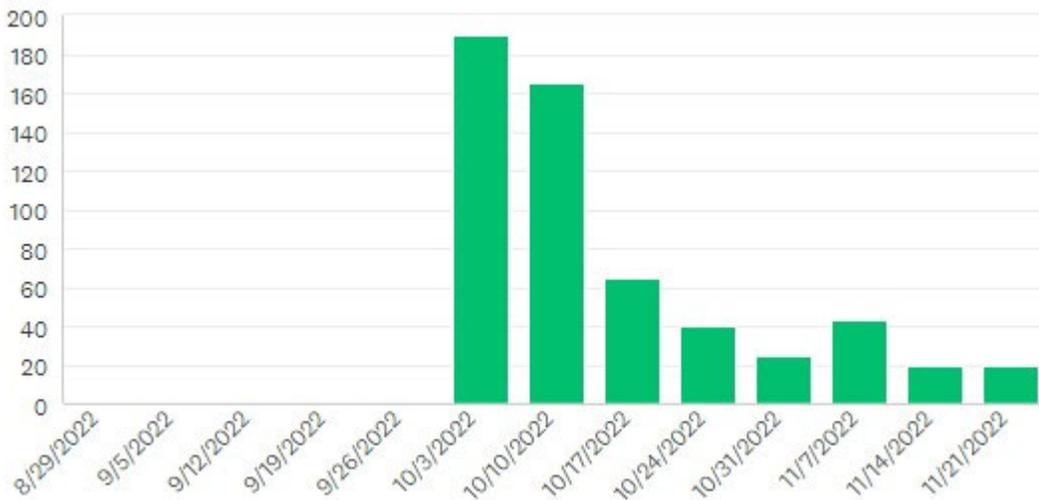
Survey Methods & Overall Response

The survey was developed with significant input from both the Plan Commission and Parks & Trails Committee and contained a total of 28 questions. The survey was made available between October 3, 2022 and November 18, 2022 and was put into an on-line format using Survey Monkey, linked to directly from the homepage of the Town's website.

The Town elected to mail a hardcopy postcard to all parcel owners (residents and non-residents) within the Town informing them that the survey was available on-line, or if needed, residents could pick up and fill out a paper copy from the Town Offices. A total of 20 surveys were filled out and returned by hand and are included in the survey response analysis.

Overall, the survey garnered a total of 568 responses with a 94% completion rate and an average time of 12m:26s to complete the survey. As shown Figure 1 below, well over half of the responses were generated within the first two weeks of the survey being released. A small increase in responses is also shown during the week of November 7th, as the Town promoted the survey to all in-person voters for the November 8th Mid-Term Elections.

Figure 1: Town of Clayton Survey Response Generation



Summary of Responses

A broad summary of the survey results are discussed below with the detailed response information comprising the remainder of this document.

Demographics

- A relatively even split was seen amongst the age of respondents – 32% 30-49 years of age; 38% 50-64 years of age, and; 26.8% 65 years or more. No responses were received from those under 18 years of age and only 17 responses (3%) were from those 19-29 years of age.
- 34% of respondents indicated that they were retired.
- Nearly 40% of respondents have lived in the Town for more than 20 years, with an additional 36% living in the Town for 6 to 19 years. Just over 23% of respondents were “new” residents of 5 years or less.
- Nearly 44% of respondents had children living at home

Housing

- 91% of respondents lived in a traditional single-family detached dwelling unit, with about 5% noting they lived on a farm.
- 54% of respondents felt, or weren't sure, that there is insufficient affordable housing within the Town.
- Nearly 55% of respondents desired additional single-family detached housing in the future, while 31% indicated that 'small' (<1,300 sq. ft.) single-family residential uses should be added.
- Another 22% of respondents felt that new attached single-family housing was needed.
- Nearly 25% indicated a need for new senior living/senior housing options in the future, and nearly 7% felt that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) should be considered in the future.
- Only small percentages of respondents indicated a desire for apartment buildings (8.2% for 4 to 6-plex units, and 5.6% for 8 to 16-plex units).

General Growth & Land Use

- For the WIS 76 corridor, local business and retail uses were felt to be the most appropriate, with just over 60% of respondents voting for this use.
- Nearly 1/3 of all respondents felt that Highway-Oriented Commercial (37%), Professional Offices (39%), and Light Industrial (29%) uses would also be appropriate along the WIS 76 corridor.
- Recreational uses along the corridor garnered 40% of the votes, but it is not clear as to whether this means that the corridor should remain as passive open space, or if it infers that a recreational trail should be incorporated along the highway.
- Nearly 20% of responses supported the creation of a new “town center” along the highway corridor.
- Over 80% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that natural resource areas should be protected.
- Nearly 75% of respondents agreed that farmlands within Clayton should be protected/preserved.

Road Conditions

- Only 17% of respondents felt that the Town's roads were in good shape, with just over 50% stating they were in moderate shape.
- Nearly 30% of respondents felt that significant improvements could be made to the Town's roads with specific segments such as Fairview, Center, Shady, Oakwood, and Oakridge being mentioned repeatedly (see other written comments later in report).

Bike & Trail Facilities

- Over 80% of respondents indicated a desire for additional off-street bicycle and pedestrian paths.
- Nearly 40% of respondents indicated the desire for more on-street bike lanes as well.
- Just over 30% indicated a need for additional sidewalks within key areas.

Other Transportation Options

- There was little interest in the use of micro-mobility options such as electric scooters or bike-share facilities (2.1% and 2.6% respectively).
- While the figure is somewhat low, just over 8.5% of respondents would support the extension of public transit, with many of these responses coming from those who were 65 year of age or older.
- A significant number of responses (70 total, or 16.6%) indicated the desire/need to add electric vehicle charging stations within the community.

Economic Development

- Only 10.7% of respondents indicated that it was very important that the Town have more work/job opportunities, while 34.7% indicated that it was somewhat important. More than one-half (54.6%) of the responses indicated that it was not important or had no opinion.
- 62% of respondents indicated they there was no need for additional industrial development within the Town. 21% of respondents were not sure industrial development was needed.
- In terms of attracting new shopping/retail/service uses, the following were identified as priorities based on the number of responses: food/groceries (75.8%), restaurants (81%), hardware stores (55.2%), and entertainment/social establishments (47.8%) medical facilities (46.8%), pharmacies (44.9%).

Place of Work

- Regarding place of work, of those who were not retired, 55% worked in another community in the Fox Cities metropolitan area. Another 3.3% worked in the Green Bay area and 14.4% worked in the Oshkosh area.
- Overall, 27.7% of respondents worked within the Town of Clayton with 23% of these doing "work from home".

Recreation Facilities

- Over 45% of respondents felt that there should be expansion of both active and passive recreational areas. An additional 30.8% responded that passive parks were their preference.
- For future active parks, the following five (5) amenities were indicated as being most in need: walking trails (69.3%), restrooms (52.3%), bike trails (48.2%), picnic areas (32%), and pet-friendly accommodations (29.6%).
- For future passive parks and trails, the following five (5) amenities were indicated as being most in need: trail route/mile location markers (62%), shade trees (60.4%), garbage canisters (55.5%), shaded benches (52.7%), and water stations (45.3%).

- It is worth noting that just over 6% of respondents indicated a desire to have electric car charging stations at both future passive and active parks.
- When asked what types of new trails should be planned for, over 81% indicated that paved or unpaved walking trails would be their preference. 55% of respondents desired additional off-road biking (paved or unpaved) trails, and 40% indicated a desire for on-street bicycle facilities. 54% of these respondents would like these trail facilities to be pet-friendly.
- Roughly 1/5 of respondents desired to see dedicated ATV/UTV trails (24.2%) and/or horseback trails (19.3%)
- Only 8.5% of respondents indicated that there are specific locations within the Town they would like to see preserved for recreation and open space uses. A listing of suggested sites is contained later in the report. It's worth noting that 67% of respondents 'Didn't Know' of a specific location but may still support future expansions.
- Over 56% of respondents indicated they would be willing to donate time, money, or materials to a park/trail project as long as they were assured the donation is going to the specific project.
- 23% of respondents may be willing to serve on the Parks & Trails Committee in the future if asked, and 39% indicated they would be willing to volunteer to provide park/trail maintenance.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

- Over 43% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the Town has good working relationship with its neighboring communities. Just over 9% felt the opposite (disagree or strongly disagree), while nearly one-half (46%) were not sure. The latter response may be high simply because many residents are not aware of past or current efforts made by the Town to work with its neighboring communities.

Communications

- Most (62%) respondents felt that the Town communicates best when either using its website or through emailed or printed newsletters. Direct email announcements was a close second place with 52.8% of the votes. Social media (36%), public meetings (25.2%) and newspaper notices (6.5%) were the least preferred communication methods.

Strengths & Weaknesses

Two open ended questions were used to ask respondents about the Town's greatest strengths and suggested areas for improvement. Over 700 comments were received for these two questions with the top items mentioned being as follows:

Strengths (not in any type of priority order):

- Rural Nature of Town
- Country Atmosphere ("Touch of Country")
- Location/Proximity to Urban Areas
- Small / Small Town Feel
- Quiet/ Peaceful
- Low/Reasonable Taxes
- Trails
- Friendliness
- People
- Community/Values

Improvements (not in any type of priority order):

- Road Maintenance
- Better Communication
- Need for a Grocery Store
- Lower Taxes
- High Speed Internet

Other Comments

Over 195 additional comments were made in the last open ended question which asked for any additional thoughts. Some of the most commonly mentioned items include (not in priority order):

- Drainage Issues
- Keep Agricultural
- Sewer/Water Concerns
- Concerns on Urbanization
- Size of Government

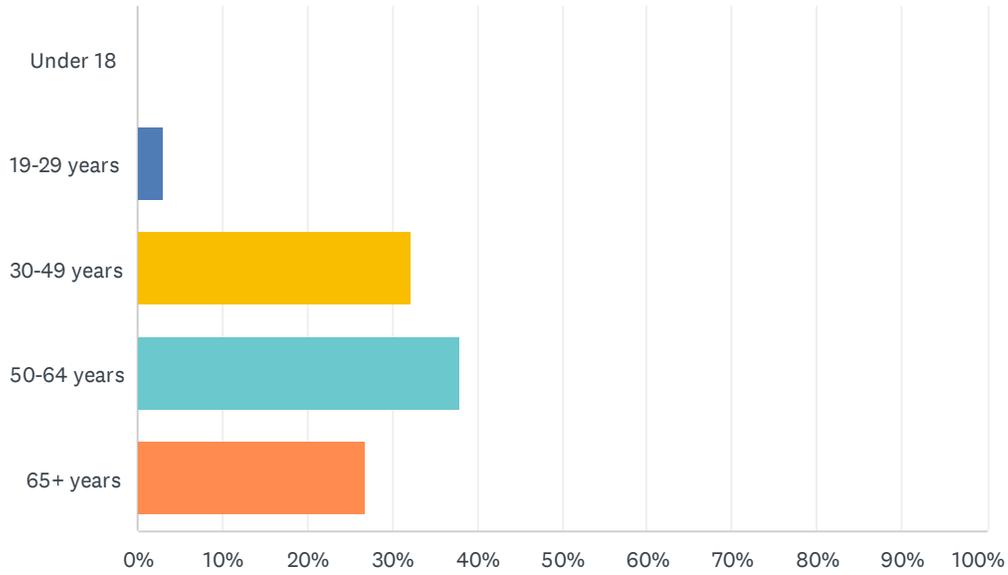
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Q1 Your E-mail Address? (Optional but must be provided if you wish to be entered into the random drawing for one of five \$25 gift cards.)

Answered: 428 Skipped: 140

Q2 What is your age range? (please check one)

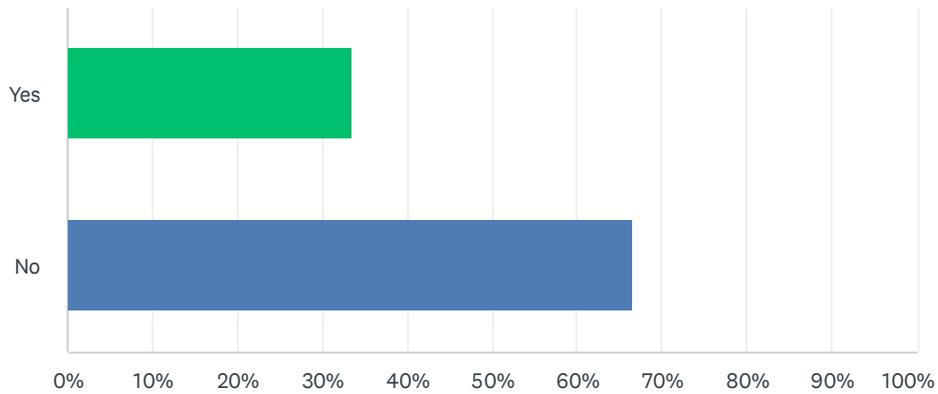
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
19-29 years	3.02%	17
30-49 years	32.15%	181
50-64 years	38.01%	214
65+ years	26.82%	151
TOTAL		563

Q3 Are you retired? (please check one)

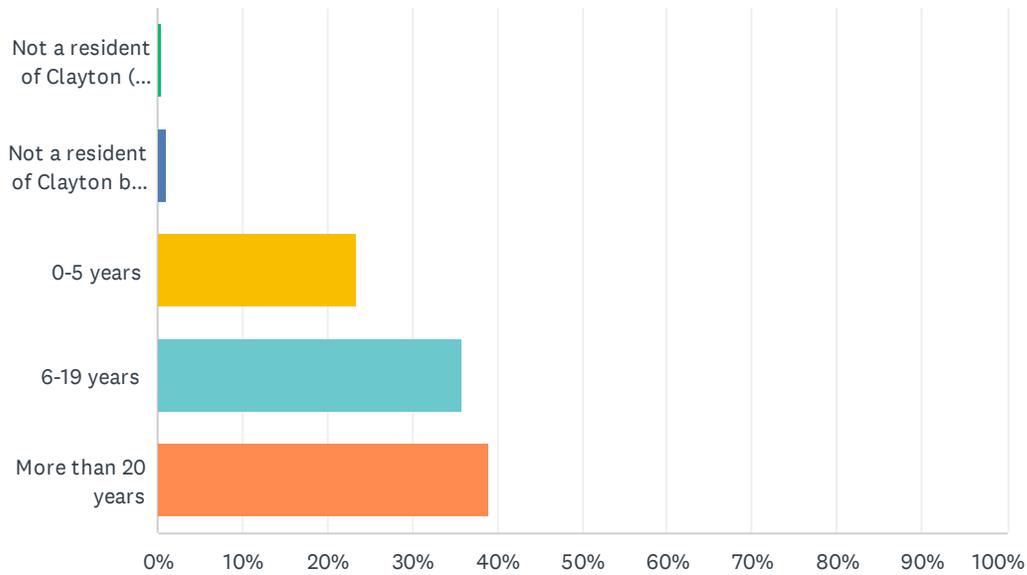
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.57%	189
No	66.43%	374
TOTAL		563

Q4 How long have you lived in the Town of Clayton? (please check one)

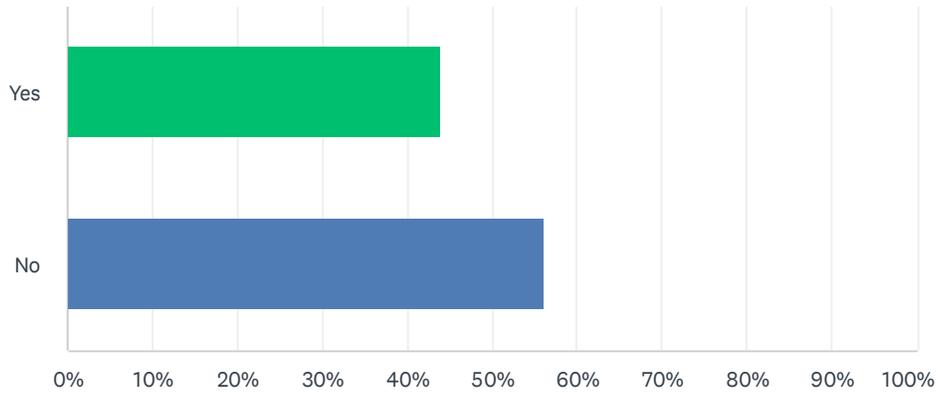
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not a resident of Clayton (but we still value your input!)	0.53%	3
Not a resident of Clayton but own property within the Town	1.06%	6
0-5 years	23.50%	133
6-19 years	35.87%	203
More than 20 years	39.05%	221
TOTAL		566

Q5 Do you currently have children living in your household? (please check one)

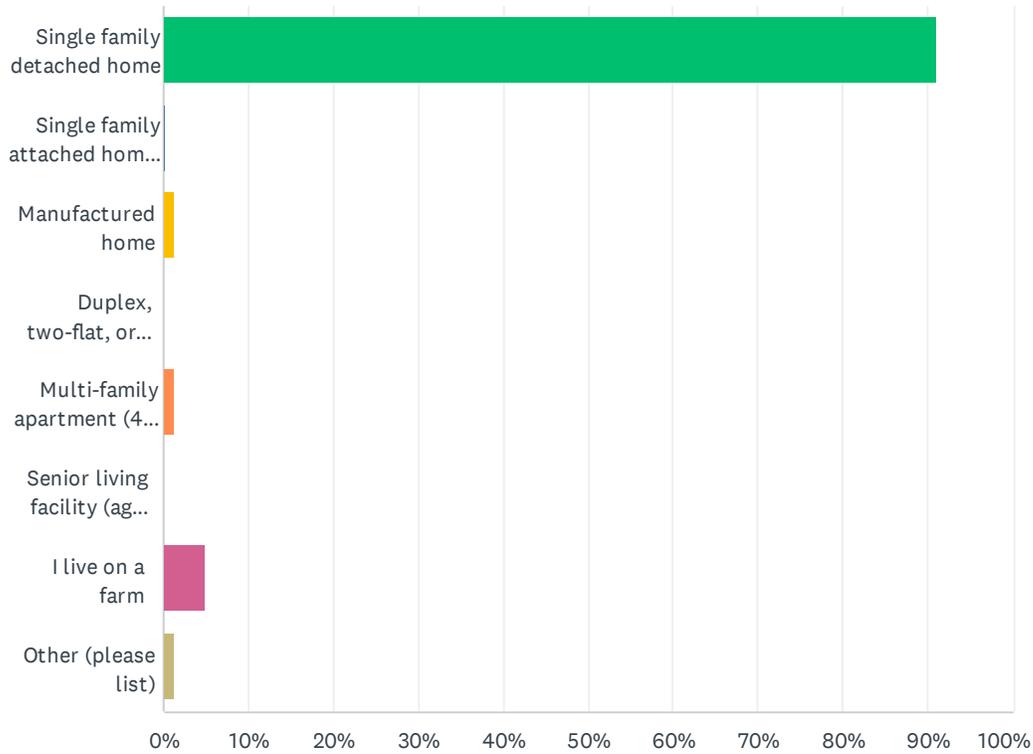
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43.89%	248
No	56.11%	317
TOTAL		565

Q6 I currently live in a (please check one)

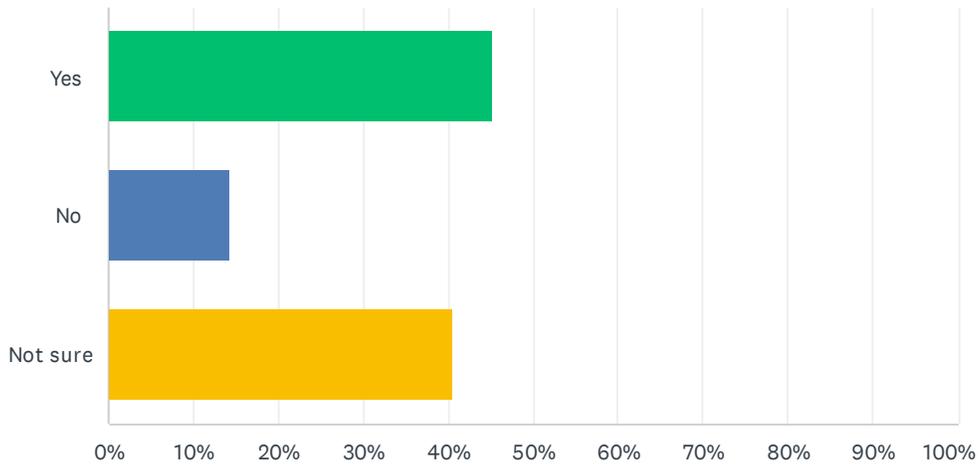
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single family detached home	91.10%	512
Single family attached home (townhouse, condominium, etc.)	0.18%	1
Manufactured home	1.25%	7
Duplex, two-flat, or tri-plex	0.00%	0
Multi-family apartment (4 or more units)	1.25%	7
Senior living facility (age in place)	0.00%	0
I live on a farm	4.98%	28
Other (please list)	1.25%	7
TOTAL		562

Q7 Do you think that the Town of Clayton has sufficient “affordable housing” to accommodate its existing and future population? “Affordable” is defined as spending less than 30% of your household’s gross income on housing expenses (includes, rent/mortgage, insurance, maintenance, and utilities)? (please check one)

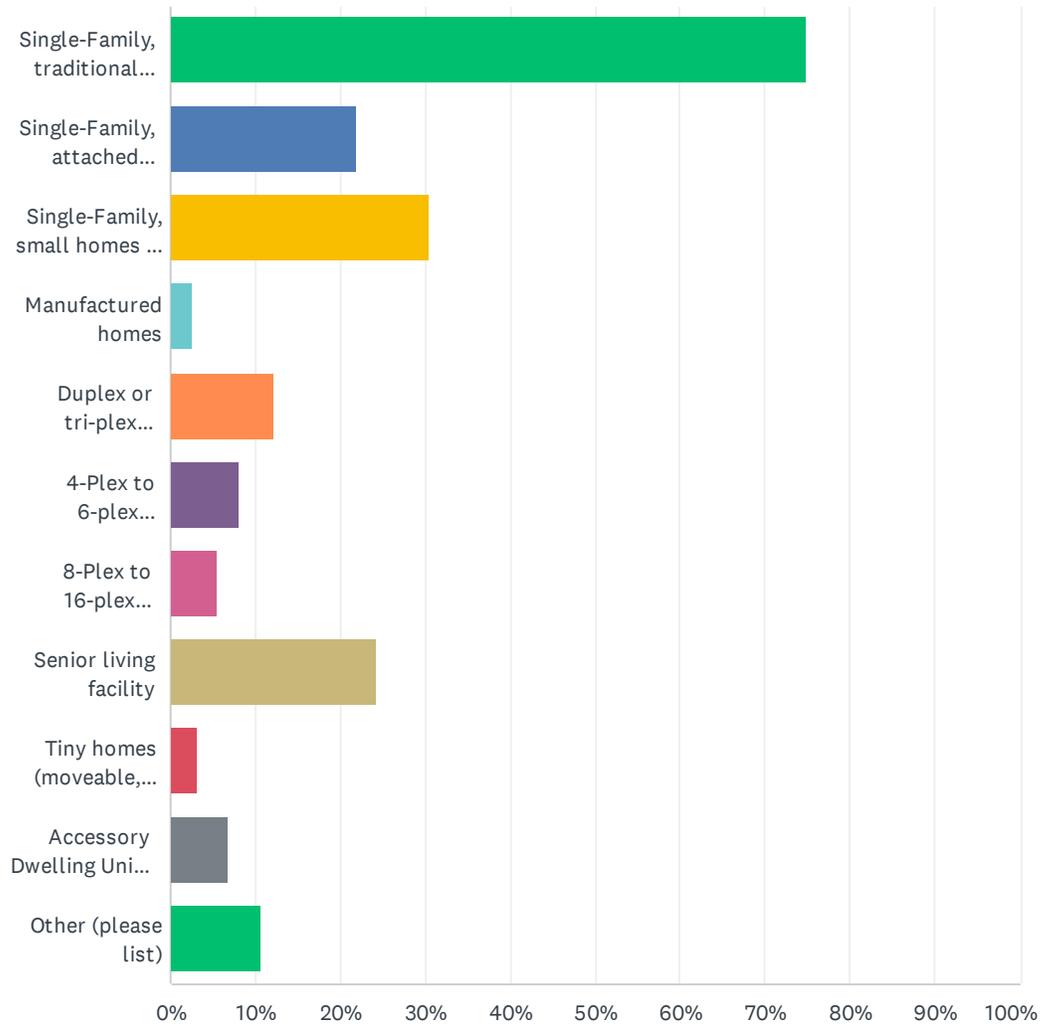
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.16%	252
No	14.34%	80
Not sure	40.50%	226
TOTAL		558

Q8 What types of housing development do you think are needed in the Town over the next 10 years? (please check all that apply)

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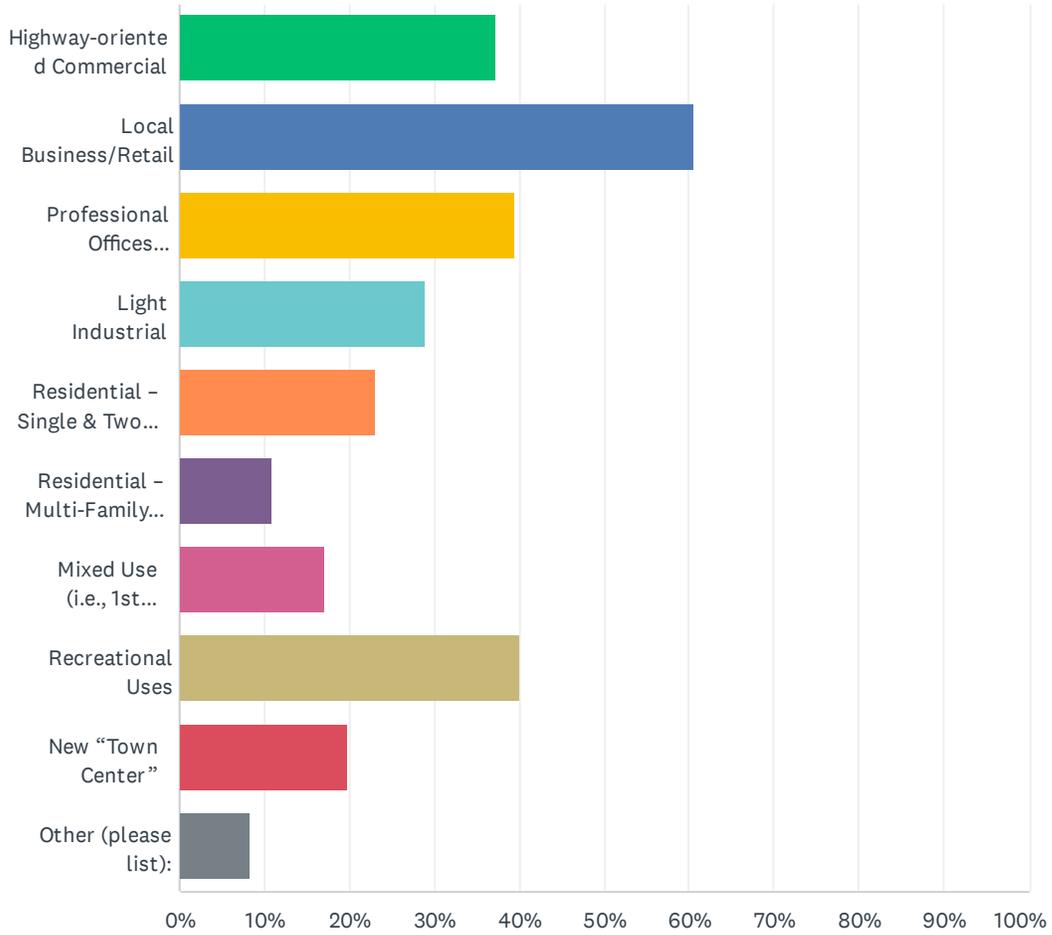


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-Family, traditional detached (>1,300 sq. ft.)	74.81%	401
Single-Family, attached (townhouse/condominiums)	22.01%	118
Single-Family, small homes < 1,300 sq. ft. (cottage style, etc.)	30.60%	164
Manufactured homes	2.61%	14
Duplex or tri-plex residential	12.13%	65
4-Plex to 6-plex residential (small apartment building)	8.21%	44
8-Plex to 16-plex residential (moderate to large apartment buildings)	5.60%	30
Senior living facility	24.25%	130
Tiny homes (moveable, 300-450 sq. feet on individual lots)	3.17%	17
Accessory Dwelling Units (700-900 sq. feet on existing residential lots)	6.90%	37
Other (please list)	10.63%	57
Total Respondents: 536		

Q9 What types of land uses do think are most appropriate to locate along the USH 10 and STH 76 corridors? (check all that apply)

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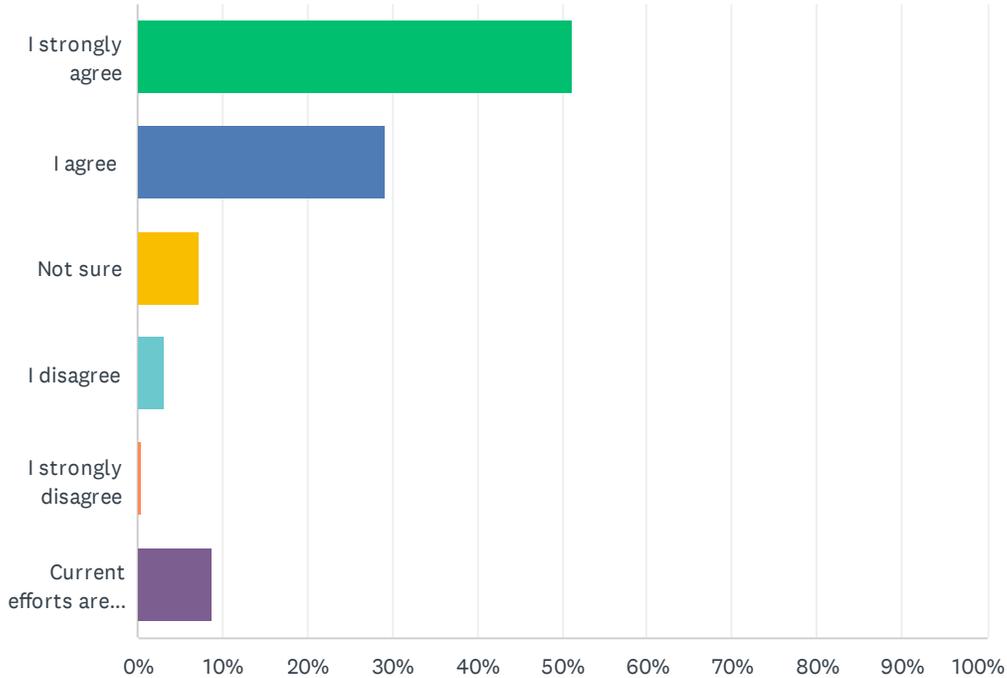


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Highway-oriented Commercial	37.34%	205
Local Business/Retail	60.47%	332
Professional Offices (medical, services, etc.)	39.34%	216
Light Industrial	28.96%	159
Residential – Single & Two Family	22.95%	126
Residential – Multi-Family/Townhomes	10.93%	60
Mixed Use (i.e., 1st floor retail/office and upper story residential)	17.12%	94
Recreational Uses	40.07%	220
New “Town Center”	19.85%	109
Other (please list):	8.38%	46
Total Respondents: 549		

Q10 The Town of Clayton should increase efforts to protect sensitive natural resource areas such as wetlands, floodplains, woodlands, stream corridors, and critical wildlife habitat? (please check one)

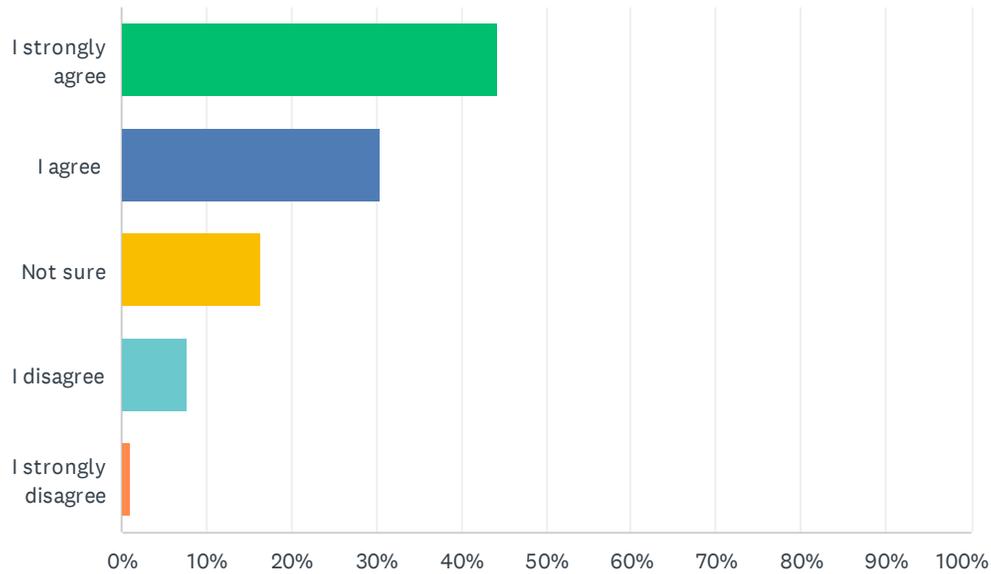
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I strongly agree	51.26%	284
I agree	29.24%	162
Not sure	7.22%	40
I disagree	3.25%	18
I strongly disagree	0.36%	2
Current efforts are adequate	8.66%	48
TOTAL		554

Q11 0Should the Town continue to be aggressive in protecting agricultural uses located west of Oakwood Road by limiting non-agricultural related development? (please check one)

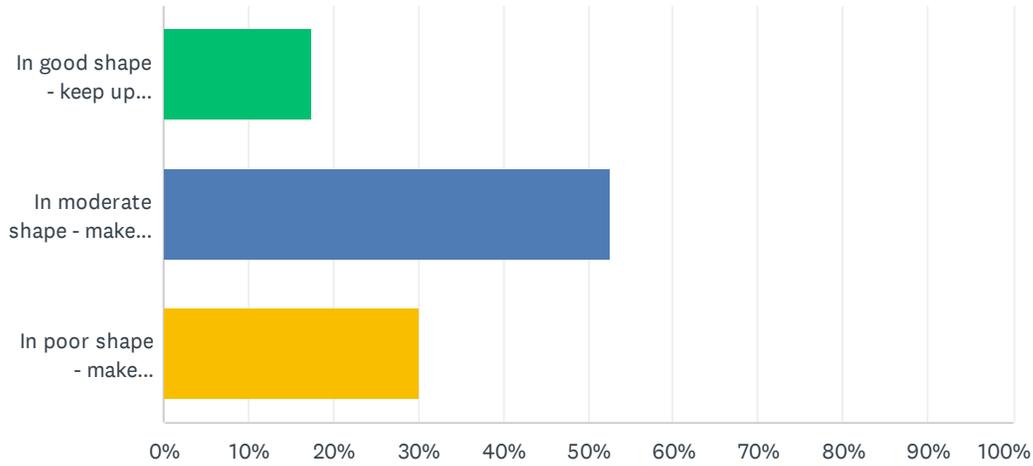
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I strongly agree	44.30%	245
I agree	30.56%	169
Not sure	16.46%	91
I disagree	7.59%	42
I strongly disagree	1.08%	6
TOTAL		553

Q12 The Town of Clayton's local streets are (check one only)

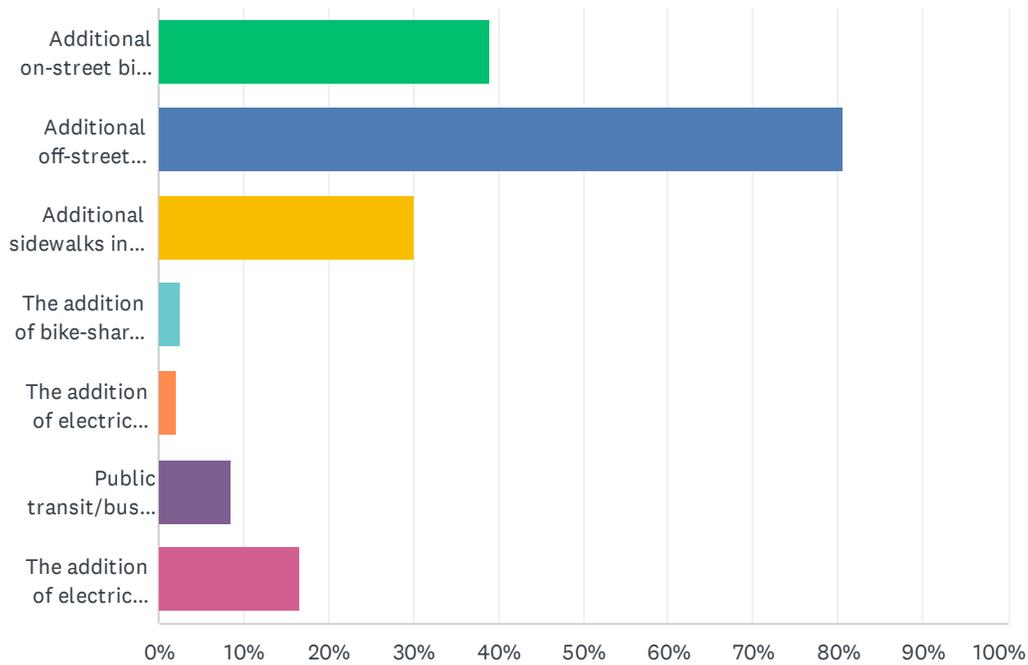
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In good shape - keep up current levels of maintenance	17.46%	95
In moderate shape - make some improvements/increased investment in street repairs	52.57%	286
In poor shape - make significant improvements/investments in street repairs.	29.96%	163
TOTAL		544

Q13 The Town of Clayton should support... (please check all that apply)

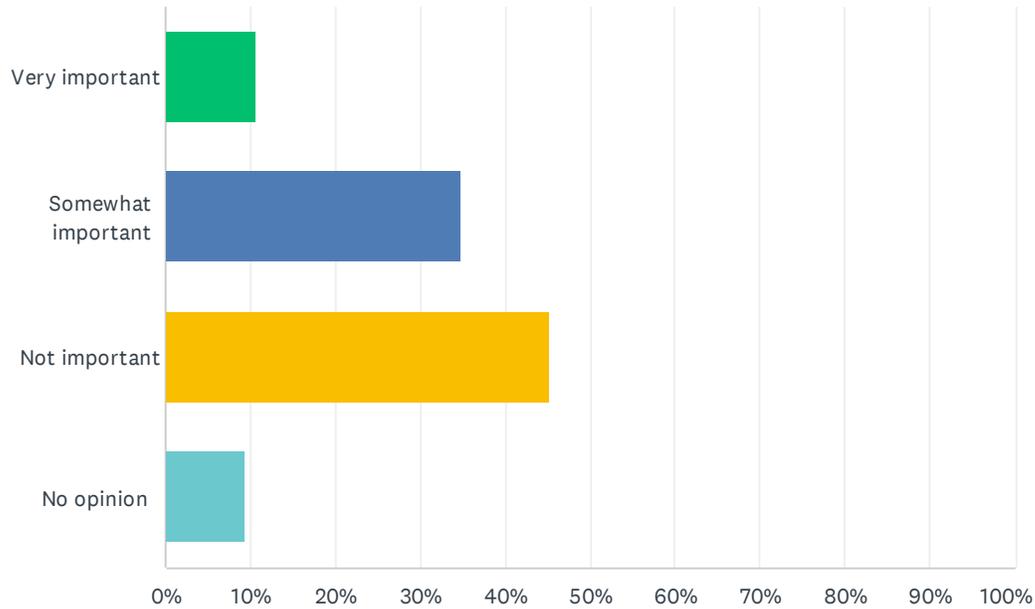
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Additional on-street bike lanes	39.10%	165
Additional off-street bike/hiking paths/trails	80.57%	340
Additional sidewalks in key areas	30.09%	127
The addition of bike-share facilities (Bubler, BCycle, Lime, etc.)	2.61%	11
The addition of electric scooters sharing (Bird, Lime, etc.)	2.13%	9
Public transit/bus service	8.53%	36
The addition of electric vehicle charging stations	16.59%	70
Total Respondents: 422		

Q14 How important is it to you to see more work/job opportunities provided in the Clayton area? (please check one)

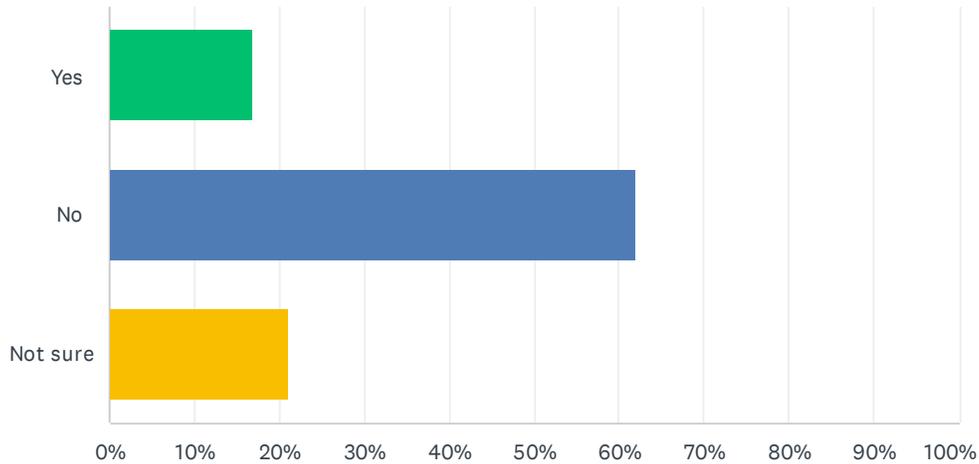
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	10.67%	59
Somewhat important	34.72%	192
Not important	45.21%	250
No opinion	9.40%	52
TOTAL		553

Q15 Do you think there is a need for more industry (manufacturing, distribution, warehousing, etc.) in the Town of Clayton? (please check one)

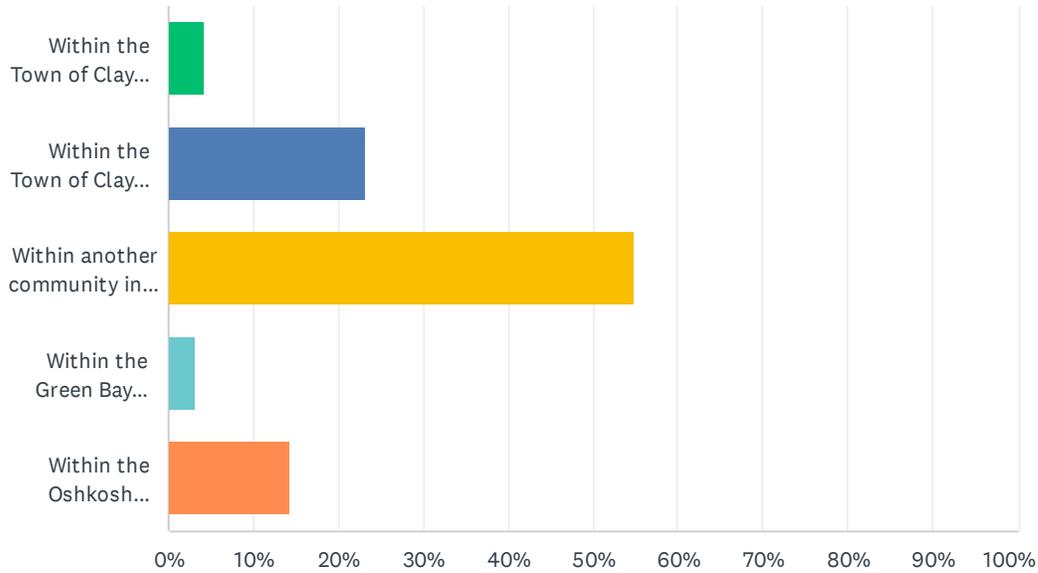
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	16.91%	93
No	62.00%	341
Not sure	21.09%	116
TOTAL		550

Q16 Where do you work? (please check one)

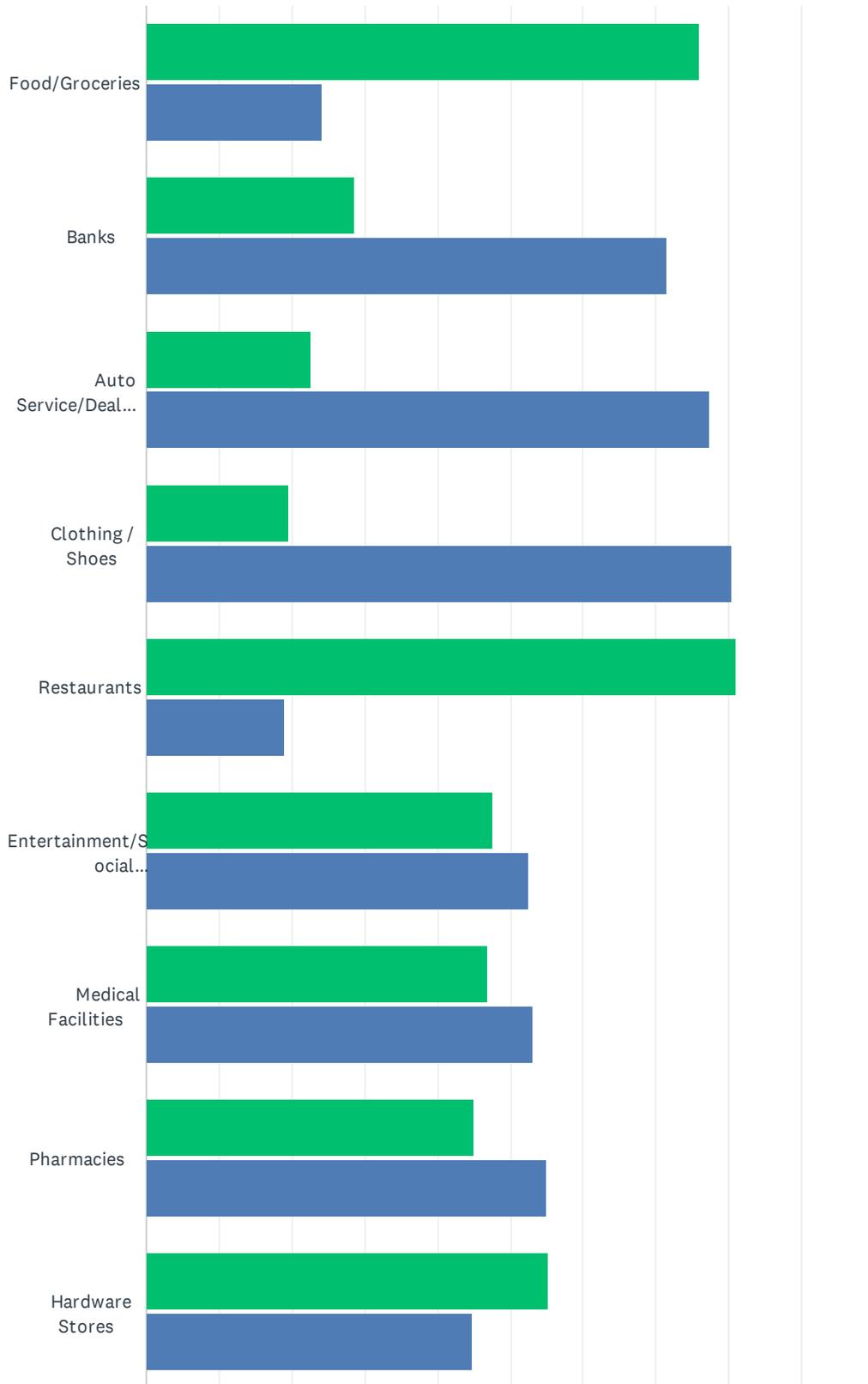
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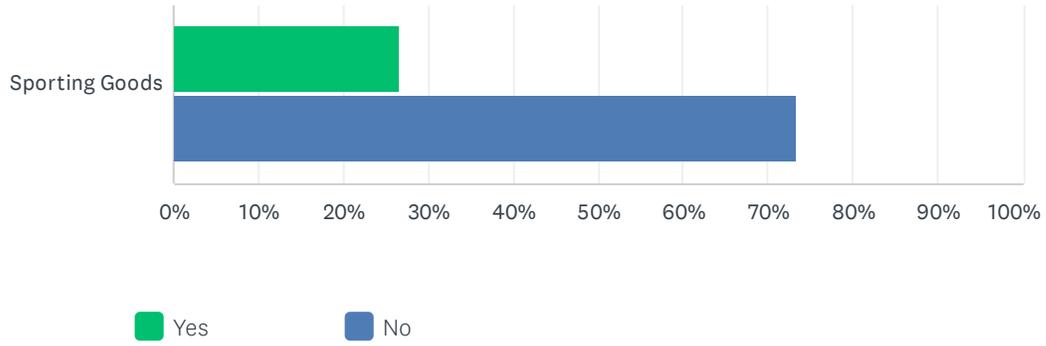
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Within the Town of Clayton (at a local business)	4.34%	16
Within the Town of Clayton (work from home).	23.31%	86
Within another community in the Fox Cities metro area	54.74%	202
Within the Green Bay metropolitan area	3.25%	12
Within the Oshkosh metropolitan area	14.36%	53
TOTAL		369

Q17 Which types of shopping facilities should be attracted to / developed within the Town of Clayton over the next 10 years?

Answered: 519 Skipped: 49



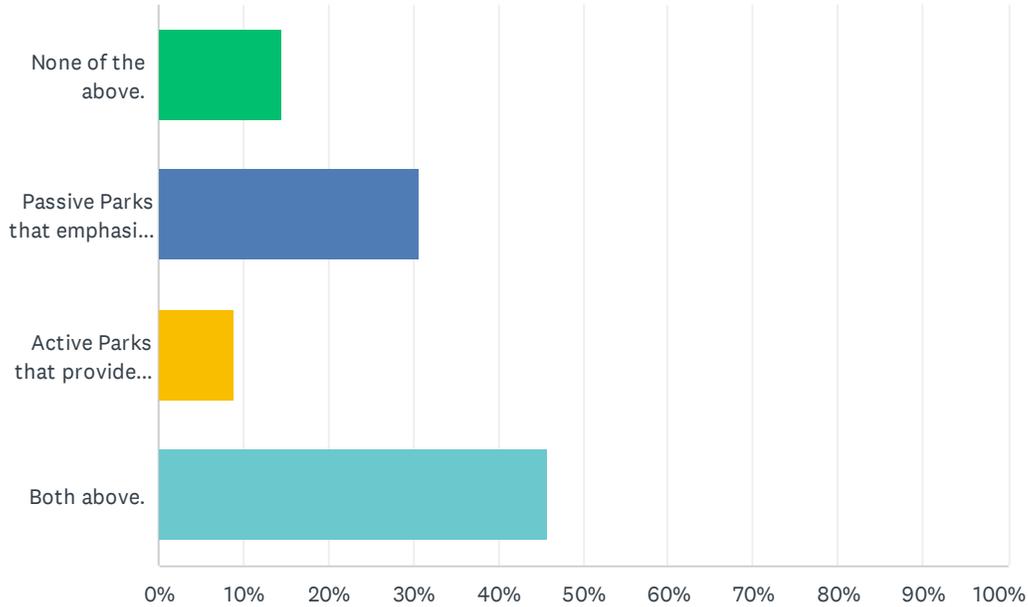
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	YES	NO	TOTAL
Food/Groceries	75.80% 379	24.20% 121	500
Banks	28.54% 113	71.46% 283	396
Auto Service/Dealer	22.57% 86	77.43% 295	381
Clothing / Shoes	19.68% 73	80.32% 298	371
Restaurants	81.03% 393	18.97% 92	485
Entertainment/Social Establishments	47.58% 197	52.42% 217	414
Medical Facilities	46.84% 193	53.16% 219	412
Pharmacies	44.90% 185	55.10% 227	412
Hardware Stores	55.19% 234	44.81% 190	424
Sporting Goods	26.70% 102	73.30% 280	382

Q18 What types of parks would you like to see the town develop in the future (please check one)?

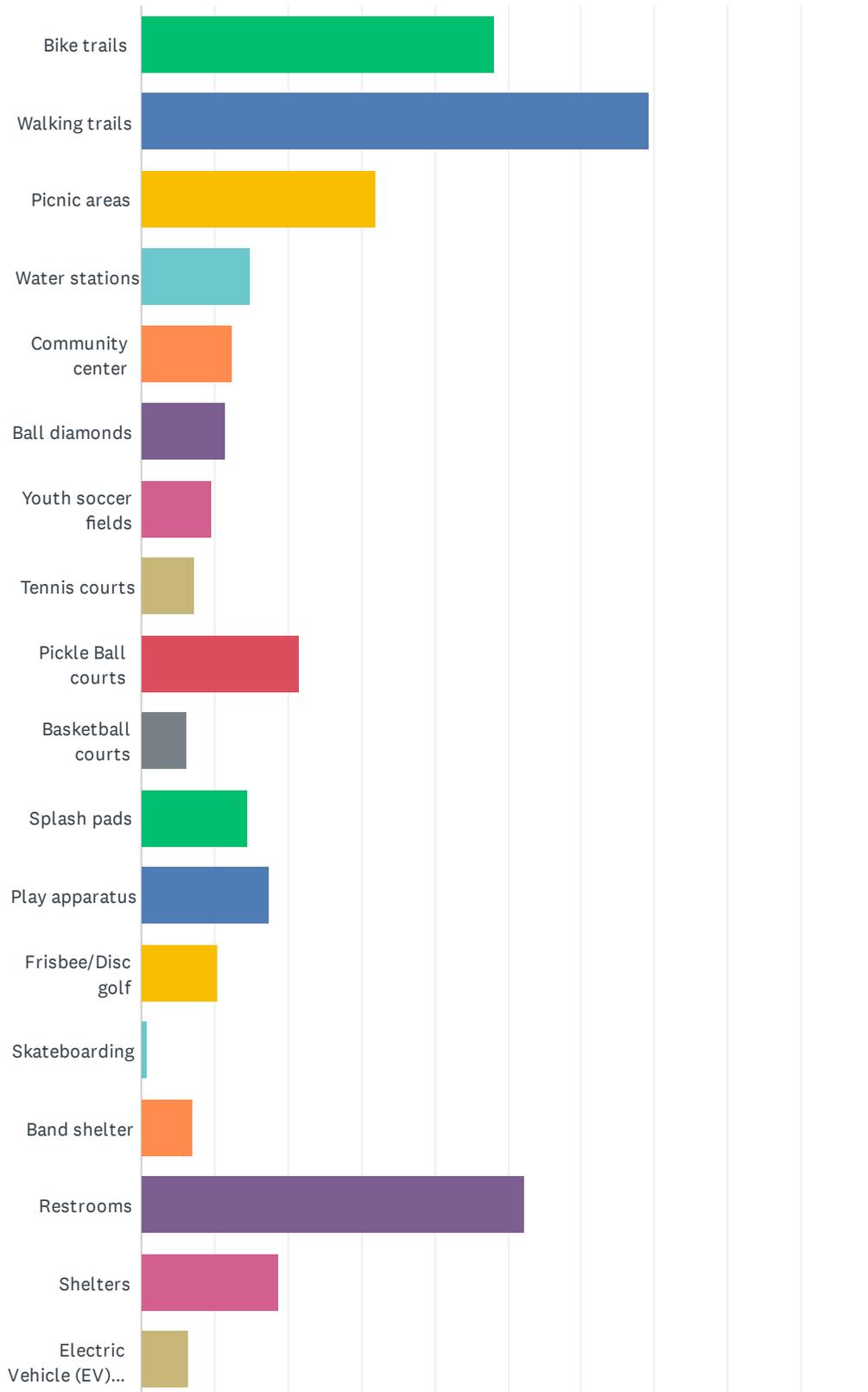
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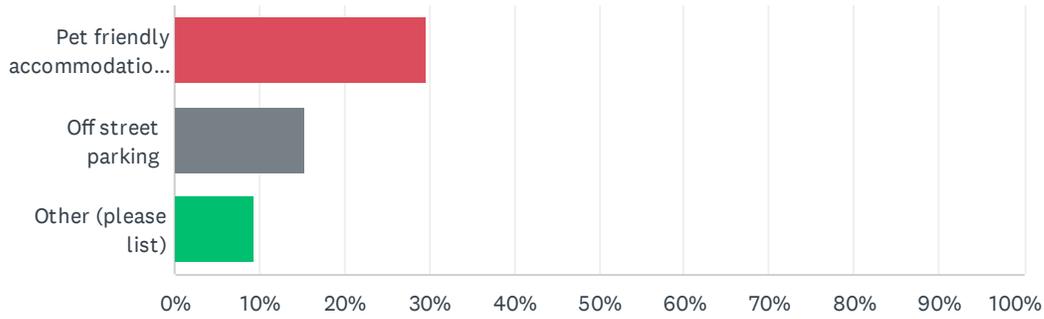
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above.	14.47%	78
Passive Parks that emphasize greenspace for natural resources preservation, walking, picnicking with the potential to accommodate community events.	30.80%	166
Active Parks that provide more specialized athletic facilities such as ball diamonds, soccer fields, large play systems, tennis, basketball, pickle ball courts, splash pads, restrooms, community shelter, etc.	8.91%	48
Both above.	45.83%	247
TOTAL		539

Q19 For future Active Parks, select the top five (5) activities and amenities you would like to see? (Check only 5):

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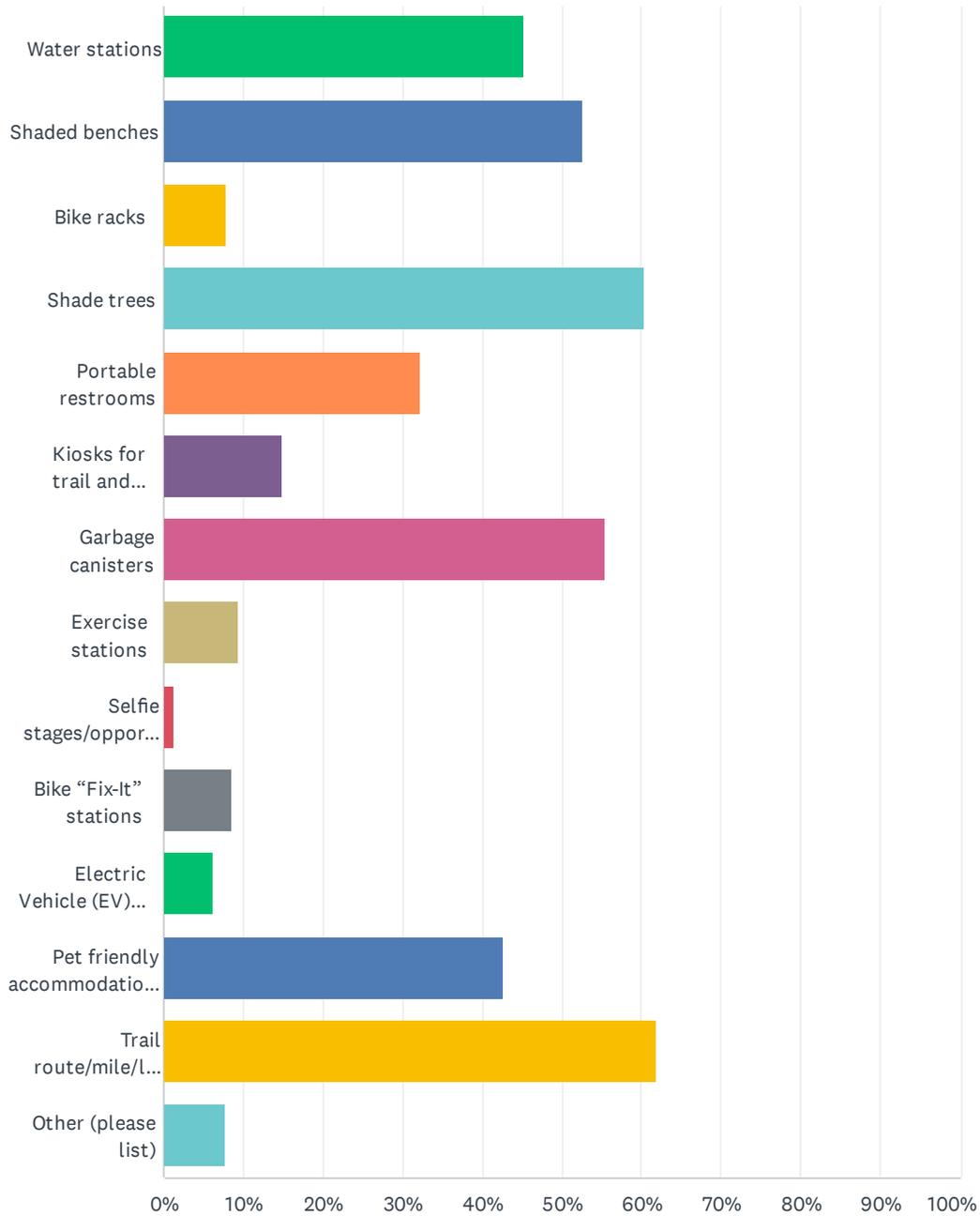
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bike trails	48.24%	261
Walking trails	69.32%	375
Picnic areas	31.98%	173
Water stations	14.97%	81
Community center	12.38%	67
Ball diamonds	11.46%	62
Youth soccer fields	9.61%	52
Tennis courts	7.21%	39
Pickle Ball courts	21.63%	117
Basketball courts	6.28%	34
Splash pads	14.42%	78
Play apparatus	17.56%	95
Frisbee/Disc golf	10.35%	56
Skateboarding	0.92%	5
Band shelter	7.02%	38
Restrooms	52.31%	283
Shelters	18.85%	102
Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations	6.47%	35
Pet friendly accommodations (water, pickup/waste stations)	29.57%	160
Off street parking	15.34%	83
Other (please list)	9.43%	51
Total Respondents: 541		

Q20 For future Passive Parks and Trails, select the top five (5) activities and amenities you would like to see (Check only 5):

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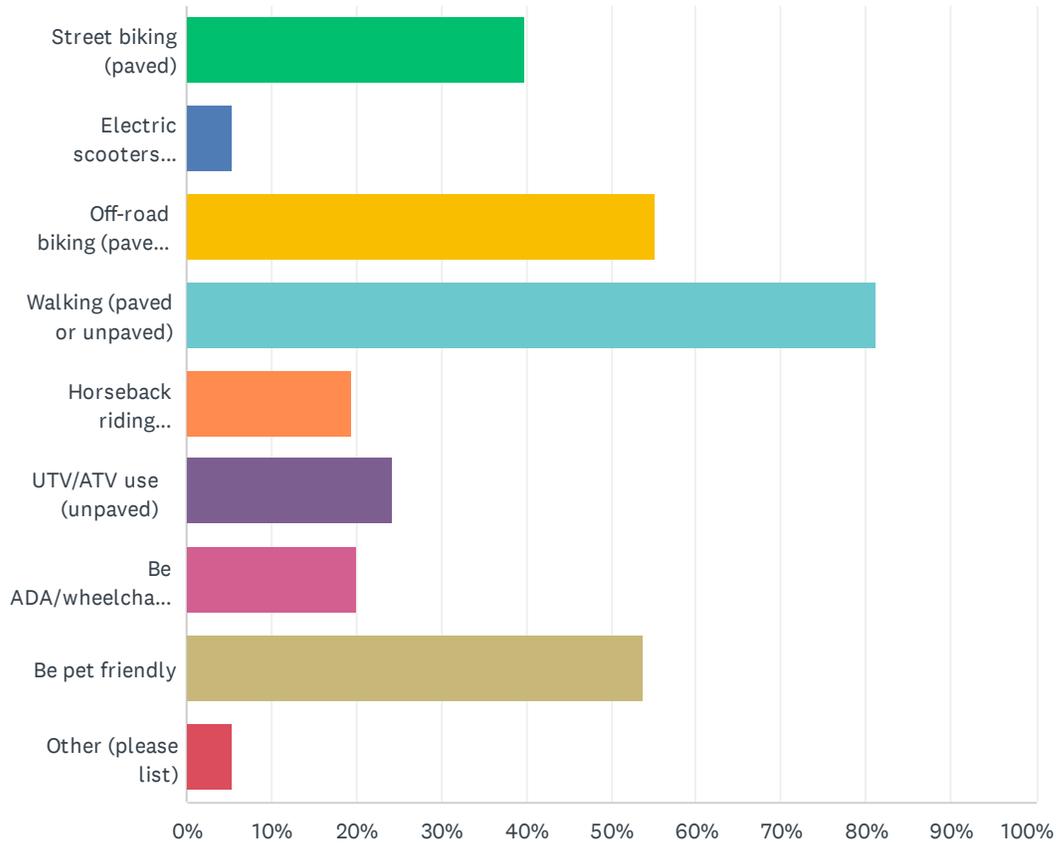


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Water stations	45.29%	245
Shaded benches	52.68%	285
Bike racks	7.95%	43
Shade trees	60.44%	327
Portable restrooms	32.16%	174
Kiosks for trail and community information	14.97%	81
Garbage canisters	55.45%	300
Exercise stations	9.43%	51
Selfie stages/opportunities	1.29%	7
Bike "Fix-It" stations	8.50%	46
Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations	6.10%	33
Pet friendly accommodations (water, pickup/waste stations)	42.70%	231
Trail route/mile/location/directional markers	61.92%	335
Other (please list)	7.58%	41
Total Respondents: 541		

Q21 New trails in the town should be designed for (check all that apply):

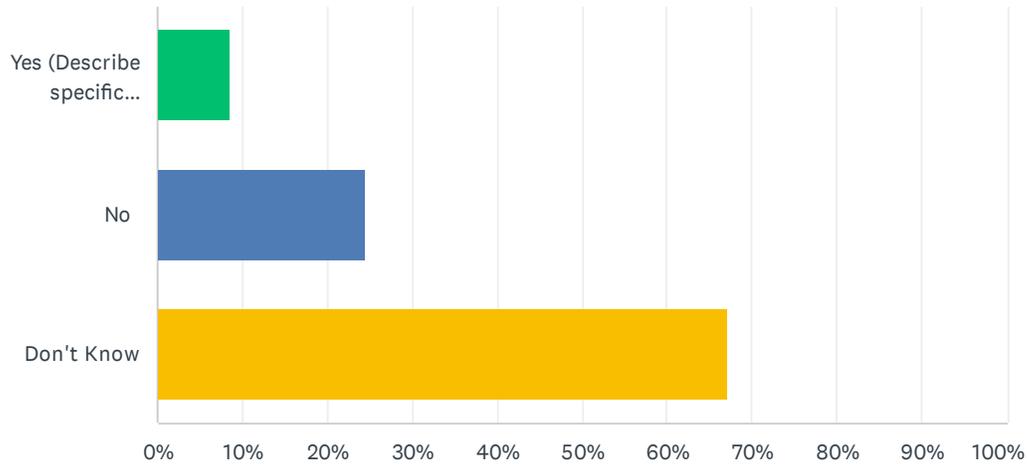
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Street biking (paved)	39.77%	210
Electric scooters (paved)	5.30%	28
Off-road biking (paved or unpaved)	55.30%	292
Walking (paved or unpaved)	81.25%	429
Horseback riding (unpaved)	19.32%	102
UTV/ATV use (unpaved)	24.24%	128
Be ADA/wheelchair accessible	20.08%	106
Be pet friendly	53.79%	284
Other (please list)	5.30%	28
Total Respondents: 528		

Q22 Is there a specific location in the Town you would like preserved as a “nature based” park facility (please check one)?

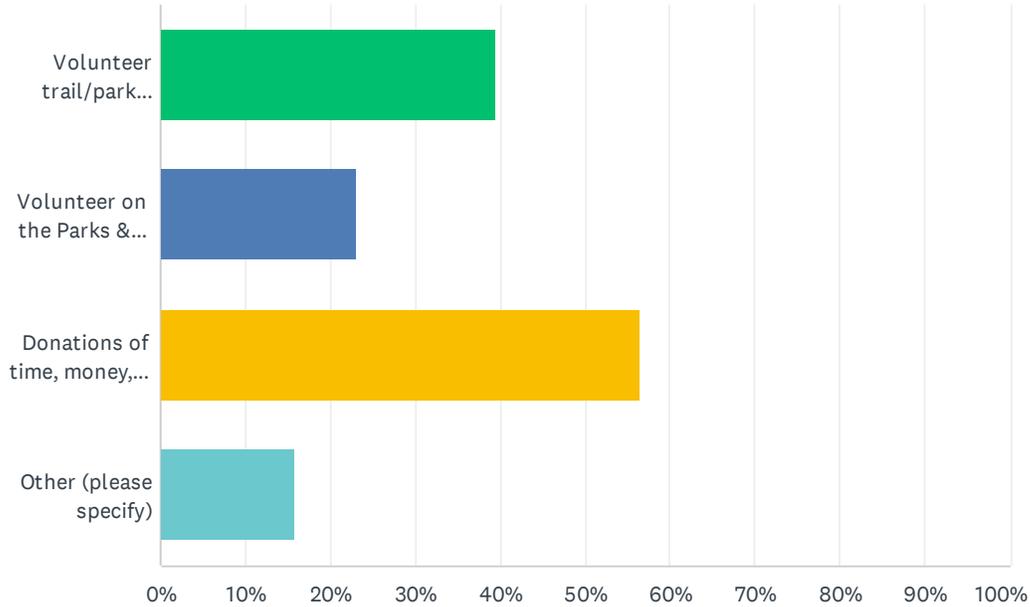
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (Describe specific location – i.e., distance from intersection, property owner, GPS coordinates, etc.)	8.48%	43
No	24.46%	124
Don't Know	67.06%	340
TOTAL		507

Q23 As a resident, I would consider donating the following items toward the Town’s park and recreation system as follows (check all that apply):

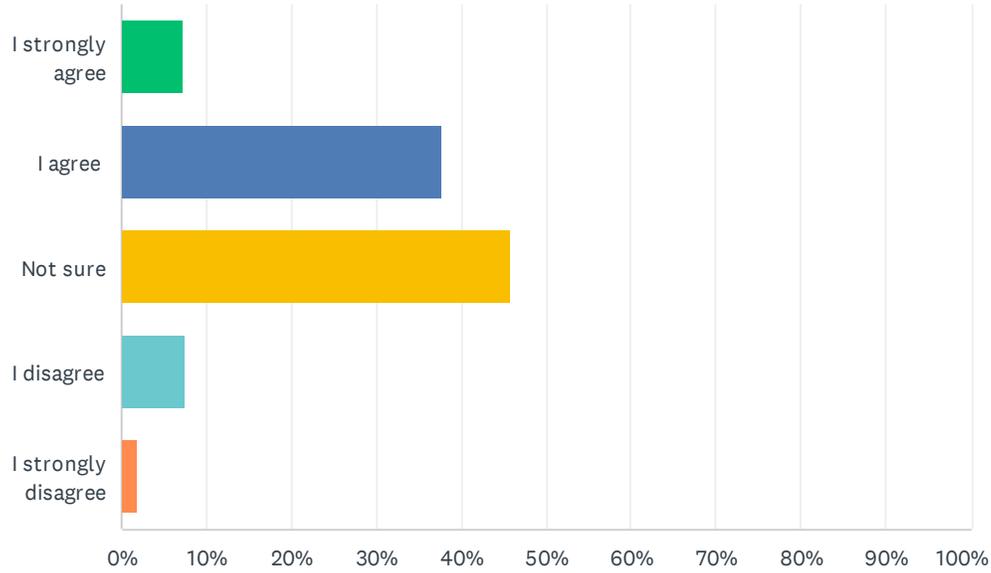
Answered: 312 Skipped: 256



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Volunteer trail/park maintenance	39.42% 123
Volunteer on the Parks & Trails Committee	23.08% 72
Donations of time, money, or materials if I was assured the donation went toward a specific park project/improvement	56.41% 176
Other (please specify)	15.71% 49
Total Respondents: 312	

Q24 Do you think the Town of Clayton works well with its neighboring communities (i.e., transportation, emergency response, municipal service, growth/development, etc.) (please check one)?

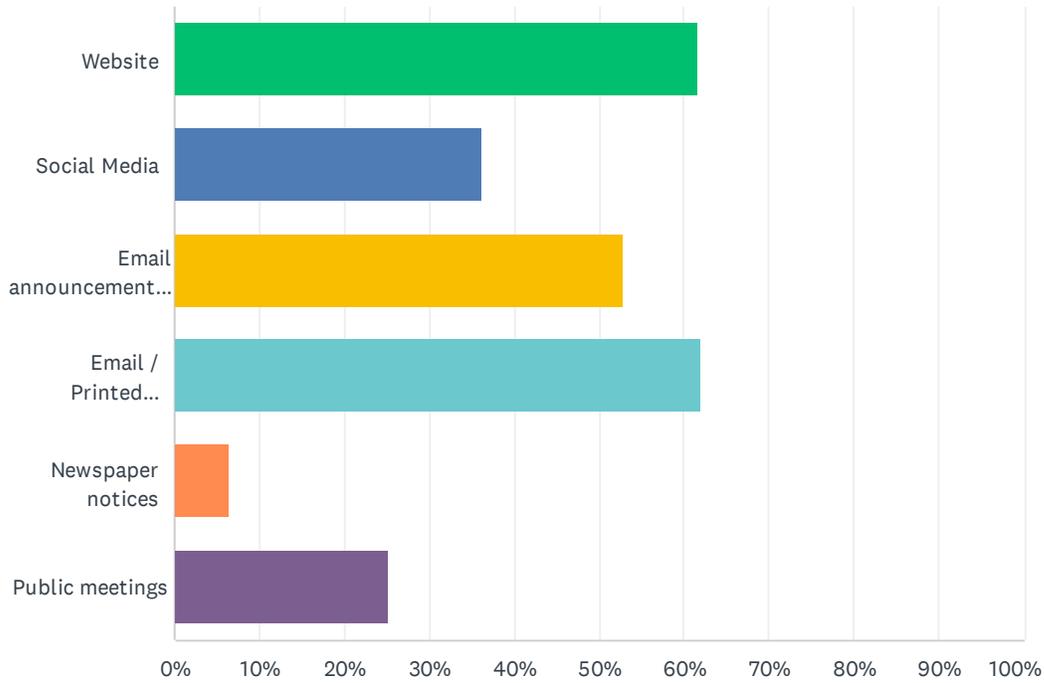
Answered: 541 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I strongly agree	7.21% 39
I agree	37.71% 204
Not sure	45.84% 248
I disagree	7.39% 40
I strongly disagree	1.85% 10
TOTAL	541

Q25 What is the best way for the Town to keep residents informed? (please check all that apply)

Answered: 523 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	61.57%	322
Social Media	36.33%	190
Email announcements (as needed)	52.77%	276
Email / Printed newsletters (quarterly)	62.14%	325
Newspaper notices	6.50%	34
Public meetings	25.24%	132
Total Respondents: 523		

Q26 In your opinion, what are the greatest strengths of the Town of Clayton?

Answered: 361 Skipped: 207

Q27 In your opinion, what aspects of the Town of Clayton need improvement?

Answered: 367 Skipped: 201

Q28 Do you have any additional comments or ideas you would like to share with the Town?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 372

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Open Ended Questions & Summary of Responses:

6. I currently live in a Other _____

- Apartment
- hobby farm
- I live in the Larsen area and own farmland in Clayton
- I own 100 acres, of which 75 are rented out for farming.
- I own 11.6 acres
- single family detached on 18 acres
- Single family detached with farm land

8. What types of housing development do you think are needed in the Town over the next 10 years?

Other _____

- **None / No More Housing (22 responses)**
- **Not sure / Don't Know (3 responses)**
- **Family farms should be preserved (2 responses)**
- ???? What city? did you incorporate and not tell anyone...LMFAO
- 5+ acre Farmettes, 1-2 Acre Residential subdivisions without HOA's
- As little residential development as possible to preserve the Town's remaining rural and natural character
- Barndominium
- Condos
- Don't develop. Those who want development can move somewhere else
- Don't need million dollar houses
- Don't think that large lot development is wise use of land
- High end single family >3500 sq ft
- I think the town is a good size and no housing needed
- I would think the town and local communities have conducted studies of what residents are looking for. My input would only be a guess.
- low income housing
- More green space.
- No housing development is needed.
- no idea, this township has changed so much in 40 years
- no more apartment complexes. Cheapens neighborhood
- Not really concerned about housing.
- Not really sure. I know housing is an issue in larger communities, hadn't really thought about it for smaller communities such as Clayton. I would be interested in all options deemed necessary for our township.
- Not the towns problem
- personal preference
- Personally, I want single family single home, small lot, private setting, affordable housing, not big mansions in rich subdivisions.
- ranch style condo development
- Rural development, no high density housing.
- Single family detached condo development 55 plus
- Single family greater than 1500 sq ft
- staffed senior living facility
- Standalone condominium
- Stores

- This is not a city
- What city? We are a town and do not need AFFORDABLE living projects

9. What types of land uses do think are most appropriate to locate along the USH 10 and STH 76 corridors? Other (please list):

- **Agricultural / Farmland / Family Farms (16 responses)**
- **none / leave it along / keep as is (5 responses)**
- **Not Sure (2 responses)**
- develop a 'downtown' location again - bank branch, small grocery. Both employ.
- Don't care!
- Festival foods, restaurants, medical clinics/services
- Green space.
- Idea of developing land for more tax basis is not working
- Improve friendship trail corridor with some recreational opportunities, such as a small park.
- Keep a rural township
- Keep the trails. No development
- Kwik Trip
- Leave them as is up to the land owner.
- minimal governmental facilities
- More trail access - safer pedestrian areas on Hwy 76
- new fire station; a park along the trail
- no apartments!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- None -- that storage unit rental place is an abomination.
- None until updated traffic control is incorporated. There is too many overloaded trucks and too many vehicles that are speeding. The existing residence along the road are extremely hampered from entering and exiting driveways at certain times of the day
- Not something I am concerned with
- Nothing needed it's going to hard to say the touch of country when you might be looking to make Clayton a mega city. It's fine the way it is put our money into repairing our roads and plowing and salting in the winter
- Park and Recreation
- Planted trees
- public pool
- We need a large grocery store out here, like a Festival Foods or Pick and Save.
- We need to keep open land use to keep our motto (touch of country). I own a small field behind my house to keep some open land. I have talked to all owners who adjoin my field and they all have said they do not want me to subdivide the field for more housing and want it left open land. This is all that is left of the Kronberg Farm.

12. The Town of Clayton's local streets are:

- In poor shape - make significant improvements/investments in street repairs.**
If poor, please provide specific locations if known:
-

- **Oakwood Road (48 responses)**
- **Shady Lane (39 responses)**
- **Center Road (32 responses)**
- **Fairview Road (29 responses)**
- **Oakridge Road (22 responses)**
- **Larsen Road (16 responses)**
- **Breezewood Lane (11 responses)**
- **Pioneer Road (9 responses)**
- **Green Meadow Road (6 responses)**

- **County Road T (4 responses)**
- **Knox Lane (4 responses)**
- **Shenandoah Trail (4 responses)**
- **N. Loop Road (4 responses)**
- **Deer Trail (3 responses)**
- **Fondotto Drive (2 responses)**
- **Hickory Avenue (2 responses)**
- **Jensen Road (2 responses)**
- **Winnegamie Drive (2 responses)**
- **Medina Junction Road (2 responses)**
- **Bomar Avenue**
- **Clayton Avenue**
- **Grandview Road**
- **Hillcrest Drive**
- **Romberg Road**
- **Sunburst Lane**
- The Ridge subdivision need some repairs.
- Right Turn Lane off 76 into Subdivisions
- Roundabout at 76 and Larsen
- Generally every non-major thoroughfare in the town is in poor condition.
- Now they are, but about 5 years of driving on horrible roads
- Larsen area
- Clayton school going to your dump site is bad
- Culvert drainage for single family homes.
- Drainage issues Dekalb lane and Galaxy
- Roads are terrible!! No shoulders on the old roads. Snow plowing suck!!
- also road improvements to handle the new high school before it opens
- Taxes went up, streets still in poor shape. Where's the money going?!
- The Pioneer Road project has been an utter disaster and should be a warning for other residents deciding to move to the Town of Clayton. For those of us living through this, we have found out that the Town Board made a decision that affected many families who have lived here for a very long time and who were completely unaware of the 'sell out' of our road to Winnebago County. To our horror, we have been forcibly treated to what happens when you have no voice in your town decision making. Beginning in April we began living through a wide range of events, starting with our lawn and landscaping being torn up to run new gas and power lines, followed by Winnebago county paying us peanuts for our property (which oddly was extremely valuable when it was being taxed by the town!) hiring a completely incompetent company to slash our trees, rip up our blacktop driveways, spew filth onto our windows and siding, ignore our need to get to our jobs and return to our homes, force us to pick up all of our packages at the post office, and generally making all of our lives miserable. Beyond that, we all can now look forward to a super highway that will have people driving 70 down our road.
- The Towns roads are some of the worst in the State. Money that should be spent on roads is being wasted on unnecessary things.
- Town of Clayton road are some of the worst in comparison worst other counties.
- what maintenance ? I have never seen any work done on golf course dr. or any other road !!
- Where do I start. LOL. It's a tad rough around here on suspension parts.

13. The Town of Clayton should support [the following methods of transportation].

Other (please list): _____

- **None / Leave As Is (38 responses)**
- A roundabout at Shady Lane and Hwy 76--extremely DANGEROUS at all times of day due to fast speeds and cars using the right turn lane as a passing lane. Many accidents and constant brake skid marks from near accidents. Should be considered an extremely

- dangerous intersection that needs immediate attention. Many residents have discussed starting a petition to have an investigation started for an improvement to this intersection.
- are any of these required for incorporation?
 - At least one, maybe two charging stations
 - Better snow plows
 - Bike lane on grand view. Lots of bike traffic.
 - Bike lanes on Breezewood Ln or Oakridge Rd to get to trail.
 - bikers are usually on roads, not bike paths! please keep us a township not a city
 - Maintenance of existing paths and trails
 - Maybe at least shoulder the road so a person can walk or bike on the road. These roads have to be the worst around. Good thing for the hiking trails.
 - Create bike trails that take you somewhere! For example, the bike trail along Larsen rd. make that go all the way to county CB and the new high school area.
 - Culverts around the cul de sac at the end of Rose Moon Way. This has been addressed and is hopefully in the plan for early 2023. Standing water with no drainage due to poor initial planning is really a burden. Thank you Russ for taking the time and efforts to discuss this with me, Adam Kasper & Mike Van Nuland. Hopeful that this project doesn't take a backseat as it did in the last 18 months. Thanks Again, Russ.
 - Decent paved shoulders so walkers/joggers can avoid vehicles
 - Go Transit
 - Horse trails
 - I have an agricultural bias
 - Invest in the basics. Spend our tax dollars wisely on infrastructure. Job done so far is not the greatest.
 - bury electrical lines
 - Is this survey intended for Clayton, or a generic hellscape suburb? Scooters????!!!
 - I feel Bird, Lime, etc. are for urban areas..are often a mistake in less urban/rural/residential (e.g. lack of organization, looks messy, lost)
 - No bike share no electric scooters
 - No bike-share or electric scooter sharing. That's a liability
 - Pedestrian friendly transportation options and infrastructure supporting green and clean ways of getting around.
 - Remove path right of way on back property line of private property such as in certain subdivisions
 - Roads thick enough to support large truck traffic.
 - Shady Lane west of 76 needs a bike/ walkers lane or shoulder
 - Sidewalks should be part of new subdivisions especially by the new high school area.
 - Speed restrictions in subdivision areas
 - Spend the money on fixing the town roads first please
 - Stop spending money and lower our taxes.
 - the east side of 76 ..quit allowing duplex, apartments. The clayton road was nice but now people selling off property for all the apartment complexes. Look nice now but wont in future. Seems like clayton doesn't care about us on this end
 - The main roads traveled need bike lanes. A lot of bike traffic.
 - The Town should concentrate on the roads for Vehicles.
 - The town's focus should be roads first and the current Hwy 10 and Wiouwash trails. Those trails provide access for town residents to get to other Fox Cities trails.
 - There is a need for better pedestrian & bike lanes / larger shoulders on HWY 76
 - Town of clayton should remain a rural community. Bike Share facilities, scooters, public transit should NOT be funded by the town until that changes. Bus routes would be too long anyway, scooters, and bike share are not needed as there is not a significant population in the city center nor other infrastructure to make these feasible means of transportation thru the town and it is not needed or worth the investment.
 - Updated parks comparable to Neenah. Ice rink in winter.
 - UTV/ATV access on both sides of 76
 - We don't like that the ATV route is on our street. We would prefer ATV routes stay on the main thoroughfares rather than in the neighborhoods.

- We have so many people traveling on our roads on bicycles there is a real safety issue here. I feel as a person driving in a car we have to be so careful of all the bikes and wonder what else we can do to remain safe.
- We need to maintain existing trails (add gravel, grading, etc.) before adding additional off street biking/hiking; maintain trail rt of way by NE Asphalt; town roads too narrow to allow for established on street bike lane
- Wide some roads needed for these lanes.
- wider shoulders on main roads, like Shady, Fairview, Larsen and oakwood, to facilitate safer biking and walking throughout the town
- Wiouwash Trail

16. Where do you work?

Other (please list) _____

- Remotely
- Appleton
- Farm
- Fond du Lac
- Home maker
- Neenah
- All over mostly in the valley from north of Oshkosh to Kaukauna
- All over the state of Wisconsin
- Brillion
- Drive to appointments in Northeast Wisconsin
- Eastern Wisconsin on the lakeshore
- Fox valley-contractor
- I am self-employed and work at home & other communities.
- In Winnebago county to include town of clayton
- Kimberly
- One of us is remote for a company in Ohio and one is full time student at FVTC in Oshkosh.
- part time
- People did not move out here to become Neenah. We want to live in peace and quiet.
- Ripon
- substitute teacher in the Neenah School district
- Vinland
- Winnebago county which includes town of clayton
- Winneconne
- Within a 1 hr. radius

17. Which types of shopping facilities should be attracted to / developed within the Town of Clayton over the next 10 years? Other (list) _____

- **Gas station / Kwik Trip (14 responses)**
- **NONE (8 responses)**
- **Keep it country (3 responses)**
- Aldi grocery and restaurants
- All above listed retail choices are available within 10 miles. No local retail needed
- All of these needs met SO close to Clayton, so no need to bring within Town.
- Are we trying to be big city or remain country? Can travel within minutes for these services.
- Building materials
- Car wash
- Coffee/cafe
- couldn't keep chase bank / co-op out of business
- Do miss the co-op. filled homeowner needs (bird seed, garden supplies, gas, etc.)
- Do NOT put a gas station at 76/10. Maybe a charging station, but no more Kwik trips. Think for the future.
- Don't attract any. Let development occur as needed.
- Farms and agribusiness
- fast food in addition to more traditional dine in restaurants; more gas stations and car wash facilities; nail and hair salons; florist; specialty retail/gift stores
- Garden/flower shop, vintage/consignment shop, car/boat wash, larger community parks with amenities
- get sewer/incorporation/faux crossing issue settled first
- I do not know
- I moved here for the rural community. I know it takes a drive to get to things but that is OK.
- I would need to know more about the details and ramifications to answer these questions.

- Keep it residential and agricultural. Everything one need is only 15 minutes away
- Marcus Theaters, McDonalds
- Not a big box of ANY kind.
- Not a Walmart
- Okay with new shopping facilities but not a concern
- People move to Clayton to live in a peaceful rural area. Anything you need is minutes away in Neenah or Appleton. We should focus on preserving our peaceful community not turning it into a mega subdivision like Greenville or Darboy.
- Pet food and training facilities
- Pharmacy would be a great addition!
- Pickleball courts
- Please keep development activities East of 76
- Small grocery store (maybe) since we are close to several good shopping areas.
- Target
- The more development the more money into the tax base. With a new school down the road what do you think is going to happen? Will the city of Neenah wait to annex the town of Clayton? It's been the plan all along.
- The town is fully developed already.
- The town should encourage a co-op like we used to have in Larsen.
- TOC should remain rural and not grow to just add to the tax base.
- Town of Clayton is within 10 minutes of all these things
- tractor service and repair
- Trader Joes
- We are close to Neenah, Appleton and Oshkosh. STOP making decisions to become a city.
- We are located close to many of these already. Clayton will lose its attraction if we grow into a city.
- We have all that nearby in the Fox Cities, so not really looking to add those out in the Touch of Country environment that Clayton has been for years.
- We have all that we need close by. Why add more?
- With so many facilities surrounding the town, I don't feel it's necessary to add more here. There's a reason people move here and it's not for shopping/business amenities.

19. For future Active Parks, select the top five (5) activities and amenities you would like to see:

Other (List) _____

- **None needed / No / Leave As Is / Maintain Existing (25 responses)**
- Are the current parks being actively used to justify their cost?
- As a side note whoever is responsible for the disc golf course at Clayton park cut down a tremendous amount of trees. Seems very counter intuitive, not planned out well and is frankly disappointing. Beyond that hole 6 is on the neighborhood's property, not on the park.
- Continue to maintain and improve current parks and trails.
- cross country skiing trails
- Do not invest in future parks. Stick to the basics. I don't want to my tax dollars to go to anything but basic infrastructure that's needed.
- Horse trails
- I would like "quiet hours" (similar to Appleton's) for the railroad along Fairview
- Maintain Clayton Park
- Multi modal trails - horse, UTV, snowmobile, skiing, snowshoeing
- Need to concentrate funds on roads and worry less about parks.
- parking lots near trail systems so people that transport bikes to the area have parking facilities and places to unload bikes.
- passive
- Swimming Pool
- Thierry is a reason people have big yards.
- Town of Clayton has a park on Larsen road.
- we have a big walking trail and people let their dogs run on my land

- We have the WIOUWASH Trail
- We have two parks.
- Winter activities such as cross-country skiing, sledding,, skating parks
- Would not use
- year round ice rink facilities, if a need still exists in the broader fox cities area; also a central building that includes meeting/event room for rent, concession stand, restrooms

20. For future Passive Parks and Trails, select the top five (5) activities and amenities you would like to see:

Other (List) _____

- **None needed (20 responses)**
- **no opinion (2 responses)**
- Are the current parks being actively used to justify their cost?
- Bike trails, walking trails
- Continue to maintain current parks and trails.
- funds earmarked for maintenance
- Horse trails
- leave it natural
- Parking
- Paved trails
- Picnic tables
- Ponds
- restrooms with water stations that include maps and local info, like restroom building in Fritse park
- Swing and slide near picnic tables

21. New trails in the town should be designed for [user types

Other (list) _____

- **None Needed (11 responses)**
- Are the current parks being actively used to justify their cost?
- Are the trails we have now really being utilized fully?
- All trails should be paved, even current ones.
- biking trails but not on city streets, paved would be nice. The town of clayton is way behind on bike trails compared to other local communities and similar sized cities throughout the state of WI.
- cross country skiing
- Have new residential communities structured to include ample "green spaces" mini park like areas and trails for residents of that subdivision
- If you do horses they need to clean up after themselves like dogs
- Need signs and directions back to cities that already have those
- Paved pet-friendly walking paths would be helpful in the winter and spring. Friendship trail was not maintained at all early this year and became a haven for ticks. More signage or effort to make sure people are complying to the leash law is also necessary.
- Snowmobile
- snowshoe and cross country skiing
- Some of the recently done trails (Larson Road) were not done very well and are barely usable. Fix those and make do not do a half assed job on future trails.
- Strollers
- Trails next to Larson and II

22. Is there a specific location in the Town you would like preserved as a “nature based” park facility?

Yes (Describe specific location – i.e., distance from intersection, property owner, GPS coordinates, etc.) _____

• **Clayton Town Park (5 responses)**

- Clayton park but add basketball
- Clayton Park woods
- All, keep it as much country as possible.
- Along County Road II
- At the end of Dekalb, west of golden harvest
- Between Hwy 10 and Shady Lane
- Borders 76 on east side and Lind Lane on the west. It is the gateway to the town of Clayton on the Northern side of the township. Would be a beautiful area to have natural grasses/ flowers for a pollinator park. Have walking paths so people can walk amongst the butterflies and watch amazing sunsets on the small bluff.
- But love nature based areas
- By Clayton School
- Closer to HWY 76
- Continue developing the current Friendship Trail to accommodate water stations/bathrooms. Keep it safe and wooded. Could create educational features i.e. local history, nature facts, animal crossings and tracks to watch for.
- Corner of II & 76. Back behind where the fire station should be.
- Everything east of Oakwood Drive
- Fairview Rd by Wiouwash (active); straight east of Syngentia Way (passive)
- Friendship trail, Wiouwash trail intersection
- Hidden Park forested area plus the forested area near Clayton park
- It's not a park but along the Wiouwash state and Friendship trails.
- Land area around 9480 Oakwood
- Marsh area by Pioneer road
- Near Clayton School off the trail
- Near intersection of WIOUWASH and Friendship Trails
- Next to Clayton school
- No specific but this is important
- Northeast of Clayton Park
- Not sure, but there is a lot of unused farm property that we'd love to see used for parks and trails if the owners would be willing to sell.
- Oakridge Rd. & Oakwood Avenue area. Pioneer Road and North Loop road area.
- Off Breezewood (existing park/walking trail)
- Off CTH JJ
- Parcel #'s 00603400201, 006039105, 006090601
- Perhaps land owned by Alan/Melanie Blechl and Mark Westphal
- Public hunting land by pioneer road.
- Rat river area; other areas that are water/river/stream/marsh based
- Should re-invest in Trailhead Park as active park.
- Somewhere along the Wiouwash
- Strawberry Estates/fields
- The entire area around 9480 Oakwood Ave. Is owned by Bruce Anunson family. Should be purchased by the town to make a huge park and water retention area so the whole town stops flooding
- The entire field south west of Mikesville
- The parks that we have now
- The state Rat River Wildlife area between County BB, Center Road, Fairview Road, and the Wiouwash Trail.
- The wetlands between Pioneer & Hickory
- The whole town!

- There was one at Clayton and Highway 10. Anything that is 'green' now should be considered. Locate it in a place that makes logistical sense.
- Trail Head Park in Larson expansion
- We should do a better job with the waterway running from the park near the town offices and metzgig estates. Maybe a path along it?

23. As a resident, I would consider donating the following items toward the Town's park and recreation system as follows (check all that apply): Other (list)

-
- **No / None / Nothing (10 responses)**
 - **Not sure (3 responses)**
 - All depends on health
 - Are the current parks being actively used to justify their cost?
 - Bluebird next box trail
 - Continue to pay my taxes
 - Could help out where needed
 - Don't know at this time
 - Given the continued annual tax increases and new development in the town over the past several years, I believe that the town needs to give back to its residents rather than continue to ask them for donations.
 - HAVE PLENTY OF WORK ON THE FARM RIGHT NOW
 - Horse trails
 - I believe with improvements are taxes will increase
 - I live on a farm, and have enough work outside of a full time job
 - I might be willing to help out on a yearly cleanup day
 - I think the jacked up property taxes I pay are more than sufficient
 - I would donate nothing and would prefer fewer taxes for less parks and trails.
 - I would like to learn more but might be interested in being more involved with the trail maintenance and/or committee.
 - If retired..
 - Let's fix our roads first
 - Limited time available
 - Money
 - No taxes to high with high school
 - On too many boards as it is
 - Persons using such should donate time (maintenance) and/or \$\$\$\$
 - Too busy with full time job and active kids but would volunteer in future
 - Towns Tax base should cover the costs for what your goals are for the Town of Clayton .
 - Unsure, send follow up detail with descriptions
 - We are a small township and should make best use of any funding and resources by setting smaller goals within our reach
 - We need to get drainage/ditches and roads fixed before putting money into parks
 - We pay enough in taxes...work within the budget
 - what are we paying outrageous taxes for
 - would not
 - Would prefer a specific list of items or needs or work then a general commitment as above suggests
 - Would volunteer in future. Too busy with job and active kids.
 - You already steal my money

25. What is the best way for the Town to keep residents informed? Other (please list):

- **U.S. Mail (14 responses)**
- **A newsletter to subscribe to (8 responses)**
- again....WHAT CITY??
- 2-4 hrs. each month should be set aside for staff to maintain & update website; postcard mailings for notices to residents also work well
- Better / more detailed meeting minutes on website
- Clearer and more informative meeting agendas and meeting minutes; all governmental bodies
- Develop a recreational map showing the local resources and their connection to the existing trails
- Email notice announcing every town meeting and intended agenda. Follow up email with link to note/transcription of meeting accomplishments
- Emphasize what positive things are going on in Clayton
- I assume you mean the town and not the city
- I find it difficult to find info on the town website and the meeting notes for public meetings do not capture enough detail of the meeting discussions. It would be great to have posts on Facebook or twitter that alert followers when agendas and/or notes are posted, when inputs is needed to guide TOC decisions or when events occur that impact the town.
- In any and all meetings that can impact what land is developed around me and the taxes I pay I would like to know when these are so I can attend.
- Meetings are for the school. This survey is a great tool.
- Post cards should be sent out notifying residents of changes in their neighborhoods.
- Postcards
- Roadside signs bout meetings pertaining to a property need to be larger and not overgrown with weeds. There should also be more than one sign. People living in immediate area should be notified by snail mail.
- texting
- There are some of us that do not do social media or spend a lot of time on computers-still rely on printed materials.
- Use the Neenah Herald
- Web site is always outdated
- Website allows for residents to go looking for information, however, the website is not kept up to date.
- Websites need to be kept current!!!!
- What City?
- What you are currently doing is working well
- zoom meetings

26. In your opinion, what are the greatest strengths of the Town of Clayton?

- **Rural (51 responses)**
- **Country atmosphere (38 responses)**
- **Location / Proximity to Urban Areas (32 responses)**
- **Small / Small Town Feel (29 responses)**
- **Quiet/peaceful (29 responses)**
- **Low / Reasonable Taxes (9 responses)**
- **Trails (7 responses)**
- **Friendliness (5 responses)**
- **People (5 responses)**
- **Community / Values (5 responses)**
- **Spacious (4 responses)**
- **Snow plowing (2 responses)**
- Agriculture land and homeowners that plant trees and use less concrete and pavement to discourage water runoff.

- Agriculture, green spaces, reasonable residential taxes, access to Fox Valley but not in the fray of it all
- At this time none
- Balance between city and rural life
- beautiful place to live (small town & countryside atmosphere), great job preparing for snow & clearing snow off roads, yard waste site (and friendly staff), friendly people
- Board genuinely care about residents and their opinions
- certainly not the editor/proofreader of opinion surveys
- cleanliness
- Country appeal - should stay that way as much as possible
- Currently, it still has a country atmosphere that I hope we do not lose.
- Decent roads easy to get to highways
- Don't know or no opinion
- Efficient and friendly staff. Meets residents needs without going overboard.
- Farming and a safe place to live .Also great rec. trails.
- Farmland.
- Flexibility and lots of potential
- Generally good people around here with fairly easy access to things around here and taxes aren't outrageous yet but the sewer bills from the village are way higher than they should be because they waited so long on updating the system and water that now I'm paying through the nose for but can't drink because of the high amounts manganese so not very happy about this being when I first moved here my water sewer bills were only 50 -75 bucks every quarter and something needs to be done about this !
- Geographic location
- Geography
- Good access to major business to Appleton while maintaining a quiet living area
- Good balance of country living
- Good fire department and town hall.
- Good location. Quiet neighborhoods. Pastural setting.
- Good residential and agricultural area to live away from the City environment - a great place to safely raise a family - natural setting is to be valued and preserved!
- Good size home lots
- Great location and natural beauty.
- Great yard waste drop off
- Green space Non industrial development
- Growth
- Having a mix of residential sub divisions and farms, all close to the Fox Cities
- High growth potential. Location to major highways and access to the valley.
- Holding on to country living. That is why I live here. I enjoy living in the country.
- housing
- I believe overall the town is trying to do a good job.
- I believe there are strong bones to support the current community and future growth.
- I haven't been here long enough to know yet.
- I like all the open space. I'm new to clayton so I don't know a whole lot.
- I like the Town as is! We are losing small towns like this. All amenities are so close, we have less traffic, less crime, all things that growth would bring. What's wrong with maintaining what we have?
- I live in the west end, and I love the quiet country atmosphere.
- I love the proximity of Clayton to the nearby conveniences of the Fox Cities while home still feels like being more in the country and the spaciousness of it.
- I really appreciate having the town dump for all the yard waste! And the employees that work out there do a great job!
- I think overall, the town tries to keep taxpayer costs down. Preserving the natural resources seems to be a priority.
- I think the roads are in good condition.
- If you live on the east side you are taken care of, but no one knows that the west end exists except to collect our taxes.

- Information is available to residents. Safe place to raise a family and work within.
- It is not all built up
- It is rural, but still close enough to work in town.
- It is still country
- It not all city yet
- It still has open spaces and not too much traffic.
- It used to be the feeling of living in the country however that is rapidly changing.
- It's a quiet rural community- we moved here because of that. Don't make it into a shopping and entertainment area! Residents enjoy the rural feel while being close to the urban necessities.
- It's a rural setting close to a city.
- It's a very nice community.
- It's not a city and I can shoot guns on my property
- It's people.
- It's positioning in the Fox Valley
- Its proximity to a large metro area
- It's recreational potential. Love the country feel. And enjoy living just outside Neenah
- It's residents
- It's safe, clean and has lots of green space. And close to town jobs
- It's the country- please leave it that way
- Keeping Clayton a clean and non-commercialized area. I enjoy the peacefulness & nature of the area. Too much of something and/or congestion usually takes away from a town's character.
- Keeping FEW road maintained
- Keeping Fox Crossing from annexing town of Clayton properties. The WIOUWASH and Friendship trails. The town board is trying to do the right things.
- keeping the community clean
- Keeping the town feeling but moving forward for its residents.
- Lack of low income housing, i.e.- rentals
- Large lot sizes
- large lots with nice houses, close to Neenah and Fox Cities for shopping, dining needs, quiet, lots of wildlife
- Large lots, rural atmosphere
- Less crowded than other township near Appleton/Neenah. Farms, DNR land, and wooded lots.
- Limited urban development
- Lots of greenspace, low traffic, rural vibe, plenty of room for wildlife, nice mix of agriculture and residential life. Also appreciate the lack of roundabouts.
- Love that touch a truck event, voting is well organized, destination for biking (though would love separate bike lanes), country feel while close enough to Walmart and town
- Love the country feel with close city access
- Love the county setting and lower taxes.
- low density, semi-rural character
- Maintaining a portion of the town for agricultural activities.
- Maintaining the agricultural base living of the community. The construction of a high school nearby and a major transportation highway with commercial opportunities.
- Much better than Town of Neenah - seems to be run by professionals
- NA
- Natural beauties
- Natural beauty and location to Hwys 76 & 10
- Neighborhoods, people, mixed agriculture/suburban, recreational trails
- Not listening to the residence and doing what a few board member's say and want.
- Not over populated
- Not overly crowded. If I wanted more neighbors I would live in Appleton.
- Not sure.
- Open space available for opportunities
- OUR FIRE DEPT
- Our single-family residential neighborhoods and communities. The Town is in a prime location to focus on being only a commuter community for the greater Fox Valley (Particularly Oshkosh, Neenah, Appleton, etc.).

- Out in the country
- Outside of the city hustle and bustle. Quiet, green space but convenient to run in to grocery store, bank, etc.
- Please preserve open spaces around housing developments, green space and agricultural land are what I like most about living here.
- Plenty of green space and wildlife Low amount of light pollution Limited industrial/commercial properties
- Progressive rural lifestyle
- Quality of life for families.
- Relaxing lifestyle.
- Residential growth
- Residential, farming, quiet
- Residents, location by larger cities
- Respond quickly
- rural suburb' feel within close proximity to nearby amenities
- Safe, quiet ,beautiful
- Shared values between the farming community and residential landowners, Open spaces and quiet. (No noise pollution)
- Size, staff, location & people
- Staff
- Strong bones with trails and good mix of apartment and small and big homes that are easily accessible to all. Room for growth just don't overdo it
- Strong Parks system.
- Taking care of our streets.
- The amount of green land and space between neighboring properties!
- the farm life, open spaces
- The lack of congestion.
- The road improvements have been great.
- The town has a diverse blend of suburban, rural, and agricultural land along with attractive natural resource assets such as the bike trails, Rat River State land, and parks. There is a dedicated core of people who remain involved in Town meetings and the day-to-day business of the town.
- The town has always been concerned about annexation of the East and preserving the integrity of the township.
- to be not so commercialized
- Town of Clayton is in the Neenah school district.
- Trying to keep the Hwy 10 Corridor from being made into a Kwik Trip/McDonald's/Bank every 2-3 blocks apart
- variety of opportunities
- Wanting to improve our town and asking our opinions
- We have a picturesque community with larger lots for single-family homes & green space. Our neighbors are friendly and keep their properties well maintained.
- We have open spaces that have not been used for business or housing.
- We moved from Milwaukee approximately 20 years ago because of the acreage, peaceful, safe area - the touch of country that the Town of Clayton offers. Had we preferred restaurants, stores, etc. we would had moved to the City of Neenah or the Town of Menasha. Please preserve the Town of Clayton as the touch of country that so many of us chose to make our home. Thank you.
- We moved here because of the SPACE and lack of development. We want to live here for many more decades. We will be very disappointed if the Town loses its rural/country feel. Many of our neighbors share this opinion -- we don't want more development.
- Well it's not managing money -look at what was spent on water and sewer with city of Appleton . And what has been spent with fox crossing. All for something that wasn't needed at this time .. and incorrectly handled
- Well maintained roads, governmental structure and services provided at the brush dump for all residents.
- Well this survey is great honestly. Thanks for making it easy to provide feedback.
- When we moved here in August, 1978 this was mostly rural land and farm use. The airport has now taken over much of the airspace of the eastern edge of the Town as restricted building areas. The

southeastern corner of my lawn is now considered airport overlay. This part of Winnebago County is controlled by another county.

27. In your opinion, what aspects of the Town of Clayton need improvement?

- **Road maintenance (84 responses)**
- **Better communication to residents (25 responses)**
- **We need a grocery store (11 responses)**
- **Lower taxes (6 responses)**
- **High speed internet (3 responses)**
- **Not sure (3 responses)**
- **Affordable housing (2 responses)**
- **Nothing (2 responses)**
- I would like to see another park, possible one wooded with trails as opposed to the more public park we have now.
- Park and rec department, walking trails(could be paved)
- Plowing is atrocious (county issue...I know). A small, vibrant town center would be great.
- Water drainage.
- Yard waste drop off needs to be open at least until mid-Nov. * Better coordination for storm water mgmt. between county and town. Ex. The 2 culverts installed by county under JJ to channel water into Oakcrest neighborhood. Reduced JJ's water problem but caused (and still does even after town's fix) periodic flooding in Oakcrest neighborhood.
 - Communication with the residents. 2. The Animal Control position is in need of improvement. We've tried to reach that person multiple times with no response back. So when we have questions or need help, who supervises those duties and can provide answers regarding what animal shelters are contracted with the Town of Clayton. It seems to change often.
- 1.Communication with residents. 2.Build one industrial area instead of allowing them intermingled into established neighborhoods.
- 2021 Property tax increase of 41% for the town needs to go back to 2020 levels otherwise it is too expensive to live in the Town of Clayton
- A Kwik trip and some additional family or takeout/deliver restaurants would be great.
- A later closing date for the yard waste site
- A local restaurant with family dining and good seating.
- A lot of the smaller back roads are in disrepair and should be addressed.
- a noise ordinance, for county road II, and allowing him to fill in wetlands for a parking lot, and doing nothing about it even though it's been reported many times
- Accessibility for disabled people, walkable town center, less development on the outskirts (sprawl) and a focus on helping people get to where they need to be without having to drive
- Adding in more city sewer line
- adherence to town ordinances, improving transparency in site plan/conditional use permits.
- All of the trails loops are too long. If I want to go for a 30 minute walk, I have to walk in one direction and then turn around on the same trail and come back. I wish there were shorter trail loops. I would also like to see Clayton Park better maintained, particularly the baseball fields.
- Allow for cement aprons
- Allow pets in parks with clearly listed rules/requirements, i.e. must be in leash, must pick up, must respect space between dogs, etc.
- Being charged for a sanitary district without access to sewer and water and no information communicated on when/if it will become available.
- Being personable when talked to on the phone.
- Better biking trails- we see SO many bikers along 76 with cars flying by them. A multi mile route would be fantastic for bikers and walkers without the danger factor of getting hit by a car.
- Better cell reception/coverage and some decent food delivery options.
- Better financial management of tax dollars. Better town road and land maintenance crews (current staff is inadequate). Improved communication to residents of significant town spending. (i.e.: The town hall in person meetings is not appropriate when the town decides to spend millions of dollars then tax certain residents the bill)

- Better service from the town employees. Know their jobs, be able to answer zoning and building questions. Enforce ordinances in a way that makes sense. Control water flow/drainage adequately.
- Better Snow Clearing & Road repairs
- Bike paths connecting to the nearby trails.
- Bike paths. Need to fix Larsen road, poor condition.
- Biking trails alongside roads for getting to high-school & Neenah area, especially skiing Larsen
- Bring businesses to increase social interaction of town citizens.
- Bringing in more/younger families who can use new services
- Broader / more access to water and sewer.
- Budgetary responsibility.
- Budgets do not reflect or accommodate for the future growth of the town as the Fox Valley spreads.
- Business information. I did not know that medical equipment was available for free until recently.
- Can't think of anything
- Careful zoning for new subdivisions.
- Cell and internet service need to be improved to make the area compliant with how people live in today's world. Work from home, on-line school, making a phone call with a cell phone can't do this from my house I'm in a dead zone
- City government is slow and bogged down by bureaucracy, foolish spending on city positions we do not need.
- city sewer to homes along Hwys 76 between Hwys II and Larsen. The well water is terrible, full of arsenic, iron, etc.
- community activities/events
- Connect walking and biking trails with existing trails and are in the city of Neenah such as the Loop the Lake trail making it easier to access. Make walking and biking access to trails connecting the new High School perhaps down Larson Road.
- Connections between subdivisions
- Cooperation / collaboration with Fox Crossing and City of Neenah
- Could use a *little* more development (want to keep the current feel as much as possible).
- Could use a Hardware store.
- Culvert drainage under the approach to my home, after this winter I may not be able to get over the BUMP!!!!
- Customer service and helping residents. Website is difficult to find info but when town is called they refer you to the website. Bldg. inspector is often rude even when polite and trying to meet code.
- Definitely needs some walking trails and sidewalks. Also need some restaurants.
- Ditch grading. I've been to the town hall numerous times asking about the ditches in front of my house being headed properly so they drain. Each time I was told it would be happening later in the year. It has now been 3 years and I haven't seen anyone working on my ditch.
- ditches in residential areas
- do better at notifying its citizens of anything happening throughout the township that may affect us.
- Doing well
- Drainage in some of the subdivisions need to be addressed
- Earlier snow removal on weekdays (workdays)
- Easier access to impending construction and road work notices.
- Employment opportunities.
- Enhance Larsen Rd from Oakridge to 76 so that students can travel safely along Larsen Rd to new high school.
- Ensure potholes are fixed and streets get improved
- Establish and protect green belt and natural corridors.
- Extended season for yard waste drop off or provide leaf pickup
- Fairview Road is not wide enough for cars and pedestrians, either biking, walking or running to be safe at any part of the day.
- Find a way to decrease property taxes so residents can afford to stay in their homes
- Finish Pioneer and T please!
- Fire department and emergency medical care

- Fire Department should be more centrally located. Too many people using Lind Lane as shortcut between 76 and BB. Some pass even though no passing zone. A lot of trucks on it too. With all the traffic, it is an accident waiting to happen.
- Fix the roads many local residents do comment on the poor conditions.
- Following through on promises, maintaining trails, roads and parks
- Food retail
- friendlier to bicycles, and ADU's
- Generally satisfied. Some of the roadways are in tough shape.
- Grading (Emerald Valley II sub-division)
- Grandview road and the price of our Sanitary district fee. The metering fee is messed up!!
- growth/development views need to be reconsidered.
- Higher residential standards and no more storage!
- Host a community gathering event with bands and family events. Keep our section of the Wiouwash Trail in better shape (you can tell when you cross over to different levels of upkeep).
- Hours of the employees to address issues for the residents that work full time. Treat all building sites equally. I.E., friends of town board members should have to pay for building permits. Not get a free pass. Because we've seen firsthand that not all people have had to pay.
- I applaud the town of Clayton for keeping the "country feeling". The sense of community!
- I believe they are wasting a lot of our taxpayers money. They wasted many thousands of dollars trying to become a village(they didn't even meet one of the criteria to become a village). We don't need a paid fulltime fire chief for our town, that also gets to use a vehicle owned by the town. This has created a problem with some of the volunteers(causing them to leave and/or thinking about leaving).
- I do think a more family focused parks and rec effort would be valuable but am very nervous at the already seemingly high property taxes.
- I have nothing. I'm very happy living in the Town of Clayton!
- I love it here!
- I think snow plowing needs to be improved. More plows or plows out sooner.
- I think some came away from the firehouse/town center battle feeling that the town wanted to be backwards. A town center near 10/76 would have been a more public facing position. A barn/pasture across from your town hall gives a very different picture/impression. Most of my relatives are farmers, but they don't farm next to the town hall.
- I think the Town of Clayton does a poor job of communicating with residents. There used to be newsletters mailed out, public meetings, etc. to let people know what is going on. Now it seems the Town of Clayton doesn't want people to know what is going on. The recent application to become a village was a disaster and waste of money. That should have been voted on. The fiasco with bringing water into the town was poorly handled also. Border agreements need to be made so the tax base can be stabilized.
- I understand budgets, personnel, funding & approvals, I would just never overpromise & underdeliver. In regard to the Rose Moon Way culverts, it got pushed back for 12-18 months until I got a straightforward answer from Russ. I made about 10 phone calls to the Town at the time (and left voicemails) just looking for an update. I also sent 7 or 8 emails and never got a response. I was never looking for conflict, just an update.
- If a stray animal is found, no shelter is responsible for this area. No shelter will accept cats to be scanned. If residents lose a pet, they lack resources
- If you look at Breezewood on the Clayton maintenance side and cross over to the town of Neenah maintenance side you will see an immediate and distinct difference in the road. How can you guys be thinking of doing all these things when you can't even keep up with the basics?
- I'm not sure, but I do like the neighborhood I live in. I would like a sidewalk or bike lane on N Clayton Ave, but it probably wouldn't work.
- I'm seeing more light pollution getting approved (e.g., Earthscape, Go Pack Storage). It's obnoxious, unnecessary and ruins what is otherwise quaint country living. I'd like to see ordinances/limits on noise and light pollution and easy and smart thing to put in place now. Leave the garish lights in Vegas. Look to other small towns in Wisconsin that have maintained a more classic, country feel that the residents of today and tomorrow will appreciate.
- I'm seeing some contradictions and confusion with land use projects between state and town administrators. Seems there are hidden or missed hoops to jump through enforced at will. There appears to be a punitive nature or tone at times but maybe there is more to it.

- Imagine living in a beautiful section and as people sell the lot size is sometimes smaller to accommodate duplexes..or farms turned into multi apartments. Would you like your expensive home and property next to an apartment complex? Depreciates everything...Built and lived here for the beauty ..now it is getting to be not like this. I have gone out to get mail at 11 pm only to have a group of "people" walk by me on our road from the apartments. They are not walking for exercise....believe me..they are walking to scout homes out....So keep building apartments to lure more riff raff
- Improved road maintenance
- Improvements in the Metro-Larsen for return of bank and hardware store.
- Increased tax base via small retailers
- Infrastructure, controlled development.
- Internet services...only new subdivisions have it.
- Invasive plants in wet areas.
- It really has nothing to offer other than residences. It needs in-fill of disjointed developed areas and a focus on services that one needs to travel in order to receive today. Example: food, fuel, professional services, restaurants (sports bar!)
- It seems the town is slow and disorganized when it comes to the ditch repair at deer trail estates and other projects. The town should work on the proper allocation of resources to meet the needs of its citizens. This would alleviate the need to significantly increase property taxes.
- It would be nice to have a convenience store close by.
- It's perfect for us.
- Junk outside of residences
- Keeping residents better informed. Like with emails and newsletters.
- Lack of notifications for residents on business matters that affect all of us here in the township
- Large land owners in this area seem to make decisions that affect many. The zoning seems very scattered and disorganized. People might buy property close to someone and randomly put up buildings or house animals. Too many farmers are being allowed to sell large tracts of land for massive subdivisions. These subdivisions seem to get greater attention, better plowing and road servicing, while others with single family residents and small acreages are not receiving the same attention/and or thought. (please see previous comments about living on Pioneer Road).
- Larsen itself is a dive town. Clean it up with nice sidewalks, more curbing than what's going on. Weed whack. Flowers, new co-op or renew it.
- Leadership.
- Less houses! I love that it's a quiet place to live
- Less time and money should be spent supporting subdivisions and should focus on community wide issues. Attention to town wide storm water management is severely lacking. TOC governmental pursuit of Village/city type community is not in the best interest or desire of the residents.
- Limit additional subdivision development
- Looking at added traffic and narrow roads.
- maintaining the community as a Touch of Country. It's crazy how we haven't seen pheasants in years and how other wildlife has dwindled. We do not need more storage units which are an eyesore
- Maintenance of residential roads within neighborhoods. Later closing date for yard waste facility. By the end of October when yard waste site closes, most of my plants are still green. I end up having to pay to use the county landfill to dispose of yard waste in November.
- Make it easier to bring in small business
- management...out of control town salaries
- Many Many Many. Residents seem to be a bother to the town. Don't enforce ordinances even when damage to property is caused due to an ordinance not being followed. Taxes are WAY WAY higher for services rendered in comparison to neighboring areas. Impossible to receive actual help by the town when you try.
- Money management. Reduce wasteful spending to reduce property taxes. These taxes are as high as if I live in a large city. Do we really need a security vehicle driving on the streets? I would like to see evidence to support how this initiative has actually improved the safety of our town. Winnebago County Sheriff's dept already patrols. Did the town really need to buy a new dump truck when the town already had a relatively new one? There is a lot of low hanging fruit of wasteful

spending that could be cut to lower our taxes and make much better use of the taxes still coming in.

- more accessible walking/biking trails
- More and more convenient hours for the landfill!!!! And, better garbage pickup contract.
- More businesses. More consideration for the future businesses (promote them). No convenience instead of having to drive 15 miles for banking, groceries, etc.
- More central town offices
- More convenience shopping locations
- More kid friendly areas, parks
- More local stores/establishments
- More parks
- More professional/trained maintenance crew members, friendlier service-oriented town staff with open minds
- more restaurants
- More restaurants and business so that we don't need to go to Neenah or Appleton. A one stop shop like CVS or Walgreens if you just need an item or two
- More restaurants, more convenient access to goods & services
- More retail development
- More social gathering events and environments
- More speed limit signs on dirt and paved roads or at least patrolled more often for speeders that drive 60 mph on roads that are only 30 mph roads .
- More weekend hours at yard waste site in early spring and late fall. Less hours in summer.
- Most roads are terrible!! Please make Road maintenance more of a priority.
- much needed businesses such as drug store.
- Need a hardware store Everybody misses the CO-OP store
- Need a PR campaign to promote "Clayton" as the place to live. Stress access to big city (i.e. PAC, T-Rats, etc.) without having to raise their children in the City. Develop farm market, greenhouses, local garden center, etc.
- Need a roundabout at 76 and Shady. We get a lot of fog and bright sunrises make it dangerous to cross. Kids will be driving in the area more frequently with the high school nearby- it's a smart safety measure.
- Need more store options, i.e.. hardware, dining
- Need Street lights neighborhoods. Need new Town offices on 76.
- New people in office
- No more damn sub divisions or apartments.
- No one listens or takes action to make necessary improvements on the west side. Sad but true.
- noise ordinances
- Not enough businesses, more off-road trails
- Not much improvement is needed, it's nice just the way it is!
- Nothing important, maybe a park and a charging station. Wait!...a nice bike trail OFF the road into city and new high school.
- Nothing. I live in this community because I like it how it is.
- Opportunities: Increased, easily accessible communication between government and citizens, more efficient use of tax dollars, and focus to fix long standing drainage issues in subdivisions and road repairs
- Our tax rate is very high compared to neighboring small towns. Such as Winchester, Town of Dale, Hortonville.
- Parks
- Paved Bike trails
- Paved paths for strollers
- Paying more attention to maintaining the environment as developers claim the land - if we don't protect the environment mankind will suffer!!
- Pedestrian/bicycle access to trail systems
- Please pay better attention to natural resources, indigenous wildlife, marsh areas, create safe travel routes for animals (deer, turtles, etc.)
- plowing of streets in Winter
- posting/enforcing speed limits on Larsen road and oakwood road

- Preserving green spaces and agricultural areas. Stop building so many sub divisions.
- Property taxes are extremely high
- Put less salt on the roads in the winter! Restripe the parking lines at the town hall so stalls are easier to access and back out of. For example, angled parking! Re-evaluate garbage pickup vendor to possibly reduce cost of service charged to residents. Continuously having adequate staffing for fire and rescue squads.
- Quit pushing for more development, take care of what we have
- Recreation, restaurants, affordable groceries.
- recreational trails, specifically Larsen Rd down to Clayton Park
- Reduce speed limit to 35 on old Pioneer after construction is finished. This will become a very important safety issue.
- Reducing tax rate to align with neighboring townships.
- reopen the Headliner Bar and grill
- Repair deteriorated roads. Minimize destruction of productive farmland and excessive development causing impervious surfaces impacting stormwater management and overdevelopment affecting groundwater quality and quantity. Eliminate light, air, and noise pollution.
- Reviewing ditches in neighborhoods - some do not seem to be to code.
- Road conditions, but that is a problem all over our state.
- Road improvement and added parks
- Safer access in and out of neighborhoods off of 76, more bike lanes or paths on busy roads
- Schools
- Secondary roads
- Seems stuck and old school. Needs new breath and focus.
- Sewer accessibility
- sewer and water
- Sewer and water for existing subdivisions.
- sheriff department and enforcing regulations
- Since we have no sidewalks, a bike/walking trail would be great near Murray Rd
- Small road repairs
- Snow plowing. New fire station
- Snow plows constantly ruining property Charging ridiculous taxes Streets are poor Making us connect to water and paying millions just to get us water (I work for city of Neenah, and I know more than you think)
- Snow removal - plows do not do a good job of removing snow causing ice roads to form. Surrounding communities do a much better job. Would also like refuge pickup service in fall and spring.
- Snow removal, road paving, ditch work
- Some new convenience developments
- Some of the roads could use some work. Could use a stoplight at 76 /Larson Road. Really hard to get across in the morning
- Somehow getting more residents involved with the Town's activities. I have no suggestions.
- Speed control and police presence for vehicular traffic violations is poor. Lawn care enforcement. Special / Local event flyers or emails for local news. IE : fund raisers, holiday events, annual rummage sales, concerts.
- Speed enforcement!! With all the housing going up around Fairview - east of 76 - this is absolutely necessary. This section of Fairview has become extremely dangerous with vehicles clearly exceeding 60-70 mph. The amount of kids/families riding bikes or walking has greatly diminished in the last 15 years. All because this road is a death trap waiting to happen.
- speeding - especially past churches and noise levels
- Sporting goods store, outdoor/ hunting/ fishing/atv/biking/ etc.
- Standing strong for keeping country living the standard. If people want to live here but don't like country living, they should settle in another area that already has what they are looking for. It is so important to preserve what we have here in the Town of Clayton.
- stop allowing subdivisions and storage units. do a better job maintaining what we have. enforce building codes, zoning issues, ordinances. too many people get away with things.
- Stop letting fox crossing take over land.

- Stop spending money foolishly. Just one example from many, The township is basically broke but yet we spend money to put curb on country streets over the years? In the middle of nowhere where it doesn't affect anything. But yet we have been asking for years to get the ditch cleaned out so the water in spring and heavy rains can flow like it should, instead of over the road and driveway washing them out even more with zero response.
- Stop the influx of light industrial and McMansion homes and work on the development of agribusiness.
- storage rental units have no redeeming societal value -- no on-going employment, no manufacturing, no services which would attract successful people. Just space to store more Chinese stuff that people don't need. Let's not have more of those.
- storm and waste sewer system.
- Stormwater and runoff. The town needs to determine a way to encourage and provide incentives for land owners to keep ditches cleaned out. The town needs to clean out the ditches of all roadways before spending money on trails.
- Preserve small town feel
- Tax assessments, timing or lack thereof of subdivision and road snow removal along with ignorance of adequate subdivision road repairs.
- Taxes are out of hand. The town continues to re-assess much too often. People do not get a chance to even catch up. With new developments in the town, it would be assumed that you are continually collecting more taxes. You provide very little for the taxes you collect, i.e. we pay for our own garbage pickup, sewer, water. Increased taxes are not representative of the occasional road clearing that is provided in the winter.
- Taxes far too high for value / service provided
- The administration staff
- The Board and the Town's administrative leadership need to do a better job of communicating in an ongoing, routine fashion about what is going on in the town beyond simply posting Board meeting minutes at the town hall. I always read the former town newsletter and miss it. I also feel that the town was misguided in its attempts to try and incorporate and should have instead looked at ways to step back and see how the town could integrate itself into the overall Fox Cities region rather than simply trying to protect a name or 36 square miles. I recognize that getting absorbed into Fox Crossing might not be desirable in all instances, but it's important for leadership to look beyond parochial local interests and recognize the value and importance of shared costs and shared services over a larger metropolitan area. I value our "Touch of Country" but we need to be prepared to make investments that position our Fox Cities region be to a strong vital area now and in the future. With greater residential density, the town needs to explore widening roads to make them safer and more inclusive for pedestrians, bikers, and vehicles.
- The board needs to listen to the Clayton residents . Stop throwing money away. And spend what little money u have and fix our roads
- The care of Clayton Park baseball diamonds are never in good shape and need improvement. The park always seems to attract shady lowlife people illegally dumping in the dumpsters. I would never allow my children to go there alone. Also, the neighbors are a little tired of the disc golf Park. It attracts a bunch of losers walking in neighbors backyards. Get rid of it.
- The culverts have been an issue especially in our previous neighborhood. Communications with residents could be improved. We've heard there have been issues with emergency services finding our neighborhood (strawberry estates) in the past, though we have not experienced that.
- The focus on the ridge water drainages
- The potential to do it right the first time before other communities or businesses dictate.
- The town needs more local establishments i.e. restaurants, shops etc. for those times you just want to stay close to home.
- The town needs to worry less about Parks and trails. The town needs to concentrate on its roads and get back to the basics and become more financially responsible before it worries about spending more money on trying to become something it's not.
- There is a division between the east side (new growth not knowing what is going on) and Larsen (which seems to be trying to keep its self as the center of our town).
- There needs to be a round-about at 76 and Shady Lane. I have seen too many close calls. Accidents at this intersection are just waiting to happen!
- They spend too much money on unnecessary things, so the taxes are too high.
- Time to fix the water drainage problems in the subdivisions

- Timely snow removal
- TOC should identify properties that are an eye sore with junk and other items in their yards and get them to clean them up.
- Town Center, road improvement
- Town Government; Building Inspector, Town web page.
- Town maintenance crew efficiency and cost effective project decisions.
- Town needs to take care of ALL the people that live here
- Town website
- Trails. We live in Breaker Ridge and the town simply ignores the trails on the south side of Larsen Road.
- Trying to remain a rural community
- Turn lane into wind field subdivision
- Unsure
- Updated play areas for kids
- Updates to parks.
- Upkeep of designated trails
- Water and sewer is there a long range plan to expand these to residential areas?
- Water management
- Water/ditches.
- We have a significant tax requirement, but minimal return for that taxation. Attracting businesses to lower the tax burden on residents would be beneficial.
- We need a big item trash pick up
- We need a larger Town & Community Center that would house a large meeting space area for community information, education, and resource presenters.
- We need a round a bout on 76 and Larsen ASAP
- We need to expand the trail system so trails can connect to, and people can go farther on them. We also need more places where people can hop on a trail to bike, walk, rollerblade, cross country ski, snow shoe etc.
- Website could use a refresh.
- When a project is started, they need to continue to work on it, so it gets finished in a timely manner.
- Would like to see more internet options in the community. Our area only has real access to Centurylink. Otherwise, no other improvements needed.
- Would love to have electric lines in subdivisions buried
- Yard waste site needs to be open much later in the fall because it closes before all the leaves have fallen!

28. Do you have any additional comments or ideas you would like to share with the Town?

- Support the farmer and encourage their existence of continuing a farming lifestyle in our community. This is so important! Farming is so very valuable to our community.
- A few things are questioned like placing a large crane staging area in a subdivision and the difficulty building heated or cold use outbuildings and limiting rental storage units. People do need storage and work space which effects quality of life.
- A small, vibrant town center would be great.
- Additional amenities on the 10/76 corridor would be great! However the Town should maintain its identity as a mostly rural community and be mindful of how large that development could be.
- Address ditch and water issues in Metzsig Hills One Subdivision.
- Administration needs to follow up when issues are presented to them and not give lip service that they will handle it, and nothing happens - for years this has been going on
- Agriculture is a business too. Adding business's to increase tax base should be done with care and caution. Once that land is converted to a business it's gone.
- All subdivisions should be named with signage not just a few. Widen Larsen Rd. 4 lanes on 76 in the Town to hwy 10 in both directions. Roundabouts needed to 10 in both directions
- All voting places need to tally votes by hand. Submitting information via the internet opens all up to security/fraud issues. Please share with your Madison directors.
- Appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to hearing how the inputs were translated into action

- As always minimize taxes.
- Better internet options.
- Better maintenance of creek that runs thru Oakcrest/ Woodcrest development
- Better or more signage for Kline St and Specialist Ave. for trucks. I see too many trucks driving over the tracks and then backing up over the tracks because they missed their turn.
- Big trucks engine braking disturbing the peaceful atmosphere.
- Bike trails to new Neenah High School is critical and roundabout at Larson and 76 before new school opens
- Buses! I will gladly pay more in taxes and get a bus pass to ensure everyone in the community can get to where they need to be.
- Comprehensive planning is critical for determining future land use. 20-year plan is a start, but really need to look out 50-100 years for how the community will look long-term. The regular, ordinary citizens of the town are important stakeholders in determining future amenities and quality of life.
- Concerned about the growth of the town with the new high school nearing completion; want to keep the town smaller rather than larger. If we want to live in another "Appleton" we will move there.
- Culvert drainage in the Ridge neighborhood will eventually prevent me from getting over the approach BUMP so I can drive up my driveway and park in my garage. In addition the drainage is a harbinger for insects like mosquitoes with West Nile or Zika virus.
- Do not want to see multifamily housing. No low income housing. No big industry. Lots over an acre. No sewer or water. Slow growth on subdivisions. No street lights in subdivisions
- Don't need to change much in my opinion. Moved out here to get away from the crowded neighborhoods in town and it's a great place to live as it is.
- Don't ruin the rural feel of this town by putting in high density housing.
- enforce speed limits
- Enjoy Clayton park, continue to maintain it.
- Enough with the continual tax increases.
- Excited to see how the city will grow
- Extend dates for yard waste site. Oct. 31 too early to close. Appleton has rule that if tree of neighbor partially does damage to neighbor's property can order tree owner to cut down - match it!
- Fairview Ave south of Hwy 76 is very rough. Really needs repair
- Fix the drainage problems in Strawberry Fields. Guardian Lane.
- Get rid of that awful fireworks stand on the corner of 76/JJ. It's an eyesore that blasting off fireworks all hours of the day and night 5 months a year making it difficult for my former veteran family to visit and the constant fear triggered in my dog most of the summer.
- Glad to live here
- Great community
- High speed internet would be a major improvement for current residents and be a major incentive for people to move into the area, increase property values, and draw in high income remote workers. Some towns in WI have built their own broadband infrastructure then sold it or used it as a Public utility. I am not sure what parts of the township have access to high speed internet, but I know my area is terrible.
- How do we lower our taxes? They continue to increase, and services continue to decrease.
- How many actual family farms (production ag, not horses) are still in Clayton? What can we do to allow them to continue?
- I don't like that my neighbors mailbox has to be on my side of the street, can we not have dual sided mailboxes? Have a Fourth of July fireworks event. Let's help support the local businesses with events and sponsorship.
- I don't want to fork the bill for future water/sewer projects. And leave my functional private well and septic alone and keep water and sewer lines out of my neighborhood (Windfield Estates).
- I feel like the west side roads do not get the attention they need. Repairs, and snow plowing is subpar.
- I have lived out here for almost 40 years. I love the county setting and preservation of farm use and nature trails without large housing developments. Growth has been controlled well.
- I hope we continue to fight for our land in the town, and to encourage businesses and residents to support our town.
- I know a lot of people plan to move out of the 4 main neighborhoods within the next few years

- I know there's a lot of small biz in town/community can we do more to promote our neighbors and what they do in and for the community?
- I like it here!
- I moved out of the Denver/Boulder area to get away from the woke agenda. I don't want to see bikers take over the roads and parks. They do not pay for the millions spent on trails. I don't want to pay for electric vehicle infrastructure. If a business wants to offer it..fine. No tax dollars.
- I moved to the town because of the rural aspects of it. I want to be out of the city. Not bring the city to us. Keep Clayton Rural.
- I see my taxes go up every year and I don't see any justification that is driven by community improvement, just a cash grab due to the market I would like to know how to get involved with the local government.
- I see no need for a Clayton police officer with squad car. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department should be handling all calls for service that are beyond the scope of a constable, or community service officer.
- I think Clayton & the board need to focus back to the basics of running a town .. it's not a free for all where u spend spend spend on things for possible future, let's take care of what we are lacking NOW
- I think single family homes bring the most bang/buck for tax base and social/retail activity, and keeps things quaint/quiet.
- I think that there is a lot of unused industrial area. And you should use that area before you consider making other areas industrial.
- I think the town trying to become a village is a waste of money. You excluded the farming community in trying to become a village, that was here first. The taxes are getting way too high!!!!!! Which we get nothing in return. Thank you
- I want the Town to know that Russ has gone above & beyond his duties. His willingness to listen & provide updates has been very helpful. The Town is very lucky to have Russ on Board. Thank You.
- I would like to repeat our fear of what the new school located so close will do to our quiet town. I picture commercialization/businesses like gas stations and restaurants and stores going up all around the school area and new housing-keep that our of our town please!
- I would like to see Shady Lane from Center Road to Pioneer Road be re-built. It is full of potholes and has more traffic since the railroad crossing to North Loop Road has been closed.
- I would like to see the town of Clayton to further capitalize of the great quality of life and beauty of this city/rural community.
- I would like to strongly advocate for dark sky lighting on new and replacement lighting for residential and commercial properties. The skies out here are beautiful but could be better and we all can enjoy a beautiful night sky unpolluted from stray light.
- I would never have found out about this survey if I didn't randomly visit the website for something else.
- I've talked with Russ the town chair a couple of times. He does a great job and I appreciate the time that he and the rest of the town board dedicate to the town.
- If anyone wants the amenities you've mentioned, there are already other communities that have those.
- If the town continues on the path it's on, within 10 years I will be moving farther west back to a rural community as the Town of Clayton once was.
- If you want to attract growth (as what appears to be the case based on these survey questions), lower our property taxes please.
- If you're going to put out an imperfect survey, and no survey is perfect, then at least hold a town hall meeting to tell us what is really going on. Please.
- Invest in teachers
- It would be nice if the town would notify residents before doing any tree trimming with the flail mowing machine. It really damages the trees! Plus the last time they used that machine on our road, the branches were hitting our house. Think of the damage that could happen. I had to go out to talk to the fellow driving the machine to let him know the branches were hitting our windows. Thank goodness he stopped. Our trees still look horrible, and one tree is dying after his work on our road. Our neighbors all feel the same, we all hate that machine.
- It would be nice if would could encourage our businesses to improve their outward appearance, particularly along the route 76 corridor. i.e.: Oinks and the other businesses surrounding it. I think a paved parking area there would go a long way toward making it look better, but I also understand

that would be a great expense for them. I don't know if there is anything the town AI can do to help, but I think some improvement there might help make the area even more desirable for continued housing development in that area, especially with opening of the new school coming soon.

- It would be nice to have more room for walking/biking on Shady Lane. It is a favorite route for bikers from all over. It would be safer for all if there was a bigger shoulder.
- Keep city out.
- Keep commercial/industrial zones limited to specific areas to maintain the rural setting that draws the majority of the residents to the town.
- Keep it a small community feel. We already have Neenah and fox crossing competing.
- Keep the farmland if you can. They aren't making more.
- Keep the small town feel.
- Keep town if Clayton from giving up land to fox crossing
- Keep wetlands the way God wanted it, wet
- Leadership and their decisions need to be accountable to all its taxpayers.
- Leave the development to other areas- keep ours green, quiet and clean!
- Look at Fox Crossing and their progress. Commercial and residential growth ! They are doing something right to attract the tax dollars. Town of Clayton you can still have country, but you also have to be able to grow. Use 76 and II as your corridor for growth. Start there!
- low carbon footprint
- Lower Taxes. Less Government.
- Maybe on the next survey. I recommend a more electronic way to communicate with the people that live in the area. Council meetings are for the nosey neighbors and the chatting Kathy's, busy families with children will not have time to attend.
- More money needs to be spent on improving the condition of our roads. Until we are able to fulfill ALL the requirements of becoming a village, stop wasting money (squad cars, police, application fees, etc.) on that effort.
- More pet friendly areas
- Most roads are terrible!! Please make Road maintenance more of a priority.
- Nature park with bike and walking paths would be great. Town center with businesses, medical facility and small shopping center including grocery store, all within walking distance from main parking lot would be great. The concept could be similar to European 15th century town center.
- Need a race track and a motocross track
- Need more restaurants and walking trails, with high school coming in on II these will both be beneficial for the community and the tax base.
- Need to communicate with residents other than just public meetings.
- Not doing anything about people filling in Wetlands
- Not looking for sewer and water to be fired upon property owners. Happy with current well/mound systems
- Occasionally I hear mention of another town police officer which I personally don't think is needed. The current system without a dedicated full time officer is working fine.
- Our neighborhood really appreciates the friendly attitude towards fireworks and the simple permitting process. We host a block party for the whole neighborhood and the fireworks show is the anchor of the event.
- Overall, the town is providing solid services. Thank you.
- Overall, we really like living in the Town of Clayton.
- People like this area because it is in the country but close to the city. Don't make it into a city.
- Please clean the ditches for proper drainage!!
- Please do not lose the country atmosphere
- please don't forget we need farmlands to grow produce to feed the people. Stop taking that away to put buildings on the land.
- PLEASE DON'T MAKE US A CITY KEEP US A LITTLE RURAL
- Please keep the "country" feel to our town! That is the whole reason we moved here.
- Please keep the western part of the town devoted to farming and other agricultural pursuits. Without it, we would just become another Greenville. :(
- Please look at ways to work smarter, not harder, with the resources, money and talent the town currently has. In the corporate world, we would use the continuous improvement process to ensure we didn't stick to doing our work the same way. Continually reviewing processes

encouraged us to look outside the box so we could do more with less. Encourage town employees to make improvements and provide incentives to do so. Thanks for sending out a survey. I love living in the Town of Clayton for the reason that it is not a city!

- Please preserve the "Touch of Country" as much as possible.
- Please work to get high speed internet in the town. that is by far the most important thing to support the town residents. Century Link DSL is not High Speed... Other options are not available other than Satellite which has too much lag for use with 2 way communication and cellular which the data caps and speed will not work, especially if you are on the fringe of the range from the towers like many town residents.
- Preserve that attributes that allow farmers to continue.
- Preserve the rural nature of the town - do not try to aspire to become what has happened to Greenville over the past few years- support local farmers and preserve the family farm lifestyle
- Promote run/walks along the Friendship or Wiouwash trails
- Property taxes are a bit much and spiked with no noticeable increase in services.
- Property taxes are out of control
- Put in a round- about or controlled intersection at Larsen Rd. and 76. Traffic numbers will drastically increase in this area as the high school opens and it is already a dangerous intersection. It would be great to have a man-made lake with sand beach, swimming, and picnic areas. It could be in one of the designated park areas. (Similar to Plamann Park lake). It would be nice to have a community ice skating rink with a small warming shelter and lighting.
- Raise taxes to fix the roads that sorely need repaving. We have visitors ask us all the time why our roads are so bad!
- Refrain from turning this town into some kind of heavy manufacturing area. No concrete plants... but we need a grocery store here. There are plenty of those spaces elsewhere for light manufacturing and businesses.
- Residence in the new neighborhoods often drive recklessly through the old existing roads but in their subdivisions they expect restraints. Well I expect speeds to be enforced on all roads. In fact I think Highway 76 needs to have the speed limit reduced or a roundabout at Larson road to make access there at least easier. I believe that we should contact the Wisconsin State Patrol to enforce more truck inspections along 76 and catch the violators. And I am speaking as a retired truck driver. I know when I hear a speeding truck and I know when I hear an overloaded truck.
- Safety Reasons to add Four way stop signs on such roads as â€. Center and Shady Oakwood and Shady These will help reduce speeds and makes roads safer. Similar to Fairview.
- Sending a return envelope with this survey!! Enforcing and defining the difference between commercial and residential use of homes. Not to allow homeowners to rent on temporary basis...that is commercial! Thank you for the opportunity to participate.
- Seniors in the town of Clayton would love a state of the art retirement place so they can stay in the town of Clayton if the time comes to move.
- Speed limit signs on Larsen road from T to 76. Not sure what the speed limit is for that area.
- Spending money on the security car that doesn't do anything is a waste.
- Stop any focus or work on incorporation and instead focus efforts on agreements with bordering communities. Remove such a high focus on township provided services (fire, police, etc.) and instead try to establish local community based efforts with shared costs across joint tax bases. Focus solely on trying to bring more residential development to the area - there is no need to focus on anything else as it's provided so closely in other local cities where most of the town's residents already work.
- Stop reassessing the properties and increasing our taxes.
- Stop spending money and lower our taxes
- Stressing again: please don't make this town a shopping and entertainment center. We don't need multifamily huge apartments. That living style and those people belong in the big city centers. People specifically moved 'out here' to get away from the urban noise and everything else that goes with city living. We love living by a farm, we love sitting on our patios at night with no noise pollution, and we love our safe and friendly (single family) neighborhood.
- Supply No Trespassing signs for its residents
- Tax rate seems very high for limited resources provided.
- term limits for board members
- Thank you for asking our opinions
- Thank you for everything you do!

- Thank you for seeking input.
- Thanks for taking the time to ask for the opinion of the community.
- The ditch repair work done on the Windfield Place Estates subdivision was done poorly. The orange gas release poles (not sure if that is what they are) look horrible. We asked for them to be a dark color and some were painted green which is peeling.
- The intersection at Fairview & 76 needs to either be a 4 way stop or roundabout. Not sure why there's even a school zone sign posted as it's not adhered to. So many young kids & families have to travel through there to get to Clayton Elementary. It's disappointing to see no police presence, at the very least, during school start & end times. Yes, it costs money, but I would much rather see my tax dollars going towards additional police/police presence to keep our community safe than adding businesses, more subdivisions and even parks. Safety should be a priority. Communication of potential land developments really needs to improve. Especially when it impacts those who live around them. Email and mailings would be far more effective & actually reach all of the community instead of posting on the town website or social media.
- The people who moved here and have lived here for years moved HERE because it was quiet and exactly what they wanted. It has become crowded and more developed than expected already.
- The residents on Pioneer Road have STILL not been told about our addresses. We would prefer to remain on Pioneer Road, obviously, as changing addresses is a huge ordeal, and not once have we been given information on that (along with all of the other things that have happened). Keep in mind that people who live on County Road T, also have some of our same house numbers as those presently on Pioneer!! Maybe if a single board member took a drive out here and covered their car in mud they would understand a little better and acknowledge how unfair this has been. Of course all we hear is how it is the county's fault...not really...seems my tax bill goes to Town of Clayton.
- The size of government has grown excessively especially in the area for staffing and equipment expenditures police and public works. Chasing the \$\$ will net negative gain for people
- The town communication is poor. Example...I have brought to their attention many times concerning Romberg Rd and they either say something will get done and will get back to me and they never do. Frustrating!!!
- The town needs to attract more businesses near the new high school location. Currently if you want to buy just about anything you have to leave the town and go to Neenah/Appleton. With the new high school coming it would be nice to see that area redeveloped.
- The Town of Clayton should collaborate and partner with the Village of Fox Crossing.
- There is plenty of space available for any commercial or industrial development east of HWY 76 for now. Keep building and developing east of HWY 76 until lack of available space forces it elsewhere.
- This is not an HOA. Quit trying to enforce things that subdivisions want.
- This survey is great first step. Keep it up!
- too much money spent on salting secondary roads.
- Town offices and fire station should be centrally located and more easily accessible to all. There should be a greater emphasis on the aesthetics of the structures built by the town, something our children will be proud of in years to come.
- Water problems at 76 & JJ
- We do not need affordable housing complexes
- We don't necessarily need recreational facilities. Let's make the ones we already have really nice (better maintenance at Clayton Park, overhaul Trailhead park, better parking and added rest stations along the Wiouwash and Friendship trails).
- WE have the farming industry in the town. Let's keep it that way.
- We look forward to being a part of the community. I hope to watch it grow in near future to bring more people to the community.
- We love living here! Keep it up.
- We love living here. We love living in a low density community.
- We love living in Clayton. We enjoy the Wiouwash for walking, running and biking. Would love to see more walk/bike trails, especially into Neenah or to connect with trails to other communities like Fox Crossing and Neenah. So many rural areas, even in Alaska! have bike trails out of town, but also connecting to other communities! That would be a great addition to our community as people love to get out of there as seen on the Loop the Lake and new Loop that opened around Little Chute area. Might bring people out here more too, not just for us to go into other communities! Katie Schierl Sunburst Lane Resident since 1997

- we moved here to live in the country and enjoy the rural environment. If we wanted shopping & entertainment and high density subdivisions we would have stayed in the Town of Algoma.
- We moved to the TOC to get some space and not have the traffic/businesses etc. in Neenah and surrounding areas. This survey seems to be driving the survey taker to answer toward the increase of parks, natural spaces, additional housing. I think that the survey should be more neutral.
- We need a fire station on the east side. This is where most of the growth is. If Larsen wasn't here, logically, this is where you would put a town hall and retail business center.
- WE NEED A GROCERY STORE!!! A NICE GROCERY STORE! PLEASE!!!!
- we need more housing and less industrial
- We really don't need the community service person for Larsen. You can just call Winnebago County and their response time is fairly quick.
- We should stay true to our "Touch of Country" meaning larger lots in subdivisions, farms and agriculture, trails that loop or lead somewhere, and small parks. Denser populations and light industrial and retail nearer the 10 corridor.
- We still have open land and adequate highway access to eat, play, work. The new High School is a plus. The railroad access needs further development westward within Clayton boundaries. Residential communities need to be interspersed with existing active farms to maintain rural identity. DO NOT let any mega dairy farms in Clayton. Too many issues.
- Website is very non user friendly. Very difficult to get answers from the town even when you are trying to follow rules or get permits.
- What is the status on our incorporation paperwork?
- When I moved here, one day there was a person from the Greenways Committee trying to eradicate buck-thorn (an invasive species) growing on the east side of the park. No one else was helping him, so it never got removed. The buck-thorn grew over what was once the trail located there, so people ended up walking on the property of the adjacent homeowner there. One day when I notified then Chairman Luedke of trees down across the trails, he had a crew come out and clear them. Later when the same problem occurred it fell on deaf ears. Since that time persons from the neighborhood have taken it upon themselves to cut and clear the downed trees from the trail in the park. What's more, in the seventeen years that I've lived here no trail maintenance was done on the trails within the park (I thought that was part of the responsibility of the Greenways Committee). Many parts of the trails were allowed to become overgrown in spots and trail markings were non-existent. It's funny how now all of a sudden the town has time and funds to construct a frisbee golf course devastating much of the park woods in the process. People from the neighborhood hike, cross country ski, and snowshoe on these trails, but apparently they don't count. The golf course is mainly geared toward those living elsewhere.
- Where is the incorporation process? There was a major push in past years but have not heard anything about it going forward and what happen to the previous attempt? The Town website is not being kept up very well for informing the residences of the town. It must be maintained better.
- Why are 4 wheelers recently allowed on roads? How much did all the 4 wheeler signs cost?
- Why can't we pay our water bill at the Larsen Office? We are fully staffed there. Why pay an out-sourced person/company to handle it?
- Winter ice and snow removal should be improved for the safety of people. Many roads are sheets of ice and when combined with the poor road conditions creates a very unsafe travel. Intersections need a larger area of salted to remove all ice, time to plow roads takes way to long so that by the time the road is plowed vehicles have already packed the snow down and the plows can't remove the packed down snow that then turns to ice. Per the town there is only 100 miles of snow so it should not take two days to get a plow to some roads as it does now. At 20mph Ave, which is 100 miles of road in 10 hrs. (5hrs each direction) if only one plow is used.
- With the new Neenah High School, many families will be looking at the TOC for living situations and amenities.
- Work on doing a better job of setting and communicating priorities and establishing budgets for ongoing storm water management, road maintenance, and transportation development within the town. I recognize that the Town is paying for some poor past zoning and development practices, but going forward there needs to be more consistent, sustained investment and resource allocation to ensure that past issues such as drainage problems and road maintenance are dealt with effectively. Thanks for the opportunity to provide survey input.
- Would be nice to bring back Clayton Fest or some other community event.

- Would like to see much more information from board meetings and issues on the website as it's not always possible to get to the meetings.
- Would love to see a few mini-shopping centers and some medical clinics. Need a Kwik Trip at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 76.
- yes I feel I was never given a good explanation of why I'm paying for sewer and water but across the road they are not. If E. Shady Ln. is zone 1 it should be on both sides of the road or neither side.
- Yes, keep us country. If I wanted all those other things I would move to the City.
- You need to address the flooding issue. Land drainage here is a problem for everyone. And it is fixable if you would invest in it.