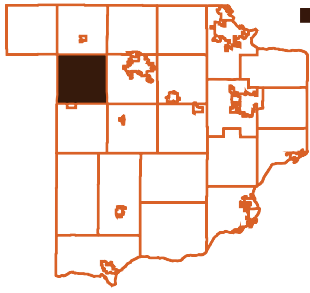


Appendix A

Survey and Results



Town of Ironton

Community Survey Results Summary

The Town of Ironton conducted a Community Survey in September 2022 to assess citizens satisfaction with Town operations and create goals for the future. The majority of respondents live in the Town full-time, in farm residences, and have been residents for more than 20 years. Overall, citizens are happy with the rural, agricultural setting and management of the Town. There was a strong passion expressed for rural living and a desire to protect the small town, family-oriented, agricultural lifestyle.

As a whole, citizens expressed value in protecting natural resources. Of those surveyed, 87% believe that protecting farmland in the community from development is important. The biggest concerns or issues the Town is facing was found to be (50.6%) loss of farmland or rural character; (28.6%) commercial and residential development; (14.3%) CAFOs; (10.4%) water quality; and (10.4%) availability of hunting or forested land.

Overall, citizens are satisfied with the Town's transportation, staff communication, services, utilities, and facilities. Although 57% of respondents desire the Town to remain the way it is, 73% of those surveyed agree that small-scale commercial business development should be permitted. The majority of citizens prefer development, particularly residential to be directed to existing transitional development areas surrounding the Villages. The full details of the summary results may be found by contacting the Town Clerk or the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department.



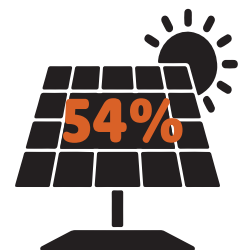
Disagree with Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) being allowed in the Town.



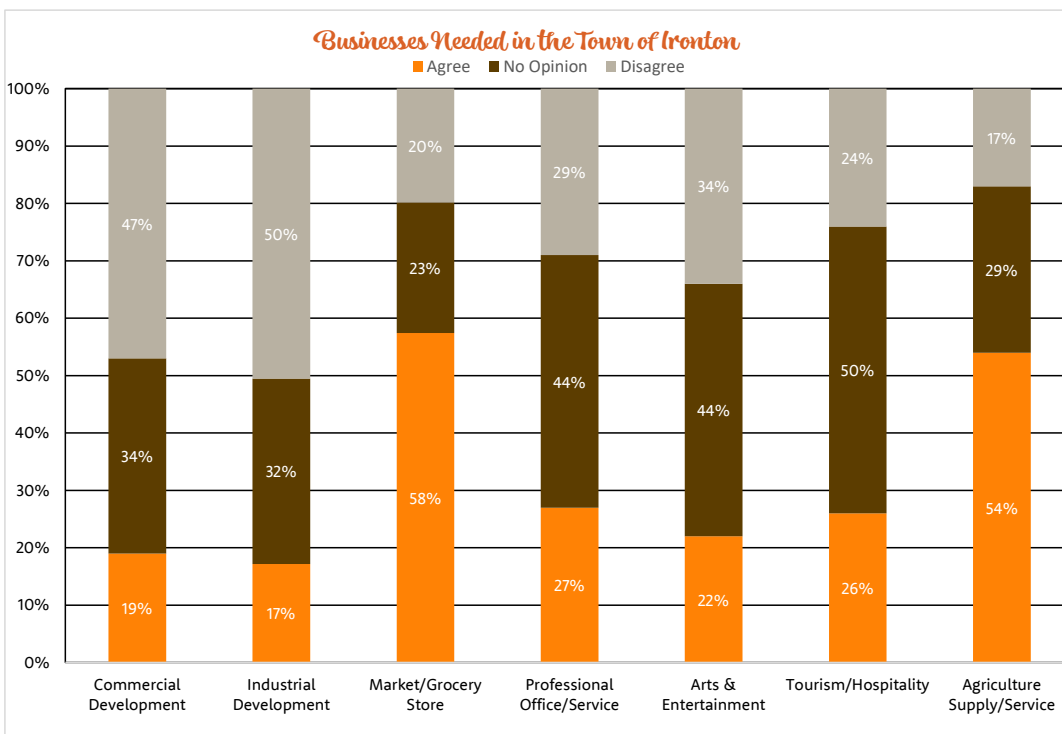
Agree that overall drinking water quality is a concern.



Agree that the Town would benefit from direct farm product sales.



Agree that the Town should allow landowners to pursue solar energy farms.



Town of Ironton Community Survey

Disclaimer: All responses shall be kept anonymous, but the results will be utilized in the Town Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND

1. In what type of residence do you live?

<input type="checkbox"/> Single-family house, non-farm residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time/Vacation house
<input type="checkbox"/> Single-family house, farm residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Landowner only	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____		

2. What type of resident are you in the Town of Ironton?

<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time (6 months+/year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time/seasonal (<6 months/year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Landowner only
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3. How long have you owned or rented property in the Town of Ironton?

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than one year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 20 years	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years
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4. Where is your primary place of work?

<input type="checkbox"/> At home/on farm	<input type="checkbox"/> In Sauk County	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Sauk County (but in WI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Out of State	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired
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ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

5. The quality of life in the Town of Ironton is excellent.

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree
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6. What are the three most important reasons for you and your family to live in the Town? (i.e., cost of living, near family, employment)

7. How would you describe your thoughts towards future growth and development (commercial, recreational, housing, etc.) in the Town of Ironton? (please choose one)

<input type="checkbox"/> We need to support and encourage growth and development.
<input type="checkbox"/> We need to slow down the rate of growth and development in the Town.
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to see the Town stay the way it is.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Town should focus on redevelopment and rehabilitation of existing buildings and land.
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure.

HOUSING

8. The Town of Ironton needs more.... (please check one box in each category)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Single Family Homes					
B. Duplexes (2 units)					
C. Mobile Homes					
D. Elderly/ Assisted Living					
E. Rental Housing (3 or more units)					
F. Condominiums					
G. Other: _____					

9. Housing is generally affordable in the Town of Ironton.

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree
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10. The existing housing stock in the Town provides a wide variety of choices for people of all incomes and needs.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what type of housing is needed? _____

11. The physical condition of the housing stock in the Town is adequate.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

12. The Town of Ironton should protect and promote buildings, sites, and artifacts of historical importance.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. The water quality issues listed below are of concern in the Town of Ironton.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Overall drinking water quality					
B. Groundwater pollution					
C. Surface water pollution due to runoff from roads, homes, cabins, resorts and other development during construction					
D. Surface and ground water quality impacts from agricultural operations					

14. The natural resources listed below are important to protect in the Town of Ironton.

Resources	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Air Quality					
B. Farmland					
C. Floodplains					
D. Hillside/Steep Slopes					
E. Natural Areas					
F. Rural Character					
G. Scenic Views					
H. Shoreline					
I. Water quality of lakes, streams, creeks and rivers					
J. Wetlands					
K. Wildlife Habitat					
L. Woodlands					
M. Other: _____					

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

15. The siting and expansion of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOS, i.e. 1000 beef cattle, 700 dairy cows, 2500 hogs, 3,000 sheep, or 82,000 chickens) should be allowed in the Town.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

16. Protecting farmland in the community from development is important.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

17. The Town of Ironton would benefit from the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Agriculture Tourism					
Direct Farm Product Sales					
Workdays and Educational Opportunities Related to the Agriculture Industry					
Overnight Lodging/Bed and Breakfast					
Other: _____					

18. There are adequate agricultural support and complementary services to keep agricultural operations in the Town economically viable.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what services do you feel are needed?

TRANSPORTATION

19. Please provide an opinion relating to the following statements on transportation facilities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. The overall road network (roads, highways) meets the needs of the citizens					
B. The condition of Town roads is adequate for intended uses					
C. Biking facilities should be considered when upgrading roadways or when adding non-motorized transportation.					
D. Facilities that support walking or hiking are adequate within the Town.					
E. Transportation services for the elderly are adequate within the Town.					
F. Area carpooling/"park and ride" facilities should be provided in the Town					
G. The UTV access on the roadways meets the needs of current and visiting citizens.					
H. Other: _____					

20. There are transportation facility needs or problems in the Town of Ironton that need to be addressed.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

If you strongly agree or agree, explain which locations and why.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

21. In the Town of Ironton, should small or large business development be permitted in rural areas? (A small business is defined as having an average year-round equivalent of 10 or fewer full-time employees.)

Yes, small business Yes, large business Yes, both
 No, small business No, large business No, both

22. Should small or large business development be permitted if it is adjoining the Villages of Ironton, Lime Ridge, or Cazenovia?
 Yes, small business Yes, large business Yes, both Not Applicable
 No, small business No, large business No, both
23. The current transition area surrounding the Villages is 0.25 (1/4) of a mile. The purpose of the transition area is for future residential and commercial development. Should this area be expanded or reduced?
 Expanded up to ½ mile Remain the same Concentrate development on main transportation routes
 Expanded up to 1 mile Less than 0.25
 Greater than 1 mile

24. Please indicate whether you feel the following types of business are needed in the Town.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Commercial Development					
B. Industrial Development					
C. Market/Grocery Store					
D. Professional Office/Service					
E. Arts & Entertainment					
F. Tourism/Hospitality					
G. Agriculture Supply/Service					
H. Other: _____					

25. If you responded as “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” to any of the choices in Question 25, what suggestions do you have?

COMMUNITY UTILITIES AND FACILITIES

26. Please indicate whether you feel the following types of community facilities are adequate for the Town.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Area Library (Location: _____)					
B. Town Hall					
C. Fire / EMT Station (if applicable)					
D. Town Garage					
E. Recreational Facilities (e.g., ball fields)					
F. Boating Facilities/Docks					
G. Camping Facilities					
H. Other: _____					

27. The Town of Ironton’s community facilities have adequate provisions for differently abled (i.e., handicapped) accessibility.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

If you disagree or strongly disagree, explain which locations do not and why:

28. In general, law enforcement services for the Town of Ironton...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Provide a feeling of safety in the community					
B. Provide adequate protection and coverage					
C. Respond in a timely manner when called					
D. Other: _____					

29. In general, the Town of Ironton’s road crew...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

A. Adequately maintains local infrastructure (roads, utilities)					
B. Responds in a timely manner when called					
C. Addresses concerns with respect and fairness					
D. Other: _____					

30. In general, the Town of Ironton's Administrative Staff (i.e., clerk, treasurer)...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Responds to requests in a timely manner					
B. Is courteous and polite					
C. Is knowledgeable and helpful					
D. Other: _____					

31. The Town of Ironton has a need for the following amenities:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Bike Trails/Routes					
B. Walking / Hiking / C.C. Ski Trails					
C. Playgrounds and Equipment					
D. Picnic Areas/Shelters					
E. Public Natural/Recreational Areas					
F. Dog Parks					
G. Public Hunting/Fishing Areas					
H. Snowmobile Trails					
I. ATV Trails					
J. Other: _____					

32. The following services are adequate in the Town of Ironton.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Ambulance Service					
B. Fire Service					
C. Library Programs					
D. School System					
E. Park and Recreational Opportunities					
F. Storm Water Management					
G. Garbage Collection/Drop-off					
H. Recycling Program					
I. Electrical Service/Supply					
J. Telephone Service					
K. Cable Service					
L. Internet Service					
M. Cell Phone Service					
N. Other: _____					

33. The Town of Ironton should allow landowners to pursue the following alternative energy sources as a form of economic development or self-sustainability. For the following energy alternatives, indicate your opinion.

Facility	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. Ethanol Plants					
B. Methane (biodigester) Production					
C. Solar Energy Farms					
D. Large-scale wind turbine					
E. Other: _____					

LAND USE

34. The following are several statements about potential future land uses for the Town of Ironton. Indicate your opinion by each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A. In the Town of Ironton, housing subdivisions should be allowed in rural areas.					
B. Housing subdivisions should be allowed adjoining the Villages of Ironton, Lime Ridge, or Cazenovia but still within the Town. (if applicable)					
C. It is acceptable to build houses on tillable land.					
D. New housing should be directed to areas with existing development.					
E. The Town should allow rural subdivisions anywhere within the Town.					
F. Landowners should be able to sell any land they feel is appropriate for development.					
G. The Town should offer residential development alternatives such as new home clustering in exchange for agricultural preservation.					
H. Development adjoining the Villages of Ironton, Lime Ridge, or Cazenovia should include a mix of single-family and multi-family residential. (if applicable)					
I. Small-scale commercial business development should be permitted in the Town.					
J. Small, non-farm businesses should be allowed in the Town as accessory uses to residential development.					
K. There is a problem with excessive noise or odors from any land uses within the Town.					
L. The Town should keep farmers informed of opportunities and programs for agricultural resources.					
M. The Town should support programs that purchase easements on natural area lands, such as wetlands, floodplains, woodlands, and farmland for preservation and recreation purposes.					
N. The Town should engage in watershed improvement projects for area creeks--for trout population protection and habitat restoration.					
O. Coordinating the land use plans of Ironton along with neighboring municipalities should be a high priority.					
P. The Town should allow opportunities for large scale renewable energy operations such as solar or wind farms.					
Q. The Town should encourage the development of rural broadband (internet or cellular service) access.					
R. Other: _____					

Additional Comments: _____

35. The Town of Ironton should apply aesthetic guidelines or development standards to new construction.
 Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

36. In your opinion what is the best option for the placement of new residential development.
- Option A _____ One house per lot not to exceed 3 lots per landowner in a 5-year period;
 - Option B _____ One house per lot not to exceed 3 lots per landowner in a 5-year period, with an agreement that agricultural lands are preserved;
 - Option C _____ Conventional subdivision development with no limitation on the number or size of lots;
 - Option D _____ Conventional subdivision development requiring large lots (5 acres or more) with no limitation on the number of lots;
 - Option E _____ Conservation subdivision development designating areas for development and green space.
 - Option F _____ No new development.

44. What do you want the Town of Ironton to look like in 20 years?

45. How do you envision your property being used in 10 years? 20 years?

TOWN OF IRONTON

Community Survey Results

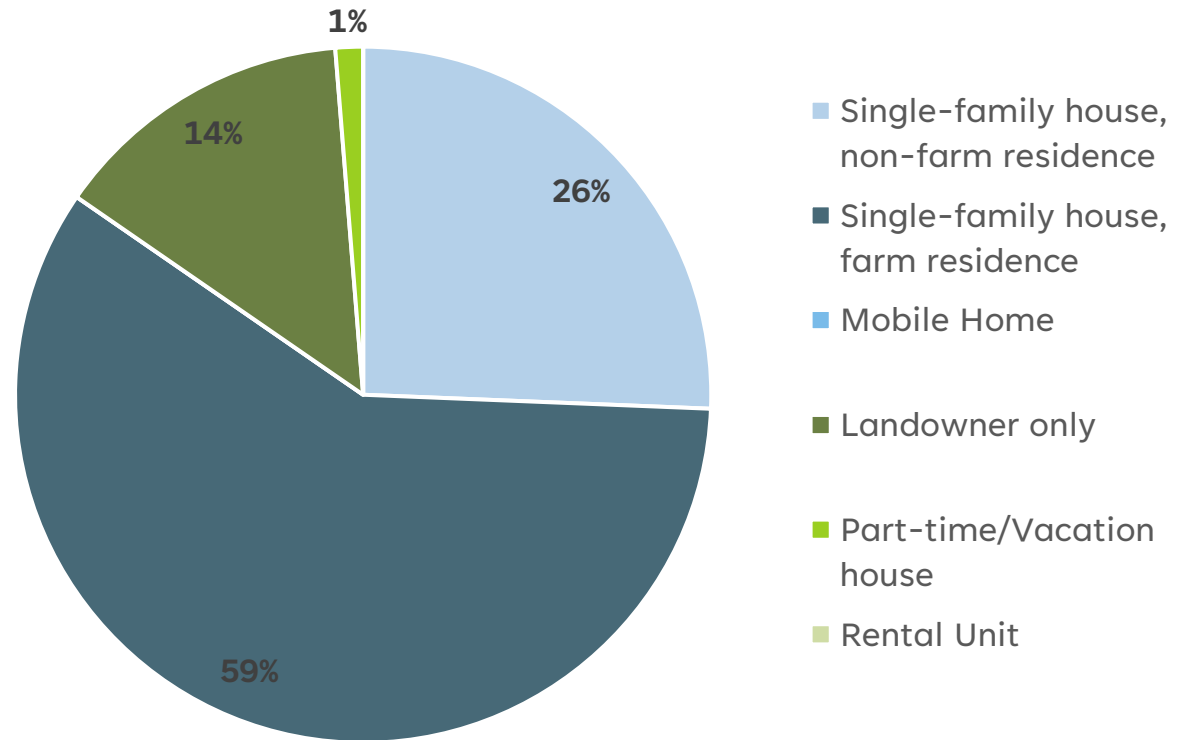
RESULTS SUMMARY

- 33% Response Rate
 - 78 Responses out of 235 Households
 - 85% Live in Town
- Happy with life in the Town and Town Management
- Love of rural living and desire to protect agricultural lifestyle



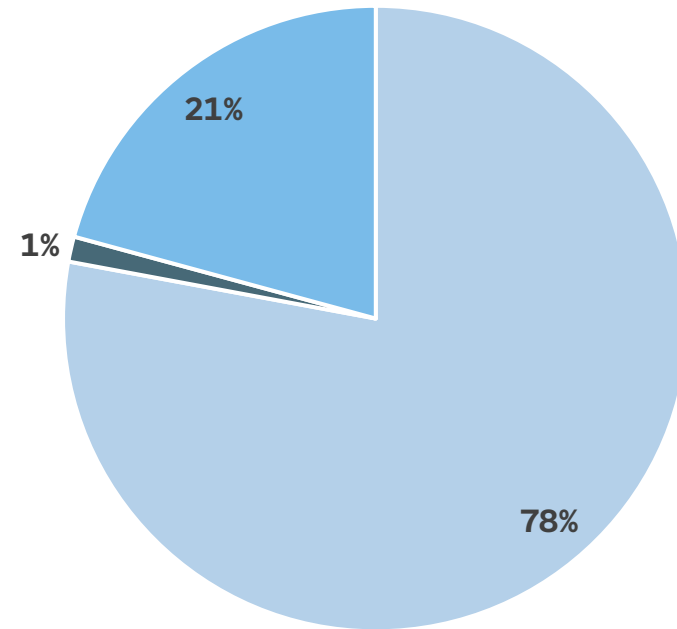
**QUESTION 1:
Type Of
Residence**

In what type of residence do you live?



**QUESTION 2:
Type Of
Resident**

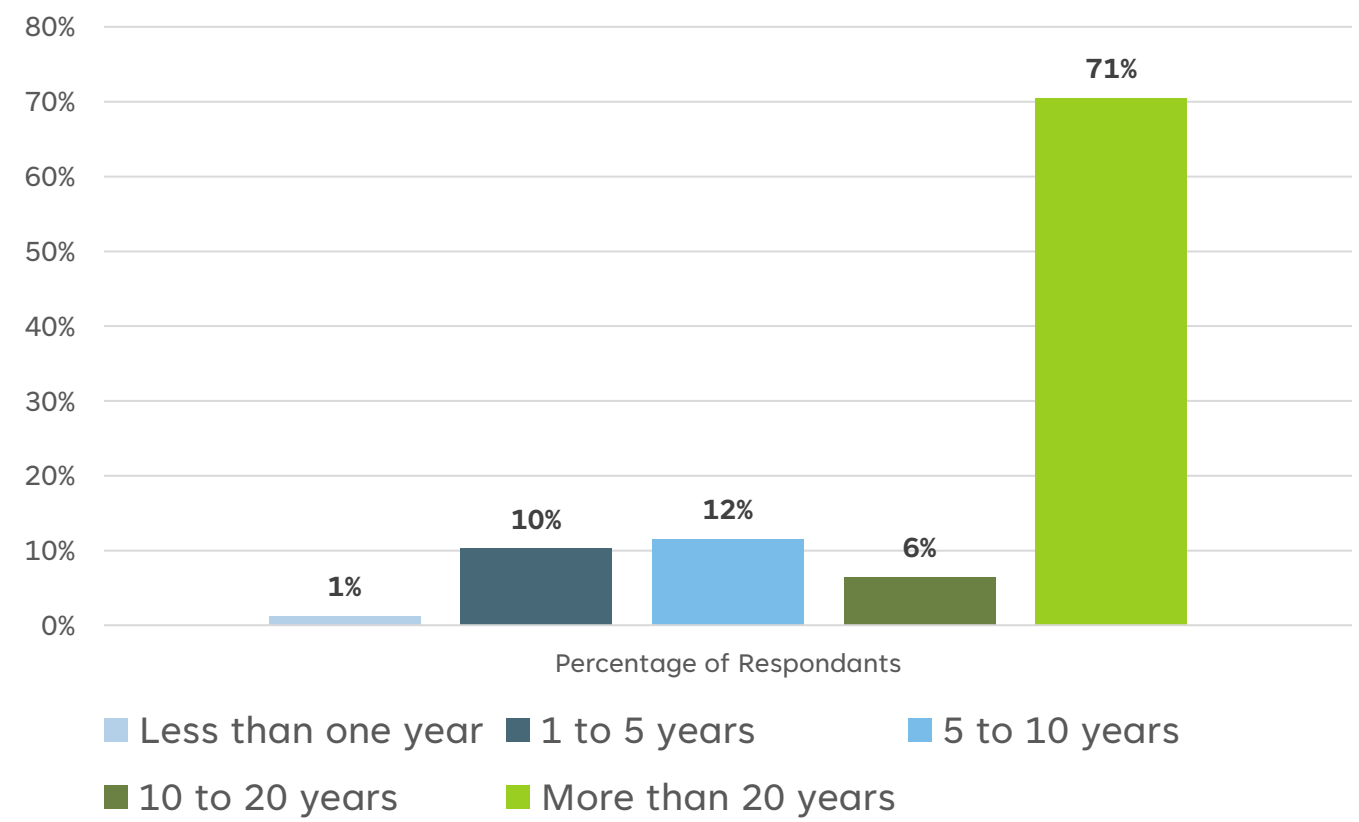
What type of resident are you in the Town of Ironton?



- Full-time (6 months+/year)
- Part-time/seasonal (<6 months/year)
- Landowner only



**QUESTION 3:
Length Of
Residency**



QUESTION 4: Primary Place Of Work



AT HOME/ON FARM

29%



IN SAUK COUNTY

30%



OUTSIDE OF SAUK
(BUT IN WI)

12%



RETIRED

40%

0% OUT OF STATE



QUESTION 5:
Quality Of Life

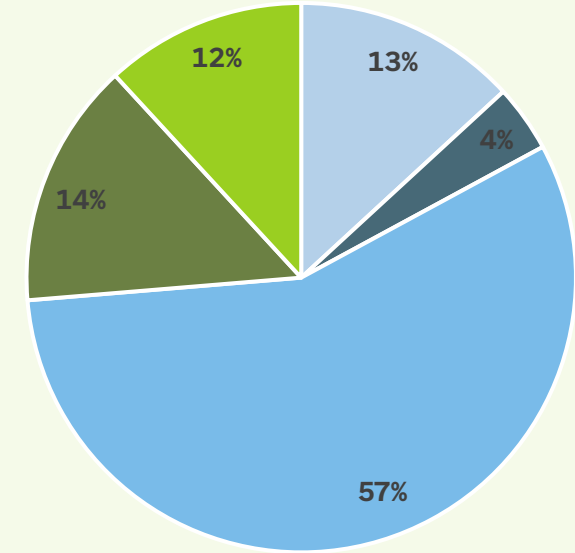
- **87%** Agree that quality of life is EXCELLENT
 - 32% Strongly Agreed
- **12%** Had no Opinion
- **1%** Disagreed



QUESTION 6: Most Important Reasons To Live In The Town

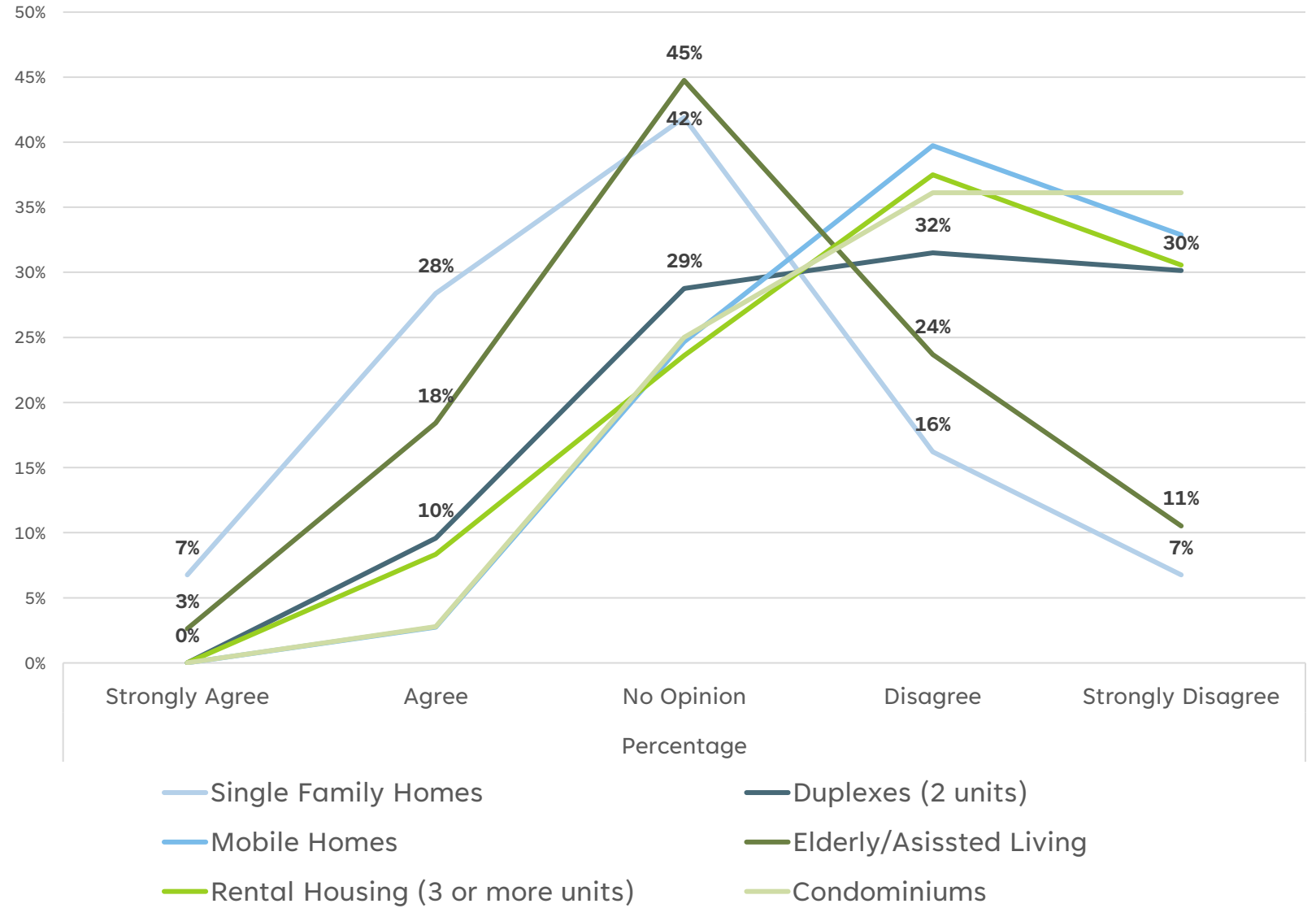
- **41.6%** Country Living, Rural Setting, or Beauty
- **40.3%** Family
- **18.2%** Agriculture
- **16.9%** Quiet, Peaceful, or Privacy
- **9.1%** Cost of Living
- **9.1%** Proximity to Town

QUESTION 7:
Future Growth
& Development
(Commercial, Recreational,
Housing, Etc.)



- We need to support and encourage growth and development.
- We need to slow down the rate of growth and development in the Town.
- I would like to see the Town stay the way it is.
- The Town should focus on redevelopment and rehabilitation of existing buildings and land.
- Not sure.

QUESTION 8:
Town Of Ironton
Needs More....



QUESTION 9: Housing is generally affordable.

48%

Agree or Strongly Agree

47%

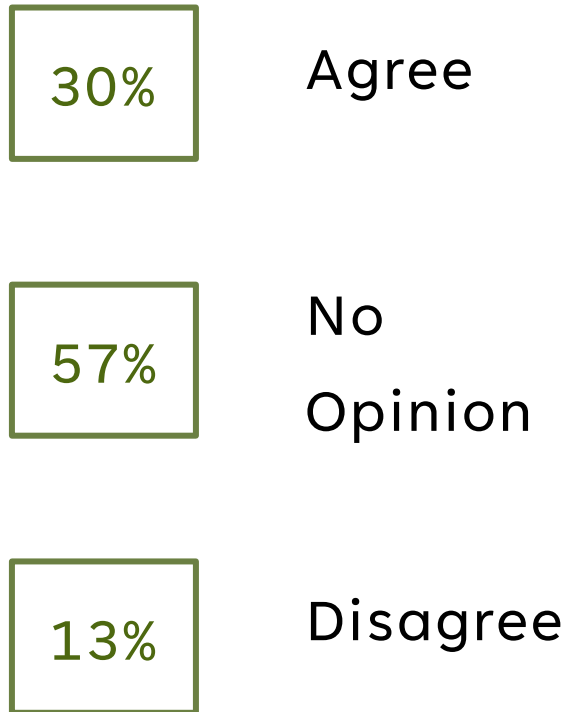
No Opinion

5%

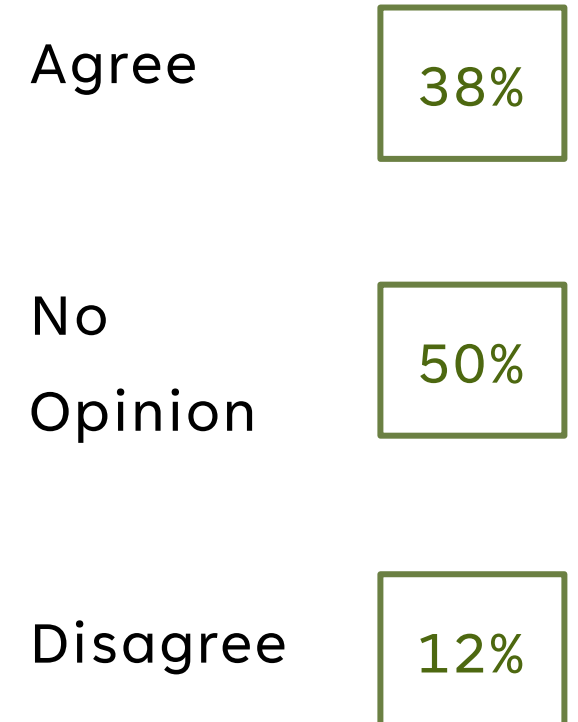
Disagree



QUESTION 10: Existing housing stock provides a wide variety of choices for people of all income and needs.

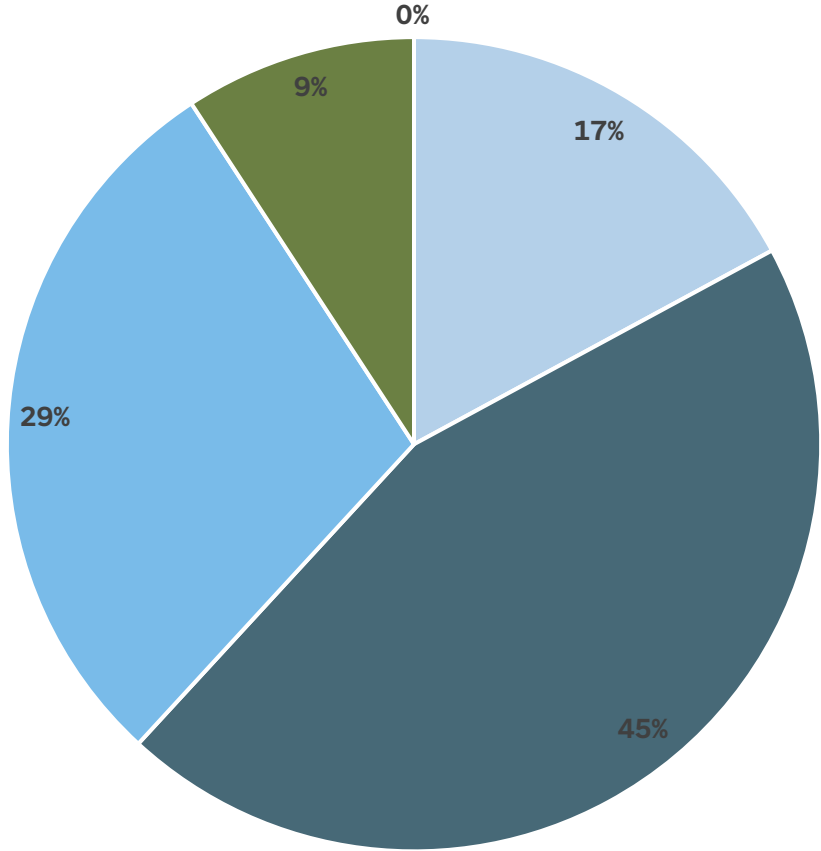


QUESTION 11: The physical condition of the housing stock is adequate.





QUESTION 12:
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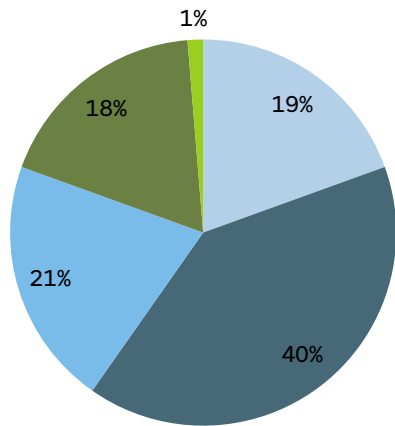


- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

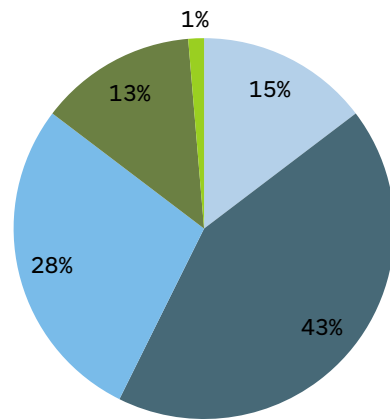


QUESTION 13: The water quality issues listed are of concern in the town of Ironton.

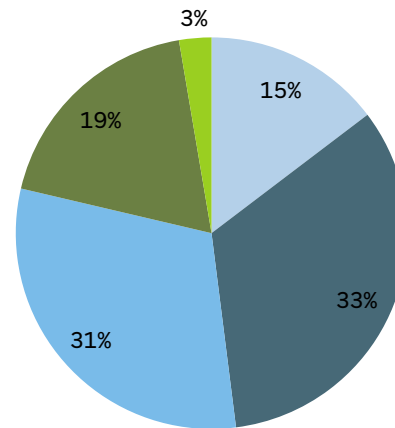
Overall drinking water quality



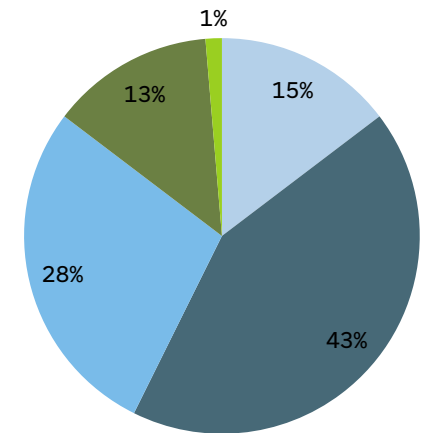
Groundwater Pollution



Surface water pollution due to runoff from development during construction



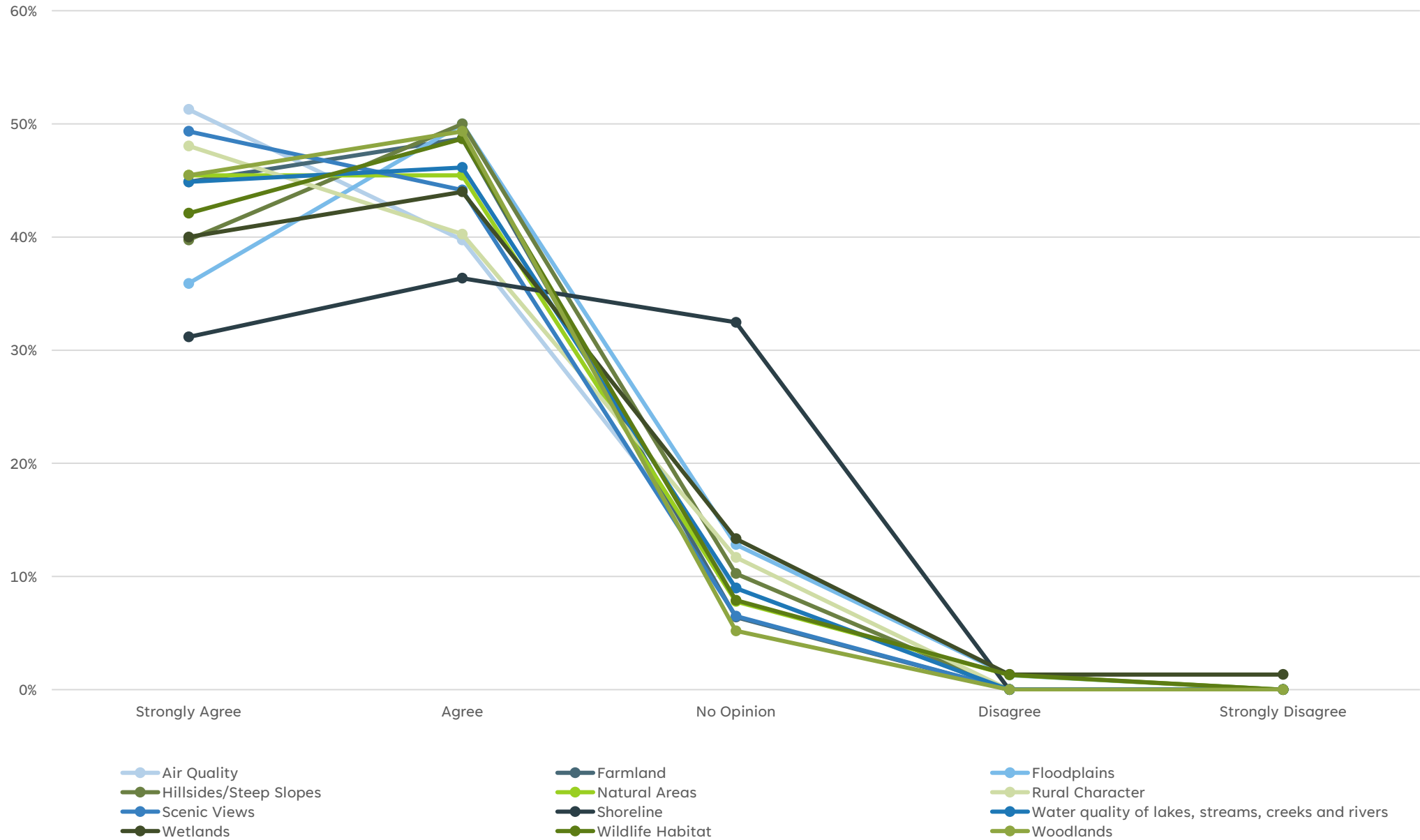
Surface and groundwater quality impacts from agricultural operations



Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree



QUESTION 14: The natural resources listed are important to protect the town of Ironton.



QUESTION 15:

The siting and expansion of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) should be allowed in the Town.

19%

Agree or Strongly Agree

23%

No Opinion

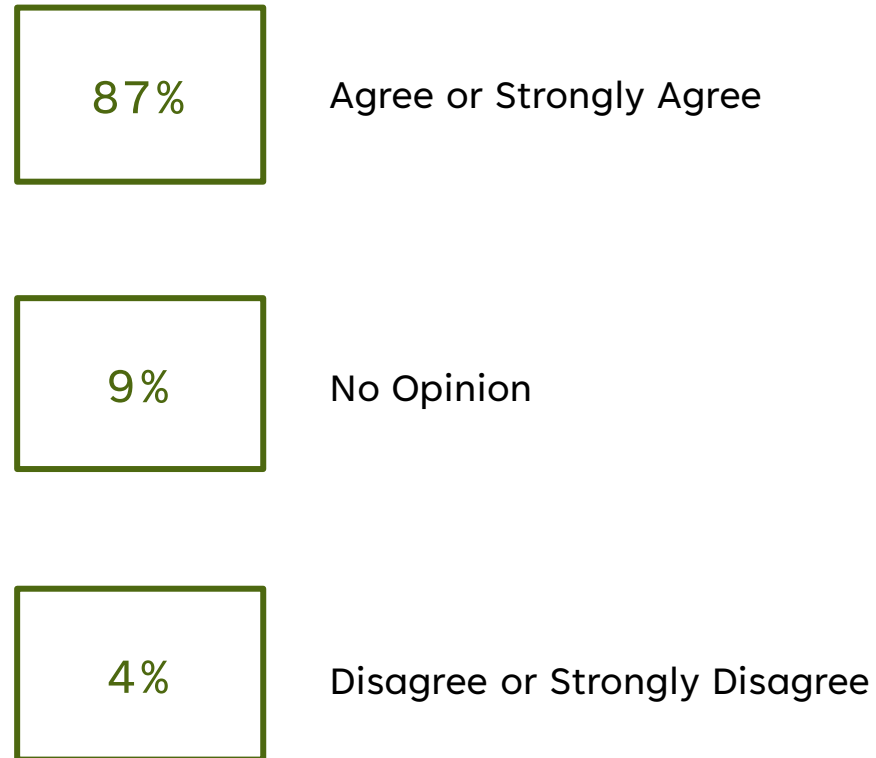
58%

Disagree or Strongly Disagree



QUESTION 16:

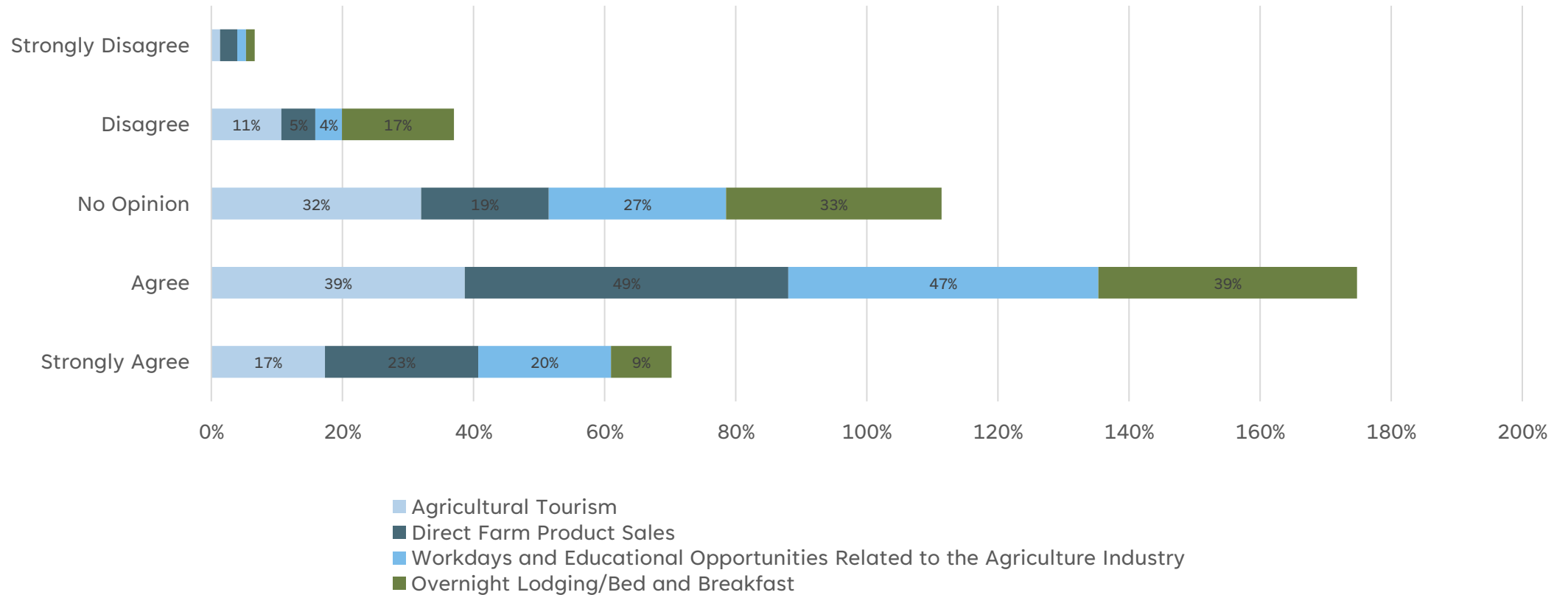
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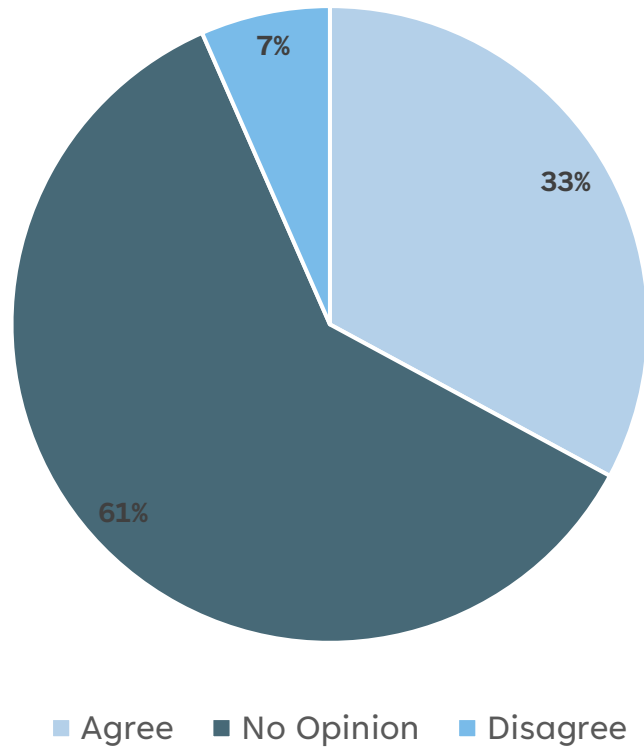
QUESTION 17:

The Town of Ironton would benefit from the following...

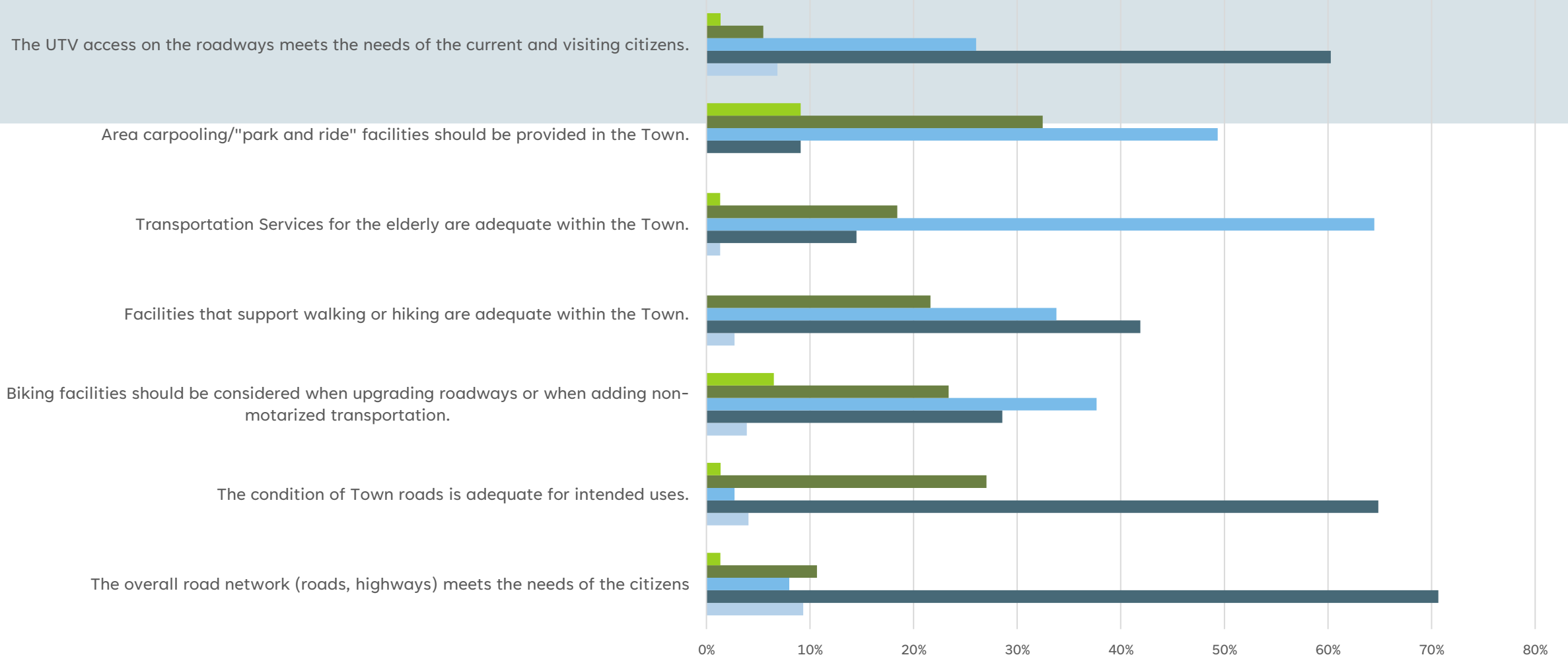


QUESTION 18:

There are adequate agricultural support and complimentary services to keep agricultural operations in the Town economically viable.



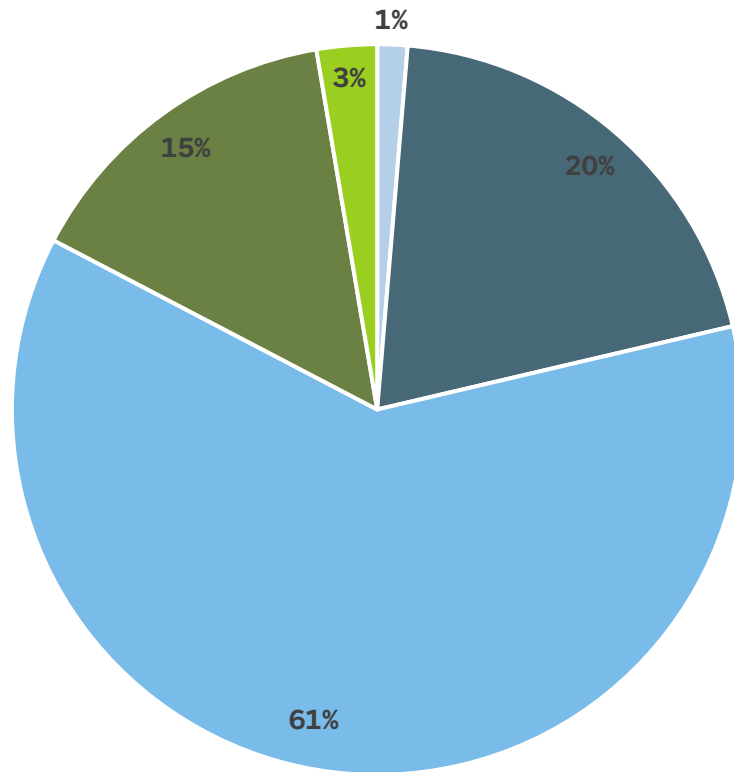
QUESTION 19: Please provide an opinion relating to the following statements on transportation facilities





QUESTION 20:

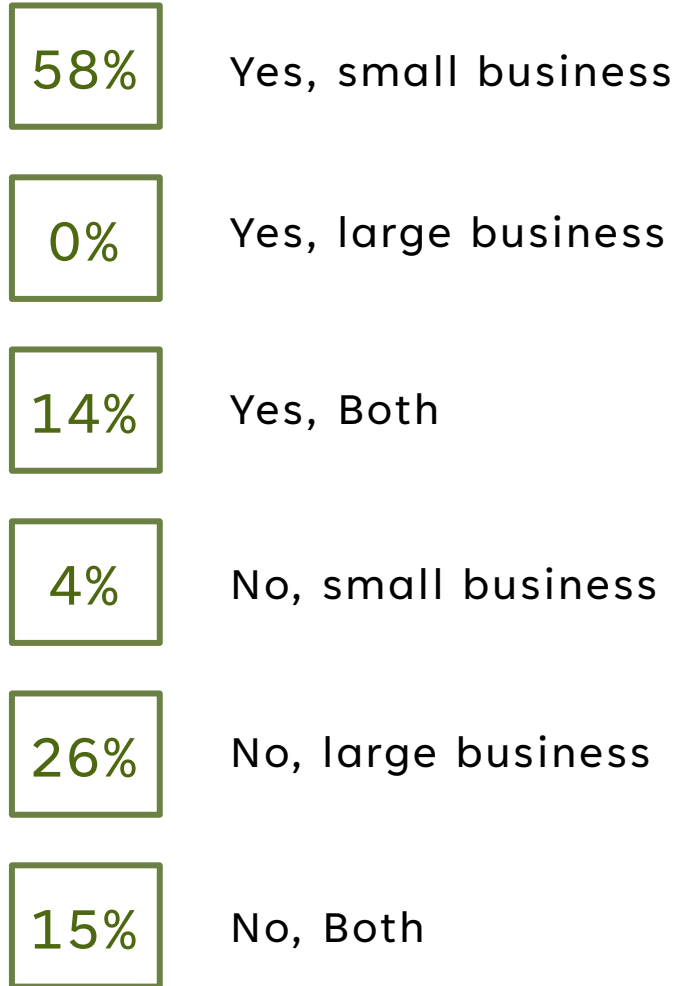
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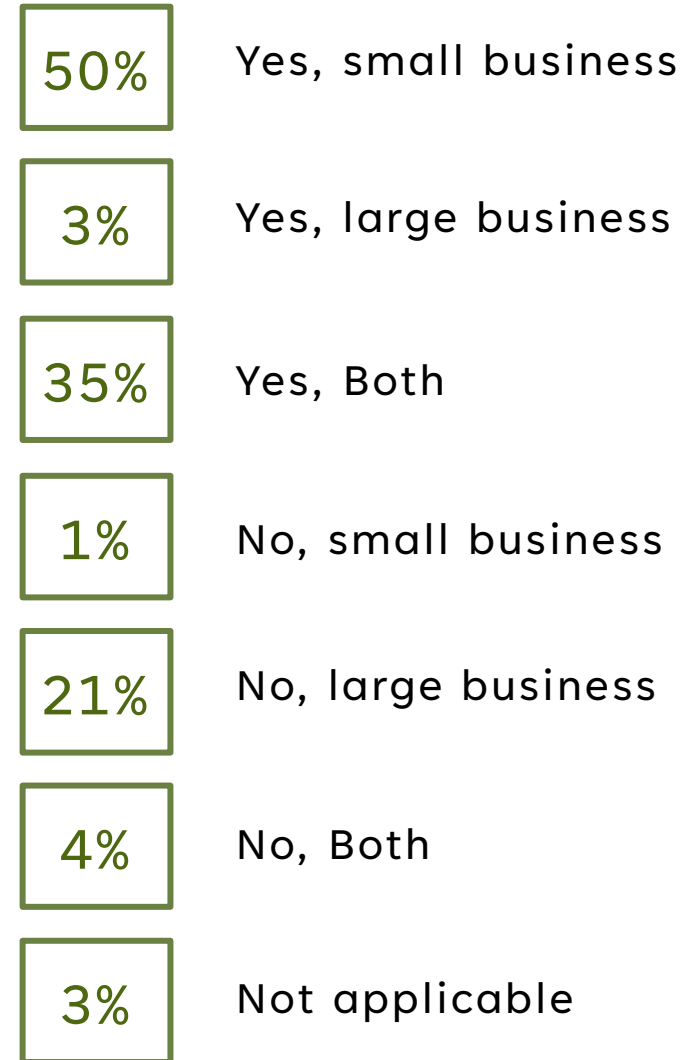
■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ No Opinion ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

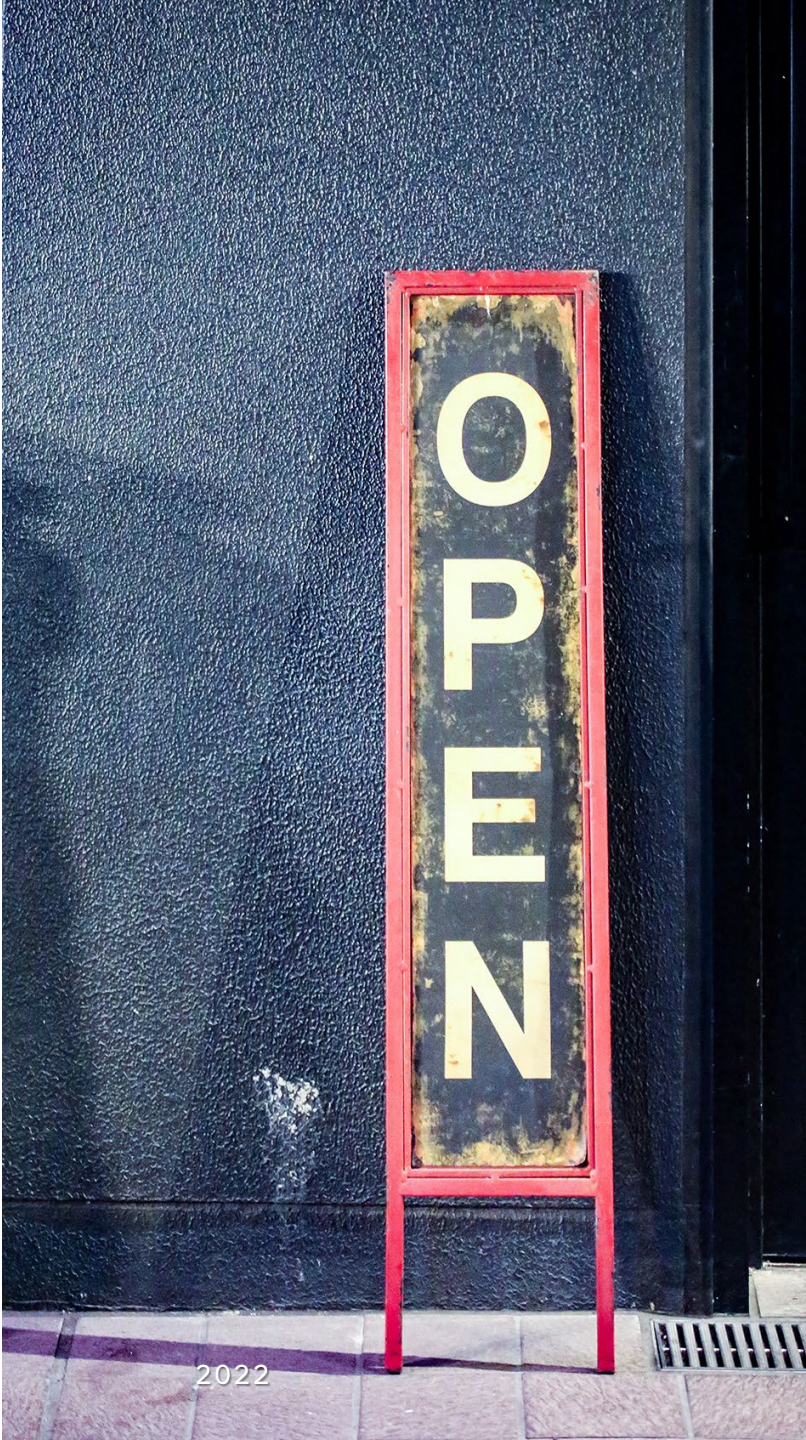


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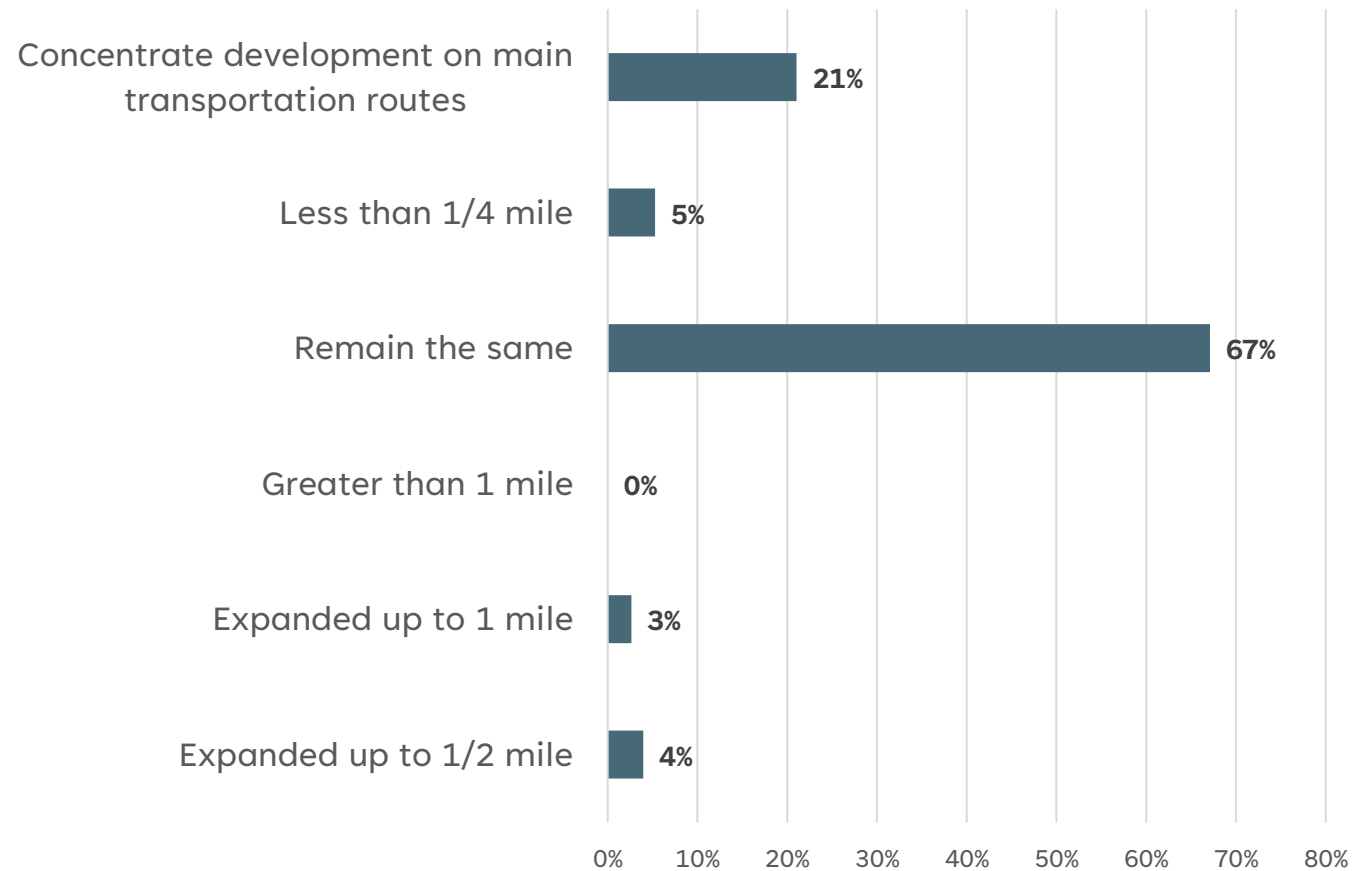
QUESTION 22: Should small or large business development be permitted if it is adjoining the villages?





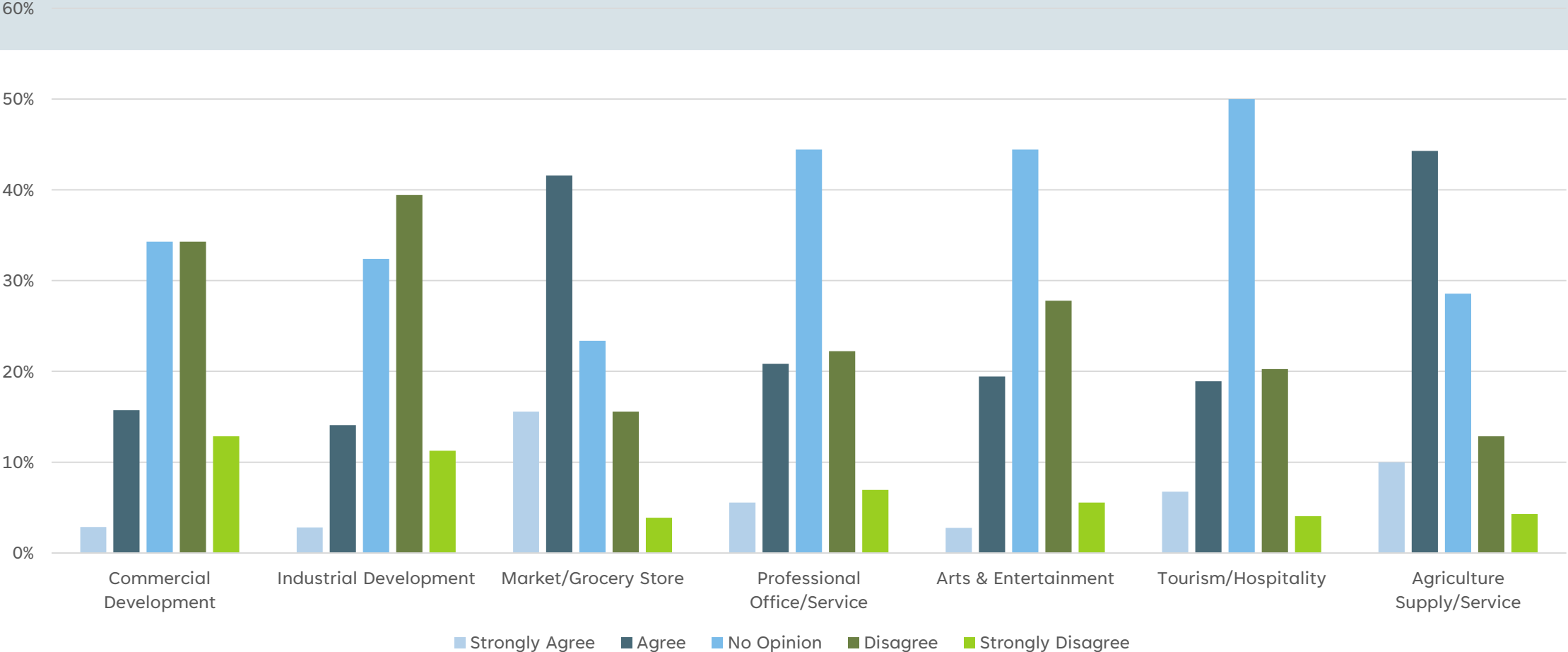
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QUESTION 33: Should the transitional development area be expanded or reduced?





QUESTION 24: The following types of businesses are needed in the town.



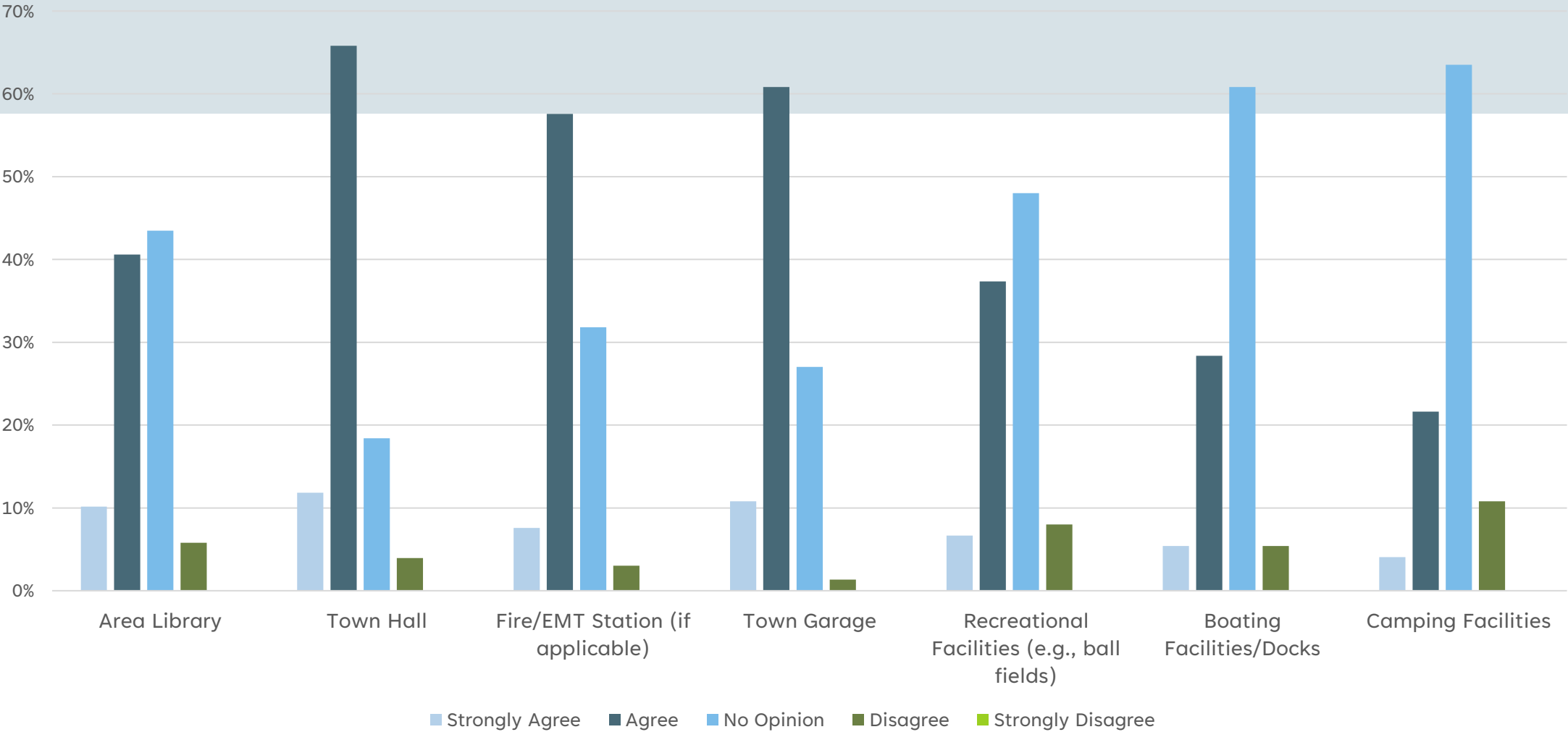
QUESTION 25: Suggested Businesses

- Hardware Store
- Grocery Store
- Gas Stations
- Agricultural Supply Store
- Campground or Outdoor Rec.
- Niche Tourism Business
- Small Home Businesses

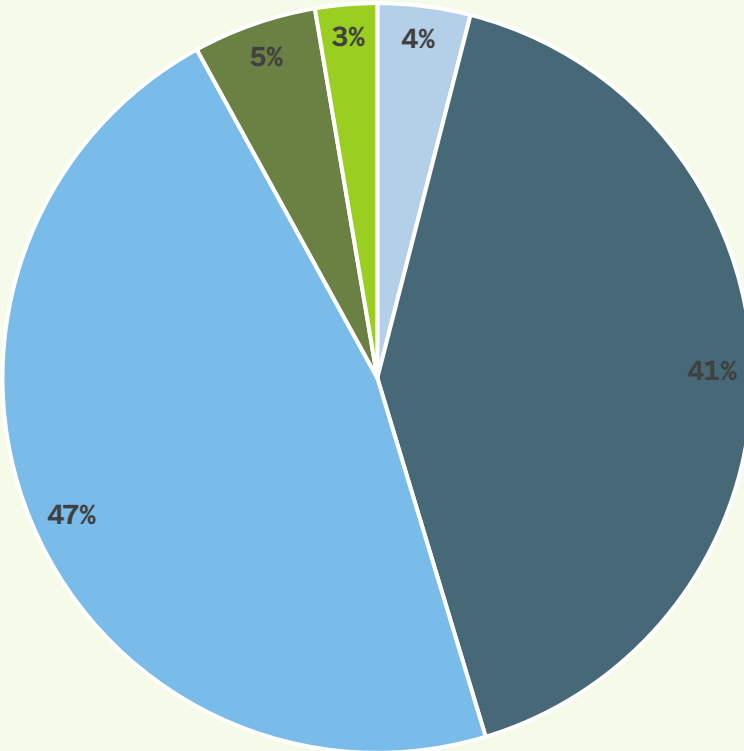




QUESTION 26: The following types of community facilities are needed in the town.



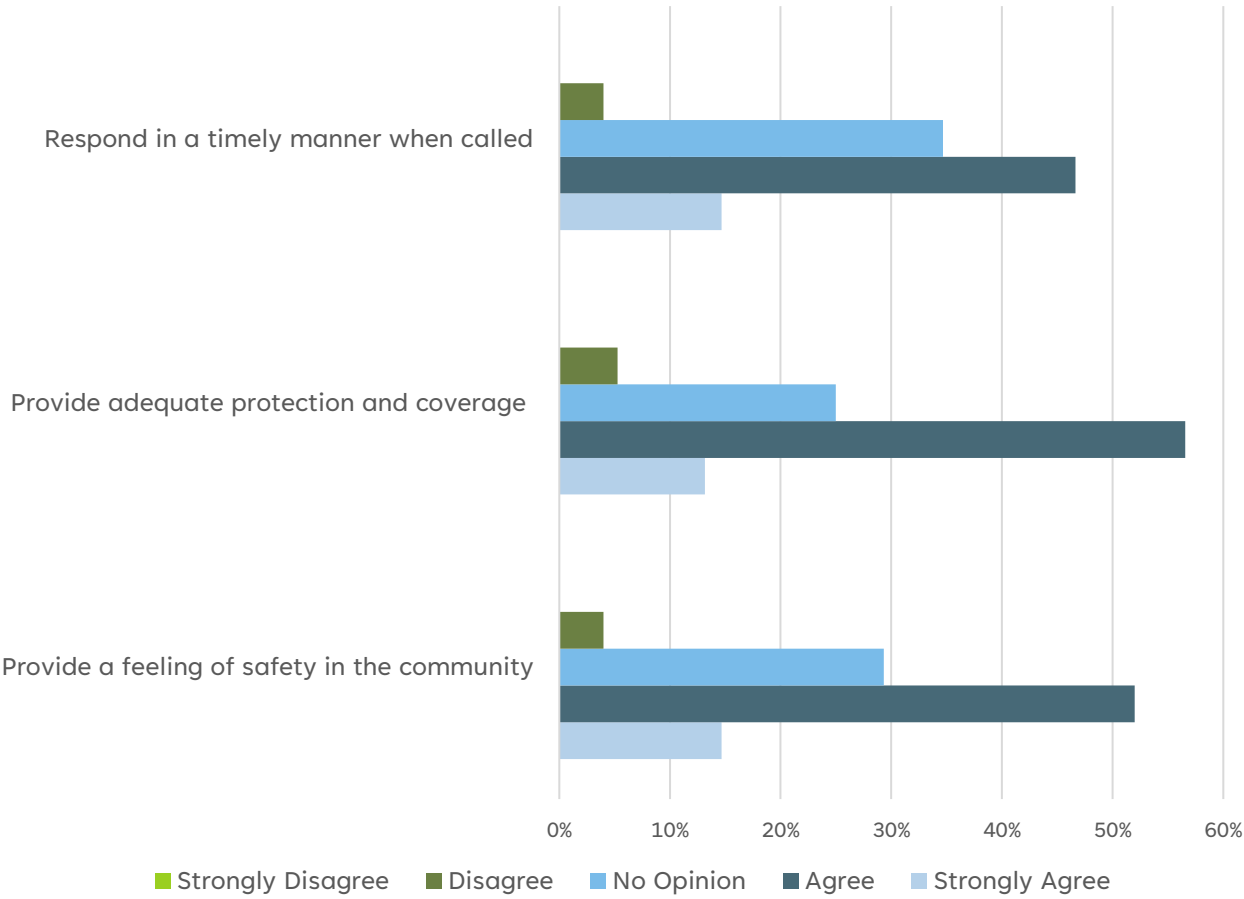
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- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

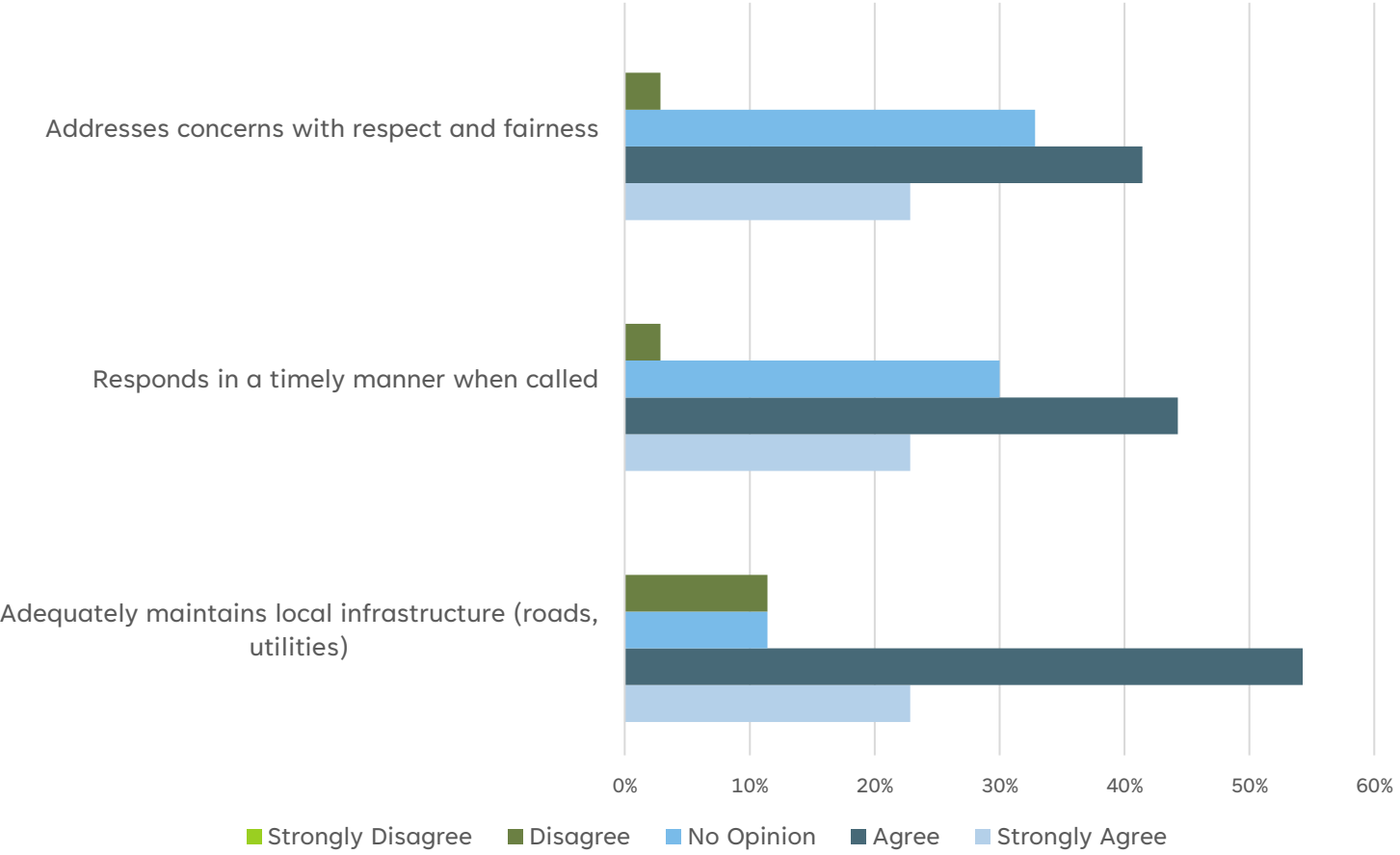


QUESTION 28: The Town's Law Enforcement Services....





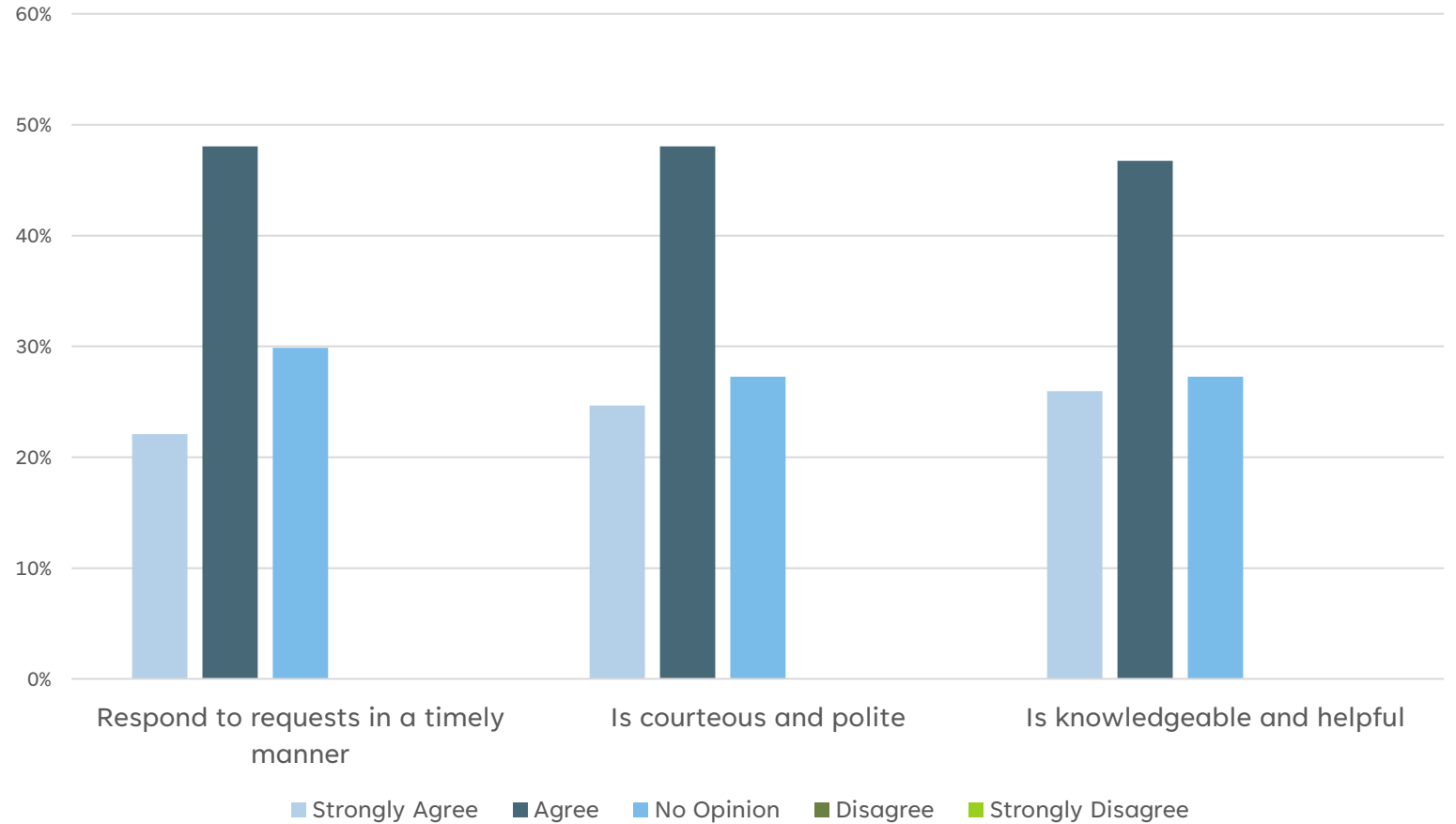
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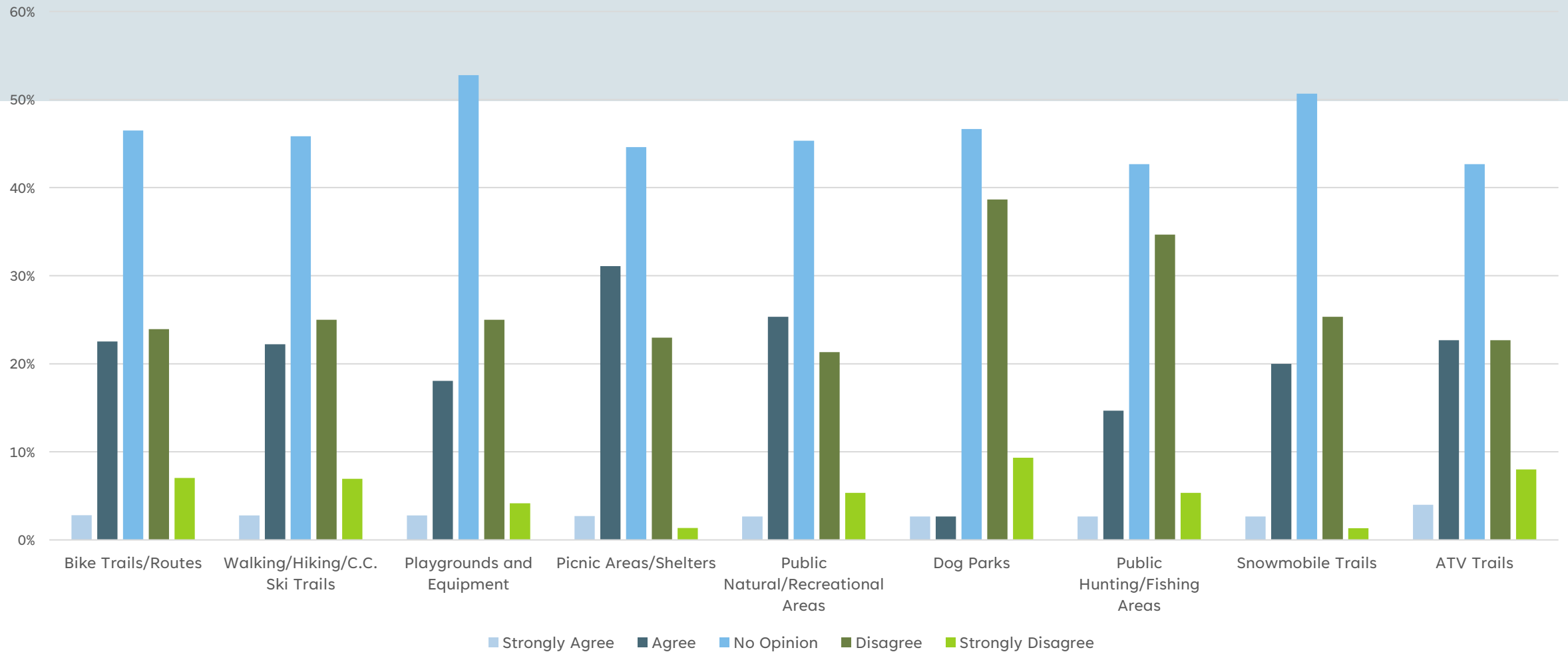
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QUESTION 30: In general, the town of Ironton's administrative staff (i.e., clerk, treasurer)...

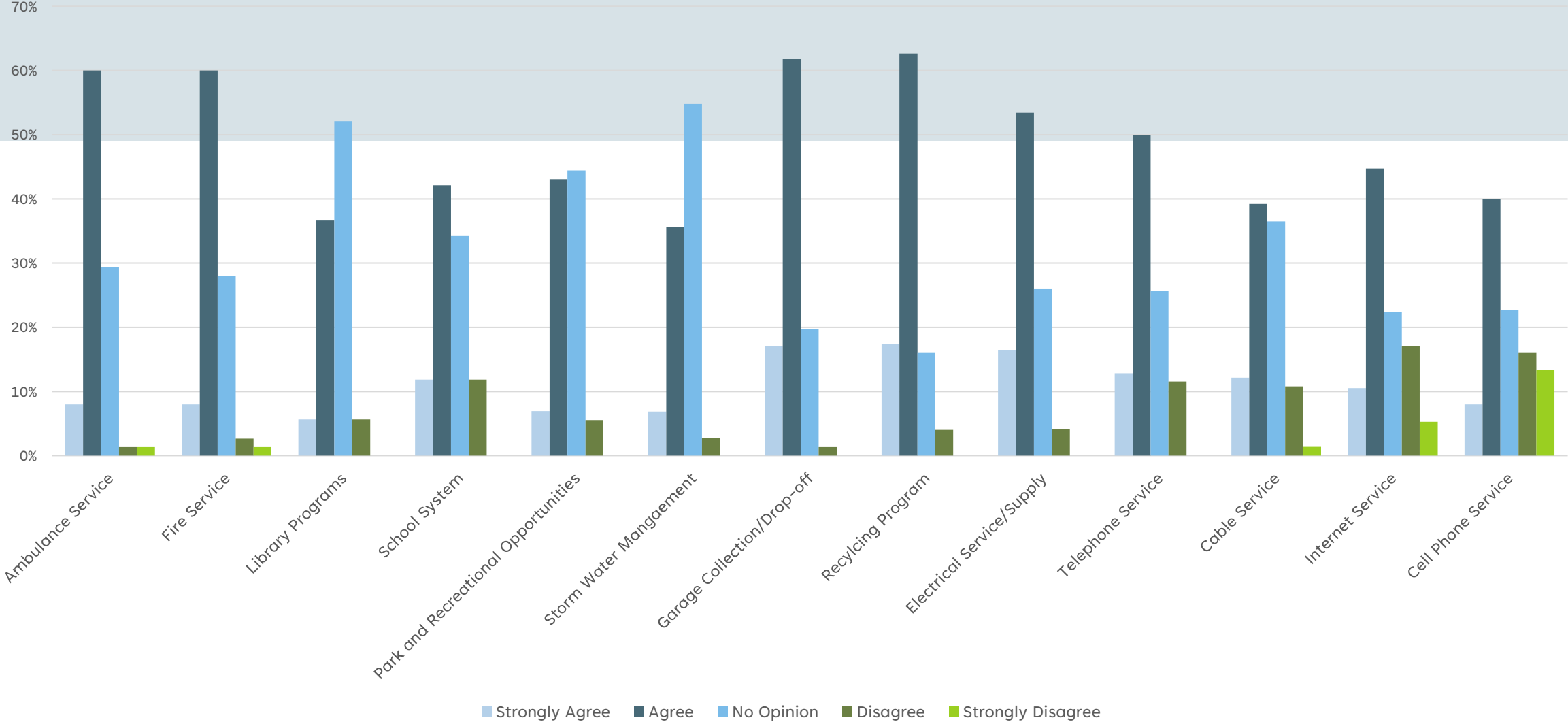




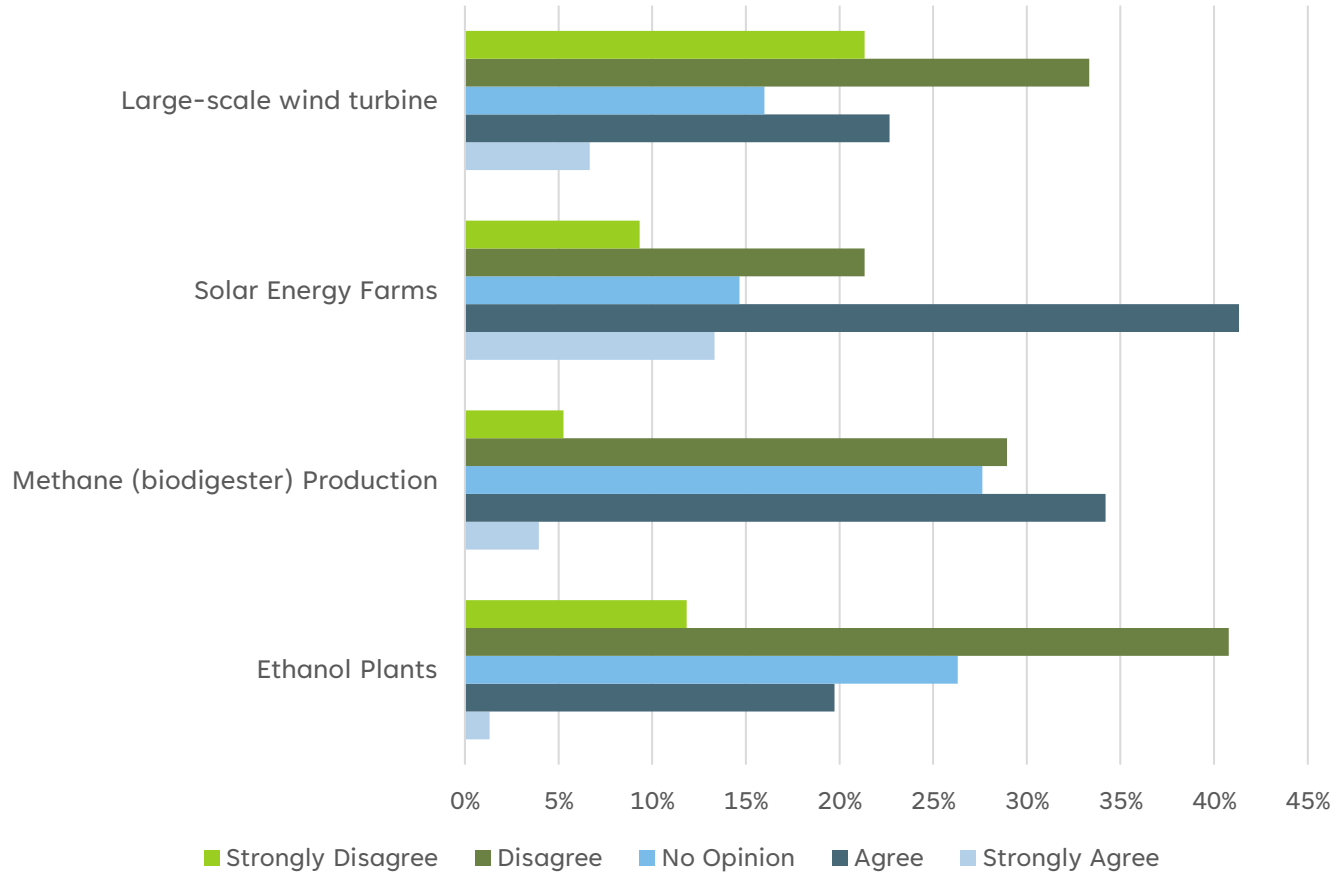
QUESTION 31: The town of Ironton has a need for the following amenities.



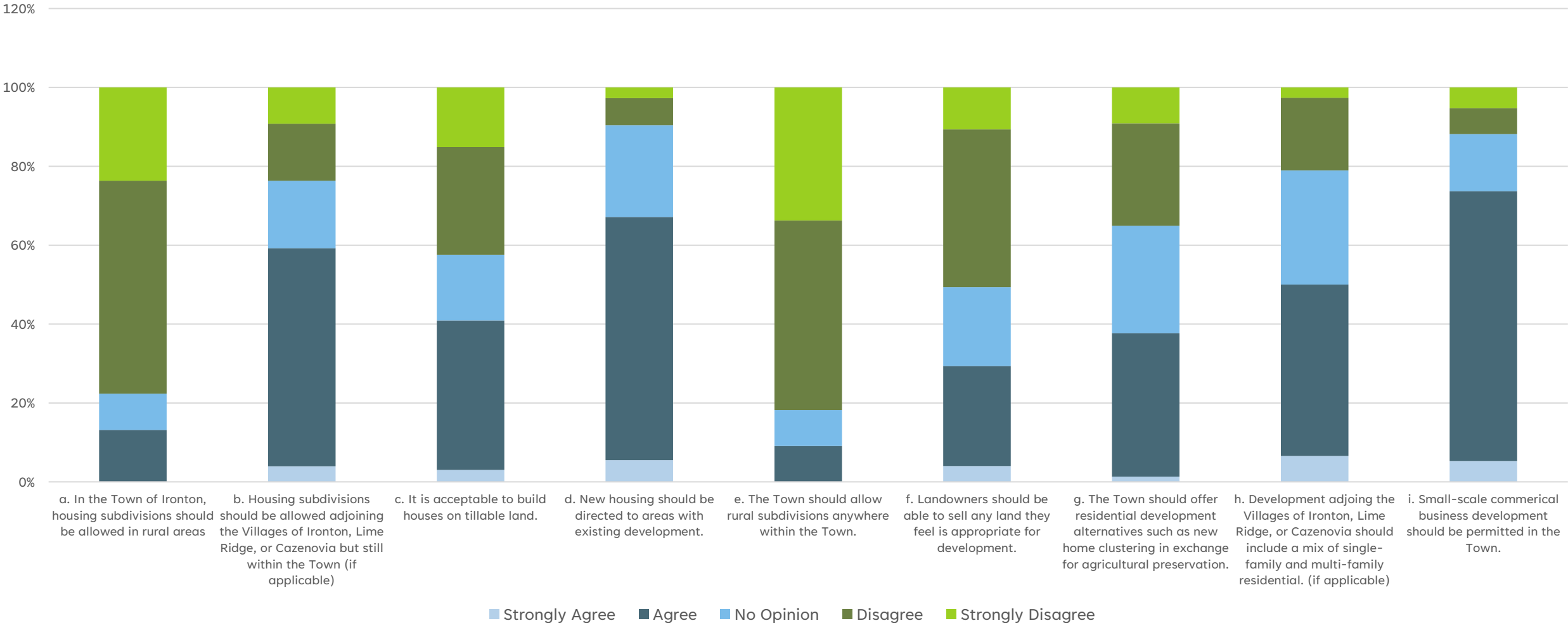
QUESTION 32: The following services are adequate in the town.



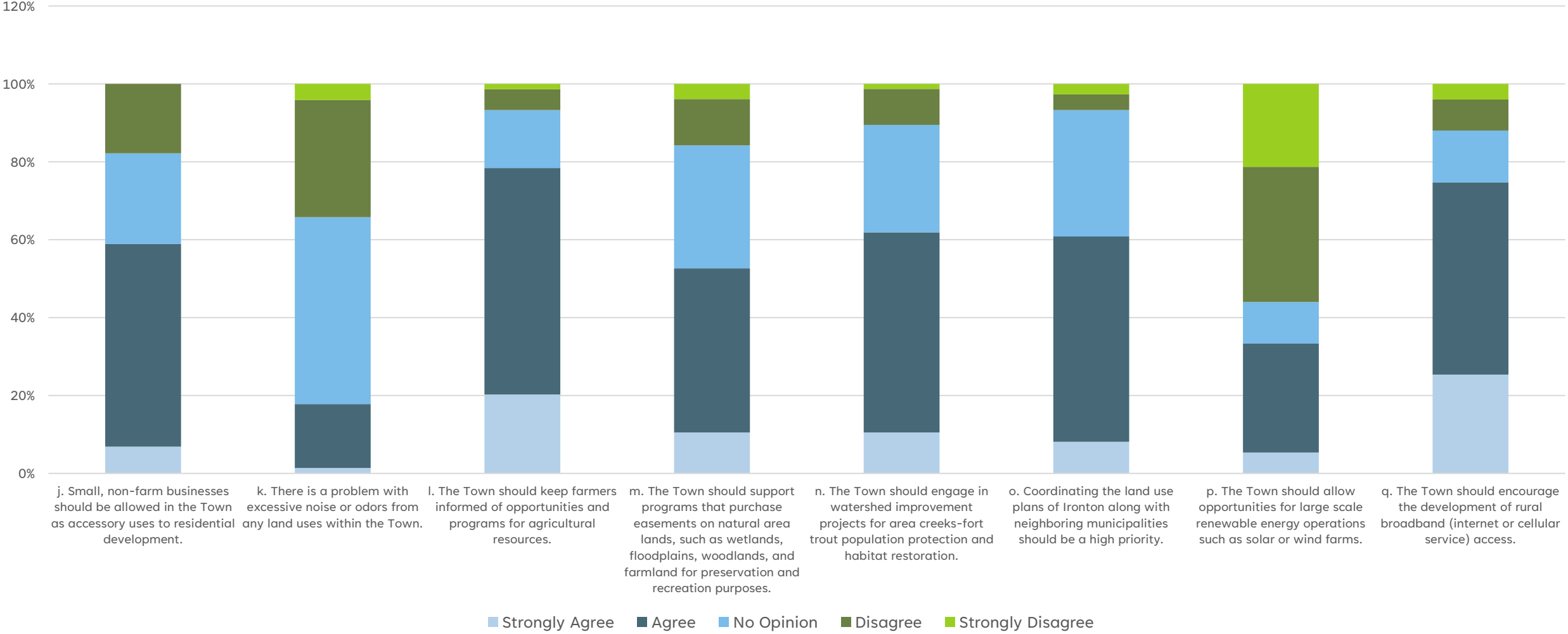
QUESTION 33: The town should allow landowners to pursue alternative energy sources for economic development or self-sustainability.



QUESTION 34: Potential Future Land Uses

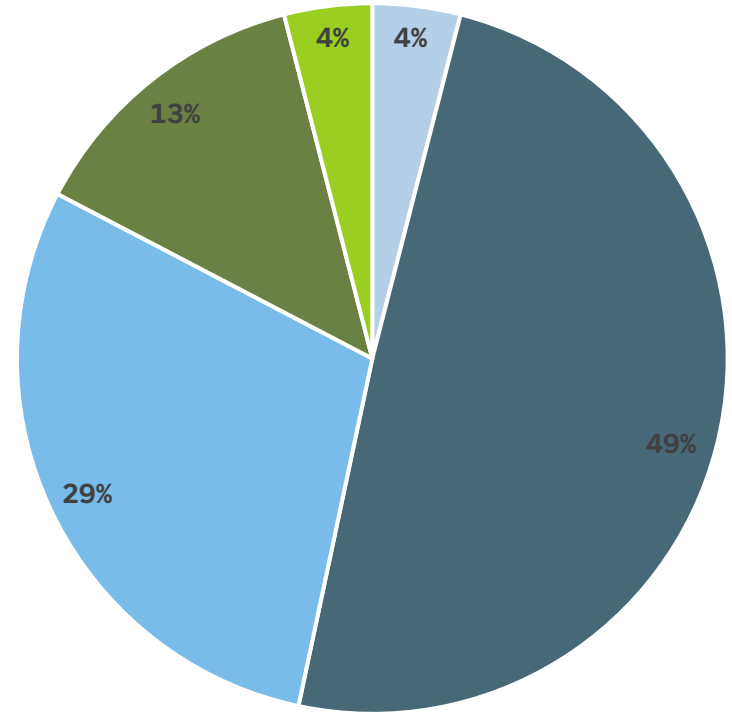


QUESTION 34: Potential Future Land Uses Continued





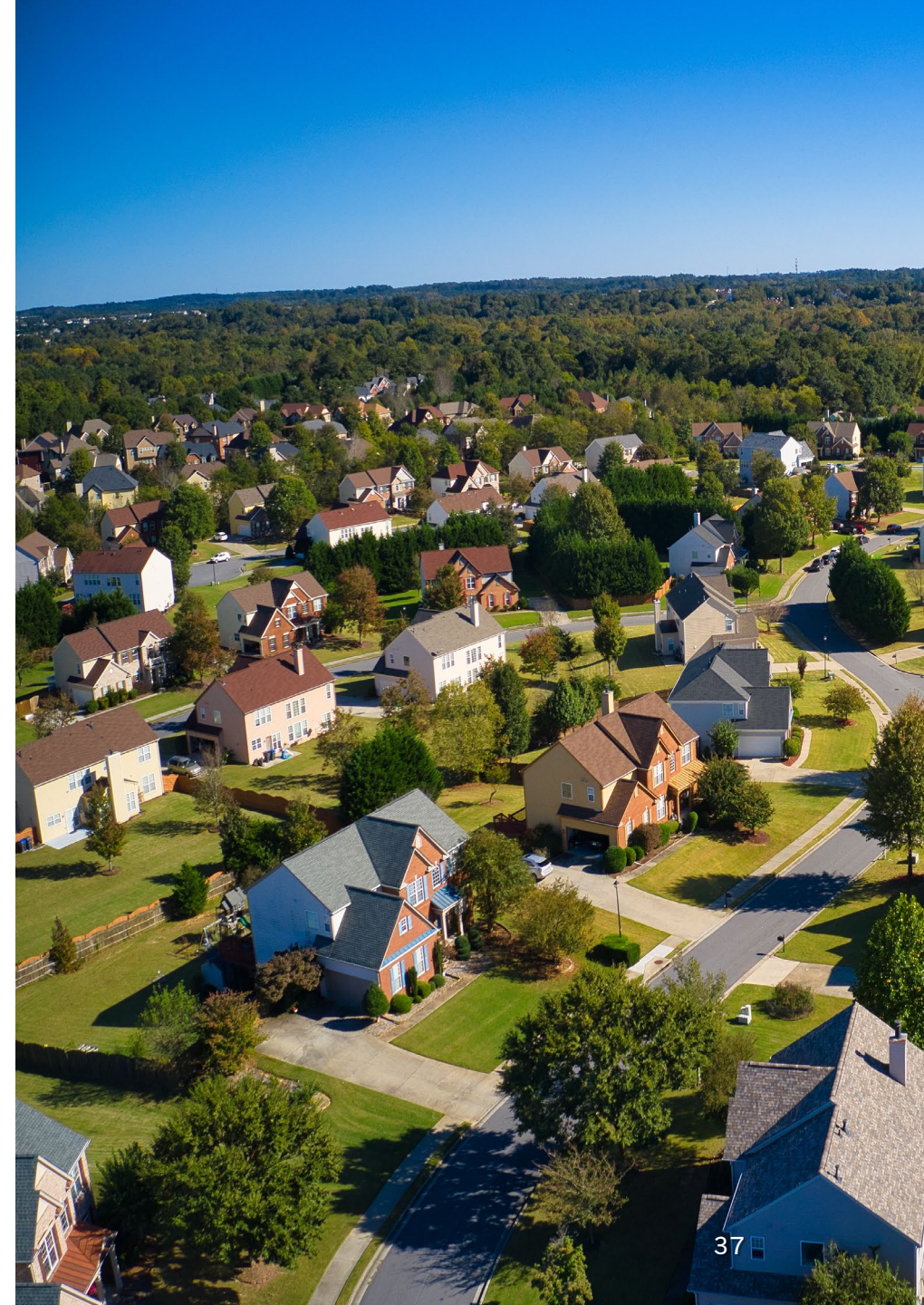
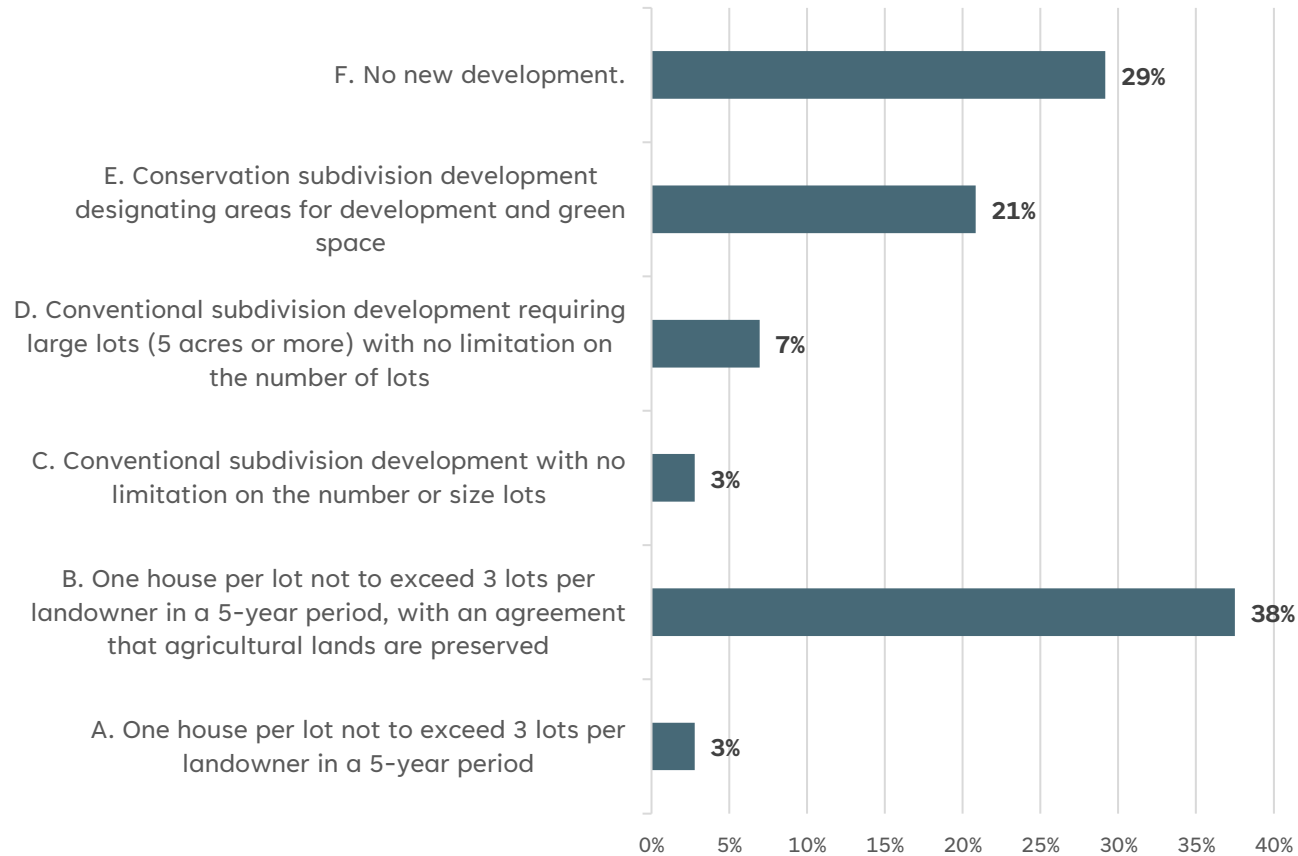
QUESTION 35: The town of Ironton should apply aesthetic guidelines or development standards to new construction.



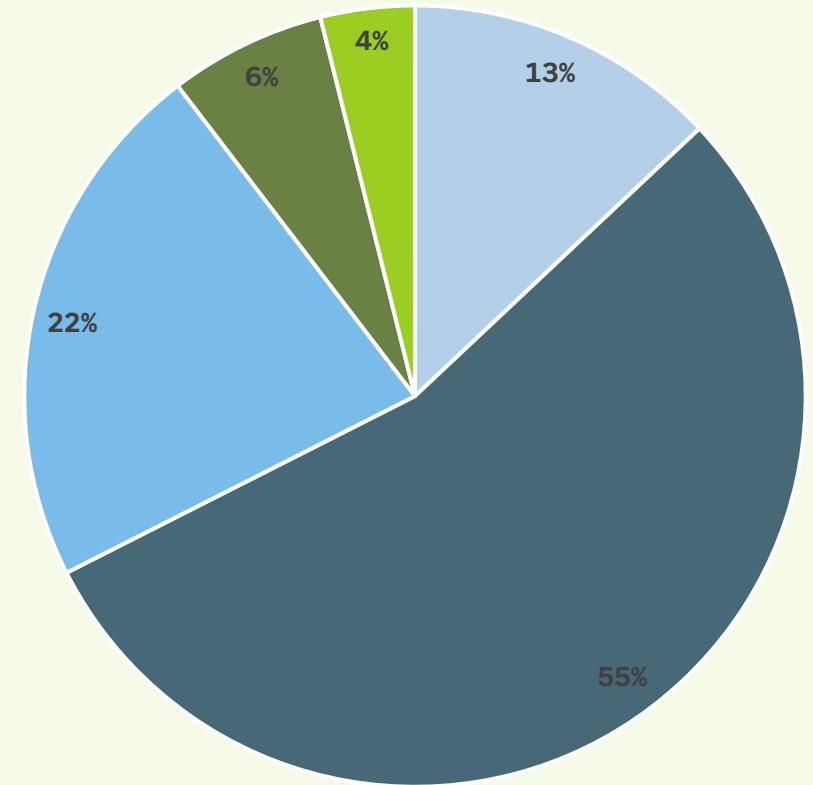
■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ No Opinion ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 36:

In your opinion the best option for the placement of new residential development is....



QUESTION 37: The town is currently zoned exclusive agriculture with a minimum lot size of 35 acres, per the Sauk county ordinance. Lots less than 35 acres may be created through the planned rural development (PRD) program with associated agricultural preservation easements. This program is affective in preserving agricultural land while allowing for small-scale development.



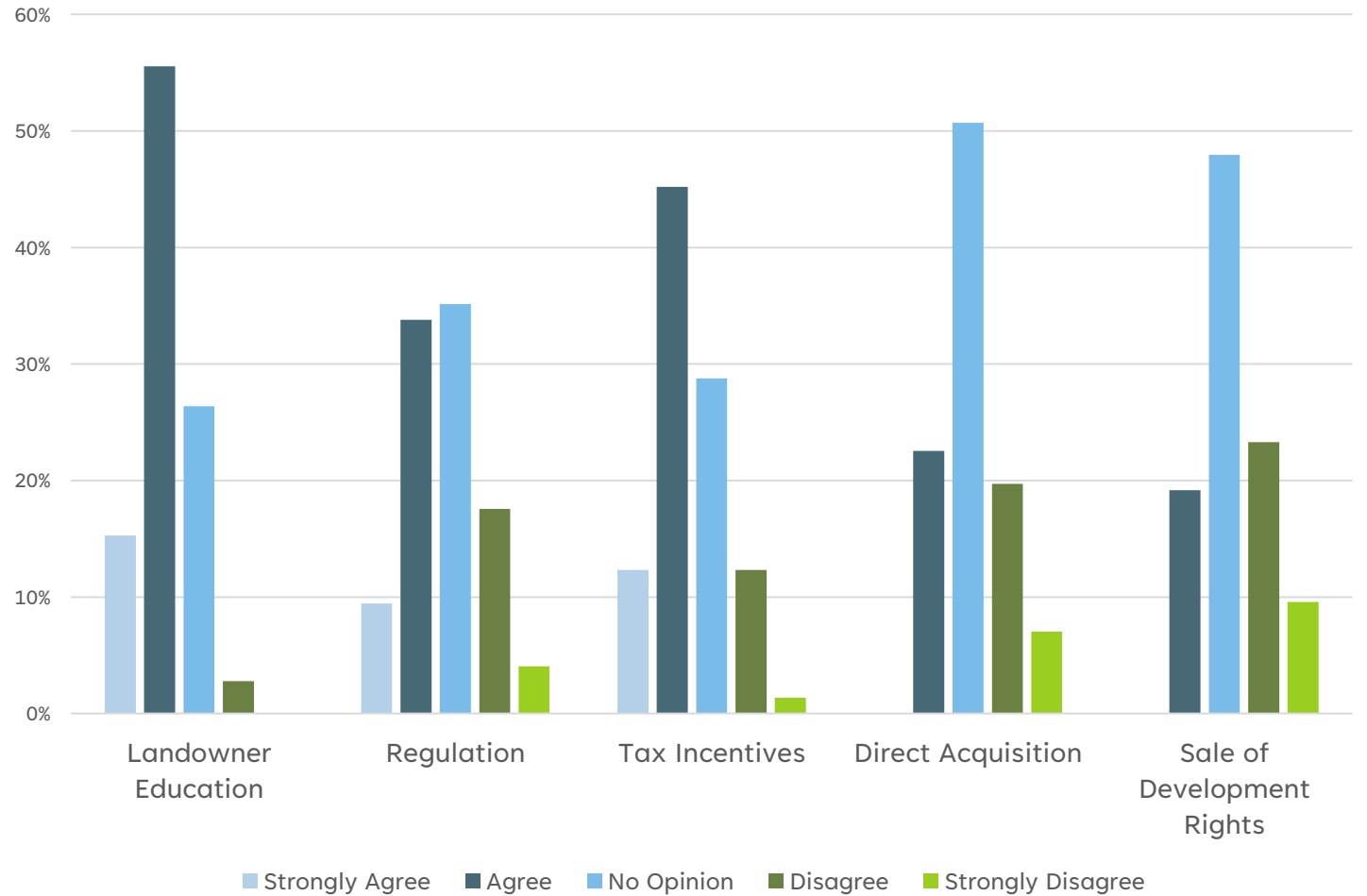
■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ No Opinion
■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree



QUESTION 38:
Most Important Land Use
Issues In The Town

- **50.6%** Loss of farmland or rural character
- **14.3%** CAFOs
- **14.3%** Housing Development
- **14.3%** General Development
- **10.4%** Water Quality
- **10.4%** Hunting/Forestry
- **9.1%** Recreation or Public Land
- **7.8%** Erosion
- **6.5%** Roadways

QUESTION 39:
 The following means should be used to achieve the goals of agricultural land and natural resource protection.



QUESTION 40: Do you feel the town board and staff communicate adequately with residents?

76%

Yes

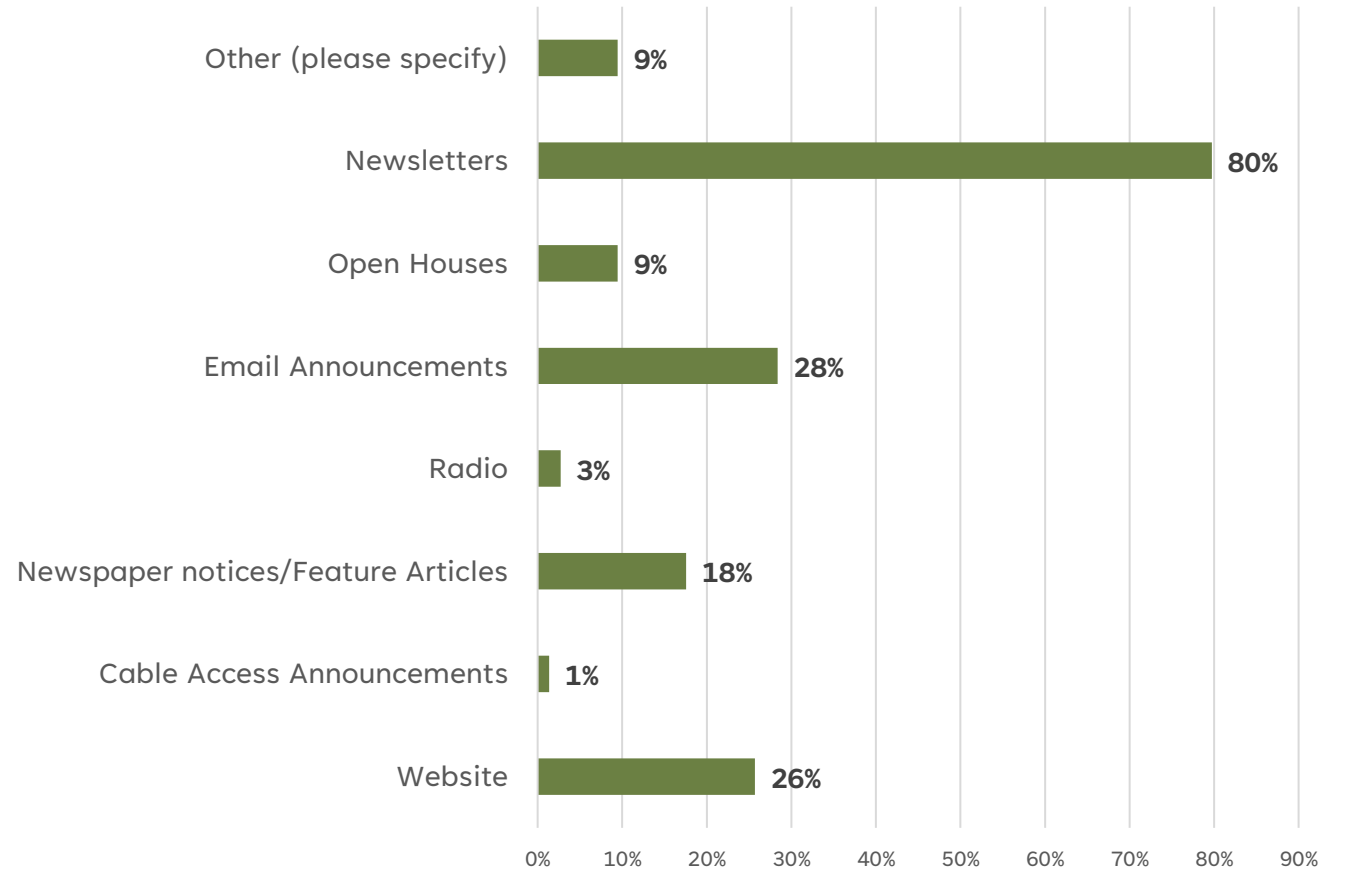
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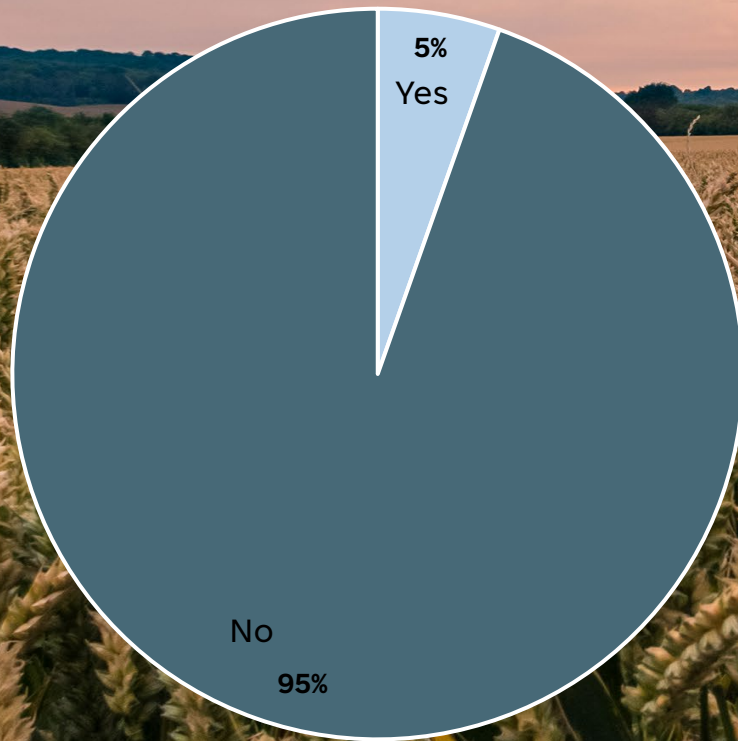
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Other or
Unsure

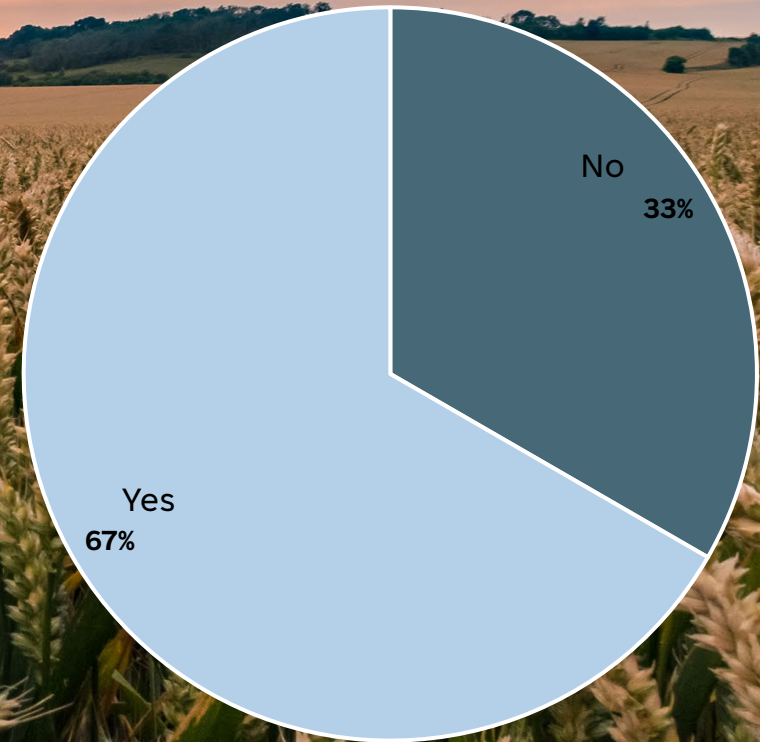
Preferred Method Of Communication



QUESTION 41: Have you ever volunteered in any Town activities in the past five years?

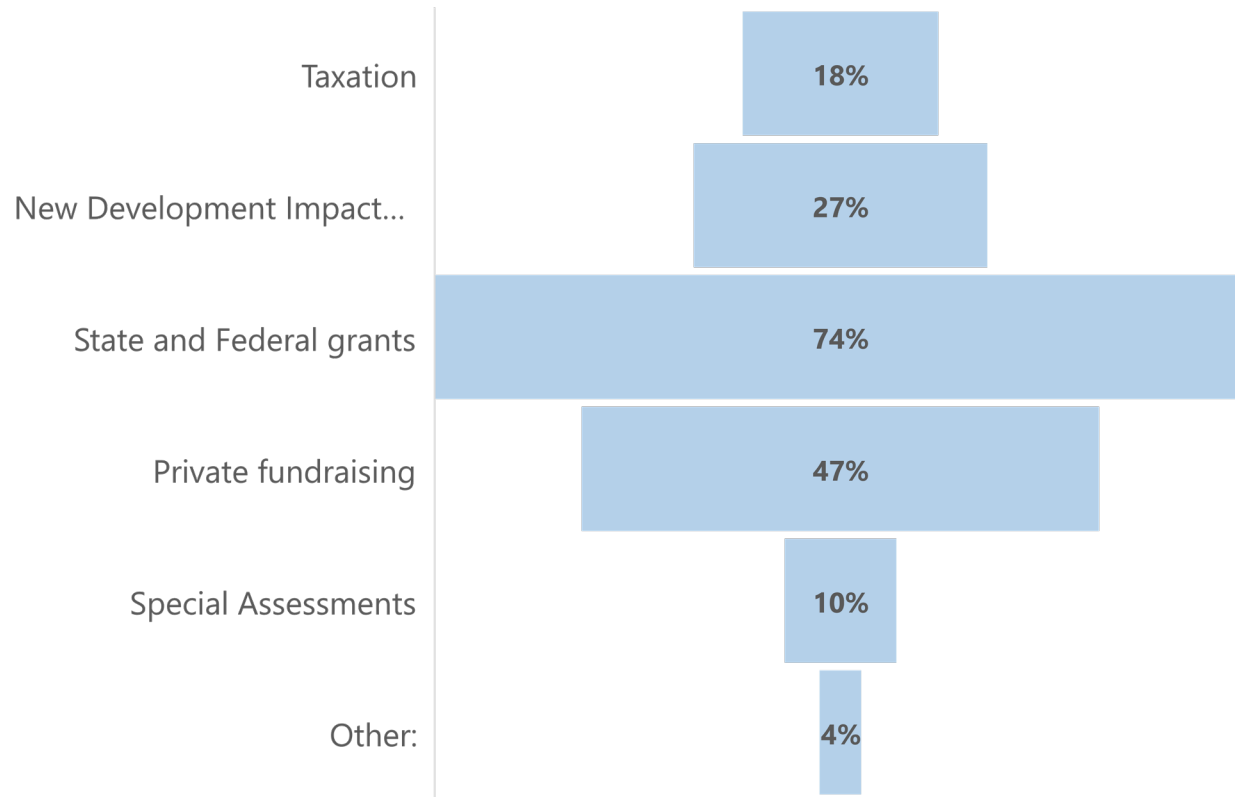


Would you be interested in future opportunities?



QUESTION 42:

The Town should consider the following ways of financing future needs for public facilities, parks, utilities, and roads:



QUESTION 43:

Single Biggest Issue Facing The Town Over Next Several Years.

- 15.6% Loss of Ag or Rural Character
- 10.4% Roads
- 7.8% Urban Housing Pressure
- 6.5% Taxes
- 6.5% CAFOs
- 5.2% Development Pressure
- 5.2% Pollution





QUESTION 44: What Do You Want
The Town Of Ironton To Look Like In 20
Years?

- **THEMES:**

- **The same!**
- **Small Town**
- **Families & Agriculture**



QUESTION 45: How Do You Envision Your Property Being Used In 10 Years? 20 Years?

THEMES:

- Farmland
- Family Homes
- Same as Today
- Hunting Land

THANK YOU

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