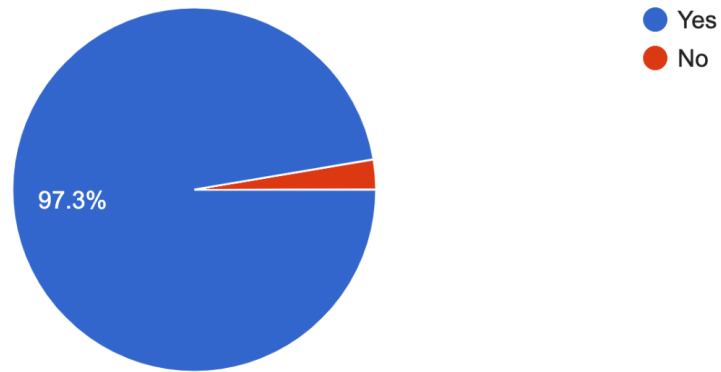
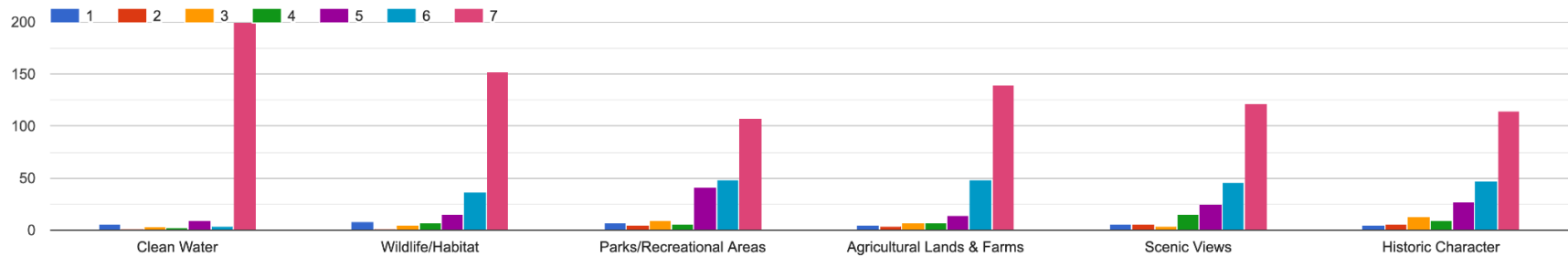


Do you live in Marbletown?

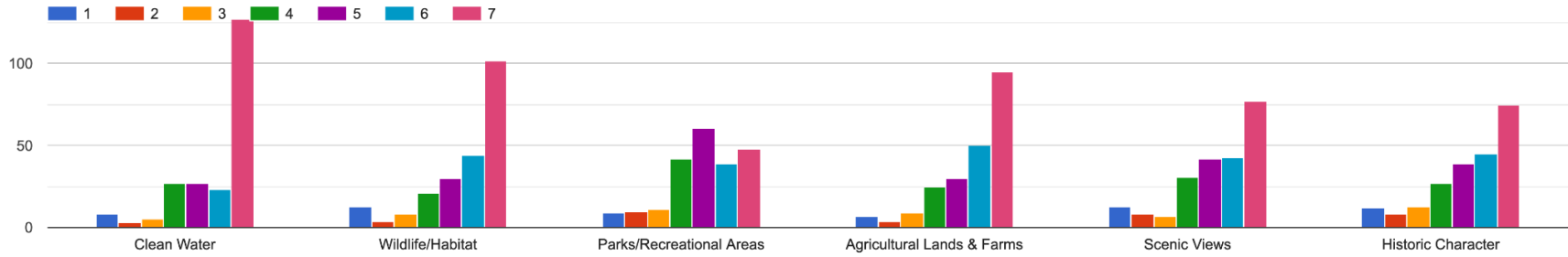
225 responses



In your opinion, how important is it to conserve the following resources in Marbletown? Please rank from 1 ("not at all important") to 7 ("very important"), with 4 being neutral ("no opinion"):

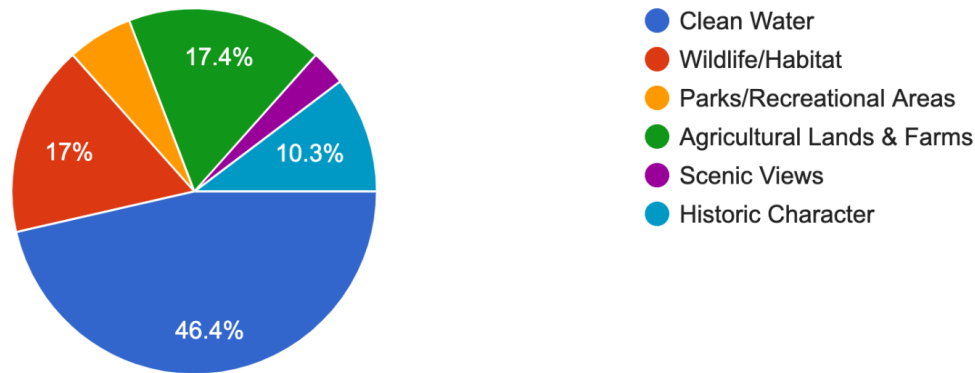


How concerned are you about the decline or loss of resources in Marbletown? Please rank from 1 ("not at all concerned") to 7 ("very concerned"), with 4 being neutral ("no opinion"):



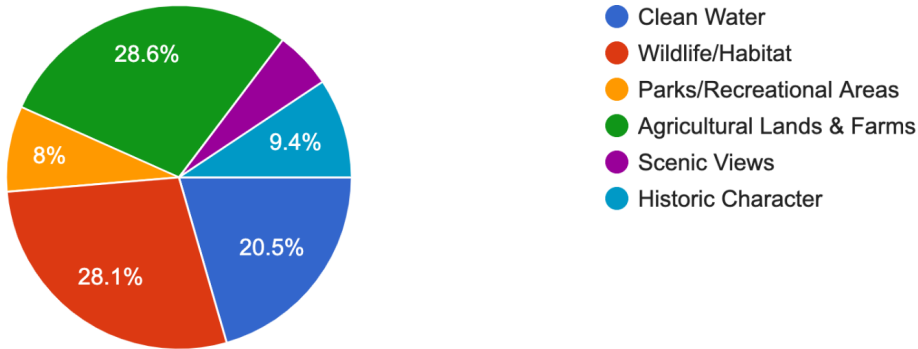
What do you think is the top preservation priority for Marbletown?

224 responses



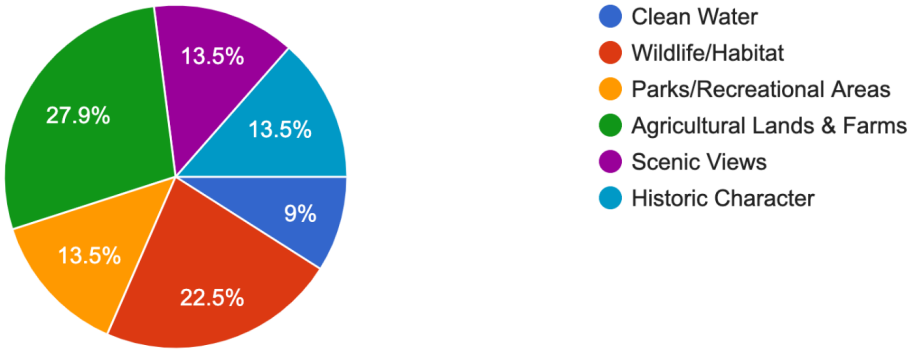
What do you think is the second highest preservation priority for Marbletown?

224 responses

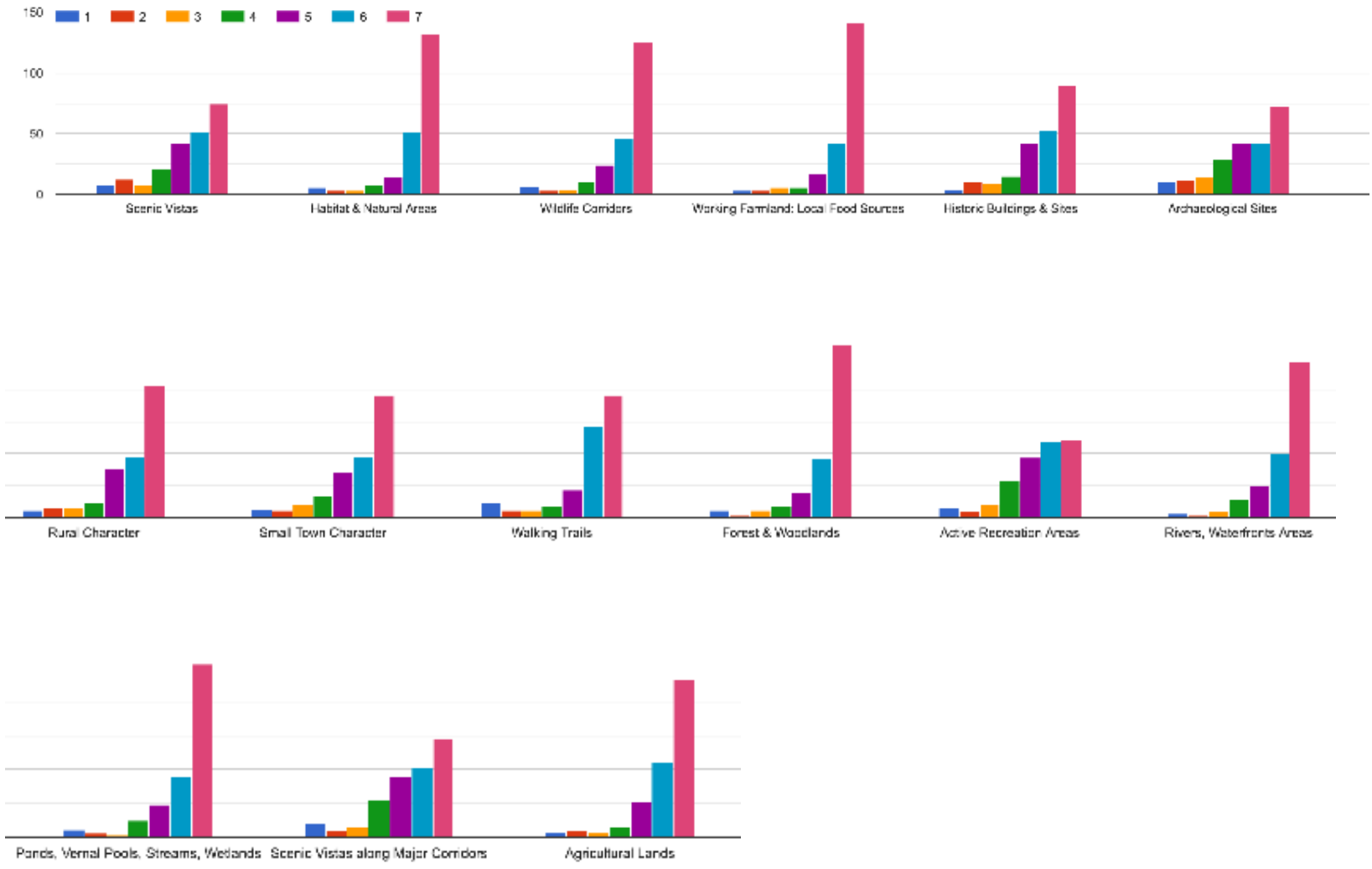


What do you think is the third highest preservation priority for Marbletown?

222 responses

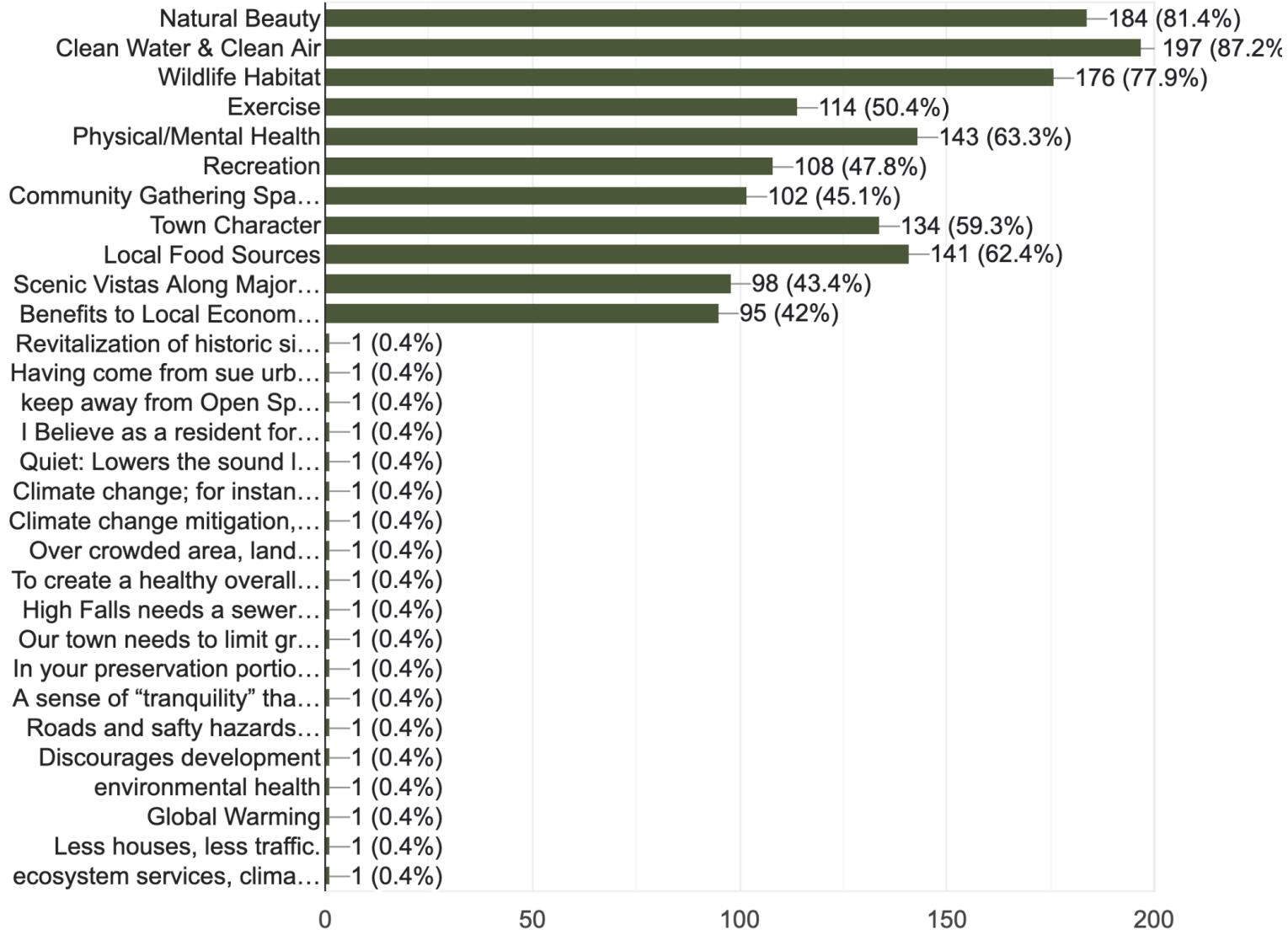


How important is it to conserve resources that enhance the quality of life in Marbletown? Please rank from 1 ("not at all important") to 7 ("very important"), with 4 being neutral ("no opinion")



Why is green and open space important to you? Please select all that apply.

226 responses



Comments from: **Why is green and open space important to you?**

Climate change mitigation, Lyme disease mitigation, and part of our economic stability

Quiet: Lowers the sound level of vehicular traffic

Discourages development

environmental health

A sense of “tranquility” that becomes possible/available by virtue of green and open space.

Global Warming

To create a healthy overall environment and a good exemplar for how other rural areas should evolve

Having come from sub urban and urban living, there is a distinctly positive benefit to maintaining the rural character of Marbletown

Revitalization of historic significance

Less houses, less traffic.

I Believe as a resident for my Entire life in Marbletown , That this Town is Beining Destroyed , Eveveryone comes into This Town and All is being confinimed into There Palace

Over crowded area, land means less houses

keep away from Open Space idiots and keep NYC back in NYC

In your preservation portion there is no line for other, there should be it is the reason I did not respond to it

Our town needs to limit growth of additional housing other than that needed for local families to house their parents and children and for local retirees. What's taking place in our town now makes housing for these groups totally unaffordable!

Climate change; for instance if we are worried about preservation of wildlife we should also be concerned about invasives, soil degradation, etc. I don't think we are.

continued

ecosystem services, climate resilience, public health

Roads and safety hazards congested intersections

High Falls needs a sewer system & sidewalks.. not another park! Not more trails. Start with sewers NOW!

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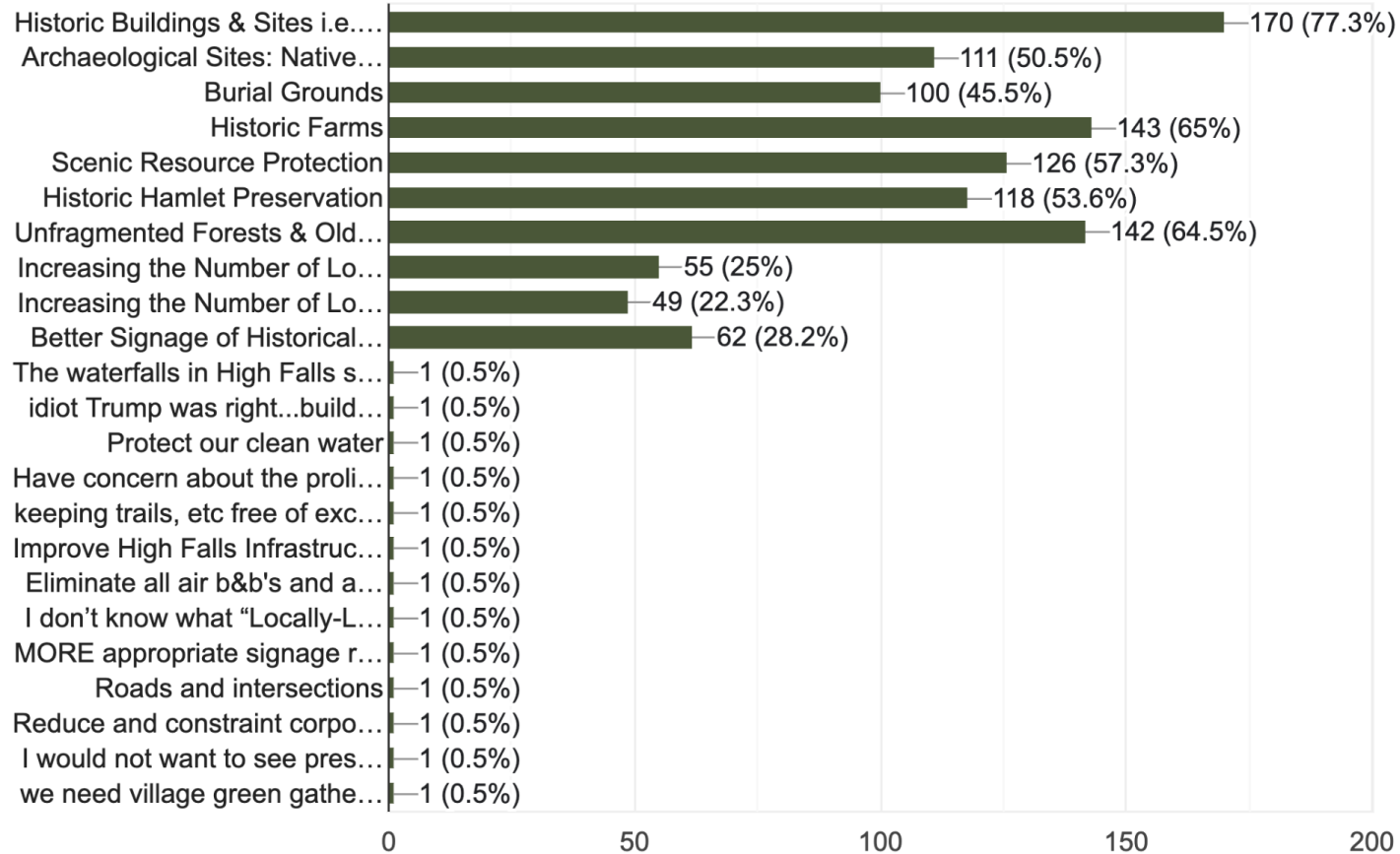
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When considering preservation of Marbletown's historic character, what is most important to you?

Please select all that apply.

220 responses



Comments from: **When considering preservation of Marbletown's historic character, what is most important to you?**

The waterfalls in High Falls should be the most beautiful park in the area, the Roebling aqueduct has a Park over the stream would be a huge draw

idiot Trump was right...build a wall to keep NYC in NYC

Protect our clean water

Have concern about the proliferation of unsightly fences blocking scenic views and historic properties

keeping trails, etc free of excessive signage -current minimal trail markers are great

Improve High Falls Infrastructure to preserve the foundations of it building by giving us an urgently needed & long overdue sewer system!

Eliminate all air b&b's and accessory apartments except those to house family members only. Eliminate all event venues now in our town or any future sites. Most of these are sited too close to residential areas in our town. These venues are loud and intrusive to our native population causing excessive traffic in our neighborhoods and, in general, ruin out natural country surrounds and have total disrespect for residential neighborhoods.

I don't know what "Locally-Landmarked" phrase mean so I wasn't able to decide whether or not those two options are meaningful to me.

MORE appropriate signage rather than simply "better" signage.

Roads and intersections

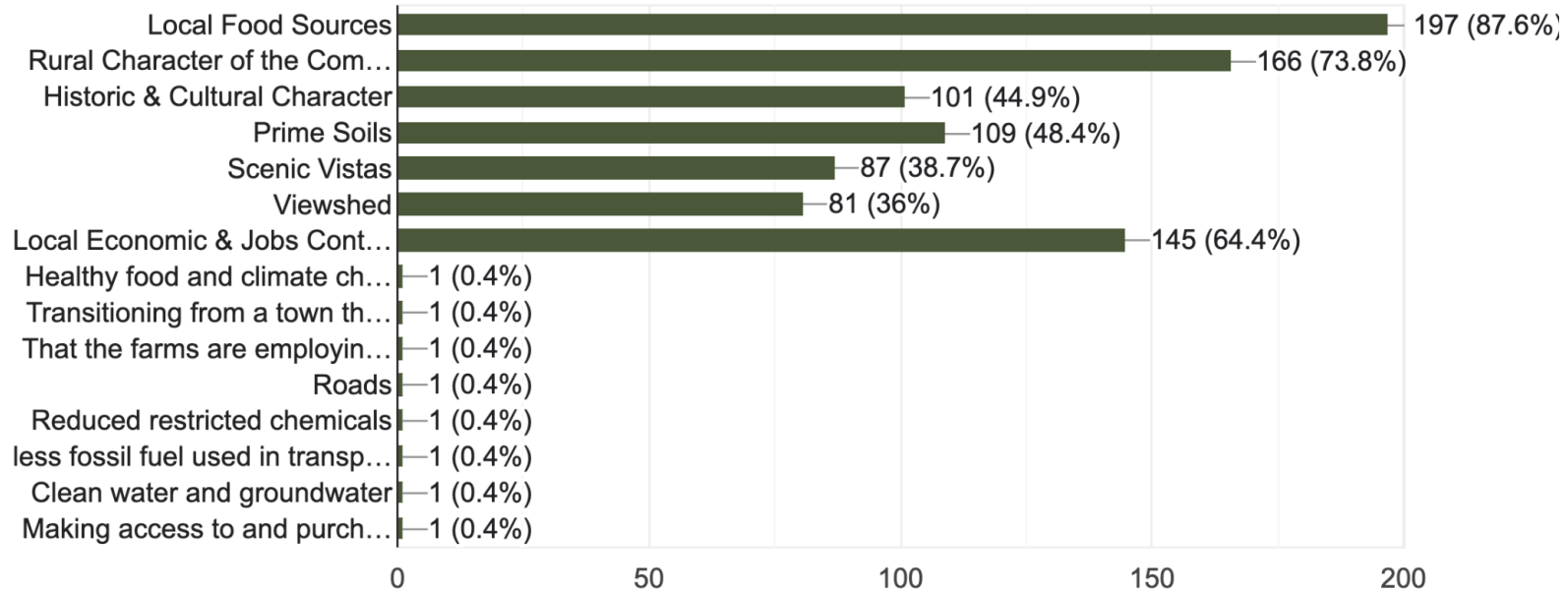
Reduce and constraint corporate commercial business

I would not want to see preservation at the expense of losing affordable housing.

we need village green gathering place

When considering agricultural lands and farms, what is most important to you? Please select all that apply.

225 responses



Comments from: **When considering agricultural lands and farms, what is most important to you?**

Healthy food and climate change mitigation

Transitioning from a town that once was ag based to one that no longer is and enabling multi generational farmers to do so

That the farms are employing the the bests organic and environmentally friendly/appropriate methods perh

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Reduced restricted chemicals

less fossil fuel used in transporting food.

Clean water and groundwater

Making access to and purchase of ag land affordable for young farmers just starting out.

What else would you like us to know about conservation and historic preservation in Marbletown?⁷⁸ responses

Would be ideal if we could fund this by taxing properties above 500K and make it a progressive tax. Also consider actually enrolling realtors in the value of open space conservation on property values. (Our invitation to realtors for our green school design symposium was well received)

Not try and put Solar in Historic districts

Is the Eggs Nest really allowed to paint their building whatever color they want because one time Richard Murphy did that 50 years ago?
walking/hiking trails

Marbletown is magical. We live here because of the access to fresh, healthy food, quality air and water, and natural, built and historic environments unique to living here. It is a great place to live. That's why so many people who visit our magical town want to buy homes and live here on at least a part-time basis.

Histories of the various Hamlets.

We have great view sheds thanks to Mohonk Preserve and OSI. We have great historic districts in the Hamlets. Our zoning prevents urban sprawl.

Having spent decades working in conservation and historic preservation, I'm keenly aware of the dangers of letting our natural and cultural resources erode. Living in a Superfund site area, I also know the severe consequences of water contamination. As the present stewards of these assets, we have a responsibility to ensure their proper care and protection or risk losing them forever.

Volunteer opportunities other than serving on the commission

the politics behind the conservation in Marbletown

I'd like to see us preserve the essential integrity of a rural and historic area while being open minded to business interests without resorting to hysteria and innuendo. Parameters need to be set and agreed upon by the majority of the community and then allow the planning boards and councils to do their work.

Taking action on climate change is more important than most of these other concerns... don't use these concerns to block solar farms.

Keep excess traffic out of the area by finding alternative routes and have public transportation easily accessible for people to visit our sites.

It is important to establish a conservation plan that allows for growth while maintaining the unique qualities of Marbletown

Ways to protect resources like wildlife habitats even when owned privately

Just tell us how to help. as a gardener I'd also like to see more resources for how we can individually impact local ecosystem through choices we make on our own properties

Increasing preserved lands; i.e.; funding for more open spaces

Broad, focused, and in depth education to the public is key for understanding and consensus. This survey is a good start. Then helping people understand why certain things matter and how they will benefit. Make the benefits easily accessible for all. Then help show how they can make use of and enjoy the benefits.

Also be open to change. All of this land is drastically changed from hundreds of years ago and will continue to change with or without us. And some things will not be perfect. So we have to be careful to not lose the good in the search for the perfect. And there will be compromise. ie. climate change and solar farms.

Thank you

Prioritize biologically diverse or rare areas. Native fields are important

To fund this conservation effort with a transfer tax is in direct conflict with our already enacted plans and desire for affordable housing will only drive up the cost of housing in our town. We can't on one hand want affordable housing and on the other increase the cost of housing sales. Who do you think is going to pay this tax? Just because tax heavy NYS says it is ok to impose a tax does not mean it is a good idea.

Would like to see the water at the town park cleaned up and swimmable again. Please keep the town park and reopen swimming - in the river, not swimming pool. Also reemphasizing the blight of ugly fences obscuring beautiful historic homes and scenic views. Clean water is a high priority.

Preserve the beauties and assets we have! Resist suburban "SPRAWL"

limit the number of sub-divisions \ people buy large tracts of land to turn a profit and move on to the next one

I'm strongly in favor of the proposal to tax new buyers as a way of generating income for Marbletown preservation. It is a fine idea.

Commercial solar arrays COMPLETELY screened from view. Historic Districts given local designation.

Why we are allowing non tax paying religious groups to take large tax property off tax roll!!! ??? Moratorium on religious groups non-taxed buying property in our school district!!! Moratorium on religious groups non-taxed buying property in our school district

Is housing shortage being talked about?

Areas for hunting and fishing should be considered in this plan.

Clear community input on priorities is important and varied sources of funding and resources in order to achieve the goals.

consideration of all citizens when developing/preserving conservation areas.

No more parks & non taxable land. You need to invest in what the residents NEED & give High Falls a sewer system so everyone's shit stops ending up in the Rondout. Contrary to Stewart's belief.. the antiquated septics have been running into the Rondout for a century or more! & enhance safety by putting in sidewalks... not the stupid unecessary trail improvement by the falls. Spend the taxpayers' money responsibly & not just for what a handful want.

As stated before, we have to slow our growth and control it much better. It seems, of late, we are experiencing unprecedented growth. Much of the growth is predicated by the "opportunists" which come with this growth. Money becomes the primary driver of these "opportunists". The character of our community is being changed constantly and not for the better. I have lived in Marbletown for 62 years and I am concerned for our future. It seems we are too focused on tourism & "commercial" housing, i.e. event centers, air b&b's, accessory apartments, and commercial opportunistic real estate developers who are driven only by money while totally ignoring our local history and culture.

Get it done.

Committee Action

It would be great to learn of ways to become involved.

Thank you, as public servants, for this survey as well for all you are doing to support Marbletown.

Open space and historic preservation is part of maintaining a balanced, vital community

Affordable housing should be considered an aspect of preservation as well, particularly in not allowing developers and individuals who do not live in the area full-time to come in and buy up local housing and rent to tourists when the amount of housing is limited already (and rising costs prevent people from being able to stay and/or start families here, which is an important factor in preserving our community).

I do not support adding a tax.

Perhaps a regularly issued report on activity,not only "news" reports when something becomes controversial.

Nothing about economic opportunities, creating jobs, lower taxes, ecofriendly jobs

Protect hamlets. Set guidelines on fencing.

The planning should include understanding that our community needs to make some careful choices to not only preserve the character of our community but recognize that the world is changing. Our new residents and visitors may have important ideas and should be included in the discussion.

Keep Marbletown rural! Rural town with rural people!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hope this Task Force is populated with members of varying needs and views and not only on one end or the other of the conservation spectrum. We need everyone's input.

burial grounds should not even be on this survey they are already protected!

local resident input

Roads and cemeteries.

Stop building

Clean water and air and soil are priceless...and so is living in a community that values people and nature over profit...and one where natural beauty surrounds us and inspires us every day.

A. The survey is so fragmented that it is hard to imagine it producing useful information. There are few residents who would not appreciate progress in all of the resources described. Basically, they all boil down to discouraging development, which I and many others advocate.

B. Supporting "conservation" through a dedicated tax source is bad policy. I am well acquainted with this sort of revenue stream from living in Manhattan for 30 years and observing the impact of flip taxes on transfers of shares in cooperative apartment buildings. This sort of tax or fee is applauded as being rather benign, being levied only upon those with a large amount of cash on their hands as a result of an asset that has appreciated substantially while in their ownership. (Whether paid by seller or buyer, this tax will reduce net compensation to seller). There are several flaws in this argument.

1. Residences in Marbletown have not always appreciated in value prior to sale. As I recall, after the great recession it took a decade before the local housing market returned to its level prior to the 2008-9 crash.

2. While most sellers will find themselves with an usually large amount of cash, at least for a moment, many of them will find themselves with a compelling need for all of it. For instance, those planning a move to a retirement community such as a CCRC, those moving to an larger residence for an expanding family and those looking to pay off an overextended mortgage will be counting every dollar.

3. Such taxes will effect availability of affordable housing in a negative manner.

All of the proposed uses for a preservation fund are activities for which local governments should be responsible, along with other services provided: highways, recreation facilities, first responders such as fire and ambulance services and recreation facilities. They should be supported by the same revenue stream, the general fund supported by the existing property tax and sales tax. These preservation activities will be for the benefit of all of the residents of Marbletown and they should be supported by the same tax base as the other services provided by the town. One could add rhetorical questions: Why should preservation be the only activity of local government which is supported by a dedicated tax on housing sales? And what will be the beneficiary of the next dedicated tax on housing sales?

Clean air

I support a transfer tax for the purpose of preservation, conservation and land acquisition

How can historic preservation be coordinated with economic development?

some acknowledgment/stewardship of historic districts within Marbletown

attention to significance of Marbletown's historic districts

Does anyone support variants on building codes that were meant to preserve the character of Marbletown.

Short term rentals need to be restricted. Their owners need to pay more taxes to the town. Also please no Dollar Store, No Trader Joe's or other such commercial enterprise. Dunkin' is bad enough. Consider investing in an indoor pool, this will generate funds and support year round physical exercise. I would join and pay membership for this.

Affordable housing that fits in with the town character seems to be missing as an issue. New development could be done in a way that enhances, but the 3 acre mandate only allows for wealthy development.

our green environment is the best part of our quality of life

Very concerned about the rapid growth of land grabbing, development, and part time rentals that seem to cater to people who do not live here full time and actually contribute to our community. Every time I see a new house being built and habitat being cleared, I think to myself, who does this actually benefit?

Historical regulations and preservation restrictions can be economically restrictive, benefiting only those who can afford the added costs. Historic districting and preservation codes can be a contemporary form of "redlining" which excludes a diverse economic group of people from land ownership. <https://twistedpreservation.com/2020/06/02/systemic-racism-of-preservation/>

We live in a town that is rich in history. I feel it is important to show our community and the public at large our pride in this treasure we call Marbletown by doing our best to preserve what is historically significant and call it out with smart signage that is maintained in the long term. When we use our actions as example, people DO see and understand the importance of preserving what we have here, both in man made historical buildings and farm lands, as well as the rich natural blessings that have been here since time began.

Just because I think there should be selected development, that does not mean I am opposed to two family dwellings. There is a rental shortage.

the actual history of homes and farms

Marbletown Park could really use an upgrade including water fountains.

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It's a little hard to separate what is specific to Marbletown versus Ulster County.

Stop overdeveloping the area

have affordable housing fit into all of above

More preservation is better

We spend time on a committee in which the town ask which property should be preserved. After doing that the property was not protected and was allowed to be sold which was right by a wet land and now there is a house right there. The town rarely follows through on conserving land. Money seems be tantamount .We now have 5 new houses on Lapla Road it is beginning to look like a development. Water is a concern for us on on this end of district . The codes are only as good as enforcement

Glad to know that action will be taken. I appreciate the effort to keep us informed and offer opportunities for public input. As you know, we also have a pressing need for housing that is green, affordable, imaginatively designed and built; perhaps some can be integrated, where appropriate, into the less sensitive lands that we may consider for conservation. I'd like to see discussion of identifying and using marginal land acquired for protection to address housing needs. Not sure why you are using all of these "view" terms, some in the same question:

"scenic vistas", "scenic views," and "viewshed". Have you considered how this might skew results? Perhaps better minimize duplication and provide definitions of terms.

It is of utmost importance to preserve the history and natural beauty of the Town of Marbletown. Once lost, it is lost. City lifestyle and amenities can be found in a city for those who want that.

Preservation of Area character as a whole. Preservation of clean water. Too much subdivision into too small lots w/o regard for deforestation and loss of open fields and farmland. Raise lot size in the surrounding town areas to 4-5 acre parcels and take where it is and what subdivision affects into more consideration, rather than lines on a map.

We need more affordable housing

To keep the "small town" feel. This is NOT NYC. That is why we live here!!!

Affordable housing for people who live here maintaining local character. Not mansions in corn fields.