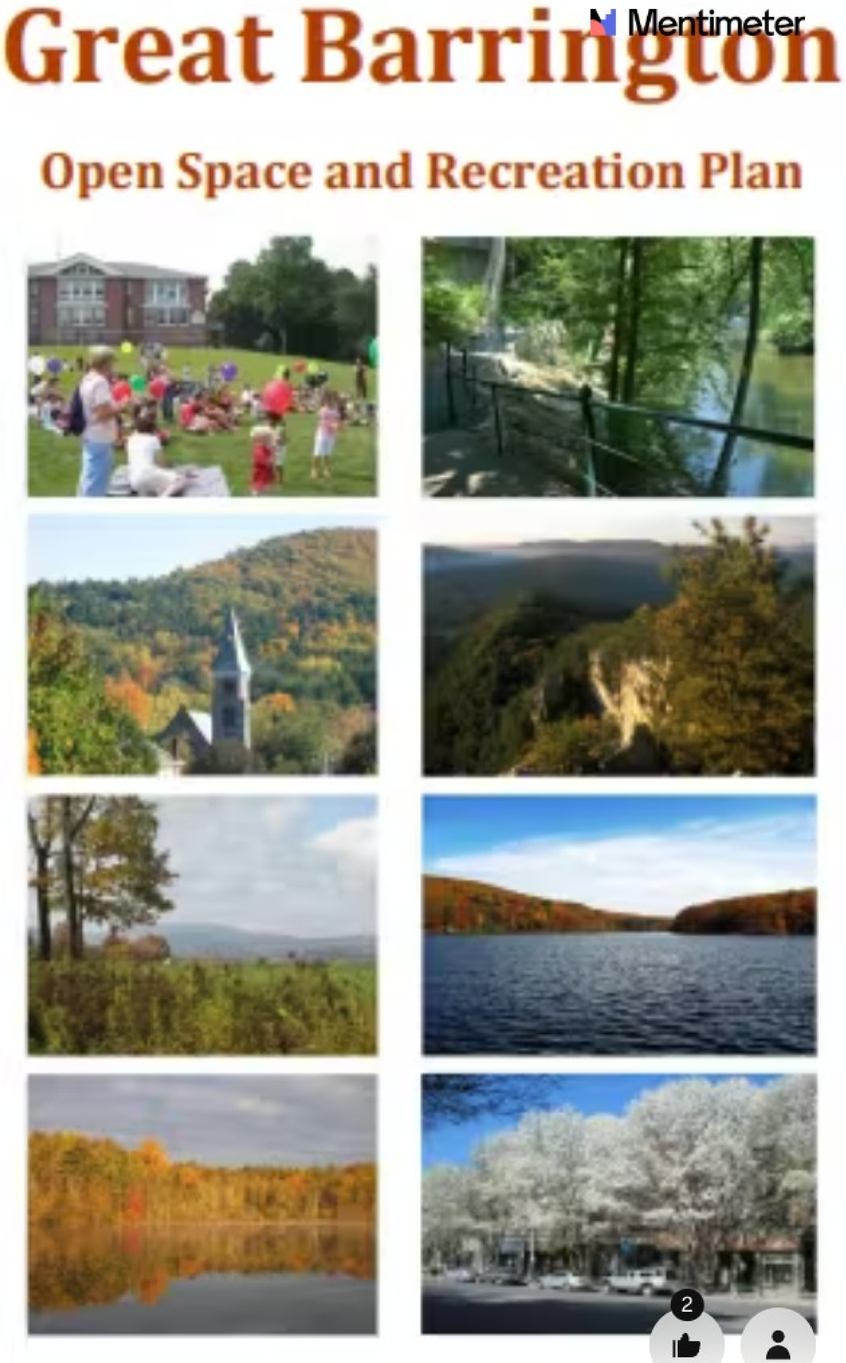
Great Barrington Open Space and Recreation- Public Forum

January 10, 2026

The State of Massachusetts defines Open Space as...

conservation land, forested land, recreation land, agricultural land, corridor parks and amenities such as small parks, green buffers along roadways or any open area that is owned by an agency or organization dedicated to conservation.

However, the term can also refer to undeveloped land with particular conservation or recreation interest. This includes vacant lots and brownfields that can be redeveloped into recreation areas.



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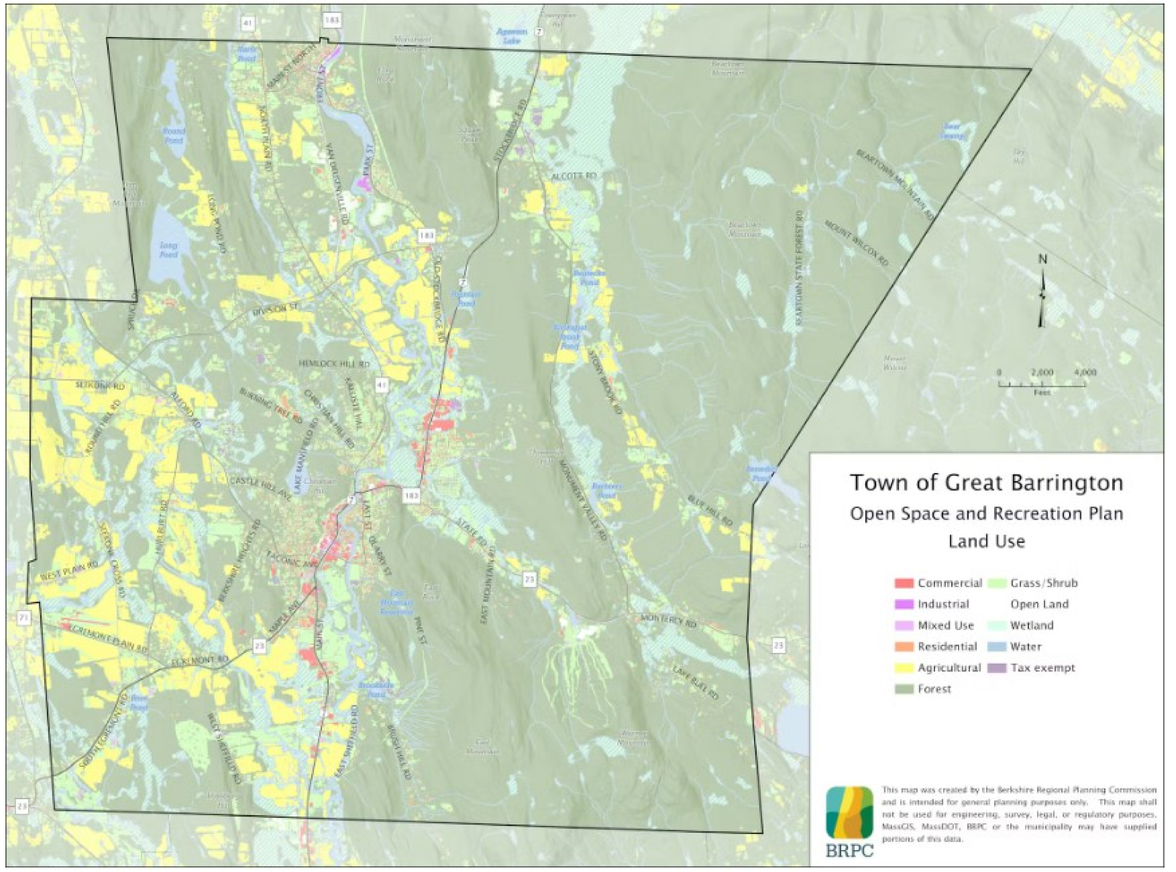

Open Spaces include:

- Lakes and Rivers
- State Parks
- Preserves and Land Trusts
- Town Lands- parks, cemeteries, beaches
- Farms
- Forests and wetlands
- Wildlife Management Areas
- Private land in Conservation Restriction or tax abatement program

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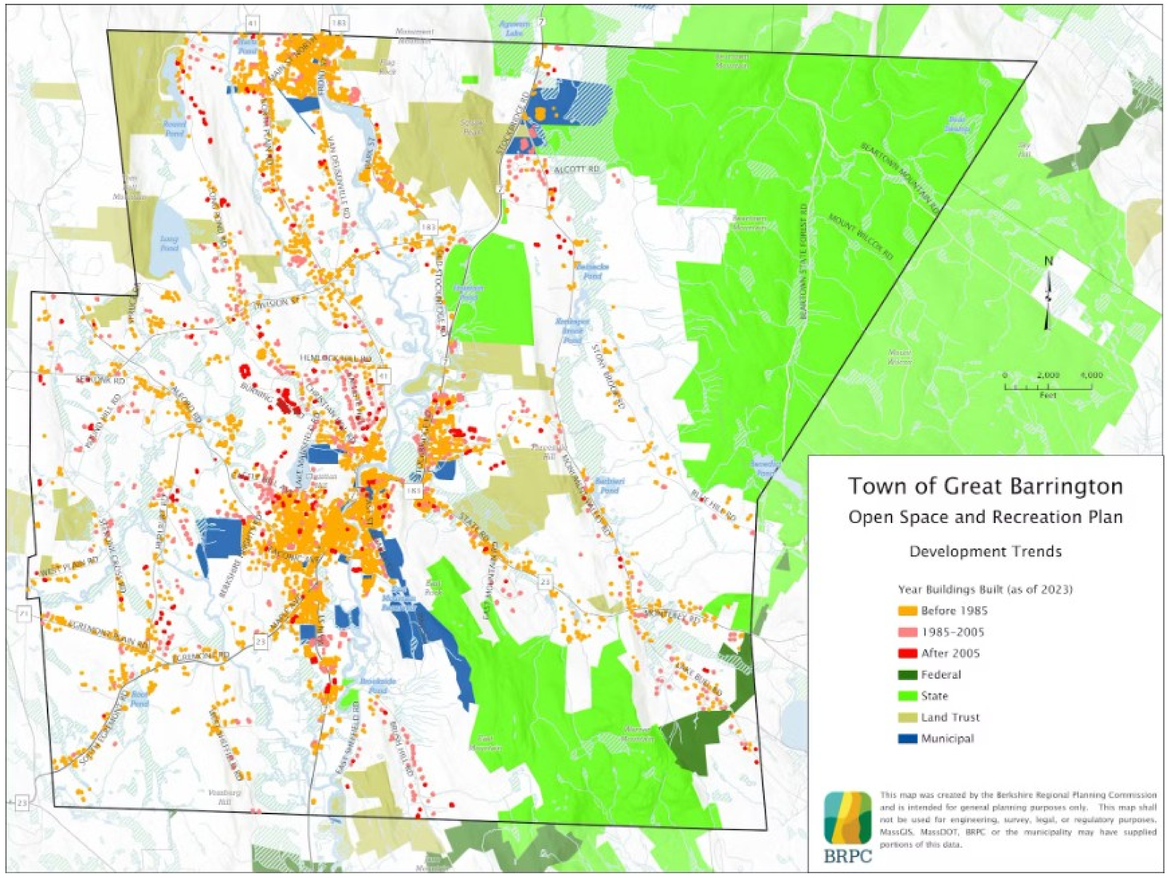

Open Spaces in Great Barrington include:

- Lake Mansfield Park
- Housatonic River Walk
- Beartown State Forest
- Appalachian Trail
- Gilmore Park/Dewey School
- Giggle Park/Town Hall Park
- Grove Street Park
- "Housy Dome"/Housatonic Commons
- Memorial Field
- Olympian Meadows
- Housatonic Park (Bubriski Memorial)
- Housatonic Rail Trail

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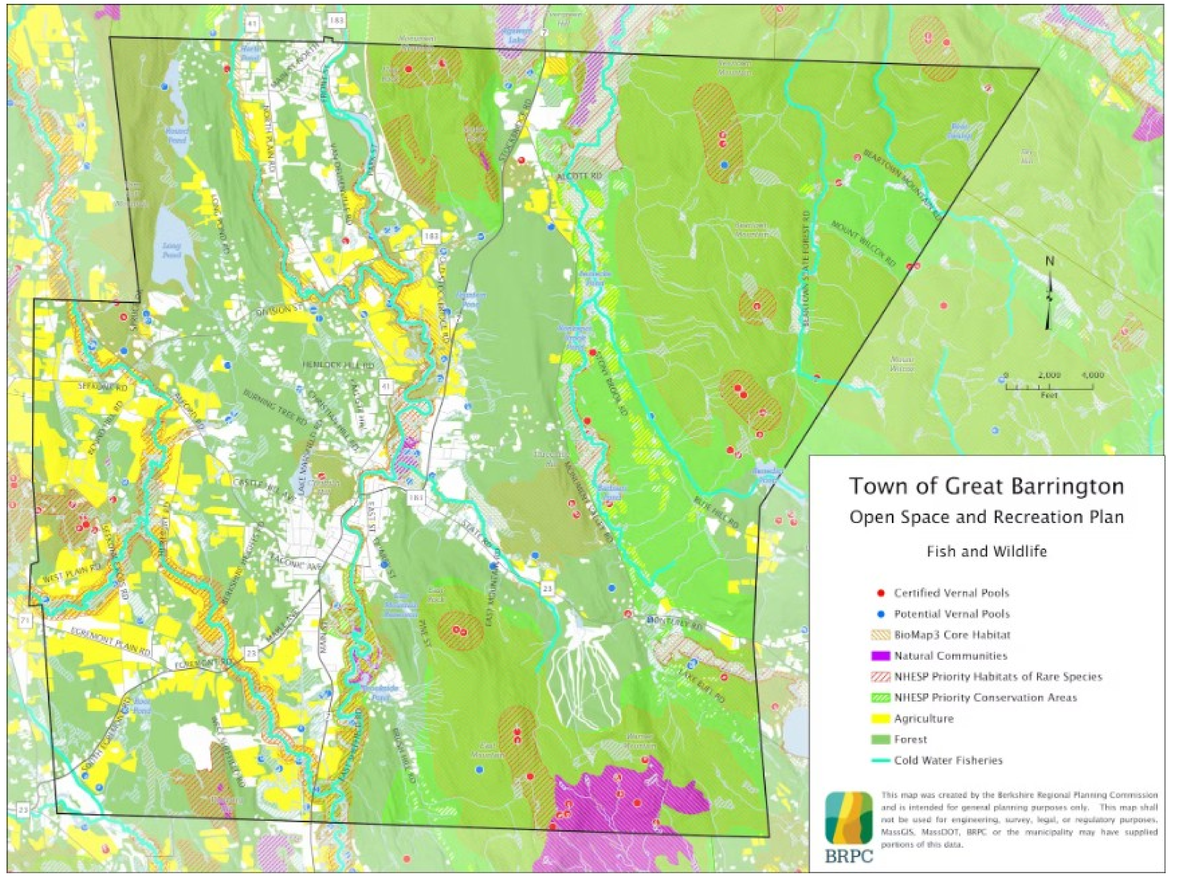
OSRP Development Process

- Planning Board and local officials will oversee the plan's development
- BRPC and Committee will conduct stakeholder interviews
- Committee meets monthly to develop survey, discuss each section, and write the plan
- Public provides guidance through online and paper surveys
- Committee holds public meetings kickoff the plan, discuss survey findings, and review final draft
- Public reviews and provides written comments
- BRPC and Committee submits final report to state in May, 2026



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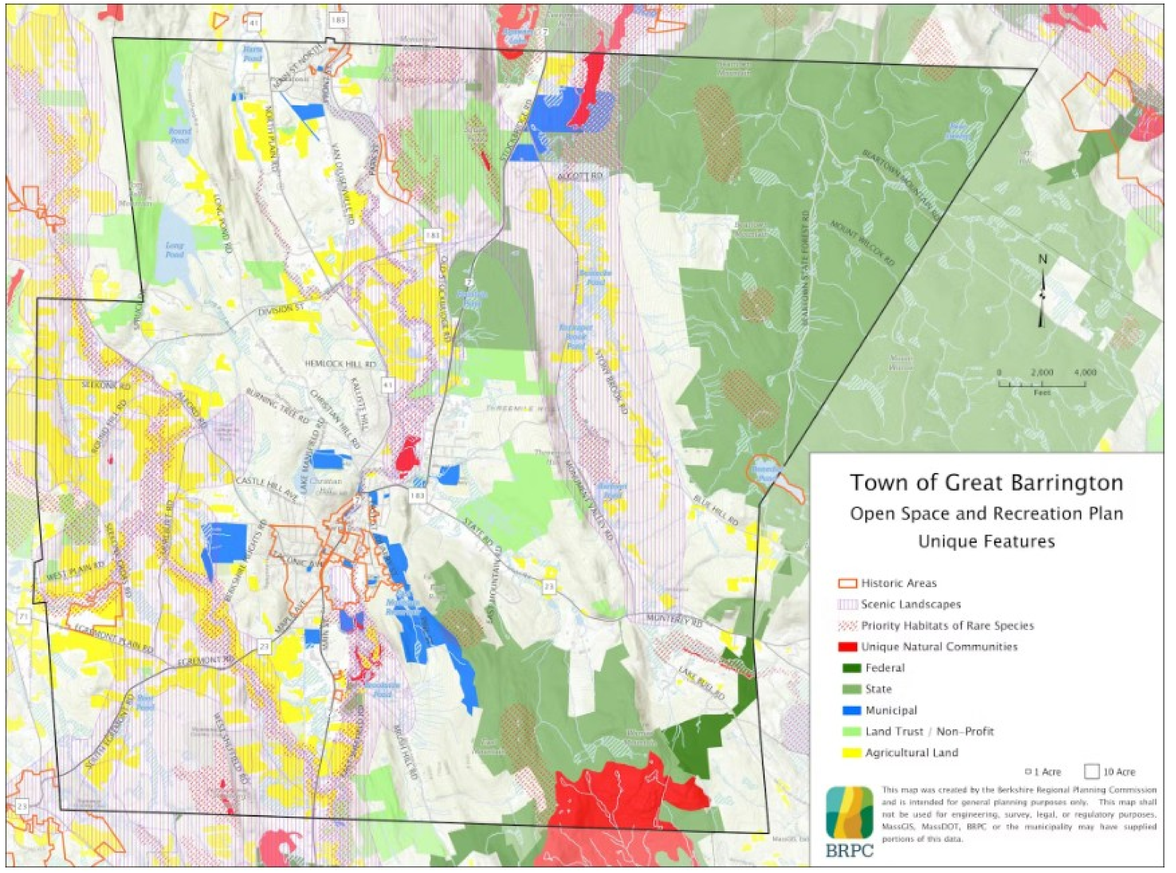

Timeline of the Process:

- August - Initial meeting of Steering Committee/Planning Board
- August/September - Meet with stakeholders, develop survey questions
- October/November/ December - Collect survey responses
- October/November/December - Drafting the plan
- January/February/March - Use survey results to establish goals and objectives
- February - Present survey results and goals to community
- March - Prepare a complete draft for public review
- April - Provide opportunity for the public to provide written comments
- May - Submit draft document for EEA's review
- June - Incorporate EEA'S comments into the plan

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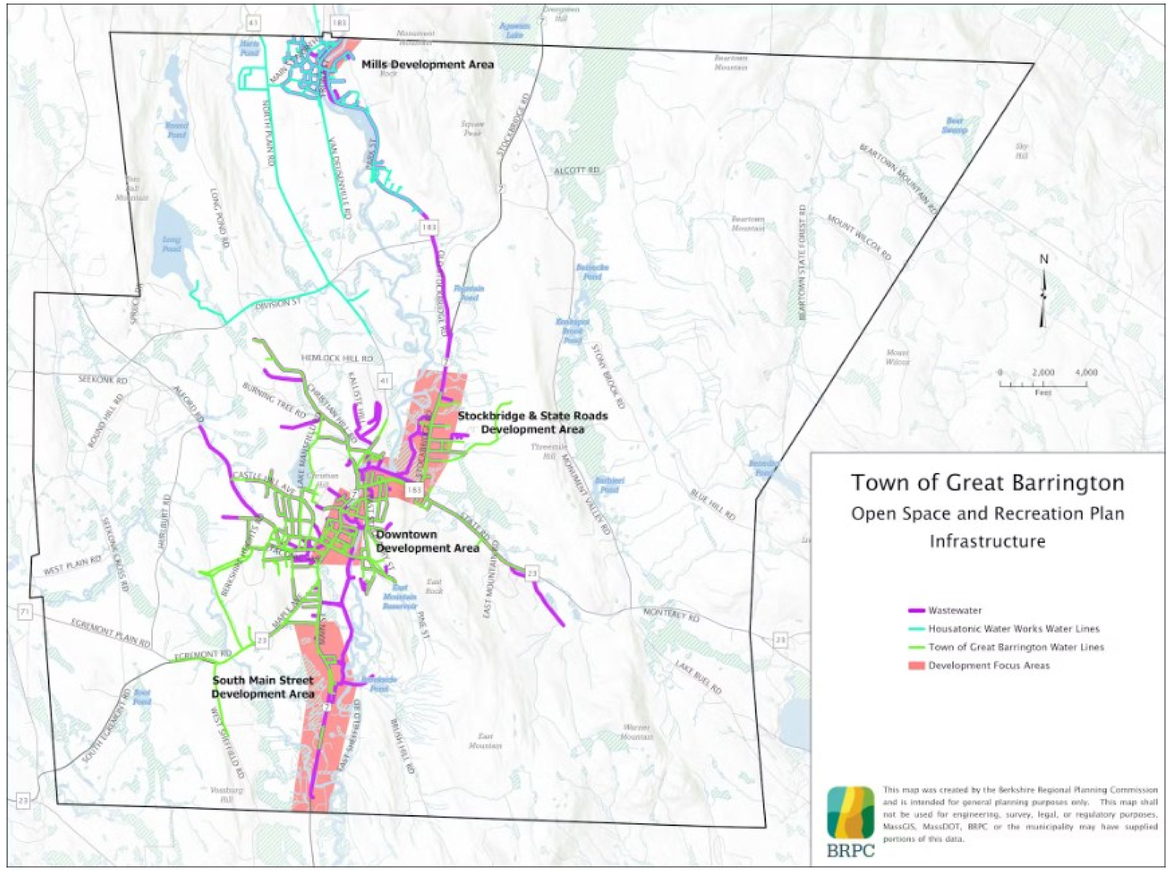
A conditionally accepted Open Space and Recreation Plan makes the town eligible for:

- Local Acuisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program
- Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program
- Land and Conservation Funds
- Other Grants administered by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affiairs and Division of Conservation Services



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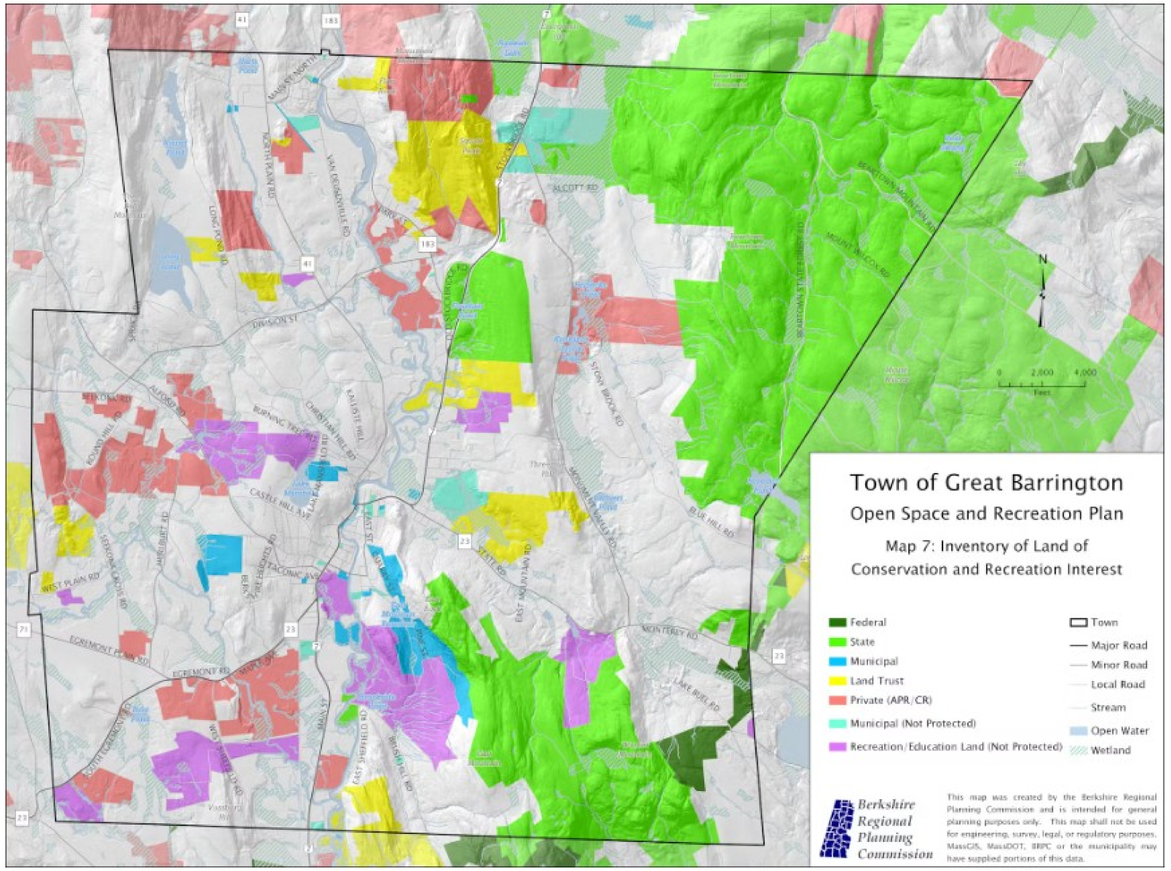

Previous Plans informing the OSRP

- 2013 Master Plan
- 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan
- 2022 Growing Better Great Barrington
- 2018 Complete Streets
- 2018 Pollinator Action Plan
- 2020-2021 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)
- 2023 CPA Plan
- 2019 OSRP Surveywork

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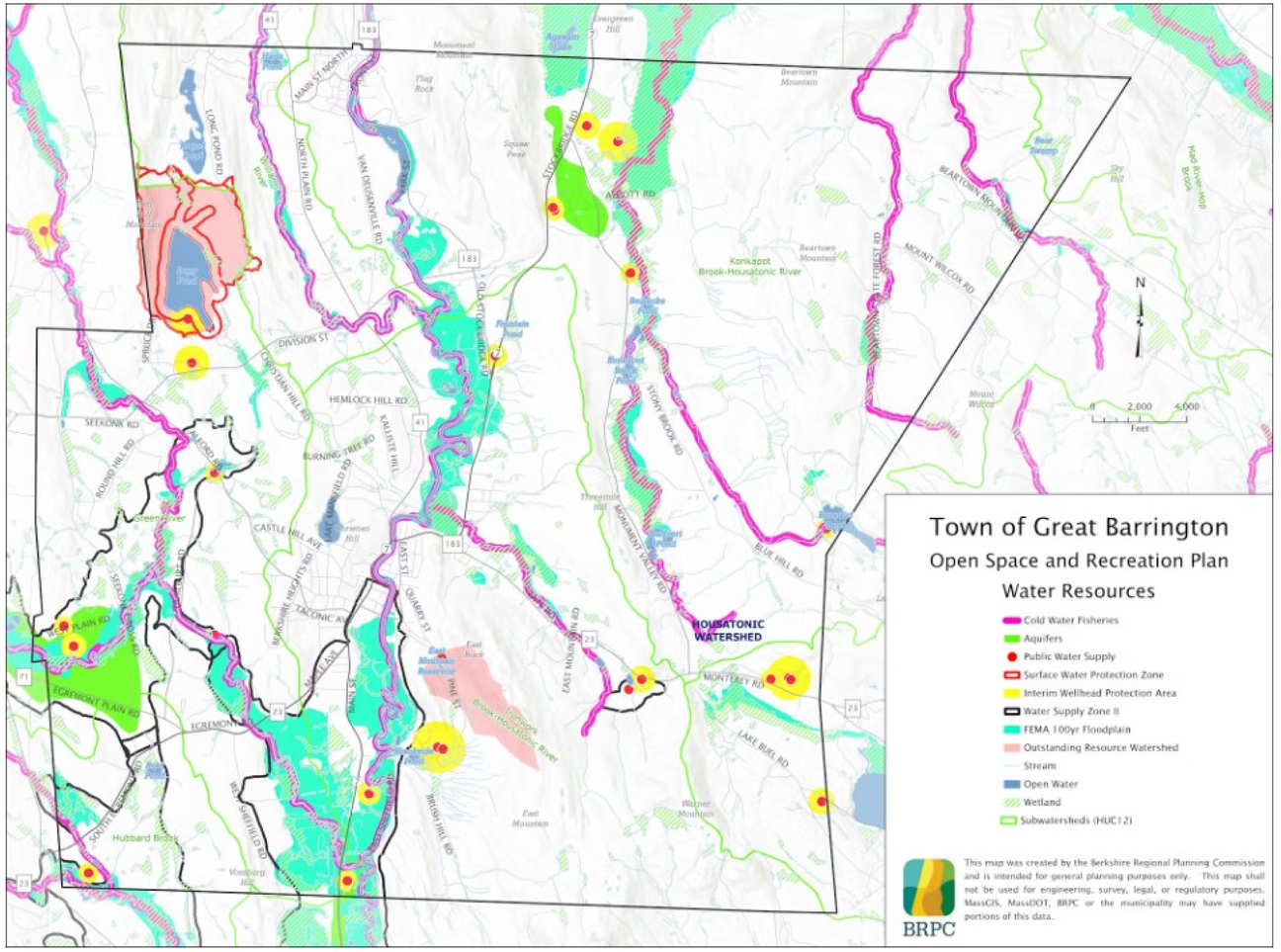

Water Resources in Great Barrington

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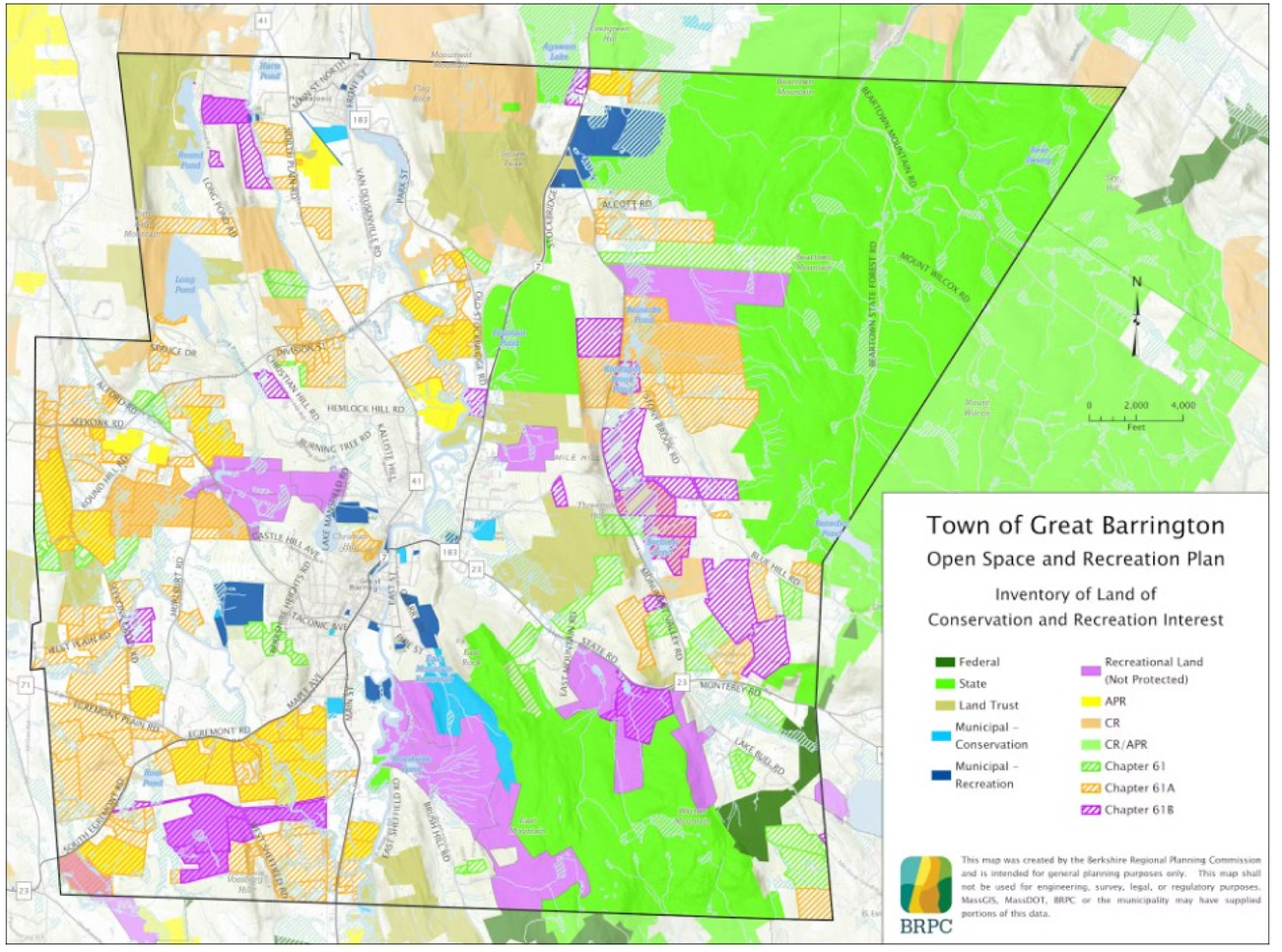

Inventory of Conservation and Recreation land of Interest

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Great Barrington/Housatonic: Public Forum on the Open Space & Recreation Survey 437 Total Respondents

Saturday, January 10, 2026
10:30-12:00 PM
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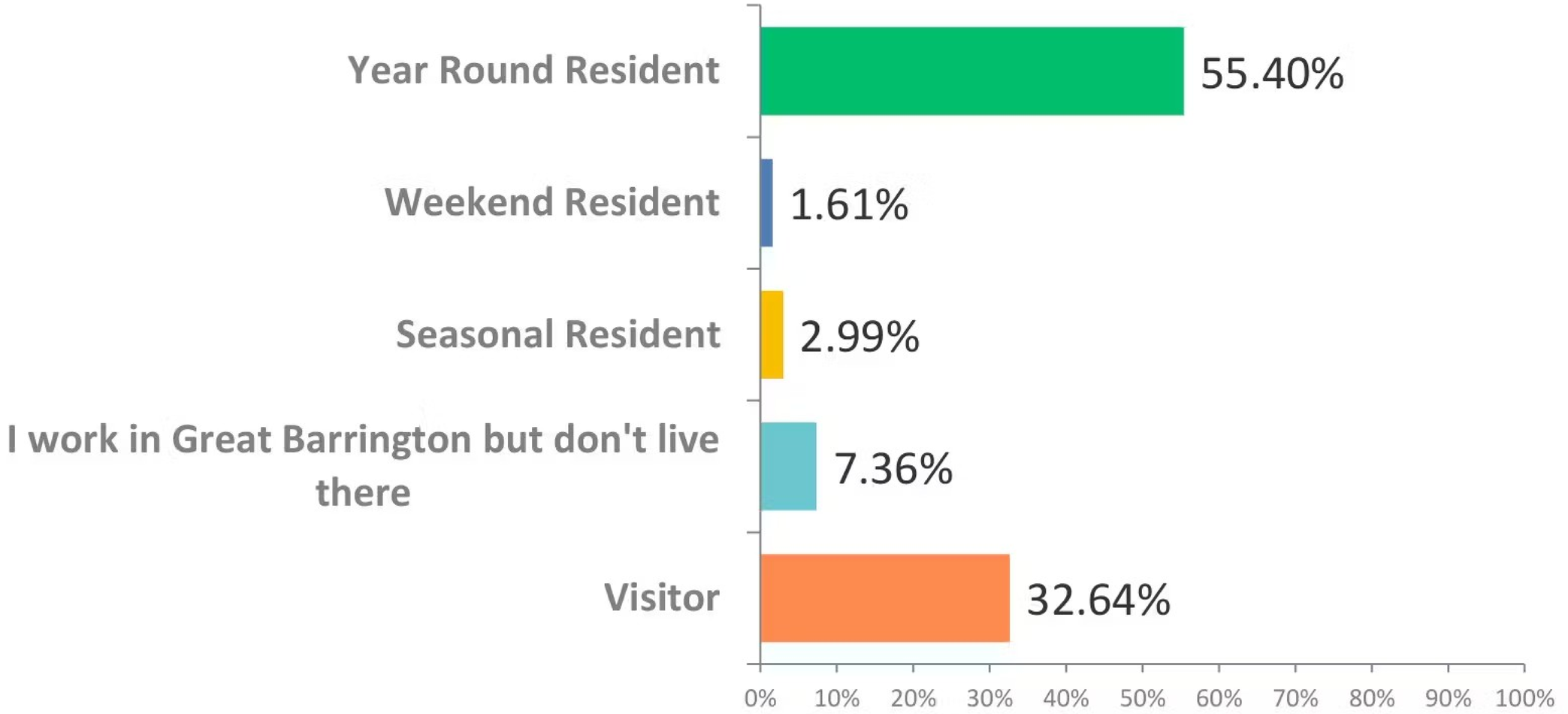
Q1: What is your residency status in Great Barrington

Answered: 435 Skipped: 2



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Q2: From the map, which area of Great Barrington do you live?

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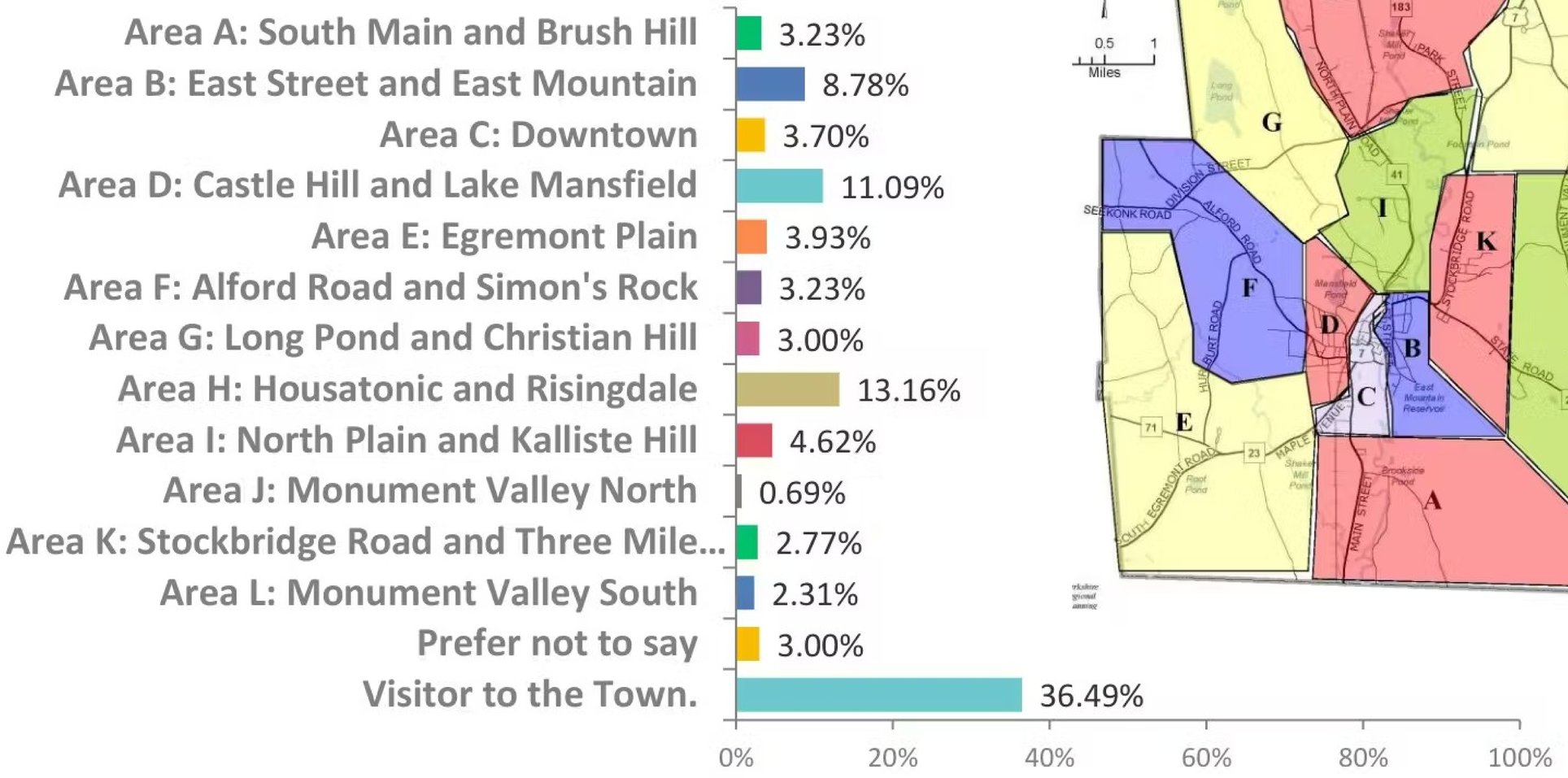

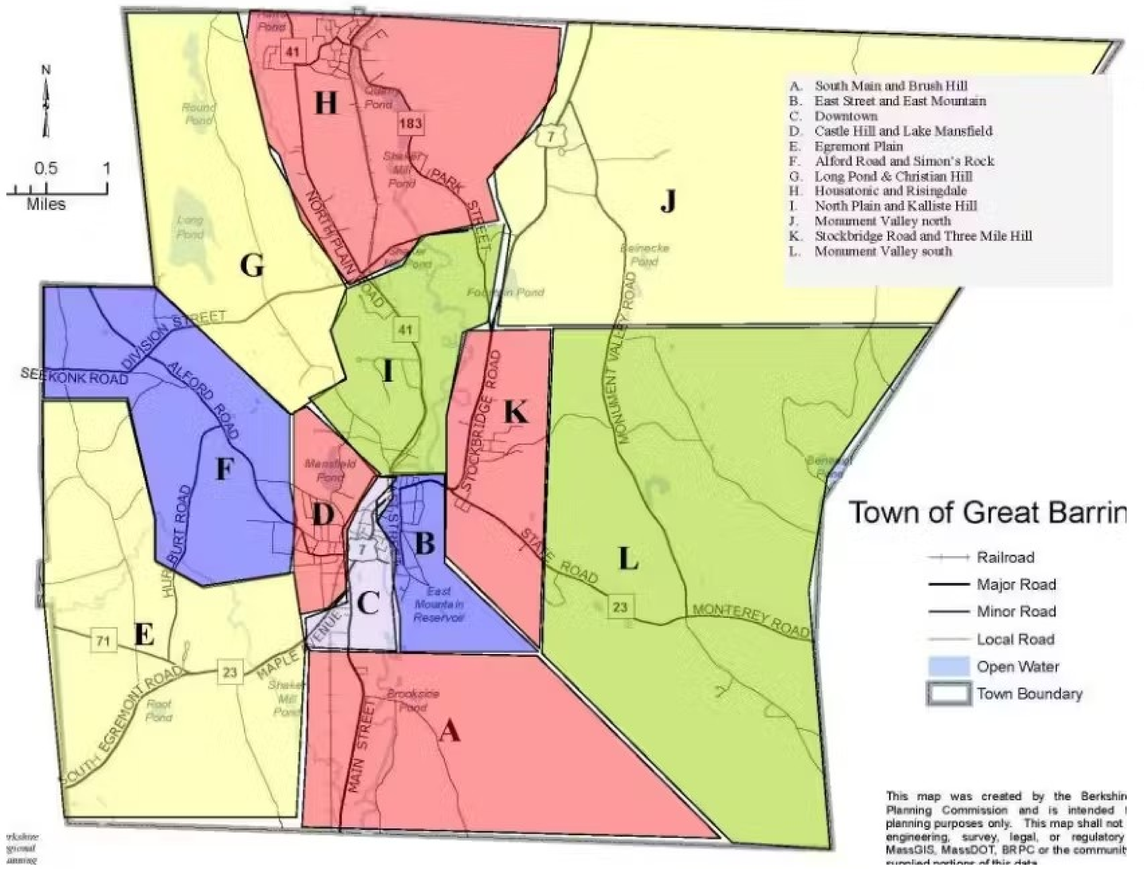

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Q3: If your answers represent other members of your household, please indicate the number of people and their age (including yourself). For example, a household of two people, both age 50-59 would select from columns "yourself" and "2 person" both in row "50-59". A family living with a grandparent might look like, 1 person under 10, 2 people 10-19, 2 people 40-50, and 1 person 70+

	YOURSELF	2ND PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (IF APPLICABLE)	3RD PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (IF APPLICABLE)	4TH PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (IF APPLICABLE)	5TH PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (IF APPLICABLE)	6TH PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (IF APPLICABLE)	TOTAL
Under 10 years old	9	23	40	24	6	1	**103**
10-19	9	13	29	19	5	0	**75**
20-29	60	18	15	5	2	0	**100**
30-39	77	48	11	4	2	0	**142**
40-49	75	43	3	1	0	1	**123**
50-59	53	37	2	2	0	1	**95**
60-69	72	52	1	3	1	0	**129**
70+	64	35	5	0	0	0	**104**
Total	**419**	**269**	**106**	**58**	**16**	**3**	**871**
Skipped	**19**						
Total + Skipped			**890**				

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Answered: 418 Skipped: 19

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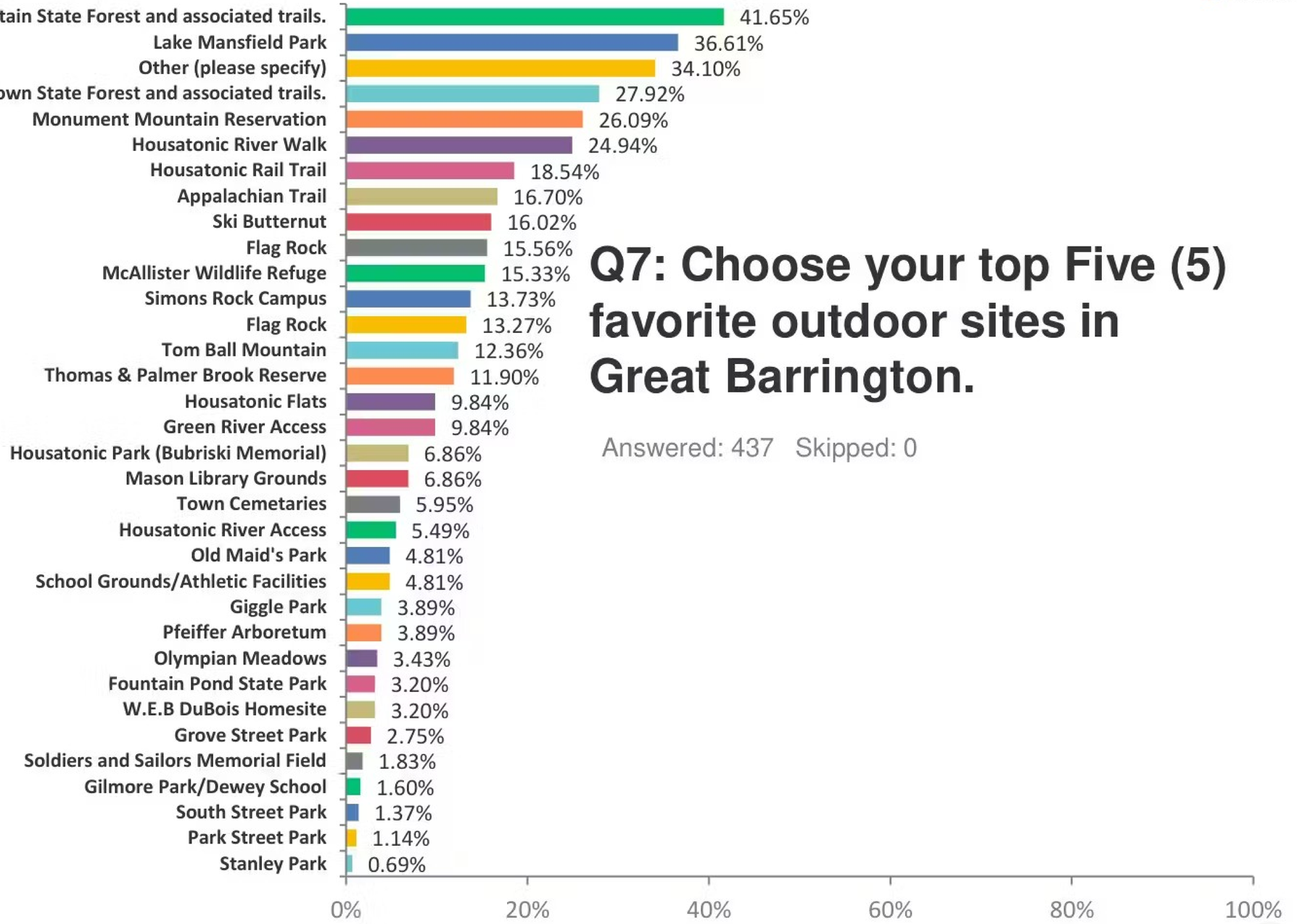
Other	
Reservoir Rocks	127
Bouldering areas	4
All of them	2
East Rock Trail	2
Great Barrington Reservoir	2
Great Barrington Skatepark	2
Berkshire South Community Center	1
Card Pond	1
Fairveiw Cemetary	1
French Park	1
Ramsdell Public Library	1
Town hall Park	1
Roads of Great Barrington	1



Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favorite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.

Answered: 437 Skipped: 0

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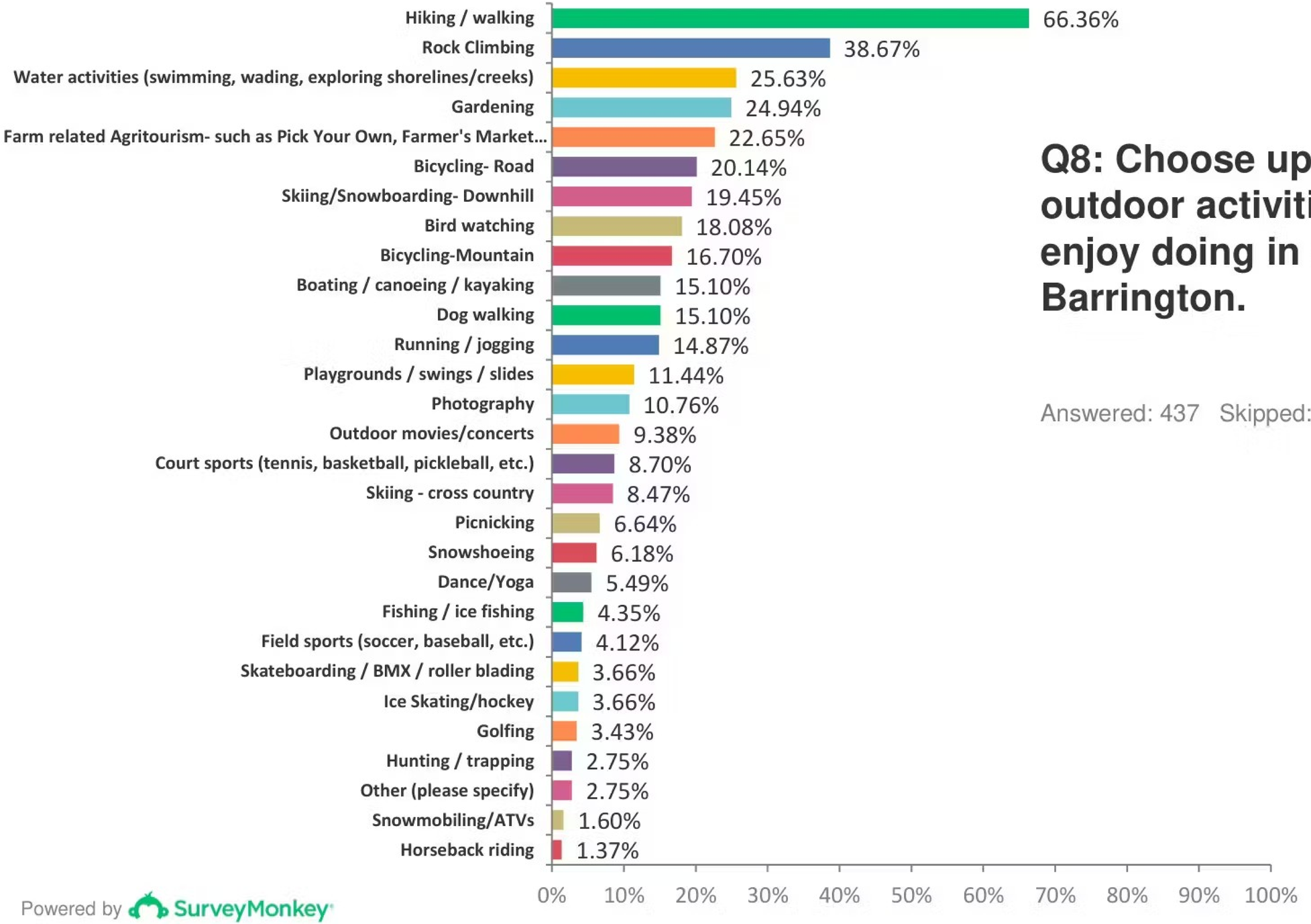

Q8: Choose up to five (5) outdoor activities that you enjoy doing in Great Barrington.

Answered: 437 Skipped: 0

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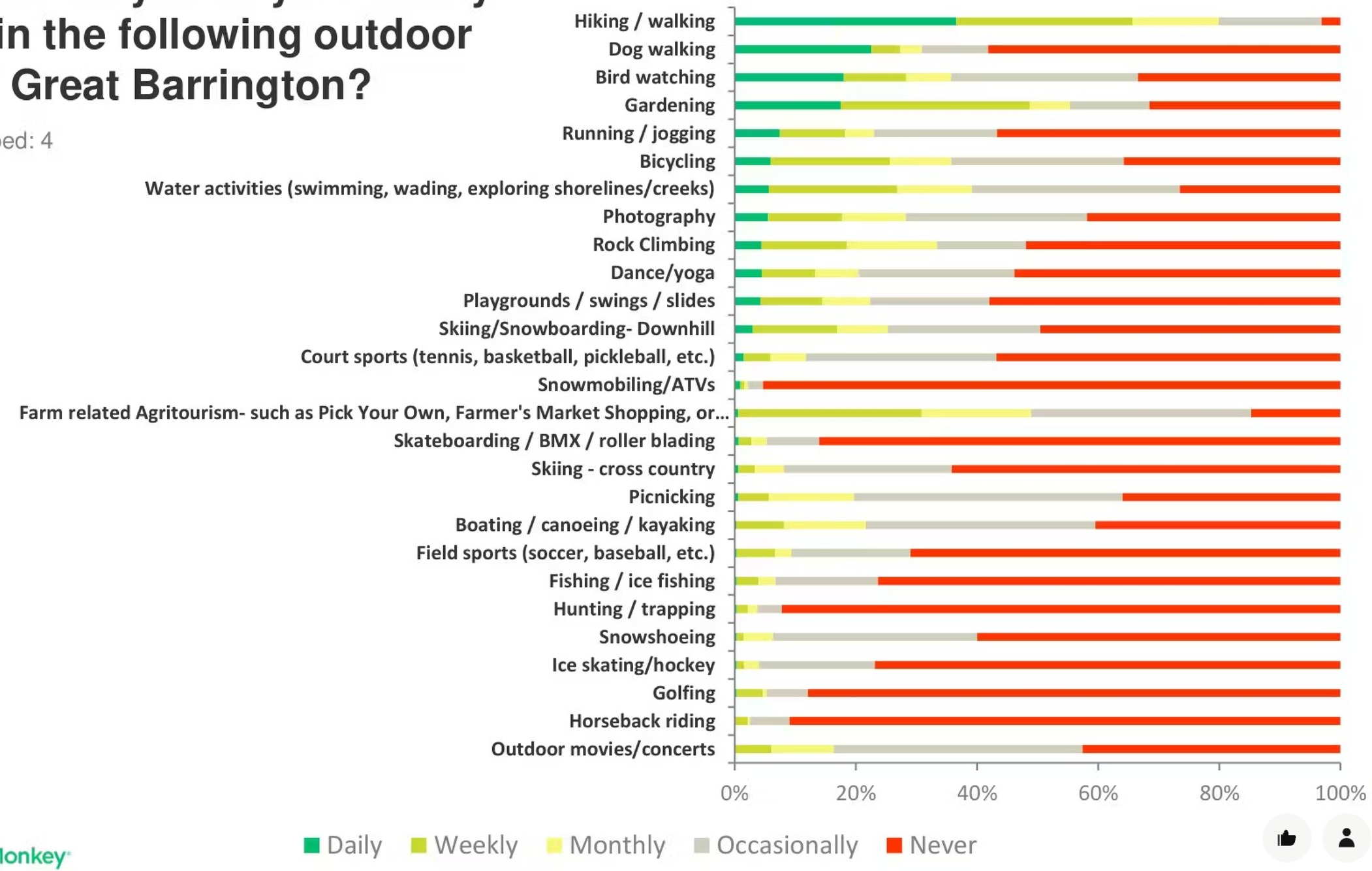
Q9: How often do you or your family participate in the following outdoor activities in Great Barrington?

Answered: 433 Skipped: 4



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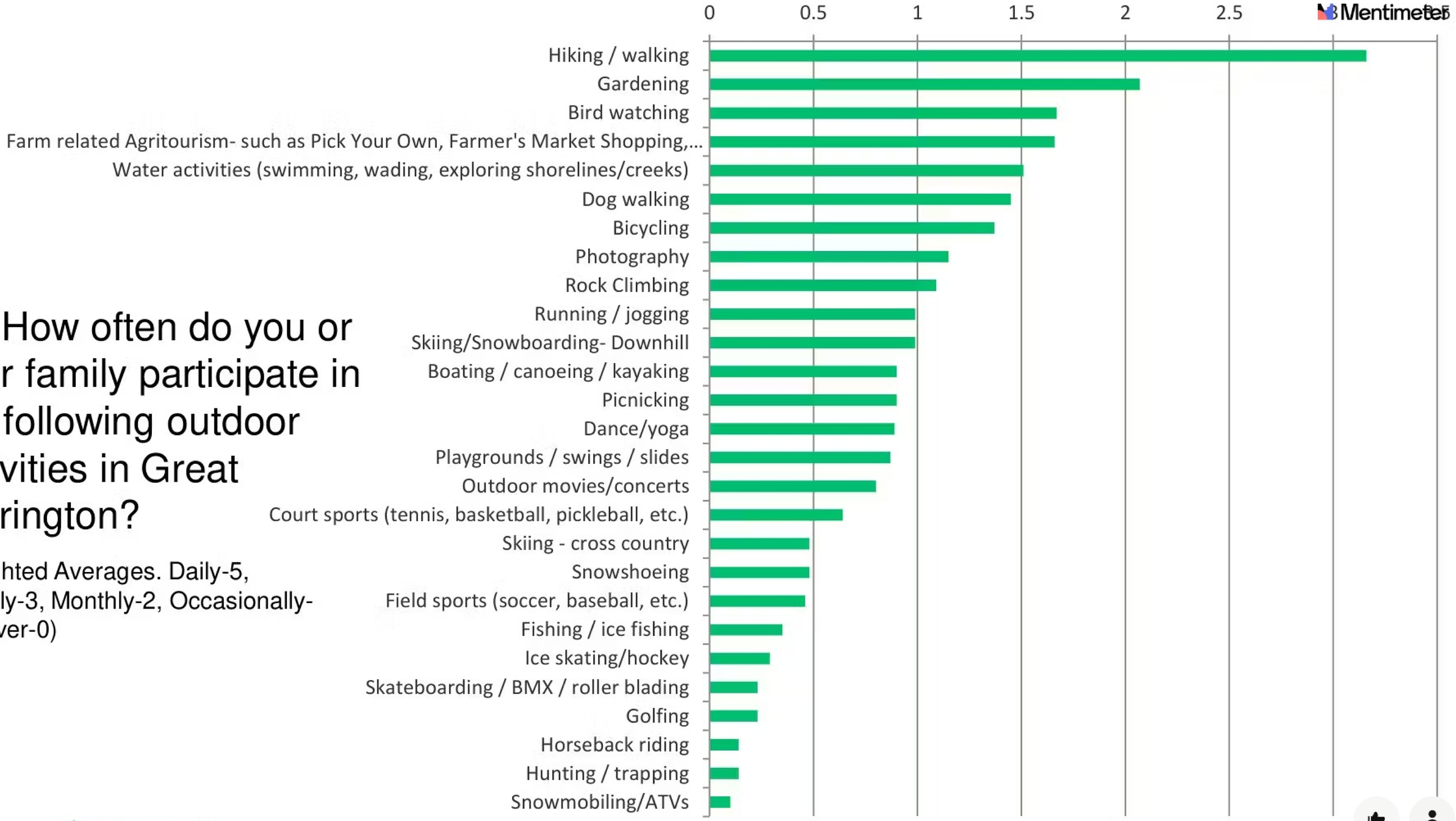
Q9 How often do you or your family participate in the following outdoor activities in Great Barrington?

(Weighted Averages. Daily-5, Weekly-3, Monthly-2, Occasionally-1, Never-0)



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Great Barrington
Open Space and Recreation Survey
Subgroups

	Respondents	Year Round Residents	Weekend Resident	Seasonal Resident	Worker	Visitor	Skipped
Residents	261	241	7	13	0	0	0
Visitors	142 Q1/158 Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Climbers	169	16	3	6	10	134	0
Climbers/Visitors	134						
Total Respondents	437	241	7	13	32	142	2
Neighborhoods							
Housatonic/North	93	89	1	1	1		1
West	31	29	1	1			0
South	14	8	0	1	5		0
East	22	15	0	5	2		0
Downtown	102	93	3	2	1	3	0
Prefer not to say	13						
	275	234	5	10			

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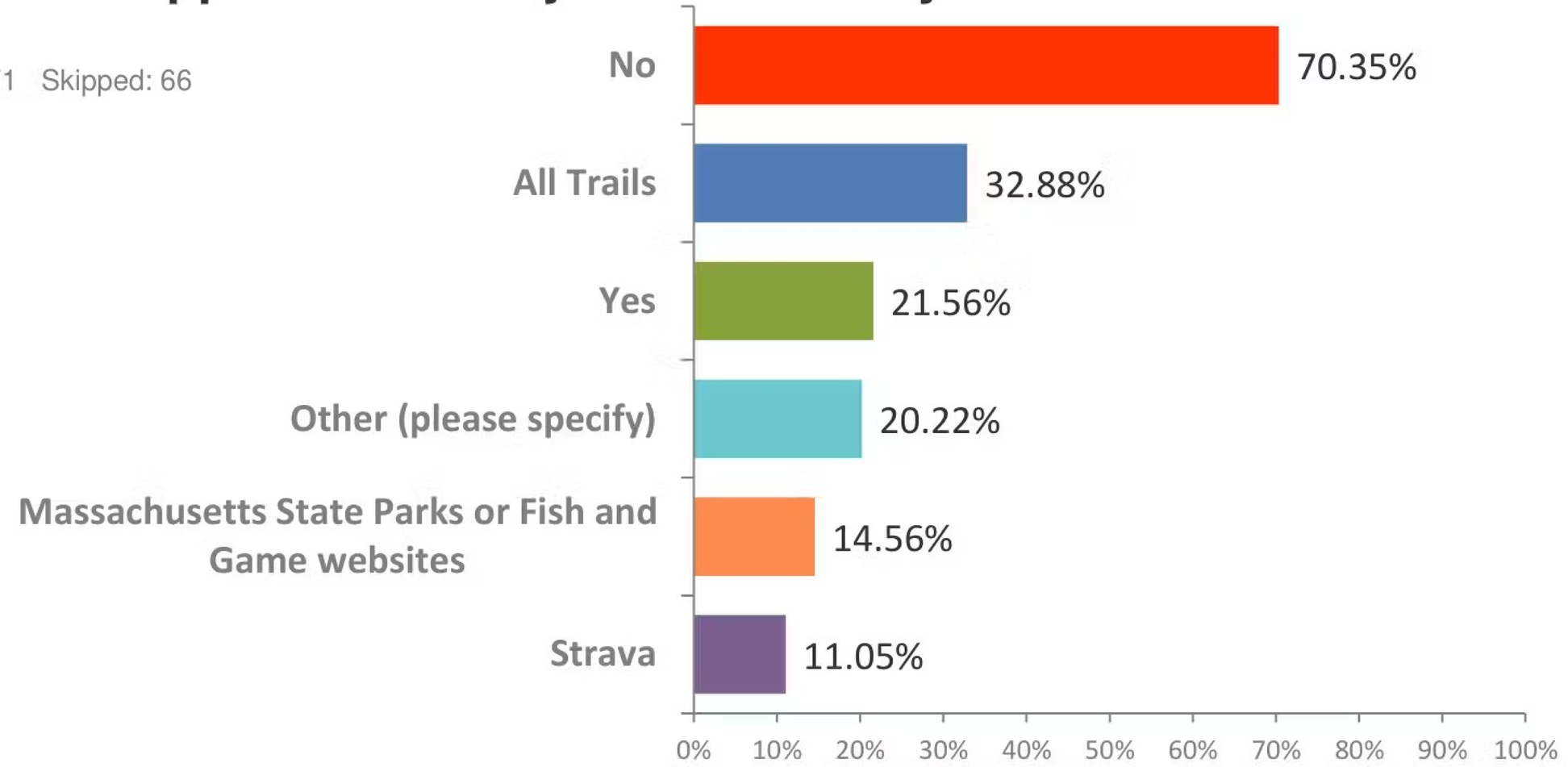
Q23: Are you familiar with the Berkshires Outside website that highlights Berkshire County outdoor offerings? How else do you learn about recreational opportunities in your community?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 66



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Great Barrington/Housatonic: Open Space & Recreation Survey- Rock Climber Data

169 Respondents.

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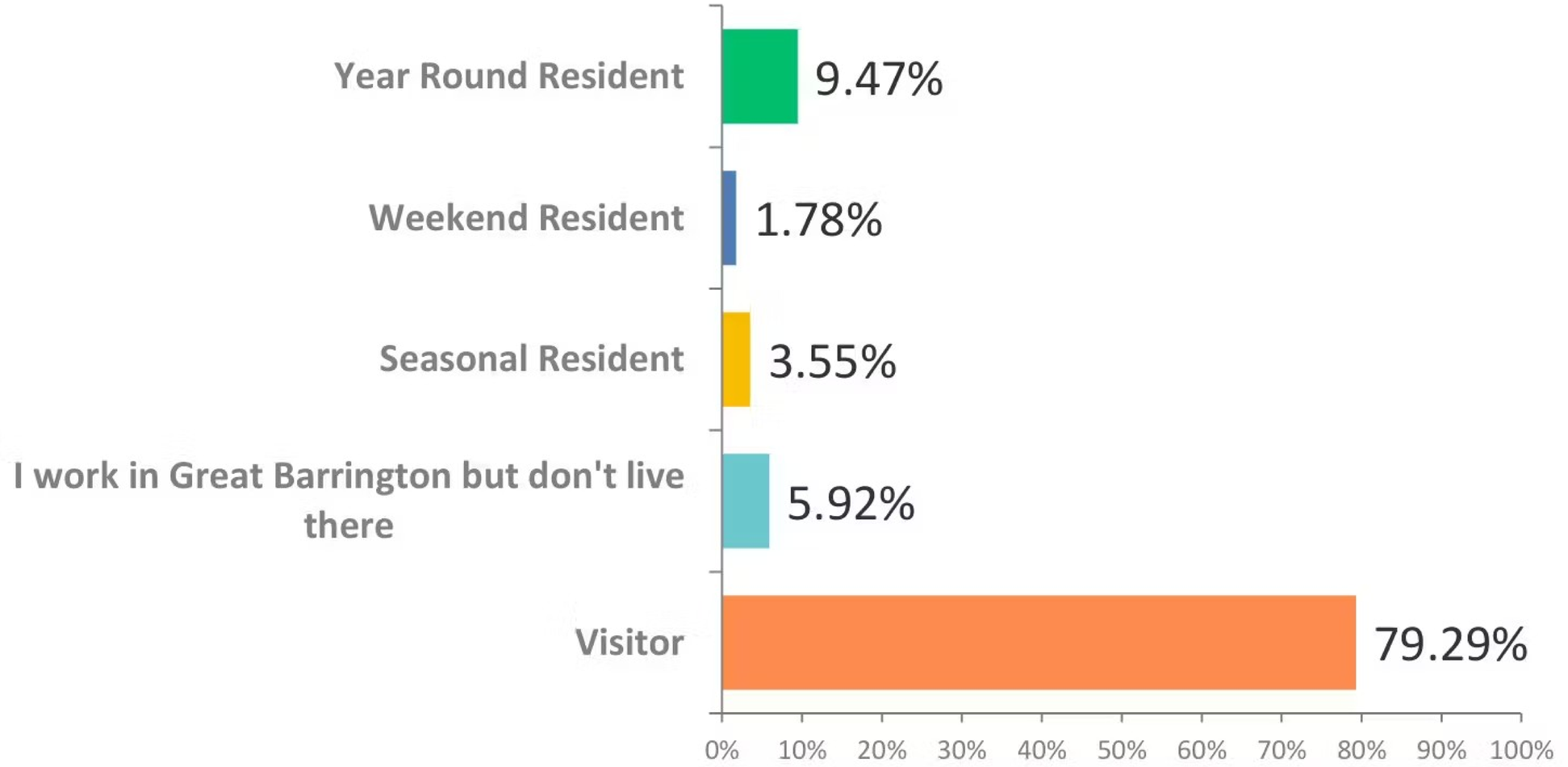
Q1: What is your residency status in Great Barrington

Answered: 169 Skipped: 0



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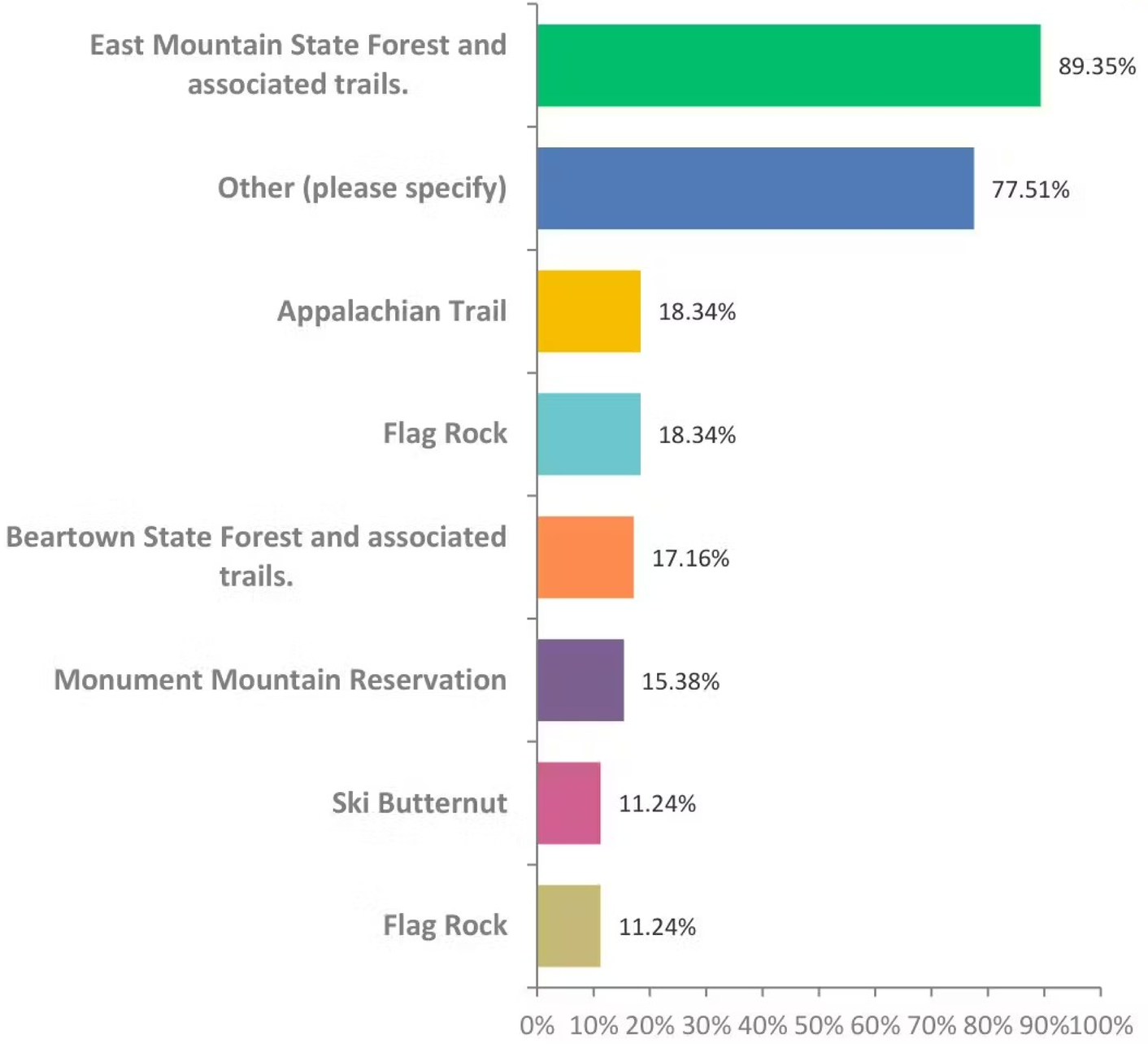
Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favorite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.

Top Choices mentioned in Other included:	
Reservoir Rocks	127
Bouldering areas	4
All of them	2
East Rock Trail	2
Great Barrington Reservoir	2
Great Barrington Skatepark	2

Answered: 169 Skipped: 0



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Some of what we heard from the climbing community-

As a frequent guest of Great Barrington, a lover of all things outdoors, and especially an avid rock climber I feel strongly of wanting the best for these beautiful natural spaces. Having rock climbed around the world in numerous countries, I am passionate and confident that Great Barrington hosts some of the very best rock quality and rock climbing anywhere!! It's a unique treasure to find in Massachusetts and for myself and many others is an integral part of our lives. My hope is for more solidified access and more obvious parking opportunities to enjoy these unique natural spaces, especially at East Mountain and Reservoir Rocks.

Great Barrington's Reservoir Boulders and Flag Rock are some of the best rock climbing resources in Massachusetts / Southern New England. I moved my family to the Berkshires from New Hampshire because of them.

The Town of Great Barrington has a significant opportunity to formally recognize the incredible rock climbing and hiking that occurs across East Mountain, specifically above the reservoir. Great Barrington is uniquely endowed with this valuable asset. Expanding East Mountain's outdoor recreational activities to include rock climbing, more hiking, and potentially even mountain biking, has tremendous potential to provide a valuable resource to the community and to enhance the draw for recreation tourism leading to economic development. What the area needs most is secure public access and adequate parking.

Recognizing the potential of east rock for rock climbing and hiking would be a major step for the many people who love and appreciate the area. The area above the reservoir in east rock offers incredible potential for climbers and hikers who appreciate the incredible stone on that hill. Great Barrington has consistently been my place to go on weekends, not just for the nature, but also the many shops and restaurants in town. Bringing more people who appreciate the outdoor recreation GB offers will not only boost tourism but economic development in the town.

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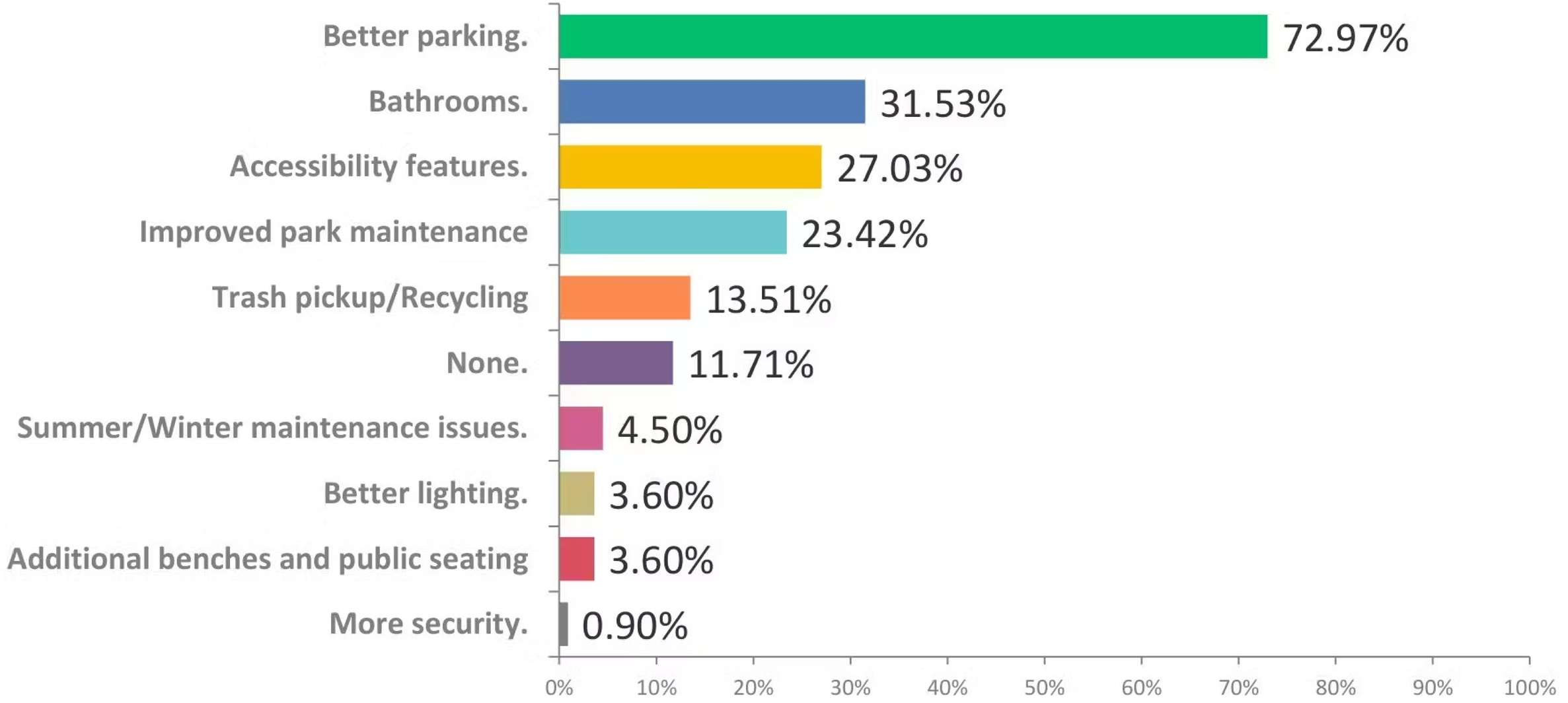
Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.

Answered: 111 Skipped: 58



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Great Barrington/Housatonic Open Space & Recreation Survey- Visitors to the Town

142 Respondents.

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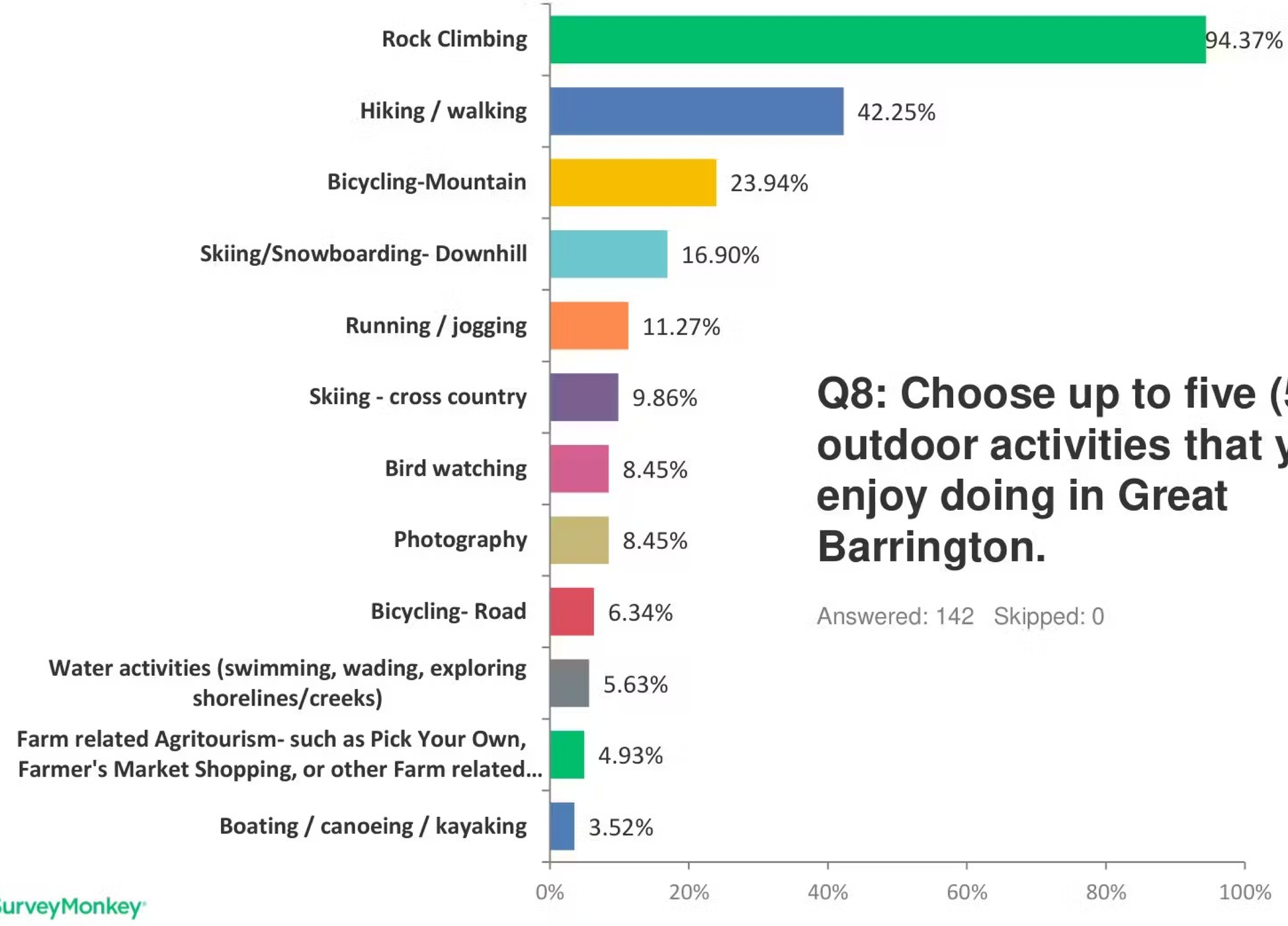

Q8: Choose up to five (5) outdoor activities that you enjoy doing in Great Barrington.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 0

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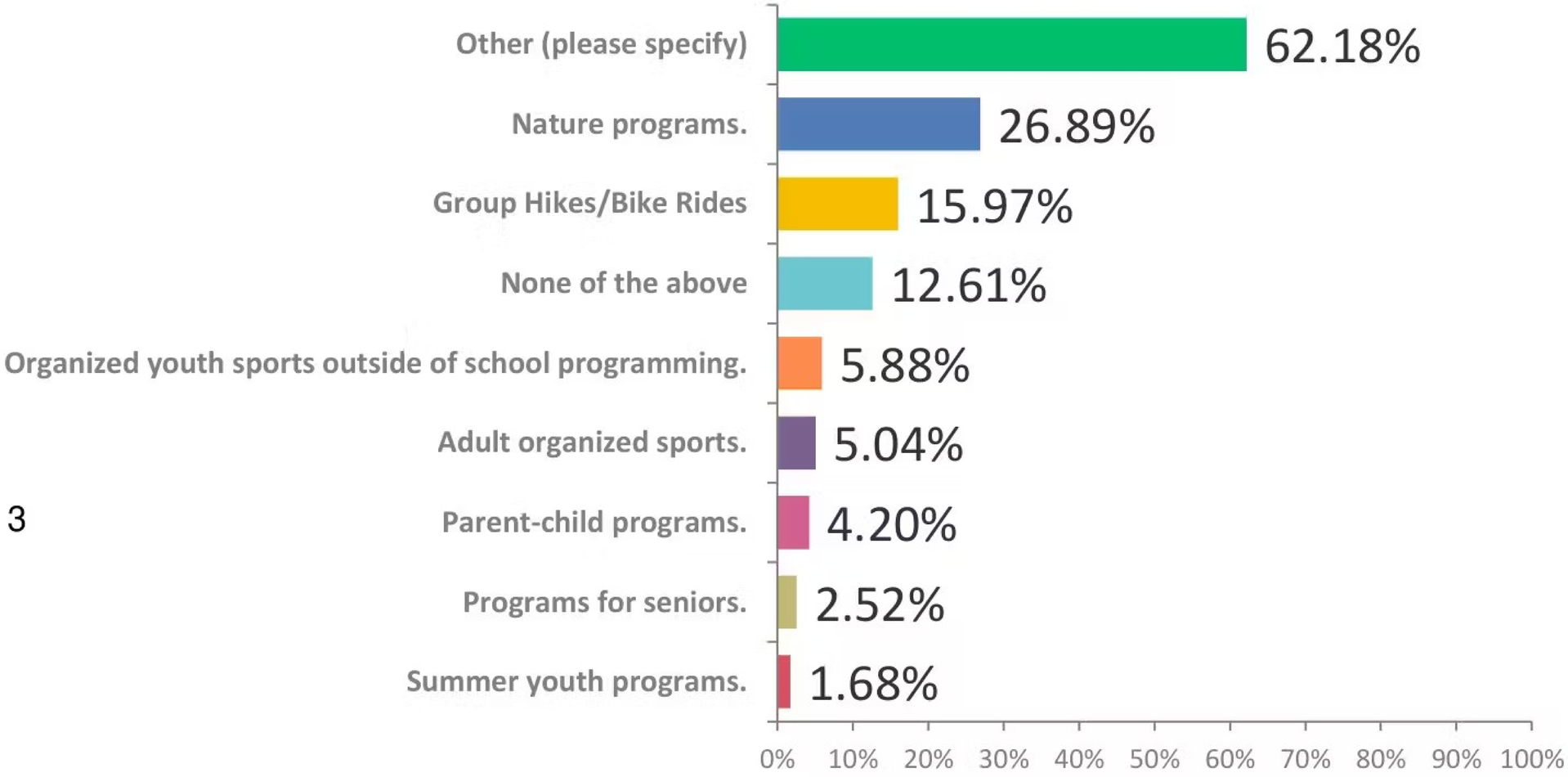
Q15: Which activities would you like to see more of in Town?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 23

Other responses included:

- Rock climbing 86+
- Youth & adult outdoor reacreation programs / groups 16
- Free community events (outdoor) 5
- Pickleball 3
- Hiking 3
- mountain biking 3



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Great Barrington/Housatonic: Open Space & Recreation Survey- Facilities for people with disabilities or health concerns.

44 responses based on answering that town recreational facilities were not adequate for the disability community.

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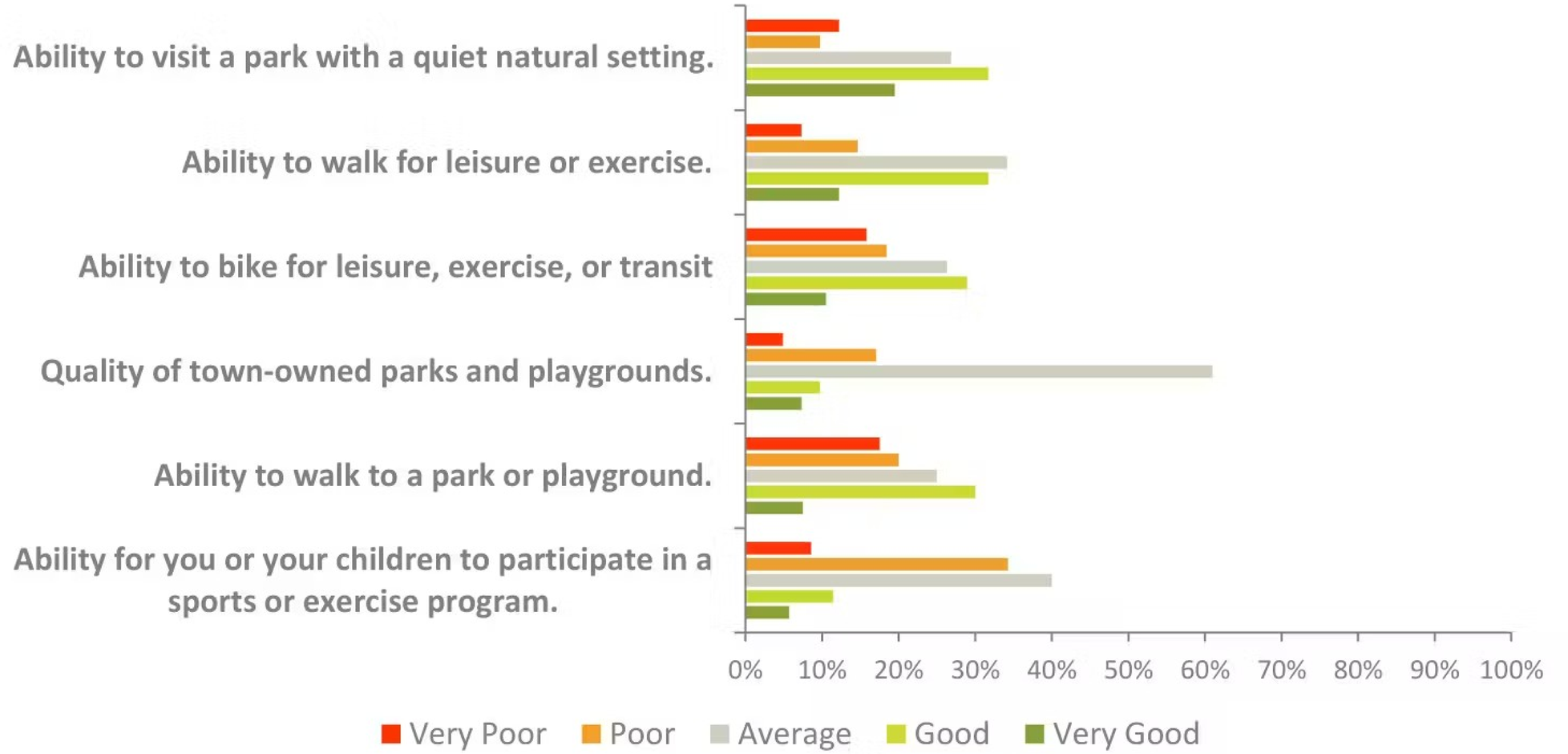
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighborhood?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 2



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Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.

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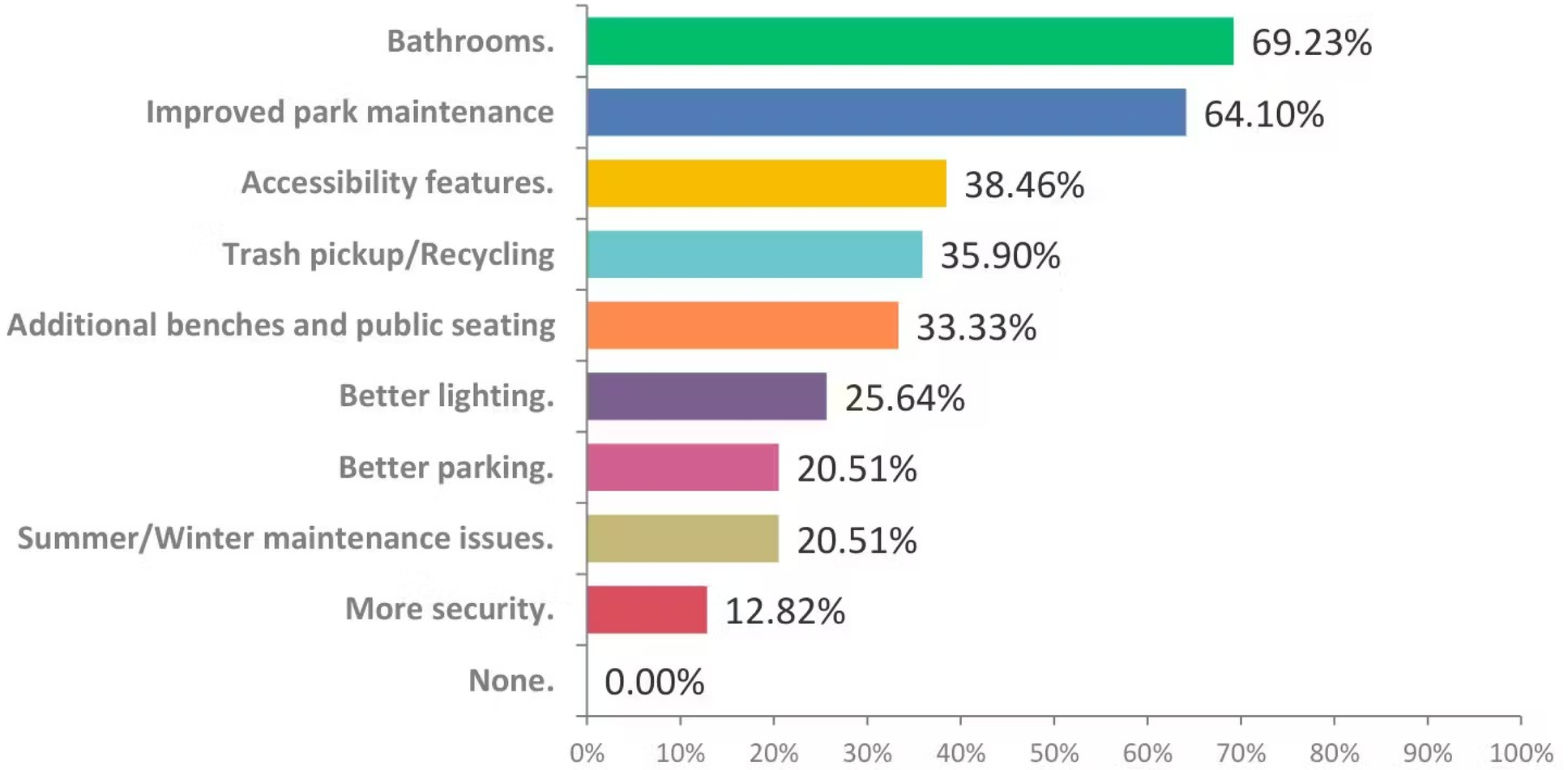

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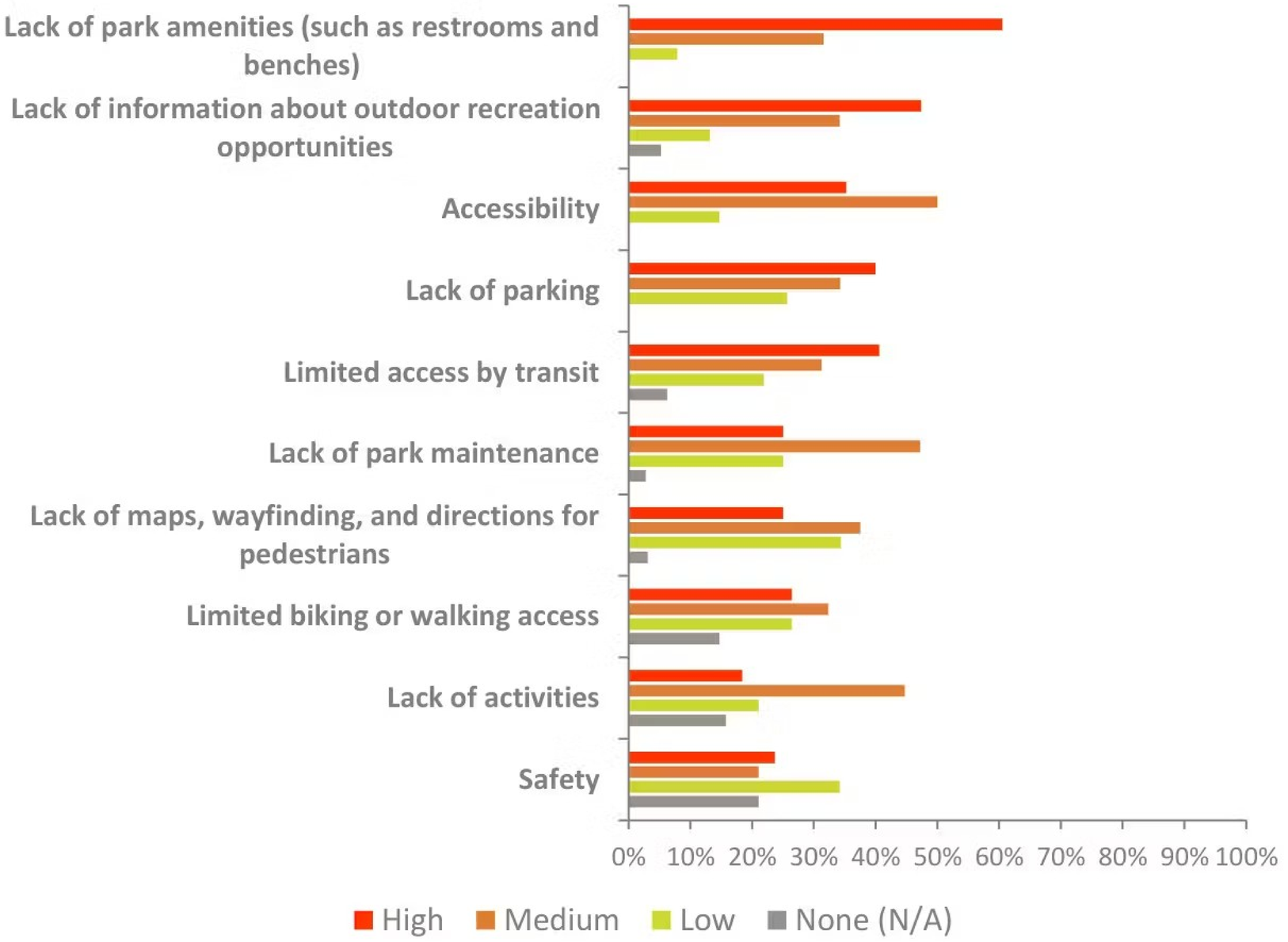
Q13: Which of the following do you see as the most pressing barriers or concerns when it comes to the town's outdoor recreation facilities (including parks, playing fields, and playgrounds, etc)?

- *I have a child with a disability and although most parks have an adaptive swing, this is generally the only accessible feature. I would like more accessibility across the board. As well as fencing, flat, easily walkable surfaces, and handicap parking.*

- *I would like the town to create more interconnectedness of parks and neighborhoods by building more sidewalks and or pedestrian/ non motorized bike trails.*



Answered: 43 Skipped: 1

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Great Barrington/Housatonic Open Space & Recreation Survey- Residents- Full and Part Time

261 Respondents.

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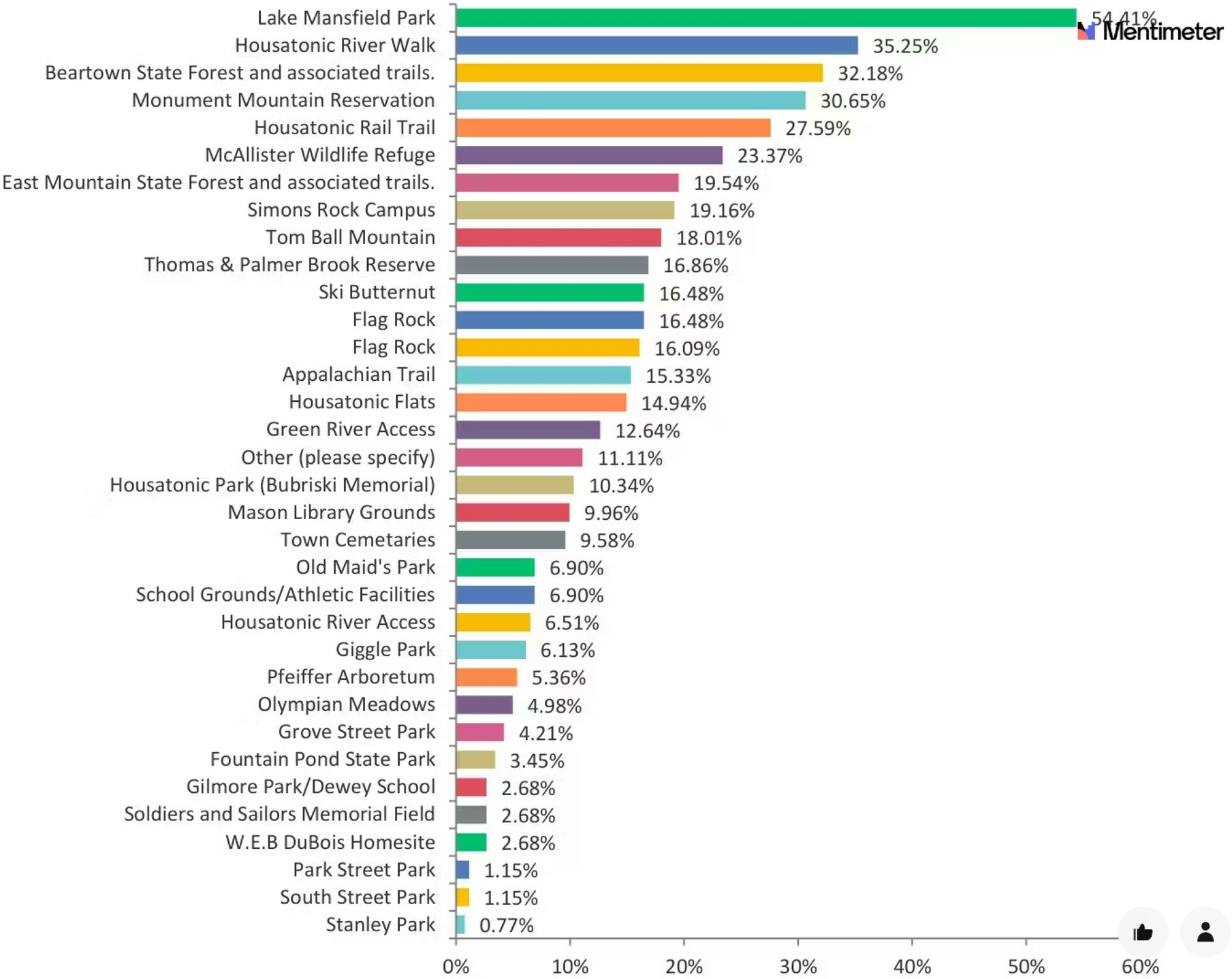
Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favorite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.



Answered: 261 Skipped: 0

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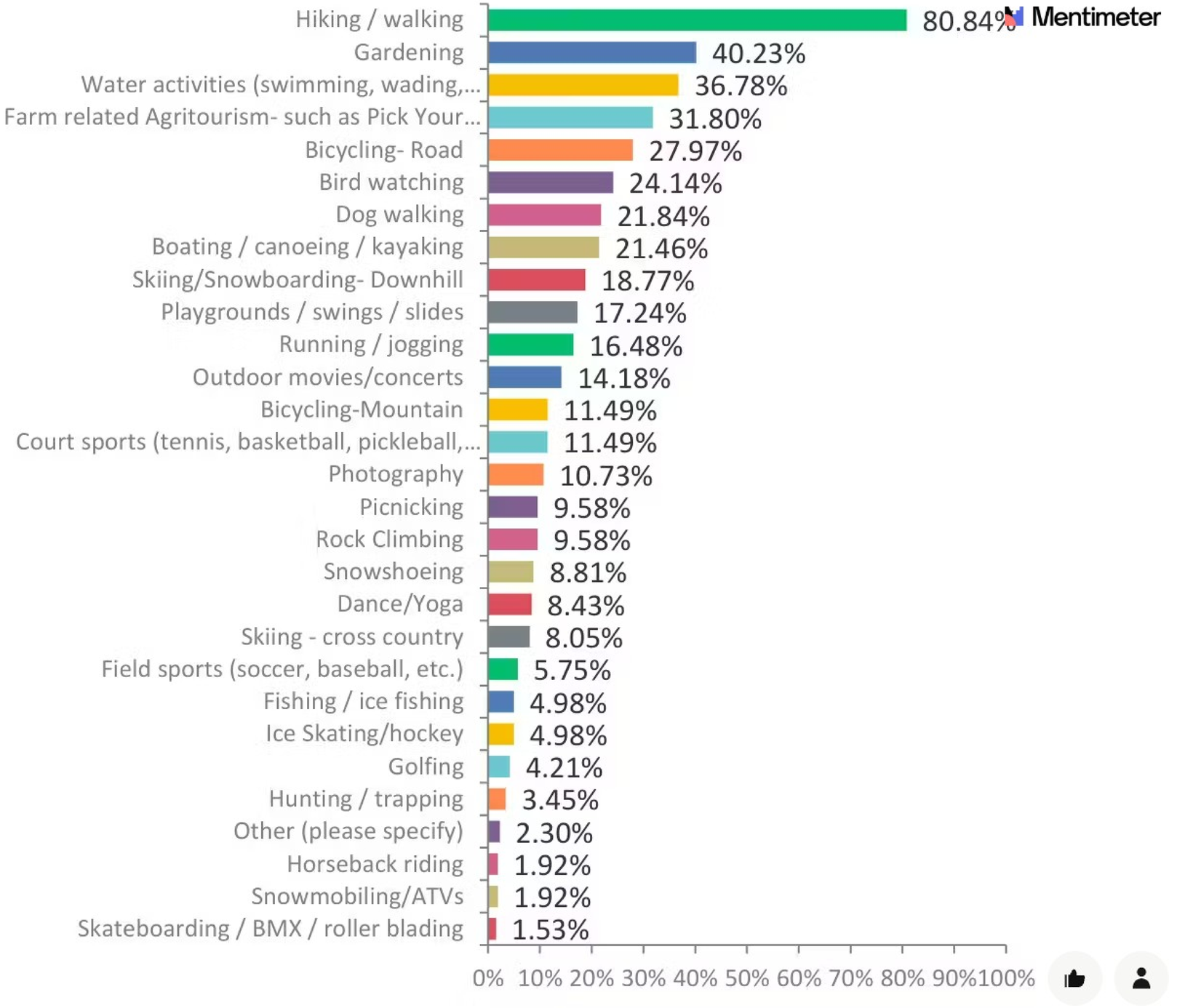
Q8: Choose up to five (5) outdoor activities that you enjoy doing in Great Barrington.



Answered: 261 Skipped: 0

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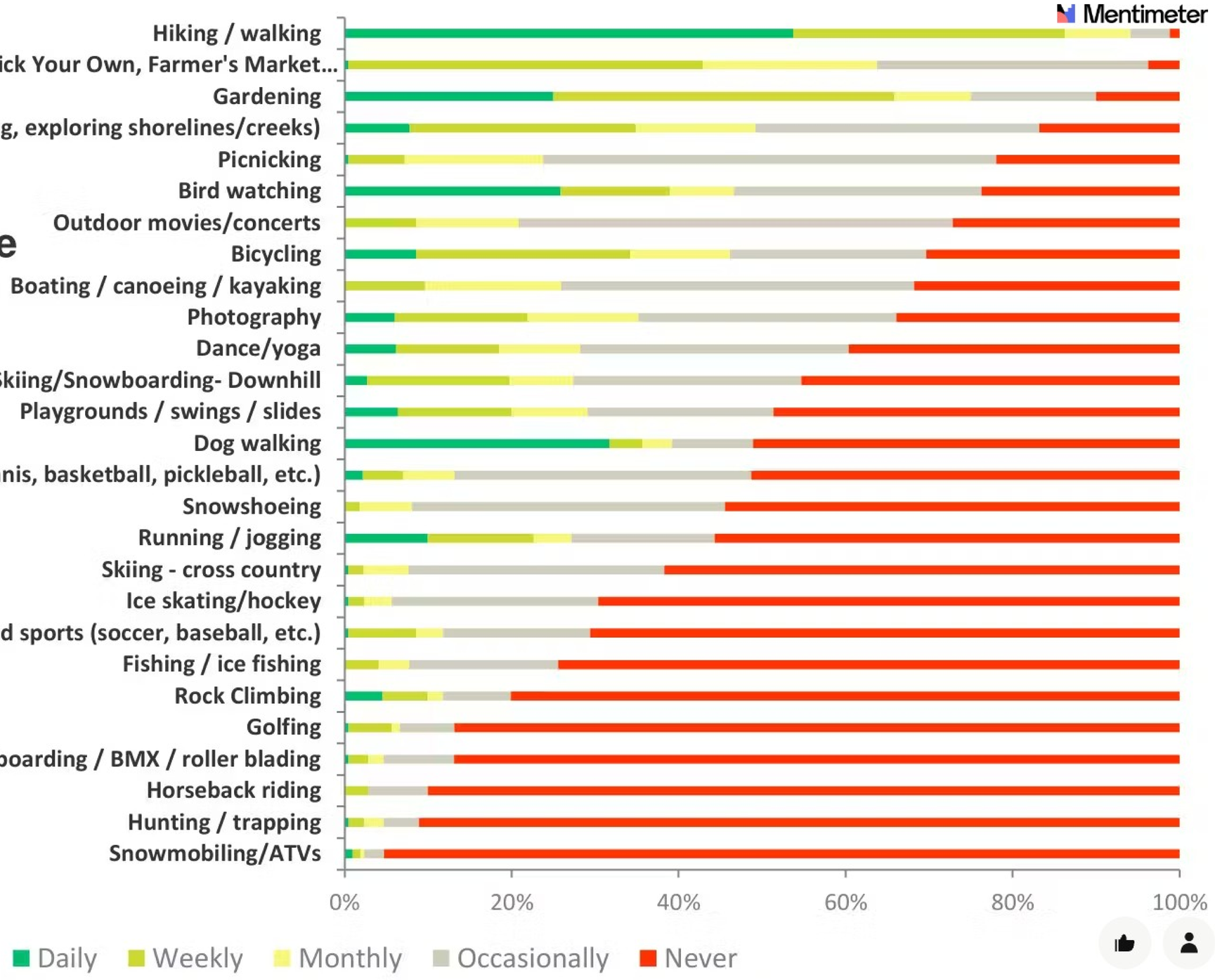
Q9: How often do you or your family participate in the following outdoor activities in Great Barrington?



Answered: 261 Skipped: 0

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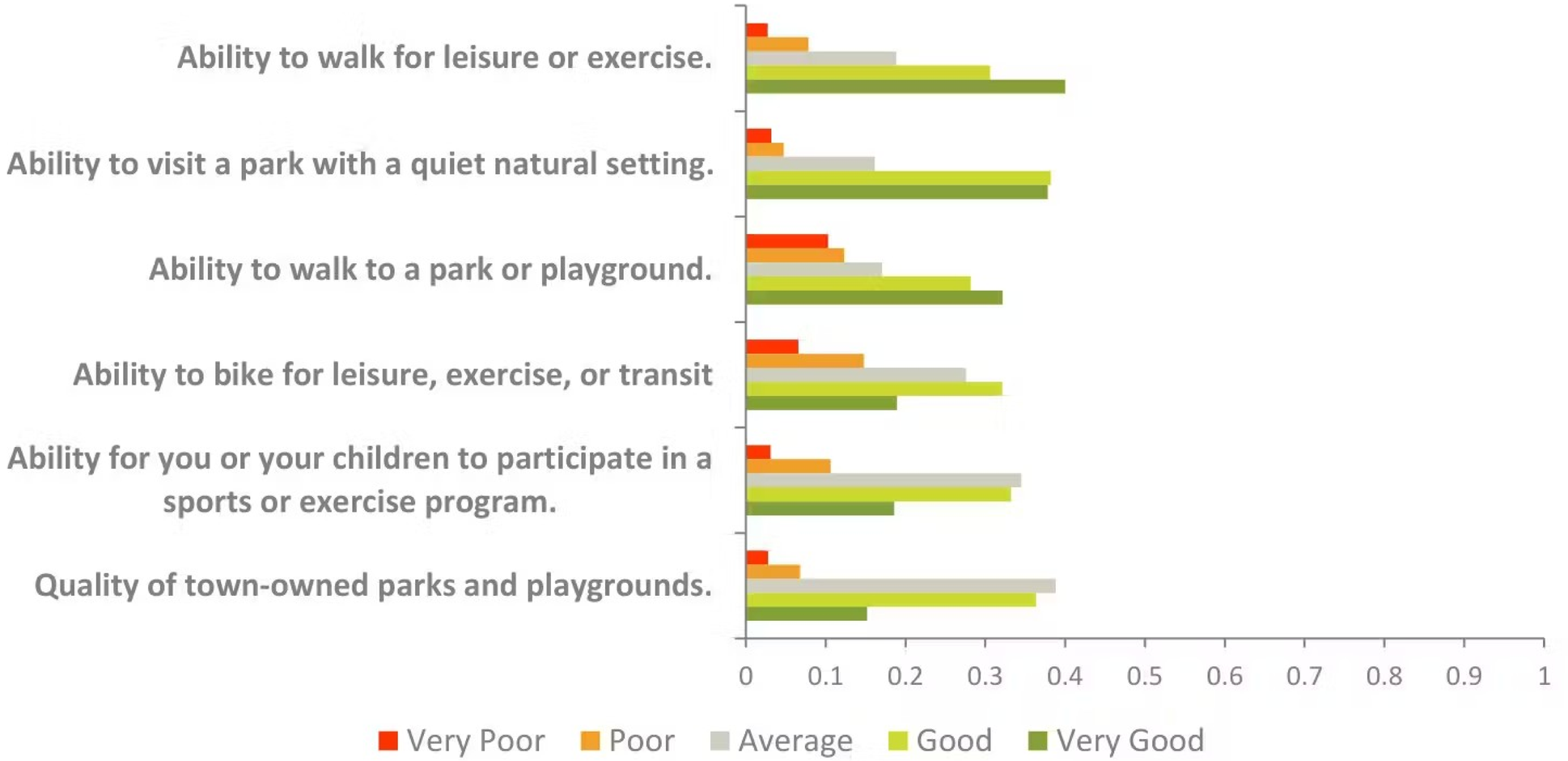
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighborhood?

Answered: 259 Skipped: 2



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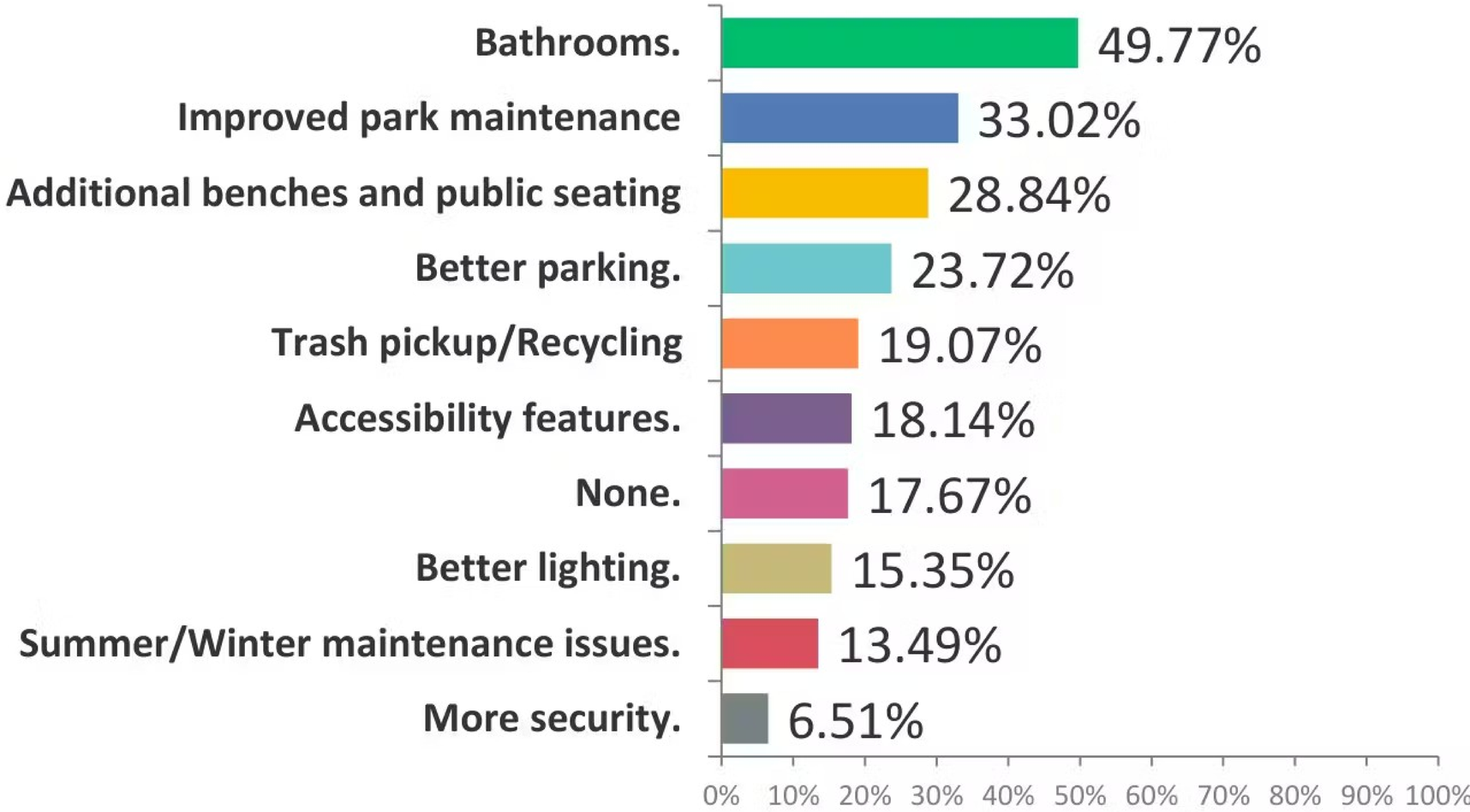
Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.

Answered: 215 Skipped: 46

If you checked any of the above boxes, at which parks would you like to see these improvements?	
Parking	34
Reservoir Rocks	27
Park Equipment Improvements (Giggle, Grove, Memorial Field, McAllister, Dewey & Housatonic)	32
Lake Mansfield Amenity Improvements	20
East Mountain Trails & Parking	13
Old Maids Park	9
State Forest Trails	8
Handicap access to outdoor recreation spaces	6
Roadway improvemens	4
Restroom facilities	4
Skate Park	3
Wayfinding	2



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Question 12 Allowed Respondents to suggest improvements for their favorite outdoor places-

Climbing Area Access & Protection	47
Trail Infrastructure	24
Improving walkability and bike ability throughout town (Road and Pedestrian Safety)	23
Improved accessibility (and accessible features, including parking)	18
Wayfinding	16
Recreation Facility Amenities (bathrooms, outdoor showers, pavilion, etc)	15
Landscape maintenance	15
Improve playground features	15
Bicycle and Mountain Bike Infrastructure	13
Waste Management	12
Conservation Preservation	9
Dog and Pet Management	8
Water Access (River Access, Pool, Splash pad)	5
Park Safety and Regulation	5
Sports Court Infrastructure	4
Better Access to the Housatonic River	2

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Question 12 Allowed Respondents to suggest improvements for their favorite outdoor places-

- *Many of the comments came from the climbing community and have been featured earlier in the slideshow.*
- *Accessibility and parking*
- *Close down regular traffic on railroad ave like on Berkshire Busk days. Turn half the street into a one lane for deliveries only. Other lane turn into extravagant garden and pedestrian space. This would enhance the downtown for commerce and ambiance.*
- *Better maintenance and enhancement. Housatonic feels neglected*
- *Would love a dedicated walking lane connecting downtown to christian hill entrance to mansfield hiking trail so we dont have to walk on main street.*
- *Always good to have more benches and free events for families always appreciated*
- *Continued upkeep, quiet places, dogs on leaches, more benches to sit quietly or nature/people watch, connect river walk/rail trail w neighboring towns, Old Fairgrounds???*
- *more shade, more areas to just sit / picnic*
- *Better information about resources - I have never heard or read about half the places mentioned above (and I do read a lot of websites, newsletters etc)*
- *We are spoiled for good parks and outdoor options in the Berkshires. Great Barrington is missing a park that feels like a town square. Our farmers market is in a paved parking lot. There's no park where people would gather in nicer months to sit outside snd relax or picnic. Giggle park area somehow feels removed. It may be there is simply no place like that possible in great Barrington.*
- *It would be great if the trails were better-maintained so that they are not overgrown, especially given our terrible tick situation*
- *Giggle park needs a refresh. We need another park of its style near the court house. We need a dog park desperately. We need mountain bike trails that are professionally designed which bring tourists.*

Q13: Which of the following do you see as the most pressing barriers or concerns when it comes to the town's outdoor recreation facilities (including parks, playing fields, and playgrounds, etc)?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 10

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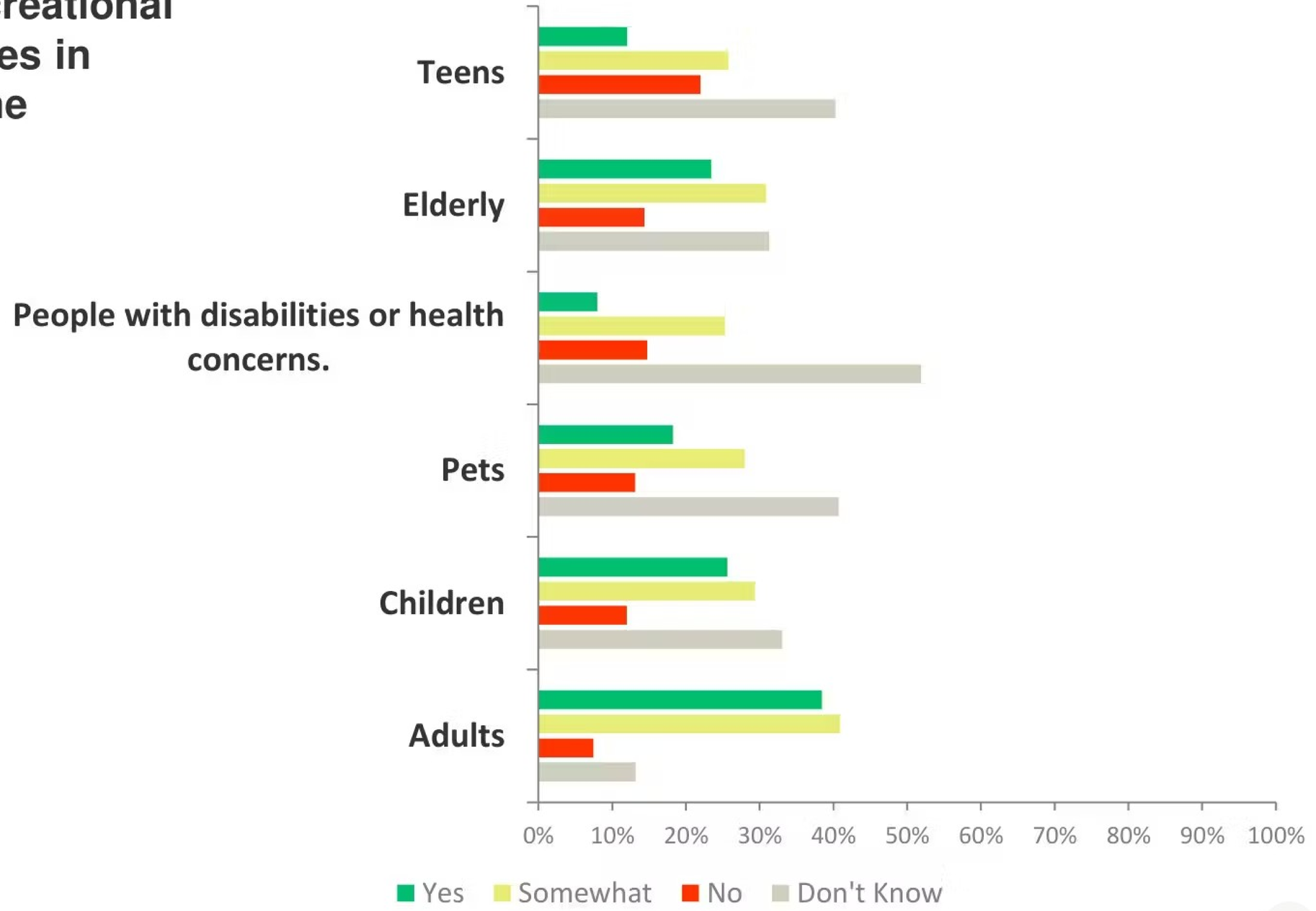
Q14: Are existing recreational programs and facilities in Town adequate for the following groups?



Answered: 248 Skipped: 13

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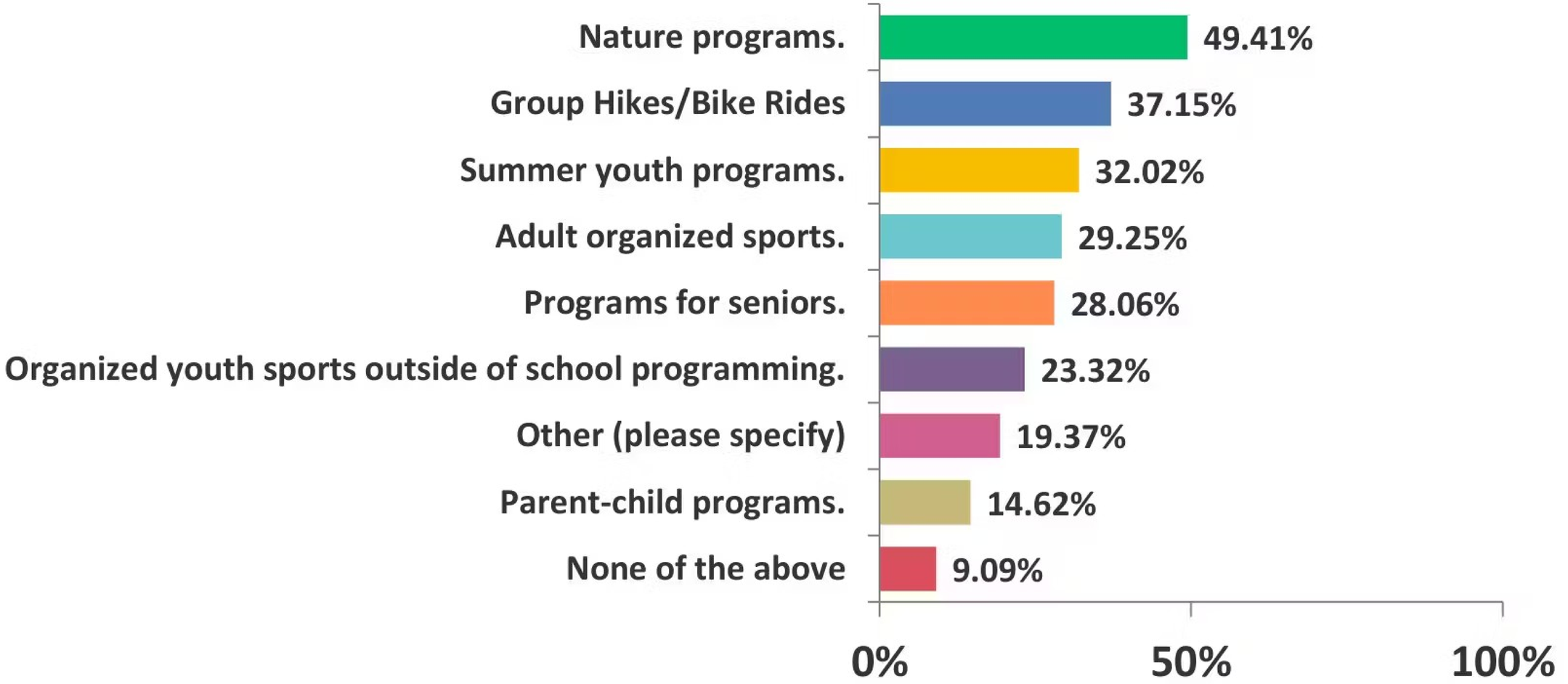
Q15: Which activities would you like to see more of in Town?

Answered: 253 Skipped: 8



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Q16: What is the best use of Park and Recreation funding? Rearrange the following categories so that the highest priority of funds is 1 and the lowest is 9.

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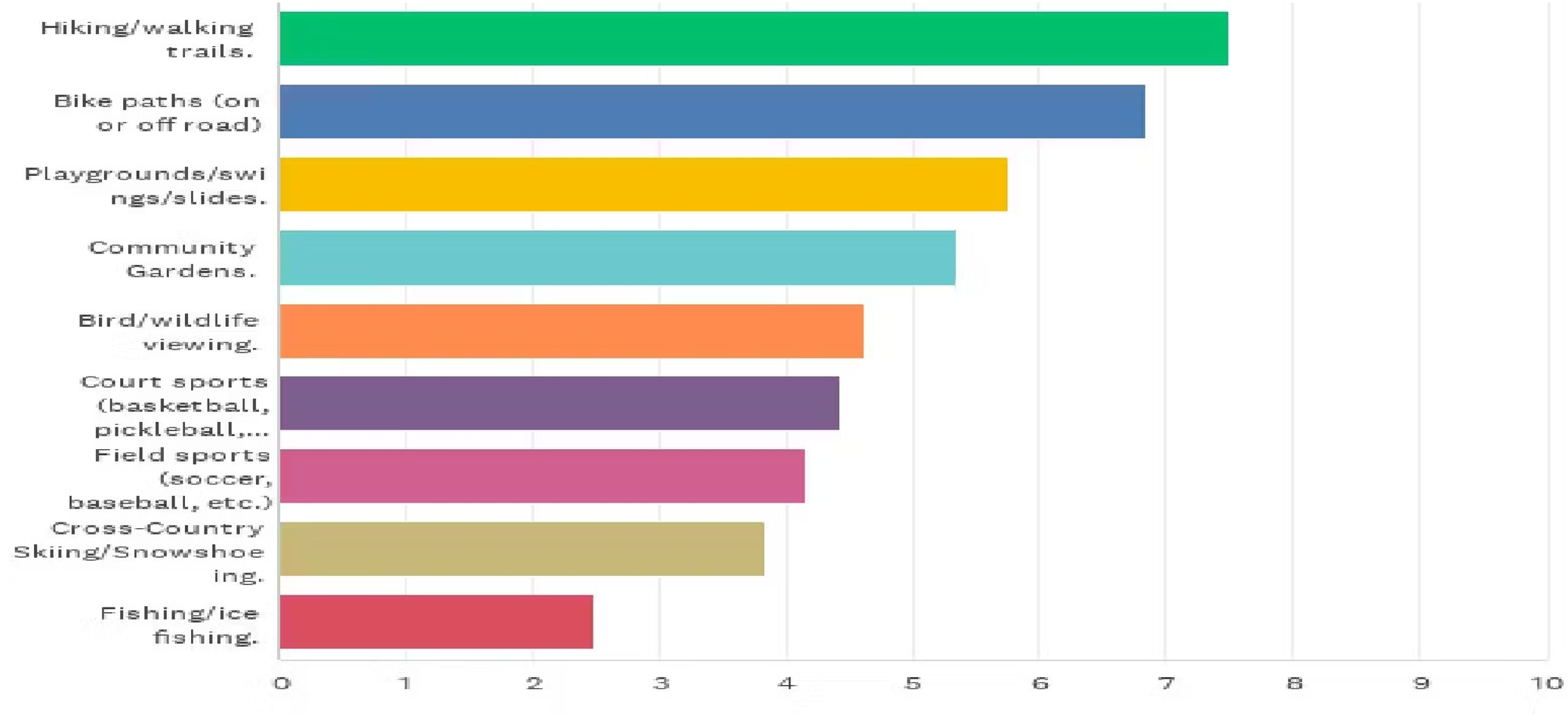

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Q16: What is the best use of Park and Recreation funding? Rearrange the following categories so that the highest priority of funds is 1 and the lowest is 9.

Answered: 255 Skipped: 6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Hiking/walking trails.	34.90% 89	27.45% 70	17.25% 44	6.67% 17	6.27% 16	4.31% 11	1.57% 4	0.78% 2	0.78% 2	255	7.50
Bike paths (on or off road)	27.84% 71	20.39% 52	14.12% 36	15.29% 39	8.24% 21	4.31% 11	3.53% 9	3.92% 10	2.35% 6	255	6.84
Playgrounds/swings/slides.	11.76% 30	15.29% 39	13.73% 35	16.86% 43	11.37% 29	13.33% 34	7.84% 20	7.06% 18	2.75% 7	255	5.76
Community Gardens.	9.80% 25	11.76% 30	14.51% 37	15.69% 40	10.59% 27	12.94% 33	10.59% 27	7.45% 19	6.67% 17	255	5.36
Bird/wildlife viewing.	3.92% 10	10.98% 28	12.55% 32	10.98% 28	10.59% 27	13.73% 35	12.94% 33	14.51% 37	9.80% 25	255	4.62
Court sports (basketball, pickleball, etc.)	6.27% 16	3.53% 9	11.37% 29	10.20% 26	16.47% 42	11.76% 30	17.65% 45	13.33% 34	9.41% 24	255	4.44
Field sports (soccer, baseball, etc.)	3.14% 8	3.53% 9	6.27% 16	12.55% 32	16.47% 42	16.86% 43	16.86% 43	15.69% 40	8.63% 22	255	4.16
Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing.	0.39% 1	4.71% 12	7.84% 20	9.41% 24	15.69% 40	14.90% 38	12.94% 33	19.22% 49	14.90% 38	255	3.83
Fishing/ice fishing.	1.96% 5	2.35% 6	2.35% 6	2.35% 6	4.31% 11	7.84% 20	16.08% 41	18.04% 46	44.71% 114	255	2.49

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Question 17 Allowed Respondents to tell us something we missed in the survey. Here is some of what we heard:

Answered: 105 Skipped:332

- Love this town! Keep up the good work. Thank you.
- Better sidewalk from bridge to bakery and beyond in Housatonic.
- We're missing an indoor ice rink.. or even a 3 season ice rink. The nearest one is really far away. Kids would love it!
- We should have 4-6 outdoor pickleball courts and have racks set up for open play. Just like Lenox has.
- More access and free equipment to Housatonic River for sitting, walking, canoeing, kayaking.
- I know that this is difficult to enforce, but unleashed dogs are a problem in many places. I come across them at Lake Mansfield, McCallister, and other places. They are even on the street in my neighborhood.
- Children and teens in the community could benefit from more outdoor programming geared toward them
- There is a dangerous sidewalk gap between Front Street and the cemetery. This should be fixed. I was told that would mean closing Beacon Hill at the Front street intersection but there are so few houses there it should not be an issue. This fix would close the walking loop so often used by dog walkers and stroller walkers who have to walk in the road for a couple hundred yards.
- If you build it they will come. Outdoor recreation is one of the leading drivers to where someone decides to live. We need new younger people to make sure Great Barrington thrives in the future. Oh yeah you missed the dog park. We have so much under utilized open space. Build it tomorrow next to the court house. Let's go!!
- A robust, safe system of protected bike lanes would transform our town in such a positive way. Better for people and the planet. Our town is dangerously car-centric. Some people would rail against it, but once in place it would be beloved.
- Swimming! The town should invest in providing children with water safety and swimming skills.
- We could use sidewalks in Housatonic (downtown already has them). A kid can't safely walk or bike to a park or meet up with a friend. Also, having sidewalks and trails connect Housie with Great Barrington would be dreamy.
- We need some type of walking/biking trail connecting housatonic to Great Barrington! Currently there is no real safe way to travel between the two other than car. A paved trail or at least a sidewalk is highly necessary. Housatonic should not be cut off from Great Barrington
- The previous question made me remember that some towns in Ny state offer very affordable summer camps for town residents. Like, $60-$100/ week. Considering the extreme lack of childcare and affordable childcare programs in our area, maybe some efforts could be put towards town-subsidized summer camps or after school programs. In short—GB is doing outdoor recreation well, in this survey taker's opinion. Maybe there's a way to use some of these state grants to help families with more dire needs—but keeping it in the spirit of accessing the outdoors!

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Q18: Indicate your level of support of the following strategies/policies?

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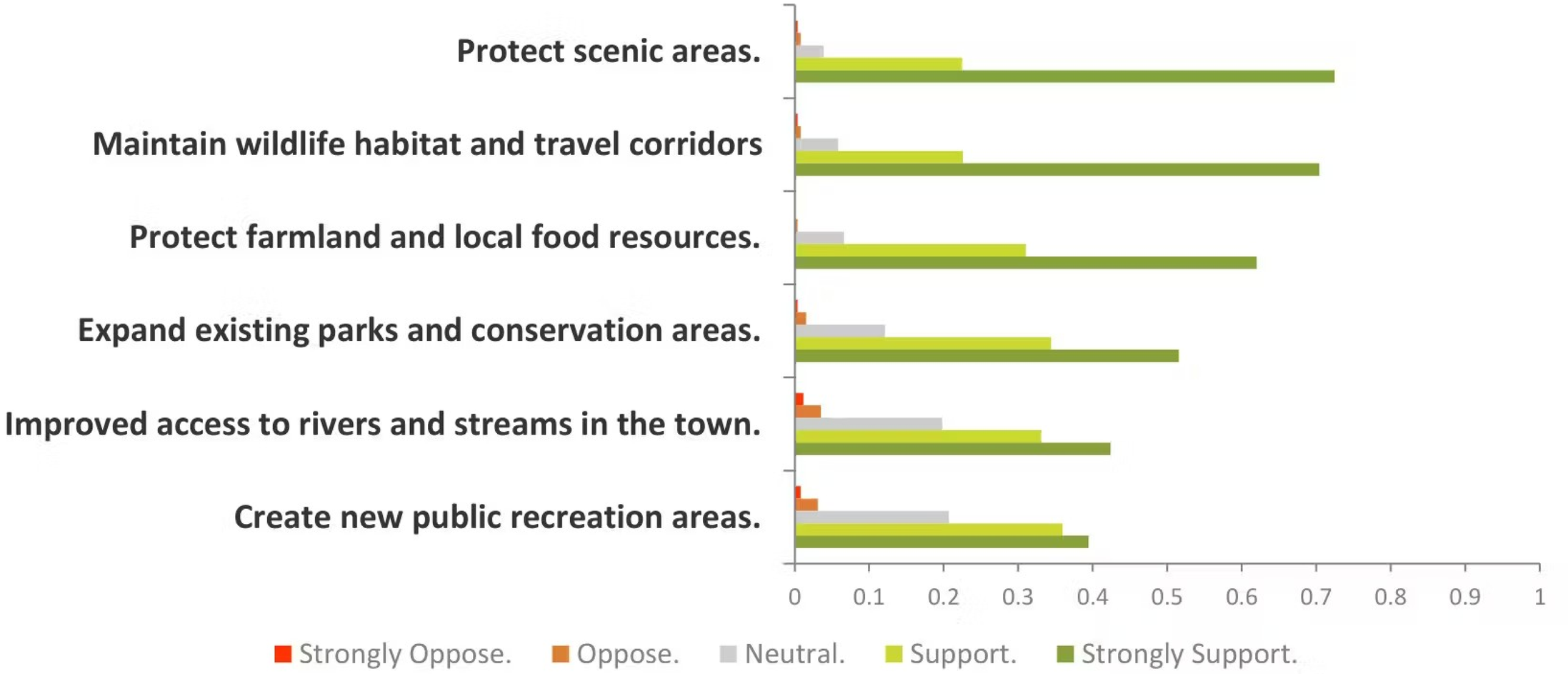

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Q19: Which of the following conservation practices would you be willing to implement on your own property?

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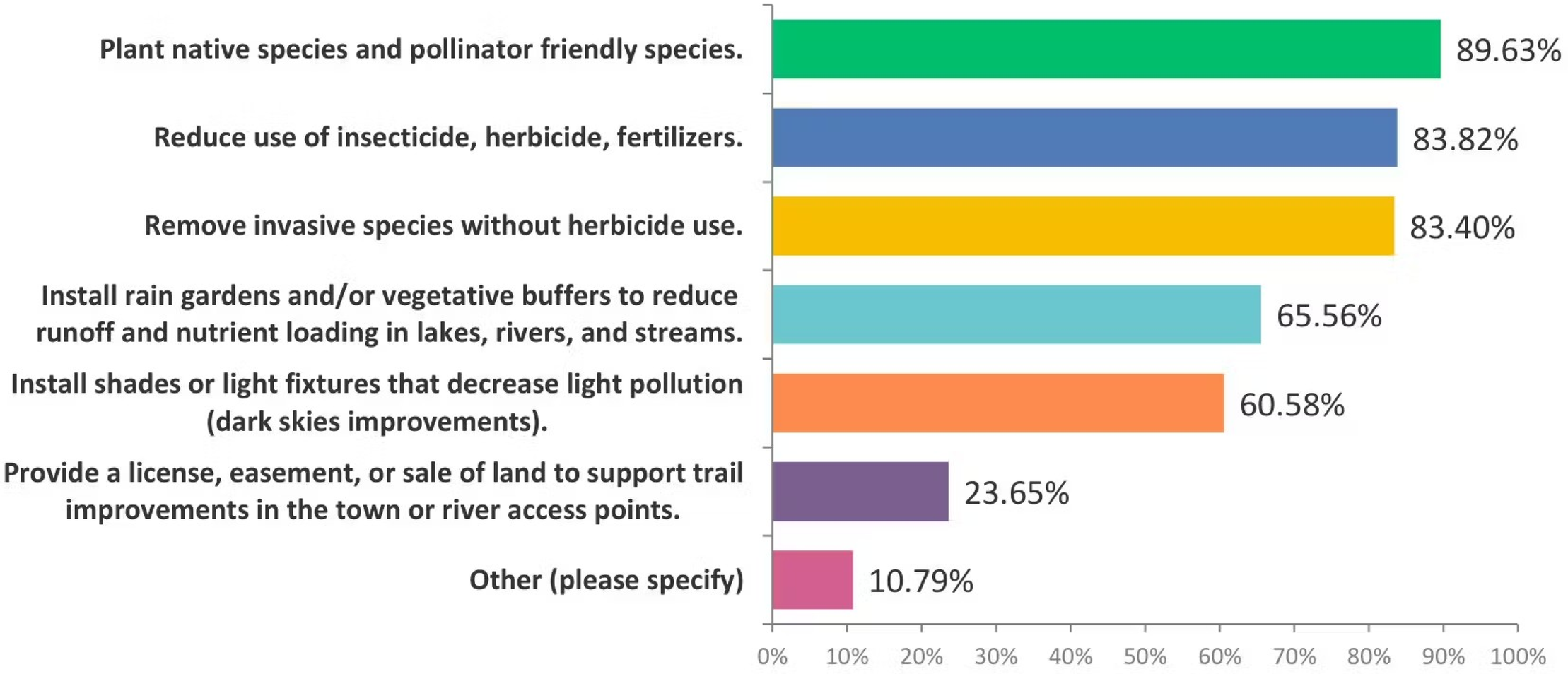
Answered: 241 Skipped: 20



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Q20: What is the best use of Town Conservation funding? Rearrange the following categories so that the highest priority of funds is 1 and the lowest is 5.

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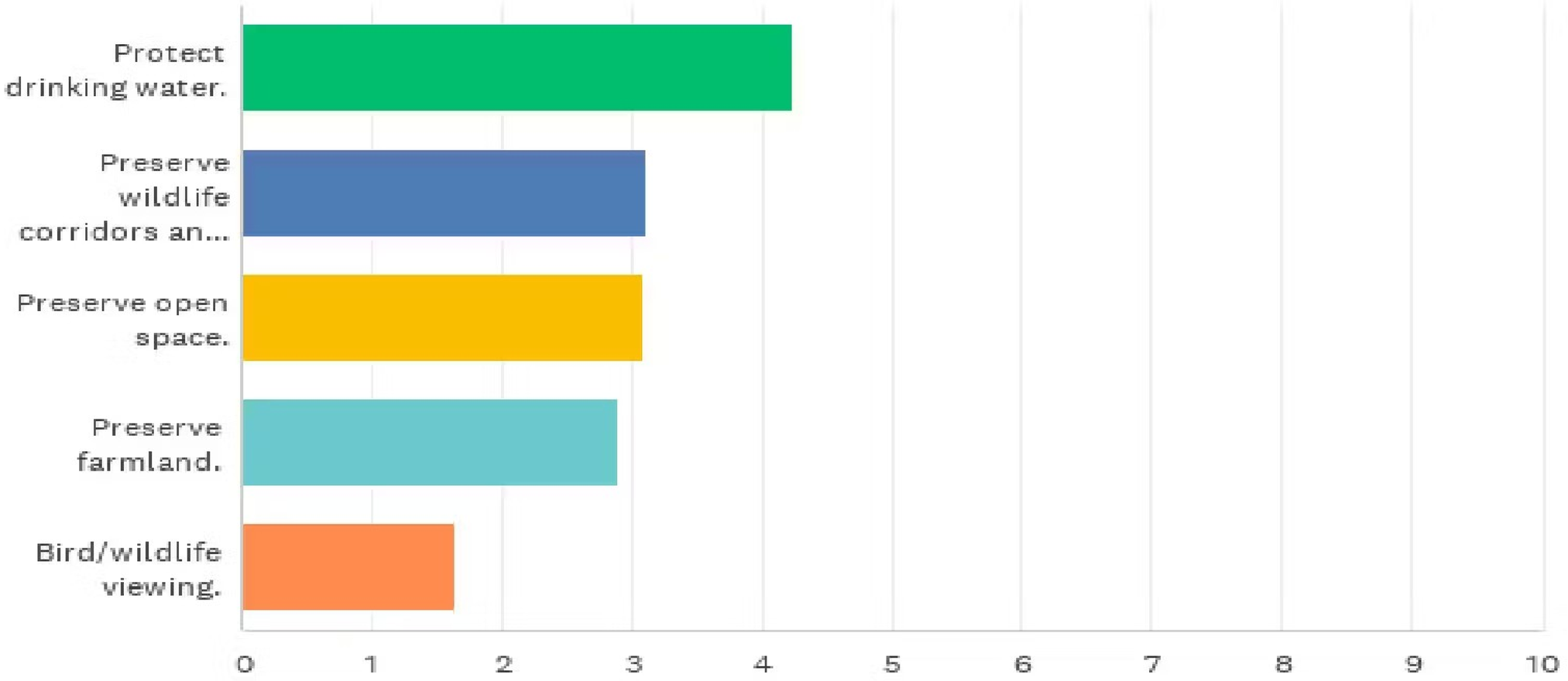
Answered: 240 Skipped: 21



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Q20: What is the best use of Town Conservation funding? Rearrange the following categories so that the highest priority of funds is 1 and the lowest is 5.

Answered: 240 Skipped: 21

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Protect drinking water.	64.17% 154	12.92% 31	10.00% 24	8.75% 21	4.17% 10	240	4.24
Preserve wildlife corridors and habitats.	13.75% 33	23.33% 56	29.17% 70	27.50% 66	6.25% 15	240	3.11
Preserve open space.	13.75% 33	26.67% 64	24.58% 59	25.83% 62	9.17% 22	240	3.10
Preserve farmland.	5.42% 13	30.42% 73	27.50% 66	22.50% 54	14.17% 34	240	2.90
Bird/wildlife viewing.	2.92% 7	6.67% 16	8.75% 21	15.42% 37	66.25% 159	240	1.65

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Question 21 Allowed Respondents to tell us what they think is the most important natural resource in Town to be conserved? Some of what we heard…

- The high quality unique and fun rock climbing, with great cultural significance to generations of climbers in the northeast
- Protecting drinking water. Thus, environmental healthy care of McAllister Wildlife Refuge that impacts the town's main drinking water source.
- Housatonic River and access to it, trails. Williams River and access to it
- Housatonic River. I know it's a bit taboo, but we should really start to celebrate and provide access to it as a walking / cycling / boating corridor. It's a perfect path that weaves it's way through town. More River Walk Please !! --> and this should be bike friendly. If this was to be pushed towards an actual transportation route, nobody is going to walk from CHP to the bagel shop, the fact that this isn't bike friendly is almost hilarious.
- Supporting farms and local farmers is very important to me
- The rivers are the basis for everything, the reason the town is even here. They should be protected not just for our use but for the sake of all the animals and insects.
- I am most concerned about the future of the Simon’s rock campus as there is a large area of wild space there.
- We need to preserve wild spaces—promoting higher density growth to avoid further suburbanizing the countryside. Animals need space.
- Protecting open space, farmland and drinking water are one and the same to me. By protecting land and forests, we can maintain the ecological integrity of the area and develop sustainable recreational opportunities at the same time to provide economic growth to a region that really needs it.
- Many mentioned protecting water resources, drinking water, river corridors, rock climbing.

Question 22 Allowed Respondents to tell us something we missed in the survey? Some of what we heard…

- expand sidewalk and walking/biking paths to interconnect neighborhoods, parks and villages.
- would love more efforts to expand hiking trails on east mountain
- Please recognize the prevalence and strength of the Western MA rock climbing community and how the town and the local members can collaborate to help protect land, improve access, and keep rock climbing safe and accessible.
- Green energy
- Air and animals (it's their home)
- No more factories or gas stations
- I am always concerned about increased access that promotes more use. For example, I rarely go to Lake Mansfield anymore because it is too crowded. There is too much fishing pressure. For this reason I would not want to see "improved" access to any of the rivers.
- Thank you for putting out this survey, I really appreciate the opportunity to give feedback. We love Great Barrington and thank you for your work on its outdoor spaces.
- Future of Fairgrounds and Simon’s Rock properties.
- I think we do a pretty good job
- Make any trails multi-use (hiking and biking) for whatever the town builds/maintains
- Riverfront trials at bridge street to Olympian Meadows and Brookside sections were not names in the survey. Connecting these two trials is a high priority the community members and trail users often ask about.
- Invasive species removal specifically, + planting native species & leaving snags especially those that can provide wildlife food and habitat
- Accessibility to Housatonic River and surrounding areas
- Protect and ensure reservoir area is open for public access to outdoor activities.
- One final note I would like to add is that I personally have an old deep connection to the climbing access in East Mountain. I learned to climb outdoors here and although I now live 3 hrs away it is still a location I frequently come back to because 1. It has some of the best climbing in the northeast that people from all over will come to visit. 2. Has some of the best scenery especially during the autumn months 3. Has one of the most gorgeous towns with a fantastic community and some great restaurants i may add. This is something I would love to see investment in for expansion, because I would love for others to experience Great Barrington and see it with the limitless amount of praise I could offer it..

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Question 22 Allowed Respondents to tell us something we missed in the survey? Some of what we heard… (Continued)

- Many of our parks are quite vast - there are many locations that overlap with private land owners, and providing necessary, easements and access and benefiting those private land owners or absolving them of liability if they are willing to make their land accessible. Perhaps providing a tax relief benefit or allocating a portion of their tax bill to outdoor recreation/parks programs and maintenance expenses Our parks and land masses are vast and could greatly enhance a draw to our region for Eco tourism. Beyond the typical usage such as ski areas. Accessing East rock and The world class rock climbing features we have would be a tremendous opportunity to develop for community members and beyond.
- Investment in the control of invasive plant species along waterways.
- Land conservation is necessary, but can often be hyper-restrictive and can often be prohibitive in the development of more curated outdoor recreation. The town should look at partnering with Land Trusts and recreation-oriented interest groups that encourage more active recreation.
- We live in such a naturally beautiful area- I used to escape to the Berkshires before living here for many, many years. The more we can strengthen conserving land and water while balancing safe opportunities for all humans of all ages, abilities, and identities to get outside, the better.
- The community living in Housatonic does not have clean/HEALTHY water -- this should be a priority before anything else!
- Get some outdoor pickleball courts with nets
- This is an unpopular opinion but there is too much conservation land in The Berkshires. There is far too much land that could easily support affordable housing and far too many second homes with agricultural fields that have been turned into lawns. This constant conservation effort inflates land costs.
- The farm fields especially cornfields along Rte 23 and Rte 7 use so many pesticides which wash into the adjacent rivers and into the water table
- acquire the Fair Grounds and eliminate several small mostly unused "parks" as we are maintaining and wasting resources to do so
- Light pollution is a significant concern for me.
- I’d like to see safe walking and biking between Housatonic and downtown GB.
- I am very concerned about the use of Roundup- especially for people with children who live near sprayed fields

Q24: How do you get information about Parks and Recreation/open space issues in Town?

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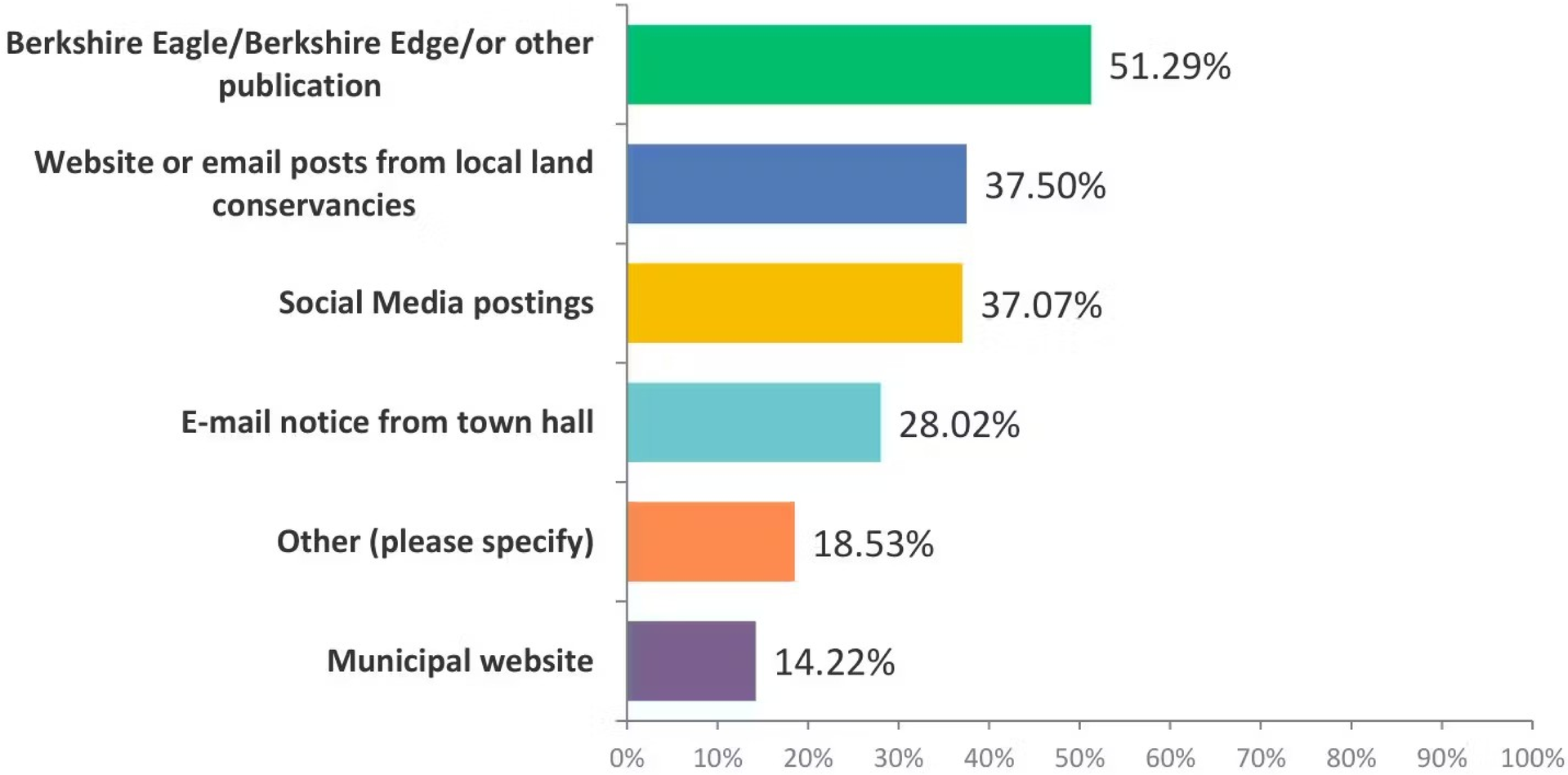

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Great Barrington/Housatonic

Open Space & Recreation Survey Downtown- Including Castle Hill and Lake Mansfield, East Street and East Mountain

102 Respondents total.

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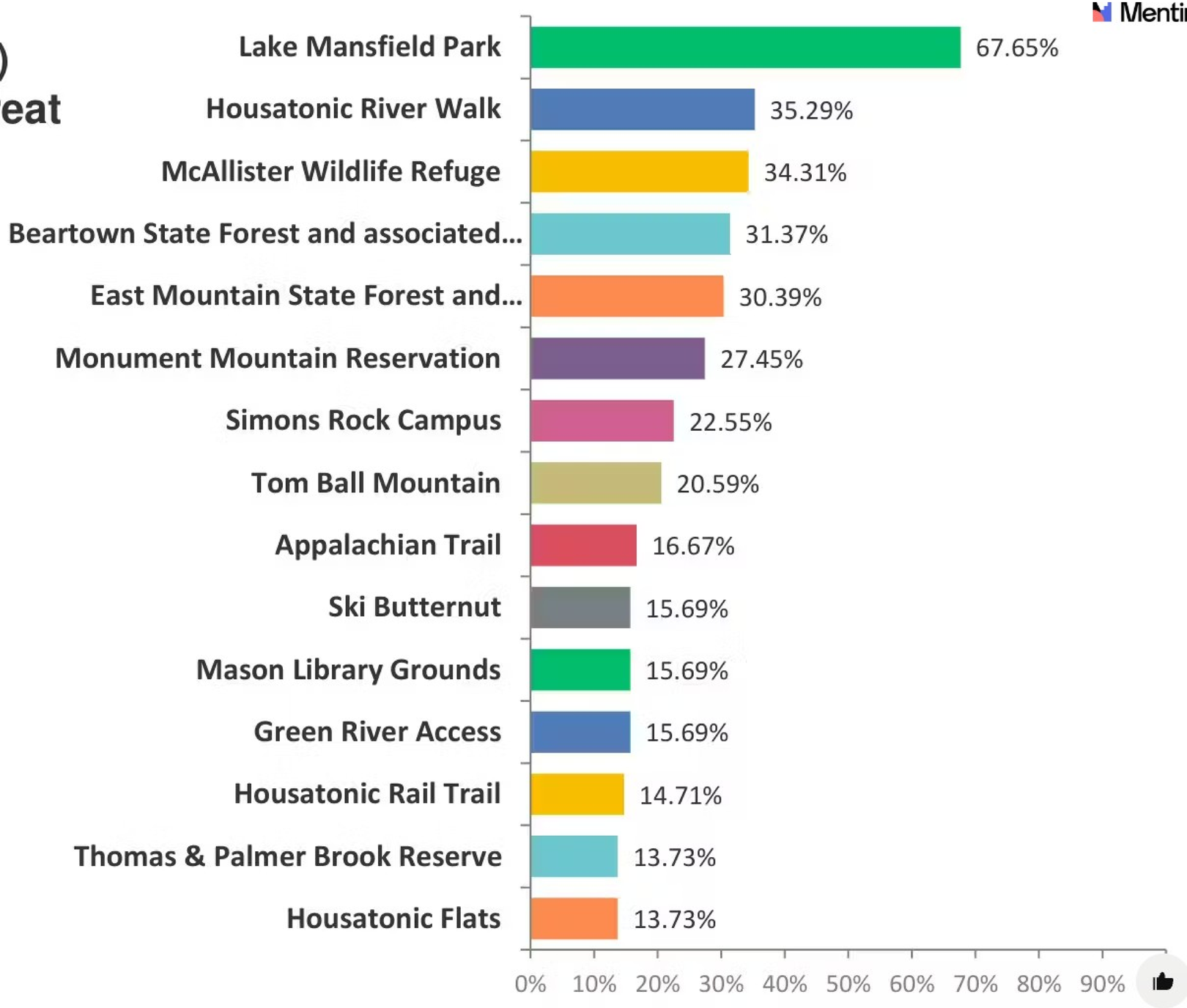
Downtown Neighbourhood
Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favourite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.



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Great Barrington/Housatonic Open Space & Recreation Survey North Neighbourhoods- Including Housatonic, Risingdale, Long Pond and Christian Hill, North Plain and Kalliste Hill, Monument Valley North)

93 Respondents total.

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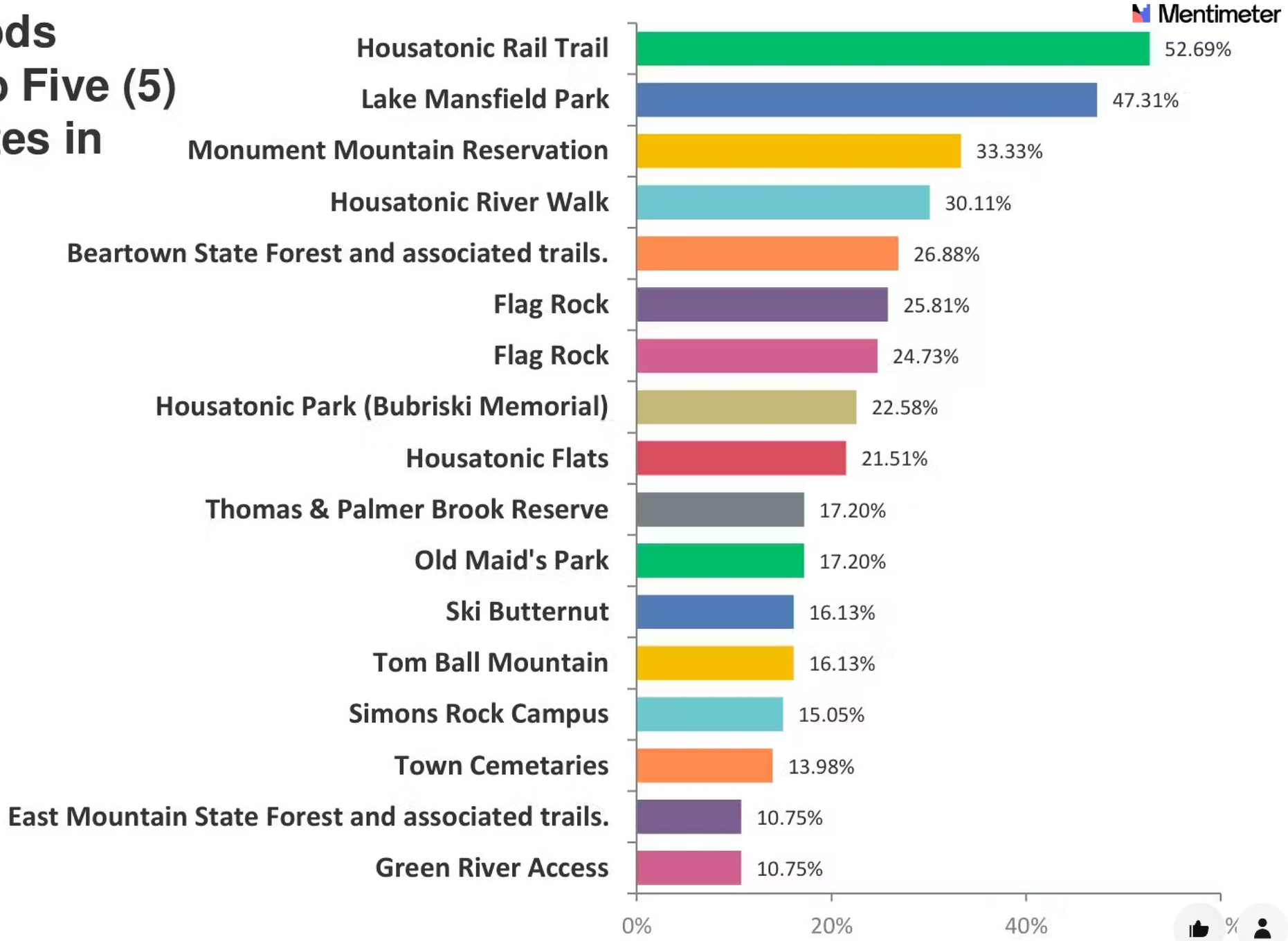
North Neighbourhoods
Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favourite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.



Answered: 93 Skipped: 0

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Great Barrington/Housatonic Open Space & Recreation Survey West Neighbourhoods- Alford Road, Simon's Rock, and Egremont Plain

31 Respondents Total.

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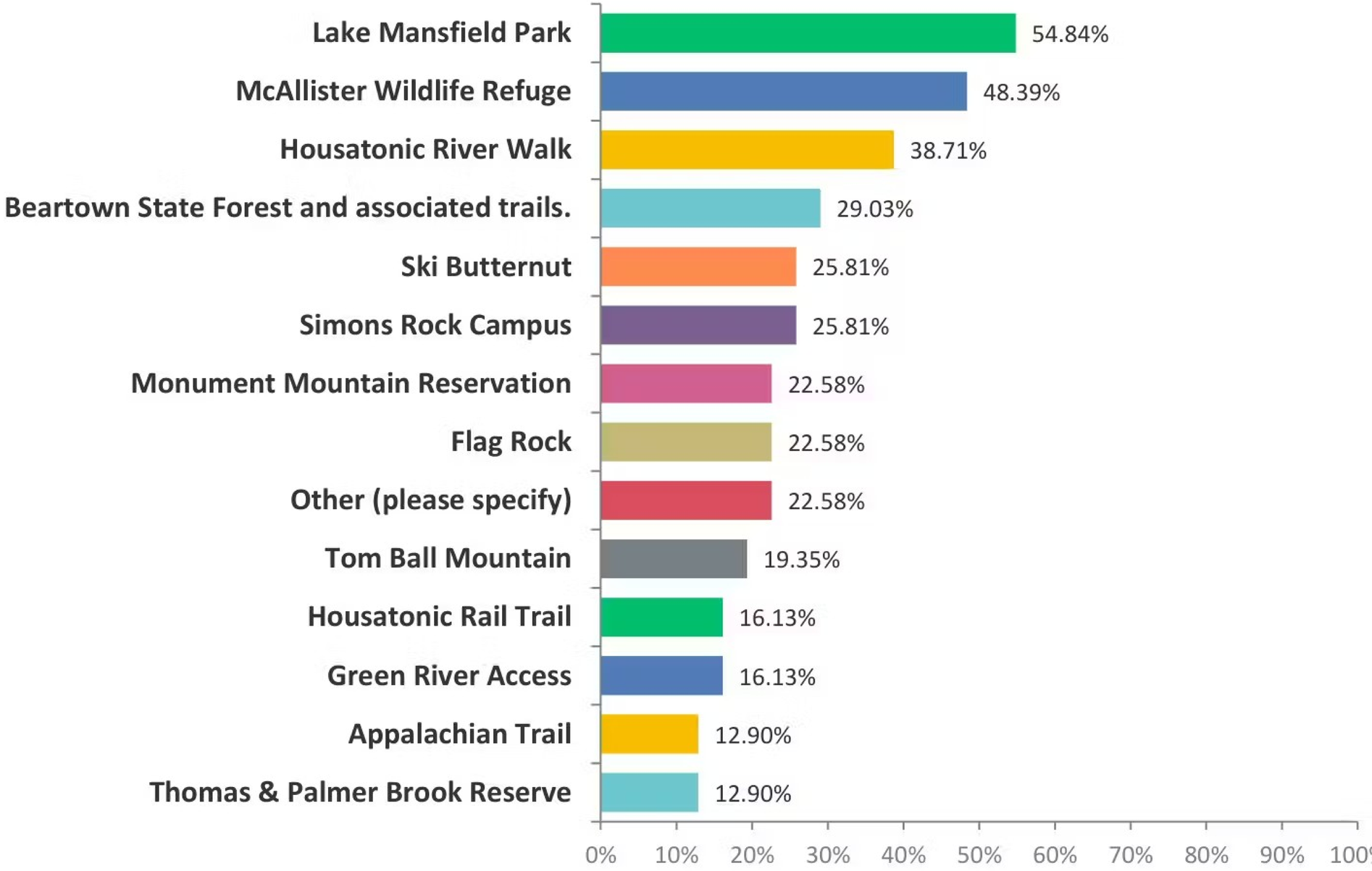
West Neighbourhoods- Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favourite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.



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Great Barrington/Housatonic:

Open Space & Recreation Survey

East Neighbourhoods- Stockbridge Road, Three Mile Hill, Monument Valley South

22 Respondents Total.

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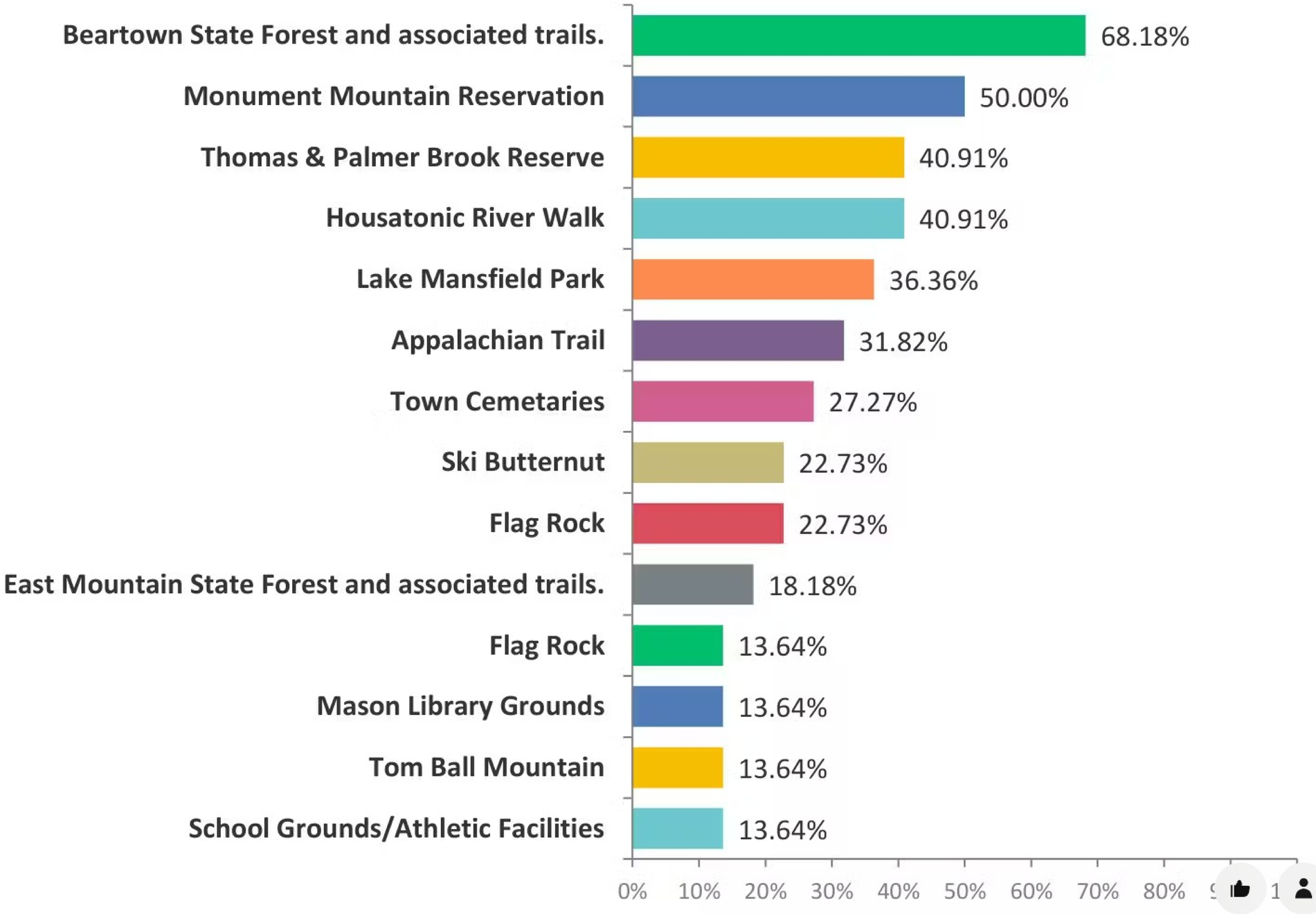
East Neighbourhoods Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favourite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.



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Great Barrington/Housatonic Open Space & Recreation Survey South Main and Brush Hill Neighbourhoods

14 Respondents Total.

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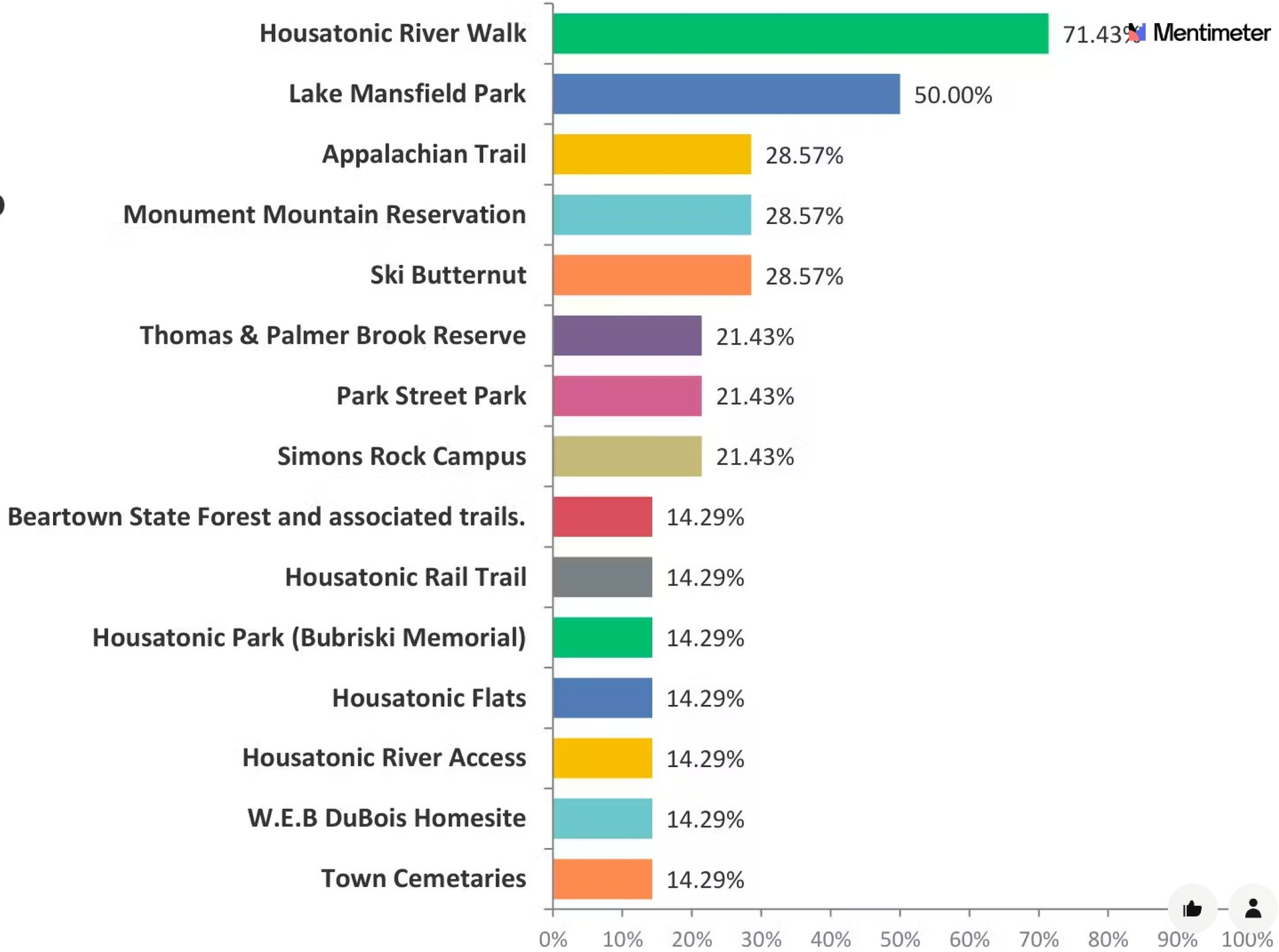
South Neighborhoods Q7: Choose your top Five (5) favourite outdoor sites in Great Barrington.



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Neighbourhood Comparison- Question 10

Downtown Neighbourhood.
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighbourhood?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 4

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South Neighborhoods
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighborhood?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

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East Neighbourhoods
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighborhood?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0

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North Neighbourhoods
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighbourhood?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 0

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West Neighbourhoods-
Q10: How would you rate each of the following in your neighborhood?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0

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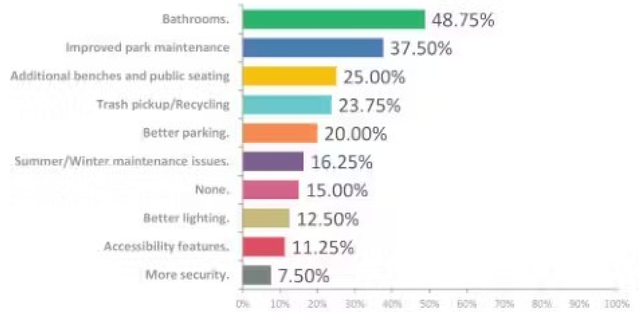
Neighbourhood Comparison- Question 11

Downtown Neighbourhood.
Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.
Answered: 80 Skipped: 22



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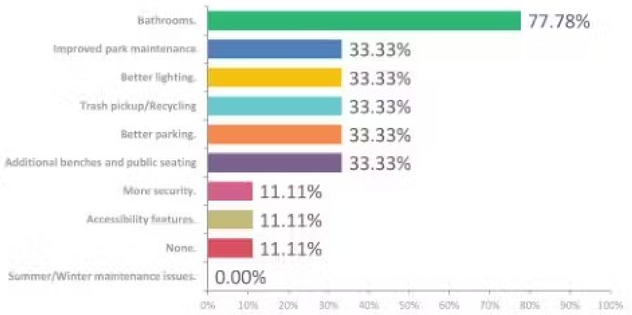
Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.
Answered: 9 Skipped: 5



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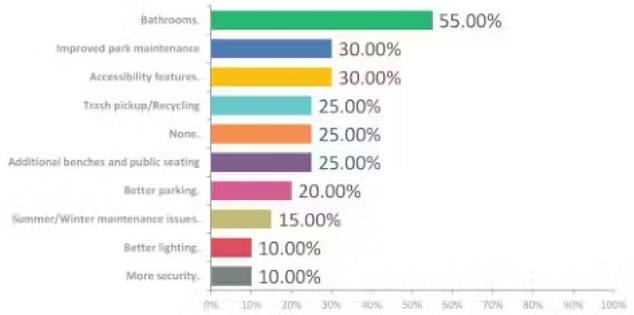
East Neighbourhoods
Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.
Answered: 20 Skipped: 2



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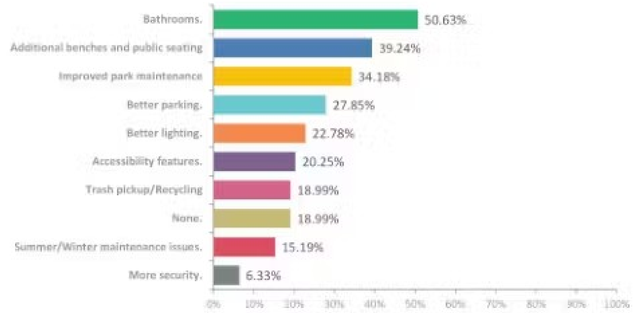
North Neighbourhoods
Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.
Answered: 79 Skipped: 14



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Q11: Choose all relevant/necessary improvements to town parks.
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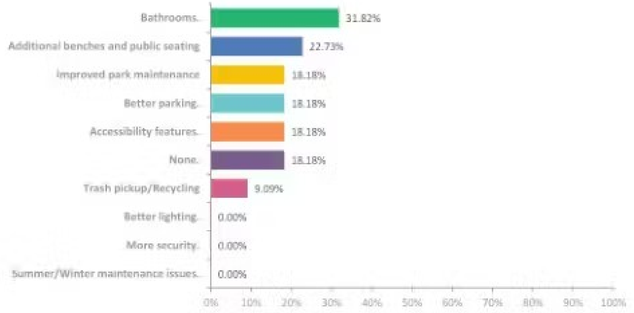

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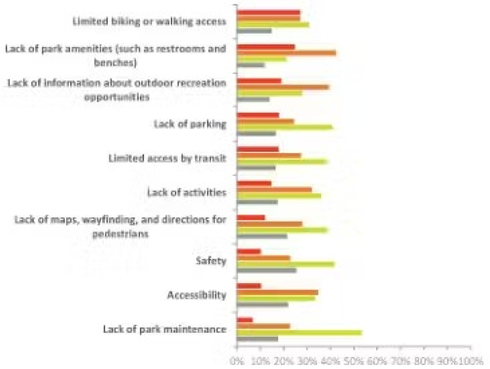
Neighbourhood Comparison- Question 13

Downtown Neighbourhood Q13: Which of the following do you see as the most pressing barriers or concerns when it comes to the town's outdoor recreation facilities (including parks, playing fields, and playgrounds, etc)?



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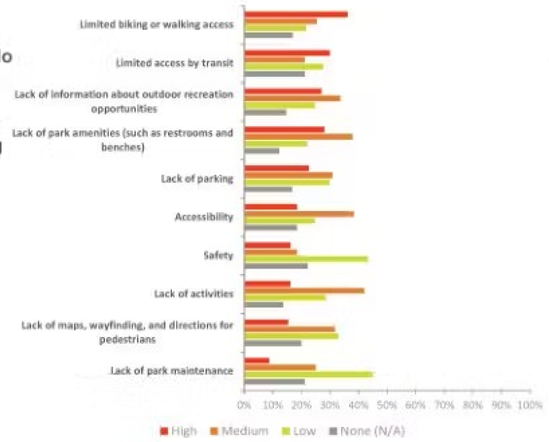

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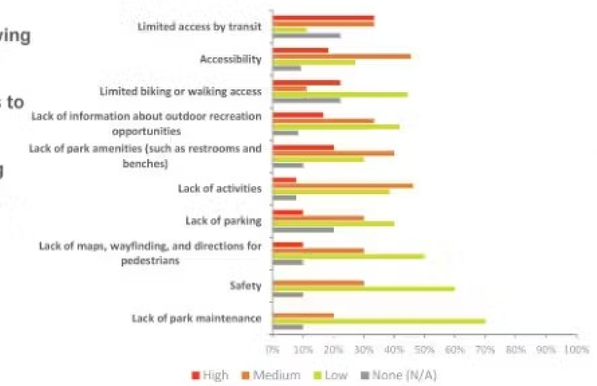
South Neighborhoods Q13: Which of the following do you see as the most pressing barriers or concerns when it comes to the town's outdoor recreation facilities (including parks, playing fields, and playgrounds, etc)?



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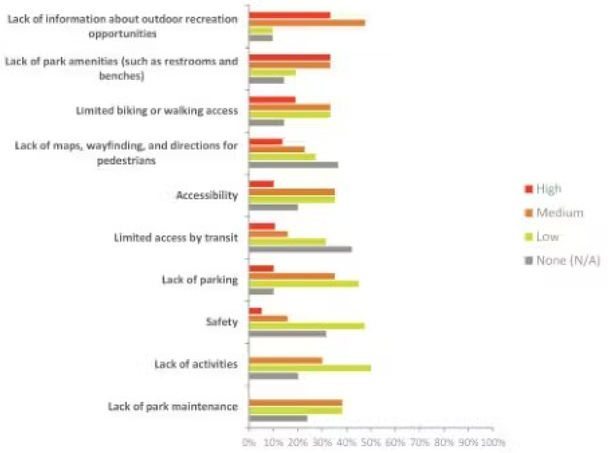

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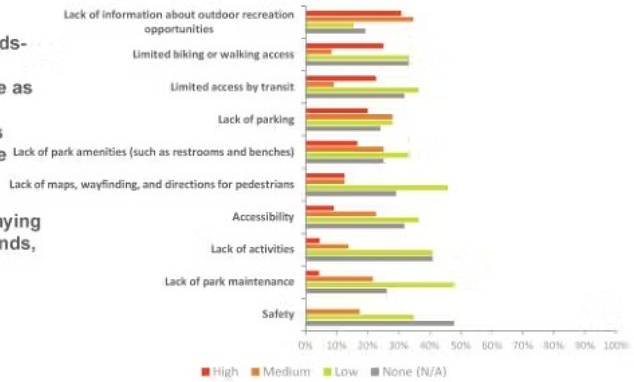

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Neighbourhood Comparison- Question 14

Downtown Neighbourhood.
Q14: Are existing recreational programs and facilities in Town adequate for the following groups?

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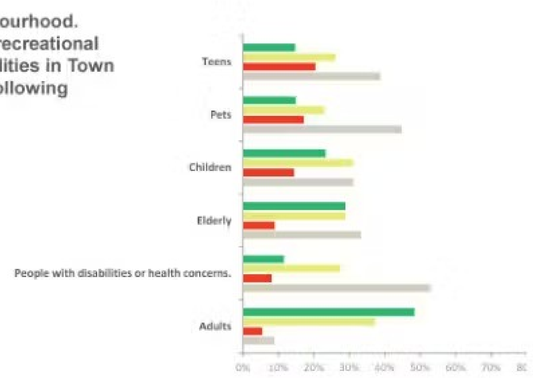

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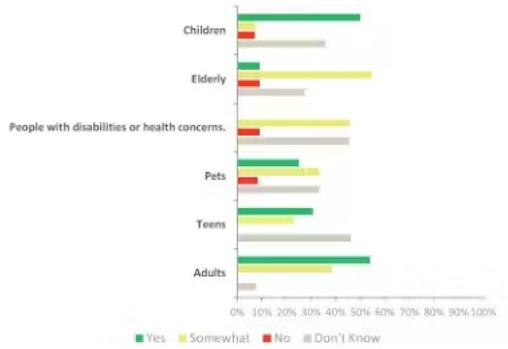

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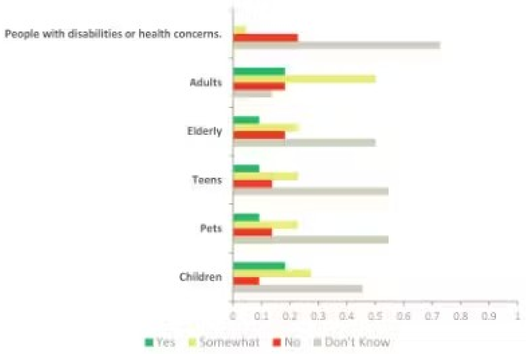

North Neighbourhoods
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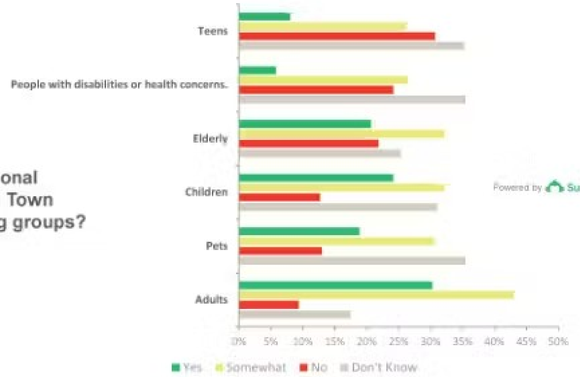

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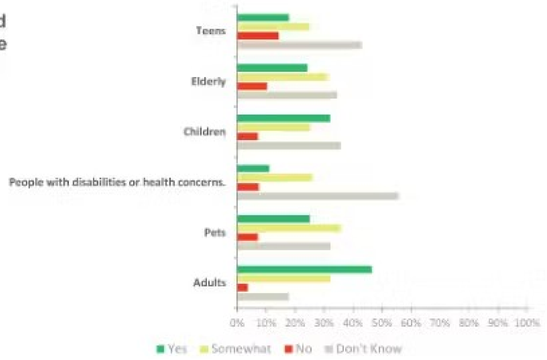

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Neighbourhood Comparison- Question 15

Downtown Neighbourhood.
Q15: Which activities would you like to see more of in Town?
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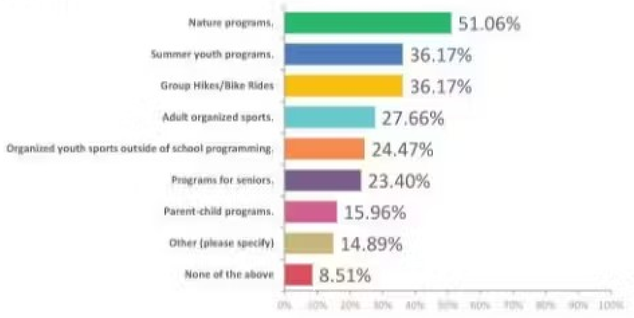

South Neighborhoods
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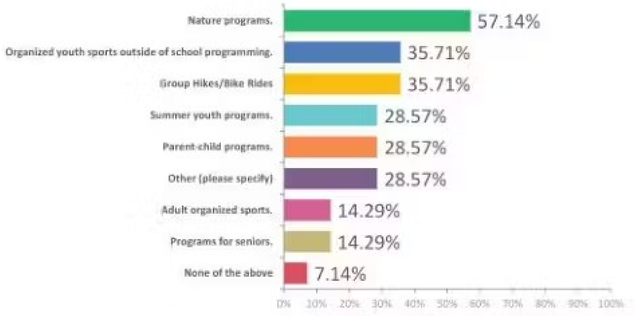

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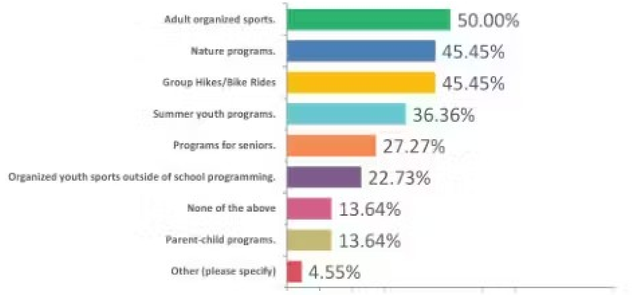

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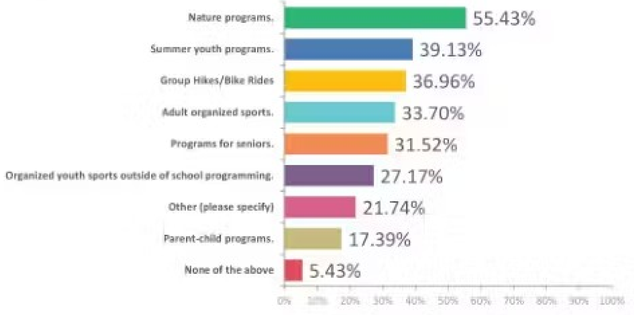

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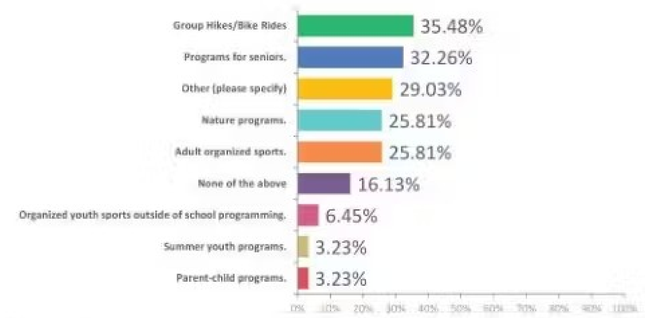

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What policies to protect open spaces would you like to see in Great Barrington in the coming 10 years?

No net loss Farmland.

Protect ridgelines from buildings

CPA money used for securing open space, trails and farm land.

Policies to protect or create wildlife corridors

Acquire GB Fairgrounds as a whole or to protect riparian corridor for wildlife habitat and recreational trail continuation of River Walk/Riverfront Trail

Protect ridges from development

Preserve the river corridor and provide walking connectivity.

Commitment to wildlife protection areas/ corridors

What policies to protect open spaces would you like to see in Great Barrington in the coming 10 years?

Proactive collaboration with non-profits to bring additional resources and technical support to high priority projects

Easements to connect trails

More protected bike lanes

Holistic plan for conservation ie ecological & recreation Future minded plan for connected open spaces with town & outreach

Removing energy production from classification as a farmland activity

Maintaining sidewalks for winter walking

Complete Housatonic Rail Trail Connection as far north as possible toward West Stockbridge

Continue to support farmland protection

What policies to protect open spaces would you like to see in Great Barrington in the coming 10 years?

Housatonic river canoe lunches and expansion of the river walk through Housatonic village center

Easements providing access to public yrails and open space

Supporting Farmer's ability to keep their lands.

Bike & walking paths between Hous and GB

Ensure that we don't lose access to Green River swimming access points on west side of great barrington. Work with Simon's Rock developers to ensure that people can continue to walk through the main

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What specific improvements would you suggest for parks in Great Barrington?

Seating

Bathrooms

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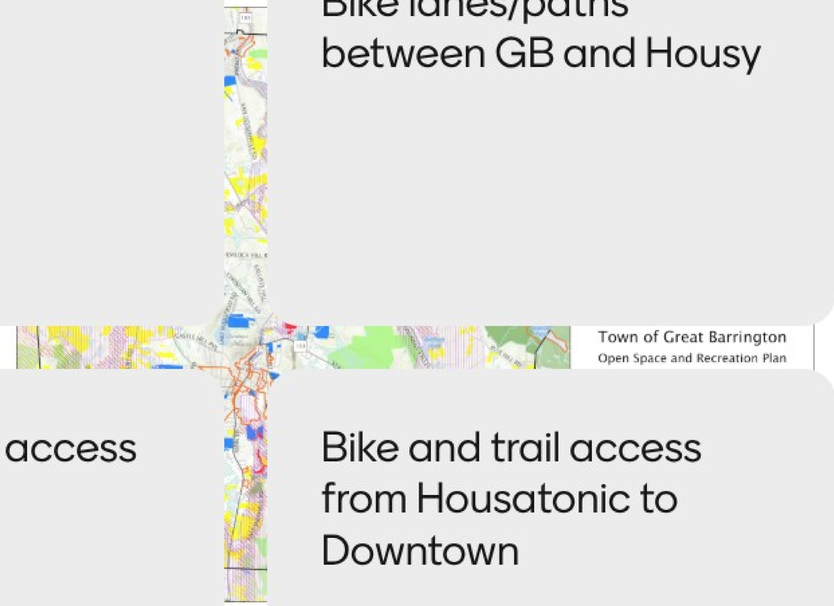
Bike lanes/paths between GB and Housy



Shade

Large park or garden

Interconnected access

Bike and trail access from Housatonic to Downtown

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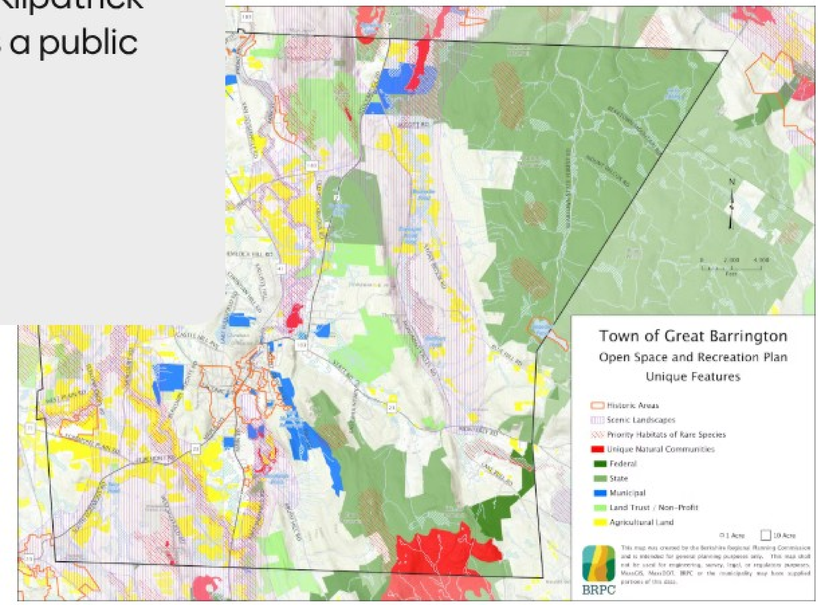
Public Garden space

Protected bike paths

Explore retaining Kilpatrick Athletic Center as a public park facility



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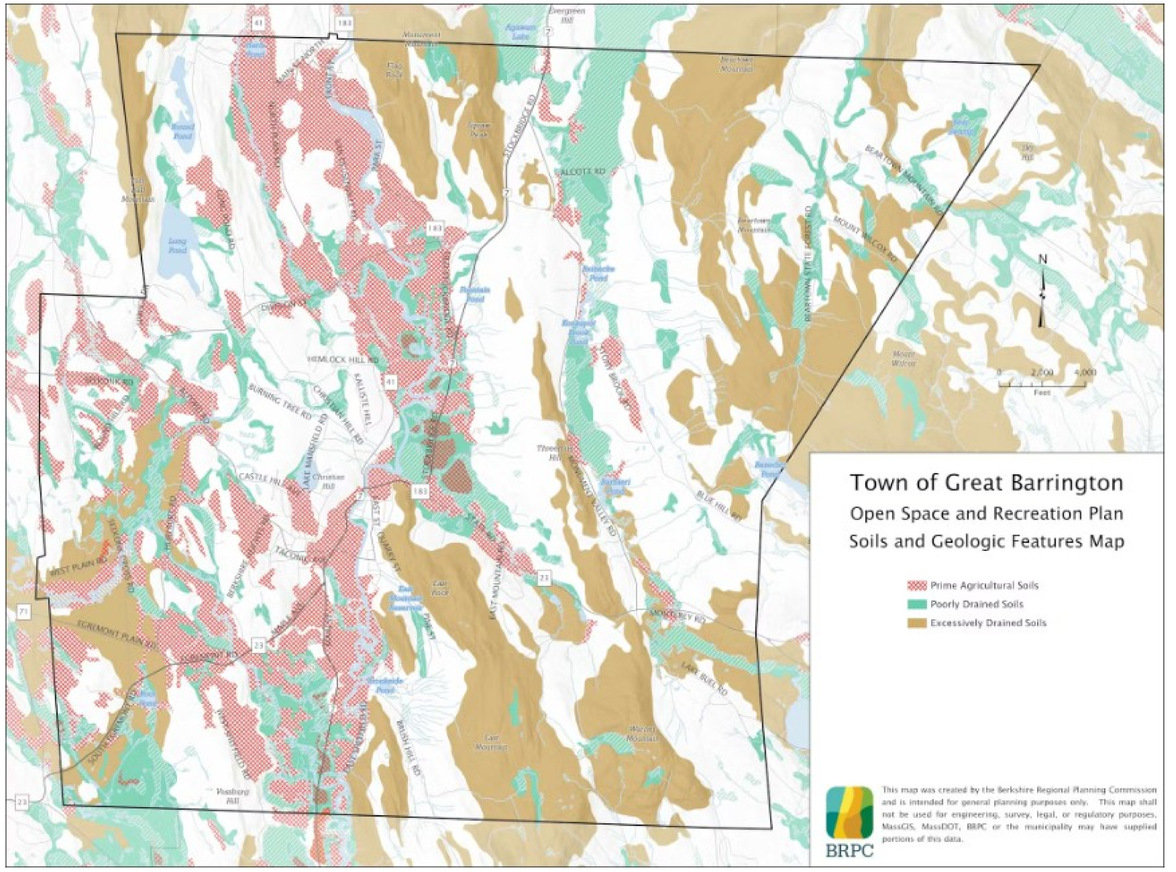
Prime soils map of Great Barrington.



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