



Brentwood  
GREEN SPACE

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

**Citizens for Brentwood Green Space  
March 19, 2017**

## **ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT**

This document provides the results of a survey developed by the Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS). Brentwood citizens were encouraged through email, the CBGS website, and social media to respond to the survey. Two hundred twenty-two individuals responded to the survey by the March 18, 2017 closing date. The document not only includes quantifiable results but also comments provided by the respondents.

## **PURPOSE OF SURVEY**

As we do with each City Commission election, a series of questions put together by our Citizens for Brentwood Green Space Board of Directors about green space preservation will be submitted to the 2017 Brentwood City Commission candidates. CBGS will not endorse candidates, but seeks to provide the candidates' responses to citizens to help the community gain a better understanding of where each candidate stands on preserving our cherished green space.

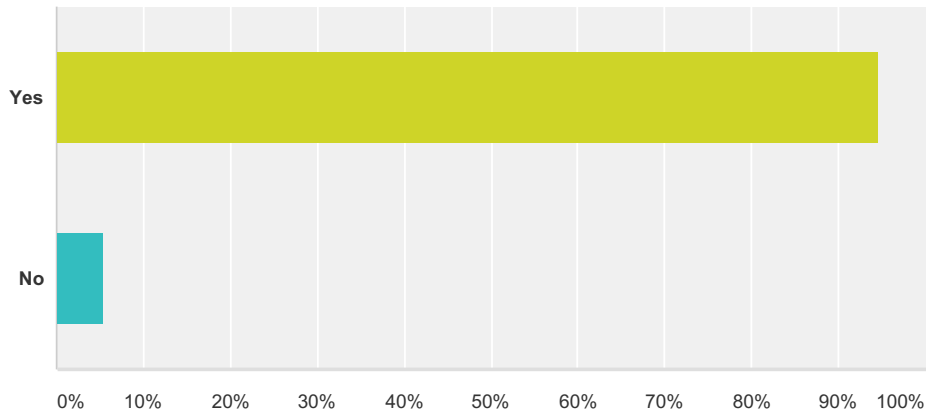
To help us formulate the questions of the candidates, we wanted to know a little bit more about what Brentwood citizens thought first. We wanted to hear how individuals felt about the future of green space preservation in Brentwood. To that end, a short, anonymous survey was developed for soliciting opinions of Brentwood citizens.

## **ABOUT CITIZENS FOR BRENTWOOD GREEN SPACE, INC.**

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc. (CBGS) is a volunteer citizens group organized as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers. CBGS desires to assure that ongoing development of land resources is accomplished in a way that is beneficial to landowners, to existing citizens of the city, and to future generations of Brentwood residents. For more information please visit [www.brentwoodgreenspace.org](http://www.brentwoodgreenspace.org), our Facebook page "Brentwood Green Space" or follow us on Twitter "@BrentwoodGreenS" and Instagram "brentwoodgreenspace".

### Q1 Are you currently a resident of the City of Brentwood?

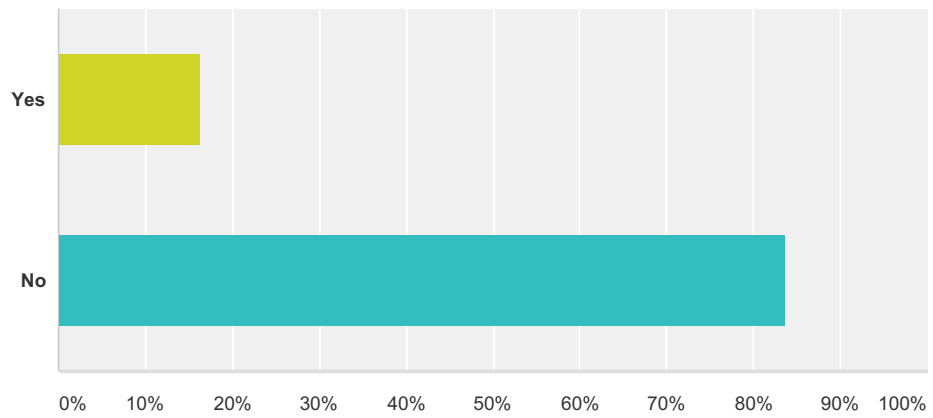
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	94.59%	210
No	5.41%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>222</b>

## Q2 Are you a business owner in the City of Brentwood?

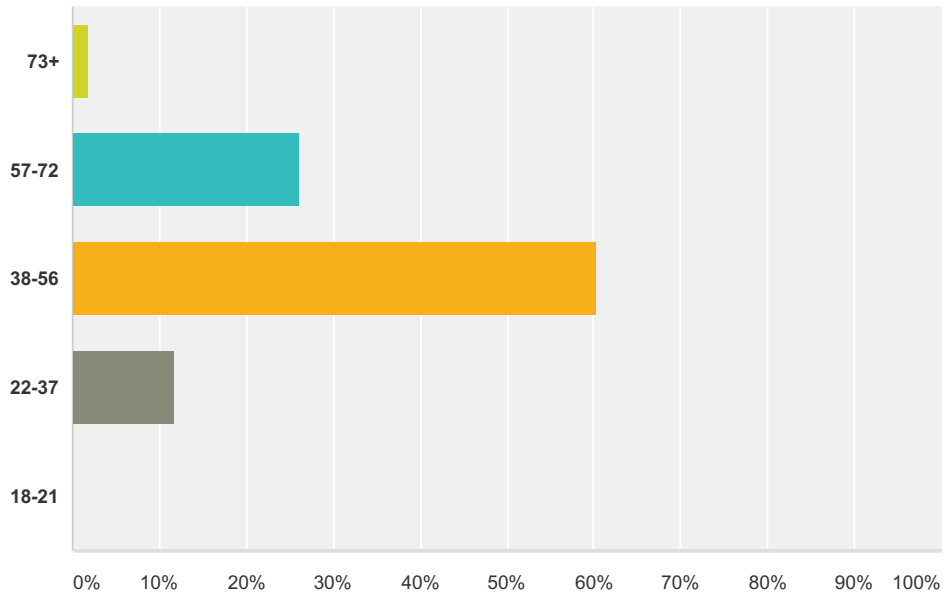
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	16.22% 36
No	83.78% 186
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>

### Q3 Please choose your age group:

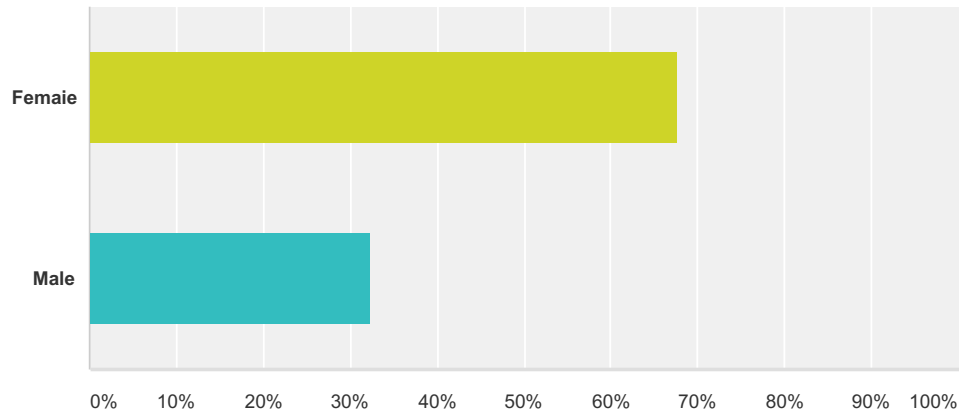
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Answer Choices	Responses
73+	1.80% 4
57-72	26.13% 58
38-56	60.36% 134
22-37	11.71% 26
18-21	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>

### Q4 What is your gender?

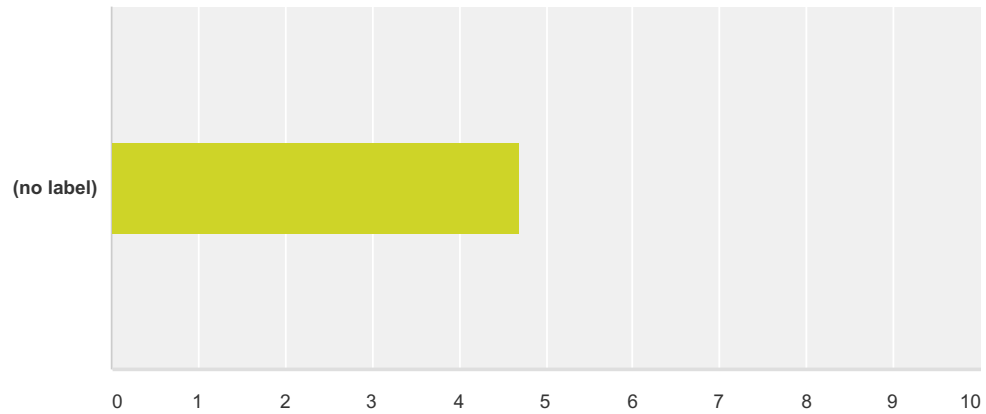
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Femaie	67.57%	150
Male	32.43%	72
<b>Total</b>		<b>222</b>

## Q5 How important is the preservation of green space in Brentwood?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 12



	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very Important	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	0.95%	2.86%	3.81%	10.00%	82.38%	210	4.70
	2	6	8	21	173		

#	Comments:	Date
1	Please be aware of planning green space and walk ways with the development of West Brentwood (Murray Lane/Holly Tree Gap to City line)	3/17/2017 8:00 AM
2	The preservation of green space is a priority for every community, imo. Our green space is vital for our health, the health of animals, and the health of our planet. At some point we have to say "enough" with respect to our current approach to construction/ destruction.	3/13/2017 9:56 AM
3	We need to retain the quality of life that brought me to Brentwood. Our open spaces and parks define the beauty of our City	3/11/2017 10:03 PM
4	As a member of the original 2020 committee it is my belief that the Brentwood City officials were not happy that members of the committee that were dubbed "the cow consensus" derailed the officials attempts to eliminate the one acre per home requirement and to support an increase in housing density for the City of Brentwood. Unfortunately the elected officials have been able over the nearly two decades since we first met, to circumvent the intent of the original 2020 committee thus you have the hideous congestion and over development that has destroyed what we tried to protect.	3/11/2017 6:22 PM
5	It is a huge concern and would like it to be an important part of our overall city planning.	3/11/2017 5:39 PM
6	I am very concerned about the Turner Farm.....PLEASE don't let a developer turn that into a subdivision!! Could the WCS schools buy it for school growth, fields, extracurricular activities.... or a land preserve!!	3/11/2017 4:21 PM
7	I think we have plenty of green space. I don't think we need any more. I use the green space often - running, walking, biking, etc.	3/11/2017 3:58 PM
8	Wish we had started earlier but thankful that this is being addressed now before it's all gone.	3/11/2017 3:25 PM
9	Our family utilizes the parks weekly.	3/9/2017 10:23 PM
10	Extremely important	3/8/2017 10:28 PM
11	It's why we moved here! :)	3/8/2017 9:41 PM
12	Anytime, we can preserve green space areas, it contributes to the appeal of the area... A calm, relaxing place to resort to. Very important. Nothing appealing about all concrete, houses.	3/8/2017 6:29 PM
13	Supports clean air and environmental responsibility	3/8/2017 9:57 AM

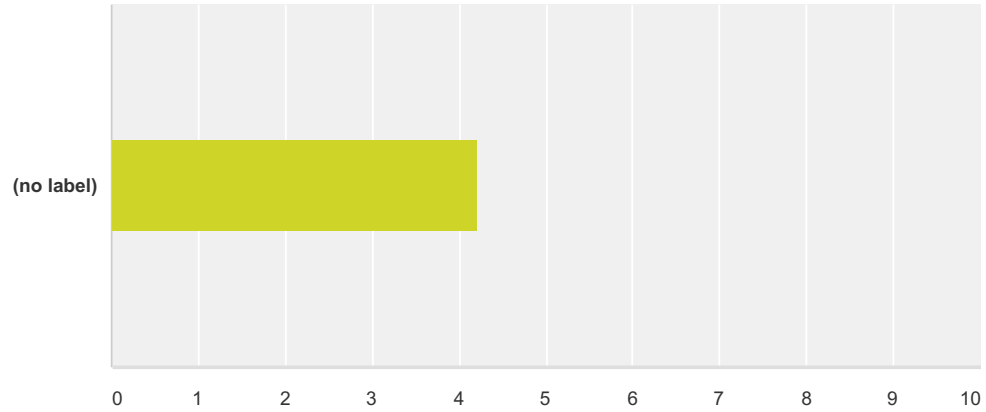
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14	Land preserved for parks is one of the greatest gifts any municipality can give to future generations. Examples: Central Park NYC Audubon Park New Orleans Centennial Park Nashville Percy and Edwin Warner Parks Nashville All the squares in Savannah, GA River Park Brentwood, TN	3/7/2017 7:10 PM
15	Quality of life and activities in Brentwood should be a top 3 initiative.	3/7/2017 1:46 PM
16	Our green space helps keep Brentwood clean and preserves the beauty of our area. Its what makes Brentwood an oasis in the middle of massive growth. Greenspace gives people a sense of relaxation to the very hectic and fast pace life the residence of Brentwood lead. Keep our city full of beautifully kept green space and farms.	3/7/2017 9:55 AM
17	Our school system, one acre lot density, and our bucolic, green pasture, forested hills side setting are the three reasons people move here. Change any one of the three and we aren't the Brentwood we all know and love.	3/6/2017 2:27 PM
18	Green space makes for a healthy community and maintains property values.	3/6/2017 7:57 AM
19	The balance between commerce and conversation in a time of rapid growth demands courage and wisdom in our elected leaders. Numerous communities across the nation and here in Middle Tennessee show the effects of planning to maximize growth potential because the market is ripe for development versus strategizing use of finite space for a community's quality of life over time.	3/6/2017 4:54 AM
20	It's one of the main reasons I decided to buy a home in Brentwood.	3/3/2017 10:37 AM
21	There already needs to be more soccer, baseball, basketball, and lacrosse playable spaces.	3/3/2017 9:53 AM
22	Preservation of green space should not be forced on a property owner by the city. I think the city buying property at market value to preserve green space is acceptable. Also private land owners have the right to donate their property to land trusts for preservation of green space.	3/3/2017 7:22 AM
23	It needs to all work together. Green space, walking paths & bike paths that actually go somewhere & connect to each other & have a destination. Can I bike to the library, park, grocery, drug store safely? And avoid using my car? can I hike, bird watch, do a nature study? Have picnic areas, natural ampitheaters that would support acoustic concerts, lecture pads for nature /educational purposes. Does anyone build reasonably priced, free standing homes? Why all these high-density developments? I'm so tired of HOAs, electric fences & neighbors dogs barking non-stop.	3/1/2017 11:24 PM
24	That is what makes this area stand out from other areas: the gorgeous green space, but with that, there is access to the city close by.	3/1/2017 10:13 PM
25	way too much construction and overcrowding here and also in areas around Nolensville Road, Cane Ridge	3/1/2017 9:07 PM
26	Intelligently preserving green space is important in the right proportions. I'm not saying that we need to save every last acre.	3/1/2017 8:07 PM
27	It is why we love Brentwood. It's healthier and makes the crowded roads tolerable.	3/1/2017 7:39 PM
28	Now that housing costs are so high we need green space more than ever!	3/1/2017 7:16 PM
29	Brentwood should keep large tracts of property undeveloped if it becomes developed. For example the property at Concord and Franklin Road should be preserved	3/1/2017 5:46 PM
30	Green space is what makes our community special and different from so many others. It helps make our lives more activity friendly and family oriented, and allows us to not have to travel too far to engage in athletic and healthy activities. We also love to enjoy the peace and the joy of nature where we can "get away" right in our own "backyard".	3/1/2017 5:09 PM
31	City should be actively pursuing additional large tracts especially hillside land adjacent to and west of Smith Park.	3/1/2017 4:28 PM
32	City needs to require the replanting of trees.	3/1/2017 3:24 PM
33	My family uses the parks and trails daily. It is a big reason for us living in Brentwood. We are so thankful this is available to us. We hope it continues to be top priority in city planning!	3/1/2017 3:07 PM
34	Grove Park Builders is raping our land and destroying too many beautiful trees and natural green space.	3/1/2017 1:02 PM
35	With all the building gong on we need to preserve green space throughout the community.	3/1/2017 7:46 AM
36	Once it's gone, it's gone!	3/1/2017 7:39 AM
37	Adds value to both the personal and business aspects of Brentwood	2/28/2017 11:48 PM
38	Brentwood already has more green space than a lot of surrounding communities.	2/28/2017 10:18 PM



## Q6 How important is the preservation of green space compared to other priorities facing the City of Brentwood?

Answered: 211 Skipped: 11



	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very Important	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.42% 3	5.69% 12	12.80% 27	30.33% 64	49.76% 105	211	4.21

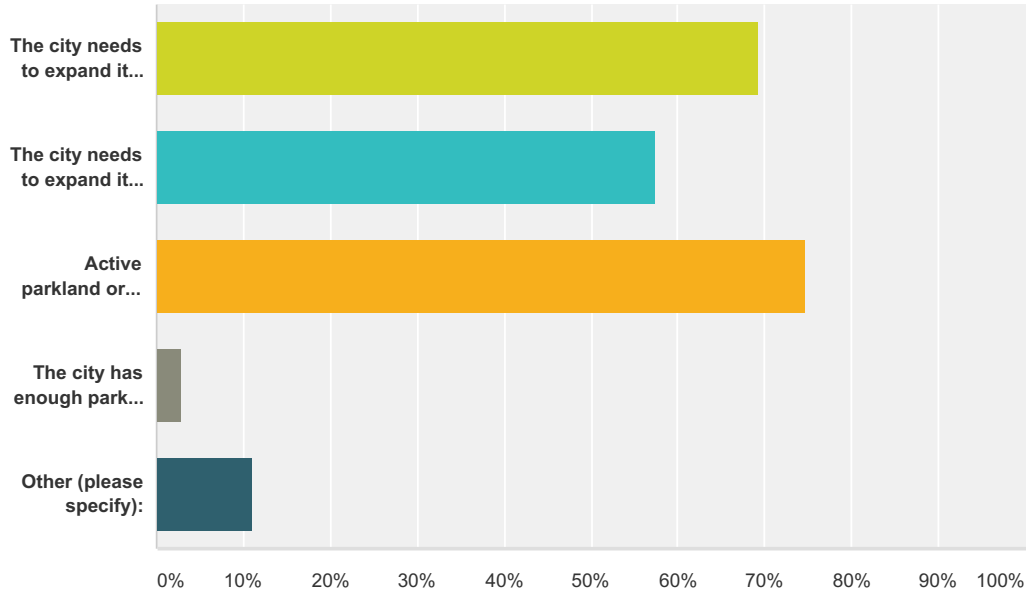
#	Comments:	Date
1	Traffic conditions during morning and afternoon rush hour takes precedence over green space.	3/12/2017 11:33 AM
2	Traffic should be #1	3/11/2017 10:03 PM
3	preserve land !!!....no more big neighborhoods!!	3/11/2017 4:21 PM
4	I think traffic is a much bigger concern. I think the biggest mistake we made as a City was not to extend Mallory Lane to Concord Road years ago.	3/11/2017 3:58 PM
5	am willing to pay higher taxes to preserve green space.	3/11/2017 11:43 AM
6	Widening roads has higher priority for me.	3/11/2017 10:20 AM
7	Those who may not think they are interested in green space preservation may want to consider studies showing the positive financial impact of green space preservation compared to the expenses of residential development and required infrastructure such as schools, roads, fire and police protection and other services.	3/9/2017 12:09 PM
8	It is what makes our city different and keeps it a sought after destination	3/8/2017 1:06 PM
9	Once open space is developed, it is rare that it is ever reverted to open space. It is only open space once.	3/7/2017 7:10 PM
10	If we dont keep our green spaces our city will become overcrowded and roads will be impossible to drive on because of inceased traffic not to mention the increase of pollution.	3/7/2017 9:55 AM
11	Keeps property values	3/7/2017 9:30 AM
12	We need to improve to on off ramps at concord road	3/7/2017 8:14 AM
13	Green space is important but we also need to improve transit options in the city.	3/6/2017 4:53 PM
14	We don't have to give up on old principles or desires in order to embrace or address new ones. We can multi task as a community.	3/6/2017 2:27 PM
15	The issues surrounding conservation take a back seat to issues around infra-structure, education and city services.	3/6/2017 9:18 AM
16	Green space makes for a healthy community. Developing every square inch of space in Brentwood will only make the traffic problems worse, especially since the developers don't want to pay for improvements for schools or roadways.	3/6/2017 7:57 AM

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17	Don't ruin our town with too many houses and bad roads. Take a thoughtful approach to a family friendly vision	3/3/2017 9:53 AM
18	Would not support an increase in taxes to purchase more green space or maintain it	3/3/2017 9:16 AM
19	Population growth and required infrastructure are THE number one issues that directly affect green space. The preservation of green space both passive and parkland will help In maintaining and preventing population density that results in all kinds of issues with traffic, parking, and accessibility for both business and residential and I am both.	3/2/2017 7:13 PM
20	Some of the traffic is frustrating but keeping it green separates Brentwood from other cities.	3/1/2017 7:39 PM
21	The majority of workers making minimum wage cannot afford to live in Brentwood, so it is imperative that we provide a place for everyone to enjoy. Otherwise idle time would be spent walking the streets and neighbors surrounding places of work. I already see this happening now.	3/1/2017 7:16 PM
22	Preservation of green space/managing development and traffic management most important issues	3/1/2017 5:46 PM
23	see above. I think it is one of the most important things that we face as a community given all of the growth taking over green space everywhere.	3/1/2017 5:09 PM
24	With all the development going on in the Brentwood/Franklin area, it is extremely important that we protect some of the green space that is left and put it to good use.	3/1/2017 8:53 AM
25	See Above	3/1/2017 7:46 AM
26	High priority like traffic...but I view this as the perfect aide in abating some of that growing traffic!	3/1/2017 5:01 AM
27	Manage growth in all aspects is key to retain our top value perception in Brentwood	2/28/2017 11:48 PM
28	Mid-level priority	2/28/2017 10:18 PM

## Q7 What are your views about green space and parks in the City of Brentwood? (Check all that Apply)

Answered: 209 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses
The city needs to expand its active parkland in the future to keep pace with the expected population growth.	69.38% 145
The city needs to expand its passive green space to keep pace with the expected population growth.	57.42% 120
Active parkland or passive green space should be required for inclusion in any new developments.	74.64% 156
The city has enough park lands and green space.	2.87% 6
Other (please specify):	11.00% 23
<b>Total Respondents: 209</b>	

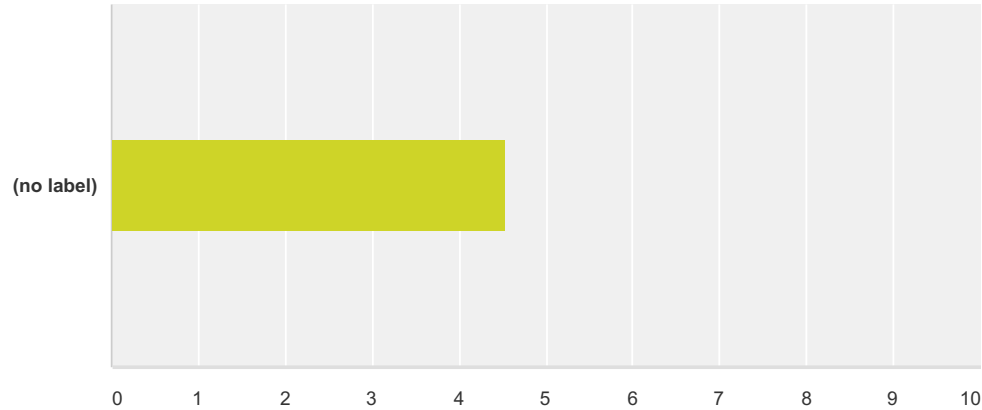
#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	Connectivity for walking and biking should be made available to multiple neighborhoods surrounding a park.	3/17/2017 8:00 AM
2	In addition to community green space , parks, we need to preserve individual homeowner's green space by sticking to 1 acre minimum lots for residential and green space in commercial areas by increasing the minimum 'green ' requirements in future developments.	3/13/2017 2:28 PM
3	Expand lanes on Concord to handle the increase in traffic FIRST before expanding green space!	3/12/2017 11:33 AM
4	We need to preserve as much as possible.	3/11/2017 5:39 PM
5	preserve farmland now! especially the Turner Farm!	3/11/2017 4:21 PM
6	The Green Space should not be developed whatsoever.	3/7/2017 5:56 PM
7	Need as many as possible	3/7/2017 9:30 AM
8	The city needs to actively look to purchase areas such as the corner of Moore's/ Wilson Pike and any farmland that is not under contract.	3/6/2017 11:09 AM
9	We are at a point in development where builders need to be accountable for their footprint on our community.	3/3/2017 9:53 AM

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10	Green space should be required in new developments but not parks. We have enough parks.	3/3/2017 9:16 AM
11	Greenspace and parks are critical factors to the overall quality of life in Brentwood.	3/2/2017 3:51 PM
12	S	3/2/2017 2:43 PM
13	We are in critical need of a walking/biking trail alongside Wilson Pike, so that the residents of the subdivisions along that road have alternative means for getting to the Kroger and Hill Shopping Centers, and to the library area. We have wonderful parks but I shouldn't have to DRIVE to them to take a walk.	3/2/2017 6:23 AM
14	The City needs to focus on connecting existing (and future) greenspaces with multi-use paths, bike paths, bike lanes, etc. to neighborhoods and community/retail locations.	3/1/2017 9:07 PM
15	Our green space is what sets us apart	3/1/2017 7:16 PM
16	I'm	3/1/2017 5:25 PM
17	We need bike paths in the city areas.	3/1/2017 4:49 PM
18	City should consider planting trees in some of the common areas of subdivisions to reduce the need for mowing.	3/1/2017 3:24 PM
19	We need more parks, and specifically parks that cater to age groups other than children. I am particularly interested in Disc Golf as exercise (and a sport). I enjoy this at Crockett Park but wish it was available in other parks within Brentwood.	3/1/2017 2:55 PM
20	Smith park was a great addition. With the popularity of youth sports and increase in kids playing soccer and Lacross, more active fields are needed.	3/1/2017 2:39 PM
21	We need to have a plan and money in place when the Turner property becomes available.	3/1/2017 12:06 PM
22	We need to expand the park system where it makes sense	3/1/2017 7:39 AM
23	In addition, stricter regulations for developers when clearing/demolishing existing green space and precious native trees under the claim that it's necessary for access. Can't believe we call ourselves green-friendly and tout arbor awards with what's going on in ALL new developments.	3/1/2017 5:01 AM

## Q8 How important is it to you that our elected officials understand the significance of green space preservation issues?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 12



	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very Important	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	0.95%	4.29%	7.62%	14.76%	72.38%	210	4.53
	2	9	16	31	152		

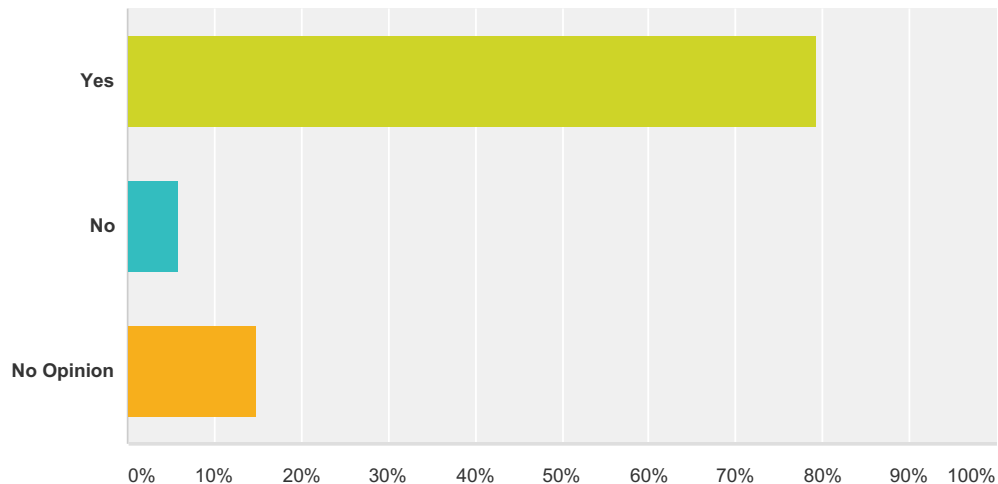
#	Comments:	Date
1	Elected officials must not cave in to the misguided concepts of "growth" and "development" that ignore the adverse effects of construction/destruction.	3/13/2017 9:56 AM
2	However it is to late for most of the cit. y	3/11/2017 6:22 PM
3	Elected officials should represent the residents, not the developers. The value of green space exists in the present and the future. The quality of our lives and our property values are enhanced by green space.	3/7/2017 7:10 PM
4	For parks	3/7/2017 6:58 PM
5	Keep hills free of buildings	3/7/2017 9:30 AM
6	Not only understand, but support. Aggressively!	3/6/2017 2:27 PM
7	See comments under #6	3/6/2017 9:18 AM
8	Monday morning quarterbacking Lessons run throughout the country of development beating our green space preservation in the short term with regret lingering among constituents and communities over not planning better for the future.	3/6/2017 4:54 AM
9	This is a young community. Make it safe for everyone	3/3/2017 9:53 AM
10	I'd love to see a skateboard park like the one in Franklin - something to keep area tweens and teens active and occupied, since boredom often leads to trouble at this age. I am a Nashville resident, but live within a couple of hundred yards of Brentwood City limits - this is why I've taken the time to participate in the survey. Thank you.	3/2/2017 2:07 PM
11	If any candidate is not on board with the Brentwood Green Space, he or she will not get my vote.	3/1/2017 7:16 PM
12	To understand green space could be to change the face of our wonderful city.....forever. You can't get back that which you give away when you are dealing with green space.	3/1/2017 5:09 PM
13	A balanced perspective is critical. Everything affects everything else. We won't have money for parks without balanced commercial development.	3/1/2017 12:06 PM
14	Builders seem to be given priority. Green space voices need to be heard.	3/1/2017 7:46 AM

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15	It's important that candidates understand that the city cannot buy and maintain every open tract of land there is. There needs to be a common-sense approach to green space preservation. Road infrastructure planning and transit are bigger priorities right now.	2/28/2017 10:18 PM
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**Q9 Surrounding communities like Nashville and Franklin have adopted Open Space Master Plans. Nashville is in the process of revising their original Plan. Open Space Master plans include such things as an inventory of the City’s remaining open space; specific criteria to guide the City in evaluating parcels being considered for open space acquisition; defined measurements for the assessment of the costs and benefits of acquiring open space; and funding strategies for the Plan’s implementation. Would you support the commissioning of such a study for the City of Brentwood?**

Answered: 203 Skipped: 19



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	79.31% 161
No	5.91% 12
No Opinion	14.78% 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>203</b>

#	Comment:	Date
1	I am not sure if such a study is really needed.	3/13/2017 2:32 PM
2	I would be wary of an agenda that might actually include the destruction of green space.	3/13/2017 10:00 AM
3	But it will be a waste if the elected officials remain in the pocket of every developer and real estate agent in town. are	3/11/2017 6:28 PM
4	yes, if it doesn't fall under the control of developers. we must not let what is happening in Franklin happen in Brentwood	3/11/2017 11:45 AM

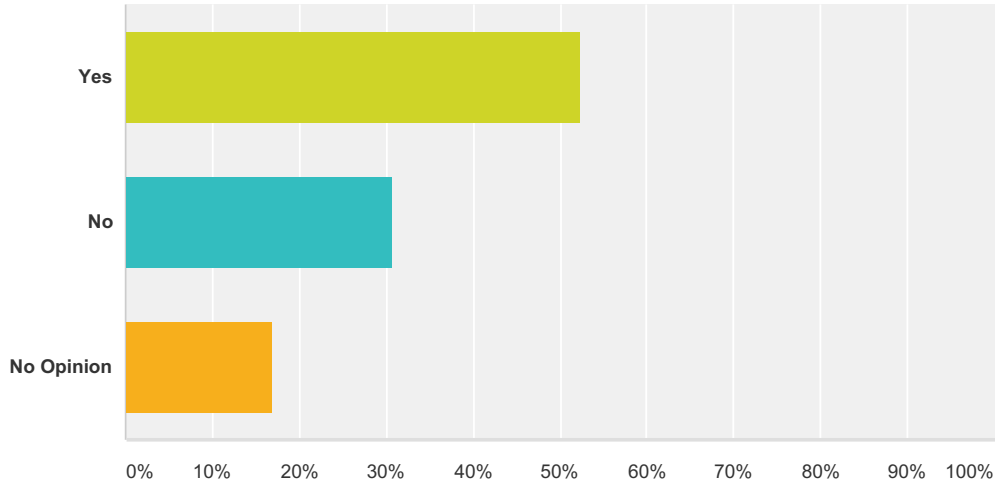
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5	Brentwood's resistance to an Open Space plan is remarkable compared to other communities like Nashville and Franklin. Can only attribute it to fear by City officials of expert third party opinion and public reaction the report.	3/9/2017 12:11 PM
6	That sounds very important and we should have done it already	3/8/2017 1:08 PM
7	We need to offset the clearing of green space for commercial and residential properties with equal planting in same, current, or adjoining areas	3/8/2017 10:02 AM
8	Yes!!!	3/7/2017 7:14 PM
9	See comment under #6	3/6/2017 9:20 AM
10	We don't have enough space at existing schools for the students needs. Put families first	3/3/2017 9:55 AM
11	Only makes sense if it is "area" focused, not specific "parcel" focused.	3/1/2017 4:30 PM
12	Like other communities, we need a road map on where we want to add green space and how. Need to be more proactive versus reactive.	3/1/2017 7:41 AM



### Q10 Would you support a tax increase for the creation of a reserve fund for the sole purpose of the acquisition of green space and park land?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52.48%	106
No	30.69%	62
No Opinion	16.83%	34
<b>Total</b>		<b>202</b>

#	Comment:	Date
1	Park amenities should be evenly distributed through out the city, not just on East side	3/17/2017 8:03 AM
2	No, but I would support a tax increase to be dedicated to a specific project such as a pedestrian friendly East- West connector over or under I 65 .	3/13/2017 2:32 PM
3	Absolutely NOT!	3/11/2017 4:00 PM
4	Brentwood taxes are fairly low and our ability, as residents, to handle an increase is pretty high. Our parks and greenways are integral to our city	3/11/2017 12:56 PM
5	purchase of parkland is a perfect use of the existing hotel/motel tax	3/11/2017 11:57 AM
6	it depends upon what the increase would be.	3/11/2017 10:11 AM
7	Depends on how much	3/9/2017 10:24 PM
8	If we don't spend the money now, then housing values will decrease later.	3/8/2017 1:08 PM
9	But it should also be a component of commercial development	3/8/2017 10:02 AM
10	Maybe the businesses in Brentwood can fund it as part of a co2 tax on their collective emissions.	3/8/2017 7:29 AM
11	Absolutely	3/7/2017 7:14 PM
12	Depends on the tax cost.	3/7/2017 10:36 AM
13	I believe we can implement these plans without tax increase. The burden needs to be on developers.	3/7/2017 9:57 AM

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14	Tax new construction	3/7/2017 8:15 AM
15	VERY small tax increase	3/6/2017 2:41 PM
16	See comment under #6	3/6/2017 9:20 AM
17	A wise investment in the health of our city, our children, and our future.	3/6/2017 7:59 AM
18	The master plan should include clear provisions that obligate developers to include green space in their plans. These provisions should be enforceable and provide a deal breaker for the planning commission to use if plans presented and project construction does not adhere to said provisions.	3/6/2017 4:57 AM
19	Make builders and new homeowners accountable for paying into parks and schools	3/3/2017 9:55 AM
20	Just had a tax increase any comment on this depends upon the amount of the tax increase proposed.	3/2/2017 8:55 PM
21	Depends on the plan. I think taxing new construction seems more appropriate	3/2/2017 7:15 PM
22	Perhaps, as long as it was controlled and smart and not excessive tax. Only if necessary.	3/2/2017 1:32 PM
23	keep it within the average homeowners budget	3/1/2017 9:09 PM
24	With the increase in population I do not see a need to increase taxes to pay for green space.	3/1/2017 7:23 PM
25	Funds should come from all the new business that have created our traffic.	3/1/2017 4:51 PM
26	This should be required of the future developments	3/1/2017 3:26 PM
27	Great question. Not sure on this one. Certainly do not desire an increase in taxes but certainly do desire to slow the growth/consumption of Brentwood's green space. Probably ok with this.	3/1/2017 2:46 PM
28	We need to limit the endless growth that seems to be unstoppable. Our roads are too crowded and the schools are having a hard time keeping up. In the long run it will save money.	3/1/2017 2:45 PM
29	I would prefer encouraging commercial development in appropriate locations over a property tax increase.	3/1/2017 12:09 PM
30	Caveat: Additional financial detail required	3/1/2017 5:07 AM

**Q11 Please comment on other thoughts you would like to share with us or ask prospective candidates about green space preservation in Brentwood?**

Answered: 44 Skipped: 178

#	Responses	Date
1	A piece I wrote for another forum: As I read about our unprecedented world population and the projected growth of our population, I am constantly reminded of our "footprint." I think I first recall the use of this term when I was younger and hiking in Israel and I was told not to leave anything behind, so as to "minimize our footprint." As a society, we are generally detached from our "footprint." Our trash is hauled away, our cars emit exhaust that is dispersed throughout the atmosphere, our sewage is flushed away, etc. But the ability for us to detach from our environmental "footprint" will likely decrease exponentially over the coming years. Anthropomorphic global warming is but one example of our footprint. And Beijing and other major cities are examples of how our "footprint" is going to reveal itself. For those of you who know me, you've heard me talk about a "column of air" analogy for car emissions. That is, imagine you have a column of air surrounding your home extending upwards. This is your air to breathe and the air for your future generations. From now on, everything you generate, including car exhaust and the emissions generated producing the electricity for your home, is pumped into your column of air. Would you be willing to let all your emissions (and other waste) accumulate in your column of air? Even better, how about we attach collection devices to exhaust pipes of our cars and at the end of the day, those contents get released into your home? Now, with respect to the one aspect of the environment – trees. Trees can be reasonably compared to our lungs. It's been estimated we've destroyed 50% of the trees/ forests since the appearance of Homo sapiens. And our destruction is continuing, and continuing rapidly given the population growth that our planet has previously not experienced. So, imagine you have already had one lung removed but you continue to smoke and periodically have pieces of your last lung removed. How long do you think you will last? And I have even addressed the issue of clean water. So, how about we all get on board with smart solutions that provide more sustainable energy sources and try to stop polluting our air and destroying our trees and forests? And if you're not a "tree hugger" and perhaps are more inclined to a "business" perspective, other countries are already starting to "outcompete" us in this area – out of necessity in many cases. For those who may prefer that perspective, perhaps we can appeal to business competitiveness in sustainable energy with the prospect of being better for our health and the wellbeing of the planet?	3/13/2017 10:00 AM
2	The city's Eastern path system needs to be tied to downtown Brentwood asap. If it is not possible to connect alongside the Little Harpeth (from Tower Park through Mr. Turner's property), the city should acquire right of way to expand the path down Concord Road and Franklin Road. Bicycle commuting to Maryland Farms and downtown Brentwood could become a reality for many.	3/12/2017 10:05 PM
3	Again, before considering green space, parkland, bike paths, you must invest time and effort in alleviating the growing traffic in Brentwood, particularly on Concord Road and Holt Road.	3/12/2017 11:37 AM
4	Question: Would you be in favor of purchasing the Turner property if it were to come on the market. And what is your vision of the property if the City was able to make the purchase.	3/11/2017 10:09 PM
5	Are you a realtor, builder or developer or have any close association with those who are? Those who answer should not be favorably considered.	3/11/2017 6:28 PM
6	Is there a way to connect the east side of Brentwood to the west side with a beltway/bikeway? Please preserve the Turner Farm!	3/11/2017 4:22 PM
7	thanks for the work you do.	3/11/2017 11:45 AM
8	Developers need to take part in the expense.	3/11/2017 10:17 AM
9	As subdivisions are added, I'd love to see a large setback from the roads, so that Brentwood stays looking beautiful and green. Would love to see ideas/plans for better connecting neighborhoods to green spaces!	3/8/2017 9:44 PM
10	Please keep wooded areas as well	3/8/2017 1:08 PM
11	As mentioned, if a developer clearsome land they should be responsible for offsetting the clearing of trees and vegetation with similar amounts plus 10%	3/8/2017 10:02 AM
12	Would you be supportive of a tax increase to purchase the Cal Turner Jr. property(which could be Brentwood's Central Park) and the Menefee Property on Holly Tree Gap?	3/7/2017 7:14 PM

## Citizens for Brentwood Green Space

13	We need to control growth to preserve quality of life. Traffic is already awful. We do not need any more developments. Green space preservation will protect our property values and quality of life in Brentwood. I am willing to pay more taxes for that.	3/7/2017 3:59 PM
14	Absent from Brentwood are multipurpose trails. Off-road bicycling should be included in any new green space master plan, and development at Smith Park is overdue. Our community needs to become far more Walk and bicycle friendly. Commuting and riding opportunities in Brentwood are not keeping pace with other top communities and safety for walk/bike citizens is questionable.	3/7/2017 1:51 PM
15	Brentwood would look so much clean and green if the trash along the interstate was picked up more often.	3/7/2017 10:36 AM
16	The character of the community is tied to the green spaces and it is one of the key factors in quality of life and property values. Not to mention it gives the kids plenty of healthy alternatives that foster interaction and development as they grow to be productive members of the community. In short, they make Brentwood an exceptional place to live vs. The parking lot cities.	3/7/2017 10:28 AM
17	It would be nice to have that small town feel for Brentwood. I believe our high school college generation would be enticed to come back home to find their first jobs. A place for people to gather other than churches is important in keeping a city alive.	3/6/2017 6:13 PM
18	Preserving green space in our community will continue to preserve high property values.	3/6/2017 5:10 PM
19	Had we passed the \$50 million dollar proposed bond referendum when we voted on it in over 10 years ago, we would be over half way paid off by now. Let's not let the future Brentwoodians down. We need to make decisions based on future generations, not just today, for selfish, short sighted reasons.	3/6/2017 2:30 PM
20	Our beautiful hillsides are what make Brentwood unique. City preservation of woodland areas is a priority.	3/6/2017 10:59 AM
21	It seems like all of the fabulous new green spaces are south of Concord or west of 65. For those of us living north of Concord, it sure would be nice to have more green space for us too. A tunnel or bridge across Concord would be helpful too.	3/6/2017 7:42 AM
22	Keep the Brentwood of open spaces (not condensed brick and mortar structures)!	3/6/2017 6:01 AM
23	I am not a resident of Brentwood, but a user of Brentwood by way of church, kids school, shopping, pretty drives, etc... No matter the city, Nashville and its surrounding cities are growing too rapidly. Space needs to be assessed more frequently than before because of this. Once spaces are destroyed we cannot get them back. There need to be protected areas to balance out the growth and changes.	3/5/2017 9:49 PM
24	It is reall important to preserve the turner farm it is the lung of Brentwood. It gives the city it's charismatic apeal . The shelter is a landmark of the city . Either the recent growth in downtown Brentwood it is essential to leave the green space in order to preserve the quality of life in the city	3/5/2017 5:38 AM
25	Definitely want to keep Brentwood feeling like a community and maintaining a smaller town feel despite being so close to Metro. Green space makes our community feel more like home and is part of the reason we chose to live here.	3/3/2017 9:57 PM
26	Are individual property rights important to you as a candidate.	3/3/2017 7:41 AM
27	Greenspace and parks should be adjacent to as many neighborhood as possible. In addition, those neighborhoods should be interconnected with "greenways" or multi-use trails and paths. Neighborhoods should also be interconnected with dedicated bike lanes where possible.	3/2/2017 3:54 PM
28	(Please see former comment about bike and walkways, which address both green space and transportation issues.)	3/2/2017 6:24 AM
29	As Chairman of Bike Walk Brentwood, I see our missions aligned. I'd like to know the candidates view of the priority of bicycling/walking infrastructure planning, with associated dedicated budget to better connect our current greenspaces with neighborhoods, schools and retail areas.	3/1/2017 9:09 PM
30	what about sidewalks in new subdivisions? Dog parks? Parks that have adequate shade? Keep more trees rather than clear cut everything	3/1/2017 9:09 PM
31	As Brentwood will soon be fully developed, I think it is important to plan out well connected and useful green space throughout the entire city. A long term master plan for what we want this city to look like is essential.	3/1/2017 8:09 PM
32	It is imperative that we look for ways to provide public transportation along with our green spaces. In the future I want to be able to hop on a train and go downtown to see our Titans, Predators and restaurants. Parents want to be able to commute to Nashville to work on a timely basis and public transportation is paramount.	3/1/2017 7:23 PM
33	Please focus on the traffic.	3/1/2017 5:47 PM
34	Our traffic has become almost has bad as Greenhills and if we do not be careful it will become worse.	3/1/2017 4:51 PM

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35	The Turner property may one day come up for sale. How important do you feel it would be for us to try to acquire that property?	3/1/2017 4:47 PM
36	Ask candidates the same questions.	3/1/2017 4:30 PM
37	Maintaining our focus on the preservation of green space is fundamental to keeping Brentwood special and maintaining what helped make Brentwood what it is today. Stay true to Brentwood!	3/1/2017 3:13 PM
38	Please balance the land use so we have a distributed tax base. I don't think depending solely on property tax is a smart long term play.	3/1/2017 12:09 PM
39	City of Brentwood should investigate ways to improve connectivity from Green Space in Brentwood to green space, trails/paths/greenways in Nashville and Franklin	3/1/2017 11:26 AM
40	In spite of my living in a neighboring community (Nolensville) and owning a company in another neighboring community (Franklin) I am aware of the value of open space preservation in all our local communities. I have been extensively involved in growth challenges facing Nolensville and would like to see Brentwood be careful to preserve as much green space as possible - once lost it can never be regained.	3/1/2017 11:15 AM
41	Preserving historic sites should be a priority	3/1/2017 9:32 AM
42	The city needs to buy the Turner Farm.	3/1/2017 8:00 AM
43	I love the park system in Brentwood. It's one of the best in Tennessee! I think we need to take a step back and say "do we have to develop everything that's left"? Why? Why not also say "let's save our beautiful green space before it's gone". What legacy will we leave our children and grandchildren? There's still land worth saving and we should be doing everything we can to keep the quality of life we enjoy for future generations!	3/1/2017 7:41 AM
44	Please see earlier comments regarding land clearing. Plans to make bike paths along main arteries (new Concord expansion in particular) safely accessible to the many residents that are not located on the same side and forced to cross busy roads without crosswalks?	3/1/2017 5:07 AM