



The City of Saratoga Springs Open Space Plan Update



Community Survey Summary

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Project Overview

The City of Saratoga Springs has undertaken an effort to update the 2002 Open Space Plan to better meet the open space goals for today's community. An Open Space Plan establishes a vision for a City-wide network of open spaces. The Open Space Plan Update will establish criteria for the expenditure of bond funds, inventory open spaces as well as special areas for protection, preservation, conservation, parks, and both active and passive recreation.

The Saratoga Springs Open Space Plan Update is guided by a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is made up of representatives from the City of Saratoga Springs, Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC), Saratoga PLAN, City Center Board, Saratoga Springs City School District, Saratoga Spa State Park and the City of Saratoga Springs Recreation Commission.

Survey Overview

As part of the public engagement component of the Open Space Plan update, an online community survey was conducted. The purpose of this survey was to gather input from residents, community members, property owners, business owners and other stakeholders about their vision and priorities for open space in Saratoga Springs. The information gathered will help shape the vision and goals for City of Saratoga Springs Open Space Plan Update. The Open Space Plan Update will establish criteria for the expenditure of bond funds, inventory open spaces as well as special areas for protection, preservation, conservation, parks, and both active and passive recreation.

A twenty-six (26) question survey was created and distributed using Survey Monkey. The survey opened on March 16, 2021 and remained open until April 16, 2021. There were 960 responses received.

The survey was available on the project website at www.saratogaspringsopenspaces.com and advertised on the City website, through social media, at City Council meetings and through local print media such as Saratoga Today. Information and links to the survey were also distributed during the survey period on flyers which included a Quick Response (QR) code for direct access to the survey on a smartphone or tablet. Hard copies of the survey were also available on request through the Administrator of Parks, Open Lands, Historic Preservation and Sustainability at City Hall.

New York State defines Open Space as land “which is not intensively developed for residential, commercial, industrial or institutional use. Open space can be publicly or privately owned. It includes agricultural and forest land, undeveloped coastal and estuarine lands, undeveloped scenic lands, public parks and preserves. It also includes water bodies such as lakes and bays. What land is defined as open space depends in part on its surroundings. A vacant lot or a small marsh can be open space in a big city. A narrow corridor or pathway for walking or bicycling is open space even though it is surrounded by developed areas.”¹

Data Limitations

The survey is one of multiple public engagement activities intended to gather input from the community. The survey responses are self-selecting and are not statistically valid. The survey alone cannot be used to find the “answer” or “solution” but can in part help identify common themes and trends.

Survey Topic Areas

The survey is organized around the following components: Participant Information, Open Space: Natural Areas, Open Space: Recreation, Visioning, Tools for Open Space Protection, and Your Personal Thoughts. The following is a description of each survey topic area.

Participant Information

Participant Information focused on who is taking the survey. Questions about demographic data and how survey participants interact with the City and open space resources were included in this section. Getting a broad range of survey participants from the local area is important to address the needs of different demographics. Understanding age and which open space resources survey participants visit can help inform how to address the needs. Furthermore, knowing that responses are representative of a variety of community members can assist in inclusive decision-making.

Open Space: Natural Areas

This section asked survey participants questions about the natural areas within Saratoga Springs. Participants were asked what their values are for the protection of natural areas. Natural areas are typically undeveloped but may also include opportunities for passive recreation. Participants were also asked about how they interact with the natural areas in their City. How the community values and interacts with open space can help guide the needs of today and identify a vision for the future.

Open Space: Recreation

This section sought to understand the community priorities for active and passive recreational opportunities within existing open space land. Participants were asked how often they visit the parks, how they commute, what activities they like to participate in, and what they would like to see more of. These questions can help determine what the community needs are for recreation and help support future improvements.

¹ https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/osp2016final1.pdf

Visioning

This section asked survey participants questions about their vision for open space in Saratoga Springs. Participants were also asked about the importance of expanding open space in Saratoga Springs, and what types of open space they most value. This information will help to shape the vision and goals for the Open Space Plan update.

Tools for Open Space Protection

This section sought to understand the community interest in allocating public funding for the conservation, acquisition, and maintenance of open space within the City.

Your Personal Thoughts

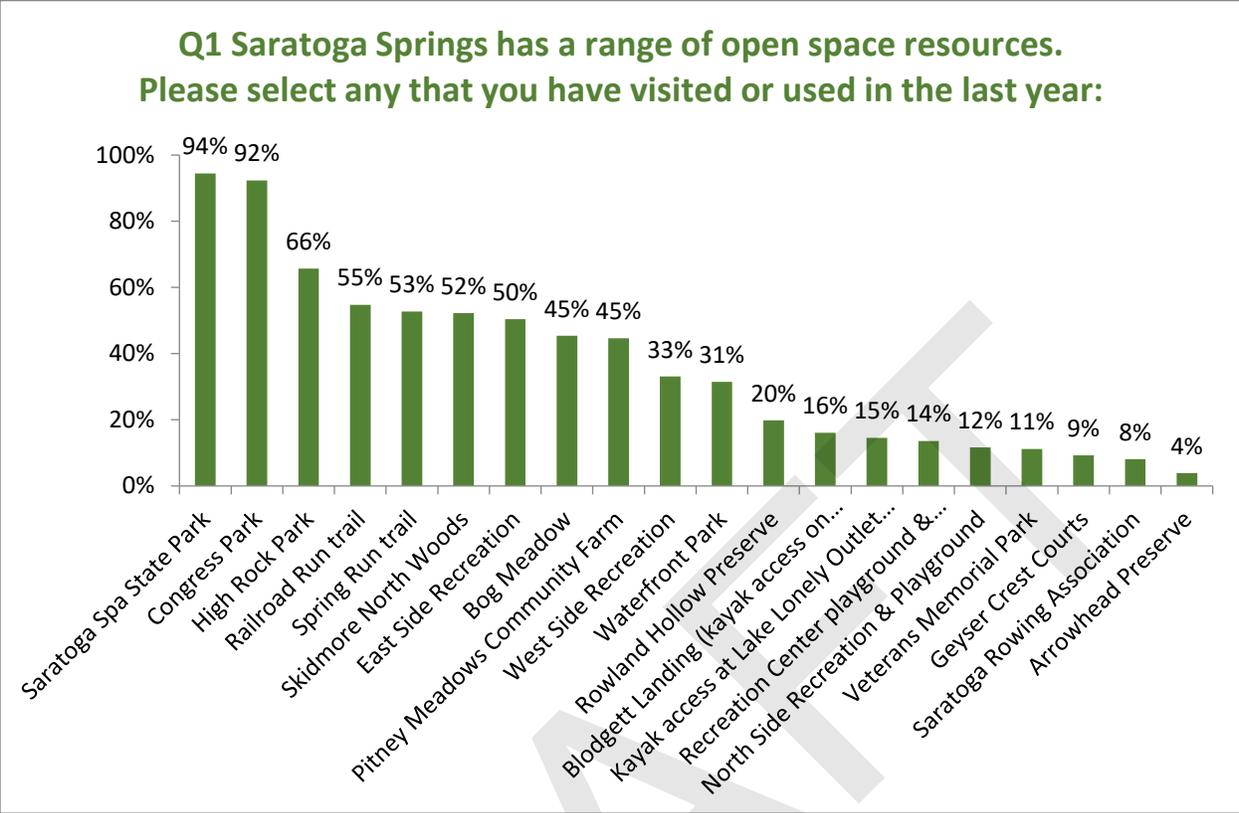
The last few questions were an open-ended option for people to note any additional ideas for the future of open space in the City of Saratoga Springs. Participants were given the option of providing thoughts on how open space has affected them in the past year. The section also allowed participants to provide photos of open space throughout Saratoga Springs.

Survey Highlights

The following is a brief highlight of each question of the survey. For the full survey results see the attached survey questions and responses.

Participant Information

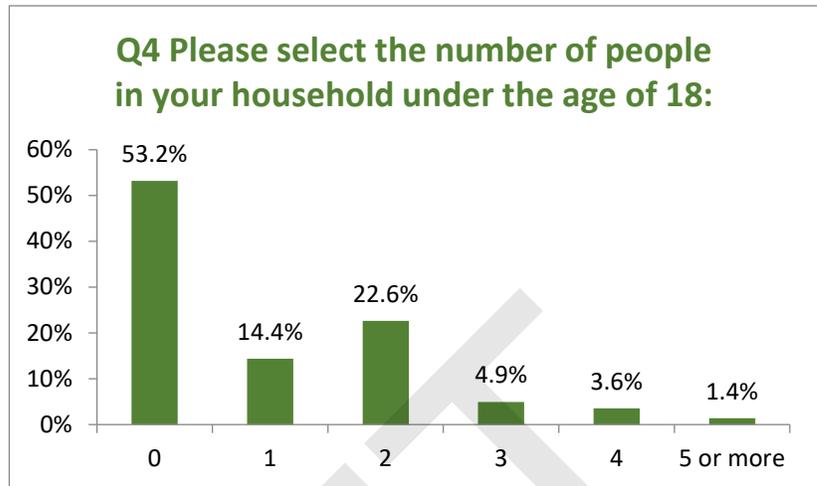
Question 1 (Q1) asked participants to select which open space resources they visited in the past year. The top five most selected were Saratoga Spa State Park (94%), Congress Park (92%), High Rock Park (66%), Railroad Run trail (55%), and Spring Run trail (53%).



Question 2 (Q2) asked survey participants to check all that apply with options being: Business Owner in Saratoga Springs, Property Owner in Saratoga Springs, Resident of Saratoga Springs, Visitor to Saratoga Springs, Work in Saratoga Springs, Student in Saratoga Springs, Person with a disability, and Other (please specify). The most selected option was resident of Saratoga Springs with 708 people (74%). Property owner was the next most selected with 604 (63%) and third most selected was Work in Saratoga Springs Businessperson (36%). Persons with a disability accounted for 2% of survey respondents.

Question 3 (Q3) asked survey participants to indicate their age. The largest age group was the 65-74 age group (22%). Of those responding, 6% were 75 years or older, 21% were in the 55–64-year-old age group, 19% were in the 45–54-year-old age group, 18% were in the 35-44 year-old age group, 11% were in the 25-34 year-old age group and the remaining 3% were 24 years or younger.

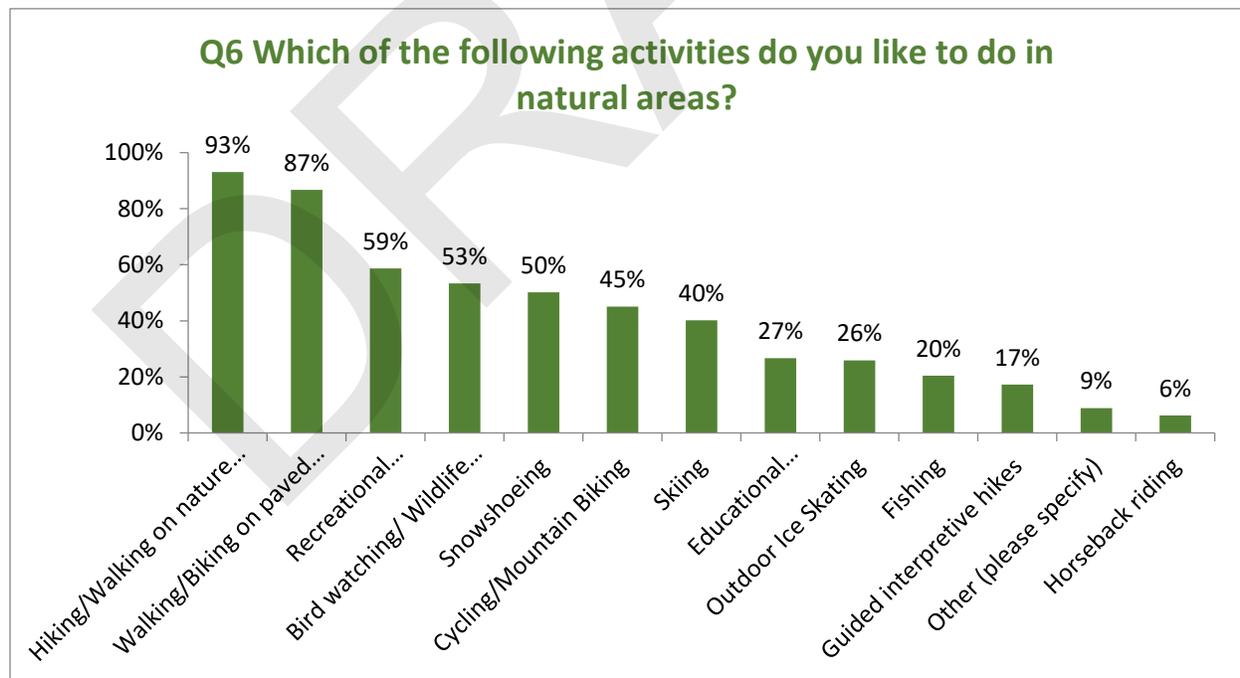
Question 4 (Q4) asked survey participants to select the number of people in their household below the age of 18. This question helps to gain a better understanding of the population of children in Saratoga Springs. Based on the responses, 48% have at least one child in their household below the age of 18.



Open Space: Natural Areas

Question 5 (Q5) asked participants to rank from 1 to 3 their top three priorities for conserving natural areas within Saratoga Spring, with 1 being the highest priority. The priorities most selected were Ecosystem Preservation (567), Community Health (520), and Recreation (501). The priority most selected as 1, was Ecosystem Preservation at 28%.

Question 6 (Q6) asked participants which activities they like to do in natural areas. Participants were asked to select all that apply. The top three responses were Hiking/walking on nature trails (93%), Walking/biking on paved trails (87%), and Recreational boating/canoeing (59%).

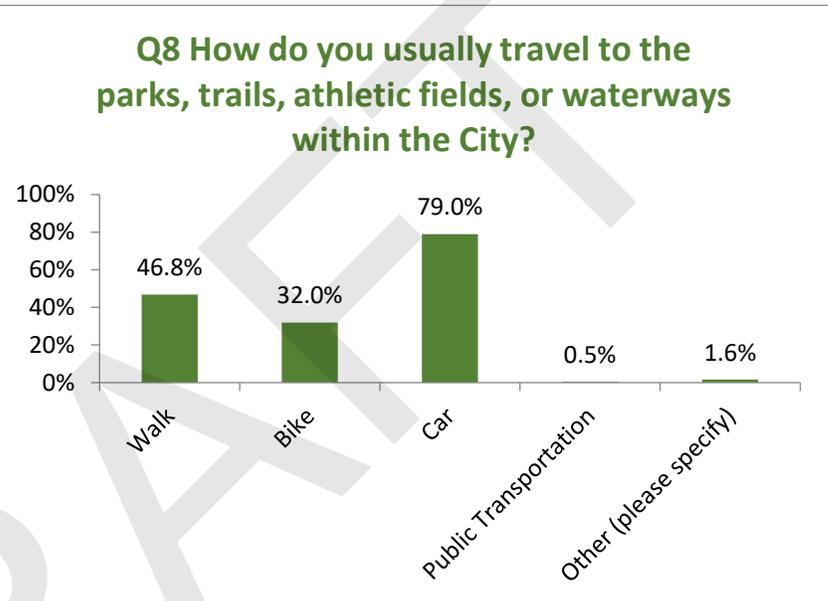


Open Space: Recreation

Question 7 (Q7) asked participants how often they visit the parks trails, athletic fields or waterways within the City. Respondents were given the option of selecting Daily, Several times per week, Weekly, Several times per Month, Monthly, Several times per year or Never. Over 42% of survey participants indicated that they visit these areas several times per week. The next most selected frequencies were Weekly (18%) and Daily (14%). Only 4 of the 816 responses indicated that they never visit these areas.

Question 8 (Q8) asked participants how they usually travel to the parks, trails, athletic fields or waterways with the City: Walk, Bike, Car, Public Transportation or Other. The vast majority of participants indicated that they use a car to access these areas (79%). The next most popular mode of transportation was walking at 47%.

Question 9 (Q9) asked participants how they typically participate in the parks, trails, athletic fields or waterways within the City. The top five most selected activities include Time with family and/or friends” (73%), Hiking (65%), Exercise or jog (62%), Biking (57%), and Music/concerts (53%). Of the Other (write-in) responses, disc golf, walking and golfing were listed.



Question 10 (Q10) asked participants which recreational opportunities they would like to see more of. Participants were asked to select all that apply. The top three most selected opportunities involved connections and trails: Connections to existing recreation (73%), Nature Trails (64%), and Multi-use trails (63%). Of the Other (write-in) responses, bike trails, dog friendly parks and trails, and disk golf courses were listed.

Question 11 (Q11) sought to understand how the interest in outdoor recreation has changed in the past year. Respondents were given the option of selecting Increased Significantly, Increased, Stayed the Same, Decreased or Decreased Significantly. Over 66% of survey respondents indicated their interest has either increased or increased significantly over the past year, while 31% of respondents indicated their interest has stayed the same. Only 2% of respondents indicated their interest has decreased or decreased significantly.

Question 12 (Q12) asked participants if they would consider participating in a volunteer group that assists in maintaining and improving parks and open spaces in order to lessen the financial burden on the municipality. Out of the responses for this question, 395 indicated yes (44%), 370 indicated maybe (42%), and 124 respondents indicated no (14%).

Visioning

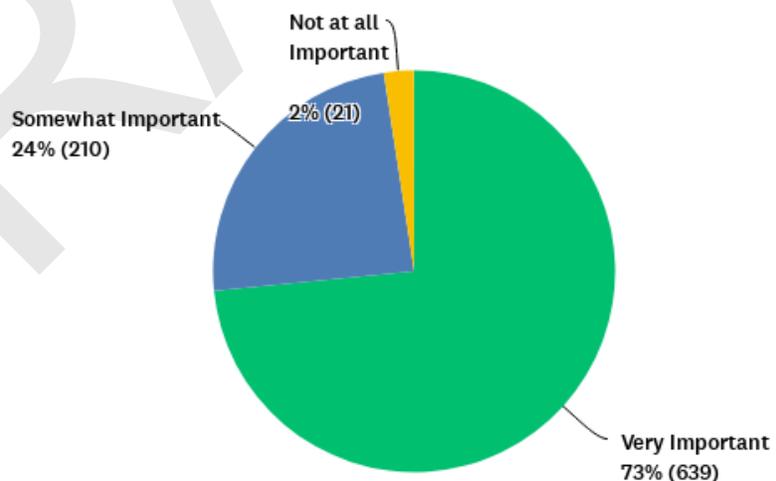
Question 13 (Q13) asked participants if they know that Saratoga Springs is often referred to as the “City in the Country”. Of the responses, the majority selected yes (64%).

Questions 14 (Q14) was open ended and asked participants to explain what “City in the Country” means to them for Saratoga Springs. Of the survey participants, 683 responded to this question. The recurring theme was the balance of a smaller-scale city/urban core that is walkable, full of culture and history, surrounded by a ring of open/green space including farms, parks, nature, and rural areas. Controlled growth, limited sprawl, and access to amenities of the City as well as open space were frequently mentioned. Some survey respondents indicated that they did not relate to or understand “City in the Country” or felt that it did not represent the area. Full results of all individual responses are attached.

Questions 15 (Q15) was also open ended. This question asked participants to describe their values and passion for open space resources in the City of Saratoga Springs. Of the survey participants, 609 responded to this question. The primary theme of the responses was one of enthusiasm for open space. Words like important, essential, valuable, and necessary were numerous. Respondents described the desire to preserve, conserve and expand resources for recreation, the environment, accessibility, and connections/trails for bicycles and pedestrians. Health, quality of life, the beauty of the environment, nature and fresh air were commonly listed as motivation. Balanced growth was also a frequent theme.

Question 16 (Q16) asked survey participants how important expanding access to open spaces within the City of Saratoga Springs was to them. Of the 870 respondents, the vast majority indicated Very Important (73%). Twenty-four (24%) of respondents selected Somewhat Important, and 2% selected Not important at all.

Q16 How important to you is expanding access to open spaces within the City of Saratoga Springs?



Question 17 (Q17) asked survey participants which types of open space they value most in Saratoga Springs. Participants were asked to select all that apply. The top three most selected open space resources were Natural Recreational Trails (69%), Parks (61%) and Nature Preserves (46%). Of the Other (write-in) responses, disc golf courses, dog parks, and connections to existing trails were mentioned. The least selected were playgrounds (15%) and athletic/recreation fields (15%).

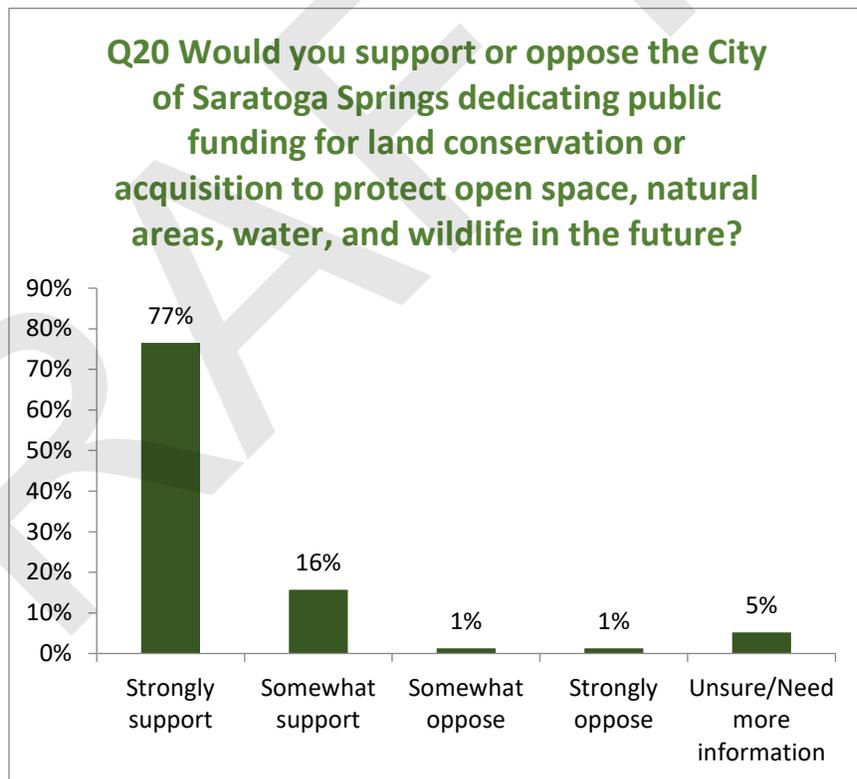
Question 18 (Q18) asked survey participants to identify their top three priorities for open space preservation and/or acquisition within the City of Saratoga Springs. The top five most selected responses

were “Improve the quality of life and health of our communities” (51%), “Address climate change...” (50%), “Protect groundwater/drinking water resources” (47%), “Provide accessible, quality, outdoor recreation” (46%) and “Protect wildlife habitats for biodiversity” (43%). The least selected responses were “Provide outdoor athletic fields” (8%) and “Provide places for education and research” (8%)

Question 19 (Q19) was open ended and asked participants to list any specific open space areas in the City that they would like to see conserved. Of the survey participants, 275 responded to this question. The common themes included specific areas for pocket parks, the expansion of/connection to existing trails (Railroad Run, Spring Run, Zim Smith), the general protection of trees/forested areas, waterfront areas (Saratoga Lake and Lake Lonely), and the suggestion of more open/green space in general and less development. Full results of all individual responses are attached.

Tools for Open Space Protection

Question 20 (Q20) asked survey participants if they would support or oppose the City of Saratoga Springs dedicating public funding for land conservation or acquisition to protect open space, natural areas, water and wildlife in the future. Respondents were given the option of selecting Strongly support, Somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose or unsure/need more information. Of the 848 participants that completed the question, the vast majority (92%) selected either Strongly Support or Somewhat support. Of the participants, 44 (5%) indicated that they are unsure and/or need more information.



Question 21 (Q21) asked survey participants if they be supportive of creating a public mechanism to fund the maintenance and upkeep of open space. Respondents were given the option of selecting strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose or unsure/need more information. Of the 854 participants that completed the question, 71% selected strongly support, 20% selected somewhat support, and 3% either somewhat or strongly opposed. Of the participants, 58 (7%) indicated that they are unsure and/or need more information.

Your Personal Thoughts

Question 22 (Q22) was open ended and asked participants to note any additional comments or ideas they had relating to the future of open space in the City of Saratoga Springs. Of the survey participants, 293 responded to this question. Some common themes included the importance of open space, concern about increased development and development pressure, specific suggestions for resource protection, additional recreation, and access to the water. Another common theme was the desire for safer, accessible bicycle and pedestrian connections. Full results of all individual responses are attached.

Question 23 (Q23) was open ended and asked participants to describe how open space has affected them in the past year. Of the survey participants, 457 responded to this question. The responses were generally positive with many respondents describing how they utilized open spaces more in the City during the COVID-19 pandemic. A common theme was one of gratitude and appreciation for these spaces so that they could safely exercise, get fresh air, and meet with friends and family while socially distancing. Physical and mental health were frequently mentioned. Full results of all individual responses are attached.

Question 24 (Q24) was follow-up to the previous question asking if participants would like their response shared anonymously on the project website.

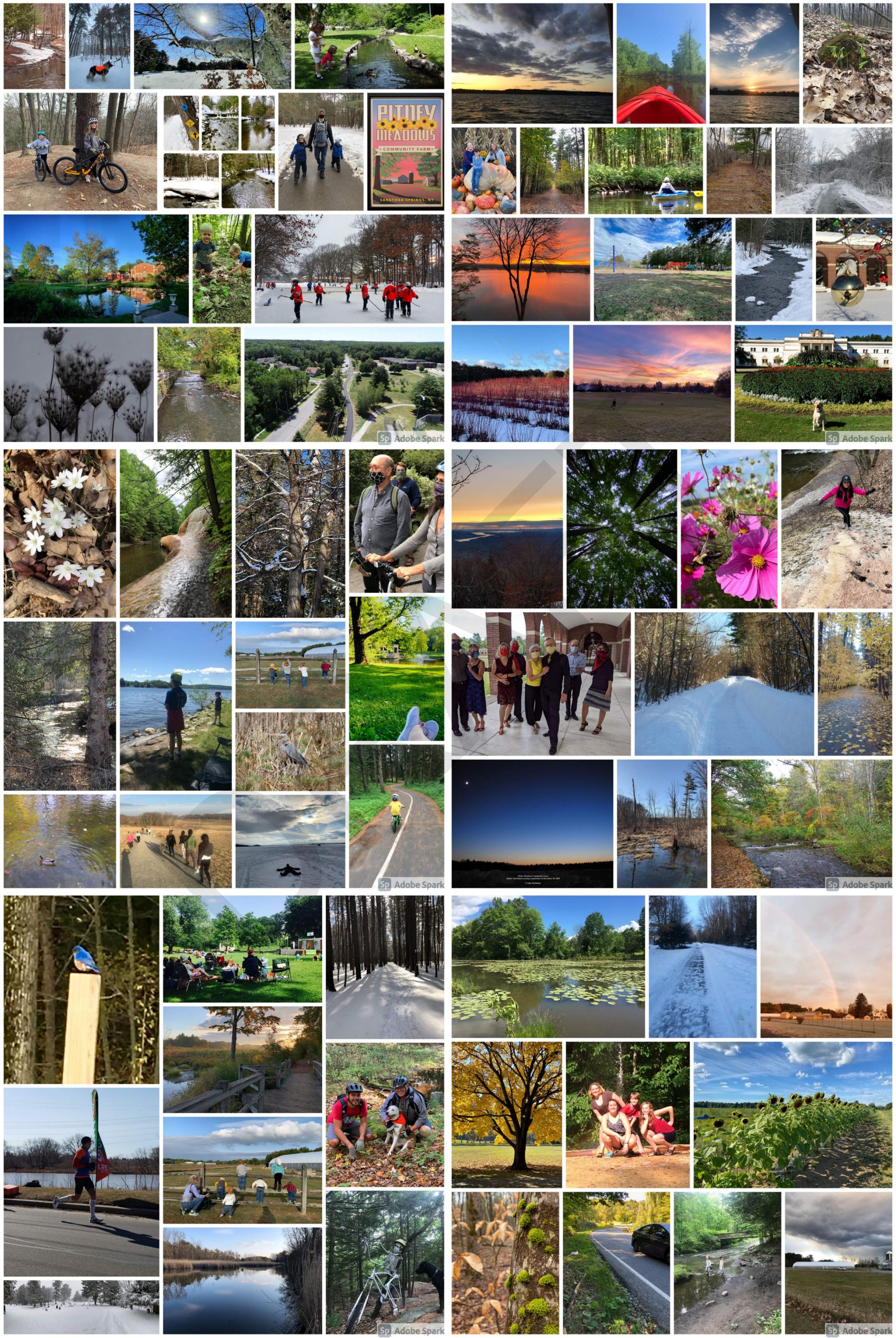
Question 25 (Q25) allowed survey participants to upload a favorite photo of open space from around Saratoga Springs. A total of 74 photos were uploaded through the survey.

Question 26 (Q26) gave participants the option of having their photo featured anonymously on the project website. It should be noted that while only 74 participants uploaded a photo, 155 responded to this question. All registrants that shared a photo selected yes to this question. The photos collected were of landscapes, parks, waterways and of residents enjoying open space. These photos appear to be taken during spring, summer, fall and winter showing that these spaces are enjoyed year-round. Many shared photos included pets, children, plants and wildlife. These photos truly illustrate the importance of, and passion people have for open spaces in Saratoga Springs. These photos will be shared on the project website.

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**ATTACHMENT 1: PHOTOS SUBMITTED
THROUGH SURVEY**

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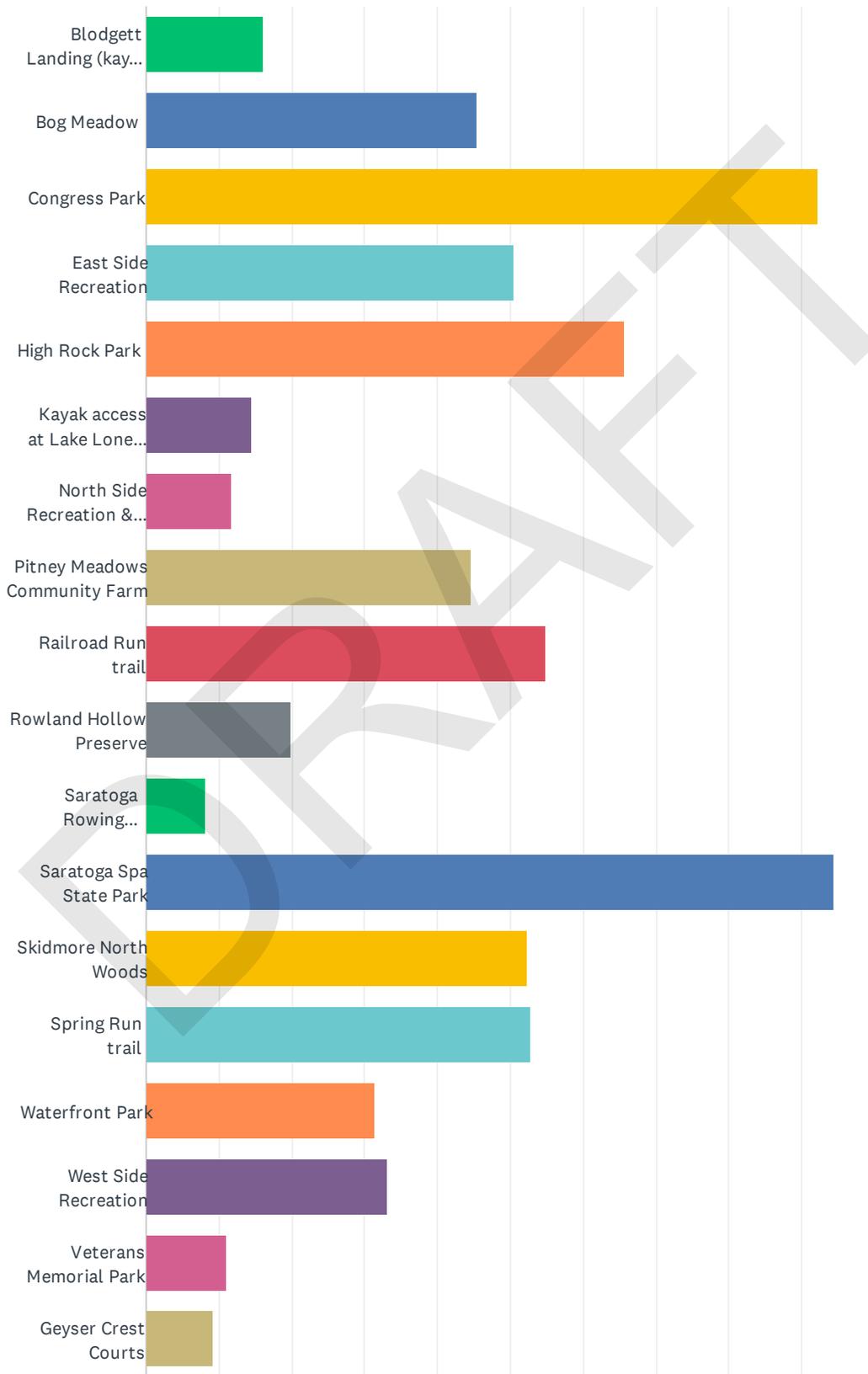


ATTACHMENT 2: SURVEY MONKEY RESULTS

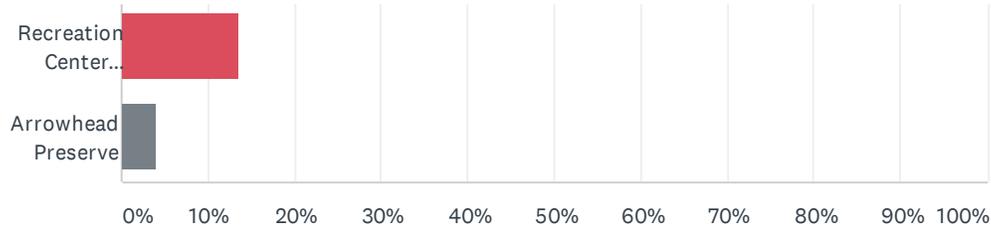
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Q1 Saratoga Springs has a range of open space resources. Please select any that you have visited or used in the last year:

Answered: 950 Skipped: 10



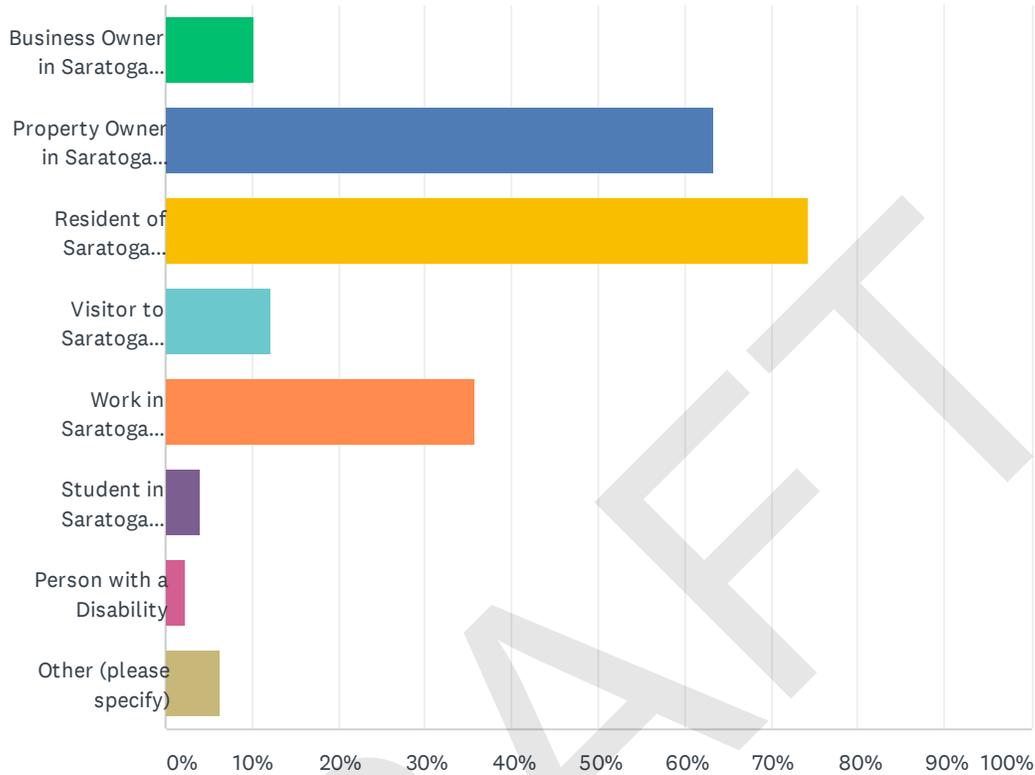
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Blodgett Landing (kayak access on Kayaderosseras Creek)	16.11%	153
Bog Meadow	45.37%	431
Congress Park	92.32%	877
East Side Recreation	50.42%	479
High Rock Park	65.68%	624
Kayak access at Lake Lonely Outlet Marina	14.53%	138
North Side Recreation & Playground	11.68%	111
Pitney Meadows Community Farm	44.63%	424
Railroad Run trail	54.74%	520
Rowland Hollow Preserve	19.79%	188
Saratoga Rowing Association	8.11%	77
Saratoga Spa State Park	94.42%	897
Skidmore North Woods	52.21%	496
Spring Run trail	52.74%	501
Waterfront Park	31.47%	299
West Side Recreation	33.05%	314
Veterans Memorial Park	11.16%	106
Geyser Crest Courts	9.26%	88
Recreation Center playground & field	13.58%	129
Arrowhead Preserve	3.89%	37
Total Respondents: 950		

Q2 Please select all that apply to you:

Answered: 954 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Business Owner in Saratoga Springs	10.17%	97
Property Owner in Saratoga Springs	63.31%	604
Resident of Saratoga Springs	74.21%	708
Visitor to Saratoga Springs	12.05%	115
Work in Saratoga Springs	35.74%	341
Student in Saratoga Springs	3.98%	38
Person with a Disability	2.31%	22
Other (please specify)	6.18%	59
Total Respondents: 954		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Resident of Wilton	4/16/2021 5:46 PM
2	Live in Wilton but obviously very active in a myriad of ways in Saratoga Springs.	4/14/2021 6:38 AM
3	Retired	4/13/2021 9:25 PM
4	Retired	4/13/2021 1:50 PM
5	Ballston Spa resident	4/13/2021 8:08 AM

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6	Person with dog	4/12/2021 3:33 PM
7	leader of bke group	4/11/2021 8:59 PM
8	Retired Teacher in the Saratoga Springs City School District	4/11/2021 6:03 PM
9	Wilton resident	4/11/2021 9:58 AM
10	Resident in Greenfield	4/10/2021 5:49 PM
11	Resident of Wilton with Saratoga Springs PO	4/10/2021 3:07 PM
12	I've lived and worked in Saratoga for over 45 years. I'm now retired.	4/10/2021 6:26 AM
13	Greenfield field resident	4/9/2021 9:26 PM
14	senior citizen	4/9/2021 8:45 PM
15	propert owner malta	4/9/2021 6:05 PM
16	Parent of a child with a disability	4/9/2021 3:29 PM
17	Second home in Malta, NY	4/9/2021 9:06 AM
18	Property owner/resident of Malta	4/8/2021 4:52 PM
19	Resident of town of saratoga	4/8/2021 8:03 AM
20	Live just over the B Spa line	4/7/2021 9:20 PM
21	volunteer in Saratoga Springs	4/7/2021 8:16 PM
22	Saratoga County Resident	4/7/2021 7:29 PM
23	resident of saratoga county	4/7/2021 6:23 PM
24	resident of Saratoga County	4/7/2021 6:20 PM
25	Resident of Stillwater	4/5/2021 10:19 PM
26	Nearby resident - Ballston Spa	4/5/2021 8:09 PM
27	resident of Saratoga County	4/5/2021 5:13 PM
28	Live in the Saratoga Springs area.	4/5/2021 3:52 PM
29	Saratoga County resident; volunteer at Pitney Meadows Farm	4/5/2021 1:11 PM
30	Live in Gansevoort. Son is in Saratoga School district.	4/3/2021 1:45 PM
31	Wilton resident	4/2/2021 2:31 PM
32	Resident, property owner in Greenville	4/1/2021 10:31 PM
33	Saratoga school district	3/30/2021 11:54 PM
34	Resident of Saratoga county	3/29/2021 9:33 PM
35	Live in Middle Grove , NY, but work and our kids go to school in Saratoga	3/29/2021 9:17 PM
36	Parent of child in Saratoga Schools	3/29/2021 8:59 PM
37	Greenfield resident	3/29/2021 5:49 PM
38	U.S. Navy Veteran	3/27/2021 6:26 AM
39	Live in Ballston Spa but spend an enormous of my free time in Saratoga Springs	3/26/2021 9:46 AM
40	Retired	3/26/2021 8:56 AM
41	Ballston Spa resident	3/25/2021 8:14 PM
42	Native of & regular visitor to Saratoga Springs	3/25/2021 3:54 PM
43	Nearby resident	3/25/2021 10:59 AM

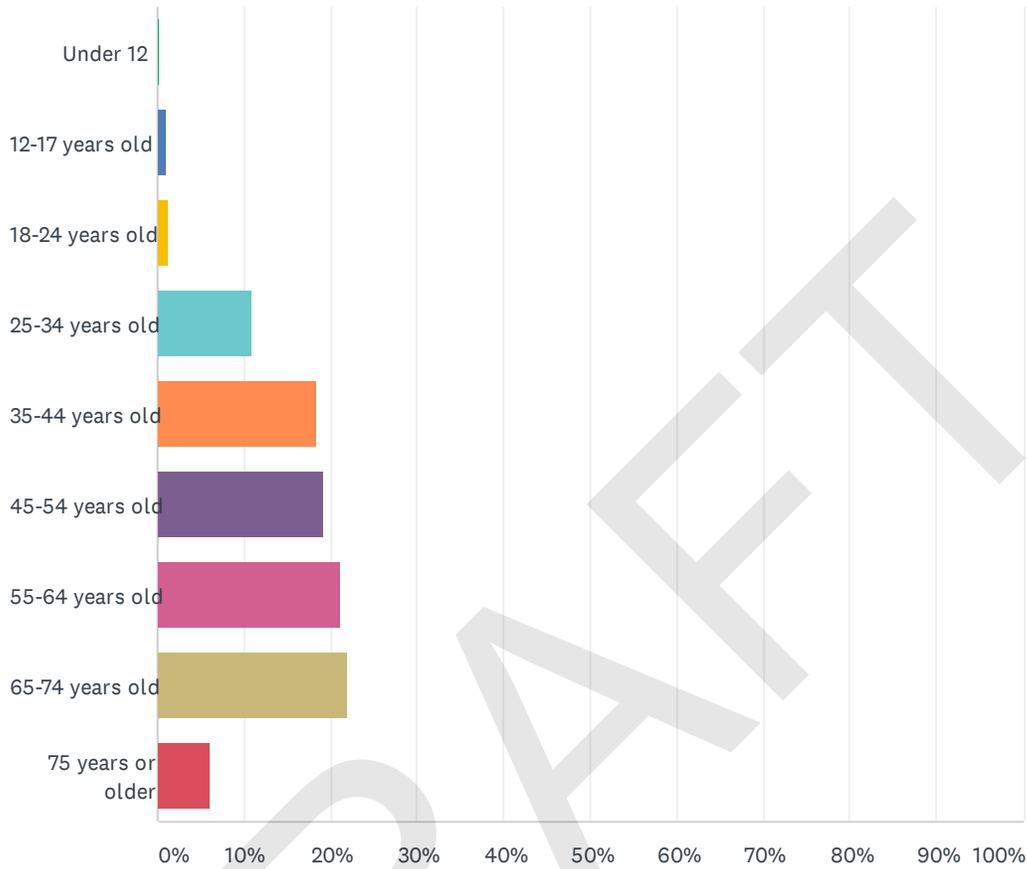
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44	resident of Town of Greenfield	3/25/2021 9:27 AM
45	Resident of Wilton	3/25/2021 8:31 AM
46	Live in Greenfield Center	3/24/2021 9:23 PM
47	Retired	3/24/2021 4:24 PM
48	live close by in clifton park	3/24/2021 4:17 PM
49	previous resident and worker in the city	3/24/2021 4:10 PM
50	Retired	3/24/2021 3:46 PM
51	retired	3/24/2021 2:21 PM
52	Disc golfer	3/24/2021 11:04 AM
53	live on the border of the city of Saratoga Springs in Town of Milton	3/24/2021 7:42 AM
54	Retired	3/20/2021 9:20 PM
55	area resident outside of the city	3/20/2021 8:04 AM
56	Live near Saratoga Springs	3/19/2021 12:34 PM
57	senior citizen	3/19/2021 9:03 AM
58	Resident of Wilton	3/18/2021 12:39 PM
59	Teacher	3/18/2021 2:41 AM

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Q3 Please indicate your age:

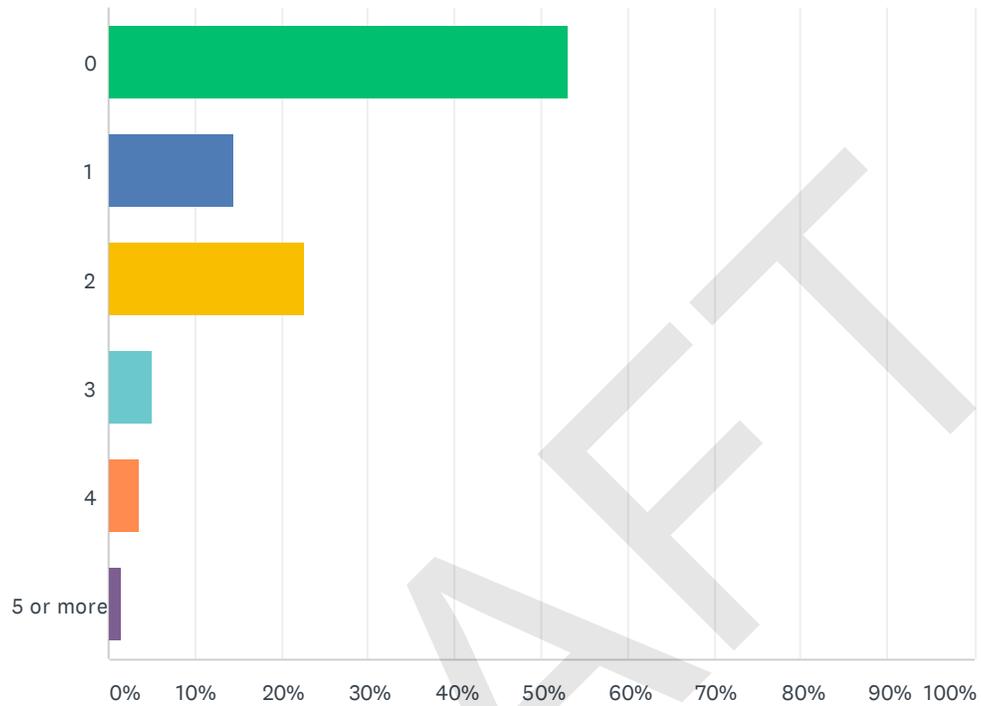
Answered: 955 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 12	0.21%	2
12-17 years old	1.05%	10
18-24 years old	1.26%	12
25-34 years old	10.89%	104
35-44 years old	18.32%	175
45-54 years old	19.16%	183
55-64 years old	21.05%	201
65-74 years old	21.99%	210
75 years or older	6.07%	58
TOTAL		955

Q4 Please select the number of people in your household under the age of 18:

Answered: 955 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	53.19%	508
1	14.35%	137
2	22.62%	216
3	4.92%	47
4	3.56%	34
5 or more	1.36%	13
TOTAL		955

Q5 Conserving natural areas can benefit Saratoga Springs in many different ways. Which of these do you think are most important? Please select your top 3 priorities (3 being the lowest, 1 being the highest priority).

Answered: 842 Skipped: 118

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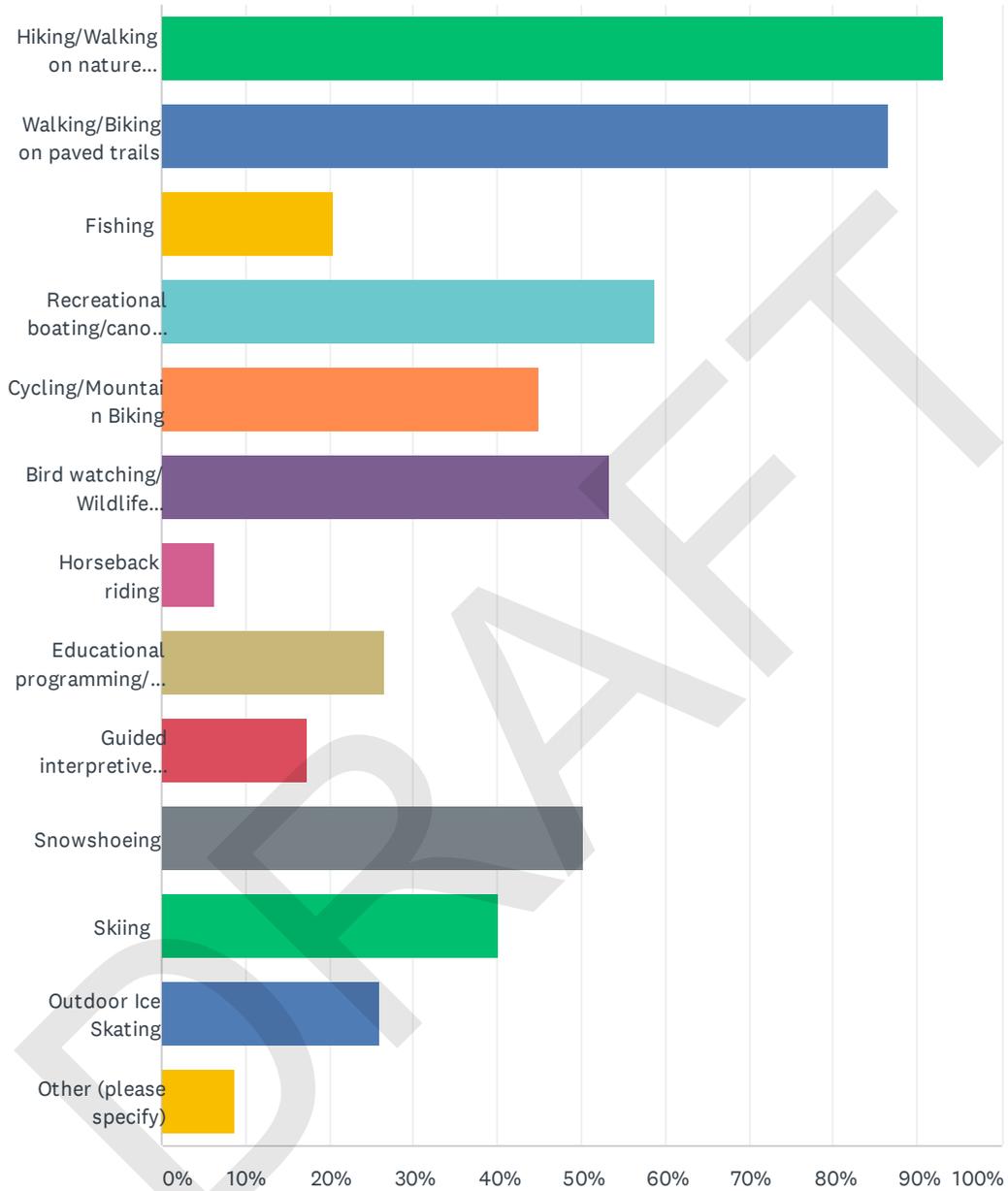
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	1	2	3	TOTAL
Community Health: Improving health by providing opportunities for exercise, cooling hot urban areas, and improving air quality.	34.81% 181	33.85% 176	31.35% 163	520
Recreation: Improving connections to natural areas and creating new opportunities for recreation such as trails.	42.51% 213	29.34% 147	28.14% 141	501
Ecosystem Preservation: Conserving important environments such as woodlands, prairies, and wetlands, and protecting habitat for plants and wildlife.	41.27% 234	33.69% 191	25.04% 142	567
Stream, River, and Lake Health: Using natural areas to filter stormwater, reduce runoff and erosion, and protect water quality in the city's streams, rivers, and Saratoga Lake.	23.69% 95	41.90% 168	34.41% 138	401
Flood Control: Protecting against flooding and property damage by conserving natural areas that absorb runoff and provide natural areas for stormwater to collect.	26.00% 26	27.00% 27	47.00% 47	100
Economic Development: Natural areas can improve nearby property values and create opportunities for businesses, jobs, residential development, and other economic activity.	27.41% 74	27.41% 74	45.19% 122	270

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Q6 Which of the following activities do you like to do in natural areas?

Answered: 908 Skipped: 52



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking/Walking on nature trails	93.06%	845
Walking/Biking on paved trails	86.67%	787
Fishing	20.48%	186
Recreational boating/canoeing/kayaking	58.70%	533
Cycling/Mountain Biking	45.04%	409
Bird watching/ Wildlife viewing	53.30%	484
Horseback riding	6.28%	57
Educational programming/Outdoor education	26.65%	242
Guided interpretive hikes	17.29%	157
Snowshoeing	50.11%	455
Skiing	40.20%	365
Outdoor Ice Skating	25.88%	235
Other (please specify)	8.81%	80
Total Respondents: 908		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Parks for children to play	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
2	swimming	4/16/2021 11:55 AM
3	Trail running	4/15/2021 11:48 AM
4	Sports...ie baseball, football	4/14/2021 9:52 AM
5	Wish there were more spots for swimming	4/13/2021 5:46 PM
6	Picknicking	4/13/2021 12:55 PM
7	Running	4/12/2021 7:04 PM
8	Dog walking, meditation	4/12/2021 3:35 PM
9	Playground	4/12/2021 1:32 PM
10	Photography	4/12/2021 8:21 AM
11	Relaxing and reflecting, reading, painting or drawing,	4/11/2021 5:00 PM
12	fitness and recreation	4/11/2021 10:25 AM
13	Trail Running	4/10/2021 10:54 PM
14	Accessing high quality water	4/10/2021 12:55 PM
15	Hunting	4/10/2021 7:09 AM
16	Simply sitting in, reading at, and enjoying natural areas.	4/10/2021 6:28 AM
17	Softball Fields	4/9/2021 4:57 PM
18	Getting stoned	4/9/2021 11:31 AM
19	Nature photography	4/9/2021 10:39 AM

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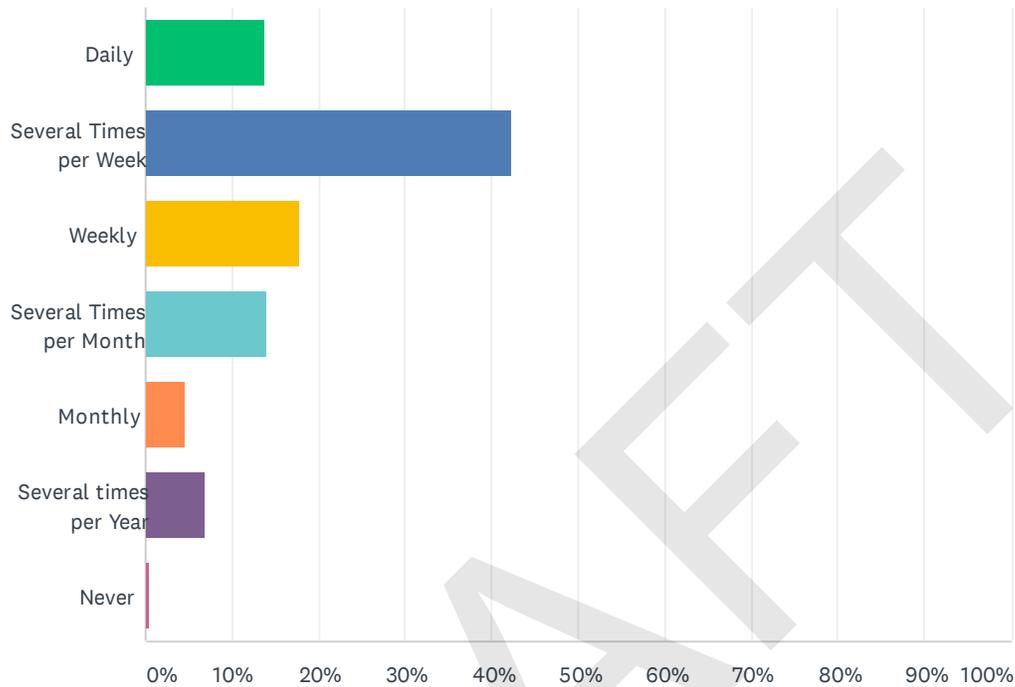
20	I'm more interested in the lifestyle we enjoy in Saratoga Springs brought about by the tourism and development. Our city is beautiful and progresses in correct ways to provide safety , job opportunities and economic growth I believe if we do not move forward we wouldn't enjoy the benefits local developers have brought to our community	4/9/2021 10:06 AM
21	Sitting by the water	4/9/2021 9:25 AM
22	running	4/8/2021 5:17 PM
23	Photography of landscapes and wildlife	4/8/2021 8:06 AM
24	dog walking	4/7/2021 6:24 PM
25	Hunting	4/7/2021 6:13 PM
26	just walking neighborhoods	4/5/2021 10:24 PM
27	cross country skiing/snowshoeing	4/5/2021 5:09 PM
28	Viewing green space	4/5/2021 1:02 PM
29	learn about historical areas and what the area once held eg. Arrowhead park	4/4/2021 4:28 PM
30	Dog walks	4/3/2021 1:47 PM
31	Dog walking and playing in the open field on Excelsior between East and Marion Avenue	3/31/2021 10:58 PM
32	Biking throughout city on WEST SIDE	3/30/2021 8:29 AM
33	Native flora (wildflowers, trees, etc.) identification and photography; amateur astronomy	3/30/2021 8:03 AM
34	Meditate in nature	3/29/2021 11:12 PM
35	Rollerblading	3/29/2021 9:32 PM
36	Running	3/29/2021 9:12 PM
37	Running	3/29/2021 9:12 PM
38	Dog walking/agility	3/29/2021 9:10 PM
39	Alpine skiing, dog walking	3/29/2021 9:01 PM
40	Picnicking	3/29/2021 8:51 PM
41	Running	3/29/2021 8:48 PM
42	Disc Golf	3/29/2021 8:44 PM
43	Swimming at lakes/water	3/29/2021 4:29 PM
44	enjoying the outdoors without excessive car and human traffic.	3/28/2021 12:57 PM
45	Running	3/28/2021 10:27 AM
46	Rollerblade on smooth paved trails	3/27/2021 2:58 PM
47	Photography	3/27/2021 7:58 AM
48	Running	3/27/2021 6:30 AM
49	Photography	3/26/2021 8:29 PM
50	DOG WALKING	3/26/2021 10:22 AM
51	Disc Golf	3/26/2021 8:13 AM
52	Urban public space - streets and plazas like NYC	3/25/2021 8:11 PM
53	Quiet, stars, sunsets, fireflies, full moon	3/25/2021 4:01 PM
54	Disc golf	3/25/2021 3:58 PM
55	Just sitting or picnicing	3/25/2021 11:02 AM
56	rowing	3/25/2021 8:03 AM

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57	Disc golf	3/24/2021 8:11 PM
58	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 7:25 PM
59	Disc golf	3/24/2021 7:20 PM
60	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 6:50 PM
61	Wildlife gardening - we need stricter laws prohibiting noise pollution - a gas leafblower ban!	3/24/2021 6:13 PM
62	Trail Running	3/24/2021 5:49 PM
63	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 5:47 PM
64	Trail running	3/24/2021 5:17 PM
65	Photography	3/24/2021 4:12 PM
66	Disc golf	3/24/2021 3:29 PM
67	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:20 AM
68	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:11 AM
69	Disc golf playing	3/24/2021 10:57 AM
70	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 10:56 AM
71	Disc golf	3/24/2021 10:27 AM
72	Disc golf	3/24/2021 9:56 AM
73	drawing & sketching	3/24/2021 7:44 AM
74	Walking with dogs	3/18/2021 10:34 PM
75	snow shoeing, cross country skiing	3/18/2021 10:19 PM
76	Tennis, Pickleball	3/18/2021 1:25 PM
77	Xc skiing, rock climbing, picnicking, gardening	3/18/2021 1:22 PM
78	Trail Running, Geocaching	3/18/2021 7:27 AM
79	trail running	3/17/2021 5:13 PM
80	native plant and insect watching	3/17/2021 12:26 PM

Q7 How often do you visit the parks, trails, athletic fields, or waterways within the City (City-owned as well as State or not-for-profit properties)?

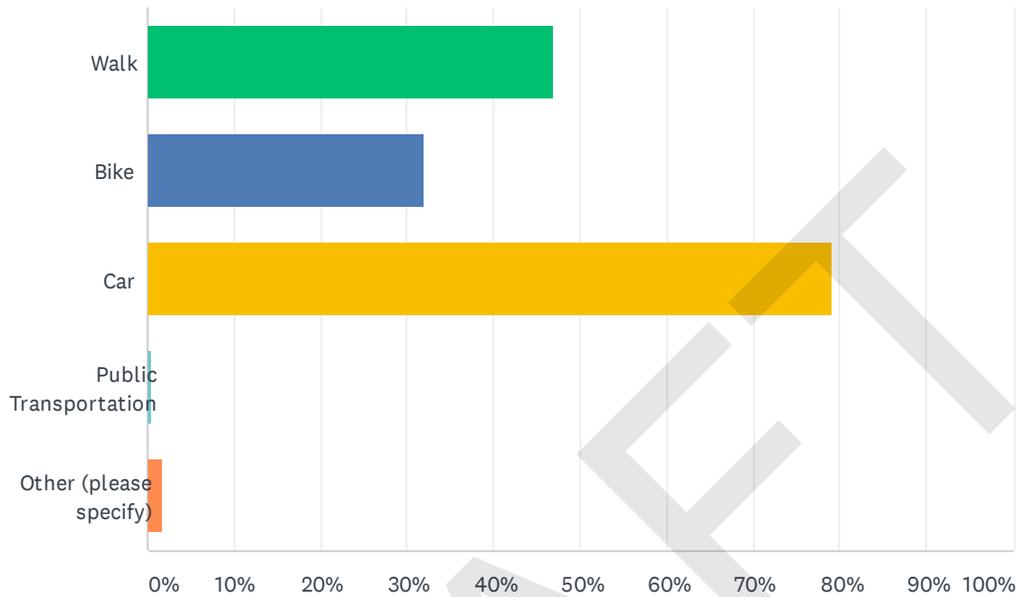
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	13.85%	113
Several Times per Week	42.28%	345
Weekly	17.77%	145
Several Times per Month	14.09%	115
Monthly	4.66%	38
Several times per Year	6.86%	56
Never	0.49%	4
TOTAL		816

Q8 How do you usually travel to the parks, trails, athletic fields, or waterways within the City?

Answered: 819 Skipped: 141



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walk	46.76% 383
Bike	31.99% 262
Car	79.00% 647
Public Transportation	0.49% 4
Other (please specify)	1.59% 13
Total Respondents: 819	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Run	4/15/2021 5:30 PM
2	Electric Scooter	4/8/2021 2:04 PM
3	It varies: walk, bike or car.	4/8/2021 8:16 AM
4	Public transport is insufficient and unpredictable in SS	3/30/2021 12:32 PM
5	Running	3/30/2021 8:07 AM
6	Rollerblade	3/29/2021 9:33 PM
7	Running	3/29/2021 8:49 PM
8	running	3/27/2021 6:33 AM
9	it would be easier if the Greenbelt Trail was completed	3/25/2021 8:13 PM
10	walk while playing disc golf	3/24/2021 6:51 PM
11	Disc golf	3/24/2021 10:28 AM

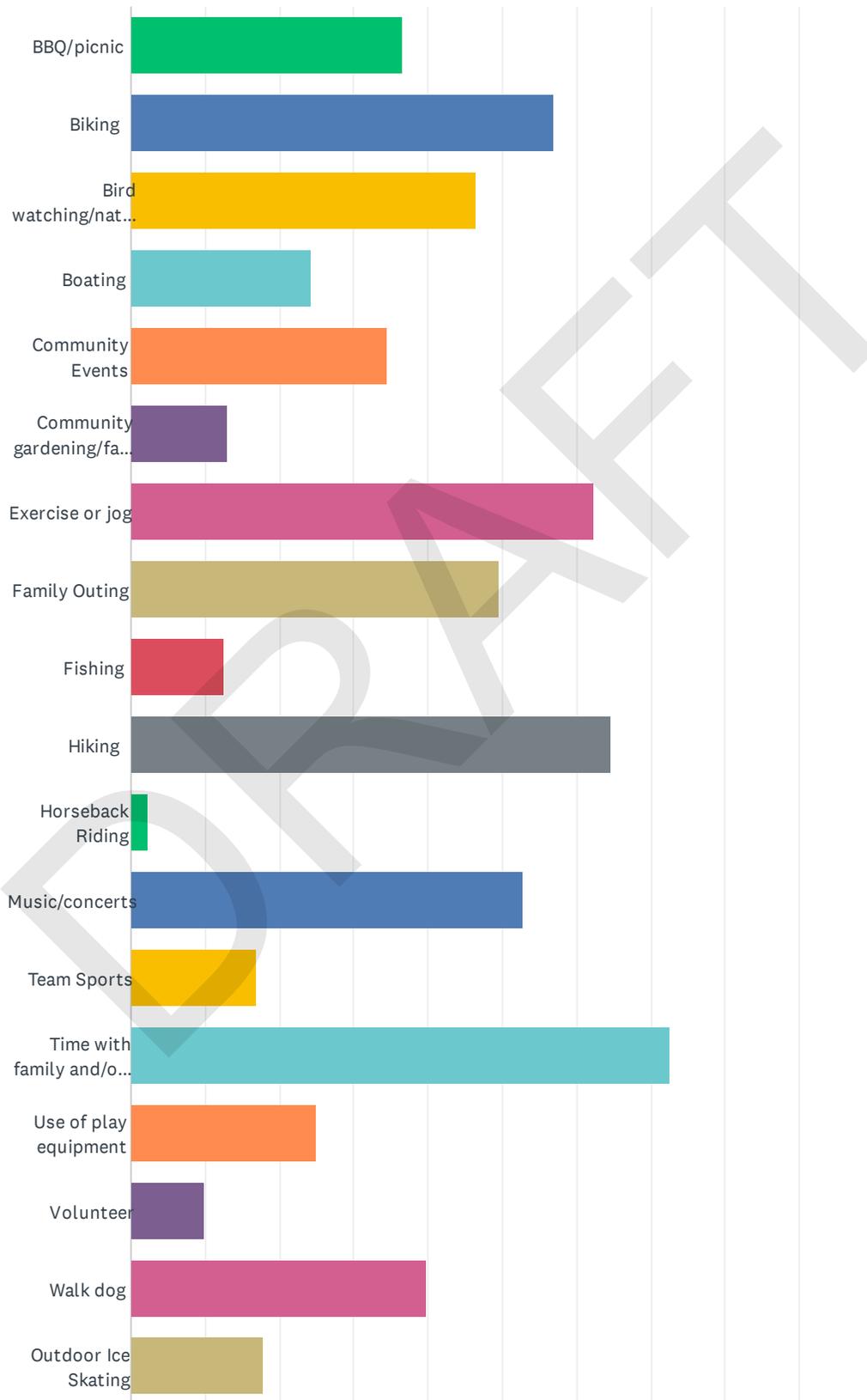
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12	car, bike and walk	3/24/2021 7:46 AM
13	Geyser Rd. Trail	3/19/2021 9:13 AM

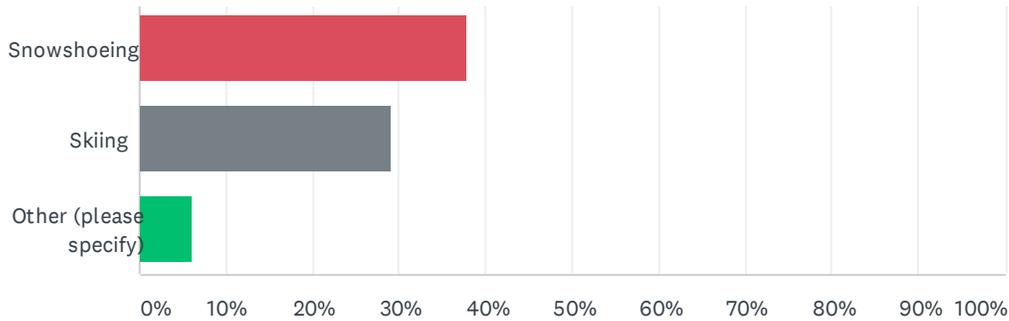
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Q9 What activities do you typically participate in the parks, trails, athletic fields, or waterways within the City? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 899 Skipped: 61



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
BBQ/picnic	36.71%	330
Biking	56.84%	511
Bird watching/nature sightseeing	46.38%	417
Boating	24.36%	219
Community Events	34.48%	310
Community gardening/farming	12.90%	116
Exercise or jog	62.40%	561
Family Outing	49.61%	446
Fishing	12.46%	112
Hiking	64.74%	582
Horseback Riding	2.22%	20
Music/concerts	52.73%	474
Team Sports	17.02%	153
Time with family and/or friends	72.53%	652
Use of play equipment	24.81%	223
Volunteer	9.90%	89
Walk dog	39.71%	357
Outdoor Ice Skating	17.80%	160
Snowshoeing	37.82%	340
Skiing	29.14%	262
Other (please specify)	6.01%	54
Total Respondents: 899		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	In time of pandemic open spaces are places to meet friends safely. Our small dance group met for some music and dance (masks, distancing, etc safety rules followed) It helps to survive pandemic isolation	4/16/2021 9:46 AM
2	Reading, Sitting and relaxing	4/15/2021 10:35 PM

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3	Walking	4/15/2021 2:57 PM
4	need more unpaved trails in wilder areas	4/15/2021 8:52 AM
5	Golf at the Spa Park Golf Course	4/14/2021 7:23 AM
6	Photography	4/14/2021 7:12 AM
7	Walking in various neighborhoods, Broadway and Congress Park	4/13/2021 9:52 PM
8	Dog Park	4/13/2021 3:30 PM
9	Plein Air (outdoor) Watercolor Painting	4/13/2021 12:57 PM
10	Pickleball	4/12/2021 9:40 PM
11	Watch horses at the Oklahoma Training Track	4/12/2021 4:33 PM
12	Sitting and resting quietly	4/12/2021 3:36 PM
13	Photography	4/12/2021 8:22 AM
14	attend grandchildren's sporting events	4/11/2021 5:02 PM
15	Paddle Board	4/11/2021 10:06 AM
16	I do a lot of walking	4/10/2021 7:09 PM
17	Accessing high quality water	4/10/2021 12:56 PM
18	skateboarding	4/10/2021 10:42 AM
19	Tai Chi	4/10/2021 9:50 AM
20	Tennis	4/9/2021 6:28 PM
21	Disc golf	4/9/2021 3:42 PM
22	Getting stoned	4/9/2021 11:32 AM
23	Forest bathing, surrounding myself with nature to calm and feel the connection.	4/8/2021 8:16 AM
24	Golf	4/7/2021 9:32 PM
25	Participate in the right of assembly ...	4/7/2021 8:43 PM
26	Disc Golf	4/7/2021 2:04 PM
27	walking	3/30/2021 8:47 AM
28	BIKING ON WEST SIDE	3/30/2021 8:30 AM
29	Nature photography, astronomical observation	3/30/2021 8:07 AM
30	Rollerblade	3/29/2021 9:33 PM
31	Disc Golf	3/29/2021 8:44 PM
32	Pickleball	3/26/2021 7:07 PM
33	Nature photography	3/26/2021 9:51 AM
34	Disc Golf	3/26/2021 8:15 AM
35	learn about the night sky. watch the sunset and/or moonrise.	3/25/2021 4:03 PM
36	Disc golfing	3/25/2021 3:59 PM
37	rowing	3/25/2021 8:04 AM
38	Disc golf	3/24/2021 8:14 PM
39	Disc golf	3/24/2021 8:12 PM
40	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 7:26 PM

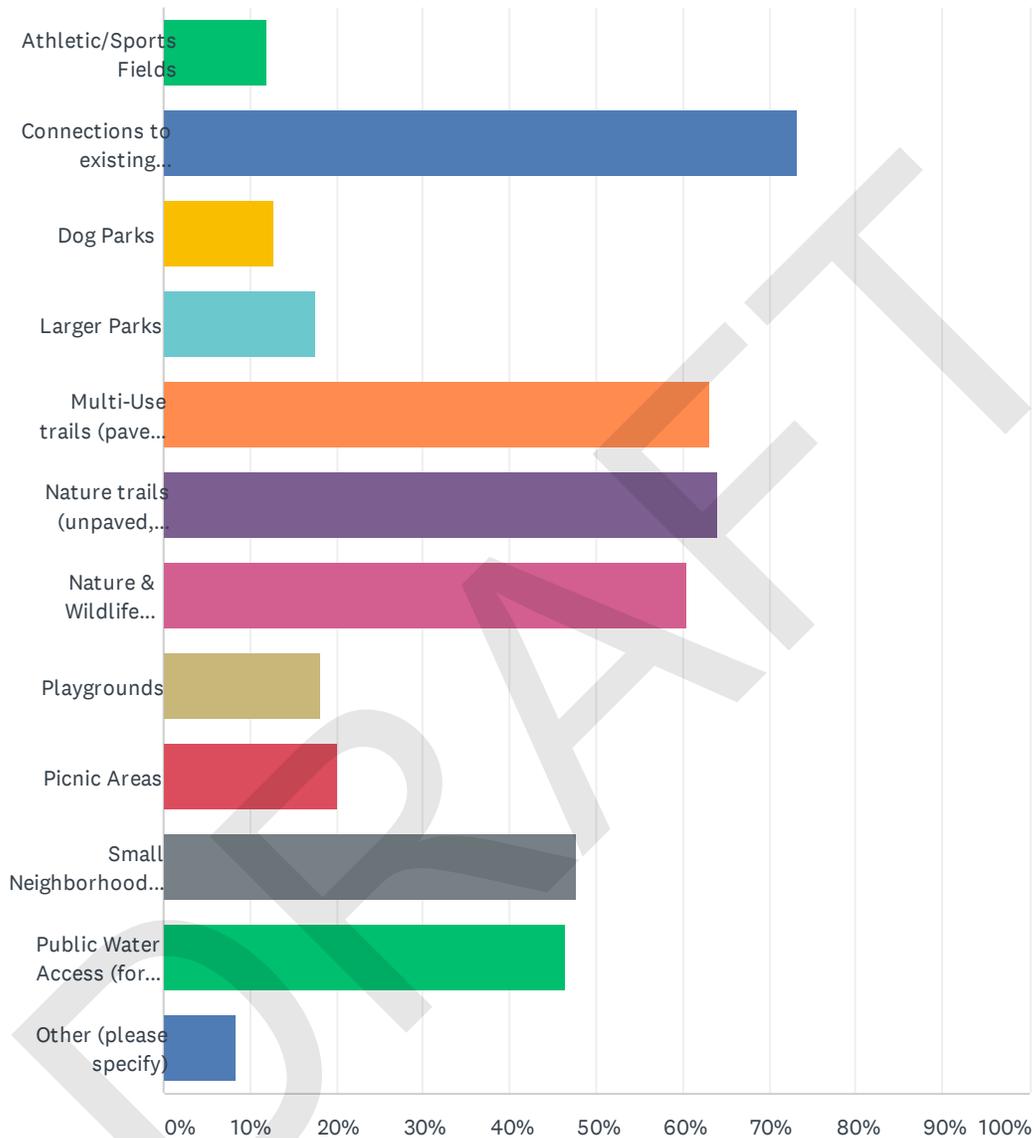
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41	disc golf	3/24/2021 6:51 PM
42	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 5:48 PM
43	Disc golf	3/24/2021 3:29 PM
44	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:21 AM
45	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:12 AM
46	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 10:57 AM
47	Disc golf	3/24/2021 10:28 AM
48	Disc golf	3/24/2021 9:57 AM
49	tennis	3/23/2021 8:51 PM
50	Hiking with micro spikes	3/18/2021 10:35 PM
51	Enjoying nature	3/18/2021 9:22 PM
52	Tennis	3/18/2021 1:26 PM
53	Relax	3/18/2021 7:09 AM
54	Walking	3/17/2021 6:04 PM

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Q10 If additional recreation opportunities were added within the City, what opportunities would you like to see more of? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 875 Skipped: 85



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Athletic/Sports Fields	12.00% 105
Connections to existing recreation (ex. sidewalks or trail networks)	73.26% 641
Dog Parks	12.80% 112
Larger Parks	17.60% 154
Multi-Use trails (paved walking/cycling trails)	63.09% 552
Nature trails (unpaved, interpretive)	64.00% 560
Nature & Wildlife Preserves	60.46% 529
Playgrounds	18.17% 159
Picnic Areas	20.11% 176
Small Neighborhood Parks ("pocket" parks)	47.66% 417
Public Water Access (for fishing, swimming, kayaking, etc)	46.40% 406
Other (please specify)	8.46% 74
Total Respondents: 875	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Connectivity to other regional trails (e.g. down to the Zim Smith; up to Fort Edward canal trails)	4/16/2021 9:27 AM
2	community gardens	4/15/2021 3:52 PM
3	The current dog park isn't well maintained and should be moved.	4/15/2021 8:28 AM
4	I think that what we need the most is a more extensive network of bicycle trails for not only recreation but also transportation. Currently, there are some great trails but they are not well-connected, so in some places I have to get into busy traffic when biking, which discourages me from biking, especially when my children are with me.	4/14/2021 8:59 PM
5	Two ideas,... 1) dog friendly park adjacent to Kaydeross Creek. There is land for sale right along the creek on the Saratoga Springs side right near exit 13. 2) Coached hockey for many years in Saratoga. What's need is an outdoor paved hockey rink next to existing rinks on Weibel Ave, that can be used for street hockey & roller hockey in summer and for ice hockey in winter. More, less-expensive ice time is need for kids hockey in winter and street hockey in summer would be super popular.	4/14/2021 7:05 AM
6	access for sailboats to Saratoga Lake (only public slip is on the Fish Creek side and a mast can't fit under the 9P bridge).	4/13/2021 9:28 PM
7	Dog Park in the East Side park across from Caroline St Elementary	4/13/2021 3:32 PM
8	need additional baseball fields badly	4/13/2021 3:08 PM
9	more bike lanes throughout entire City, including Broadway and surrounding (city) streets	4/13/2021 2:57 PM
10	Organized Arts Opportunities	4/13/2021 12:58 PM
11	the west side needs a dog park and an east west bike lane/trail	4/13/2021 10:53 AM
12	downtown urban plaza - we need a town square	4/13/2021 9:31 AM
13	Walker and wheelchair accessible activities for children. I have a son who uses a walker and there are very few activities he can participate in without help because of uneven terrain, pathways that aren't wide enough, etc.	4/13/2021 8:11 AM
14	increased bike trails (connecting to existing trails here and those in other towns)	4/11/2021 5:04 PM

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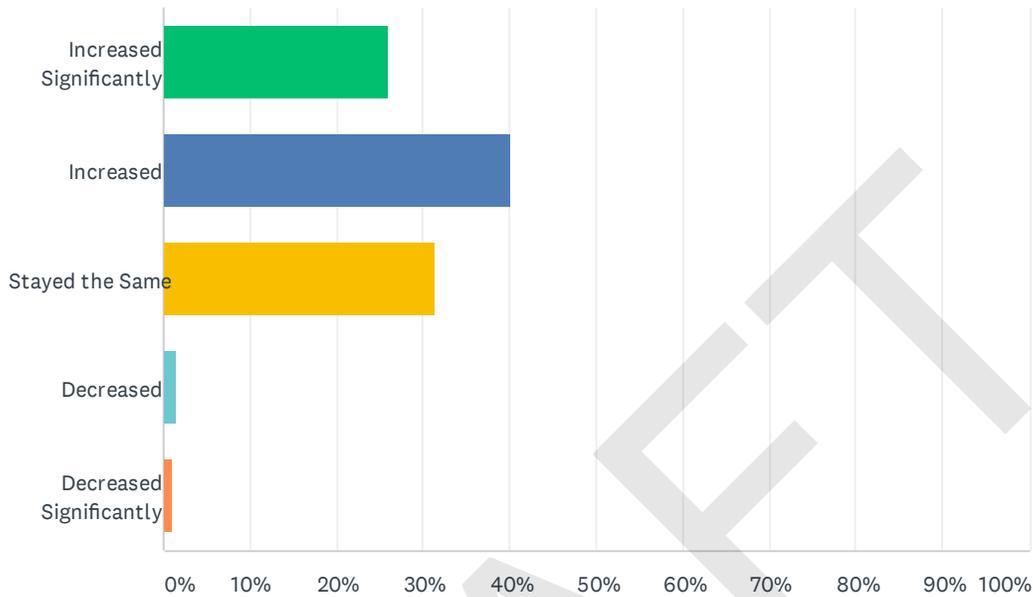
15	Benches along trails for seniors & disabled.	4/11/2021 9:55 AM
16	Soccer Area with nets at East Side Rec	4/10/2021 2:05 PM
17	Access to high quality water	4/10/2021 12:57 PM
18	new skatepark	4/10/2021 10:43 AM
19	Maintenance and updating of existing areas	4/10/2021 10:20 AM
20	No charge public use pavillions for library programs, etc...	4/10/2021 9:51 AM
21	A wall to block the sound from the North way!	4/9/2021 9:59 PM
22	Fix fields at Veterans park	4/9/2021 4:59 PM
23	Bathrooms near the playground at East Side Rec	4/9/2021 3:34 PM
24	Walking trails along waterways	4/9/2021 10:42 AM
25	Public water access is most important. What about a swimming pool that is not so expensive!	4/9/2021 9:28 AM
26	Tennis Courts	4/7/2021 8:24 PM
27	More nature trails for handicapped. (ex. My husband had a stroke. He can't mountain bike the old way, but he has a fat tire recumbent bike now, but much of the mountain biking trails can not accomodate him.	4/7/2021 6:27 PM
28	Hunting	4/7/2021 6:15 PM
29	dog FRIENDLY parks, not dog parks in the general sense.	4/7/2021 3:52 PM
30	Pine & Grand Ave Land is up for sale & could be used on the west side for a retreat center.	4/5/2021 7:12 PM
31	Bring back competitive speed skating	4/3/2021 6:33 PM
32	Dog FRIENDLY parks trails and spaces	4/3/2021 6:29 AM
33	Ways to enjoy outdoors more downtown--ways parks or parklets could make it easier to allow people to congregate or read outdoors, as in NYC. While I never sought those out while living in NYC, I found them to be incredibly helpful when waiting for people, for eating and socializing, or for just being able to walk down the street without people blocking passage.	3/30/2021 1:44 PM
34	We need more safe bike paths that allow the city to be accessed well	3/30/2021 12:33 PM
35	SIDEWALKS	3/30/2021 11:14 AM
36	Bike lanes/trails	3/30/2021 9:20 AM
37	The ability of experience the nocturnal environment and night sky itself free from light pollution	3/30/2021 8:08 AM
38	Mountain biking trails	3/29/2021 10:11 PM
39	Outdoor Play space for Lake Avenue students	3/29/2021 9:34 PM
40	Expand the disc golf course	3/29/2021 8:45 PM
41	Trails/sidewalks between neighborhoods and communities	3/29/2021 4:33 PM
42	Activities added to current trails (playgrounds, benches, exercise bars)	3/29/2021 3:32 PM
43	Anything that restricts more commercial development	3/27/2021 6:35 AM
44	Nothing else	3/26/2021 9:00 AM
45	Additional Disc Golf Courses	3/26/2021 8:16 AM
46	Outdoor Basketball/Tennis courts with lights for evening.	3/25/2021 5:58 PM
47	Connect the Rail Road Run via the state sewer ROW through to the Zim Smith Trail. Finish the greenway trails.	3/25/2021 4:18 PM
48	More and larger disc golf parks	3/25/2021 4:00 PM
49	Bike lanes	3/24/2021 10:03 PM

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50	More disc golf holes in SPAC	3/24/2021 8:15 PM
51	Disc golf	3/24/2021 8:12 PM
52	More Disc Golf courses	3/24/2021 7:26 PM
53	new disc golf course integrated into a park or natural area	3/24/2021 6:51 PM
54	Planting more trees	3/24/2021 6:32 PM
55	educational/child friendly pollinator gardens (intersection of East Ave. and High Rock, for one)	3/24/2021 6:16 PM
56	Disc Golf!	3/24/2021 5:49 PM
57	a proper skate park on the west side	3/24/2021 5:41 PM
58	Mountain biking trail networks	3/24/2021 5:19 PM
59	Disc golf courses	3/24/2021 3:30 PM
60	Expand disc golf course / another course in area	3/24/2021 11:22 AM
61	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:12 AM
62	Disc golf courses	3/24/2021 11:03 AM
63	Disc Golf	3/24/2021 10:57 AM
64	bike lanes on city streets	3/24/2021 10:31 AM
65	Disc golf courses or expansion of existing courses	3/24/2021 10:29 AM
66	More disc golf courses or expanding Spa Park to 18 holes	3/24/2021 9:58 AM
67	unpaved areas	3/24/2021 7:49 AM
68	City-maintained outdoor ice rinks	3/22/2021 12:01 PM
69	A dog park in another area of the city and NOT, NOT, NOT in the state park where it is now.	3/18/2021 10:21 PM
70	There is no place in Saratoga springs to swim in our 2 lakes . This is really unfortunate!!	3/18/2021 8:37 PM
71	Dedicated Memorial Gardens for scatterings	3/18/2021 5:24 PM
72	Storywalks along existing trails	3/18/2021 12:21 PM
73	Outdoor ice skating rink	3/18/2021 9:26 AM
74	connections between parks and schools and neighborhoods/ better safer bicycle and sidewalk facilities., better wayfinding, designated "dark sky's area"	3/17/2021 3:21 PM

Q11 How has your use of and interest in outdoor recreation changed in the past year?

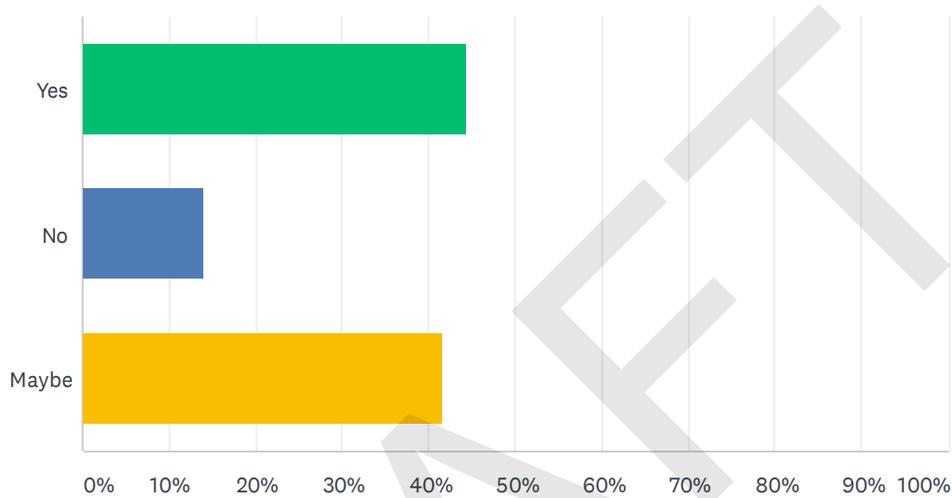
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased Significantly	25.88%	227
Increased	40.25%	353
Stayed the Same	31.36%	275
Decreased	1.37%	12
Decreased Significantly	1.14%	10
TOTAL		877

Q12 Many cities around the country use volunteer park and open space stewards to assist in maintaining and improving these spaces in order to lessen the financial burden on the municipality. Locally, the Spa State Park, Saratoga PLAN, and Pitney Meadows rely on volunteer stewards. Would you consider participating in this type of group?

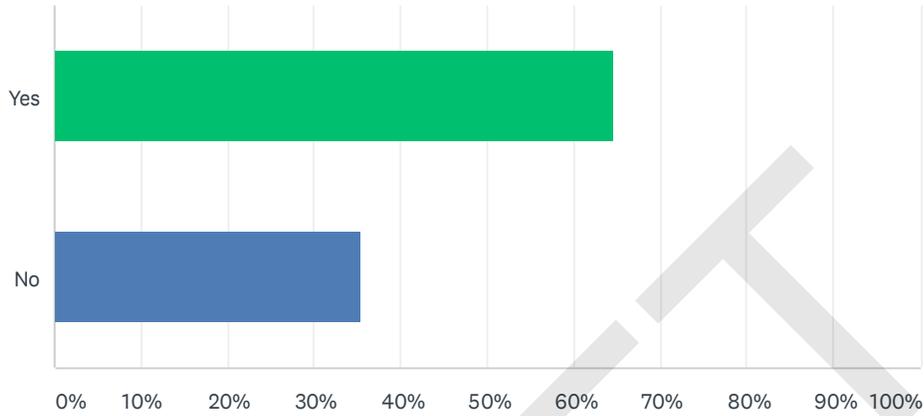
Answered: 889 Skipped: 71



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.43%	395
No	13.95%	124
Maybe	41.62%	370
TOTAL		889

Q13 Do you know that Saratoga Springs is often referred to as the “City in the Country”?

Answered: 853 Skipped: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.71%	552
No	35.29%	301
TOTAL		853

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Q14 Whether you answered yes or no, explain what “City in the Country” means to you for Saratoga Springs.

Answered: 683 Skipped: 277

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We have a thriving down town but no gas stations or commercial development off exit 14, building up city infrastructure while proteting the greenbelt.	4/16/2021 8:55 PM
2	Civic center of the county. The go to place in the county for services and entertainment.	4/16/2021 8:52 PM
3	It means that we're a small city surrounded by farming areas and more rural communities.	4/16/2021 5:52 PM
4	Less urban looking	4/16/2021 5:48 PM
5	It means that saratoga protects the green space surrounding the downtown core. I hope this means that we will continue to avoid sprawl and build up and not out!	4/16/2021 4:18 PM
6	It means if you come here your not sacrificing anything. We have it all.	4/16/2021 4:13 PM
7	Urban surrounded by rural.	4/16/2021 4:04 PM
8	The culture and commerce of a city nestled in a visually stunning natural environment surrounded by fields, farms and forests.	4/16/2021 4:01 PM
9	A vital urban core with surrounding countryside and many outdoor opportunities close to downtown.Thoughtful and consistent planning and zoning.	4/16/2021 3:36 PM
10	exactly that	4/16/2021 3:16 PM
11	urban center with controlled growth surrounded by green belt and, even farther out, by rural areas	4/16/2021 2:26 PM
12	It is a small city at the base of the Adirondack Mountains and is a gateway of sorts to Adirondack Park, the largest park in the country. So you have a vibrant city surrounded by endless opportunities to explore nature.	4/16/2021 1:10 PM
13	Urban amenities and walkable city, adjacent to green belt natural areas.	4/16/2021 12:54 PM
14	The culture and amenities of a city interwoven with historic parks, landmarks, nature preserves, and natural springs and lakes.	4/16/2021 12:09 PM
15	The benefits of both with challenges of both responsibly kept to a minimum, creating a high quality of life.	4/16/2021 10:28 AM
16	It has aspects of and connections to both those environments	4/16/2021 10:09 AM
17	Robust inner core surrounded by undeveloped space	4/16/2021 10:06 AM
18	Arts, business, food, and shopping center for a generally rural area	4/16/2021 10:03 AM
19	It's a rural town.	4/16/2021 9:57 AM
20	It used to be	4/16/2021 9:56 AM
21	City amenities AND easy convenient access to large parks, nature trails and open spaces.	4/16/2021 9:52 AM
22	Vibrant City with close proximity to natural resources	4/16/2021 9:51 AM
23	A silly attempt to re-brand the city based on antiquated notions of "the city" and "the country."	4/16/2021 9:35 AM
24	I think it focuses on the urban aspect of the city and I don't like it at all	4/16/2021 7:47 AM
25	It's not a diverse city - Urban planning did harm to the historic Black and minority neighborhoods and residents. It was a city sympathetic to the south during the Civil War and yet rallied to free Northup from slavery.	4/15/2021 10:38 PM

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26	Saratoga is a small city surrounded by rural environments.	4/15/2021 10:03 PM
27	I like the access and the proximity to the open space we have now...i will say though that the last few years have seen too much development for me...hard to find the country in that phrase.	4/15/2021 9:12 PM
28	Cultural / social amenities associated with a city with quick access to nature	4/15/2021 8:10 PM
29	sounds like nonsense hype to me, but it should suggest a dense urban area with real country coming in to it--not a very apt description of Saratoga	4/15/2021 7:48 PM
30	It means we have all of the amenities of a city but located in a small area with many opportunities for outdoor recreation. It doesn't necessarily feel like you are in a city.	4/15/2021 7:12 PM
31	Saratoga Springs offers many benefits--parks, museums, SPAC, opera, theater etc--that cities typically offer but SS also has access to the benefits of our rural setting. Best of both worlds!	4/15/2021 7:04 PM
32	cultural, culinary and economic benefits of a city with all of the benefits that easy access to nature and outdoor activities provides.	4/15/2021 6:53 PM
33	Outdoor recreation in natural areas.	4/15/2021 6:34 PM
34	Saratoga is a small city surrounded by beautiful countryside. You only have to drive a mile or two outside the city to be in full countryside.	4/15/2021 5:41 PM
35	Vibrant business community in a verdant rural setting	4/15/2021 5:33 PM
36	It means Saratoga is big enough to be a city by feels like a small town in the country	4/15/2021 5:29 PM
37	A healthy city that blends the needs of business and residents with an eye towards the preservation of our natural environment.	4/15/2021 5:25 PM
38	Saratoga Springs offers so much to its residents (cultural, economic, social, etc) yet it does so in a beautiful environment which provides opportunities to enjoy nature within the City.	4/15/2021 5:13 PM
39	Cultural oasis in up-state NY	4/15/2021 5:11 PM
40	we have wonderful natural beauty surrounding us and the joy of a delightful vibrant downtown	4/15/2021 4:49 PM
41	The city is being overdeveloped to preserve spaces around it.	4/15/2021 4:13 PM
42	a densely populated area with every resource you could need surrounded by green space and farmland	4/15/2021 3:54 PM
43	a vibrant, walkable downtown space along side open spaces	4/15/2021 3:52 PM
44	Saratoga has an urban, sophisticated feel yet in a relaxed, open and welcoming environment.	4/15/2021 3:25 PM
45	cultural offerings in nature	4/15/2021 3:17 PM
46	Maintaining & protecting the green belt surrounding the urban core from development & despoliation. As we must shift our focus to green sources of energy, the green belt provides an important symbol of our commitment to the planet, and a small but significant contribution to helping save it.	4/15/2021 3:17 PM
47	A City with many open space opportunities	4/15/2021 3:14 PM
48	the areas surrounding the immediate city are open: open fields, farms, horse farms, etc.. You can bike or drive just a small distance and you are in the open countryside.	4/15/2021 3:12 PM
49	Amble green space for the public	4/15/2021 3:09 PM
50	Lots of green space within the city	4/15/2021 3:04 PM
51	Non urban qualities in an urban area	4/15/2021 2:58 PM
52	Controlling suburban sprawl by concentrating development in the core and protecting natural & open space assets in the Greenbelt	4/15/2021 2:58 PM
53	Lots and lots of green space- large areas and little pockets	4/15/2021 2:57 PM
54	City with Country feel...green space.	4/15/2021 2:56 PM

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55	Culture and Nature. Best of both worlds.	4/15/2021 2:46 PM
56	Concentrated living in the inner city district with more rural living outside and fringe of the city.	4/15/2021 11:58 AM
57	a rich cultural area surrounding by rural/agricultural/forested areas. I do not consider Saratoga to be a "city", but more of a town.	4/15/2021 11:08 AM
58	Real city with downtown that is surrounded by open space	4/15/2021 10:08 AM
59	Balancing the amenities of a small city--walkable downtown, cultural and sporting events, urban parks--with those of its broader rural setting (creeks, lakes, nature trails, larger parks, farmland)	4/15/2021 9:46 AM
60	more open green wild space; less pavement! we are on border of not being possible to be "city in the country"	4/15/2021 8:56 AM
61	It means we have the amenities of a city, but we are far enough from the greater population to have the amenities of the country as well.	4/15/2021 8:29 AM
62	Having shops/restaurants close by while at the same time, having a picturesque and natural landscape.	4/15/2021 6:58 AM
63	Open spaces for recreation within a beautiful city.	4/15/2021 5:59 AM
64	Unfortunately, given the incredibly short sighted allowance of overdevelopment in the last twenty years, what was reasonably described as the "City in the Country" now looks like most other urban areas throughout the United States. The "City in the Country" should have a noticeably defined periphery where development (sprawl) is restricted. The "city" should be surrounded by the "Country" with lots of accessible green space.	4/14/2021 10:34 PM
65	amenities with protected natural space	4/14/2021 9:59 PM
66	Beautiful downtown with plenty of amenities but close to nature, country, mountains, lakes	4/14/2021 9:24 PM
67	It is a city with urban amenities such as good schools, walkable downtown, etc., but it is surrounded by scenic countryside such as the Adirondack foothills.	4/14/2021 9:02 PM
68	Saratoga is a beautiful little city that also has incredible country landscapes and outdoor parks/trails	4/14/2021 8:23 PM
69	A City with al the amenties of a large city (museums, cultural venues, music, art, dining, secondary education facilities in a setting that also provides access to a bucolic environment and parks, walking/hiking trails, green-belts, water.	4/14/2021 6:16 PM
70	The best of both worlds.	4/14/2021 5:26 PM
71	A city not surrounded by suburban sprawl	4/14/2021 4:10 PM
72	Neither city nor country	4/14/2021 2:30 PM
73	It's has a city vibe when you're in it but it's surrounded by wild countryside.	4/14/2021 1:25 PM
74	Not much. It is just marketing	4/14/2021 12:42 PM
75	A city that offers the amenities of a larger city (culture, food, shops) with the huge benefit of having close access to rural areas (forests, farms, water bodies)	4/14/2021 11:14 AM
76	Saratoga offers a lot of cultural, business, economic, etc. opportunities without creating the urban sprawl around the city that has such a detrimental effect on overall conservation and ecosystem protection.	4/14/2021 11:12 AM
77	Smaller more intimate city with outdoor activities within walking distance	4/14/2021 7:14 AM
78	Before the big buildup and population explosion in the 90's i would consider Saratoga Springs a city in the country, but not anymore. Condos & common store franchises is making Saratoga look more & more like every other city. ...sadly.	4/14/2021 7:14 AM
79	Preservation of a town with greenspaces separating urban spaces via natural resources (water, woods, fields) and parks	4/14/2021 7:00 AM
80	A diverse, sophisticated community with easy access to terrific outdoor resources.	4/13/2021 10:21 PM

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81	A city offers easy access to great food, music, culture and social interactions but right in your backyard is lakes, open space, skiing etc to find nature	4/13/2021 9:00 PM
82	A city that is in the middle of country towns.	4/13/2021 8:39 PM
83	We have many conveniences of city life but ready access to natural areas.	4/13/2021 8:11 PM
84	It is a country setting with the culture and life of a city	4/13/2021 7:51 PM
85	Urban offerings (culture, dining, entertainment, shopping) in rural setting	4/13/2021 5:50 PM
86	We have the benefits of both city culture and events as well as nature easily accessible and in the same place	4/13/2021 5:32 PM
87	Easy to access open space, preferably by foot or bike.	4/13/2021 5:03 PM
88	The developed area of the city is surrounded by open space, natural areas, etc. It should be quick and safe to get from the built up parts of the city to open spaces.	4/13/2021 4:32 PM
89	Has pleasures of both energy from gathering of people and business and having quiet , safe, unpopulated areas to frequent	4/13/2021 4:24 PM
90	I enjoy the amenities and access to cultural activities of the city and all the things we can do outdoors. This is a major reason we chose to move here.	4/13/2021 3:41 PM
91	City opportunities with space around	4/13/2021 3:38 PM
92	A small city surrounded by countryside	4/13/2021 3:33 PM
93	Great mix of City life with open spaces nearby feeling country like	4/13/2021 3:10 PM
94	Best little City north of New York City in the entire state/northeast section of the country - in the country but has culture, arts, dining, entertainment, shopping and sophistication not found in very many places	4/13/2021 3:01 PM
95	We have the amenities and services of a city yet benefit from ample green/recreational spaces to feel like we live in the country without having to walk or drive a significant distance.	4/13/2021 2:14 PM
96	benefits of city living (access to wide range of activities) within close proximity to the country.	4/13/2021 2:11 PM
97	Less now with all the condos and parking structures	4/13/2021 1:37 PM
98	City options (food, entertainment) while still feeling like a small town with natural areas around it.	4/13/2021 1:07 PM
99	An urban space with all of the amenities of a city (arts, restaurants, diverse population, university access, retail and services) all in WALKING access, but surrounded by rural amenities and activities. (Lakes, trails, streams, mountains, wildlife and agriculture.)	4/13/2021 1:04 PM
100	A city surrounded by lots of natural beauty.	4/13/2021 12:42 PM
101	I could never figure this out, it seems like an oxymoron and a catch phrase that has little meaning to me.	4/13/2021 10:55 AM
102	Green space > non pourous surfaces... we don't need a concrete or paved city	4/13/2021 10:47 AM
103	An urban town center with rural surroundings-the best of both worlds	4/13/2021 10:11 AM
104	Confined urban development surrounded by concentric rings of lessening development with connectors to the outside country style environment dispersed throughout	4/13/2021 9:54 AM
105	Provide the cultural diversity of a larger city, just located in a wonderful setting surrounded by green space and nature	4/13/2021 9:08 AM
106	Saratoga holds many of the venues and activities that people travel to see.	4/13/2021 8:12 AM
107	I don't know, Saratoga has changed into a much larger city in the past 10 years with the huge apartment and condo complexes. It's isn't much of a town anymore, so I guess that's why it has become a city	4/12/2021 10:58 PM
108	Having the advantages of what a small city offers along with easy access to beautiful country...	4/12/2021 10:21 PM

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109	Small city surrounded by more rural setting	4/12/2021 9:42 PM
110	Development should be as concentrated as possible with green space surrounding the city. Resist urban sprawl.	4/12/2021 9:11 PM
111	Offering the amenities of city life (concerts/shows in the park near eating establishments) while in an area with trees, grass, flowers in a park like setting.	4/12/2021 7:31 PM
112	Downtown area and then residential area, and then country green fresh air area outside of the downtown. And sometimes even within the the downtown, such as Congress Park.	4/12/2021 7:19 PM
113	I think it means that even though you are in the middle of a city, there are farms, woods, and meadows very close by.	4/12/2021 7:14 PM
114	Smart growth strategy surrounded by open spaces.	4/12/2021 4:55 PM
115	Saratoga has bigger problems right now, Post Covid, than this open space plan. People won't be able to afford to live here w taxes going up and political strife and protests every weekend.	4/12/2021 4:29 PM
116	A densely-settled town/small city that maintains good access to nature while also offering best-in-class cultural amenities one only finds in large cities.	4/12/2021 1:55 PM
117	Nothing.	4/12/2021 1:25 PM
118	Convenience of city in a naturally beautiful area	4/12/2021 12:49 PM
119	a city with lots of open natural spaces	4/12/2021 12:35 PM
120	Access to country areas very near the city. A balance in our environment.	4/12/2021 11:49 AM
121	Bustling urban area that is small but situated in a larger rural area	4/12/2021 11:42 AM
122	You don't need to go far from the center of the city to get to very open spaces. I find that extremely beneficial for cycling which I enjoy doing.	4/12/2021 11:41 AM
123	We have the amenities of a city but are still in tune with the natural environment surrounding us.	4/12/2021 11:27 AM
124	City in the Country	4/12/2021 11:04 AM
125	Easy access to green spaces and walks/hiking. No over development. Please aesthetics when entering city. Avoidance of strip malls and endless retail corridors.	4/12/2021 10:59 AM
126	It offers the amenities of a city, shopping, dining, entertainment with a country flair...low pollution, parks and trails, no towering buildings.	4/12/2021 10:36 AM
127	I agree - big city amenities in a country setting	4/12/2021 10:33 AM
128	To me it means that Saratoga has many country-like spaces.	4/12/2021 10:14 AM
129	Saratoga County has many rural areas which surround Saratoga Springs.	4/12/2021 9:06 AM
130	Beautiful natural surroundings	4/12/2021 9:01 AM
131	An urban center surrounded by a preserved greenbelt of open space	4/12/2021 8:26 AM
132	surrounded by open green space	4/12/2021 8:16 AM
133	Many country settings like parks and natural paths	4/12/2021 6:28 AM
134	Open spaces and vibrant down town. No strip malls. Parks in the city.	4/11/2021 9:11 PM
135	Vigorous downtown surrounded by green space/outdoor walking and recreation areas. THE PITNEY FARM!!!	4/11/2021 8:55 PM
136	The surrounding area around the City looks like you're in the country	4/11/2021 8:39 PM
137	There is a compact, well developed urban area or downtown (center) with a rural area easily accessible, within close distance that provides open spaces, farms, woods	4/11/2021 8:38 PM
138	Access to the benefits of living in a city while being surrounded with the benefit of open space.	4/11/2021 8:36 PM
139	vibrant downtown with outer area of city remaining rural or significantly less intensively developed with an emphasis on conservation	4/11/2021 8:35 PM

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140	To me it means the city is surrounded by natural, undeveloped land.	4/11/2021 8:24 PM
141	A vibrant commercial city center; livable, affordable neighborhoods; green spaces within the city boundaries, and a green belt PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT surrounding it.	4/11/2021 8:15 PM
142	Leaving the boundaries of the city and knowing you've left because the scenery changes significantly.	4/11/2021 7:33 PM
143	Small city in rural area	4/11/2021 7:24 PM
144	A city with a caring for and love of the beauty of nature.	4/11/2021 6:04 PM
145	A dense inner core surrounded by less densely developed outer core. This concept was first put forward in the Democratic platform in 1987.	4/11/2021 5:49 PM
146	An urban area with access to public facilities while remaining small in size	4/11/2021 5:17 PM
147	Perhaps that Saratoga Springs is a planned town with a strong Chamber of Commerce in a, largely, more rural area?	4/11/2021 5:08 PM
148	It has an urban feel but is surrounded by more rural areas	4/11/2021 4:21 PM
149	An area not overly developed or urbanized, with many forested areas and established tree canopy that is protected and maintained, not destroyed and sparingly replanted (like Regatta View).	4/11/2021 2:01 PM
150	term says all	4/11/2021 1:42 PM
151	It means preserving our quality of life while offering culture, dining, art and activities that are found in bigger cities	4/11/2021 1:01 PM
152	That the city provides encourages activities a natural areas throughout the city to offset the developed areas.	4/11/2021 11:59 AM
153	Small town in the middle of no where.	4/11/2021 11:27 AM
154	A city that has everything from culture, history, art, music, local food and shopping but it's not huge with too much traffic and still quaint.	4/11/2021 11:03 AM
155	lots of greenspace, carefully managed development, diverse experiences	4/11/2021 10:29 AM
156	Open space surrounding a developed city, but also pockets of publicly accessible space scattered within the city, with many connected for walking, biking, etc.	4/11/2021 10:27 AM
157	A place where the city preserves it's eco system, parks, waterways, and outdoor spaces to provide safe access to multiple places in nature for the community to use for health and wellness.	4/11/2021 10:24 AM
158	It's a great little city surrounded by beautiful country with pockets of nature found throughout.	4/11/2021 10:04 AM
159	Parks, walking trails, recreation in tree lined landscapes	4/11/2021 9:57 AM
160	Natural and urban environments co-exist on an equal footing.	4/11/2021 7:16 AM
161	A dense urban core surrounded by a less-densely developed outer district. Currently this outer district includes more suburban development than I think it should.	4/10/2021 11:01 PM
162	That we are a city in the country.	4/10/2021 9:53 PM
163	Vibrant downtown 10 minutes from cows, fields, lakes.	4/10/2021 8:55 PM
164	A small, vibrant, and welcoming urban area connected to nature and recreation.	4/10/2021 8:53 PM
165	Small city with easy access to outdoor recreational activities	4/10/2021 8:06 PM
166	Saratoga is a sophisticated arts and historic community which is surrounded by wonderful nature. Most entries to the city are scenic and Saratoga is unique for having intelligent zoning to avoid (or beautify existing) strip malls.	4/10/2021 5:57 PM
167	Country area surrounding the city	4/10/2021 4:36 PM
168	development confined to "city" area , not allowed to sprawl beyond	4/10/2021 4:32 PM

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169	It means Saratoga's a city with a definite boundary between city with its housing and the country where woods, open fields, and wetlands dominate. The city has maintained an undeveloped buffer between city & country that should be maintained. I don't want to see suburban sprawl surrounding the city.	4/10/2021 3:59 PM
170	A city surrounded by open spaces	4/10/2021 3:26 PM
171	City that values nature, health, culture and space.	4/10/2021 3:17 PM
172	Saratoga is a city with many green areas and surrounded by rural communities.	4/10/2021 2:34 PM
173	Our city is surrounded by and includes many green areas	4/10/2021 2:01 PM
174	Higher population density and amenities w/in 5 miles of large open spaces, Mountains, Farms, etc.	4/10/2021 1:46 PM
175	Saratoga Springs is a leader to our Country for Health, that includes highest quality in the water, both city water(treated) and water drawn from our aquifers. Anything from anywhere that lowers the quality of our water in our aquifers affects not only our Health, but our History, and our Horses.	4/10/2021 1:02 PM
176	a city surrounded by farmland	4/10/2021 12:45 PM
177	Walkable city with nearby shops, restaurants, services, parks and entertainment venues and recreational opportunities.	4/10/2021 12:32 PM
178	A city that still has a country feel	4/10/2021 12:29 PM
179	Lots and lots of green space around a city ,very little development if any around a city	4/10/2021 12:09 PM
180	We live in a pocket of urban life, closely surrounded by a more typical country experience: farms, nature, open fields, etc.	4/10/2021 11:33 AM
181	This means that the city itself exists in a contained area, and that easy access to agricultural, natural and forever wild areas are within a 10-15 minute drive in any direction. Suburban sprawl and development of outlying areas is kept to a very extreme minimum.	4/10/2021 10:46 AM
182	City look, country feel	4/10/2021 10:40 AM
183	City surrounded by nature	4/10/2021 10:22 AM
184	I always thought it was considered "The big little city in the country." To me the meaning conjures an active city with opportunities for cultural experiences, thriving businesses, events but surrounded by open spaces and natural beauty.	4/10/2021 9:56 AM
185	Saratoga incorporates green space into its' infrastructure and surrounded by beautiful farms and country living.	4/10/2021 9:14 AM
186	Surrounded by farmlands, lakes, orchards. City has parks and acknowledges its promotion of the great outdoors through businesses, events.	4/10/2021 7:57 AM
187	Horribly out dated.	4/10/2021 7:29 AM
188	City benefits in a beautiful setting	4/10/2021 7:22 AM
189	Nothing. It is a silly thing to say	4/10/2021 7:11 AM
190	A community with a balance of built and natural environments.	4/10/2021 6:35 AM
191	It has city amenities but country views and activities available	4/9/2021 10:01 PM
192	Open space , green space. Not a house or business everywhere	4/9/2021 9:36 PM
193	Has the benefits of the city (downtown, shopping, etc) but the beauty of the country (green space)	4/9/2021 9:06 PM
194	an urban area with closely surrounding and interspersed green areas. the way saratoga springs used to be.	4/9/2021 8:54 PM
195	Having the amenities of a city in a peaceful and rural like environment.	4/9/2021 8:21 PM
196	Many big city programs but far enough away from a large metro area that it is able to remain as it is. Sort of	4/9/2021 7:51 PM

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197	City-like lifestyle in a rural area	4/9/2021 7:00 PM
198	nice town with shops and restaurants and diversity plus open spaces with nature	4/9/2021 6:10 PM
199	Outdoor activities are easy access living in the City.	4/9/2021 5:44 PM
200	Lots of open spaces! Not anymore!	4/9/2021 5:41 PM
201	Culture surrounded by fresh air and nature	4/9/2021 5:39 PM
202	Country setting with a city feel right in the center.	4/9/2021 5:14 PM
203	City conveniences but surrounded by nature, open spaces	4/9/2021 5:13 PM
204	Its not how you picture a big "city" its really an urban space in our rural county.	4/9/2021 5:01 PM
205	Big town in the middle of nowhere/woods	4/9/2021 5:01 PM
206	It's got the amenities of a city but it's surrounded by countryside and plenty of space.	4/9/2021 4:59 PM
207	Natural	4/9/2021 4:47 PM
208	Peaceful, safe	4/9/2021 4:34 PM
209	Sharp, defined boundary between urban development and rural space.	4/9/2021 4:28 PM
210	It has the opportunities found in urban areas with easy access to rural area and park systems	4/9/2021 4:00 PM
211	Not sure...I would rather have country in the city...)	4/9/2021 3:41 PM
212	We have chic restaurants and coffee shops and boutiques, high caliber arts, a population of open minded and culturally engaged city residence... But we also have access to lakes and skiing and open space.	4/9/2021 3:37 PM
213	Providing citizens with balanced landscapes of both urban and rural natures - with easy access and a commitment to both.	4/9/2021 3:26 PM
214	It's a place where you can be at an excellent restaurant downtown and drive for five minutes to be immersed in nature	4/9/2021 3:22 PM
215	City in the Country would mean more farming or produce farming near the the town center	4/9/2021 3:20 PM
216	Urban amenities within the country.	4/9/2021 3:09 PM
217	Amenities of larger city with open space greenery all around	4/9/2021 12:53 PM
218	Keeping the green belt intact and in accordance with the comprehensive plan	4/9/2021 12:24 PM
219	Urban amenities in a small town setting	4/9/2021 11:56 AM
220	Saratoga doesn't really represent what you think of a city. most cities have skyscrapers and are grey but Saratoga is a city with shorter buildings and there is blue sky and green of the grass and trees seen. It appears to be a country city.	4/9/2021 11:51 AM
221	Saratoga is more of a town than a city, which is a good thing - to me it means a city (or town) that exists within, and in cooperation with/respect for, a larger surrounding natural area.	4/9/2021 10:47 AM
222	Highly populated area that isn't highly developed with large buildings i.e skyscrapers.	4/9/2021 10:40 AM
223	We're surrounded by a lot of nature	4/9/2021 10:23 AM
224	Feels like its not a city but it is.	4/9/2021 10:00 AM
225	Big city feel with green space	4/9/2021 9:40 AM
226	We have lots of green space surrounding a busy business center	4/9/2021 9:39 AM
227	Access to open space for hiking, etc	4/9/2021 9:35 AM
228	We have larger yards more parks trees on street	4/9/2021 9:29 AM
229	Having a lot of opportunities for retail and recreation while keeping traffic minimal	4/9/2021 9:20 AM
230	A small city with close and easy access to open natural spaces.	4/9/2021 9:19 AM

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231	City experience, country setting	4/9/2021 9:11 AM
232	That zoning rules are enforced, thought that has not been the case for years now. The ZBA does not consider or acknowledge the implications of the many variances they grant. I.e., inconsistent and inappropriate property uses and the pressure on City resources like sewer and water infrastructure, roads and storm water management.	4/9/2021 9:10 AM
233	To me this means having an urban area that has close connections to rural situations	4/9/2021 9:06 AM
234	Concentrate development in the city core while preserving green space on the outer limits.	4/9/2021 8:57 AM
235	City feel with opportunities for multiple activities, but lots of open space surrounded by country lands	4/9/2021 8:45 AM
236	An "urban" oasis	4/9/2021 8:30 AM
237	Urban chic with access the recreation in nature- opposite of suburban sprawl	4/9/2021 7:36 AM
238	we USED TO BE the city in the country but with all the unchecked development we have become THT CITY	4/8/2021 10:07 PM
239	Sounds dumb	4/8/2021 9:41 PM
240	Saratoga Springs has a little bit of big city cultural events in a small city.	4/8/2021 5:40 PM
241	best of both worlds	4/8/2021 5:20 PM
242	There is a clear contrast between developed urban area and open spaces outside the urban area. New development is concentrated in the urban area.	4/8/2021 4:53 PM
243	A city that is surrounded by country	4/8/2021 3:54 PM
244	I think it means that we live in the city but have a lot of hills and mountains and farms around us	4/8/2021 2:09 PM
245	It means a small urbanized area with a limited population and manageable traffic, and with surrounding areas that are not urbanized.	4/8/2021 1:30 PM
246	City in the Country to me means we have the best of both worlds. We have a wonderfully vibrant city offering an incredible variety of everything from parks to culture to arts and great restaurants. When you want to have the flip side of this and enjoy open fields, streams and rivers and mountains, they are all just a short drive away.	4/8/2021 10:24 AM
247	nothing	4/8/2021 9:58 AM
248	An urban area that is not densely built up.	4/8/2021 9:53 AM
249	It's a place to work, relax, play, a place that offers the best of both worlds, The only city I have ever been able to go see the bluebirds, enjoy a variety of dining options.	4/8/2021 8:39 AM
250	We are an urban environment surrounded by rural neighbors. I think it's problematic bc developers are dominating the shaping of our city with this excuse. We're losing trees, meadows and other environments at a rapid pace, the damage is irreparable and harms all living creatures within city limits and beyond. There is a failure to comprehend the interconnectedness and codependency that we, as humans, have with the rest of the natural. For this reason, my family have future plans to leave Saratoga Springs in search of a healthier, more in balance with nature community.	4/8/2021 8:26 AM
251	It's a densly developed urban core surrounded by green space. It's a defining characteristic of the city.	4/8/2021 8:19 AM
252	City vibe but still rural areas	4/8/2021 7:38 AM
253	A vibrant city that offers urban amenities while valuing and maintaining its links with and respect for the natural world in which it exists. This includes but is not limited to access to public, easily accessed green spaces within the city but surrounding it as well.	4/8/2021 6:42 AM
254	Access to enjoyable outdoor space from areas within the city	4/8/2021 3:45 AM
255	An urban area surrounded by rural area	4/7/2021 9:58 PM
256	A place with cultural activities and resources, recreation, entertainment that has easy access	4/7/2021 9:27 PM

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	to rural and natural areas.	
257	Green spaces all around.	4/7/2021 9:23 PM
258	That we're surrounded by a lot of undeveloped land and that is wonderful	4/7/2021 9:15 PM
259	We offer city type/size amenities in a country setting. Best of both worlds!	4/7/2021 9:09 PM
260	Perfect	4/7/2021 8:46 PM
261	Urban space surrounded by a healthy natural environment	4/7/2021 8:46 PM
262	Oasis of business and commerce, restaurants, music and arts located in walkable area surrounded by rural geographic area.	4/7/2021 8:31 PM
263	Small Community that prioritizes safe, clean, healthy environment with opportunities for residents and visitors to experience urban and rural culture. Saratoga marries the best of both worlds	4/7/2021 8:16 PM
264	Good question	4/7/2021 7:46 PM
265	A vibrant city within/surrounded by country/ rural area	4/7/2021 7:00 PM
266	easy and close access to nature	4/7/2021 6:54 PM
267	It is a small city, surrounded by country. And it is very important to keep it that way. The country offers much to its residents, human and non-human.	4/7/2021 6:32 PM
268	urban area within a lot of green space	4/7/2021 6:27 PM
269	Saratoga has a nice downtown with lots of shops and restaurants but drive a short ways away and you are in the country.	4/7/2021 6:17 PM
270	Urban amenities without the urban feel	4/7/2021 3:11 PM
271	conveniences (dining, shopping, downtown, etc.) of a city with a country look & feel	4/7/2021 2:59 PM
272	A rapid transition from city to rural /lack of suburban sprawl.	4/7/2021 2:06 PM
273	Surrounded by and interspersed park like character	4/7/2021 1:43 PM
274	All the amenities of a city, but has all the benefits of the serene outdoors that typically are found in more rural areas.	4/7/2021 1:05 PM
275	Not built up like larger cities and rural areas right outside city borders.	4/7/2021 1:02 PM
276	Saratoga is unique in upstate NY in that it is a bustling area of businesses and restaurants and cultural activities but it is a small enough area that one can walk from one end to the other.	4/7/2021 11:15 AM
277	Greenbelt	4/7/2021 9:16 AM
278	The best of both worlds.	4/7/2021 8:45 AM
279	We have the luxury of beautiful, open, natural spaces (like parks) mixed in with all the features of a thriving city.	4/7/2021 8:28 AM
280	It's a terrible terminology and I wish it would be changed. What does "country" mean? Does Saratoga want to associate themselves with the Capitol District which doesn't make sense - distance wise or the North Country? Are we "City in the North Country"? If we said it like that, that makes most sense. We'd possibly even have a newspaper, The Post Star cover Saratoga springs local news	4/6/2021 7:58 PM
281	It is surrounded by rural areas but is a somewhat large city	4/6/2021 7:12 PM
282	saratoga has a very quaint appeal. so love SPAC and Congress Park areas.	4/6/2021 6:49 PM
283	The advantages of a city within a more open area	4/6/2021 2:27 PM
284	Saratoga Springs has events and opportunities provided by and within the city, but is also surrounded by country space throughout the city and its periphery.	4/6/2021 1:35 PM
285	To me it means a small city located inside bordering countryside	4/6/2021 9:47 AM
286	Saratoga Springs offers many sophisticated pursuits such as fine dining, arts, music and	4/5/2021 10:27 PM

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horse racing but it is surrounded by beautiful landscapes and country side. Unfortunately, rapid development is diminishing the countryside.

287	country is very close to the city. Open areas are still within the inner city limits	4/5/2021 10:26 PM
288	We have close access to the Adirondacks and other recreational opportunities. Having said that, our city has not invested in outdoor recreation areas and find it highly disappointing our lack of commitment to the outdoors.	4/5/2021 10:18 PM
289	the best of city life (restaurants, shopping) while also being to be outdoors easily and access nature	4/5/2021 10:01 PM
290	A city with easy access to wide open natural spaces	4/5/2021 8:14 PM
291	Exit 14 is still green!	4/5/2021 8:03 PM
292	That it unfortunately is being labeled as a "city" with a country feel.	4/5/2021 7:44 PM
293	Its that the location is so close to the Adirondack Parklands & its surrounded also by Farms & Countryside which is drastically disappearing due to development.	4/5/2021 7:28 PM
294	Lots to do, as if in a city, but surrounded by country	4/5/2021 5:39 PM
295	An urban environment surrounded by vast expanses of rural or wild land.	4/5/2021 5:38 PM
296	To me, it means two key things to me: 1. That we maintain and increase the amount of trees within the city, because they provide shade, assist in managing storm and snow runoff, and provides important habitat for many animals, pollinators, and other critical species. 2. Around our urban core, we protect natural spaces and work to maintain sustainable planning practices to ensure that we don't over-develop outside of the city core.	4/5/2021 5:37 PM
297	the best of both	4/5/2021 5:33 PM
298	Saratoga is a hub of sophistication, culture, health and opportunity in what would otherwise be a post-industrial depression food desert and healthcare desert.	4/5/2021 5:21 PM
299	Maintaining a vibrant , ecologically diverse green space.	4/5/2021 5:04 PM
300	A city with easy access to nature, both in the city and in the surrounding area.	4/5/2021 5:01 PM
301	Accessibility to both city amenities and country/rural amenities.	4/5/2021 4:09 PM
302	Having access to all material things we want while still having open space to enjoy	4/5/2021 2:41 PM
303	Keeping the city surrounded by green space	4/5/2021 1:55 PM
304	A walkable community with cultural activities, a vibrant downtown and access to nature.	4/5/2021 1:43 PM
305	A place with the benefits of city resources (restaurants, shopping, businesses) with beautiful nature only a 5 minute drive away	4/5/2021 1:35 PM
306	We are becoming overdeveloped and losing our charm. Too many people moving up from Downstate and changing our character, and politics to the far left. If we wanted to live in NYC we would. We don't!!!	4/5/2021 1:13 PM
307	getting the best of both worlds	4/5/2021 8:27 AM
308	The charm and peace of the country nestled within the city	4/5/2021 6:20 AM
309	i can take a short five minute drive or 10 minute bike and be on serene country roads and agricultural lands with beautiful vistas & amazing skies.	4/4/2021 4:43 PM
310	Diverse community that has the many benefits (economic) to the residents BUT has a country feel (Trees, Parks, Water ways...).	4/4/2021 7:58 AM
311	bustling, fun small metropolis surrounded by nature	4/3/2021 8:31 PM
312	Dense urban area with restaurants and entertainment surrounded by trees, forests and other natural settings	4/3/2021 7:17 PM
313	The green belt around our city is a beautiful buffer from other urban areas ruined by sprawl	4/3/2021 6:34 PM
314	Small town, city life	4/3/2021 1:51 PM

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315	Reduced visual impact of chain stores, convenience stores. Keep as many green spaces as possible. No clear cutting of small glens and forests. Remove industrial buildings that are abandoned.	4/3/2021 9:30 AM
316	Though incorporated as a "city", it would have all the attributes of being in a more rural setting in the country.	4/3/2021 8:29 AM
317	The convenience of city life in a rural setting.	4/3/2021 7:44 AM
318	Surrounded by more rural areas that are green; not NYC	4/3/2021 6:29 AM
319	Urban core surrounded by open spaces	4/2/2021 6:40 PM
320	Open space allows us opportunities to feel like we live in the country	4/2/2021 5:30 PM
321	We have a thriving economic center, but we are also surrounded by nature/wildlife/preserved areas.	4/2/2021 3:05 PM
322	This sounds like homework	4/2/2021 12:15 PM
323	Not sure	4/2/2021 11:04 AM
324	Plenty of accessible, nearby open space for recreation and preservation of natural habitats.	4/2/2021 10:59 AM
325	Many cultural options within good natural surroundings	4/2/2021 10:53 AM
326	Vibrant, cultural community surrounded by natural environments.	4/2/2021 10:53 AM
327	Access to both. We live amongst woods and nature with deer and wildlife in our yards but we have a vibrant downtown city as well. It's the best of both worlds.	4/2/2021 10:41 AM
328	City of the Country mean to me a place that is progressive and working to create a place that is innovative to make the environment a better place. It is a place that people enjoy to come to because of its stores, activities, and the things it represents as a town (working to slow the climate crisis, standing up for important social justice issues, etc).	4/1/2021 11:48 PM
329	Place for the wealthy that cost too much for the people who work here, so they live on the outskirts while the city caters to the rich college kids families, the woke crowd, and wealthy.	4/1/2021 10:42 PM
330	The city is surrounded by mostly rural areas.	4/1/2021 9:31 PM
331	With the exception of Wilton, all area surrounding city limits have not resulted in suburban sprawl. Once you leave the city limits, you are, for the most part, surrounded by open and undeveloped land.	4/1/2021 9:25 PM
332	vibrant downtown within 5 min drive to country	4/1/2021 7:09 PM
333	City living experience immediately surrounded by country.	4/1/2021 4:56 PM
334	Living here we have the benefits of a small city and the country. It's really the best of both worlds.	4/1/2021 2:18 PM
335	I dont know	4/1/2021 10:58 AM
336	surrounded by open space, larger parcels of land with homes or farms	4/1/2021 9:44 AM
337	It is surrounded by natural scenery like wooded hills,mountains and contains within the city wooded trails and open fields, springs and geysers.	3/31/2021 11:08 PM
338	Nice downtown in a country county.	3/31/2021 10:51 PM
339	city surrounded by country	3/31/2021 9:26 PM
340	The benefits of an urban community, set within a broader environment of farmland and other open space.	3/31/2021 8:26 PM
341	Not swallowed up by metro Albany area	3/31/2021 8:26 PM
342	Not sure	3/31/2021 8:14 PM
343	Many areas where a person can have access to parks, gardens and nature.	3/31/2021 6:47 PM
344	City surrounded by country	3/31/2021 6:00 PM

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345	It is an urban setting that has immediate access to surrounding natural environments and recreation.	3/31/2021 10:15 AM
346	It is a small city/offers some of the amenities of larger cities surrounded by country/more rural	3/31/2021 9:00 AM
347	We have the benefits and charm of a city such as good shops, restaurants, services - while being surrounded by beauty and not just urban decay due to city living.	3/31/2021 8:38 AM
348	Business florist while still having family, nature and health at forefront	3/31/2021 8:37 AM
349	A place with the opportunities of a city but the the open spaces one often thinks of when they think of the country.	3/31/2021 7:35 AM
350	It is a city that has not allowed it self to be swallowed up by development and has worked to protect it open spaces while still maintaining a city feel.	3/31/2021 12:01 AM
351	the benefits of a city setting without sacrificing a feeling of country life	3/30/2021 8:30 PM
352	We are a city but have all the amenities that are available in the country.	3/30/2021 7:36 PM
353	Our historic city surrounded by our Greenbelt and rural character.	3/30/2021 5:33 PM
354	1) A philosophy that allows the natural world to remain unaffected by human intrusion to the extent possible in the proximity of a densely populated urban center. 2) The official land use decision-making to ensure that that philosophy is applied without being influenced or undermined by economic arguments favoring development.	3/30/2021 3:11 PM
355	Its not NYC	3/30/2021 2:47 PM
356	small city with country areas surrounding it	3/30/2021 2:31 PM
357	An eclectic city of blooming businesses in the heart of Upstate NY and its natural beauty.	3/30/2021 2:04 PM
358	I think this is a nonsensical marketing decision that has failed. I understand it is meant to convey the way the "urban core" has a metropolitan or even cosmopolitan feel, with quick access to parks and more rural lands. But I have genuinely never heard anyone use this in everyday conversation. It's usually as above, "often referred to as," in which no one has agency and no one is actually talking about the city in that way. It's a projection.	3/30/2021 1:47 PM
359	City but with a comfortable relaxed feeling for all. An outlet for all to participate in.	3/30/2021 1:46 PM
360	It meant city amenities in a largely rural landscape. Now suburban development has made this phrase less accurate.	3/30/2021 12:35 PM
361	'City in the County" refers to a city that is in a place that is not industrial in look. We have the ability to walk and see charming architecture.	3/30/2021 12:23 PM
362	A city that is surrounded by green, a city that respects nature, a city that understands it can balance economic drivers and natural beauty.	3/30/2021 11:45 AM
363	A City surrounded by farmlands/towns.	3/30/2021 11:38 AM
364	A culturally developed urban area that is surrounded by and connected to natural resources	3/30/2021 10:48 AM
365	A plan to create a scarcity of developable land so that home values continue to increase.	3/30/2021 10:21 AM
366	moderate population, walkable, appealing greenspace	3/30/2021 9:53 AM
367	Development focused on the city's core surrounded by open space, farmland and native habitat.	3/30/2021 9:23 AM
368	Big city amenities with small town charm, and immediate access to outdoor recreation opportunities.	3/30/2021 9:21 AM
369	An urban center in the midst of nature / country	3/30/2021 8:49 AM
370	We live so close to so many opportunities for out door time.	3/30/2021 8:48 AM
371	Vibrant downtown with rural surroundings connected by trails and paths for pedestrian/cyclist access	3/30/2021 8:33 AM
372	It has both urban and rural elements.	3/30/2021 8:32 AM

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373	Intense development in the core and more green area around the city	3/30/2021 8:10 AM
374	open spaces	3/30/2021 8:01 AM
375	We have most of the conveniences of a big city but open space isn't too far away. Just wish we could reduce some of the building.	3/30/2021 7:26 AM
376	A mini-'city' in a bucolic area of NYS	3/30/2021 7:07 AM
377	Run 10 minutes or walk 20 minutes in almost any direction and you're in a rural or somewhat rural area.	3/30/2021 6:56 AM
378	A small beautiful lush city.	3/30/2021 6:55 AM
379	We have many opportunity and things to do like a city has but we are in upstate NY!	3/30/2021 6:52 AM
380	The focus of development is contained within the city "core" with the area surrounding the city left to review for less dense development.	3/30/2021 6:45 AM
381	Our city is just minutes away from great wild space.	3/29/2021 11:18 PM
382	We have vast amenities but have great access to all of nature's beautiful gifts.	3/29/2021 11:14 PM
383	Urban area to rural	3/29/2021 10:12 PM
384	It got a lot going on	3/29/2021 9:35 PM
385	It has to do with it being located in Upstate NY, but still has a city feel to it	3/29/2021 9:27 PM
386	City-like downtown with rural surroundings	3/29/2021 9:19 PM
387	Small city with a rural or country feel	3/29/2021 9:15 PM
388	It's an Oasis.	3/29/2021 9:15 PM
389	Small city with open space. Not over crowded or over built... though now it is. When it earned that nickname it was not overbuilt.	3/29/2021 9:15 PM
390	Easy access to our natural resources and a collective value to protect and observe these resources in spite of the contradictory pull to destroy them for development purposes	3/29/2021 9:08 PM
391	Amenities of urban life with close connection to nature /open space	3/29/2021 8:54 PM
392	We offer the resources or a city in many ways, but the calm, quiet, and seclusion or a rural community	3/29/2021 8:52 PM
393	Social life and activities but lots of opportunities to engage with nature and outdoor activities	3/29/2021 8:49 PM
394	a town with a lot of green space	3/29/2021 8:33 PM
395	Amenities of a city with attractiveness of the country	3/29/2021 8:22 PM
396	Connecting surrounding towns	3/29/2021 8:22 PM
397	Green space within and outside the city. Opportunities for rec and exercise should be available. Maintenance of the Green Belt.	3/29/2021 8:14 PM
398	We have everything you can ever need in a 4-mile radius yet we are surrounding by country setting just outside that perimeter. The best of both worlds but NO MORE IN TOWN BUILDING please!!!!	3/29/2021 6:32 PM
399	x	3/29/2021 5:51 PM
400	We are a small city surrounded by farms and the ADK park.	3/29/2021 5:02 PM
401	Having a green space connecting the city to nature and not having development surrounding the city.	3/29/2021 4:45 PM
402	Country feel with every type still need	3/29/2021 4:35 PM
403	A vibrant downtown surrounded by peaceful areas for recreation.	3/29/2021 4:13 PM
404	A sophisticated collection of neighborhoods surrounded by bucolic, rural areas. Even our urban downtown enjoys beautiful grassy parks and natural springs	3/29/2021 4:12 PM

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405	City everything close together but country can go out and see the wilderness	3/29/2021 4:04 PM
406	Benefits of both the city and country in one area	3/29/2021 1:37 PM
407	Lots of open, natural spaces. A good balance between urban, woods and natural/farmland.	3/29/2021 11:52 AM
408	idealist life, town and country, culture, the best of both worlds. Living in a fabulous town and having the the lifestyle of living in the country	3/29/2021 10:32 AM
409	A city with a green belt and significant open space	3/29/2021 9:50 AM
410	City convenience with county setting	3/29/2021 8:24 AM
411	More intense urban central development to prevent suburban crawl.	3/29/2021 8:18 AM
412	It means a City within a rural or country setting.	3/28/2021 9:42 PM
413	a city like atmosphere concentrated in downtown area surrounded by country, not the usual suburban sprawl,	3/28/2021 3:59 PM
414	A small city away from the traffic and hustle and bustle	3/28/2021 1:05 PM
415	Saratoga Springs has preserved a walkable city with stores and restaurants that I can easily get to on foot, but has maintained the natural beauty as you drive into the urban core.	3/28/2021 12:07 PM
416	We are surrounded by rural areas and country towns.	3/28/2021 6:46 AM
417	A thriving city immediately surrounded by beautiful country land	3/28/2021 2:34 AM
418	A refuge (tho diminishing) from the concrete and profit centered urban environment	3/27/2021 10:47 PM
419	Going from "downtown" to a rural/country setting takes only minutes	3/27/2021 4:48 PM
420	"Small" city with just a few of the big city things, but has look and feel of the country.	3/27/2021 4:43 PM
421	the entrance to the city are tree lined and with out commercial building most important Exit 14 should stay as it is, trees and the expanse of the track to greet you	3/27/2021 4:37 PM
422	Abundant green space within an urban environment	3/27/2021 4:04 PM
423	Small-town feel, with trees, beautiful vistas, and open spaces that are valued rather than developed, but with cultural events and amenities of a larger city	3/27/2021 3:07 PM
424	Small town feel with available big city activities like shopping, restaurants, cultural venues and recreation.	3/27/2021 11:23 AM
425	Lots of open space in a city with lots of urban activities and opportunities	3/27/2021 10:27 AM
426	Amenities of a city but open air walking opportunities abound.	3/27/2021 9:59 AM
427	We strive to keep natural areas that r wi walking/biking distance of residential areas. The city should actively support farmland and trail expansion throughout the county	3/27/2021 9:48 AM
428	It is a QUAIN city in the country. Right now, with all the building, they are trying to make it more of a city than it was meant to be; and it is slowly ruining what makes Saratoga so special.	3/27/2021 8:58 AM
429	Vibrant downtown with peace and quiet moments away.	3/27/2021 8:09 AM
430	Less congestion, more natural space but w city culture abd benefits.	3/27/2021 8:07 AM
431	Amenities of a city, shops, restaurants, but without the oppressive population density	3/27/2021 7:57 AM
432	The city is a perfect blend of city, urban life, parks, and wild natural spaces.	3/27/2021 6:58 AM
433	It's an oxymoron as rural space outside Saratoga Springs is rapidly disappearing to satisfy the greed of developers. But then, this IS America.	3/27/2021 6:52 AM
434	A place with amazing culture and lifestyle but also surrounded by nature, fields, and easy access to land.	3/26/2021 9:34 PM
435	I think it means a city surrounded by country, fresh air, clean water and lots of space to enjoy nature. I am concerned about the huge influx of hotels, condos, apartments affecting the quality of air, water, traffic, and noise pollution.	3/26/2021 8:37 PM

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436	Slow pace, green space, lots of opportunities for recreation and also cultural events and shopping	3/26/2021 7:09 PM
437	Saratoga is becoming more of the new NYC :(It should be a City in the Country - preserving a small town look and feel	3/26/2021 3:25 PM
438	It is becoming a false statement. The towns outside the city are, and are becoming suburbs. So are becoming the city in the suburbs. The city is blessed with substantial open space. There is need for improving what we have, not necessarily for expanding the acreage devoted to open space. Trails, access points, connection to streets are things that can be improved.	3/26/2021 3:19 PM
439	Surrounded by a green belt, many trees, open space	3/26/2021 2:19 PM
440	A "city" area kept small, walkable, bike-friendly, with zoning that disallows buildings higher than 4 stories, surrounded by and woven with green spaces.	3/26/2021 1:27 PM
441	A small hamlet in the middle of a beautiful, natural area.	3/26/2021 1:12 PM
442	City amenities and events in a nature filled setting	3/26/2021 1:07 PM
443	Plenty of space to enjoy outside activities.. less crowding than other cities - more community minded less transient focused.	3/26/2021 12:25 PM
444	A vibrant "urban" center--with many small businesses, including shops, restaurants, and bars--with easy access to the countryside and outdoor recreational activities.	3/26/2021 12:18 PM
445	Amenities of a city not overwhelming the aesthetics of nature	3/26/2021 11:52 AM
446	city benefits in a country setting - best of both worlds	3/26/2021 11:28 AM
447	Ideally, the "city" part is small, walkable, bike-friendly, with buildings kept below 5 floors in height, and ringed by and woven with green spaces.	3/26/2021 11:27 AM
448	A vibrant downtown with lots of local, unique stores and restaurants, cultural opportunities along with plenty of outdoor space and access to mountains, countryside and lakes.	3/26/2021 11:05 AM
449	Proximity of urban advantages to Natural and rural environments	3/26/2021 10:41 AM
450	Lots of shops and activities with a walk or short ride to the great outdoors	3/26/2021 10:14 AM
451	Urban amenities with natural/outdoor space nearby	3/26/2021 10:12 AM
452	Urban culture in beautiful surroundings	3/26/2021 9:57 AM
453	No comment.	3/26/2021 9:56 AM
454	Maintaining the natural condition of the open space surrounding the city	3/26/2021 9:54 AM
455	There is wonderful city with lots to do upstate New York with open space and the mountains at your finger tips	3/26/2021 9:53 AM
456	We have a city, but we can get outside to hike, etc. away from buildings and concrete.	3/26/2021 9:51 AM
457	For me- I grew up on Saratoga Lake and spent a lot of time at the Saratoga Battlefield hiking and walking. I've walked every trail we have and spent time in our parks. We have the country experience on the outskirts of our city and it's amazing.	3/26/2021 9:50 AM
458	Saratoga Springs is a city which values green space within the city area, for passive use as well as recreational use. Green space is one of the main attractions people notice when they visit.	3/26/2021 9:49 AM
459	Means you can drive 5/10 minutes out of town and see cows.	3/26/2021 9:34 AM
460	A place that embodies the gifts of urban living (restaurants, theater, shopping, social/job possibilities, energy, vibrancy) that still maintains a safe, small-town feel and is in close proximity to natural beauty and outdoor opportunities.	3/26/2021 9:15 AM
461	It makes it sound more rural than it really is.	3/26/2021 9:05 AM
462	No high rise buildings.	3/26/2021 9:02 AM
463	Our community provides the cultural elements of a city in an area surrounded by and	3/26/2021 8:55 AM

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connected through green spaces.

464	That the pluses of the country (wildlife, quiet, nature, calm) are not drowned out by the City life. We benefit from restaurants, live events without losing natural greenspace, the calm and quiet.	3/26/2021 8:34 AM
465	park areas	3/26/2021 8:24 AM
466	Country, is outside city bounds, mostly consists of farmland, wetlands, and woodlands.	3/26/2021 8:00 AM
467	Bustling area of urban style life surrounded by nature, undisturbed habitats	3/26/2021 7:53 AM
468	We are truly a small city in the midst of beautiful mountains, lakes, rivers and streams	3/26/2021 7:48 AM
469	Businesses, culture, nightlife, denser population and a destination area	3/26/2021 7:47 AM
470	We are surrounded by tremendous green space	3/26/2021 7:11 AM
471	It has a city center surrounded by rural space. At least it did. It should now be called another city choked by sprawl	3/26/2021 7:01 AM
472	Access to multiple cultural events but having the beauty of being in a rural part of of the state	3/26/2021 6:44 AM
473	Sidewalks but space to breathe	3/26/2021 12:47 AM
474	Close enough to get everywhere we need, but no light pollution to take away from the stars at night	3/25/2021 11:40 PM
475	To me it means it refers to Saratoga's multiple cultural and shopping experiences within the context of a friendly small town climate where you can be out in the country in 5 mins.	3/25/2021 11:24 PM
476	City amenities in a country setting	3/25/2021 11:14 PM
477	We have many of the benefits of living in a city (walk to places, cultural benefits, condensed living) while being surrounded by intact ecosystems.	3/25/2021 9:19 PM
478	Biggest city around for a lot of small towns in this area!	3/25/2021 9:02 PM
479	We helped co-develop that phrase when we developed the original Open Space Plan	3/25/2021 8:16 PM
480	Best of both worlds	3/25/2021 7:26 PM
481	City with access to nature	3/25/2021 7:15 PM
482	Green space beyond developed areas	3/25/2021 7:13 PM
483	Benefits of a city in a country setting	3/25/2021 6:38 PM
484	Respect for our unique natural resources, despite the over building of multimillion dollar residences at the expense, exclusion and exiting of native Saratogian families.	3/25/2021 6:15 PM
485	We are a small city with a slight metropolitan feel. Lots of music/restaurants/activities.	3/25/2021 6:00 PM
486	Town in upstate ny	3/25/2021 4:47 PM
487	Populated area among rural area	3/25/2021 4:46 PM
488	Access to outdoor recreation	3/25/2021 4:34 PM
489	Growing up in Saratoga, I had access to woods, streams and lakes to play in, watch the seasons change in and find quiet in. We drove past the Pitney farm on our way back to school from swim & track meets. We skated on outdoor rinks and sledged and skied right in town in the winter. And we could walk to the farmers market to enjoy local produce while supporting the farmers who lived around us. Apple orchards, hikes, paddles and camping spots were within a short drive. Area summer day camps connected us to farming. The City in the Country is something I do not take for granted. I have watched and supported community leaders defend exit 14 against box store development, defend spa state park against a truck bypass, advocate for tree planting and care, advocate for acquisitions of and connections between open space for decades. Most communities lacked the leadership and resources to make this commitment. The city in the country is increasingly special.	3/25/2021 4:26 PM
490	Saratoga is a populated place in the center of a rural environment.	3/25/2021 4:23 PM

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491	Unapologetically vague	3/25/2021 4:01 PM
492	A small city with a significant central park and access to many rural areas.	3/25/2021 3:50 PM
493	Access to arts, culture, dining and community balanced with access to, and appreciation for, the incredible natural resources that surround the city.	3/25/2021 3:42 PM
494	There's green space within the city limits . Pitney Meadows really solidifies this vision of Saratoga. To deepen this vision and pay homage to the history of the people of Saratoga we also need to honor the history of Brandville, the area of town by Doten Ave nurtured by Black farmers in the early to mid 1900s.	3/25/2021 3:16 PM
495	urban feel to the downtown area and availability of things to do there	3/25/2021 1:21 PM
496	Beautiful city with all that offers and yet surrounded by nature with trails and parks and recreational facilities	3/25/2021 12:18 PM
497	Mostly Downtown Development	3/25/2021 11:46 AM
498	Central "urban" core surrounded by open space and nature.	3/25/2021 11:12 AM
499	The area directly outside the small city is not a big suburban area but open natural areas.	3/25/2021 11:07 AM
500	a city (with walkable amenities) surrounded by easily-accessible outdoor spaces.	3/25/2021 10:44 AM
501	big town in upstate NY	3/25/2021 9:52 AM
502	Being able to enjoy the positives of country life, like open space and nature, within the confines of city living.	3/25/2021 9:34 AM
503	Green space and proximity tp the Adirondacks.	3/25/2021 9:33 AM
504	Growth needs to be controlled in order to maintain the truth of the phrase	3/25/2021 8:59 AM
505	A comfortable downtown with walking areas, not too many tall buildings.	3/25/2021 8:34 AM
506	It means that we are surrounded by green space and open space and protect those spaces.	3/25/2021 8:31 AM
507	We have cultural amenities offered here in Saratoga such as music, the arts, campus life and top rated shopping and restaurants set within a more rural/suburban setting with lots of parks and outdoor recreation facilities within city limits.	3/25/2021 8:27 AM
508	Residents get the best of both worlds: nature and space of the country and conveniences of a city.	3/25/2021 8:22 AM
509	Rural feel with urban conveniences	3/25/2021 8:07 AM
510	Surrounded by rural environment	3/25/2021 7:53 AM
511	benefits of a city with close proximity and access to services but literally within walking distance of nature	3/25/2021 7:52 AM
512	City values with country feel.	3/25/2021 6:13 AM
513	All the cultural benefits of an urban community with better natural scenery	3/24/2021 10:05 PM
514	The amenities of a city with the beauty of the country	3/24/2021 9:41 PM
515	Outside of the downtown core, the surrounding area is rural, protected from development, and will stay that way.	3/24/2021 9:26 PM
516	Having access to cultural events, restaurants, shops, library, colleges, as well as access to nature through trails, parks, and an urban forest.	3/24/2021 9:08 PM
517	Urban features in a more bucolic setting	3/24/2021 8:50 PM
518	Easy access to nature within city boundaries,: Whether in pocket park, or nature viewscapes, , easy access to farms and nature/ bike trails beyond city limits.	3/24/2021 8:30 PM
519	A community feel in a city setting that values the outdoors and it's assets	3/24/2021 8:24 PM
520	Cultural opportunities of a large city. Outdoor natural environment of a rural area.	3/24/2021 8:20 PM
521	The greenbelt	3/24/2021 8:02 PM

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522	No sprawl, rural feel	3/24/2021 8:01 PM
523	Stepping out of the city to a more country setting with style some city feeling.	3/24/2021 7:28 PM
524	Honestly, I've never been too sure. I guess it is the city of Saratoga Springs surrounded by areas like Greenfield which are more rural. That being said, I don't really think about Greenfield as "the Country."	3/24/2021 7:27 PM
525	It is a place for people to travel to from the nearby areas for things they dont have at smaller communities	3/24/2021 7:26 PM
526	I love that just minutes from downtown I can see farmland and wooded areas	3/24/2021 7:23 PM
527	It is the biggest metropolitan area with the most restaurants and things to do in the area	3/24/2021 7:12 PM
528	Open space is nearby.	3/24/2021 7:10 PM
529	We are within beautiful nature, all while enjoying the amenities of a modern city.	3/24/2021 7:10 PM
530	High density in the downtown commercial area. Outside the downtown core commercial area less density and limited commercial projects so as to enable residents the quiet enjoyment of their chosen residence.	3/24/2021 7:05 PM
531	we are surrounded by very rural and natural areas	3/24/2021 6:53 PM
532	Many cultural happenings, restaurants, shopping, etc. all just minutes away from being in the country to enjoy all that is there to enjoy.	3/24/2021 6:46 PM
533	A city with lots of green space and venues to recreate.	3/24/2021 6:46 PM
534	I realize this is a popular description for SS, but I feel that we're losing vital green (space) potential by the month. Every time I turn my head, another five-story building is going up which is extremely discouraging, given the Saratoga I fondly recall from the early 90s. Too many builders are given free reign (in private deals) and why has it taken decades to build/connect bike paths/athletic trails? The city readily approves construction of buildings, but what about our green spaces? Why is it such an uphill battle? By example, my friend Tobin spent six years trying to get Complete Streets passed. By the time it finally passed, he'd moved to Colorado. Apologies if I sound bitter or ungrateful; I don't understand why this city is so contradictory.	3/24/2021 6:35 PM
535	We are fortunate to have cultural opportunity ties afforded by a small city AND proximity to beautiful land	3/24/2021 6:34 PM
536	Has restaurants, amenities, and businessea more reflective of a small city but surrounded by nature	3/24/2021 5:57 PM
537	that it is a more dense urban area surrounded by open, green or water areas.	3/24/2021 5:40 PM
538	Open space integrated into the city	3/24/2021 5:37 PM
539	An urban island, with all of it's +/-, surrounded by and connection to suburban and rural and natural undeveloped space	3/24/2021 5:27 PM
540	City stuff very near open space	3/24/2021 5:21 PM
541	Protecting the greenbelt around our city and limiting urban sprawl! Keeping development in the core of the city and not expanding into green space!	3/24/2021 5:18 PM
542	Maintaining a sense of natural beauty and availability within the city limits. Not paving over the land with expensive condos.	3/24/2021 5:15 PM
543	City in the Country means that it is the best of both worlds - a balance - where you have the enjoyment of the beautiful natural countryside as well as the amenities and cultural lifestyle of the city, all at your disposal.	3/24/2021 4:45 PM
544	a vibrant city, w/shops, restaurants, entertainment, etc and not all sidewalks and development, but also a lot of green space instead, trees, parks, etc	3/24/2021 4:29 PM
545	It's surrounded by open (undeveloped) lands	3/24/2021 4:26 PM
546	An urban area with close access to, and/or surrounded by rural areas with both recreational	3/24/2021 4:21 PM

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	and agricultural use	
547	A small city from which you can walk or bike to natural areas both within and just outside of the city.	3/24/2021 4:16 PM
548	An urban environment integrated with rural	3/24/2021 4:06 PM
549	Quaint, smaller homes, space between houses and green spaces in the city. Also green space at entrances to the city.	3/24/2021 3:55 PM
550	It's a populated city that's close to nature with it's near by parks and waterways	3/24/2021 3:32 PM
551	The convenience of a small city with many open spaces.	3/24/2021 3:00 PM
552	Living in a small city w/availability to parks, wetlands, recreation, biking & hiking.	3/24/2021 2:28 PM
553	Have top quality restaurants and outdoor activities nearby	3/24/2021 11:23 AM
554	A nice blend of urban and residential feel	3/24/2021 11:04 AM
555	Maintaining open green space, lower development density outside the city core.	3/24/2021 10:32 AM
556	A town surrounded by nature with access to fun outdoor activities	3/24/2021 10:00 AM
557	the rest of saratoga county is mostly rural, but Saratoga Springs is a city	3/24/2021 8:34 AM
558	You have a city with a few green spaces (Congress Park, East and Westside Recs) but as you move futher out of center, you find various parks and larger green spaces.	3/24/2021 7:52 AM
559	Lots of outdoor recreation areas near	3/24/2021 7:44 AM
560	The term strikes me as a city in the middle of nowhere. What I think it is trying to convey is an economic area that still has a countryside feel.	3/24/2021 7:03 AM
561	the city is surrounded by open/green space	3/23/2021 8:54 PM
562	The time & money spent on flowers & public works like Spit & Spat & the 9/11 Memorial & such things as leaf pickup are signs of the city's commitment to maintaining the quality of our lives.	3/23/2021 4:22 PM
563	City benefits e.g. knowing my neighbors, cultural events, amenities; the woods are not far either. Side note: makes for good local foods too.	3/23/2021 3:25 PM
564	It has a nice urban feel with restaurants, shopping, music and arts but remains a small town where you know your neighbors	3/23/2021 3:19 PM
565	Saratoga has a big city feel with an array of restaurants, community events, concerts and a beautiful downtown yet has tried to preserve and embrace outdoor areas and parks.	3/23/2021 3:15 PM
566	A compact residential area with all the amenities of a city but with easy access to, and containing, many 'countryside like' open space areas	3/23/2021 2:57 PM
567	To me it means a centered urban core where the majority of commerce/business, transportation, and housing is located and then outside this urban core there is less developed land/natural lands.	3/23/2021 2:16 PM
568	Broadway gives us a great selection of most things you would got oany urban area for, still with just a short drive you can be is lovely wooded areas, on lakes, in mountians.	3/22/2021 9:16 PM
569	This is a place that many people in the surrounding area know about and travel to for visits.	3/22/2021 1:38 PM
570	We have access to many cultural opportunities available to cities but also easy access to outdoor / natural areas.	3/22/2021 1:05 PM
571	It has the amenities of a city but is surrounded by natural and open spaces	3/22/2021 12:03 PM
572	Higher population community surrounded by rural areas.	3/22/2021 9:57 AM
573	We have a "green belt " surrounding our city.	3/21/2021 5:40 PM
574	With so much tree removal for new housing I'm afraid we will become "a city with NO country"	3/20/2021 9:35 PM
575	Parks within and surrounding the city	3/20/2021 8:45 PM

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576	Big city benefits within a country setting. More opportunities to engage with nature while in a built environment.	3/20/2021 8:28 PM
577	Plenty of undeveloped land and space	3/20/2021 5:55 PM
578	We have the best of both worlds, with natural settings for outdoor recreation, as well as city offerings of cultural institutions.	3/20/2021 1:18 PM
579	small urban concentration surrounded by rural area	3/20/2021 1:09 PM
580	Saratoga offers many of the cultural and economic perks of a larger city while embracing the surrounding natural areas and rural communities allowing people to experience the outdoors year round.	3/20/2021 10:08 AM
581	Saratoga Springs is surrounded by marvelous areas to participate and enjoy the grand nature of the Southern Adirondacks. There have been other areas that are considered as the gateway to the Adirondacks. I sincerely believe that Saratoga Springs is one of them.	3/20/2021 9:38 AM
582	Saratoga has a downtown and cultural offerings like a city but is set in a more rural setting.	3/20/2021 8:09 AM
583	Convenience of city life with beautiful countryside atmosphere!	3/20/2021 7:47 AM
584	Economically viable downtown surrounded by green space.	3/20/2021 5:50 AM
585	The best mix of communal, social and cultural life with easy access to nature.	3/20/2021 4:25 AM
586	Not too big ,country setting	3/19/2021 11:44 PM
587	We have cultural, performance arts, and educational venues that one might find in a large city, yet we are surrounded by green space (the country) and connected to it through our parks and conserved lands	3/19/2021 11:36 PM
588	When entering or leaving the city there is green space. Parks, walking and hiking available. Trees.	3/19/2021 9:11 PM
589	There's a vibrant downtown surrounded by a suburban/rural setting.	3/19/2021 7:43 PM
590	a city surrounded by rural community(s)	3/19/2021 7:27 PM
591	Small city with Metropolitan A small city with a Metropolitan Attitude.	3/19/2021 4:30 PM
592	Increased density in downtown, maintenance of the green belt, minimization of sprawl, plentiful trails leading to rural areas.	3/19/2021 3:55 PM
593	It is vital to protect the natural resources that make this city a place to live, work but also to enjoy being engrossed in nature.	3/19/2021 3:53 PM
594	We have bigger city amenities/attractions but in a more remote area.	3/19/2021 3:14 PM
595	'small thriving city surrounded by conventional farms	3/19/2021 3:00 PM
596	City atmosphere surrounded by rural attributes such as farms and open land.	3/19/2021 2:31 PM
597	Access to essential needs within walking or biking or public transit, such as grocery, restaurants, doctors etc. In addition access to walking, hiking, biking, skiing, boating etc within a stone's throw of downtown.	3/19/2021 1:52 PM
598	City that is surrounded by natural space or rural environments	3/19/2021 1:46 PM
599	The best of both.	3/19/2021 1:44 PM
600	Lots of trees and grass and less concrete.	3/19/2021 1:36 PM
601	A vibrant city and economic center surrounding by farmland, open space and recreational nature activities that is also thriving.	3/19/2021 12:54 PM
602	It means that while we have amenities such as restaurants, movies theaters and art events, we all just a short trip to natural places.	3/19/2021 12:44 PM
603	A city with a lot of surrounding space	3/19/2021 12:22 PM
604	The best of both worlds - beautiful, natural spaces alongside restaurants, shopping and entertainment venues.	3/19/2021 12:06 PM

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605	We are surrounded by rural areas.	3/19/2021 11:41 AM
606	Nice downtown but minutes away you can be in the country	3/19/2021 10:17 AM
607	Dense development in the core surrounded by a mix of housing developments, farmland and lots of natural woodlands.	3/19/2021 9:37 AM
608	A place for European and Japanese luxury car owners to reside in million dollar condos surrounded by undeveloped land that helps keep the riffraff out.	3/19/2021 9:09 AM
609	Many urban amenities such as arts venues) within a small town setting.	3/19/2021 3:26 AM
610	Best of both "worlds!"	3/18/2021 10:39 PM
611	We have lots to offer in a rural area	3/18/2021 10:36 PM
612	It means that ALL areas of the city are pristinely maintained (like a pastoral landscape) and the public and those that are stewards and administrators of that city are strongly encouraged (through rules, laws, and regulations) to be mindful of the environment (country), its citizens and all creatures that make up this "city in the country".	3/18/2021 10:28 PM
613	Cultural haven in a small community	3/18/2021 9:58 PM
614	Saratoga boasts the many amenities and conveniences of a more urban area, but "feels" like the country with it's low-rise buildings and lots of green space in and around the city	3/18/2021 9:29 PM
615	A small city in more rural upstate NY.	3/18/2021 9:26 PM
616	It has quite an urban feel because of the tall buildings downtown and traffic around exit 15 but you go 3 miles from the city and it's very rural!	3/18/2021 8:39 PM
617	Big city culture with small town living.	3/18/2021 7:45 PM
618	As soon as you leave downtown, in any direction the landscape almost immediately changes to agricultural or forested land. In the summer, living in the heart of the city almost feels like being in a campground. There are many mature trees and enough space for gardens and tiny wild places.	3/18/2021 7:39 PM
619	It means having a strong protected green belt around the city	3/18/2021 7:37 PM
620	It still has limits on building and should continue to stop uncontrollable construction on land.	3/18/2021 7:11 PM
621	More nature than a typical city	3/18/2021 5:41 PM
622	Saratoga Springs has green spaces within City limits that are accessible with active wildlife present.	3/18/2021 5:36 PM
623	City in the Country is just that~ a beautiful quaint city with post office and town hall nestled in the heart of the countryside of the surrounding areas	3/18/2021 5:26 PM
624	City is surrounded by rural areas, mountains and ADK park yet our town is cosmopolitan and refined feeling	3/18/2021 4:36 PM
625	We offer a unique experience which is why we are a major destination for travel.	3/18/2021 4:23 PM
626	We are trying to keep and preserve and give back to our natural resources. We are committed to a mutual relationship of enjoying country life and protecting country living in a city structure.	3/18/2021 4:23 PM
627	urban cores surrounded by greenbelt	3/18/2021 3:59 PM
628	All the amenities of a large city set in a rural area.	3/18/2021 3:50 PM
629	green areas around development in inner core; Not NJ like sprawl	3/18/2021 3:46 PM
630	A place for people in the area to come to	3/18/2021 3:11 PM
631	We are an urban destination surrounded by rural areas	3/18/2021 2:59 PM
632	A city (dense development) interspersed with green spaces and trees surrounded by rural (less dense) areas. A buffer between the city and the suburbs.	3/18/2021 2:46 PM
633	Having an urban core surrounded by open space and less intensive development.	3/18/2021 2:16 PM

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634	All the benefits of a city (restaurants, shops, museums, etc.) in a laid back setting close to the country.	3/18/2021 2:12 PM
635	Important environment protection. Enhanced property values. Business success based on the the desirability of the area to visitors.	3/18/2021 1:56 PM
636	Urban area surrounded by open space	3/18/2021 1:51 PM
637	It's unique in that it's a small city with close proximity to nature.	3/18/2021 1:41 PM
638	That natural features, historic places, and access to natural environments are integrated with the urban/human needs of the city.	3/18/2021 1:30 PM
639	A city of population surrounded by beautiful country	3/18/2021 1:28 PM
640	It is a city space but with a country environment. More green spaces, less large buildings and traffic congestion	3/18/2021 1:27 PM
641	Saratoga has been built up to become a hub of community and commerce in an area that is still widely undeveloped.	3/18/2021 1:26 PM
642	City surrounded by green space rather than a continuation of development	3/18/2021 1:12 PM
643	Abundant culture and nature.	3/18/2021 12:54 PM
644	Compact urban core surrounded by open space.	3/18/2021 12:54 PM
645	A City in the Country evokes an urban space surrounded by fields, wildlife, and open space.	3/18/2021 12:45 PM
646	City amenities but surrounded by nature and the opportunities that it provides.	3/18/2021 12:38 PM
647	Surrounded by pretty rural areas Oasis in a way	3/18/2021 12:28 PM
648	It means living here we get to enjoy the best of both city and countryside living.	3/18/2021 12:22 PM
649	Easy access to the natural environment from the built environment. Concentrated development allowing for preservation of natural environments.	3/18/2021 12:00 PM
650	We have the benefits of a small city, with the benefits of green space and farmland in proximity	3/18/2021 11:52 AM
651	A sustainable city, with most development concentrated in the urban core, and surrounding lands protected from commercial development and limited to low-density rural uses.	3/18/2021 11:36 AM
652	Urban area with green spaces	3/18/2021 11:30 AM
653	Unique mix of man made and natural beauty - open space and cultural vibrancy	3/18/2021 10:44 AM
654	The presence of and connection to rural and wild places should be felt in most places of the city. It means there is/should be a vibrant diversity of people, arts, and businesses that feels active and bustling while just minutes away is the chance to escape in greenspace or on uncrowded quiet waterways. It means access to and support of local farms.	3/18/2021 10:34 AM
655	Close to Adirondack, Green Mtns.	3/18/2021 10:13 AM
656	We have a thriving economy and a built and attractive downtown area in a mostly rural area. We are surrounded by nature.	3/18/2021 9:50 AM
657	That we have a vibrant urban core surrounded by protected green space . That we dont succumb to sprawl .	3/18/2021 9:41 AM
658	We have green space and opportunity in a city environment	3/18/2021 9:30 AM
659	It's an urban center in a rural region.	3/18/2021 9:29 AM
660	I think this statement is becoming less true and the years go on and more development happens. Way too many apartments/condos being built. Way too many people coming to town for events.	3/18/2021 9:28 AM
661	A downtown, urban-ish hub surrounded by open, green spaces	3/18/2021 9:22 AM
662	We have preserved a green belt surrounding the city instead of developing every inch of available land.	3/18/2021 8:21 AM

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663	A dense urban core surrounded by low density development and preserved lands (ag and natural).	3/18/2021 7:31 AM
664	All the amenities of a beautiful city without disrupting the country feel and beauty.	3/18/2021 6:57 AM
665	Less city more country please!	3/18/2021 6:46 AM
666	City with country surrounding with lots to do outside safely	3/18/2021 2:46 AM
667	That the commercial and residential parts of the city are concentrated at the center instead of sprawling out to encroach on the natural wild areas and agricultural areas that surround the city.	3/18/2021 1:23 AM
668	Offers city amenities in a country setting	3/17/2021 9:07 PM
669	There is a defined green ring around the downtown. More density downtown, little suburban sprawl, more farms and forests at the edges	3/17/2021 8:56 PM
670	A city surrounded by green space	3/17/2021 8:39 PM
671	The benefits of a City without the metropolitan hustle	3/17/2021 8:37 PM
672	That we have a beautiful mini urban feel, surrounded by trails, farms, lakes, rivers and woods.	3/17/2021 8:11 PM
673	It has advantages of both city and country.	3/17/2021 6:28 PM
674	A city with attractive outdoor spaces and a buffer around the dense center	3/17/2021 6:21 PM
675	City ambiance and activities centered in and around the downtown area with access to open nature area...trees, parks, trails, bike/walking paths free of commercial development nearby.	3/17/2021 6:10 PM
676	Nothing. Just a catchy hackneyed slogan. If it doesn't include a horse in this city, it doesn't matter.	3/17/2021 5:20 PM
677	Thriving, walkable and vibrant urban core including and surrounded by well planned natural areas that increase quality of life of the community	3/17/2021 5:20 PM
678	Nothing. Catchy slogan with no meaning. If it's not about horses in this city, it doesn't matter.	3/17/2021 5:00 PM
679	The best of both worlds	3/17/2021 3:29 PM
680	dense urban core with open space surrounding and supporting the city with viable farms and open rarefactional spaces	3/17/2021 3:24 PM
681	I really don't know, it doesn't make sense to me.	3/17/2021 3:10 PM
682	A vibrant, dense downtown area surrounded by open lands with a more rural character. The opposite of sprawl!	3/17/2021 2:21 PM
683	it means that we have a downtown walkable core surrounded by the Greenbelt. At least ideally	3/17/2021 12:33 PM

Q15 What phrases or words would best describe your values or passion for open space resources in the City of Saratoga Springs?

Answered: 609 Skipped: 351

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Important. Lots of developers from downstate are buying up land and accelerating a lot of development.	4/16/2021 8:55 PM
2	Preserving the natural environment that provides a balance to man-made development. Natural spaces are a large part of what makes Saratoga Springs inviting, special and a wonderful place to live.	4/16/2021 8:52 PM
3	Free, green, love, open, sacred, welcoming	4/16/2021 5:52 PM
4	needed	4/16/2021 5:48 PM
5	Having a healthy community REQUIRES open spaces and natural resources. We are privileged to have so much of it in Saratoga	4/16/2021 4:18 PM
6	Glad we have them.	4/16/2021 4:13 PM
7	preservation, enjoyment	4/16/2021 4:04 PM
8	Importance of urban forestry within the city boundaries and a consideration of Tolerance of pedestrians, children and the elderly.	4/16/2021 3:36 PM
9	Spa state park is a treasure. I LOVE how SPAC is using it or nature walks etc.	4/16/2021 3:16 PM
10	Essential; invaluable; improve quality of life	4/16/2021 2:26 PM
11	More open space on the Westside of Saratoga Springs for new housing developments and activities for children.	4/16/2021 1:10 PM
12	Preserve the Greenbelt, improve pathway system.	4/16/2021 12:54 PM
13	Respectful partnerships between human and ecosystems, meeting each others needs for healthy growth and a full quality of life experience.	4/16/2021 12:09 PM
14	respect for public use areas, disappointment at irresponsible development especially by outsiders who leave after making their money.	4/16/2021 10:28 AM
15	Hoping they survive	4/16/2021 10:09 AM
16	The natural world needs to be preserved and protected for the health and well being of all life-human and non human	4/16/2021 10:06 AM
17	Preservation over development	4/16/2021 10:03 AM
18	Minimize tax burden on citizens. Promote economic opportunity while conserving natural areas.	4/16/2021 9:57 AM
19	Safely walk and bike anywhere. Preserve clean air and water for everyone's health.	4/16/2021 9:52 AM
20	Open spaces provide a quality of life aspect. Increases each persons ability to experience nature and use it for a variety of reasons.	4/16/2021 9:51 AM
21	I believe that we should prioritize creating viable transportation thoroughways (especially for bicyclists), environmental conservation, and recreation opportunities. I also believe that we should expel all developers who like building luxury condos from the city immediately.	4/16/2021 9:35 AM
22	Life affirming	4/16/2021 9:27 AM
23	It's the right relationship between culture, neighborhoods and environment	4/16/2021 7:47 AM
24	Livable future, Hopeful future	4/15/2021 10:38 PM

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25	I highly value open space in the city. It is an important part of why I choose to live here.	4/15/2021 10:03 PM
26	quiet engagement, escaping the noise, and visual, real space!	4/15/2021 9:12 PM
27	Grateful, apprehensive, precarious	4/15/2021 8:10 PM
28	stop deforesting and building absurd McMansions and condos, badly designed with no architectural distinction. In short, STOP BUILDING UGLY BUILDINGS	4/15/2021 7:48 PM
29	Necessary, safety, relaxing, connected, community	4/15/2021 7:12 PM
30	calming, nurturing, decompressing, healthful being in the natural world is key to my wellbeing	4/15/2021 7:04 PM
31	absolute necessity, one of the joys of life, reduction in pollution and traffic, nurturing, life sustaining	4/15/2021 6:53 PM
32	Fresh air, nature.	4/15/2021 6:34 PM
33	Beautiful...Well Kept	4/15/2021 5:29 PM
34	I admire the attention and care residents of Saratoga Springs bring to the open space discussion and I value highly all that's been achieved and will be achieved as we move forward with more planning.	4/15/2021 5:25 PM
35	Improves quality of life and at the same time provides economic value in a subtle, but important way.	4/15/2021 5:13 PM
36	a necessity for a healthy quality of life	4/15/2021 4:49 PM
37	Preventing overdevelopment within the city and avoiding the pollution and congestion that too much development brings with it.	4/15/2021 4:13 PM
38	I think preserving and expanding green space in Saratoga is essential as it grows exponentially and that our public outdoor spaces contribute to the charm of the city	4/15/2021 3:54 PM
39	greater community, participation in more outdoor work and exercise	4/15/2021 3:52 PM
40	Necessary for good quality of life	4/15/2021 3:25 PM
41	culture, nature, horses, history, community	4/15/2021 3:17 PM
42	Green belt, green city, green planet.	4/15/2021 3:17 PM
43	stress-relieving, relaxing, healthy, fresh air	4/15/2021 3:12 PM
44	necessity	4/15/2021 3:09 PM
45	I can breathe!!! When I smell the pines at Spa State Park I am transported elsewhere	4/15/2021 3:04 PM
46	Let nature flourish at our doorstep Nature and humans: sharing the world is best for both A healthy natural world makes for healthy and happy humans	4/15/2021 2:58 PM
47	magical, essential, serendipitous	4/15/2021 2:57 PM
48	N/A	4/15/2021 2:56 PM
49	Maintain a pristine gateway to the Adirondacks for wildlife that provides low impact recreational opportunities for the community. Avoid sprawl!!!!	4/15/2021 2:46 PM
50	Healthy for exercise and relaxation.	4/15/2021 11:58 AM
51	preserving beautiful spaces from being overdeveloped; providing attractive spaces for recreation at various levels of fitness;	4/15/2021 11:08 AM
52	Necessary to keep community open.	4/15/2021 10:08 AM
53	Open space is the "golden goose" of the quality of life and places that attracted me to Saratoga. As a 15 year resident I fear we are "killing the goose" with development and need to expand our open spaces with the same aggressiveness as our real estate developers.	4/15/2021 9:46 AM
54	passionate about open wild green space	4/15/2021 8:56 AM
55	Health for the planet and the people.	4/15/2021 8:29 AM

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56	Physical health. Emotional wellness. Social gatherings.	4/15/2021 6:58 AM
57	Safety,natural,healthy,beautiful	4/15/2021 5:59 AM
58	Saratoga has often been referred to as the "Spa" city because of its long affiliation with health and healthy living. It is not enough to have open spaces in the city - the city needs to be surrounded by open spaces. The open spaces in the city should also be protected with no encroachments (ie: the former YMCA location now has a building that encroaches on beautiful Congress Park - apparently no one cares) the cities wild encouragement of intensive "mixed-use" buildings ALL OVER THE CITY are devastating with the result being overcrowding and ever larger parking facilities or government subsidizing business to provide housing for private employees.	4/14/2021 10:34 PM
59	Concern about over development	4/14/2021 9:24 PM
60	I think that we need more open spaces, especially for biking trails.	4/14/2021 9:02 PM
61	More people should enjoy the outdoors!	4/14/2021 8:23 PM
62	Critical, absolutely essential, necessary, good health	4/14/2021 6:16 PM
63	So fun	4/14/2021 5:26 PM
64	"Leave No Trace". There is a big problem at the State Park with people not cleaning up after horses on the bike path and people leaving "dog bags" on the trail for someone else to pick up. "Happiness Rocks" are also go against LNT	4/14/2021 4:10 PM
65	walk with family or friends, dog time, community	4/14/2021 2:30 PM
66	Preservation, peaceful, zen, fresh air. It's what I love most about living in Saratoga.	4/14/2021 1:25 PM
67	functional ecosystems and landscapes	4/14/2021 12:42 PM
68	Mental, physical, and spiritual health; Essential!! It's why I live here and have stayed here	4/14/2021 11:14 AM
69	It's very important!	4/14/2021 11:12 AM
70	Health and Wellness	4/14/2021 7:26 AM
71	Artistic, creative, affordable to all	4/14/2021 7:14 AM
72	Its hard for kids to bakeries from one place to another because of crazy traffic. Need bike trails for kids/families that connects to places and parks rather than dead ending.	4/14/2021 7:14 AM
73	Saratoga Springs is getting over=developed and the ecosystems/greenspaces that preserve air and water quality are diminishing . Open space is critical to preserving the quality of life in Saratoga Springs through environmental preservation and security the availability of healthy open spaces for exercise and activities.	4/14/2021 7:00 AM
74	Nurtures body and soul	4/13/2021 10:21 PM
75	Necessity	4/13/2021 9:00 PM
76	Connectivity, ability to travel to opportunities without car	4/13/2021 8:59 PM
77	So passionate about spaces for our children to play	4/13/2021 8:39 PM
78	It's why we wanted to move here.	4/13/2021 8:11 PM
79	Community. Health.	4/13/2021 7:51 PM
80	Nature lover, hiker, biker, park visitor, gardener, farmers market fan, sunset watcher	4/13/2021 5:32 PM
81	Easy, fast way to leave the urban environment and get some nature, peace, and quiet.	4/13/2021 5:03 PM
82	Well-maintained, connected, diverse, close-by	4/13/2021 4:32 PM
83	Exercise sporting activities/farming	4/13/2021 4:24 PM
84	We are stewards of the environment and should do our best to learn about it and enjoy it.	4/13/2021 3:41 PM
85	Parks and trails. Playgrounds and dog runs.	4/13/2021 3:33 PM
86	strongly favor	4/13/2021 3:10 PM

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87	important, necessary, uncompromising, urgent, relevant, environmentally friendly	4/13/2021 3:01 PM
88	I have always been extremely proud to call Saratoga Springs my home for all that it has to offer. The number of and size of buildings that has occurred the past several years is concerning to me.	4/13/2021 2:14 PM
89	Please stop building	4/13/2021 1:37 PM
90	Connectivity	4/13/2021 1:07 PM
91	Strong, but in need of non-automobile improvement and pedestrian access	4/13/2021 1:04 PM
92	Committed	4/13/2021 12:42 PM
93	Health....	4/13/2021 10:47 AM
94	green, health	4/13/2021 10:26 AM
95	Open space is a resource than cannot be replaced once it's gone. It's the essential to our health, our economy and our ability to navigate climate change. It's also the basis of our community's quality of life.	4/13/2021 10:11 AM
96	We would do anything to help make open space a top priority for our City	4/13/2021 9:32 AM
97	harmony with nature	4/13/2021 9:08 AM
98	Inclusive, accessible, diverse in audience (targeting different age groups, applying to many age groups)	4/13/2021 8:12 AM
99	Essential for quality of life. Balance. Respect for the environment.	4/12/2021 10:21 PM
100	Nature focused, less development / condos	4/12/2021 9:42 PM
101	Public space. Preservation of nature.	4/12/2021 9:11 PM
102	I think that there is some over building in Saratoga Springs.....let's keep the country in the city! Homes are being built on smaller lots, along with condos and carriage houses.	4/12/2021 7:31 PM
103	For the love of God, let us breathe. And enough downtown is nice, and enough downtown is enough.	4/12/2021 7:19 PM
104	Community, health	4/12/2021 7:14 PM
105	Agriculture and recreation for use of open spaces.	4/12/2021 4:55 PM
106	We have other, more pressing issues to use our funds on than nature. We already have so much more nature opportunities than many towns.	4/12/2021 4:29 PM
107	mental & physical health, connection to nature, vitality, outdoor exposure, clarity	4/12/2021 1:55 PM
108	Running trails.	4/12/2021 1:25 PM
109	Quality of life	4/12/2021 12:49 PM
110	environmental conservation, outdoor recreation, nature, natural beauty	4/12/2021 12:35 PM
111	Having open spaces is critical for all of our health, emotional, spiritual and physical. It's critical for our community.	4/12/2021 11:49 AM
112	Treasured	4/12/2021 11:42 AM
113	Once a space is closed, it is almost impossible to open back up.	4/12/2021 11:41 AM
114	An absolute necessity based on the amount of construction taking place on any useable space a building could be put.	4/12/2021 11:27 AM
115	Extremely supportive and enthusiastic about preserving open space and greenbelt.	4/12/2021 10:59 AM
116	want the kids outside@@@	4/12/2021 10:33 AM
117	Preserving and enhancing natural areas.	4/12/2021 10:14 AM
118	Saratoga Springs has ample open space and is fortunate to be part of a larger area which has tremendous amounts of open space.	4/12/2021 9:06 AM

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119	Air quality. Water quality health	4/12/2021 9:01 AM
120	We must preserve our open space to defend against urban sprawl	4/12/2021 8:26 AM
121	the reason I moved here - the thing that keeps me here	4/12/2021 8:16 AM
122	Preservation of nature and wildlife	4/12/2021 6:28 AM
123	Important. Valued. Needed.	4/11/2021 9:11 PM
124	Active engagement. Participation. Gratitude	4/11/2021 8:55 PM
125	Access to open natural spaces in order to improve my health and the health of my family/community	4/11/2021 8:39 PM
126	Functional, clean, beautiful, natural, well-maintained, accessible to all	4/11/2021 8:38 PM
127	Healthy outdoor space available to everyone	4/11/2021 8:36 PM
128	worried about disappearing natural lands	4/11/2021 8:35 PM
129	I moved here because there are great parks and natural areas so close to where I live. Yet I'm also so close to shops, schools, restaurants, music venues, library. Saratoga has it all. Saratoga needs to be careful with over development and traffic	4/11/2021 8:24 PM
130	Conservation- quality of life - environmental awareness- the need for nature as an antidote to social media and commercialism	4/11/2021 8:15 PM
131	Fresh Air, quiet	4/11/2021 7:33 PM
132	Family	4/11/2021 7:24 PM
133	Indispensable!	4/11/2021 6:04 PM
134	High priority	4/11/2021 5:49 PM
135	Quality of life.	4/11/2021 5:17 PM
136	environmentally focused. looking toward a greener, healthier life.	4/11/2021 5:08 PM
137	Fresh air, nature	4/11/2021 4:21 PM
138	Very high value	4/11/2021 2:01 PM
139	Clean, healthy, beautiful, appreciated	4/11/2021 1:01 PM
140	I believe open spaces are essential for the well-being both physical and mental of all ages in our city. We can never have enough of them.	4/11/2021 11:59 AM
141	Compared to other communities our parks are very accessible and have something for everyone. From paved paths to creeks, to an assortment of play areas. It makes our community.	4/11/2021 11:28 AM
142	For us, open natural spaces are what completes our style of living which includes not only the great local food, music, and art but also includes plenty of opportunities for outdoor walking and hiking.	4/11/2021 11:03 AM
143	The value of our community lies in a balanced approach to development with an emphasis on maintaining high quality recreational experiences without sacrificing our fragile natural ecosystems.	4/11/2021 10:29 AM
144	1) creates and enhances property values 2) adds to the "feel" of the community - something that makes SS different 3) contributes to the health of the community 4) prioritizes the community's long-term livability and value by limiting developers' short-term profit interests and politicians' near-term tax quest 5) revisiting the original plan (vs starting over) averts a shift in frame of reference	4/11/2021 10:27 AM
145	Vital - Necessary - Urgent	4/11/2021 10:24 AM
146	Air quality & clean water.	4/11/2021 9:57 AM
147	Open spaces are essential for human and environmental health. Our every action should	4/11/2021 7:16 AM

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	consider the need to lessen the climate crisis.	
148	A mix of working, recreation and conservation-focused open spaces to define and provide for the urban core.	4/10/2021 11:01 PM
149	We need more. And better. And more important. Less commercializing. Better for the environment.	4/10/2021 9:53 PM
150	If we lose it we'll never get it back. Science proves even a few minutes in green spaces are beneficial to physical, mental, emotional health. And no stress getting to green space.	4/10/2021 8:55 PM
151	Conservation, recreation, entertainment, and adventure	4/10/2021 8:53 PM
152	I think we seem to be building condos, apts, multiple housing units on every vacant piece of property.....a lot occupied minimally by people who live elsewhere.	4/10/2021 7:12 PM
153	Love the area	4/10/2021 4:36 PM
154	Peaceful, restorative , beautiful	4/10/2021 4:32 PM
155	Open space equals quality of life, opportunities for relaxation, enjoyment of wildlife like birds, fox, even deer within the city limits. Fresh air.	4/10/2021 3:59 PM
156	Open welcoming easy access	4/10/2021 3:26 PM
157	Open spaces that engage all our senses - sight, sound, exercise, relaxation, contemplation, and smell.	4/10/2021 3:17 PM
158	More smaller green spaces throughout the city would encourage outdoor time and pedestrian traffic.	4/10/2021 2:01 PM
159	Invest in businesses that guarantee nothing from that business will go into the aquifer that impacts our water.	4/10/2021 1:02 PM
160	Saratoga has it all	4/10/2021 12:45 PM
161	Open spaces provide quality of life, including for those of us who live downtown. Please don't let open space efforts allow overly dense downtown development. We don't have the infrastructure of major cities such as sufficient public transportation, nor control of the state route Broadway which is frequently clogged with delivery trucks.	4/10/2021 12:32 PM
162	Connected open space	4/10/2021 12:29 PM
163	High	4/10/2021 12:09 PM
164	Maintained Beautiful Accessible to all	4/10/2021 11:33 AM
165	Health, community, discovery, conservation	4/10/2021 10:46 AM
166	Preserving history and character, balance development with preserving green space,	4/10/2021 10:40 AM
167	Open space needs to match city contents with less emphasis on the constant push to build yet another monstrosity of expensive condos	4/10/2021 10:22 AM
168	safe, inclusive, year-round, accessible, interconnectedness, native plants, outdoor recreation and education, healthy active lifestyle	4/10/2021 9:56 AM
169	Open space provides community in a city.	4/10/2021 9:14 AM
170	Quality of life; interdependence	4/10/2021 7:57 AM
171	Green, clean, family, friends, exercise	4/10/2021 7:22 AM
172	Places for reflection and interaction with the natural world.	4/10/2021 6:35 AM
173	Historic	4/9/2021 10:07 PM
174	A fun and beautiful place to be active and healthy.	4/9/2021 10:01 PM
175	Peaceful places to rest, relax and say ahh	4/9/2021 9:36 PM
176	Connecting with nature. Spending time solo or with others in it's natural beauty and serenity.	4/9/2021 9:06 PM
177	vital to a good life important for the welfare of a city beautiful good for all citizens	4/9/2021 8:54 PM

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178	Escape from noise and demands of city life and jobs.	4/9/2021 8:21 PM
179	More connecting trails	4/9/2021 7:51 PM
180	Practical, affordable, anti-gentrification	4/9/2021 7:00 PM
181	nature quiet	4/9/2021 6:10 PM
182	Health	4/9/2021 5:44 PM
183	Important	4/9/2021 5:41 PM
184	Nature, inspiration, joy, freedom	4/9/2021 5:39 PM
185	Highly desire and regard more open spaces. And the maintaining of the existing open spaces in Saratoga.	4/9/2021 5:14 PM
186	Foster connection to land and environment	4/9/2021 5:13 PM
187	Local nature	4/9/2021 5:01 PM
188	Fun, enjoyment, healthy, exercise, fresh air	4/9/2021 4:59 PM
189	Safe, open, nice playgrounds for the kids, clean	4/9/2021 4:58 PM
190	Sunshine	4/9/2021 4:47 PM
191	Health, history, horses	4/9/2021 4:34 PM
192	crucial, necessity,	4/9/2021 4:28 PM
193	Accessible to all. For families without big yards, pools and other luxuries open spaces are critical.	4/9/2021 4:00 PM
194	Again, not sure. Sorry.	4/9/2021 3:41 PM
195	Inclusive community... engagement with the neighbors...	4/9/2021 3:37 PM
196	Not applicable	4/9/2021 3:26 PM
197	environmentalism	4/9/2021 3:22 PM
198	It is a City open to Family and friends	4/9/2021 3:20 PM
199	It's the only reason I live here.	4/9/2021 3:09 PM
200	Do it!	4/9/2021 12:53 PM
201	Natural, public, free	4/9/2021 11:56 AM
202	inclusivity	4/9/2021 11:51 AM
203	Concerned, informed voting citizen who values nature and sees human activity as just one interest to be considered, and not necessarily the most important interest.	4/9/2021 10:47 AM
204	I love having areas to let my children run around in and have family outings where we could picnic.	4/9/2021 10:40 AM
205	Wildlife preservation	4/9/2021 10:23 AM
206	I prefer economic development If shielding open spaces hurts economic opportunity and Saratoga's lifestyle I love I can't support it	4/9/2021 10:10 AM
207	Beauty among beauty	4/9/2021 9:40 AM
208	Conservation Fewer high end homes	4/9/2021 9:39 AM
209	Vital	4/9/2021 9:35 AM
210	Not sure	4/9/2021 9:29 AM
211	Accessible	4/9/2021 9:20 AM
212	Green space, nature, fresh air.	4/9/2021 9:19 AM

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213	Extremely important, it's another version of mixed use space, we often think of mixed use when we build a new building, business on the bottom, apartments/condos on top, all good stuff. The same goes for open/rec space....that access to those kinds of opportunities and then having access to restaurants/commerce/concerts/social gathering/etc. It's all generally close.	4/9/2021 9:11 AM
214	They remain untouched by economic development.	4/9/2021 9:10 AM
215	healthy, preservation, conservation	4/9/2021 8:57 AM
216	Health, Open, Nature, Relaxation, Calm, Peace	4/9/2021 8:30 AM
217	Access, nature, walkability, bike ability,	4/9/2021 7:36 AM
218	It appears that outside of federally mandated watershed areas any open land is being up for grabs for private development	4/8/2021 10:07 PM
219	Preservation Health Recreation	4/8/2021 9:41 PM
220	accessible, connected, natural	4/8/2021 8:19 PM
221	I use open spaces all the time.	4/8/2021 5:40 PM
222	we all need to get outdoors, away from screens and develop appreciation of nature if nature is to survive	4/8/2021 5:20 PM
223	Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County have a good number and variety of open space areas open to the public. We can always use more! Our visitors really admire us for that.	4/8/2021 4:53 PM
224	Nature is natural	4/8/2021 3:54 PM
225	It keeps you active, it's fun, you can do fun stuff.	4/8/2021 2:09 PM
226	Conservation. Preservation.	4/8/2021 1:30 PM
227	Get out and enjoy the great outdoors in the biggest space you can find!	4/8/2021 10:24 AM
228	none	4/8/2021 9:58 AM
229	Pride and community spirit	4/8/2021 8:39 AM
230	Respectful, rich in diversity, "seven generations," educational	4/8/2021 8:26 AM
231	It is important that we take the 100 year view for preserving open space. It is this type of commitment that provided the city with the wonderful parks and open space that we have today (Spa Park, Congress Park, High Rock, etc.)	4/8/2021 8:19 AM
232	Maintain as much as possible. Too much building, especially of condos. We will lose our appeal of city in the country if we continue to allow so many large buildings	4/8/2021 7:38 AM
233	Respect for nature. Conservation. Accessibility.	4/8/2021 6:42 AM
234	Health and wellness, physical movement, better mental health, appreciation for nature, stressfree	4/8/2021 3:45 AM
235	Nature is a common good and providing and protecting access for all layers of society (not just rich people with lake access or big properties) makes sense on every level	4/7/2021 9:58 PM
236	Environmentalism, connecting people to animals and nature, exercising in fresh air, appreciating natural beauty. I would love to see local artists bring some art into natural areas as well.	4/7/2021 9:27 PM
237	Nature enthusiasts	4/7/2021 9:23 PM
238	Essential to the desirability and livability of Saratoga Springs. If SS was surrounded by developments we wouldn't be here.	4/7/2021 9:15 PM
239	Outdoor spaces that every community member can find use for somewhere within city limits.	4/7/2021 9:09 PM
240	Love	4/7/2021 8:46 PM
241	Fresh air Blue skies Rolling hills	4/7/2021 8:46 PM

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242	Access to a variety of outdoor recreational activities	4/7/2021 8:31 PM
243	Variety, diversity So many options on any given day to be outdoors, exercise and enjoy these with friend	4/7/2021 8:16 PM
244	critical	4/7/2021 6:54 PM
245	Open spaces are needed to help alleviate the mental health crisis we are in. The Saratoga Plan preserves and other hiking trails literally saved me during covid when I could not find a doctor. My husband had an unexpected stroke in 2018 (at a young age)...I now have PTSD, Anxiety, depression and grief. Nature has been a major part of my healing. Thank you!	4/7/2021 6:32 PM
246	solitude, relaxation	4/7/2021 6:27 PM
247	Conservation	4/7/2021 6:17 PM
248	nature conservation, community trails	4/7/2021 2:59 PM
249	Save what you can otherwise the condos are coming.	4/7/2021 2:06 PM
250	Important for individuals at all ages	4/7/2021 1:43 PM
251	It's what keeps Saratoga so unique. City in the country feel.	4/7/2021 1:05 PM
252	Important	4/7/2021 1:02 PM
253	important, integral, revitalizing, relaxing	4/7/2021 11:15 AM
254	Aware, passionate, protective	4/7/2021 9:16 AM
255	Monumental to preservation of what makes Saratoga Saratoga.	4/7/2021 8:45 AM
256	Preservation, nature, wildlife, historic, peaceful.	4/7/2021 8:28 AM
257	We want to play We want to hike We want to escape to the woods SPAC is a refuge to our family	4/6/2021 7:58 PM
258	Need space to get away	4/6/2021 7:12 PM
259	Peaceful, a safe environment to walk ,sit and relax.	4/6/2021 6:49 PM
260	Part of Saratoga Springs heritage	4/6/2021 2:27 PM
261	Freedom to enjoy green space.	4/6/2021 1:35 PM
262	Useful, educational	4/6/2021 9:47 AM
263	It is of incredibly Significant importance to retain what open space we have and add to it	4/5/2021 10:27 PM
264	overdeveloped areas are ugly	4/5/2021 10:26 PM
265	I don't understand your question. Yes, open spaces and commitment to health and recreation are critical. People won't continue to visit Saratoga Springs if we don't hold these values as part of our economic development	4/5/2021 10:18 PM
266	enjoying nature	4/5/2021 10:01 PM
267	Very grateful and appreciative of the open space resources nearby - they are beautiful and invaluable to my mental health!	4/5/2021 8:14 PM
268	Open Space it vital to our health.	4/5/2021 8:03 PM
269	Extremely important	4/5/2021 7:44 PM
270	Would like to see less really tall buildings downtown blocking the sunshine.....No Fireworks in Congress Park, traumatizes all wildlife. More greenspace for Birds & people to enjoy. So Health is a Value for all creatures.	4/5/2021 7:28 PM
271	Necessary, resourceful, beautiful	4/5/2021 5:38 PM
272	Essential Moral Obligation Healing/Therapeutic Incentives to tourists and business visitors Brings incredible beauty to our city	4/5/2021 5:37 PM
273	to many people telling property owners what to do with their property that they pay taxes on	4/5/2021 5:33 PM

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274	I value clean air and water, open space, trees, balanced natural habitats, neighborhoods with class and charm, gardens and access to outdoor recreation for persons of any demographic.	4/5/2021 5:21 PM
275	Necessary for the health of both nature and our community.	4/5/2021 5:04 PM
276	Nature is my religion.	4/5/2021 5:01 PM
277	Spirit of adventure. Living frugal. Committing to more environmentally conscious activities and experiences.	4/5/2021 4:09 PM
278	Convenient access to healthy activities	4/5/2021 2:41 PM
279	Priority	4/5/2021 1:55 PM
280	Beauty, enjoyment, health	4/5/2021 1:43 PM
281	I believe they are vital for bettering mental and physical health	4/5/2021 1:35 PM
282	One the land is developed for business or residential uses, you can not get it back. Natural beauty keeps Saratoga Springs a special place.	4/5/2021 1:14 PM
283	The ability to breathe, take a pause from life, give the eyes an open space to land.	4/5/2021 1:13 PM
284	being outside (especially in the company of family and friends) is both psychologically and physically healthful	4/5/2021 11:54 AM
285	interested	4/5/2021 8:27 AM
286	essential, necessary, critical	4/5/2021 6:20 AM
287	maintain forested areas-and seriously consider each area to be developed	4/4/2021 4:43 PM
288	Connection to Nature.	4/4/2021 7:58 AM
289	conservation	4/3/2021 8:31 PM
290	Vital	4/3/2021 7:17 PM
291	Peaceful. Clean. Quiet. Green.	4/3/2021 1:51 PM
292	It is the best part of living here. It is extremely important to my quality of life.	4/3/2021 9:30 AM
293	Expand and protect open spaces NOW because once it's developed, it's gone forever!	4/3/2021 8:29 AM
294	Exercise, community space, get outside in the fresh air, happy, trees and smells of nature	4/3/2021 6:29 AM
295	Green space	4/2/2021 5:30 PM
296	I believe open spaces are needed to provide residents with opportunities for peace, mental health, and social well being. Saratoga has grown significantly in the past decade, and it's important for full time residents to have places to retreat from the traffic, hustle, and noise.	4/2/2021 3:05 PM
297	More homework :(4/2/2021 12:15 PM
298	Not sure	4/2/2021 11:04 AM
299	Available, accessible and diverse natural areas.	4/2/2021 10:59 AM
300	away from the bustle, fresh and healthy air, free from the crowds	4/2/2021 10:53 AM
301	close to nature.. close to the city; healthy outside activity;	4/2/2021 10:53 AM
302	Sustainable city with a conscience.	4/2/2021 10:41 AM
303	I think it is important because being active is so good for your mental and physical health, something particularly important right now. Having spaces that people can go is encouraging and makes exercise fun.	4/1/2021 11:48 PM
304	Leave it better than you found it.	4/1/2021 10:42 PM
305	We have a beautiful city with amazing natural resources! Let's enjoy them!	4/1/2021 9:31 PM
306	Wildlife preservation. Trees, flowers, small agriculture, Bees, birds, fish.	4/1/2021 9:25 PM

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307	My feeling is we have a balance of open spaces within and around surroundings, great economics, vibrant downtown = best city in the world...	4/1/2021 7:09 PM
308	natural settings	4/1/2021 9:44 AM
309	Stimulating to the senses and relaxing to the mind	3/31/2021 11:08 PM
310	unspoiled vistas natural settings within easy reach	3/31/2021 8:26 PM
311	Planned acquisition and flexible policy. Sometimes acquisition just because property is on the market is a mistake.	3/31/2021 8:26 PM
312	Green spaces, trails, cycling, rivers, community	3/31/2021 8:14 PM
313	Refreshing, relaxing, calming, renewal.	3/31/2021 6:47 PM
314	Appreciative of the outdoor recreational opportunities that exist in and around the City.	3/31/2021 10:15 AM
315	Keep green space green!	3/31/2021 9:00 AM
316	it is having the best of both worlds beauty and city services.	3/31/2021 8:38 AM
317	Passionate	3/31/2021 7:35 AM
318	It is one of the things that makes Saratoga such a great place to live. We will not regret preserving these spaces but we will surely regret letting them slip away. We are blessing with many proactive, forward thiking, hard working people that care deeply about this issue.	3/31/2021 12:01 AM
319	they set the quality of life bar to a high level	3/30/2021 8:30 PM
320	Invaluable, unique, necessary	3/30/2021 7:36 PM
321	Essential / precious / sacred spaces	3/30/2021 5:33 PM
322	The preservation of wild areas and ecosystems unaffected by human presence; the preservation and/or restoration of dark skies and the larger nocturnal environment.	3/30/2021 3:11 PM
323	desperate! too much development in the town	3/30/2021 2:31 PM
324	Nature	3/30/2021 2:04 PM
325	Public interaction Cross-community engagement Appreciation of natural beauty--we live in an exceptional place. Promoting health for community and visitors	3/30/2021 1:47 PM
326	Deep belief motivated by experience in cities with much more robust recreation programs that cities are made better by this type of infrastructure	3/30/2021 12:35 PM
327	I think open space is essential to any City. It is important to keep green and open space for not only our health, but the health of the ecosystem.	3/30/2021 12:23 PM
328	Restorative comes to mind. I always walking or hiking among trees and waterways to be restorative.	3/30/2021 11:45 AM
329	There is never enough!	3/30/2021 11:38 AM
330	sustainability, alternative transportation, outdoor recreation	3/30/2021 10:48 AM
331	Its good for our health and property values	3/30/2021 10:21 AM
332	health, history and horses - these three words hold true to this day for Saratoga Springs	3/30/2021 9:53 AM
333	Essential!	3/30/2021 9:23 AM
334	Available, accessible	3/30/2021 8:49 AM
335	love open space	3/30/2021 8:48 AM
336	Equal opportunity for the west side which has been historically neglected.	3/30/2021 8:33 AM
337	Enjoying nature while I have fun. Exploring my local areas.	3/30/2021 8:32 AM
338	Creating experiences for my kids.	3/30/2021 8:21 AM
339	we have a good start and need to maintain our current assets as we grow	3/30/2021 8:10 AM

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340	Health, nature and beauty	3/30/2021 7:26 AM
341	peace..serenity..safety	3/30/2021 7:07 AM
342	Preservation, recreation, undeveloped	3/30/2021 6:56 AM
343	Needed. Save out small town feel. Stop building.	3/30/2021 6:55 AM
344	Invaluable, needed, Sustaining,	3/30/2021 6:52 AM
345	better development and use of current resources with an emphasis on connecting to neighborhoods for encouraging use of bicycles or walking. Adding to those resources by acquiring adjacent parcels or easements.	3/30/2021 6:45 AM
346	Open space creates opportunity for health and growth accessible to all.	3/29/2021 11:18 PM
347	More mountain biking	3/29/2021 10:12 PM
348	Outdoor escapes, recreation	3/29/2021 9:42 PM
349	Simply the best	3/29/2021 9:35 PM
350	Necessity for a healthy and fulfilled life	3/29/2021 9:27 PM
351	Open spaces	3/29/2021 9:15 PM
352	Maintain and expand.	3/29/2021 9:15 PM
353	Very passionate, value it greatly, need the outdoors	3/29/2021 9:15 PM
354	Healthy living	3/29/2021 9:09 PM
355	Respect, forward thinking, change	3/29/2021 9:08 PM
356	Health, nature, sanity, balance, family	3/29/2021 8:54 PM
357	Safe and secluded connections across the city	3/29/2021 8:52 PM
358	Family and friend gatherings	3/29/2021 8:49 PM
359	Refreshing, rejuvenation, connection with the natural world	3/29/2021 8:22 PM
360	Enthusiastic	3/29/2021 8:22 PM
361	Improving	3/29/2021 8:14 PM
362	Preservation	3/29/2021 6:32 PM
363	Accessible convenient clean safe	3/29/2021 5:51 PM
364	development moratorium historic setting outdoor recreation	3/29/2021 5:51 PM
365	necessity	3/29/2021 4:45 PM
366	Accessibility; family friendly	3/29/2021 4:35 PM
367	Fresh air, open space, recreation, relaxation and beauty	3/29/2021 4:12 PM
368	balance	3/29/2021 1:37 PM
369	Lots of open, natural spaces. A good balance between urban, woods and natural/farmland.	3/29/2021 11:52 AM
370	open space enhances the lifestyle of a town	3/29/2021 10:32 AM
371	quality of life	3/29/2021 9:50 AM
372	Passionate	3/29/2021 8:24 AM
373	Everything is right here!	3/29/2021 8:18 AM
374	I think the most important reason to preserve open space is to counter balance the over development that is happening to our beauty City. If the City won't curb the over development then it needs to at least invest in an equal amount of green space.	3/28/2021 9:42 PM
375	Green, nature, environmental	3/28/2021 1:05 PM

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376	In our region and nationally, parks and open space have seen dramatic increases in use this year as people safe spaces to meet and recreate with friends and family during the COVID-19 pandemic. Saratoga Springs resources have made it a desirable place but it would be best if each neighborhood had the option to walk out their door and be able to walk to a park. Kids cannot drive and rely on their parents. Neighborhood parks, trails, and more sidewalks would help.	3/28/2021 12:07 PM
377	Health, movement, air, nature, run, play, dogs, fitness, passion, commune	3/28/2021 6:46 AM
378	Priceless	3/27/2021 10:47 PM
379	Place to relax	3/27/2021 4:48 PM
380	Close and easy to get to	3/27/2021 4:43 PM
381	Stop the building until condo's and hotel are full.	3/27/2021 4:37 PM
382	Less sprawl, strip malls and concrete jungle. Lots of the city not connected with sidewalks and trails. Example- I live on Maple Dell with spring run trails across the road. We would love sidewalks to connect us to trails and downtown. Dangerous walking and biking on maple street	3/27/2021 4:04 PM
383	Critical! Would not choose to live in a place that does not value and maintain open space resources.	3/27/2021 3:07 PM
384	need for a mix of business and cultural activities plus convenient opportunity to connect with nature	3/27/2021 11:23 AM
385	Open space = health--individual and community	3/27/2021 10:27 AM
386	Highly attainable, rejuvenating, healing body, mind& soul	3/27/2021 9:59 AM
387	Life blood	3/27/2021 9:48 AM
388	It adds great character to the city; It increases the desirability of the city as a place to live; It delivers on the City in the Country theme by providing "country" within the city; It's what makes Saratoga special and unlike just any other city.	3/27/2021 8:58 AM
389	Stop the spread of Bonacio Brick Behemoths!!!! Maintain the peace of the natural world.	3/27/2021 8:09 AM
390	Enjoyment. Some historic. Lovely.	3/27/2021 8:07 AM
391	Without them I would not live in SS	3/27/2021 7:57 AM
392	The opportunity to get outdoors no matter the season and enjoy nature. The trails and parks are great resources to enjoy with my family.	3/27/2021 6:58 AM
393	Open space is irreplaceable and its preservation should come before development at all costs.	3/27/2021 6:52 AM
394	Beautifully maintained. Pretty. Places to sit. Clean. Historic.	3/26/2021 9:34 PM
395	Necessary to preserve the quality of life, growth does not come with the shadows of tall buildings or the heat of pavement, but from the beauty of sunlight, animals, and grass underfoot.	3/26/2021 8:37 PM
396	Strong desire to live in a place that is close to nature	3/26/2021 7:09 PM
397	very passionate about open space preservation	3/26/2021 3:25 PM
398	Convenience.	3/26/2021 3:19 PM
399	They will help mitigate the heat island effect, add enormous psychological value to residents and visitors, add to the esthetic appeal, provide an environmental benefit to wildlife.	3/26/2021 2:19 PM
400	Green spaces keep the "spring" in Saratoga Springs	3/26/2021 1:27 PM
401	Open spaces are central to having a thriving community	3/26/2021 1:12 PM
402	Living in harmony with nature	3/26/2021 1:07 PM
403	Health, History, Horses ;)	3/26/2021 12:18 PM
404	freedom	3/26/2021 11:52 AM

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405	Green spaces are vital for keeping the "spring" in Saratoga Springs	3/26/2021 11:27 AM
406	dedicated, necessary. I am for cluster housing with large open spaces surrounding and connecting to other areas of cluster housing.	3/26/2021 11:05 AM
407	Profound	3/26/2021 10:41 AM
408	Balance...every new development should somehow tie into existing walks and trails	3/26/2021 10:14 AM
409	Important, valuable	3/26/2021 10:12 AM
410	Best of all worlds at the doorstep.	3/26/2021 9:57 AM
411	Access to nature does good things for the soul.	3/26/2021 9:56 AM
412	I find access to natural open space improves my outlook and relaxation	3/26/2021 9:54 AM
413	Open space makes for healthier citizens.	3/26/2021 9:51 AM
414	Essential, invaluable, priority	3/26/2021 9:50 AM
415	carefully plan what is valuable, and preserve it! cherish our natural environment!	3/26/2021 9:49 AM
416	For the residents. The people who live here 12 months of the year.	3/26/2021 9:34 AM
417	Movement Stillness Connection	3/26/2021 9:15 AM
418	Carrying the intent of Congress park and other beautiful open spaces	3/26/2021 9:05 AM
419	City in the country atmosphere	3/26/2021 9:02 AM
420	I think open space is essential as a breathing space to pause, reflect, experience wonder and connection through the natural world around us. It is an essential reason I call Saratoga Springs "home".	3/26/2021 8:55 AM
421	Fearful of losing what little we have to development of more condos, more "second homes" for people who do not live here year round. High real estate costs are prohibitive and yet more condos are being built. What about parks and open spaces!	3/26/2021 8:34 AM
422	life support solace health beauty habitat	3/26/2021 8:00 AM
423	Health, restorative, connection, family, friends, refresh, preserve, outdoor education	3/26/2021 7:53 AM
424	Let's not make Saratoga bigger and more congested, let's make Saratoga better with more open space.	3/26/2021 7:48 AM
425	A solid urban core surrounded by roads and that lead to the country	3/26/2021 7:47 AM
426	Preservation recreation	3/26/2021 7:01 AM
427	Necessary for it to continue to thrive	3/26/2021 6:44 AM
428	Walkable clean open	3/26/2021 12:47 AM
429	Family fun in the park Music in the park Fun in the sun	3/25/2021 11:40 PM
430	A necessary component of life experience.	3/25/2021 11:24 PM
431	They're necessary!	3/25/2021 9:02 PM
432	grateful	3/25/2021 8:40 PM
433	It is the most important issue for this City's future	3/25/2021 8:16 PM
434	Essential to well being plus property value	3/25/2021 7:26 PM
435	Healthy lifestyle	3/25/2021 6:38 PM
436	Open spaces, natural resources, not crowded or constrained by over building. Preserve what we have, not lose more. Maintain the integrity and uniquely special quality Saratoga has.	3/25/2021 6:15 PM
437	Relaxation, activity, friendship	3/25/2021 4:46 PM
438	foundational	3/25/2021 4:26 PM

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439	I love the idea of Saratoga being a walking/biking city, with parks and businesses accessible without a car. Would love to see the Greenbelt trails completed, and to go a step further, I would love to see some of the city roads closed to cars, with a push to better connect the community. Make parking in business districts paid, with parking garages serving as hubs, then connect garages and residential areas safely to the existing greenspaces.	3/25/2021 4:23 PM
440	The more there is, the less I have to encounter other people	3/25/2021 4:01 PM
441	I value what we have a great deal.	3/25/2021 3:50 PM
442	Critical. Forward thinking. Preserving the unique feel of the city.	3/25/2021 3:42 PM
443	free, affordable, accessible, healthy, wellness, economic and environmental justice	3/25/2021 3:16 PM
444	Preserving nature should be a high priority. Natural areas are necessary as well as parks with facilities.	3/25/2021 1:21 PM
445	Enjoyment, beauty, God's provision	3/25/2021 12:18 PM
446	Excellent as is.	3/25/2021 11:46 AM
447	Natural beauty, peace, tranquility.	3/25/2021 11:12 AM
448	Ecosystems Health of the planet Health of the citizens	3/25/2021 11:07 AM
449	trails. adventures in the woods.	3/25/2021 10:44 AM
450	Preserve our naturak trasures	3/25/2021 9:52 AM
451	important	3/25/2021 9:34 AM
452	We need to preserve nature for everyone now and in the future.	3/25/2021 9:33 AM
453	Love your Mother (Mother Earth)	3/25/2021 8:59 AM
454	Would like to see more walking and biking accessibility.	3/25/2021 8:34 AM
455	preserve resources, decrease clearing land and cutting down tree's for building!!	3/25/2021 8:31 AM
456	I feel that this it is extremely important to connect our families with safe and clean outdoor living places and experiences.	3/25/2021 8:27 AM
457	fundamental, Indispensable, necessary	3/25/2021 8:22 AM
458	Key factor in personal, community and environmental health of the area	3/25/2021 8:07 AM
459	Open spaces are great but any further tax dollars allocated to these projects needs to be considered as taxes again around the Rosie	3/25/2021 7:52 AM
460	Let's keep our city healthy and beautiful.	3/25/2021 6:13 AM
461	Urgent	3/24/2021 10:05 PM
462	Accessible, clean, community oriented, not over crowded,	3/24/2021 9:41 PM
463	We will lose our acclaimed "city in the country" with non-stop development and tree cutting.	3/24/2021 9:08 PM
464	Open space access is a treasure for the health of a city. Mitigates summer heat, provides beauty and health to all citizens .	3/24/2021 8:30 PM
465	I'm Proud of Saratoga's attention to land preservation	3/24/2021 8:24 PM
466	Once it's gone, it's gone forever.	3/24/2021 8:20 PM
467	never ending	3/24/2021 8:02 PM
468	Bike friendly	3/24/2021 8:01 PM
469	Consideration for all	3/24/2021 7:28 PM
470	Essential	3/24/2021 7:27 PM
471	Clean, fresh, peaceful, escape, convenient	3/24/2021 7:26 PM
472	Soothing, rejuvenating, peaceful	3/24/2021 7:23 PM

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473	More green space! Increase community love of the outdoors	3/24/2021 7:12 PM
474	Sustainable, natural, organic, inclusive, family, health	3/24/2021 7:10 PM
475	Need to protect open space for those folks that choose to live in a less dense, quieter environment now and in the future. Provide for a wide range of recreational opportunities to help enhance one's quality of life.	3/24/2021 7:05 PM
476	integrate nature into our city	3/24/2021 6:53 PM
477	Over the top!	3/24/2021 6:46 PM
478	Vital for a healthy life, both physical and mental.	3/24/2021 6:46 PM
479	Essential; Homegrown National Park	3/24/2021 6:35 PM
480	Walkable city, accessible and sustainable,	3/24/2021 6:34 PM
481	love that city streets have trees like walking to a green destination.	3/24/2021 5:40 PM
482	It's the best therapy. Motion is lotion, ambulatory counseling.	3/24/2021 5:27 PM
483	I love the Daniels road trail network. For years. Before state ownership. Back to 2005 with Saratoga mountain bike association.	3/24/2021 5:21 PM
484	Green space is a necessity. Overdevelopment destroys landscape, the health of the environment and in the end decays cities.	3/24/2021 5:18 PM
485	Need to protect natural environment for all. Access to nature for all. Healthy, outdoor activities.	3/24/2021 5:15 PM
486	Balance and Integration	3/24/2021 4:45 PM
487	fresh air, beauty, silence except for nature sounds	3/24/2021 4:29 PM
488	No more Condos!	3/24/2021 4:26 PM
489	Unique, blessed, historical, varied	3/24/2021 4:21 PM
490	I wouldn't live anywhere not closely connected to nature. As the central city becomes more urbanized it is essential to preserve and expand opportunities to access nature.	3/24/2021 4:16 PM
491	Environmental protection, health, recreation	3/24/2021 4:06 PM
492	Too many high rises change the landscape. It no longer looks like a city in the country.	3/24/2021 3:55 PM
493	Needed	3/24/2021 3:32 PM
494	With everyone staying closer to home we have discovered a love for many outdoor activities and spaces.	3/24/2021 3:00 PM
495	Open space is very important for physical & emotional tranquility.	3/24/2021 2:28 PM
496	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:13 AM
497	Opportunities for mental and physical health	3/24/2021 10:00 AM
498	grateful, fortunate	3/24/2021 8:34 AM
499	Preserve in the natural state.	3/24/2021 7:52 AM
500	Let's keep lots of green areas	3/24/2021 7:44 AM
501	Essential. Hoping we do not "pave paradise to put up a parking lot" to quote a song.	3/24/2021 7:03 AM
502	Living in Saratoga feels like living in a city but without the bad parts of living in a city	3/23/2021 8:54 PM
503	Pride, pleasure, shared expectations, willingness to pay for quality	3/23/2021 4:22 PM
504	It's been central to my mental health this past year.	3/23/2021 3:25 PM
505	A wonderful treasure, a place for serenity	3/23/2021 3:19 PM
506	Combining nature and beauty and bringing people together	3/23/2021 3:15 PM

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507	Enhancement of existing open space to improve form and function separating walkers/bikers from traffic	3/23/2021 2:57 PM
508	Open space enhances our community in numerous ways and contributes to our health and economic vibrancy.	3/23/2021 2:16 PM
509	Balance.	3/22/2021 9:16 PM
510	Nature is vitality	3/22/2021 1:38 PM
511	It's great to be able to get outdoors!	3/22/2021 1:05 PM
512	Accessible, generous, plentiful, varied	3/22/2021 12:03 PM
513	Walking trails	3/22/2021 9:57 AM
514	Parks and green space!	3/21/2021 5:40 PM
515	Love the variety of options. More seating/picnic tables. Roadside reminders for walkers to keep to the left facing traffic; bicycles to keep to the right.	3/20/2021 9:35 PM
516	Freedom to roam	3/20/2021 8:45 PM
517	Balance between open space and commercial enterprises is what makes Saratoga special. Work downtown, live in quaint neighborhoods, play in our open spaces.	3/20/2021 8:28 PM
518	Extremely valuable leading to a higher quality of life	3/20/2021 5:55 PM
519	I would not be happy living here if the balance of city and country changed. I would probably move if development increased to the extent of minimizing our open space.	3/20/2021 1:18 PM
520	the diversity of park and rec areas is critical	3/20/2021 1:09 PM
521	Community embracing the outdoors	3/20/2021 10:08 AM
522	One of the gateways to the Adirondacks.	3/20/2021 9:38 AM
523	Green, natural, undeveloped	3/20/2021 8:09 AM
524	Enjoy nature to renew the soul!	3/20/2021 7:47 AM
525	Natural beauty. Clean air. Walkable/bikeable	3/20/2021 5:50 AM
526	Highly valued	3/20/2021 4:25 AM
527	Open space has direct impacts on both mental and physical health, quality of living, etc. how lucky we are to be weathering Covid here, with so much access to green space	3/19/2021 11:36 PM
528	Over the years many of our open spaces have been developed with condos. Granted we need housing and change does happen but not at the loss of undeveloped land	3/19/2021 9:11 PM
529	Absolutely necessary.	3/19/2021 7:43 PM
530	ecological sustainability	3/19/2021 7:27 PM
531	It good for all ages.	3/19/2021 4:30 PM
532	Smart planning and development / respect for our environment / love of nature	3/19/2021 3:55 PM
533	protection of natural resources, stewards of this land	3/19/2021 3:53 PM
534	Wonderful memories	3/19/2021 3:00 PM
535	Much appreciated	3/19/2021 2:31 PM
536	Walkable, clean, safe access	3/19/2021 1:52 PM
537	Enthusiastic year round user	3/19/2021 1:46 PM
538	Especially in time of the Covid lockdown these spaces have provided a bedrock of mental and emotional stability.	3/19/2021 1:44 PM
539	Community Health, Kids in nature, trail running, places to explore	3/19/2021 12:54 PM
540	Open spaces are required to keep our city prosperous and family friendly	3/19/2021 12:44 PM

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541	High passion - I love being outside and lots of options!	3/19/2021 12:22 PM
542	preservation, innovation, inclusion	3/19/2021 12:06 PM
543	Paved bike trails,	3/19/2021 11:41 AM
544	stewardship	3/19/2021 10:17 AM
545	PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT. The city tree-belt that borders our streets is our most fundamental "open space" and 'public land' yet our city does not enforce city laws related to protection of this green space. No right-of-way in our city should ever be paved for a personal parking lot. This growing violation is spreading throughout our city.	3/19/2021 9:37 AM
546	Lucky I got in early- so I'm enjoying everything!	3/19/2021 9:09 AM
547	Fresh air Lots of trees	3/19/2021 3:26 AM
548	Protect, respect, and be considerate of the land upon which we live.	3/18/2021 10:28 PM
549	Breathing fresh air. Silence. One with nature.	3/18/2021 9:58 PM
550	Honor the land and its heritage; steward our natural resources; equity of access	3/18/2021 9:29 PM
551	Protection, recreation, sustainable, natural	3/18/2021 9:26 PM
552	They are essential for a healthy, productive community!	3/18/2021 8:39 PM
553	Essential, wellness.	3/18/2021 7:45 PM
554	Freedom to experience nature for all demographics	3/18/2021 7:39 PM
555	rejuvenating, appreciation of the natural world, outdoor opportunities accessible to all	3/18/2021 7:37 PM
556	Invaluable	3/18/2021 7:11 PM
557	A place to be still and mindful of earths resources	3/18/2021 5:36 PM
558	Lifeblood	3/18/2021 5:26 PM
559	Health, community, natural beauty, relaxation, wellness	3/18/2021 4:36 PM
560	Necessity	3/18/2021 4:23 PM
561	Nourishing. Action/ movement. Calming. Sky as my ceiling!	3/18/2021 4:23 PM
562	environmental protection	3/18/2021 3:59 PM
563	Health, natural resources, passion	3/18/2021 3:50 PM
564	recreation, restorative, enjoyable	3/18/2021 3:46 PM
565	Necessary	3/18/2021 2:46 PM
566	Diversity of land use and preservation of open space and farmland are essential to a community.	3/18/2021 2:16 PM
567	Essential!	3/18/2021 2:12 PM
568	Open space resources are extremely important!	3/18/2021 1:56 PM
569	Beauty, community, good health, learning, coexisting	3/18/2021 1:51 PM
570	Closeness to nature and fresh air/water; easy access from city to woods and country, especially via walking and biking	3/18/2021 1:41 PM
571	It is an absolute necessity. A big part of why I continue to live here. Imperative for the wellbeing of our community, especially young people.	3/18/2021 1:30 PM
572	Placed for Health and Wellness	3/18/2021 1:28 PM
573	Health, recreation, community	3/18/2021 1:26 PM
574	Extremely important to keep and expand open space	3/18/2021 1:12 PM

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575	Nature access, connection to the earth in my home city.	3/18/2021 12:54 PM
576	Quality of life	3/18/2021 12:54 PM
577	essential, family-friendly, allows us to gather with friends while being socially distanced.	3/18/2021 12:45 PM
578	The is a top priority for me as a long-time city resident.	3/18/2021 12:38 PM
579	Regenerative Beauty Healthful	3/18/2021 12:28 PM
580	It is essential to how I want to raise my kids.	3/18/2021 12:22 PM
581	Access, diversity, appreciation	3/18/2021 12:00 PM
582	Respect for nature. Protection of natural plant and animal communities. Protection of surface water and ground water. Protection of the city's greenbelt, which is closely related to the protecting downtown businesses and preventing sprawl. Opportunities for outdoor recreation that don't require long drives. Within the urban core, protection of open views. Maintaining an attractive public realm with more distance between streets and buildings for trees and pedestrians.	3/18/2021 11:36 AM
583	Enjoyment of the outdoors	3/18/2021 11:30 AM
584	Nature is healing, nature is essential	3/18/2021 10:44 AM
585	Equitable, accessible, simple, sustainable, about people more than about money	3/18/2021 10:34 AM
586	Great appreciation.	3/18/2021 10:13 AM
587	People for parks Preserve our air and water quality Sustainable city Recreational resources Personal and environmentsl health and inter related	3/18/2021 9:41 AM
588	Participation, enjoyment	3/18/2021 9:30 AM
589	Open spaces help limit the expansive residential and commercial building that continues to take place within the city limits.	3/18/2021 9:29 AM
590	Community gathering, preserving the natural environment, providing space for outdoor exercise/enjoyment	3/18/2021 9:22 AM
591	Community health, access, and well-being	3/18/2021 8:21 AM
592	When it's gone, it's gone.	3/18/2021 7:31 AM
593	Preserve as much existing natural land as possible. Stop cutting down forests to build & pave over natural areas. Preserve and protect all living species that also live in Saratoga Springs.	3/18/2021 6:46 AM
594	Necessary	3/18/2021 3:25 AM
595	We just need to preserve and protect and enjoy nature!	3/18/2021 2:46 AM
596	Enthusiastic, dedicated, grateful	3/18/2021 1:23 AM
597	Spa State Park and Congress Park are treasures within the city.	3/17/2021 9:07 PM
598	Essential. Cleansing. Freeing.	3/17/2021 8:56 PM
599	Stewardship and preservation	3/17/2021 8:11 PM
600	Nature and recreation	3/17/2021 6:28 PM
601	The more the merrier	3/17/2021 6:21 PM
602	Essential Nurturing Invigorating	3/17/2021 6:10 PM
603	Opportunity lost.	3/17/2021 5:20 PM
604	health, quality of life, vibrant community, environmental resiliency	3/17/2021 5:20 PM
605	Opportunity lost. Lack of political will.	3/17/2021 5:00 PM
606	So thankful	3/17/2021 3:29 PM
607	the more the better connected the better.	3/17/2021 3:24 PM

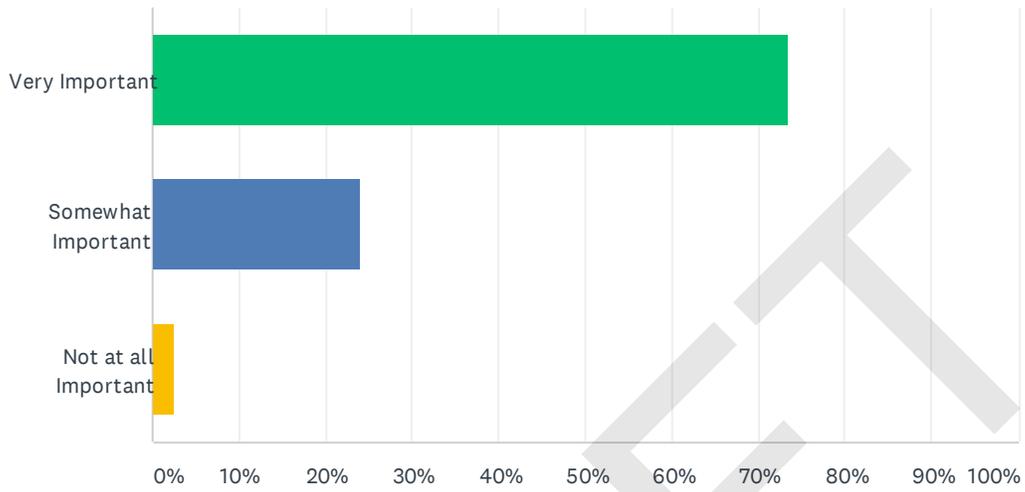
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608	protecting our wetlands and streams; providing habitat for wildlife; planning for the future; climate resilience	3/17/2021 2:21 PM
609	fundamentally important. The open space and Greenbelt make this city different than other cities. It is most of what I like about Saratoga - walkability, access to nature, control of sprawl.	3/17/2021 12:33 PM

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Q16 How important to you is expanding access to open spaces within the City of Saratoga Springs?

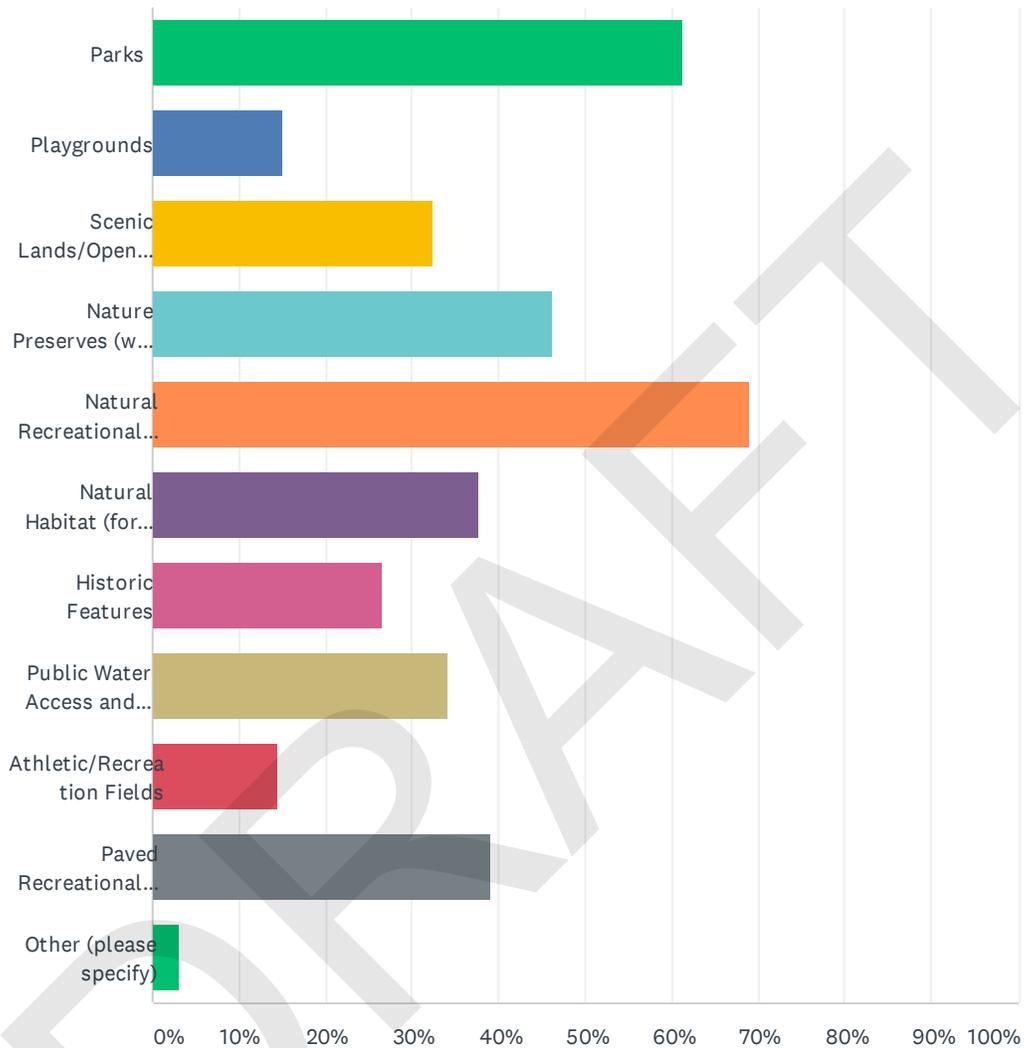
Answered: 870 Skipped: 90



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	73.45%	639
Somewhat Important	24.14%	210
Not at all Important	2.41%	21
TOTAL		870

Q17 What types of open space do you value most in Saratoga Springs (select your top 3)

Answered: 846 Skipped: 114



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parks	61.35% 519
Playgrounds	15.13% 128
Scenic Lands/Open Vistas	32.51% 275
Nature Preserves (with recreation opportunities)	46.22% 391
Natural Recreational Trails (Ex. – Bog Meadow Trail, Hemlock Trail in the Saratoga Spa State Park, Skidmore Northwoods Trails)	69.03% 584
Natural Habitat (for wildlife, without recreation opportunities)	37.59% 318
Historic Features	26.60% 225
Public Water Access and Resources (Saratoga Lake, creeks and streams)	34.04% 288
Athletic/Recreation Fields	14.54% 123
Paved Recreational Trails (Ex. – Railroad Run and Spring Run Trail)	39.13% 331
Other (please specify)	3.19% 27
Total Respondents: 846	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	bicycle trails	4/15/2021 6:59 PM
2	Large natural areas with extensive natural trails (e.g. 10K loop trail)	4/15/2021 12:32 PM
3	Dog run	4/13/2021 3:35 PM
4	Ease of pedestrian access - especially linked to public transport, as many areas are not easily accessible for walking-only non-drivers and handicapped	4/13/2021 1:09 PM
5	Saratoga Greenbelt Trail!	4/13/2021 9:35 AM
6	Another dog park	4/12/2021 3:41 PM
7	Areas for safe biking, i.e. near Loughberry Lake, Excelsior Ave. extension, etc.	4/10/2021 4:09 PM
8	Our Springs - wells that source our aquifers.	4/10/2021 1:05 PM
9	A wall between Saratoga and the north way to divert the sound	4/9/2021 10:02 PM
10	Swimming	4/9/2021 9:30 AM
11	Public access to Saratoga Lake is abysmal. 'Waterfront Park' was an expensive effort that has yielded very little. The restrictions are so many that it's just about useless.	4/9/2021 9:16 AM
12	I'd love to see more nature areas built for kids - recreation and learning about protecting natural habitats.	4/7/2021 6:34 PM
13	Hi	4/7/2021 3:12 PM
14	Remove Stewart's nonconforming businesses from parkland, conservation district on Marion Avenue!	4/3/2021 9:37 AM
15	Locations that afford easy public access for experiencing dark skies.	3/30/2021 3:12 PM
16	Expanding Daniel's road mtb. Trail	3/29/2021 10:14 PM
17	Disc golf park	3/25/2021 4:03 PM
18	Disc Golf courses	3/24/2021 7:29 PM
19	disc golf course	3/24/2021 6:56 PM

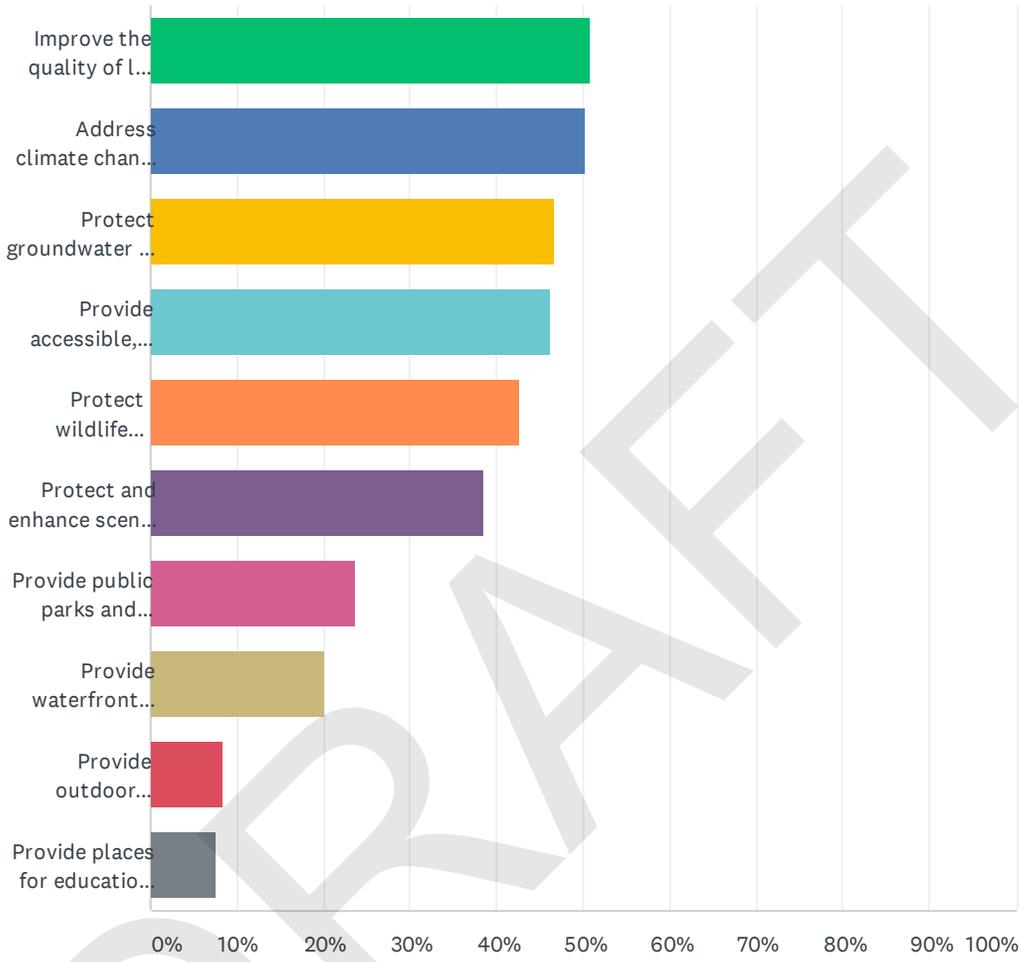
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20	The community farm	3/24/2021 5:58 PM
21	Disc golf courses	3/24/2021 3:33 PM
22	Disc Golf course	3/24/2021 11:25 AM
23	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:14 AM
24	Disc golf courses and bike trail access from Wilton to Saratoga Springs	3/24/2021 10:03 AM
25	Connection of the Palmer Mt Range to Moreau State Park	3/20/2021 9:43 AM
26	the Open Space created by the tree belt that lines all streets	3/19/2021 10:04 AM
27	Connected trails	3/18/2021 2:48 AM

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Q18 Identify your priorities for new open space preservation and/or acquisition within the City of Saratoga Springs (select your top 3):

Answered: 854 Skipped: 106



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improve the quality of life and the health of our communities	50.94%	435
Address climate change through forest, wetland, and riparian area stewardship, ecosystem protection, urban and community forestry, and community planning	50.12%	428
Protect groundwater / drinking water resources	46.72%	399
Provide accessible, quality, outdoor recreation	46.25%	395
Protect wildlife habitats for diversity	42.74%	365
Protect and enhance scenic, historic, and cultural resources	38.52%	329
Provide public parks and playgrounds	23.54%	201
Provide waterfront access	20.02%	171
Provide outdoor athletic fields	8.43%	72
Provide places for education and research	7.61%	65
Total Respondents: 854		

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Q19 Are there specific additional open space areas in the City that you would like to see conserved, either as publicly accessible or privately held conserved areas?

Answered: 274 Skipped: 686

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Purchasing private property, (triangular lot) at corner of Rt. 9 and Circular St. Across from Spectrum and make a pocket park. Purchase private property at NW corner of West Ave and Washington and make a pocket park. I and I am sure others would be willing to contribute to the purchase of these lands.	4/16/2021 9:00 PM
2	Exit 14 and surrounding land.	4/16/2021 8:57 PM
3	Any land that is undeveloped at this point should remain so. For example, the hill next to Four Seasons behind Kane's Liquor Store never should have turned into an abominable condo development. Shame on Bonacio! That was a beautiful green space that could have been an amazing pocket park. More pocket parks. For instance, could the city buy the vacant lot on the corner of Regent and Phila? That would be an amazing pocket park.	4/16/2021 5:56 PM
4	I would love it if there were ways to walk all throughout the city without leaving a path or a sidewalk!	4/16/2021 4:19 PM
5	Areas of mature trees within the city such as the oak trees on the corner of Spring and Regent Street. The city needs to adopt a policy to protect mature trees	4/16/2021 3:39 PM
6	Sidewalk or trail Connecting Rowland Hollow Creek Preserve to downtown Saratoga. This would enable many residents along Grand avenue (and the Rowland Hollow II neighborhood, and possibly the winery) to have a access to walking/biking path to downtown Saratoga.	4/16/2021 1:14 PM
7	Lands surrounding and near the Amtrak train station so they remain bucolic and accessible to families.	4/16/2021 1:11 PM
8	Preserve privately owned stands of large trees.	4/16/2021 12:56 PM
9	Any forested areas used for dumping or storing waste or environmentally toxic or hazardous materials. Those especially near water runoff and drainage into ground water and along trails.	4/16/2021 12:23 PM
10	Closing a lane of traffic on the main street to add more green space and a lane for bicycles would put Saratoga at the forefront of a green revolution and greatly improve community health	4/15/2021 10:41 PM
11	yes the space that was once the bottling plant off of excelsior	4/15/2021 9:14 PM
12	the block on Clinton above Railroad Alley with the great magnolia--they tore down a house, built a fence, blocked the view of the tree. Tear down the fence, keep the tree, and don't build.	4/15/2021 7:51 PM
13	None that I know of.	4/15/2021 7:14 PM
14	Spa State Park, Daniels Road State Forest	4/15/2021 6:37 PM
15	Expansion of parks mostly on the west side of the city...walking areas near th train station would be good	4/15/2021 5:31 PM
16	Open spaces that are not yet developed--there are too many new buildings being constructed and it us beginning to look crowded within the city.	4/15/2021 4:16 PM
17	the Skidmore Woods	4/15/2021 3:56 PM
18	Greater trail access to Kayderosseras Creek and Lake Lonely Vacant triangle corner lot between Ballston Ave & South Broadway Denton Road farmland	4/15/2021 3:04 PM
19	If the Vincek's are ever compelled to sell their farm please preserve its meadows, forests, and waterways as a nature preserve with hiking opportunities.	4/15/2021 2:48 PM

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20	Yes, Parcels 166.-1-16, 166.-1-19, 166.-1-5.111, 166.-2-26.2, 166.-4-31, 166.-4-29, 166.-4-28, 166.-4-10.13, 166.-4-27, 166.-4-10.11, 166.-4-10.2, 166.-4-8.2, 166.-4-26, 166.-4-7, 166.10-1-34, 166.39-1-6.2, 166.38-2-93, 166.38-2-11, 166.38-2-10, 166.38-2-9, 166.38-2-8, 166.-4-32	4/15/2021 12:32 PM
21	Additional open space areas on Saratoga Lake, along the Kayaderosseras, and along the planned Saratoga Greenbelt (e.g. connecting Spring Run to Bog Meadow and through town to the Spa Park).	4/15/2021 9:52 AM
22	denton road daneils road area; saratoga lake;	4/15/2021 9:00 AM
23	Clean up Saratoga lake including Kaydeross creek and it's fallen trees for passage to Lake Loney.	4/15/2021 6:03 AM
24	Keep all entrances to the city green - including Exit 14, Route 9, route 50 and route 29 - all with a large buffer (miles - not feet)	4/14/2021 10:38 PM
25	Yes	4/14/2021 9:05 PM
26	No	4/14/2021 8:22 PM
27	Gateway from I-87 exit 13 and I-87exit 14	4/14/2021 6:23 PM
28	Protect the greenbelt with gusto and do not develop any more around Loughbery Lake. Down with the PUD.	4/14/2021 12:45 PM
29	Stop Witt from buying up forests, converting them to "agriculture" so that he can then bypass laws and regs and make them into developments. Lots of areas out near Saratoga Lake, Daniels Road forest - I hope these stay undeveloped	4/14/2021 11:19 AM
30	Pine Grove on Pine Road Saratoga Springs NY	4/14/2021 7:05 AM
31	No space in particular but concerned about the rampant development which is not respectful of the variety and diversity of established neighborhoods - we are over gentrifying at the expense of providing a range of house IN town!	4/13/2021 10:24 PM
32	What's going on with Arrowhead? I see it on the survey but it is all posted as private property.	4/13/2021 8:36 PM
33	Would like to see farmland conserved, less nee housing	4/13/2021 4:28 PM
34	N/A	4/13/2021 3:43 PM
35	Dog runs.	4/13/2021 3:35 PM
36	The small plot adjacent to Dunkin Donuts at the intersection of Broadway and Route 50.	4/13/2021 2:21 PM
37	STOP building	4/13/2021 1:39 PM
38	Less emphasis on parking and autos - more emphasis on public transport links and ways to get non-drivers and handicapped to and from open space sites. Seating areas at such sites for walkers and others to rest! Improved sidewalk access in ALL areas.	4/13/2021 1:09 PM
39	as a youth soccer coach: we need permanent access to the fields at the Racino	4/13/2021 9:35 AM
40	Expand Hemlock Trail to the south, and preserve and create trails in the area south of East-West Rd at the southern end of Saratoga State Park towards Kayaderosseras Creek	4/13/2021 9:14 AM
41	I think there are many opportunities to add a small 'bike park' like in Wilmington NY near existing trail systems in Saratoga. That should help grow businesses and draw in tourists	4/12/2021 11:00 PM
42	There should be publicly available land within city limits which are maintained in a manner to enable viewing of the night sky without glare or other direct forms of light pollution.	4/12/2021 9:18 PM
43	Yes, the area along Railroad Run that parallels Elm Street. Is there a way that the citizens of Saratoga could conserve this area so it is not developed, such as was done with Pitney Meadows?	4/12/2021 7:22 PM
44	I would love to see the parking lot behind the police station and next to the parking garage to turn into a pocket park.	4/12/2021 7:20 PM
45	The City has not addressed in it's comprehensive plan food systems planning. The use of open space for the integration of food systems planning is important.	4/12/2021 4:57 PM

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46	The area at the end of Morgan Street at Myrtle is a beautiful natural area that would be wonderful open space for the surrounding neighborhoods and fauna. It's a shame the hospital wants to develop it since it is a gem of a natural place.	4/12/2021 3:41 PM
47	Maintaining undeveloped areas around Exit 14 as much as possible, also working with Yaddo to open up more of their land on both sides of the Northway	4/12/2021 12:47 PM
48	dog park on route 9 & crescent st	4/12/2021 11:48 AM
49	What's left should be preserved not developed	4/12/2021 11:43 AM
50	Stay true to the Greenbelt concept.	4/12/2021 11:09 AM
51	greenbelt	4/12/2021 11:01 AM
52	We have enough open space. The city would be better off leaving remaining lands on the tax rolls.	4/12/2021 9:07 AM
53	land conservation for anything other than development is good	4/12/2021 8:17 AM
54	Not that I can think of	4/11/2021 8:42 PM
55	Congress park	4/11/2021 8:37 PM
56	The green belt on the eastern edge of the city.	4/11/2021 8:18 PM
57	Any that have not yet been developed.	4/11/2021 6:08 PM
58	I would like to know what are considered "open space areas" in the city now. Is the real intent of this survey/plan update to somehow allow more intense development by pointing to little pockets of green here and there, rather than maintaining our vital tree canopy throughout the city?	4/11/2021 2:08 PM
59	loughberry area	4/11/2021 1:44 PM
60	I would like to see existing properties improved and encouraged rather than adding more new construction. We have enough and every new building that goes up takes another piece of land away	4/11/2021 1:03 PM
61	Better sidewalk connections, pedestrian/bike safety	4/11/2021 11:29 AM
62	Stanford Bridge corridor surrounding Bog Meadow and connecting the Green Corridor recreational trail from Moreau Lake and Saratoga Spa State Parks.	4/11/2021 10:40 AM
63	It is extremely important that we do not lose sight of the value of our natural resources and our responsibility to protect them. Therefore, the urge to develop those areas must be curbed so that we maintain that important balance that makes this community great. We also don't want to tax the infrastructure of our community so that it negatively impacts our environment. We love what Saratoga Springs offers, but we are gradually seeing an erosion of quality where economics is beginning to overshadow preservation. The hardest thing to do as a planning board is to say no to new development, but it is necessary at times to maintain the quality of life in our community.	4/11/2021 10:37 AM
64	Almost any area in the outer district. The Rt. 50 south from Ballston Spa. Rework Rt. 50 north as a smaller roadway with accompanying greenway. Forest parcels in near Milton/Greenfield line.	4/10/2021 11:07 PM
65	All of them. They are all important.	4/10/2021 9:56 PM
66	Walking trails	4/10/2021 4:38 PM
67	Lake Lonely Outlet area	4/10/2021 4:34 PM
68	Yes. The city needs more pocket parks within walking distance of residential areas. On Ballston Ave. there's a vacant corner property opposite the Geyser B & B that's for sale. The city should purchase that parcel & turn it into a park.	4/10/2021 4:09 PM
69	No	4/10/2021 3:27 PM
70	With the Covid restrictions implemented Feb/March 2020, "last year" was not reflective of previous years.	4/10/2021 3:24 PM

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71	Repair city sidewalks. Some are dangerous.	4/10/2021 2:35 PM
72	Do not paint Spit and Spat gold, please.	4/10/2021 1:05 PM
73	Let the experts figure that out	4/10/2021 12:12 PM
74	The field / superfund area at the very beginning of Spring Run Trail, corner of Excelsior and East Ave. The many wooded acres of the mountain bike trails on Daniels Road.	4/10/2021 10:49 AM
75	Railroad run area is not being preserved. It is a dangerous area of vagrants and trash. As is the area and open lot near the Salvation Army. Would like to see the lot near the Salvation Army preserved and beautified, that currently in one direction has been overcome by tall bland buildings and in the other by vagrants, trash, and excrement.	4/10/2021 10:29 AM
76	Would like to see some pocket parks as seems like city is overbuilding.	4/10/2021 8:01 AM
77	Wooded areas around south Broadway	4/10/2021 7:54 AM
78	More green space in city!	4/10/2021 7:30 AM
79	Protect Spring Run from nearby "development".	4/10/2021 6:38 AM
80	We have one chance to get this right.	4/9/2021 9:18 PM
81	can't think of any	4/9/2021 7:52 PM
82	land around saratoga lake	4/9/2021 6:11 PM
83	Southside	4/9/2021 5:42 PM
84	Greenfield to Moreau area	4/9/2021 5:41 PM
85	Lake, spring trail and state park	4/9/2021 5:03 PM
86	NA	4/9/2021 3:27 PM
87	tennis court	4/9/2021 3:23 PM
88	not at this time.	4/9/2021 11:54 AM
89	I am very concerned with the amount of private new building that's going on, seemingly without regard for preserving open spaces within the city. Example is the new condos being built by Bonnacio next to Four Seasons on Henry St near High Rock Park, and the upcoming (I hear) condos to be built on the open lot at the start of the Spring Run trail. Why these couldn't be built by tearing down derelict buildings, instead of taking up the little remaining open space in town is a mystery to me - besides the usual convenience & profit for the builders. This has to stop, IMO. We can't keep allowing developers, who do NOT have the good of the whole or the environment in mind, to keep taking open spaces. The lot at Spring Run Trail is always being used by locals playing with their kids & dogs. It's a really sweet spot, and it pains me that the neighborhood will lose it to MORE expensive condos.	4/9/2021 10:59 AM
90	Walkable city. With the expansion of fresh market, etc. better access points for pedestrians should be created to cross Rt 50. Ex: Rock Street/Olde Bryan Inn, East Ave, etc. Lights and crosswalks are not pedestrian friendly. It would be nice if there was at least 1 pedestrian bridge perhaps connecting north end to high rock park area. Sidewalks need to be installed in places still. Ex: North playground, on way to bike trail by EBI, etc.	4/9/2021 9:42 AM
91	Na	4/9/2021 9:41 AM
92	Skidmore Northwoods	4/9/2021 9:08 AM
93	YES. I engaged Saratoga Plan a couple of years ago about reaching out to Paul MacMillan at 57 Hutchins Road. Paul owns about 100 acres of green space that is a great wildlife corridor between Woods Hollow Preserve and Spa State Park. It would be unfortunate and I fear that these woods will be lost to residential development. The landowner is in his 90s and the time for engagement is now. An adjacent parcel on the Milton side was recently lost to residential development.	4/9/2021 9:05 AM
94	Kayak access for Fish Creek More paved bike paths for family trips	4/9/2021 8:33 AM
95	The area surrounding saratoga lake and along kayderossas creek. No development between yaddo and lake. Would love to see the forest and wetlands in town of Milton preserved- next to	4/9/2021 7:40 AM

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airport/turn airport into preserve and park. Please extend the new geyser bike path to connect the neighborhoods around Rowland st.

96	is there any land in the city limits not up for grabs by private concerns?	4/8/2021 10:09 PM
97	Lake front, Congress park, state park, spac	4/8/2021 4:03 PM
98	Saratoga Lake and Lake Lonely	4/8/2021 2:12 PM
99	kaydeross park road	4/8/2021 10:00 AM
100	Mulberry lake for non motor boats and fishing. And the bluebird walk By Murphy driving range,	4/8/2021 8:43 AM
101	I see large tracts of forest for sale along Route 9 and are there any meadows left along West Ave?	4/8/2021 8:31 AM
102	Zim Smith Trail Connection and the habitat along Rowland Hollow Creek near Rowland Hollow Preserve and the western parcel of Pitney Meadows	4/8/2021 8:23 AM
103	Love Pitney community Farm.	4/8/2021 3:47 AM
104	Green ridge cemetery	4/7/2021 10:02 PM
105	Old Skidmore campus lots need improvement	4/7/2021 8:48 PM
106	Open field on route 9 across from State Park entrance Land on either side of Kaydeross Creek from Nelson Ave extension To route 9. There is an abundance of wildlife, creek views. Could do a walking path along the creek on both sides with a bridge across the creek to make it a round trip, educational materials about creek wildlife and history of the area	4/7/2021 8:27 PM
107	areas around Saratoga Lake before its all built up i need to learn more about the places you've listed!	4/7/2021 6:31 PM
108	Polo field	4/7/2021 6:18 PM
109	Yes. Conserve what little is left. History, charm and outdoor spaces have vanished at an all too rapid rate.	4/7/2021 3:40 PM
110	A holding company owns a ~60 acres of land south of Pitney Farm along the creek. It has the potential to connect the farm's proposed trail network to the state park and development of it would be tragic.	4/7/2021 2:12 PM
111	not known	4/7/2021 1:45 PM
112	Not that I can think of.	4/7/2021 1:05 PM
113	Preserving the greenbelt	4/7/2021 9:18 AM
114	I would love to see as much of the city's open space preserved as possible. It's hard to see so many new developments/buildings going up. It makes me wonder what room will be left for animas to roam in the future. I've lived here my whole life and it feels like the amount of open, natural space is shrinking, so anything that can be done to preserve that space feels important.	4/7/2021 8:33 AM
115	area adjacent to Pitney Meadows	4/6/2021 2:28 PM
116	Fitch Road is quickly becoming developed. Actually both sides of Fish Creek are getting destroyed by removing trees and vegetation and dumping vast quantities of fertilizer on lawns	4/5/2021 10:29 PM
117	Please retain the beautiful trees	4/5/2021 10:28 PM
118	We need to connect the Greenbelt trail and have urgency to this commitment. It will improve health, quality of life and contribute to economic development	4/5/2021 10:22 PM
119	All the preserves, High Rock, Congress Park. No more development of high rise condos	4/5/2021 7:47 PM
120	YES! PINE & GRAND AVE old church day camp property! It is sooo Lovely & for sale.....Save it!	4/5/2021 7:36 PM
121	I don't know enough about this topic to comment.	4/5/2021 5:39 PM
122	Not necessarily. I would like to see homeowners living closer to and within Saratoga Springs, rather than moving into newly developed subdivisions and large developed plots of land than	4/5/2021 5:25 PM

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	used to to be forest or fields.	
123	At a minimum, do not lose what we have.	4/5/2021 5:06 PM
124	Dna	4/5/2021 1:30 PM
125	The corner of East & Excelsior where the old ice rink was. Is that part of the Spring Run trail and protected??? I would hate to see anything built there. It is the last undeveloped parcel in our neighborhood now that we have all these apartment buildings on Excelsior.	4/5/2021 1:17 PM
126	expand spring run trail! also why do our main parks not have playgrounds? (congress, high rock parks, etc.)	4/3/2021 8:33 PM
127	Keep picnic tables in Congress Park that appeared in Summer 2020... they are utilized often. Consider adding more to Waterfront Park as the 2 tables are always used; perhaps add some to the middle area of the 3 flat areas (not by road or by water, but the one in the middle).	4/3/2021 7:25 PM
128	Would like bike path finished	4/3/2021 6:35 PM
129	The east side of Marion Avenue abutting Loughberry Lake. Removal of illegal gravel parking lots, empty industrial buildings and commercial business on the conservation/parkland and residential lots. Demand remediation of the soil and allow nature to regrow and preserve our drinking water supply.	4/3/2021 9:37 AM
130	Saratoga springs is pretty developed so it's hard to envision what else COULD be preserved. Connector paths, new trails, BIKE PATHS in the road (can be dangerous to bike in Saratoga), other community garden spaces, and especially allowing dogs in parks would be most important to me	4/3/2021 6:33 AM
131	Examples?	4/3/2021 5:51 AM
132	Farm on south side of Denton Rd, connection under I87 from Spring Run to Bog Meadow Trail, Skidmore North Woods, generally protect the undeveloped areas coming into Saratoga on Rts. 9 amd 50 from south to north,	4/2/2021 6:49 PM
133	Greenbelt	4/2/2021 5:32 PM
134	It would be nice to preserve some open space on the west side instead of further building out commercial and residential condos.	4/2/2021 3:06 PM
135	water access to saratoga lake and lake lonely	4/1/2021 9:47 AM
136	There is a great open field on Excelsior Avenue between East and Marion Avenues where people train and play with their dogs. I would like to see this space made safer by closing a part of it with fencing , so there is no danger of dogs running into the busy street.	3/31/2021 11:14 PM
137	Wooded areas adjacent to Spring Run	3/31/2021 8:31 PM
138	More bike trails	3/31/2021 8:15 PM
139	Would like to see restrictions on the height of office and apartment buildings.	3/31/2021 6:50 PM
140	no	3/31/2021 10:17 AM
141	I would like to be sure the City starts making green spaces a priority. The lot next to the Grove on Lake Ave should be preserved as should the land that was for sale next to Spring Run Trail (the sign was off of Excelsior Spring Ave). These are the two spots I can think of that I am concerned will become another hotel or apartment building. We don't need to fill every space with a building.	3/31/2021 9:02 AM
142	Something, somewhere around Saratoga Lake, Congress Park, Saratoga State Park. I would like to see not every open space have a tall building built or a parking garage or a condo by Binacio construction.	3/31/2021 8:44 AM
143	I would like to see our City's remaining beautiful scenic roads, such as Denton, Fitch, and Braim roads, be protected from the possibility of future development. I'd also like to see the abandoned historic house on the Spa State Park golf course preserved (as part of that open space area).	3/30/2021 5:40 PM
144	1) The large wooded area on the south side of Denton Rd. adjacent to and just east of 107 Denton Rd. (across from the Skidmore College property). 2) Pine Grove area (Pine Rd. and	3/30/2021 3:12 PM

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Grand Ave.) 3) All remaining undeveloped stretches of Driscoll Rd.

145	access to lake lonely for fishing	3/30/2021 2:49 PM
146	Open fields near the racino	3/30/2021 2:33 PM
147	Any available space in the Southwest part of the City - Geyser area. The bike path has been a much needed and very welcomed addition - but it would be wonderful to see more pocket parks in the Crest development.	3/30/2021 11:40 AM
148	Nope	3/30/2021 10:22 AM
149	Route 50 corridor	3/30/2021 9:57 AM
150	The current Pine Grove Christian Camp on Pine Road - if sold	3/30/2021 8:36 AM
151	I and many others would love to see more mountain biking trails in Saratoga.	3/30/2021 8:34 AM
152	Parking lot on Nelson Ave. across from track should not be developed	3/30/2021 7:36 AM
153	I think we have an abundant of open spaces around us, aren't we lucky!	3/30/2021 6:54 AM
154	Areas on Weibel Ave near hockey rinks to connect to railroad run and sidewalks for large outdoor athletic field space accessible via bicycle or walking	3/30/2021 6:48 AM
155	Lake Lonely	3/29/2021 11:20 PM
156	Lake Ave students have been slighted for almost 100 years! Give those kids a respectable outdoor play space! The SSCSD hasn't come through for them.	3/29/2021 9:38 PM
157	The state park, Pitney meadows, Moreau park.	3/29/2021 9:17 PM
158	Not sure this is the spot to say it but I'd like to see dog "gym" areas not just fenced parks. More horse friendly areas.	3/29/2021 9:17 PM
159	Old railroad tracks off of Daniels Road	3/29/2021 8:54 PM
160	Ice skating rink downtown; rework the substation lot near big red spring - a potential open space link between spring run trail and high rock park.	3/29/2021 8:31 PM
161	The unused railroad tracks running to Greenfield would make a great bike path north out if the city	3/29/2021 5:53 PM
162	Expand Spa state park south going beyond the maintenance waist area. This is private land that follows the Kayderosseross Creek south along the old train line.	3/29/2021 11:57 AM
163	Need dog park in town	3/29/2021 8:25 AM
164	We just need more safe bike trails	3/29/2021 8:20 AM
165	There isn't much left to save the City needs to stop approving all the high rise buildings and unnecessary development in our beautiful abs historic City.	3/28/2021 9:45 PM
166	State Park	3/28/2021 1:06 PM
167	yes lake lonely, saratoga lake and the parks	3/28/2021 1:01 PM
168	There needs to be better access to walkable parks. In addition, the waterfront park was too full this year. The City needs better access to lakes and waterways like the Kaydeross.	3/28/2021 12:09 PM
169	Access to Spring Run Trail from Lake Ave (Excelsior Spring without a sidewalk is dangerous)	3/28/2021 2:37 AM
170	All open space is precious	3/27/2021 10:49 PM
171	No	3/27/2021 4:50 PM
172	The area around Loughberry Lake	3/27/2021 4:47 PM
173	all existing parks and historic buildings	3/27/2021 4:41 PM
174	Yes- connect city with sidewalks. Example- excelsior street by former brewpub to downtown and maple avenue to east ave need sidewalks. Dangerous to walk and bike downtown and to farmers market	3/27/2021 4:06 PM

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175	Areas around Skidmore and the Hospital. Areas around downtown and along West Ave and Washington that are being stuffed with condos and developments, leading to increased traffic, etc. The BEAUTIFUL WOODS along the entrance to the Amtrak station from West Ave!! Open spaces around the Casino area. Open spaces along Weibel and Henning Aves.	3/27/2021 3:14 PM
176	Land across from the library parking lot, also instead of paving such enormous parking areas @ new businesses how about grassy area with bushes	3/27/2021 10:02 AM
177	Join w other communities to protect Saratoga and Lake lonely. Threats to the watershed in surrounding towns is increasing exponentially.	3/27/2021 9:50 AM
178	All current open lands---e.g.; Congress Park---add value and character to Saratoga	3/27/2021 9:03 AM
179	Leave some natural areas around 87 - lake Ave & Union woods and those open lands. Leave some of the woodlands around the town like crescent ave woods on south sude of road.	3/27/2021 8:19 AM
180	Union Avenue from Exit 14 down to Saratoga Lake, wooded area at Crescent Avenue and Jefferson Street, and anywhere else it is possible to preserve open space.	3/27/2021 6:56 AM
181	I would like to see more pop-up parks although that isn't my overall goal. I think the land on Route 50 in Wilton should be preserved as parks and not expanded commercially. I think building height has a huge impact because of the density of people, pollution and use of natural resources. I am so tired of seeing buildings knocked down and taller ones built for the wealth of commercial interests. Any open space in the city should be preserved. Cities with planned runoff do not flood. I would like to see any land around the Racino preserved.	3/26/2021 8:43 PM
182	around Saratoga Lake	3/26/2021 3:27 PM
183	The accessibility of the Skidmore campus for walking and light exercise has been a big bonus during the pandemic, and very habit forming. Important that the City and Skidmore cooperate in maintaining a good relationship.	3/26/2021 3:23 PM
184	Exit 14 area	3/26/2021 2:22 PM
185	Linking existing trails, esp. Spa Park with Zim Smith in Ballston Spa.	3/26/2021 1:29 PM
186	Area around lake	3/26/2021 1:09 PM
187	Skiing was mentioned earlier in the survey... is that an actual possibility in Saratoga? I'm not sure if there is suitable topography, but that would be phenomenal.	3/26/2021 12:21 PM
188	Complete the connection between Spring Run and Bog Meadow Trail.	3/26/2021 9:59 AM
189	Make the parks we have better, and quit developing in the green spaces.	3/26/2021 9:37 AM
190	We lost an opportunity to preserve open space along Morgan Street. What is planned for along West Ave? How can we avoid that turning into condos?	3/26/2021 8:38 AM
191	Complete the Greenbelt Trail and connections to Zim Smith and Sarah B. Foulke Friendship Trail systems.	3/26/2021 8:02 AM
192	I'm learning as I go, really. I'm happy about the bike trail connection happening as I like to bike with my child but have to travel to get to the park to feel safe riding with him. If bike trails traveled through nature preserves with picnic stops/playgrounds— ideal!	3/26/2021 7:56 AM
193	Open space is only worthwhile if it can be easily accessed. Spring Run Trail is fantastic, but there is no safe way for us to access it. Excelsior Springs Road is DANGEROUS for walkers and bikers. Please put a safe path along Excelsior Springs Road.	3/26/2021 7:52 AM
194	Shut down downtown Broadway to cars	3/25/2021 10:48 PM
195	I want to be able to bike from ballston spa to Saratoga and Saratoga to Glens falls!!	3/25/2021 9:06 PM
196	Complete the Greenbelt Trail Focus on streets and public plazas Daylight the creek under downtown from Excelsior Beverage to Congress Park	3/25/2021 8:21 PM
197	I would like to see expanded park/recreation areas to the east of Saratoga.	3/25/2021 6:24 PM
198	Would love to have the Zim Smith trail extended to Spa State Park to enable bike access to Saratoga Springs from Ballston Spa and further south!	3/25/2021 4:48 PM
199	The pine grove on lake avenue and the woods along excelsior springs avenue. I also miss the	3/25/2021 4:38 PM

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forest at exit 15 and wish there were some way to restore that entrance to Saratoga.

200	It would be amazing to see more of the rails-trails conversions (complete the greenway), and expand such as the rail line to Kayaderoseras park past lake lonely. Makeing areas more connected by bike and foot makes it easier to enjoy the existing greenspaces.	3/25/2021 4:27 PM
201	Saratoga disc golf course! Need more baskets! Too crowded to play currently cause it's really popular!	3/25/2021 4:03 PM
202	Loughberry Lake	3/25/2021 3:59 PM
203	farmland by the hospital :(3/25/2021 3:18 PM
204	Build soft-surface (dirt trails) connections from housing to schools, so kids can ride their bikes to school safely, and any resident can enjoy the outdoors without having to get into their car first.	3/25/2021 10:46 AM
205	Maintain the "green space" around exit 14	3/25/2021 9:01 AM
206	I would like to see greater accessibility between existing parks like Congress Park and Spa State Park for pedestrians and cyclists. I recently saw a listing for a large plot of land on Saratoga Lake. Another park with lake access and trails could be a nice amenity for the community.	3/25/2021 8:36 AM
207	conserve the green spaces that exist in our residential neighborhoods, please stop building and destroying our quality of life, enough leveling of green spaces where we live. we are in danger of destroying the very reason we chose to live here.	3/25/2021 8:36 AM
208	Preserve green belt	3/25/2021 8:09 AM
209	The geyser crest neighborhood is underserved by parks with west side not being within a 10 minute walk of nearly all homes. Three oppourtunities exist: expand geyser crest courts into a full park by more efficiently utilizing adjacent city utility parcel, utilizing the cul de sac circle off of Wagon Wheel Trail, and squiring the large forested tract of land behind homes on Wagon Wheel Trail.	3/25/2021 7:58 AM
210	Cast Hill- Mary Lou Whitney's Estate	3/25/2021 6:17 AM
211	Please convert the old North Creek railroad into a multi-use paver recreational trail!	3/24/2021 10:07 PM
212	City should crack down on delinquent landlords, place liens, take possession and establish more pocket parks in place of neglected eye sore properties.	3/24/2021 8:53 PM
213	Anderson property at Lake Avenue next to the Northway	3/24/2021 8:03 PM
214	I would love to see Murphy's golf course acquired in some way. I believe it has some historic significance and having the mini golf open would be a great attraction. Additionally all of that free space that used to be the driving range has been growing for years now, planting some more trees and giving it some love and care could make a great little nature preserve.	3/24/2021 7:33 PM
215	Access to fish creek	3/24/2021 7:25 PM
216	I would love to see the completion of the Greenbelt Trail. Specifically the Western portion, near Grand Avenue and along the train tracks connecting to Pitney Meadows. There is a large (and rapidly growing) population of young folks and families relocating along Grand Avenue and its neighborhoods. These homes are disconnected from much of what Saratoga has to offer in terms of outdoor recreation, but only by a very short distance. A connection at the Grand Avenue bridge would open up Pitney Meadows, the State Park, safe walks into town, so much more.	3/24/2021 7:14 PM
217	Horse farms, sport fields next to ice rinks, better utilization of Pitney farm's excess acreage for the benefit of the public.	3/24/2021 7:09 PM
218	i would like to see more natural areas protected and a great way to get integrated unobtrusive use is to add disc golf course	3/24/2021 6:56 PM
219	Open up more access to the Kayaderos.	3/24/2021 6:53 PM
220	There is a chunk of land off Jefferson, near Crescent street that is still open and should probably be kept that way.	3/24/2021 5:46 PM

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221	Not aware of tjese	3/24/2021 5:22 PM
222	The greenbelt around our city.	3/24/2021 5:21 PM
223	Need a connection (trail) from Saratoga Spa State Park to Ballston Spa (Zim Smith trail) - right now, this connection is MISSING!	3/24/2021 4:30 PM
224	Fitch Road area. Nelson Avenue Extension area, between Northway and Saratoga Lake,	3/24/2021 4:29 PM
225	It's hard to imagine the city has much extra space to do anything but small open space development- the large tracts of land are already claimed by the state, Skidmore, Pitney Meadows- maybe Bog Meadow has more space, maybe along Crescent south of the Harness Track,where else?	3/24/2021 4:29 PM
226	areas needed for greenbelt trails	3/24/2021 4:23 PM
227	None	3/24/2021 3:33 PM
228	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:14 AM
229	More recreational or natural trail space around the Kayderosseras Creek	3/24/2021 10:03 AM
230	more public swimming access on saratoga lake would be great to have	3/24/2021 8:35 AM
231	Connect the trails. Allow them to reach farther where possible.	3/23/2021 3:28 PM
232	The Waterworks Park concept should be considered as that area has developed considerably over the past five years. The Zim Smith trail should be connected to our State Park. A better maintained walking and biking path should be constructed connecting North Braodway to the Middle School (aka Glen Mitchell Trail/Road).	3/23/2021 2:19 PM
233	Greenbelt Trail; area along Kayaderosseras south of Lake Lonely; larger parcels on Western edge of town; connection to Zim Smith trail via State Park; Rt. 29 & Rt. 9 and Washington Street corridors leading into the city; open parcels on Denton Road on West Side	3/22/2021 1:48 PM
234	All Whitney property (Geyser Road) if/when it becomes available NYRA grounds in the off season for walking for picnics (with security fencing for buildings/grandstand)	3/20/2021 9:45 PM
235	Any opportunity to preserve the balance between the existing built and natural space should be a priority. That said, it is especially important to maintain priority natural spaces that provide ecosystem services that would be lost if developed, including forests, farms, wetlands, and riparian areas. Once gone, they're gone. Little spaces, like the small pocket mature pine forest on the corner of Excelsior and Lake is a great example. It needs to be protected. What would the Avenue of Pines be without an avenue of pines. Essential to maintain farmland, wetlands, and soils before they're developed and gone. Plenty more examples of what exists and what has already been lost.	3/20/2021 8:37 PM
236	lake swimming area would be great	3/20/2021 1:10 PM
237	Perhaps some nature trails and protection of remaining forests in the Geyser Crest and Beaver Pond areas.	3/20/2021 9:43 AM
238	The entirety of Locust Grove Road and fields on Denton Road.	3/19/2021 4:04 PM
239	Forests off Geyser Rd	3/19/2021 1:50 PM
240	More access to swimming holes or natural recreation opportunities. Most lakes and swimming spots are private. More running trails not on pavement. More mountain bike trails.	3/19/2021 12:55 PM
241	The South West area needs to be included in future plans.	3/19/2021 12:46 PM
242	Clarkies on Geyser Road has been a major polluter for as long as I have lived in Saratoga Springs. It's frightening to think about what has been poured and leached into the ground and contaminants that residents have been exposed to from burning hazardous waste. The property is uphill (and therefore upstream) from the Geyser well-field on Hathorn Blvd. This defaced property may be seriously contaminated and should be scrubbed of all metal scrap. Then the Clarkie property should become protected land (especially from ATVs) for the next 100 years to allow recovery from soil contamination.	3/19/2021 10:04 AM
243	Large tracts of land along Henning Rd. (I believe some are currently owned by NYRA). South Broadway, land opposite entrance to State Park, and land adjacent to Adirondack Trust.	3/19/2021 3:32 AM

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Almost every open lot is eyed by developers as money making opportunity.

244	The open space in the northeast corner of the Saratoga Spa State Park (and in the city of Saratoga Springs),that prior to 2009, was once open space. This land is in very close proximity to the Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat but has been designated as an off leash dog area . I would like to see this part of the park protected, conserved and restored to its natural beauty. I would like to see the fenced in off leash dog Area closed and replaced with tree plantings and flower beds. Right now this once open space is an off leash gated Dog park full of dog waste, litter, crowds, noise, unruly dogs, and dog owners who are not respectful of the leash laws outside of the gated off leash area. Dog owners in this once beautiful pristine open space are disparaging the trails and lupine fields as well as the fenced in off leash dog area. Their was much public opposition to this off leash dog area pilot project for an off as stated in the 2009 State Park Master Plan. However, the State Parks still went ahead and allowed for the off leash dog park to continue until this day.	3/18/2021 10:49 PM
245	Somewhere to swim!!!	3/18/2021 8:40 PM
246	Northwoods at Skidmore Pocket parks throughout the city a park at 10 Springs Woods astronomical view shed with light mitigation safe bike trails connect YMCA to Pitney Meadows community farm trail	3/18/2021 7:44 PM
247	More bike paths and more sidewalks on Lake Ave	3/18/2021 7:12 PM
248	Yaddo, excelsior ave	3/18/2021 5:40 PM
249	More pocket parks. How about the old D'Andeas liquor store on West Ave? Or the woods behind there? No parks or green spaces in that area.	3/18/2021 4:44 PM
250	Make a viable bike loop around the city or connected in some way.	3/18/2021 4:25 PM
251	Griskowitz Fields by PBA- needs to be public before the Police sell it to Bonacio; city desperately needs soccer and lax fields for citizens Easier public access to Lake Lonely More trails like Spring Run, love the idea of a the Greenbelt Trail	3/18/2021 3:48 PM
252	Intersection of Staffords Bridge/29. 9P from Northway to Interlaken.	3/18/2021 2:47 PM
253	none come to mind	3/18/2021 2:13 PM
254	In general, it would be great for Saratoga to be more walkable via more trails, connected sidewalks, new sidewalks, etc.	3/18/2021 1:43 PM
255	The railroad tracks between Saratoga, Greenfield (and further) should be turned into bicycle trail so that bedroom communities can safety commute by bike into work in Saratoga.	3/18/2021 1:32 PM
256	Railroad Ave	3/18/2021 1:30 PM
257	Railroad run - protect from Development	3/18/2021 12:55 PM
258	Public access where kids can swim at Saratoga lake	3/18/2021 12:24 PM
259	The Greenbelt should be reserved as fields and forests with limited clustered low-density residential use. Scenic bike routes great for quality of life.	3/18/2021 12:16 PM
260	Very worried about High Rock Park as more and more big construction goes up around it. It feels less like an open space if it's surrounded by big blocks of buildings.	3/18/2021 10:39 AM
261	Not sure.	3/18/2021 10:18 AM
262	More off road bike trail access Interconnect trail systems More pocket parks throughout the City	3/18/2021 9:45 AM
263	Continued land protection along the Kaydeross to help protect the Saratoga Lake watershed.	3/18/2021 9:31 AM
264	Open forests near Milton, land along South Broadway, the Northwoods, Geyser Creek and tributaries, ag land west of Skidmore, forests along Rt. 50 south.	3/18/2021 7:40 AM
265	The forest area in geyser crest between Trottingham rd. and Hutchins.	3/18/2021 6:50 AM
266	Can't think of any.	3/18/2021 1:26 AM
267	Add sidewalks along West Fenlon to better connect the state park and railroad run to downtown. Encourage new building in existing building lots rather than building on undeveloped	3/17/2021 8:45 PM

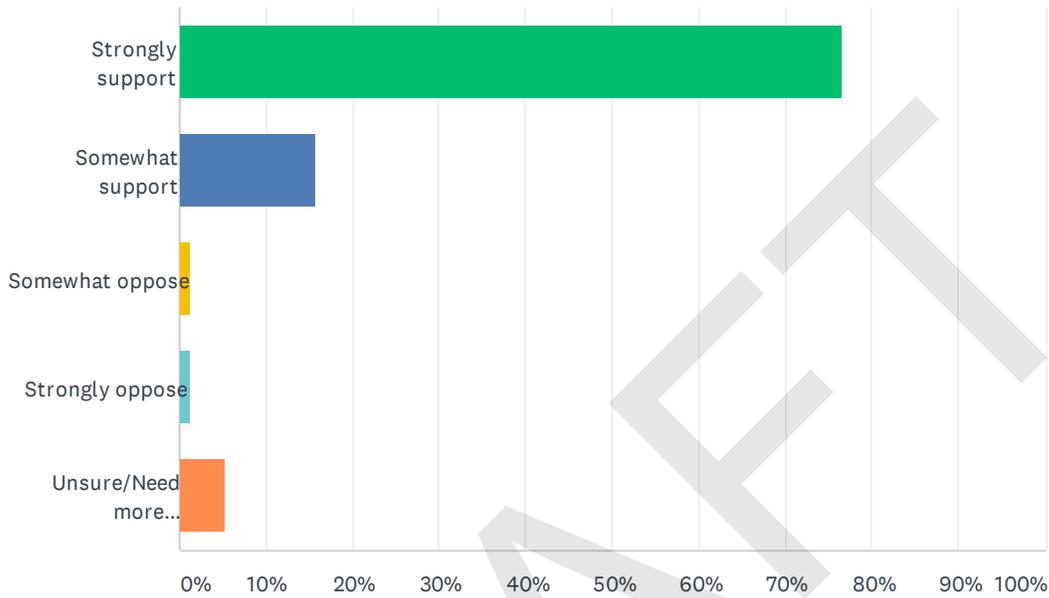
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	land.	
268	Wetlands south of SPAC overflow parking lot	3/17/2021 6:22 PM
269	Land surrounding Loughberry Lake, our city's primary water supply...	3/17/2021 6:20 PM
270	Access to Spring Run Trail from the south, Lake Ave, area.	3/17/2021 5:21 PM
271	Access to the Spring Run Trail from the south (Lake Ave.). Sidewalk on Excelsior Spring Ave.	3/17/2021 5:04 PM
272	Skidmore North woods is not, preserved I believe. Skidmore can develop it as it wishes. It would be great if it was preserved for the long term. Also the Greenbelt trail should be built/ surface rights to the water line should be secured to help facilitate this. Small open lots can be purchased and transformed into beautiful micro habitats and neighborhood parks.	3/17/2021 3:31 PM
273	areas within the Greenbelt that are connected to and would increase the size of existing open spaces	3/17/2021 2:24 PM
274	I would like to see a pocket park by the waterworks and would like to see the greenbelt protections increased. Too many housing developments in what should be woods. Also no more variances like the one for that hideous Pet Lodge. Just say no to Just Cats.	3/17/2021 12:33 PM

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Q20 Would you support or oppose the City of Saratoga Springs dedicating public funding for land conservation or acquisition to protect open space, natural areas, water, and wildlife in the future?

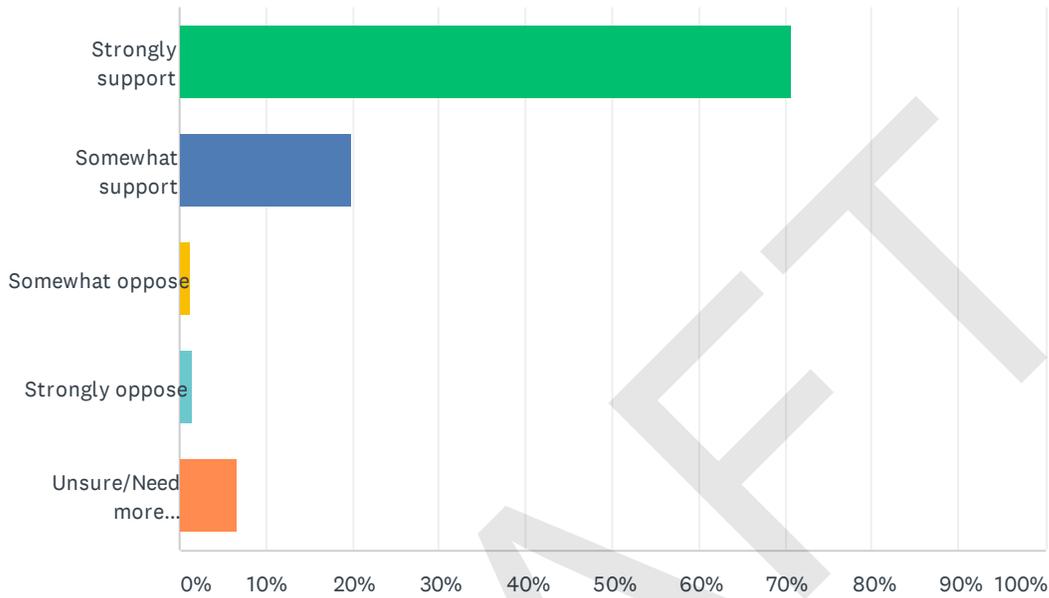
Answered: 848 Skipped: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	76.53%	649
Somewhat support	15.68%	133
Somewhat oppose	1.30%	11
Strongly oppose	1.30%	11
Unsure/Need more information	5.19%	44
TOTAL		848

Q21 Open spaces, including trails will require funding for ongoing maintenance and improvements. Would you be supportive of creating a public mechanism to fund the maintenance and upkeep of these spaces?

Answered: 854 Skipped: 106



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	70.73%	604
Somewhat support	19.91%	170
Somewhat oppose	1.17%	10
Strongly oppose	1.41%	12
Unsure/Need more information	6.79%	58
TOTAL		854

Q22 Please note any additional comment or ideas you have relating to the future of open space in the City of Saratoga Springs:

Answered: 293 Skipped: 667

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wonderful to know the city recognizes the value and need for open spaces enough to do this survey and to act on it.	4/16/2021 9:07 PM
2	I hope we push back on developers and save more green spaces.	4/16/2021 9:06 PM
3	One can never have enough	4/16/2021 6:55 PM
4	I think the City is doing a good job. Saving the Pitney Farm was an AMAZING accomplishment. How could we make it easier to get to Pitney via bike? Like I mentioned previously, any open space within city limits that is undeveloped should remain so at this point. The downtown is getting way too crowded with big buildings. In the 12 years that I've lived here there have been drastic changes to the city's landscape. Without halting further development, we're going to lose the "city in the country" feeling. I just thought of another area... how about the area on south Broadway where the diner use to be? Is there any way to use a portion of that for a pocket park? Also, any remaining woodsy areas in the Southside neighborhood should be preserved rather than developed. That used to be a beautiful parcel of woods; now its a bunch of yuppy, expensive, new construction houses and the trees are gone.	4/16/2021 6:10 PM
5	I would be happy to see my taxes go up if it would protect and expand the amount of open spaces in Saratoga	4/16/2021 4:20 PM
6	I am very concerned over the rate of development within the city and how we continue to allow high density housing. So we are in great need of more affordable housing I wish the land-use boards were not such a greenlight to all projects proposed. Furthermore, The city has been removing trees all over town for years and done very little to replace them. Aside from climate change factors that would have us all benefit from more trees there is also the aesthetic quality that is so important to The city. Picture of the beautiful Elms that used to line Broadway Among many other locations we simply must dedicate funding to reforesting the city if we hope to remain living in a beautiful place.	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
7	It should be geared towards equity and providing opportunities to the most vulnerable and insecure populations. More open space recreation and athletic fields than trails or nature walks.	4/16/2021 1:15 PM
8	Please plant more trees.	4/16/2021 12:57 PM
9	One of the main reasons I moved here and chose to buy a home close to several open spaces.	4/16/2021 12:29 PM
10	I hate seeing this beautiful city turned into a building bonanza; please keep the mega-builders from more activity.	4/16/2021 10:31 AM
11	Would like to see the continued support of creating safe bike lanes and paths throughout the city.	4/16/2021 9:53 AM
12	Please tax me more to support conservation, new parks, and open space planning! I think a priority needs to be connecting Saratoga Springs to other regional trails. Building a continuous trail from NYC through Lake George and all the way up to Montreal would be a great resource for recreation, but would also be a huge economic boost for us.	4/16/2021 9:42 AM
13	It's vital to allow Saratoga Springs to offer more than most cities can because of the large amount of open space and the possibility of more if we plan well for the future. This will effect the quality of life now and for our children.	4/16/2021 9:39 AM
14	Design the future city for people not cars. prioritize people Uber vehicles. we're still living with the dark legacy of Robert Moses... The car imdestroyed America. we've never been more isolated from one another	4/15/2021 10:45 PM

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15	I am truly concerned we are losing the city in the countryeverywhere I look there are new big condo buildings being erected.	4/15/2021 9:22 PM
16	Commercial / residential development is the largest and most powerful threat to preservation of open space. This must be addressed directly.	4/15/2021 8:15 PM
17	looks pretty desperate	4/15/2021 7:53 PM
18	Would like to see a safe way to bike from east of Saratoga (Old Schylerville Road/Lake Avenue) into downtown Saratoga. There is very little public access or walking space near Saratoga Lake. It is very much needed. Sidewalks or parks. Keep the outdoor skating rinks.	4/15/2021 7:17 PM
19	I think more bicycle trails should be built and that Saratoga should become a bicycle friendly city. It would reduce the traffic and parking situations and attract serious tourism, benefitting the economy and life in the city.	4/15/2021 7:05 PM
20	Connect disparate bike/hike trails into a connected system.	4/15/2021 6:42 PM
21	Would love to see a more expansive use of certain walking trails should be increased and removal of blighted sees near parks	4/15/2021 5:34 PM
22	The history of planning and managing open space has proven its value in the quality of life within Saratoga Springs. This unique community's appeal to so many is in part a result of the efforts to preserve and enhance open space. Keep it going!	4/15/2021 5:20 PM
23	Since moving to Saratoga Springs City in the recent past I have seen a troubling overabundance of new building squeezed into small spaces. I have concerns that this unique small city will soon be unrecognizable to me. Quality of life does not mean unimpeded growth.	4/15/2021 4:20 PM
24	we need more winter activities - ice skating, trails for fat bikes, etc. I think it's essential we preserve what we have and continue to add more open space where we can to preserve the appeal of Saratoga as it continues to be grow. As a community we have the resources to be a leader in sustainability and making the town even more pedestrian/biker friendly will not only help attract people who are looking to live in a dense area on a smaller footprint with access to green space	4/15/2021 3:59 PM
25	We used to have public access to Saratoga Lake for swimming (on the Saratoga Springs side, next to where the carousel used to be) and used to be able to sit and eat (and launch small boats) right on the water's edge just a little further down the road--I really miss those two places (sorry, I can't remember their names). I'm not even sure if Brown's Beach still functions. We need public access to Saratoga Lake.	4/15/2021 3:24 PM
26	The public wants trails and open spaces it can use. Saratoga needs to find a way to deliver, especially in developing usable infrastructure on open space assets and funding ongoing maintenance. This cannot simply be shunted to DPW as a burden. The City, led by creative thinking from DPW and Council, need to find a solution that funds what the residents and visitors want in terms of open space.	4/15/2021 3:10 PM
27	Connectivity is key between trail systems.	4/15/2021 2:51 PM
28	Protect our open spaces before they are gone.	4/15/2021 12:35 PM
29	As population increases open space becomes more precious and important.	4/15/2021 10:12 AM
30	I believe this is a critical time to refresh the plan in light of the city's growth pressures, and to pursue creative new financing approaches for open space efforts that I believe have a wide constituency.	4/15/2021 9:56 AM
31	critical pivot point; downtown green space disappearing with parking garage and more high rises; try to insert green space in those areas as well as preserve new spaces--daniels/denton road/ saratoga lake on the perimeter	4/15/2021 9:02 AM
32	I believe open spaces should protect the environment and serve a purpose in the mental health of the community.	4/15/2021 8:38 AM
33	the previous question appears to cloak a "tax" as "public mechanism" - if the city were not subsidizing businesses by paying for their employees to live in "affordable" housing , the taxes on the true value would serve as the "public mechanism" to fund open space projects	4/14/2021 10:44 PM
34	Would love to see some basketball/pickle ball/volleyball courts at the state park	4/14/2021 10:01 PM

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35	There is very little open space left within the city. Every empty lot appears to b scooped up for development. We need a moratorium on such development more neighborhood pocket parks.	4/14/2021 6:30 PM
36	Please connect and extend more trails. The quality of sidewalks and property lacking sidewalks is a big problem in the city.	4/14/2021 1:57 PM
37	We need to prioritize this over more condos - the amount of development in this city in the 20 years I have lived here is astounding. We will not stay the city in the country if we continue to allow all these developments. I definitely favor concentrating development in an urban area - it's the best model from an ecological perspective - but, so many of these condos and apts are not occupied. Certain developers (we know who they are) are very effective at getting permits through the system. We need to rethink our values and prioritize open spaces. There is HUGE economic value in open space - it's why people move here, visit here, stay here. If we develop or don't care for our open space, we will lose the charm and beauty that attract people to Saratoga. (On a separate note - as a conservation professional and someone who does a lot of surveys - the categories in this survey were VERY hard to separate out and were often connected to one another (e.g., ecosystem preservation or conservation leads to improved water quality - I shouldn't have to choose). Also, a % done at the bottom of the survey would have been helpful for such a long survey. I hope others persisted...	4/14/2021 11:27 AM
38	It is imperative for the city to maintain a stronger balance between urban development and greenspace. Without preserving the natural and historical resources to offset and sustainably manage the urban development, the city is in peril of losing the attributes that make it a desirable and healthy place to live.	4/14/2021 7:53 AM
39	Saratoga Open Spaces; including athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts should be reserved for Saratoga Springs residents. Since the recent upgrades have been completed at East Side Rec for example, many non-residents come from local communities to use our facilities. There should be a way to either reserve these for residents or charge a use fee to non-residents.	4/14/2021 7:33 AM
40	Improve bike ability and walk ability, create paths from neighborhoods to nearby recreation areas (ex: a crosswalk to Pitney farm to get across west ave)	4/13/2021 9:02 PM
41	The geyser road playground needs to be redone badly. We need more playground spaces for our children - the ones we have are overcrowded	4/13/2021 8:41 PM
42	It is important for community health and I think it enhances value, including property value	4/13/2021 5:10 PM
43	I like the idea of open space funding , as long as it is not used for a personal discretion for one council member or not used in a constructive way. I worry about government waste and decisions be nigiri go whims of the few in power	4/13/2021 4:32 PM
44	The setup right now is pretty nice. Great selection of walkable rec areas. Another few dog runs would be nice. They don't need to be giant like the one across from the dance museum. Even 2,000 sf would be better than nothing.	4/13/2021 3:42 PM
45	We badly need more large regulation baseball fields, East Side and Geyser are simply not enough and West Side is not big enough for older guys	4/13/2021 3:14 PM
46	Make downtown area more bike friendly and try to keep traffic and congestion to a minimum - keep cars off Broadway/downtown on weekends in the summer - plenty of parking off the main thoroughfare - encourage walking/biking	4/13/2021 3:08 PM
47	ACCESS is key! Too much emphasis is placed on people being able to drive or bike to local sites - and none or little on helping those who can't drive access them! We have a population which will rapidly age out of driving - and often NO plans to include non-drivers/non-bikers when we improve open spaces!	4/13/2021 1:20 PM
48	we are not moving fast enough to implement our plans: get the Greenbelt Trail done - it needs to be built as a single project in the next 3 years	4/13/2021 9:39 AM
49	Open Space is an incredible asset for the quality of life in Saratoga Springs, and certainly should be expanded	4/13/2021 9:17 AM
50	I want my son to grow up in a community that welcomes and includes individuals with disabilities. I want him to be able to attend the same events and visit the same playgrounds as his able-bodied peers.	4/13/2021 8:16 AM

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51	I think there is a lot of room to expand the trails near Daniels Rd, Friendship Trail Systems and incorporate trail ideas from the western United States	4/12/2021 11:03 PM
52	Once again, please try to preserve and conserve the RRR area and prevent development there.	4/12/2021 7:25 PM
53	Please include food systems planning to incorporate the use of open space to improve on healthy food initiatives and safe and healthy linkages to food distribution areas.	4/12/2021 5:01 PM
54	Saratoga's human population is growing at very high rates. We can see this by the increase in home building. If we don't act wisely we will soon use up our open space and lose the health of our city that we have been claiming as part of our history.	4/12/2021 3:52 PM
55	Less open space used for auto parking lots	4/12/2021 12:52 PM
56	Please, please keep what we have and build on it.	4/12/2021 11:52 AM
57	Losing open space in favor of too many new homes that don't even fit into the neighborhoods they are built in.	4/12/2021 11:45 AM
58	Let's not let this process be used as an anti development platform	4/12/2021 11:38 AM
59	I think it's important to preserve as much open space as possible. One such space is the triangle of land at the intersection of Circular St. and Broadway. That could be a pretty park seen as you enter downtown Saratoga. We don't need more banks or condos. Small plots in neighborhoods would be nice nice too instead of tearing down and building changing the character of what makes Saratoga what it is.	4/12/2021 11:38 AM
60	Our desire for open space is overblown. We need to consider the surrounding communities as part of any open space vision.	4/12/2021 9:09 AM
61	Thanks to the forward thinking of our community in 2002 we are where we are today with open spaces. We can not go backwards but have to keep up the fight to protect our open spaces.	4/11/2021 9:18 PM
62	None	4/11/2021 8:47 PM
63	Protecting our remaining natural areas is important but also not fragmenting those areas.	4/11/2021 8:40 PM
64	I am most concerned about the continuous development pressure in this city.	4/11/2021 8:30 PM
65	The city needs to really focus on a balance between growth and open space.	4/11/2021 7:35 PM
66	Anything we can still save, should be saved!	4/11/2021 6:17 PM
67	I don't know if this is relevant to the discussion of open space, but I would like to see regular (weekly), community compost collection, perhaps going to Pitney Farms. This would keep food waste out of landfills, and benefit agriculture. I have seen this in California.	4/11/2021 5:30 PM
68	Please DO NOT make Henry Street one way!!	4/11/2021 1:46 PM
69	Saratoga Springs is my hometown and I have always appreciated living in such a thriving community. While I understand that growth is important I believe that it should stabilize at some point. We have far too much new construction on postage stamp size lots, especially with this project on Jumel Place. I believe that we have so many gems in our existing homes and feel that buyers should be encouraged to purchase and improve them to enhance all of our neighborhoods.	4/11/2021 1:08 PM
70	Please find a way to preserve railroad run. Please provide crosswalk on West Ave. to connect trail behind Y to Pitney Meadows	4/11/2021 12:43 PM
71	I think parks and open spaces should be its own department outside of public works. I get historically why this was consolidated, but in more modern strategy, a dedicated elected official to represent the stewardship of these spaces that is separate from municipal maintenance might be worth researching.	4/11/2021 11:31 AM
72	Petrified Sea Garden and the route 50 corridor south of SPAC	4/11/2021 10:56 AM
73	We live here because of the quality of life this community brings to its residents. We cannot lose sight of what makes this place so special.	4/11/2021 10:42 AM
74	Please revisit the original plan and open/available spaces! Development has done wonderful things for the City, but when is it enough? Importantly, the decision makers must avoid a shift	4/11/2021 10:39 AM

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in frame of reference. It would be so easy to mark only where we are and miss where we came from.

75	We must vigorously guard our existing open spaces and seek to expand them. Over development will bring an end to our unique community.	4/11/2021 7:27 AM
76	Development in the outer district should be focused on rural uses such as agriculture or smart growth principles that prioritize conserving the remaining natural landscape as development progresses. This should be coupled with policies that make it easier to build densely within the urban core. Urban services should not be extended into the outer district.	4/10/2021 11:14 PM
77	Saratoga does a wonderful job with their open spaces. I love spending my summers there.	4/10/2021 10:03 PM
78	Create a program that allows those who are are less fortunate than others to work to keep the parks clean in exchange for the help they need in life.	4/10/2021 9:59 PM
79	Good with the city acquiring open space as long as our taxes are not increased in order to do this.	4/10/2021 8:11 PM
80	The city must maintain its buffer of open space surrounding the city limits and furthermore, should try to enhance that area by adding to it through the use of conservation areas or outright acquisition.	4/10/2021 4:20 PM
81	We recently retired and are looking forward to enjoying the open spaces MORE - to improve/maintain our mental & physical health.	4/10/2021 3:33 PM
82	It would be nice to have something to connect up all the neighborhoods on the Eastern Plateau. It would also be nice to have a connection to the rest of the city. Path along Crescent Ave or between Lake Lonely and Saratoga National.	4/10/2021 1:51 PM
83	Please look at an elevation chart to see where businesses that could impact groundwater - aquifer quality- are located as gravity sends byproducts of industry into the aquifers with potential negative impact. Imagine a newborn formula being made with the water sourced from Saratoga Springs- both city and Spa Park well. Would anyone want an infant to consume the formula? Keep this in mind when a business requests to purchase a license to operate. How does that business Operate?	4/10/2021 1:13 PM
84	Another public commission or "society" is not a good idea unless there are to be limited rotating terms.	4/10/2021 12:48 PM
85	Need to do a better job with open space ,need to prepare for the climate crisis	4/10/2021 12:17 PM
86	Clean air, fresh water, habitat for nature, recreation opportunities, open space, all are critical to a sustainable and healthy community.	4/10/2021 11:42 AM
87	I would love to see the spring run trail continue. It is odd to have it just dead end.	4/10/2021 11:35 AM
88	I worry very much about development spreading outside of the city's footprint. The last thing that Saratoga needs is to become an array of cookie cutter housing developments and suburban sprawl.	4/10/2021 10:53 AM
89	Preservation of existing areas should be priority	4/10/2021 10:31 AM
90	DPW goes above and beyond in maintaining and taking care of these public resources. That department needs more staff for all the responsibilities placed upon them.	4/10/2021 9:42 AM
91	More green spaces near downtown and benches	4/10/2021 8:04 AM
92	The city has allowed far to many builders erect condos with too little parking and no corresponding open space!	4/10/2021 7:32 AM
93	We must curtail—stop!—urban sprawl. We need to strengthen our downtown and concentrate future development in our central city.	4/10/2021 6:44 AM
94	Pocket or community pools would take pressure off of the parks pools. There is a serious lack of good indoor pools here and good lessons. There needs to be a crosswalk that makes it accessible to cross Lake after Henning rd	4/9/2021 10:06 PM
95	Health, Air, Water will be GOLD in the next decade.	4/9/2021 9:21 PM
96	Please repair Bog Meadow trail if not already done.	4/9/2021 7:54 PM

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97	Remember need for low-income housing	4/9/2021 7:04 PM
98	You need to work in unity with Saratoga Plan. I think you both are doing the same survey, thus duplicating the work.	4/9/2021 6:16 PM
99	Stop developing!	4/9/2021 5:43 PM
100	We have more than enough housing and need no further building. Preserving the city we have and the green space should be the highest priority.	4/9/2021 5:18 PM
101	We frequent Veterans Park Softball fields regularly. They are rundown and an embarrassment compared to other fields we visit.	4/9/2021 5:08 PM
102	Beach lake access for free	4/9/2021 5:05 PM
103	Open space in the winter for kids and teens is needed. Playgrounds are deemed unsafe - probably by insurance companies and basketball courts aren't cleared	4/9/2021 4:04 PM
104	I do not know saratoga all too well. We are still discovering new places. We ran in the Pitney farms area last week for the first time it was nice. Never knew it was there.	4/9/2021 3:44 PM
105	You need to have bathrooms near the playgrounds. And those bathrooms need to be accessible for children in wheelchairs	4/9/2021 3:43 PM
106	I would love to see more bike lanes on all major roads in Saratoga. Also more accessibility throughout Saratoga.	4/9/2021 11:56 AM
107	In this survey I was a little disappointed not to see anything about over-building within Saratoga Springs. While it may not be as important as some of the other issues here, it's really important. A lot of Saratoga's beauty & appeal lies in its gracious, un-crowded, un-urban appearance. Having seen the bad effects of over-development elsewhere I've lived, I really hope Saratoga pays attention to this.	4/9/2021 11:14 AM
108	I moved to Geyser Crest recently and drive past a basketball court. I don't see it used often and several residents have their own hoops in their driveways. I wondered if this space could be repurposed into or expanded to include a playground for smaller children? I could then walk or bike to the area instead of driving to a further location and it would cut down a bit in pollution. I hope this is something that is considered, thank you!	4/9/2021 11:11 AM
109	To continue stripping the land to build housing that isn't affordable for the people that work in this city is irresponsible. There should be provisions for conservation and financial allocations for open space when land is taken for housing.	4/9/2021 9:53 AM
110	The need to expand waterfront park access and most especially, parking. We have been launching our paddle boards and kayaks there since it opened but with the pandemic this year, it's become the Hunger Games to try and get a parking spot, even up top.	4/9/2021 9:22 AM
111	The lack of coordination between the ZBA, Planning Board, Land Use board and the City departments (zoning enforcement, DPW) is completely lacking. If this isn't fixed any investment/effort in open spaces is a waste as it is subject to the capricious decisions made by the ZBA and the inability of the City to deal with the ramifications.	4/9/2021 9:21 AM
112	Look for lands that can be accessed directly by neighborhoods or by short connectors from neighborhoods to encourage use. Paul Macmillans land on Hutchins would be a great benefit to the Geyser Crest neighborhood if a deal to preserve his property could be made.	4/9/2021 9:10 AM
113	Connect the town to make it bulky bikeable for families- most streets do not have safe bike lanes or shoulders- bike paths over the train bridges on the west side to allow west sizers and their families to bike downtown safely. Please extend geyser bike trail	4/9/2021 7:42 AM
114	Our open space is being filled in by condos. Because of a law passed by Silver to protect his friends in NYC, condo owners pay less taxes than private owned homes but get full benefits of water, sewer, other services. They have raised our median income so that we are not getting very much of a share of the feds \$2.1 trillion payout. This means we taxpayers have to make up the difference. Stop the spread of building and save some of our city for open spaces.	4/8/2021 10:18 PM
115	This should not require increased taxes	4/8/2021 1:33 PM
116	no more PUD's	4/8/2021 10:02 AM
117	Saratoga Springs is on the decline. Every new house seems to cut down mature healthy trees	4/8/2021 8:42 AM

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in favor of taking up every eligible square foot of land within the property boundary with the largest possible house and garage. It's unhealthy, unintelligent and unsustainable. The only possible way to combat this overdevelopment is preservation of open space.

118	It is vitally important to provide, maintain and expand green space in this rapidly expanding city.	4/8/2021 6:54 AM
119	C	4/7/2021 8:51 PM
120	Are there any public tennis courts? Is there a city publication available with these resources ? If so, publicize it better. If not. why not?	4/7/2021 8:40 PM
121	I would love to see parks honoring the history of the diverse neighborhoods of The city- African American, Italian, Irish etc	4/7/2021 8:35 PM
122	More open space and far less building/development.	4/7/2021 3:43 PM
123	A trail connecting Glenmore Ave and Pitney Farm would benefit the two adjoining neighborhoods immensely. We're so close yet so far, with our only options to access the farm being private property or a long, sidewalk-less loop to West Ave. It would only take a small strip of the woods owned by St. Peters to greatly improve the lives nearby residents by giving safe access to a valuable local resource.	4/7/2021 2:27 PM
124	I love having the state park available and only wish there were more places like that for people to explore	4/7/2021 8:47 AM
125	Please protect as much open space as possible. This city is so beautiful and it's hard watching it be taken over by large scale developers.	4/7/2021 8:38 AM
126	Increase accessibility Increase safety lighting Increase sidewalk connectivity and ADA curbing	4/6/2021 8:02 PM
127	More accessibility	4/6/2021 9:49 AM
128	We need to commit to the Complete Streets initiatives including priority streets, pedestrian/sidewalks throughout the community, better mass transit and improved ADA access.	4/5/2021 10:31 PM
129	Theres so little left because every lot in the city disappears to building.....Trees come down on streets & are not always replaced.	4/5/2021 7:50 PM
130	The trees in our city make it more beautiful and sustainable. I would like to see more focus on supporting adding trees, especially those that are well-adapted and/or indigenous to our region.	4/5/2021 5:44 PM
131	None that I can think of at this time.	4/5/2021 5:29 PM
132	With the increase in use of many parks, I see a need for more paved trails to prevent erosion, i.e. Saratoga Spa State Park.	4/5/2021 5:11 PM
133	Please add to the existing green space.	4/5/2021 5:09 PM
134	The addition of high rise apartment buildings and hotels is creating too much vehicle traffic on our existing roads. The back ups are increasing at every traffic signal and city corridors.	4/5/2021 1:23 PM
135	Vital	4/5/2021 1:16 PM
136	The City has abundant open space. There is a narrative that open space in the City is somehow endangered. This is not true. between State/local parks and wetland regulations the City has thousands of acres of open space .	4/5/2021 12:59 PM
137	-protect the greenbelt into our city -keep our current trails & perhaps even close one for 2 years from time to time to let it heal from over wearing -seek additional open space areas from privately owned large land areas that are being considered for development	4/4/2021 5:00 PM
138	Make the trails connected to allow it safer to commute and enjoy recreation throughout Saratoga.	4/4/2021 8:01 AM
139	please have accessibility for people who use public transportation, more bike stations, better website that includes information, location, etc. about all open spaces in our city	4/3/2021 8:36 PM
140	Against clear cutting of forested areas for development.	4/3/2021 2:26 PM
141	Let's invest in the future of our children. When we don't invest now in climate change, we won't	4/3/2021 2:17 PM

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	be able to catch up when it's too late.	
142	Compose a detailed plan to grow recreational and parkland. Small single family homes in neighborhoods are important to our workforce and quality of life.	4/3/2021 9:43 AM
143	Ensure spaces serve ALL people in Saratoga and their needs. Equitable access to open space.	4/3/2021 6:38 AM
144	overall, complete the sidewalk network where pieces are missing or in bad shape (I.e., area around big red spring, North side playground, etc). Sidewalks and street trees are important 'open spaces' for the city. Walking is healthy and good for all ages. Priority should be given to making the system complete and safe.	4/2/2021 6:57 PM
145	Please keep development out of our open spaces.	4/2/2021 11:03 AM
146	There are bigger problems to solve right now in Saratoga. People don't have the money for this stuff. Our federal government is trying to get rid of the dollar for a global currency that will not be equal to what the dollar is worth. People are going to have ESG scores deciding if they can get loans and jobs and be part of society. Our kids haven't been to school full time in over a year and the quality of education they are getting stinks! The school is too busy indoctrinating our kids and is not focusing on teaching. If I hear the word equity one more time I'm going to scream. Equity does not equal equality!!! OUR freedoms are disappearing. People are jobless. People are homeless. There are thousands coming over our boards illegally which leaves our country at risk and those of us that do have jobs with responsibility to pay for housing, education, health, food and whatever else the government decides to give away for "free." This city just asked families for millions for rec fields, now this! Where does it end?! How much can more can those of us in the middle take?!	4/1/2021 11:14 PM
147	I think to keep the city in the country healthy balanced growth open space, economic	4/1/2021 7:50 PM
148	preserving some of the farm lands on the outskirts of the city limits	4/1/2021 9:52 AM
149	I am dismayed by a plan to build a housing complex on Excelsior and Ormandy Avenues that backs into Spring Run Trail, a trail which already has houses and building complexes closing it in and interfering with a natural view. Recently, someone has taken to posting a series of intrusive yellow signs on the tree trunks that say Private Property that ruin a natural view. I wonder if this land and other properties could be bought by the city to protect Spring Run Trail.	3/31/2021 11:31 PM
150	Bike trails	3/31/2021 8:18 PM
151	Using the Complete Streets program to provide access to existing open spaces should be first priority. There is currently too much disconnect, even in areas immediately adjacent to existing open space recreation.	3/31/2021 10:22 AM
152	I am very concerned that it seems like every month an open space has a construction sign and then another hotel or apartment building. I know tourism is important, but so are the green spaces that give this city its character.	3/31/2021 9:07 AM
153	There is too much building going on in Saratoga Springs. whomever has bonacio in their back pocket needs to be gone. The city is going to start to be too crowded and look like a sewer. Dont make the mistake Long Island made.	3/31/2021 8:47 AM
154	It is especially important to protect the Saratoga watershed. Organizations like SLPID and the Saratoga Lake Association should be given authority to maintain the watershed and thus, the towns surrounding the lake.	3/30/2021 7:43 PM
155	I could not value or support the preservation of open space in Saratoga Springs more highly. The unique blend of historic architecture and rural character is what drew me to move to Saratoga Springs over 20 years ago, and it is what will keep me living here.	3/30/2021 5:49 PM
156	The City of Saratoga Springs needs to act decisively to preserve and maintain its existing open spaces and to provide for the creation new ones, especially ones that are not specifically designated for human use. There is a value to all aspects of natural ecosystems in and of themselves, in both the daytime and at night, that goes beyond any purely anthropocentric goals for their preservation. The City, then, needs to establish a clear distinction between open spaces designated specifically for the protection of the natural environment and those designed to accommodate human activity. One way to do this is to reduce the vast and sterile areas of chemically-dependent lawn and associated formal landscaping while incorporating as much natural open space as possible as a home for native floral ecosystem that supports our	3/30/2021 3:12 PM

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threatened insect pollinators. Moreover, since half of the natural world has evolved to adapt to the world after sunset, there needs to be an acknowledgement that the night sky above and the darkness it provides constitutes a form of open space per se, the City must take aggressive action to preserve, protect, restore or create those terrestrial open spaces that also serve as the supportive environment for nocturnal ecosystems and for the wildlife that depend on it. A corollary to this is for the City to ensure that the ability of its residents to experience the open space of the night sky is un sullied by excessive and misdirected outdoor illumination even from the vicinity of their own homes.

157	I am very worried as development of housing condos etc seems to be constantly occurring.	3/30/2021 2:34 PM
158	A more robust and connected system of biking/walking trails, for recreation and for commuting.	3/30/2021 2:01 PM
159	Downtown is increasingly privatized or paved, with parking lots and large new condo/apartment buildings erected without green space except for Congress Park itself. There are few trees or spaces for people to be outside. There needs to be an effort to reduce paving and heat islands, and to keep downtown livable. This has become increasingly important for my family, especially in COVID-times.	3/30/2021 1:58 PM
160	SIDEWALKS IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NO SIDEWALKS AND BETTER SIDEWALK	3/30/2021 11:19 AM
161	Must be able to safely connect north/south and east/west path trail systems to avoid downtown and/or address trucking routes.	3/30/2021 10:52 AM
162	I think we have done an excellent job and will continue to do so.	3/30/2021 10:01 AM
163	The city is extremely bikeable but not yet "bike-friendly." More access to bike lanes and connections to existing bike infrastructure, and public education on right of way and rules of the road.	3/30/2021 9:26 AM
164	Please ensure the opportunities to preserve open space have equal space on the West Side area - specifically Grand Avenue has the potential to be updated to bring much benefit to city residents.	3/30/2021 8:39 AM
165	More trails for bikers over by Saratoga Lake and the Water's Edge/Woodlands community. The road is dangerous so biking to any place is hard to plan.	3/30/2021 8:38 AM
166	It is key to maintain what we have before too much expansion	3/30/2021 8:13 AM
167	I believe the preservation of existing open space in Saratoga Springs (and bordering villages, towns etc) is crucial in maintaing the history, aura and beauty of Saratoga Springs. The seemingly incessant building of housing projects and tract homes on any open land is diluting the above and fostering less services, infrastructure and safety.	3/30/2021 7:18 AM
168	Saratoga springs needs a survey of not just open space but properties that have space currently used for other uses that's may be better moved to another locatation to create a better use of the space as open space. I.e. Rental of property on Weibel Ave to National Grid when area could be a centralized athletic facility and park for sports recreations	3/30/2021 6:53 AM
169	Dog potty disposal should be accessible so people don't leave bags behind.	3/29/2021 9:23 PM
170	More nature trails in the city itself, not suburbs	3/29/2021 9:19 PM
171	In future communication with community members include Pitney Meadows Community Farm in your public trails examples	3/29/2021 9:02 PM
172	If it's not protected with all the development going on, it can't be returned to open space. It's critical to preserve for the broader good, our community, and our natural resources. It's not easy, but it's important!	3/29/2021 8:59 PM
173	Ice skating rink downtown, making open space of the old substation lot across from big red spring as an open space link between spring run trail and high rock park	3/29/2021 8:36 PM
174	City is over saturated with mid rise condos.	3/29/2021 8:32 PM
175	Stop the building of condos and businesses—use the mall	3/29/2021 6:34 PM
176	better control of development	3/29/2021 5:55 PM
177	Would like a downtown playground near library, and on the north end in Wilton, with more sidewalk accessibility from neighborhoods for safer exercise along roads.	3/29/2021 4:44 PM

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178	I would like to see additional access to Saratoga Lake such as a beach area.	3/29/2021 3:15 PM
179	Thank you for the opportunity!	3/29/2021 11:59 AM
180	more information on the use of Pitney farm trail, is it exclusively for the high school track team to use? where do you park. Very little know info	3/29/2021 10:39 AM
181	Stop allowing building of unaffordable housing	3/29/2021 8:27 AM
182	More bike trails/lanes	3/29/2021 8:22 AM
183	it is important and something that sets Saratoga Springs apart from other places	3/28/2021 4:02 PM
184	with taxes as high as they are, there shouldn't be any reason why preserving open spaces should be a problem. Stop raising taxes of the elderly for that purpose. There is enough new construction to be able to support this cause.	3/28/2021 1:06 PM
185	Maintenance needs to be a priority for the City and a dedicated fund needs to be set aside to make sure our parks and trails are kept up.	3/28/2021 12:15 PM
186	Increase recruitment and honoring work of volunteers	3/27/2021 11:02 PM
187	stop allowing over building in historic residential areas.	3/27/2021 4:47 PM
188	Pedestrian street needed downtown like in Boulder and Burlington.	3/27/2021 4:09 PM
189	My wife and I really enjoy the open spaces, trails, and beautiful vistas. The current development is getting out of control; and is ruining the beauty of our town.	3/27/2021 9:10 AM
190	Try to get volunteers for annual maintenance. W covid and taxes I think we need to be very careful of expenditures right now.	3/27/2021 8:30 AM
191	One can simply examine maps of Saratoga Springs from the 19th Century throughout the 20th Century, to the present and ascertain the acceleration of development, and its impending affect on future generations.	3/27/2021 8:29 AM
192	Please expand and keep as much as possible, both for fresh air and the health benefits of the people.	3/26/2021 9:27 PM
193	As climate changes progresses, they will be increasingly important.	3/26/2021 2:24 PM
194	The constant development of every single open space for "high-end condos" (I'm talking to you, Bonacio) is deleterious to community and community health and well-being.	3/26/2021 1:35 PM
195	Please make it a bikeable city with more trails and areas to lock bikes	3/26/2021 1:12 PM
196	I believe Saratoga has allowed too much new construction of condo's without the thought of increased traffic, and infrastructure needed. I feel Saratoga is losing it's charm.	3/26/2021 12:28 PM
197	I prefer a combination of government and private citizens/groups working on, and financing, this	3/26/2021 11:55 AM
198	Need better communication/publicity about types, locations, accessibility of existing Open Space offerings	3/26/2021 10:17 AM
199	Stop catering to tourists. They'll come regardless. Stop building and approving condos.	3/26/2021 9:39 AM
200	I appreciate the continued dedication the City has shown in protecting and creating open space in our community.	3/26/2021 8:58 AM
201	establish a functional maintenance program for outdoor rsources	3/26/2021 8:04 AM
202	I'm just very grateful this is a priority for the city!!	3/26/2021 8:02 AM
203	We've lived here for 20+ years. We LOVE Saratoga. Our children have moved back to the area and are now raising their children here. Open space is so important for us all, young and old alike.	3/26/2021 7:57 AM
204	Importance of sidewalks in the entire city. Massively important	3/26/2021 12:50 AM
205	I hope the City realizes that once we develop an area, we can never go backward (or at least it would be quite difficult), in terms of ecosystem function. I strongly value the preservation of	3/25/2021 9:22 PM

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	open space.	
206	It's time for a major new Parks, Open Space and Green Infrastructure Bond Act	3/25/2021 8:24 PM
207	Preserve green spaces that are disappearing quickly	3/25/2021 6:42 PM
208	I recently moved to Ballston Spa and love the Zim Smith trail and would love to have the ability to safely bike to Saratoga!	3/25/2021 4:50 PM
209	Saratoga is special because of its history and its countryside. Over development and population boom threaten what makes the city unique. Its critical that open spaces are preserved, and built upon, and that history and environment are considered. If not Saratoga will become just another tourist trap, not a community.	3/25/2021 4:40 PM
210	Please bring more disc golf courses! Contact Kenji at discap!	3/25/2021 4:04 PM
211	Connecting pathways for cyclists and pedestrians is essential to make travel safe for our most vulnerable citizens- the homeless and low income- to be able to meet their basic needs, going to the store or the grocery. These green spaces are essential for the health of the community and infrastructure must be accommodating to all- those in wheelchairs, the visually impaired, low income folks. I would be pleased in seeing Saratoga look into becoming a biophilic city https://www.biophilicities.org/why-join	3/25/2021 3:38 PM
212	Saratoga Plan has done excellent work but don't overdo it. You've achieved a great balance.	3/25/2021 11:50 AM
213	I have personally acquired 140 acres in Greenfield to provide public recreation opportunities on trails, with a conservation easement held by Saratoga PLAN. It is amazing to be able to ride a bike (or ebike) from the big new parking lot in town up to the adirondack foothills on trails, and come back to enjoy lunch or dinner at restaurants in town. With public health concerns due to COVID lingering, I hope the City of Saratoga Springs does more to activate these opportunities, to drive its tourism and recreation economy, while helping its kids (and their parents) stay fit, active, and happy.	3/25/2021 10:56 AM
214	I don't live in Saratoga Springs but support businesses and visited often pre pandemic and look forward to doing so again!	3/25/2021 9:38 AM
215	It is time to stop building housing complexes that are unaffordable and that create additional emissions and concrete heat. Invest in the spaces for outdoor use and conservation.	3/25/2021 8:58 AM
216	I would like to see some of the downtown streets turned into one way with more space for pedestrians and cyclists, and outdoor dining.	3/25/2021 8:39 AM
217	Cluster city projects in commercial districts instead of building on every empty piece of land.	3/25/2021 8:38 AM
218	Must reveal what tax increases you're envisioning. At \$50/yr I strongly support. At \$500/yr I strongly oppose.	3/25/2021 8:26 AM
219	SS has done well preserving open space here, but pressures to develop are constant and financially convenient in the short term. We must guard against losing open space and continue to expand and incorporate them.	3/25/2021 8:15 AM
220	need to figure out a way to reduce property taxes - it's getting out-of-control	3/25/2021 7:54 AM
221	The city has always shortchanged kids when it comes to athletic facilities. Time to provide city owned facilities on par with Wilton or Clifton Park. Stop diverting money away from kids and into Congress Park statues	3/25/2021 7:48 AM
222	I think completion of the greenbelt trail should be a crucial part of any open space plan so that people can enjoy open spaces without having to emit CO2 to get there!	3/24/2021 10:13 PM
223	I'm a big fan of the open space in our city. Pitney Meadows and the waterfront park are great resources. I'd love to see more areas like these. They are a real asset to the community. I love the State Park. It has a great balance of natural space, commercial development, and recreation. I'm interested in seeing the Greenbelt trail completed. I feel that would be a tremendous asset to connect all the open spaces.	3/24/2021 9:53 PM
224	The access to natural beauty gives our City unusual appeal . A reason for tourists to visit, as Bd joy to its citizens. It is a fragile resource. Easy to overlook . We ignore this beauty at our peril.	3/24/2021 8:41 PM
225	Would love to see more Disc Golf courses. DisCap has been having great success.	3/24/2021 7:31 PM

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226	I would love to see additional work on the Greenbelt trail to provide a continuous and safe connection that allows for recreation and transportation.	3/24/2021 7:31 PM
227	Recreation fields should be a top priority because it requires acreage that may be fast disappearing.	3/24/2021 7:12 PM
228	Keep doing what you are doing!	3/24/2021 6:59 PM
229	disc golf is the fastest growing sport in the world and and integrates well with natural open spaces and protected forest land.	3/24/2021 6:58 PM
230	I think I said enough before.	3/24/2021 6:39 PM
231	I am especially grateful for the City's foresight in collaborating to create Pitney Community farm	3/24/2021 6:38 PM
232	A big part of the beauty of Saratoga Springs is the open space. Please don't allow overdevelopment to ruin it.	3/24/2021 6:24 PM
233	SS should encourage homeowners to plant native trees, shrubs and plants for the enjoyment of people walking by. We should jealously guard existing open space in the outside district.	3/24/2021 5:54 PM
234	I am a trail steward volunteer for Moreau lake state park. I volunteer to maintain and build mountain bike trails in Vermont. I have donated to and offered volunteer help to PLAN for the trail system up into Moreau lake state park.	3/24/2021 5:31 PM
235	Limit the building permits for large developments.	3/24/2021 5:18 PM
236	Like to see open space utilized for trails be they nature or paved multiuse - this gets folks out of their cars to use a healthy, safe form of getting around.	3/24/2021 4:42 PM
237	I wish you lots of success! I love to be outdoors! Everyone uses the spaces differently, those care-taking children, those who are athletes, those who stroll with friends for exercise and companionship, those who study birds and plants, sometimes the same person does all of those things!	3/24/2021 4:33 PM
238	need more Parks and Trails	3/24/2021 4:32 PM
239	Walkable and bikeable urban streets are critical to be able to access natural areas within and outside the city.	3/24/2021 4:22 PM
240	None	3/24/2021 3:36 PM
241	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:14 AM
242	There are often plots of lands with wetlands for sale in the area that could potentially be converted to trails and disc golf courses for natural conservation. Discap is a disc golf organization in the area with people who can design and install a disc golf course (just concrete tee pads and baskets - not much change) at no cost to the city. We all volunteer our time and resources for an opportunity to play!	3/24/2021 10:10 AM
243	Sometimes I shy away from using a green space because it is too heavily used by people wanting their let their dogs off leashes. Even though people say "don't worry, they are friendly", when I am out I don't like to have to worry about dogs. Maybe a dog-free zone?	3/24/2021 8:03 AM
244	I answered question 16 as supporting the expansion of open spaces but what I want to answer is that is just needs to be balanced with development. And I support public funds for open spaces and maintenance, but the money shouldn't be wasted like those tiny yield signs on every driveway on Geyser Rd. When money seems wasted it is hard to be supportive.	3/24/2021 7:10 AM
245	We might want to evaluate new condo development on the basis of the natural resources it consumes. & the look it gives to our city, much less the views it obstructs.	3/23/2021 4:35 PM
246	It's connected to city planning too. The more local errands seem like a bike ride (or walk or bus ride) than a drive the better we adjust to the inevitable growth of our city.	3/23/2021 3:31 PM
247	A need to provide safe hiking/biking routes which separate those users from automotive traffic	3/23/2021 3:00 PM
248	We need to look at working with other communities that share a border with Saratoga Lake and coordinate an approach to protecting the lake. We need to improve the bicycle and pedestrian	3/23/2021 2:26 PM

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access throughout our community to make those activities safer and more accessible for many.

249	We have a great city but we are antiquated in our lack of bicycle lanes, connected green spaces and recreational opportunities. What a great chance to lock in additional resoruces that will benefit City residents forever by enhancing the quality of life	3/22/2021 1:51 PM
250	The city is in dire need of additional sidewalks to allow people to reach and access open spaces by foot.	3/22/2021 12:13 PM
251	DPW currently does a good job of keeping the city neat. clean and beautiful. Don't scrimp on budget resources	3/20/2021 9:51 PM
252	Add more benches to hiking trails	3/20/2021 8:51 PM
253	The continued development of Saratoga requires the continued increase of protected areas as well as alternate transportation and trails. Improving protection, transportation, opportunities, as we have more people and investment seems logical.	3/20/2021 8:47 PM
254	I'd like to see Saratoga become a more bike friendly city. My family often uses the Zim Smith Trail. I'd love to see that connected to additional, similar trails in Saratoga. We also enjoy the five mile trail in Spa Park, Kalabus Perry and other biking locations in the area. We enjoy hiking/snowshoeing/skiing on the public trails. I'd love to see Trail networks extended and connected as we seeking longer experiences.	3/20/2021 10:27 AM
255	Avoiding at all costs further increasing population sprawl in important watershed and important wildlife habitats.	3/20/2021 9:49 AM
256	Commitment to Open Space preservation and outdoor recreation contributes to the desirability of Saratoga Springs as a place to live and raise a family	3/20/2021 5:56 AM
257	The 36 (?) acres of Pitney Meadows on the west side of the railroad tracks are a great resource for the city. Providing public access to them should be a top priority. Also very much favor completing the bike path to the Zim Smith Trail.	3/19/2021 4:15 PM
258	The outdoor spaces in Saratoga have been a god send this past year during the pandemic. If it weren't for these wide open spaces and plenty of them to access this year would have been more of a nightmare.	3/19/2021 2:46 PM
259	As the city becomes more intensely developed, it's especially important that we preserve and protect open spaces lest we be all city, no country.	3/19/2021 1:59 PM
260	Develop a City volunteer Board to fundraise for trail or park projects ?	3/19/2021 1:54 PM
261	A playground in Geyser Crest!	3/19/2021 12:24 PM
262	develop sidewalks to connect better thru high travel roads	3/19/2021 12:09 PM
263	I would like to hear "How can we" !! So often I hear the first reaction to good ideas are "why we can't..." Let's pledge to adopt a CAN DO attitude. With that, we can accomplish so much. If we have a couple of employees at city hall who preach negativity, get rid of them. Can do !!	3/19/2021 11:05 AM
264	Small eighborhood pocket parks or squares with seating would be amazing...	3/19/2021 9:11 AM
265	If developers are allowed to continue to build on every available square inch, we will become Clifton Park.	3/19/2021 3:36 AM
266	Find more suitable places for a dog park (away from residences, businesses, and pristine natural habitats and land. Study best practices for dog parks, get lots of public surveys and comment, and look to other municipalities for guidance (Town of Malta) .	3/18/2021 10:53 PM
267	I think we underestimate the economic value of Saratoga Springs' Open Space resource — our trails, our parks, our in city community farm, SPAC, the State Park, Congress Park and the Spirit of Life, the springs, the farmer's market, Saratoga Lake, High Rock Park, the recreation areas, Our tourist business benefits from access to all of these resources, and the beauty of the city draws people from all over the world	3/18/2021 7:51 PM
268	Please continue to value health of Saratoga residents... health horses and history, health is first. There are studies that support nature as the number one support of mental health and happiness.	3/18/2021 7:14 PM

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269	I would love to see a map of county trail networks for biking or how they can link one county to another. Ex: lake George bike trail to Glens falls ... are there maps with connections and trails?????	3/18/2021 5:49 PM
270	I would love to speak with someone regarding a vision I have held for 30 years regarding a dedicated Memorial Park (full of recreation and dedicated beds for scatterings). I have a position as the Executive Director to assist the development of this first of its kind Park in NY State. Providing appropriate, dedicated areas for scatterings will provide forever homes for our residents and visitors who call Saratoga Springs their Home Away From Home. The Impact this would have on transitioning away from traditional burials is huge. I have much more to say and would love the opportunity to connect and discuss in much more detail. I have many resources that would likely be part of this initiative from planning design to build. The non-profit I am the Director for could potentially help administer the program.	3/18/2021 5:36 PM
271	My love for Saratoga runs deep. It's like discovering a jewel every time I come across a playground or park bench or little green area- we need more of that. Little spaces for relaxation, to bird watch, meeting with a friend, a place fir a quick picnic with kids, etc.	3/18/2021 4:47 PM
272	During COVID19 times, the ability to hop on my bicycle and do a loop through our State Park saved my soul!	3/18/2021 4:30 PM
273	Open space in this area can be protected by citizens and volunteers at little or no cost to tax payers.	3/18/2021 3:53 PM
274	Never going to get it with this form of govt. It's all about building parking garages. Need to create a funding system outside of our elected officials like the City Center has.	3/18/2021 3:50 PM
275	We should be utilizing the outdoor skating areas that already exist. The oval adjacent to the rinks and the east side Rex in front of the files house	3/18/2021 3:01 PM
276	Singapore has a good model of preserving natural habitats in the city and creating parks throughout.	3/18/2021 2:48 PM
277	Please complete the Missing Sidewalks Links project! It's essential for safety reasons.	3/18/2021 2:16 PM
278	Preserving and enhancing open space is essential to our health and sustaining our economic viability.	3/18/2021 2:03 PM
279	A connection of trails and increasing safe bicycling for non-car commuters between recreation and open space areas. Pitney Farm & Railroad Run trail were so valuable for us!	3/18/2021 1:41 PM
280	Would like, to see a kids program to teach children how they can volunteer to help preserve open spaces. The volunteer programs right now seem aimed at adults.	3/18/2021 12:26 PM
281	The "city in the country" idea is a slogan for sustainable development - compact urban design. Cities should grow from the inside out. Trouble is, because of the hodgepodge of municipal entities - cities, villages, towns, Saratoga's planning is limited to the area within the city boundary. Land use planning should be regional in scope. If Saratoga limits development in the Greenbelt, while surrounding towns do not, over time sprawl could occur outside city limits as people seek more affordable housing. Knowing that surrounding towns aren't going away, Saratoga needs to get serious about affordable housing through mechanisms like inclusionary zoning.	3/18/2021 12:22 PM
282	Open Spaces are an extremely important part of the future of our city.	3/18/2021 11:15 AM
283	Consider economic justice and the negative impacts of gentrification when planning improvements. Making things pretty and nice shouldn't just lead to more rich folks wanting to live here and pricing out everyone else. There's nothing "accessible" about a walking path that attracts McMansions and forces others to move so far from the path that they have to drive to it.	3/18/2021 10:44 AM
284	Act now Once it's lost it's lost forever	3/18/2021 9:55 AM
285	Less development more land preservation please!	3/18/2021 6:57 AM
286	Very important to retain open spaces as the city grows.	3/17/2021 6:32 PM
287	The development of big buildings throughout the city gives it a heavy feeling. Open tree, nature space is essential for balance. The city is losing its charm.	3/17/2021 6:26 PM

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288	The efforts to date are much appreciated	3/17/2021 6:24 PM
289	With the two-year city council election cycle, the city council is reluctant to do what is right for public access to open space, trails, outdoor recreations, and the common good. For example, if one were to look at map...Zim Smith Trail to the south and Warren County Bike Path the north...a void in the middle: Saratoga Springs. Is there a connector to the Empire State Trail? No, there isn't. No complete streets! The life of a pedestrian or bicyclist in this city has no value. Why don't cars yield to pedestrians in crosswalks? It's a car-centric mindset. But, go a few miles east from here into Vermont and it's completely different. Why is that?	3/17/2021 5:29 PM
290	CONNECT THE OPEN SPACES - reduce car trips - also improve the walkability of the neighborhoods. The city "touts" its pedestrian friendliness, but honestly it isn't good. Upgrade the sidewalks. Upgrade the curb cuts. Where homeowners won't or cant afford sidewalks the city should build them and then charge them back to the property over a 20 time frame on the (this will tie the improvements to a property, not a property owner.) THIS SHOULD BE DONE FOR CURBS TOO. CURBS AND SIDEWALKS AREN'T OPTIONAL. THEY ARE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE!!!!	3/17/2021 3:35 PM
291	Could use a dog park and a dedicated e-w bike path on the west side of town	3/17/2021 3:14 PM
292	The City needs to protect the City in the Country vision, which makes our City unique and an attractive place to live or visit.	3/17/2021 2:33 PM
293	we have to protect the greenbelt. It is being whittled away. Infill in town instead of sprawling out into the rural areas around Saratoga. Be strict or we will be Clifton Park with a cuter downtown.	3/17/2021 12:38 PM

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Q23 Please tell us how open space in Saratoga Springs has affected you in the past year:

Answered: 457 Skipped: 503

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Part of what makes Saratoga Springs the special place it is. Open spaces make all of us healthier both physically and mentally and are a great places to develop a greater sense of community and develop deeper personal relationships with family and friends and make new friends.	4/16/2021 9:07 PM
2	I watched the neighborhood near the lake be developed by Belmonte and all the trees cut before you head down to the lake. Some developer from downstate started beechwood construction and is quickly building out the remaining 51 lots in Oakridge, acclerting the development of our rural charachter to a more suburban clearcut feeling. We walk in bog meadow all the time and love it and are so grateful that people had the foresight to protect it.	4/16/2021 9:06 PM
3	gave more options for walking	4/16/2021 6:55 PM
4	Of course during the COVID pandemic, it has been so important to be able to access outside spaces easily; I've been able to do that here in Saratoga. I feel lucky. Because I live downtown, I can access a lot of the open spaces via biking or walking -- I'm very grateful for that. Keep doing an awesome job!	4/16/2021 6:10 PM
5	Outdoor space has been the only place I've felt safe socializing during the lockdown	4/16/2021 4:20 PM
6	It has had a positive affect on my physical and mental health. I do feel it is an Intercal economic engine for Saratoga Springs as many newcomers and tourists are attracted to the city precisely because we are a "city in the country".	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
7	Couldn't have sustained mental and physical health through the pandemic without it	4/16/2021 2:28 PM
8	There is very little if any public park space on the westside of Saratoga besides the old westside park near Division street.	4/16/2021 1:15 PM
9	During the pandemic accessibility to natural areas has become an even more important priority.	4/16/2021 12:57 PM
10	Key to my quality of life to walk and be surrounded by the beauty of the open spaces.	4/16/2021 12:29 PM
11	It has been a vital source of connection to the world.	4/16/2021 10:31 AM
12	Peaceful walking in undeveloped land	4/16/2021 10:07 AM
13	Ability to spend time outdoors has been helpful to continue family time	4/16/2021 9:53 AM
14	The Pandemic was awful. But during it, I ran or bicycled almost every day on Railroad Run and in Spa State Park. That was hugely important for my mental and physical health.	4/16/2021 9:42 AM
15	Open space allowed me to walk, hike or bike daily which during the pandemic has been critical to physical and emotional health. Open space gives me a sense of freedom and choice especially in recent times. The number of choices for walking also gave one a sense of the possibility of new experiences based on where one chose to walk, bike or hike. All ages have choices for where to recreate and level of energy needed which changes based on age and other factors.	4/16/2021 9:39 AM
16	Saratoga state park greatly helped my mental health. Having an easily accessible green space with strong culture, and the place to see the common humanity and everyone kept me rooted and resilient.	4/15/2021 10:45 PM
17	Open space has been an integral part of my and my family's mental and physical health in the last year.	4/15/2021 10:06 PM
18	During this past year of the pandemic I was never so grateful for having the open spaces we	4/15/2021 9:22 PM

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do have in tact....I spent many hours winter spring and fall enjoying my favorites!!!

19	Grateful for Spring Run Trail, state Oark, and Congress park which have afforded wonderful outdoor space during the pandemic.	4/15/2021 8:15 PM
20	it has only shrunk	4/15/2021 7:53 PM
21	It has been a lifesaver!	4/15/2021 7:17 PM
22	I have walked in many open spaces during the past year--Pitney Community gardens and trail, Spa State Park, Spring Run Training, Congress Park, Skidmore Woods--all are treasures in their own way and all have benefited my physical and mental wellbeing.	4/15/2021 7:17 PM
23	The pandemic has been relatively easily tolerated because of it. It is the reason we moved here 8 years ago.	4/15/2021 7:05 PM
24	Provided outdoor access during a time of intensely restricted recreation.	4/15/2021 6:42 PM
25	With the pandemic I have found a great jewel in the city	4/15/2021 5:34 PM
26	Beautiful open spaces were where I went to be in nature, to move my body, reflect on the state of our world and express gratitude that I was fortunate to be in Saratoga Springs.	4/15/2021 5:30 PM
27	The CSA at Pitney was an amazing gift for my family during COVID. I walked the Spring Run trail more often. The new pickleball courts at the East Side, the clay tennis courts at SPAC, and so much more helped us mentally and physically survive the challenges of COVID.	4/15/2021 5:20 PM
28	Helped maintain sanity!	4/15/2021 5:14 PM
29	I am hopeful the overdevelopment can be slowed or halted.	4/15/2021 4:20 PM
30	huge influence on mental health. outdoor recreation with our young kids has been a CRUCIAL part of getting through the last year	4/15/2021 3:59 PM
31	walking our dog daily in parks and downtown streets kept us alive and active during covid	4/15/2021 3:55 PM
32	Provided an opportunity, this last year more than ever, to maintain relationships with friends during Covid; relieved stress; provided new opportunities for social gathering	4/15/2021 3:29 PM
33	Open space has "saved" me during the pandemic: walking and being out-of-doors was wonderful; sometimes it allowed us to see and talk with friends (safely, socially distanced). Listening to the music installation while walking at SPAC was uplifting!	4/15/2021 3:24 PM
34	I have walked almost daily on the Spring Run trail as part of an extended early morning hike. Doing so has helped maintain my physical & mental health through the pandemic.	4/15/2021 3:21 PM
35	makes life more enjoyable	4/15/2021 3:12 PM
36	Open space and access to nature is always a therapeutic life saver, but at no time more so than during the pandemic. Our outdoor spaces were the only safe places to maintain direct contact with our friends and family. Even if we enjoyed the open spaces alone during this difficult year, we had the comforting beauty of nature, the wildlife, the changing weather, and the open sky to keep us sane.	4/15/2021 3:10 PM
37	Respite. Allowed me to safely get away during Covid-19	4/15/2021 3:07 PM
38	kept me sane, happy and healthy	4/15/2021 3:01 PM
39	It's why I moved here and bought my first home.	4/15/2021 2:51 PM
40	I walk every morning in the Spa State Park. I use kayak access points regularly and mountain bike on trails throughout the area.	4/15/2021 1:04 PM
41	Necessary for good health.	4/15/2021 12:35 PM
42	Provided opportunities to walk/hike safely.	4/15/2021 11:10 AM
43	Accessible non hilly trails have enabled me to enhance my health	4/15/2021 10:12 AM
44	Being able to access open space right out our back door has been invaluable in ensuring our mental and physical well-being during the pandemic.	4/15/2021 9:56 AM
45	sustaining in covid	4/15/2021 9:02 AM

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46	The dog park has unfortunately been an eye sore and traffic hazard on Crescent, so I do think that capacity planning and resources to manage future spaces needs to be more thoughtfully planned. The Pitney Meadows farm has been an absolutely impressive addition to the city. I can't say enough about what a wonderful job the city has done with that resource, especially with the focus on giving back to the community and the schools. Amazing work!	4/15/2021 8:38 AM
47	A difficult year would've been an impossible year without the beauty and availability of the parks and recreation areas.	4/15/2021 7:01 AM
48	The Saratoga park has provided me with hours of walking,bike riding,snowshoeing and xc skiing. It is a peaceful area,clean, full of beauty.	4/15/2021 6:07 AM
49	open space is necessary to physical and mental health, for community, and sustainability.	4/14/2021 10:44 PM
50	I have loved the opportunity to actually DO things through the pandemic, which the open spaces we currently have made possible.	4/14/2021 8:32 PM
51	During the summer of 2020 Congress Park and Spa State Park provided an easily accessed outdoors as I live in an apartment.	4/14/2021 6:30 PM
52	I prefer running at the State Park because of all the places I've lived, I find Saratoga drivers to be the least courteous/law abiding	4/14/2021 4:13 PM
53	Greatly improved quality of life	4/14/2021 1:57 PM
54	It has always been important to our family. And like many others, we needed it during the pandemic. It was actually kind of hard on us that the open spaces became overwhelmed during the pandemic. It was great to see more people out and enjoying them, but it took away the feeling of being out in nature and experiencing some solitude. I think the pandemic proved that we need more open spaces!	4/14/2021 11:27 AM
55	It's great to see so many people getting outside and doing low-impact activities like walking. I have always used a lot of the open spaces in the city, but I think I use them even more now.	4/14/2021 11:14 AM
56	I support open space to sustain ecosystems that provide a healthy and aesthetically pleasing living environment. I enjoy and use open space areas to rejuvenate by embracing the natural beauty and engaging in healthy activity. Currently the open space areas are experiencing increased traffic from required social distancing, residential/commercial development, and residents who enjoy the open space. Let's work together to allocate and preserve more open space to sustain Saratoga Springs as the "city in the country" for generations to come.	4/14/2021 7:53 AM
57	Some of the upgrades have been fantastic. However, users are not adhering to park rules. Rules such as no smoking and no littering at the East Side Recreational area need to be enforced. Especially around the "skate park".	4/14/2021 7:33 AM
58	It has provided the opportunity to maintain physical activity during the pandemic. The parks are also soothing places to escape to.	4/13/2021 10:28 PM
59	We've used to the fullest extent possible	4/13/2021 8:41 PM
60	We use the parks, trails, and waterfront access all the time. I love having these resources within our city.	4/13/2021 8:38 PM
61	It's been an antidote to the pressures of modern life, helped me escape the confines of my house and family members during the pandemic, and provided a safer place to meet with friends when indoors wasn't an option.	4/13/2021 5:36 PM
62	Recreational opportunities have helped me stay physically and mentally healthy.	4/13/2021 5:10 PM
63	It has been critically important to our family to have access to open spaces during the pandemic. Being able to get out to exercise, walk, run, bike, hike, and just explore has been so important.	4/13/2021 4:35 PM
64	Love open space in the year of COVID, especially for people to stay fit, be outside and not suffocated by masks.	4/13/2021 4:32 PM
65	I have appreciated them immensely!	4/13/2021 3:44 PM
66	My family really appreciates the playgrounds, hiking trails and dog run. Our yard is quite small. This past year outdoor opportunities were more important than ever.	4/13/2021 3:42 PM

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67	Lifeblood - environmentally and personally healthy to be able to be outside without cars/traffic and with open spaces	4/13/2021 3:08 PM
68	The parks and trails provided a much needed outlet this past year to spend time exercising, venting and enjoying the scenery with my sister in a safe environment.	4/13/2021 2:27 PM
69	It's been a huge stress relief and a way to get healthy	4/13/2021 1:49 PM
70	Often the ONLY place to safely distance and meet friends and colleagues. As a result, we need more seating areas which are maintained year-round to accomplish year-round access! (And better access year-round for growing numbers of non-drivers in aging population.)	4/13/2021 1:20 PM
71	Lifesaving	4/13/2021 1:08 PM
72	Outdoor recreation has kept my family going during the pandemic. Our open spaces in the center of town have been a great escape from dreary lockdowns and endless Zoom meetings.	4/13/2021 10:16 AM
73	we could not have made it through the pandemic without our parks and trails - but the lack of quality downtown and neighborhood public gathering places was highlighted this year	4/13/2021 9:39 AM
74	we spent valuable family time on Open Space trails on an almost daily basis, which helped us better cope with the challenges of the pandemic	4/13/2021 9:17 AM
75	Open space allowed my family the opportunity to give my son experiences, without risking his health or ours during the pandemic. It's invaluable.	4/13/2021 8:16 AM
76	I really appreciate all of the open spaces in Saratoga. Having lived elsewhere, it is not always a guarantee to have parks available to families	4/12/2021 11:03 PM
77	During the pandemic I have been using open space much more for walking, running, and mountain biking. I am glad there is a lot of open space in Saratoga because I need it to get outside more especially during the quarantine.	4/12/2021 7:49 PM
78	Because of Covid, we took advantage of the parks where we could meet friends outdoors and walk around.	4/12/2021 7:37 PM
79	Greatly. With covid, I walk everyday either at the State Park or Congress Park, and feel grateful to have both options.	4/12/2021 7:25 PM
80	Walked 5K a day. Always by the Oklahoma Training track and over the summer the Saratoga Race Course.	4/12/2021 5:01 PM
81	Having open space available for use during the pandemic has kept my family's health strong. This is probably true for many and we should recognize the great value it holds on so many levels.	4/12/2021 3:52 PM
82	I have relied on access to open space much more during the pandemic than in prior years. It offers immeasurable health benefits, both public and private.	4/12/2021 1:58 PM
83	Congress Park offered some reprieve from the covid isolation	4/12/2021 12:55 PM
84	The parks are wonderful and should be left as undeveloped as possible so people can experience them in the future.	4/12/2021 12:52 PM
85	provided an escape from being stuck inside, provided fun activities to do, gave me the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature	4/12/2021 12:37 PM
86	Part of my survival during COVID	4/12/2021 11:52 AM
87	It's been a great thing to have.	4/12/2021 11:45 AM
88	During the pandemic, open space has been crucial to provide an outlet for walking, hiking and biking, both for exercise and for mental health support.	4/12/2021 11:02 AM
89	I enjoy the spaces we have.	4/12/2021 9:09 AM
90	It was a refuge during these difficult times	4/12/2021 8:31 AM
91	Due to the pandemic our choices were very limited this last year. Thanks to the open spaces we have at least we were able to enjoy some time outside of our houses.	4/11/2021 9:18 PM
92	I would not have survived the enforced isolation of COVID-19 Without the daily opportunity to	4/11/2021 8:59 PM

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	be outdoors in parks or on trails.	
93	I'm employed by an open space area, I walk in the state park everyday	4/11/2021 8:48 PM
94	It has allowed me and my family the ability to be more interactive in a healthy environment when we are in the city	4/11/2021 8:47 PM
95	During the year of Covid I would get takeout from many of the local restaurants and have family picnics in our beautiful parks.	4/11/2021 8:34 PM
96	In this time of pandemic I have found peace and relief on the trails at the state park, Skidmore, Bog Meadow, and the Daniels Rd Forest. I met with friends next to Geyser Creek where we supported one another. My wife and I walked Spring Run, Railroad Run, and the state park. We are so, so fortunate to live in this wonderful place.	4/11/2021 8:30 PM
97	I regularly savor experiences on Pitney Meadows Community Farm and the Spring Run Trail. These are treasures, as are other spaces that have been saved from development!	4/11/2021 6:17 PM
98	Given the restrictions of covid being able to get out and walk in Saratoga's parks was essential.	4/11/2021 5:53 PM
99	Still going through the pandemic, I feel grateful for the trails, parks, and outdoor recreational facilities that we were all able to use. They provided a respite from worry, and allowed a feeling of hopefulness. We are lucky to have the Spa Park and springs, Congress Park and other natural settings within our community.	4/11/2021 5:30 PM
100	During covid, the trails and the waterway access provided safe and healthy outdoor socially distant activities to enjoy with my family	4/11/2021 4:28 PM
101	I have enjoyed walking in the state park and have become familiar with all of the trails.	4/11/2021 1:08 PM
102	As a senior citizen, living alone, I made extensive use of available open space in the city. The opportunity to do so was fundamental in keeping my spirits up during this difficult time.	4/11/2021 12:10 PM
103	open spaces have provided us with a deeper connection and appreciation to nature while keeping us healthy - mentally & physically	4/11/2021 10:56 AM
104	We are very active, utilizing the high quality natural spaces available to us on a daily basis. We love the diversity, the natural beauty, and the protected "genius" of our community's natural resources.	4/11/2021 10:42 AM
105	I have always used SS's open spaces (walking/hiking, dog park, biking, kayaking), and continued the same over the past year. I welcomed increased usage by others (!) even as I found myself exasperated by the numbers and often dodging inexperienced walkers and bikers (yes, that's a thing!).	4/11/2021 10:39 AM
106	Walking trails during COVID.	4/11/2021 10:03 AM
107	Having frequent opportunities to get outside and experience the natural world close to home helps me to be a healthy, compassionate, mindful person. If all you ever see is pavement, then you become like pavement--cold, impersonal, and likely to crack!	4/11/2021 7:27 AM
108	We've sought refuge and recharge in the City's open spaces more than ever in the past year.	4/10/2021 11:14 PM
109	It has allowed me to leave the house and see other people.	4/10/2021 9:59 PM
110	Rejoiced in easy access to multiple areas outside allowing continued companionship.	4/10/2021 8:59 PM
111	I have walked, jogged, biked, and hiked more in the last 12 months than my previous 20 years in Saratoga Springs.	4/10/2021 8:58 PM
112	Very important during the pandemic	4/10/2021 4:39 PM
113	Being able to walk, bike, or ski in the city's parks or on the trails has been a Godsend for me & my family over the past year. It helped us overcome the stress of living in lockdown and helped us to maintain an optimistic attitude about everything --surviving Trump's terrible presidency and the depressing effects of Covid-19 on so many unfortunate Americans.	4/10/2021 4:20 PM
114	Helped in weathering 2020/21 Covid Cabin fever.	4/10/2021 3:33 PM
115	My family spent many hours walking the trails and in the parks to stay happy and healthy.	4/10/2021 2:03 PM

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116	It has been one of the only sources of activity during the pandemic	4/10/2021 1:51 PM
117	Saratoga Spa Park is a valuable resource that should remain.	4/10/2021 1:13 PM
118	Provided safe respite from the pandemic	4/10/2021 12:34 PM
119	Been great!! saved my mental health from declining due to the covid pandemic	4/10/2021 12:17 PM
120	I have biked, hiked, dog walked, paddled, skied and picnicked in Moreau, Spa, Congress Parks and the connecting trails throughout the area. It has kept things in perspective and given me multiple things to marvel in and be grateful for.	4/10/2021 11:42 AM
121	Like many people, the past year has dealt me depression and anxiety. Getting out in the woods and on the trails has literally saved my sanity during the pandemic.	4/10/2021 10:53 AM
122	It's literally been a life saver for my family	4/10/2021 10:43 AM
123	Has been great asset	4/10/2021 10:31 AM
124	Getting outside has been a life saver.	4/10/2021 10:00 AM
125	Appreciate DPW and the Rec Department for opening up facilities and keeping them clean and safe during Covid.	4/10/2021 9:42 AM
126	Open space provided an alternative to staying at home.	4/10/2021 9:18 AM
127	Great comfort in getting outside and safely walking in the parks.	4/10/2021 8:04 AM
128	Try to avoid the city due to lack of parking/open space.	4/10/2021 7:32 AM
129	Open space has improved the quality of my life, including my physical and mental health	4/10/2021 6:44 AM
130	Places to relax and spent time in nature	4/9/2021 10:10 PM
131	It has provided a place of normalcy during these trying times.	4/9/2021 10:06 PM
132	Provided me an opportunity to exercise, observe nature and open sky. Reminded me what was good in this world.	4/9/2021 9:21 PM
133	Great to get outside and enjoy nature.	4/9/2021 7:54 PM
134	Relatively little	4/9/2021 7:04 PM
135	I have used the trails for hiking during Covid.	4/9/2021 6:16 PM
136	important being outdoors especially during covid	4/9/2021 6:15 PM
137	I enjoy walking in the park.	4/9/2021 5:43 PM
138	Welcome haven for rejuvenation and connecting with nature.	4/9/2021 5:18 PM
139	The Softball fields have provided a space for my child to get exercise and safely gather with friends during a time of zero contact due to COVID.	4/9/2021 5:08 PM
140	Great to have access to trails and walks.	4/9/2021 5:05 PM
141	I used trail more than ever during covid.	4/9/2021 5:02 PM
142	Having east side rec closed for Reno (after having the rev center closed) affected my kids access to exercise and recreation	4/9/2021 4:04 PM
143	No different really.	4/9/2021 3:44 PM
144	It was foolish to close the entirety of east side rack during the pandemic for the planned renovations. There were many sections that should have stayed open to the public, when people needed public space and fresh air more than ever. The playgrounds and the track should have been open to everybody, not just the people that snuck in.	4/9/2021 3:43 PM
145	Lifesaver in COVID times	4/9/2021 12:55 PM
146	It has been so important throughout the pandemic, mostly to be able to be outside and still socially distant to maintain safe measures.	4/9/2021 11:56 AM
147	The near-daily walk I take in Spa Park is my sanity. Pretty much as simple as that.	4/9/2021 11:14 AM

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148	My husband is in the military, but this is our third time living here and have frequently walked around Congress park and Saratoga Spa state park, and have used the playground and splash pad at Veterans memorial park. We hope to experience more public areas while we are here this time around.	4/9/2021 11:11 AM
149	We have used more open space and recreational areas in town because we are staying close to home.	4/9/2021 9:53 AM
150	We always enjoy the outdoors in our beautiful area, and during the Covid shutdown, spending time in nature has been a true lifeline.	4/9/2021 9:21 AM
151	This past year has made me appreciate even more the opportunities we have to be outside in Saratoga Springs, while still having the ability to be "in the city". These spaces have made a huge impact on the lives of many during the COVID-19 pandemic and helped a lot of people get through a difficult time.	4/9/2021 9:11 AM
152	Local open space provides opportunities close to home to experience the joys of nature with family.	4/9/2021 9:10 AM
153	Given me opportunities for self care and healthy lifestyle choices.	4/9/2021 8:36 AM
154	So excited about the new bike path and success of Pitney	4/9/2021 7:42 AM
155	I'm bothered that it is disappearing to unchecked commercial development	4/8/2021 10:18 PM
156	Improved our quality of life and enjoyment of our home	4/8/2021 9:44 PM
157	It has been wonderful utilizing the open spaces in Saratoga Springs during the pandemic.	4/8/2021 5:50 PM
158	Provides lots of good exercise and peace of mind.	4/8/2021 5:01 PM
159	It has given me chances to stay active during the pandemic	4/8/2021 2:15 PM
160	The open spaces in Saratoga are great resources for the residents here	4/8/2021 1:33 PM
161	I value the open spaces that Saratoga Springs has to offer and get out and enjoy it as often as I can.	4/8/2021 10:30 AM
162	has nto	4/8/2021 10:02 AM
163	This, and every year, open space calms my mind, fills my heart with gratitude and reminds me of the beauty of our amazing world. How fortunate we are to be a part of it.	4/8/2021 8:42 AM
164	It has provided great local opportunities for outdoor recreation. Excellent way to relax and enjoy the outdoors close to home.	4/8/2021 8:24 AM
165	I use the state park all the time for exercise, spring run sometimes. As we have needed to get out of our homes and move around open space has been more valuable and I think it's importance would be more apparent to more people after this past year	4/8/2021 7:43 AM
166	Open space gives me places in which to "get away" and recharge both physically and mentally.	4/8/2021 6:54 AM
167	Enjoying the Pitney Meadows Trails	4/8/2021 3:48 AM
168	I have an adult child with disabilities. Every day we take a walk in one of Saratoga's parks. Green ridge cemetery and waterfront park, as well as Congress park are favorites. During COVID there have been few options for us and walking in local parks was often the only time we got out of the house. In summer we really enjoyed the saratoga waterfront park for picnics. So grateful for that lakeside access close to home as travel is difficult for our son.	4/7/2021 10:10 PM
169	I use open space areas within the city, as well as Saratoga Plan areas and preserved areas in Ballston Spa, daily- sometimes multiple times a day. The access to beautiful, natural areas is one of the reasons our family chooses to live in the area. We also support all activity to protect the environment and wildlife in the area.	4/7/2021 9:32 PM
170	A break from pandemic isolation.	4/7/2021 9:27 PM
171	Essential to my health and mental wellness	4/7/2021 9:19 PM
172	I am deeply grateful for the healing respite of our gorgeous parks	4/7/2021 8:51 PM
173	New to Saratoga Springs. Discovering and exploring very nice resources. Is there a	4/7/2021 8:40 PM

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	comprehensive map for them?	
174	Saved my sanity. They provided safe places to go outdoors with a family member or friend with our masks. It was wonderful to be able to see other people when most of the time we were confined to our homes	4/7/2021 8:35 PM
175	Improved quality of my life.	4/7/2021 7:05 PM
176	a lifeline to be outdoors and get exercise and enjoy nature	4/7/2021 6:58 PM
177	The State Park is my preferred open space. It is a shame the open spaces in town are now filled with buildings that lack any architecture. The Washington is a perfect example.	4/7/2021 3:43 PM
178	Opportunity for safe exercising as I age	4/7/2021 3:13 PM
179	Having just had our first child the importance of safe access to public spaces without needing a car has increased tenfold.	4/7/2021 2:27 PM
180	Over the last year, I have spent many hours walking or hiking and observing nature. It has been a way to refocus and recenter myself in these difficult times.	4/7/2021 11:17 AM
181	Telecommuting for the past year has increased my awareness of the importance of maintaining the City in the Country benefits	4/7/2021 9:21 AM
182	It has made exercising more enjoyable than running on a track!	4/7/2021 8:47 AM
183	I've always enjoyed the outdoor spaces our city has to offer, but within this past year especially, the local parks and trails have helped me feel less "trapped" and have allowed me to feel peace amidst the chaos of the pandemic.	4/7/2021 8:38 AM
184	It was our escape	4/6/2021 8:02 PM
185	It has helped greatly to be able to get out of the house and away from people.	4/6/2021 7:13 PM
186	Allowed us to enjoy the outdoors and safely social distance	4/6/2021 2:30 PM
187	I was able to enjoy being outside during the pandemic	4/6/2021 9:49 AM
188	During my radiation treatment for breast cancer, I have walked in Saratoga Spa State Park every day.	4/5/2021 10:31 PM
189	Being able to walk in safe passages is critical. There are too many instances of reckless driving allowed and not discouraged, Truck traffic on Broadway does not contribute to an economically attractive environment. The pandemic has required safe distancing and walking in open side streets. After the first month or two of the pandemic, drivers resumed dangerous behaviors that are permissible in our city, including frequent running of red lights; not stopping at stop signs; rarely respecting walkers in cross walks. We need to take a reassess what is important.	4/5/2021 10:31 PM
190	I've always spent time outdoors but I appreciated it even more with to get out of my house in a safe way during the pandemic. We got kayaks last year so I was happy to have a new way to explore the outdoors!	4/5/2021 8:17 PM
191	It was a lifeline.	4/5/2021 8:06 PM
192	I live near Pitney Meadow Farm & walk there almost everyday. So happy it was saved from the housing development that almost happened! The Sunsets are amazing as is the farm store & the wildlife have a place as well. Community Gardens create Health & they have events that bring the community Joy & Togetherness....a Win Win for All!	4/5/2021 7:50 PM
193	We love all the spaces that have been allotted and use them quite regularly for our family. Please don't develop the city with any more high buildings and with unhabitated condos.	4/5/2021 7:49 PM
194	In my opinion, it was more difficult to access. Given Covid, I was more reluctant to use Spring Run trail (it's very narrow), and the Spa State Park was often full of people and didn't really address social distancing very well. I've walked and run a lot (1-2 times/day) logging ~30 miles/week, as a way to handle the stresses of Covid. I look forward very much too using our resources much more now.	4/5/2021 5:44 PM
195	I love living in Saratoga and having access to open spaces. I recreate in the trails near Skidmore at least once a week. One of my favorite places!	4/5/2021 5:44 PM

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196	I have become very involved in the Pitney Meadows Community Farm. The Garden in a beautiful, wonderful place that has inspired me to keep growing some of my own food and continue to develop a self-sufficiency ethic. The Garden has also provided many opportunities to get involved in volunteer service work and meet like-minded people from various walks of life.	4/5/2021 5:29 PM
197	I have seen a huge increase in use, which is great, but believe people need more education on proper use, littering, doggie "doo-doo" bags, and possibly more trash receptacles placed in key areas.	4/5/2021 5:11 PM
198	It provides both a meditative environment, and healthy ecosystem that benefits my own gardens.	4/5/2021 5:09 PM
199	I bought a home in Saratoga because of the proximity to open space.	4/5/2021 1:33 PM
200	It has been about the same for me as I am running a business so my free time is limited.	4/5/2021 1:23 PM
201	Particularly spent time at Pitney Meadows Community Farm	4/5/2021 1:16 PM
202	it has been central to my well being	4/5/2021 11:58 AM
203	I am an avid walker and enjoy the different area I can go. I have found myself going to the same location(s) over the last year and would love to try out some new ones. However I think the focus should be on continuing to maintain the open space we have now before moving onto new one	4/5/2021 8:27 AM
204	benefits my physical and mental well being nearly daily thank you & good luck!	4/4/2021 5:00 PM
205	I have noticed after having a child- how unsafe it is to travel between the open trails. Many road ways that connect these places are NOT safe to ride bike on.	4/4/2021 8:01 AM
206	fresh air was the ONLY thing that made me feel better in 2020!	4/3/2021 8:36 PM
207	I often use the Spring run Trail for a walking or jogging, waterfront Park for kayaking in Saratoga Lake and up the Kaydeross, and run around Spa Park. Since things changed in March 2020, these spaces have been even more important for helping me relax and decompress during a stressful day or a week. I don't know what I would do without them.	4/3/2021 7:29 PM
208	Not too much, to be honest. But we have discovered Spa State Park and have been utilizing open space and the springs.	4/3/2021 2:17 PM
209	We personally have experienced the threat of urban creep by big commercial concerns	4/3/2021 9:43 AM
210	Started SUPing and used the waterfront park often, always walk run and walk my dog in the trails-having more near my home (walking distance) would improve my quality of life. I live on the east side and the closest trails are the spring run trail and skidmore, and each is a 30-45 minute walk if I don't want to drive there (which I often don't). Connectors near my home would be great. Bike paths are also important I've almost been hit twice on the road in Saratoga, and often get harassed by drivers when biking down the road telling me to get on the sidewalk?! There is a real culture shift that needs to happen with that, was glad to see path in lake ave, need more.	4/3/2021 6:38 AM
211	With COVID, hiked almost everyday	4/2/2021 5:34 PM
212	Places to walk, hike, hold outdoor distanced small gatherings and walk my dog are so valuable during this pandemic, as they are at all times.	4/2/2021 11:03 AM
213	opportunity for healthy exercise and well being	4/2/2021 10:59 AM
214	Improved health and outdoor activity	4/2/2021 10:59 AM
215	Being able to go to a park to run or meet friends socially distanced has been nice in this isolating time.	4/1/2021 11:50 PM
216	It hasn't.	4/1/2021 11:14 PM
217	Spa Park, Saratoga Battlefield, Moreau have been in my memories from childhood fifty years ago and continue to provide enjoyment	4/1/2021 7:50 PM
218	Being home for several months with young children provided our family with more time to explore many of the parks and other trails in the city. We love living close to parks and	4/1/2021 2:25 PM

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	playgrounds.	
219	purchased mountain bikes for the family	4/1/2021 9:52 AM
220	It is a place to retreat to at times (when it isn't being overly used by runners without masks) to observe daily changes in the natural world and maintain a sense of balance and normalcy.	3/31/2021 11:31 PM
221	Nice to have places to walk .	3/31/2021 10:57 PM
222	more enjoyable place to live	3/31/2021 9:28 PM
223	Outside was the safest place to be. It was so important to be able to escape the restrictions imposed by the pandemic -- even if only for an hour or so.	3/31/2021 8:31 PM
224	I love open spaces	3/31/2021 8:18 PM
225	The Spa State Park has been a life saver during this past year of pandemic restrictions and safety precautions.	3/31/2021 6:56 PM
226	Open Space and recreational opportunities are vital to families maintaining a well-rounded lifestyle, separating themselves from technology, and developing social skills.	3/31/2021 10:22 AM
227	We have been so happy to have so many ways to get out of the house and get exercises, see others (socially distant), and just connect with nature. We lived in a large city before moving here and we are so grateful for the balance of green spaces and city. This is why people want to move here.	3/31/2021 9:07 AM
228	I have been pretty disappointed every time I see another construction by Bonacio construction. It is ruining Saratoga and its going to be too late.	3/31/2021 8:47 AM
229	Open spaces in Saratoga have provided an outlet for my family to enjoy an outdoor space other than home.	3/31/2021 7:38 AM
230	Concerned about salt, boat traffic, development around Saratoga Lake. Fear inaction will lead to disaster.	3/30/2021 7:43 PM
231	I have always spent as much time each week as possible in our parks and on our trails -- especially Spa State Park -- and continued to find respite there this past year.	3/30/2021 5:49 PM
232	The ability to access the (mostly) unaltered natural world close up on nearby trails (Spring Run, Bog Meadow, e.g) has always been a delight. Similarly, being involved with community gardening at Pitney Meadows and making use of its recently developed multi-use trail has afforded me ample opportunity to distance myself from human-specific concerns and involvements. in a relatively quiet setting. Likewise, there are a number of places (at Pitney Meadows, Bog Meadow, Lake Lonely, along Denton Rd., e.g.) within the city limits that are still free from the worst consequences of light pollution after sunset, and these have afforded me the chance to experience the cosmos with my own eyes (rather than simply images on screens), an aspect of life near a city that others in the community should value and work together to protect.	3/30/2021 3:12 PM
233	I love it. Very important to health, animals and conservation.	3/30/2021 2:34 PM
234	We are apartment dwellers downtown, and open space--public space--is critical for our family. It is our daily source of time outside and for our children to engage in healthy activities like biking and scooting. During the "on pause" period, it was very clear how much of Saratoga's community actually has and makes primary use of private spaces. We were some of the only ones in parks, and that is a tremendous loss, not just in COVID, but in the summers, because these open spaces are primary spaces for community building and for people to see others outside of their self-selected groups.	3/30/2021 1:58 PM
235	The waterfront park was a savior during the pandemic this past summer	3/30/2021 1:51 PM
236	Being able to get out in nature locally has been a huge help in fighting off the mental health aspects of COVID 19.	3/30/2021 12:26 PM
237	It has preserved my sanity. I have walked or showshoed every day. When times are hard, I need to be around trees!	3/30/2021 11:47 AM
238	The only recreation opportunities available in a pandemic	3/30/2021 10:52 AM
239	In the past year, walking has been necessary for our mental health during the pandemic.	3/30/2021 10:01 AM

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240	Easier access to walk to places	3/30/2021 8:50 AM
241	Provided a much needed respite from being cooped up inside and not able to visit other public areas.	3/30/2021 8:39 AM
242	I love going biking but it is somewhat hard because my location is connected to the main of Saratoga via dangerous roads with small shoulders and no bike lanes. I also run track and xc with my team at Pitney Meadows. We want to see more trails to run on as well.	3/30/2021 8:38 AM
243	Critical respite during the pandemic	3/30/2021 8:13 AM
244	It was a blessing to have easy access to open space to social distance with loved ones.	3/30/2021 7:34 AM
245	The beauty of open spaces (ie; Pitney Farm) has been a great step to keeping Saratoga Springs relatively close to it's charmed history. Kudos to the previous owners, the developer, the patrons and whomever made it possible.	3/30/2021 7:18 AM
246	Open spaces and trails give our kids the freedom to explore safely.	3/30/2021 7:00 AM
247	Open space has allowed my family to exercise together. Given the opportunity for quick trips,out during the work day and longer outings on the weekends.	3/30/2021 6:53 AM
248	It's created one of the only avenues of respite in a claustrophobic and stressful time.	3/29/2021 11:22 PM
249	Postitively—good to be outside	3/29/2021 9:51 PM
250	I've used many of the trails and parks to safely see friends/ family outdoors and to be able to exercise	3/29/2021 9:32 PM
251	I used it about the same as before. Maybe a bit more. But it is crowded.	3/29/2021 9:23 PM
252	I train at open space areas daily.	3/29/2021 9:19 PM
253	Due to COVID it's been a great escape.	3/29/2021 9:18 PM
254	The open spaces in Saratoga brought a sense of connection to my community more than ever before on the last year.	3/29/2021 9:11 PM
255	As the boys cross country coach at Saratoga High School our students athletes have thrived as a result of the open spaces and trails in our city. The program will only continue to thrive with the addition of more safe and scenic areas to run as a team.	3/29/2021 9:02 PM
256	With a family with young kids, it's been our outlet, playground, and community space with other public spaces not an option. We have really valued the community parks and natural resources we have.	3/29/2021 8:59 PM
257	We spent a lot of time in the city parks because of the pandemic. We counted our blessings every day appreciating that we live here and have these great places to our disposal.	3/29/2021 8:53 PM
258	Working remotely I've been able to spend less time traveling to Albany and more time out walking in the parks and on the trails around Saratoga. It is an incredible way to release stress.	3/29/2021 8:49 PM
259	Refreshing, rejuvenation, getting back in touch with the natural world	3/29/2021 8:36 PM
260	Source of family outings and memories during challenging isolating year.	3/29/2021 8:32 PM
261	It is more essential than ever before	3/29/2021 6:34 PM
262	appreciate outdoor recreation	3/29/2021 5:55 PM
263	We love having so many parks, fields and trails to visit throughout Saratoga.	3/29/2021 5:04 PM
264	kept me sane.	3/29/2021 4:48 PM
265	During the lockdown, access to our open spaces was a lifeline, a key to our survival- physical and mental!	3/29/2021 4:15 PM
266	It is my families' favorite part about the city. I visited the Spa State Park most days as well as West Side Rec once the playgrounds reopened.	3/29/2021 3:15 PM
267	It's helped tremendously especially with the pandemic.	3/29/2021 11:59 AM
268	due to covid we have increased our use of outdoor space	3/29/2021 10:39 AM

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269	Taking down trees and too much building of unnecessary high end housing	3/29/2021 8:27 AM
270	I have enjoyed the new East Side Rec, Pitney Meadows, Spa St Park.	3/29/2021 8:22 AM
271	I enjoy open space for recreation	3/28/2021 4:02 PM
272	Very positively. Love going out and exploring new nature areas.	3/28/2021 1:07 PM
273	if it were not for open spaces, the pandemic issues would have totally isolated most people with health concerns.	3/28/2021 1:06 PM
274	Open spaces - parks and trails - have been a blessing this year. In all seasons, my family has gotten outside and enjoyed what the region offers. We do find ourselves driving to areas with better trails though. Railroad Run and Spring Run Trail are limited in length.	3/28/2021 12:15 PM
275	For the past 11 years, I've been going daily to Skidmore North Woods, Big Trail, or Hemlock with my dogs. Covid did not change my activity level.	3/28/2021 6:52 AM
276	Major contributor to maintaining physical and emotional health	3/27/2021 11:02 PM
277	There has never been a year where having open spaces with clean air has been more important.	3/27/2021 4:53 PM
278	able to enjoy the outdoors visiting parks	3/27/2021 4:47 PM
279	Spring Run trail and skidmore trails saved me during covid. Started jogging. Daily dog walks. Need more trash bins for dog waste in spring run trail. Owners do not clean up after their dog due to lack of bins.	3/27/2021 4:09 PM
280	Open spaces in Saratoga Springs make my heart feel good and my spirit soar!	3/27/2021 3:17 PM
281	Given me opportunity for short escapes to nearby natural areas like Bog Meadow Trail, Wilton Preserve, Waterfront Park, cultural activities at SPAC.	3/27/2021 11:35 AM
282	It's given me breathing space.	3/27/2021 9:51 AM
283	Every evening after dinner, we go for a nice long walk---be it in the state park, Congress Park, Spring Run, etc. We enjoy it so much that we now also go during the day as well.	3/27/2021 9:10 AM
284	Use state park regularly, dog park and big meadow. Enjoy the natural spaces around 87 corridor.	3/27/2021 8:30 AM
285	Very depressing to see the unconstrained development by short sited, greedy opportunists that have dictated policy in the city, and throughout Saratoga County.	3/27/2021 8:29 AM
286	I now walk almost every day. My favorite places to visit are downtown, Congress Park, and the State Park. I love seeing historic plaques celebrating our history! Also went to almost every walking tour for the Preservation Foundation.	3/26/2021 9:38 PM
287	We already enjoyed the parks. We expanded our repertoire to find more areas to enjoy even better physical as well as mental health, by being able to get out and walk, and at the same time keep a distance from people. Our parks have been our greatest joy.	3/26/2021 9:27 PM
288	We are thankful that it exists and have used it often	3/26/2021 7:13 PM
289	Places to walk and be safe during the pandemic.	3/26/2021 3:25 PM
290	The trails helped my mental health.	3/26/2021 2:24 PM
291	Spa Park has been crucial to my mental health.	3/26/2021 1:35 PM
292	It has been invaluable to have open spaces nearby during the pandemic.	3/26/2021 1:24 PM
293	Much need mental escape	3/26/2021 1:12 PM
294	It has definitely had a profoundly positive effect on physical, mental and social health. To be able to be with friends and family while social distancing was vital. Just being outside reduced stress and encouraged optimism.	3/26/2021 11:12 AM
295	My quality of life is enhanced through Saratoga's open space and I am very thankful for the public awareness of its importance	3/26/2021 10:49 AM

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296	I've enjoyed access to Geysers trail to bike to state park. Feeling trails are getting crowded...motorized bikes, skateboards are showing up on walking trails. They go fast and must have guidelines for safety	3/26/2021 10:17 AM
297	Very valuable to mental/physical well-being when travel is limited for variety of reasons (public/personal health, economy, travel restrictions, personal limitations)	3/26/2021 10:17 AM
298	I feel very grateful for the landscape that defines Saratoga. My sister lives outside NYC and was largely confined to her apartment during the height of the pandemic. I couldn't identify- we live on three acres of land, have a dock on Saratoga Lake and felt safe visiting our larger open spaces like the State Park without feeling at risk.	3/26/2021 9:55 AM
299	During Covid, open space kept me positive.	3/26/2021 9:54 AM
300	It's been our family's saving grace.	3/26/2021 9:39 AM
301	To get out in a safe environment	3/26/2021 9:10 AM
302	Given the current pandemic they have been a great resource	3/26/2021 9:06 AM
303	During the pandemic, the open space through and around the city has been essential for my sanity, for a way to safely connect with my friends and to give my children places to explore and connect.	3/26/2021 8:58 AM
304	a lifesaver during the pandemic	3/26/2021 8:04 AM
305	I've worked on a COVID unit of rehab for majority of the pandemic, so stress and isolation have been constant. My husband and son have been isolated at home because of the pandemic and my work. Sometimes the only the keeping us sane are the walks we take in the state park. We can feel safe, get out of the house, and connect with nature - hugely important for our mental health. I have thought so often how grateful I am to be in Saratoga where there are already quite a few opportunities for outdoor recreation. As we have a large population, and many tourists, more open natural space is always better!!	3/26/2021 8:02 AM
306	Spa State Park is truly a breath of fresh air after being quarantined for so long. A walk in Spa State Park feels like a tiny vacation in the middle of the week.	3/26/2021 7:57 AM
307	During the pandemic it provided space open air and an ability to get exercise.	3/26/2021 7:55 AM
308	It has provided a safe haven during the pandemic	3/26/2021 7:13 AM
309	I live within walking distance of Pitney Farms. It's been a life saver during the pandemic to either walk or snow shoe	3/26/2021 6:49 AM
310	Kept my sanity	3/26/2021 12:50 AM
311	Gives us a place to gather while still following social distancing guidelines	3/25/2021 11:43 PM
312	It has been a lifeline	3/25/2021 11:28 PM
313	Having open space available during the pandemic has been SUPER value for mental health!!	3/25/2021 9:22 PM
314	It has been essential for our community	3/25/2021 8:24 PM
315	Provided hours of exercise and pleasure of being in nature	3/25/2021 7:19 PM
316	We so appreciate the open spaces and trails	3/25/2021 6:42 PM
317	It's been important to have safe outdoor spaces for recreation, exercise, and gathering safely with friends in the past year.	3/25/2021 4:50 PM
318	I have used the outdoor spaces every year, but this year its been one of the few things to do. Being able to pop out of the house and get directly into nature (mountain bike to the state park for instance) has been a great salvation from a bleak year.	3/25/2021 4:40 PM
319	Saratoga's open spaces and open space initiatives inspire me regularly.	3/25/2021 4:40 PM
320	The highlight of my year has been outside in local parks	3/25/2021 4:04 PM
321	Given the pandemic, walking in Congress Park has been terribly important.	3/25/2021 3:52 PM
322	I have been profoundly grateful for the open spaces in Saratoga- I have taken more walks this	3/25/2021 3:38 PM

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year than any before, and I can do so safely and conveniently on sidewalks and quiet streets and protected paths like Spring Run, Bog Meadow, and even Greenridge Cemetery. To experience nature in a city is for the benefit of wildlife and human health. I am eager for the City continue to make things better- repairing sidewalks, connecting fragmented sidewalks, and making streets safe. Nature and safe walking/biking infrastructure to get to those places is essential to community wellness and equity.

323	Loved getting out and enjoying the beauty of nature and fresh air	3/25/2021 12:21 PM
324	Open spaces such as parks have been more greatly utilized, almost crowded such that I drove further out of town to find greater solitude.	3/25/2021 11:18 AM
325	The open spaces saved me from going insane with COVID lockdown. A sense of community with other like- minded individuals.	3/25/2021 11:16 AM
326	During the pandemic, it has been a life-saver to be able to get out on trails in Skidmore North Woods, the Spa Park, and Daniels Road State Forest, by myself and safely with friends and family.	3/25/2021 10:56 AM
327	Able to go with my handicapped wife in her wheelchair on the paved trails.	3/25/2021 9:38 AM
328	During quarantine, open spaces were a refuge away from the confines of my home	3/25/2021 9:36 AM
329	I have been walking a lot more during the pandemic and my appreciation for our natural world has increased.	3/25/2021 9:04 AM
330	Being able to frequently visit our parks and explore conservation sites we have not visited while socially distancing from others while being able improve mind and overall health was an absolute godsend.	3/25/2021 8:58 AM
331	It is the only safe way to be around people. It has provided mental health relief.	3/25/2021 8:39 AM
332	no differently than any other year	3/25/2021 8:38 AM
333	Lockdown respite and sanctuary	3/25/2021 8:26 AM
334	Open space and trails here have been a savior in the pandemic and this need will only increase in the future.	3/25/2021 8:15 AM
335	there are plenty of trails and places to go and do things outside, you just need to open your eyes, I enjoy them all.	3/25/2021 7:54 AM
336	Knowing I could find a place to be outdoors, stay safe and not have to travel far kept me somewhat sane during the pandemic. The beauty of the trails kept me motivated to try new ones. The trails were a blessing!	3/25/2021 6:29 AM
337	They have helped me maintain a level of sanity and deepen my connection with nature	3/24/2021 10:13 PM
338	The variety of open spaces in Saratoga were essential to my well being this past year. It was a real pleasure to have so many options to socially distance safely during this Pandemic.	3/24/2021 9:53 PM
339	With the constraints of COVID-19, to be able to use the Spring Run Trail to walk and get out the house was a godsend to me. We have beautiful, natural areas in our city, we need to protect them.	3/24/2021 9:34 PM
340	Allowed respite during covid.	3/24/2021 8:54 PM
341	Knowing many nature trails were available to families who were suffocating under the COVID enforced limitations, I fet grateful daily. Even though bad health kept me indoors, I was fed by the knowledge that so many families Coukd discover new healthy recreation choices.	3/24/2021 8:41 PM
342	It gave me an outlet to destress during the pandemic	3/24/2021 8:26 PM
343	Railroad run has been incredibly important to me in this past year. With everything around Covid its been hard for me to go anywhere or see people. The fact that I have that nice space where I can just go for a walk, relax, be around just a bit of nature and see friendly (masked) faces is just something I treasure.	3/24/2021 7:48 PM
344	Got outside more	3/24/2021 7:31 PM
345	Positively, state park especially, walking and cross country skiing	3/24/2021 7:31 PM

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346	During COVID, in particular, it has been critical to have open spaces for recreation and relaxation.	3/24/2021 7:31 PM
347	The masses of people using RailRoad Run has not been matched with City maintenance. (I live along the trail.)	3/24/2021 7:16 PM
348	With the pandemic the outdoor spaces in Saratoga became a refuge and a getaway.	3/24/2021 7:13 PM
349	Contributed to the quiet enjoyment of my home	3/24/2021 7:12 PM
350	The open space in Saratoga has been a lifesaver during the pandemic. We have so many options within the city limits for walking in nature. I walk almost every day, and I so appreciate being able to do so without having to travel more than a mile or two.	3/24/2021 6:59 PM
351	i go to the state park disc golf course every day. i also walk through congress park and spring run trail	3/24/2021 6:58 PM
352	Staying at home and not eating out had me taking more time to walk, so I utilized the trails far more than I had in the past. I also volunteer and garden at Pitney Meadows. It is a valuable resource for our community, especially with the food that is grown and donated to families in need	3/24/2021 6:52 PM
353	It has offered many opportunities to be outdoors!!!	3/24/2021 6:49 PM
354	I have always been someone who walks 4-5/day. In this last year of the Pandemic I've appreciated exploring more trails, neighborhoods and parks	3/24/2021 6:38 PM
355	Being able to exercise outside during the pandemic was paramount for our physical and mental health.	3/24/2021 6:24 PM
356	Since COVID I have spent more time using local green space, walking to parks or walking or biking on our trail system.	3/24/2021 5:54 PM
357	It has been important as always, just more so with Covid distancing and the restless nature of a curtailed social life	3/24/2021 5:33 PM
358	I am a happier and healthier person for my time and fun deep in the Daniels road state forest. But it really needs a better name. Forests should not be named after the road at the edge of them.	3/24/2021 5:31 PM
359	Allowed safe escape and exercise during the pandemic.	3/24/2021 5:18 PM
360	Have not gotten out much this last winter, but last summer we were very happy to have some places to get out where we could have some space away from people. Open space and fresh air was very important to everyone's physical (and mental) health during the pandemic. The only downside was that so many other people had the same idea - many local trails and parks were crowded - it was hard to keep distant.	3/24/2021 4:59 PM
361	Same as always, covid or not - provides a nearby retreat to enjoy without having to drive far, either for a few hours or most of the day.	3/24/2021 4:42 PM
362	It has kept my family and me sane and safe during this crazy year! I normally use many more places in town but some felt too crowded this past year.	3/24/2021 4:33 PM
363	the trail (and parks) network right now is disjointed - not connected to each other	3/24/2021 4:32 PM
364	During the pandemic it has been critical to be able to safely exercise outside in fresh air and away from other people. It kept many of us sane!	3/24/2021 4:22 PM
365	I've enjoyed social distancing with friends playing an incredible sport that has grown immensely on the past couple years. Disc golf is fun for all ages	3/24/2021 3:36 PM
366	it has made living w/this pandemic bearable	3/24/2021 2:30 PM
367	Provided opportunity for healthy family outdoor activities	3/24/2021 11:26 AM
368	Disc golf	3/24/2021 11:14 AM
369	In 2020, parks became a staple in most people's lives as a safe way to get exercise and fresh air, especially through recreational activities like disc golf.	3/24/2021 10:10 AM
370	used it more than ever!	3/24/2021 8:36 AM

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371	During a time where so many have gotten outside I found the parks and areas overwhelmed with visitors. So, I've started to look to other places to get away from people.	3/24/2021 8:03 AM
372	Great during the pandemic to be able to be outside	3/24/2021 7:46 AM
373	I've loved having places to walk during Covid	3/23/2021 8:59 PM
374	I have never walked more than I have in the last year. I was delighted to "discover" Spring Run & I've always enjoyed walking in the Spa Park. I feel quite fortunate to have options , including following the sidewalk from my front door.	3/23/2021 4:35 PM
375	Lockdown would have been rougher without nature walks.	3/23/2021 3:31 PM
376	I am a daily user of the new Geyser road trail. This has both enhanced my daily exercise/health routine and provides a safe way to get to the State Park by foot and bike	3/23/2021 3:00 PM
377	It has made living in this community such a blessing during this time...we have a long way to go, but we are on the right track.	3/23/2021 2:26 PM
378	During Covid open spaces have been my refuge when our home starts feeling small.	3/22/2021 9:20 PM
379	It's been a lifeline	3/22/2021 1:51 PM
380	Especially during the pandemic, it has been wonderful to have many places to be outdoors.	3/22/2021 1:07 PM
381	Saratoga Spa State Park kept me sane! I visited every week to jog 5 mile trail, and was so so grateful for the opportunity. My neighborhood doesn't have sidewalks, so it's difficult to safely jog there. Trail systems provide a safe way for people to exercise outdoors.	3/22/2021 12:13 PM
382	All the new high rise, commercial and condo buildings in Saratoga have altered the city environment increasing the need for more public access parks.	3/21/2021 5:46 PM
383	The pandemic has led us to more parks,walking paths and use of the State Parks	3/20/2021 9:51 PM
384	Helped preserve mental health during Covid.	3/20/2021 8:51 PM
385	Open space opportunities were essential in maintaining the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of myself and my family and friends.	3/20/2021 8:47 PM
386	My life has been greatly improved by having access to Pitney Meadows, the local nature trails, the bike trails and the state and local parks. I was able to stay healthy and positive during trying times.	3/20/2021 6:00 PM
387	It provided me with an important part of my life - being outside. This became so much more important when many other activities were not available under Covid-19 restrictions.	3/20/2021 1:24 PM
388	So important during quarantine time for safe, distanced, recreation for people of all ages. Important for physical and mental health!	3/20/2021 1:12 PM
389	Getting outside and active has been key to maintaining both my physical and especially mental health through covid. It is excellent family time. I'm hoping as social distancing restrictions are lifted to use the outdoor areas to allow my child to play with other children again and use the playgrounds.	3/20/2021 10:27 AM
390	I personally use Saratoga State Park and the 5 mile trail inside the park to enjoy nature and the outdoors. I appreciate all of the upgrades to the existing structures within the park while protecting all of the surrounding natural habitats.	3/20/2021 9:49 AM
391	Open space has helped me center myself and become healthier thru exercise	3/20/2021 7:53 AM
392	During this pandemic year, I am grateful, every day, to the city for providing opportunities to be outdoors.	3/20/2021 5:56 AM
393	A great boon to Mental and physical health	3/20/2021 4:28 AM
394	Geyser road bike trail completed ,great asset to community	3/19/2021 11:50 PM
395	Easy access to RR Run and from there quick access into the State Park has made me a happier person.	3/19/2021 11:41 PM
396	Geyser road is the best thing that happened to this side of Saratoga since I moved here in 1971.	3/19/2021 4:39 PM

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397	Have enjoyed parks and playgrounds with grandchildren. Great job on the Division Street playground! (They love the zip line.)	3/19/2021 4:15 PM
398	It has allowed us to connect to nature during the pandemic. It is important to have family-friendly options that are accessible, free and immersed in nature.	3/19/2021 3:55 PM
399	It has kept me sane!	3/19/2021 3:16 PM
400	During Covid I was able to get together with a core group and picnic in the park, take walks with friends and keep myself sane by getting OUTSIDE!	3/19/2021 2:46 PM
401	It's nice to have a place to sit outside and enjoy the weather or go for a walk in a protected area away from traffic.	3/19/2021 2:37 PM
402	During the trying past year of Covid lockdown, it's been especially important to me to be able to hike and snowshoe in Spa Park and to stroll in Congress Park just so as not to feel confined and to get daily wholesome exercise.	3/19/2021 1:59 PM
403	We live by the Geysers Trail which we can't wait to start using - Thank you!	3/19/2021 1:54 PM
404	We are fortunate to live near many open spaces including Railroad run, Pitney Farm and the State Park. We often enjoy biking, hiking, running and exploring in these areas.	3/19/2021 12:59 PM
405	Having open spaces has allowed my family to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature during these difficult times.	3/19/2021 12:48 PM
406	It's great - you can get outside with a mask and stay healthy. More important than ever.	3/19/2021 12:24 PM
407	I love the new Geysers Road trail!! It's a fantastic addition to Saratoga's trail system.	3/19/2021 12:10 PM
408	During the past year, the Southwest Neighborhood Association officially unveiled their sand dune interpretive sign project, completing decades devoted to open space protection. SWNA members worked with the builders of Beaver Pond Village, The North American Land Trust and the geosciences department at Skidmore College to preserve and protect the ice-age sand dune area forever. This significant and easily-viewed land is a fine example of work done by dedicated city residents to preserve open space views, habitat and history for our entire community.	3/19/2021 11:05 AM
409	Use the State Park frequently to dog walk.	3/19/2021 3:36 AM
410	I am negatively affected by the mismanagement and neglect of the open space literally in my backyard.	3/18/2021 10:53 PM
411	Because of covid restrictions, I took advantage of exploring my own backyard, so to speak! It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the outdoors and all that our area has to offer.	3/18/2021 10:43 PM
412	Provided a needed outlet for recreation, exercise, and change in scenery.	3/18/2021 9:29 PM
413	My family (2 young boys and athlete husband) use Railroad run, playgrounds, the state park, Congress park, Spring Run, northwoods, multiple times a week, it has greatly contributed to my high quality of life. Especially during the pandemic, people really needed an outlet and I think Saratoga has so much to offer in terms of open space, I am so proud to live here (5th generation)! Especially railroad run and is connector behind the YMCA to the state park WOW, life changing!. We just need a place to swim.	3/18/2021 8:46 PM
414	During this pandemic year the open space resources have benefited me, and so many others by providing escape, recreation, and renewal.	3/18/2021 7:51 PM
415	Refuge!	3/18/2021 7:49 PM
416	Pitney Meadows has been a great resource this year. Visitation at Spa Park (where I work) definitely increased this year.	3/18/2021 7:42 PM
417	Helped during covid by allowing us to enjoy being outside and socially distant	3/18/2021 7:14 PM
418	It's given me freedom outside my home to be safe from Covid exposure. Taking the dog to Spa Park, or hiking in a preserve...	3/18/2021 5:49 PM
419	So thankful for the opportunity to be outdoors	3/18/2021 5:43 PM
420	During COVID, open space provided the lifeline we all needed to mental, physical and spiritual	3/18/2021 5:36 PM

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	wellness.	
421	It's been a much needed break from the anxiety in my mind! It's literally a breath of fresh air!	3/18/2021 4:47 PM
422	See above. We also went on so many nearby trails that we hadn't known about!	3/18/2021 4:30 PM
423	It has always been a place of refuge for me.	3/18/2021 3:53 PM
424	very therapeutic- walking the dogs on Spring Run trail and launching kayak on Saratoga lake.	3/18/2021 3:50 PM
425	Provided an outlet during uncertain times	3/18/2021 3:01 PM
426	Accessing the local trails is a blessing.	3/18/2021 2:19 PM
427	Helped me get through the pandemic.	3/18/2021 2:16 PM
428	A refuge and source of great pleasure during this pandemic.	3/18/2021 2:03 PM
429	Being able to walk and bike in Saratoga's tree-lined neighborhoods, parks, and trails definitely made coping with the pandemic easier, and it helped me stay mentally and physically healthy through regular exercise and just getting out of the house.	3/18/2021 1:49 PM
430	Nature and open spaces were already a huge part of our lives, but with quarantine, these became daily rather than weekly. So important to our mental and physical health. The variety of spaces enabled us to safely socialize with friends, and not get bored with any one place.	3/18/2021 1:41 PM
431	The parks and trail systems has given my family places to safely be out of our home during the pandemic. We could exercise and socialize despite all of the restrictions put into place with covid.	3/18/2021 1:36 PM
432	Important to be able to have safe outdoor spaces during this pandemic	3/18/2021 1:14 PM
433	It has kept myself and family from the abyss of disconnection that has been covid. The trails, parks, and Pitney have been life saving refuge.	3/18/2021 12:57 PM
434	Access to quality walking trails has been vital to my sanity during the pandemic	3/18/2021 12:57 PM
435	Even though I technically live in Wilton, my children go to school in the "City" and we often use the parks and Pitney Meadows to meet friends that we otherwise would not be able to see. It has allowed us to keep those important connections while being socially distanced.	3/18/2021 12:51 PM
436	Kept us sane	3/18/2021 12:31 PM
437	Kids have health issues so we have been isolating for a full year now...access to outdoor recreation has been one of the only things keeping us sane!	3/18/2021 12:26 PM
438	Great biking on the scenic roads in the Greenbelt - Old Schuylerville Rd, Stafford Bridge Rd, Meadowbrook Rd, Crescent Ave. Great clay tennis courts at the State Park. Spring Run Trail for regular walks. Hemlock Trail for cross-country skiing.	3/18/2021 12:22 PM
439	Having access to parks has been a godsend for family recreation, and for safe/socially distant meet ups with friends/family, etc.	3/18/2021 11:55 AM
440	Ability to get outside during the pandemic and stay socially distant	3/18/2021 11:32 AM
441	We chose to live and work in Saratoga Springs largely based on our love for Spa State Park and Congress Park. We visit these parks almost daily for the more than 15 years that we have lived here and feel so fortunate that beautiful spaces are close enough to enjoy on a daily basis. We have enjoyed all of the new natural spaces, especially Waterfront Park since their opening.	3/18/2021 11:15 AM
442	Open space kept me sane during one of the most challenging years of my life	3/18/2021 10:45 AM
443	Grateful for the size of spa state park for being able to "escape" just minutes from home.	3/18/2021 10:44 AM
444	Made the year less daunting.	3/18/2021 10:20 AM
445	In the pandemic , when we couldn't travel, getting out to our parks snd preserves provided us with places where we loved to go. The beauty of our parks , trails and preserves provided both beauty, recreation , and emotional sustenance .	3/18/2021 9:55 AM
446	Having open spaces has allowed me to connect with dear friends during the pandemic because	3/18/2021 9:24 AM

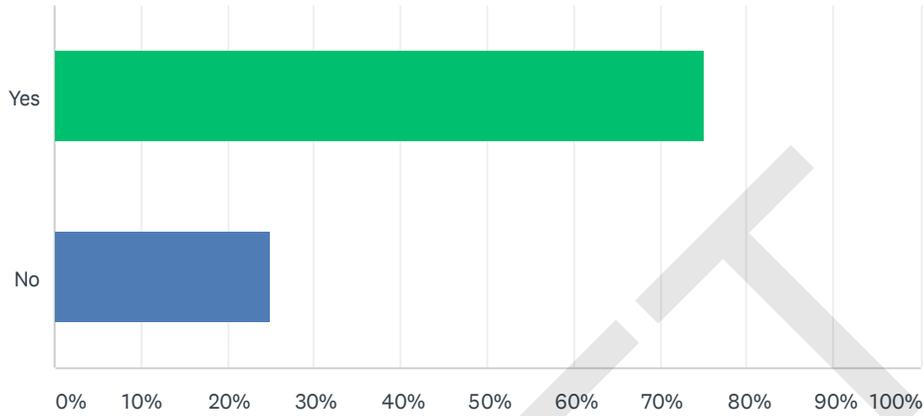
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we can socially distance while staying safe.

447	Pitney Meadows Community Farm brought me closer to my food and my community.	3/18/2021 8:23 AM
448	It's always been a nearby sanctuary. I love places like the Adirondacks and Catskills, but easy, quick access that doesn't necessarily require a car is indispensable, especially this past year.	3/18/2021 7:47 AM
449	No change, I have always appreciated open space in Saratoga Springs. If anything, this past year is proof that we need many more open space areas/undisturbed forests throughout the city.	3/18/2021 6:57 AM
450	As a naturalist and nature educator, writer, photographer, I have long been grateful for areas like the Skidmore woods, Spa Park, Spring Run Trail, and especially Bog Meadow Trail. With so many entertainment options off-limits this year because of the pandemic, these areas were especially welcome (although quite crowded this year because of the pandemic).	3/18/2021 1:32 AM
451	We've spent so much time hiking, riding our bikes, and just enjoying the beautiful open spaces here.	3/17/2021 8:13 PM
452	Made the pandemic bearable	3/17/2021 6:32 PM
453	Gave a nice place for a daily walk	3/17/2021 6:24 PM
454	I discovered Daniels Rd. State Forest! Just watch out for mountain bikes.	3/17/2021 5:29 PM
455	I spend lots of time using it.	3/17/2021 3:35 PM
456	Being able to have so many options to get outside and connect with nature over the last year was a life-saver for me and my family. Places were often crowded, so there is a real need for additional open space, within and around Saratoga.	3/17/2021 2:33 PM
457	I have been working from home during the pandemic and have not left town except once to go to Cape Cod for a week. I have heavily relied on the nature trails and kayaking launches in and around town to keep from going crazy. It has stood in for travel and work and a social life. I also started paying more attention to wildflowers and native plants this year as a kind of pandemic hobby. This has been a life saver, or at least a mood stabilizer!	3/17/2021 12:38 PM

Q24 If you answered the previous question, please tell us if you would like your response shared anonymously on the project website.

Answered: 517 Skipped: 443



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.05%	388
No	24.95%	129
TOTAL		517

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Q25 If you like, upload your favorite photo of open space from around the city.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 886

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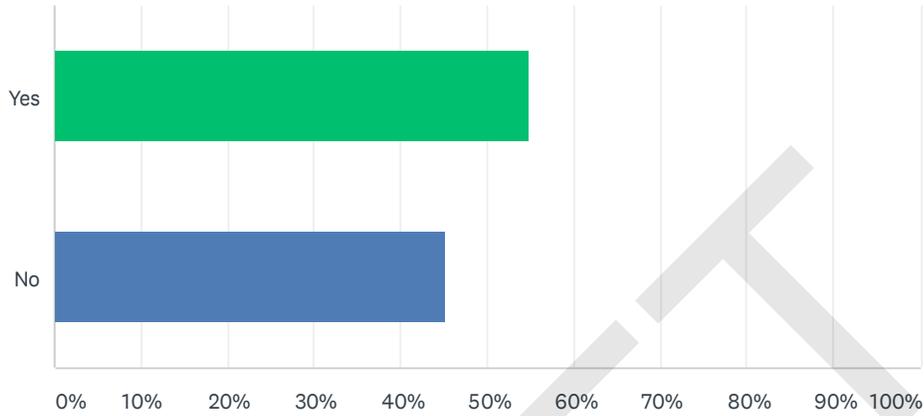
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Q26 If you provided a photo, please indicate whether you would like your photo featured on the project website:

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.84%	85
No	45.16%	70
TOTAL		155

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