



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2025
4. Commissioner Updates
5. Sustainable Community Member Recognition Discussion
6. Community Survey Results Discussion
7. Communications and Events
8. Staff Updates and Other Business
 - a. Quarterly EV Report
 - b. EV Charging Station Installation Project
 - c. Compost Drop Off Locations
 - d. EcoShip Collection Program
 - e. Recycle Coach
 - f. Mayors Monarch Pledge
9. Schedule Next Meeting – May 13, 2025
10. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Co-Chair Charrette, Co-Chair Lennon (arriving at 7:02), Commissioners Hayley, Mezzatesta, and Avalos, Commissioner Veazie (arriving at 7:05) and Student Commissioner Stierwalt (arriving at 7:01).

Absent: Commissioner Kadlec

Also Present: Management Analyst Seth Jansen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Phyllis Rubin of 411 Ashland provided public comment regarding the difficulty that non-residential and multifamily residential properties face in finding effective composting programs. She specifically cited the limited list of items that could be composted as part of Har Zion Temple’s private compost collection contract, which only accepts items that will be composted within 90 days and excludes most compostable cups, plates, and cutlery. Ms. Rubin requested assistance in finding information about the differing levels of composting, how effective the various composting requirements are, and how more multi-family properties can compost.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Mezzatesta made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Avalos to approve the meeting minutes from February 11, 2025.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chairs Charrette and Lennon, Commissioners Veazie, Hayley, Mezzatesta, and Avalos

Absent: Commissioner Kadlec

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

4. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Mezzatesta noted that she would be presenting on the benefits of induction ovens and electric cooking at the Library on April 13th at 2:00 pm as part of Earth Month.

Commissioner Avalos noted that the Oak Park Public Library's Eco-Extravaganza is April 5th and various sustainability related community groups will have tables present. Commissioner Avalos also stated he plans to attend an upcoming C4 event.

5. PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Jansen outlined the updates made to the draft ordinance following the Commission's discussion last month. The changes include a one-to-one replacement requirement for the removed trees of the specified species; this meets generally accepted standards. The changes also include an expanded species list of what may be planted as a replacement tree; the well-suited species for private properties is broader than the species suited for parkway planting. Mr. Jansen also provided clarification for the hardship provision that exists within the code. The Commission discussed the tree preservation ordinance generally and inquired about existing provisions of the code.

Commissioner Avalos made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mezzatesta, to make a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees to proceed with a text amendment related to tree preservation.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chairs Charrette and Lennon, Commissioners Veazie, Hayley, Mezzatesta, and Avalos

Absent: Commissioner Kadlec

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOGNITION DISCUSSION

Mr. Jansen noted that Commissioner Kadlec was unable to attend but would likely have some updates to present to the Commission next month. Co-Chair Lennon suggested that Commissioners communicate directly with Commissioner Kadlec if they have any questions or suggestions for him.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jansen outlined the Village's plans to participate in the 2025 EcoShip Earth Month collection campaign, which collects shipping materials and provide them to small businesses for reuse. Village Hall will have a drop box located in the lobby to collect the items through the month of April; promotion of the program will be incorporated into regular communications. The Commissioners discussed the types of items that are accepted as part of the program.

Commissioner Hayley inquired about bicycle helmet recycling, but no programs appear to exist. Commissioner Mezzatesta mentioned she continues to when Target's next car seat recycling event will be held. The Commission discussed what types of materials can and cannot be recycled at specialty drop off recycling events.

Mr. Jansen provided a brief update on the expansion of compost drop-off locations suggested by the Commission at the previous month. Mr. Jansen shared the design used for previous signage, and the Commission provided input as to what the new signs should contain. Mr. Jansen outlined the plans for where the new compost carts will be located at the Public Works Garage and Pumping Station. The Commissioners suggested placing more of an emphasis on food scrap collection at the new locations while discouraging yard waste be disposed of at these locations.

Mr. Jansen shared information about a grant the Village received through CN Railway to assist with tree planting. Mr. Jansen stated that the grant requirements include a media event, which will occur in June. Another requirement of the grant is participation in the America In Bloom Level 3 program. This program includes a community assessment which needs to be completed and a two day visit from America In Bloom volunteers for tours of the Village and meetings with community partners. Mr. Jansen solicited ideas from the Commission for potential tour sites. Commissioner Hayley suggested the new native garden at Concordia and the community gardens at the Pumping Station. Co-Chair Charrette suggested edible gardens throughout the community, the parkway pollinator locations, and the Chicago Ave. Bioswales. Mr. Jansen shared that the Village was applying for the same grant that funded the Parkway Pollinator program to assist with the Chicago Ave. Bioswale clean up. Mr. Jansen also stated he would be looking into how the bioswales and other native plantings may assist the Village in various recognitions similar to the Village's existing Tree City USA designation. Mr. Jansen shared information about the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors Monarch Pledge as one of these programs that the Village intended to participate in during the coming year.

Mr. Jansen stated that the Community Survey that the Commission had created was recently closed and that he would share the final results with the Commission. The Commission agreed to dedicate time to discuss the results in detail at the next meeting. Mr. Jansen indicated he will share the survey results and data with the Commission.

Co-Chair Lennon inquired about the role of the Commission with regards to the America In Bloom program going forward; Mr. Jansen indicated he would be providing regular updates and stated he would likely be seeking input and suggestions from the Commission. Commissioner Mezzatesta stated that Thatcher Woods hosts a regular event on pollinators and making seed bombs to promote milkweed planting to support Monarch butterflies. Co-Chair Charrette stated the event is generally held in the fall and suggested the Commission promote the event this fall. The Commission discussed Village planting and suggested building out native planting over time.

Mr. Jansen shared planned newsletter communications over the next month. The Commission discussed some of the upcoming communications plans over the next few months including Bike Month in May, highlighting the grant award in June, and the Plastic Free July campaign in July. Mr. Jansen briefly provided an update as to the progress of the EV Charging Station Installation Project. Mr. Jansen stated that the fees for EV charging will need to come before the Commission as the project nears completion.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – APRIL 8, 2025

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Charrette made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Avalos, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Co-Chairs Charrette and Lennon, Commissioners Veazie, Hayley, Mezzatesta, and Avalos

Absent: Commissioner Kadlec

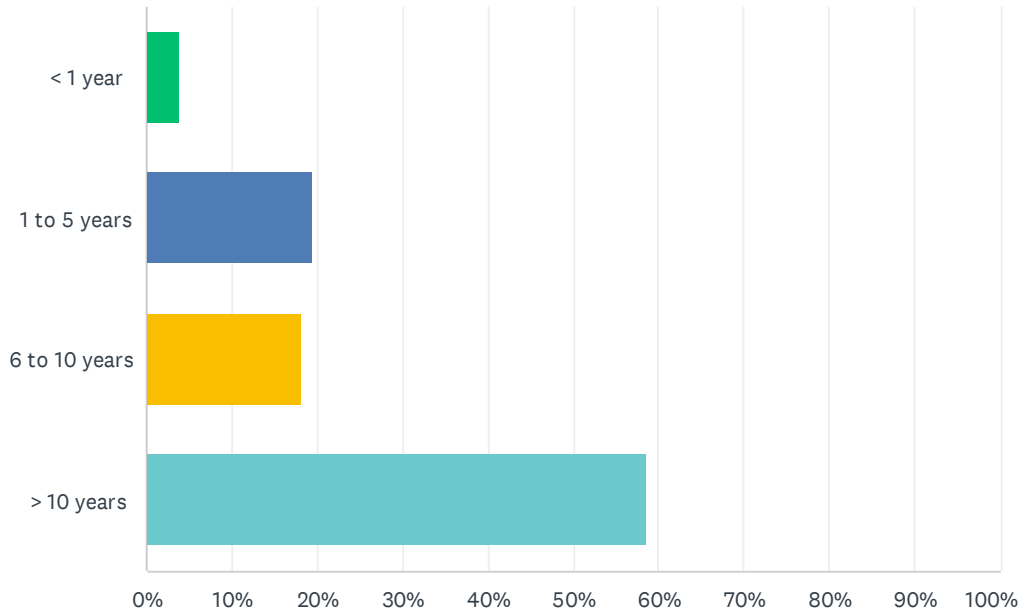
Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Seth Jansen, Secretary

Q1 How long have you resided in the Village of River Forest (VRF)?

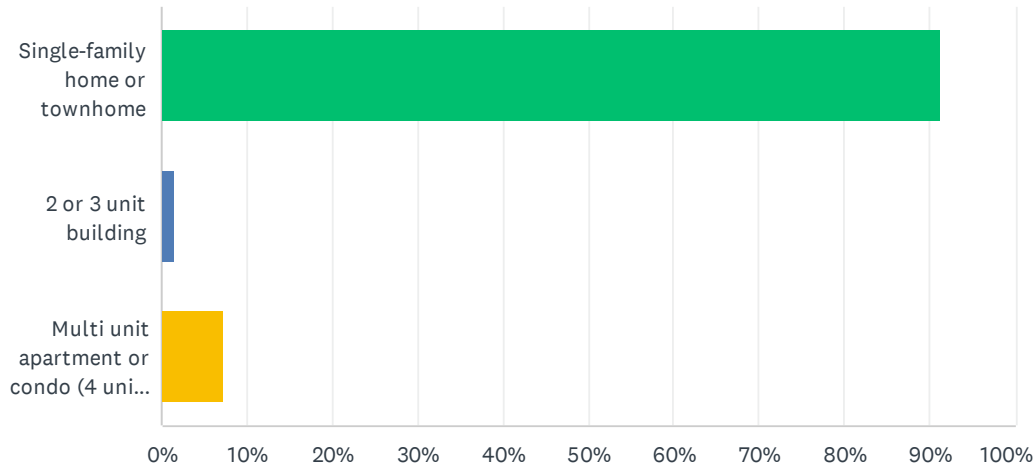
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
< 1 year	3.93% 13
1 to 5 years	19.34% 64
6 to 10 years	18.13% 60
> 10 years	58.61% 194
TOTAL	331

Q2 What kind of home do you live in?

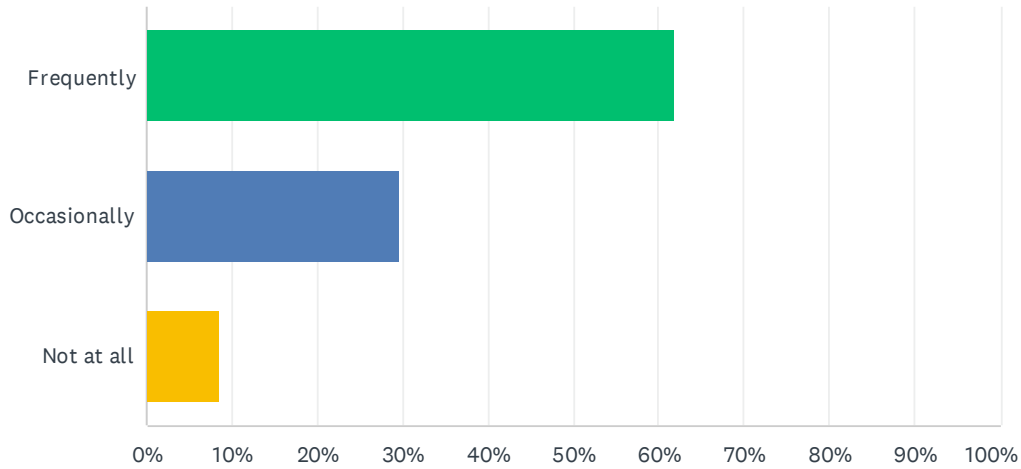
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family home or townhome	91.21%	301
2 or 3 unit building	1.52%	5
Multi unit apartment or condo (4 units or more)	7.27%	24
TOTAL		330

Q3 How often do you think about sustainability-related issues and their impact on your daily life?

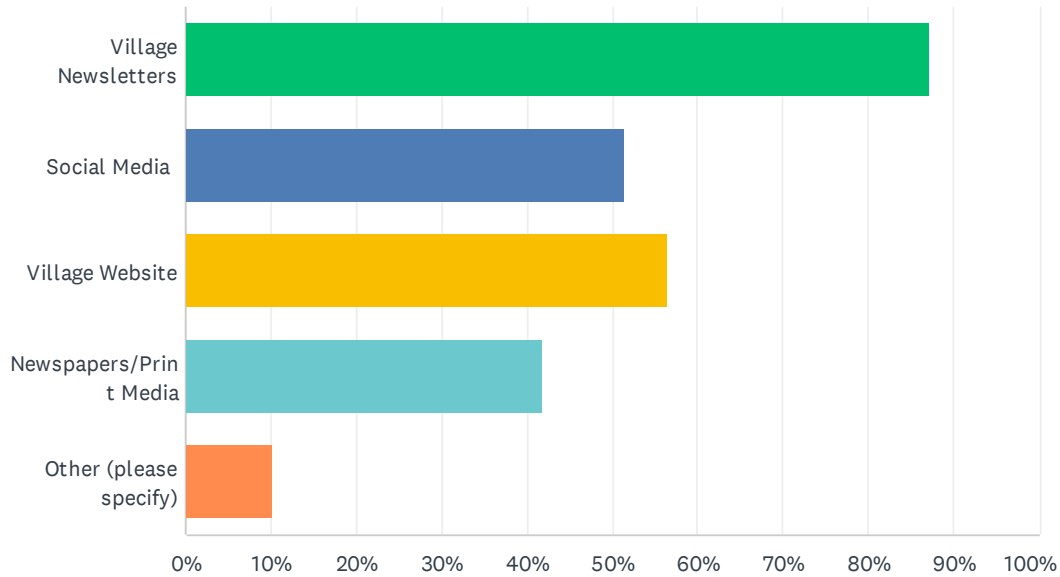
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Frequently	61.93%	205
Occasionally	29.61%	98
Not at all	8.46%	28
TOTAL		331

Q4 How do you obtain your information about River Forest? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 331 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Village Newsletters	87.31% 289
Social Media	51.36% 170
Village Website	56.50% 187
Newspapers/Print Media	41.69% 138
Other (please specify)	10.27% 34
Total Respondents: 331	

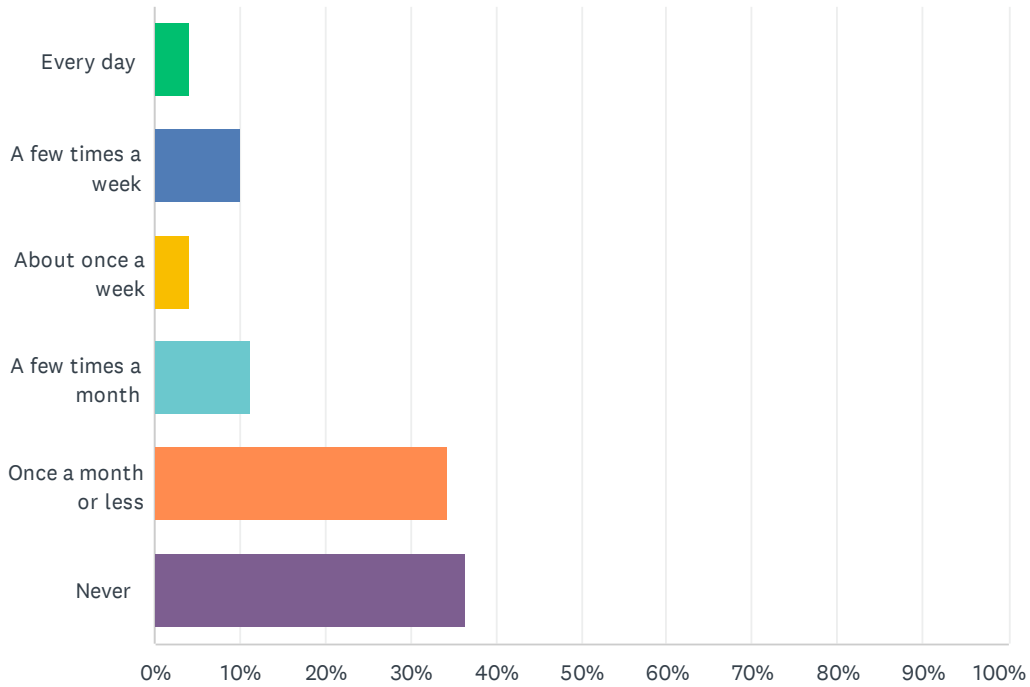
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	people, neighbors, board members	2/2/2025 5:10 PM
2	neighbors filling us in. we are new	2/2/2025 7:41 AM
3	Word of mouth	1/31/2025 8:43 AM
4	Friends	1/31/2025 7:54 AM
5	Neighbors	1/30/2025 7:31 PM
6	Word of mouth	1/14/2025 11:48 AM
7	YouTube meetings	1/14/2025 6:40 AM
8	Tv	1/13/2025 3:22 PM
9	people	1/13/2025 12:28 PM
10	Neighbors	1/11/2025 11:03 AM

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11	I have!	1/10/2025 1:15 PM
12	Word of mouth	1/9/2025 10:32 PM
13	Personal observation	1/9/2025 8:54 PM
14	Neighbors	1/9/2025 6:46 PM
15	Friends/colleagues	1/9/2025 6:42 PM
16	neighbors, schools	11/18/2024 6:38 PM
17	E	10/13/2024 11:59 PM
18	word of mouth	10/12/2024 9:07 AM
19	Member of the commission	10/8/2024 7:15 PM
20	neighbors	10/8/2024 6:55 PM
21	Neighbors	10/3/2024 10:33 PM
22	neighbors	10/3/2024 9:44 PM
23	Neighbors	10/3/2024 9:34 PM
24	Village meetings	10/3/2024 7:33 PM
25	Word of mouth from neighbors	10/3/2024 4:13 AM
26	Word of mouth	9/30/2024 11:34 PM
27	Social circle	9/30/2024 12:37 PM
28	I have called the Public Works department with questions.	9/30/2024 1:29 AM
29	Township	9/27/2024 6:50 AM
30	Conversations.	9/26/2024 3:18 PM
31	By paying attention	9/23/2024 9:31 AM
32	Rumor word of mouth	9/21/2024 12:07 PM
33	neighbors/friends/posters/signs	9/20/2024 10:16 AM
34	Word of mouth	9/19/2024 5:51 PM

Q5 How often do you use public transportation?

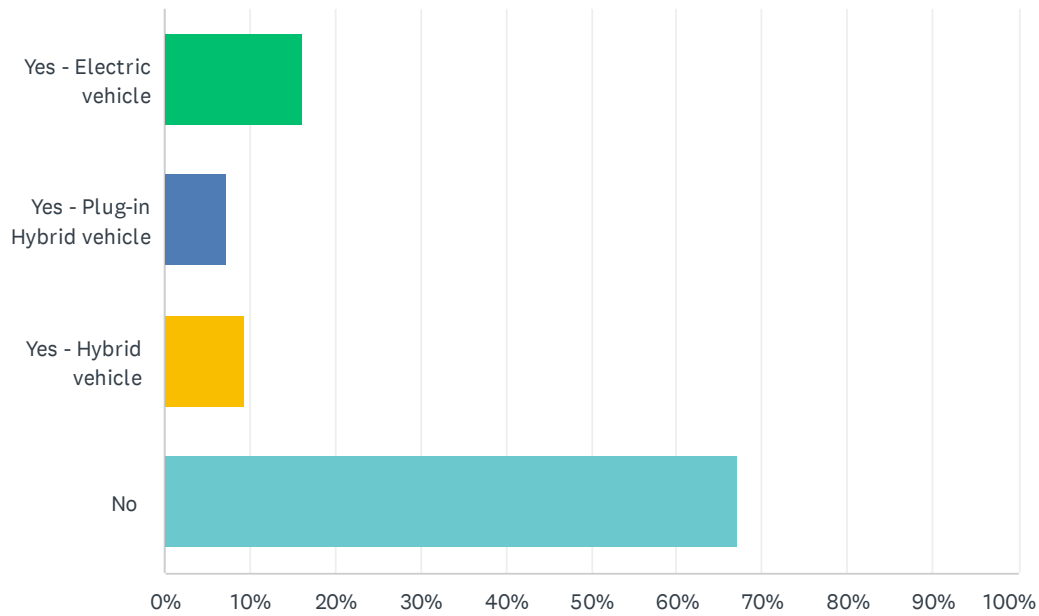
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	3.95%	13
A few times a week	10.03%	33
About once a week	3.95%	13
A few times a month	11.25%	37
Once a month or less	34.35%	113
Never	36.47%	120
TOTAL		329

Q6 Do you drive an electric or hybrid vehicle?

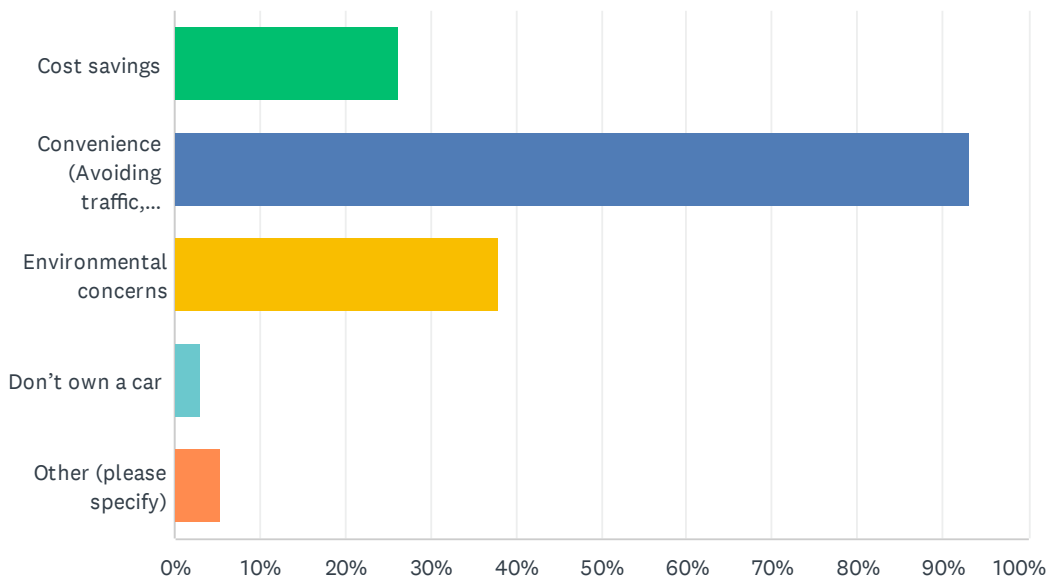
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - Electric vehicle	16.11%	53
Yes - Plug-in Hybrid vehicle	7.29%	24
Yes - Hybrid vehicle	9.42%	31
No	67.17%	221
TOTAL		329

Q7 What are the main reasons you use public transportation? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 206 Skipped: 125



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Cost savings	26.21% 54
Convenience (Avoiding traffic, parking issues, etc.)	93.20% 192
Environmental concerns	37.86% 78
Don't own a car	2.91% 6
Other (please specify)	5.34% 11
Total Respondents: 206	

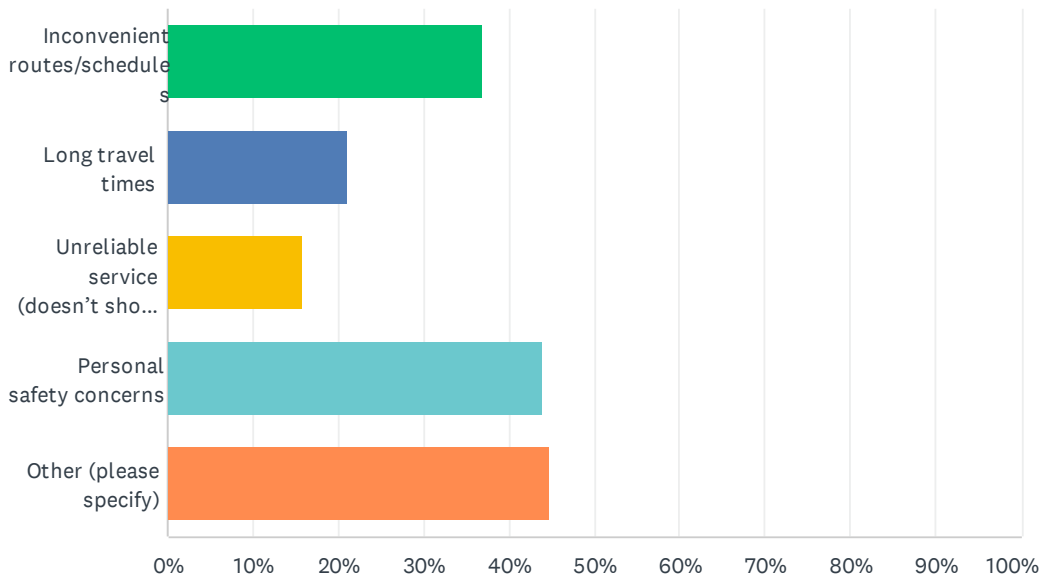
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1	getting downtown and back without drinking & driving	2/1/2025 4:26 PM
2	Would love to use it but dont consider it to be safe	1/30/2025 9:05 PM
3	Commuting Reasons	1/13/2025 12:08 PM
4	Work	1/13/2025 11:24 AM
5	Don't really use public transportation because it would make my already long commute by car totally impossible. On another note, PLEASE consider providing some kind of community bussing to the high school. The Pace bus on Lake street is slow and unreliable for HS students to get to school on time and does not cut it. I am quite sure there would be huge support in the community for some kind of community bus route rather than everyone driving their kid over to OPRF every morning. I think this definitely falls under the umbrella of sustainability.	1/9/2025 11:45 PM
6	Entertaining my grand children.	11/2/2024 11:19 AM

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7	It's not available for where I am going to.	11/2/2024 9:09 AM
8	It's quicker to downtown	11/1/2024 7:03 PM
9	Not applicable	11/1/2024 6:44 PM
10	Metra to work	9/30/2024 11:37 PM
11	Loan my car to a family member	9/19/2024 5:57 PM

Q8 What are the main reasons you don't use public transportation? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 114 Skipped: 217



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Inconvenient routes/schedules	36.84% 42
Long travel times	21.05% 24
Unreliable service (doesn't show up on time, unexpected delays, etc)	15.79% 18
Personal safety concerns	43.86% 50
Other (please specify)	44.74% 51
Total Respondents: 114	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I use my car	2/1/2025 9:48 PM
2	I don't go to places it goes very often. If I go downtown it's often on a weeknight for dinner.	1/30/2025 9:15 PM
3	Don't need to use it	1/30/2025 7:34 PM
4	No need to	1/30/2025 6:48 PM
5	Retired, have car.	1/30/2025 6:43 PM
6	I am retired now and no longer need to go downtown. When I was working, I used public transportation daily to get to and from the office.	1/30/2025 5:36 PM
7	Currently unemployed	1/16/2025 11:25 AM
8	Drive my own car	1/14/2025 4:03 PM
9	Retired, no longer commuting	1/14/2025 12:02 PM

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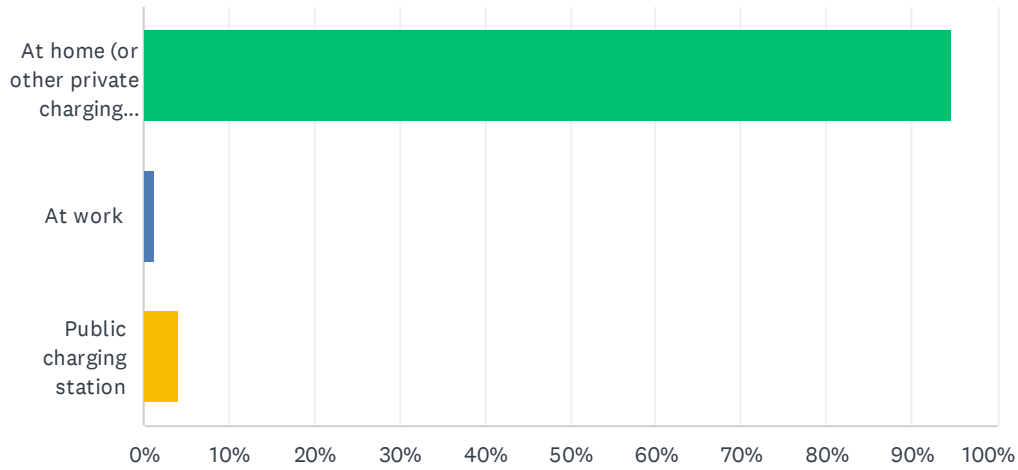
10	I own a vehicle	1/14/2025 11:49 AM
11	Don't go into the city much	1/13/2025 3:44 PM
12	Doesn't go where I go	1/13/2025 3:24 PM
13	Don't need to	1/13/2025 11:00 AM
14	Don't need for where I'm going	1/13/2025 10:52 AM
15	No need to	1/12/2025 12:56 PM
16	no need	1/11/2025 3:47 PM
17	Not needed	1/10/2025 8:12 PM
18	Much faster to drive. Multiple stops.	1/10/2025 9:32 AM
19	Dirty	1/9/2025 10:35 PM
20	like to drive	1/9/2025 7:59 PM
21	Work from home	1/9/2025 7:53 PM
22	Too old	1/9/2025 6:48 PM
23	Retired don't go downtown	1/5/2025 2:47 AM
24	Don't really need it	1/4/2025 1:31 PM
25	retired	11/2/2024 11:20 AM
26	👴 89 yrs old. Cant access, + not able to get real id.	11/2/2024 7:57 AM
27	Used to use frequently before retirement.	11/1/2024 8:12 PM
28	age	11/1/2024 5:16 PM
29	Don't need	10/12/2024 7:40 PM
30	I don't travel to easily accessible areas	10/12/2024 6:35 PM
31	Sanitary issues	10/12/2024 12:26 PM
32	Not practical for my job.	10/12/2024 8:33 AM
33	We are retired and don't need it	10/8/2024 4:46 PM
34	I carry several hundreds of pounds of materials with me.	10/7/2024 8:16 PM
35	Doesn't match my needs	10/5/2024 11:56 AM
36	I don't commute to work - public transportation isn't an option for the errands I do.	10/5/2024 8:49 AM
37	my routines are mostly local. I walk daily,	10/4/2024 8:42 AM
38	Absolutely no need for me to use it	10/3/2024 10:35 PM
39	Don't need it	10/3/2024 8:47 PM
40	There is no route that goes from my home to my work.	10/3/2024 8:19 PM
41	My job is 10-15 minutes away. I have to carry a tote bag during my job as a substitute teacher. It is much easier to put all of my gear into my car.	9/30/2024 1:33 AM
42	do not go to work/retired	9/28/2024 5:20 PM
43	Work from home	9/27/2024 10:24 PM
44	unable to physically get on bus.	9/23/2024 11:05 PM
45	Rarely travel	9/23/2024 9:33 AM
46	No direct route to work at odd hours	9/22/2024 11:03 AM
47	We are retired seniors!	9/21/2024 6:01 PM

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48	It's too inconvenient for where I want to go	9/21/2024 2:51 PM
49	Dont need to	9/20/2024 9:30 AM
50	No options for the routes I take	9/19/2024 7:59 PM
51	Hauling cargo and tools that could not be accommodated on public transportation.	9/19/2024 7:39 PM

Q9 Where do you usually charge your vehicle?

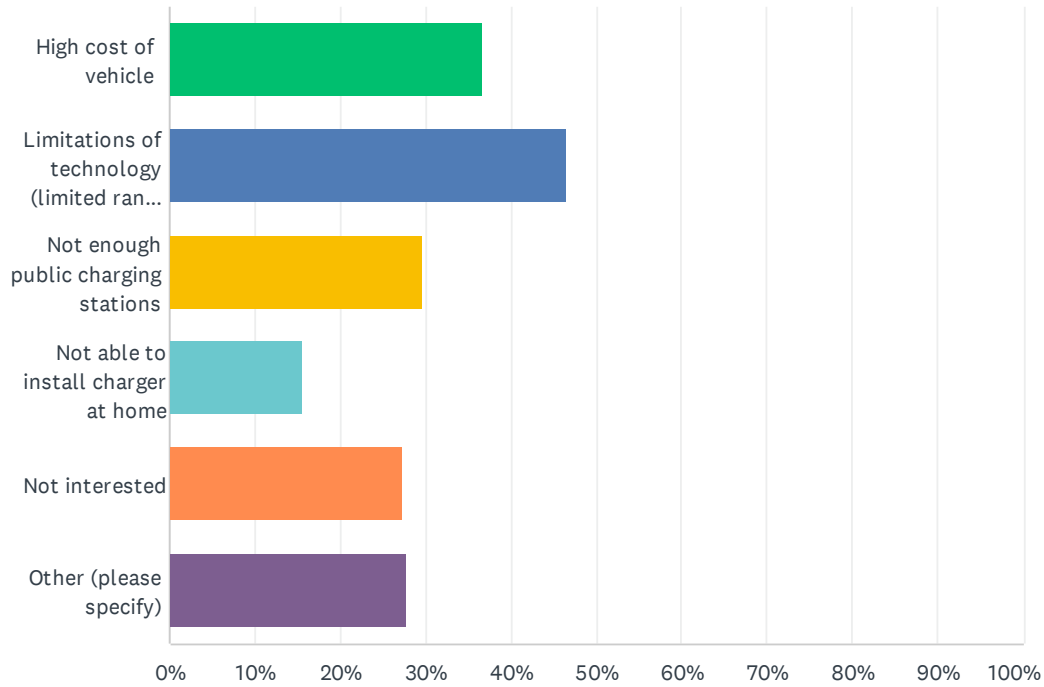
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
At home (or other private charging station)	94.74%	72
At work	1.32%	1
Public charging station	3.95%	3
TOTAL		76

Q10 Are there any issues which keep you from considering an electric or hybrid vehicle (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 213 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
High cost of vehicle	36.62% 78
Limitations of technology (limited range, long charging times, etc.)	46.48% 99
Not enough public charging stations	29.58% 63
Not able to install charger at home	15.49% 33
Not interested	27.23% 58
Other (please specify)	27.70% 59
Total Respondents: 213	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not sure electric is the best way to go.	2/4/2025 2:23 PM
2	Not safe	2/1/2025 9:48 PM
3	we plan to buy one soon	1/31/2025 12:46 PM
4	There junk.	1/31/2025 9:00 AM
5	Reliability, safety, battery issues	1/31/2025 8:47 AM
6	Not in market for car	1/31/2025 7:42 AM
7	Not purchasing new vehicles due to age	1/31/2025 12:13 AM

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8	I want more hybrid options and love my hondas which get good gas mileage and I rarely drive more than 10 miles per week.	1/30/2025 9:15 PM
9	Still not sure about how "green" the manufacturing and care of the batteries are.	1/30/2025 9:00 PM
10	Battery safety issues	1/30/2025 7:34 PM
11	No issues, just not in the market for a vehicle at the moment	1/16/2025 11:25 AM
12	Do not need a new car	1/13/2025 3:03 PM
13	I'm not in the market for a new vehicle as mine is only 7 years old.	1/13/2025 1:45 PM
14	The lithium battery	1/13/2025 1:35 PM
15	I like my 4 year old car	1/13/2025 1:20 PM
16	Mileage range for longer trips	1/13/2025 12:08 PM
17	Cost of installing a separate line for charging at home; lack of charger at destination	1/13/2025 11:21 AM
18	Price of upping voltage to garage as well as some concern on how it will perform in cold winters	1/13/2025 10:35 AM
19	at time of last car purchase options were limited	1/11/2025 4:01 PM
20	We are not in need of another car right now.	1/10/2025 11:31 AM
21	We did a garage renovation and you the village made it impossible to cost effectively put a charger in the new garage. You can't have it both ways ways	1/10/2025 10:06 AM
22	The battery drains faster in the cold, and I park outside all year	1/10/2025 9:25 AM
23	Already have 2 vehicles	1/10/2025 6:15 AM
24	Cost effectiveness	1/9/2025 11:53 PM
25	We take long road trips so electric vehicles are out.	1/9/2025 10:35 PM
26	No need for new car	1/9/2025 9:05 PM
27	Battery safety issues	1/9/2025 8:12 PM
28	Just don't drive enough to justify getting a new car	1/9/2025 7:18 PM
29	None- next car will be hybrid or electric	1/9/2025 7:04 PM
30	planning to purchase	1/9/2025 7:01 PM
31	maybe with next car	1/9/2025 7:00 PM
32	90 years old, 7500 miles a year	1/5/2025 2:47 AM
33	Would consider a hybrid vehicle.	11/4/2024 12:37 AM
34	I keep my cars about 10 years. My next new car will be a hybrid. I would love an all electric vehicle but my building won't install chargers.	11/2/2024 12:39 PM
35	Stopped driving 10 yrs ago.	11/2/2024 7:57 AM
36	Can't hear it running; otherwise, I'd love one.	11/1/2024 6:44 PM
37	Space for my family of 6	11/1/2024 5:55 PM
38	Medical professional, need car for work, basically 34/7. Can't afford charging time.	11/1/2024 5:17 PM
39	Safety issues in accidents, car completely stops working, technology just isn't fully developed yet	10/12/2024 12:26 PM
40	not ready for a new car yet	10/12/2024 9:12 AM
41	Ensuring batteries and technology are vetted	10/12/2024 7:40 AM
42	We don't plan to change our current cars	10/8/2024 4:46 PM

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43	difficulty of installing a charging station in a detached garage	10/8/2024 7:10 AM
44	The type of driving I do makes it impossible	10/7/2024 8:16 PM
45	Our next cars will be ev	10/5/2024 11:56 AM
46	Not buying a new car anytime soon	10/5/2024 1:04 AM
47	spouse has a hybrid that we use for distance travel	10/4/2024 8:42 AM
48	Logistics of getting a charger	10/3/2024 10:20 PM
49	Can't go long distances	10/3/2024 9:45 PM
50	Im planning on purchasing one	10/3/2024 8:42 PM
51	Not time for a new car.	10/3/2024 2:19 PM
52	Technology advancing rapidly, just like PC's and Laptops.	9/30/2024 11:37 PM
53	Im not ready to buy a new car but now that you mention it I will consider buying one in the near future.	9/30/2024 1:33 AM
54	Need charger at home. Probably electrical service change, more amperage. Excessive cost.	9/26/2024 3:21 PM
55	I don't believe that the manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles is better for the environment. the vehicles don't last as long as gas powered and they are heavier on the roads leading to the need for more road maintenance.	9/23/2024 8:20 AM
56	Dangerous - too heavy and cause catastrophic crashes	9/22/2024 8:00 AM
57	Not sure I want to be sitting on a battery	9/21/2024 2:51 PM
58	don't want one, prefer what I have	9/20/2024 10:18 AM
59	Concerns about sustainability of current batteries. Waiting for technological improvements.	9/20/2024 5:50 AM

Q11 In a few words, indicate what additional information might help you to consider the purchase of an electric or hybrid vehicle.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 223

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need to know more about how our local electricity is generated.	2/4/2025 2:23 PM
2	none	2/2/2025 5:11 PM
3	Fire proof batteries	2/1/2025 9:48 PM
4	Availability of charging stations	1/31/2025 3:37 PM
5	pricing, charging stations	1/31/2025 12:46 PM
6	Not enough range	1/31/2025 9:00 AM
7	Buying an EV is a big decision. I would research the issue thoroughly. And no offense, but I can't imagine that some information in a village newsletter would impact my decision.	1/31/2025 8:47 AM
8	Not interested.	1/31/2025 8:28 AM
9	If I received one as a gift	1/31/2025 12:13 AM
10	If it was affordable and a small to medium size. I'd like a Prius type of car.	1/30/2025 9:15 PM
11	What happens to the battery during and accident?	1/30/2025 9:00 PM
12	haven't had the chance to shop around yet	1/30/2025 6:07 PM
13	Lower cost, faster charging, more charging stations	1/14/2025 4:03 PM
14	Info re installation of home charger	1/14/2025 12:02 PM
15	None	1/14/2025 11:49 AM
16	Advancement of car technology and battery longevity	1/14/2025 9:42 AM
17	I just bought a 6.2L gas engine that's phenomenally efficient, affordable, and easy to refill. Electric doesn't fit my needs.	1/13/2025 4:11 PM
18	Recently bought a car and probably won't buy another.	1/13/2025 3:24 PM
19	Nothing at this time	1/13/2025 3:03 PM
20	Stop telling me how to think	1/13/2025 1:35 PM
21	Electric doesn't make sense in this climate. Ie the cold affects the battery. Hybrid a better option but range far too little (typically 30 miles) to make sense for the added cost for the hybrid option.	1/13/2025 1:29 PM
22	I would have to fully research before buying	1/13/2025 1:20 PM
23	Village codes to update a freestanding garage are cost prohibitive, including adding the necessary electrical line to charge an electric car. I would consider a gasoline powered hybrid that doesn't need charging as a next vehicle, but can't choose fully electric.	1/13/2025 1:02 PM
24	If it had a gas tank as well.	1/13/2025 12:29 PM
25	Unavailability of conventional vehicles	1/13/2025 12:13 PM
26	More information to understand if EV batteries are more sustainable given nature of lithium batteries being potentially worse for the environment long term	1/13/2025 12:08 PM
27	Find contractor information for installing proper voltage/power supply box to support powering vehicle.	1/13/2025 11:37 AM

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28	Cost of installation for home charger.	1/13/2025 11:34 AM
29	More smaller hybrid options	1/13/2025 11:26 AM
30	None- do not like electric vehicles	1/13/2025 11:24 AM
31	Hybrid - possibly. Electric - no. I am worried about the drain on the electrical grid as more and more people move to electric vehicles	1/13/2025 11:15 AM
32	When range is better/more reliable than gas and charging times are as fast as filling up gas and they're as cheap as gas vehicles.	1/13/2025 10:40 AM
33	I would consider a hybrid vehicle.	1/13/2025 9:15 AM
34	None. To run the turbines to produce energy still uses oil. The batteries are terrible for the environment.	1/12/2025 12:56 PM
35	consider a hybrid to replace current 11 year old car	1/11/2025 4:01 PM
36	cost	1/11/2025 3:47 PM
37	They're just too expensive. I would love to have one. I'd hoped that as more options came on the market, prices would become more bearable. But everything costs more.	1/11/2025 7:59 AM
38	battery technology	1/11/2025 7:22 AM
39	Not interested	1/10/2025 8:12 PM
40	Not interested at this time	1/10/2025 3:37 PM
41	None	1/10/2025 1:16 PM
42	As soon as we need another car-it will be a hybrid or electric.	1/10/2025 11:31 AM
43	Village making it easier to put a charging station in	1/10/2025 10:06 AM
44	Never would buy one.	1/10/2025 9:41 AM
45	If the price goes down, the batteries stop catching fire, they don't run lower in the cold, charging stations. The cost to charge and time it takes vs. gas is a factor. And, the batteries them selves are not a sustainable resource. The practices around the minerals needed to make the batteries are awful and not sustainable at all.	1/10/2025 9:25 AM
46	Cost savings, ease of purchase	1/10/2025 6:15 AM
47	Never, electric. Too expensive to maintain. Not good for road trips.	1/9/2025 10:35 PM
48	Free charging	1/9/2025 10:01 PM
49	Lower Cost, greater reliability, greater range, ability to install charging station at home	1/9/2025 9:46 PM
50	Reduction of fossil fuel consumption in recreational activities	1/9/2025 8:58 PM
51	Cost...	1/9/2025 8:22 PM
52	Substantial financial incentive	1/9/2025 7:28 PM
53	Certainly considering when I need a new vehicle	1/9/2025 7:18 PM
54	none	1/9/2025 7:01 PM
55	I don't they they're designed for our zero temperatures.	1/9/2025 6:48 PM
56	Would need confirmation that the vehicle would reliably drive in all weather,	1/9/2025 6:43 PM
57	Distance, stations, cost	1/9/2025 6:35 PM
58	Maybe grants or other initiatives offered to lower the cost.	1/6/2025 11:43 AM
59	Our next vehicle will almost certainly be a hybrid or electric vehicle. More public charging stations would be needed for full electric vehicles.	11/4/2024 11:17 AM
60	More high speed charging stations at RF Town Center, Jewel, Fresh Thyme, and other locations with large parking lots where shoppers spend 30 mins or more.	11/2/2024 12:39 PM

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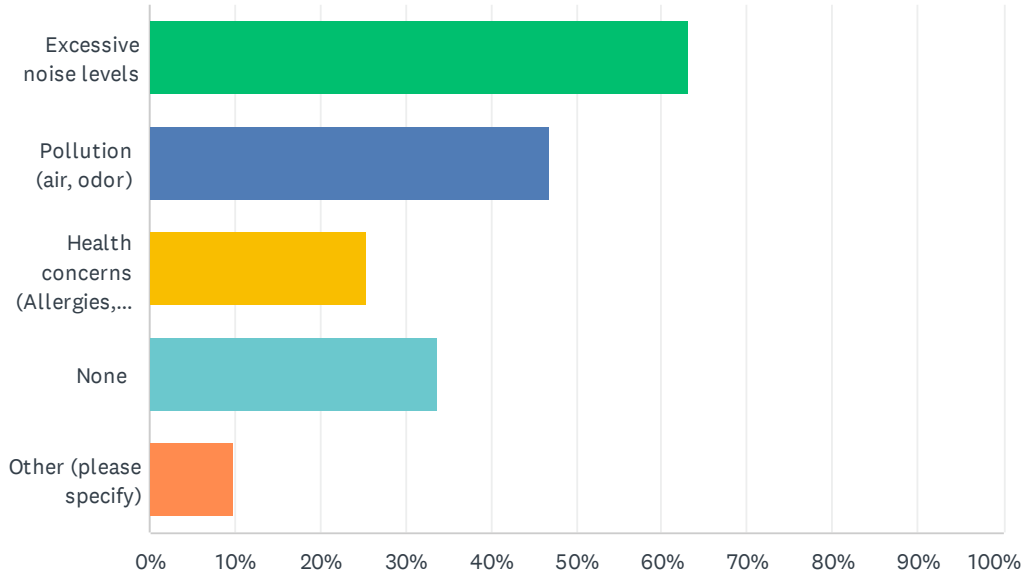
61	Nothing at this time. I am retired and don't use my car a lot.	11/2/2024 9:09 AM
62	🙄!	11/2/2024 7:57 AM
63	Longer range.	11/2/2024 3:41 AM
64	Hybrids are fine, had a Prius previously. Would buy another one....	11/1/2024 5:17 PM
65	none	11/1/2024 5:16 PM
66	None	10/12/2024 12:26 PM
67	I'm ready, but need to wait a few more years for my gas-powered car to be older	10/12/2024 9:12 AM
68	My next one will be, I'm riding out my paid off car til i can't!	10/12/2024 9:05 AM
69	Tax savings. Long term benefits	10/12/2024 7:40 AM
70	None as our ComEd won't be able to handle the loads.	10/8/2024 4:50 PM
71	I would like to know more about the reliability of electric cars vs traditional cars. Would be more interested if hybrid cars cost less than gas cars.	10/7/2024 9:06 PM
72	We had a hybrid that was totalled a few years back, during the Covid car shortage. We were unable to get another hybrid at the time	10/5/2024 1:04 AM
73	waiting for my 2013 car reach end of lifespan before buying a hybrid	10/4/2024 8:42 AM
74	We are educated on it, just does not make sense for our family.	10/3/2024 11:33 PM
75	Perhaps as soon as we can drive from here to California without having to stop to charge the darn cars, or worry that it will need charging in an area where there are no charging stations. I'll stick with my wonderful non-electric car, thank you!	10/3/2024 10:35 PM
76	Any kind of financial support	10/3/2024 10:20 PM
77	not interested	10/3/2024 9:45 PM
78	Last time we shopped for a vehicle, the hybrids were 10-15K more. We'd need a program to bring that differential down to 2K (such as a rebate).	10/3/2024 9:01 PM
79	The end of the life cycle of my current car.	10/3/2024 7:34 PM
80	Information about tax credits	10/3/2024 2:19 PM
81	None really, electricity is limited	10/2/2024 12:19 PM
82	Cost of Solar and home battery technology expense	9/30/2024 11:37 PM
83	Don't tell me what to do/ shame me into something	9/30/2024 12:26 PM
84	None	9/30/2024 12:16 PM
85	lower cost and charger capability	9/30/2024 11:51 AM
86	More public infrastructure to charge the car, parking spaces to do so in public lots.	9/30/2024 11:16 AM
87	I would like to know whether there is a recycling program for batteries used by electric cars.	9/30/2024 1:33 AM
88	none	9/28/2024 5:20 PM
89	I don't need more info. The electricity fir charging has to come from something. Electric cars are not the environmental saviors they are made out to be.	9/26/2024 3:21 PM
90	need more charging stations	9/24/2024 8:37 AM
91	Not able to spend the money while I have a good car that runs on gas.	9/23/2024 11:05 PM
92	More chargers. That's all. Otherwise I'm sold on EV's.	9/23/2024 9:33 AM
93	I would like to see more sustainable battery manufacturing.	9/23/2024 8:20 AM
94	Not in the market for different vehicle at this time	9/22/2024 6:10 PM
95	None. Don't believe they are any net improvements over ICE	9/22/2024 11:03 AM

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96	None. My mind is made up.	9/22/2024 8:00 AM
97	Will not purchase an electric vehicle. They are way too expensive. Not reliable a fir us totally unnecessary. We are retired and no longer travel back and forth to work.	9/21/2024 6:01 PM
98	We likely will once they can handle longer ranges.	9/20/2024 1:11 PM
99	I'm really not interested at this time. Limited range and cold weather charging concerns will keep me out of the category for a while.	9/20/2024 12:24 PM
100	don't want one, prefer what I have.	9/20/2024 10:18 AM
101	Detailed cost versus regular car	9/20/2024 9:30 AM
102	more charging stations	9/20/2024 7:02 AM
103	See above.	9/20/2024 5:50 AM
104	When current cars die	9/19/2024 8:07 PM
105	At my age, my vehicle will probably outlast my need for personal transportation.	9/19/2024 7:39 PM
106	Lower prices and more public chargeribg stations	9/19/2024 7:32 PM
107	Improvements in range and battery technology, studies on the impacts of increasing electrical demands and power plant source materials, e.g. shifts to coal or nuclear source material.	9/19/2024 5:57 PM
108	discounts for installing charging stations at home or more throughout the community	9/19/2024 5:52 PM

Q12 What issues have you experienced with the use of gas leaf blowers in the Village? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 315 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excessive noise levels	63.17% 199
Pollution (air, odor)	46.98% 148
Health concerns (Allergies, respiratory, etc.)	25.40% 80
None	33.65% 106
Other (please specify)	9.84% 31
Total Respondents: 315	

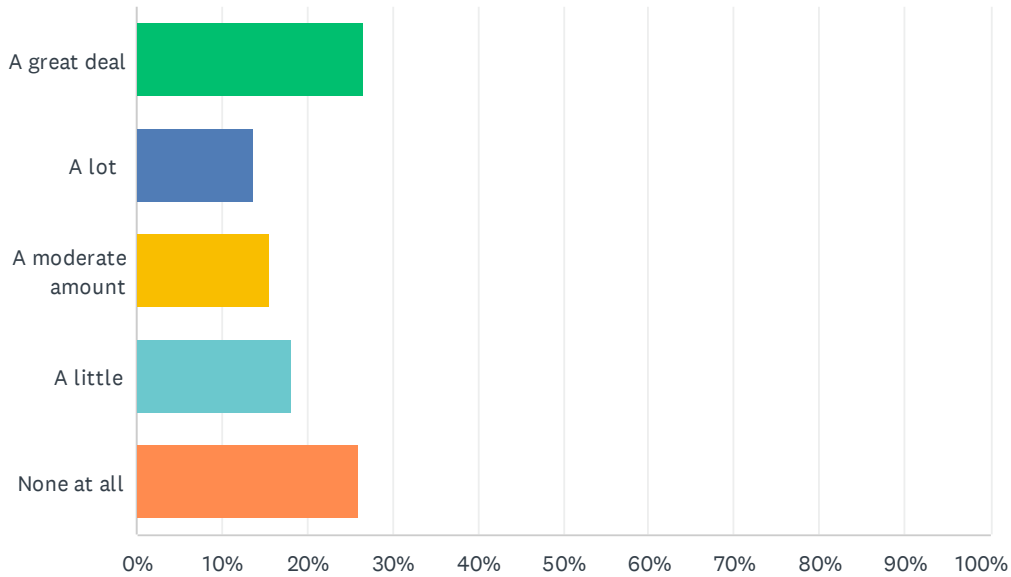
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	best way to get the job done in shortest amt of time	2/2/2025 5:11 PM
2	Blowers are often left running for extended periods while not in use.	1/31/2025 8:30 AM
3	They are bad for the workers who use them.	1/30/2025 5:37 PM
4	Blowing grass/leaves into storm sewer inlets.	1/30/2025 5:06 PM
5	destruction of topsoil by removing plant material that would decay to build & replenish the soil	1/15/2025 3:23 PM
6	Love my gas leaf blower	1/13/2025 4:12 PM
7	Honestly, the noise is the only difference between gas and electric. Electric does not provide the versatility, power, or efficiency of gas blowers. The extra time involved in using electric will not offset the carbon footprint of gas if used in mass.	1/13/2025 11:18 AM
8	Village should permit all gas leaf blowers, I view any restrictions as government overreach!	1/11/2025 5:10 PM
9	Stirs up dirt and debris into the air.	1/11/2025 11:05 AM

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10	blow plant material around that should not be removed	1/11/2025 7:23 AM
11	Harmful to wildlife and birds	1/10/2025 11:32 AM
12	Constant noise, gas fumes causing respiratory issues, dust in the air causing allergies	1/10/2025 11:08 AM
13	Don't be dumb. Don't ban gas leaf blowers. Electric are just as loud. I own both. There is no noise difference	1/10/2025 10:07 AM
14	The impact it has on the users themselves cannot be good even with headphones on.	1/10/2025 8:09 AM
15	Non-essential and overuse	1/9/2025 9:01 PM
16	Can they please be banned from use on SUNDAYS	1/9/2025 8:00 PM
17	They are a constant annoyance in spring and summer months. Landscapers use them for leaves, to edge mulch, everything. Why do people care about pristine lawns that last 10 mins until leaves fall again.	1/9/2025 7:20 PM
18	It is literally ALL the time - I can't be outside or even watch TV - I hate them so much	11/4/2024 11:18 AM
19	When battery power alternatives exist, there is no reason companies should be using noisy and polluting gas!	11/1/2024 5:52 PM
20	Landscaping vehicles take up large amounts of space	10/15/2024 5:14 PM
21	Improper times of operation	10/7/2024 8:17 PM
22	Particles blown in eyes mouth	10/5/2024 10:26 AM
23	Haven't been here long enough	10/3/2024 10:22 PM
24	What's the point of blowing leaves from one place to another? Makes no sense. Just leave them to fertilize the soil	10/3/2024 9:51 PM
25	I use an electric leaf blower	9/30/2024 11:37 PM
26	Are they necessary? What about sweeping? I hate the noise and I hate the fact that they use fossil fuels to run. Lastly, I don't think Blowers should be used for moving bits of trash. Trash should be picked up around buildings and homes and placed into either recycling or landfill dumpster. I also wish disrespectful people would dispose of their trash responsibly too.	9/30/2024 1:39 AM
27	some noise	9/23/2024 11:14 PM
28	noise, noise, noise	9/20/2024 10:19 AM
29	They are a health hazard, and gas powered are unnecessary.	9/20/2024 5:51 AM
30	I thought we were supposed to be leaving yard waste in place rather than blowing it all over the place contributing to poor air quality for everyone.	9/19/2024 7:47 PM
31	SO many leaf blowers and mowers in our village...so loud	9/19/2024 5:53 PM

Q13 How concerned are you about the environmental impacts of gas leaf blowers?

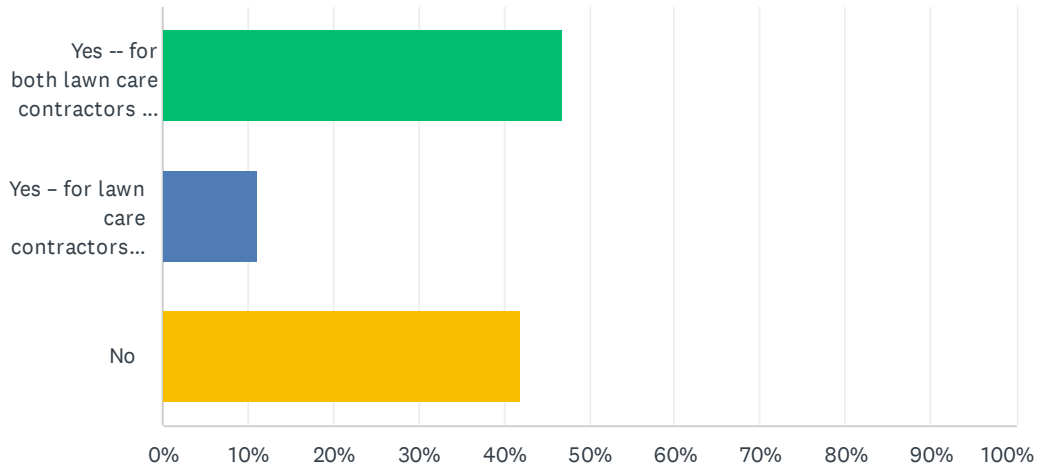
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	26.67%	84
A lot	13.65%	43
A moderate amount	15.56%	49
A little	18.10%	57
None at all	26.03%	82
TOTAL		315

Q14 Would you support a ban on the use of gas leaf blowers?

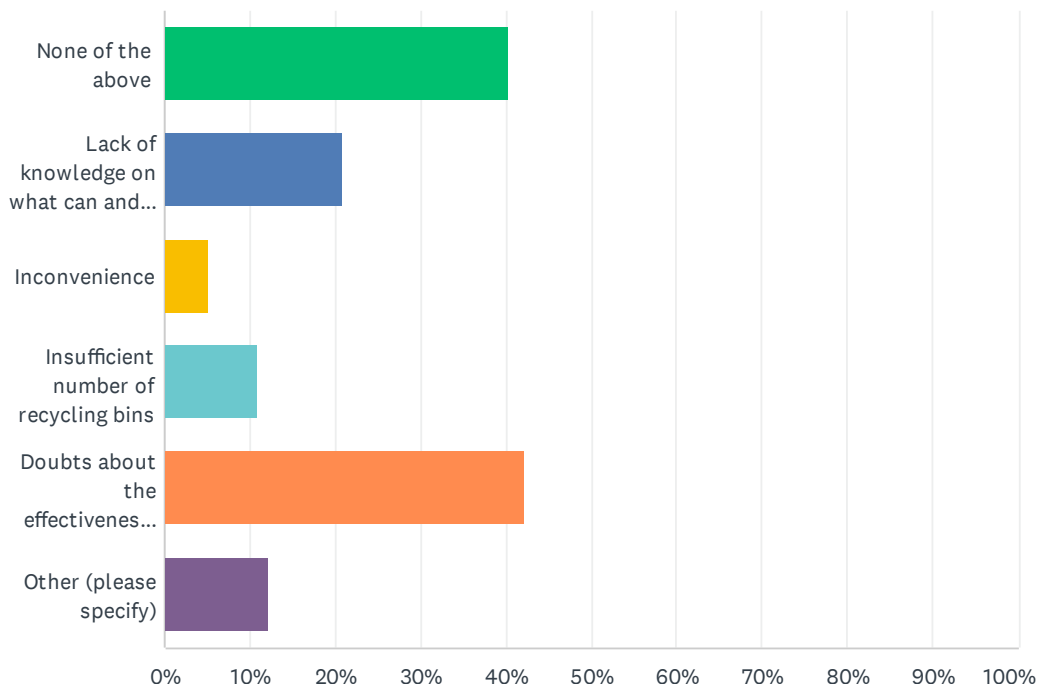
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes -- for both lawn care contractors and residents	46.98%	148
Yes – for lawn care contractors only	11.11%	35
No	41.90%	132
TOTAL		315

Q15 Are there any obstacles that you believe prevent you from more effectively recycling? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	40.32%	125
Lack of knowledge on what can and cannot be recycled	20.97%	65
Inconvenience	5.16%	16
Insufficient number of recycling bins	10.97%	34
Doubts about the effectiveness of recycling programs	42.26%	131
Other (please specify)	12.26%	38
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I'm very careful. But, I know that careless people can ruin a truck load with one item. Should paper, plastic, metal have their own bins, to make it obvious to collectors who has not adhered?....	2/5/2025 9:37 AM
2	tried the container recycling and it was too disgusting (we do compost 6mo of the year in our backyard compost pile)	2/1/2025 4:32 PM
3	Availability of recycling options for hard to recycle items— styrofoam, water filters, etc.	1/31/2025 8:55 AM
4	Inconvenience and cost of organic waste collection.	1/31/2025 8:37 AM
5	Not interested	1/31/2025 8:30 AM

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6	I recycle, but does LRS actually recycle?	1/30/2025 9:16 PM
7	Infrequent access to hazardous waste recycling	1/30/2025 9:07 PM
8	LRS isn't very responsive when you ask about what can be recycled including electronics and hazardous waste	1/30/2025 5:39 PM
9	It all gets put in the same pile anyways	1/14/2025 11:51 AM
10	Yard waste should be free.	1/13/2025 1:34 PM
11	What to do with metal and large plastic items like toys	1/13/2025 11:25 AM
12	We need public recycling bins and more garbage bins in park areas and some street corners	1/13/2025 11:02 AM
13	I'm diligent about curbside recyc and go to great lengths to recycle other "hard to recycle" items...it would be awesome if more convenient ways to recycle things like styrofoam, haz mat, elec, etc so more people would do that, as well. EcoShip for mailing supplies, terracycle for packaging/etc, and so on. Love that OP offers expanded recyc on demand, and not just on a pre-assigned couple days/year	1/13/2025 10:57 AM
14	we have recycled for 50 years	1/11/2025 3:50 PM
15	No we recycle	1/10/2025 3:40 PM
16	I have requested a composting bin 3 times through the website and never hear back. I am too lazy to call	1/10/2025 6:18 AM
17	Recyclables need to be thoroughly cleaned first. Not going to happen.	1/9/2025 10:38 PM
18	I like to recycle in RF	1/9/2025 8:02 PM
19	I recycle	1/9/2025 7:01 PM
20	Not always recycling options at businesses	1/9/2025 6:44 PM
21	show us where the recyclables go and what happens to it	11/18/2024 6:40 PM
22	Its difficult to keep residents in our multi unit building educated about recycling. I frequently find non recyclable materials in the recycle bins. We post flyers, etc., but it's still hard.	11/2/2024 12:42 PM
23	Loss of recycling fair	10/12/2024 6:38 PM
24	Having heard that garbage companies do not really separate recycle from garbage that it all goes in one pile.	10/8/2024 11:40 AM
25	You know they throw the garbage and the recycle in the same truck	10/7/2024 8:20 PM
26	Many recycled things still wind up in landfills.	10/3/2024 9:50 PM
27	Too hard to rinse some foods like peanut butter or mayonnaise jars	10/3/2024 9:07 PM
28	Why aren't there public recycling bins?	10/3/2024 8:50 PM
29	I do recycle though	10/3/2024 2:20 PM
30	Lack of trust with the recycling provider and lack of education on what it takes to have recycled products accepted at a recycling facility	9/30/2024 11:41 PM
31	No one will tell me where the plastic goes and village officials say things like "we're getting people in the habit" I profoundly do not care.	9/30/2024 12:13 PM
32	Learning about places to drop off things my refuse company does not recycle. I have started using Best Buy for electronics because as a condo resident we are not part of the Village's recycling program. I also dispose of plastic bags at Jewel but make an effort to use reusable grocery bags.	9/30/2024 1:47 AM
33	It would be great to have a recycling 201 class for people who are already doing a pretty good job of recycling and either want to prepare items better, know how to recycle non-mainstream items, etc. It would also be nice to have an on-demand system, like OP's, for hazardous and electronic waste	9/21/2024 2:56 PM
34	Many people believe that it all gets dumped in together with trash and that it is not actually	9/20/2024 1:14 PM

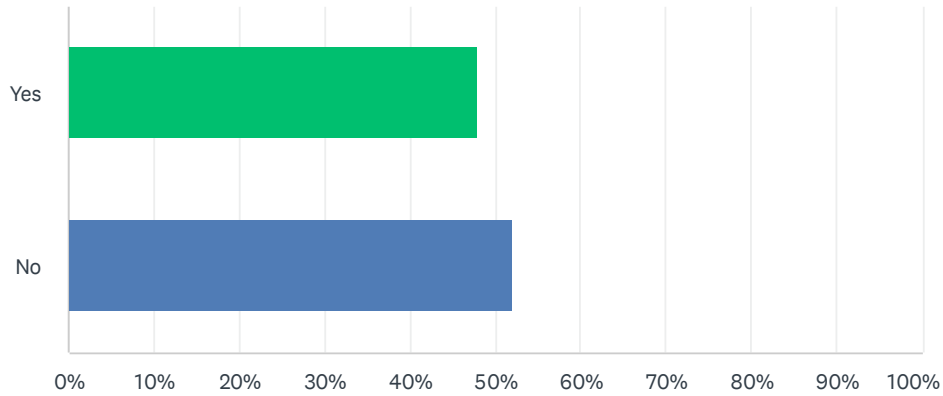
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being recycled. Plus the vast majority of people who do recycle don't follow the guidelines.

35	Is any of our recycleable waste really being recycled?	9/20/2024 12:27 PM
36	litter in public places, litter of plastic bottles in public spaces	9/20/2024 10:24 AM
37	Poor communication from waste hauler re what items are currently being recycled.	9/20/2024 5:52 AM
38	Info on how/where to recycle sneakers, styrofoam in packaging, fabrics.	9/19/2024 6:13 PM

Q16 Would you be interested in attending workshops and/or receiving information on how to improve recycling best practices?

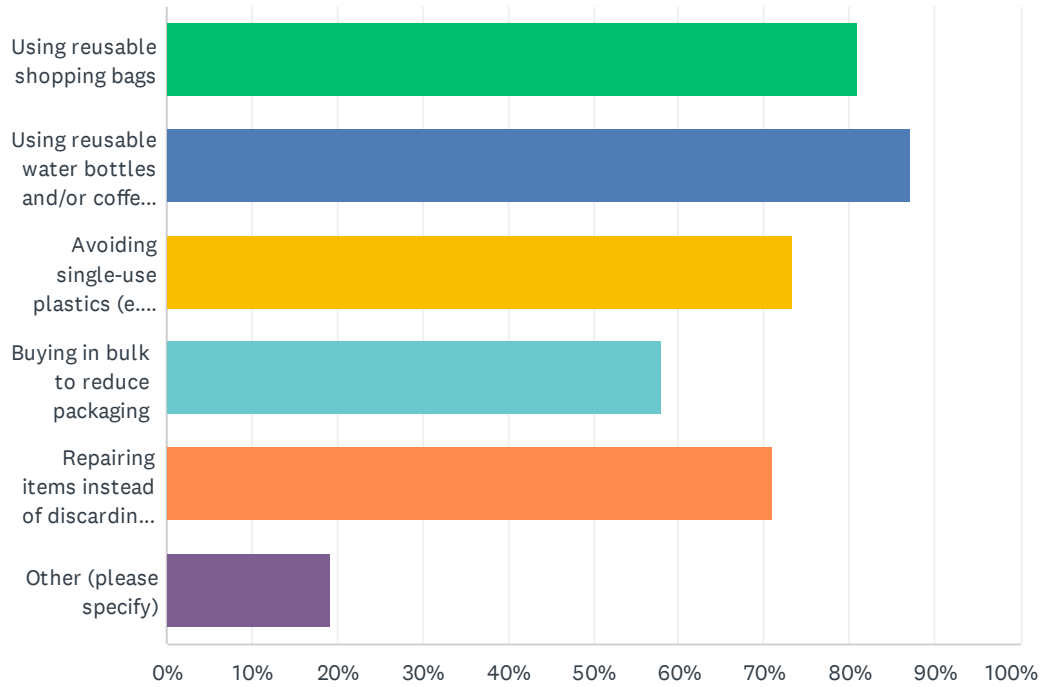
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.06%	149
No	51.94%	161
TOTAL		310

Q17 What waste reduction practices do you currently employ? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 307 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Using reusable shopping bags	81.11% 249
Using reusable water bottles and/or coffee cups	87.30% 268
Avoiding single-use plastics (e.g., plastic silverware, plates, etc)	73.29% 225
Buying in bulk to reduce packaging	57.98% 178
Repairing items instead of discarding and replacing them	71.01% 218
Other (please specify)	19.22% 59
Total Respondents: 307	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	E-car that charges at green times (juicebox)	2/5/2025 9:37 AM
2	vermicomposting, Reusing by buying used clothing and used furniture, cloth diapers, cloth napkins, no single use items if they can be avoided	2/2/2025 7:44 AM
3	use laundry detergent sheets, 2 rain barrels for watering garden, militant about not wasting food, grow own vegetables, 2 apple trees in yard	2/1/2025 4:32 PM
4	Supporting resale shops, up cycling furniture, clothing, DIY house products	1/31/2025 9:46 AM
5	Avoiding items with single use waste and excessive packaging	1/31/2025 8:55 AM

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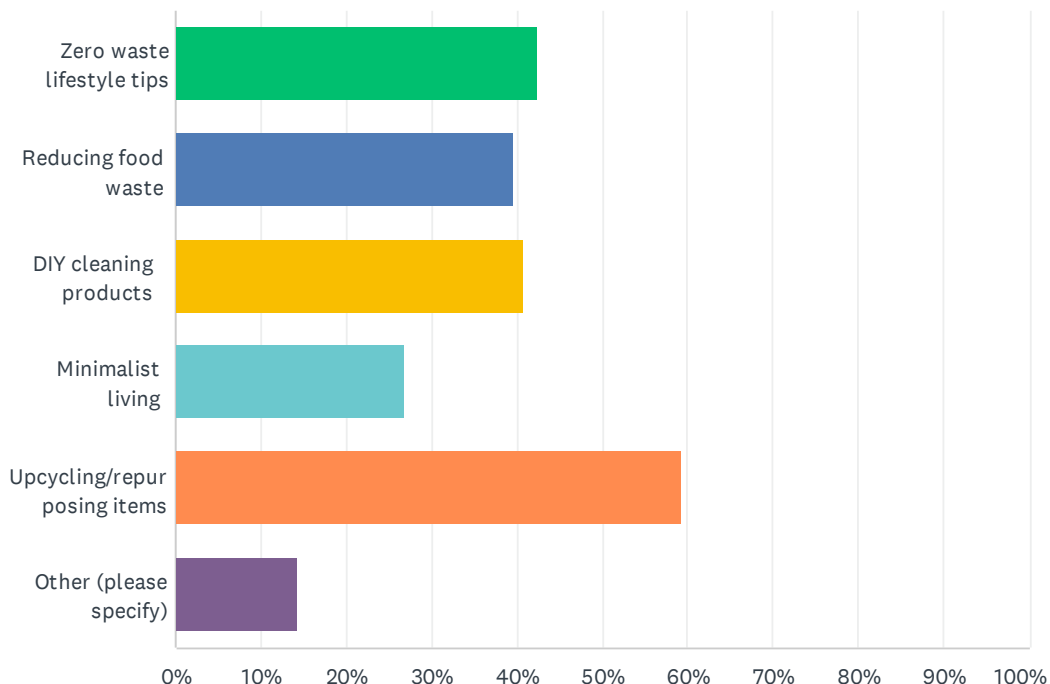
6	None	1/31/2025 8:30 AM
7	Composting.	1/30/2025 9:16 PM
8	Donating instead of throwing out.	1/30/2025 9:10 PM
9	Donate useable clothing and home goods	1/30/2025 7:36 PM
10	Composting	1/30/2025 5:18 PM
11	Composting	1/15/2025 5:01 PM
12	Not buying unnecessary stuff	1/13/2025 4:13 PM
13	Compost	1/13/2025 1:36 PM
14	We save and return plastic bags to Jewel.	1/13/2025 11:25 AM
15	Use ecoship chicago and terracycle to recycle/reuse things that most people would put in the garbage	1/13/2025 10:57 AM
16	composting both food and plant material	1/11/2025 7:25 AM
17	None	1/10/2025 1:18 PM
18	Turning off water and lights	1/10/2025 6:18 AM
19	Repurposing items.	1/9/2025 10:38 PM
20	Composting, Recycling	1/9/2025 9:37 PM
21	Monitoring freshwater use; Household heating and cooling practices	1/9/2025 9:04 PM
22	compost	1/9/2025 7:43 PM
23	Give away through Buy Nothing	1/9/2025 7:29 PM
24	I reuse plastic storage bags, buy used clothing, etc. the environment is very important to me	1/9/2025 7:22 PM
25	Don't use or buy things in plastic	1/9/2025 6:37 PM
26	composting	11/16/2024 1:39 PM
27	Bring my own take out containers to restaurants (when I remember)	11/2/2024 12:42 PM
28	Compost program	11/2/2024 11:15 AM
29	Avoid producing garbage. Dont waste food, paper, etc.	11/2/2024 8:01 AM
30	Organic composting	11/1/2024 6:31 PM
31	Compost	11/1/2024 5:52 PM
32	Participate in RF composting program.	11/1/2024 5:19 PM
33	Compost program and recycling	10/30/2024 4:22 PM
34	Composting	10/30/2024 4:18 PM
35	Compost on my own	10/13/2024 4:15 PM
36	Compost. Mindful shopping	10/12/2024 6:38 PM
37	Compostable bags replacing plastic bags	10/12/2024 5:21 PM
38	Avoid buying	10/11/2024 9:16 PM
39	no paper napkins or plates; compost all food	10/8/2024 6:57 PM
40	composting	10/8/2024 4:48 PM
41	I compost	10/7/2024 9:08 PM
42	Composting	10/5/2024 1:52 PM
43	We also compost	10/5/2024 11:57 AM

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44	Composting	10/4/2024 9:31 AM
45	buying in bulk doesnt always reduce packaging! we compost kitchen and yard waste. Plan menus to reduce waste and have a high efficiency deep freeze to store food. We have solar panels, rain barrels. Walk to post office and local shops.	10/4/2024 8:51 AM
46	Composting	10/4/2024 7:59 AM
47	Reusable wraps	10/3/2024 10:24 PM
48	Repurposing items.	10/3/2024 9:50 PM
49	Composting	10/3/2024 9:07 PM
50	Own one car, purchased smaller home, compost	10/3/2024 8:29 PM
51	Compost	10/3/2024 4:16 AM
52	Avid user of bamboo utensils and bamboo products	9/30/2024 11:41 PM
53	Donating items no longer used to Goidwill.	9/30/2024 1:47 AM
54	Thrift	9/27/2024 10:32 PM
55	recycle plastic bags; donate used items	9/23/2024 11:14 PM
56	Composting	9/23/2024 8:23 AM
57	I try to use specialty recycling when I can - plastic film dropped off at Jewel, haz waste and electronic through RF, weird things through TerraCycle	9/21/2024 2:56 PM
58	collect littered tennis balls from areas near local tennis courts , many people throw them on train embankment near tennis courts in River Forest.	9/20/2024 10:24 AM
59	Renovate & repair existing buildings and appliances, Donate items, Wash & reuse plastic bags and old plastic utensils & cups. Recycle plastic wrapping. Substitute wax paper for Saran. Use recyclable waxed food covers & waxed bags, recycle old fluorescent bulbs, switched to LED, wash full loads, turn off water during shampooing, showering, tooth brushing, limit lawn watering, minimize A/C for > 80 deg, lower furnace to 62-66, replaced old windows	9/19/2024 6:13 PM

Q18 What waste reduction practices would you be interested in learning more about? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 224 Skipped: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Zero waste lifestyle tips	42.41% 95
Reducing food waste	39.73% 89
DIY cleaning products	40.63% 91
Minimalist living	26.79% 60
Upcycling/repurposing items	59.38% 133
Other (please specify)	14.29% 32
Total Respondents: 224	

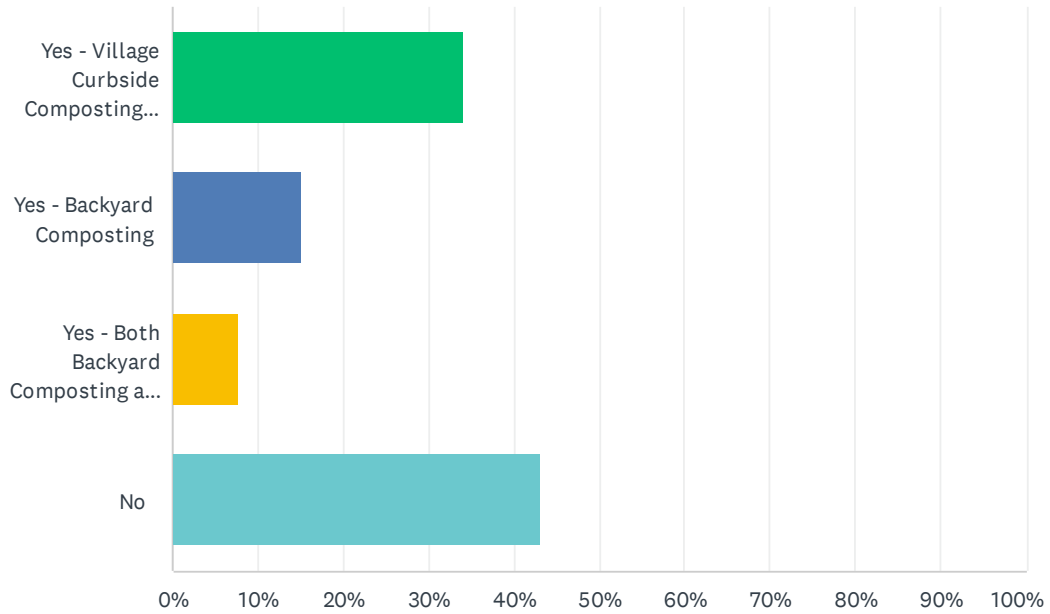
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1	I would work hard to know that my recycling efforts are not wasted. Even it required getting certified or something.	2/5/2025 9:37 AM
2	None of those sound interesting. In fact, they sound bad.	1/31/2025 9:00 AM
3	I would like to see actual resources and programs— help us recycle styrofoam, for example, or offer compost program as part of overall garbage pick up program. I think that's much mire helpful than small blurbs encouraging residents to take small steps on their own. It's more helpful to actually offer a way to make changes, village- wide.	1/31/2025 8:55 AM
4	Donation, recycling locations	1/31/2025 8:37 AM

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5	Not interested	1/31/2025 8:30 AM
6	Energy efficiency— local gardening/poultry/ allow us to air dry clothes	1/30/2025 9:07 PM
7	What is the Village doing?	1/15/2025 3:25 PM
8	None	1/14/2025 4:05 PM
9	Na	1/14/2025 9:43 AM
10	composting in small spaces	1/13/2025 1:03 PM
11	Ways to buy in bulk and refill containers so a new plastic container isn't needed every single time	1/13/2025 10:57 AM
12	none	1/11/2025 3:50 PM
13	i am on board with all and then some	1/11/2025 7:25 AM
14	None	1/10/2025 1:18 PM
15	Composting	1/10/2025 6:18 AM
16	Please, please we need a textile recycling program. I currently drive our worn out textiles to a place in Bellwood and it's a big pain in the neck. I would love it if we had a community textile recycling program in RF.	1/9/2025 11:46 PM
17	none	1/9/2025 7:01 PM
18	None	11/2/2024 8:01 AM
19	I	11/1/2024 7:04 PM
20	Composting	10/12/2024 9:06 AM
21	community or state level changes - making sure our recycling gets recycled, reducing packaging in mail order items, encouraging local stores to participate in reducing plastic and donating food to pantries. (Cermak Market on North Ave has good produce at good prices. They dont recycle plastic and use the worst kind of plastic for produce bags! Would also be interested in how to maintain a vegetable garden despite overpopulation of deer in neighborhood.	10/4/2024 8:51 AM
22	Reduced waste lifestyle tips (zero is too hard)	10/3/2024 9:07 PM
23	Bamboo usage should be better promoted	9/30/2024 11:41 PM
24	Compost bins for an 11-unit condo building, compost facilities for weeds and leaves. I do try to put some in garden beds though. I have to ask our landscaper if he uses a compost area off site.	9/30/2024 1:47 AM
25	already do alot	9/28/2024 5:23 PM
26	Information on best choices on products that have less environmental impact.	9/24/2024 1:05 PM
27	none	9/23/2024 11:14 PM
28	It is almost impossible to buy anything that does not have plastic in some fashion. I would like the pressure to be on mfr's to stop using plastic.	9/23/2024 8:23 AM
29	Not interested.	9/21/2024 6:03 PM
30	I'd like to know if there are recycling options for certain things that I currently throw away (though with compost and recycling, I don't actually put out much garbage (it would be nice to have a lower fee for my garbage service, come to think of it! lol)	9/21/2024 2:56 PM
31	Current effectiveness of recycling	9/20/2024 11:33 AM
32	Recycling more materials, explanation of newer terms for older practices	9/19/2024 6:13 PM

Q19 Do you currently compost?

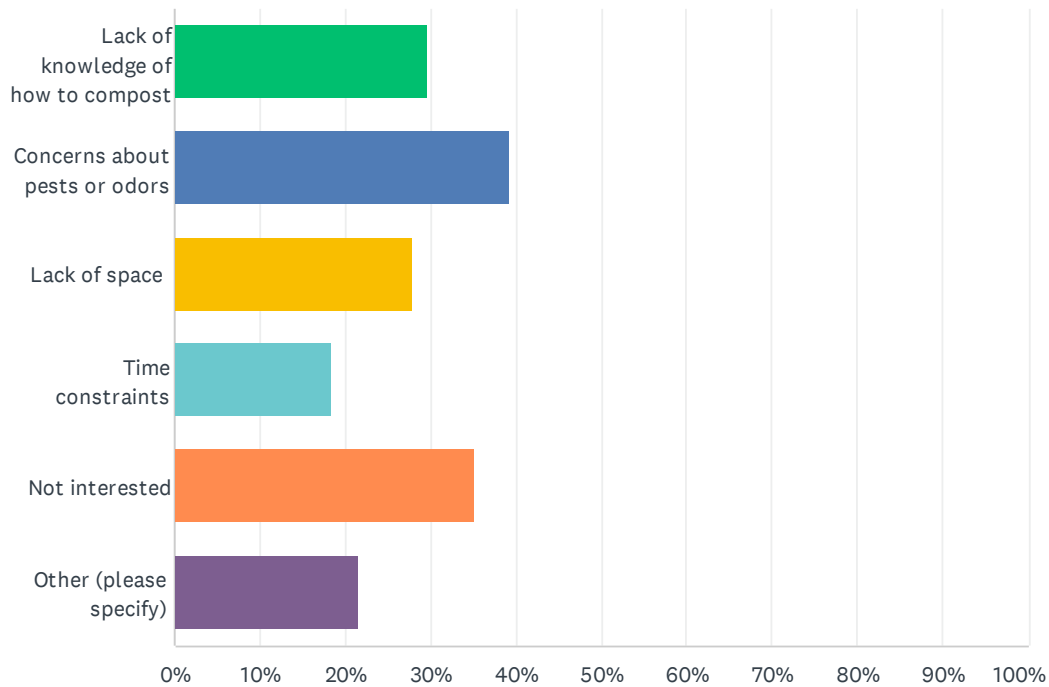
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - Village Curbside Composting Program	34.14%	99
Yes - Backyard Composting	15.17%	44
Yes - Both Backyard Composting and Village Curbside Composting Program	7.59%	22
No	43.10%	125
TOTAL		290

Q20 What are the reasons you do not compost? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 125 Skipped: 206



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Lack of knowledge of how to compost	29.60% 37
Concerns about pests or odors	39.20% 49
Lack of space	28.00% 35
Time constraints	18.40% 23
Not interested	35.20% 44
Other (please specify)	21.60% 27
Total Respondents: 125	

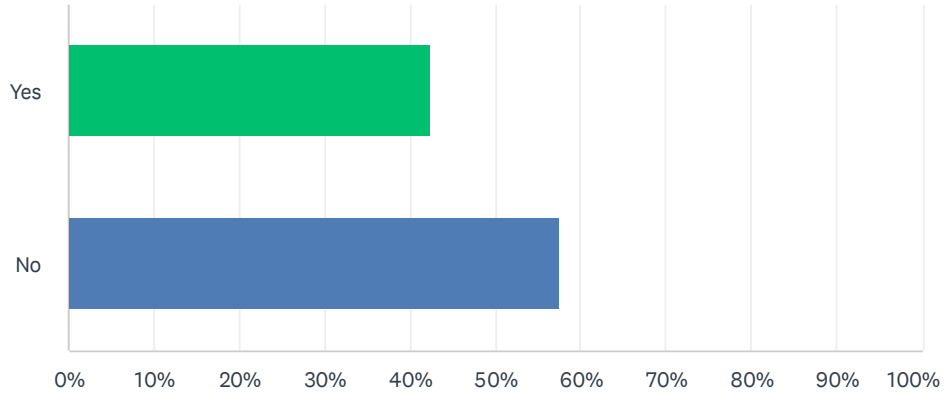
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Cost	1/31/2025 8:39 AM
2	cost	1/31/2025 7:29 AM
3	Too many containers to choose from.	1/30/2025 9:12 PM
4	Cost of composting bin	1/30/2025 5:42 PM
5	The monthly fee. Composting services should be free; the village should not charge for responsible behavior. A neighbor lets us use their compost bin for the rare times we need to compost.	1/30/2025 5:41 PM
6	Our development has yard service so I have little to compost	1/30/2025 5:21 PM

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7	Tired before didn't work	1/14/2025 11:52 AM
8	Wildlife intrusion	1/13/2025 3:06 PM
9	Cost. Yard waste and compost bins should be free. Sold back as organic soil and mulch.	1/13/2025 1:35 PM
10	Cost	1/13/2025 11:26 AM
11	cost of village composting;	1/13/2025 11:26 AM
12	Cost	1/10/2025 10:09 AM
13	Cost	1/10/2025 9:35 AM
14	I don't know what gets mixed in when I get it back.	1/10/2025 9:27 AM
15	It should be free.	1/10/2025 8:10 AM
16	I have requested a bin three times on the website and never heard back. I am too lazy to call	1/10/2025 6:18 AM
17	Additional cost	1/9/2025 9:19 PM
18	rats	11/18/2024 6:41 PM
19	Safety	11/2/2024 9:11 AM
20	recycle paper, use yard waste bags for lawn and garden.	10/11/2024 9:19 PM
21	Landscaper takes materials with him	10/4/2024 7:59 AM
22	Don't want to pay extra	10/3/2024 11:35 PM
23	cost	10/3/2024 9:51 PM
24	landscaping com. takes grass clippings,etc.	9/23/2024 11:17 PM
25	spouse and I have yet to discuss	9/23/2024 9:35 AM
26	M	9/21/2024 6:04 PM
27	Money	9/20/2024 7:13 AM

Q21 Would you be interested to learn about the Village's compost pick-up services?

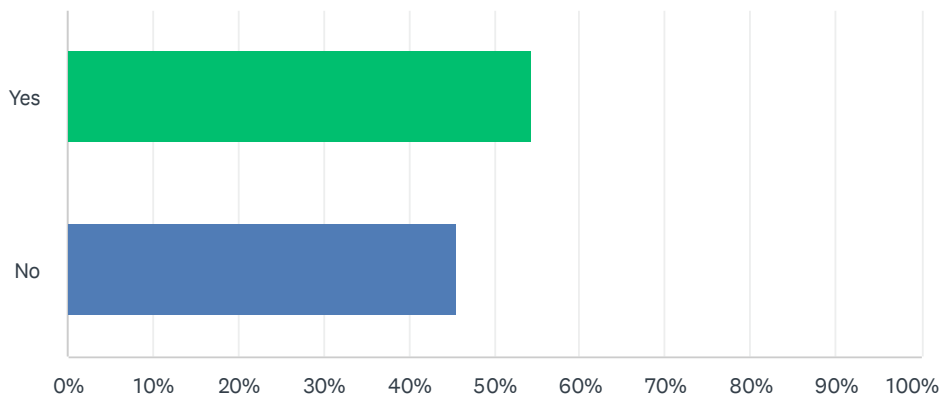
Answered: 125 Skipped: 206



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.40%	53
No	57.60%	72
TOTAL		125

Q22 Would you be willing to compost if resources and support were provided (e.g., workshops, compost bins, etc.)?

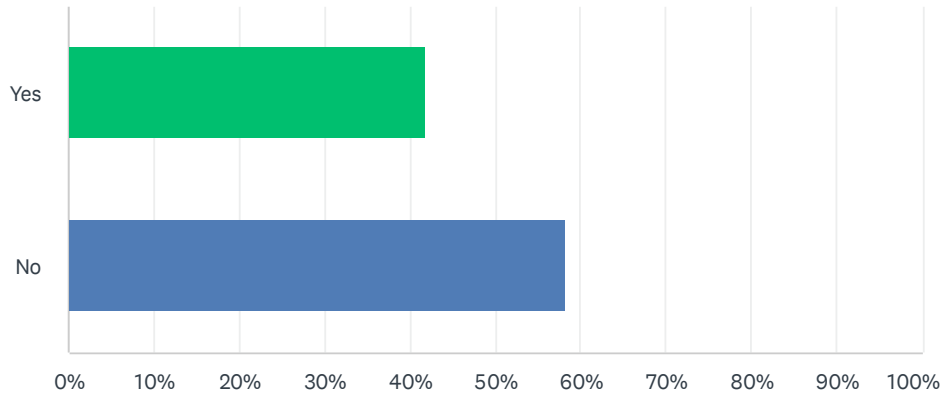
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.40%	68
No	45.60%	57
TOTAL		125

Q23 Would you be interested to learn about vermiculture (composting with worms) and how to start a worm bin?

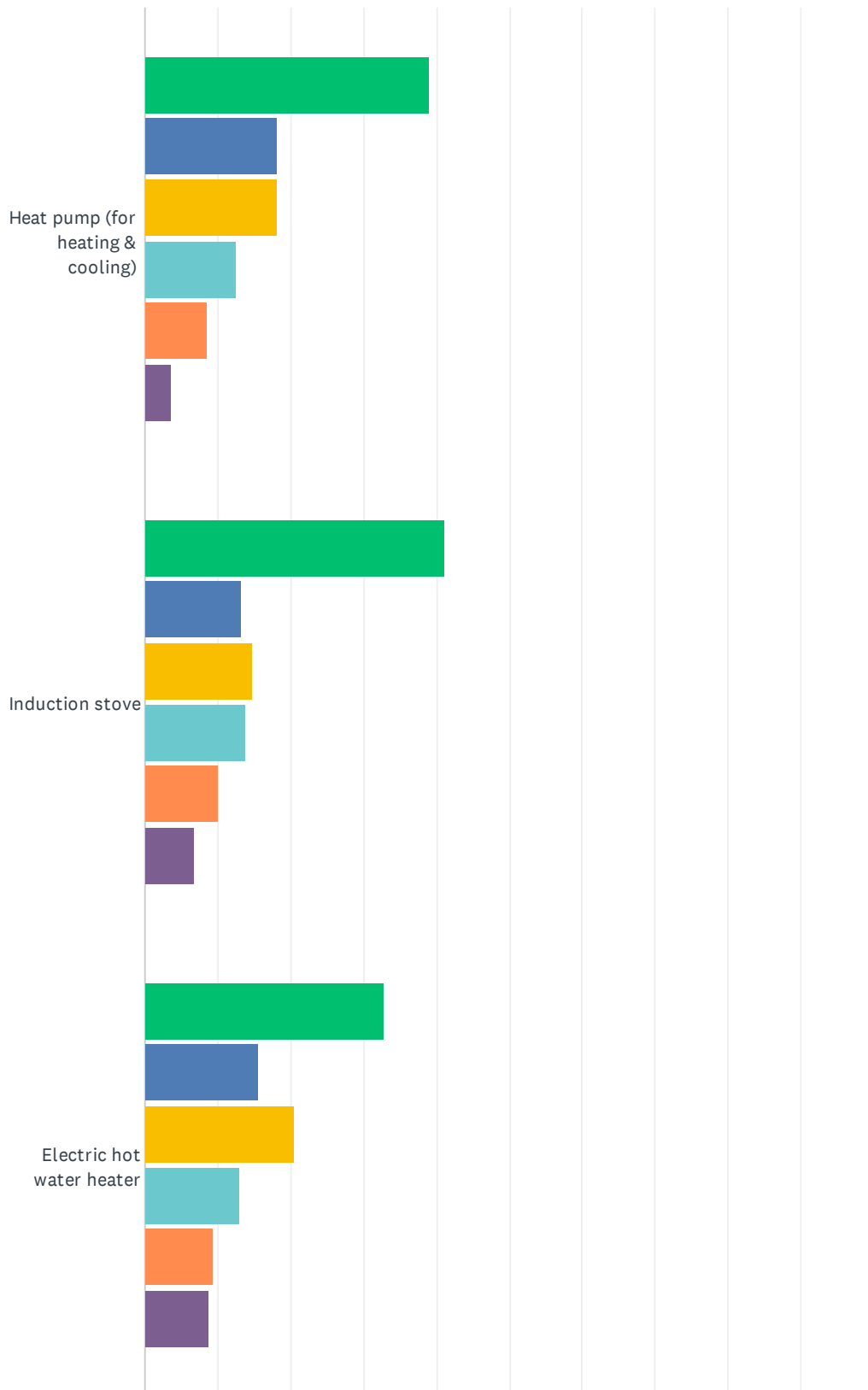
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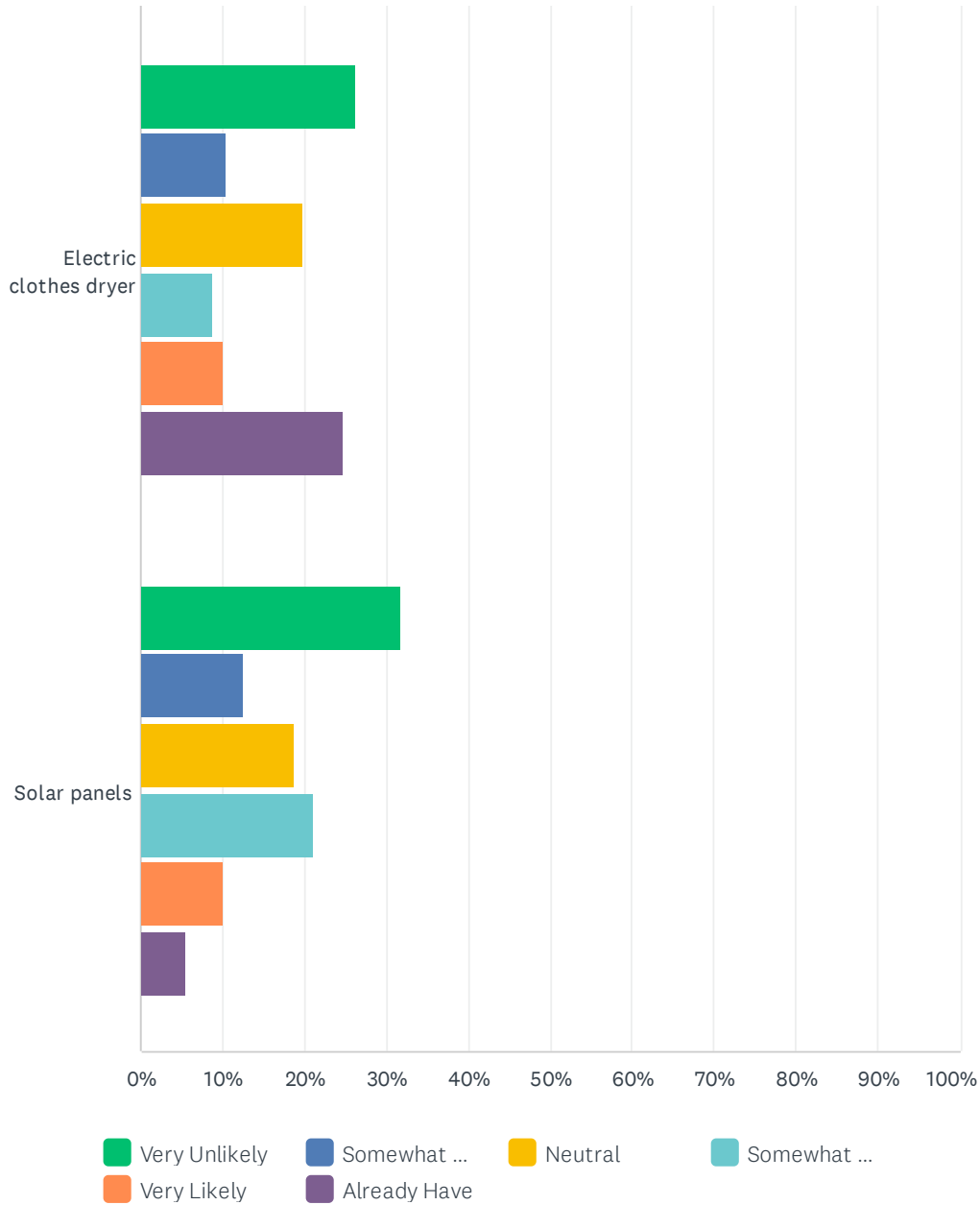
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.79%	28
No	58.21%	39
TOTAL		67

Q24 Would you consider switching your home appliances to electric alternatives? How likely are you to do so in the next five years?

Answered: 308 Skipped: 23



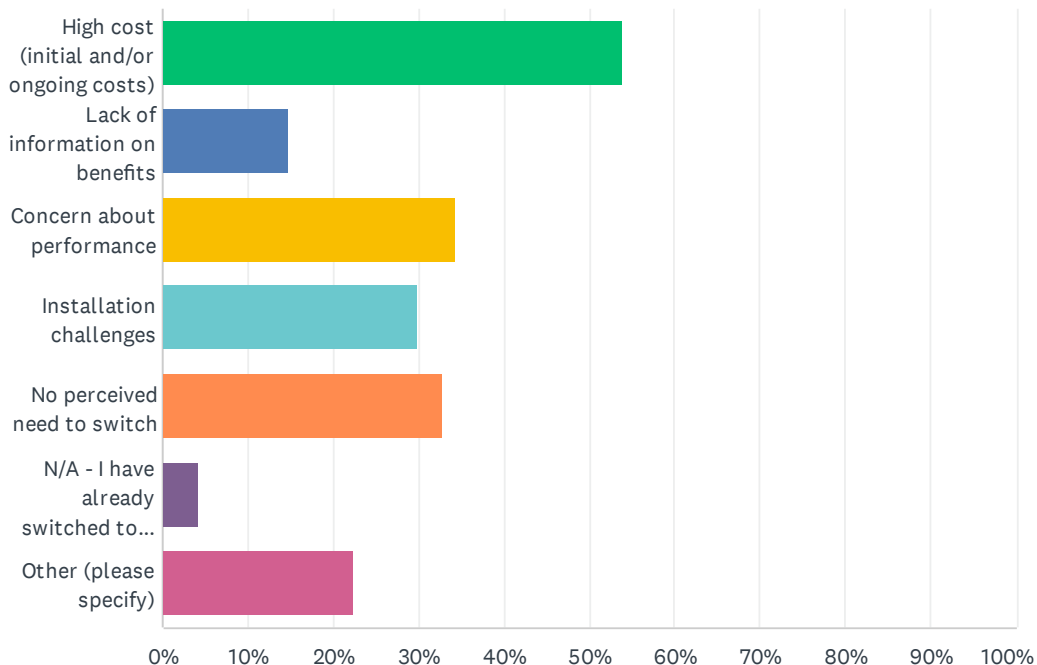
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	VERY UNLIKELY	SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT LIKELY	VERY LIKELY	ALREADY HAVE	TOTAL
Heat pump (for heating & cooling)	38.96% 120	18.18% 56	18.18% 56	12.66% 39	8.44% 26	3.57% 11	308
Induction stove	41.23% 127	13.31% 41	14.61% 45	13.96% 43	10.06% 31	6.82% 21	308
Electric hot water heater	32.79% 101	15.58% 48	20.45% 63	12.99% 40	9.42% 29	8.77% 27	308
Electric clothes dryer	26.30% 81	10.39% 32	19.81% 61	8.77% 27	10.06% 31	24.68% 76	308
Solar panels	31.82% 98	12.66% 39	18.83% 58	21.10% 65	10.06% 31	5.52% 17	308

Q25 Are there any issues which prevent you from adopting electric appliances in your home? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 308 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
High cost (initial and/or ongoing costs)	53.90% 166
Lack of information on benefits	14.61% 45
Concern about performance	34.42% 106
Installation challenges	29.87% 92
No perceived need to switch	32.79% 101
N/A - I have already switched to electric appliances	4.22% 13
Other (please specify)	22.40% 69
Total Respondents: 308	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I'm on ComEds variable rate plan and can see that peak usage could defeat the goals of switching. I don't think it makes any sense to go electric if you don't time shift and you can't time switch hot water for example without a giant battery etc. So it's more complex than your question.	2/5/2025 9:51 AM
2	Condo building, not likely to make major changes.	2/4/2025 2:28 PM
3	waiting for current appliances to die	2/2/2025 7:45 AM
4	What few gas appliances we still have are expected to last 5 years or more and will then be	2/1/2025 4:36 PM

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	replaced by electric.	
5	Let me pick what I want for my home. What's wrong with you people?	1/31/2025 9:05 AM
6	Existing appliances work fine	1/31/2025 7:45 AM
7	Condominium living. Not my choice for most suggestions. My gas stove is dependable and switching would be wasteful.	1/31/2025 12:18 AM
8	I want to get solar panels first so it makes more sense to have all electric. But, the cost is holding me back.	1/30/2025 9:18 PM
9	Dependent on HOA	1/30/2025 9:14 PM
10	Will be moving in the next few years, so no reason to discard working appliances	1/30/2025 9:13 PM
11	I switch as appliances need replacement	1/30/2025 9:09 PM
12	Have used electric stove years ago and it was a nightmare. Also concerned about safety given we're aging.	1/30/2025 5:42 PM
13	Will not switch until current appliance need to be replaced	1/30/2025 5:23 PM
14	Possibility of moving from this house	1/15/2025 3:52 PM
15	Gas better to cook with	1/14/2025 11:53 AM
16	Not in the market for any of these things.	1/13/2025 3:27 PM
17	What happens when the grid goes out just like Los Angeles	1/13/2025 1:37 PM
18	Don't want to replace items that are in good working order	1/13/2025 11:28 AM
19	I would consider this when any current appliance needs to be replaced	1/13/2025 10:59 AM
20	requires service upgrade	1/13/2025 10:55 AM
21	t00 Old	1/11/2025 3:51 PM
22	Appliances are in good working order.	1/11/2025 11:07 AM
23	willing to make the switch when appropriate. our current appliances are in fine condition, not need to replace at this time.	1/11/2025 7:28 AM
24	Concern about frequent power outages/ we've had more than 10 in 6 years and one was 12 hours long. Solar was evaluated and isn't feasible for our home	1/10/2025 11:11 AM
25	You guys are barking up a tree that doesn't need to be climbed. I looked at heat pumps and the HVAC contractor said they aren't good in Illinois between the cold and the cost of electricity. Performance on electric dryers and stoves is not good. Don't get myopic and believe this somehow solves global warming. It's deck chairs on the titanic.	1/10/2025 10:11 AM
26	Couldn't find induction repair to make it practical.	1/10/2025 9:36 AM
27	We wanted to replace our broken gas stove this year with electric/induction. However, the initial cost/logistics of doing so (needing a new high voltage dedicated outlet... which would then require a new box or major reworking of our current one) just seemed like too much to manage/coordinate, when we just needed to replace our broken stove and wanted to do so quickly. So, we bought another gas one and probably won't replace/switch for a long time now (until this one breaks) even though we would really like to do so.	1/9/2025 11:46 PM
28	My oven is already electric. I like gas for my stovetop.	1/9/2025 9:39 PM
29	Not likely to need to replace the above appliances in the next five years. If needed though, would consider switching to electric, but would need to learn more about the benefits first	1/9/2025 9:21 PM
30	New appliances currently	1/9/2025 9:07 PM
31	No time to figure out the cost/benefit and how to install	1/9/2025 7:59 PM
32	Comed is a pain in the ass	1/9/2025 7:20 PM
33	we like to see fire when cooking	1/9/2025 7:03 PM

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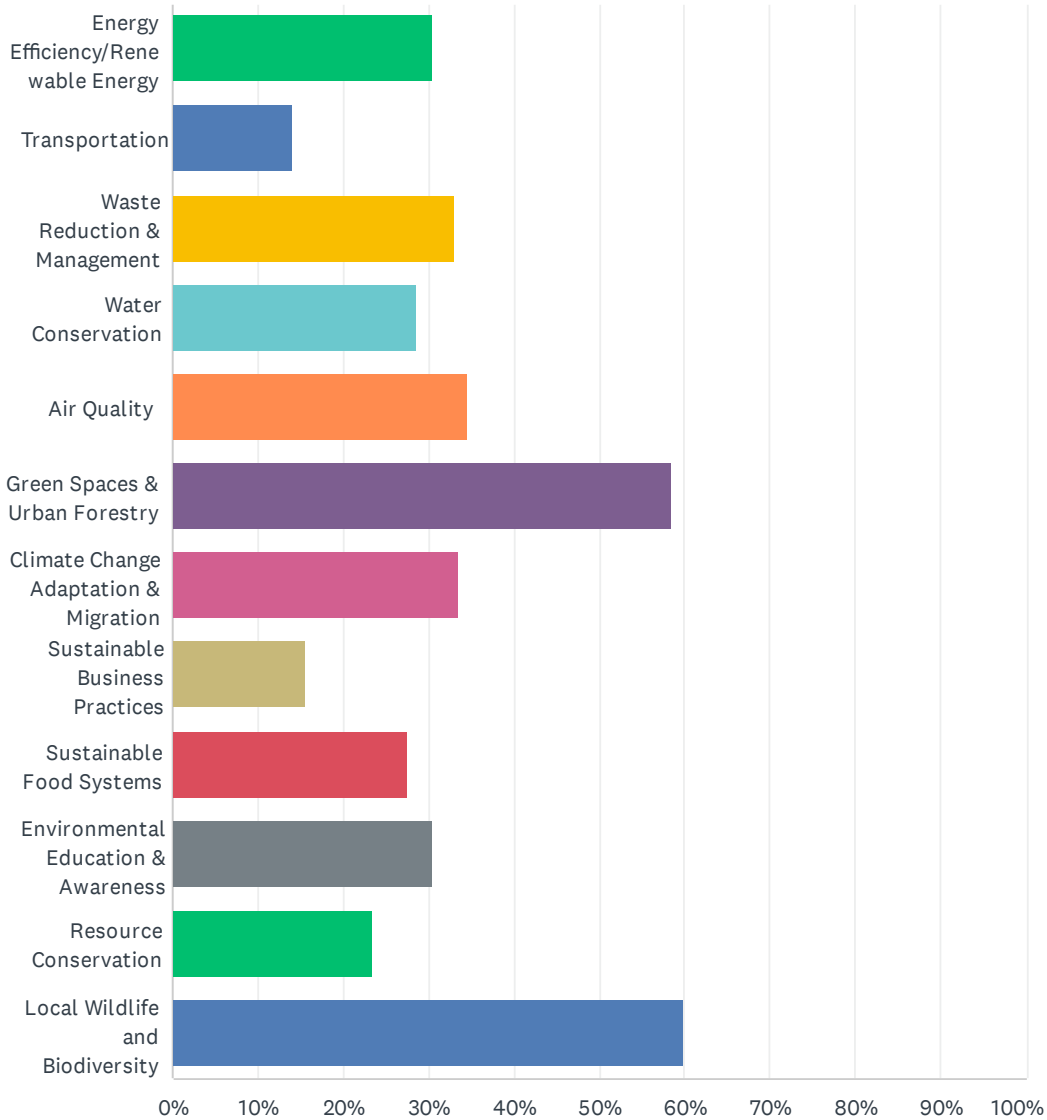
34	Electric panel already upgraded and full.	1/9/2025 6:41 PM
35	Too old	1/5/2025 2:53 AM
36	My multi unit building will not install solar panels	11/2/2024 12:44 PM
37	I'm old.	11/2/2024 11:30 AM
38	what if power goes out.	11/2/2024 3:46 AM
39	Don't need any right now. Electric dryers are very slow.	11/1/2024 8:16 PM
40	Everything is gas. If it wasn't, there is no way I'd replace these items at my own cost unless broken	11/1/2024 5:54 PM
41	For gas water heaters, we will use them until they die and then replace with electric.	10/30/2024 4:23 PM
42	Waiting for current appliances to die before replacing with electric	10/13/2024 4:17 PM
43	Appliances are less than 6 years old	10/12/2024 5:23 PM
44	Again, technology is not fully developed in some areas like furnaces that adequately heat a home in this area.	10/12/2024 12:30 PM
45	Production of electricity in Illinois is not that green, natural gas is more efficient	10/12/2024 9:17 AM
46	Not anticipating needing to replace any in the foreseeable	10/12/2024 9:07 AM
47	Difficulty finding reliable contractors who understand the technology and can make it easy to do.	10/12/2024 8:35 AM
48	It's entirely cost prohibitive... would cost \$50k+	10/12/2024 7:45 AM
49	Current appliances are not ready for replacement.	10/11/2024 9:21 PM
50	Village permitting	10/8/2024 7:19 PM
51	Being unable to use during outages	10/4/2024 2:51 PM
52	we replace appliances that are broken/ beyond repair.	10/4/2024 8:53 AM
53	Less flexibility in case of a power outage	10/4/2024 8:46 AM
54	Too many trees for solar. Gas stove top is the best for cooking	10/4/2024 8:03 AM
55	The appliances I currently have will last more than 5 years	10/3/2024 9:11 PM
56	Reliability - we use natural gas for our 75 yr old radiator that never breaks down and doesn't have to be replaced every 8 years	9/30/2024 11:44 PM
57	no need to remodel at this time	9/30/2024 12:28 PM
58	I live in an 11-unit condo building that was built in 1960. I don't understand how my gas appliances could be switched to electric i.e., gas stove, boiler (used for radiant heat pipes in the ceiling) and gas water heater.	9/30/2024 1:52 AM
59	Electric has to come from somewhere. Using efficient natural gas devices is just as good as power plant produced electricity.	9/26/2024 3:28 PM
60	looming shortages of electric supply	9/23/2024 11:33 AM
61	Possibility of moving, so why invest when no assurances of return	9/23/2024 9:37 AM
62	Current appliances are all working; oven is already electric, and I just purchased an electric tea kettle to warm water without having to turn on the gas stove	9/21/2024 2:57 PM
63	live with parents	9/21/2024 2:09 PM
64	Not sure if heat pump works with radiator heat and space pack air conditioning	9/20/2024 11:36 AM
65	more electric appliances, more generating facilities needed	9/20/2024 10:27 AM
66	My gas appliances are new	9/20/2024 7:14 AM
67	Not a priority	9/20/2024 5:53 AM

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68	How to convert a boiler system to electricity/can spacepak support heating via heat pump/geothermal	9/20/2024 12:35 AM
69	Have electric dryer, need new roof before solar panels, heat pump too draft in this climate & house, will	9/19/2024 6:19 PM

Q26 Are there any other topics that you would like to learn more about? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 200 Skipped: 131



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy	30.50%	61
Transportation	14.00%	28
Waste Reduction & Management	33.00%	66
Water Conservation	28.50%	57
Air Quality	34.50%	69
Green Spaces & Urban Forestry	58.50%	117
Climate Change Adaptation & Migration	33.50%	67
Sustainable Business Practices	15.50%	31
Sustainable Food Systems	27.50%	55
Environmental Education & Awareness	30.50%	61
Resource Conservation	23.50%	47
Local Wildlife and Biodiversity	60.00%	120
Total Respondents: 200		

Q27 Please provide any additional suggestions or comments that you wish to share with the Sustainability Commission

Answered: 89 Skipped: 242

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Parts of this survey are overly simple. I absolutely support the goal of reducing leaf blower and lawnmower pollutions -but, we can't just wish it so. Will lawn care companies just move to other suburbs rather than retrofit all their equipment? (we're small enough that they might have to) I have a Ego leaf blower and it's great, but the batteries are like, \$250 for about 15-20 minutes of run time and how to recharge in the field etc... Have you considered incentives, or a transition period? So change my vote to yes ban but with reasonable steps.	2/5/2025 10:07 AM
2	Does switching from gas to electric REALLY make a significant difference?	2/4/2025 2:30 PM
3	EDucation as that people who put their recycling items in plastic bags might as well throw into garbage container, the facility does not process plastic bags, it jams the equipment. Have them read and understand the process, program at school for the kids to bring home	2/2/2025 5:18 PM
4	Interested in current thinking on electric vs. plug-in hybrid cars ... pro's/cons, car company directions, politics	2/1/2025 4:38 PM
5	I wish the village offered actual programs to help residents recycle hard to recycle items, and a compost program that includes everyone automatically, like our recycling system.	1/31/2025 8:58 AM
6	Doses a gas appliance cause more pollution than an electric appliance when you factor in the pollution caused by generating the electricity? I believe in climate change and doing more to reduce carbon emissions, but we must look at the whole process to select the best solution.	1/31/2025 8:46 AM
7	I already know a lot about sustainability so I may not be a good target for this survey's questions about learning more. I wish the village had a community compost pile that we could drop compost at. I also wish more info went out about how to actually get solar panels, it always seems like I have to go through a corporation and I am never sure if I will actually benefit from having them or if it will cost more than I save so knowing about that would help. I'd also like to have a community styrofoam recycling option so I don't have to wait for a once a year thing where others drive my styrofoam to a drop-off site. I'd also like to see more local businesses stopping the use of plastic bags and plastic utensils, plastic all together. I'd like to see the schools have more connection to nature and maybe more garden programs for the kids.	1/30/2025 9:21 PM
8	Do you ever consult forest preserve educators, organic gardeners, teachers, or other professionals?	1/30/2025 7:45 PM
9	Having an older house and seeing many in RF makes me wonder if we need specific advice for retrofitting our older homes to be more environmentally friendly including doing energy assessments and improving insulation in addition to modernizing to low or zero emission appliances.	1/30/2025 7:09 PM
10	Biggest challenge is maintaining and watering large yard. Interested in native plants and grass alternatives	1/30/2025 6:02 PM
11	The single best thing thing that the SC can do is get rid of gas-powered blowers as quickly as possible. They're dirty, noisy, bad for the workers who operate them and really bad for the environment. And the constant noise they make during the summer and fall diminishes the quality of life for RF residents.	1/30/2025 5:47 PM
12	River Forest's restrictions on the use of plastic utensils at our few local restaurants is a joke. And continuing to exempt McDonald's (which uses nonplastic utensils throughout Canada) is inexcusable. If the village mandates nonplastic utensils or starts fining McDonalds everyday for violating the ordinance, regional McDonalds is going to have to make recyclable utensils available, eventually.	1/30/2025 5:45 PM
13	Would like to see more village initiatives re: nontoxic lawn care , sustainable, native plant	1/30/2025 5:32 PM

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options, and a push to “leave the leaves” in the fall. Also, increased awareness regarding the danger of “standing water “ during mosquito season. Mosquitoes can breed in a tiny amount of water, yet I frequently see sources of standing water all around the village. Which, of course, increases the risk of diseases spread by mosquitoes , and the likelihood that people are going to use pesticides to try to control insects . Another thing, different topic—educate people about the danger of “volcano mulching “around their trees. And increase awareness of what a valuable ecological resource the trees are in our village. Thank you

14	North Avenue and Lake Street need to be safer and more accommodating to pedestrians.	1/30/2025 5:10 PM
15	Please bring back the EV chargers in the Marion lot. There are now dedicated EV parking spaces but no chargers. I used these often and they were always well utilized by others. I don't know why they were eliminated.	1/19/2025 7:39 AM
16	Do not make the mistake Oak Park made and require bagging of leaves in the fall. For those of us on corner lots with 5+ village trees on our property, it should not fall to residents to bag the leaves.	1/17/2025 8:45 AM
17	RF doesn't really have public green spaces (e.g., Mills & Lindberg Parks and Austin Gardens in OP). We have flat grass fields with sport facilities. Plantings of smaller trees, and swaths of prairie plants, in parks and parkways, would provide natural carbon capture and habitat for birds and beneficial insects, and a more interesting public environment. Look at "The Japanese 'micro-forest' method is transforming cities" in Euro News and "Concrete jungle" in Nature Conservancy magazine; the Morton Arboretum could be a great resource.	1/15/2025 4:12 PM
18	I had cut some evergreen branches from a shrub. Placed them on top of xmas tree for pickup. public works recycled tree but not the branches. Village should practice what they are trying to preach about sustainability! Branches are stillnoutbonbthebparkway. Shame on Villlage!!	1/14/2025 5:50 PM
19	For apartment and condo dwellers, provide Christmas tree recycling at a drop off location, same with electronics.	1/13/2025 3:48 PM
20	Don't dictate personal choice	1/13/2025 2:45 PM
21	Taxes are high enough. Let's not just change things to all electric to check a box. It should be when something fails or breaks then a higher performing product that's more sustainable replaces it.	1/13/2025 1:38 PM
22	information about pollution from businesses in the community-like dry cleaners, auto body shops etc. and planning around emergency rail management and air pollution from trains.	1/13/2025 1:05 PM
23	I like the bins for block parties, but the bags for composting are very flimsy and always break. Maybe a lawn paper bag inside composting bag would help.	1/13/2025 12:36 PM
24	As already mentioned, why are there so few recycling bins in RF? Also, the train line sprays herbicides every year, which affects RF property. Let's do something about that. Also, Astro turf was recommended for Keystone Park, what an awful idea, it's horrible for the environment and people. Why not dog friendly salting in winter?	1/13/2025 12:33 PM
25	Make composting more transparent (do the leaves collected from the street get composted? Do curbside brown bags get composted) make village compost opt out to increase residents use and lower prices for everyone	1/13/2025 11:30 AM
26	It is my strong opinion that diversity in energy consumption is key to sustainability. Changing everything to electric will not save the planet.	1/13/2025 11:23 AM
27	I think it would be a cool idea to offer a "recycling 201" class for those who are fairly knowledgeable about curbside recycling but want to step recycling up a level or two. I'm sure there are a lot of reuse/recycling resources out there that very few people know about (styrofoam, textiles, shipping supplies, hard-to-recycle packaging, etc). I know of a lot of these resources but would love to learn about others and/or how these could be made more convenient so more people do them. Also, I am absolutely the kind of person who would install rain barrels, but haven't yet because of not knowing who I could hire to do it properly re: overflow, raising for proper water flow, tying into the existing downspout to make it easy to switch back and forth seasonally, etc. It would be awesome if someone were trained to do this kind of work and charged a fee to do this. I would gladly hire someone knowledgeable to do this! Also, it would be nice if there were some more aesthetically pleasing barrels. Or even a few painters knowledgeable (recurring theme) about how to make them blend in with the home.	1/13/2025 11:05 AM

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I'd be surprised if I were the only person thinking about these things...and not knowing where to begin.

28	Global warming is a scam. I'm all for better technology that makes sense and is cleaner but until there is a better and CHEAPER technology that is better than petroleum products, I'm not interested.	1/13/2025 10:46 AM
29	Commission should suggest sustainability initiatives but the Village should avoid mandating these initiatives. They all should all be voluntary!	1/11/2025 5:15 PM
30	The prior once a year recycling event with a broader range of things to recycle was nice.	1/11/2025 4:05 PM
31	Keep up the good work. Thanks for all you do.	1/11/2025 11:08 AM
32	Ban the use of pesticides and herbicides within the village and employ safe and alternative practices. Provide programming for homeowners to understand native plantings and how this affects critical insect populations.	1/11/2025 7:31 AM
33	I believe that everyone should make their own choices on what products they want to use. I don't believe that we should be regulated on our choices	1/10/2025 8:17 PM
34	Why do the schools keep the lights in during breaks and weekends. Send a bad message to the kids. And wastes energy. So confusing!	1/10/2025 11:12 AM
35	So many of these changes come at a huge cost. I have an old townhouse that could not support all electric and do we have the electrical grid to support this? I do what I can, but mandating/banning things seems like the small things, instead of promoting more public transit, walking, etc.	1/10/2025 9:33 AM
36	I think the ban on gas leaf blowers is absurd. You are impacting the livelihood of hard workers that would cause a huge burden to their business. There are many other issues that should take priority. This is absolutely ridiculous that the voice of the minority is causing this potential change. I am completely against a ban on gas leaf blowers	1/10/2025 7:35 AM
37	Please see my comments elsewhere in this survey about: 1) starting a textile recycling program and 2) providing bussing to the high school (rather than almost every family driving a car each day over there). Additionally, 3.) It would be awesome if there could be some kind of ongoing recycling program for #6 styrofoam which cannot be recycled with the general recycling. It seems like about once a year there is a special recycling event for it, but practically anything you buy at the grocery store (like meat) uses #6. It would be great if this could be an ongoing thing and not a once a year event.	1/9/2025 11:49 PM
38	This topic is a waste of time and money	1/9/2025 10:07 PM
39	Not sure we need a ban on leaf blowers. While I personally dislike them, I'm not sure my dislike should be imposed on others. Maybe a compromise would be if landscaping companies could limit use of leaf blowers to once a month on each property, vs every week. Often, they're just blowing dirt and debris (not leaves) into the street, where it inevitably gets blown back onto the property or to the neighbors' yards. And leaves don't need to be cleared weekly either. Just a thought!	1/9/2025 9:27 PM
40	There is a village ordinance for noise (6-7-1) limiting a homeowners use of internal combustion engines which can be heard from 75 feet away for more than 15 minutes. Commercial lawn care services violate this with all of their gas-powered devices every time they appear. Wondering why this is not enforced.	1/9/2025 9:17 PM
41	I'd like to see the village do something to reduce light pollution, particularly with the village owned streetlights. I think the village should adopt the recently released model lighting ordinance from dark sky.org.	1/9/2025 8:31 PM
42	Very interested in new green spaces, converting open or unused lots to green spaces, planting more trees. Making it easier for condo residents to compost and recycle. Electronics recycling. Cannot stress enough how important the leaf blower issue is.	1/9/2025 7:50 PM
43	I feel very strongly about gas leaf blowers given how horrible they are for the environment and the peace of our community. I would really like RF to ban them and help residents embrace a more natural aesthetic for their lawns with leaves scattered in their lawns, less grass, etc. It drives me crazy watching people spend 10 mins blowing every little last leaf off the lawn. I find	1/9/2025 7:31 PM

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it ironic that the village and Village President tout their sustainability practices but allow this to happen from March to December

44	We have some talented people on this commission, let's use that brainpower to be an example in Chicagoland for sustainability. We trail many other communities including those that aren't as progressive. Get us involved to help out more.	1/9/2025 7:22 PM
45	Thans for the work!	1/4/2025 1:36 PM
46	What are the commissions short and long term goals	11/18/2024 6:44 PM
47	Let's get rid of gas powered leaf blowers ASAP	11/4/2024 11:20 AM
48	I'm intrigued by citizen science projects and wonder if there is a RF project the community could rally around.	11/2/2024 12:45 PM
49	Electric blowers are about as noisy as gas blowers, and gas blowers are a drop in the bucket in terms of emissions. Why impose significant additional costs on small businesses for such little benefit. This cause is a fad and the village should focus its energies on regulations that will have a real impact on legitimate environmental concerns. If an individual homeowner is concerned about gas blowers, they should not use them and/or find a lawn care service willing to use electric equipment.	11/2/2024 11:30 AM
50	👉 Please dont even think about oak park's leaf bagging mandate. !!! 🙄	11/2/2024 8:06 AM
51	The deer are eating our forest to death, and having a huge negative impact on biodiversity. I believe you had an expert in to confirm this, but his comments went unheeded.	11/1/2024 8:18 PM
52	The village streetlights on residential streets are ineffective at lighting the street, waste energy, and excessively contribute to light pollution.	10/19/2024 3:33 PM
53	A big concern of mine is the continued volcanoing of trees with mulch. We are already losing established trees due to disease and insects, we don't need to shorten the lifespan of our existing trees due to ignorance of the negative effects of mulch build up around trees. I think the village should enact some sort of program that holds homeowners and landscape services accountable for such destructive behavior. Especially on parkway trees!	10/13/2024 4:24 PM
54	I'm concerned about Excessive use of road salt Commuter bike support Loss of tree canopy	10/12/2024 6:44 PM
55	Great work sustainability commission!	10/8/2024 7:19 PM
56	I would like a push for education around night time flood lights. LED lights have made it very inexpensive to leave unneeded lightning on and it's not only intrusive to neighbors it's terrible for birds and pollinators and outer wildlife. I wish we had restrictions on how much lighting someone can have on their property	10/5/2024 12:02 PM
57	Need for bicycle safety. Stop bump outs which are dangerous to riders!	10/5/2024 10:31 AM
58	Keep up the good work!	10/4/2024 2:51 PM
59	Need better information about what items are compostable vs should be recycled. Labels on bins say different things.	10/4/2024 9:37 AM
60	We need to work with Com Ed to ensure that they can handle the increased demand for electricity brought on by heat pumps, EVs, etc.	10/4/2024 8:05 AM
61	For us it's all about cost. Sustainability aligns with our values but it's a privilege to achieve	10/3/2024 10:30 PM
62	We really could use public recycling bins and trash receptacles in all parks.	10/3/2024 8:54 PM
63	Keep up the good work!	10/3/2024 7:37 PM
64	I am grateful that our village helps to educate residents on sustainability practices. Thank you.	10/3/2024 4:20 AM
65	Bamboo is a highly sustainable plant with many uses and could significantly reduce our reliance on plastics. I would encourage an educational session on its viability in our community as an alternative to plastics.	9/30/2024 11:46 PM
66	The only electric vehicle charging stations I used were removed when the Marion parking lot was redone. Will these be replaced? We should be installing more, not fewer.	9/30/2024 2:38 PM
67	We should make clothes lines legal.	9/30/2024 12:14 PM

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68	Improved infrastructure for biking and pedestrians	9/30/2024 11:18 AM
69	I think telling residents about replacing their Kentucky Blue Grass lawns with White Clover and Fescue grasses will greatly improve the negative environmental impacts of traditional grass lawns. A combination of white clover and Fescue Tall Grass (it's really not tall) has positive impacts and are more suitable to Illinois's climate. They are drought and grub resistant, help pollinate gardens, conserve water. Clover attracts parasitoid wasps that feed on aphids, scales and whiteflies. These wasps are tiny and harmless. Clover never needs fertilizer. Grass that is intermixed with clover will be healthier and greener. Clover never needs herbicides. Clover out competes weeds. The herbicide industry will not like the use of clover and Fescue, but it's time they start changing their ways. Maybe these companies could start selling clover and fescue seeds. The chemicals people use on their Kentucky blue grass lawns are bad for people, wildlife and the environment. Clover is immune to dog patches too. Lastly, Kentucky Bluegrass has shallow roots that make it more susceptible to heat and drought. At a recent condo meeting I introduced the use of clover and Tall Fescue in an area damaged by grubs. There was no interest. It would be helpful if the Village told residents about the benefits of these two plants. One more thing. Does the Village have to spray for Mosquitoes? Why can't people use Off? I do all the time when gardening. Our property had some Lightning Bugs this summer but after the Village sprayed, these cute and beneficial insects were wiped out.	9/30/2024 2:19 AM
70	Sustainability does not mean all electric. An all electric infrastructure, or an all anything infrastructure is a fragile system. Much better to have diversified energy sources and infrastructure.	9/26/2024 3:31 PM
71	Let's get after it. We should be an example for the Chicago-area in terms of sustainability and I feel like we're in the middle of the pack. Communities have already banned gas leaf blowers and have significantly more public charging options--we have two. Let's go!	9/26/2024 2:35 PM
72	get the trains to stop idling on the tracks for hours. Has been a problem since living here from 1985!!!	9/24/2024 8:41 AM
73	some way to dispose of material(cloth) products that are no longer wearable or rugs,etc . that are worn out.	9/23/2024 11:22 PM
74	Lots. Need more time and space.	9/23/2024 9:38 AM
75	I said that I don't support a ban on leaf blowers, the nuance there is that I do. but not in the current conditions until there are solid commercial options for contractors which will happen - but it isn't there yet.	9/23/2024 5:00 AM
76	Go away	9/22/2024 11:05 AM
77	I would love to install some rain barrels, and know I can get them for reduced cost through water reclam district, but the thing that's stopping me is that I don't know of a knowledgeable handy person who could install them with all the important bells & whistles..like making them high enough to make gravity help out, how to make overflows, how to make them easy to disconnect in the winter, etc. For example, if a person who's super knowledgeable about all the installation options could do so for - say - \$25 per barrel, that would be a cool service to have. That's the main thing that has kept me from installing several around the house...though I also wish there were more decorating options so the barrels would look attractive with whatever house color/style you have. I spend a lot of time and money on my gardens, and I'd like rain barrels that complement that.	9/21/2024 3:01 PM
78	Work with the RF grocery stores to have a special section in the grocery store focused on packing kids waste free lunches.	9/20/2024 1:16 PM
79	Why is the electronic recycling program limited to personal electronic items, like computers and monitors? What do I do with the an old toaster for example?	9/20/2024 12:31 PM
80	Programs should be encouraged and voluntary not mandated. Consider switching leaf pickup to Spring as there are positive to keeping leaves in gardens for the winter but then you would be stuck bagging and paying separately. Additional options are nice.	9/20/2024 11:39 AM
81	Get R.Forest Park district to promote folks from throwing tennis balls on to property next to tennis outside courts. Players/workers throw tennis balls on to land near courts-litter! Pass an ordnance that plastic bottle littering is not allowed in River Forest. Tell residences and lawn service firms their workers should not litter their empty plastic bottles in our village.	9/20/2024 10:33 AM

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82	The commercial lawn care companies are a public nuisance. Really gone overboard with their use of loud, toxic gas-powered equipment.	9/20/2024 7:27 AM
83	Would like to see compost service offered to all residents as part of regular waste service package	9/20/2024 5:55 AM
84	Oak Park also has eco efforts that we might be able to join like opcan.org I think resources on making older homes more eco friendly and how to do things like a home energy assessment. Thank you for asking about this. I do try to read these types of resources.	9/20/2024 12:39 AM
85	i run early in the morning and the large amount of sprinklers going is just obnoxious. i personally view it as just plain waste, it's like we are so rich we like wasting perfectly good drinking water so our grass is a bit greener than my neighbor. can't we just do a bit where it's not allowed i mean if we are really serious about sustainability this would be the lowest hanging fruit	9/19/2024 8:30 PM
86	I share curbside composting with my daughter who lives close by in Oak park.	9/19/2024 7:56 PM
87	Can the village pick-up paint? The recycling day for household hazardous waste is really a dud otherwise.	9/19/2024 7:32 PM
88	Look into why other cities recycle more than we do; focus on water use of underground lawn sprinklers; investigate impact on increasing electric loads from all your suggested changes, focus on reducing gasoline use in vehicles instead of in lawn blowers.	9/19/2024 6:27 PM
89	more native growing spaces/parkway opportunities for residents	9/19/2024 5:55 PM



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 8, 2025
 To: Sustainability Commission
 From: Seth Jansen, Management Analyst
 Subj: Quarterly Charging Station and Electric Vehicle Report

The below and attached report provides the following Charging and Electric Vehicle Metrics for Quarter 1: January through March 2025:

- EVs and hybrid vehicles registered within the Village
- EV charging station installation permits during the reporting quarter
- Usage data for the Village-owned EVCS, including:
 - o Number of charging sessions
 - o Number of unique users
 - o Length of charging sessions histogram

River Forest Vehicle Registration Statistics as of March 2025

Electric Vehicles	332
Hybrid Vehicles	715

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation Permits - By Quarter

Q1	1
Q2	
Q3	
Q4	

2025 Quarterly Metrics

Quarter	Sessions	Unique Drivers
Q1	761	67
Q2		
Q3		
Q4		

2025 Monthly Metrics

Month	Sessions	Unique Drivers
January	293	37
February	236	39
March	232	42
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Attachment: Charging Session Length Histogram: January - March

Session Length Histogram Custom

No. of Sessions
Cumulative %

