

Appendix B

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY FOR 2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Please fill out this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had his or her birthday, regardless of the year of birth.

Follow the directions that are included with each question, providing a response that best represents your opinion. Please spend the few minutes needed to answer all the questions and return the form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope by **May 31, 2001**. Be sure that all of your answers are given anonymously.

Your opinions count! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dan Olson, Director of Community Development, at 847-658-7939.

I. COMMUNITY

1. What most attracted you to live in the Village of Lake in the Hills? *(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)*

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/lakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Family/friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home variety | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural atmosphere | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Please specify)</i> _____ | |

2. Do you feel there is a strong sense of community where you live?

Yes No

3. Do you think the Village of Lake in the Hills lacks an identity or "sense of place"?

Yes No

4. If yes, which of the following would create identity? *(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)*

- Specialty shopping district/restaurants
- Retail/service in a "downtown-like" setting
- New municipal campus
- Community center (multi-use facility)
- Expansion and promotion of natural areas
- Developed parks and recreation areas
- Beautification/identification of boundaries
- Annual community events

- Community organizations
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

5. Overall, how would you rate the quality of public services provided to the Village? *(Assign a value to each: (1) good; (2) fair; (3) poor; and (4) no opinion)*

- Administration
- Fire
- Police
- Parks and recreation
- Roads
- Sewer/water

II. GROWTH

6. What is your opinion about the rate of growth in Lake in the Hills over the past five years? *(Please select one)*

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too rapid | <input type="checkbox"/> Too slow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About right | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

7. Do you feel there are full-time employment opportunities in or close to Lake in the Hills?

Yes No

8. Is rural character important to you?

Yes No

9. Should open space and environmentally sensitive lands be protected from development?

Yes No

10. What kind of development should be promoted in the Village? *(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)*

- Single-family homes
- Multiple-family homes
- Retail/commercial
- Light industrial
- Office
- Parks/rec.
- Open space
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

11. How do you think the tax burden on the property owner should be reduced? *(Please select one)*

- Add retail commercial
- Add office uses
- Add light manufacturing/industrial uses
- No need to reduce the tax burden
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

III. HOUSING

12. Is the cost of housing in Lake in the Hills affordable?

Yes No

13. What type of housing do you think Lake in the Hills needs? *(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)*

- Affordably priced single-family (\$0-\$149,999)
- Moderately priced single-family (\$150,000-\$250,000)
- Upscale/luxury single family (more than \$250,000)
- Townhomes/duplexes
- Condominiums
- Multiple-family apartments
- Senior housing
- None needed

14. Are you planning to move from Lake in the Hills in the next year?

Yes No

15. If yes, why? *(Select one)*

- Going from renter to owner
- Going from owner to renter
- Need a larger house
- Need to downsize
- Job relocation
- Need a single-story home
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

IV. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

16. Where do you do most of your shopping? *(Select one)*

- Lake in the Hills Crystal Lake
- Algonquin West Dundee
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

17. How would you rate the variety and quality of retail commercial, business and personal services in Lake in the Hills?

- Good Poor
- Fair No comment

18. Would you like to see more commercial development in Lake in the Hills?

Yes No

19. If yes, where should future commercial development be concentrated? *(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)*

- Route 31 Pyott Road
- Route 47 Randall Road
- Algonquin Road Lakewood Road
- Miller Road
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

20. What types of commercial uses would you most like to see added to those already in the Village? *(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)*

- Department/discount stores
- Specialty retail
- Convenience food or drug stores

- Quality sit-down restaurants
- Personal services (i.e., dry cleaner, hair salon)
- Day care facilities
- Professional services
- Corporate/office
- Health care facilities
- Entertainment (i.e. theatre, bowling, etc.)
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

26. Which of the following describes the type of housing you currently live in?
- Single-family residential
 - Single-family attached (townhome)
 - Condominium
 - Rental apartment

V. TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION

21. How do members of your household travel to work?

- Automobile
- Public transportation (includes Metra)
- Walk or bicycle
- Work at home

27. Where in the Village do you live?

- East of Randall Road
- West of Randall Road

22. What is the farthest distance members of your household travel to work

- Less than 5 miles
- 5 to 20 miles
- 21 to 40 miles
- 41 to 60 miles
- Over 60 miles

28. How old are you?

- 18 to 21
- 22 to 30
- 31 to 44
- 45 to 59
- 60 to 74
- 75 and over

23. Do you feel traffic is a problem?

- Yes
- No

29. What is your annual household income?

- Less than \$15,000
- \$15,000 to \$30,000
- \$31,000 to \$50,000
- \$51,000 to \$70,000
- \$71,000 to \$100,000
- Over \$100,000

24. If yes, which of the following roads should be given the highest priority for future improvements?
(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)

- Route 31
- Route 47
- Algonquin Road
- Lakewood Road
- Pyott Road
- Randall Road
- Miller Road
- Other *(Please specify)* _____

30. How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more

Comments: _____

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

25. How long have you lived in the Village of Lake in the Hills?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES.

THEY WILL SERVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DRAFTING LAKE IN THE HILLS' NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Summary Comments #1 of Community Survey, 2002 LITH Plan Update

Introduction

A 31-question community survey was sent to 1500 households in Lake in the Hills during the month of May 2001. The purpose of the survey was to identify preferences related to growth and development in Lake in the Hills, as part of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Update. The selection of these households was at random. Five hundred and seventy-eight (578) or 39% of the 1500 surveys were returned.

Summary of Results

Demographics:

- 45% of those responding ranged in age from 31 to 44 years
- 64% have lived in Lake in the Hills for six or more years
- 32% live east of Randall Road
- 90% live in a single-family detached home
- 37% have an annual household income of \$71,000 or more
- 56% have children living in the household that are under the age of 18

Why Respondents Moved to LITH:

- Affordable housing: 66%
- Rural Atmosphere; 58%
- Recreation/Lakes: 31%
- Proximity to Work: 21%
- Family and Friends: 20%
- Community: 20%
- Home Variety: 15%
- Schools 13%
- Taxes: 13%

Opinion of Public Services:

- Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation were rated good (highest rating)
- There is a desire to improve administrative services, roads and sewer and water (rated as “fair”)

Community Identity:

- Residents continue to value rural character, open space and environmentally-sensitive resources
- Most respondents have a strong sense of community, but believe LITH lacks identity
- The top three ideas for creating identity included (in order of priority)
 - Annual community events
 - Natural area expansion and promotion
 - Parks and Recreation

- These top three ideas were followed by:
 - Community Center (multi-use facility)
 - Retail services in a “downtown” setting
 - Beautification and identification of boundaries

Economic Development:

- Residents want more commercial in LITH. Most (47%) shop in neighboring Crystal Lake
- Types of commercial desired included quality restaurants, discount stores and entertainment
- New commercial should be located along Randall Road, Algonquin Road and Pyott Road
- Respondents also expressed a preference for open space and parks and recreation development, noting that employment opportunities in or near LITH are needed

Housing:

- Most respondents believe that residential development should not be the highest planning priority in the Village, since there is a good supply of affordable and moderately-priced housing
- Where housing is proposed, it should consist of single-family, detached homes that meet markets that range from \$150K to \$250K and higher. This is because there is already an ample supply of affordable (less than \$150K) housing in LITH
- Few expressed a preference for senior housing, townhomes, condominiums or multiple-family dwellings

Growth and Future Development:

- Respondents indicated that the pace of growth over the past five years was “too rapid”
- They also indicated that open space and sensitive lands should be protected
- Those responding to the survey prioritized development as follows:
 - Open Space
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Retail Commercial
 - Light Industrial
 - Office
 - Single-Family Homes
 - Multiple-Family Homes

Traffic and Transportation:

- 93% of the respondents drive to work. More than 20% drive more than 40 miles to work
- 90% indicated that traffic is a problem, and indicated that Algonquin Road, Illinois Route 31 and Randall Road should be improved

Summary Comments #2 of Community Survey for Residents East of Randall Road, 2002 LITH Plan Update

Introduction

An analysis of results associated with respondents living east and west of Randall Road was carried out to determine differences in residents' point of view with respect to problems, needs, opportunities and community identity. Using Randall Road as the geographic division in the community is based on the growth patterns of the community:

- The area east of Randall Road is part of the original geographical center of Lake in the Hills; and
- Lands to the west represent the more recent subdivision activity that has occurred over the past two decades.

Summary of Results, East of Randall Road

Demographics:

- 45% of those responding ranged in age from 31 to 44 years
- 64% have lived in Lake in the Hills for six or more years
- 32% live east of Randall Road
- 90% live in a single-family detached home
- 37% have an annual household income of \$71,000 or more
- 56% have children living in the household that are under the age of 18

Why Respondents Moved to LITH:

- Affordable housing: 66%
- Rural Atmosphere; 58%
- Recreation/Lakes: 31%
- Proximity to Work: 21%
- Family and Friends: 20%
- Community: 20%
- Home Variety: 15%
- Schools 13%
- Taxes: 13%

Opinion of Public Services:

- Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation were rated good (highest rating)
- There is a desire to improve administrative services, roads and sewer and water (rated as "fair")

Community Identity:

- Residents continue to value rural character, open space and environmentally-sensitive resources
- Most respondents have a strong sense of community, but believe LITH lacks identity
- The top three ideas for creating identity included (in order of priority)

— Annual community events

- Natural area expansion and promotion
- Parks and Recreation

➤ These top three ideas were followed by:

- Community Center (multi-use facility)
- Retail services in a “downtown” setting
- Beautification and identification of boundaries

Economic Development:

- Residents want more commercial in LITH. Most (47%) shop in neighboring Crystal Lake
- Types of commercial desired included quality restaurants, discount stores and entertainment
- New commercial should be located along Randall Road, Algonquin Road and Pyott Road
- Respondents also expressed a preference for open space and parks and recreation development, noting that employment opportunities in or near LITH are needed

Housing:

- Most respondents believe that residential development should not be the highest planning priority in the Village, since there is a good supply of affordable and moderately-priced housing
- Where housing is proposed, it should consist of single-family, detached homes that meet markets that range from \$150K to \$250K and higher. This is because there is already an ample supply of affordable (less than \$150K) housing in LITH
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Growth and Future Development:

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- They also indicated that open space and sensitive lands should be protected
- Those responding to the survey prioritized development as follows:
 - Open Space
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Retail Commercial
 - Light Industrial
 - Office
 - Single-Family Homes
 - Multiple-Family Homes

Traffic and Transportation:

- 93% of the respondents drive to work. More than 20% drive more than 40 miles to work
- 90% indicated that traffic is a problem, and indicated that Algonquin Road, Illinois Route 31 and Randall Road should be improved

Summary Comments #3 of Community Survey for Residents West of Randall Road, 2002 LITH Plan Update

Introduction

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Summary of Results

Demographics:

- 61% of those responding ranged in age from 31 to 44 years
- 31% have lived in Lake in the Hills for six or more years
- 66% live east of Randall Road
- 87% live in a single-family detached home
- 59% have an annual household income of \$71,000 or more
- 62% have children living in the household that are under the age of 18

Why Respondents Moved to LITH:

- Affordable housing: 69%
- Rural Atmosphere; 51%
- Recreation/Lakes: 30%
- Proximity to Work: 20%
- Family and Friends: 25%
- Community: 22%
- Home Variety: 18%
- Schools 11%
- Taxes: 5%

Opinion of Public Services:

- Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation were rated good (highest rating)
- There is a desire to improve administrative services, roads and sewer and water (rated as “fair”)

Community Identity:

- Residents continue to value rural character, open space and environmentally-sensitive resources
- Most respondents have a strong sense of community, but believe LITH lacks identity
- The top three ideas for creating identity included (in order of priority)
 - Retail services in a “downtown” setting
 - Specialty Shopping district/restaurants
 - Annual community events

- These top three ideas were followed by:
 - Beautification and identification of boundaries
 - New municipal campus
 - Community organizations

Economic Development:

- Residents want more commercial in LITH. Most (53%) shop in neighboring Crystal Lake
- Types of commercial desired included quality restaurants, discount stores and specialty retail
- New commercial should be located along Randall Road, Algonquin Road and Illinois Route 47
- Respondents also expressed a preference for retail/commercial and open space development, noting that employment opportunities in or near LITH are needed

Housing:

- Most respondents believe that residential development should not be the highest planning priority in the Village, since there is a good supply of affordable and moderately-priced housing
- Where housing is proposed, it should consist of single-family, detached homes that meet markets that range from \$150K to \$250K and higher. This is because there is already an ample supply of affordable (less than \$150K) housing in LITH
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Growth and Future Development:

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- They also indicated that open space and sensitive lands should be protected
- Those responding to the survey prioritized development as follows:
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 - Open Space
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Single-Family Homes
 - Light Industrial
 - Multiple-Family Homes
 - Office

Traffic and Transportation:

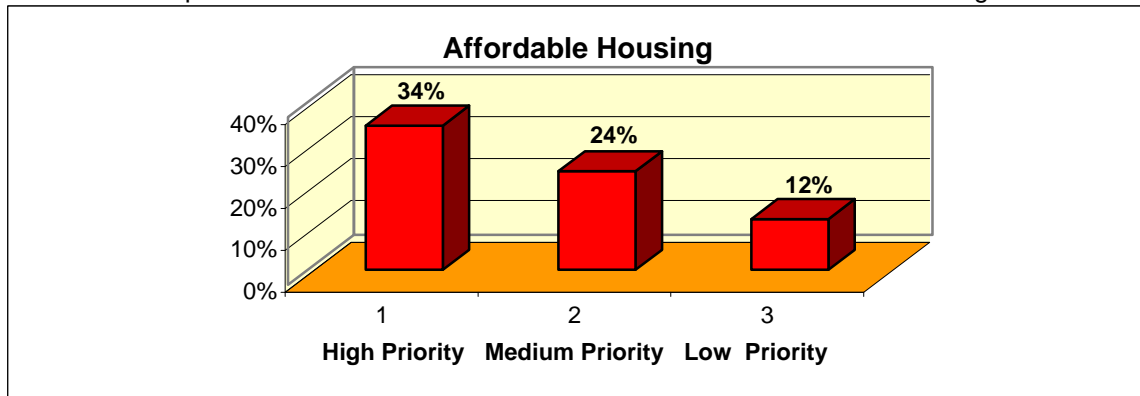
- 93% of the respondents drive to work. More than 22% drive more than 40 miles to work
- 90% indicated that traffic is a problem, and indicated that Algonquin Road, Randall Road, and Illinois Route 31 should be improved

Summary of Community Survey Responses 2001 Comprehensive Plan Update, Lake in the Hills

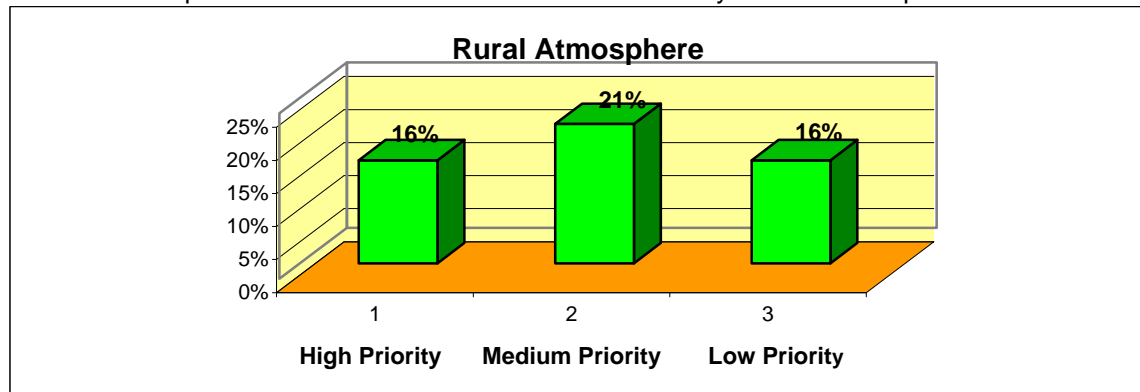
I. Community

1 What most attracted you to live in the Village of Lake in the Hills?

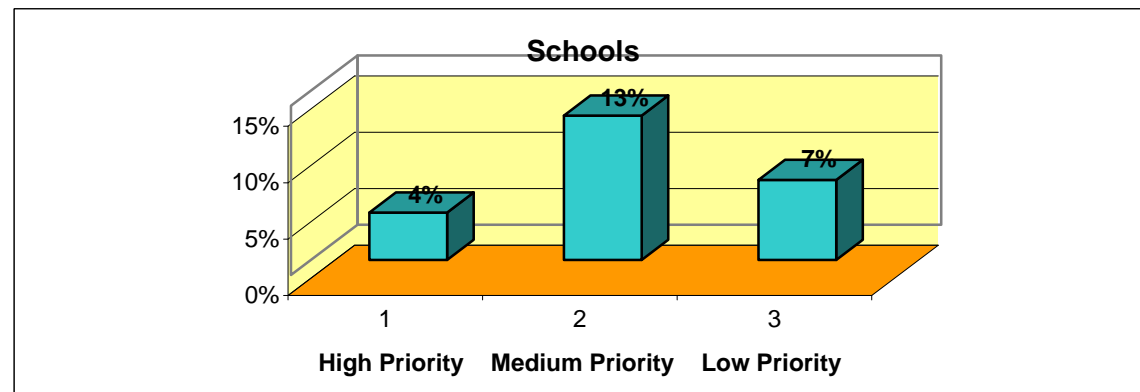
70% of the respondents came to Lake in the Hills because of its affordable housing



53% of the respondents were attracted to Lake in the Hills by its rural atmosphere



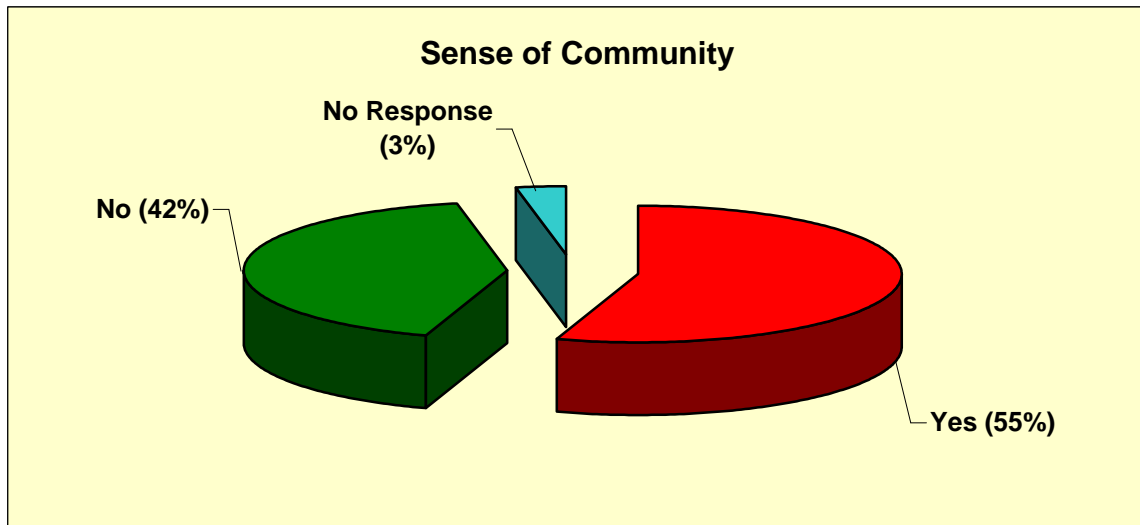
24% of those surveyed indicated that the schools were an attraction



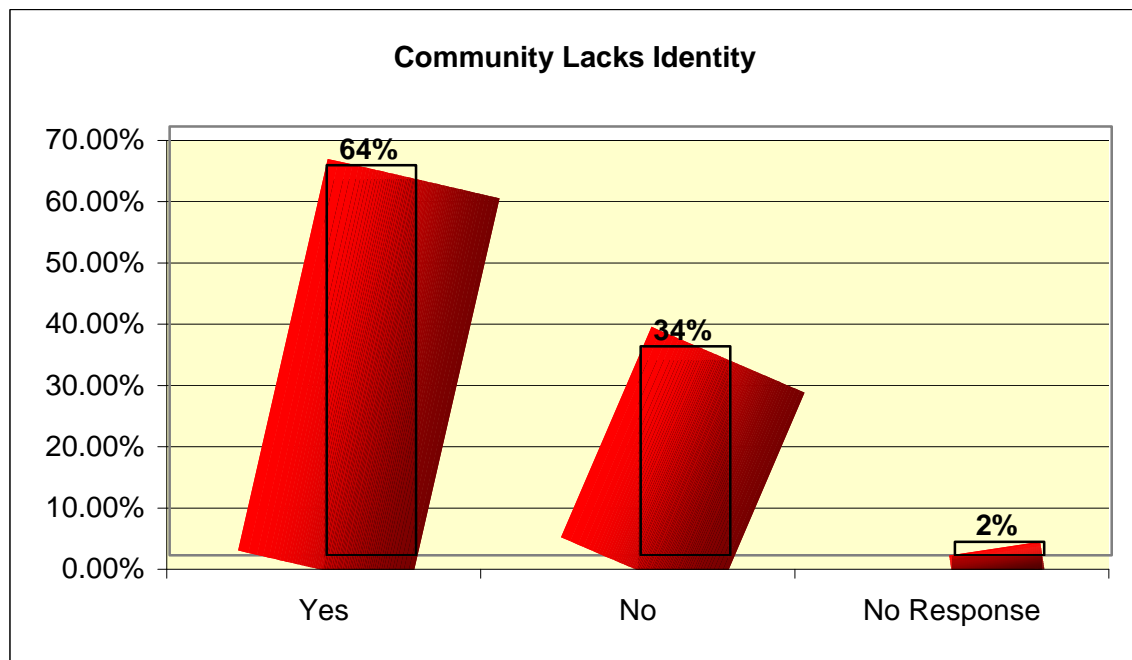
Summary of Survey Results

I. Community, Continued

2 Do you feel there is a strong sense of community where you live?



3 Do you think the Village of Lake in the Hills lacks an identity or sense of place?

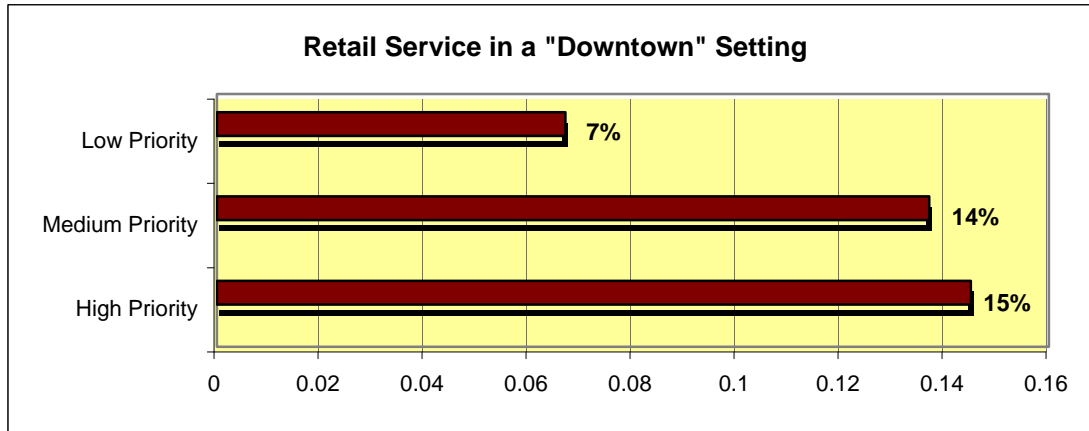


Summary of Survey Results

I. Community, Continued

4 If yes, which would create identity?

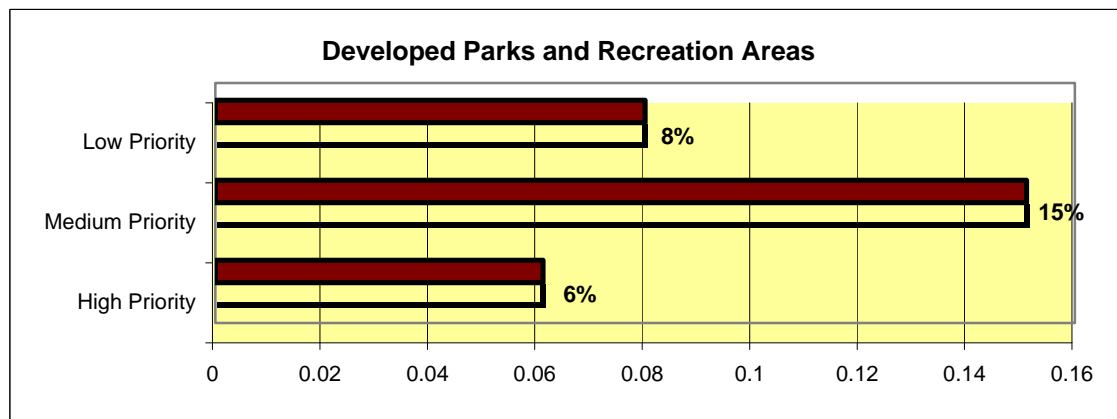
35% of the respondents indicated retail/service in a "downtown"-like setting would create identity



33% said specialty shopping districts and restaurants would create identity



29% chose developed parks and recreation areas as their preference for identity building

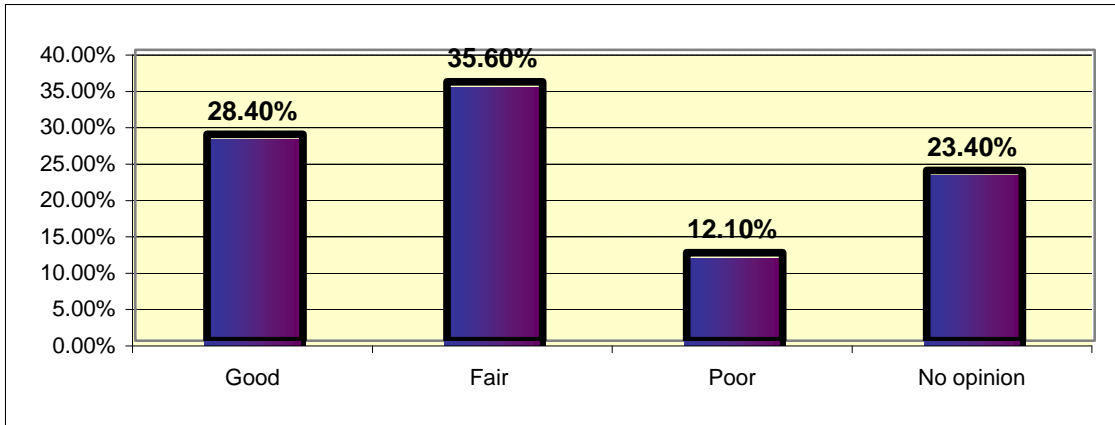


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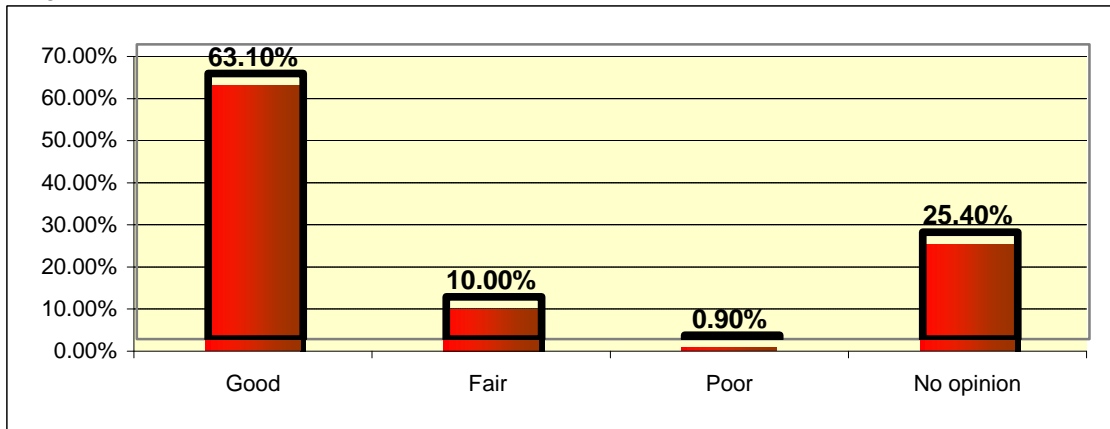
I. Community, Continued

5 Overall, how would you rate the quality of public services provided by the Village?

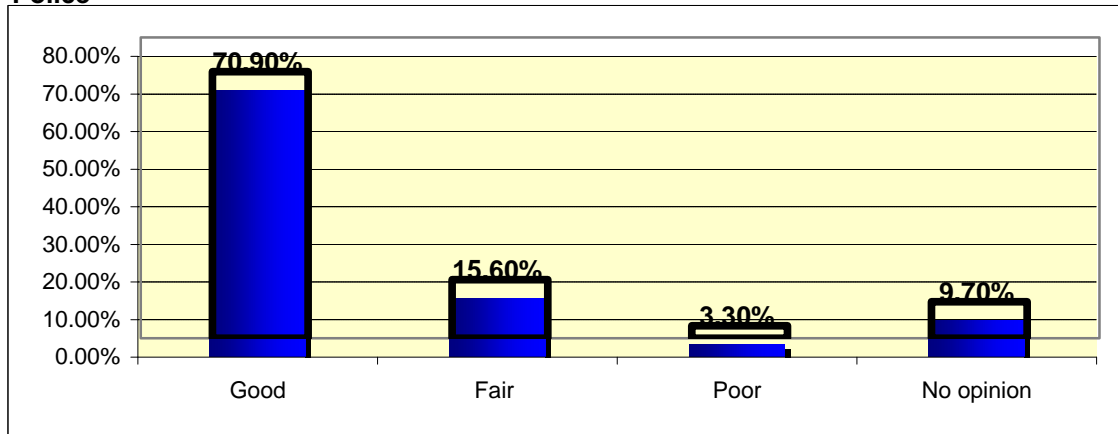
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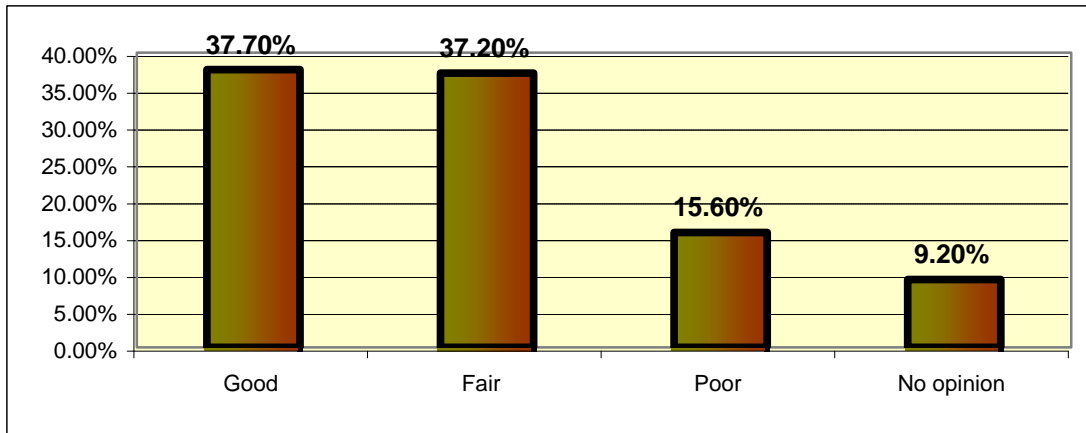
Police



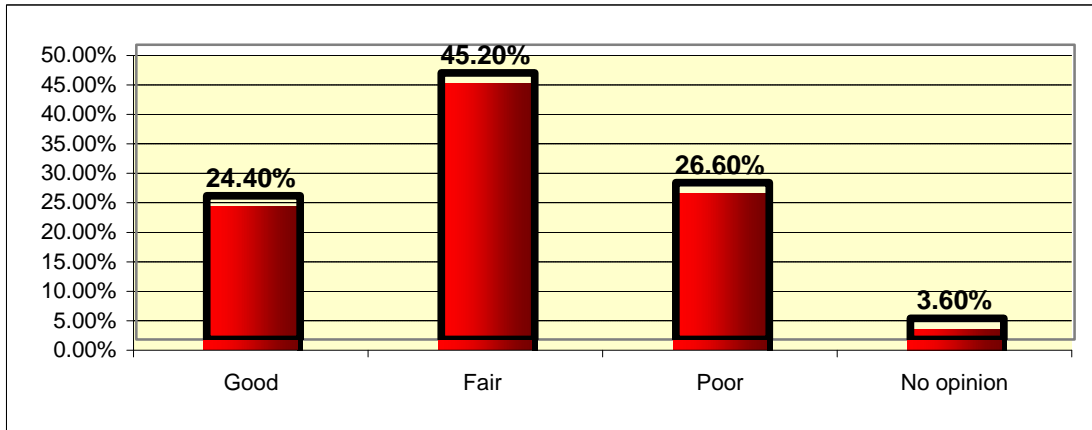
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I. Community, Continued

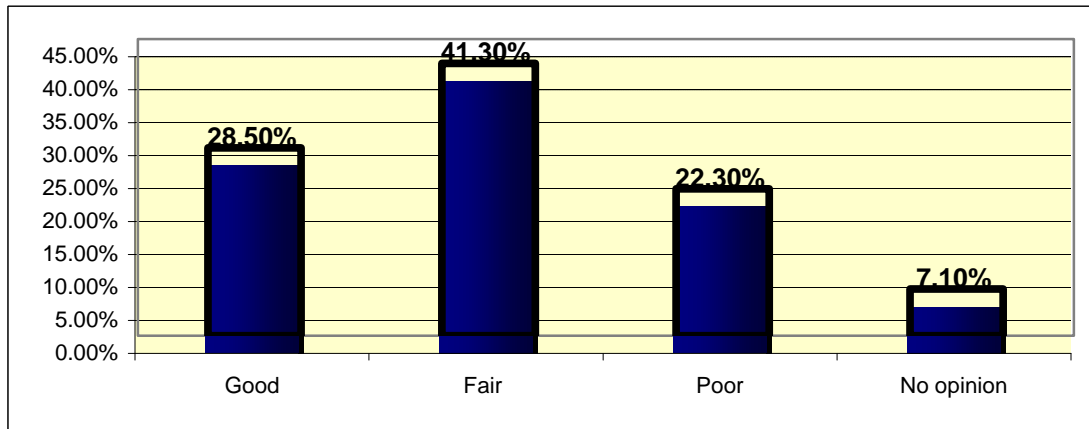
Parks and Recreation



Roads



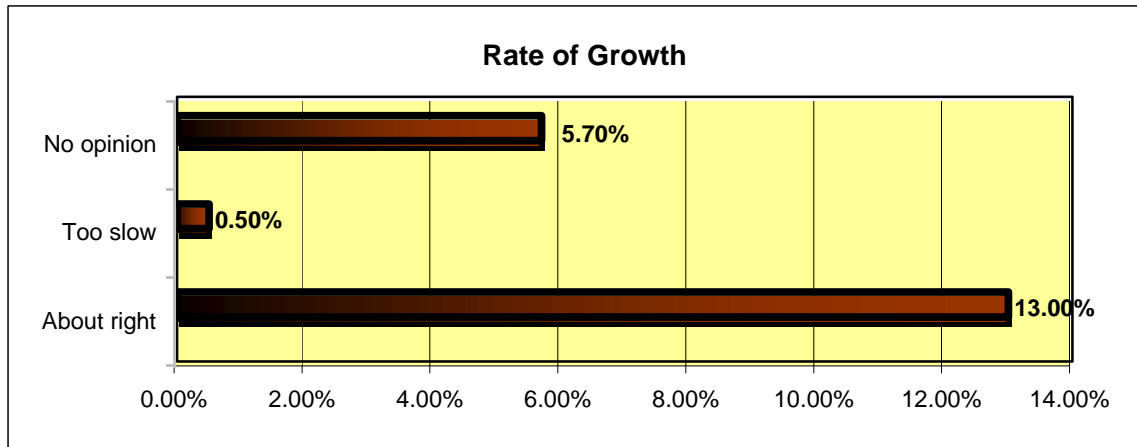
Sewer and Water



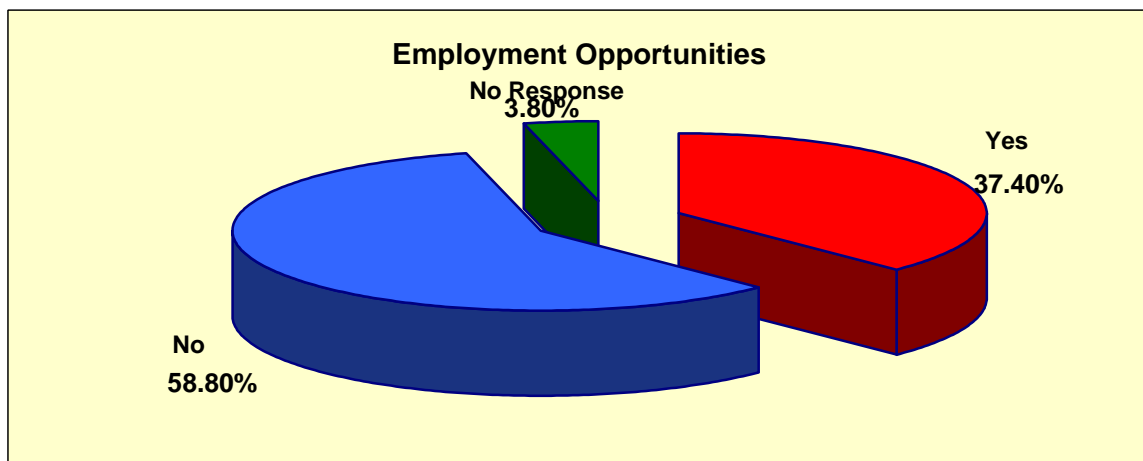
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II. Growth

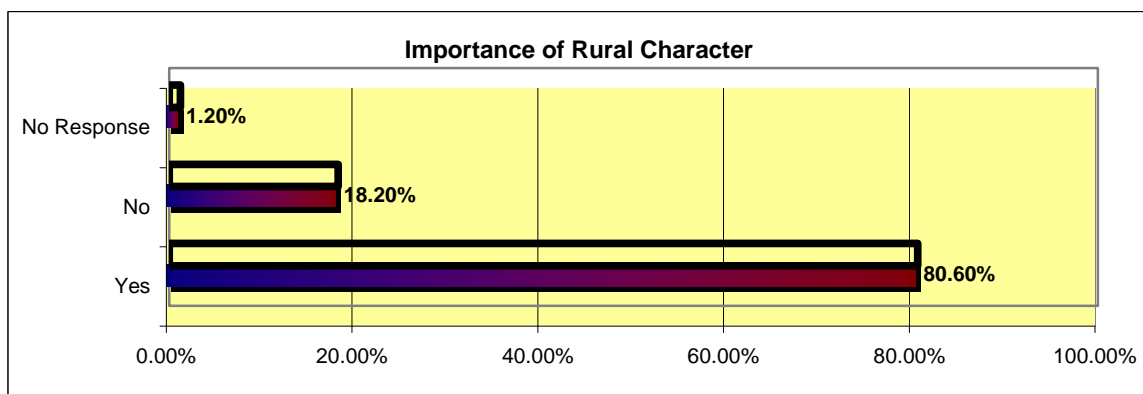
- 6 What is your opinion about the rate of growth in Lake in the Hills over the past five years?



- 7 Do you feel there are full-time employment opportunities in or close to Lake in the Hills?



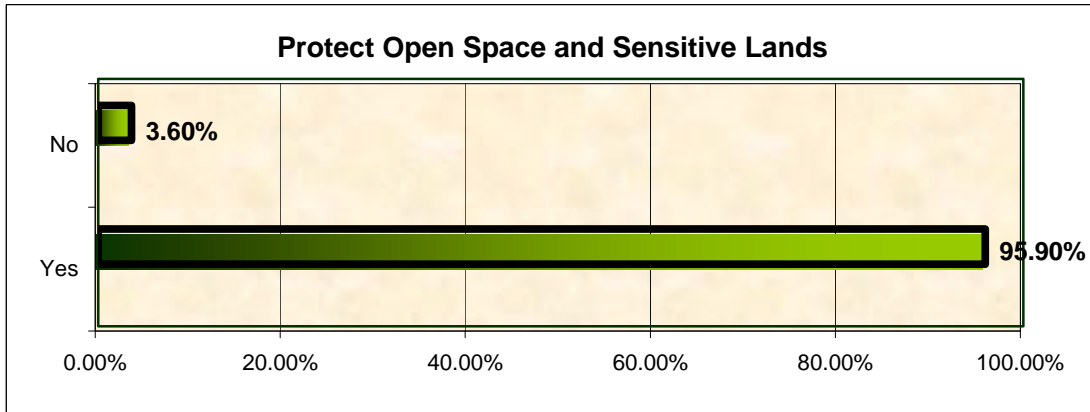
- 8 Is rural character important to you?



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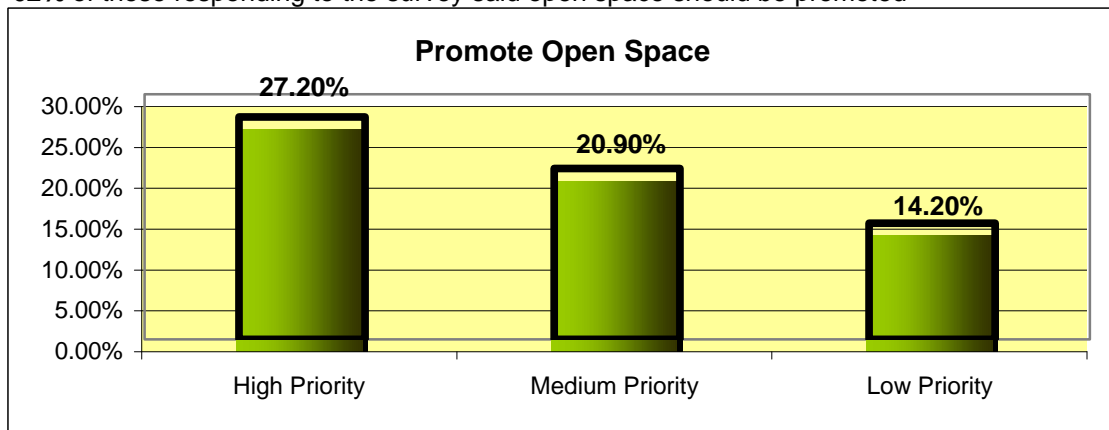
II. Growth, Continued

- 9 Should open space and environmentally sensitive lands be protected from development?

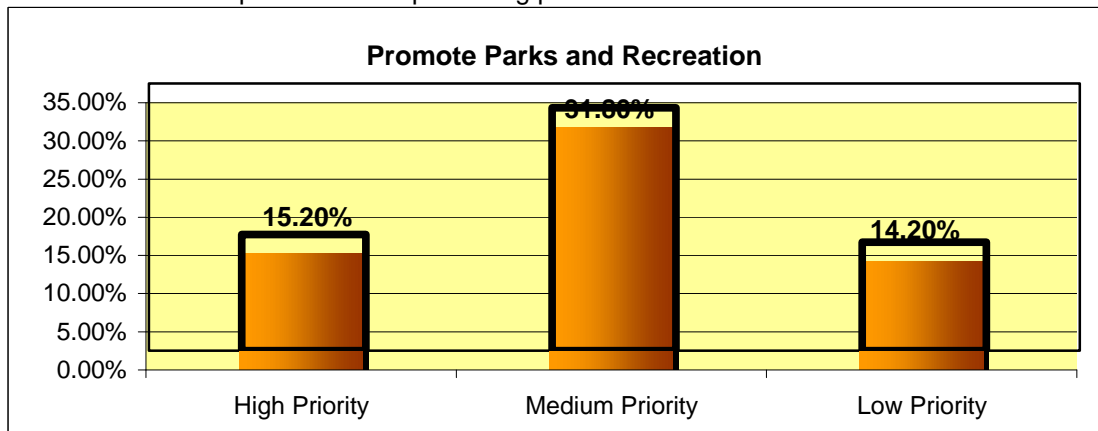


- 10 What kind of development should be promoted in the Village?

62% of these responding to the survey said open space should be promoted



61% indicated their preference for promoting parks and recreation

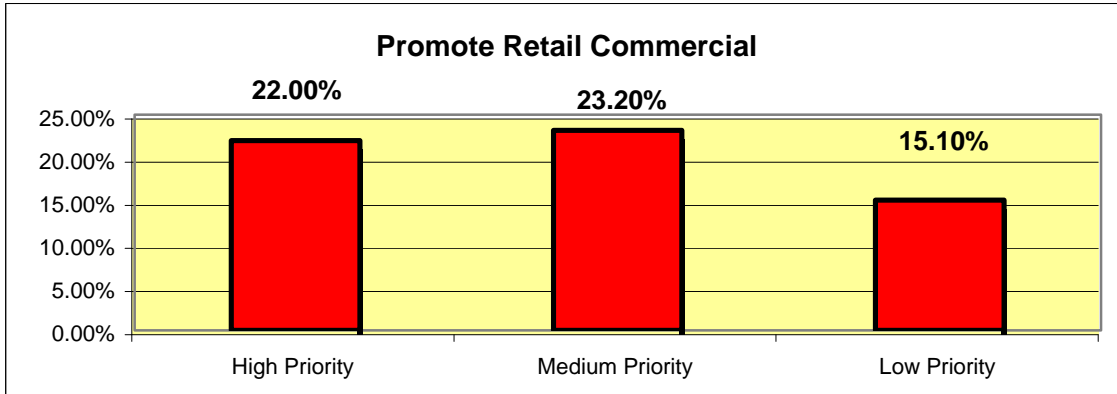


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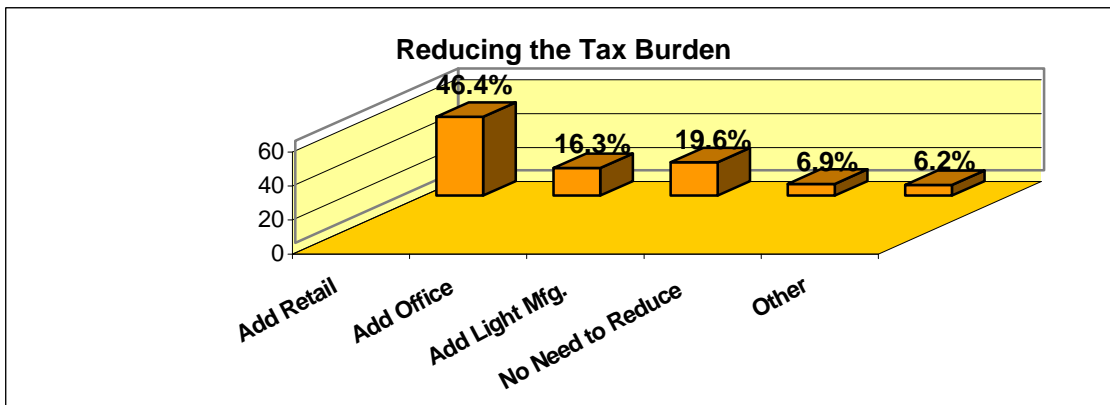
II. Growth, Continued

10 What kind of development should be promoted in the Village?

Retail Commercial

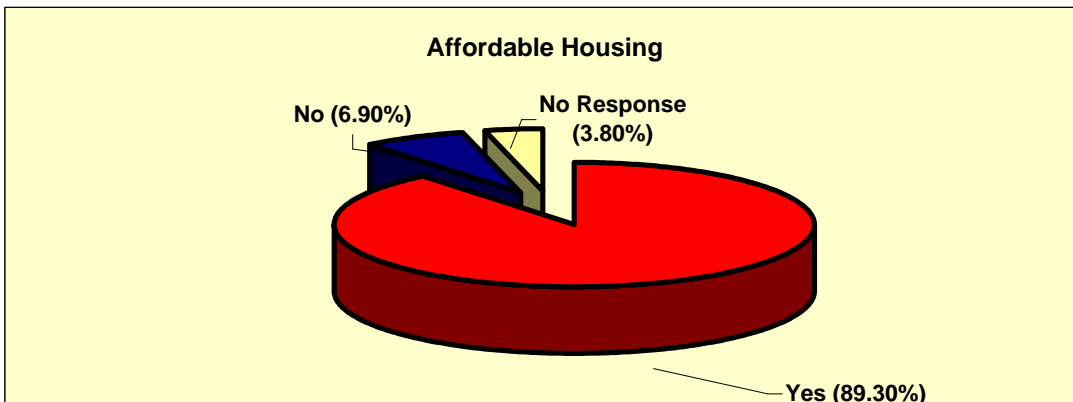


11 How do you think the tax burden on the property owner should be reduced?



III. Housing

12 Is the cost of housing in Lake in the Hills affordable?

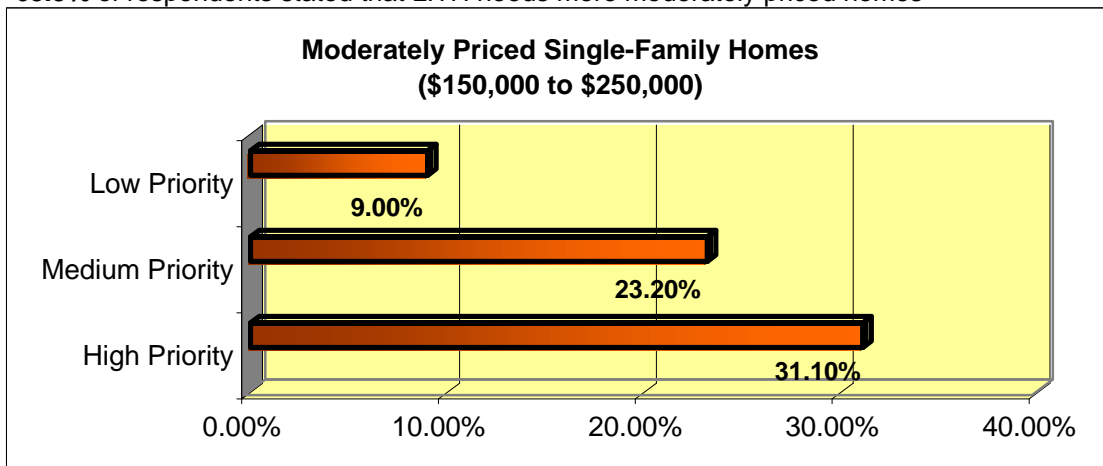


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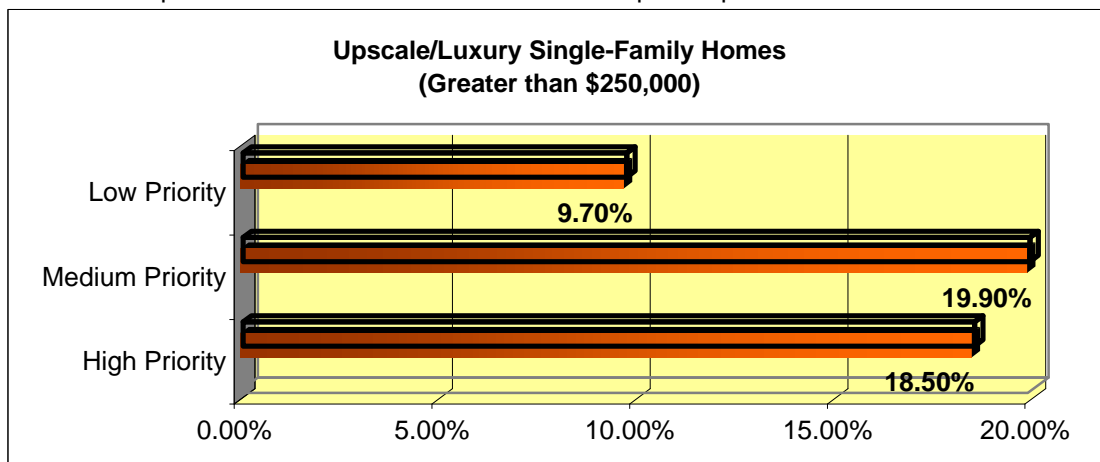
III. Housing, Continued

13 What type of housing do you think Lake in the Hills needs?

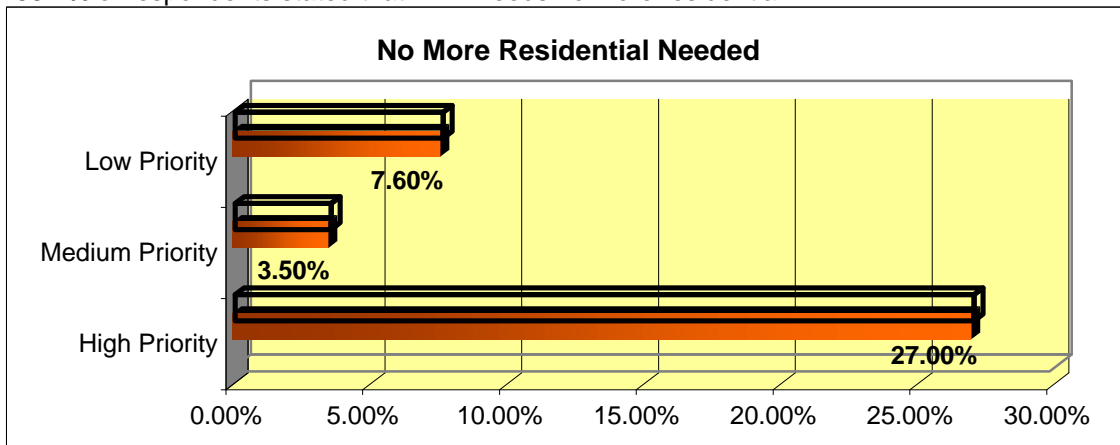
63.3% of respondents stated that LITH needs more moderately priced homes



48.1% of respondents stated that LITH needs more upscale priced homes



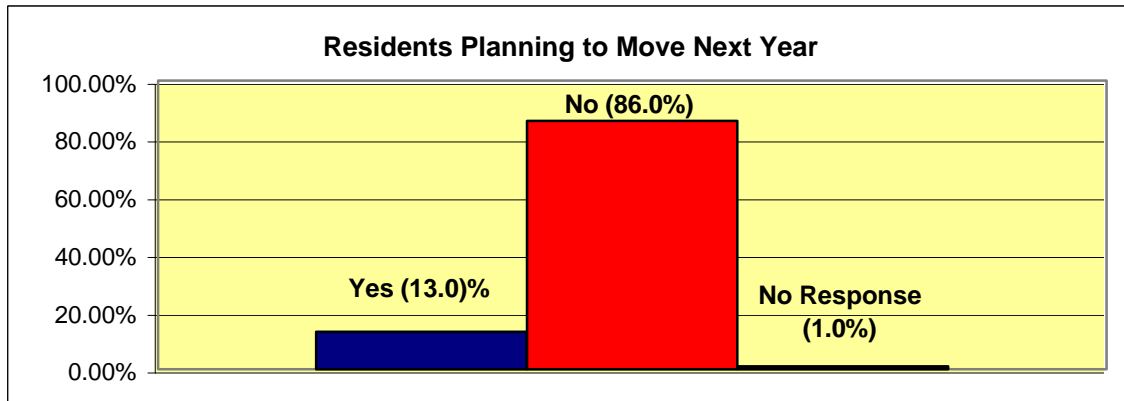
38.1% of respondents stated that LITH needs no more residential



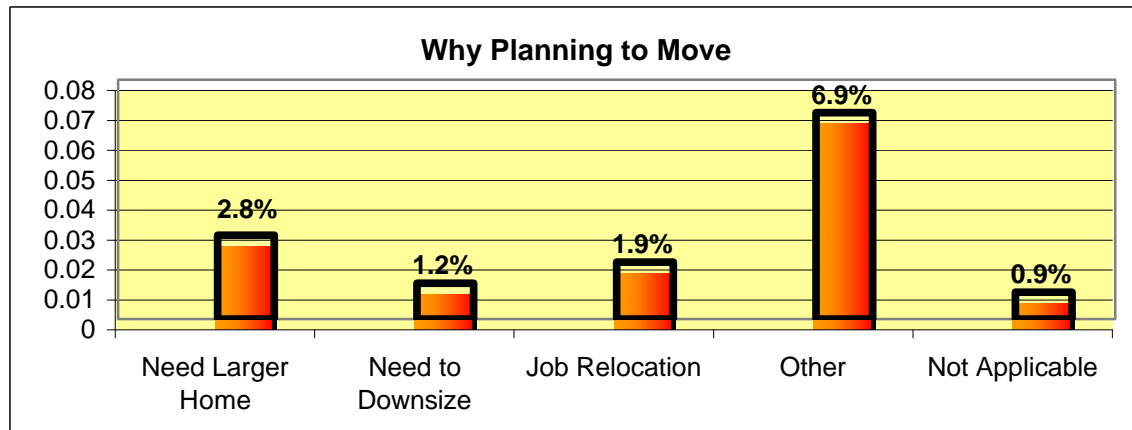
Summary of Survey Results

III. Housing, Continued

14 Are you planning to move from Lake in the Hills in the next year?

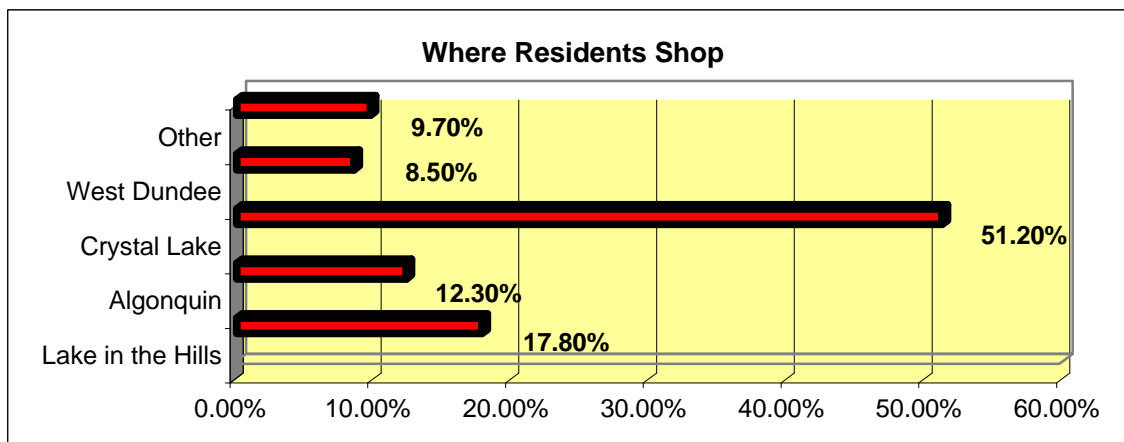


15 If yes, then why?



IV. Commercial Development

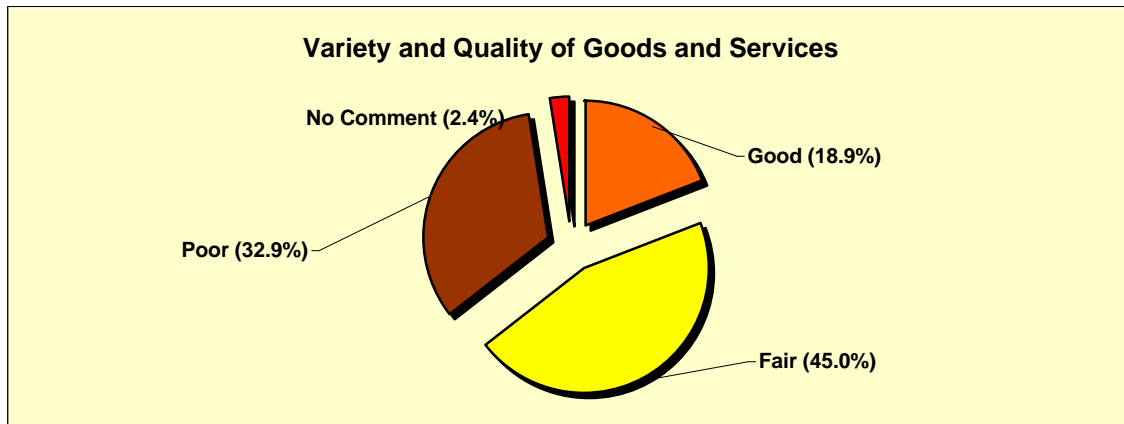
16 Where do you do most of your shopping?



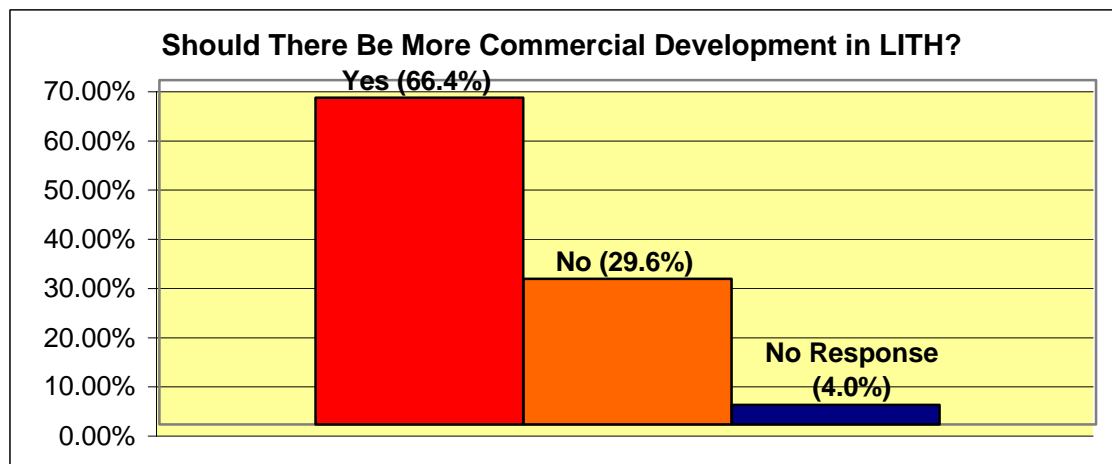
Summary of Survey Results

IV. Commercial Development, Continued

- 17 How would you rate the variety and quality of retail commercial, business, and personal services in Lake in the Hills?

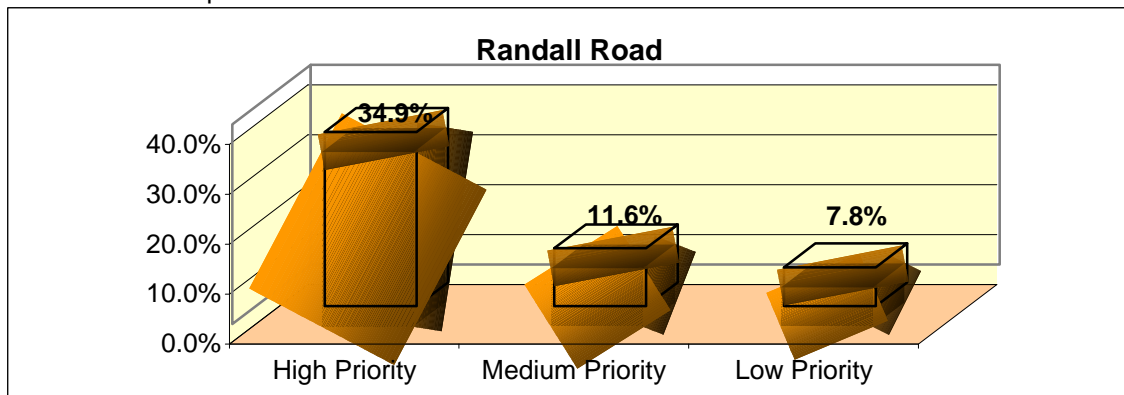


- 18 Would you like to see more commercial development in Lake in the Hills?



- 19 If yes, where should future development be concentrated?

54.3% of the respondents chose Randall Road:

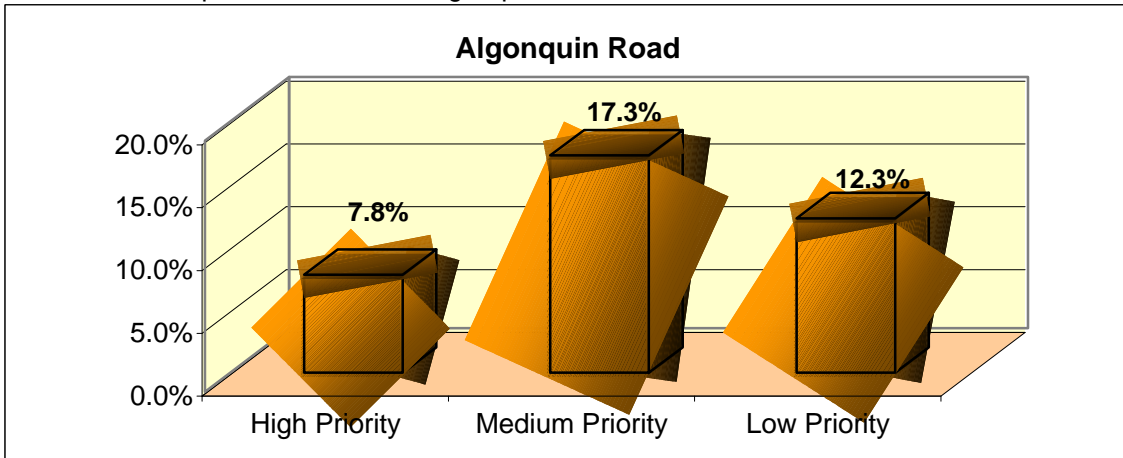


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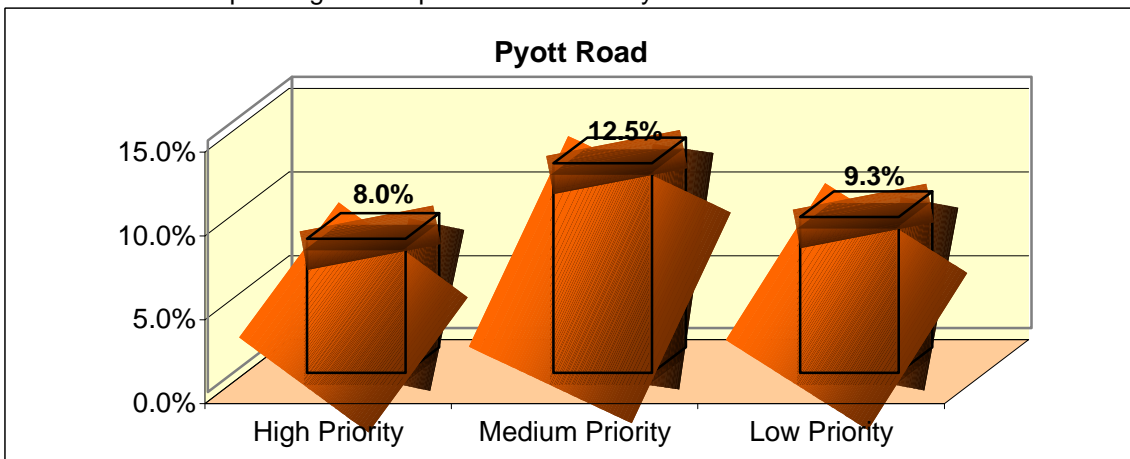
IV. Commercial Development, Continued

19 If yes, where should future development be concentrated (continued)?

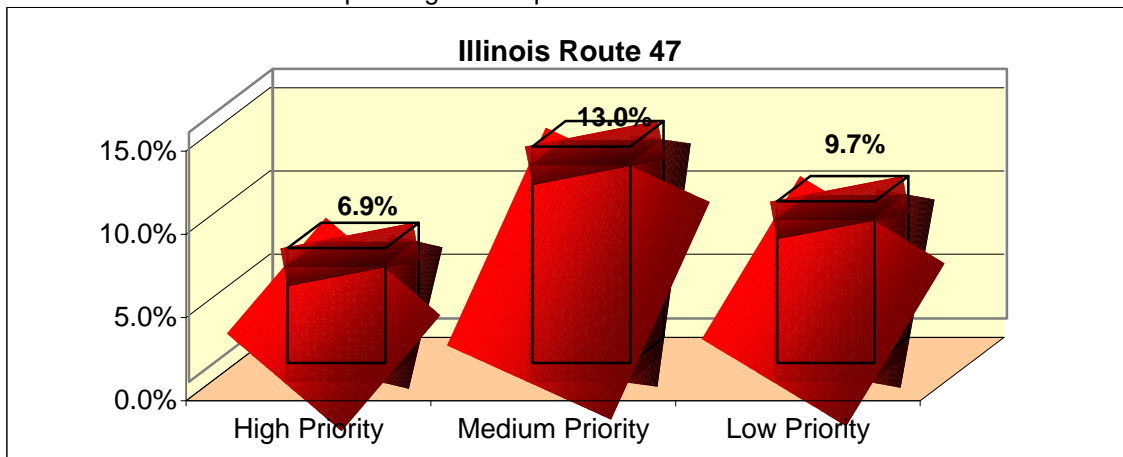
37.4% of the respondents selected Algonquin Road



29.8% of those responding to this question selected Pyott Road



29.6% of those residents responding to this question chose Illinois Route 47

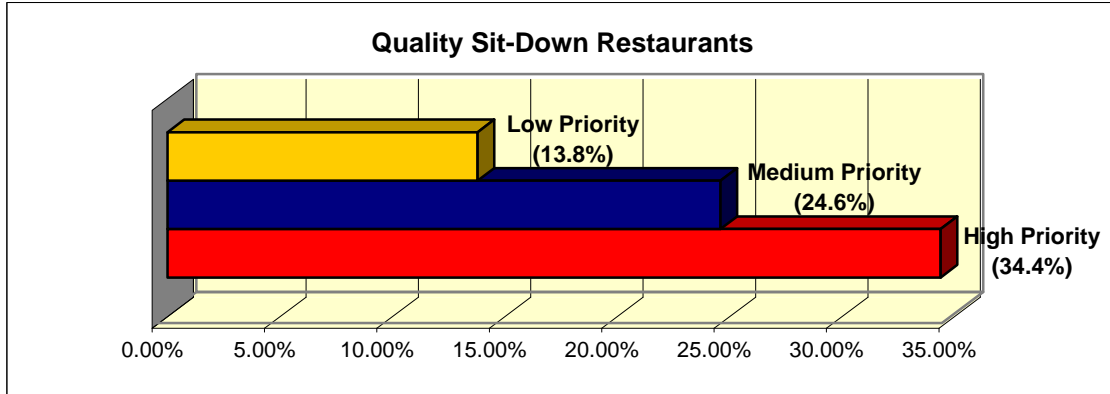


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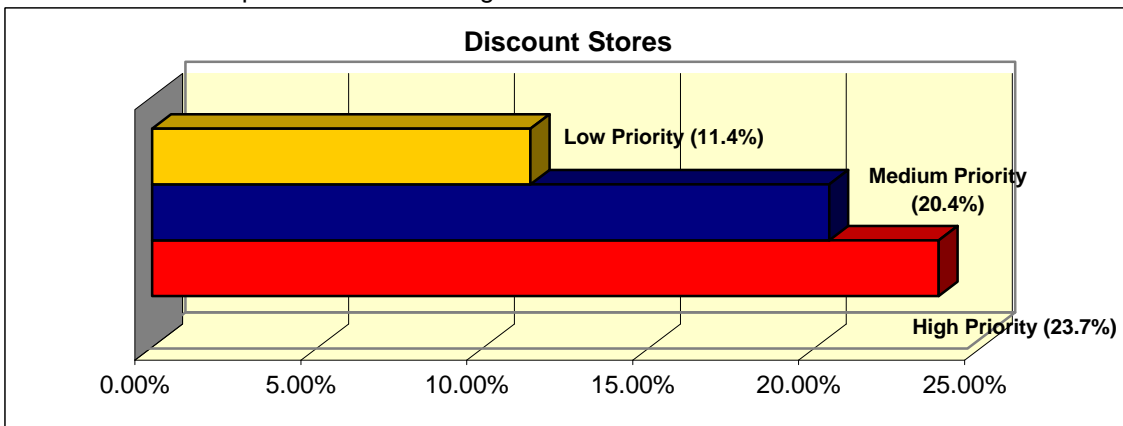
IV. Commercial Development, Continued

20 What types of commercial uses would you like to see added to those already in the Village?

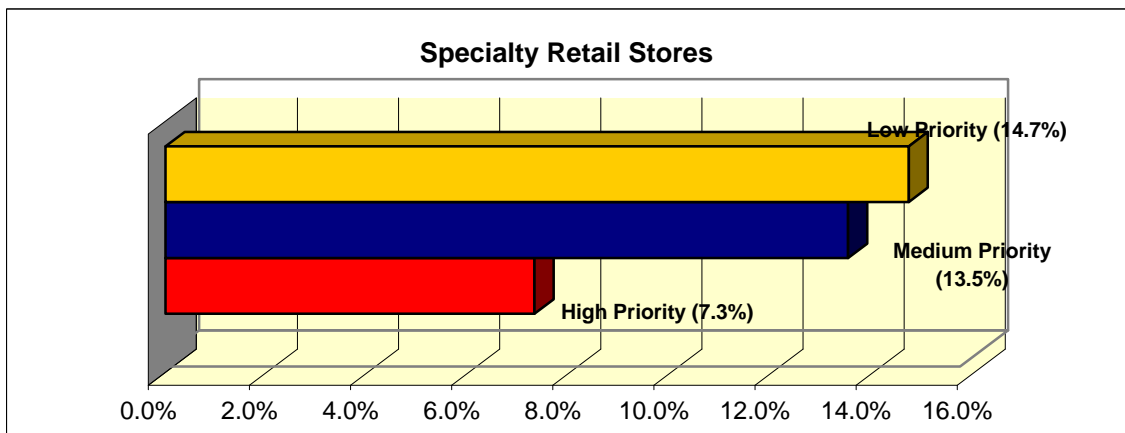
73% of those responding indicated quality sit-down restaurants should be added.



55% indicated their preference for adding discount stores.



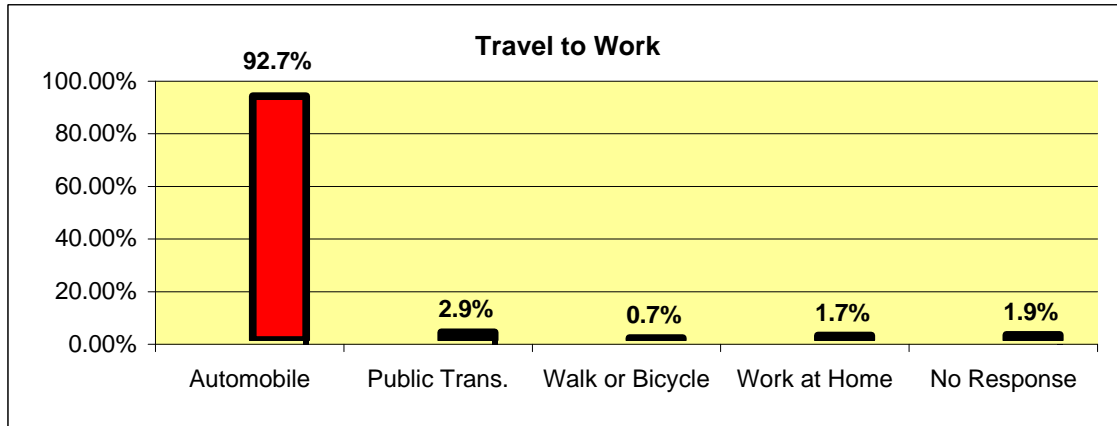
35% percent selected special retail and entertainment as uses that should be added.



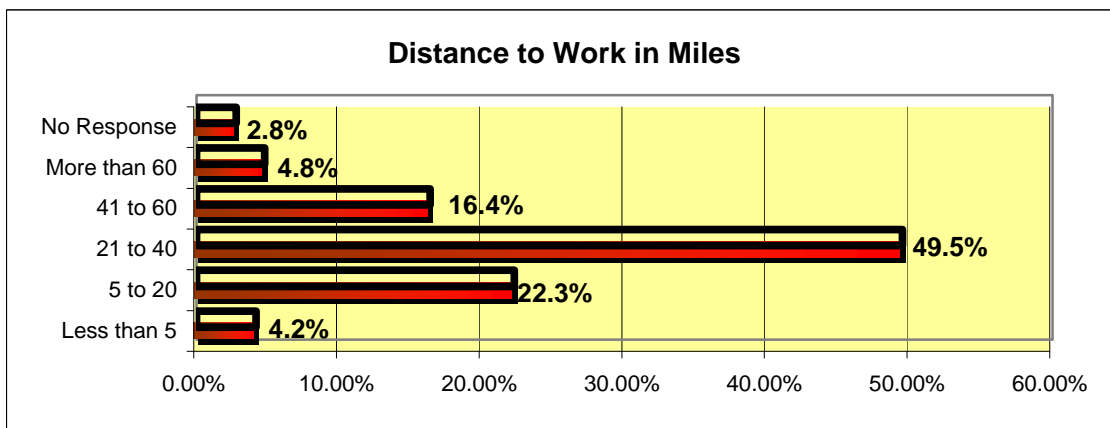
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V. Traffic and Transportation

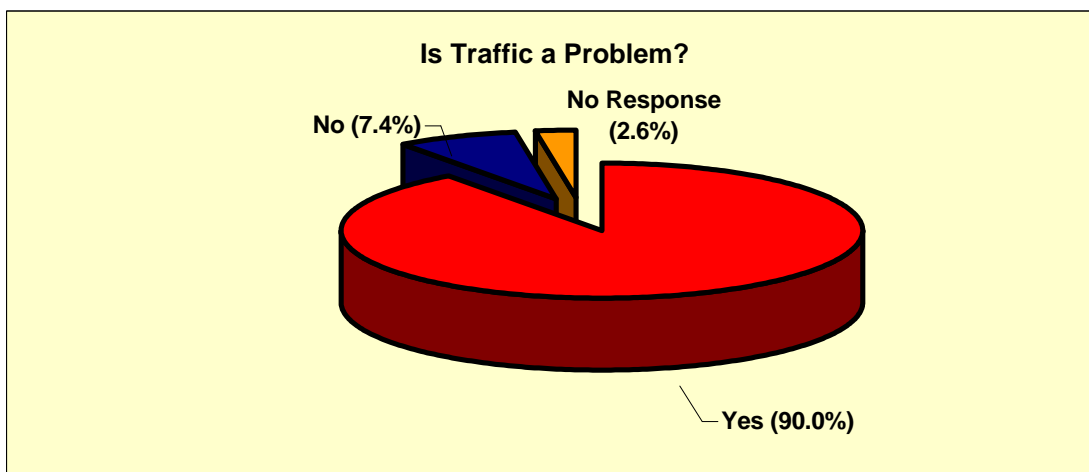
21 How do members of your household travel to work?



22 What is the farthest distance members of your household travel to work?



23 Do you feel traffic is a problem?

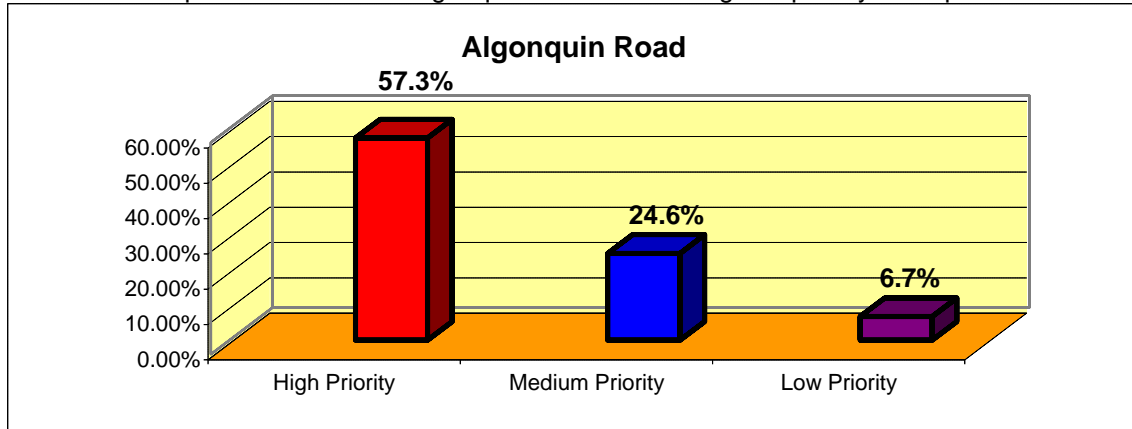


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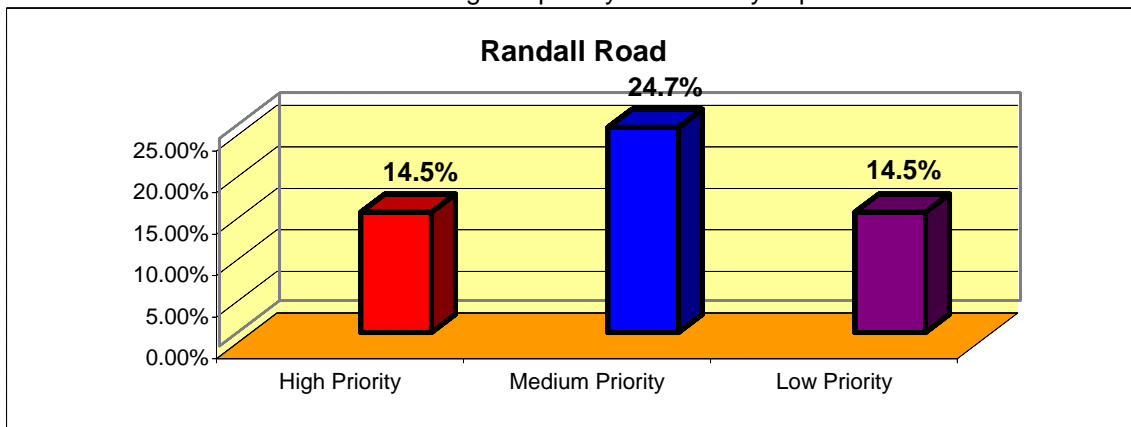
V. Traffic and Transportation, Continued

24 If yes, then which of the following roads should be given the highest priority for future improvements?

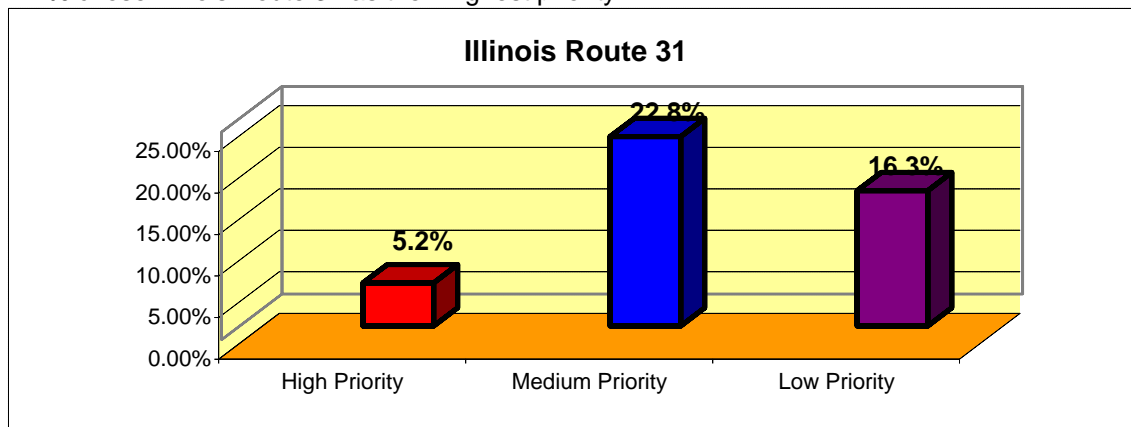
89% of the respondents selected Algonquin Road as their highest priority for improvements.



54% selected Randall Road as their highest priority for roadway improvements.



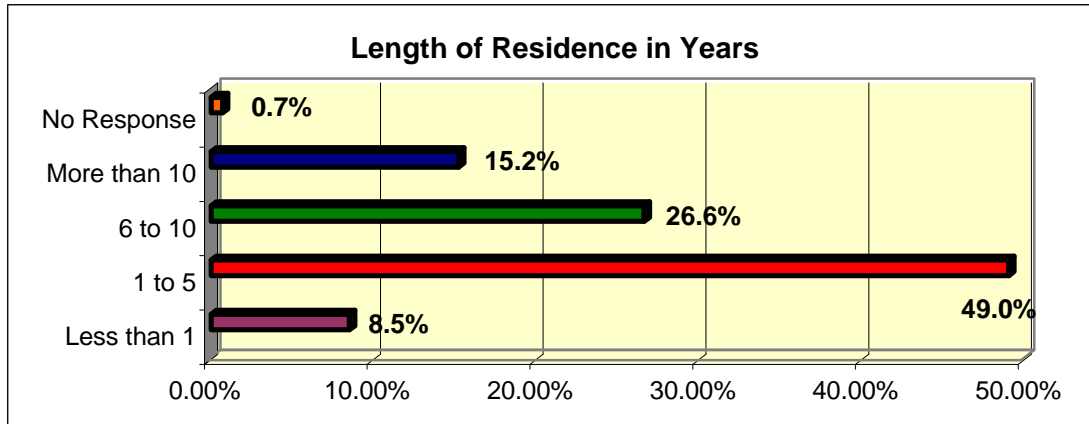
44% chose Illinois Route 31 as their highest priority.



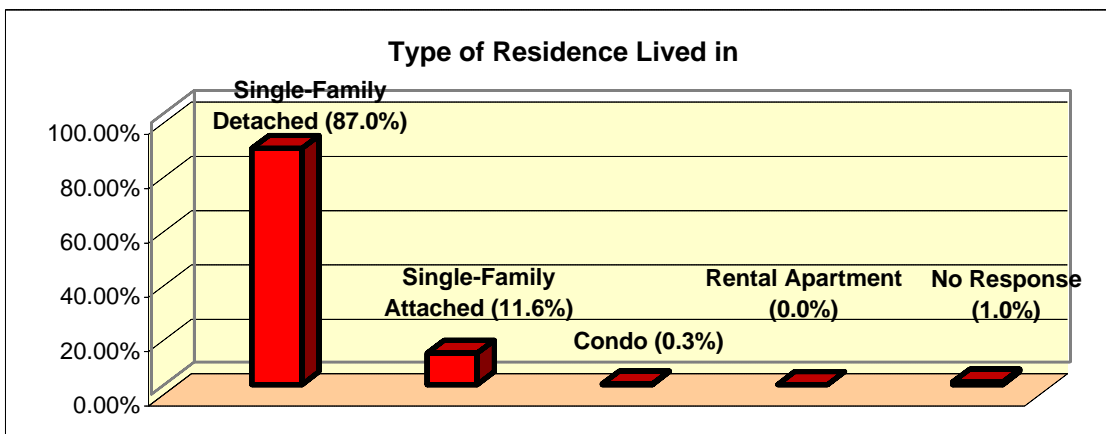
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VI. Demographic Data

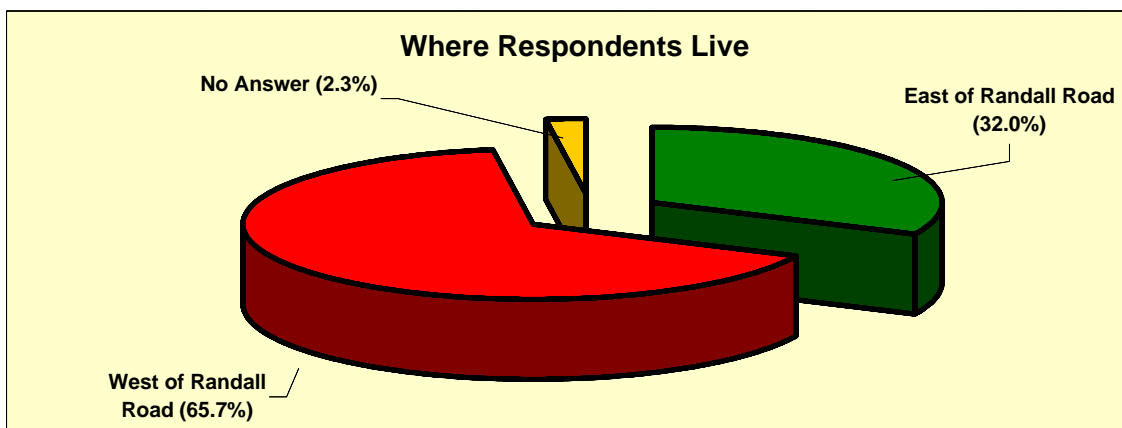
25 How long have you lived in Lake in the Hills?



26 Which of the following describes the type of housing you currently live in?



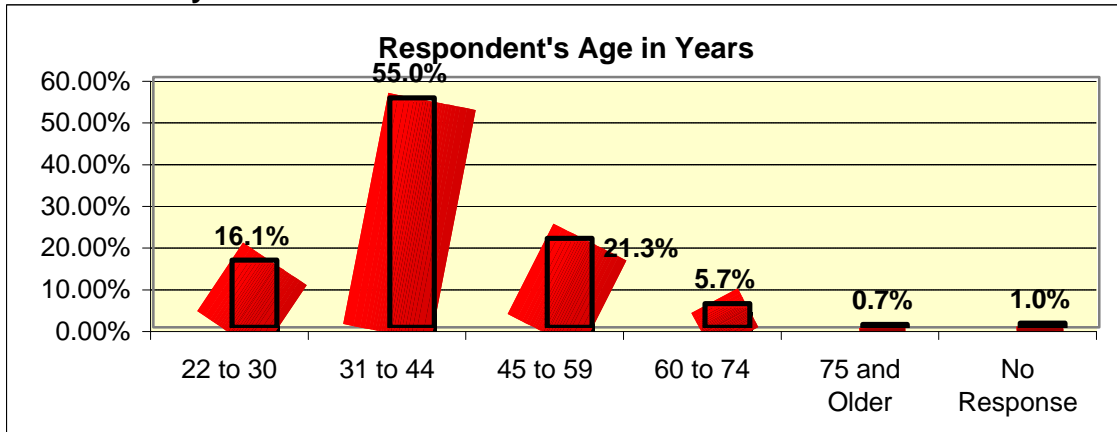
27 Where in the Village do you live?



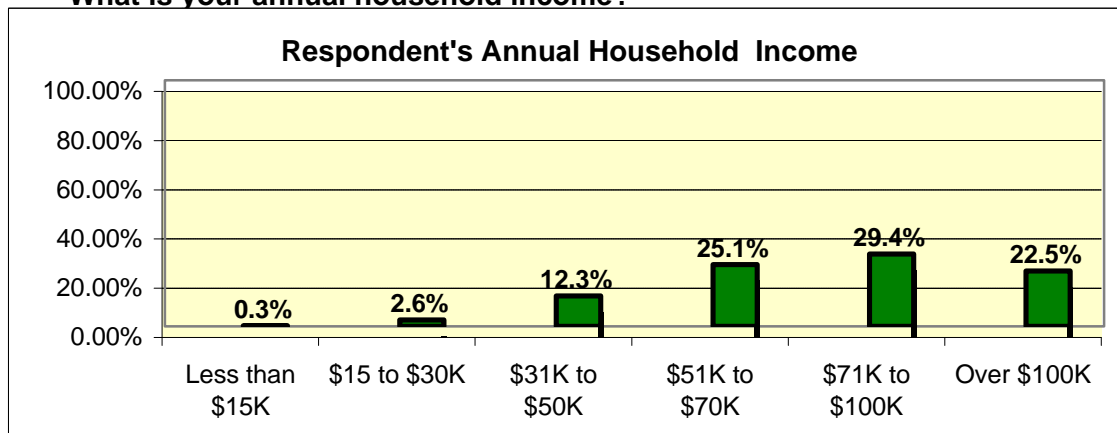
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VI. Demographic Data, Continued

28 How old are you?



29 What is your annual household income?



30 How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?

