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Plan of Conservation and Development 2020 – 2030

Section 1 of Supplemental Information Retail District Analysis Findings

WEST HARTFORD RETAIL ANALYSIS

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STUDY AREA

COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

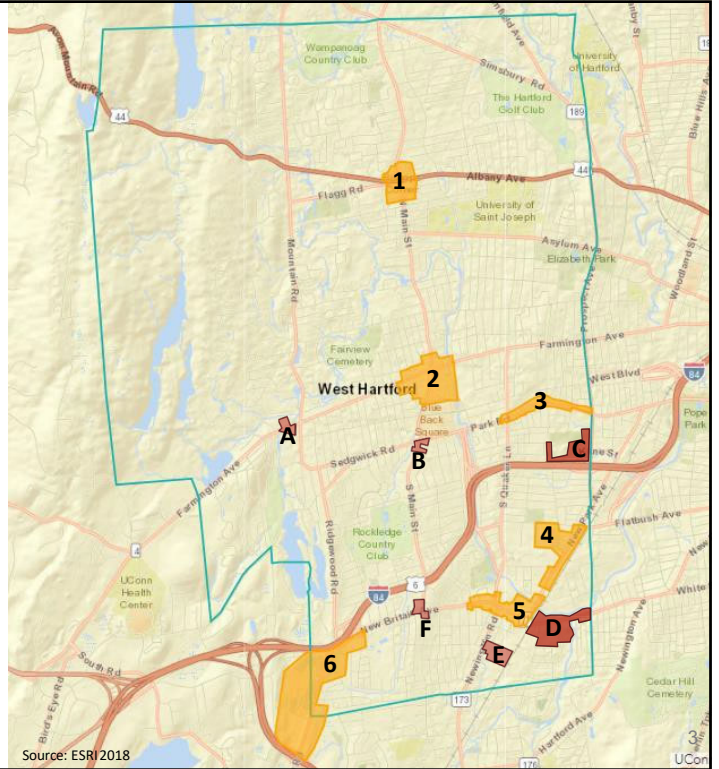
PRIMARY RETAIL DISTRICTS

1. Bishops Corner
2. West Hartford Center/Blue Back Square
3. Park Road
4. New Park Avenue
5. Elmwood Center/New Park Corner
6. Corbin's Corner

ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

- A. Sunset Triangle
- B. South Main & Sedgwick
- C. Kane Street
- D. New Britain Avenue
- E. Elmwood Plaza off Newington Road
- F. South Main & New Britain

Additional commercial areas include: Farmington Ave (east of The Center); Prospect Ave (south of Farmington Ave, down to New Park Ave)



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NATIONAL & REGIONAL TRENDS

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NATIONAL TRENDS: RETAIL

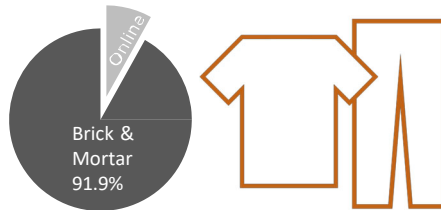
KEY TAKEAWAYS

People are buying more online



2018 saw a 14% growth in online sales (4.9% for total sales)*

Most purchases still happen in brick & mortar stores; online is affecting retail categories differently



Computer & Electronics and Apparel & Accessories (durable, non perishable goods) accounted for 45% of e-commerce sales. Luxury and discount stores are doing well, while mid-priced stores face challenges.**

Consumers are looking for “experiential retail”



This includes things like: dining and other social gathering space, classes, live demos, personal attention

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau: “Quarterly Retail E-Commerce Sales Report” Q3 2018

**Source: Cushman & Wakefield: “CW Consumer Report April 2016”

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REGIONAL TRENDS: RETAIL

U.S. vs WEST HARTFORD RETAIL SALES



West Hartford has higher food & beverage (grocery) sales: 23% vs 15%. This is due to the presence of multiple major grocers

West Hartford has higher clothing & accessories sales: 17% vs 6%. This is due to the presence of regional shopping centers.

West Hartford has lower restaurant sales than the rest of the U.S.: 10% vs. 15%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau & ESRI (excl. motor vehicles and parts dealers), 2010, 2015, 2018

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REGIONAL & NATIONAL TRENDS: OFFICE

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- + **EMPLOYMENT GROWTH:** In West Hartford, **employment has grown** in **construction** (8.5% growth year over year) and the **leisure & hospitality** sector (5.3% growth year over year)*
- + **INCREASE IN AVERAGE RENTS:** **Average rents for office in West Hartford increased slightly**, with the peripheries increasing slightly more (0.5% increase from 2017 to 2018)*
- + **SLOW GROWTH:** While Hartford CBD has had positive absorption (more demand than supply), **surrounding towns have seen consistent negative absorption** for some time*
- + **GROWTH IN TECH:** **20-25% of all new leasing is coming from tech firms** (STEM jobs are being created at a much faster pace)**

*Source: Cushman and Wakefield "MarketBeat: Hartford – Office Q3 2018";

**Source: Cushman and Wakefield "What's Driving Office Job Growth: Computer and Math Occupations" July 2018

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REGIONAL & NATIONAL TRENDS: COWORKING

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- + **GROWTH IN CO-WORKING:** Flexible office space represents ~2% of all office space. Forecasts suggest it will rise to 5-10% of office inventory in many markets*
- + **STRONG LOCAL FUNDAMENTALS FOR CO-WORKING:** Co-working is more likely to be located in communities with access to amenities, higher incomes and better walk scores**

INCOME & WALKSCORES FOR WEST HARTFORD RETAIL DISTRICTS

| | Bishops Corner | The Center/ Blue Back Square | Park Road | New Park Avenue | Elmwood Center | Corbin's Corner |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Avg. household income (3-mile) | \$102,350 | \$91,157 | \$77,810 | \$76,753 | \$78,992 | \$100,568 |
| Walkability score | 73 | 88 | 78 | 58 | 66 | 56 |

Source: ESRI Demographic and Income Profile 2018

*Source: Cushman and Wakefield "Coworking and Flexible Office Space" August 2018;

**Source: JLL "Coworking in Retail Report" 2018

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REGIONAL & NATIONAL TRENDS: INDUSTRIAL

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- + INCREASED DEMAND FOR LOGISTICS: **CT specifically shows a high demand from distributors** who use Connecticut as a springboard between New England and New York. **
- + LOW VACANCY: There is a **lack of large available industrial space in Central Connecticut**; industrial vacancy is the lowest it has been in over 20 years. **
- + HIGHER RENTS: **Industrial rents are at their highest level since 2008, and show little signs of slowing.** In Central CT, asking rents for industrial spaces continue to rise as the amount of available space shrinks. **

*Source: JLL "US Industrial Investment Outlook" H1 2018;

**Source: Cushman and Wakefield "MarketBeat: Central Connecticut – Industrial Q2 2018"

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TOWN-WIDE ANALYSIS

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DEMOGRAPHICS

LIFESTYLE CHARACTERISTICS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR RETAIL

- + Population is holding steady
- + Average age is going up due to: decline in ages <19 (-12%) and Gen X'ers (-21%); increase in Boomers >55 (+20%)*
- + Most households are **family households** (79%)
- + The average **median household income is forecasted to increase** (\$90k to \$101k)
- + The population is becoming slightly **more diverse**: the fastest growing populations are Asian (7% to 12%) and Hispanic (10% to 15%)*

*From 2010 to 2023

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Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online 2018

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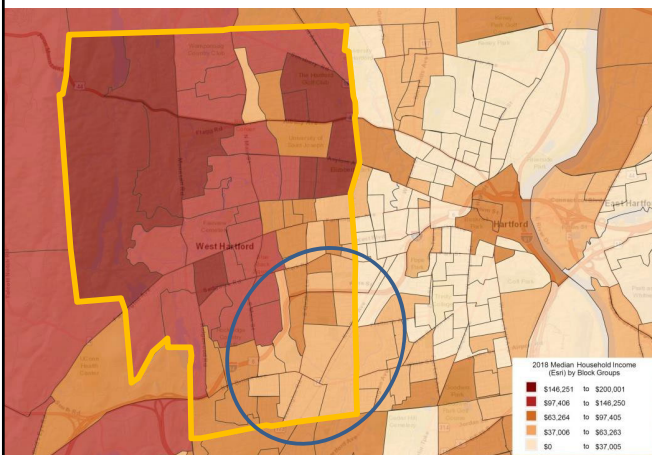
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DEMOGRAPHICS

EAST / WEST DIVIDE

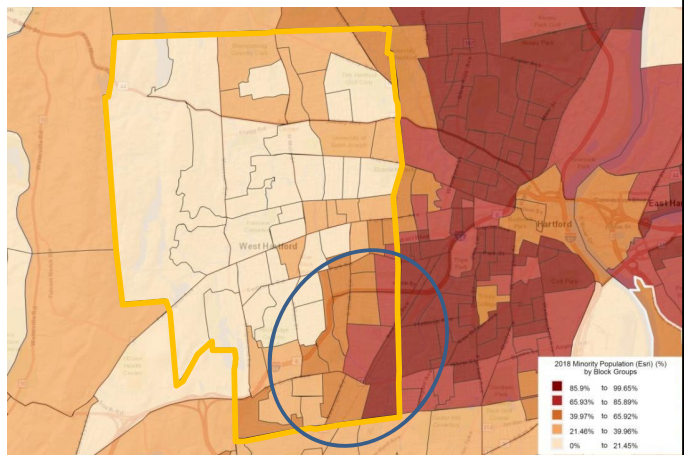
- + East/West differences in population income and ethnicity
- + New Park Avenue with lowest incomes is now an Opportunity Zone*

INCOME



Source: ESRI 2018 Median Household Income

ETHNICITY



Source: ESRI 2018 Minority Population

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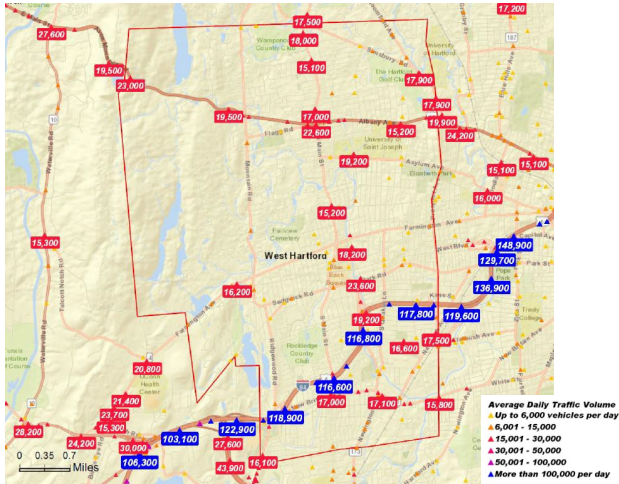
*As of 1/2019

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TRAFFIC COUNTS

COMMUTERS & VISITORS



Source: ESRI 2018 Traffic Counts

RETAIL IS DRIVEN BY PROXIMITY/ACCESS TO CUSTOMER BASE

- + **REGIONAL SHOPPING AREAS BENEFIT FROM ACCESS TO I-84:** Corbin's Corner & Westfarms Mall are optimally located to capture this traffic. Park Road may be able to pull from this traffic with the right access and visibility.
- + **MAIN STREET IS AMONG THE MOST HEAVILY TRAFFICKED N/S ROUTES.** The Center and Bishop's Corner are optimally located to capture this traffic.

DIAGNOSE

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RETAIL GAP

SURPLUS & LEAKAGE

If **RETAIL SALES ARE GREATER** than resident demand, businesses are selling more than residents are buying. This typically means shoppers are coming from outside the trade area to shop. It is often best practice to **NOT ADD** addition business types with a large surplus.



SURPLUS

If **resident demand is greater** than business sales, resident spending may be "leaking" out of the trade area. In other words, they are going elsewhere to shop. There may be potential to **ADD** business types to serve these needs.



LEAKAGE

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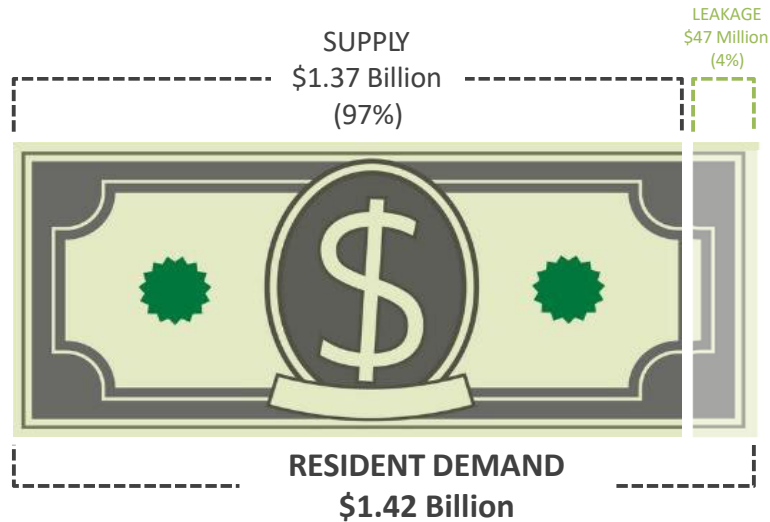
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RETAIL GAP

WEST HARTFORD

- + STRONG BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT:**
For every \$1 of demand, only \$0.04 is leaving West Hartford. (this is very low, especially since more than 2/3 Westfarms falls outside of the county)

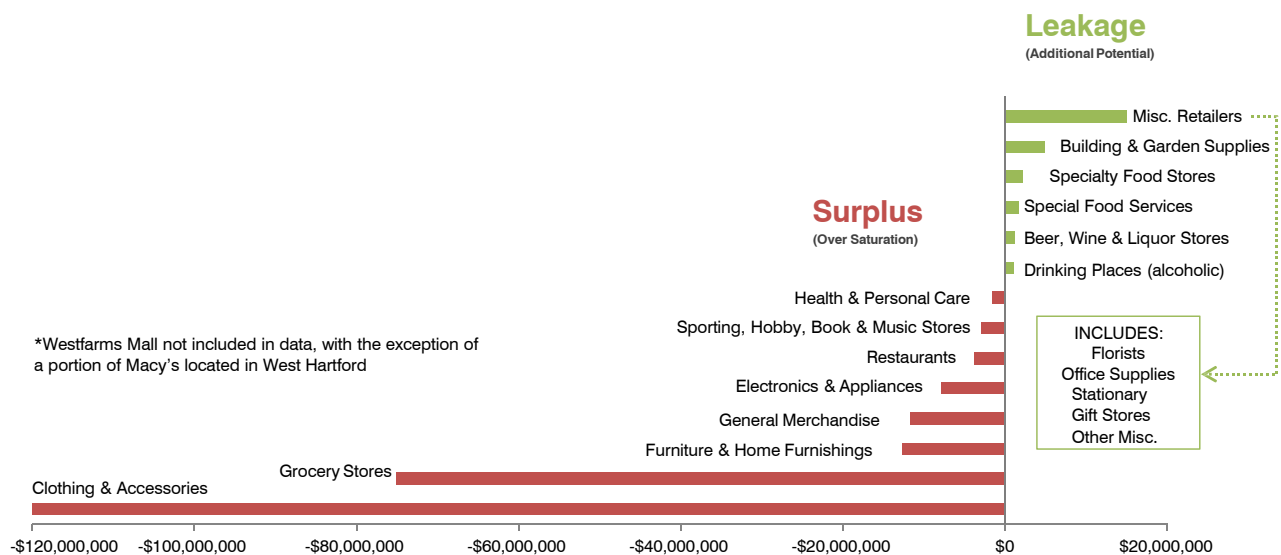


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*Excludes: Nonstore retailers, gasoline stores, and motor vehicle & parts dealers
Source: ESRI Retail Marketplace Profile

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DISTRICT ANALYSES

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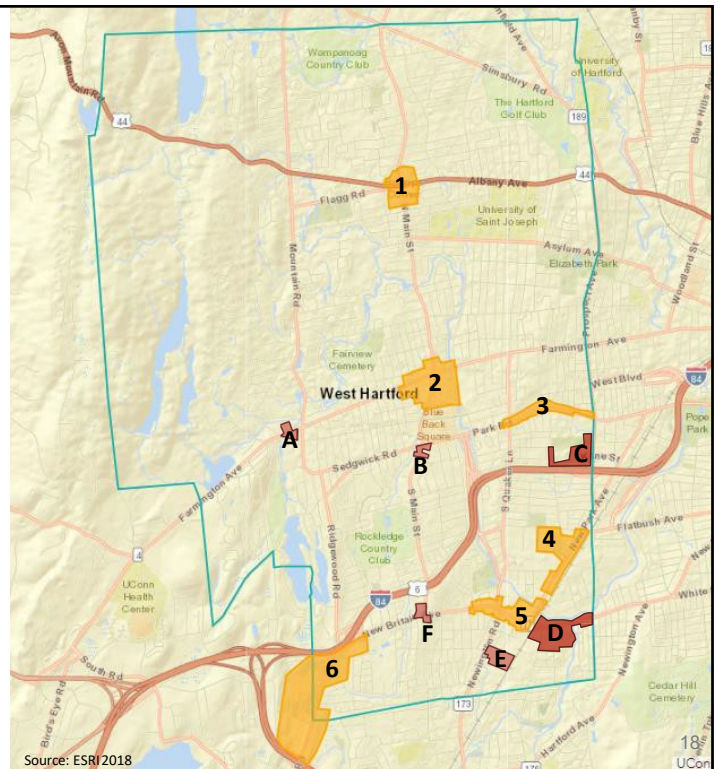
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SHOPPING CENTER CLASSIFICATION

Shopping Center Classification has implications for **parking demand**, informs a land use rationale for **commercial overlays** and can suggest opportunities to **grow a trade area** if improved connections can be established between proximate shopping areas.

| Type of Shopping Center | Characteristics | West Hartford Districts |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Super Regional Mall | 5-25 mile trade area; national owners | Westfarms Mall |
| Regional Mall/Center | 5-15 mile trade area | The Center & Blue Back Square |
| Community Center /Large Neighborhood Center | 3-6 mile trade area | Bishops Corner Corbin's Corner |
| Neighborhood | Approx. 3 miles | Park Road Elmwood Center Sunset Triangle Kane Street New Britain Avenue Elmwood Plaza |
| Strip/Convenience | Less than 1 mile | South Main & Sedgwick South Main & New Britain |
| Power Center (single category of goods) | 5-10 mile trade area | New Park Ave |

Source: ICSC Research & CoStar Information, Inc.

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DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT MATRIX

CONDITIONS

Manage & Maintain:

Regular tweaks to maintain competitive advantage

- ✓ On-going capital investments
- ✓ Promotion/marketing of businesses
- ✓ Enhancements to tenant mix

Great Bones, Where are the People:

Drive visitation to existing businesses through

- ✓ Increases in density
- ✓ Improvements in access by car, ped, bike
- ✓ Improvements in visibility of local businesses (signage)

Starting From Scratch:

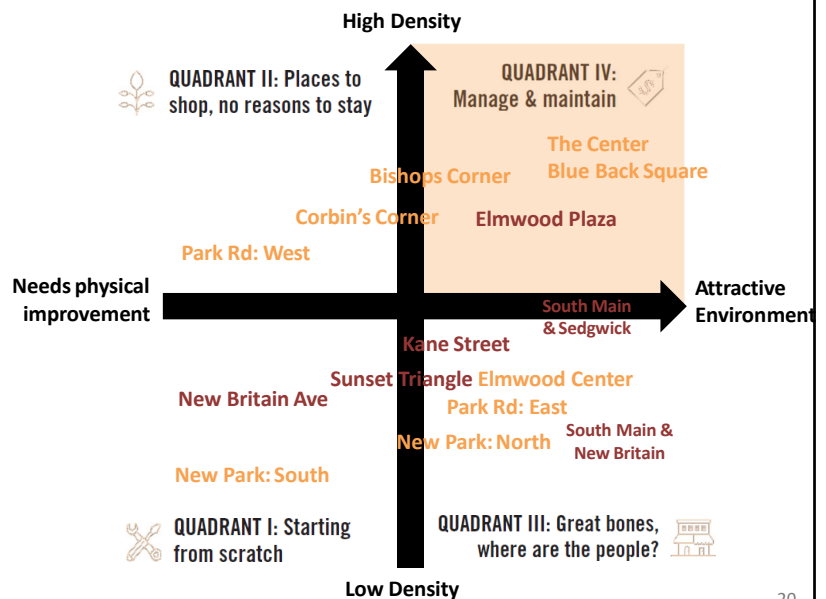
Building a market where there is limited density of both offerings and customers

- ✓ Significant redevelopment
- ✓ Improvements to physical environment

Places to Shop, no Reason to Stay:

Improvements to public & private realm that lengthen stay

- ✓ Improvement in physical connections that combine offerings.



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RETAIL DISTRICTS

MICRO-CLIMATES

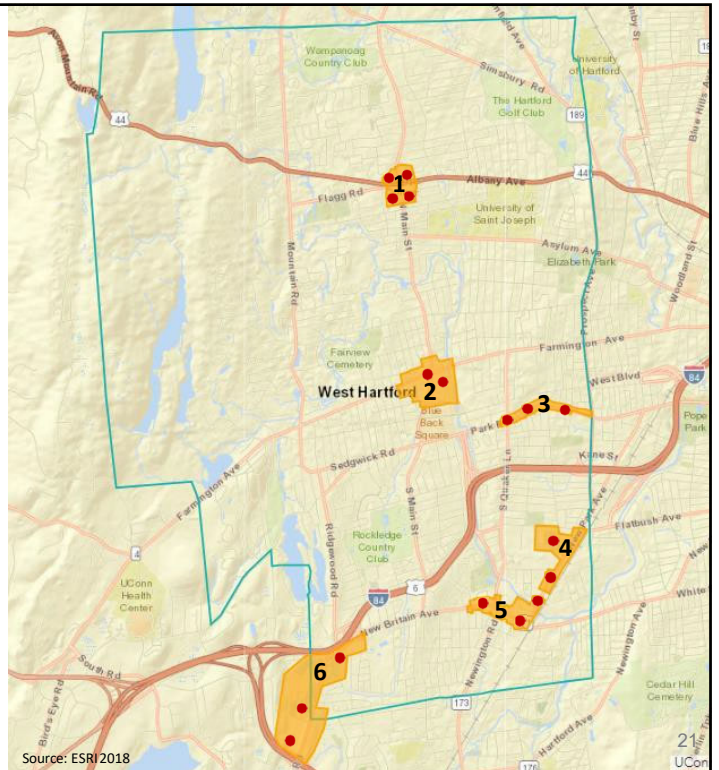
There are **smaller retail micro-climates** (i.e. concentrated nodes of retail) within each district that function independently of one another. Getting these districts to function more as a cohesive whole will result in significant improvements to the business environment.

PRIMARY RETAIL DISTRICTS

(Districts included in the following section with deep-dive analysis & recommendations)

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2. West Hartford Center/Blue Back Square
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Micro-climates ●



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BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

MICRO-CLIMATES



Source: Google Maps

There are four retail micro-climates in close proximity:

1. The SW corner (Bishops Corner)
2. The SE corner
3. The NW corner (Crossroads Plaza)
4. The NE Corner

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BISHOPS CORNER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

STRENGTHS

- Combined traffic counts of 17k - 22k from each approach result in high visibility for retailers, making this an **attractive location for commercial activity**.
- **Well-tailored to the diversity of needs in the area.** There is a range of incomes in the surrounding area and an adequate mix of offerings and price points
- **Denser residential to the northeast** present an opportunity to offer neighborhood-serving goods

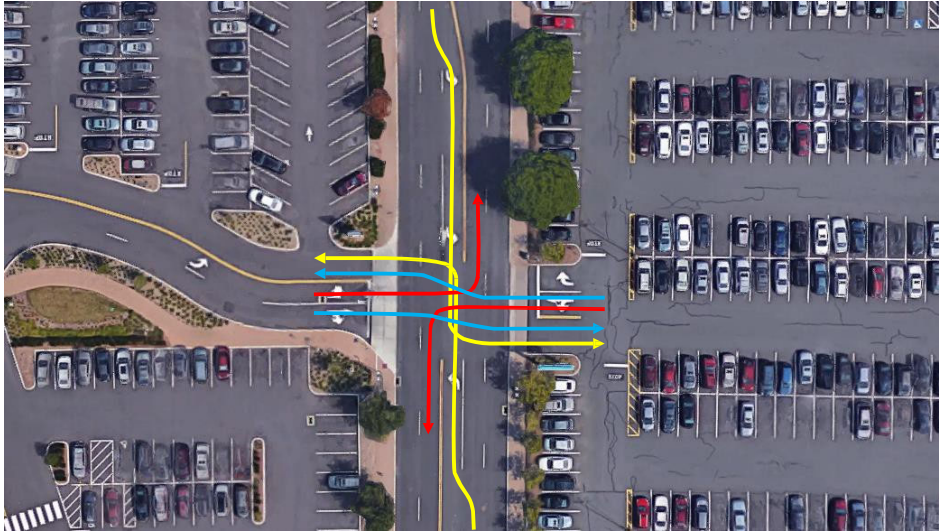
CHALLENGES

- The district functions as **four discrete shopping areas** with limited connections between each
- **Pedestrians unable to safely cross-shop**, which increases car reliance, congestion, *and* diminishes size of trade area
- Inability to cross-shop also **undermines attractiveness of area as a potential location for commercial office and coworking space**. Office workers depend on amenities that in this case are only accessible by crossing a busy, unsafe street.
- **Congested and unsafe entrances & exits to the SW and SE corners** makes leaving easier than crossing to another area to shop.

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RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



The entrance & exit on the SW and SE corners are confusing and dangerous. If this configuration remains, a traffic light should be installed for safety and convenience (this is ~475 ft from the intersection; the light on Albany at Flagg Rd is ~500 ft from the intersection)

- Left turn in
- Left turn out
- Straight across

Source: Google Maps

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RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES:

Activate the backside of the NE corner where there is a higher density of residents

Fill 30,000 sqft vacancy (coworking may be an option, but more on-sight amenities would be needed)

Install light & crosswalk

OR
Stagger entrances and add signage

Develop new outparcel

Source: Town of West Hartford MapGeo

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BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

RETAIL MICRO-CLIMATES



There are two retail micro-climates in close proximity:

1. The Center
2. Blue Back Square

Source: Google Maps

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THE CENTER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

STRENGTHS

- **Walkable, pedestrian-oriented district**
- **High density of offerings encourages cross-shopping**
- **High traffic counts** (14,600 ADT on N. Main)
- **Growth in food & entertainment.** The Center seems to be transitioning from a Community Center (traditional goods and local-serving) to a Theme/Entertainment district. This will strengthen business opportunities as more customers arrive from a larger trade area.

CHALLENGES

- **Ample parking, but opportunities to increase awareness of parking availability.** The Center has a large trade area and high traffic counts, and drivers should be able to spot entrances/exits easily.
- **Limited common area amenities** that provide opportunities for events, that encourage shoppers to linger, and increase average spending
- **Little connection between The Center and Blue Back Square.** The entrance & exit to Blue Back Square aligns with the "Town Center," a building with an inactive street-front.
- **No bike lanes; no connection to Trout Brook Trail** (lack of supporting bike infrastructure as well: bike racks, pumps, etc.)

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RETAIL FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



Source: Town of West Hartford MapGeo

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RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS

BUSINESS SIGNS

THE CENTER – BUSINESS SIGNS



Clockwise from top left: LaSalle Rd at Farmington Ave, looking south; Main St at Farmington Ave, looking south; Farmington Ave between Main St and LaSalle Rd, looking west

EXAMPLES – BUSINESS SIGNS



Clockwise from top left: Chester, CT; Galena, IL; Concord, MA

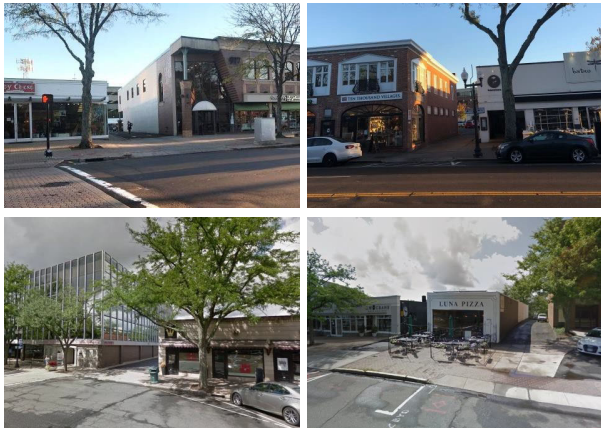
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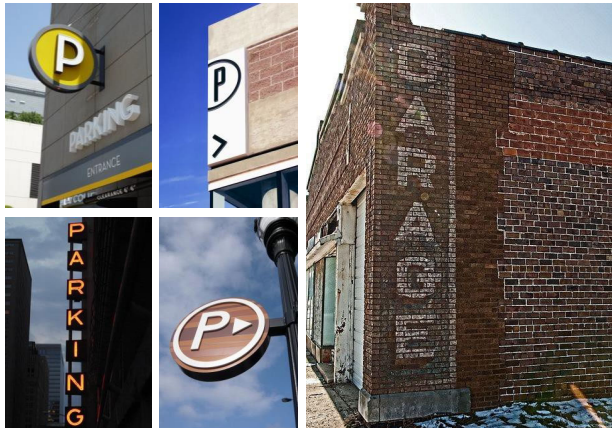
PARKING VISIBILITY

THE CENTER – PARKING ENTRANCES



Clockwise from top left: Farmington Ave parking entrance between Cookshop & Toy Chest; Farmington Ave parking entrance between Ten Thousand Villages & Bartaco; Farmington Ave parking entrances on either side of Luna Pizza; LaSalle parking entrance between Becker's & McLaddens

EXAMPLES - PARKING SIGNAGE



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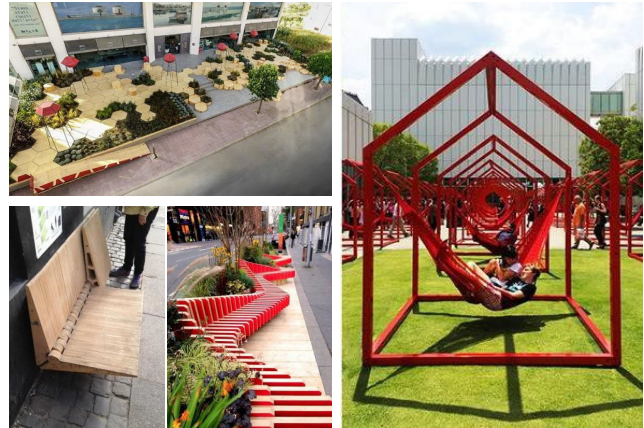
OPEN SPACE & PARKLETS

THE CENTER – OPEN SPACE



Clockwise from top left: ~30 ft wide sidewalks in front of Toy Chest on Farmington Ave; ~20,000 sqft median on Main Street between Farmington Ave and Memorial Rd; blank street-front on the side of Music & Arts on LaSalle Rd

EXAMPLES – PARKLETS & SEATING



Clockwise from top left: Parklet in Favara, Italy; hammock installation in Atlanta, GA; sculptural bench in London, UK; retractable bench in Copenhagen, Denmark

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PARK ROAD

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BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

MICRO-CLIMATES



Source: Google Maps

There are three retail micro-climates:

1. Park Road West
2. The Core
3. Park Road East

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PARK ROAD

KEY TAKEAWAYS

STRENGTHS

- **High residential density**
- **Good walkable district**
- **Moderate density of retail offerings**, Businesses along Park Road are fairly close together and the sidewalks are well-kept and well-lit.
- **Affordable price point of existing offerings** reflects the income and retail spending levels of the surrounding neighborhoods.

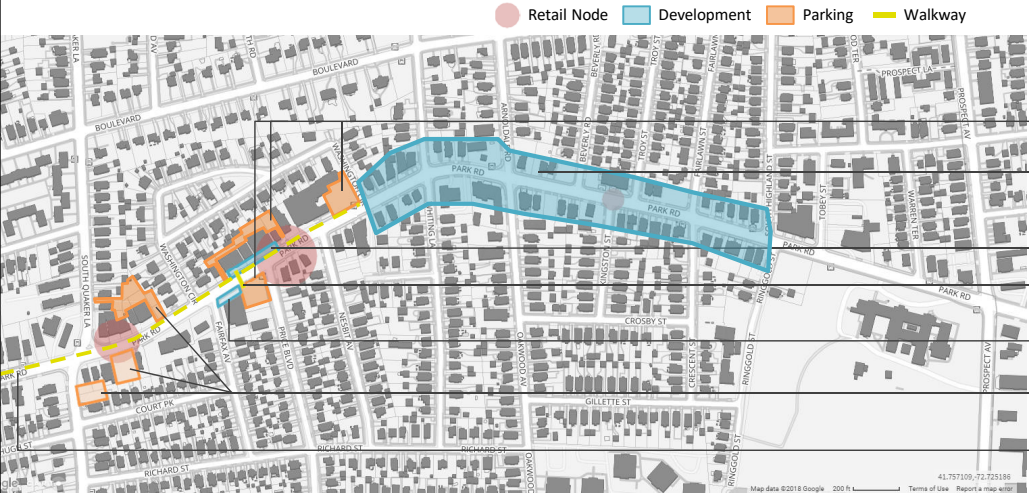
CHALLENGES

- **Low retail visibility.** Many shops along Park Road (especially on the eastern end) do not look like traditional retail establishments and lack clear, visible signage
- **Limited parking; limited visibility/access to existing parking.** Park Road has large back lots with parking that are poorly marked.
- **Excess curb cuts/driveways** reduces walkability and limits the amount of available street parking.
- **Little vegetation and no public space for shoppers to rest.** The district is walkable in scale and density, but the lack of vegetation, shade, public space, and seating makes the district less pedestrian friendly.
- **Moderate traffic counts with low visibility at key junctions.** Park Road has less traffic, but it is close to multiple roads that have very high traffic. Large, well-placed signs could direct more people to the district.
- **No bike lanes or bike racks limits alternative ways for local residents to get to/from district.** Improved connections to Trout Brook trail via bike lane would increase trade area.

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RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



Source: Town of West Hartford MapGeo

*262-268 and 274-276 are owned by Sarjac Partners LLC. They also own two key buildings on New Park South at 1046 New Britain Ave & 641 New Park Ave

POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Create Parking Program
- Increase retail visibility
- Improve front landscape*
- Create crosswalk to connect both sides of retail
- Improve front landscape
- Consolidate parking & create program similar to The Center
- Create bike lane to connect with Trout Brook Trail

RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS

PARK RD WEST – FAÇADES & LANDSCAPING

What we heard: if there was a parking lot, business owners might not mind giving up their front parking. A lot would also encourage walking around.

PARK RD EAST – RETAIL NODE



Clockwise from top: facades of 262-282 Park Rd; parking behind 260-282 Park Rd; Empty lot across the street at 275 Park Rd

EXAMPLES – FAÇADES



Clockwise from top left: Movable planters and benches in Ponzan, Poland; Landscaping and benches on extra-wide sidewalk in Boulder, CO; Plan B Burgers on Park Rd in West Hartford; outdoor café in Harlem, NY

RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS

PARK RD EAST – RETAIL VISIBILITY

PARK RD EAST – FACADES



Adapted residential houses used for retail along the East end of Park Road in West Hartford

EXAMPLES – FACADES



Adapted residential houses used for retail along Magazine Street in New Orleans. Robust design guidelines have helped retain the unique feel of this corridor.



NEW PARK AVE

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

MICRO-CLIMATES



Source: Google Maps

There are two commercial micro-climates:

1. New Park North
2. New Park Core

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NEW PARK AVENUE

KEY TAKEAWAYS

STRENGTHS

- **New express bus and commuter train station on the north end**
- **Proximity to major employers (Colt, Triumph).** High density of workers creates demand
- **Available land for development**

CHALLENGES

- **Very low residential density**
- **Auto-oriented district, but low to moderate traffic counts**
- **Limited visibility from New Park Ave.** On the north end of New Park Ave, the business are set far back from the west side of the street.
- **No signage or visibility from Flatbush Ave.** Traffic counts are higher on Flatbush Ave than on New Park Ave. There is no signage at the Flatbush/New Park intersection to suggest shopping down New Park Ave. There is also no way to enter the Home Depot/BJ's parking lot from Flatbush Ave.
- **Unused parking.** Parking ratios are too high and newer businesses like Home Depot and BJ's end up with vast amounts of unused space (parking doesn't fill, even on holidays)
- **Little connection between businesses**
- **Older businesses to the south need updates**

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COMMERCIAL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Add entrance to center off of Flatbush
- Reclaim excess parking (mixed-use)
- Develop key corner (possible TOD mixed-use)
- Develop key corner (possible retail out-parcel) to bring visibility to shopping area
- Develop vacant parcel (possible warehouse or micro-manufacturing space)
- Install district branding to add cohesion to district

Source: Town of West Hartford MapGeo

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COMMERCIAL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS

MICRO-CLIMATES

NEW PARK AVE - BRANDING



Top: small pole banners along New Park Ave; Bottom: no signage at intersection on New Park Ave and Flatbush

EXAMPLES – BRANDING



Clockwise from top left: Bright pole banners in Berkeley, CA; pole banners in Syracuse, NY; illuminated signs in Dallas, TX; pylon sign in Symphony Park, NV; pylon sign in Baltimore, MD

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DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

OPPORTUNITY ZONE

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

*Current as of 1/2019



Not Eligible
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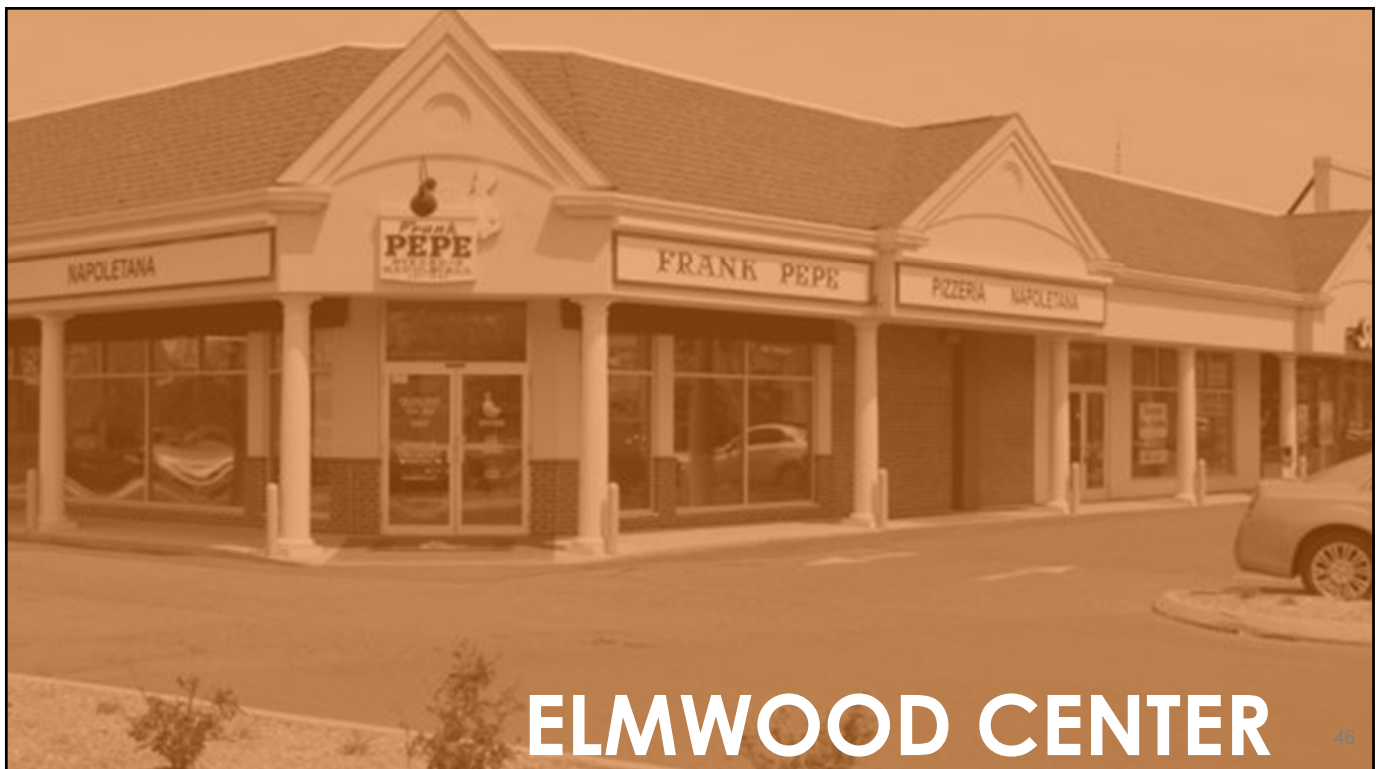
The New Park Ave.
corridor is an
Opportunity Zone

- New Park Ave. corridor is an Opportunity Zone*
- Opportunity Zone Funds are actively seeking investments
- **Shovel-ready plans** will have a better chance at attracting investors looking to get the most out of this incentive

Source: Policy Map 2018

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ELMWOOD CENTER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

STRENGTHS

- **Elmwood Center serves as an auto-oriented retail district with high traffic counts**
- **Ample, accessible parking.** Parking is positioned right out front of most stores, easy for drivers to quickly pull in and out of.
- **Moderate density of workers**
- **Proximity to major employers (Legrand, Abbot & Ball).** High density of workers creates demand
- **New express bus and commuter train station on the north end**
- **Neighborhood serving retail near new TOD**

CHALLENGES

- **Little connection between Elmwood Center and New Park South.**
- **Dated buildings in need of upgrades**

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BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

RETAIL MICRO-CLIMATES



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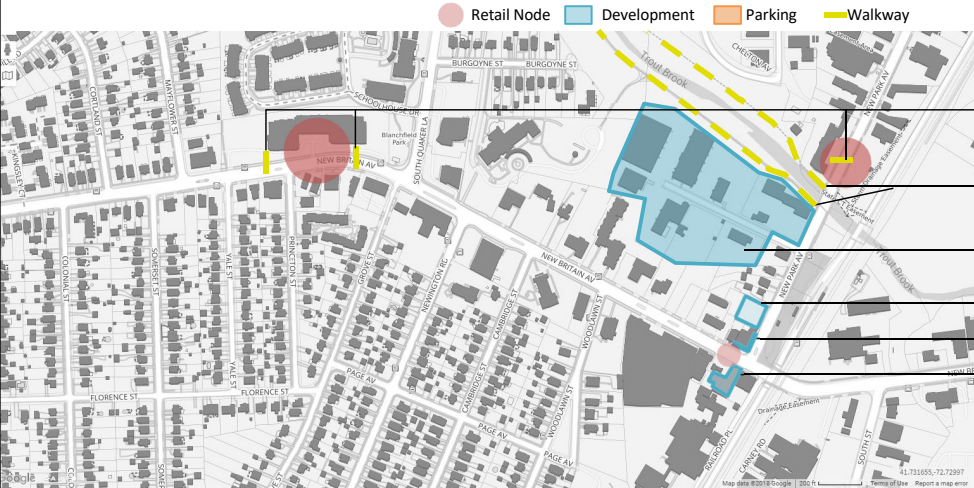
1. Elmwood Center
2. New Park Corner
3. New Park South

Source: Google Maps

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RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Create crosswalks to connect both sides of retail
- Connect & improve trail system (potential bike share station)
- Possible new development
- Develop vacant site
- Strengthen gateway corner
- Fill strategic vacant property

What we heard: Abbott Ball has had several requests for micro-manufacturing (3-5 machines; 2-5 man operation), small warehouse space, and rental parking.

Source: Town of West Hartford MapGeo



BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

RETAIL MICRO-CLIMATES



Source: Google Maps

There are three retail micro-climates:

1. Corbin's Corner
2. Westfarms Mall*
3. Westfarms S.C.*

*Included for context, but not included in the quantitative analysis in previous slides

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CORBIN'S CORNER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

STRENGTHS

- **Single-owner shopping areas manage & maintain their holdings** with greater ease
- **Proximity to I-84 offers regional advantage**
- **Well-tailored to serve both regional visitors and local needs.** There is a range of incomes in the surrounding area and an adequate mix of offerings and price points
- **Denser residential to the northeast** may present an opportunity to offer more neighborhood-serving goods

CHALLENGES

- **Private sector holdings with limited opportunities for public investment.**
- **Few bus shelters and few pedestrian pathways from bus stops to retail sites.** This makes it a challenge for workers to walk to and from the bus and to wait for the bus, especially in inclement weather.
- **Limited signage at key junctures**
- **Corbin's Corner (NE) is dated** and in need of upgrades

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RETAIL-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS



POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES:

Install bus shelters & pathways



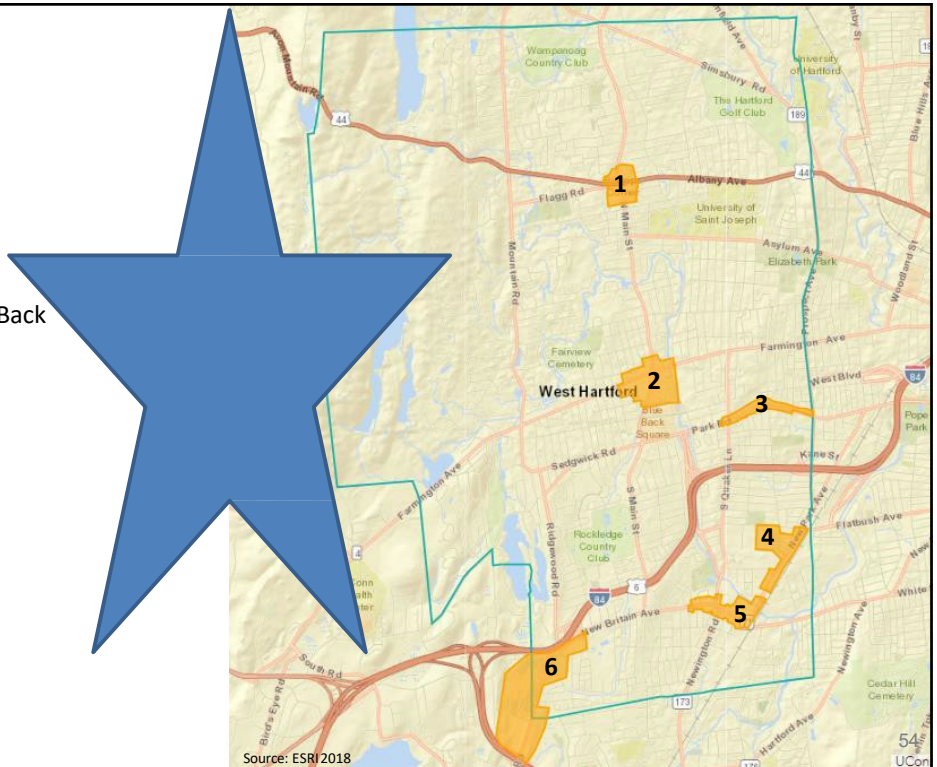
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Source: ESRI/2018

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Section 2 of Supplemental Information Stakeholder Meeting Summaries

West Hartford Plan of Conservation and Development Update Stakeholder Meeting Summaries

The study team conducted four stakeholder meetings with representatives from various Town Departments, Boards, Commissions, and groups. Three meetings were conducted on Thursday, October 26th, and one on Tuesday, October 30th. The meetings were conducted by Town Planner Todd Dumais, Community Development Director Mark McGovern and Project Consultant, Francisco Gomes of Fitzgerald and Halliday, Inc. The meeting topics included:

- Open Space, Recreation, Sustainability and the Environment
- Transportation and Facilities
- Housing, Land Use, and Economic Development
- Retail Districts and Commercial Development

Meeting notes are provided on the following pages.



Open Space, Recreation, Sustainability and the Environment: 10/26 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Attendees:

- Todd Dumais, Planner
- Mark McGovern, Community Development
- Cathy Doreau, Assistant Planner
- Francisco Gomes, FHI
- Rory Fitzgerald, FHI
- Joe Campanella, Clean Energy Commission
- Diane Mack, West Hartford Land Trust
- Matt Macunas, Conservation and the Environment
- Catherine Diviney, Energy Specialist
- Bernard Pelletier, Clean Energy Commission
- Robert Palmer, Director of Plant and Facilities
- Scott Franklin, Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission
- Marc Blanchard, Leisure Services Manager
- John Phillips, Public Works
- Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Leisure Services and Social Services

Discussion

Town's Strengths

- Neighborhood park system is very important to the Town
- West Hartford is part of the 10-Minute Walk National Campaign
- The Town has approximately 100 athletic fields. Ball fields that are not connected to schools are considered park assets.
- The West Hartford Land Trust currently has six parcels and would like to expand their network, add trails, and make maps more readily available. The challenge is lack of available property for open space.
- Engagement between commissions and boards is very good, lots of participation
- WH is a very walkable community and has been accepting of making it a more bicycle friendly community- currently is a Bronze Level Bike Community from LAB, and a Sustainable Connecticut Bronze Community.
- Collaboration on projects and writing grants has been strong between departments
- Public Works maintains the parks and Leisure Services manages the parks
- Trout Brook Trail is an asset

Progress Made in the Last 10 Years

- There has been a stronger focus on accessibility within the parks, including handicap parking, accessible pathways, entrances, and bathrooms. This is something WH will continue to do
- The Town has made progress towards sustainability and renewable energy resources.
- The annual utilities budget has remained stable in spite of rising utility rates
- WH has put solar panels on many Town Schools
- All cobra head lights in WH have been converted to LED
- WH has been looking at lighting and dark night skies initiatives
- Leisure Services is working with Public Works to convert some fields to organic and provide irrigation to fields
- The Town and Board of Education have been working closely
- Trout Brook Trail has been expanded
- Building management systems have been put in place

Issues and Needs

- Funding and prioritizing parks maintenance and improvements has been challenging
- Elmwood Community Center has not been updated
- Hard to balance the construction of new projects with the maintenance of existing infrastructure – prioritizing
- The Town only have one “Friends of” parks group. Friends of Fern Ridge Park could provide a model for additional Friends groups.
- The Town needs more support from the MDC in the implementation of Low Impact Development Techniques
- Organic treatment of fields is more costly than conventional treatments

Threats

- No long-term protection of ball fields at UConn property is in place
- WH provides level of services that are difficult to sustain and lacks long-term maintenance plans, for example, Trout Brook Trail has no long-term maintenance plan
- Facilities are expanded without adding staff
- Capitol budget issues, unfunded mandates and charter responsibilities that WH has difficulty maintaining
- Flooding, climate change, and invasive species
- Integrated pest management systems cost more money and Town’s water usage has increased since field irrigation was introduced. Wells are being considered as an alternative to MDC water.

Ideas and how the Town could provide better support

- Town needs to educate the community about managing trash. “Pay as you throw” should be considered.
- Town needs to look past the 2-year cycle of Town government
- The community is engaged, but not comprehensively- Town needs to look at the big picture holistically
- Town should share data with community about successes and progress

Goals for the Next 10 Years

- Formalize community engagement
- Establish more trash and recycling initiatives
- UConn site is an immediate need- need to keep some fields, parking and parkland
- A trail on the UConn property would make a good terminus for the Trout Brook Trail
- Create arboretums at Westmoor Park and Rockledge Golf Course and arboretum
- Land Trust would like to get more access at the Rochambeau Camp, discussions are underway with neighboring property owners
- Town should adopt a Green Grounds Policy
- Should have integrated budget
- The community should be involved with sustainable initiatives. There should be a “Sustainable West Hartford” campaign that could provide podcasts and webinars about best practices.
- Town needs an aligning force to keep everything together
- An “anti-idling” policy is needed in the Town’s parks

Transportation and Facilities: 10/26 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendees:

- Todd Dumais, Planner
- Mark McGovern, Community Development
- Cathy Doreau, Assistant Planner
- Francisco Gomes, FHI
- Rory Fitzgerald, FHI
- Robert Palmer, Director of Plant and Facilities
- Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Leisure Services and Social Services
- Susan Oslander, Social Services
- Mary Silverberg, Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities
- Jim Brennan, Engineering
- Martha Church, Libraries
- Kim Holden, Public Works
- Jeff Gebrian, Chairman of DRAC
- Gina Varano, Corporation Counsel
- Brian Mitchell, DPW, Streets

Discussion

Town's Strengths

- The Town is diverse
- Sidewalk network makes it a very walkable Town
- There is easy access to most places in Town
- Neighborhood parks and tree lined streets
- Town has an energy conservation plan and uses renewable resources
- Town staff and government are willing to listen, and things get done
- Engineering staff has done a lot of work to make roads and intersections safer, example Trout Brook and Park Road intersection improvements
- Four publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations (many other private ones)
- Street network is laid out in a grid that helps distribute and calm traffic
- CTfastrak and CT Rail line
- All Town departments are in one building, and there are many shared services

Progress Made in the Last 10 Years

- Tax money in Town is invested in things that will help the Town save money in the future, WH has been very forward thinking
- There is a fiber optic network across Town that services Town Buildings and Schools
- Town has been successful in grant applications for roads and bridges
- All street lights have been converted to LED
- Town has three ongoing multi-use trail grants
- There has been a lot of tax revenue growth in the past 10 years
- IT director has made significant improvements to operations and service
- Plans for new facilities: Elmwood Community Center and Faxon Library branch could be combined, this would provide an opportunity to share municipal space
- New Park Avenue Complete Streets Grant Project will be adding bike lanes

Issues and Needs

- Southeast side of Town is prime for change
- There is a breadth of facilities, Town doesn't need to build more facilities, it needs to reinvest in existing ones
- WH should be more open to regional collaboration
- Transportation into and out of Town is good, but around Town to different areas is challenging
- Hillcrest area of Town is isolated from rest of WH and does not have good transportation network
- Timing of bus routes is important and can be challenging for workers at businesses
- Parking issues and challenging throughout the Center, including encroachment of parking on nearby residential streets
- The number of registered vehicles in West Hartford has gone up.
- There are 217 miles of Town roads, but only budget sufficient to resurface 8-9 miles per year.
- The Town does not have staff to conduct inspections of roadway work by utilities.
- Town can't keep up with sidewalk repairs.
- Speeding and people running red lights is prevalent- distracted drivers
- Intersection of Farmington Avenue and Mountain Road needs safety improvements
- Infrastructure improvements are needed- Town needs a pavement management plan to address sink holes, sidewalk issues, etc.
- Better sequencing of projects is needed
- Recycling center needs improvement

Ideas and how the Town could provide better support

- Town should make a commitment to increasing alternate modes of transportation
- Need more consolidation of services
- Town should plan for addressing driverless vehicles in the future, smart streets

Goals for the Next 10 Years

- Better coordination and consolidation of resources
- Be more forward thinking, choose from all possible solutions, not just the typical ones that had been used in the past
- Should have more private sector investment into the infrastructure used by that sector
- Goal to have every resident be able to get where they need to go in Town
- More stable capital budgets

Housing, Land Use, and Economic Development: 10/26 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Attendees:

- Todd Dumais, Planner
- Mark McGovern, Community Development
- Cathy Doreau, Assistant Planner
- Francisco Gomes, FHI
- Rory Fitzgerald, FHI
- Sally Nolen, Housing Rehab
- G. Newsom, Corporate Counsel
- Kristen Gorski, Economic Development Specialist
- Jeff Gebrian, Chairman of DRAC
- Helen Rubino-Turco, Director of Leisure Services and Social Services
- Brooke Nelson, Parking

Discussion

Town's Strengths

- Development of restaurants over the past 10 years
- Vibrant commercial districts, WH does well in all sectors of retail, including big box stores and smaller mom and pop
- Diverse mix of housing types including single family, rentals, condos, etc.
- Developers and applicants can come to the Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) for informal reviews before submitting applications
- Special Development District (SDD) zoning overlay has been effective
- Multi-family housing is now looked at as an economic development strategy for the Town
- Town has done well with infill and adaptive reuse of commercial buildings
- Walkable Center supports the neighborhoods, makes it more livable and drives the housing market
- Old housing stock but properties are well maintained
- Residential and commercial vacancy rates are lowest the closer you get to the Center
- Restaurants drive tourism in town
- WH has been proactive to address trends and changes to retail environment

Issues and Needs

- Affordability is a challenge, primarily for commercial, lease rates are high
- Lack of land zoned for commercial
- Difficult to accommodate large office development in the Center
- Demand for commercial creep from the Center into residential neighborhoods such as North Main St, Arapahoe Rd, and Farmington Ave

- Limited space available for industrial, area with cheap industrial space is very small, industry goes to Berlin, Newington, New Britain, because rents and taxes are cheaper
- Lack of affordable housing percentage- under 10% mandate

Threats

- Uncertainty with UConn property
- Difficult to balance desires of people who want lower taxes and don't care about development consequences and those that don't want any more development and will deal with increasing taxes provided that traffic and congestion do not increase
- Business community in southeast area of Town is concerned about gentrification and being pushed out of the area
- Stigma associated with rental properties, many people don't want rentals in their neighborhood
- Town is subject to 830g applications as 10% affordable housing criteria is not met
- Northern end of town has very little affordable housing

Ideas and how the Town could provide better support

- Development should be focused on the areas surrounding the Fastrak stations, encourage TOD
- Senior housing options should be supported, need more condominiums
- Town should offer zoning incentives for developers including affordable housing in projects

Goals for the Next 10 Years

- Affordable housing needs to be developed in different areas, throughout Town. Town should consider providing incentives for affordable housing.
- Need continued focus on New Park area- promote TOD and rezone area
- Comprehensive review of parking is needed, another structure may be needed near Farmington Ave and LaSalle Rd
- Overnight parking should be considered for corridors such as Farmington Avenue
- West Hartford needs Class A office space.
- Town should consider selling Town owned parcels that are not needed.

Retail and Commercials Districts 10/30: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Attendees:

- Todd Dumais, Planner
- Mark McGovern, Community Development
- Francisco Gomes, FHI
- Larisa Ortiz, LOA
- Molly Balzano, LOA
- Kristen Gorski, Economic Development Specialist
- Brooke Nelson, Parking
- John Phillips, Public Works

Discussion

Town's Strengths

- Retail districts have been successful, vacancy rates are low and demand is high (however, town does not track vacancy)
- Restaurants have done well in the Center and other retail districts
- About five or six property owners control half of the center, BBS has one owner. This makes coordination with property owners easier.
- Parking strategy in the Center has worked well, but high level of service may be difficult to maintain (500 spaces on-street, 2 surface lots, 2 garages; 2500 spaces total)
- The parking management in the Center is cohesive: the town developed PPP with private parking lot owners to standardize parking program (more user friendly and consistent maintenance plan). This may be a strategy to implement elsewhere
- There are a range of retail leasehold rates in town, so businesses can usually find the right price point if they're willing to look at multiple locations (New Park Ave: \$7-20s; Elmwood: low \$20s; Corbin's Corner: \$30s; Center: \$35-45; Blue Black Square: \$50-65)
- Westfarms Mall is one of the top producers in the county
- There are several events that draw people to the Center to shop (may be able to implement more of these in other retail areas)
- There is a lot of east/west commuter traffic through West Hartford at Bishop's Corner
- 4 manufacturers employ more than 400 people. Legrand, Colt, Triumph, and Abbott Ball are all located along New Park Ave.

Issues and Needs

- The Town's other retail districts expect the same level of service as the Center
- Only the Center has a managed parking scenario with publically managed lots and meters
- Parking requirements are too high (7 per 1,000 sqft)
- In some areas (Center, especially) parking is spilling over into residential areas

- In the Center, there are some ADA/access issues (a lot of choke points where there is insufficient space to pass on the sidewalk where there are existing outdoor dining areas)
- Parking spaces are wider than necessary, leading to fewer spots than possible in the same space
- Business associations aren't very active (restaurants often don't participate, particularly in the Center)
- Rents in Blue Back Square and the Center are highest in town (\$50-\$65/sf, \$35-\$45/sf +NNN)
- Need to revisit zoning in proximity of Fastrak stations
- Town is starting to get push back on more development – some resistance to higher density
- New Park commercial businesses are worried about being squeezed out
- Corbin's Corner has 40,000 sqft vacant office space, but need upgrades
- Bishops corner has 30,000 sf of vacant office space above Big Y, but parking is limited
- Bishop's Corner is at the intersection of 3 state roads. Town has little say in infrastructure improvements here (DOT is beginning to look at problem intersection).
- Street trees in the Center need to be addressed, they are starting to become overgrown
- Parking is a challenge on Park Road, limits its development potential
- BBS leasing process takes a long time (Starwood leasing process)
- Mill rate has never been reduced, in spite of development that has stabilized it (mill rate is 41, compared to 30-35 in the rest of the state)
- Very few active retail associations
- Only a few legacy manufacturers left in Town, lack of industrial space to support industry and mill rates are high
- Signage regulations may need to be revisited, General Counsel is reluctant to revisit
- There is a desire for more office space, but limited spots available to develop it
- The town hasn't focused as much on Senior Housing, but thinks there may be additional need here
- A number of arterial roads are stressed, and the town is reluctant to develop anything that would cause additional traffic

Retail and Commercial Trends and Developments

- Target is slated to open in Bishop's Corner
- Bishop's Corner Association is working to make the area more walkable, improving crossings of Route 44 and North Main Street. The area has potential for infill development provided structured parking is provided.
- The Town has accommodated new retail experiences such as puzzle/escape rooms.
- Residential development has been allowed, by zoning, back into industrial districts
- Town is in discussion with LimeBike for a bikeshare program
- There is an increased demand for gyms, medical office, restaurant, and urgent care
- In the Center, the Town led a zoning change that allowed for change of use without the need for additional parking
- The new TOD on New Park Ave (just north of New Britain Ave) has been popular with residential tenants: 51/54 units are rented

- New Park Road development has 25 town homes and 294 market-rate apartment units (studio and 1 bedroom)
- There is a walk/bike trail from Elmwood to Bishop's Corner. This could be improved/expanded. There is a lot of recreation biking in the area (less commuter biking)
- Former UConn campus may be developed into office space
- There may be an opportunity for a multi-modal center at New Park and Flatbush

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Section 3 of Supplemental Information Thematic Meeting Summaries

Plan West Hartford Thematic Meetings

The Plan West Hartford planning team conducted four “thematic meetings” on subjects relevant to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). These meetings were conducted at Town Hall and were targeted towards small groups (twenty or less) of key stakeholders including Commissioners, Board Members, Town staff, Committee members, residents, property and business owners. Meetings were approximately two hours in duration. Presentations of outreach findings, trends, and existing conditions research were presented. Discussion was conducted during and following the presentations.

Environment, Sustainability and Open Space Meeting

Wednesday, January 30th, 2019

Meeting Format and Summary

The meeting was attended by approximately 8 people including staff, board and commission members, property owners, and residents. The meeting was opened by Town Planner Todd Dumais who provided an overview of the POCD planning process. Rory Fitzgerald of FHI presented outreach findings to date, regarding environmental and sustainability issues. Ken Livingston of FHI presented an overview of existing conditions related to development patterns, open space and sustainability in the Town. This generated a discussion regarding environmental and sustainability needs and issues in West Hartford.

Key Questions and Items of Discussion:

- The community wants to preserve and expand open space. How can the Town do that?
- Should the Town create an open space fund? Could a fee for new development to offset meeting other regulatory requirements be used to fund it?
- Should dedicated open space be required for certain types of development?
- How can we get developers to give up land and conservation easements? Relief in the permit process? Land swaps for Town land?
- Are there grants and bonds that could be made available for the purchase of open space and should the Town have staff dedicated to supporting this?
- How can we facilitate redevelopment and infill development over greenfield sites?
- Why didn't the Town of West Hartford buy the UCONN Campus? -The cost and the cleanup involved was something that neither the Town nor the State could afford to do. The future owner will be required to clean up the site and deal with stormwater runoff of the new development.
- Trails and open space should be provided on the UCONN Campus and they should remain open and accessible to the public.
- At the Sisters of St. Joseph property, open space for public use should be provided and maintained.
- There are many parcels of inaccessible open space. Although they may not be accessible for public use, they provide environmental benefits and climate resilience.

- West Hartford is getting more city-like and urban than it ever was. This presents stormwater and other environmental challenges.
- The West Hartford Land Trust has mechanisms in place to put conservation easements on properties. This type of easement would be beneficial to the Town if it were put on the UCONN Campus property. The benefit of an easement is that it remains even if ownership changes. The Land Trust would like more support from the Town when doing this.
- Denser development patterns may be needed to continue development while also maintaining open space in some areas.
- West Hartford should plan and be ready for electric vehicles.
- Energy conservation is something the Town and residents should continue to work towards.
- As residents age and neighborhoods begin to turn over to younger families, there is an opportunity to invest in energy efficient building products and practices.
- What incentives can the Town provide for developers incorporating Green Infrastructure? Todd mentioned that the Town could fast track the permitting process or add bonuses to development.
- West Hartford should continue the compost program. This could help lower the tipping fees that the Town pays for garbage removal. West Hartford should also look at Denver's Garden in a Box program.
- West Hartford should look at case studies for homes that are energy efficient compared to traditional older homes that do not have energy savings upgrades.
- The Town of West Hartford should review its storm drainage system as needed and where it is deemed necessary to accommodate additional runoff into its public street right of ways. Increased stormwater runoff is anticipated from private properties due to the following:
 - Unmitigated additional impervious surfaces from small, but collectively impactful residential additions, driveway expansions, hardscape additions/expansions
 - Hydrologic/climatic changes
 - Additional residential discharge from sump pumps
- Additional street flooding occurrences will increase in location, frequency, and duration as this additional runoff reaches the Town's right of way.
- The plan should address or discuss the need for Tree (protection, preservation) by way of consideration of some type of Town-wide tree ordinance, (within zoning and/or standalone) and/or the Plan to suggest a need for some type of comprehensive Urban Forest Management study or initiative.
- There is a need to better integrate sustainability into all aspects of the POCD.
- The community wants to support sustainable development, including reducing impacts from stormwater runoff. How can we do that?
- The MS4 Gen Permit creates a financial burden on the Town. How can we shift that cost to developers and land owners? Is there a carrot and/or stick that can be used to incentivize?
 - Can new development or homeowners take on the cost of compliance through design of their site?
 - Should the Town be more prescriptive in its stormwater runoff requirements for new development?

Economic Development Meeting

Thursday, January 31st, 2019

Meeting Format and Summary

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 people including staff, board and commission members, property owners, and residents. The meeting was opened by Town Planner Todd Dumais who provided an overview of the POCD planning process. Francisco Gomes of FHI presented the outreach findings to date regarding economic development issues. Molly Balzano and Larisa Ortiz of LOA presented the retail district analysis findings and recommendations. This generated a discussion regarding economic development needs and issues in the Town.



Key Questions and Items of Discussion:

- There was interest in the idea of increasing educational venues in town and how that could be an economic development strategy.
- What type of data or research supports the findings and recommendations? LOA responded that many of their recommendations are based upon best practices in comparable communities.
- There was interest in signage ideas and questions regarding the effectiveness of signage such as “blade” signs and wayfinding or gateways signs. It was agreed that the existing sign regulations don’t allow much flexibility in sign design and that the Town does not have standards that compel property owners to provide better designs.
- There has been discussion and planning regarding improvements necessary to the retail districts, but the Town needs to do more to incentivize private investment in properties.

- Brownfield sites, particularly those east of New Park Avenue and the rail corridor should be a focus of economic development.
- Opportunities should be explored to connect the Trout Brook Trail to retail areas and better connect the Center to the Reservoir.
- While the cost of living or doing business in town is cited as an issue, the Town is the same or lower cost than other successful places and metro areas.
- The Center successfully draws people from outside of town, such as the UCONN Health Center and Jackson Lab area. There may be an opportunity to expand med-tech in West Hartford given this local population.
- Many of the town's retail areas lack a street grid to distribute traffic, more connectivity through these areas would improve the ability to walk around these areas.
- There is a need for better pedestrian circulation through parking lots of retail areas such as Corbin's Corner and Bishop's Corner.
- There was discussion about the need to better manage parking on Park Road and the difficulty of getting property owners to coordinate parking.
- The Home Design District/New Park Avenue needs to be protected for commercial and industrial tenants. There is concern that TOD in the station areas will creep further into the industrial areas and squeeze out those tenants and uses.
- There is concern that streetscape improvements to New Park Avenue will result in higher lease rates for tenants in that area. It was also discussed that street scape improvement would likely attract more people to the area and would be good for businesses.
- There is a desire for a focus on industrial development in the plan and an exploration of incentives such as the new opportunity zone.
- Focus on growth and development around TOD
- With the aging population, how do we encourage complimentary services in Town? A combination of retail and services in the major economic centers in WH are already healthy. Can should we look to further drive that, focused on the aging populations needs? Can accommodating services support a higher quality of life for the aging population in WH?
- Bishops Corner is dividing by the cross roads – I's got a connectivity issue but it's a high potential area. Is this an opportunity for a public/private financial partnership to address these issues? Would a foot bridge over Albany and/or Main, or a tunnel under them, be worth the while?
- Park Road has great potential – great bones. How can we support enhancing its already charming (in places) appeal?
 - How can we carefully support cohesive enhancement of the area, knowing the rental revenue is relatively low and investment will be limited and intermittent?
 - Parking and walking is a challenge. Can we do a public/private partnership for crosswalks and/or parking?
- Marketing the Town to the region and the country could be enhanced by better connecting the Center to places like the MDC reservoirs and Cornerstone/Veterans.
 - What's the value in some way finding signage from key business districts to those rich, unique assets the Town has? How do we draw attention to them to visitors and on the

web? How do we present/communicate the combination of the assets instead of just the sum of the parts?

- The Industrial businesses in New Park area have concerns about being driven out.
 - How can we drive TOD to support their needs? Can we help drive making the area an industrial incubator? Can we support a pilot project – again with a public/private partnership of some sort?

Housing, Cultural Resources and Facilities Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Format and Summary

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 people including staff, board and commission members, property owners, and residents. The meeting was opened by Town Planner Todd Dumais who provided an overview of the POCD planning process. Ken Livingston of FHI presented the outreach findings to date regarding housing and Town facilities. This generated a discussion regarding needs and issues in the Town.

Key Questions and Items of Discussion:

- A Housing Needs Assessment should be conducted for the community
- A Town wide Facilities inventory and master plan (needs analysis and assessment) is needed
- Focus on growth and development around TOD
- There is a need to provide housing choice across diverse income levels.
- Elmwood is often targeted for affordable housing, but new housing options, including affordable housing, should be created across town.
- Affordable housing can be a NIMBY issue and there is a need to clarify what this means and who the housing is for. By example there is a need for more affordable housing for seniors and recent college graduates but this is not the association with affordable housing.
- The town has a high share of single family residences and a high ownership rate, does there need to be more opportunities for rentals and other types of housing?
- There are many empty nesters with 4 bed houses that are desirable to families with young children or soon to have children. Those empty nesters want to stay in town, but don't have many options for downsizing.
- Much of the town is eligible for Historic recognition, what are the priorities and are historic restrictions a barrier to redevelopment?
- Will development pressures result in more tear-downs of residences and construction of denser housing?
- The town has multiple cultural resources. Are venues such as the Children's Museum vulnerable?
- Most of the Town's municipal buildings and schools are 50 years old or older and need significant maintenance or reinvestment.

- Population has been relatively flat and is several thousand less than its peak in 1978, what is the impact of these demographics?
- Housing trends have changed and large single family houses seem out of favor. More housing is needed that caters to millennials.
- The town's housing stock is getting old and needs reinvestment.
- Neighborhoods should be more engaged in caring for neighborhood parks.
- The community center needs reinvestment.

Transportation and Infrastructure Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Format and Summary

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 people including staff, board and commission members, property owners, and residents. The meeting was opened by Town Planner Todd Dumais who provided an overview of the POCD planning process. Francisco Gomes of FHI presented the outreach findings to date regarding transportation and infrastructure issues. This generated a discussion regarding transportation needs and issues in the Town.



Key Questions and Items of Discussion:

- How does the Town work with the DOT to effect changes on state corridors?
- State roadways are critical corridors for commuters, the Town needs to be able to influence improvements to these corridors. New Britain Avenue was discussed as an example of the Town working closely with the DOT to improve the corridor, reducing traffic congestion, and improving the streetscape and pedestrian conditions.
- The town has many locations that are in need of pedestrian facility improvements such as South Main Street at I-84.
- There is a need for more bike parking in town. Bike West Hartford could provide funding for bike racks.
- Bike repair stations are desired on the Trout Brook Trail.
- Elmwood needs a recreational walking/bike loop
- Should speed limits be reassessed?
- Are there areas in town where shared parking and/or Town managed parking could be implemented, such as Park Road? The difficulty in implementation on Park Road is due to multiple property ownerships and the lack of willingness to cooperate. Goldberg's on New Britain Avenue is a successful example outside of the Center.
- There is a concern about the use of fee-based parking in other retail districts for fear of discouraging customers.
- What is the use of the Town garages and lots? What are the differences between 2009 and 2019?
- The Town Center garage is an underutilized resources and the Town has been working with the owner and businesses in the Center to encourage its use, particularly by employees.
- There is a desire to be more aspirational in developing a bicycle facility network.
- Leisure services is working towards making neighborhood parks accessible within a ten-minute walk of most residences in town.
- The Town of West Hartford should explore the creation of a Town-wide traffic calming policy and program to address excessive speeding, cut-through traffic and vehicular crash mitigation particularly for local roadways. The policy would establish which roadways would be eligible based upon their function in the transportation system. For example, arterial and collector roadways may not be eligible if they are considered a critical emergency response route. The traffic calming program will establish a procedure to evaluate a traffic safety concern and determine the most appropriate traffic calming solution. Traffic calming measures will be reviewed and if acceptable to the Town and neighborhood, they will be installed.
- Continue to commit to and improve on Complete Streets in the Town.
- The Community values it's walkability and all things associated with that.
- Snow removal on sidewalks can be a problem
- The Community values bike lanes but their installation must be balanced against other needs on the Town's primary traffic corridors.

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Section 4 of Supplemental Information Workshop Summary

Workshop Summary

On behalf of the Town of West Hartford, Fitzgerald and Halliday Inc. and Larisa Ortiz Associates conducted a planning workshop to support the West Hartford Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) at West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium on the evening of Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Approximately thirty residents of West Hartford attended the workshop to provide their input and ideas regarding the future the Town.

The following outreach methods were used to promote the workshop and encourage attendance:



- Event listing on the project website (planwesthartford.com)
- Online survey with workshop date and rsvp function (approximately 100 people expressed interest in attending)
- Attendance of an event and distribution of flyers at the Elmwood Community Center
- Placement of flyers at Town Libraries and Community Center
- Coverage in local newspapers
- Facebook and Twitter postings
- Distribution via Town and School email list serves

The workshop began with an introduction from Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, Kevin Ahern who explained the importance of the Town's POCD and the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission in its update. Following the introduction, a presentation was given by West Hartford Town Planner, Todd Dumais and Francisco Gomes, Project Manager of Fitzgerald and Halliday, Inc. (FHI). The presentation included an overview of West Hartford's demographic trends and a brief summary of results from the online survey. An interactive survey was conducted with the audience using virtual polling technology. This technology provided real time survey results and allowed for anonymous responses from attendees.

Following the presentation and interactive survey, breakout sessions were conducted. Six stations were provided, these included:

- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Housing
- Town Facilities, Open Space, and Infrastructure
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Sustainability and the Environment

Participants were asked to choose three stations to visit. A total of three break-out sessions were conducted on fifteen-minute intervals. Each station was led by a facilitator who asked participants to discuss the following:

1. What are the **strengths** relative to the topic?
2. What are the **issues** relative to the topic?
3. What are your **ideas** relative to the topic?

Following the breakout sessions, each facilitator reported results to the audience. Detailed results of the breakout session are provided below.

Economic Development

Strengths

- Town is responsive to businesses
- Diversity of offerings
- Good selection of restaurants
- WH Center looks nice- aesthetics are good
- Strong demand for offices relative to Hartford
- A lot of retail
- Residential multi-family
- Density
- Pedestrian friendly
- Parking is working well relative to other towns and cities
- Safe
- Startup businesses
- Very accessible, good access especially in the Center
- New businesses in New Park and in Elmwood
- Transit Oriented Development (New Park)
- Good interaction between WH staff and businesses
- Bishops Corner- great job with incremental development

Issues

- Not enough parking on Park Road
- Parking in the Center is not well utilized, residents don't want to pay for parking
- Congestion, particularly on Park Road and Bishop's Corner make it difficult to go shopping
- Traffic at Corbin's Corner and Bishop's Corner
- Visibility of businesses, unclear what is at Bishop's Corner
- Retail only provides lower wage jobs
- Noise issues related to bars and restaurants
- TOD activities need more support
- People not in favor of high density

- Loss of jobs related to UConn leaving
- High rents for businesses
- Lack of locally owned businesses
- Infrastructure
- Lack of industrial base
- Taxes

Ideas

- New Park Avenue Redevelopment Authority (TIF Funded)
- Redevelopment Authority to support TOD
- New office space
- More office and co-working space
- More mixed use
- More transit
- Parking on Park Road, surface, garage, underground
- More industry and utilities to New Park
- Beautification
- Recruiting of corporations and start-ups
- Pedestrian Bridge at Bishop's Corner
- Rail
- New Park should have more mixed use, affordable housing
- Bike share and scooters
- Connections between districts

Transportation

Strengths

- Good public transportation and routing
- Good snow removal
- Nighttime neighborhood restrictions on parking
- Grid street network
- Sidewalks
- Transit- rail, CTfastrak, Bus routes
- Town is improving bike infrastructure
- Trout Brook Trail

Issues

- Some areas of Town are inaccessible by transit, often the areas that need transit the most (less affluent areas)

- Not enough parking available on Park Road
- Not enough handicap parking
- Elderly travel assistance is needed
- Congestion (Main Street and Farmington Avenue intersection, Farmington Avenue and Trout Brook Drive intersection, I-84)
- Traffic control in the neighborhoods near the Center
- Overflow parking on residential streets near the Center
- Need better enforcement of parking time limits
- Traffic enforcement
- Crossing of LaSalle Road in the Center
- Pedestrian safety, many conflicts between pedestrians and cars
- High speeds on residential streets
- People often park too close to corners and driveways, etc
- Roadway maintenance- many potholes
- Bike lanes that don't connect
- Bicycling is unsafe
- Corbin's Corner is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists

Ideas

- Traffic calming
- Speed bumps, tactile warning strips
- Loop route transit like the DASH Shuttle in Hartford
- A no car zone or street
- Electric vehicle car chargers
- Town sponsored incentives for electric cars (such as free parking)
- Employer pay to park program
- Bus service would need to be enhanced to reduce parking
- Expand LimeBike
- Share services in West Hartford (Uber, lift, etc)
- More stringent rules for parking during winter storms
- Road diets where applicable
- Intersection treatments to slow traffic through intersections
- One-way streets
- Curb bump outs
- Mixed use development
- ITS for buses
- Improved bike facilities including bike racks, bike share, pavement markings
- Trolley or dedicated bus on Farmington Avenue
- Protected bike lanes on Farmington Avenue

Housing

Strengths

- Variety of price points
- Variety of types
- Variety of housing stock on the market
- Stable housing market
- Walkability of neighborhoods to schools and services- good connectivity
- Reinvestment in single-family and multi-family
- Great neighborhoods, small lot sizes
- New developments are appropriate with Town character
- Well maintained homes
- Safe, secure neighborhoods
- Lots of single-family homes
- Great school system
- Housing costs are reasonable compared to New York or Boston

Issues

- High property taxes
- Not as affordable as surrounding Towns
- Kids who grew up here can't afford to move back into Town
- Concerns of oversaturation of rentals
- Need more homeownership options
- Affordability for seniors
- Not enough variety of options or price points
- Not enough mixed-use development
- Reinvestment is needed in some neighborhoods
- New construction is high end
- Housing values have not uniformly increased

Ideas

- Opportunity to capture commuters into Hartford
- Development around transit
- Affordable dwelling units
- More two and three family housing
- Housing over retail
- Town should facilitate support programs for home maintenance and reinvestment
- TOD at New Park Avenue
- Opportunities for intergenerational housing

- More mixed use and clusters of development. Greater density in the right locations
- Redevelopment of industrial buildings for housing

Town Facilities and Services

Strengths

- Elizabeth Park
- Fernridge Park
- Golf Courses- Rockledge and B.V.
- Three libraries
- Beachland Park
- Soccer Fields
- Neighborhood Parks are good on many levels
- Diversity of choices
- Restroom facilities are good
- Pools are an asset

Issues

- Changing facilities and bath facilities at Fernridge Park
- Need a dog park
- Need for bathroom facilities at school fields
- Faxon and Bishop's Corner libraries are undervalued and underserved
- Accessibility to Elmwood Senior Center
- Trout Brook Trail is not extensive
- Lack of communications about programming and services- lack of social media presence

Ideas

- Bathrooms at school playgrounds
- Wifi at Cornerstone and Skating Rink
- More modern amenities at branch libraries
- Bring back Oktoberfest at Westmoor Park
- Wifi in the Center
- Finish the Trout Brook Trail
- Put cell phone towers at Sunset Triangle, Mountain Road, and Albany Avenue
- Faxon Library and Elmwood Community Center should be combined in a shared space
- Communications campaign
- Sidewalk improvements
- More free yoga
- Streamlined rental of Town facilities
- Makerspaces at the Library

Historic and Cultural Resources

Strengths

- Great assets
- Historic cemeteries

Issues

- Problems with historic homes - maintenance
- Balance between renovating and tearing down and building new
- People do not know about the historic resources in Town

Opportunities

- Add destinations if they contribute to economic development
- Tax credits
- Opportunity to educate people about what is here, history makes West Hartford unique

Sustainability and the Environment

Strengths

- LED lighting on streetlights
- Food waste composting program was great while it lasted
- Solar on many Town buildings, and Solarize West Hartford was a good program
- Catherine Diviny, has been a great addition to Town Staff
- MDC property is an asset for residents and brings in tourists
- Trout Brook Trail
- Access to resources and golf courses
- People in West Hartford are adamant about saving trees
- Most things are within walking and biking distance
- Town has been protective of wetlands, wetlands commission is very proactive
- Zoning and wetland regulations are well written and adhered to
- Environmentally friendly infrastructure such as Charter Oak School, Aiken School
- Density- West Hartford has intelligent land use patterns
- Opportunities in Town for TOD- carbon footprint reductions
- Environmentally sophisticated population
- Programs in schools to promote sustainability
- Public works, specifically DPW does a great job with communications
- Snow removal in Town is great
- Single stream recycling makes it easy

- Tree management is good
- Town protects the environment when reviewing development proposals

Issues

- Disappearance of open space
- Gled Hill Nursery development- trees were clear cut. Developers promised open space in the permitting phase, but they do not follow through on promises
- Too many plastic bags used in an area with so much retail
- People don't care about recycling
- Town isn't paying attention to Climate Change and implications to Town services
- Need to find efficient ways to keep schools cool in hotter months. Window unit air conditioners are not working well
- Stormwater runoff, there are a lot of impervious surfaces x2
- Town needs better communication of resources, need to make people feel like environmental stewards
- Solid waste collection is an issue, currently there are no incentives for property owners to reduce waste
- Need better communication about recycle rules and initiatives
- Town lacks a full-service transfer station
- Traffic congestion and air quality problems associated with idling cars
- Many sources of light pollution
- Use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Traffic noise effects quality of life
- Increased number of large trucks traveling through Town- emissions
- Reliance of cars to get around Town

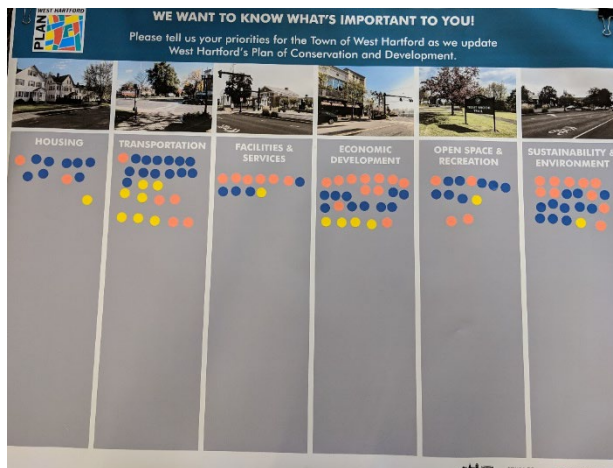
Ideas

- Climate Change should play a role in zoning decisions such as wetlands, orientation of buildings, and design
- Find ways to reduce commutes, jobs near housing, coworking space, promote biking
- Education of sustainable practices
- Targeted open space acquisitions
- Town needs to continue to push communications, reach out to people about sustainable practices, need to push notifications
- Should have more Town surveys and collect data more regularly
- Continue to invest in smart infrastructure
- Town needs to stay vigilant with using and promoting green technologies
- Tax breaks for going green
- Should offer zoning incentives or bonuses for green technologies

- Zoning initiatives to reduce light pollution
- Town to sponsor stewardship of undeveloped Town properties
- Encourage brownfield remediation
- Continue to offer household hazardous waste pick up and do it more frequently
- Expand upon the food waste pilot program

Greeting Exercise Results

Upon signing in, workshop attendees were given six “sticky dots” and encouraged to place them on a board corresponding with their priorities for the POCD. The results are identified in the image below; transportation, economic development, and sustainability and environment were most frequently identified as priorities.



Results from Priorities Board



Attendees at the Priorities Board

Workshop Attendees

Jenna Montesano
Supriyo Chatterjee
Gail Budrejko
Ronni Newton
John Paindiris
John Simone
Megan Dunphy
Mike Reddy
Kevin McMahon
Alan Taylor
Todd Parker
Andrea Gomes
Ryan Keating
Judy Allen
Chuck Coursey
Gordon Binkhorst
Rhona Free
Dave Sagers
Michele Maresca
Christopher Cerasoli
Kimberley Parsons-Whitaker
Gregg Nanni – Prospect Enterprises
Laura Gilmore – Newman Architects
Alanna Heaney
Beth O'Brien
David Meehan
Josh Smilowitt

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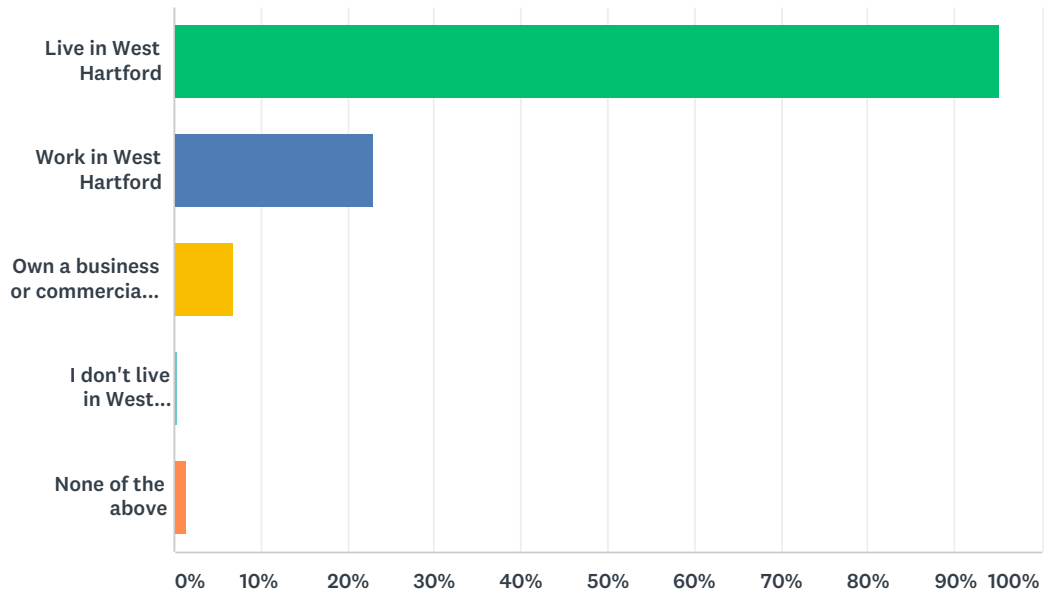


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Section 5 of Supplemental Information Survey Results

Q1 Do you...? (select all that apply)

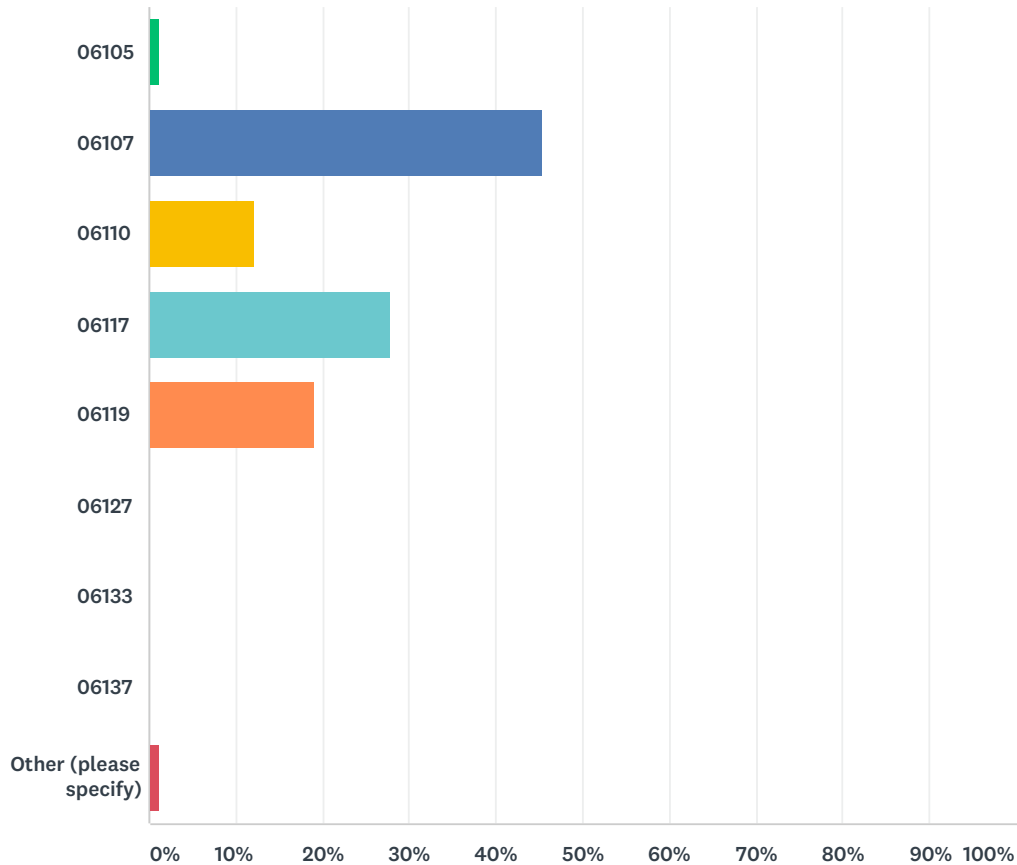
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Live in West Hartford | 95.24% | 1,200 |
| Work in West Hartford | 23.10% | 291 |
| Own a business or commercial property in West Hartford | 6.90% | 87 |
| I don't live in West Hartford, but I attend school in West Hartford or I have children who attend school in West Hartford. | 0.48% | 6 |
| None of the above | 1.43% | 18 |
| Total Respondents: 1,260 | | |

Q2 What is the zip code of your home, property, or place of work? (select all that apply)

Answered: 1,258 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES |
|--------------------------|--|------------|
| 06105 | | 1.27% 16 |
| 06107 | | 45.39% 571 |
| 06110 | | 12.08% 152 |
| 06117 | | 27.90% 351 |
| 06119 | | 19.08% 240 |
| 06127 | | 0.16% 2 |
| 06133 | | 0.00% 0 |
| 06137 | | 0.00% 0 |
| Other (please specify) | | 1.35% 17 |
| Total Respondents: 1,258 | | |

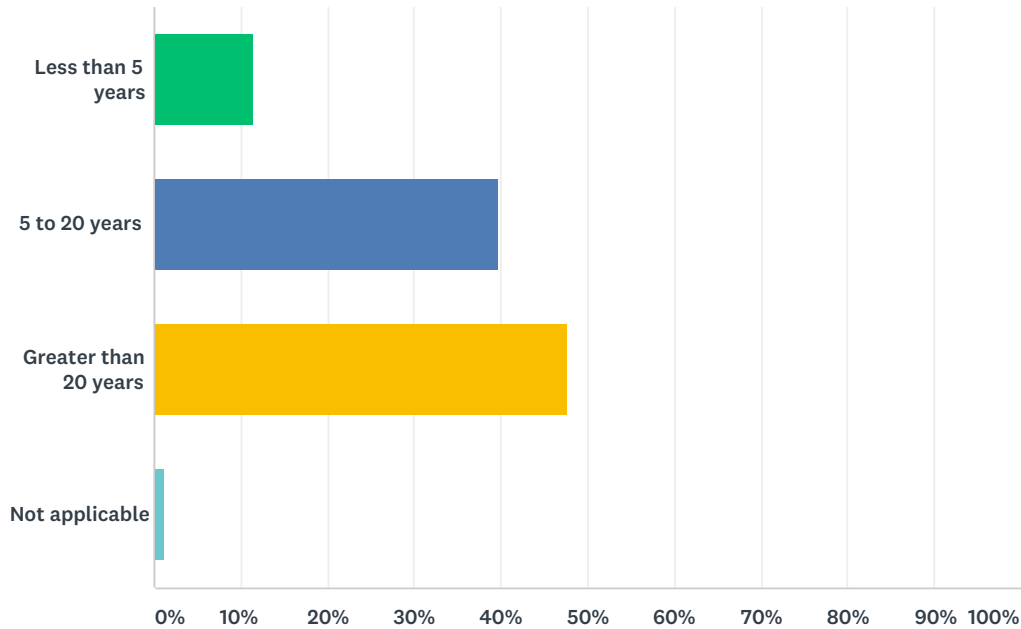
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| 1 | 06106 | 11/26/2018 6:17 PM |

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| 2 | 06070 | 11/4/2018 9:32 PM |
| 3 | 06111 | 11/2/2018 2:56 PM |
| 4 | 06108 | 10/30/2018 2:52 PM |
| 5 | 06037 | 10/29/2018 9:36 PM |
| 6 | 06040 | 10/29/2018 6:34 PM |
| 7 | 06067 | 10/26/2018 10:40 AM |
| 8 | 06106-2950 | 10/25/2018 12:06 PM |
| 9 | 06032 | 10/24/2018 8:01 PM |
| 10 | 06092 | 10/24/2018 6:45 AM |
| 11 | 06106 | 10/22/2018 12:07 PM |
| 12 | 06405 | 10/22/2018 11:05 AM |
| 13 | 06114 | 10/22/2018 10:11 AM |
| 14 | 06103 | 10/22/2018 8:12 AM |
| 15 | 06033 | 10/22/2018 7:49 AM |
| 16 | 06092 | 10/21/2018 9:20 PM |
| 17 | 06067 | 10/20/2018 2:41 PM |

Q3 How long have you lived, worked or owned a business or property in West Hartford? (select the longest date range that applies)

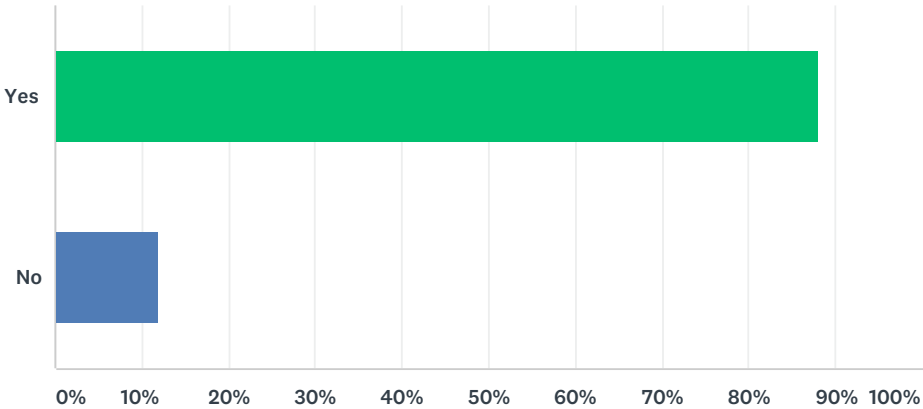
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| Less than 5 years | 11.53% | 145 |
| 5 to 20 years | 39.67% | 499 |
| Greater than 20 years | 47.62% | 599 |
| Not applicable | 1.19% | 15 |
| TOTAL | | 1,258 |

Q4 Are you a homeowner in West Hartford?

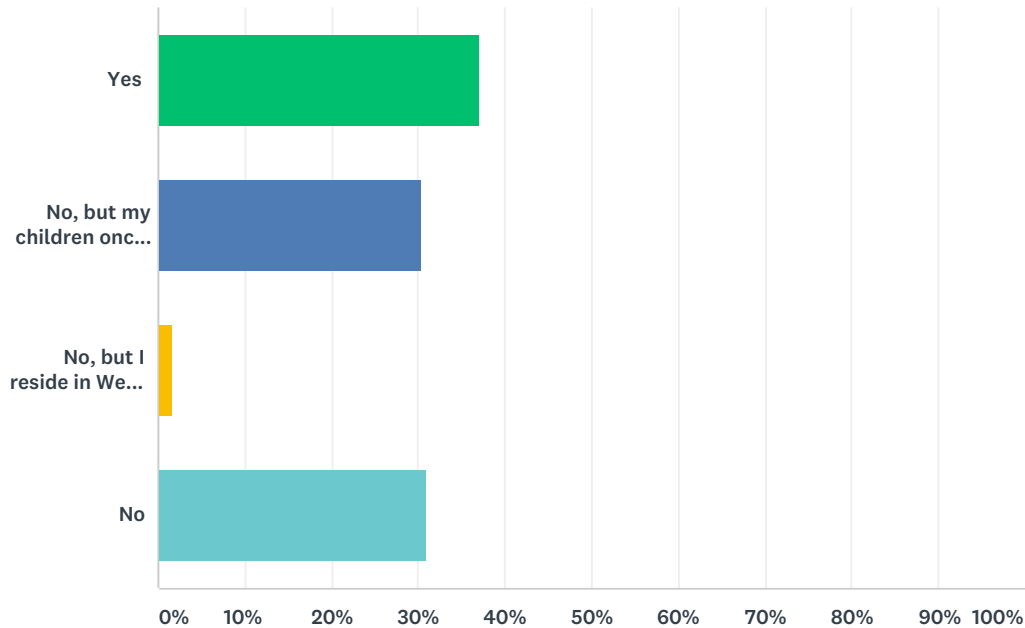
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| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|--|-----------|-------|
| Yes | | 88.05% | 1,105 |
| No | | 11.95% | 150 |
| TOTAL | | | 1,255 |

Q5 Do you have a child in school in West Hartford (public or private)?

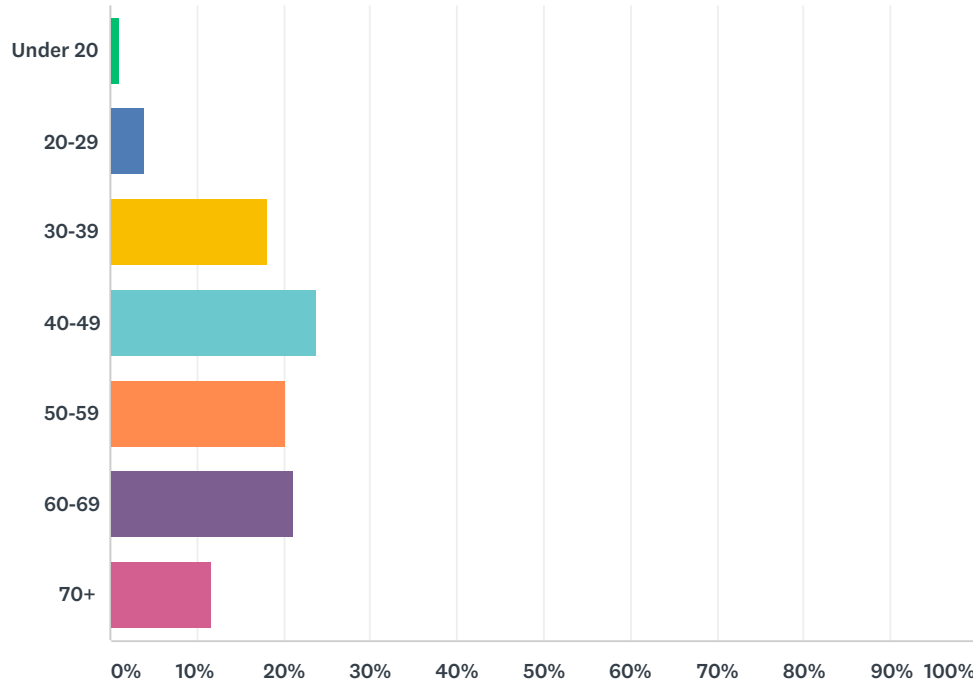
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Yes | 37.03% | 467 |
| No, but my children once attended school in West Hartford | 30.37% | 383 |
| No, but I reside in West Hartford and have school-aged children | 1.67% | 21 |
| No | 30.93% | 390 |
| TOTAL | | 1,261 |

Q6 What is your age?

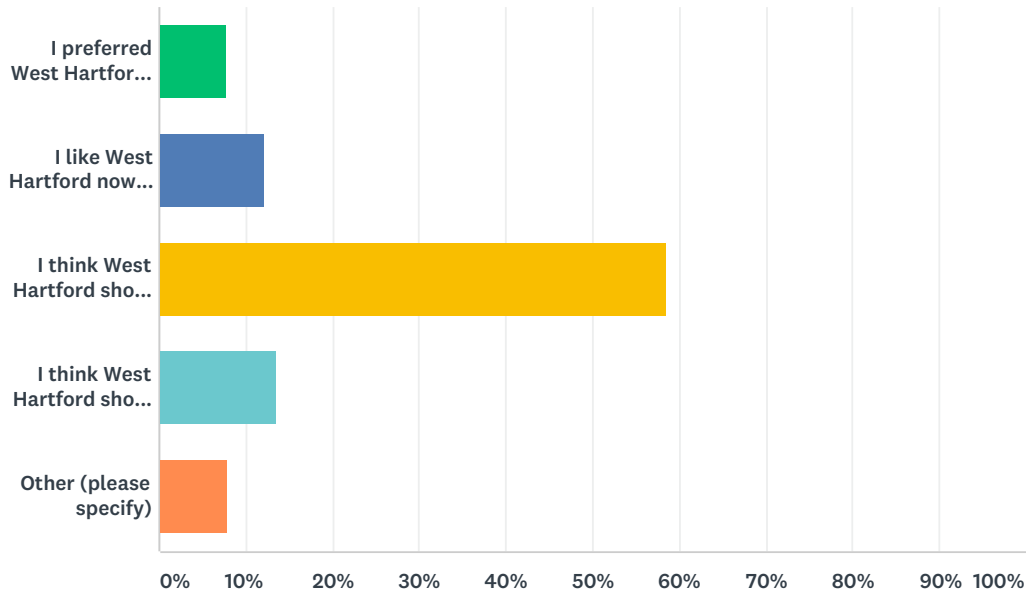
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Under 20 | 1.03% | 13 |
| 20-29 | 4.05% | 51 |
| 30-39 | 18.20% | 229 |
| 40-49 | 23.77% | 299 |
| 50-59 | 20.19% | 254 |
| 60-69 | 21.07% | 265 |
| 70+ | 11.69% | 147 |
| TOTAL | | 1,258 |

Q7 Please select the statement that best represents your thoughts about West Hartford

Answered: 1,181 Skipped: 83



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|---|--|-----------|-------|
| I preferred West Hartford as it was 20 years ago | | 7.79% | 92 |
| I like West Hartford now, keep it like it is | | 12.11% | 143 |
| I think West Hartford should continue to grow and change, but incrementally | | 58.68% | 693 |
| I think West Hartford should be open for significant growth and change | | 13.55% | 160 |
| Other (please specify) | | 7.87% | 93 |
| TOTAL | | | 1,181 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Taxes are a challenge now that I am retired | 11/27/2018 8:25 PM |
| 2 | I think West Hartford's decision long ago to tear down historic homes was a mistake. West Hartford has very few Historic homes. More development will make the any remaining charm depleted. Why do we need more development? There is too much traffic and way too many restaurants that don't last. | 11/27/2018 8:18 PM |
| 3 | I would like to see somewhere between "incrementally" and "significant" | 11/27/2018 7:43 PM |
| 4 | West Hartford needs to be more inclusive. It feels isolated. Parts of West Hartford are completely car-centric. It is terrible for people who need to walk or bike. Also, West Hartford does not care about its historic places. Many have seen the wrecking ball. | 11/26/2018 6:20 PM |
| 5 | I think green space and historical sites should be preserved and development should prioritize sustainability | 11/12/2018 6:52 AM |
| 6 | keeping great schools, sidewalks, decent local stores, and so on. | 11/11/2018 3:33 PM |
| 7 | Bring back services | 11/11/2018 2:39 PM |

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| 8 | I think the center should stay like a small town center with mom and pop businesses and houses. I think 5 story buildings can be built many places in town that are not in the center. If I wanted to live and work near a large downtown area I would have stayed in Hartford. | 11/8/2018 8:18 PM |
| 9 | the critical issue is affordability - of housing, of commercial space, etc. so that we have enough diversity across the community. Too many restaurants, and beauty spots in center - when CVS and Larsen's are the only places to buy regular, routine things - we have a problem | 11/7/2018 4:17 PM |
| 10 | there is too much emphasis on restaurant growth and not bringing other types of businesses into the town | 11/7/2018 12:55 PM |
| 11 | I am not impressed with West Hartford compared to the community I came from in Ohio. | 11/7/2018 10:20 AM |
| 12 | I'm happy with growth, but more restrictions need to be in place for the restaurants to keep garbage and alcohol in check. With the onset of diners, garbages need to be addressed to have them smell less and look more appealing. The town needs to look at clean-up. | 11/6/2018 5:22 PM |
| 13 | More condos that are affordable , parking has to change in center | 11/6/2018 8:14 AM |
| 14 | This is too general to answer. Grow and change in what way - economically? population density? green spaces? | 11/5/2018 10:27 PM |
| 15 | I think West Hartford needs to preserve rare open space and recreational lands and work to make more available instead developing everything it can for tax dollars | 11/5/2018 5:08 PM |
| 16 | West Hartford should grow in a smart way, and not at a taxpayer burden or do being Hartford "light" | 11/5/2018 10:18 AM |
| 17 | It's very expensive to live here and traffic is dangerous. Trying to generate taxes with more development in an older suburb is not effective. | 11/5/2018 8:07 AM |
| 18 | S | 11/4/2018 8:46 PM |
| 19 | The town should look at the existing zoning along Prospect Ave. This neighborhood is an historic one and I am concerned that the existing zoning, R-10, could prove an incentive for people to take down the beautiful large and historic homes along the park to maximize density, as many of the lots along along Prospect exceed 10,000 square feet in size, including ours. It would be tragic to endanger the character of this neighborhood by not up zoning to protect these homes. | 11/2/2018 3:59 PM |
| 20 | I think WH should be open for growth and change particularly in sustainability, reduction of food waste, curbside (or backyard) composting, etc. I'd like to see it being a town that rewards and encourages healthy, environmentally friendly behavior. | 10/31/2018 2:53 PM |
| 21 | Seniors pay taxes and receive little in return. I have lived in six states, and taxes here are the highest I have ever paid. | 10/31/2018 7:38 AM |
| 22 | Keep open spaces and parks as they are. | 10/31/2018 5:20 AM |
| 23 | The commitment to quality education and a superior services should be maintained as we grow and change. | 10/31/2018 1:31 AM |
| 24 | I would like to West Hartford concentrate on open space. Stop developing every inch of land. I would also like to places like Bishop Corner to be more pedestrian friendly. | 10/30/2018 5:49 PM |
| 25 | I like the way West Hartford has been growing, but feel that the Historic neighborhoods need to be protected. | 10/30/2018 5:20 PM |
| 26 | More development must take into account the people who live near the center. Traffic through the streets and noise are concerns that are not addressed. Many kids live here yet cars routinely ignore stop signs. | 10/30/2018 5:12 PM |
| 27 | We need more public spaces, pocket parks, performance areas, mixed use areas and a much better plan for traffic and parking. | 10/30/2018 4:27 PM |
| 28 | I support incremental change and growth as state above but growth should be consistent with principles that preserve West Hartford's unique charm and should protect the safety and quality of life in neighborhoods. | 10/30/2018 2:19 PM |
| 29 | Growth is destroying this town. Build build build, but the roads can't handle the growth. You're also pricing out the middle class and lower. | 10/30/2018 9:35 AM |

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| 30 | Decentralize by having activities in sectors and celebrating events in all sectors(not only west Hartford center). Christmas for example, Townhall neglects elmwood and bishops corner centers ... all focus is directed to west Hartford center. Make Elmwood and Bishops pedestrian safe and hang out areas. | 10/29/2018 7:28 PM |
| 31 | Defibe incremental growth | 10/28/2018 6:57 AM |
| 32 | continue to grow, but carefully. include new options for public transportation, including dedicated bike lanes. | 10/27/2018 7:27 AM |
| 33 | Overcrowded, too much traffic, too many expensive restaurants, too high taxes | 10/26/2018 10:05 AM |
| 34 | While I think growth and development is important, I think the residential development in town has been overdone. I find the traffic congestion particularly onerous. | 10/25/2018 11:23 PM |
| 35 | Change is inevitable and we would like to see West Hartford take a more visionary lead on the environment, transportation, bike lanes, pedestrian ways etc. | 10/25/2018 8:07 PM |
| 36 | I think West Hartford should stay at it's current status, but with significant changes to the school system and the downtown area. | 10/25/2018 5:02 PM |
| 37 | I like it the way it is, but growth and change are generally positive, so I love seeing it! | 10/25/2018 9:31 AM |
| 38 | I think west hartford should continue to grow thoughtfully and sustainably - supporting and growing businesses that don't steal from the future. | 10/24/2018 10:52 PM |
| 39 | A tough question! I dislike the hassle of paying for parking in the center and love seeing kids piling out of middle school with instruments in their hands. Cornerstone is a crowned jewel (although I think their new management may cut too many corners. | 10/24/2018 9:34 PM |
| 40 | In addition to living here as adults, raising our family and owning our own home for the past 14 years, I grew up in town. I remember when the center was a sleepy town and the amenities were there mostly for the people of West Hartford, small luncheonettes/ sandwich shoppes, children's clothing and shoe shops (reasonably priced, not boutique and pricey). Although the growth has been nice, I have to say, I would prefer it stops here an is good as is. I would rather the feel of a the "town" of West Hartford vs. a small mini city of West Hartford (which it feels like the direction it's going if the levels of development continue). | 10/24/2018 8:10 PM |
| 41 | More affordable housing. Tegionixr tuecschool system. | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 42 | Attracting growth companies like Ideanomics is critical to the town's future, and to its affordability for us seniors. | 10/24/2018 1:38 PM |
| 43 | no more multiple housing developments or coffee shops needed in this town. It would nice to have more open spaces for town wide events similar to the area that Simsbury has on Iron Horse Boulevard (for concerts/fairs/sporting events). | 10/24/2018 10:30 AM |
| 44 | We are, and should strive to remain, a Class A suburban living area, with supporting office, retail, service and entertainment facilities of quality. | 10/24/2018 7:47 AM |
| 45 | Liked the mix of retail and restaurants of years past - now Town is just full of restaurants which brings nightlife and trouble! | 10/24/2018 12:05 AM |

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| 46 | I like the activity in the town center and feel safe walking to the P.O., library, coffee shop etc. after dark. The street life brings safety. However, the residential neighborhoods have intolerable levels of noise pollution and air pollution. You cannot walk down any street without inhaling strong laundry perfumes pumped out of dryer vents, so strong that one house can pollute three or four properties. Every day of the week one or two properties on a street host an armada of yard workers. They pull up in trailers and then deploy giant riding mowers, then power edgers, and finally ear-splitting backpack leaf blowers that disturb the peace for two blocks in any direction. Noe most houses are installing heat pump air handling systems which add another layer of throbbing mechanical noise to the neighborhood, tormenting anyone who still opens windows in the summer. Finally, there is the latest commercial fad, the backyard wood burning firepit, just to make sure that everyone living nearby will have lungs filled with the toxic micro-particles in wood smoke. How can children "go out and play" in a world unsafe for lungs and eardrums. Twenty years ago and longer, men and boys mowed their own lawns and they didn't chase every clover leaf and dandelion with lethal Roundup. The yellow Pesticide flag had not yet become the state flower. Regarding Fernridge Park: please install signs using simple graphics so that non-English speaking visitors will understand the Park Regulations and stop driving their SUVs onto the lawn next to their picnic table, and refrain from serving hard liquor and loud music. Also there is rampant disregard of the leash law by dog owners who come to the park and let their dogs run freely. Also, please clearly indicate that the park is not a driving range - for the man who was there recently driving golf balls across the paved path towards to softball field. | 10/23/2018 11:24 PM |
| 47 | I worry about west Hartford center and the preponderance of banks , brokerages and restaurants. All the small stores seem to be disappearing...no shoe stores, independent book sellers, stationary stores, fabric shops, etc. would like to see more diversity among the offerings. | 10/23/2018 11:14 PM |
| 48 | Haven't been here long enough to comment | 10/23/2018 9:45 PM |
| 49 | I like West Hartford as it is now except for the level of crime and traffic. | 10/23/2018 8:37 PM |
| 50 | Too much growth without consideration to existing WH residents. We moved away (1/2 block from Brace to 1.5 miles away) from the center because of the excessive pedestrian and car traffic and the lack of consistent enforcement of parking regulations and late night noise control in the surrounding neighborhoods. | 10/23/2018 6:57 PM |
| 51 | I'd like to encourage diversity via low income housing. Also I'd love a bike path from north of Fern to the center. | 10/23/2018 5:25 PM |
| 52 | I think West Hartford should continue to grow focusing on increasing tax bases in the town to relieve the tax burden of the residents and increase support in the schools. | 10/23/2018 11:36 AM |
| 53 | Some growth and change is inevitable and often to the better, but preservation of open land, even small areas, should be a much higher priority than it has appeared to be. Intrusion of commercial and even the large condo blocks, into residential neighborhoods is a real concern. Really, really sorry the UConn campus was not kept as open space. More tax revenue is not the be all and end all of every opportunity for change. | 10/23/2018 10:30 AM |
| 54 | I think West Hartford is lively but it is getting both too urban (more vandalism, litter) and too mall-like (chain stores). | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 55 | I've been here 17 years and don't feel this question is valid. All towns need some growth and must be adaptable to various forces impacting our community. Many people liked the smaller town feeling of 20 years ago, but this isn't specific. | 10/23/2018 9:09 AM |
| 56 | I think West Hartford should be open for significant growth and change BUT in a way that aligns with regional interests better. | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 57 | I think there were aspects of West Hartford that were incredible 10 years ago and now the Center has become a "better" Hartford and it's no longer a place that has that mom and pop feel of 10-15 years ago. If they are going to have it be a mini city then do what Greenwich does and give West Hartford residents free parking. | 10/23/2018 9:05 AM |
| 58 | Needs to maintain all open space and develop areas that are blighted/in disrepair. | 10/23/2018 9:03 AM |
| 59 | I think West Hartford needs to develop a redevelopment plan for New Park Ave. between the two BRT stations. This area needs to be more intensively developed with a good mix of uses to take advantage of the BRT and the coming commuter rail stop. | 10/23/2018 8:52 AM |

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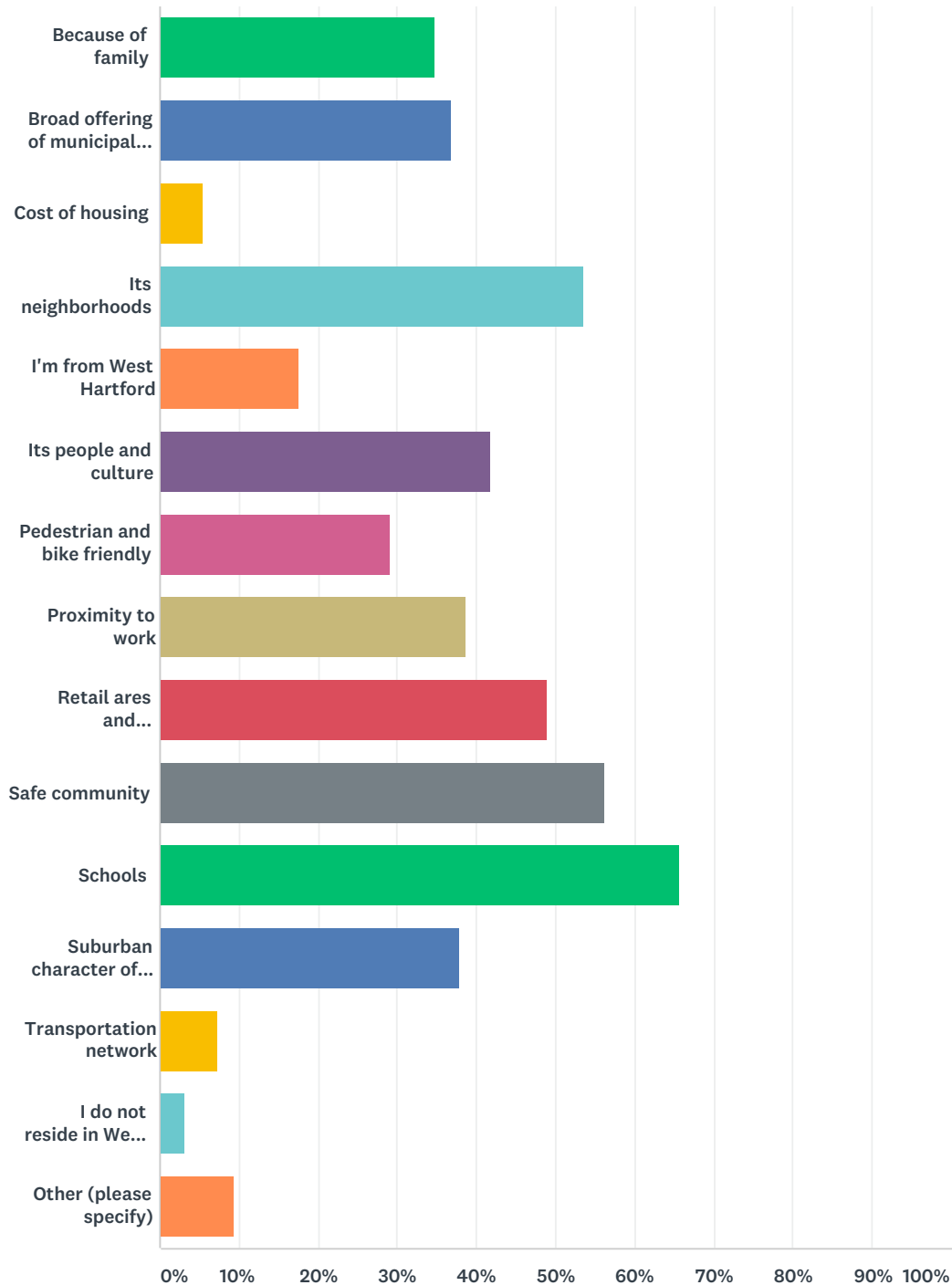
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| 60 | I think the expansion of the center, blue back creation has been great, but it's now just beyond the bounds. The restaurants turning into clubs during weekend evenings has brought down quality of life for those of us who make the town our home. We need time to catch up to the pace of expansion, and should focus again on the town residents and maintaining our roads and schools, above all else. | 10/23/2018 8:19 AM |
| 61 | we need to lower taxes becoming too high to manage living here encourage tax paying industries to help | 10/23/2018 7:58 AM |
| 62 | Preferred West Hartford as it was 10 years ago. | 10/23/2018 7:43 AM |
| 63 | We've had lots of development in the past 10 years. I'm not against change, but it must be done in close keeping with the feel of our town. | 10/22/2018 8:52 PM |
| 64 | The town needs better lighting on Trout Brook Drive between Albany Avenue and Asylum Avenue , especially as you walk along the hardtop adjacent to the old UCONN Branch. Walking there on Friday nights is dangerous as the lighting is very poor. | 10/22/2018 6:20 PM |
| 65 | My opinion is based on being a professional environmental scientist. I believe that people and towns need to grow and change I however do not want to see areas that were once residential and or open space be infiltrated by business unless a very specific type. What was deemed industrial should continue to be and any new business that is of that type should be located where there is that designation. I do not think changes to existing zoning should be made in most instances with mire emphasis on industrial practices that can harm groundwater or soils or waterways. Careful consideration needs to be made in order to protect these public trusts. If a residential building would like to be built in an industrial area that too should be carefully considered because a lack of industrial zoned area can also harm the town. Do not take away areas that should be business. The home Improvement District is a prime example or the former UConn campus. | 10/22/2018 4:13 PM |
| 66 | I think that West Hartford should have more facilities that don't involve food. | 10/22/2018 1:23 PM |
| 67 | Racism is still rampant. Overtly and covertly. Refusal to regionalize schools and services. | 10/21/2018 10:21 PM |
| 68 | I hope for smarter development that is pedestrian and bike friendly such as the proposal for the old UCONN campus. | 10/21/2018 9:47 PM |
| 69 | Overall West Hartford's commercial development needs to be redeveloped (excluding BBS) with an eye on attracting entrepreneurial endeavors. The residential aspect of the town should be overhauled to allow greater diversity and utilization of residential space...to many rules and regulations have resulted in cookie cutter neighborhoods, and a homogenized personality for the town. | 10/21/2018 9:34 PM |
| 70 | I like West Hartford now. I'm open to change, but it has to be change that is smart and environmentally sustainable for the long term. I absolutely want to see active transportation prioritized. Please institutionalize green/sustainable transportation principles so that pedestrian, cycling and transit are prioritized over vehicular travel. | 10/21/2018 9:48 AM |
| 71 | Better balance of retail:food in the Center | 10/21/2018 7:44 AM |
| 72 | West Hartford should change to meet the needs of its residents, but that may not mean increasing the population. | 10/20/2018 2:29 PM |
| 73 | I think we should respect out town's rich historical past, particularly with regards to architecture, but we should be open to ways to improve our tax base — specifically with regards to commercial growth beyond the restaurant and service industry. | 10/20/2018 10:19 AM |
| 74 | I like it , but feel it is becoming congested in the center and square. Too many cars double parked because people are delivering or picking up take out. Also too many people jay walking on Lasalle near Starbucks. A safety issue. | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 75 | I'd say I liked it how it was ten years ago, before developers were trying to squeeze apartments into every available tiny lot. | 10/19/2018 9:12 PM |
| 76 | As the region grows and changes, so should the town. | 10/19/2018 8:41 PM |
| 77 | West Hartford needs to develop is pedestrian and biking infrastructure. There is a major opportunity to attract young people who want that. Biking and walking in west hartford now is waking your life in your hands. Ihave been biking a long time in the town and there has only been a small change in over 20 years. | 10/19/2018 11:43 AM |
| 78 | I think West Hartford should continue to grow and change, but with clear planning thoughtfulness | 10/19/2018 10:06 AM |

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| 79 | I heard an interesting comment from a colleague: "I moved out of Hartford a long time ago. And now I see West Hartford becoming Hartford." (She was referring to the proliferation of multi-family housing and congestion). I tend to agree. And IMO, these extra residents probably cost the community more in services than they contribute. Also, renters are generally not as involved in the community as owners. | 10/18/2018 9:26 AM |
| 80 | I think West Hartford should continue to grow, but the town needs to remember that not everyone in this town is wealthy and the tax burden to the residents is unbearable. While I love change, it is getting difficult for seniors and the middle class to keep living here. | 10/16/2018 9:47 AM |
| 81 | WH will/must change in keeping with greater overall external matters such as the general economy and population shifts occur. Economic growth must be positive but measured to assure the quality of life is not harmed. Population growth should be close to flat due to limited space, overly congested roads and parking. Find a better balance on high taxes vs reduced services | 10/16/2018 7:40 AM |
| 82 | Not growth per se, we need to do better with what we have. Bishop's Corner could have so much potential, but the traffic, pedestrian unfriendliness, ugly, disjointed, old-fashioned buildings that are half empty, having 3 gas stations in such prominent locations, are big problems. It's ripe for a massive redevelopment. There are too many new apartment buildings, while other things are neglected. The school buildings are in poor shape. | 10/16/2018 7:26 AM |
| 83 | I preferred West Hartford, particularly the Center when it offered more retail instead of restaurants. The multitude of restaurants and bars is limiting the attractiveness of the Center (fewer other options or reason to visit) and creating a somewhat disturbing environment for nearby residents. | 10/16/2018 6:01 AM |
| 84 | A combination of 1 and 2. I like the changes that have occurred in town over the last twenty years, but I do not like the increase in traffic most particularly the sirens. Then changes have made us competitive with other towns but the cost has been high, we have lost the town community and have become a city. | 10/15/2018 8:12 PM |
| 85 | Growth is good but does not need to be in what seems like mainly restaurants. I enjoyed wandering around to the various shops but now they are few and far between. Also parking is expensive and I for me deters me from going | 10/15/2018 8:10 PM |
| 86 | I want to preserve our sense of community and maintain open spaces as an issue of quality of life. | 10/15/2018 7:49 PM |
| 87 | I think West Hartford should be open to growth and change that makes sense--but at the same time, it needs to be sensitive to long term older residents who may be on fixed incomes | 10/15/2018 6:49 PM |
| 88 | Jewish community ¹ | 10/15/2018 6:26 PM |
| 89 | Protect the residential zones and the green spaces. Change is fine in already developed areas. | 10/15/2018 5:50 PM |
| 90 | Incremental growth is fine with an eye toward retaining character of town and not overpowering resources | 10/15/2018 5:07 PM |
| 91 | Have not lived in town long enough to fairly answer this question. | 10/15/2018 4:50 PM |
| 92 | I think WH should continue to grow and change but very cautiously with preservation of the key elements that make this town so great | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 93 | I preferred WH as it was 5-10 years ago. There is too much development and construction. I often drive around and wonder why it's apparently so terrible to have an ounce of green/undeveloped space. | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |

Q8 What are the primary reasons you choose to reside in West Hartford? (select all that apply)

Answered: 1,188 Skipped: 76



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Because of family | 34.68% | 412 |
| Broad offering of municipal services | 36.78% | 437 |

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| Cost of housing | 5.39% | 64 |
| Its neighborhoods | 53.54% | 636 |
| I'm from West Hartford | 17.59% | 209 |
| Its people and culture | 41.75% | 496 |
| Pedestrian and bike friendly | 29.12% | 346 |
| Proximity to work | 38.64% | 459 |
| Retail areas and conveniences | 48.91% | 581 |
| Safe community | 56.23% | 668 |
| Schools | 65.74% | 781 |
| Suburban character of the community | 37.79% | 449 |
| Transportation network | 7.41% | 88 |
| I do not reside in West Hartford | 3.20% | 38 |
| Other (please specify) | 9.34% | 111 |
| Total Respondents: 1,188 | | |

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| 1 | Race & class & language diversity (in our neighborhood, anyway) | 11/28/2018 1:38 PM |
| 2 | It was a happy accident, but I stay for the convenient access to the center and activities. | 11/27/2018 9:20 PM |
| 3 | Diversity | 11/27/2018 8:25 PM |
| 4 | I've worked in West Hartford since 1998. I have owned a house since 2001. I'm finding the people are snobs and children in school are behaving as bullies. People are not nice. | 11/27/2018 8:18 PM |
| 5 | vibrant jewish community | 11/27/2018 8:08 PM |
| 6 | I feel West Hartford is a great combination of urban and suburban. | 11/27/2018 7:43 PM |
| 7 | I love the parts of west hartford that are not overly developed in a hyper-commercial way. I live right near these new luxury condos near crescent st and I hate the thought of my neighborhood changing in a way that strips the culture from the place. I don't want more expensive box-shops, I want to preserve older 3 story homes and preserve local businesses. One of the biggest reasons I decided to live here is for the park road district. Park road won't survive if development along the lines of luxury expensive condos and saks off fifth are the chosen 'developments'. I must ask - who are you developing for? The composition of our neighborhood should allow for change, but NOT homogenization. I want to make that point loud and clear. I really appreciate you having this survey and being so diligent about the POCD. The diversity of my neighborhood is what makes me like my borough of WH and I hope that will be taken into consideration with each step of deciding how and when to develop...carefully, and inclusively. | 11/13/2018 5:29 PM |
| 8 | Excellent police, fire and rescue services | 11/10/2018 2:19 PM |
| 9 | Because the center has a small town feel! | 11/8/2018 8:18 PM |
| 10 | Easy access to places where I volunteer. | 11/8/2018 2:25 PM |
| 11 | It seemed the liveliest of the neighboring towns (Avon, Simsbury, Farmington) | 11/7/2018 9:13 PM |
| 12 | neighborhood and schools were key to staying in town 30 years ago and now the character and relative safety keep us here | 11/7/2018 4:17 PM |
| 13 | THE RESERVOIRS!!! | 11/7/2018 3:43 PM |
| 14 | I met someone who already lived in West Hartford and wanted to live close to him. | 11/7/2018 10:20 AM |
| 15 | Because my wife grew up here and won't move. I would GTFO in a heartbeat... | 11/6/2018 7:18 PM |

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| 16 | Trapped here | 11/6/2018 5:45 PM |
| 17 | Inclusivity | 11/2/2018 3:59 PM |
| 18 | Jewish community | 10/31/2018 12:22 PM |
| 19 | We moved here from San Francisco to be closer to my wife's family (they live in New Britain). We love the downtown area (West Hartford Center) and the great reputation of the schools). Coming from San Francisco, West Hartford offered affordable housing. | 10/31/2018 11:51 AM |
| 20 | Dial-a-ride | 10/31/2018 7:38 AM |
| 21 | Still working to make West Hartford pedestrian and bike friendly | 10/31/2018 6:39 AM |
| 22 | Diversity of experiences and activities | 10/31/2018 12:11 AM |
| 23 | Would like to sell my condo and move to Town | 10/30/2018 2:53 PM |
| 24 | I went to high school in West Hartford many years ago and always had a great affinity for the town | 10/30/2018 2:41 PM |
| 25 | 5 generations have lived at #11 and/or 22 Pleasant Street | 10/30/2018 12:18 PM |
| 26 | Bike friendly?!?! It's a terrible place for biking. Cost of housing?! It's a terrible place for cheap, affordable housing. | 10/30/2018 9:35 AM |
| 27 | Walking lifestyle afforded by living near the Center/Blue Black. Access to amenities/services in a community that feels more like a small town than a city. | 10/29/2018 2:30 PM |
| 28 | Urban feel of downtown | 10/29/2018 9:48 AM |
| 29 | Safe family residential neighborhoods. Vibrant walkable village center with open, wide sunny sidewalks and access to restaurants, shops, services and public amenities. | 10/29/2018 9:36 AM |
| 30 | Close to my (then) job in New Britain where I did not want to live. | 10/28/2018 10:53 AM |
| 31 | I own my home | 10/28/2018 6:57 AM |
| 32 | My husband grew up here | 10/27/2018 8:23 AM |
| 33 | A walkable community is extremely important to me. Improving safety and comfort for walkers and cyclists is key to attracting new residents who don't want a car centric environment. | 10/26/2018 5:10 PM |
| 34 | I can walk to restaurants, library, gym, pharmacy, etc. | 10/26/2018 11:52 AM |
| 35 | But they aren't as good as they used to be | 10/26/2018 10:05 AM |
| 36 | Parks and open spaces, which have unfortunately decreased since I lived here. | 10/26/2018 9:50 AM |
| 37 | I was looking for a better quality of life when I moved from Hartford 25 years ago (quiet, clean, safe). | 10/25/2018 11:23 PM |
| 38 | Convenient to major highways | 10/25/2018 8:15 PM |
| 39 | Close proximity to quality healthcare. | 10/25/2018 5:02 PM |
| 40 | I think my home is a safe investment because of WH zoning policies | 10/25/2018 7:55 AM |
| 41 | Restaurants and services | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 42 | Found a place to live | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 43 | Its parks and recreational facilities. | 10/24/2018 1:52 PM |
| 44 | Cost of staying here has become excessive compared to the 70s. Wife n I are retired have medical problems n daughter is disabled but cannot afford to stay in our home when we are gone. | 10/24/2018 10:39 AM |
| 45 | Convenient location to 84, 91, Hartford. The Center, Blue Back. Town has been embracing progressive environment policies. | 10/24/2018 8:17 AM |
| 46 | A lot to do socially; restaurants, theatre, strolling, shopping, parades. I love the energy and that one can find things to do without much notice or planning. There could be more activities for teens though. | 10/24/2018 7:47 AM |
| 47 | Outdoor opportunities- resevior, Westmoor, Buena Vista, etc | 10/24/2018 7:27 AM |
| 48 | Great mix of everything-residential, retail, food, ethnic diversity. | 10/24/2018 5:51 AM |
| 49 | Large population of people in my religion in this town | 10/24/2018 5:02 AM |

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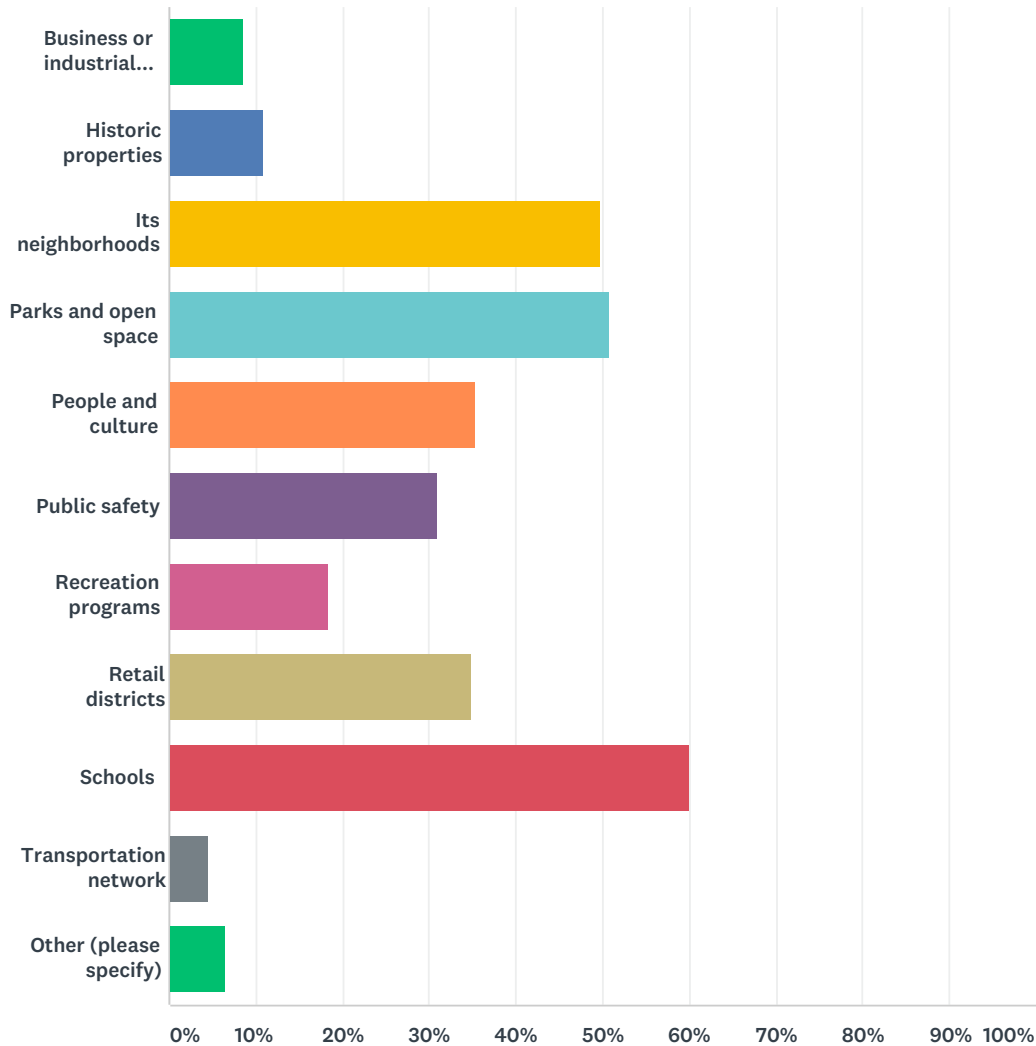
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| 50 | Married a woman who lives here | 10/23/2018 8:10 PM |
| 51 | C | 10/23/2018 7:57 PM |
| 52 | Strong financial and community support of the arts!! Keeping the arts and libraries in schools and in the community continue to enrich our town's positive spirit. The generosity of actions, ideas and acceptance all bring happiness and joy to my life - and almost all around me in and around town. | 10/23/2018 5:26 PM |
| 53 | Our taxes a higher than the surrounding towns, which also had great school. But the proximity to work and the park and center really sold us on the town. | 10/23/2018 5:25 PM |
| 54 | I appreciated the diverse community in which to raise my children as well as the availability of many services near by. | 10/23/2018 4:28 PM |
| 55 | Diversity | 10/23/2018 3:21 PM |
| 56 | Stuck here now. Not happy with the congestion increase over the last 20 years. | 10/23/2018 1:54 PM |
| 57 | Pedestrian friendly, not bike friendly, too much traffic even with bike lanes. | 10/23/2018 1:37 PM |
| 58 | Proximity to interstate was a big factor. | 10/23/2018 11:36 AM |
| 59 | Close to Hartford for easy commute by car; schools had good reputation; good libraries and parks; walk-able; family-oriented; middle-class and traditional | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 60 | Its use of public spaces like parks and libraries, which are invaluable resources for families and all residents. | 10/23/2018 10:09 AM |
| 61 | Moved here initially for the schools, but still love it even though the kids are grown. | 10/23/2018 9:51 AM |
| 62 | Physical beauty of the area | 10/23/2018 9:22 AM |
| 63 | I wish it were actually bike friendly. painting bikes on the road does not make it bike friendly. My daughter cannot safely ride to the center on any of the marked bike lanes | 10/23/2018 9:21 AM |
| 64 | Religious - Synagogues | 10/23/2018 5:13 AM |
| 65 | This was the reason in 1998 when I moved, It's not as safe now. | 10/22/2018 10:21 PM |
| 66 | jewish community and synagogues and proximity to jewish schools | 10/22/2018 9:23 PM |
| 67 | Combination of walkability, proximity to family, growing urban culture | 10/22/2018 9:12 PM |
| 68 | Job | 10/22/2018 7:18 PM |
| 69 | full time fire department and police department | 10/22/2018 4:14 PM |
| 70 | bought a family house in wh | 10/22/2018 2:36 PM |
| 71 | Strong Jewish community | 10/22/2018 12:08 PM |
| 72 | Religious community | 10/22/2018 12:01 PM |
| 73 | Proximity to Hartford. Original reasons to locate here were schools, access to public transit, family in town. Twenty-six years later, schools and family no longer important. | 10/22/2018 11:19 AM |
| 74 | The urban character of the community, city-like feel | 10/22/2018 8:22 AM |
| 75 | Type of condo we wanted avail in WH. Otherwise would have remained in Hartford. | 10/21/2018 10:21 PM |
| 76 | Jewish community | 10/21/2018 9:35 PM |
| 77 | You missed a big one: Proximity to outdoor recreation, such as the reservoir trails. We specifically chose to buy in our current neighborhood because it's walkable to the center and close the reservoir. | 10/21/2018 9:48 AM |
| 78 | i run a business but hope to move here in the next year. I love: Location (proximity to highway, proximity to NYC & Boston) and the sense of community | 10/20/2018 3:50 PM |
| 79 | Liberal community | 10/20/2018 9:29 AM |
| 80 | It has a beautiful center. | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 81 | Thanks | 10/19/2018 6:33 PM |
| 82 | West hartford is not bike friendly. Bikers and walkers risk their lives every day in West Hartford. | 10/19/2018 11:43 AM |
| 83 | Jewish community | 10/18/2018 3:30 PM |

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| 84 | X | 10/18/2018 12:31 PM |
| 85 | Small Urban nature, and because we raised our family in WH. | 10/17/2018 8:01 AM |
| 86 | I like the Catholic Schools in town. | 10/16/2018 5:29 PM |
| 87 | Lived in W.H. too long to want to move away now when old. I can walk to shopping, eating, biking, hiking, | 10/16/2018 3:35 PM |
| 88 | Able to walk to Religious institutions | 10/16/2018 1:31 PM |
| 89 | I chose to live in West Hartford because it had a lot of offerings in terms of shops and restaurants. I moved here from NYC, so needed to be around at least a little bit of cultural and socio-economical diversity. | 10/16/2018 9:47 AM |
| 90 | my husband grew up here and wanted to raise our family here | 10/16/2018 8:46 AM |
| 91 | I wish I could like it for being pedestrian and bike friendly, but there is more work to be done there. I wish I felt safer than I do. I used to often leave my house and car unlocked, but now I worry about that more. Packages are being stolen from doorsteps. I know it's a matter of free speech, but the busway has brought organized gangs of beggars to take advantage of our good hearted citizenry, and it really brings an unfortunate element to town. While the quality of our schools is high, the condition of some of them is beyond embarrassing. | 10/16/2018 7:26 AM |
| 92 | Walkability. The Center is unique feature in that (when more retail than restaurants) almost everything can be accomplished within walking distance. Few other locations in the country have this attraction. Don't mess it up. | 10/16/2018 6:01 AM |
| 93 | Awesome zoning! For real! I like the way commercial areas are clustered, parking lots/traffic patterns make sense, and you can find studio apartments or large estates in WH. All signs of thoughtful zoning. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 94 | It is the closest that I can get for a urban living. WH bike friendliness is a joke compared to cities in Europe. It still 1,000 miles behind West Coast cities and yet it is the nearest I can get in terms of a progressive city. | 10/15/2018 8:30 PM |
| 95 | Jewish community | 10/15/2018 8:14 PM |
| 96 | I work in West Hartford. | 10/15/2018 8:12 PM |
| 97 | Urban character of the community | 10/15/2018 8:08 PM |
| 98 | jewish community | 10/15/2018 7:49 PM |
| 99 | multiethnic culture | 10/15/2018 6:59 PM |
| 100 | Quality of life in general | 10/15/2018 6:46 PM |
| 101 | The house we live in now has ample space to include the whole family, including out of state guests at Thanksgiving and other occasions. | 10/15/2018 5:50 PM |
| 102 | diverse and multicultural community, a school system that embraces this diversity and approach of government and leadership to embrace change/disruption and plan for the future | 10/15/2018 5:25 PM |
| 103 | Jewish communal infrastructure such as synagogues and a <a data-src="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikveh">mikveh, <a data-src="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eruv">eruv | 10/15/2018 4:18 PM |
| 104 | Organized sports for kids and teens as well as strong music programs in schools | 10/15/2018 4:02 PM |
| 105 | I moved here to be closer to work in Hartford, but now retired | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 106 | proximety to highways - easy travel | 10/15/2018 3:49 PM |
| 107 | Beautiful town with an active center and a lot of cultural offerings. | 10/15/2018 3:45 PM |
| 108 | Libraries | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |
| 109 | If it wasn't for having young kids in the school system, I would be out of this town in a flash. Cost of living has risen too much. | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |
| 110 | Great diversity, both racially and economically. That is important to us. | 10/15/2018 3:29 PM |
| 111 | jewish community | 10/15/2018 3:28 PM |

Q9 What about West Hartford do you value the most? (select up to three items below)

Answered: 1,185 Skipped: 79



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Business or industrial districts | 8.61% | 102 |
| Historic properties | 10.97% | 130 |
| Its neighborhoods | 49.87% | 591 |
| Parks and open space | 50.80% | 602 |
| People and culture | 35.44% | 420 |
| Public safety | 30.97% | 367 |
| Recreation programs | 18.48% | 219 |
| Retail districts | 35.02% | 415 |
| Schools | 60.08% | 712 |

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| Transportation network | 4.64% | 55 |
| Other (please specify) | 6.50% | 77 |
| Total Respondents: 1,185 | | |

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| 1 | Well managed town | 11/27/2018 8:25 PM |
| 2 | Foodie/restaurant culture | 11/13/2018 7:47 PM |
| 3 | Proximity to Immanuel House on Farmington Avenue, where I have volunteered on the Board of Directors for many years. Businesses and offices that I patronize. | 11/9/2018 11:18 AM |
| 4 | Great central location so that many cultural activities are easy to get to. | 11/7/2018 1:16 PM |
| 5 | Restaurants in Town Center Proximity to many things | 11/5/2018 10:18 AM |
| 6 | Library and its programs | 11/5/2018 9:20 AM |
| 7 | We love West Hartford Center and the pride that people take in living here.... there is really a stewardship mentality for the people here. | 10/31/2018 11:51 AM |
| 8 | Diversity | 10/31/2018 10:18 AM |
| 9 | Walking and Dial-a-ride | 10/31/2018 7:38 AM |
| 10 | Looking for improvement in transportation network | 10/31/2018 6:39 AM |
| 11 | Libraries | 10/30/2018 2:53 PM |
| 12 | West Hartford is attractive to families because of its safe, walkable neighborhoods and vibrant downtown. | 10/30/2018 2:19 PM |
| 13 | Public facilities, such as the library. | 10/30/2018 5:58 AM |
| 14 | Nightlife | 10/29/2018 9:37 PM |
| 15 | Nothing | 10/29/2018 7:00 PM |
| 16 | Restaurants/night life | 10/29/2018 6:36 PM |
| 17 | Excellent library system and resources afforded to residents through the library. | 10/29/2018 3:17 PM |
| 18 | The Center is unique to all the town that surround it. I love the outside restaurants seating and all the town has to offer. | 10/29/2018 3:10 PM |
| 19 | Town center and "walkability". | 10/29/2018 2:30 PM |
| 20 | General convenience to varied services, shopping, entertainment, etc. | 10/29/2018 12:05 PM |
| 21 | West Hartford Center and Blue Back | 10/28/2018 7:24 PM |
| 22 | The centrally located libraries | 10/28/2018 2:53 PM |
| 23 | Cornerstone Aquatic facility where I swim daily. It's great | 10/28/2018 10:53 AM |
| 24 | Services, especially those that encourage personal growth and entertainment and importantly bring people together, like the library and senior center | 10/28/2018 9:08 AM |
| 25 | Senior programs | 10/28/2018 6:57 AM |
| 26 | Infrastructure | 10/25/2018 8:15 PM |
| 27 | It's physical and environmental beauty. | 10/25/2018 5:02 PM |
| 28 | Responsive and resident-oriented town government | 10/25/2018 3:15 PM |
| 29 | Our church is in West Hartford | 10/25/2018 1:19 PM |
| 30 | the growing food culture | 10/25/2018 12:39 PM |
| 31 | Would like to see an increase of rigger in our school system | 10/24/2018 9:23 PM |
| 32 | Walk ability | 10/24/2018 6:57 AM |
| 33 | Sidewalks | 10/23/2018 11:24 PM |

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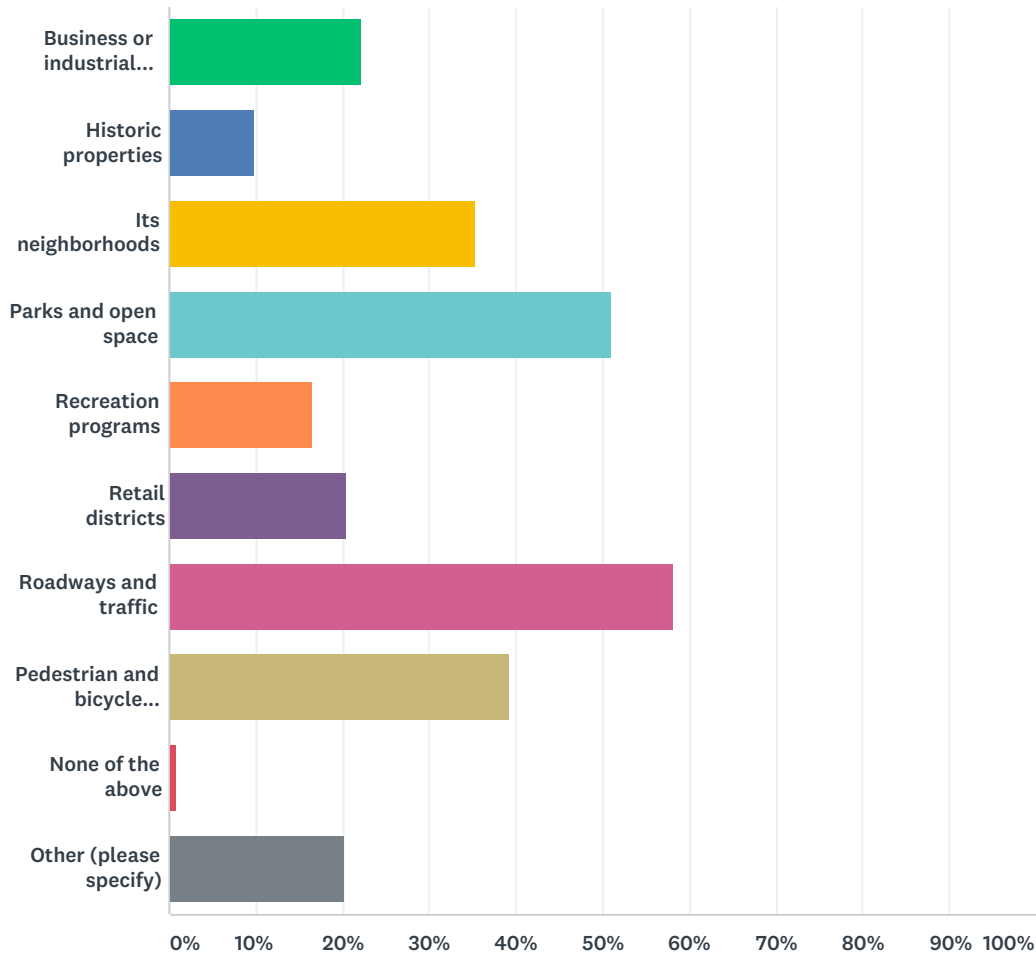
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| 34 | Unique West Hartford Center destination | 10/23/2018 8:37 PM |
| 35 | Access to great dining options | 10/23/2018 8:08 PM |
| 36 | I really like the forward-thinking yet thoughtful govt that we have. I am thrilled about the company coming to the Uconn space. | 10/23/2018 1:37 PM |
| 37 | Libraries and cultural activities | 10/23/2018 12:36 PM |
| 38 | Library! | 10/23/2018 12:07 PM |
| 39 | Senior Centers | 10/23/2018 11:59 AM |
| 40 | Library | 10/23/2018 10:23 AM |
| 41 | Safety/low crime level | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 42 | Excellent town services | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 43 | Convenience | 10/23/2018 9:09 AM |
| 44 | The retail offerings, not districts. | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 45 | walkability | 10/23/2018 7:20 AM |
| 46 | Location to highways | 10/22/2018 10:21 PM |
| 47 | Potential for increased diversity and urbanization | 10/22/2018 9:12 PM |
| 48 | Town services | 10/22/2018 1:41 PM |
| 49 | well run government | 10/22/2018 7:31 AM |
| 50 | Geographic location in respect to both roadways and state. | 10/21/2018 9:34 PM |
| 51 | Proximity to the massive network of trails and woods at the reservoir. Which is not the same as "parks and open space." | 10/21/2018 9:48 AM |
| 52 | walkability (could be much better, but this is a sweet spot in terms of proximity to points of interest and safety) | 10/21/2018 7:29 AM |
| 53 | It's not one thing, it's everything together. It's a place you can live, work, and just BE in. It's the kind of community you want to fight for and improve. | 10/20/2018 6:46 AM |
| 54 | location and proximity to other towns and cities | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 55 | Walkability | 10/19/2018 8:26 AM |
| 56 | Small, owner occupied businesses | 10/18/2018 9:26 AM |
| 57 | Walk to Religious Institutions | 10/16/2018 1:31 PM |
| 58 | Close to family | 10/16/2018 11:16 AM |
| 59 | Public Library | 10/16/2018 9:34 AM |
| 60 | The Center, the sidewalks and the reservoirs. | 10/16/2018 6:01 AM |
| 61 | Excellent public services—public works, libraries, in addition to schools. | 10/15/2018 11:35 PM |
| 62 | Libraries, police and fire departments, continuing education,elderly programs and services | 10/15/2018 10:06 PM |
| 63 | it is the closest that you can get for a west coast city in the east coast. The BB Square and other retail areas are a major draw for young people which makes investors find it attractive. | 10/15/2018 8:30 PM |
| 64 | location between Boston and NYC | 10/15/2018 7:47 PM |
| 65 | libraries | 10/15/2018 6:59 PM |
| 66 | We really liked the house we found and the block that it sits on. We like the quiet nature of our block and the greenery. We also want to live near grocery stores such as Crown and Whole Foods. | 10/15/2018 6:55 PM |
| 67 | Library | 10/15/2018 6:46 PM |
| 68 | Walkability! | 10/15/2018 6:19 PM |
| 69 | Ibrant Jewish community. | 10/15/2018 6:10 PM |

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| 70 | Library - wonderful adaptation to the changing needs of the community. I like the many quality services available, including recreation programs. Cornerstone Pool is a great facility. | 10/15/2018 4:37 PM |
| 71 | central location | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 72 | all aspects | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 73 | Short commute | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 74 | The Library | 10/15/2018 3:48 PM |
| 75 | libraries | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 76 | Progressives | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 77 | Libraries | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |

Q10 What should the Town place more focus on? (select up to three items below)

Answered: 1,185 Skipped: 79



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Business or industrial districts | 22.28% | 264 |
| Historic properties | 9.79% | 116 |
| Its neighborhoods | 35.36% | 419 |
| Parks and open space | 50.97% | 604 |
| Recreation programs | 16.46% | 195 |
| Retail districts | 20.42% | 242 |
| Roadways and traffic | 58.14% | 689 |
| Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations | 39.41% | 467 |
| None of the above | 0.76% | 9 |
| Other (please specify) | 20.34% | 241 |

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Total Respondents: 1,185

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Give children a better learning environment. (Provide AC to all schools) | 11/29/2018 10:15 AM |
| 2 | Education, diversity and crime prevention | 11/28/2018 2:35 PM |
| 3 | Affordable housing (and an inclusive zoning policy) | 11/28/2018 1:38 PM |
| 4 | Service offerings | 11/27/2018 10:35 PM |
| 5 | the deplorable condition of the roads and sidewalks. Shameful. | 11/27/2018 10:20 PM |
| 6 | It's people and their experience (which includes all these things), not property values. | 11/27/2018 9:20 PM |
| 7 | Do not widen North Main and ruin people's houses that have been there before the invention of a bike | 11/27/2018 8:18 PM |
| 8 | DOG PARK! | 11/27/2018 8:08 PM |
| 9 | why are schools missing from this list? you should focus on schools first. | 11/27/2018 6:38 PM |
| 10 | West Hartford needs a strong historic district commission and more respect for its historic properties. Also, the pedestrian and bike accommodations very much need TOTAL RETHINKING. | 11/26/2018 6:20 PM |
| 11 | Public Transportation Cool public art More retail in Center that stays open later. Focus on independent operators...small businesses | 11/26/2018 5:18 PM |
| 12 | Curbside Leaf removal. It was the only town service i used. | 11/25/2018 1:30 PM |
| 13 | a more diverse and welcoming community | 11/22/2018 11:44 AM |
| 14 | Dog park | 11/22/2018 8:40 AM |
| 15 | Any environmental issues. Air quality/pollution etc. | 11/14/2018 4:54 PM |
| 16 | Housing affordability for the working class | 11/13/2018 7:47 PM |
| 17 | Community organizations | 11/13/2018 6:45 PM |
| 18 | Affordable Housing! | 11/12/2018 8:50 AM |
| 19 | Adoption of technology driven security, traffic, conservation applications | 11/10/2018 2:19 PM |
| 20 | Schools Keep it single family housing no apartments No big retail ,no Rt 44 like Avon Improve parking | 11/10/2018 10:42 AM |
| 21 | Housing for millenials | 11/10/2018 10:18 AM |
| 22 | Public transportation, green initiatives | 11/9/2018 8:13 PM |
| 23 | More affordable housing/multi-use near public transportation for younger and older moderate income residents. | 11/9/2018 6:56 PM |
| 24 | Park River floodplain management; public transportation; scattered site affordable housing. | 11/9/2018 11:18 AM |
| 25 | taxes are so high people are moving | 11/9/2018 9:29 AM |
| 26 | Reducing property taxes. I moved into my home 8 years ago and our taxes have gone up approx 30%. | 11/8/2018 5:33 PM |
| 27 | Redefining "blighted residential property" and strictly enforcing the clearing of excessive overgrowth of shrubs, trees, grass, dangling limbs and diseased trees, and invasive weeds like bittersweet that put excessive weight on power lines. My next-door neighbor's house is literally engulfed in all of the above and will likely be condemned at some point in the future, but no action has been taken. A trustee is failing to maintain the property in an otherwise well-kept neighborhood. | 11/8/2018 2:25 PM |
| 28 | The town needs to maintains the roads more. there are a lot of bad roads around town. | 11/8/2018 9:21 AM |
| 29 | Cell service for those of us in the Mountain Road district from Farmington Avenue to the Bloomfield line near Still Rd. We need help either from the town and or the telecoms for better service! | 11/7/2018 6:09 PM |
| 30 | better city services. being aware of how residential properties are kept up. | 11/7/2018 10:20 AM |

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| 31 | Not more bicycle accommodations unless it separates them entirely from vehicular traffic. I'm a firm supporter and alternative/clean transit options as my husband takes the bus to work every day, but bicycles in town are often reckless on the roads; Weaving in and out and around motorized vehicles, riding through red lights and failing to stop at stop signs, and not signaling when changing lanes or making a turn | 11/7/2018 7:36 AM |
| 32 | Public & resident safety | 11/6/2018 5:22 PM |
| 33 | Reducing parking meters - a huge deterrent to the retail shopping experience, especially for those coming from other towns. Or at a minimum, reduce the meter enforcement end time to earlier in the evening (i.e. 8:00pm, not 10:00pm) | 11/6/2018 1:52 PM |
| 34 | New affordable housing for 60+ residents. | 11/6/2018 12:38 PM |
| 35 | You have to get rid of all the restaurants in the center! They are ruining it for West Hartford residents. They won't even come down to the center anymore as NO parking | 11/6/2018 8:22 AM |
| 36 | Why is this list not the same as #9? Schools? | 11/5/2018 10:27 PM |
| 37 | affordable housing | 11/5/2018 9:20 AM |
| 38 | Affordable housing! | 11/4/2018 9:38 PM |
| 39 | Bishops Corner - traffic, filling/use of empty stores | 11/3/2018 7:22 AM |
| 40 | business development, public transportation, bike/ pedestrian access and safety,, all the things that attract 20 to 30yolds to big cities | 11/2/2018 3:25 PM |
| 41 | Schools | 11/1/2018 9:29 PM |
| 42 | Lower taxes | 11/1/2018 7:35 PM |
| 43 | residential development in the town center | 11/1/2018 12:46 PM |
| 44 | Things that generate tax revenue and increase quality of life | 10/31/2018 8:10 PM |
| 45 | Reducing trash output, increasing awareness of food waste and compost. Sustainable yard care practices. | 10/31/2018 2:53 PM |
| 46 | Community-building events such as fun runs, festivals, fund-raisers, markets/fairs, etc that promote locally owned businesses and organizations | 10/31/2018 12:07 PM |
| 47 | We are so well poised to be the "center of innovation" for central CT by focusing on small businesses and startups. This could increase our tax-base as be really good for the town and region. I also think we should focus on attracting out-of-state population that works remotely for large employers to move to West Hartford from other places by offering incentives to this demographic. We chose to relocate here from San Francisco for the lower cost of housing, great quality of life, and great schools... my wife and I both worked remotely for large out of state employers at the time and our fiends in CA are jealous of the life we have here in West Hartford CT. | 10/31/2018 11:51 AM |
| 48 | Reduce speeding vehicles | 10/31/2018 11:37 AM |
| 49 | Strong and diverse school programs (arts, language, extracurriculars) | 10/31/2018 9:00 AM |
| 50 | Protect open space. No infringement of any kind on open space/parks. | 10/31/2018 5:20 AM |
| 51 | Quality education | 10/31/2018 1:31 AM |
| 52 | Ensuring it remains affordable.... Do we really need granite curbs?! Also making it easier to walk / bike to bishops corner and beyond from the north side of town. N. Main Street, Albany, and mountain road are way too congested and there are not sidewalks everywhere.... on those busy roads and also in the neighborhoods. | 10/30/2018 9:28 PM |
| 53 | Lowering taxes | 10/30/2018 8:43 PM |
| 54 | Paving frequently used roads | 10/30/2018 8:37 PM |
| 55 | Tax reduction | 10/30/2018 6:43 PM |
| 56 | My children and I have almost been hit by speeding cars on La Salle and Ellsworth more times than I can count. Streets need to be one-way with resident parking passes. | 10/30/2018 4:27 PM |
| 57 | Parking options | 10/30/2018 3:52 PM |

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| 58 | Condition of roads,sewer systems. Low or no price rec services for seniors. More pickleball courts for indoor use. | 10/30/2018 1:34 PM |
| 59 | Libraries | 10/29/2018 8:22 PM |
| 60 | Celebratation events for diversity, youth, and earth. | 10/29/2018 7:28 PM |
| 61 | Dog park | 10/29/2018 7:00 PM |
| 62 | Increased support and funding for library services. | 10/29/2018 3:17 PM |
| 63 | More indoor facilities to play America's fastest growing sport - Pickleball | 10/29/2018 3:10 PM |
| 64 | Safety/noise in retail districts bordering neighborhoods. | 10/29/2018 2:30 PM |
| 65 | Develop income sources other than property taxes. | 10/29/2018 12:58 PM |
| 66 | Varied housing options for seniors as we baby boomers seek to downsize yet stay in town. | 10/29/2018 12:05 PM |
| 67 | Getting taxes down so the mass exodus doesn't continue. | 10/29/2018 11:01 AM |
| 68 | The town is doing a great job in many of these. Keep up the good work. Commercial vacancies, especially in Blue Back, is an issue. High turnover does not look good for the community, and does not foster economic development. | 10/29/2018 10:55 AM |
| 69 | preserve character of traditional center with emphasis on incremental development that does not negatively impact quality of life in nearby neighborhoods. resolve congestion, parking and safety issues in and near center to preserve value, safety and quality of life for all. Guiding principles for Center development should be incorporated into POCD. | 10/29/2018 9:36 AM |
| 70 | Reducing traffic congestion and violations | 10/29/2018 9:10 AM |
| 71 | Lowering property taxes | 10/29/2018 8:46 AM |
| 72 | Free parking | 10/28/2018 7:59 PM |
| 73 | dog park! | 10/28/2018 7:39 PM |
| 74 | Real estate taxes are very high. It's hard to be a larger home we need for our family because of the high taxes. | 10/28/2018 7:24 PM |
| 75 | Making sure library facilities are updated, especially Faxon | 10/28/2018 2:53 PM |
| 76 | Affordable Housing | 10/28/2018 1:54 PM |
| 77 | Perhaps giving retirees a break so they can afford to live here. | 10/28/2018 10:53 AM |
| 78 | Infrastructure pipes for water, water safety (reservoirs) street lighting for safe night walking abd reduce car theft. More police patrol. Animal control van fitted with snow tires... | 10/28/2018 6:57 AM |
| 79 | Schools!!! They are old, outdated and need help. | 10/27/2018 3:28 PM |
| 80 | its tax increases | 10/27/2018 8:23 AM |
| 81 | affordable housing | 10/27/2018 1:51 AM |
| 82 | Public Schools | 10/26/2018 10:41 AM |
| 83 | Schools - I believe future investment could have substantial benefit to students and families | 10/25/2018 10:07 PM |
| 84 | Develop opportunities for growth so that retail lease rates do not continue to rise so high | 10/25/2018 8:15 PM |
| 85 | Smart, cautious growth. More people, whether housing or business activity, is going to bring more traffic, which means wider roads, longer traffic lights, etc. People think Atlanta and LA are great - but the traffic in those cities is awful. | 10/25/2018 7:11 PM |
| 86 | Fiscal sustainability | 10/25/2018 6:00 PM |
| 87 | Reducing taxes! Decreasing spending | 10/25/2018 5:50 PM |
| 88 | Reducing property taxes. | 10/25/2018 5:31 PM |
| 89 | Integrating the entire community and its neighborhoods. | 10/25/2018 5:02 PM |
| 90 | Add trnsnsportation network. And pedestrian side walks Specially in the west end of the town(mountain rd-albany) | 10/25/2018 4:08 PM |

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| 91 | Bring more mom & pop shops/unique retailers, not just more restaurants. WAY too many restaurants and not as many places to visit for shopping/art/music/movies/entertainment. | 10/25/2018 3:52 PM |
| 92 | Transportation and housing | 10/25/2018 3:15 PM |
| 93 | There are so many streets without sidewalks in busy parts of town. IE: Ridgewood heading toward New Britain Ave. (would be great to be able to walk to Corbin's Corner), Westpoint Terrace (Conard students walk too and from school on the street while other students/parents fly by them in speeding cars. Tragedy waiting to happen.) | 10/25/2018 2:59 PM |
| 94 | Our church is looking to build (we are currently meeting in Conard H.S.) so offering opportunities for churches to buy land or build on current sites. | 10/25/2018 1:19 PM |
| 95 | sustainability and diversity | 10/25/2018 12:06 PM |
| 96 | Safety-frequent car break ins reduce feelings of security | 10/25/2018 2:21 AM |
| 97 | WH needs a large recreational park space in the heart of the center. This is where we would have farmers markets, music, craft fairs, demonstrations, etc. Every successful town has that. Blueback doesn't cut it. Too contrived. | 10/24/2018 10:52 PM |
| 98 | Public transportation | 10/24/2018 9:54 PM |
| 99 | Parking | 10/24/2018 9:00 PM |
| 100 | Schools and maintaining/increasing the opportunity for jobs. | 10/24/2018 8:41 PM |
| 101 | The Center used to have a lot more retail. While I love all the restaurants, I miss the opportunity to both eat and shop (clothing, books) as much as I used to 10 - 12 years ago. | 10/24/2018 8:31 PM |
| 102 | Roads and traffic - specifically fixing the streets and ensuring safe parking allowing cars to pass in both directions. It's a safety concern when parking is allowed on both sides of the street and two cars cannot safely pass one another as there isn't enough room. | 10/24/2018 8:10 PM |
| 103 | Schools | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 104 | Affordable housing. Regionalized schools. | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 105 | Housing for people with disabilities over age 18 | 10/24/2018 7:23 PM |
| 106 | Upkeep of schools | 10/24/2018 1:56 PM |
| 107 | West Hartford should think about burying the power lines. | 10/24/2018 1:52 PM |
| 108 | Lowering town property and vehicle taxes | 10/24/2018 1:25 PM |
| 109 | Schools overall and sprucing up the schools and playgrounds and surrounding areas of the schools. Also I would like the police to enforce minor traffic laws more tightly. I feel more and more people are drive unsafe (speeding, texting while driving, going after the light turned red, not obeying parking rules\signs by schools...) And litter. | 10/24/2018 12:33 PM |
| 110 | Tax reduction. Investing in new tech when it pays for itself in less than 5 yrs. round town trolleys again like the 30 s. Twice /yr bulk waste pickup. | 10/24/2018 10:39 AM |
| 111 | Increase mixed use in the Center to avoid sprawl, increase density by going to multiple stories on above valuable retail space. | 10/24/2018 8:21 AM |
| 112 | Dog park? Dog park. | 10/24/2018 8:17 AM |
| 113 | Pension reform | 10/24/2018 7:28 AM |
| 114 | We need real bike paths throughout the city with hard dividers between traffic. We should also find always to support the arts downtown. Not just expensive restaurants. | 10/24/2018 6:57 AM |
| 115 | Safety/crime Mental health in public schools | 10/24/2018 6:49 AM |
| 116 | #1 Maintain investment in quality Schools Maintaining what Greenspace is left Managing business centers so that retail and small business isn't pushed out for entertainment (restaurants and bars) | 10/24/2018 12:05 AM |
| 117 | Maintaining lower property tax rates so elderly residents are able to afford to live in the homes they have owned for years and years. | 10/23/2018 11:34 PM |

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| 118 | Join the "quiet city" movement ban leaf blowers, tighten the noise level standards, require acoustic enclosures for HVAC units (see many products used for yacht engine noise), require roof level venting of dryers, or begin requiring eco ventless dryers, as in France. Right now the neighborhoods are environmentally inferior to the business districts. | 10/23/2018 11:24 PM |
| 119 | A more diverse culture - encourage more people to participate in the community | 10/23/2018 8:41 PM |
| 120 | Would like to see new construction single family homes that cost \$300 to \$500K. Current new construction homes too expensive. | 10/23/2018 8:11 PM |
| 121 | Making sure existing homeowners are more important than the next business deal. | 10/23/2018 6:57 PM |
| 122 | We could include more low income multifamily housing. | 10/23/2018 5:25 PM |
| 123 | becoming a leader in environmental activities such as paying for garbage pick up, banning plastic bags, better recycling education | 10/23/2018 4:28 PM |
| 124 | Dog park | 10/23/2018 4:11 PM |
| 125 | Sports fields. We pale in comparison to other towns on field space and quality of fields. I also think if we could create transportation that gets kids to sports and school in a circular route it would be a great green initiative | 10/23/2018 1:34 PM |
| 126 | Cultural attractions that can supplement the retail and dining attractions. The Children's Museum is so run-down I don't take my children there anymore. I wish we had something like an indoor conservatory or a botanical garden--a space that can appeal to old and young and that can also teach. | 10/23/2018 1:17 PM |
| 127 | Schools | 10/23/2018 1:06 PM |
| 128 | Updating school buildings and facilities | 10/23/2018 12:44 PM |
| 129 | Affordable housing | 10/23/2018 12:07 PM |
| 130 | Senior programs | 10/23/2018 11:53 AM |
| 131 | There are many busy intersections in town (Fern and North Main, Fern and Trout Brook. etc.) with left turn lanes but no left turn green arrows, causing significant backups (especially during peak times) and impeding traffic flow. | 10/23/2018 11:53 AM |
| 132 | Schools | 10/23/2018 11:36 AM |
| 133 | Becoming more diverse. Integration. | 10/23/2018 11:28 AM |
| 134 | We really do have to focus on the cost of living here as well, as much as I love this town, it is getting difficult for many of us to stay - and keeping others from choosing this town. | 10/23/2018 11:27 AM |
| 135 | Finding ways to reduce resident tax burdens. | 10/23/2018 11:08 AM |
| 136 | Schools | 10/23/2018 10:56 AM |
| 137 | Keeping West Hartford safe and well-policed; keeping schools excellent | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 138 | Forcing all business' to use recycle friendly products in order to conduct business in our town(at least a certain % to start) | 10/23/2018 9:57 AM |
| 139 | affordable housing | 10/23/2018 9:28 AM |
| 140 | Most awful traffic light system in the world. | 10/23/2018 9:22 AM |
| 141 | maintaining the small town character... blue back square's crate & barrel did not "blend in" the way the town council claimed it would. | 10/23/2018 9:18 AM |
| 142 | School integration Regionalizing services to save money | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 143 | Schools | 10/23/2018 9:12 AM |
| 144 | Schools | 10/23/2018 9:09 AM |
| 145 | Decreasing the cost of living. Decreasing taxes. | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 146 | Transit-oriented development along New Park Ave. | 10/23/2018 8:52 AM |
| 147 | Bringing diverse businesses to fill the empty spaces at blue back and in the center. We seem to be becoming a restaurant town. | 10/23/2018 7:43 AM |
| 148 | Safety | 10/23/2018 5:13 AM |

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| 149 | I'd like to select bicycle accommodations three times. | 10/22/2018 9:37 PM |
| 150 | Reducing segregation, increasing affordable housing, increasing development of downtown to drive population growth and density | 10/22/2018 9:12 PM |
| 151 | Focus on developing Elmwood Area. It seems to be the forgotten area of West Hartford. | 10/22/2018 8:24 PM |
| 152 | Bike share! | 10/22/2018 8:02 PM |
| 153 | Roadways and traffic such that safety is enhanced for all appropriate users (pedestrians, bicycles, cars, etc.). | 10/22/2018 6:50 PM |
| 154 | Roadways and traffic such that they reasonably accommodate all appropriate users. | 10/22/2018 6:43 PM |
| 155 | AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO INSURE DIVERSITY. | 10/22/2018 5:56 PM |
| 156 | We need to make sure that business taxes aren't so high that we discourage businesses from coming/staying here. | 10/22/2018 5:45 PM |
| 157 | Update retail and business infrastructure for 21th century | 10/22/2018 5:38 PM |
| 158 | Street Lighting. They are very dark and an accident/injury is waiting to occur | 10/22/2018 3:15 PM |
| 159 | safety issues around the corner of foxmeadow lane and clifford drive | 10/22/2018 2:36 PM |
| 160 | Mass transportation. E.g. faster bus down Farmington Ave. | 10/22/2018 1:56 PM |
| 161 | There is too much car traffic in West Hartford, and our roads are not safe, especially for bicyclists and pedestrians, and children. | 10/22/2018 1:50 PM |
| 162 | My road (Brewster) needs repair | 10/22/2018 12:53 PM |
| 163 | Maintaining the quality of education. I believe it has slipped over the last 10 years. I'm amazed this wasn't on the list. | 10/22/2018 12:08 PM |
| 164 | Public building (e.g. schools) renovations | 10/22/2018 12:03 PM |
| 165 | Stop signs need to be enforced and placed in more places. | 10/22/2018 11:20 AM |
| 166 | transit-oriented development | 10/22/2018 11:19 AM |
| 167 | Sustainability | 10/22/2018 11:07 AM |
| 168 | - Affordable housing - Genuine, robust, safe bicycle infrastructure that doesn't take second priority to car traffic | 10/22/2018 11:04 AM |
| 169 | Economic and cultural diversity of population, as well as diversity in land use planning | 10/22/2018 9:47 AM |
| 170 | more affordable housing for low income individuals and people with disabilities | 10/22/2018 9:38 AM |
| 171 | Continued investment in schools, modernizing aging educational infrastructure. | 10/22/2018 8:22 AM |
| 172 | Building center of town out more. It is the best part about West Hartford, and room to expand is plentiful. More apartments that are not outrageously expensive would help that cause. | 10/22/2018 7:20 AM |
| 173 | The town should consider closing LaSalle Street permanently and turning it into a plaza. There is sufficient garage parking and a massive pair of lots; on street parking and travel should be foot only. | 10/22/2018 5:44 AM |
| 174 | Being less racist - overtly and covertly toward people of color - especially in Hartford. Regionalization and merged school districts with neighbor towns | 10/21/2018 10:21 PM |
| 175 | Dog park | 10/21/2018 10:16 PM |
| 176 | Cost of living and progressive taxation. Making housing affordable so we can have socioeconomic diversity, which necessarily means more progressive distribution of taxation so the residents who can afford it pay a greater share of taxes. My mortgage payment is 1/3 property tax and is not affordable, but I don't want taxes cut overall because I love our schools and services. The only solution is to have more progressive taxation. | 10/21/2018 9:35 PM |
| 177 | By roads and traffic, I mean reducing traffic by proactively promoting active transportation and actually enforcing yield to pedestrian laws. | 10/21/2018 9:48 AM |
| 178 | Family-friendly housing development | 10/20/2018 6:55 PM |
| 179 | Parking and access to blogs. for handicapped. Enforcement of ADA regulations. | 10/20/2018 6:27 PM |

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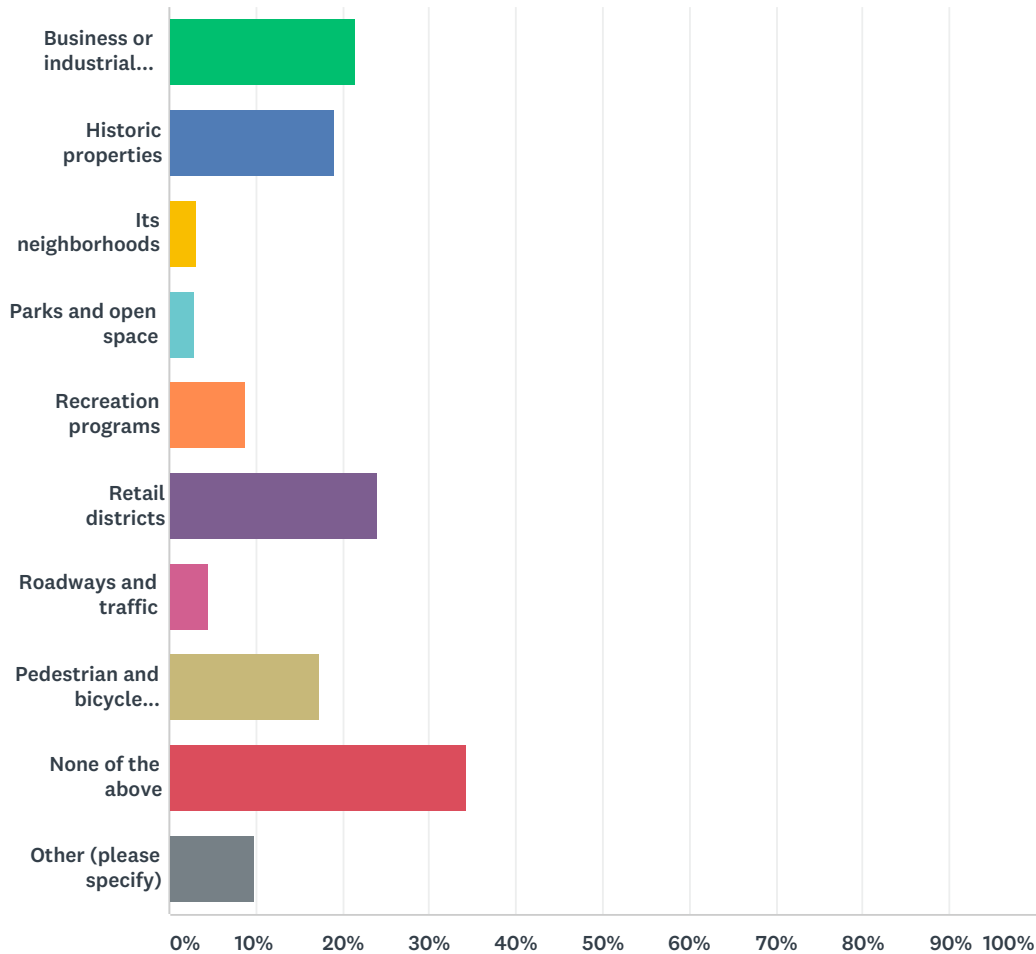
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| 180 | supporting non-profits | 10/20/2018 3:50 PM |
| 181 | Ensuring that it remains affordable for a diverse population. Promoting excellent education. | 10/20/2018 2:29 PM |
| 182 | Schools | 10/20/2018 12:55 PM |
| 183 | Public transit - I know it's statewide bus system, but bus routes in town are horribly inefficient. Should be designated buses for specific streets e.g. Main St., New Park Ave., Park Road... | 10/20/2018 9:29 AM |
| 184 | Traffic on South Main Street near the center of town. More visible police presence in the center of town and in Elmwood. Friendly officers walking and biking. | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 185 | public transportation -- how about a trolley that runs down Farmington Ave into Hartford (like it did historically)! | 10/19/2018 10:29 PM |
| 186 | Parking | 10/19/2018 9:21 PM |
| 187 | We really need a dog park! There are so many dogs in west Hartford - there is a need! | 10/19/2018 4:06 PM |
| 188 | It's doing a good job | 10/18/2018 8:36 PM |
| 189 | Strong neighborhoods contribute to a strong town. The town should be "seamless" . Hollywood Avenue should have the same amenities as does Mountain Road. | 10/18/2018 9:26 AM |
| 190 | Decreasing property taxes, many who leave do so due to high taxes. | 10/18/2018 5:06 AM |
| 191 | Public transportation, sustainability, renewable energy | 10/17/2018 8:01 AM |
| 192 | Improved wayfinding and "branding". Increase the visibility of the Town's name and logo at arterial entries. | 10/16/2018 3:45 PM |
| 193 | affordable housing | 10/16/2018 2:25 PM |
| 194 | Cost control, keeping this town affordable for businesses that want to come here and grow. | 10/16/2018 2:20 PM |
| 195 | Integrating with neighboring communities | 10/16/2018 2:07 PM |
| 196 | Dealing with people who do not take care of their property. Be aggressive in sending out notices (clean up your place; remove hazards) and giving these people assistance. If necessary take the initiative, do the work and charge the resident. | 10/16/2018 11:16 AM |
| 197 | Attracting recent college graduates and young adults. | 10/16/2018 8:54 AM |
| 198 | Education and proper growth | 10/16/2018 8:48 AM |
| 199 | bring more business to increase tax base. | 10/16/2018 8:46 AM |
| 200 | Assure protection of neighborhoods while allowing for improved retail or industrial zones | 10/16/2018 7:40 AM |
| 201 | More pedestrian, less bicycle | 10/16/2018 7:26 AM |
| 202 | Make it easier for business to thrive here | 10/16/2018 6:45 AM |
| 203 | Please make Main Street safer. | 10/16/2018 3:29 AM |
| 204 | Schools | 10/15/2018 9:39 PM |
| 205 | dog park | 10/15/2018 8:53 PM |
| 206 | Would love to see WH preserve the last bits of wooded areas within the town. Upset that the area along the north side of Stillness Rd, as well as just off 44 & King Philip are being sold and parceled out. | 10/15/2018 8:50 PM |
| 207 | Increase grand list. Housing appropriate for seniors apart from assisted living. | 10/15/2018 8:48 PM |
| 208 | Schools | 10/15/2018 8:44 PM |
| 209 | Whats a forward looking city that can attract young people? Dedicated "bike-highways". Please google London city bike pathways. You will be blown away. Bus trolleys (free) between west hartford center and Bishops corner. CT rail train station. More traffic Roundabouts. High rise buildings. Create Tech-hubs to attract young people. | 10/15/2018 8:30 PM |
| 210 | Schools | 10/15/2018 8:28 PM |
| 211 | lowering the level of stress in the schools | 10/15/2018 7:47 PM |
| 212 | Services for seniors. Energy conservation. | 10/15/2018 7:46 PM |

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| 213 | Schools. Schools are only surviving because of the million + dollars The Foundation has donated over the years. They also rely heavily on the donations that each school receives from their PTO. | 10/15/2018 7:40 PM |
| 214 | Schools | 10/15/2018 7:04 PM |
| 215 | Safety | 10/15/2018 6:58 PM |
| 216 | Not trying to grow so much. Growth isn't always a good thing. Every time you attract a new family with children, you raise our taxes. Then you had to bring in all the high-rent stores to the center to pay for our education budget. We lost the personal touch of locally owned stores like Pfau's, Dunn's, and Hilliard. They were replaced by glossy, expensive stores full of luxury items we don't really want. I no longer shop in the Center. West Hartford's location is an asset that will always keep property values high -- that's one of your big concerns, right? You don't need to raise our tax burden and drive out the nice stores in order to keep people wanting to buy homes here. | 10/15/2018 6:55 PM |
| 217 | Bringing down property taxes so we can afford to stay here! | 10/15/2018 6:48 PM |
| 218 | -More mixed retail in the Center. Having many restaurants is great, but other businesses that can serve the community have been squeezed out. -Parking. Even though the amounts are not outrageous I am concerned rates will go up making the Center and Blue Back a less desirable place to visit. Right now, the Center and Blue Back are not our first choice if we need to spend extra money on parking when we can go elsewhere. | 10/15/2018 6:48 PM |
| 219 | Education | 10/15/2018 6:14 PM |
| 220 | Housing for seniors. | 10/15/2018 6:10 PM |
| 221 | Broaden the tax base with new businesses | 10/15/2018 6:08 PM |
| 222 | Increase the library hours. | 10/15/2018 5:50 PM |
| 223 | Municipal high speed internet. | 10/15/2018 5:42 PM |
| 224 | SCHOOLS | 10/15/2018 5:29 PM |
| 225 | Water processing (reservoirs), sewage pipes, trees, dwindling wildlife sanctuary | 10/15/2018 5:07 PM |
| 226 | Lowering taxes | 10/15/2018 5:03 PM |
| 227 | Stop the center and blue back from being all restaurants | 10/15/2018 4:52 PM |
| 228 | schools | 10/15/2018 4:26 PM |
| 229 | Clean energy - leading the town and residents to be energy efficient, site solar where feasible, choose clean generation, purchase electric vehicles | 10/15/2018 4:25 PM |
| 230 | Creating/establishing a dog park. | 10/15/2018 4:23 PM |
| 231 | The town is doing a great job on all of the above. The one thing on which I'd like to see more focus is waste management; specifically in the area of compostable materials. My friend lives in a community in Ontario where in addition to their green rubbish barrels and blue recycling barrels they are given a brown compost barrels. That would be great to have. I would also love to see a larger pickup window for spring and fall yard waste. How about summer pickups as well? | 10/15/2018 4:18 PM |
| 232 | Dog park needed. | 10/15/2018 4:14 PM |
| 233 | Making it more affordable | 10/15/2018 4:01 PM |
| 234 | Schools | 10/15/2018 3:58 PM |
| 235 | Revenue generating such as business and small industrial | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 236 | parking discounts for Residents | 10/15/2018 3:54 PM |
| 237 | Dog Park | 10/15/2018 3:45 PM |
| 238 | Meeting the needs of older adults: walkability, transportation, services to allow people to remain in WH as they age. | 10/15/2018 3:35 PM |
| 239 | need for more high density housing near town center and bishops corner; need better pedestrian connections to WH Center for people east of Troutbrook; more and safer bike trails connecting elmwood, west hartford center, and downtown hartford | 10/15/2018 3:34 PM |
| 240 | Progressives | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 241 | reducing taxes--streamline. no need for 3 libraries or 3 middle schools etc | 10/15/2018 3:23 PM |

Q11 What should the Town place less focus on? (select up to three items below)

Answered: 1,097 Skipped: 167



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Business or industrial districts | 21.51% | 236 |
| Historic properties | 18.96% | 208 |
| Its neighborhoods | 3.19% | 35 |
| Parks and open space | 3.01% | 33 |
| Recreation programs | 8.84% | 97 |
| Retail districts | 24.16% | 265 |
| Roadways and traffic | 4.65% | 51 |
| Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations | 17.32% | 190 |
| None of the above | 34.37% | 377 |
| Other (please specify) | 9.94% | 109 |

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Total Respondents: 1,097

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Stop using all of the open space for housing. | 11/28/2018 9:09 PM |
| 2 | Development. Instead of development try saving what you have left and help the homeless in your town! You have homeless people! | 11/27/2018 8:18 PM |
| 3 | This is a useless question | 11/25/2018 1:30 PM |
| 4 | Fewer condos and "cookie-cutter" residences | 11/13/2018 6:45 PM |
| 5 | All the big housing stuff. Condos, huge apartment complexes, etc. Stop. | 11/11/2018 3:33 PM |
| 6 | Putting up taller buildings in the center. | 11/8/2018 8:18 PM |
| 7 | Making sure our schools are protected with bullet proof glass and whatever we can reasonably do to protect our students. | 11/8/2018 5:33 PM |
| 8 | again, diversity of types of enterprise is critical in retail districts. We have lost much of that in Center and Blue Back | 11/7/2018 4:17 PM |
| 9 | Stop appeasing the west Hartford snotty people | 11/6/2018 5:45 PM |
| 10 | All these areS are important | 11/6/2018 5:20 PM |
| 11 | I disagree with the narrowing of roads (for cars driving and parking) to accommodate bike paths.Minimal bikers and with cobblestone medians further narrowing-unsafe for both bikers and cars. Would rather see roads repaired/maintained and trees trimmed . | 11/6/2018 2:20 PM |
| 12 | WeHa is saturated with businesses. Let's work to keep our residents and current business/retail establishments content and prosperous; we need to manage and care for our own town as it is, at least for the next 2-3 years. | 11/6/2018 1:52 PM |
| 13 | Honestly, these are silly questions. People should expect all of these items to have merit to add to the quality of life of a community. | 11/5/2018 10:27 PM |
| 14 | development | 11/5/2018 5:08 PM |
| 15 | do NOT add a train station to west hartford. | 11/5/2018 10:18 AM |
| 16 | Increased residential development- no more big condo developments | 11/2/2018 3:18 PM |
| 17 | Schools, currently a single focus | 11/1/2018 10:41 AM |
| 18 | Our retail areas are healthy. I would focus on increasing population density for a while to create a strong customer base before focusing on more retail. | 10/31/2018 11:51 AM |
| 19 | Political correctness carried too far. Respect for difference of opinions is lacking. I moved from a border state- Arizona, please have respect for our problems. | 10/31/2018 7:38 AM |
| 20 | No more low income housing | 10/30/2018 11:16 PM |
| 21 | Building more housing | 10/30/2018 3:52 PM |
| 22 | All of the above are important focus areas for successful communities. Less emphasis should be placed on dramatic changes to the traditional Center, which is a unique gem in our region that attracts people from nearby neighborhoods as well as other towns. Incremental change is desirable but we should not turn the Center into Blueback or into a replica of a suburban outdoor mall. | 10/30/2018 2:19 PM |
| 23 | We have enough, less gas stations and more open area for hang out (not only restaurants=food and more food) | 10/29/2018 7:28 PM |
| 24 | Restaurants! Enough already. | 10/29/2018 12:05 PM |
| 25 | We need revenue generating area now. Dog park is not part of a fiscally sound plan right now. | 10/29/2018 11:01 AM |
| 26 | Significant density/taller buildings should not be permitted unless they are away from adjacent neighborhoods and resulting traffic and congestion are confined to major thoroughfares that can handle the congestion. | 10/29/2018 9:36 AM |
| 27 | no obvious area that is less important, they all add value to the town | 10/27/2018 4:42 PM |

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| 28 | Apartments. Too many Restaurants. Too many Political correctness. le indiginous people's day | 10/26/2018 10:05 AM |
| 29 | Do not over develop the town. I moved here because it still had open spaces. | 10/26/2018 9:50 AM |
| 30 | Schools | 10/26/2018 9:27 AM |
| 31 | To clarify, we think West Hartford businesses have grown a bit beyond capacity and further growth in this area will not create quality. We prefer to see the existing business districts improve - rather than new business districts developed. | 10/25/2018 8:07 PM |
| 32 | development. too many housing projects. too many restaurants. not enough diversity and not an affordable town. | 10/25/2018 7:48 PM |
| 33 | Restaurants. | 10/25/2018 2:59 PM |
| 34 | All are important | 10/25/2018 1:19 PM |
| 35 | Building more apartments and high density housing | 10/25/2018 9:37 AM |
| 36 | Adding retail space. There is plenty. Adding expensive rentals. Build more cost conscious living to attract younger residents. | 10/24/2018 10:52 PM |
| 37 | New apartment buildings | 10/24/2018 8:12 PM |
| 38 | I think the town needs to follow through and make blueback a success but we don't need more retail districts | 10/24/2018 12:33 PM |
| 39 | I think that there is a balance of focus right now. All of the above are important and we must evaluate and access the needs as they present themselves. | 10/24/2018 11:07 AM |
| 40 | Pedestrians are good, enough with the bikes! | 10/24/2018 10:08 AM |
| 41 | Renewable Energy projects that will provide savings. The Town will reap benefits for decades and more. | 10/24/2018 9:53 AM |
| 42 | The retail districts seem to be the most "up to date" parts of town, and the rest of the area feels like it needs to play catch up. | 10/24/2018 8:17 AM |
| 43 | building more apartments & condo. | 10/24/2018 6:37 AM |
| 44 | Apartment development | 10/24/2018 1:13 AM |
| 45 | Bicycle accommodations are a nice idea but VERY dangerous given the curves and hills of West Hartford's roads. | 10/23/2018 11:34 PM |
| 46 | Recycling. It's a waste of time and money. Build a state of the art landfill with proper glass lining and pipe venting and provide energy for all the town municipal buildings and others too. The country's largest brick-making plant, in Terra Haute Indiana runs entirely on methane from the nearby landfill. West Hartford used to have a thriving brick-making industry and the clay soil is still here and the old Kane Bricks are still around, but we're sorting trash and burning money. | 10/23/2018 11:24 PM |
| 47 | I think they're all important. | 10/23/2018 8:37 PM |
| 48 | Recreation programs are already excellent | 10/23/2018 8:08 PM |
| 49 | Restaurants - too many!!! at the cost of retail shops. Perhaps rent is too high for a good base of retail shops to survive. | 10/23/2018 6:57 PM |
| 50 | all of these are important to some degree for quality of life that is found in West Hartford. We do need to keep and develop our industry as part of our tax base. | 10/23/2018 4:28 PM |
| 51 | NO MORE HOUSING! | 10/23/2018 1:54 PM |
| 52 | I have a hard time answering this as I feel they are all important and they work together | 10/23/2018 1:17 PM |
| 53 | THERE IS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON BICYCLES; THEY GET PUBLICITY BUT NOT MUCH USE; IT SNOWS, IT RAINS; IT'S HOT, | 10/23/2018 12:57 PM |
| 54 | I know Blue Back, Corbin's, Bishop's and other retail districts are important, but I'm hoping they're sustainable now. Those were major focuses of the past 10 years or so. We need to shift focus to other things. | 10/23/2018 12:49 PM |
| 55 | Low income housing. | 10/23/2018 12:44 PM |

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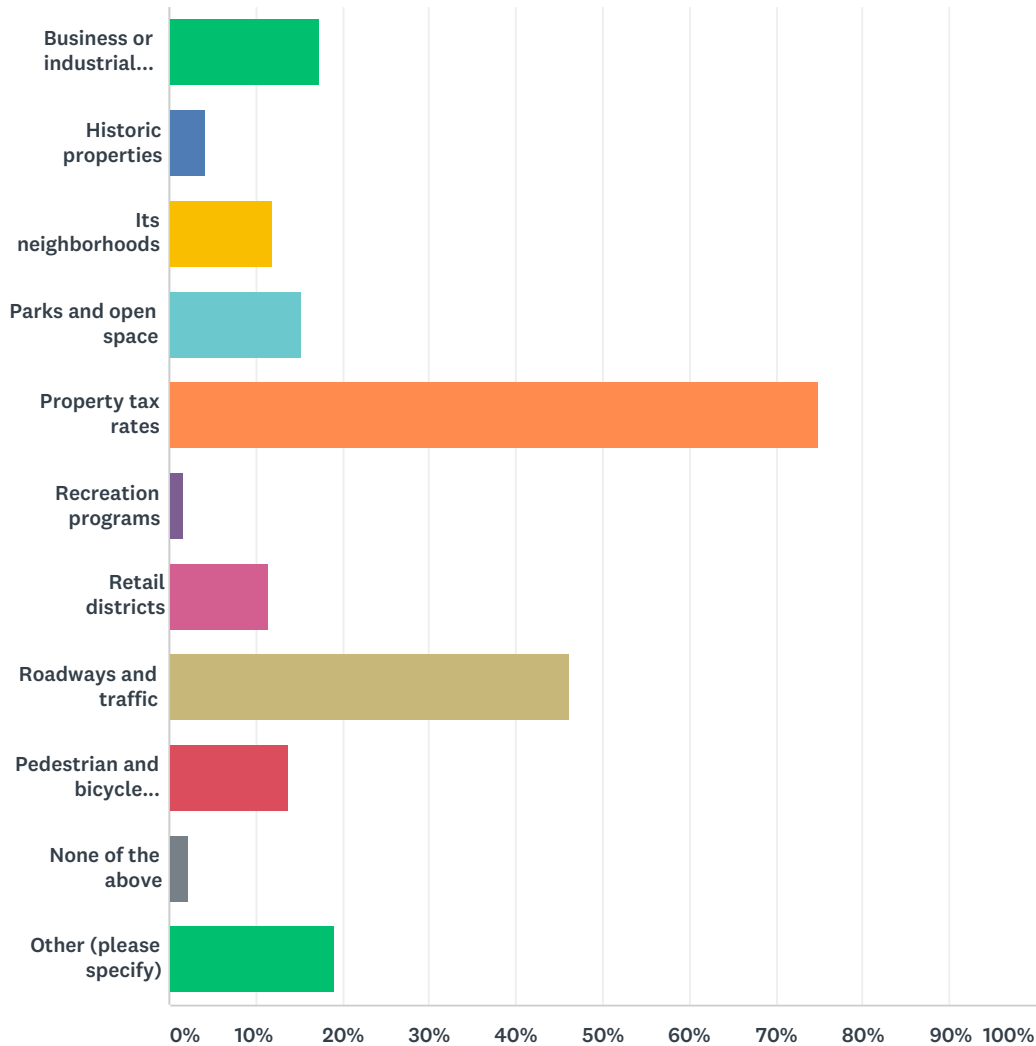
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| 56 | The Center is already dense, with many wonderful stores and restaurants. Efforts to add more housing to the Center (often requiring a change in zoning) will only add more traffic, create less parking, and negatively impact homeowners living in the blocks surrounding the center (where there is already significant parking issues, among other concerns). | 10/23/2018 11:53 AM |
| 57 | All elements are important IN BALANCE for the town. Keeping the scale of new development in proportion to its surroundings has been overshadowed by the urge to maximize profits for developers. Example: the condos at the end of Arlington Rd. Example: the plans for redeveloping the convent on Park Rd. Example: the new hotel in Blue Back Square. Example: proposed condos/garages for the LaSalle Rd/Arapahoe corner. | 10/23/2018 10:30 AM |
| 58 | 10% off all budgets -- that's fair | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 59 | Everything is important | 10/23/2018 9:57 AM |
| 60 | The new bike lanes are ridiculous. No bikes are ever in them and because its a feel Good project it seems to have no common sense about it | 10/23/2018 9:27 AM |
| 61 | All these categories are important for a healthy viable town | 10/23/2018 8:52 AM |
| 62 | Development of apartment buildings and new additional housing. | 10/23/2018 7:43 AM |
| 63 | Catering to NIMBY arguments about preserving the "memory" of West Hartford | 10/22/2018 9:12 PM |
| 64 | Don't build much more housing. The density of population is changing the feel of our town. | 10/22/2018 8:52 PM |
| 65 | Stop bringing only high end retail and begin to focus on price points that favor every one not just the rich people of West Hartford | 10/22/2018 8:24 PM |
| 66 | i think the town should stop pushing new apartment complexes. | 10/22/2018 7:36 PM |
| 67 | HIGH COST HOUSING AS IT RELATES TO RENTERS. | 10/22/2018 5:56 PM |
| 68 | While I am in favor of separate pedestrian/bike walkways, I fear that some of shared bike/road routes that have been established represent a potential danger. Drivers don't see the bikers, and the bikers don't follow the rules of the road! | 10/22/2018 5:45 PM |
| 69 | M | 10/22/2018 5:08 PM |
| 70 | Less focus on zoning. Allowed homeowners to act as a cartel. | 10/22/2018 1:56 PM |
| 71 | Restaraunts. | 10/22/2018 1:23 PM |
| 72 | Prioritizing car traffic flow over bicycles and pedestrians | 10/22/2018 11:04 AM |
| 73 | Less focus on Being so full of itself and smug about its superiority. Less focus on keeping out of towners from schools and less focus on insularity. | 10/21/2018 10:21 PM |
| 74 | Although parks and open space are important, there are plenty, especially if schools are viewed as recreational park areas. All of the other items are important to keep. | 10/20/2018 2:29 PM |
| 75 | In previous years, one of this town's greatest appeals was its numerous small businesses, many of which have been replaced by restaurants and chain stores. Let's stop clamoring to draw this latter item and make ourselves more accommodating to small businesses again. | 10/20/2018 10:19 AM |
| 76 | Keep improving you're on the right path! | 10/20/2018 9:29 AM |
| 77 | Bicycle lanes are fine, but bicyclists should also follow the rules of the road. Many weave in and out of traffic and do not stop at lights. Safety. | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 78 | please bring back some more interesting retail! we lost an indie bookstore, a card shop, etc. too many restaurants! | 10/19/2018 10:29 PM |
| 79 | I think focusing on all of these with an emphasis on what I checked in #10 is appropriate. | 10/19/2018 9:50 AM |
| 80 | Bike paths on existing roadways is a waste of time | 10/18/2018 12:31 PM |
| 81 | We have beautiful parks and recreation, but maybe to save \$\$, we may have to mothball some of them. ie) Is Buena Vista fully utilized? | 10/18/2018 9:26 AM |
| 82 | Should show concern/focus for all of the above. | 10/17/2018 8:01 AM |
| 83 | this is a hard one! Not sure. | 10/16/2018 2:25 PM |
| 84 | Stifling development | 10/16/2018 2:07 PM |

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| 85 | We do not need a commercial zone at the old UConn campus, 55+ housing plus a park would be ideal without disrupting people across the street. | 10/16/2018 12:31 PM |
| 86 | No comment. | 10/16/2018 11:16 AM |
| 87 | I think West Hartford needs to do a better job at remembering that not everyone who lives in this town and pays the taxes is comprised of a traditional family unit. There are single people, seniors, non-traditional family units. | 10/16/2018 9:47 AM |
| 88 | All the above are important. I would like to see preserving the open spaces | 10/16/2018 8:46 AM |
| 89 | Bicycle lanes are under utilized particularly on busier roads resulting in lane restrictions that appear to add to congestion and/or divert drivers to other roads, increasing congestion there as well. Now rush hour traffic is finding its way cutting through neighborhoods. Traffic calming just diverts vehicles to other routes in town. Need a broader solution | 10/16/2018 7:40 AM |
| 90 | I want it all | 10/16/2018 5:35 AM |
| 91 | DOG PARKS. I could seriously care less about dog parks and I wish people would shut up about them. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 92 | All important to the excellent quality of life. See previous question: housing, more rentals, appropriate business development to increase tax base. | 10/15/2018 8:48 PM |
| 93 | Bring in high rise buildings, let WH compete with Boston if Hartford cannot. | 10/15/2018 8:30 PM |
| 94 | Less. Restaurants more retail stores | 10/15/2018 8:10 PM |
| 95 | There are too many restaurants we need to diversify our tax base. What happens in an economic downturn and people stop eating out. | 10/15/2018 7:58 PM |
| 96 | Reduce school administrators and non-teacher staff. | 10/15/2018 7:31 PM |
| 97 | See above. | 10/15/2018 6:55 PM |
| 98 | When I say roadways and traffic. I want more attention on less cars on the road and safe driving. Road designs are poor and encourage speeders. Constant accidents in the same spots with no changes. | 10/15/2018 6:19 PM |
| 99 | More traffic calming, less road widening. | 10/15/2018 6:19 PM |
| 100 | Restaurants, I think we have already a good number. Focus on businesses lacking here. | 10/15/2018 6:10 PM |
| 101 | Business and retail can take care of their own development. They profit from it and town taxpayers should not have to support it. | 10/15/2018 5:50 PM |
| 102 | A community as highly developed as this is not the most appropriate for more bike lanes. | 10/15/2018 4:37 PM |
| 103 | Can't answer that! | 10/15/2018 4:32 PM |
| 104 | It's a balancing act of all these, they all need attention. | 10/15/2018 4:25 PM |
| 105 | I think we have sufficient and excellent recreation programs, no need for more, as compared to putting energies into developing other initiatives (ie revenue generating potential) | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 106 | W. Hartford Center has been hopelessly over developed with the emphasis on food and entertainment and on the weekends it is like a giant frat party with overcrowding no parking and people wandering around encroaching on the neighboring residents . I actively avoid it on the weekends much as I enjoy going out. The town needs to do something about the center or else risking killing the goose that has laid the golden egg I really miss the small merchant and retail feel that it used to have a long with the food and entertainment | 10/15/2018 3:52 PM |
| 107 | This is hard to determine as each of the items are important to West Hartford as a whole | 10/15/2018 3:39 PM |
| 108 | Making it all just look good. Brick sidewalks? Come on. | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |
| 109 | theoretically, we must continue to improve and pay attention to all of the above | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |

Q12 What concerns you most about the future of West Hartford? (select up to three items below)

Answered: 1,172 Skipped: 92



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Business or industrial districts | 17.32% | 203 |
| Historic properties | 4.10% | 48 |
| Its neighborhoods | 11.95% | 140 |
| Parks and open space | 15.27% | 179 |
| Property tax rates | 74.91% | 878 |
| Recreation programs | 1.71% | 20 |
| Retail districts | 11.52% | 135 |
| Roadways and traffic | 46.16% | 541 |
| Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations | 13.74% | 161 |

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| None of the above | 2.22% | 26 |
| Other (please specify) | 18.94% | 222 |
| Total Respondents: 1,172 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Affordability that maintains and increases diversity of our community (I'm not talking about taxes, but rather high housing costs and lack of good public transit) | 11/28/2018 1:38 PM |
| 2 | The attitude of many to own the most expensive cars and the need to eat out and drink heavily in all your restaurants | 11/27/2018 8:18 PM |
| 3 | preservation of local small world character | 11/27/2018 8:08 PM |
| 4 | cuts to schools | 11/27/2018 6:38 PM |
| 5 | Too much expansion, building and overcrowding...the town does not have to continue to grow. | 11/27/2018 2:14 PM |
| 6 | High taxes | 11/23/2018 8:19 AM |
| 7 | Housing affordability | 11/13/2018 7:47 PM |
| 8 | Restaurant quality | 11/13/2018 6:45 PM |
| 9 | MDC dealings with Nestlé and other water bottling companies and blue back square retail tuenover | 11/13/2018 6:44 PM |
| 10 | Increase tax base | 11/10/2018 10:18 AM |
| 11 | Affordability for retirees | 11/9/2018 6:56 PM |
| 12 | No turn arrows at light at the intersection of Quaker and Boulevard, an increase multifamily housing and the type of tenants these building draw in - along with the impact this has in schools, hearing loud trains daily at 5 am, too many city buses, lack of parking close to retail and dining in center, and I'm worried west Hartford center is building up and slowly losing it's charm or village-like feel | 11/9/2018 4:45 PM |
| 13 | Park River floodplain management; public transportation; scattered site affordable housing. | 11/9/2018 11:18 AM |
| 14 | Losing it's small town feel | 11/8/2018 8:18 PM |
| 15 | I'm afraid if the town does not incentivize businesses a lot of them will close. A lot have already closed on New Britain Ave and I see other empty spaces as I drive around town in other neighborhoods. | 11/8/2018 9:21 AM |
| 16 | taxes, esp. increasing those residential areas close to the center while not making same increments across all areas, neighborhoods | 11/7/2018 4:17 PM |
| 17 | W. Hartford Center is too reliant on restaurants. Without a better mix of retail, and other businesses, even the restaurants will eventually fail. That is basic economic development/ City planning. | 11/7/2018 7:36 AM |
| 18 | No money is put into it | 11/6/2018 5:45 PM |
| 19 | Safety | 11/6/2018 5:22 PM |
| 20 | Direction of our retail only focusing on restaurants! | 11/6/2018 8:22 AM |
| 21 | yes, of course property taxes. so you can give some feedback to the local municipality that they need to start directing more focus on the state and national spending priorities. 1/2 our federal expenditures go towards military spending, yet, we don't see the connections to our mill rate. It's short sightedness at it's best. | 11/5/2018 10:27 PM |
| 22 | Too many expensive stores and restaurants town residents can't afford to go to | 11/5/2018 3:36 PM |
| 23 | Haphazard development; further reduction in town services | 11/5/2018 9:42 AM |
| 24 | available housing for low income residents | 11/5/2018 9:20 AM |
| 25 | I do not want to see parts of North Main Street narrowed to accommodate bike paths. It will create traffic issues and delays. Traffic would increase on Trout Brook and it already a hassle at certain times to get across town. The current bike lanes are sufficient. | 11/5/2018 8:37 AM |

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| 26 | Affordable housing | 11/4/2018 9:38 PM |
| 27 | Education | 11/4/2018 8:46 PM |
| 28 | School achievement gap | 11/2/2018 6:18 PM |
| 29 | a town government elected to lead who are afraid to lead and lose their positions | 11/2/2018 3:25 PM |
| 30 | Lack of forward thinking as the town employees and selectmen age | 11/1/2018 9:29 PM |
| 31 | It is turning into a city and loosing it residential character | 11/1/2018 10:41 AM |
| 32 | Tax shift from business to residents | 10/31/2018 8:10 PM |
| 33 | With high taxes I worry \$ won't be spent today on investing in our greener future: encouraging solar, decreasing waste and decreasing our town's Tipping costs at the dump. | 10/31/2018 2:53 PM |
| 34 | Overcrowding and traffic congestion | 10/31/2018 12:07 PM |
| 35 | The property taxes are the #1 reason we would move out of CT (and possibly out of state). We purchased in 2015 and our taxes have went up about 20% (ouch!). We like living here, and understand that our tax money helps create a great community, but there's only so much we can tolerate from a property tax perspective (it's almost as much as our mortgage). | 10/31/2018 11:51 AM |
| 36 | Speeding vehicles, | 10/31/2018 11:37 AM |
| 37 | The end of the construction at Park Rd Exit and Raymond Rd! | 10/31/2018 9:51 AM |
| 38 | School cuts | 10/31/2018 6:34 AM |
| 39 | Schools | 10/31/2018 1:31 AM |
| 40 | Please do not raise taxes without cutting town employees' salaries first. | 10/30/2018 11:16 PM |
| 41 | The nightlife scene. The lack of monitoring of on street parking near the center. The residual mess left by late night "restaurant" attendee. | 10/30/2018 9:54 PM |
| 42 | Traffic to get out of town from the north side is crazy. Too many apartments and condos are making it worse over time. Overall cost to live in town even for a dual income family doing well... taxes and incremental costs are piling up... if school start time changes, it means extra \$ for child care; taxes continue to rise; potentially need to pay for trash by the pound; etc... some seem silly but they add up when you are working and trying to raise children. | 10/30/2018 9:28 PM |
| 43 | Cost of living | 10/30/2018 6:43 PM |
| 44 | Noise | 10/30/2018 5:12 PM |
| 45 | Violence and crime, poverty | 10/30/2018 2:53 PM |
| 46 | Congestion and safety issues in neighborhoods near the Center and in the Center itself have reached a critical stage over the past few years as the number of bars and late night establishments have increased. This problem is only getting worse and needs to be resolved. | 10/30/2018 2:19 PM |
| 47 | The new street lights are a total waste. Roads like south quaker lane by st marks church are pitch black at night and worse during rainy weather. Very poor driving conditions. | 10/30/2018 1:34 PM |
| 48 | Crowding, over development, very poor traffic flow | 10/30/2018 12:00 PM |
| 49 | Loss of retail service businesses in the Center, and their replacement by restaurants and banks. | 10/30/2018 5:58 AM |
| 50 | Town services | 10/30/2018 2:48 AM |
| 51 | Hi rents are forcing smaller retailers out of town, leaving only real estate, finance/banking and restaurants. | 10/29/2018 8:54 PM |
| 52 | Lack of population density to support growing downtown and high tax rates. More people living downtown (Apts/condos/business park) = foot traffic | 10/29/2018 8:35 PM |
| 53 | No condos, it jams road infrastructure, schools and town services. Improve what we have already. | 10/29/2018 7:28 PM |
| 54 | Budget reductions and impact on resources for the community. | 10/29/2018 3:17 PM |
| 55 | Becoming too urban and bringing with it the issues that relate to density - crime, littering, traffic, etc. / Tax rates that will drive less affluent or younger people out of town. | 10/29/2018 2:30 PM |
| 56 | Lack of choices for us as seniors to stay in town if we want to downsize from large single family homes. | 10/29/2018 12:05 PM |

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| 57 | Taxes and see comment above about pricing businesses out of Blue Back/The Center. | 10/29/2018 10:55 AM |
| 58 | West Hartford is one of the few CT towns that has (just) recovered its property values since the economic crash. Reasons for this resilience are schools and the charm and character of West Hartford's traditional center. We are at risk of jeopardizing this remarkable recovery with hasty aggressive overdevelopment of the center. Incremental development in keeping with Guiding Principles should be supported. | 10/29/2018 9:36 AM |
| 59 | property taxes = 41 mill rate | 10/29/2018 9:10 AM |
| 60 | The fact that there are so many schools and this makes it difficult to keep up on renovations and updates because it has to be spread over so many different buildings. | 10/29/2018 7:22 AM |
| 61 | Safety in neighborhood- shootings | 10/28/2018 8:38 PM |
| 62 | the resistance to a dog park, why??? | 10/28/2018 7:39 PM |
| 63 | Not enough affordable housing for seniors and people of middle to lower incomes | 10/28/2018 1:54 PM |
| 64 | Preventing loss of the current town services. | 10/28/2018 1:27 PM |
| 65 | Finding creative ways to fund all that the town offers its residents | 10/28/2018 9:08 AM |
| 66 | Inability to cut costs of town government | 10/28/2018 7:55 AM |
| 67 | Drinking water safety and old water pipes to be replaced | 10/28/2018 6:57 AM |
| 68 | need to support growing elderly population in balance with resources to maintain the excellent quality of our schools | 10/27/2018 4:42 PM |
| 69 | Schools | 10/27/2018 3:28 PM |
| 70 | Too many apartments/condos, expense of operating and retaining local businesses. | 10/27/2018 11:31 AM |
| 71 | Crime is on the rise and that needs to stop | 10/27/2018 10:33 AM |
| 72 | Two items: 1. We have seen growing crime, auto thefts, break-ins in our neighborhood near the center; 2. The transition of restaurants in the center into nightclubs after 10 pm has led to spillover of drunk, loud crowds in our neighborhood late at night. I find alcohol containers in bushes in the neighborhood and the tow feels like a frat party after dark. We love walking to the center but debate moving further because of the growth of this late night nuisance. | 10/27/2018 7:47 AM |
| 73 | Openness of officials to meaningful citizen participation in decisions. Not just willingness by officials to explain decisions after the fact, as has been my experience with respect to parks. | 10/26/2018 8:23 PM |
| 74 | LACK of pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. Limited public transportation. | 10/26/2018 11:52 AM |
| 75 | The Center and other retail districts turning into city-like entertainment zones with no protections (parking/traffic/noise/litter/vandalism/etc.) for the surrounding neighborhoods | 10/26/2018 11:39 AM |
| 76 | Public Schools | 10/26/2018 10:41 AM |
| 77 | Too many rentals | 10/26/2018 10:05 AM |
| 78 | Congestion. Housing prices shut out lower income persons/families | 10/25/2018 11:23 PM |
| 79 | Balance of development and design review | 10/25/2018 8:15 PM |
| 80 | Main arterial roadways really dominate this town. We hope to see intersections favor pedestrian comfort and safety, traffic calming measures, proper tree species planted along roadways and public parks accessible by bike and on foot. A public park near The Center would be an incredible addition. | 10/25/2018 8:07 PM |
| 81 | At the current rate of tax growth, when I reach 65, my property taxes will be as much as my mortgage is now. That's not sustainable. I've lived here all my life . . . so far. I would hate to have to move from the town I love because I can't afford to pay the taxes. | 10/25/2018 7:11 PM |
| 82 | Housing costs not rising | 10/25/2018 2:59 PM |
| 83 | lack of jobs | 10/25/2018 12:06 PM |
| 84 | Schools. Just maintaining, not necessarily improving | 10/25/2018 9:51 AM |
| 85 | Increasing crime | 10/25/2018 9:37 AM |

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| 86 | Cost of parking in the Center should be discounted via app for West Hartford residents, so it can be enjoyed more freely | 10/25/2018 6:37 AM |
| 87 | Traffic and over population | 10/24/2018 9:00 PM |
| 88 | Lack of employment opportunities and ability to retain/attract new college graduates and young families. | 10/24/2018 8:41 PM |
| 89 | The property taxes are a huge deterrent to settling down and buying here. Currently we rent because we don't want to be strapped with the high taxes indefinitely - but we love the town. A more affordable tax rate would make this wonderful town more accessible. (And a dog park - that's my "other") | 10/24/2018 8:31 PM |
| 90 | All the new apartments/condos | 10/24/2018 8:12 PM |
| 91 | Exclusivity in housing and schools. | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 92 | Building on Avon Mountain | 10/24/2018 7:23 PM |
| 93 | West Hartford continues to become more populated with multi-unit buildings being built. We need more neighborhoods and less complexes, especially since emergency services aren't being CUT and not increased. "Less is more" - Matt Hart | 10/24/2018 2:45 PM |
| 94 | Maintaining high quality education in declining enrollment of schools. Upkeep of old schools. Improving early childhood education. | 10/24/2018 1:56 PM |
| 95 | How do we maintain the high quality schools in WH. | 10/24/2018 1:52 PM |
| 96 | The town being short sighted about affordable housing and only looking at it from a tax revenue prespective and not how it can disrupts the community and the people who own. I do not live near any bit I think it is unfair and potentially problematic. | 10/24/2018 12:33 PM |
| 97 | The infrastructure is growing older yet residents reject any type of tax increases. This will continue to compound. Raise the taxes and stop cutting services. | 10/24/2018 11:25 AM |
| 98 | I am worried about the apartment "bust" after this boom. | 10/24/2018 10:08 AM |
| 99 | We need to take full advantage of our Industrial zones areas to round out our tax revenue sources. | 10/24/2018 9:53 AM |
| 100 | Taxes, taxes, taxes. The current method/mix of multiple increases (mil rate, valuation, "other" services, and nickel/diming (paying for leaf bags, trash bags) is unsustainable. | 10/24/2018 8:21 AM |
| 101 | As great as WeHa is, the tax rate is very, very high. Even with the services, public safety, etc. the rate still seems too high. Many people suggest that folks are willing to pay more to live in WeHa, and this is not necessarily true. | 10/24/2018 7:47 AM |
| 102 | Pollution/air quality of all the vehicle traffic in the Center and on Mountain Road going to Avon/Simsbury. | 10/24/2018 7:27 AM |
| 103 | Schools. I'm watching Conard decline right before my eyes. That's going to have a huge impact on this town. | 10/24/2018 6:57 AM |
| 104 | Crime/safety-thefts, traffic accidents | 10/24/2018 6:49 AM |
| 105 | too many people, too much traffic, not enough open space. Stop trying to be everything. Pricing out the elderly, no creative leaders | 10/24/2018 6:37 AM |
| 106 | The "takedown" of existing properties that get replaced with multi-level business properties. And taking very careful consideration for each of these projects. | 10/24/2018 5:51 AM |
| 107 | Property tax rates are forcing the elderly, even stable pensioners, to reconsider whether they can continue to live in this town. | 10/23/2018 11:34 PM |
| 108 | Older, empty nesters refugee south to low tax states and make way for a rotating population of K-12 Dwellers who use the services and then join the tax migrants. West Hartford will be the Disney World of public education - bring the kids, check into a house, do all the rides and games, and then check out after graduation. | 10/23/2018 11:24 PM |
| 109 | Poor condition of roads and public facilities | 10/23/2018 9:01 PM |
| 110 | Schools | 10/23/2018 8:41 PM |
| 111 | Increase in crime | 10/23/2018 8:37 PM |
| 112 | Need more industry to support taxes | 10/23/2018 8:08 PM |

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| 113 | Neighborhoods - concerned about the ratio of renters to homeowners. The more renters and spaces to rent, the less residents (as a %) buying homes, investing in WH and putting down roots to support the town. WH will need to support a more transient resident base. | 10/23/2018 6:57 PM |
| 114 | Theft and crime | 10/23/2018 6:22 PM |
| 115 | I believe that the whole state would benefit from gov expanding in to counties and/or regions. Each town going it alone is expensive and inefficient. | 10/23/2018 5:25 PM |
| 116 | cost of garbage and recycling collection, as well as the always increasing health benefits that of our public employees. | 10/23/2018 4:28 PM |
| 117 | I worry about too much development which often leads to more traffic and less open space | 10/23/2018 3:26 PM |
| 118 | Safety | 10/23/2018 3:21 PM |
| 119 | TOO MANY PEOPLE MORE residents and businesses have never equates to lower taxes. | 10/23/2018 1:54 PM |
| 120 | Rates of petty crime | 10/23/2018 1:47 PM |
| 121 | I love that we are building modern rentals. I would love to see more large scale redevelopment on the northernmost and southernmost borders, where we have outdated inefficient housing much of which should be bought up and torn down. The 1950's houses just don't cut it anymore as far as efficiency and good use of the land. | 10/23/2018 1:37 PM |
| 122 | I worry that the schools will never be updated. They are so old and uninspiring and uncomfortable in the heat. I do worry that the quality of the schools cannot just rest on its laurels as, in some ways, I feel it's currently doing. | 10/23/2018 1:17 PM |
| 123 | Maintaining school funding | 10/23/2018 1:06 PM |
| 124 | Deteriorating school buildings | 10/23/2018 12:48 PM |
| 125 | Too much low income housing | 10/23/2018 12:44 PM |
| 126 | Most of the former retail space in the center and Blue Back are now either financial offices or restaurants. I miss the retail!! | 10/23/2018 12:06 PM |
| 127 | Even though I don't yet have children, my spouse and I pay to live in West Hartford mainly for its excellent schools, which our future children will attend (and from where my spouse and I graduated). Teachers in West Hartford are significantly underpaid--often by tens of thousands of dollars--compared to surrounding towns, yet our taxes are higher than surrounding towns. West Hartford needs to fight for its fair share of educational cost sharing funds from the state; we are severely underfunded, leaving homeowners to pick up the difference. Services residents are accustomed to, like regular trash and recycling pick up which isn't charged by the bag, should be maintained. | 10/23/2018 11:53 AM |
| 128 | The increased need for additional staff and monetary support in our schools. | 10/23/2018 11:36 AM |
| 129 | It's people. | 10/23/2018 11:28 AM |
| 130 | I like the diversity -- age, economic, cultural and racial. I worry that we may become too chic, which could make us less diverse. The neighborhoods offer unique personalities, which should be preserved and celebrated. | 10/23/2018 10:35 AM |
| 131 | Keeping up the quality of services and facilities such as the libraries, schools, parks, roadways, retail areas without making the community more urban. We have way more restaurants than is sustainable and I expect that will become evident quite soon. Its a great concept to be a regional draw, but if those elements are not needed or used by WH residents, it dilutes the sense of community cohesiveness. | 10/23/2018 10:30 AM |
| 132 | Taxes | 10/23/2018 10:20 AM |
| 133 | Crime | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 134 | If the state's budget issues (or federal budget issues) negatively impact our town and especially our school system. | 10/23/2018 10:09 AM |
| 135 | Public school System | 10/23/2018 9:57 AM |
| 136 | Potential school closings for neighborhood schools with declining enrollment. This would have a HUGE impact on both our neighborhood, and our housing value | 10/23/2018 9:42 AM |
| 137 | Adequately staffed schools | 10/23/2018 9:30 AM |

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| 138 | Too much development | 10/23/2018 9:28 AM |
| 139 | As the center gets busier resulting in Cars parking on both sides of streets that are in close proximity to the center, has created a Dangerous drive in either direction | 10/23/2018 9:27 AM |
| 140 | becoming too crowded i would like real bike lanes and places to park bikes in the center | 10/23/2018 9:21 AM |
| 141 | Growing income inequality Cost of housing too high for young people | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 142 | Schools | 10/23/2018 9:09 AM |
| 143 | Lack of foresight into how town policies impact the region. For example, the proposal to have residents purchase trash bags will result in dumping in neighboring towns. | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 144 | Housing affordability | 10/23/2018 9:07 AM |
| 145 | Connecticut's financial outlook and challenges in attracting new businesses and growth opportunities | 10/23/2018 9:07 AM |
| 146 | See above - parking crisis due to people not residing in West Hartford | 10/23/2018 9:05 AM |
| 147 | Our residents need help being able to visualize density that can result in excellent compact mixed-use neighborhoods that would greatly improve the tax base and build a community for the 21st century. More and more people from millennials to boomers want to live in walkable mixed-use, well designed neighborhoods. | 10/23/2018 8:52 AM |
| 148 | Motor vehicle tax | 10/22/2018 10:21 PM |
| 149 | Lack of progress to cultivate migration to the city and increase density and diversity | 10/22/2018 9:12 PM |
| 150 | Too much spent on schools | 10/22/2018 7:36 PM |
| 151 | Roadways and traffic. I believe the town has become more unsafe, in general (as a few areas have definitely become safer due to appropriate sidewalks/cycle paths/lanes). I believe traffic cameras should be used to promote safety and should be coupled with appropriate police enforcement of state and local laws applying to traffic and vehicular operation. | 10/22/2018 6:50 PM |
| 152 | Roadways and traffic such that it has become more unsafe, in general, for all users of the roadways. I believe traffic cameras should be added as a tool to enhance safety as well as enforcement of state laws and local ordinances as they apply to the roadways and vehicle operation should be stepped up. | 10/22/2018 6:43 PM |
| 153 | AND PRICING AVERAGE INCOME FAMILIES OUT OF LIVING IN THIS TOWN--NOT EVERYONE IS WEALTHY NOR SHOULD BE. | 10/22/2018 5:56 PM |
| 154 | See earlier comments about scaring businesses away with taxes that are too high. | 10/22/2018 5:45 PM |
| 155 | West Hartford has lost a lot of its tree-lined streets. I'd like to see some shade on New Park Avenue so it won't feel as industrial. | 10/22/2018 2:27 PM |
| 156 | Decline in the regional economy caused property values to decline. | 10/22/2018 1:50 PM |
| 157 | Keeping schools some of the best in the state. | 10/22/2018 1:16 PM |
| 158 | Schools are no longer considered the best in the State. | 10/22/2018 12:08 PM |
| 159 | Pricing out low-moderate income families and seniors | 10/22/2018 10:46 AM |
| 160 | UConn Hartford's loss was significant and the current plans are concerning. Overall density concerns | 10/22/2018 7:52 AM |
| 161 | See previous answer | 10/21/2018 10:21 PM |
| 162 | Cost structure of our budget and revenue reliance on state & federal sources. If there are structural problems or risks with the budget they need to be addressed sooner rather than later so we keep a balanced or surplus budget now and into the future with contingency plans in place. | 10/21/2018 9:35 PM |
| 163 | Public services for families at risk | 10/21/2018 9:34 PM |
| 164 | Public safety, tax increases | 10/20/2018 12:55 PM |
| 165 | schools - there are too many and it is costing too much to maintain them and fund teachers salaries and other costs | 10/20/2018 8:24 AM |

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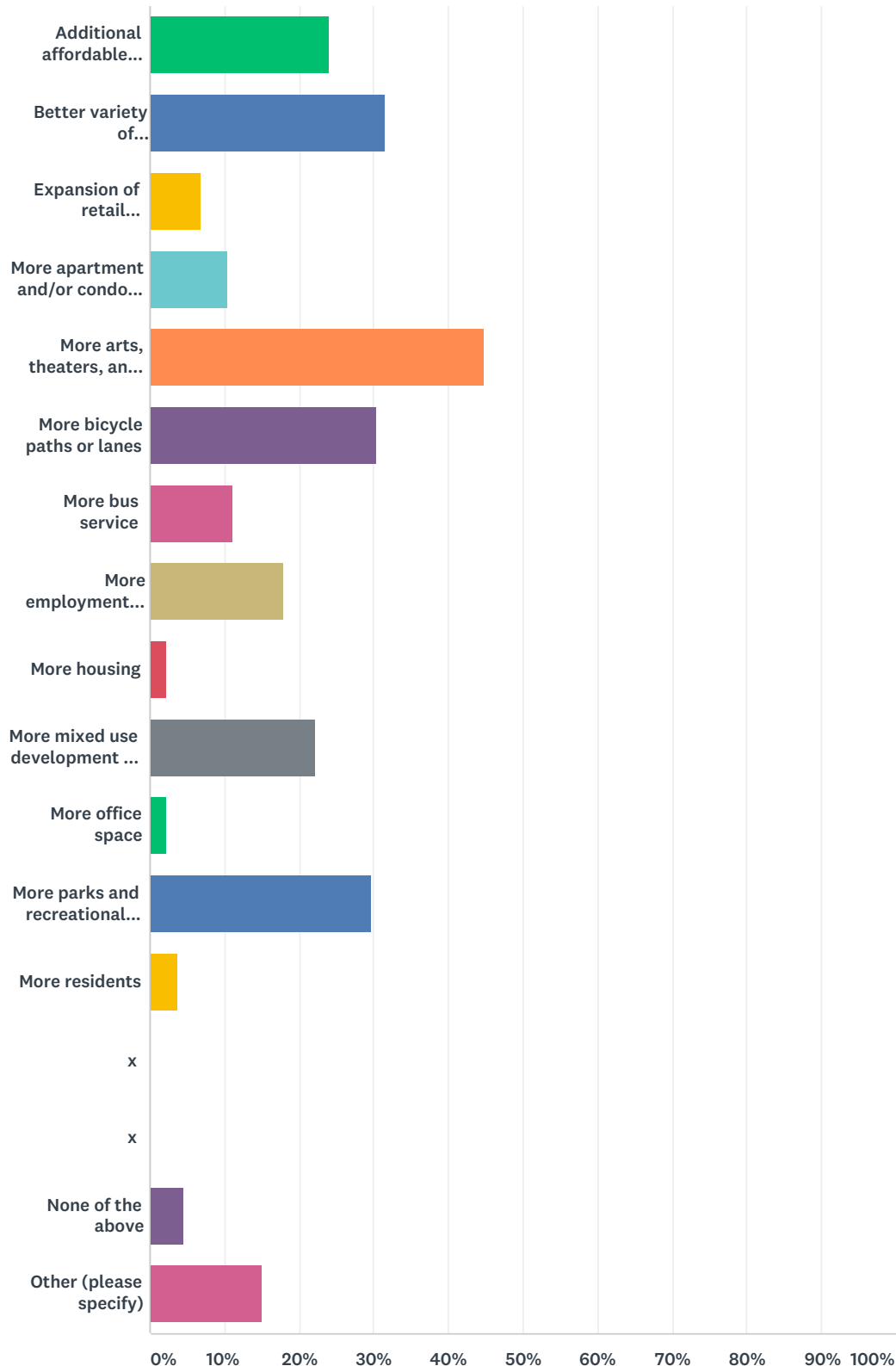
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| 166 | I am afraid we will over build and our roadways will not be able to handle all of the traffic. Also the cleanliness and safety of the center sidewalks. They look like they need to be power washed. Some restaurants have outdoor seating that reaches out too far on the sidewalk area. Often times not enough space between restaurant seating and trees to get by easily. The sidewalk bricks have become very uneven in many places. Safety. | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 167 | I am extremely concerned that Blueback Square has too many vacancies. West Hartford Center went through a transition when Blueback was built and now Blueback is often full of vacancies. I want to see fewer vacancies. Also, our property taxes are too high and I want out Board of Education to think creatively about budgeting. The same old story about "we're doing great with less" is not working--people will get priced out of town soon. | 10/19/2018 10:53 PM |
| 168 | All day parking by people who work tying up access for service vehicles and those personally invited to said residences | 10/19/2018 9:21 PM |
| 169 | lack of transportation and infrastructure maintenance | 10/19/2018 10:06 AM |
| 170 | Loss of independent businesses that characterized West Hartford 18 years ago when I moved here. | 10/18/2018 8:36 PM |
| 171 | Roadway congestion | 10/18/2018 3:30 PM |
| 172 | Traffic is increasing | 10/18/2018 12:31 PM |
| 173 | taxes. | 10/18/2018 9:26 AM |
| 174 | Education/Schools | 10/18/2018 6:50 AM |
| 175 | High property taxes and high rents for businesses | 10/18/2018 5:06 AM |
| 176 | The State and Hartford | 10/17/2018 8:01 AM |
| 177 | we need more businesses in town. | 10/16/2018 5:29 PM |
| 178 | The solution to increasing property tax rates is to diversify our tax base, and increase it through densification. | 10/16/2018 3:45 PM |
| 179 | Ethnic and economic diversity TOO MANY RESTAURANTS The ultra-confusing parking system | 10/16/2018 2:53 PM |
| 180 | I know the town has no control over this, but I worry that leasing rates are just too high for small businesses. That combined with property tax rates could make business unaffordable here. I love the Center but we are seeing a restaurant growth for a reason. They can still afford to be here. We have too many banks. Little retail shops struggle at some level. Oh, and we need more signs to explain the parking meters! We've had guests come to town and not put money in the meter because they didn't know there were meters! | 10/16/2018 2:20 PM |
| 181 | Suburban style (car oriented) development | 10/16/2018 2:07 PM |
| 182 | Improve traffic lights to react to traffic conditions instead of otherwise, while we wait 2 minutes for lights to change without anybody coming in opposite direction | 10/16/2018 12:31 PM |
| 183 | Developing a vision on how WH could look in the future. | 10/16/2018 11:16 AM |
| 184 | Property taxes, rents, safety measures. | 10/16/2018 9:47 AM |
| 185 | community disaster preparedness and sustainability/resiliency | 10/16/2018 9:34 AM |
| 186 | The schools - this town has always been known for its high quality school systems, however shrinking budgets and growing expenditures on the increasing special education population is negatively impacting the quality of the public school education here. | 10/16/2018 9:32 AM |
| 187 | The financial ability of the State of Ct.to meet the pension needs applicable to West Hartford. | 10/16/2018 9:03 AM |
| 188 | overgrowth of commercial areas, costs for west hartford residents | 10/16/2018 8:02 AM |
| 189 | The Town has been concentrating too much on bringing outside activity to our residential areas (cyclists are not commuters but athletes that consistently ignore rules of the road). | 10/16/2018 7:13 AM |
| 190 | Seems to be getting harder to drive around at rush hour. Very congested. | 10/16/2018 6:45 AM |
| 191 | Affordable housing for singles and retirees. | 10/16/2018 3:29 AM |
| 192 | I want unique shopping and dining, not chains. | 10/15/2018 11:35 PM |

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| 193 | Pedestrians and bike safety and network is important, however, vehicular traffic easily getting around town should take precedence. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 194 | Quality of life crimes, accessibility of recreation programs for kids of all needs, people that want to turn Main St into one lane and use other lanes for bikes. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 195 | It still looks stale and just like any other suburban town. If you don't attract young people then the town will grow old (residents growing old) and it will become like Windsor - bad schools, old and stale looking town. | 10/15/2018 8:30 PM |
| 196 | Having enough industry and jobs to attract and retain young families. | 10/15/2018 8:14 PM |
| 197 | Housing prices that have not fully rebounded since the bubble burst! | 10/15/2018 7:58 PM |
| 198 | Thank | 10/15/2018 7:57 PM |
| 199 | Taxes are too high. | 10/15/2018 7:49 PM |
| 200 | income disparity, education gap | 10/15/2018 7:47 PM |
| 201 | Why isn't "school" even on this list? It's a serious concern. I'm also concerned about the speeding on Mountain, Fern, Main St. etc. | 10/15/2018 7:40 PM |
| 202 | reasonable affordable housing | 10/15/2018 6:59 PM |
| 203 | Loss of character and charm | 10/15/2018 6:58 PM |
| 204 | The continuing crazy pursuit of a reputation as an upscale, luxury town. Who cares? I'm so tired of Town Hall constantly crowing about top 10 lists. | 10/15/2018 6:55 PM |
| 205 | Cost of living | 10/15/2018 6:49 PM |
| 206 | -Parking -Diversification of the Center and Blue Back. | 10/15/2018 6:48 PM |
| 207 | Keeping the Uconn property as open space or dog park but not development. | 10/15/2018 6:20 PM |
| 208 | Taxation exceeding the ability of residents to pay | 10/15/2018 6:12 PM |
| 209 | High taxes driving people away. | 10/15/2018 6:10 PM |
| 210 | Keeping our town taxes affordable buy prudent spending, staying within our budgets. | 10/15/2018 5:34 PM |
| 211 | Roads are becoming too busy. Infrastructure aging, sewage pipes are rotting, we dont have a good plan for MDC that im aware of and that will keep up with growing town demands | 10/15/2018 5:07 PM |
| 212 | Speeders using our home street--Lexington Rd.-as a cut-through. We need traffic management as in neighboring residential streets to control what drivers are unable to control themselves. | 10/15/2018 5:03 PM |
| 213 | Seeking ways to enlarge the tax base. | 10/15/2018 4:37 PM |
| 214 | I am most concerned about the overall economic conditions of the State of Connecticut and how they impact the region and the town. | 10/15/2018 4:18 PM |
| 215 | Revenue besides residential property tax | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 216 | crazy taxes that keep going up. 41.04 mill rate is not acceptable | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 217 | All of the above should continue to be concerns | 10/15/2018 3:39 PM |
| 218 | Taxes. | 10/15/2018 3:35 PM |
| 219 | maintaining high quality, racially and ethnically diverse schools | 10/15/2018 3:34 PM |
| 220 | cost of housing, especially for young adults | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |
| 221 | Retail diversity is important; reliance on restaurants as many stay is limiting and subject to economic downturns. | 10/15/2018 3:27 PM |
| 222 | NIMBYs who are fighting development and progress | 10/15/2018 3:26 PM |

Q13 If you could bring something new to West Hartford, what would it be? (select up to three items below)

Answered: 1,185 Skipped: 79



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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Additional affordable housing options | 24.14% | 286 |
| Better variety of businesses/services within retail districts | 31.56% | 374 |
| Expansion of retail districts | 6.84% | 81 |
| More apartment and/or condo residences | 10.55% | 125 |
| More arts, theaters, and cultural venues or events | 44.73% | 530 |
| More bicycle paths or lanes | 30.30% | 359 |
| More bus service | 11.14% | 132 |
| More employment opportunities | 18.06% | 214 |
| More housing | 2.28% | 27 |
| More mixed use development - apartments over retail businesses in some areas | 22.28% | 264 |
| More office space | 2.28% | 27 |
| More parks and recreational facilities | 29.79% | 353 |
| More residents | 3.80% | 45 |
| x | 0.00% | 0 |
| x | 0.00% | 0 |
| None of the above | 4.64% | 55 |
| Other (please specify) | 15.11% | 179 |
| Total Respondents: 1,185 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | great college | 11/29/2018 10:01 AM |
| 2 | Make a real bike path that is NOT ON A ROAD. How about a decent bike path along troutbrook? You couldn't pay me to ride a bike on any road with the texting & driving. | 11/27/2018 8:18 PM |
| 3 | DOG PARK AGAIN.... | 11/27/2018 8:08 PM |
| 4 | more restaurants in Bishops Corner | 11/27/2018 6:38 PM |
| 5 | MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. It's very exclusive. People throughout the region should be able to take advantage of what West Hartford has to offer. | 11/26/2018 6:20 PM |
| 6 | Dog Park | 11/22/2018 8:40 AM |
| 7 | local businesses over box stores. home preservation over new developments. | 11/13/2018 5:29 PM |
| 8 | Co-op or occupational trade training for High School aged students such as construction, auto-repair, plumbers, electricians | 11/12/2018 9:02 AM |
| 9 | More parks and recreational facilities for residents of West Hartford with pets. | 11/11/2018 8:47 PM |
| 10 | Any endeavor should preserve residential character of the town | 11/10/2018 2:19 PM |
| 11 | Reduce property taxes especially for senior citizens who prefer to stay in their own houses in WH and to keep up with improvements ! | 11/10/2018 10:42 AM |
| 12 | We need to improve older housing stock | 11/10/2018 10:18 AM |
| 13 | Dog park | 11/9/2018 6:56 PM |
| 14 | Open space for leisure family relaxing not planned activities | 11/9/2018 6:46 PM |
| 15 | Bicycle shop in the center | 11/8/2018 8:18 PM |

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| 16 | 1. Indoor canine training center with appropriate add-on outdoor play-space. 2. a true "co-housing development" in a mid-price-range for a wide range of ages & income levels... CT is way behind on providing this kind of housing option; the closest one is near New Haven. | 11/8/2018 2:25 PM |
| 17 | Getting rid of parking kiosks; providing more handicap parking spots in parking lots. Providing parking so it is easier to get to the main library. | 11/7/2018 6:57 PM |
| 18 | free street parking in metered areas after 5:00 pm , if there are city owned parking lots there should be free parking after 5 pm | 11/7/2018 10:20 AM |
| 19 | Less chain stores. I miss the local shops that were unique to WH. Drive thru Starbucks would be amazing! | 11/7/2018 6:56 AM |
| 20 | Dog park | 11/6/2018 7:15 PM |
| 21 | dog park! | 11/6/2018 1:18 PM |
| 22 | What's the rent control downtown? Is there any? We don't want corporate america pushing out the local businesses. | 11/5/2018 10:27 PM |
| 23 | Less restaurants and banks/financial/real estate offices and more retail (affordable, unique and varied - less boutiques and chains) | 11/5/2018 3:36 PM |
| 24 | Just maintain. Nothing new needed. Focus on the citizens that currently live here – citizens to whom the politicians owe a fiduciary duty. | 11/5/2018 3:32 PM |
| 25 | more parks please! less blight. | 11/5/2018 10:18 AM |
| 26 | Youth based companies and activities | 11/1/2018 9:29 PM |
| 27 | Note--affordable housing options should be integrated into all neighborhoods in West Hartford, not just relegated to certain parts of Town | 10/31/2018 12:22 PM |
| 28 | I would bring one of the countries first incubators and co-working spaces that is housed within City Hall to West Hartford and provide West Hartford residents affordable workspace to start new businesses or work remotely for an out of state employer. I own West Hartford Co-Working / WeHa Works and would LOVE to help make this happen for the town. While it would mean I was no longer a business owner, I'd be willing to let it go because the macro impact of this type of bold move would make the place I live stand out and help the community much more than I ever could alone. | 10/31/2018 11:51 AM |
| 29 | More focus on accessibility of town for people with disabilities and support of adult residents with disabilities | 10/31/2018 9:00 AM |
| 30 | More money to the Senior Center. Better structural and architecture code enforcement in condo construction. I live in Quaker Green in a condo that is 3 years old. There is a huge hole in the foundation under my condo. Need to enforce building codes. | 10/31/2018 7:38 AM |
| 31 | Protection of open space/parks. | 10/31/2018 5:20 AM |
| 32 | I would love to work in town. I work in healthcare software / product development and it would be great to have some larger employers in town. Like what is happening on UCONN campus except there I do worry about traffic. | 10/30/2018 9:28 PM |
| 33 | Less taxes | 10/30/2018 6:43 PM |
| 34 | More outdoor pickleball courts | 10/30/2018 1:34 PM |
| 35 | Traffic flow pattern, more lights are not the solution | 10/30/2018 12:00 PM |
| 36 | A dog park! | 10/30/2018 11:05 AM |
| 37 | Dog park | 10/30/2018 10:06 AM |
| 38 | Less renters and more owners, creates a stronger community mind set and spirit | 10/29/2018 7:28 PM |
| 39 | A full indoor recreational facility. Its a long winter in CT and with no place to go it gets longer. | 10/29/2018 3:10 PM |
| 40 | indoor and outdoor pickleball courts | 10/29/2018 1:32 PM |
| 41 | in particular, add indoor pickleball facilities | 10/29/2018 11:53 AM |
| 42 | More business that will generate tax revenue. | 10/29/2018 11:01 AM |

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| 43 | Dedicated bike and walking path linking the Center to Reservoir (i.e., not just a marked lane in the road). Public playground in the traditional Center (maybe on Town Hall property?). These are attractive and valuable amenities that will draw people to center and its restaurants and retail shops. | 10/29/2018 9:36 AM |
| 44 | Drive thrus for coffee/food | 10/28/2018 8:54 PM |
| 45 | Dog park | 10/28/2018 8:38 PM |
| 46 | Free parking | 10/28/2018 7:59 PM |
| 47 | Dog Parks | 10/28/2018 7:51 PM |
| 48 | dog park | 10/28/2018 7:39 PM |
| 49 | Dog Park | 10/28/2018 7:24 PM |
| 50 | Dog park | 10/28/2018 7:19 PM |
| 51 | A dog park | 10/28/2018 1:48 PM |
| 52 | Conserve our parks and recreational facilities | 10/28/2018 1:27 PM |
| 53 | more sidewalks in neighborhoods to increase walkability | 10/27/2018 4:42 PM |
| 54 | One High School for the whole town | 10/27/2018 3:28 PM |
| 55 | I would like to see more diverse retail offerings in and around the center - not just high-end shopping. I think the Flatbush area has a lot of potential and I'd like to see the town help artists and unique small businesses flourish (i.e. food truck park, artist collectives, etc.) | 10/27/2018 10:50 AM |
| 56 | See Graham Park in Cranberry Pennsylvania | 10/27/2018 8:29 AM |
| 57 | lower taxes | 10/27/2018 8:23 AM |
| 58 | Mom and Pop type stores -- our real estate is so ridiculously expensive we only have huge retail chains and that is a real loss. We have become cookie-cutter. | 10/26/2018 10:41 AM |
| 59 | see comment above | 10/25/2018 8:07 PM |
| 60 | I love what's going on with the old UConn campus. Real jobs are coming to town, not more restaurants that don't pay livable wages. That's a great way to re-use the land there. I think developers who promise conference center/office space/retail put more of a burden on the town's infrastructure and provide little in the way of sustainable growth. Encourage more manufacturing/office growth in a TOD setting around the New Park transportation areas (hopefully the train station will get built). Encourage bike friendly options to get to the TOD by expanding the Trout Brook Bike trail. Encourage development that impacts traffic the least. | 10/25/2018 7:11 PM |
| 61 | Fiscal responsibility! | 10/25/2018 5:50 PM |
| 62 | Sidewalks. | 10/25/2018 2:59 PM |
| 63 | Again, we'd like to build our church in West Hartford. Also, repurpose the UCONN property. Maybe part of the property can be a dog park? | 10/25/2018 1:19 PM |
| 64 | Drive through coffee, kid friendly businesses that open before 10 am. | 10/25/2018 9:31 AM |
| 65 | Better grocery store! Stop and shop on Farmington ave needs to be upgraded!! Wegmans? | 10/25/2018 5:52 AM |
| 66 | Affordability | 10/25/2018 2:21 AM |
| 67 | Not more parks, just a garden placed in the heart of the center. | 10/24/2018 10:52 PM |
| 68 | Lower property taxes | 10/24/2018 9:28 PM |
| 69 | We have great parks and neighborhood schools, let's use them more to build a neighborhood community. I remember when I was young the local park or neighborhood school hosted morning activities for the kids. We could walk to / from by ourselves and participate in an activity for a few hours in the morning. | 10/24/2018 8:10 PM |
| 70 | Regional school districts. | 10/24/2018 8:05 PM |
| 71 | Educational center - keep the children's museum in West Hartford | 10/24/2018 5:21 PM |
| 72 | More afternoon offerings for preschoolers through leisure services. | 10/24/2018 4:05 PM |
| 73 | Easier parking to be able to enjoy what is here | 10/24/2018 11:04 AM |

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| 74 | Geothermal heating and cooling systems on all town buildings. A solar farm over town parking lots. | 10/24/2018 9:53 AM |
| 75 | You can't solve the tax issue with a static number of residents. | 10/24/2018 8:21 AM |
| 76 | As a millennial I feel I have a sense of what attracts and keeps our generation in West Hartford. The restaurant scene is fantastic, and I love having New Park Brewing in town and the proposed Gastropark is exciting. I would love to see a small music venue in the Center, a big ask, but when I think of comparable towns outside of Boston/New York or elsewhere (like Northampton, MA), there is an additional element of entertainment that I think West Hartford should continue to aspire for. Live, work, play as they say | 10/24/2018 8:13 AM |
| 77 | An addition of a skateboard park/ rock wall in Bishops Corner. It could be a pop up. The kids need more space for outdoor activities. It's a clean community, and attention to the litter/ trash at on/off ramps need attention. | 10/24/2018 7:47 AM |
| 78 | A Dog Park is desperately needed! | 10/24/2018 7:31 AM |
| 79 | More social/emotional support for students in public schools | 10/24/2018 6:49 AM |
| 80 | arts & culture venues, more open space and parks | 10/24/2018 6:37 AM |
| 81 | More attention to Farmington Ave east of Main St. | 10/24/2018 6:13 AM |
| 82 | Preserving existence space. A dog park! | 10/24/2018 5:51 AM |
| 83 | More tax-paying (non-subsidized) businesses with viable business plans that can withstand the vicissitudes of CT's economy and last. | 10/23/2018 11:34 PM |
| 84 | A geodesic domed winter garden like the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. | 10/23/2018 11:24 PM |
| 85 | a slowing down of development | 10/23/2018 6:57 PM |
| 86 | We have many friend who relocated to the Hartford area CT that are in there 30s, professionals, and don't have kids. They don't live in Weha because lack of modern apartments or condos with reasonable prices. | 10/23/2018 5:25 PM |
| 87 | introduce the pay for your garbage bag, as well as pay for your bags at the store. The pocket book is the only way that works to get people to think about how they shop and what they are throwing away. | 10/23/2018 4:28 PM |
| 88 | The town should have bought Gledhill's and kept it as a park that so many families enjoyed. | 10/23/2018 4:13 PM |
| 89 | Definitely not more apartments. There are lots of empty apartments and condos as it is, | 10/23/2018 4:11 PM |
| 90 | Free/reduced parking for residents. Cap lease rates for businesses so that it isn't only restaurants (for exampes if cibrant mixed retail spaces, see Middletown and Guilford, CT, and further away, Greenville, SC) | 10/23/2018 1:47 PM |
| 91 | More field space dir kids. More around (intra town) town bus and shuttle service | 10/23/2018 1:34 PM |
| 92 | More cross-marketing and cross-usag of arts, theaters and cultural venues. I wish we could get discounts by visiting more than one venue -- Playhouse, Noah Webster House, WH Symphony, local drama groups. I want people to see more things in our town. | 10/23/2018 12:49 PM |
| 93 | Farms | 10/23/2018 12:28 PM |
| 94 | Green space in WH Center and/or BBS | 10/23/2018 12:07 PM |
| 95 | More sidewalks on the North side of town | 10/23/2018 11:32 AM |
| 96 | Electric vehicle charging stations | 10/23/2018 11:08 AM |
| 97 | More affordable stores and restaurants | 10/23/2018 10:42 AM |
| 98 | light rail or other service instead of a bus to get to and from Hartford | 10/23/2018 10:40 AM |
| 99 | Healthy neighborhood parks make our community more livable. Keep supporting them. Safe streets (by slowing traffic) for pedestrians and cyclists would help. | 10/23/2018 10:35 AM |
| 100 | Dog park | 10/23/2018 10:23 AM |
| 101 | We need to focus on affordable housing in addition to keep state funding | 10/23/2018 10:15 AM |

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| 102 | I would most like to see more "third spaces" (public use spaces which anyone can occupy for various purposes). We desperately need to make it easier for small independent businesses to succeed here, like independent bookstores and coffee shops, places that encourage hanging out, mingling, and accessibility. | 10/23/2018 10:09 AM |
| 103 | improved infrastructure | 10/23/2018 9:57 AM |
| 104 | Dog Park | 10/23/2018 9:57 AM |
| 105 | My worry about West Hartford Center is street-level storefronts that are not strolling / browsing friendly - like banks and financial institutions - they create dead spaces in town, and could easily be on the 2nd floor - keep the center vibrant to walk around. | 10/23/2018 9:51 AM |
| 106 | the development of an indoor sports arena so all of the WH kids teams & leagues can play all year without having to leave WH. | 10/23/2018 9:46 AM |
| 107 | Additional retirement living options | 10/23/2018 9:40 AM |
| 108 | Dog park and retaining open space. WH no longer has an open space for public events or in the center. Delmar took the last one. Would like remaining open space preserved | 10/23/2018 9:24 AM |
| 109 | Change traffic light system. It's dangerous as it is now. | 10/23/2018 9:22 AM |
| 110 | Additional retirement community options | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 111 | More diversity. | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 112 | Stop signs on the corners of Mohegan and Brewster | 10/23/2018 5:13 AM |
| 113 | PROTECTED BIKE LANES. | 10/22/2018 9:37 PM |
| 114 | Volunteering opportunities for children 10 and up | 10/22/2018 8:24 PM |
| 115 | Bike share! | 10/22/2018 8:02 PM |
| 116 | More commercial/industrial districts. | 10/22/2018 8:01 PM |
| 117 | Try to bring actual businesses to town to increase our grand list. Don't just build a retail district and hope for another ice cream or hamburger place to come Look at large businesses and get them to West Hartford, and maybe build an industrial area near Wiremold. | 10/22/2018 7:36 PM |
| 118 | Please no more squiggly streets like Like armoldale Street - to me it is so dangerous - I cannot understand why the town would spend money to do that!!! | 10/22/2018 7:18 PM |
| 119 | Make Lasalle a pedestrian street! | 10/22/2018 6:16 PM |
| 120 | I'd like to see new housing. | 10/22/2018 5:45 PM |
| 121 | Larger and more extensive farmer's markets. More opportunities for small businesses that create or produce. | 10/22/2018 1:50 PM |
| 122 | More aggressive enforcement of traffic laws. | 10/22/2018 1:41 PM |
| 123 | more speed bumps on roads with excessive speeds even at the 30% mark. Speed in this town is ridiculous. | 10/22/2018 12:39 PM |
| 124 | more stop signs or enforcing of existing traffic control laws | 10/22/2018 11:20 AM |
| 125 | Increased attention to socioeconomic and ethnic diversity. Understand the town for its diversity. | 10/22/2018 10:10 AM |
| 126 | Wider range of acceptance of the "other". | 10/21/2018 10:21 PM |
| 127 | Dog park | 10/21/2018 10:16 PM |
| 128 | proper public based development of UCONN site | 10/21/2018 9:47 PM |
| 129 | Mixed use- Home/work zoning and space development. | 10/21/2018 9:34 PM |
| 130 | A bigger Commercial property tax base | 10/21/2018 8:49 PM |
| 131 | More opportunities for offices and commercial development in our former industrial corridors along New Park Avenue and elsewhere. | 10/20/2018 10:19 AM |
| 132 | More public art like murals and sculptures | 10/20/2018 9:29 AM |

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| 133 | West Hartford has so much to offer. Great place as it is. We need to keep everything in good shape. Roadways and sidewalks. Fix and clean. More needs to be done on New Britain ave in Elmwood. More traffic calming. Especially between Mayflower and South Main Street. | 10/20/2018 6:13 AM |
| 134 | trolley to Hartford! | 10/19/2018 10:29 PM |
| 135 | A dog park!! | 10/19/2018 4:06 PM |
| 136 | Affordable elderly housing | 10/18/2018 9:45 PM |
| 137 | Independent (not chain) stores. | 10/18/2018 8:36 PM |
| 138 | More sidewalks | 10/18/2018 3:30 PM |
| 139 | Pedestrian friendly walk walks on bishops corner and Corbin's corner | 10/18/2018 12:31 PM |
| 140 | open space and conservation | 10/18/2018 10:17 AM |
| 141 | traffic and speed limit control and consistency in the neighborhoods | 10/18/2018 6:58 AM |
| 142 | Increase in housing density and better transportation. | 10/17/2018 8:01 AM |
| 143 | More 55+ solutions. | 10/16/2018 2:58 PM |
| 144 | WE NEED A DOG PARK. Also: I would bring an eye for how to best lower taxes and keep the uniqueness of West Hartford in tact We do NOT need more bike paths/lanes, more residents, or expansion of the retail district. When Blue Back and the Center can quickly fill their vacancies, then we could review that. I'd also bring an increased or better public safety plan. | 10/16/2018 9:47 AM |
| 145 | Services, activities, and events focused to attract young adults | 10/16/2018 8:54 AM |
| 146 | if improve bike lanes but some roads are not appropriate, like mountain road. | 10/16/2018 8:46 AM |
| 147 | Population density needs better control going forward. Old empty or abandoned businesses need to be razed or repurposed | 10/16/2018 7:40 AM |
| 148 | senior housing | 10/16/2018 7:16 AM |
| 149 | Crosstown transportation and better parking options for workers and visitors to Blue Back. It's a shame that the the lifeblood of our restaurants (the young staff) have to spend a good portion of their tips for parking/tickets or walk great distances just to get to work. | 10/16/2018 7:13 AM |
| 150 | Foreign film movies like was originally promised by blue back square | 10/16/2018 5:35 AM |
| 151 | More renewable energy. To be an entire town that's working to be Off The Grid! Solar, attractive wind turbines, etc. | 10/15/2018 11:35 PM |
| 152 | Big Sky Fitness Center | 10/15/2018 9:39 PM |
| 153 | A sporting goods store like Dick's, indoor sports center, a demolition crew to implode the West Hartford Inn and turn that whole area into something more useful and less circa 1972. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 154 | An indoor space suited to small children would be such a godsend. During the winter months, West Hartford offers NO public spaces for young families, except for the libraries. An indoor rec center that included a lounge and/or play structures would be so very helpful. | 10/15/2018 8:50 PM |
| 155 | this area should have bid for amazon-- if we could bring something like that to this area WH would boom | 10/15/2018 7:49 PM |
| 156 | The town should look into expanding the hockey rink or making an outdoor rink like Norwalk does. Youth hockey currently spends upwards of \$400 an hour for ice time in towns as far away as South Windsor. West Hartford should seriously consider the program that Norwalk has established. Better fields would be a dream and an attraction to young families. Travel soccer teams from other towns are shocked when they drive 2 hours to play in West Hartford and have to play at Whiting Lane etc. | 10/15/2018 7:40 PM |
| 157 | More open space, but that horse has left the barn, unfortunately. | 10/15/2018 6:55 PM |
| 158 | The issue is not more housing, apts., condos, etc. The problem is the affordability for young people. It seems everything that is being built is "luxury." How can those in their 20's or 30's afford to live here? | 10/15/2018 6:48 PM |
| 159 | West Hartford has a great mixture of historical houses and should look to cities like Newport, RI and New Canaan to keep the historical nature of the town while continuing to grow. | 10/15/2018 6:39 PM |

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| 160 | Improve compliance with traffic and driving laws. | 10/15/2018 5:50 PM |
| 161 | as my husband and I age, there is nothing more that I would like than to be able to reside in West Hartford. Our home is not one level and not compatible to staying here - however, there are not many local and relatively affordable options | 10/15/2018 5:25 PM |
| 162 | Lower taxes | 10/15/2018 5:15 PM |
| 163 | Allow more variety and flexibility in retail areas - early/late hours; drive-throughs; easier access. | 10/15/2018 5:07 PM |
| 164 | Wildlife rehab and safety | 10/15/2018 5:07 PM |
| 165 | A tax cut | 10/15/2018 5:03 PM |
| 166 | expanded tax base by attracting more industrial/corporate entities | 10/15/2018 4:58 PM |
| 167 | Pretty satisfied with status quo | 10/15/2018 4:26 PM |
| 168 | More solar, electric vehicle charging | 10/15/2018 4:25 PM |
| 169 | Dog park! | 10/15/2018 4:23 PM |
| 170 | Dog park | 10/15/2018 4:14 PM |
| 171 | Doggie daycare & top golf | 10/15/2018 4:04 PM |
| 172 | dog park | 10/15/2018 3:57 PM |
| 173 | Pls note as concerns "affordable housing" -too many millenials want to live in brand new 2-bdrm apt for \$900 a month. Some want free parking in the center - I say NO NEW SUBSIDIZING at taxpayer expense. Millenials need to get real. We do NOT need low-revenue generation, so WH need to do whatever would bring more revenue. This is still a "bedroom" town, there is only so much that can be done in such small area. Town of WH needs to be concerned with what taxypayers want, more than visitors who clamor for a dog park and more free things to do at taxpayer expense. We need to be able to pay for MORE police, etc. Need good small industrial \$\$\$\$ bring to town, that doesn't sound as "sexy" as cultural venues, etc., but that is what we NEED. Don't worry about being in Money magazine as best place to live if the taxes get too high on residential properties. | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 174 | Dog Park | 10/15/2018 3:45 PM |
| 175 | More attention to regionalism and partnering with Hartford. | 10/15/2018 3:43 PM |
| 176 | As WH continues to expand its multi-family housing opportunities, I do worry they will become over-saturated. They are impt - but we must be careful. | 10/15/2018 3:39 PM |
| 177 | Train service | 10/15/2018 3:35 PM |
| 178 | better transit connections and service - and the marketing to promote | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |
| 179 | Modern traffic lights and better, more safely designed intersections. | 10/15/2018 3:28 PM |

Q14 In an ideal world, what would your vision of West Hartford be like in the future? (your response is optional)

Answered: 615 Skipped: 649

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| 1 | People have higher average academic qualifications | 11/29/2018 10:19 AM |
| 2 | i hope that town will remain so. | 11/29/2018 10:10 AM |
| 3 | It is clear and environmentally friendly town. It is safe town with affordable property. | 11/29/2018 10:10 AM |
| 4 | a hostorical town with great schools and colleges | 11/29/2018 10:02 AM |
| 5 | West Hartford is great about school,parks and safety. But live here is very expensive, rents apartment is too expensive and all are very old. | 11/29/2018 9:58 AM |
| 6 | I love the variety we have in this town, however, it's important to maintain the suburban feel rather than trying to transition to a small city atmosphere. This includes preserving parks and open space rather than building countless apartment complexes that will eventually over populate the town. Also, there needs to be a compromise with parking in the center. Only town that consistently has paid parking. | 11/28/2018 9:11 PM |
| 7 | High tech but retaining historic property | 11/28/2018 7:25 PM |
| 8 | Great services, diverse population that gets along well. | 11/28/2018 5:23 PM |
| 9 | A diverse town that supports it's residents, their needs, and their families. | 11/28/2018 4:43 PM |
| 10 | Diverse population of professional families, respected elderly and Empowered people with disabilities. | 11/28/2018 2:37 PM |
| 11 | Neighbors who know each other across different languages (and all WH services available in multiple languages), a culture of walking and biking (including some streets closed to cars), excellent schools that prepare our children to not just be learners but involved and thoughtful citizens and volunteers. | 11/28/2018 1:40 PM |
| 12 | Diverse | 11/27/2018 10:36 PM |
| 13 | reasonable taxes and tax base - eliminate motor vehicle tax. Roadways and sidewalks repaired. More concentration on traffic enforcement as it relates to speed and noise. Traffic enforcement is a MUST! | 11/27/2018 10:22 PM |
| 14 | Comforting, not too caught up in retail and money money money | 11/27/2018 9:54 PM |
| 15 | Not an entertainment district. Miss the old center. | 11/27/2018 9:48 PM |
| 16 | More people that are down to earth that care more about nature, history, people, helping others, caring about older people and not just where they can wear the latest Louis Vuitton as they plow thru RED lights in their giant Land Rover after drinking wine in town. | 11/27/2018 8:22 PM |
| 17 | More retail shops in bishops corner, WH Center & Elmwood. Less restaraunts! | 11/27/2018 8:11 PM |
| 18 | it would be very similar to present day, with some additional commercial taxpayers to help support the tax base, and a dog park. | 11/27/2018 8:09 PM |
| 19 | Lower taxes. More advantages for people who actually live here, such as parking discounts. I used to be able to pull right up to the library with my kids...those days are unfortunately long gone in favor of shops, shops and more shops...and all the crowds they bring. | 11/27/2018 2:17 PM |
| 20 | More focus on public safety | 11/27/2018 12:35 AM |
| 21 | Affordable housing for all (seniors, low income people, young people just starting out), near transportation options, with much better sidewalks (many neighborhoods don't have any), and appreciation for historic places. | 11/26/2018 6:21 PM |
| 22 | A vibrant balance of businesses, schools, housing options and open space/recreational opportunities that would attract jobs and residents. | 11/26/2018 5:59 PM |

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| 23 | more walking, biking trails. More focus on how students get to and from schools. Small businesses. | 11/26/2018 5:19 PM |
| 24 | Fewer restaurants in the center and more retail in the center. | 11/25/2018 1:30 PM |
| 25 | Synchronized traffic lights for smoother traffic flow. Cars stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks | 11/23/2018 8:21 AM |
| 26 | A diverse and open community which respects a myriad of cultures, religions, beliefs, and lifestyles | 11/22/2018 11:44 AM |
| 27 | Highly walkable/bike friendly. Dedicated bike lanes would be amazing. A dog park is a must. Seriously, a town like WeHa without a dog park?!! New tech businesses would be great. | 11/22/2018 8:41 AM |
| 28 | A return to responsive government | 11/20/2018 1:01 PM |
| 29 | More urban less suburban | 11/17/2018 1:54 PM |
| 30 | continue to provide safe neighborhoods, excellent public schools, our parks, and avoiding any blight in the town | 11/16/2018 9:47 AM |
| 31 | Part of what makes weha awesome is its affordability,safety, walkability and quality school/public facilities. Continuing to invest in those areas will be great! | 11/14/2018 4:56 PM |
| 32 | I like west Hartford and I like the vibe and the general direction. For someone who is working class like me it's really hard to afford to live. I make a decent wage but I still can't afford a studio apartment in town and I'm faced right now with possibly moving out of town when my lease is up which would be disappointing. I'd love to be able to be a part of the growth of west Hartford instead of another cheaper town. That's really my biggest priority with wherever I live. It'd be great if there was more housing support for "ALICE" families: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. Those who are working class and make too much to receive benefits but not enough to live comfortably. | 11/13/2018 7:54 PM |
| 33 | Family friendly, Reservoir open to the public and focus on the public schools and parks | 11/13/2018 6:46 PM |
| 34 | More civic participation. No walmarts. Demographically diverse. More mixed-use space. | 11/13/2018 6:45 PM |
| 35 | lower taxes | 11/13/2018 4:35 PM |
| 36 | Smoother traffic situations; less congestion and more free flowing traffic. Traffic circles/rotaries possibly? | 11/13/2018 12:09 PM |
| 37 | I think the balkanization of services within individual towns drives up everyone's tax rates. Personally I think the town council spends money on some half-baked ideas. Placing curbs to slow traffic was a total waste of \$ | 11/12/2018 9:35 PM |
| 38 | All neighborhoods treated the same. | 11/12/2018 7:06 PM |
| 39 | More retail, free parking and bring back more town services. | 11/12/2018 11:59 AM |
| 40 | How the Town would come up with a plan to lower the property tax system especially for elderly people. | 11/12/2018 9:29 AM |
| 41 | I strongly feel that even basic trade knowledge is being overlooked and I think this will impact the future generations. | 11/12/2018 9:08 AM |
| 42 | Reduce tax, reduce crowd and traffic and make it a safe and better place to live like it used to be.. not taxing us til death like it is lately. Can a retired individual pay the terrible property tax? then why I should live all life and then move once I'm on fixed income ? | 11/12/2018 7:11 AM |
| 43 | Smart thoughtful growth and preservation of historical and green spaces. | 11/12/2018 6:53 AM |
| 44 | To be a suburban; urban area with safe neighborhoods and a strong school system. I would also like more pet friendly areas to open. | 11/11/2018 8:48 PM |
| 45 | Maintain its present culture, schools, neighborhoods and businesses. | 11/11/2018 7:58 PM |
| 46 | I am too old to guess. I never thought so many trees would have to be cut down, so much traffic would clog the roads, etc. etc. | 11/11/2018 3:34 PM |
| 47 | I would like to see West Hartford as progressive and forward thinking which sets an example for surrounding areas and draws talented and creative younger people to our town. This might include open work space for start-ups with financial incentives, possibly a smaller version of something like Dekalb Market in Brooklyn and a musical venue similar to what you might find in New Haven. I think we should stimulate and encourage cultural activities as well as develop mixed use properties like Blue Back Square. | 11/10/2018 3:01 PM |

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| 48 | A town that respects its past but also looks to the future with a culture and cost of living that welcomes and permits people from all demographics to live here if they choose to. | 11/10/2018 11:25 AM |
| 49 | Ideal suburban town with good schools , low taxes ,enough recreation , friendly restaurants ,better leaders in government | 11/10/2018 10:45 AM |
| 50 | Multi-ethnic, good schools, adequate tax base, accessible, culturally vibrant | 11/10/2018 10:20 AM |
| 51 | The same, but less taxes | 11/9/2018 7:19 PM |
| 52 | Basically as it is with sensible commercial development (tech/clean industry) to diversify tax base. | 11/9/2018 7:00 PM |
| 53 | Recreational programs affordable to all with out having to apply for financial assistance | 11/9/2018 6:47 PM |
| 54 | More diversity in the center retail area, too many restaurants. More parks and recreational areas. More designated bike/walking paths. | 11/9/2018 12:06 PM |
| 55 | safe like it was 20 years ago | 11/9/2018 9:30 AM |
| 56 | Less restaurants and more homegrown businesses | 11/8/2018 8:58 PM |
| 57 | Reward people going the speed limit by timing the lights on Main Street better. Right now the only way to make all the lights is to speed 10 miles over the speed limit. If you go the speed limit you have to stop at every light. | 11/8/2018 8:22 PM |
| 58 | Bring back the old New England feel and less of the ritzy feel of Blue Back Square and Westfarms. Make sure large retail chain stores are not taking over and that family businesses, including pharmacies can survive. Maintain the high quality of the schools. Do a better job in providing a range of housing options for seniors and those disabled in younger adult years. Keep the welcoming feel for a very diverse population. | 11/8/2018 2:27 PM |
| 59 | I would like a WeHa that is safe, and accommodating while keeping the high standards the city maintains. I would also like the town to give residents preference for employment opportunities for qualified candidates. | 11/8/2018 9:23 AM |
| 60 | Retain its neighborhoods and pedestrian friendly urban areas, Grow businesses to ease property taxes on families | 11/7/2018 6:44 PM |
| 61 | still small town feel with dynamic, responsive public services | 11/7/2018 4:19 PM |
| 62 | environmentally friendly | 11/7/2018 3:44 PM |
| 63 | West Hartford should keep the New England charm but progress toward a more modern city plan. Look to cities/suburbs in other states that have seen growth but kept the school systems well-rated and residents happy. Dublin, OH comes to mind as a sleepy suburban town that is seeing major growth and has the same highly educated residents as West Hartford. | 11/7/2018 3:12 PM |
| 64 | It would continue to have its schools as stellar parts of the community, and would have more affordable housing for some folks, with much better bike pathways and even shops for bike traffic. | 11/7/2018 1:17 PM |
| 65 | a friendlier large town. less polarization between the Jewish and non-Jewish populations | 11/7/2018 12:56 PM |
| 66 | Support of seniors. | 11/7/2018 11:43 AM |
| 67 | Diverse and accepting, like it seems to be now. | 11/7/2018 10:30 AM |
| 68 | It would be more walk/bike friendly. There would be intermural sports for the middle and high schoolers. The preschools that have been opening would be less academic and more child appropriate. | 11/7/2018 8:02 AM |
| 69 | Less liberal, more local shops, less traffic. | 11/7/2018 6:56 AM |
| 70 | Less traffic and cheaper parking. | 11/6/2018 7:31 PM |
| 71 | Just an ideal place to live! | 11/6/2018 7:13 PM |
| 72 | Wipe out and change the dogmatic view of town hall | 11/6/2018 5:46 PM |
| 73 | More/better public transportation options, including bike lanes. Mixed use spaces and more employers. Continue to grow into a city. | 11/6/2018 5:24 PM |
| 74 | A vibrant safe community with good schools and diverse center with retail as well as restaurants and banks. A pedestrian and bike friendly community with manageable taxes for all | 11/6/2018 5:22 PM |

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| 75 | a vibrant town, which invites young professionals and families by maintaining a low mil rate on property | 11/6/2018 4:31 PM |
| 76 | WeHa is fairly ideal as it stands; just make sure to renovate and refurbish schools as necessary. I have seen elementary schools where the cafeterias are dilapidated with exposed rusted pipes where children can access. This should be reported to the Health District. Many parents are outraged and disgusted with the Town for allowing these infractions to go unnoticed or overlooked, meanwhile WeHa tries to bring add more businesses and office/retail space in order to generate a larger tax base - YET, never reducing parking meter fees or eliminating altogether in very UNDERUTILIZED areas such as near the police department. | 11/6/2018 1:59 PM |
| 77 | a town without a super liberal, democratic supermajority that has wreaked havoc on this town and its fiscal stability in the last 15 years. | 11/6/2018 1:19 PM |
| 78 | Affordable retirement community walking distance to WH center/Blueback | 11/6/2018 12:39 PM |
| 79 | Town that a variety of people of different socioeconomic means can thrive in. This would include rich cultural opportunities, recreational options, community education and events, child-oriented services and opportunities. | 11/6/2018 12:20 PM |
| 80 | - We need a dog park. It would advance the sense of community. I would propose that the 2 acre parcel owned by the Town of WH at 189 Whitman would be a great spot for it (Parcel ID# 6201 1 189 0101). - North Main road diet or increased police presence. I regularly see people traveling 50 MPH+ on this road. It is a real safety hazard especially since the road is more narrow than State or Federal guidelines would envision and I believe that comes through the stats in terms of accidents. I would envision removing one lane with a mutual left turn lane, and/or add'l stoplights. I would think that Trout Brook would be a better flow of through traffic through town especially with the improved I-84 entrance on Park Road. - Our Town-sponsored sports programs are world class. However, I do feel a few more events a year would advance the sense of community in town. Newington actually does a pretty good job with town events. I believe they have a fireworks event and a BBQ over the summer, in addition to other events. Anything to bring neighbors together would be good I think. | 11/6/2018 8:44 AM |
| 81 | Cars driving slower, a don't block the box at Farmington and Main and any other 4 ways where cars block the box due to traffic. Same type of small town feel in not a small town like it is today. | 11/6/2018 8:25 AM |
| 82 | Back to neighborhood living. Free parking in center. More retail in center! More controls over drunken and serving underage in restaurants. The vomit and garbage generated is disgusting | 11/6/2018 8:25 AM |
| 83 | More affordable living , condos , better parking and lower taxes | 11/6/2018 8:15 AM |
| 84 | in innovation center for future businesses | 11/6/2018 7:49 AM |
| 85 | A safe, pleasant town with good services, a lively center, maybe intergenerational living spaces, where older people could be helpful to overburdened families and intern feel connected. | 11/5/2018 11:12 PM |
| 86 | People (esp. our elected officials) need to better support plans that help us think globally and act locally. Look at how are farmlands in CT are being replaced by housing complexes, yet, our schools are feeding our children processed chemical food (school lunch) that is destructive to their brains, bodies, and our environment. So, how can we better embrace localism? It's a simple concept really. People are smart enough, so we simply need to make these connections in our society and our local economy. | 11/5/2018 10:30 PM |
| 87 | More open (green) space for residents to enjoy and be able to access via safe bicycle routes | 11/5/2018 5:09 PM |
| 88 | Same. We don't need more retail. No need to for large expenditures. Lets maintain and keep taxes low. | 11/5/2018 3:33 PM |
| 89 | Better traffic flows, more urban development in the center. Higher density. | 11/5/2018 3:23 PM |
| 90 | Fewer financial businesse on LaSalle and Farmington Avenue. Sidewalks given back to pedestrians vice restaurants. Some police foot patrols in the town center vice hardly any visible foot patrolling at present. You sure as hell patrol parking lots with other town employees (not police) which adds nothing to public safety. | 11/5/2018 3:21 PM |
| 91 | Maintain the great community involvement and atmosphere. More affordable housing and more diversity. | 11/5/2018 12:46 PM |
| 92 | More affordable housing and better roads. | 11/5/2018 12:02 PM |
| 93 | A hub in central Connecticut for shopping, dining, and nightlife that is pedestrian friendly and affordable. | 11/5/2018 10:47 AM |

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| 94 | like Portland Oregon or Portland Maine. More trails in the town, lower property taxes, more high-end condo's. no night clubs in the center. No train train stop in west Hartford. | 11/5/2018 10:19 AM |
| 95 | Local transportation services, such as bus trolleys connecting shopping hubs (i.e. Westfarms Mall, Elmwood Center, Bishops Corner, future WH rail Station) to West Hartford Center and Blueback Square. Free in-town parking for West Hartford residents. to encourage shopping and dining in town. | 11/5/2018 10:08 AM |
| 96 | expand business and lower taxes | 11/5/2018 8:59 AM |
| 97 | Reasonable growth with continued diversity and a center for the arts. | 11/5/2018 8:38 AM |
| 98 | Lower taxes, safer and smoother roads, traffic calming, more sidewalks, less lawn care noise, dedicated resident parking in center. | 11/5/2018 8:23 AM |
| 99 | A community that continues to value and support people of all cultures, religions, socio-economic levels and political persuasions. I'd love to see support of housing and jobs for carefully vetted returning citizens. | 11/4/2018 9:45 PM |
| 100 | That is a difficult question to answer, change is an ongoing process that will not stop, and change is good. It is difficult accurately predict what the needs of the town will be in 10 or 20 years. Ideally it would remain somewhat the same, a local area with a multitude of options for family and business activities, but with somewhat more affordable housing and stable property taxes, but we do receive good quality services for our tax dollars. | 11/4/2018 1:03 PM |
| 101 | Much more modern schools and communities centered around them. Very updated parks, splash pads and parks. Many walking trails. Ways for neighbors to really interact in the town together doing shared interests. | 11/4/2018 10:03 AM |
| 102 | Build a community feel such and stronger downtown business, I lived in Portsmouth NH and for a small town the business is booming and the community of the businesses is very close helping each other and supporting one another | 11/4/2018 7:06 AM |
| 103 | Bring in more business so that there is less tax burden on the residents. | 11/3/2018 9:03 AM |
| 104 | One of the most important things are the public schools. We live in the Whiting Lane area and our children attend whiting lane school. Specific for WLS: The majority off the staff is fantastic but the facilities and the outdoor (playgrounds needs updates) for the children to have a safe and good quality workspace. To make West Hartford more invironmental friendly and helping people to be more physically active I think it is Important to include safe sidewalks and bike lanes to encourage people to do more walking/running and biking. Many of the side walks has cracks, lips and are uneven and are very unsafe! The WH center with Blue Back square and la salle rd and Farmington rd is a great are but Seems like the rents are pushing out small business owners,it would be great to keep the variety of business there. Overall WH is a fantastic, safe and kid friendly town and we really love living here. | 11/3/2018 7:48 AM |
| 105 | More open space, not cramming housing or businesses into every open lot; keeping the Children's Museum in West Hartford; improved/safer flow of traffic through Bishops Corner area during rush hours. | 11/3/2018 7:24 AM |
| 106 | Four high schools and five middle schools to decrease the population in the current schools | 11/2/2018 6:22 PM |
| 107 | Sensitivity to the needs of the population at large. | 11/2/2018 3:59 PM |
| 108 | alexandria, VA..... safe biking, great business, road calming measures and a booming place | 11/2/2018 3:26 PM |
| 109 | Happy, safe, diverse and vibrant community with many opportunities for its residents to connect and celebrate each other! | 11/2/2018 3:06 PM |
| 110 | Not too overdeveloped | 11/2/2018 2:08 PM |
| 111 | Less traffic less people less apartments. | 11/1/2018 8:59 PM |
| 112 | Getting the property tax rate down because residents cannot afford the cost of living here. It is making everyone leave. | 11/1/2018 7:36 PM |
| 113 | More people living in the town center, shopping, eating and walking to work from their apartment. | 11/1/2018 12:47 PM |
| 114 | More urban trails for hiking/biking; perhaps mountain biking park | 11/1/2018 12:10 PM |
| 115 | Better roads,more green space,a dog park,better facilities for sports teams, better biking paths, running space for joggers, more trees not removing trees,more retailers in center | 11/1/2018 10:46 AM |

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| 116 | Continuing to increase cultural diversity but continuing to be similar to what it is now, a nice suburban area with good neighborhoods, schools, retail, and business opportunities. | 11/1/2018 8:16 AM |
| 117 | Better utilization of open space and a stronger energy and sustainability program. | 10/31/2018 8:42 PM |
| 118 | A diverse balanced community with financial strength | 10/31/2018 8:11 PM |
| 119 | Better long term planning. Deal with traffic congestion and not enough open green space. Taxes will kill us. | 10/31/2018 7:05 PM |
| 120 | Lower taxes. | 10/31/2018 2:53 PM |
| 121 | West Hartford, especially the Center, should be denser, and should have more mixed-use development. Neighborhoods should be connected by transit, bike lanes/paths, and wide pedestrian walkways. West Hartford should become less dependent on cars, and should have fewer single family homes. | 10/31/2018 1:50 PM |
| 122 | A vibrant, intergenerational, walkable, sustainable, town of neighborhoods where residents are personally and deeply connected to other residents. | 10/31/2018 12:23 PM |
| 123 | A warm, welcoming community with a strong sense of identity that promotes locally owned businesses, promotes health and quality of life. Rather than pushing commercial/industrial development for it's own sake, the city focuses on creating a higher quality of life for residents (better options for health, recreation, creativity/arts, community involvement and volunteer opportunities) | 10/31/2018 12:11 PM |
| 124 | I would love to see West Hartford be seen as Central CT's innovation hub... filled with new small businesses and startups. I'd like us to continue to attract residence from out of state. And, having more employers set up shop in West Hartford would be amazing. I'd love to see the stewardship mentality and pride of our residents continue as well as our great schools. In addition, I'd love a better transportation network to get around town (Trolleys!) and see West Hartford be the city that leads CT to a brighter place economically. | 10/31/2018 11:54 AM |
| 125 | No speeding vehicles. Continued good schools. Safe neighborhoods. Diverse population. | 10/31/2018 11:39 AM |
| 126 | Best schools in the country, cultural Mecca, diversity, jobs | 10/31/2018 10:19 AM |
| 127 | make it more affordable to single homeowners, taxes are very high to get more single people in town, not just focus on families | 10/31/2018 9:07 AM |
| 128 | To remain vibrant with an ease in the property tax burden. | 10/31/2018 8:07 AM |
| 129 | Building codes need to be enforced | 10/31/2018 7:45 AM |
| 130 | tax relief from blue back | 10/31/2018 7:04 AM |
| 131 | I would like to see more of a regional approach with connection to Hartford by safe bicycle routes, reducing traffic on town streets and continuing to make West Hartford a destination for shopping and dining. West Hartford needs to be a draw for young people to live, work and play in West Hartford as part of a strong region connected to Hartford. | 10/31/2018 6:45 AM |
| 132 | More retail in town | 10/31/2018 5:29 AM |
| 133 | Pay attention to and limit noise pollution. | 10/31/2018 5:21 AM |
| 134 | Great education programs for children and also great services like the indoor pool and parks. Safety (less car thieves) and a way to help/contain the people in our community that are begging for money on so many corners! Also, perks for residents like so many hours of free parking in the center every month/year. | 10/31/2018 1:35 AM |
| 135 | Please pass a town ordinance against con artists and heroin addicts who are panhandling all over West Hartford. | 10/30/2018 11:19 PM |
| 136 | Light rail connections to a high speed stop to New York. More tech companies, industrial companies and commercial to offset the mill rate. Business using non 9-5 work hours to help curb traffic issues | 10/30/2018 10:06 PM |
| 137 | Less nightlife, more parks and community events around food (farmers markets) and live music. | 10/30/2018 9:56 PM |
| 138 | A more welcoming business environment to create a larger corporate tax base that could help reduce property taxes. I also realize some of the business climate is created at the state level. | 10/30/2018 9:45 PM |

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| 139 | A multi cultural, pedestrian friendly, tree lined community with less vehicles and parking issues because families are walking and biking instead. Also I town where small businesses like mine are not met with "no" by the town agencies when trying to buy (instead of leasing from those companies). The town touts not wanting pop up hair salons and the like but when approached by small medical practices like mine we are told "no". I bring in patients from eastern, northern and southern Connecticut who then spend money here but the town put their foot down on my dream of owning my own space. Now nothing is keeping my business here for the next 20 years. | 10/30/2018 9:42 PM |
| 140 | A robust city like community with a town feel. Very much what it is today but with continuous growth. | 10/30/2018 8:51 PM |
| 141 | Lower taxes. Attract More tech businesses. | 10/30/2018 8:43 PM |
| 142 | Keep things status quo, reduce property taxes, fix roads, maintain good schools and safety | 10/30/2018 8:38 PM |
| 143 | Less expensive so I can continue to live here in the future. The town continues to spend money irresponsibly. | 10/30/2018 8:37 PM |
| 144 | To retain it's safe suburban neighborhoods while keeping on the forefront of modern technology and services. | 10/30/2018 8:17 PM |
| 145 | Not as over populated as it seems to be heading... | 10/30/2018 7:21 PM |
| 146 | Lower taxes so I have money to spend, or town funded recreational things/free parking for residents etc. I'm going to have a young child soon and would like more free or affordable daycare and activities for them. | 10/30/2018 6:48 PM |
| 147 | Like it is, but without ridiculously high taxes | 10/30/2018 6:44 PM |
| 148 | Lower taxes. | 10/30/2018 6:38 PM |
| 149 | I would like us to be a vibrant community but also one that allows people to age in place here. Services for the elderly and affordable housing for people who care for the elderly and work in the service industries is needed in West Hartford. | 10/30/2018 6:32 PM |
| 150 | The growth that West Hartford has had is wonderful. We need to become more pedestrian friendly, figure out how to fix traffic congestion, more parks and open space and cultural centers. | 10/30/2018 5:52 PM |
| 151 | West Hartford as a locus for a diverse and broad spectrum of residents who appreciate good schools and family services and are willing to pay for those services. | 10/30/2018 5:23 PM |
| 152 | Multi-generational, multi-cultural and affordable. Also increasing in population rather than decreasing. I love living here and would like it continue to be a vibrant community. | 10/30/2018 4:50 PM |
| 153 | More of a cultural center, some retail, less restaurants and bars we have enough. We need some culture. More safety for surrounding neighborhoods, too many blown stop signs, ill legal parking. | 10/30/2018 4:48 PM |
| 154 | A safe walkable oasis where there are entertainment activities, community meeting spaces, art, culture and vibrant walkable pedestrian mall. I think parking should be taken off of La Salle and it should be only for pedestrians (look to Pearl Street in Boulder, CO). This would benefit retail and would push parking into paid garages. | 10/30/2018 4:29 PM |
| 155 | Incremental development of the center that doesn't impact the tranquility or safety of the surrounding neighborhoods | 10/30/2018 4:03 PM |
| 156 | Same as it is | 10/30/2018 4:01 PM |
| 157 | To be a vibrant suburban community as opposed to becoming more of a city. This would include having a center with a variety of retail options vs. more bars/restaurants, plenty of parking options/open spaces and safe traffic patterns. Continuing to support education to keep the schools competitive is also important. | 10/30/2018 3:59 PM |
| 158 | More affordable shopping areas and more affordable housing. Easier access to public facilities- dial a ride and buses | 10/30/2018 2:54 PM |
| 159 | A vibrant and cohesive community that is committed to education. A community of safe walkable neighborhoods and vibrant downtown that retains its village charm while attracting WeHa residents and others. | 10/30/2018 2:34 PM |
| 160 | Less traffic and a more walkable/bicycle friendly community. Shopping within walking distance to home. | 10/30/2018 2:14 PM |

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| 161 | Easy affordable transportation options. The town doing more for seniors because we are a part of the community as much as students. Taking care of the roads in 06110 area, They have become an embarrassment not to mention the daily wear on vehicles | 10/30/2018 1:38 PM |
| 162 | A vibrant community in which people live, work and play | 10/30/2018 12:46 PM |
| 163 | Take a look at towns in Europe, especially in Western Europe, and you will find there is a strong emphasis on pedestrian activities and a sense of belonging, and places for pedestrians to feel safe. Also, we lack a sense of beauty in our spaces. | 10/30/2018 12:11 PM |
| 164 | Less concerned with "growth". The old model of limit-less growth spells the end of the environment..road to ruin sooner or later. | 10/30/2018 12:01 PM |
| 165 | Inclusive, diverse, welcoming community. With many options(shops, outdoor space) | 10/30/2018 11:36 AM |
| 166 | A vibrant "small city" with more art galleries, music and performance venues, and greater pockets of walkability linked by transit to reduce car usage. | 10/30/2018 11:19 AM |
| 167 | West Hartford needs a dog park | 10/30/2018 10:06 AM |
| 168 | More businesses and services that serve residents and and contribute to the town as opposed to expensive retail and restaurants that cater to a small minority | 10/30/2018 9:39 AM |
| 169 | Stop the growth. Improve the schools. Fix the roads and make them adequate for the amount of cars currently in town. Add bike lanes and not just "sharrows". Invite Lime to bring their scooters into town and let them put bikes in the Center. | 10/30/2018 9:36 AM |
| 170 | All of the major nodes of activity such as Bishops Corner, the Center, Elmwood, Corbins Corner, etc. would be more walkable and have more mixed use and housing - these nodes would all be connected by bikable walkable roads. | 10/30/2018 2:26 AM |
| 171 | Stamford | 10/29/2018 9:38 PM |
| 172 | Having the center and blue back area built up with more modernized apartments and office buildings. Seeing other neighborhoods as well modernize for population density. Trolley to get from various points in town that runs at peak times. | 10/29/2018 9:20 PM |
| 173 | A safe, family friendly town offering services to all age groups. | 10/29/2018 8:24 PM |
| 174 | Safe, prosperous and welcoming. A mix of old and new. | 10/29/2018 7:29 PM |
| 175 | fix areas near I-84 entrances to be safe for pedestrians and cyclists and alleviate traffic issues. WH currently has a good mix of businesses and business districts -- Park Rd, the Center and BBS, Elmwood, New Park, and they can be highlighter better for what they specialize in. More mixed use development near the busway; CT rail stop in WH, lower parking fees for residents, keep taxes at bay | 10/29/2018 3:33 PM |
| 176 | Lower taxes...Did we really need 2 football fields with lights? Why not put the lights at Sterling and have a weekly Friday night game. Let Sterling Field be the field of choice as it used to be. residents should receive free parking in town, for at a minimum during the day. | 10/29/2018 3:12 PM |
| 177 | A progressive, innovative town that continues to draw families. | 10/29/2018 1:49 PM |
| 178 | A town that has a diverse population and provides a safe and friendly environment, with reasonable costs of living. | 10/29/2018 1:07 PM |
| 179 | West Hartford would continue to thrive and offer something for everyone, but at a cost of living that didn't prohibit many from living here. The New Park area would continue to transform into a modern business/retail/living area with the addition of a HartfordRail station. Recreational sports/leagues would thrive year round with the addition of an indoor sports complex, and our town overall would be a leader in resource conservation. | 10/29/2018 12:43 PM |
| 180 | A diverse, educated community with walkable neighborhoods and ability to walk or take public transportation to services. | 10/29/2018 12:06 PM |
| 181 | i'm pretty satisfied with how it is now actually | 10/29/2018 11:53 AM |
| 182 | DIVERSE! In all ways possible. | 10/29/2018 11:37 AM |
| 183 | A place where families and seniors can afford to live here without drastically cutting services. | 10/29/2018 11:02 AM |

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| 184 | I grew up here, moved away to major cities for 12 years, then moved back to raise my family. I'm similar to many others in my cohort. West Hartford is a fantastic community, and I'd like to see more opportunities for alternate paths to small business - such as food trucks (expansion), street vendors, and pop-up shops. This is a regional destination; we must foster small and creative entrepreneurs and get more businesses, large and small, to be here to help offset taxes. | 10/29/2018 10:57 AM |
| 185 | One where property taxes were lower and the Town Pension was fully funded and de-risked | 10/29/2018 9:48 AM |
| 186 | Diverse and vibrant family-friendly town (not a city!) with an active and inviting traditional village center, as well as other West Hartford retail centers, that are inviting to pedestrians, diners and shoppers. | 10/29/2018 9:38 AM |
| 187 | Improved traffic flow and reducing traffic flow and speed through residential neighborhoods | 10/29/2018 9:12 AM |
| 188 | More affordable | 10/29/2018 8:46 AM |
| 189 | It would have more diversity in types of businesses in town (not just mostly restaurants, large chains, and fitness places) There would be more up to date school buildings. Roads would be better cared for (our road is filled with potholes and uneven pavement- all a hazard- and we've been told there's a 10 yr waiting list for getting repaved) There would be better options for recreational facilities and programs. | 10/29/2018 7:27 AM |
| 190 | It would be nice to add some drive thru options | 10/28/2018 8:54 PM |
| 191 | Mixed use districts for all. Less bikes. More pedestrian and park space. | 10/28/2018 8:20 PM |
| 192 | Free parking in W. Hartford Center in blueback Square would create more business for shops and restaurants. | 10/28/2018 7:59 PM |
| 193 | Its pretty nice place considering the density of people. Would like better traffic control and road repair. | 10/28/2018 7:55 PM |
| 194 | more diverse housing, less racially/culturally/religious housing areas | 10/28/2018 7:40 PM |
| 195 | A great place for all ages | 10/28/2018 7:24 PM |
| 196 | A town that continues to improve in its diversity, with great schools, parks and open spaces, good transportation system | 10/28/2018 1:55 PM |
| 197 | As it is now, an affordable, diverse, safe community. | 10/28/2018 1:28 PM |
| 198 | I would like it to be more affordable so I can continue to live here in my retirement | 10/28/2018 10:53 AM |
| 199 | A community with diverse population and sustainable living practices supported by services provided efficiently to meet the community needs now and in the future. | 10/28/2018 9:16 AM |
| 200 | It would have more open space, more wooded trails, and a dog park. | 10/28/2018 9:12 AM |
| 201 | mostly similar to current state with continued development resources to support art, music and culture | 10/27/2018 4:44 PM |
| 202 | One high school, improved elementary and middle schools, fully occupied retail space in WH Center, Blue Back and Park Rd. area, maintained neighborhoods and roads. | 10/27/2018 3:29 PM |
| 203 | More environmentally sustainable practices, such as eliminating single use plastic bags, etc., composting opportunities, eco-friendly buildings, better walkways, more recycling containers, etc. | 10/27/2018 1:46 PM |
| 204 | Prime residential suburb with outstanding schools, parks & recreation with scattered and contained pockets of retail and office space. | 10/27/2018 1:43 PM |
| 205 | More diversity. More affordable housing. | 10/27/2018 12:51 PM |
| 206 | West Hartford is appealing because of its charm, schools and services. There are few towns where people can (and want to) walk to school, libraries, shops and restaurants. It would be great to bolster pedestrian opportunities with sidewalks on both sides of each street, ample lighting and safe trails/paths throughout town. I also loved the idea for a food truck park that was proposed - local food, music, seating.. those ideas promote community. | 10/27/2018 11:35 AM |
| 207 | I would like to see more diverse retail offerings in and around the center - not just high-end shopping. I think the Flatbush area has a lot of potential and I'd like to see the town help artists and unique small businesses flourish (i.e. food truck park, artist collectives, etc.). Additionally, I think continued support of the public libraries is important. | 10/27/2018 10:56 AM |

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| 208 | I miss the older, quieter WH. Traffic in this town is crazy now. Purposely drive around the center, and other crowded areas. | 10/27/2018 10:35 AM |
| 209 | I would like to see the center more varied. Too many restaurants and not enough retail. I would like to see car traffic and more foot and bicycle traffic. | 10/27/2018 9:27 AM |
| 210 | Safer roads for kids to bike and walk to facilities. More inclusion of neighborhood communities within town. A bid from solar company for town wide incentive on residential housing to lower cost and increase bargaining power | 10/27/2018 8:32 AM |
| 211 | Less traffic, more trees, more of an arts community, more food trucks, | 10/27/2018 7:49 AM |
| 212 | I guess i would like to see more mixed use, dedicated bike lanes throughout town- especially into the center, and continued ramping up the arts and culture. | 10/27/2018 7:29 AM |
| 213 | A town small enough that it would feel like "home" when you come back to visit, that the Center traffic would not be crazy and that parking was easier. More housing options for seniors who want to downsize but still be part of a neighborhood and are not ready for nursing homes would be great. | 10/27/2018 7:19 AM |
| 214 | Less focus on "urbanizing" West Hartford. Better cost control of the exploding budget and reduced property taxes. Development keeps growing but taxes are out of control. | 10/27/2018 6:57 AM |
| 215 | Similar to now, but more street trees, and more of a young and artsy vibe | 10/26/2018 8:26 PM |
| 216 | A town that strives to be sustainable and educates it's residents in personal sustainability practices across living and playing and b | 10/26/2018 6:39 PM |
| 217 | Welcoming diverse vibrant community with strong community ties which is safe, well educated with many transit and housing options | 10/26/2018 5:14 PM |
| 218 | It would be greener and more proactive in addressing climate change. | 10/26/2018 3:01 PM |
| 219 | A vibrant downtown with smarter parking and strong protection for neighborhoods surrounding from noise, drinking, trash, and bar parking | 10/26/2018 1:26 PM |
| 220 | Safe, peaceful, fun - great for all ages with a continued focus on amazing nationally recognized schools, and support for the needs of those school. | 10/26/2018 12:21 PM |
| 221 | Strong & secure neighborhoods, Vibrant retail areas, high performing public schools | 10/26/2018 12:12 PM |
| 222 | A town where residents can safely walk and bike. A town with excellent schools and a culturally and economically diverse residents. A town that is fun to live in. | 10/26/2018 11:57 AM |
| 223 | Keep housing prices up | 10/26/2018 11:49 AM |
| 224 | I think growth is important but so are the arts and education. I don't want to build so much that I am pushed out of the town I love because I can no longer afford it. | 10/26/2018 10:30 AM |
| 225 | A relaxed community with more focus on families and kids, and less focus on upscale businesses. | 10/26/2018 10:11 AM |
| 226 | Better roads, more affordable, less traffic | 10/26/2018 10:05 AM |
| 227 | Balanced mixture of residential, retail, commercial and open land. Balanced housing costs. Reasonable property taxes that do not keep on increasing beyond inflation rates. Good schools. | 10/26/2018 9:51 AM |
| 228 | Bike from West Hartford Center to downtown Hartford via separate bike lanes or paths | 10/26/2018 9:27 AM |
| 229 | A move towards sustainable energy sources | 10/26/2018 7:24 AM |
| 230 | A diverse community with a harmonious mix of ethnic and socio economic groups, high performing public schools, judicious restrictions on center city development, nice housing mix. | 10/25/2018 11:28 PM |
| 231 | Known for exceptional schools, diversity, community engagement supported through local business that continues to thrive and evolve bringing jobs, taxes, and resources to our town | 10/25/2018 10:09 PM |
| 232 | Safe, suburban, arts, family community | 10/25/2018 8:50 PM |
| 233 | Better control of crime and drug traffickers | 10/25/2018 8:16 PM |
| 234 | The Center has seen incredible surge in investment. We would like to see more investment in the public realm and infrastructure (not just business infrastructure). This includes: school yards need revamping, an inventory and a rigorous vision for neighborhood street tree planning, a comprehensive pedestrian network design, a comprehensive bicycle network design (along Troutbrook), safe routes to schools, traffic calming measures, a central public open space. | 10/25/2018 8:12 PM |

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| 235 | a thriving center with a variety of retail options (less restaurants) including less chains and faddy businesses. more opportunities for community gathering - improve parks and maintain or increase open spaces. | 10/25/2018 7:50 PM |
| 236 | In an ideal world, I would still be able to recognize much of West Hartford as it was in 1970s/80s/90s . . . but with tweaks around the edges to keep it a competitive, sustainable, and thriving community. | 10/25/2018 7:15 PM |
| 237 | The town government lives within its means. No more bloated budgets for non-educational services. No more town employees retiring at 50-55. Fiscal responsibility | 10/25/2018 6:01 PM |
| 238 | An affordable place to raise a family. | 10/25/2018 5:50 PM |
| 239 | A more diverse central business district, it's now a high end food court which the whole community cannot afford to engage. | 10/25/2018 5:03 PM |
| 240 | No need of use the car for grocery shopping. With a wider net of transportation system | 10/25/2018 4:09 PM |
| 241 | All schools integrated. | 10/25/2018 4:06 PM |
| 242 | More affordable and accessible. Less emphasis on affluence. More feeling of community. | 10/25/2018 3:18 PM |
| 243 | Continue to focus on public parks, great schools, and pedestrian/bicycle friendly neighborhoods. Also, focus on equity in terms of more affordable housing and low cost recreation programs through leisure services. | 10/25/2018 3:15 PM |
| 244 | I would love a town that celebrates its diversity of people and things to do. Not everything needs to be fancy! More sidewalks would be amazing. | 10/25/2018 3:00 PM |
| 245 | Safe, vibrant, diverse, family-oriented community with world class schools, well-maintained parks and walkways, and a year-round calendar of first rate cultural and artistic activities (connected to Greater Hartford institutions like Hartford Stage, Wadsworth Atheneum, and Hill-Stead). | 10/25/2018 2:25 PM |
| 246 | West Hartford should progress with newer technologies that are available to make people safer, healthier, and productive. See "Smart City" initiatives with other cities worldwide | 10/25/2018 2:18 PM |
| 247 | A bike path that runs along Trout Brook taking you from Albany to Blue Back Square. And the old UCONN property being repurposed for our church, as well as a dog park and the parking lot across the street being used to build the new Children's Museum. | 10/25/2018 1:21 PM |
| 248 | more city like, the ability to walk and reach shops, grocery stores, restaurants from most neighborhoods, sidewalks everywhere and bike lanes everywhere | 10/25/2018 12:40 PM |
| 249 | Kid friendly, vibrant, and fun | 10/25/2018 12:19 PM |
| 250 | Keep schools strong, slow down property tax increases, improve roads and traffic flow in heavily used areas (park road exit, bishops corner) | 10/25/2018 11:58 AM |
| 251 | A place where families can walk, ride bicycles, and gather as a community together without needing to negotiate multi-lane highways criss-crossing the town. | 10/25/2018 10:52 AM |
| 252 | Safe | 10/25/2018 9:38 AM |
| 253 | Further development of bishops corner, making it more like Blueback, where it invites people to walk around and shop. | 10/25/2018 9:33 AM |
| 254 | Like it is today!! | 10/25/2018 8:55 AM |
| 255 | A true suburban town with modern conveniences! Not a small city! Want people to set up roots here and stay. Don't care about appealing to millennials who want to live in upscale apartments and bike to work | 10/25/2018 8:18 AM |
| 256 | Maintain quality of life. | 10/25/2018 7:29 AM |
| 257 | Easier for residents to enjoy their own town. Greater variety in retail and restaurants which is all tied to the business rents and parking expense. | 10/25/2018 6:39 AM |
| 258 | Multicultural, open minded, fun and safe city for all types of families to raise happy children! | 10/25/2018 5:53 AM |
| 259 | Safe and culturally diverse | 10/25/2018 5:53 AM |
| 260 | Fix the parking meters in center and have normal times for when u dint oay for meter parking like other towns . More retail less restaurants, we have enough. Fix the traffic in the center. | 10/25/2018 5:27 AM |
| 261 | Position west Hartford as a hub for climate/environmental responsiveness. Hello Portland, ME. | 10/24/2018 10:54 PM |

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| 262 | Would love to see a walkable, bikeable community with public transportation such as streetcars | 10/24/2018 9:55 PM |
| 263 | Less taxes, way better services | 10/24/2018 9:44 PM |
| 264 | Safe, progressive, and biking friendly | 10/24/2018 9:39 PM |
| 265 | I'd like to see a marked improvement in town sports programs both from a facility and coaching standpoint so that we can compete with other towns throughout the state of CT. It seems the state of current fields and rec programs is very average and would love to see an upgrade here somehow. Also - need to generate more town unity when it comes to supporting school sports and events (I.e. high school sports). It's hard in a two high school town, but we need a stronger sense of community here. Currently in my opinion it seems a lot of people don't have any idea how hall and Conrad sports are doing or even think to Attend a football game etc. a more pedestrian friendly town creates greater community as well | 10/24/2018 9:09 PM |
| 266 | Similar to what it is now, with mixed development of the UConn campus - play space for children, business and maybe housing | 10/24/2018 9:05 PM |
| 267 | Lower taxes, more services in the schools and more activities, bowling lanes etc | 10/24/2018 8:52 PM |
| 268 | The same vibrant living with a more affordable tax rate for young or struggling families. Keep the great schools, the parks, libraries, etc. I know surrounding towns have these things too - but don't have property taxes as out of control. | 10/24/2018 8:33 PM |
| 269 | More resources for public schools | 10/24/2018 8:29 PM |
| 270 | Walkable neighborhoods close to shopping/restaurants | 10/24/2018 8:13 PM |
| 271 | Less apartments and more neighborhood, suburban feel. I don't think we need anymore retail businesses. | 10/24/2018 7:44 PM |
| 272 | West Hartford center - shops, cafes, retail stores, outdoor seating | 10/24/2018 7:23 PM |
| 273 | A town with a mindset of growing our tax base and not continuing to raise property taxes to the point where young families are no longer able to buy a starter home in our town. We do not want to price people out of our market to the point where it is unsustainable. | 10/24/2018 7:22 PM |
| 274 | A blend of history and technology that is cohesive | 10/24/2018 5:22 PM |
| 275 | A vibrant and engaged community with diverse neighborhoods. | 10/24/2018 4:06 PM |
| 276 | An ideal town to live, work, recreate and raise a family in. | 10/24/2018 3:48 PM |
| 277 | Less commercial and over developed as it has become lately | 10/24/2018 3:16 PM |
| 278 | More affordable! We may not last here! I would love to see a trolley car for public transportation. Parts of the town are walkable, some are not. | 10/24/2018 3:04 PM |
| 279 | Equal distribution of resources to all parts of town and honoring diversity through schools and senior services. | 10/24/2018 1:58 PM |
| 280 | A walking-friendly town center with retail, restaurants, and services. A thriving, tech-oriented, regional business center that attracts young families to live here. A lower property tax rate. A strongly enforced noise ordinance. | 10/24/2018 1:43 PM |
| 281 | Open space preserved as parks rather than developed, lanes and parking for bicycles, scooters and mopeds, all town spending capped to the inflation rate. | 10/24/2018 1:30 PM |
| 282 | A tax structure that does not put so much emphasis on the size of your lot. A random review of property records shows the town has generally reduced or left unchanged the value of structures but has raised the value of the land on which they sit. In my case I now live in what may be called a tear down, that is, the value of the land now exceeds the value of the house. That is true of a number of us who live in small houses on relatively large lots. The result of this process is that it encourages the construction of only expensive houses at one end of the spectrum or dense multiple units or publicly assisted units at the other. | 10/24/2018 1:08 PM |
| 283 | Same as it is just cleaner and spruced up. Easier for pedestrians to walk around. Schools are great but can always be better. | 10/24/2018 12:34 PM |
| 284 | The northernmost and southernmost neighborhoods would be redeveloped with more energy efficient mixed use buildings for inter generational residents. They would have a mix of apts and offices and stores in them. | 10/24/2018 12:22 PM |
| 285 | Continue with exemplary education. | 10/24/2018 11:27 AM |

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| 286 | I'd like a vibrant retail and arts area--not just restaurants--and if this includes mixed use development, that's fine. I like the mix of urban and suburban here. I'd like to keep encouraging a diverse population as well. | 10/24/2018 10:50 AM |
| 287 | Friendlier supportive community for all with resolution facilities for those in need, affordable, culturally mixed. | 10/24/2018 10:43 AM |
| 288 | more open spaces for community concerts, fairs etc. | 10/24/2018 10:33 AM |
| 289 | State of the art schools with safe, walkable streets with dining and entertainment within walking distance. Diverse offerings within driving distance across the town. Apartments limited to transportation corridors. | 10/24/2018 10:10 AM |
| 290 | Pretty much stay the course and further develop and refine our industrial areas in the southeast section of town. | 10/24/2018 10:00 AM |
| 291 | Busy bike lanes leading downtown and to Blue Back and Bishop's Corner | 10/24/2018 9:34 AM |
| 292 | Raising a family without having to pay a fortune in taxes. Having access to public parks and community events. | 10/24/2018 9:28 AM |
| 293 | It would look like a more diverse version of what it already is. I love living in West Hartford and if all goes well on inspection my wife and I will be property owners here. West Hartford needs to lead Hartford County over the next several decades and help attract and keep younger people in the area. I would love to see some consideration of a property tax abatement for younger people like myself (or some sort of tax credit) who want to buy property but who are burdened by student loans, etc. I think this is a viable strategy to also expand the tax rolls as you may get more young people out of the parents' homes and rentals and make them taxpayers. Similarly, the affordable single family housing in town is comprised of houses ranging from 50-100 years old, and some credits to refurbish these homes may be a way to attract people as well. Ultimately, I can't help but look to other towns/cities that I frequently visit and envision aspects that are likely too aspirational. A pedestrian only plaza/boulevard on La Salle (a la Burlington, VT's Church Street), additional arts/music venues (Northampton, MA), and my hope for the recently vacated REI space in Blue Back was a modern bar/restaurant/recreational space like what I have seen in other cities (see Bayside Bowl in Portland, ME). Again, I don't pretend to think these are even possible, but these are the sorts of features that I believe draw people to these places and make a town a destination. West Hartford already is a destination and feels alive, I just worry about complacency and do not want to see the town take a step back. | 10/24/2018 8:26 AM |
| 294 | Lower taxes. More retail in center | 10/24/2018 8:25 AM |
| 295 | Residents leave the cars at home, stroll into town for coffee and breakfast, perform a community activity with the kids and pop into businesses (non-restaurants) | 10/24/2018 8:22 AM |
| 296 | West Hartford seems to be trending in the right direction. I'd love to see more community events, fairs, festivals, ways for everyone in town to get together. Also, environmental developments and platforms are very important to me. | 10/24/2018 8:18 AM |
| 297 | Sustained quality of a suburban/residential community and life-style with outstanding schools and leisure-time alternatives. | 10/24/2018 7:49 AM |
| 298 | West Hartford is great like it is. There is nothing wrong with modernizing and updating existing areas. The clear cutting of every last inch of town is awful. The bike lane proposals are unnecessary and an absolute waste of money. | 10/24/2018 7:45 AM |
| 299 | I think West Hartford is a wonderful place to live. However, the traffic is quite heavy at certain times of the day and often unsafe along Main Street and around Bishop's Corner. There are also a lot of dog owners in West Hartford who would benefit from a place to let their dogs play off leash. | 10/24/2018 7:37 AM |
| 300 | That I could retire here and not feel as if I can't afford to live in WH | 10/24/2018 7:32 AM |
| 301 | More intermixed socioeconomic diversity in neighborhoods/school systems. Continued pedestrian friendly improvements in center neighborhood district. | 10/24/2018 7:31 AM |
| 302 | The Trout Brook Trail would be completed. This could increase opportunities to bike safely from Elmwood to Bishops Corner | 10/24/2018 7:28 AM |
| 303 | Steady growth of the center and BBS while lifting up and highlighting the historic character of nearby neighborhoods. Tasteful signage at the entrance to neighborhoods and historical markers where relevant would add to the charm and property values. Burying power lines and tasteful street lighting would be a big bonus in and around the historic neighborhoods. | 10/24/2018 7:05 AM |

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| 304 | Bike lanes everywhere, arts spaces downtown, more diversity. | 10/24/2018 6:59 AM |
| 305 | Bike path from westmoor park / flag road through bugbee reservoir to the center | 10/24/2018 6:51 AM |
| 306 | I love the diversity of WeHa, but there needs to be more emphasis on mental health in education. | 10/24/2018 6:50 AM |
| 307 | back to 1960's & 70's | 10/24/2018 6:37 AM |
| 308 | Bolder, CO | 10/24/2018 6:25 AM |
| 309 | Not much different. | 10/24/2018 6:14 AM |
| 310 | Same as it is now but even better. | 10/24/2018 5:52 AM |
| 311 | Lower property taxes | 10/24/2018 12:57 AM |
| 312 | A diverse population, excellent public educational opportunities, and a budget-balanced town management without layers of highly paid bureaucrats. | 10/23/2018 11:35 PM |
| 313 | Milan | 10/23/2018 11:26 PM |
| 314 | A friendly town where all ages of people can afford to live and find activities to enjoy. | 10/23/2018 11:15 PM |
| 315 | A richly diverse community where people work and play together in harmony. | 10/23/2018 9:02 PM |
| 316 | A pedestrian and bicycle friendly community with unique destinations in town as well as designated preserved open green spaces. | 10/23/2018 8:38 PM |
| 317 | Safer roadways and traffic enforcement. There are a lot of cars that speed in our neighborhood on side streets. Investments into updating the older schools. | 10/23/2018 8:18 PM |
| 318 | Maintain diversity, continue to offer independent retail and dining options, green space, and excellent schools. | 10/23/2018 8:09 PM |
| 319 | Like it is now but fewer restaurants and bars and more bus and walking options to center | 10/23/2018 7:48 PM |
| 320 | less restaurants, more retail, consideration from business owners and the town about late night guests and how they affect the tax-paying homeowners quality of life in the neighborhoods, earlier closing times, more focus on the families of WH versus the people at the late night bars and restaurants | 10/23/2018 7:13 PM |
| 321 | Diversity and good schools, lower crime rate, more affordable property tax. | 10/23/2018 6:23 PM |
| 322 | Lower property taxes..better town hall services | 10/23/2018 5:55 PM |
| 323 | Bike path from Bloomfield to Newington. More nice, adorable rental options | 10/23/2018 5:26 PM |
| 324 | Walkable, culturally inclusive, environmentally friendly, and kid centered with keeping a neighborhood feel. The old downtown and blue back are nice but don't build up more with so many empty buildings | 10/23/2018 5:22 PM |
| 325 | WH should preserve the beautiful diversity of its people and cultures, have affordable homes for families, and maintain flourishing businesses with an emphasis on walkability | 10/23/2018 4:38 PM |
| 326 | Bike and hike paths that connect all the areas of town. Mixed use neighborhoods so that many of the services are right where people live and work. No need for magnet schools as all the neighborhoods would be diverse both racially and economically. solar panels on every rooftop or in the yard as well as windmills. People growing gardens instead of fertilizing lawns, and the whole community working for the good and well being of all in the community. | 10/23/2018 4:33 PM |
| 327 | An area like a town green where events can be held | 10/23/2018 4:12 PM |
| 328 | better bike lanes on mountain road would be great | 10/23/2018 3:49 PM |
| 329 | Pretty much what it is now. Some roads needs fixing but overall I love WEst Hartford as it is. It also has some of the best libraries and librarians around. | 10/23/2018 3:27 PM |
| 330 | Safe neighborhoods, exceptional schools, culturally, religiously and socioeconomically diverse residents. | 10/23/2018 3:26 PM |
| 331 | Lower taxes. | 10/23/2018 3:19 PM |
| 332 | a diverse, vibrant community focusing on education, arts, music, and sciences for the youth and outdoor activities for all | 10/23/2018 2:33 PM |

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| 333 | Less pretentious, more community. Help surrounding towns succeed. Connection between Hartford and west Hartford. Cross border activities. | 10/23/2018 2:30 PM |
| 334 | Keep character of neighborhoods, but diversify what we offer retail-wise. Also, keep the recreation programs intact, especially for seniors looking to keep themselves independent and healthy as long as possible | 10/23/2018 1:49 PM |
| 335 | Less suburban sprawl, more mixed use buildings and inter generational use. We have Way Too, Much wasted land around our schools just sitting there that should be used as well. | 10/23/2018 1:40 PM |
| 336 | a MORE INTEGRATED POPULATION | 10/23/2018 12:58 PM |
| 337 | More diverse, of course -- but more shared values, too. I want all of us to recognize that well-kept homes, clean streets, and good schools are not simply virtues of a privileged group. They're virtues that all of us can preserve if we invest time and money. I don't want anyone -- long-term residents or new residents -- to think that West Hartford just happens. It's the result of a lot of caring by a lot of people. My vision is that we all care for our town in the future in new ways -- and that technology (like the internet) helps us to see our shared destiny and our shared responsibilities. I don't want to see West Hartford decline as it ages. | 10/23/2018 12:53 PM |
| 338 | More of a thriving retail center like there was in the 90's. | 10/23/2018 12:50 PM |
| 339 | Close knit community with tolerance of everyone's political views. Lower taxes, less low-income housing. | 10/23/2018 12:45 PM |
| 340 | Expand public transportation options. Consider regionalization of some services that make sense to do so. Find alternate income streams to ease the high property tax rates, although I know that is not easy to do. I love the walkability of The Center and Blue Back. Continue to support town gems like the Noah Webster House. | 10/23/2018 12:40 PM |
| 341 | 1. controlled tax increases, 2. clean, open spaces with more walking and riding paths. 3. restored and updated businesses and retail spaces, 4. nicely paved streets | 10/23/2018 12:38 PM |
| 342 | Maintaining neighborhoods while allowing for controlled growth. | 10/23/2018 12:29 PM |
| 343 | It would stay a safe, healthy, clean and smaller town. | 10/23/2018 12:27 PM |
| 344 | Retain residential conveniences and charm, affordable property taxes, fill vacant retail/commercial before building more. | 10/23/2018 12:14 PM |
| 345 | In retail sector, more diversity. So many restaurants right now. | 10/23/2018 12:11 PM |
| 346 | Multigenerational neighborhood and a center mixed with retail and restaurants | 10/23/2018 12:06 PM |
| 347 | Relieve the constant congestion. Fix the roads. Increase cultural events. Stop with the restaurants. Theater with live plays | 10/23/2018 12:02 PM |
| 348 | My ideal vision of West Hartford is consistent property taxes that are not regularly raised by large amounts (not from a reduction in services, but because of an increase in state funding, as West Hartford's educational cost sharing is significantly underfunded by the state). We'd maintain our services of trash and recycling pick up without being charged per bag. Our teachers would be paid competitive salaries with good benefits, as our schools are the crown jewels of West Hartford, and should be funded accordingly. Our community is not overdeveloped with condos and the like where there is no room for them, and the character of neighborhoods is maintained by not putting in random condos where a single-family house used to be. (We do not have the land or parking space available to develop in this way.) Our libraries will be maintained and funded well, as they are a foundation to a community. | 10/23/2018 12:01 PM |
| 349 | A diverse community that celebrates all cultures. | 10/23/2018 11:54 AM |
| 350 | A pedestrian only zone in the center - La Salle Road? | 10/23/2018 11:41 AM |
| 351 | Truly diverse neighborhoods in all areas. While West Hartford has okay ethnic diversity, it does not have good racial diversity. | 10/23/2018 11:30 AM |
| 352 | Property taxes are very high. There has to be opportunities to bring these down that don't have major impacts on the services WeHa residents have come to expect. | 10/23/2018 11:10 AM |
| 353 | a vibrant downtown where the neighborhoods surrounding it are protected. | 10/23/2018 10:58 AM |
| 354 | Sidewalks, bike paths, better funded public schools with improved physical buildings and better landscaping. | 10/23/2018 10:58 AM |

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| 355 | Green space that is chemical free, with safe bike paths connecting different parts of town. Commitment to excellent schools without a focus on testing but rather critical thinking. | 10/23/2018 10:56 AM |
| 356 | More mixed use, yet affordable areas with pedestrian and bike friendly connections | 10/23/2018 10:51 AM |
| 357 | Growing as a diverse community with strong schools and a sense of culture amongst the neighborhoods. | 10/23/2018 10:50 AM |
| 358 | Shops, restaurants, open green space | 10/23/2018 10:46 AM |
| 359 | A vibrant, diverse community where every family has the chance for a better life for their kids. All the families and children would have excellent education, resources for affordable housing, job opportunities, and plenty of food and access to healthcare. | 10/23/2018 10:42 AM |
| 360 | A leafy suburb with walkable neighborhoods coexisting with excellent retail options and restaurants. A diverse community that encourages civic engagement and civil discourse. | 10/23/2018 10:38 AM |
| 361 | Similar to what it is now with more affordable taxes | 10/23/2018 10:26 AM |
| 362 | Similar to now, but with some mass transport like buses and vans, no hi rise or limited hi rise, lots of biking, innovative solutions to money woes like more solar, geothermal etc for public buildings etc | 10/23/2018 10:17 AM |
| 363 | Northampton, MA, or Burlington, VT, with crime under control; less like a mall or a broken-windows urban street, more like a place where educated and cultured people live, work, play and conduct themselves respectfully and creatively (no littering, vandalism but also independent merchants not homogeneous chain stores). | 10/23/2018 10:15 AM |
| 364 | stable and steady leadership. S.M.A.R.T. development goals. Focus on improving schools and roads. | 10/23/2018 10:10 AM |
| 365 | More funky, more fresh, less "we've always done it this way"! | 10/23/2018 10:10 AM |
| 366 | A place with an impeccable public school system! Our children are the future. And I would live it to be a town where the speed limits are actually lowered overall and enforced. I live on N Main where the limit is 35, not sure why we r 35 and the South side is only 30. Cars are driving an avg of 50 past my house and there is an accident at LEAST once per month right in front of my house. North Main is a dangerous street! | 10/23/2018 10:00 AM |
| 367 | Very much like it is now. Blue Back Square is great, but it's a lot of change for the town to absorb - It's the land of steady habits, so I think slow growth is the way to go. | 10/23/2018 9:55 AM |
| 368 | The things I greatly value in West Hartford that I hope will remain in the future are: high quality public and private schools; public safety; pedestrian friendly; excellent public libraries, and; quality parks and open spaces. In an ideal world the improvements I would implement would include safer bicycle facilities for children and less experienced bikers; Blue Back Square retail areas being used at capacity (there are always several empty locations at once); safer roads on main thoroughfares such as Main Street, especially between Bishops Corner and the Center, and; stopping the increase of property taxes. | 10/23/2018 9:46 AM |
| 369 | West Hartford is great now, would like to see more land set aside and less development. Better school nutrition and more time outdoors for students should be a priority. | 10/23/2018 9:30 AM |
| 370 | Safe with Great schools | 10/23/2018 9:27 AM |
| 371 | More efficient traffic flow. Less restaurants. More independent stores. More open space. Taxes that will not send us out of town once the kids leave high school | 10/23/2018 9:24 AM |
| 372 | more bikes fewer cars, continued development and growth of the center, bishops corner and park road | 10/23/2018 9:22 AM |
| 373 | A balanced town, with diversity in people and recreational and retail opportunities. | 10/23/2018 9:18 AM |
| 374 | I believe we should remain a town but I believe we are approaching the density of a city. | 10/23/2018 9:16 AM |
| 375 | A community that continues to take pride in itself. | 10/23/2018 9:16 AM |
| 376 | Lower taxes and fewer uptight people | 10/23/2018 9:16 AM |
| 377 | For WH to remain as it is. | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 378 | Green. We could be a leader to neighboring communities in leading a suburban green initiative. | 10/23/2018 9:10 AM |

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| 379 | Better integrated into the region. More thoughtful policies that play well with neighboring towns. Less nickle and diming residents (the absurd parking meter hours for example, the ridiculous cost of bulk trash removal). | 10/23/2018 9:09 AM |
| 380 | Answered earlier but more benefits to individuals residing in the town. While it's great that the town has grown and is a mini city now, services are often compromised. Residents should be allowed free town parking like Greenwich does (with a resident parking sticker.) The town becomes a different town on Friday and Saturday nights. | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 381 | West Hartford would continue on its path of being a great town adjacent to our capitol. We already have great residential and commercial neighborhoods. Now we need to better connect them with more public transportation and bicycle infrastructure. Our biggest opportunity is take advantage of the BRT and commuter rail infrastructure and build mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhoods that can both attract new residents and allow us to keep our younger and older residents who may need affordable choices in housing. | 10/23/2018 8:59 AM |
| 382 | A safe, welcoming environment for people of all ages, with excellent schools, town public works, and continued thriving retail center/blue back/bishop's corner. A community that works hardest to benefit the people who choose to live in town, while supporting the greater Hartford community. | 10/23/2018 8:23 AM |
| 383 | Better traffic flow patterns in high traffic areas like Town Center, Elmwood Center, and Bishop's Corner. | 10/23/2018 8:10 AM |
| 384 | Preserving the "small town" feel. Having the center with a variety of businesses that appeals to all age groups, from retirees to middle schoolers. A functional center that not only has restaurants. We have been flooded with restaurants that in the end will end up hurting their businesses. Used to be that restaurants would be jammed packed but now, since there are so many, you see some restaurants empty and worry if they can make it. | 10/23/2018 7:49 AM |
| 385 | Change is inevitable and necessary. West Hartford should join the surrounding towns in creating a county government. We need to share resources. We should be able to bicycle from Blue Back Square to Riverfront Plaza without being run into a ditch by a CT Transit bus. And we shouldn't have to pay for special trash bags. | 10/22/2018 9:43 PM |
| 386 | More affordable and multi unit development to drive better public spaces, transit, and support the schools. This would attract businesses that those additional people demand. | 10/22/2018 9:14 PM |
| 387 | Less crowded | 10/22/2018 9:09 PM |
| 388 | Reduction in taxes. | 10/22/2018 8:27 PM |
| 389 | Less traffic | 10/22/2018 8:25 PM |
| 390 | The most bike friendly medium sized town in the country! We have a great road network (straight, main arteries, connected) where adding bike lanes will have minor impact of private car ownership but will drastically improve the sustainability of our area. The future is not more cars, it is better bike networks. With all the schools, retail zones, relative size of WH, and population density, bike share (in combination with bike lanes) would thrive!! | 10/22/2018 8:04 PM |
| 391 | It would be nice if the people who shop at Whole Foods were as nice as the people who work there. But this is a very uppity town nowadays. I don't know why. | 10/22/2018 8:03 PM |
| 392 | Making business districts look a little more seamless with one another | 10/22/2018 8:03 PM |
| 393 | A more lively version of itself, with not entertainment options, more mixed use developments, all while keeping the emphasis on walk ability and new urbanism West Hartford does so well | 10/22/2018 8:01 PM |
| 394 | Less yuppies. | 10/22/2018 7:37 PM |
| 395 | Excellent schools in a safe, vibrant community | 10/22/2018 7:33 PM |
| 396 | Like it is now with reasonable property taxes | 10/22/2018 7:19 PM |
| 397 | ATRULY MULTI-CULTURAL MIX OF PEOPLE OF ALL INCOME LEVELS--NOT THE CURRENT "PRETEND" WE ARE> | 10/22/2018 5:57 PM |
| 398 | Continue to be a thriving community, safe, tolerant. | 10/22/2018 5:46 PM |
| 399 | More mixed use retail/business/residential areas, better connected (not necessarily more) and rationalized public transportation; support for innovative business; flexible office space (such as WeWork); better communications of available services; improved recycling programs and other environmental friendly services and programs | 10/22/2018 5:42 PM |

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| 400 | Great neighborhoods and schools supported by a good business infrastructure. | 10/22/2018 4:34 PM |
| 401 | A place where people can find gainful employment, spend their money within the town and school their children so that when they leave this microcosm they are prepared for the unfair harsh reality of life and be better educated than the people they interact with. Our school system is rated highly, however move to another area of the country and they may not be as prepared as the West Hartford parents think they are, that is not something we should be dealing with when comparing our taxes to other parts of the country. | 10/22/2018 4:18 PM |
| 402 | It needs to continue to be a town focused on residential living. We need commercial but should never become a city. The building heights should not go taller. We have enough restaurants! We need to keep the town accessible to all and not just the wealthy. We need retirees and young professionals as well as families. | 10/22/2018 4:16 PM |
| 403 | More diverse community with more affordable "starter homes"; also affordable, permanent housing for veterans. | 10/22/2018 2:29 PM |
| 404 | Our streets would be walkable and bikeable, with more transit options and fewer cars overall. | 10/22/2018 1:51 PM |
| 405 | A place with cheap housing. | 10/22/2018 1:24 PM |
| 406 | A diverse community with affordable housing (and property tax rates) that is safe and vibrant. | 10/22/2018 12:39 PM |
| 407 | LESS RESTAURANTS - more retail, with affordable RENTS so that retail shopping could remain in the Center. SO MANY of Blue Back Square retailers left ! | 10/22/2018 12:30 PM |
| 408 | Less restaurants. More stores like Comina and EL Wilde. More community like retail in the center. | 10/22/2018 12:28 PM |
| 409 | An expansion of Hartford | 10/22/2018 12:20 PM |
| 410 | Not very different from the way it is now, with increased emphasis on educational quality, but lower taxes. | 10/22/2018 12:09 PM |
| 411 | Maintain similar mix of retail/commercial, residential, and public space, but upgrade/restore infrastructure (e.g. public buildings like schools, roadways, sewers, etc.) | 10/22/2018 12:05 PM |
| 412 | Economically vibrant, business friendly, more housing diversity, lower property taxes. Same quality of schools and safety. | 10/22/2018 11:57 AM |
| 413 | A Portland of the East, where pedestrians and cyclists are prioritized over car traffic because it is good for business and improves property values | 10/22/2018 11:51 AM |
| 414 | An affordable place to raise a family where both starter and larger homes are available near parks and stores that are within walking distance. | 10/22/2018 11:21 AM |
| 415 | key player in regional approach to planning, development, services, schools, public safety, etc. | 10/22/2018 11:21 AM |
| 416 | More affordable and mixed-income housing around transportation nodes; more focus on bicycle and pedestrian connections between parks, schools, and business/retail districts so that commuting by bike is a viable option; more convenient businesses that cater to middle-income people; and expanded public transit options that make commuting to and from Hartford and other jobs more viable from more West Hartford neighborhoods | 10/22/2018 11:06 AM |
| 417 | Walkable and bike-able neighborhoods centered around retail/business nodes, i.e. The Center, Elmwood, Bishops Corner, Farmington/Blvd/Mountain Triangle, Uconn Health. Better connections to Hartford via bike and transit with more affordable housing options and less discriminatory zoning. | 10/22/2018 10:49 AM |
| 418 | More transportation alternatives; friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists. | 10/22/2018 10:41 AM |
| 419 | Good mix of land uses. Continued (re)development of our business districts in order to grow the tax base. | 10/22/2018 10:35 AM |
| 420 | less nudge | 10/22/2018 10:31 AM |
| 421 | West Hartford would celebrate its socioeconomic and ethnic and age diversity. Its citizens would embrace programs for sustainability and value community over commodities. | 10/22/2018 10:12 AM |
| 422 | Continue friendly, supportive town/neighborhoods, excellent schools, employment opportunities (maybe creative school-business partnerships), continue good relationships with residents and town services | 10/22/2018 9:49 AM |
| 423 | an inclusive town where everyone would have a place at the table, instead of the just the wealthy and upper middle class | 10/22/2018 9:39 AM |

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| 424 | Well balanced between income levels and types of buildings i.e. residential, business, etc. with more bike lanes and bike trails. | 10/22/2018 8:50 AM |
| 425 | Similar to current state, regional economic hub with diverse retail offerings and unique neighborhoods. Additional bike lanes and well coordinated mass transit. | 10/22/2018 8:24 AM |
| 426 | boston | 10/22/2018 8:07 AM |
| 427 | We chose WeHa because of how it is and because of it's exceptional school systems. I like where it's headed now. | 10/22/2018 7:50 AM |
| 428 | Considering the density of this town and the proximity to retail, it has great potential to be a very walkable and bikeable town. Currently this town seriously lacks in its infrastructure to make walking and biking in this town safer. Why is it only certain streets have speed bumps, cross walks and bike lanes? I would to see the future of west Hartford be more Bike/Ped focused instead of auto first. | 10/22/2018 7:49 AM |
| 429 | a thriving integrated (ages, races, religions) community with good transportation options | 10/22/2018 7:32 AM |
| 430 | Designated bicycled pedestrian and bike paths to get from west farms to bishops corner | 10/22/2018 6:55 AM |
| 431 | Expand BlueBack Square offerings and improve roads/sidewalks to be more pedestrian friendly | 10/22/2018 5:52 AM |
| 432 | One that works intentionally to be inclusive and to regionalize services. | 10/21/2018 10:23 PM |
| 433 | It would finally include a dog park | 10/21/2018 10:16 PM |
| 434 | Major employers brought in and town becoming a hub of innovation. Denser development in urban core for a more vibrant downtown. Easy intermodal public transportation. Safe paths for children to walk and bike to school in all weather with major traffic calming put into effect during school commuting hours. Dangerous intersections fixed. Traffic lights better timed. A complete bike path system. Dog parks. Winter sports park. Kosher restaurant. Timed lights or crossing guards for observant Jews to cross streets on Sabbaths and holidays. Accelerated learning programs for gifted and talented students with no artificial limit placed on how much they can learn or what level they can reach. Earlier instruction in additional languages especially Spanish and sign language. Better designed parking lots everywhere so pedestrians and bicyclists can safely access retail areas. Be an innovator and incubator for progressive policies and urban development. Compost curb pickup. Natural gas everywhere. High speed Internet everywhere. Public pre-K. Carbon neutral government. Express public transit between major nodes, neighboring nodes, and airport. Public after-school activities and summer activities (or year-round school). Science-based school start times. Progressive taxation. More cultural & entertainment activities spread throughout different neighborhoods. | 10/21/2018 10:01 PM |
| 435 | to continue to develop public spaces such as bike ways, pedestrian friendly streets, proper development of UCONN site (think parklike public accessible spaces) and connect areas of town together with walkways and bike lanes | 10/21/2018 9:49 PM |
| 436 | Multinational, economically diverse population similar to Arlington VA 15 years ago with bike friendly streets | 10/21/2018 9:41 PM |
| 437 | A more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community where people don't get into there cars to go everywhere. | 10/21/2018 8:50 PM |
| 438 | Pretty much what it's like today | 10/21/2018 1:04 PM |
| 439 | 1) Everybody votes and we have record-breaking levels of civic engagement; 2) residents and town policies are recognized as national, if not global, leaders in combating climate change; 3) people here recognize and minimize anti-environmental practices like driving when you can walk or bike, polluting the air with backyard and indoor fireplaces just for fun; not recycling recyclables; and 4) residents and businesses are a hotbed of innovation that make the earth a better place. | 10/21/2018 9:55 AM |
| 440 | Even more people walking around outside and socializing with each other, meeting their neighbors. I think reducing the speed limits would go a long way to achieving this over time. | 10/21/2018 7:32 AM |
| 441 | Better non-car transportation. Sidewalks, crossings, bike lanes and buses are non-existent or unusable in many parts of town. Family-friendly housing development , not studio & 1 bed apartments | 10/20/2018 6:58 PM |
| 442 | More residents in and around the retail districts and less emphasis on parking and people driving through neighborhoods. | 10/20/2018 6:20 PM |
| 443 | Well-educated and diverse racially and socioeconomically. | 10/20/2018 2:29 PM |

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| 444 | More diversified commercial districts, more bike lanes, stricter traffic enforcement laws, slightly lower property taxes, and a renewed commitment to getting light rail service on Mee Park Avenue. | 10/20/2018 10:21 AM |
| 445 | I think WH is already on its way to ideal. | 10/20/2018 9:30 AM |
| 446 | A vibrant, close-knit community that focuses on building quality of life. West Hartford offers an increasingly rare package: small-town feel, driven by small businesses, quality schools, award-winning public spaces, and caring public servants. A long-term view for planning the use and development of ALL our resources is critical. | 10/20/2018 6:50 AM |
| 447 | Lots of character, more significant tax payers, access to public transportation, support surrounding cities, keep parks and green space. | 10/20/2018 6:47 AM |
| 448 | Continue to celebrate the uniqueness of neighborhoods. Keep it as a town and not a city feel. No tall buildings in the center. Keep the charm. Blue back has taller buildings and feels tight. Do not do the same on Lasalle or Farmington Avenue. | 10/20/2018 6:18 AM |
| 449 | Quaint, green, spacious | 10/20/2018 1:11 AM |
| 450 | Thriving business district, reimagined parks and open spaces. | 10/19/2018 10:53 PM |
| 451 | we have lived in 7 other towns, most of them college towns...we miss the variety of REAL shops, would love to see fewer high end restaurants, a place to swim in a lake/reservoir. Would love to feel stronger connections to Hartford (trolley, again!) | 10/19/2018 10:31 PM |
| 452 | Businesses subsidize employee parking | 10/19/2018 9:23 PM |
| 453 | Continue to grow as a family friendly town with a city feel - diversity in people and housing | 10/19/2018 8:41 PM |
| 454 | A mecca of different cultures and a leader in providing affordable housing in a quality suburb. | 10/19/2018 6:34 PM |
| 455 | I would like it vibrant enough to attract young people to apartment living. I would like more parking available around the center. As gas prices rise, I think we might make a feasible bus system. | 10/19/2018 12:42 PM |
| 456 | A place to downsize. Condos in town are more expensive than our house. Will have to move out of town | 10/19/2018 12:23 PM |
| 457 | Much like it is today, but improving on existing strengths. The direction and trajectory is great! Property tax control is important, but as long as school/service quality improves proportionally, value will still be there | 10/19/2018 12:16 PM |
| 458 | The people of west hartford would be able to walk and bike all over town without concern for the loss of life. | 10/19/2018 11:44 AM |
| 459 | Diverse culture, with sense of community and inclusion. Some mixed use areas close to jobs and some historic and suburban | 10/19/2018 10:07 AM |
| 460 | A growing and diverse community that supports living and working as well as a connection to Hartford. | 10/19/2018 9:51 AM |
| 461 | West Hartford is great! I think it has done a good job of updating with the times. It has been a few years since I was in the public schools (graduated 2011) but it seems like the schools are the only things that kind of lag behind technology-wise. | 10/19/2018 8:12 AM |
| 462 | I'd like to see a greater effort placed on attracting a more diverse population to the town. | 10/19/2018 6:12 AM |
| 463 | Retaining a suburban feel while growing and keeping the focus on a place that is best for all children to grow up. | 10/18/2018 9:50 PM |
| 464 | A town that continues to welcome diversity, including immigrants. A town that continues to value education and draws highly educated people | 10/18/2018 8:38 PM |
| 465 | More gift, clothing and shoe stores. Lots of restaurants. Diverse population. Parks and open spaces. Better roads. Moderate tax growth. Reduced property taxes. | 10/18/2018 7:50 PM |
| 466 | A town where housing is affordable to all socio-economic groups with good schools and good transportation including pedestrian and bicycle | 10/18/2018 7:12 PM |
| 467 | Maintain the sense of safety; lower property taxes so it is more affordable. | 10/18/2018 7:07 PM |
| 468 | I like it the way it is. Diverse, caring, vibrant. | 10/18/2018 12:22 PM |

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| 469 | A balance of types of retail (West Hartford center and bbs is almost all restaurant based now, and this concerns me). I would like better care taken of streets and especially sidewalks, so that walkability and bike riding is improved. This will help every neighborhood retain character and attractiveness. | 10/18/2018 11:35 AM |
| 470 | Balance and conservation and open space | 10/18/2018 10:17 AM |
| 471 | A village oriented structure: each village having a grid with walkable, bikeable lanes and paths. Ideally, the main state roads would be narrower and slower. Ideally, I-84 would not exist. Ideally with lower taxes and more amenities. Ideally, a stipend for every resident derived from the unobtainium discovered under the town land on Albany Avenue! | 10/18/2018 9:31 AM |
| 472 | More connection between neighborhoods via walking/biking paths | 10/18/2018 7:46 AM |
| 473 | Vibrant, diverse community with an active business area (not all restaurants but variety of businesses). Many people walking and using the downtown area. Lower taxes so it encourages young families and older citizens to stay. Many love the town but leave due to the high taxes. | 10/18/2018 5:09 AM |
| 474 | Strong public safety, strong schools, and more businesses and diverse entertainment options. | 10/17/2018 6:30 PM |
| 475 | Stay as it is | 10/17/2018 11:47 AM |
| 476 | More historic regulations / historic districts More uniform tree lines Better bike paths (maybe to Hartford) MUCH BETTER traffic management | 10/17/2018 10:26 AM |
| 477 | Less "privileged landed gentry" and more cultural diversity | 10/17/2018 10:17 AM |
| 478 | Stay mostly like it is. Possibly more senior housing condos | 10/17/2018 8:54 AM |
| 479 | 100% renewable energy, and an certain sense of autonomy in our sustainable community, all of the community working together. | 10/17/2018 8:03 AM |
| 480 | Less populated with minimal traffic and safer drivers. A place where people enjoy walking rather than driving and scrambling for a parking spot. | 10/17/2018 7:26 AM |
| 481 | Would like to see more retail, specifically small businesses, back in the center. | 10/16/2018 10:59 PM |
| 482 | More businesses in town. | 10/16/2018 5:29 PM |
| 483 | We should embrace the reality that we are a small city with a diversity of fantastic neighborhoods. It's ok--no, desirable--to become more urban. Density the high-volume arterials that are already too busy for sensible residential use, e.g., portions of Main, Farmington, Trout Brook, New Park, New Britain Ave., etc. | 10/16/2018 3:49 PM |
| 484 | Better maintenance of sidewalks and adjacent shrubs. | 10/16/2018 3:37 PM |
| 485 | A town with great schools, growing racial/ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, safe roads for bicyclists and pedestrians, focus on environmentalism and sustainable practices, unified town-wide efforts around important issues (such as "one town one book" focusing on important social issues), and creative, inclusive, forward-thinking policies. | 10/16/2018 3:04 PM |
| 486 | Continued growth and development of accessible services, shops and restaurants. And the maintained high quality education, safety and public services that we have today. | 10/16/2018 3:02 PM |
| 487 | A walkable/bikable community with a diverse array of housing options, a diverse array of commercial options, and a diverse array of job opportunities. All powered by 100% renewable energy, connected through micro-grids. Plus weekly curbside compost collection. | 10/16/2018 2:54 PM |
| 488 | educated and informed citizens, low crime, low taxes. | 10/16/2018 2:26 PM |
| 489 | In the future, West Hartford would have several neighborhoods with walking ability to great shops, restaurants, and conveniences such as what we have in the Center. New Park Ave would continue to be developed, something would come to the space next to Whole Foods, the Center would have a park and playground within walking distance so families could dine and go play. Schools would continue to focus on safety and respect to teach our kids that differences are OK. Affordable apartments would exist for University of Hartford and St Joseph's students. I would never have to leave town for anything! I would be able to shop here, dine, get my groceries, go to the Playhouse, etc. Why leave! | 10/16/2018 2:23 PM |
| 490 | Ideally, West Hartford would be more integrated with Hartford, expanding development along Farmington Avenue and Park Road towards the Hartford line. | 10/16/2018 2:09 PM |

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| 491 | West Hartford is nice now but it will grow - hopefully tasteful growth or residences, retail, and commerce. And maintain excellent schools. | 10/16/2018 1:50 PM |
| 492 | Safe, Friendly, Residential | 10/16/2018 1:32 PM |
| 493 | Less congestion, more money spent on park improvements, more outdoor recreational opportunities ie: bocci courts, volleyball, horseshoe- things people can do without having to always pay for everything. | 10/16/2018 1:20 PM |
| 494 | Stop spending money on unnecessary things such as traffic islands which make it very difficult for bike riding as roadways are now much narrower | 10/16/2018 12:32 PM |
| 495 | Woring with the owner of the property and doing something to the land in back of the Big Y. | 10/16/2018 11:19 AM |
| 496 | Less expenses would lower taxes | 10/16/2018 10:35 AM |
| 497 | a community with excellent education, housing, retail and restaurants, with beautiful parks for recreation. | 10/16/2018 10:19 AM |
| 498 | My comment is not really about an ideal world. I lived in West Hartford as a child and moved back when I married. West Hartford has grown in a very positive way - more diverse population, more housing options, Blue Back Square, Park Rd., etc. I think the balance is what is a strength of the town. I hope that the future plan focuses on maintaining that balance. My only concern is that the Center has too many restaurants and that if dining out becomes no longer popular the Center will look empty, as it did years ago (due to the West Farms Mall opening.) | 10/16/2018 10:04 AM |
| 499 | In an ideal world, West Hartford would be a welcoming, vibrant community for people of ALL ages and situations, not just families. The taxes are exorbitant and out of control. It's out of reach for a lot of middle class or single people. We have to grow but remember who we are and what our parameters are. This isn't Greenwich. The employment base of Connecticut is dying. We need to maintain affordability in this town now more than ever. And,if we could attract corporate tax payers (not just low paying retail) that would be great as well. There is so much emphasis on schools and the "Center" neighborhood that everything else gets forgotten or becomes a lower priority. If you want true vibrancy, there has to be fiscal responsibility and things for non-families to do. | 10/16/2018 9:50 AM |
| 500 | An environmentally friendly, sustainable and resilient welcoming community with a diverse population that is affordable for all levels of income. | 10/16/2018 9:35 AM |
| 501 | Same quality of services now provided to citizens and lower taxes. | 10/16/2018 9:04 AM |
| 502 | At times the Town seems to focus too much on children and lacks appeal for 20-30 year old's who have not yet started a family. | 10/16/2018 8:55 AM |
| 503 | a small city that blends the benefits of urban and suburban living. walkable, bikeable, and easy access to amenities but neighborhoods with sidewalks and people that know each other. | 10/16/2018 8:54 AM |
| 504 | A community where all residents can stay and live as we age. Taxes are too high | 10/16/2018 8:47 AM |
| 505 | Almost the same but better | 10/16/2018 8:38 AM |
| 506 | Increase environmental factors | 10/16/2018 8:36 AM |
| 507 | Same but less congestion and less costly. | 10/16/2018 8:32 AM |
| 508 | A diverse community that is a leader in sustainability –socio-economic and environmental. | 10/16/2018 8:29 AM |
| 509 | Very similar to what we have now. When considering new developments, taking traffic issues into consideration. Having new buildings look like they fit in. Maintaining new development with open space. | 10/16/2018 8:05 AM |
| 510 | similar to the way the town is now offering lots of retail, walkable areas, strong schools, nice/safe neighborhoods without big increases in taxes to make it unaffordable | 10/16/2018 8:03 AM |
| 511 | WH can't survive in a vacuum-we need to be touch within our region. Sustained high taxes will continue to drive families away along with older families who have accumulated some wealth & have no children in the expensive public schools. | 10/16/2018 7:45 AM |
| 512 | Dense housing in the center, with mixed retail. Open spaces with native plants. Maintain the parks and schools. Have safe bike & pedestrian paths to get between all these. | 10/16/2018 7:44 AM |
| 513 | More conservative with crazy spending | 10/16/2018 7:26 AM |

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| 514 | Access to highways at both ends of town. Also a FREE commuter bus that would run from Elmwood to Bishops Corner every half hour. It would help eliminate traffic and could be used by students, workers and residents. | 10/16/2018 7:17 AM |
| 515 | Very walkable community with eclectic retail stores, open spaces, parks, and an ethnically diverse population. | 10/16/2018 7:11 AM |
| 516 | Less housing, more open space (you said ideal world...) | 10/16/2018 6:53 AM |
| 517 | Mostly the same but with 1)Schools that focus more on students than grades and test scores. Our youth are too stressed out. 2) more affordable business spaces for businesses to thrive here. | 10/16/2018 6:47 AM |
| 518 | Safe, diverse community which would be great to raise a family in. | 10/16/2018 6:39 AM |
| 519 | Better variety of retail (not just bars/restaurants) in the center area that are open longer hours | 10/16/2018 6:38 AM |
| 520 | Bigger clean tax base | 10/16/2018 5:36 AM |
| 521 | I wish there were a senior or community center in the town hall that offered exercise classes and other activities. The senior centers in Bishops Corner and Elmwood are not convenient for me. | 10/16/2018 3:37 AM |
| 522 | Well balanced community | 10/16/2018 2:14 AM |
| 523 | I want us to be a role model for the rest of CT (and even America) in our special-needs inclusivity, racial harmony, environmentalism, and overall progressiveness. | 10/15/2018 11:37 PM |
| 524 | Like San Francisco culturally and retail restaurant-wise, but smaller | 10/15/2018 10:28 PM |
| 525 | More places where children went outside and played together | 10/15/2018 10:15 PM |
| 526 | More affordable housing for young families. | 10/15/2018 10:11 PM |
| 527 | Not to look like Fairfield County with little open space remaining | 10/15/2018 10:07 PM |
| 528 | Better connection for pedestrians and bicyclists between Elmwood, the Center, and Bishop's Corner | 10/15/2018 9:02 PM |
| 529 | Very much like it is today! | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 530 | Public transportation is frequent and well-used. It should be the norm for commuting to work. | 10/15/2018 8:58 PM |
| 531 | Diversity in population & housing. Continued excellence in public schools. Services for seniors and working parents with young children. Vibrant retail and business development in Bishops Corner, Park Rd and Elmwood as well as Center. Alternative means of transportation around town. Free parking when utilizing business or retail in town INCLUDING Center (ideally) | 10/15/2018 8:58 PM |
| 532 | diverse residents, diverse housing options, diverse food & shopping. | 10/15/2018 8:53 PM |
| 533 | A town that maintains its cultural and socio-economic diversity by continuing to provide housing across all income levels, while maintaining a strong level of safety. | 10/15/2018 8:51 PM |
| 534 | Lower taxes | 10/15/2018 8:44 PM |
| 535 | More integrated by neighborhood. More affordable housing | 10/15/2018 8:34 PM |
| 536 | It will give Boston and New York a run for their money. Attract young professionals with breweries, pedestrian and bike lanes, condos, research and technology companies, concert venues, train connectivity to New York and Boston. | 10/15/2018 8:32 PM |
| 537 | continue to broaden ethnic and income diversity, promote community | 10/15/2018 8:31 PM |
| 538 | Continue growth but in small increments. Why is it that a business has to immediately be put up or added when ever there is a piece of land? The traffic in this town has gone through the roof. Areas that should allow dogs to be walked with no traffic such as the cemetery, cannot be used as such. Traffic and safety is a big problem in this town as well as people speeding through town, the Center and residential neighborhoods. | 10/15/2018 8:19 PM |
| 539 | Roads that are built to handle the traffic. Regulations on the use of sirens. A good school system, but not one that caused a strain on the aging population to pay for. A mix of all ages and races, without one particular group being driven out due to the town looking out for another group. Example spending a high percentage of money on schools to the detriment of the elderly population with higher taxes. Which in turns causes the elderly to move out. Which results in higher taxes due to the fact that a family moves in with children that need the school system. Something must be done to keep the population in West Hartford balanced. | 10/15/2018 8:17 PM |

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| 540 | A safe community, retail opportunities that bring people to wh, reduction in taxes and cost of parking in wh ctr | 10/15/2018 8:12 PM |
| 541 | A nice, safe, walkable town with residents that get to know their neighbors. | 10/15/2018 8:02 PM |
| 542 | Cheaper to live in so I can actually afford to raise my family. | 10/15/2018 7:59 PM |
| 543 | Same great neighbors and schools with more businesses to add to our revenue base. | 10/15/2018 7:58 PM |
| 544 | A diverse, thriving safe community with open spaces, great retail and strong sense of community. | 10/15/2018 7:50 PM |
| 545 | Like it is, but more so. More accommodation for long time residents. | 10/15/2018 7:48 PM |
| 546 | A lot like it is now. Cleaner easier to walk New Park and New Britain aves. More clean energy. | 10/15/2018 7:33 PM |
| 547 | More dedicated bike paths with the ability to commute downtown via bike (safely). I think it could really set us apart from other communities. | 10/15/2018 7:10 PM |
| 548 | Less congested town center | 10/15/2018 7:09 PM |
| 549 | Caring community that is not hog tied by political correctness | 10/15/2018 7:08 PM |
| 550 | More affordable housing (think Elmwood), no more McMansions, no more restaurants, no more Liquor stores. Better traffic flow and pedestrian flow/safety in Bishop's corner. | 10/15/2018 7:01 PM |
| 551 | Open spaces with charm and convenience | 10/15/2018 6:59 PM |
| 552 | Less hectic, less glossy, less obsessed with luxury, a more realistic sense of what is important in life, more family oriented, and schools that really care about all students, not just the dazzling ones. (That myth that the town spreads about how wonderful it is with students with special needs is just wrong.) I would love a town that is down to earth while giving me emergency access to healthcare. | 10/15/2018 6:58 PM |
| 553 | A vibrant and denser community whose economic vitality is a beacon for the region. | 10/15/2018 6:52 PM |
| 554 | Right now West Hartford is a great place to live. As I've mentioned in other answers, parking and affordable housing would help diversify the town both with younger individuals and people of color. I would love to see transportation hubs (train, bus stations) that are easily accessible. | 10/15/2018 6:51 PM |
| 555 | I might like to see the Center and The Square, as it's known, totally pedestrian. | 10/15/2018 6:50 PM |
| 556 | A "green" town! | 10/15/2018 6:49 PM |
| 557 | Keep an urban town center surrounded by suburban living. Attract startups, tech businesses, coworking spaces near town center. Attract more entertainment venues around town center. | 10/15/2018 6:49 PM |
| 558 | Moderate growth, reduce the tax burden on all properties, promote the historical nature of the town and homes in the town. | 10/15/2018 6:40 PM |
| 559 | Lower taxes | 10/15/2018 6:31 PM |
| 560 | Embrace that West Hartford is a city, and run it as one. | 10/15/2018 6:30 PM |
| 561 | Na | 10/15/2018 6:26 PM |
| 562 | more open space and a dog park | 10/15/2018 6:21 PM |
| 563 | A community connected with hartford thah eschews it's preference for cars. A downtown that is truly connected to its connected neighborhoods. Build roads, sidewalks and paths for the community and not those who cut through town for work. Don't be afraid to be radical with road design, signals, and cross walks. | 10/15/2018 6:20 PM |
| 564 | Multi generational vibrant diverse community of strong neighborhoods, walkable commercial districts, and lively culture and recreational assets. | 10/15/2018 6:20 PM |
| 565 | A continued small town feel. I love all the restaurant options and retail but miss the West Hartford of 15 years ago that was less traffic and a more small town feel. | 10/15/2018 6:13 PM |
| 566 | A diverse community that supports education and the arts | 10/15/2018 6:13 PM |
| 567 | A pedestrian only Center. | 10/15/2018 6:11 PM |
| 568 | Diverse community, with lots of walkable, bikable sidewalks etc | 10/15/2018 6:01 PM |
| 569 | better roads and sidewalks.. less emphasis on the blue back area and getting back to basics with our roadways, traffic, sidewalks and public safety. | 10/15/2018 6:00 PM |

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| 570 | Create pedestrian malls. For example close LaSalle rd to through traffic. Delivery traffic only. | 10/15/2018 5:57 PM |
| 571 | My grandchildren could move here because their parents could find jobs locally instead of half way across the country. | 10/15/2018 5:52 PM |
| 572 | One that draws a significant percentage of it's energy from renewables. | 10/15/2018 5:44 PM |
| 573 | A great residential community with opportunities for people to live and work within the town. Bring in some hi-tech firms, or light manufacturing in our industrial districts. The town would have so much to offer these employees & owners. | 10/15/2018 5:36 PM |
| 574 | inclusive, multi-cultural, diverse, emphasis on local small business entrepreneurship, tech incubators and much more new urbanism like blue black square. This feel fresh, new and attracts the best and brightest residents | 10/15/2018 5:28 PM |
| 575 | Lower taxes, excellent schools, less traffic, and more small, local businesses in the retail sections to shop in. | 10/15/2018 5:21 PM |
| 576 | Slow growth, reduced municipal spending and lower taxes. | 10/15/2018 5:15 PM |
| 577 | Drivers unable to use devices in their cars. People driving as if their kids lived here. | 10/15/2018 5:04 PM |
| 578 | Love the town. Wish the taxes would be lower. | 10/15/2018 5:03 PM |
| 579 | Exactly like it is now, but with more stable taxes, or taxes that don't burden homeowners as heavily | 10/15/2018 4:58 PM |
| 580 | Changes to the culture-more acceptance and increased tolerance for minorities (socio-economic, race and cultural). Although new to living in WH, I've found people often stigmatize certain neighborhoods/areas of town. It makes me question if these attitudes are not racially biased and/or motivated, as well as based in differences in socio-economic status. | 10/15/2018 4:53 PM |
| 581 | . | 10/15/2018 4:45 PM |
| 582 | The future headquarters of Ideanomics in West Hartford is a very exciting first step toward creating a technology hub in the area. More tech companies would encourage more of our children to stay in the area and keep our area relevant as businesses change. Stop the brain drain! | 10/15/2018 4:45 PM |
| 583 | Less cars, more independently owned businesses | 10/15/2018 4:44 PM |
| 584 | Open spaces and parks and playgrounds enhanced, continued excellent schools, cultural and other events bringing together generations. Help seniors and those with disabilities to remain in their own homes by implementing a model like "Beacon Hill" that brings a variety of services to people in their homes. Substantial use of renewable energy such as for street lights. | 10/15/2018 4:39 PM |
| 585 | An open, forward looking community. A model for the new mid size city of the future, in the US and anywhere in the world. | 10/15/2018 4:33 PM |
| 586 | Much as it is now, developed with sensitivity to those living near retail districts. (An aside, about which many friends agree: Traffic is an issue- well, drivers- right turn on red has become a nightmare with poor decision making by many drivers, including running red lights without hesitation.) | 10/15/2018 4:28 PM |
| 587 | More diverse population, more affordable housing. | 10/15/2018 4:27 PM |
| 588 | Would be a hip, artistic and business mecca with walkable, independent stores and larger businesses in historic (or historic-esque) storefronts along with exciting new restaurants and craft breweries (think Portland ME) | 10/15/2018 4:26 PM |
| 589 | Open, accessible | 10/15/2018 4:15 PM |
| 590 | it would have a dog park. | 10/15/2018 4:14 PM |
| 591 | an inclusive community that embraces individuals of all ages, cultures, economic status. | 10/15/2018 4:14 PM |
| 592 | My greatest concern is the aging population. Would be nice to have younger people | 10/15/2018 4:04 PM |

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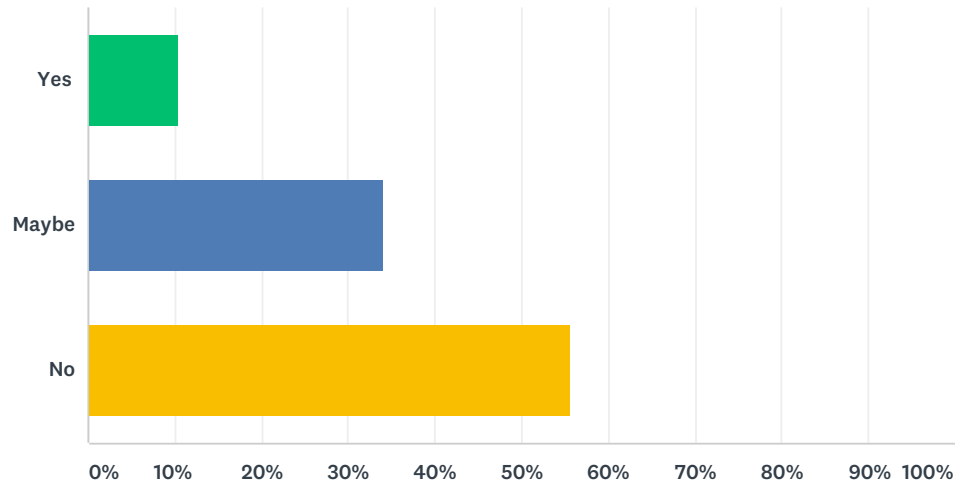
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| 593 | I would not give too much credence to the ones saying they want to live here "affordable." WH will NEVER be a cheap place to live, there are soo many people who want very high-end place to live, free parking, town services, but pay NOTHING. I see it on the FB groups for WH. WH should concentrate on being a quiet, well-heeled bedroom town, with good \$\$\$\$ in the town reserves. We are already attracting people from all over, but this is now increasing needs for services It is a small town. MORE is not always BETTER. The residents want to put more into education (such as earlier start times, air conditioning) - town planners need to concentrate on getting more revenue from non-residential properties so that the educational expectations for the upcoming decade and beyond can be met. Most will tell you a key driver where people move to esp to purchase property will be the school system. Town planners need to get to work to bring in good revenue. | 10/15/2018 4:01 PM |
| 594 | that it doesn't have too much growth | 10/15/2018 3:55 PM |
| 595 | More bike lanes, redesigning main roads to allow for biking and safety for pedestrians, more and safer cross walks across busy roads, dog park/s, continued improvement in recycling including picking up and composting of food garbage. Educating children and adults regarding bike safety and environmental issues (eliminating the use of herbicides and pesticides on lawns, purchasing fuel efficient cars, discouraging parents from driving their children to school and encouraging them to walk, ride a bike, or take the bus. Parking in the center has to be dealt with. There are currently too many people parking on the surrounding streets. Continued economic and cultural growth without compromising the character of the town. | 10/15/2018 3:55 PM |
| 596 | A progressive livable small town with a cosmopolitan feel | 10/15/2018 3:54 PM |
| 597 | West Hartford would look much like it does now but W. Hartford Center would be more manageable and enjoyable for everyone and it would be easier to enjoy the open space by use of pedestrian paths and bike lanes it would be helpful to put some emphasis on assisting Elmwood which could be so much nicer than it is now | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 598 | More staff at the schools. They are crowded and need more teachers | 10/15/2018 3:52 PM |
| 599 | vibrant bustling community, like is in our current downtown areas, with less traffic, more accessible walking/biking access. | 10/15/2018 3:50 PM |
| 600 | Cambridge, MA with good schools (walkable, lots of activities, tourists, restaurants, boutiques, high-tech companies) | 10/15/2018 3:49 PM |
| 601 | We cannot sustain the property tax increases and keep adults with no school age children in town. | 10/15/2018 3:49 PM |
| 602 | - even more walkable and bikeable ! - commercial rent control so we don't lose basic services! - strong, diverse schools | 10/15/2018 3:45 PM |
| 603 | Pretty much remaining as it is, however with reduced taxes and more recreational activities. Also, the Children's Museum should be granted some of the property that housed U-Conn on Trout Brooke, to remain viable | 10/15/2018 3:39 PM |
| 604 | Continue the high, careful guidance of our town administration. | 10/15/2018 3:39 PM |
| 605 | Open progressive welcoming charming , more nightlife cabaret , gay options | 10/15/2018 3:34 PM |
| 606 | A place for all income levels. | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 607 | Lower taxes and less crowded. | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 608 | a vibrant, inclusive community that is well-managed and features several neighborhoods of choice | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 609 | Affordable taxes, amazing schools, forefront of environmental issues, pedestrian friendly | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |
| 610 | environmentally friendly, bike friendly, range of stores (not just high end), better integration of the two "sides" of town | 10/15/2018 3:30 PM |
| 611 | I think West Hartford is Great, But we spend money on ancillary items that don't bring much to the town except high taxes. Our taxes are on average much more than our neighboring towns and if that keeps up property values will keep declining. | 10/15/2018 3:30 PM |
| 612 | A community of about same size; wider diversity of housing types, better social/racial integration; well kept parks; more trees | 10/15/2018 3:28 PM |
| 613 | much like it is now | 10/15/2018 3:27 PM |
| 614 | A more urban, city-like feel in currently built-up areas (by building upwards), while current open space/parks are generally preserved to balance the city and town feels. | 10/15/2018 3:27 PM |

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| 615 | West Hartford will continue to be open to change and will remain an affordable and attractive community for all ages | 10/15/2018 10:54 AM |
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Q15 Did you attend the public workshop on Tuesday, October 30th?

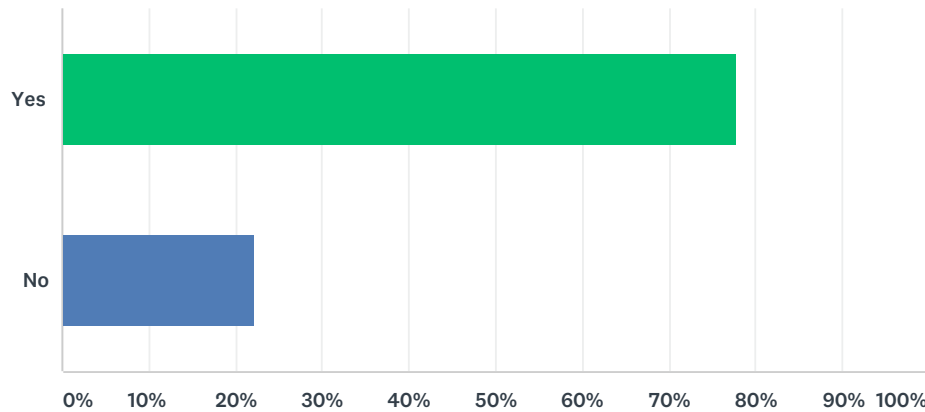
Answered: 1,129 Skipped: 135



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Yes | 10.36% | 117 |
| Maybe | 34.01% | 384 |
| No | 55.62% | 628 |
| TOTAL | | 1,129 |

Q17 You have completed the introductory survey! Are you interested in answering additional questions about economic development, housing, transportation, town facilities and services, parks and open space, or sustainability and environment?

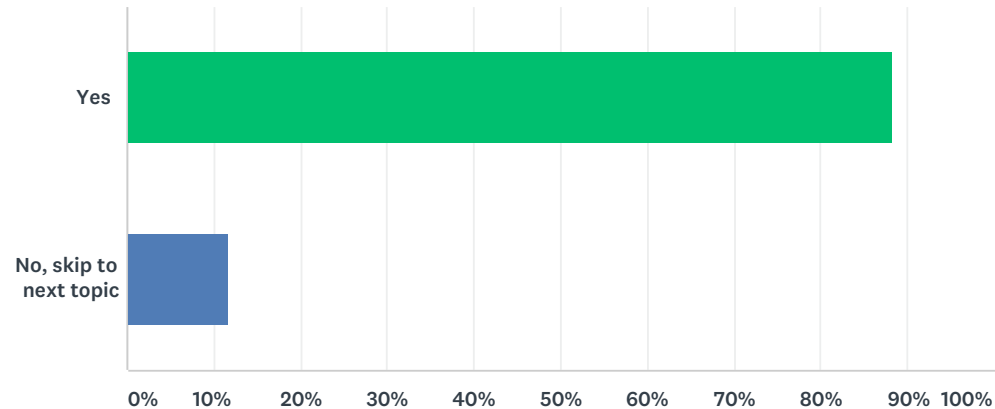
Answered: 1,118 Skipped: 146



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 77.82% | 870 |
| No | 22.18% | 248 |
| TOTAL | | 1,118 |

Q18 Are you interested in answering questions about economic development?

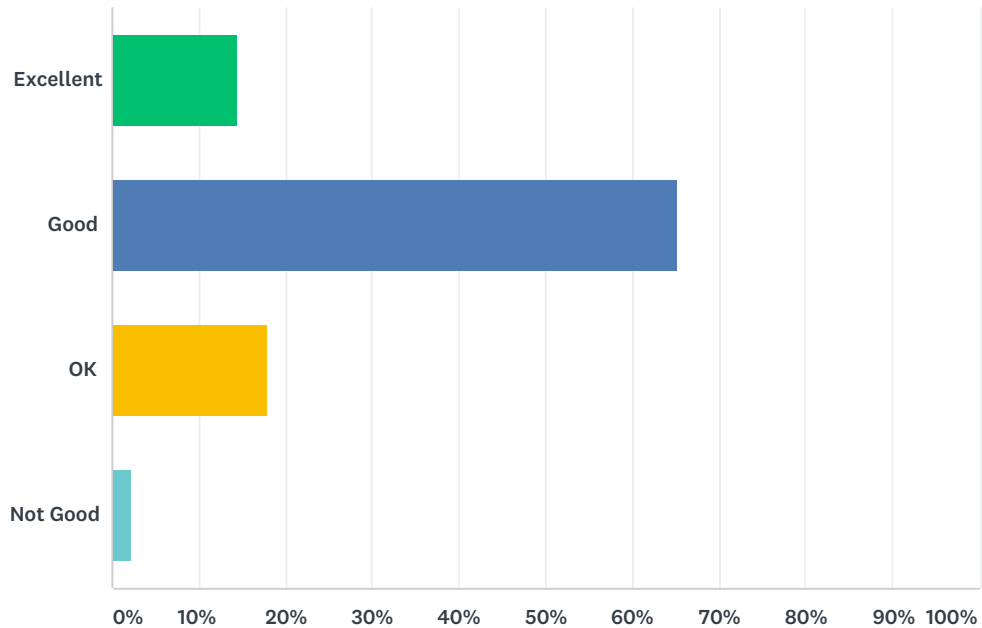
Answered: 894 Skipped: 370



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 88.26% | 789 |
| No, skip to next topic | 11.74% | 105 |
| TOTAL | | 894 |

Q19 How do you rate the Town's business environment?

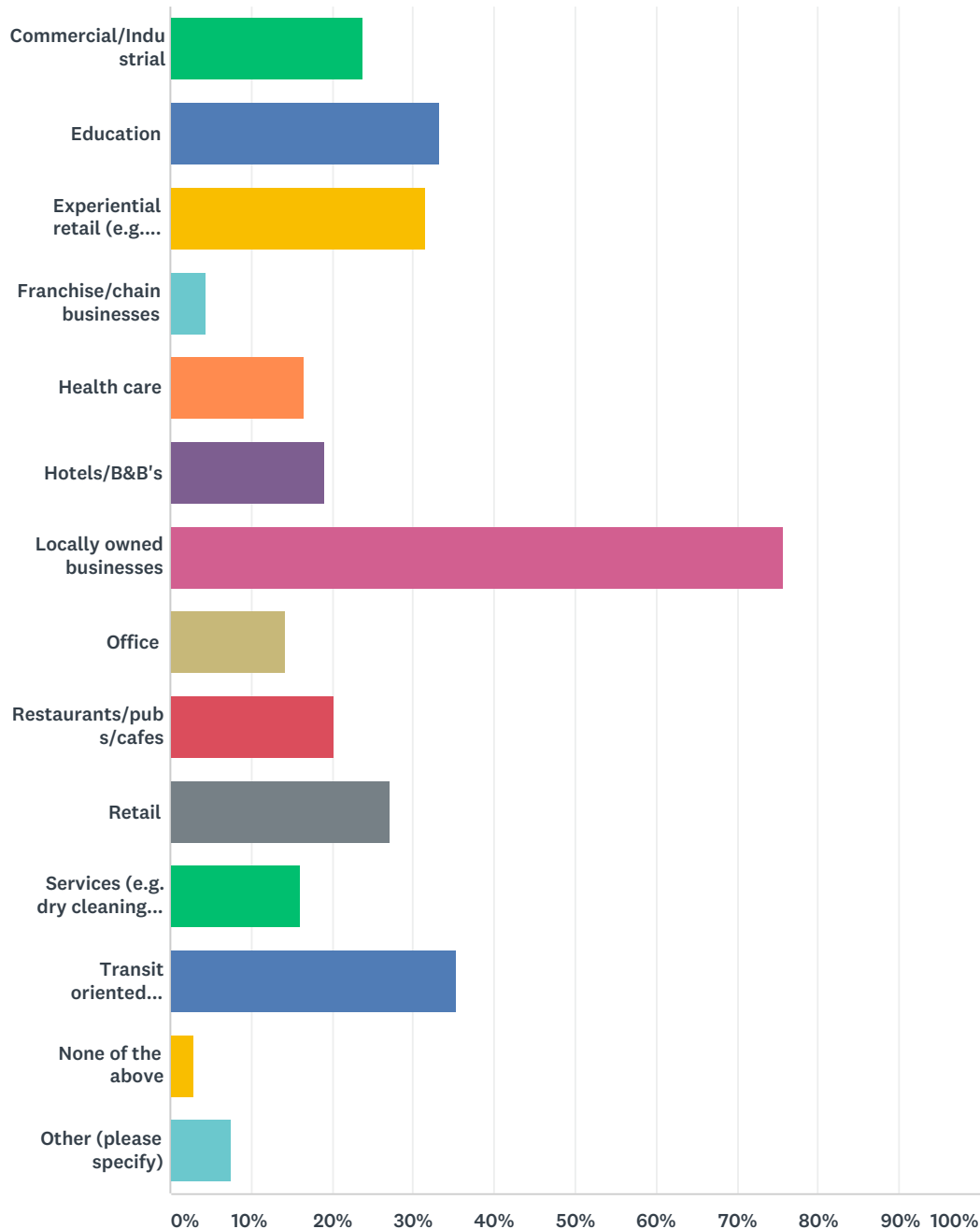
Answered: 764 Skipped: 500



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Excellent | 14.40% | 110 |
| Good | 65.18% | 498 |
| OK | 18.06% | 138 |
| Not Good | 2.36% | 18 |
| TOTAL | | 764 |

Q20 What type of commercial development should be expanded in West Hartford? (select all that apply)

Answered: 762 Skipped: 502



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Commercial/Industrial | 23.88% | 182 |
| Education | 33.20% | 253 |
| Experiential retail (e.g. escape rooms, paint and cocktail venues, virtual golf clinics, etc.) | 31.50% | 240 |
| Franchise/chain businesses | 4.33% | 33 |

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| Health care | 16.54% | 126 |
| Hotels/B&B's | 19.03% | 145 |
| Locally owned businesses | 75.72% | 577 |
| Office | 14.17% | 108 |
| Restaurants/pubs/cafes | 20.21% | 154 |
| Retail | 27.30% | 208 |
| Services (e.g. dry cleaning, auto repair) | 16.01% | 122 |
| Transit oriented development | 35.43% | 270 |
| None of the above | 2.89% | 22 |
| Other (please specify) | 7.48% | 57 |
| Total Respondents: 762 | | |

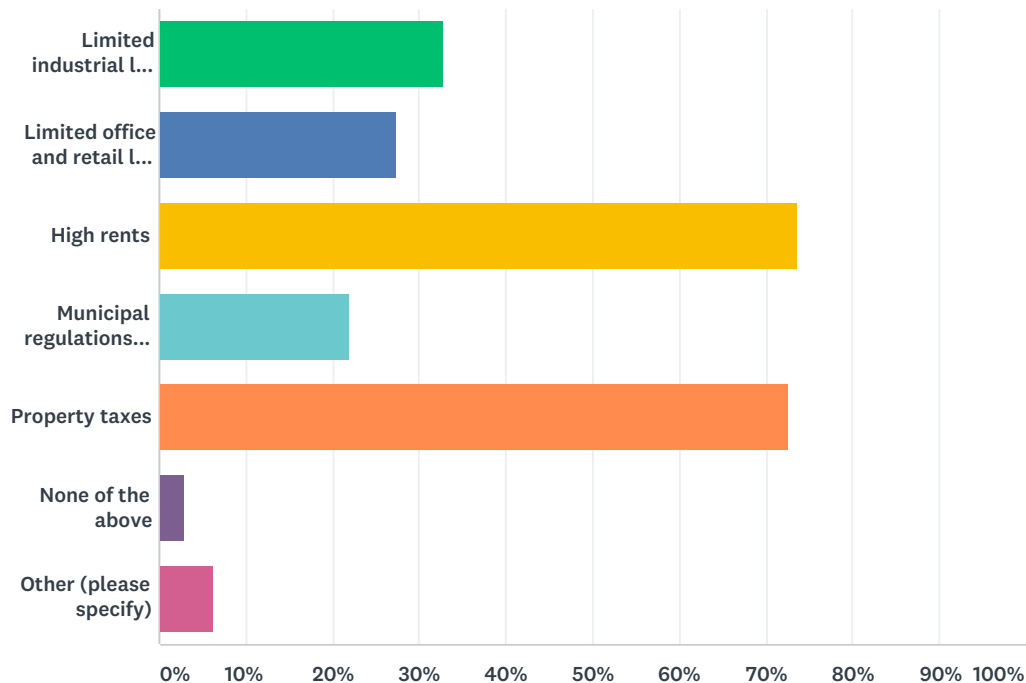
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| 1 | None- there's too much! Blue Black businesses go out of business | 11/27/2018 8:30 PM |
| 2 | Without TOD West Hartford will be left behind. | 11/26/2018 6:22 PM |
| 3 | Tech. I guess that might fall under Commercial | 11/22/2018 8:43 AM |
| 4 | Charming B&B's. enough hotels | 11/10/2018 3:06 PM |
| 5 | not enough land for Industrial/commercial | 11/10/2018 10:25 AM |
| 6 | Affordable activities for everyone | 11/9/2018 6:50 PM |
| 7 | Retail in center. Too many restaurants | 11/8/2018 5:36 PM |
| 8 | Canine training center | 11/8/2018 2:29 PM |
| 9 | No increase in number of restaurants in West Hartford Center. | 11/7/2018 7:38 AM |
| 10 | An Arcade or Barcade | 11/6/2018 7:33 PM |
| 11 | Love that the train service to Metro North New Haven from Hartford is in place!!! | 11/6/2018 2:24 PM |
| 12 | Some business similar to Plimptons which offered a variety of necessary merchandise vice the many businesses in town that cater to frivolous items that would appeal to people from out of town. | 11/5/2018 3:28 PM |
| 13 | Pet bakery and pet related accessories | 11/5/2018 10:13 AM |
| 14 | S | 11/4/2018 8:47 PM |
| 15 | Apartment development in the town center. Walk to work. | 11/1/2018 12:49 PM |
| 16 | More large employers setting up shop / satellite offices. | 10/31/2018 11:55 AM |
| 17 | Family fun | 10/30/2018 9:44 PM |
| 18 | Large employers... Companies that will hire white collar jobs... people who live in WH. | 10/30/2018 9:31 PM |
| 19 | Tech/commercial | 10/30/2018 8:40 PM |
| 20 | Kids | 10/29/2018 9:23 PM |
| 21 | West Hartford is lucky to have a number of areas (not just the traditional Center) capable of development and accessible to transit. | 10/29/2018 9:51 AM |
| 22 | Craft galleries | 10/26/2018 8:28 PM |
| 23 | Arts and recreation | 10/25/2018 8:19 PM |
| 24 | More dining options! | 10/25/2018 3:01 PM |
| 25 | Churches | 10/25/2018 1:23 PM |

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| 26 | Businesses employing those with special needs | 10/25/2018 6:17 AM |
| 27 | Coffee drivetru for busy moms and dads!!! | 10/25/2018 5:55 AM |
| 28 | We need an affordable hotel. Currently one very expensive one and one dump. | 10/24/2018 8:34 PM |
| 29 | entertainment | 10/24/2018 7:00 AM |
| 30 | Viable business plans will lessen the changeover that comes with failed businesses, leading to shuttered storefronts and a scary look of economic insufficiency in town. | 10/23/2018 11:38 PM |
| 31 | Services that help the older population to "age in place" -- handyman services, delivery services, landscaping services. Maybe town awards "Good Housekeeping Seal" to validate the quality of these businesses. | 10/23/2018 12:55 PM |
| 32 | Utilize existing space - not new buildings | 10/23/2018 12:47 PM |
| 33 | arts (live music, galleries) | 10/23/2018 10:17 AM |
| 34 | I would like to see less chains and more locally owned retail businesses. | 10/23/2018 9:48 AM |
| 35 | It doesn't really matter- the cost to be in west Hartford is prohibitive. | 10/23/2018 9:10 AM |
| 36 | small businesses | 10/23/2018 9:08 AM |
| 37 | More housing choice both in terms of size, style and price. | 10/23/2018 9:03 AM |
| 38 | Manufacturing | 10/22/2018 7:38 PM |
| 39 | cultural programs and sites | 10/22/2018 10:14 AM |
| 40 | Bike accommodations | 10/21/2018 10:25 PM |
| 41 | Cultural & entertainment | 10/21/2018 10:03 PM |
| 42 | Any or all of these, so we have a healthy mix. Although personally, I'm not interested in short-lived trendy things like escape rooms or virtual clinics. | 10/21/2018 9:59 AM |
| 43 | Non chain retail | 10/19/2018 8:33 PM |
| 44 | N | 10/19/2018 12:25 PM |
| 45 | Salad restaurant such as SweetGreens | 10/18/2018 7:11 PM |
| 46 | Development of unused industrial space for commercial use | 10/16/2018 7:14 AM |
| 47 | Attract young people by bringing in research institutions, technology companies, laboratories and universities. Bring in Amazon or something close to it. Make the city livable for young professionals. Make it like a west coast city. | 10/15/2018 8:37 PM |
| 48 | Cultural institutions | 10/15/2018 7:43 PM |
| 49 | Gas stations!!! | 10/15/2018 6:09 PM |
| 50 | tech incubator | 10/15/2018 5:30 PM |
| 51 | Technology companies | 10/15/2018 4:46 PM |
| 52 | Micro office space for small business, solar and clean energy | 10/15/2018 4:29 PM |
| 53 | Breweries | 10/15/2018 4:28 PM |
| 54 | I would love to see some more kosher eateries | 10/15/2018 4:21 PM |
| 55 | No more restaurants | 10/15/2018 3:36 PM |
| 56 | More affordable stores | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |
| 57 | All of the above - be flexible and continue to support a range of commercial uses that are economically viable and in appropriate locations. | 10/15/2018 10:59 AM |

Q21 What are the challenges to Economic Development in West Hartford? (select all that apply)

Answered: 739 Skipped: 525



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Limited industrial land and space | 32.75% | 242 |
| Limited office and retail land and space | 27.33% | 202 |
| High rents | 73.61% | 544 |
| Municipal regulations such as zoning | 21.92% | 162 |
| Property taxes | 72.53% | 536 |
| None of the above | 2.84% | 21 |
| Other (please specify) | 6.36% | 47 |
| Total Respondents: 739 | | |

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| 1 | Expensive Parking! People lost their jobs who worked in the parking lot booths! How could the town let this happen? How heartless! The Kiosks are the worst!!! Try being an old person and walking on ice to get to the stupid kiosk to pay. They don't work half the time. Try Northampton Mass' parking system. That makes me want to shop & eat there. Again- how could you fire all those parking attendants? | 11/27/2018 8:30 PM |
| 2 | Zoning is not good. It requires car-oriented uses. It does not create districts like the Center in other places. The main commercial areas in Bishop's Corner are IMPOSSIBLE to get around and awful aesthetically. | 11/26/2018 6:22 PM |
| 3 | I dont know. Dont most people work in hartford and live in westhartford? | 11/14/2018 4:58 PM |
| 4 | Limited in migration--CT is losing population! | 11/10/2018 3:06 PM |

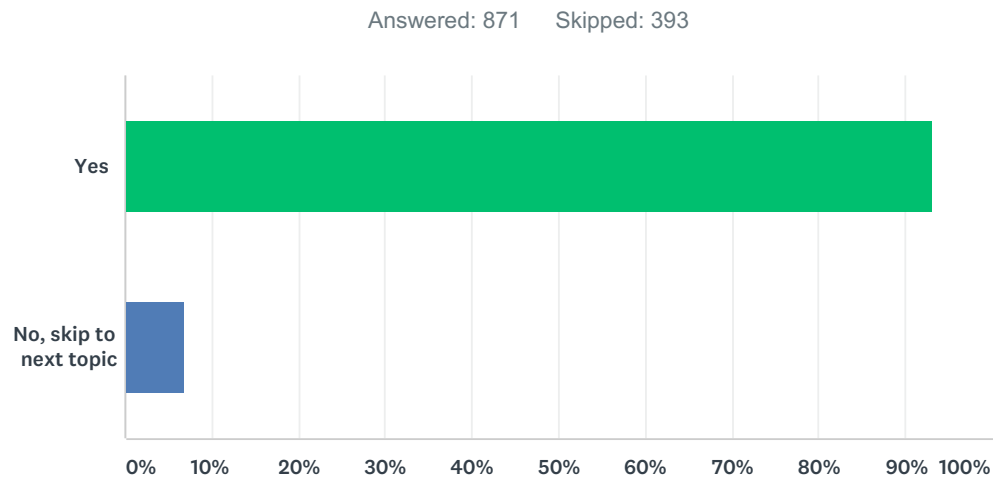
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| 5 | not enough available land but could do renewal | 11/10/2018 10:25 AM |
| 6 | Parking | 11/5/2018 8:25 AM |
| 7 | imagination and willingness to try new ideas | 11/2/2018 3:35 PM |
| 8 | Declining and aging population | 11/2/2018 11:00 AM |
| 9 | Contamination | 11/1/2018 9:31 PM |
| 10 | Better policing of cars- hard to cross at intersections as cars ignore pedestrians | 10/31/2018 8:11 AM |
| 11 | Tight zoning is important to maintaining quality of life | 10/31/2018 1:37 AM |
| 12 | Seems like there is a lot of commercial space near New Park Rd etc that is in bad shape that could be overhauled to make it useful commercial space like Corp offices etc. | 10/30/2018 9:31 PM |
| 13 | bad traffic flow, waste of time, poor roads | 10/30/2018 12:02 PM |
| 14 | For traditional Center, existing congestion, traffic and safety issues prevent increasing density. High rents in Center (because restaurants and bars have high revenue from alcohol sales and can pay high rents) force out other retail stores that can't compete. A relatively dense footprint and proximity to transit hubs, jobs and Hartford cultural and recreational amenities are strengths, but also mean there is little open land (can't just pave a farm as they do in Avon). Focus therefore has to be on appropriate development in areas that can support it. | 10/29/2018 9:51 AM |
| 15 | Can we afford to forego commercial expansion? | 10/27/2018 1:47 PM |
| 16 | traffic | 10/27/2018 10:36 AM |
| 17 | Parking | 10/27/2018 7:51 AM |
| 18 | Parking | 10/24/2018 9:02 PM |
| 19 | Lack of affordable housing and regional schools. | 10/24/2018 8:07 PM |
| 20 | Really don't know the challenges; just guessing. | 10/24/2018 1:12 PM |
| 21 | Rents and taxes are just two sides of the same sword. | 10/24/2018 8:24 AM |
| 22 | Few landlord to buildings ratio: monopolized rent control. | 10/24/2018 7:34 AM |
| 23 | High, and ever-increasing, property taxes limit individuals' ability to purchase and maintain residential rental properties. | 10/23/2018 11:38 PM |
| 24 | Still don't know how we got Seven Cloud at former UConn campus, but I'm glad we did. I guess that was very unusual situation -- UConn moving downtown. But Seven Cloud is a good thing. | 10/23/2018 12:55 PM |
| 25 | As I said before, we need to develop more densely with a mix of uses. One of the biggest impediments to this is the fact that many residents and elected officials have not had the opportunity to envision how more dense development can be beautiful, sustainable and in keeping with its neighboring properties. | 10/23/2018 9:03 AM |
| 26 | Community resistance to development, particularly affordable housing | 10/22/2018 9:16 PM |
| 27 | Public Transit | 10/22/2018 8:05 PM |
| 28 | Parking and public transportation | 10/22/2018 5:46 PM |
| 29 | traffic and parking in many areas | 10/22/2018 4:18 PM |
| 30 | Limited development space | 10/22/2018 10:36 AM |
| 31 | zoning particularly complex and poor compared to other towns | 10/22/2018 10:32 AM |
| 32 | Not in my backyard resistance | 10/21/2018 10:03 PM |
| 33 | I'm not really in a position to say. Although I think resistance to change, short-sightedness, and narrow-mindedness among a segment of the population is a barrier. | 10/21/2018 9:59 AM |
| 34 | too far from highly ranked university | 10/21/2018 7:37 AM |
| 35 | The town allows homeowners near the Center to veto development that would benefit the town as a whole, costing the rest of us. | 10/20/2018 6:22 PM |
| 36 | parking | 10/20/2018 3:51 PM |

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| 37 | don't know enough to say | 10/19/2018 12:17 PM |
| 38 | I don't know | 10/19/2018 11:07 AM |
| 39 | To maintain a balance of types of development and knowing when to slow down/stop development. | 10/18/2018 11:38 AM |
| 40 | Parkin | 10/16/2018 11:00 PM |
| 41 | Lacking in desire to change. Old people worried about traffic will stop just about any progress in this town. | 10/15/2018 8:37 PM |
| 42 | Cost of parking | 10/15/2018 8:14 PM |
| 43 | Bad roads | 10/15/2018 7:38 PM |
| 44 | COST OF ENERGY | 10/15/2018 5:33 PM |
| 45 | One of the challenges is the MINDSET of mostly millenials. I already said it, but instead of worrying about making the town "affordable" to kids getting out of college, it would be wiser to look for best revenue. Also, the town does have decent zoning regs, but many are not enforced, such as AIRBNB. Simsbury took the initiative and shut them down, it is very UNFAIR to Delmar there are about 50 active AIRBNB's in town, they can be fire hazard, too, because they are not inspected, etc., b/c they are outlaw rentals. GET RID OF THEM. Also, there are TONS of outlaw home-based biz doing crafts, etc., STEALING biz from legitimate retail in town. It would be VERY EASY to check Etsy for West Hartford home-based retail biz. Do you want to help the local established biz to survive? Town Planners should put more emphasis on FINDING and dealing zoning violations that are negatively impacting biz. | 10/15/2018 4:07 PM |
| 46 | The town has a feel of being very corporate and has lost its small town feel. | 10/15/2018 3:34 PM |
| 47 | NIMBYs | 10/15/2018 3:29 PM |

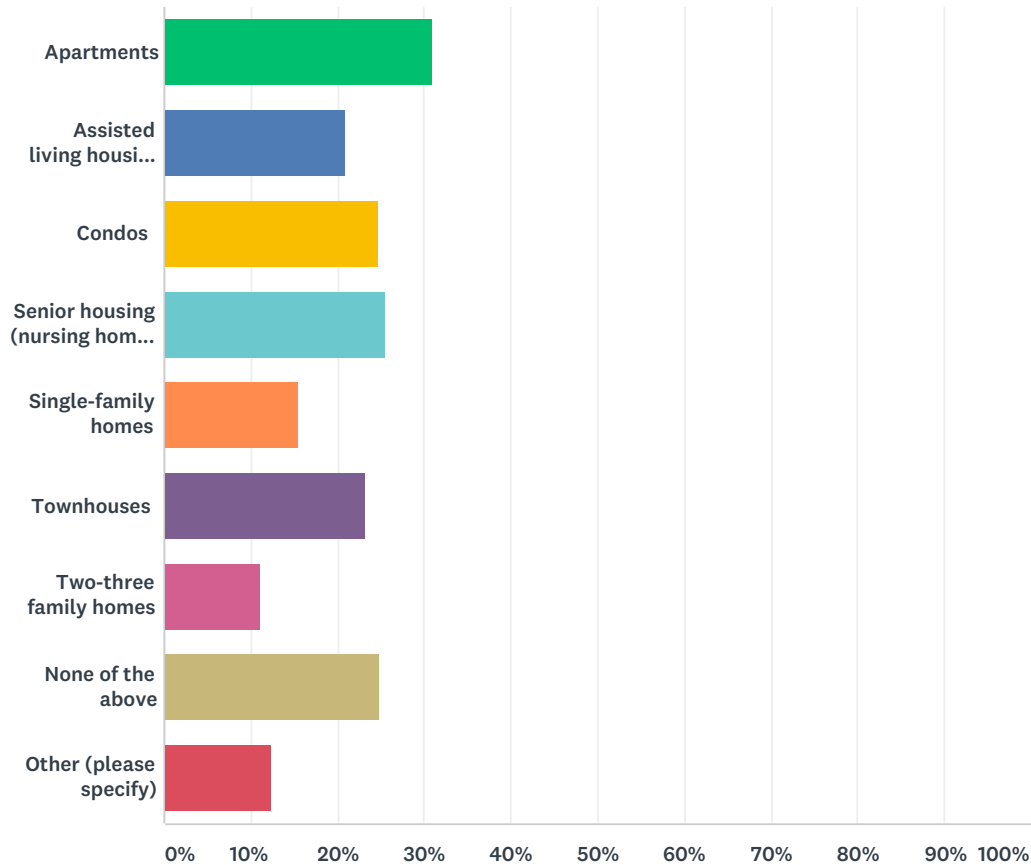
Q22 Are you interested in answering questions about housing?



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 93.00% | 810 |
| No, skip to next topic | 7.00% | 61 |
| TOTAL | | 871 |

Q23 What housing types does West Hartford need more of? (select all that apply)

Answered: 786 Skipped: 478



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|--|--|-----------|-----|
| Apartments | | 31.04% | 244 |
| Assisted living housing (for those with special needs) | | 20.99% | 165 |
| Condos | | 24.68% | 194 |
| Senior housing (nursing homes, retirement communities, 55 and older, etc.) | | 25.45% | 200 |
| Single-family homes | | 15.39% | 121 |
| Townhouses | | 23.16% | 182 |
| Two-three family homes | | 11.07% | 87 |
| None of the above | | 24.94% | 196 |
| Other (please specify) | | 12.34% | 97 |
| Total Respondents: 786 | | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Affordable housing/mixed use housing | 11/28/2018 9:47 PM |

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| 2 | AFFORDABLE HOUSING | 11/26/2018 6:23 PM |
| 3 | Preservation of historically important homes | 11/13/2018 6:52 PM |
| 4 | we need to upgrade aging housing stock. Many homes over 60 years old. | 11/10/2018 10:27 AM |
| 5 | Affordable housing | 11/10/2018 7:39 AM |
| 6 | None of the above. Let's bring the collective condition and maintenance of the existing housing up to better standards. | 11/9/2018 12:11 PM |
| 7 | more affordable housing | 11/8/2018 8:27 PM |
| 8 | Co-housing development | 11/8/2018 2:31 PM |
| 9 | There are already lots of empty houses around town. | 11/8/2018 9:27 AM |
| 10 | 1 floor living condos so more seniors will move out of larger homes. | 11/7/2018 4:21 PM |
| 11 | Ownership NOT apartments | 11/6/2018 7:17 PM |
| 12 | currently reasonable mix. Perhaps more affordable apartments for students and young families starting out with not enough \$\$ to buy single family house. | 11/6/2018 2:29 PM |
| 13 | We have plenty of house, not people who want to live here | 11/6/2018 8:30 AM |
| 14 | Community living possibilities | 11/5/2018 11:17 PM |
| 15 | affordable housing for families, newly arrived families from other countries,for those seeking employment | 11/5/2018 9:23 AM |
| 16 | Affordable Housing | 11/3/2018 7:54 AM |
| 17 | A vibrant mixture of all types | 10/31/2018 8:14 PM |
| 18 | Co-living space | 10/30/2018 10:09 PM |
| 19 | All of the above are in supply | 10/30/2018 12:03 PM |
| 20 | There's plenty of housing. | 10/30/2018 9:37 AM |
| 21 | Single floor housing, whether homes, condos, etc. | 10/29/2018 12:09 PM |
| 22 | Apartments and condos near transit hubs and major roads that can handle the additional traffic and congestion are desirable. No housing should be added where it will negatively impact existing neighborhoods. | 10/29/2018 9:58 AM |
| 23 | affordable houses for all economic levels | 10/28/2018 7:41 PM |
| 24 | I | 10/28/2018 7:22 PM |
| 25 | Subsidized housing | 10/28/2018 1:58 PM |
| 26 | Smart use of existing properties, creation of ADU's to help increase affordable housing in town. | 10/28/2018 1:36 PM |
| 27 | It doesn't need more housing. Too crowded already | 10/27/2018 7:52 AM |
| 28 | Affordable housing | 10/25/2018 11:32 PM |
| 29 | We should not allow "max mansions " to be built on small lots. | 10/25/2018 4:11 PM |
| 30 | Affordable housing that isn't income restricted | 10/25/2018 3:55 PM |
| 31 | No preference | 10/25/2018 3:02 PM |
| 32 | I | 10/25/2018 8:22 AM |
| 33 | Affordable elderly independent/assisted living | 10/25/2018 5:59 AM |
| 34 | Similar to thoughts on not expanding businesses and more retail space, I think West Hartford has enough places of living in order to stay a "town". However, there may be opportunities I am not aware of. | 10/24/2018 8:23 PM |
| 35 | None | 10/24/2018 8:08 PM |
| 36 | Affordable housing. Rents and ownerdhip | 10/24/2018 8:08 PM |
| 37 | If these multi-family units continue to be built, services (especially Police and Fire) need to properly reflect this population increase. | 10/24/2018 2:48 PM |

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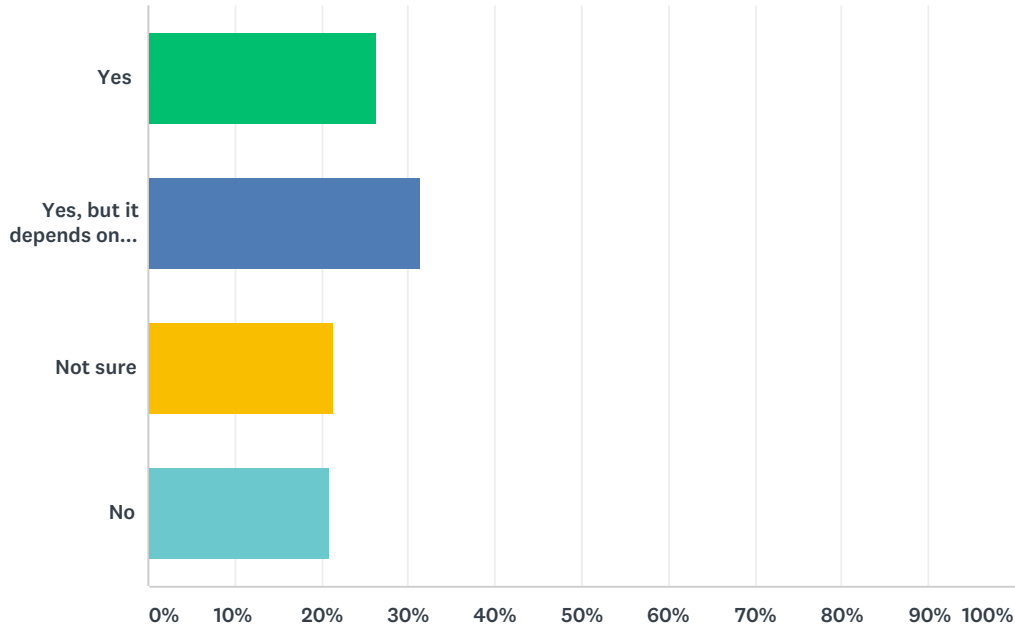
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| 38 | Starter single homes for young families looking for good schools and a backyard for their children | 10/24/2018 1:15 PM |
| 39 | Affordable for serious students, disabled, retired | 10/24/2018 10:50 AM |
| 40 | no more multifamily, condos or apartments needed in this town. It has become oversaturated | 10/24/2018 10:35 AM |
| 41 | mixed income communities | 10/24/2018 9:19 AM |
| 42 | re: Single Family Homes, specifically redevelopment or additional smaller homes (1,500-2000 sq ft) | 10/24/2018 8:30 AM |
| 43 | Increasing density and population over a ten year period, incrementally, would help broaden the tax base. | 10/24/2018 8:27 AM |
| 44 | Scattered low income housing. Not huge development | 10/24/2018 6:17 AM |
| 45 | Not sure-I don't know enough about to answer. | 10/24/2018 5:56 AM |
| 46 | Subsidized (Section 8) housing to enhance diversity in our population. | 10/23/2018 11:40 PM |
| 47 | We need some space without houses and cars! | 10/23/2018 1:56 PM |
| 48 | first floor master bedrooms | 10/23/2018 1:19 PM |
| 49 | not sure | 10/23/2018 1:09 PM |
| 50 | Places where young people can start and older people can finish their time in West Hartford (that sounds morbid, but that's reality!) | 10/23/2018 12:57 PM |
| 51 | Affordable housing | 10/23/2018 10:59 AM |
| 52 | Lately the new housing seems to be very expensive, expecially the new single family homes. Resale of our older homes will become a greater concern as baby boomers downsize. | 10/23/2018 10:47 AM |
| 53 | More options to rebuild and renovate existing homes without high taxes similiar to other towns in CT by the shore | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 54 | Variety affordable housing young professionals | 10/23/2018 9:26 AM |
| 55 | Affordable single family homes. | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 56 | Mixed-use (do I sound like a broken record yet?) | 10/23/2018 9:05 AM |
| 57 | I think for now we have more than enough housing options. | 10/23/2018 7:53 AM |
| 58 | We have enough | 10/22/2018 7:38 PM |
| 59 | AFFORDABLE--It almost seems deliberate to not offer it. Seems like the town only wants the wealthy living in it. | 10/22/2018 6:03 PM |
| 60 | Mixed-income, affordable housing near transit | 10/22/2018 11:09 AM |
| 61 | affordable housing | 10/22/2018 9:41 AM |
| 62 | Affordable housing | 10/21/2018 10:27 PM |
| 63 | I'm not really in a position to make an informed recommendation, but as a general rule don't we want a healthy mix of housing types, including MIXED USE, that can accommodate a range of ages and socio-economic circumstances? | 10/21/2018 10:02 AM |
| 64 | Middle class housing. | 10/20/2018 10:23 AM |
| 65 | I'm not sure we need more housing. | 10/19/2018 10:55 PM |
| 66 | A | 10/19/2018 8:34 PM |
| 67 | Mixed use, housing with commercial | 10/19/2018 10:20 AM |
| 68 | mixed use housing, retail and residential | 10/19/2018 10:10 AM |
| 69 | Affordable housing | 10/18/2018 7:14 PM |
| 70 | Housing near the busway stops | 10/18/2018 3:33 PM |
| 71 | Over 55 single family condos | 10/18/2018 12:27 PM |
| 72 | Affordable condo's. Most are way too expensive and cost 3 times as much as my house! | 10/18/2018 11:41 AM |

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| 73 | I think we're pretty good. We have no idea what the future will bring as far as demographics. At this point we are 'right-sized' and maybe even a little too full. | 10/18/2018 9:35 AM |
| 74 | Housing for people with intellectual or physical challenges | 10/16/2018 5:32 PM |
| 75 | Whatever the market will bear. | 10/16/2018 2:11 PM |
| 76 | I think West Hartford has a pretty good mix. Would be nice to have more affordable rentals. | 10/16/2018 9:37 AM |
| 77 | Affordable housing | 10/16/2018 8:56 AM |
| 78 | Population density already suggests saturation such as the inability to maintain good roads, sufficient police services/presence, etc | 10/16/2018 7:51 AM |
| 79 | Town is already at capacity for housing. It needs to respect and offer improvements to existing neighborhoods. | 10/16/2018 7:23 AM |
| 80 | Affordable housing | 10/15/2018 10:19 PM |
| 81 | Affordable senior housing | 10/15/2018 7:04 PM |
| 82 | Retention of houses owned for many years by seniors who, unfortunately, are being driven out of their homes by high property taxes. | 10/15/2018 7:04 PM |
| 83 | Whichever of the above that be affordable and not luxury. | 10/15/2018 6:57 PM |
| 84 | Not sure. | 10/15/2018 6:15 PM |
| 85 | 55+ active adult communities | 10/15/2018 6:11 PM |
| 86 | starter-level homes that young families can afford | 10/15/2018 4:58 PM |
| 87 | Senior ranches | 10/15/2018 4:48 PM |
| 88 | 55 and older communities are unethical insofar as they discriminate against people based on age. Not only should we not have any more of these housing types, we should get rid of the ones we currently have. | 10/15/2018 4:28 PM |
| 89 | MOre affordable housing, options below invite narrow minded NIMBY answers! | 10/15/2018 4:11 PM |
| 90 | It seems as though right now we have about the right number of apts and condos, not sure about future needs. More single-family would be great, but no land. It seems there could be increasing demand for senior housing, but many seniors would move into any housing (not age restricted) if it does not have stairs or has an elevator. | 10/15/2018 4:10 PM |
| 91 | Affordable Housing | 10/15/2018 3:51 PM |
| 92 | homes that people of average means can afford | 10/15/2018 3:49 PM |
| 93 | There seems to be an influx of multi-family housing which is addressing that need. Otherwise the only shortage is for seniors who often have to move to other towns to find 55 and older housing. | 10/15/2018 3:44 PM |
| 94 | I don't feel qualified to answer specifically, but we have an abundance of single family. Needed are other options for various markets | 10/15/2018 3:37 PM |
| 95 | More housing put where?? Leave an acre open for a change! | 10/15/2018 3:35 PM |
| 96 | affordable/low cost housing | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |
| 97 | Needs more market rate housing | 10/15/2018 3:30 PM |

Q24 Does West Hartford need additional affordable housing units?

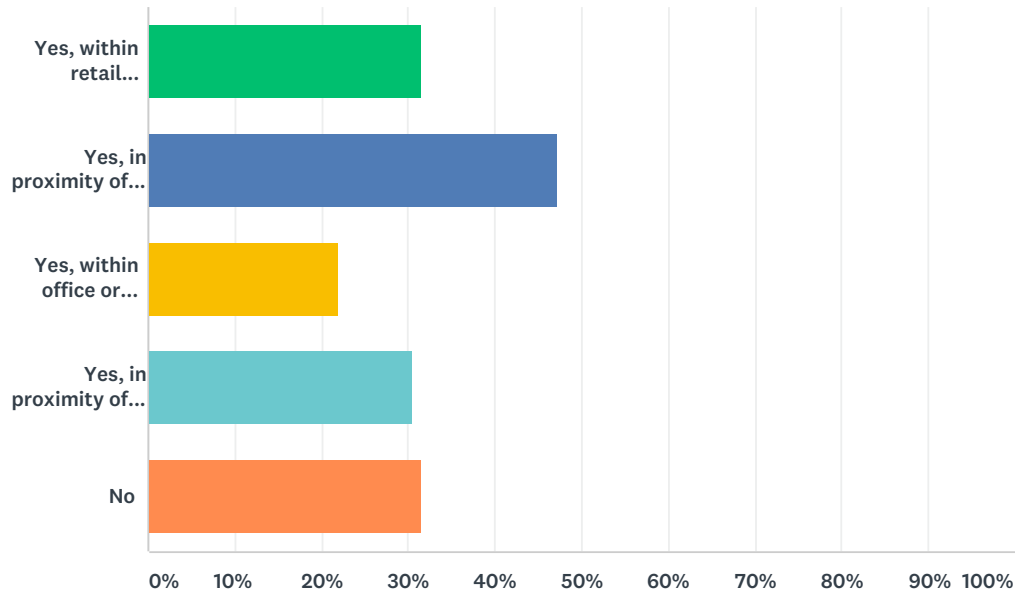
Answered: 802 Skipped: 462



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 26.31% | 211 |
| Yes, but it depends on housing type and/or location | 31.42% | 252 |
| Not sure | 21.32% | 171 |
| No | 20.95% | 168 |
| TOTAL | | 802 |

Q25 Should multifamily housing be expanded within, or in proximity of, commercial districts? (select all that apply)

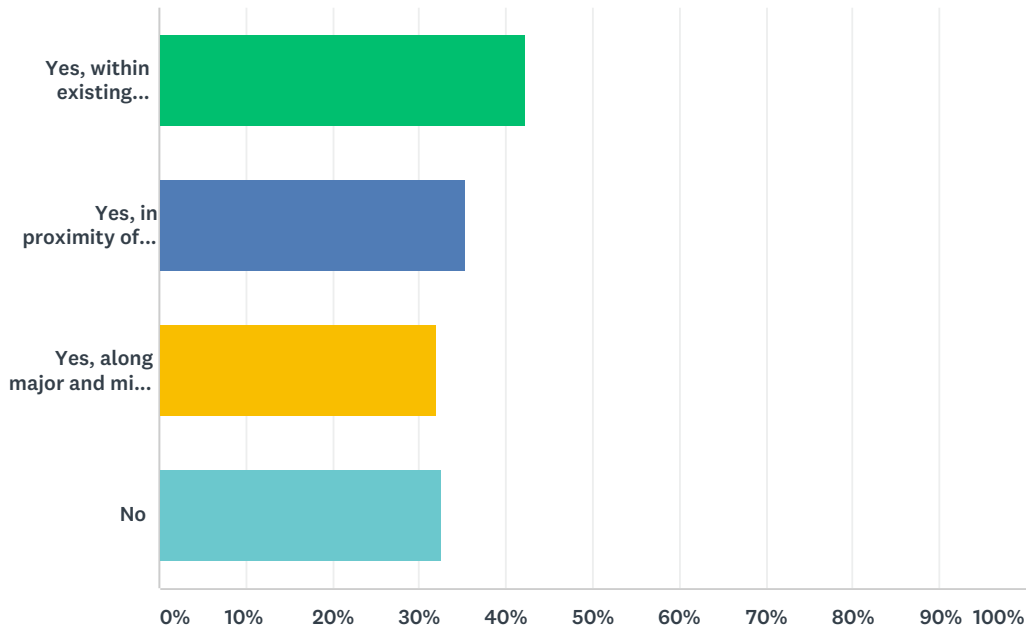
Answered: 784 Skipped: 480



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Yes, within retail districts | 31.51% | 247 |
| Yes, in proximity of retail districts | 47.32% | 371 |
| Yes, within office or industrial districts | 21.94% | 172 |
| Yes, in proximity of office or industrial districts | 30.61% | 240 |
| No | 31.63% | 248 |
| Total Respondents: 784 | | |

**Q26 Should multifamily housing be expanded within, or in proximity of, existing multifamily districts or along major and minor arterial roadways?
(select all that apply)**

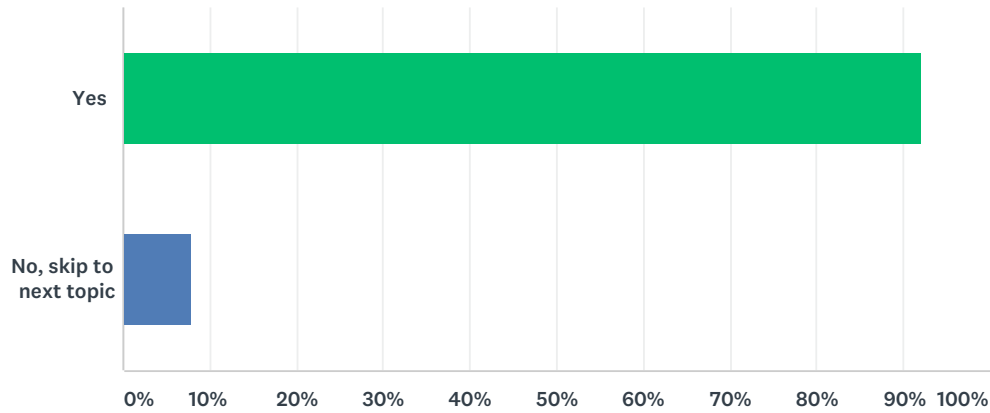
Answered: 770 Skipped: 494



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes, within existing multifamily districts | 42.34% | 326 |
| Yes, in proximity of multifamily districts | 35.32% | 272 |
| Yes, along major and minor arterial roadways | 32.08% | 247 |
| No | 32.73% | 252 |
| Total Respondents: 770 | | |

Q27 Are you interested in answering questions about Transportation?

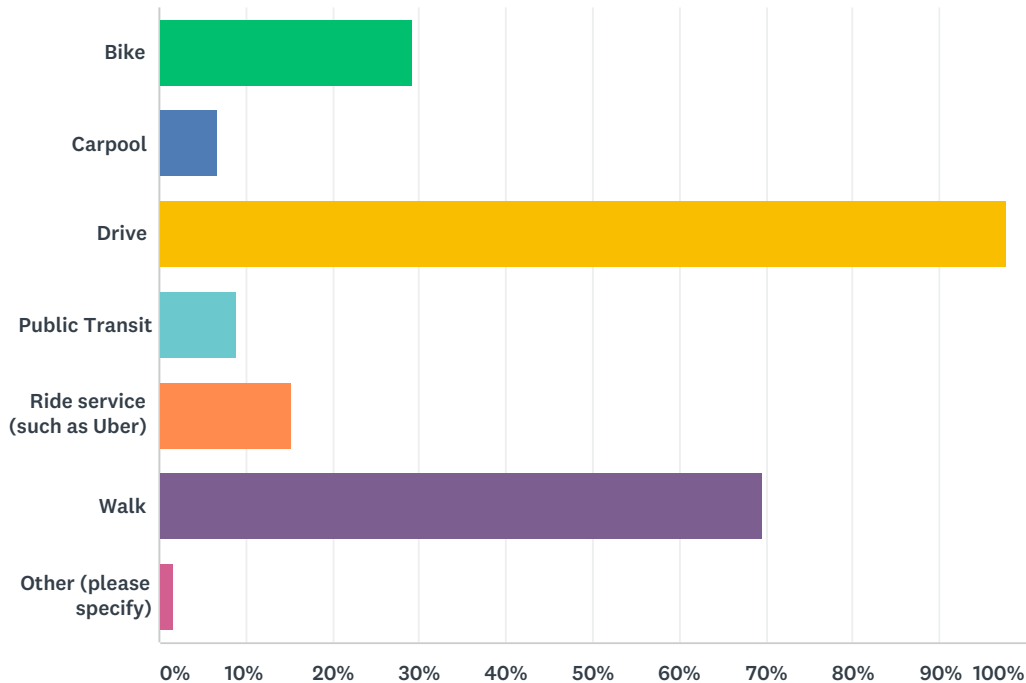
Answered: 868 Skipped: 396



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 92.05% | 799 |
| No, skip to next topic | 7.95% | 69 |
| TOTAL | | 868 |

Q28 How do you get around West Hartford? (select all that apply)

Answered: 807 Skipped: 457



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Bike | 29.24% | 236 |
| Carpool | 6.69% | 54 |
| Drive | 97.65% | 788 |
| Public Transit | 8.92% | 72 |
| Ride service (such as Uber) | 15.24% | 123 |
| Walk | 69.64% | 562 |
| Other (please specify) | 1.73% | 14 |
| Total Respondents: 807 | | |

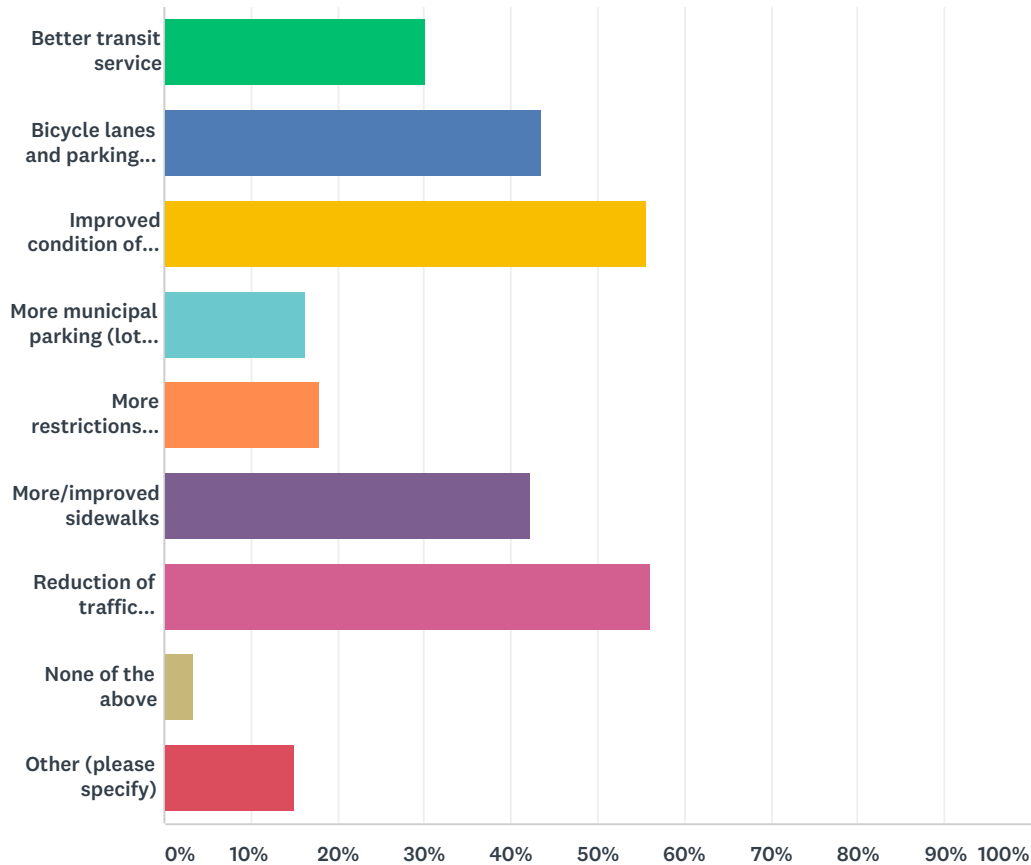
| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | Because I am 85 and handicapped. Used to walk. | 11/11/2018 3:37 PM |
| 2 | U | 11/7/2018 6:58 AM |
| 3 | Dial-a-ride | 10/31/2018 8:11 AM |
| 4 | You can't bike safely in WH. Bike lanes are junk, sharrows are useless. Nobody drives the right speed on busy roads which makes it even more dangerous. | 10/30/2018 9:38 AM |
| 5 | Bike occasionally | 10/28/2018 1:41 PM |
| 6 | Bike, walk when I was younger and able. Preferred. | 10/24/2018 10:54 AM |
| 7 | Love the #62, #72, and #153 buses. Easy to get to downtown Hartford or to WH Center. | 10/23/2018 12:59 PM |
| 8 | Run | 10/22/2018 10:42 AM |

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| 9 | get a ride from family | 10/22/2018 9:41 AM |
| 10 | I would like to take the bus to work in downtown Hartford, but the ridiculous number of stops the lines make is a deterrent. | 10/21/2018 10:08 AM |
| 11 | Auto | 10/15/2018 7:51 PM |
| 12 | Walk with stroller | 10/15/2018 7:45 PM |
| 13 | Dial-a-ride, but that will be changing next year to DRIVING (as I have in WH for 20 years) | 10/15/2018 4:13 PM |
| 14 | would take CTFastrak more often, but I must drive to stations | 10/15/2018 3:38 PM |

Q29 What type of transportation improvements are needed in West Hartford? (select all that apply)

Answered: 805 Skipped: 459



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|---|--|-----------|-----|
| Better transit service | | 30.06% | 242 |
| Bicycle lanes and parking facilities | | 43.48% | 350 |
| Improved condition of roadways | | 55.65% | 448 |
| More municipal parking (lots or garages) | | 16.27% | 131 |
| More restrictions on/better management of on-street parking | | 18.01% | 145 |
| More/improved sidewalks | | 42.24% | 340 |
| Reduction of traffic congestion | | 56.02% | 451 |
| None of the above | | 3.35% | 27 |
| Other (please specify) | | 15.16% | 122 |
| Total Respondents: 805 | | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | less restrictions on overnight parking | 11/28/2018 1:42 PM |

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| 2 | Allow on street parking at night | 11/27/2018 10:38 PM |
| 3 | Bring back the parking attendants! Cheaper metered parking | 11/27/2018 8:32 PM |
| 4 | Much of WH is terrible for bikers and walkers. | 11/26/2018 6:23 PM |
| 5 | Synchronized traffic lights | 11/23/2018 8:25 AM |
| 6 | I feel not allowing overnight parking encourages drunk driving:(| 11/14/2018 4:59 PM |
| 7 | Parking vouchers for residents | 11/11/2018 2:40 PM |
| 8 | More marked crosswalks (for example, on Brace Rd) | 11/9/2018 8:14 PM |
| 9 | Less buses | 11/9/2018 4:49 PM |
| 10 | Do something to make Bishop's Corner less dangerous. When Whole Foods exit was offset from Marshall's exit there were less accidents. | 11/8/2018 8:30 PM |
| 11 | more ride services for seniors and those with disabilities | 11/8/2018 2:32 PM |
| 12 | the adjacent street parking Farmington Ave has gotten out of hand. Center workers have free on-street parking at expense and safety of homeowners and neighborhoods. Enforce 2 hour limit. don't have parking on both sides of a give street!! | 11/7/2018 4:25 PM |
| 13 | Many of the Current bike lanes are a joke | 11/6/2018 7:37 PM |
| 14 | No fee parking in Blue Back Square. It's a lovely area and it makes me proud, but when I'm not fast enough to beat a ticket, I stay away for months. | 11/6/2018 7:18 PM |
| 15 | either free or reduced parking for town residents in the center | 11/6/2018 1:22 PM |
| 16 | Require contractors to appropriately and completely repair streets they have dug up. Our roads are an embarrassment. | 11/5/2018 3:32 PM |
| 17 | Better traffic, speeding, and distracted driving enforcement. | 11/5/2018 8:27 AM |
| 18 | Reconfigured turn lanes, driveway entrances, and/light signals in Bishops Corner | 11/3/2018 7:28 AM |
| 19 | traffic calming, lower speeds, biking and safe pedestrian infrastructure | 11/2/2018 3:37 PM |
| 20 | It's a shame that WH increased parking meters and lengthened the hours one needs to pay to park in the center. | 10/31/2018 2:56 PM |
| 21 | Control of speeding vehicles | 10/31/2018 11:48 AM |
| 22 | Resident parking pass for use in the Town Center, on street and in parking lots/garages (for a reasonable annual fee) | 10/31/2018 8:13 AM |
| 23 | SAFER intersections for pedestrians | 10/31/2018 7:06 AM |
| 24 | Parking for free in the center and unlimited free parking if using the library | 10/31/2018 1:40 AM |
| 25 | Rail | 10/30/2018 10:09 PM |
| 26 | Better snow management | 10/30/2018 9:45 PM |
| 27 | For the love of God, parking meters do NOT need to be on until 10PM!!! | 10/30/2018 6:30 PM |
| 28 | Charge less for parking | 10/30/2018 12:13 PM |
| 29 | Traffic flow, not more lights | 10/30/2018 12:04 PM |
| 30 | bus serves east to west, not north to south travel | 10/30/2018 9:42 AM |
| 31 | More frequent public transportation closer to neighborhoods. | 10/29/2018 12:10 PM |
| 32 | Traffic/parking from retail and restaurant activity needs to be actively blocked from neighborhoods. Congestion, safety and parking are at a critical point in neighborhoods adjacent to West Hartford traditional Center. | 10/29/2018 10:02 AM |
| 33 | Free parking | 10/28/2018 8:01 PM |
| 34 | Better speed control | 10/28/2018 1:50 PM |

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| 35 | Less restriction of parking, the no overnight parking is a waste of time and money for the police and a problem for people who do happen to live in multifamily homes and apartments in town. There should be less restriction for municipal parking, we do not need to collect every nickel from people trying to shop and eat in our town. | 10/28/2018 1:41 PM |
| 36 | Pavements are uneven and unsafe for rollator users. This makes walking on the street necessary. And very unsafe in low lighting at night | 10/28/2018 7:00 AM |
| 37 | More free or reduced parking fees | 10/26/2018 6:47 PM |
| 38 | residential permit parking for streets surrounding The Center | 10/26/2018 11:52 AM |
| 39 | Policing of intersections to stop drivers running lights | 10/26/2018 10:45 AM |
| 40 | I | 10/25/2018 8:53 PM |
| 41 | Better hierarchy of pedestrian, bicycle and automobile is key to increasing lifestyle quality in West Hartford | 10/25/2018 8:16 PM |
| 42 | Traffic circles (rotaries). People cut through residential areas because the traffic lights are so annoying. | 10/25/2018 7:20 PM |
| 43 | Better enforcement of overnight parking. The police are useless in addressing the issue. | 10/25/2018 4:15 PM |
| 44 | Traffic/reliance on driving is my number one pet peeve about West Hartford. There should be more buses that connect the north and south sides of town so you don't have to go all the way into Hartford and connect to a new one. The lack of sidewalks near Corbin's Corner and Conard is dangerous and forces people to drive when they could walk. | 10/25/2018 3:04 PM |
| 45 | Impose stringent speed limits on residential streets - can't have the same speed limits on totally residential Brookline/Middlefield/Montclair/Linwood as on Troutbrook or North Main. | 10/25/2018 2:36 PM |
| 46 | road diet N. Main St. as proposed | 10/25/2018 10:55 AM |
| 47 | Really like the implementation of the new bike routes | 10/24/2018 8:25 PM |
| 48 | Free parking in town lots/garages for residents | 10/24/2018 7:53 PM |
| 49 | Stop charging for parking in BBS | 10/24/2018 7:26 PM |
| 50 | Review of intersections for pedestrian safety in certain areas such as Bishop's Corner and west end of Farmington Avenue | 10/24/2018 1:17 PM |
| 51 | Cheaper parking. Old fashion meters-no smart phone, just coins. | 10/24/2018 10:54 AM |
| 52 | the proposed rail services seems like a great idea | 10/24/2018 8:31 AM |
| 53 | Parking in The Center, Bishop's Corner, and now Elmwood is nearly full at peak times. This needs to be addressed in planning. | 10/24/2018 8:28 AM |
| 54 | Can residents purchase an unlimited parking pass for the Center rather than have to pay each time? | 10/24/2018 7:33 AM |
| 55 | Again, the inclusion of cycling lanes is a good idea in theory, but cyclists clog the highways, leading to increased motorist frustration. Should not have "caved" in on this issue, but should have carved out special routes for cyclists outside high-traffic areas (South Main Street/Newington Road, e.g., is a nightmare for motorists if cyclists are also using the roadways. | 10/23/2018 11:42 PM |
| 56 | Many average employees (and people) park in the residential neighborhoods because garages/lots are too expensive and the likelihood of getting a parking ticket are low. I would do the same if I worked in the center. | 10/23/2018 7:21 PM |
| 57 | No parking fees for on street parking (get rid of the kiosks). | 10/23/2018 3:28 PM |
| 58 | traffic cameras for speeding and at traffic lights | 10/23/2018 2:37 PM |
| 59 | Reduced parking for residents who avoid paid parking and impact shop owners. Also, need more funding for senior transportation options. | 10/23/2018 1:54 PM |
| 60 | Let not have paid parking. It's a deterrent | 10/23/2018 1:39 PM |
| 61 | Enforce traffic laws - speeding, traffic lights | 10/23/2018 1:26 PM |
| 62 | safe places to cross major streets to get toward the center, for instance. Also, more sidewalks! | 10/23/2018 1:20 PM |

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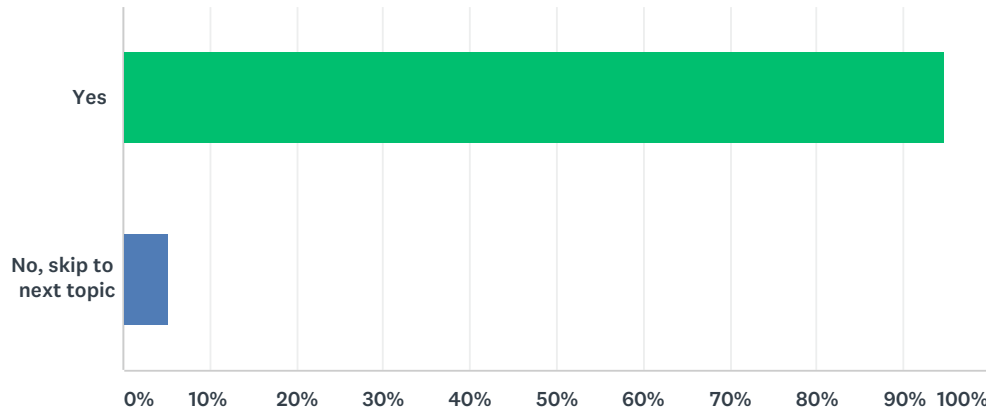
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| 63 | I wish the town could plow the sidewalks on North Main St. Snow plows on the 4-lane road make keeping sidewalk clear difficult. But then everyone would want their sidewalks plowed . . . | 10/23/2018 12:59 PM |
| 64 | some of restaurant outdoor seating narrows sidewalk too much | 10/23/2018 12:14 PM |
| 65 | Electric vehicle charging stations | 10/23/2018 11:14 AM |
| 66 | continued efforts on traffic calming measures | 10/23/2018 10:49 AM |
| 67 | Make parking free in center for residents | 10/23/2018 10:11 AM |
| 68 | Less restriction of on-street parking. No overnight parking for residents is ridiculous | 10/23/2018 9:58 AM |
| 69 | Streets in close proximity to the center should be one side parking only with a curfew on the parking time. 11 pm | 10/23/2018 9:31 AM |
| 70 | Redesign the way your traffic signals work. A separate signal for pedestrians is absurd, speaking as one of the few pedestrians in your city. | 10/23/2018 9:28 AM |
| 71 | The timing of walk lights in town is very long in some places. The lighting is not great for anyone walking from the west side of trout brook to the center. This needs to change. It's ridiculous and unsafe. | 10/23/2018 9:12 AM |
| 72 | Better access to our existing transit, especially the BRT. How to get folks to the BRT stations without needing a car. | 10/23/2018 9:06 AM |
| 73 | preferential parking for town residents so that they may conduct their business in town center, etc. | 10/23/2018 8:25 AM |
| 74 | More people to make traffic worse so that public transit becomes more attractive | 10/22/2018 9:18 PM |
| 75 | More enforcement of traffic laws. | 10/22/2018 9:04 PM |
| 76 | Public space (roads) belong to people not cars | 10/22/2018 8:07 PM |
| 77 | We should not have to pay to park in our town. Maybe have residence passes for free parking. | 10/22/2018 7:52 PM |
| 78 | enforcement of traffic laws - especially speeding and red lights. | 10/22/2018 4:20 PM |
| 79 | Enforcement!!!!!! Red lights, speed, driving fast through residential neighborhoods, driving in bike lanes. We have it all! | 10/22/2018 11:53 AM |
| 80 | discourage driving; don't widen roads. end right-turn-on-red at most intersections for bicycle/pedestrian safety. | 10/22/2018 11:30 AM |
| 81 | Better bus stops- shelters, benches, lights, posted schedules | 10/22/2018 10:52 AM |
| 82 | Morley crossing guards and parents are ridiculously overactive | 10/22/2018 10:33 AM |
| 83 | Cross walks, speed bumps and bike lanes | 10/22/2018 7:56 AM |
| 84 | See above: LaSalle Plaza | 10/22/2018 5:50 AM |
| 85 | Fix problem intersections with elevated accident levels. Calm traffic around schools and houses of worship. | 10/21/2018 10:06 PM |
| 86 | Calming North Main Street | 10/21/2018 8:54 PM |
| 87 | Please install state of the art crosswalk signals that actually work. Please start prioritizing walking and biking over cars. You get what you build for! Please think in terms of networks of bike lanes and bike paths that connect towns. Please start actually enforcing traffic laws--I'm sick of people running red lights, not stopping for me while I'm in a crosswalk, yelling at me while I'm walking in a crosswalk, and blatantly talking on their phones while driving. | 10/21/2018 10:08 AM |
| 88 | Free parking | 10/21/2018 7:48 AM |
| 89 | reduced speed limits and traffic calming improvements to make biking safer and more attractive. | 10/21/2018 7:41 AM |
| 90 | Light-controlled pedestrian crossings on all major roads. Mountain Road is impossible to cross between Albany & Farmington, and very difficult between Albany & Still Road | 10/20/2018 7:02 PM |
| 91 | no public transportation options?? trolley to Hartford; CT rail stop; even, dare i say it a busway stop closer to downtown WeHa | 10/19/2018 10:34 PM |
| 92 | Traffic calming measures pretty much everywhere. | 10/19/2018 9:17 PM |
| 93 | better configuration of traffic lights, education of drivers on pedestrian right of way, allowing pedestrians to walk with traffic instead of stopping all traffic for walk signal | 10/19/2018 10:11 AM |

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| 94 | I hope the new I-84 on and off ramp construction will reduce the hazards of merging traffic from both directions | 10/18/2018 7:16 PM |
| 95 | speed limit control and consistency | 10/18/2018 7:03 AM |
| 96 | The parking system is terrible. For each housing unit within the Town, we should be allowed 1 car to be parked overnight on the street without first requesting an "omit" from the police, and we should be able to purchase 2 annual parking passes (hang tags) which allow us to park in town without paying the kiosks. | 10/16/2018 2:59 PM |
| 97 | Right sized roadways | 10/16/2018 2:20 PM |
| 98 | Revise traffic lights to respond to existing conditions rather than using averages which do not apply most of the time | 10/16/2018 12:36 PM |
| 99 | Sidewalks on Albany Avenue from Bishops Corner to Mountain Road | 10/16/2018 11:23 AM |
| 100 | west hartford residents should not have to pay for parking | 10/16/2018 8:29 AM |
| 101 | Stop encouraging out-of-town cyclists from streaming through neighborhood streets. They ignore vehicles and signs and shout to each other in the early morning. These are NOT commuters! | 10/16/2018 7:27 AM |
| 102 | Speed reduction in residential neighborhoods | 10/15/2018 10:32 PM |
| 103 | reduce lanes on North Main Street, to streamline the traffic flow | 10/15/2018 8:56 PM |
| 104 | Find out how Chattanooga has reduced congestion by running a free trolley along the main artery road. | 10/15/2018 8:39 PM |
| 105 | Better transit service within West Hartford itself, not to outside towns, etc. | 10/15/2018 8:21 PM |
| 106 | Better traffic light pattern Farmington and main. Maybe a delay for left turns? | 10/15/2018 8:17 PM |
| 107 | Speed tables on tertiary roads like Quaker | 10/15/2018 7:45 PM |
| 108 | It's a disgrace that the sidewalks end for about a mile on Mountain Rd. Coincidentally there is a high number of car accidents due to excessive speeds in that stretch from Hunter to Albany. | 10/15/2018 7:44 PM |
| 109 | Less paid parking in retail centers. More "free time" at meters and garages. Parking hours to end earlier. | 10/15/2018 7:00 PM |
| 110 | Free parking for residents in the center | 10/15/2018 6:32 PM |
| 111 | We have more than enough parking already. Better to reduce parking demand by improving pedestrian, bike, and public transit infrastructure. | 10/15/2018 6:27 PM |
| 112 | A rail station is needed on New Park | 10/15/2018 5:40 PM |
| 113 | More free parking in the center to encourage people to shop | 10/15/2018 5:15 PM |
| 114 | Improve roadways, pot holes, etc. | 10/15/2018 5:08 PM |
| 115 | Real bike lanes, not shared road. Planned walk, bike corridors | 10/15/2018 4:31 PM |
| 116 | More designated crosswalks (e.g. on Sedgwick only have one cross walk at North Main with the next near the school which leads to jaywalking). Also need speed reduction programs on busier roads like Boulevard, Sedgwick, and Farmington. | 10/15/2018 4:31 PM |
| 117 | enforcement of safety-e.g. Albany & Trout Brook Dr | 10/15/2018 4:29 PM |
| 118 | MUCH better Dial-a-Ride for seniors, it needs improvement, it is extremely limited, and is causing elderly to keep driving when they should not b/c Dial-a-Ride does not meet minimum needs. N-S public transit is insufficient. People want FREE parking in WH - I think it should stay fee-based and remain self-sustaining and DO NOT subsidize that it becomes a new tax burden. | 10/15/2018 4:13 PM |
| 119 | pedestrian bridges at Farmington & Troutbrook and at Albany & North Main | 10/15/2018 3:49 PM |
| 120 | Transportation options for older adults. Also better communication related to the existing options. | 10/15/2018 3:38 PM |
| 121 | There needs to be better flow of traffic, it take too long to get across town. with all the traffic lights. | 10/15/2018 3:37 PM |
| 122 | Redesigned intersections with introduction of proper left turn lights or in other cases retimed traffic lights so various lanes have time to complete their turns safely. | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |

Q30 Are you interested in answering questions about Town Services and Facilities?

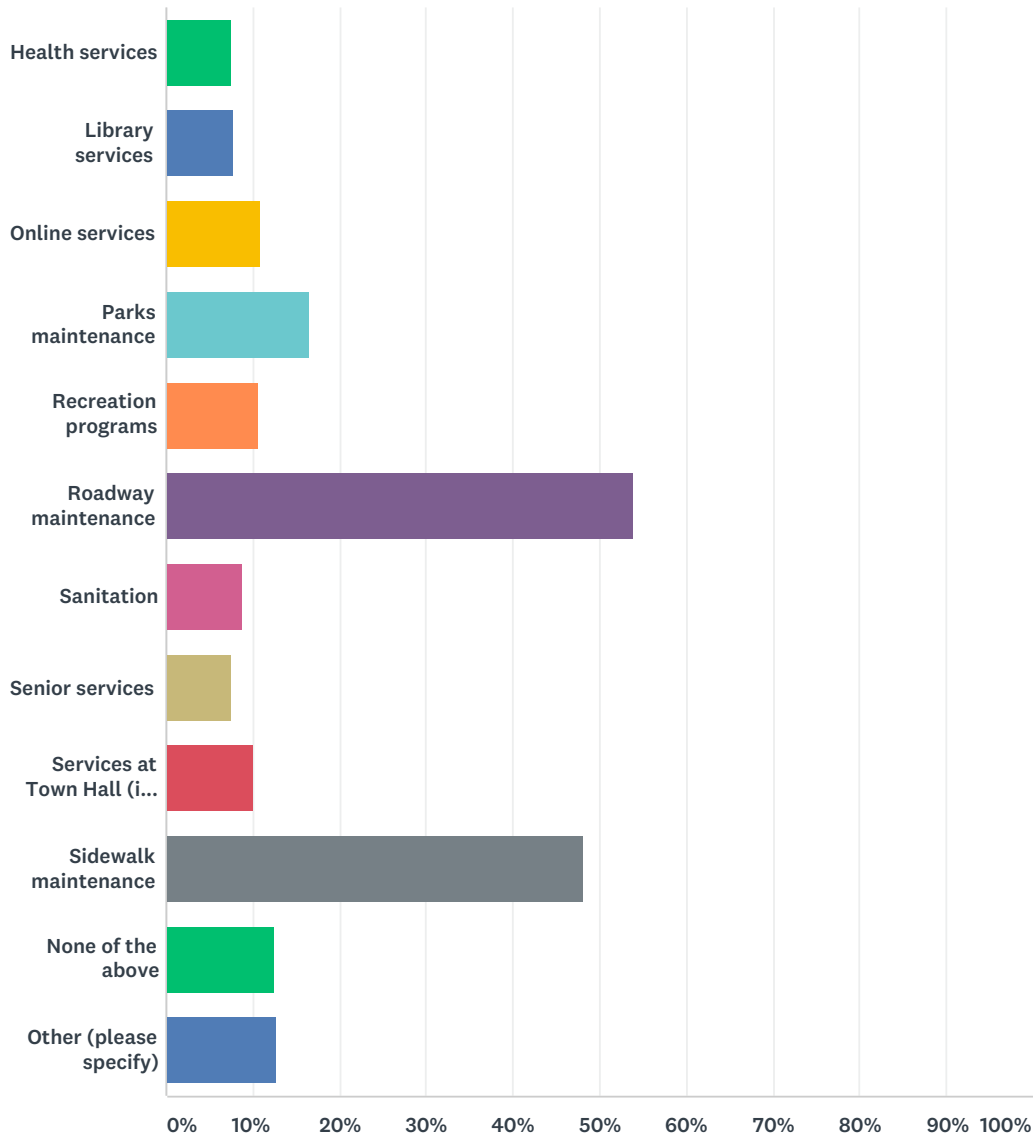
Answered: 866 Skipped: 398



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 94.80% | 821 |
| No, skip to next topic | 5.20% | 45 |
| TOTAL | | 866 |

Q31 Which Town services need improvement?

Answered: 789 Skipped: 475



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| Health services | 7.60% | 60 |
| Library services | 7.73% | 61 |
| Online services | 10.90% | 86 |
| Parks maintenance | 16.60% | 131 |
| Recreation programs | 10.77% | 85 |
| Roadway maintenance | 53.99% | 426 |
| Sanitation | 8.87% | 70 |
| Senior services | 7.60% | 60 |

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| Services at Town Hall (i.e. staffing, hours of operation, etc.) | 10.14% | 80 |
| Sidewalk maintenance | 48.16% | 380 |
| None of the above | 12.55% | 99 |
| Other (please specify) | 12.67% | 100 |
| Total Respondents: 789 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | CHILDREN SPORTS | 11/29/2018 10:29 AM |
| 2 | In general, making it all available in languages spoken in town (eg, Spanish, Vietnamese, etc) | 11/28/2018 1:43 PM |
| 3 | Specifically, Building Department / Permits | 11/27/2018 9:29 PM |
| 4 | dog park..... | 11/27/2018 8:11 PM |
| 5 | Easier access to Brixton rd facilities. It should be easier to dispose of bulk trash (sofas/furniture etc) | 11/25/2018 1:35 PM |
| 6 | traffic control | 11/11/2018 3:38 PM |
| 7 | Town has excellent services | 11/10/2018 10:31 AM |
| 8 | I think they're all pretty good for my needs. | 11/8/2018 8:31 PM |
| 9 | address the structural things - as noted above. | 11/7/2018 4:29 PM |
| 10 | We actually do most things pretty well | 11/7/2018 1:22 PM |
| 11 | Bring back curbside leaf pickup | 11/6/2018 7:39 PM |
| 12 | recycling opportunities | 11/5/2018 11:24 PM |
| 13 | Bring back leaf collection! | 11/5/2018 9:46 AM |
| 14 | non-car access around this dense town | 11/2/2018 3:39 PM |
| 15 | Education levels are dropping | 11/1/2018 9:35 PM |
| 16 | Pickleball courts | 10/31/2018 1:32 PM |
| 17 | Dog park | 10/31/2018 9:23 AM |
| 18 | DOG PARK!!!!!!!!!! | 10/31/2018 7:07 AM |
| 19 | The kids summer camps need better supervision and counselors- the recent set of counselors was subpar | 10/30/2018 9:50 PM |
| 20 | I have always had positive experiences with all of our town services. We are very fortunate this way. | 10/30/2018 4:06 PM |
| 21 | No improvement needed to quality of police department but more foot/bike patrols are needed in and near the Center to address increase in behaviors related to alcohol, traffic and serious congestion. | 10/30/2018 2:45 PM |
| 22 | leaf pick up from the high property taxes paid | 10/30/2018 12:05 PM |
| 23 | faxon library is outdated. needs renovation. | 10/30/2018 7:38 AM |
| 24 | maintenance of town tennis courts | 10/29/2018 1:37 PM |
| 25 | Police Dept is great but we need more active and visible safety patrols, including foot patrols, in the Center and adjacent neighborhoods on busy nights, especially late at night. | 10/29/2018 10:23 AM |
| 26 | Creating a dog park | 10/28/2018 4:07 PM |
| 27 | Maintain the current services | 10/28/2018 1:51 PM |
| 28 | leaf collection / yard waste removal process; removal of old computers, electronics | 10/27/2018 4:54 PM |
| 29 | The new LED lights on the light poles around town- make the streets even darker. Did anyone test these out prior to installing all over town? | 10/27/2018 7:33 AM |

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| 30 | parking and noise enforcement near the center | 10/26/2018 1:30 PM |
| 31 | Police enforcement of overnight parking. | 10/25/2018 4:17 PM |
| 32 | Food pantry | 10/25/2018 6:02 AM |
| 33 | Leaf pick up | 10/25/2018 5:35 AM |
| 34 | Special needs population | 10/24/2018 7:27 PM |
| 35 | One of the core functions of a town or municipality is its ability to pick up trash and leaves. We pay high property taxes and yet it seems like this is the first area anyone wants to cut. We need a way to dispose of medium to large sized items that is not as expensive as it is now. The pickup rates are enormous when you have more than one item, as people who have lived in homes for years tend to have over time. We have spent a lot of money on private collection of these items. | 10/24/2018 7:26 PM |
| 36 | Many would like to see more senior housing. Other towns i.e. Bloomfield have some great opportunities. Would like to stay in town while aging. | 10/24/2018 1:45 PM |
| 37 | Many town trees need pruning | 10/24/2018 1:37 PM |
| 38 | While I can criticize, I must also add the Town's parks and road departments have done a very good job overall considering what I am sure have been tight budgets in recent years. | 10/24/2018 1:21 PM |
| 39 | Less litter. The people in town should be engaged on this too. Most times I walk with my family I tell my kids to pick up at least one piece of litter. Others should do the same. | 10/24/2018 12:40 PM |
| 40 | return the leaf pick up service in the fall. | 10/24/2018 10:37 AM |
| 41 | Winter seasonal storage for recreational vehicles and trailers. Start middle of October, end middle of May. Outdoor at \$100 per vehicle. A revenue stream for the town. This could also be under raised photovoltaic panels. Could possibly be done on the top floor of parking garages. | 10/24/2018 10:28 AM |
| 42 | I | 10/24/2018 6:28 AM |
| 43 | Identification of mature, but unhealthy, trees in the older parts of town that present hazards when ice and snow fill their limbs. | 10/23/2018 11:43 PM |
| 44 | Library services are fine. However, getting to the library and its parking in the center is a pain the butt (pardon my expression). How about moving the main library to the UCONN campus? where there is lots of parking and it is easily accesible. The library could have outside venues at that campus. | 10/23/2018 7:28 PM |
| 45 | Transfer costs of park maintenance to WHYBL - their families litter, make them clean up after games OR charge them a penalty. | 10/23/2018 1:30 PM |
| 46 | I am pretty happy with town services, however I think management of yard waste and bulk waste can be very tedious (get the permit, etc) and often people simply don't do it correctly b/c it's difficult. | 10/23/2018 1:23 PM |
| 47 | Wish library branches were open longer. Budget issues, I know -- but could people volunteer alongside a paid town employee? | 10/23/2018 1:01 PM |
| 48 | WH Center sidewalks are wavy | 10/23/2018 12:18 PM |
| 49 | expand hours of pools and libraries, make real bike lanes, composting service | 10/23/2018 10:27 AM |
| 50 | Recycling center | 10/23/2018 9:59 AM |
| 51 | Cornerstone Aquatics needs significant improvements. Since the change in management approximately 1.5 years ago, there has been a significant decline in safety, cleanliness, communication and programming. I have had a full family membership for several years, paid for year round private lessons for my child for several years and was formerly a strong advocate to encourage friends and acquaintances to join and invest in private lessons. Due to the decline unfortunately I am no longer comfortable encouraging others to join the facility. The only reason I still have my membership is due to my child's excellent private swim instructor. If those lessons are interrupted (as I have heard may happen with new restrictions / policies), then I will no longer be a member. Cornerstone used to be a gem and highlight of the community and the decline over the past 1.5 years has been very disappointing. I hope things will change for the better. | 10/23/2018 9:54 AM |
| 52 | J | 10/23/2018 9:24 AM |
| 53 | Reinstate leaf vacuum pick-up | 10/23/2018 6:02 AM |

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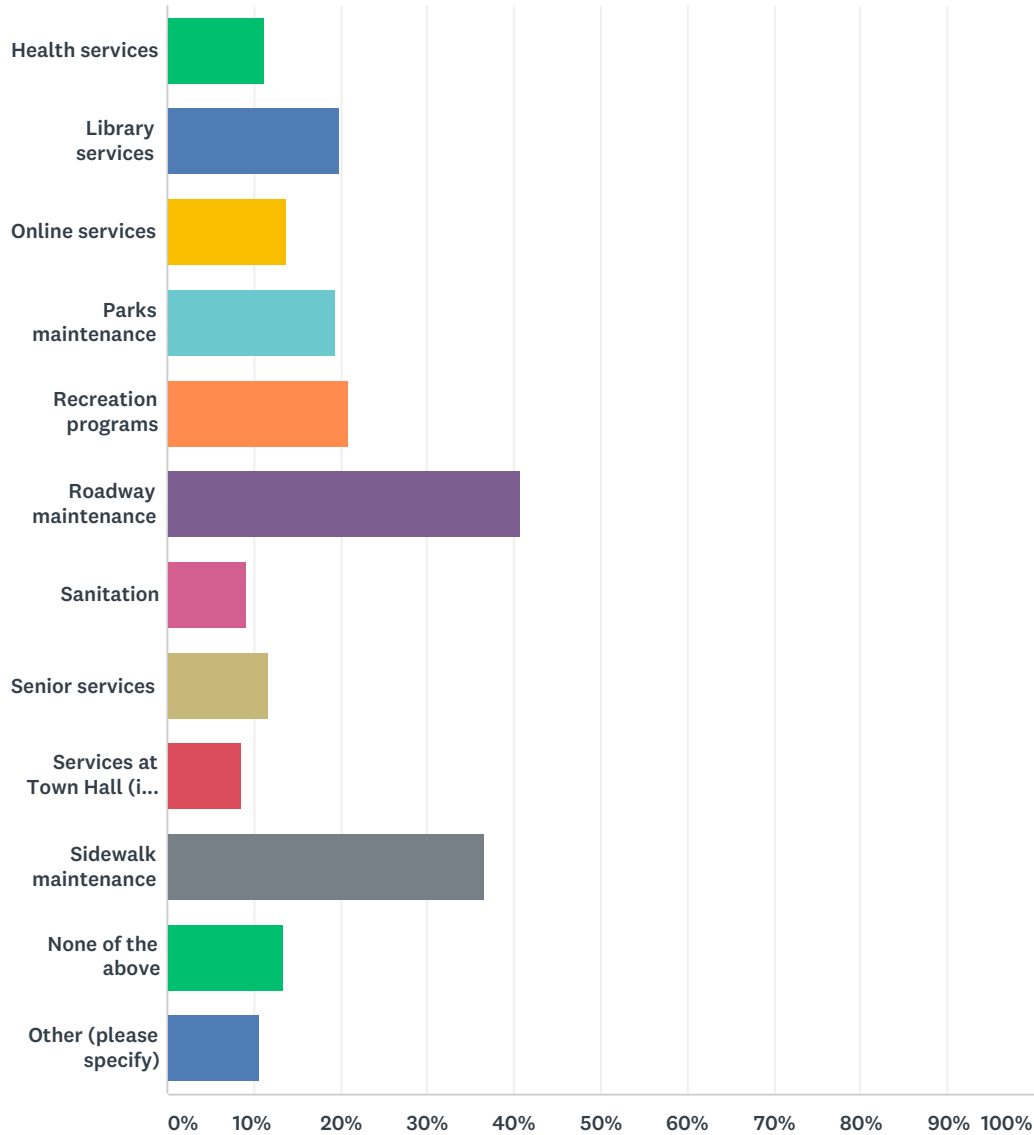
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| 54 | Parking | 10/22/2018 10:47 PM |
| 55 | Generally fine | 10/22/2018 9:20 PM |
| 56 | better lighting and landscaping in business districts | 10/22/2018 8:08 PM |
| 57 | Library hours suck. Website is hard to find important information. Our taxes used to afford better trash pickup. Still remember free leaf pickup, and those trash scooters. | 10/22/2018 7:57 PM |
| 58 | There needs to be increased curb side pick up of yard debris. | 10/22/2018 4:23 PM |
| 59 | street lighting | 10/22/2018 3:18 PM |
| 60 | Enforcement of traffic laws | 10/22/2018 1:56 PM |
| 61 | Making processes and policies for the people, not the town (ie. getting a permit for transfer center) | 10/22/2018 11:54 AM |
| 62 | shared town-school services | 10/22/2018 11:32 AM |
| 63 | a composting service would be excellent | 10/22/2018 11:25 AM |
| 64 | bike signage and bike routes | 10/22/2018 10:16 AM |
| 65 | Bike / Ped | 10/22/2018 7:58 AM |
| 66 | Better bike paths and roads. | 10/21/2018 10:28 PM |
| 67 | Recycling services and compliance | 10/21/2018 10:12 AM |
| 68 | roadway maintenance does not seem to be the same all over town- only parts of town seem to get improvements | 10/20/2018 8:30 AM |
| 69 | Confirmation that repair requests have been completed | 10/20/2018 6:57 AM |
| 70 | More opportunities for yard waste pickup | 10/19/2018 6:38 PM |
| 71 | We have excellent town services | 10/19/2018 12:58 PM |
| 72 | Curb drains need to be cleaned out more as home owners can't get far enough in there | 10/18/2018 10:02 PM |
| 73 | I'm not aware of a deficit in town services | 10/18/2018 7:17 PM |
| 74 | I think town services are already very good | 10/18/2018 3:34 PM |
| 75 | Flu clinics should be offered to high school students | 10/18/2018 12:37 PM |
| 76 | Public safety | 10/17/2018 6:35 PM |
| 77 | street sweeping in neighborhoods | 10/17/2018 8:58 AM |
| 78 | Waste management. We need weekly curbside compost collection (including green waste) YEAR ROUND. | 10/16/2018 3:00 PM |
| 79 | See my answer for people who need help and aren't taking care of their property. | 10/16/2018 11:25 AM |
| 80 | Wider berms along sections of No. Main St | 10/16/2018 9:43 AM |
| 81 | School buildings and grounds | 10/16/2018 9:00 AM |
| 82 | Composting, yard waste pickup. I'd like to see this expanded. | 10/16/2018 8:57 AM |
| 83 | Response time to residents' requests for public works issues. | 10/16/2018 7:30 AM |
| 84 | I really wish some of the playgrounds and green areas around the public schools could remove the poison ivy and also improve the grass field conditions. | 10/15/2018 9:08 PM |
| 85 | The WH website is a disgrace. At the very least it MUST be made mobile-compliant. | 10/15/2018 8:57 PM |
| 86 | City wide organiz matter needs to be collected for composting. It is ridiculous that residents are required to buy a pass to carry their lawn clippings to the compsoing place. | 10/15/2018 8:42 PM |
| 87 | More recycling and pay per throw | 10/15/2018 8:39 PM |
| 88 | Open swim hours for kids or limit to residents. WeHa kids should get to swim 8-5 on weekends Memorial Day til Labor Day | 10/15/2018 7:51 PM |
| 89 | Bicycle paths | 10/15/2018 7:17 PM |

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| 90 | I had problems with Public Works in the two times I contacted them in the past. They just didn't read the words on the paper when I sent letters. I have given up contacting them about road issues, so I don't know if they have improved. | 10/15/2018 7:12 PM |
| 91 | Cornerstone! | 10/15/2018 7:07 PM |
| 92 | Underbrush and bushes blocking sidewalks and blocking views of oncoming traffic. | 10/15/2018 7:02 PM |
| 93 | Townwide WiFi would be nice available to residents | 10/15/2018 6:45 PM |
| 94 | Tree maintenance | 10/15/2018 5:17 PM |
| 95 | More on demand pedestrian crossings in busy roads such as Mountain Road. | 10/15/2018 4:33 PM |
| 96 | WAY too much spent on library. It is overstaffed, I spent quite a bit of time there, and was SHOCKED at how much they sit around and do NOTHING many hours non-peak. Family services is NOT properly skilled at helping seniors, nor do they sufficiently care about them. The emphasis and budget at Fam Svcs is helping all the refugees and undocumented, but not much help for residents who have paid taxes for decades and now need a little help. Fam Svcs mostly triages and not very helpful. They need a TRUE senior advocate, and a DEDICATED social worker dedicated to seniors - who is KNOWLEDGEABLE | 10/15/2018 4:20 PM |
| 97 | Library needs a bigger budget so that it can offer more programs | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 98 | the Faxon library physical plant needs attention | 10/15/2018 3:52 PM |
| 99 | Roadway maintenance is actually pretty good compared to other towns but there are still many roads that need improvement. I understand budget constraints dictate these repairs. | 10/15/2018 3:47 PM |
| 100 | The Senior Centers are wonderful, but as the population ages, they will need to expand services/staffing in order to meet the wide range of needs. | 10/15/2018 3:40 PM |

Q32 Which Town services should be expanded?

Answered: 766 Skipped: 498



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| Health services | 11.23% | 86 |
| Library services | 19.84% | 152 |
| Online services | 13.71% | 105 |
| Parks maintenance | 19.45% | 149 |
| Recreation programs | 20.89% | 160 |
| Roadway maintenance | 40.86% | 313 |
| Sanitation | 9.27% | 71 |
| Senior services | 11.75% | 90 |

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| Services at Town Hall (i.e. staffing, hours of operation, etc.) | 8.49% | 65 |
| Sidewalk maintenance | 36.55% | 280 |
| None of the above | 13.32% | 102 |
| Other (please specify) | 10.57% | 81 |
| Total Respondents: 766 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | CHILDREN SPORTS | 11/29/2018 10:29 AM |
| 2 | Specifically, Building Department / Permits | 11/27/2018 9:29 PM |
| 3 | dog park..... | 11/27/2018 8:11 PM |
| 4 | Dog Park | 11/22/2018 8:45 AM |
| 5 | Excellent services | 11/10/2018 10:31 AM |
| 6 | A wider network of volunteers willing and able to assist adults with any kind of disability or seniors | 11/8/2018 2:34 PM |
| 7 | these are all safety issues - CRITICAL | 11/7/2018 4:29 PM |
| 8 | services should utilize existing revenues to expand needed programs by shrinking less utilized programs | 11/6/2018 4:35 PM |
| 9 | Recycling, waste treatment | 11/5/2018 11:24 PM |
| 10 | Public safety | 11/3/2018 9:11 AM |
| 11 | Educators and education in general | 11/1/2018 9:35 PM |
| 12 | DOG PARK!!!! | 10/31/2018 7:07 AM |
| 13 | Cornerstone pool needs to be tip top. Starting to wane a little w new management. | 10/31/2018 1:42 AM |
| 14 | Maintenance of waterways, Brooks o | 10/30/2018 9:02 PM |
| 15 | Public,convenient transportation | 10/30/2018 4:58 PM |
| 16 | Please keep the library budget in tact or increase it. It is one of the best resources the town has to offer! | 10/30/2018 4:06 PM |
| 17 | leaf pick up! | 10/30/2018 12:05 PM |
| 18 | Parking signage is currently obscure and should be increased and more visible. | 10/29/2018 10:23 AM |
| 19 | dog park! | 10/28/2018 7:42 PM |
| 20 | Dog park | 10/28/2018 7:24 PM |
| 21 | Creating a dog park | 10/28/2018 4:07 PM |
| 22 | Fall leaf pickup, the loss of the roadside vacuuming. Restoration of this service would help many of us. Bagging is hard work for many, especially as many residents grow older. | 10/28/2018 1:51 PM |
| 23 | Expand services that reflect projected population demographics and desired vision for town | 10/28/2018 9:26 AM |
| 24 | leaf collection / yard waste removal process; removal of old computers, electronics | 10/27/2018 4:54 PM |
| 25 | to include composting | 10/27/2018 1:51 PM |
| 26 | more police and parking on foot around the center on nights and weekends - too many drunk people and parking issues | 10/26/2018 1:30 PM |
| 27 | Not necessarily sidewalk maintenance but entire pedestrian network could be assessed and improved | 10/25/2018 8:21 PM |
| 28 | Need better snow removal and more cultural activities coordinated with Greater Hartford institutions like Hartford Stage | 10/25/2018 2:37 PM |
| 29 | Special needs recreation programs | 10/25/2018 6:21 AM |
| 30 | Bring back leaf collection. | 10/25/2018 6:20 AM |

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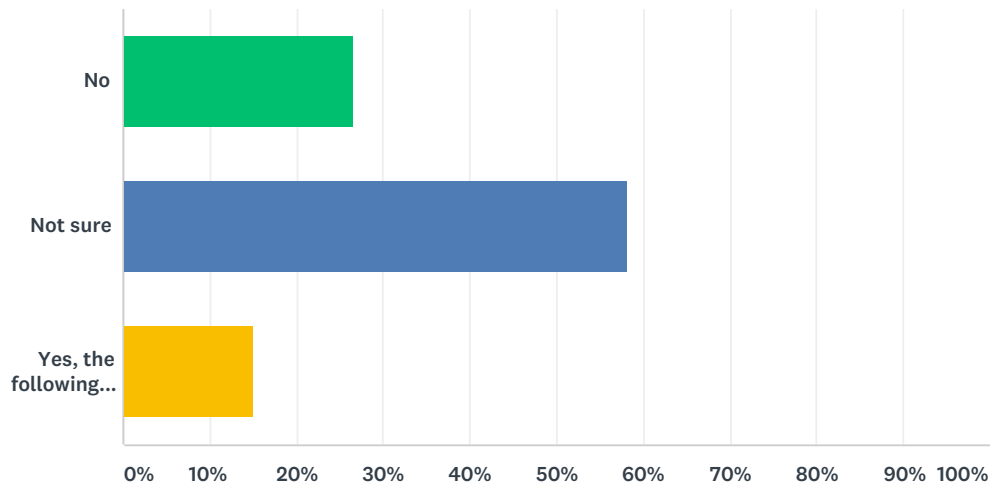
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| 31 | notice some street lights don't work - ensure well lit neighborhoods | 10/24/2018 8:35 PM |
| 32 | Leaf pickup | 10/24/2018 7:27 PM |
| 33 | Same as above: One of the core functions of a town or municipality is its ability to pick up trash and leaves. We pay high property taxes and yet it seems like this is the first area anyone wants to cut. We need a way to dispose of medium to large sized items that is not as expensive as it is now. The pickup rates are enormous when you have more than one item, as people who have lived in homes for years tend to have over time. We have spent a lot of money on private collection of these items. | 10/24/2018 7:26 PM |
| 34 | Police services need to be expanded - not cut as they continue to be. We continue to see an increase in crime in the town and specialized units (K9, etc) are not being funded. | 10/24/2018 2:52 PM |
| 35 | See number 28 | 10/24/2018 1:45 PM |
| 36 | Tree care | 10/24/2018 1:37 PM |
| 37 | Tree inspection. | 10/23/2018 11:43 PM |
| 38 | Not everyone can transport yard waste to Brixton St. | 10/23/2018 3:31 PM |
| 39 | Social Service Staff | 10/23/2018 3:25 PM |
| 40 | Elmwood Community Center/Senior Center is great. Support the library. | 10/23/2018 12:18 PM |
| 41 | Please additional bundled brush/yard waste pickups; new street trees program to replace those being cut down by Eversource | 10/23/2018 10:56 AM |
| 42 | library is great, just expand the hours of them and the pool, composting | 10/23/2018 10:27 AM |
| 43 | food waste composting/collection | 10/23/2018 9:25 AM |
| 44 | Leaf vacuum pick-up | 10/23/2018 6:02 AM |
| 45 | Before/aftercare for kids | 10/22/2018 9:20 PM |
| 46 | Many schools need exterior maintenance—simple painting around windows etc | 10/22/2018 9:00 PM |
| 47 | I'd rather have lower taxes. I think other towns have the right tax-to-benefits ratio. We seem to get less and less service for more taxes. | 10/22/2018 7:57 PM |
| 48 | Without raising taxes | 10/22/2018 4:23 PM |
| 49 | street lighting | 10/22/2018 3:18 PM |
| 50 | Traffic safety | 10/22/2018 1:56 PM |
| 51 | love to see the leave pickup reinstated | 10/22/2018 11:51 AM |
| 52 | Disposal of green waste - lawn clippings, etc | 10/22/2018 10:45 AM |
| 53 | Bike / Ped | 10/22/2018 7:58 AM |
| 54 | Dog park | 10/21/2018 10:19 PM |
| 55 | The Town should re-instate leaf pick-up. The amount that we all need to pay a third parties to pick up our leaves is far in excess of the incremental amount we would have to pay the town taxes to take care of that service. | 10/21/2018 8:56 PM |
| 56 | Recycling services and compliance. We do a very good job with the other items on this list. | 10/21/2018 10:12 AM |
| 57 | Town-wide WiFi access (at least in commercial areas) | 10/20/2018 6:57 AM |
| 58 | There's no "I don't know" option. | 10/19/2018 10:56 PM |
| 59 | Make easier to remove tree, leaves, brush waste | 10/19/2018 12:58 PM |
| 60 | Waste removal, street sweeping | 10/19/2018 11:09 AM |
| 61 | curbside yard waste collection year round, compostable material | 10/19/2018 10:13 AM |
| 62 | As the population ages, more services for seniors will be needed beyond the Senior Centers | 10/18/2018 7:17 PM |
| 63 | Leaf pick up. Private roads should be made public or maintained by the town. Homeowners on private roads pay the same taxes but have to pave our own roads. | 10/18/2018 7:16 PM |
| 64 | Public safety | 10/17/2018 6:35 PM |

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| 65 | Waste services - add town composting and yard waste bins for pick up | 10/16/2018 8:57 AM |
| 66 | we should be given a barrel for grass clippings and other yard waste. With the taxes we pay, we should not have to haul these things from our homes. We are not farmers. | 10/16/2018 8:30 AM |
| 67 | Please provide a yard waste bin for people to utilize all year. I still haven't figured out how to weed my garden in July without being forced to hold onto the weeds in a brown paper bag in my garage until November. | 10/15/2018 9:08 PM |
| 68 | Gig access | 10/15/2018 8:39 PM |
| 69 | I don't know. Seems ok as is. | 10/15/2018 7:54 PM |
| 70 | Bicycle paths | 10/15/2018 7:17 PM |
| 71 | If you are going to tell us that we can't put yard waste in our garbage bins anymore, then obviously you need to expand the number of times in the year that you collect yard waste bags. | 10/15/2018 7:12 PM |
| 72 | Bulk pick up; leaf collection | 10/15/2018 7:06 PM |
| 73 | See above. | 10/15/2018 7:02 PM |
| 74 | public safety - hire enough police officers to enforce traffic violators such as speeders, loud, illegal exhaust, etc. | 10/15/2018 6:30 PM |
| 75 | O | 10/15/2018 5:18 PM |
| 76 | Traffic studies. | 10/15/2018 4:32 PM |
| 77 | I walk & cycle and I am aware of pt holes & uneven sidewalks | 10/15/2018 4:31 PM |
| 78 | Senior svcs - but NOT senior centers. We need only ONE senior center. The poorer seniors in WH are short shrifted, but b/c there is so much spent on the senior centers, people think seniors get a good deal in town. No need for THREE libraries, close one of the branches. Having the expanded Noah Webster should be more than enough- our TAXES are killing us, Noah Webster is WAY overstaffed, children's too. | 10/15/2018 4:20 PM |
| 79 | more library hours | 10/15/2018 3:53 PM |
| 80 | I trust the budget process and would hope all services are addressed. | 10/15/2018 3:47 PM |
| 81 | As above. | 10/15/2018 3:40 PM |

Q33 Are Town owned buildings (libraries, recreation buildings, offices, etc.) in need of improvement?

Answered: 812 Skipped: 452



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| No | 26.60% | 216 |
| Not sure | 58.25% | 473 |
| Yes, the following buildings: | 15.15% | 123 |
| TOTAL | | 812 |

| # | YES, THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS: | DATE |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Need updating | 11/28/2018 9:14 PM |
| 2 | VMSR needs attention! | 11/28/2018 4:47 PM |
| 3 | I'd love to see a YMCA, or some sort of thriving affordable community center in the center of town. | 11/13/2018 5:32 PM |
| 4 | Townhall, Public works | 11/13/2018 3:17 PM |
| 5 | Faxon library | 11/12/2018 9:16 AM |
| 6 | The town refuse area (the "dump") | 11/10/2018 3:19 PM |
| 7 | We have an excellent Capital Improvement Program which allows us to renovate older buildings. We need that program adequately funded. | 11/10/2018 10:31 AM |
| 8 | Blue Back stairway between library and movie theater. Many pavers on sidewalks in the center are out of alignment and make walking hazardous. | 11/9/2018 7:09 PM |
| 9 | Faxon library needs expansion and improvement. A quiet space in the library will be helpful. | 11/8/2018 9:38 AM |
| 10 | Elmwood Community Center. | 11/7/2018 6:11 PM |
| 11 | no, but libraries are heavily used. Need custodial help during the day and some freshening of paint, etc. to keep the place (esp. Noah Webster Lib) looking sharp | 11/7/2018 4:29 PM |
| 12 | Elmwood Community Center - it is heavily utilized by all ages of town residents, and is in serious need of modernization/updating/repair . | 11/7/2018 7:41 AM |
| 13 | Elementary schools | 11/6/2018 2:06 PM |
| 14 | Elmwood CC, cornerstone | 11/6/2018 7:56 AM |

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| 15 | Schools and school property | 11/5/2018 8:29 AM |
| 16 | Schools | 11/4/2018 10:05 AM |
| 17 | Public safety buildings | 11/3/2018 9:11 AM |
| 18 | Big diamond baseball fields | 10/31/2018 11:50 AM |
| 19 | Elmwood Senior Center | 10/31/2018 8:13 AM |
| 20 | Libraries | 10/31/2018 6:39 AM |
| 21 | Skating rink, library in Bishop's corner | 10/30/2018 10:11 PM |
| 22 | Outdoor pool buildings are gross (fernridge and wolcott) NASTY | 10/30/2018 9:50 PM |
| 23 | Norfeldt Elementary school | 10/30/2018 9:34 PM |
| 24 | Schools | 10/30/2018 8:55 PM |
| 25 | Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink | 10/30/2018 4:07 PM |
| 26 | Schools | 10/30/2018 2:18 PM |
| 27 | faxon library needs complete renovation to bring the standards of the other 2 libraries. | 10/30/2018 7:38 AM |
| 28 | Bishops Corner library | 10/29/2018 8:30 PM |
| 29 | All library locations, but in particular, the Faxon Branch. | 10/29/2018 3:19 PM |
| 30 | Most public buildings other than town hall (e.g., libraries) need more frequent restroom cleaning and maintenance. | 10/29/2018 12:12 PM |
| 31 | schools | 10/29/2018 12:00 PM |
| 32 | Faxon library, also main library needs outside painting | 10/28/2018 2:57 PM |
| 33 | Strategic investment to lower operational cost of public buildings (energy efficiency) and preventative maintenance (water damage) to address impact of climate change (more frequent and severe weather) | 10/28/2018 9:26 AM |
| 34 | schools | 10/27/2018 4:54 PM |
| 35 | Elmwood Community Center | 10/27/2018 1:51 PM |
| 36 | WHPL Faxon branch | 10/27/2018 8:27 AM |
| 37 | Schools need repairs | 10/27/2018 7:55 AM |
| 38 | Faxon Library | 10/26/2018 12:18 PM |
| 39 | Faxon Branch | 10/26/2018 10:46 AM |
| 40 | LIBRARIES | 10/26/2018 10:21 AM |
| 41 | Schools are antiquated | 10/26/2018 10:10 AM |
| 42 | Schools need more physical Improvements - aiken elementary and king Phillip ms | 10/25/2018 10:14 PM |
| 43 | Elmwood community Center - replace! Faxon library-expand Veterans Rink-replace! Park buildings -add to all rec areas Westmoor park buildings - expand Bathroom buildings are needed for tennis courts and Buena Vista golf course | 10/25/2018 8:26 PM |
| 44 | Norfeldt & Hall High | 10/25/2018 8:05 PM |
| 45 | ALL schools have major maintenance issues - rotted windows in particular. poor renovations over the decades that make spaces crowded and inefficient. | 10/25/2018 7:55 PM |
| 46 | Cornerstone pool Kennedy Park | 10/25/2018 7:34 PM |
| 47 | Conard High School is in poor shape. I've heard parents from other towns make comments about the conditions of the facility around the gym during basketball games saying, "and I thought West Hartford was supposed to be a nice town." The recent renovation of the gymnasium looks better but parts of the school are past their life expectancy. | 10/25/2018 7:23 PM |
| 48 | Library, would love to serve on the library board, if there is one. | 10/25/2018 5:07 PM |
| 49 | The old UCONN property. Not sure if that's town owned or not. | 10/25/2018 1:31 PM |

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| 50 | Elmwood Community Center | 10/25/2018 9:24 AM |
| 51 | Town hall | 10/25/2018 6:02 AM |
| 52 | Schools!!! | 10/25/2018 5:57 AM |
| 53 | The Elmwood Community Center is awful. Very pretty on the outside but the interior isn't anything to be proud of. | 10/24/2018 9:39 PM |
| 54 | Fields for town sports | 10/24/2018 9:11 PM |
| 55 | Public elementary school - Duffy | 10/24/2018 8:57 PM |
| 56 | Elmwood Community Center really needs a facelift. It's really dated and dark. It would also be great if it had a modernized gym space that was more welcoming to the general public in addition to the seniors (I know very little about the senior program, but I'm glad it is there. This would definitely be in addition to as area gyms are so expensive.) | 10/24/2018 8:38 PM |
| 57 | Town Hall - specifically crumbling walls in northwest stairwell. (Not that anyone sees them a lot, but something to consider). Not sure about other locations. | 10/24/2018 8:35 PM |
| 58 | Town hall interior | 10/24/2018 8:09 PM |
| 59 | Police department and town hall | 10/24/2018 3:18 PM |
| 60 | Many buildings (Elmwood Community Center, Faxon Library) are outdated and need updates. | 10/24/2018 2:52 PM |
| 61 | Webster Hill School | 10/24/2018 2:03 PM |
| 62 | Veterans Memorial Skating Rink (photovoltaic panels on roof, storage area, team locker room for girls high school program and expanded area to house the two Zambonis. Build a new Community Center in place of the Beachland Park house so that you don't have children don't have to cross the busy streets. Use the existing Community Center for elderly housing. | 10/24/2018 10:28 AM |
| 63 | The Blue Back Square staircase is a disaster. | 10/23/2018 9:06 PM |
| 64 | Older elementary schools. Elmwood Community Center | 10/23/2018 8:23 PM |
| 65 | locker rooms at Eisenhower, Fernridge Park location of main library | 10/23/2018 7:28 PM |
| 66 | Elmwood Community Ctr, some schools | 10/23/2018 1:56 PM |
| 67 | Have you gone to the bathroom at high school? | 10/23/2018 1:41 PM |
| 68 | Bathrooms at Wolcott Park. Wolcott school security. Wolcott school air conditioning. | 10/23/2018 1:30 PM |
| 69 | Elementary schools! I compare them to similar towns (my sister teaches in Longmeadow) and the difference is striking. The physical spaces are industrial and not kid-friendly. I have taught in urban public schools of various qualities and I know how important environment is to learning. | 10/23/2018 1:23 PM |
| 70 | Schools | 10/23/2018 1:12 PM |
| 71 | fixing library. Fix up Elmwood Senior Center | 10/23/2018 12:06 PM |
| 72 | They need to be maintained before they deteriorate | 10/23/2018 12:06 PM |
| 73 | Schools. Norfeldt. King Philip. | 10/23/2018 11:02 AM |
| 74 | Elmwood Community Center, Cornerstone | 10/23/2018 10:48 AM |
| 75 | I mean, always right? | 10/23/2018 10:15 AM |
| 76 | Cornerstone Aquatics - see also answer to question 31 | 10/23/2018 9:54 AM |
| 77 | Schools | 10/23/2018 9:35 AM |
| 78 | Schools | 10/23/2018 9:27 AM |
| 79 | Schools!!! | 10/23/2018 9:10 AM |
| 80 | schools need better maintenance and more custodial staff | 10/23/2018 9:06 AM |
| 81 | Schools | 10/23/2018 4:05 AM |
| 82 | schools | 10/22/2018 8:54 PM |
| 83 | Library off New Britain Ave. needs to be expanded and better choices based on what kids are reading today. | 10/22/2018 8:32 PM |

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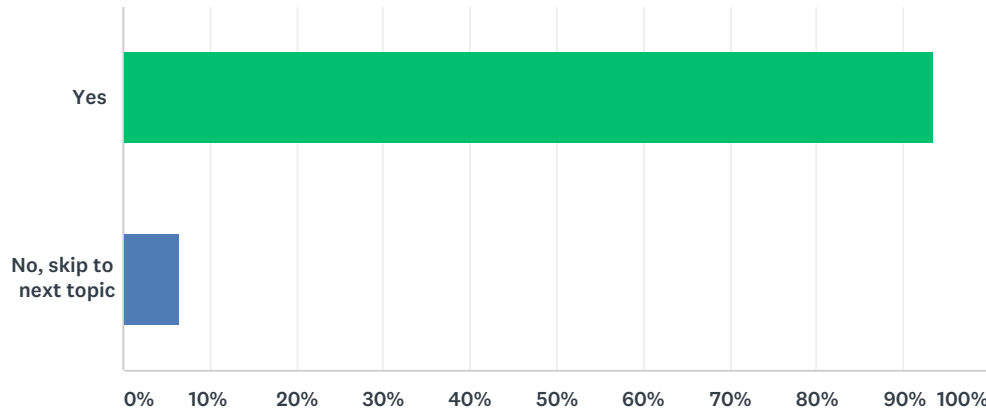
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| 84 | The library hours should be lengthened and the purchase of more books should be budgeted. | 10/22/2018 6:28 PM |
| 85 | air conditioning in school buildings - or don't use them in the heat of the summer (elections, etc) | 10/22/2018 4:22 PM |
| 86 | Some of the schools are very old and could use an HVAC improvement including A/C | 10/22/2018 12:41 PM |
| 87 | Elmwood Community Center | 10/22/2018 12:33 PM |
| 88 | Schools, in particular Elementary schools | 10/22/2018 12:09 PM |
| 89 | Schools | 10/22/2018 8:28 AM |
| 90 | Library lower entrance areas walls walks spalling (minor) | 10/22/2018 7:56 AM |
| 91 | Generally, bathrooms at parks | 10/21/2018 10:09 PM |
| 92 | Not sure - but what about schools, town buildings, and indoor air quality? So much deferred maintenance tends to result in poor indoor air quality that makes people very sick on an ongoing basis. | 10/21/2018 10:12 AM |
| 93 | The facade showing the Alphabet on the steps leading down to Blue Back Square has really deteriorated in the past 5 years or so. | 10/20/2018 6:57 AM |
| 94 | Town hall interior could use an update | 10/20/2018 6:50 AM |
| 95 | Schools Police Town Hall | 10/19/2018 9:57 PM |
| 96 | Keep Capital Improvement budget funded adequately with realistic schedules. Don't let politics raid it. | 10/19/2018 12:58 PM |
| 97 | King Philip Middle School is in need of lots of work | 10/18/2018 10:02 PM |
| 98 | King Philip classrooms are very dated | 10/18/2018 12:37 PM |
| 99 | School buildings and grounds do not reflect the same quality as the educational experience they provide. I'm often embarrassed by the condition when I visit some of the Town's schools. | 10/16/2018 9:00 AM |
| 100 | Probably, many of the town buildings are on the older side, so continued maintenance is important. | 10/16/2018 8:21 AM |
| 101 | Pay attention to increasing deferred maintenance, IAQ: taking short term cuts only leads to inevitably higher costs For example: not maintaining & cleaning HVAC units can lead to mold, IAQ issues on occupants & more costly repair or replacement | 10/16/2018 7:57 AM |
| 102 | Faxon library is amazing and always busy! It needs help!! | 10/16/2018 7:28 AM |
| 103 | Elmwood community centers Some of the older public schools | 10/15/2018 10:21 PM |
| 104 | Bugbee | 10/15/2018 9:50 PM |
| 105 | KP middle school is a joke. Stop putting lipstick on a pig. Build a new one in the fields and implode the old one. | 10/15/2018 9:08 PM |
| 106 | Elm wood Community Center | 10/15/2018 8:57 PM |
| 107 | Schools | 10/15/2018 8:30 PM |
| 108 | Town Hall and Elmwood Community Center | 10/15/2018 8:23 PM |
| 109 | Cornerstone | 10/15/2018 8:10 PM |
| 110 | Senior centers are an abomination. | 10/15/2018 7:53 PM |
| 111 | Most elementary schools | 10/15/2018 7:07 PM |
| 112 | Our schools need updating! | 10/15/2018 6:55 PM |
| 113 | Webster Library is a valued service. The exterior windows need renovation or replacement. | 10/15/2018 6:02 PM |
| 114 | Town should explore the usage in the buildings - how often are the spaces within buildings occupied. Could they serve other functions when not occupied? | 10/15/2018 4:33 PM |
| 115 | Noah Webster library could use a facelift. | 10/15/2018 4:32 PM |
| 116 | some work needs to be done on Noah Webster library outside - moldings, etc. | 10/15/2018 4:20 PM |
| 117 | The library branch in Elmwood is unappealing and small | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |

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| 118 | Faxon Library, cleanliness of all library restrooms, and interior spaces, carpeting, upholstered furniture | 10/15/2018 3:52 PM |
| 119 | Some of our schools need updating | 10/15/2018 3:45 PM |
| 120 | I think the senior centers may need physical expansion to meet the needs of the aging population. | 10/15/2018 3:40 PM |
| 121 | many are in need, including school buildings. The town does an excellent job with maintenance, but many public buildings were built 50 or more years ago and need improvements | 10/15/2018 3:40 PM |
| 122 | Many of the post-war elementary school seem to be showing their age. | 10/15/2018 3:32 PM |
| 123 | Town Hall, Library | 10/15/2018 3:27 PM |

Q34 Are you interested in answering questions about Open Space and Recreation?

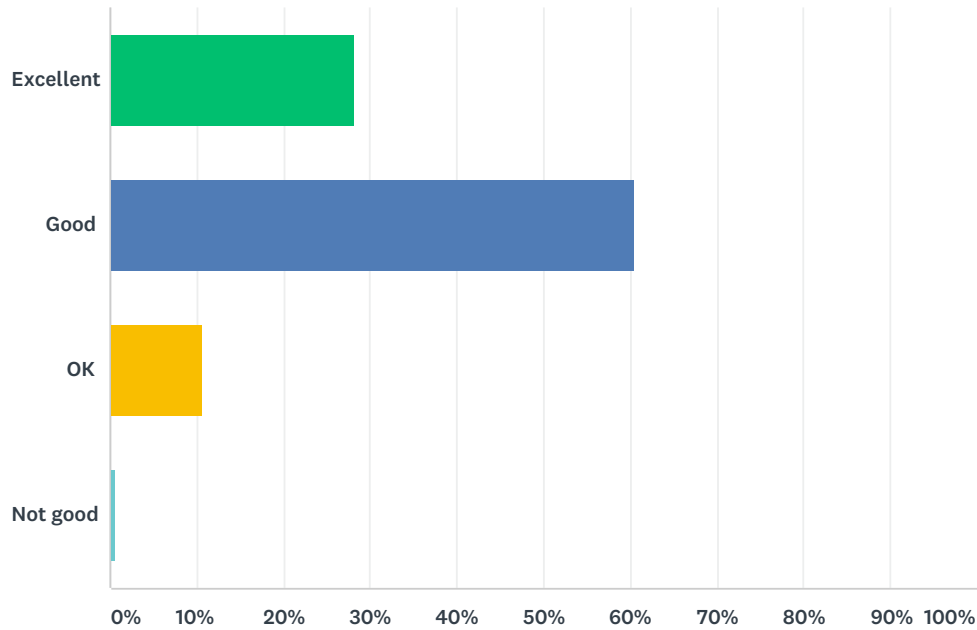
Answered: 851 Skipped: 413



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 93.42% | 795 |
| No, skip to next topic | 6.58% | 56 |
| TOTAL | | 851 |

Q35 How do you rate the Town's parks and recreation facilities?

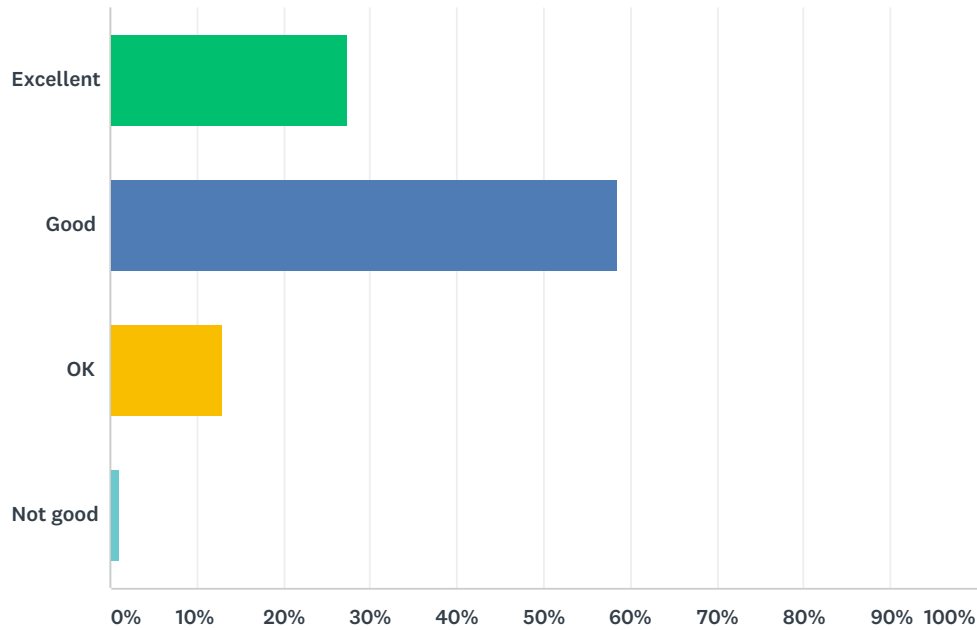
Answered: 803 Skipped: 461



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Excellent | 28.27% | 227 |
| Good | 60.40% | 485 |
| OK | 10.71% | 86 |
| Not good | 0.62% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 803 |

Q36 How do you rate the Town's recreation programs?

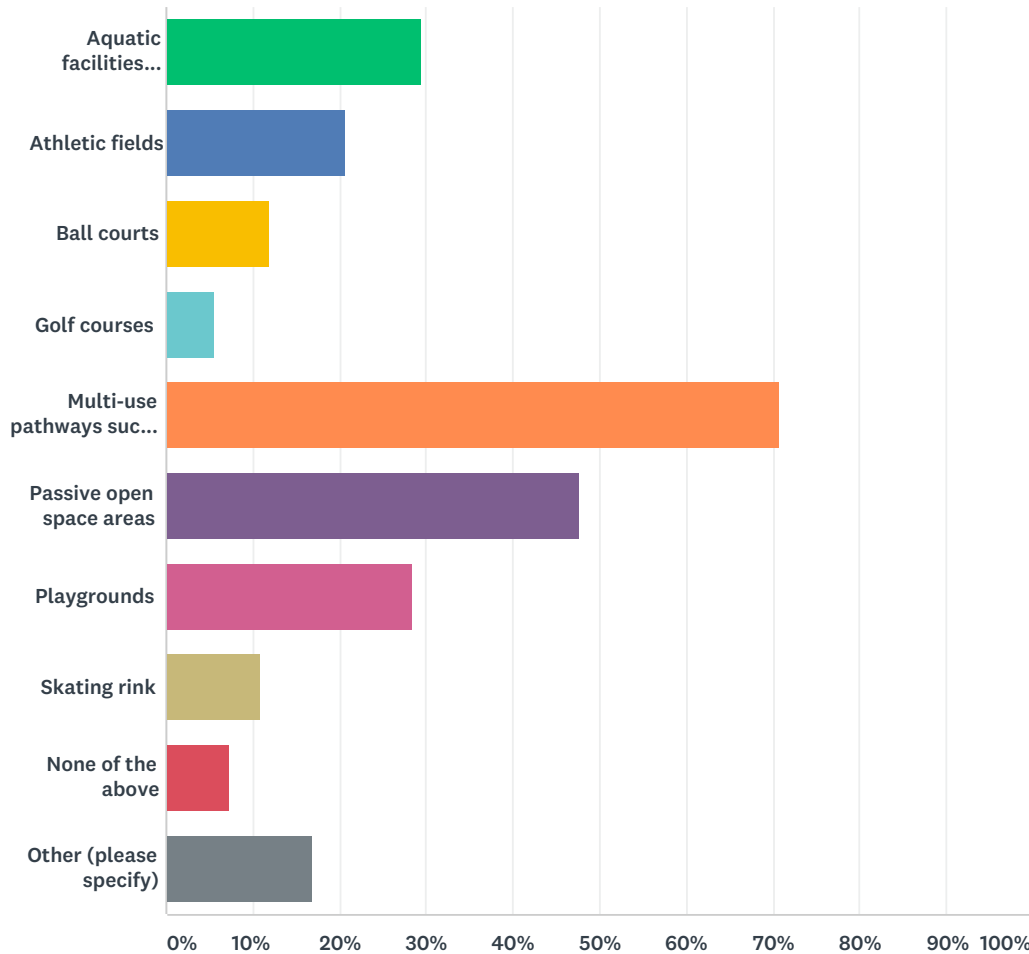
Answered: 797 Skipped: 467



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Excellent | 27.35% | 218 |
| Good | 58.59% | 467 |
| OK | 13.05% | 104 |
| Not good | 1.00% | 8 |
| TOTAL | | 797 |

Q37 Which open space and recreation resources should West Hartford consider expanding or improving? (select all that apply)

Answered: 794 Skipped: 470



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Aquatic facilities (pools / splash pads) | 29.47% | 234 |
| Athletic fields | 20.78% | 165 |
| Ball courts | 11.96% | 95 |
| Golf courses | 5.67% | 45 |
| Multi-use pathways such as the Trout Brook Trail | 70.65% | 561 |
| Passive open space areas | 47.73% | 379 |
| Playgrounds | 28.46% | 226 |
| Skating rink | 10.83% | 86 |
| None of the above | 7.30% | 58 |
| Other (please specify) | 16.88% | 134 |

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Total Respondents: 794

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | diversified recreational competitions for teenagers and residents: fencing\table tennis etc | 11/29/2018 10:18 AM |
| 2 | dog park | 11/27/2018 8:12 PM |
| 3 | Need to open bathrooms in the parks more often. | 11/26/2018 6:24 PM |
| 4 | Dog Park | 11/22/2018 8:46 AM |
| 5 | Better to have bike pathways rather than bike lanes in heavily traffic roads | 11/10/2018 3:26 PM |
| 6 | the town needs indoor and outdoor canine recreation locations, including something as simple as fenced in areas placed strategically throughout town in residential neighborhoods with rules stating that only one family may use the fenced-in area at a time; this removes the risks of a larger "dog park" facility and also prevents the inappropriate, illegal usage of school playing fields for the purposes of "running one's dogs" | 11/8/2018 2:37 PM |
| 7 | It will be helpful if the fees charged for recreation facilities can be more affordable. | 11/8/2018 9:40 AM |
| 8 | Fitness facilities for seniors-- Bishop's Corner and Elmwood Community Center | 11/7/2018 6:13 PM |
| 9 | tennis courts | 11/7/2018 3:19 PM |
| 10 | There are too many splash pads, that only serves very young children. This is detrimental To the middle school students and teens that you have utilize the pools in the past, but are no longer accommodated by the shallow depth and massive splash pad facilities built in the most recent rounds of renovations to the pools. | 11/7/2018 7:45 AM |
| 11 | Need a real skate/bike park | 11/6/2018 7:41 PM |
| 12 | Dog park!! | 11/6/2018 7:19 PM |
| 13 | would like to see more sports/activities offered on Sundays | 11/6/2018 2:48 PM |
| 14 | adding dog park | 11/6/2018 1:24 PM |
| 15 | Screen users of the town pools and limit to residents only. | 11/5/2018 3:36 PM |
| 16 | safe bike and pedestrian infrastructure | 11/2/2018 3:41 PM |
| 17 | Bike paths | 10/31/2018 2:58 PM |
| 18 | Pickleball courts | 10/31/2018 1:33 PM |
| 19 | More multi-use pathways (walk/run/bike) that connect important commercial and educational centers within and outside WeHa | 10/31/2018 12:16 PM |
| 20 | Need pickle ball courts. Indoors and outdoors. Need lighted big diamond baseball field. | 10/31/2018 11:55 AM |
| 21 | Dog park | 10/31/2018 9:24 AM |
| 22 | Would love to have a dog park or indoor swimming area | 10/31/2018 8:26 AM |
| 23 | DOG PARK! | 10/31/2018 7:07 AM |
| 24 | Save nature by leaving it alone. | 10/31/2018 5:25 AM |
| 25 | Cornerstone is a treasure. Keep it nice! | 10/31/2018 1:44 AM |
| 26 | Dog Parks | 10/30/2018 9:26 PM |
| 27 | Suggest building a playground in the Center area to attract families. | 10/30/2018 2:47 PM |
| 28 | Pickleball courts | 10/30/2018 1:45 PM |
| 29 | Dog park | 10/30/2018 10:10 AM |
| 30 | Trout Brook Trail?? The trail to nowhere. Useless. You should install a calisthenics park where the TBT ends, there's literally no point in walking on that trail along Trout Brook. | 10/30/2018 9:40 AM |
| 31 | buena vista golf couse could be improved | 10/30/2018 7:39 AM |
| 32 | Indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts | 10/30/2018 2:58 AM |

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| 33 | Dog park | 10/29/2018 7:06 PM |
| 34 | Indoor Pickleball courts | 10/29/2018 3:20 PM |
| 35 | Buena Vista tennis/pickleball courts | 10/29/2018 1:38 PM |
| 36 | Invest in upgrading the gravel trail at Westmoor Park. | 10/29/2018 1:24 PM |
| 37 | pickleball courts!!! | 10/29/2018 11:58 AM |
| 38 | A public playground in West Hartford Center would be valuable and attract people to retail and restaurants. | 10/29/2018 10:26 AM |
| 39 | Dog park | 10/29/2018 8:51 AM |
| 40 | It would be nice to have some playgrounds with sails or other shade options for summer | 10/28/2018 8:57 PM |
| 41 | Dog Parks | 10/28/2018 8:05 PM |
| 42 | dog park | 10/28/2018 7:43 PM |
| 43 | Dog park | 10/28/2018 7:24 PM |
| 44 | Dog park | 10/28/2018 4:08 PM |
| 45 | Dog park | 10/28/2018 2:59 PM |
| 46 | Add dog park | 10/28/2018 1:51 PM |
| 47 | Please finish the long promised Trout Brook trail in the vicinity of Farmington up to Asylum | 10/28/2018 9:36 AM |
| 48 | Increase utilization of excellent resources through ties in to other town services like school, library, | 10/28/2018 9:30 AM |
| 49 | Gym space, basketball / indoor volleyball / badmitten ect | 10/28/2018 8:54 AM |
| 50 | Issue town stickers for vehicles using town parks - charge fee for non - residents | 10/27/2018 1:53 PM |
| 51 | Outdoor fitness facilities see Graham Park Cranberry Pennsylvania | 10/27/2018 8:39 AM |
| 52 | Ecological management of Moody's Woods | 10/26/2018 8:32 PM |
| 53 | Dog park, indoor sports facility for soccer, tennis, pool etc. More non-member access to Cornerstone | 10/26/2018 1:13 PM |
| 54 | We need tax generating businesses. The UCONN site should not be turned into a park. | 10/25/2018 4:21 PM |
| 55 | If the public pools could run until the end of august | 10/25/2018 4:17 PM |
| 56 | It would be fantastic to have a playground in the town center near the library | 10/25/2018 3:22 PM |
| 57 | Dog park and indoor rec facility | 10/25/2018 9:41 AM |
| 58 | Dog parks | 10/25/2018 8:23 AM |
| 59 | Special needs programs for young adults 21plus once post secondary program ends | 10/25/2018 6:25 AM |
| 60 | Wolcot park | 10/25/2018 6:03 AM |
| 61 | Dog park | 10/25/2018 5:37 AM |
| 62 | Although our recreation programs are excellent, I would like to ensure in the town plans to ensure all recreation space maintains updated with an eye towards small improvements as needed. Also, like what has been done with the trout brook trail and would like to see more of that in town. | 10/24/2018 8:43 PM |
| 63 | Stop letting non-residents use the town pools!!! | 10/24/2018 8:35 PM |
| 64 | I use these facilities very often with my three young children and they are always in great condition. | 10/24/2018 7:26 PM |
| 65 | Dog park | 10/24/2018 3:07 PM |
| 66 | MDC Trails | 10/24/2018 1:40 PM |

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| 67 | On golf courses I think the Town should consider the possibility of converting Buena Vista golf course to other uses, such as a section for a dog park or fields set aside for soccer, rugby etc, or just passive open space. I have to question the long term ability of West Hartford maintaining two golf courses (albeit Buena Vista is only a nine hole park). I have lived either in or adjacent to larger and/or more affluent communities and they have generally each supported just one course. It may be Buena Vista is self supporting. In that case I would have to withdraw my criticism. However, if it is not, perhaps the time has come to consider alternative uses. | 10/24/2018 1:32 PM |
| 68 | The school playgrounds need TLC. Such as Webster Hill. | 10/24/2018 12:43 PM |
| 69 | Walkways | 10/24/2018 12:03 PM |
| 70 | Indoor playgrounds for winter time. | 10/24/2018 8:33 AM |
| 71 | West Hartford should maintain current level of resources unless they are underutilized, then they should be cut. | 10/24/2018 8:31 AM |
| 72 | Co-op opportunities with W. H. Land Trust | 10/24/2018 7:59 AM |
| 73 | Add a Croquet Court to unused lawn at Buena Vista Golf Course, maintained the same way as the practice putting green. A bocce court could be added as well with online reservation system. More maps/route of other trails such as Canal St. Open a town gym with pricing below most fitness clubs. | 10/24/2018 7:39 AM |
| 74 | Yes ... a dog park, with enforcement of rules designed to keep canines and their humans safe and happy. | 10/23/2018 11:45 PM |
| 75 | The baseball and Miracle LEague fields on Trout Brook are awesome and worth maintaining | 10/23/2018 3:34 PM |
| 76 | Permanent Pickleball courts | 10/23/2018 1:57 PM |
| 77 | The rink is nice but overbooked and crowded. The town should build another. It would bring in a lot of revenue and fill a town need. Also, I love the idea of connecting the town through more paths like Troit Brook. I think people would know about them and use them more if they were expanded and publicized as an initiative | 10/23/2018 1:25 PM |
| 78 | bike/walking trails - expand down Trout Brook and include King Philip | 10/23/2018 1:16 PM |
| 79 | Golf courses and skating rink are in good shape. Cornerstone needs to be renovated - it is old. Love the Trout Brook Trail - hope it gets finished soon. We need a dog park that doesn't interfere with neighborhood homes. | 10/23/2018 10:54 AM |
| 80 | bike trails/lanes, dog park??? | 10/23/2018 10:27 AM |
| 81 | We live near Wolcott Elementary (two kids attending). Both pathways to the back of the school are in desperate need of maintenance. | 10/23/2018 10:17 AM |
| 82 | An indoor | 10/23/2018 9:51 AM |
| 83 | family friendly pool hours | 10/23/2018 9:27 AM |
| 84 | Westmoor Park could use a large pavilion type structure. | 10/23/2018 9:15 AM |
| 85 | Community Gardens | 10/23/2018 9:13 AM |
| 86 | dog park | 10/23/2018 9:11 AM |
| 87 | Indoor multi sports facility space for our town basketball, soccer and baseball leagues | 10/23/2018 7:57 AM |
| 88 | Outdoor skating rink near the cwnter would be a hit. Need a dog park. | 10/22/2018 9:01 PM |
| 89 | Football field in Sterling needs some serious work. Kids are getting hurt from the uneven surface | 10/22/2018 8:34 PM |
| 90 | Dog park, frisbee golf course | 10/22/2018 4:24 PM |
| 91 | Dedicated dog parks | 10/22/2018 11:13 AM |
| 92 | Dog Park / Skate Park | 10/22/2018 8:00 AM |
| 93 | Bike accessibility. | 10/21/2018 10:29 PM |
| 94 | Dog parks. Community gardens in all neighborhoods. Winter activities in parks. More/better bathrooms in parks. | 10/21/2018 10:12 PM |
| 95 | More bike lanes and bike paths | 10/21/2018 8:57 PM |

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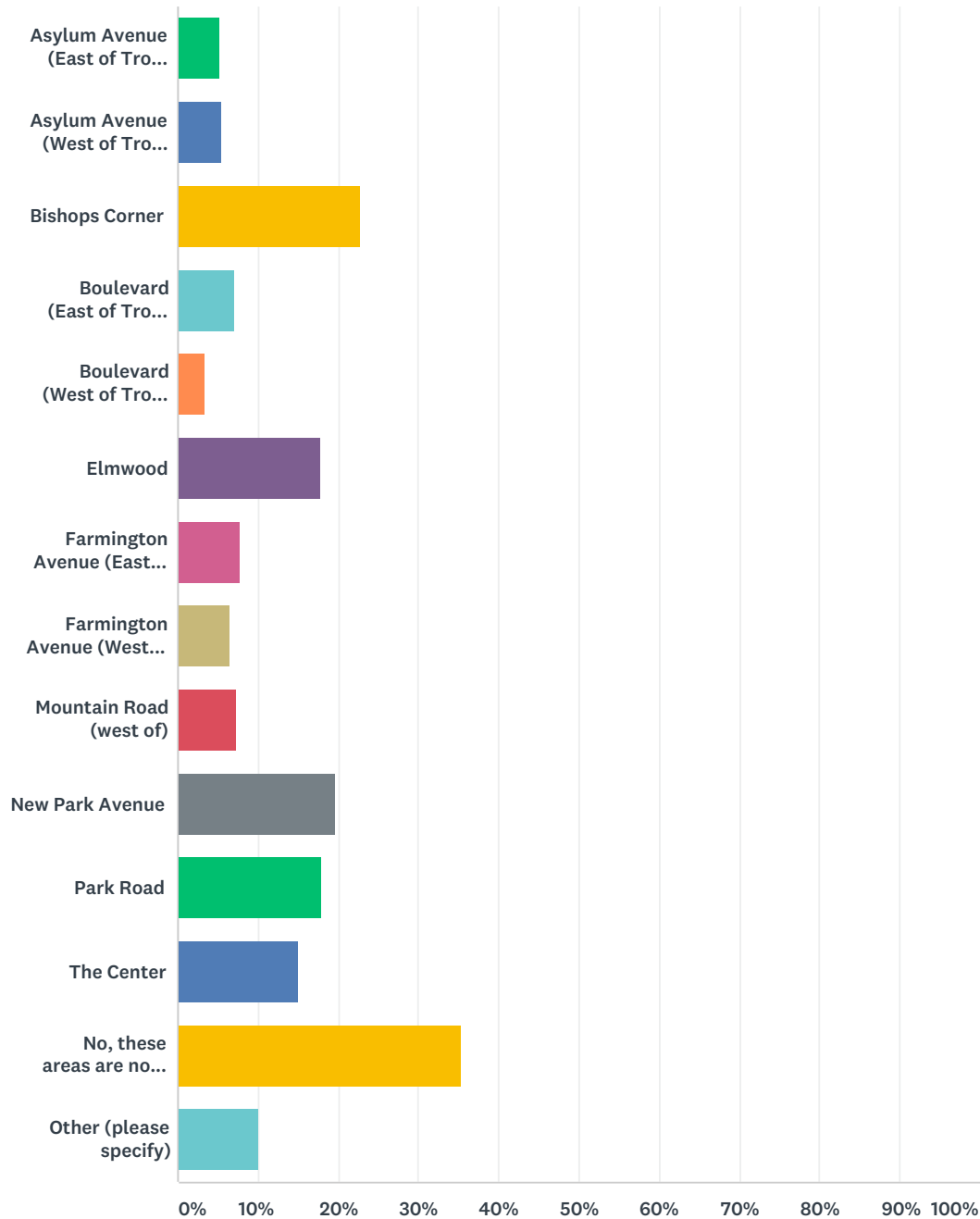
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| 96 | More multi-use paths, and networks of multi-use paths that are coordinated with adjoining towns. | 10/21/2018 10:14 AM |
| 97 | The Trout Brook Trail was never completed past Farmington Avenue! | 10/20/2018 6:58 AM |
| 98 | Not sure | 10/19/2018 10:57 PM |
| 99 | Dog park | 10/19/2018 9:28 PM |
| 100 | Real track for gravel running area near Charter Oak school | 10/19/2018 6:41 PM |
| 101 | Indoor winter facility for track and field, along with other sports | 10/19/2018 1:23 PM |
| 102 | a reasonably priced indoor swimming option would be appreciated | 10/19/2018 10:14 AM |
| 103 | D | 10/18/2018 12:39 PM |
| 104 | activity room/meeting rooms, more spaces are needed | 10/18/2018 6:57 AM |
| 105 | Dog Park! | 10/17/2018 8:34 PM |
| 106 | Dog park | 10/16/2018 9:55 PM |
| 107 | West Harttford needs a dog park. (simsbury is just as nice of a town and they have one) | 10/16/2018 9:56 AM |
| 108 | The outdoor pools are not open long enough. They should open earlier in the season and close later. There should also be more athletic fields for a town this size. | 10/16/2018 9:39 AM |
| 109 | Dog park, biking routes | 10/16/2018 8:58 AM |
| 110 | Recreation centers or gyms. | 10/16/2018 8:54 AM |
| 111 | Dog Park | 10/16/2018 7:59 AM |
| 112 | Cornerstone is so obscenely expensive, for being a town service. Our tax dollars are high enough, I shouldn't have to shell out to use the only indoor town pool. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 113 | dog park | 10/15/2018 8:57 PM |
| 114 | Adult soccer leagues. Bike paths uninterrupted by traffic connecting all around the town. Open space where concerts can take place. | 10/15/2018 8:44 PM |
| 115 | Cross country ski trails on golf courses | 10/15/2018 8:41 PM |
| 116 | Better planning needs to be done re:playgrounds. There used to be 2 age appropriate play structures at Fern. One was torn down and replaced up a hill and out of site from the remaining one. Parents can not see their children if they are at different sites. Waste of money. | 10/15/2018 7:49 PM |
| 117 | Too many golf courses and pools already -- must be costing a fortune. | 10/15/2018 7:15 PM |
| 118 | Cornerstone is still icky, even with the improvements. | 10/15/2018 7:10 PM |
| 119 | Dog Park | 10/15/2018 6:56 PM |
| 120 | The Center/BBS area badly needs a playground. | 10/15/2018 6:30 PM |
| 121 | keep outdoor pools open for longer. Spring thru Fall. Not the short season where it stops in Aug. | 10/15/2018 6:25 PM |
| 122 | Kennedy pool locker rooms need help! | 10/15/2018 6:09 PM |
| 123 | Dog Parks | 10/15/2018 5:08 PM |
| 124 | Need a dog park! | 10/15/2018 4:33 PM |
| 125 | things seem to be fine. HOWEVER, I hear many complaints that dogs are off-leash at the parks, it is frightening moms with small kids, owners of small dogs, etc. I also hear complaints about duck excrement at Fernridge. | 10/15/2018 4:22 PM |
| 126 | outdoor skating rink for winter - bring community together. | 10/15/2018 4:18 PM |
| 127 | dog park | 10/15/2018 4:17 PM |
| 128 | dog park | 10/15/2018 4:01 PM |
| 129 | Dog Park | 10/15/2018 4:00 PM |
| 130 | things such as skating rinks are awesome, but require lots of maintnance - I can think of better use of tax \$ | 10/15/2018 3:56 PM |
| 131 | Dog Park | 10/15/2018 3:52 PM |

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| 132 | Trout Brook Trail is wonderful-and the planned trail completion needs to be funded | 10/15/2018 3:42 PM |
| 133 | trails, parks like resevoir | 10/15/2018 3:36 PM |
| 134 | The town has ample parks and should focus on maintaining what we have, not adding new ones other than trails | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |

Q38 Are any of the following areas of Town currently underserved by parks or recreation facilities? (select all that apply)

Answered: 638 Skipped: 626



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Asylum Avenue (East of Trout Brook) | 5.33% | 34 |
| Asylum Avenue (West of Trout Brook) | 5.49% | 35 |
| Bishops Corner | 22.88% | 146 |
| Boulevard (East of Trout Brook) | 7.21% | 46 |

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| Boulevard (West of Trout Brook) | 3.45% | 22 |
| Elmwood | 17.87% | 114 |
| Farmington Avenue (East of Center) | 7.68% | 49 |
| Farmington Avenue (West of Center) | 6.58% | 42 |
| Mountain Road (west of) | 7.37% | 47 |
| New Park Avenue | 19.75% | 126 |
| Park Road | 18.03% | 115 |
| The Center | 15.05% | 96 |
| No, these areas are not underserved | 35.27% | 225 |
| Other (please specify) | 10.03% | 64 |
| Total Respondents: 638 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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| 1 | i am not sure | 11/29/2018 10:18 AM |
| 2 | I don't know. I live near Fernridge and love it. | 11/11/2018 3:40 PM |
| 3 | I am not aware of any. | 11/10/2018 10:34 AM |
| 4 | would love to see a splash pad or shallow pool at Eisenhower | 11/6/2018 2:48 PM |
| 5 | The Reservior is a highlight for living in WeHa | 11/6/2018 8:32 AM |
| 6 | Dont know | 11/5/2018 8:30 AM |
| 7 | improve canal road access | 11/2/2018 3:41 PM |
| 8 | Don't know | 10/31/2018 8:16 PM |
| 9 | ALL - DOG PARK | 10/31/2018 7:07 AM |
| 10 | Weird question | 10/31/2018 1:44 AM |
| 11 | Oakwood Ave | 10/30/2018 9:26 PM |
| 12 | Elmwood. This town doesn't care about Elmwood. | 10/30/2018 9:40 AM |
| 13 | Elmwood and New Britain Ave | 10/29/2018 3:20 PM |
| 14 | Not sure | 10/29/2018 2:40 PM |
| 15 | Hillcrest | 10/27/2018 8:39 AM |
| 16 | Albany Ave, Btw King Philip and Steele | 10/26/2018 5:55 AM |
| 17 | Each and every neighborhood should have recreational facilities, such as those listed above, accessible via contiguous pedestrian and bike path network. | 10/25/2018 8:23 PM |
| 18 | hillcrest area neighborhood | 10/25/2018 7:57 PM |
| 19 | Even if ther is no park in a neighborhood there are school playgrounds that residents can use. | 10/25/2018 4:21 PM |
| 20 | Kennedy Park and surrounding area could use some TLC | 10/25/2018 3:22 PM |
| 21 | Probably not much you can do, given these areas are pretty built up at this time. | 10/24/2018 1:32 PM |
| 22 | The Webster Hill area. The school yard needs help. | 10/24/2018 12:43 PM |
| 23 | Part of the exsisting Community Center property might address this issue. | 10/24/2018 10:31 AM |
| 24 | I am not sure, it seems to me that everything I need/want is conveniently located, but I cannot speak for areas I dont usually frequent. | 10/24/2018 9:22 AM |
| 25 | I don't know the entire town well enough to know | 10/24/2018 7:38 AM |

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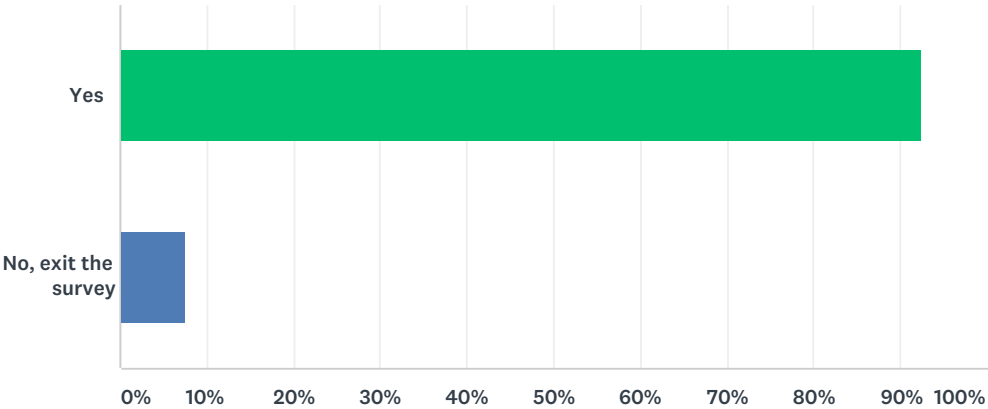
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| 26 | Don't know | 10/23/2018 3:34 PM |
| 27 | not sure | 10/23/2018 1:13 PM |
| 28 | I wish there were more places for people to hang out at Bishops, Park and other places -- but I know that requires upkeep, cleanup, policing. | 10/23/2018 1:03 PM |
| 29 | Don't know | 10/23/2018 11:09 AM |
| 30 | I am not qualified to say | 10/23/2018 11:08 AM |
| 31 | Northwest corner of weha | 10/23/2018 11:04 AM |
| 32 | The recreational facilities are not uniformly spread across town; small pocket parks could be added to many areas; bike trail/off road access to the MDC reservoir #1 or Westmoor Park would be utilized; open space itself is psychologically important. | 10/23/2018 11:02 AM |
| 33 | I don't think I know enough about all these areas to answer fairly. | 10/23/2018 10:45 AM |
| 34 | unsure | 10/23/2018 10:00 AM |
| 35 | Not sure | 10/23/2018 9:05 AM |
| 36 | not sure | 10/22/2018 10:17 AM |
| 37 | A dog park would be a big draw! | 10/20/2018 6:58 AM |
| 38 | Overall more & better sports fields are needed | 10/19/2018 8:38 PM |
| 39 | Bugbee could be a gathering place for neighbors. The woods and paths could be improved. Benches could be added to make it more parklike. | 10/18/2018 12:39 PM |
| 40 | Not sure | 10/18/2018 11:44 AM |
| 41 | No comment | 10/16/2018 11:27 AM |
| 42 | Not sure | 10/16/2018 9:44 AM |
| 43 | The children who attend hall or KP have limited after school opportunities | 10/16/2018 8:54 AM |
| 44 | it would be fabulous to have a small playground somewhere in the center or blueback | 10/16/2018 8:31 AM |
| 45 | With the number of residents in town I'm sure there could be ongoing improvements. I think there could be more utilization of school properties (inside and out) for family activities besides sports. | 10/16/2018 8:09 AM |
| 46 | Not sure | 10/15/2018 9:14 PM |
| 47 | Why not put a low fence around the green in the median on Main st. If that were the case, then families with children could enjoy that space in safety. | 10/15/2018 9:01 PM |
| 48 | Dk | 10/15/2018 8:29 PM |
| 49 | Woodpond area | 10/15/2018 8:13 PM |
| 50 | Depends on how you view it. We need more open space and less crowding. | 10/15/2018 7:15 PM |
| 51 | I'm not sure | 10/15/2018 6:17 PM |
| 52 | Not sure | 10/15/2018 6:12 PM |
| 53 | I'd need more details to compare and decide. My family uses Cornerstone quite a bit, and the improvements there are significant. | 10/15/2018 4:36 PM |
| 54 | not sure | 10/15/2018 4:34 PM |
| 55 | I'd love to see a public playground in my neighborhood, which is between Albany Avenue on the south, Mohawk Drive on the north, King Philip Drive on the west, and Ledyard Road on the east | 10/15/2018 4:34 PM |
| 56 | Sedgwick area | 10/15/2018 4:33 PM |
| 57 | not sure | 10/15/2018 4:22 PM |
| 58 | we need a dog park in this town | 10/15/2018 3:58 PM |
| 59 | I believe the parks across town are readily available to all areas | 10/15/2018 3:49 PM |
| 60 | I don't know. | 10/15/2018 3:40 PM |
| 61 | don't really know | 10/15/2018 3:36 PM |

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| 62 | No splash pad at Eisenhower Park! | 10/15/2018 3:33 PM |
| 63 | unknown | 10/15/2018 3:31 PM |
| 64 | Recreation improvements at school buildings/grounds can help meet needs of underserved areas | 10/15/2018 11:09 AM |

Q39 Are you interested in answering questions about sustainability and environment?

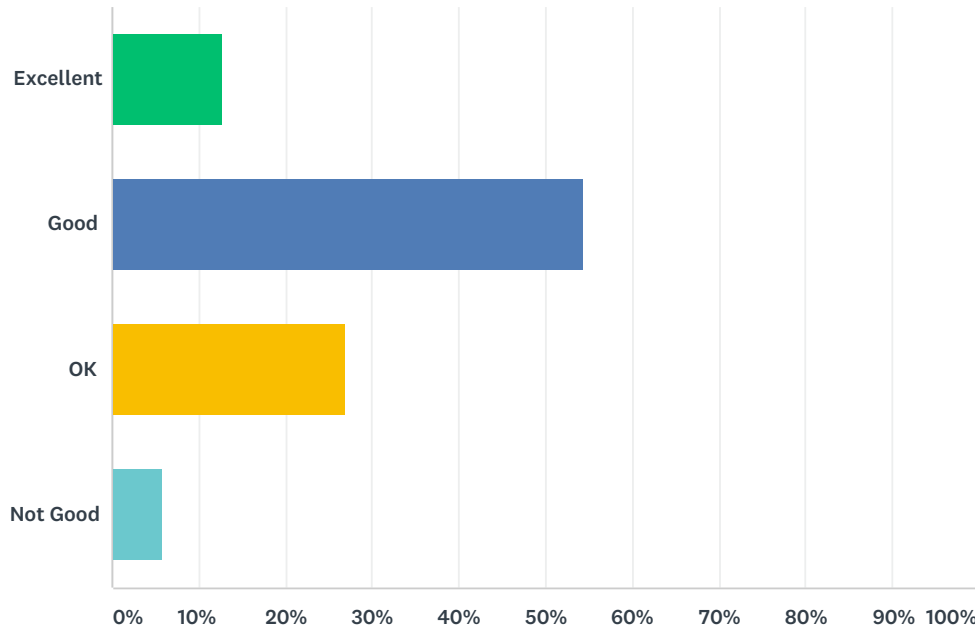
Answered: 849 Skipped: 415



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 92.46% | 785 |
| No, exit the survey | 7.54% | 64 |
| TOTAL | | 849 |

Q40 Does the Town do a good job of protecting its natural resources (including wetlands and waterbodies) and the environment (air, water)?

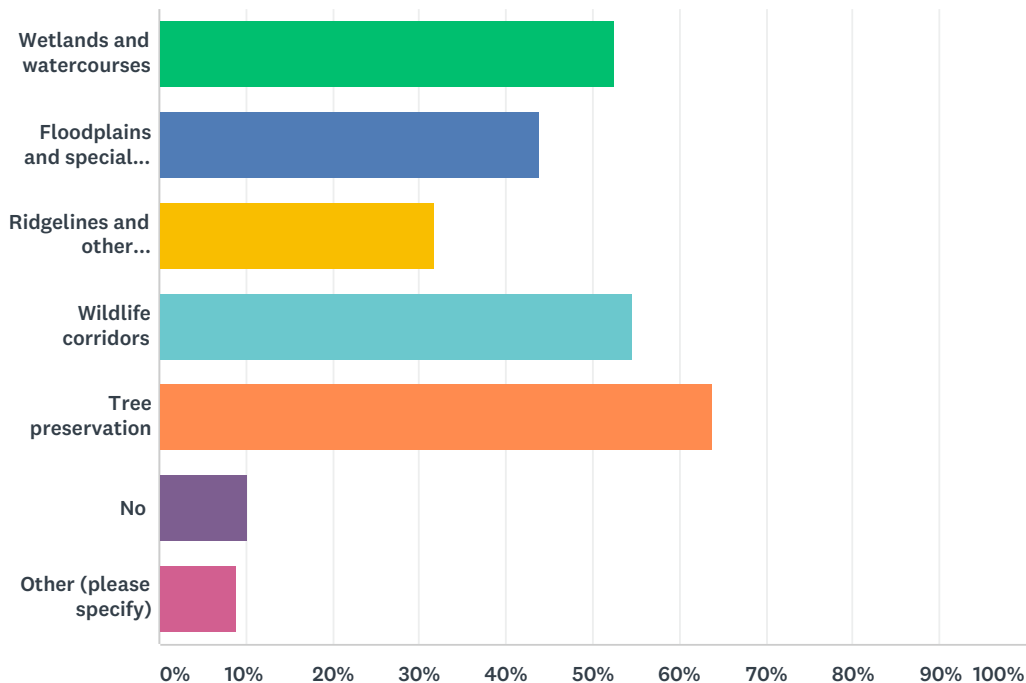
Answered: 771 Skipped: 493



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Excellent | 12.71% | 98 |
| Good | 54.47% | 420 |
| OK | 26.98% | 208 |
| Not Good | 5.84% | 45 |
| TOTAL | | 771 |

Q41 Should the town focus more on the protection of any of the following natural resources and the environment? (select all that apply)

Answered: 754 Skipped: 510



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Wetlands and watercourses | 52.52% | 396 |
| Floodplains and special flood hazard areas | 43.90% | 331 |
| Ridgelines and other significant geologic and natural features | 31.70% | 239 |
| Wildlife corridors | 54.51% | 411 |
| Tree preservation | 63.79% | 481 |
| No | 10.34% | 78 |
| Other (please specify) | 9.02% | 68 |
| Total Respondents: 754 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | i am not sure | 11/29/2018 10:20 AM |
| 2 | A | 11/27/2018 10:40 PM |
| 3 | What's going on with the town's trees? After the massacre at Trout Brook, we need an active tree planting campaign. | 11/26/2018 6:26 PM |
| 4 | W. H. has to manage many brooks and inland wetlands Strict zoning is required to keep from property damage. | 11/10/2018 10:37 AM |
| 5 | Clean up the graffiti along Trout Brook. The actual brook not the road. | 11/8/2018 8:38 PM |
| 6 | Capital improvements to protect neighborhoods from flooding {i.e., replacing undersized roadway culverts | 11/5/2018 10:29 AM |

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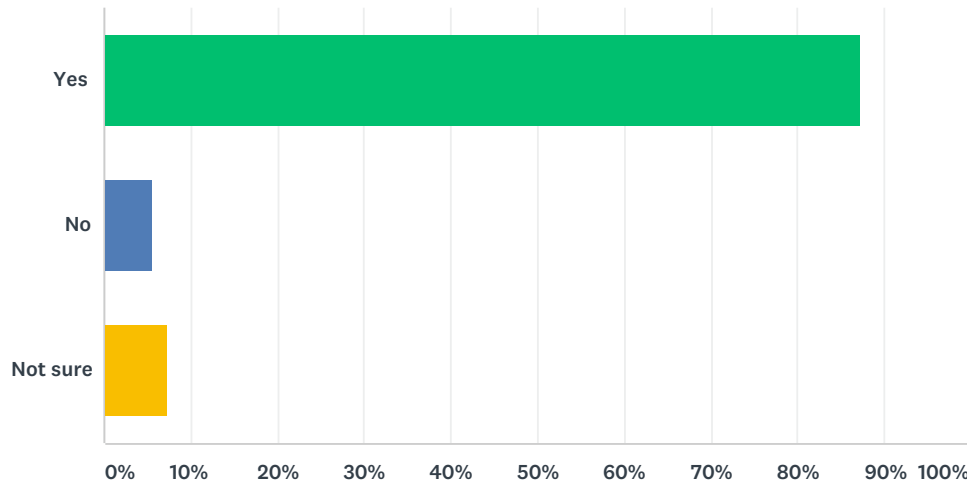
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| 7 | not sure | 11/5/2018 9:25 AM |
| 8 | Tree maintenance in town open spaces | 11/5/2018 8:31 AM |
| 9 | Reservoirs | 11/1/2018 9:41 PM |
| 10 | Protect all of the limited natural areas left in town. | 10/31/2018 5:27 AM |
| 11 | Not sure | 10/31/2018 1:45 AM |
| 12 | prevention of and dealing with invasive plants species in town owned open spaces, and along highways, as well as helping residents dealing with their own invasive plant species would be an important way to protect our environment | 10/30/2018 9:50 AM |
| 13 | Why are so many trees cut down!? Is it because of utilities? PLEASE plant more trees. This town will be barren if we don't. | 10/29/2018 11:15 AM |
| 14 | If a tree is taken down, there should be a requirment to have it replaced. | 10/27/2018 12:56 PM |
| 15 | MDC did a horrific job with the tree cutting at Troutbrook/Linnard Road | 10/27/2018 8:31 AM |
| 16 | Chemical pesticides should not be used in parks. Weak street trees should be replaced. Maintenance vehicles should not be driven on park lawns. | 10/26/2018 8:35 PM |
| 17 | All of these are important, I think the town does an excellent job with these. | 10/26/2018 12:21 PM |
| 18 | Stop the MDC from selling our water for profit! | 10/26/2018 10:47 AM |
| 19 | It drives me crazy when public works trucks or police cars are left idling when these vehicles are working on-site. Waste of money/gas and bad for environment | 10/25/2018 7:26 PM |
| 20 | Please make protecting the environment a priority across the board. | 10/24/2018 8:39 PM |
| 21 | Please stop cutting down large trees instead of just trimming branches. | 10/24/2018 7:52 PM |
| 22 | Stop cutting so many trees - it only takes a few days to restore power, and tens hundreds of years To grow trees | 10/24/2018 7:30 PM |
| 23 | Not sure | 10/24/2018 7:27 PM |
| 24 | 10 year planning should assume more catastrophic weather events. Flood plans and disaster plans need to be carefully reviewed. | 10/24/2018 8:33 AM |
| 25 | Protect our drinking water and air quality. | 10/24/2018 7:40 AM |
| 26 | The constant cutting of trees with no replacement is awful. Pleasant Street is an example. | 10/24/2018 7:05 AM |
| 27 | Trout brook should be a walking destination | 10/24/2018 6:47 AM |
| 28 | Not knowledgeable on this | 10/23/2018 8:21 PM |
| 29 | S | 10/23/2018 8:02 PM |
| 30 | Don't know | 10/23/2018 3:34 PM |
| 31 | Town should offer food waste disposal/composting options to offset the weight of garbage | 10/23/2018 1:59 PM |
| 32 | I have a friend who is a master gardener who complains that the town trees are overmulched risking killing them. | 10/23/2018 1:47 PM |
| 33 | not sure | 10/23/2018 1:14 PM |
| 34 | Linbrook sewer wasn't town's fault -- but it shows the dangers of flooding. I'm not sure what town can do. I just want to keep trees green, keep wetlands wet, and prevent flooding. Not easy things to do. | 10/23/2018 1:05 PM |
| 35 | Many large trees have been cut down - replacements? | 10/23/2018 12:20 PM |
| 36 | The Trout Brook chanel corridor is woefully under maintained; the opportunity to create a wildlife corridor was lost by allowing ASD to sell property for unnecessary, expensive ingle family homes; I shouldn't have to bring up the UConn property issue again | 10/23/2018 11:08 AM |
| 37 | Remove invasive plant species | 10/23/2018 10:55 AM |
| 38 | initiate composting service to keep waste out of landfill | 10/23/2018 10:27 AM |
| 39 | Our public water supply | 10/23/2018 10:05 AM |

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| 40 | I am not knowledgeable enough to answer this one. | 10/23/2018 9:09 AM |
| 41 | Need more careful wholistic planning and look down the years ahead, we don't need another oversight such as what happened when the trees were cut along trout brook. | 10/23/2018 8:00 AM |
| 42 | I | 10/22/2018 9:02 PM |
| 43 | We used to have so many trees! | 10/22/2018 8:09 PM |
| 44 | Tree preservation is important, but attention needs to be made when in close proximity to roadways and when dealing with invasive species like the Ash Borer and other plants like Japanese Knotweed etc.. | 10/22/2018 4:26 PM |
| 45 | Stop using weed killer as trimmers around playground equipment, signs, fences, etc. | 10/22/2018 4:24 PM |
| 46 | Air quality- automobile traffic | 10/22/2018 10:55 AM |
| 47 | All of the above, and in earnest. | 10/21/2018 10:15 AM |
| 48 | Unsure | 10/21/2018 9:40 AM |
| 49 | Solor Field | 10/19/2018 1:23 PM |
| 50 | don't know enough to evaluate | 10/19/2018 12:23 PM |
| 51 | light and noise pollution, highway noise, dog runs/pens | 10/16/2018 3:21 PM |
| 52 | Trim trees in danger of falling on power lines & cars & people | 10/16/2018 12:39 PM |
| 53 | Reduce use of pesticides on both town/public and private properties | 10/16/2018 8:59 AM |
| 54 | The Bears | 10/15/2018 9:16 PM |
| 55 | Citiy wide composting. Seattle has it. | 10/15/2018 8:45 PM |
| 56 | Open space. Should have never let UCONN go! | 10/15/2018 7:56 PM |
| 57 | Our schools and families are fortunate that the town maintains Spice Bush and Westmoor Park - great resources for field trips | 10/15/2018 7:50 PM |
| 58 | The town has encouraged people to build on every possible scrap of land they can. People even build houses sideways to cram them into little lots, and they are now putting two houses on lots where there had been one house. The town has the power to stop this overbuilding which ultimately raises our taxes by attracting more families with children. Use the legal means that you have to slow the housing development. Then we will have cleaner air, fewer sewer disasters to pay for, and fewer cars on the road. | 10/15/2018 7:20 PM |
| 59 | WH has little significant wilderness (save for the reservoir) | 10/15/2018 7:02 PM |
| 60 | Our drinking water at MDC! | 10/15/2018 6:57 PM |
| 61 | Promote composting | 10/15/2018 6:56 PM |
| 62 | So many trees have been remove recently by home owners. Should have some way to slow that down or make it harder as areas are loosing too many trees | 10/15/2018 6:27 PM |
| 63 | not sure same for 36 | 10/15/2018 4:35 PM |
| 64 | I don't know | 10/15/2018 4:34 PM |
| 65 | It seems to be a very good job being done. (pls see for #42 next question, charging stations for electric vehicles seem to be needed on the Bloomfield side of town) | 10/15/2018 4:24 PM |
| 66 | our trees are really aging - more pro-active removal and replacement? | 10/15/2018 3:57 PM |
| 67 | All are important and should be included in a environmental plan | 10/15/2018 3:50 PM |
| 68 | More dead/dying tree removal to protect the public and to protect the town against lawsuits | 10/15/2018 3:34 PM |

Q42 Should the Town continue to invest in environmentally sustainable infrastructure and practices (such as solar power, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, energy efficiency, etc.)?

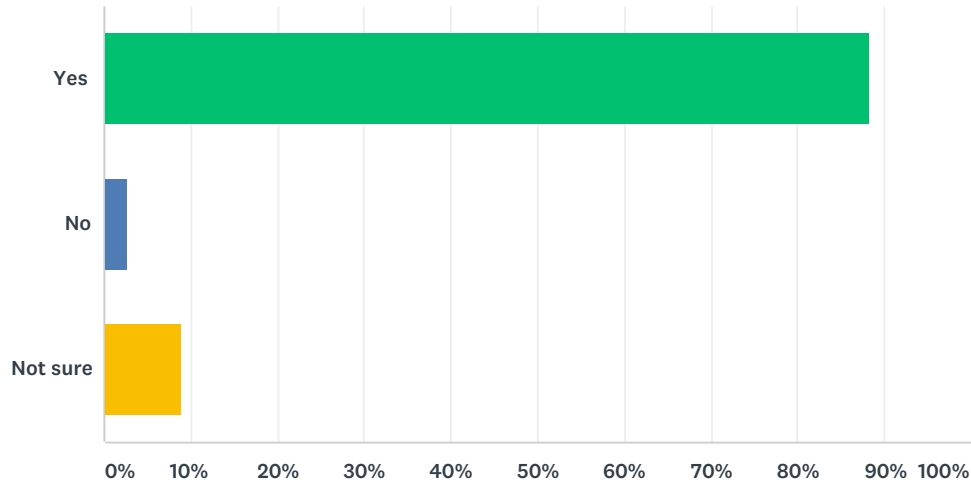
Answered: 788 Skipped: 476



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 87.18% | 687 |
| No | 5.58% | 44 |
| Not sure | 7.23% | 57 |
| TOTAL | | 788 |

Q43 Should the Town focus on sustainable development (such as developments or improvements that seek to manage stormwater runoff on-site) to help increase the town's resilience to the impacts of changing climate and economic conditions?

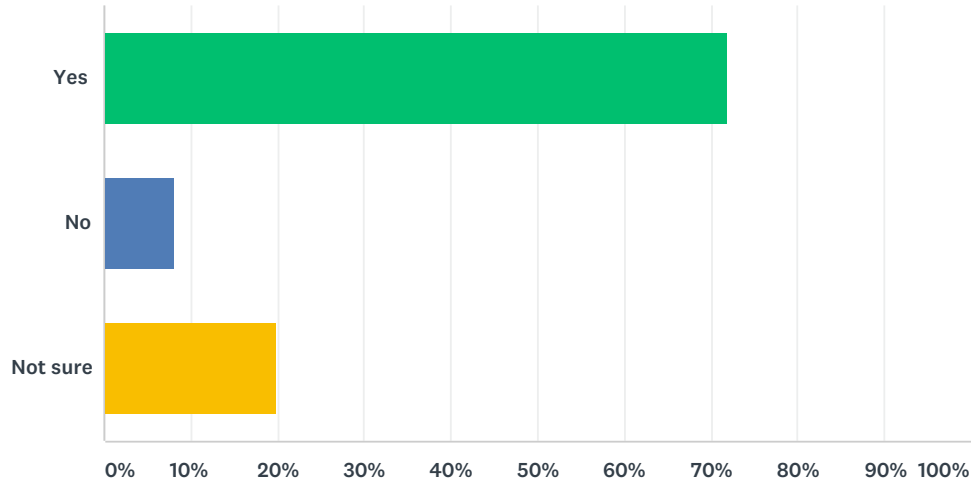
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 88.20% | 695 |
| No | 2.79% | 22 |
| Not sure | 9.01% | 71 |
| TOTAL | | 788 |

Q44 Should the Town work towards expanding conservation land?

Answered: 789 Skipped: 475



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 71.99% | 568 |
| No | 8.11% | 64 |
| Not sure | 19.90% | 157 |
| TOTAL | | 789 |