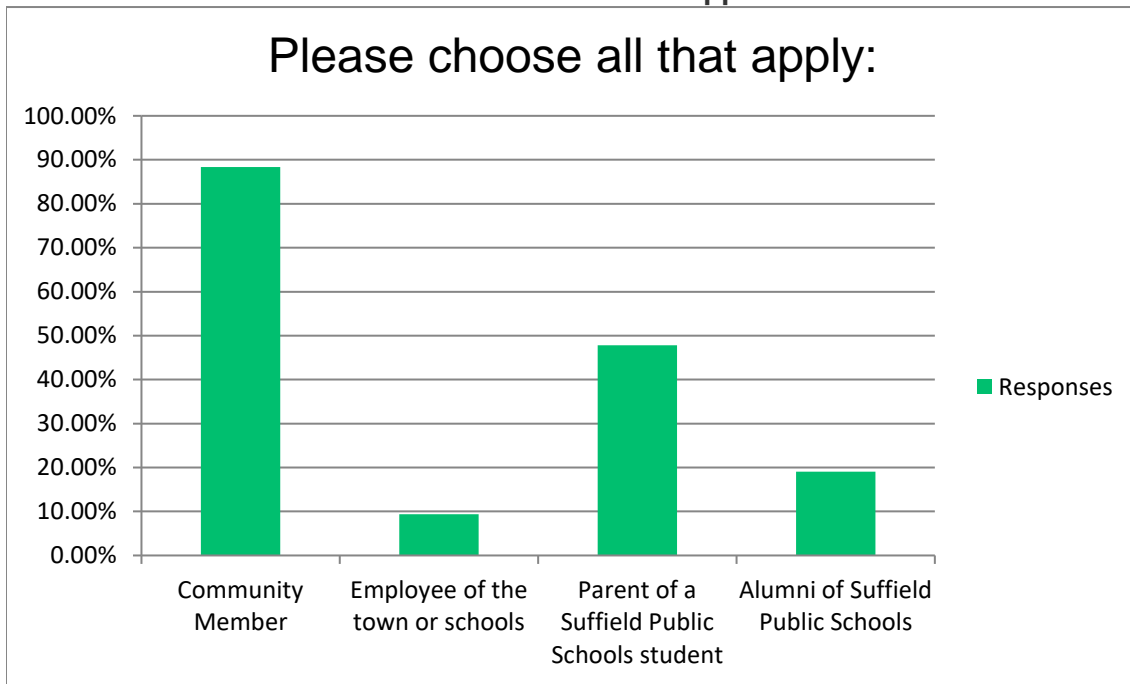


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**Please choose all that apply:**

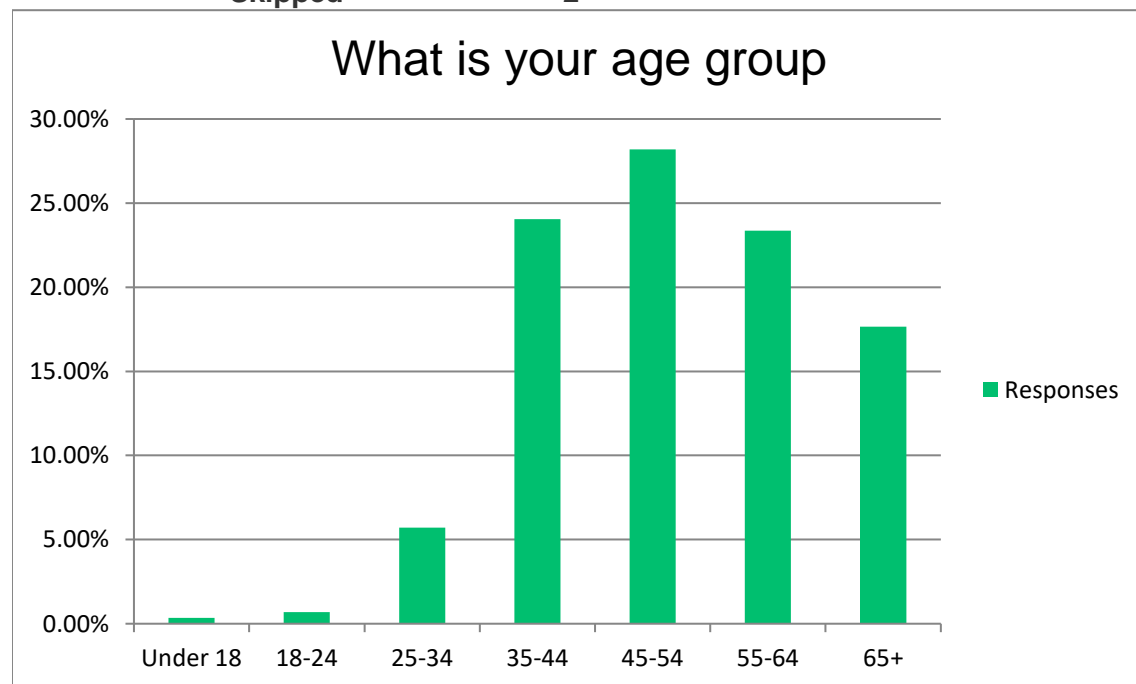
Answer Choices	Responses	
Community Member	88.39%	510
Employee of the town or schools	9.36%	54
Parent of a Suffield Public Schools student	47.83%	276
Alumni of Suffield Public Schools	19.06%	110
<b>Answered</b>		<b>577</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>3</b>



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### What is your age group

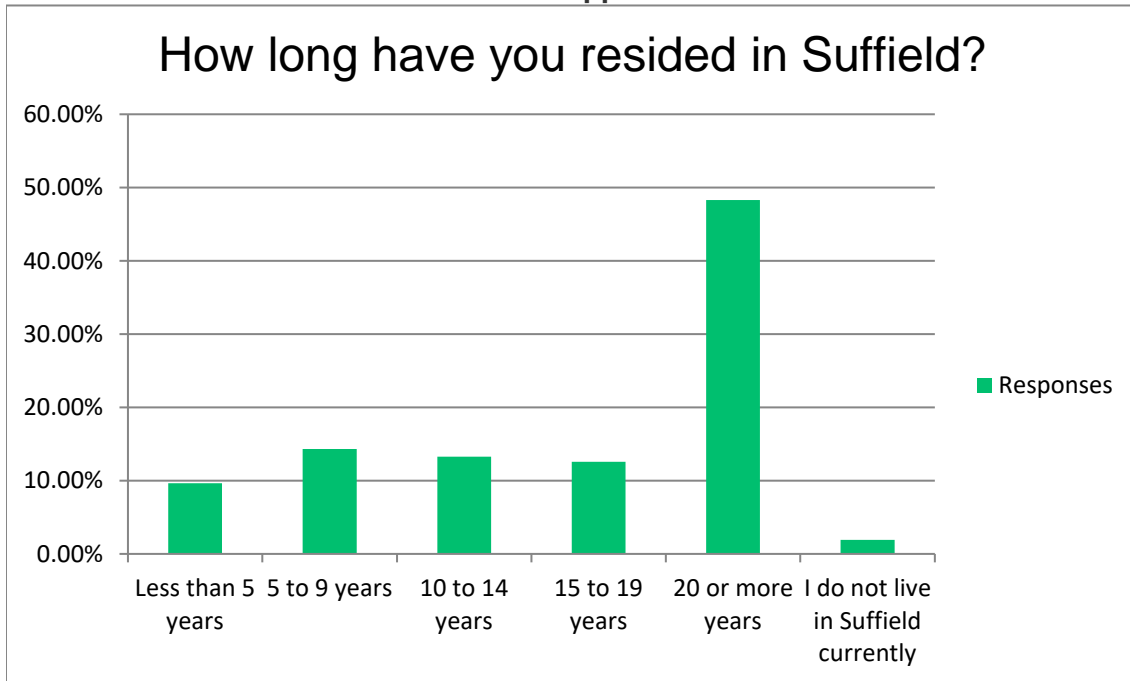
Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 18	0.35%	2
18-24	0.69%	4
25-34	5.71%	33
35-44	24.05%	139
45-54	28.20%	163
55-64	23.36%	135
65+	17.65%	102
<b>Answered</b>		<b>578</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>2</b>



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### How long have you resided in Suffield?

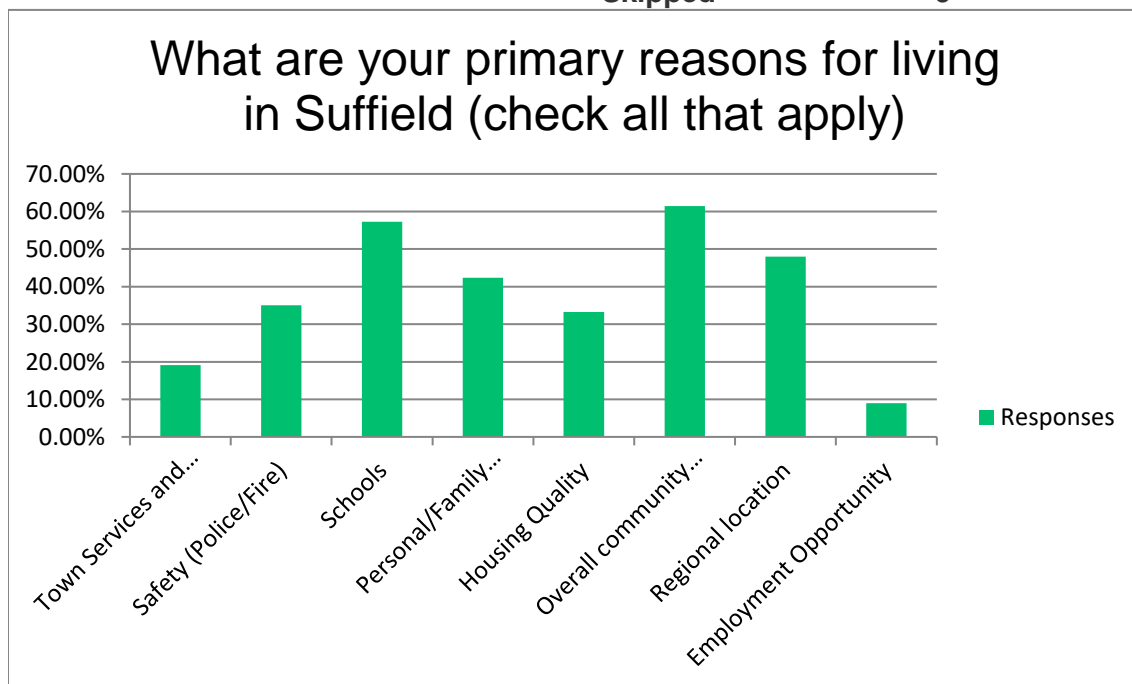
Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than 5 years	9.66%	56
5 to 9 years	14.31%	83
10 to 14 years	13.28%	77
15 to 19 years	12.59%	73
20 or more years	48.28%	280
I do not live in Suffield currently	1.90%	11
<b>Answered</b>		<b>580</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>0</b>



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### What are your primary reasons for living in Suffield (check all that apply)

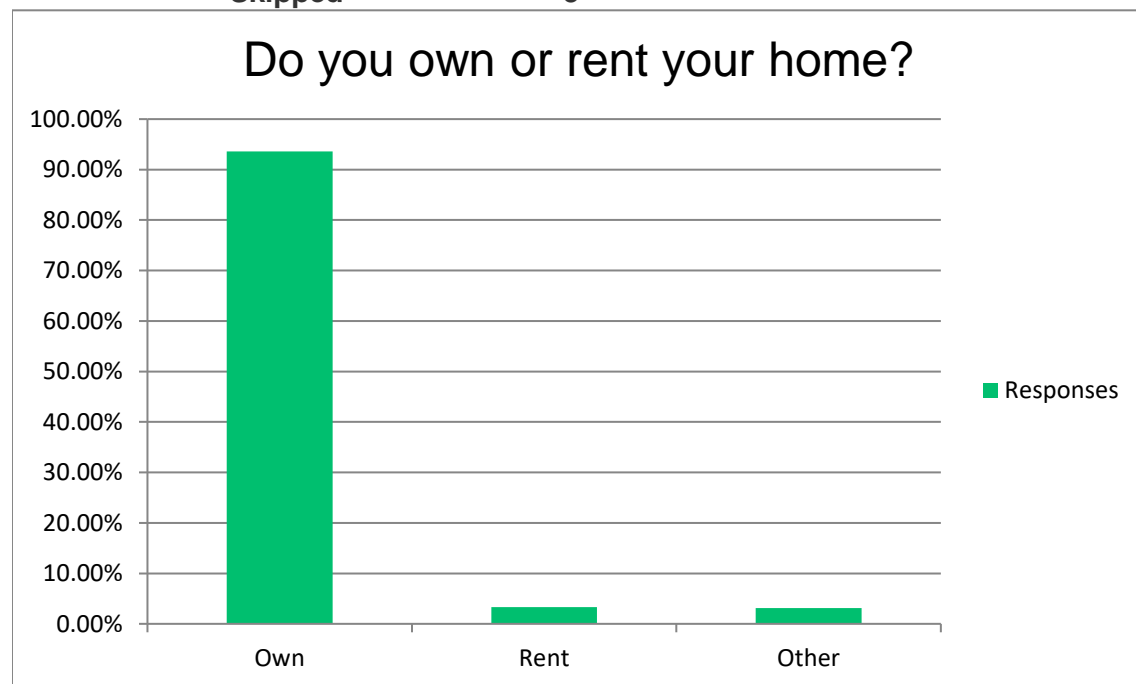
Answer Choices	Responses	
Town Services and amenities	19.09%	109
Safety (Police/Fire)	35.03%	200
Schools	57.27%	327
Personal/Family connection to community	42.38%	242
Housing Quality	33.27%	190
Overall community character	61.47%	351
Regional location	47.99%	274
Employment Opportunity	8.93%	51
<b>Answered</b>	<b>571</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>9</b>	



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### Do you own or rent your home?

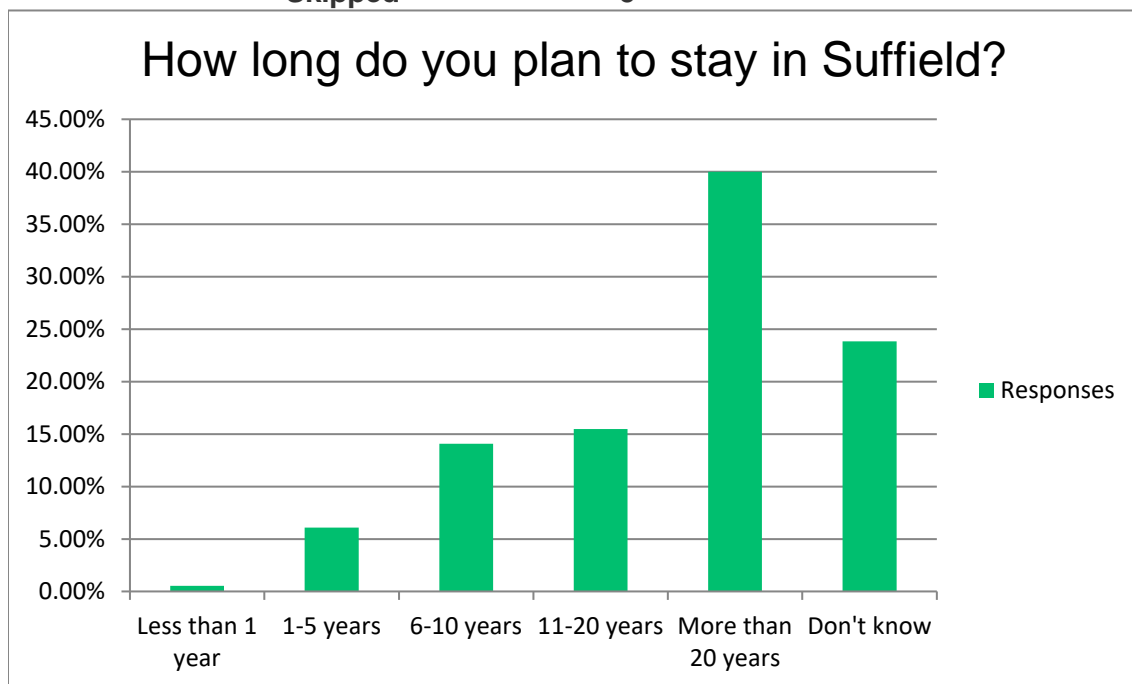
Answer Choices	Responses	
Own	93.59%	540
Rent	3.29%	19
Other	3.12%	18
<b>Answered</b>		<b>577</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>3</b>



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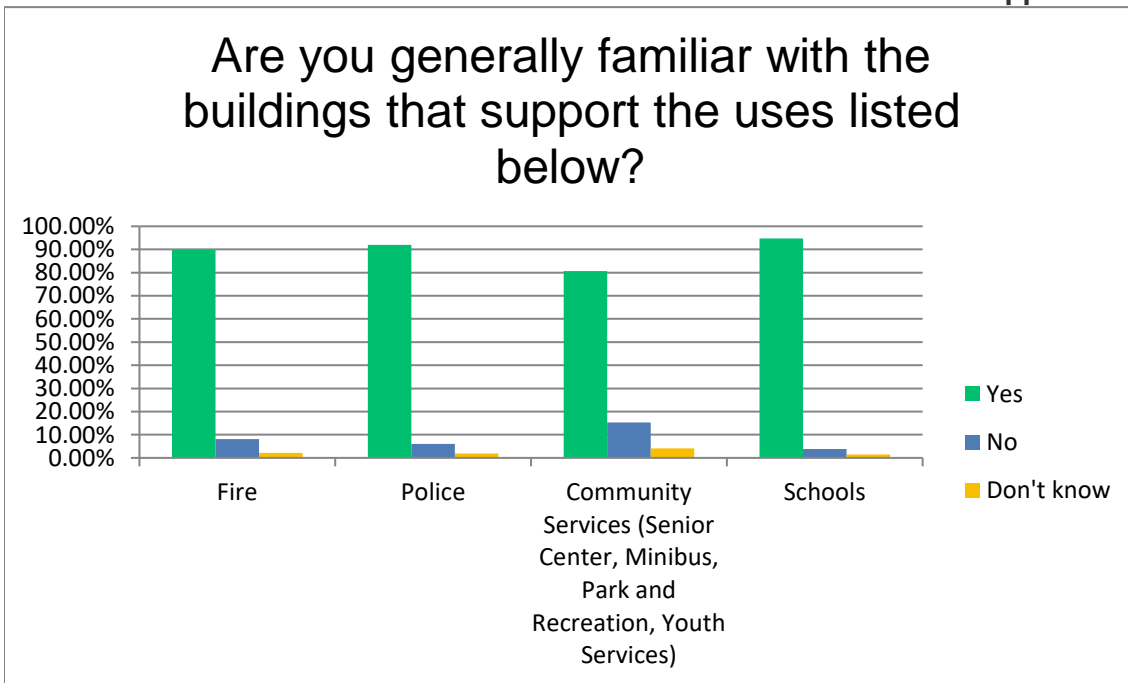
### How long do you plan to stay in Suffield?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than 1 year	0.52%	3
1-5 years	6.09%	35
6-10 years	14.09%	81
11-20 years	15.48%	89
More than 20 years	40.00%	230
Don't know	23.83%	137
<b>Answered</b>		<b>575</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>5</b>



**Are you generally familiar with the buildings that support the uses listed below?**

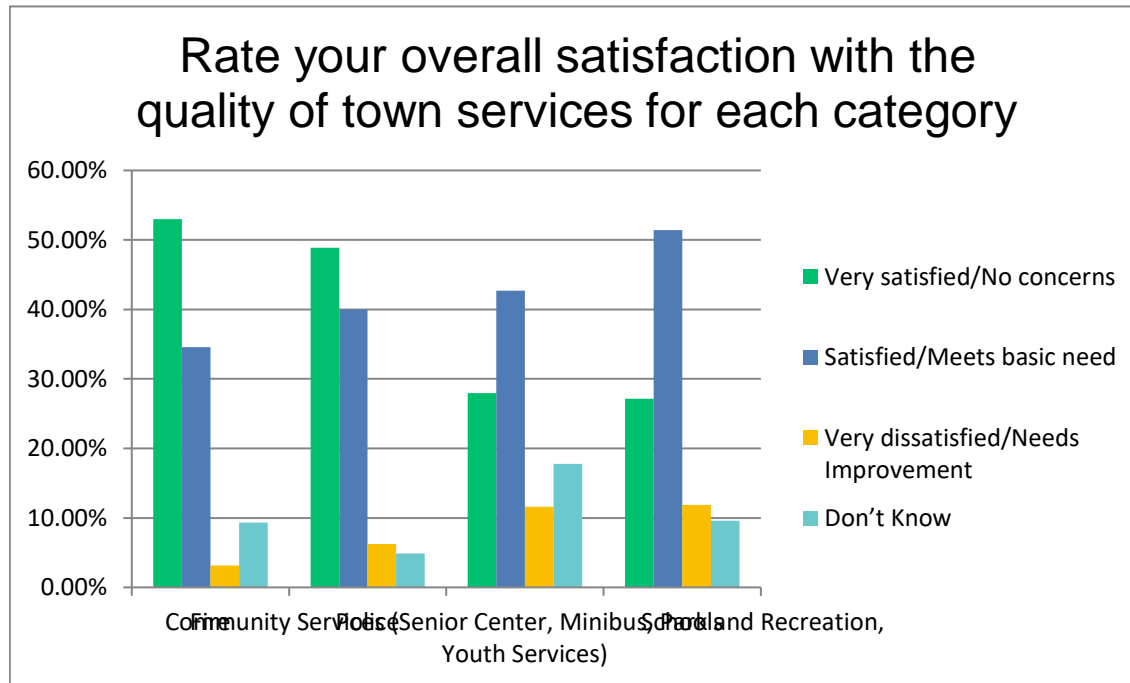
	Yes		No		Don't know		Total
Fire	89.82%	512	8.07%	46	2.11%	12	570
Police	92.01%	530	6.08%	35	1.91%	11	576
(Senior Center, Minibus, Park and Recreation, Youth Services)	80.70%	460	15.26%	87	4.04%	23	570
Schools	94.73%	539	3.87%	22	1.41%	8	569
					<b>Answers</b>		<b>579</b>
					<b>Skipped</b>		<b>1</b>



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### Rate your overall satisfaction with the quality of town services for each category

	Very satisfied/No concerns		Satisfied/Meets basic need		Very dissatisfied/Needs Improvement		Don't Know		Total
Fire	52.98%	302	34.56%	197	3.16%	18	9.30%	53	570
Police	48.87%	281	40.00%	230	6.26%	36	4.87%	28	575
Community Services (Senior Center, Minibus, Park and Recreation, Youth Services)	27.94%	159	42.71%	243	11.60%	66	17.75%	101	569
Schools	27.13%	153	51.42%	290	11.88%	67	9.57%	54	564
<b>Answered</b>									<b>576</b>
<b>Skipped</b>									<b>4</b>

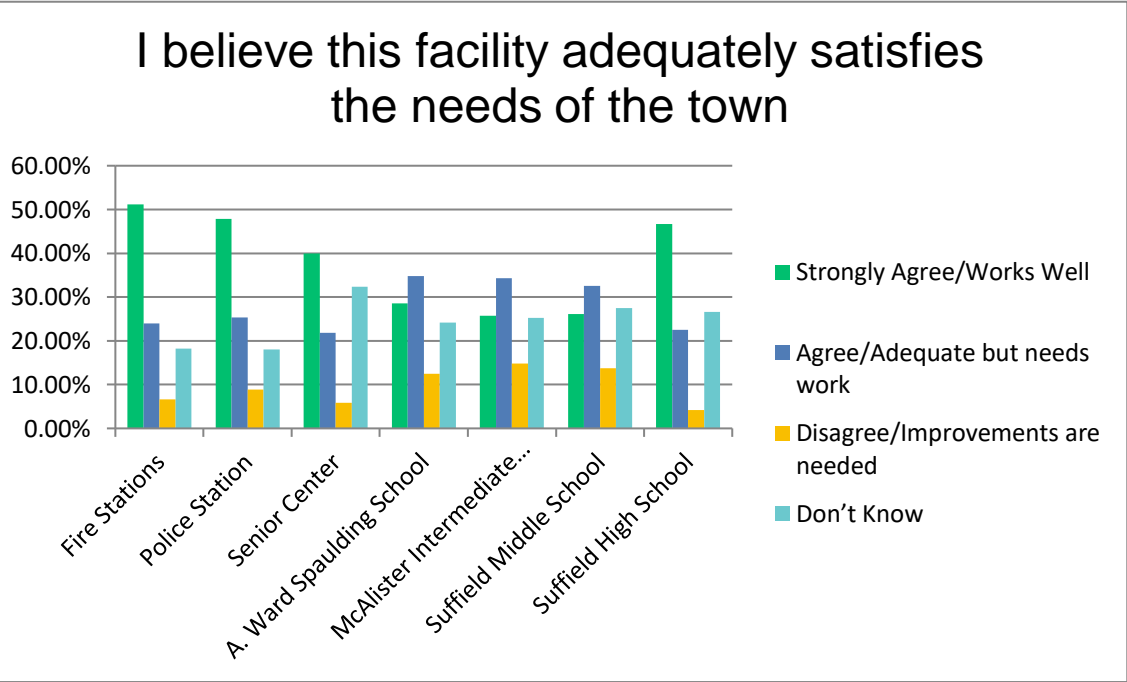




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I believe this facility adequately satisfies the needs of the town

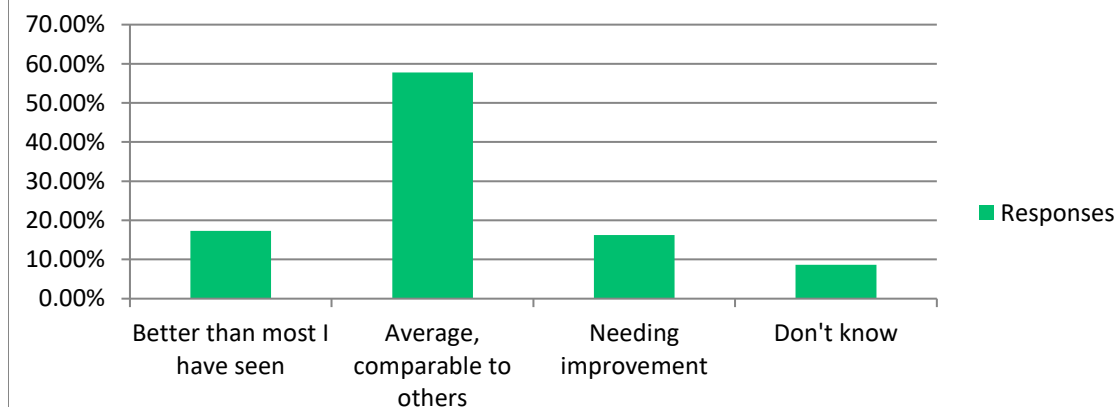
	Strongly Agree/Works Well	Agree/Adequate but needs work	Disagree/Improvements are needed	Don't Know	Total
Fire Stations	51.13%294	24.00%138	6.61%38	18.26%105	575
Police Station	47.83%276	25.30%146	8.84%51	18.02%104	577
Senior Center	39.96%227	21.83%124	5.81%33	32.39%184	568
A. Ward Spaulding School	28.52%164	34.78%200	12.52%72	24.17%139	575
McAlister Intermediate School	25.74%148	34.26%197	14.78%85	25.22%145	575
Suffield Middle School	26.13%150	32.58%187	13.76%79	27.53%158	574
Suffield High School	46.68%267	22.55%129	4.20%24	26.57%152	572
				Answered	577
				Skipped	3



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**communities and other  
towns I am familiar with,  
Suffield's municipal**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Better than most I have seen	17.30%	100
Average, comparable to others	57.79%	334
Needing improvement	16.26%	94
Don't know	8.65%	50
<b>Answered</b>		<b>578</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>2</b>

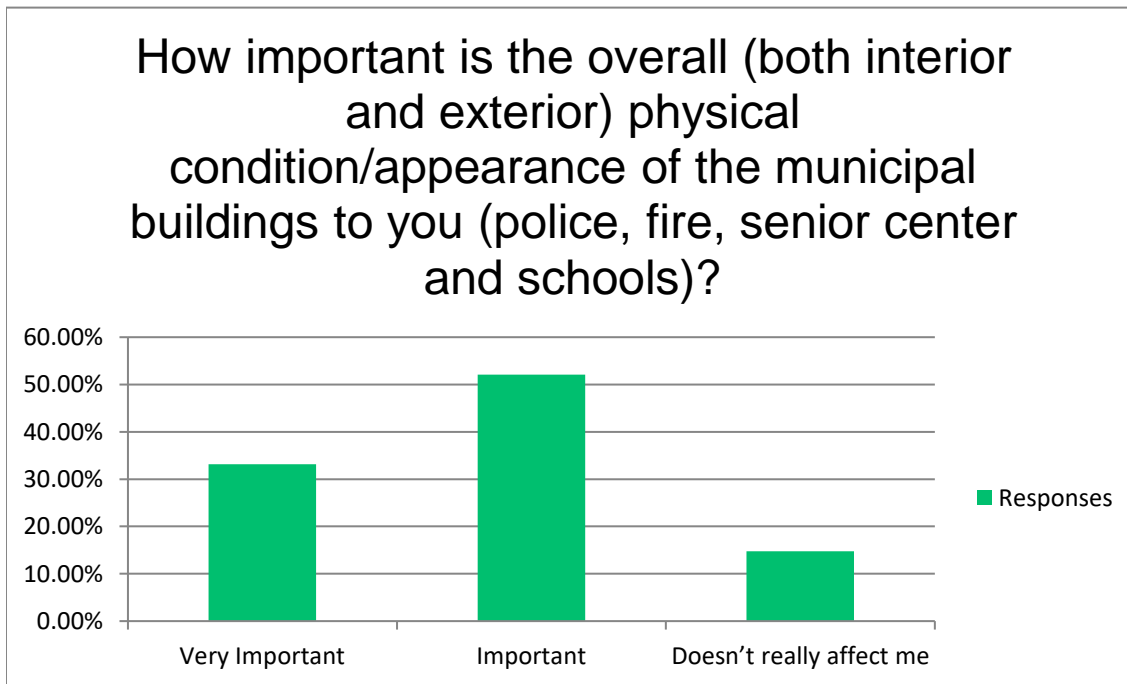
Compared to surrounding communities  
and other towns I am familiar with,  
Suffield's municipal buildings (police, fire,  
senior center and schools) are:



Facility Master Plan Survey ~ Initial Thoughts & Feedback

**How important is the overall (both interior and exterior) physical condition/appearance of the municipal buildings to you (police, fire, senior center and schools)?**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Important	33.16%	191
Important	52.08%	300
Doesn't really affect me	14.76%	85
<b>Answered</b>		<b>576</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>4</b>

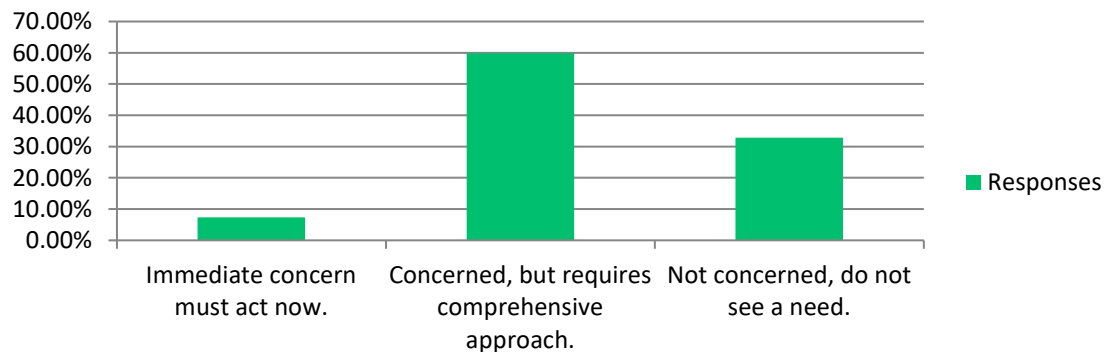


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**Do you feel there is a need to address the current municipal facilities due to physical condition and/or due to programmatic needs (police, fire, senior center and schools)?**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Immediate concern must act now.	7.37%	42
Concerned, but requires comprehensive approach.	59.82%	341
Not concerned, do not see a need.	32.81%	187
<b>Answered</b>		<b>570</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>10</b>

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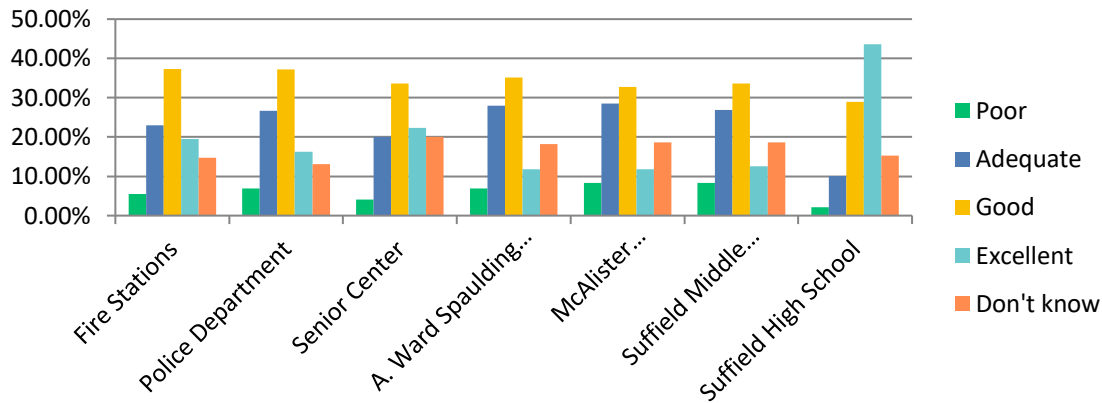


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Please rate the overall (both interior and exterior) quality and physical condition/appearance of each building included in the master plan?

	Poor		Adequate		Good		Excellent		Don't know		Total
Fire Stations	5.45%	31	23.02%	131	37.26%	212	19.51%	111	14.76%	84	569
Police Department	6.88%	39	26.63%	151	37.21%	211	16.23%	92	13.05%	74	567
Senior Center	4.07%	23	20.00%	113	33.63%	190	22.30%	126	20.00%	113	565
A. Ward Spaulding School	6.89%	39	27.92%	158	35.16%	199	11.84%	67	18.20%	103	566
McAlister Intermediate School	8.27%	47	28.52%	162	32.75%	186	11.80%	67	18.66%	106	568
Suffield Middle School	8.27%	47	26.94%	153	33.63%	191	12.50%	71	18.66%	106	568
Suffield High School	2.11%	12	10.02%	57	29.00%	165	43.59%	248	15.29%	87	569
Answered										571	
Skipped										9	

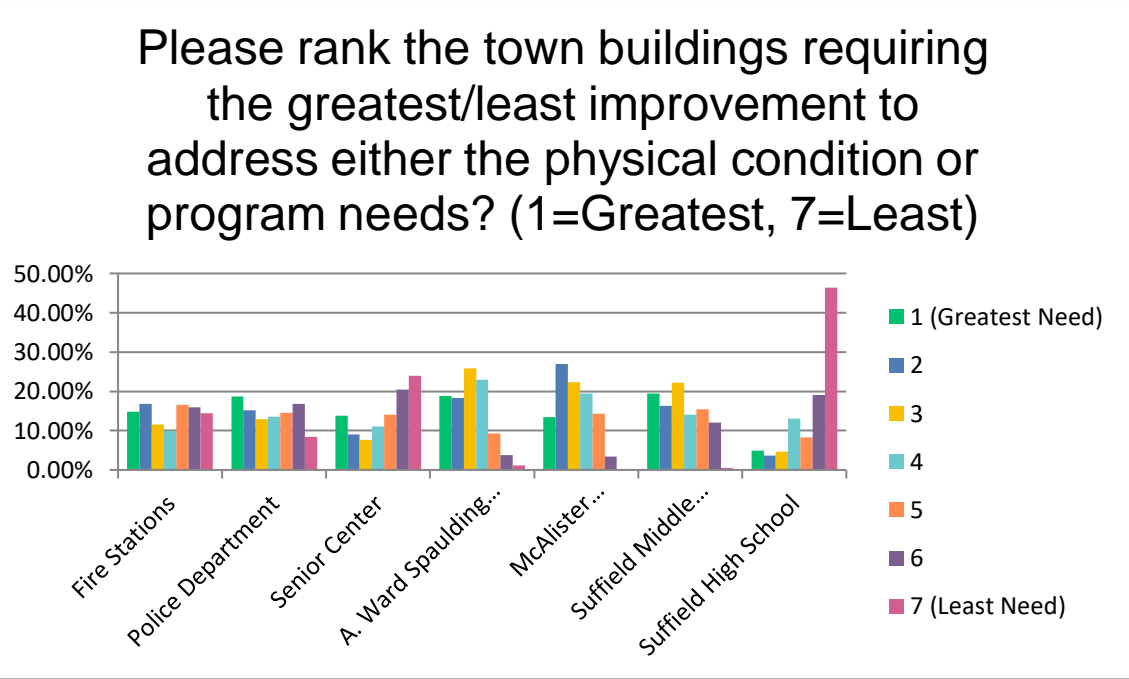
Please rate the overall (both interior and exterior) quality and physical condition/appearance of each building included in the master plan?



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Please rank the town buildings requiring the greatest/least improvement to address either the physical condition or program needs? (1=Greatest, 7=Least)

	1 (Greatest Need)		2		3		4		5		6		7 (Least Need)		Total
Fire Stations	14.78%	51	16.81%	58	11.59%	40	9.86%	34	16.52%	57	15.94%	55	14.49%	50	345
Police Department	18.65%	69	15.14%	56	12.97%	48	13.51%	50	14.59%	54	16.76%	62	8.38%	31	370
Senior Center	13.77%	50	9.09%	33	7.71%	28	11.02%	40	14.05%	51	20.39%	74	23.97%	87	363
A. Ward Spaulding School	18.84%	65	18.26%	63	25.80%	89	22.90%	79	9.28%	32	3.77%	13	1.16%	4	345
McAlister Intermediate School	13.47%	47	26.93%	94	22.35%	78	19.48%	68	14.33%	50	3.44%	12	0.00%	0	349
Suffield Middle School	19.38%	69	16.29%	58	22.19%	79	14.04%	50	15.45%	55	12.08%	43	0.56%	2	356
Suffield High School	4.95%	19	3.65%	14	4.69%	18	13.02%	50	8.33%	32	19.01%	73	46.35%	178	384
Don't know (provide comment)															92
Answered															475
Skipped															105



Respondents

Don't know (provide comment)

- My kids go to private school, so I can't compare the schools.
- Rigged question
- It's hard to rank as I have not inspected any of the buildings.
- not familiar enough to compare
- I have not lived here long enough to know
- This is not working
- I own a condo in Suffield, however I spend a lot of time in Maine and do not use town facilities. Beautiful town and location.
- Buildings need to be maintained
- Don't know about schools
- Facilities are adequate. It is the programs and policies that need improvement.
- The survey doesn't allow you to choose a rank for each one. I'm no longer familiar with school conditions and don't visit other buildings.
- Retired do not enter school buildings
- Honestly don't see any need for major improvement to these facilities
- I haven't seen the inside of most of these buildings.
- schools need to be air conditioned
- I am not familiar enough with the interior of each to provide an honest opinion
- Quality of services need to be addressed, not the physical buildings. #11 Question should have the choice of "unimportant."

I have only visited the High School

I am not familiar with all of the buildings enough to compare

Haven't been in town long enough/seen all of these buildings well enough to assess.

My children have been out of school a long time

The police and fire buildings do not need improving but the staffing levels do. Our police department in particular is WOEFULLY UNDERSTAFFED

We have not been inside the facilities noted other than the Middle School for Voting. Town Buildings are so important to a Town's "health" and how they are maintained and managed inside and out are of utmost importance.

Honestly, I don't know the condition of the senior center and two elementary schools, but the high school is fine and the fire and police stations seem cramped.

none of the buildings need improvment

We do not have children that attend public school

unsure new to town

Unsure

Not sure about safety complexes, schools need weeding & trash pickup. I really do t like the lawnmowers chopping up debris into the grass.

don't have enough information

Not sure

All buildings are fine

More community programs needed for Parks & Rec, do not know how to rank the others.

It's been long enough since I have been inside Spaulding, McAlister and SMS that I couldn't comment

Only regularly in senior center.

Phelps Rd. needs repair where the recent paving didn't hold up.

I don't believe ANY building is in greatest need

Do not have enough background to assess the needs in these buildings.

I am familiar with the police and fire departments and the Senior Center. I am also familiar with the High School. I am unfamiliar with the other school buildings.

The middle school does not have the aesthetic appeal of the rest of the town.

I don't have adequate knowledge to rate.

Honestly I haven't been in the schools for a number of years.

about schools

If an engineer says it is broken then fix it.

I haven't spent enough time recently to be able to rate.

why just these buildings in the rankings? Library, Post Office (although Federal), various town hall

I'm unable to determine who would need the most improvements, however I feel as if the buildings in town are well kept and don't appear to need any thing at this time . I would rather focus money on improving pedestrian traffic flow and enhancing the center of town appeal.

Good as is! Don't change the character of the town!!

I think that they are all in good shape . If you want to improve the appearance of the schools , especially the high school put in sprinklers .the grounds look terrible

don't know the senior center

I don't know enough about them all to rate and answe this question

I don't have insight into the interior of buildings and systems other than the schools to judge where the biggest need is.

I'm not sure enough to rate

I don't think any really need improvement

Rec. Dept deserves and needs a permanent and adequate space.

have not been in HS as of yet

I'm not familiar enough & the buildings should be assessed overall and torn management should prioritize.

I haven't been in town long enough to know, and don't have school age children

Not sure what is needed

have not been in most of them

I see no deterioration so I don't understand the purpose of this

I haven't been in any of the buildings in some time

Only toured SMS, McAlister and FD#1. Safety issues should be addressed as first priority with "nice to haves" placed in rank order and addressed when funding is available.

Have not seen police station or Spaulding

Non of them need physical improvement except sprinklers at the high school. The grass / weeds looks like crap.

I do not interact with staff in the buildings regularly. Because of this I am not familiar with challenges. I would imagine that there are challenges around the buildings being current with technology

I don't see a need to refurbish any buildings. How about working on the staff.

I am not familiar with the inside of these facilities. On the outside they seem to appear to be well cared for.

This is a bad way to figure out what to do with the money we don't want to give you.

Sports fields are most needed

I really don't know the internals of several of these making a ranking difficult. The addition of AC to the schools was important in my opinion.

I haven't been inside any of these building in well over a year.

I am not sure I have the depth of understanding of each facility.

Don't know about every building

The biggest need is in sports/recreational facilities lie soccer fields, etc.. Embarrassing compared to all surrounding towns. Simsbury, Granby, etc.

I have never been in the senior center

I have not been inside any of these buildings so cannot rate them.

I have not been in any of these buildings

Other towns have much nicer, more modern senior centers

As someone who is not in these buildings regularly as would an employee, I don't feel my opinion is the best.

I have left things blank if I am not qualified to answer

I haven't been in all of these facilities

Don't use or go in schools so i can't rank conditions

Children graduated years ago. Not familiar now.

Not enough familiarity other than appearances.

I prefer not to rank

Haven't been inside buildings recently enough to evaluate

I don't know

Haven't looked that closely.

This survey is biased to support needless spending

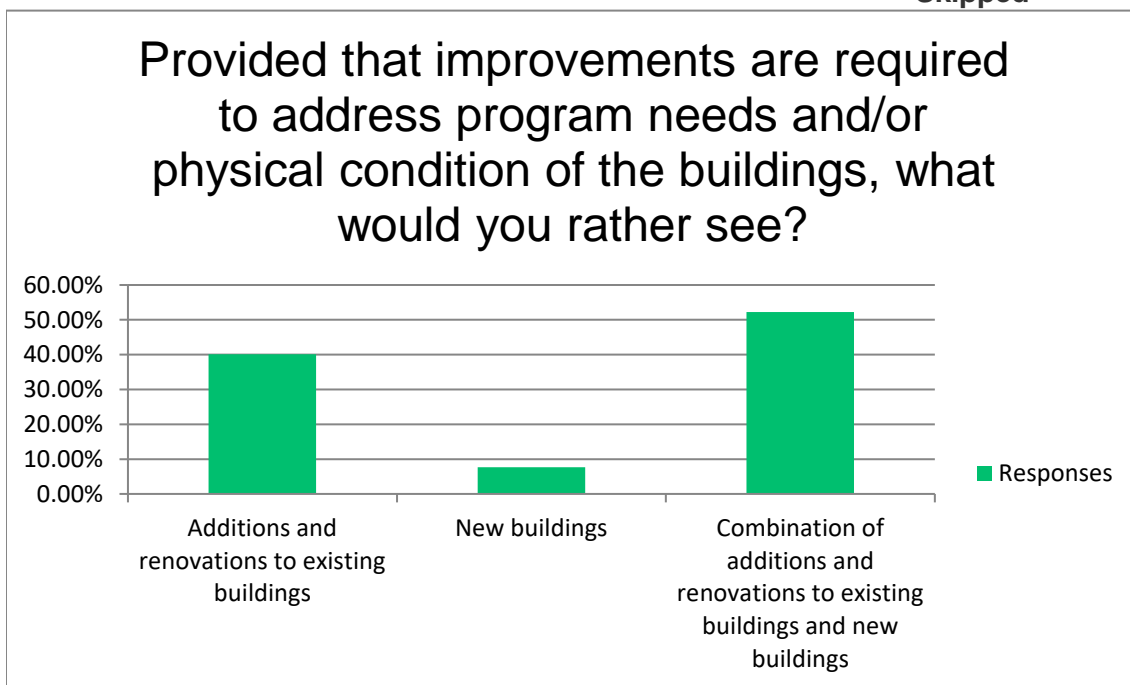
I no longer have children in the school system. From the outside the schools look good.



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**Provided that improvements are required to address program needs and/or physical condition of the buildings, what would you rather see?**

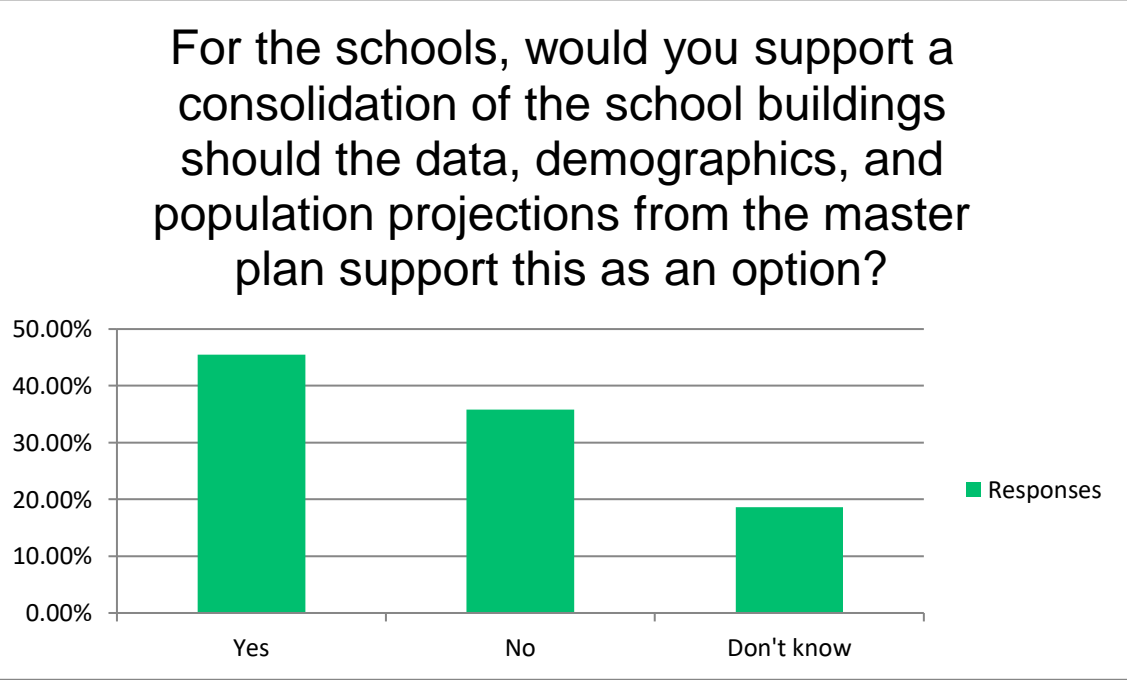
Answer Choices	Responses	
Additions and renovations to existing buildings	40.11%	219
New buildings	7.69%	42
Combination of additions and renovations to existing buildings and new buildings	52.20%	285
<b>Answered</b>		<b>546</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>34</b>



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For the schools, would you support a consolidation of the school buildings should the data, demographics, and population projections from the master plan support this as an option?

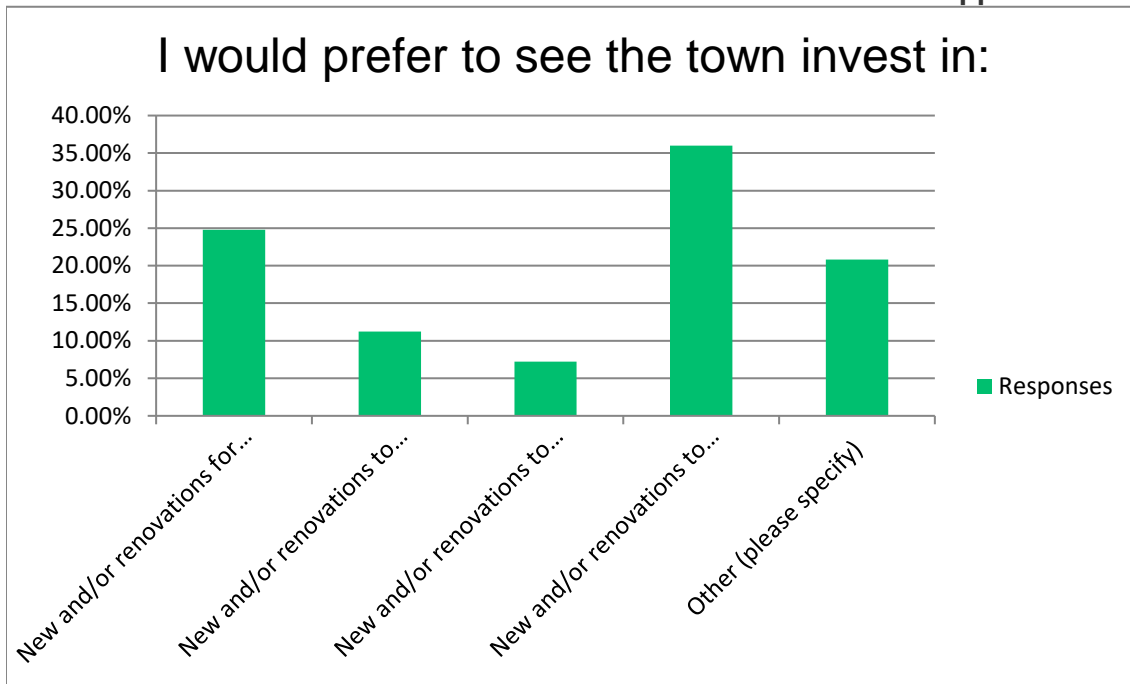
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	45.52%	259
No	35.85%	204
Don't know	18.63%	106
Answered		569
Skipped		11



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### I would prefer to see the town invest in:

Answer Choices	Responses	
New and/or renovations for Community Services(Senior Center, Minil	24.77%	137
New and/or renovations to the Police Station	11.21%	62
New and/or renovations to the Fire Station Headquarters	7.23%	40
New and/or renovations to the Schools	35.99%	199
Other (please specify)	20.80%	115
<b>Answered</b>		<b>553</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>27</b>



Respondents	Other (please specify)
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WE NEED A POOL!!!!

Town doesn't currently to invest

I have not lived here long enough to know  
not familiar enough with all the buildings  
I would rather see our schools and farm land and open space preserved  
Review and enhance based on what facility needs attention the most.  
Keep them maintained and renovate as needed so they don't fall into disrepair  
Policy improvements  
Nothing at this time  
Renovate playgrounds. Exposed rusted metal everywhere  
housing for 50 and up  
None if not needed  
Our library does not meet community needs  
Proactive maintenance and strategically reviewed plans of improvement  
Playground on the east side if town  
Quality of services need investments, not physical buildings.  
Maintaining present buildings  
I am not sure which buildings require the greatest amount of work  
new and /or renovations to the police and fire stations  
academic excellency, not frills or cosmetic approaches  
roads and public works  
A pool  
Preservation of open space; landscape design to strengthen biodiversity and improve ecological resilience; green technologies for existing municipal structures  
Increase the number of police officers and fire fighters  
reduce the mil rate  
None  
A comprehensive plan to reduce town employees by shifting services to independent service providers.  
food and entertainment  
Roads, Water Facility, Street Lights,Parks  
Town garage  
Maintaining all the buildings  
Prioritize need

This question and the one below seem to be ill-phrased: we could PREFER more than one of the options you provide. Are you asking what our first choice is? You should make that more clear in phrasing the sentence.

none above, save money and lower taxes

Hire more staff and increase town hall hours to accommodate for inspectors to help expedite building requirements.

No need for moderation of building save \$ rather than spend

A true and realistic master plan.

Public works needs to be addressed.

What's with the "New" in each of the above items?

It's unfair to make a choice, they all need something

The youth sports fields are lacking. It is embarrassing when we have home games for soccer (girls U11) and the out of town teams comment on the poor quality of fields

renovations to both police and fire stations

NOTHING AT THIS POINT! NO NEED!

Create a Community Center

We need better sports fields for our young athletes. Our fields are a joke. Little League is ignored and travel soccer is embarrassing when other towns come to Suffield to play.

Review adequate space for our police department

Town-wide: broadband, natural gas, water & sewer

New Marijuana Distribution Center. There are none this far north.

Education Why are we so far behind? We should high an early college high school. Your goal should be for everyone to have an associates degree and high school diploma!

Untended residential properties

I don't think we should completely renovate any building . Renovate what is essential in each building

Why do you put senior service's a f youth services together as the same category. Suffield senior center is great but youth services a d community center for young people is NON EXISTENT

Focus more on pedestrian traffic and enchanting the center of town appeal

Fixing the roads

Economic development . Resturaunt , coffee. Shops , stores. To improve the community feeling and provide more economic base for the town

Pool

Fire and SMS

High school needs under ground sprinkler system. For such a beautiful school building and fields the grass and landscaping look terrible!

Parks and Recreation: swimming pool or swimming pad with park playground

Would be great to see more tax providing efforts like a town center, I have children in the school system but that will end in the next 4 years.

No need for such investment.

Dog Park

attract more businesses

Athletic Fields

Maintenance for current properties

A multi sport complex

Public space such as park/splash pad. For a community of this size with this median income, I'd like to see facilities similar to other comparable towns (Simsbury, West Hartford, etc). Moms shouldn't have to leave town to have a nice safe place for kids to play

renewable energy

shops/restaurants/SM/swimming pool in HS

Community sports facilities.

Starting for schools as this town seems to be a jump site for teachers, principals and faculty to gain experience and move on. Very frustrating and we are thinking about private going forward. Also, I am hearing that there are staff in our town hall that feel the same way and they are sending their kids to the academy which should not be permitted.

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I would like water and sewer installed on Babbs Rd to reduce the cancer risk to residents

Question doesn't allow options to "upgrade" to meet safety and code requirements which should be first priority.

None are needed.

Community center meeting centers

I would like see a community facility to encourage a place for youth.

Improve the staff.

Give the residents a tax break at this difficult time

Nothing. Lower taxes invest in nothing.

Suffield should have a little league sports complex that is acknowledged and maintained by the town. Our surrounding towns all do.

dont know enough about conditions of all town buildings

I'm watching my kids play sports at other towns, we have the worst youth sports facilities of any surrounding town.

splash pad and playground for families to use.

I don't know if they need it. I have kids so my preference goes to the schools but I can't speak to the condition of the police station and if it is needed. I've been to the senior center and I know that is in good condition.

Safer playing fields for the kids

While I don't believe we need a rec center for kids we do need something other than having them walk up to Dunkin after school. I would like to see some thing like salmon Brook park in Granby here in Suffield by the schools

we need restaurants, coffee places, shops. we continue to throw dollars towards the same buildings, and yet our revenue goes to towns surrounding us. I shop in West Hartford because it has a lot more and it provides a night out. Why can't Suffield look to improve our center areas so people stay within our town to spend the money. Our taxes are high. Let us have a place to walk to at night to grab a bite to eat, shop, dance, grab a smoothie during the day.

The community center at Bridge Street School location

Sports complex - i.e. Salmon Brook Park, Granby; Simsbury Farms Recreational Complex; Avon--Fisher Meadows.

no preference

I feel like the senior center is out of this world great & youth center/ services are almost non existent

Only someone who has been in all buildings as a professional should respond here.

renovations are wherever is needed most, my biggest input is to make things more sustainable and I have no problem with physical updates if needed but feel the real improvements are not physical in nature but making our schools better academically/emotionally/socially and our town more vibrant with more community engagement

Nothing. Save the tax payers money. Don't just spend the money because if you don't use it you lose it.

Disabled access needs to be greatly improved

more amenities for the town, such as a pool, rec center....

A true community center, as in Mansfield, CT

None, just maintain what we have

A consolidated sports field/building complex

The library

McCallister & Middle School traffic on Mountain Road when parents are dropping off is dangerous, and a major life altering accident is in the works. There should be an alternate plan to leave the 2 schools in order to ensure the safety of our residents. The police crews are great for the buses; however, not helpful to the parents that are leaving the exit by McCallister.

Parks and Recreation

renovations only as needed

None

Public safety #1, schools #2

Parks and open space

Consolidate the schools due to the reduction in students

Need a better town center, and removal of the abandon looking buildings near 3 Figs.

Suffield Landfill Building and Site

I do not know of any issues to make that decision

Public safety complex (police/fire combined)

Affordable housing for elderly.

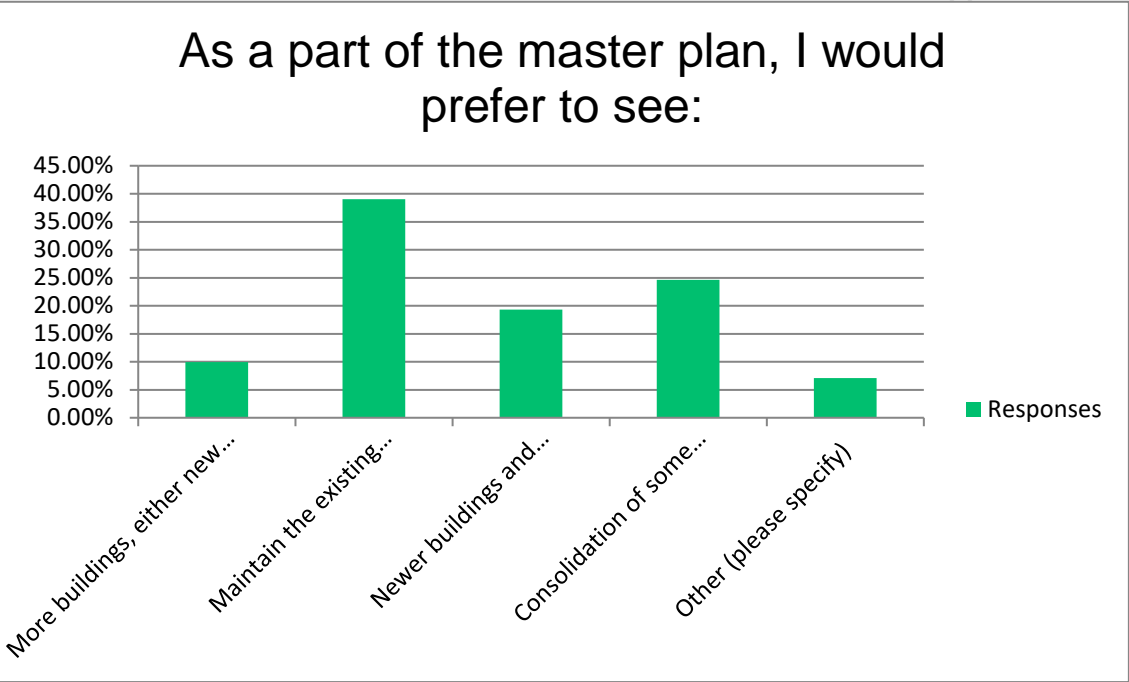
Lowering costs

Maintain current facilities; no upgrades

Facility Master Plan Survey ~ Initial Thoughts & Feedback

As a part of the master plan, I would prefer to see:

Answer Choices	Responses	
More buildings, either new and/or additions and renovations	9.93%	56
Maintain the existing buildings we have	39.01%	220
Newer buildings and reuse/repurpose of older buildings	19.33%	109
Consolidation of some existing buildings combined with new construction	24.65%	139
Other (please specify)	7.09%	40
Answered		564
Skipped		16



Respondents	Other (please specify)
I have not lived here long enough to know	
don't know	



An intelligent comprehensive plan that meets future needs in a cost effective (thrifty) manner.

Not adequate facilities for retirees no exercise recreational facilities for seniors

Seriously, be smart and invest in renovations or new facilities/additions when it is intelligent. Show some actual payback calculations.

Community use space

see #17

I'm really not sure what the needs are for any particular building.

whatever makes the most sense financially

We need walking/biking path connecting Agawam to Windsor Locks and on Mountain road not just Main Street!

Swimming Pool in the Suffield High School

No preference, address needs vs costs

Improve the existing buildings we have, with renovations and additions if necessary

Building do not need improvement

Review of the findings, not just pet projects

Depends on the specifics

All decisions should be based on least costly way to achieve objective

Education

Community center for young people and adults.

Economic development

Maintain/improve existing buildings, use landscaping to make outside better-trees, trails, play

Add pool

No need for such investment.

A multi sport complex

More community activity areas

Less renovations, more community involvement and better support for school staff.

What I want should not be a deciding factor for the town - what is cost effective, provides the necessary resources & improved amenities should be the deciding factor

Maintain buildings if it is possible, but if it makes more financial sense to build new buildings, then that would be okay.

Suffield needs park for children. Possibly splash pad.

SHS has subpar landscaping. Use VoAg to get grass to grow. A real eyesore when you drive by. Looks like the town doesn't care. Also that brick entryway should come down.

Nothing. The selectman waste our money and try to undermine us by trying to spend money they don't have. Make Mel Chafetz should resign in disgrace

We should have a look very similar to CVS for all of our buildings, but we need to bring in businesses to offset taxes and drive revenue not sure

Nothing. Don't spend money.

Consolidation of the Schools and renovations to other buildings we have seen that as much as we all like the historic look of existing buildings, they contain Asbestos and PCBs that make it a bad investment. need new construction if any abatement is required on existing. Knock it down and start fresh with a historic looking design.

Some of the older schools could be replaced but only with the agreement that the old one would be removed. Combining the Spaulding and McAllister would be good but I wouldn't want the middle and high schools combined.

All of the above as needed and can afford

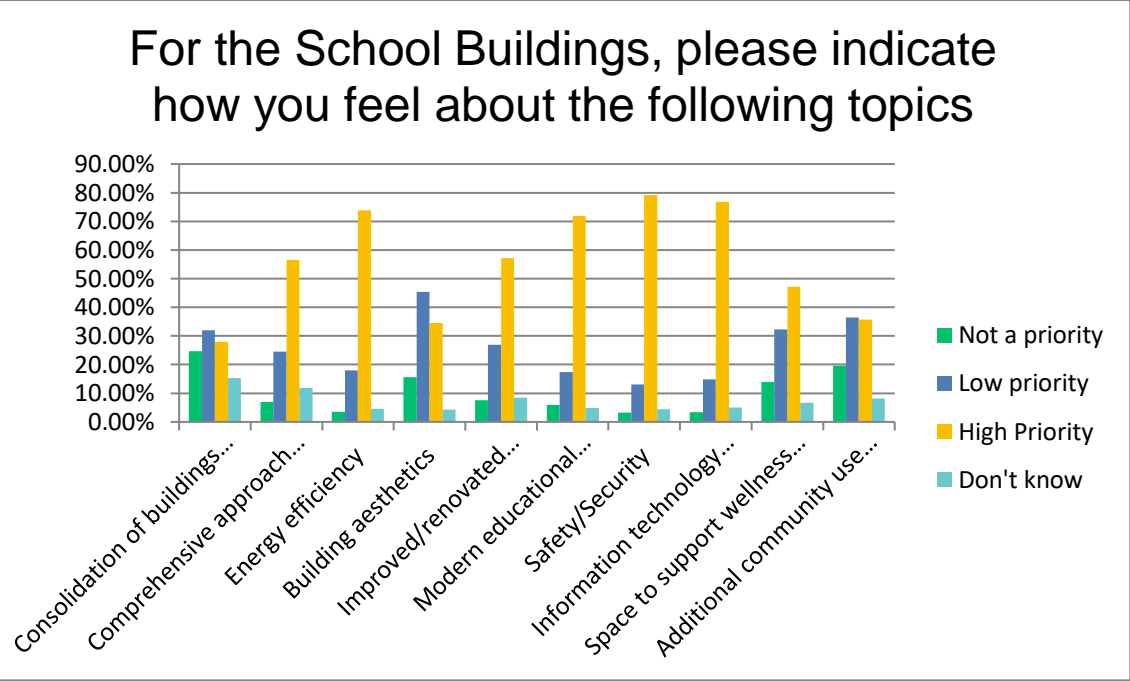
Case by case decision as to approach

Consolidation with no new construction

Facility Master Plan Survey ~ Initial Thoughts & Feedback

For the School Buildings, please indicate how you feel about the following topics

	Not a priority		Low priority		High Priority		Don't know		Total
Consolidation of buildings for the purpose of shared services (operati	24.73%	139	32.03%	180	27.94%	157	15.30%	86	562
Comprehensive approach to sustainability	7.03%	39	24.50%	136	56.58%	314	11.89%	66	555
Energy efficiency	3.58%	20	17.92%	100	73.84%	412	4.66%	26	558
Building aesthetics	15.68%	87	45.41%	252	34.59%	192	4.32%	24	555
Improved/renovated facilities	7.53%	42	26.88%	150	57.17%	319	8.42%	47	558
Modern educational environments	5.89%	33	17.32%	97	71.96%	403	4.82%	27	560
Safety/Security	3.23%	18	13.08%	73	79.21%	442	4.48%	25	558
Information technology infrastructure	3.39%	19	14.80%	83	76.83%	431	4.99%	28	561
Space to support wellness (social/emotional)	13.90%	78	32.26%	181	47.24%	265	6.60%	37	561
Additional community use space	19.67%	108	36.43%	200	35.70%	196	8.20%	45	549
Other (please specify)									33
Answered									564
Skipped									16



Respondents

Other (please specify)

WE NEED A POOL!!!

The schools seem fine.

Save our farms stop building

Suffield attracts new residents and maintains current residents for two main reasons: safety and school (education standards and quality overall). I think emphasis should be placed here first.

an example would be use of a pool and community access to the ag facilitys  
air condition all schools  
Walking/biking path on both sides of Rt159.

The town should invest in the proposed McLean Outdoor Education  
Preserve for the high school, which would be a tremendous  
resource for the students, faculty, and community alike.

the town spends too much money on schools!!!!

Air conditioning in all classrooms

Playground

Swimming Pool in High School

My high priorities would no doubt require renovated facilities.

There needs to be a place for children to hang out at the school that doesn't involve them walking up town to hang out at businesses.

Is this the place to talk about the need for a community center?

Since we are a town without a "downtown", the library and the town  
green are not substitutes for a space that could bring more of the  
community together.

High priority - Increased educational opportunities/programs

Repurpose Bridge Street Field to be useful to town

We have plenty of community use spaces!

Use common sense approach with cost effectiveness

Athletic Fields

Everything should be to code.

We should multitask the spaces we have

Although expensive a pool in one of the schools would be great for the schools and community

The only schools I would like to see consolidated would be

Spaulding and McAlister if the data, population, etc warranted. I

think it's important to keep middle and high school in separate  
buildings.

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Again, if the buildings are fine then focus on something that directly impacts the quality of life for Suffield's forgotten residents on Congamond Lake

Non need for more building s or space. Let people worry about their wellness at home.

Some have advocated for YEARS to add a community pool, with  
programs for every age demographic available to the entire  
community. (I know this will NEVER happen in Suffield - What a  
shame!)

Community Center at Bridge Street

a pool would be great!

Build a community center so every town activity does not have to be at a school.

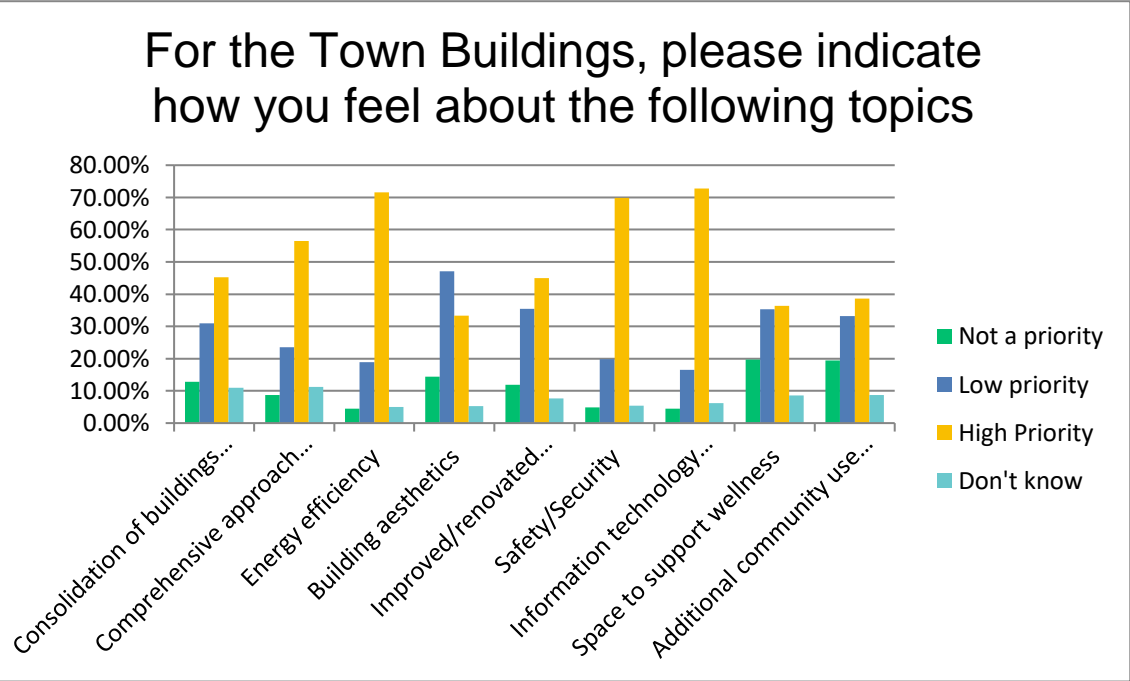
I am very wary of razing SMS and building a smaller building based on projected town population. This is exactly what was done when West Suffield School was closed, and the population then grew rather than shrank. Then, the town was stuck with building additions onto Spaulding to meet the increased student need. Projections are NOT always accurate. The current building should be updated and modified to meet student need - not torn down or made smaller.

Buildings need to be maintained, but overall aesthetics is not important

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Energy efficiency	4.47%	25	18.96%	106	71.56%	400	5.01%	28	559
Building aesthetics	14.41%	80	47.03%	261	33.33%	185	5.23%	29	555
Improved/renovated facilities	11.93%	66	35.44%	196	45.03%	249	7.59%	42	553
Safety/Security	4.84%	27	19.89%	111	69.89%	390	5.38%	30	558
Information technology infrastructure	4.46%	25	16.58%	93	72.73%	408	6.24%	35	561
Space to support wellness	19.71%	110	35.30%	197	36.38%	203	8.60%	48	558
Additional community use space	19.49%	108	33.21%	184	38.63%	214	8.66%	48	554
Other (please specify)									15
Answered									564
Skipped									16



Respondents	Other (please specify)
A POOL PLEASE	
Walking/Biking Path on Route 159	
Provide maintenance only	
Community Center	
Need a new library building.	
Again common sense, cost saving approach	
I have not had to go to a town building for anything. Everything is online.	
Consolidation of office space for town so that don't have to rent space	

Your at work you do not need a wellness or support space. Focus on doing your job.

We DO need community space for community activities and programs. Not just a senior center, not just a Parks and Rec. Dept. Space for an ENTIRE community to use.

A community center bringing all ages together and a pool

But St Joseph's property and make a community center

If you add a POOL a community center or new senior center makes sense. All the \$ spent on that taj mahal of a high school you should have put in a pool so our kids didn't have to swim at WL HS!!!!

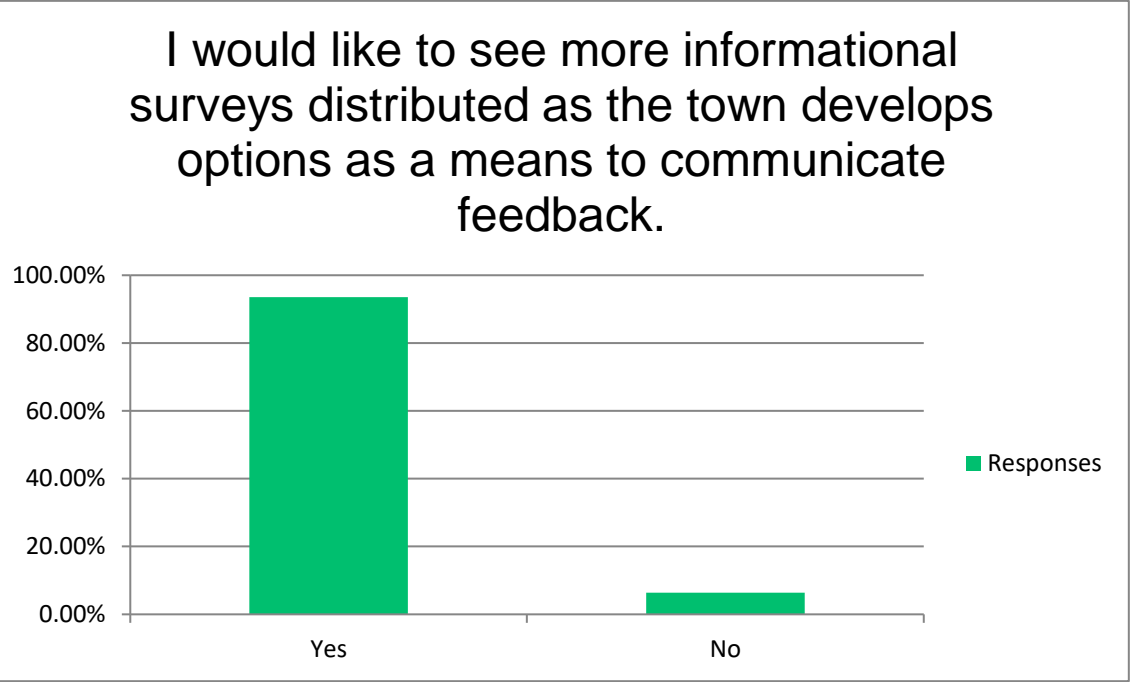
Not enough knowledge

More affordable elderly housing that is a little bigger than current. I.e., Maple, Laurel Court

Facility Master Plan Survey ~ Initial Thoughts & Feedback

I would like to see more informational surveys distributed as the town develops options as a means to communicate feedback.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	93.59%	526
No	6.41%	36
Answered		562
Skipped		18

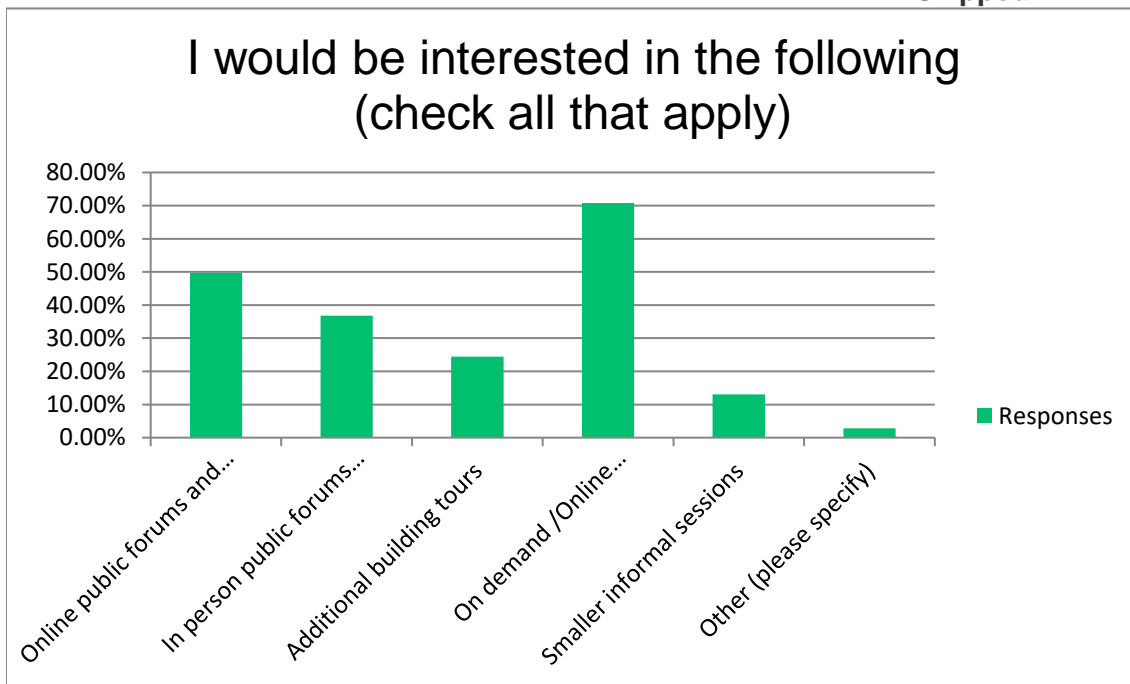




## Facility Master Plan Survey ~ Initial Thoughts & Feedback

### I would be interested in the following (check all that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Online public forums and workshops	49.72%	262
In person public forums and workshops	36.81%	194
Additional building tours	24.48%	129
On demand /Online information, so I can review at my leisure	70.78%	373
Smaller informal sessions	13.09%	69
Other (please specify)	2.85%	15
<b>Answered</b>		<b>527</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>53</b>



Respondents	Other (please specify)
Newsletter	

housing for 50 and up that can afford it  
don't just survey, but use the recommendations!  
more community events  
I am moving because idiots are running the town.  
We did not have time on Saturday to view all the buildings  
surveys  
Virtual option for informational forums

Stop wasting money on these ridiculous endeavors. The town  
should focus on economic development desirable for businesses  
and people who want to work and contribute to the economy.  
The opinion of residents, new and old. Not just the continued  
opinion of the families here for generations, or would benefit from  
upgrades.

Emails sent out with updates!  
nothing

Virtual walk-throughs available to view online

I'm sure most do not know the actual conditions or issues with the  
town's properties. WE need to be informed from an unbiased  
source.

With significant if not hyperinflation around the corner the town  
fathers should focus on keeping the cost of living in Suffield as low  
as possible

**What other aspects would you like the Master Plan effort to consider?**

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## Other Facilities/Capital Projects/Investments

## Pool

### A Town Pool and skating rink

A public swimming pool with swimming lessons. A section in Sunrise Park for a dog park.

A town recreational facility for walking/running, biking, exercising, and swimming. Residents can join the pool and gym to offset ongoing costs however students can use the pool as part of a swimming program.

## Creating a community center with a swimming pool

Town/school pool

More community development: A town swimming pool, splash pad, park and playground. There is plenty of land for it!

Town pool. Additional gym space.

Take a look at all the resources other towns have that we don't: public sports complexes, amphitheaters, town pool/school pool, school auditoriums with decent lighting/sound which are large enough that parents don't have to take shifts to attend concerts, safe sidewalks and bike lanes that connect places that people actually walk and bike, public parks with nice facilities which are safe for kids to access by bike/walking. Better use of our share of the Connecticut River/canal  
Indoor recreational facility with indoor pool and walking track.

Recreation Center with a pool for the community. Diversity of restaurants in town.

Community Swimming pool

Community soccer fields and community pool.

A pool for the school and town use.

[illegible]

The high school is nice but I remember, as only the second class to go through it completely, that it was already said that the building was too small. We also don't have a pool for the swim team or in town at all.

## Roads

Parking and traffic are issues whenever there are events happening in the center. Some focus should be on the development of Suffield Depot to include better parking, more restaurants and retail and improved social settings for live music, shows, movies, and sponsored events. The greens are great for some things but converting the Bridge Steet School area into parking and a multi-modal event center (maybe somehow including the adjacent soccer fields) would relieve some of the congestion in the center.

## Street & highway Maintenance

## Street lighting

Overall Town aesthetics esp at the Green area

## Schools and Town Surrounds streets and lights

Looking at Mountain Road in general. Its a very congested main road - are there other alternatives either to add roads or move facilities to less used roads? Lots of space in town, but everything is located in one major hotspot...

### Roads and traffic flow (Routes 75 and 159 )

### **Affordable Housing**

build apartment that are heat and hot water included or central air and under 900.00 dollars so people like me who can afford to live in Suffield since I live here for 45 years I would love to live the rest of my life in Suffield but your making hard for me to live here no housing for 50 and up who can afford it

Better affordable housing for the elderly. People should not be forced to leave Suffield due to inadequate housing options.

### **Social Services/Community/Recreation/Sports Center**

Better library facilities build a new state of the art facility. Improve the Community /recreation resources for teens and retirees. Offer free courses for people ie exercise programs/ lectures and improve communications to Suffield residents not just post signs on town . Better communication regarding the demolition of bridge street School felt the wording of the referendum was worded to ensure the vote would fail.

A town recreational facility for walking/running, biking, exercising, and swimming. Residents can join the pool and gym to offset ongoing costs however students can use the pool as part of a swimming program.

Community resources are severely lacking in this town, and that should be the primary focus.

As I senior myself, I would like the town to evaluate the continuing need of a seniors-only center. The lives of seniors have changed dramatically since the senior center plan was first developed and put into place. Seniors today retire much later than previous generations and I question how much a building will be needed in the future for senior-only use.

Maybe a community center for our kids. To include ping pong pool tables, indoor basketball courts and such. Just a space for the communities kids to hang out, bond and stay out of trouble. As a child/teen I grew up with these and found them to be nothing but fond memories.

Creating a community center with a swimming pool

Additional recreational/outdoor opportunities to include revenue generating hunting programs

Community center for young people and adults is vital and absent form this town. Our kids literally hang out at the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot and call that the town center. It is PATHETIC especially with all the space on Fyler place. Build a Vibrant town center.- instead of selling public land to a private developer to build apartment. This does nothing for the town center. PLEASE. My kids will never come back to Suffield to live really because there is NO PLACE to gather

Staying updated with times and activities and places for both young and old to gather in our community!

Better parks and recreation program. I come from Glastonbury where they have so many programs compared to Suffield. Also a park for kids would be nice instead of going to a school. More community development: A town swimming pool, splash pad, park and playground. There is plenty of land for it!

Some kind of community center that is inclusive to all, not just the seniors.

Take a look at all the resources other towns have that we don't: public sports complexes, amphitheaters, town pool/school pool, school auditoriums with decent lighting/sound which are large enough that parents don't have to take shifts to attend concerts, safe sidewalks and bike lanes that connect places that people actually walk and bike, public parks with nice facilities which are safe for kids to access by bike/walking. Better use of our share of the Connecticut River/canal Improved athletic fields. Sports complex.

Creation of a sports complex with multiple fields

Street School property with the amphitheater on the East end of the lot so people could sit on the hill for viewing.

Better parks and rec, we should aspire to exceed what salmon brook park offers, we have the means. Sunrise is pitiful in comparison and aesthetically displeasing.

Programming for families and adults without children. (Summer concert series is a great example that appeals to both!)

Disappointed in the Senior Center, in terms of programs, physical environment and personnel  
Indoor recreational facility with indoor pool and walking track.

lessons and a YMCA or Boys and Girls Club to promote community wellness programs that are more inclusive , expansion of more programs at the library for kids, especially summer  
Improved quality of life for town overall.

Towns are judged today by the school system and facilities. While our schools are adequate they could be better. However, I think a central athletic facility like salmon Brook park in granby would be the best improvement possible.

Purchase St Joseph's and turn it into a community center

Recreation Center with a pool for the community. Diversity of restaurants in town.

Community space and youth services and after school programs.

Consolidated sports facility

Building a town space for youth that is not attached to the Senior Center. It could be paired with a new Parks and Rec space, and could house a community center as well. The space where Bridge Street School stood would be an ideal space for such a structure, and could still co-exist with an outdoor park.

We need to make Suffield a place that people want to come and not leave. You will loose the older people leaving Suffield CT so they need to make it attractive to get the younger people with family to move in.

More of an adult community center and outdoor space. Not interested in additional sports fields but think Suffield lacks outdoor communal space to meet up that offers shade and a pleasant environment.

The senior center is not up the same standard as our neighbor towns such as Agawam.

### **Sports Fields**

The town of Suffield needs one main area for sport fields. We need better fields; turf fields; we need better area to host sports. We have a lot of land and we need to make good use of it.

Town fields for youth sports are generally abysmal and borderline dangerous. Fleming, Babbs, Cervione and some of fields in Bruce Park are not in adequate shape.

Sports fields are lacking (high school is excellent)

Athletic Fields.

Address town garage and town dump facilities besides police, fire and schools. Also include town playing fields and rail trail maintenance

Improved athletic fields. Sports complex.

Creation of a sports complex with multiple fields

The sports fields/complexes need MAJOR attention. When traveling to other towns for sports, it embarrassing to see what Suffield has (can you say Fleming field covered in weeds abutting a trucking company with a port-a potty!) Weedy, lumpy, and poorly maintained fields (for all sports), lack of bathrooms or concessions, no seating/bleachers - it really needs to be addressed and acknowledged as a high priority.

Notre in my earlier comments but we don't have enough space for kids sports

Community soccer fields and community pool.

Youth sports facilities --soccer fields, baseball fields

### **Sidewalks/Bike Paths**

Bike/walk bath on Rt159, and Montain Road

\* Mobility plan to promote alternative transport to school (safe foot / bike paths, traffic arrangements at school entry/exit)

\* Creation of a school "campus" where all schools would be gathered in the area between Spaulding and High School

\* Swimming pool for all schools combined

More sidewalks/bike widths

Sidewalks on Mountain Rd: Kids cannot bike or walk safely around town! This is a major drawback to having a family in Suffield.

Address town garage and town dump facilities besides police, fire and schools. Also include town playing fields and rail trail maintenance

Sustainability, Climate Resilience, Walkability and Bike-ability between town spaces/schools. Support for current and acquirement of new conservation areas, parks, green spaces. Solar, wind energy infrastructure-support home and small business owners to install solar.

Sidewalk connections and conditions.

More areas for walking, emphasis on wellness

Bike lanes on Main Street to start. Improvement of major crosswalks, they are still sub par.

### **Dog Park**

A public swimming pool with swimming lessons. A section in Sunrise Park for a dog park.

Dog Park

Dog Park .

### **Business/Economic Development**

A small business meeting space where owners can share ideas and services

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Economic development to create a better town for individuals who work hard to afford to be here .

I do not want to see low income housing as part of the master plan .

Getting businesses into the center of town to make the environment more lively and the town a more desirable place to live. Bring back a commuter rail to Suffield Depot. Continue to be plant more trees and focus on sustainable landscaping. Stop spraying pesticides on town properties. Focus on economic development to attract business and professionals. The public facilities are in great shape,

Business zoning regulations to increase business in Suffield

Master plan for retail/commercial properties in Suffield Depot / along Mountain Road. Something has to be done with the old CVS property and the property behind the new CVS. Both are an incredible eye-sore in an otherwise beautiful town.

Recreation Center with a pool for the community. Diversity of restaurants in town.

### **Public Safety/Fire/Police**

Increase Police and Fire staffing. Having 16 police officers for a town of this size is unsafe and ridiculously understaffed.

Fire houses are in dire need of improvements.

Consolidate the main firehouse with the one on Ratley Road.

Four firehouses seems like one too many in town.

Schools should be the number one priority as they are one of the main draws of Suffield. Please consider adding additional police officers. This is a large town with not enough officers on staff and patrolling.

I think the fire headquarters building should be reconstructed especially since it is occupied 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The consolidation of the towns Emergency Services.

### **Schools**

Please have air conditioning in all classrooms. Also an increase in fostering social and psychological wellness in the schools.

- \* Mobility plan to promote alternative transport to school (safe foot / bike paths, traffic arrangements at school entry/exit)
- \* Creation of a school "campus" where all schools would be gathered in the area between Spaulding and High School
- \* Swimming pool for all schools combined

Bring back some of the shop type classes to the high school (auto, metal, other trades). These are important life skills as well as careers.

Do not combine schools, please!!!

Take a look at all the resources other towns have that we don't: public sports complexes, amphitheaters, town pool/school pool, school auditoriums with decent lighting/sound which are large enough that parents don't have to take shifts to attend concerts, safe sidewalks and bike lanes that connect places that people actually walk and bike, public parks with nice facilities which are safe for kids to access by bike/walking. Better use of our share of the Connecticut River/canal Air conditioning in the schools. Spaulding school is in serious need of upgrades.

Air conditioning for all school buildings, update play area for school/community use

I believe that the town's school buildings are in need of improvement / replacement / renovate as new.

We need to focus on safe schools. Making sure all buildings have appropriate sized classrooms to comfortably accommodated students and teachers safely, providing ALL classrooms with state of the art air filtration AND air conditioning. That means razing an 83 year old building (McAlister Intermediate) and providing students and teachers with a modern, SAFE school building. This particularly important if the Suffield school BOE feels that making up snow days in June is a priority, rather than using an online distance learning system already in place. Plainly these are people who have never been in an unairconditioned room when the weather is 80 degrees.

Towns are judged today by the school system and facilities. While our schools are adequate they could be better. However, I think a central athletic facility like salmon Brook park in granby would be the best improvement possible.

Update and more to offer with town parks (sunrise). Update school playgrounds. A town splash pad and playground.

I am glad you are getting feedback from the community, other than the people that attend meetings. I think the priority should be the schools then the town buildings. I think AC and increased security measures should definitely be high priority. Thank you

Mostly the renovation of Spaulding, especially the outside of the building, landscaping etc. Looks the same as when I attended 25+ years ago

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The high school is nice but I remember, as only the second class to go through it completely, that it was already said that the building was too small. We also don't have a pool for the swim team or in town at all.

### **Public Works/Highway/Landfill**

Need to address new facility for public works.

Address town garage and town dump facilities besides police, fire and schools. Also include town playing fields and rail trail maintenance

Town garage moved out of center of town

Highway garage and landfill/transfer station should be included so we can assess the condition and prioritize major maintenance & upgrades

Suffield Landfill is a very important asset to the residents of this town. needs to be updated and improved.

### **Town Center**

Street & highway Maintenance

Street lighting

Overall Town aesthetics esp at the Green area



Town development as a whole. Thank you!

Kent Memorial Library and Highland Park area... work into Bridge Street project to make a nice center of town. Keep town lamp posts, etc.

Renovation plans of the Bridge street school are into something usable

Hire a professional landscape architect to create a beautiful park on the land once used by the Bridge Steet School. (Brick pathways, park benches, tables, gardens and trees with an area for children's recreation...no dog use....too many disrespectful owners of pets who do not pick up after their dogs , unless very obvious trash receptacles are provided!

### **Playground**

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I see other towns doing great things for their youth like expanded playscapes and even splash pads. The only playground in town to use during school hours is at sunrise park and this is small - renovated and nice but small. Would like to see more money put towards structures for our youth, after school places to go "up town" that is safe and entertaining. Our play fields are also disgraceful compared to other towns, weeds, divots, poor lines..we need to invest in making this a priority as we are a large sports town, lets show it off. Of course the high school has great facilities but grades K-8 have pretty embarrassing field accommodations, im talking a little fertilizer and extra effort, not turf. I appreciate the things the town does for its community, the 350th celebration and the fire works last year were amazing. Lets see more of that....like the firemans carnival, always a blast and great fireworks, but nothing in years. We need to travel to other towns to get a little small town fair.

Better parks and recreation program. I come from Glastonbury where they have so many programs compared to Suffield. Also a park for kids would be nice instead of going to a school. Thanks!

More community development: A town swimming pool, splash pad, park and playground. There is plenty of land for it!

Update and more to offer with town parks (sunrise). Update school playgrounds. A town splash pad and playground.

Better and updated playgrounds, more in line with surrounding towns.

### **Infrastructure**

As stated above I think the town needs to invest in town-wide:

broadband, natural gas, water and sewer - this would support ALL town people not just those with school-age children

### **Sustainability**

Sustainability, Climate Resilience, Walkability and Bike-ability between town spaces/schools.

Support for current and acquirement of new conservation areas, parks, green spaces. Solar, wind energy infrastructure-support home and small business owners to install solar.

Sustainability, energy efficiency

### **Babb's**

Renovate Babbs Roller Rink

## **Financial Impact/Taxes**

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Effect on annual tax payments.

Financial models and financial paybacks. Most town and state projects skip any real focus on financial sustainability or reason an instead focus and feelgood and flashy choices. You can do both but do it responsibly.



Stop the concern with aesthetics which is wasteful spending while the library is still not fully open!  
over indulged in tax payers money on the town hall  
Cost effectiveness of optimizing the facilities involved. Please, let's not have another "library"  
fiasco!  
Funding  
Tax dollar distribution  
Our taxes.  
Fiscal responsibility  
Choose options that will save residents tax dollars so they can be applied to neglected areas of  
concern as noted above.  
Prioritize safety and work down the list of "nice to have" until we run out of funding.  
Best way to keep costs down. Are these projects really necessary?  
Effect of tax raising fees on the community to offset all these programs  
Tax dollars and use of buildings we already have.  
Cost vs value studies. What is the lifespan of the facility, public use of the facility, funds to support  
the care of the facility.  
See notes above. We continue to modify, renovate the same buildings. We built a new high  
school not long ago. It's fine.  
Cost to taxpayers.  
Cost to taxpayers

Stop giving so much money to police and fire departments for such a small town. They have more  
than enough equipment to provide adequate services. The amount money spent of superfluous  
devices is astounding and should have been/be used otherwise within the community.  
Lowering taxes.  
Understanding the cost to the taxpayer. How long it will take.  
To make smart decisions financially On future expenditures.  
Practicality, function, economics  
Reduce tax burden on elderly.  
Cost to the taxpayers

#### **Farmland Preservation/Rural Character**

Save our farms save our open space stop building

Bring in small business for coffee shops or breakfast places we are lacking  
Maintaining zoning policies to maintain the aesthetic environment that Suffield is known for. Its still  
a nice place to live with low crime rates. I would hate to see that change.

Continuation of zoning monitoring; creating more outdoor recreational facilities that are maintained  
Suffield has a great colonial vibe. We should do more to preserve that.  
Please consider that our open space and living agricultural tradition are two of our town's greatest  
assets. In light of the threats of climate change, we need a long-term, strategic plan to limit  
suburban sprawl, expand our vital green spaces, and incentivize young farmers to root themselves  
in Suffield. This is not only an aesthetic concern, but is essential for the health and safety of our  
planet and of future generations.  
Keep as much open space as possible  
More green space.  
Whatever renovations are done, I'd like the look to have a small town feel to it.  
PLEASE maintain the character of the town.  
All building projects must take into account the current look and feel of Suffield. We must also be  
very careful not to combine too many departments. If we do we run the risk of not staffing at  
appropriate levels and increase the workload of those left.  
GREEN, GREEN, GREEN. We need to mitigate our effect on the environment as much as  
possible for the next generations  
Greenspace.  
Programming for families and adults without children. (Summer concert series is a great example  
that appeals to both!)

I'd love to know how the town expects to continue approving new neighborhood after new neighborhood of giant houses which is destroying the farmland feel and adding weight to the public school systems. For example the high school having been outgrown just years after it was built.

### **Facility Maintenance**

I would like to see our buildings maintained so we don't end up with another bridge street school. We have enough buildings, but they need to change with the needs of the town as they develop so they don't become obsolete. In my expertise it is more cost effective to maintain something than build something new.

Continuation of zoning monitoring; creating more outdoor recreational facilities that are maintained I have no problem building new but the town also needs to put money into maintaining those new buildings. Maintaining properly gives longer life to buildings.

The town severely needs to look at the WASTE by town employees, specifically the maintenance department as far as union "rules" go that create so much waste. What a money pit. The unions are ruining this town AND this country!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Would like to see a published risk assessment on technology, infrastructure for 1st responder facilities. Would like to see what the current practice is for facility maintenance on existing buildings outlining responsibility, chain of command in addition to the approval process.

increased maintenance so that buildings last longer

The town needs to make maintenance a priority, not every building needs to be fully renovated all the time.

### **General Feedback**

have little faith the Board of Selectmen will listen to the will of the people. Some questions did not

The term Master Plan is truly a misnomer -it simply isn't anything more than a facilities plan, a

Concentrate on providing access to community facilities to OUR community first rather than surrounding communities. For example, the use of the school basketball courts should be limited to residents usage. The community needs to know who is using these facilities. They are continually littered and disgraceful.

I find it hard to trust these survey results (both results and implementation of any findings) after what happened with the Bridge Street School fiasco. Questions 11, 15, and 17 are biased and should be removed. Thank you for your time.

More unambiguous survey questions

This survey is bogus. The buildings look fine. You should \*tell us\* what might need work instead of polling for ways to waste money.

Also, the town closed everything for a fake pandemic, so everyone involved in that decision must go.

transparency

Engage and use the public's recommendations.

I'm a big fan of the writings of noted architect and urban theorist Christopher Alexander. He was an advocate for user participation in urban planning and designing buildings. This survey is a good start, but it's only a beginning. Patternlanguage.com has more information on Alexander's work and links to other material.

Get rid of the town selectmen who are racists and biased against anybody who aren't 70 year old farmers. Also, allowing roosters on properties should be banned.

Encourage businesses to neaten, improve their images.

Un sure at this time

A messaging plan to let residents know there's an online survey. We just happened to stumble on it.

I would like the committee to be mindful of Suffield's history in regards to closing schools. When West Suffield School was closed, we were told the population would decline. It did not, and an addition to Spaulding School was soon necessary. I don't trust the predictions of what will be happening in ten years. We have ample room in the middle school now; I think it would be folly to invest millions in a smaller building, only to discover that we need more space in the future! I'd also like to note that it seemed strange to me to spend time and money analyzing the decline in in-person student attendance in our schools during the pandemic. Did the surveyors assume that the pandemic is permanent? If not, why spend any time and money focusing on this unique event?

I would like the town to consider lower taxes for condo communities that pay for their own roads etc. like Vernon, CT

Education Ap courses for the gifted students doesn't work. They are going to college. What about the average student and below who will not get the chance to go to college?

Decline in upkeep of residential properties

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Library renovations debacle has me worried about the competency of the town to handle renovations where known health risks are present.

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Before we start rebuilding buildings and facilities we should make sure the staff and faculty are covered and happy, then work on what is needed in schools for example, the AC is horrible as my children tell me but nothing has never been done. Food provided for the kids in McAllister and SMS is edible but should not be served to our children. Milk is moldy, food is chewy or cold or not good and the options are minimal.

No loss of jobs!!!!

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Questions were too specific for someone with only casual knowledge of the spaces but thanks for doing a survey

Prioritize safety and work down the list of "nice to have" until we run out of funding.

Consolidated schools... use extra buildings for public safety complex.. combine fire and PD for building coverage needs.

That internet dissemination of information does not equally reach all concerned citizens. And that an active vocal minority can (and often does) drive town decisions. In person public forums present equitable opportunities for public participation.

Not sure

N/A

I'm concerned about the consolidation of schools. I like how Suffield has the schools by age of the child. I like that there are no big kids at Spaulding. They can address little kids problems and keep little things like Santa safe. I like McAllister age too because middle school is tough and they don't have to manage that drama yet. I can't speak to the other schools but I really LOVE that the schools are age appropriate. Please do NOT change that unless there is an emergency need. I really like the addition of AC to the schools. It is one less distraction to learning.

The law of unintended consequences; for example, consolidating the schools for operational efficiencies.

Blight

Personal property maintenance

Keep preserved land maintained

Pave roads

Promote business

Consider taxing exempt properties at some level

Determine the actual overall community needs rather than "wants" that serve small special groups.

The most important thing is projecting (1) the future student population and the future town population (excluding the Prison)

how number (and future number) of residents impact the size and space needed. Plan for future number and space, not just today.

Avoid what happened with the library and bridge street school

Not sure

1. They should NOT be teaching critical race theory in any of our schools.

2. We should forego any federal monies if they force us to build "affordable housing". . .They want to abolish suburbs eventually.

3. Our town government should NOT be bullied by BLM or any other similar organization as is happening in other towns and cities.

Poorly worded question. What do you mean?

Abandoned