

# Appendix C

## **2019 Upton Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey Results**

The Upton Conservation Commission and the Upton Recreation Commission sent a survey to approximately 2,900 residents with the 2019 Town of Upton Census. The survey consisted of 22 questions, including four write-in questions. A total of 894 surveys were completed and returned. Responses to the survey were anonymous and not attributed to any individual. This Appendix contains the aggregated results of the returned surveys.

### **Survey Timeline**

- January 2019 - Approximately 2,900 surveys were mailed with the 2019 Town of Upton Census.
- February 2019 - A total of 894 surveys were completed and returned by the February 15, 2019 deadline.
- June 2019 – A public meeting was held to review the results of the survey.

### **Survey Participation**

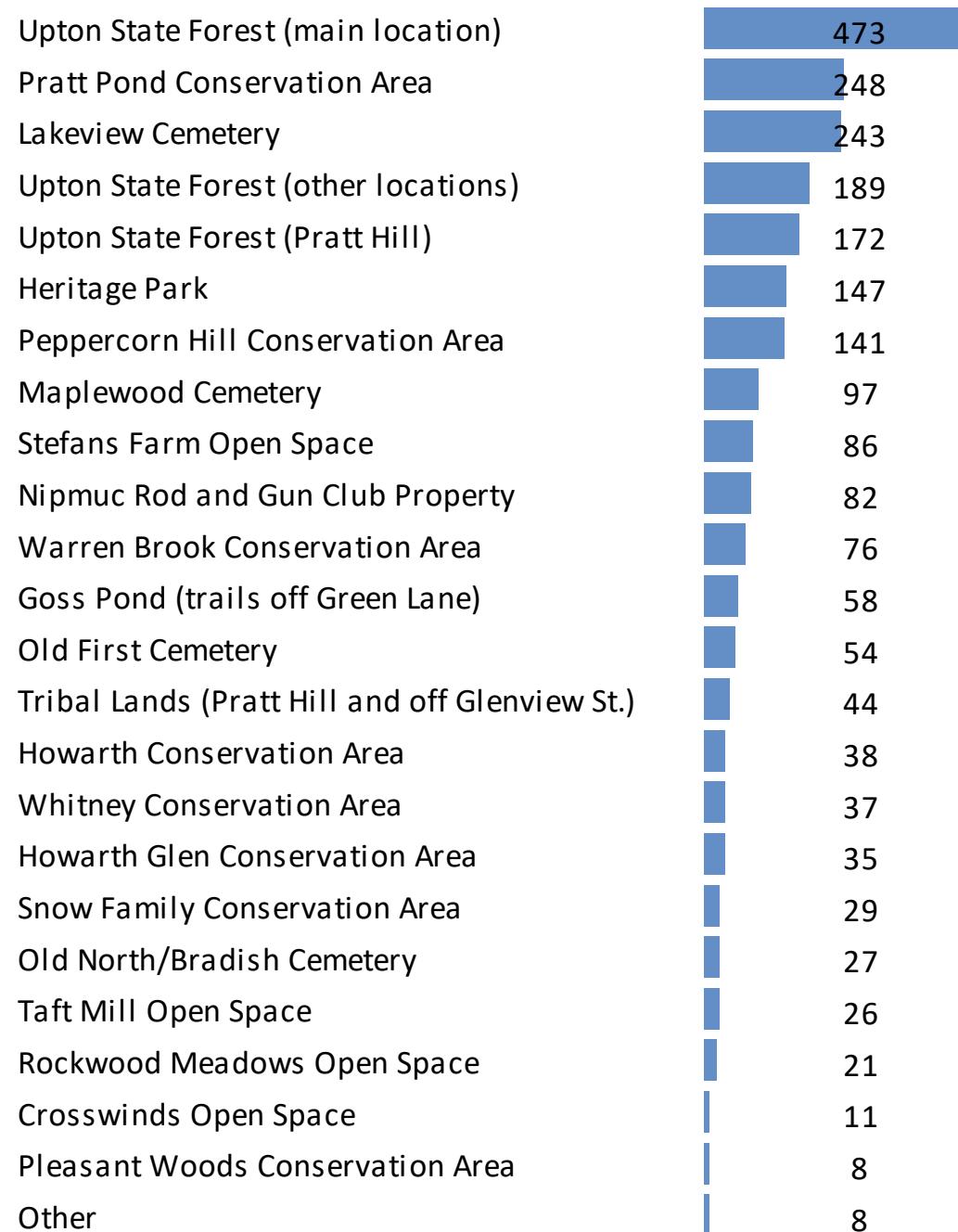
The survey participation rate was 30.8%. A total of 894 surveys were completed and returned out of 2,900 mailed.

There was a robust response to the four write-in questions with over 700 written comments received.

### **Detailed Survey Results Provided Below**

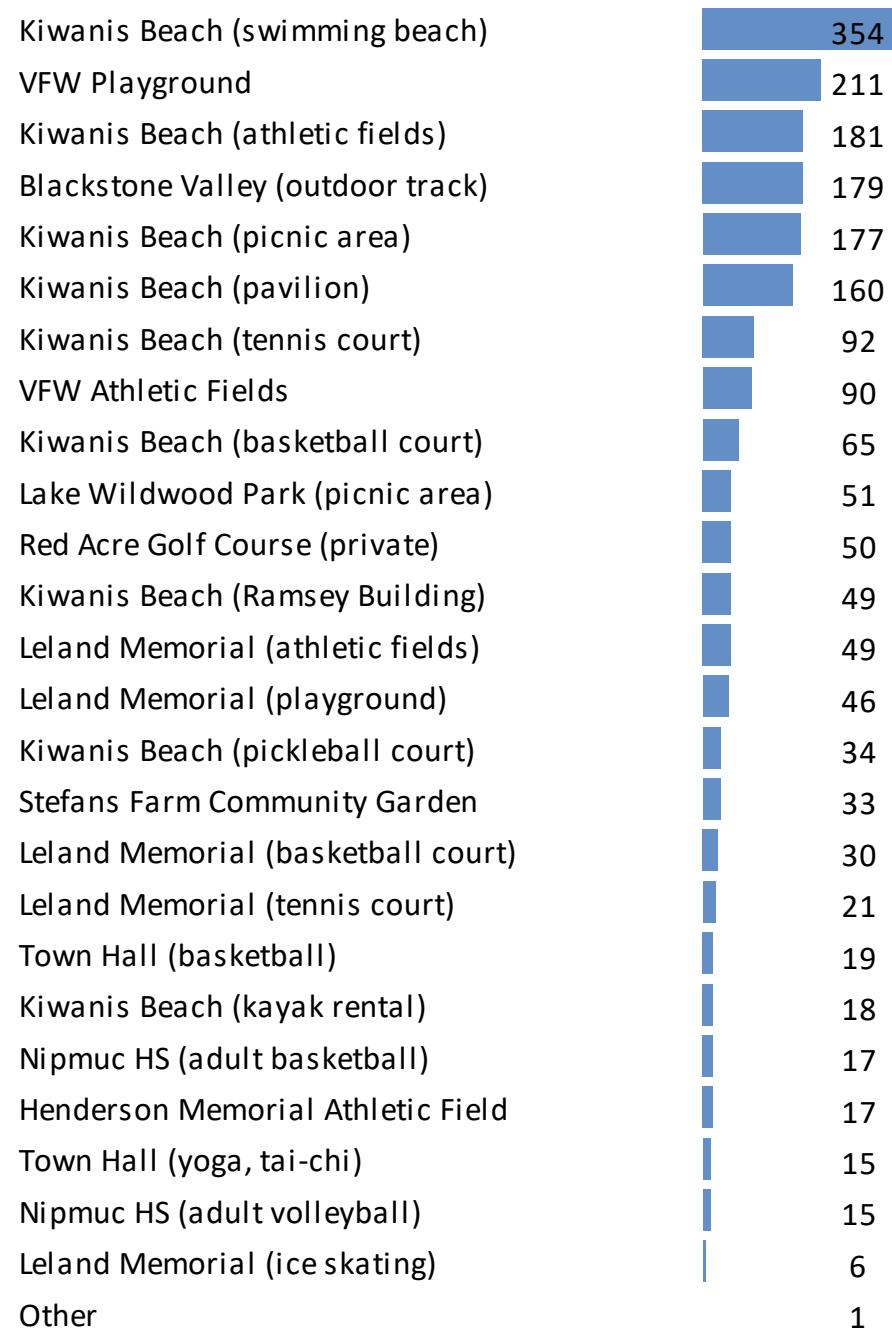
**1.1 Which of the following areas have you visited during the last year? (check all that apply)**

OPEN SPACE AREAS



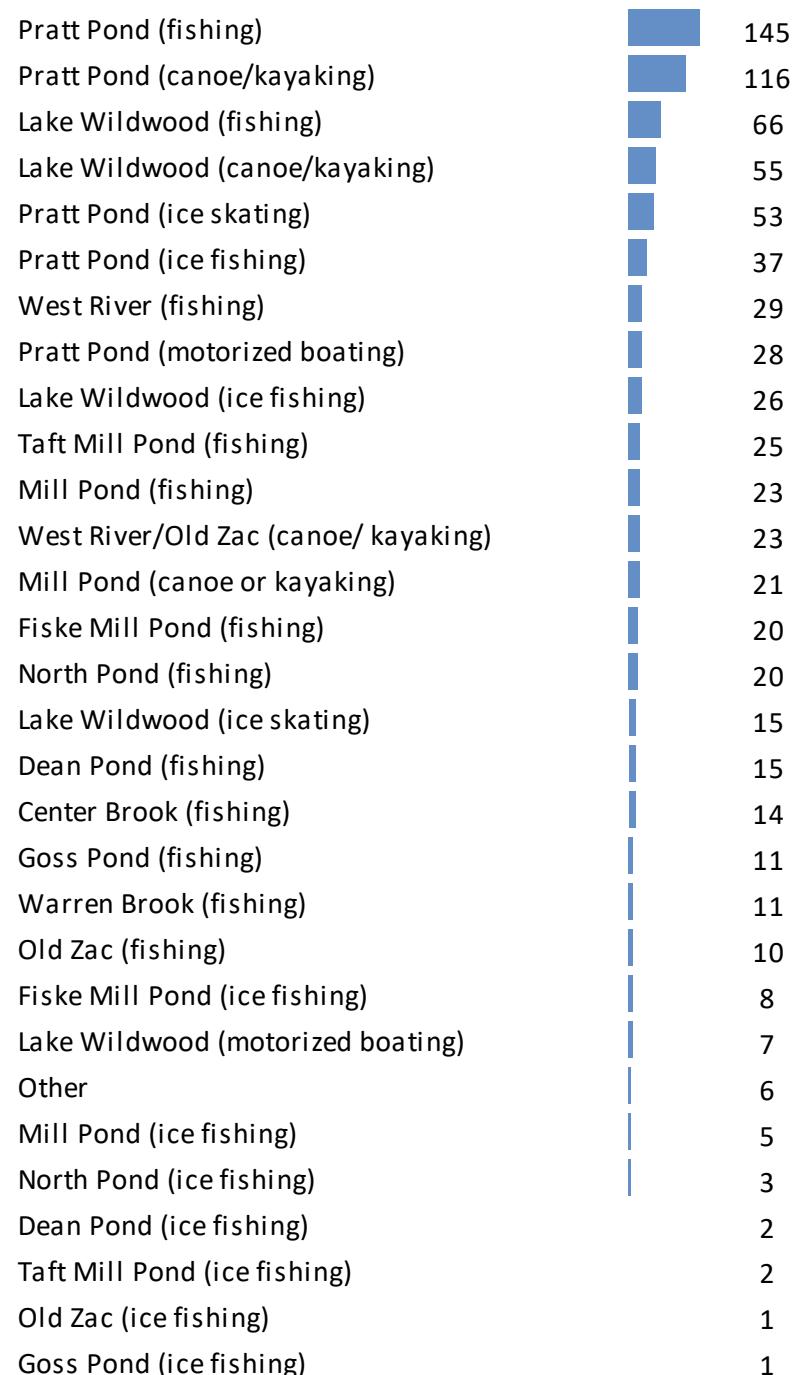
**1.2 Which of the following areas have you visited during the last year? (check all that apply)**

**RECREATION AREAS AND FACILITIES**

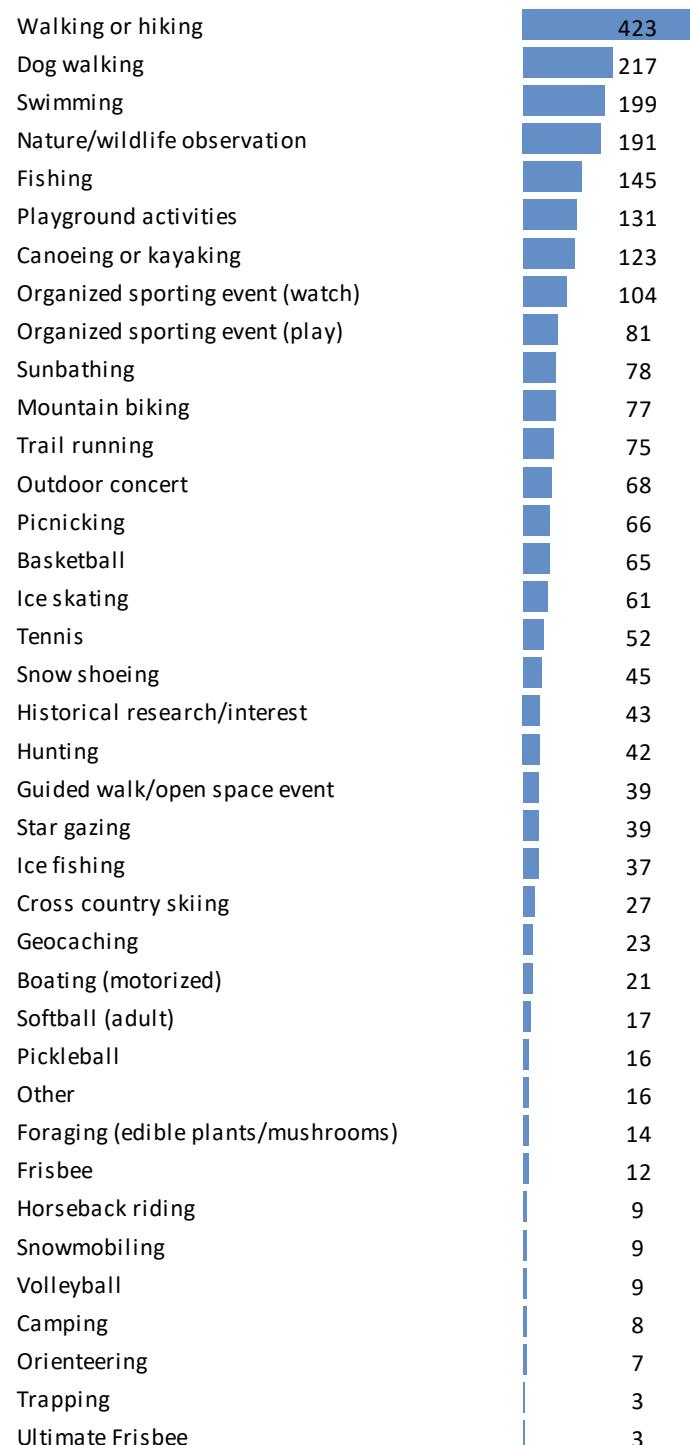


**1.3 Which of the following areas have you visited during the last year? (check all that apply)**

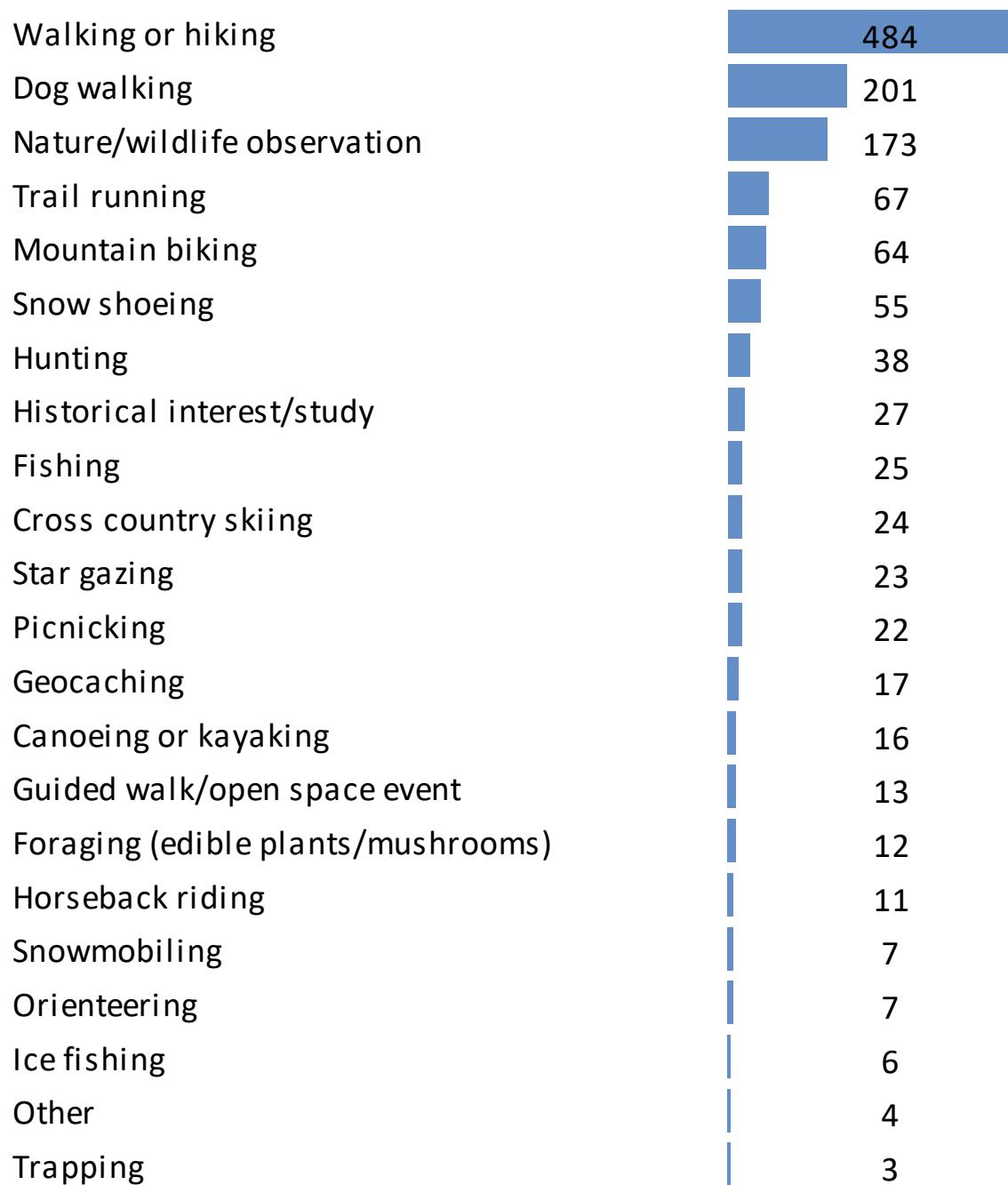
**PONDS AND STREAMS**



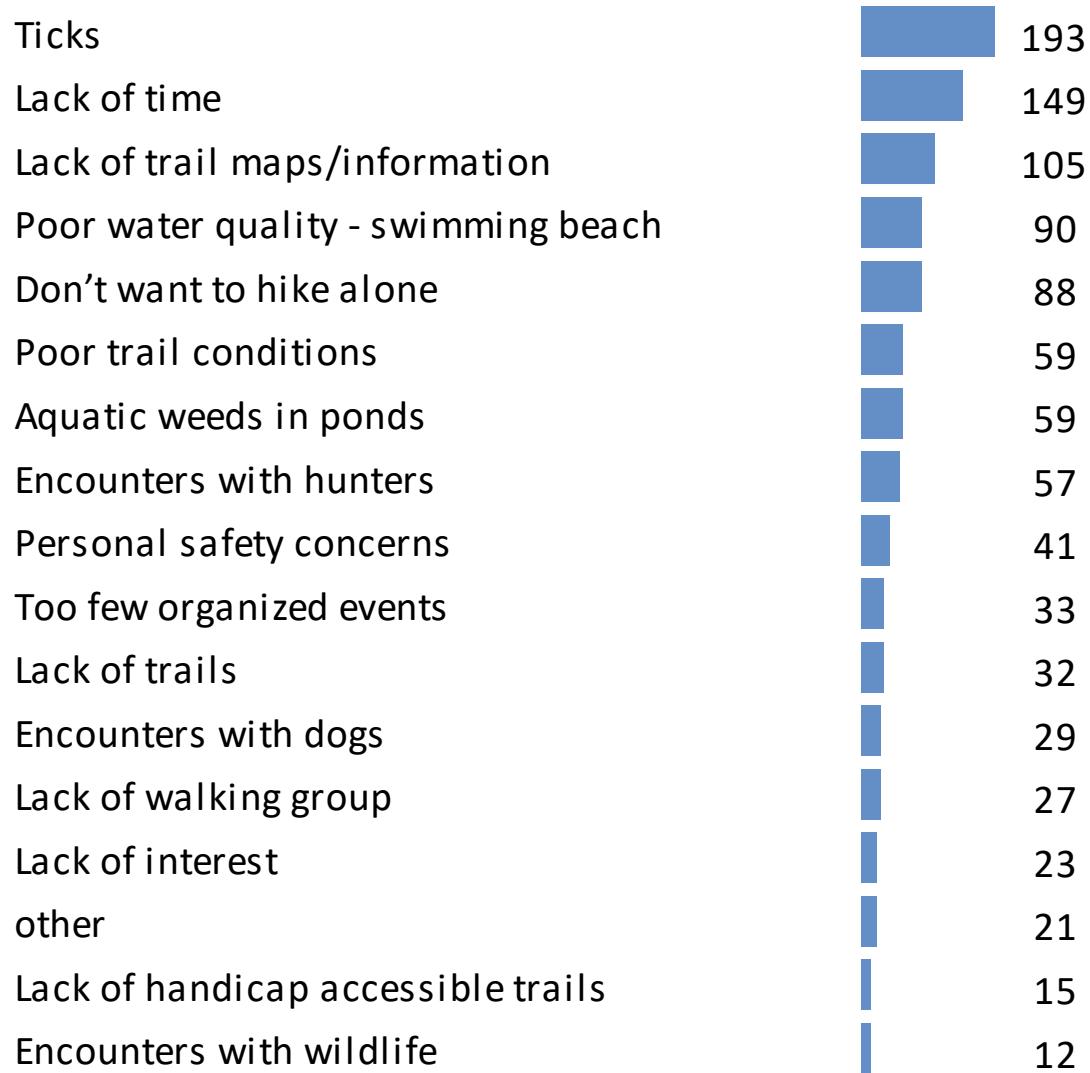
**2. If you have visited Town-owned Open Space or Recreation Areas in the last year note the reason for the visit. (check all that apply)**



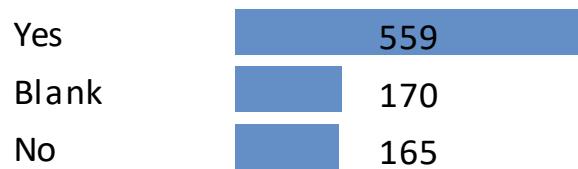
**3. If you have visited Upton State Forest in the last year, note the reason for the visit. (check all that apply)**



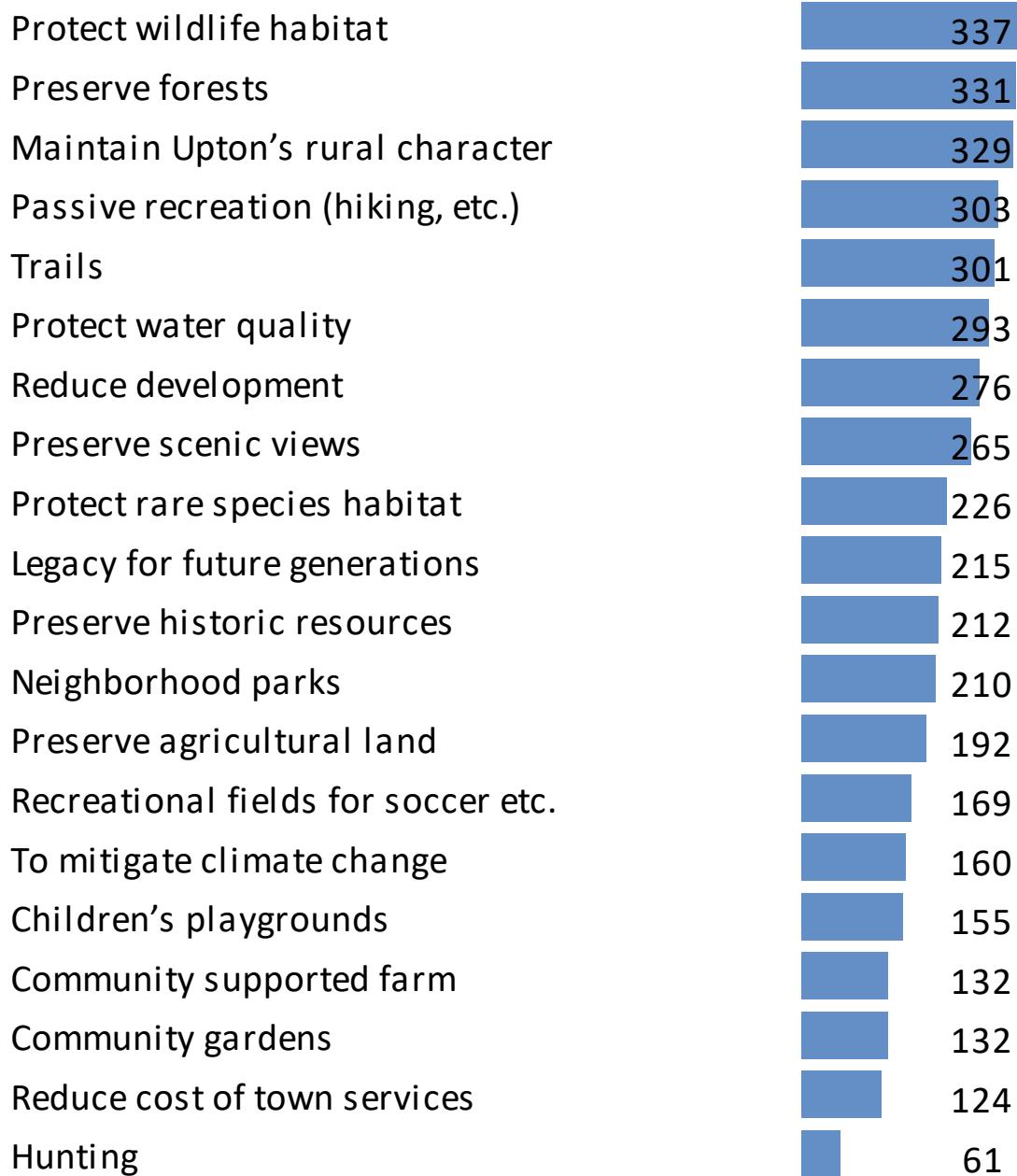
**4. Did any of these factors decrease or deter your use of town owned open space in the last year? (check all that apply).**



**5. In general, are you in favor of the town acquiring additional open space? (y/n)**



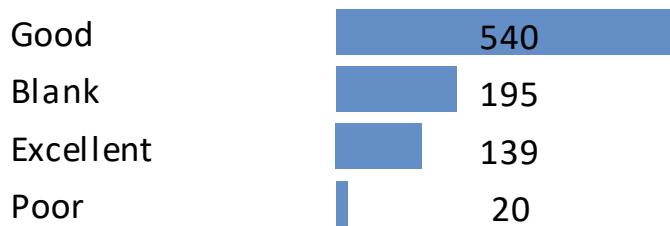
**6. If you answered yes to Question 5, why do you support acquisition of additional open space by the town? (check all that apply and number (1-3) the three that are most important to you)**



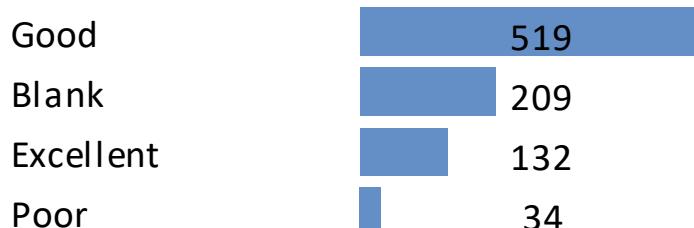
**7. What facilities, resources, or activities would you like to see added, improved, or expanded:**



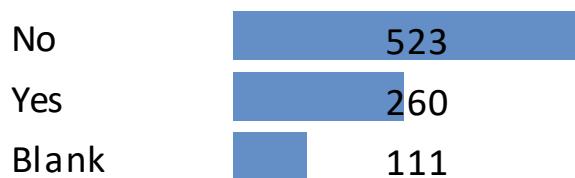
**8. How would you rate the condition of town conservation areas?**



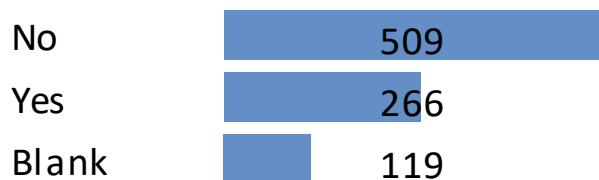
**9. How would you rate the condition of town recreation areas?**



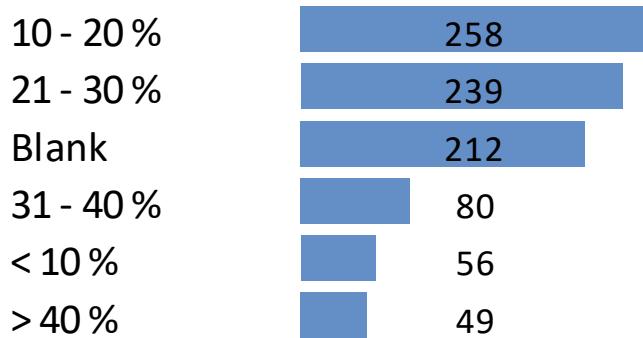
**10. Have you downloaded or viewed trail maps on the town website? (y/n)**



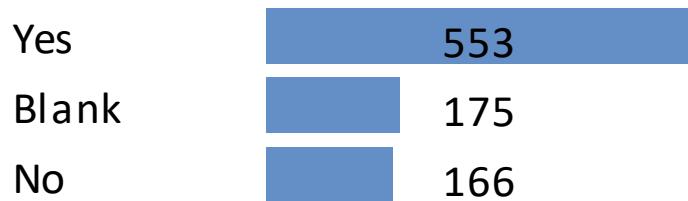
**11. Have you visited the Recreation Commission website? (y/n)**



**12. How much of the town do you believe is protected open space owned by the state, town, or other organizations? < 10 %, 10 – 20 %, 21 – 30 %, 31 – 40 %, > 40 %**



**13. Are you in favor of the state expanding Upton State Forest? (y/n)**



**14. What improvements to town conservation areas or recreational areas would you suggest?**

QUESTION NUMBER 14		Trails	Parking	Management OS Maintenance	Forest Wildlife Mgmt	Ponds/Lakes	Handicap Access Safety	Info	ActiveSports	Parks	Fields	Youth Facilities	Rec Maintenance	Dogs	Preserve OS	Events	Other
<b>What improvements to town conservation areas or recreational areas would you suggest?</b>																	
1	Maintain trails.	x															
9	Trash barrels at parking area on Crocket Road is never maintained. Improve parking lot with gates, area used a lot at night leading to trash.		x														
11	More monitoring of the condition of trails and regular and responsible action to improve condition as appropriate.	x															
14	Just continued maintenance and upkeep.			x													
20	Trails clearer.	x															
25	More trail signage; trails cleared a little better for hiking-realizing this fall on volunteers.	x															
26	Handicapped usage improved. Trails especially.	x															
28	Lower succession stage of mature forest to create habitat for wildlife.				x												
29	Growing up in Upton my dad was on Upton State Federal Conservation Boards. Most areas you couldn't build on now have houses on them.																x
32	Pratt Pond- wheelchair accessible fishing dock next to ramp area.					x											
43	I would like to hike in the state forest or X-country ski but don't want to go alone for safety reasons.						x										
48	Better water quality/cleanliness at Kiwanis Beach.						x										

49	Information.						x					
50	More running/walking trails Tennis courts.	x						x				
51	Addition of Bocce Court.							x				
55	Bike paths.							x				
56	More marked trails, maps.	x					x					
63	Horses not allowed when the ground is soft.	x										
64	Clean up horse droppings.	x										
67	The geese are a big problem at Pratt Pond. Population management at Pratt Pond.			x	x							
69	Maps, more easily accessed information. I haven't heard of more than half of the spots on the survey.						x					
71	Provide trail maps at trail head.	x					x					
74	Improved condition of trails, better signage/wayfinding.	x										
75	Make Heritage Park more like a park and much less like a forest. We have plenty of jungle/weed growing or mature forest. We do not have a proper park. Thin trees selectively attractive, open water views, and add paved walking trails. Think of Olmstead.							x				
79	Better trail signage and maintenance. Esp. Heritage Park.	x	x					x				
86	Better handicap access.				x							
87	Our town fields for youth sports could use some improvement.							x				
98	I don't have much to say about this.											x
101	More paved trails accessible to strollers.	x										
102	More trails around town; sidewalk/walkways between Glen Ave & Maple along Pleasant Street. (scary to walk on roadside and across bridge on food with my dog)	x										
	Frisbee golf course would be great.						x					
108	Open gate at beach at Pratt Pond in the winter for better access to go ice fishing, skating, etc.				x							

	as they during the summer season, day light activities.														
112	Clearly marked trails.	x													
113	Trail maintenance, Upton State Forest.	x	x												
116	Less trails, but better condition for running and hiking.	x													
118	Keep them protected.		x												
119	None.														x
128	Preserve entire Kiwanis area as a family recreational area for swimming, picnicking, concerts, a dog park, ice skating, fishing, canoeing, and hiking. Use all other resources (sell off unused spaces) to acquire a larger parcel of land for development of an athletic complex with a couple of baseball & soccer turf fields, track and field, nice basketball court, playground, and handicapped accessible parking lot.					x			x	x					
129	Facilities that will attract young people to want to stay in the community. Places in public for teens to hang out.										x				
135	Please leave flood plains alone.			x											
140	Nice trails and pathways.	x													
141	Improve town center/common.							x							
143	Better boat access at Wildwood.				x										
144	Trails for walkers should not be used by ATVs-wrecking pathways. Trails with a destination are best-think of Europe.. Could a trail be connected to downtown where respite & refreshments would be available?	x													
147	Need more soccer fields.							x	x	x					
150	Recently moved to Upton. Not familiar enough w/areas to have an opinion.														x
154	Cleaner trails.	x													
157	Land off Azalea, Turtle Project. Would love trees/ grass etc. all mud at the moment.														x

	Maintain abandoned farm fields on town property by annual cutting of brush and hay. This encourages birds and other wildlife to the area Create new open fields as well. North St. properties come to mind.		x												
160	A safe place for kids.				x										
163	Bike paths, trails.	x													
166	I think that our town common is too small, fire dept. does a horrible job Decorating the large evergreen tree. Wish they would string lights horizontal. Not vertical it's not a football. Do it right or don't bother.							x							
168	We need to have more athletic facilities in one place with real bathrooms and places to park.								x	x					
174	Maintain trails in our wonderful areas. We have beautiful recreation areas!		x							x					
177	You have enough.														x
178	More handicap accessibility.			x											
179	Bathroom not outhouse at playground.					x					x				
183	A town splash pad would be awesome. I know many people have pools but this would help build community.								x						
185	Actually check out of town permits at Kiwanis much? I overheard individuals speaking about recently being released from prison.					x				x					
188	Provide additional trash and recycling receptacles.									x			x		
198	Have clear parking areas/trail maps for newer conservation areas.	x	x												
200	Better maintained, and cleanup events the community can help support.			x											
203	Better athletic fields.									x					
205	USF entrance and Red Farm Golf Course is marked with no trespassing signage..should be removed.		x												
207	Handicap accessibility especially the soccer field is hard to get up by walking for handicap.					x									

220	Parking is almost always an issue especially in winter.		x															
227	Better signs- especially Peppercorn Hill also Peppercorn Hill trails seem to have gangs of teenagers hanging around and drinking near an old beat up boat -- don't like to hike/walk the dog by myself there.	x					x											
229	Geese poop/ mitigation from town beaches.					x						x						
233	Continued maintenance of woodland trails- particularly dead trees and tree debris-removal.	x																
253	Make Pratt Pond Clean Water!					x												
255	Picnic/ BBQ areas.									x								
257	Easier Access for Seniors.					x												
264	Paved bicycle trails.	x																
274	More and better parking-Maps on board or Kiosk. Dog Parks.		x										x					
275	Please, Please fix the CCC Road to Upton State Forest.		x	x														
	Consider off-leash at Upton State Forest. If Acton and Concord and others towns can do it so can we!											x						
276	Need Trails to bike safely. Roller blade/ deck hockey areas. Better trail signs-- to easy to get lost	x								x								
279	Get out of it!																	x
280	Tennis courts that are maintained in useable condition. Lights in the field for youth programs.									x								
	Publish seasonal or biannual recreation/ conservation catalog with info on activities, events, classes and open space trail map showing where trailhead is.							x										
282	More and better trails, more signs, tick control but no spraying.	x																
283	The road to the Upton State Forest is full of potholes. Should be paved.		x															
288	Better trash pick up . Better signage.	x																

289	Better markers for trails. This applies to Whitehall Lake area which we use a lot and we realize it is state owned.	x																	
306	Safer trails to walk on.	x					x												
309	Just make them user friendly for all ages.					x													
313	Create disc golf course.								x										
314	Guide book to trails and interest points.	x							x										
316	Allow hunting and ATV use.		x																
327	Trail improvements. Trail signage Updated trail maps.	x																	
328	Trash cans for dog poop bags.												x						
329	Eliminate hunting.		x																
330	Trail signage.	x																	
331	Expand agricultural areas (grassland) by allowing/ leasing areas for grazing and/or grazing farm animals.																	x	
337	Improve erosion control.	x																	
335	Bathroom facilities kept up and cleaned regularly.									x									
343	Information regarding locations, Access, 'rules' of public open space in Upton						x												
345	Sand + swans @ Kiwanis.											x							
346	I didn't know about all of recreation areas.... information/Education/ outreach would be of value to encourage use of town amenities.						x												
359	Walking paths.	x								x									
367	A web page with all town own accessible properties with parking map and trail map or a down loadable app with the same.							x											
369	Keep the out of townies out of Kiwanis Beach.				x														
371	Signs where to park Safer running trails, more playgrounds/stuff for children, more town events.	x							x										
373	Bathrooms at large recreational fields, parking.							x											

374	Address Geese droppings at Kiwanis Beach. Make it Upton residents only . Lots of non-residents swimming and cleaning out trout every night after stocking. Go See!				x						x		
375	Geese waste at Kiwanis Beach.			x							x		
380	There is no cell signal at the state forest. Not great for safety.				x								
388	Kiwanis should be for town residents and the fees for daily use should be raised.			x									
	Bathrooms should be updated.			x									
390	Improve Wildwood Picnic Area-specifically the ramp to the water. Erosion made it difficult to back down to load boats into the water.			x									
396	Improved access and trail head parking.	x											
403	More info (maps, etc.) on the internet.					x							
404	Expanded trails	x											
409	Allow better access to VFW playground on nice days during summer							x					
411	Communication of available spaces.					x							
412	Keeping water clean. Herbicides and insecticides out. Free Doggy bags to encourage people to clean up after dogs.			x									
	Porta potty at trail heads.	x											
425	Encourage people to pick up trash.		x							x			
429	No improvements keep our tax rate down.												x
430	Map of all trails.					x							
432	More walking, hiking, biking trails, town walking club.	x											
433	Trash receptacles and regular pick up.		x							x			
434	Forest Management.			x									
435	Kiwanis Beach entries on page 1 should be changed to "Town Beach and Athletic Facilities," as it changed in 1975 with a Federal Grant.					x							
437	Trash cans.		x							x			

444	Better signage--hiking trails at Upton State forest.	x																
449	Parking area improvements, trail improvements.	x	x															
450	Protecting and preserving open space from development.														x			
452	More hunting areas.			x														
455	Organized events, hikes.									x								
457	Upgraded bathroom at Kiwanis and sports fields , better marked trails in forest.	x				x							x					
463	Better signage.	x																
476	Better signage on the trails. A trail book would be nice.	x						x										
482	Goss pond needs a trailhead marker/Kiosk/map.	x																
	Goss pond trail needs to be maintained-downed trees also Goss pond trail needs to be maintained.	x																
484	I learned about many town spaces from this survey that I did not previously know of-- would there be more visibility (such as in the post office) of what is available?							x										
487	Playgrounds, splash pool, community supported farm.			x						x								
488	Would like some designated pickle ball courts so they don't need to be transformed from the tennis courts and so more time available for use.								x									
492	Increase trails. Connect trails to other towns and their trails.	x																
493	Walk/bike trails through town not sure how , but it would be great.. Rail Trail??	x																
503	Maintain tennis courts better-- they are cracked at pond and not really usable.								x									
506	Organize rec leagues.							x										
507	I haven't seen enough to know.															x		
509	Better lighting for safety.					x												

518	Better awareness and maintenance of trails-- would love a nice park in Upton for community gathering and a dog park.	x							x					
521	Improve marking trails.	x									x			
523	A place is needed for people to walk their dogs so they will stop walking their dogs in the Lakeview Cemetery. The cemetery Should be considered first as a place for people to memorialize their loved Ones, not as a recreation area/dog park.										x			
524	Most definitely need more baseball options.								x					
530	Need more athletic fields and improved the ones we have.								x					
532	Policy of dog walks clean up goose droppings at Kiwanis.				x									
533	More information on what/when it is available accessibility.						x							
552	Better parking.	x												
559	Better signage to identify conservation area.		x											
562	Legal ATV use and access.		x											
572	More sidewalks and improved sidewalks.	x												
574	Better control of off leash dogs.									x				
580	Kids splash park would be great.								x					
582	A clearer way to find out about all the places listed on the other page. How do we find out where those places are? How to access? Website? Town website is hard to navigate. FB page.						x							
	A splash pad is high on our list as well as $\frac{1}{2}$ half day summer programs for little ones $\frac{3}{4}$ .							x						
582	More accessible handicapped areas and programs for seniors with mobility (limited walking ability.					x								
584	Trails and maps.	x					x							
588	Better information available about all of the available recreation areas in town and on line					x								

	not just on town site, but on search engines and maps.													
589	More athletic fields, improve field at Nipmuc/Misco. Lack of parking at Kiwanis, field is a disgrace/upper parking lot is a tremendous waste of money.									x	x			
591	Better walk conditions paved or improved.	x												
595	Kids camp and play at Kiwanis.					x								
596	Better trail signs.	x												
602	Road connecting Westboro RD to State forest has far too many potholes.		x											
603	Create a link (association not hyperlink) or even preservation space in Upton with MA Audubon Society. They do a fantastic job with bringing birds/nature to the individual							x						
612	Better maps online and marked access points.	x						x						
616	Access and parking, less restrictions. Rules and laws are prejudice against ATV riders, hunter and Handicap person even the elderly!	x	x			x								
618	More conservation areas.											x		
623	More promotion maps available online.						x							
629	Cut back trails to reduce tick exposure. Open some trails to recreational vehicles.	x				x								
	Install Frisbee golf course- wholesome outdoor activity.								x					
	Make geaching ( note> this is exactly how this was spelled???) routes- will encourage hiking.	x												
632	Post storm trail clean ups. Downed trees take awhile to be cleared.			x										
635	We need more community playgrounds parks, gardens to enhance the feeling in town better sense of pride in the town.								x					
649	More guided educational walks.											x		
648	Allowed to walk pets there.										x			
649	Improved parking, trail clearing, trail marking, prevent parking lot trash from going into Kiwanis water.	x	x								x			

	More swimming access, clean up days for trash/trash cans.				x					x			
650	Spraying for mosquitoes.					x							
654	Mosquito control.					x							
660	I play a lot of disc golf, none in the area, have to drive.. Add 9/18 holes to existing area/park.							x					
665	Better fields for youth to use.								x				
667	More info about parking. Usage rules and maps						x						
668	Turf field.								x				
677	Tennis court resurface/nets.									x			
678	Conserve wetlands... no hunting seasons.				x						x		
688	Need to open up upper parking lot at Kiwanis. It is crazy to have it , but not be able to use it even if you're not handicapped.									x			
696	Make more trails.	x											
697	Signs at parking areas with trail maps. Some areas have them some don't.						x						
702	Dog park and more playgrounds.								x		x		
710	Playground areas.								x				
711	Provide practical, non-car ways to get around Upton- bike paths, Community paths, etc.	x											
712	1. More bike/hiking trails that are better marked.	x	x										
	2. A town brochure with list and trails for conservation land. We use Upton forest for hiking/biking-- was not aware of some of the other conservation areas available.						x						
714	Update information.						x						
715	Less horse poop.		x										
716	1. The Upton State Forest has 2 buildings at the headquarters. I'd try to preserve these.		x										
	2. New trails would be fun.	x											
718	Parking- its the biggest access issue for the town.		x										
725	Trails that appeal to all ages and abilities.	x											

	Better parking (mud and awful road conditions to even get to parking) and more parking especially the Upton State forest		x												
728	Clean more.											x			
731	Expand land and trail markings expand field options.	x													
733	Better access.		x												
735	Since I have been in this area only a short time and slightly disabled , I don't believe that I could answer objectively.					x									
741	Lighting on VFW playground clear areas around ponds for fishing. Look into goose deterrents.				x						x	x			
744	This town needs synthetic turf fields due to the amount of youth programs and lack of attention paid to									x					
751	upkeep/ mowing during fall/spring. If necessary I could assist given experience as HS athletic director.										x		x		
754	More playground space for the young families moving to upton. A splash park also for young families.										x				
	I would like to see more awareness of where Kiwanis beach is. It took me several years to even learn of it's existence.					x									
757	More space for children to play, hangout etc. Large # of children with little or no space.										x				
	Add programs to the existing space for kids,												x		
758	Dog park.											x			
789	First, before all else-- Develop in a way to bring relief to tax payers.													x	
761	Clearly mark and publicize trails.	x					x								
764	Make bridges safe for horses or a way to bypass.	x													
765	Less new residential building developments.											x			
766	More kiosks w/hunting season and requirements for those using recreation areas where hunting is permitted		x	x		x									

767	More land.											x	
771	Paved trails for road bikes.	x											
773	We really need a much nicer center. One that people could gather and enjoy a few local stores, restaurants, green area ice cream. Grafton center is beautiful, something like that would be beautiful												x
776	Equipment rental for cross country or snow shoeing.												x
777	Conservation areas--- leave it alone.		x										
778	Better online maps.					x							
780	Full size athletic fields for soccer lacrosse, and football are limited. Kiwanis is the only full size field in town.								x				
787	More trails, better signage, paper maps.	x				x							
789	Walking paths around fields---- ADA standards.	x			x								
791	Spray for ticks.			x									
793	Full size soccer field in Upton.							x					
795	Expanded.						x						
805	Stop spending \$\$ on passive recreation properties we have way more than we properly/heavily utilized.										x		
806	Better trail maintenance improved maintenance of softball field.		x						x				
817	Safety.				x								
828	Community supported agriculture.												x
829	Making parking open and available in the new upper parking lot at Kiwanis field.						x						
834	Connection of trails to multiple open spaces within town and adjacent to other town's open spaces.	x											
	It would be great to have trails of multiple miles of extended hiking	x											
835	Public horse riding area community parks/kid facilities... connecting trails. Better trail connections.	x							x				

838	Better marked trail and maps.. More info on all the trails listed. I've been In town 12 year and most of the above mentioned I did not know that they existed.	x						x						
840	Parking and signage.		x											
855	Better trail conditions, more trails maps/info.	x						x						
857	ATV trails would attract income/ Advertisement for current snowmobiling.			x										
864	They're great but parking lot is horrible tons of pot holes and leash laws are not enforced/lack of signage.		x									x		
865	More signage.	x												
869	Spray for ticks, etc. At least at athletic fields, splash pad/spray ground for kids.					x				x				
868	More recreational areas.								x					
872	Making them open or not illegal to be at beach after dark for greater star watching.								x					
882	More play areas for very young children 1-3yrs currently limited equipment for energetic toddlers.									x				
	More downtown walking routes.	x												
883	I have tried to find the Upton and had difficulty, better signage maybe.						x							
884	Lighting.								x					

**15. What improvements to Upton State Forest would you suggest?**

QUESTION NUMBER 15		Domestic Animals	Parking/Access Rds	Trails	Features	Facilities	Flora&Fauna	Acquire	Information	Programs	Maintenance	Hunting	ORV	Other
<b>What improvements to Upton State Forest would you suggest?</b>														
1	Work on the road. Manage the beavers.						x							
4	n/a												x	
11	More rapid clearing of blown down debris to keep the trails open and passable, especially after high wind and other weather events.			x										
26	Just general upgrade of facilities and trails.			x	x									
27	More signage.			x										
28	Same as 14. (Lower succession stage of mature forest to create habitat for wildlife.)						x							
29	Access for older people. Not easy to access without a horse.	x												
30	Better trails.			x										
32	Increase size. Acquire property adjacent to existing.							x						
35	Mapping and recognition of ceremonial stone landscapes.				x									
48	Repair road to parking lot off Westborough Rd. Trail quality in muddy conditions.	x	x											
49	Information							x						
50	None. Beautiful as is.												x	
52	Community programs in clubhouse. Can't read lectures.								x					
55	Better trail maintenance.			x										
56	Regular trash pick up.									x				
58	Connect trail from top of Hopk. spring trail to Westboro Rd. side. Need a bridge & a bog bridge. Could make a loop for Hopk spring or use a connector as shortcut to Rabbit Run.			x										
62	Less ruts in parking area. Less flooding on trails. More trash bins.		x	x										

63	Volunteers and young people that have given their time /did improvements as projects have been sufficient to maintain our state forest.								x		
67	Insects are a problem July and August - but I can live with that.				x						
69	Cinder or pea gravel surfaces on trails. Larger parking area.	x	x								
79	See above.									x	
81	The beauty of this town is natural. No additional improvements would add to nature's beauty just take away from it.								x		
87	More healthy events like trail running or kids running events can we partner with tri-valley runners?							x			
91	Allow motorized vehicles- dirt bikes and ATV's.		x							x	
94	Pretty good as things are, maybe a trail linking Whistling Cave trail with Middle Road to avoid steep pitch down from Park Rd.	x									
98	I don't have much to say about any of this.									x	
100	Beaver control. Spray for ticks and mosquitoes.			x							
101	Paved trails, picnic areas.		x	x							
102	Widen the smaller trails in the middle of the loop.	x									
107	Some historic signage would be a positive.					x					
113	Trail maintenance.		x						x		
117	Improved trail signage and access.		x						x		
118	Leave it the same or expand.				x						
119	None.							x			
122	Bigger signs telling people to pick up their dogs ___ and not leave the bags either on the trails or by the entrance.	x									
125	None at this time.							x			
144	Picnic tables along the water.			x							
150	Recently moved to Upton. Not familiar enough w/areas to have an opinion.									x	
154	Cleaner trails.		x								
159	Don't need any more signs.							x			
165	More parking.	x									
168	Parking lot on Gore Rd on hi tension lines.	x									
171	Find a use for CCC headquarters. Continue efforts to expand USF.			x		x					
173	Thinning out forest as was done about 10 years ago. Grooming.				x						
176	Better trails.		x								

177	Maintain trails in our wonderful areas. We have beautiful recreation areas!			x								
178	It's fine.									x		
180	The entrance and surface needs work.		x									
181	Create more trails.			x								
184	Clear culverts to prevent flooding of roads. Or add more culverts as needed.		x									
185	A playground or camp sites might help to encourage family use.				x							
188	Provide seating/benches along the trails.			x								
190	People to pick up the animal waste there animal dispose on the trails.	x										
192	KEEP DOGS LEASHED !!	x										
198	Post hunting season dates.						x			x		x
199	Some of trail has so many rocks and so difficult to walk with little kids.			x								
206	Leave the forest alone! Stop trying to improve nature.				x							
216	Better parking and parking conditions.		x									
220	Better parking, trail guides, maybe a bathroom? I'm getting old and I need it more often.		x		x			x				
221	Fix the driveway in. It is nearly impassable.		x									
227	A couple places to get dog poop bags and disposal barrels --e.g.. the West Hill Dam.	x										
233	Larger campsites.				x							
246	Trash bins (dog waste) on longer trails.	x										
248	Increase signage.							x				
251	Linking forests for wildlife and trail system			x		x	x					
257	Accessibility to ponds- particularly to Dean Pond. If you must have gates open 1 hour prior to sunrise and one hour after sunset.		x									
273	Public access to long-term and short-term management plan/vision.							x				
274	Better parking - maps at different locations.. Dog Park.	x	x					x				
257	Fix the CCC road to Upton State Forest.		x									
276	Trail maps dog poop bags large clearly marked-- frequent trail signs.	x		x				x				

279	Mark trails.			x										
280	Interactive guide that gives historical background/facts at locations throughout the park. Similar to a guide walk but accessible anytime, Downloadable podcast!!							x						
282	More and better trails. More information and events.. Tick control- no spraying.			x					x	x				
285	More parking.		x											
288	Better trash pickup/ receptacle. Better signage.							x		x				
295	Would love to see walking bridge installed over W River connecting USF on both sides of river. Long shot I know!			x										
297	Maintain trails better.			x										
300	Add toilet facilities.				x									
306	Too many dead trees down.									x			x	
309	Maintain trails they way they should be.			x										
310	Additional signs on the trails.			x					x					
316	Allow hunting and ATV use.					x					x	x		
319	Love it maybe easier trail maps to understand length of trails and off-leash areas??	x		x										
327	Trail improvements. Improved trail signage. Updated trail maps.			x					x					
331	Possible lease of building and horseback riding (guided).	x				x								
332	Semi annual clean up of downed trees and trash... fresh barrels.									x				
333	Erosion control.									x				
335	Kids educational programs.								x					
346	Parking is terrible.		x											
348	More parking.		x											
367	Some signage on Pratt Hill side. A little trail development on Pratt Hill.			x					x					
371	Signs where to park.		x						x					
374	None- I prefer it natural. I don't want to see sidewalks pave paths trailing and signs on nature walks.			x										
376	It is state forest leave it as is.									x				
388	Add trash pickup.									x				
390	None- maybe enforce cleaning up after your dog after it defecates in the trail.	x												

396	Buy out Varney Brothers and eliminate firewood cutting.						x		x		
403	More info (maps) on the internet.							x			
404	Expand trails.			x							
409	Restrict hunting times.									x	
411	Keeping water off the trails.			x							
412	Free doggy bags to encourage scooping. Trail map access- may be posted at some intersections.	x	x								
425	More forest with more trails.		x			x					
430	Map of all trails. Maybe add a trail.		x					x			
431	Clear dead trees from side of roads. Limbs, trees present danger to autos.								x		
433	Paved parking and regular ( frequent) insect control and notice electronically website/of when and where.		x			x					
434	More forest management.					x					
446	Beaver management.					x					
448	Better trail signage.			x							
450	More trails.		x								
452	Open to all ATV's, Dirt Bikes, Snowmobiling.		x							x	
453	Better trail drainage after rain.		x								
457	Better marked trails and available maps (online or print)		x				x				
462	Signage.					x					
465	More signs.					x		x			
482	Too much horse poop- don't know what can be done about that though! I like Upton State Forest trails.	x	x								
484	Love the forest! Are there any special or endangered species there?				x						
	Would be great if there was a posting with description at the trail entrance.		x								
487	More single track (mountain biking) trails.		x								
491	Better maps online and at the location for the trails.		x					x			
492	Increase size, increase number of trails, improve some trail conditions.		x				x				
493	Loop trails, spots to picnic in trails, single track ground for bikes.		x	x							
494	More trails.		x								
500	Think it is well managed.							x			

506	Tours.							x			
507	In past years when I used USF frequently, I thought it was a very good condition very well kept up.								x		
509	More trash cans.								x		
516	None it's perfect as is. Keep the dirt roads.								x		
518	Add picnic areas, cooking areas.					x					
523	Better parking and signage.	x									
524	Town football fields are in dire need of upgrade.										x
530	Clean and widen all trails with the exception of the loop.		x								
533	Better parking accessibility. Enforce leash laws!	x	x								
552	More trails.		x								
554	Fix trails/bridges flooded by beaver dams.		x								
559	It would be ideal if a book and map listing open space and recreation areas in the town. Maybe it could be included with the Upton Directory.							x			
572	Park area.	x									
574	Better control of off leash dogs.	x									
582	Just info: where to park, group to walk/etc.						x				
588	Better trail marking on side trails.		x								
589	None, great.								x		
591	Improved or paved.	x									
594	Better trail signs.		x								
600	Dog walkers always let their dogs run free and rarely pick up their poop.	x									
630	Guide books, guides, more marked trails.		x				x				
605	Should maintain the roads, trails and bridges within the forests, ATV should not be allowed. They damage trails and roads.								x	x	
610	None leave it natural.								x		
612	Sidewalks or path from town center to recreation areas/ state forest.	x									
613	Would like to see a decrease of coyotes in Upton that seem to have no fear of residents.					x					
616	Land management, old forest do not support wildlife.				x						
618	Keeping it a forest.				x						
624	Better maps at entrances.						x				

629	Open some trails to recreational vehicles. Make geocaching routes-- will encourage hiking.			x										
	Install Frisbee golf course- wholesome outdoor activities					x								
632	Overall trail signage is quite good, but there are some places such as the far end of Warren brook that don't have many signs.			x										
649	Parking.		x											
650	Spraying for mosquitoes.					x								
654	Mosquito control.					x								
677	Better and more trails.			x										
678	Expansion/ more trails.			x			x							
688	Make people pick up after their dogs.	x												
689	Better parking access.		x											
695	Disability access. More signs to avoid getting lost		x	x										
705	Limit hunting. I know you probably can't eliminate it altogether, but I do avoid it out of fear of getting shot by mistake! Maybe more warning signs											x		
710	Better marking.			x										
712	More bike/hiking trails that are better marked.			x										
714	Need more trail maps/information . No hunting at all.							x			x			
715	Less horse poop, more sights.	x		x										
716	Parts of the dam area stonewall, need to be rebuilt, some rocks Have fallen from this massive wall, It would be nice to see that Restored, also not a big job to repair now before it worsens.										x			
718	Parking.		x											
725	No complaints except some of the trails are too advanced for my children.			x										
728	Parking the road is so bad to one side of parking that the road caused damage to my car and dog.		x											
731	General expansion.						x							
732	Better trail markings and conditions.			x										
733	Better trail markings.			x										
735	Better access.	x												
743	Improve access road.	x												
744	Better signage for trail access points.		x											
795	Better welcome center facility.				x									

791	Spray for ticks.								x		
789	Better posting of trail routes.			x							
777	Keep areas as is.								x		
775	Trails.			x							
774	Enforce leash laws!!!! Pick up dog poop.	x									
767	More hiking trails.		x								
765	More paths and signs/trail markings.		x								
764	Bridges		x								
761	Tick control with guinea fowl.								x		
756	Designated area for dogs to swim.	x									
756	More student/adult education programs/activities.							x			
803	Better parking lots, restrooms open seasonally, picnic areas.	x		x							
806	Trail maintenance... horse riders cleaning up after horses-- leaves mess right on trails.	x	x								
815	Trail maintenance, provide local jobs.		x								
816	Flattening the road to the parking lot.. So many potholes.	x									
825	Trails signage, solar lighting, refuse collection, expanded parking area.		x	x					x		
828	Over water walking trails.		x								
834	Ability to camp in state forest would be of interest.							x			
835	Improve trails.		x								
838	Better marked trails and maps.		x				x				
840	Loop road floods over near the pond. It is washing out. Entrance road is in rough shape.		x						x		
842	Filling potholes in lower parking entrance and lot.	x									
864	Dogs not on leashes is a serious problem. Dogs always run up to me and invade my personal space.	x									
865	Signage.		x								
868	More walking trails.		x								
872	Parking area quality. Huge potholes.	x									
877	More signage re: dogs to be leashed and pick up your dog's poo!	x									
882	As we have small children, we are concerned about safety w/hunters. If there were hunting free sections that would be helpful.								x		

883	Post when and what hunting season it is.							x		x	
889	Better condition of the lower parking lot-super icy or muddy.		x								

**16. List any parcels you think should be targeted for acquisition/preservation:**

**Notes:**

North = North of Power Line & North of Hopkinton Rd

South = South of Pleasant & Milford St

East = East of Hopkinton Rd & Milfor St

West = South of Power Line & North of Pleasant St

Central = Near Upton Ctr (not well defined)

QUESTION NUMBER 16		Acquire?	North	South	East	West	Central	Near USF	Other
1	Robertson property.	x							
8	002-40.4/40 to tie into the Upton State Forest.	x							
9	None, money should be spent on parcels already owned to imptove.	x							
12	None.	x							
29	You can't make more land.	x							
32	Farm Land next to Taft Street or any other land currently in woodland condition.				x				
35	Station Street Cattail marsh was auctioned off valuable wetland w/ native habitat inttact.						x		
36	None.	x							
39	None.	x							
49	Information.							x	
55	None-we do not need any more open space.	x							
58	West side Westboro Rd near Westboro Town line before last house on left access to Gaskill Lot (USF).		x				x		
	inholdings USF-especially Brown property.		x				x		
59	None.	x							

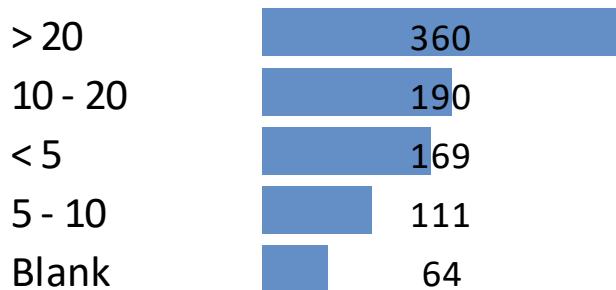
63	No particular property comes to mind but I encourage any land; the town's land should be protected.	x						
	Too much development.	x						
66	Trask Land on Mendon Street.		x					
67	Not sure. But I am willing to help.	x						
86	Land behind Pederson Funeral Home and Kenison House.				x			
87	Not sure.	x						
94	Wooded area between Glen Echo Subdivision and Westboro Rd. I have a 3 acre parcel I would donate.		x					
98	I don't have much to say about this.	x						
100	Map 12 parcel 5 73 acres. (editor note: Varney Bros)		x				x	
102	The parcel at corner of Maple and Pleasant for a dog park.				x			
116	Land between Howarth Drive and Westborough Road.		x					
134	Not the church (St. Gabriel's).				x			
150	Downtown properties. I would love to see a town center (common) with a large grassy area for organized events-fairs, gatherings, community days, bake sales etc.					x		
171	Henderson parcel off Mechanic St. Place CR on Stefan's Farm.		x					
197	Christian Hill Rd Open Field at end that meets Fiske Mill- beautiful spot about to be built on.			x				
198	We need more quality athletic fields or turf fields. For example the fields at Miscoe Hill school are awful. Football, Soccer, field hockey programs could all benefit.						x	
205	Red Farm Golf course.		x					
206	Do not buy, acquire additional properties bailing out people of their real estate problems and costing Upton residents additional tax dollars!	x						
229	The planned solar farm space off Howarth drive- save the forest!		x					
233	Any and or all.	x						
241	The former Broderick Farm on East St. the other farms in East Upton have slipped through our fingers. Losing the opportunity to save the south side of the Carroll Farm (now Di Carlo) is a travesty.			x				
242	More industry to lower your taxes.	x						
243	Amarto farm could have been nice but it seems it's going to be a fair compromise.			x				
251	The hill below Glen Echo development.	x						

257	Harvey Trask Land? There's a very old cemetary near the tracks off Grove St. Old Bushewell Property.			x					
283	The road to Mendon seems to have a lot of land.		x						
285	Any mill areas.							x	
295	Trask property.		x						
309	Think we have purchased enough land, we don't use what we have-waste of money and taxes go up.	x							
316	None- Town has enough open space and state forest.	x							
321	Centre Brook Aqueduct near town center.				x				
331	Any parcels that are adjacent to existing conservation areas.	x							
396	Buy out Varney. Borders Upton State Forest parcel.		x				x		
412	public open spaces greatly enhance quality of life. I love seeing the land preserved. The next generation will thank us.	x							
429	Please no more acquisition of land. We are now land poor.	x							
431	52 Elm St. The house plus all land. House would make lovely museum for historical society. And research area for Upton genealogy. Land next to existing Kiwanis.						x		
457	Chestnut Street Trask property.		x						
459	All possible.	x							
475	Robertson, Warren Brook parcels as they come up for sale.		x						
482	South Street sand pits, I know you tried, we were supporters.		x						
500	Not sure.	x							
503	None.	x							
516	1. Area where Grafton RR is operating pellet plant and toxic Water area off Maple Ave. (Possible too late).				x				
	2. Also area between Glen Ave and Northbridge line. Where the condos are going up (probably too late).			x					
525	We need more industry in Upton to lower tax rates, not land.	x							
527	Area near Kiwanis would make interesting conservation area.				x				
552	Amato farm.			x					
581	Mendon Rd opposite Gabriel's Church.		x						
603	Area across street from St. Gabriel parish		x						
611	Forest Heights, town owned parcels abutting Warren Brook Robertson's property, any properties.	x							

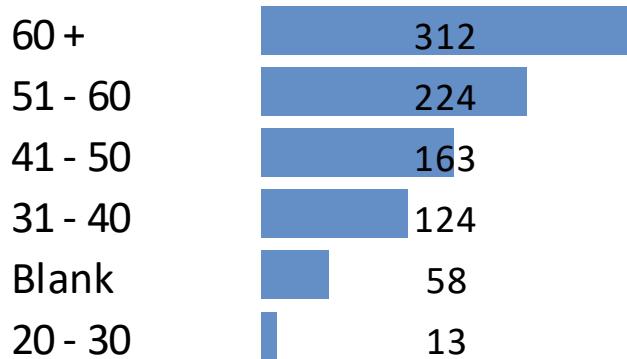
	abutting Peppercorn, trail corridor connecting, Upton State Forrest, Upton conservation areas and Upton rec areas.						x	
613	What happened to the land left by the attorney who passed recently? Also another parcel that was supposed to be used by schools.		x					
614	I am all for native, historic and space preservation, But we have to find a way to drop driving tax rate up. Upton was one of the lowest tax rates in the state.	x						
616	None. better manage what we have, make it more accessible year round for everyone.	x						
617	Parcels along Center Brook between Rt.140 and Station St. 202-126 202-120.					x		
618	As many as come up for sale. That parcel that is going to be turned into a solar field is shameful.		x					
629	Given the recent rise in property taxes, we are not in favor of increasing them more by acquiring additional land. Additionally, we are not in favor of selling currently owned property for additional housing lots.	x						
638	The land between Rt. 140 and Mendon/Grove St. Beautiful land with lots of trails. I don't know who owns it.			x				
654	Land between Williams St. and reservoir lane (already adjacent to state forest) 9 acre,				x		x	
	ideal acquisition to expand state forest.						x	
659	Stop buying.	x						
669	Robertson property but only if they are reasonable as to price of the gas restriction.		x					
706	Limit hunting.							x
711	Any! All.	x						
716	There is a lot off of Spring St. on the right, right after you pass the swamp that visitors regularly travel through. It is Private Property. There is also a couple old large foundations there from a house and barn. There was previously a business there, it is adjacent to the swamp off Spring St., beginning near an entrance gate there.		x				x	
718	None we have enough.	x						
731	Ponds and lakes.							x
751	Trask property.			x				

754	The home next to the library. The VFW building, right now it seems like the center of town activity.					x	
761	The parcel of land between South St. and West River Rd. Already has some established trails.		x				
767	Red Farm golf course.	x					
777	The dairy farm on Mendon St.		x				
778	Not even sure where Taft Mill open space is!!					x	
784	The toxic chemical dump on Maple Ave.				x		
793	The land between Howarth Dr. and Westboro Rd. that was proposed for a solar farm.	x					
805	None - stop buying property.	x					
815	Grove St./Mendon Rd. between Chestnut and St Gabriels -both sides of the road.		x				
828	Lumber.						x
835	Land Grafton Rd/ North St connection that was for sale.	x					
840	All of Pratt Hill.	x					
856	Trask land for Athletic fields.		x				
857	Triangle between 140/Grove/Mendon.		x				
868	Westboro Road.	x					
871	Wildwood lake's island.			x			
877	Historical cellar holes and foundations.						x
882	Areas downtown around the river/mill pond. A river walk would be fabulous, and attract people to downtown shops.				x		

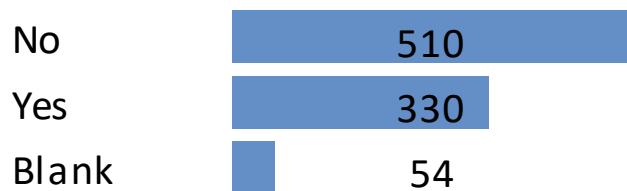
17. How long have you lived in Upton? < 5 years, 5 – 10 years, 10 – 20 years, > 20 years



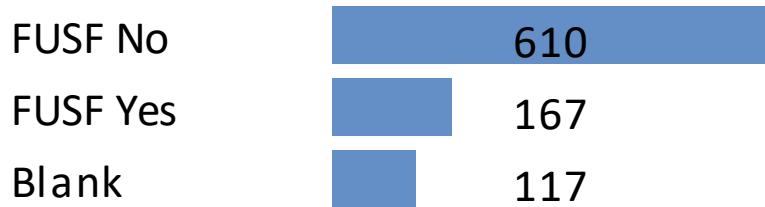
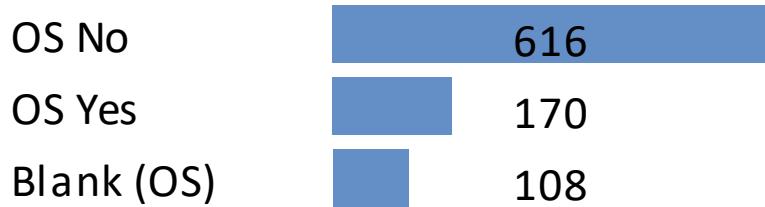
18. What is your age? 20 – 30, 31 – 40, 41 – 50, 51 – 60, 60 +



19. Does your household include children (18 years old or younger)? (y/n)



**20. Have you ever attended an Open Space event sponsored by the town (e.g. Open Space Committee)? (y/n), and/or Friends of Upton State Forest? (y/n)**

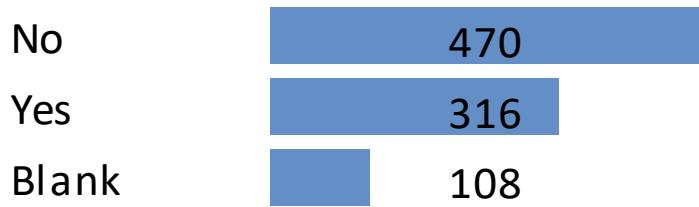


Note:

OS = Open Space Committee

FUSF = Friends of Upton State Forest

**21. Have you ever attended an event sponsored by the Recreation Commission (y/n)**



**22. Additional comments or suggestions:**

QUESTION NUMBER 22		Thank you	Taxes	OS	Recreation	Center	Other
<b>Additional comments or suggestions:</b>							
14	Thanks for providing what we have. We'd miss if it were gone.	x					
25	Thank-you for your Interest in feedback and comments.	x					
26	I believe that for the most part the facility provided for the town are in decent shape and seem to be well used. The ones I am thinking of need improving. I am not favor of increasing open space acquisition/ preservation.		x				
29	Own little house for 33 years, behind in property taxes, want to thank people. Health issues.		x				
30	I haven't attended meeting because up until recently I worked.						x
32	Wildlife Bureau Funds should be available to supplement/offset town cost for open space purchase. Money from fishing and hunting license.			x			
35	Signage on road for place and parking.			x			
39	Stop buying property with tax payers moneys and build a tax base that will lead to lower property taxes.		x				
41	We just moved to Upton in October 2018 and have not had the opportunity to explore our new town yet.						x
56	Thank-you for your time in making Upon even better than it is.	x					
58	Attended soccer games.				x		
59	The open space kiosks are very nice. Thank-you for the time you give to our open spaces. Some sort of educational brochures, programs or sign to encourage dog walkers to leash their dogs and pick up and pack out their poop.			x			
63	Where do you post meetings/ events?			x	x		
65	Stop spending \$\$\$.		x				

66	Please keep Pratt Pond swimming area intact for Upton residents. There should be a sticker discount for Upton Residents. There are more people from out of town.			x	
83	I would like to know when they are holding Tai Chi classes at the town hall.			x	
87	My wife and I moved here after taking tons of walks at Upton State Forest while we lived in Franklin. I welcome more open space and with 2 kids in youth sports, I welcome conversations around field expansions.		x	x	
92	Thank-you for all of your efforts.	x			
96	Allow dirt bikes and ATV trails in Upton State Forest.		x		
98	The plowing of the sidewalks in front of Millhaus Apartments is very poor.				x
101	Sprinkler park is a wonderful idea to have in town.		x		
102	I would love to be involved in a project to create a town dog park. I am happy to volunteer time & energy to this. Name redacted.			x	
111	I recently moved here from Vermont.				x
118	People move to Upton for its rural and simple way of life. Born and raised in Milford. Reminds me of how beautiful of a town it once was. Overdeveloped and deforested has totally ruined that town. Don't ever let that happen here.		x		
128	If taxpayers don't want to increase the school budget to include improvements to school athletic fields. Miscoe Hill track + field area,etc, then they need to develop a town-owned sports complex area with turf fields and lighting that the youth baseball, basketball, soccer, football programs plus our public school athletes can share use of. Our current facilities, particularly at Miscoe Hill are unsafe to play on. And to have no turf facilities at the high school in today's day and age with the number of participating athletes we have in multiple sports is ridiculous. Upton has plenty of rural and forest conservation space already. We need useable space for our youth.			x	
132	Not much help. Only live here for 6 months but plan on using more facilities once spring arrives.			x	
133	No power boats at Pratt Pond. Senior citizen should be discounted at Pond.			x	
134	Lower our taxes not just look for ways to just spend.	x			
135	Please leave our forest and open areas alone.		x		

144	Upton missed the opportunity to create a rail trail by purchasing the rail yard and rail tracks. This would have been clean, wide and great for walking and biking.			x		
155	As long as our astronomical taxes do not increase as a result of any of these.		x			
157	Open space off of Azalea is still a mess. Hoping Afonso cleans it soon.			x		
159	Conservation should distance itself from recreation.			x	x	
161	The number of trails that crisscross every town owned open space is an abomination. You can't protect wildlife habitat by clear cutting trails thru every inch of the forest.			x		
167	Although I am "prohunter" I've encountered some rude and aggressive and scary ones.			x		
168	We have plenty of open space; Let's use what we have. Fix the mess at Kiwanis and don't buy any more land. Lower taxes!	x		x		
171	Establish a long term goal to protect 75% of town as open space.			x		
173	Real estate/ property taxes are getting too high.	x				
178	There is plenty of open space-- rec activities. Town needs more commercial and mixed use development. Some attractive plazas-How about a CVS drugstore in town - build it and they will come. Parts of downtown looks like a dump. Where is the zoning- multiple unregistered vehicles- here, there, everywhere. Concentrate on commercial-- will help (somewhat) eradicate blight.					x
179	Thank you for doing the survey.	x				
185	Kiwanis has the potential to be really nice town asset. Increasing the daily out of town cost would help decrease crowds while allowing residents to enjoy it.				x	
186	We are retired and do not visit our town open space.					x
198	Thanks for working to making open space/ rec better.	x				
201	Felt this was a very good survey.	x				
206	Do not buy, acquire additional properties bailing out people of their real estate problems and costing Upton residents additional tax dollars!		x			
207	Please allow to drive up hill at Kiwanis. Too difficult for those with walking or lung issues to get up!!				x	
219	Nice job keep up the good work!	x				
233	Make an attempt to rid poison ivy and bittersweet vines that climb and eventually kill a tree. Thank you for all your efforts.		x			

237	Better sidewalks for walking and for handicapped access to town locations, (school, library, town hall, etc.).				x	
241	It would be beautiful to see center brook cleaned up ( I realize it is private property). Daffodils would be gorgeous if they could be planted and maybe some azaleas against the side of Maroney's garage. Also it would be nice to have a row of trees or shrubs along the back of the parking across from the library.				x	
242	More industry to lower your taxes.	x				
243	Thanks I'm really going to bone up on this list of open spaces!	x				
249	Love the musical concerts at Kiwanis Beach.			x		
257	I commend the town for all the conservation work already done. John Walsh.	x	x			
264	We are new to Upton. We plan to use these facilities more as we gain familiarity. We do Not want our taxes to go up. Too high already.	x	x			
270	Fix 135 Now!					x
282	Community supported farm is a great idea.					x
285	We need sidewalks!!! Tree cutting for power lines!!! 2019 no need to loose power due to limbs.					x
287	I like the initiative being taken, please allow more development in Upton. Make it less rural. Doesn't need to be a city, but facilities are very much needed, like Grocery stores. pharmacy, kids activities, restaurants. Develop Downtown.					x
291	We are very upset because every dept. can't wait to spend more money which increases our taxes every year.	x				
309	The town should not be in the Real Estate business-- the town isn't as clean as it used to be. Roads and brush are a mess- trash on roads.		x			
310	Kiwanis beach is becoming noisy. People are turning car audio systems on, loudly now, maybe discourage or prohibit audio speakers.			x		
315	Keep children and teenager activities for them.			x		
316	It is very upsetting that the town continues to buy land and then restricts It to passive recreation only. Hunting and fishing and ATVs should be allowed on sections of all properties. I will not vote for town land again because of this. Nor will any of my friends.		x			
325	I'm too old to use most of the town's great facilities! But I've enjoyed walking many of the trails.	x				
326	Make room for more business such as starbucks, Panera, etc. More parking and a modern, updated downtown area. Get rid of the train.				x	

335	Natures Classrooms and pre K implemented at schools. Would love more green space for kids to get out in nature. Less houses built.					x
336	Love Upton- But the town needs more small businesses, retailers, restaurants. Nothing here to draw in new families. Hopkinton will forever overshadow Upton.				x	
339	We need more athletic space for kids.			x		
346	Kiwanis Beach area is great!!			x		
348	Better advertisement of events.					x
356	Town basketball league for adults.			x		
357	When I moved to Upton, I fished for trout in the West River. Since then it has become choked with weeds. The Town must limit the use of fertilizer along the river and possibly treat the river chemically. Also, Taft pond and others need to be treated for weeds.			x		
360	Keep up the good work.	x				
365	I do not support any further open space acquisition in the town. I feel it is bringing unfair tax burdens on the townspeople.	x				
367	A fenced in off leash dog park is my highest priority. Would be willing to join a committee to pursue!!			x		
371	Aggressive dogs off leash are a problem.		x			
372	Love Upton but would love more town events bringing everyone together.					x
400	There is a sweet spot between over commercialized and completely lack luster. Right now it is lack luster. I travel to all surrounding towns to take advantage of their areas, even if there is a fee, because they are way better.					x
401	I am in favor of open space and recreation areas in Upton. I used to hike with open space on several trails in the state forest and other areas. I cannot now Because of age and being handicapped. I haven't walked or hiked for quite awhile so I cannot answer about conditions or trails, etc.		x	x		
403	About the greatest benefit an Upton resident gets for paying a huge property tax bill is use of open spaces with high quality. I would like to see an area set aside for Motorized recreation trail use. Got to get kids away from their keyboards and into the outdoors.		x			
412	I think the open spaces and active recreation commission is a huge positive for the town.		x	x		
415	Focus on using the state/town owned land better, not on buying more of it.	x	x			
435	Thank you for all your service to the Town of Upton! Keep up the "good work".	x				
444	Thanks for asking for my input!	x				
447	Better advertising of what is available in town to do.					x

456	Love to see the center of Upton aesthetically improved. Perhaps adding little (a few) Shops or café.				x	
457	Keep Upton a quiet, woodsy/farm town. Please don't overdevelop sports fields.			x		
471	I'm interested in keeping our taxes as low as possible for the sake of Our Senior citizens---- not adding more expenses.	x				
474	better marketing to let Upton residents know what's available for recreation.			x		
476	Put a link to the trail maps on the first page of the town website. Not easy to find currently. Buried under boards/commissions.		x			
482	I didn't know about 1/2 of the open space areas. Would be nice to see a map with all of them, maybe more traditional kiosks? Could just be us- we hike/use west hill dam and lookout Hill trails 2-3 times a week because of proximity to our home.		x			
493	Thanks for asking for input and all the work you do to preserve Our beautiful town and rural community!	x				
503	Don't want to see my tax bill increase.		x			
509	Thank you for all you do to make Upton Great!	x				
518	Walking paths in a park with benches and community open space would be wonderful. We need a permanent fix to the geese on Kiwanis.		x	x		
521	Love this town.					x
525	I love Upton but am concerned we have more empty land than industry and people profiting off land ruler/sales.					x
533	Thank you.	x				
545	Our main concern is affordability preserving Upton and its rural characteristics,					x
547	We definitely want to preserve Upton without costing the taxpayers a lot of money. It is a beautiful town. Hopefully all the building on every little green spot will cease.	x	x			
550	The Recreation Dept. summer concerts are great and I would have attended if my schedule permitted.			x		
580	It's great to have events such as the fishing derby.			x		
581	Concerts at Kiwanis are great.			x		
582	Thank you for asking these questions and getting input from people	x				
589	Use money smartly. We have a rough horse and passive use trails. We need more mainstream facilities-- fields for sports, putting.		x	x		

593	I can't fill a lot of this because I haven't been very involved. It does seem like a lot of places mentioned aren't known to many, especially the open space areas and some don't offer much. Heritage park (no trails), Stephans (not a good trail/ muddy and buggy). Howarth ( not marked well and not much there).			x		
596	I think the town is doing excellent job with open space and recreation Areas. Thank you.	x				
603	Put more info into Upton Town Crier about conservation efforts and opportunities in upton for recreation.		x	x		
608	Don't really know about many of these open space area.		x			
609	I enjoy the feeling of Upton. I've lived in Carlisle and Medway for thirty five years and enjoy the country road, single home, local business and farm feelings of them and Upton though Medway is losing it! Don't tear down the old Library area and stay as you are.					x
610	Youth sports many years ago.					x
612	We are new to town and we have a newborn child, so we look forward to becoming more active in the community.					x
613	I had lyme disease and been treated for this= - would like the town to spray for this. Also the bugs that cause itchy skin (small worms).					x
614	Please, Please, Please, try not to increase tax burden! My real-estate taxes Are making life hard for me in Upton! Please Help stop the wealthy from Driving everyone else out of our town! Example \$3 m town hall, Ipads for all students, etc.	x				
616	Committees sell us on a plan for the vote, than to only change the rules for access when they get what they want. The new parking lot of Cider Mill is perfect example, Sweet William Farm. Etc.		x	x		
618	I love Upton, but I must move. My house is too big for me.					x
645	Thank you for asking.	x				
674	Thank you for creating this survey. Upton doesn't need more houses and more people. It needs more open spaces and conservation land.	x	x			
677	Most athletic events for adults/seniors and focus on that in addition to organized kid events.			x		
689	Thank-you!	x				
707	I don't visit any of these areas. I live on North Pond-- Haven't been in it For over 30 years. Don't do outdoor stuff.					x
709	This survey has inspired me to get more involved in the town red/conservation areas.		x	x		
711	I believe we have good athletic fields already. We have some great parks. I'd like to see people walking from place to place as part of their commute-- kids don't walk in town-- can we help them with how we build Upton's Space.		x	x		

714	If any open space event/friends of Upton State Forest, please provide American Sign Language interpreter for update meetings. It'd be great.			x		
716	The Upton State Forest is a Gem! When I have a dog I go daily. I have actually given out of towners and people from out of state tours. It is my favorite part of living in Upton: it is just beautiful. I have also taken Harvard Professors, Physicians, attorneys hiking with me and my dog through the forest. We each loved it.		x			
728	Would love a dog park.			x		
747	Just feel we need more for the younger teenage group, places and things that would be of interest for them.			x		
751	Thank you!	x				
754	In general, I am against the type of out of control growth in neighboring towns like Ashland and Hopkinton. We need controlled growth. But we also must maintain our small town environment.		x			
780	Release Trask property will go a long way for active recreation.			x		
783	Stop raising our property taxes. We feel as senior citizens you are running us out of town. Maybe if the school buses didn't stop in every driveway we could save on gas. Parents job to get kids safely to local stop. Did it with our kids.	x				
801	Very new to Upton. Looking forward to exploring.					x
800	The Kiwanis tennis courts have been ruined by the yellow pickle ball lines. The yellow lines are distracting to tennis players. Please build a separate pickle ball court and fix the damage done to the tennis courts.			x		
805	Active recreation should be pursued above and beyond passive. We have enough passive recreation opportunities.		x	x		
811	I would attend so many events if I knew about them.					x
826	Don't want to pay for anymore open space. Taxes are already too high in Upton.	x				
828	Put lots more info on Upton web page.					x
835	I would love to see a public horse riding arena. It could be rented for horse shows and also used for other community events such as concerts Fairs etc. Towns like Raynham Ma and New post, Barre MA have facilities like this.					x
840	We have a fantastic trail system. I've enjoyed walking most of it.		x			
841	Thanks for asking.	x				
855	Better trail conditions, more trails maps/info.		x			
857	ATV trails would attract income/ Advertisement for current snowmobiling.		x			

866	When our kids were here in school we used the Pratt Pond area a lot, fishing, bathing swimming it's a great area. Thank you.				x	
868	Fix up the pond behind fin Feather (needs lots of work).				x	
869	Get geese out of Pratt Pond and still clean beach after kids go back to school. VERY IMPORTANT			x		
877	Love. Upton! Why else would we stay for more than twenty years.					x
882	It would be nice to see an improved green/gathering space downtown with safe walking access and less traffic- cars speed around the main town areas which are designed around traffic, not people and deter downtown walking. Also views of the river would be lovely by Upton House of Pizza.				x	
883	I think if someone build in town, that if property near them is to be developed they cannot then claim there are endangered species nearby. If they build, other should be able to!					x

**2019 Cover Letter sent to all Upton residents**



**TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
Conservation Commission

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Hello:

The Upton Conservation Commission and the Upton Recreation Commission are preparing an update to the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. An updated plan is necessary to qualify for State program funding for acquisition of open space and improvement of recreational facilities. This survey is being conducted to understand the needs and concerns of Upton residents regarding open space and recreational facilities. We need your input!

Please respond for your entire family and submit only one survey per family. The survey can be mailed back with the town census form, dropped off at town hall, or scanned /photographed and emailed to the Conservation Commission. Responses to the survey will be anonymous and not attributed to any individual.

- The current (2011) version of the plan is posted on the town website at this link:  
<https://www.uptonma.gov/open-space-committee/pages/open-space-recreation-plan>
- If you would like to be informed about the development of the 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan, please send your name and email or mailing address to:  
[concomm@uptonma.gov](mailto:concomm@uptonma.gov)
- If you have any questions about this survey please contact the Conservation Commission at 508-529-6268 or [concomm@uptonma.gov](mailto:concomm@uptonma.gov)

**Please return surveys by February 15, 2019.**

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Christine Scott, Chair Upton Conservation Commission  
William Taylor, Chair Upton Open Space Committee  
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## 2019 Upton Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

1. Which of the following areas have you visited during the last year? (check all that apply)

OPEN SPACE AREAS	
	Peppercorn Hill Conservation Area
	Warren Brook Conservation Area
	Whitney Conservation Area
	Stefans Farm Open Space
	Howarth Conservation Area
	Howarth Glen Conservation Area
	Pratt Pond Conservation Area
	Snow Family Conservation Area
	Upton State Forest (main location off Westborough/Southborough Road)
	Upton State Forest (Pratt Hill)
	Upton State Forest (other locations)
	Crosswinds Open Space
	Pleasant Woods Conservation Area
	Goss Pond (trails off Green Lane)
	Heritage Park
	Taft Mill Open Space
	Maplewood Cemetery
	Lakeview Cemetery
	Old First Cemetery
	Old North/Bradish Cemetery
	Tribal Lands (Pratt Hill and off Glenview St.)
	Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club Property
	Rockwood Meadows Open Space
	Other ( _____ )

RECREATION AREAS AND FACILITIES	
	Kiwanis Beach (swimming beach)
	Kiwanis Beach (tennis court)
	Kiwanis Beach (pavilion)
	Kiwanis Beach (athletic fields)
	Kiwanis Beach (picnic area)
	Kiwanis Beach (kayak rental)
	Kiwanis Beach (basketball court)
	Kiwanis Beach (pickleball court)
	Kiwanis Beach (Ramsey Building)
	Town Hall (basketball)
	Town Hall (yoga, tai-chi)
	Nipmuc HS (adult volleyball)
	Nipmuc HS (adult basketball)
	Leland Memorial (playground)
	Leland Memorial (ice skating)
	Leland Memorial (athletic fields)
	Leland Memorial (basketball court)
	Leland Memorial (tennis court)
	Henderson Memorial Athletic Field
	Blackstone Valley (outdoor track)
	VFW Playground
	VFW Athletic Fields
	Lake Wildwood Park (picnic area)
	Stefans Farm Community Garden
	Red Acre Golf Course (private)
	Other ( _____ )

PONDS AND STREAMS	
	Lake Wildwood (fishing)
	Lake Wildwood (ice fishing)
	Lake Wildwood (canoe/kayaking)
	Lake Wildwood (motorized boating)
	Lake Wildwood (ice skating)
	Mill Pond (fishing)
	Mill Pond (ice fishing)
	Mill Pond (canoe or kayaking)
	West River/Old Zac (canoe/ kayakaking)
	Old Zac (fishing)
	Old Zac (ice fishing)
	Fiske Mill Pond (fishing)
	Fiske Mill Pond (ice fishing)
	Dean Pond (fishing)
	Dean Pond (ice fishing)
	Pratt Pond (fishing)
	Pratt Pond (ice fishing)
	Pratt Pond (motorized boating)
	Pratt Pond (canoe/kayaking)
	Pratt Pond (ice skating)
	Taft Mill Pond (fishing)
	Taft Mill Pond (ice fishing)
	Goss Pond (fishing)
	Goss Pond (ice fishing)
	North Pond (fishing)
	North Pond (ice fishing)
	West River (fishing)
	Center Brook (fishing)
	Warren Brook (fishing)
	Other ( _____ )

2. If you have visited Town-owned Open Space or Recreation Areas in the last year note the reason for the visit. (check all that apply)

	Basketball		Organized sporting event (play)
	Boating (motorized)		Organized sporting event (watch)
	Camping		Outdoor concert
	Canoeing or kayaking		Pickleball
	Cross country skiing		Picnicking
	Dog walking		Playground activities
	Fishing		Softball (adult)
	Foraging (edible plants/mushrooms)		Snow shoeing
	Frisbee		Snowmobiling
	Geocaching		Star gazing
	Guided walk/open space event		Sunbathing
	Historical research/interest		Swimming
	Horseback riding		Tennis
	Hunting		Trail running
	Ice fishing		Trapping
	Ice skating		Ultimate Frisbee
	Mountain biking		Volleyball
	Nature/wildlife observation		Walking or hiking
	Orienteering		Other ( _____ )

3. If you have visited Upton State Forest in the last year, note the reason for the visit. (check all that apply)

	Walking or hiking		Trail running
	Hunting		Picnicking
	Nature/wildlife observation		Geocaching
	Dog walking		Cross country skiing
	Horseback riding		Snow shoeing
	Fishing		Snowmobiling
	Ice fishing		Orienteering
	Canoeing or kayaking		Mountain biking
	Trapping		Guided walk/open space event
	Star gazing		Historical interest/study
	Foraging (edible plants/mushrooms)		Other ( _____ )

4. Did any of these factors decrease or deter your use of town owned open space in the last year? (check all that apply).

	Lack of trails		Too few organized events
	Lack of handicap accessible trails		Ticks
	Poor trail conditions		Personal safety concerns
	Lack of trail maps/information		Encounters with dogs
	Don't want to hike alone		Encounters with hunters
	Lack of walking group		Encounters with wildlife
	Poor water quality - swimming beach		Lack of interest
	Aquatic weeds in ponds		Lack of time
	Other ( _____ )		Other ( _____ )

5. In general, are you in favor of the town acquiring additional open space? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you answered yes to Question 5, why do you support acquisition of additional open space by the town? (check all that apply and number (1-3) the three that are most important to you)

Recreational fields for soccer, lacrosse, softball, etc.	Passive recreation (hiking, skiing, nature watching, etc.)
Neighborhood parks	Trails
Children's playgrounds	Hunting
Community supported farm	Preserve agricultural land
Community gardens	Preserve scenic views
Legacy for future generations	Preserve forests
To mitigate climate change	Preserve historic resources
Reduce development	Protect rare species habitat
Reduce cost of town services	Protect wildlife habitat
Maintain Upton's rural character	Protect water quality
Other ( _____ )	Other ( _____ )

7. What facilities, resources, or activities would you like to see added, improved, or expanded:

Handicap/mobility impaired accessible trails	Improved handicap/mobility impaired recreational facilities
More trails	More parking at recreational facilities
Better trail conditions	Athletic fields
Better trail signage	Improved athletic fields
Trail guide book	Tennis courts
Organized walking/hiking group	Pickleball courts
Town-wide loop trail	Beach or outdoor volleyball
Trail running events	Driving range
Guided walks/open space events	Frisbee golf course
Environmental education programs	Better ice-skating facilities
Outdoor fitness trail	Outdoor concerts
Playgrounds	Community supported farm
Neighborhood parks or playgrounds	More community gardens
Splash pool	Star parties
Dog park	Firewood programs for residents
Sledding area	Other ( _____ )

8. How would you rate the condition of town conservation areas?  
 Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_

9. How would you rate the condition of town recreation areas?  
 Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you downloaded or viewed trail maps on the town website? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you visited the Recreation Commission website? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

12. How much of the town do you believe is protected open space owned by the state, town, or other organizations? < 10 % \_\_\_\_\_; 10 – 20 % \_\_\_\_\_; 21 – 30 % \_\_\_\_\_; 31 – 40 % \_\_\_\_\_; > 40 % \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Are you in favor of the state expanding Upton State Forest? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

14. What improvements to town conservation areas or recreational areas would you suggest?

15. What improvements to Upton State Forest would you suggest?

16. List any parcels you think should be targeted for acquisition/preservation:

17. How long have you lived in Upton?

< 5 years \_\_\_\_\_; 5 – 10 years \_\_\_\_\_; 10 – 20 years \_\_\_\_\_; > 20 years \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is your age? 20 - 30 \_\_\_\_\_; 31 – 40 \_\_\_\_\_; 41 – 50 \_\_\_\_\_; 51 – 60 \_\_\_\_\_; 60 + \_\_\_\_\_

19. Does your household include children (18 years old or younger)? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you ever attended an Open Space event sponsored by the town (e.g. Open Space Committee)?  
(y/n) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Friends of Upton State Forest? (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

21. Have you ever attended an event sponsored by the Recreation Commission (y/n) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Additional comments or suggestions:

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!**

**Please return the survey to the Town Clerk with the 2019 Census Form or to the Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall, Room 202, 1 Main Street, Box 9.**