

**APPENDIX B: OGDEN OPEN SPACE SURVEY**

## Town of Ogden Open Space Questionnaire

To our neighbors in Ogden,

Several months ago the Ogden Town Board formed an Open Space Committee to review the preservation of open space in the Town of Ogden. This committee feels that input from all members of the community on this questionnaire is important. This questionnaire will also assist the committee in their goal to formulate and submit recommendations to our town board for review in preparation for future public hearings.

The information you provide will also enable the Town to develop a plan that will ensure and enrich our lives now and for future generations.

The questionnaire results will be available to the public. We will announce all public hearings or meetings about Ogden's Open Space Plan using the Suburban News and other methods as appropriate. We strongly encourage you to participate in this planning process and we look forward to your input.

Please invest a few minutes of your time to help in our goal. To help us meet our schedules please return this questionnaire by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2004.

Thank you for your feedback. Together we can make the Ogden/Spencerport community the place where you and your family can grow and enjoy life.

This questionnaire can be returned to drop boxes in the Ogden Farmer's Library, the Building Department Office, the Town Clerk's Office or via the U.S. mail. If you use the mail we ask that you help us minimize expenses by using your own stamp. If you need additional copies of this questionnaire you will find them at the library and town offices listed above. You may also download and print additional copies. A link to a PDF version of this document can be found at <http://www.ogdenny.com/openspace.htm>. Thank you.

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In the questions below that have choices please select only one choice per line; either yes or no, or one of the numerical selections from 1 through 5.

For the purposes of this questionnaire please use these definitions.

Open Space: Land that is not intensively developed for residential, commercial, industrial or institutional use. It includes agricultural and forest land, undeveloped scenic lands, public parks and preserves, and water bodies. It may be defined by its surroundings, for example, a small open lot in a highly developed urban area, or a walking and bicycling path surrounded by developed areas.

Greenway: A continuous strip of vegetated land that courses throughout the community such as the Canal Towpath.

1. [Do you believe that it is important for Ogden to have an open space inventory and preservation plan?](#)..... yes no

	Most Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied
2. <a href="#">How satisfied are you with the places in the community for:</a>			
a. youth recreation .....	5	4	3
b. adult recreation .....	5	4	3
c. observing or studying nature/wildlife .....	5	4	3
d. relaxing outdoors .....	5	4	3
e. accessing the canal.....	5	4	3

	Most Important	Important	Not Important
3. <a href="#">How important is it to you to protect, expand, or improve:</a>			
a. watersheds .....	5	4	3
b. canal corridor .....	5	4	3
c. stream corridors .....	5	4	3
d. wetlands .....	5	4	3
e. wildlife and associated ecological resources .....	5	4	3
f. places of historical value .....	5	4	3
g. scenic views .....	5	4	3
h. community entranceway .....	5	4	3
i. open spaces for active recreational (e.g. ball fields) .....	5	4	3
j. open spaces for passive recreational (e.g. hiking) .....	5	4	3
k. farmlands .....	5	4	3
l. forests and woodlands .....	5	4	3

4. For question 3 (above), for any items you rated as most important (a '5'), please give examples or list areas within the community that you feel are important to preserve.

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	Most Important	Important	Not Important
5. <a href="#">How important is it for the Town of Ogden to:</a>			
a. have a greenway that is open to the public .....	5	4	3
b. have a greenway that is <b>not</b> open to the public .....	5	4	3
c. have a system of bicycle and pedestrian trails that link together our open spaces.....	5	4	3
d. a system of snowmobile trails that link together our open spaces .....	5	4	3
e. a system of ATV trails that link together our open spaces.....	5	4	3

6. For question 5 (above), for any items you rated as most important (a '5'), please give examples or list areas within the community where you feel it would be appropriate.

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		Most			Not	
		Important	Important	Important	Important	
7.	<u>How important is it for the Town of Ogden to:</u>					
a.	encourage the preservation and active use of agricultural lands .....	5	4	3	2	1
b.	focus new development towards core areas of existing development and to retain the outlying areas of the community in rural open space.....	5	4	3	2	1
c.	plan for the use and protection of its open spaces.....	5	4	3	2	1

		Most			Not	
		Important	Important	Important	Important	
8.	<u>How important are the different types of open space listed below:</u>					
a.	watersheds .....	5	4	3	2	1
b.	canal corridor .....	5	4	3	2	1
c.	stream corridors .....	5	4	3	2	1
d.	wetlands .....	5	4	3	2	1
e.	parks .....	5	4	3	2	1
f.	open spaces for active recreational (e.g. ball fields) .....	5	4	3	2	1
g.	open spaces for passive recreational (e.g. hiking) .....	5	4	3	2	1
h.	farm and agricultural land.....	5	4	3	2	1
i.	forests and woodlands .....	5	4	3	2	1

		Most			Not	
		Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate	
9.	<u>What types of future residential development do you believe are most appropriate to maintain open space:</u>					
a.	small lots (less than 1 acre).....	5	4	3	2	1
b.	medium size lots (1 to 5 acres) .....	5	4	3	2	1
c.	large lots (more than 5 acres) .....	5	4	3	2	1
d.	clustered tract developments .....	5	4	3	2	1
e.	standard subdivision developments .....	5	4	3	2	1
f.	distributed rural developments .....	5	4	3	2	1
g.	cul-de-sacs .....	5	4	3	2	1

		Most			Not	
		Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate	
10.	<u>What are the types and locations for future open space that you believe are most appropriate:</u>					
a.	small areas distributed through the community .....	5	4	3	2	1
b.	medium size areas in fewer locations .....	5	4	3	2	1
c.	large size open space areas in very few locations .....	5	4	3	2	1
d.	adjacent to existing open space (e.g. existing parks or farmlands) .....	5	4	3	2	1
e.	in areas currently without open space .....	5	4	3	2	1

11. Please list any areas or neighborhoods in the community that would benefit from having a park or a bike/hike trail.

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12.	<u>If you are a landowner, in order to preserve open spaces in the community, would you:</u>		
a.	sell or donate a conservation easement to ensure your land's continued use as open space .....	yes	no
b.	donate some land to a land trust in return for tax benefits .....	yes	no
c.	sell some land to the town at a fair market value .....	yes	no
d.	sell land to the town at a "bargain price" (less than fair market value) for tax benefits .....	yes	no

13.	<u>In order to preserve open spaces, do you think the Town of Ogden should:</u>		
a.	require developers to dedicate land for recreational use to the community when subdivisions are approved .....	yes	no
b.	require developers to contribute to the implementation of an open space plan .....	yes	no
c.	utilize cluster development to maximize open space in residential and planned unit developments .....	yes	no
d.	increase the use of planning and land use regulations .....	yes	no
e.	acquire conservation easements by donation .....	yes	no
f.	purchase conservation easements.....	yes	no
g.	establish a local land acquisition policy.....	yes	no
h.	purchase of development rights .....	yes	no

14. [Does the town need another park for active recreation?](#) ..... yes no
15. Please give us any comments or suggestions you feel should be considered during the development of an open space plan.

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16. [Would you be willing to support a tax increase to preserve open space in Ogden?](#)..... yes no
17. [If you answered yes to question 16, what would you consider to be an acceptable annual amount?](#)  
 a) less than \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ b) \$25 to \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ c) \$50 to \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ d) \$75 or more \_\_\_\_\_

18. If you would be willing to help develop an open space plan for Ogden by attending meetings and actively participating in the planning and implementation process, please contact us or provide contact information for yourself on the following lines. You may contact the Open Space Committee by leaving a message at the town offices or sending an email to [conservation-openspace@ogdenny.com](mailto:conservation-openspace@ogdenny.com).

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19. Are you a resident of the Town of Ogden or the Village of Spencerport?  
 a. Town of Ogden \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Village of Spencerport \_\_\_\_\_

22. [How many persons reside in your household?](#)  
 a. 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. 3 to 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. over 4 \_\_\_\_\_

20. [How long have you been a resident?](#)  
 a. Less than 1 year \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. 2 years to 5 years \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. 6 years to 10 years \_\_\_\_\_  
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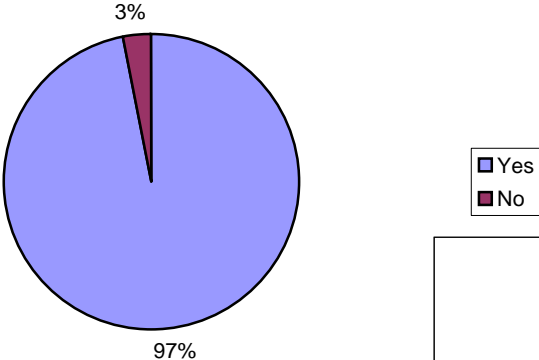
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 d. 46 to 65 \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. over 65 \_\_\_\_\_

21. [How much longer do you plan to reside in the Town of Ogden?](#)  
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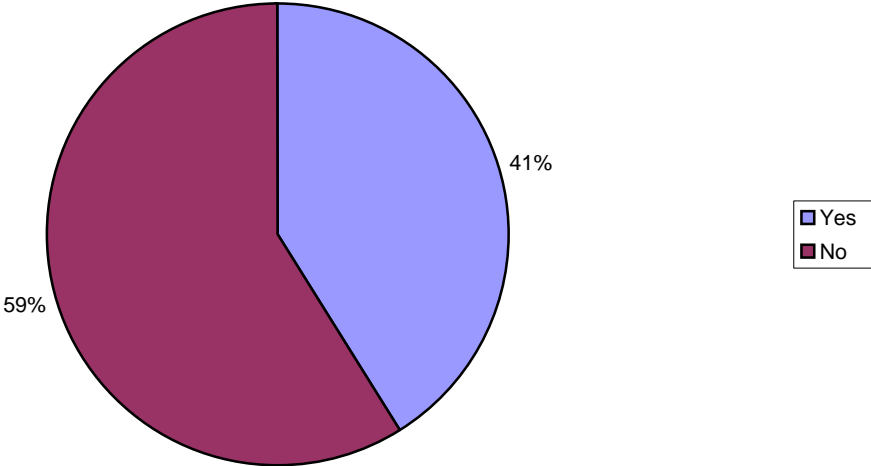
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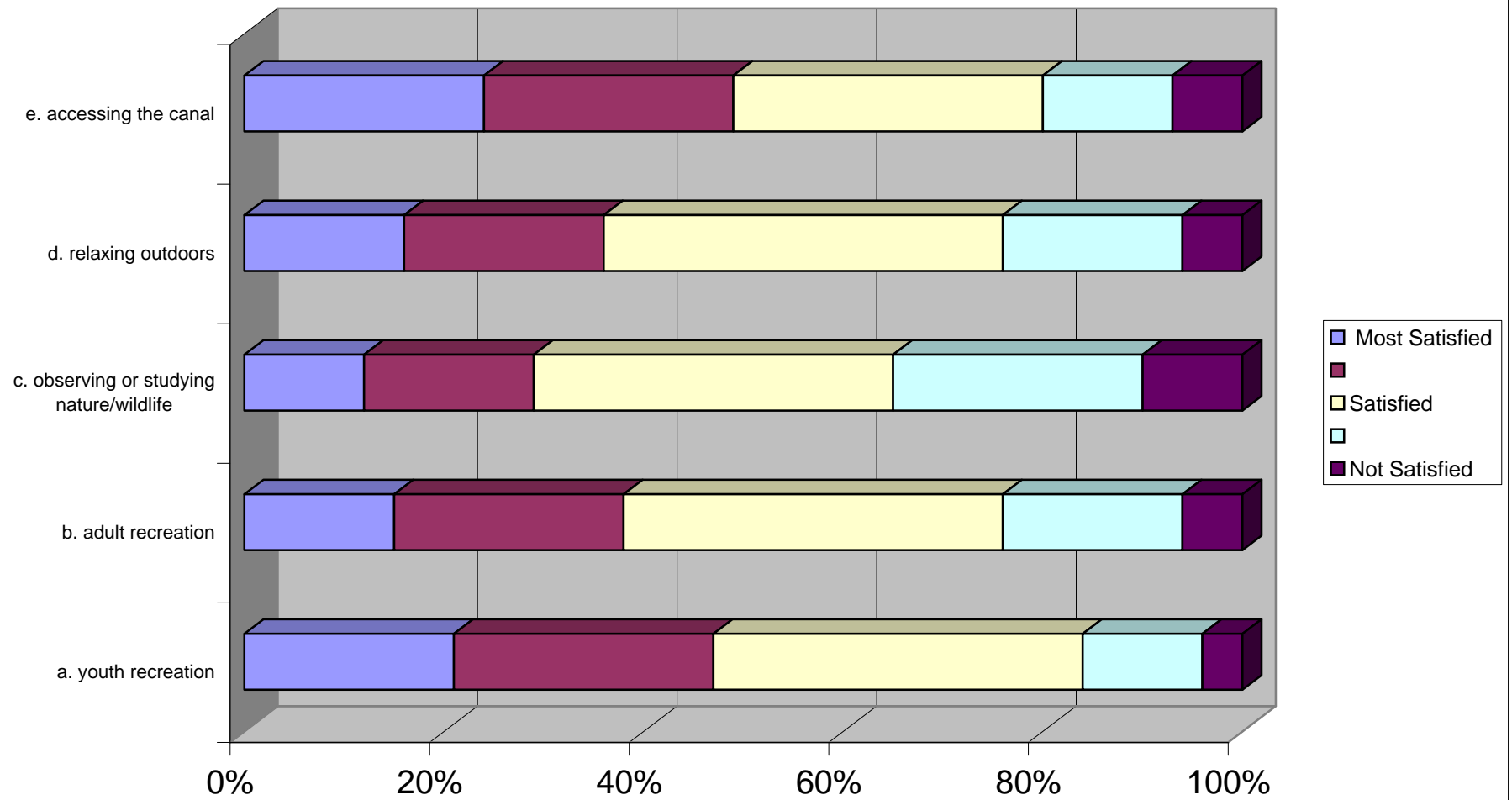
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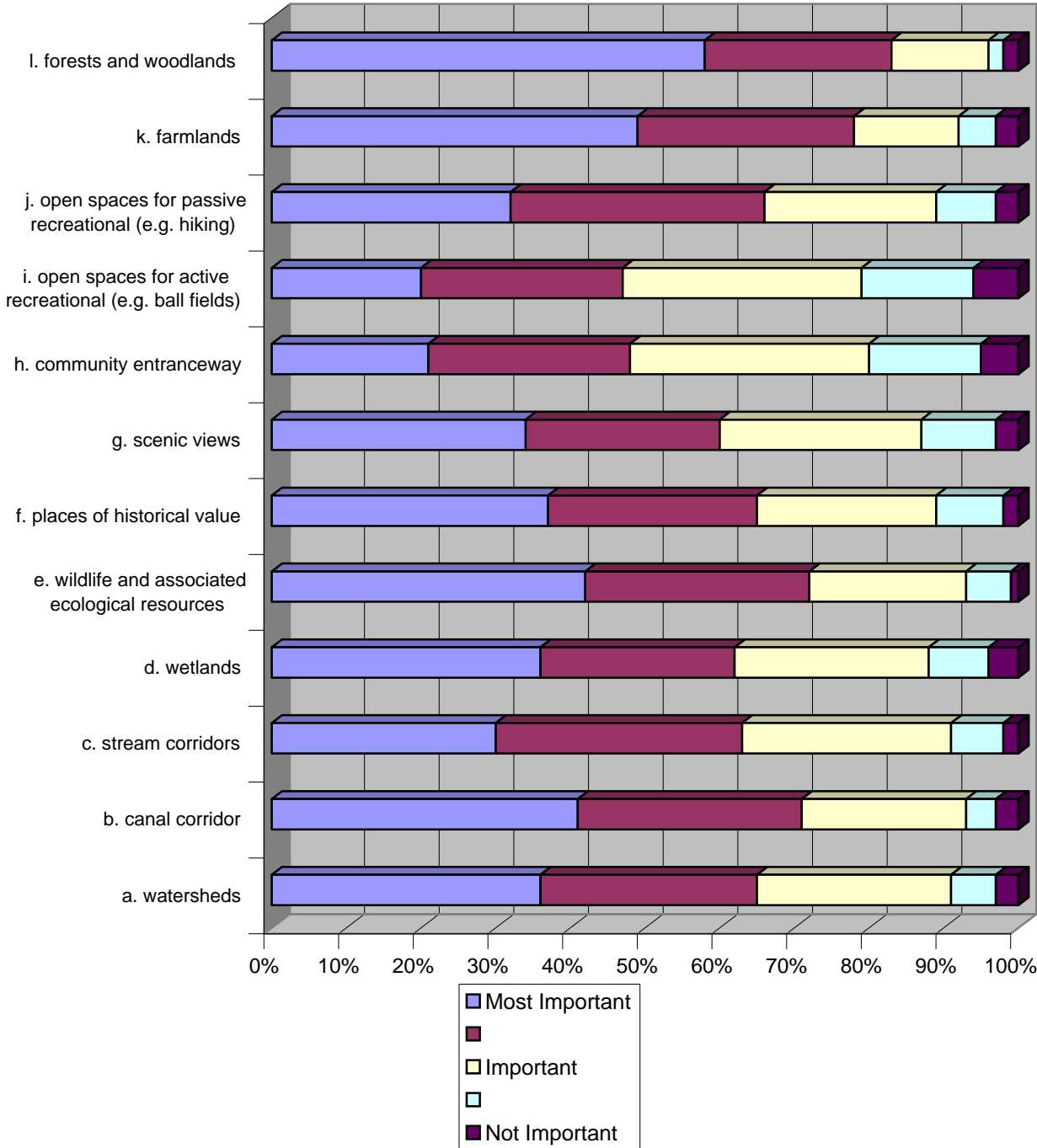
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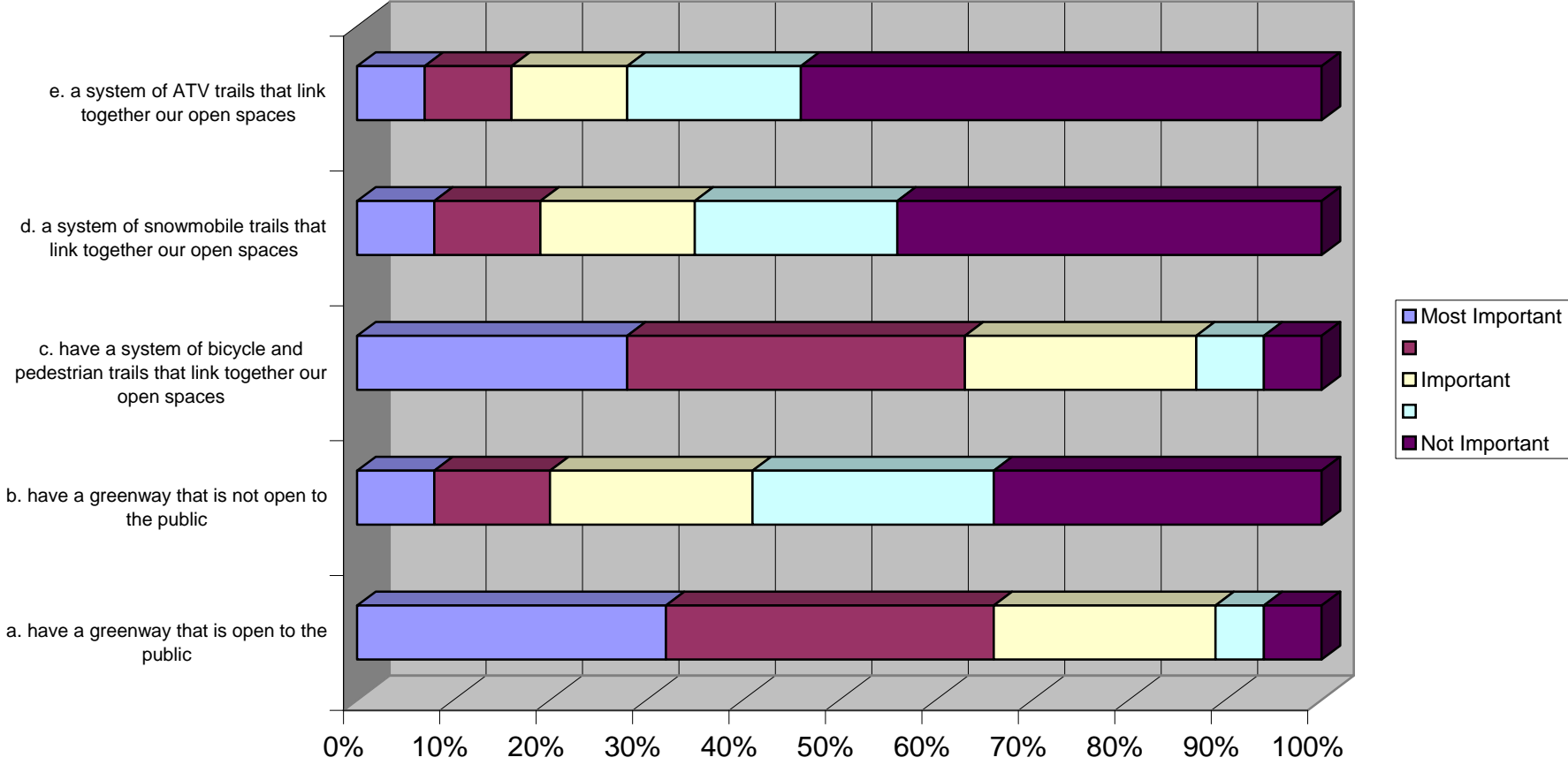
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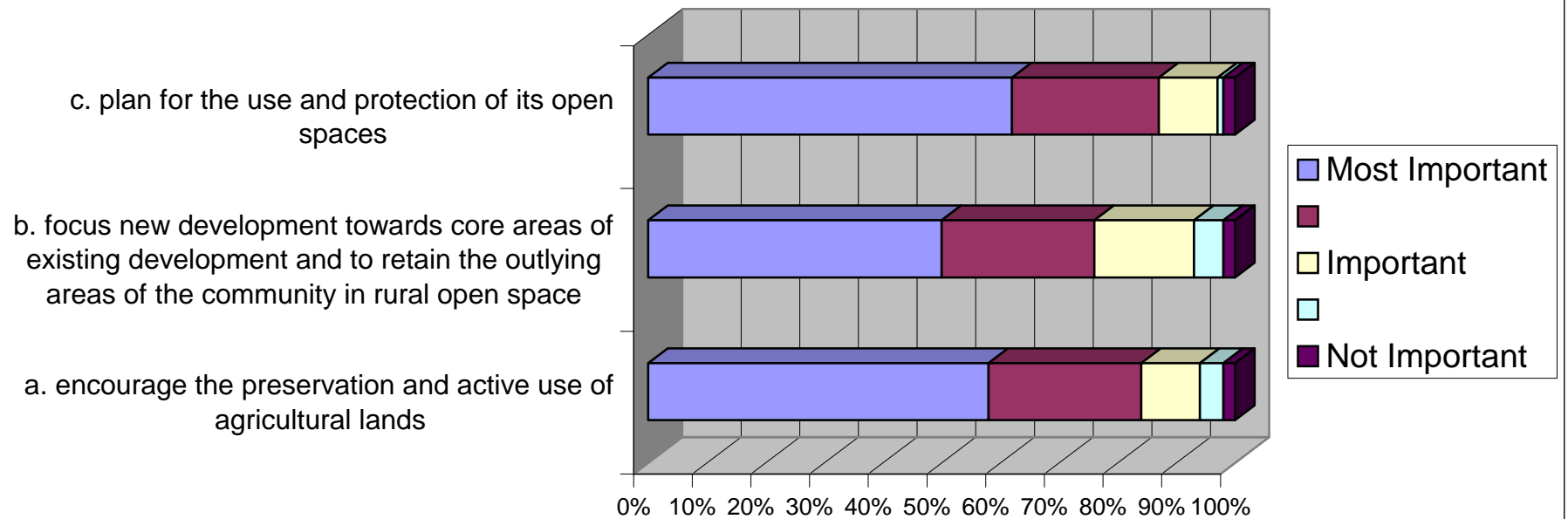
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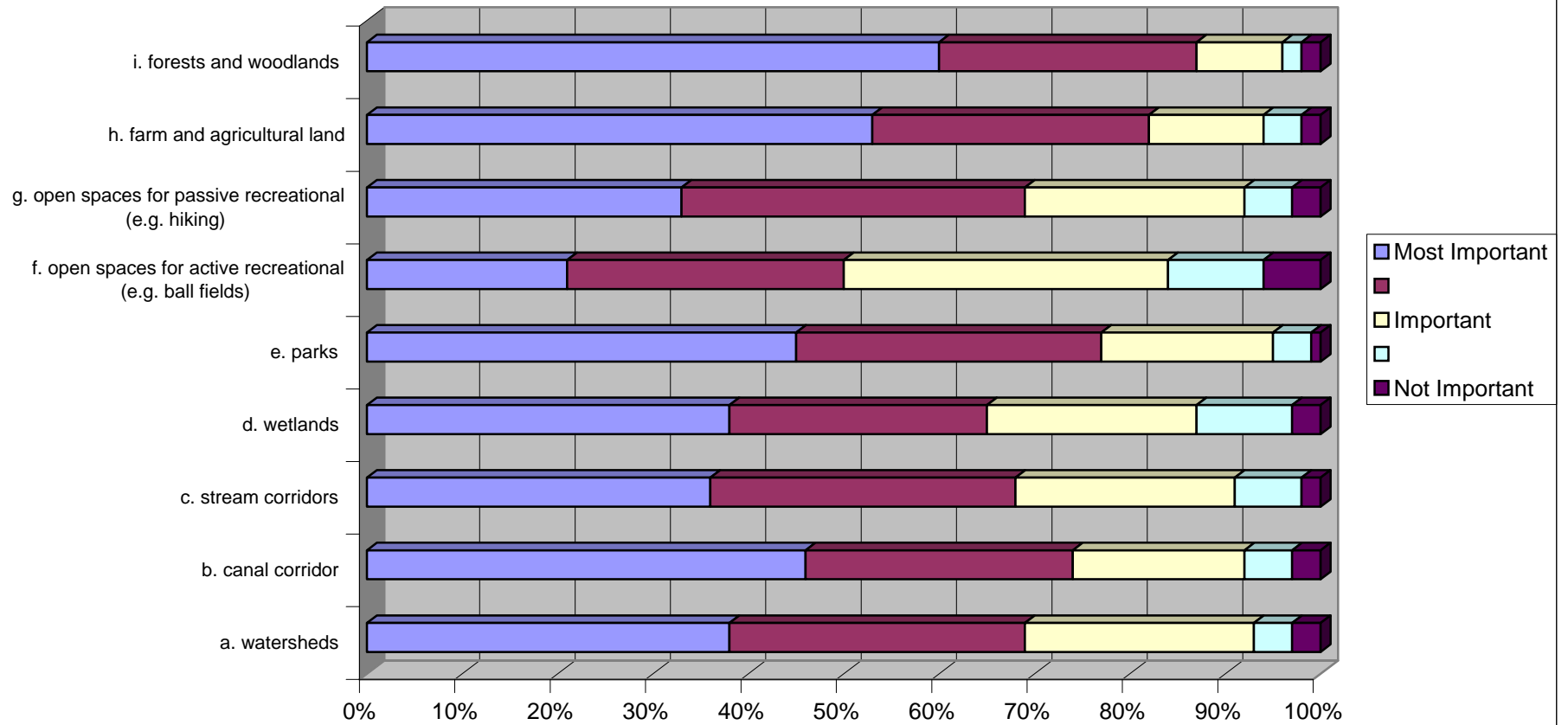
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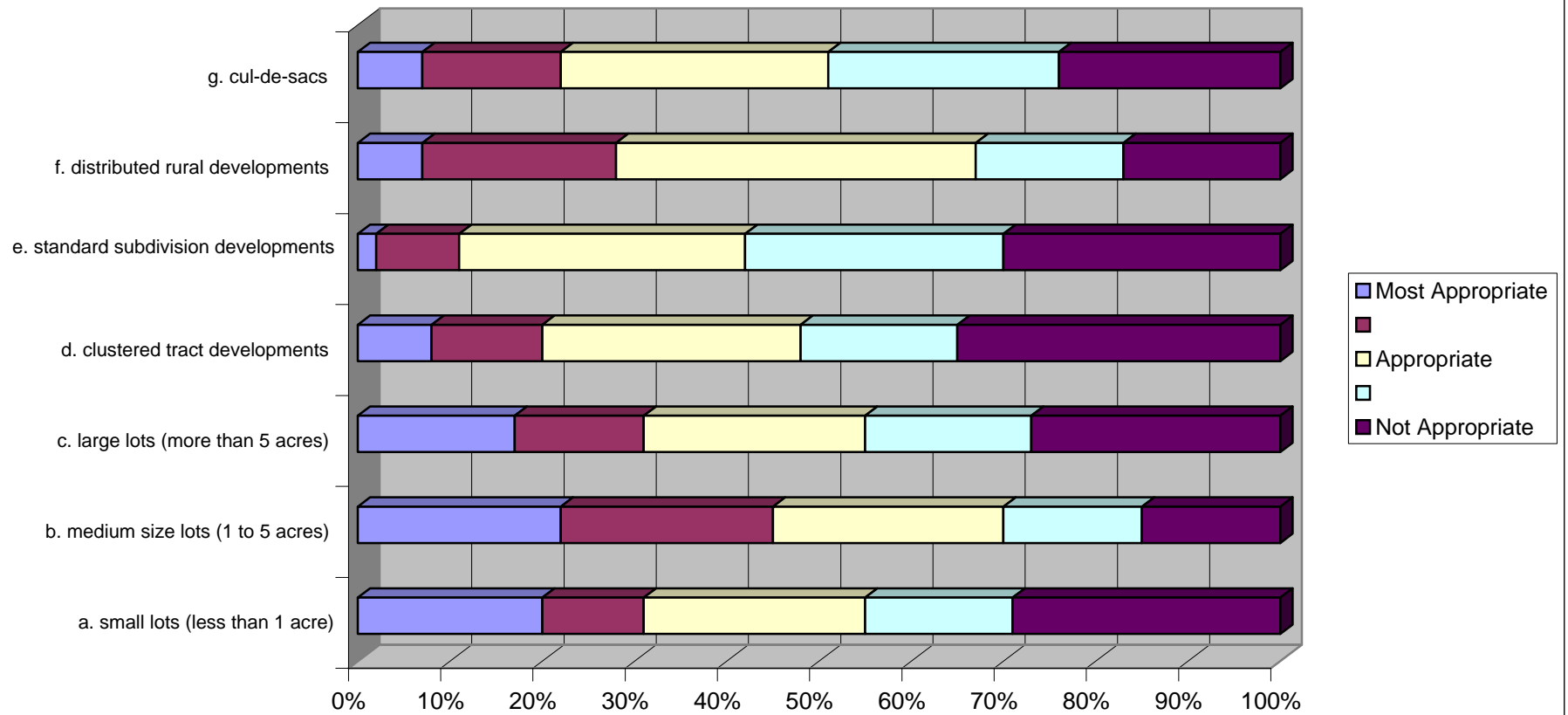
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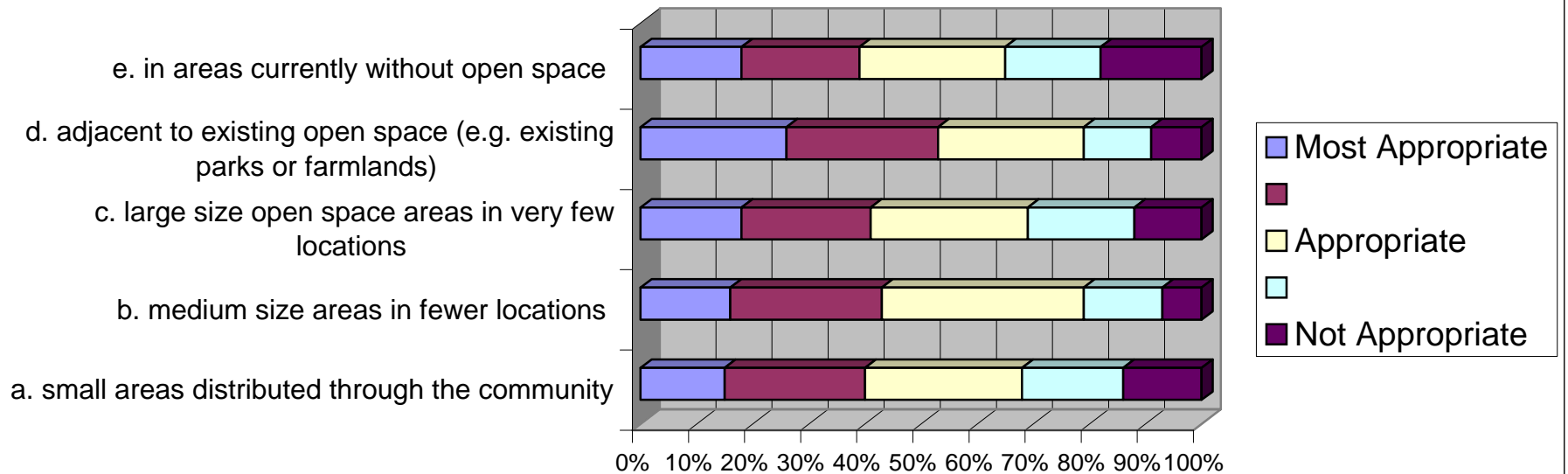
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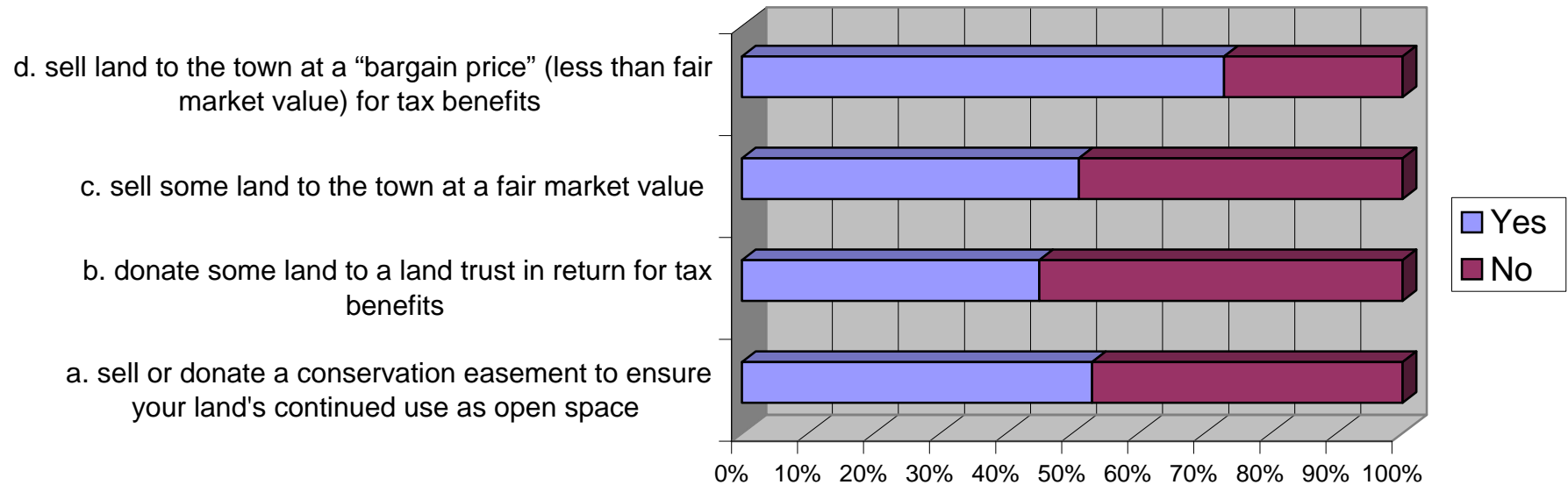
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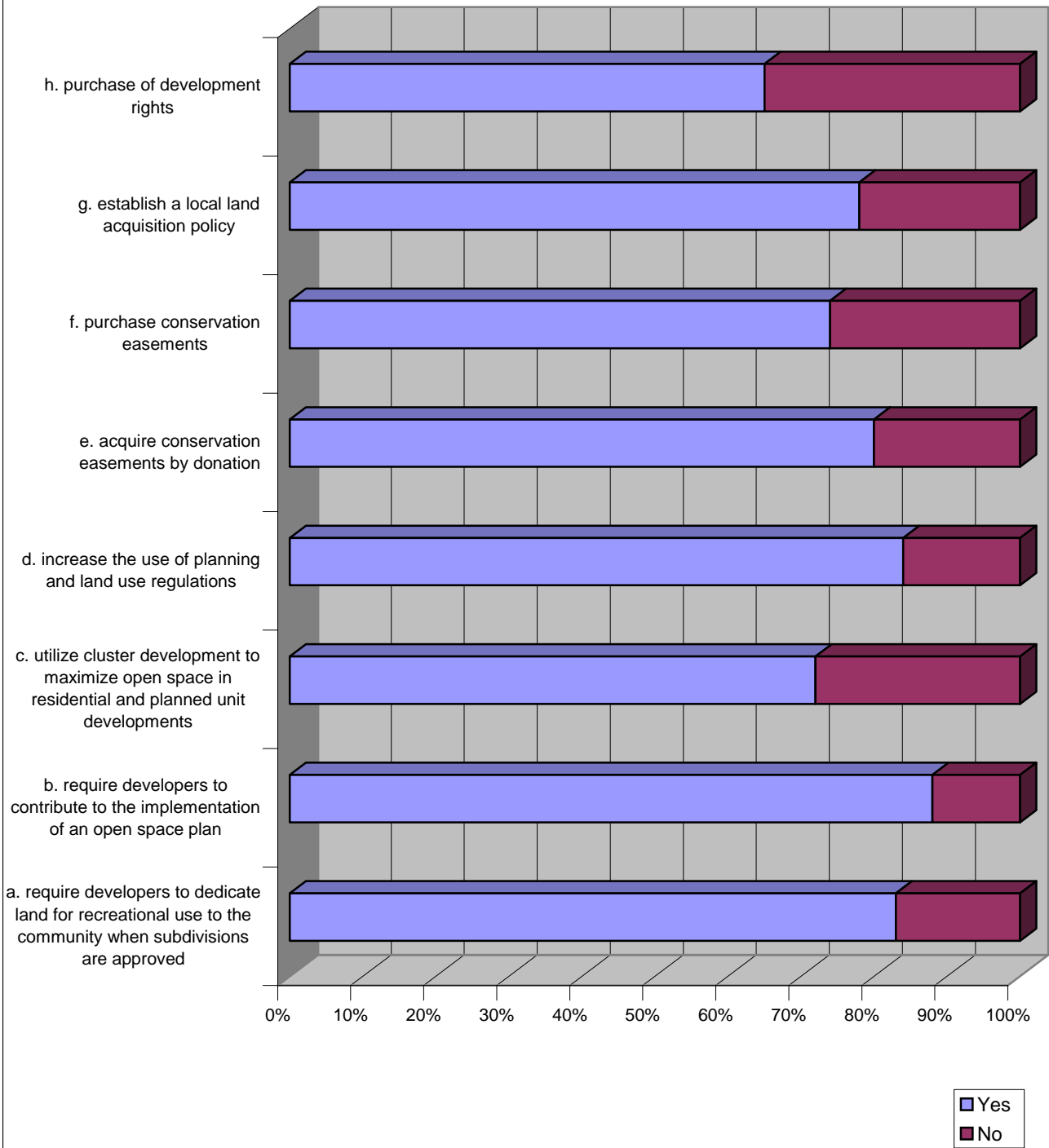
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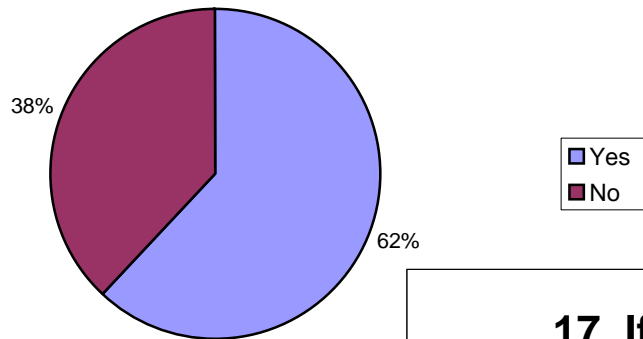
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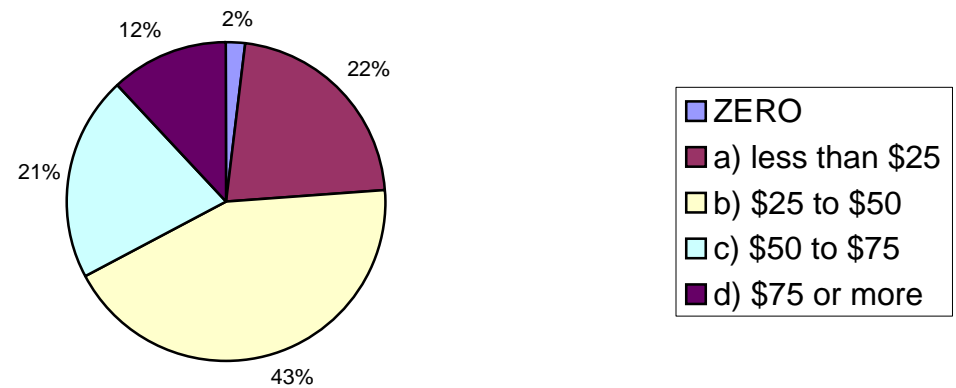
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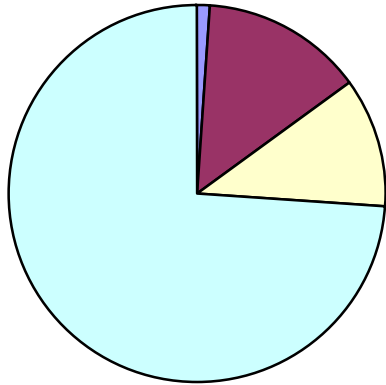
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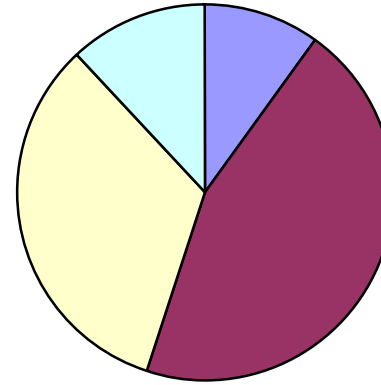


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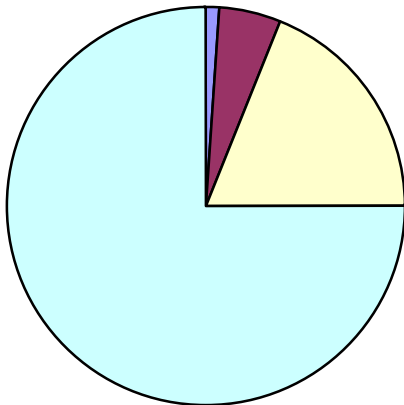
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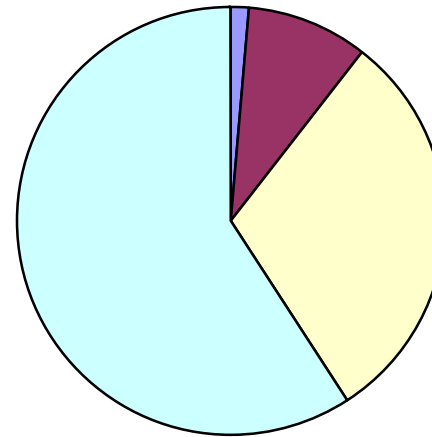
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