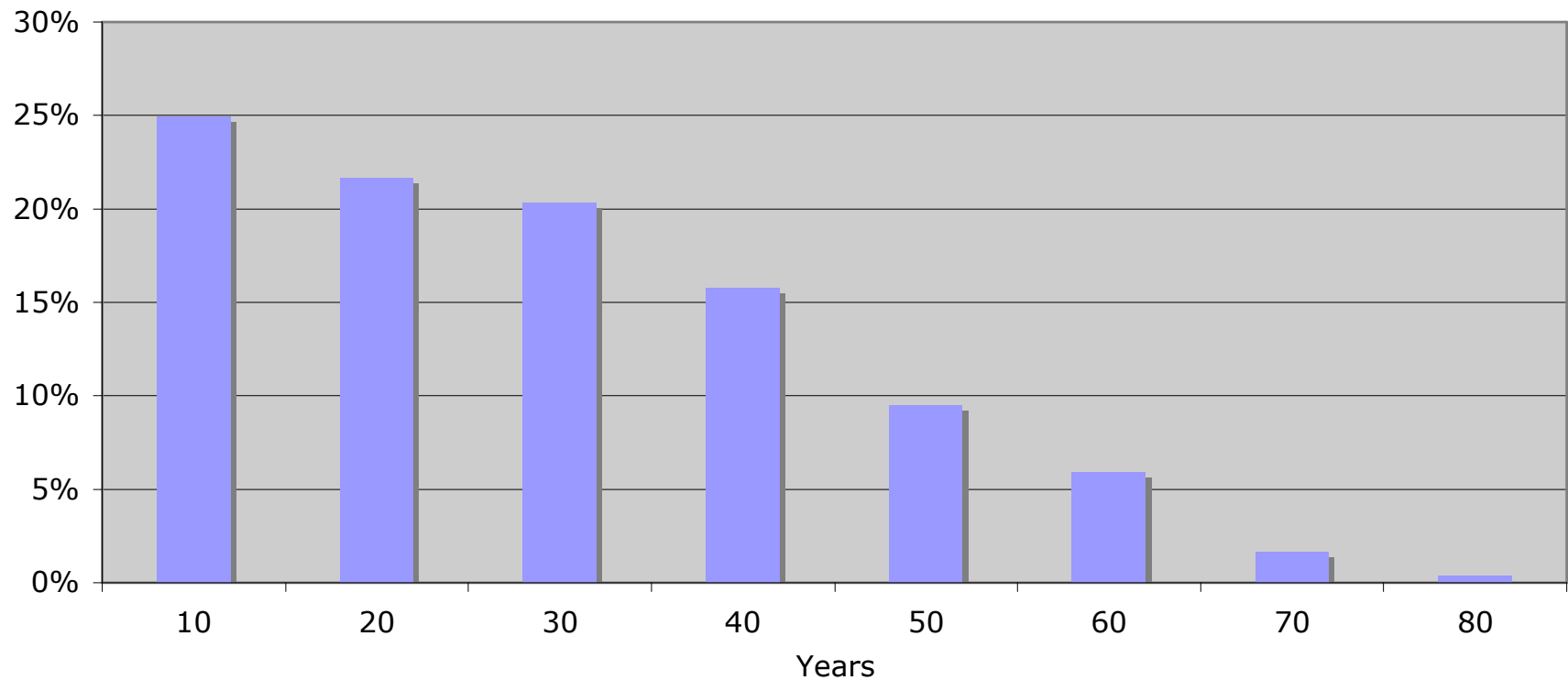
An aerial photograph of a landscape, likely a rural or agricultural area, showing a grid of roads and fields. The text is overlaid on this image.

RIDGES TO RIVERS OPEN SPACE SURVEY AND WORKSHOP

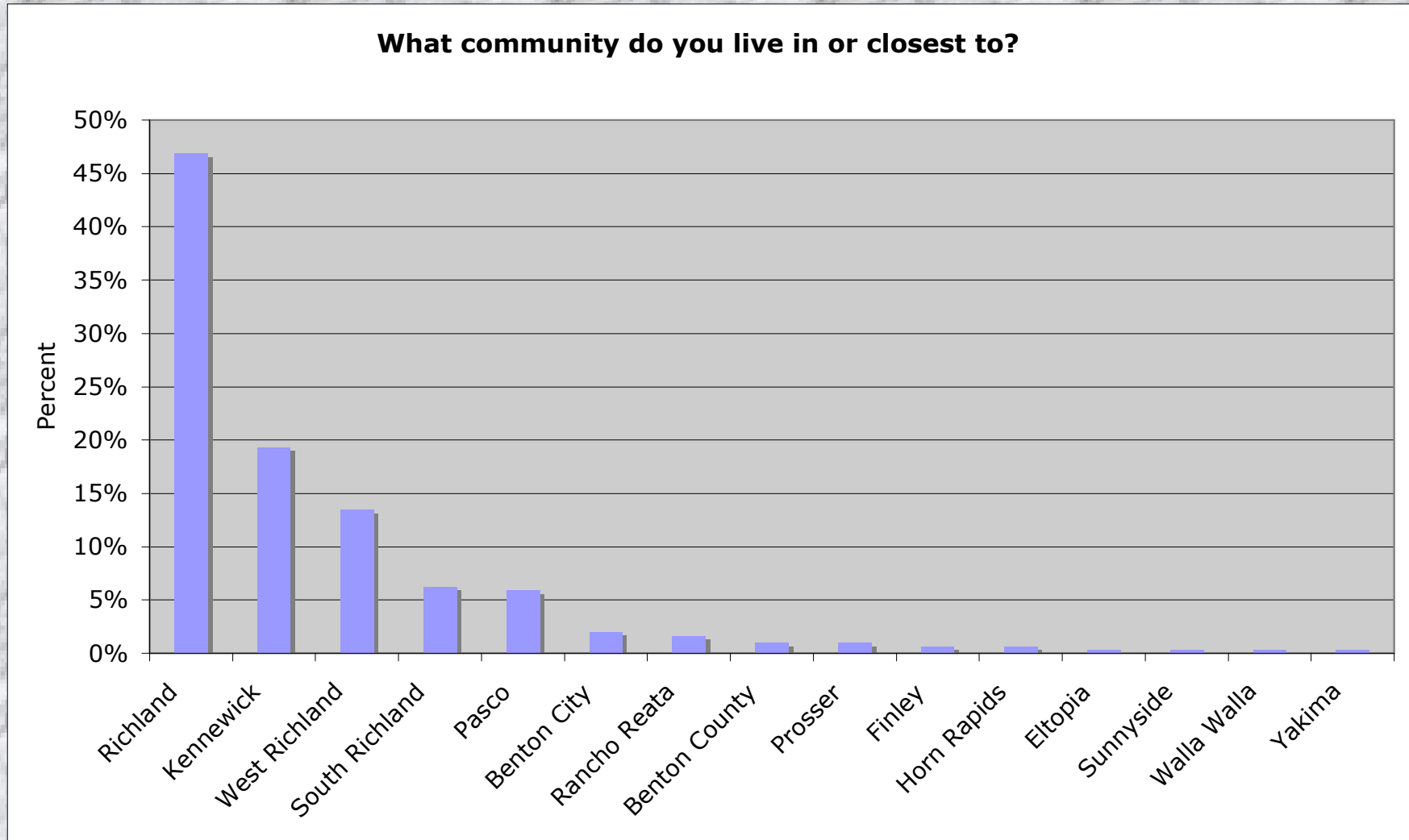
RESULTS AS OF MARCH 6,
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25% OF RESPONDENTS HAVE LIVED HERE 10 YEARS OR LESS

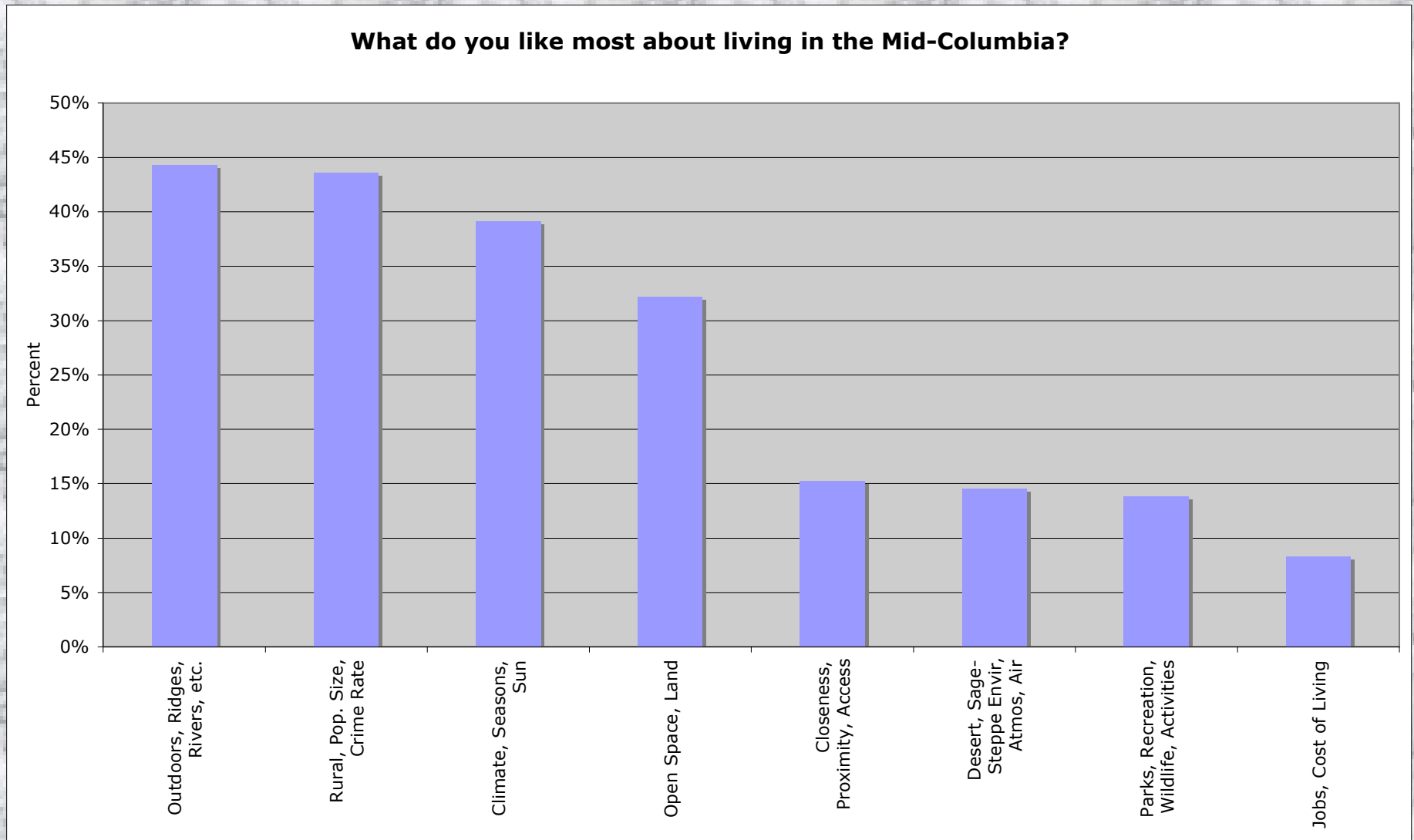
How many years have you lived in the Mid-Columbia region?



86% OF RESPONDENTS LIVED IN
RICHLAND, KENNEWICK OR WEST
RICHLAND - 53% LIVED IN RICHLAND.

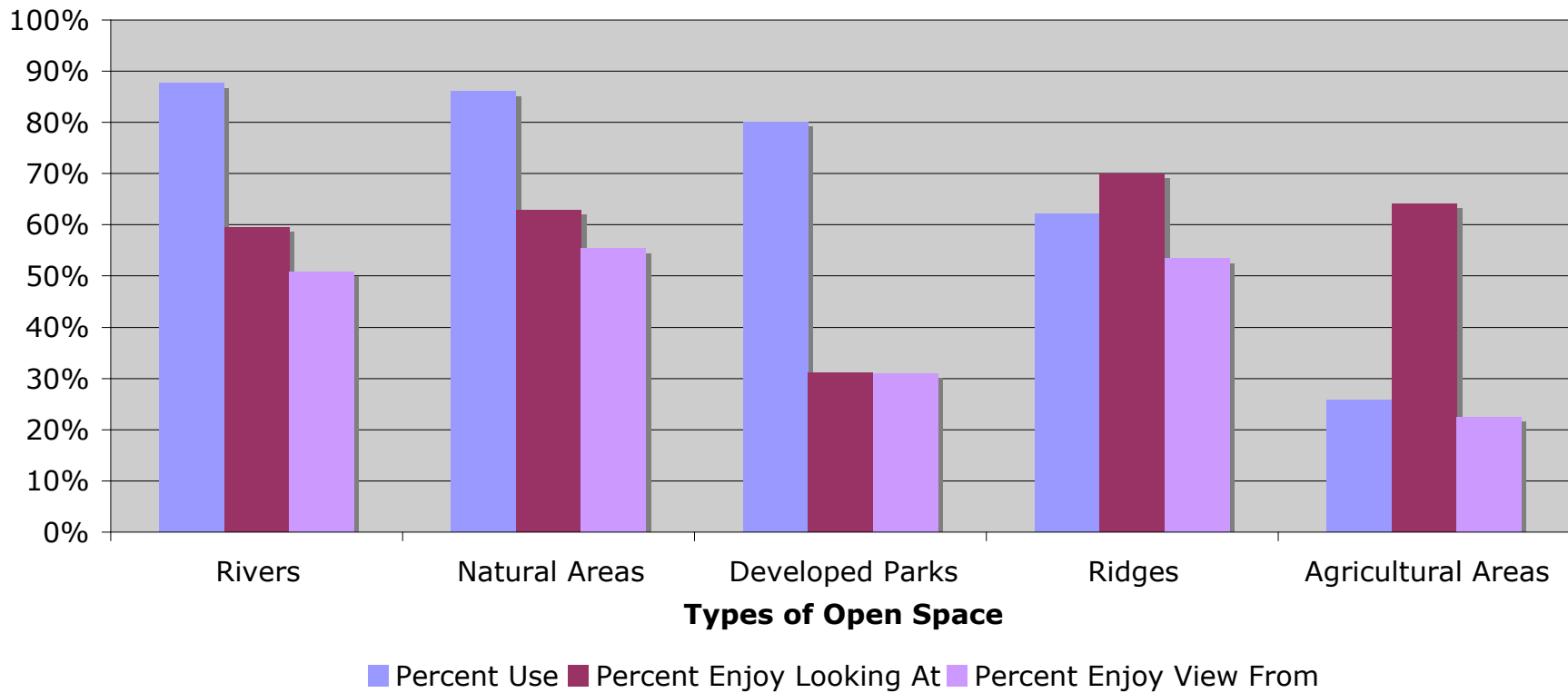


WHEN ASKED WHAT PEOPLE LIKED MOST ABOUT LIVING HERE, 44% OF RESPONDENTS SAID OUTDOORS, RIDGES AND RIVERS, THE SMALL COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE AND LOW CRIME RATE, 39% SAID THE CLIMATE, AND 32% SAID OPEN SPACE AND LAND.



OVER 80% OF RESPONDENTS USE RIVERS, NATURAL AREAS, AND PARKS

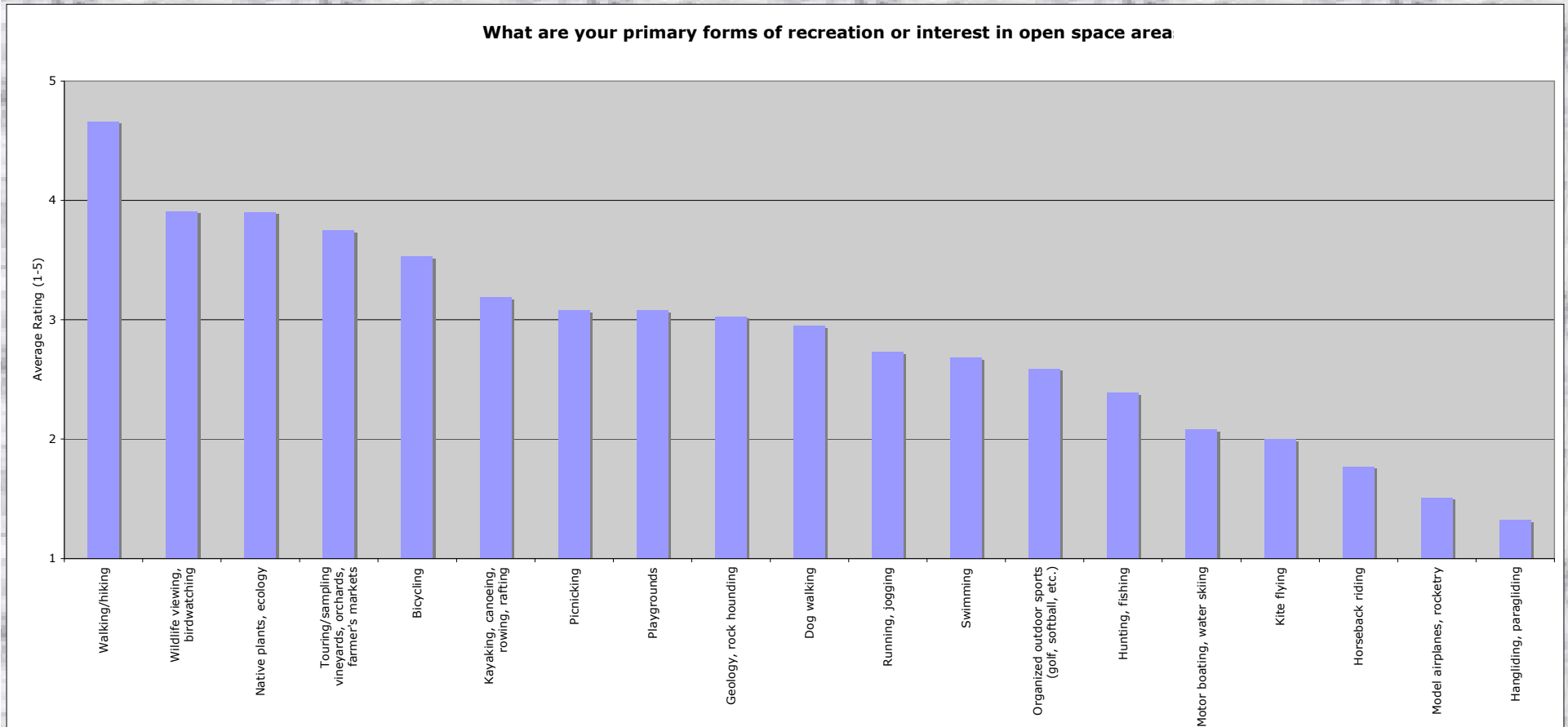
What kinds of open space areas do you use and/or enjoy?



Example Responses for Other Types of Open Space:

- I love it when trails, linear parks, pathways connect so one can enjoy many places and a variety of experiences.
- riding trails, canal banks
- National Wildlife Refuges like McNary, use, enjoy view from and enjoy looking at.
- bike/walking trails along river
- BLM lands

RESPONDENTS SAID WALKING/HIKING MOST IMPORTANT FORM OF RECREATION

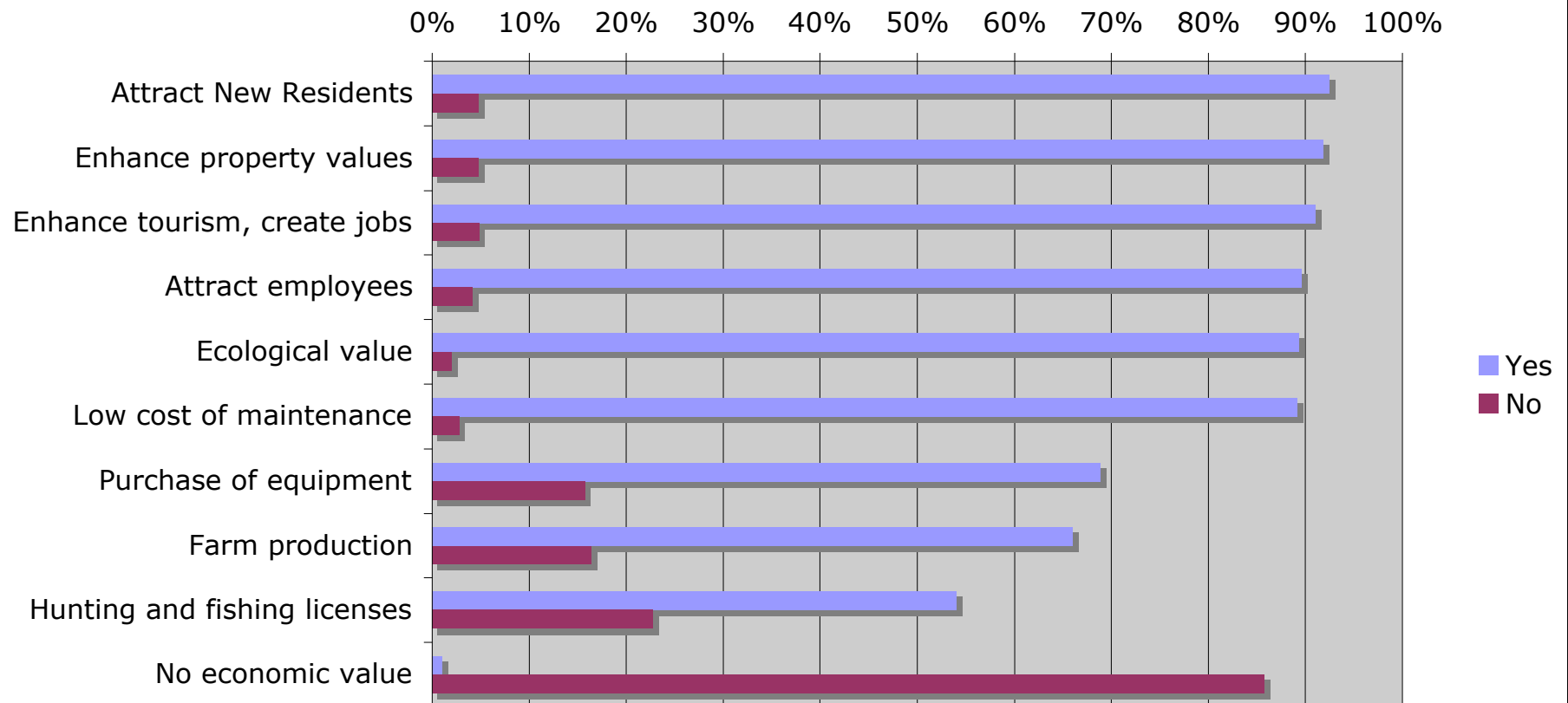


Example Responses for Other Types of Recreation:

- nature photography (1 - most important)
- Quiet contemplation/connecting with God's creation.
- Geocaching
- Aviation - Open spaces for flying and observing from the air - Highly important
- Sky and Stargazing: we have some really interesting cloud formations from time to time. Wish the sky was little darker at night.

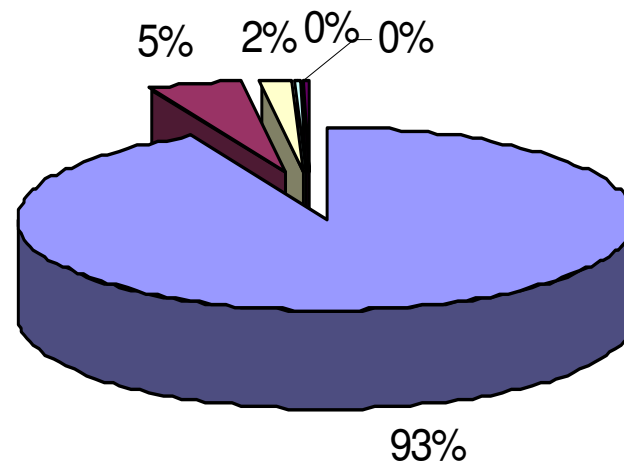
RESPONDENTS VIEW OPEN SPACE AS AN ECONOMIC RESOURCE FOR ATTRACTING NEW RESIDENTS, ENHANCING PROPERTY VALUES AND CREATING JOBS

In what ways do you view open space as an economic resource?



RESPONDENTS SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO SET ASIDE LAND FOR CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE.

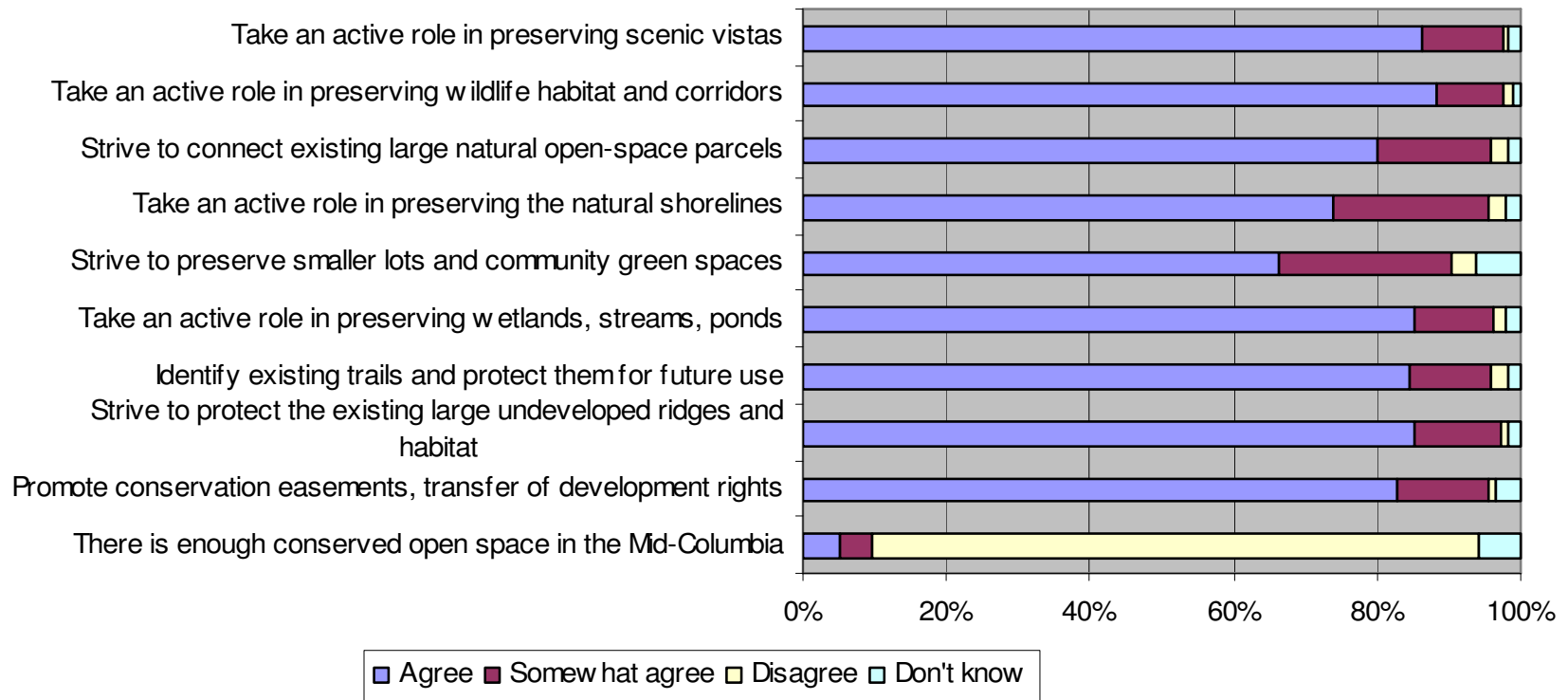
How important is it for our community to set aside land for conservation and open space?



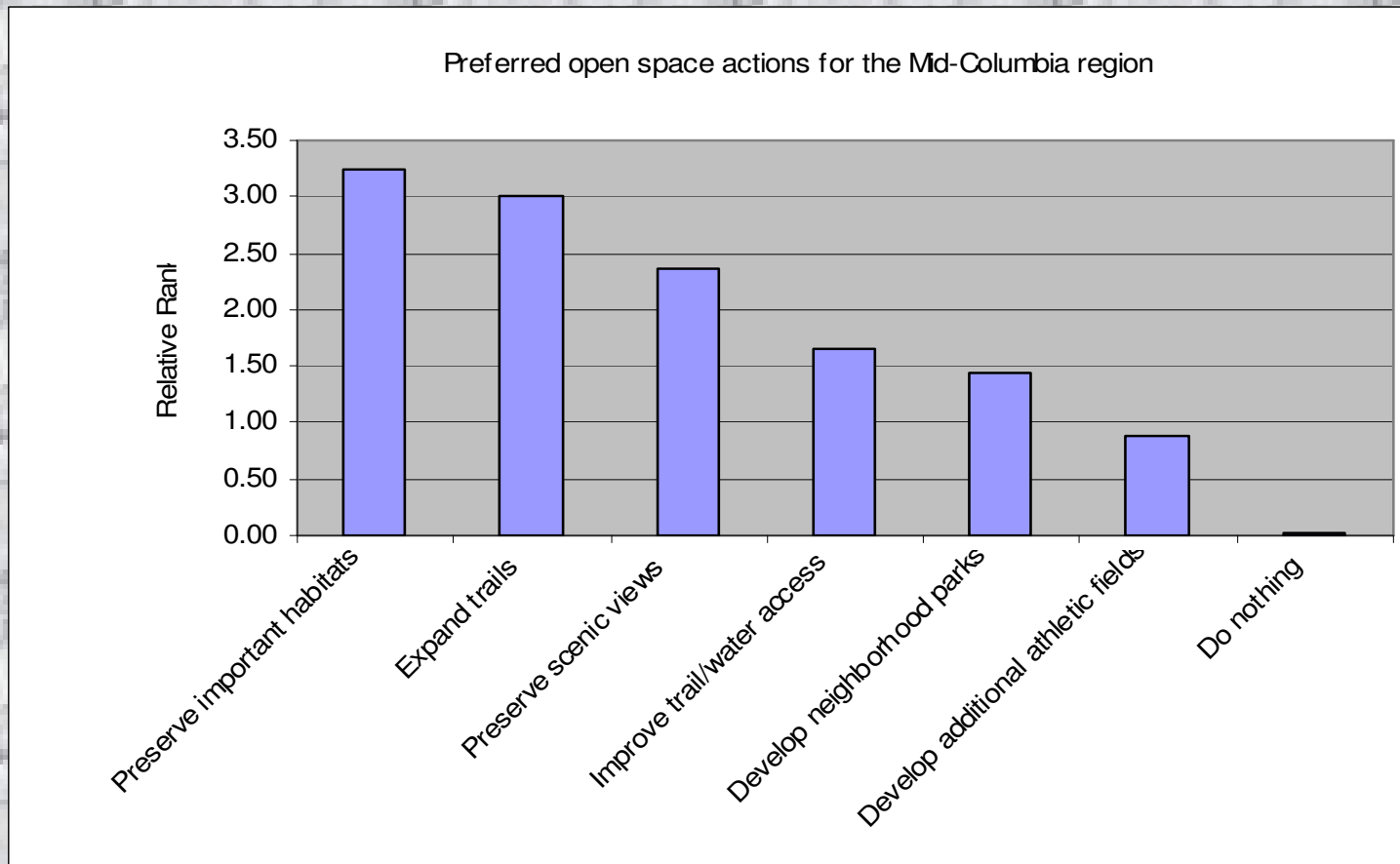
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| Very important | Somewhat important | Neutral |
| Less important | Not important | |

RESPONDENTS SUPPORT ACTIVE PRESERVATION OF VISTAS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT/CORRIDORS

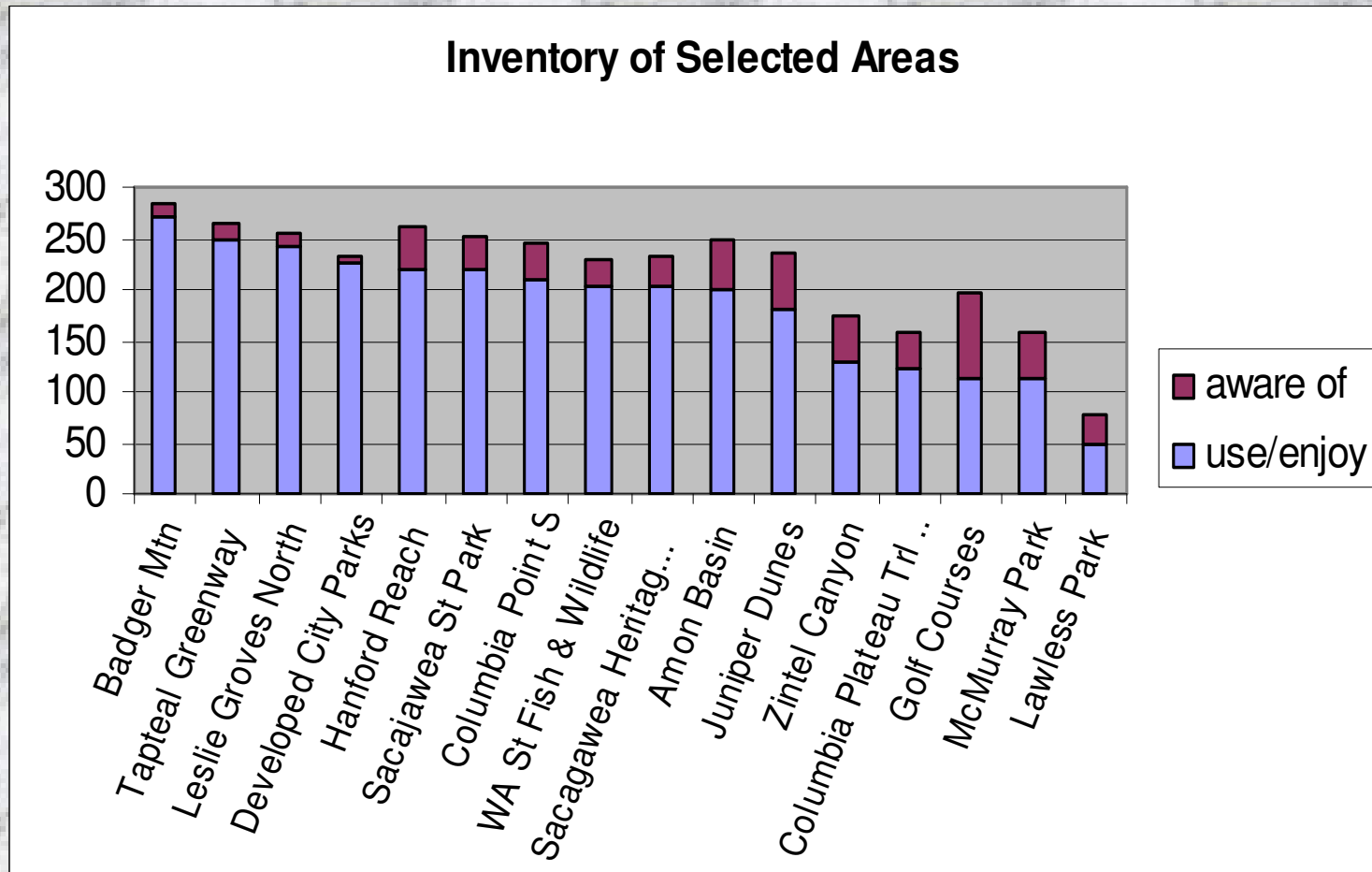
Level of support for actions local governments and private entities could take



RESPONDENTS PREFERRED PRESERVING HABITAT AND EXPANDING TRAILS

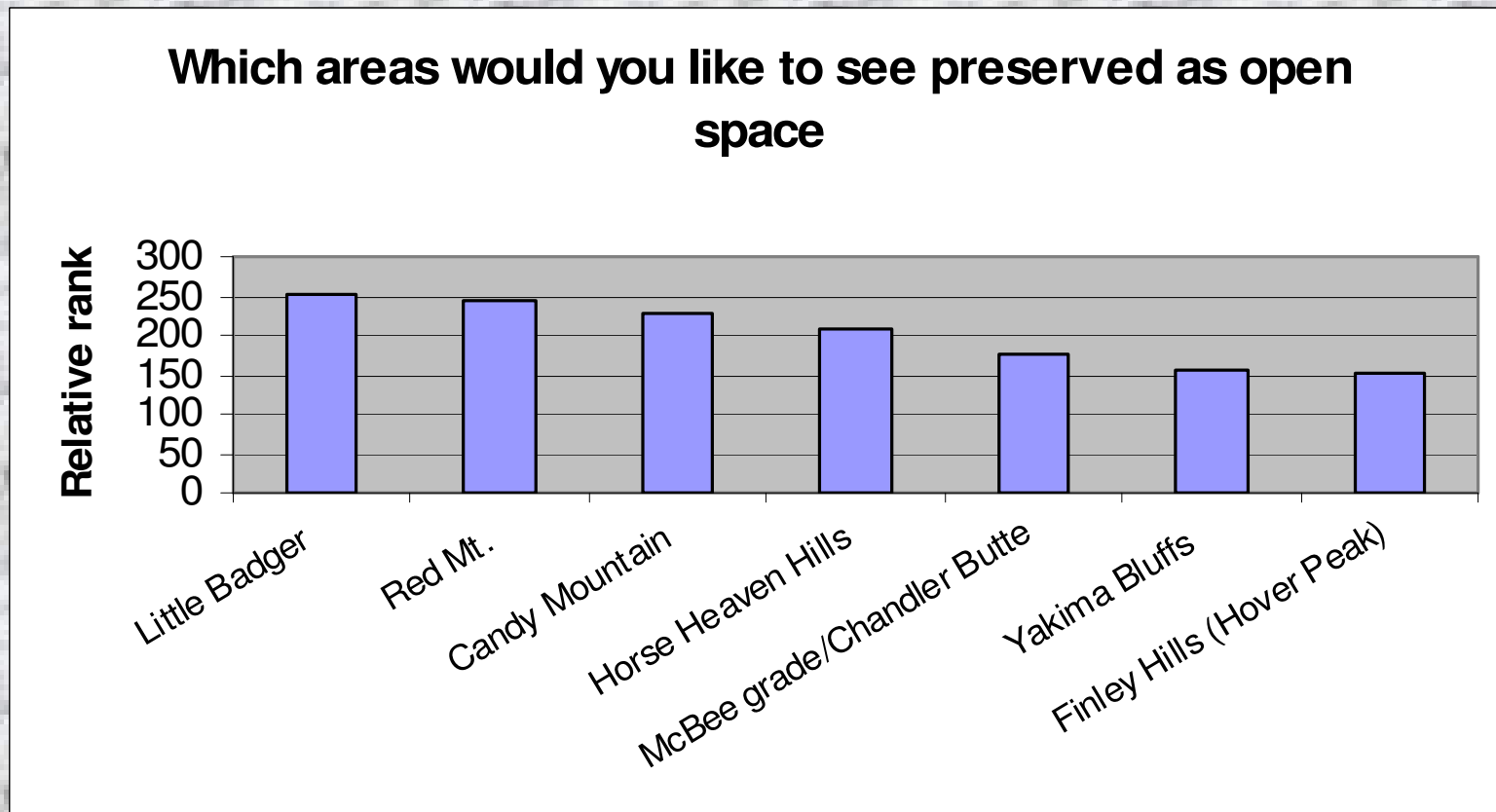


MOST OF THE RESPONDENTS USE OR ENJOY HAVING MANY OF OUR OPEN SPACE AREAS



Note most respondents live in Richland

MANY RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR LOCAL HILLS PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE

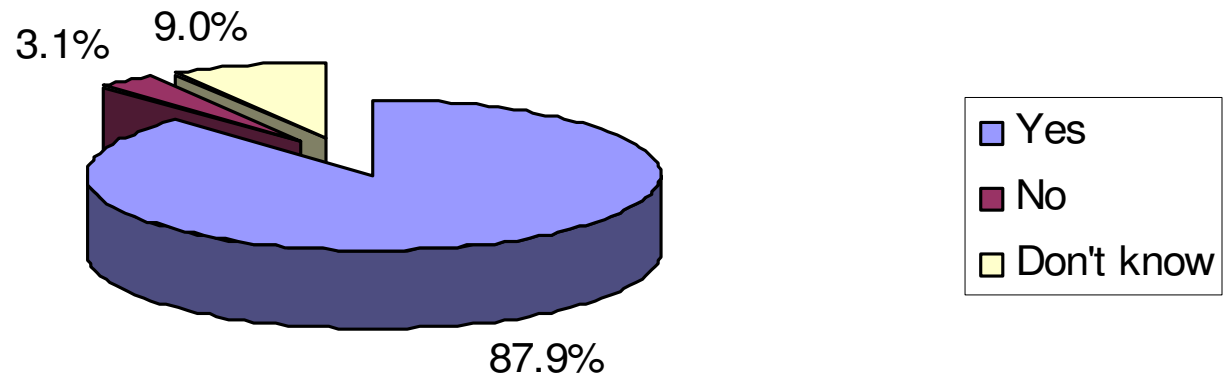


TOP WISH LISTS

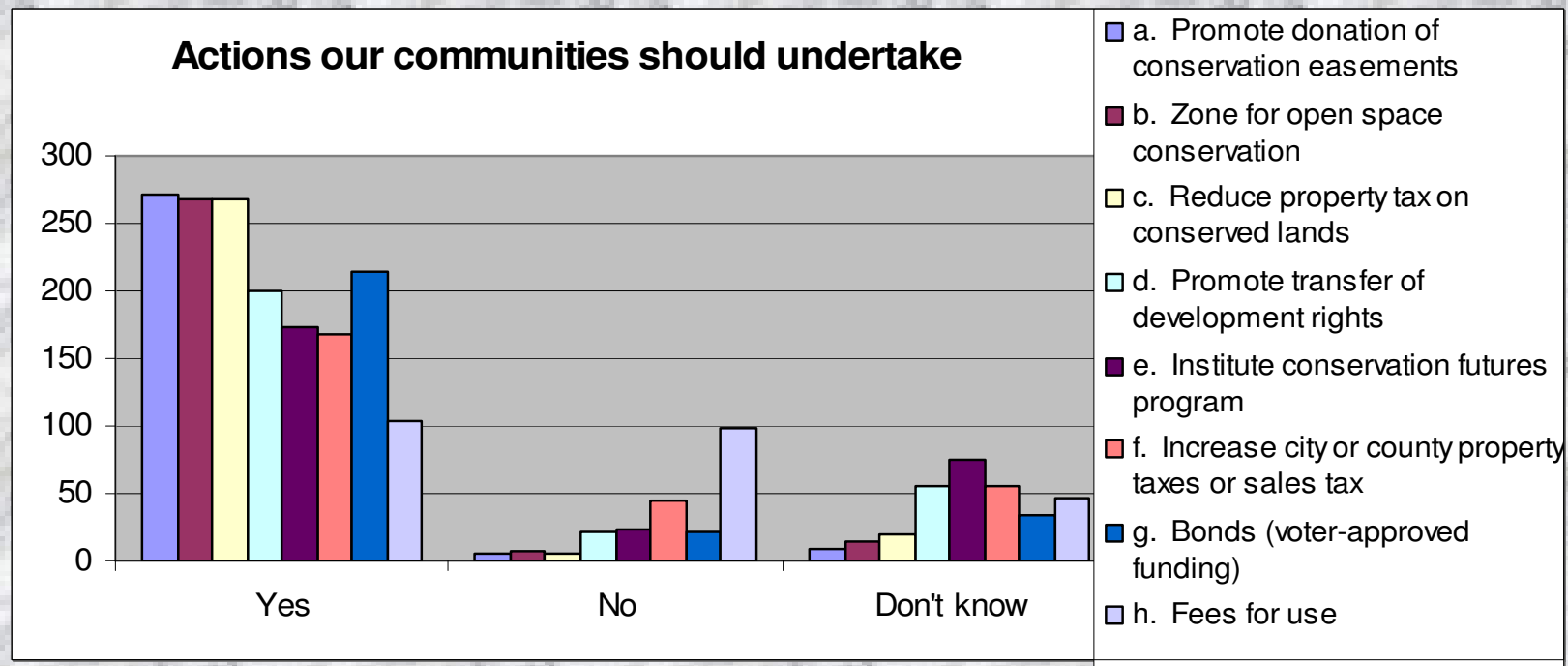
- PRESERVE:
 - RIVER SHORELINE
 - BADGER RIDGES
 - AGRICULTURAL AREAS
 - WALLULA GAP
 - KENNEWICK RIDGES
- TRAILS (GENERAL):
 - AMON TO RATTLESNAKE
 - IRRIGATION CANALS
 - BENTON CITY TO HORN RAPIDS PARK
- BIKE TRAILS:
 - SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE (BRIDGE CROSSINGS)
 - STATE PATROL AREA
- OTHERS
 - HORSE TRAILS
 - NON-MOTORIZED BOAT ACCESS
 - PRESERVE HABITAT

RESPONDENTS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT A TRAIL NETWORK

Efforts should be made to interconnect isolated parcels of open space through a trail network



RESPONDENTS SUPPORT MANY MECHANISMS TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE, INCLUDING BONDS



E-MAIL LIST

- 178 SURVEY RESPONDENTS OR WORKSHOP ATTENDEES WERE INTERESTED ENOUGH TO ADD THEIR NAMES TO OUR MAILING LIST FOR UPDATES