

APPENDIX C

2008 Open Space and Recreation Survey Results

Wendell Open Space and Recreation Survey Results, 2008

The following paragraphs describe the results of the surveys distributed to Wendell town residents in 2008 with the purpose of learning public opinion on various issues related to open space and recreation. The answers from the survey will help guide the protection of open space and natural resources, and the development of recreational facilities and programs in Wendell.

Overall, the results of the surveys show that Wendell residents greatly enjoy their close proximity to the Wendell State Forest, which they use frequently for a variety of activities. The surveys also show that the town residents place great value on keeping the town's rural, small town character and protecting the quality of the town's water and air.

There were a total of 53 surveys returned to the Wendell Open Space Committee.

In this summary, each table below contains several columns of data. The first column, "Number," refers to the total *number* of people who selected each particular answer. The second column, "Freq" is the *percentage* of people that selected each answer. This percentage is based on the total number of people who actually answered each question, rather than the total number of surveys returned. For example: a total of 53 surveys were returned, but of these 53 surveys, not all of them answered each question on the survey. Some questions were left blank. If 50 of the 53 surveys had an answer for a particular question, then the percentage is based on these 50 responses. By using this methodology, potential bias from non-respondents is eliminated. The third column included in the tables, "Non. Resp.," is the total *number* of people (or non-respondents) who returned surveys, but did not respond to that particular question. This provides the reader an idea of the size of the sample.

Example:

Q1. How important was each of the following in your decision to move to, and/or live in Wendell?
Please circle a number for each item where 1=Very Important; 2=Important; and 3= Not Important.

	VERY IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		NOT IMPORTANT		NON RESP.
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Freq.</i>	
OPEN FIELDS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS	38	75%	10	20%	3	6%	2

This means that 2 survey respondents did not answer the question.

Thirty-eight people or 75% of the 51 respondents who answered that particular question felt that the presence of open fields, forests, and trails were a very important reason for their decision to move to and/or live in Wendell.

Question 1

How important was each of the following in your decision to move to, and/or live in Wendell?

Please circle a number for each item where 1=Very Important; 2=Important; and 3= Not Important.

The five **most important** factors influencing people's decision to move to and or/or live in Wendell are:

- 1) Rural or small town character (75% of respondents)
- 2) Air/water quality (75%)
- 3) Open fields, forest, trails (75%)
- 4) Peace and quiet (75%)
- 5) Affordable housing (44%)

The five **least important** factors influencing people's decision to move to and or/or live in Wendell are:

- 1) Job opportunities in the region (73%)
- 2) Easy commuting (71%)
- 3) Five College area (62%)
- 4) Public services (61%)
- 5) Public school system (48%)

The above lists seem to show that town residents place greater value on the physical nature of the town, rather than certain amenities and convenience. The table below shows how each of the factors influenced residents' decisions to move to and/or live in Wendell.

Table 1: Question 1

	VERY IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		NOT IMPORTANT		NON RESP.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
RURAL OR SMALL TOWN CHARACTER	40	75%	10	19%	3	6%	0
OPEN FIELDS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS	38	75%	10	20%	3	6%	2
PEACE AND QUIET	38	75%	11	22%	2	4%	2
ACCESS TO WENDELL STATE FOREST	20	41%	21	43%	8	16%	4
AIR/WATER QUALITY	39	75%	10	19%	3	6%	1
PUBLIC SERVICES	5	10%	14	29%	30	61%	4
LOCAL CLIMATE	12	24%	17	35%	20	41%	4
SAFETY FROM CRIME AND VANDALISM	17	33%	21	41%	13	25%	2
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM	10	20%	16	32%	24	48%	3
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	22	44%	17	34%	11	22%	3
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	10	20%	23	47%	16	33%	4
FRIENDS OR RELATIVES HERE	11	22%	17	34%	22	44%	3
FIVE COLLEGE AREA	5	10%	14	28%	31	62%	3
EASY COMMUTING	4	8%	10	20%	35	71%	4
JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION	2	4%	11	22%	36	73%	4
PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE	13	25%	20	39%	18	35%	2
PERCEPTION OF TOWN VALUES	19	37%	17	33%	16	31%	1

6% of respondents noted the following:
DIRT ROADS

4% of respondents noted the following:
LIBERAL POLITICAL CLIMATE
FREEDOM FROM REGULATION

There was one response for each of the following:
HUNTING, FISHING, GARDENING
COMMUNITY MINDEDNESS
SMALL POPULATION
PARTNER MOVED HERE/MARRIAGE
FEWER POSTED SIGNS IN TOWN
COMMON SENSE
NON-USE OF PESTICIDES
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS OF PUBLIC LANDS
PERMANENTLY PROTECTED FORESTS
LACK OF INTEREST BY TOWN COMM'S
TAX RATE
TRADITIONAL USES

Question 2

How important is it to conserve the following natural resources? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Very Important; 2=Important; and 3= Not important.

According to survey results, the five **most important** natural resources to conserve are:

- 1) Clean air (89%)
- 2) Clean drinking water (89%)
- 3) Lakes/streams/ponds (83%)
- 4) Rural character (81%)
- 5) Forests (81%)

According to survey results, the five **least important** natural resources to conserve are:

- 1) Dirt roads (17%)
- 2) Historic structures (13%)
- 3) Scenic views (12%)
- 4) Stone walls (12%)
- 5) Wetlands (9%)

The table below shows the level of important placed on each of the natural resources. The results show that, overall, people value all of the natural resources fairly strongly – all of the resources received at least 60% of the respondents' votes in terms of being Very Important to conserve.

Table 2: Question 2

	VERY IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		NOT IMPORTANT		NON RESP.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
DIRT ROADS	32	62%	11	21%	9	17%	1
FORESTS	43	81%	8	15%	2	4%	0
OPEN FIELDS	40	75%	10	19%	3	6%	0
RURAL CHARACTER	43	81%	5	9%	5	9%	0
SCENIC VIEWS	35	67%	11	21%	6	12%	1
STONE WALLS	31	60%	15	29%	6	12%	1
LAKES/STREAMS/ PONDS	44	83%	7	13%	2	4%	0
WETLANDS	40	75%	8	15%	5	9%	0
WILDLIFE HABITAT	40	75%	10	19%	3	6%	0
CLEAN DRINKING WATER	47	89%	6	11%	0	0%	0
FARMLAND	36	68%	13	25%	4	8%	0
HISTORIC STRUCTURES	33	63%	12	23%	7	13%	1
CLEAN AIR	47	89%	6	11%	0	0%	0
WILDERNESS	39	75%	9	17%	4	8%	1

There was one response for each of the following:

- SMALL POPULATION
- STOP LOGGING THE FOREST
- SMALL POX CEMETARY
- RIGHT OF USAGE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Question 3

Which actions do you support to protect/conservate open space and natural resources? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Strongly Support; 2=Support; and 3 = Don't Support.

The results of this question show that residents most strongly support actions that do not entail the expenditure of town money. However, half of respondents felt that the town should take action towards the protections and conservation of open space and natural resources.

The top five **most strongly supported** actions to protect/conservate open space and natural resources are:

- 1) Acceptance of donated conservation land (70%)
- 2) Encourage conservation by private non-profits (61%)
- 3) Encourage conservation by state agencies (61%)
- 4) Encourage conservation by a combination of parties (60%)
- 5) Acceptance of donated development rights (52%)

The top five actions that were **not supported** are:

- 1) No additional town actions should be taken (67%)
- 2) Town purchase of meeting house (48%)
- 3) Town purchase of development rights (40%)
- 4) Zoning changes for open space protection (32%)
- 5) Encouragement of conservation by private non-profits (24%)

Table 3: Question 3

	Strongly Support		Support		Don't Support		Non Resp.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
TOWN PURCHASE OF CONSERVATION LAND	20	41%	18	37%	11	22%	4
TOWN PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS	13	30%	13	30%	17	40%	10
ZONING CHANGES FOR OPEN SPACE PROTECTION	21	45%	11	23%	15	32%	6
NO ADDITIONAL TOWN ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN	7	18%	6	15%	26	67%	14
ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED CONSERVATION LAND	35	70%	11	22%	4	8%	3
ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS	25	52%	12	25%	11	23%	5
TOWN PURCHASE OF MEETING HOUSE	6	14%	16	38%	20	48%	11
ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION BY PRIVATE NON-PROFITS	31	61%	8	16%	12	24%	2
ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION BY STATE AGENCIES	31	61%	12	24%	8	16%	2
ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION BY A COMBINATION OF PARTIES	31	60%	12	23%	9	17%	1

Question 4

Should Wendell protect riverfront property along the Millers River? Circle one.

Three-quarters (75%) of survey respondents said that riverfront property along the Millers River should be protected. Only 16% of the respondents said that the town should not protect riverfront property, while 9% were not sure or had no opinion. (Number of non-respondents: 9)

Question 5

How has the quality of the following changed over time? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Changed for the better; 2=Changed for the worse; 3=Remained the same; and 4= No opinion/Unsure.

The results for this question were fairly mixed – answers were distributed across the positive and negative opinions. Only a few issues emerged as having been seen as clearly changed in a certain direction.

Thirty-one percent of respondents felt that the recreational facilities in Wendell have changed for the better. Conversely, 45% of the respondents felt that the town's rural character has changed for the worse and 33% felt that the sense of community has also changed for the worse.

Table 4: Question 5

	CHANGED FOR BETTER		CHANGED FOR WORSE		REMAINED THE SAME		NO OPINION / UNSURE		NON RESP.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
LOCAL OPEN SPACE	13	23%	18	25%	18	35%	9	17%	1
SENSE OF COMMUNITY	17	21%	15	33%	15	29%	9	17%	1
WENDELL'S RURAL CHARACTER	23	6%	16	45%	16	31%	9	18%	2
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	7	31%	9	13%	9	17%	20	38%	1
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING	9	23%	7	17%	7	13%	24	46%	1

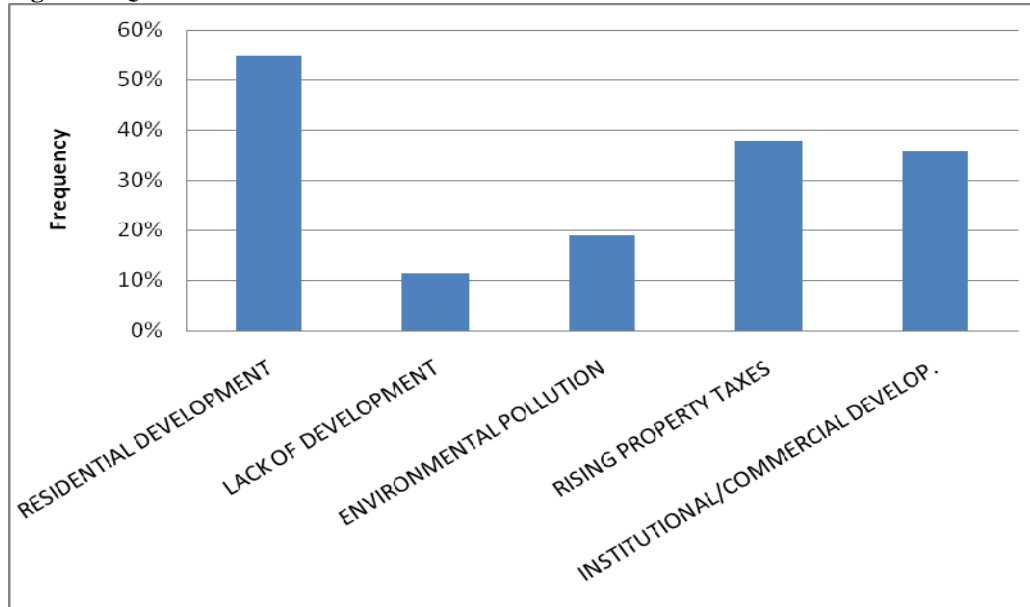
Question 6

What are the two most significant threats to Wendell's sense of community and rural character?

Please circle two only.

Slightly more than half (55%) of survey respondents felt that the biggest threat to Wendell's sense of community of rural character is residential development. This was followed by the threats of rising property taxes (38%) and institutional/commercial development (36%). The following chart illustrates how town residents responded to this question.

Figure 1: Question 6



There was one response for each of the following:

LACK OF MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE LAND
 LACK OF POLICY ON SOME PUBLIC/PRIVATE LAND
 CHANGE IN LAND OWNERSHIP - PARCELIZATION
 LOGGING DESTRUCTION OF HABITAT AND PONDS IN STATE FOREST
 PEOPLE USING WOODS/STREAMS TO DUMP TRASH
 STRONG-ARMING OF SELECT/LOCAL GROUPS
 TOO MUCH LAND TAKEN OFF TAXROLLS AND PUT INTO CONSERVATION
 JUNK CARS LEFT TO LEAK OIL, GAS, ANTIFREEZE
 JUNK AND GARBAGE LEFT IN YARDS
 PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES
 LOSS OF DIRT ROADS
 DISREGARD FOR OTHER'S PROPERTY
 THREATS TO TRADITIONAL USES
 LAKE GROVE GROUNDWATER POLLUTION FROM FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEMS
 LOSS OF FREEDOM TO DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH YOUR OWN LAND
 LAKE GROVE SCHOOL
 RESIDENTS CLAIMING TO OWN ENTIRE PONDS AND DENYING
 NON-MOTORIZED USAGE

Question 7

How important are the following to you? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Very Important; 2=Important; and 3=Not Important.

The results for this question show that the town residents value the maintenance of the natural wilderness character of Wendell. The top five **most important** features to the survey respondents are:

- 1) Lack of industrial/commercial strips (79%)
- 2) Clean streams and water bodies (77%)
- 3) Moose, bobcat, deer, and other wildlife (76%)
- 4) Large forested areas (69%)
- 5) Quiet (67%)

The top five **least important** town features according to survey respondents are:

- 1) Narrow, windy roads (27%)
- 2) Large roadside trees (25%)
- 3) Historic cellar holes (22%)
- 4) Dirt roads (21%)
- 5) Scenic views (19%)

Table 5: Question 7

	VERY IMPORTANT		IMPORTANT		NOT IMPORTANT		NON RESP.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
LARGE ROAD-SIDE TREES	26	50%	13	25%	13	25%	1
DIRT ROADS	23	44%	18	35%	11	21%	1
HISTORIC CELLAR HOLES	17	33%	23	45%	11	22%	2
HISTORIC STRUCTURES	22	44%	20	40%	8	16%	3
VERNAL POOLS	32	62%	13	25%	7	13%	1
WENDELL STATE FOREST	30	58%	21	40%	1	2%	1
MOOSE, BOBCAT, DEER AND OTHER WILDLIFE	39	76%	9	18%	3	6%	2
OPEN FIELDS	32	62%	18	35%	2	4%	1
FARM HOUSES	22	42%	25	48%	5	10%	1
SCENIC VIEWS	27	52%	15	29%	10	19%	1
NARROW WINDY ROADS	19	37%	18	35%	14	27%	1
LARGE FORESTED AREAS	36	69%	11	21%	5	10%	1
WALKING AND HIKING TRAILS	23	44%	23	44%	6	12%	1
LOW TRAFFIC VOLUME/TRAFFIC SPEEDS	28	55%	22	43%	1	2%	2
FARM ANIMALS	21	41%	22	43%	8	16%	2
QUIET	35	67%	14	27%	3	6%	1
LOWER HOUSING DENSITY	31	61%	14	27%	6	12%	2
ABSENCE OF CITY LIGHTS	31	60%	13	25%	8	15%	1
CLEAN STREAMS AND WATER BODIES	40	77%	11	21%	1	2%	1
LACK OF INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL STRIPS	41	79%	5	10%	6	12%	1

There was one response for each of the following:

FREEDOM OF CHOICE
 CLUSTER HOUSING
 LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES
 COOPERATIVELY-OWNED BUSINESSES
 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AT FISKE
 NO PESTICIDE USE RESIDENTIAL OR FARM
 NO HERBICIDE USE RESIDENTIAL OR FARM
 HABITAT DIVERSITY, OPEN VS. FORESTED
 DIVERSITY IN FOREST TYPES AND AGE CLASSES
 LESS JUNK CARS/GARBAGE IN FRONT YARDS
 LESS COMMITTEES

Question 8

What is your opinion about the quality of the following open space and recreation facilities in the town of Wendell? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Excellent; 2=Good; 3=Adequate; 4=Poor; and 5=No Opinion/Unsure.

This question shows that there are a few facilities in which most people agree are in excellent condition – specifically the library programming and Wendell State Forest. However, there is less agreement as to which facilities in town are in need of improvement. For example, Fiske Pond appears in the top five as being both in excellent *and* poor condition.

The top five facilities which survey respondents say are in **excellent condition** are:

- 1) Library programming (61%)
- 2) Wendell State Forest (44%)
- 3) Fiske Pond (35%)
- 4) Bear Mountain (29%)
- 5) Community Events (27%)

The top five facilities in which survey respondents felt were in **poor condition** are:

- 1) Whetstone Wood Sanctuary (20%)
- 2) Fiske Pond (18%)
- 3) Ball fields (17%)
- 4) Town office playground (15%)
- 5) Basketball court (15%)

Table 6: Question 8

	Excellent		Good		Adequate		Poor		No Opinion /Unsure		Non Resp.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
TOWN COMMON	13	26%	20	40%	13	26%	2	4%	2	4%	3
WENDELL STATE FOREST	23	44%	21	40%	7	13%	1	2%	0	0%	1
SWIFT RIVER PLAYGROUND	7	14%	10	20%	5	10%	3	6%	24	49%	4
BALL FIELDS	1	2%	3	6%	5	11%	8	17%	30	64%	6
BEAR MOUNTAIN	14	29%	6	12%	7	14%	1	2%	21	43%	4
WHETSTONE WOOD SANCTUARY	9	18%	1	2%	3	6%	10	20%	26	53%	4
M&M HIKING TRAIL	11	22%	15	31%	4	8%	2	4%	17	35%	4
TOWN OFFICE PLAYGROUND	1	2%	13	27%	13	27%	7	14%	15	31%	4
BASKETBALL COURT	1	2%	12	25%	13	27%	7	15%	15	31%	5
FISKE POND	18	35%	13	25%	4	8%	9	18%	7	14%	2
MILLERS RIVER	7	14%	14	29%	9	18%	7	14%	12	24%	4
LIBRARY PROGRAMMING	30	61%	6	12%	6	12%	1	2%	6	12%	4
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING	7	15%	5	10%	7	15%	7	15%	22	46%	5
COMMUNITY EVENTS	13	27%	18	38%	7	15%	6	13%	4	8%	5

Question 9

**Which of the following recreational activities do members of your household do in, or near Wendell?
Please circle as many that apply.**

Question 9 reveals that Wendell town residents are very active. They participate in a lot of different recreational activities, many of which are outdoors. Top six most popular activities for survey respondents are:

- 1) Walking (83%)
- 2) Hiking (74%)
- 3) Bird-watching (72%)
- 4) Gardening (66%)
- 5) Bicycling (62%)
- 6) Canoeing (60%)

	Number	Frequency*
BASKETBALL	14	26%
BASEBALL	6	11%
BICYCLING	33	62%
BIRD WATCHING	38	72%
BOATING	30	57%
CAMPING	16	30%
CANOEING	32	60%
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING	19	36%
FISHING	20	38%
GARDENING	35	66%
GOLF	6	11%
HIKING	39	74%
HUNTING	13	25%
ICE SKATING	8	15%
JOGGING	8	15%
PICKNICKING	17	32%
ROCK CLIMBING	6	11%
ROLLERBLADING	2	4%
SLEDDING	15	28%
SNOWSHOEING	18	34%
SNOWMOBILING	7	13%
SOFTBALL	3	6%
SWIMMING	26	49%
TENNIS	3	6%
WALKING	44	83%

***NOTE: Frequency refers to the percentage of all respondents who acknowledged participation in the stated activity.**

Q9 continued

The majority of these recreational activities occur within the town of Wendell. The Wendell State Forest is the predominate location for many of the activities, including: walking, hiking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hunting. Many of the activities also take place in surrounding towns, such as New Salem, Shutesbury, Montague, and Greenfield. The Quabbin Reservoir is a popular place to bicycle. The following are the percentage of all respondents who said they participated in the activity in the noted location.

BASKETBALL	WENDELL 13%	FRANK.CTY. TECH. SCHOOL 4%	LIBRARY 4%	SHUTESBURY 1%	ORANGE 1%	GREENFIELD 1%	
BASEBALL	FCTS 4%	WENDELL 1%	TURNER FALLS 1%	MONTAGUE 1%	ORANGE 1%	GREENFIELD 1%	HOME 1%
BICYCLING	WENDELL 48%	QUABBIN 4%	NEW SALEM 4%	ALL OVER 2%	STATE FOREST 1%	SHUTESBURY 1%	ORANGE 1%
BIRD WATCHING	WENDELL 50%	HOME 11%	NEW SALEM 4%	TURNER FALLS 1%	BARTONS COVE 1%	FISKE POND 1%	ERVING 1%
	ALL OVER 1%						
BOATING	WENDELL 22%	SHUTESBURY 7%	LAKE WYOLA 6%	ERVING 6%	TULLY RESERVOIR 4%	CT. RIVER 4%	
	NEW SALEM 1%	ALL OVER 1%	QUABBIN 1%	LAKE MATTAWA 1%	WICKETT POND 4%	RUGGLES POND 1%	
CAMPING	WENDELL 11%	ALL OVER 6%	OUT OF STATE 6%	TULLY RESERVOIR 4%	GILL 1%	ERVING S.F. 1%	
CANOEING	WENDELL 28%	TULLY RESERVOIR 7%	SHUTESBURY 7%	WICKETT POND 6%	LAKE WYOLA 4%	MILLERS RIVER 4%	FISKE POND 1%
	ORANGE 1%	LAKE MATTAWA 1%	OUT OF STATE 1%	ERVING S.F. 1%	ALL OVER 1%		
CROSS COUNTRY SKIING	WENDELL 19%	STATE FOREST 6%	FISKE POND 4%	SHUTESBURY 4%	OUT OF STATE 1%	NORTHFIELD 1%	ALL OVER 1%
	NEW SALEM 1%						
FISHING	WENDELL 17%	MILLERS RIVER 6%	STATE FOREST 4%	SHUTESBURY 4%	QUABBIN 4%	LAKE WYOLA 1%	WICKETT POND 1%
	NEW SALEM 1%	WARWICK 1%					
GARDENING	WENDELL 53%	HOME 11%	ERVING 1%				

GOLF	AMHERST 4%	SHELBURNE 4%	WENDELL 1%	ASHFIELD 1%			
HIKING	WENDELL 38%	STATE FOREST 11%	M&M TRAIL 4%	QUABBIN 4%	SHUTESBURY 4%	ALL OVER 4%	BEAR MTN. 1%
	ERVING 1%	SUNDERLAND 1%	NEW SALEM 1%	PETERSHAM 1%	MT. TOBY 1%	POETS SEAT 1%	LAKE WYOLA 1%
HUNTING	WENDELL 13%	STATE FOREST 4%	ALL OVER 1%	NORTHFIELD 1%	LEYDEN 1%	GILL 1%	
ICE SKATING	WENDELL 9%	SHUTESBURY 4%	LAKE WYOLA 1%				
JOGGING	WENDELL 11%	ALL OVER 1%	NEW SALEM 1%				
PICNICKING	WENDELL 23%	ALL OVER 5%	QUABBIN 1%	STATE FOREST 1%			
ROCK CLIMBING	WENDELL 6%	NORTHFIELD MTN. 1%	ERVING 1%	MT. TOBY 1%			
ROLLERBLADING	WENDELL 1%	AMHERST 1%					
SLEDING	WENDELL 19%	STATE FOREST 6%	HOME 1%	TURNERS FALLS 1%			
SNOW SHOEING	WENDELL 20%	STATE FOREST 4%	HOME 1%	FISKE POND 1%	SHUTESBURY 1%	NORTHFIELD MTN. 1%	ALL OVER 1%
	ERVING 1%						
SNOWMOBILING	STATE FOREST 1%	HOME 1%	WENDELL 6%	ALL OVER 2%			
SOFTBALL	HOME 1%	WENDELL 1%	MONTAGUE 1%				
SWIMMING	WENDELL 20%	LAKE WYOLA 8%	DEERFIELD R 1%	SHUTESBURY 6%	OUT OF STATE 4%	LAKE MATTAWA 2%	HOME 1%
	ERVING 1%	ORANGE 1%	FISKE POND 1%	ALL OVER 1%			
TENNIS	WENDELL 1%	ERVING 1%	GREENFIELD 1%				
WALKING	WENDELL 70%	STATE FOREST 6%	HOME 6%	FISKE POND 4%	SHUTESBURY 1%	ALL OVER 1%	ERVING 1%
	TURNERS FALLS 1%						

Other activities noted:

TAI CHI	WENDELL 2%		
HORSEBACK	WENDELL 6%		
SAILING	TULLY RESERVOIR 2%	LAKE WYOLA 2%	

Question 10

How often do you utilize the following open space and recreational resources? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Daily; 2=Weekly; 3=Monthly; 4=Every six months; 5=Once a year; and 6=Never.

This question further validates the fact the Wendell State Forest is a very popular place in the town for residents for their outdoor recreational activities. The top five **most used** open space and outdoor recreational resources in the town are:

- 1) Wendell State Forest (14% daily, 18% weekly)
- 2) Bear Mountain (9% daily, 4% weekly)
- 3) Town Common (2% daily, 4% weekly)
- 4) Swift River playground (2% daily, 4% weekly)
- 5) Recreational programming (5% weekly)

The top five **least used** resources are:

- 1) Ball fields (85% never)
- 2) Swift River playground (77% never)
- 3) Whetstone Wood Sanctuary (74% never)
- 4) Recreational programming (68%)
- 5) Bear Mountain (51% never)

Table 7: Question 10

	Daily		Weekly		Monthly		Every Six Months		Once a Year		Never		Non Resp.
	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	Number	Freq.	
TOWN COMMON	1	2%	2	4%	9	19%	13	27%	14	29%	9	19%	5
WENDELL STATE FOREST	7	14%	9	18%	13	27%	10	20%	4	8%	6	12%	4
SWIFT RIVER PLAYGROUND	1	2%	2	4%	3	6%	2	4%	3	6%	37	77%	5
BALL FIELDS	0	0%	1	2%	2	4%	3	6%	1	2%	40	85%	6
BEAR MOUNTAIN	4	9%	2	4%	2	4%	7	15%	8	17%	24	51%	6
WHETSTONE WOOD SANCTUARY	0	0%	2	4%	1	2%	4	9%	5	11%	34	74%	7
M&M HIKING TRAIL	0	0%	1	2%	9	20%	7	16%	10	22%	18	40%	8
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING	0	0%	2	5%	2	5%	4	9%	6	14%	30	68%	9

9% of respondents noted the following as places utilized:

FISKE POND

4% of respondents noted the following as places utilized:

LIBRARY

There was one response each for the following as places utilized:

MORMON HOLLOW

DEJA BREW

ROBERT FROST TRAIL

Question 11

What is your opinion about the quantity and quality of the following recreational programming and facilities in the town of Wendell? Please circle a number for each item where 1=Excellent; 2=Good; 3=Adequate; 4=Poor and 5=No opinion/Unsure.

This question provides insight into which programming and facilities of the town are in currently good condition and which would benefit from some improvement. The top five resources that survey respondents feel are in **excellent condition** are:

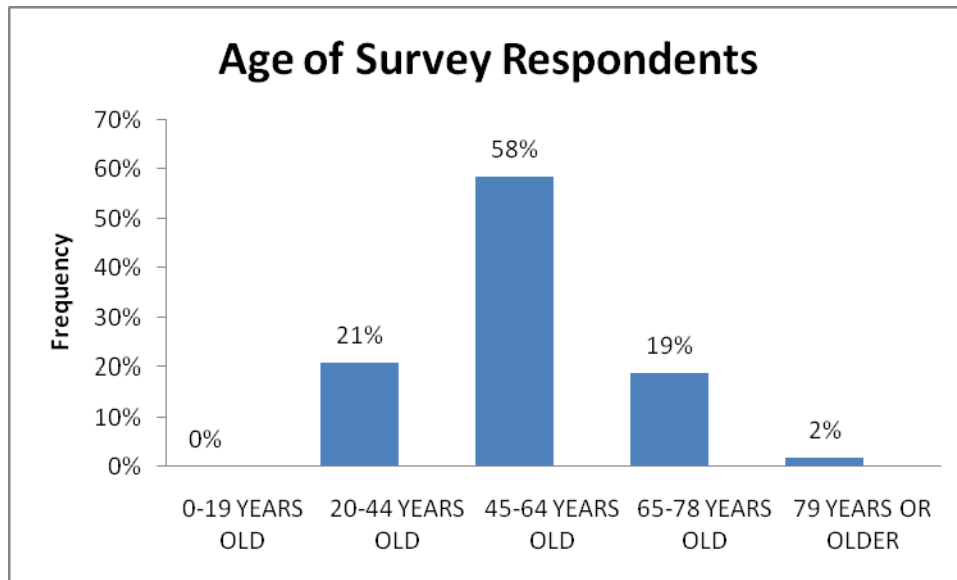
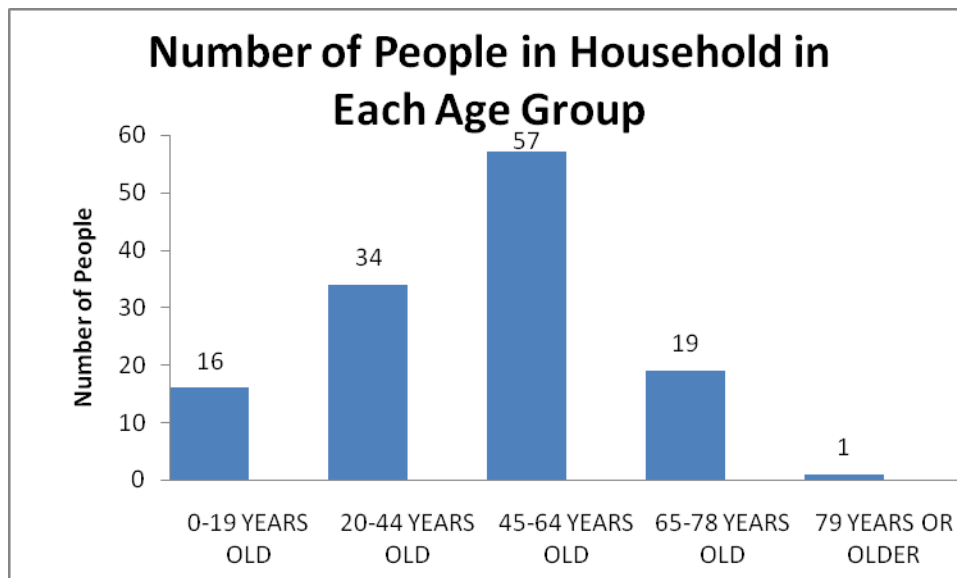
- 1) Hiking trails (39%)
- 2) Community events/festivals (31%)
- 3) Swimming areas (17%)
- 4) Playgrounds/tot lots (8%)
- 5) Sports fields (6%)

The top five resources that survey respondents feel are in **poor condition** are:

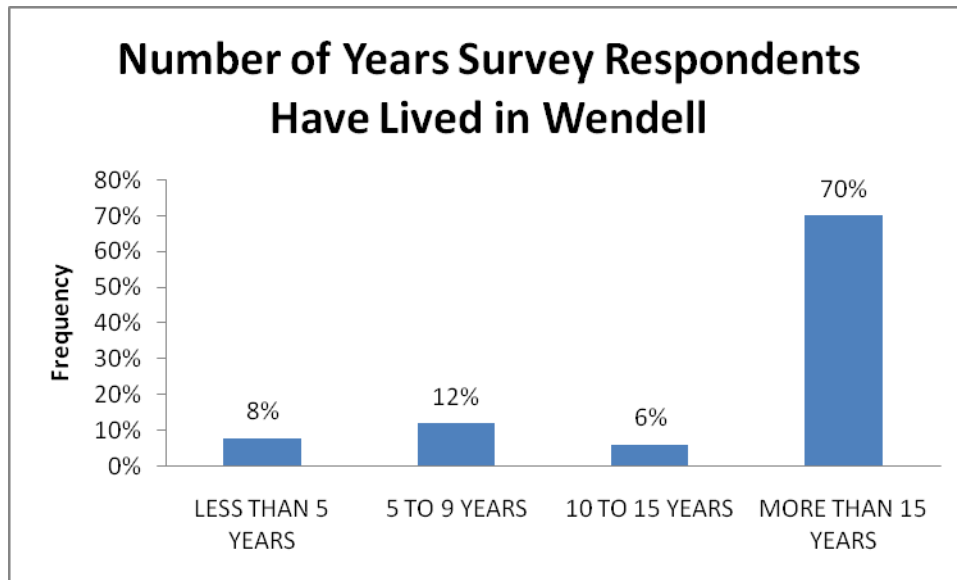
- 1) Sports fields (25%)
- 2) Tennis courts (21%)
- 3) Recreational programming for teens (20%)
- 4) Swimming areas (19%)
- 5) Recreational programming for seniors (14%)

Table 8: Question 11

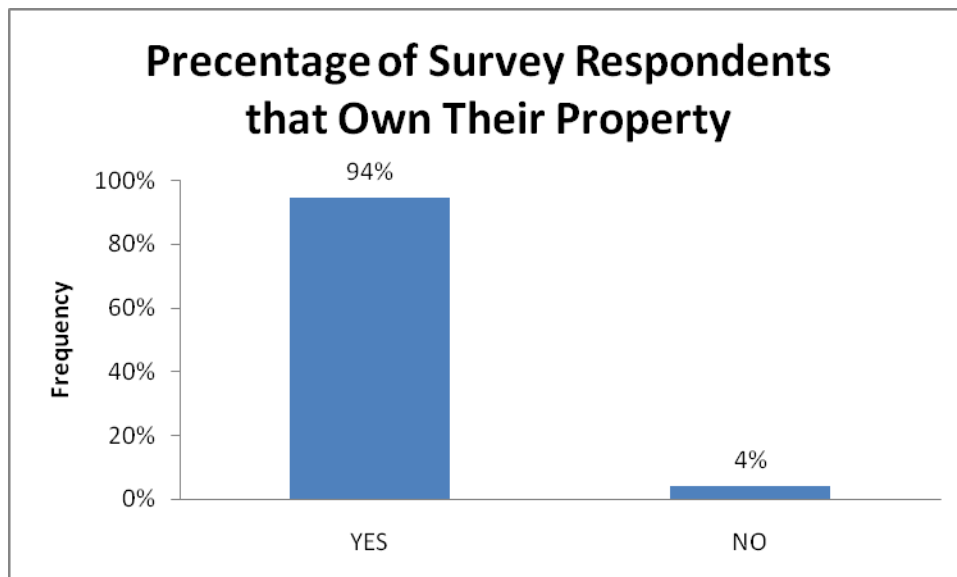
	Excellent		Good		Adequate		Poor		No Opinion /Unsure		Non Resp.
	Number	Resp.	Number	Resp.	Number	Resp.	Number	Resp.	Number	Resp.	
PLAYGROUND/TOTS LOTS	4	8%	11	22%	6	12%	7	14%	21	43%	4
SPORTS FIELDS	3	6%	3	6%	7	15%	12	25%	23	48%	5
TENNIS COURTS	2	4%	0	0%	6	13%	10	21%	29	62%	6
SWIMMING AREAS	8	17%	3	6%	15	32%	9	19%	12	26%	6
HIKING TRAILS	19	39%	13	27%	9	18%	1	2%	7	14%	4
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS	3	6%	0	0%	2	4%	10	20%	34	69%	4
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS	2	4%	0	0%	6	12%	7	14%	34	69%	4
COMMUNITY EVENTS/FESTIVALS	15	31%	11	22%	11	22%	6	12%	6	12%	4

Questions 12- 15: Demographic Statistics of Survey Respondents**Question 12: What is your age?****Question 13: Please write the number of people in your household in each age group.**

Question 14: How many years have you lived in Wendell?



Question 15: Do you own your property?



Question 15a: If you own your property, how many acres do you have?

