

2018

Conifer Community Survey

Prepared by Conifer Area Council

WHO IS CONIFER AREA COUNCIL?

A 501c3 Organization formed in 2002

MISSION: To work as a broad based group to provide a forum to identify and address community issues.

WHAT DOES CONIFER AREA COUNCIL DO?

We've facilitated over 60 Town Hall Meetings since 2003

We've facilitated 4 Comprehensive Conifer Community Surveys

2006 / 2010 / 2014 / 2018

2018

Conifer Community Survey

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1,656 Surveys Completed

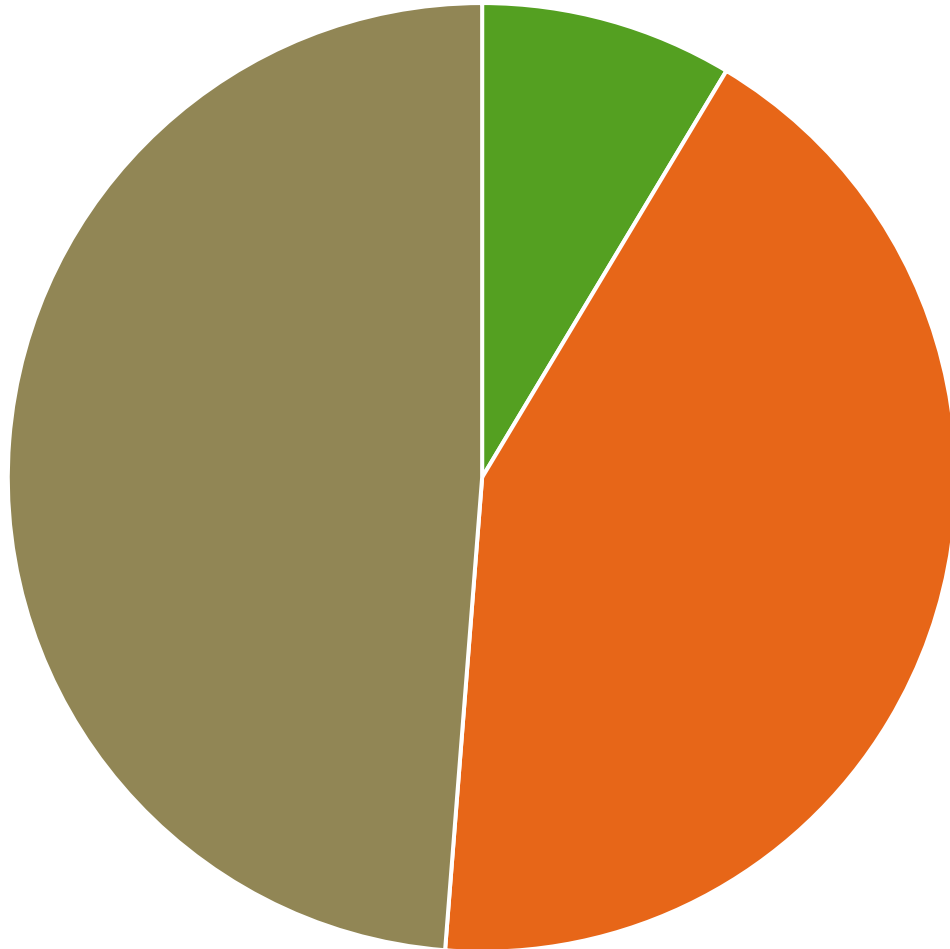
out of

12,242 Estimated Population 18 years and older

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13.53 % Return Rate

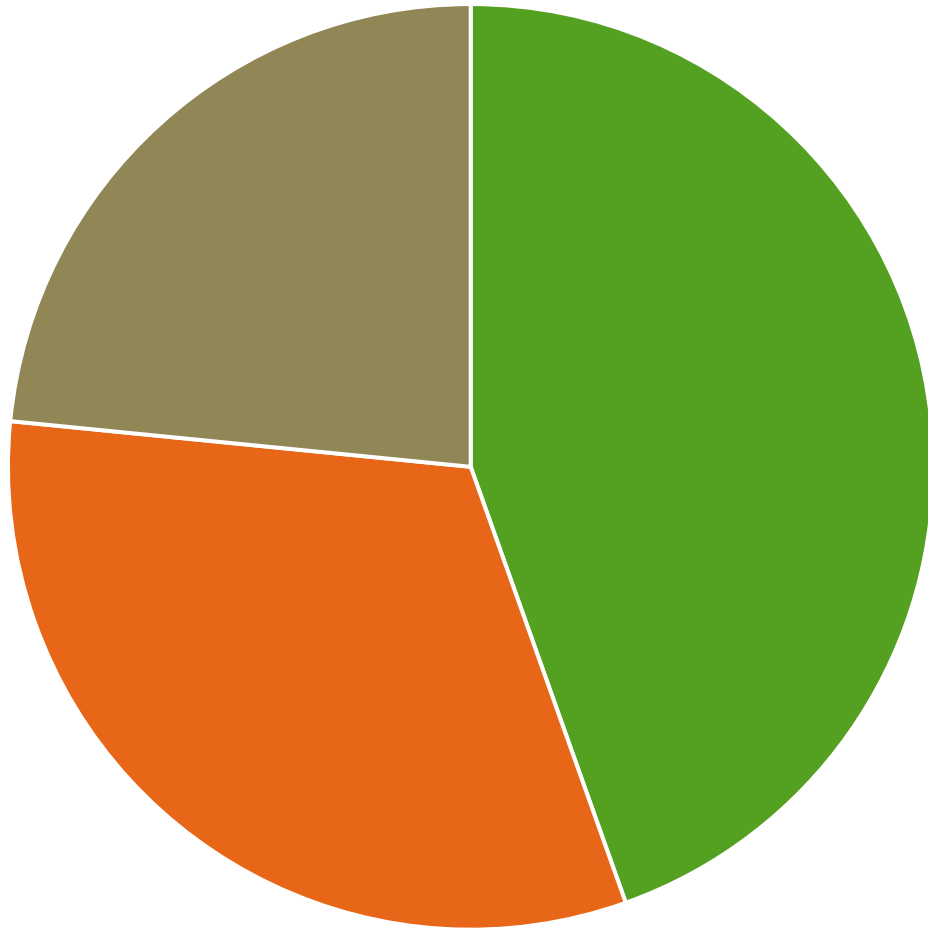
Age of Respondents



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| 8.61% | 18 - 34 |
| 42.63% | 35 - 54 |
| 48.75% | 55 and older |

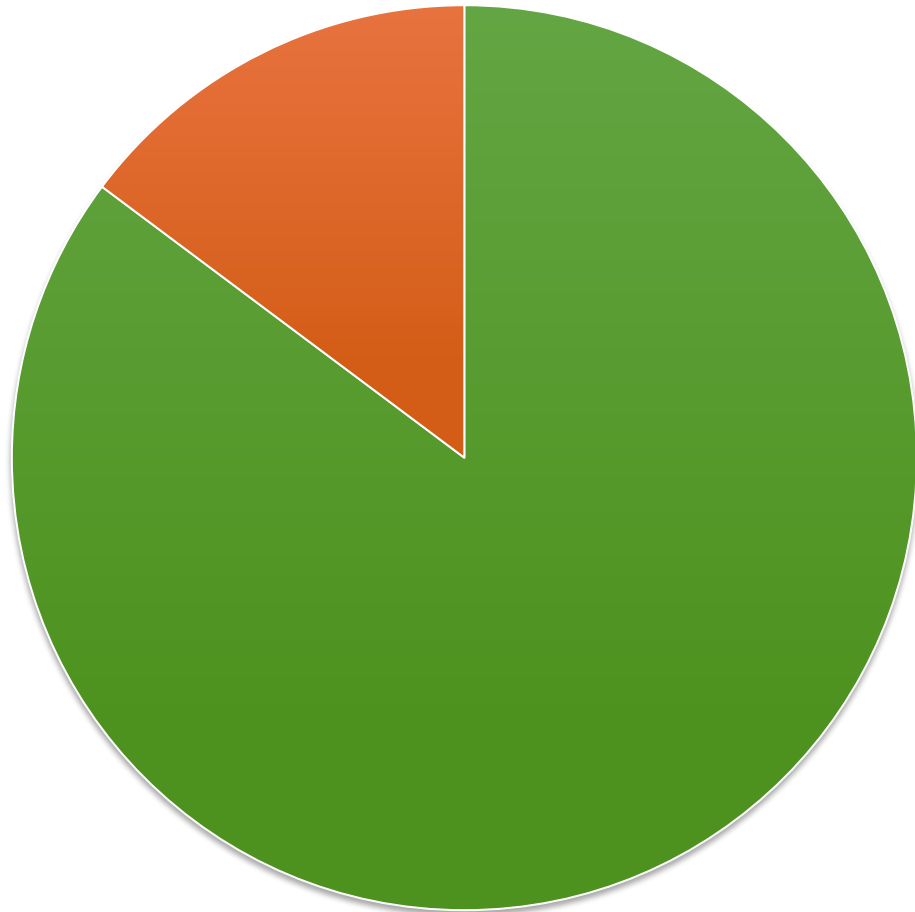
▶ **47.8 years is Median Age of Conifer area**

Length of Residency



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| 43.75% | Less than 1 year to 9 years |
| 31.43% | 20 years or more |
| 23.00% | 10 – 19 years |

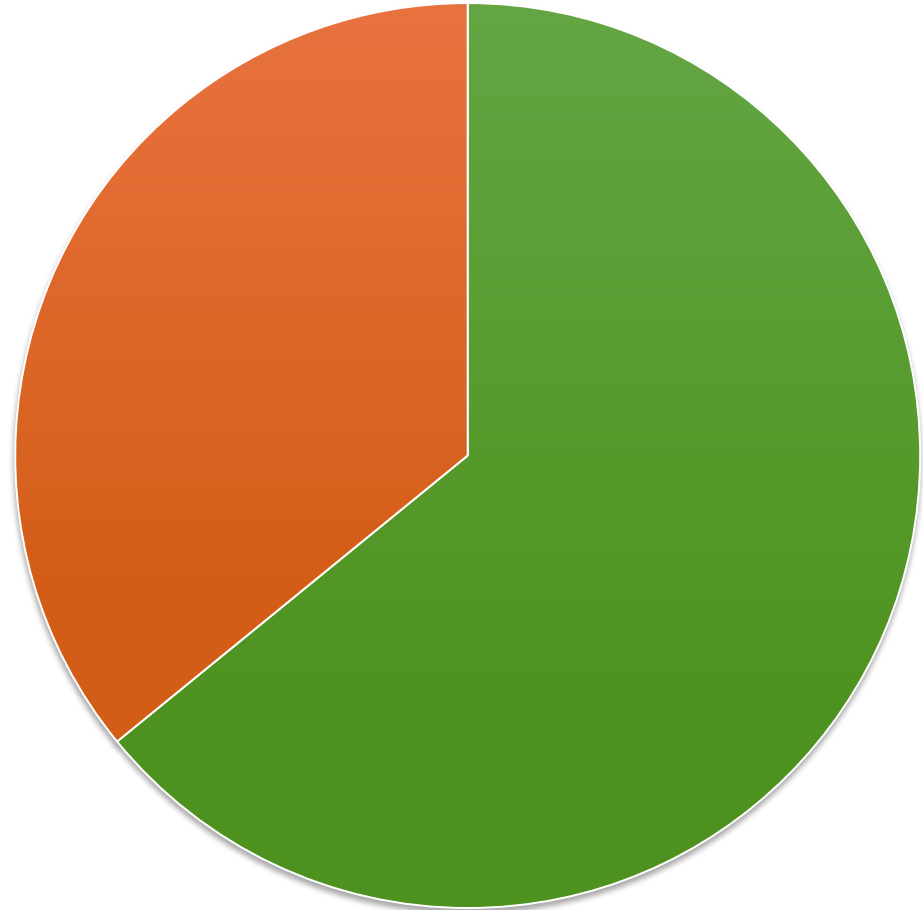
Family Status



14.78% Single

85.22% Married / Couple

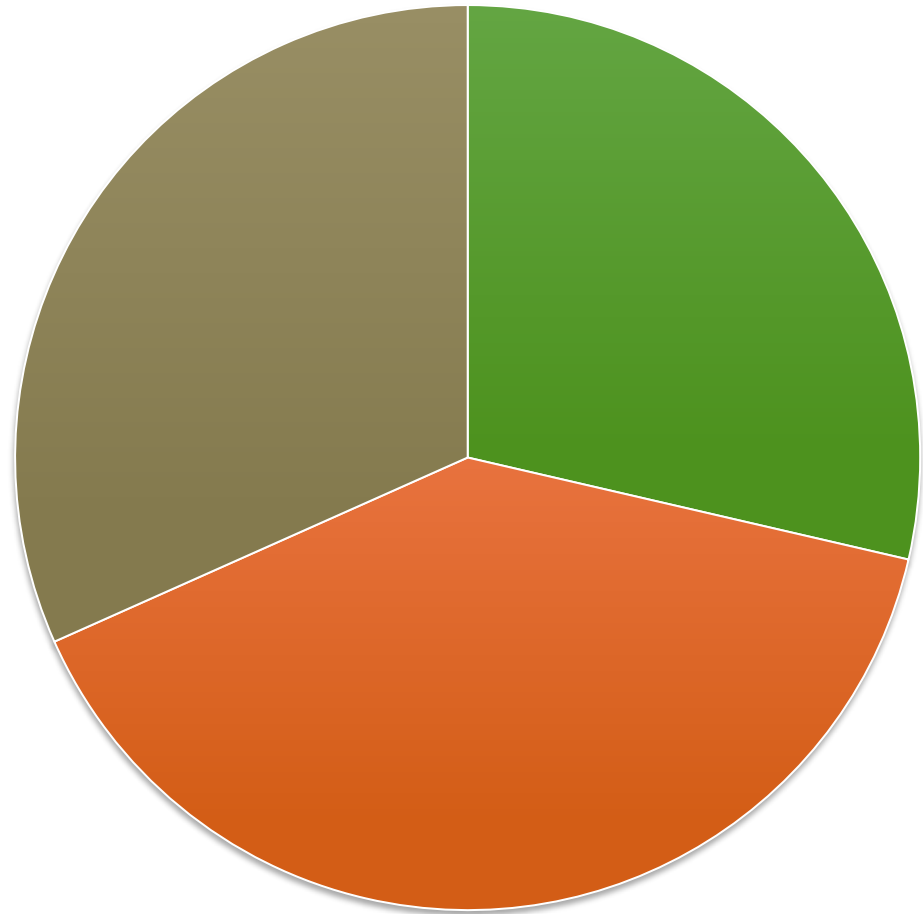
of Children under the age of 18



64.11% 0 Children

35.89% 1 – 5 or more Children

Level of Education

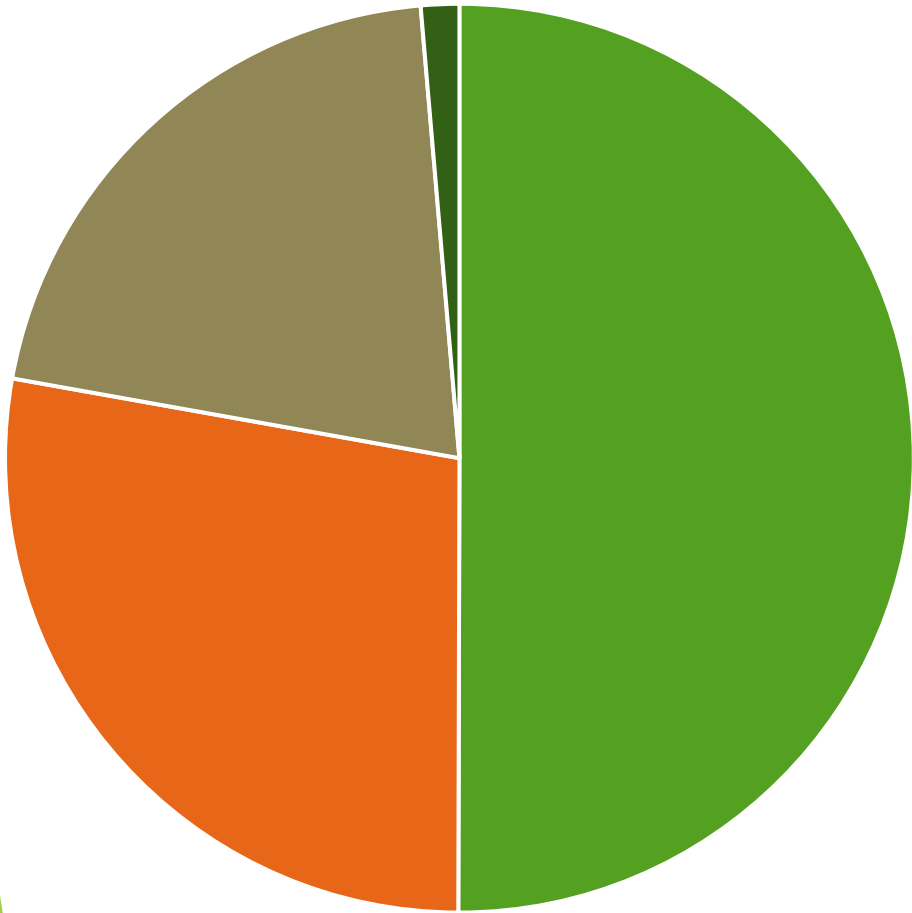


28.62% High School – Associates Degree

39.71% Bachelor's Degree

31.67% Graduate or Professional Degree

What is Your Work Status?



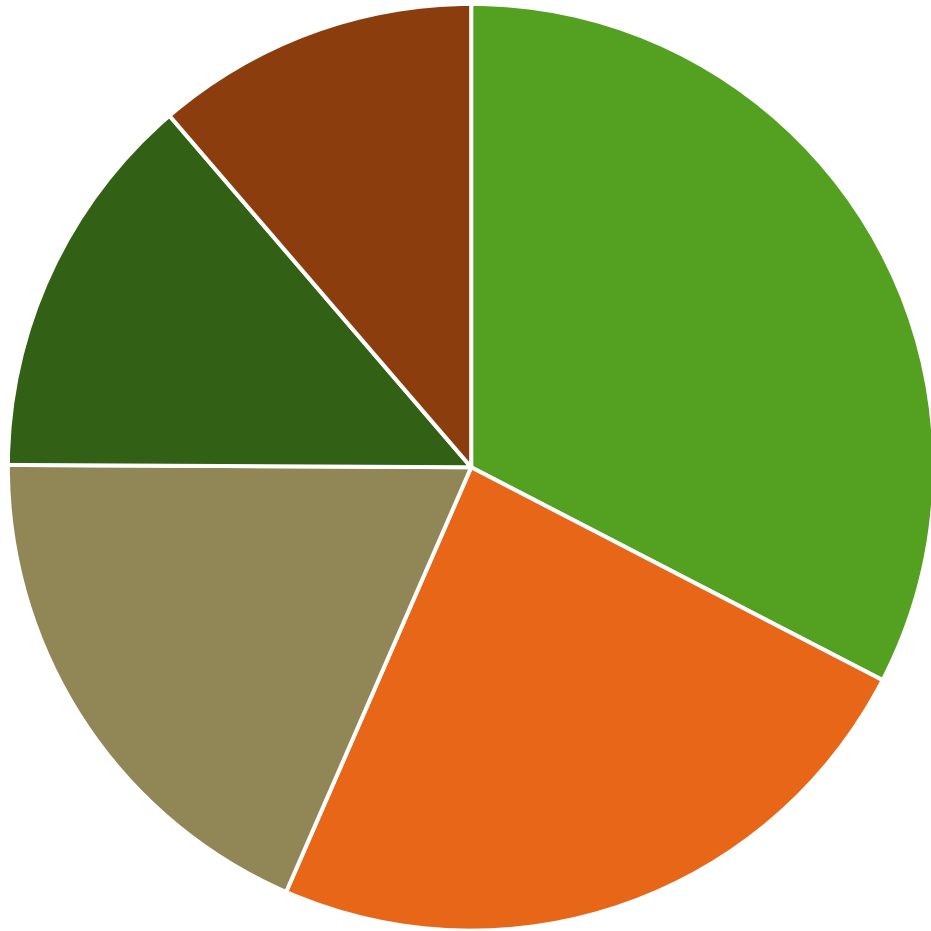
44.09% **Employed Full Time**

24.47% **Retired**

18.35% **Self Employed**

7.39% **Employed Part Time**

Where do You Work?



32.60%

Outside the Conifer Area

23.94%

Not Employed

18.54%

Work from Home or Self Employed

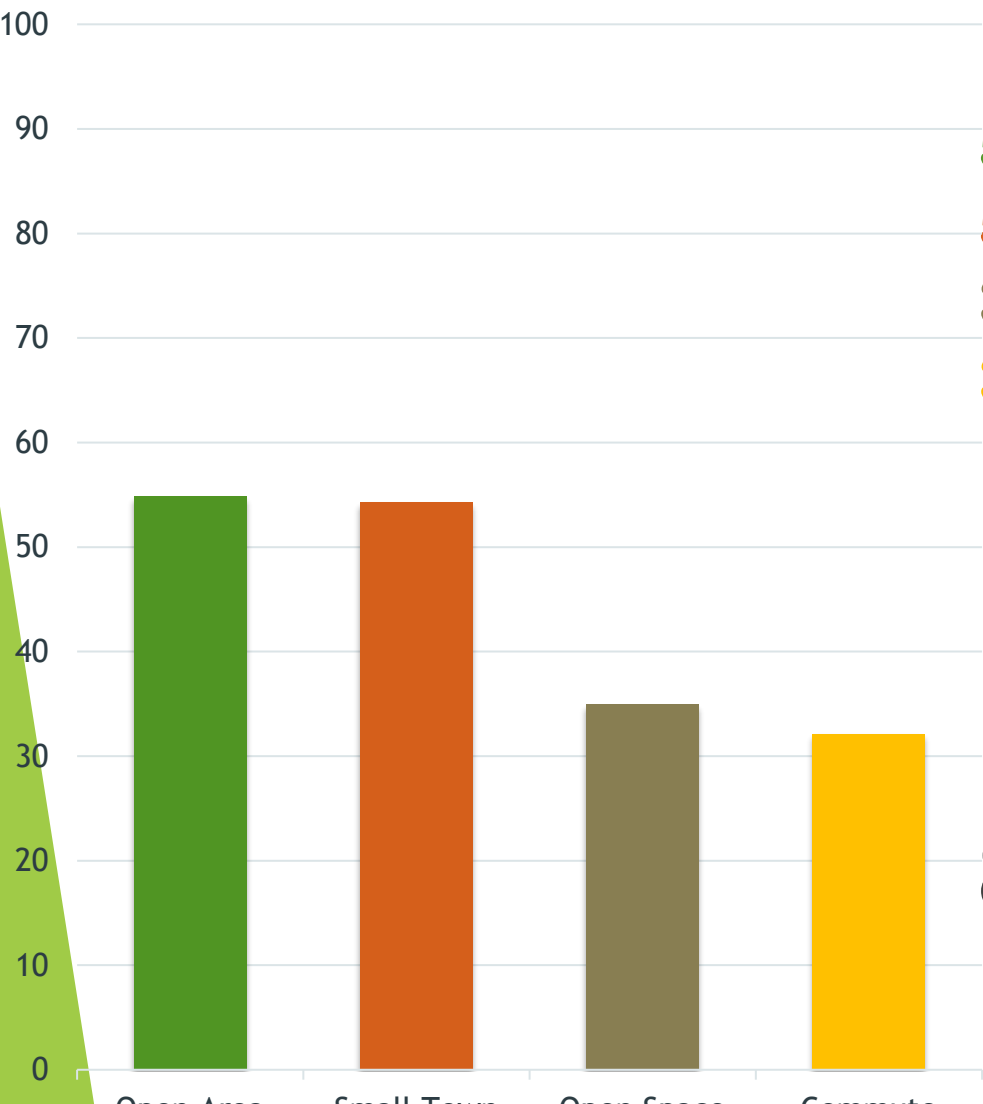
13.63%

Within the Conifer Area – not at home

11.29

Other, including Stay At Home Moms

Why Do You Live Here?



54.90%

More open area including larger lot sizes

54.29%

Small Town / Rural Character

34.94%

Type of open space/recreational opportunities

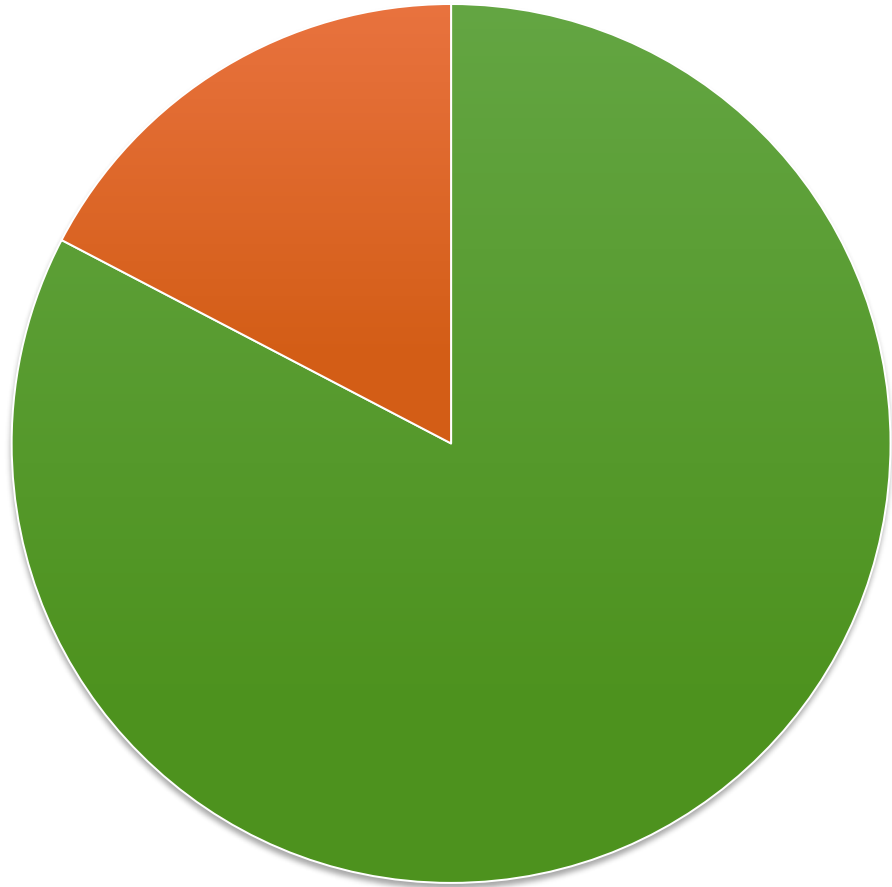
32.14%

Commute time to the Denver area

and

87.28% Feel safe in their neighborhood

Conifer's 5 Most Pressing Issues



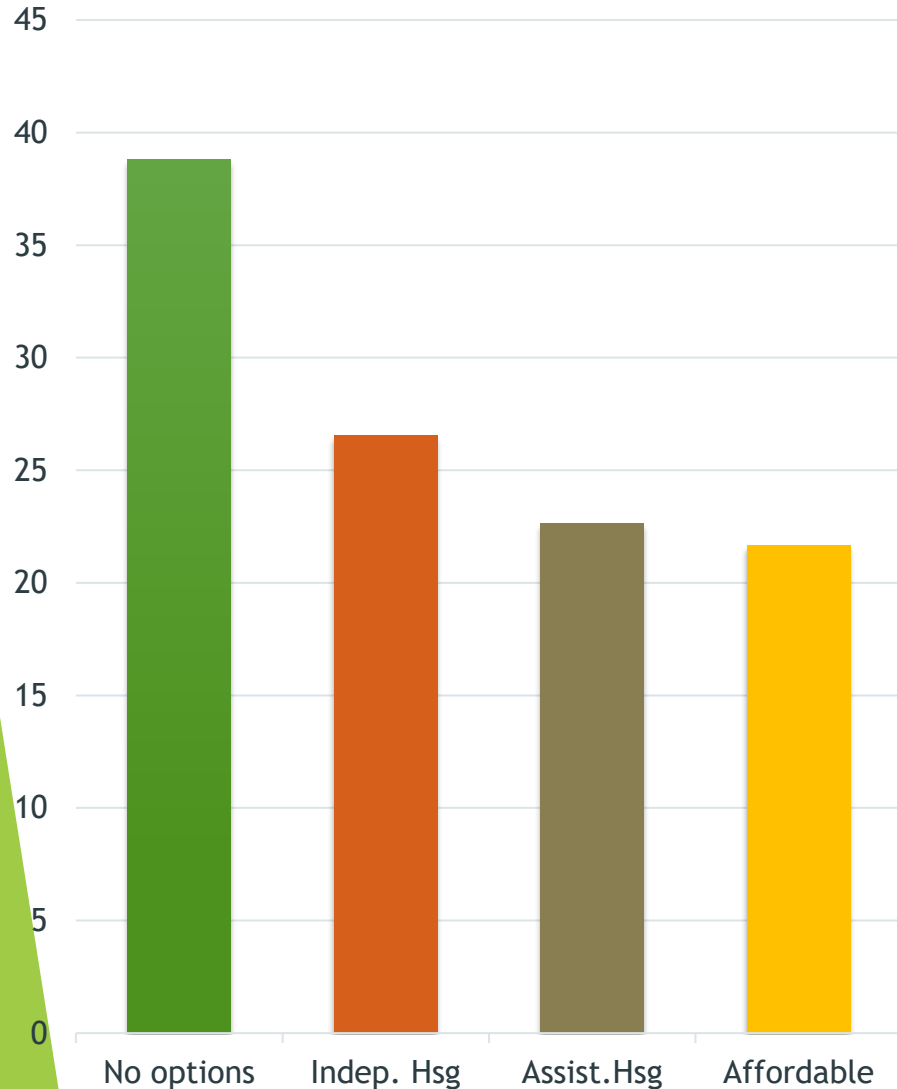
1. **Fire Vulnerability**
2. **Preservation of our Small Town Character**
3. **Diminishing Water Supply**
4. **Lack of an Urgent Medical Facility**
5. **Not enough Well Paying Jobs**

82.66% Believe this still to be true

17.34% Said order is different and/or 2 New Issues to be added

- ▶ **Traffic on Hwy 285**
- ▶ **Conifer Area needs a Recreation Center**

What Housing Options Needed?



38.81%

No Housing Options Should be Added

26.55%

Independent Senior Housing

22.62%

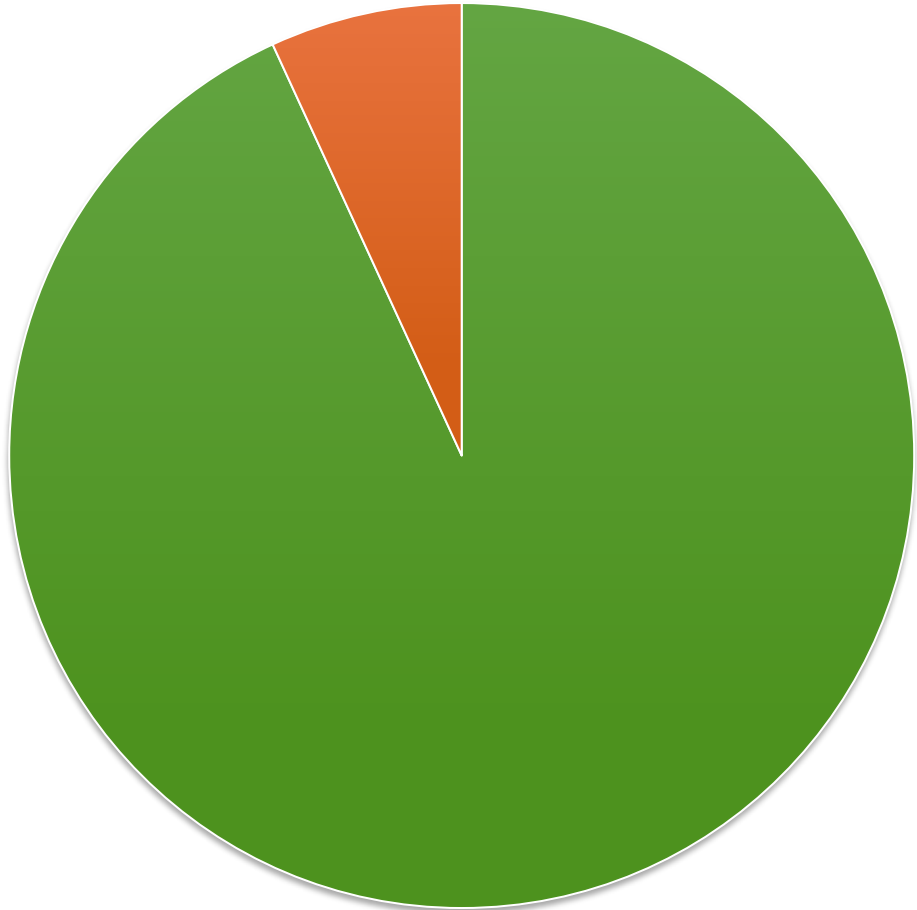
Assistant Living Senior Housing

21.64%

Affordable Housing

“Please no apartments, condos or multi-family dwellings! They are an eyesore to our community and if we are going to see any new building, I’d rather see smaller single-family home options.”

Additional Village Centers?

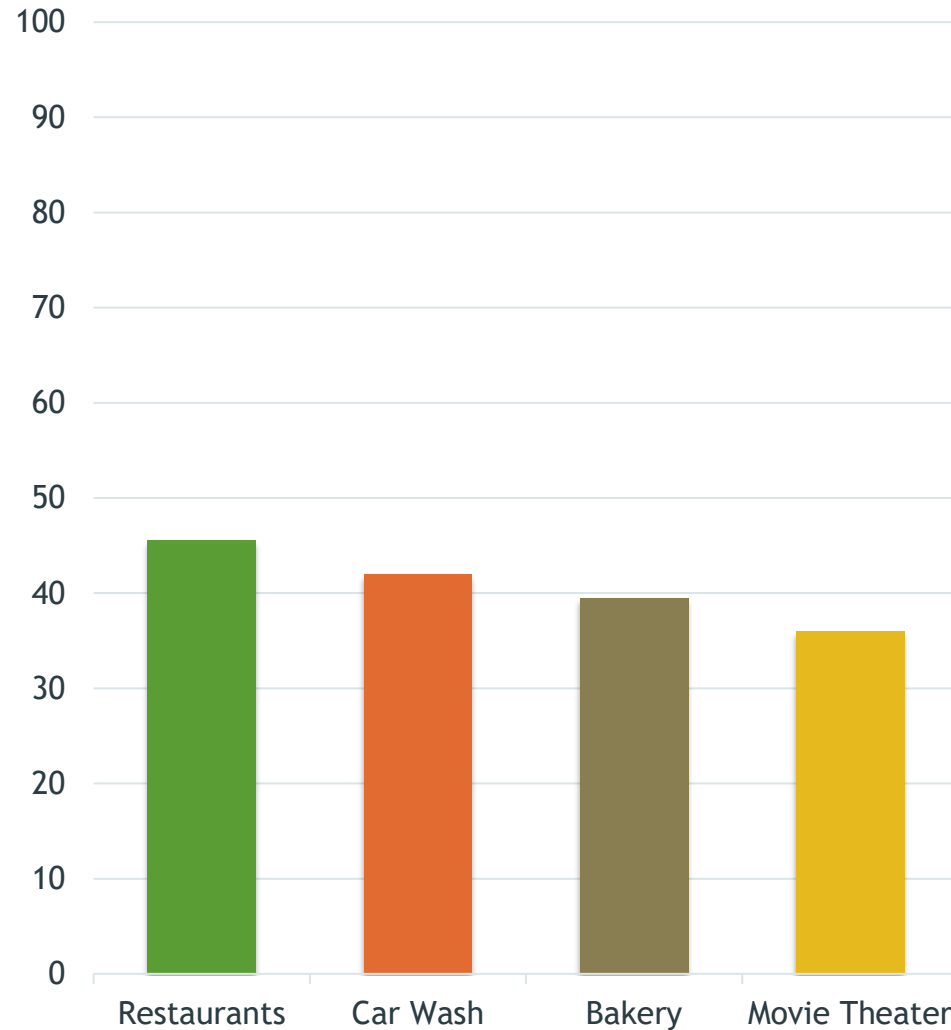


93.14% Current empty storefronts should be filled instead of building new Commercial Developments.

6.86% New Commercial Developments are O.K.

- ▶ *“We don't need more “strip malls”, but it would be great if we could build something with a “main street” “hometown” feel, like downtown Evergreen... or most of the mountains towns. Instead, we have grocery stores with strip malls attached.... no charm or reason for tourists/visitors to stop, and no central place or sense of community.”*

Business Options



45.52%

Restaurants

41.96%

Car Wash /Detailing

39.51%

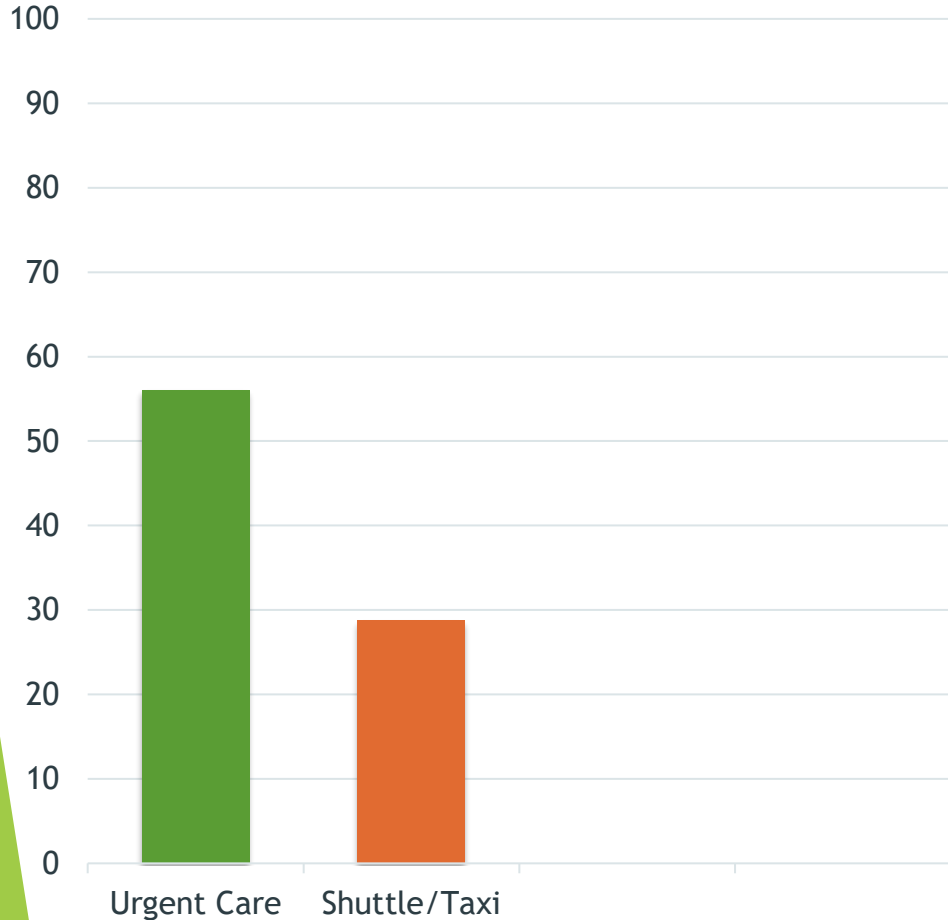
Bakery

35.95%

Movie Theater

“I see people that are dead set against development of any kind in our community. However, I believe it will happen whether we like it or not. As such, I believe we can develop in a smart way that retains our unique character. Thanks for the opportunity to input.”

Service Options

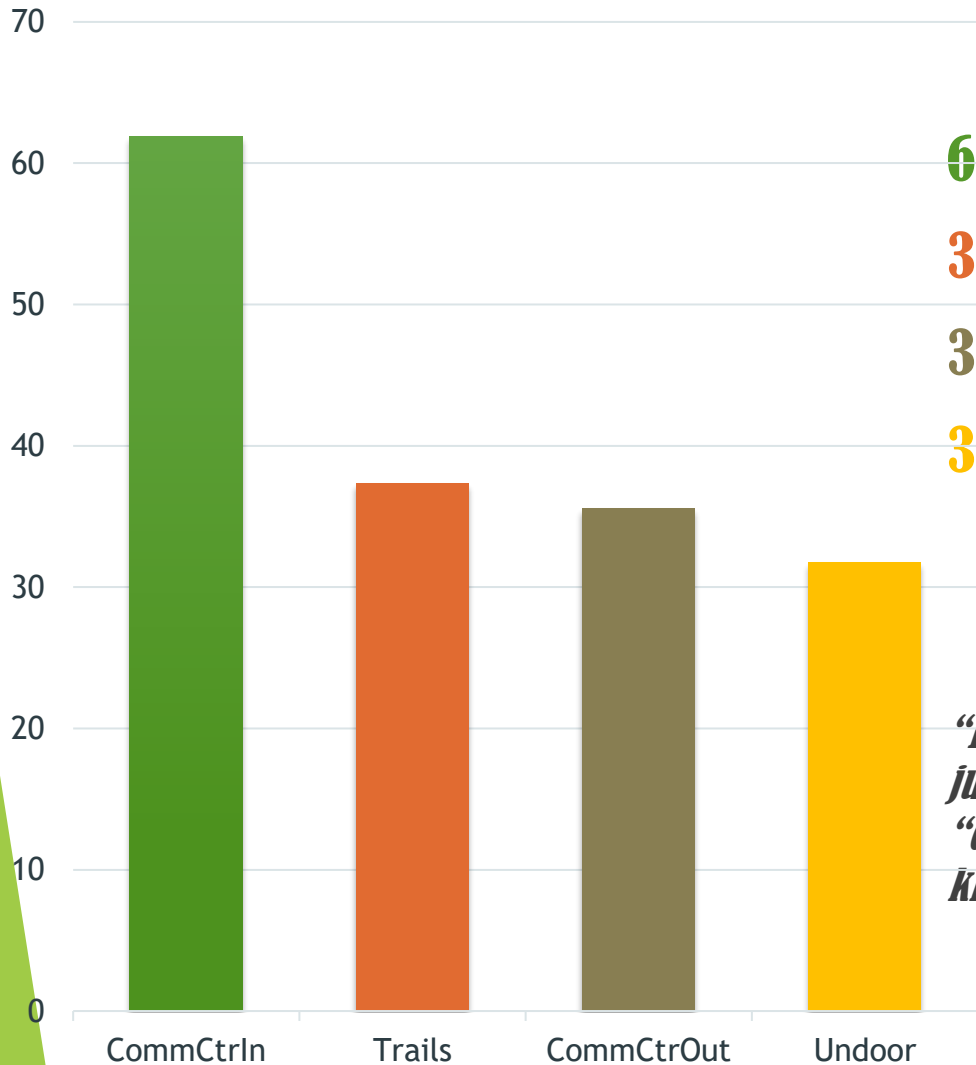


56.07% Urgent Care Facility

28.80% Shuttle Bus / Taxi Services

“Thank you for the invitation for input. We love living here and appreciate the quality of services in a variety of areas, which is particularly impressive in a rural community.”

Recreational Activity Options



61.90% Community Center for Indoor Activities

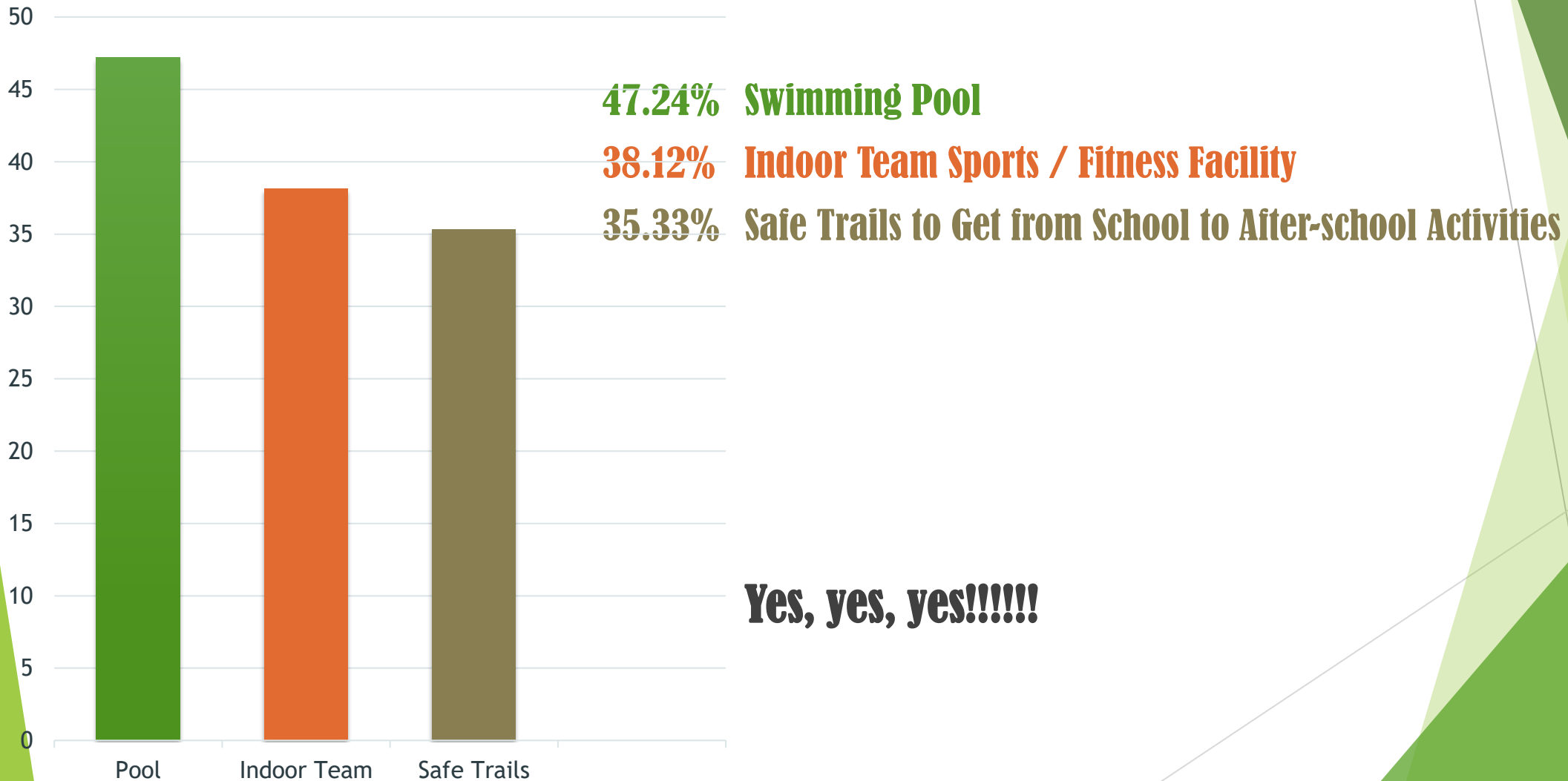
37.36% Connected Community Hiking Trails

35.57% Community Center for Outdoor Activities

31.75% Indoor Activities (e.g. fitness, arts & crafts)

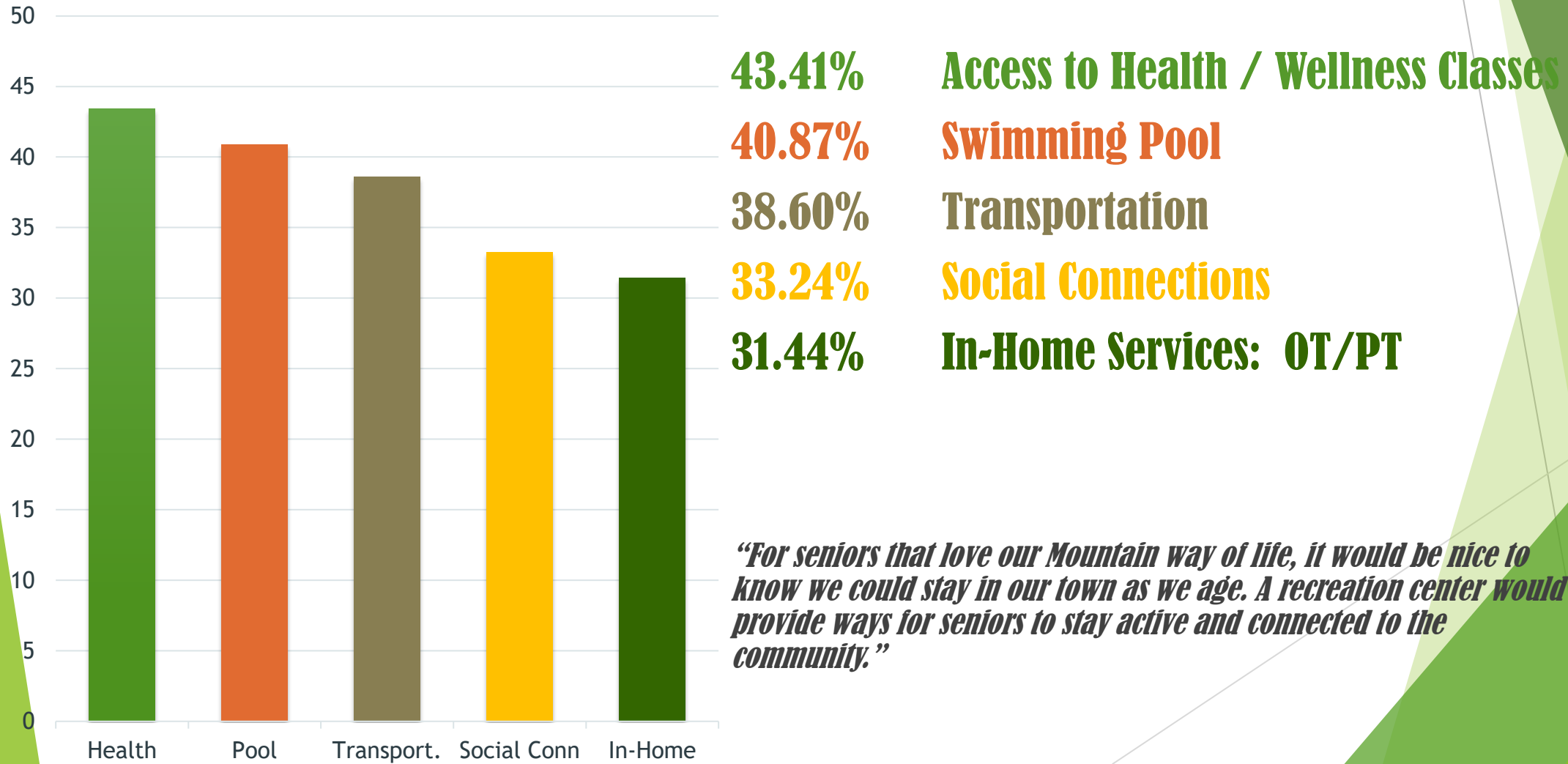
"I think we need to enhance the feeling of Conifer being a town, not just a highway stop. There needs to be more of a feeling of a "downtown Conifer" with the Conifer Loop, trails, parks, rec center for kids, families and teenagers."

Children's/Youth Activity Options



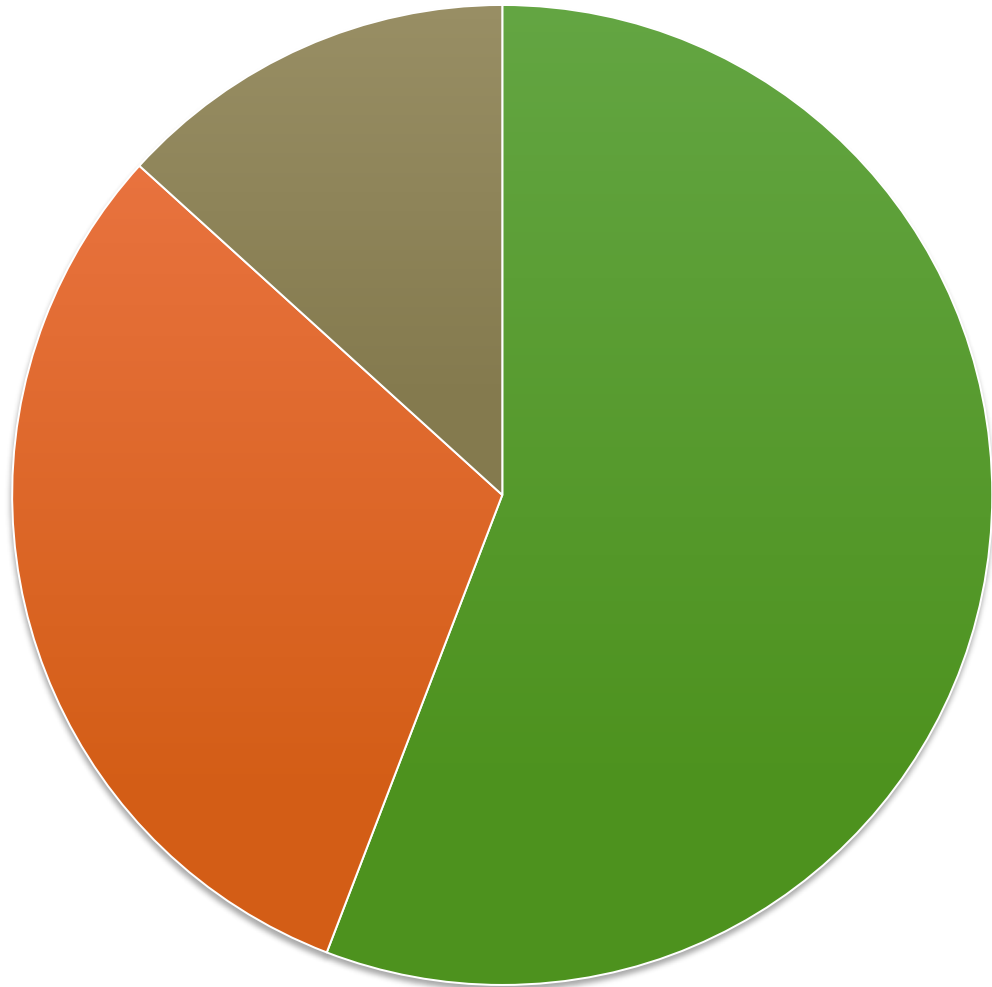
Yes, yes, yes!!!!!!

Senior Activity Options



“For seniors that love our Mountain way of life, it would be nice to know we could stay in our town as we age. A recreation center would provide ways for seniors to stay active and connected to the community.”

Parks &/or Recreation District



57.83%

Yes

32.00%

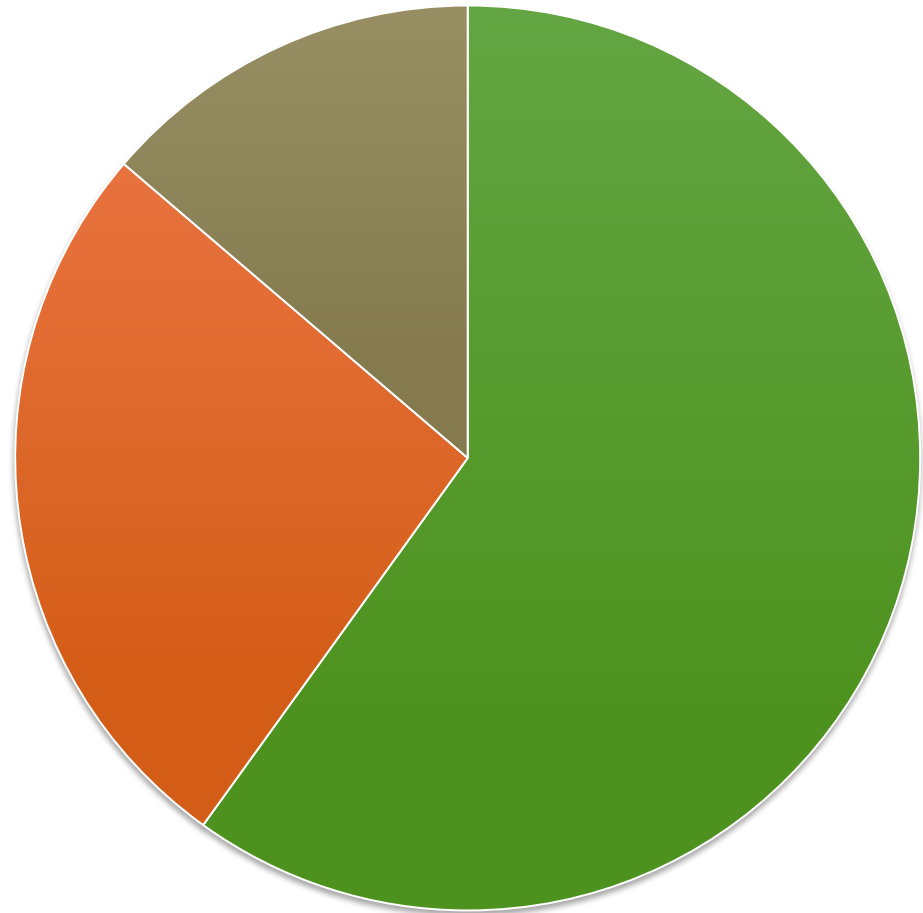
Depends on what is included
and how much it costs

13.75%

No

“We love our community but we need a rec center as a healthy place for connection of all age groups.”

Land Conservation



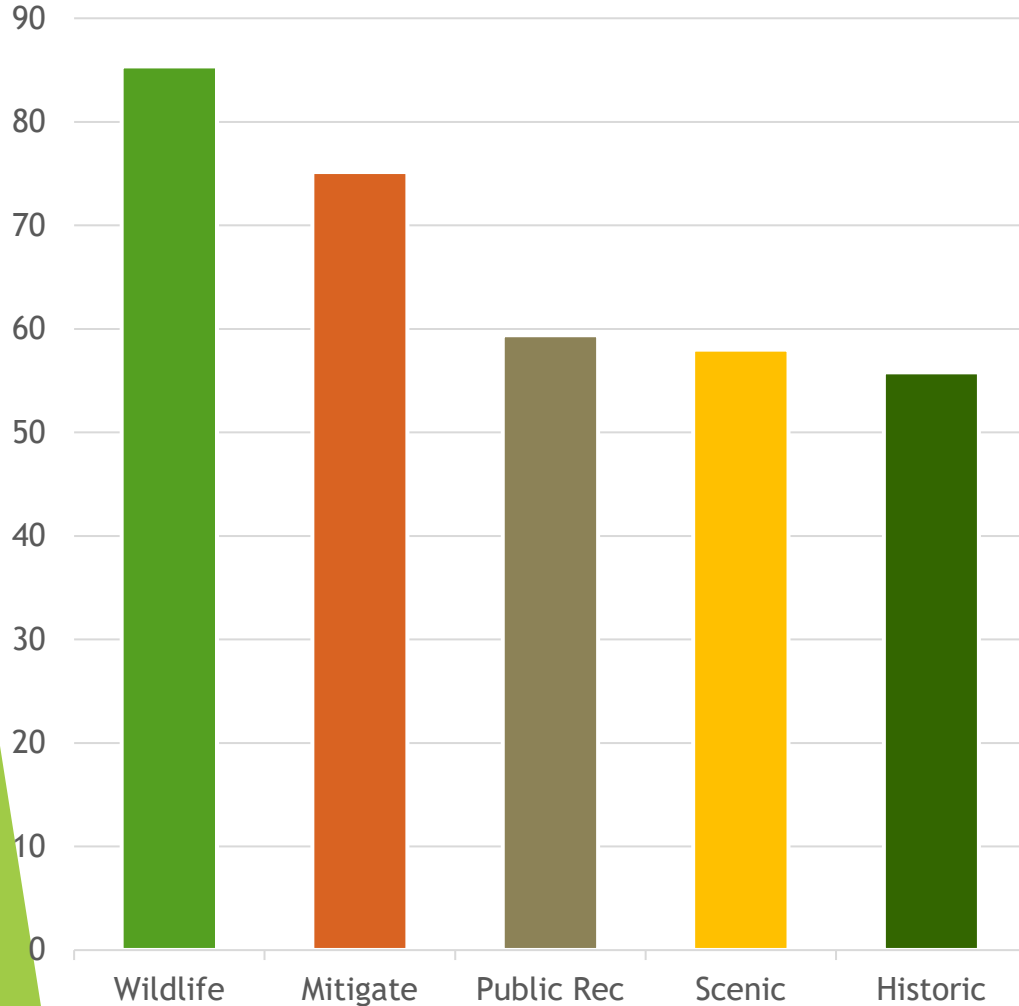
59.94% Extremely Important

26.32% Very Important

13.74% Somewhat to Not At All Important

“We love the welcoming community and greatly enjoy being a part of it. Preserving the beautiful environment and eco-system Conifer hosts is very important to us.”

Land Conservation Factors



85.35% Wildlife Habitat

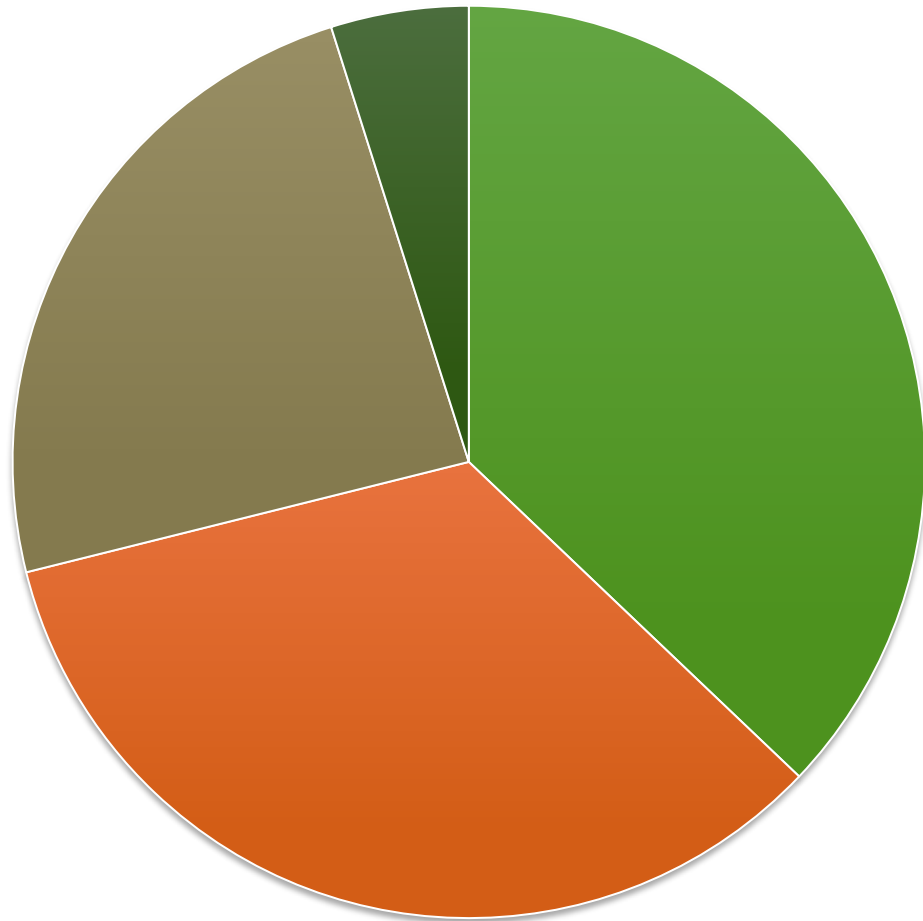
75.15% Mitigate the Impact of Development

59.40% Protect Land for Public Recreation Use

58.00% Scenic Qualities as viewed from Public Roads or Public Lands

55.80% Historic Quality

Historic Preservation



37.11%

Extremely Important

34.00%

Very Important

24.01%

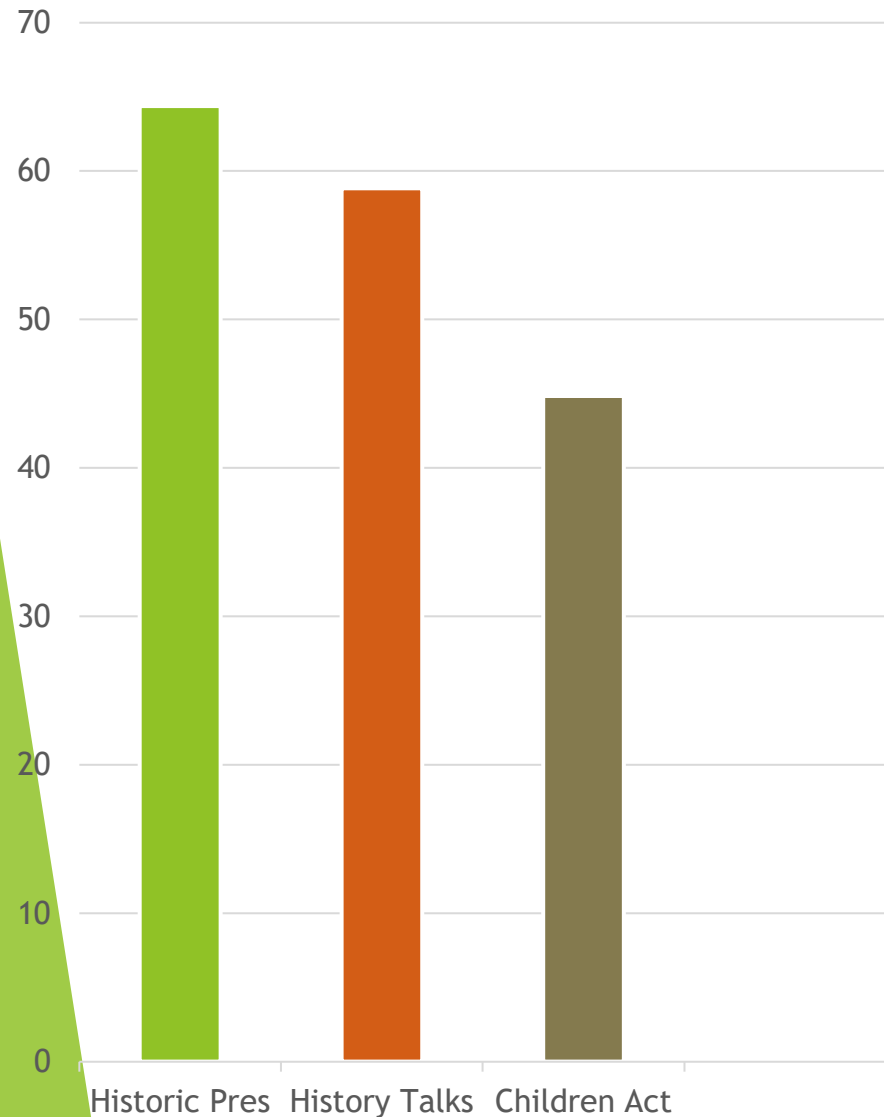
Somewhat Important

4.88%

Not That Important

“The rich Indigenous history of this area should be celebrated and preserved.”

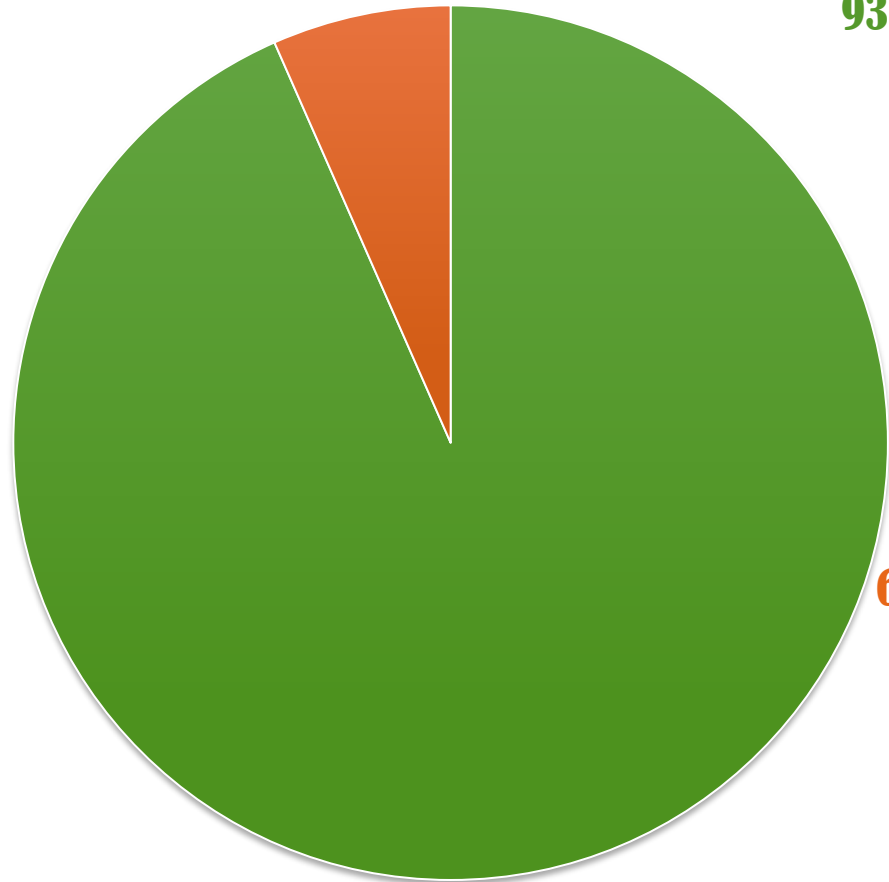
Conifer Historic Society Activities



64.38%
58.84%
44.85%

Historic Building and Land Preservation
Local History Talks and/or Exhibits
Programs & Activities for Children that Supplement Their School Curriculum

Architecture/Landscaping/Lighting



93.40% Prefer Architecture which is historically inspired but a contemporary look, large overhangs, many roof lines & steep pitched roofs
Use of logs or timbers and natural stone, materials and colors
Landscaping with native trees, natural landscapes with boulders
Retaining walls of natural stone
Down cast, soft white lighting to maintain dark skies.

6.6% Most of these comments related to not wanting these preferences for private properties, which is a non-issue as these preferences are related only to commercial properties.

Conifer Loop & Trail Options

There were many questions about these options

These will be discussed more in-depth at a later meeting



**Beaver Ranch
Conifer Historic Society
Mountain Area Land Trust
Mountain Resource Center
Fire Districts**

Information is being compiled and will be given to each of these organizations. The organizations themselves will give presentations at future meetings.

Thank-you!

1,656 Surveys
2,767 Comments

“These questions make me extra excited to be living in such a wonderful area!”

“Love this survey. Thanks for all your work balancing the preservation and improvement of this unique and beautiful mountain community.”