



COMMUNITY SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Tusten

A. SURVEY OVERVIEW

As part of the public engagement component of the Town of Tusten Natural Resources Inventory, Open Space and Recreation Plan, an online community survey was developed. The purpose of this survey was to gather input from community members, residents, visitors, business owners, and other stakeholders about open space in the Town of Tusten. This information will help inform the overall needs, vision, and priorities of open space within the Town and help shape the Open Space and Recreation Plan.



Community Survey Flyer

The survey was created and distributed using the Survey Monkey web platform and went live on August 1st, 2024. Paper copies were mailed to all residents and could be returned to the Tusten Town Hall (210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY). The survey remained open until September 30th, 2024, with 178 responses received.

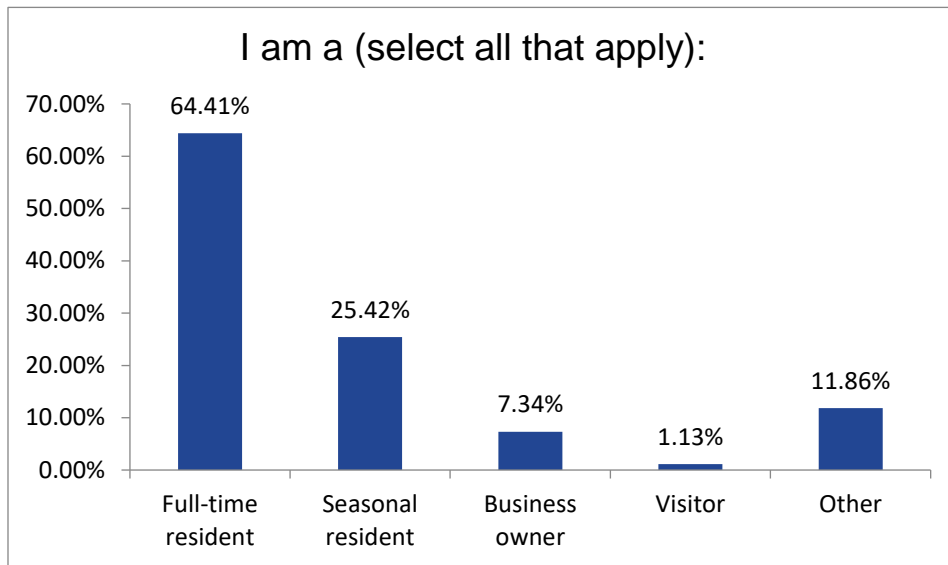
The survey was advertised on the project website (www.TustenOpenSpaceRecreation.com). Additionally, several press releases were distributed prior to and during the survey period, as well as publicity pushes from the Town and Committee Members. Information and links to the survey were also distributed during the survey period on cards throughout the Town, which included a Quick Response (QR) code so respondents could access the survey directly on a mobile device.

Data Limitations

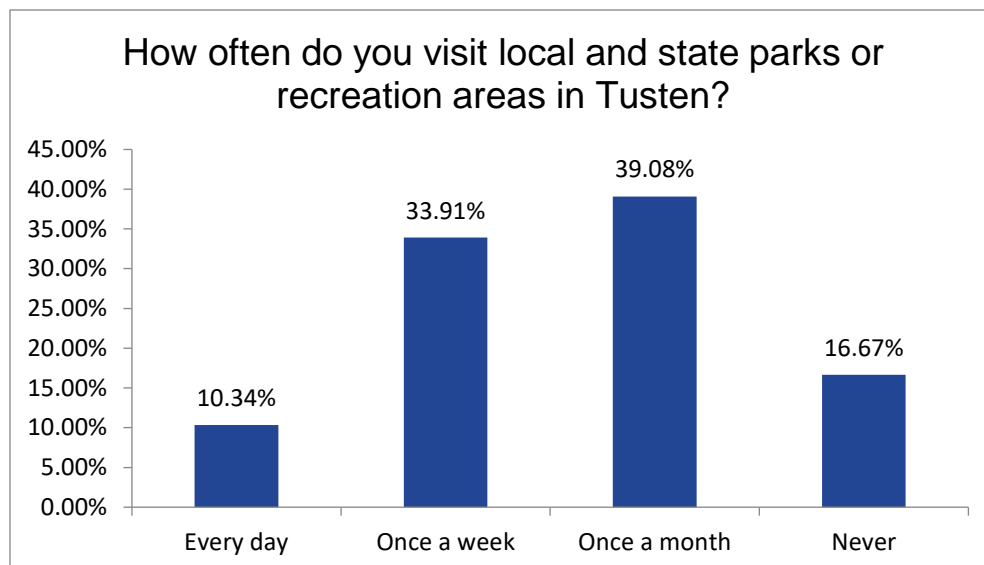
The survey is one piece of many public engagement activities that help recognize themes throughout the community. Because the survey responses are self-selecting, they are not statistically valid. The survey alone cannot be used to find the “answer” or “solution”, but it can in part help guide the community’s long-term vision and identify the tools and actions needed to achieve that vision. Furthermore, creating state and local partnerships and strengthening opportunities to apply for funding from New York State sources to implement projects.

B. SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

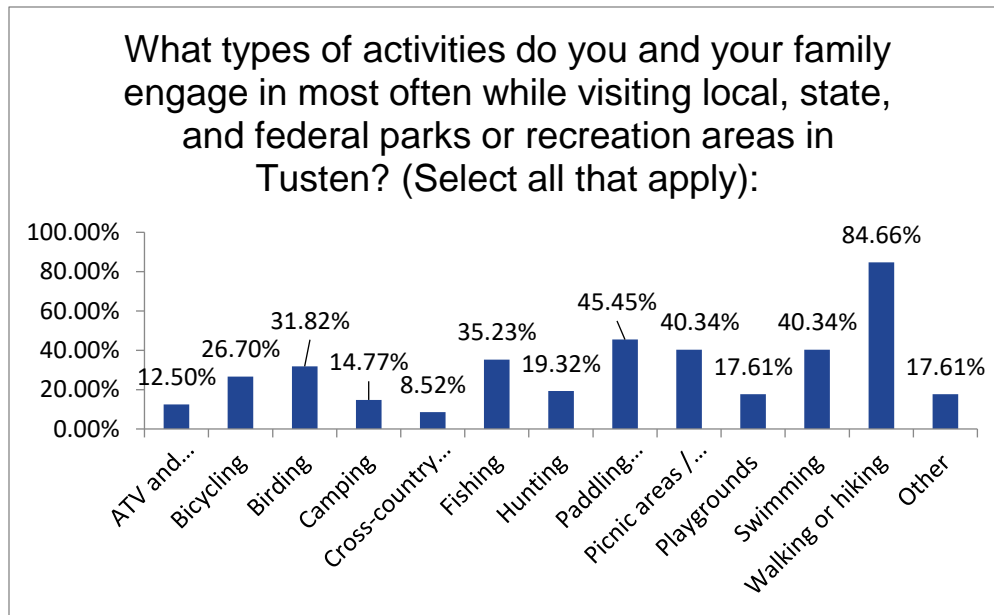
The following is a brief highlight of selected survey findings from each question of the survey.



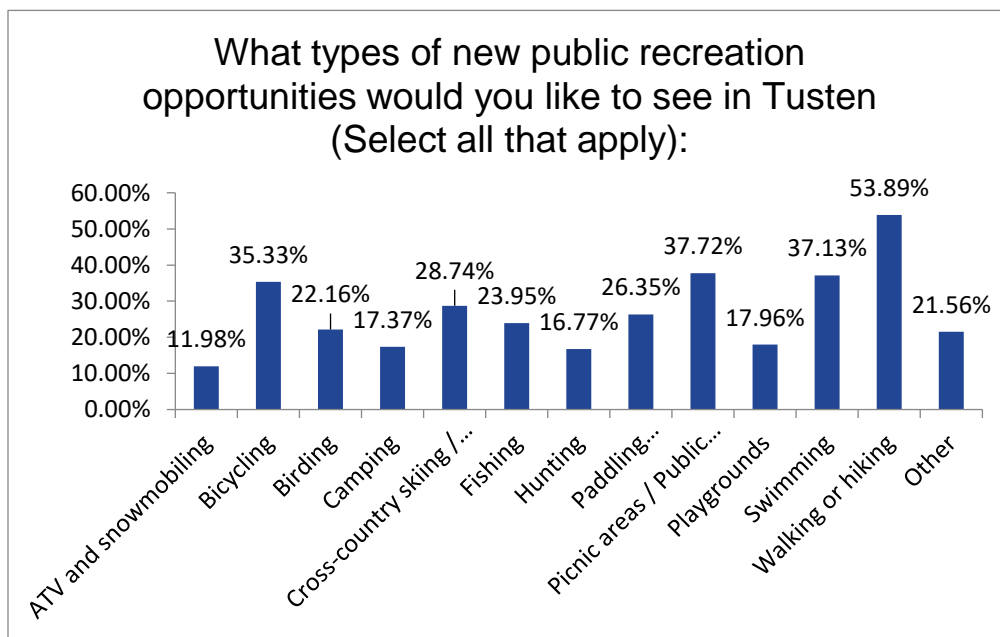
Question 1 (Q1) of the survey asked respondents to select if they are full-time residents, seasonal residents, business owners, visitors, or other. This question gives further insight into the respondent’s relation to the Town. Out of the 177 respondents to this question, 64.41% are full-time residents, 25.42% are seasonal residents, 7.34% are business owners, 1.13% are visitors, and 11.86% identified as other including landowners and weekend visitors.



Question 2 (Q2) of the survey asked respondents how often they visit local and state parks or recreation areas in Tusten. Of the 174 respondents, 39.08% visit these areas once a month, 33.91% visit once a week, 16.67% never visit these areas, and 10.34% visit every day.



Question 3 (Q3) of the survey asked respondents what types of activities they engage in most often while visiting local, state, and federal parks or recreation areas in Tusten. Of the 176 respondents, 84.66% engage in walking or hiking, 45.45% engage in paddling (canoe/kayak/SUP), and 40.34% engage in swimming or picnic areas and public gathering spaces. Responses in the 'Other' include dog walking and running.



Question 4 (Q4) of the survey asked respondents what types of new public recreation opportunities they would like to see in Tusten. Of the 167 respondents, 53.89% would like to see additional walking or hiking, 37.72% would like new picnic areas and public gathering spaces, and 37.13% would like new swimming opportunities. Responses in the 'Other' category include dog parks and sports such as tennis and

pickleball. The types of new public recreation opportunities desired by respondents are consistent with the activities they already participate in.

Question 5 (Q5) was open-ended and asked respondents if there were any recreational activities that they travel outside of the Town to participate in that they would like to see locally. Below is an overview of the key themes mentioned:

Trails and Outdoor Recreation

- Maintained hiking and walking trails suitable for all ages and abilities.
- Safer bike paths and bike paths that accommodate various types of cycling.
- Trails for other types of outdoor recreation including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ATVing.

Water-Based Activities

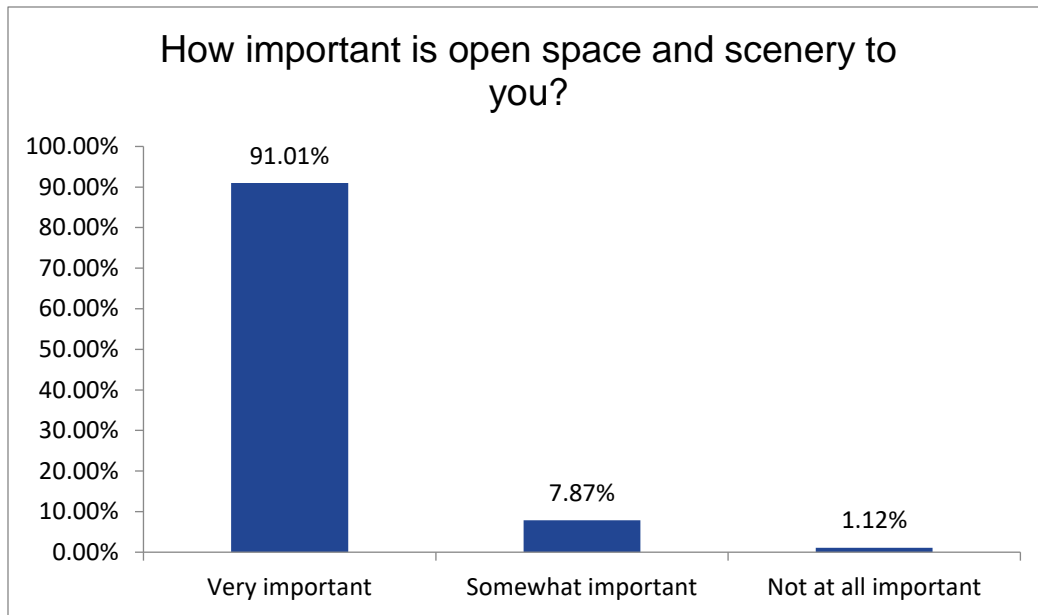
- More access to local swimming areas and public lakes
- Better river access for boating, paddling, and fishing.

Community Events and Facilities

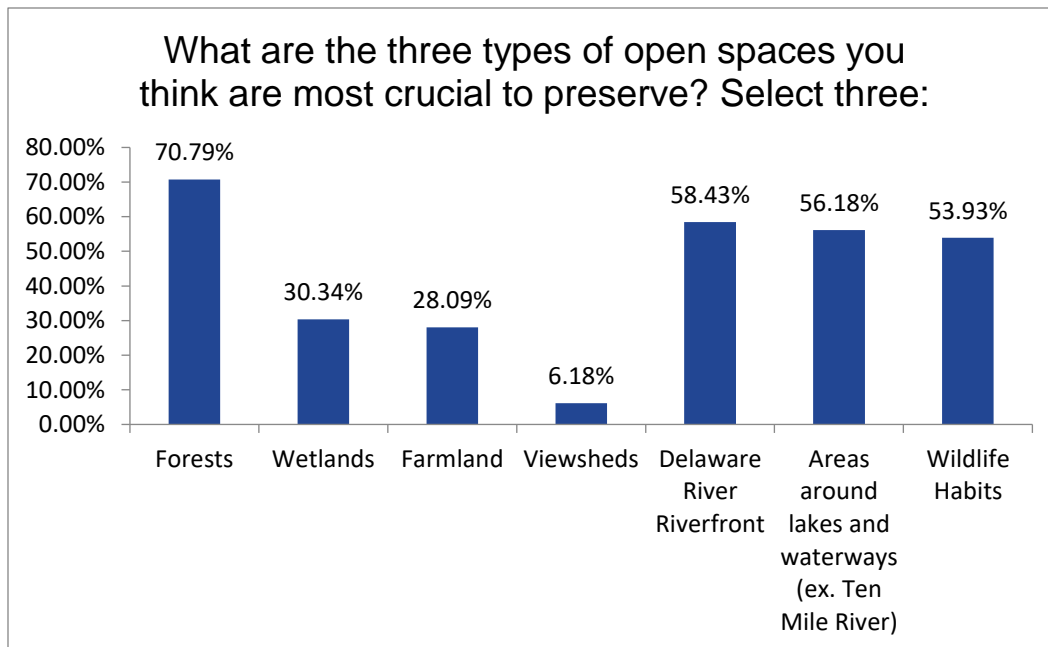
- More local community events including festivals, concerts, sports games, and farmers markets.
- Spaces for picnics and gatherings that provide access to amenities such as bathrooms and shade.
- Public dog parks

Specialized Recreational Amenities

- Facilities to accommodate specialized sports such as pickleball, golf courses, shooting ranges, rock climbing, and tennis.
- Accessible places for viewing landscapes, bird watching, stargazing, and sightseeing.



Question 6 (Q6) of the survey asked respondents how important open space and scenery are to them. Of the 178 respondents, 91.01% felt open space and scenery was very important to them.



Question 7 (Q7) of the survey asked respondents the three types of open spaces they think are most crucial to preserve. The top three types include forests (70.79%), the Delaware River Riverfront (58.43%), and areas around lakes and waterways (56.18%). Wildlife habitats were also mentioned as being crucial to preserve.

Question 8 (Q8) was open-ended and asked respondents what they value most about natural resources and open space in Tusten. Below is an overview of the key themes mentioned:

Natural Beauty and Scenic Views

- Respondents highlight the importance of the natural beauty of Tusten, including its scenic views, river access, and untouched landscapes. Respondents appreciate the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the forest, wildlife, and waterways.

Peacefulness and Serenity

- Many responses emphasized the peace and quiet offered by Tusten’s natural spaces, where people can disconnect from urban life, enjoy solitude, and engage in quiet reflection. The serene environment, free from development and pollution, is seen as a key asset.

Wildlife and Habitat Preservation

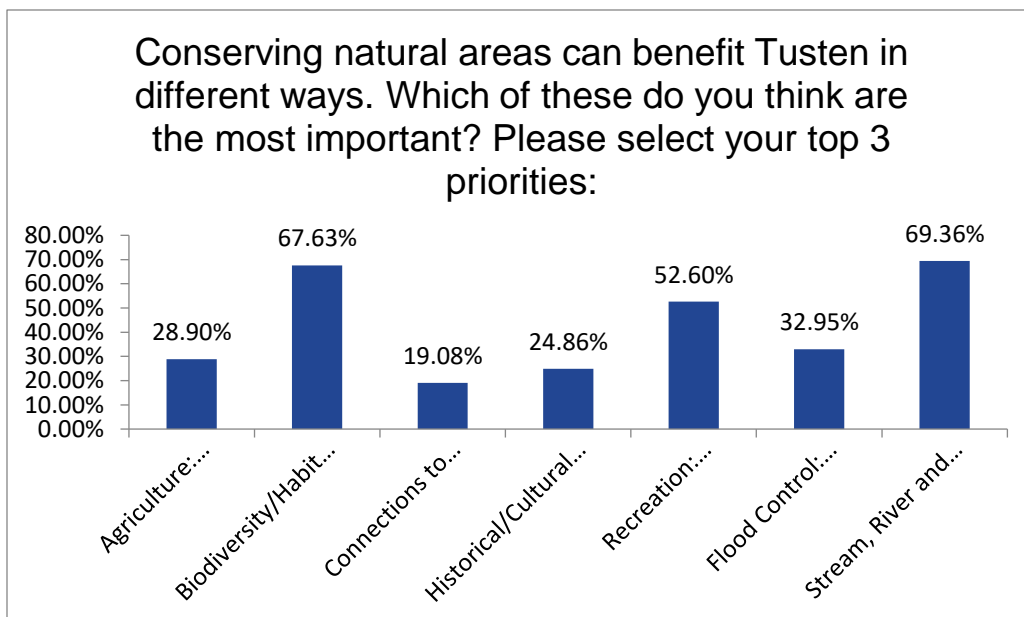
- A strong theme centers on the importance of protecting local wildlife. Respondents value the area’s ability to support a variety of wildlife and highlight the importance of preserving forests, wetlands, and contiguous open spaces that foster biodiversity.

Sustainable Access and Recreation

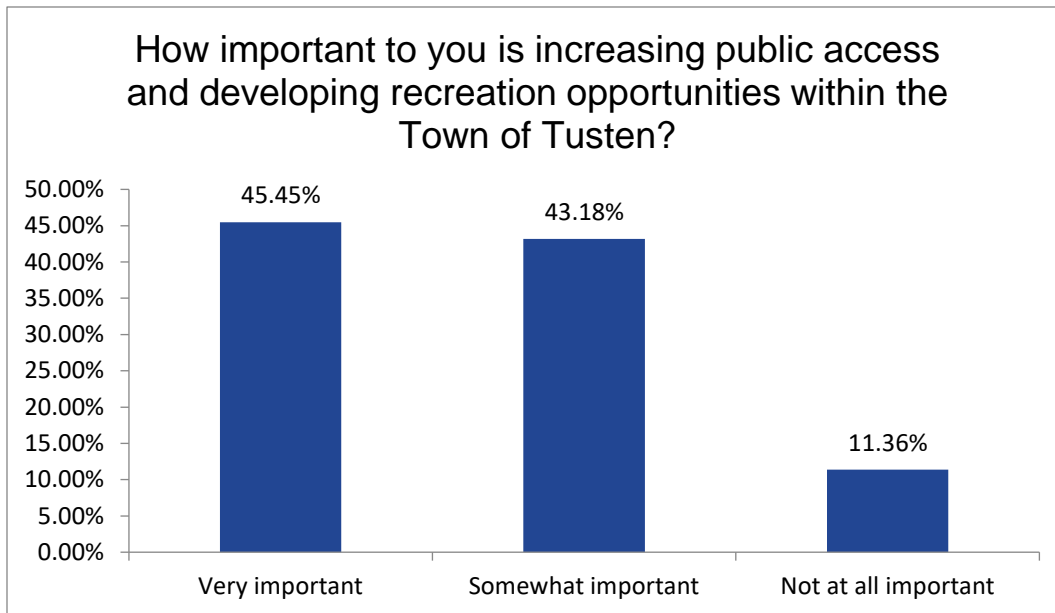
- Respondents emphasized the value of having access to recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, and swimming. Maintaining these spaces for outdoor recreation is seen as very important.

Environmental Health and Cleanliness

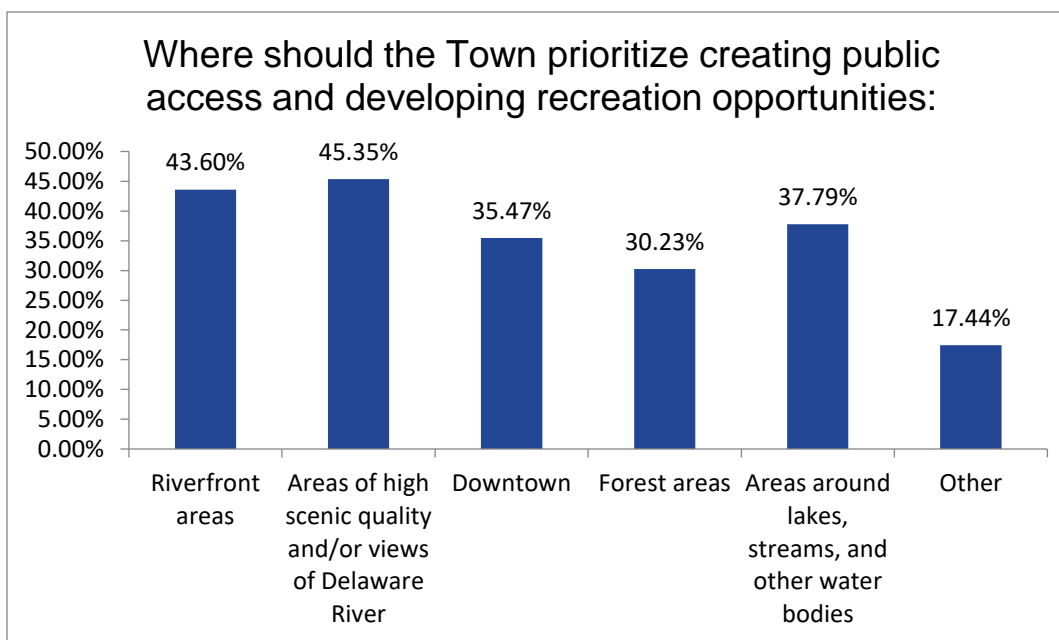
- Respondents emphasized the importance of clean air, water, and a pollution-free environment that Tusten offers. Ensuring the natural landscape remains undisturbed is seen as a priority.



Question 9 (Q9) asked respondents to select their top three priorities in terms of conserving natural areas in Tusten. The top three priorities include stream, river and lake health (69.36%), biodiversity/habitats (67.63%), and recreational areas (52.60%).



Question 10 (Q10) asked respondents how important it is to increase public access and develop recreation opportunities within the Town of Tusten. Of the 176 respondents, 45.45% felt it was very important, 43.18% felt it was somewhat important, and 11.36% felt it was not at all important.



Question 11 (Q11) asked respondents where the Town should prioritize creating public access and developing recreation opportunities. Of the 172 respondents, 45.35% indicated areas of high scenic quality and/or views of the Delaware River should be prioritized, 43.60% highlighted riverfront areas, and 37.79% suggested focusing on locations around lakes, streams, and other water bodies. In the 'Other' category, the Ten Mile River, Boy Scout land, and areas lacking public amenities such as

sidewalks and playgrounds should be prioritized. A number of comments also cautioned against overdevelopment.

Question 12 (Q12) was open-ended and asked respondents what specific areas in Tusten should be preserved as open space. Below is an overview of the key locations mentioned:

- Ten Mile River and Boy Scout Lands
- Delaware River Front
- The Flats
- Tusten Mountain Trail and surrounding forests
- Lake Erie and other waterways

Question 13 (Q13) was open-ended and asked respondents what improvements or additions to Tusten's parks and open spaces would make the community a better place to live. Below is an overview of the key themes mentioned:

Expanded and Improved Trails

- Suggestions for more walking, hiking, and biking trails, including better trail maintenance, trail connections, and creating longer and more accessible paths.

Sheltered Gathering Spaces

- Requests for shaded areas, pavilions, and covered facilities in parks to provide shelter from the sun, as well as shaded playgrounds and seating areas.

Improved Access and Amenities

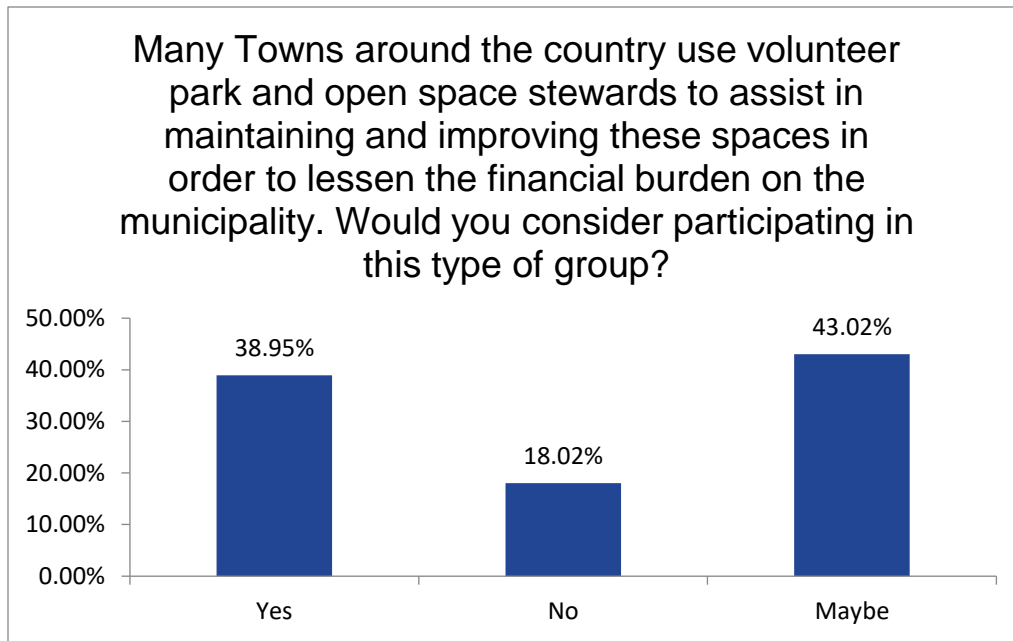
- Expanding access to the river, providing picnic areas, restrooms, and better trash management.

Focus on Wildlife, Nature, and Conservation

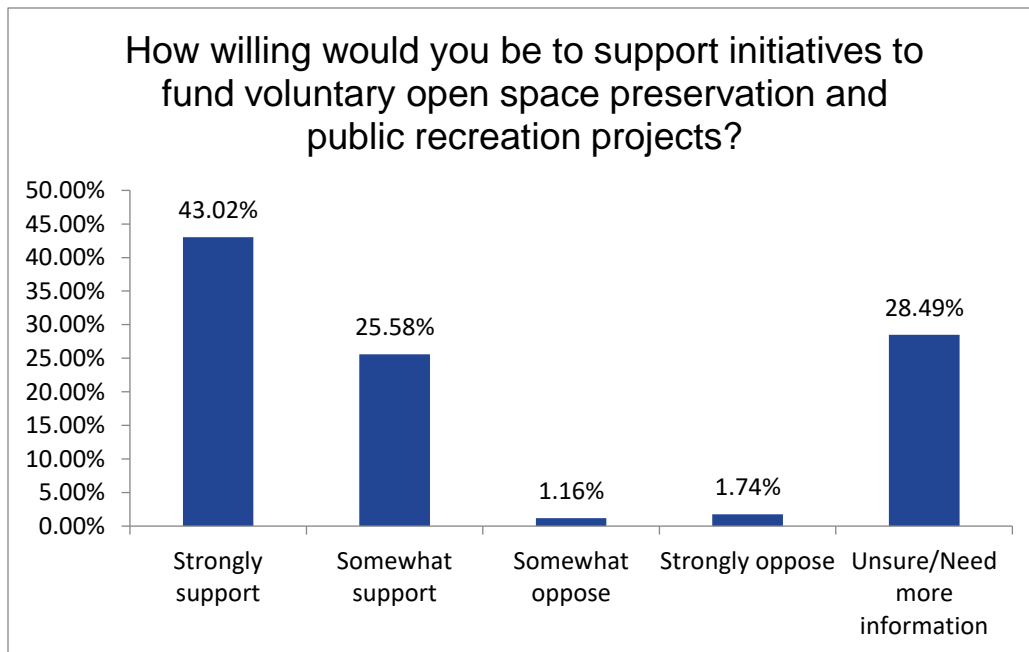
- Preserving natural habitats, promoting native plantings, and ensuring wildlife protection while balancing recreational use. This includes incorporating spaces for quiet enjoyment of nature.

Community Recreation and Activities

- Suggestions for recreation opportunities like outdoor exercise equipment, playground enhancements, swimming areas, sports leagues, and community events. Specific requests include dog parks, pickleball courts, and areas for multi-generational use.



Question 14 (Q14) asked respondents if they would consider participating in volunteer park and open space stewards to assist in maintaining and improving these spaces to lessen the financial burden on the municipality. Of the 172 respondents, 43.02% said maybe, 38.95% said yes, and 18.02% said no.



Question 15 (Q15) asked respondents how willing they would be to support initiatives to fund voluntary open space preservation and public recreation projects. Of the 172 respondents, 43.02% strongly support these initiatives, 25.58% somewhat support them, and 28.49% are unsure or need more information.

Question 16 (Q16) was open-ended and asked respondents what information they would like to see come out of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Preservation of Natural Spaces

- Strong emphasis on conserving forests, green spaces, and the natural environment.
- Protecting biodiversity and ensuring areas remain uncommercialized and suitable for wildlife.

Improved Access and Recreational Opportunities

- Expanding access to the Delaware River, local lakes, and public lands.
- Developing more trails for hiking, biking, and other activities, as well as new facilities to accommodate various recreational opportunities.
- Better resources (i.e. maps, brochures, websites) to find out information about existing recreational and environmental opportunities.

Community Engagement and Transparency

- Regular communication about plans, including schedules and cost and access to maps and other information.
- Ensuring public input and feedback are integrated into the planning process.

Strategic and Responsible Planning

- Requests for clear, actionable steps for future recreational and conservation projects.
- Balancing development with environmental protection, ensuring any changes align with community values and priorities.

Question 17 (Q17) asked respondents to share any other comments or ideas relating to the future of open space in the Town of Tusten. Below is an overview of the key themes mentioned:

Preservation and Protection of Natural Resources

- Many respondents emphasized the need to conserve open spaces, preserve natural habitats, and maintain the area’s rural charm, ensuring that Tusten’s natural beauty remains undisturbed for future generations.

Expanding Outdoor Activities and Amenities

- Suggestions focused on creating new recreational opportunities, such as hiking trails, bike paths, picnic areas, and water access points. There was also interest in revitalizing spaces like the Boy Scouts land and providing more family-friendly facilities.

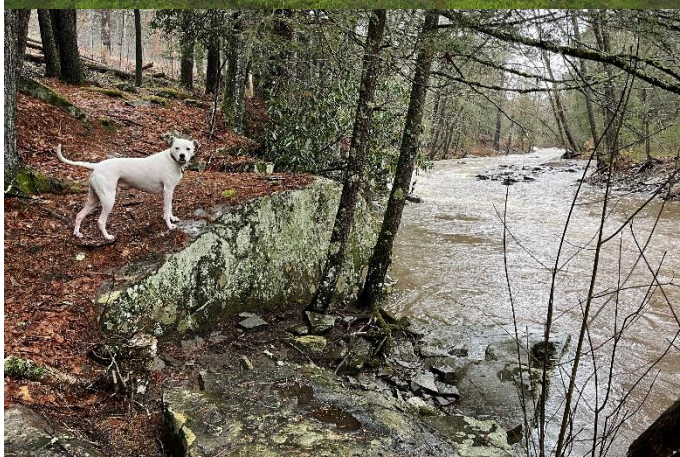
Fostering Community Awareness and Involvement

- There was strong support for community-driven efforts, including workshops on conservation, forums for public input, and initiatives to educate residents and visitors on sustainable practices and environmental stewardship.

Improving Accessibility and Maintenance

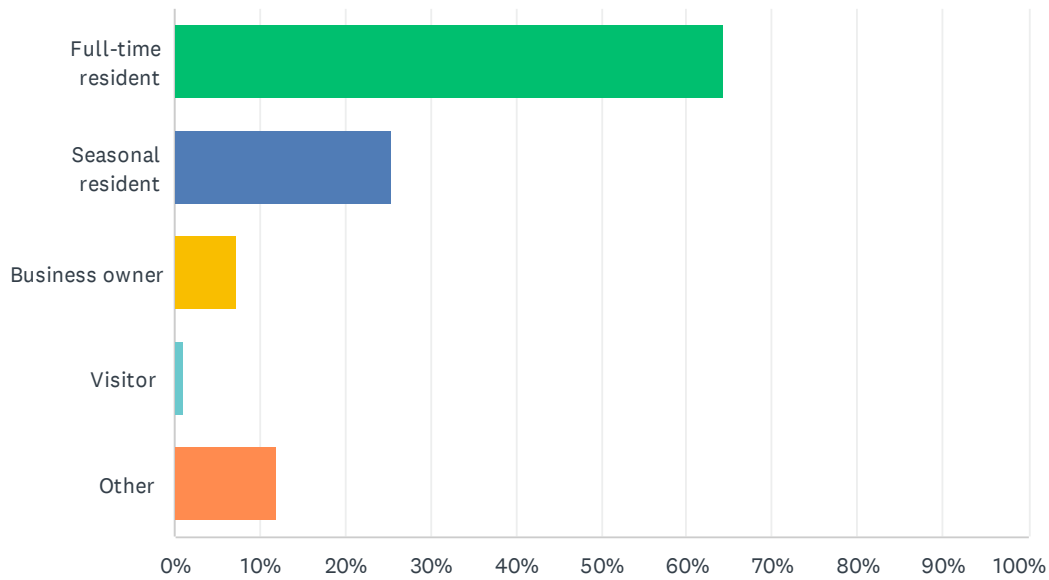
- Improvements such as enhanced playgrounds, walking paths, and better enforcement of litter control and safety measures were highlighted. Respondents emphasized the importance of ensuring public spaces are well-maintained and accessible to all.

Question 18 (Q18) asked respondents to upload their favorite photo that depicts their favorite place or activity in the Town of Tusten. In total, 6 images were submitted and can be found attached.



Q1 I am a (select all that apply):

Answered: 177 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Full-time resident | 64.41% | 114 |
| Seasonal resident | 25.42% | 45 |
| Business owner | 7.34% | 13 |
| Visitor | 1.13% | 2 |
| Other | 11.86% | 21 |
| Total Respondents: 177 | | |

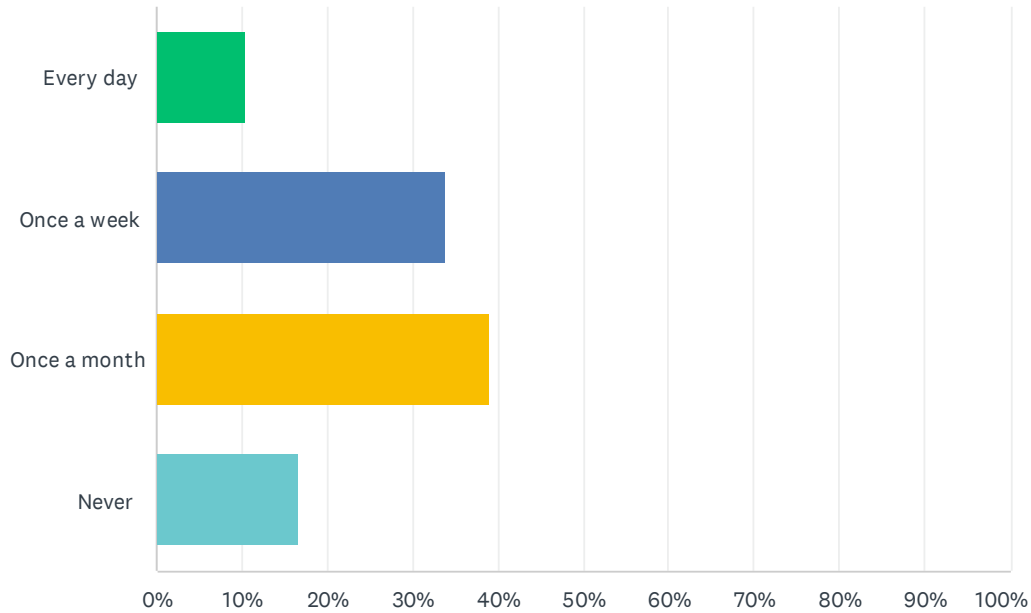
| # | OTHER |
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| 1 | - |
| 2 | Weekend |
| 3 | Land owner/farmer uative |
| 4 | - |
| 5 | Family Home |
| 6 | - |
| 7 | - |
| 8 | Air B&B |
| 9 | Landowner |
| 10 | Weekender |
| 11 | local nonprofit community organization |

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| 12 | Here every weekend |
| 13 | Property Owner |
| 14 | I have been coming to the Narrowsburg area for the past 74 years. |
| 15 | Traveling outdoor recreationist |
| 16 | Part-Time, 1/2 the week |
| 17 | part time resident |
| 18 | Landowner, planning on building a second home. |
| 19 | There for weeks and weekends |
| 20 | Land owner |
| 21 | weekend home owner. here every wed to sun |

Q2 How often do you visit local and state parks or recreation areas in Tusten?

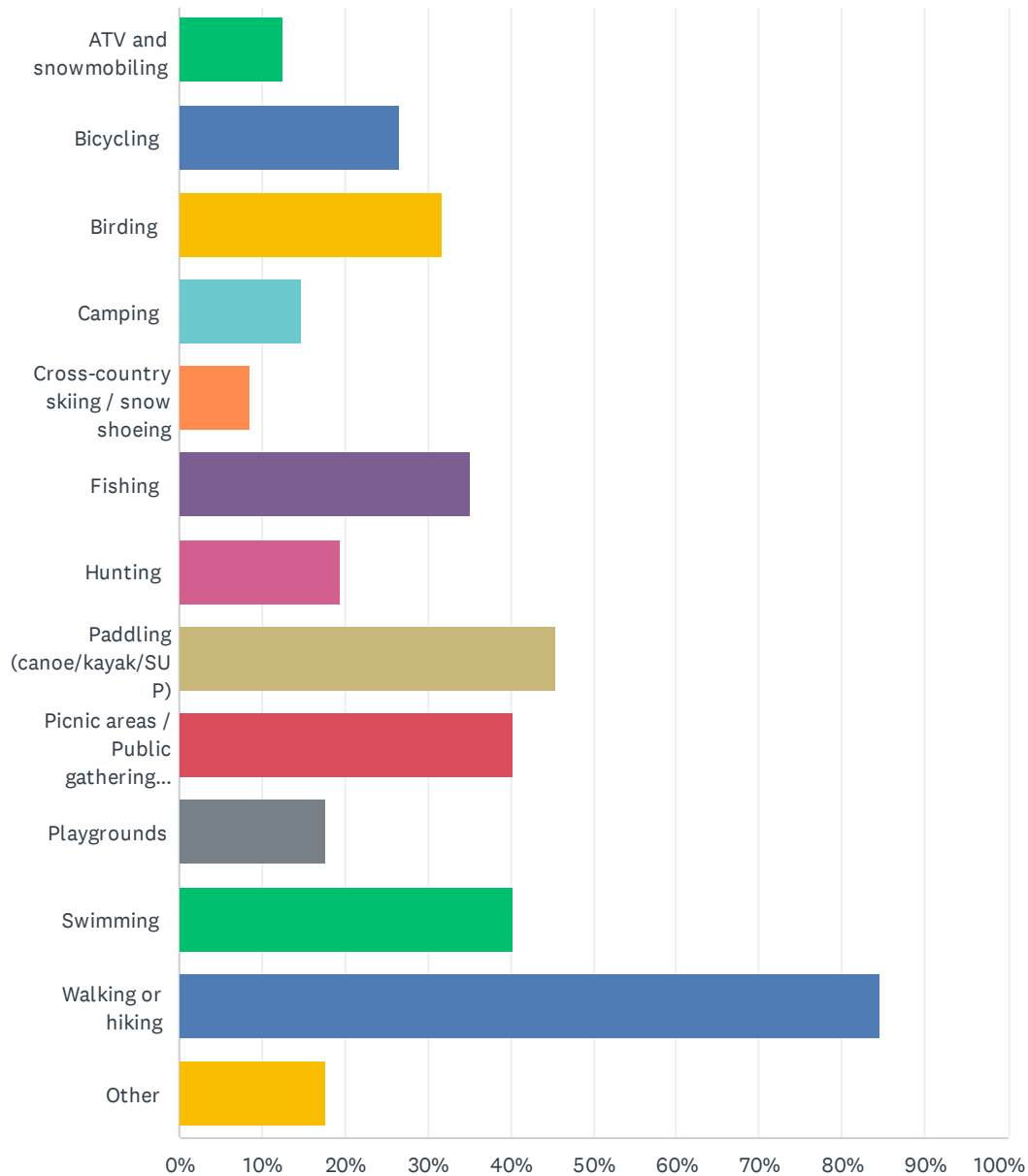
Answered: 174 Skipped: 4



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Every day | 10.34% | 18 |
| Once a week | 33.91% | 59 |
| Once a month | 39.08% | 68 |
| Never | 16.67% | 29 |
| TOTAL | | 174 |

Q3 What types of activities do you and your family engage in most often while visiting local, state, and federal parks or recreation areas in Tusten? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 176 Skipped: 2



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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| ATV and snowmobiling | 12.50% | 22 |
| Bicycling | 26.70% | 47 |
| Birding | 31.82% | 56 |
| Camping | 14.77% | 26 |
| Cross-country skiing / snow shoeing | 8.52% | 15 |
| Fishing | 35.23% | 62 |
| Hunting | 19.32% | 34 |
| Paddling (canoe/kayak/SUP) | 45.45% | 80 |
| Picnic areas / Public gathering spaces | 40.34% | 71 |
| Playgrounds | 17.61% | 31 |
| Swimming | 40.34% | 71 |
| Walking or hiking | 84.66% | 149 |
| Other | 17.61% | 31 |
| Total Respondents: 176 | | |

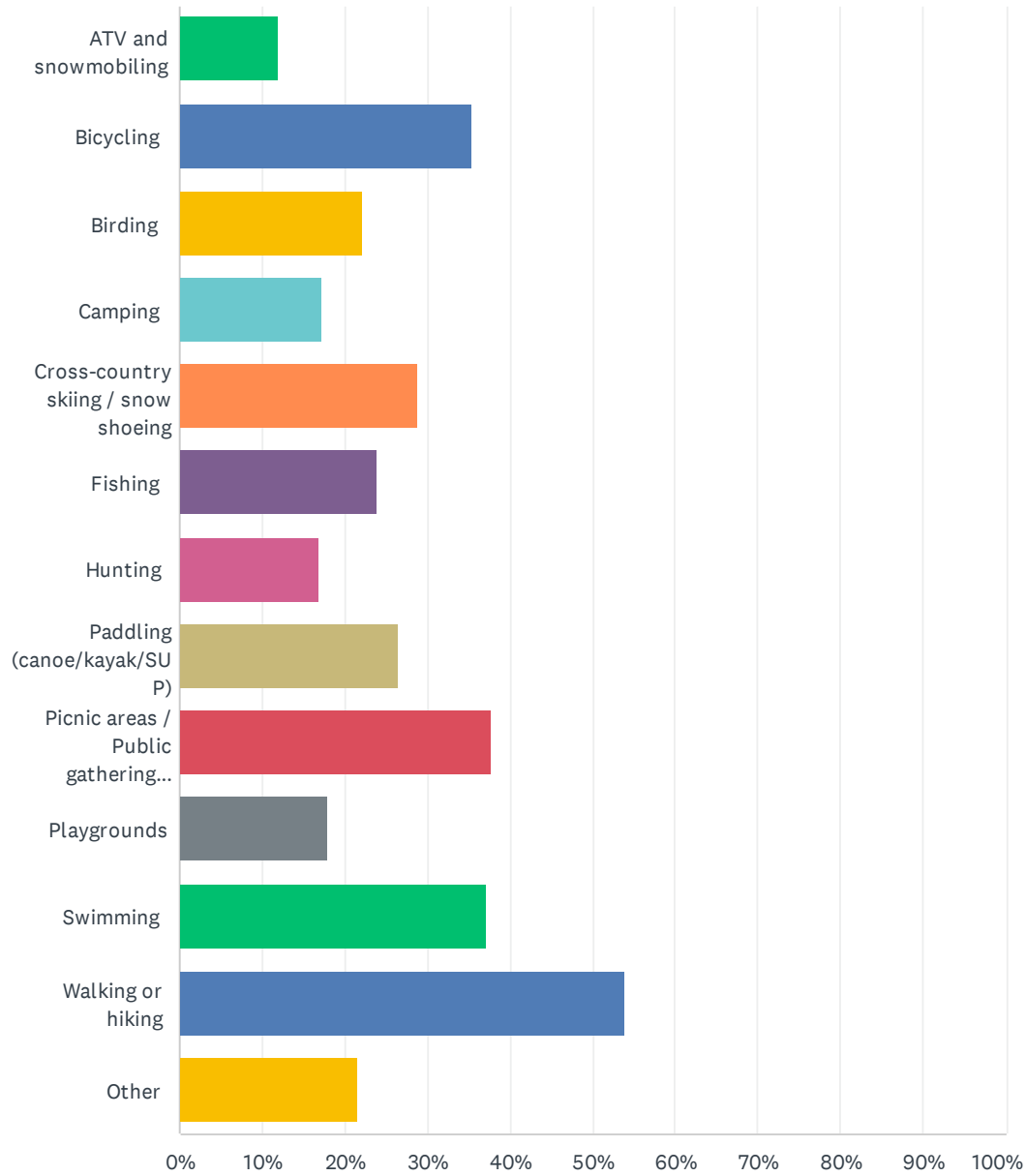
| # | OTHER |
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| 1 | Dog walking |
| 2 | Mushroom picking |
| 3 | Boating |
| 4 | - |
| 5 | Picking up trash |
| 6 | Pollinators/Bird protected areas |
| 7 | Dog Walking |
| 8 | I live here |
| 9 | Dog Walking |
| 10 | On my own land |
| 11 | None |
| 12 | Husband walks from TMR access daily for heart health |
| 13 | Running |
| 14 | Running |
| 15 | N/A |
| 16 | . |
| 17 | Too old |
| 18 | running |
| 19 | Walking with dog |
| 20 | Running |

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| 21 | running |
| 22 | Need an option between daily and once a week |
| 23 | Taking dog for a swim (where permitted) |
| 24 | dog walking |
| 25 | None of these |
| 26 | There are no parks to visit |
| 27 | Shopping/sight seeing/Street fairs/restaurants |
| 28 | We always bring our dogs, if possible! |
| 29 | dog walking |
| 30 | scenic drives |
| 31 | There are no state or federal parks in Tusten and local parks are tiny. |

Q4 What types of new public recreation opportunities would you like to see in Tusten (Select all that apply):

Answered: 167 Skipped: 11



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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| ATV and snowmobiling | 11.98% | 20 |
| Bicycling | 35.33% | 59 |
| Birding | 22.16% | 37 |
| Camping | 17.37% | 29 |
| Cross-country skiing / snow shoeing | 28.74% | 48 |
| Fishing | 23.95% | 40 |
| Hunting | 16.77% | 28 |
| Paddling (canoe/kayak/SUP) | 26.35% | 44 |
| Picnic areas / Public gathering spaces | 37.72% | 63 |
| Playgrounds | 17.96% | 30 |
| Swimming | 37.13% | 62 |
| Walking or hiking | 53.89% | 90 |
| Other | 21.56% | 36 |
| Total Respondents: 167 | | |

| # | OTHER |
|----|--|
| 1 | Sporting clays, shooting |
| 2 | Trails Historical |
| 3 | Shopping - need more parking for town |
| 4 | Shade in existing area parks |
| 5 | More trails without hunting or vehicles, incl. bikes |
| 6 | Public tennis courts |
| 7 | Tennis courts, horseback riding |
| 8 | Dog Walking |
| 9 | Places to eat that are reasonable & you know what you are eating & ordering. |
| 10 | None Apply |
| 11 | Tennis/Pickleball |
| 12 | Trash removal/enforcement of traffic laws |
| 13 | Golf |
| 14 | None, thank you |
| 15 | . |
| 16 | more of the same. anything that brings us closer to nature, but that does not harm or transform what beautifully exists on it;s own. anything with a motor I am against. |
| 17 | Running |
| 18 | Exercise equipment in the park |
| 19 | Art |

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| 20 | A "town square" perhaps in the flats. An area for people to gather, kids to play, maybe some performance opportunities. I'd also love for there to be a greenway/walkway/bike path that isn't directly on 97. | |
| 21 | modified stone surface for outside fitness classes, indoor multipurpose fitness area | |
| 22 | More hiking trails | |
| 23 | None of these are new | |
| 24 | Dog park | |
| 25 | Dog park | |
| 26 | Rock climbing | |
| 27 | dog-friendly trails | |
| 28 | None of these. We have more than enough intrusions on nature here already. | |
| 29 | Public dog park | |
| 30 | A dog park! | |
| 31 | Tennis & Paddle Courts | |
| 32 | dog park | |
| 33 | areas that are dog friendly | |
| 34 | scenic drives, hikes to waterfalls | |
| 35 | Skateboard park | |
| 36 | Pickleball courts | |

Q5 Are there any recreational activities that you travel outside of the Town to participate in that you would like to see locally?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 62

| # | RESPONSES |
|----|--|
| 1 | -ATV in PA. -Public land hunting in PA and NH |
| 2 | Swimming, Walking |
| 3 | Local festivals that INCLUDE businesses on Kirk Road. Maybe short weekend programs similar to Eagle Fest |
| 4 | Camping resort |
| 5 | More festivals needed |
| 6 | N/A |
| 7 | Yes, getting together with family or friends- to have a nice place outside to have a picnic or BBQ would be wonderful. Something like a pavilion with a small area to clean up (sink,counter) and a rest room. |
| 8 | Sporting calys, golfing, skiing |
| 9 | N/A |
| 10 | Paddling, walking |
| 11 | Swimming |
| 12 | Carnival/festivals/farmers markets/music/animal sanctuary gazebos, zoo (animal visit) areas |
| 13 | N/A |
| 14 | More trails hiking, improvments in 10 mile boat launch & narrowsburg by landers campground. Fire dept. lease campground to town vs landers |
| 15 | Walks for example, nature conservance in beach lake, walks around lake superior (bethel?), park at intersection of Rt 6 and Lakes Road (shohola?) Shohola falls, trail in damascus forest trail. |
| 16 | gamble. affordable shopping |
| 17 | Quonga Lake-has beach area at the lake, picnic tables, barbeques, and trees's for shade. Also well kept bathrooms with showers. |
| 18 | accessible walking/hiking trails near Narrowsburg, some open year round (or 9 mos). Ten Mile is great (needs some upkeep) but it is the primary site in Narrowsburg |
| 19 | Concerts |
| 20 | Community swimming pool |
| 21 | Tennis |
| 22 | Yes |
| 23 | lakes available to the public |
| 24 | Golf Courses |
| 25 | No |
| 26 | Add lines and improve pickleball court in park in the flats |
| 27 | No |

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| 28 | Swimming. walking, outdoor concert venues |
| 29 | Town fairs |
| 30 | N/A |
| 31 | No |
| 32 | Snow shoeing |
| 33 | No |
| 34 | N/A |
| 35 | No |
| 36 | Hiking |
| 37 | -Rails to trails but... -Walking, Hiking -Canal path extended |
| 38 | No |
| 39 | Tennis/Pickleball |
| 40 | N/A |
| 41 | Dances, renting out Union's gym space for dances is expensive |
| 42 | Hiking |
| 43 | N/A |
| 44 | Sight seeing, hiking, photography |
| 45 | We are avid runners and mountain bikers and we always go elsewhere for these activities. There's really only 1 real trail in the area (Tusten Mtn) and that leaves a lot to be desired. The roads are beautiful to run on especially along the river, but there's no public space to access trails. We go away every summer due to this and are likely moving. Our kids graduated from SW and go to Oneonta where there are many trail systems, lakes, public parks with pavilions and picnic areas and they plan on staying there. |
| 46 | I am a triathlete and feel strongly that Narrowsburg would be a fantastic location for an Olympic distance triathlon. I'd be happy to share more on this in person if interested. Brennan 646-957-5785 |
| 47 | N/A |
| 48 | None, thank you |
| 49 | N/A |
| 50 | -Swimming -Trails for hiking -Shade at playground |
| 51 | No |
| 52 | Swimming. The river is there but the only access is by renting kayaks, etc. How about doing something at the baseball field to allow river access. That field just sits unused 99% of the time. |
| 53 | No |
| 54 | star gazing, bird watching |
| 55 | TENNIS |
| 56 | pickleball |
| 57 | Swimming, rock climbing |
| 58 | nope |
| 59 | no |
| 60 | white water rafting, skiing, concert venue |

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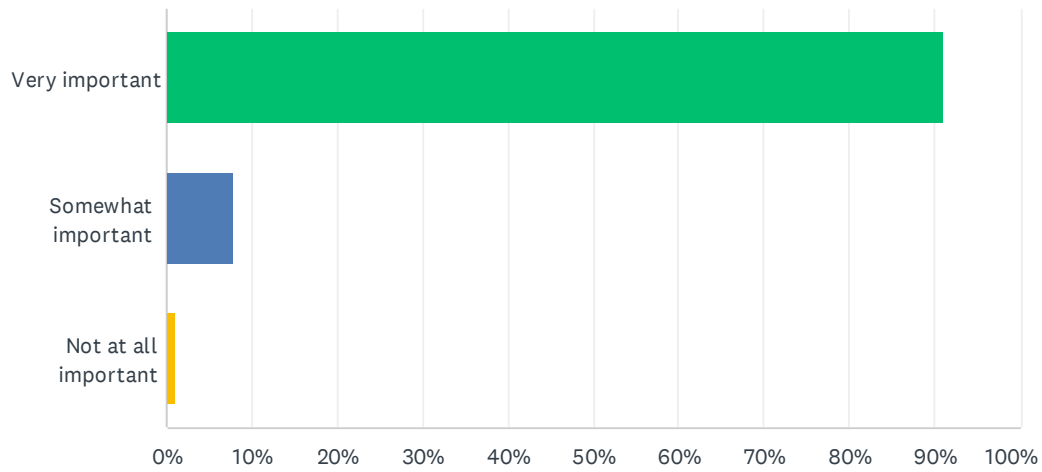
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| 61 | More safe off-road biking trails, similar to rail-to-trails. |
| 62 | No |
| 63 | Hiking |
| 64 | Music and other performance art - I go to Bethel woods or other towns for theater |
| 65 | Ballparks with vendor stands. The vintage baseball game is a fun event and love that you can purchase concessions during the games. Public restrooms is very helpful. |
| 66 | More hiking trails |
| 67 | hiking, parks, water/river access, picnic places |
| 68 | gathering in a picnic pavilion, swimming |
| 69 | Better lake access. |
| 70 | A bike path. |
| 71 | Fishing |
| 72 | quiet place outside for moving meditation, pedestrian friendly roads, annotated trails in exceptional and high quaiity nature areas, fitness center |
| 73 | No. |
| 74 | Visiting local breweries and food places. |
| 75 | Hiking to fire towers ATV & snowmobiling |
| 76 | A local Y or facility that has exercise classes. |
| 77 | Although I do not live in the town I go to other places that provide opportunities for more recreational activities. |
| 78 | Biking--we should make a rail trail from Ten Mile that goes along the railway after the train trestle all the way to Narrowsburg--rail trails bring in a lot of people to areas--very popular |
| 79 | No |
| 80 | Frisbee Golf Dog parks |
| 81 | More hiking/walking areas that are a little more flat and kid-friendly for young children. Safe and easy bike paths |
| 82 | N/A |
| 83 | I miss the annual yard sale day in the flats |
| 84 | Dog park |
| 85 | Dog park. We drive to Hawley Pennsylvania or to Smallwood for one. Narrowsburg should have its own. Truly. |
| 86 | Most of the activities are because of the location (e.g., ADKs, National Parks) |
| 87 | I'd love to see more live music in the area, outdoor concerts |
| 88 | fishing |
| 89 | Hiking, sightseeing |
| 90 | n/a |
| 91 | Hunting, Fishing, Birding |
| 92 | Places to walk that have open views of the landscape. |
| 93 | No. |
| 94 | RV Campgrounds, Playgrounds, Fairgrounds / seasonal activities |
| 95 | Bicycling and deer hunting. |

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| 96 | Cross-country skiing trails. | |
| 97 | We would LOVE more maintained trails... we usually walk the TNR trail, but a few more options would be fantastic | |
| 98 | Public dog park | |
| 99 | Playgrounds with covered areas and bathrooms | |
| 100 | Our whole family travels to bicycle on rail trails | |
| 101 | Gun range | |
| 102 | ATV/snowmobile | |
| 103 | LGBT Events | |
| 104 | Additional community events. Beside Tusten Mountain Trail, there aren't many places to hike near by. More recreation leagues for adults (basketball, soccer, etc.). | |
| 105 | duck hunting | |
| 106 | more swimming access | |
| 107 | Fishing | |
| 108 | Swimming. Additional hikes / walks | |
| 109 | Trails along the river and longer trails (over 3miles) | |
| 110 | Dog park | |
| 111 | we travel to Stowe VT several times a year. They have a fantastic recreation path that runs for about 6 miles and ends in the town. There is also a quite path for walking. These areas are a boon to the town and something similar here would be welcome | |
| 112 | mostly scenic drives | |
| 113 | Hiking | |
| 114 | Bigger parks, more hiking, shade, cycling, swimming | |
| 115 | Pickleball | |
| 116 | No | |

Q6 How important is open space and scenery to you?

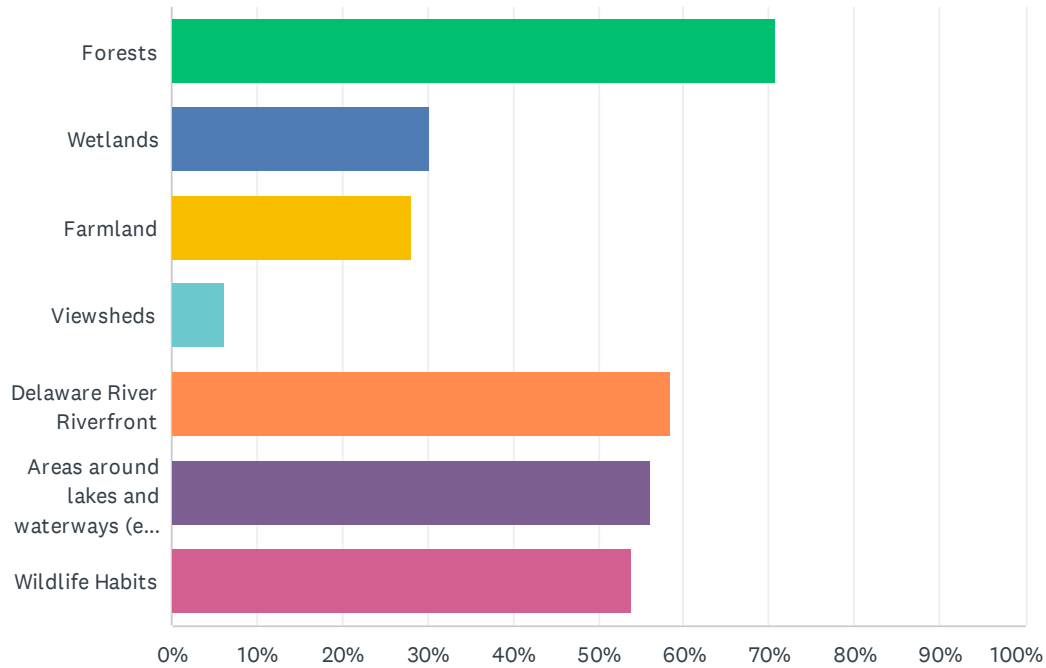
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Very important | 91.01% | 162 |
| Somewhat important | 7.87% | 14 |
| Not at all important | 1.12% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 178 |

Q7 What are the three types of open spaces you think are most crucial to preserve? Select three:

Answered: 178 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Forests | 70.79% | 126 |
| Wetlands | 30.34% | 54 |
| Farmland | 28.09% | 50 |
| Viewsheds | 6.18% | 11 |
| Delaware River Riverfront | 58.43% | 104 |
| Areas around lakes and waterways (ex. Ten Mile River) | 56.18% | 100 |
| Wildlife Habits | 53.93% | 96 |
| Total Respondents: 178 | | |

Q8 What do you value most about natural resources and open space in Tusten?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 11

| # | RESPONSES |
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| 1 | The natural beauty and ability to enjoy the land is key to inspiring people to preserve it going forward. Multi use trails that can be enjoyed by a range of participants is a great plan. |
| 2 | Nature is integrated into much of the Tusten built up areas already and should be protected. |
| 3 | Most need more saving! |
| 4 | The open land |
| 5 | Areas for youth activities |
| 6 | Scenic, peaceful |
| 7 | Land owners having a say about open space |
| 8 | Serene, peaceful, wildlife habitats |
| 9 | The beautiful views |
| 10 | natural settings for quiet contemplation and communing with nature |
| 11 | It's peacefulness, quiet, wildlife, no neighbors, the pristine quality of the water |
| 12 | Ten mile camp. Thats why my cabin is still there. |
| 13 | They need protection |
| 14 | Scenic Trails |
| 15 | The sky fresh air |
| 16 | Non-pollution. keeping it clean and natural |
| 17 | PRESERVING THEM! |
| 18 | All of the above are important and crucial |
| 19 | Nature's beauty and clean air |
| 20 | Sustainable development of open spaces & green spaces. No plastic playgrounds. Trees for shade |
| 21 | There is room for animals to thrive |
| 22 | Resulting clean air, peacefulness, wildlife, wild plants, safety to enjoy nature |
| 23 | What do we want to destroy now in town? Why can't you people just leave town like it is. It isn't that bad because look at the growth the way it is. Stop it!!! |
| 24 | The absolute beauty we live in. The river for swimming and fishing |
| 25 | Ability to see large areas of trees & greatly seeing wildlife |
| 26 | A place to walk in peace to relax and get mild exercise. Access to some more of the area behind the library would be nice (what, if any besides the road and boat launch area is public?) Preserve open space near town (Narrowsburg) Outdoor sculpture can be nice, but "trees not pavillions." |
| 27 | -Clean air -Clean water -Wildlife |
| 28 | We value forests the most and the clean air |

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| 29 | Wet lands/forests |
| 30 | Rain forestry, river access |
| 31 | Wildlife |
| 32 | -land for faming to continue -forests for clean air, flood help -area for tubing, camping -clean water |
| 33 | All of areas... |
| 34 | The animals that live there and seeing them in their wild natural space. |
| 35 | -Serenity -Quiet -History |
| 36 | The calming effect |
| 37 | -Fresh air -not crowded -untouched -beauty |
| 38 | The ability to hunt and fish and ATV around our neighborhood freely. Just the beauty of it. |
| 39 | Healthy recreation, respit |
| 40 | Taking care of the natural resources we have & the open spaces |
| 41 | Keeping things as they are. |
| 42 | The natural-NOT man made-beauty |
| 43 | Clean water, fresh air, forests, wildlife, farming |
| 44 | N/A |
| 45 | Beauty, Wildlife, Peace |
| 46 | N/A |
| 47 | Having access to the beauty of our own area. Forests, waterways, clean & pristine. Being outdoors is good for all! |
| 48 | Natural, undeveloped environment & rural character |
| 49 | There is enough contiguous open space, esp. forest and wetlands, to support a variety of wildlife and eco systems. The so far unspoiled ridge lines prevent flooding and erosion. The undrained wetlands-about climate induced heavy rains - priority-protect ridgelines from logging and development. |
| 50 | Positive health benefits mental & physical, social connections too. Better sleep quality, puts you in a good mood :) |
| 51 | N/A |
| 52 | Strict zone regulations, keeping out large land tracks being taken over by phony religious organizations that dont contribute to our community, tax burdens to the rest of the residential community |
| 53 | Tranquility |
| 54 | N/A |
| 55 | Quietness, litter free, traffic law enforcement |
| 56 | The river is beautiful. Would love picnic areas like at 10 mile river access. I often park there and run along the road and bring a chair, but to have the parking area with picnic tables and porta potties-not just in the summer. The playground at the Flats is very nice, but not necessarily where I'd go as an adult. River access at Skinners is nice but having to pay to park by the rocks deters me & hanging out on shore at the public access can get frustrating with all the summer people. |
| 57 | The vastness! There are plenty of beautiful places in NYS but Tusten is so expansive |
| 58 | They remind us of the fact that we are a part of nature |
| 59 | Wildlife survivability |

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| 60 | N/A |
| 61 | -Convenient places to gather |
| 62 | . |
| 63 | limited development |
| 64 | clean air, no litter |
| 65 | fresh air to breathe, surrounded by nature, star gazing at night, environment for mental and physical health. co-habitation, conservation, preservation of open spaces to protect from over building unnecessarily for housing and over crowding, putting strain on services, riverfronts, drainage, flooding prevention, ecological preservation of our forest |
| 66 | country living space, no intense development, no three story buildings. Single and two-family only! |
| 67 | The absence of human interference |
| 68 | TRAIL MAINTENANCE |
| 69 | contribution to the natural environment |
| 70 | Accessibility and beauty |
| 71 | frogs indicative of a healthy ecosystem |
| 72 | Clean and healthy undisturbed environment |
| 73 | Access to the Delaware River. Contiguous undeveloped areas. I really worry about developers buying up lots and sub dividing and suddenly there is little actual open space in the area. |
| 74 | I appreciate the proximity and ease of visiting a space daily where I can experience the forest & river, often in solitude. |
| 75 | I most value the untouched nature, especially near the ten mile river/stone arch bridge. I think we can expand the question to what is most valuable...and that's whatever protects the animals and forests as well as the river. |
| 76 | The beauty of nature. |
| 77 | Peaceful |
| 78 | Clean river front and water |
| 79 | That there is an abundance of it. |
| 80 | The river and the forests |
| 81 | Allows people in the community to get together, gives youth in the community something to do. |
| 82 | River access and forests |
| 83 | I like to have an organized open space with gravel/asphalt where grass/weeds do not take over, sitting areas that are kept in good shape, shade trees, pavilion for protection from weather, public restroom. |
| 84 | Accessibility of our natural resources and outdoor habitat. |
| 85 | that it remain clean and healthy |
| 86 | It is quiet and still natural. It has not been commercialized to promote more use by others. |
| 87 | Vibrant town with waterway access and scenic views. Great rural living in natural surroundings |
| 88 | forests...stop the logging |
| 89 | Peace and Quiet |
| 90 | Peacefulness and ability to connect with nature |
| 91 | Easy access |

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| 92 | Wildlife Peace and quiet Scenery |
| 93 | That the community seems to respect them. I think there's opportunity to improve, but mostly it's pretty good. |
| 94 | The natural beauty and the wild life. |
| 95 | The natural and pristine beauty of it, unmarred by development. |
| 96 | Their contribution to quality of life. |
| 97 | Environmental impact on health and wellness |
| 98 | Clean water, clean air and open space. |
| 99 | beauty |
| 100 | promoting health thru a healthy environment (minimal pollution), privacy in low density residential areas |
| 101 | Keep it pristine. |
| 102 | Not sure |
| 103 | Ability to get away from concrete and asphalt. |
| 104 | Peace, quiet, the beauty of nature and wildlife. |
| 105 | Minimal residents Rugged hiking terrain Wildlife |
| 106 | Serenity, peacefulness, beautiful views |
| 107 | The prospect of what these can be -- which is grounded in the opportunity to plan for preserving and connecting these resources while also allowing for 'smart' development. |
| 108 | places for kids to play |
| 109 | The fresh air and quiet |
| 110 | The gorgeous Delaware River. |
| 111 | Safety, environmentally conscious and that we are preserving/saving rather than harming natural habitats |
| 112 | -how the area is still clean and not polluted -how the area maintain native species |
| 113 | Water and air quality, wildlife, Control of light and noise pollution |
| 114 | It's calming effect |
| 115 | It keeps it beautiful |
| 116 | Clean air, water views, trails, clean water, walkability is vitally important. |
| 117 | the ability to connect with nature and be away from city and social media |
| 118 | The lack of development |
| 119 | Ability to turn off the modern distractions, fresh air, quiet, ability to return to nature (e.g., watch the animals, hear the birds, listen to a babbling brook) |
| 120 | It's the reason we live here! The clean air, flora and fauna, the quiet, the low light pollution, space to ourselves, and ability to enjoy the land through activities but also just in our day-to-day lives. |
| 121 | the unspolit nature of our natural resources |
| 122 | forest |
| 123 | peace and quiet, beautiful water views, bald eagles |
| 124 | Peace and quiet |
| 125 | Wildlife Habitats |

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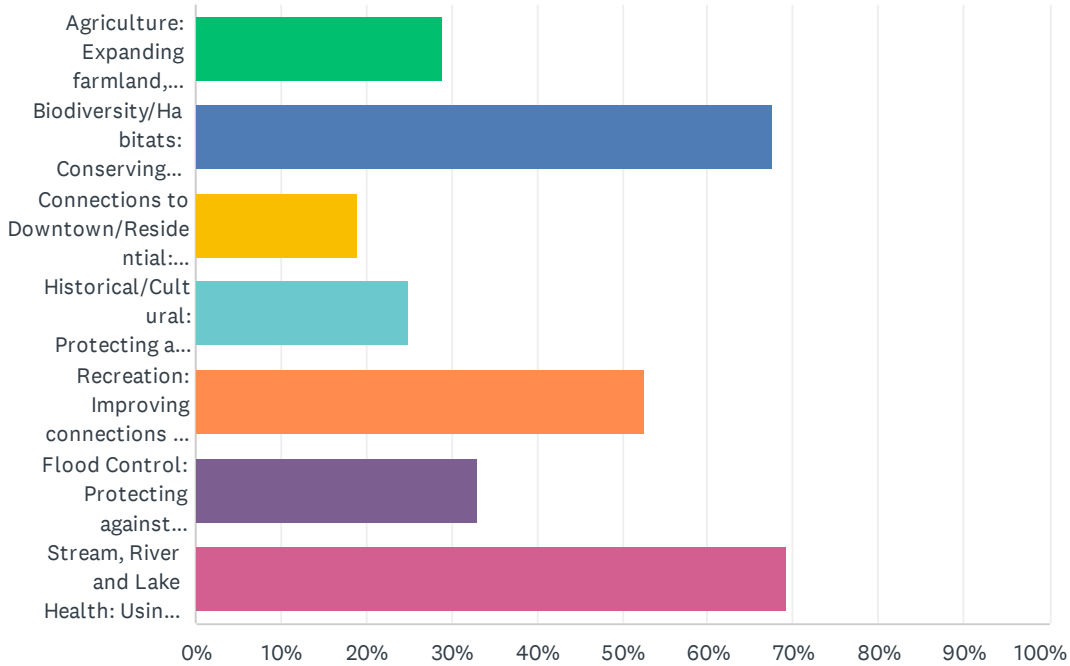
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| 126 | I value it as an escape from urban life and a place to contemplate nature. |
| 127 | Being able to visit them |
| 128 | Natural beauty. |
| 129 | To have the opportunity to view the sky, water and the landscape without any signs, billboards or artificial lighting. |
| 130 | Secluded areas without people, where one can commune with nature. |
| 131 | Wildlife |
| 132 | The view and atmosphere of the community and area. |
| 133 | The absence of all forms of pollution, including noise pollution, light pollution (at night), and advertising. |
| 134 | That they are open to all residents. |
| 135 | Preserving nature. |
| 136 | Sportsmen's opportunities |
| 137 | Hunting access for property-owning members of the Tusten community, rather than open hunting lands for out-of-state people, etc. |
| 138 | We value the natural unadulterated forests and lakes. We'd love a few more trails, but really it's important to save the natural habitat that we love above anything else.... |
| 139 | maintains natural beauty of the region |
| 140 | ... |
| 141 | Undeveloped area |
| 142 | Access to the river |
| 143 | That we have parks available. |
| 144 | Protected forest land |
| 145 | Quiet with minimal development and commercial areas, especially along river, allowing for animals in natural habitats |
| 146 | The fact that those areas still exist, unlike other parts of the State which have been overdeveloped. |
| 147 | The beauty of the area |
| 148 | Peace and beauty |
| 149 | Fresh air and scenery/greenery/natural water |
| 150 | Not over populated whenever we utilize. But it would be wonderful to have more options. |
| 151 | air quality, open natural space and low population levels. |
| 152 | it's our escape! we come for the fresh air and scenery. |
| 153 | That they remain available to residents and visitors to enjoy and are easily accessible. |
| 154 | The ability to get outside and enjoy nature, wildlife etc. |
| 155 | Ability to spend time outdoors |
| 156 | Their beauty and tranquility as-is |
| 157 | That most respect the space. |
| 158 | We value the pristine views unobstructed by signage. The waterways are vital to this area and keeping them clean safe and accessible is a priority. |
| 159 | Contiguous parcels of land to foster wildlife and open space. |

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| 160 | The beauty and serenity for all to enjoy |
| 161 | Maintaining natural, undisturbed characteristics. |
| 162 | X |
| 163 | That we have them! |
| 164 | Everything |
| 165 | Lack of commerical development, preservation of forests, quiet and low traffic areas to walk and cycle with kids and dogs |
| 166 | Beauty, wildlife |
| 167 | Natural ecology |

Q9 Conserving natural areas can benefit Tusten in different ways. Which of these do you think are the most important? Please select your top 3 priorities:

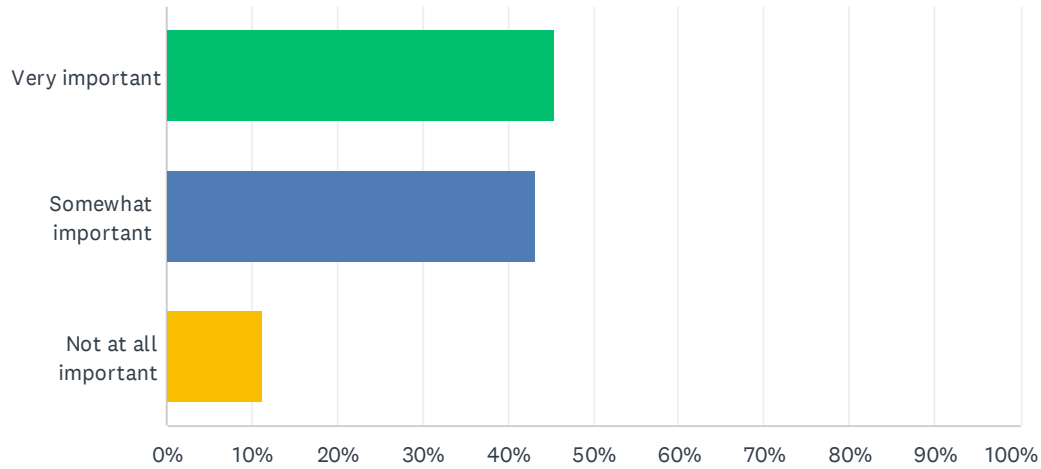
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
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| Agriculture: Expanding farmland, forestry management, protecting prime farmland soils for future use, and encouraging the use of sustainable agricultural practices. | 28.90% 50 |
| Biodiversity/Habitats: Conserving important environments such as forests and wetlands and protecting habitat for plants and wildlife. | 67.63% 117 |
| Connections to Downtown/Residential: Establishing conservation priorities within the downtown and residential districts, connecting to waterfronts, and employing green infrastructure (ex: street trees, permeable pavement, etc). | 19.08% 33 |
| Historical/Cultural: Protecting and preserving buildings and properties of historical significance, scenic areas and vistas with community significance. | 24.86% 43 |
| Recreation: Improving connections to natural areas and creating new opportunities for recreation such as hiking trails, bicycling, fishing, paddle sport, and other outdoor activities. | 52.60% 91 |
| Flood Control: Protecting against flooding and property damage by conserving natural areas that absorb runoff and provide natural areas for stormwater to collect. | 32.95% 57 |
| Stream, River and Lake Health: Using natural areas to filter stormwater, reduce runoff and erosion, and protect drinking water sources and water quality in the Delaware River and other area water bodies. | 69.36% 120 |
| Total Respondents: 173 | |

Q10 How important to you is increasing public access and developing recreation opportunities within the Town of Tusten?

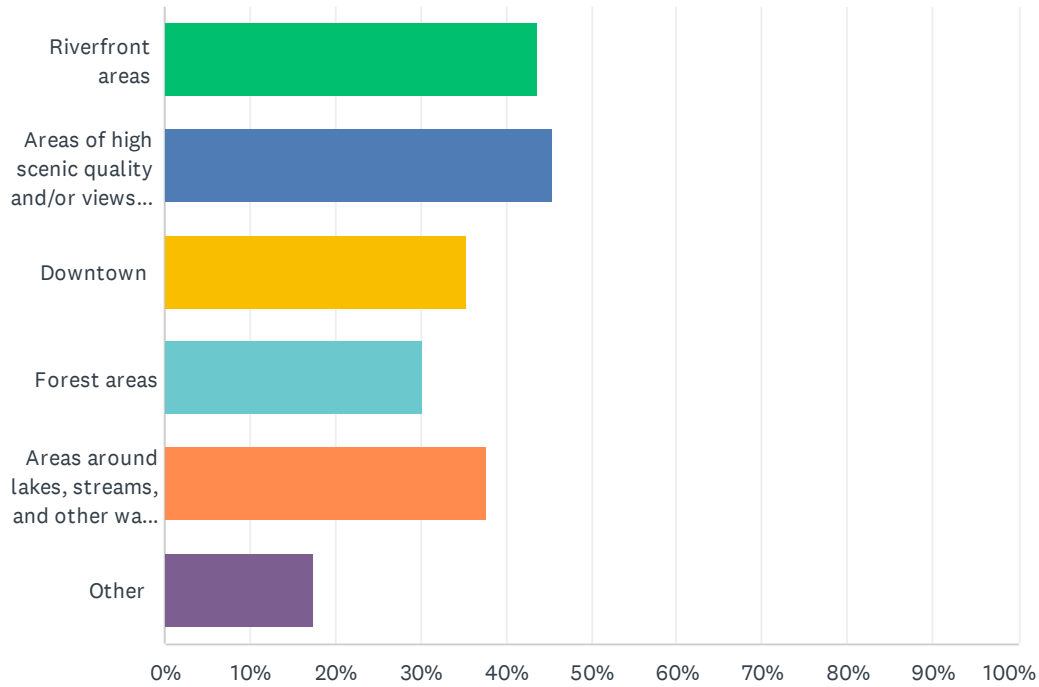
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Very important | 45.45% | 80 |
| Somewhat important | 43.18% | 76 |
| Not at all important | 11.36% | 20 |
| TOTAL | | 176 |

Q11 Where should the Town prioritize creating public access and developing recreation opportunities:

Answered: 172 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|----|
| Riverfront areas | 43.60% | 75 |
| Areas of high scenic quality and/or views of Delaware River | 45.35% | 78 |
| Downtown | 35.47% | 61 |
| Forest areas | 30.23% | 52 |
| Areas around lakes, streams, and other water bodies | 37.79% | 65 |
| Other | 17.44% | 30 |
| Total Respondents: 172 | | |

| # | OTHER |
|---|--|
| 1 | More fishing perhaps |
| 2 | Playground on the flats |
| 3 | City folks want what we dont have - river, lakes, quiet space |
| 4 | Public access! So continue there |
| 5 | Like to keep areas as natural as possible. But kept clean like no humans disturbe it |
| 6 | Never! No parking. I could not go to BUAA for Arts in Bloom because no parking! |
| 7 | Our parks |

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| 8 | Ten Mile River |
| 9 | Old boyscout camp areas, particularly lakes |
| 10 | Should be done privately-with no cost to taxpayers! |
| 11 | Work with NY state DEV to improve and maintain existing assets-also with NPS. I oppose large parking areas and overuse of river and forests |
| 12 | Town Playground |
| 13 | . |
| 14 | parking |
| 15 | Shaded Picnic Area in Town Park |
| 16 | I fear the public having more access in the sense humans are an invasive species. if we create the public access, we have to preserve and protect what we grant that access to. That said, access to nature in a safe way overall, I think is important for people to understand what they need to protect and preserve on an individual level. |
| 17 | The streets off of main street. WE NEED SIDEWALKS. Visitors have to walk in the street to get to anywhere that isn't on main street. Bad for people as it is dangerous and bad for businesses that aren't on main street. |
| 18 | Keeping Little Lake Erie open and accesible for Recreation and fishing |
| 19 | outside of the hamlet where there are clusters of residences |
| 20 | On the former BS property and on existing large hunting camps. |
| 21 | Development is not the goal: it's the compromise in exchange for preserving the natural |
| 22 | Need safe walking and biking paths and more trails |
| 23 | Perhaps add activities to existing sites |
| 24 | Camping |
| 25 | Ten Mile River |
| 26 | Public playgrounds and activities for children |
| 27 | Public dog park |
| 28 | Rail trail |
| 29 | I am concerned that by "developing recreational opportunities" you are really looking for permission to sell off land to commercial enterprises who will increase the tourist and crowd loads, which is NOT what we want!! |
| 30 | X |

Q12 Are there specific areas in Tusten that you believe should be preserved as open space?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 26

| # | RESPONSES |
|----|--|
| 1 | The park on 2nd & 3rd Ave. Tusten Mountain |
| 2 | Any available waterfront |
| 3 | The old school property north of Bridge St |
| 4 | TMR Boy scouts land as has been |
| 5 | Green space |
| 6 | Walk way & store fronts below main street in Narrowsburg |
| 7 | the flats |
| 8 | Leave most of it as is!! The town is buzzing so use that for public open space access and activities |
| 9 | Delaware river front |
| 10 | Flats ballfield, Tusten heritage community garden, gazebo in park on main street. ballfield F dept, tan deck, Tusten church |
| 11 | Everythings that already is and flats playground! |
| 12 | All of IT!! |
| 13 | As much as possible |
| 14 | -Maybe a riverwalk (not paved) with access in Narrowsburg (preferably with downtown area access) -A hiking trail connecting downtown to scenic views (other than the bridge and viewing station downtown). -Making a hiking and picnic area near the fort? |
| 15 | The playground on the flats |
| 16 | 10 Mile boy scout camp, boy scout land |
| 17 | Riverfront |
| 18 | 10 mile river biking trail |
| 19 | Depends... |
| 20 | N/A |
| 21 | Rock Lake, the boy scout land east of rt.97 across from Tuslen Mtn. up towards Rt 23 |
| 22 | River front & forest areas |
| 23 | Former boy scout lands |
| 24 | Ten Mile river area, boy scout lake areas-ie. rock lake, crystal lake, fireman's field |
| 25 | The airport, town should be able to use for 4th of July-Riverfest. At one time we had a October fest. People came from PA. Scranton, Wilkes-Berri & other places. |
| 26 | N/A |
| 27 | Boy Scout Area |
| 28 | 10 mile river |
| 29 | Areas around waterways-rivers, lakes, etc |

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| 30 | N/A |
| 31 | N/A |
| 32 | The river corridor & land sold to the state from sales of boy scout lands |
| 33 | Boy scout properties after transfer of ownership to state |
| 34 | Boy scout property including Crystal Lake Remainini Hay Fields. Any low lying areas, especially stream and river frontage - increase set back. Use NYDEC & DRBC data on climate change. Protect Ridgeline |
| 35 | N/A |
| 36 | Delaware River Front |
| 37 | Lake Erie drainage basin and its source, aquifier |
| 38 | Rock Lake, Mahls Pond, TMR |
| 39 | Boy Scout Property |
| 40 | Ten Mile River-Parking, trash pick up, widen roads to stone arch bridge |
| 41 | N/A |
| 42 | N/A |
| 43 | N/A |
| 44 | Nothing to offer here |
| 45 | N/A |
| 46 | N/A |
| 47 | . |
| 48 | the baseball field near the launch |
| 49 | boat landing on crawford rd, need parking lot. They are parking all over - bus, cars, trailers, trucks. Someone is going to get hurt. |
| 50 | ten mile river, beaver brook, Delaware river, riverfront at bridge/downtown Narrowsburg/restaurants |
| 51 | Yes, TMR and near Ten Mile River or any lake or stream |
| 52 | N/A |
| 53 | Tusten Mountain Trail area |
| 54 | Not sure |
| 55 | Open and public space in the Flats |
| 56 | the playground in narrowsburg should be upgraded |
| 57 | Ten Mile River, Luxton Lake |
| 58 | Boy scout land. Specifically off of Crystal Lake Rd. As much delaware river frontage as possible. |
| 59 | Tusten Mountain Trail! |
| 60 | the boyscout trails/10 mile stone arch bridge area should absolutely be preserved. |
| 61 | Public access to river |
| 62 | na |
| 63 | Any area near Ten Mile River |
| 64 | Riverfront. |

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| 65 | The area in the flats, the town access to the river and 10 Mile River. |
| 66 | n/a |
| 67 | See below |
| 68 | Not certain what areas are public or private. I like the open space in The Flats, the open space where the Lumberjack event takes place and Ten Mile River Access (Crawford Rd). The Ten Mile River open space is not properly cared for, looks run down and has no public seating areas. |
| 69 | The riverfront property currently being sold off by the Boy Scouts |
| 70 | It is not clear what you mean by open space - if you mean publicly accessible open space then yes, ten mile, the multi gen park, but we need more useable publicly accessible space |
| 71 | All of it. |
| 72 | No |
| 73 | Ten Mile River...Delaware river |
| 74 | Ten Mile River area and Tusten Trail |
| 75 | No |
| 76 | Beaver Brook |
| 77 | Beautified the town by enforcing code violations |
| 78 | Easier access to the river |
| 79 | lakes and riverfront |
| 80 | The Ten Mile River Scout Camp. And around the big eddy in Narrowsburg. |
| 81 | Ten Mile River Area and Tusten Mountain Trail |
| 82 | PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE |
| 83 | Little Lake Erie |
| 84 | no |
| 85 | yes oh do you want to know what areas? The portion of Cortese landfill that is on the river side of the railroad. Combine recreation and education. (I doubt any municipal services would be permitted in this area.) Wooded wetlands corridors throughout the Town. |
| 86 | No. |
| 87 | Not sure |
| 88 | Near the rivers. |
| 89 | I believe there is a fine balance needed to provide access to the public to Tusten's parks and natural resources while preserving its serenity and natural splendor. The specific areas that I think should be preserved as open space would be anywhere we would meaningfully alter the landscape for wildlife and plant biodiversity. Let's be conservative in carving out access to the public in areas that affect this minimally while having a high impact for visitors, and err on the side of keeping this minimal. People and visitors will always push for more and more ease and access and this is important for sure, but it's much easier to grant access slowly and as needed than it is to take it back after development, in my opinion. Not all, but many aren't considerate enough of our natural resources to be good stewards if provided with easier access to them. |
| 90 | 10 mile area Boy Scout land Along the river |
| 91 | I have no opinion on this question. |
| 92 | The former BS property, existing large hunting camps, river waterfront. |
| 93 | places to bike |

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| 94 | Ten Mile River |
| 95 | Ten mile River- |
| 96 | N/a |
| 97 | N/A |
| 98 | Former camps should fall under DEC control. They represent too much acreage to suddenly flip to the market within these small towns run largely by untrained volunteers. |
| 99 | Scout camp lands |
| 100 | Areas around 10 mile |
| 101 | Farm lands, park areas, dog run park |
| 102 | ten mile river |
| 103 | Ten Mile River Landing |
| 104 | What was previously Boy Scout Camps and along the Delaware River |
| 105 | The land on 189 Blind Pond Road in the Beaver Brook neighborhood. |
| 106 | none specifically |
| 107 | Delaware river |
| 108 | 10 mile river |
| 109 | Riverfront |
| 110 | n/a |
| 111 | Not sure |
| 112 | The park in the flats. Fireman's park by the river |
| 113 | Riverfront |
| 114 | Little Lake Erie Ten Mile River |
| 115 | No. |
| 116 | All spaces currently open should be preserved. |
| 117 | Any open land that should not be sold and used to make a community, private school for seasonal people. |
| 118 | The Delaware River waterfront |
| 119 | All forested areas. |
| 120 | Delaware River waterfront. |
| 121 | The children's park in the flats. |
| 122 | 10 Mile River Camp |
| 123 | Old boy scout land |
| 124 | the ten mile river area and the boyscout land - that can preserved and developed for hiking and biking and such. |
| 125 | ... |
| 126 | None |
| 127 | Not necessarily |
| 128 | No opinion |
| 129 | I feel we need to respect our comprehensive plan and not turn Beaverbrook four corners into a bustling year-round, noisy camp |

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| 130 | Areas.especially along the river - like the old TMR scout camps around Tusten Mountain Trail and Indian Cliffs, should be preserved as open lands |
| 131 | Any Development for Recreation should be done with the enviornment in mind. |
| 132 | Lava area |
| 133 | Not sure |
| 134 | N/A |
| 135 | Firemen's field. |
| 136 | Riverfront |
| 137 | i don't have enough knowledge as to what is considered open space |
| 138 | Lakes and lakefronts |
| 139 | Not sure |
| 140 | Riverfront |
| 141 | Na |
| 142 | Some hiking areas |
| 143 | Would love to see a conversion of unused rails to trails in the area |
| 144 | 10 Mile River Boy Scout area |
| 145 | Under the bridge Lake Erie Skinners Falls |
| 146 | Riverfront and watershed areas, lakes, scenic byways... |
| 147 | Boy Scout Camp |
| 148 | Ten Mile River camps |
| 149 | Former Boy Scout property |
| 150 | The park, river front, large areas of forest, 10 mile river |
| 151 | i just want a pickleball court |
| 152 | Riverfront |

Q13 What improvements or addition to Tusten's parks and open spaces would make the community a better place to live?

Answered: 157 Skipped: 21

| # | RESPONSES |
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| 1 | A covered public facility to shelter areas from sun and storm |
| 2 | Walk way around Big Eddy |
| 3 | more trails |
| 4 | Trash receptacles/ cans with frequent pick ups |
| 5 | The town should host hunter safety programs, encourage hunting & assist DEC in any way possible to get more hunters to the open spaces we have. Ie. Boy scout property (conservancy or state) - to many deer are becoming dangerous - we have hit 5 within 18 months |
| 6 | Expand access to river |
| 7 | more of them |
| 8 | We need more parking but I dont know where to put it |
| 9 | parking |
| 10 | Wildlife free to roam (zoo?) :) Leave some space alone for their habitats |
| 11 | Impose penalty for littering |
| 12 | Protecting wildlife Banning pesticides Planting native plants |
| 13 | Dont know |
| 14 | None- it brings in enough people, what are you gonna do with more people and no place to put them or let them park on main street |
| 15 | Create a swimming area.. Clear the brush by the gazebo to "reveal" the beautiful eagle created and let be overgrown. Also clean/cut brush by deck in town. Also put a shade area at the park for kids, so adults can be shaded during play. |
| 16 | There are many ways that people can enjoy beauty. Being in nature reduces stress and seeing wildlife in their natural habitat makes us happy. |
| 17 | Again, public space behind the library. There is a tract of land for sale near Hickory st. - Is that potentially available? (I have not seen beyond it's outer edge) |
| 18 | Plant some shade trees at the playground |
| 19 | tick control by natural means. animals that eat ticks |
| 20 | More recreation activites/sports |
| 21 | outdoor exercise equipment & course at playground or another open space |
| 22 | Stop wasting my tax dollars on parks in Narrowsburg |
| 23 | Maintaining roadways/trees |
| 24 | Parking |
| 25 | A small community swimming pool would go a long way |
| 26 | -Signage -Publicity -Social Media |
| 27 | Fixing & repairing areas. Adding walking and hiking trails. Play areas for kids/children |

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| 28 | I dont know if Skinners Falls is in the town of Tusten, but access to the rocks for picnicking & viewing is in terrible shape and actually dangerous. |
| 29 | -Easy walking, biking, wheelchair access to them -Dog park/runs |
| 30 | What parks are you talking about? We have 2 baseball parks that are never used & why? |
| 31 | None |
| 32 | None. Fine Now. |
| 33 | great place to live now |
| 34 | N/A |
| 35 | N/A |
| 36 | None |
| 37 | ? |
| 38 | Improve in town parks (Firemani Field, The flats park) to include fields, courts and shelter utilized by all ages. |
| 39 | Might get a UDC grant to map the town/hamlets existing walking trail & distribute & post downtown & at Union |
| 40 | Kayak/paddle board rental in town, down to the big eddy |
| 41 | A pavilion in the park |
| 42 | parking, responsible drainage collection ponds |
| 43 | Pavilion on playground |
| 44 | N/A |
| 45 | Trash pick up, rest rooms, traffic law enforcement, noise enforcement |
| 46 | Picnic areas, more hiking & biking trails, walking paths (not the fake "trail" in the flats) |
| 47 | Connecting Launderette to the bridge by way of a continuous boardwalk would make Tusten one of the most beautiful towns in America |
| 48 | N/A |
| 49 | N/A |
| 50 | N/A |
| 51 | -Definitely shade in the park. Would love to have a pavilion |
| 52 | . |
| 53 | an adult exercise park in Narrowsburg by the kids park would be nice for all the older walkers. something small for stretching. |
| 54 | . |
| 55 | a park to have music nights for the community. Tusten theatre to do plays outside in parks, more festivals to raise funds for green projects |
| 56 | hiking trails |
| 57 | Creating designated bike lanes on rural roads |
| 58 | Shaded/Protected picnic Area in Town Park - A hole in the ground is NOT SHADE |
| 59 | Not sure |
| 60 | More benches or sitting areas to rest, for elders and kids |
| 61 | it would be nice to have more bathrooms available and longer running paths |
| 62 | Playgrounds |

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| 63 | Could the rail line along the Delaware be developed into a trail? It would be great to have more contiguous areas to hike or bike. It is hard to find anywhere in town to do a hike or bike in an open space setting of any distance. With the possible exception of ten miles. Can the town buy the Gurdjieff property? or Boy Scout land? |
| 64 | I'd love a public swim/picnic spot. This may exist and I just don't know about it yet. |
| 65 | more education on permaculture and how to protect what we have. |
| 66 | Improving infrastructure, Paving dirt roads. business development. |
| 67 | More bike paths |
| 68 | Crowd control and proper non-invasive parking near public recreation areas |
| 69 | SIDEWALKS. Local businesses thrive and die by foot traffic in the summer months. Anything not on main street is at a serious disadvantage as there is no way to walk from main street unless you walk in the road. It's dangerous and makes opening a business here very difficult as there are only so many spaces available on main street. |
| 70 | If there's an opportunity to expand access to all the natural resources it would be lovely. |
| 71 | Some type of pavilion, exercise equipment |
| 72 | More playground space for kids. More walking paths along the river |
| 73 | Better signage, trash management, sitting areas |
| 74 | More hiking and biking trails |
| 75 | trail maintenance for public trails through the old boy scout land. Shade and bathrooms in the one publicly accessible park, the multi gen park. |
| 76 | It would be great if in the flats some trees could be planted by the playground area. There is no shade and when playing outside in the sun, playtime can be limited in the hotter months. |
| 77 | Community pools, parks, campgrounds, bike trails, etc. |
| 78 | a pavilion with bathrooms at the Towns playground... |
| 79 | Focus on Noise Pollution from Campgrounds |
| 80 | - |
| 81 | Preserve the natural tranquillity of the area while encouraging recreation opportunities for all |
| 82 | Control building Enforce code violations |
| 83 | Promote gatherings |
| 84 | The Ten Mile River boat launch is deplorable. It's always muddy, disgusting and very hazardous. Also, we need accessible trash cans in these areas. I pick up garbage all the time when I walk back by the Tusten trail and around the stone bridge. |
| 85 | A better connection to downtown and the water. There was a riverside project a few years back, but never heard any more about it. |
| 86 | Reduce campground noise. |
| 87 | Focus on small businesses |
| 88 | Decent planning and honest non partisan, apolitical fact based input. |
| 89 | any improvement |
| 90 | Provide multi generational and disabled usable educational fitness areas and activities. Seek out organizations that do events that would promote the use of these areas. |
| 91 | No. |
| 92 | Not sure |
| 93 | More seating and shade. |

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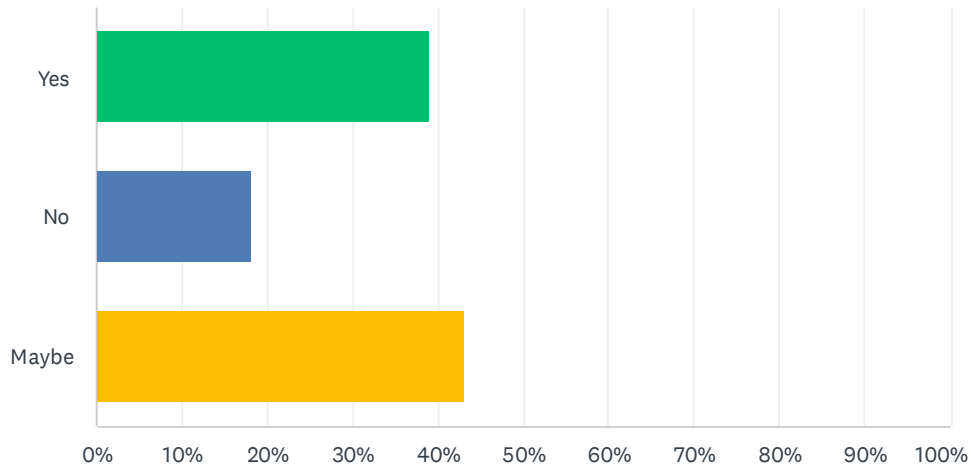
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| 94 | Providing clear areas for humans to roam and including easy ways for them to dispose of trash, be good stewards of the land, etc, may be a good option. And ensuring that there's a strong culture of stewardship as well through signage and oversight, which I imagine is difficult to actually implement. People need to feel the responsibility on their own that taking care of the land and wildlife is important. |
| 95 | Build a fire tower at the highest elevation More hiking trails Paved bicycle paths ATV trails |
| 96 | I have no opinion on this question |
| 97 | First, there needs to be a base of publicly accessible parks and open spaces. Then these should be interconnected and contiguous and connected to hamlets to the extent achievable. |
| 98 | Places for kids to ride a bike---there is not anywhere for kids to ride bikes |
| 99 | Not sure |
| 100 | Dog park |
| 101 | More shaded areas where people can gather, better playgrounds for young families |
| 102 | Trails around the Delaware river |
| 103 | More of them |
| 104 | W |
| 105 | Community gathering areas in parks |
| 106 | Community dog park, community pool, bike and walking paths |
| 107 | investment in conservation |
| 108 | Knotweed abatement, pavement maintenance |
| 109 | Clear marking of the space / signage, references to learn more (e.g., safety, things of interest) |
| 110 | Making the property on the 189 Blind Pond Road lot a town park with pond access, hiking trails, and picnic facilities would be an excellent addition to the community and a way to not only preserve but share the gorgeous Beaver Brook area with our neighbors. |
| 111 | bathrooms in the flats |
| 112 | Better restrooms |
| 113 | More groomed trails |
| 114 | Trash control, parking |
| 115 | Designated Trash disposal bins & periodic volunteer clean up of trash (if necessary) |
| 116 | Adding a dog run or planting special blossoming trees |
| 117 | Shade |
| 118 | Gamelands |
| 119 | Have the town maintain the areas it has now & carefully study each area, how it is actually used, trim back the shrubs near Tusten Veterans Park, etc. |
| 120 | Improving parks and open spaces would be of marginal benefit to the quality of life here - we already have those things. What we need is more businesses and economic growth. A well-designed industrial park or research center would contribute far more. |
| 121 | Tree planting and sporting opportunities. |
| 122 | Bigger and safer playgrounds. RV Campground and a local grocery store that doesn't price gouge. |
| 123 | More community events, gatherings and cultural experiences |
| 124 | N/A |
| 125 | Better access to the river. |

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| 126 | Community sports leagues -- softball / baseball. |
| 127 | Improve roads in 10 Mile River Camp |
| 128 | Hiking trails! |
| 129 | Beautification with plants, trees, and wild grasses. |
| 130 | ... |
| 131 | Not sure |
| 132 | Dog park |
| 133 | Covered playgrounds with bathrooms |
| 134 | bicycle trails |
| 135 | Minimal impact improvements - not looking for increased camping/rv parks for weekend visitors, rather looking for preserved open lands that everyone - especially tusten residents and owners - can take advantage of without drawing more crowds and weekend warriors. |
| 136 | Some Additional Access would be helpful, especially along the Delaware River |
| 137 | More options |
| 138 | Not sure |
| 139 | Community Pool and playground |
| 140 | A dog park would be a wonderful communal space. It helps dog owners and locals meet each other! Also, I mentioned recreation leagues above, it would be great to have a dedicated space for this -- soccer goals or a basketball court to access. |
| 141 | allow hunting in all these areas. |
| 142 | not sure |
| 143 | More walking and hiking trails |
| 144 | Better trail markings on ten mile river trail |
| 145 | More trails. Longer trails. |
| 146 | Tennis courts , basketball courts, paddle courts would invite and welcome community members to engage in healthy activities |
| 147 | A pavilion |
| 148 | Signage is important reminding people to share the road with cyclists, and how to conduct themselves in these spaces. There is a way to do this that is friendly and welcoming and this could be important to any updates to open spaces. |
| 149 | Hiking trails through the 10 Mile River Boy Scout area. Parks in town connecting residents and visitors to the River. |
| 150 | More recreational spaces and improving current ones |
| 151 | I think our town is pretty beautiful as is -- preserving nature is most important to me. Recreation seems secondary. |
| 152 | Prevent town from further damaging parks |
| 153 | A pavilion on the Flats |
| 154 | Make Tusten Rd pedestrian only by installing gate (with access for emergency responders) on north side of Stone Arch Bridge |
| 155 | Picnic areas, shade (pavilion) trees and shrubbery, extended Park equipment |
| 156 | Pickleball |
| 157 | Better maintenance |

Q14 Many Towns around the country use volunteer park and open space stewards to assist in maintaining and improving these spaces in order to lessen the financial burden on the municipality. Would you consider participating in this type of group?

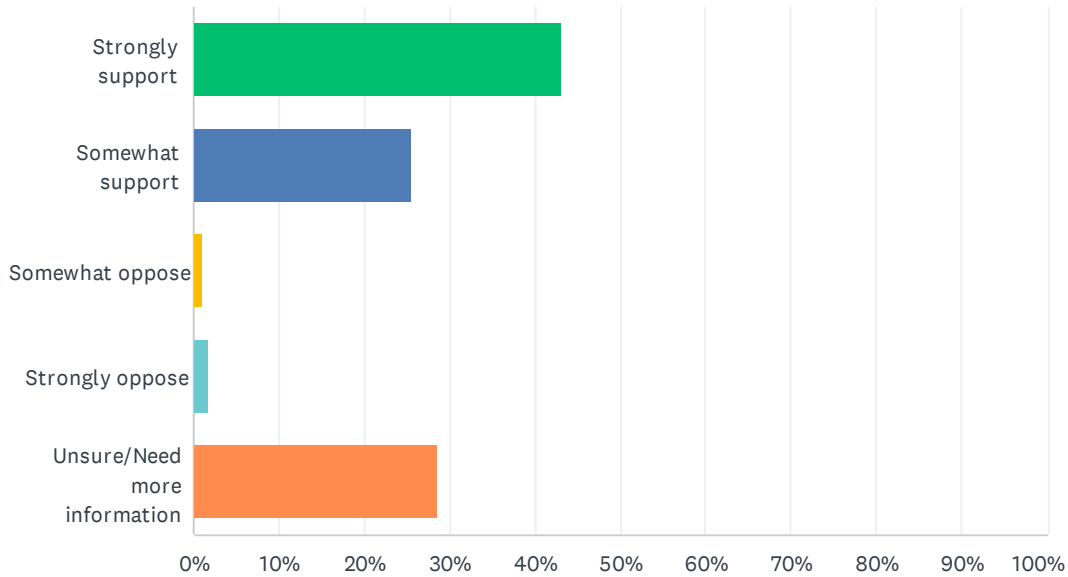
Answered: 172 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 38.95% | 67 |
| No | 18.02% | 31 |
| Maybe | 43.02% | 74 |
| TOTAL | | 172 |

Q15 How willing would you be to support initiatives to fund voluntary open space preservation and public recreation projects?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Strongly support | 43.02% | 74 |
| Somewhat support | 25.58% | 44 |
| Somewhat oppose | 1.16% | 2 |
| Strongly oppose | 1.74% | 3 |
| Unsure/Need more information | 28.49% | 49 |
| TOTAL | | 172 |

Q16 What information would you like to see come out of the Open Space and Recreation Plan?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 27

| # | RESPONSES |
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| 1 | Use of water-Delaware River, local lakes, former boy scout rock lake |
| 2 | Link short term learning programs at Narrowsburg Union to Sullivan Community College. ie environmental water ways heath, etc. |
| 3 | water/river access increased |
| 4 | A listing of all volunteers and maps. So everyone can find and enjoy these places. |
| 5 | Putting some additional recreational activities in the proper places, hiking trails, more play opportunities for children - add to the playground on flats, splash pad or additional equipment & a pavilion. |
| 6 | ATV Trails, horse trails. Ten mile has them, just closed to the public |
| 7 | Conservation of green space |
| 8 | Where to put them, and what will it be |
| 9 | Building plans |
| 10 | That everything is left as natural as possible |
| 11 | N/A |
| 12 | Working with master plan. Mapping and Budget |
| 13 | How about keeping it like it is since its what draws people here |
| 14 | Availability to All |
| 15 | Nat'l park service "upper delaware-take a hike!" Brochure gives inadequate directions - try to do better. |
| 16 | all information |
| 17 | All important details |
| 18 | Stop giving variances to non-compliance properties |
| 19 | See plan first... |
| 20 | A riverwalk |
| 21 | How forests in Tusten which sustain biodiversity will be protected from commercia logging. |
| 22 | More awareness of what we've got |
| 23 | Ideas-Cost-Purpose-Target Pop. |
| 24 | Upgrade & revamp what we have |
| 25 | N/A |
| 26 | That what is available now is sufficient "plan" not needed for most part. |
| 27 | more info |
| 28 | Designated area, reason for project, cost, method of financing, time element |
| 29 | N/A |

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| 30 | No Action! None Needed! |
| 31 | ? |
| 32 | Improve walkability & signage within x/arrowsburg between public areas. Connecting sidewalks or paths ie. the viaduct and other safety concerns |
| 33 | 1) Detailed information on our existing open spaces 2) Proposal to enforce ie. logging recreation is, my opinion, lax. |
| 34 | Remote outdoor recreation, more walking paths-less cars. Parks, gardens, playgrounds, tennis & pickle ball courts. |
| 35 | Intention around environmental impact |
| 36 | online websites |
| 37 | Realization for recreation |
| 38 | N/A |
| 39 | Trash pick up, rest rooms, traffic enforcement, noise enforcement, medical services |
| 40 | Areas the public can access for recreation. Esp. trails |
| 41 | N/A |
| 42 | N/A |
| 43 | A glitzy map, perhaps online, that advises of opportunities with venfors available & financially supporting, if not currently existing. |
| 44 | N/A |
| 45 | N/A |
| 46 | . |
| 47 | the cost to the taxpayer |
| 48 | . |
| 49 | open spaces preserved and respectful to stay clean, ca-habit with wildlife, preservation, clean river water, fishing opportunity, teach children about nature |
| 50 | rules & regs, zoning restrictions |
| 51 | What the consensus is moving forward to preserve our beautiful area |
| 52 | Transparency with ALL residents. |
| 53 | Good map or brochure of the Open Space and Recreation Areas. |
| 54 | Actions by dates and cost projections |
| 55 | grants and funding to buy more greenspace or large lots available to preserve the rural way of life |
| 56 | n/a |
| 57 | What options the town has to preserve open space. It seems like almost all land in the area is private. What can the town actually do to preserve land and improve recreation opportunities. |
| 58 | I'd be curious to see how Tusten compares to other areas. I am interested in plans related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The deer population along 97 in the fall is pretty frightening, and it would be great if we could reduce the volume of roadside foraging. The volume of Japanese Knotweed and Stiltweed is concerning, especially knotweed. As a homeowner, I would like to understand plans for stemming its takeover of the area and maybe some community tools, education, and resources for how to stay ahead of it on your property. Similiar for Asian jumping worms. |
| 59 | talk of preservation/less privaitization. but overall protection of natural resources and forest. I wish to never see anything in the recreation/open space component that mimics what is |

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| | happening in Barryville with the FimFO project. |
| 60 | Improving infrastructure. |
| 61 | More hiking and biking trails. Preserve the natural forests and river. |
| 62 | Preserving Town Plan and limiting large commercial businesses along river. |
| 63 | How we can fund the expansion of our sidewalks. We all pay plenty of taxes. There are more than enough funds to address this issue. |
| 64 | I would love to see unused and neglected areas cleaned up and/or preserved for the greater good. |
| 65 | a plan to move projects forward |
| 66 | 1. Outdoor concerts and performances (music, theater, dance, etc) 2. Playground spaces for kids 3. Support the development of a tree/ropes course 4. Love Logging Days! Similar events to celebrate fishing, archery, and other sports 5. Partner with Boy Scouts to do more outdoor events for families 6. We need more summer day camps for kids (not just overnight camps) we only have Camp White Stag in PA |
| 67 | Keep us informed which areas are being considered. I am not familiar with many areas you might be considering for "Open Space & Recreation". Not sure what land is public or private. |
| 68 | A comprehensive plan for expansion of open spaces available for public use |
| 69 | plans that prioritize quality of life for all ages within the community esp our youth, families and seniors while also protecting the environment |
| 70 | Forest land should remain preserved and un commercialized. If additional recreational opportunities become available, they shouldn't have to take away from the uninhabited forest environment but instead use the forest as it is. |
| 71 | Zoning maps, development zones, growth opportunities, incentives to attract green development opportunities. |
| 72 | river safety |
| 73 | Publish the results in the River Reporter - not just in town hall meetings (minutes) |
| 74 | Actionable steps to improve the town and its natural habitats |
| 75 | Positive plans to support local concerns to maintain our natural resources and environment |
| 76 | How does the committee intend to preserve the beauty of our surroundings and protect the wildlife? How do they intend to enforce code violations? |
| 77 | Cost, timeline and where the improvements will take place |
| 78 | a plan for fixing the Ten Mile boat launch |
| 79 | I would like to see a 3 / 5 / 10 year plan with ambition to make Tusten one of the most beautiful places to visit in the Catskills. |
| 80 | Public notification. |
| 81 | Whst residents woukd suggest. |
| 82 | Communication with the public and taxpayers. |
| 83 | discussion of views |
| 84 | Pracitcal ways to achieve a balance between developement and preservation of environmentally sensitive areas that fosters a healthy economy and the health of the residents. |
| 85 | No. |
| 86 | Not sure |
| 87 | Plans for playgrounds and areas for public gathering. |

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| 88 | A well considered approach that addresses the effects and pros and cons of each decision being considered. |
| 89 | Unsure |
| 90 | I have no opinion on this question. |
| 91 | As stated above, the establishment of publicly accessible parks and open spaces that are interconnected and contiguous and connected to hamlets to the extent achievable. |
| 92 | Places to ride bikes----seems weird to live in such an open area and not have a place to ride a bike |
| 93 | If there are plans, what are they. |
| 94 | Classes and opportunities for adults to gather and socialize. |
| 95 | N/a |
| 96 | What was decided as the recreation plan |
| 97 | Preservation and expansion of wilderness and the natural environment |
| 98 | The view of the RESIDENTS |
| 99 | Make changes with out a complete environmental impact |
| 100 | Details and opportunities for further feedback |
| 101 | more transparency and strategic planning for future |
| 102 | A comprehensive description of any proposed alterations to the existing recreational areas |
| 103 | Clear guidelines for development and usage that protect the natural beauty of the space |
| 104 | I would love to know what other Tusten residents are prioritizing and what they want for the town. |
| 105 | more established recreational facilities to encourage more people into the outdoors. bathrooms in the flats. dog-friendly trails. more forest trails. more access to the river for people with their own boats, not just the private companies |
| 106 | a plan |
| 107 | preserving the open spaces |
| 108 | Resident surveys |
| 109 | Transparent budget to see where any funding for this project gets appropriated. |
| 110 | Future plans |
| 111 | All of it |
| 112 | A report. |
| 113 | I think that the town should invest in the open space areas that it has now & make a pledge that the town budget will include monies for maintenance of those valuable places. |
| 114 | A plan should be about future actions. It should be based on a well-defined set of requirements. First, what is the need for such a plan? Would more open space benefit residents, or tourists? What is the existing quantity of open space and usage rates by residents and non-residents? Are there over-used or crowded open spaces, and if so, how much expansion is required to accommodate expected usage? If there is no identifiable need, leave things alone! As they say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." |
| 115 | Preservation/conservation. |
| 116 | Keep seasonal people from taking over the area. Build more playgrounds / activities for kids. RV Campground so more people can enjoy the area. |
| 117 | A specific plan to preserve vital habitats for wildlife and the wild character of our region. Thoughtful designation of areas for human recreation. Specific attention to the various forms of |

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| | pollution created by human activity. |
| 118 | Values. |
| 119 | Full-time versus seasonal preferences. |
| 120 | The details of the responses. |
| 121 | Transparency |
| 122 | A map or interactive web site to plan activities and give info on all the open and recreational places and what they have to offer |
| 123 | a suitable place for people to gather |
| 124 | ... |
| 125 | Not sure |
| 126 | More things for our children to do and a public dog park |
| 127 | Natural areas unsuitable for development can be designated as conservation open spaces for purposes such as flood control, protection of water quality, and wildlife habitat. |
| 128 | Light Recreational activities Preserving forest land Safe bicycle trails |
| 129 | Plan to PRESERVE open space and recreation opportunities, not increase or develop them further, especially if increasing them is just a gimmick to increase tax base with tourist money at the expense of the quiet and peace we have today. |
| 130 | The cost, the long term goals, and a schedule of implementation |
| 131 | More recreation opportunity |
| 132 | Not sure |
| 133 | More recreation for residents and visitors |
| 134 | Continuous requests for feedback from permanent residents. Communication regarding any changes or updates to the town's plan. |
| 135 | That hunting should be a very large part of any efforts. |
| 136 | I do not know much about it yet |
| 137 | Better availability of trails and open spaces |
| 138 | The findings of this survey and what options are being considered |
| 139 | More trails. Connected to make long trails. |
| 140 | More details and a full proposal |
| 141 | Ideas that hopefully with be solidified. |
| 142 | Real plans for converting rails to trails and opening up recreation areas to use year round. |
| 143 | Detailed plans for enhancing/preserving open space, and a plan for scenic walking in town. |
| 144 | Allocation of monies Which projects are being funded and cost |
| 145 | Is there an existing plan available for review and input? |
| 146 | Long term vision for Boy Scout property to be conveyed to the state |
| 147 | A plan for the Ten Mile River property that includes recreational opportunities for all. A plan for possible future development of large tracts of land that enable protection of the open space we currently enjoy while allowing for slow growth, |
| 148 | Don't know |
| 149 | A concise and long-term plan |
| 150 | Pickleball! |

Q17 Please note any additional comments or ideas you have relating to the future of open space in the Town of Tusten

Answered: 79 Skipped: 99

| # | RESPONSES |
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| 1 | Like state does, open trails and charge fees \$ |
| 2 | I would like to see old boy scout area at 10 mile river re done with picnic tables and camping |
| 3 | Stop taking away the farming & country rural vibe!! Stop building with only profits as your goal |
| 4 | Kept wild & natural - able to keep it undisturbed. |
| 5 | N/A |
| 6 | Suppoer and keep the Tusten heritage community garden as a public green space |
| 7 | No pavilion. Playground aging, needs shade. Adults can bring umbrellas |
| 8 | Town of Tusten is going ro ruin it!! This is a joke!! |
| 9 | It is better to keep as much of the open space now rather than try to make it up what has been lost later |
| 10 | Some activities co-exist well (hiking, fishing, canoeing) and others do not - bikes, atv's snowmobiles sharing space with hikers, casual (maybe tourist) walkers |
| 11 | We believe building a pavilion at the playground on the flats would be a "money pit". Our water supply system should be a priority,. |
| 12 | As more people enter the town of Tusten we should be more cautious about safety and awareness. |
| 13 | Thanks for asking. Preserve open space and all forms of wildlife. Limit but not eradicate pests-ticks |
| 14 | Narrowsburg is just a small part of Tusten. |
| 15 | See plan first... |
| 16 | Any new or improve areas should include use permits at a small cost to outsiders and free for Tusten residents |
| 17 | Acquire defunct. properties for future public open spaces |
| 18 | Keep any/all gov't regulation out of it! |
| 19 | -Leave it alone.- or use volunteers, with no expense to taxpayers |
| 20 | N/A |
| 21 | N/A |
| 22 | N/A |
| 23 | N/A |
| 24 | Thanks for letting us participate in the future plan! |
| 25 | This plan needed to be updated & im glad to participate |
| 26 | Town bike rentals like the city has, promote less cars |
| 27 | Thank you to our wonderful town staff for all you do!! |
| 28 | litter pick up, fines and monitoring unauthorized dump sites. Embankments to the river, |

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| | streams |
| 29 | A pavilion would be most beneficial to our park(s) |
| 30 | N/A |
| 31 | See above |
| 32 | We love it here & raised our kids here, but being an active family who's biked, run, hiked all over the country, we don't want to retire here because there's no where to do these activities (very little). There's really very little public land. We travel hours to adventure. |
| 33 | We would love to see the railway used for commuting as well as commercial use. |
| 34 | N/A |
| 35 | N/A |
| 36 | N/A |
| 37 | N/A |
| 38 | . |
| 39 | The area under the Narrowsburg bridge should either be made accessible or closed to keep people from swimming there. |
| 40 | Bring back Eagle fest in the winter! People loved it! |
| 41 | I think signs to respect and be ecologically minded are necessary to protect and remind seasonal tourists to no leave garbage on roads, throw out garbage out of trucks window and not leave your dogs and cats behind on the roadside |
| 42 | its at risk, IE Hillside clm(?) |
| 43 | Walk and Bike-ability could help keep parking spread a bit more evenly throughout the town. Hopefully when thinking through open space solutions they can marry with the overall picture of what will make our town more accessible to all. |
| 44 | Run shuttles to the Open Spaces and Rec areas with stops along major routes. |
| 45 | It would be great to have more public education around the roles we can take as homeowners to preserve the natural beauty of the area i.e. lawn or landscaping best practices, water/rain management, forestry or tree care/health. |
| 46 | Truly it's just about preservation and protection. less big business and privatization that could put into jeopardy our beautiful forests and river. more education for why they are important. and if more recreation is to be brought into this, trails, river walks and foraging type activities to teach everyone how precious it all is. less hunting, nothing more with motors like ATVs etc. |
| 47 | I would like to see incentives to business development. |
| 48 | Thank you for doing this survey! |
| 49 | Town is not consistent in applying rules around variances. Need more oversight and equitable application. |
| 50 | If you truly wish for this town to continue growing we need to make it more walkable. Walking in the road to get anywhere other than main street is dangerous and most people will opt not to do so. Meaning that they have less to see and less to do. We should be encouraging people to explore all of our town and not just one street of it. |
| 51 | I think eyesores should be required to be removed or cleaned - unused town building for example. |
| 52 | We could make the deck on main street much more inviting with more coordinated seating areas. Right now it appears to be random furniture and only welcomes you for a couple minutes to view over the rail. Not a place you want to sit and linger. That is a missed opportunity! |
| 53 | Providing better and safe access to the water front, creating welcoming open public gathering space in the one park we do have, the multi gen park. |

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| 54 | Create an Eco park for education and fun activities (zip line, apple picking, petting zoo, etc.) |
| 55 | Enforce code violations |
| 56 | I wish there were official hiking trails within the old Scout Camp as well as facilitated access to the lakes and ponds there. Seems like a real missed opportunity. |
| 57 | Town tax dollars should not be spent on preserving areas that are under the purview of other levels of government. Lean on agencies like the NPS for Delaware River and ACE for all regulated waters (this includes wetlands). Seek out grants protecting environmentally sensitive areas. Agricultural areas are not natural but are important for food security and can provide low intensity development sources of income. |
| 58 | Not sure |
| 59 | The plan should include a robust menu of conservation and preservation practices, and these should be actively pursued, e.g. a land trust assists the town in encouraging and soliciting voluntary landowner interest in implementing the plan's recommendations. |
| 60 | Would love to see a nice biking/walking area for those who are not fully able-bodied. (Like the path in Hurleyville). Perhaps the Center for Discovery would be open to joining forces and consulting or getting involved with building something in Tustin |
| 61 | Two dams on the Boy Scout land are scheduled to be breached, why can't they be repaired since this will adversely impact the wildlife that uses these two areas. Mahls pond is below |
| 62 | No additional comment at this time |
| 63 | na |
| 64 | Thank you for putting together this survey, it makes me optimistic about the future of our town! |
| 65 | Thank you for seeking input |
| 66 | More hiking and camping |
| 67 | The town should provide workshops about preserving access to the night sky which is a simple matter of turning off the countless decorative external lights. All the nocturnal creatures require the darkness to maintain their health & nutrition. It costs nothing to have your decorative lighting on a timer...and the darkness will help the amazing owls that we are fortunate to have living here. |
| 68 | When you live in a city, providing open space is an important goal. Tusten is not a city. We are surrounded by open space, usually in our own backyards. We cultivate it and take care of it ourselves, without need for government plans or actions. Trust the people on this issue. An open space plan is a waste of effort here, and ultimately will only attract more transients from The City and degrade our environment and quality of life. |
| 69 | Build more free public areas, especially for children. |
| 70 | None |
| 71 | Public dog park |
| 72 | Don't know if it's possible because it's privately owned, but a rail trail on the existing rail would be an amazing attribute to the area |
| 73 | Open space available for public use is different than "developing" areas with commercial companies in mind. |
| 74 | Preserve as much land as possible |
| 75 | N/A |
| 76 | Hunting opportunities should be a major part in all planning going forward. |
| 77 | I'd like to see walking trails or space available near local lakes so that people can walk around them and enjoy the views well also being able to walk for exercise. We often travel to lake Wallenpaupack in PA to walk along the lake for exercise and to enjoy the view. |
| 78 | This plan is so important. Open space must be preserved to the greatest degree possible. |

Q18 If you would like, please upload your favorite photo that depicts a favorite place or activity in the Town of Tusten. By submitting a photo, you are consenting to the picture being shared without credit on the project website and/or within the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

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