

**Appendix VII Poughkeepsie Local Waterfront Revitalization
Program Survey**

Poughkeepsie LWRP
Public Survey Response Summary
Survey Monkey: February 18-April 15, 2019

Demographics

- Total survey responses – 605
 - Residents – 72%
 - Elsewhere in Dutchess County – 20%
 - Elsewhere in Hudson Valley – 5%
 - Other – 3%
 - Mostly out of state
- 47% of respondents work in Poughkeepsie, 15% elsewhere in Dutchess County.
- A large majority of respondents get to the waterfront by car (89%).
- There was a good age distribution among survey respondents. The largest cohort of those who responded were 55-64 (21%), followed by 35-44 (21%), and 25-34 (20%). The split of respondents over 45 (51%) and under 45 (49%) was almost even.
- Most who took the survey have a high level of educational attainment. 38% reported having a college degree and 35% have a graduate school degree.
- Poughkeepsie residents who took the survey are long-time residents (35% reported having lived in the City for more than 21 years).
- Household income among those who responded varied, but the majority of respondents reported earning over \$75,000 (57%).
- 90% of respondents were white, 4% black/African American, 7% Hispanic/Latino (other races accounted for 5% based on “select all that apply”).

Hudson River

- Most people use the Hudson River waterfront for passive recreation (75%).
 - Most describe using the waterfront for running, walking, dining, and attending events.
- Those who don't visit the waterfront say:
 - The lack of a continuous path makes it difficult to spend significant time enjoying the waterfront. The Walkway over the Hudson offers a better way to enjoy the views and the river for now.
 - Unaware of what's available.
 - The southern waterfront is not pedestrian accessible (not comfortable).
 - Safety/security concerns.
- Facilities that need improvement on the Hudson River waterfront:
 - Passive recreation (73%) – additional walkways and pedestrian infrastructure; tourist information; need for additional seating; more points of access; more park areas;
 - Active recreation (49%) – activities for kids; performing and visual arts venue; new skatepark; separate bike path; bike lockers and racks; waterfront basketball/playground; educational activities;

- Boating (38%) – more fishing, fishing dock, kayaking, boat launches; public dock for boaters who want to visit especially at boat ramp; all abilities kayak access; more boat racing/shows;
- Fishing (32%) – additional fishing docks or designated area for fishing;
- Other (28%) – need new bathrooms; expand dining options; event space; take advantage of natural amphitheater; better parking; security; cleanliness; handicap accessible improvements needed; additional landscaping; an anchor at the southern end of the waterfront to balance the draw of the walkway; additional lighting; community center.

Fall Kill

- Majority of people (79%) taking the survey knew where the Fall Kill Creek is located, but most reported not participating in activities at the Creek (59%).
 - Those who participate in activities along the Fall Kill described mostly passive recreation activities such as nature walks, biking, hiking, photography, classes, and visiting Upper Landing Park and the waterfall. Others also noted visiting the Fall Kill for fishing, creek clean-up activities and bird watching.
 - Others indicated being involved with community programs such as the YCC clean-up of the creek, eel monitoring program, and BioBlitz with the Coop.
- Respondents described the Fall Kill using both negative and positive terms. Among the negative associations were: dirty, litter, garbage, polluted, smells, and neglected. Others indicated that it was difficult to find, unknown, inaccessible, hidden and underutilized. Positive descriptions included: beautiful, historic, potential, calming, habitat for wildlife, visual charm, good area and important.
- The top improvements to the Fall Kill according to respondents were:
 1. Public access (80%)
 2. Improved bicycle/pedestrian access (71%)
 3. Water quality improvements (63%)
 4. Fix walls (62%)
 5. Improve drainage during flood events (50%)
- Many commented that clean-up and litter removal at the Fall Kill is a priority.

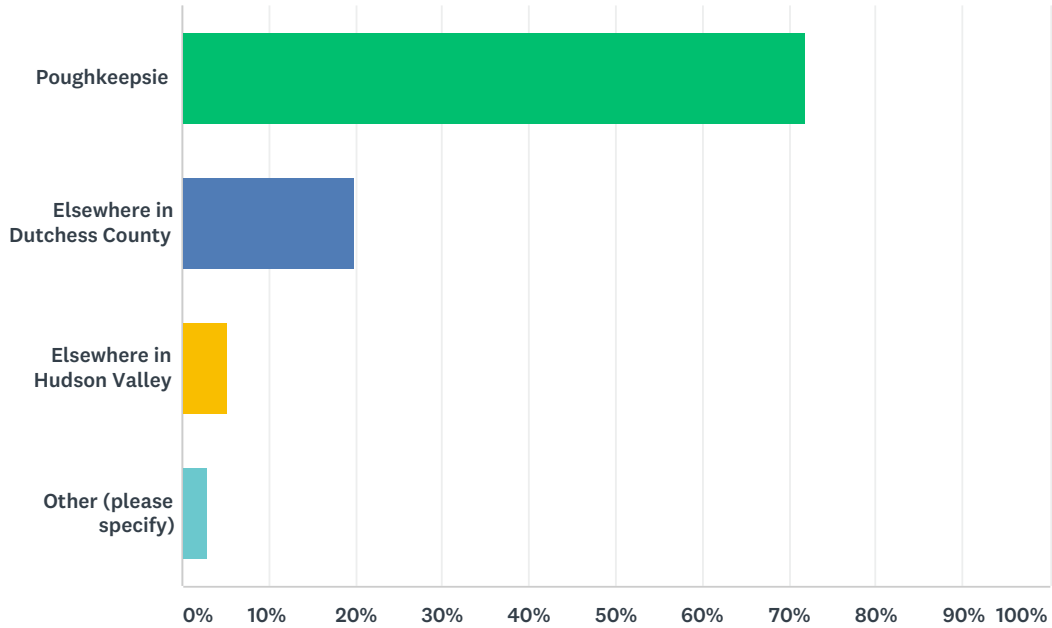
Area Wide

- The most utilized park was Waryas Park, though most respondents indicated that they go to the parks listed “a few times a year” or “rarely or never.”
- The highest rated park was Upper Landing Park.
- Respondents indicated that the highest priority for improving access to the waterfront was completing the Hudson River waterfront trail (83%).
- Comments indicated a need for parking, non-motorized boating, seating by the river, leisure activities open to the public, smaller parks along the river, increase number of visitors.
- Respondents indicated that the most pressing environmental issue is litter/waste (36%), followed by protection of open space (24%), and water quality (23%).

- Flooding is an issue at the following locations:
 - Arnold Road/Kingston and Arnold
 - Fulton Road
 - Waryas Park
 - Dongan Square
 - Along Fall Kill
 - Riverfront, Ice House, Upper Landing, Waryas Park, including the Children’s museum parking lot during high tide/storms
 - Smith Street
 - Route 9
 - Catharine Street at Fall Kill
 - Madison and Conklin
 - Spratt Park
 - South Grand Avenue
 - North Hamilton Street
 - Hamilton Street at the Creek
 - Lilling Road
 - Monell Avenue near the ponds
- Themes from other comments included:
 - Planning for families with children is important, and safety and security should be a priority.
 - Integrating Route 9 will make the waterfront more accessible.
 - Concerns that the proposed three story Bonura project on the DeLaval site will block views for Hudson Pointe and the hospital.
 - Desire to keep open space free to the public. Comments about avoiding the ‘privatization’ of the waterfront with uses that would require you to pay.
 - Intermunicipal efforts are needed to improve the watershed.
 - Beautification of the waterfront.
 - Improve public access to the waterfront.

Q1 Please select the location that best describes where you live.

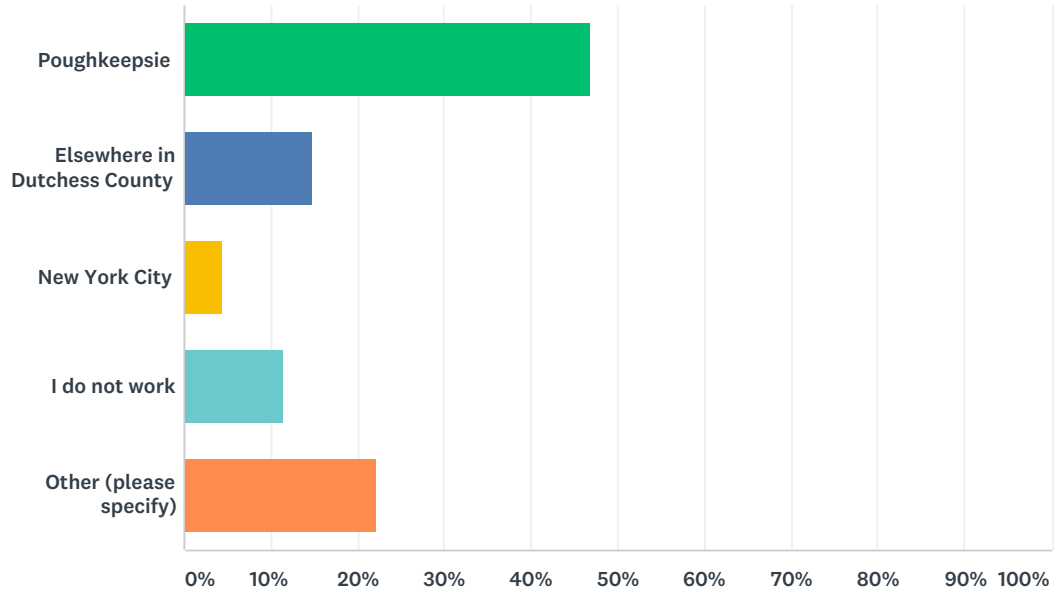
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Poughkeepsie | 71.90% | 435 |
| Elsewhere in Dutchess County | 19.83% | 120 |
| Elsewhere in Hudson Valley | 5.29% | 32 |
| Other (please specify) | 2.98% | 18 |
| TOTAL | | 605 |

Q2 Where do you work?

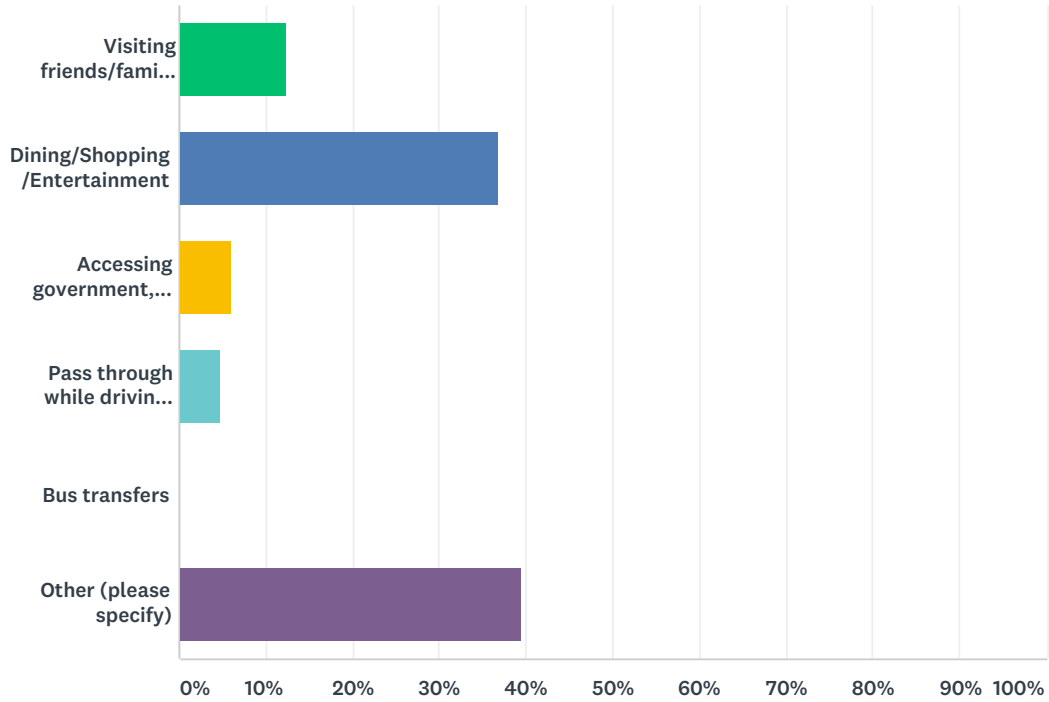
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Poughkeepsie | 46.77% | 282 |
| Elsewhere in Dutchess County | 14.93% | 90 |
| New York City | 4.48% | 27 |
| I do not work | 11.61% | 70 |
| Other (please specify) | 22.22% | 134 |
| TOTAL | | 603 |

Q3 If you do not live in Poughkeepsie, what brings you to the City?

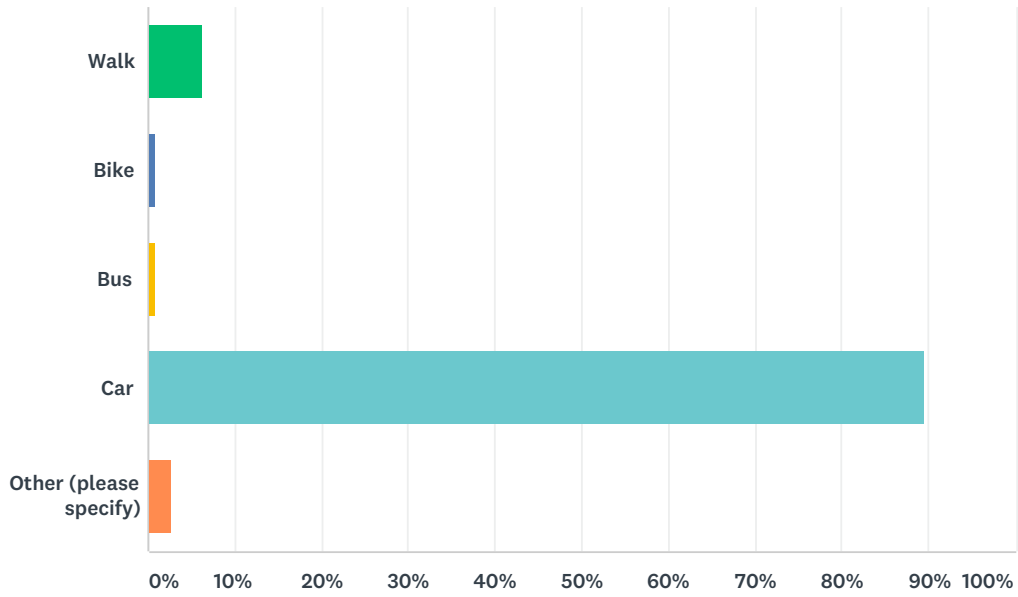
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Visiting friends/families | 12.30% | 46 |
| Dining/Shopping/Entertainment | 36.90% | 138 |
| Accessing government, health, and other services | 6.15% | 23 |
| Pass through while driving to other destinations | 4.81% | 18 |
| Bus transfers | 0.27% | 1 |
| Other (please specify) | 39.57% | 148 |
| TOTAL | | 374 |

Q4 What is your primary method of getting around the City of Poughkeepsie?

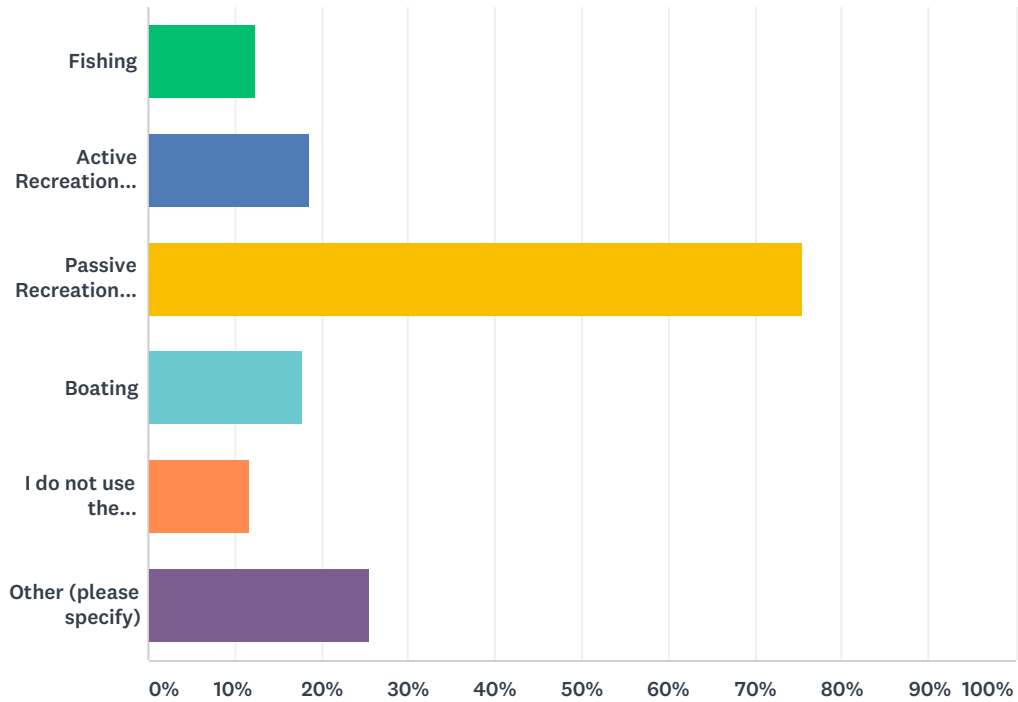
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Walk | 6.18% | 37 |
| Bike | 0.83% | 5 |
| Bus | 0.83% | 5 |
| Car | 89.48% | 536 |
| Other (please specify) | 2.67% | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 599 |

Q5 Please select any and all activities in which you presently participate on Poughkeepsie’s Hudson River waterfront?

Answered: 534 Skipped: 71



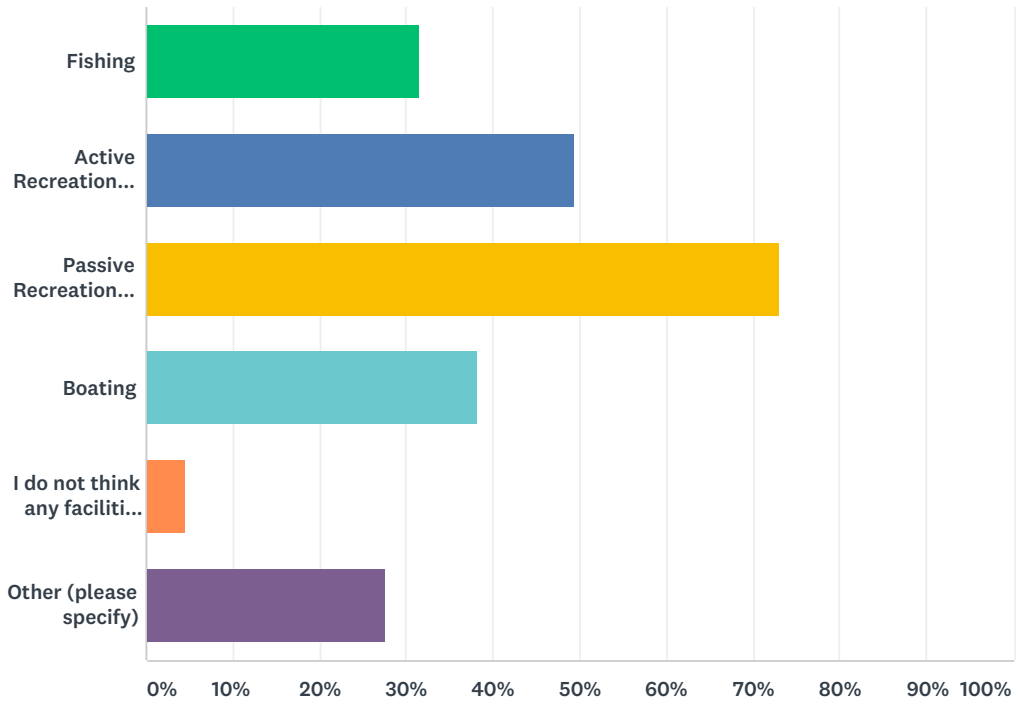
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Fishing | 12.36% | 66 |
| Active Recreation (e.g., basketball, skateboarding, baseball/softball, playground) | 18.54% | 99 |
| Passive Recreation (e.g., birdwatching, picnicking, sitting/relaxing/reading) | 75.47% | 403 |
| Boating | 17.79% | 95 |
| I do not use the Poughkeepsie’s Hudson River waterfront | 11.80% | 63 |
| Other (please specify) | 25.47% | 136 |
| Total Respondents: 534 | | |

Q6 If you do not use Poughkeepsie's Hudson River waterfront, please specify why not.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 448

Q7 For each of the activities below, please select all that need more or improved facilities on the Hudson River waterfront.

Answered: 517 Skipped: 88



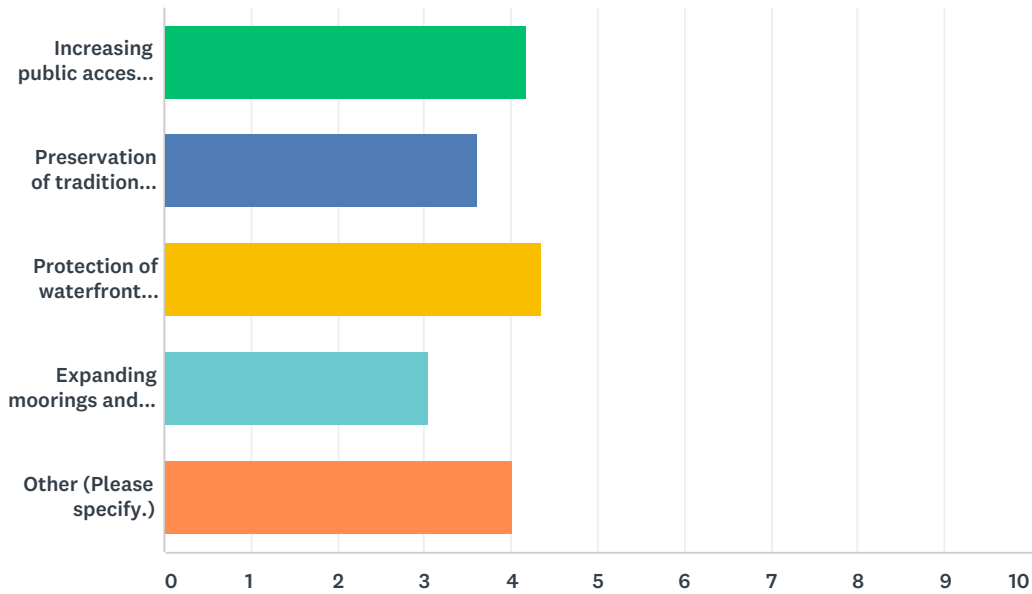
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Fishing | 31.53% | 163 |
| Active Recreation (e.g., basketball, skateboarding, baseball/softball, playground) | 49.32% | 255 |
| Passive Recreation (e.g., birdwatching, picnicking, sitting/relaxing/reading) | 72.92% | 377 |
| Boating | 38.30% | 198 |
| I do not think any facilities need to be improved | 4.64% | 24 |
| Other (please specify) | 27.66% | 143 |
| Total Respondents: 517 | | |

Q8 Please describe the type of improvements that should be made to facilities that you selected in the prior question.

Answered: 380 Skipped: 225

Q9 Following are a list of specific goals for waterfront planning. Please rate them by how important they are to Poughkeepsie’s Hudson River waterfront on a scale of Not Important to Very Important.

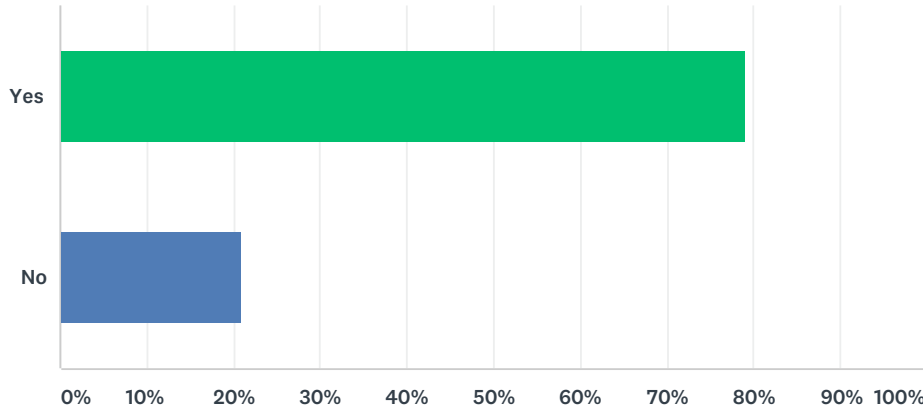
Answered: 530 Skipped: 75



| | NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT | VERY IMPORTANT | EXTREMELY IMPORTANT | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| Increasing public access to the waterfront. | 2.65% 14 | 4.36% 23 | 11.74% 62 | 33.71% 178 | 47.54% 251 | 528 | 4.19 |
| Preservation of traditional waterfront uses (e.g. marinas and boat clubs, mooring field, fishing, etc.). | 3.98% 21 | 12.14% 64 | 26.38% 139 | 32.45% 171 | 25.05% 132 | 527 | 3.62 |
| Protection of waterfront views. | 1.70% 9 | 3.02% 16 | 10.59% 56 | 27.41% 145 | 57.28% 303 | 529 | 4.36 |
| Expanding moorings and docking facilities. | 11.07% 58 | 20.04% 105 | 34.73% 182 | 20.61% 108 | 13.55% 71 | 524 | 3.06 |
| Other (Please specify.) | 10.64% 15 | 1.42% 2 | 15.60% 22 | 19.86% 28 | 52.48% 74 | 141 | 4.02 |

Q10 Do you know where the Fall Kill Creek is?

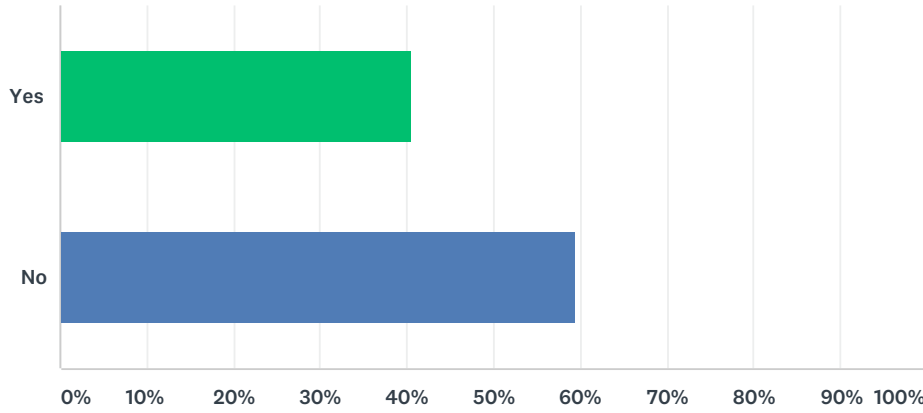
Answered: 506 Skipped: 99



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 79.05% | 400 |
| No | 20.95% | 106 |
| TOTAL | | 506 |

Q11 Have you done any activities in/by the Fall Kill Creek?

Answered: 502 Skipped: 103



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 40.64% | 204 |
| No | 59.36% | 298 |
| TOTAL | | 502 |

Q12 If you answered yes to the prior question, please describe the type of activities.

Answered: 234 Skipped: 371

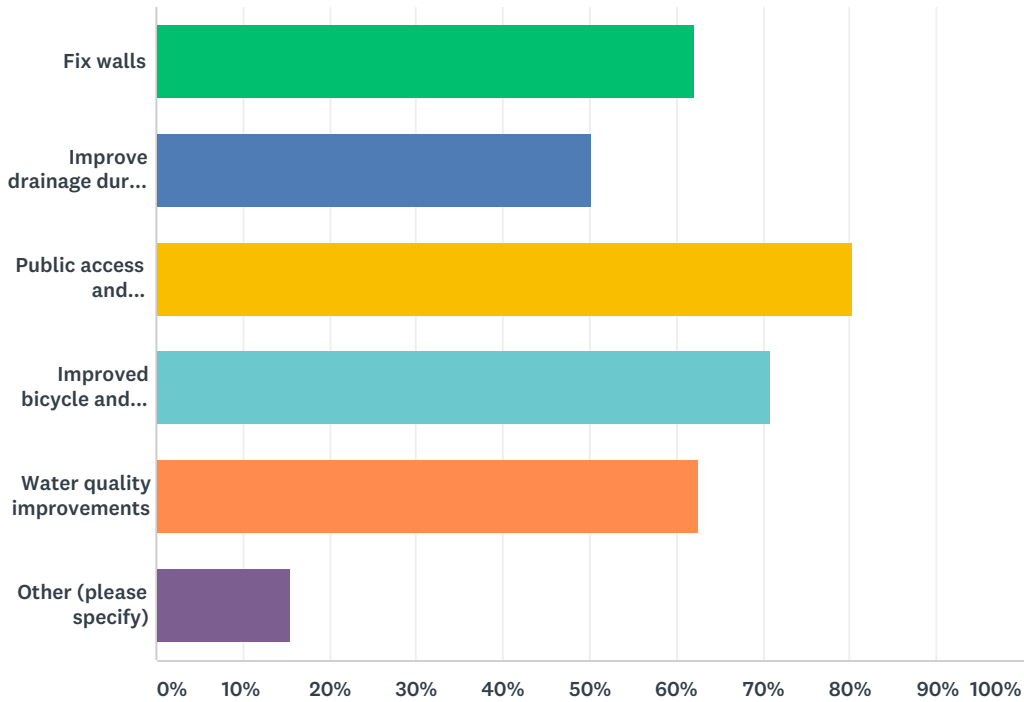
Q13 What are the first three words that come to mind when you think of the Fall Kill Creek?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 240

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 100.00% | 365 |
| 2 | 95.34% | 348 |
| 3 | 84.93% | 310 |

Q14 Which of the following improvements to the Creek would you like to see (select all that apply).

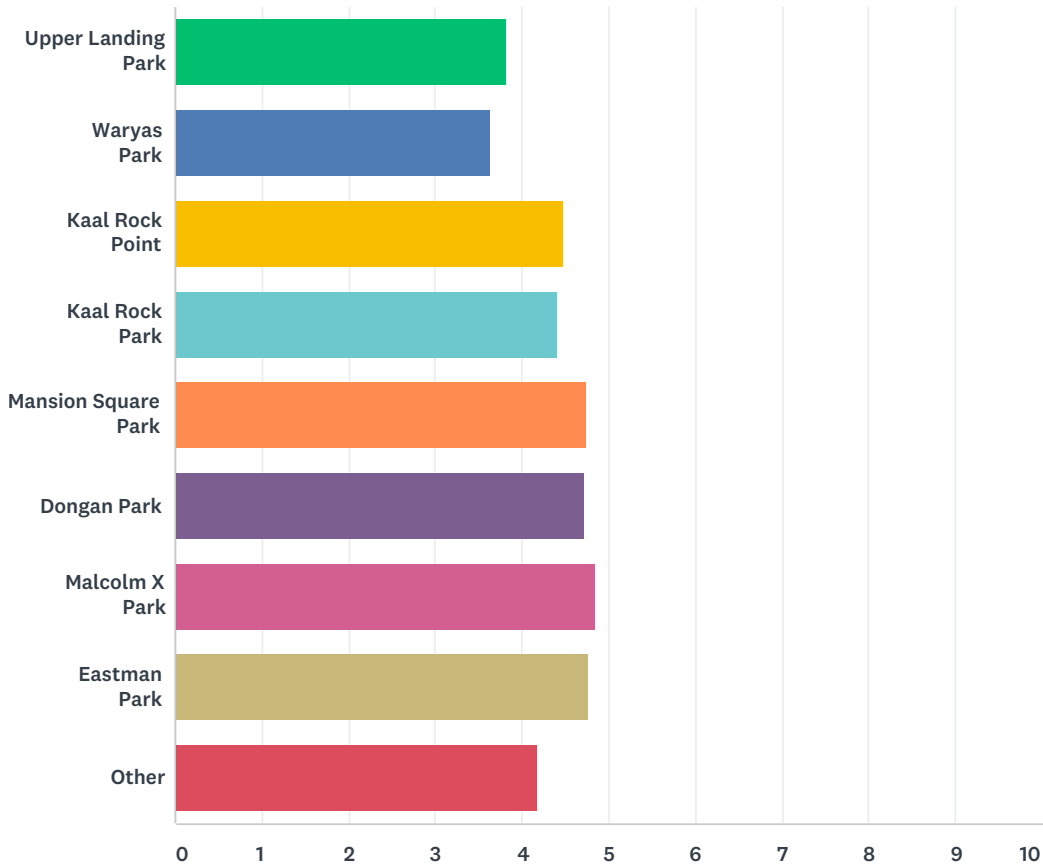
Answered: 425 Skipped: 180



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Fix walls | 62.12% | 264 |
| Improve drainage during flood events | 50.12% | 213 |
| Public access and opportunities to view/experience the Creek | 80.24% | 341 |
| Improved bicycle and pedestrian access to the Creek | 70.82% | 301 |
| Water quality improvements | 62.59% | 266 |
| Other (please specify) | 15.53% | 66 |
| Total Respondents: 425 | | |

Q15 How frequently do you use each of Poughkeepsie’s waterfront parks and recreational facilities?

Answered: 458 Skipped: 147



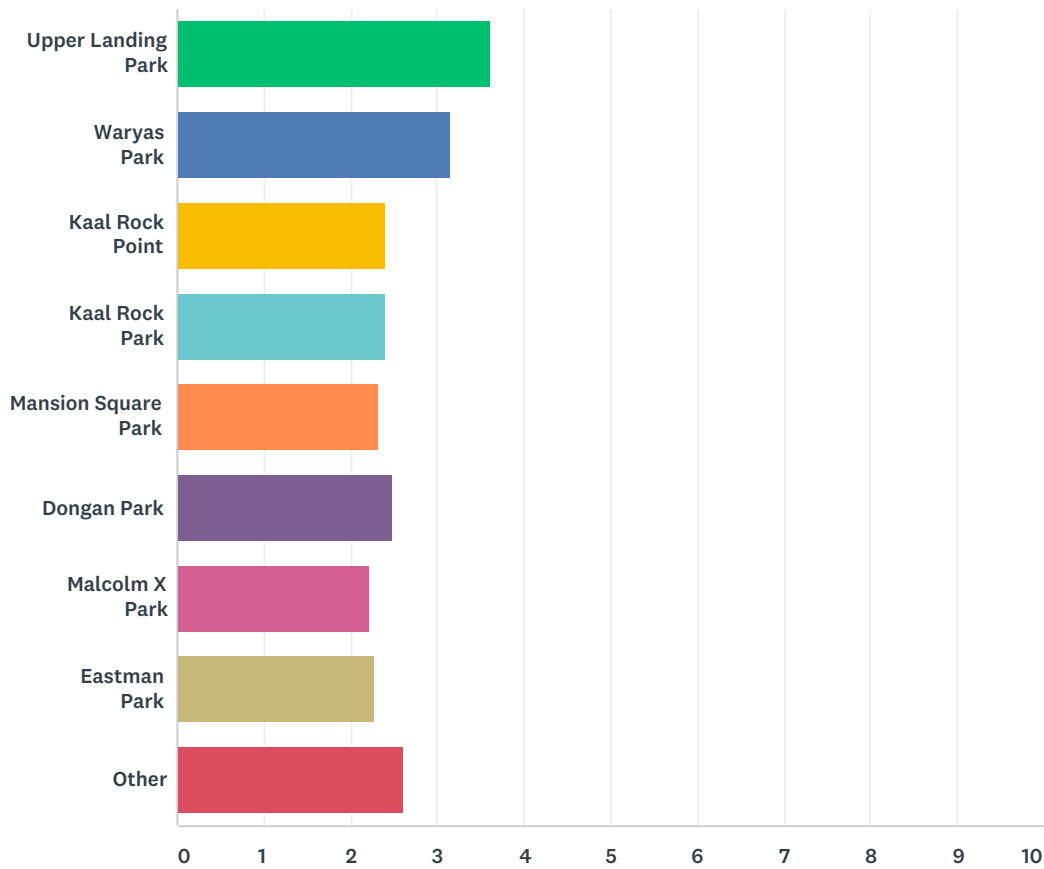
| | DAILY | WEEKLY | MONTHLY | A FEW TIMES A YEAR | RARELY OR NEVER | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| Upper Landing Park | 0.90% 4 | 10.76% 48 | 18.61% 83 | 45.07% 201 | 24.66% 110 | 446 | 3.82 |
| Waryas Park | 2.22% 10 | 13.30% 60 | 19.73% 89 | 48.12% 217 | 16.63% 75 | 451 | 3.64 |
| Kaal Rock Point | 0.68% 3 | 4.08% 18 | 6.35% 28 | 25.17% 111 | 63.72% 281 | 441 | 4.47 |
| Kaal Rock Park | 1.14% 5 | 4.55% 20 | 6.36% 28 | 26.59% 117 | 61.36% 270 | 440 | 4.42 |
| Mansion Square Park | 0.23% 1 | 0.68% 3 | 4.74% 21 | 12.42% 55 | 81.94% 363 | 443 | 4.75 |
| Dongan Park | 0.45% 2 | 2.04% 9 | 3.17% 14 | 13.15% 58 | 81.18% 358 | 441 | 4.73 |
| Malcolm X Park | 0.00% 0 | 0.68% 3 | 3.17% 14 | 6.33% 28 | 89.82% 397 | 442 | 4.85 |
| Eastman Park | 0.23% 1 | 1.58% 7 | 3.39% 15 | 11.74% 52 | 83.07% 368 | 443 | 4.76 |

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| Other | 3.87% | 9.03% | 9.68% | 20.00% | 57.42% | | |
| | 6 | 14 | 15 | 31 | 89 | 155 | 4.18 |

Q16 How would you rate each of Poughkeepsie’s parks and recreational facilities?

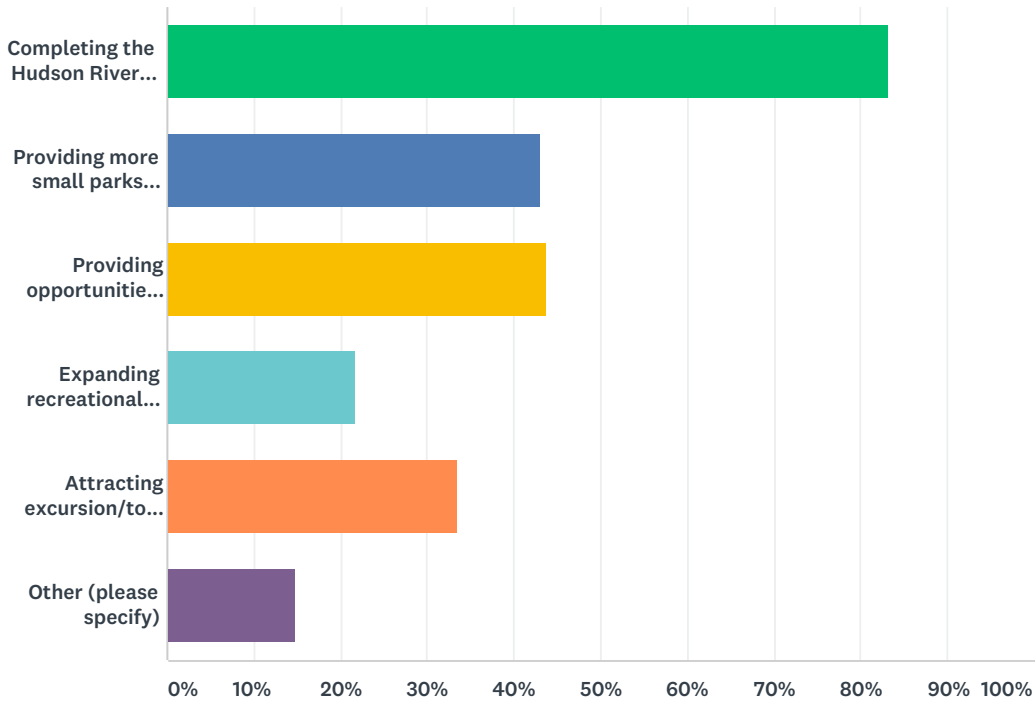
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| | POOR | FAIR | NEUTRAL | GOOD | EXCELLENT | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| Upper Landing Park | 7.87% 31 | 9.39% 37 | 22.84% 90 | 33.25% 131 | 26.65% 105 | 394 | 3.61 |
| Waryas Park | 8.39% 35 | 20.62% 86 | 24.22% 101 | 41.49% 173 | 5.28% 22 | 417 | 3.15 |
| Kaal Rock Point | 27.43% 93 | 20.06% 68 | 38.35% 130 | 12.98% 44 | 1.18% 4 | 339 | 2.40 |
| Kaal Rock Park | 26.09% 90 | 22.61% 78 | 36.23% 125 | 13.91% 48 | 1.16% 4 | 345 | 2.41 |
| Mansion Square Park | 29.00% 96 | 20.54% 68 | 39.27% 130 | 10.88% 36 | 0.30% 1 | 331 | 2.33 |
| Dongan Park | 21.97% 67 | 19.02% 58 | 47.21% 144 | 11.15% 34 | 0.66% 2 | 305 | 2.50 |
| Malcolm X Park | 34.64% 106 | 14.71% 45 | 46.08% 141 | 4.25% 13 | 0.33% 1 | 306 | 2.21 |
| Eastman Park | 30.60% 97 | 19.87% 63 | 40.38% 128 | 8.83% 28 | 0.32% 1 | 317 | 2.28 |
| Other | 23.53% 28 | 7.56% 9 | 57.14% 68 | 8.40% 10 | 3.36% 4 | 119 | 2.61 |

Q17 Which of the following are your top priorities for improving access to Poughkeepsie’s waterfront? Please select up to three.

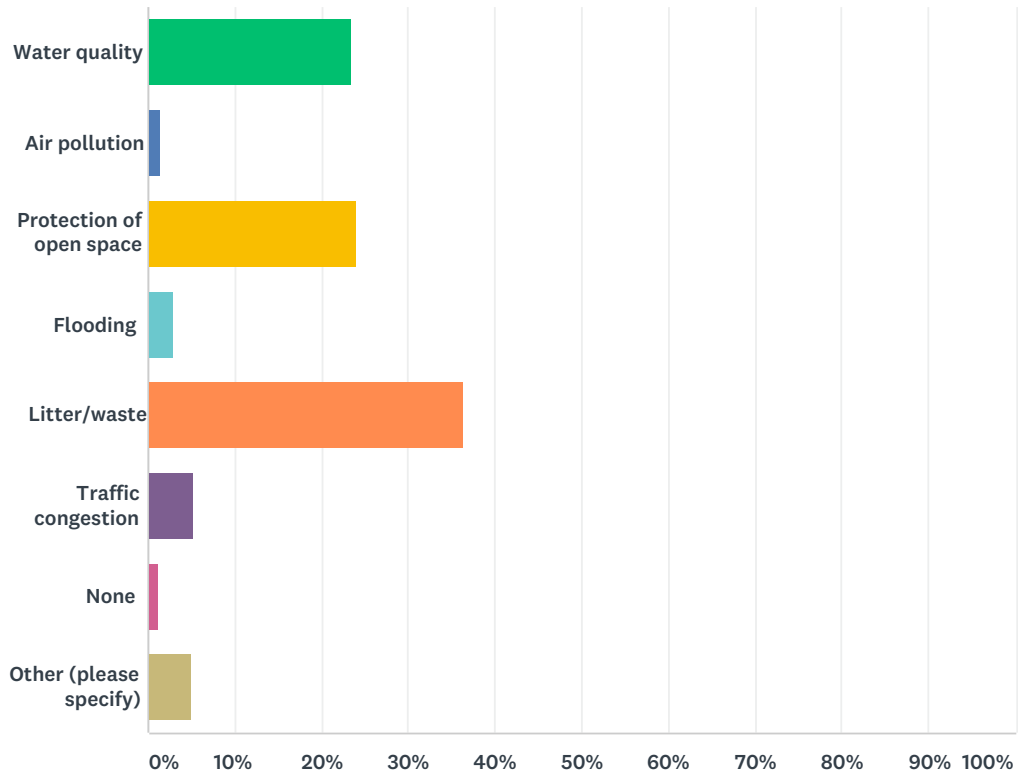
Answered: 464 Skipped: 141



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Completing the Hudson River waterfront trail. | 83.19% | 386 |
| Providing more small parks along the Fall Kill. | 43.10% | 200 |
| Providing opportunities to get down to the Fall Kill. | 43.75% | 203 |
| Expanding recreational boating opportunities. | 21.77% | 101 |
| Attracting excursion/tour boats to Poughkeepsie. | 33.41% | 155 |
| Other (please specify) | 14.87% | 69 |
| Total Respondents: 464 | | |

Q18 Which of the following do you think is the most important environmental issue in Poughkeepsie?

Answered: 456 Skipped: 149



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Water quality | 23.46% | 107 |
| Air pollution | 1.54% | 7 |
| Protection of open space | 24.12% | 110 |
| Flooding | 2.85% | 13 |
| Litter/waste | 36.40% | 166 |
| Traffic congestion | 5.26% | 24 |
| None | 1.32% | 6 |
| Other (please specify) | 5.04% | 23 |
| TOTAL | | 456 |

Q19 Are there areas in Poughkeepsie where you have experienced flooding? If so, please describe the location.

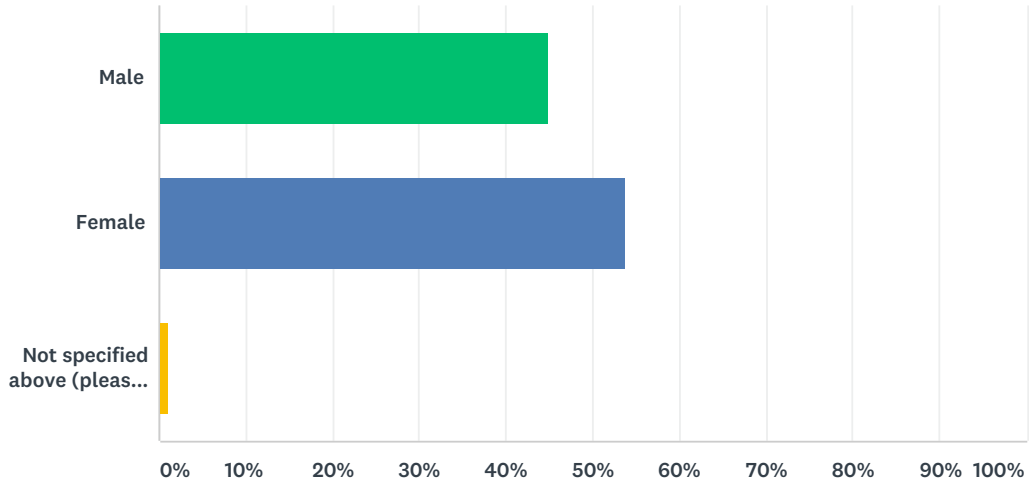
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Q20 Do you have any other comments or suggestions you wish the LWRP Working Group to consider?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 430

Q21 What is your gender?

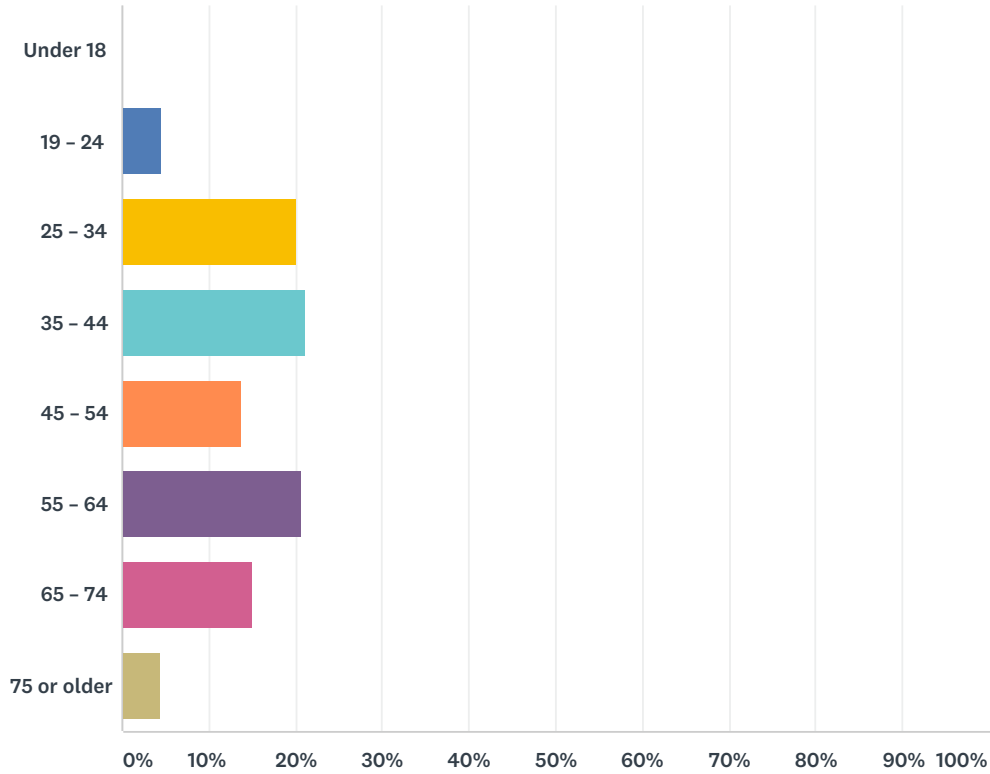
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Male | 45.07% | 201 |
| Female | 53.81% | 240 |
| Not specified above (please specify) | 1.12% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 446 |

Q22 What is your age?

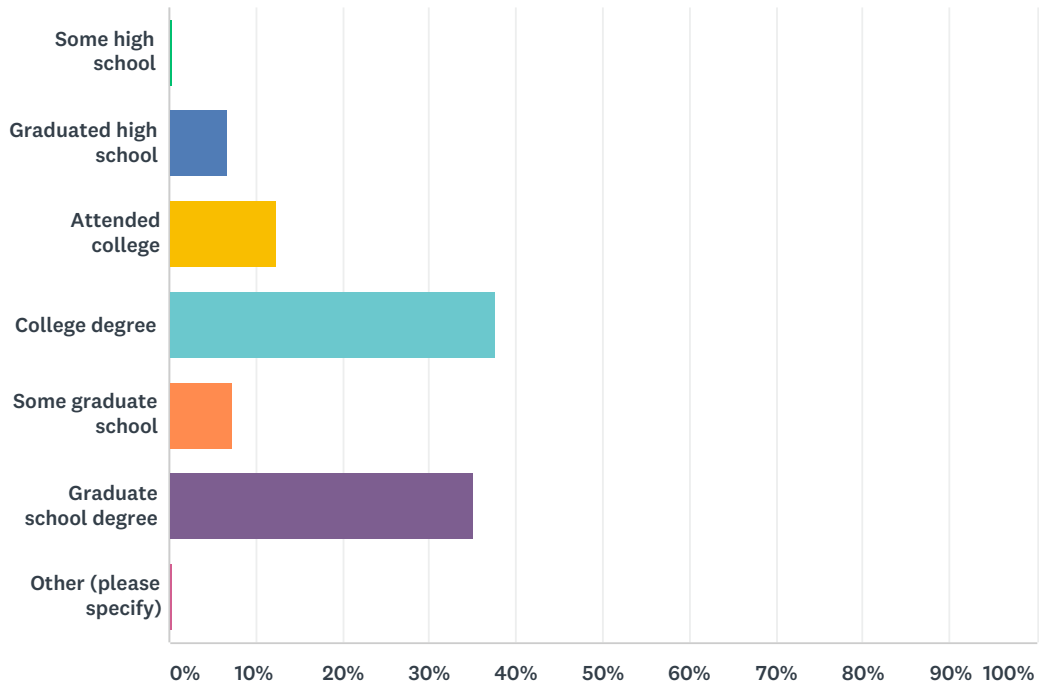
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------|------------|
| Under 18 | 0.23% 1 |
| 19 - 24 | 4.51% 20 |
| 25 - 34 | 20.09% 89 |
| 35 - 44 | 21.22% 94 |
| 45 - 54 | 13.77% 61 |
| 55 - 64 | 20.77% 92 |
| 65 - 74 | 15.12% 67 |
| 75 or older | 4.29% 19 |
| TOTAL | 443 |

Q23 What was the last level of formal education that you've completed?

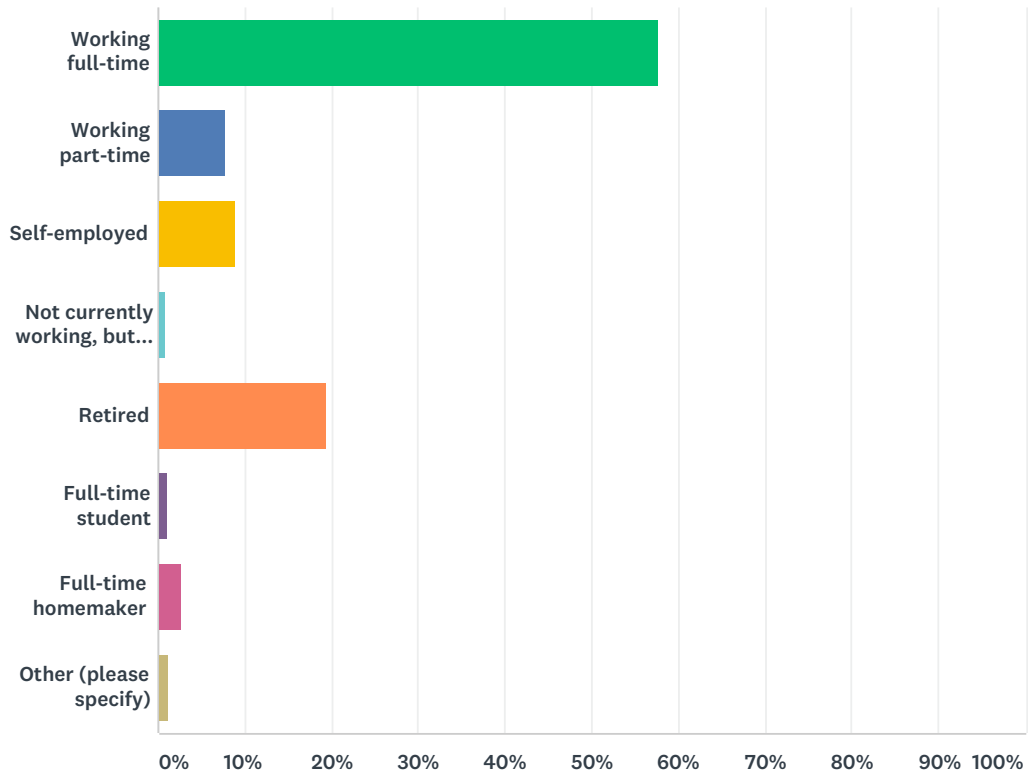
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Some high school | 0.45% | 2 |
| Graduated high school | 6.71% | 30 |
| Attended college | 12.30% | 55 |
| College degree | 37.58% | 168 |
| Some graduate school | 7.38% | 33 |
| Graduate school degree | 35.12% | 157 |
| Other (please specify) | 0.45% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 447 |

Q24 What is your current employment status?

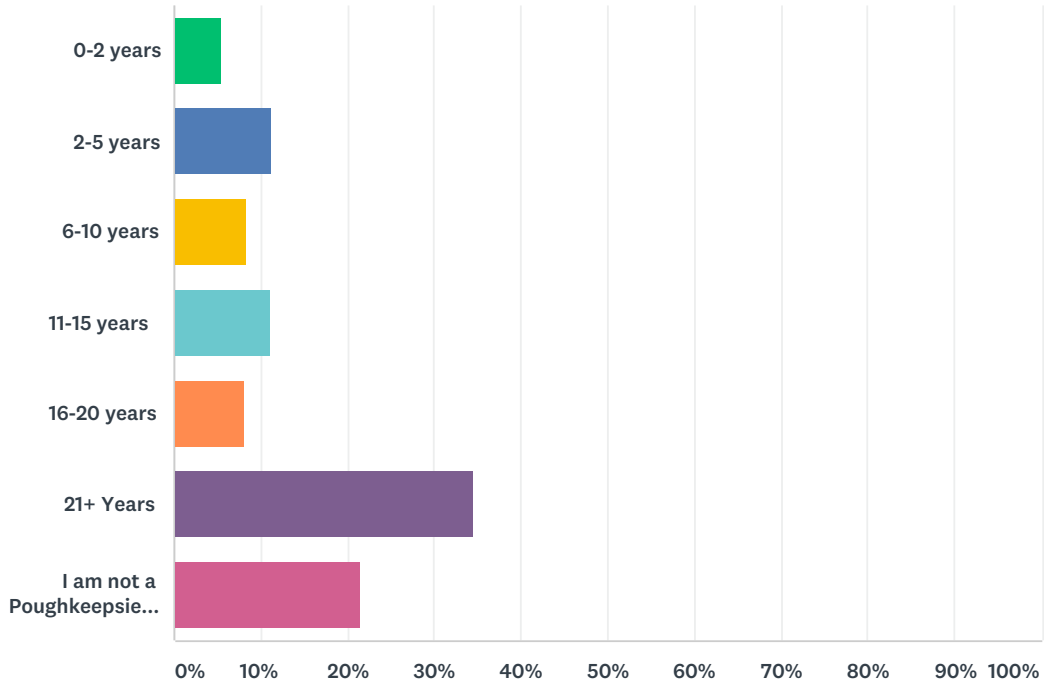
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Working full-time | 57.72% | 258 |
| Working part-time | 7.83% | 35 |
| Self-employed | 8.95% | 40 |
| Not currently working, but looking | 0.89% | 4 |
| Retired | 19.46% | 87 |
| Full-time student | 1.12% | 5 |
| Full-time homemaker | 2.68% | 12 |
| Other (please specify) | 1.34% | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 447 |

Q25 If you are a Poughkeepsie resident, how long have you lived here?

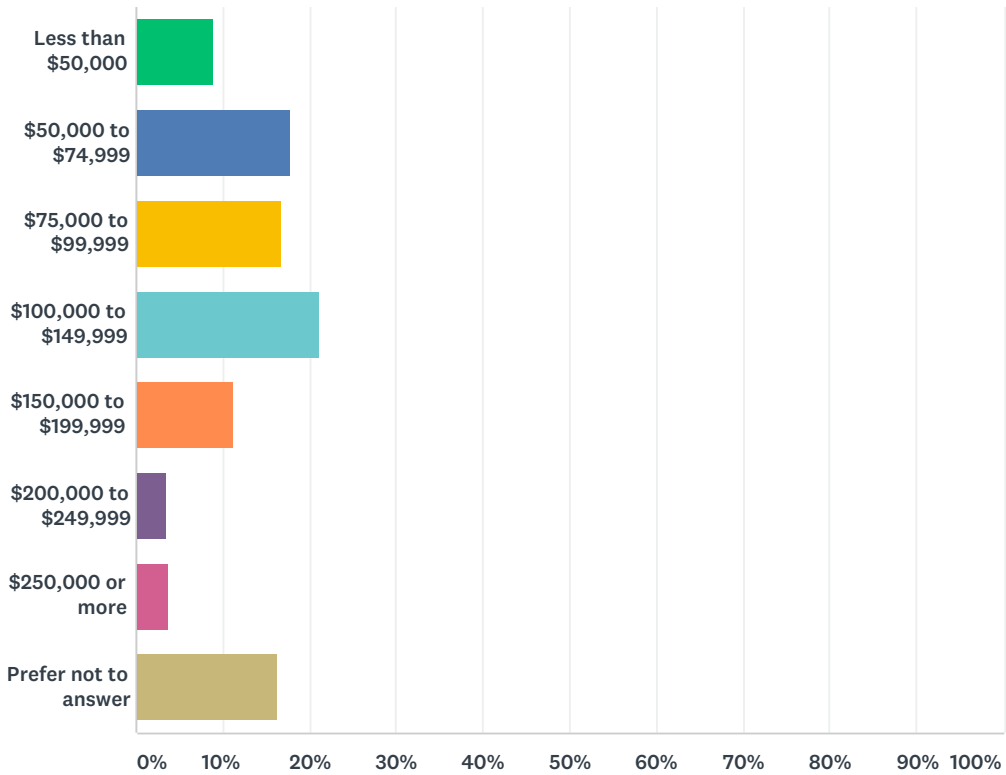
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 0-2 years | 5.38% | 24 |
| 2-5 years | 11.21% | 50 |
| 6-10 years | 8.30% | 37 |
| 11-15 years | 10.99% | 49 |
| 16-20 years | 8.07% | 36 |
| 21+ Years | 34.53% | 154 |
| I am not a Poughkeepsie resident | 21.52% | 96 |
| TOTAL | | 446 |

Q26 Which of the following best describes your annual household income?

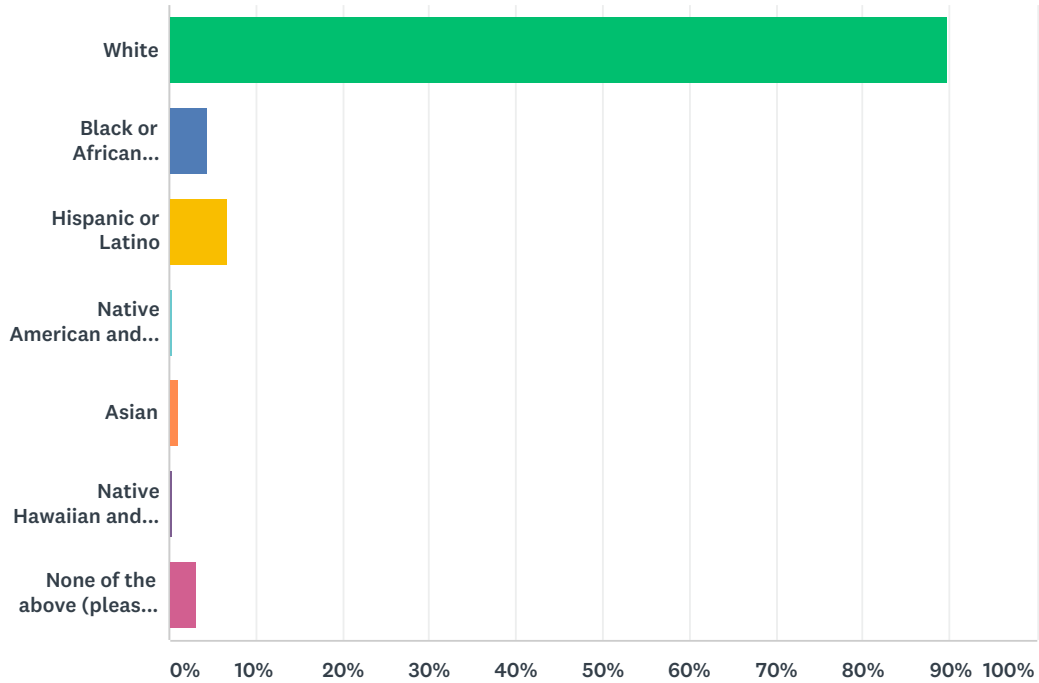
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Less than \$50,000 | 9.09% | 40 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 17.73% | 78 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 16.82% | 74 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 21.14% | 93 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 11.36% | 50 |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 3.64% | 16 |
| \$250,000 or more | 3.86% | 17 |
| Prefer not to answer | 16.36% | 72 |
| TOTAL | | 440 |

Q27 Which of the following best represents your racial or ethnic heritage?
Please select all that apply.

Answered: 435 Skipped: 170



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| White | 89.66% | 390 |
| Black or African American | 4.37% | 19 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 6.67% | 29 |
| Native American and Alaska Native | 0.46% | 2 |
| Asian | 1.15% | 5 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 0.46% | 2 |
| None of the above (please specify) | 3.22% | 14 |
| Total Respondents: 435 | | |