



Wilton Sand Hill Reservoir Survey Results

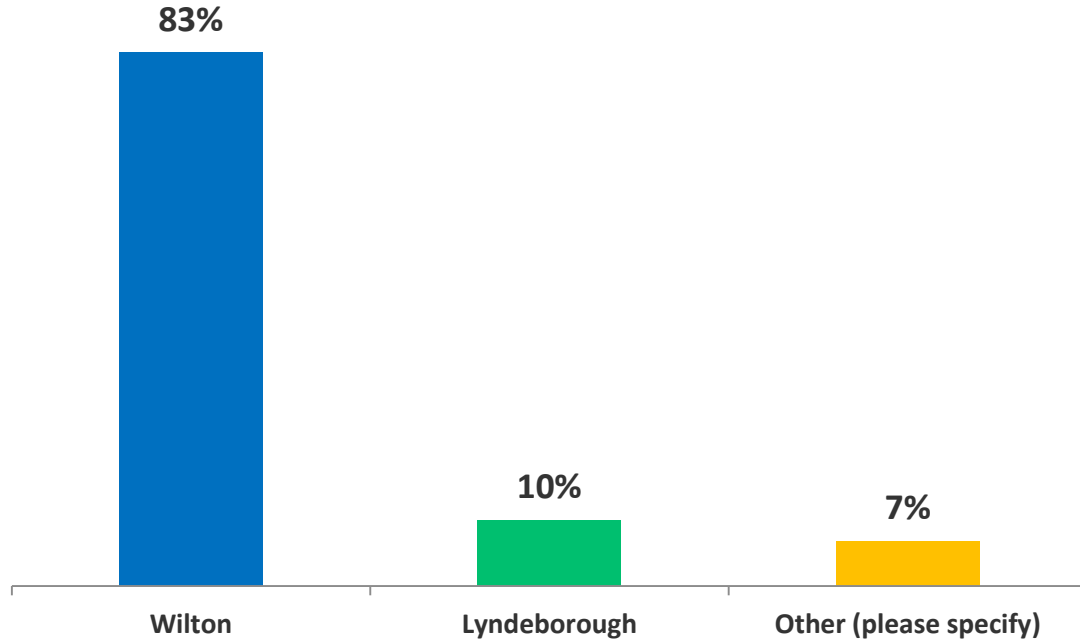
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Survey Process

- Anonymous 14-question online survey was conducted via Survey Monkey and ran for 18 days (October 15th – November 1st 2020).
 - Survey promotion:
 - Article on town website.
 - E-mail blast to Eco-Dev Interest List.
 - Multiple Facebook promotions on Town of Wilton page and three Wilton/Lyndeborough Community sites.
 - 361 responses
 - 83 responses came from the e-mail and the rest from Facebook or the website.
 - No problems reported.
 - 67 left names and e-mails for future volunteer opportunities.
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Q1: In which town do you currently reside? Please select one.

Answered: 361 Skipped: 0

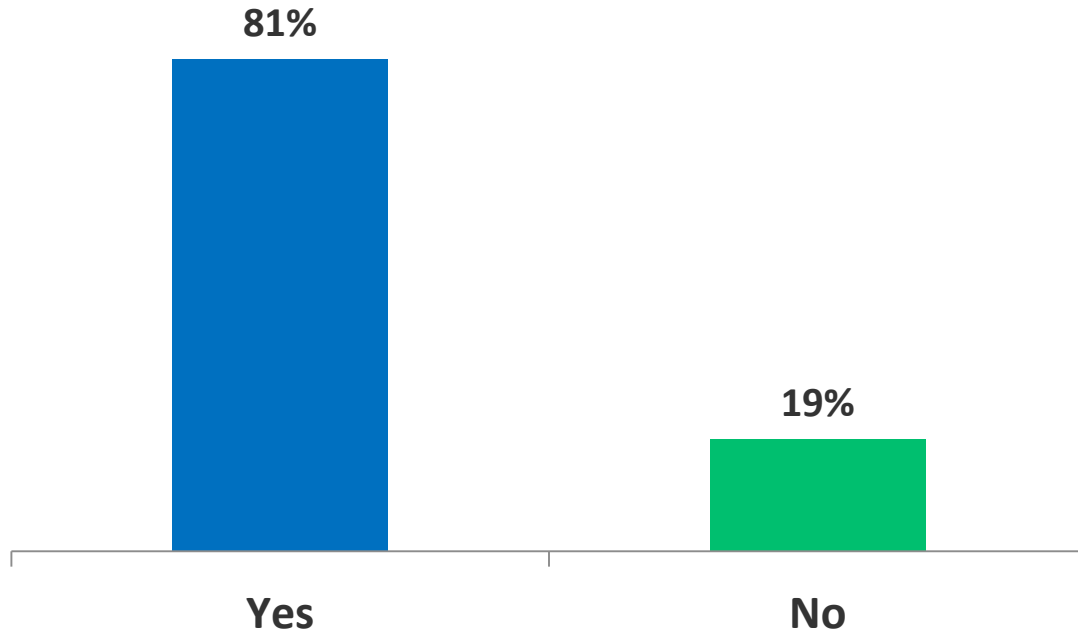


Q1: In which town do you currently reside? Please select one.

Other (please specify)					
Milford (7)					
Temple (2)					
Greenfield (2)					
Am a Wilton property owner and abutter to the property					
Past, and hopefully future, resident of Lyndeborough, but not currently.					
You dont need that info					
Kingston, NY but grew up in Wilton and parents still live there					
Visit family in town					
Own a house in Wilton and rent in Lyndeborough					
Mont Vernon					
Hillsborough					
Peterborough					
Former Wilton resident					
Cacapon, West Virginia					
Holderness					
Own rental property, pay taxes but live in Nashua					
Amherst					

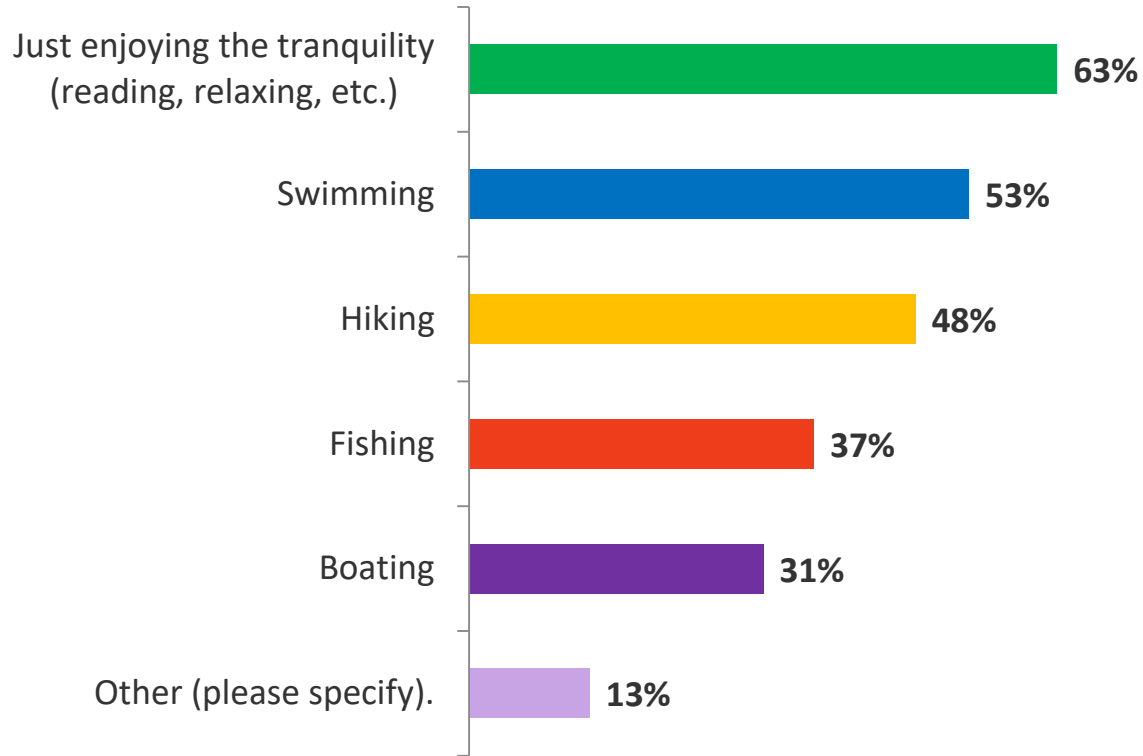
Q2: Have you visited the reservoir in the last two years?

Answered: 360 Skipped: 1



Q3: Which type activities at the reservoir have you participated in, or would like to in the future? Check all that apply.

Answered: 350 Skipped: 11

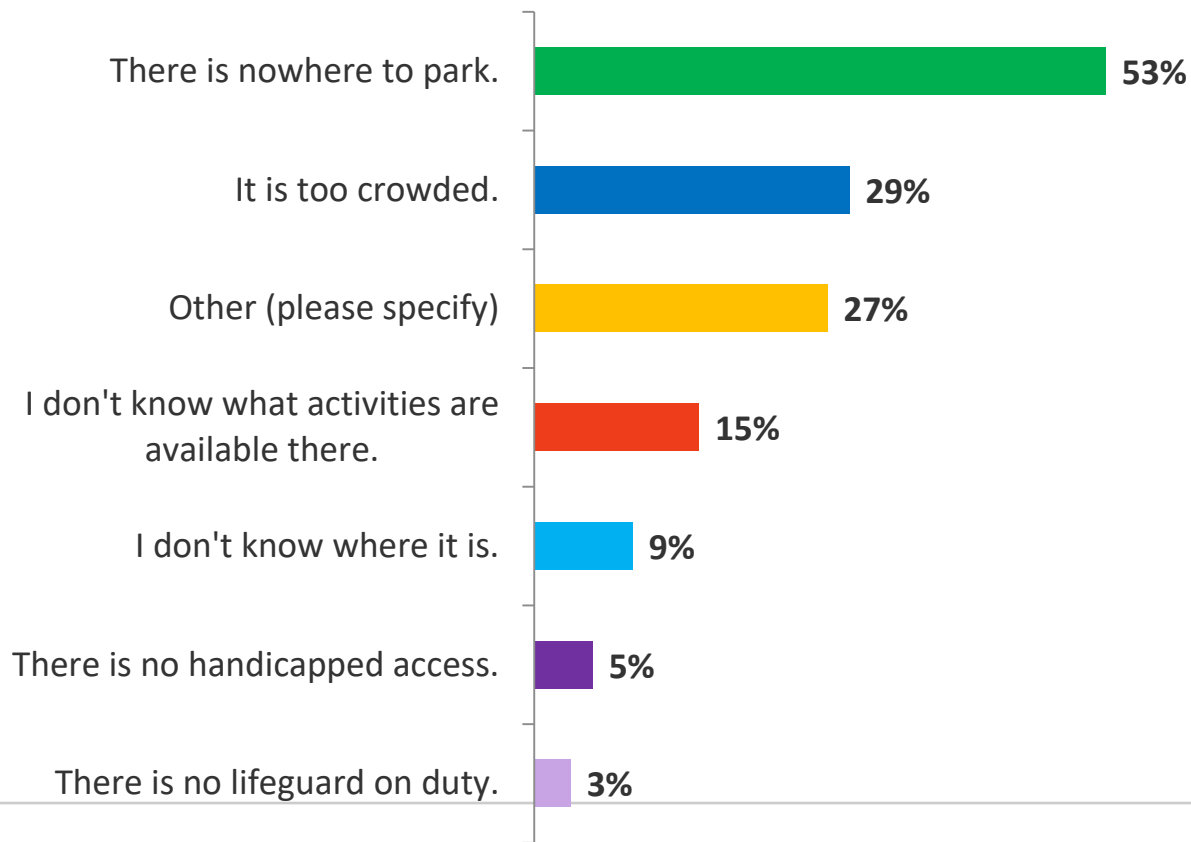


Q3: Which type activities at the reservoir have you participated in, or would like to in the future? (Other)

Dog walking or swimming (13)		
Birding/birdwatching/wildlife watching (4)		
Kayaking (4))		
Paddle Boarding (3)		
Snowmobiling (2)		
Photography (2)		
Picnicking (2)		
Ice skating (2)		
Walking or jogging (2)		
Looking at the scenery		
Ice fishing		
Just driving by		
horseback riding in the vicinity		
Emergency Services (2)		
I did a site walk with a Select Board member		

Q4: What are the obstacles to you enjoying the reservoir? Check all that apply.

Answered: 297 Skipped: 64

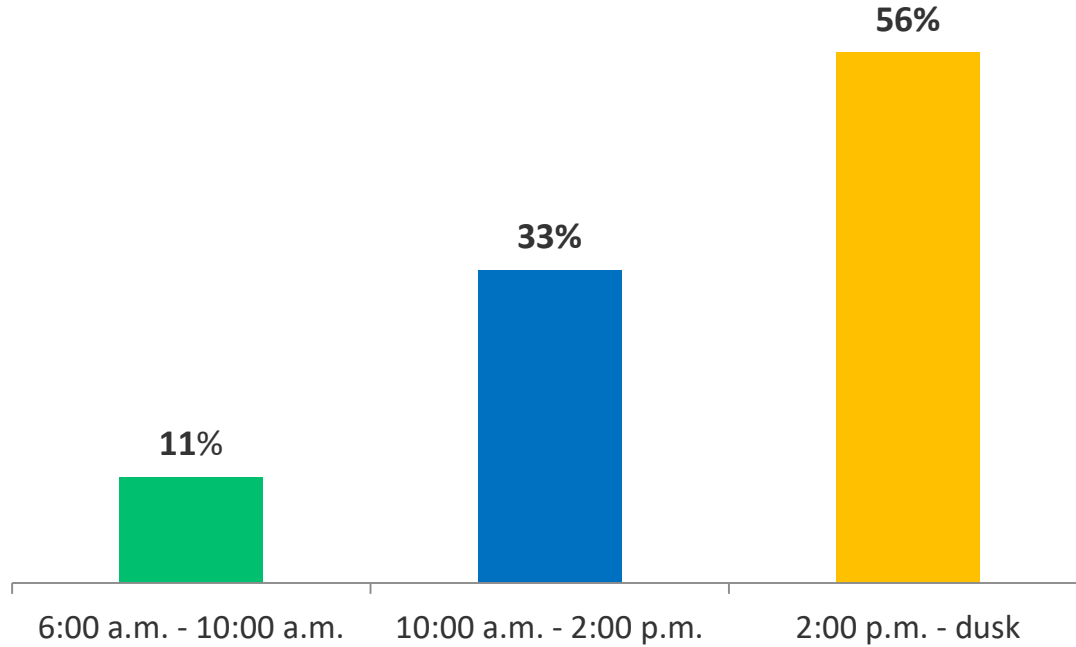


Q4: What are the obstacles to you enjoying the reservoir? Check all that apply.

80 “Other” responses are
detailed in separate spreadsheet

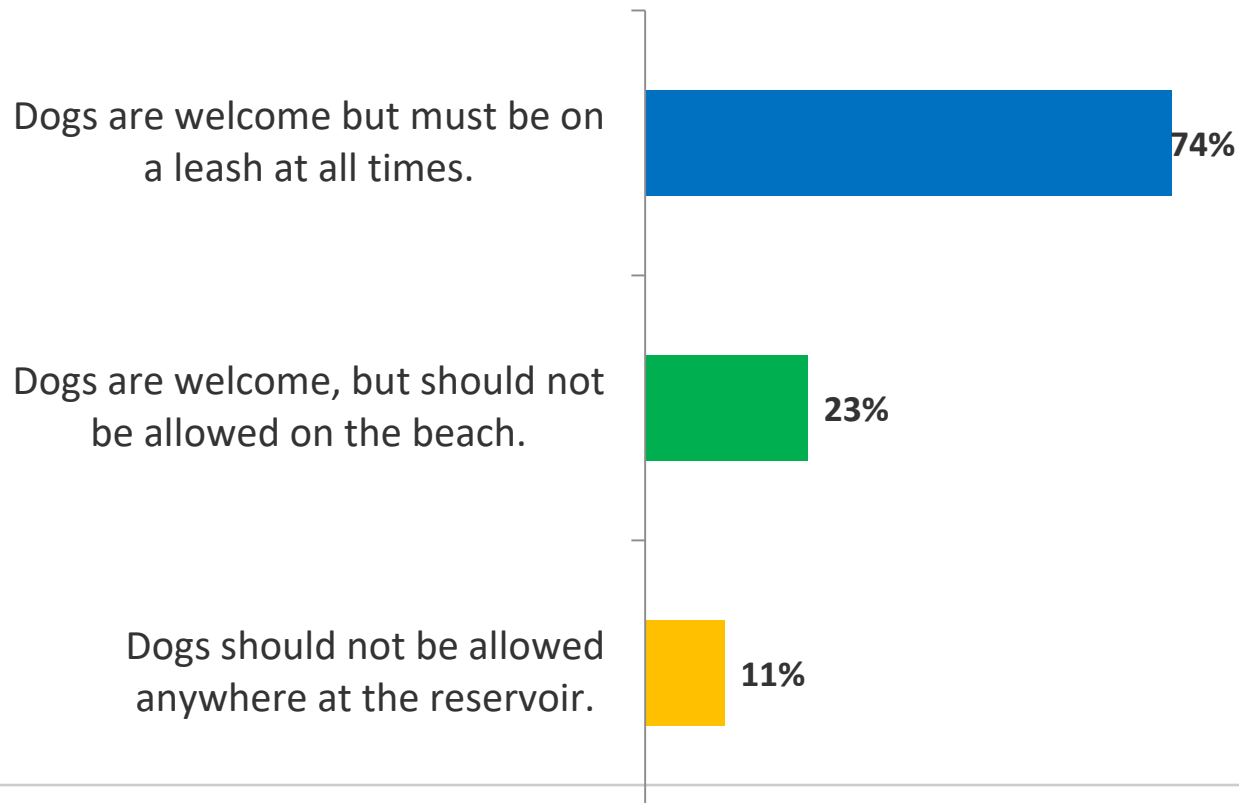
Q5: What times would you be most likely to visit the reservoir?

Answered: 349 Skipped: 12



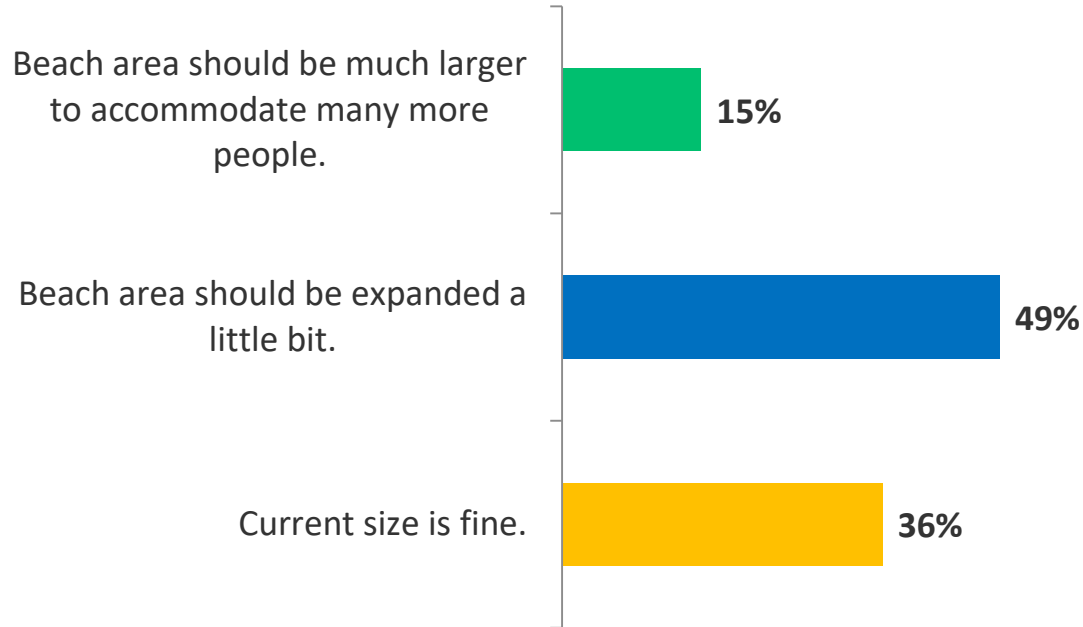
Q6: Please indicate your opinion on allowing dogs at the reservoir. Please check all that apply.

Answered: 323 Skipped: 38



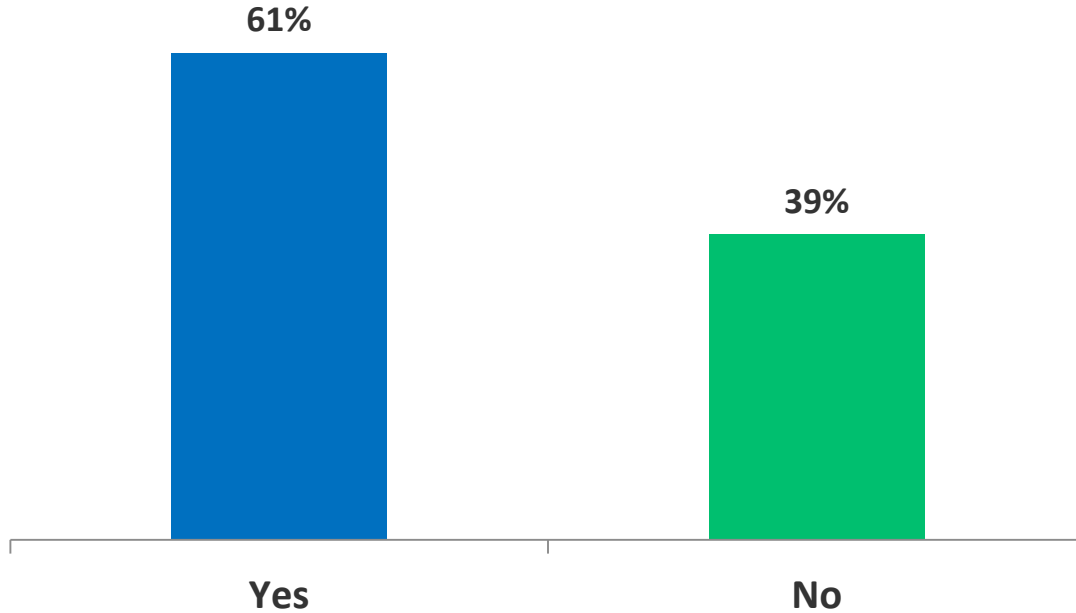
Q7: How large should the beach area be? Select one.

Answered: 336 Skipped: 25



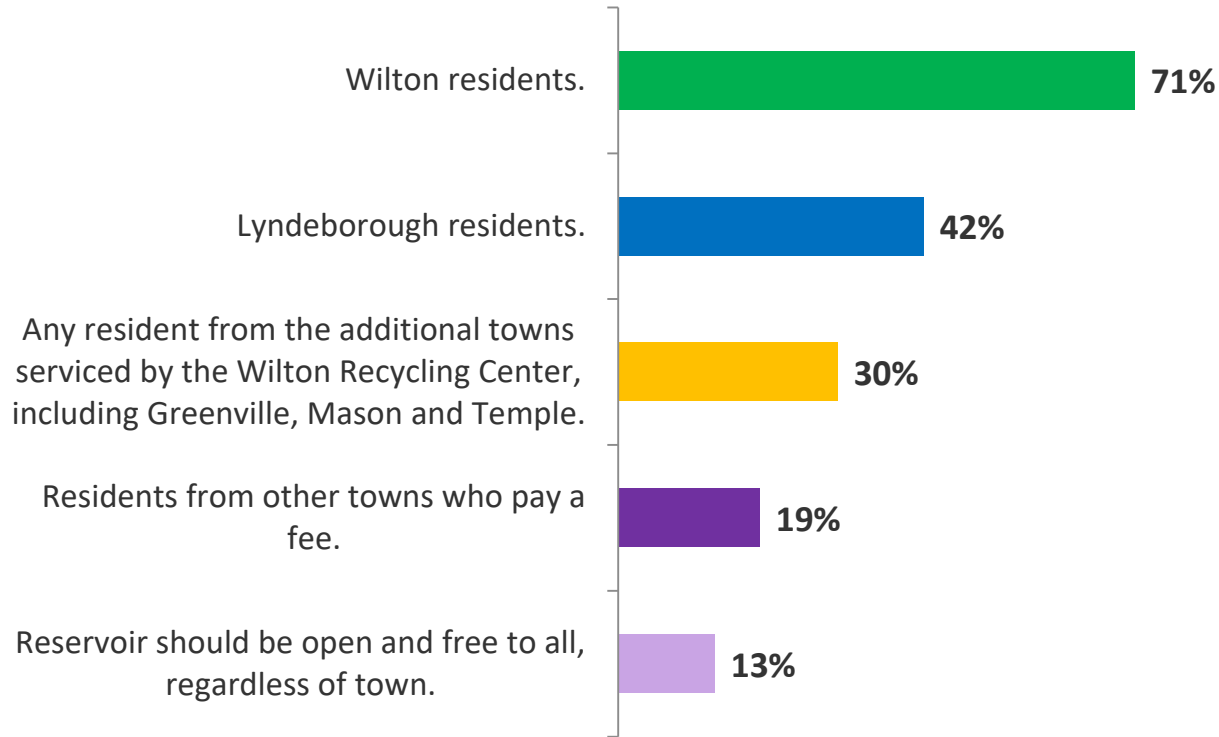
Q8: Do you think a porta-potty should be available at the reservoir?

Answered: 350 Skipped: 11



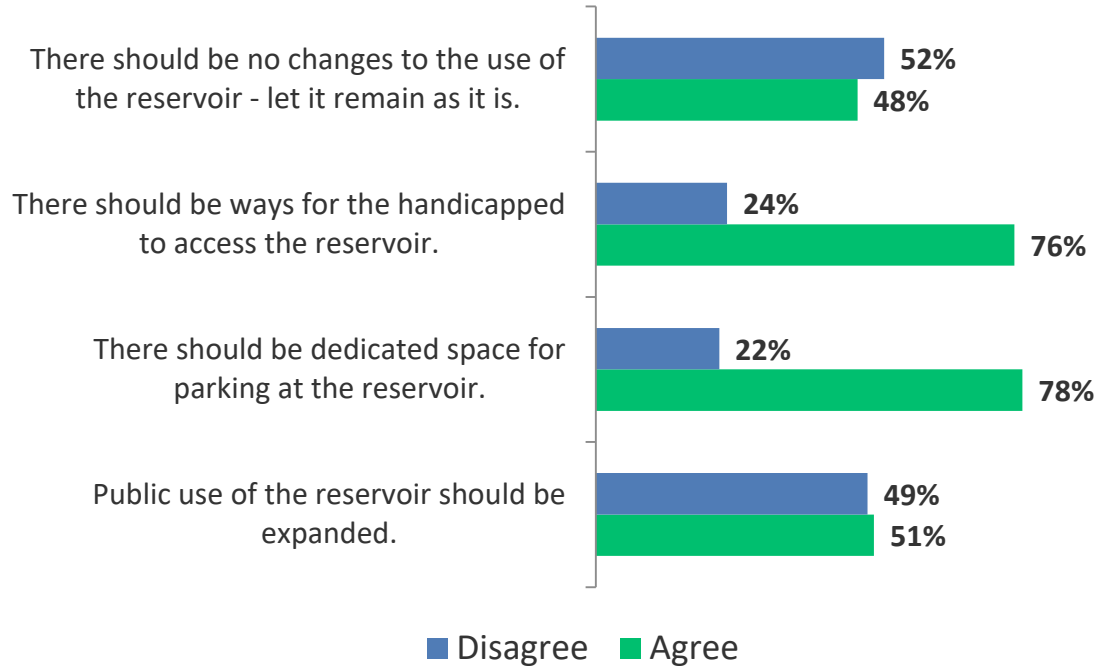
Q9: Who should be allowed to access the reservoir? Check all that apply.

Answered: 357 Skipped: 4



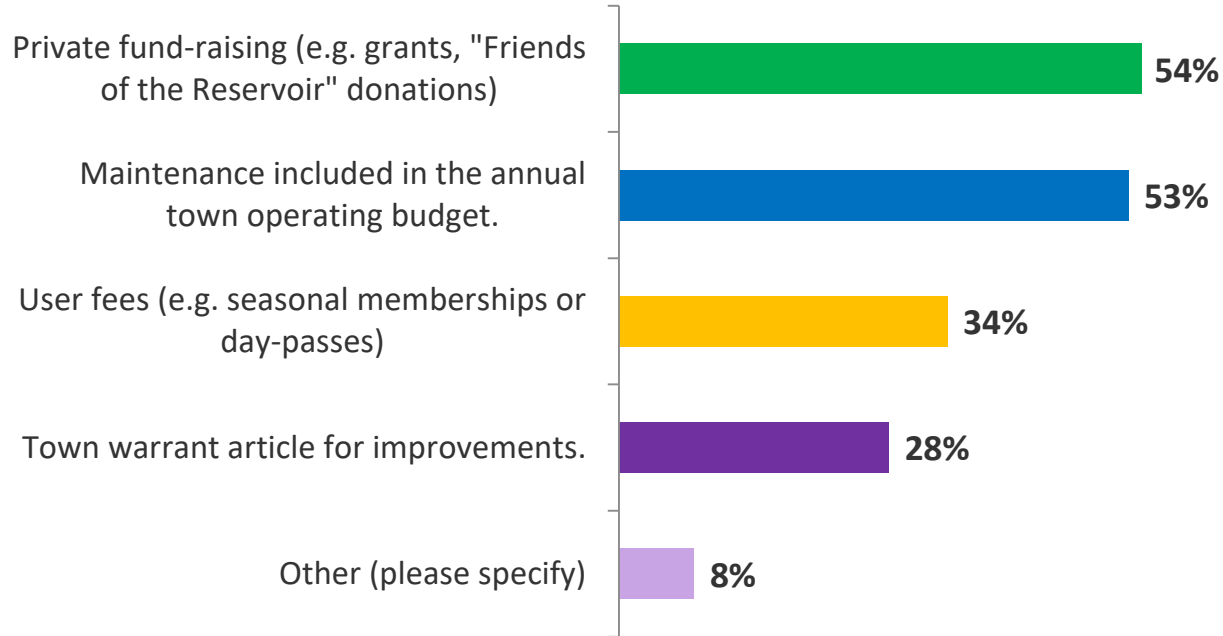
Q10: Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Answered: 359 Skipped: 2



Q11: How should any improvements and ongoing maintenance be funded? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 347 Skipped: 14

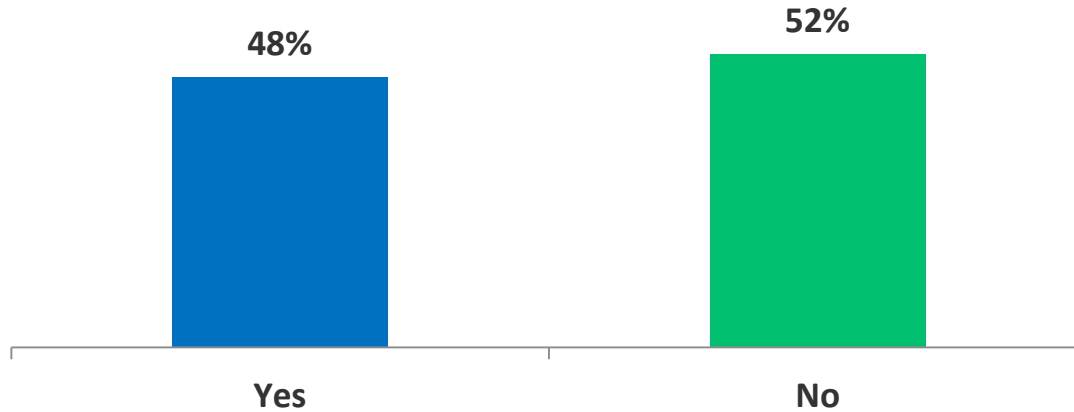


Q11: How should any improvements and ongoing maintenance be funded? (Other)

A combination of all of the above excluding at this time "User fees" due to lack of information - How much would it cost to manage user fees, how much would they be, who/which group would administer etc
Pay to play. Wilton residents only
should not fall only on Wilton residents.
Leave as is
No improvement it's fine the way it is.
leave it as is
No fees leave it, it is fine the way it is
no town funds should be used at a time when town services are being cut!!!
Nothing to maintain now....no reason to change it. It is way too small an area to be able to support the hoards of people who will invariably flood the area, necessitating police patrols and garbage clean-up. Seriously? Who wants this??? And how can you allow dogs but ban them from the water? (they can't swim if leashed,...)
Bring people in to shop local and consider a shuttle bus
Wilton pays the taxes Wilton should be the only one to use it
I feel there is minimal maintenance needed.
There should absolutely be no fees for families whose taxes are already being spent on this project - that would essentially be charging us twice to use town property, while non-residents only pay the single fee.
Add trash can so people don't litter
I would happily provide my services to help in any way that I can
Do not spend any tax paying dollars. Do not up keep it.
Please stop coming up with ways to waste tax payer money on the reservoir. It's fine the way it is!
Keep it as is won't need funding
conservation commission funding
Leave it alone and you will not need additional funds. Or better yet leave it alone and sell the foolish leaf blower that was mounted on a very expensive new town tractor driven by a town employee blowing leaves off of Wilson road while they were still falling. Then you will have a surplus!
Joy
Wilton residents taxes will end up paying for it so there should be no fee for them but a reasonable usage fee for non-residents as done at silver lake in Hollis
Curtis farm should be paying taxes for their business and should be increased to the proper property value as has been over evaluated on other residences
if transfer sticker is used from surrounding towns those towns will need to contribute
leave it alone and there'd be no reason to charge a fee
fund removal of the dam

Q12: Would you be interested in attending a walk of the property?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 21



Q13: If you would be willing to volunteer periodically as part of a labor team to mitigate cost to Wilton taxpayers, please provide your name and e-mail.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 288

Names and e-mail addresses are in a separate spreadsheet

Q14: Please provide below any further comments you have on the current or future use of the Sand Hill Reservoir.

Answered: 120 Skipped: 241

General comments are in a separate spreadsheet

BACKUP: Answers in Table Format

Q1: In which town do you currently reside? Please select one.

Answered: 361 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Wilton	82.83%	299
Lyndeborough	10.25%	37
Other (please specify)	6.93%	25
TOTAL		361

Q2: Have you visited the reservoir in the last two years?

Answered: 360 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.39%	293
No	18.61%	67
TOTAL		360

Q3: Which type activities at the reservoir have you participated in, or would like to in the future? Check all that apply.

Answered: 350 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming	53.43%	187
Boating	31.43%	110
Fishing	36.86%	129
Hiking	47.71%	167
Just enjoying the tranquility (reading, relaxing, etc.)	62.86%	220
Other (please specify).	12.86%	45
Total Respondents: 350		

Q4: What are the obstacles to you enjoying the reservoir? Check all that apply.

Answered: 297 Skipped: 64

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't know where it is.	9.09%	27
I don't know what activities are available there.	15.15%	45
It is too crowded.	28.96%	86
There is nowhere to park.	52.53%	156
There is no handicapped access.	5.39%	16
There is no lifeguard on duty.	3.37%	10
Other (please specify)	26.94%	80
Total Respondents: 297		

Q5: What times would you be most likely to visit the reservoir?

Answered: 349 Skipped: 12

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	11.17%	39
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	32.95%	115
2:00 p.m. - dusk	55.87%	195
TOTAL		349

Q6: Please indicate your opinion on allowing dogs at the reservoir. Please check all that apply.

Answered: 323 Skipped: 38

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash at all times.	73.99%	239
Dogs are welcome, but should not be allowed on the beach.	22.91%	74
Dogs should not be allowed anywhere at the reservoir.	11.15%	36
Total Respondents: 323		

Q7: How large should the beach area be? Select one.

Answered: 336 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Current size is fine.	35.71%	120
Beach area should be expanded a little bit.	48.81%	164
Beach area should be much larger to accommodate many more people.	15.48%	52
TOTAL		336

Q8: Do you think a porta-potty should be available at the reservoir?

Answered: 350 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.43%	215
No	38.57%	135
TOTAL		350

Q9: Who should be allowed to access the reservoir? Check all that apply.

Answered: 357 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Wilton residents.	70.59%	252
Lyndeborough residents.	41.74%	149
Any resident from the additional towns serviced by the Wilton Recycling Center, including Greenville, Mason and Temple.	29.97%	107
Residents from other towns who pay a fee.	19.33%	69
Reservoir should be open and free to all, regardless of town.	13.17%	47
Total Respondents: 357		

Q10: Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Answered: 359 Skipped: 2

	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Public use of the reservoir should be expanded.	50.58% 174	49.42% 170	344
There should be dedicated space for parking at the reservoir.	77.56% 273	22.44% 79	352
There should be ways for the handicapped to access the reservoir.	76.13% 252	23.87% 79	331
There should be no changes to the use of the reservoir - let it remain as it is.	47.58% 157	52.42% 173	330

Q11: How should any improvements and ongoing maintenance be funded? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 347 Skipped: 14

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
User fees (e.g. seasonal memberships or day-passes)	34.01%	118
Town warrant article for improvements.	27.95%	97
Maintenance included in the annual town operating budget.	52.74%	183
Private fund-raising (e.g. grants, "Friends of the Reservoir" donations)	54.18%	188
Other (please specify)	7.78%	27
Total Respondents: 347		

Q12: Would you be interested in attending a walk of the property?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.94%	163
No	52.06%	177
TOTAL		340
