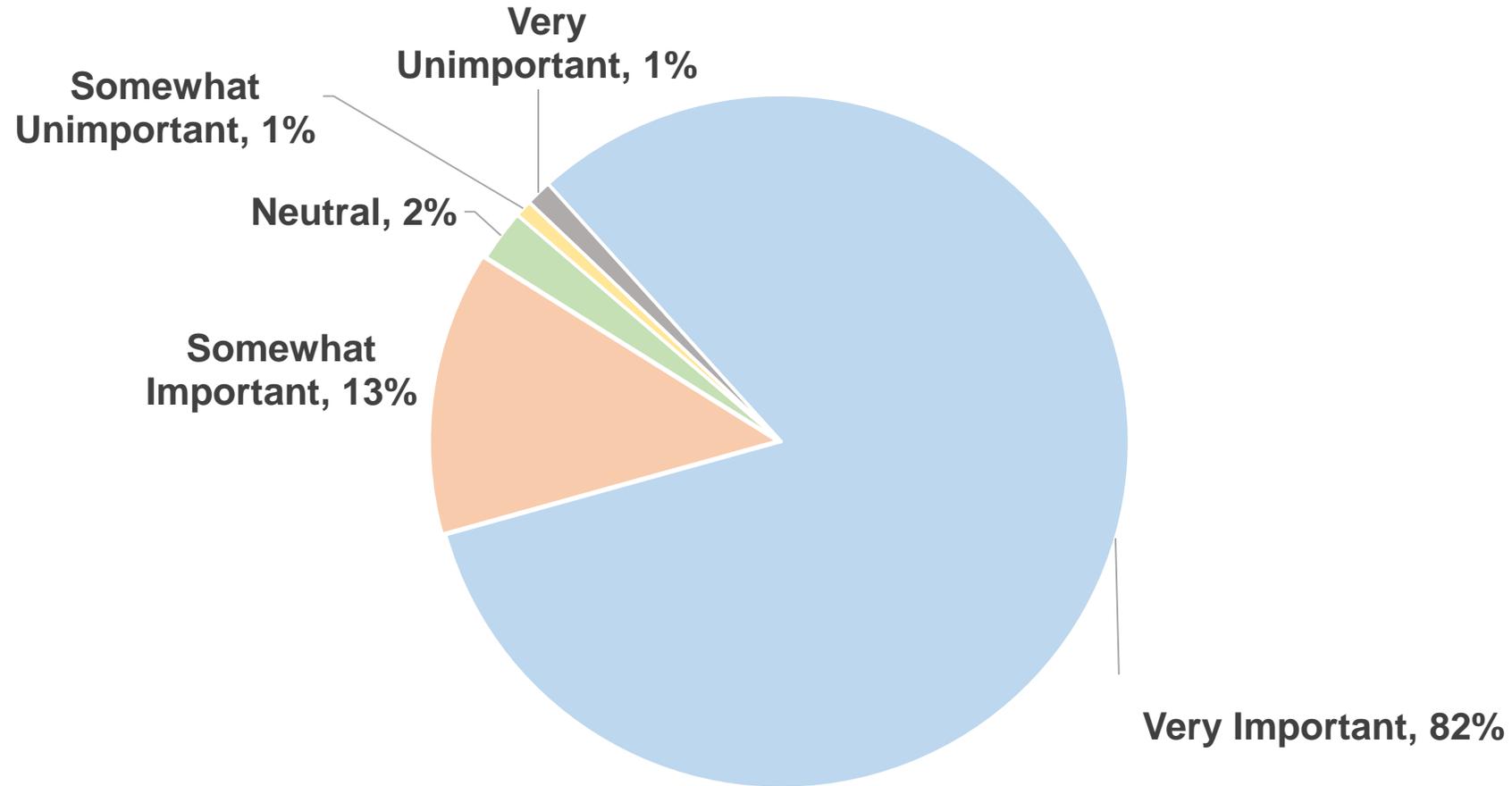


Boylston Open Space & Recreation Plan: Results of the Community Survey 2020

290 responses (6.5% Boylston population)



How important is it to you that open space and natural areas in Boylston are preserved?



Top reasons for the Town to acquire and/or preserve open space:

1. Preserve rural character of the town (70%)
2. Protect wildlife habitats of flora and fauna (69%)
3. Protect water quality & water resources (64%)
4. Provide areas for passive recreation (61%)
5. Manage residential growth (58%)
6. Provide active recreational facilities (36%)
7. Provide egress to existing conservation land (32%)
8. Preserve unique scenic areas (31%)
9. Preserve existing agricultural land (25%)
10. Preserve historic assets (22%)
11. Provide boat ramps and access to water bodies (9%)
12. Facilitate the development of additional affordable housing (6%)
13. Provide areas for hunting (5%)

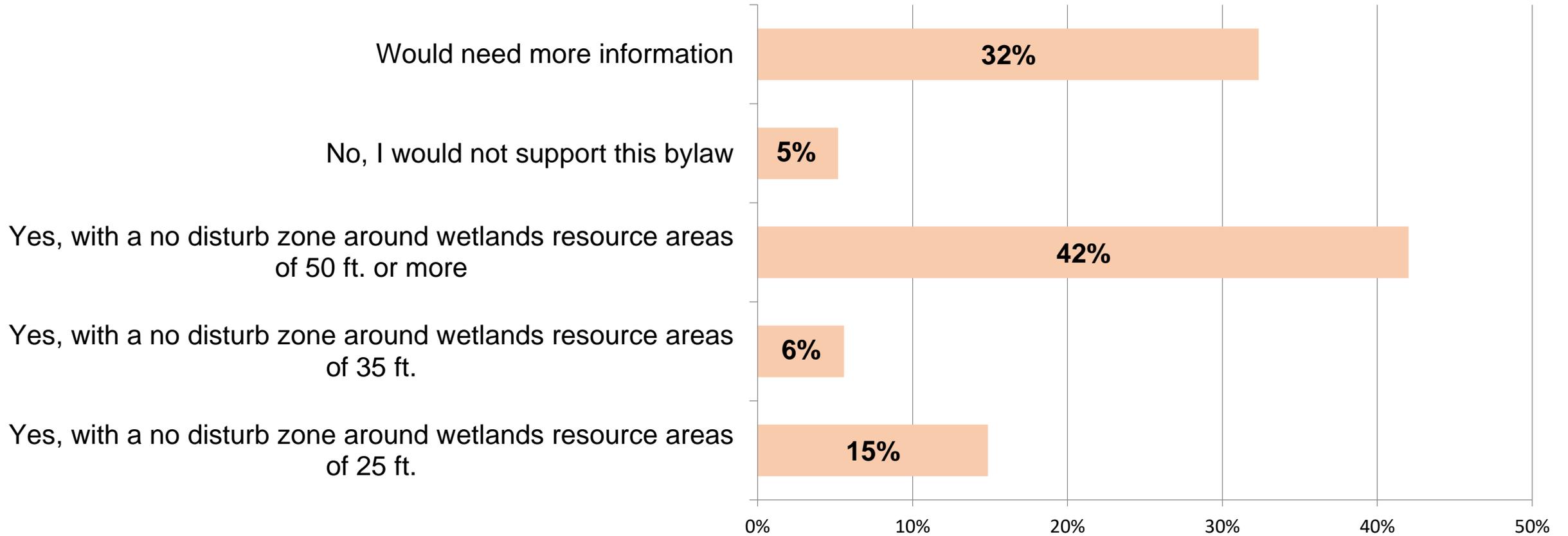
Which of the following recreational activities or amenities do you feel the Town of Boylston needs more of?

If it is needed, please indicate whether you are willing to pay more taxes in order for the Town to provide it.

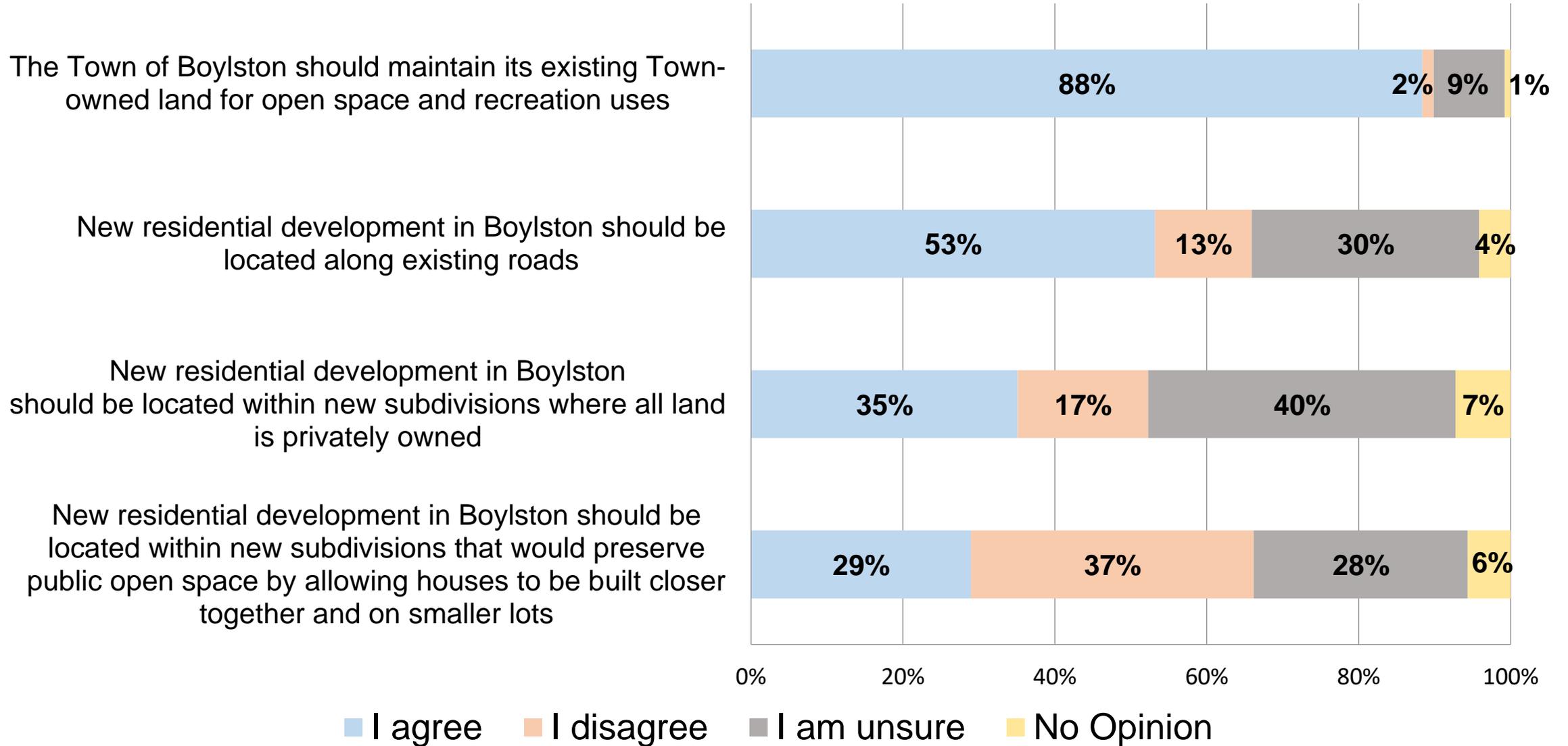
	Needs AND I am willing to pay more taxes
Increased general maintenance of existing fields, courts, and landscape	45%
Hiking / walking / running trails	38%
Sidewalks	37%
Community recreation center	33%
Public access to water bodies for swimming, boating, or fishing	33%
Bike trails	31%
Safe bike lanes on existing roads	31%
Outdoor / indoor swimming	30%
Spray or splash park	25%
Playgrounds and children's play equipment	24%
Trail markings	23%
Indoor sports recreation facilities	23%
Dog park	23%
Outdoor team playing fields / courts	20%
Snow shoeing / cross-country skiing trails	19%
Picnic areas	19%
Community gardens	18%
Ice skating	16%
Outdoor amphitheater or performance space	14%
Tennis courts	12%
Skate park	10%
Lawn games (i.e. horseshoes, shuffleboard, bocce)	10%
Snowmobile / 4-wheeling / ATV trails	7%
Disc golf / frisbee golf course	5%
Horseback riding trails	4%
Hunting areas	3%

In order to preserve open spaces in Boylston, would you be willing to:	Yes	No	No Opinion/ Unsure
Support a requirement for all new residential developments to include conservation/open space areas?	91%	3%	5%
Vote to allocate town funds to acquire or otherwise conserve more open space?	84%	11%	5%
Favor zoning that provides for increases in density in existing developed areas in exchange for open space in less developed or environmentally sensitive areas?	49%	36%	15%
Consider allowing an easement (i.e. public access or development restriction) on a portion of your property in order to add to existing open spaces or connect to open spaces (e.g. to access a hiking trail or extend a bike path)?	15%	46%	17%

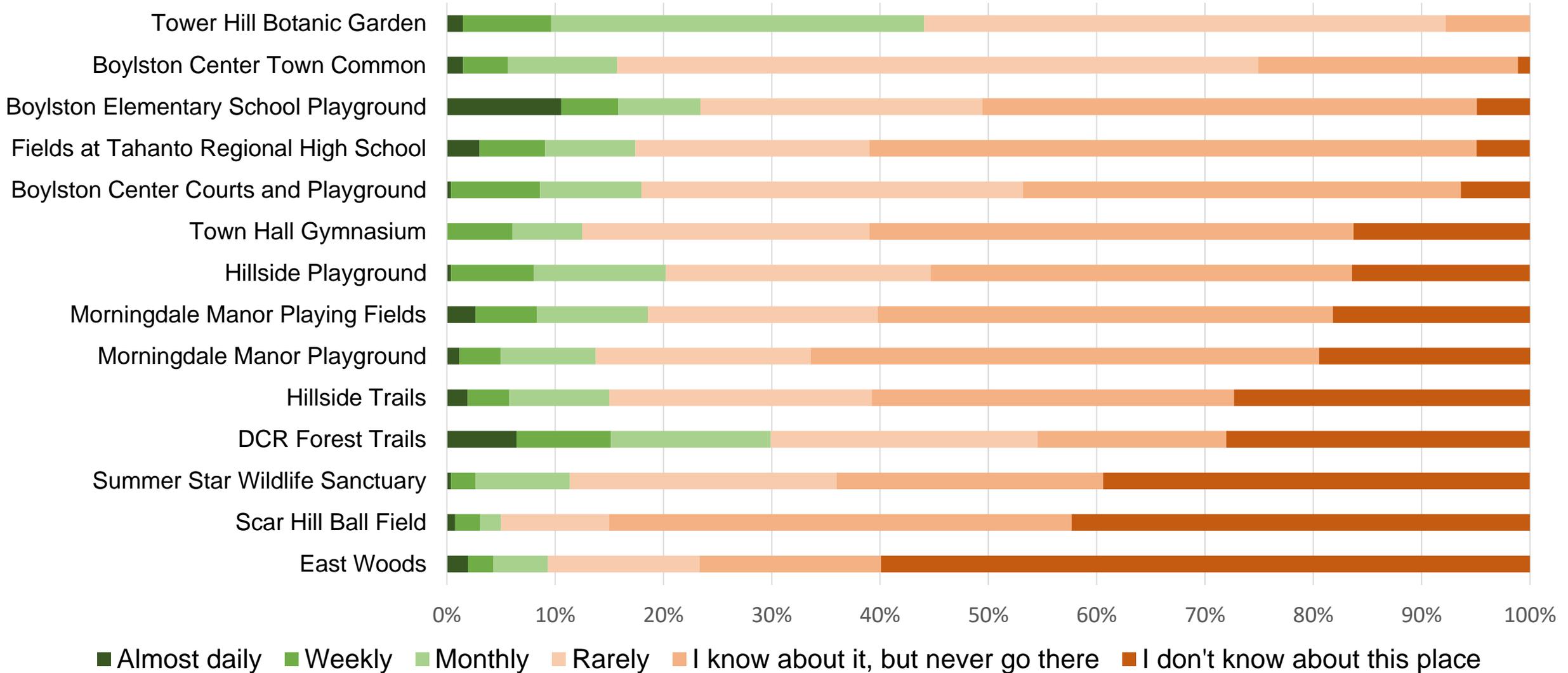
Would you support the Town of Boylston establishing a Wetlands Bylaw to limit development activities adjacent to any wetlands resource area?



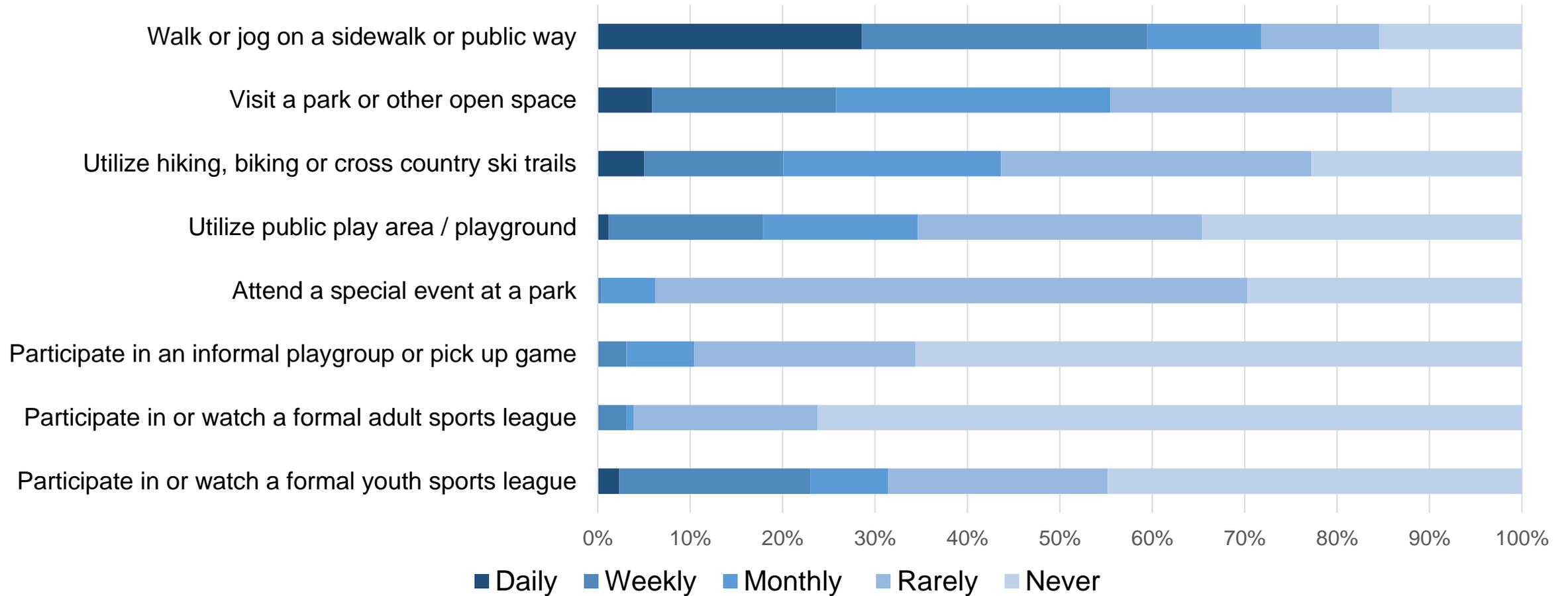
Please select if you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding land use in Boylston:



How often do you use the following recreation or open space areas in Boylston?



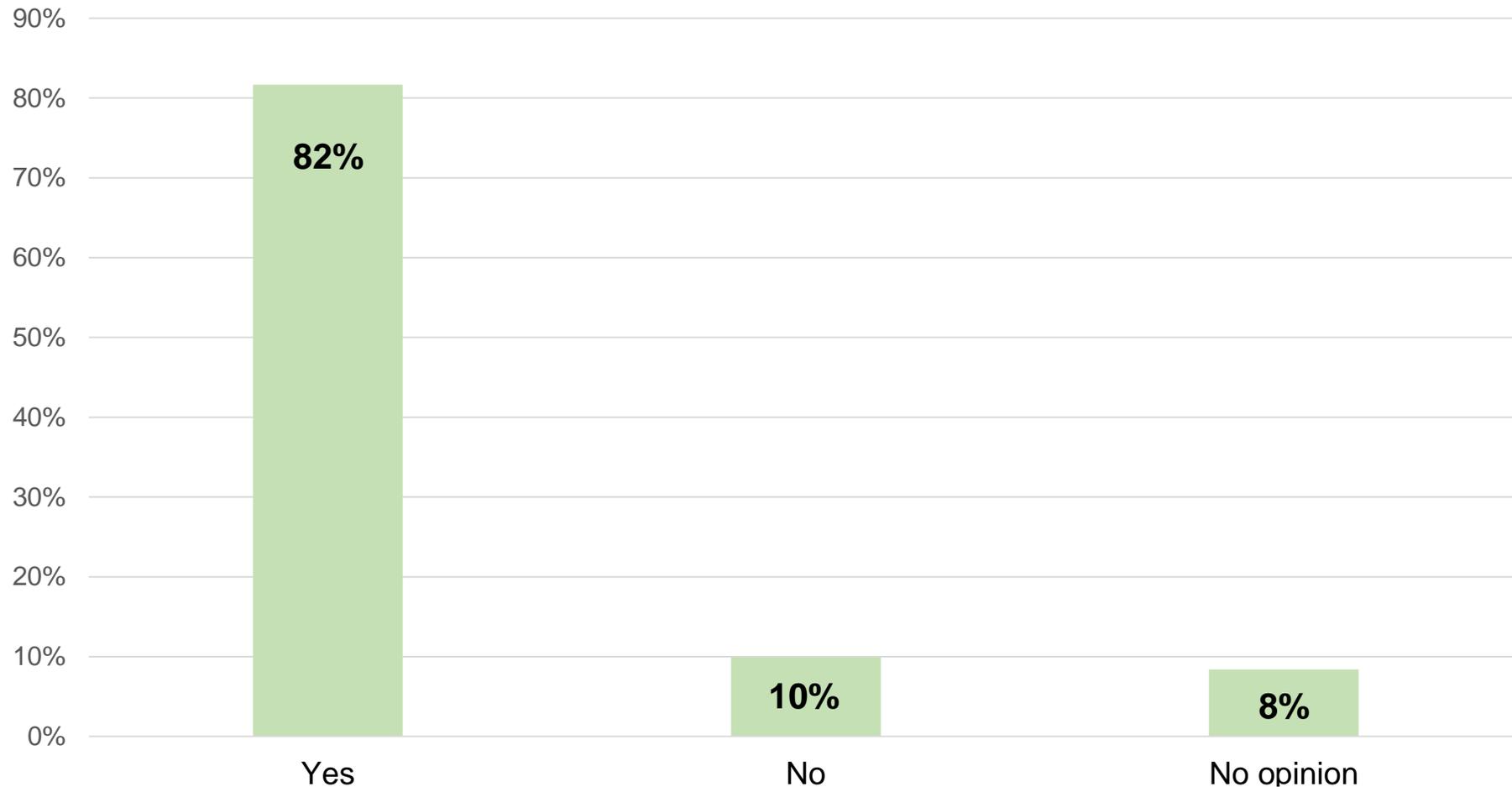
How often do you go to a park or other open space in Boylston to...



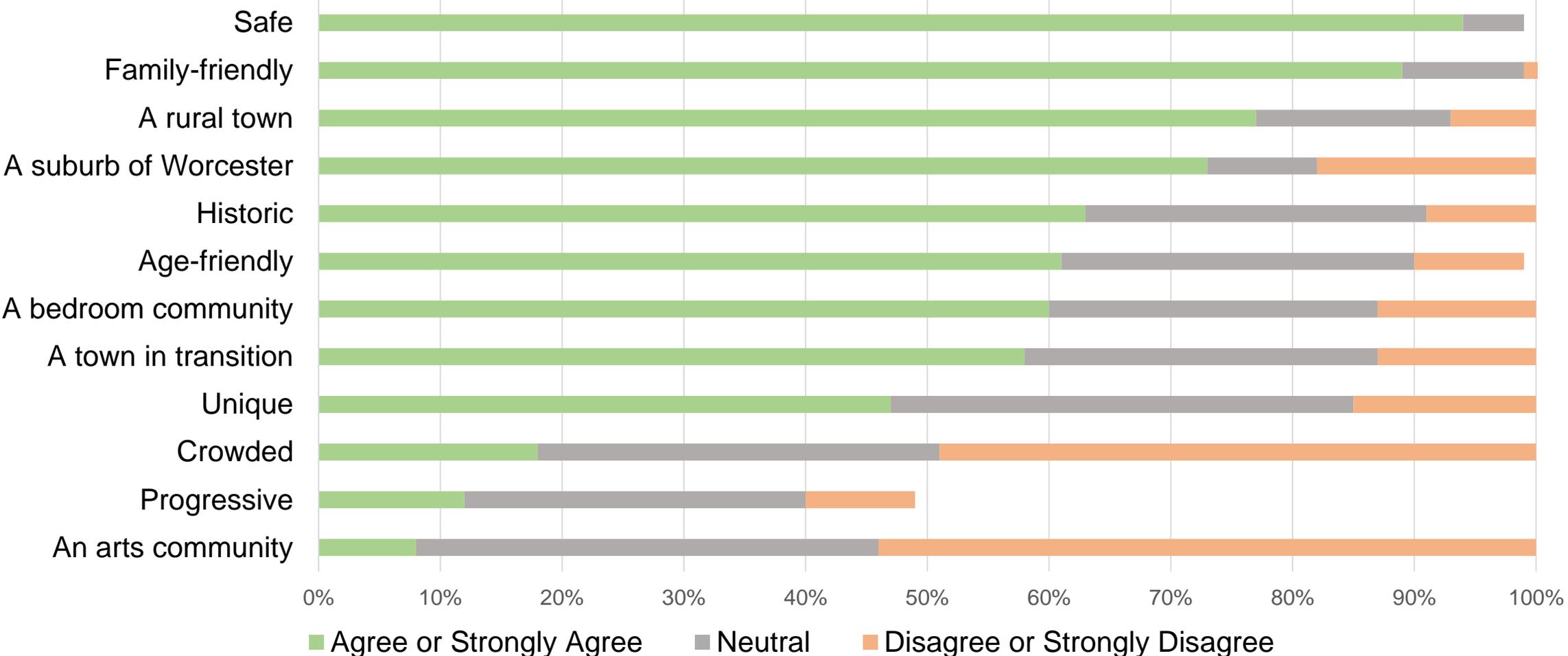
What should our Town's priorities for expenditures for open space and recreation be? Please choose your top 3 priorities.

Acquiring conservation lands for passive recreation use (e.g., trails)	56%
Expanding connections for walking (e.g. sidewalks, connecting trails)	56%
Improving passive recreation opportunities on existing conservation land	52%
Expanding connections for biking (e.g. off-road paths, on-road lanes, and rail trails)	41%
Improvements to existing athletic fields	31%
Acquiring land for new public active recreation areas	27%
Expanding available parking at open space destinations	13%
Expanding available parking at recreational destinations	6%

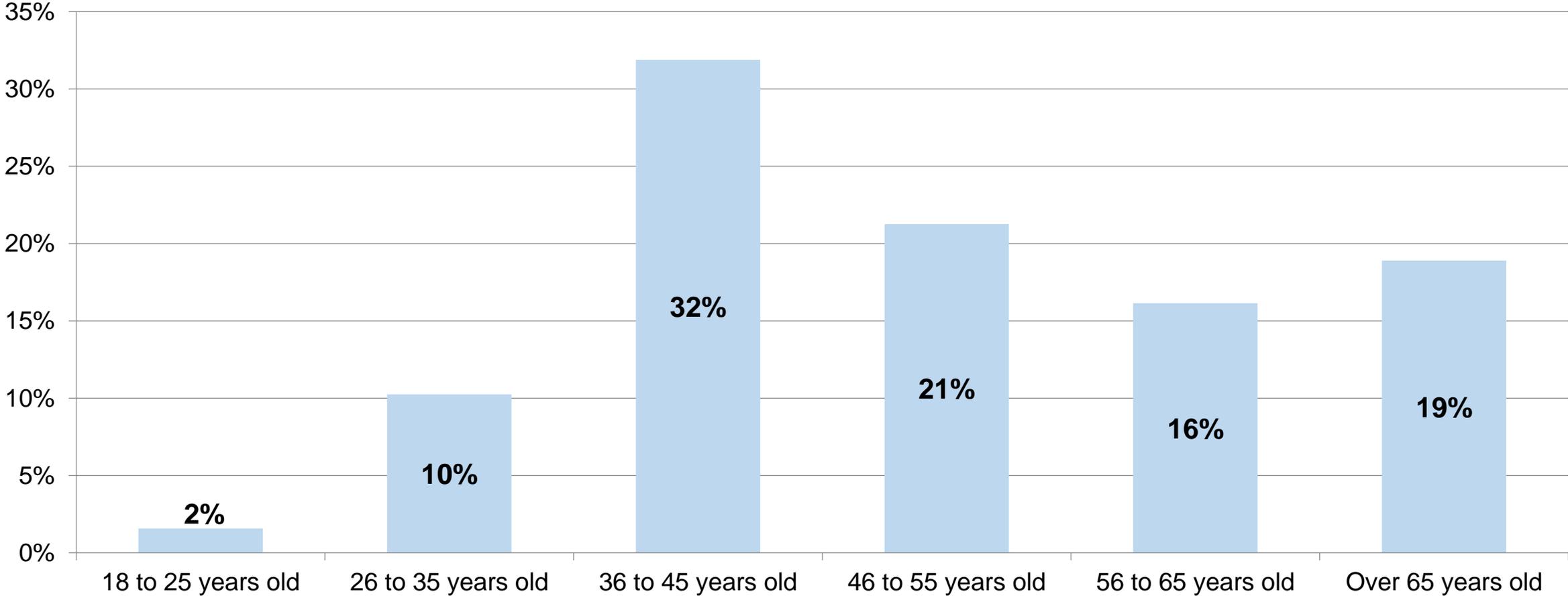
If adequate funding was available, would you be in favor of the Town acquiring the former YMCA Camp Harrington property for open space or recreation purposes?



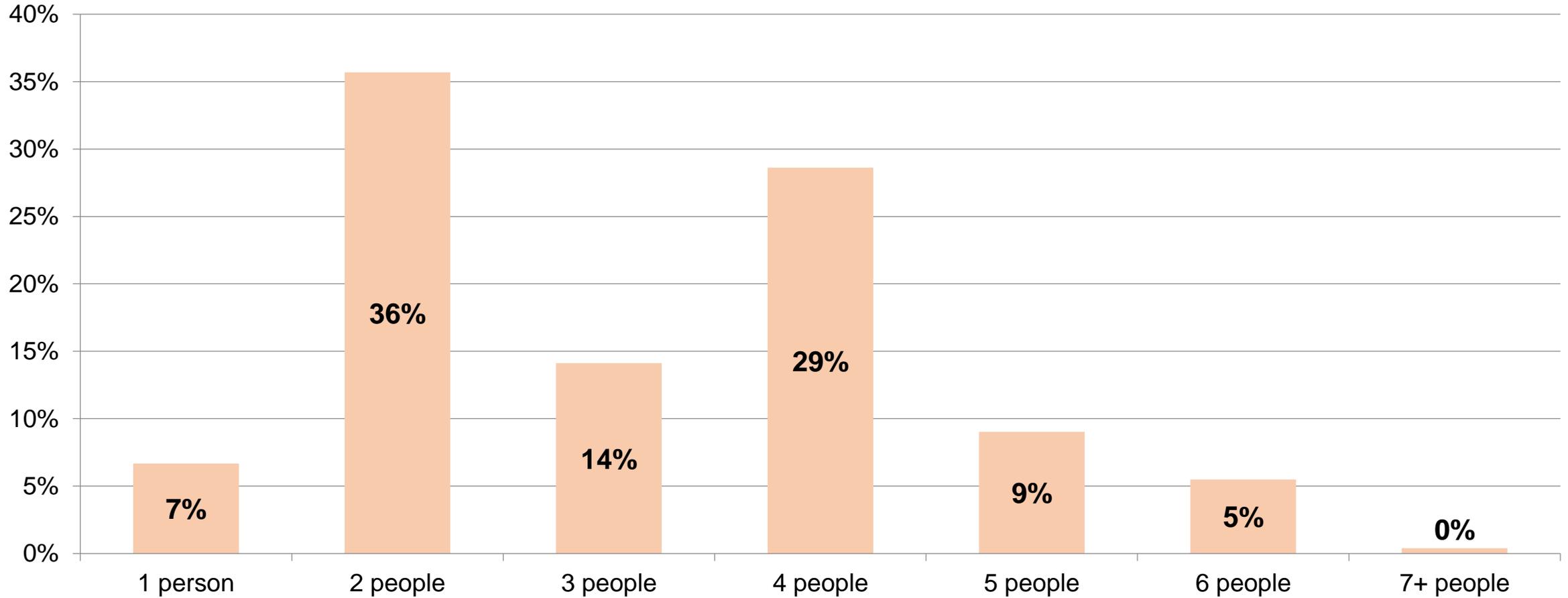
How would you describe the town of Boylston?



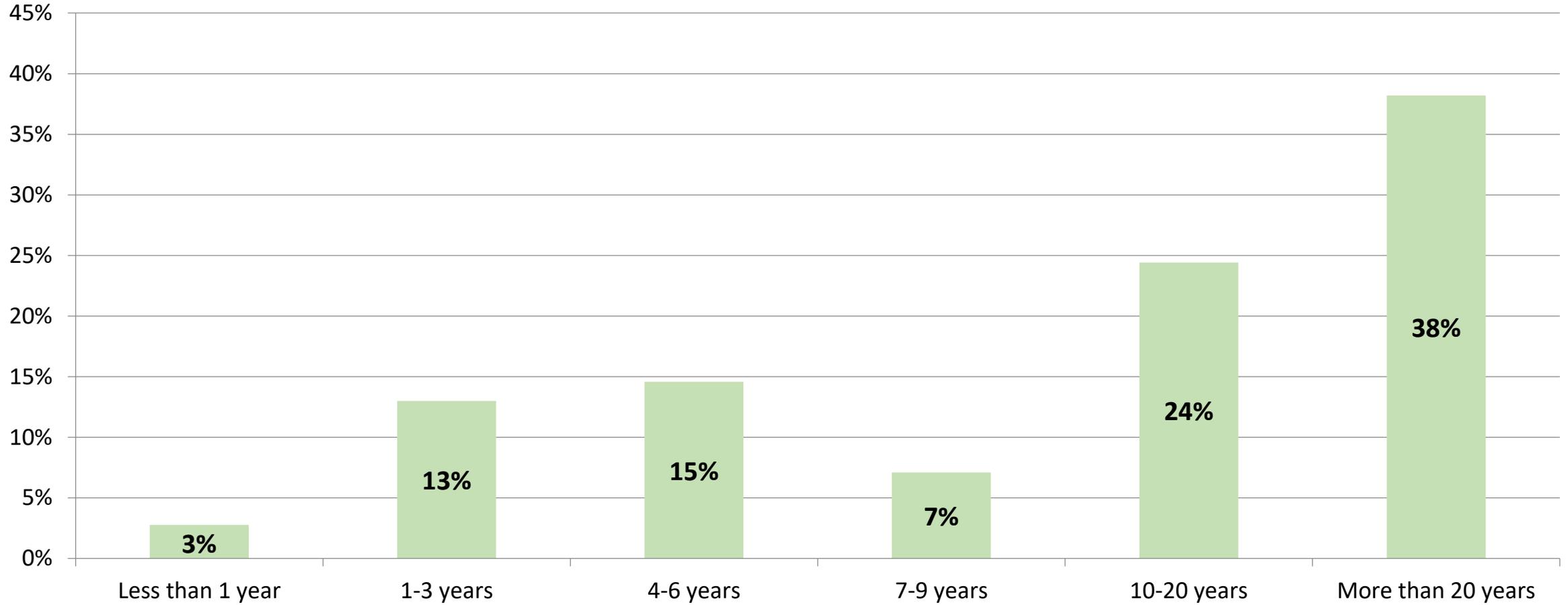
Age of Survey Respondents



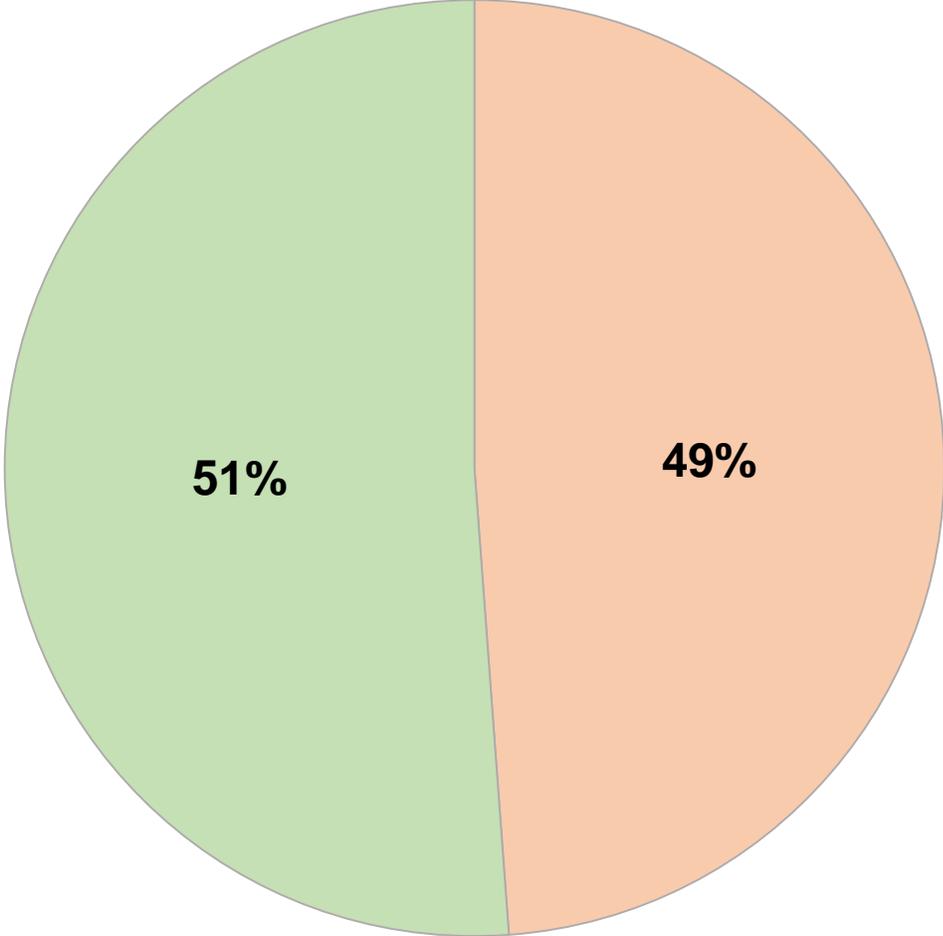
How many people live in your household?



How long have you lived in Boylston?



Do you have children under the age of 18 living with you?



Yes No