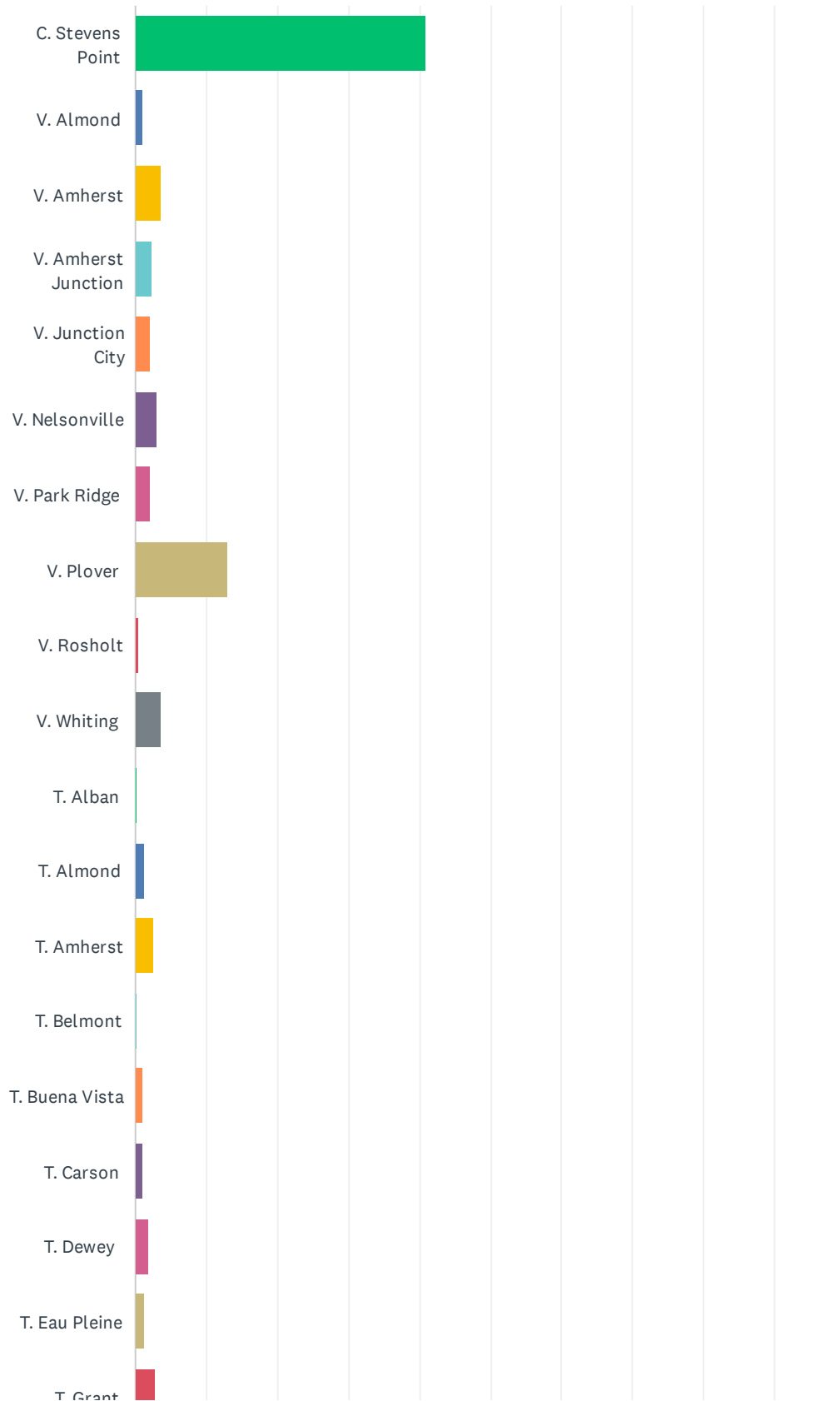
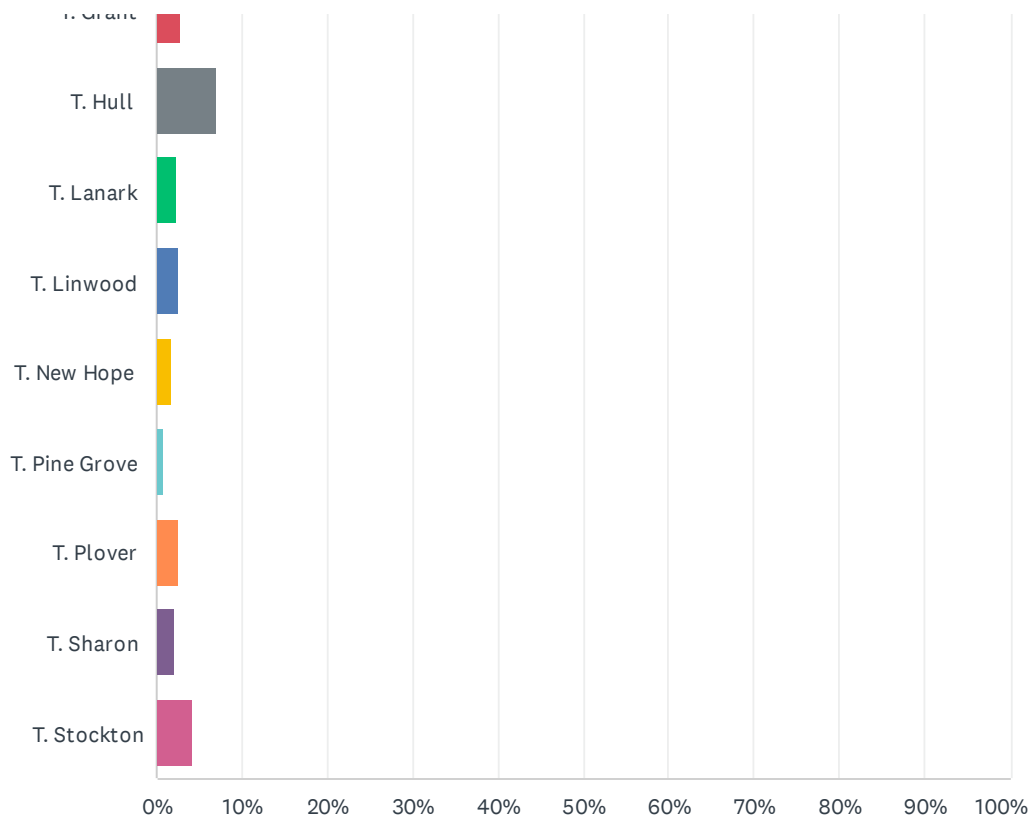


Q1 I live or own land in (select all that apply):

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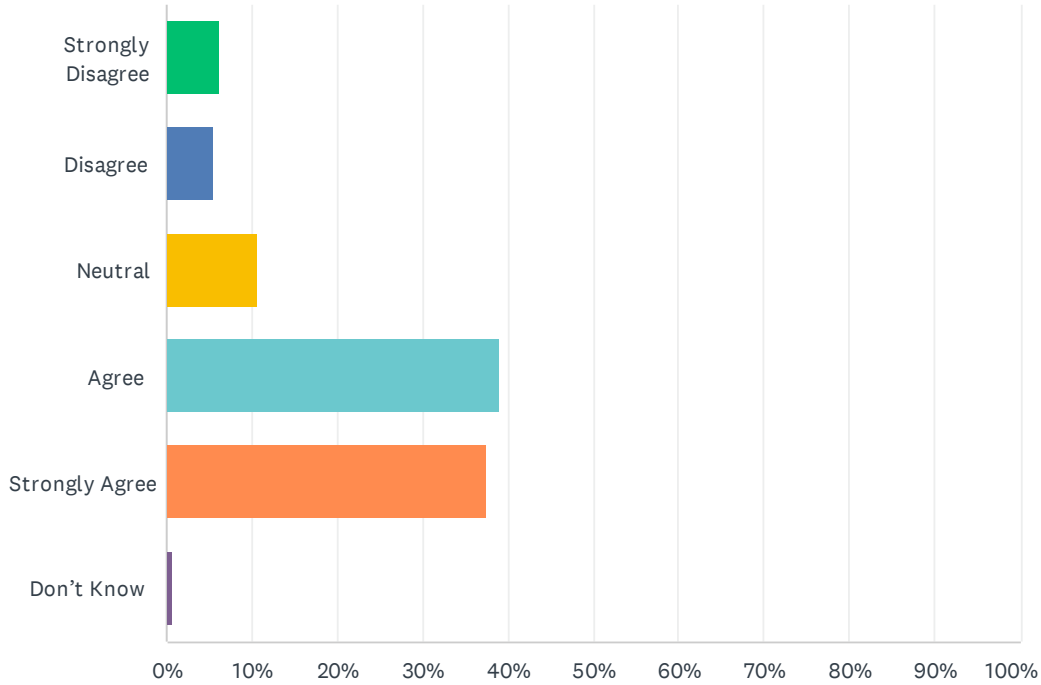


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
C. Stevens Point	41.00%	278
V. Almond	1.03%	7
V. Amherst	3.69%	25
V. Amherst Junction	2.36%	16
V. Junction City	2.21%	15
V. Nelsonville	2.95%	20
V. Park Ridge	2.06%	14
V. Plover	12.98%	88
V. Rosholt	0.44%	3
V. Whiting	3.54%	24
T. Alban	0.29%	2
T. Almond	1.33%	9
T. Amherst	2.65%	18
T. Belmont	0.29%	2
T. Buena Vista	1.03%	7
T. Carson	1.03%	7
T. Dewey	1.92%	13
T. Eau Pleine	1.18%	8
T. Grant	2.80%	19
T. Hull	7.08%	48
T. Lanark	2.36%	16
T. Linwood	2.51%	17
T. New Hope	1.62%	11
T. Pine Grove	0.88%	6
T. Plover	2.51%	17
T. Sharon	2.06%	14
T. Stockton	4.28%	29
Total Respondents: 678		

Q2 Local units of government have a responsibility to protect public health, safety, and general welfare by regulating land use.

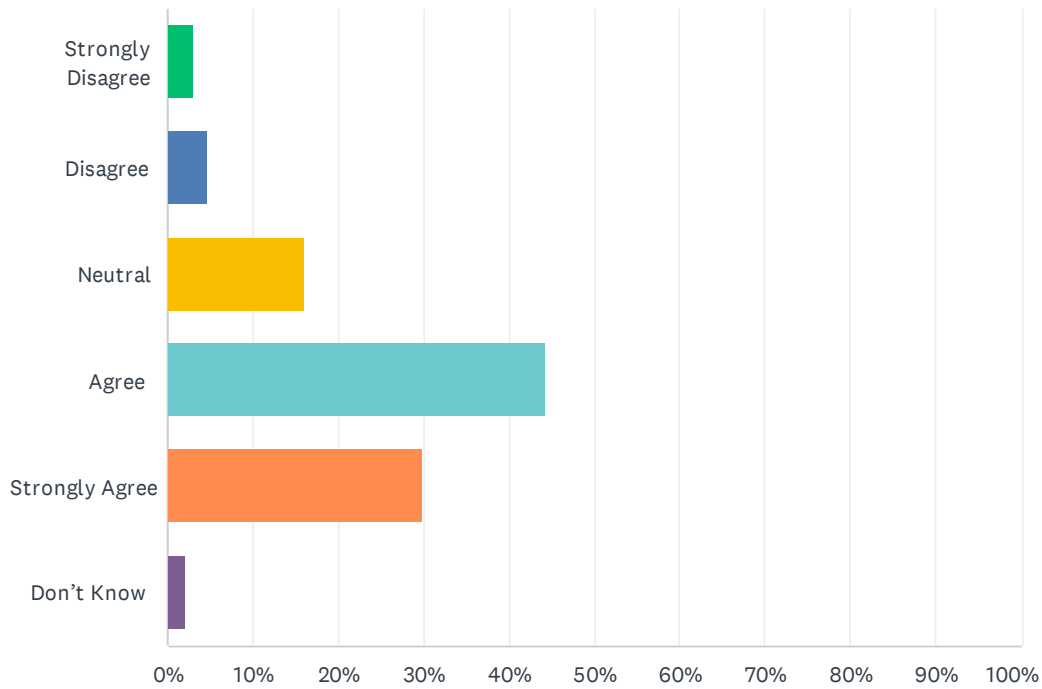
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree	6.24%	42
Disagree	5.65%	38
Neutral	10.70%	72
Agree	39.08%	263
Strongly Agree	37.59%	253
Don't Know	0.74%	5
TOTAL		673

Q3 The use of zoning regulations is beneficial.

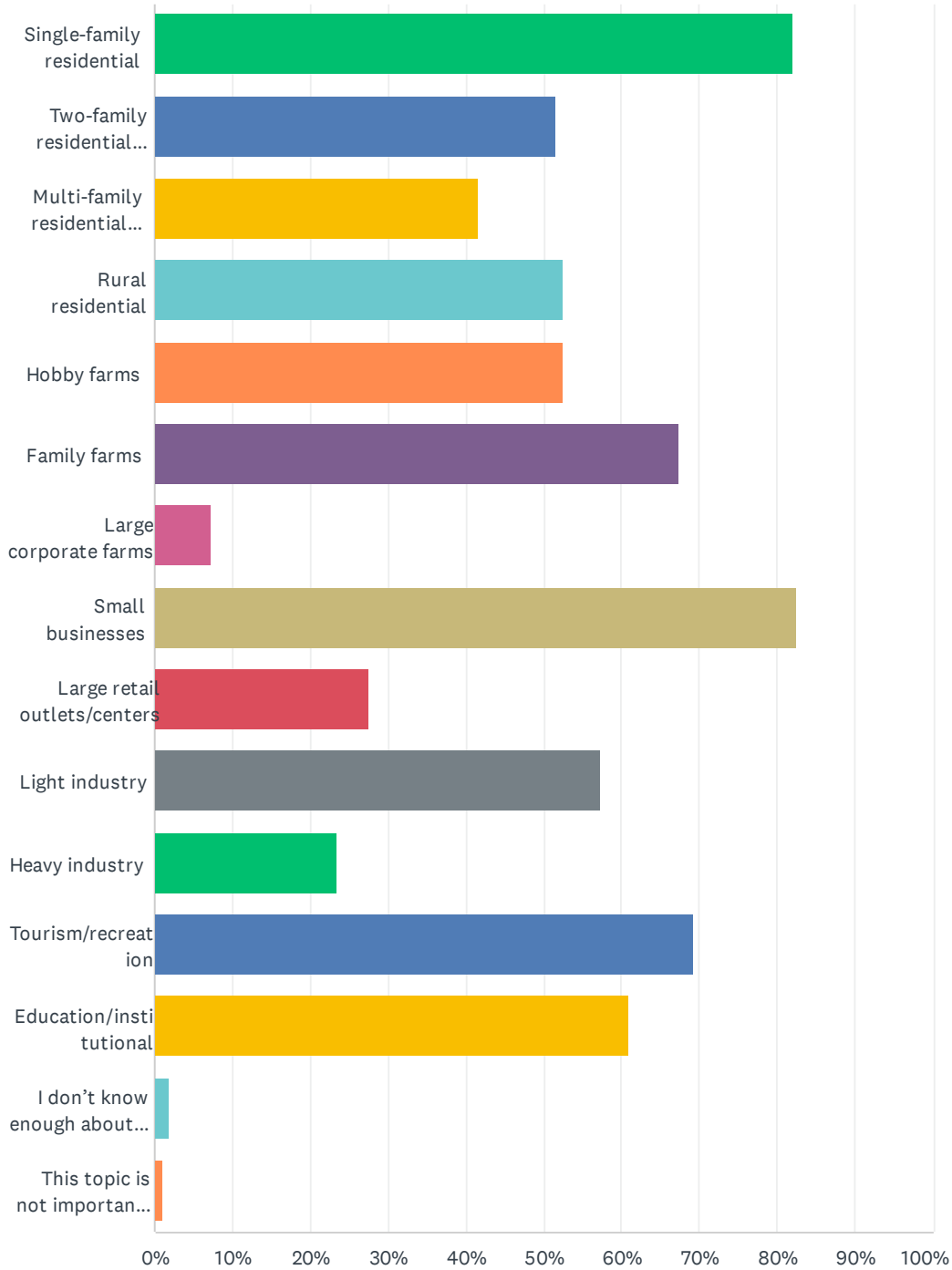
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree	2.96%	20
Disagree	4.59%	31
Neutral	16.00%	108
Agree	44.30%	299
Strongly Agree	29.93%	202
Don't Know	2.22%	15
TOTAL		675

Q4 The following types of development should be encouraged within Portage County (select all that apply):

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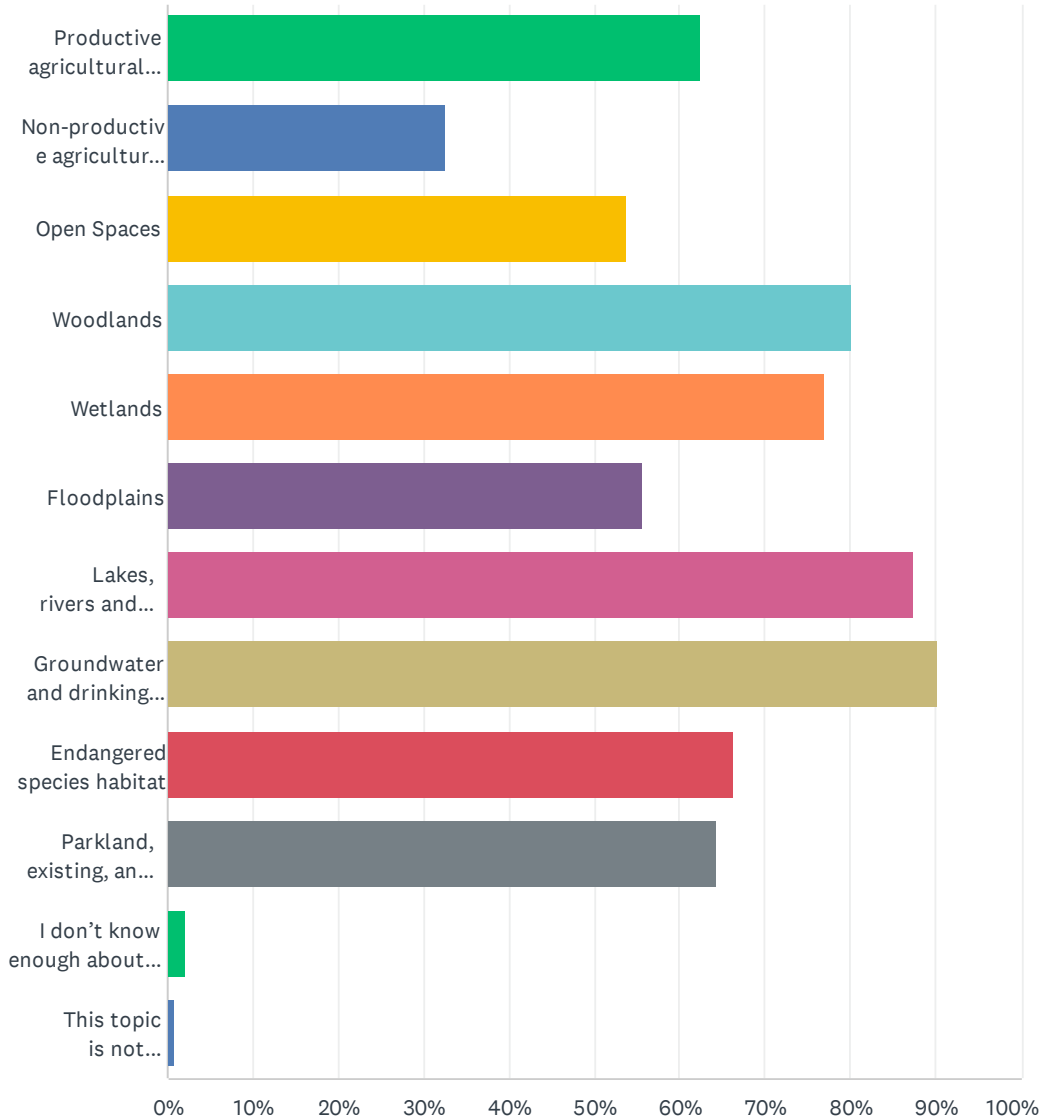


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family residential	82.01%	556
Two-family residential (duplex with 2 units)	51.62%	350
Multi-family residential (apartments with 3 or more units)	41.59%	282
Rural residential	52.51%	356
Hobby farms	52.51%	356
Family farms	67.40%	457
Large corporate farms	7.23%	49
Small businesses	82.45%	559
Large retail outlets/centers	27.58%	187
Light industry	57.37%	389
Heavy industry	23.45%	159
Tourism/recreation	69.32%	470
Education/institutional	60.91%	413
I don't know enough about these topics to provide an answer	1.92%	13
This topic is not important to me	1.03%	7
Total Respondents: 678		

Q5 Portage County should make an effort to identify and protect the following (select all that apply):

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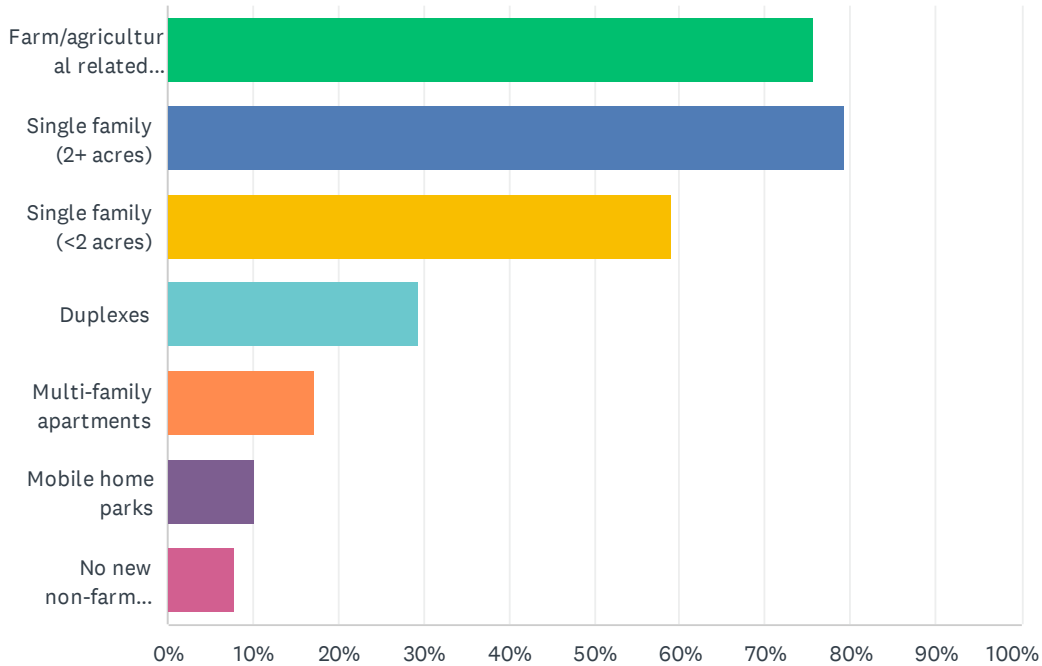


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Productive agricultural land	62.39%	423
Non-productive agricultural land	32.60%	221
Open Spaces	53.83%	365
Woodlands	80.24%	544
Wetlands	76.99%	522
Floodplains	55.60%	377
Lakes, rivers and streams	87.32%	592
Groundwater and drinking water sources	90.12%	611
Endangered species habitat	66.22%	449
Parkland, existing, and future	64.31%	436
I don't know enough about these topics to provide an answer	2.06%	14
This topic is not important to me	0.88%	6
Total Respondents: 678		

Q6 What types of housing would be appropriate in rural areas? (Select all that apply. Note: for this question “rural areas” include the 17 unincorporated Towns of the County and the outlying Villages of Almond, Amherst, Amherst Junction, Nelsonville, Junction City, and Rosholt)

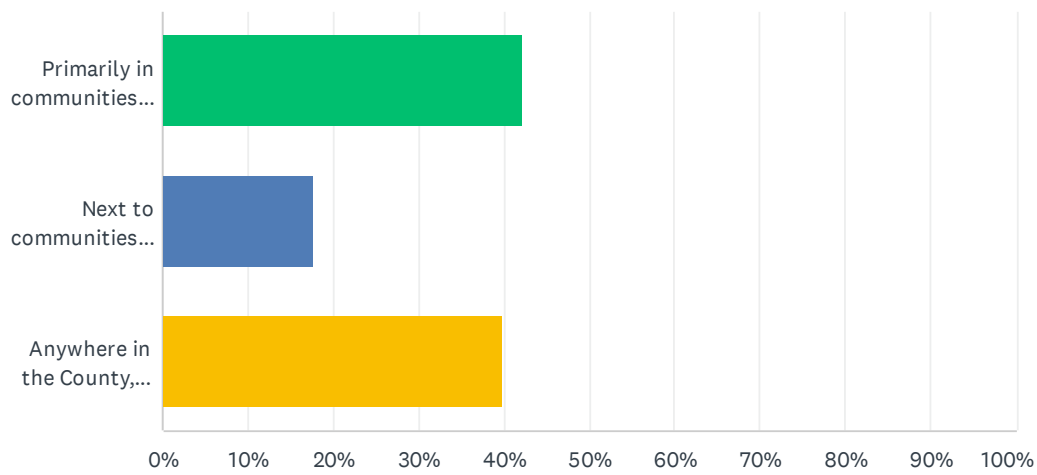
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Farm/agricultural related residences, whereby the residence is occupied by at least one person who earns the majority of his or her livelihood from working on the farm.	75.60% 505
Single family (2+ acres)	79.34% 530
Single family (<2 acres)	59.13% 395
Duplexes	29.49% 197
Multi-family apartments	17.37% 116
Mobile home parks	10.33% 69
No new non-farm housing	7.78% 52
Total Respondents: 668	

Q7 New homes and businesses should be encouraged (select one):

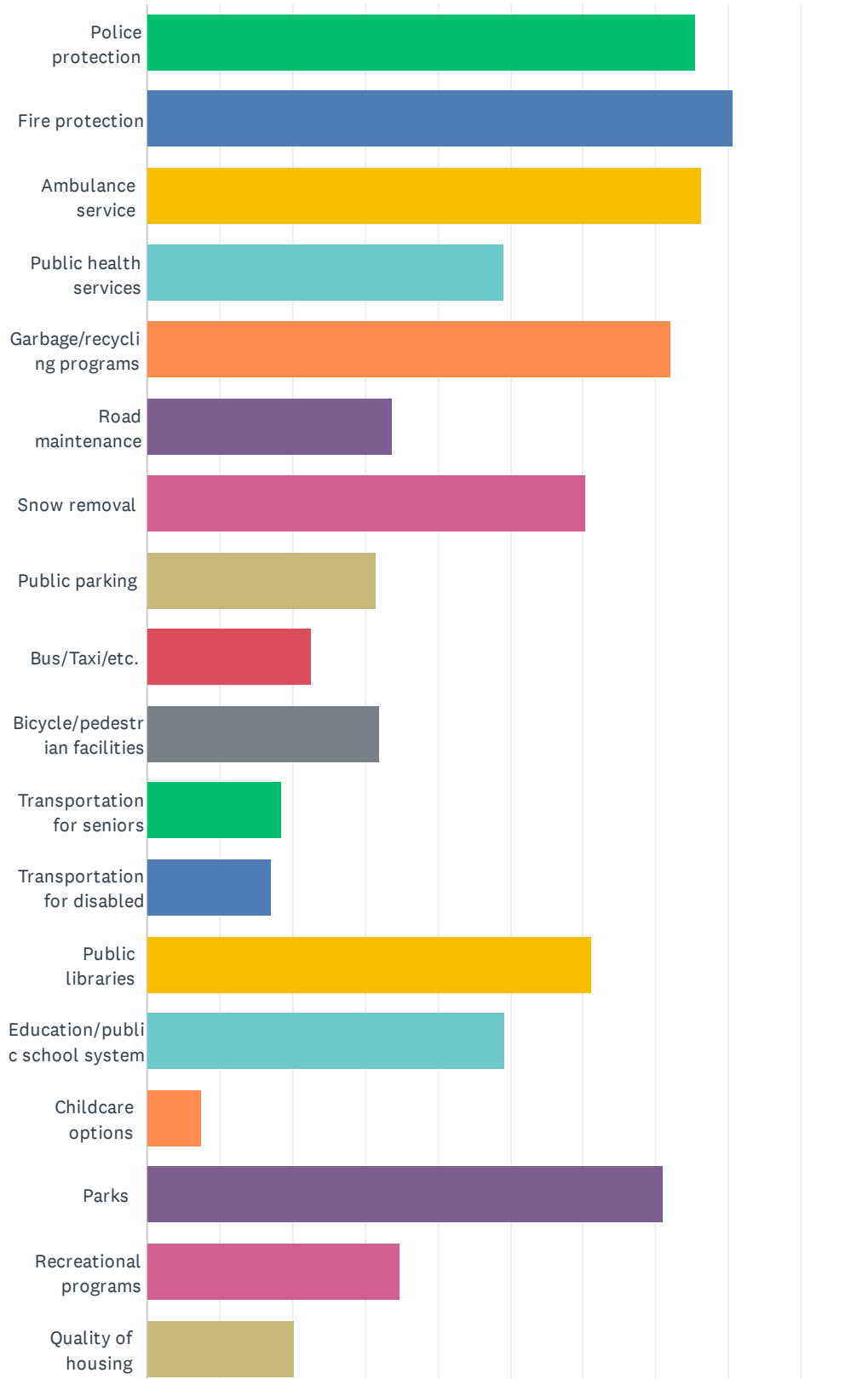
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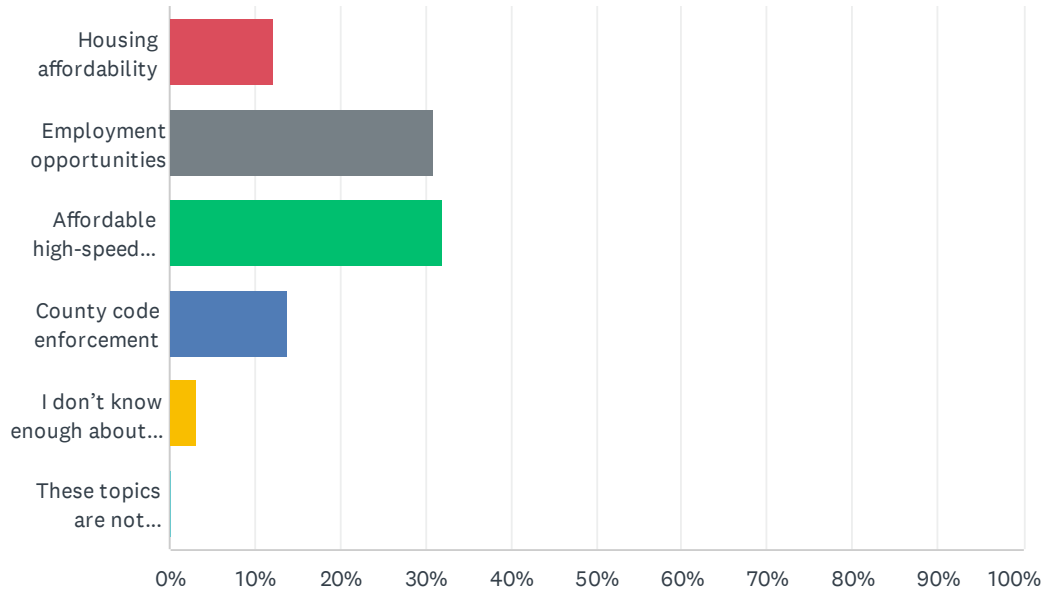
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Primarily in communities where sewer and water are available.	42.25%	278
Next to communities where sewer and water could be extended.	17.78%	117
Anywhere in the County, with or without sewer and water services.	39.97%	263
TOTAL		658

Q8 I am satisfied with the following County services or opportunities (select all that apply):

Answered: 671 Skipped: 9



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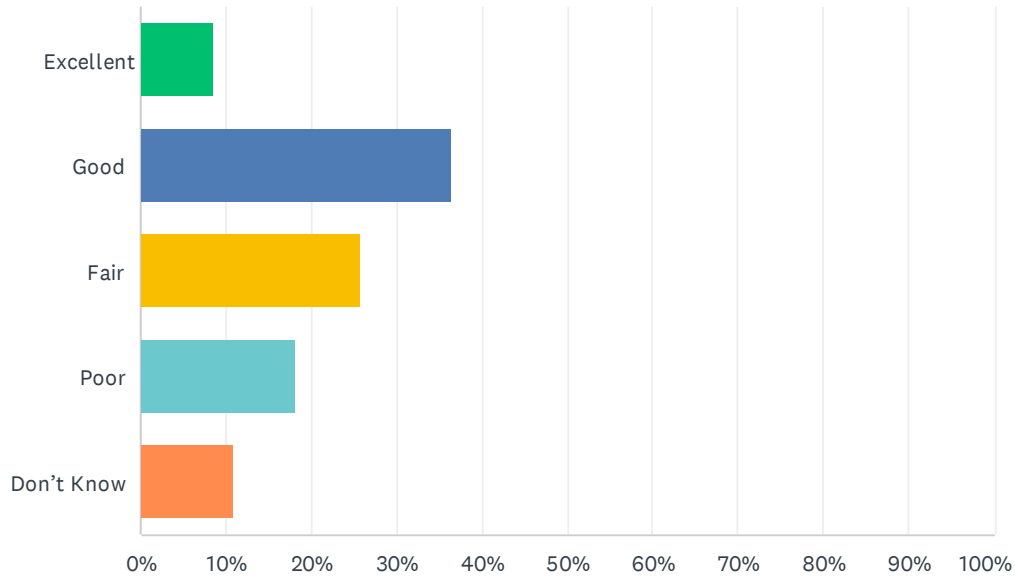


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Police protection	75.41%	506
Fire protection	80.63%	541
Ambulance service	76.30%	512
Public health services	49.03%	329
Garbage/recycling programs	72.13%	484
Road maintenance	33.68%	226
Snow removal	60.36%	405
Public parking	31.59%	212
Bus/Taxi/etc.	22.50%	151
Bicycle/pedestrian facilities	31.89%	214
Transportation for seniors	18.63%	125
Transportation for disabled	17.14%	115
Public libraries	61.25%	411
Education/public school system	49.18%	330
Childcare options	7.45%	50
Parks	71.09%	477
Recreational programs	34.72%	233
Quality of housing	20.27%	136
Housing affordability	12.07%	81
Employment opportunities	30.85%	207
Affordable high-speed Internet access	31.89%	214
County code enforcement	13.86%	93
I don't know enough about these topics to provide an answer.	3.28%	22
These topics are not important to me.	0.15%	1
Total Respondents: 671		

Q9 How would you rate the current groundwater quality in Portage County?

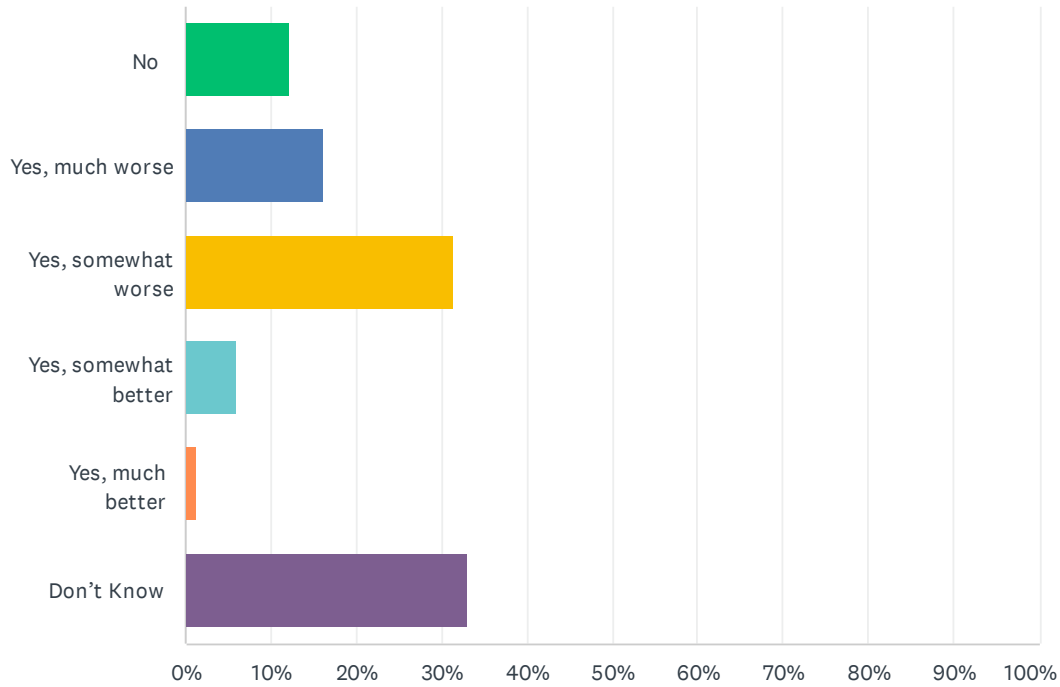
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	8.59%	58
Good	36.44%	246
Fair	25.78%	174
Poor	18.22%	123
Don't Know	10.96%	74
TOTAL		675

Q10 Do you think Portage County’s groundwater quality has changed in the past 10 years?

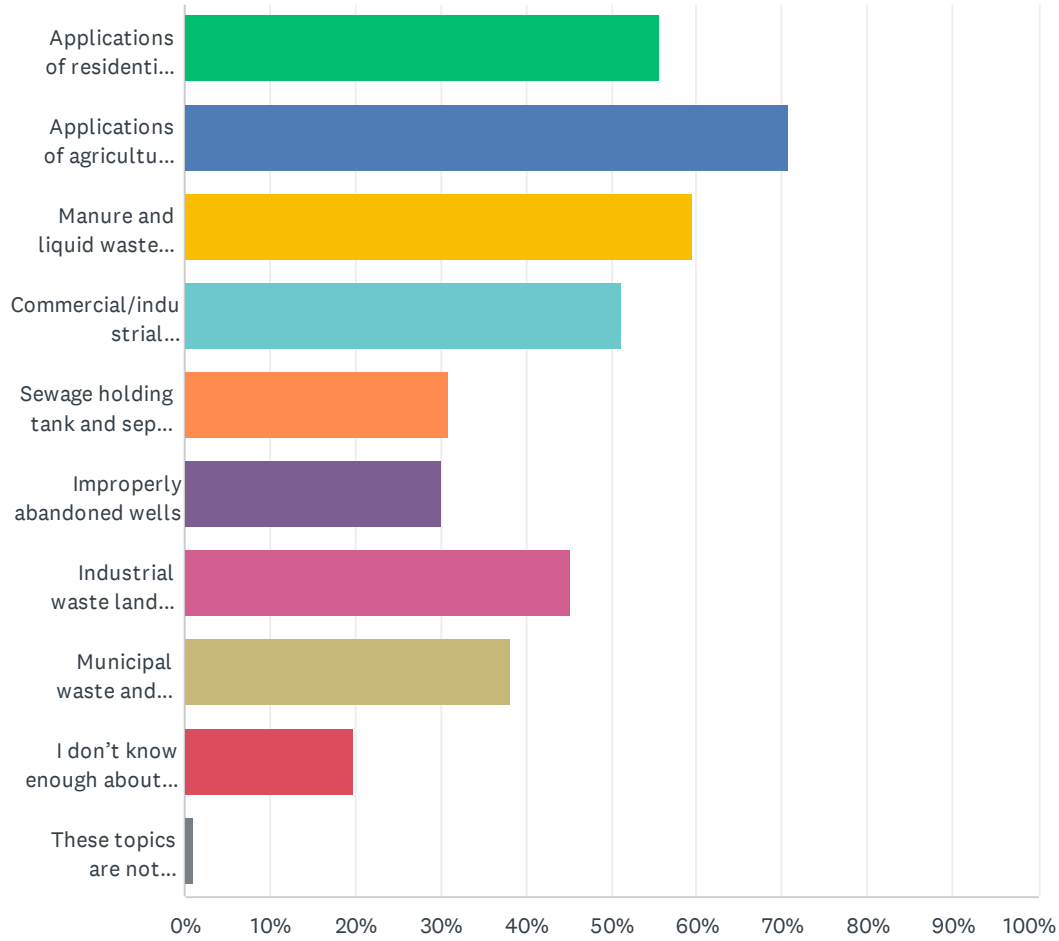
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	12.26%	83
Yes, much worse	16.25%	110
Yes, somewhat worse	31.31%	212
Yes, somewhat better	5.91%	40
Yes, much better	1.18%	8
Don't Know	33.09%	224
TOTAL		677

Q11 The following represent a threat to the quality of Portage County's groundwater (select all that apply):

Answered: 673 Skipped: 7

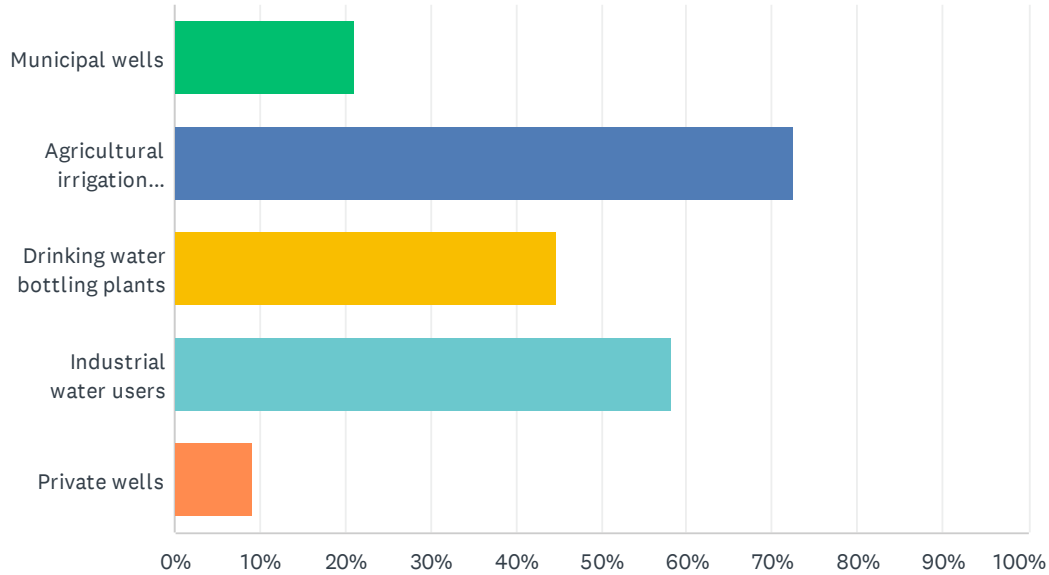


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Applications of residential pesticides and fertilizers	55.72%	375
Applications of agricultural pesticides and fertilizers	70.88%	477
Manure and liquid waste application	59.44%	400
Commercial/industrial stormwater runoff and infiltration	51.26%	345
Sewage holding tank and septic tank spreading	30.91%	208
Improperly abandoned wells	30.16%	203
Industrial waste land spreading	45.17%	304
Municipal waste and sludge land spreading	38.19%	257
I don't know enough about these topics to provide an answer	19.91%	134
These topics are not important to me	1.04%	7
Total Respondents: 673		

Q12 The following represent a threat to the quantity of Portage County’s groundwater (select all that apply):

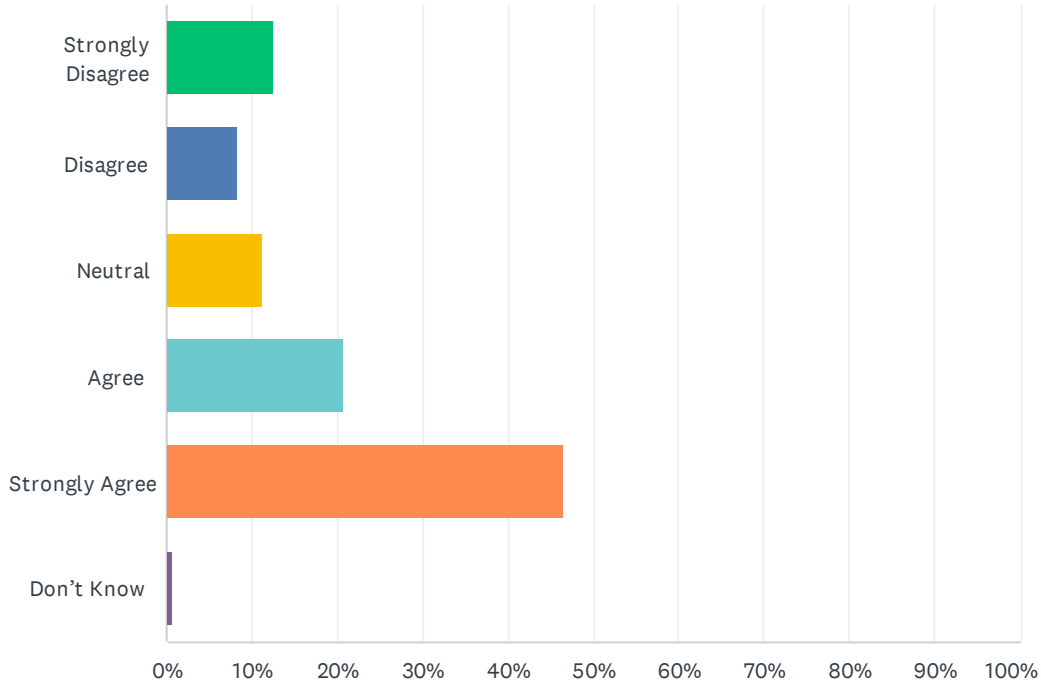
Answered: 562 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Municipal wells	21.17%	119
Agricultural irrigation wells	72.42%	407
Drinking water bottling plants	44.84%	252
Industrial water users	58.19%	327
Private wells	9.07%	51
Total Respondents: 562		

Q13 Renewable energy production, such as wind and solar energy, is important to the future development of Portage County.

Answered: 678 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree	12.54%	85
Disagree	8.26%	56
Neutral	11.36%	77
Agree	20.65%	140
Strongly Agree	46.46%	315
Don't Know	0.74%	5
TOTAL		678