

1. I am a...

		Response Percent	Response Count
Resident of the Town of Groton		84.3%	236
Business owner in the Town of Groton		6.8%	19
Property owner in the Town of Groton		32.1%	90
I do not live in the Town of Groton but I spend time/ work/ visit here		7.5%	21
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>280</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

## 2. In what area of Groton to you live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Burnetts Corner		0.4%	1
City of Groton		22.7%	53
<b>Mystic</b>		<b>25.8%</b>	<b>60</b>
Noank		9.0%	21
Old Mystic		3.0%	7
Poquonnock Bridge		14.2%	33
Center Groton		5.6%	13
Pleasant Valley/West Pleasant Valley		1.7%	4
Navy Base or Navy Housing		6.4%	15
Groton Long Point		5.2%	12
Other (please specify)		6.0%	14
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>233</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>47</b>

## 3. How many years have you lived in Groton?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1-5		19.7%	45
5-10		14.8%	34
<b>Over 10</b>		<b>65.5%</b>	<b>150</b>
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>229</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>51</b>

#### 4. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
under 25		32.5%	87
25-44		17.5%	47
<b>45-65</b>		<b>34.3%</b>	<b>92</b>
65 and over		15.7%	42
<b>answered question</b>			<b>268</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>12</b>

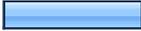
#### 5. What experience do you have with Groton Government/ Planning? Have you ever...

		Response Percent	Response Count
Served in Town government?		39.2%	60
Read the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) or Municipal Coastal Plan (MCP)?		32.0%	49
<b>Read the Town zoning code and/or reviewed the zoning map?</b>		<b>58.2%</b>	<b>89</b>
Attended a meeting of a Town land use commission?		30.7%	47
<b>answered question</b>			<b>153</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>127</b>

## 6. Which of the following best describes your current occupation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Business, Financial Architecture, and Engineering Occupations		25.7%	65
Health, Life Science, Physical Science, and Social Science Occupations		14.2%	36
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations		5.9%	15
Retail, Sales, and Food Service Occupations		5.5%	14
Clerical Occupations		3.2%	8
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations		2.0%	5
Construction, Installation, Maintenance, Transportation Occupations		4.3%	11
Military		3.2%	8
<b>Currently Unemployed</b>		<b>36.0%</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>answered question</b>			<b>253</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>27</b>

## 7. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than high school degree		22.3%	58
High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)		19.2%	50
Associate degree		11.5%	30
Bachelor degree		20.4%	53
Graduate degree		18.8%	49
Post Graduate/ Doctorate		7.7%	20
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>260</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>20</b>

## 8. In which type of housing do you currently live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Apartment		6.8%	18
Townhouse/ Condominium		10.2%	27
Multifamily house (duplex, triplex)		7.5%	20
Military housing		6.4%	17
Mobile home		2.6%	7
Single-family house		66.5%	177
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>266</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>14</b>

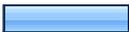
## 9. What is your family type?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Single		22.6%	59
Partnered, unmarried		7.3%	19
<b>Married with Children</b>		<b>40.2%</b>	<b>105</b>
Married without Children		8.4%	22
Empty Nester		21.5%	56
<b>answered question</b>			<b>261</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>19</b>

## 10. If you live in Groton, are you generally happy with your neighborhood?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.2%	224
No		11.8%	30
<b>answered question</b>			<b>254</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>26</b>

## 11. What are your main concerns?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Quality of roads/ streets/ maintenance		25.9%	7
Lack of public safety/ too much crime		29.6%	8
Traffic/ noise		14.8%	4
Too crowded/ lack of nearby parks/ open space/ outdoor recreation		18.5%	5
<b>Blight/ poorly maintained homes or properties</b>		<b>55.6%</b>	<b>15</b>
Too far from services/ work/ shopping		0.0%	0
Poor neighborhood school		18.5%	5
	Other (please specify)		13
<b>answered question</b>			<b>27</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>253</b>

## 12. What were your reasons for choosing Groton as a place to live or visit?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Location (close to work/ transportation)		36.8%	95
Housing		13.2%	34
Neighborhood		22.5%	58
Community feeling		14.3%	37
Birthplace		17.1%	44
School Quality		7.4%	19
Parks, trails, shoreline		19.0%	49
Friends/ Family		29.5%	76
Job was here		22.1%	57
Navy/ Navy Subcontractor		11.2%	29
Unsure/ Don't know		5.0%	13
Other (please specify)		12.4%	32
<b>answered question</b>			<b>258</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>22</b>

### 13. What housing types should Groton plan for MORE of in the future?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Single family houses		41.7%	98
Multi-family house (apartments, condos, etc)		22.1%	52
<b>Affordable Housing</b>		<b>48.1%</b>	<b>113</b>
Senior Housing (nursing homes, retirement communities, 55+ communities, etc)		27.2%	64
Assisted living facilities		15.3%	36
	Other (please specify)		25
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>235</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>45</b>

## 14. What are your feelings for each statement regarding Economic Development in Groton?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Rating Count
Business development in Groton will help stabilize or limit taxes	<b>47.3% (116)</b>	33.5% (82)	5.3% (13)	2.0% (5)	11.8% (29)	245
Groton should encourage more business development	<b>61.1% (146)</b>	26.8% (64)	1.7% (4)	2.1% (5)	8.4% (20)	239
Groton should encourage job creation	<b>65.4% (159)</b>	24.3% (59)	2.9% (7)	0.8% (2)	6.6% (16)	243
Taxes in Groton discourage new businesses from locating here	25.4% (60)	<b>29.7% (70)</b>	15.7% (37)	8.9% (21)	20.3% (48)	236
The town should extend utilities to encourage business growth	21.6% (52)	<b>27.4% (66)</b>	17.8% (43)	17.0% (41)	16.2% (39)	241
Business development is a critical issue for Groton	<b>43.8% (106)</b>	31.4% (76)	9.9% (24)	2.5% (6)	12.4% (30)	242
					<b>answered question</b>	<b>249</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>	<b>31</b>

**15. Groton has very limited suitably located underdeveloped land available for large scale business/ industrial expansion and development. Current plans identify areas of the Town for this purpose. To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following?**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>Rating Count</b>
The Town should continue to identify areas for this purpose and promote their development.	28.1% (68)	<b>38.4% (93)</b>	11.2% (27)	9.9% (24)	12.4% (30)	242
The Town should maximize use of existing developed business/ industrial areas.	<b>63.9% (154)</b>	20.3% (49)	2.5% (6)	0.8% (2)	12.4% (30)	241
The Town should pursue new evolving options like mixed use concepts for these areas.	<b>38.1% (91)</b>	33.9% (81)	7.5% (18)	4.6% (11)	15.9% (38)	239
The Town should streamline development permitting in these areas.	<b>32.8% (77)</b>	<b>32.8% (77)</b>	8.9% (21)	5.5% (13)	20.0% (47)	235
The Town should fund and extend utilities to service these areas.	17.4% (41)	<b>28.4% (67)</b>	17.4% (41)	17.8% (42)	19.1% (45)	236
The Town should consider public / private partnerships to promote development in these areas.	29.9% (72)	<b>34.9% (84)</b>	11.6% (28)	7.1% (17)	16.6% (40)	241
The Town should develop more detailed plans for these areas to help accomplish these goals.	31.8% (76)	<b>38.9% (93)</b>	6.7% (16)	5.9% (14)	16.7% (40)	239
					<b>answered question</b>	<b>247</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>	<b>33</b>

**16. Do you have difficulty locating or accessing certain types of goods and services in Groton? Either you cannot get them at all, or you have to go outside of Groton to get them.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		45.6%	115
No		54.4%	137
		answered question	252
		skipped question	28

**17. What type? Please be as specific as possible.**

		Response Count
		109
		answered question
		109
		skipped question
		171

## 18. Where do you usually go to purchase each of the following items?

	Downtown Groton	Mystic	Gold Star Highway	City of Groton	On Base/ PX	Outside of Groton	Internet	N/A
Clothing, everyday	20.1% (42)	7.2% (15)	30.6% (64)	11.0% (23)	6.7% (14)	<b>51.2% (107)</b>	17.7% (37)	5.3% (11)
Clothing, Special Occasion	9.7% (20)	8.3% (17)	11.2% (23)	6.8% (14)	2.9% (6)	<b>64.1% (132)</b>	13.6% (28)	9.2% (19)
Back-to-school supplies	17.6% (36)	2.5% (5)	26.0% (53)	15.2% (31)	5.9% (12)	<b>30.4% (62)</b>	5.9% (12)	20.6% (42)
Groceries, everyday	<b>43.6% (89)</b>	15.2% (31)	23.0% (47)	17.2% (35)	5.4% (11)	18.6% (38)	2.5% (5)	2.9% (6)
Groceries, weekly or large trips	<b>36.7% (76)</b>	10.1% (21)	23.7% (49)	12.6% (26)	8.7% (18)	26.6% (55)	2.9% (6)	3.4% (7)
Pharmacy, including toiletries and prescriptions	<b>47.6% (99)</b>	13.9% (29)	14.9% (31)	13.0% (27)	4.3% (9)	13.0% (27)	3.8% (8)	3.8% (8)
Take-out food	<b>52.2% (109)</b>	24.4% (51)	15.8% (33)	21.1% (44)	1.0% (2)	16.3% (34)	4.3% (9)	9.1% (19)
Restaurant, sit-down	31.6% (65)	40.3% (83)	10.2% (21)	21.4% (44)	1.0% (2)	<b>41.3% (85)</b>	2.4% (5)	7.3% (15)
Restaurant, sit-down, special occasion	13.9% (29)	40.9% (85)	4.8% (10)	11.1% (23)	0.5% (1)	<b>53.4% (111)</b>	2.9% (6)	6.3% (13)
Hardware/ Home improvement	36.5% (76)	8.7% (18)	7.7% (16)	6.7% (14)	1.9% (4)	<b>53.8% (112)</b>	4.3% (9)	6.7% (14)
Furniture/ Home decor	14.6% (30)	4.9% (10)	5.4% (11)	6.3% (13)	2.4% (5)	<b>65.4% (134)</b>	6.8% (14)	12.7% (26)
Bank	<b>45.9% (95)</b>	19.3% (40)	8.2% (17)	21.7% (45)	5.8% (12)	9.7% (20)	8.2% (17)	4.3% (9)
Post Office	<b>50.5% (104)</b>	23.8% (49)	3.9% (8)	17.0% (35)	1.9% (4)	7.8% (16)	3.4% (7)	6.3% (13)
Medical Services (Dentist, Eye Doctor, Walk-in Clinic)	22.2% (46)	18.4% (38)	14.0% (29)	12.1% (25)	6.8% (14)	<b>51.7% (107)</b>	5.8% (12)	4.8% (10)
Professional Services (Salon, Tax preparation, etc)	28.9% (59)	9.3% (19)	6.4% (13)	9.3% (19)	1.0% (2)	<b>30.4% (62)</b>	3.4% (7)	22.5% (46)

Commercial recreation/ fitness center	<b>32.7% (68)</b>	11.5% (24)	3.4% (7)	10.1% (21)	4.8% (10)	13.9% (29)	3.4% (7)	32.2% (67)
								<b>answered question</b>
								<b>skipped question</b>

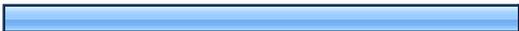
**19. Would you be interested in answering additional questions about your retail shopping preferences and future retail shopping areas?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.6%	113
No		48.4%	106
			<b>answered question</b>
			<b>219</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>
			<b>61</b>

**20. How would you describe the number of each of the following stores in Downtown Groton?**

	Perfect amount	Too few stores	Too many stores	I don't know/ NA	Rating Count
Clothing	14.3% (15)	<b>77.1% (81)</b>	1.0% (1)	7.6% (8)	105
Office supplies	10.3% (11)	<b>81.3% (87)</b>	0.9% (1)	7.5% (8)	107
Groceries	<b>70.8% (75)</b>	26.4% (28)	1.9% (2)	0.9% (1)	106
Pharmacy, including toiletries and prescriptions	<b>84.1% (90)</b>	10.3% (11)	4.7% (5)	0.9% (1)	107
Take-out food	<b>60.0% (63)</b>	25.7% (27)	7.6% (8)	6.7% (7)	105
Restaurant	34.3% (36)	<b>60.0% (63)</b>	1.0% (1)	4.8% (5)	105
Hardware/ Home improvement	34.0% (36)	<b>63.2% (67)</b>	1.9% (2)	0.9% (1)	106
Furniture/ Home decor	23.8% (25)	<b>64.8% (68)</b>	1.9% (2)	9.5% (10)	105
Medical Services	31.4% (33)	<b>56.2% (59)</b>	1.9% (2)	10.5% (11)	105
Professional Services	27.2% (28)	<b>48.5% (50)</b>	2.9% (3)	21.4% (22)	103
<b>answered question</b>					<b>109</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>171</b>

## 21. Which of the following describe why you DO shop in Downtown Groton?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I like the stores		37.0%	40
<b>It is close to where I live</b>		<b>77.8%</b>	<b>84</b>
It is close to where I work		20.4%	22
The prices are good		25.0%	27
The quality of products is good		25.9%	28
There are many items I need close to each other		28.7%	31
I do not shop in Downtown Groton		10.2%	11
	Other (please specify)		6
<b>answered question</b>			<b>108</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>172</b>

## 22. Which of the following describe why you DO NOT shop in Downtown Groton?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I don't like the stores		32.6%	31
The traffic is too bad on the weekends		3.2%	3
The traffic is too bad on the weekdays		5.3%	5
The prices are too high		13.7%	13
The quality of products is not good		23.2%	22
The quality of stores is not good		36.8%	35
<b>It does not sell everything I need (I would have to go somewhere else anyway)</b>		<b>78.9%</b>	<b>75</b>
I prefer to shop in indoor malls		12.6%	12
I prefer to shop at Supercenters		13.7%	13
I prefer to shop at outlets		14.7%	14
I prefer to shop in villages		14.7%	14
	Other (please specify)		13
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>95</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>185</b>

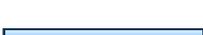
**23. If an old shopping center is renovated, it often has to raise rents for its tenants. If a tenant cannot afford the new rents, they may have to close or move to a less convenient location. Which of the following best describes how you would react to a plan to renovate an old plaza with you favorite store in it. The renovated plaza would have new pavement, better lighting, nicer plantings, and new stores and restaurants. But the hair salon/ barber shop would have to close or move 10 miles away.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would be happy with the renovation. The new plaza would be good for Groton.		35.6%	37
<b>I would be happy with the renovation, but sad that the tenant could no longer afford to be there.</b>		<b>41.3%</b>	<b>43</b>
I would be unhappy with the renovation, because the tenant was no longer there.		12.5%	13
I would be unhappy with the renovation. Downtown Groton is good the way it is.		4.8%	5
I am not sure.		5.8%	6
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>104</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>176</b>

**24. If an old shopping center is renovated, which of the following would you like to see as part of the renovations?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
New parking lot		30.8%	33
New traffic lights		13.1%	14
New/ more street lights		19.6%	21
New landscaping		43.9%	47
<b>New stores/ types of stores</b>		<b>85.0%</b>	<b>91</b>
New restaurants		66.4%	71
Sidewalks		34.6%	37
Connections to neighboring plazas		49.5%	53
Bus stops		14.0%	15
Less parking		3.7%	4
Porous Pavement to prevent standing water		32.7%	35
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>107</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>173</b>

**25. If an old shopping center is renovated, and the ONLY way to ensure that the owner/ developer made the following changes was for the Town to require them, which of the following do you think the Town of Groton should require?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
New parking lot		20.6%	22
New traffic lights		15.9%	17
New/ more street lights		19.6%	21
New landscaping		37.4%	40
<b>New stores/ types of stores</b>		<b>39.3%</b>	<b>42</b>
New restaurants		33.6%	36
Sidewalks		27.1%	29
Connections to neighboring plazas		30.8%	33
Bus stops		15.0%	16
Less parking		2.8%	3
Porous Pavement to prevent water run-off		29.9%	32
None		15.9%	17
<b>answered question</b>			<b>107</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>173</b>

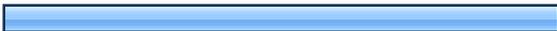
## 26. How often do you get around Groton by

	Daily	Weekly (or on the weekends)	Once in a while	Never	Rating Count
Walking?	19.0% (34)	11.7% (21)	<b>39.1% (70)</b>	30.2% (54)	179
Biking?	5.5% (9)	8.5% (14)	26.7% (44)	<b>59.4% (98)</b>	165
Driving?	<b>82.0% (168)</b>	10.2% (21)	5.4% (11)	2.4% (5)	205
Taking the bus?	9.3% (15)	6.2% (10)	6.2% (10)	<b>78.4% (127)</b>	162
<b>answered question</b>					<b>211</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>69</b>

## 27. How safe do you feel in Groton when you are

	Very Safe	Safe Enough	Very Unsafe	Do not travel that way/ Unknown	Rating Count
Walking?	32.5% (63)	<b>43.8% (85)</b>	7.2% (14)	16.5% (32)	194
Biking?	19.9% (36)	26.5% (48)	9.4% (17)	<b>44.2% (80)</b>	181
Driving?	<b>52.5% (107)</b>	40.7% (83)	3.9% (8)	2.9% (6)	204
Taking the bus?	11.7% (21)	13.4% (24)	5.6% (10)	<b>69.3% (124)</b>	179
<b>answered question</b>					<b>209</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>71</b>

**28. Do you now, or would you be interested in being able to, take the bus to work?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		16.2%	33
No		83.8%	171
answered question			204
skipped question			76

**29. Do you now, or would you be interested in being able to, take the bus to shops or restaurants?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		18.9%	39
No		81.1%	167
answered question			206
skipped question			74

### 30. What changes in Groton would encourage you to take the bus more, either for work or leisure?

		Response Percent	Response Count
If the buses went where I needed to go		39.8%	80
If I knew where the buses went		30.8%	62
If the buses came more often		30.8%	62
If the buses took less time to make their routes		23.9%	48
If my friends took the bus		16.4%	33
If there were more/ better bus shelters		19.9%	40
If I could rely on the buses to always arrive on time		22.9%	46
If I could check schedules on my smart phone/ computer		23.4%	47
If I could check real time bus location on my smart phone/ computer		19.9%	40
If I felt safer taking the bus in Groton		13.4%	27
<b>Nothing will make me take the bus more</b>		<b>50.7%</b>	<b>102</b>
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>201</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>79</b>

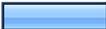
**31. The one place that should really have a bus stop is?**

	Response Count
	74
answered question	74
skipped question	206

**32. Would you be interested in being able to bike more, such as to shops or restaurants?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		37.4%	76
No		62.6%	127
		answered question	203
		skipped question	77

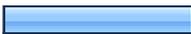
### 33. What changes in Groton would encourage you to bike more, either for work or leisure?

		Response Percent	Response Count
If there were more <b>Bike lanes (designated spaces in the road for bikes)</b>		46.0%	92
If there were more Bike trails (bike and walk only areas, often through parks)		35.5%	71
If there was a shower at my work place		10.0%	20
If I lived closer to my work		15.5%	31
If my company gave me an incentive to bike		13.0%	26
If I felt safer biking in Groton		20.5%	41
Nothing will make me bike more		43.0%	86
<b>answered question</b>			<b>200</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>80</b>

### 34. Would you be interested in being able to walk more, such as to shops or restaurants?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.2%	106
No		44.8%	86
<b>answered question</b>			<b>192</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>88</b>

### 35. What changes in Groton would encourage you to walk more, either for work or leisure?

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>If there were more sidewalks</b>		44.4%	88
If there were more trails (bike and walk only areas, often through parks)		33.8%	67
If I lived closer to my work		18.7%	37
If I lived closer to places I wanted to visit (restaurants and shops)		36.9%	73
If I felt safer walking in Groton		15.7%	31
Nothing will make me walk more		28.3%	56
<b>answered question</b>			<b>198</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>82</b>

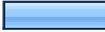
**36. The following questions relate to Open Space and Recreation in Groton.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Have you ever seen/ reviewed the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan?</b>		<b>98.1%</b>	<b>159</b>
Should Open Space be distinguished from "active recreation" areas (sports fields, etc)?		95.7%	155
Do you find it difficult to access Town Open Space and Recreation facilities?		95.7%	155
Would you support the use of creative/ flexible development approaches to accomplish Open Space and Recreation goals?		94.4%	153
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>162</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>118</b>

### 37. How familiar are you with the following terms?

	Very Familiar (I know what it means)	Somewhat Familiar (I think I know what it means)	Very Unfamiliar (I do not know what it means)	Don't Know/ Choose not to answer	Rating Count
Recreation	75.8% (144)	16.3% (31)	1.6% (3)	6.3% (12)	190
Open Space	61.7% (116)	25.0% (47)	5.9% (11)	7.4% (14)	188
Active Recreation	62.4% (118)	21.7% (41)	7.4% (14)	8.5% (16)	189
Passive Recreation	52.1% (98)	28.2% (53)	11.2% (21)	8.5% (16)	188
Land Trust	40.5% (77)	31.6% (60)	15.3% (29)	12.6% (24)	190
<b>answered question</b>					<b>192</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>88</b>

### 38. Which of the following best describes your thoughts on how Groton should use NEW open space acquired in the future?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Leave it as it is, unmanaged and without new trails or other facilities		10.0%	19
<b>Passive recreation such as trails</b>		27.4%	52
Active recreation such as ball-fields		15.3%	29
Where available, access to the shoreline		23.7%	45
Don't Know		23.7%	45
<b>answered question</b>			<b>190</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>90</b>

### 39. How often do you use the following recreation facilities in Groton?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once a Year or Less	I do not use/ choose not to answer	Rating Count
Baseball/ Softball Fields	5.3% (10)	6.4% (12)	9.0% (17)	22.9% (43)	<b>56.4% (106)</b>	188
Soccer Fields	6.0% (11)	6.0% (11)	8.7% (16)	21.2% (39)	<b>58.2% (107)</b>	184
Public Beaches	5.8% (11)	23.7% (45)	24.2% (46)	<b>30.0% (57)</b>	16.3% (31)	190
Public Boat Launches	2.8% (5)	6.7% (12)	12.8% (23)	26.1% (47)	<b>51.7% (93)</b>	180
Fishing Areas	2.7% (5)	7.1% (13)	13.6% (25)	25.5% (47)	<b>51.1% (94)</b>	184
Picnic Areas	1.6% (3)	10.3% (19)	24.5% (45)	<b>36.4% (67)</b>	27.2% (50)	184
Public Golf Courses	2.2% (4)	8.6% (16)	6.5% (12)	21.6% (40)	<b>61.1% (113)</b>	185
Private Golf Courses	2.2% (4)	4.5% (8)	6.1% (11)	15.1% (27)	<b>72.1% (129)</b>	179
Football Fields	7.2% (13)	7.2% (13)	8.3% (15)	13.3% (24)	<b>64.1% (116)</b>	181
Tennis Courts	2.7% (5)	5.5% (10)	10.4% (19)	16.5% (30)	<b>64.8% (118)</b>	182
Playgrounds	6.6% (12)	13.7% (25)	17.6% (32)	19.2% (35)	<b>42.9% (78)</b>	182
Dog Parks	4.4% (8)	4.9% (9)	10.4% (19)	19.1% (35)	<b>61.2% (112)</b>	183
Community Gardens	5.1% (9)	3.4% (6)	5.7% (10)	16.6% (29)	<b>69.1% (121)</b>	175
				Other (please specify)		32
				<b>answered question</b>		<b>195</b>
				<b>skipped question</b>		<b>85</b>

**40. Would you be interested in answering additional questions about Open Space and Recreation in Groton?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		41.5%	86
No		58.5%	121
<b>answered question</b>			<b>207</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>73</b>

**41. Choose which you feel describes the amount of various open space and recreation features in Groton.**

	<b>Too Few</b>	<b>Too Many</b>	<b>Just Right</b>	<b>Do not know</b>	<b>Rating Count</b>
Baseball/ Softball Fields	21.5% (17)	11.4% (9)	<b>50.6% (40)</b>	16.5% (13)	79
Soccer Fields	21.5% (17)	10.1% (8)	<b>49.4% (39)</b>	19.0% (15)	79
Football Fields	12.7% (10)	6.3% (5)	<b>63.3% (50)</b>	17.7% (14)	79
Tennis Courts	21.5% (17)	5.1% (4)	<b>51.9% (41)</b>	21.5% (17)	79
Public Golf Courses	6.3% (5)	10.1% (8)	<b>68.4% (54)</b>	15.2% (12)	79
Private Golf Courses	6.5% (5)	7.8% (6)	<b>50.6% (39)</b>	35.1% (27)	77
Picnic Areas	34.2% (27)	3.8% (3)	<b>48.1% (38)</b>	13.9% (11)	79
Playgrounds	22.8% (18)	6.3% (5)	<b>59.5% (47)</b>	11.4% (9)	79
Dog Parks	11.4% (9)	3.8% (3)	<b>62.0% (49)</b>	22.8% (18)	79
Pool Facilities	<b>69.1% (56)</b>	2.5% (2)	16.0% (13)	12.3% (10)	81
Community Gardens	<b>38.0% (30)</b>	6.3% (5)	32.9% (26)	22.8% (18)	79
Public Beaches	<b>57.5% (46)</b>	2.5% (2)	36.3% (29)	3.8% (3)	80
Public Boat Launches	28.2% (22)	2.6% (2)	<b>52.6% (41)</b>	16.7% (13)	78
Fishing Areas	25.3% (19)	4.0% (3)	<b>38.7% (29)</b>	32.0% (24)	75
Handicapped Accessible Parks	26.0% (20)	2.6% (2)	<b>36.4% (28)</b>	35.1% (27)	77
Natural Areas	36.4% (28)	7.8% (6)	<b>50.6% (39)</b>	5.2% (4)	77
Hiking Trails	43.0% (34)	5.1% (4)	<b>45.6% (36)</b>	6.3% (5)	79
			Other (please specify)		10
			<b>answered question</b>		<b>82</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>		<b>198</b>

**42. How should Town money for Open Space and recreation best be spent? Please pick your top three.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Maintaining the facilities we have		88.0%	73
Adding new facilities to the land we already own		51.8%	43
Creating new active recreation areas, such as ballfields		26.5%	22
Purchasing new land for recreation parks		12.0%	10
Purchasing new land for open space		27.7%	23
Providing more access to land we already own (new trails, new handicapped access, etc)		65.1%	54
The Town should not spend money on Recreation and Open Space		18.1%	15
I don't know		10.8%	9
<b>answered question</b>			<b>83</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>197</b>

**43. Should new residential subdivisions in Groton be required to set aside land for Open Space or recreation?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		63.4%	52
No		36.6%	30
<b>answered question</b>			<b>82</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>198</b>

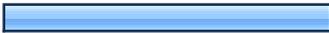
**44. Should new Residential Subdivisions be encouraged, but not required to set aside land for Recreation or Open Space?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		72.4%	21
No		27.6%	8
answered question			29
skipped question			251

**45. Should the set aside land be based on a plan or set of established policies?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, on a plan or set of policies created ahead of time by the Town		33.3%	24
No, each subdivision should set aside land independently based on what fits best within the subdivision		30.6%	22
Both		36.1%	26
answered question			72
skipped question			208

**46. Should non-residential subdivisions, such as industrial or business parks, be required to provide areas for open space or recreation areas?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		50.6%	40
No		49.4%	39
answered question			79
skipped question			201

**47. Have you attended the Groton Public Schools or do you have a child who has attended the Groton Public Schools?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		78.8%	160
No		21.2%	43
answered question			203
skipped question			77

**48. What is your overall opinion of the quality of public schools in Groton?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		12.1%	19
Very Good		41.4%	65
Average		36.9%	58
Poor		6.4%	10
Very Poor		3.2%	5
answered question			157
skipped question			123

## 49. How would you rank the quality of public facilities in Groton?

	Poor Quality, needs improvement	Good Quality, but need more branches or locations	Good Quality, needs minor upgrades	Good Quality, good amount	Excellent Quality, nothing to change	Don't Know	Rating Average
The public school facilities (buildings, etc)	18.7% (35)	8.0% (15)	<b>31.0% (58)</b>	19.8% (37)	4.8% (9)	17.6% (33)	2.39
The Elementary school facilities	20.9% (39)	8.0% (15)	20.9% (39)	22.5% (42)	3.7% (7)	<b>24.1% (45)</b>	2.16
The Middle school facilities	22.3% (41)	9.2% (17)	21.7% (40)	<b>22.8% (42)</b>	1.6% (3)	22.3% (41)	2.15
The High school facilities	5.3% (10)	5.3% (10)	20.2% (38)	<b>31.4% (59)</b>	19.7% (37)	18.1% (34)	3.06
The Library buildings	4.9% (9)	7.1% (13)	19.0% (35)	<b>34.8% (64)</b>	23.4% (43)	10.9% (20)	3.39
The Senior Center	4.9% (9)	4.3% (8)	6.5% (12)	20.0% (37)	<b>40.5% (75)</b>	23.8% (44)	3.20
Town Parks	8.6% (16)	12.8% (24)	20.9% (39)	<b>29.4% (55)</b>	15.5% (29)	12.8% (24)	3.05
Town Beach	17.3% (32)	14.1% (26)	<b>23.2% (43)</b>	17.8% (33)	10.8% (20)	16.8% (31)	2.55
Municipal Offices	8.1% (15)	7.6% (14)	21.6% (40)	<b>29.2% (54)</b>	10.3% (19)	23.2% (43)	2.64
Social Service Centers	5.4% (10)	10.3% (19)	16.8% (31)	20.5% (38)	5.9% (11)	<b>41.1% (76)</b>	1.98
Transfer Station	6.5% (12)	7.0% (13)	13.0% (24)	25.4% (47)	15.1% (28)	<b>33.0% (61)</b>	2.44
Public Safety Facilities	7.0% (13)	7.0% (13)	18.4% (34)	23.2% (43)	9.2% (17)	<b>35.1% (65)</b>	2.22
<b>answered question</b>							
<b>skipped question</b>							

**50. Would you be willing to vote for an increase in taxes to provide increases/ improvements in the following?**

	<b>Very willing</b>	<b>Somewhat willing</b>	<b>Somewhat unwilling</b>	<b>Very unwilling</b>	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>Rating Count</b>
Education	24.6% (46)	20.9% (39)	8.6% (16)	<b>29.9% (56)</b>	16.0% (30)	187
Road improvements	14.6% (27)	<b>30.8% (57)</b>	15.7% (29)	23.2% (43)	15.7% (29)	185
New sidewalks	12.6% (23)	<b>28.6% (52)</b>	15.9% (29)	27.5% (50)	15.4% (28)	182
Open Space	13.7% (25)	20.2% (37)	15.8% (29)	<b>32.8% (60)</b>	17.5% (32)	183
Parks & Trails	14.2% (26)	<b>28.4% (52)</b>	15.3% (28)	25.1% (46)	16.9% (31)	183
School buildings	19.6% (36)	<b>26.6% (49)</b>	11.4% (21)	<b>26.6% (49)</b>	15.8% (29)	184
Town Pool	22.5% (41)	17.0% (31)	8.8% (16)	<b>35.2% (64)</b>	16.5% (30)	182
Municipal services	8.3% (15)	23.3% (42)	18.9% (34)	<b>25.6% (46)</b>	23.9% (43)	180
Libraries	14.3% (26)	23.6% (43)	16.5% (30)	<b>28.0% (51)</b>	17.6% (32)	182
Code enforcement	7.8% (14)	23.3% (42)	15.6% (28)	<b>29.4% (53)</b>	23.9% (43)	180
Storm protections	12.8% (23)	<b>31.1% (56)</b>	15.6% (28)	22.2% (40)	18.3% (33)	180
Increased energy efficiency in public buildings	20.0% (36)	<b>31.7% (57)</b>	11.1% (20)	20.6% (37)	16.7% (30)	180
Public access to the shoreline	20.3% (37)	<b>27.5% (50)</b>	13.2% (24)	21.4% (39)	17.6% (32)	182
Town marketing	9.5% (17)	21.8% (39)	16.2% (29)	<b>30.2% (54)</b>	22.3% (40)	179
				Other (please specify)		21
<b>answered question</b>						<b>188</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>92</b>

**51. Please rank the following issues from 1-10 (1 being the most important, 10 being the least importance to Groton**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maintenance of roads and utilities	15.0% (27)	11.1% (20)	14.4% (26)	8.3% (15)	<b>17.2%</b> <b>(31)</b>	12.8% (23)	5.6% (10)	6.7% (12)	4.4% (8)	4.4% (8)
Promotion of new commercial development	<b>22.8%</b> <b>(41)</b>	16.7% (30)	13.9% (25)	11.1% (20)	6.1% (11)	4.4% (8)	6.7% (12)	6.7% (12)	6.7% (12)	5.0% (9)
Creation of jobs	11.1% (20)	<b>29.4%</b> <b>(53)</b>	22.2% (40)	8.9% (16)	8.9% (16)	5.0% (9)	6.7% (12)	5.6% (10)	0.0% (0)	2.2% (4)
Creation of affordable housing options	2.8% (5)	4.4% (8)	13.3% (24)	18.9% (34)	5.0% (9)	8.3% (15)	7.8% (14)	6.1% (11)	12.8% (23)	<b>20.6%</b> <b>(37)</b>
Improving the school system	12.8% (23)	10.0% (18)	8.3% (15)	16.7% (30)	<b>20.0%</b> <b>(36)</b>	10.0% (18)	5.6% (10)	9.4% (17)	3.3% (6)	3.9% (7)
Creating vibrant downtown areas	4.4% (8)	8.9% (16)	5.6% (10)	12.2% (22)	14.4% (26)	<b>23.9%</b> <b>(43)</b>	11.7% (21)	6.7% (12)	6.7% (12)	5.6% (10)
Preparing for storms/ natural disasters/ sea level rise	3.9% (7)	3.3% (6)	7.2% (13)	8.3% (15)	10.6% (19)	17.8% (32)	<b>22.2%</b> <b>(40)</b>	11.1% (20)	10.0% (18)	5.6% (10)
Protection of natural resource and open space	3.4% (6)	6.1% (11)	2.2% (4)	6.1% (11)	7.3% (13)	5.6% (10)	20.1% (36)	<b>22.3%</b> <b>(40)</b>	17.3% (31)	9.5% (17)
Protection of historic sites and buildings	1.1% (2)	2.2% (4)	4.4% (8)	4.4% (8)	1.7% (3)	7.2% (13)	9.4% (17)	19.4% (35)	<b>30.6%</b> <b>(55)</b>	19.4% (35)
Keeping taxes low	<b>22.8%</b> <b>(41)</b>	7.8% (14)	8.3% (15)	5.0% (9)	8.9% (16)	5.0% (9)	4.4% (8)	6.1% (11)	8.3% (15)	<b>23.3%</b> <b>(42)</b>
										answered
										skipped

## 52. Do you support allowing the following uses in Groton?

	Yes	No	Rating Count
Home based businesses	<b>87.2% (157)</b>	12.8% (23)	180
Accessory apartments (in-law suites)	<b>83.3% (150)</b>	16.7% (30)	180
Mixed use (residential with employment/ shopping/ services)	<b>81.6% (146)</b>	18.4% (33)	179
<b>answered question</b>			<b>182</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>98</b>

**Page 25, Q50. Would you be willing to vote for an increase in taxes to provide increases/ improvements in the following?**

1	we need to maintain facilities and not let them run down & required replacement - very shortsighted	Nov 30, 2013 4:33 PM
2	no comment	Nov 26, 2013 9:30 AM
3	hi mom	Nov 26, 2013 9:17 AM
4	I'm an unemployed student so I do not pay taxes.	Nov 26, 2013 9:12 AM
5	I'm a student so I don't pay taxes	Nov 26, 2013 9:12 AM
6	no hablo ingles	Nov 25, 2013 1:46 PM
7	my child was raped in a garbage can.	Nov 25, 2013 8:31 AM
8	improvements must be done smartly	Nov 22, 2013 6:05 PM
9	arts and entertainment	Nov 22, 2013 1:02 PM
10	In general, I support increased expenditures only if the bloated municipal employee base and related expenditures are cut to allow a reallocation of monies. Consolidate police departments, fire departments, local governments, planning, zoning, etc., public works department, get Groton out of the trash business (what is the point)	Nov 22, 2013 10:10 AM
11	Efficiencies need to happen in many areas -- schools/public safety ie police depts/ambulance/fire depts	Nov 22, 2013 9:42 AM
12	Need to consolidate police and fire services planned for efficiency. Fire should be municipal not obsolete separate taxing dtstricts	Nov 22, 2013 8:47 AM
13	read my lips-no new taxes!!	Nov 22, 2013 8:11 AM
14	the last questions #37 will not let me enter the numbers I want!!!	Nov 22, 2013 6:50 AM
15	Decrease	Nov 22, 2013 6:50 AM
16	Let them budget, plan, and spend less. Not more.	Nov 22, 2013 6:30 AM
17	Willing to pay for school building improvements but not teacher raises	Nov 22, 2013 6:19 AM
18	community ctr	Oct 31, 2013 5:54 AM
19	no more residential unless it is part of a mixed use development	Oct 1, 2013 10:23 PM
20	In truth, the answers to all of these is: "it depends". I'd spend more on education if i agreed with how it was going to be spent. I do not feel all our money is well spent by the school dept. I agree all the schools except the three new ones need capital work. But, I disagree with how we are going about it.	Sep 7, 2013 10:55 AM
21	I differentiate between 'education', 'school system' (below) and 'school facilities'.	Aug 25, 2013 6:46 PM